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Abbreviations

abl.	ablative	obl.	oblique case
acc.	accusative	occ.	occasionally
arch.	archaic	opt.	optative
<i>C</i>	any consonant	pers.	person
coll.	collective	pf.	perfect
colloq.	colloquial	pl.	plural
dat.	dative	poet.	poetical
dial.	dialect, dialectal	<i>postp.</i>	<i>postposition</i>
dir.	direct case	<i>prep.</i>	<i>preposition</i>
du.	dual	pres.	present
encl.	enclitic	pret.	preterite
gen.	genitive	pron.	pronoun
GMS	GERSHEVITCH 1954	<i>sbjn.</i>	<i>subjunctive</i>
imper.	imperative	sg.	singular
impf.	imperfect	tr.	transitive verb
inf.	infinitive	<i>V</i>	any vowel
instr.	instrumental	voc.	vocative
<i>itr.</i>	<i>intransitive verb</i>	○	mark of an incomplete word, e.g. the symbol “○” is used to omit a part of compound word
lit.	literary		
loc.	locative		
nom.	nominative		

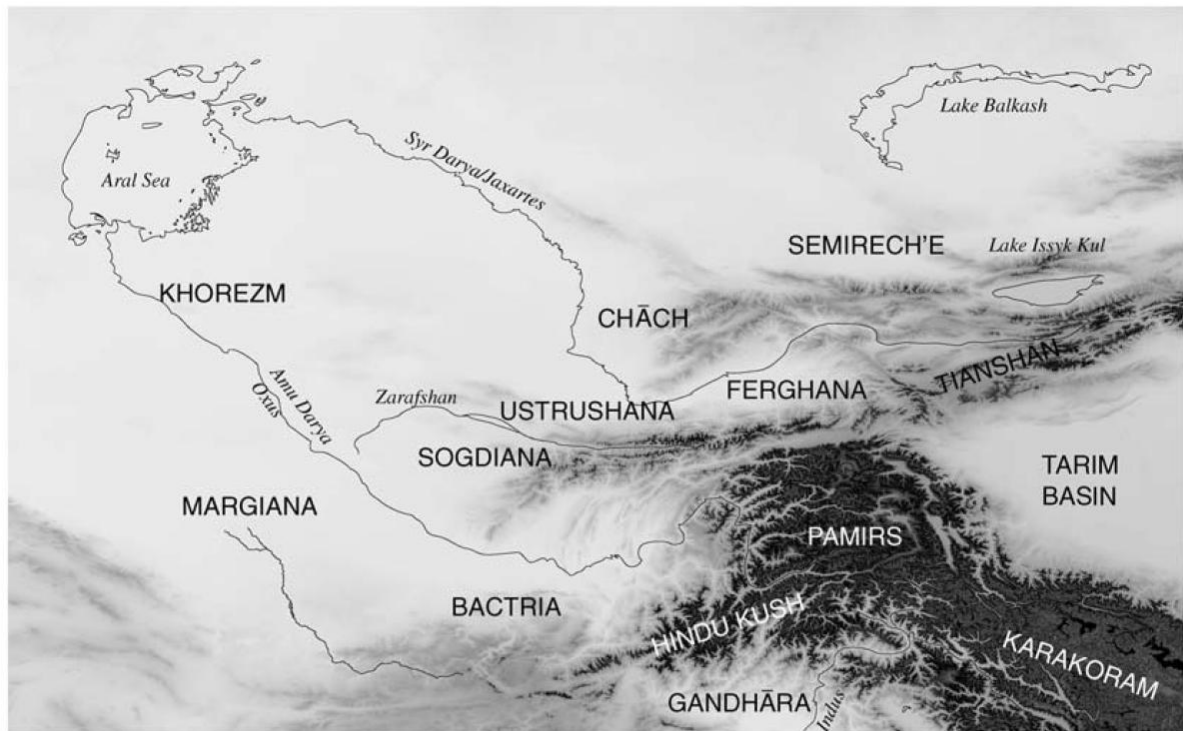
Languages

AfghP.	Afghan Persian, Darī	<i>C., Class.</i>	<i>Classical</i>
Ar.	Arabic	Chaghat.	Chaghatāy
Ave.	Avestan	Chin.	Chinese
Azərbayb.	Azerbaijani	Cimm.	Cimmerian
Bactr.	Bactrian (in Greco-Bactrian alphabet)	Corn.	Cornish
<i>M</i>	Bactrian in Manichaean script	Cr.Goth.	Crimean Gothic
Baj.	Bajūwī	Cr.Tatar.	Crimean Tatar
Balōch.	Balōchī	CSl.	Church Slavic
Bart.	Bartangī	Dard.	Dardic
Beṅgāl.	Beṅgālī	Elam.	Elamite
Bret.	Breton	Eng.	English
KL T	‘KL T’ dialects (i.e. Kerneweg/ <i>Cornouaillais</i> – Leoneg/ <i>Léonard</i> – Tregerieg/ <i>Trégorrois</i>)	Fārs.	Contemporary Persian of Iran
GW	Gwenedeg/ <i>Vannetais</i> dialect	Fr.	French
BukhAr.	Bukhāran Arabic	Gael.	Scottish Gaelic
ByzGre.	Byzantine Greek	Georg.	Georgian
		Ger.	German
		Gmc.	Proto-Germanic
		Goth.	Gothic

Gre.	(Attic) Greek	OPers.	Old Persian
D	Doric	Ōrm.	Ōrmuṛī
I	Ionic	B	Barakī-Barak dialect
K	Hellenistic Koine	K	Kānīgurām dialect
Hazār.	Hazāra(gī)	Oscand.	Old Scandinavian
Hind.	Hindī	Oss.	Ossetic
Hitt.	Hittite	D	Digoron dialect
Hung.	Hungarian	I	Iron dialect
IAr.	Indo-Aryan	Ott.	Ottoman Turkish
Ide.	(Proto-)Indo-European	OUygh.	Old Uyghur
Iir.	Indo-Iranian	Pahl.	Middle Persian, Pahlavī
Ir.	(Proto-)Iranian	M	Middle Persian in Manichaean script
Irl.	Modern Irish	Parāch.	Parāchī
Ishk.	Ishkāshmī (Ranī)	Parth.	Parthian
Jass.	Jassic	Pasht.	Pashtō
Kāb.	Fārsī-Kābulī	Pers.	(Classical) Persian
Kāmvir.	Kāmvirī	Prkt.	Prakrit
Khōt.	Khōtanese	Pruss.	Prussian
Khūf.	Khūfī	Qāraqalp.	Qāraqalpāq
Khwār.	Khwārezmian	Qashq.	Qashqāyī
Kurd.	Kurdish	Rāshrv.	Rāshārvī
Lat.	Latin	Roman.	Romanian
Latv.	Latvian	Rōsh.	Rōshānī
LHChin.	Late Han Chinese	Rus.	Russian
Lith.	Lithuanian	Sangl.	Sanglēchī
LKhōt.	Late Khōtanese	Sargh.	Sarghulāmī
Māzand.	Māzanderānī	Sarghul.	Sarghulāmī
MChin.	Middle Chinese	Sarīq.	Sarīqōlī
MGre.	Modern Greek	Sarm.	Sauromatian, Sarmatian
Mid.	<i>Middle</i>	Scyth.	Scythian
Mod.	<i>Modern</i>	Shākhhd.	Shākhdarāī
Munj.	Munjī	Shugh.	Shughnī
C	Central dialect	Shugh.-Rōsh.	Shughnī-Rōshānī language group
N	Northern (Lower) dialect	Skt.	Sanskrit
S	Southern (Upper) dialect	Sogd.	Sogdian
Nūr.	Nūristānī	AL	Sogdian in Sogdian script – 'Ancient Letters'
O.	<i>Old</i>	B	Buddhist Sogdian
OChin.	Old Chinese	Br	Brāhmī Sogdian
OCS.	Old Church Slavic	C	Christian Sogdian
OHG.	Old High German	Č	Sogdian in Sogdian script –
OIcel.	Old Icelandic		
OIrl.	Old Irish		
OKhōt.	Old Khōtanese		

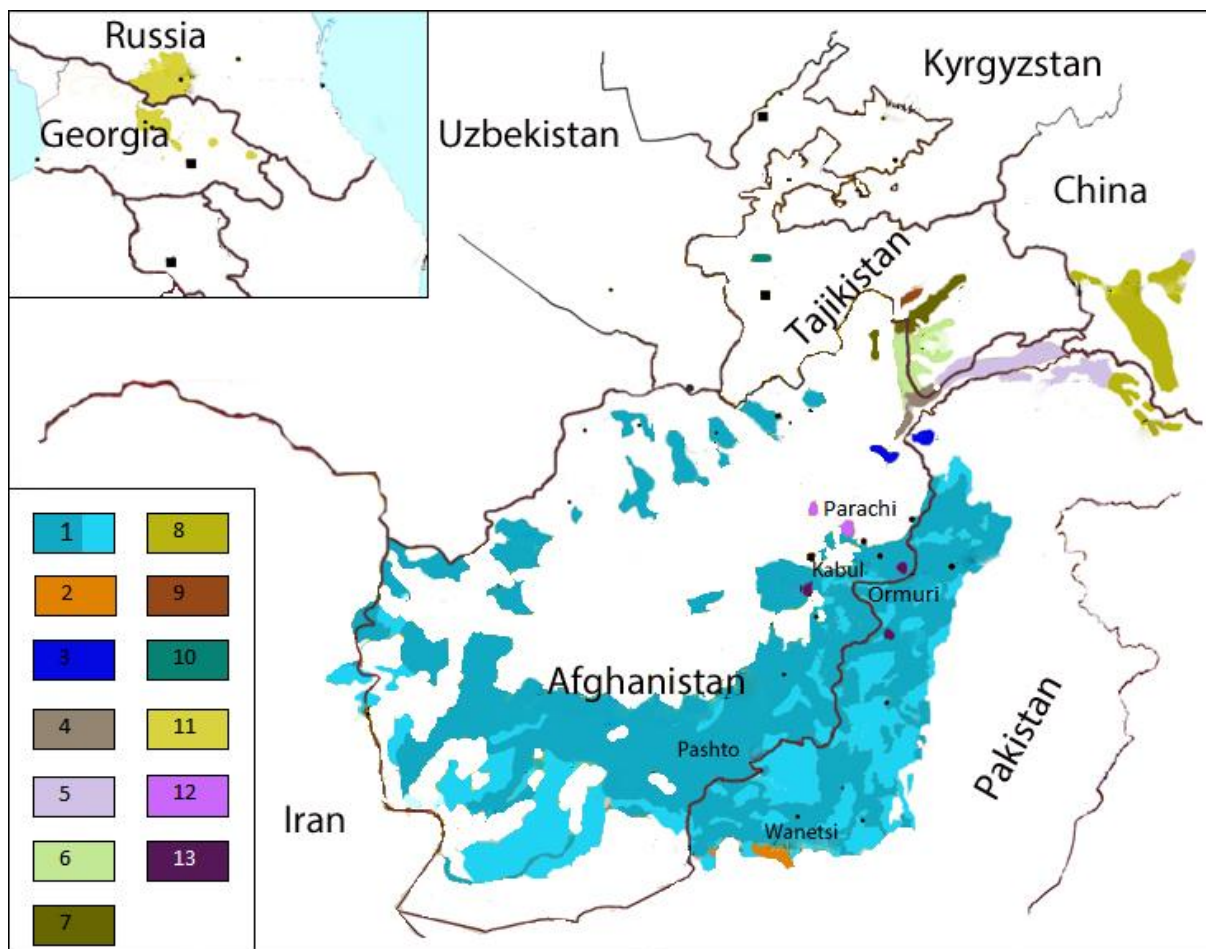
	Chilhujra documents	Tr.	Turkish
H	Sogdian in Sogdian script – Hiṣṣōrak documents	Tü.	Turkic
M	Manichaeian Sogdian	Tumsh.	Tumshuqese
Mg	Sogdian in Sogdian script – Mount Mugh documents	Turkm.	Turkmen
S	Sogdian in Sogdian script	TVanj.	Tajik dialect of Vanj
Z	Sogdian in Sogdian script – Zhetisu documents	TVarz.	Tajik dialect of Varzōb
Tālysh.	Tālyshī	TYagh.	Tajik dialect of Yaghnōb
TBukh.	Tajik dialect of Bukhārā	Urd.	Urdū
Tehr.	Teheran dialect of Modern Persian	Ustr.	Ustrōshanian
TFalgh.	Tajik dialect of Falghar	Ved.	Vedic, Old Indic
Thrac.	Thracian	Wakh.	Wakhī
Tjk.	Tajik	Wanj.	Wanjī
TMast.	Tajik dialect of Mastchōh	Yagh.	Yaghnōbī
Tokh.	Tokharian	c	Central (Transitional) dialect
A	“A” dialect	e	Eastern dialect
B	“B” dialect, Kūchean	w	Western dialect
		Yazgh.	Yazghulāmī
		Yidgh.	Yidghā
		Zēb.	Zēbākī

Maps and figures

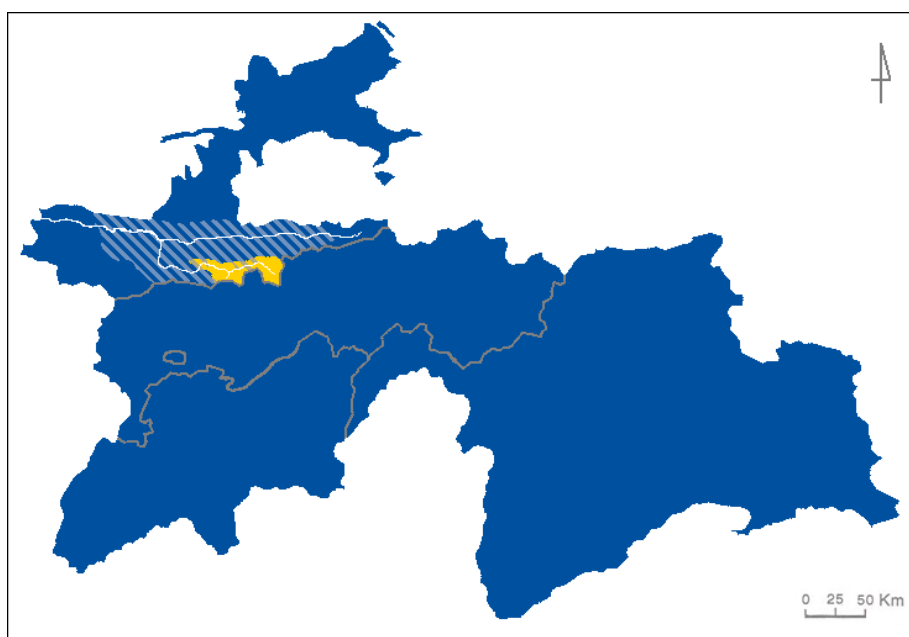


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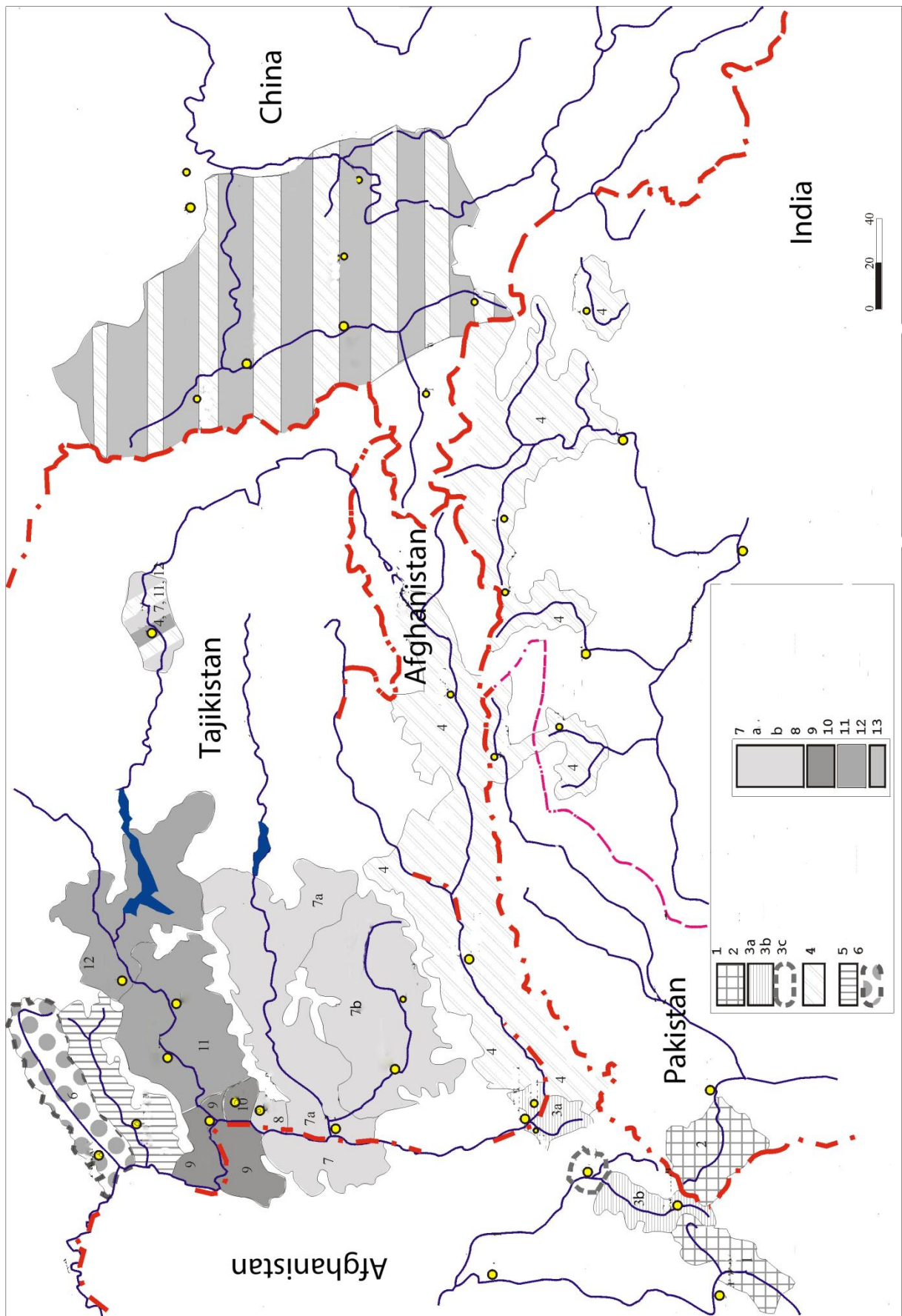
Map 1 Historical territories of Central Asia (DE LA VAISSIÈRE 2005, 14, Map 1)



Map 2 Distribution of Modern Eastern Iranian Languages (1 Pashtō, 2 Wānētsī, 3 Munjī-Yidghā, 4 Ishkāshmi-Sanglēc̄hī, 5 Wakhī, 6 Shughnī, 7 Rōshānī, Bartangī, Rāshārvī, 8 Sariqōlī, 9 Yazghulāmī, 10 Yaghnōbī, 11 Ossetic, 12 Parāchī, 13 Ōrmurī), URL: <http://www.ljplus.ru/img4/b/a/bahmanjon/Iranian_lang_rus.jpg> [quot. o2. 01. 2013 21:52], edited by Mgr. Veronika Mikešová.



Map 3 Location of the Yaghnōb valley in Tajikistan (yellow) and an approximate distribution of Zarafshān Tajik dialects (grey).



Map 4 Iranian languages of Pāmīr and adjacent regions. 1 Munjī, 2 Yidghā; 3a Ishkāshmī, 3b Sanglĕchī, 3c Zĕbākī; 4 Wakhī; 5 Yazghulāmī; 6 Wanjī; 7a Shughnī, 7b Shākhdarāī, 8 Bajūī, 9 Rōshānī, 10 Khūfī, 11 Bartangī, 12 Rāšārvi, 13 Sariqōlī (by Yuriy Borisovich KORYAKOV, Russian Academy of Sciences 2001), URL: <<http://lingvarium.org/maps/asia/pamir-lgs.gif>> [quot. 02. 01. 2013], edited by Mgr. Veronika Mikešová.

k	y	x	z	w	h	d	γ	β	ζ
t	š	r	c	p	ς	s	n	m	δ

Figure 1 Sogdian alphabet of the *Ancient Letters*.

k	y	τ	x	(z)	(z)	z	w	h	d	γ	(f)	β	ζ
l	t	š	(l)	r	q	c	(p)	p	ς	s	n	m	δ

Figure 2 Sogdian cursive script.

ž	z	w	h	d	γ	g	β	b	ζ
m	δδ	δ	l	x	k	y	τ	h	j
t	š	r	q	c	f	p	ς	s	n

Figure 3 Manichaean Sogdian alphabet.

x	k	y	τ (š)	h	ž	z	w	h	d	g	b	ζ
š (t)	š	r	q	c	f	p	γ	s	n	m	l	δ
w	w	y	ẋ	ȳ	ẋ	ẋ	ẋ	ẋ	ẋ	ẋ	ẋ	ẋ

Figure 4 Syriac Sogdian alphabet.

Abstract

The presented dissertation aims to bring new information concerning the classification of the Eastern Iranian languages. Instead of commonly accepted two branches of Eastern Iranian (Northern and Southern) it seems that there can be classified at least five branches of Eastern Iranian languages, moreover, Avestan can form its own branch, which possibly may include also Khwārezmian. The main issue of the presented thesis was to show archaisms and innovations of the language group in focus. Such task is an issue for numerous studies so the main attention was paid to historical development of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – two closely related Eastern Iranian languages.

Linguistic proximity of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī has been observed shortly after discoveries of the first Sogdian documents in Chinese Turkestan on the beginning of the 20th century, for a long time it has been supposed that Yaghnōbī is a modern descendent of Sogdian. By analysis of phonology, grammar and vocabulary of both languages I tried to find clues that may answer this question. From diachronic view there is no much difference between Sogdian and Yaghnōbī, individual changes may be interpreted as “dialectal”, but there is one phenomenon that influenced different development of both languages – operation of the so-called *Rhythmic Law* in Sogdian, but not in Yaghnōbī. For this reason I have ‘reconstructed’ an older common ancestor of both languages – *Proto-Sogdic, i.e. proto-language before the operation of the *Rhythmic Law*.

Abstrakt

Předkládaná disertace si klade za cíl přinést nové informace ohledně klasifikace východoiránských jazyků. Místo obecně akceptovaných dvou východoiránských větví (severní a jižní) se zdá, že by bylo vhodnější tyto jazyky rozdělit minimálně na pět skupin. Možnou šestou skupinu pak může tvořit avestština, spolu s ní případně i chórezmština. Hlavním tématem předkládané práce však byl záměr sledovat archaismy a inovace ve východoiránských jazycích. Důkladné zpracování této problematiky by si zasloužilo řadu odborných studií, proto bylo dané téma zúženo zejména na sledování historického vývoje sogdštiny a jaghnóbštiny – dvou blízce příbuzných východoiránských jazyků.

Vzájemná blízkost sogdského a jaghnóbského jazyka byla upozorována krátce po objevení prvních sogdských textů z Čínského Turkestanu začátkem 20. století. Jaghnóbština byla dokonce po dlouhou dobu považována za moderního pokračovatele sogdštiny. Rozborem fonologie, gramatiky i lexika obou jazyků jsem se pokusil najít odpověď na otázku vzájemného vztahu těchto jazyků. Z diachronního pohledu můžeme považovat rozdíly mezi oběma jazyky jen jako nářeční odlišnosti, je zde však jeden jev, který způsobil rozdílný vývoj v obou jazycích – působení tzv. *rytmického zákona* v sogdštině, ke kterému však nedošlo v jaghnóbštině. Z tohoto důvodu jsem ‚rekonstruoval‘ staršího společného předchůdce obou jazyků – *protosogdštinu, tj. prajazyk z doby před působením *rytmického zákona*.

I. Introduction

The Eastern Iranian languages form an independent group within the Iranian branch of the Indo-European languages. The presented thesis aims to present an outline of development of the Eastern Iranian languages – as languages develop, they usually start to differ from its relatives by development of various innovations and/or by preservation of archaisms. The spread of innovations and preservation of archaisms may vary in individual languages or dialects and study of sets of common innovations and/or archaisms may characterize grouping of languages of a given branch. To see the Eastern Iranian archaisms and innovations I have decided to focus on three fields of study – 1) an outline of the Eastern Iranian languages, 2) historical grammar of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī and 3) lexical study.

The first part will be dedicated to the description of attested Eastern Iranian languages and dialects – each language (or a subgroup) will be briefly described with focus on common data about the individual language(s), with an overview of main phonetic changes and grammar outline. For the overviews I will mark only some archaic and innovative features of the individual languages as for each language can be written separate book on its historical grammar and phonology. I would also like to (re)examine commonly accepted grouping of the Eastern Iranian languages into the Northern and Southern branches as it seems to me that this grouping needs a new revision.

The second part will present comparison of development of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – i.e. two languages that are considered closely related by many scholars (e.g. BOGOLYUBOV 1956; KLIMCHITSKIY 1935; SKJÆRVØ 1989a, 375-376), but none of them has ever presented thorough study of their differences – Yaghnōbī was in common just considered as a dialect quite different from literary Sogdian. By comparison of phonology and morphology of both languages I would like to show main differences between them and if possible I would like to try to define interrelationship of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī. The comparative study of Yaghnōbī and Sogdian has been taken intentionally – as both languages are comparable from diachronic point of view, their comparison may answer more questions than just their “dialectal” relationship. Historical development of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī will be compared with the other Eastern Iranian languages with focus on the Pāmīr group. The Pāmīr languages will be used as a comparative material for two reasons – 1) it seems that the Pāmīr languages and Yaghnōbī share some historically non-documented areal contacts and 2) for I have collected many material on the Pāmīr languages so I can better use this material in my study. I have not compared development of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī much with related Ossetic because of a probable early split of “Pontic Scythian” and “Central Asian Scythian” dialects of North Eastern Iranian branch and also because of long-standing intensive contact of Ossetic with the Caucasian languages, which caused different development of this branch of Scythian. Materials on other Eastern Iranian languages such as Pashtō or Saka dialects were also available to me, but I focused mainly on study of the Pāmīr languages – there can be supposed a common development also in the Middle Iranian period. Example can be seen in many common features shared in Bactrian (as

Bactrian can be considered as a relative of *Proto-Pāmīr languages) and Sogdian on one hand and some features shared by Bactrian with the Pāmīr group (mainly with Yidghā and Munjī).

The third part will present a study of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī lexicon. I have originally intended to compare Yaghnōbī and Sogdian lexicon according to the “Swadesh List” of 207 words. Later I found “Standard Word List Items” presented in the five-volume *Sociolinguistic Survey of Northern Pakistan* (see <http://www.sil.org/sociolx/pubs/ssnp.asp>) by the *National Institute of Pakistani Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University* and *Summer Institute of Linguistics*, so I decided to combine both lexical lists to present a more thorough study of *basic vocabulary* of both languages. In the lexical parts lexical items of both languages will be supplemented by their etymology. The choice of the Swadesh List was not motivated by attempts of glottochronological study of both languages – I just wanted to exploit an accepted list of basic vocabulary, this motivation also led to supplement the Swadesh list by the SIL “Standard Word List Items”. Both lists try to present unbiased choice of basic vocabulary so in this issue I have also to study eventual loans (mainly in case of Yaghnōbī).

As can be seen from outlines of all three parts, my study of the Eastern Iranian archaisms and innovations aims to present new classification of the Eastern Iranian branch with focus on position of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī within this language branch.

I.1. An outline of history and classification of the Eastern Iranian languages

The Iranian languages form a group of genetically related languages and dialects that developed from the Indo-Iranian branch of the Indo-European languages. By use of methods of historical and comparative linguistics we can explain the origin of the Iranian languages as a split of the Indo-Iranian branch of *Proto-Indo-European language. The original *Proto-Indo-Iranian language broke up into the four main branches: Iranian, Nūristānī (or Kāfir), Dardic and Indo-Aryan. Particular prehistoric dialects of Indo-Iranian share with *Proto-Indo-European (and also with many other Indo-European languages) many common features – so called archaisms as well with series of innovations that set them apart from the proto-language. Some of the innovations can be observed in more branches of the Indo-European languages, but are not phenomena proper to the original system of reconstructed *Proto-Indo-European.

The Iranian languages are divided into two main branches – Western and Eastern. Their division is based on agreed conventional break up of two Old Iranian dialects according to their geographical location to the East and West respectively from the deserts of Central Iran (ÈDEL'MAN 1986, 3; about the classification of the Iranian languages see Chapter I.1.2. of presented work). Present geographical spread of the Eastern and Western Iranian languages and their speakers has changed due to historical migrations of the Iranian peoples (e.g. Western Iranian Balōchī is nowadays located in Eastern Iran and Western Pakistan or the Eastern Iranian Ossetic is to be found on the Caucasus), the contemporary location of the Iranian languages is not relevant for their classification. The Iranian languages can be thus considered as an offspring

of the Indo-European proto-language with which they are connected by genetic relationship and a preservation of some (*Proto-)Indo-European archaisms, on the other hand they differ from *Proto-Indo-European by several innovations which define this language family from historical point of view.

We are informed about the history of the Old Iranian languages by means of indirect sources. Herodotus for example mentions several Scythian words, in one case he even presents an etymology (HERODOTUS IV, 110; HINGE 2006). He also mentioned that the Sauromatians speak the language of Scythia, but they do not speak it well because the Amazons did not learn properly the Scythian language – Herodotus mentioned that the Amazons married some Scythians and by this the Sauromatian nation came into being (HERODOTUS IV, 117). Herodotus also writes about an older poem, *Arimaspea*, written by Aristeas of Proconnesus (HERODOTUS IV, 13). It is said that Aristeas described the habits and the language of Scythian Issedonians (Issedones) and Arimaspians (Arimaspi) who dwelled in regions to the North-East of the Pontic or Black Sea (ALEMANY I VILAMAJÓ 1999). Unfortunately, Aristeas' *Arimaspea* has not come down up to these days, it is only mentioned in the Histories of Herodotus and also in *Περὶ Ὑψους* by Longinus and in *Chiliades* (or *Book of Histories*) by John (Ioannes) Tzetzes (TZETZES, Chil. VII, 686-692). In the *Anabasis* of Arrian there are mentioned several local tribal and personal names of Central Asia, but we miss any reference to the languages of the region, the only relevant information is that the river *Ἰαξάρτης* (Sīr Daryā) was called *Ὀρξάντης* in a language of barbarians of Sogdiana (Arrian III, 30.13). In Strabo's *Geography* is mentioned, that the northern part of *Ἀρειανή* (i.e. approximately area of modern Afghanistan, Eastern Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and North-western Pakistan) is inhabited by Bactrian and Sogdian peoples who do speak similar languages (STRABO, Geography, XXV, 2:8). The city of Kūrkat in present northern Tajikistan is known from the antiquity – it is spelled either as *Κυρούπολις* or as *Κυρέσχατα*; we can discover more about the local Iranian dialect by the analysis of both Greek names: *Κυρούπολις* is probably a calque of Iranian appellative **Kūruš-kaθā-* 'city of Cyrus' (i.e. Gre. *Κυρούπολις < ἡ τοῦ Κύρου πόλις*). What is even more interesting is the form *Κυρέσχατα*, it can be an attempt to render the local name **Kūruš-kaθā-* (cf. Tjk. and Pers. *Kūrkāt*)¹; the Greek name is probably contaminated by another Greek word *ἔσχατη* 'the farthest' (probably by an influence by the name of the city of *Alexandria the Farthest* – *Ἀλεξάνδρεια Ἐσχάτη*, present Khujand, in the Soviet period known as Leninabad, Tjk. *Lèninōbód*). City of *Ῥωξανάκη* mentioned by Ctesias of Cnidus can be connected with city of Rōshān (Rōsh. *Rixūn*, Tjk. *Rūšōn*) in Tajik Badakhshān (ABAEV 1949, 178).

I.1.1. Overview of the Eastern Iranian languages

Within following pages I present a short overview of the Eastern Iranian languages and dialects. The description of individual languages is not meant to be absolute; it contains just basic

¹ But see Greek popular etymology «τὰ Κύρα, ἔσχατον ὃν Κύρου κτίσμα» (STRABO, Geography, XI, 11:4).

information about the history of each language supplemented with an outline of its grammar and main traits of its development. The aim is to present the most important innovations and archaism of each language in focus. The innovations and archaisms will be presented also in (historical) phonology and also in (historical) morphology. The examples of archaisms and/or innovations will be presented in general; the documentation of changes on examples will be (with a few exceptions) waived.

I.1.1.1. *Proto-Indo-Iranian and *Proto-Iranian periods²

The Iranian languages separated from the older Indo-Iranian branch of the Indo-European languages. The formation of Indo-Iranian proto-language can be characterised by a series of changes that which caused that this branch started to differ from its parent proto-language – the *Proto-Indo-European language. Characteristic phonetic differences include following chain of changes: 1) merger of Ide. $*k, *k^u > *k$; $*g, *g^u > *g$; $*g^b, *g^{ub} > *g^b$; 2) aspiration of $*p+h_2, *t+h_2, *k+h_2 > *p^b, *t^b, *k^b$; 3) palatalization of $*k, *k^b, *g, *g^b > *c, *c^b, *j, *j^b$ before $*e, *i, *i;$ 4) Brugmann's law: $*o > *o$ in an open non-final syllable; 5) merger of $*e, *a, *o > *a$. In addition to this chain of changes we can mention a number of others: rhotacism $*l > *r$; effect of the *RUKI* rule: $*s > *ṣ > *s̥$ following $*r, *u, *u, *k^{(u)}, *g^{(u)(b)}, *k, *g^{(b)}, *i, *i$; satəmization $*k, *g, *g^b > *c, *j, *j^b$ but $*k, *g, *g^b$ (or $*c, *j, *j^b$) next to a stop $> *č, *č, *č^b$ and later development, previously thought as the “*thorn problem*”: $*tk, *dg, *d^b g^b > *tč, *dč, *d^b č^b > *tč, *dč, *d^{(b)}č^b$; merger of the laryngeals $*h_1, *h_2, *h_3 > *H$ and subsequent vocalization $*H > *a > *i$ in certain positions; vocalization of $*n, *m > *a > *a$; $*n_H, *m_H > *n, *m > *a > *a$ and so on. Probably already in the Indo-Iranian period we can also expect the creation of opposition $*a \times *ā$ [a × a: ~ v:] (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a, 357, 357³¹), this change is evident in the New Iranian languages (mainly in the New Eastern Iranian languages we can see change $*ā > (*o)ō$ ³).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
labials	p b b ^h			m ɱ	
dentals	t d d ^h		ṣ (z)	n r l	
palatals	ḱ ḡ ḡ ^h			ḷ	
velars	k g g ^h		h ₂		
labiovelars	k ^u g ^u g ^{uh}				
pharyngeals			h ₃		
glottals			h ₁		

Table 1 Sound system of *Proto-Indo-European.

² I would like to thank to Reiner Lipp, Ph.D. for his valuable comments on the development of Ide. sound system in *Proto-Indo-Iranian and *Proto-Iranian.

³ This change is spread over a wide area of Central Asia, such as we find it in Yaghnōbī, Pashtō, Shughnī-Rōshānī group, Munjī and Yidghā, Ishkāshimī, Sarghulāmī (?), but also in the South-West Iranian Tājīk and Hazāra(gī), in Turkic Uzbek or in Central Asian Arabic dialects.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
labials	p p ^h b b ^h			m ɱ	
dentals	t t ^h d d ^h				
alveolars			s z	n r	
postalveolars		č č ^h ǰ ǰ ^h			
retroflexes			š (ž)		
palatals		c c ^h ǰ ǰ ^h		ɲ	
velars	k k ^h g g ^h				
glottals				h	

Table 2 Sound system of *Proto-Indo-Iranian.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
labials	p b		f	m (ṃ) ɱ	
dentals	t d		ʃ		
alveolars		ʈ ɖ	s z	n (ṇ) r (ṛ)	
postalveolars		č ǰ	š ž		
palatals				ɲ	
velars	k g		x		
labiovelars			x ^u		
glottals			h	(H)	

Table 3 Sound system of *Common Iranian.

The Iranian languages later underwent further changes, that differentiate them from the Indo-Aryan branch: the loss of aspiration of voiced stops $*b^b, *d^b, *g^b, *j^b, *f^b, *dj^b > *b, *d, *g, *j, *f, *dj$; $*c, *j^{(b)} > *č, *j$; the change of the “satəm” and “thorn” consonants $*(t)ć, *(d)j^{(b)} > *t, *dz$; fricativization of $*p^b, *t^b, *k^b > *f, *ʃ, *x$ and also fricativization in front of another consonant $*pC, *tC, *kC > *fC, *ʃC, *xC^4$; change of $*tć, *dj^{(b)} > *š, *ž$; shift of $*s > *h$ (but not $*s$ in front of a stop) and subsequently $*h_1 > *x^u$; change $*T-T > *T^sT > *ST$; and probably also $*ʎH > *āṛ > *āṛ$ (i.e. diphthong (?) $*[aṛ(:)]$) and loss of $*H$. The vocalic system recognises four short ($*a, *i, *u, *ɛ^5$) and three long ($*ā, *ī, *ū$) vowels and three short ($*ai, *au, *āṛ$) and two long ($*āi, *āu$) diphthongs – however, it is possible that diphthongs (and triphthongs) could also consist

⁴ It is probable, that the fricativization of $*p^b, *t^b, *k^b > *f, *ʃ, *x$ took place in a *post-Proto-Iranian stage of *Common Iranian – there is no such change in Wakhī, Balōchī and in the Saka dialects. Martin Kümmel suggests, that *Proto-Iranian possessed voiceless aspirated stops, so Wakhī, Balōchī and Saka present an archaic state (KÜMMEL 20. 11. 2012, lecture “On historical phonology, typology and reconstruction”, Lectures at Charles University, Prague 19-20 November 2012).

⁵ The syllabic $*ɛ$ is in fact not a vowel but a syllabic core – as it often behaves as vowels it will be for simplification considered as a vowel in this theses.

of consonants **r*, **m* and **n*, after a stressed (?) vowel in front of a stop or fricative; i.e. **Vr̄*, **V̄r̄*, **Vm̄*, **V̄m̄* and so on.⁶

According to the development of the Eastern Iranian languages in the Middle and New Iranian periods it can be assumed that a number of dialectal differences has its source already in the Old Iranian period. Based on a non-existent comparative material we cannot establish a deeper division of these dialects yet, but it seems that by the end of the Old Iranian period the two main Eastern Iranian groups (Northern and Southern) begin to appear.

I.1.1.2. Old Iranian period

There is only one Eastern Iranian language directly attested from the Old Iranian period – Avestan, but we know also some other languages like Scythian and Sauromatian dialects attested in glosses, mainly onomastic. Classification of Avestan within the Eastern Iranian branch has not been successfully solved yet (cf. ÈDEL'MAN 1986, 6-7 with bibliography) I will not attempt to solve the problem of Avestan classification in this thesis and Avestan will be considered as the oldest preserved member of the Eastern Iranian branch.

Grammatical system of the **Proto-Indo-Iranian* and **Proto-Iranian* languages is not much different from the proto-language state. It has preserved a rich inflectional system of nouns, pronouns and verbs, also there are many archaisms compared with the other Indo-European languages, notably the preservation of the verbal injunctive. **Proto-Indo-Aryan* grammar is reconstructed mainly on the basis of Vedic Sanskrit, similarly the reconstruction of **Proto-Iranian* is based mainly on Avestan – proto-languages of both branches are then confronted with the **Proto-Indo-European* state.

I.1.1.2.1. Avestan

Avestan (in older sources also *Old Bactrian*) is one of the Eastern-Iranian languages. It is closely related to Old Persian, and also comparable with the Indo-Aryan Vedic language, although differences with Vedic go to greater extensions then compared to Old Persian⁷. Unlike Old

⁶ I will briefly describe the development in Vedic Sanskrit: **c*, **c^b*, **j*, **j^b* > *c*, *c^b*, *j*, *j^b*; **ḍ* > *ṣ*; **tḷ*, **dʃ^(b)* > *kṣ*; **ć*, **f*, **j^b* > *ś*, *j*, *h* (but **ć* before a stop > *ṣ*); **t^st*, **d^st*, **d^ht* > **t^st*, **d^sd*, **d^hd^b* (Bartholomae's Law) > **tt*, **dd*, **dd^b*; **zd^(b)* > *dd^(b)*; **s* > *h* word finally or before a pause; **sć^(b)* > **c^(b)*; **n*, **m* > *m̄* in front of *y*, *r*, *l*, *v*, *ś*, *ṣ*, *s*, *h*; emergence of retroflex sounds *t*, *t^b*, *d*, *d^b*, *n*; nasal assimilation: **n* > *n̄* in front of *k^(b)*, *g^(b)*; **n* > *n̄* in front of *c^(b)*, *j^(b)*; **n* > *n̄* in front of *t^(b)*, *d^(b)*; **-n* > *-m̄* in front of *l*. Dialect origin are probably sounds *l*, (*l̄*), *l̄*. The vowels continue entirely consistent with Indo-Aryan, just the diphthongs change: **aī*, **aū* > *e*, *o*; **āī*, **āū* > *ai*, *au*.

⁷ For better documentation of similarities of Avestan and Vedic we have to look at a short Avestan text converted into Vedic: Ave. *Təm amauuantəm yazatəm*, | *sūram dāmōhu səuuīštəm*, | *Miṣrəm yazāi zaoṣrābiio* (Yasht 10.6a-c); Ved. *Tām āmavantam yajatām*, *śūram d^bāmasu śaviṣṭ^bam*, *Mitrām yajai hōtrāb^byah* (Indo-Iranian **tām āmauantam* **īajatām*, **ćūram* **d^bāmasu* **ćāuīṣṭ^bam*, **Mitrām* **īajāi* **j^bāutrāb^bias*), in English «*This powerful deity strong among the living the strongest Mithra, I honour with libations*» (JACKSON, 1892, xxxi-xxxii). Similarly other Avestan texts can be converted into Sanskrit or vice versa without losing any the basic metrical principles of both languages (VAVROUŠEK 2007, 23-24).

Persian, Avestan has no modern successor. This fact is not overshadowed by the relative recency of the surviving Avestan manuscripts, because Avestan is in fact much older than Old Persian. In contrast with the other Iranian languages, we do not know which Iranian tribe or ethnoses used the language or in which territory it was spoken. We even do not know the time-span when Avestan was used and we also do not know the original name of the language itself or in primary either in secondary sources. These questions can be answered only generally: Avestan was a language of an unspecified Iranian tribe (or tribes) that lived in the east part of the territory inhabited by the Iranian-speakers. We can suppose that Avestan was spoken in what is called *A'riianəm Vaējō*⁸ in Avestan (Vīdēvdāt 1.1-2) and probably Avestan was the mother-tongue of Zarathushtra. Dating is controversial, we can assume roughly the period of 1200-700 BC. The name of the language is also questionable; we do not know the original name⁹; “Avestan” is based on the name of the Holy Book of Zoroastrism – *The Avesta*. But this name is not original, it dates back to the Middle-Iranian period and comes from Middle Persian (Pahlavī) ʔp(y)stʔk /abestāk - aβestāg/ ‘praises’ < Ir. *upa-stáua-kā- (KELLENS 1987); Pers. *Avestá* (*Aβestá*). Another plausible etymology is that the (Middle) Persian form comes from Ir. *upa-stá-ka-* ‘foundation, base (text)’ (Reiner LIPP, pers. comm.).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
labials	p b		f (β)	ṃ, v/uu	
dentals	t ʈ d		ʃ (ð)		
alveolars			s z	ṇ, r hr š	
postalveolars		č ǰ	š ž		
alveopalatals			š (ž)		
palatals			x (y)	ń ńh y/ii	
velars	k g		x (ɣ)	ŋh	
labiovelars			xʷ	ŋʷh	
glottals			h		

Table 4 Sound system of Avestan (values in parentheses represent allophones)¹⁰.

The Avestan language as it is known today had undergone a complex development, part of which we cannot document according to known sources. One of the most important facts we have to realise is that the preserved form of the language had been already dead at the time

⁸ It is not known where exactly was the territory of *A'riianəm Vaējō*, but it may be comparable with area of *Ἀρειανή* (area of Afghanistan, Eastern and South-eastern Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and North-western Pakistan) mentioned by Strabo.

⁹ The language was probably called **Aryan*” i.e. Iranian (Ave. *a'riia-* < Ir. **ariā-*) by its speakers; similarly Old Persian has been called “*Aryan*” (OPers. *ariya-*; OPers. *ariyānām*; Ave. *a'riianəm*, Aryan, Iranian (gen. pl.) > Pers. *Ērān*, Fārs. *Īrān*, Iran; Ave. *a'riianəm* (adj.)) in the times of Darius I. according to the Bisotūn (Behistun) Inscription (DB IV 98).

¹⁰ For a detailed description of Avestan sound-system see MORGENSTIERNE 1973.

when it was put down in writing (for the first time in the Sāsānian period, 224-651 AD). Individual parts of the Avesta were originally passed on orally; the oldest preserved Avestan manuscripts come from the end of the 13th century AD. Linguists divide Avestan into two dialects – Older Avestan (or Gāthā Avestan, Gāthic) and Younger Avestan. Those two “languages” do not primarily represent two chronologically different stages of one language but they are two dialects of the same language – Old (Gāthic) Avestan being spoken in an older period and Young Avestan from the younger (KELLENS 1987; see also FRYE 1972).

Avestan was passed on orally for a long time, perhaps for more than one thousand and five hundred years. The oldest preserved manuscript (K 7a) dates from AD 1288, but there was probably older tradition, the Sāsānian archetype from the 5th century AD (KELLENS 1987) were written in a new script created by an extension of the Pahlavi cursive script (this script was derived from the Aramaic alphabet). The Avestan script was been occasionally used to write in Middle Persian, such documents are called *Pāzand* (or *Pāzend*). Avestan alphabet consists of fifteen graphemes for vowels and forty graphemes for consonants, some phonemes can be written using multiple graphemes. Avestan script, regardless of graphical doublets, contained more graphemes than phonemes, the orthographical difference between the original phonetic system and writing was caused by a long oral tradition but also by inclusion of sub-phonemic material (e.g. the *Schwa* etc.). Since Avestan has already been registered as dead language, and there was no firmly codified spelling of the language, many words are often written in different ways in the same text – some notations therefore express different varieties of pronunciation that may have arisen in a later period.

Avestan differs from *Proto-Iranian mainly in the following phonetic innovations: **ʹrt-*, **ʹrʒ-* > *š* **[t]* (cf. MACKENZIE 1988, 90), **ʔ*, **dz* > *s*, *z*; **ʔu* > *(*t*)*s*ϕ > *sp*; **č* > *šii*; palatalization or labialization of **b* > *ś*, *x^v*¹¹, but **b*, *ś*, *x^v* between vowels often > *ηb*, *śb*, *η^vb*; **nb* > *ŋg* (or *ηb*); allophonic realisations *x* - *γ* / *g* - *γ*; *ʒ* - *δ* / *d* - *δ*; *v/uu* - *β* / *b* - *β*; emergence of *ʔ* **[d]*¹²; nasalization of vowels (mainly **a* > *ã*); **ā* in front of a nasal often *ə*; **ʔ* > *ər(ə)*, in front of voiceless consonant *əhr*; **ʔ* > **ār* > *ar(ə)*; **aī*, **āī*, **āu* > *aē*, *āi* - *ōi* - *aē* - *āi*, *āu* - *āu* - *ao*; *i*- and *u*-Umlaut; shortening of **ā* > *ā̃* in front of **i*, **u*. In Gāthā Avestan also lengthening of word-final vowels (perhaps a feature of recitation?). In Young Avestan there is often documented change of intervocalic **b*, **d*, **g* > *β*, *δ*, *γ* typical for the Middle Iranian period.

Avestan grammar preserves much from *Proto-Indo-Iranian, majority of grammatical categories is similar to Old Persian and/or Vedic. Avestan preserved eight cases in three numbers (singular, dual, plural), declension is based on stem system, with vocalic stems (terminating in *-a*, *-ā*, *-i*, *-ī*, *-u*, *-ū*) and consonantal stems (terminating

¹¹ *ś* and *x^v* (also transliterated as *b*, *b^v*) were in complementary distribution with *hii* and *huu*.

¹² There was threefold opposition of dental stops in Avestan: *t* : *ʔ* : *d* [t : d̥ : d] (i.e. *t*: +tense -voice, *ʔ*: -tense -voice, *d*: -tense +voice; Reiner LIPP, pers. comm.) was probably an allophone of *d* word finally after a vowel, **r* and **g* (-*Vt*, -*rʔt*, -*gʔt*) and word initially before **k* and **b* (*tk-*, *tb-*).

in *-n, -nt, -s, -z, -t, -d, -r, -r/-n, -m, -p, -k, -g, -h/-š*). There was no difference in declension of the nouns and the adjectives. Avestan verbal categories are almost the same as they are in Vedic – the verb distinguishes three persons in three numbers, four tenses (present, imperfect, aorist, perfect and injunctive), five moods (indicative, conjunctive, optative, and imperative) and four voices (active, middle, stative and passive). Individual verbal forms are formed by connecting primary or secondary endings to a stem, and/or by adding augment or by reduplication of the stem. Each form can differ a lot from another because they may be influenced by position of stress. Avestan is in many respects more archaic than Old Persian and it provides better evidence for the state of *Proto-Iranian, on the other hand, the reconstruction of *Proto-Iranian is in many aspects based on Avestan.

I.1.1.2.2. Scythian and Sauromatian¹³ dialects, Cimmerian

We have the information on the languages or dialects of the Scythians, Sauromatians (Sarmatians) and Cimmerians from Greek and to a lesser extent, from Latin, Old Persian and Assyrian sources. Language material is relatively modest, several dozen personal and ethnic names and a few glosses are known. When analysing the Scytho-Sauromatian data we can reconstruct some three hundred Scythian and/or Sauromatian roots (ABAEV 1949, 151-190), but their phonology is problematic. Since neither Greek nor Latin graphic system was suitable for accurate representation of Iranian languages phonology. In addition to personal names known from Scythian cities in the Northern Pontic region and some glosses in secondary sources we also know one Scythian inscription written in Hittite hieroglyphs from the 7th century BC found at Saqqez (Kurd. *Seqiz*) in Ostān-e Kordestān, Iran (HARMATTA 2002b). It is also believed that an undeciphered inscription in an archaic Kharoṣṭhī script (?) found on a silver bowl from Yesik (*Issyk*¹⁴) kurgan, Kazakhstan dated to the end of the 6th/beginnings of the 5th century BC is also Scythian (MENGHIN – PARZINGER – NAGLER 2007, 167, Abb. 131; AKISHEV 1978, 53-61). There are probably some Scythian inscriptions written in Aramaic script in the Northern Pontic region (HARMATTA 2002a). Herodotus noted that the Sauromatians spoke the language of Scythia but they did not speak the language well. There was a legend that the Sauromatian nation was formed after the Amazons married Scythian men, the Amazons initially did not learn the Scythian language properly and thus the Sauromatian language differed from the Scythian, «Φωνῆι δὲ οἱ Σαυρομάται νομίζουσι Σκυδικῆι, σολοικίζοντες αὐτῆι ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀρχαίου, ἐπεὶ οὐ χρηστῶς ἐξέμαθον αὐτὴν αἱ Ἀμαζόνες.» (HERODOTUS IV, 117).

Sound system of Scythian is reconstructed approximately as for *Proto-Eastern Iranian – vowels and diphthongs probably continue *Proto-Iranian system without a change **a*, **ā*, **i*, **ī*,

¹³ For the purposes of this thesis, I decided to divide dialects of the Sauromatians / Sarmatians according to the historical sources into two chronological phases – I call the Old Iranian dialects as *Sauromatian*, by *Sarmatian* I mean the follower of “Sauromatian” in the Middle Iranian period.

¹⁴ Not to be confused with the lake İsiq-köl in Kyrgyzstan, Russian *Иссык-Күль*; Kazakh *İstiq-köl*.

**u*, **ū*, **āi* and **āu*; consonants also quite conservatively continue *Proto-Eastern Iranian stage, but we can observe several innovations: change **d* > **ḍ* > *l*; change **-rn-* > *l(l)* (a dialectal feature?). Sauromatian has a similar evolution as Scythian but there are some different innovations: palatalization **r* and subsequent shift to *l* before **i*, **i*; disappearance of **f* before **r*; transition **p* > *f*; and probably no change **d* > *l*. Both dialects share the change **ṣu*, **ḍu* > *sp*, *zb* (later in Sarmatian **sp* > **sf* > **ṣ*, **zb* > **zv* > **vz*), loss of word-initial **b-* (but not before **i*, **ū*, **u*), palatalization **t* > *c* before **i*, change **ṣ* > *t* (?), often loss of word-initial **u-* and metathesis **Cr* > **rC* (ABAEV 1979; HARMATTA 1970; VITCHAK 1992). It is difficult to assess whether merger of quantity of high vowels: **i*, **i* > *i* and **u*, **ū* > *ū* (difference in quantity of **a* and **ā* remained preserved) and monophthongization **āi*, **āu* > *ē*, *ō* started already in the Old Iranian period.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
labials	p b		f	m w	
dentals	t d		ṣ	l	
alveolars		c	s z	n r	
postalveolars		č ĵ	š ž		
palatals				y l	
velars	k g		x	(ŋ)	
labiovelars			x ^w		
glottals			h		

Table 5 Sound system of the Scytho-Sauromatian dialects.

Documented data also provide poor evidence for Scytho-Sauromatian morphology. According to the Greek transcription we would assume that the Scythian nominal system maintained thematic vowels in the nominative, but they slowly started to disappear in the first centuries AD. Noun plural was formed by adding the ending **-tā-* derived from abstract suffix **-t(u)ā-/*-ṣuā-*. The analysis of Scythian and Sauromatian personal names shows a number of word formation suffixes, many personal names were formed as *tatpuruša* composites (ABAEV 1979). In the Saqqez inscription we can recognise two forms of the preterite tense (HARMATTA 2002b).

Scytho-Sauromatian dialects were developing through approximately 1000 years. Based on preserved material we cannot determine the exact chronology of individual changes. In the materials dated into the Christian era we can see changes that are typical for languages of the Middle Iranian period.

It is questionable whether we can consider Cimmerian an Old (Eastern) Iranian language. From the rather scarce data we can assume that the Cimmerian language was a relative of Scythian, to which point shared innovations e.g. the same development **d* > *l*. Apart from that, no much else can be said about the language.

It is highly probable that already in the Old Iranian period there were some Scythian dialects which gave rise to ancestor(s) of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī. Unfortunately we have no data that could confirm this theory. On the other hand there are three Central Asian Scythian (Saka) personal names recorded in the Bīsotūn inscription (OPers. *Skuⁿxa-*, king of the *Sakā tigraxaudā* defeated by Darius I.; DB V 27) and in the Histories of Herodotus (*Τόμυρις*, queen of the Massagetae and *Σπαργαπίσης*¹⁵, son of Tomyris, Massagetician general; HERODOTUS I 207, 221). Those names do not give us much information about the language/dialect, but we may observe a similarity in *Τόμυρις* and Sogd. *toxmī*; Yagh. *taxm* ‘egg’ < Ir. **táuxman-* ‘offspring, family’ (but see OPers. *taumā*¹⁶).

1.1.1.3. Middle Iranian period

Languages of the Middle Iranian period can be characterised by four main innovations that took place throughout the Eastern Iranian language area: 1) monophthongization of diphthongs **āi*, **āu* > **ē*, **ō*; 2) change **b*, **d*, **g*, **j* > **β*, **δ*, **γ*, **ž*¹⁷; 3) transition of **xt*, **ft* > **γd*, **βd* and **δ*, **dz* > **s*, **z* and **sy*, **dzu* > **sp*, **zβ* (but in Saka and Wakhī > **ś(ś)*, **ž(ž)*). Another common feature is a reduction or syncope of unstressed vowels and gradual tendency to simplify nominal inflection. Verbal inflection also undergoes gradual changes, especially in past tenses where we observe a tendency to replace the original system by preterite formed from past participle. Together with the development of preterite the importance of ergative construction emerges.

There are five rather well attested Eastern Middle Iranian languages – Sogdian, Khwārezmian, Bactrian, Khōtanese and Tumshuqese; to a lesser extent we have information on the other languages and dialects such as Sarmatian and Alanic, Sogdian dialects of Bukhārā, Zhetisu and Ustrōshana, or several Saka (Śaka) dialects from Chinese Turkestan (Uyghuristan, Xinjiang), Eastern Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

1.1.1.3.1. Sogdian

Sogdian (*Sughdian*, *Soghdian*; Б swγδγʷ zβʳk /səγʷδγāu ʳzβāk/) occupies a special position among the Eastern Iranian languages – its uniqueness can be viewed at two levels. From historical point of view it was probably the most successful Eastern Iranian language – it served

¹⁵ Cf. Scythian *Σπαργαπίσης*, king of the Scythians and king of the Agathyrsians (two kings with this name are known; HERODOTUS I 78, IV 76).

¹⁶ It is questionable whether *Massagetician and Old Persian shared the change **xm* > **m* or whether should we read Tomyris’ name **Tōb/xmyris*; see also *Θάμυρις* (< **Tāb/xmyris* ???) by POLYAENUS (Stratagems of War, 7.11.8), by other authors also *Τόμυρις*, *Ταμύρη* (JUSTI 1895, 328, 330), cf. also Ujjayinī and Mālvā Saka **t^huma* /t^hūma/, offspring (HARMATTA 1989, 305). Classical Persian form of the name is *Tahm-rayīs*; Tomyris may be connected to Pers. Tahmīna, daughter of Samangān, king of Tūrān, mother of Suhrāb in Firdausī’s Shāhnāma (ibid., 328, 319).

¹⁷ This change took place in all positions except Parāchī and Ōrmurī where the change did not take place word-initially. In Ossetic there is no change **b-* > **β-* word-initially; in the Saka dialects there is no change of word-initial **g-*. In some languages there is a change **d* > (**ḍ* >) **l*, see Excursion 5.

as a *lingua franca* on Central Asian route of the Silk Road (cf. DE LA VAISSIÈRE 2005), it was not just a language of trade, many documents concerning three different religions – Buddhism, Manichaeism and Christianity were also translated into Sogdian. From present point of view we can consider Sogdian as a language that is preserved by a large amount of texts and it is also the language for which we know a closely related offspring – Yaghnōbī (see I.I.I.4.1). Despite its outstanding status Sogdian practically did not survive Arab invasion to Central Asia, its influence slowly declined from the second half of the 8th century, during the 10th and 11th centuries it was gradually replaced by Persian, and Sogdian language enclaves survived only on the peripheries of Sogdiana. Geographically the Sogdian documents are attested from quite vast areas of Central Asia and its surroundings – majority of texts comes either from Sogdiana itself or from Sogdian colonies in Eastern Turkestan and Western China, other texts come from Mongolia, Zhetisu in Kazakhstan, Merv in Turkmenistan, or from Ladākh and Ḳarāḳoram in Pakistan; some ancient Turkic monumental inscriptions were also written in the Sogdian language. The language of Sogdian literal monuments appears to be relatively homogeneous despite the fact that the period between the oldest and the youngest documents is approximately five centuries long. Linguistic homogeneity can be observed mainly due to texts written in the so-called Sogdian script – orthography in this script was based on archaic form of Sogdian and emerged in 4th or 5th century AD and was preserved until the 8th century (or even up to the 11th century). Orthographies in Manichaean script and Syriac *Eṣṭrangēlā* script document “classical” stage of the language, but Sogdian of the 6th to 9th centuries did not differ much from its oldest attested form¹⁸. Archaic form of the language is known from so called *Ancient Letters* found in Chinese Dunhuang, other archaic features can be observed in Christian manuscript C 2; on the other hand, the Christian Sogdian texts contain many late-Sogdian features, such as the reduction of nominal inflection as it is documented in Christian manuscript C 5. Although the Sogdian documents are preserved in three different alphabets – Sogdian, Manichaean and Syriac¹⁹ (and even fragmentary in North Turkestan variety of the Brāhmī script), we cannot speak about three different dialects.

Sound system of Sogdian is known only fragmentally – the language was written in consonantal alphabets of Semitic origin so there were no special graphemes for vowels²⁰, for

¹⁸ An exception is a Sogdian translation of the Zoroastrian prayer *Aṣṣm vohū* found in manuscript Or. 8212/84 (Ch. 00289) – this short text presents really archaic stage of the language (GERSHEVITICH 1976).

¹⁹ To mark the script of Sogdian documents I will use following abbreviations: s for orthography in the Sogdian script (AL for the *Ancient Letters*, mg for texts in the Sogdian script found at the Mount Mugh, H for texts in the Sogdian script from fortress of Ḥiṣṣōrak, z for texts in the Sogdian script from Zhetisu), B for Buddhist texts in the Sogdian script, M for orthography in the Manichaean script, c for Christian texts in the Syriac script and BR for Sogdian texts written in the Brāhmī script.

²⁰ Vowels were written by so-called *matres lectionis* – ā by the letter *ālaḫ* <ʔ>, ō and ū by the letter *waw* <w> and ē, ĭ, ɛ and ĭ by the letter *yud* <y>, diphthongs *ūi* and *ūē* were written by digraph *waw-yud* <wy> or eventually as *waw* alone. By orthographical conventions in each script the letters *ālaḫ*, *waw* and *yud* could have been doubled, or some vowels could have been written by combination *ālaḫ-waw* or *ālaḫ-yud* even word-internally. For word-final -ā also

consonants often no distinction was made between voiced and voiceless sounds²¹. Despite the difficulties with interpretation of the Sogdian graphic systems, we can reconstruct Sogdian sound system. With the help of methods of historical and comparative linguistics, for more accurate reconstruction of phonology we can also utilize Sogdian fragments written in the Brāhmī script. Sogdian vocalism was strongly influenced by position of stress – we can observe two main stress shifts: the first took place in an early stage of the language and its results can be seen not only in Sogdian but also in Yaghnōbī, the second shift is the so-called Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* – position of stress within a word depended on quantity of stem vowels. Both stress-shifts caused reduction, shortening or syncope of unstressed vowels or even syllables. Basic development of Iranian vowels in Sogdian can be described as following: *a > a, ə (under the influence of *i*-Umlaut > e; due to a contact with a labial sound > u; under the influence of *u*-Umlaut > o-*u*); *ā > ā, a (under the influence of *i*-Umlaut > ē, due to a contact with a labial sound > ū); *u > u, ə, i (under the influence of *i*-Umlaut > üi > i); *ū > ū, u, *au > ō (in front of *xšn, *xm > o); *āu under the influence of *i*-Umlaut > ē; *iaū under the influence of *i*-Umlaut > i; *ui > üi; *uai, (or palatalized *ua, *au) > üě (later > ō); *i > i, ə, i; *ī > ī, i; *ai > ē; *r > r, i, u. It is also necessary to add some diphthongs to the vocalic system of Sogdian, apart from rising diphthongs üě and üi there were probably falling diphthongs āi and āu. Also nasals and r in front of a consonant in closed syllable (i.e. diphthongs like /Vm̄, Vr̄/, phonetically probably [Vṣ̄/Vṡ̄, Vṣ̄]) were of diphthongal nature. Consonantal system does not differ much from the form reconstructed for “common” Middle Iranian, significant changes include *Ḍr, *ḍr > ṣ̄, ṣ̄; *ṣr, *ṣi > ṣ̄; *dzr, *ṣdz, *dz̄i > ṣ̄; *mp, *nt, *nk, *nč > mb, md, mg, mj; *xt, *ft > γd, βd and in some cases palatalization of *k, *t > č when in contact with *i, *i (or i' < *r). Iranian *xʷ (< *bu) usually keeps its labial characteristics when word-initial before *ā, in other positions it changes to non-labial x; in rare cases, however, there is a change *xʷa' > xu'. Unclear is the development of Iranian *d, the sound is written in the Sogdian script by an Aramaic letter *lāmad* <l> (in Sogdian it is transcribed as <ḍ>), in the Manichaean script letter <ḍ> is based on the shape for *lāmad*, but in the Syriac script the letter ḍ is written by *dālat* <d>. It is possible that *d changed to a dental approximant [ḍ], which continued in some dialects as ḍ and in some others as l (see excursion 5).

The above mentioned Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* did not have an impact just on phonology – although it was originally a phonological rule, it strongly effected also morphology: Sogdian words split into two groups, so-called *light* and *heavy stems* according to the position of stress.

the letter *bē* <h> could have been used in the Sogdian (and occasionally in the Syriac) script. The Syriac script also utilised diacritic marks for vowels: a <ḥ̇, ḥ̇> or <ḥ̇, ḥ̇>, ā <ḥ̇, ḥ̇>, ē <ḥ̇, ḥ̇>, ī <ḥ̇, ḥ̇>, ō <ẇ>, ū <ẇ> ('x' means any letter), but those diacritics were used rarely in Christian documents.

²¹ In the Sogdian alphabet there were only separate graphemes for γ and x, but forms of these letters usually merged together. The only script that had graphic symbols for both voiced and voiceless sounds (except ḍ and Ḍ) was the Manichaean alphabet. In all three alphabets there was a clear distinction just between z and s and partially between ž and š.

Light stem endings were retained because they bore stress, unstressed endings of the *heavy stems* were lost or transformed. Substantives had three genders: masculine, feminine and neuter; neuter, however, survives only in a few relict forms. Nouns also maintain three numbers, the original dual was transformed into numerative (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1979). In the *light stem* inflection Iranian stem system continues in a transformed way (i.e. *a-*, *ā-*, *i-*, *ī-*, *ū-*, *ū-*, *ya-*, *yā-*, and *r-*stems and also so-called contracted *aka-* and *ākā-*stems), *heavy stem* inflection consists just of three cases – nominative (direct case), vocative and oblique case; the *light stems* had six cases – nominative, vocative, accusative, genitive-dative, locative and instrumental-ablative. Plural was formed by adding the ending *-t(a)*, animates have can have endings in *-(y)ā* or *-īšt*. Adjectives are declined as nouns, but they gradually turn to uninflected forms. Personal pronouns had forms just for first and second person singular and plural, they were declined in two cases (direct and oblique), enclitic forms distinguished within oblique accusative, genitive-dative and instrumental-ablative. Demonstratives distinguished triple deixis and were used also for the third person of personal pronouns. The definite article evolved from forms of the demonstratives of *III*. deixis.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p (ḅ)		β	m w	
labiodentals			f		
dentals	t (ḍ)		ʒ ʒ	(l)	
alveolars		(c) (č)	s z	n r	
postalveolars		č (č)	š ž		
retroflexes	(t) (ḍ)		š ž	(ŋ)	
palatals				y	
velars	k (g)		x γ	(ŋ) (ü)	
uvulars	(q)				
labial velars	(k ^w) (g ^w)		x ^w (γ ^w)		
labial uvulars					
labiovelars			x ^o		
labiouvulars					
glottals			(h)		

Table 6 Sound system of Sogdian (consonants in italics mark sounds appearing only in loan-words).

Verbal system is based on present and perfect stems. Imperfect tense was originally formed by addition of augment to a present stem, in Sogdian augment was preserved only as so-called *internal-augment* between verbal prefix and stem, augment of non-prefixed verbs disappeared due to operation of stress. Perfect stem is derived from participles in **-ta-(ka-)*. Perfect distinguishes transitivity and intransitivity. Transitive verbs form perfect from the perfect stem and auxiliary verb *ḍʔr*, to have; perfect stems of the *heavy stems* have no ending, *light stems* end in *-ú* < **-am* (< accusative singular of masculine). Intransitive verbs form perfect from the

perfect stem and copula (but in forms of the third person singular there is no copula at all), forms of the *light stems* end in *-í* < **-ab* (< nominative of masculine), the *heavy stems* have no ending.

(excursion 1) Sogdian dialects of Bukhārā, Ustrōshana and Zhetisu

Sogdian seems to be a homogeneous language. It is quite difficult to observe several dialect differences – features that distinguish the “languages” of individual documents can be interpreted as developmental stages rather as dialects. We can observe some dialectal features in the preserved Sogdian texts; e.g. durative suffix *ʔšn* (cf. Yagh. *-išī*) appears in some Buddhist texts (e.g. *Vessantara jāta*) but in the majority of Sogdian texts there is the suffix *ʔskwn* and its forms. The phenomenon of the Sogdian dialects was solved by Walter Bruno HENNING (1958, 105-108) who notes that many differences between the language of the Christian documents in the Syriac script and the documents recorded in Manichaean and Sogdian alphabets can be in the case of Christian Sogdian interpreted rather as colloquial forms of later stages of the Sogdian language (HENNING 1958, 105).

There is mention of a Sogdian dialect of Bukhārā in scientific literature. There are several inscriptions in the Old Bukhāran (or Sogdian-Bukhāran) dialect (cf. LIVSHITS – KAUFMAN – D’YAKONOV 1954; LIVSHITS – LUKONIN 1964), the authors unfortunately do not mention the differences between Literal Sogdian and Bukhāran-Sogdian. Based on my own analysis of several Bukhāran inscriptions I suppose that in Bukhāran the *Rhythmic Law* was not applied and thus the Bukhāran dialect was similar to a dialect of Ustrōshana. The **Ustrōshanian* dialect has been premised by Al’bert Leonidovich KHROMOV (1987, 645) and after him also by some other Tajik scholars (e.g. BUZURGMEHR 2005, 117). **Ustrōshanian* is not attested in known sources, the premise of its existence is based on a hypothesis that from this dialect the Yaghnōbī language could have developed (KHROMOV, *ibid.*). Sources for knowledge of **Ustrōshanian* may be taken from the fortress of Chilhujra in the South-Western part of the Ferghāna valley. The texts from Chilhujra have been published by Vladimir Aronovich LIVSHITS (2003). By my opinion these texts do not differ from other Sogdian texts. According to recent discoveries in Tajikistan we can suppose also a variety of Ushrōshanian of the Mastchōh region – documents found at the fortress of Ḥiṣōrak yet need a detailed analysis to be done (cf. LUR’E 2011; 2012).

Apart from the above mentioned dialects we can also assume a Sogdian dialect of the Zhetisu (*Semirech’e*) region. We have several Sogdian documents from Zhetisu from the 6th century, the use of a local Sogdian vernacular can be supposed till after the half of the 11th century (LIVSHITS 2008, 350-352). Zhetisu Sogdian is attested by two sources – the first are several rock inscriptions and ostraca, the other notes concerning (Zhetisu?) Sogdian in the Old Turkic lexicon *Kitābu dēvānu lughāti ’t-türk* by Maḥmūd bin Ḥusayn bin Muḥammad AL-KĀSHGHARĪ. There are also some clues that show similar development of Zhetisu Sogdian and Yaghnōbī, e.g. Zhetisu Sogdian word *pwn* /pun(n)/ corresponds to Yagh. *pun(n)* × Sogd. B M C *pwrn-y* /pu^rni/ ‘full’ < **p^rna-*; also the change **ḡ* > *t* is similar to development of **ḡ* in the

Western dialect of Yaghnōbī. Zhetisu definite article is recorded as *ʔyny /éñě/* instead of Literal Sogdian *ʔxó*. We have no more precise clues than the above mentioned, therefore a precise reconstruction of the dialect of Zhetisu is still questionable. It is known from the historical sources that local Sogdian population adopted Turkic clothing and customs, but they had preserved their own language for quite a long time – e.g. Sogdian influence on lexicon and phonology of local Turkic dialects has been recorded (cf. LIVSHITS 2008, 350-351).

I.1.1.3.2. Sarmatian, Alanic and Jassic

Sarmatian and Alanic represent a dialect continuum based on Sauromatian dialects, it can be considered as language(s) of the Sarmatian, Alans, Roxolani, Jazyges, Aorsi, Siraces and Asi. The beginnings of these languages can be dated from the 3rd century AD (HARMATTA 1970), their development continues on Caucasus up today as the Ossetic language, or more precisely, it presents two dialects – Iron, the literal and standard form, and the quite archaic Digoron. Under Mongolian pressure together with the Cumans (Қыпчāқs) the Alanic Jassians migrated into Hungary. Both Sarmatian and Alanic material is scarce, we have mainly onomastic material and some borrowings in languages such as Hungarian or Chūvash. Besides Sarmatian and Alanic glosses there is also a short Alanic inscription on a grave-stone from the 10th century from Zelenchuk in Kuban’ district in Russia and two Alanic phrases were recorded in the 13th century by a Byzantine poet John (Ioannes) Tzetzes in his poem *Theogonia*. With regard to the scarce material it is difficult to draw the line between Sarmatian and Alanic, the label for the languages has been taken from the ethnic names of its speakers as they are known from historical sources.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
labials	p b		f v	m w	
dentals			ð		
alveolars	t d	c ʒ	s z	n r	
postalveolars		č ʝ	š ž		
palatals				y l	
velars	k g		x ɣ	(ŋ)	
labiovelars			x ^o		
glottals			(h)		

Table 7 Sound system of Sarmatian and Alanic dialects.

Development of Sarmatian continues directly from Old Iranian Sauromatian, phonetic changes observed in Sarmatian show completion of the development outlined for Sauromatian above (I.1.1.1.2.); Sarmatian and Alanic vowels are reconstructed as *a, ā, ē, *i̇ > i, ǝ, *ü̇ > u*. In front of word-initial consonantal clusters there appears **ǝ*. Consonant system can be described as follows: **f (< *p), *t, *ʒ, *k, *č, *c > v, d, t, g, ʝ, ʒ*; development of intervocalic clusters **ʒr, *ðr, *fr, *xr, *ɣr > rt, rð/rd, rv, rx, rɣ* as well as **ʃf, *zβ (< *ʂu, *dzu) > fš, vz* (HARMATTA 1970, 58-

97). A question is whether the change $*\delta > *d$ took place already in Sarmato-Alanic period or whether it was an Ossetic development.

On morphology we have just fragmentary information. From the attested material we ascertained genitive singular ending $-i$, and nominative plural ending $-ta$. Original genitive plural ending $*\bar{a}nam > *\bar{a}n$ lost its original function and became a suffix of some adjectives derived from nouns. Endings of the nominative singular disappear except a -stem feminines where $*\bar{a}- > *\bar{a}$ ($>$ Oss. D $-æ$) remained (but Oss. I $> -\emptyset$). In phrases recorded by John Tzetzes there can be recognised some Alanic words, their grammatical forms have not been thoroughly analysed yet.

Jassic is attested in one manuscript from the year 1422 which contains a brief Jassic word-list with their Latin and/or Hungarian translation. Forty three words are attested, while in the first part of the document there is a Jassic phrase and then a brief glossary follows, some other Jassic lexemes can be found in toponymy and onomastic of Hungarian district of Jászberény. The language extinction can be dated before the year 1693. Jassic is formally very similar to the Digoron dialect of Ossetic, the main feature that distinguishes Jassic from Ossetic is the preservation of $*\bar{a}$ before nasals, in Ossetic there is an innovation $o < *\bar{a} / \{m, n\}$. The exact phonetic form of Jassic cannot be reconstructed on attested material – Jassic words are written in a similar way as medieval Hungarian, on one example we can suppose an ejective sound k' $<kh>$, we can also suppose change $*\check{s}, *\check{z}, *\check{c}, *j > s, z, c, \check{z}$ known also from Ossetic²² (see NÉMETH 1959).

1.1.1.3.3. Khwārezmian

Khwārezmian (*Khōrazmian*) was a language of ancient Chorasmia, i.e. region of Khwārezm located in the Khīva oasis (present Qoraqalpog'iston Autonomous Republic in Uzbekistan) on lower reaches of Āmū Daryā near to its estuary to the Aral Sea. Historically there are two stages of the Khwārezmian language – Middle²³ and Late Khwārezmian. Middle Khwārezmian is attested from two short inscriptions on ceramic vessels from the 3rd or 2nd century BC from Qoy-Qirilg'an-Qal'a, other texts are known from inscriptions on coins, from silver-bowls from the Ural-area, documents written on wood and skin from To'proq-Qal'a and Yakka-Porson, from ossuary at To'q-Qal'a and from an ostrakon from Xumbuz-Tepa. The Middle

²² Proximity of Ossetic and Jassic can be illustrated also on ethnic names of both peoples – the name Jassian (forms of plural: Lat. *Jazones / Jassones, Jazyges / Jaziges*, Gre. *Ἰάσωνες, Ἰάζυγες*, Hung. *jászok*, Russ. *ясы*, Roman. *iáşî*, Ger. *Jassen*) and Ossetian (from Russian *Осетины*, the Russian name comes from Georgian *Oseti*) have the same origin, see also Greek names of Scytho-Sarmatian tribes *Ἀσάιοι, Ἄσιοι*. In contemporary Ossetic *Асы || As(s)i* labels Caucasian Balkars and Balkaria, in Abkhaz the region of Northern Caucasus is called *As* (ABAEV 1958, 479-480; NÉMETH 1959, 5-13). The Ossetians call themselves either *Ir || Īræ* or *Dыгур || Digor* according to their language and ethnicity.

²³ Helmut Humbach proposes for the oldest attested form of Khwārezmian a label *Middle Khwārezmian* (HUMBACH 1989, 193), the term *Old Khwārezmian* remains untapped, it probably serves as a label for the oldest, unattested form of the language from the Achaemenid period.

Khwarezmian texts were written in a local variety of the Aramaic alphabet. Late Khwarezmian is a language of documents written in adapted Perso-Arabic script. Main sources of the Late Khwarezmian language are the following works: interlinear translation of encyclopaedia *Muqaddima al-adab* by Jarullah Abū-l-Qāsim Maḥmūd bin ‘Umar az-Zamakhsharī from the year 1135, glosses in a legal document *Qunya al-munya li-tatmim al-ghunya* by Najmiddīn Abū Rajā Mukhtār bin Maḥmūd az-Zāhidī al-Ghazmīnī from the 13th century (*Qunya al-munya* contains also Khwarezmian quotations from *Yatima ad-dabr fi fatāwā abl al-‘aṣr* by Muḥammad bin Maḥmūd ‘Alā’uddīn ‘Abdurrahīm at-Tarjumānī al-Makkī al-Khuwārazmī), glosses from *Qunya al-munya* and *Yatima ad-dabr* were collected in *Risala al-alfāz al-khuwārazmiyya allatī fi qunya al-mabsūt* by Jamālidīn al-‘Imādī al-Jurjānī around the year 1350. Calendar, astronomical and medical terms together with names of kings of Khwarezm are attested from the works of Abū-r-Rayḥān Muḥammad bin Aḥmad al-Bērūnī *Kitāb al-āthār al-bāqiyā ‘an al-qurūn al-khāliyyā* and *Kitāb aṣ-ṣaydana fi-t-ṭibb* from the beginnings of the 11th century (HUMBACH 1989, 193-194, ZARSHENĀS 1357, 57-59). Khwarezmian became extinct sometime in the 14th century when it was replaced by Oghuz-Ḳypchāḳ variety of Turkic. In the so-called *Khwarezm-Türkī* language there were numerous influences of Khwarezmian substrate, some of the Khwarezmian words can be heard in Uzbek dialects of Xorazm (Khwarezm) even today (LIVSHITS 1962, 140). Classification of Khwarezmian is unclear – Dzhoj Iosifovich Èdel’man assigns it to Northern group of the East Iranian languages (ÈDEL’MAN 2000a, 95; ÈDEL’MAN 2008, 6), but in her older work she claimed Khwarezmian to be the South Eastern Iranian language (ÈDEL’MAN 1986, 6). Khwarezmian shares some features with Alano-Ossetic dialects, some other features link it with the Pāmīr languages; many similarities with Sogdian are also interesting. Cherāgh-‘Alī A‘zamī and Gernot Windfuhr see some similarities between Khwarezmian and North Western Iranian Sangesārī (A‘ZAMĪ – WINDFUHR 1972).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b		β	m w	
labiodentals			f		
dentals	t d		ʒ ɖ		
alveolars		c ʒ	s z	n r l	
postalveolars		č j	š ž		
palatals				y	
velars	k g		x ɣ	(ŋ)	
labiovelars			x ^w		
glottals			h		

Table 8 Sound system of Khwarezmian²⁴.

²⁴ In the Khwarezmian adaptation of the Perso-Arabic script there are also letters used only in Arabic (i.e. *h, s, t, z* (*ḥ, ṣ, ṭ, ẓ*), but their pronunciation in Khwarezmian is not known, they were probably pronounced in a similar way as in Classical Persian.

Since Khwārezmian is recorded by alphabets of Semitic origin, we have no clear idea of Khwārezmian vowels, vocalic system is reconstructed as follows: *a, ā, i, ī, e, ē, o, ō, u, ū, ə²⁵*. In development of Khwārezmian vocalic system it is important to understand operation of stress – short unstressed vowels (including **ɨ*) were reduced, long unstressed vowels were probably shortened. Vowels that were not affected by operation of stress generally did not differ much from the Middle Iranian stage. The only exception was **a*, that often changed to *i*. Besides oral vowels there were also nasalized vowels that emerged after deletion of nasals in front of a consonant or in word-final position, nasalization was often not marked in writing. The stress was mobile, it remained on word-stem. Due to the stress shift vowels within a word changed, some changes were also influenced by *sandhi*. In Khwārezmian some consonants were palatalized in front of **i* and **ī* (or even **ai*): **k̄, *t̄* > *c*; **ḡ, *d̄* > *ʒ/z*; **ʒ̄, *s̄, *š̄* > *s*; some other consonants were depalatalized **č̄, *j̄, *ž̄* > *c, ʒ/z, z*. After palatalization and depalatalization has been completed, voiceless consonants were probably sonorized when post-vocalic or after a nasal: **-p-, *-t-, *-k-, *-c-* > **-b-, *-d-, *-g-, *-ʒ-*²⁶. Other differences from the Middle Iranian consonant system are: **ʒu > f; *d̄u > δβ; *f̄s > f; *fr > f, fr* (word-initially also *r-, š-, h-*); **sm > m; *dr- > ʒ-; *-ʒr- > r; *ʒr- > š-* (in other cases *hr-, Vr-, rc-*); **ʒn, *rn > n; *t̄g > c, č; *rs, *rš, *sr, *štr > š; *rz > ž; *š > x, f, h, s, y*²⁷; **xš, *xšū > x; *xu > x^o* (in front of **ā*), *x*. (ÈDEL'MAN 2008, 13-26)

Khwārezmian nouns and adjectives distinguished two genders (masculine and feminine) and two numbers (singular, plural; for nouns as a relict also dual). Nouns were inflected in three cases in singular: direct (nominative-accusative), oblique (labelled also as ablative, locative or instrumental) and genitive (possessive), in plural there are just two cases: direct and oblique. Personal pronouns of the first and second persons singular have four cases (nominative, accusative-dative, ablative-locative and genitive), in plural there are again just two cases (direct/nominative and oblique/genitive), and for personal pronouns of the third person demonstratives were used. Demonstratives have triple deixis, they do distinguish gender but inflectional system was greatly simplified. Khwārezmian has a definite article (one form for masculine and plural, the other just for feminine singular). The definite article originates in forms of the demonstratives of III. deixis. Verbal system preserves quite a large range of moods: indicative, imperative, conjunctive, irrealis, optative and injunctive, there are also grammatically expressed categories of transitivity and intransitivity and aspect. The verb has three stems –

²⁵ Long vowels were written with *matres lectionis*: *alif* <ʔ> – *ā, wāw* <w> – *ō, ū, yāy* <y> – *ē, ī*; short vowels were occasionally marked by Arabic vocalic signs (*barakāt*), *kasra* was used for *i* and also for *e* and *ə*. To mark the position of stress Arabic sign *tashdid* (transcribed as <˘> or <˘˘>) could have been used. (ÈDEL'MAN 2008, 12)

²⁶ Sounds *g* and *ʒ* are not marked by special letters, about their voiced pronunciation is considered analogous to the evolution of **-p-* and **-t-*.

²⁷ Development of Iranian **š* is diverse in Khwārezmian – in vicinity of **au, *ū* it changes to *x*, however, after labial consonants **š* > *f* (e.g. **gaušā-*, ear, **mūš-*, mouse, > *γwx /γōx/ × muf /mūf/*); when palatalized or in front of suffixed **s* it changes to *s*; word-internally (after a palatal ??) **š* > *y* (e.g. **fra-pišā-*, to thrash, > *špy-*); in other cases **š* > *h*.

present, imperfect and preterite. Present tense comes from Iranian present stems, imperfect stem is formed from the present stem with addition of reflexes of augment; perfect is based on Iranian participles in **-ta-(ka-)* and auxiliary verb $\delta^2 r \bar{y}$ - < **dār-*, to have. Characteristic feature of Khwārezmian verbs is use of postverbs – enclitic particles determining direct or indirect object of a clause. Postverbs were derived either from enclitic pronouns or from particles or prepositions. (ÈDEL'MAN 2008, 26-54)

I.1.1.3.4. Bactrian

Bactrian (also called *Eteotokharian*, *Tokharian*, *Kushānian* or *Kushāno-Bactrian*), language of Bactria, is attested from several dozen inscriptions written in a local adaptation of the Greek alphabet and also from several texts written in the Manichaean script from a period from the 2nd to the 9th centuries AD mainly from Northern Afghanistan and Southern Tajikistan, to a lesser extent from Qal'a-yi Afrāsiyāb near Samarkand, from the Turfān oasis in Eastern Turkestan or from the Hunza Valley in Pakistan. Some scholars believe that Bactrian can be closely related to Munjī and Yidghā. By comparing words attested in the Greco-Bactrian alphabet with those written in the Manichaean script we can quite well reconstruct the phonology of Bactrian – the advantage of Greco-Bactrian alphabet is especially the ability to record vowels, which writing systems derived from the Aramaic alphabet do not allow well enough.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
labials	π (β)		φ β	μ ο	
dentals	τ δ		(θ)	λ	
alveolars		σ ζ	σ ζ	ν ς	
postalveolars			ξ (ξ)		
palatals				ι	
velars	κ γ		χ γ	γ	
labiovelars			χθ		
glottals			υ		

Table 9 Sound system of Bactrian (given in letters of the Greco-Bactrian alphabet).

Phonological development of Bactrian can be characterised as follows: **δ > l*; **θr > hr*; **p, *t, *k > β, d (-δ), g (-γ)*; **č, *j > ts, dz (> s, z)*; in Manichaean Bactrian **θ > h*. In later stages of the language articulation of *h* is lenited or even lost. Comparison of texts in the Manichaean and Greco-Bactrian alphabets proves maintaining differences in quantity of vowels.

In morphology there was ascertain a reduction of Old Iranian inflectional system into two cases – direct and oblique, dual was lost and neuter merges with masculine. Attested is a definite article that distinguishes gender, reflexive article *ī* (m) / *ya* (f) performs a function similar to Persian *izāfa*. Verbal morphology is based on a system of two stems: present and past; inflection is based on stem endings in **-ai-*, which is comparable with the Western Middle

Iranian languages. Past tense is formed by ergative construction (STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY 1981; SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989c; LIVSHITS 2000).

1.1.1.3.5. Khōtanese and Tumshuqese, Saka dialects

Khōtanese (*Khōtan Saka*; OKhōt. hvatanau; LKhōt. hvaṇau, hvaṃ) and Tumshuqese (*Tumshuq Saka*, *Gyāzde*, *Gyāzdiān*²⁸, in older works also *Maralbashi Saka*; *gyāzdiyā- ?*) are two closely related languages of the Saka (Śaka) of Eastern (Chinese) Turkestan. Both languages were written in Turkestan varieties of the Brāhmī script, but each language had its own orthographical conventions – Khōtanese used mainly digraphs to represent sounds not present in Brāhmī but Tumshuqese used new *akṣaras* (so called *Fremdzeichen*). Tumshuqese was a language of the Gyāzdi region/kingdom, it is attested in fifteen texts from the 7th and 8th centuries AD (or even from the 4th and 5th centuries; cf. EMMERICK 2009, 379; EMMERICK 1989, 204) found on archaeological sites Tumshuq, Maral-bashi (Barchuq) and Bāzāklik (Murtoq). Tumshuqese is more archaic relative of Khōtanese – a language attested form Buddhist texts from the 7th to the 10th century from territory of ancient kingdom of Khōtan (OKhōt. *Hvatāna-*, LKhōt. *Hvaṃ(na-)*, Chin. *Yutien*, *Hetian*), from the Turfān Oasis and from Chinese Dunhuang. In Khōtanese there can be observed two stages of language development: Old Khōtanese (language of the kingdom of Khōtan) and Late Khōtanese (language of the Turfān oasis)²⁹.

Phonological development of Khōtanese is quite complicated so I will mention just its basic features. The vocalic system has been largely rebuilt, there is a reduction of vowels on one side and compensatory lengthening on the other side, primary or secondary diphthongs were monophthongized, many vowels were also palatalized, labialized or contracted. The development of Iranian *r̥ is also complex. Old Khōtanese had ten different vowels: /i, ī, e, ε, a, ā, o, u, ū, ə/, these are reduced to four vowels and one diphthong in the later stage of the language: /ε/ < OKhōt. /ī, e, ε/; /a/ < OKhōt. /a/; /ɔ/ < OKhōt. /ā, o, ū/; /ə/ < OKhōt. /ə/ or an unstressed vowel, and diphthong /ɔɔ/ < OKhōt. /ū/. Development of consonants is just as complex: word-initial consonants remained unchanged (except *f-, *ḍ-, *x- > /p^h, t^h, k^h/; *fr-, *ḍr-, *xr- > /br, dr, gr/ and *j- > OKhōt /g/ > LKhōt /j/), voiceless consonants (except *s) were sonorized in word-internal and word-final positions and later they have undergone other changes such as syncope, palatalization or they may have formed a diphthong (which was later usually

²⁸ Rong Xinjiang proposes instead of naming Tumshuqese (made by modern place-name Tumshuq in Eastern Turkestan, where the documents in the language had been first found) a more appropriate name derived from the historical region of Gyāzdi (Tumsh. *Gyāzdi-*, Chin. *Jushide*, Tibetan *Gus-tig*) – *Gyāzde* or *Gyāzdiān* (RONG 2005). In this work I am going to keep the label *Tumshuqese* as it is customary in other scientific works.

²⁹ Leonard Georgievich Gertsenberg characterizes interrelationship of Old and Late Khōtanese as relationship of Latin and Modern Italian (GERTSENBERG 1981, 234). He sees the archaicity of Old Khōtanese possibly in an older scribal tradition in Khōtan and Late Khōtanese is explained as a variety of colloquial language of the Khōtanese people in Turfān (ibid.). Ronald Eric Emmerick claims, that according to palaeographic analysis the oldest Khōtanese texts can be dated already to the 5th and 6th centuries AD (EMMERICK 2009, 378), it is possible that the orthography of Old Khōtanese developed in that period.

monophthongized). Palatals *č, *j are depalatalized to /tʃ, dʒ/ when preceding back vowels (but *č̣ > /tʃʰ/); *tʃ, *dʒ changes into /ś, ź/³⁰ etc. In the development of consonants there is also a significant difference between the Old and Late Khōtanese. There are also evident Indo-Aryan influences on Khōtanese consonantism – emergence of retroflex sounds³¹ and a transition of non-sibilant voiceless fricatives into aspirate stops *f, *ʃ, *x > pʰ, tʰ, kʰ³² (see EMMERICK 1989, 209-216 for details). Syncopation of consonants could have caused changes in tonal colours of surrounding vowels, such feature could be expected especially in cases of *-r- and *-š- (> /ʒ/ > ø or /ʔ/), instead of those sounds there is a hook < ˘ > written beneath a letter in the Brāhmī script – the hook is usually transliterated as an apostrophe at the end of a syllable or as subscribed hook (i.e. a' or a). Question is what sound does this “hook” represent: Leonard Georgievich Gertsenberg supposes that it marks some tonal quality (GERTSENBERG 2000, 49) or even a glottal stop /ʔ/ (GERTSENBERG 1981, 237), Ronald Eric Emmerick does not specify its phonetic value (EMMERICK 1989, 209) or claims it to be a marker of a breathed syllable (EMMERICK 2009, 381).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p pʰ (b)		b	m v	
dentals			t		
alveolars	tt tʰ d	tc ts js	s ys	n r rr l	
postalveolars		c cʰ j	śś ś		
retroflexes	ṭ ṭʰ	kṣ	ṣṣ ṣ	ṇ (ḍ)	
palatals		ky gy		ñ y ḍ	
velars	k kʰ gg		h: g	ṅ/ṃg	
labiovelars			hv		
glottals	'		h		

Table 10 Sound system of Old Khōtanese (values in the table are based on transliteration of the Brāhmī script)³³.

A series of changes occurred also in morphology. In nominal inflection the Old Iranian stem system was heavily transformed into a new system of almost two dozen inflectional classes. Genitive case merged with dative, and instrumental merged with ablative. Neuter usually merged with masculine but in some cases neuter was preserved as newly-build *n*-stems. Dual was lost, with some exceptions. Number of cases has been further reduced in Late Khōtanese, prepositions or postpositions were used to a greater extent to express cases.

³⁰ Similar change is attested also in Pāmīr Wakhī: Ir. *áśya-, horse > Khōt. *aśśā* [aʃʰ(ː)ɛ], Wakh. *yaš* × Ave. *aśpa-* (but OPers. *asa-*), Ved. *ásva-*.

³¹ Due to contact with the Indo-Aryan languages the retroflex consonants can be met also in other Iranian languages, e.g. in Pashtō, Wakhī, Ishkāshmi-Sanglĕchī, Yidghā or Balōchī.

³² Similar feature can be seen also in Parāchī, Ōrmuṛī and North-West Iranian Balōchī.

³³ In Late Khōtanese /ś, ź/ are usually written as <ś>, <ś'/ṣ́> (× OKhōt. <śś>, <ṣ́>) and /š, ž/ as <š>, <š'/ṣ̌> (× OKhōt. <šš>, <ṣ̌>). For OKhōt <ṭṭʰ> and <kṣ> /tʃʰ/ stands just <kṣ> in Late Khōtanese.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p p ^h b		w	m v	
dentals			ḍ		
alveolars	t t ^h d d ^h	ts dz	s z	n r r̄ l	
postalveolars		c c ^h j	ś ź		
retroflexes			ṣ ṣ̣	ṇ	
palatals		ky gy		ñ y	
velars	k g		kh g	ṅ	
glottals			h		

Table 11 Sound system of Tumshuqese (values in the table are based on transliteration of the Brāhmī script).

Verb distinguished all inherited moods as well as active and middle voice. Also verbal endings continue from *Proto-Iranian, in this case the forms of the endings may differ due to Khōtanese sound changes. Innovative is transformation of tenses – Khōtanese distinguishes just opposition of present and perfect. Perfect is based on opposition of transitive and intransitive verbs – each of these categories has its own set of endings (EMMERICK 1989; GERTSENBERG 1981).

Knowledge of Tumshuqese is poor in comparison to Khōtanese. Tumshuqese is generally much more archaic, both in phonology and in morphology; there is e.g. no sonorization of word-internal voiceless vowels or no palatalization of vowels (EMMERICK 1989, 204-205).

As was observed by János Harmatta, beside Khōtanese and Tumshuqese there are also some other Saka dialects, so-called dialects of Southern Saka – Sīstān Saka, Gandhāra Saka, Mathurā Saka and Ujjayinī and Mālvā Saka. The dialects of Southern Saka are attested mainly on onomastic material in some Prakrit texts written in the Brāhmī and Kharōṣṭhī scripts, occasionally there are some glosses in the Greek alphabet (HARMATTA 1989), another Saka dialects of the Eastern Turkestan attested by several glosses are Murtuq Saka (a variety of Tumshuqese?), Krōrainā Saka, Kāshghar Saka (Kanchakī, Kanjakī) and Indian Saka (GERTSENBERG 1981, 234). Question is whether unattested languages of *Sakā tigraxaudā* and *Sakā haumavargā* known from Old Persian sources were the proper languages of the Saka, or whether they were spoken by Central Asian Scythians.

1.1.1.4. New Iranian period

In the New Iranian period is attested majority of the known Eastern Iranian languages. Three languages – Wanjī, Zēbākī and Sarghulāmī – died in on the beginning of the last century. There are now 20 living Eastern Iranian languages spoken by approximately 32'809'000 people (excluding Pashtō some 809'000 people). Only Ossetic and Pashtō have orthography of its own, the other languages have no written tradition.

Modern Eastern Iranian languages differ considerably one from the other. All the languages have simplified nominal declination to maximally three cases system. Verbal inflection was in many languages much simplified, majority of past tense verbal forms is based on ergative

construction. Typical Iranian subject-object-verb word order continues in all Eastern Iranian languages.

I.1.1.4.a. North Eastern Iranian

I.1.1.4.1. Yaghnōbī

Yaghnōbī (*Yaghnābī*, incorrectly also *Neo-Sogdian*³⁴; *yaγnōbī zivók*, *yaγnōbī lavz*³⁵) is a language originally spoken in a high-mountain valley on the upper reaches of the river Yaghnōb in Aynī district in North-Western Tajikistan. In the 18th century some of the Yaghnōbīs settled southern slopes of the Ḥiṣār range in northern parts of the Varzōb district South of Yaghnōb and several villages in Ghōnchī district in the Ferghāna Valley; later in the half of the 20th century some Yaghnōbīs settled southern parts of Varzōb and Northern Ḥiṣōr regions (BUZURGMEHR 2005). In the years 1970 and 1971 all the population of the Yaghnōb valley was forced to move to the Zafarōbōd district in the Hungry Steppe (*Mirzōčūl*; LOY 2005), some of the Yaghnōbīs returned back to their homeland in the early 1990's, today there are approximately 500 people living in the Yaghnōb Valley³⁶ (MİRZŌZŌDA 2008, 6). There are some 12'500 people who consider themselves Yaghnōbī, of which approximately 8000 speak Yaghnōbī

³⁴ Designation 'Neo-Sogdian' was rarely used in older scientific literature (cf. BOGOLYUBOV 1956). Nowadays Yaghnōbī is also called *suγdī* (*z'ivók*), Sogdian by some of its speakers. This is a quite recent phenomenon caused by the emerging national self-awareness of the Yaghnōbīs.

³⁵ The language is called also *yaγnōwī* or even *yaγdnōwī* by some of its speakers. The name of the language is derived from the name of the Yaghnōb river and its valley (Tjk. *Yaγnōb*, Yagh. *Yáγnōb*, *Yáγnōu*). The original name of the river and its valley has two possible etymologies:

1) it either comes from Yagh. *yaγd* - *yaxt* 'wide' (Sogd. в *yaγ(?)rt-y*, *yryt* с *yryt-y* /yɔ(ʔ)γdī/) and *nōu* 'valley, dale' > **yaγd-nōu* > *Yáγ(d)nōu* > Tjk. *Yaγnōb* (but also *Yáγ(d)nōu*);

2) or it comes from Tājīk *yaxín* 'cold, icy' or *yaxní* 'cold place' (cf. Sogd. s *yxn(w)* /yɔxnú - ʔéxn(u)/ 'ice') and *ōb* 'water' (Yagh. *ōp*) > **yaxín/yaxní-ōb* > **Yaxnōb* > *Yaγnōb* (change /xn/ > /γn/ can be explained as voice assimilation, but such a change is attested neither in Tājīk nor in Yaghnōbī; it may be explained as development caused by Tājīk-Yaghnōbī contact ??) – this etymology can be supported by Yaghnōbī toponymy. In the Qūl Valley there is a brook called *Éxi Nōu* (or *Éxnōu*) 'Ice Dale' in Yaghnōbī (Yagh. *ēx*, *īx*, ice, Tjk. *yax* < Ir. **axa-*). The Ēkhi Nōw brook is located in the southern part of the Yaghnōb Valley and it flows into the Shōwkhōn river (i.e. main tributary of the Yaghnōb river in the Yaghnōb Valley itself). Along the river Shōwkhōn runs one of the (historically) most important paths connecting the valley with the Varzōb region, so maybe the Yaghnōb valley received its name through Tājīk reanalysis of Yagh. *Éx(i) Nōu*: the Tājīks analysed the Yaghnōbī hydronym as **Éx(i)n-ōu* and it was later calqued as Tjk. **Yax(i)n-ōb* [Tājīk does not distinguish vowel quantity of *i/ī* and *u/ū* inherited from Persian] > *Yaγnōb*.

Both theories i.e. Yaghnōb as 'Wide Dale' or 'Ice Dale' can be considered correct, or maybe the name of the Yaghnōb Valley/river emerged from a combination of both names, since it is considered that the name as it is known today has been adopted by the Tājīks. Phonetically **yaγd-nōu* is more accurate than *Éx(i) Nōu* or **yaxní/yaxín-ōb*.

³⁶ Before the forced migration there were approximately 2500 people (KHROMOV 1972, 4), 1794 of them were Yaghnōbī-speakers in 1952 (ibid.: 6).

(MĪRZŌZŌDA pers. comm.). Yaghnōbī splits into three dialects – Western, Transitional (or Central) and Eastern³⁷. The language does not have any literary tradition. First books written in Yaghnōbī (dictionaries, text-books etc.) began to appear in the 1990's, today the task to create Yaghnōbī orthography is in progress. A Tajik form of the Cyrillic alphabet serves as the basis for written Yaghnōbī.

Yaghnōbī sound system is relatively archaic – vowels have not been affected much by Umlaut, consonants continue from the Middle Iranian stage, with only little changes. The development of vowels is closely related with stress, it seems that *Proto-Yaghnōbī stress corresponds to position of stress in archaic Sogdian before operation of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law*. Under the influence of stress many Iranian vowels were changed in unstressed positions: *ī and *ū were shortened to *i*, *u*; also short vowels (or even all syllables) were lost when preceding a stressed syllable. Compared to Sogdian in Yaghnōbī there took place a *chain shift* of *ā*, *ō*, *ū* > *ō*, *ū*, *ū̄/ū̄*, (Middle) Iranian *ā changes to Sogdian *ē* under *i*-Umlaut, in Yaghnōbī there is *ē* || *aī*. Consonants do not differ much from Sogdian, major difference may be *β, *ð > *v*, *d*; transition of *ɣ*, *x*, *x°* from velars to uvulars; quite recent is a development of *ʒ > *ʒ* || *ʒ̣*³⁸. Unlike Sogdian there is no change *ʒr, *ðr > *ʒ̣*, *ʒ̣*, in Yaghnōbī, there is “regular” development to *ʒ̣*(*v*)r || *ʒ̣*(*v*)r, *d*(*v*)r; Yaghnōbī *mp*, *nt*, *nk*, *nč* respond to Sogdian *m̄b*, *m̄d*, *m̄g*, *m̄j*; and perhaps (*Proto-)Sogdian (**ɣ*d̄, (**β*d̄, (**z*d̄ > Yaghnōbī *xt*, *ft/vd* || *ft*, *st* || *zd*. (KHROMOV 1987, 653-661)

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b			m w	
labiodentals			f v		
alveolars	t d		s z	n r l	
alveopalatals		č ʝ	š ʒ		
palatals				y	
velars	k g			(ŋ)	
uvulars	q		x ɣ		
labiouvulars			ħ		
pharyngeals			(ħ) (ʕ)		
glottals			h		

Table 12 Sound system of Yaghnōbī.

³⁷ From now on I will distinguish different forms in the Eastern and Western dialect by double vertical line: i.e. {*Eastern dialect*} || {*Western dialect*}. The Transitional dialect stands between the Western and the Eastern one – some of its features correspond with the Western dialect, some other with the Eastern (for more information on the Yaghnōbī dialects see KHROMOV 1972, 97-105; NOVÁK 2010, 243-246). At the present time the majority of speakers use the Western dialect, its speakers settled also areas in the Ghōnchī and Upper Varzōb districts.

³⁸ Before the year 1913 there was still ʒ in Yaghnōbī (JUNKER 1930, 126, 128-129). See chapter II.1.3.10.

Yaghnōbī nouns have two numbers and two cases (direct and oblique), the distinction of gender has been lost³⁹. Plural is formed with the ending *-t* (in words ending in *-a* the final vowel was prolonged before the plural ending: *-a+t > *-āt > -ōt < *-tā-*; oblique case ending originates in Iranian *a*-stem genitive singular: **-hja > -i* (after vowels *-i*, if a word ends in *-a*, this *-a* is palatalized: *-a+i > -ē || -ai*). Adjectives are indeclinable; they have neither case nor gender. Personal pronouns have forms for first two persons, for the third person demonstrative pronouns are used. Personal pronoun of the second person singular and demonstratives of both numbers are declined in two cases⁴⁰; demonstratives distinguish double deixis. Verbs have two stems – present and imperfect, there is a similar pattern also for participles – i.e. present and past participles. The present stem comes from Old Iranian present stems; the imperfect stem is formed from the present stem with addition of augment *a-*. Personal endings of the present tense correspond to Old Iranian primary endings (but the ending of the third person plural was replaced by original perfect ending), imperfect endings come from Iranian optative and imperfect endings. By adding a suffix *-išt* to personal endings was originally formed durative of verbs, later this old durative was reanalyzed: in present the durative ending serves as “new” present, the “old” present then changed its function as a dependent verb; durative of imperfect was reanalyzed as preterite. Perfect tense is derived from the Iranian past participle. Perfect is connected with split ergativity: perfect of intransitional verbs is formed from the past participle and copula, transitional verbs have subject in oblique followed by copula of the third person singular. Forms of progressive (durative) present and perfect are formed from the infinitive, these forms are also influenced by the ergative (formed analogically as in the perfect tense). (KHROMOV 1987, 662-694)

(excursion 2) Yaghnōbī dialects

There are recognised two common Yaghnōbī dialects – Eastern and Western Yaghnōbī. Al’bert Leonidovich Khromov recognises also third, Transitional, dialect which shares some features of Eastern Yaghnōbī and some other of the Western variety. I will not describe the differences between the dialects as this issue has been described well in Khromov’s Yaghnōbī Grammar (KHROMOV 1972, 97-105), an outline of Yaghnōbī dialects with a short dialectal word-list is also presented in the grammatical appendix of the Yaghnōbī-Czech dictionary (NOVÁK 2010, 243-246).

In many works that mention Yaghnōbī dialects there are observed basic differences of development of historical **ǵ* (and **ǵr-*) and *i*-Umlauted **ā*, i.e. development such as **māiǵa- > mēs || mēt* ‘day’; **ǵrāia- > saráy || t’iráy* ‘three’ and **uāstriā- > wēs || wajš* ‘grass’. Less often

³⁹ Some feminine forms were introduced via Tājīk from Arabic or from Russian (cf. ‘colloquial’ *māallimá*, teacheress; *uzbéčka*, Uzbek woman).

⁴⁰ Robert Gauthiot provides direct case of the first person singular *az*. Such form is not mentioned in other works on Yaghnōbī, there is just single form *man* for both cases (originally *man < *mana* is oblique (< genitive) of *(*)az < *ázu < *ázam < *adzám*; cf. GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, 108-109).

differences in verbal endings are given, e.g. for present indicative of the third person singular *-či* || *-tišt*. All the above mentioned examples are distinct in contemporary Yaghnōbī dialects, but they are not as important from diachronic point of view (see e.g. BIELMEIER 1989, 487; VINOGRADOVA 2000b, 309-310; JUNKER 1930, 123-131; BOGOLYUBOV 1966, 359 etc.).

What is more interesting than the above mentioned isoglosses *š* || *ʃ*, *ē* || *aī* and *-či* || *-tišt* is imperfect and simple preterite ending of the first person plural *-īm(išt)* || *-ōm(išt)* – Eastern Yaghnōbī *-īm* is derived from optative **-aiīma* (KHROMOV 1987, 681)⁴¹, but the Western Yaghnōbī ending *-ōm* continues from imperfect **-āma*. This feature was unfortunately left unnoticed by majority of scholars. The two different sets of Yaghnōbī imperfect/simple preterite endings of the first person plural show deeper history of the language, even deeper than the other commonly presented dialectal differences. In this case Eastern Yaghnōbī shares innovation with Sogdian while Western Yaghnōbī (which should be geographically closer to literary Sogdian) preserves archaic Iranian imperfect. This observation may be another clue that proves that Yaghnōbī was not dialect of Sogdian but Sogdian and Yaghnōbī split much earlier.

(excursion 3) Sogdo-Yaghnōbī substrate in the Zarafshān-Tajik dialects

It is not exactly known when the territory of present Tajikistan underwent language shift in favour of Persian; it can be supposed that Persian gained its prestigious position during reign of the Sāmānid dynasty (819-999). Sogdian was then gradually displaced by Persian, but its dialects survived several centuries in mountainous regions on upper reaches of the Zarafshōn river. Nowadays Tajik is spoken in these regions, respectively its Central (of Zarafshān) dialects (RASTORGUEVA 1964). Zarafshān Tajik can be split into three (sub)dialect groups – dialects of historical regions of Mastchōh (cf. KHROMOV 1962), Falghar (cf. KHROMOV 1967; KERIMOVA 1963) and Fōn (RASTORGUEVA 1964, 8; the last two mentioned regions form together with the Yaghnōb Valley present Aynî district, the first mentioned region forms present district Kūhistōni Mastchōh). Substrate words from a Sogdian dialect survived in these dialects. Sogdian substrate in Zarafshān dialects can be observed in phonology, lexicon and in toponymy.

In phonology the Zarafshān dialects share similar features with Yaghnōbī, mainly in a change of vowels initiated by labialization of **ā* and subsequent *chain-shift* of **ō* and **ū* (Figure 5). In the Zarafshān dialects as in Northern Tajik merged **ī*, **i* > *i* and **ū*, **u* > *u* probably before the *chain-shift*, but this feature is not observed in Yaghnōbī (development in Yaghnōbī is a kind of compromise between the schemes (a) and (b) at Figure 5, the development **u*, **ū*, **ú*, **i* > [ʊ, u(:), y:, ɪ]) differs. Substrate consonantism generally does not differ from Tajik, Zarafshān dialects mostly retain clusters *mb*, *nd*, *ng*, *nj*, in Yaghnōbī there is *mp*, *nt*, *nk*, *nč* instead.

⁴¹ And is directly related to Sogdian ending *-ēm*.

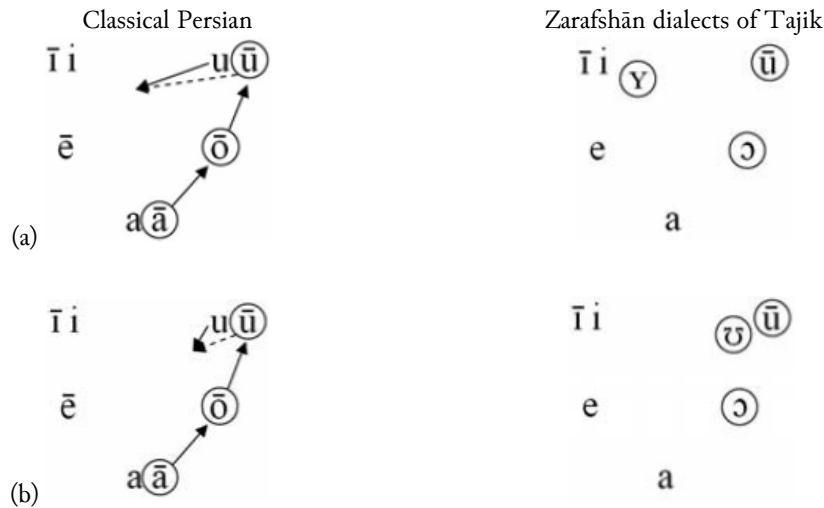


Figure 5 Chain-shift of back vowels in the Zarafshān dialects of Tajik: (a) dialects on the right bank of Lower Mastchōh, several dialects of Upper Mastchōh and majority of Falghar dialects⁴² (including Tajik dialect of the Yaghnōb Valley), (b) majority of Upper Mastchōh dialects, dialects on the left bank of Lower and several Upper Falghar dialects; dashed arrow represents conditioned change (IDÖ 2009, 68).

The Sogdian substrate can be recognised in lexicon – problem of Sogdian loan-words in Persian was solved by Walter Bruno HENNING (1939). The list of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī words in the Zarafshān dialects and in Tajik was studied by Al’bert Leonidovich KHRUMOV (1962; 1388). In the Zarafshān dialects there are 74 words of Eastern Iranian origin – nine of them are of Sogdian origin without attested responses in Yaghnōbī; 16 words are attested both in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī; 28 are attested only in Yaghnōbī and other 21 words are of Eastern Iranian origin, but their Sogdian and/or Yaghnōbī source cannot be found.

Another important source for the study of Sogdo-Yaghnōbī substrate is toponymy, from Sogdian sources there are known some place-names of North-Western Tajikistan that are used even today e.g. *Anzōb* (Sogd. Mg ʔnzʔβh), *Iskōdār* (Sogd. Mg ʔskʔtr), *Farmētān* (Sogd. Mg prnm̄ydn°), *Falyār* (Sogd. Mg pryrh), *Madm* (Sogd. Mg m̄mh), *Dary* (Sogd. Mg d̄ryh , Yagh. *Dary*), *Rarz* (Sogd. Mg rzh), *Falmōūt* (Sogd. Mg ʔβtmʔwt° , Yagh. *Fatmōūt*, TFalgh. *Falmōūt*), *Xušēkāt* (Sogd. Mg (ʔ)γsykn̄dh , ʔγsykt° , TFalgh. *Xušēkāt*), *Mardūškāt* (Sogd. Mg mrt̄škt- ; TMast. *Mardūškāt*, *Mardūškāt*; today generally called Mastchōh), *Zarōvātk* (Sogd. Mg zrʔw̄dkh), *Varz(-i Mīnór)* (Sogd. B βrz- ; present Aynî), *Vōdif* (Sogd. H wʔtyβ°); other toponyms are known also from neighbouring areas: *Farm*⁴³ (Sogd. Mg γrm°), *Varzōb* (Sogd. B βrz- + ʔp(h)) etc. (cf. KHRUMOV 1966; BOGOLYUBOV – SMIRNOVA 1963, 101-108; SMIRNOVA 1963; BUSHKOV – NOVIKOV 1992; LUR’E 2004; NOVÁK [in print], NOVÁK 2009).

⁴² In majority of the Upper Falghar dialects (with an exception in dialect of Razr) and in some Lower Mastchōh dialect of right bank of the river Zarafshōn there [y] later changed to [i] (KHRUMOV 1962; KHRUMOV 1967b). In the presented thesis the Zarafshān Tājik vowels [u] and [y] will be transcribed as *ú*, *ÿ*.

⁴³ It is either city of Gharm in Rasht district in Qarōtegīn, or it could be village of Gharmēn in Yaghnōb (BUSHKOV – NOVIKOV 1992).

On the basis of the substrate in the Zarafshān dialects it can be assumed that the local dialect originated from the same basis as Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – this hypothetical language (dialect) can be called *Zarafshānī. It is possible that Zarafshānī could originate in a dialect (?) attested in documents from fortress of Ғишōrak in by Mardūshkat in Mastchōh (cf. LUR'E 2011; 2012, 455-456).

I.1.1.4.2. Ossetic

Ossetic (*Ossetian*) needs to be understood as two varieties of one language – *Iron* (iron ævzag, ironaу || iron ævzag, ironaу; in older works also *Tagaur* – Northern Iron and *Twal* – Southern Iron) and *Digoron* (*Digor*; dɨguron ævzag, dɨguronaу || digoron ævzag, digoronaу)⁴⁴. Iron is official language in North Ossetia-Alania and South Ossetia (formerly autonomous region of Georgia), Digoron is spoken in western parts of North and South Ossetia. Iron is considered as a literal form of Ossetic, total number of speakers of Ossetic vernaculars is estimated to 542'000 people (ISAEV 1987, 539). Both dialects are historically close one to the other, but due to sound changes that started in Iron approximately two hundred years ago both languages are intelligible with difficulties (THORDARSON 1989, 457); to these two dialects also a transitional dialect of Wællagkom can be added (ISAEV 1966, 101-111). The oldest book written in Ossetic was a translation of catechism by Gay Takaov in the year 1798, the language was written in old (i.e. Church Slavic) variety of the Cyrillic alphabet, in the past Ossetic was written in various modifications of Cyrillic, Georgian alphabets Khutsuri and Mkhedruli or in modified Latin alphabet (THORDARSON 1989, 457-459); Digoron speaking Muslims also used the Arabic script. Modern Ossetic nowadays uses the Cyrillic alphabet extended by a letter æ and nine digraphs (in Digoron there is also digraph *iy* for /i/ and also a letter *b* may be used).

consonants					vowels	
	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants		
bilabials	p p̣ b			m w		
labiodentals			f v			
alveolars	t ṭ d	č	c ʒ	n r l		
postalveolars		č̣ č̣̣ j̣	s z			
palatals				y		
velars	k ḳ g			(ŋ)		
labiovelars	kʷ ḳʷ gʷ					
uvulars	q		x ɣ			
labiouvulars	qʷ		xʷ ɣʷ			

Table 13 Sound system of Iron Ossetic.

⁴⁴ In this work Ossetic words will be marked in three ways – words that are the same in form will be marked just as ‘Oss.’, when there are different forms in the Iron and Digoron dialects, those forms will be separated by double vertical line: {Iron} || {Digoron}. If a word exists only in one Ossetic dialect, it will be marked by a small capital letter: I = Iron, D = Digoron.

Ossetic is a direct descendent of Alanic, which originates in Scytho-Sarmatian dialects. Though the origins of Ossetic can be traced to the 7th century BC, we have no satisfactory linguistic data concerning its ancestor(s) – the problem lays mainly in an insufficient graphical system in which the old Scytho-Sarmatian languages were recorded and also in a fragmentariness of data which do not provide us with much information concerning morphology and syntax.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p p̣ b			m w	
labiodentals			f v		
alveolars	t ṭ d	c č ʒ	s z	n r l	
alveopalatals					
palatals				y	
velars	k ḳ g			(ŋ)	
labiovelars					
uvulars	q		x ɣ		
labiouvulars					
glottals			(h)		

Table 14 Sound system of Digoron Ossetic.

Vocalic system of Ossetic, mainly of its Digoron dialect, is rather archaic – reduction of unstressed vowels in Alano-Ossetic dialects did not occur to such extent as it is known in other Eastern Iranian languages. The development of vowels was as follows: $*a > e, a, o$; $*ā > a, o$; $*āi(a) > i \parallel e$; $*āu(a) > u \parallel o$; $*ĩ > ʌ \parallel i$; $*ũ > (ʷ)ʌ \parallel u$; $*r > ær, ar$; palatalized $*a(i) > i \parallel ī, e$; $*ua$ after a velar or uvular $> o, e \parallel wa, wæ$; and e from contraction: $-e + e-$ or $-e + i-$ $\parallel ye-$. In Alano-Ossetic, the quantity of high vowels was lost: $*i, *ī$ and $*u, *ū$ developed to i and u in Digoron, in Iron they all merged into $ʌ$. Qualitative changes can be observed for low vowels $*a$ and $*ā$, in this case quantitative difference was replaced by difference in quality: $*a = e / e/$, $*ā = a / a/$, $*a$ in front of two tautosyllabic consonants merges with $/a/$ and this “new” $/a/$ later changed to o when followed by a nasal. Consonant system continues from Alanic without major changes, but it has been enriched by contact with Caucasian languages, so in Ossetic there are also glottalized consonants $p̣, ṭ, ḳ, c̣$, and in Iron also $č̣$. Ossetic innovation when compared to Alanic is the switch $*š, *ž, *č, *č̣, *j > s, z, c, c̣, ʒ$ ⁴⁵. Velars and uvulars were labialized in front of old o and u (Iron $u, ʌ$): $k, ḳ, g, q, x, ɣ > kʷ, ḳʷ, gʷ, qʷ, xʷ, ɣʷ$. Iron differs from Digoron in two

⁴⁵ Development of $s, z, c, c̣, ʒ$ continues also recently, in (Northern) Iron they are realized as $[ʃ, ʒ, s, ʂ, z]$; in Digoron they remain as $[s, z, ʂ, ʂ', dʒ]$ when followed by back vowels (i.e. e, a, o, u), before front vowels e and $ĩ$ they are palatalized: $[ʃ, ʒ, ʃj, ʃj', dʒj]$. Different development can be observed in some southern dialects of Iron: sibilants and $*č̣$ develop the same way as in northern Iron, palatal affricates probably retained their pronunciation until half of the 19th century, nowadays pronunciation of $*č̣, *j$ remained when geminated or when following n , in all other positions they changed to palatal sibilants: $*č̣, *j > /š, ž/ \times (*č̣č̣, (*j)j, (*n)č, (*n)j$ (THORDARSON 1989, 457).

fundamental changes: change of word-initial $\gamma^{(w)}- > q^{(w)}-$ and affrication of palatal velars before front vowels e and \ddot{i} : $\acute{k}, \acute{k}', \acute{g} > \check{c}, \check{c}', \check{j}$ (in southern Iron dialects $> c, c', \check{z}$, in Digoron they remain $\acute{k}, \acute{k}', \acute{g}$). It should be noted that labialization and palatalization preceded change $(*)i, (*)u > \upsilon$ ⁴⁶ (ISAEV 1987, 552-580; THORDARSON 1989, 459-466). Bilabial approximants w [$\beta - \upsilon$] and y [$j - \ddot{i}$] are non-phonemic and often form falling or rising diphthongs.

Ossetic distinguishes nine (D eight) cases: nominative, genitive, dative, allative, ablative, inessive, superessive (/adessive), elative (/equative) and comitative (the last mentioned case is not present in Digoron), it has two numbers (singular and plural) and does not distinguish gender. Ossetic is by the number of cases comparable to Old Iranian, nevertheless Ossetic cases do not respond to the Old Iranian cases functionally; only endings of four cases – nominative, genitive, ablative and inessive (< locative) are considered to be inherited from Old Iranian. All the other case endings newly emerged from prepositions, adverbs or due to contact with languages of Caucasus (BELYAEV 2010). There is also an opinion that Ossetic originally possessed only two inherited Old Iranian cases: nominative and genitive (> oblique) and the other cases are an innovation due to contact with Caucasian languages (KIM 2003; 2007).

Ossetic verbal morphology is quite conservative, it preserves most of Old Iranian verbal moods, an innovation is shift of past tenses into single past tense – preterite, also the forms of future tense are new. Conservatism can be observed clearly also in personal endings which are in many cases inherited (THORDARSON 1989, 473-477; ISAEV 1987, 664-632). There are distinguished transitional and intransitional verbs, transitivity is expressed morphologically in preterite – to a past stem (formed originally from $*-ta-$ past participles) are added personal endings, for transitional verbs formed from copula, for intransitional verbs formed from verb *to have* (ISAEV 1987, 619). It is evident that the preterite endings confirm ergative construction which have been lost in modern Ossetic, but it has just preserved its trace in two sets of the preterite personal endings⁴⁷. For Ossetic is characteristic the use of preverbs – calque from the

⁴⁶ Velars were probably palatalized quite recently, some 150 or 200 years ago. In the first book printed in Ossetic there are no marks of palatalization in orthography (but see notation of palatalized and non-palatalized velars in the Romance languages), either the change $i, u > \upsilon$ has not taken place although the book was written in the Iron dialect (KOZYREVA 1974, 64). The issue of Ossetic phonology at the end of the 18th century is complicated – Tamara Zaurbekovna Kozyreva in her analysis of Ossetic Catechism does not deal with phonology and notes that the analysis needs a separate study (ibid.: 14). Palatalization of velars had to be completed before the year 1844, when had Andeas Johan Sjögren published the first grammar of Ossetic (SJÖGREN 1844). The solution perhaps may be found in translations of religious texts to Southern Ossetic (written in the Khutsuri alphabet), which were published in the early 19th century by Ivane Yalghuzidze (THORDARSON 1989, 458), unfortunately I have not seen those sources. The clue for the issue of velar palatalization can be found in different results of palatalization in the Southern and Northern Iron dialects, or possibly in the development of the transitional Digoron-Iron dialect of Wællagkom – according to Vsevolod Fëdorovich Miller the velars were seldom palatalized before the year 1880, but before the year 1957 palatalization was fully implemented (ISAEV 1966, 106-107).

⁴⁷ The comparison of ergative with Ossetic inflectional system could be interesting – there are many “new” cases formed due to contact with Caucasian languages but it has not preserved or borrowed ergative as a separate case, by

Caucasian languages, but morphologically formed from Iranian sources; preverbs have two functions – locative and modal (THORDARSON 1989, 475; ISAEV 1987, 612-616).

I.1.1.4.b. The Pāmīr languages

The Pāmīr languages (or *Badakhshānī languages*) form a significant group within the Southern branch of the Eastern Iranian languages⁴⁸. The Pāmīr languages can be divided into two groups: Northern Pāmīrī (or “Shughnī-Yazghulāmī”) group and Southern Pāmīrī group. To the Southern group belong Wakhī and Ishkāshmī-Sanglēcī, all the other Pāmīr languages belong to the Northern group⁴⁹. Formerly it was supposed that the languages come from a **“Proto-Pāmīrī”* proto-language (cf. PAKHALINA 1983), nowadays it seems that sources for these languages vary, maybe the languages of the Shughnī-Yazghulāmī group may have a common ancestor (cf. ÈDEL’MAN – DODYKHUOEVA 2009, 773; PAYNE 1989, 420-423; SOKOLOVA 1967; SOKOLOVA 1973).

We do not have much information about the (pre)history of the Pāmīr-Hindūkush area before the Middle Ages, but it seems that Pāmīr was settled by Iranian speaking people in several waves. We do not know from where the Iranian-speaking Pāmīrians came, there may be a clue only for Wakhī which shares some isoglosses with the Saka dialects. Martin Kümmel suggests that (Old) Wakhī was originally a Western Saka dialect (KÜMMEL 2008, 1) – nowadays Wakhī certainly belongs to the Pāmīr group, a study of the Wakhī material shows that there may be two (or even more) language layers⁵⁰. It can be supposed that a “Saka-Wakhī” language

contrast, it completely dropped it, despite the fact that ergative is present in languages such as Georgian or Svan (BELYAEV 2010, 309-310).

⁴⁸ The most widely accepted classification of the Eastern Iranian languages divides those languages into two branches – Northern and Southern. I have not found any exact criteria by which both branches are defined. It can be assumed that the inner development especially in the Southern branch could have been much more difficult. It seems that the Eastern Iranian languages should be reclassified. They can be newly divided into five branches: **I** Northern (or Scythian group; *to this group belong Sogdian, Scytho-Sarmatian dialects, Ossetic and Yaghnōbi*), **II** North-eastern (or Saka; *Saka dialects, maybe also Wakhī*), **III** Central (or Pāmīr; *Yazghulāmī, Shughnī-Rōshānī group, Munjī-Yidghā, Wakhī, Ishkāshmī-Sanglēcī*), **VI** Southern (or Paṭhān; *Pashtō and Waṇetsī*; maybe *Munjī-Yidghā* and *Sarghulāmī* can belong to this group) and **V** South-eastern (*Ōrmuṛī and Parāchī*). Questionable is a position of Bactrian (member of the Paṭhān group or Munjī-Yidghā Pāmīr subgroup ??) and Khwārezmian within the above mentioned groups. The proposed classification is based mainly on contemporary (often geographically conditioned) proximity of the languages. Such classification needs to be based on more thorough study of isoglosses within all members of the Eastern Iranian group, some criteria will be shown later in this thesis.

⁴⁹ The position of Munjī and Yidghā within the Pāmīr group may be questionable, there are some authorities who do not recognise them Pāmīr languages and link them with Pashtō and Waṇetsī. More complicated is the position of Sarghulāmī. I will treat them all as members of the Pāmīr group in this work.

⁵⁰ They can be observed mainly in different development of intervocalic voiceless consonants – in some cases they remain voiceless, but in some other instances they were voiced. There are even some examples of roots with forms with both voiced and voiceless responses in Wakhī.

was “Pāmīrized”, i.e. overlaid by a Pāmīr superstrate⁵¹. It is quite difficult to determine the development of the Pāmīr languages. As I have mentioned above, there is no reason to reconstruct a *Proto-Pāmīrī language, when a proto-language of the Pāmīr area is needed then it should be reconstructed just for the Shughnī-Yazghulāmī languages. Also Munjī-Yidghā (and Sarghulāmī ??) probably belonged to this group, but they probably split earlier⁵². The Ishkāshmī-Sanglēc̄hī languages are quite close to the Northern Pāmīr languages, but they differ in some aspects, some authors even suppose that Ishkāshmī-Sanglēc̄hī differ more from Yazghulāmī and Shughnī-Rōshānī than does Munjī and Yidghā (ÈDEL’MAN – DODYKHUODOEVA 2009, 773, 775-777; PAYNE 1989, 420-423; SOKOLOVA 1973). Genetic affiliation of the Pāmīr languages is thus problematic.

To explain similarities between the individual languages of the area we can postulate Pāmīr linguistic area (*Sprachbund*), i.e. the Pāmīr languages of Badakhshān (excluding Munjī and Yidghā). The Pāmīr linguistic area then belongs to a wider linguistic area of the Pāmīr-Hindūkush region that includes all the Pāmīr languages (with Munjī and Yidghā) and the Dardic and Nūristānī languages. There can be even a wider linguistic area – Central Asian or Himālayan Sprachbund that includes the languages of the Pāmīr-Hindūkush Sprachbund, other Iranian languages (i.e. Pashtō, Waṇetsī, Parāchī, Ōrmuṛī, Balōchī), some Indo-Aryan languages (Dōmākī, Western Pahārī, Panjābī and maybe Lahndā and Sindhī), some Sino-Tibetan languages (Baltī, Ladākhī, West Himālayish languages), Dravidan Brahūī and the language isolate Burūshaskī (PAYNE 1989, 422-423).

Some place names in Pāmīr show probable non-Iranian origin, according to Tat’yana Nikolaevna Pakhalina the name of Ishkāshim should be Indo-Aryan⁵³ and Yazghulām and Sarghulām probably contain a non-Indo-Iranian continuant of Ide. *d^béḡ^bōm ~ *d^béḡ^bém- ‘earth’⁵⁴ (PAKHALINA 1976b).

⁵¹ Ivan Mikhaïlovič STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY (1976) sees some pre-Wakhī traces in toponymy of Western part of the Wakhī-speaking territory: Khandūt (Wakh. *Āndūt* < Ir. *x^uan-dāta-, given by the Sun; Tjk. *Xandūt*) and Namatgūt (Wakh. *Namatgūt* < Ir. *namata-gāt-/gāṣ-, place of prayer/adoration; Tjk. *Namatgūt*, earlier also *Namōzgāb* which is Tājik calque of the Wakhī name). «It is possible that the names Khandūt and Namatgūt originate in some [unknown] Eastern Iranian dialect that was close or even identical with an ancestor of the contemporary Wakhī language and they [i.e. the place-names] were formed in a period when Old Iranian form- and word-formation models were still preserved.» (STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY 1976, 185)

⁵² It is even possible that an ancestor of Munjī and Yidghā was a ‘Pāmīrized’ dialect similar to Bactrian.

⁵³ The name of Ishkāshim (originally name of a territory, later on also name of the cites of Eshkāshem and Nut): Ishk. *Š(ṽ)košm*, Pers. *Iškāšim*, Tjk. *Iškōšim*, AfghP. *Eškāšém*; Wakh. *Š(ə)košum*; Shugh. *Šikōšum*) has probably derived from Indo-Aryan **śakā-samā-* (sic! PAKHALINA 1976b, 178; probably **śakā-šamā-*) ‘Land of the Saka’, cf. Ved. **śakā-kṣam-* (PAKHALINA 1976b, 178-179). Probable etymon for *Š(ṽ)košm/Iškāšim* should be (Old) Indo-Aryan **śakā-kṣamā-* with loss of **k* in **kṣamā-* as a result of dissimilation: **śakā-kṣamā-* > **śakāṣamā-* > *Proto-Ishk. **š(ā)kāš(ā)m-* > Ishk. *Š(ṽ)košm*, *š(ṽ)košmī*; Pers. *Iškāšim*, *iškāš(i)mī* (Wakhī and Shughnī forms are loans from Ishkāshmī or Persian).

⁵⁴ Tat’yana Nikolaevna Pakhalina sees development of Ide. **d^béḡ^bém* (IIr. **gd^bām-*; Ir. **dzam-*; Ave. *zam-*; Pers. *zamīn*; Ved. *kṣam-*; Gre. *χράων* and adv. *χαμαί*, on the earth; Lat. *humus*; Hit. *tēkan*; TokhA. *tkam*; TokhB. *kam*;

The Pāmīr languages share many similar features in phonology and morphology. Vocalic similarities can be seen in operation of *i*- and *ā*-Umlaut. Almost in all of the Pāmīr languages there were secondary palatalized tectals prior to front vowels (including **ǎ* and often **r*), also postalveolar fricatives were depalatalized in almost all of the languages. Palatal sibilants tended to change to retroflex sounds or even to velar fricatives. Intervocalic voicing of voiceless stops and sibilants appeared in all languages, except Wakhī where this feature appears partly, probably due to influence of substrate or adstrate. In morphology we can see also many common features – gradual reduction of cases into two case system (but this development historically differs from one language (*subgroup*) to another) and its replacement with adpositional constructions,

OCS. *zemlja*; Lith. *žemė*) in several responses that exclude Iranian development: Yazghulām can be translated as ‘Land of the **Asi* people’. The root **ǎšī*- (?) can be compared with the name of the Ossetians or Jassians or the Ἀσιανοί, Ἀσιαῖοι (PTOLEMY, Geography V 9:16) or Ἄσιαοι (STRABO, Geography XI, 8:2) or with Ave. *asu-*, fast (ABAEV 1958, 79). The Ide. root **d^bǧ^bém* changed to **(ǧ)ǧ^(b)ām-* > **ǧǧām-* > **ǧ/ǧ^(b)ǧām*. This **ǧ/ǧ^(b)ǧām* was borrowed as **ǧulām* in Persian and besides *Yazǧulām* it also appears in the name *Sarǧulām* (i.e. ‘*Upper Land’; cf. also Sarghulāmī development **d* > *ǧ* > *l* – so the Persian form was probably borrowed from Sarghulāmī or another related but otherwise unknown language). Yazghulāmī name of the Yazghulām Valley is *Yūzdom*, its origin is the same as of Pers. *Yazǧulām* (Tjk. *Yazǧulóm*, in Southern dialects *Yazǧolóm*) < **Ἄσιαοι/Ἀσιαῖοι/Ἀσιανοί*-**ǧ^(b)ǧ^(b)ām-* > **ǧās-(ǧ)ǧām-* > *Yūzdom*. There lays also the origin of the name of the Yazghulām river, Yazgh. *Z(ǧ)ǧ^(b)amenj* < **ǧās-(d)ǧāmāna-čī-* (also Yazgh. *z(ǧ)ǧ^(b)amiǧ*, a person from Yazghulām < **ǧās-(d)ǧāmā-čī-ǧā-*); probably there were lately two (or even three) continuants of **ǧ^(b)ǧ^(b)ām-* in the Yazghulām-Sarghulām area: **(ǧ)ǧām-* and **(d)ǧ^(b)ām-/ǧ^(b)ǧām-*. (cf. PAKHALINA 1976b, 179-181)

A variety of **(d)ǧām-/ǧ^(b)ǧām-* < Ide. **d^bǧ^bém* appears also in several (Dardic?) toponyms in Hindūkush: *Šiṇe-gam* ‘Land of the Šiṇā’, *Kalaš-gum* ‘Land of the Kalāša’, *Verši-gum* < **Veršik-gum* ‘Land of the Verchik (=B(u)rūshō) people’ (PAKHALINA 1976b, 179), but Martin Kümmel connects *galum* with Skr. *grāma-*, troop > village (KÜMMEL, pers. comm.). In zero-grades Ide. **d^bǧ^bm₃-* appears as *kṣm-*, *gm-*, *jm-* in Vedic, see declination of Ved. *kṣam-* (f): sg. nom. *kṣās*, gen.-abl. *gmas / jmas / kṣmas*, dat. *kṣe*, acc. *kṣam*, loc. *jman / kṣāmi*, instr. *j mā*; du. nom. *kṣāmā*; pl. nom. *kṣā(mā)iś*, acc. *kṣās*, loc. *kṣāsu* (MAYRHOFER 1992, 424-425; MONIER-WILLIAMS 1964, 326); cf. Avestan *zam-*: sg. nom. *zā*, gen. *zāmō*, acc. *zqm*, loc. *zāmē / zāmō*; du. nom. *zā*; pl. acc. *zāmas*, voc. *zāmō* (BARTHOLOMAE 1961, 1662-1665). For the Iranian languages there is no attested zero-grade **ǧm-* as in Vedic, according to Avestan there had to be Iranian zero-grade **ǧm-*. For Dardic we can suppose zero-grade (or a reduced form) **ǧ(V)m-*. These examples do not explain origin of [*Yūzdom*], [*Yazǧulām*] and [*Z(ǧ)ǧ^(b)am[enj]*]/[*z(ǧ)ǧ^(b)am[iǧ]*]. Is it a form of an otherwise unknown *centum* (?) Indo-European language (*Eteo-Pāmīrī?) that was different from *Proto-Tokharian (: **tkam-*). The **ǧm-* and **ǧ(V)m-* roots can be compared with Greek *χαμαί* (× *χῆών*).

The above mentioned examples are an extension to proposal given by Tat’yana Nikolaevna PAKHALINA (1976b) in a short study on Pāmīr toponymy. This issue is still opened for further discussion, but it seems that the Pāmīr region was once linguistically richer than it is today. Question is whether my postulation of the *centum* *Eteo-Pāmīrī is correct or whether the development of the Ide. root **d^bǧ^bém* in *Yūzdom*, *Z(ǧ)ǧ^(b)amenj/z(ǧ)ǧ^(b)amiǧ*, *Yazǧulām* and *Sarǧulām* can be observed in Dardic (or maybe Nūristānī) languages, in Dardic the outcome of the ‘thorn clusters’ should be **ǧ*, **ǧ* (KÜMMEL, pers. comm.).

The names *Yūzdom*, *Yazǧulām*, and *Sarǧulām* can be also connected with IIr. **d^bāman-* ‘place’, but this does not explain the initial parts of the presented toponyms. Yazghulām may be explained as **azga-dāman-* ‘branch-place’ (KÜMMEL, pers. comm.), but Ir. **azga-* (IIr. **hazg^ba-*) is attested only in Western Iranian (Pahl. *azg*, Pers. *azáγ*).

development of ergative construction, which later tends to be lost. From demonstratives emerged definite article which became one of the most important part of speech since it determines gender (in those languages, where it is preserved), case and often subject, the demonstratives preserve triple deixis (except Yazghulāmī, where the system of deixis has been innovated). The Pāmīr languages are also very similar in means of syntax.

I.1.1.4.3. Wanjī

Wanjī (*Vanji* or *Old Wanji*; w/vanji, vanjiwor(i), vanjivor) is an extinct language of the Vanj Valley in northern part of the Vanj district in Tajik Badakhshān. The first information on Wanjī as the language differing from Tajik comes from the year 1906 from a book *Vostochnaya Bukhara* by Andrei Evgen'evich Snesev" (LASHKARBĒKOV 2008, 61), first linguistic data were brought by Ivan Ivanovich Zarubin, who wrote that: «*The inhabitants of valley of the Vanj river, pouring into the river Panj northwards of Yazghulām [and] where is now [spoken] one of the Mountain-Tajik dialects, do remember that their ancestors used to speak a different language. In the year 1915 there were living some elders who had used to hear the Wanjī language from their grandfathers in childhood and could tell several words which were preserved in their memories. Despite their small number they [i.e. the words] allow to consider the lost language as one of the Pāmīr [languages]*» (ZARUBIN 1924, 79-80) – those *several* Wanjī words represent a list of 33 words and phrases (ibid.: 80). Ten years later the Vanj Valley has been visited by Mikhail Stepanovich Andreev who confirmed that already in a half of the 19th century the language was spoken only in the furthestmost villages of Upper Vanj. Andreev even met one of the informants of Ivan Ivanovich Zarubin – an old man of advanced age, who hardly recalled two-three dozen words of the forgotten language (ANDREEV 1945, 66). There are attested 64 Wanjī words altogether (ZARUBIN 1924, 80; ROZENFEL'D 1964, 141) and one derisive couplet recorded by Hannes SKÖLD (1936, 18-19; LASHKARBĒKOV 2008, 62²), some lexemes can be observed by an analysis of the Vanj toponymy and other words can be found in Tajik dialect of Vanj; together we can reconstruct some 500-600 Wanjī lexemes (LASHKARBĒKOV 2008, 63).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b			m w	
labiodentals			f v		
dentals	t d		ʒ ɖ		
alveolars		(c) (z)	s z	n r l	
postalveolars		č j	š ž		
palatals				y	
velars	k g		χ ɣ	(ŋ)	
uvulars	q		x ɣ		
glottals			h		

Table 15 Sound system of Wanjī.

Reconstruction of Wanjī phonology carries its own pitfalls – the main problem is real phonological inventory which has been influenced by Tajik adstrate; for the reconstruction of Wanjī phonology closely related Yazghulāmī and Shughnī-Rōshānī languages are helpful. The development of vowels can be summarized as follows: **i*, **u* > *i*, *ɜ*; **ī* > *i*; **ū* > *u*; **a_i* > *i*, *e*, *ai*; **au* > *au*, *aw-av*; **r* > *ø*, *ir*; **a* > *a*, *u*, *e*, *ɜ*; **ā* > *o*; **ī* > *i*; **īa* > *e*; **r*, **ar*, **ā* before a nasal > *ai*; **a*, **ā* under *i*-Umlaut > *i*, *e*; **a*, **ā* in vicinity of a labial > *o*, *u*. For consonants is typical sonorization of voiceless stops when they follow sonors of voiced consonants and shifts **ʃ* > *x*⁵⁵; **ʒr*- > *r*; **-ʒr*- > *c*-*ʃ*⁵⁶. It seems that Middle Iranian sounds **ʒ*, **ʒ*⁵⁷ remained in Wanjī, but in some cases there may be observed shift **ɖ* > *l* (LASHKARBĒKOV 2008, 64-89). Realization of *v* and *w* is disputable – whether they were two separate phonemes or free varieties of one sound as in Tajik⁵⁸ (LASHKARBĒKOV 2008, 75-77).

Wanjī morphology can be reconstructed only partially from the attested material. Wanjī probably distinguished masculine and feminine genders, some feminines were formed with *i*-Umlaut of the root vowel similarly as in other Shughnī-Yazghulāmī branch of the Pāmīr languages. Plural of nouns was probably formed by adding an ending *-ev*. There is no information about the inflectional system of Wanjī. For adjectives there is attested the comparative ending *-tar* < Ir. **-tara-*. Also information about verbal morphology is very poor. Several verbal stems are attested, for some of them we also know a past stem in **-ta-(ka-)*. Infinitive was formed by adding an ending *-ak*. Neither personal endings are attested, except imperative of the second person singular which was equal to the present stem. Marginally are attested also several demonstrative and relative pronouns and few postpositions (LASHKARBĒKOV 2008, 95-103). A reconstruction of morphology is difficult, though there has been recorded one Wanjī coupled (*bayt*) – this couplet can be interpreted as Tajik with Wanjī lexicon (LASHKARBĒKOV 2008, 62²).

I.1.1.4.4. Yazghulāmī

Yazghulāmī (*Yazgulāmī*; yūzdom(i) z(ə)vəg, z(ə)amígi z(ə)vəg, z(ə)amígayi z(ə)vəg)⁵⁹ is a language spoken approximately by 3000 people in the Yazghulām valley in southern part of the Vanj

⁵⁵ In words recorded by Zarubin and Andreev *ʃ* appears either as <š> or as uvular <x>, in the Tājik dialect of Vanj there is also either *š* or *x* for Wanjī (**ʃ*).

⁵⁶ In records of Zarubin and Andreev instead of *c* there is <č>, in Vanjī Tājik there is no /*c*/ phoneme, it is consistently replaced by /*č*/.

⁵⁷ In words recorded by Zarubin and Andreev *ʒ* is spelled as <s> and *ɖ* is mostly spelled <d>, sporadically <z>. In the same way the continuants of **ʒ* and **ɖ* are realized in Vanjī dialects of Tājik.

⁵⁸ Modern Tājik has just one /*v*/ phoneme with positional allophone /*w*/ (PERRY 2005, 24-25), contrary Afghan Daī has just single /*w*/ sound (KISELEVA 1985, 27).

⁵⁹ Persian name of the language sounds *yazgulāmī*, in Tājik there are two varieties of the name: *yazgulōmī* (quite archaic) and *yazgulōmī* (the second variety can be influenced by Russian *язгулямский* or *язгулёмский*; but see Tājik dialectal *yazgʷlōmī*). Yazghulāmī derives its name from either the local name of the river Yazghulōm – *Z(ə)aménj*, or the name of the valley – *Yūzdom*.

district in Tajikistan (ÈDEL'MAN 2000b, 274), from the year 1954 some Yazghulāmī live in Kuībyševsk district (nowadays Abduraḥmōn Jōmī district). There are no historical records about Yazghulāmī. The language does not have its own written form; the role of literary language is played by Tājīkī Persian. Yazghulāmī has two dialects – Lower (Western) and Upper (Eastern), there is no clear border between these two dialects; internal differences are minimal, both dialects differ mainly in lexicon and pronunciation – especially in articulation of palatal tectals *k̂* and *ĝ* (in the Upper dialect [c, ʝ], in the Lower dialect > [tɕ, dʒ] or even [tʃ, dʒ]) etc. (ÈDEL'MAN 1966, 9-II).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b			m w	
labiodentals			f v		
dentals			ʦ ʢ		
alveolars	t d	c ʒ	s z	n r l	
postalveolars		č ʝ	š ʒ		
palatals	k̂ ĝ			y	
velars	k g		x̣ ɣ̣	(ŋ)	
labiovelars	k° g°		x̣°		
uvulars	q		x ɣ		
labiouvulars	q°		x° ɣ°		
glottals			(h)		

Table 16 Sound system of Yazghulāmī.

*Proto-Iranian vocalic system was completely remodelled in Yazghulāmī, various transformations of vowels in stressed and unstressed positions occurred, and many changes were influenced also by *ā*- and *i*-Umlaut. Vowels *a* and *ā* do distinguish quantity, vowels *e*, *i*, *o*, *ũ*, *u* are all short and *ə* is a super-short vowel. Peculiarity of Yazghulāmī is the opposition of palatal, velar and labial series of tectals – *k̂* : *k* : *k*°, *ĝ* : *g* : *g*° and the opposition of labialized and plain (non-labialized) sounds continues also for velar fricatives (*x̣* : *x̣*°) and uvulars (*q* : *q*°, *x* : *x*°, *ɣ* : *ɣ*°). Palatal tectals originate in plain velars that were palatalized by **ā* and **ɪ* in so-called neutral position or under *i*-Umlaut. Labialization is a result of historical exposure to **ũ* and **u* (**ũ* has later underwent other sound changes, previous tectal was not labialized if **ũ* has been changed by *i*- or *ā*-Umlaut). Tectals in front of front vowels (*i*, *e*) were also palatalized, on the other hand labialized sounds before back vowels (*u*, *ũ*) often lose their labial character. Original voiceless stops (together with **č*) were sonorized between vowels. *Proto-Iranian **š*, **ž* through stage **ṣ̌*, **ẓ̌* changed into *x̣*, *ɣ̣* (but intervocalic **-ṣ̌-* > **-ẓ̌-* > *w*, *x̣*); consonant groups **sp-*, **st-*, **sk-* changed to > **ṣ̌p-*, **ṣ̌t-*, **ṣ̌k-*/**ṣ̌k̂-* before **ā* and later came the change **ṣ̌* > *x̣* and in word-initial clusters an epenthetic vowel was inserted between *x̣* and *p/t/k/k̂*. Among other sound changes should be mention **ṣ̌m* > *m*; **dr-*, **ɖr* > *c*; **x̣ṣ̌* > *x̣*, *ṣ̌*; or palatalization *-d-*, **-t-*, **-k̂-* > *y*. In consonant groups **ɖd* and **ɖn* the **ɖ*, after a vowel formed a diphthong, such diphthong

could have been monophthongized: **Vrd* > **Vwð/üð* (when palatalized > **Vyð/ið*), **Vrn* > **Vwn/ün*; group **ʁt* through intermediate **d* changed into *g*. (ÈDEL'MAN 1987b, 353-381)

Yazghulāmī nouns distinguish two genders – masculine and feminine, but the original gender system was transformed: the masculines include male names and persons and nouns denoting things and inanimate entities; female names and persons and animals (irrespective of their natural gender) are feminines. There can be traced some relics of old gender diversity, e.g. 1) plural ending *-ežg* appears with some feminines, 2) words ending in *-enj* are old feminines; 3) in many words original feminine form can be observed due to reflexes of *ā-* and *i-Umlaut* and 4) the difference between original masculines and feminines can be seen in diverse reflexes of suffixes **(-a)-ka-* × **(-ā)-kā-*, **(-ā)-čī-*. Plural of nouns is formed by adding an ending *-áṣ* < **-Ṣua-*, plural of animate nouns can be also formed by adding an ending *-én* (with varieties *-gén* and *-yén* for words ending in *-a* or *-i* respectively) derived from old genitive plural ending **-ānām*. Another, yet non-productive plural endings are: *-ežg* for old feminine and rarely appears also an ending *-án*⁶⁰. Old kinship terms in **-tar* – *ḍəɣd* ‘daughter’ and *v(ə)rad* ‘brother’ form plural by adding an ending *-ár* : *ḍəɣdár*, *v(ə)radár*. Yazghulāmī has two cases – direct and oblique, case is not expressed morphologically, it is expressed by a form of demonstrative pronoun; in singular there can appear attributive suffix *-(y)i* which is a reflex of Iranian genitive singular **-bja*. Adjectives are indeclinable, they do distinguish neither number, nor case nor gender, but gender categories are preserved in remnants – some adjectives have feminine forms that differ from masculine by operation of *ā-* or *i-Umlaut* of a root vowel. Personal pronouns distinguish direct and oblique cases in singular, in plural there is just one form for both cases; moreover, there is a possessive pronoun, which has separate forms for the first and second persons singular, in other cases it is formed with a suffix *-i*. Personal pronouns in the third person have two forms – one of them marks the third person in common and the other has an emphatic function – it points to a closer object. Oblique forms of the personal pronouns of the third person distinguish gender. Demonstrative pronouns originally had a system of triple deixis, this system changed to double deixis in course of the development of the language. From the original forms of demonstrative pronouns further developed forms of the third persons personal pronouns (for emphatic personal pronouns there fused the forms of I. and II. deixis – direct case is based on the I. deixis, oblique of masculine and feminine and of plural comes from the II. deixis; form of “common” third person pronoun originates in forms of the III. deixis); demonstrative pronouns *yu(k)* and *du(k)*, which also serve as definite article, are based on the forms of the I. and II. deixis.

⁶⁰ Plural ending *-án* is, similarly as above mentioned ending *-(g/y)én*, a reflex of old genitive plural ending of *a*-stems. It seems, that the original *-én* was contaminated by Persian animate plural ending *-án*; the ending *-án* should be genuine Yazghulāmī, nowadays it appears just with the word *wex*, man, pl. *wexán*, men (ÈDEL'MAN 1987b, 382-383).

Yazghulāmī verbal system is based on two stems – present and past. Present stems continue form Old Iranian verbal stems, but in forms of the third person the root vowel often undergoes *i*-Umlaut. Past (or preterite) stem originates in Iranian past participles in *-tā. To the present stem are added personal endings derived from Iranian primary endings, past tenses have endings derived from forms of copula – these endings are often added to the subject of clause. In past tenses ergative construction is applied, personal endings of the third person singular have different forms for transitive and intransitive verbs; intransitive verbs can even have no ending – it is often replaced by a subject in oblique case. (ÈDEL'MAN 1987b, 381-401)

1.1.1.4.5. The Shughnī-Rōshānī group

The Shughnī-Rōshānī language group is a family of eight mutually related languages and dialects which can be divided into four main dialect subgroups, individual languages/dialects are divided as follows: 1) Shughnī (*Shughānī*, *Shighn(ān)ī*; xuŷnūn(i) ziv, xuŷni ziv), Shākhdarāi (*Shakhdarāi*; xōḫdarā ziv, xaḫdarā ziv)⁶¹ and Bajūi (*Bajūwī*; bajū(w) ziv); 2) Khūfi (xūf ziv) and Rōshānī (*Rūshānī*; riḫūn ziv)⁶²; 3) Bartangī (bārtāng ziv)⁶³ and Rāshārvī (or *Orosborī*; rōšōrv ziv); 4) Sarīqōlī (*Tāshqōrghānī*, wrongly (*Sarīqōlī*) *Tājik*⁶⁴; tujik ziv, Sarīquli ziv)⁶⁵. The languages of the Shughnī-Rōshānī group are altogether spoken by more than 177'000 people: Shughnī is spoken by more than 100'000 speakers in the Shughnōn and Rōsht-Qal'a districts of Tajikistan (ÈDEL'MAN – YŪSUFBEKOV 2000a, 225) and some 30'000 people in Afghan district of Sheghnān (BAKHTĪBEKOV 1979, 3); Rōshānī is spoken by 18'000 people on right bank of the river Panj in the Tajik Rūshōn district (ÈDEL'MAN – YŪSUFBEKOV 2000b, 242) and 2000-3000 speakers live on the opposite bank of the river Panj in the northern part of Afghan Sheghnān district (FAYZOV 1966, 5), Khūfi is spoken by more than 2300 people in the Khūf river valley in the Rūshōn district (ÈDEL'MAN – YŪSUFBEKOV 2000c, 254); Bartangī is spoken by approximately 2500 speakers on the middle reaches of the river Bartang in the Rūshōn district (ÈDEL'MAN – YŪSUFBEKOV 2000d, 259) and Rāshārvī is used by some 2000 speakers on the upper reaches of the Bartang river in the Rūshōn district (ÈDEL'MAN – YŪSUFBEKOV 2000e, 264); Sarīqōlī is a mother-tongue of more than 20'000 speakers in the Tāshqōrghān Tajik Autonomous County (*Tashiku'ergan Tajike Zizhixian*) in the Chinese Turkestan (ÈDEL'MAN – YŪSUFBEKOV 2000f,

⁶¹ With already dead Barwāz subdialect (barwōzi ziv).

⁶² With Upper (ḏērtāng ziv) and Lower (pōytax ziv) subdialects.

⁶³ With Basīd (basīd ziv), Bardara (bārdarā ziv); Sipānj (sipōnĵ ziv) and Rawmēd (rawmēd ziv) subdialects.

⁶⁴ Chinese authorities officially accept only one Iranian language in the Xinjiang-Uyghur autonomous region – the Tājik language (*tajike-yu*), however, under this designation fall two Pāmīr languages – Sarīqōlī (*seleku'er-yu*) and Wakhī (*wahan-yu*). Nevertheless, these two languages have nothing in common with Tājik (i.e. Central Asian variety of Persian), there are no Persian-speaking Tājiks in Uyghuristan. Labelling of the Sarīqōlīs and Wakhīs as Tājiks is based on a local label of the Sarīqōlīs as *tujik* (< Pers. *tājik*) (cf. GAWARJON 1996, 257-266). In the past the term *Tājik* was used for Iranian-speaking population of Central Asia.

⁶⁵ With Tāshqōrghān (tošqōrḡoni ziv, varšide ziv), Wacha (wača ziv) and Burungsāl (b(ū)rūngsol ziv, b(ḡ)rūngsol ziv) subdialects.

269). The first historical record about the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages can be found in the Travels of Marco Polo – he writes that the inhabitants of province of *Balas(c)ian* or *Badas(c)ian* (i.e. Badakhshān) have their own language (MARCO POLO, XLVII), Shughnī is not mentioned directly, but there are mentioned ruby-mines under the mountain *Sighinan* (i.e. Shughnān). The languages have no written tradition of their own, the only exception is Shughnī for which was created a Latin alphabet based on Tajik (and Pan-Turkic) variety of the Latin alphabet in the 1930's⁶⁶ (cf. ŞAMBIZODĀT 1931; ŞAMBIZODA 1937), but this alphabet has not been used for a long time. Currently there are some efforts to create a custom alphabet for each of the languages on basis of the Tajik Cyrillic alphabet (either by adding new diacritical marks or using digraph when letters *ѣ* and *ѵ* substitute diacritics)⁶⁷, in the case of Sarīqōlī there has been created a local variety of the Latin alphabet based on Chinese Pinyin⁶⁸ (cf. GAWARJON 1996).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b			m w	
labiodentals			f v		
dentals	t d		ʃ ʒ		
alveolars		c ʒ	s z	n r l	
postalveolars		č ǰ	š ʒ		
palatals				y	
velars	k g		χ ɣ	(ŋ)	
uvulars	q		x ɣ		
glottals			(h)		

Table 17 Sound system of the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages (values in *italic* represent Sarīqōlī vowels).

Individual languages and dialects of the Shughnī-Rōshānī group are mutually very close one to each other, substantial differences can be observed especially in vowels – Shughnī dialects and Rōshānī have ten vowels, Khūfī has eleven vowels⁶⁹, Bartangī and Rāshārvī just nine vowels and in Sarīqōlī there are only seven vowels and two diphthongs⁷⁰. Valentina Stepanovna

⁶⁶ Shughnī Latin alphabet looked as follows (in parenthesis there are values of the letters corresponding to their scientific transcription used in the presented work): a ā b b (*b*) c (*č*) ç (*ç*) e (*e*) d d (*ḍ*) e (*ē*) ə (*ə*) f g g (*ǰ*) h i ī j (*j*) k l m n o (*o*) o (*ū*) p q o (*ɣ*) r s s (*š*) t b (*ʒ*) u ũ v w x x (*χ*) z z (*ž*) z (*z*).

⁶⁷ For varieties of the Cyrillic alphabet for the Pāmīr languages of Tajikistan see ÈDEL'MAN – DODYKHUOEVA 2009a, 778 – Table 14a.1.

⁶⁸ Sarīqōlī pinyin (*'Tujik Zivan Pinyin'*) looks as follows (values given in parenthesis show standard transcription of Sarīqōlī as it is used in presented work): a b c (*ç*) d dz (*z*) e f g gc (*ǰ*) gh (*ɣ*) h (*x*) hy (*h*) i j (*j*) k kh (*q*) l m n o p q (*č*) r s ss (*ʒ*) t ts (*c*) u ü (*ɚ*) v w x (*š*) y z zy (*ž*) zz (*ḍ*) (GAWARJON 1996, 1-2).

⁶⁹ Khūfī *æ* and *o* are rather rising diphthongs [iæ] and [uo] respectively.

⁷⁰ There were also long vowels *ā*, *ē*, *ā*, *ī*, *ō*, *ū*, *ū* in Sarīqōlī, but difference in quantity has been lost (CIT). Instead of an opposition in vowel quantity, there is nowadays an opposition of stable (*a*, *e*, *ə*, *o*, *u*) vs. unstable (*i*, *ɚ*) vowels. From the stable vowels *e*, *o*, *u* may be prolonged in speech. Schwa (*ə*) is considered an allophone of *ɚ*. (PAKHALINA 1966, 6)

Sokolova reconstructs *Proto-Shughnī vocalism as follows: **a* > **ö*; **ā*; **ā* > **ō*; **ū* > **a*, **u*; **ī* > **i*; unstressed **i*, **u* > **ə*; **āi* > **eī*; **āu* > **ou* (SOKOLOVA 1967, 63-78), in later development there took place other changes of vowels as effects of *ā*- and *i*-Umlaut, operation of stress and openness/closeness of syllable. The relationship of vowels in the Shughnī-Rōshānī group can be seen in scheme in Table 18. Consonantal system shares many common features: postalveolar affricates were depalatalized **č*, **ǰ* > *c*, *z*-/ʒ; there happened second palatalization of velars **k*, **g*, **x* > **k̄*, **ǰ̄*, **ś* > *č*, *ž*, *š* in front of original front vowels (including **ā*); *Proto-Shughnī post-vocalic voiceless sounds were sonorized **p*, **t*, **k*, **k̄*, **c* > *b*, *d*, *g*, *j*/ʒ, *ʒ*/z; **ś*, **ž* changes through **š*, **ž̄* into *š*, *ǰ̄*, but post-vocalic **-š*- changes firstly to **-ž̄*- and it has later underwent different development in individual dialects: Shugh. *ǰ̄*, Bajū. *ǰ̄* or *w*; Rōsh., Bart., Rāshrv. *w*, Sarīq. *ǰ̄* or *l* (only occasionally *w*). Some other changes took place in consonantal groups: **śm* > *m*; **śr* > *r* (but word-initially *ar*-); **śr*-, **ǰr*- > **š*-, **ž̄*- > *š*-, *ǰ̄*-; **śi*, **č̄i* > *s*; **gt*, **kt* > *yd/wd*; **śt* > **d* > Shugh. *d*, Rōsh., Bart., Rāshrv., Sarīq. *g* (rarely also **śt* > *rδ/Vδ*); **rn* > (*w*)*n*; **śs*, **ǰz* > Shugh. *šc*, *ǰž/ǰz*, Rōsh., Bart., Rāshrv. *ws*, *wz*, Sarīq. *rs*, *rz*. Old suffixes **-ka*-, **-č̄i*- usually changed to *-j* and *-z* (in the second case also with *i*-Umlaut of stem vowel). (SOKOLOVA 1967, 63-78; EDEL'MAN 1987a, 238-284)

Shugh.	Khūf.	Rōsh.	Bart.-Rāshrv.	Sarīq.
	o	o	ō	e
ī	æ	ē	ē	i
ē	ī	ī	ī	ey
ē	ē	ē	ē	o
ō	ō	ō	ō	u
ū	ū	ū		εw
ū	ū	ū	ū	ɪ
ā	ā	ā	ā	o
a	a	a	a	a
i	i	i	i	i
u	u	u	u	ɪ

Table 18 The relationship of vowels in the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages (after: SOKOLOVA 1953b, 135; modified).

There is distinguished masculine and feminine gender in the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages. Gender differentiation is expressed in three ways: 1) morphologically – gender affiliation is maintained in reflexes of root vowels: masculines are words with reflexes of vowels in so-called neutral position and words ending in *-j* < **-ka* < **-ka*-, feminines are words with reflexes of *ā*- and *i*-Umlaut and words ending in *-z* < **-č̄i* < **-č̄i*-; 2) lexically – this way natural gender of animals and human beings is expressed as well as place-names, which belong to the masculine; 3) syntactically (or semantically) – syntactically gender is applied for majority of majority of nouns: feminines are entities perceived as individual unit, masculines can be the same words when perceived as collectives (morphologically in singular) – e.g. ‘apple’ is feminine, if it is

perceived as a single unit – ‘(one/this) apple’, but when it is perceived as ‘apples (in a common sense), many apples’ it is masculine⁷¹. In Sariqōlī there remained some reflexes of gender in morphological and lexical level, in this case it is preservation of distinction of natural gender, syntactically the category of gender typical for the other Shughnī-Rōshānī languages was completely lost. Nouns distinguish two cases – direct and oblique, cases are often not expressed morphologically, in singular the direct and oblique cases are the same, formally they are equal to stem, in plural the situation is comparable – both cases are formed by adding a plural ending, only in Sariqōlī there are two different endings for direct and oblique case plural (under Wakhī influence?). Cases are expressed syntactically often with use of demonstratives. Plural can be formed by use of several endings. Plural of inanimate (and optionally animate) nouns is in Shugh., Rōsh., Bart. formed by adding an ending *-ēn* (following a vowel *-yēn*; in Rāshrv. the ending *-(y)ēn* appears rarely), and in Rāshrv. *-īf* (following a vowel *-yīf*) and Sariq. *-ef* (following a vowel *-yef*; used only in the oblique case), some animate nouns form plural from other endings: Shugh. *-yūn*, *-gūn*, *-jūn*, Rōsh., Bart., Rāshrv. *-yōn*, *-gōn*, *-jōn*; Shugh. *-ērʒ*, *-ōrʒ*, Rōsh. *-ērʒ*, *-ōrʒ* (Khūf. also *-ārʒ*), Bart. *-ārʒ*, *-ērʒ*, *-ōrʒ*, Rāshrv. *-ārʒ*, *-ārʒ*⁷². Plural of some words is formed not just by adding the plural ending but also with an Umlaut of a root vowel. There is another set of collective plural endings: Shugh. *-xēl*, Rōsh., Bart., Rāshrv. *-xīl* (> Sariq. *-xeyl* for “plain” plural ending in direct case); Shugh., Rōsh., Rāshrv. *-galā*, Bart. *-galā*; Shugh. *-guftā*, Bart. *-guftā* and relict Shugh. *-ič*, Rōsh. *-ēc*; forms of collective plural can also take plural endings in *-ēn*. Adjectives do not differ in number or case, but some adjectives have different forms for masculine and feminine. Personal pronouns have forms just for the first and second persons, the third person is expressed by demonstrative pronouns. Both personal and demonstrative pronouns have two cases and two numbers (but the first and second persons plural have the same forms in the direct and oblique cases), the demonstratives distinguish gender in the oblique case (in Shughnī there are masculine and feminine forms also in forms of demonstrative pronouns of III. deixis). Demonstratives distinguish triple deixis and they fill a syntactic function of definite article and they govern case of a noun besides the function of demonstratives and the third person personal pronouns. Sariqōlī demonstratives have preserved

⁷¹ See the use of the word *māwn*, apple in following Rōshānī examples: *dum* {this: f. obl. sg. II. deixis} *māwn* {apple: f. sg.} *mu-r* {to me} *dāk* {give!} ‘give me this apple’; *dum* {this: f. obl. sg. II. deixis} *māwn* {apple: f. sg.} *bāx ki* {share!} ‘share this apple’ × *day* {this: m. obl. sg. II. deixis} *māwn* {apple(s): m. sg.} *tar* {to} *bōzōr* {bazaar, market} *yōs* {carry!} ‘carry these apples to the bazaar’; *day* {this: m. obl. sg. II. deixis} *māwn* {apple(s): m. sg.} *tar* {to} *zastāv* {gate} *yōs* {carry!} ‘carry these apples to the gate’ (ÈDEL’MAN 1987a, 289; PAYNE 1989, 428).

⁷² Apart from the above mentioned plural endings there are many other endings, which are used only marginally: Rōsh. *-zēn*, Shugh. *-zin-ēn*; Bart. *-zōn*, *-zanōn*, Rāshrv. *-zōn*; Bart., Rāshrv. *-zōr*; Bart., Rāshrv. *-ōn*; Bart. *-iyā*; Shugh., Rōsh., Bart. *-ār* (this ending is added only to the word *virōd* ‘brother’ : *virōdār*). In Bajūi (and partly in other dialects of Shughnī) and in Bartangī there is also the ending Baj., Shugh. *-(j)ēv* (Shākh. *-(j)ēf*), Bart. *-if*, which is used in adverbial function indicating multiplicity of action, the same ending appears also in many place-names (it is the same ending as plural ending in Rāshārvī and Sariqōlī). (ÈDEL’MAN 1987a, 291-295)

forms of masculine and feminine, but the feminine forms are used rarely. (ÈDEL'MAN 1987a, 284-316)

Shughnī-Rōshānī verbal system is based on four stems: present, preterite, perfect and infinitive stems. The present stems continue from Old Iranian present stems, the preterite stem originates in Iranian past participles in **-ta-* (m.), **-tā-* (f., pl.) > *-t/-d/*-d̄* (in feminine and plural forms there is *ā*-Umlaut of a root vowel), the perfect stem originates in extended perfect stem: **-ta-ka-* (m.) // **-ta-čī-* (f.) // **-ta-kā-* (pl.) > *-(C)č̄/-j̄* // *-z̄/-c* // *-(C)č̄/-j̄* (in feminine forms there is *i*-Umlaut of a root vowel, in plural *ā*-Umlaut takes place)⁷³. Preterite and present stems distinguished gender and number, such distinction remained in majority of intransitive verbs forms, and transitive verbs are based on form of masculine, same as Sarīqōlī preterite and perfect stems of intransitional verbs. Infinitive stem comes from Iranian verbal noun ending in **-ti*, infinitive itself has two forms, short infinitive, which is equal to the infinitive stem and long infinitive – i.e. infinitive stem with the ending Shugh., Rōsh., Rāshrv. *-ōw*, Bart. *-ō(w)*, Sarīq. *-εw*. Personal endings of the present tense are consistent with Old Iranian primary endings, just the second person plural comes from optative ending **-aīta*, forms of the third person singular often use *i*-Umlaut of root vowel with the ending *-d/-t* < **-ti*. Past tense endings originate in forms of copula. The Shughnī-Rōshānī languages had originally ergative construction in the past tenses, ergative has been preserved in Rōshānī, Khūfī and Bartangī, however, in these languages the ergative construction tend to be substituted by absolutive construction as it is in Shughnī, Rāshārvī and Sarīqōlī. Although the category of ergative has been lost in some languages (or it is slowly substituted by absolutive), the difference in transitive and intransitive verbs remains – in Shughnī, Rōshānī, Khūfī, Bartangī and Sarīqōlī the transitional verbs have an enclitic ending *-i* in forms of the third person singular (in Rōshānī and Khūfī use of the ending is optional, it is used mainly in phrases, in which there is not expressed subject; in Sarīqōlī use of the ending is also optional, but it can be used also for intransitive verbs; in Rāshārvī and in the Basīd dialect of Bartangī there is no ending at all), the intransitive verbs have no ending for the third person singular. Bartangī (and earlier also Rāshārvī) has special forms of enclitic ending for the third person plural. (ÈDEL'MAN 1987a, 317-337)

⁷³ Reflexes of participles in **-ta-* se do differ in individual dialects in front of preterite endings **-kā-/*-čī-* e.g.: **tak-ta-kā-/*-čī-* (preterite stem of the verb 'to leave') > Shugh. *tūȳj̄* // *tīc* // *tōȳj̄* (m. // f. // pl.), Rōsh. *tuȳj̄* // *tayc* // *tāȳj̄*, Khūf. *tuȳj̄* // *tīyc/tīc* // *tōȳj̄*, Bart. *tūȳj̄* // *tayc* // *tōȳj̄*, Sarīq. *tūȳj̄* (single form); **čū-ta-kā-/*-čī-* (preterite stem of the verb 'to go') > Shugh. *suđ̄j̄* // *sic* // *sad̄j̄*, Rōsh. *suđ̄j̄* // *siž* // *sađ̄j̄*, Khūf. *suđ̄j̄* // *sic* // *sađ̄j̄*, Bart. *suđ̄j̄* // *sic* // *sađ̄j̄*, Sarīq. *sed̄j̄*; transitive verbs have a single form based on masculine: **bγ-ta-ka-* (preterite stem of the verb 'to bring') > Shugh. *vūγ̄j̄*, Rōsh. *(a)vūj̄*, Khūf. *vuḡj̄*, Bart. *vūj̄*, Sarīq. *vəγ̄j̄* (ÈDEL'MAN 1987a, 320).

I.1.1.4.6. Sarghulāmī

Sarghulāmī (or *Saraghlāmī*)⁷⁴ is a dead language from upper reaches of the Sarghulām (or Saraghlām) river in Afghan Badakhshān. The language became extinct at the beginning of the 20th century, the only reference about the language has been published by Ivan Ivanovich Zarubin, who in the year 1916 recorded several Sarghulāmī words from a Munjī person, who claimed that he knew the Sarghulāmī language. From the list of Sarghulāmī words majority were Persian or Munjī lexemes; Zarubin notes, that only three words could have been identified as Sarghulāmī words⁷⁵ – *woliké / wolikí* ‘water’; *kišó* ‘cow’, and *zoīk* ‘boy’, and he quotes these words with selected responses from other Eastern Iranian languages (ZARUBIN 1924, 79). Despite poorly documented linguistic material, we can get many valuable information about the language if we thoroughly analyse the attested words⁷⁶.

From the attested material we cannot judge much about Sarghulāmī – one can only guess that it is one of the Northern Pāmīr languages, obviously related to Munjī. However, we can observe two certain Sarghulāmī innovations: change **d > l* (thus a phenomenon that is known also in Bactrian, Munjī or Pashtō) and semantic shift of Ir. **uādi-*, irrigation channel > water⁷⁷ (ZARUBIN 1924, 79; MORGENSTIERNE 1974, 99). Iranian suffix **-kǎ-* should be attested in words *woliké/wolikí* < **uādi-kā-* and *zoīk* < **dzaha-ka-* (or **dzāta-ka-* ??) ‘child’ (cf. MORGENSTIERNE 2003, 103-104). Voiceless consonants were probably retained in intervocalic positions, in addition to example of suffix **-kǎ-* similar feature can be seen in the word *kišó*⁷⁸ < **kauš-ǎ-/*kūš-ǎ-* ‘cow’⁷⁹ (cf. PAKHALINA 1987b, 484). Word-final long vowels were probably preserved; about the effects Umlaut as it is known in other Pāmīr languages, on the basis of the preserved material can be suggested only with reservations. By comparison with some other Pāmīr languages we can come to a conclusion that (oblique?) plural ending was **-ǎ/ǎw* or **-ǎ/ǎv*.

⁷⁴ The language was also known as *lafz-i mazār* i.e. ‘the speech of mazār (*shrine*)’ after a mazār located in village of Sarghulām (Sar Ghulām) near to Afghan Fayzābād.

⁷⁵ One can only say that it is a great pity that Zarubin did not specify also those words he did not consider Sarghulāmī – even from the study of borrowings we could deduce more about this language, the issue of Munjī borrowing might be interesting – could they be a contamination caused by the first (?) language of the informant or were the Sarghulāmī and Munjī words so similar, that Zarubin identified them as Munjī words, or their original Sarghulāmī form was garbled by their Munjī responses.

⁷⁶ Moreover there are several place-names in the Sarghulām Valley that can be identified as of Sarghulāmī origin: *Malangāy* or *Malangāb*, *Lučiw* and *Gharāliw* (MORGENSTIERNE 1938, 439), I will not analyse them in detail in this work.

⁷⁷ For a similar semantic shift see Wanj. *wol* ‘water’ × Yazgh. *wāð*, Shugh. *wēð*, Wakh. *wod/ð* ‘brook, stream, (irrigation) channel’, Ave. *vaði-* ‘irrigation channel’ < **uādi-* (LASHKARBĒKOV 2008, 83); Yazgh. *xex*, Vanj. *xik* ‘water’ < Ir. *xāba-* ‘well, spring’ (MORGENSTIERNE 1974, 99) or Oss. *don* ‘water, river’ < Ir. **dānu-* ‘river’ (ABAEV 1958, 366-367).

⁷⁸ In Munjī, Shughnī-Rōshānī languages, Ishkāshmī-Sanglēchī or in Pashtō intervocalic **-š-* changed to **-ž-* and later has undergone other phonetic changes.

⁷⁹ Cf. Munj. *kúwōl/kúyō* ‘bull’, Ishk. *kbžūk*, Yagh. *kišók*.

1.1.1.4.7. Munjī and Yidghā

Munjī (*Munjānī* or *Minj(ān)ī*; mənʃī rōy, mənʃīwar, mūnʃīwar) is spoken by some 2000-2500 people in valley of the river Munjān in Korān wa Monjān district in Afghan Badakhshān⁸⁰ (GRYUNBERG 2000, 154; DECKER 1992, 54), Yidghā (*Yūdghā*; yid(ə)γā, lūṭkūhwar; Munj. u yədgōnə rōy) is spoken by 5000-6000 speakers in the Lūṭkōh Valley in Pakistani Chitrāl (*Yidgh. Āitrēyo*) (DECKER 1992, 48). The Munjān and Lūṭkōh Valleys are divided by the Hindūkush massif, the only path connecting both areas goes through the Dōrāh Pass in the Hindūkush, through which it is possible to pass further to the Sanglēch Valley. Both languages are closely related⁸¹, though both languages are hardly mutually intelligible today. Among the Yidghās there is a legend, that they came from Munjān – this fact can be also compared with the fact that majority of place-names in the Lūṭkōh Valley is unlike in Munjān a non-Iranian (mainly Dardic) origin and also that Yidghā does not split into dialects, but Munjī has three dialects – Upper (Southern), Central and Lower (Northern). It is assumed that the Yidghās came to the Lūṭkōh Valley sometime in the 11th-13th centuries (DECKER 1992). History of Munjān is unknown, the only historical record dates to the 7th century from the pen of Chinese traveller Xuan Zang, who within Tokharistān mentions kingdom of *Mungjin* in Badakhshān (XUAN ZANG, I, 24, XII, 6; MORGENSTIERNE 1938, 7). Both languages do not have a written tradition of their own. Both languages are often classified as the Pāmīr languages⁸², Valentina Stepanovna Sokolova classifies Munjī and Yidghā as members of the Northern Pāmīr group (other members of this group are Shughnī-Rōshānī languages, Yazghulāmī, Wanjī and probably Sarghulāmī; see SOKOLOVA 1973).

Differences between Munjī dialects and Yidghā can be seen mainly in phonology, correlation of vocalic system is summarized in Table 21. Munjī vowels *ǎ* (*ǎ*) and *ǔ* (*bi*) merge with *ə* in colloquial speech. Munjī vocalic system was enriched by Persian, vowels *a* and *u* were introduced together with Persian loans (GRYUNBERG 1972, 400-401; GRYUNBERG 1987, 163-164), but these ‘Persian’ sounds usually merge with similar sounds in Munjī *a* - *ǎ* and *u* - *ǔ* (- *ə*). Historical development of vocalism can be outlined as follows: **a* > *ǎ* (-*ə*) || *o* (in closed syllable > *ō* || *a*; under *i*-Umlaut > *ī*); **ā* > *ī* (U *ū*) || *ī* (in open syllable > *ō* || *a*; in various positions > *ā/ǎ* || *ǎ/o*; under *i*-Umlaut > *ē*); **i* > *ə* || *i*; **ī*, **aī* > *ī*; **u* > *ǔ* (C *bi*) || *ǔ*; **ū* > *ū*; **au* > *ū* (under *i*-Umlaut > *ī*). Consonantal system of both languages has undergone many changes, which have comparable analogies within other Eastern Iranian languages. Development of voiced stops is the same as in

⁸⁰ According to the latest information, most of the Munjīs left Munjān after the start of Afghan Civil War (1989-1992) and they moved to different places in Pakistani Chitrāl, many Munjīs might be killed, and many of their villages destroyed. Refugees themselves say that they would like to return to Munjān after the war ends. (DECKER 1992, 50)

⁸¹ For simplicity, in the following text the examples will be given in both languages and Munjī form will be separated from Yidghā by double vertical lines ||; to indicate the Lower, Central and Upper dialect I will use shortcuts in the form of small capitals: L, C, U.

⁸² On the other hand, Munjī and Yidghā share several similar features with Wanetsī and Pashtō.

the Middle Iranian period, in a later period there was a shift $*d (> *ḍ) > l$; other characteristic changes are: $*ḍ > ẏ$; $*-p-$, $*-t-$, $*-k-$, $*-č-$, $*-š-$ $> v/w \parallel v, y/\theta, \gamma (u g) \parallel \gamma, ž/y (u g) \parallel \theta/y$; $*rt > r (L r) \parallel r$; $*št, *rst, *ršt > šk \parallel šč$; $*rn, *ršn, *ržn > nǰ \parallel n$; $*šm > m$. One of the typical changes presents a loss of a nasal before (voiced) stop in Yidghā and Upper Munjī. Denominal abstract suffix $*(a-)ka-$ changed to $-ay (-iy) \parallel -ē/-ā$. Secondary palatalization of word-initial $*k$ links both languages with Yazghulāmī and the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages. Due to the contact with Dardic and Indo-Aryan languages cerebral sounds emerged in Yidghā. (GRYUNBERG 1987, 171-180; SKJÆRVØ 1989c, 412-413; MORGENSTIERNE 1938, 36-109)

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b			m w	
labiodentals			f v		
alveolars	t d	c ʒ	s z	n r l	
retroflexes		č ǰ	š ž	ɽ	
alveopalatals		č ǰ	š ž		
palatals	ǰ k ǰ		š	n y	
velars	k g		x	(ŋ)	
uvulars	q		χ ʁ		
glottals			h		

Table 19 Sound system of Munjī.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b		ϕ	m w	
labiodentals			f v		
alveolars	t d	c ʒ	s z	n r ɽ l	
postalveolars		č ǰ	š ž		
retroflexes	ɽ ɽ	č ǰ	š ž	ŋ ɽ	
palatals	kʸ gʸ		š	y	
velars	k g		x ʁ	(ŋ)	
uvulars	(q)				
glottals			h		

Table 20 Sound system of Yidghā.

Munjī and Yidghā nouns have two genders (masculine and feminine), two numbers (singular, plural) and two cases (direct and oblique), Munjī has additionally predicative genitive and vocative. Adjectives have categories of gender and number but they do not distinguish case. Pronouns retain system of the direct and oblique cases together with the predicative genitive, demonstratives distinguish triple deixis. Verbal system is based on three stem system: present, preterite and perfect. Munjī forms of past tenses distinguish transitional and intransitional verbs, in Yidghā the categories of (in)transitivity have been lost. Moreover Yidghā forms durative

present and some verbal forms in Yidghā originate from forms calqued from Dardic Khowār (Chitrālī). (GRYUNBERG 1987, 180-229; SKJÆRVØ 1989c, 413-415; MORGENSTIERNE 1938, 110-167)

Munj.			Yidgh.	
L	C	U		
ī	ī	ī	ū	ī
				83
ē	ē	ē	ī	ē, ä
	ī	ī		84
ū	ū	ū		ū
ō	ō	ō	ā	a
				85
ǎ	ǎ	ǎ		o
				86
ə	ə	ə		ə
ǔ	ɪ	ǔ		ǔ
				ε, ä
ā	ā	ā		a
-əy	-əy	-əy		-ë

Table 21 The relationship of vowels in Munji dialects and in Yidghā (after: GRYUNBERG 1987, 169; modified).

I.1.1.4.8. Ishkāshmī, Sanglēchī and Zēbākī

Ishkāshmī (or *Ishkāshimī*, *Ranī*, *Rinī*; š(ɸ)košmi zɒvũk, rɒni zɒvũk), Sanglēchī (*Sanglēchī*; sanglēči lavz, sanglēči zəvũk) and Zēbākī are three closely related languages^{87 88} of the Southern Pāmīr group. They are spoken in south-eastern part of Tajik and north-western part of Afghan Badakhshān. Ishkāshmī is spoken by approximately 2000 speakers, majority of them lives in the village of Ran (Ishk. *Rɒn*), several Ishkāshmī speaking families live also in places such as Ishkōshim (Ishk. *Nɒt* or š(ɸ)košɒm), Sumjin, Mulvōj and Namatgūt (Wakh. *Nəmatgɒt*) on the Tajik bank of the river Panj and in vicinity of Afghan city of Eshkāshem (PAKHALINA 1987b, 474-475; PAKHALINA – QURBŌNOV 2000, 197). In Afghan Badakhshān there live more than 1300 speakers of Sanglēchī (YŪSUFBEKOV – DODYKHUOEVA 2008, 110) in the Sanglēch Valley

⁸³ < *ā.

⁸⁴ In suffix *-ēka* // *-īka*.

⁸⁵ In ending of masculine nouns.

⁸⁶ < *i.

⁸⁷ All three languages are often referred to as Ishkāshmī, if necessary to distinguish Ishkāshmī proper, i.e. the variety spoken on right bank of Panj the language is often called *rɒni zɒvũk* – ‘*Ranī* / *Rinī*’, or ‘*Ran Ishkāshimī*’.

⁸⁸ According to information given by Naẓar Naẓarzōda (an Ishkāshmī native speaker, member of the Rūdākī Institute of Language and Literature of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan) who has visited the Sanglēch valley in Afghanistan in 2007, Sanglēchī and Ishkāshmī are mutually intelligible languages.

unstable. Zēbākī vowel system is closer to the Sanglēchī one, but in many aspects there can be seen transitions from Sanglēchī to Ishkāshmī; unfortunately Zēbākī vocalism needs a more detailed study, which is impossible due to the fact that Zēbākī gave way to Persian and remained as a substrate in Lower Sanglēchī (YŪSUFBEKOV 2000, 186). I tried to indicate the relationship of vowels of all the three vernaculars in Table 24. Due to a complex development of *Proto-Iranian vowels in the Ishkāshmī-Sanglēchī languages their evolution cannot be characterised briefly; the individual changes were influenced by *ā*- and *i*-Umlaut, openness or closeness of syllables and position of stress also played its part. The consonant system is in contrast to the vowels more or less the same in all the three dialects. There can be observed several similar features such as e.g. sonorization of voiceless stops in intervocalic position and their subsequent spirantization, partial shift *č, *j > c-/z/z, z/z; sonorization of intervocalic *š and its later change in *!* or change *šm > m, *št > t (in Ishk. also *t*), *ʒr > r etc. In Ishkāshmī and Sanglēchī secondary palatalization of velar stops took place, its results vary: *k̄, *ḡ > č-, j-/ž-/y-, intervocalically y/i/j/ž. Some other changes did not take place consistently in all languages: *d (< *d, *-t-) changed into *d* word-initially in all the three vernaculars, in Ishkāshmī and Zēbākī (and often in Lower Sanglēchī) this change continued also word-internally but in Sanglēchī -*ð*- is often preserved after vowels; *ʒ changed to Sanglēchī and Zēbākī *t* but in Ishkāshmī to *s*; *rn > Ishk. *r(n)*, Sangl. *ṛ*; *nd, *nt > Ishk. *nd*, Sangl. *ṇd/nd*; *ṣšt > Ishk. *št*, Sangl. *št*; in Sanglēchī there is *!* (< *-rd-, *-rt-, *-š-) preserved better than in Ishkāshmī (there often *!* > *l*); in Upper Sanglēchī *š*, *ṣ* often change to *š* and *ž*, *ž* to *γ*. (PAKHALINA 1987b, 476-496; YŪSUFBEKOV – DODYKHUOEVA 2008, 117-174; MORGENSTIERNE 1938, 228-333; GRIERSON 1920)

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b			m w	
labiodentals			f v		
dentals	t d		ð		
alveolars		c ʒ	s z	n r l	
postalveolars		č j	š ž		
retroflexes	ṭ ḍ		š ž	ṇ !	
palatals				y	
velars	k g		(x) (γ)	(ŋ)	
uvulars	(q)		x γ		
glottals			(h)		

Table 23 Sound system of Sanglēchī.

The Ishkāshmī-Sanglēchī languages do not distinguish gender or case, original gender has been preserved only in several nouns; case is expressed syntactically by use of demonstratives. Sanglēchī and Zēbākī maintain *Proto-Ishkāshmī plural ending derived from Old Iranian genitive plural ending *-ānām, in Ishkāshmī such ending is used only with several animate nouns; Ishkāshmī forms plural with ending -o (in Sanglēchī -ō), which is a loan from

Persian *-bā*. Adjectives, same as the nouns, do not have categories of gender and case, moreover they do not distinguish number; in Ishkāshmī forms of comparative in **-tara-* were lost. Personal pronouns distinguish direct and oblique case and a predicative genitive; the same categories are distinguished by demonstrative pronouns, which also distinguish triple deixis. Verbal system is based on two stems – present and past, the present stem continues from **Proto-Iranian* present stems, the past (preterite) stem is derived from Iranian past participles in **-tā*. Ishkāshmī forms past tenses by adding endings derived from copula; in Sanglēchī past tenses of transitional verbs are formed by ergative construction, for intransitional verbs the situation is analogous to Ishkāshmī. (PAKHALINA 1987b, 496-536; YŪSUFBEKOV – DODYKHUOEVA 2008, 175-227)

Ishk.		Sangl.		Zēb.
		ē	—	o
		ā	⊗	ā
o	⊗	ō	⊗	ō
		ū	—	ū
ɓ	—	ə	—	o
		a	—	a
a	⊗	ā	⊗	ā
		ō	⊗	ō
ū	⊗	o	⊗	o
		ū	⊗	ō
u	⊗	o	⊗	ū
		u	⊗	u
ɓ	—	ə	—	ə
e	⊗	ē	⊗	ē
i	⊗	ī	⊗	ī
		i	—	i

Table 24 The relationship of vowels in Ishkāshmī, Sanglēchī and Zēbāki.

I.1.1.4.9. Wakhī

Wakhī (*Wakhānī*; *ǰik zǰik, ǰikwor*; in Pakistan also *guhǰali/guhyali* – “*Gōjali*”) is the second most used Pāmīr language after the Shughnī language. Its speakers live on territory of four states – Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Chinese Turkestan (Xinjiang) and Pakistan. The total number of Wakhī speakers is estimated at 40'000 people (REINHOLD 2006, 1), this number appears to be exaggerated. In Tajikistan there are 7000-10'000 Wakhī speakers living in the Ishkōshim district (PAKHALINA 1987a, 408); in Afghanistan roughly 7000 speakers live in the Wakhān district; in Pakistan there are 7500-10'000 Wakhīs in the Gōjal (Upper Hunza), Ishkōman, Yāsīn and Yārkhūn Valleys; and approximately 6000-7000 Wakhīs live in Sariqōl in the

Tāshqōrhān Tajik Autonomous County in Chinese Uyghuristan (BACKSTROM 1992, 61-62). The Wakhīs that live in the valleys of Northern Pakistan started to settle those areas sometime after the year 1880, the second wave of immigration continued between the years 1935 and 1940 (BACKSTROM 1992, 60). The Wakhī language is quite homogenous on all of its territories, it splits into three dialects – Lower (Western) and Upper (Eastern; including Sarīqōl Wakhī) in Badakhshān and Gōjal (Hunza) dialect of Pakistan (Gōjal Wakhī is often not considered as individual dialect and it is often considered as a variety of Upper Wakhī), between the Upper and Lower dialects there is sometimes distinguished Central Wakhī dialect (PAKHALINA 1987a, 408-409; PAYNE 1989, 419-420; BACKSTROM 1992, 65-69). The first historical record on Wakhī comes from Marco Polo; he notes that inhabitants of province of *Vocan* (i.e. Wakhān) have a speech of their own (MARCO POLO, L). Wakhī does not have its own written tradition, in Tajikistan there are efforts on to create Wakhī alphabet based on the Tajik Cyrillic alphabet, in Pakistan there is used a modified Latin alphabet based on scientific transcription of Wakhī, sometimes the Urdū alphabet may be used.

consonants					vowels	
	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants		
bilabials	p b			m w		
labiodentals			f v			
dentals			ʃ ʒ			
alveolars	t d	c ʒ	s z	n r (r̄) l (l̄)		
postalveolars		č ʝ	š ʒ̣			
retroflexes	ɽ ɽ̣	č̣ ʝ̣	ṣ̌ ʒ̣	(ṛ) ḷ (ḹ)		
palatals			ṣ̌	y (y)		
velars	k g		ɣ	(ŋ)		
uvulars	q		x ɣ			
glottals			(h)			

Table 25 Sound system of Wakhī.

Vowel system of Wakhī is in common based on six short (*a, ə, i, o, u, ʊ*) and seven long (*ā, ē, ā̄, ī, ō, ū, ʊ̄*) vowels⁹³; historically *Proto-Iranian vocalic system has been influenced by series of changes, e.g. vowels in so called neutral position changed as follows: **ā* > *ō, ū, ʊ̄*; **a* > *o, u, ʊ*;

⁹³ The vowel *ē* appears only in Lower Wakhī, in the other dialects there is *ī* instead. Pakhalina claims that also *ē* can have its short counterpart (PAKHALINA 1987a, 410). Pronunciation of *ʊ, ʊ̄* varies, in the Central and Upper dialects as their pronunciation shifts from [ʊ(:)] through [ʊ̄(:)] to [i(:)] (PAKHALINA 1987a, 410; BACKSTROM 1992, 410). Wakhī *ʊ* was variously transcribed *u, i* or *o* in non-Russian works, *u* is also used in the Wakhī Latin alphabet in Pakistan. Some scholars believe that in Wakhī there is no opposition of long and short vowels (PAKHALINA 1987a, 410), with certainty it can be said that the length was not recorded during the latest researches on Gōjal Wakhī (BACKSTROM 1992). In contemporary Wakhān Wakhī there is instead of opposition in quantity opposition of stable (*e, ə, i, o*) vs. unstable (*a, u, ʊ*) vowels (ÈDEL'MAN – DODYKHUOEVA 2009a, 778). Persian *ā* (in Dari [p:], in Tājik [ɔ:]) is often realised as *ō* in Wakhī, in the Gōjal dialect it is realised like *ā̄* [p:] (written *ā* in the Latin alphabet used for Wakhī in Pakistan).

*āi > ē (/i); *āu > ō; *ī, ū > u, o; but due to *i*-Umlaut the vowels shifted towards close front vowels, under *ā*-Umlaut there was a shift towards back open vowels (PAKHALINA 1987a, 412-419). Wakhī consonantism is quite conservative in some aspects, mainly due to the fact that the voiceless stops are usually retained (but in some cases they are sonorized or even spirantized), other archaic feature is preservation of Indo-Iranian clusters *tr and *kr (in *Proto-Iranian they shifted to *ṣr, *xr)⁹⁴, partially there is preserved also Indo-Iranian group *kš > kš (in *Proto-Iranian > *xš), or > š. Similarly to the other Pāmīr languages, there occurs a second palatalization of velars. There is an interesting feature that links Wakhī with Khōtanese: *ṣu > š (Khōt. /s-, -z-/ × other Eastern Iranian *sp). Together with some other Pāmīr languages Wakhī shares change *č, *j > c, ʒ. For many consonants there is often difficult to determine their development clearly, there are many alternations, e.g. *š > š-, š-, -š-, -š-, -ž-, -ž-, -š-; *g > g, ɣ, ɣ', j, ž, (z); *p > p, b, v, (f); *st > st, št, št, x̄t, š-, t etc. Scholars who dealt with historical phonology of Wakhī (PAKHALINA 1983, 24-56; PAKHALINA 1987a, 420-438; MORGENSTIERNE 1938, 450-476), do not explain this curious feature, the exception is Ivan Mikhaïlovich Steblin-Kamenskiy, who explains certain alternations as a result of *sandhi* and as an influence of areal contacts with neighbouring languages (STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY 1999, 17-40). Specifics of Wakhī development can be interpreted as the influence of contacts within the Pāmīr-Hindūkush ethnolinguistic region (or in a wider view in Central Asian Sprachbund), John Payne offers a hypothesis that Wakhī was the oldest (Iranian) language in the Pāmīr region and later it was superstrated by the other Pāmīr languages (PAYNE 1989, 421-423), Valentina Stepanovna Sokolova connects Wakhī closely with the Ishkāshmī-Sanglēc̄hī languages and proposes that they can together form their own subgroup of the Pāmīr languages (cf. SOKOLOVA 1973). In case of Wakhī there can be supposed early and intensive contact with Persian, many Persian loans had undergone intra-Wakhī development (STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY 1999, 17-40), similarly was Wakhī in quite intensive contact with some Indo-Aryan language(s), there may have been some really old Indo-Aryan influences on Wakhī (PAKHALINA 1976a).

Wakhī appears to be archaic not only from phonological point of view, but also in morphology we can observe survivals of some archaic features that have not been preserved in other Eastern Iranian languages. Nouns do not distinguish gender, but according to operation of *ā*- and *i*-Umlaut there can be observed forms of feminine that certainly existed in older stages of Wakhī (relicts of neuter are unclear; PAKHALINA 1987a, 444-446). Unique archaism presents the preservation of traces of Old Iranian dual forms in Wakhī: some nouns which denote(d) paired body parts and some other appellatives culturally perceived as pair (e.g. yoke or door) are in contemporary Wakhī considered as singular, but their forms are based on historical dual forms (plural of such words is then formed by standard addition of Wakhī plural endings). Formally the survivals of dual do not differ from forms derived from historical singular, traces of dual can

⁹⁴ The origin of groups *tr*, *kr* in Wakhī can be considered as an innovation rather as archaism: IIr. *pr, *tr, *kr > Ir. *fr, *ṣr, *xr (> (Saka) *p^{br}, *t^{br}, *k^{br}) > Wakh. *(f)r, *tr, *kr (cf. STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY 1999, 17-18).

be observed in operation of a root vowel Umlaut (PAKHALINA 1987a, 447). Nouns are inflected in two cases – direct and oblique. Case is formally not distinguished in singular, in plural there are two endings: *-iš(t)* for the direct case, and *-əv* for the oblique; the ending of oblique plural has parallels in other Pāmīr languages; the ending of the direct case can be related to Sogdian non-productive nominative plural ending *-išt*. In addition to the above mentioned there are also other plural endings in Wakhī, some of them come from Old Iranian genitive plural: *-ōn/-ūn*, *-in* (< **-ānām*, **-inām*); endings *-ūrg*, *-ōrč* (< **-ā-tra-ka-*) have analogies in the Shughnī-Rōshānī group (e.g. Shugh. *-ōrj*); and there are also some other endings: *-āl*, *-ōl* (< **-ātra-*); *-īf* (< **aḷ-fīa-* < **aḷ-bīa-*). The other plural endings except *-išt* : *-əv* are non-productive and they appear only in forms of few nouns. According to the results of Umlaut can be assumed that some Wakhī nouns that are currently considered as direct forms could have been derived from other cases than from nominative (PAKHALINA 1987a, 446-447). Adjectives distinguish neither gender (traces of original gender distinction in Wakhī can be similarly as for nouns observed in effects of Umlaut), nor number or case. Comparative is formed by adding the ending *-tər* < **-tara-* but it can be formed analytically, there is not a separate form for superlative – it is expressed only analytically. Personal pronouns have forms just for the first and second persons singular and plural. Demonstratives distinguish triple deixis and they are used also for the third person of personal pronouns and as definite article. Pronouns are inflected in two cases – direct and oblique.

Wakhī verbal system is primary based on opposition of present and preterite stem, from the preterite stem are derived some other forms of past tenses. Present is formed by adding personal endings to verbal stem, in the past tenses the endings are substituted by enclitic forms of copula. Preterite stem is normally formed by adding an ending derived from *Proto-Iranian preterites in **-tā-*, occasionally, however, there are also forms derived from the suffix **-n(i)ā-/*-nī-* (PAKHALINA 1987a, 459-466).

I.1.1.4.c. South and Southeast Eastern Iranian

I.1.1.4.10. Pashtō and Wazīrī

Pashtō (or *Pakhtō*, *Pushtū*, *Paḥbān*, *Afghan*; pəštú žəbə // paχtó žəba) is an Eastern Iranian language. Number of its speakers is the greatest among all Eastern Iranian languages – the language is spoken by more than 23 million people (ROBSON – TEGEY 2009, 721); speakers of Pashtō live mainly in Southern Afghanistan and in North-western Pakistan, to a lesser extent there are some Pashtūn enclaves in Northern regions of Afghanistan and in Eastern Iran; Pashtō is together with Afghan Persian (Darī) recognized as official language of Afghanistan. Pashtō distinguishes four main dialect groups: North-western and North-eastern (i.e. Hard or Eastern dialects – *paχtō*) and South-western and South-eastern (Soft / Western dialects – *paštú*), noteworthy is also Wazīrī (dialect of the Wazīrī tribe, remarkable dialect within South-eastern Pashtō; wazīray žəbba), which markedly differs from other Pashtō dialects. The Pashtūns may

be connected with the tribe *Πάρσιοι* mentioned by Ptolemy in area around *Ἀραχωσία* (Ave. *Harax^va^ti*, OPers. *Hara^buvatiš*) and the river *Ἐρύμανδρος* (present Hilmand; cf. SKJÆRVØ 1989b, 384), from historical sources we know also some Pashtūn tribes, e.g. the Afrīdī tribe can be connected with the *Ἀπαρῦται* mentioned by Herodotus. Pashtō is written in the Perso-Arabic script supplemented by graphemes for Pashtō sounds. The oldest written monuments come from the 8th century AD (GRYUNBERG – ÈDEL'MAN 1987, 7), literary tradition evolves from end of the 16th century (ROBSON – TEGEY 2009, 721).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b			m w	
labiodentals			(f)		
alveolars	t d	c ʒ	s z	n r l	
postalveolars		č ǰ	š ǯ		
retroflexes	ṭ ḍ		š̌ ǯ	ṇ ṛ	
palatals	ǰ			y	
velars	k g		x̌	(ŋ)	
uvulars	(q)		x ɣ		
glottals			(h)		

Table 26 Sound system of Pashtō.

Sound system of Pashtō has undergone a complex development; its characteristic feature is syncope of unstressed vowels, due to syncopation of unstressed vowels consonant clusters appear often syllable-initially. Development of Pashtō vowels can be summarized as follows: **a > a, ə, ā, ō* (under *i*-Umlaut > (y)ā); **ā > ō, ā, a* (under *i*-Umlaut > (y)ā); **i, *ī > i; *u, *ū > u, ə; *āy > wa, ū; *āya > ō, ū; *āi > i, ē*; position of stress influenced quality and quantity of vowels in **Proto-Paṭhān*. Voiceless consonants were voiced after a vowel (also **-f > *β > w*, but **-t > *d (> *ḍ > l), ø*); **č* was depalatalized to *c-*, *-ʒ(-)*; **d > *ḍ > /l/* and **š > š̌--x̌-, -ž̌(-)--ǰ(-)*. From consonant groups containing **r* or **š* emerge cerebral sounds, e.g. **sr-*, **str > š̌-x̌, *rd, *rt > r, *rn, *xš̌n > ṇ, *rs > š̌t-x̌t*. Clusters are often simplified, in some cases one of the consonants disappears or a consonant is changed into another one. Due to *i*-Umlaut the vowel **ā* can have prothetic *y*, which can cause secondary palatalization, e.g. **kā...i(-) > čā(-), čē(-)*; a frequent phenomenon is also metathesis, assimilation or dissimilation and pre-nasalization of consonants (SKJÆRVØ 1989b, 398-406; GRYUNBERG – ÈDEL'MAN 1987, 21-38). In Pashtō there is mobile stress, words are divided into two stress patterns: barytones (words with a stressed root) and oxytones (words with a stressed ending or suffix). Study of operation of stress in Pashtō can help in reconstruction of stress in **Proto-(Indo-)Iranian* – in some cases position of stress in Pashtō appears to be more archaic than stress attested in Vedic (GRYUNBERG – ÈDEL'MAN 1987, 38-39).

Pashtō nouns and adjectives distinguish two genders (masculine and feminine), two numbers, in plural is also distinguished animacy or inanimacy. Nomina are inflected in three cases: direct, oblique and vocative, some masculines can moreover form *oblique II*. Nouns are

inflected in eleven paradigm classes (seven masculine and four feminine classes), the adjectives form four inflectional classes; there are also inflectional subgroups in each of the classes, inflectional forms often differ due to operation of stress. Verbal system has triple structure similar to other Eastern Iranian languages: present, preterite and perfect. In past tenses there is distinguished transitivity and intransitivity. Aspect of verbs is formed either by prefix *wá-* or by suppletive forms or stress shift (SKJÆRVØ 1989b, 390-398; GRYUNBERG – ÈDEL'MAN 1987, 44-135).

1.1.1.4.11. Waṇetsī

Waṇetsī ((spīn) tarīnō, waṇecī z(i)bə/zəbō, (č)algari) has been for a long time considered a dialect of Pashtō (it was often called “corrupted Pashtō” and is recognised as “a kind of Pashtō” by its own speakers, see ELFENBEIN 1984a, 54-55), nowadays it is mostly considered to be an independent language closely related to Pashtō (HALLBERG 1992, 45-47). Waṇetsī shares many features with Pashtō, mainly with Kākaṛī dialect and “Soft” Pashtō in Quetta area, Pakistan. On the other hand Waṇetsī «differs from all other Pš [Pashtō dialects] in phonology, morphology, and lexicon so much as to be quite unintelligible to other Pš [Pashtō] speakers (in a way that e.g. Wazīrī is not)” (ELFENBEIN 1984a, 55). The supposed number of speakers exceeds 25'000 people living in Harnāy (Waṇ. *Arna(h)ī*) and Sanjāvī taḥṣīls in Sibī district eastwards from Quetta, province of Balōchistān, Pakistan; many of the speakers live also in Quetta (HALLBERG 1992, 47-48). The language is spoken by Məkhyaṇī and Waṇetsī tribal subdivisions of Spīn Tarīn tribe⁹⁵. The language itself does not possess any prestige in its socio-linguistic area, even among its own speakers it does not enjoy adequate prestige and is even disdained by the Pashtūns. Preservation of the language in such socio-linguistic situation is connected with tribal matters as each tribe identifies itself through its own dialect. (ELFENBEIN 1984a, 55-56) The language has no written tradition, nor was thoroughly described in scientific literature. All Waṇetsīs are bilingual with Pashtō and recently, as the importance of Urdū rises, many Waṇetsīs speak also Urdū.

Phonologically Waṇetsī does not differ much from neighbouring Kākaṛī dialect of Pashtō. Historical development of vowels is quite similar to that of Pashtō: **a* > *ǎ*, *ə*; **ā* > *ǎ*, *ǝ*; **i*, **ī* > *ĩ*; **u*, **ū* > *ũ*, *ə*; **ǎu* > *wa*, *ǝ*; **ǎĩ* > *ě*, *ĩ*; just *i*-Umlaut or epenthesis of *-y-* is not as common as in Pashtō. Stressed *a* is often lengthened, unstressed *ā* is shortened, word-final unstressed *a* and *ə* usually merge in pronunciation. Vowels *-ī-* and *-ě-* tend to be prepalatalized /-yī-, -yě-/ and *-ō-* and *-ū-* prelabialized /-wū-, -wō-/ , but word-initial *wū-*, *wō-* are often delabialized. “*Majhūl*” vowels *ē*, *ō* are not kept apart from “*maʿrūf*” *ī*, *ū*. Consonants have comparable development with Pashtō: voiceless consonants were voiced word-internally (*-*p-*, *-*k-*, *-*č-*, *-*f-*, *-*š-* > *b*, *g*, **j* > *ʒ*, *w*, *ʒ*); **č* and **j* were depalatalized; **β* and **ɣ* merged as *w*; **ð*, **ʒ* > *l* as in

⁹⁵ The Waṇetsī-speaking Spīn (“White”) Tarīn tribe forms a minority of a larger Tarīn tribe – its major group are the Tōr (“Black”) Tarīns, another small group are the Bōr (“Brown”) Tarīns. The Black and Brown Tarīns are all Pashtō speakers (ELFENBEIN 1984a, 56).

Pashtō; but *-t- > y, ø as in Munjī (or in a way as in Parāchī and Ōrmurī). Different from Pashtō is retention of r in *rž > rž; development *šk, *ft > k, w (Pasht. č, (w)d) or retention of *nd in *γandəm* ‘wheat’ < *gántuma-, Pasht. *γanám*. Often *CrVC > CrC. Cerebral (*)ž, (*)ž merged with š, ž in Wañetsī, but they may be occasionally “reintroduced” in speech under Pashtō influence. As in colloquial Pashtō, there are no /f/, /q/ and /h/ sounds in Wañetsī, these sounds are usually realised as p, k, ø (rarely x) respectively, they can appear only in “educated” speech. Phonological changes show that *Proto-Wañetsī developed quite early from *Proto-Paṭhān ancestor and *Proto-Wañetsīs were probably forerunners of the Pashtūns towards the East. (MORGENSTIERNE 1983a; ELFENBEIN 1984a, 56-57; ELFENBEIN 1984b; MOSHKALO 2000, 150)

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b			m w	
labiodentals			(f)		
alveolars	t d	c ʒ	s z	n r l	
postalveolars		č ĵ	š ž		
retroflexes	ṭ ḍ		(š) (ž)	ṇ ɽ	
palatals				y	
velars	k g			(ŋ)	
uvulars	(q)		x ɣ		
glottals			(h)		

Table 27 Sound system of Wañetsī.

Wañetsī nouns distinguish gender (masculine and feminine), number (singular and plural) and three cases (direct, oblique and vocative), vocative is usually the same as the direct case. There are eight inflectional classes – five for masculines and three for feminines, only masculine and feminine class I nouns have different vocative forms. As a fourth case can be considered ablative formed by agglutination of *-(ē)ya*. Wañetsī has forms for all three persons; first and second persons singular and third person for both numbers distinguish direct and oblique cases, forms of the third person also retain gender distinction. Unlike Pashtō, Wañetsī demonstratives have triple deixis. Verbal system is based on two stems – present and past, past stems are formed from old past participles as in other Iranian languages. The past tense is formed by means of ergative construction. (MORGENSTIERNE 1983a; ELFENBEIN 1984a; MOSHKALO 2000)

Wañetsī phonology and morphology is from historical point of view very similar to Pashtō, many forms were also influenced by language contact. Main differences between both languages can be seen in syntax and lexicon.

1.1.1.4.12. Parāchī

Parāchī (parāčī) is one of the New Iranian languages closely related to Ōrmurī, its accurate classification has not been successfully explained: some scholars claim Parāchī (and Ōrmurī) as

Eastern Iranian, some other as (North) Western Iranian language (see MORGENSTIERNE 1929; KIEFFER 1989; EFIMOV 1999a). Parāchī is spoken by approximately 5000 speakers in the Shotol, Pachaghān and Ghochūlān valleys⁹⁶ in Nejrāb district south-eastwards from Kābul (EFIMOV 1999a, 257). The oldest reference about the language quoted as “*parāji*” comes from the 16th century from the Bāburnāma, memories of Mughal sultan Zāhīruddīn Muḥammad Bābur (KIEFFER 1989, 445-446). The language does not have its own written tradition.

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p p ^h b b ^h			m m ^h w	
labiodentals			f (v)		
alveolars	t t ^h d d ^h	c ʒ	s s ^h z	n n ^h r r ^h l l ^h	
postalveolars		č č ^h ʝ ʝ ^h	š š ^h ʒ ^h		
retroflexes	ɽ ɽ ^h ɖ			ŋ ɽ	
palatals				(y)	
velars	k k ^h g g ^h			(ŋ)	
uvulars	(q)		x ɣ		
glottals	(ʔ)		h		

Table 28 Sound system of Parāchī.

Historical phonology shows some similarities with Pashtō and with Saka dialects, but preservation of word-initial voiced stops is similar with the North Western Iranian languages. Word-initial (voiceless) fricatives changed to voiceless aspirated stops (as in Saka or Balōchī): *f-, *θ-, *x- > p^b, t^b, k^b. Characteristic changes are *ɣ-, *ʃ > *g^w-, *j > ɣ-, ʒ- (with certain similarities in Khōtanese and Balōchī); *s(t)r, *ʈr > ʃ; sonorization of intervocalic voiceless stops *-p-, *-t-, *-k- and their merger with voiced fricatives (< Old Iranian voiced stops) *-β-/*-b-, *-ð-/*-d-, *-ɣ-/*-g- > w, ø-w-ɣ-^{b97}, ɣ; *št > št, *st following *i > št, *rt, *rd > r, *ui- > ɣu-. Intervocalic *-š- is lost. There is often metathesis of b and subsequent development of aspirated consonants. Consonantal system is very similar to Pashtō, moreover Parāchī has aspirated sounds including nasals, sonorants or sibilants. In vowels there are following significant changes: stressed *a > ǒ-ǔ; *ū, *ai > ī; *au > ū; *āia > ē; *āiua > ǒ-ǔ; *r > ur; *a, *ā under i-Umlaut > ǔ, *a under a-Umlaut > a. Parāchī long back rounded vowels tend to be fronted: ū, ǔ > ū, ǔ; ā is strongly rounded and often raised in front of a nasal. Long vowels are shortened in unstressed position. Diphthongs tend to reduce its non-syllabic part, mainly in fast speech. Besides oral vowels there are also nasalized vowels. (MORGENSTIERNE 1929, 22; KIEFFER 2009, 694-695; SKJÆRVØ 1989a; EFIMOV 1999a, 258)

⁹⁶ Each of these valleys has its own dialect – Shotolī, Pachaghānī and Ghochūlānī.

⁹⁷ In some cases “old” and “new” *ð/*d continued as *b, it is preserved as aspiration of consonants, cf. Parāch. d^bī < *dūb < *dūd/da- < *dūta- ‘smoke’; b^bām < *bubām < bud/đām < *budāma- ‘smell’; Ave. baoda- (MORGENSTIERNE 1929, 36).

Parāchī nouns do not distinguish gender, plural is formed by adding an ending *-ān*, but there is also a elliptic dual in *-hā* and numerative in *-a*. There are three cases: direct, oblique and ablative, other cases (accusative, dative, locative-directive and instrumental-comitative) are formed analytically with pre- or postpositions. Adjectives are not morphologically marked. Pronouns distinguish five cases: direct (nominative), oblique, dative, accusative and possessive. Verbal system is based on an opposition of present and past stems (past stems are alike in other Iranian languages formed from past participles in **-ta-*). Verbs have perfective and imperfective aspect, past tenses transitional and intransitional verbs are formed with ergative construction (KIEFFER 2009, 696-708).

1.1.1.4.13. Ōrmuṛī

Ōrmuṛī (ōrmuṛí, ōrmuḷí, bargistā, barakī) is a New Iranian language variously treated as a member of the Eastern or Western Iranian group (see MORGENSTIERNE 1929; HALLBERG 1992, 53-66; EFIMOV 1999b). It is closely related to Parāchī, both languages are now mutually unintelligible. Ōrmuṛī is spoken by some 100-200 people of city of Barakī-Barak (Ōrm. *Grām*; Pasht. *Ōrmaṛ*, *Ōrmuṛ*) in Afghan province of Lōgar and approximately of 5000 speakers in city of Kānīgurām⁹⁸ in South Wazīristān, Pakistan (EFIMOV 1999b, 276). The language has been mentioned for the first time in the 16th century as “*bīrkī*” together with some other regional languages in vicinity of Kābul in the *Bāburnāma* of Mughal sultan Ṣahīruddīn Muḥammad Bābur (KIEFFER 1989, 445-446). Ōrmuṛī has no written tradition, in recent time there was created an alphabet for Lōgar Ōrmuṛī based on Pashtō variety of the Arabic alphabet (BURKI 2001).

consonants	stops	affricates	fricatives	sonorants	vowels
bilabials	p b		ϕ w	m	
labiodentals			(f)		
alveolars	t d	c ʒ	s z	n r l	
postalveolars		č ǰ	š ʒ		
retroflexes	ṭ ḍ		ř š ʒ	ŋ ʀ (!)	
palatals				y	
velars	k g		χ	(ŋ)	
uvulars	q		x ɣ		
labiouvulars			x° ɣ°		
glottals			h		

Table 29 Sound system of Ōrmuṛī.

Ōrmuṛī vowels developed as follows: **a > *a, ā* (labialized > *u, ō*; palatalized > *ē*); **ā > ā* (unstressed > *a*; palatalized > *ē*); **i > i, e* (unstressed > *a*; before *ř* > *ē*); *i > ī*; **u > u* (unstressed >

⁹⁸ Ōrmuṛī has two varieties – Kānīgurām dialect of Pakistan and Lōgar dialect of Barakī-Barak, both vernaculars differ quite a lot, there are differences in phonology, morphology and in lexicon.

a); *ū > *ū; *āi(a) > *ē (before *n > ī; unstressed > i); word-final *-aia- > *-ī; *āu > *ō (before *n > ū); *āua > *ā, ō (word-finally > ū); *r > ar, ^ar, ur. There are some differences between Afghan and Pakistani varieties of Ōrmuṛī – in Afghanistan there is under the influence of Darī/Kābulī tendency to realize short i, u as e, o and ā is labialized ā̄. Development of consonants shares some similar features with Parāchī, and in a wider range also with Saka dialects or North Western Iranian. Word-initial voiceless fricatives *f-, *θ-, *x- were probably preserved (attested is only x-), *f, *x were preserved word-internally, but *-θ-, *-θu-, *-θi- > ø. Voiceless stops (except *k) were sonorized, they later merged with *β, *ð, *ž and then changed to w, ø, ž/ž; *č, *j were often depalatalized > c-č, ž-j. Word-initial *u- changes to γ(°)- or to j- when palatalized; *-fr-, *-θr-, *-xr- > ʃ⁹⁹; *ft, *xt > *tt > ø (but *xt sometimes > k); *rt, *rθ, *rd > l; *xs, *rθs, *rs > š; *xšn > n; intervocalic *-š- > y, ø; *h is lost, but initial *h- may be preserved before a stressed vowel in the dialect of Kānīgurām. (MORGENSTIERNE 1929, 322-339; EFIMOV 1999b, 278; SKJÆRVØ 1989a). Except sibilants, there are no retroflex sounds in genuine Ōrmuṛī words, beside palato-alveolar affricates there are also alveolar affricates (the second mentioned are not present in Parāchī). To the sound š in the dialect of Kānīgurām corresponds ʃ in Lōgar Ōrmuṛī (EFIMOV 1999b, 278).

Ōrmuṛī dialect of Kānīgurām distinguishes masculine and feminine gender; in plural animates and inanimates are distinguished. Umlaut or palatalization occurs quite frequently in inflection, cases are often expressed syntactically. Personal pronoun of the first person has direct and oblique cases, other persons have just one form for both cases. Demonstratives are used also for the third person pronouns, they are declined in three cases: nominative, accusative-objective and possessive. Verbal morphology is in common very similar to Parāchī and Pashtō – there are two verbal stems: present and past. (EFIMOV 1999b, 281-296; KIEFFER 1989, 454-451). Morphology of Lōgar Ōrmuṛī was considerably simplified when compared to the Kānīgurām variety (MORGENSTIERNE 1929, 313).

I.1.1.5. Other Eastern Iranian languages

Apart from the above mentioned languages, various scholars mention some other languages that can be considered as members of the Eastern Iranian branch. Project Ethnologue lists Wardōjī¹⁰⁰ – a language of the Wardōj river valley northwards from Zēbāk in Afghan

⁹⁹ This sound can be transcribed also ʃr, the sound should be similar to Czech voiceless ř (BURKI 2001), phonetically [ɹ̥]: voiceless retroflex non-sibilant fricative. Similar sound but voiced occurs also in the Nūristāni languages.

¹⁰⁰ However, it is possible that this is may be another name of the Zēbākī language – the city of Zēbāk lays on the river Wardōj. On the website <http://globalrecordings.net> there is given a record of biblical story about the Great Flood in Wardōjī (with an alternative name Zēbākī; URL: <http://globalrecordings.net/en/language/3400>, cit. 24. 3. 2012, 13:37). When I compared this recording with Ishkāshmī and Sanglēchī I can tell that Wardōjī sounds much different from Ishkāshmī-Sanglēchī (which should not happen in case of Zēbākī as a dialect of Ishkāshmī and Sanglēchī). To my ears Wardōjī sounds more like a language of the Shughnī-Rōshāni group.

Badakhshān with approximately 4000 speakers. The language is not classified precisely, but it may belong to the Pāmīr languages (ETHNOLOGUE, 318). Based on analysis of toponyms of Tajik Qarōtegīn and Darvōz and Afghan Darwāz can be assumed that also in these regions there has been some Pāmīr languages or dialects (or languages/dialects closely related to them) spoken in the past (PAYNE 1989, 420), in case of *Darwāzī we can analyse toponymy of both Tajik and Afghan Darwāz but also there are some substrate words in Darvōz dialects of Tājīkī, some other substrate words appear in Qarōtegīn Tajik dialects¹⁰¹.

Georg Morgenstierne lists a hypothetical group of Southeast Eastern Iranian languages, from which could have developed *Proto-Parāchī and *Proto-Ōrmuṛī, relicts of this language may be observable in lexical borrowings in Pashtō and in the Nūristānī languages (MORGENSTIERNE 1926, 14-39; MORGENSTIERNE 1983b; KIEFFER 1989, 451-454), There is also an assumption that the 3rd and 5th version of inscription from Afghan Dasht-e Nāwor could have been attempt to write this unknown language with an adaptation of the Kharōṣṭhī script (MORGENSTIERNE 1983b; FUSSMAN 1974), Gérard Fussman suggests for this hypothetical Southeast Eastern Iranian language label *Kambojīan* (*Kambojī*), after Iranian tribe of the *Kambojians*, who probably dwelled in area of western Hindūkush (FUSSMAN 1974, 32-34).

I.1.2. Classification of the (Eastern) Iranian languages

The Iranian language family is conventionally divided into two basic groups – Eastern and Western Iranian. Differences between these two groups begun to appear probably in the Old

My assumption was confirmed by Shughnī speaker Fōkhir Yūsufbēkov (son of Tājīk linguist Shōdīkhōn Yūsufbēkov, with whom was this matter consulted) and Rāshārvī speaker Ghulōmshō Alīnazarov – the informants have stated that the language of the record is Shughnī mixed with Rōshānī – this Wardōjī can be characterized as Shughnī with Rōshānī accent and some Rōshānī vocabulary, on the other hand both informants stated that they have never heard about Wardōjī (both of them come from the Tājīk bank of the river Panj), according to words of Ghulōmshō Alīnazarov there are some villages on the Shughnī–Rōshānī language border where the people speak in a mixed language that is not so different from Bajūi (Fōkhir YŪSUFBĒKOV and Ghulōmshō ALĪNAZAROV, pers. comm., 24.-26. 3. 2012).

Another informant – Ishkāshmī speaker Muḥammad Bōdurbēkov – stated that the language of the record is quite similar to Ishkāshmī of Tajikistan, but there are differences mainly in lexicon, which is common in Sanglēchī and Yidghā (sic!, the informant probably meant Munjī; Muḥammad BŌDURBĒKOV, pers. comm., 2. 4. 2012).

If this theory is correct then Wardōjī is not a Shughnī–Rōshānī mixed language but it is rather a Ishkāshmī–Sanglēchī language with Shughnī and Rōshānī admixture, such theory may be supported by witness of George Abraham Grierson, who stated that: «*The tract of Zēbak is one of the most polyglot spots in this part of Asia.*» (GRIERSON 1920, 3). Based on the above mentioned facts, it is necessary to critically examine the source of the recording; a question is how credible is the source published on the Web, how reliable was the informant (especially with regard to the designation of Zēbakī as an alternative name), or to what extent was the author of the recording competent in linguistics.

¹⁰¹ Darvōz dialects are close to other Tājīk dialects of the Pāmīr area (e.g. dialect of Vanj or Vakhīyōyi Bōlō; see RASTORGUEVA 1964, 4, 162). Question of classification of *Qarātegīnī substrate within the Eastern Iranian languages – Qarōtegīn Tājīk belongs to Southern Tājīk dialects (RASTORGUEVA 1964, 5, 161), it has some ties with Upper Mastchōh dialects of Tājīk (KHROMOV 1962, 16).

Iranian period and became more distinctive in the Middle Iranian period. Each of these groups later split into two subgroups – South and North subgroup. In the North Western Iranian languages we can find e.g. Median (Old Iranian period), Parthian (Old and mainly Middle Iranian period), Old Āzarī, Balōchī, Kurdish, Zâzâki (Dimli), Gōrānī, dialects of Semnān (Semnānī, Sangesarī), dialects of Central Iran (Āshtīyānī, Vafsī, Khwānsārī/Khūnsārī, Naţanzī, Borūjerdī, Yazdī, Kermānī, Sīvandī, Khūrī etc.), Caspian dialects (Māzanderānī, Gīlakī, Gorgānī), Tālyshī/Tālshī, Tātī, Khōʿīnī and many others. South Western Iranian languages are represented by Old Persian, *Old Shīrāzī (in the Old Iranian period), Middle Persian–Pahlavī (in the Middle Iranian period); in the New Iranian period there are varieties of Modern Persian (Classical Persian (*Fārsī-yi darī*), Contemporary Persian of Iran (*Fārsī*), Afghan Persian (*Pārsī-ye Darī*) and Tajik Persian (*Tojīkī*), and non-literal or sub-standard forms of Persian such as Hazāragī, (*Chār-*)Aymāqī, Herātī/Haravī, Kābolī, Sīstānī, Bukhār(āy)ī, Pārsī of Pāmīr etc.), dialects of Fārs (Tājīkī of Iran, Būshehrī, Dashtakī, Kondāzī, Māsaramī, Samghānī/Somghūnī), Lārī/Lārestānī, Shīrāzī, Lurī/Lorī, Bakhtiyārī, Bandarī, Ŷumzārī, Kāzerūnī and others. Among the North Eastern Iranian are classified Scythian dialects and *Sauromatian (in the Old Iranian period), Sarmatian, Alanic, Sogdian (Middle Iranian period) and Ossetic and Yaghnōbī (New Iranian period). South Eastern Iranian languages are represented by dialects of the Saka (mainly Khōtanese and Tumshuqese), Bactrian (Middle Iranian period), the Pāmīr languages (Shughnī-Rōshānī group, Yazghulāmī, Wanjī, Wakhī, Ishkāshmī-Sanglēchī and Munjī-Yīdghā), Pashtō and Waŋetsī (New Iranian period). Questionable is classification of the Avestan language – it is probably one of the South Eastern Iranian, Khwārezmian is variously classified as North or South Eastern Iranian; the most complicated is classification of Parāchī and Ōrmuŕī – some scholars claim them as North Western Iranian but some other hive off new – Southeast branch within Eastern Iranian.

	South Western Iranian	North Western Iranian	Southeast Eastern Iranian	North Eastern Iranian	Pāmīr / Central Eastern Iranian	South Eastern Iranian
*s, *dz, *sx	*ʒ, *d, *s	*s, *z, *sp	*s, *z, *sp	*s, *z, *sp	*s, *z, *sp	*s, *z, *sp
*-b-, *-d-, *-g-	*β > *b, *ð > *y, *γ > *g	*β, *ð, *γ	*β, *ð, *γ	*β, *ð, *γ	*β, *ð, *γ	*β, *ð, *γ
*-i-	*j	*j *y	*y	*y	*y	*y
*ft, *xt	*ft, *xt	*ft, *xt	*βd, *γd	*βd, *γd	*βd, *γd	*βd, *γd
*b-, *d-, *g-	*b, *d, *g	*b, *d, *g	*b, *d, *g	*β, *ð, *γ	*β, *ð, *γ	*β, *ð, *γ
*-š-	*š	*š	*š	*š	*ž	*ž
‘mountain’	*kaufa-				*gari-	
‘fish’	*māšja-		?		*kapā-	
‘arrow’	*tigra-				*pāṣa-	
‘dog’	*sxā-ka-				*kuta-, *kutī	*sxā-ka-

Table 30 Basic isoglosses of the Iranian languages.

South Western Iranian languages and dialects differ from other Iranian languages by significant isogloss Ir. *ṣ, *dz, *ṣy > *ṣ, *d (< *ḍ ??), *s; such isogloss, however, does not separate North Western Iranian languages from Eastern Iranian, cf. development of Ir. *ṣ, *dz, *ṣy > *s, *z, *sp¹⁰². Differences between the (North) Western Iranian and Eastern Iranian have to be looked up within other features. Some basic isoglosses between the branches of the Iranian languages are summarized in Table 30.

However, according to the isoglosses shown in Table 30, distinctive features cannot be found only on phonological level. There were not many phonological differences between the Eastern and Western Iranian in the Middle Iranian period, one of the essential features was development of word-initial voiced stops *b-, *d-, *g- and development of clusters *ft and *xt. To establish a border between the Eastern and Western Iranian, lexical (e.g. in many works presented example *gari- × *kaufa- ‘mountain’ and *kapā- × *māšja- ‘fish’; cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989a, 168-169) and grammatical differences should be also taken into account. There can be mentioned some other words from lexicon that can be considered typical for the Eastern Iranian area:

*abi-ar- ‘to find, to obtain’ > Sogd. s B M √βyr C √byr /√βīr/, Khwār. βyr-, Bactr. M ṛβyr-, Yazgh. vir-, Yagh. vīr-;

*(h)ánda- ‘blind’ > Khōt. hana-, Sogd. B ṛnt M ṛnd /aṁd/, Munj. yānday, Pasht. rūnd, Ōrm. hōnd (but cf. Parth. hand);

*aua-súxta-(ka-) ‘clean, purified’ > Khōt. Tumshuq. vasuta-, Sogd. B ṛwsuṛty, ṛws(?)wṛtṛk M ṛwsuṛtyy /ósuydē/, Bactr. ωσογδο /ōsuγd/, Oss. (without prefix) swyḍæg || suyḍæg, Khwār. (with other prefix) (?)ṣyḍ;

*dráua- ‘hair’ > Khōt. drau-, Sogd. B ṛw-y /ṣawí/, Yagh. daráú || d’ráú, Oss. ærdu || ærdo, Shugh. cīw, Rōsh. cōw, Yazgh. cú Ōrm. drī × Pers. mōi < *maūda-;

*gári- ‘mountain’ > Khōt. ggara-, ggari-, Sogd. B M ṛr-y /ṛrī/, Bactr. γειρο, γαρο /ṛīr, ṛar/, Yagh. ṛar, Shugh. žīr, Wakh. ṛar, Munj. ṛār, Pasht. ṛar, Ōrm. grī, Parāch. gir × Pers. kōh < *kaufa-;

*kápā- ‘fish’ > Khōt. kavā-, Sogd. B M C kp-y /kəpí/, Khwār. kṽb, Scyth. (Παντι)κάπης, Oss. kæf, Wakh. kūp, Munj. kōp, Pasht. kab × Pers. mābī < *māšja-;

*káta- ‘house’ > Sogd. B ktṛy, ktṛk M qt, qty(y), ktyy C qty /kətē/, Bactr. καδ(α)γο /kad(a)g/, Yagh. kat, Shugh. čid, Rōsh. Khūf. čod, Bart. čōd, Rāshrv. čūd, Sarīq. čed, Yazgh. kūd, Munj. kāy, Yidgh. kṽei, Ave. kata- (+ Parth. Pahl. kdg) × Pers. xāná < *xāna-ka- (but Sogd. s B ṛnṛk(h) M xṛnṛ /xānā/, Wakh. xun, Ishk. xon, Sangl. xān);

*kúta-, *kutī- ‘dog’ > Sogd. s B ṛkwt-y M kwt-y, qwt-y /kṽtī/, Bactr. κοδο /kud/, Yagh. kut, Oss. kṽyḍ || kuy, Shugh-Rōsh. kud, Sarīq. kṽd, Yazgh. kṽod, Ishk. kṽd × Pers. sag < *ṣuá-ka-, Med. σπάχα (but Khōt. šve, Wakh. šač, Pasht. spay (f. spāi), Waṇ. spa (f. spī), Ōrm. ṽspuk, Parāch. ṽspō);

¹⁰² But in Wakhī *ṣy > š and in Khōtanese *ṣy > śś [ʃ].

**máiṣa-* ‘day’ > Sogd. s *myḏ* B *m(?)yḏ* M *myḏ*, *my(y)ḏḏ* C *myṣ*, *myṣ*, *myd* /*mēṣ*/, Khwār. *myṣ* /*mēṣ*/, Yagh. *mēs* || *mēt*, Shugh. *mēṣ*, Rōsh. Khūf. Bart. Rāshrv. *mīṣ*, Sarīq. *maṣ*, Yazgh. *mīṣ*, Ishk *may*, Sangl. *mēj*, Zēb. *mī*, Munj. Yidgh. *mīx* × Pers. *rōz* < **ráuča-* (but Pasht. *wraṣ*, *rwaṣ*, Waṅ. *wrez*, Örm. *wriez*, *wrioz*);

**pāti-gadz-* ‘to accept’ > Khōt. *pajāys-*, Sogd. B *√pcγ²(?)z* /*√pāčγ²āz*/, Khwār. *pcγ²z-*;

**śāna-* ‘enemy’ > Khōt. Tumshuq. *sāna-*, Sogd. s B M C *s²n* /*sān*/, Oss. *son* × Pers. *dušmán* < **duš-mana-* (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989a, 169; SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996b [online]).

Eastern Iranian languages also borrowed some Indo-Aryan words (in this case old loans are meant, not loaned Buddhist terminology, which appear in several Eastern Middle Iranian languages): Skt. *ākāśa-* ‘heaven’ > Khōt. *ātāśa-*, Sogd. B *ʔ²k²c(h)* /*ākāč*/; Skt. *marāṇa-* ‘death’ > Khōt. *marāṇa-*, Bactr. (adj.) *μαραωνιγγο* /*marāṇiŋg*/; Skt. *markaṭa-* (Prkt. *makkada-*) ‘monkey’ > Khōt. *makala-*, Sogd. B *mkk²(?)* M *mkr²* /*makkā_ṛ(á)*/, Khwār. *mrk*; Skt. *puṇya-* ‘merit’ > Khōt. *puṇa-*, Sogd. B s *pw(r)ny²n(h)*, *pw(r)ny²nyh* /*puṇyān(ya)*/, Bactr. M *pw²n* /*puṇ*/. Some of the above mentioned Indo-Aryan words are found in North Western Iranian Parthian (*ākāśa-* > Parth. *ʔ²g²c* /*āgāč*/; *marāṇa-* > Parth. *mrn* /*marāṇ*/; *puṇya-* > Parth. *pwn* /*puṇ*/; SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989a, 169), Parthian also borrowed Eastern Iranian word **pāṣa-* ‘arrow’ > Parth. *p²h* /*pāh*/ (SUNDERMANN 1989, 112) – such fact is probably due to a long-time contact of historical Parthia (modern date South-western Turkmenistan and North-eastern Iran) with Khwārezm, Bactria, Sogdiana and Gandhāra.

Division of Eastern Iranian languages into Northern and Southern branch (and eventually South-eastern branch if we will consider Örmuṛī and Parāchī as members of the Eastern Iranian languages) is often used by many scholars, only few of them explain the criteria of such classification, so it seems that this division was more based on (modern) geographical distribution of the Eastern Iranian languages. For example Vera Sergeevna Rastorgueva lists the following criteria for dividing the Eastern Iranian languages:

«Basic features of the North Eastern [Iranian] languages:

1) ending of plurals of nouns *-t* (in Khwārezmian *-c* < *-t*): Sogd. *βr²trt* ‘brothers’, Khwār. *nikanc* ‘stakes’, *aβrāc* ‘eyebrows’, Oss. *xæzerttæ* ‘houses’, *bælestæ* ‘trees’, Yagh. *odamt* ‘people’, *žutot* ‘sons’;

2) preservation of Iranian post-vocalic *d*; e.g. Ir. *pāda* ‘foot’ is reflected as Sogd. *p²ḏ*, Yagh. *podá*, Oss. *fad*;

3) preservation of Old Iranian cluster *dv* word-initially; e.g. Ir. *dvara* ‘door’, is reflected as Sogd. *ḏwr*, Yagh. *d²var*, Oss. *dwar*;

One of the basic features of the South Eastern group is sonorization of Old Iranian consonant *š*; e.g. Ir. word *gauša* ‘ear’, is reflected as Shugh. *γūy²*, Rōsh. *γōw*, Pasht. *γwaž*, Yazgh. *γavón* and other.» (RASTORGUEVA 1966, 198)

From the above mentioned characteristics only two can be confirmed – typical feature for the North Eastern languages is formation of plural with originally abstract suffix **-tā* (such suffix

can be found also in Yazghulāmī and in some non-productive forms in Ishkāshmi) and sonorization of intervocalic *-š- in South Eastern Iranian. Other presented features are not distinctive for both groups. Comparison of selected sound changes and other features can characterize some isoglosses in the Eastern Iranian languages. As can be seen in Table 31, some changes are common for many of these languages regardless to their ranking to the Northern or Southern branch. Based on a comparison of isoglosses listed in Table 31, instead of classification of the Northern and Southern branch, there can be better postulated a dialect continuum than two different branches; the only (?) branch that seems to show more distinctive features is the South-eastern branch which continues in the Ōrmuṛī-Parāchī subgroup. As distinctive features of the South Eastern Iranian branch can be considered 1) preservation of archaic formation of plural (i.e. absence of innovation of plural form by adding an abstract suffix *-tā); 2) sonorization of intervocalic *-š-; 3) change of Ir. *rd, *rt; 4) change of Ir. *rdz, *rṣ and 5) emergence of innovated form of the second person plural personal pronoun from combination of forms of the second person singular and first person plural. All the above mentioned changes have not emerged in all South Eastern Iranian area: feature 1) have not took place in Yazghulāmī (and except some non-productive forms in Ishkāshmi); intervocalic *-š- has not been sonorized in Bactrian and probably also in Sarghulāmī; changes under the point 3) have not taken place in Bactrian and Wakhī; in Munjī, Yidghā and Wakhī (and probably also in Bactrian) has not taken place change point 4); innovated forms of plural the second person plural (point 5)) are present in all South Eastern Iranian languages, but in Parāchī they come from different source than from the above mentioned.

	I				Khwār.	III					Bactr.	Ishk.-Sangl.	Wakh.	Khōt.	IV Pasht.-Wap.	V Parāch.-Ōrm.
	Ave.	Sogd.	Yagh.	Oss.		Wanj.	Yazgh.	Shugh.-Rōsh.	Sargh.	Munj.-Yidgh.						
preservation of *rd, *rt,	±	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	
preservation of *rz, *rs < *rdz, *rṣ	+	±	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	?	-	+	?	-	-	
innovated form of 2 nd pers. pl. pers. pronoun	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	±	
preservation of *VšV	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	±	-	-	-	
ā-Umlaut	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	?	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	
plural ending in *-t(u)ā-/*-š(u)ā-	-	+	+	+	±	-	+	-	-	-	±	?	-	-	-	
*u- > *gw-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	
preservation of diphthong in *Šrāja-	+	?	+	*	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	*	-	
*β, *u > *w	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	
palatalization of *t	-	±	±	+	+	-	+	-	?	±	-	-	±	±	±	
second palatalization of velars	-	-	-	±	±	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	±	-	
sonorization of *p, *t, *k, *č	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	±	-	+	±	
depalatalization of *š, *ž, *č, *j	-	-	-	+	+	?	-	+	-	-	+	±	±	±	+	
emergence of cerebral sounds	-	±	-	-	-	?	*	*	±	±	-	+	+	+	+	
augment	+	±	+	-	±	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	-	-	

	I				III					III	III	II	IV	V		
	Ave.	Sogd.	Yagh.	Oss.	Khwar.	Wanj.	Yazgh.	Shugh.-Rosh.	Sargh.	Munj.-Yidgh.	Bactr.	Ishk.-Sangl.	Wakh.	Khöt.	Pasht.-Wañ.	Parāch.-Örm.
labialization of tectals	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	±	-
ergative	+	+	+	-	+	±	±	±	±	+	±	-	+	+	+	+
preservation of gender	+	+	-	-	+	?	+	±	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
* <i>ṣu</i> > * <i>sp</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
preservation of * <i>du</i>	+	+	+	+	+		+	+		+		+	-	-	±	-
<i>i</i> -Umlaut	+	+	+	?	+		+	+	?	+		+	+		+	+
<i>u</i> -Umlaut	+	+	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-			±
preservation of * <i>ḏ</i>	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+		-	-	+	-	-	-	-
* <i>b</i> , * <i>g</i> , * <i>j</i> > * <i>β</i> , * <i>γ</i> , * <i>ž</i>	±	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+
* <i>ḏ</i> > * <i>d</i>	-	-	+	+	-	?	-	-				±	±	-		±
* <i>ḏ</i> > * <i>l</i>	-	±	-	-	-	±	-	-	+	+	+	±	±	-	+	±
preservation of word-initial * <i>b</i> , * <i>d</i> , * <i>g</i> , * <i>j</i>	+	-	-	±	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	±	-	+
* <i>šm</i> > * <i>m</i>	-	±		-	+		+	+		+		+	±	+	-	+
voicing of initial * <i>fr</i> , * <i>ḏr</i> , * <i>xr</i>	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	+	+	-
3 rd pl. verbal ending * <i>-ār-</i>	+	-	+	-	+		-	-		-	-	-	-	+	-	-
preservation of initial * <i>b-</i>	+	-	-	+	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	+	+	+
vocalic outcome of * <i>-ā-kā-</i> stems	-	+	+	-	-		-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+

Table 31 Isoglosses in the Eastern Iranian languages (plus (+) or minus (-) signs mean operation/absence of such change; asterisk (*) means that this change can be observed only with regard to the historical development of the language(s); plus-minus sign (±) indicates, that such change has not operated in full extent; question mark (?) means that according to attested material it is impossible to judge about operation of such change; text in gray indicates innovation when compared to the older state).

I have outlined new classification in the note nr. 48 (Chapter I.I.1.4.b.). The Eastern Iranian languages can be divided into five branches: I Northern (*Sogdo-Scythian*) group; II North-eastern (*Saka*) group, III Central (*Pāmīr*) group, IV Southern (*Paṭhān*) group and V South-eastern (*Hindūkush*) group. Group I can be defined by innovated plural ending **-tā-* (comparable to Yazghulāmī), preservation of intervocalic **-š-* (shared with Bactrian and Wakhī but excluding Ossetic). Groups III, IV, V have undergone common change of form of the second person personal pronoun, in languages of these groups there are innovated forms of plural, they may be influenced by Indo-Aryan or Dardic pronouns. Innovated forms of the second person plural often comes from combination of personal pronoun of the second person singular with form of the first person plural **ta/u-***abmā-*(*k/xam-*), or **ta/u-***šma-* copied from Indo-Aryan (cf. Maiyā *tus*; Ṣiṇā *tsa/o*; Lahndā *tus*) different form is just in Parāchī. Groups II and IV share sonorization of word-initial **fr-*, **ḏr-*, **xr-*.

II. Archaism and innovation in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī

According to the outline of the Eastern Iranian languages presented in the previous chapters one can state that there are four dozen extinct or living Eastern Iranian languages and dialects. Majority of those languages can be studied mainly from synchronous point of view – these languages and dialects are attested as individual stages of the Eastern Iranian branch but with some exceptions we do not know their older development stages. There is exception within the North Eastern Iranian branch – in this case both Yaghnōbī and Ossetic can be compared with their closely related ancestors. The development of Ossetic can be continuously observed from the Old Iranian period – there are many similar features in the Scytho-Sarmatian dialects and in Alanic that can be compared with Ossetic and we can even suppose that Ossetic is a modern descendent of one of Alanic (or Sarmatian or even Sauromatian) dialects. Similar situation applies for Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – these two languages are very similar from many points of view, Yaghnōbī has been even labelled ‘*Neo Sogdian*’ by some authors (BOGOLYUBOV 1956; KLIMCHITSKIY 1935; SKJÆRVØ 1989a, 375-376), nowadays many scholars are inclined to believe that Yaghnōbī may come from some non-attested non-literary dialect of Sogdian (BIELMEIER 1989, 480; SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 173), Al’bert Leonidovich Khromov expressed an opinion that Yaghnōbī could have originate in a non-attested Sogdian dialect of Ustrōshana (KHROMOV 1987, 645), unfortunately there is no relevant data to confirm this hypothesis. Some other New Eastern Iranian languages share several isoglosses with the Middle Iranian languages: Khōtanese and Tumshuqese share some isoglosses with Wakhī and sporadically also with the other Pāmīr languages; Bactrian shares many isoglosses with Munjī and Yidghā and also with Pashtō and Waṇetsī or even with the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages. Khwārezmian (whose affiliation to the North or South Eastern Iranian languages remains unsolved; see ÈDEL’MAN 2000a, 95; ÈDEL’MAN 2008, 6; ÈDEL’MAN 1986, 6) is similar to Ossetic from one point of view and to Pashtō and the Pāmīr languages from another; an ending of the third person plural of subjunctive connects Khwārezmian together with the Saka dialects and with Yaghnōbī ending of the third person plural of present, imperfect and non-durative preterite (SKJÆRVØ 1989a).

On the basis of the above mentioned data we can declare that a thorough diachronic and synchronic study of the Eastern Iranian languages is possible in its Northern branch – but in the case of Ossetic comparable material lies mainly in lexicon, development of grammar and syntax is blurred (cf. ABAEV 1949). It is of course possible to outline historical development of other (New) Eastern Iranian languages, but in these cases it is necessary to deal only with methods of historical and comparative linguistics because there are not attested direct ancestors of these languages.

Based on the above mentioned facts the main theme of this thesis will be the comparison of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – information on Sogdian are available in a large corpus of texts from which we can learn about Sogdian grammar, lexicon and syntax; Yaghnōbī as a living language is so far undrawn repository of knowledge – to linguists Yaghnōbī is known a little bit more than

hundred years, within that period of time some texts, grammars and lexicons have been published, at the present time a research on the Yaghnōbī language and ethnography is under patronage of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan, where under the Rūdakī Institute of Language and Literature falls the *Department of Yaghnōbī Studies* (Tjk. *Gurūbi yaghnōbshinōsī*). The study of the Sogdian and Yaghnōbī languages certainly cannot be separated from study of the other Eastern Iranian languages therefore I will also pay attention to interpretation of relevant innovations and archaisms in other languages and dialects of the Eastern Iranian branch. In case of Yaghnōbī (and the other Modern Eastern Iranian languages except Ossetic) it is also necessary to follow development of Modern Persian, mainly its varieties in Tajikistan and Afghanistan¹⁰³. A comparison of the Sogdian and Yaghnōbī material can solve the issue of the relationship of both of these languages. It can be supposed that both languages developed from one common North Eastern Iranian proto-language or proto-dialect, such proto-language will be labelled **Proto-Sogdic* (i.e. a Central Asiatic variety of “Scythian/Saka” of the late Old Iranian period) here. Later **Proto-Sogdic* split into two (or even more) main dialects – **Proto-Sogdian* and **Proto-Yaghnōbī*. Both **Proto-Sogdian* and **Proto-Yaghnōbī* are reconstructed as predecessors of the attested languages – Sogdian and Yaghnōbī, besides those two languages there may have been Sogdian dialects of Bukhārā, Ustrōshana and Zhetisu – **Bukhāran Sogdian* is attested by several short texts, **Zhetisu Sogdian* is attested on several inscriptions and from historical sources while **Ustrōshanian* remains to be a hypothetical Early Mediaeval ancestor of Yaghnōbī, **Ustrōshanian* is also thought to be an ancestor of hypothetical **Zarafshānī* language/dialect which remained as substrate in Tajik dialects of Mastchōh, Falghar and Fōn.

¹⁰³ Development of Persian as a member of the South Western Iranian branch is surely not the theme of this work. For simplification the development of Persian will be observed on basis of following works – general development of Persian and its vernaculars was described by Valentin Aleksandrovich Efimov, Vera Sergeevna Rastorgueva and E. N. Sharova (EFIMOV – RASTORGUEVA – SHAROVA 1982); Tājīk grammar is thoroughly described by John PERRY (2005), grammar of Afghan Darī is described by Lidiya Nikolaevna KISELEVA (1985). Thorough description of Tājīk dialects was published by Vera Sergeevna RASTORGUEVA (1964).

II.1. Historical phonology¹⁰⁴

The *Proto-Sogdic language split into two reconstructible dialects – *Proto-Sogdian and *Proto-Yaghnōbī. For description of the historical phonology of Sogdian it is necessary to outline several stages of development of the Sogdian language (see Table 32).

		*Proto-Sogdic	
		*Proto-Sogdian	/ *Proto-Yaghnōbī
		*Old Sogdian	<i>language of Sogdian translation of Ašəm vobū</i>
4 th -5 th cent.	Preclassical Sogdian		<i>the Ancient Letters</i>
	Early Classical Sogdian		<i>Christian document C 2</i>
7 th -9 th cent.	Classical Sogdian (♪ Bukhāran dialect)		<i>majority of texts</i>
	Postclassical Sogdian (♪ Zhetisu dialect)		<i>Brāhmī documents, Christian document C 5</i>
half of the 11 th (?) cent. (middle ages)	(death of Sogdian)		
		*Zarafshānī	<i>preserved only in central Tajik dialects</i>
up to cca. 1900		Early Modern Yaghnōbī	<i>preservation of “majhūl” ō and Ɔ</i>
from cca. 1900		Contemporary Yaghnōbī	

Table 32 Relative chronology of *Proto-Sogdic dialects.

Yaghnōbī and Sogdian phonology will be outlined in a comprehensive view. I will try to present all phonological changes of both languages. The main sources for the study of historical phonology of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī were outlines of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī historical grammar (LIVSHITS – KHRMOV 1981, 373-116; KHRMOV 1987, 653-660) and GMS §82-530. In many case I have tried to find same responses both in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī for better demonstration of similar development of both languages. Before I start with historical phonology I will describe Sogdian orthographical system in order to explain possibilities of reconstruction of Sogdian phonology.

(excursion 4) Sogdian orthographical systems

Sogdian texts have been written in three various graphic systems: in the Sogdian, Manichaean and Syriac alphabets (see Table 33 to compare transliteration of the alphabets). The Sogdian script was a locally developed variety the Aramaic alphabet, this script was used in Sogdian documents from approximately the first third of the 4th century AD (so-called *Ancient Letters* found at Dunhuang in China) up to the 9th-10th centuries. The Manichaean alphabet was also a

¹⁰⁴ In the presented work the majority of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī words will be supplemented by their *Proto-Iranian form – in this reconstruction I will transcribe continuants of some sounds in rather archaic state: *ǣ for continuants of *Proto-Indo-European vocalic nasals, *δ, *dz for *Ide. *k̄, *ḡ(b) and sometimes I will use *_H for *Proto-(Indo-)Iranian continuant of *Proto-Indo-European laryngeals.

Stress will be shown on majority of examples, but stress will usually marked in position of “*Stress II*” (see chapter II.1.1.), only in several cases position of “*Stress I*” (i.e. *Proto-Iranian stress) will be marked – such only in cases where it was known to me. I decided for such notation of stress for two reasons – 1) original position of stress in *Proto-Iranian is not marked in majority of reconstructed forms, and 2) marking of the position of *Stress II* is preferable for explanation of *Proto-Sogdic development.

modification of the Aramaic alphabet, according to legends the creator of this script was a prophet Mānī (216-276 AD), founder of Manichaeism; the Manichaean alphabet differs from the Aramaic original by number of new consonant graphemes – this alphabet was quite widespread, apart from the Sogdian texts there are attested also Middle Persian (Pahlavī), Parthian or Bactrian (or even non-Iranian Tokharian B and Old Turkic) documents written in the Manichaean script. Sogdian translations of Christian texts were written in Eastern (Nestorian, Eṣṣrangēlā) variety of the Syriac script, Sogdian adapted Syriac script was supplemented by three new consonant graphemes. All three scripts originated in the Aramaic alphabet so Sogdian orthographies were based on the model used for Aramaic and for other Semitic languages – alphabets of Semitic origin do not have special signs for vowels, vowels were either not written or written with consonant graphemes (“*matres lectionis*” – in Sogdian ʔ, y, w; and also ʕ (M), b, k (s B)). In the Syriac script diacritic vowel signs occasionally appear. Besides documents written in the Sogdian, Manichaean and Syriac scripts, there are also some Sogdian documents written in North Turkestan variety of the Brāhmī script – reading of the Sogdian documents in the Brāhmī script can considerably help with reconstruction of Sogdian sound system. In Abū-r-Rayḥān Muḥammad bin Aḥmad al-Bērūnī’s *Kitāb al-āthār al-bāqiyāʿ ʿan al-qurūn al-kbāliyaʿ* there are some Sogdian glosses written in the Arabic alphabet, also in an unnamed manuscript from the 13th century by Muḥammad bin Maṣṣūr bin Saʿīd Mubārak Shāh (*Fakhr-i Mudīr*) we can find Sogdian adaptation of the Arabic alphabet together with several Sogdian glosses (ROSS – GAUTHIOT 1913), moreover Sogdian letters are also transliterated (in this case rendered for Old Turkic) by Maḥmūd bin Ḥusayn bin Muḥammad al-Kāshgharī in *Kitābu dēvānu lughāti ’t-türk*.

Aramaic alphabet	Sogdian alphabet		Manichaean alphabet		Syriac alphabet ¹⁰⁵	
	< >	//	< >	//	< >	//
ʔālaḗ	ʔ	ǎ, ʔ, ǐ	ʔ	ǎ, ʔ, ǐ	ʔ	ǎ, ʔ, ǐ
bēṭ	β f(β)	β, f f	b β (b)	b β	b	β, b
gāmal	γ	γ, x, b, q	g γ	g γ	g	g, (γ)
dālaṭ	d	-	d	d	d	ḏ, (d)
hē	h	-ǎ, ø	h	h, x	h	h, (-ǎ)
waw	w	w, ʷ, ʷ, ũ, ǔ, ø, ũ	w	w, ʷ, ʷ, ũ, ǔ, ø, ũ	w	w, ʷ, ʷ, ũ, ǔ, ø, ũ
zayn	z	z, ž, ž	z	z	z	z
	z	z, ž, ž	ž (ž)	ž, ž		
	z	z, ž, ž				

¹⁰⁵ In the Syriac script can be observed some differences in reading of the letters *tēt* and *taw*: *tēt* is usually used for writing *t* (eventually *d*), but in several cases it is used also for ʔ <ʔ>; *taw* normally serves as a grapheme for ʔ, but it can be used also for *t* (*d*) <*t*>. Whether one of the other variant was used, it was consistent throughout the document, i.e. if *tēt* = *t/d*, thus *taw* = ʔ and vice-versa, if *tēt* = ʔ, then *taw* = *t/d* (the second variety is not common according majority of Christian texts).

(žayn)		j	ž, ž, j	ž	ž, ž	
hēt	x (x̄)	x, h, q (q)	h	-ā, ø	h	h
tēt	t	-	t	t, d	t (Ṫ)	t, d (Ṫ)
yud	y	y, i, ī, ē, a, i	y	y, i, ī, ē, a, i	y	y, i, ī, ē, a, i
kāp	k	k, g, -ā, -ē	k x (k)	k x	k x	k x
lāmad	ḏ	l	l	l	l	l
(ḏālat)			ḏ	ḏ, Ṫ		
			ḏḏ	Ṫ, ḏḏ		
mim	m	m, ṁ	m	m, ṁ	m	m, ṁ
nun	n	n, ṁ	n	n, ṁ	n	n, ṁ
semkaṭ	s	s, (š)	s	s	s	s
ʿayin / ʿē	ʿ	-	ʿ	i, ī, ē	ʿ (ʿ)	ʿ
pē	p p̄	p, b, f f	p f (p̄)	p, b f	p f	p, b f
šādē	c	č, j, (s), (dz)	c	č, j, (s), (dz)	c	č, j, s, (dz)
qoṗ	q	-	q	k	q	k, g
rēš	r l (r)	r, r̄, r̄, l l	r	r, r̄, r̄	r	r, r̄, r̄
šin	š	š, š̄	š	š, š̄	š	š, š̄
taw	t	t, d	t	t, d	Ṫ (t)	Ṫ, (t, d)
(ḏāmad)	ḏ	ḏ, Ṫ				

Table 33 Overview of transliterations of Sogdian from the scripts derived from the Aramaic alphabet (after SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 176 and KÜMMEL 2006; edited).

Sogdian orthography of the *Ancient Letters* (written in an archaic non-cursive variety of the Sogdian script) corresponds to a rather archaic (“Pre-Classical”) form of the language, in which the **-ākā*-stems were neither contracted yet nor there have been change **Ṫr, *ḏr > /š̄, ž̄/* occurred. From Aramaic ductus was adopted writing of word-final *-ā* with letter *hē*, but it cannot be judged whether already in the language of the *Ancient Letters* operated *Stress III* and the *Rhythmic Law*. Younger (or “Classical”) Sogdian texts from the 8th-9th centuries come from the orthography similar to the orthography of the *Ancient Letters*, but in these younger texts appear some orthographic doublets – word-final *-ē* (originally masculine *aka*-stems) was written either archaic as *<-(?)k>* or phonetically as *<-(?)y>* and word-final *-ā* (from originally unstressed feminine *ākā*-stems) was written as *<-(?)kh>* or according to its pronunciation as *<-(?)>* or *<-(?)h>*, even *-ō* (in forms of adverbs, and accusative of masculines and nominative/accusative of neuter) was written as *<-(?)kw>* and word-final *-ā* of old *ā*-stems is often written as *<-h>* in endings of later *heavy stems*¹⁰⁶; also sounds *š, ž (<*Ṫr, *ḏr)* were often written archaically as *<ḏr>* or by phonetically similar graphemes *<š, z/z̄/z̄>*. Texts in the Manichaean and Syriac alphabet

¹⁰⁶ It means that the grapheme *hē* had two functions: 1) it marked word-final *-ā* in forms of the *light stems*, and 2) it was used as a common marker of feminine nouns and adjectives (with no phonetic value); later also the third function was emerged – it was used as filler at the end of the line.

use rather phonetic spelling (if we can really use the term “phonetic spelling” in a case of a consonant script which does not have separate vowel graphemes) – reflexes of the unstressed *ākā*-stems were written by use of the letter *ālaḫ* and reflexes of the *aka*-stems with the letter *yud*; continuants of old **ʒr* and **ḏr* were written with the letters *šin* and “*žayn*”. Interesting is an adoption of a grapheme for *ḏ* (and *ʒ*) – In the Sogdian alphabet *ḏ/ʒ* was written by Aramaic letter *lāmad*, in the Manichaean script with the letter “*ḏālat*”, which is morphologically derived from the letter *lāmad*, but in the Syriac alphabet the sound *ḏ* is written as *dālat* and *ʒ* as *taw* (i.e. only in the Syriac script there are two separate graphemes for *ḏ* and *ʒ*), problem of Sogdian *ḏ* < **d* : <*l*> (“*lambda Sogdica*”) will be discussed in *excursion* 5 in chapter II.1.3.6.

With the exception of sibilants there were no different graphemes for opposition of voiced and voiceless consonants in the Sogdian script – voiced stops (which have been rather rare in Sogdian) were written with graphemes for voiceless stops; on the contrary voiceless fricatives were written with graphemes for voiced fricatives, an exception presented only *x* and *ɣ*, which had two separate graphemes: letters *gāmal* and *ḫēt*, these graphemes slowly merged and their forms were distinguishable only word-finally, word-initially and word-internally was the difference in shapes of *gāmal* and *ḫēt* hardly evident. Labial fricative *f* was written with two graphemes – with the letters *bēt* and *pē*, the first mentioned was used also for *β*, the second letter was used also for labial stops *p* and *b*; occasionally the letters *bēt* and *pē* were supplemented with diacritics to spell *f* – *bēt* was supplemented by a subscribed dot or hook beneath the original letter, *pē* could have two dots written over the original letter (such way was used in Manichaean texts written in the Sogdian script). The letter *zayn* could have been also supplemented by diacritics – by either one dot/hook or two dots beneath the letter – these diacritic marks (without a distinction of <*ẓ*> and <*ẓ̣*>) had two meanings – they either distinguished *ž*-sound or they kept apart the letter *zayn* from the letter *nun* (*nun* was always written without diacritics). In a later period a subscribed hook under the letter *rēš* for *l* appears, this new grapheme is of Turkic origin and in Sogdian it has been used rarely (as there was no *l* in Sogdian). The Syriac alphabet has special graphemes for voiced and voiceless fricatives; and also the voiced velar stop *g* had its own grapheme *gāmal* (but *g* could have been written as *qoḫ*), the other voiced stops were written either as voiceless stops or as voiced fricatives (i.e. *d* = *tēt* or *dālat*; *b* = *pē* or *bēt*). Only the Manichaean script had quite a full range of graphemes to represent Sogdian consonants (but the letter *šin* was used for *š* and *ʃ* and “*žayn*” for *ž* and *ʒ* and except the letter “*ḏālat*” which served both for *ḏ* and *ʒ*, but occasionally double *ḏālat* <*ḏḏ*> was used for *ʒ*¹⁰⁷), it was possible to distinguish stops clearly in writing, but voiced stops were often written as their voiceless counterparts.

Moreover Aramaic had some phonemes that do not appear in the Iranian languages, mainly emphatic *t*, *s*, *q* and pharyngeal *ḥ*, *ʕ*. Letters for those sounds were used in different ways in

¹⁰⁷ Compare similar way of graphic representation of /θ/ and /ð/ in Modern English – both sounds are written with a single digraph <th>.

Sogdian. The letter *šādē* was used in all three alphabets for *č* and *ǰ* (and possibly for *š* and its allophone *dz*). In the Sogdian alphabet the letter *hēt* was used for *x*, in the Manichaean alphabet *hēt* served as a line-filler and in the Syriac script it was used for *h*. The letter *tēt* was not used in the Sogdian script, in the Manichaean script it was interchangeable with the letter *taw* and in the Syriac script it was used for *t* (as *taw* has been used for *ṯ*). The letter *qoḫ* had no use in the Sogdian alphabet, in the Manichaean and Syriac scripts it was interchangeable with the letter *kāp* (while *kāp* was used rarely in the Syriac script). The letter *‘ayin* was used in the Manichaean script for vowels *ě*, *ǰ*, *ī*; in the Sogdian alphabet it was not used and in the Syriac alphabet it was used for *γ*. The Sogdian alphabet had no use for the letter *dālat*¹⁰⁸.

The alphabet order is known from the attested material – the order was the same as in Aramaic¹⁰⁹. The collation of the Sogdian alphabet was found on an ostrakon from Panjakent and on a fragment from the Ōtani collection from Japan (LIVSHITS 2008, 305), the alphabet order was as follows: *ʔ β γ d h w z x t y k l m n s ʿ p c q r š t ḏ*¹¹⁰. The alphabet order of the Manichaean alphabet is attested in the Middle Persian (Pahlavī) and Parthian documents: *ʔ b g d h w z j h t y k l ḏ m n s ʿ p c q r š t* – the graphemes *<β>*, *<γ>*, *<ž>*, *<x>* and *<f>* were not considered as separate letters of the alphabet, but as varieties of **, *<g>*, *<z>*, *<k>*, *<p>*, from which they differed only by supplemented diacritic marks (cf. BOYCE 1952). Unlike its Semitic original the Manichaean alphabet differed in collation of the letters *hē* and *hēt* which switched their positions. In the Syriac script the alphabet order is the same as in Aramaic, the collation of the Sogdian letters “*žayn*”, “*xāp*” and “*fē*” is not known but it can be suggested that they followed after the letters *zayn*, *kāp*, *pē* from which they were derived.

The Sogdian alphabet was not used only for recording Sogdian language – it served also for Old Uyghur and later for Mongolian, Oyrat, Manchu or Sibe (Xibe) who use it up today. In

¹⁰⁸ In the Sogdian alphabet the non-used letters *dālat*, *tēt*, *‘ayin* and *qoḫ* appear only in Aramaic ideograms.

¹⁰⁹ Thus *ʔ b g d h w z h t y k l m n s ʿ p c q r š t*.

¹¹⁰ Another interpretation of the collation is also ... *y k ḏ m n ... š t l*, by analogy after the Old Uyghur alphabet, where the collation is as follows: *ʔ*, *v* (Sogd. *β*), *γ*, (*h* / *ø* /), *w*, *z*, *q* (Sogd. *x*) / *q* / (rarely / *x* /), *y*, *k* / *k*, *g*, *d* (Sogd. *ḏ*) / *ḏ*-*d* /, *m*, *n*, *s*, *p*, *c*, *r*, *š*, *t* / *t*, *d* /, *l* (Sogd. *r*). In case of Old Uyghur digraph *<nk>* should be mentioned, which was used for a velar nasal *ŋ*. The Uyghur variety of Sogdian script used some other letters supplemented by diacritics – *hēt*, and *kāp* could have been written with two superscript dots, *šin* and *zayn* with two subscribed dots and *nun* used single superscript dot – *<ġ>* was used to distinguish the letter *hēt* from the letter *gāmal*; *<ṣ̌>* to distinguish *šin* from *semkat*; *<ṇ>* distinguished *nun* from *ālap*; *<ẓ>* was used for *ž* in Sogdian loans; the use of *<ḳ>* is not known to me.

The Uyghur variety of the Sogdian alphabet has been adopted by the Mongolians, who changed the collation as follows: *a* (*<ʔ(ʔ)>*), *e* (*<ʿ>*), *i* (*<(ʿ)y>*), *o/u* (*<(ʿ)w>*), *ö/ü* (*<(ʿ)w(y)>*), *n* (*<n/ṇ>*), *ŋ* (*<nk>*), *b* (*<ḫ>*), *p* (new graphic variety of *<p>*), *q* (*<x>*), *γ* (*<š/x>* *<ḡ>*), *k/g* (*<k>*), *m*, *l* (*<ṯ>*), *s*, *š* (*<ṣ>* *<ṣ̌>*), *t/d* (according to a shape of surrounding letters shape of the letter is based either on original *<ṯ>* or *<ḏ>*), *č* (*<č>*), *ǰ* (*<z>*), *y*, *r*, *v/w* (*<β>*), *f* (*<ḫ>*), *k* (new graphic variety of *<k>*) and also letters *c*, *z* and *h* were probably adopted from the Tibetan script for Tibetan and Sanskrit words. The Sogdo-Uyghur alphabet has spread from the Mongolians to other nations such as the Oyrats, Manchus or Sibe; the Mongolian variety of the Sogdo-Uyghur alphabet and its local varieties are used even in the present time.

Sogdian translation of the Buddhist text *Avalokiteśvarasyanāmāṣṭasatakastotra* a Sanskrit quatrain is recorded in the Sogdian script (Figure 6):

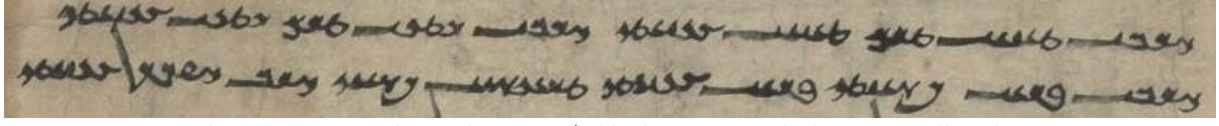


Figure 6 Sanskrit inscription in the Sogdian script (Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Pelliot chinois n° 3520, lines 53-54; <http://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b8305780t/fz.image.r=pelliot+3520.langEN>, cit. 12.9.2012, 10:16)

- (53) *srβn tʹnʹn trm tʹnʹn cynʹty srβn rty m trm rty m cynʹty*
 sarvaṃ dānaṃ d^harmad^hānaṃ jināti | sarvaṃ ratiṃ d^harmaratiṃ jināti
- (54) *srβn prʹn kšʹnty prʹn cynʹty trʹyšnʹ kšʹʹy srβ swkk cynʹty*
 sarvaṃ balaṃ kṣāntibalaṃ jināti | tṛṣṇākṣayaḥ sarvasuk^ha jināti

«The greatest of gifts is the gift of the law; the greatest of delights is delight in the law, the greatest of strengths is the strength of patience; the greatest happiness is the destruction of desire.» (GAUTHIOT 1911, 94). In this example characteristics of the Sogdian script can be seen – by comparison with Sanskrit whose sound system is well known, reading of individual graphemes can be verified – an effort to mark vowels *i* and *u* regardless their quantity is evident, but *a* similarly as in Sogdian is marked rarely; voiced stops were written with graphemes for their voiceless counterparts. Neither aspiration was marked (orthography <kk> for *k^b* cannot be interpreted as an effort to mark aspiration – the first <*k*> probably marks velar, the second <*k*> probably stands for vowel *-a*). In case of the word *tṛṣṇākṣayaḥ* <*trʹyšnʹ kšʹʹy*> we can presume that it is a scribal error for *<*trʹyšnʹ kšʹʹy*>¹¹¹. The sound *l* was written with the letter *rēš*, in many Sanskrit loans in Sogdian there is *l* often written with the letter *lāmad*: Sogd. *β dwkʹ*, *rwk* /lók(ā)/ ‘world, *loka*’ < Ved. *loká-*.

Sogdian texts written in the Brāhmī script are quite different from the text in Aramaic-derived scripts – Sogdian has adopted Central Asian variety of Brāhmī as it has been used by the ancient Uyghurs, but in the case of Sogdian cannot speak about Sogdian literature in this script, only a dozen texts are known. The main advantage of the Brāhmī script is its ability to mark vowel quality, however quantity is not marked. The Sogdian Brāhmī documents are not dated well, but they can come from the later period of Sogdian and thus they can bring valuable information about the development of the language.

In case of Sogdian written in the Brāhmī script we cannot speak even about developed orthography, it is rather an effort to record Sogdian words in an orthography created for some Turkic language, presumably Old Uyghur, but there are several features that can tell more about the Sogdian sound system; reading of the Brāhmī Sogdian documents have to be compared with

¹¹¹ The orthography of this word informs also about pronunciation of Sanskrit <*r*> /ri/ sometimes after the 8th century.

other records in the Sogdian, Manichaean and Syriac alphabets. The North Turkestan Brāhmī script used nine graphemes (*akṣara*¹¹²) for vowels and diphthongs: *a* /a, ə, (ɨ)/, *ā* /ā, -ǎ/, *i* /ĩ/¹¹³, *u* /ũ/¹¹⁴, *ɾ* /ɾ/, *e* /ě/, *ai* /āi/, *o* /ō/, *au* /āu, ǣu/. Other 33 *akṣaras* were used for consonants: *ka* /k/, *k^ha*, *ga*, *g^ha*, *na*, *ca* /č/, *c^ha*, *ja* /j, č/, *j^ha*, *nā*, *ta* /t, t^h/, *t^ha* /t^h/, *da* /d/, *d^ha*, *na* /n, ɳ, r̄n/, *ta* /t/, *t^ha* /ṭ-/, *da*, *d^ha* /ḍ/, *na* /n, r̄n/, *pa* /p/, *p^ha*, *ba*, *b^ha*, *ma* /m, r̄m/, *ya* /y/, *ra* /r/, *la*, *va* /w/, *ša* /š, š̄, ž, ž̄/, *ṣa* /ś, ś̄, ž̄, ž̄/, *sa* /s/, *ha* /x, ɣ/ and there were 13 new graphemes: *ḍ* /ḍ/, *ɣ* /ɣ/, *w* /β, f/, *z* /z/, *ž* /ž, ž̄/, *k* /k/, *t* /t, ṭ/, *p* /p/, *m* /m/, *r* /r/, *l*, *u* /w/, *š* /š, š̄/ and three diacritic marks – *anusvāra* (*ṃ* /n/), *virāma* (sign that marks that after a consonant *akṣara* does not follow a vowel) and *ä* /-i, ø/. Beside the above mentioned *akṣaras* there were used some digraphs, e.g.: *ar* /ar, ɾ/, *cc^h* /č/, *tt* /t/, *yu* /yüč/, *yue* /yüč/, *ve* /vüč/, *hk* /q-x/, *hv* /x°, /, *hṣ* /xš/, *hṣ* /x°, /, *wt* - *wd^h* /βd/, *wṭ* /βd/, *wv* /f/, *ue* /üč/ etc.

Based on the present state of knowledge we can hardly talk about literature in the Sogdian Brāhmī script, yet even there we can trace certain orthographic conventions; e.g. for *ə* (and/or its allophone *ɨ*) existed two different spellings – 1) in an open syllable of a disyllabic word the vowel *ə/ɨ* was not marked: Sogd. Br *knā* (B M *kwn*° C *qwn*°) /k(w)ənā/ ‘do!’ (2nd pers. sg. imper. pres.); Sogd. Br *md^hu* (S B M *mḍw* C *mdw*) /mḍú/ ‘wine’; Sogd. Br *prau* (S *pr*°(y)w B *pr*°(y)w, *pryw* M *pryw* C *prw*) /pṛǣu/ ‘(together) with’; Sogd. Br *hji* /xǣi/ ‘[(s)he/it] is’; Sogd. Br *nḍā-m* (C *nyd*°m) /niḍām/ ‘husk, bark’; 2) in a closed syllable it has been written as *a*: Sogd. Br *hṣa wd^hi*, *hṣa wṭi* (B °xšyβt-y) /°xšyβd/ ‘milk’; Sogd. Br *d^ha wd^hi-k*, *d^ha wṭi-k* (S ḍβtyk B ḍβtyk, ḍβt°yk(w) M ḍβt(t)yk, ḍβtyq, ḍḍβtyk C *dbtyq*) /ḍiβd/ ‘again’; Sogd. Br *pa tyā-p* (S B M *pty*°p) /p°tyāp/ ‘part’. Interesting issue presents pronunciation and orthography of *ṭ* – it is written as the letter *t^ha-kāra* (Sogd. Br *t^hau /ṭāu/ ‘shoot (2nd pers. sg. imper. pres.)’), in other positions it is written as “Fremdzeiche” *ta-kāra*, which is used either for *ṭ* or for *t*: Sogd. Br *me-t* (AL MG °myḍ S (°)m°yḍ B m°yḍ M m°yḍ(ḍ) C *myṭ*, *myṭ*) /mēṭ/ ‘thus’ × Sogd. Br *pcai-t*, *pca-ytā*, *pca-yt* /p°čāit/ (B M √pc°y /p°čāi/) ‘is beneficial’ – it is possible that in Sogdian dialect recorded by the Brāhmī script *ṭ* changed to *t* (i.e. similarly as e.g. in Sogdian dialects of Zhetisu; see Excursion 1), or it is determined by the fact that there was no *akṣara* for the voiceless dental fricative *ṭ* in the Old Uyghur Brāhmī and thus this sound has been written with an *akṣara* for voiceless dental stop *t* (*ta-kāra*).*

In some words we find *i* and *u* instead of (etymologically) expected *ě* and *ǫ*, Nicolas Sims-Williams explains this change with an assumption that there was a stress shift to the last syllable (see *Stress IV* in chapter II.1.1.4.) and newly unstressed *ě* and *ǫ* were shifted towards *ĩ* and *ũ* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 310). Moreover, the Brāhmī script shows pronunciation of the numeral ‘one’ in Sogdian – it is attested as Sogd. S B °yw M °yw, °yw C *yw*, *yw* in the Aramaic

¹¹² After each *akṣara* will be shown its phonetic value as it was pronounced in Sogdian.

¹¹³ In unstressed position probably also /ě/.

¹¹⁴ Maybe /ǫ/ in an unstressed position.

derived alphabets but written *yau* in Brāhmī, so it could have been pronounced as /yǝu/¹¹⁵ (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 313); also reading of Sogdian digraph (s B) <wy> have been corrected – Nicolas Sims-Williams originally suggested reading either *ōi* or *ō̄*, after Brāhmī orthography <yu, yue, ve, ue>, the reading has been corrected as a rising diphthong *üē* or *üe* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 313-314).

Sogdian documents in Brāhmī still wait for a thorough study, since just one Sogdian–Sanskrit bilingual document has been published (MAUE – SIMS-WILLIAMS 1991) together with some words quoted by Nicolas Sims-Williams to evaluate Sogdian phonology (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a).

II.1.1. Stress

Development of stress in the *Proto-Sogdic language is essential to understand phonology of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī and also to discover differences between both languages. It is not necessary to focus on position of stress in *Proto-Iranian because there was a stress shift in *Proto-Sogdic from which both languages developed. The reconstruction of *Proto-Iranian stress is complex – it can be supposed that the *Proto-Iranian stress was mobile and its position was similar to Vedic. For the reconstruction of Old Iranian stress is essential to study stress in Pashtō (GRYUNBERG – ÈDEL'MAN 1987, 38-39). Position of stress changed also in the other Eastern Iranian languages, mainly in the Pāmīr languages where stress shifts caused either syncope of unstressed vowels or changes of stressed vowels under operation of *ā-* or *i-Umlaut*; nowadays all Pāmīr languages of Badakhshān have stress on the last syllable.

It seems that predecessors of both Yaghnōbī and Sogdian underwent the same or very similar stress shifts, the results of operations of stress slightly differ in both languages. Some Sogdian words point to original *Proto-(Eastern-)Iranian stress, the place of this stress (*Stress I*) can be reconstructed after operation of *i-Umlaut*, e.g. Sogd. s m c *zyrn* /zein/ < *dzāranja- ‘gold’ (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181). Stress later shifted to another position (*Stress II*): the stress fell on penultimate or antepenultimate syllable. Words with penultimate stress were either disyllabic words or words with a penultima containing long syllable i.e. syllable containing either long vowel (long either naturally or rhythmically) or a diphthong (diphthong could have been formed also by a nasal or (*r) in a closed syllable; in other positions the stress shifts on antepenultima. Position of stress in Yaghnōbī comes from the results of operation of the *Stress II*, this stress can be observed in Sogdian in results of operation of *i-Umlaut* of several words. Such stress shift is also probably related with change of its strength – many unstressed vowels (in Yaghnōbī often all syllables) were reduced or even syncopated, mainly short vowels directly preceding or following a stressed syllable.

Other stress shift (*Stress III*) took place in Sogdian, and this change is related operation of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law*; but no such shift has taken place in Yaghnōbī. The *Rhythmic Law*,

¹¹⁵ See also Sogd. Br *prau* /pǝrǝu/ mentioned above.

which was originally only a phonological feature caused many other changes in Sogdian morphology – this problem will be discussed in following parts of this thesis. The *Rhythmic Law* divides Sogdian words into two groups – in so-called *light* and *heavy stems*¹¹⁶ (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1984; GMS §484-530; TEDESCO 1926). As the *heavy stems* we can classify words with stressed root syllable, in fact stress falls on the first possible rhythmically long syllable (i.e. either on a long vowel or on a diphthong – in this case diphthongs are considered groups V_i , V_u , V_r , V_m in closed syllable), the *heavy stems* end with a consonant in majority of words. In the *light stems* stress shifted to the ending – the *light stem* words do not have rhythmically long root syllables and the stress shifted towards the end of the word, and thus *Proto-Sogdian endings have been preserved. Emergence of the *Rhythmic Law* also influenced reduction of vowels in unstressed syllables, mainly when they followed stress – in the *heavy stems* the original endings disappeared but they remained in the *light stem* forms. Subsequently the last stress shift (*Stress IV*) appears – this stress shifts to the ultimate syllable (Nicolas Sims-Williams suggests this development after an analysis of Sogdian documents in the Brāhmī script, some evidence of this feature can be found in several vocalized documents in the Syriac script; SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 312-313)

As indicated above, mere shifts in stress position presented a significant feature which resulted in further sound changes in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī. Both languages probably shared similar changes of stress for quite a long period of time during their common development. Yaghnōbī retained original stress on (ante)penultima (i.e. *Stress II*) Sogdian, however, was more progressive and there developed another innovation in stress (*Stress III*), this shift was motivated by rhythmical weight of a syllable – the operation of *Stress III* and the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* is one of the most important distinctive features distinguishing Yaghnōbī from Sogdian.

The following parts present analysis of stress operation reflexes from the *Proto-(Eastern-)Iranian state up to (*Proto-)Sogdian and (*Proto-)Yaghnōbī, and subsequent Sogdian innovation in the form of the *Rhythmic Law*. We can distinguish three development stages of stress changes: *Stress I*, *Stress II* and *Stress III* – the first two stages can be observed in both languages (there are sources for position of the *Stress I* mainly in Sogdian, but they can be suggested in Yaghnōbī), *Stress III* is just Sogdian development – in the scientific literature the *Stress III* is labelled as the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law*. In the presented thesis I will use the term “*Rhythmic Law*” just for the outcome of the operation of the *Stress III* in all its complexity, mainly as a feature influencing Sogdian grammar; the label *Stress III* means only phonological shift of stress. In Late Sogdian *Stress IV* followed. A good example of all stress shifts can be seen in the following example: *Stress I* *adzám ‘Ṭ (Pasht. zə; Waṇ. ze; Munj. za; Yidgh. zo, zə; cf. Ave. azəm, Ved. abám; Ide. *h₁eǵ^bóm, Gre. ἐγώ) > *Stress II* *ázam (Proto-Sogdic *ázu; Yagh.

¹¹⁶ The *light stem* words can be also labelled “oxytones” as they had stressed ending; the *heavy stem* words can be regarded as “barytones” i.e. words with a stressed root.

(**az*; Wakh. *wuz*; Ishk. *az(i)*; Sangl. *azə*; *azi*; Yazgh. *az*; Shugh. (*w*)*uz*; Rōsh. *az*; Khūf. Rāshrv. Sarīq. *waz*; Bart. *āz*) > *Stress III* Sogd. s B M [?]*zw*, /əzú/ > *Stress IV* Sogd. c *zw* /zu/ (?).

II.1.1.1. *Stress I*

Stress I corresponds to the position of stress in *Proto-(Eastern-)Iranian. Its responses are preserved only in rare cases, examples can be found mainly in Sogdian words, in Yaghnōbī there are no direct traces, but its operation can be also presumed. The position of the *Stress I* is not attested but it can be reconstructed in several words due to reflects of *i*-Umlaut in some roots, Nicolas Sims-Williams presents several examples: Sogd. s M C *zyrn* /zeɾn/ ‘gold’ < **dzáranja-*; Sogd. s *rypðβ-* /repðβá/ ‘noon’ < **rápiðβā-*; Sogd. s *pr[?]yð* c *pryð* /prēð/ ‘to sell’ < **pará-daðja-*. In some cases stress can be found even on some nominal prefixes: Sogd. s *py(t)ð[?]r* M *pyð[?]r* c *pyð[?]r* /peðár/ ‘because (of)’ < **páⁱtðārⁱ* < **páti-rādi-*; Sogd. *pyrðnn* /pérðan/ ‘saddle’ < **pári-dāna-*; Sogd. s *wzγ[?]m*, [?]*wzγ[?]m* /uzγám/ ‘absolutely, ever’ < **údz-gāman-* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181). The position of the *Stress I* can be better reconstructed from Pashtō.

On the position of *Stress I*, cannot be presumed much, we can just conclude that under its influence some unstressed vowels were syncopated and/or reduced, this feature can be observed in the first three above mentioned examples – there can be seen a syncopated intermediate stage (**zár^anja-*, **rápⁱðβā-*, **pārāð^aðja-*), the syncopation of unstressed vowel subsequently caused *i*-Umlaut of the stressed root vowel (**záⁱrn(i)a-*, **ráⁱpðβā-*, **pārāⁱð(i)a-*). The *Stress I* can be supposed also in the word **ráupāsa-* ‘fox’ (cf. Ved. *lopāsá-*, Gre. *ἄλωπηξ*) > ProtoSogd. **ráopāsa-* > Sogd. B M *rwps* /rōpəs/, Yagh. *rúpas*: in this case there was no syncope but shortening of **ā* > **a*, this change was probably *Proto-Sogdic, in Persian there is *rōbāh* < Elam.-OPers. **raupāsa-* (cf. MAYRHOFER 1996, 482). Regarding later development in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī it can be suggested, that the *i*-Umlaut occurred later, probably in the stage of the *Stress II* – the crucial reflex of the *Stress I* was probably result of syncopation of some short vowels preceding a stressed syllable.

The position of *Stress I* is attested from some words in Sogdian, traces of the *Stress I* can be better found in Pashtō and also in Munjī-Yidghā and Wakhī (here the position of the *Stress I* can be observed in results of Umlaut), many of examples of the *Stress I* can be compared with Vedic:

- Pasht. *áspa* ‘mare’ < **ásuā-*; Ved. *ásvā-*;
- Pasht. *záma* ‘jaw’ < **dzámbā-*; Ved. *jámb^a-*;
- Pasht. *tóra* ‘black (f)’; Munj. *tírō*; Yidgh. *túro* ‘darkness’ < **tánðra-*; Ved. *támisrā-*;
- Pasht. *sxər*; Wañ. *xwsar*; Wakh. *ǰurs* ‘father in law’ < **x^uasúra-* × Ved. *śvásura-*;
- Pasht. *xwáǰē-xwáǰē*; Wakh. *ǰáǰ* ‘mother in law’ < **x^uásr(u)-* × Ved. *śvasrú-*;
- Pasht. *drē*; Wakh. *trū(y)* ‘three’ < **ðrāja-*; Ved. *tráyah*;
- Pasht. Wañ. *špa* ‘night’ < **xšapá-*; Ved. *kšapá-*;
- Pasht. *lúná* ‘corn, uncer’ < **dānā-*; Ved. *d^bānāh*;
- Pasht. *paxá* ‘cooked, ripe (f)’ < **pax^uá-*; Ved. *pakvá-*;

Pasht. *zə*; Waṅ. *ze*; Munj. *za*; Yidgh. *zo, zə* ‘I’ < **adzám-*; Ved. *ahám-*;
 Pasht. *atə*; Waṅ. *otá*; Munj. *ošká*; Yidgh. *aščó*; Wakh. *at* ‘eight’ < **aštá-*; Ved. *aṣṭá*
 (MAYRHOFER 1989, 13; MORGENSTIERNE 2003; STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY 1999).

II.1.1.2. *Stress II*

Stress shift marked as *Stress II* characterizes another development in *Proto-Sogdic¹¹⁷. The original *Proto-(Eastern-)Iranian stress shifted to penultimate or antepenultimate syllable according to its rhythmic weight: stress was on penultima if this syllable contained naturally or metrically long vowel (i.e. either a long vowel or a short vowel/diphthong in a closed syllable), in other circumstances stress fell on the antepenultima (that implies that rules of stress were similar to those in Latin or Sanskrit). The shift towards *Stress II* position brought about several significant features, which were characteristic for the development in *Proto-Sogdian and *Proto-Yaghnōbī, notable are following four phenomena: 1) stress shift was probably related also with its strength, the new *Stress II* being probably stronger than *Stress I*; 2) after the operation of *Stress II* some unstressed vowels (or even whole syllables) were reduced or lost; 3) after the reduction of unstressed vowels the syllabic structure was rearranged, and 4) after loss of unstressed **i* (or **ī* and **ĭ*) the stressed root vowels and some consonants were palatalized.

The results of the changes caused by *Stress II* have different reflexes in *Proto-Yaghnōbī (and probably in Ustrōshanian Sogdian) and in *Proto-Sogdian, it is possible that at this stage the Sogdian dialects of Bukhārā and Zhetisu started to split. The majority of dialects developed from *Proto-Sogdic probably retained the position of the *Stress II*, but clear evidence can be found just for (*Proto-)Yaghnōbī. For *Bukhāran Sogdian, *Ustrōshanian and *Zhetisu Sogdian we can only suppose the preservation of *Stress II* and no shift towards *Stress III*.

The shift of *Stress II* resulted mainly in a change of stress strength which led to the reduction of unstressed vowels – short vowels were reduced or changed into *Schwa* (ə). Long vowels were shortened when unstressed – in Yaghnōbī it can be said with certainty that *Proto-Sogdic unstressed **ī* and **ū* changed to *i, u*; in Sogdian a similar development can be presumed, but there is no clear evidence due to unsuitable graphic representation of vowels in the Aramaic-derived alphabets. One knows for certain that in Sogdian long vowels **ī* and **ū* were retained in syllables that later bore *Stress III*; but *Proto-Sogdic **ā* usually remained unchanged, although there some examples of shortening of **ā* > **ǎ* are attested.

The transition from *Stress I* to *Stress II* must have been regular, the original *Stress I* being preserved only in rare cases, mainly in cases of old syncopation of vowels, but also under some other circumstances (see examples given above); and some words have double forms that either preserve an archaic state with *Stress I* or show *Stress II* innovations: **údz-gāmam-* (*Stress I*)

¹¹⁷ *Proto-Sogdic as a reconstructed language can be interpreted as a development stage of a North Eastern Iranian language just in a period when *Stress II* operated, but the features caused by effects of *Stress II* are different for the development of *Proto-Sogdian and *Proto-Yaghnōbī.

‘absolutely, ever’ > *uz-γámam (*Stress II*) > *üz-γámu > Sogd. s wzy²m, ²wzy²m /^wazyám/ (*Stress I*) × s c zy²m /(²)zyám/ (*Stress II*) (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 182).

For many forms we cannot exactly conclude whether there was any shift from *Stress I* towards *Stress II*, but there is better evidence for the *Stress II* from a later stage, so I will interpret the position of stress according to position of the *Stress II*. The fundamental change related to the stress shift has been the above mentioned vowel reductions in unstressed positions, this change can be shown on many examples: Sogd. s zr²ync M C zrync /zrimǰ/ < *udz-rínčaja- ‘to save, deliver’; Sogd. s B m²γ(h), m²γw M C m²x /māx < máxu/, Yagh. mōx ‘we’ < *imáxu < *abmáxam. Together with the reduction and loss of vowels a whole syllable can also disappear, such feature is characteristic for Yaghnōbī, but it can be rarely traced in Sogdian): Sogd. C γwr²ty /γ^wrátē/ < M wγr²tyy /w²γrátē-üiγrátē/, Yagh. γ^wrót(a) ‘awake’ < *uigráta-(ka-); Sogd. B ctβ²r M ct²r C ct²r, š²r /č²t²fār/, Yagh. t²afōr, t²fōr || t²fōr, t²fōr ‘four’ < *čaḏuár-; Yagh. žavár- || ž²vár- ‘to bring, to produce, to invent’ < *nij-bára-; moreover, the whole first syllable was reduced in Yaghnōbī when two short and open syllables preceded the stressed one: Sogd. s M C √ptγwš B √ptγ(?)wš /p²tγōš-/ , Yagh. d^wγúš- ‘to hear’ < *pati-gáuša- (KHROMOV 1987, 661).

The vowel loss is related to an Umlaut of stressed root vowels. Operation of *i*-Umlaut causes palatalization of a stressed vowel or diphthong after loss of **i* or **i̇*. Outcomes of palatalization differ in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – in Sogdian there are palatalized vowels and diphthong **ǎ*, **u*, **ǎu*, in Yaghnōbī there is attested palatalization of **ǎ* and **u*: Sogd. s β(y)z-y, ²β(y)z-y, M β(y)j-y, ²βj-y /²βží < βeží/ < *βéži < *bázdia- ‘bad, evil’; Sogd. s wyzp- B wzp- M wjp- C ²wžb- /üižbá/ < *úbjiā ‘terror’; Sogd. C fnyš- /fneš-/ < *fra-násia- ‘to be deceived’; Sogd. s xwt²yn C xwtyn /xutén/ < h²ya-táunī- ‘queen’; Sogd. s M ptβyδ- C √ptbyd- /√p²tβüiδ-/ < pati-búdia- ‘to perceive’ (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b); Sogd. s √²zw²yrt B √(?)zw²yrt M √zw²yrt C √zwyr² /√²zwírt/, Yagh. z²wírt- ‘to turn’ < *udz-uárt(a)ia-; Sogd. B wyš(h) /wěš/, Yagh. wēš || wajš ‘grass’ < *uástriia-, Ave. vāstriia-; Sogd. B fr²wyšcy M fr²wycy² /frāwi(š)či/, Yagh. farómič || frómič / frómič ‘obliviousness’ < *frāmišti-.

The issue of syllabic structure transformation in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī will be thoroughly discussed in Chapter II.1.9., now we need to outline only the basic features of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī syllable – due to loss of unstressed vowels consonant clusters emerged, in later stages of the language consonant clusters were not allowed in word-initial positions – the clusters have been reanalysed by prothesis (in Sogdian there are reconstructed two prothetic vowels ² and ²), or epenthesis (in Yaghnōbī *a*, *i*, *u*); an anaptyctic vowel appeared in Yaghnōbī in several word-final positions if the word ended in **xm*, **xn*, **βn*, **šm*, *(*x*)šn, **čn*, **fr* and **zm*: ráxšín ‘dawn’ < *ráuxšna-; wáfr ‘snow’ < *uáfra-; wáxín ‘blood’ < *uáhuni-; ízím ‘firewood’ < *áizma- (cf. KHROMOV 1987, 661), both in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī a svarabhakti vowel in inserted in word-final cluster **γn*: Sogd. s B M C rwyn B^r ro haṃ, ro γaṃ /rōγ²n/, Yagh. rúγín, rúγan ‘oil, butter’ < *ráugna- [Ave. raoyna-, Pahl. rōγn, Pers. rōγán, Tjk. raoyán, Fārs. ro^wγán].

II.1.1.3. *Stress III and the Sogdian Rhythmic Law*

The last of significant stress shifts in the languages derived from *Proto-Sogdic is *Stress III* – this change took place in (literary) Sogdian, where it is generally known as the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law*; the *Stress III* has not developed in Yaghnōbī and probably it did not operate in the Sogdian dialect of Zhetisu, its impact can be excluded less likely in the Sogdian dialects of Bukhārā and Ustrōshana. Together with the operation of *Stress III* the morphology of Sogdian words was completely rebuilt – stress shifted on the first possible rhythmically long syllable. A long syllable was defined as a syllable containing either a long vowel or a diphthong in a closed syllable. Together with the operation of the *Rhythmic Law* transformation the loss of unstressed endings took place. If a word contained no rhythmically long syllable, stress shifted to the ending, which under these circumstances remained. According to the position of stress either on the root or on the ending, Sogdian words split into two groups: in the so-called *heavy* and *light stems*.

The *Proto-Sogdian endings of the *heavy stems* were reduced or lost due to the stress shift; the *light stems* when compared to the *heavy stems* are richer in morphology – in the *light stems* the original endings were retained as they bore stress. The difference between the *light* and *heavy stems* can be demonstrated in the following examples (all forms are in nominative singular): M $\beta^{\gamma} \gamma$ C $b^{\gamma} \gamma$ / $\beta\bar{a}\gamma$ / < * $\beta\acute{a}\gamma i$ < * $\beta\acute{a}gah$ ‘garden’ × S B M $\beta\gamma$ -y C $b\gamma$ -y / $\beta\bar{a}\gamma i$ / < * $\beta\acute{a}\gamma i$ < * $\beta\acute{a}gah$ ‘god’; BS $m\bar{r}\gamma h$ S M C $m\bar{r}\gamma$ / $m\bar{a}\bar{r}\gamma$ / < * $m\acute{a}\bar{r}\gamma i$ < * $m\acute{a}rgah$ ‘forest, meadow’ × B $^{\gamma}m\bar{r}\gamma$ -y / $^{\gamma}m(\bar{a}^{\gamma})\gamma i$ / S B M $m\bar{r}\gamma$ -y / $m\bar{a}^{\gamma}\gamma i$ / < * $m\acute{r}\gamma i$ < * $m\acute{r}gah$ ‘bird’. Apart from the transformation of endings in forms of the *heavy stems* also other transformations occurred – mainly * \bar{u} and * \bar{i} were shortened in unstressed positions > \bar{u} , \bar{i} ; rarely also * \bar{a} has been shortened to \bar{a} : Sogd. s $^{\gamma\gamma}m^{\gamma}t^{\gamma}y$ B $^{\gamma\gamma}m^{\gamma}t(?)k$ M $^{\gamma\gamma}m^{\gamma}t\gamma y$ C $^{\gamma}m^{\gamma}t\gamma$, $^{\gamma}m\bar{i}\gamma$ / $\acute{a}m\bar{a}t\check{e}$ / × M $^{\gamma\gamma}m\bar{i}\gamma y$ / $\acute{a}m\bar{a}t\check{e}$ / < \bar{a} - $m\bar{a}ta$ -ka- ‘ready’.

As I have mentioned above, the rhythmically long syllable was every syllable containing rhythmically long vowel – i.e. either a quantitatively long vowel, or a vowel as the first part of a diphthong¹¹⁸ in a closed syllable, or a vowel followed by a labialized velar (uvular) fricative x° ; other syllables are considered as rhythmically short (i.e. vowels followed by clusters mt , ny , my , tkw / tk^w , $x\check{s}n$, and rw). However, if there was a *light stem* word terminating either in $-y$, $-w$, $-r$ or a nasal supplemented by an ending beginning with a stop or an affricate, the *light stem* changed to a *heavy stem* (this feature can be observed mainly with verbs), e.g.: Sogd. B M $\sqrt{\beta r}$ - C $\sqrt{\beta r}$ - / $\sqrt{\beta\bar{a}r}$ -/ ‘to bear, to carry’ : $\beta\bar{a}r\acute{a}m$ ‘[I] bear (i^{st} pers. sg. pres.)’ × $\beta\bar{a}r\acute{t}$ ¹¹⁹ ‘[(s)he] bears (3^{rd} pers. sg. pres.)’; Sogd. S B M C $\sqrt{\check{s}w}$ - / $\sqrt{\check{s}\bar{a}w}$ -/ ‘to go’ : $\check{s}\bar{a}w\acute{a}m$ ‘[I] go (i^{st} pers. sg. pres.)’ × $\check{s}\bar{o}t$ ‘[(s)he] goes (3^{rd} pers. sg. pres.)’; such a feature is not attested in forms of the plural in *- $t\acute{a}$: Sogd. s $wn(?)h$ M wn^{γ} / $w\bar{a}n\acute{a}$ / ‘tree (nom. sg.)’ : S B $wnt^{\gamma}k(h)$ M wnd^{γ} / $w\bar{a}n\check{d}\acute{a}$ - $w\bar{a}n\acute{t}\acute{a}$ / ‘trees (nom. pl.)’.

¹¹⁸ Apart from the “inherited” falling diphthongs terminating in $-i$ and $-u$ also vowels followed by $-r$ and $-m$ were classified as diphthongs, and in such case it is necessary to say that r and m had to be followed by a stop or a fricative (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1984, 206, 209-212).

¹¹⁹ By analogy also Sogd. $\beta\bar{a}r\acute{t}i$.

II.1.1.4. *Stress IV*

According to analysis of late Sogdian texts/words written in the Brāhmī script it can be supposed that after the operation of *Stress III* another stress shift (*Stress IV*) took place in Sogdian – in this case the stress shifted to the ultimate syllable. The position of *Stress IV* can be seen in the graphic representation of phonemes *ě* and *ǫ* versus *ĩ* and *ũ* in the Brāhmī script: the graphemes <e> and <o> were used only in the last (i.e. stressed) syllable of a polysyllabic word, in monosyllabic words or in proclitics; the graphemes <i> and <u> appear instead of (etymologically) expected *ē*, *ō* in another than the last (i.e. unstressed) syllable of a polysyllabic word or in enclitics. The main evidence for the shift towards the *Stress IV* comes from the documents in the Brāhmī script, and some indications can also be seen in some vocalized Christian Sogdian texts in the Syriac script¹²⁰ (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 312-313). It is possible that there was a transitional stage between operation of *Stress III* and *Stress IV*, when stress shifted from the first rhythmically long syllable towards the last possible rhythmically long syllable – Nicolas Sims-Williams states that according to the analysis of the Sogdian texts written in the Brāhmī script it will be necessary to revise the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 312). Elio Provasi analysed the metre of Sogdian verses in a Sogdian translation of the Middle Persian hymn cycle *Huyadagmān*, and he supposed that in a *heavy stem* word with two rhythmically long syllables the stress shifted towards the last rhythmically long syllable (PROVASI 2009, 351-353), which seems to be inconsistent with the definition of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* according to Nicolas Sims-Williams.

As is evident from the Sogdian documents written in the Brāhmī script, the shift from *Stress III* towards *Stress IV* was not only a stress shift but also a cause of sound system changes in late Sogdian – after the operation of *Stress IV* the sounds *ě* and *ǫ* could not remain in an unstressed position and so they have been changed to *ĩ* and *ũ* respectively. Unfortunately, in the “Sogdian variety” of the Brāhmī script (originating in the Central Asian variety of Brāhmī as it has been used for Old Uyghur; SIMS-WILLIAMS 1966a, 309) the quantity of the vowels *ě*, *ĩ*, *ǫ* and *ũ* was not distinguished, therefore it cannot be assessed whether the shift towards *Stress IV* was related to the change of quality of *ě* and *ǫ* which probably also changed in their quantity. Examples of the *Stress IV* can be shown in the following examples: Sogd. Br *ine* C *ʔyn̄y* /*ĩn̄ě*/ (× S *ʔyny*, *ʔynʔk* M *ʔyny(y)*, *ʔyny(y)* C *ʔyn̄y* /*ě̄n̄ě*/) ‘this’ < **áina-ka-* [Ved. *ena-*, Pahl. *ēn*, Pers. *in*]; Sogd. Br *zā ūa rkem* /*zāwarkēn*/ (× S B *zʔwrkyn* M *zʔwrk(?)yn*, *zʔwrqyn* C *zʔwrqyn* /*zāwarkēn*/) ‘strong’; or enclitics: Sogd. Br *ni-st* /*n̄ist*/ (× S B *nyst(y)* M *ny(y)st(t)* C *nyst̄(y)* *n̄yst̄*, *n̄yst̄*, *n̄st̄* /*n̄est(i)*/) ‘[(s)he/it] is not’ < **nai(d)-ásti* [Yagh. *n̄est*, Pers. *n̄est*] a Sogd. Br *wu-t* /*βūt*/ (× S B M *βwt* C *bw̄t* /*βōt*/) ‘[(s)he] is’ < *bāua-ti* [Pers. *buvád*].

¹²⁰ In the documents appear primarily vocalic signs <ȳ, ȳ> and <ȳ>, i.e. *ě* and *ĩ*, vocalization of *ǫ* <w̄> and *ũ* <w̄> have been used rarely (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a, 356; 1996, 307).

II.1.2. Vowels and diphthongs

The original Old Iranian system of seven vowels (**a*, **i*, **u*, **ɾ*, **ā*, **ī*, **ū*) and four diphthongs (**ai*, **au*, **āi*, **āu*) has considerably changed in course of the development of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī. In Sogdian there can be reconstructed 17 (or even 19) vowels (*a*, *ə*, *əʳ* [ə̃], *e*, *i*, *iʳ* [ĩ], *ɨ*¹²¹, *o*, *u*, *uʳ* [ũ], *ā*, *ē*, *ī*, *ō*, *ū*, *m*¹²², *r*¹²³; eventually *ɛ*/*ʰ* [ɛ̃] and *q* [q̃]), two super-short prothetic vowels (*ʷ*, *ɨ*) and eight diphthongs (*ai*, *au*, *āi*, *āu*, *ēu*, *ēu*, *üi*¹²⁴, *üē*¹²⁵), to these old diphthongs are added 19 “new” diphthongs (*ar*, *am*, *ir*, *im*, *im*, *er*, *em*, *ur*, *um*, *ār*, *ām*, *ēr*, *ēm*, *īr*, *īm*, *ōr*, *ōm*, *ūr*, *ūm*). In Yaghnōbī the situation corresponds more to the Middle Iranian stage: in every dialect there are eight (nine) vowels (*a*¹²⁶, *i*, *u*, *ē*, *ī*, *ō*, *ū*, furthermore *ɨ* in the Western dialect, and in the Eastern dialect *ē*; peripheral sound is *ā*), two super-short svarabhakti vowels (*i*, *u*) and one true diphthong (*ai*, in the Eastern dialect it is pronounced *ē*, in the transitional dialect there is *ēi* [ẽĩ]) and three newly built diphthongs (*au*, *ēu*, *ōu*).

*Proto-Sogdic vowel system developed differently in these two languages, the most significant difference was mainly Sogdian reduction of all historical short vowels in unstressed position (i.e. **a*, **i*, **u* > *ə* or *ɨ*), in Yaghnōbī the historical short vowels were also reduced in unstressed positions, but not to such extent as in Sogdian (In Sogdian the unstressed short vowels were neutralized, in Yaghnōbī the reduction resulted in emergence of super-short vowels in an open syllable preceding a stressed syllable).

Vowel system of Sogdian needs to be based mainly on the study of historical phonology – as mentioned above, Sogdian was written in alphabets derived from Aramaic which was not able to sign vowels properly and thus their appearance have to be reconstructed – as a valuable source here serve a few documents written in the Brāhmī script and several vocalized Christian texts in the Syriac script, on their basis we can evaluate the reconstructed data (see Table 34). Analysis of Sogdian phonology has been studied by Nicolas Sims-Williams, basic outline of Sogdian vowel system can be found in his basic outline of Sogdian grammar (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b,

¹²¹ The vowel *ɨ* is interchangeable with *ə* (in majority of occurrences they are allophones; the exception is *ɨ* (*ɨ*??) as a reflex of palatalized **iaū*).

¹²² Sound marked as *m̄* is a vocalic nasal prolongation of preceding vowel appearing as the second part of a diphthong, its realisation changed according to the pronunciation of preceding vowel e.g.: *am̄* [aū̄ - aā̄] (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181).

¹²³ The sound represented as *r̄* is something like syllabic *ɾ* as second parts of a diphthong, it was realized as rhotacized vowel *əʳ*, in this case the rhotacized vowel was non-syllabic [ə̃] (or [r̄]), e.g. *ar̄* [aə̃ʳ - aə̃ - aṝ] (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181).

¹²⁴ Or probably monophthong *ü* (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181).

¹²⁵ Nicolas Sims-Williams interpreted development of **ui*, **uai* and palatalized **ua*, **au* as > *ō*, eventually *oi* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1984, 206-207), but according to the Brāhmī spelling <yue, yu, ue, ve> he revised his reconstruction towards rising diphthong *üē* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 313-314). Ilya Gershevitch does not solve this problem, only in the case of the word for the ‘sun’ **x^hárja-* > В *γw(y)r*, С *xwyr*, М *xwr* he reconstructs reading /xuwər/ (GMS §223), correctly /xüēr/, later /xōr/, cf. Yagh. *xūr*.

¹²⁶ With positional allophone *ā* i.e. half-long *a* [a· - a·].

175-181), in the paper *The Sogdian sound-system and the origin of the Uyghur script* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a) he compared spelling in the Sogdian script with sound system of Old Uyghur and in the paper *The Sogdian manuscripts in Brāhmī script as evidence for Sogdian phonology* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a) he evaluated Sogdian phonology with the help of Sogdian glosses in the Brāhmī script. Other studies of Sogdian phonology can be found in following works: GMS §82-483; GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1914-1923; LIVSHITS – KHROMOV 1981, 373-416; QARĪB 1383, xxix-xxxii.

vowel	Sogdian alphabet	Manichaean alphabet	Syriac alphabet	Brāhmī script
a	ʔʔ-, -(ʔ)-, -ʔ(h), -h, -(ʔ)k(h)	ʔ-, -(ʔ)-, -ʔ(-), -(ʔ)h	ʔ-, ʔ̇-, -(ʔ)-, -ẋ-, -ʔ(-), -ʔ̇, (-h)	a, -a, -ā
ā	ʔʔ-, -ʔ(ʔ)-, -(ʔ)h, -(ʔ)k(h), -ʔ(ʔ)	ʔʔ-, -ʔ-, -ʔ(ʔ), -(ʔ)h	ʔ-, ʔ̇/ʔ̇-, -(ʔ)-, -ʔ̇/ʔ̇-, -ẋ/ẋ-, -ʔ-, -ʔ̇/ʔ̇, (-h)	ā
ə	ʔ-, -ø-, -y-, -(w)-	ʔ-, -ø-, -y-, -(w)-	ʔ-, ʔ̇-, -(ẋ)-, -y-, -(w)-	a, -ø-
ī	ʔy-, -(y)-	ʔy-, ʔ̇(y)-, -(y)-, -ʔ̇(y)-	ʔy-, ʔ̇y-, -y(-), -y(-)	
i	ʔy-, -(ʔ)y(-)	ʔy-, ʔ̇y-, -(ʔ)y(-), -y(y)(-)	ʔy-, ʔ̇y-, -y(-), -y(-)	i, -i, -ä
ī	ʔy-, -(ʔ)y(-), -(ʔ)k		ʔy-, ʔ̇y-, -y(-), -y(-), -ẋ-	e, i
e	ʔy-, -(ʔ)y(-), -(ʔ)k	ʔw-, -w(w)(-)	ʔw-, ʔ̇w-, -w(-), -w(-)	u
ē	ʔw-, -(ʔ)w(-), -(ʔ)kw		ʔw-, ʔ̇w-, -w(-), -w(-)	o, u
u	ʔw-, -(ʔ)w(-)			
ū	ʔw-, -(ʔ)w(-)			
o	ʔw-, -(ʔ)w(-), -(ʔ)kw			
ō	ʔw-, -(ʔ)w(-), -(ʔ)kw			
āi	ʔʔy-, -ʔ(ʔ)y(-)	ʔʔy-, -ʔ(ʔ)y(-)	ʔy-, -(ʔ)y(-)	ai, āy
āu	ʔʔw-, -ʔ(ʔ)w(-)	ʔʔw-, -ʔ(ʔ)w(-)	ʔw-, -(ʔ)w(-)	au
üi	(ʔ)wy-, (-)w(y)-	(-)w(y)-	(-)w(y)-	i
üē	(-)w(ʔ)y-, (-)w(y)-			yu(e), ue, ve
ar	(ʔ)r-, -r-	(ʔ)r-, -r-	(ʔ)r-, -r-	ar, r̄
ir	-yr-	-yr-	-yr-	
ur	-wr-	-wr-	-wr-	
r̄	r	r	r	r, r̄
m̄	m, n	m, n(n)	m, n	m, m̄, n, n̄

Table 34 Spelling of vowels in the Sogdian, Manichaean and Syriac alphabets and in the Brāhmī script.

By comparison of Sogdian documents in the Sogdian, Manichaean and Syriac alphabets along with a few fragments in the Brāhmī script and with use of methods of historical linguistics it is possible to reconstruct the Sogdian vowel system. Another important source, which can be used to validate values of reconstructed vowels, are Sogdian words shared with Yaghnōbī, moreover the data can be compared also with Sogdian loanwords in some other languages, especially in Persian (primarily in Tājīkī Persian and in Tajik dialects), in Old Uyghur (and also in other Turkic languages – some Sogdian words have been recorded for example by Maḥmūd bin Ḥusayn bin Muḥammad al-Kāshgharī).

Nicolas Sims-Williams in his study *The Sogdian sound-system and the origin of the Uyghur script* compared the Sogdian alphabet (with regard to the Manichaean and Syriac alphabets) with the so-called Uyghur script, which originates from cursive version of the Sogdian script. The

speakers of Old Uyghur adopted the already established Sogdian alphabet to record their language, however, they simplified its (in many aspects archaic) orthographical rules (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a; on the contrary the Old Uyghur variety of the Brāhmī script was taken over by the Sogdians from the Uyghurs, see SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 309). Since Old Uyghur vowel system can be quite easily reconstructed by comparison with other Turkic languages, in the following lines I will summarize a short outline of the Old Uyghur vowel system as compared to Sogdian. Old Uyghur had nine vowels: *a* *[ɒ], *ä* *[æ] - *é* *[e], *i* *[i], *o*, *ö*, *u*, *ü* – there were four pairs of front/back vowels in mutual opposition and moreover vowel *é*, which was a positional allophone of *ä*; question of quantity of Old Uyghur vowels is unclear, in *Proto-Turkic there are reconstructed also long counterparts of the above mentioned Old Uyghur vowels, reflexes of *Proto-Turkic quantity have remained in languages such as Turkmen or Khalaj (cf. RÓNA-TAS 1998, 69-71). For graphic representation of Old Uyghur vowels Sogdian spelling rules were adopted: OUygh. *a* has been written <ʔʔ-, -ʔ(-)> i.e. same as Sogd. *ā*; OUygh. *ä* <ʔ-, -ø-, -ʔ> = Sogd. *a*, *ā*; OUygh. *é*, *i*, *ï* <ʔy-, -y(-)> = Sogd. *ě*, *ĩ*, *ī*; OUygh. *o*, *u* <ʔw-, -w(-)> = Sogd. *ō*, *ū*; OUygh. *ö*, *ü* <ʔwy-, -wy(-) /in the first syllable of a word/, -w(-) /in other than the first syllable of the word/> = Sogd. *üi* (*ü*), *üě*. Apart from the above mentioned spelling rules for vowels, the Old Uyghur spelling took over some Sogdian orthographical conventions, mainly spelling of word-initial *a* as <ʔ-> prior to a nasal and *r*; on the other side Old Uyghur took over neither the archaic writing of *-ā* and *-ě* by the letter *kāp̄*, nor spelling of *-ā* with the letter *hē* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a). To precise the reading of the Old Uyghur alphabet (traditional) Mongolian alphabet can help as it has been adopted from the ancient Uyghurs (see excursion 5).

By combination of the methods of historical and comparative linguistics with the study of Sogdian orthographies in the Aramaic-derived scripts and in the Brāhmī script together with comparison of the material with Old Uyghur documents and with a study of Sogdian loans (i.e. study of the Sogdian loans in neighbouring languages and also study of Sogdian borrowings from other languages such as Sanskrit and Prakrits, Pahlavī, Turkic or Chinese) basic patterns of the Sogdian vowel system can be reconstructed. None of the graphic systems utilized for writing Sogdian for example does not mark vowel quality (with an exception of *a* × *ā*, in this case, as will be seen later, the difference between those two sounds was not in quality but in quantity), but due to operation of *Stress III* it can be supposed that long *ī* and *ū* have been preserved only in stressed positions: Sogd. M *δwr* /*δūr*/ ‘far’ < **dūra*-; Sogd. B *√yrʔyn* C *√xryn* /*√xrīn*/ ‘to buy’ < **xrīna*-; otherwise the historical long *ī*, *ū* was shortened in unstressed positions, similarly in Yaghnōbī there is no *ī* and *ū* in other than stressed position, so Yaghnōbī and Sogdian development are comparable in this case. More complicated is a situation of Sogdian *ē* and *ō*, we can state with certainty that their long varieties occurred in stressed positions, but according to etymology there is attested also *ě* and *ō* in unstressed positions (in majority of cases in endings of masculine *aka*-stems; e.g. Sogd. *zātě* < **dzāta-ka*- ‘son’). No texts in the Brāhmī script can help to solve problem of quality of unstressed *ē*, *ō*, but according to the

Brāhmī documents in a late (“*Post-Classical*”) Sogdian it can be surmised that in the Late Sogdian language vowel quantity was not as important as vowel quality, as can be demonstrated on some examples in the vocalized Syriac texts: Sogd. c ʔyny Br *ine* /ĩnē/ < Sogd. s ʔyny, ʔynʔk m ʔyny(y), ʔyny(y) c ʔyny /ēnē/ ‘this’ < *āina-ka- – in this case stress just shifted towards the last syllable, but neither Syriac vocalization nor Brāhmī vowels show vowel quantity. The problem of word-final -ē and -ā was commented by Walter Bruno Henning in his study *Sogdian Loan-Words in New Persian* – all the Sogdian ākā-stem endings are rendered as -a in Persian (HENNING 1939, 98), i.e. consistently with development of the ākā-stems in Persian (OPers. -ā-kā- > Pahl. -ag > Pers. Tjk. AfghP. -a, Fārs. -e (-ā)), and thus Henning suggests that the Sogdian unstressed word-final -e and -a were realized as short vowels (*ibid.*).

Much more evident is the difference between *a* and *ā* – both vowels differed not only quantitatively but also qualitatively: *a* was a front open short vowel, while *ā* was a back open (rounded) vowel similar to Modern Persian and Darī ā or to long ā in Scandinavian languages; different quantity of *a* and *ā* can be presumed also from the adoption of the Sogdian script for Old Uyghur. The North Turkestan Brāhmī script did not distinguish in quantity of *e*, *i*, *o*, *u* but retained distinction between *a* and *ā*, and similarly vowel diacritics in the Syriac script express rather vowel quality than quantity (i.e. *a*, *ā*, *ē*, *ī*, *ō*, *ū*) – it can be assumed that both Brāhmī letters *a-kāra* and *ā-kāra* as well as Syriac ʔ/ṣ̄ (ṣ̄/ṣ̄) and ʔ/ṣ̄ and Manichaean and Sogdian ʔ-/ø(-) and ʔʔ-/ʔ(-) primarily did not distinguish vowel quantity but vowel quality¹²⁷ (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a, 355-358; SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 310-311). Just the difference in quality of *a* and *ā* motivated adoption of spelling of *ā* and *a* in Old Uyghur – Sogd. *a* (and its allophone *a*) and OUygh. *ä* were front vowels, whilst Sogd. *ā* and OUygh. *a* were both back vowels (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a, 358).

After the operation of the *Stress III* (as a phonological feature) Sogdian morphology and phonology underwent other changes labelled as the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law*. From the phonological point of view the *Rhythmic Law* can be characterized by a change of syllabic structure (this feature will be discussed in chapter II.1.9.) and by a split of vocalic system according to their rhythmic length to short (reduced) and (rhythmically) long (i.e. long vowels and diphthongs) vowels – according to the syllabic weight the Sogdian words distinguished rhythmically *light* and *heavy stems*. Words with initial unstressed syllables could start only in reduced vowels *a*, *i* or *ə*; words beginning in vowels *a*, *ā*, *i*, *ī*, *e*, *ē*, *o*, *u* and *ū* belonged to the *heavy stems* as they always bore stress. Word-internally the situation is similar, but the vowels *a*, *i*, *o*, *u* can stand also in an unstressed position without being considered rhythmically long (i.e. that in such change they do need not to be the first part of a diphthong) – the vowels *a*, *i* and *u* are shortened varieties of originally long **ā*, **ī* and **ū*; the vowel *o* comes either from a

¹²⁷ A similar difference in vowel quality can be observed in continuants of Iranian vowels **a*, **ā* in other Iranian languages: Fārs. *ä* (< **a*) [æ] × *ā* [ɒ:]; Tjk. *a* [a] × *ō* (< **ā*) [ɒ:]; Yagh. *a* [a] × *ō* (< **ā*) [ɒ:]; Os. *æ* (< **a*) [æ] × *a* (< **ā*) [a], Kurd. *e* (< **a*) [æ] × *a* (< **ā*) [ɒ:]; Pasht. *a* [a] × *ā* [ɒ:] etc.

diphthong **au* prior to **xm*, **xš(u)* or from labialization of **a* in front of **xʷ* or **Cu*. From all the (historically) long vowels only *ā* can appear also in an unstressed position.

In Sogdian there were probably two reduced vowels *ə* and *ɨ* both originating in *Proto-Sogdic short unstressed vowels **a*, **i* and **u*. In the Aramaic-derived alphabets these vowels were usually unmarked, rarely they were written by the letter *yud*. Both vowels can be considered as allophones of the *Schwa* sound (*ə*), I will use the letter *ɨ* (i.e. allophone of *ə*) in Sogdian words where *Schwa* is written with the letter *yud*. Moreover the vowel *ɨ* can originate in palatalization of **iau* in the Sogdian word s *ʔync(h)*, *ynch* Б Mg *ʔync(h)* М *ʔync* С *ʔync* /*ɨm̄j*/, Yagh. *inč* ‘wife, woman’ < **ɨáuni-kā*- – in such case *ɨ* was probably not an allophone of *ə*, but it is a separate phoneme. In some words it is difficult to interpret a vowel recorded by the letter *yud*. *Yud* often appears instead of expected *a* in front of a nasal (e.g.: Sogd. М *√β(y)nd* : *√β(y)st*- /*√βim̄d* : *√βist*-/, Yagh. *vant*- : *vásta* ‘to bind (present : past participle)’ < **bánda*- : **básta*-(*ka*-): here *yud* appears to be an attempt to record a similar sound change that can be observed in Avestan, where **a* is often realized as *ə* in front of a nasal (cf. Ave. *asənga*- ‘stone’ < **asánga*-).

In Sogdian there was at least one rising diphthong – *üě*, which emerged either from diphthongs **ui* and **uǎi* or as a result of palatalization of **ǎu* or **ua* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a, 206-207; 1989b, 180; 1996a, 313-314). With less certainty, we can assume a second rising diphthong *üi* that emerged from palatalization of **u*; Nicolas Sims-Williams interprets the result of palatalization of **u* as *ü* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181; however a development **ui* > *üi* can be expected rather than Sims-Williams’ **ui* > *üě*). Both diphthongs can be phonetically interpreted as follows: *üě* [*ye*(:) - *ɥe*(:) - *ɥe*(:)], *üi* [*yi* - *ɥi* - *ɥi*]¹²⁸. In the presented work I will interpret the result of development of **ui* and palatalization of **u* as *üi* (although the development outlined by Nicolas Sims-Williams can be seen as an alternative), e.g. Sogd. Б *√ɣwys* /*√xüis*/ (according to Sims-Williams /*√xüěs*/) ‘to sweat’ < **hūisa*-; Sogd. s *wyzp*- Б *wzp*- М *wjp*- С *ʔwzb*-^ʔ /*üižbá*/ (according to Sims-Williams /*üžbá*/) < **úbjā* ‘terror’ (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181). One of the reasons for *üi* instead of *ü* is the spelling of this diphthong in the Aramaic-derived alphabets, in which is spelled either as <wy> or <w>, just in the Syriac alphabet there is <ʷ>, so it was rather a diphthong, when *ü* has been marked by the letter *waw* but the letter *yud* for *ɨ* has been used inconsistently (similarly as on other occasions). On the contrary, later pronunciation of the diphthong *üi* was spelled with *i-kāra* in the Brāhmī script, this probably means delabialization of either *üi* or *ü* (delabialization is evident from some younger Sogdian texts): Sogd. Br *icā-t* /*ičāt* < *üižčyāt*/ ‘comfortable’ (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 308; SIMS-WILLIAMS – HAMILTON 1990, 42-43). It can be supposed that the diphthong *üě* was later monophthongized into a back vowel (Sims-Williams presumes *ō*; SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981a, 207) – such change is attested in Manichaean and Syriac orthographies written as *waw* (but its diphthongal character remained in the Brāhmī documents).

¹²⁸ Even [*ɥə* - *ɥə* - *ɥə*] if the sounds *ə* and *ɨ* were allophones in this case.

Nicolas Sims-Williams postulates one more diphthong: $\ddot{e}u$. This diphthong is reconstructed according to Brāhmī spelling of two words: Sogd. Br *yau* / $\text{p}\ddot{e}u$ / ‘one’ and (from the previous word derived) Sogd. Br *prau* / $\text{p}\ddot{e}u$ / ‘(together) with’. In the Aramaic-derived alphabets there are different forms of spelling of those words: ‘one’ – Sogd. s B $\text{y}w$ M $\text{y}w$, $\text{y}w$ C $\text{y}w$, $\text{y}w$; Yagh. ī ; and ‘(together) with’ – Sogd. s $\text{pr}^{\text{r}}(\text{y})w$ B $\text{pr}^{\text{r}}(\text{y})w$, $\text{pr}y\text{w}$ M $\text{pr}y\text{w}$ C $\text{pr}w$ (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 313). However, it is possible that Brāhmī <au> was not read as / $\ddot{e}u$ / but as /au/ or / $\ddot{y}u$ / – according to vocalized record in the Syriac script: Sogd. C $\text{y}w$ ¹²⁹ / $\text{y}\ddot{o}$ - $\text{y}\ddot{y}u$ /: Sogd. Br *prau*, *yau* / $\text{p}\ddot{e}au$ - $\text{p}\ddot{e}\ddot{y}u$, $\text{y}au$ - $\text{y}\ddot{y}u$ / (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 313). In this thesis I will tend to mark pronunciation of Brāhmī *au-kāra* as / $\ddot{e}u$ /, even though according to the spelling in the Semitic-derived alphabets it is possible to read these words as / $(\text{y})\ddot{e}u$ - $\text{y}\ddot{y}u$ / and / $\text{p}\ddot{e}\ddot{y}u$ - $\text{p}\ddot{e}\ddot{y}u$ - $\text{p}\ddot{e}\ddot{y}u$ /.

a	[a]	basic pronunciation of the phoneme	pad
	[æ]	allophonus pronunciation after a “palatal” consonant, mainly in the word <i>jax</i>	jax
	[ɑ]	allophonus variety in vicinity of an uvular	xar
â	[aː]	half-long vowel, only in the word <i>vânt</i>	vânt
	[ɑː]	half-long vowel, only in the word <i>γâr</i>	γâr
ā	[ɑː]	result of compensatory lengthening in case of loss of ɛ , b or p after a before a consonant	tārīx < taɣ-rīx, kādén < kahdén, jān < jānɣ
e	[eː]	half-long variety, in native words or in Tajik loans it originates from <i>*i</i> prior to ɛ , b and p in a closed syllable; pronunciation of e in Russian loans	mehmón, abéd
ē	[eː]	basic pronunciation of the phoneme, in inherited words it appears only in a stressed position	pēn, sēb
	[iː]	in vicinity of ʃ , ʒ or a nasal	šer, mēɣ
ē	[ɛː]	pronunciation of historical diphthong <i>*ai</i> is preserved as a diphthong in the Western dialect, In the Eastern dialect it is pronounced $\bar{\epsilon}$ (and often merges with $\bar{\epsilon}$); in the transitional dialect it is pronounced rather as half-long semi diphthong $\hat{\epsilon}^i$	mēn mēːn maɪn, wēš wēːš wajš
ê	[ɛiː]		
ai	[aiː]		
i	[i]	basic pronunciation of the phoneme	pīt
	[i̯]	super-short pronunciation (mainly in an open syllable before a stressed vowel) ¹³⁰	xʃift, tʳáy; rúyːn
	[i]	allophonus pronunciation either near to fricatives or in a closed syllable following a palatal \hat{k} , \hat{g}	iš, ġird, kíšak
	[ɛ]	in unstressed position or in closed stressed syllable	tírak, amír, nížak, áxtit
	[e]	allophonus variety word-finally or before a pharyngeal or an uvular	mórti, áwi, ix, díhak, qizíq
ī	[iː]	basic pronunciation of the phoneme	
	[eː]	allophonus pronunciation between stops	rīš, pīr, tīr
	[iː]	pronunciation after a stop	tīk, tīs
	[iː]	pronunciation after a fricative	fīk

¹²⁹ See SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 313²⁷. It is possible that Sogd. C $\text{y}w$ was a scribal error or an abbreviation for **yūw* (?).

¹³⁰ Super-short /i/ will be transcribed i , its pronunciation is consistent with an allophonus realizations of a non-reduced i : [i - i̯ - ɛ - ɛ̃].

o	[ɔː]	half-long pronunciation of <i>ō</i> appearing only in Russian loans	folklór
ō	[ɔː]	basic pronunciation of the phoneme	Yáɣnōb, yaɣnōbí
	[oː]	in a closed stressed syllable or in front of a nasal	zivók
	[uː]	allophonus pronunciation in a closed stressed syllable	rōt, d'rōt
ē	[uː]	allophonus variety of <i>ō</i> in front of a nasal	nēm, mehmén
u	[ʊ]	basic pronunciation of the phoneme	buqqá
	[ǔ]	super-short pronunciation (mainly in a syllable in an open syllable before a stressed vowel) ¹³¹	s ^u túr, š ^u móx
	[u]	allophonus pronunciation near to a fricative	šuft
	[ɔ]	allophonus realization in closed syllable containing a stop	urk, kut, pul, kun
	[ʊ]	allophonus pronunciation of <i>u</i> , mainly before an uvular sound	uxš
ū	[uː]	sound that emerged from historical <i>*ō</i> (and <i>*ū</i>), in the native words it appears only in a stressed syllable	rúpas < <i>*rópas</i> , rúɣ'in, rúɣan < <i>*róɣn</i>
ū̄	[yː]	allophonus pronunciation of historical <i>*ū</i> in a stressed syllable – such pronunciation appears only in the Western dialect, in the Eastern and transitional dialects it merged with Yagh. <i>ū</i>	kabúd kabád < <i>*kabúd</i> , xūr xāir < <i>*xūr</i>
	[ȳiː]		

Table 35 Yaghnōbī vowel system (NOVÁK 2010, 220–221).

Yaghnōbī vowel system is considerably easier to interpret due to the fact that Yaghnōbī is a living language, but the situation is complicated by number of allophones of the basic vowels. Yaghnōbī vowel system is in contrary to the (reconstructed) Sogdian state much poorer, however Yaghnōbī gives an impression of a more archaic language than Sogdian. I do not want to discuss the phonology of Yaghnōbī vowels – this issue has been dealt with by Valentina Stepanovna SOKOLOVA (1953a), a shorter overview is outlined in the grammatical overview attached to the *Yaghnōbī–Czech dictionary* (NOVÁK 2010, 220–221 – see Table 35).

Yaghnōbī vowel system is practically the same as the vowel system of the Zarafshān dialects of Tajik (see excursion 3; NOVÁK [in print], Table 1, Table 2; NOVÁK 2009), it may be in a way influenced by a vowel system of literary and colloquial Tajik. The basic difference of Yaghnōbī and neighbouring dialects of Tajik (i.e. Zarafshān dialects of Mastchōh, Falghar and Fōn and Southern Tajik dialects of Varzōb) is pronunciation of short *u* – in Yaghnōbī (mainly in rapid speech) there is a tendency of front articulation of *u*¹³² (SOKOLOVA 1953a, 69; this feature can explain development of **ú* > *ū̄*), but neither in literal Tajik nor in its Varzōb dialect there has not been described such change. Yaghnōbī shares another feature with the neighbouring dialects of Tajik – rising of (**ā* >) *ō* > *ū̄* (in this work marked <*ē̄*>) in front of a nasal. Roland Bielmeier explained this change as a Tajik influence (BIELMEIER 2006 [online]; after him NOVÁK [in print]); similar change appears also in other Iranian languages and dialects – in the Zarafshān dialects (**ā* > *ō* {*m*, *n*} > *ū̄*), in Southern Tajik dialects (**ā* > *ō* {*m*, *n*} > *ū̄* - *ū̄̄*); in

¹³¹ Super-short /u/ is transcribed here as *u*, its allophonus pronunciation is similar to a non-reduced *u*: [ǔ - ŭ - ǒ - ǔ].

¹³² There is no tendency of fronted pronunciation of long *ū̄* (< **ō*) – this feature can be explained as a result of the chain-shift **ā* > *ō* | **ō* > *ū̄* | **ū̄* > **ū̄̄* > *ū̄̄̄* | **u* > *u*.

Teh(e)rānī colloquial Persian ($\bar{a}_{-}f m, n \rangle > \bar{u}$), in Herāt dialect of Afghan Darī ($\bar{a}_{-}f m, n \rangle > \bar{u}$; IOANNESYAN 1999, 21), in the Hazāra language (i.e. Persian dialect of descendants of Ġenghis Khān’s Mongolian soldiers; $*\bar{a} > \bar{o}_{-}f m, n \rangle > \bar{u}$; EFIMOV 2008, 355), similarly in Tātī, dialects of Fārs or in Yazdī ($*\bar{a}_{-}f m, n \rangle > u$; GRUNBERG – DAVYDOVA 1982, 224; KERIMOVA 1982, 319; MOLCHANOVA 2008, 253, 260), in Shughnī ($*\bar{a} > \bar{o}_{-}f m, n \rangle > \bar{u}$) etc., this feature is probably characteristic for development of the Western Iranian languages¹³³ with a partial projection into the Eastern Iranian language area. Other feature borrowed from Tajik is lowering of articulation of $\bar{i} > \bar{e}$ before tautosyllabic h, \bar{h} a ε – this feature is typical for Tajik, but it rarely appears in Uzbek or in Shughnī; in Yaghnōbī this development is attested in one example – on the Yaghnōbī verb *dihak* ‘to hit’ – in forms of the third person singular and in the second person plural there are forms *déhči* || *déhtišt* respectively *déhsīšt* || *déhtīšt* (both examples are shown in the present tense), and forms of present and past participles *déhna* and *déhta*, in other cases there are forms with *dih-* (although in the contemporary language forms derived from the innovated root *deb-* by analogy begin to appear in all verbal forms; such feature cannot be shown in other Yaghnōbī examples because the sound h appears rarely in genuine Yaghnōbī words; NOVÁK [in print]); analogical feature is lowering of $\bar{u} > \bar{u}/\bar{u}$ before h, \bar{h} and ε in a closed syllable, which can be observed in Tajik (and Uzbek), but it is not directly demonstrable in Yaghnōbī – as mentioned above, the h sound is rare in Yaghnōbī (and the sounds \bar{h} and ε appear only in Arabic loans), so such changes are observable only in Tajik loans in Yaghnōbī (in Yaghnōbī the results of \bar{u} lowering are the same as in the Zarafshān dialects; i.e. $\bar{u} > \bar{u}$ but does not change in \bar{u}/\bar{u} in Zarafshān dialects or $\bar{u} > \bar{u}$ in Yaghnōbī). Peripheral vowel is long \bar{a} (or eventually \bar{o}), which is a result of compensatory lengthening of a before h, \bar{h}, ε in a closed syllable (e.g. *ba\varepsilond* > *bād* ‘later’; *kahdón* > *kādón* : *kōdón* ‘mow, hayloft’; *Ya\varepsilonqúb* > *Yāqúb* : *Yōqúb* ‘Ya‘qúb, Jacob’); similar development can be seen not only in neighbouring Tajik dialects but in other languages/dialects such as Teh(e)rānī colloquial Persian, Afghan Darī, Shughnī, Uzbek, Urdū etc.

*Proto-Yaghnōbī short vowels $*a, *i$ and $*u$ were reduced in an open syllable and they changed into super-short vowels i and u . These ultra-short vowels are also of svarabhakti origin as they were inserted to break word-initial consonant cluster (See chapter II.1.5.). As an epenthetic svarabhakti vowel may appear either super-short vowels i a u or short a (svarabhakti a mainly in the Eastern dialect, instead of svarabhakti a often there is i in the Western dialect). Super-short vowels i, u and short a thus may have twofold origin: 1) $< *ā, *ī, *ū : \#C_C\acute{x}$; 2) $< \#C_C- < * \#CC-$. We can observe some regularities reduction of short vowels and epenthesis of svarabhakti vowels there – they can be better observed mainly in the Western Yaghnōbī: in majority of examples the super-short vowel is realized as i , e.g. $*\beta yāra > v^i yóra$ ‘evening’; $*\beta rāt > Yagh. v^i rōt$ ‘brother’; $*\beta ar- > Yagh. tafār-$ || $t^i fār-$ ‘to give’; $*\beta ray > Yagh. saráy$ || $t^i ráy$ ‘three’; but when the reduced or svarabhakti vowel was followed by a labial sound or h and a stressed back vowels (i.e. $*ā, *ō, \bar{u}$), the short/epenthetic vowel has been labialized: $*(\bar{c})\beta ár > Yagh. w$

¹³³ There is no such change in Afghan Darī (KISELEVA 1985, 23¹⁴), same as in Kābulī Persian (DOROFEEVA 1960, 13).

tʰfōr (also *tʰfōr*; E *tafōr*, *tʰfōr*) ‘four’; **nāmáč* > Yagh. w *nʰmóč* (also *nʰmóč*; E *namóč*) ‘prayer’. The super-short vowels emerged also in loan-words, e.g. Pers. *babár* > Yagh. *bʰbór* ‘spring(time)’; Arab. *ḥabar* > Pers. *xabár* > Yagh. *xapár* || *xʰpár* ‘news, report’; Rus. *минута* > Yagh. *mʰnūt* ‘minute’; Rus. *трактор* > Yagh. *tʰráktʰr* ‘tractor’. As for articulation of *i* and *u* it is qualitatively identical with their “non-reduced” varieties *i*, *u*, i.e. *i* can be realized as [ĩ - ĩ - ě - ě] and *u* [ũ/ũ - ŭ/ũ - ŏ/ŏ]. Yaghnōbī super-short vowels are basically very similar to the super-short vowels *ə* (< *ā*), *i* and *u* in Zarafshān dialects (cf. KHROMOV 1958; KHROMOV 1962, 17-26; KHROMOV 1969, 306), and do not considerably differ from pronunciation of short vowels in an open unstressed syllable in Standard Tajik (PERRY 2005, 15-22), the only exception is Yaghnōbī *a*, which does not reduce either in quality or in quantity, it remains stable regardless of stress position.

In contemporary Yaghnōbī (probably under influence of Tajik) distinction of opposition long × short vowel gradually disappears which led to quantitative reform of the vowel system – historical long and short vowels in stressed position behave as long vowels, long or short vowels in closed syllable or historical long vowels in open syllable behave as short vowels; and short vowels in an unstressed open syllable are realized as super-short. Thus a new opposition comes to existence: from the historical opposition short × long vowel there is super-short (reduced) × short (non-reduced) × long (stressed) vowel, while the difference in the quantity of the latter two is given only by the position of stress.

Development of Iranian vowels in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī can be characterized as follows:

II.1.2.1. **a*, **q*

- i. (in a stressed position or as a part of a diphthong) > Sogd. *a*, Yagh. *a*: Sogd. B *snk(?)* M *sng* /sámŋ(ã)/, Yagh. *sánk(a)* ‘stone’ < **asánga*-(*ka*-), Ave. *asənga-*, OPers. *ašānga-*, Pers. *sang*;
- ii. (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. *ə*, Yagh. *a*: Sogd. S B M *ʔsp-y* /əspí/, C (?)*sp-y* /(?ə)spí/, Yagh. *asp* ‘horse’ < **ásua-*, Ave. *aspa-*, OPers. *asa-*, Ved. *ásva-*;
- iii. (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. *ø*, Yagh. *ø*: Sogd. B *√pnʔyš* /√pʰnéš/, Yagh. *pʰnéš-* || *pʰnájš-* ‘to lose’ < Ir. **apa-nášaia-*;
- iv. (word-initially in an unstressed position before a syllable containing **i* or **j*) > Sogd. *ě*, Yagh. *ē*: Sogd. B *zyrt(?)k* M *zyrtyh* /zěrtě/, Yagh. *zérta* ‘yellow’ < **dzárita-ka-*, Ave. *zaʹrita-*; Sogd. B *√npʔyδ* /√nəpěδ/, Yagh. *nʰpéd-* ‘to sleep’ < **ni-pád(a)ia-*, Ave. *nīpaʹdīia-*;
- v. (word-initially before **nk* or **ng* under influence of a following syllable containing **i* or **j*) > Sogd. *a*, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. B *ʔnkʔyr* /ámŋir/, Yagh. *ínkir* ‘fireplace’ < **ham-gárja-*;
- vi. (word-initially, mainly before a nasal or **s*, **š* or after **j*) > Sogd. *i* - *ə*, Yagh. *a*: Sogd. M *√β(y)nd* : *√β(y)st-* /√βimnd : *√βist-* /, Yagh. *vant-* : *vásta* ‘to bind (pres. : past part.)’ < **bánda-* : **básta*-(*ka*-), Pers. *bastán* : *band-*; Sogd. M *√jyt-* /√žit-/ ‘to strike (past part.)’ < **játa-*, Pers. *zadán* : *zan-* (GMS §106-113);

- vii. (word-initially in an unstressed reduced syllable before a syllable containing *ī or *i) > Sogd. *i*, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. M *mydʔn* C *myd(ʔ)n* /miđān/, Yagh. *b'idón* 'middle' < **madiāna*-, Ave. *ma'diāna*-;
- viii. (under effect of *i*-Umlaut before a syllable containing **aia* > **ia*) > Sogd. *i*, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. S *√zwʔyrt* B *√(ʔ)zwʔyrt* M *√zwʔyrt* C *√zwyrt* /√zwírt/, Yagh. *z'wírt*- 'to turn' < **udz-úart(a)ia*-;
- ix. (under effect of *u*-Umlaut) > Sogd. *ō*, Yagh. *a* (?): Sogd. AL *šʔtyxw* S *šʔtwγ(w)*, *šʔtxw* B *šʔtʔwγ*, *šʔtwγ(w)*, *šʔtwx* M *šʔtwx* C *šʔtwx* /šátōx(°)/ 'happy' < **šátax*° < **šáta-áxuā*-; Sogd. M *fswx* C *fsx* /fʰsōx/ 'parasang' < **fra-śá(n)xuā*-, Pers. *farsáx*¹³⁴; Sogd. B *kwf* /kōf/, Yagh. *xaf* 'foam' < **káfua*-, Ave. *kafa*-;
- x. (before **rt*, in verbal stems also before **rʔ*, **rč*) > Sogd. *a* (> *ā*?), Yagh. *ō*: Sogd. B *mg mrtý* M *mrtý* /márti/, Yagh. *mórti* 'man' < **mártiia*-, OPers. *martiya*-; Sogd. B *srt* /sáit/, Yagh. *sórt* 'cold'; Sogd. S *√βy(ʔ)rt*, *√ʔβyʔrt* B *√βy(ʔ)rt* M *√βyrt* C *√byrt* /√βyárt/, Yagh. *v'iyórtá* 'to find (past part.)' < **abi-ar-ta-(ka)*-;
- xi. (word-initially before **n{k, g, x, xʷ}* under influence of a following syllable containing **ǔ* or **u*) > Sogd. *a*, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. B *ʔnkwšt* M *ʔngwšt* /ańgʷəšt/, Yagh. *unkúšt* 'finger' < **ángušta*-, Ave. *angušta*-; Sogd. B *ʔnγwsty* /ańx°əstč/, Yagh. *unxastagí* < **bám-xʷasta-ka*-;
- xii. (in vicinity of a labial sound) > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. /√pʔufs-/ , Yagh. *bʷdúfs*- 'to attach, to glue' < **upa-dáfsa*-;
- xiii. (result of metathesis) > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. S *wxwšw*, *wγwšw*, *ʔγwšw* B *wγwšw*, *ʔγwšw* C *xwšw* /wəxšú, xʷəšú/, Yagh. *uxš* 'six' < **xúšu* < **xʷášu* < **xšúášam*;
- xiv. **ab* > Sogd. *i* (i), Yagh. *i*: Sogd. S B M *ʔsp-y* /əspi/, C (ʔ)*sp-y* / (ə)spi/, Yagh. *asp* 'horse' < **ásua*-, Ave. *aspa*-; Sogd. B *ʔym* M *ʔym* /im/, Yagh. *im* '[I] am' < **ábmi*, OAve. *abmī*, OPers. *abmiy*, Ved. *ásmi*; Sogd. *ky* /ki/, Yagh. *ki* 'which' < **kab*, Ave. *kō*;
- xv. **ahja* (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. *ī* (ē ?), Yagh. *i*: Sogd. S *γntmy* C *γntmy* /γámdəmī/, Yagh. *γámtuni* (< *γántumi*) 'wheat (obl. sg. < gen. sg.)' < **gántumahja* (GMS §204);
- xvi. **am* (in an ending) > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. *u/ū/ø*: Sogd. B (ʔ)*pw* M *pw* /pú/, Yagh. *pū* 'without' < **apám*; Sogd. S B M *ʔzw* C *zw* / (ə)zú/, Yagh. (arch.) *az*¹³⁵ 'T' < **ádzam*, Ave. *azəm*, OPers. *adam*; Sogd. S *wxwšw*, *wγwšw*, *ʔγwšw* B *wγwšw*, *ʔγwšw* C *xwšw* /wəxšú, xʷəšú/, Yagh. *uxš* 'six' < **xšúášam*;
- xvii. **anʔ* > Sogd. *ā*, Yagh. *ō*: Sogd. B *tʔrʔk* /tārē/, Yagh. *tóra* 'darkness' < **tánʔra-ka*-, Ave. *tāʔraka*-, Pers. *tārík*;
- xviii. *(*a*)*iā* (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. *ī*, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. B *mʔny(h)* C *mʔny* /mánī/ 'mind (loc. sg.)' < **mánja* < **mánaia*;

¹³⁴ But cf. Sogd. B *ʔβsʔnγ* M *f(n)sʔx* (and also C *fsx*) /fʰsámx/ < *fra-śánx(u)a*-, Pers. *fusráng*, *parsáng*.

¹³⁵ See GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, 108-109.

- xix. **ua* (following **x*, **h*, **r*) > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. B $\gamma w\beta n-$ M $xw\beta n-$ / $xu\beta ni/$, Yagh. $xuvn/xumn$ ‘dream’ < * $hu\acute{a}fna-$, Ave. x^vafna- ;
- xx. **ua* (affected by *i*-Umlaut) > Sogd. $\ddot{u}\ddot{e}$ (> \ddot{o}), Yagh. \ddot{u} : Sogd. B γwyr C $xwyr$ / $x\ddot{u}\ddot{e}r/$ (later B γwr M xwr / $x\ddot{o}r/$), Yagh. $x\ddot{u}r$ ‘the sun’ < * $hu\acute{a}ria-$;
- xxi. * $\ddot{u}\ddot{a}$ (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. Mg $\gamma wt^?rnk$ / $xut\acute{a}rn\ddot{e}/$, Yagh. $xut\acute{a}nna$ ‘water-mill’ < * $huat(a)-\acute{a}rana-ka-$;

(ad ii.) Reduction of unstressed **a*, **i*, **u* and their merger to *a* (/i) is similar to Munjī, where unstressed *a*, \ddot{a} , \ddot{u} (< **i*, **a*, **u*) phonetically all merge to *Schwa*: Munj. $w\acute{o}rf\ddot{a}$ (~ $w\acute{o}rf\ddot{a}$) ‘snow’ < * $u\acute{a}fra-$; Sogd. B $w\beta r-\gamma$ M $wfr-\gamma$ / $w\acute{a}fri/$; Yagh. $w\acute{a}fr$ ‘snow’;

(ad x.) Similar development can be seen in several Avestan examples, e.g. $v\acute{a}\acute{s}\acute{a}m$ ‘chariot’ < * $u\acute{a}rta-$, $\acute{D}\beta\acute{a}\acute{s}\acute{a}m$ ‘quickly’ < * $\acute{D}u\acute{a}rta-$ or $b\acute{a}\acute{s}\acute{a}r\acute{e}m$ ‘horseman’ < * $b\acute{a}rt\acute{a}ra-$; comparable can be also Pers. $s\acute{a}l$ ‘year’ < OPers. $\acute{S}arda-$ < * $\acute{s}arda-$ (MORGENSTIERNE 1973, 46)¹³⁶;

II.1.2.2. * \ddot{a} , * \ddot{q}

- i. (in majority of cases) > Sogd. \ddot{a} , Yagh. \ddot{o} : Sogd. s $^?ph$ B $^?p(h)$ M $^?p$ C $^?p$ Br $\ddot{a}-p$ / $\acute{a}p/$, Yagh. $\ddot{o}p$ ‘water’ < * $\ddot{a}p-$, Ave. $\ddot{a}p-$; Sogd. B M $p^?d$ / $p\acute{a}d/$, Yagh. $p\acute{o}da$ ‘foot, leg’ < * $p\acute{a}da-(ka-)$, Ave. $p\acute{a}da-$, OPers. $p\acute{a}da-$; Sogd. s C $z^?y$ M $z^?y(y)$ / $z\acute{a}i/$ ‘earth’, Yagh. $z\acute{o}y$ ‘field’ < * $dz\acute{a}ia-$;
- ii. (shortened when following a preceding long vowel) > Sogd. *a*, Yagh. *a*: Sogd. B M $rwps$ / $r\acute{o}p\acute{a}p/$, Yagh. $r\acute{u}p\acute{a}p$ ‘fox’ < * $r\acute{a}u\acute{p}\acute{a}ksa-$, Pers. $r\acute{o}b\acute{a}h$, Ved. $l\acute{o}p\acute{a}s\acute{a}-$;
- iii. (unstressed before * $\ddot{i}\ddot{a}$) > Sogd. *a*, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. B $sy^?k(h)$ M $sy^?k$ C $sy^?q$ / $s\acute{e}y\acute{a}k/$, Yagh. $s\acute{i}y\acute{o}ka$ ‘shadow’ < * $as\acute{a}i\acute{a}-k\acute{a}-(ka-)$, Ave. $as\acute{a}ia-$, Pahl. $s\acute{a}yag$, Ved. $c^b\acute{a}y\acute{a}-$ (GMS § 123-124);
- iv. (before * $\ddot{i}\ddot{a}$) > Sogd. *a*, Yagh. *a*: Sogd. s $\acute{d}ry$ Mg $\acute{d}ryw$ B (?) $\acute{d}ry$ M $\acute{d}ry(y)$ C $\acute{s}y$ / $^?s\acute{a}i/$, Yagh. $s\acute{a}r\acute{a}y$ || $t\acute{i}r\acute{a}y$ ‘three’ < * $\acute{S}r\acute{a}i\acute{a}-$; Ave. $\acute{S}r\acute{a}i\acute{o}$, Pers. se ;
- v. (before * $\ddot{u}\ddot{a}$) > Sogd. *a*, Yagh. $\acute{?}$: Sogd. s $nw^?z$ M $n^?wzyy$ (a scribal error?) / $n\acute{e}w\acute{a}z(\acute{e})/$ ‘sailor’ < * $n\acute{a}u\acute{a}d\acute{z}a-(ka-)$, YAve. $n\acute{a}u\acute{u}\acute{a}za-$, Parth. $n\acute{a}w\acute{a}z$, Ved. $n\acute{a}v\acute{a}j\acute{a}-$ (GMS § 123, 125);
- vi. (before a syllable containing * \acute{i} or * \acute{i}) > Sogd. \ddot{e} , Yagh. \ddot{e} || $\acute{a}i$: Sogd. B $wy\acute{s}(h)$ / $w\acute{e}\acute{s}/$, Yagh. $w\acute{e}\acute{s}$ || $w\acute{a}i\acute{s}$ ‘grass’ < * $u\acute{a}\acute{s}tr\acute{i}a-$, Ave. $v\acute{a}str\acute{i}ia-$; Yagh. $n\acute{e}\acute{s}$ || $n\acute{a}i\acute{s}$ ‘nose’ < * $n\acute{a}\acute{s}n\acute{i}a-$;
- vii. (in original causative stems before an ending * $-(a)\acute{i}a-$) > Sogd. \ddot{e} , Yagh. \ddot{e} || $\acute{a}i$: Sogd. s C M $\acute{v}syn$ / $\acute{v}s\acute{e}n/$, Yagh. $s\acute{e}n-$ || $s\acute{a}i\acute{n}-$ ‘to ascend, to raise’ < * $\acute{s}\acute{a}n\acute{a}i\acute{a}-$; Sogd. B $\acute{v}pn^?y\acute{s}$ / $\acute{v}p^?n\acute{e}\acute{s}/$, Yagh. $p\acute{i}n\acute{e}\acute{s}-$ || $p\acute{i}n\acute{a}i\acute{s}-$ ‘to lose’ < Ir. * $\acute{a}pa-n\acute{a}\acute{s}\acute{a}i\acute{a}-$, (LIVSHITS – KHROMOV 1981, 388);
- viii. (shortened/reduced) > Sogd. *a* / \acute{a} , Yagh. *a*: Sogd. M $p\acute{s}n^?$ / $p\acute{a}\acute{s}n\acute{a}/$ ‘heel’, Yagh. $p\acute{a}\acute{s}na$ ‘heel of a shoe’ < * $p\acute{a}\acute{s}na-ka-$ < * $p\acute{a}\acute{s}na-ka-$ ‘heel’, Ave. $p\acute{a}\acute{s}na-$, Pers. $p\acute{a}\acute{s}n\acute{a}$, Ved. $p\acute{a}\acute{r}\acute{s}n\acute{i}-$; Sogd. s $^?m^?t^?y$ B $^?m^?t(?)k$ M $^?m(?)t^?y$ C $^?m^?ty$, $^?m\acute{i}ty$ / $\acute{a}m\acute{a}t\acute{e}/$ < $\ddot{a}-m\acute{a}ta-ka-$ ‘ready’;

¹³⁶ Georg Morgenstierne quotes also comparable development in Eastern Norwegian: $g\acute{a}l$ ‘yard’ (Norwegian $gar(d)$, Danish $g\acute{a}rd$) < OS cand. $gar\acute{o}r$ (MORGENSTIERNE 1973, 46).

- ix. **(ǎ)hǎ* (after loss of **h*) > Sogd. *ā*, Yagh. *ō*: Sogd. B $\sqrt{pt\gamma w}^{(?)y}$ M $\sqrt{ptxw}^{\gamma y}$ C $\sqrt{ptxw}^{\gamma y}$, $\sqrt{ptwx}^{\gamma y}$ / $\sqrt{p^{\circ}tx^{\circ}áy}$ /, Yagh. *t^uxóy-* ‘to kill’ < **pati-x^vǎhǎia-*; Sogd. M *xw^r* /*x^oār*/, Yagh. *xōr* ‘sister’ < **h_uahar-*, Ave. *x^vanhar*;
- x. **ām* (in *ā*-stem obl. pl. ending) > Sogd. *ǎ*, Yagh. *?*: Sogd. S *wyšnw* /*wěšənǎ*/ ‘they’ < **auáišanām*;
- xi. **uā* (affected by *i*-Umlaut) > Sogd. *üǎ*, Yagh. *?*: Sogd. B $\sqrt{\gamma w}^{\gamma y}$ M C \sqrt{xwyr} B_r $\sqrt{hyu(e)-r}$, $\sqrt{hve-r}$, $\sqrt{xüēr}$ ¹³⁷ ‘to feed’ < **h_uāraia-*;

II.1.2.3. **i*

- i. (in a stressed position or as a part of a diphthong) > Sogd. *i*, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. B $\gamma yntk^{\gamma w}$ /*imḍku*/ (< **imḍuk*) ‘Indian, Indic’ < **h_{in}du-ka-*, OPers. *hi^vduya-*, Pahl. *hindūg*, Pers. *hindú*;
- ii. (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. $\sqrt{a}^{(y)i}$, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. S $\gamma xš^{(?)y}\beta t-y$ B_r *hša wdi* /*xšišβḍi*/, Yagh. *xⁱšift* ‘milk’ < **xšūifta-*, Ave. *xšuuipta-*; Sogd. S $\sqrt{zy}\beta-$ B $\sqrt{zy}\beta-$, $\sqrt{zy}\beta-$ M $\sqrt{j}\beta-$ / $\sqrt{ži}\beta-$ / ‘to chew’, Yagh. *živ-* ‘to sew, to stitch’ < **žiba-*; Sogd. B *ršk-?*, *ršk-h* /*rəškál*/, Yagh. *rišk* ‘nit’ < **riškā-*, Pers. *rišk*, Oss. I *lisk’D* /*lisk’æ*, Skt. *likṣā-* (GMS § 114);
- iii. (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. \emptyset , Yagh. \emptyset : Yagh. *žavár-* || *žⁱvár-* ‘to bring, to produce, to invent’ < **nij-bára-*;
- iv. **ūia* > Sogd. *ǎ*, Yagh. *ǎ*: Sogd. S B M $\sqrt{\beta yr}$ C \sqrt{byr} / $\sqrt{\beta ir}$ /, Yagh. *vīr-* ‘to find’ < **abi-ar-*; Sogd. B Mg *mrty* M *mrtyy* /*mártǎ*/, Yagh. *mórti* ‘man’ < **mártiia-*, OPers. *martiya-*;
- v. **i(i)i* > Sogd. *ī*, Yagh. *ī*: Sogd. B M *tys* / \sqrt{tis} /, Yagh. *tīs-* ‘to enter’ < **ati-īsa-*;
- vi. **ibi* > Sogd. *ī*, Yagh. *ī*: Sogd. S B M $\sqrt{nyḍ}$ C \sqrt{nyd} : S B M \sqrt{nyst} C \sqrt{nyst} / $\sqrt{nīḍ}$: $\sqrt{nīst}$ /, Yagh. *nīd-* ‘to sit’ < **nibida-*;
- vii. **ui* > Sogd. *üi*, Yagh. *?*: Sogd. B $\sqrt{\gamma wys}$ / $\sqrt{xüis}$ / ‘to sweat’ < **h_uisa-*, Ave. *x^vīsa-*;

(ad ii.) Reduction of unstressed Ir. **a*, **i*, **u* and their merger to *a* (/i) show similar development in Munjī, where stressed or unstressed **i* and unstressed **a*, **u* change to *a*, *ǎ*, *ü* and nowadays they all merge to *Schwa*: Munj. *s^(e)páya* ‘louse’ < **kuíša-*; Ave. *špiš-* Sogd. B *špšh* /*špəšá*/, Yagh. *š^upúš/šⁱpúš*; Munj. U *yadgónə* [*rōy*] ‘the Yidghā language’ < **hindū-ka-ka-*; Sogd. B $\gamma yntk^{\gamma w}$, $\gamma ynt^{\gamma w}k$ /*imḍku*, *imḍuk*/ (cf. modern loans: Yagh. *hundú* ‘Indian’; Munj. *Ūndūstān* ‘India’ < Pers. *hindú/Hindūstān*);

(ad iv.) The change **ūia* > Sogd. *ǎ*, Yagh. *ǎ* probably took place after lengthening of **a* before **rt* (see II.1.2.1.x.): Sogd. S B M $\sqrt{\beta yr}$ C \sqrt{byr} / $\sqrt{\beta ir}$ / : S $\sqrt{\beta y}^{(?)rt}$, $\sqrt{\beta y}^{\gamma rt}$ B $\sqrt{\beta y}^{(?)rt}$ M $\sqrt{\beta yrt}$ C \sqrt{byrt} / $\sqrt{\beta yáirt}$ /, Yagh. *vīr-* : *vⁱyórta* ‘to find (pres. stem : past part.)’ < **(ǎ)βiy(ǎ)r-* : **(ǎ)βiyárta(ka)-* < **abi-ar-* : **abi-ar-ta-(ka)-*; other explanation of different forms of the present stem and of past participle of the word **abi-ar-* can be explained as difference in stress (in such case probably

¹³⁷ See Sogd. C $\sqrt{xwyr}^{\gamma ym}$ / $\sqrt{xüēr-ḍārim}$ / ‘we have caused you to drink’ (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 314).

Stress I, which remained on preverb in the present stem: **abí-ar*-¹³⁸, but shifted towards the *Stress II* in the past participle: **abí-ar-ta-* > **abi-ár-ta-*);

II.1.2.4. *ī

- i. > Sogd. *ī*, Yagh. *ī*: Sogd. B *√γrʔyn* C *√xryn* /*√xrīn*/, Yagh. *x'irīn-* 'to buy' < **xrīna-*, Ved. *krīnāti*;
- ii. **-īm* (in *i*-stem accusative ending ?) > Sogd. *ī*, Yagh. *ī*: Sogd. M *xurnyy* /*xo'ni*/ 'blood (acc. sg.)' < **uáhu(r)nīm* (GMS §350.iv);

II.1.2.5. *u

- i. (in a stressed position or as a part of a diphthong) > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. B *√ny(?)wnt* /*√nəγúmd*/, Yagh. *n^uγúnt-* 'to dress' < **ni-gúnda-*;
- ii. (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. ^{(w)ə}/^{(w)ī}, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. S *γntm* C *γntm* /*γámndəm*/, Yagh. *γámtun* (< *γántum*) 'wheat' < **gántuma-*, Ave. *gantuma-*; Sogd. S *√pyðrʔk*, *√pðr* B *√pyðrʔk*, *√pðr*, *√pšy* M *√pšy* (as a part of compounds) /*piš(ě)*/ 'son', Yagh. *púl(l)a* (?) 'boy, child; little, small' < **púšra-(ka-)*, OPers. *puša-*; Sogd. S B *ʔkwt-y* M *kwt-y*, *qwt-y* /*ʔkwəti*/, Yagh. *kut* 'dog' < **kúti-*, Os I *k^wɪʒ* D *kuy* (GMS § 119);
- iii. (in an unstressed position) > Sogd. *ø*, Yagh. *ø*: Sogd. S *√ʔzwʔyrt* B *√(?)zwʔyrt* M *√zwʔyrt* C *√zwyrt* /*√zwírt*/, Yagh. *z'wírt-* 'to turn' < **uz-uártija-* < **udz-uártaja-*;
- iv. (reduced sound in an initial syllable) > Sogd. *ə/ī*, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. S *myðrh* M *myðr-y* /*mižá*, *mižě*/ B *mwzʔkk* /*mužē*/, Yagh. *mírda* 'bead, pearl' < **múdra-(ka-)*, Ved. *mudrá-*;
- v. (in a stressed position under effect of *i*-Umlaut) > Sogd. *üi*¹³⁹ (>^{(w)ī}/^{(w)i}), Yagh. *i*: Sogd. C *√nyγwyn̄t* /*√nīγüim̄d*/ '[(s)he] dressed (3rd pers. sg. impf.)' < **ni-na-gúndaia-t*, Khwār. /*(ə)nγwind*/; Sogd. B *frʔwyscy* M *frʔwycyh* /*frāwi(š)či*/, Yagh. *farómič* || *frómič* / *fu'rómič* 'obliviousness' < **frāmúšti-*; S *wyzp-* B *wzp-* M *wjp-* C *ʔwžb-ʔ* /*üižbá*/ < **úbjiā* 'terror';
- vi. **uua* (following **x*) > Sogd. *ū*, Yagh. *ū*: Sogd. Sogd. B *γwr* M *xwr* /*xūr*/, Yagh. *x'ūr* 'sun' < **buuár-*, Ved. *suvár-*;
- vii. **bu-* (followed by more than one consonant) > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. S M *√ʔwβt-* C *√ʔwbd-*, *√ʔwft-* /*√uβd-*/, Yagh. *úfta* 'to sleep (past part.)' < **húfta-(ka-)*;

(ad ii.) Reduction of unstressed Ir. **u* together with **a*, **i* and their merger to *ə* (/i/) can be compared with Munjī, where unstressed **i*, **a* and **u* changed to *ə*, *ǎ*, *ǔ* and nowadays they all merge to *Schwa*: Munj. *γó(n)dǔm* (- *γó(n)dəm*) 'wheat' < **gántuma-*; Sogd. S *γntm* C *γntm* /*γámndəm*/, Yagh. *γámtun/γántum*. In Munjī *ǔ* shifted to *ə* does not cause labialization of velars as in Sogdian. In the Iron dialect of Ossetic there is merger of *Proto-Ossetic **i* and **u* (Ir. < **ī*,

¹³⁸ Position of stress on **i* can be also caused by operation of *Stress II* after a syncope of word-initial **a-*: **abí-ar-*/**abi-ár-* (with *Stress I* either on a second syllable of prefix or on a root) > **βíyar-* > **βír-*.

¹³⁹ According to Nicolas Sims-Williams *ü* (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181).

*ū) > *u* (in Digoron they remained unchanged), but **u* following a velar or uvular sound caused labialization of the preceding tectal: *{*k, k', g, q, x, ɣ*}*u* > {*k, k', g, q, x, ɣ*}^{*w*}*u*;

II.1.2.6. *ū

- i. > Sogd. *ū*, Yagh. *ū*: Sogd. B *ɣwð* /*ɣūð*/, Yagh. *ɣūš* || *ɣūš* 'faeces' < *gūša-*, Ave. *gūša-*; Sogd. M *ðwr* /*ðūr*/, Yagh. *dūr* 'far' < **dūra-*, Pers. *dūr*;
- ii. (in ablaut) > Sogd. *ū*, Yagh. *ū*: Sogd. S (?)*kw* B *ʔkw*, *kʔw* M *k(?)w* /*ʔk(w)ū*/, Yagh. *kū* 'where', OAve. *kū*;

II.1.2.7. *ɹ

- i. > Sogd. *ɹ*, Yagh. *ar* (?): Sogd. S *krpsʔk* /*kəpəsé*/, Yagh. *kalpása*¹⁴⁰ (dissimilation *r* > *l*) 'lizard' < Ir. **kṛpasa-ka-*, Ave. *kahrpuna-*, Pers. *karbás*, Tjk. *kalpésá*;
- ii. > Sogd. *ɹ*, Yagh. *ur* (?): Sogd. B *ʔmry-ɣ* /*ʔm(ə)ɣi*/, Yagh. *mury*¹⁴¹ 'bird, fowl' < Ir. **mṛga-*, Ave. *mərəga-*, Ved. *mṛgá-*;
- iii. > Sogd. *ir*, Yagh. *ir*: Sogd. M *kyrm-ɣ* C *qyrm-ɣ* /*kiʔmi*/, Yagh. *kír(i)m* 'snake' < Ir. **kṛmi-*, Ved. *kṛmi-*;
- iv. (in front of **i*) > Sogd. *ir* (*ir*), Yagh. *ir*: Sogd. C *ʔtr-* /*ʔtir-*/, Yagh. *tir-* 'to go' < **tṛia-*; Sogd. S B M C *ʔmyr-* /*ʔmīr-*/, Yagh. *mīr-* 'to die' < **mṛia-*;
- v. > Sogd. *ir*, Yagh. *i*: Sogd. **tīšpé*, Yagh. *tīšpa* 'sour' < **tṛšpa-ka-* (KHROMOV 1987, 653); Sogd. B *krm(?)yr*, *kyrmyr* M *qrmyr* C *qyrmyr* /*kiʔmēr*/, Yagh. *kamēr* || *kimēr* 'red', Palh. *karmīr*;
- vi. (following a labial sound) > Sogd. *ur*, Yagh. *ur*: Sogd. B *ʔβwrt-* /*ʔβuʔt-*/, Yagh. *vúrta* 'to bring (*past part.*)' < **bṛta-(ka-)*; Sogd. B M *ʔmurt-* C *ʔmurt-* /*ʔmuʔt-*/, Yagh. *múrta* 'to die (*past part.*)' < **mṛta-(ka-)*;
- vii. (in present stem of the verb **kar-* 'to do') > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. *u*: Sogd. S B M *ʔkwn-* C *ʔqwn-* /*ʔkun-*/, Yagh. *kun-* 'to do, to make' < **kṛnaua-*, Ave. *kərnaoiti*; Ved. *kṛnóti* 'he does';
- viii. (before **t, *ṭ, *dz, *š, *ž, *ɣ* < **g*) > Sogd. *ø*, Yagh. *ø*: Sogd. S *ʔ(?)krt-* B *ʔʔkrt-* M *ʔ(?)kt-* C *ʔ(?)qt-* /*ʔkt-*/, Yagh. *íkta* 'to do, to make (*past part.*)' < **kṛta-(ka-)*; Sogd. B *ɣɣ(?)rt-ɣ*, *yrɣt* C *ɣrɣt-ɣ* /*ɣə(ʔ)ɣdi*/, Yagh. *yaxt* (*yaɣd*) 'wide' < **uṛi-gṛta-*;
- ix. (before **š* (< Ide. **tk*)) > Sogd. *ʔš*, Yagh. *ʔ*: Sogd. B *ʔšš* /*ʔššá*/ 'bear' < **hṛša-*, YAve. *arša-*, Khwār. *hrs*, Pers. *xirs*, Ved. *ṛkṣa-*, Ide. **hṛtko-* (GMS §155);
- x. (before **nt/*nd, *nk/*ng, *xt, *xs, *g*) > Sogd. *ra*, Yagh. *ʔ*: Sogd. B *ʔʔnkrʔnt* M *ʔʔngrnd* /*ʔámgramd*/ 'to cut' < **ham-kṛnta-*; Sogd. M *βtrnng-* /*βʔtrámng-*/ 'oppression' < **abi-tṛnga-* (**abi-tṛnka-*) (GMS § 152);

¹⁴⁰ The Yaghnōbī form was probably influenced by Tjk. *kalpésá* (this word itself can be of Sogdian origin), Pers. *karbás*.

¹⁴¹ A Persian loan: Pers. *mury* 'bird, fowl'?

- xi. (before *ft, *nč) > Sogd. *ri*, Yagh. *ri*: Sogd. AL $\sqrt{pt\gamma r y \beta t-} / \sqrt{p^{\circ}t\gamma r i \beta d-}$ / ‘to take (*past part.*)’, Yagh. $\gamma^{\circ}r i f t a$ ‘to know, to understand (*past part.*)’ < *(*pati-*) $\gamma r f t a$ -(*ka-*) < * $\gamma r b-$ ‘to know, to understand, to take’, Ave. $\gamma r \bar{a} b i i a-$, OPers. $\gamma r \bar{b} \bar{a} y a-$, Pers. $\gamma r i f t \bar{a} n$: $\gamma r-$ ‘to take’ (GMS §153a);
- xii. (before *fš or in the cluster *mṛš) > Sogd. *ru*, Yagh. \dot{r} : Sogd. S $\sqrt{z\gamma r w \beta s-} / \sqrt{z^{\circ}\gamma r u f s-}$ / ‘to be raised’ < * $u d z-\gamma r f f s a-$; Sogd. M $\sqrt{p c m r w s-} / \sqrt{p^{\circ} \check{c} m r u s-}$ / ‘to touch’ < **pati-mṛsa-* (GMS §153b);
- xiii. * γn > Sogd. $\dot{r} n$, Yagh. *n(n)*: Sogd. B M C $p w r n-y / p u^{\circ} n i^{142}$, Yagh. *pun(n)* ‘full’ < * $p r \dot{n} a-$;
- xiv. * $u r$ > Sogd. *wi^r*, Yagh. *ur*: Sogd. B $w y r k-y$ C $w y r q-y / w i^{\circ} k i /$, Yagh. *urk* ‘wolf’ < * $u r \dot{k} a-$, Ave. $v \bar{a} b r k a-$, Pers. *gurg*, Ved. $v r \dot{k} a-$;
- xv. * $u r$ (before *t, *s, *z, *š, *ž, * γ < *g) > Sogd. *u*, Yagh. \dot{r} : Sogd. M $w \check{s} n-y / w^{\circ} u \check{s} n i /$ ‘hungry’ < * $u r \dot{s} n a-$, colloq. Tjk. *gušná*, Tehr. *gošné* < Pers. *gurusná*;

II.1.2.8. * $\check{a}i$ ¹⁴³

- i. > Sogd. \bar{e} , Yagh. \bar{i} : Sogd. S B M $\gamma \delta / \bar{e} \delta /$, Yagh. *id* ‘this’ < * $\check{a} i t a-$;
- ii. *(*h*) $\check{a}i$ (word-initially) > Sogd. \dot{i} , Yagh. \bar{i} / \bar{e} : Yagh. $\bar{i} x / \bar{e} x$ ‘ice’ < * $\check{a} i x a-$, Ave. $\bar{a} \bar{e} x a-$; Sogd. B $\gamma \gamma \delta \gamma n / \gamma i \delta x \bar{a} n /$ ‘glacier’ < Ir. * $\check{a} i x a-d \bar{a} n a-$; Sogd. Mg $y t t k w$ B $y t k w$ M $y t q w / \gamma i t k \acute{u} /$ < * $i t \acute{u} k$, Yagh. $\bar{e} t k / \bar{i} t k$ ‘bridge’ < * $\check{h} \check{a} i t u-k a-$; Sogd. B Č $\gamma z m-y / i z m i /$, Yagh. $\dot{i} z^{\circ} m$ ‘firewood’ < * $\check{a} i z m a-$, Ave. $\bar{a} \bar{e} s m a-$, Khwār. $\gamma z m$, Pers. $\bar{h} \bar{e} z \acute{u} m$, Ved. $i d^{\bar{h}} m \acute{a}-$;
- iii. * $\check{a}i(a)$ > Sogd. \bar{e} , Yagh. \bar{e} : Sogd. B $\gamma r^{\circ} \gamma k(?)$ M $\gamma r y k / \gamma r \acute{e} k(\bar{a}) /$, Yagh. $\gamma r \acute{e} k$ ‘clay, earth’ < Ir. * $\gamma r \acute{a} i a-k a-$; Sogd. B $\gamma s p^{\circ} \gamma t(?) k$, $\gamma s p(?) y t k$, $(?) s p^{\circ} \gamma t k$, $(?) s p^{\circ} \gamma t y$ C $s p y t y / s p \acute{e} t(\bar{e}) /$, Yagh. $s i p \acute{e} t a$ ‘white’ < * $\check{s} u \check{a} i t a-(k a-)$, Ave. $s p a \bar{e} t a-$;
- iv. * $\check{a}i a-$ (in the word * $\check{S} r \check{a} i a-$) > Sogd. $\check{a} i$ (?), Yagh. $\check{a} y$: Sogd. S $\check{S} r y$ Mg $\check{S} r y w$ B $(?) \check{S} r y$ M $\check{S} r y(y)$ C $\check{s} y / \check{s} \check{a} i /$, Yagh. $\check{s} a r \acute{a} y$ || $\check{t} r \acute{a} y$ ‘three’ < * $\check{S} r \check{a} i a-$; Ave. $\check{S} r \bar{a} i i \bar{o}$, Pers. *se*;
- v. * $\check{a}i t$ (in the word * $\check{b} a i t-$) > Sogd. \bar{e} , Yagh. \bar{e} : Sogd. S B $\beta y k$ M $\beta y k$, $\beta y q$ C $b y q / \beta \bar{e} k /$, Yagh. $v \bar{e} k$ ‘side, outside; external’ < Ir. * $\check{b} a i t-k \check{a}-$, Ave. $\bar{b} \bar{o} i t$, $\bar{b} \bar{a}$, $\bar{b} \bar{e}$;
- vi. * $u \check{a} i$ > Sogd. $\check{u} \check{e}$, Yagh. \dot{r} : Sogd. S B $\gamma w y \check{s} t r$ M $x w(y) \check{s} t r$ C $x w \check{s} t r / x \check{u} \acute{e} \check{s} t \bar{a} r > x \acute{o} \check{s} t \bar{a} r /$ ‘chief’ < * $\check{h} u \check{a} (i)-i \check{s} t a-t a r a-$, Ave. $\bar{h}^{\circ} \bar{o} i \check{s} t a-$ ‘the higher (one)’;

(ad *iv.*) Preservation of the diphthong in the cluster * $\check{a}i a-$ in forms of the numeral $\check{S} r \check{a} i a-$ ‘three’, is similar in the other Eastern Iranian languages, e.g.: Bactr. $v \bar{a} \bar{e} n i o / h \bar{a} r \bar{e} y /$, Shugh. *aray*, Rōsh. Bart. *arāy*, Sarīq. *aroy*, Ishk. $r \acute{u}(y)$, Sangl. *rōy*, Yazgh. *cūy*, Wakh. $t r \bar{u}(y)$, Munj. *ṣiray*, Yidgh. *ṣiray*, *ṣuroy* × Oss. *ærtæ*, Pasht. *drē*, Khōt. *drai*, Tumshuq. *dre*, Khwār. $\check{s} y / \check{s} \bar{e} /$; cf. Tjk. dial. of Tāfkōn *mupau* (MALLITSKIY 1924). Such feature is related to shortening of

¹⁴² In Sogdian dialect of Zhetisu * γn > *n(n)*: *pwn* / *pun(n)* / ‘full’ < * $p r \dot{n} a-$ (LIVSHITS 2008, 351-352).

¹⁴³ In *Proto-Sogdic there we can observe instead of the expected diphthong * $\check{a}i$ its innovated form * $\check{a} \check{e}$, or even * $\check{a} \check{e} \check{e}$; cf. also spelling of this diphthong in Avestan: *aē*.

*ā shown in II.1.2.2.iv-v., it is an Eastern Iranian isogloss *ā > *ǎ in front of *i or *u (cf. MACKENZIE 1988, 88-89), in majority of the Eastern Iranian languages this “new” *ǎ has not been contracted *ai(a) > *ē, the diphthong has been usually preserved, but it could have undergone some later changes in various languages.

According to spelling of the numeral “three” in the Mount Mugh documents as 𐭪𐭫𐭬 (< *Fráiam ?) It can be supposed, that the numeral “three” was pronounced *ǎi, which may later changed to *ǎē.

II.1.2.9. *ǎu¹⁴⁴

- i. > Sogd. ō, Yagh. ū: Sogd. B βwδδh M βwδ /βōδ/, Yagh. vūd ‘scent’ < báuda-, Ave. baoḍi-; Sogd. B M šwk C šwq /šōk/, Yagh. šūk ‘silent’ < *a-ṣráuka-; Sogd. B M rwps /rōpas/, Yagh. rúpas ‘fox’ < *ráupāsa-, Pers. rōbāh, Ved. lopāsá-; Sogd. S B M C rwɣn Br ro ham, ro ɣam /rōɣn/, Yagh. rúɣin, rúɣan ‘oil, butter’ < *ráuɣna-, Ave. raoyana-, Pers. rōɣán, Tjk. rauɣán;
- ii. (preceding *xm, *xš(u)) > Sogd. o, Yagh. a: Sogd. S B tɣm-y C tɣm-y /toxmí/, S B tɣmy C t(w)xmy /toxmē/, Yagh. taxm ‘egg, seed’ < *tāōxma-(ka-) < *táuxman-, Ave. taoxman-, OPers. taumā-, Pahl. tōm, Pers. tuxm; Sogd. S B rwɣšn-y M C rwxšn-y /roxšni/ ‘light (of colour)’, Yagh. ráxšn ‘dawn’ < *rāōxšna- < *ráuxšna-, Ave. raoxšna-;
- iii. (affected by i-Umlaut) > Sogd. üē, Yagh. ē || ai (?): Sogd. B √tw(y)z, √twz M √twj C √twž /√tüēž > √tōž/ ‘to pay’ < *taujāia-; Sogd. S √pckwyr /√pčküēr/, Yagh. čkēr- || ču káir- ‘to fear’ < *pati-káuraia- (?);
- iv. (affected by i-Umlaut after dissimilation or in vicinity of a labial sound) > Sogd. ē, Yagh. ē: Sogd. B ɣwt(?)ynh /xutén/ < xuətüēn ‘queen’ < *hūa-tāūni-; Sogd. Sogd. B Mg ɣɣpδ M xyɣδ(δ) C xyɣɣ Br he-p /xép(ə)ɣ/, Yagh. E xēp ‘own, self’ < *xüēpɣ < *hūā-paɣia-, Ave. xvāpaɣia- (× Yagh. W xap < *hūā-paɣa-);
- v. *iaū (affected by i-Umlaut) > Sogd. i, Yagh. i: Sogd. S ɣync(h), ynch B Mg ɣync(h) M ɣync C ɣync /ɣimj/, Yagh. inč ‘woman, wife’ < *iāuni-kā-.

II.1.3. Consonants

The (Eastern) Old Iranian system of 24 (26) consonants (*p, *t, *k, *č, *b, *d, *g, *j, *f, *ɣ, *x, *x^u/*h_u, *š, *ž, *m, *n, *r, (*l), *s, *h, *z, *ṣ, *dz, *i, *u, (*H)) underwent a number of changes during its development towards Sogdian and Yaghnōbī, Sogdian had 25 consonants (p, t, k, č, ṣ, f, ɣ, x, x^o, š, ž, β, δ, ɣ, ž, ž, m, n, r, l, s, h, z, y, w)¹⁴⁵ and Yaghnōbī has 28 consonants (p, t, k, č, q,

¹⁴⁴ Instead of the original diphthong *ǎu we can expect an innovated form *aǎ, or *ǎǎ in *Proto-Sogdic; see spelling of this diphthong in Avestan: ao.

¹⁴⁵ With five voiced allophones b, d, g, j, dz and four labialized allophones (originating from unstressed *u > ^wə/^wī) (ə)k^w, (ə)g^w, (ə)x^w, (ə)ɣ^w. In Sanskrit and Turkic loan-words may appear t, t^b, d, n, q; and in Aramaic loans (less possibly) ʔ, ʕ, s^f (- ṣ^f), t^f, h. Status of l and h in inherited lexicon is unclear.

b, d, g, ʃ, f, x, x̂, š, v, ɣ, ž, m, n, ŋ, r, l, s, h, z, y, w, ʙ, ɛ)¹⁴⁶. For the Eastern Middle Iranian languages (at least in their early stages) is characteristic a phonemic opposition of voiceless stops and voiced fricatives **p : *β, *t : *ṭ, *k : *ɣ, *č : *ž* which emerged after spirantization of voiced stops (**b, *d, *g, *j > *β, *ḍ, *ɣ, *ž*)¹⁴⁷. This led to threefold opposition of consonants (see Table 36), other *Proto-Sogdic consonants (except voice opposition **s : *z*) do not have any phonemic opposition. The threefold opposition was replaced by fourfold opposition (i.e. voiced × voiceless stop and voiced × voiceless fricative) in both languages, but origin of new voiced stops differ. In Sogdian the new voiced stops emerged from voicing of voiceless stops after voiced fricatives or after a nasal (or better after a vocalic nasal prolongation *m̄*), in Yaghnōbī voiced stops emerged from voice assimilation (certainly for *b* and *d*), later Yaghnōbī voiced stops were borrowed from Tajik, Arabic and Uzbek.

<i>*p</i> <i>*f</i> <i>*β</i>	:	<i>*t</i> <i>*ṭ</i> <i>*ḍ</i>	:	<i>*k</i> <i>*x</i> <i>*ɣ</i>	:	<i>*č</i> <i>*š</i> <i>*ž</i>
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Table 36 Threefold opposition of consonants in *Proto-Sogdic.

In total (i.e. with allophones) Sogdian consonant system consisted of 34 consonants (excluding consonants appearing only in loans), outline of consonantal sounds with their representation in alphabets utilized for Sogdian is presented in Table 37. Real number of consonants was certainly smaller, e.g. voiced stops *b, d, g, (g^w), ʃ* (and *dz*) can be classified only as allophones of their voiceless counterparts *p, t, k, (k^w), č, ʙ*; phonemes *k^w, g^w, x^w, ɣ^w* can be also considered as allophonous. Questionable is whether these sounds were labiovelars or (secondary) labialized velars. Stress shift (probably *Stress III*) caused reduction of historical short vowels in unstressed position, following a velar this historical unstressed reduced **u* was still spelled by the letter *waw*. It can be supposed that *Proto-Sogdic (or *Proto-Sogdian) velars were secondary labialized when they preceded **ũ* and most likely also before **õ*; later when **u* was reduced to *ə* – the change was not reflected in spelling after velars, and continues to be written with the letter *waw*, in this case it is either archaic spelling or an attempt to spell labialized characteristics of a preceding velar. There were probably two /x^w/ sounds in Sogdian, respectively it was of two sources: 1) it is a continuant of Iranian **x^w* (< **h₂u* < IIr., Ide. **su*), and 2) it is a result of secondary labialization of *Proto-Sogdic **x*. In documents written in the Sogdian script an indirect result of labialization of velars can be marked word-initially by spelling with a prothetic *Schwa* *ə* <ʔ>: Sogd. s B *ʔkwt-y* (× M *kwt-y, qwt-y*) /^ək^wətí/, Yagh. *kut* ‘dog’; Sogd. s *ʔxwštr-y* B *ʔɣwštr-y* (× M *xwštr-y*) /^əx^wəštri/ ‘camel’ < **uxštra-*; Sogd. AL *ʔxwmtʔn* /^əX^wəmdān/ ‘Khumdān, Xianyang (city in China)’ [Khōt. *Humdān*, Syr. *hwmdʔn*]; prothesis of *ə* does not appear before vowels beginning in historical **x^w* (**h₂u*), e.g. Sogd. s B *ʔɣwr-* /^əɣ^wər-, not †/^əx^wər-, Yagh. *x̂ar-* ‘to eat’. According to documents in the Brāhmī script the labialized velars later lost their

¹⁴⁶ While the consonants *q, g, ʃ, l, b, ʙ, ɛ* appear only in borrowed lexicon, *b* is rare in genuine Yaghnōbī words. It is possible that *l* and *b* can be inherited in some cases.

¹⁴⁷ See analogical situation in Hellenistic Greek: π /p/ : Ϸ /β/, τ /t/ : δ /ḍ/, κ /k/ : γ /ɣ/ (BROWNING 1983, 26-27).

labial character, e.g. Sogd. Br *knā* /kənā/ × Sogd. B M *kwn*² C *qwn*² /k^wənā/, Yagh. *kun* ‘do!, make! (2nd pers. sg. imper. pres.)’; delabialization can be better seen in the case of *x^o* – for the stem *x^oar-* (Yagh. *ǰar-*) ‘to eat’, there are attested following forms: Sogd. Br *ho-rt* /xōrt/¹⁴⁸ × B *γwrt* /x^oart/ (inf.), *hu rā-t* /xurát/ < /x^oarát/, Yagh. *ǰarót* (3rd pers. sg. sbjn.), *hu re* /xurē/ < /x^oarē/ (3rd pers. sg. opt.); similarly delabialization can be seen also on Sogd. Br *hu tte* /xutē/ × Sogd. S *xwty*, *γwty* B *γwt*²(?)y, *γwty* M *xwty* C *xwty*, *xwdy* /x^oatí/, Yagh. *ǰat* ‘own, self.’¹⁴⁹

In Sogdian there may be assumed special treatment of clusters *γd* and *γð* following a reduced **u*: this phenomenon can be well demonstrated on doublets in following examples¹⁵⁰: Sogd. AL *ðwγðr*, *ðwγth* S *ðwxtb* M *ðwγt*(?) C *dwγt*(?) × S B *ðγwth* ‘daughter’ < **duxtar-*; Sogd. S *swγð*(?)yk × S *sywðyk* ‘Sogdian’ < **sug(u)diia-kā*¹⁵¹. These examples show probable development **CuyD* (*D* = voiced dental stop or fricative) > **Cəγ^wD* (certainly not **Cγ^wəD* as there is no prothesis preceding the consonant cluster), i.e. the *γd/γð* cluster was probably realised as **C{uy}D* > **C{əγ}D* or even **C{uyD}w* > **C{əγD}w*. Similar development may be assumed also for Sogdian words S *sywtm*²n ‘all’ (C *swγtm*²n S M *sytm*²n) I suppose that the letter *waw* marks labialization i.e. **səγ^wdāmān*, unfortunately, etymology of this word is not given in GMS and is neither known to me, Ilya Gershevitch interprets the letter *waw* as epenthesis of *u* (GMS §482).

consonant	Sogdian alphabet	Manichaean alphabet	Syriac alphabet	Brāhmī script ¹⁵²
<i>p</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>p, p^b, p̄</i>
<i>t</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>t, t̄</i>	<i>t (lt)</i>	<i>t, tt, t, t̄</i>
<i>k</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>k, q</i>	<i>k, q</i>	<i>k, k̄</i>
<i>č</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c, cc^b, j</i>
<i>ʃ</i>	<i>(c), ts</i>	<i>(c), ts</i>	<i>c</i>	
<i>b</i>	<i>p, (β)</i>	<i>p, b</i>	<i>p, b</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>t, (ð)</i>	<i>t, t̄, d, dt, dt̄</i>	<i>t̄ (lt), d</i>	<i>d, d^b, t, t̄</i>
<i>g</i>	<i>k, (γ)</i>	<i>k, q, g</i>	<i>k, q, g</i>	<i>g</i>

¹⁴⁸ Here is an interesting similarity with Tājik (and Dari?): Pers. *x^vardān* > *x^vurdān* : Tjk. /xūrdān/, AfghP. /x^(v)ōrdān/, Fārs. /xordān/. In the case *ho-rt* /xōrt/ can be seen a feature similar to lengthening of **a* before *r_č, t, *š* in Yagnōbī verbal roots – e.g. Yagh. *ǰar-* : *ǰōrci* ‘to eat (present stem : 3rd pers. sg. pres.)’.

¹⁴⁹ Delabialization is unclear in these cases – in the word *kənā* < *k^wənā* this feature can be seen well. In examples *xōrt* < **x^wart*; *xurát* < **x^warát*; *xurē* < **x^warē* and *xutē* < **x^watí* labial character of *x^w* is of different origin – it continues from Iranian **x^u* and not from secondary labialization caused by reduction of unstressed **u*. It is possible that the spelling *ho-rt*, *hu rā-t*, *hu re* and *hu tte* should be read with initial *x^{w-}*: /x^wōrt, x^warát, x^warē, x^watí/, i.e., graphemes *ho* and *hu* represented *x^wō* and *x^wə*; in the second case there thus can be seen again the omission of spelling of *Schwa* in an open syllable (see excursion 4).

¹⁵⁰ In most cases I will put down only spelling varieties in the Sogdian script (i.e. secular texts in the Sogdian script or Buddhist texts), in the Manichaean and Syriac scripts there are no attested such examples of metathesis. In majority of example I will not give phonetic transcription.

¹⁵¹ Spelling like S *swγð*(?)yk or *sywðyk* can be also explained as development from **sugudiia-ka-*, cf. OPers. spelling <*s^a-u-g^u-d^a*>, <*s^a-u-g^u-u-d^a*> or <*s^a-u-g^a-d^a*>. In Manichaean spelling is attested spelling like M *swγðy*²w × S *sywðy*²w.

¹⁵² Here will be given only consonantal part of *akšara*.

consonant	Sogdian alphabet	Manichaean alphabet	Syriac alphabet	Brāhmī script ¹⁵²
<i>j</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c, j</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>j</i>
<i>(dz)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	
<i>f</i>	<i>β, f, p, p̄</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>w, wv</i>
<i>ʒ</i>	<i>δ</i>	<i>δ, δδ</i>	<i>ʒ (ʒ)</i>	<i>t^b-, t, t̄</i>
<i>x</i>	<i>x, (γ)</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>h</i>
<i>x°</i>	<i>xw, (γw)</i>	<i>xw</i>	<i>xw</i>	
<i>xš</i>	<i>xš, (γš)</i>	<i>xš</i>	<i>xš</i>	<i>hš</i>
<i>β</i>	<i>β</i>	<i>β</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>v, wv</i>
<i>βd</i>	<i>βt</i>	<i>βt</i>	<i>bt, bd</i>	<i>wt, wt, wd^b</i>
<i>δ</i>	<i>δ</i>	<i>δ</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>δ, d^b</i>
<i>γ</i>	<i>γ</i>	<i>γ</i>	<i>γ</i>	<i>γ, h</i>
<i>γd</i>	<i>γt, γδ</i>	<i>γt</i>	<i>γt, γd</i>	
<i>s</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>s</i>
<i>š</i>	<i>š</i>	<i>š</i>	<i>š</i>	<i>ś, ś, ś̄</i>
<i>z</i>		<i>z</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>z</i>
<i>ž</i>	<i>z, z, z̄</i>	<i>j, ž</i>	<i>ž</i>	<i>ž, ś, ś̄</i>
<i>š̄</i>	<i>š̄, δr</i>	<i>š̄</i>	<i>š̄</i>	<i>ś, ś̄</i>
<i>ž̄</i>	<i>z, z, z̄, δr</i>	<i>j, ž̄</i>	<i>ž̄</i>	<i>ž, ś, ś̄</i>
<i>m</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>m, m̄</i>
<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n, n, (-)m</i>
<i>m̄b</i>	<i>m̄p, n̄p</i>	<i>m̄p, m̄b</i>	<i>m̄p</i>	<i>m̄p</i>
<i>m̄d</i>	<i>nt</i>	<i>nt, n̄t, nd, ndt, nd̄t</i>	<i>n̄t</i>	
<i>m̄g</i>	<i>nk</i>	<i>n(n)g, nk, nq</i>	<i>ng, nk, nq</i>	
<i>m̄j</i>	<i>nc</i>	<i>nc, nj</i>	<i>nc</i>	
<i>r</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>r, r̄</i>
<i>[l]</i>	<i>r, l, δ</i>	<i>l, δ</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l, l̄</i>
<i>y</i>		<i>y</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>y</i>
<i>y</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>y</i>
<i>w</i>		<i>w</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>v, v̄</i>
<i>w</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>ø (?)</i>
<i>[h]</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x, h</i>	<i>h, h̄</i>	<i>h</i>
<i>[t̄]</i>				
<i>[t^b]</i>	<i>r, rt</i>			<i>t, t^b, t̄</i>
<i>[d̄]</i>	<i>r</i>			<i>d̄</i>
<i>[n̄]</i>	<i>rn</i>	<i>rn</i>		<i>n̄</i>
<i>[q]</i>	<i>x, (x̄)</i>			<i>(hk)</i>
<i>{t̄}</i>			<i>t̄</i>	
<i>{q}</i>			<i>q</i>	
<i>{š}</i>	<i>(c)</i>		<i>c</i>	
<i>{?}</i>	<i>x, (?)</i>		<i>(?)</i>	
<i>{h}</i>	<i>(x)</i>		<i>h̄</i>	
<i>{š}</i>	<i>(š)</i>		<i>γ</i>	

Table 37 Spelling of consonants in the Sogdian, Manichaean and Syriac script and in the Brāhmī script.

In Yaghnōbī there are no traces of *Proto-Sogdian labialization of velars (but it is possible that this feature was already *Proto-Sogdic), the only possible example of a reflex of labialization can be found in Yaghnōbī verb *w č^ukáǰrak* (E *čⁱké[́]rak*) ‘to fear’ – a precise etymology of this verb is not known to me, it may have been derived from **pati-káuraja-*?; in Sogdian there is attested *s √pckwyr /√p³čk^wēr ~ √p³čkü[́]ēr/*, so probably svarabhakti *u* in Western Yaghnōbī can be a reflex of original *k^w* (according to development of reduced vowels in Western Yaghnōbī we should expect *čⁱkáǰr-* as in Eastern Yaghnōbī, although here *i* can be influenced by palatalization of *k* before *ē*).

The Manichaean alphabet as the only Aramaic-derived alphabet could spell voiced stops *b*, *d*, *g*. The original voiced stops changed in *Proto-Sogdic to fricatives, in Sogdian voiced stops appear from secondary development – either as a result of voice assimilation or from loan words.

/p/	[p ^h]		póda
	[p]	allophonous pronunciation in front of another consonant	ípti
/b/	[b]		bídén
/t/	[t ^h]		tírak, mēt, xíšift
	[t]	allophonous pronunciation in front of another consonant	ētk
/d/	[d]		díndaĕ
/č/	[tʃ]		čayz, čínak
/j/	[dʒ]		ǰáxak
/k/	[k ^h]		kōy
	[k]	allophonous pronunciation in front of another consonant	būktár
	[c ^h]	allophonous pronunciation in vicinity of a front vowel	tīĕ, fīĕ, šarīĕ, káxīĕ
	[c]	allophonous pronunciation following a front vowel in front of another consonant	íĕta
/g/	[g]		g ^u zarak
	[ɟ]	allophonous pronunciation in vicinity of a front vowel	ǰírd
/q/	[q ^h]		haq
	[q]	allophonous pronunciation in front of another consonant	maqsád
	[ɣ]	voiced variety of <i>q</i> (not †[g])	qōq [ˈq ^h oːɣ] dayró
/m/	[m]		mēxk
	[m̥]	allophone of <i>m</i> in front of <i>v</i> , <i>f</i>	čúm ^h fak
/n/	[n]		nēn
	[ŋ]	allophone of <i>n</i> preceding a velar	íránka
/f/	[f]		fúšma
/v/	[v]		v ^h rót
/s/	[s]		šaráy, sōrt, s ^h nóyak
/z/	[z]		zōy, zēnk
/š/	[ʃ]		šíša
	[tʃ]	in some loans from Tajik can be pronounced as <i>č</i>	ōč < oš, čapalóq < šapalóq
/ž/	[ʒ]		žúta
	[dʒ]	mainly in non-native words it can be pronounced <i>ǰ</i>	aždahór [a(d)ǰdaˈhoːr], ráǰna [ˈraǰ(d)ǰna]

/x/	[χ]		xəɾ
/ɣ/	[ʁ]		ɣayk
/ʁ/	[χʷ]		ʁ̤arak, ʁ̤at, ʁ̤or
	[χ]	often loses its labialized character when followed by <i>o</i>	ʁ̤or
/h/	[h]		hámma, naháx
/ħ/	[ħ]	archaic pronunciation of <i>h</i> of Arabic origin, in common speech it merges with <i>h</i>	ħiss > hiss, suħbát > suhbát
			aħmáq
	[ʕ]	pronunciation of <i>ʕayn</i> in Modern Yaghnōbī is preserved only in a word <i>šaɣmák</i>	šaɣmák
/ɛ̣/		the <i>ʕayn</i> -sound usually disappears in pronunciation, it often prolongs preceding vowel, following a consonant it may be realized as slight stop in speech	ɛ̣údda > údda; qalɛ̣á > [qʰal.'æ]
	o		
/w/	[β]		wáfir, wénak
/w̥/	[w̥]	allophonous pronunciation of <i>w</i> following a vowel	dēw̥ ['de:w̥]
	[β]		saɟdí [saβ'dí:], sarkúw̥ [sar'kʰu:β]
y	[j]		yaɟ
r	[r]		čarx, ráta
l	[l]		púl(l)a

Table 38 Yaghnōbī consonant system (NOVÁK 2010, 222-223).

Historically Yaghnōbī consonant system differs only a little from the state reconstructed for Sogdian. The main differences can be seen in lack of labialization of velars in front of a labial vowels and different development of voicing¹⁵³. In comparison to Sogdian it can be said that in Yaghnōbī there are no voiced stops (and affricate) in diachronic view, the voiced consonants emerged from positional allophones. From synchronic point of view Yaghnōbī there is developed opposition of voiceless and voiced stops and affricates, the only exception is uvular stop *q* which has no voiced counterpart in voiced uvular stop †[g] – voiced counterpart of *q* is voiced uvular fricative *ɣ*. Yaghnōbī consonant system is the same as consonant system of the Zarafshān Tajik dialects – only voiced alveopalatals fricative *ʒ* appears more often in Yaghnōbī in contrast to Zarafshān Tajik¹⁵⁴ (mainly dialects of Mastchōh; cf. KHROMOV 1962, 27). Yaghnōbī consonant system is also comparable to consonant system of literary Tajik, but the standard Tajik language lacks voiceless pharyngeal fricative *ħ* which merged with voiceless glottal fricative *h* (*ħ* appeared together with voiced pharyngeal fricative *ɣ* both in Yaghnōbī and Mastchōhī in speech of older generations, nowadays *ħ* is usually realised as *h* and *ɣ* is either lost or it prolongs preceding vowel in Yaghnōbī). Interesting feature is a common change of Tajik (and colloquially Russian) *ž* to *ǰ* both in Mastchōhī and in Yaghnōbī, this feature is observable also in

¹⁵³ And also lack of *ʂ* in Yaghnōbī, but it is a question whether *ʂ* was a separate phoneme in Sogdian. Nowadays *ʂ* can appear in some Russian loans in Yaghnōbī, but it is usually realized as *s*: Yagh. *revalúsiya* ‘revolution’ < Rus. *революция*, *gastínisa* ‘tavern’ < *гостиница*, *kansért* ‘concert’ < *концерт*, *sigán* / *bigán* ‘Gypsy’ < *циган*.

¹⁵⁴ As *ž* appears rarely also in Persian, in the Zarafshān dialects *ž* appears only in words of Eastern-Iranian (*Zarafshānī) origin.

colloquial Tajik and in many Tajik dialects (RASTORGUEVA 1964, 44-45) or Uzbek: Pers. Tjk. *mišá* ‘eyelash’ > Yagh. *míj(ý)a*, TMast. *mijá*, Pers. *žálá*, Tjk. *žólá* ‘hail’ > Yagh. *jóla*, TMast. *jólá*; in Yaghnōbī also Tajik š occasionally changes to č: Tjk. *oš* ‘pilaf’ > Yagh. *oč* (KHROMOV 1987, 656), Uzb. *šapatâq* ‘slap’ > Tjk. *šapalóq* > Yagh. *čapalóq*.

Development of Iranian consonants in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī can be characterized as follows:

II.1.3.1. *p

- i. > Sogd. p^{155} , Yagh. *p*: Sogd. s β^2ph B $\beta^2p(h)$ M β^2p C β Br $\bar{a}-p$ / $\bar{a}p$ /, Yagh. *ōp* ‘water’ > * $\bar{a}p$ -, Ave. $\bar{a}p$ -; Sogd. B M p^{δ} / $p\bar{a}\delta$ /, Yagh. *póda* ‘foot’ < * $p\acute{a}da$ -(*ka*-), Ave. $p\bar{a}da$ -, OPers. $p\bar{a}da$ -; Sogd. s B $\gamma^{\delta}sp-h$ M $\gamma^{\delta}sp-^{\delta}(h)$, $x^{\delta}p-^{\delta}$ C $x^{\delta}p-^{\delta}$ / $\gamma^{\delta}x^{\delta}sp\acute{a}$ /, Yagh. *xⁱšáp* ‘night’ < * $x^{\delta}šap\acute{a}$ -, Ave. $x^{\delta}šap\bar{a}$ -;
- ii. (voice assimilation) > Sogd. *p*, Yagh. *b*: Sogd. B $\sqrt{p\delta w\beta s}$ -, $\sqrt{p\delta wfs}$ - M $\sqrt{p\delta wfs}$ - / $\sqrt{p\delta wfs}$ -/, Yagh. *b^udúfs*- ‘to glue, to stick’ < * $upa-d\acute{a}fsa$ -;
- iii. (before **ia*) > Sogd. *b*, Yagh. *?*: Sogd. M *by²mnwrz* /*byám*[○]/ ‘personal name’ (× Sogd. s B M C \sqrt{py}^2m / $\sqrt{py\bar{a}m}$ / ‘to heal’) < * $upa-i\acute{a}ma$ -[○] (GMS §306);

II.1.3.2. *t

- i. > Sogd. t^{156} , Yagh. *t*: Sogd. s $\beta r^{\delta}t$ B $\beta r^{\delta}t$, $\beta r^{\delta}tr$ M $\beta r^{\delta}t$ C $br^{\delta}t$ / $\beta r\acute{a}t(\acute{a}r)$ /, Yagh. *vⁱrót* ‘brother’ < * $br\acute{a}tar$ -; Sogd. B M *tys* / $t\bar{i}s$ -/, Yagh. *tīs*- ‘to enter’ < * $ati-i\acute{s}a$ -; Sogd. B *krt* / $k\acute{a}rt$ /, Yagh. *kōrt* ‘knife’ < * $k\acute{a}rta$ -, Ave. $kar\acute{a}ta$ -, Pers. $k\acute{a}rd$; Sogd. B $\sqrt{pt\gamma w}(\delta)y$ M \sqrt{ptxw}^2y C \sqrt{ptxw}^2y , \sqrt{ptxw}^2y / $\sqrt{p^{\delta}tx\acute{a}y}$ /, Yagh. *t^uxóy*- ‘to kill’ < * $p\acute{a}ti-xu\bar{a}h\acute{a}ia$ -;
- ii. (voice assimilation) > Sogd. *t*, Yagh. *d*: Sogd. s M $\sqrt{pt\gamma w\acute{s}}$ B $\sqrt{pt\gamma}(\delta)w\acute{s}$ C $\sqrt{pt\gamma w\acute{s}}$ / $\sqrt{p^{\delta}t\gamma\acute{o}\acute{s}}$ /, Yagh. *d^uγúš*- ‘to hear’ < * $p\acute{a}ti-g\acute{a}u\acute{s}a$ -;
- iii. (palatalized) > Sogd. *č*, Yagh. *č* (?): Sogd. s \sqrt{pckwyr} / $\sqrt{p\acute{c}k\ddot{u}er}$ /, Yagh. *čⁱkér*- || *č^ukáir*- ‘to fear’ < * $p\acute{a}ti-k\acute{a}ur\acute{a}ia$ - (?); Sogd. B $\sqrt{p\beta nt}$ C $\sqrt{p\beta nt}$ / $\sqrt{p\acute{c}\beta\acute{a}m\acute{a}nd}$ / ‘to answer’ < * $p\acute{a}ti-b\acute{a}nda$ -; Sogd. B Mg $\sqrt{p\gamma r\beta}$ - / $\sqrt{p\acute{c}\gamma r\beta}$ -/ ‘to accept’ < * $p\acute{a}ti-gr\acute{a}ba$ -; Sogd. B γcy M *xcy*, *ycy* Br *hji* / $x\acute{a}č\acute{i}$, $ič\acute{i}$ / ‘[(s)he/it] is’ < * $\acute{a}š\acute{c}i$ < * $\acute{a}sti$; Yagh. *-čⁱ* ‘ending of the 3rd pers. sg. pres.’ < * $-t\acute{i}$ -¹⁵⁷;

¹⁵⁵ Later when following a vowel (mainly in younger Christian texts) > Sogd. *b* (- β ?): Sogd. C β / $\bar{a}b$ / (× Sogd. s β^2ph B $\beta^2p(h)$ M β^2p C β Br $\bar{a}-p$ / $\bar{a}p$ /) ‘water’ < * $\bar{a}p$ -; Sogd. M β^2bwx *rwc* / $\acute{a}b\bar{u}x$ $r\acute{o}\acute{c}$ / ‘name of the 10th day of a month’ (× Sogd. s β^2pwy^2 *rwc* M β^2pwx / $\acute{a}p\bar{u}x(\acute{a})$ ($r\acute{o}\acute{c}$)/) < * $\bar{a}pa-u\acute{a}iub-rau\acute{c}a$ -, Ave. $\bar{a}p\bar{o}-vaiiub\acute{i}š$ (GMS §305).

¹⁵⁶ Later in post-vocalic position and after **r* (mainly in younger Christian texts) > Sogd. *d* (- δ ?): Sogd. C *xwdy* / $x^w\acute{a}d\acute{i}$ / (× Sogd. Br *hu tte* / $x^w\acute{a}t-i$ /), Yagh. *šat* ‘own, self’ < * $h\acute{u}ata$ -, Ave. $x^w\acute{a}t\bar{o}$; Sogd. C *xwd(?)w* / $xud\acute{a}w$ / (× Sogd. s γwt^2w B $\gamma wt^2(?)w$ M *xwt^2w* C *xwt(?)w* / $xut\acute{a}w$ /) ‘lord’ < * $h\acute{u}a-t\acute{a}uan$ -, Pers. *Xud\acute{a}(i)* ‘God’; Sogd. C *mrdxmy* / $m\acute{a}rdoxm\acute{e}$ / ‘human, mankind’ (× Sogd. AL *mrt^2xmk* s B *mrtym^2k(w)*, *mrtym^2y* M *mrtxmy(y)* C *mrtxmy* / $m\acute{a}rtoxm\acute{e}$ /) < * $m\acute{a}rt\acute{i}ia-t\acute{a}uxman-ka$ -, Pers. *mard\acute{u}m* (GMS §269-270).

¹⁵⁷ Different explanation of development of the ending *-čⁱ*: *-čⁱ* < *-čit* < **-tšit* < *-t-išt* (cf. KLIMCHITSKIY 1940, 99-100).

- iv. (rarely after a vowel) > Sogd. *d* (ð ?), Yagh. *d*: Sogd. B M ʔyð C yd /ēd/, Yagh. *īd* ‘this’ < *áita-, Ave. *aēta-*; Sogd. B ktʔ(?)m M ktʔm, kðʔm C qdʔm /kədám/, Yagh. *kadóm*¹⁵⁸ ‘which’ < *katáma-, Ave. *katāma-*, Pers. *kađám* (GMS §269);
- v. (in secondary contact with *ð < *d) > Sogd. ʔ, Yagh. ʔ: Sogd. B √kðʔr /√kðʔár/ ‘to do, to work (stem of a transitive preterite)’ < *iktú-đár- < *kýtam dára- (GMS §279);
- vi. *tʔ (word-initially) > Sogd. čə (ʦə ?), Yagh. ʔ: Sogd. B cšn-y M C cn- /čə(š)ní - ʦə(š)ní/ ‘thirst’ < *tʔšna-, Pers. *tašná*;

II.1.3.3. *k

- i. > Sogd. *k*¹⁵⁹, Yagh. *k*: Sogd. B ktʔy, ktʔk M qt, qty(y), ktyy C qty /kətē/, Yagh. *kat* ‘house’ < *káta-(ka-); Sogd. B ʔʔwkʔ M ʔʔwk /ʔʔáʔuk(ā)/ ‘throne’, Yagh. *ʔōtk* ‘nest’ < *gāʔū-kā-, Ave. *gātu-*, OPers. *gāʔu-*; Sogd. *ky* /ki/, Yagh. *ki* ‘which’ < *kab, Ave. *kō*; Sogd. B *wyrk-y* C *wyrq-y* /wiʔki/, Yagh. *urk* ‘wolf’ < *uʔka-, Ave. *vəhrka-*, Ved. *vʔka-*;
- ii. (in several cases) > Sogd. *x*, Yagh. *x*: Sogd. B √ʔrš-, √ʔnš- M √xrs-, √xns-, √xš- /√xəš-, √xəš-/ , Yagh. *xəš-* ‘to pull’ < *kʔš-, Ave. *karš-*, Ved. *kárṣati*; Sogd. B mʔʔ(w) M C mʔx /máx(u)/, Yagh. *mōx* ‘we’ < *abmákam-, OPers. *abmāxam-*;
- iii. (before -iā) > Sogd. *g*, Yagh. ʔ: Sogd. M wβʔstgyʔh /wiβšästəgyā/ ‘narrative’ < *^o-ka-iā- (GMS §246.2);
- iv. (rarely) > Sogd. č, Yagh. ʔ: Sogd. S B M crks /čárkəs/ ‘vulture’ < *kʔka-ʦa-, Ave. *kəbrkāsa-*, Pers. *kargás*; Sogd. C *crxwšt* /čárxušt/ ‘wine-press’ - cf. Pahl. *karxōš* (GMS §249);
- v. (before a reduced labial vowel) > Sogd. ^okʔ, Yagh. *k*: Sogd. S B ʔkwʔ-y M kwʔ-y, qwt-y /ʔkʔwəti/, Yagh. *kut* ‘dog’ < *kúta-, *kutī-; Oss. *kʔʔy* || *kuy*;
- vi. *-a-ka- (denominal abstract suffix *-ka- in ending of masculine *a*-stems) > Sogd. -ě, Yagh. -a: Sogd. B ʔspʔyt(ʔk), ʔsp(ʔ)yt, (ʔ)spʔyt, (ʔ)spʔyty C *spyty* /ʔspétē/, Yagh. *sipéta* ‘white’ < *ʦuáita-ka-;
- vii. *-a-ka- (denominal abstract suffix *-ka- in ending of neuter and adverbial *a*-stems) > Sogd. -ō, Yagh. -a (?): Sogd. S B M cʔn(ʔ)kw, cʔnʔw /čánō/ ‘as, if’ < *bača-ana-kam; cf. Yagh. *čūn* < *bača-ana-(ka-);
- viii. *-ā-kā- (denominal abstract suffix *-kā- in ending of ā-stems) > Sogd. -ā, Yagh. -a: Sogd. M *ryrʔkb* /rérā/, Yagh. *réra* ‘saliva’; Sogd. S B ʔʔpb /ápā/, Yagh. *ópa* ‘water’ < *ápā-kā-, Wakh. *yupk*;
- ix. *-ā-kā- (denominal abstract suffix *-kā- in ending of ā-stems) > Sogd. -ák, Yagh. -ók: Sogd. B (ʔ)zβʔ(ʔ)k(h) M zβʔk C zbʔq /zβák/, Yagh. *zʔvók* ‘tongue, language’ < *hidzuá-kā-*,

¹⁵⁸ Yaghnōbī form may be borrowed from Persian.

¹⁵⁹ Later in post-vocalic position (in younger Christian texts) > Sogd. *g*: Sogd. C √ʔwžtgʔ /√ʔōždagā/ ‘to ask (2nd pers. pl. fut.)’; Sogd. M *mwgruc* /nógrōč/ ‘New Year(?) day’ < *naūa-ka-rauča-, Pers. *Naūróz*, Fārs. *Noʔrúz* (GMS §246.3).

- Ave. *hizū-*, *hizvā-*, *hizvah-*, Ved. *jihvá-*; Sogd. B *syʔk(h)* M *syʔk* C *syʔq* /səyák/, Yagh. *sʔyóka* ‘shadow’ < **asāiá-kā-(ka-)*, Ave. *asaiia-*, Pers. *sāyá-*;
- x. **-ī-kā-* (denominal abstract suffix **-kā-* in ending of *ī*-stems) > Sogd. *-č(ā)* (*-j(ā)*), Yagh. *-č*: Sogd. s *ʔync(h)*, *ynch* B Mg *ʔync(h)* M *ʔync* C *ʔync* /ʔimj/ (< **imč*), Yagh. *inč* ‘woman, wife’ < **íáyni-kā-*; Sogd. B *ʔʔrʔync* M *ʔʔrʔnj* C *ʔrync* /árinj/ (< **árimč*), Yagh. *ōrinj* ‘elbow’ < **ārāḏni-ka-*; Sogd. B *nyc* /nēc/ ‘nostrils’ < **nāhi-kā-*, Khwār. *nʔc* /nāza/, Ved. *nāsikā-*;
- xi. **-u-ka-* (denominal abstract suffix **-kā-* in ending of *u*-stems) > Sogd. *-ku*, Yagh. *-k*: Sogd. Mg *yttkw* B *ytkw* M *ytqw* /ʔitkú/ < **itúk*, Yagh. *ētk/itk* ‘bridge’ < **báitūka-* < **báitu-ka-*, Oss. I *xid* D *xed*; Sogd. s B *ʔyntk(?)w* /imḏku/ ‘Indian, Indic’ < **(h)indūka-* < **bíndu-ka-*, OPers. *hiʔduya-*, Pahl. *hindūg*, Pers. *hindú* (> Yagh. *hundú*)
- xii. **-ū-kā-* (denominal abstract suffix **-kā-* in ending of *ū*-stems) > Sogd. *-uk(ā)*, Yagh. *-k*: Sogd. B *ʔḏwkʔ* M *ʔḏwk* /ʔáḏuk(ā)/ ‘throne’, Yagh. *ʔōtk* ‘nest’ < **gáḏūkkā-* < **gáḏū-kā-*, Pers. *gāb* ‘place’; Sogd. B *zʔnʔwk*, *znʔwkʔ*, M *znwq* /zānuk(ā)/, Yagh. *zōnk* ‘knee’ < **zánūkkā-* < **dzánū-kā-*, Pers. *zānū*, Pahl. *zānūg*; Sogd. B *ʔyntʔwk* /imḏuk/ ‘Indian, Indic’ < **(h)indūkkā-* < **bíndū-kā-*;

(ad *iv.*) There is a “secondary” palatalization of velars attested in some Eastern Iranian languages, mainly in the Pāmīr branch, and as a recent feature in Iron dialect of Ossetic. It is possible that the examples showing secondary palatalization **k* > *č* in Sogdian show possible loans from a Middle Iranian Pāmīr (?) language.

(ad *vi.-xii.*) A typical feature of the Iranian languages is extension of a nominal stem with denominal abstract suffix **-kā-* (or its variety **-či-* for feminines). By extending the stem with the denominal abstract suffix the original nomina got a new modified meaning, but most of words did not change their meaning significantly. In individual Iranian languages various reflexes of the suffix **-kā-* can be observed: in most languages the suffix is more or less maintained (of course, with regard to its further development in various languages). However in some of the Iranian languages it leads to its peculiar transformation – its consonantal part disappears and vowels emerge into new vocalic or diphthongal ending of a nominal stem (such development may be observed in Sogdian, Yaghnōbī, Munjī-Yidghā¹⁶⁰, Pashtō-Waḡetsī, Saka dialects or in New Persian¹⁶¹).

Development of denominal abstract suffixes in *Proto-Sogdic had to start before operation of the *Stress II*: suffix **-kā-* became part of the stem and position of *Stress II* was governed also by presence or absence of the denominal abstract suffix: Sogd. s *ʔpsʔkkh* M (?)*psʔk* C *ʔpsʔq* /ʔpsák/

¹⁶⁰ For development of the denominal abstract suffix **-kā-* in Munjī-Yidghā see MORGENSTIERNE 1938, 114-115.

¹⁶¹ “Vocalic” development of the **a-ka-* suffix can be shown on following example: Sogd. B (?)*stʔrʔk* M (?)*stʔry*, *ʔstry* /stárē/, Khōt. *stāraa-*, Munj. *stōrāy*, Yidgh. *stárē*, Pasht. *stōray* (ʃ); Pers. *sitārā* × Khwār. (?)*stʔryk* / (ə)stāreg/, Ishk. *strūk*, Sangl. *ustʔrūk*, Shugh. *xitērʔ*, Bajū. *xitērʔ*, *xitērj*, Khūf. Rōsh. *xitērʔ*, *xiturj*, Bart. Rāshrv. *xitōrj*, Sarīq. *xiturj*, *xiturj*, Yazgh. *š(ə)tarag*, Ōrm. *starrak*; Parth. *ʔstʔrg* < **stāra-kā-* ‘star’.

‘wreath, crown’ < *pusákā- < *púsā-kā- (: Yagh. †p^usók × without the *-kā- suffix may be supposed following development: *†púsā- (*Stress II*) : Yagh. †pus > †púsá (*Stress III*) : Sogd. †pasá). The change of the denominal abstract suffix *-kā- in an innovated word-stem has two responses: 1) forms preserving *-k-, or 2) contracted forms, in which internal *-k- disappeared and subsequently underwent other sound changes.

(1) The original consonant was retained in some feminine ā-stems and in forms of ū-stems. In case of feminine ā-stem, *-k- was retained when the suffix *-kā- followed a stressed syllable (that emerged from the *Stress II* shift): Sogd. B (?)zβ?k M zβ[?]k C zb[?]q /zβák/, Yagh. zivók ‘tongue, language’ < *bizβákā- < *bidzuā-kā- [cf. Pers. zabán < *zbán < *bidzuā-nā-]; Sogd. B sy[?]k(h) M sy[?]k C sy[?]q /səyák/, Yagh. siyóka ‘shadow’ < *saiákā-(ka-) < *asāiā-kā- [Pers. sāyá < Pahl. sāyag < *asāiā-kā-]. Forms of denominal abstract suffix of the original ū-stems have a different outcome in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī: Sogdian forms retain thematic -u- (for feminines *-ū-kā- > -uk(ā)); for masculines *-u-ka- > -ku, -uk), in Yaghnōbī *-ū- was syncopated: Sogd. Mg yttkw B ytkw M ytw /ytkú/ < *itúk, Yagh. etk/itk ‘bridge’ < *háētuka- < *hāitu-ka- [Oss. I xid D xed]; Sogd. S B ʔyntk(?)w /imḍku/ ‘Indian, Indic’ < *(h)indūka- < *hindu-ka- (× Sogd. B ʔyntʔwk /imḍuk/ < *(h)indūkā- < *hindu-kā-) [OPers. hi^uduya-, Pahl. bindūg, Pers. hindú > Yagh. bundú]; Sogd. B ʔr(?)wk(?), ʔrʔwkh M ʔrwk(?) C dʔrwq /ḍāruk(ā)/, Yagh. dōrk ‘wood’ < *dārūka- < *dāru-ka-; Sogd. B ʔʔwkʔ M ʔʔwk /ʔāḍuk(ā)/ ‘throne’, Yagh. ʔōtk ‘nest’ < *ʔāḍūkā- < *ʔāḍū-kā- [Pers. gāh ‘place’]; Sogd. B zʔnʔwk, znʔwkʔ, M znwq /zānuk(ā)/, Yagh. zōnk ‘knee’ < *zānūkā- < *dzānū-kā- [Pers. zānū, Pahl. zānūg]. Similar development can be observed also for other substantives: Sogd. B ʔrʔyk(?) M ʔryk /ʔrék(ā)/, Yagh. ʔirék ‘clay, earth’ < *ʔráekā- < *grāia-ka-; Sogd. S ʔwḍyk, swḍ(?)yk /səʔḍík/ ‘Sogdian’ < *suḍíkā- < *sug(u)diā-kā- [Pers. suḍí; cf. OPers. Sug(u)da- ‘Sogdiana’]; Sogd. Mg pʔryk /pārsík/ ‘Persian’ < *pārsíkā- < *pāršiā-kā- [Pers. fārsí, pārsí < Pahl. pārsīg]. Nicolas Sims-Williams interprets this development as a result of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* (i.e. *Stress III*) and presents two examples, which show different development as should be expected for the *Rhythmic Law*: Sogd. S ʔntʔk(?), ʔntʔkk B ʔntʔ(?)k(?), ʔntʔkk M ʔndʔk C ʔntʔq /ʔámḍák(ā)/ ‘bad’ < *gand-āka- ‘stinking’ and Sogd. S M ʔwtʔk B ʔwtʔ(?)k C ʔwtʔq /ótāk/ ‘place’ < *aua-tāk-a- (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1981b, 13); both these examples can be systematically explained as a result of the *Stress II*, and subsequently the stress shifted to the *Stress III*: *gandā-kā- > ʔandákā- > ʔámḍák [Yagh. gandá ‘bad’ < Pers. gandá ‘bad < stinking’; Parth. gndʔg; Ved. gand^bá- ‘smell’]; *aua-tā-kā- > aqtákā- > ótāk [> Turkic otaq (Uzb. útâq) > Pers. otâq ‘room’].

(2) Forms of a-stem masculines and ā-stem feminines with stress on antepenultima delete the original *-k- of the denominal abstract suffix, after the loss of *-k- there is a further development which has different responses in both languages: in Sogdian can be observed development *-a-kah (nominative singular) > *-a’i > *-ě and *-ā-kāh (nom. sg.) > *-ā’ā > *-ā; in Yaghnōbī there is the same development for both a- and ā-stems: *-a-kah (nom. sg.) > *-a’i > -a and *-ā-kāh (nom. sg.) > *-ā’ā > -a:

Sogd. B $\text{ʔsp}^{\text{ʔyt}}(\text{ʔk})$, $\text{ʔsp}(\text{ʔ})\text{ytk}$, $(\text{ʔ})\text{sp}^{\text{ʔytk}}$, $(\text{ʔ})\text{sp}^{\text{ʔyty}}$ c *spyty* /*ʔspétě*/, Yagh. *sipéta* ‘white’ < **spáęta*’i < **ṣuáęta-ka-* [Munj. *spī*, Pasht. Waṇ. *spīn*, Pers. *safēd*, *sipéd*, *ispéd*];

Sogd. Mg $\text{ɣwt}^{\text{ʔrnk}}$ /*xutárně*/, Yagh. *xutánna* ‘water-mill’ < **xuatárna*’i < **huat(a)-árana-ka-* [Yazgh. *x°ayerg*, Shugh. *xidōrj*, Rōsh. *xadūrj*, Sangl. *xudári*, Wakh. *xadōrg*, Munj. *xīrga*, Yidgh. *xīrɣo*];

Sogd. S B $\beta^{\text{ʔr}^{\text{ʔk}}}$ M $\beta^{\text{ʔryh}}$ c $b^{\text{ʔry}}$ /*βārě*/ ‘rider; riding animal’, Yagh. *vóra* ‘rider’ < *βára*’i < **bāra-ka-* [Pahl. *bʔrg* /*bārag*/, Pers. *bārā*, Shugh. *vōrj*, Rōsh. *vūrj*, Yazgh. *varāg*, Ishk. *vrūk* ‘horse’; Oss. *baræg* ‘rider’];

Sogd. M $\text{ryr}^{\text{ʔkb}}$ /*rērā*/, Yagh. *réra* ‘saliva’ < **ráęrā*’ā < **rāį(ā)rā-kā*-¹⁶² [Pers. *lēr*, Pasht. *lára*]¹⁶³;

Sogd. S B $\text{ʔ}^{\text{ʔph}}$ /*ápā*/, Yagh. *ópa* ‘water’ < **ápā*’ā < **āpā-kā-* [Khōt. *ūtā-*, Ishk. *vek*, Wakh. *yupk*, Munj. *yówɣā*, Yidgh. *yowɣo*, Pasht. *óbá*, Tjk. *óbá* ‘water’; Oss. *avg* ‘glass’].

According to examples of contracted (or *aka-* and *ākā-*) stems shown in the unit (2) mentioned above, it can be suggested that words derived from denominal abstract suffix **-kā-* retained its semantic value in subsequent stages of *Proto-Sogdic. If we did not consider the **-ākā-* suffix this way, we would not be able to convincingly explain the development of originally suffixed **-k(ā)-* from the development of **k* in all other cases – Iranian (and *Proto-Sogdian) **k* is usually retained as *k* both in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī (e.g. except Sogdian change **nk* > *mğ* etc.), but *Proto-Sogdian denominal **-k-* disappears between unstressed **ā...ā*. Different development of this suffixed **-k-* can be seen in other forms of the *aka-* stems, e.g. in neuter (and in adverbs): **-a-kam* (nom. and acc. sg. neuter and acc. sg. masculine) > **-a’u* > Sogd. *-ō* (cf. Sogd. S B M $\text{c}^{\text{ʔn}}(\text{ʔ})\text{kw}$, $\text{c}^{\text{ʔn}^{\text{ʔw}}}$ /*čānō*/ ‘as, if’ < **(hā)čāna’u* < **hača-ana-kam*; cf. Yagh. *čün*¹⁶⁴ < **hača-ana-(ka-)*). Some features of development of *aka-* and *ākā-* stems will be shown later in analysis of *Proto-Sogdic inflectional system.

Apart from the denominal abstract suffix **-kā-* there was a similar suffix **-ka-*, which was used to form diminutives – this suffix did not morphologically distinguish the original stem system and thus its development considerably differs from the denominal abstract suffix: responses of the diminutive suffix give both in Yaghnōbī and Sogdian regular form in *-(a)k*.

(ad ix.) This suffix belongs also to the denominal abstract suffixes in **-kā-*, in this example can be seen its development with the *i-* stems. See also an analogical development in the Slavic languages: Ide. **h₃eui-keh₂-* > **oui-kā-* > PSl. **ouīca-* > OCS. *овьца* ‘sheep’ × Ved. *avikā*.

¹⁶² Precise etymology of this word is not known to me.

¹⁶³ Cf. etymologically unrelated Hebrew *rīr*, Aramaic *rīrā* of the same meaning.

¹⁶⁴ The root *-ū-* in *čün* emerged either from **čōn* < **čān* (i.e. “regular” Yaghnōbī change *ō* > *ū* in front of a nasal) or by labialization of **ā* after disappearance of **-ō* < *a-kam* or **-u* < **-am*; but influence of Persian cannot be excluded *čün* < **či-gauna-*.

II.1.3.4. *č

- i. > Sogd. č¹⁶⁵, Yagh. č: Sogd. s *rwcñ* /rōčəñ/, Yagh. *rúča* ‘window’ < **ráuča-na* // **ráuča-ka-*;
- ii. (in front of **k*, **t*, **n*) > Sogd. š, Yagh. č, š: Sogd. m *stryšt* /‘strišt/ ‘women (pl. from /‘strič/’ < **strič-ta-* < *(H)*stri-kā-tā-*; Sogd. b *ʔyšktyb* m *ʔyšktyb* /‘škətē/ ‘harem’ < **ʔáuni-kā-kata-ka-* (GMS §259); Yagh. *šūč-* : *súšta* ‘to burn (pres. stem : past part.)’;
- iii. *č̣ > Sogd. š, Yagh. š: Sogd. m *ʔšw-* /ʔšəw-/ , Yagh. *šau-* ‘to go’ < *č̣*áua-*, Ave. š(ii)*auu-*, OPers. šav-, Ved. cyav-;

II.1.3.5. *b

- i. > Sogd. β, Yagh. v: Sogd. s *βrʔt* b *βrʔt*, *ʔβrʔtr* m *βrʔt* c *brʔt* /ʔβrāt(ər)/, Yagh. *virót* ‘brother’ < **brátar-*;

II.1.3.6. *d

- i. > Sogd. ð (lʔ), Yagh. d: Sogd. b *ðʔr(?)wk(?)*, *ðʔrʔwkb* m *ðʔrwk(?)* c *dʔrwq* /ðárúk(ǎ)/, Yagh. *dōrk* ‘wood’ < **dáru-ka-*, Ave. *dāru-*; Sogd. b *βwððb* m *βwð* /βōð/, Yagh. *vūd* ‘scent’ < **báudi-*, Ave. *baodi-*, Khwār. /βōð/;
- ii. (in secondary contact with *š) > Sogd. č (but older ð), Yagh. ʔ: Sogd. b *čštʔn*, *ðštʔn* c *dʔštʔn* /čʔštʔwǎn < ðʔštʔwǎn/ ‘poor’ < **duš-tuuána-* (GMS §286);
- iii. **dr* > Sogd. ž, Yagh. *dʔr* || *dʔr* (word-initially): Sogd. b *žw* /žō/, Yagh. *daráu* || *dʔráu* ‘hair’ < **dráua-*;
- iv. **dr* > Sogd. ž, Yagh. *rd* (word-internally): Sogd. s *myðrb* mg *myðr-* /mižál/ b *mwžʔkk* /mužē/, Yagh. *mírda* ‘bead, pearl’ < **múdra-(ka-)*, Ved. *mudrá-*;
- v. **du* > Sogd. ðβ, Yagh. *d(V)v*: Sogd. b m *ðβr-y* c *dbr-y* /ðβəri/, Yagh. *davár* || *dʔvár* ‘door’ < **duár(a)-*, Ave. *duuar-*;

(excursion 5) *Lambda Sogdica?*

In many Eastern Iranian languages there can be seen a development of Iranian voiced dental stop **d*: it appears in some of the Eastern Iranian languages and dialects as (**l*). The development **d* > (**l*) is attested already in the Old Iranian period –in Scythian and Cimmerian, in the Middle Iranian Bactrian and in the New Iranian Pashtō, Waṇetsī, Munjī and Yidghā (and probably in Sarghulāmī and in some words in the Pāmīr area).

Several personal names are attested from Cimmerian, one of them was recorded as *Tugdammē* or *Dugdammē* in Assyrian, in Greek the same name was recorded either as *Δύγδαμις* or as *Λύγδαμις*, *Λυγδάμιος* (HERODOTUS I, 61). The name of the Cimmerian king

¹⁶⁵ Later in post-vocalic position > Sogd. j (often not reflected in spelling, the only example can be spelling in the Brāhmī script): Sogd. br *hji* /xəji/ (x Sogd. b *γcy* m *xcy* /xəči/) ‘[(s)he/it] is’ < *(x)*ásči* < **hau-ásti*.

Dygdamis/Lygdami(o)s (reigned between the years 660 and 640 BC) demonstrates that the change $*d > (*l)$ took place already in the first half of the 7th century BC (or even at the end of the 8th century BC). Similar feature is documented also for the name of the Scythians: in Greek they are known as *Σκύθαι* (and from there Latin *Scythae*), which is derived from their own ethnic name $*Skuda-$ < Ir. $*skuda-$ ‘archer’ (< Ide. $*skud-o-$, cf. Eng. *shoot*; Old English *scēotan*; Ger. *schiessen* ‘to shoot’; ABAEV 1965, 25). Herodotus quoted that the Scythians called themselves *Σκόλοται*¹⁶⁶ (i.e. $*Skula-tā-$) after a king called *Σκύλης* (i.e. $*Skula-$ ‘Archer’). If we compare the Greek (nom. sg.) *Σκύθης* ‘Scythian’ and “Scythian” *Σκύλης* ‘Scyles’, we can see the only difference $\theta \times \lambda$, it is the feature we observed already in the Cimmerian name *Dygdamis/Lygdamis*. The Histories of Herodotus were written in the second half of the 5th century BC. In this period the change $*d > (*l)$ was probably finished already – the Greek name for the Scythians (*Σκύθαι*) was probably of an older date¹⁶⁷, the later names of the king Scyles and the Scythians-Scolotians (*Σκύλης* and *Σκόλοται*) was recorded in innovated forms by Herodotus.

If we compare once more the spellings of the Cimmerian name *Tugdammē : Dugdammē : Δύγδαμης : Λύγδαμης* with the Scythian ethnic names *Σκύθαι : Σκόλοται* we can see changing of lateral *l* with dentals (or less possibly alveolars). Dental pronunciation of Iranian $*d$ can better explain a dichotomy in development of Ir. $*d > (*\delta / (*l)$ in the Eastern Iranian languages. The development can be summarized as follows: (dental) stop > (dental) approximant > (dental-alveolar) lateral approximant \times (dental-alveolar) fricative, i.e. $*[d] > *[\delta] > *[\text{ɫ} > l] \times *[\text{ɬ} > \delta]$ ¹⁶⁸. Similar development can be assumed not only for dentals, but also for labials and velars: thus we can better explain a shift of $*b$ towards labiodental fricative or labialized velar approximant and $*g$ towards uvular fricative (i.e. $*[b] > *[\beta] > *[v-w]$; $*[g] > *[\text{ɣ}] > \text{ɣ} [\text{ɣ}]$).¹⁶⁹

The change $*d > l$ which is typical for some Eastern Iranian languages is nothing unusual when compared with other Indo-European languages. Apart from Iranian Pashtō, Wāṇetsī, Munjī, Yidghā, Sarghulāmī (?), Bactrian this change is attested as substrate in some Pāmīr languages; in other Indo-European languages such as Nūristānī Prāsūn (*Pārūn/Vāsivari*; e.g. *ləz* < Ir. $*dāca-$ ‘ten’, *lū* < Ir. $*duca-$ ‘two’)¹⁷⁰; Indo-Aryan Romani (Gypsy; e.g. *p^hbral* < $*b^hrād(a)-$ < $*b^hrāta-$; Ved. *b^hrātṛ* ‘brother’; cf. Eng. *pal*); change $*d > l$ can be partly observed in Latin (in

¹⁶⁶ «... σύμπασι δὲ εἶναι οὐνομα Σκολότους· τοῦ βασιλέως ἑπωνυμίην Σκύθας δὲ Ἕλληνας ὠνόμασαν» (HERODOTUS IV, 6).

¹⁶⁷ For a relatively older origin of the name *Σκύθαι* (and not †Σκύθαται or †Σκύλαται) can testify also an absence of a plural ending in $*-tā-$ typical for the Scythian language of the period of Herodotus.

¹⁶⁸ Other explanation of the development $*d > (*l)$ offers Ivan Mikhaïlovich Steblin-Kamenskiy: $*d > *d > *l > *l$ (STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY 1999, 22²) – he supposes that the intermediate stage was a cerebral sound instead of an approximant. Such explanation does not make sense as cerebral sounds are peripheral in the Iranian languages and when they appeared it was always caused by a contact with $*r$ and they never emerged randomly.

¹⁶⁹ I would like to thank to Mgr. Jan Bičovský, Ph.D. for his remarks on phonology.

¹⁷⁰ Probably due to contact with neighbouring Munjī (?).

such case in Sabine loan-words¹⁷¹ (?); PULJU 2000) and in Greek, although it concerns a Mediterranean substrate words¹⁷², and in Hittite (e.g. *tabarna* × *labarna* ‘king’; see also *nāman* × *lāman* ‘name’). Among non-Indo-European languages a similar feature can be observed in Siouan (North American Indian) Lakota language (which differs from mutually relative Dakota by operation of the shift **d* > *l*; e.g. Lakota *ločhíy* × Dakota *dočhíy* ‘hungry’).

The problem of development **d* > *l* in Sogdian can be difficult to assess. The Sogdian script used the ‘Aramaic’ letter *lāmad* for a continuant of Ir. **d*; this grapheme was used to spell mainly dental fricatives *ð* and *ʒ*, but occasionally it was used also for *l* in words borrowed from Sanskrit (see excursion 4); although the Aramaic original of the Sogdian alphabet possessed also the letter *dālat* to spell *d* ~ *ð*, in Sogdian this letter was used only in an Aramaic ideogram Sogd. AL *ʕD* = s *ʔt* /əʔ/ ‘to, towards, in’. In the Manichaean script the letter “*dālat*” used to spell *ð* (and *ʒ*), “*dālat*” was derived from a shape of the letter *lāmad*, which was normally used to spell *l*. Only the Syriac script used the letter *dālat* to spell *ð*. Moreover, the Old Uyghur alphabet used the “Sogdian” letter *lāmad* to spell *ð* (or *d*; in the modern Turkic languages with outcome as *y*, *z* or in Chūvash *r*).

¹⁷¹ In Latin there are following words showing the (Sabine?) change **d* > *l*:

Lat. *lēvir*, *laevir*; ProtoItal. **daiwēr*, Ide. **deiḃ₂-wer-*, Skt. *devár-*, Pasht. *lēwar*, Yagh. *šéwir*, Gre. *δαίης*, Armen. *taygr*, Lith. *díeveris*, *dieveris*, Latv. *diēveris*, CSL. *děverb*, Rus. *гэверь*, Srb.-Cro. *hěver* // *děver*, Balt.-Slav. **daʔiwer-*, OHG. *zeibbur*, OEng. *tācor*, ProtoGerm. *taikura*-(?), Lith. *laigonas*;

Lat. *lingua*, *dingua*; ProtoItal. **dḡχ(u)wā-*, Osc. *fangvam*, *fāncua* < **fəḡχmā* < **d^b-*; Ide. **dḡḡ^bub₂*, OIrl. *teḡḡa*, Irl. *teanga*, Gael. *teanga(dh)*, OWelsh. *tauawt*, MidWelsh. *tavawt*, *tauabŷt*, Welsh *tafod*, OCorn. *tauot*, MidCorn. *taves*, *tavas*, *tawes*, MidBret. *te(a)ut*, Bret. *teod* < **tḡḡ^bwāt-*, Ved. *jihvā-*, Ave. *bizuuā-*, Armen. *lezow*, Pruss. *insuwis*, Lith. *liežuvis*, OCS. *językъ*, Goth. *tunġo*, OHG. *Zunga*, OIcel. *tunga* < **d^bḡḡ^b-*, TokhA. *kāntu*, TokhB. *kantwo* < **tānkwo*;

Lat. *lacrima*, *lacruma*, *dacrima*, *dacruma*; ProtoItal. **d(ḡ)(k)akrunā-*, Ide. **dḡk^b-h₂(e)kru-*, OIrl. *deḡn*, Welsh *deigr*, Hitt. *išḡabru-* < **s^b-h₂ekru-*, Ved. *ásru-*, YAve. *asrū*, Gre. *δάκρυ(μα)*, *δάκρυμα*, Armen. *artasuk*, Lith. *āšara*, OHG. *zabar*, TokhB. *akrūna*;

Lat. *larix -cis*; Ide. **dr-u-*;

Lat. *lautia*, *dautia*, ProtoItal. **dawetio-*, Ide. **doḡḡ-ó-*, OIrl. *dúar*, Skt. *dúvas-* < **duḡḡ-es-*;

Lat. *ūlīgo*, *ūdus* < Ide. **ued-*;

Lat. *lēns -endis*; ProtoItal. **dlind-?*, Ide. **dk(o)n-i-d-*; OIrl. *ḡneḡ*, Welsh *nedd(en)*, Corn. *nedben*, Bret. *nez(enn)* < **snidā-*; Gre. *κονίδες*, Alban. (Gheg.) *thēní* < **kōn-id-*, Lith. *glinda*, Latv. *gnīda*, Rus. *znúga*, Srb.-Cro. *znúga* // *gnjida*, Sloven. *gnida* < Balt.-Slav. **gni[?]da[?]* < **knid-* < Ide. **kḡnid-*; OEng. *hnitu*, Eng. *nit*, OHG. *(h)niz* < **kḡnid-*; Armen. *anic*;

Lat. *olor*, *odor* :: *olēre* : *oleō* : *oluī*; ProtoItal. **ode/o-*, **odōs*, Ide. **h₃(e)d-*, Gre. *ὄζω* : *ὄδῶδει*, *ὄδμή*, *ὄσμή*, Armen. *hot* < **h₃ed-*, Lith. *úosti* : *úodžia*, Latv. *uóst*, OCze. *jadati* (cf. PULJU 2000; WALDE 1906; DE VAAN 2008).

¹⁷² In the Mediterranean substrate in Greek it probably was a dental sound with lateral articulation *[d^l]?, its presence shows the *d*-series of the Linear B script and different outcomes of *[d^l] in Greek and other languages: Gre. *Ὀδυσσεύς* × *Ὀλυσ(σ)εύς*, *Ὀλυπ(τ)εύς*, *Ὀυλιξεύς*, *Ὀυλίξης*, *Ὀλισεύς*, *Ὀλυσσεύς*; Etruscan *Ut^buze*, *Ut^bste*, *Ut^(b)ust^be* × Lat. *Ulyssēs*, *Ulixēs* ‘Ulysses’ < *Minoan /’Oḡḡutse - /’Oḡḡuḡe/, see also Sumerian *Utu-zi*; further in Mycenaean *da-ru₂-ri-to-jo* (gen. sg.) /d^laburint^bojo/ × Gre. *λαβύρινθος* : *λαβυρίνθου* ‘labyrinth’; Gre. *δίσκος* × *λίσκος* ‘disc’; Gre. *δάφνη* × *λάφνη*; Lat. *laurus* ‘laurel’; Lat. *lōrica* × Mycenaean *to-ra-ke* (nom. pl.) /t^lhōrakes/ /pl./; Gre. *θώραξ* ‘lorica, armour’ (cf. BARTONĚK 2009, 39).

By comparison with Yaghnōbī a similar development in Sogdian might be expected: Sogd. **d > ḍ* : Yagh. **d > (*ḍ >) d*. So why the issue of “lambda Sogdica” then? There are several Sogdian (or in common Eastern Iranian) loans in Persian, in which ḍ (and also ʒ) appears as *l*¹⁷³:

- الفختن (الفختن) : الفختن *alfaxdán (alfaxtán)* : *alfanj-* ‘to acquire, gain, earn, collect, save’ < Sogd. B $\sqrt{\delta\beta^2\gamma\delta}$ C $\sqrt{\delta f x \delta}$ / $\sqrt{\delta f \delta x \delta}$ / ‘to collect, gain (pret.)’ < **ṣuqxš-ta-*;
 بالاد (بالاد) *balād, balādá, بالايه balāyá* ‘contemptible, corrupted, depraved, perverted’ < Sogd. s $\sqrt{p\delta^2ty}$ B (?) $\sqrt{p\delta^2ty}$ M $\sqrt{p\delta^2ty}$ C $\sqrt{p\delta^2ty}$ / $\sqrt{p\delta^2t\ddot{e}}$ /;
 باليك *pālík* (/ باليك *bālík*) ‘leather shoes’ < Sogd. B $\sqrt{p^{\delta}yk}$ / $\sqrt{p\delta^{\delta}k}$ / ‘related to foot’ < Sogd. B $\sqrt{p^{\delta}(h)}$ M $\sqrt{p^{\delta}}$ C $\sqrt{p^{\delta}d}$ / $\sqrt{p\delta}$ / ‘foot, leg’;
 پيل *pil* ‘heel’ < Sogd. s $\sqrt{p\delta-y}$ M $\sqrt{p\delta(\delta)-y}$ / $\sqrt{p\delta i}$ / ‘foot’; Yagh. *pad* × Pers. *paī*;
 پلندين *palindín, palandín, pilandín* ‘door-frame, lintel’ < Sogd. M $\sqrt{p\delta ynd}$ / $\sqrt{p\delta i m d}$ / ‘threshold’ < **pati-antā-*, Shugh *pīdīnd*;
 غولين *gōlín* ‘a jug with a wide mouth’ < Sogd. B $\sqrt{\gamma w \delta^2 k(h)}$ C $\sqrt{\gamma w \delta y}$ / $\sqrt{\gamma \delta \delta \ddot{e}}$ / ‘vessel, container, pitcher, (a dry) measure’; Ave. *gao’ḍi-*, *gaoḍana-*;
 لينج (لينج) *līnj-* ‘to pull, to extract’ < Sogd. B $\sqrt{\delta ync}$ / $\sqrt{\delta i m j}$ / ‘to pull out’ < **ṣanjajā-* × inherited Pers. *baxtán (banjīdán)* : *hanj-* of the same meaning;
 مل *mul* ‘wine’ < Sogd. AL s $\sqrt{m w \delta}$ S B M $\sqrt{m \delta w}$ C $\sqrt{m w d}$, $\sqrt{m d w}$ Bf $\sqrt{m d^b u}$ / $\sqrt{m \ddot{u} \delta}$ > $\sqrt{m \delta \ddot{u}}$ /; Oss. *mūd* || *mud* ‘honey’;
 نال *nāl* ‘reed(-pen)’ < Sogd. (?) / $\sqrt{n \delta \delta}$ / × Pers. *nāī* ‘reed flute’; Yidgh *nəl*, Wakh. *nālčik* ‘tube, pipe’ (HENNING 1939);

In addition to the above shown forms there are some other Eastern Iranian words in Persian that show the change **d > l*, e.g. *maláx* ‘grasshopper, locust’; *bilíst* ‘span’; *lōyīdán* ‘to milk’; *žalá* ‘hail’; also in a place-names *Hilmánd* in Afghanistan (cf. Ave. *Haētumant*, Greek *Ἐρύμανδρος*) and probably *Saryulám* and *Yazyulám* in Badakhshān (see chapter I.1.1.4.b., note 54). There is also double form with both *l* and *d* in the word *Balaxšán* / *Badaxšán* ‘Badakhshān’ in Pāmīr (Tjk. *Badaxšón*; cf. *Balas(c)ian* and *Badas(c)ian* mentioned by Marco Polo) and *Āmúī* (< **Āmúḍ*) / *Āmúl Daryá* ‘Āmū Daryā, Oxus’ (cf. QARĪB 1965, 63). In Persian there is attested a loan that shows preservation of “Sogdian” ḍ without any change: Pers. *خدوك (خدوك) xadūk (xudūk)* ‘disappointment, grief, anger’ < Sogd. s $\sqrt{\gamma \delta w k}$ M $\sqrt{x \delta w k}$ / $\sqrt{x \delta \ddot{u} k}$ / ‘anger’ (HENNING 1939, 93-94).

¹⁷³ In Persian *l* normally originates from OPers. **rd* < Ir. **rd*, **rdz*. However, in the Early Classical Persian there has been the sound ḍ (nowadays realized as *d* < δ < **t*, **d*; only in few words there is *z* < δ < **t*, **d*; e.g. Pers. *gudaštán* : *gudar-* > Fārs. *gozāštán* : *gozār-*; Tjk. *guzaštán* : *guzar-*; AfghP. *gozaštán* : *gozar-* ‘to pass’ × Pers. *Xudái* > Fārs. AfghP. *Xodā*; Tjk. *Xudó* ‘God’). Question is why Persian borrowed Sogdian ḍ as *l*, when the same sound has already been present in Persian. Persian (or Pahlavī) *l* appears unchanged in Sogdian, as can be seen in an example of (Middle?) Persian *pahlavānī* (Pahl. M *pahlavānīg* < Parth. **paršaw-* > Sogd. C $\sqrt{p r \delta w^2 y q}$ / $\sqrt{p \delta r \delta w \ddot{u} k}$ /) loan in Sogdian in the Sogdian script – $\sqrt{p x l^2 w^2 n^2 k}$, $\sqrt{p y l^2 w^2 n^2 k}$ (also s $\sqrt{p y r^2 w^2 n^2 k}$) / $\sqrt{p \delta h l \ddot{a} w \ddot{a} n \ddot{e}}$ / ‘Parthian’ – to the Sogdians there probably was a difference in pronunciation of (Middle) Persian *l* in contrast to Sogdian ḍ.

Given the above mentioned facts, the issue of the nature of Iranian **d* in Sogdian is difficult to assess. To make it more difficult, I will show responses of Sogdian *s swγδ(?)yk, sγwδyk /səγwδīk/* ‘Sogdian, belonging to Sogdiana’ and Sogd. AL *sγwδykstn /Səγwδīkistan/* ‘Sogdiana’ in the neighbouring languages:

OPers. *s^a-u-g^u-(u-)d^a, s^a-u-g^a-d^a /Sug(u)da-/* ‘Sogdiana’; Pers. *Suyd, suydī* ‘Sogdian(a)’; Pahl. *swt /sūδ/, swptyk /suβδīg/* ‘Sogdian’; Ave. *Suyda-, Suxda-* ‘Sogdiana’; Parth. *swgd* ‘Sogdian’; Bactr. *σογδιαν(αγ)ο /suydiyān(ag) - suydiyān(ag)/* ‘belonging to Sogdiana’; Tumshuq. *sudana-*, pl. *sudananā* ‘Sogdian(s)’; Gre. *Σογδιανή, Σόγδοι* (pl.) ‘Sogdiana, Sogdians’; Elam. *Šú-ug-da* ‘Sogdiana’; Akkad. *Su-ug-du* ‘Sogdiana’; Syr. *Sōd, Sōdiqāyē* (pl.) ‘Sogdian(s)’; Arab. *aṣṣ-ṣuḡd* ‘Sogdiana’; Tü. *soydaq, soyduq, suydaq, soy(u)d* ‘Sogdian(a)’; Armen. *Sōdik* ‘Sogdian’; Chin. 粟特 *Sùtè* ‘Sogdian(a)’; MidChin. **Siok-dək* ‘Sogdian(a)’; Tibet. སོག་དག ལྷོག་དག *Sog-dag* ‘Sogdian(a)’;

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Pahl. *swl(y)k /sūlīg/* M *swγlyy /suγlī/* ‘Sogdian’; Khōt. *sūli*, pl. *sūlya* ‘Sogdian’; North-western Prkt. *sulīga-* ‘Sogdian’; Chin. 率利 *Sùlì* ‘Sogdiana’; MidChin. **Sa(k)-lis* ‘Sogdian(a)’.

As we can see in the above shown examples (which I have divided into two groups), the name for the Sogdians and for Sogdiana differed variously in neighbouring languages – in some of them there is development **d* > *δ* and in the other there is **d* > *l*. Interesting is mainly the Bactrian form *σογδιαν(αγ)ο* (LIVSHITS 2008, 324) – in Bactrian should be expected a form **σογλιαν(αγ)ο*. Had the Bactrian form found on an inscription from Qal‘a-yi Afrāsiyāb reflected local Sogdian pronunciation? Or was the attested form contaminated by Greek *Σογδιανή*? Bactrian certainly needed to have its own name for the neighbouring countries that was probably inherited from Old Iranian, so why the attested form looks non-Bactrian?

According to the above shown examples, there is a majority of forms with attested *δ*, not with *l*, and because of Yaghnōbī (and *Zarafshānī) *d* it can be assumed that pronunciation /*δ*/ was more common (or standard?) in Sogdian, also the “borrowed” Bactrian word *σογδιαν(αγ)ο* shows development **d* > *δ* in Sogdian. It is possible that the *l*-forms attested in Persian may have been borrowed via Bactrian (or) with *Bactrian-like* pronunciation.

How can be “*lambda Sogdica*” explained? 1) It is possible that Sogdian loans in Persian with *l* instead of **δ* may be interpreted as “scribal (or copyist) errors”, i.e. that these words were recorded according to the written form, not according to the spoken language¹⁷⁴. 2) In Sogdian

¹⁷⁴ See e.g. realisation of Sogdian *β* as *f* in many Persian words (HENNING 1939) – Sogdian *β* was spelled as *ف* in the Perso-Arabic script, but due to its resemblance with *ف* this grapheme has been replaced by the letter *f*: *ف*: *ف* (ف, ف, ف) *faž* ‘sordidness, impurity, filth’ < Sogd. *s β(y)z-y, ṛβ(y)z-y, M β(y)j-y, ṛβj-y /ṛβži < βeži/* ‘evil’ < **béži* < **bázdiā-*). Then letter *ف* was used also in Classical Persian to write *ḅ /β/*, this sound has been lost in later stages of the language and changed to *b*, e.g. *فہرہ zabān > زبان zabān* ‘language’.

there were several dialects, from which a majority (*delta*-dialects) underwent a development **d* > *ð*, but some dialects (*lambda*-dialects) changed **d* (and perhaps also **ð*) > *l*¹⁷⁵ – those *lambda*-dialects were probably in contact with Persian – this can explain the dichotomy of forms with *l* not only in Persian but also in Chinese *Suli* (× *Sute*), in Pahlavī *sūlīg*, *suγlī* (× *sūd*, *suβδīg*) and in other languages (cf. QARĪB 1965, 62-64). There is, however, one problem – whether a postulation of the *lambda*-dialect is not just a purposeful attempt to solve this issue. There is also another explanation: 3) in Sogdian there was retained pronunciation of **d* as a dental approximant **[ð]*, which appeared as (**[ð]* -) **[ð]* - **[ð̥]* to speakers of some other languages, but as **[d]* - **[d]* or even as **[l]* - **[l]* to speakers of other neighbouring languages. The adoption of the Sogdian dental approximant **ð* in various languages differed according to how it was perceived by non-Sogdian speakers who borrowed Sogdian lexemes. Indeed preservation of **ð* can explain the “preservation” of pronunciation of **d* as such in Yaghnōbī. Similar example can be found in Danish pronunciation of “soft” *d*, i.e. dental approximant (or alveolar voiced sonorant; see HABERLAND 1994, 320) as in *mad* ['mað] ‘food’, *dydig* ['d̥y:ð̥i] ‘virtuous’, or *huset* ['hu:ʔsəð̥] ‘the house’. «*Its auditive impression is quite close to [l] and it is often confused with it by non-native learners of Danish.*» (ibid.)

Finally a theme for reflection – do we really know what kind of sound has been spelled by the Aramaic letter *lāmad* in the period when the Sogdians adopted the Aramaic alphabet for their language¹⁷⁶? In the presented work I will not deal with this problem, I will leave it to the Semitic scholars ...

II.1.3.7. **g*

- i. > Sogd. *γ*, Yagh. *γ*: Sogd. B *√γʔʔr* /*√γār*/ ‘to guard’, Yagh. *γōr*- ‘to look’ < **gār*-, Ave. *gār*- ‘to be awake, to protect’; Sogd. /*γāu*/, Yagh. *γōu* ‘cow’ < **gāua*-, Ave. *gāuš*;
- ii. (before a labial vowel) > Sogd. *γ^w*, Yagh. *γ*: Sogd. C *γwrʔty* /*γ^wrát̃*/ < M *wγrʔtyy* /*w^wγrát̃*/, Yagh. *γ^wrót(a)* ‘awaken’ < **uigráta*-(*ka*-);

II.1.3.8. **j*

- i. > Sogd. *ž*, Yagh. *ž*: Sogd. S *√ʔzw(-)* B *√(?)zw(-)* M *√jw(-)* C *√žw(-)* /*√žū*, *žau*-/, Yagh. *žū*- ‘to live’ < **jāua*-, Ave. *j(a)uua*-;

II.1.3.9. **f*

- i. > Sogd. *f*, Yagh. *f*: Sogd. B *wβr-y* M *wfr-y* /*wəfrī*/, Yagh. *wáfr* ‘snow’ < **uáfra*-, Ave. *vafra*-; Sogd. B *βrʔʔk* /*frāk*/, Yagh. *f^rók* ‘tomorrow’ < **frá(n)ka*-, Ave. *frānk*-, *frāka*-, Ved. *prānk*-, *prāk*-; Sogd. B *βrʔn* M *f^rʔʔn* /*frān*/ ‘breath’, Yagh. *f^rón* ‘smell’ < **frāna*-; Skt. *prāna*- ‘breath’;

¹⁷⁵ It is possible that in those *lambda*-dialects, if we accept its existence, there has been an opposition of voiced and voiceless *l*.

¹⁷⁶ And also on the time when Mānī created the Manichaean script.

- ii. *fn > Sogd. βn, Yagh. vn, mn: Sogd. B γωβn-y M xωβn-y /xuβní/, Yagh. xwn/xumn ‘dream’ < *buáfna-, Ave. x^uafna-;
- iii. *fnj > Sogd. m, Yagh. m: Sogd. M C xš²m /xšām/ ‘evening’, Yagh. xšóm ‘diner’ < *xšáfniā- ‘evening’, Ave. xšáfniā-, Parth. š²m (GMS §313);
- iv. *ft > Sogd. βđ, Yagh. ft (vd?): Sogd. B ᳵγšyβt(-y) s ᳵxš²yβt M xšyβt Br hša wd^{bi}, hša wti /²xšīβđ(á) - ²xšīβđí/, Yagh. xšift ‘milk’ < *xšūifta-; Sogd. Br a wta /aβđ, əβđá/, Yagh. aft (avd) ‘seven’ < *háfta, Ave. *hapta, Oss. avd, Pers. haft;
- v. *fra- (before *s, *š, *t, *r, *n and probably before *iā) > Sogd. f^(V)-, Yagh. f^V-: Sogd. s B √(?)βš²m, √²pš²m B √²βš²m, √²pš²m M C √fš²m /√²fšām/, Yagh. fšóm- ‘to send’ < *fra-šáma-; Sogd. s B ᳵβtm-y, (?)prtm-y M ᳵftm-y C f_{tm}(?) /²ftəmi/ ‘first’ < *fra-táma-; Yagh. f^{tu}tú(m)mēs || f^{tu}tú(m)mēt, ftúmēt ‘day after tomorrow’ < *fratā-máiᳵā-, *fra-tama-máiᳵā- (GMS §315-322);
- vi. *fra-b- > Sogd. ᳶβ-, Yagh. ᳶf-: Sogd. s B M √ᳶβr- C √ᳶbr- /√ᳶβər-/ , Yagh. tafár- || ᳶfár- ‘to give’ < *f(ə)βárā- < *fra-bára-;
- vii. *fru- (before *š) > Sogd. f^(V)-, Yagh. ᳶ: Sogd. B ᳶβš-²b /²fšá/ ‘flea’ < *frúšā-, Pasht. wráža (GMS §323);

II.1.3.10. *ᳶ

- i. > Sogd. ᳶ, Yagh. ᳶ || ᳶ (< *Early Modern Yaghnōbī* ᳶ¹⁷⁷): Sogd. s myᳶ B m(?)yᳶ M myᳶ my(y)ᳶᳶ C myᳶ, myᳶ /mēᳶ/, Yagh. mēs || mēt ‘day’ < *máiᳵa-; Sogd. B p²ᳶ(ᳶ) Mg p²ᳶᳶ C p²ᳶ /pāᳶ/, Yagh. pōᳶ || pōt ‘arrow, bullet’ < *pāᳵa-;
- ii. (before *k) > Sogd. ᳶ, Yagh. ᳶ: Sogd. B γ²ᳶwk² M γ²ᳶwk /γ²ᳶwk(ā)/ ‘throne’, Yagh. γ²ᳶk ‘nest’ < *gāᳵū-kā-, Ave. gātu-, OPers. gāᳵu-, Pers. gāᳵ;
- iii. (before *n) > Sogd. ø, Yagh. ø: Sogd. M pn²nc /pənámj/, Yagh. p²nónč ‘co-wife’ < *hapaᳵni-ánča-, Oss. bīn[oynag], Pahl. ᳶbwg ; Sogd. B ᳶ²r²ync M ᳶ²r²nj C ᳶ²rync /²árimj/ (< *árimč), Yagh. ᳶrínj ‘elbow’ < *áráᳵni-ka-;
- iv. (before *ᳶ) > Sogd. t, Yagh. t: Sogd. B mrtᳶ²r C mc², ms² /má(ᳶ)tsā(ᳶ)/, Yagh. mástar ‘here’ < *imárᳵā-sār- < *imáᳵra-ᳶsār-; Sogd. s ᳶw(r)ts²r B ᳶwrtᳶ²r M ᳶwts²r C ᳶwc², ᳶws² /²ó(ᳶ)tsā(ᳶ)/, Yagh. wástar ‘there’ < *āuárᳵā-sār- < *auáᳵra-ᳶsār- (GMS §301.1);
- v. (before *š) > Sogd. t (> *č), Yagh. ᳶ: Sogd. s ᳶtš rwc M ᳶ(y)ščy(y) /ᳶtš-róč - ᳶeščí/ ‘name of the 15th day of a month’ < *ᳶátšī < *ᳶáᳵuša-, Ave. daᳵušō (GMS §301.2);
- vi. (after *ᳶ < *d) > Sogd. t, Yagh. ᳶ: Sogd. M √ptwyᳶt /√p²twēᳶt/ ‘to transmit (*impt. 2. os. pl.*)’ < *pati-uáidaia-ᳶā- (GMS §302);
- vii. (occasionally before *i) > Sogd. š, Yagh. ᳶ: Sogd. B γr²nš /γrāmš/ ‘tie’ < *granᳵi- (GMS §302.vi);

¹⁷⁷ Around the year 1913 still ᳶ (JUNKER 1930, 126, 128-129), the dental aspirate ᳶ is attested in Yaghnōbī certainly in the year 1877, but in this period there are double forms with a sibilant s (DE UJFALVY DE MEZŐ KÖVESD 1882, 276; TOMASCHEK 1880, 735; cf. JUNKER 1930, 4-5). In this work continuants of *ᳶ will be marked ᳶ || ᳶ.

- viii. **ṣr* (word-initially) > Sogd. *š*, Yagh. *ṣ^Vr* || *t^Vr* (< *Early Modern Yaghnōbī ṣ^Vr*): Sogd. *s* *ṣ^rry* Mg *ṣ^rryw* B (?)*ṣ^rry* M *ṣ^rry(y)* C *šy* /*šai*/, Yagh. *ṣaráy* || *t^ráy* ‘three’ < **ṣrāiā-*, Ave. *ṣrāiiō*; Pers. *se* < *sib*;
- ix. **ṣr* (word-internally) > Sogd. *š*, Yagh. *l(l)* (?): Sogd. *s* *pyṣr^ʔk*, *ṣṣ^r* B *pyṣr^ʔk*, *ṣṣ^r*, *ṣṣ^ʔy* M *ṣṣ^ʔy* (as a part of compounds) /*piš(ē)*/ ‘son’, Yagh. *púl(l)a* (?) ‘boy, child; small, little’ < **puṣra-*, Pers. *pisár*;
- x. **ṣu* > Sogd. *ṣβ* (*ṣf*), Yagh. *ʔ* Sogd. *s* *ṣpṣβyr* M *ṣ(ʔ)ṣṣβyr* /*ṣp^ʔṣβér*/ ‘to hasten’ < **upa-ṣuáraja-* (GMS §293);
- xi. **ṣu* (after **č*) > Sogd. *tf*, Yagh. *t^(V)f*: Sogd. B *ctṣ^ʔr* M *ctf^ʔr* C *ctf^ʔr*, *št^ʔr* /*č^ʔt^ʔár*/, Yagh. *tafór*, *t^ufór* || *t^ufór*, *t^ufór* ‘four’ < **čaṣuár-*, Ave. *čaṣuuār-* (GMS §295)
- xii. **ṣu* (word-initially) > Sogd. *tf* (*tβ*, *ṣβ*), Yagh. *ʔ* Sogd. *s* B *ṣṣβyz* M *ṣṣβj* C *ṣṣfyž*, *ṣṣfyž*, *ṣṣbyž* /*t^ufēž*/ ‘to collect’ < **ṣuájaja-* (GMS §296);
- xiii. **ṣu* (occasionally) > Sogd. *f*, Yagh. *ʔ*: Sogd. M =*f(y)* /=*f(i)*/ ‘encl. pron. of the 2nd pers. pl.’ < **ṣuā*, Ave. *-ṣβā* (GMS § 297);

(ad ix.) Development of Iranian **-ṣr-* > *l(l)* (instead of expected *ṣ^r* || *ṣ^rt*, cf. KHRUMOV 1972, 127) in Yaghnōbī is rather problematic – there are not many attested continuants of **ṣr*. This development is for the first time mentioned by Wilhelm Geiger: «*ṣr* is preserved word-initially in *tirāi* (*t^r-*) ‘three’ = Ave. *ṣrāyō*. Word-internally it is *l* in *āl* ‘fire’ = Ave. *āṣr-*, *pula* ‘son, child’ = Ave. *puṣra-*» (GEIGER 1898-1901, 336). Al’bert Leonidovich Khromov sees such development as less acceptable, he notes, that Yaghnōbī *ōl* ‘fire’ is attested only in verb *ōlxáš-* ‘to light up’ and that in all other cases ‘fire’ is called by Tajik loan *ōlóu* (Tjk. *alów*, *oláv*, *aláv*, Pers. *āláv*)¹⁷⁸. Yaghnōbī *ōl(xáš-)* can be connected with Kābulī *āl zadan* ‘to emit heat’. Khromov also assumes that Yaghnōbī *púl(l)a* may not be connected with Iranian **puṣra-* as in Yaghnōbī it is used mainly in the sense ‘(young) child, young boy’ rather than ‘boy’ and the word can be taken from child’s speech (KHRUMOV 1972, 127). The development of **-ṣr-* > *l(l)* in Yaghnōbī can be confirmed in other example: Yagh. *kat(t)ōlá*, *kattalá* ‘(1) stone shelter made with no wood; (2) ruin(s)’ < **kata-āṣra-ka-* ‘house-fire’ (RASTORGUEVA – ÈDEL’MAN 2000, 321) and TMast. *katól*. *Katōlas* are used by herdsmen in mountains far from their villages – this term is connected with semi-nomadic life of the Yaghnōbīs so it can be assumed that the word can be of old origin. It is certainly not a borrowing as I have not found similar word in various Tajik, Uzbek and Kyrgyz dictionaries. Mastchōhī Tajik has, similar to Yaghnōbī, *katól* for a herders’ shelter – the “*Ghalcha*” (i.e. Mountain Tajik(s)) of Mastchōh share a similar pastoral style of life, so Mastchōhī *katól* may be *Zarafshānī substrate word in this Tajik dialect. The word for ‘fire’ *-ōl* (cf. Sogd. *s* B M *ʔ(ʔ)š* /*āš*/) quoted by Geiger thus can be considered archaic, nowadays replaced by the Tajik word *ōlóu*. Cf. also development **rt*, **rṣ* > *š* (𐭪) **[š]* in Avestan (MACKENZIE 1988, 90).

¹⁷⁸ I have neither heard *ōl* for ‘fire’ during my stays with the Yaghnōbīs.

c'hoar // GW *hoér*; Old Cornish *huir*; Modern Revived Cornish (*Kernewek Kemmyn*) *hwoer* < Ide. **suesōr*, sister; OIrl. *ruir*; Manx *shuyr*; Ir. **huabar-*; Pers. *x^vāhār*; Ved. *svásar-*;

II.1.3.13. *š

- i. > Sogd. š, Yagh. š: Sogd. s B M C *γwš* /*γōš*/, Yagh. *γuš* 'ear' < **gáuša-*, Ave. *gaoša-*; Sogd. B *ʔγšyβt(-y)* s *ʔxšʔyβt* M *xšyβt* Bf *hša wdʔi*, *hša wti* /*ʔxšīβd(á)* - *ʔxšīβdī*/, Yagh. *xšift* 'milk' < **xšūifta-*, Ave. *xšuuipta-*;
- ii. (occasionally after **č(a)* in front of a nasal) > Sogd. ø, Yagh. ʔ: Sogd. s *cm-y* M *cm-y(y)* C *c(y)m-y* /*čimí*/ (× Sogd. s B M C *cšm-y* /*čišmí*/) 'eye' < **čášman-*, Khwār. *cm̄-*, *cm-* /*camma*/, Khōt. *tse'ima-*, *tsaima-*, Ishk. *com*, Ōrm. *cimī*; Sogd. M C *cn-* /*čəní* - *tsəní*/ (× Sogd. B *cšn-y* /*čəšní* - *tsəšní*/) 'thirst' < **tššna-*, Pers. *tašnā*, Ōrm. *trunuk* (GMS §385-386);
- iii. **št(i)* > Sogd. č (simplification of ProtoSogd. šč), Yagh. č: Sogd. B *prcb* /*parč*/ 'spine', Yagh. *párča* 'rim, edge' < **páršta-(ka-)*, Ave. *paršti-*; Sogd. B *frʔʔwyšcy* M *frʔwycyḥ* /*fráwi(š)či*/, Yagh. *farómič* || *frómič* / *fu rómič* 'obliviousness' < **frāmúšti-* (GMS §382);
- iv. **štr* (occasionally) > Sogd. šč, Yagh. ʔ: Sogd. s *ʔzrʔwšc* /*ʔZrúšc*/ B M *zrwšc-y* /*ʔZrušcí*/ 'Zarathushtra' < **dzarašúštra-* < Ilr. **ʔarat-ḥuštra-*, Ave *Zarašúštra-*, Parth. *zrbwšt*, Pers. *Zardúšt*;

The development of Ide. **s* > **š* under the operation of the *RUKI*-rule is recorded not only in the Indo-Iranian languages, it is known also in Slavic (in Slavic later **š* > **fj* > *š* - *x*) and partially in Baltic and Armenian (cf. BEEKES 2011, 137; MEIER-BRÜGGER 2003, 102-105; MARTIROSYAN 2008, 536-538).

II.1.3.14. *ž

- i. > Sogd. ž, Yagh. ž: Sogd. s *√zyβ-* B *√zyβ-*, *√zyβ-* M *√jβ-* /*√žīβ-*/ 'to bite, to chew', Yagh. *živ-* 'to sew, to stitch' < **žíba-*;

II.1.3.15. *m

- i. > Sogd. *m*, Yagh. *m*: Sogd. B M C *√myn* /*√mēn*/ 'to be similar', Yagh. *mē(n)ta* || *má(i)nta* 'similarly, (like) as' < **mánaia-* 'to be similar';
- ii. (occasionally) > Sogd. *m*, Yagh. *b*: Sogd. M *myδʔn* C *myd(ʔ)n* /*miđán*/, Yagh. *b'đón* 'middle' < **madiána-*, Ave. *ma'điāna-*;
- iii. (following **ā* in front of a vowel) > Sogd. *āw*, Yagh. *ōm*: Sogd. B *frʔʔwyšcy* M *frʔwycyḥ* /*fráwi(š)či*/, Yagh. *farómič* || *frómič* / *fu rómič* 'obliviousness' < **frāmúšti-*; Sogd. C **mrʔw* /*mrāu*/ 'weeping' < **bráma-*;
- iv. **mḥ*, **mb* > Sogd. *m̄b*, Yagh. *mp*: Sogd. B (ʔ)*škʔnp* /*ʔškám̄b*/ 'world', Yagh. *š'kámpa* 'belly' < **škám̄ba-(ka-)* (Khromov 1987,);

(ad ii.) cf. Gre. *θρῆτος* < *μορῆτος* ‘mortal’, *ἀμθρῆτος* ‘immortal’ < Ide. **(η)mr̥to-s*;

(ad ii.-iii.) cf. opposite development **w* or **β/*b* > *m* in Zâzâkî and Kurdish: Zâzâ. *ziman*, *zuan*, *zun*, Kurd. *ziman* < **bizbân-* ‘language’;

II.1.3.16. **n*

- i. > Sogd. *n*, Yagh. *n*: Sogd. /nāf/ ‘human kind’, Yagh. *nōf* ‘navel’ < **nāfa-*, Ave. *nāfa-* ‘navel’;
- ii. (in some cases before **č*, *γ* < **g*, **k*, **m*, **t*, *š* (< **č_t*, **-i-kā_-t*), **ṣ*, **x*) > Sogd. *ø* - *n*, Yagh. *n* - *ø*: Sogd. B *γšktγh* M *γšktγh* /š̄kātē/ ‘harem’ < **imč-kata*’i < **iāuni-kā-kata-ka-*; Sogd. C *xγr* /xāγar/ (× Sogd. M *xnγr* /xāmγar/) ‘sword’ < **xāngara-*, Sogd. C *kṣ*, *qṣ* /kṣṣ/ (× Sogd. S B *knḏ(h)* M *knḏ(ḏ)* C *knṣ*, *qnṣ* /kaṣṣ/) ‘city, town’, Yagh. *Kānsi* ‘Kansi (name of a village in Yaghnōb)’, Yagh. [Panji]kāt ‘Panjakent’ < **kánṣā-*; Oss. I *kent* ‘building’, Khōt. *kanthā-*, *ka(m)tha-* ‘town’ (GMS § 334-341);
- iii. (non-etymological intrusive **n* before **s*) > Sogd. *n* - *ø*, Yagh. *ø* (?): Sogd. M *ṛnsḏ* /ámsṣa/ (× Sogd. B *ṛsḏ*, *sḏ(ḏ?)*, *sḏ(ḏh)* /ásṣ, ṛsṣ(á)/), Yagh. *ōs(i)* || *ōt* ‘[you] are (copula of the 2nd pers. pl. pres.)’ < **sṣā-*;
- iv. **nt*, **nd* > Sogd. *m̄d*, Yagh. *nt*: Sogd. S *γntm* C *γntm* /γám̄d̄m/, Yagh. *γámtun* (< *γántum*) ‘wheat’ < **gántuma-*, Ave. *gantuma-*;
- v. **nt*, **nd* (occasionally) > Sogd. *m̄d*, Yagh. *nd*¹⁷⁹: Sogd. B *ḏnt(?)k* B M *ḏnt?kh* C *dnt?* /ḏim̄dā(k), ḏam̄dā(k)/, Yagh. *díndak* ‘tooth, teeth’ < **dántu-ka-*;
- vi. **nk*, **ng* > Sogd. *m̄g*, Yagh. *nk*: Sogd. B *snk(?)* M *sng* /sám̄g(ā)/, Yagh. *sánk(a)* ‘stone’ < **asānga-(ka-)*, Ave. *asānga-*, OPers. *aṣānga-*; Sogd. B *ṛnkγr* /ám̄gir/, Yagh. *ínkir* ‘fireplace’ < **hám-gariā-*;
- vii. **nč*, **nǰ* > Sogd. *m̄ǰ*, Yagh. *nč*: Sogd. S B C *pnc* M *pnc*, *pnž*, *pnj*^o /paṃǰ/, Yagh. *panč* ‘five’ < **pánča-*, Ave. *panča-*, Pers. *pañj*;
- viii. **n* + **-ik(ā)-* > Sogd. *m̄ǰ*, Yagh. *nč*: Sogd. BS *ṛync(h)* M *ṛync* C *ṛync* /im̄ǰ/ (< **imč*) ‘woman’, Yagh. *inč* ‘wife’ < **iāuni-kā-*;
- ix. **n* + **-ik(ā)-* (rarely) > Sogd. *m̄ǰ*, Yagh. *nǰ*¹⁸⁰: Sogd. B *ṛṛṛync* M *ṛṛṛnǰ* C *ṛrync* /ár̄im̄ǰ/ (< **ár̄imč*), Yagh. *ōrínǰ* ‘elbow’ < **ār̄āni-ka-*, Pers. *ār̄ánǰ*;

II.1.3.17. **r*

- i. > Sogd. *r*, Yagh. *r*: Sogd. B S *rḏ(h)* M *rḏ(ḏ)(h)* C *rḏ* /rāṣ/, Yagh. *rōs* || *rōt* ‘path, road’ < **rāṣ(a)-*;

¹⁷⁹ In Yaghnōbī *nd* is attested just in one inherited word: *díndak* ‘tooth’, the form can be contaminated by Persian *dandán* of the same meaning (KHROMOV 1987, 659).

¹⁸⁰ In Yaghnōbī *nǰ* is attested only in one inherited word: *ōrínǰ* ‘elbow’ but its form can have been influenced by Persian *ār̄ánǰ*.

- ii. (non-etymological intrusive *r before *n, after β < *b or after a long vowel) > Sogd. r (ʳ) ~ ø, Yagh. ø (?): Sogd. B γwrn-w, γwrn-y M (y)xwrn-y C xwrn-y / (yə)xʷəʳní, xʷəʳnú/ (× Sogd. B γγwn-w, wγrn-h M yxwn-y C ywxn-y /yəxʷəʳní, yəxʷəʳnú, yoxní, wəxəʳná/, Yagh. wáxʳn) ‘blood’ < *uáhu(r)na-, Ave. vohunī-; Sogd. M βrywr /βrēwər/ ‘ten thousand’ < *bájuar-, Ave. baēuuar-; Oss. biræ || be(u)ræ ‘many, much’ (GMS §359-362);
- iii. (in several cases before *ž, *n, *š, *t or after *ā) > Sogd. ø, Yagh. ø: Sogd. M kj C qž /ka-ž/ (× Sogd. S B krz, krz M krj C qrž /kařž/) ‘miracle’ < *kárja-; Sogd. M C pʳ /pā-/ (× Sogd. S B M pʳr /pāi/, Yagh. par) ‘for, because of’ < *pār-; Sogd. C =sʳ /sā-/ (× Sogd. S B M C =sʳr /sāi/), Yagh. =sa ‘(towards) to’ < *tār- (GMS §354-358);
- iv. *rn > Sogd. rn, Yagh. n(n): Sogd. B prn /paɾn/ ‘feather’, Yagh. pan(n) ‘blade of a wheel of a watter-mill’ < *párna- ‘feather’; Sogd. B M krn /kaɾn/, Yagh. kan(n) ‘deaf’ < *kárna-, Ave. karəna-;

II.1.3.18. *l (?)

- i. > Sogd. l (?) / r (?), Yagh. l (?): Sogd. B √rys /√rēs ~ √lēs/, Yagh. lēs- ‘to lick’ < *raǰdz- (*laǰdz-), Ave. raēz-, Pers. lēšidán : lēs-; Sogd. S √wyrʳz C √wlrz, √wdrz /√wilárz/, Yagh. larz- (< Pers.?) ‘to tremble’ < *(uī-)rardz- (*(uī-)lardz-), Khōt. rrīys-, Pers. larzīdán : larz-;

II.1.3.19. *s

- i. > Sogd. s, Yagh. s: Sogd. S ʳst B ʳsty C sty / (ə)stí, ást(i)/, Yagh. ást(i) ‘[(s)he/it] is’ < *ásti, OAve. astī, OPers. astiy, Ved. ásti, Ide. *h₁ésti;
- ii. *sp (often stem-initially) > Sogd. šp, Yagh. šp (?): Sogd. B M √ʳnšpr /√ámšpər/ ‘to walk’ < *bám-spar- (GMS §370);
- iii. *sk (often stem-initially) > Sogd. šk, Yagh. šʷk (?): Sogd. B (ʳ)škʳwrð M (ʳ)škwrd C šqwrð /škōið/ ‘difficult’ < *skáušra-, OPers. škaušri-; Sogd. B √(ʳ)škʳyr C √šqyr /√škēr/ ‘to be driven’, Yagh. šʳkél(l)- ‘to push’ < *skáraja- (GMS § 366-367)
- iv. *sč (outcome of simplification of a cluster) > Sogd. č, Yagh. č (?): Sogd. B γcy M xcy, ʳcy Br hji /xəči, iči/ ‘[(s)he/it] is’ < *(x)ásči < *ásti (GMS §372);
- v. *sč (in forms of preposition *pasča-) > Sogd. š, Yagh. ʳ: Sogd. S pyš- B pyš-, ʳpyš M pš-(ʳ), pšyy C pš-(ʳ), pšy /piš(ə), ʳpiš, piši/ ‘after, later’ < *pásča-, Ave. pasča- (GMS §373);

II.1.3.20. *h

- i. (in front of *ǔ, *u, *ǎu) > Sogd. x, Yagh. x: Sogd. / (ə)xú, (ə)xó/, Yagh. ax ‘he’ < áhau; Sogd. B γwrn-w, γwrn-y, γγwn-w, wγrn-h M (y)xwrn-y, yxwn-y C xwrn-y, ywxn-y / (yə)xʷəʳ(ʳ)ní, xʷəʳnú, yəxʷəʳnú, yoxní, wəxəʳná/, Yagh. wáxʳn ‘blood’ < *uáhu(r)na-, Ave. vohunī-, vohuna-; Sogd. B γw(y)r, C xwyr, M xwr /xüēr/ (later /xōr/), Yagh. xšr ‘sun’ < *huária- (GMS §389-396);

- ii. (following a long vowel) > Sogd. *x*, Yagh. *x - k* (?): Sogd. s B $\gamma^2\gamma h$ /xāx/, Yagh. *xōk* ‘spring’ < *xāxa-; Sogd. s B $m^2\gamma(h)$ M m^2x /māx/ ‘moon’ < *māb-*, Pers. *māb*, Ved. *mās(a)-* (GMS §394-396);
- iii. (word-initially, mainly before **i*, **ī*) > Sogd. \emptyset , Yagh. \emptyset : Sogd. B (?)zβ²(?)k M zβ²k C zb²q /zβāk/, Yagh. *z’vōk* ‘language’ < *hidzuā-kā-*, Ave. *hizū-*, *hizvā-*, *hizvah-*, Ved. *jihvā-* (GMS §397);
- iv. (often word-internally) > Sogd. \emptyset , Yagh. \emptyset : Sogd. M *xw²r* /x^oār/, Yagh. *xōr* ‘sister’ < **buābar-*, Ave. *x^vanbar*; Sogd. s B M $\sqrt{ny}\delta$ C \sqrt{nyd} : s B M \sqrt{nyst} C \sqrt{nyst} / $\sqrt{ni}\delta$: $\sqrt{ni}\delta$ /, Yagh. *nīd-* ‘to sit’ < **nibida-* (GMS §398-401);
- v. (occasionally when palatalized) > Sogd. *š*, Yagh. *š*: Sogd. M $\gamma\check{s}$ /iš/, Yagh. *išt*¹⁸¹ ‘[thou] art’ < **āhi*, OAve. *abī*, Ved. *ási* (GMS §405);
- vi. (in some forms of the verb **ab-* ‘to be’) > Sogd. *x*, Yagh. *x*: Sogd. s *xnt* B γnt M *xnd* C *xnt* /xānd/ ‘[they] are’ < **hānti*, OAve. *həntī*, OPers. *haⁿtiy*, Ved. *sānti* (GMS §770); Sogd. B γcy M *xcy* B *hji* /xəčī/, Yagh. *xást(i)* ‘[(s)he/it] is’ < **ásti*; Sogd. s M C $x^2\gamma$ B $\gamma^2\gamma$, $x^2\gamma$ /xāī/, Yagh. *xōy* ‘[(s)he] was (copula 3rd pers. sg. impf.)’ < **áiā* < **á’a* < **āba* (GMS §770-771);

Iranian **b* originates from Ide. **s*, except when it is followed by another obstruent. Similar development **s* > **b* can be seen also in Greek, Armenian, Celtic, Phrygian, Lycian or Albanian, and marginally in Vedic. In Greek Ide. **s* changed to **b* (but remained when adjacent to a stop or word-finally), later on it was subject of Grassmann’s Law word-initially or disappears word-internally. In Celtic original **s* following a vowel was lenited to **b* when no obstruent followed, in Brythonic there has been the change **s* > **b* also word-initially¹⁸², later word-internal **b* disappears. In Armenian the development was the same as in Brythonic Celtic; in Albanian **s* changes to *b* between vowels. In Vedic Ide. word-final **s* changes to ‘visarga’ (*h*) before a pause (cf. BEEKES 2011, 137; MEIER-BRÜGGER 2003, 102-105; KÜMMEL 2010, 12; MARTIROSYAN 2008, 536).

II.1.3.21. **z*

- i. > Sogd. *z*, Yagh. *z*: Sogd. Sogd. B *zmy* /změ/ B č ^2zm-y /izmí/, Yagh. *íz²m* ‘firewood’ < **áizma-(ka-)*, Ave. *aēsma-*, Khwār. 2zm , Pers. *hēzúm*, Ved. *id^bmá-*;
- ii. (prothesis before **m-*) > Sogd. *z*, Yagh. \emptyset (?): Sogd. B *zm²wrc*, *zm²wr²k* /zmōrč, zmōrě/, Yagh. *mūrčak*¹⁸³ ‘ant’ < *(z)*máuri-ka-(ka-)*, (z)*máura-ka-*, Ave. *maoiri-*, Tjk. *mūrčák*, Pers. *mōrčá* (GMS §380)¹⁸⁴;

¹⁸¹ Yaghnōbī *išt* < **iš=t* < **Hābi* + =*t* (encl. pron. 2nd pers. sg.) (GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, 52).

¹⁸² See OIrl. *fen*; Irl. *sean*; Gael. *sean(n)*; Manx *shenn* × Welsh *ben* (*hên*); Bret. *ben*; Cornish *ben* ‘old’ < Ide. **seno-s*; cf. Ved. *sánaḥ*; Lat. *senex*; Goth. *sineigs*; Lith. *sėnas*; Latv. *seņs* × Gre. *évos*; Armen. *hin*.

¹⁸³ Yaghnōbī *mūrčak* can originate either from Tājik *mūrčák* (× Pers. *mōrčá*), or the Tājik form originates from a Sogdo-Yaghnōbī dialect.

- iii. *zd > Sogd. *zd*, Yagh. *zd* || *st*: Sogd. *s pzt-* /pəzd-á/, Yagh. *pazd* || *pa(i)st* ‘smoke’ < *pázda(ia)-, Ave. *pazdaiia-*;
 iv. *zd (palatalized) > Sogd. *ž*, Yagh. *ž* (?): Sogd. *s β(y)z-y*, *ʔβ(y)z-y*, *м β(y)j-y*, *ʔβj-y* /ʔβžǐ < *βeži* / ‘bad’ < *béži < *bázdiā- (GMS §379);

II.1.3.22. *ṣ

- i. > Sogd. *s*, Yagh. *s*: Sogd. *В snk(?)* *м sng* /sámŋ(ǎ)/, Yagh. *sánk(a)* ‘stone’ < *aśāŋga-(ka-), Ave. *aśāŋga-*, OPers. *aśāŋga-*; Sogd. *В М rwps* /rópəs/, Yagh. *rúpas* ‘fox’ < *ráuṣṣā-, Pers. *rōbāb*, Ved. *lopāsá-*; Sogd. *В М sr-y* /səri/, Yagh. *sar* ‘head’ < *śāra-, Pers. *sar*, Oss. *sær* (GMS §364);
 ii. (palatalized) > Sogd. *š*, Yagh. *š*: Sogd. *В √pnʔyš* /√pʔnēš/, Yagh. *pʔnēš-* || *pʔnájš-* ‘to lose’ < Ir. *apa-náśaiā- (LIVSHITS – KHRUMOV 1981, 388 ; GMS §374);
 iii. *str > Sogd. *š*, Yagh. *š*: Sogd. *В wyš(h)* /wěš/, Yagh. *wěš* || *wajš* ‘grass’ < *uástriā-, Ave. *vāstriia-*;
 iv. *ṣr > Sogd. *š*, Yagh. *š*: Sogd. *В М šwk* *с šwq* /šök/, Yagh. *šūk* ‘silent’ < *a-śráuka- (GMS §371);
 v. *ṣi > Sogd. *š*, Yagh. *š*: Sogd. *с В М šʔw* *с šw* /šāw/, Yagh. *šōw* ‘black’ < *śiāua-, Ave. *siiāuuā-*, Pers. *siyāb* (GMS §194);
 vi. *ṣu > *ṣp > Sogd. *sp*, Yagh. *sp*: Sogd. *с В М ʔsp-y* /əspi/, *с (?)sp-y* /(?)spi /, Yagh. *asp* ‘horse’ < *áśua-, Ave. *aspa-*; Sogd. *В ʔspʔyt(?)k*, *ʔsp(?)ytk*, *(?)spʔytk*, *(?)spʔyty* *с spyty* /ʔspétě/, Yagh. *špéta* ‘white’ < *śuáita-ka- (GMS §364);

(ad vi.) Development *ṣu > *sp is common in majority of Eastern Iranian languages, an exception is the South Western (“Persian”) branch, Wakhī and Saka dialects. In the Nūristānī and Dardic languages there is Iir. *śu > Nūr./Dard. *šp, in the Indo-Aryan languages there is expected development Iir. *śu > Ved. śv. The development of Ir. *ṣu (Iir. *śu, Ide. *kū) can be demonstrated in an example of Ide. *h₁ékūo-s ‘horse’: Iir. *Háśua-s; Ir. *(H)áśua-h; Ave. *aspa-*, Sogd. *aspi*, Khwār. *ʔsb/ʔsp* /asp/, Bactr. *ασπο* /asp/, Yagh. *asp*, Oss. *yəfs* || *əfsæ*, Munj. *yōsp*, Yidgh. *yasp*, Pasht. *ās* ((m.) // *áspa* (f.); Wazirī dial.: *wōs* // *wōspa*; Afrīdī dial. *wās* // *wāspa* < *Proto-Parthān *áśpā- // *áśpā-), Wāṇ. *ās*, Ōrm. *yāsp*, Parāch. *ōsp*; Med. *aspa-, Balōch. *(h)aps*, *(h)asp*, Kurd. *(h)esp* × OPers. *asa-* (but Pers. *asb/asp* and Pahl. *asp* is probably of Median or Parthian origin¹⁸⁵); Wakh. *yaš*, Khōt. *aśśa-*¹⁸⁶;

¹⁸⁴ See also Gre. *μύρρα* × *μύρρα* ‘myrrh’; Gre *μάρμαρος* × Skt. *marakata-* ‘smaragd’.

¹⁸⁵ Similarly in other New South Western Iranian languages: Bakhtiyārī, Samghānī, Davānī *asp*, Lārestānī (?)*asp* etc. In this case they are loans Persian loans (Fārs. *āsb*).

¹⁸⁶ Development of *ṣu > š (Wakhī) / ś (Khōtanese) is surely not archaic preservation of palatal character of Iir. *śu, but development */ṣ/ > /š - ś/ is caused by rounding assimilation by the bilabial fricative */p/, i.e. Iir. *śu > Ir. *ṣu

(Indo-Aryan responses) Ved. *ásva-h*, Pāli *assa*, Bengālī *aśba*; cf. *āššu[ššanni]* ‘horse trainer’ in Mitanni Indic;
 (Nūristānī responses) Kati (Bashgalī): *úšpa* (Kāmviri) / *vašúp* (Kātāviri);
 (Dardic responses) Ṣiṇā *āšpo*, Kalāṣa *bāš*;
 (other Ide. responses) Gre. ἵππος (Aeolic ἵκκος), Lat. *equus* (m.) // *equa* (f.) > Romanian *iapă*, Spanish *yegua* ‘mare’; Celtic **epos* ~ **ekuos*, OIrl. *éic*, Irl. Gael. *each*; OBret. *eb*; Goth. *aithva-*, OEng. *ēoh*, OIcel. *jór*, Tokh. A *yuk* B *yakwe*, Armen. *ēš*; Lith. *ašvà/ešvà* ‘mare’.

II.1.3.23. *dz

- i. > Sogd. *z*, Yagh. *z*: Sogd. s c zʔy m zʔy(y) /zāi/ ‘earth’, Yagh. *zōy* ‘field’ < **dzāia-*;
- ii. (palatalized) > Sogd. *ž*, Yagh. *ž*: Sogd. c √pʀyž /√pərəž/, Yagh. *pʀrēž-* || *pʀrājž-* ‘to escape’ < **upa-rádzajia-* (GMS §201);
- iii. (dissimilated) > Sogd. *ḍ*, Yagh. *d*: Sogd. b mg m ḍst-y c *ḍst-y* /ḍastí/, Yagh. *dast* ‘hand’ < **dásta-* < **dzásta-*, Ave. *zasta-*, Ved. *hásta-*;
- iv. (before *γ* < **g*) > Sogd. *ž*, Yagh. *ž* (?): Sogd. b √ʷzγḍ m √ʷjγḍ(ḍ) /√óžγḍ/ ‘to dismount’ < **aua-zgád-*, Ave. *zgad-* (GMS §376.2);
- v. **dzr* > Sogd. *ž*, Yagh. *ž* (?): Sogd. s zγḍn(h) /žédḍn/ ‘hail’ < **dzrādunī-*, Ved. *brādúnī-*, cf. Pers. *žālā*¹⁸⁷;
- vi. **dzū* > **dzβ* > Sogd. *zβ*¹⁸⁸, Yagh. *zʷv*: Sogd. b (?)zβʔ(?)k m zβʔk c *zbʔq* /zβāk/, Yagh. *zʷók* ‘tongue, language’ < *hidzūá-kā-*, Ave. *bizū-*, *bizvā-*, *bizvah-*, Ved. *jihvá* (GMS §377);

(ad vi.) Development of **dzū*¹⁸⁹ is rather complicated in comparison with the above mentioned development of **tū* (II.1.3.22.vi.). There are no many examples, the best one

**tβφ* - *sφ* / > Khōt. *śś* [ʃ(:)] / Wakh. *š*. Similar development of rounding can be observed e.g. in Avestan: YAve. *drafsa-* ‘banner’ × Ved. *drapsá-*; OAve. *nafsū*^o ‘grand-child (loc. pl.)’ < **nafsu-* < Iir. **nápt-su-* (Reiner LIPP, pers. comm.).

¹⁸⁷ Most likely a borrowing from some Eastern Iranian language which changed **d* to *l*, but there was no *i*-Umlaut of the root vowel; probably a Bactrian loan, see Yidgh. *žilo* ‘hail’.

¹⁸⁸ Dialectally also **dzū* > *žβ*: Sogd. c *žβʔq* /žβāk/ ‘tongue’ (GMS §378).

¹⁸⁹ It was claimed by Khromov and Livshits that there was also a development **dzū* > *ž* in Sogdian Yaghnōbī: Sogd. m √jʔy c √žʔy /√žāy/ ‘to discuss, to talk’, Yagh. *žōy-* ‘to read, to sing, to learn’ < **dzūāia-*, Ave. *zbaia-*, Skt. *hvayati* (KHROMOV – LIVSHITS 1981, 412; KHROMOV 1987, 567). On contrary, Ilya Gershevitch claims Sogd. /√žāy/ can be connected with Pahl. *drāy-* (GMS § 285) < Ir. **drāj-* / **drau-* (the same explanation also in RASTORGUEVA – ÈDEL’MAN 2003, 464). Yaghnōbī *ž* cannot come from Ir. **dr* so if this root comes from **drāj-* we would expect Yagh. *ḥdarōy-* || *ḥdʳōy-*.

Both etymologies are wrong – there are comparable examples for another source of Sogd. and Yagh. *ž* in this case, cf. Wakh. *joy-* or Munj. *žōy-*. Ivan Mikhaïlovich Steblin-Kamenskiy connects this verb with Ave. *gāḍa-* ‘song, Gāthā’ and Ved. *gāyati* ‘he sings’ - (I)Ir. **jāi-* < Ide. **gēi-* (STEBLIN-KAMENSKIY 1999, 200). Other “comparable” examples with different etymology are Shugh.-Rōsh. *žōy-*, Sarīq. *šuy-* ‘to speak’ and Pasht. *šōwól* ‘to show’ are from Ir. **srāuajia-* (ibid.).

is an Iranian word for *tongue, language*, but unfortunately its responses are attested from two stems: **hidzūá-* and **hidzú-*.

**(hi)dzūá-(kǎ-)* > Sogd. /ʔzβāk - žβāk/, Yagh. *z'ivók*, Oss. *əvzag*, Ave. *bizuuā*¹⁹⁰, Khwār. *z'β'k*, ʔzβ'k /zuβág, əzβág/, Bactr. *εζεαγο* /əzβág/, Munj. *zəvíγ* U *zəvíg*, Yidgh. *z'vīγ*, *zibēγ*, Shugh.-Rōsh. *ziv*, Yazg. *zəveg*, Ishk. *z(ə)vúk*, Sangl. *zəvúk*, Pasht. *žába*, Wazīrī *žabba*¹⁹¹, Waṅ. *z(i)bə, zəbō*; Ved. *jihvā*;

**hidzūá-nǎ-* > OPers. *bizānm* (acc. sg.), Pahl. ʔwzwn M ʔzwʔn /uzwān, izwān/, Pers. *zabān*, Parth. ʔzbʔn /izbān/, Med. **bizbān-*;

**(hi)dzū-(kǎ-)* > Ave. *bizū-*, Wakh. *zǐk*, OPers. *bizū*¹⁹²; Ved. *jubū-*;

Unexplained is Khōt. *bišā* /βižā/, Vera Sergeevna Rastorgueva and Dzhoy Iosifovich Èdel'man claim it can result from methatesis of **dzūā-n- ??* (RASTORGUEVA – ÈDEL'MAN 2007, 405);

II.1.3.24. **i*

- i. > Sogd. *y*, Yagh. *y*: Sogd. s M *yw-y* /yəwí/, Yagh. *yau* 'barley < **íáua*, Ave. *yauua-*; Sogd. B *syʔʔk(h)* M *syʔk* C *syʔq* /səyák/, Yagh. *s'yókā* 'shadow' < **asāiá-kǎ-(ka-)*, Ave. *asaiia-*;
- ii. (hiatus) > Sogd. *y*, Yagh. *y*: Sogd. s B M ʔʔy /āi/, Yagh. *ōy* '[(s)he] was (3rd pers. sg. impf.)' < **áíǎ* < **á'a* < **Ha=Hába*, Ave. *āyha* (GMS § 401);

(ad i.) **i* often disappeared in *Proto-Sogdic. The loss of **i* caused *i*-Umlaut of **ǎ*, **u*, **ɣ*, **ǎu* (II.1.2.1.iv-v, vii-viii.; II.1.2.2.iii-iv, vi-vii.; II.1.2.5.vi-v.; II.1.2.7.iii-v.; II.1.2.9.iii-v.) or palatalization of **zd*, **ʂ*, **dz* (II.1.3.21.iv.; II.1.3.22.ii.; II.1.3.23.ii.). Palatalization of consonants is widespread mainly in Khōtanese. In Sogdian the result of palatalization of vowels and/or consonants might gave different phonetic forms of verbal stems originating either form **-aia*-causative or from **-ia*-passive, thus the difference cannot be judged from spelling of Sogdian words (GMS §548-550);

II.1.3.25. **u*

- i. > Sogd. *w*, Yagh. *w*: Sogd. B *wβr-y* M *wfr-y* /wəfr-á/, Yagh. *wáfr* 'snow' < **uáfra-*, Ave. *vafra-*; Sogd. B *wyš(h)* /wěš/, Yagh. *wěš* || *wajš* 'grass' < **uástrija-*, Ave. *vāstriia-*; Sogd. s B *√prw(ʔ)γδ* M *√prwyδ* C *√prwyδ* /√pərwéd/ 'to seek', Yagh. *parwéd* 'to beg' < **pari-uáida-*;

Avestan *zbaia-* and Vedic *hwayati* is connected with Pasht. *zwaž-*, OCS. *zъvati* : *zovp* 'to call, to invite' < Ide. **ǵʰeuh-* / **ǵʰueh-* / **ǵʰuh-*, Tokh. B *kwā-* (MAYRHOFER 1996, 810).

¹⁹⁰ Instead of expected **hizbā-* (or maybe **hizβā-*). Maybe *-zuu-* is to be understood as an allophone of **-zβ-* < **-zb-*.

¹⁹¹ *ž* emerged from palatalization of **z* < **dz*: *žába/žabba* < **z'ba* < **izbā* < **(hi)dzūā-*, but Pasht./Wazīrī *žába/žabba* may be a loan (or influence?) from Sindhī *jibʰa* (RASTORGUEVA – ÈDEL'MAN 2007, 404-405)

¹⁹² Instead of expected **hidū-* < **hidū-* < **hidzū-*. Probably a Median loan.

II.1.3.26. *H¹⁹³

- i. > Sogd. \emptyset , Yagh. \emptyset : Sogd. s ʔst B ʔsty C sty / $(\text{ə})\text{stí}$, $\text{ást}(\text{i})$ /, Yagh. $\text{ást}(\text{i})$ ‘[(s)he/it] is’ < *Hásti, OAve. *astī*, OPers. *astiy*, Ved. *ásti*, Ide. *h₁ésti; Sogd. s B M ʔsp-y / əspi /, C $(\text{ʔ})\text{sp-y}$ / $(\text{ʔ})\text{spi}$ /, Yagh. *asp* ‘horse’ < *ásua- < Ir. *Hásua-, Ave. *aspa-*, OPers. *asa-*, Ved. *ásva-* < Ir. *Hácua- < Ide. *h₁ékua-s; Sogd. M *xuštr-y* /*xuštrí*/ ‘camel’ < *uxštrí < *Huštra-, Ave. *uštra-*, Ved. *úštra-*;
- ii. (in forms of internal augment) > Sogd. \bar{V} , Yagh. \bar{V} - \emptyset : Sogd. s M ʔptywš B $\text{ʔpty}(\text{ʔ})\text{wš}$ C ʔptywš : s B ʔptywš , $\text{ʔpt}(\text{ʔ})\text{wš}$ M C ʔptywš C ʔptywš / $\text{ʔpt}(\text{ʔ})\text{wš}$: $\text{ʔpt}(\text{ʔ})\text{wš}$ / $\text{ʔpt}(\text{ʔ})\text{wš}$ / ‘to hear (pres. stem : impf. stem)’ < *pāti- $\text{γ}áqšā$ - : *pāti- $\text{γ}áqšā$ - < *pati-gáuša- : *pati-Ha=gáuša- (× Yagh. *d^uγúš-* : *ad^uγúš-* < *(pā)ti- $\text{γ}áqšā$ - : *à=(pā)ti- $\text{γ}áqšā$ - < *pati-gáuša- : *pati-Ha=gáuša-); Sogd. B ʔwzγδ M $\text{ʔwjγδ}(\delta)$: B ʔwzγδ M $\text{ʔwz}(\text{ʔ})\text{γδ}$ / $\text{ʔwz}(\text{ʔ})\text{γδ}$: $\text{ʔwz}(\text{ʔ})\text{γδ}$ / $\text{ʔwz}(\text{ʔ})\text{γδ}$ / ‘to dismount (pres. stem : impf. stem)’ < *áq- $\text{ž}γāδ$ - : *āuā- $\text{ž}γāδ$ - < *Haqa-dzγád- : *Haqa-Ha=dzγád-; Sogd. s B M ʔʔy / āi /, Yagh. ōy ‘[(s)he] was (3rd pers. sg. impf.)’ < *áǎ < *Há(h)a < *Ha=Háha, Ave. $\bar{ā}ḡha$;
- iii. *ana > Sogd. \bar{a} , Yagh. \bar{o} : Sogd. $\text{w}(\text{ʔ})$ / wāt /, Yagh. $\text{wót}(\text{a})$ ‘wind’ < *uaḡta-(ka-), Ave. *vāta-* (trisyllabic) < Ide. *h₂ueh₁ṇto-, Lat. *ventus*.

II.1.4. Syncope and reduction

Syncope and reduction are phenomena related to stress changes (see chapter II.1.1.), mainly with the *Stress I* and *Stress II*. Examples of old vowel syncope can be observed in a few Sogdian examples, e.g. Sogd. s M C *zyrn* /*zeṛn*/ ‘gold’ < *dzárania-; Sogd. s *rypδβ-* /*repδβá*/ ‘noon’ < *rápiδβā etc. (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989b, 181) – these examples show loss of an unstressed vowel already in a *Pre-Proto-Sogdic period (i.e. probably in the late Old Iranian period, but dating is really uncertain in this case). Of old date can be also a reduction (shortening) of *ā > (*a in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī word for “fox”: Sogd. B M *rwps* /*rōpəs*/, Yagh. *rúpas* < ProtoSogd. *ráopāsa- < *ráupāsa- ‘fox’ [Ved. *lopāśá-*, Pers. *rōbāh*]. More certain examples of syncope can be observed in *Proto-Sogdic development – due to shift to the *Stress II* unstressed vowels (in an open syllable) were lost (or reduced): Sogd. s $\text{ʔzw}(\text{ʔ})\text{yrt}$ B $\text{ʔ}(\text{ʔ})\text{zw}(\text{ʔ})\text{yrt}$ M $\text{ʔzw}(\text{ʔ})\text{yrt}$ C $\text{ʔzw}(\text{ʔ})\text{yrt}$ / $\text{ʔzw}(\text{ʔ})\text{yrt}$ /, Yagh. *zⁱwirt-* ‘to turn’ < *ozwáirt- < *udz- $\text{u}(\text{a})\text{rt}(\text{a})\text{ia}$ -; Sogd. s B $\text{m}(\text{ʔ})\text{γ}(\text{h})$, $\text{m}(\text{ʔ})\text{γ}(\text{w})$ M C $\text{m}(\text{ʔ})\text{x}$ / māx < māxu /, Yagh. *mōx* ‘we’ < *omáx(w) < *imáxu < *ahmáxam. In Yaghnōbī whole first syllable was reduced when two short open syllables preceded a stressed syllable: Sogd. s M C ʔptywš B $\text{ʔpty}(\text{ʔ})\text{wš}$ / $\text{ʔpt}(\text{ʔ})\text{wš}$ /, Yagh. *d^uγúš-* ‘to hear’ < *(pə)tə $\text{γ}áqšə$ - < *pati-gáuša-; Yagh. *žavár-* || *žⁱvár-* ‘to bring, to produce, to invent’ < *(nə)žβár- < *nij-bára- (KHROMOV 1987, 661).

Vowel reduction continued later on in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī in different ways. In Sogdian all historical short vowels *a, *i, *u (and also Sogd. *e* from *i*-Umlaut of short *a; cf. Sogd. s $\text{β}(\text{y})\text{z-y}$, $\text{ʔβ}(\text{y})\text{z-y}$, M $\text{β}(\text{y})\text{j-y}$, ʔβj-y / $\text{β}(\text{y})\text{z}$ < $\text{β}(\text{y})\text{z}$ / < *βézi < *bázdia- ‘bad, evil’) could have been

¹⁹³ With some exceptions, I will not mark *Proto-Iranian laryngeals in the presented work.

reduced to *Schwa* (ə) or to its allophone ɨ, only old **u* after a velar changed to **wə* (i.e. old **u* caused labialization of a preceding velar; see chapters II.1.3.3.v., II.1.3.11.iii., II.1.3.7.ii.). In Yaghnōbī short **a*, **i* and **u* (of *Proto-Sogdic origin or from loans from or via Persian/Tajik) tend to be reduced in an open syllable when they directly precede a stressed syllable – the short vowels probably changed to **Schwa* in (late) *Proto-Yaghnōbī, this **Schwa* later developed into short (non-reduced) *a* or ultra-short (reduced) *i* or *u*. Ultra-short *u* developed from **Schwa* which was followed by a labial consonant or *b*, *ɸ*, *ɛ* and a stressed labialized vowel *ó*, *ú*, *ǔ/ǖ* (< **á*, **ó*, *ǔ*): Yagh. w *n^umōč* (also *nⁱmōč*; E *namōč*) ‘prayer’ < **nāmāč* [Pers. *namáz*]; Yagh. *b^ubór* ‘spring(time)’ < Pers. *babár* [TMast. *b^ubór*]; Yagh. *m^unūt* ‘minute’ < Rus. *минута*. In other cases **Schwa* usually changes to *a* || *i*: Yagh. *xapár* || *xⁱpár* ‘news, report’ < Pers. *xabár* < Arab. *ḥabar*; Yagh. *kamōdá* || *kⁱmōdá* ‘Angelica plant’, cf. Tjk. *kamól* (there are no many indigenous Yaghnōbī examples of development of **Schwa* as the unstressed short vowels have been lost in *Proto-Sogdic or *Proto-Yaghnōbī).

Another example of reduction in *Proto-Sogdic is loss of **ɟ*, under several circumstances (see chapters II.1.2.7.vii.-viii., II.1.3.17.iii., II.1.3.9.v.-vii. and for Yaghnōbī also II.1.2.7.v.): Sogd. s √(?)*krt*- B √²*krt*- M √(?)*kt*- C √(?)*qt*- /√ⁱ*kt*-/, Yagh. *íkta* ‘to do, to make (past part.)’ < **kǰta*-(*ka*-); Sogd. M *kj* C *qž* /*kaž*/ (× Sogd. s B *krz*, *krž* M *krj* C *qrž* /*kaž*/) ‘miracle’ < **kárja*-; Yagh. *kamér* || *kⁱmér* ‘red’ × Sogd. B *krm*(?)*yr*, *kyrmyr* M *qrm**yr* C *qyrmyr* /*ki^rmér*/; Sogd. s B √(?)*βš²m*, √²*pš²m* B √²*βš²m*, √²*pš²m* M C √*fš²m* /√²*fšám*/, Yagh. *fšóm*- ‘to send’ < **fra-šáma*- etc.

In Yaghnōbī all word-final vowels were lost, in Sogdian *heavy-stem* word-final vowels were lost also, but they have been preserved in *light-stem* endings.

As syncope can be explained origin of indicative present and imperfect ending of the third person plural *-ōšt*. It originates in older *-ōr-išt*¹⁹⁴ (attested as *-ōrišt* by JUNKER 1930, 107). The development of the ending can be reconstructed as follows: *-ōr(-)išt* > *-ō(y)išt* > *-ōyšt* (attested in speech of village of Marghtimayn; KLIMCHITSKIY 1940, 99-100) > *-ōšt* (cf. NOVÁK [in print], note nr. 23).

II.1.5. Prothesis and epenthesis

Syllabic structure of *Proto-Sogdic permitted presence of word-initial consonant clusters, this feature slowly appears to change in *Proto-Sogdian and *Proto-Yaghnōbī after the split of *Proto-Sogdic – in both of the derived (proto-)languages the word-initial consonant clusters were not allowed so they were transformed: Yaghnōbī shows epenthesis – a svarabhakti vowel *a*, *i* or *u* was inserted to break the original initial consonant cluster; Sogdian shows prothesis rather than epenthesis – the prothetic vowel is spelled as *ʷ* in the presented thesis, but in front of *s* often appears its allophone *ɨ* (we can suppose presence of *ɨ* according to texts written in the

¹⁹⁴ From Iranian perfect indicative active voice **-t(š)* > **-āri*; and (originally) durative ending *-išt* (cf. Sogd. B *ʷštn* attested in Vessantara Jātaka).

Manichaean script, where the epenthetic vowel is often spelled by *ayin* before *s* instead of more common *ālaḥ*; cf. GMS §157).

After the split of *Proto-Sogdic two kinds of prothesis/epenthesis appeared – vocalic and consonantal:

1) As have been mentioned above, vocalic prothesis appears in Sogdian, in Yaghnōbī there is vocalic epenthesis observable in analogous positions. Sogdian prothetic *ʷ* (and *ʰ*) usually appears before inherited word-initial clusters (cf. GMS §157), prothetic vowel can appear also before a historical single consonant – this feature is observable mainly for Sogdian *k* and *x* (GMS §159-160), peripherally also for Sogd. *ɣ* preceding historical **ǔ* – the *Proto-Sogdic velars were probably labialized and labialization was then reanalyzed as a consonant cluster (see chapters II.1.3.3.v., II.1.3.11.iii., II.1.3.7.ii.). There are also other examples of prothesis before a historically single consonant – some examples are given in GMS §159-161 – in all those cases the prothetic vowel emerged from secondary built clusters of **C₁u* or **C₁i*: s B *ʷky* /*ʷkē*/ ‘who’ < **kǎ-* < **káb(iā)-*; s *ʷw(?)*, B M *ʷw(?)* /*ʷd(w)ǔ*, *ʷwǎ*/ ‘two’ < **du-*; s B *ʷcw* /*ʷčó*/ ‘what’ < **čākam* < **či-āka-*. Different example of prothesis before a single consonant may be seen in Sogdian: *ʷpkš-y* ‘side’ < **upa-kaša-*, Skt. *pakṣa-* (claimed as a Sanskrit loan in Buddhist Sogdian by Gerschevitch (GMS §161), but cf. Yagh. *kapáš* || *k'páš*) – in this case we can assume pronunciation *ʷpkāši* (cf. Qarīb 1383, 50 §1277) rather than **ʷpkāši* (cf. GMS §161; but see the same example in chapter on metathesis II.1.7.); comparable example may be Sogdian word for “father”: B *ʷptr-y* M *(ʷ)ptr-y(y)* C *(ʷ)ptr-y* /*ʷpt(ə)ri*/ < *pitá-r*¹⁹⁵. It should be noted that there are no many examples of prothesis in Christian Sogdian texts.

In Yaghnōbī there are three epenthetic svarabhakti vowels *a*, *i* and *u*. Svarabhakti *a* appears mainly in Eastern Yaghnōbī, in the Western and Transitional dialects there is *i* instead (but *i* appears in many Eastern Yaghnōbī words also). Svarabhakti *u* is quite rare, it can be considered as allophonous variant of *a* or *i*. It can be said that svarabhakti *i* is a typical epenthetic vowel in Yaghnōbī, it appears in majority of words, e.g. *vⁱyóra* ‘evening’ < **βyára* < **abi-aiāra-ka-*; *vⁱrót* ‘younger brother’ < **βrát* etc., see also Russian *mpákmap* > Yagh. *tⁱráktⁱr* ‘tractor’. In other cases there appears *a* in the Eastern dialect and *i* in the Western and Transitional dialects – this often happens in clusters beginning in **ʒ* and **d* (< **d*): *tafár-* || *tⁱfár-* ‘to give’ < **ʒβar-* < **fra-bára-*; *saráy* || *tⁱráy* ‘three’ < **ʒrǎia-*; *daráu* || *dⁱráu* ‘hair’ < **dráua-*; *darós* || *dⁱrót* ‘sicle’ < **drāʒ* < **dǎʒra-*. The third svarabhakti vowel – *u* was originally an allophone of *i* and *a*, it appears only when a following syllable contains a labial consonant followed by a stressed back vowel (i.e. *ó*, *ú*, *ǔ/ǖ* < **á*, **ó*, **ú*): *t^ufór* || *tafór*, *t^ufór* ‘four’ < **(čə)ʒβár* < **čaʒuár-*; *t^ufórci* || *t^ufórtišt* ‘[(s)he] gives’¹⁹⁶ < **ʒβar-t-išt* < **fra-bára-ti-*[○].

¹⁹⁵ But emergence of the prothetic vowel can be interpreted also in a different way – the Sogdian root may originate from a stem comparable to Avestan (*p*)*tā* (nom.), *ptarəm* (acc.) or *fədrōi* (dat.).

¹⁹⁶ For the change *a* > *ō* see chapter II.1.2.1.x.

In Yaghnōbī is attested also vowel epenthesis in some word-final clusters ending in **xm*, **xn*, **βn*, **sm*, **(x)šn*, **čn*, **fr*, **zm* and **ɣn*: *ráxš'in* ‘dawn’ < **ráuxšna-*; *wáfr* ‘snow’ < **uáfra-*; *wáx'in* ‘blood’ < **uábuni-*; *íz'im* ‘firewood’ < **áizma-*; Yagh. *rúɣ'in*, *rúɣan*¹⁹⁷ ‘oil, butter’ < **ráugna-* (cf. KHROMOV 1987, 661). Anaptyctic vowel in word-final clusters might appear also in Sogdian, but due to Sogdian spelling there are no many clues to prove it, the only example can be seen in a word for “butter, oil” which is attested also in the Brāhmī spelling: *ro haṃ*, *ro ɣaṃ* /rōɣʾn/. Some other examples of anaptyxis are shown in GMS §482-483: e.g. *s sɣ(w)tmʾn* /saɣ(wə)dmān/ ‘earth, soil’, but examples given by Ilya Gershevitch may be also interpreted as metathesis (see chapter II.1.7.)

In Yaghnōbī there are not allowed clusters *Cy*, so an anaptyctic *i* is inserted to break the cluster: *Cʾy*: Yagh. *duniʾyō* ‘world’ < Pers. *dunya* < Ar. *dunyā*, Yagh. *bis(s)ʾyōr* ‘much, many’ < Pers. *bisyār*, Yagh. *samalʾyōt* ‘airplane’ < Russ. *самолёт*. Some of the *Cy* clusters often undergo metathesis *yC*: *duynō*, *samaylōt*.

2) Consonantal epenthesis (excrescence) is attested only in a few Sogdian words. In several words intrusive *x* before *šC* is attested: Sogd. M *∫np̄xšt-* /∫nəp̄ixšt-/ ‘to write (past part.)’ < **nipišta-(ka-)*; Sogd. s *ʾxwštr-y* B *ʾɣwštr-y* M *xwštr-y* /ʾxwəštri/ ‘camel’ < **uxštri* < **uštra-* (see chapter II.1.3.11.ii.; GMS §257). Before **n* can appear intrusive *r* as is attested in Sogd. B *ɣwrn-w*, *ɣwrn-y* M *(y)xwrn-y* C *xwrn-y* /ɣəxwəʾni, xwəʾnú/ ‘blood’, intrusive *r* appears also after *β* < **b* in Sogd. M *βrywr* /βréwər/ ‘ten thousand’ < **báɣuar-* (see chapter II.1.3.17.ii.; GMS §359-362). As intrusive can be considered also *n* which appears in a form of present copula of the second person plural in Manichaean Sogdian: *ʾnsδʾ* / ʾsʾa - ʾmsʾa/ (see chapter II.1.3.16.iii. but cf. GMS §784). There are no attested examples of consonantal epenthesis in Yaghnōbī.

II.1.6. Assimilation and dissimilation

There can be found some examples of dissimilation or assimilation in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī. At first should be mentioned really old dissimilation **dz-st* > **d-st* in Iranian **dázsta-* ‘hand’ (Ved. *hásta-*, Ide. **ǵbés-to-*) – it appears as *zasta-* in Avestan, in Old Persian is attested *dasta-* (here *d-* can originate either from **dz-* or from **d-*), but in all other Iranian languages the word for “hand” comes from dissimilated stem **dásta-*: Sogd. B Mg M *δst-y* C *dst-y* /dəsti/, Yagh. *dast*; Khwār. *δst*, Khōt. *dasta-*, Bactr. *λιστο* /list/, Shugh. *δust*, Rōsh. *δost*, Khūf. *δūst*, Sarīq *δbist*, Wakh. *δast*, Yazgh. *δūst*, Munj. *lost*, Yidgh. *last*, Pasht. *lās*, Parāch. *dōst*, Pers. *dast*, Pahl. *dst* */dast/, Parth. *dst*. The dissimilated form of the word *dásta-* may have been influenced by past participle of the verb **dā-* ‘to give’ – **dad-ta-* > **dasta-* ‘(the) giving (one) [= hand]’.

*Proto-Sogdic dissimilation can be seen in example of the numeral “six” which comes from Ir. **xšūšam* and which was dissimilated in *(Pre-)Proto-Sogdic as **xušam* > **xušū* > Sogd. s B *ʾɣwšw* C *xwšw* /xwəšú/. Another example of dissimilation can be seen in Sogdian C **mrʾw* /mrāw/

¹⁹⁷ Yagh. form *rúɣan* may be a loan from Mastchōhī Tājik (cf. Tjk. *raɣán*, TMast *rūɣán*, Pers. *rōɣán*, Fārs. *roɣán*, Pahl. *rōɣn*), or the epenthetic *a* was taken from/influenced by Tājik.

‘weeping’ < *bráwa- (see chapter II.1.3.15.iii.) < *bráma-, similar, but opposite development is attested in Yaghnōbī *bīdōn* ‘middle’ < *madiāna-, Sogd. M *mydʔn* C *myd(?)n* /miðán/ (see chapter II.1.3.15.ii.).

Voice assimilation of stops following a homorganic nasal is typical for Sogdian. This development probably started in *Proto-Sogdic, where groups *{m/(n)}{p/b}, *{(m)/n}{t/d}, *{(m)/n}{k/g}, *{(m)/n}{č/ǰ/k} changed to *Proto-Sogdic *mb, *nd, *ng, *nj. In Sogdian these clusters changed to *mb*, **md*, **mg*, **mǰ*; in Yaghnōbī they changed to *mp*, *nt*, *nk*, *nč* (see chapters II.1.3.15.iv., II.1.3.16.iv.-ix.).

In Yaghnōbī voiceless consonant were voiced when they directly preceded a voiced consonant – such voicing appeared after syncope of unstressed vowels as can be demonstrated in following examples: Yagh. *d^uγúš-* ‘to hear’ < **dγōš-* < *(*pʔ*)*tγōš-* < **pati-gáušā-*, Sogd. S M C *√ptγwš* B *√ptγ(?)wš* /pʔtγóš-/; Yagh. *b^uzón-* || *bízón-* ‘to know’ < **bzān-* < **pzān-* < **apa-dzān-*; Yagh. *b^udúfs-* ‘to glue, to stick’ < **bđúfs-* < **pđúfs-* < **upa-dáfša-*, Sogd. B *√pđwβs-*, *√pđwfs-* M *√pđwfs-* /√pʔđwfs-/ (see chapters II.1.3.1.ii., II.1.3.2.ii.).

II.1.7. Metathesis

There are attested several examples of metathesis in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī. I will mention only a few of them – some of the below given examples show interesting development in Sogdian, other given examples are my re-interpretations of phenomena incorrectly interpreted by Ilya Gershevitch in his *Grammar of Manichaean Sogdian* (GERSHEVITCH 1954).

In Sogdian there is well attested progressive metathesis of **ǰ* or **ɥ* and a velar sound: this phenomenon can be well demonstrated on doublets in following examples¹⁹⁸: Sogd. AL *δwγδr*, *δwγth* S *δwxtb* M *δwyt(?)* C *dwyt(?)* X S B *δγwth* ‘daughter’ < **duxtar-*; Sogd. S *swγδ(?)yk* X S *sywδyk* ‘Sogdian’ < **ɥug(u)diā-ka-*¹⁹⁹ or These examples show probable development **CuKC* (*K* = any velar) > **C^wKC* ~ **C^hK^wC* or even **CK^wεC*, i.e. probably there was no metathesis of **ǰ* but after reduction of **ǰ* the reduced sound retained its labial character, and later *w* caused labialization of following velar. Ilya Gershevitch interprets Sogdian words S *sywtmʔn* ‘all’, S *γwrwm* ‘soil’, B *wγwšw* ‘six’, all with svarabhakti vowel recorded by the letter *waw* (GMS §482). I suppose that those examples show metathesis of **ǰ* or **ɥ*. Sogd. S *sywtmʔn* ‘all’ is attested also as C *swγtmʔn* S M *sytmʔn* I suppose that the letter *waw* marks labialization i.e. **s^hγ^wdāmān*, unfortunately, etymology of this word is not given in GMS and is neither known to me.

Sogdian S *γwrwm* ‘soil’ is also attested as B *γwrm(h)* M *xrwm*, *xwrm* C *xwrm* /x^wrúm/ < **xruma-* – in the attested spellings it is certain, that the letter *waw* does not mark epenthesis but metathesis of **u* and/or labialization of *x*. Sogdian S *wxwšw*, *wγwšw* B *wγwšw* ‘six’ is attested

¹⁹⁸ In most cases I will put down only spelling varieties in the Sogdian script (i.e. secular texts in the Sogdian script or Buddhist texts), in the Manichaean and Syriac scripts no such examples of metathesis are attested. In majority of example I will not give phonetic transcription.

¹⁹⁹ Spelling like S *swγδ(?)yk* or *sywδyk* can be also explained as development from **ɥugudiā-ka-*, cf. OPers. spelling <*s^a-u-g^u-d^a*>, <*s^a-u-g^u-u-d^a*> or <*s^a-u-g^a-d^a*>. In Manichaean spelling is attested spelling like M *swγδyʔw* X S *sywδyʔw*.

also as s B $\gamma wšw$ C $xwšw$ / wəxšú , $^əx^wəšú$ / < $*xšúášam$ – in this case the letter *waw* again marks metathesis of $*u$.²⁰⁰ Metathesis in case of numeral “six” proves also Yaghnōbī *uxš*, compared to Sogdian we can reconstruct following development: Ir. $*xšúášam$ > by dissimilation $*xúášam$ > $*Proto\text{-Sogdic } *xúášu$ > Sogd. s B $\gamma wšw$ C $xwšw$ / wəxšú / > by metathesis > $*uáxšú$ > Sogd. s $wxwšw$, $w\gamma wšw$ B $w\gamma wšw$ / wəxšú /, Yagh. *uxš*. Another example of metathesis attested in both languages is Sogd. C $\gamma wr^?ty$, Yagh. $\gamma^uróta$ × Sogd. M $w\gamma r^?tyy$ ‘awake’ < $*uigráta\text{-}ka\text{-}$.

Gershevitch also mentions insertion of *r* in Sogd. M $\check{s}kwrð$ ‘difficult’ (GMS §361) which he compared with Old Persian $\check{s}kaušī\text{-}$, but this etymology should be unacceptable because after loss of final *-i-* $*-au\text{-}$ should be influenced by *i*-Umlaut. According to spelling of $*škōrð$ in Sogdian scripts: B $(?)\check{s}k^?wrð$ M $(?)\check{s}kwrð$ C $\check{s}qwrð$ I suppose a different etymology from Ir. $*škáušra\text{-}$ with metathesis $*šr > *r^?š$. For other examples of metathesis in Sogdian see GMS §406-447.

In Yaghnōbī should be mentioned metathesis of $*pk\text{-} > *kp\text{-}$ in *kapáš* || *k'páš* ‘armpit’ < $*\emptyset p\emptyset kaš\emptyset$ < $*upa\text{-}káša\text{-}$. This Yaghnōbī word also proves reading of Sogd. B $^?pkš\text{-}$ ‘side’, which is interpreted as a word with prothetic *ālap* by Ilya Gershevitch: «B. $^?pkš\text{-}$ (*əpakš\text{-}*, *light stem*) ‘side’ VJ 8, borrowed from Skt. *pakṣa\text{-}*» (GMS §161), but development from $*upa\text{-}kaša\text{-}$ seems to be more probable, thus the word should be read $*pkáši$ instead of $*pákši$ as may be presumed from the Sanskrit form.

Essential example of metathesis presents Yaghnōbī present tense ending of the third person singular *-či* (originally ending used only in Eastern Yaghnōbī, nowadays it spread also into other dialects, in the Transitional and Western dialect there is ending *-tišt*). The ending *-či* in Eastern Yaghnōbī is from diachronic point of view the same as Western Yaghnōbī *-tišt* < $-t\text{-}išt$ ²⁰¹. In Eastern Yaghnōbī the ending underwent metathesis: $-t(-)išt > *-\text{t}išt > -\check{c}it$ (attested in speech of village of Nōmitkōn; KLIMCHITSKIY 1940, 99-100) or *-čiš* (in the Transitional dialect of village of Qūl; ANDREEV – LIVSHITS – PISARCHIK 1957, 236) > *-tši* (dialect of Qūl; *ibid.*) > *-či* (cf. NOVÁK [in print], note nr. 23).

II.1.8. Analogy

I have not found much examples of analogy in the languages derived from $*Proto\text{-Sogdic}$, in Sogdian there is problem with spelling, so I will present two examples I have recorded in Yaghnōbī.

Present stem form of the Yaghnōbī verb $\gamma^irif\text{-}$ || $\gamma^irív\text{-}$ ‘to know, to understand’ < $*grb\text{-}$ ‘to know, to understand, to take, to grab’ probably emerged by analogy from past participle

²⁰⁰ In some cases thus can be assumed that in Sogdian appeared also progressive labialization. Orthography of labialized x^w or γ^w appears as $\langle xw \rangle$, $\langle \gamma w \rangle$, $\langle wx \rangle$ or $\langle w\gamma \rangle$ depending on spelling customs in each script utilized for Sogdian. Orthography similar to Sogdian $\langle wx \rangle$ or $\langle w\gamma \rangle$ can be compared with Parthian spelling $\langle wx \rangle$ or $\langle xw \rangle$ for x^w (RASTORGUEVA – MOLCHANOVA 1981, 178-179).

²⁰¹ *Id est* Iranian indicative present ending of the third person singular $*-ti$ and (originally) durative ending *-išt* (cf. Sogd. B $\check{š}tn$ attested in Vessantara Jātaka).

γ'irifta < **γrifta-ka-* < **gřfta-ka-* < **gyb-ta-ka-*. In Sogdian there is attested present stem S B M $\sqrt{γrb}$ - c $\sqrt{γrb}$ - / $\sqrt{γrβ}$ -/ (in Yaghnōbī thus can be assumed present stem form *řγirv-* or *řγarv-* if there was no analogy). For the Yaghnōbī past participle *g'irifta* see Sogd. AL $\sqrt{ptγryβt}$ - / $\sqrt{pʔγriβd}$ -/ 'to take (*past part.*)' – **r* normally develops into *r* (with allophones) in *Proto-Sogdic (see chapter II.1.2.7.i.-vi.), but before **ft* it changes to *ri* (chapter II.1.2.7.xi.; GMS §153a). Analogous is also *-f-* of the verb in focus in Eastern Yaghnōbī instead of etymologically expected *-v-* in Western Yaghnōbī.

Another example of analogy in Yaghnōbī is development of augment. I will discuss this problem later in chapter on verbal inflection (chapter II.2.4.), now I will mention the phenomenon briefly. In *Proto-Sogdic the imperfect tense has been formed by prefixation of an augment in front of a verbal root. If a verbal stem contained a prefix and a root, the augment followed the prefix – i.e. there was so-called *internal augment*. In Sogdian augment was preserved only in reflexes of the internal augment, original augment of non-prefixed verbs disappeared due to operation of stress (probably *Stress III* as there is a different development in Yaghnōbī), but augment of non-prefixed verbs is preserved in Yaghnōbī. As the language developed further there have been lost awareness of Iranian (or *Proto-Sogdic) verbal prefixes and by analogy the augment have been placed in front of the original prefix. See following examples to demonstrate this phenomenon: Yagh. *d^uγúš-* : *ad^uγúš-* 'to hear' (*pres. stem* : *impf. stem*) < *(*pā*)*tī-γáqšā-* : **ā*=(*pā*)*tī-γáqšā-* < **pāti-gáuša-* : **pāti-ḥa=gáuša-* (× Sogd. $\sqrt{pʔtγōš}$: $\sqrt{pʔtīγōš}$ < **pāti-γáqšā-* : **pāti-γáqšā-* < **pāti-gáuša-* : **pāti-ḥa=gáuša-*); Yagh. *var-* : *avár-* 'to bear' (*pres. stem* : *impf. stem*) < **βar-* : **ā*=*βár-* < **bara-* : *ḥa=bára-* (× Sogd. $\sqrt{βar}$ - : $\sqrt{βar}$ - < *βar-* : *āβar-* < **bara-* : *ḥa=bára-*).

II.1.9. Syllabic structure

Syllabic structure of *Proto-Sogdic was probably very similar (if not identical) to Old Iranian syllabic structure. After stress-influenced changes in phonology (and morphology), mainly after vowel syncope and reduction, the syllabic structure of Sogdic daughter-languages changed considerably. Unfortunately there are no many clues to reconstruct syllabic structure of *Proto-Sogdian and *Proto-Yaghnōbī, we can assume, that already after split of *Proto-Sogdic there slowly emerged a tendency to avoid word-initial consonant clusters, however, this development is not typical only for Sogdic dialects as it appears in many other Iranian languages, especially in the New Iranian period.

I have not met many attempts to reconstruct Sogdian Syllabic structure – there are probably only two outlines of the Sogdian syllabic structure. The first outline was presented by Sof'ya Petrovna Vinogradova: «*The specific structure of the syllable: CCVCC: C škwṛṣ [škōrṣ] 'difficult', cf. B (?)škʔwrṣ-, M (?)škwrṣ [(ə)škōrṣ-], CV (probably also CCV, CCCV, CVC, VCC, VC): B ʔrḏkw [arḏuk, arḏku] 'sincere', S [ḏastyā] 'hand' (locative), martaxmeti 'people' (oblique), [prāmana] and [prāmandi] 'Brahman' (vocative singular and plural), B [nərḏβe-] 'scorpion'.*» (VINOGRADOVA 2000a, 64). The other outline of Sogdian syllabification was presented by Elio Provasi in his

study of Sogdian versification: «Sogdian, then, had syllabification rules which were quite different from those of Western Middle Iranian. In Sogdian, inside a word, a group of consonants between two syllabic peaks (i.e. vowels or diphthongs) is not divided between the two syllables, but belongs to the second one, constituting its onset.» [note 33: Cf. the observations, from a historical-comparative point of view, by GERCENBERG 1980, pp. 48-49. (= Gercenberg, L. G. 1981: "Ob afganskom udarenii." In: *Iranskoe jazykoznanie: ežegodnik 1980*, pp. 48-56.)] In other words, a syllable boundary (\$) must be inserted immediately after a (short or long) vocalic nucleus [note 34: Including in the definition of "long vocalic nucleus", besides the long vowels /āēiōū/, also the complex nuclei ("diphthongs") /Vr/ and /Vr̄/ (where /V/ = any vowel).] whenever it is followed by any number of consonants, followed in their turn by another vocalic nucleus: $o > \$ / V_C(C(C))V$ (e.g. /ḏa.\$stel/ "hand (gen.)", /wi.\$žpyal/ "terror (abl.)").» (PROVASI 2009, 350).

It seems that both descriptions of Sogdian syllabic structure are correct, thus the description given by Provasi seems to be more elaborate. Elio Provasi analyzed Sogdian poetic translation of Middle Persian Manichaean hymn cycle *Huyadagmān* – by the analysis of metrical text there can be assumed much about Sogdian phonology, syllabification and stress (cf. chapters on Stress, II.I.I.4. ff.). According to Provasi's description it seems that Sogdian preferred open syllables, so syllables starting in consonant cluster were quite often – this situation can be compared to syllabic structure in *Proto-Slavic (cf. SCHENKER 1993, 67) or in contemporary Belarusian (BIRILLO – BULAKHOV – SUDNIK 1966, 163). I am not aware of a tendency for open syllables in other Eastern Iranian languages, I am not sure whether it may appear in Pashtō (it can be suggested by Provasi's comparison of Sogdian syllabic structure with Gertsenberg's study on Pashtō stress – unfortunately I was not able to get this article; cf. PROVASI 2009, 350³³).

Syllabic structure of Yaghnōbī has not been described by many scholars either, the only description can be found in an outline of Yaghnōbī by Sofya Petrovna Vinogradova: «Prevailing syllabic patterns: 1) CVC, (C)VCC (for monosyllabic nouns): *kat* 'house', *pōt* 'arrow', *mēt* 'day', *vūd* 'smell', *ark* 'work', *urk* 'wolf', *ētk* 'bridge', *pun* 'full', *nays* 'nose'; 2) CV-, CVC- (for di- or trisyllabic nouns): *tōra* 'dark', *γūrda* 'eye', *divār* 'door', *zivōk* 'tongue, language', *dirōt* 'sicle'. *xutānna* 'water-mill', *xiništa* 'butter', *nipāyšīn* 'nephew'.» (VINOGRADOVA 2000b, 293-294). In Yaghnōbī there are also monosyllabic words like CV, VC or even V (e.g. *čī* 'from', *ax* '(s)he', *ī* 'one'), but they are not so frequent as the above mentioned CVC and (C)VCC monosyllabic words. Yaghnōbī syllabic structure is the same as syllabic structure of neighbouring Tajik or Uzbek, but I suppose that in this case the similarity is not due to language contact.

II.2. Historical grammar

In following chapters I would like to present basic features of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī grammar. Both languages differ considerably, but from diachronic view they can be seen gradual development towards simplification of Old Iranian system. I will focus mainly on description of nominal and verbal systems – with primary attention to description of features inherited in both languages. Many grammatical features will be compared with development in the Pāmīr languages as there may be seen many common tendencies in development of Sogdic dialects and languages of the Pāmīr group.

II.2.1. Nominal inflection

The Old Iranian system of nominal inflection was radically transformed in majority of the Eastern Iranian languages. In Avestan and in Old Persian original eight cases, three numbers and three genders are preserved. Inflection distinguished two inflectional categories – thematic and athematic nouns. The thematic nouns distinguished vocalic *a-*, *ā-*, *ī-*, *i-/ai-*, *u-/au-* and *ū-*stems, the athematic stems ended in a consonant (i.e. *p-*, *b-*, *t-*, *d-*, *n-*, *nt-*, *s-*, *š-*, *h-*, *r-*, *r-/n-*, *k-* and *g-*stems). In the Middle Iranian a syncretism of cases emerged, which resulted in three cases system (nominative/direct case : oblique case : vocative)²⁰² and gradual merger of gender (in many languages remained distinction of masculine (< *originally masculine + neuter*) and feminine, however, some languages do not distinguish gender at all). The three-case system was preserved Munjī-Yidghā, Pashtō and Waṇetsī, in the other New Iranian languages the vocative case merged with the nominative. Such outlined development of cases and gender is typical almost for all Eastern Iranian languages (except Ossetic²⁰³), it can be found in the Western Iranian languages too²⁰⁴.

Case syncretism was certainly a gradual process, from the Middle Iranian languages only Old Khōtanese fully preserved a six-case system with series of inflectional classes (however in Late Khōtanese the case system has been reduced). Somewhat simpler six-case system (for the *light-stem* words) is attested in Sogdian – a gradual reduction towards three-case inflection can be seen. Khwārezmian had three cases, in Bactrian there were just two cases. In all Eastern Iranian languages masculine merged with neuter, only Khōtanese developed a “new” neuter from old

²⁰² By comparison of preserved inflectional endings in Yaghnōbī, in the Pāmīr languages and in Pashtō we can suggest four-case system: nominative-accusative : vocative : genitive-possessive : inessive-oblique (by syncretism of old locative, ablative, dative and instrumental) – see Table 40.

²⁰³ The development of Ossetic has been different – we can certainly think about emergence of two-case system based on opposition of nominative/direct case : genitive/oblique, original seems to be ablative and inessive (derived from the locative case); other Ossetic cases emerged anew, probably due to contact with Caucassian languages (cf. KIM 2003; 2007; BELYAEV 2010; chapter I.1.1.3.2.).

²⁰⁴ In the Western Iranian languages there is majority of vernaculars with two- or three-case system, some other languages, such as Persian, lost its inflectional endings, but nominal endings show simplification of the two-case system.

n-stems; in Sogdian there are few relicts of *a*-stem neutres. Dual began to lose its original function too; it was marginally preserved in Khōtanese and Khwārezmian; in Sogdian dual shifted to numerative.

In Pāmīr Wakhī also operated the syncretism of cases (in singular there is just one case, in plural there is direct case, oblique and objective), nowadays several relicts of the original inflectional system still can be seen. Reflexes of several old cases are shown by Tat'yana Nikolaevna Pakhalina in her comprehensive study of Wakhī (PAKHALINA 1987a) – archaic inflectional system was preserved in reflexes of *ā*- and *i*-Umlaut in several Wakhī words:

- dat. sg.: *pətr* ‘son’ < **púṣtraḡ* (but also < nom. sg. **púṣrah* ?);
ḍəγd ‘daughter’ < **dúgtraḡ*;
instr. sg.: *andarč* ‘husband’s brother’s wife’ < **iant(a)rā-kā*;
kaš ‘boy’ < **kársnā*;
ḍāy ‘(hu)man’ < **dāyā* / **dābā*;
war ‘ram’ < **uárnā*;
loc. sg.: *pər-cəng* ‘bracelet’ < **upari-čāngai*;
pəlingəšt ‘ring’ < **upari-angúštai*;
pəlīz ‘garden’ < **upara-daičzai* (PAKHALINA 1987a, 444-445, 449).

By means of operation of *ā*- and *i*-Umlaut in Wakhī there are not preserved only the reflexes of the original cases but also reflexes of nominatives of old dual (mainly in appellatives labelling paired entities or things culturally perceived as pair) and plural (for collective number):

- nom.-acc. du.: *bār* ‘door’ < **duāṣrā*;
pāḍ / *pād* ‘leg(s), loins’ < **pādā*;
ḍast ‘hand(s)’ < **dástā* < **dzastā*;
šuš ‘kidney(s)’ < **šúši*;
čə(ž)m ‘eye(s)’ < **čāšmai*;
vɪrəw ‘(eye)brow(s)’ < **brúuaj*;
γiš ‘ear(s)’ < **gáušaj*;
tūxm ‘seed’ < **táuxmai*;
kak ‘eye(s)’ < **kákšā*;
šəw ‘horn(s)’ < **srúuaj* / **srúuī*;
wəltk ‘lung(s)’ < **uřta-kaj*;
bərət ‘spoke(s)’ < **dui-aráṣni*;
γuy ‘yoke’ < **iúgai*;
nom. pl.: *zā* ‘children’ < **dzāṣāh*;
yopč ‘sheep (coll.)’ < **pas(u)uā-kāh*;
yangl ‘finger(s)’ < **áng(u)rāh*;
(y)ayč ‘bone(s)’ < **ásta-kāh* (PAKHALINA 1987a, 444-447, 449-450).

As outlined above, the Middle Iranian languages distinguished two genders: masculine and feminine (and some of them relicts of neuter). In the New Iranian period there are many languages which still retain gender (e.g. Pashtō, Waṇetsī, Yazghulāmī, Munjī and Yidghā, languages of the Shughnī-Rōshānī group except Sarīqōlī), but some of them lost gender (Yaghnōbī, Ossetic, Wakhī, Sarīqōlī, Ishkāshmī and Sanglēchī). The original gender system has been in fact preserved only in Pashtō, Waṇetsī and Munjī-Yidghā; in Yazghulāmī and Shughnī-Rōshānī languages the difference in gender was replaced by semantic-syntactic distinction.

	Ir.	OAve.	ProtoSogdc.	Sogd.	c Sogd. C5	Yagh.
sg.						
nom.	* <i>asūah</i>	aspō	* <i>áspa'</i>	<i>aspí</i>	<i>aspí</i>	asp
voc.	* <i>asūa</i>	<i>aspā</i>	* <i>áspa</i>	<i>aspá</i>		
acc.	* <i>asūam</i>	aspəm	* <i>aspəm</i>	<i>aspú</i>		
gen.	* <i>asūahīa</i>	aspahē, <i>aspahīā</i>	* <i>áspa'īā</i>	<i>aspé</i>	<i>aspíi</i>	áspi
dat.	* <i>asūāi</i>	<i>aspāi</i>	* <i>áspāi</i>			
abl.	* <i>asūā't</i>	<i>aspā(a)t</i>	* <i>áspā'</i>	<i>aspá</i>		
instr.	* <i>asūā</i>	<i>aspā</i>	* <i>áspā</i>			
loc.	* <i>asūai(ā)</i>	<i>aspōiā</i>	* <i>áspāiā</i>	<i>aspyā</i>		áspi
du.				numv.		
nom.					?	áspi (?)
voc.	* <i>asūā</i>	aspā	* <i>áspā</i>	<i>aspá</i>		
acc.						
gen.	* <i>asūaiāb</i>	aspaiiā	* <i>áspāiā'</i>	* <i>aspyā</i>		
dat.						
abl.	* <i>asūābīā</i>	aspaē'biīā, aspōibiīā	?			
instr.						
loc.	* <i>asūaiāb</i>	aspaiiā, aspōiō				
pl.						
nom.	* <i>asūāb(ab)</i>	aspā, aspāṅhō	* <i>áspā'</i>	<i>aspyā</i>	?	?
voc.						
acc.	* <i>asūānb</i>	<i>aspāng</i>	* <i>áspān</i>	* <i>aspān</i>		
gen.	* <i>asūāna'ām</i>	<i>aspanam</i>	* <i>aspānām</i>	<i>aspān(u)</i>		
dat.						
abl.	* <i>asūābīāb</i>	aspaē'biīō, aspōibiīō	* <i>áspāiβā'</i>	† <i>aspéβ</i>		
instr.	* <i>asūāiš</i>	<i>aspāiš</i>	?	?		
loc.	* <i>asūāišu</i>	aspaēšū				

Table 39 Development of *a*-stem inflection of masculines (given on example **asūa*- 'horse') in Avestan, Sogdian and Yaghnōbī.

Yazghulāmī masculines mark male names and inanimate things; the feminines include female names and animals regardless their natural gender (the feminines also contain several words that have retained its gender in relict forms). In the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages (except Sarīqōlī) did not appear such a radical transformation of gender as in Yazghulāmī: as masculines

are perceived some original masculines, some male names, male animals and geographical names and in means of collective noun; as feminines are considered female names, female animals and majority of substantives perceived as a single unit (see Chapter I.1.1.3.5.).

Reflects of Old Iranian gender are morphologically preserved not only in the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages (in this case partially including Sarīqōlī) and in Yazghulāmī, but some traces of gender have been preserved in Wakhī or Ishkāshmī. Remains of morphologically (i.e. originally with different ending) expressed gender can be observed in outcomes of effect of *ā*- and *i*-Umlaut on originally stressed root vowel; such feature can be documented on the following example: Ir. **xara-h* × **xarā-ø* (*nom. sg.*) ‘ass × she-ass’ > Rōsh. *šor* × *šār*, Bart. *šōr* × *šār*, Rāshrv. *šur* × *šār*, Wakh. *xur* × **xar* (in *močxar*, lit. female-ass); but Sarīq. *šer*, Yazgh. *xūr*, Yagh. *xar* (< *m.*) × Munj. *xāra* (U *xārā*), Yidgh. *xārō* (< *f.*). (PAKHALINA 1987a, 444-446)

Transformation of the inflectional system, gender and number was probably initiated by stress shifts. Probably a gradual syncretism and loss of inflectional endings emerged as a consequence of stress strength and its shift on a root (?). Simultaneously with the transformation of the inflectional system also masculine merged with neuter (the neuter differed from the masculine only in different endings in nominative and vocative of all three numbers) and with reconstruction of athematic stems as *ǎ*-stems. Case endings of the *ǎ*-stems gradually generalized also in other vocalic (thematic) stems, the original thematic stems were retained marginally. The above outlined development can be demonstrated quite well in an example of masculine *a*-stem inflection in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – by comparison of both languages with Old Iranian and Avestan is possible to reconstruct also *Proto-Sogdic inflection (see Table 39). As a result of ending loss it was necessary to revise inflectional syntax – the “loss” of forms of cases of location and direction was syntactically replaced with adpositional constructions (it is possible that Old locative and ablative cases of location or direction joined with adpositions already before the loss of inflectional endings in these cases). Development of genitive and accusative was quite different – both cases have an important role in syntax. Accusative as a case of direct object gradually merged with nominative. But genitive in the Indo-Iranian languages gained a new function when compared to the Indo-European proto-language – it became the case of the verb object in ergative construction.

The loss of inflectional endings and case syncretism caused two say undesirable morphological phenomena: 1) the nominative plural endings were lost (in case of absence of *ā*-Umlaut) and thus forms of nominative plural and singular merged; and 2) genitive and accusative cases were reanalyzed. In singular the form of genitive merged with dative, but in plural the difference between genitive × dative(-ablative) remained. In case of accusative there is well attested the difference between accusative × genitive in singular, but it is possible that in plural both cases started to merge both in function and in pronunciation. Such feature is observable in Sogdian (respectively in texts younger than the *Ancient Letters*), where the archaic form of accusative plural *-ān* behaves as oblique. The archaic accusative in *-ān* resembles to genitive in *-ān* (in the *Ancient Letters* still *-ānu*). The syncretism of genitive with some cases in

singular and with some other in plural probably led to the dichotomy of function of genitive, dative and accusative: in singular there was opposition accusative × genitive-dative, in plural, however, accusative-genitive × dative(-ablative).

		Yagh.		Wakh.		Shugh. / Rōsh. / Bart.		Rāshrv.		Sariq.		Munj.		Ishk.		Yazgh.	
		sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.	m. sg. f.	pl.	sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.
voc.												-(y)ō -ī					
rec.	nom.	-∅	-t	-∅	<i>ʼišt</i>	-∅		-∅		-∅	<i>-xɛyl</i>		-ī	-∅	<i>-ó</i>	-∅	<i>-áṣ</i>
	acc.						<i>-ēn</i>		<i>-ēn</i>						<i>-óñ</i>		<i>-en</i>
obl.	gen.	<i>ʼi</i>	<i>ʼti</i>	-i	<i>ʼəvi</i>									-i, -y	<i>-óyi</i>	-i	<i>-áṣi</i>
	dat.		<i>-ēv,</i>				<i>-ēv, -ēf</i>										
	abl.		<i>-if</i>					<i>-if</i>			<i>-ef</i>						
	instr.																
	loc.	<i>ʼi</i>															

Table 40 Summary of endings in Yaghnōbī and in the Pāmīr languages with account of historical development of individual endings (values in *italic letters* present endings derived from endings other than those derived from *a*-stem endings in individual cases; values in *grey letters* mark change of meaning of the ending; underlined letters label archaisms).

In singular the three-case system emerged from reanalysis of nominative, vocative and genitive – nominative merged with accusative (> direct case), and genitive merged with all other oblique cases (> oblique). As mentioned above, vocative remained as individual case only in Munjī-Yidghā, Pashtō and Waṇetsī, in all other languages it was replaced by nominative. In the Pāmīr languages of Badakhshān gradually ceased or changed functions of genitive/oblique – in Wakhī and Ishkāshmī it changed to objective case, in Yazghulāmī changed to possessive case; and in the Shughnī-Rōshānī group it disappeared completely.

Different changes occurred in plural than in singular. Due to the loss of the original endings of nominative plural there can be observed two tendencies: 1) emergence of new ending of nominative plural (see endings in Yaghnōbī, Wakhī, Ishkāshmī, Yazghulāmī and Sariqōlī in Table 40); 2) there was reanalyzed the original ending of genitive(-accusative) plural, whose ending passed transferred to nominative (see forms of plural endings in Shughnī, Rōshānī, Bartangi, Rāshārvī and Yazghulāmī in Table 40). After the genitive form began to function instead of the nominative plural, it was necessary to create a new form of the oblique case – this has become the dative-ablative ending.

Sogdian inflectional system preserves a rich stem system, however, it was transformed a lot in comparison to the Old Iranian stage; it distinguishes *ā*-, *ī*-, *ū*-, *ākā*- and *iiā*-stems, but there are no consonant stems – they were revised and according to their gender they merged with either *a*- or *ā*-stems. Inflection of the *ā*-stems became dominant and later on many *ū*- and *ī*-stem words were inflected as *ā*-stems. In the North Eastern Iranian languages essential innovation operated, which separates this branch from other Eastern Iranian languages: from Iranian abstract suffix **-ṣuā-/t(u)ā*- emerged new plural ending **-tā*-. This new ending was added after the thematic vowel in Sogdian and it was inflected as *ā*-stem singular feminines.

The plural ending in *-tā- uniquely appears in Southern Pāmīr languages – in Ishkāshmī and Wakhī: Ishk. -d in words *soyūnd* ‘hair (pl.)’ < *sārīa-gauna-tā-; *mend* ‘apples, apple-trees’ < *amarnīa-tā- and *čwend* ‘apricots, apricot-trees’ < *^ouanī-tā- ‘trees’; and Wakhī ending of direct case plural *-išt* originating in Iranian *-i-*ṣya*-tā- or *-iš(n)-tā-. From Iranian *-*ṣya*- comes Yazghulāmī plural ending -āṣ; *nota bene* Persian plural ending -hā (> colloq. Tjk. -(h)ō > Ishk. -o) is also of the same origin.

		*Ir.	Sogd.	c Sogd. C ₇	Sogd.	Yagh.	*Ir.	Sogd.	c Sogd. C ₇	Sogd.	Yagh.	
		a-stems					ā-stems					
sg.	m.	n.	light stems			heavy stems	-	f.	light stems		heavy stems	-
			m.	n.	m.n.	m.n.			f.	f.	f.	
voc.	-a		-a				-ai	-é, -á				
nom.	-ah	-am	-í	-ú	-í	-∅	-∅	-ā	-ā̇	-á	-∅	-∅
acc.				-ú				-ām	-ū̇, -ā̇			
gen.	-ahja		-ē		-ī	-ī	-ī	-ājah	-yā̇	-āi	-ī	-i
dat.	-āj		-ē		-ī	-ī	-ī	-ā(āi)	-yā̇	-āi	-ī	-i
loc.	-aj		-yā̇		-ī	-ī	-ī	-ājā	-yā̇	-āi	-ī	-i
abl.	-āt		-ā̇					-ājāt	-yā̇	-āi	-ī	-i
instr.	-ā		-ā̇					-(aj)ā	-(y)ā̇	-āi	-ī	-i

Table 41 Overview of ā-stem inflection in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī.

		*Ir.	c Sogd. Cz	Sogd.	Yagh.	*Ir.	Sogd.	Yagh.	
		a-ka-stems				ā-kā-stems			
sg.	m.	n.	m.	n.	m.n.	-	f.	f.	-
nom.	-akah	-a-kam	-ē	-ō	-ē	-a	-ākā	-ā̇	-a
acc.		-akam		-ō		-a	-ākām	-ā̇	-a
gen.	-akahja		-ē		-ē	-aj / -ē	-ākajāh	-ē	-aj / -ē
dat.	-akāj		-ē		-ē	-aj / -ē	-ākaj(āj)	-ē	-aj / -ē
loc.	-akaj		-ē		-ē	-aj / -ē	-ākajā	-ē	-aj / -ē
abl.	-akāt		-ā̇				-ākajāt	-ē	-aj / -ē
instr.	-akā		-ā̇				-āk(aj)ā	-ē	-aj / -ē

Table 42 Overview of ākā-stem inflection in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī.

		*Ir.	Sogd.		Yagh.	*Ir.	Sogd.	Yagh.	*Ir.	Sogd.		Yagh.
		ū-stems				ī-stems			ij-ā-stems			
sg.	m.f.	m.	f.	-	m.f.	m.f.	-	m.	f.	m.	f.	-
nom.	-uš, -āuš	-u		-∅	-i(š), -ā	-i	-∅	-ijah	-ijā	-ī	-yā	-i
acc.	-um, -āum	-u			-im, -ajam	-ī		-ijam	-ijām		-yā	
gen.	-auš, -uah	-(w)ī, -wyā	-wyā	-i	-ajš, -jāh	-ī	-i	-ijahja	-ijajāh	-(i)ī	-yā(i)	-ij
dat.	-(a)ujaj				-(a)jaj	-ī	-i	-ijāi	-ijā(aj)	-(i)ī	-yā(i)	-ij
loc.	-au, -∅				-ā̇			-ijaj	-ijajā	-(i)ī	-yā(i)	-ij
abl.	-aut, -uat				-ajāt, -jāt	-ī	-i	-ijāt	-ijajāt	-yā(i)	-(ij)	
instr.	-ū, -uā				-i	-i	-i	-ijā	-ij(aj)ā	-yā(i)	-(ij)	

Table 43 Overview of ū-, ī- and ij-ā-stem inflection in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī.

Sogdian, similarly to some other Eastern Iranian languages, preserves peripheral relicts of *r*-stem inflection. The relicts of *r*-stem inflection can be observed in a few plural forms continuing from Indo-European *nomina agentis* in *-ter-* (or more correctly from continuants of Ide. **ph₂-tér-*, *meh₂-tér-*, *b^{br}réh₂-ter-*, **d^bugh₂-tér-* ‘father, mother, brother, daughter’; moreover by semantic analogy also in **suesór-* ‘sister’ > Ir. **pitá-r*, **máta-r*, **bráta-r*, **dúxta-r*, **x^uáhar-*): Yazgh. *v(ə)radár*, *ḍəγdár* ‘brothers, daughters’; Shugh. Rōsh. *virōdár* ‘brothers’ (> Shugh. *a rō(dā)r!* ‘bros!’); Sangl. *vrudár* ‘brothers’; in other languages the “*r*-stem plural” is extended by normal plural ending: Sogd. *м βr²trt*, *с δwγtrth*, *δγwtrt* /²*βrátairt*, *ḍəγ^wdárt* / ‘brothers, daughters’; Ishk. *vrudarón* (sg. *vru(d)*), *ixodarón* (sg. *ixó*), *wūdūγdarón* ‘brothers, sisters, daughters’; Oss. *ḥidæltæ* || *fidæltæ* (sg. *ḥid* || *fidæ*), *mæd(t)æltæ* (sg. *mad* || *madæ*), *ærvad(t)æltæ* (sg. *ærvad* || *ærvadæ*) ‘fathers, mothers, relatives||brothers’.

Plural ending in **-tǎ-* needs to be reconstructed already for the North Eastern Old Iranian dialects as it is attested in several Scytho-Sarmatian tribal names: *Σκόλοται*, *Μασσαγέται*, *Θυσσαγέται* and *Σαυρομάτοι/Σαεμάτοι/Σαεμάται*.

Apart from the innovated (and say unified) plural ending **-tǎ-* there are marginally preserved old plural forms in Sogdian – these forms are preserved mainly in *ǎ-* and *ǔ-*stem inflection. In the *ǎ-*stem direct cases there is the ending *-a* (with allomorph (?) *-ya*), which often appears with animate substantives (e.g. *aspyǎ* ‘horses’). Some animate substantives and majority of *ǔ-*stem nouns have plural ending *-ǐšt* (< originally probably an agglutination of abstract suffixes **-iš(n)*²⁰⁵ and **-tǎ-*; cf. Wakh. *-ǐšt*). In the oblique cases of the *ǎ-*stems (and also masculine *aka-*stems) there appears a continuant of old genitive(-accusative) ending *-ān(u)*, this ending can be used to express the oblique case of plural of animate nouns.

As marginal and really archaic case can be considered dative-ablative plural of the *ǎ-*stems. In Sogdian there is attested the ending *-γβ* /*-ēβ*/ in some toponyms: Sogd. *мг (?)βtmyβh* /²*Ftméβ*/ – present *Fatmév* in Falghar and Sogd. *н w²tyβc* /*wátīβ²č*/ ‘of *Wátīβ*’, present *Vōdīf* in Mastchōh; other place-names terminating in *-ēv/-ēf*, *-ǔv/-ǔf* can be found in a wider area on upper reaches of the Zarafshōn river in historical regions of Falghar and Mastchōh, e.g. *Imbéf*, *Rōgīf*, *Rēzgif*, *Xūdgif*, *Mūzdīf*, *Pakšīf*, *Langīf*, *Γōrīf*, *Pičēf*, *Guskēf*, and also in the Yaghnōb Valley: *Bidév*, *Mǔštīf*, *Rúpīf* and most likely also *Maryéb* < **Maryév*²⁰⁶. Function of the original dative-ablative case changed, topoformant **-ēβ*/**-ǔβ* was used to express locative function, e.g.

²⁰⁵ Compare Slavic **-bь(t)* in a suffix **-bьstvo*: OCS. *bratrъstvo*, Cze. *bratrstvo* ‘brotherhood’ (LIVSHITS – KHRIMOV 1981, 425).

²⁰⁶ In Varzōbī (and some other) Tājīk dialects and also in the Tājīk dialect of the Yaghnōb Valley there is often recorded change *-b(-)* > *-w(-)/-v(-)*, but such change is not attested in the Tājīk dialects of Mastchōh and partially in the Falghar dialects. The form *Maryéb* has been probably reanalyzed (and “Tājīkized”) and then emerged “reversal” change **-v* > *-b*, probably by analogy with some other Yaghnōbī place-names: Yagh. *Xīšörtōū* × Tjk. *Xīšörtób*, Yagh. *Farkóū* × Tjk. *Farkób*, Yagh. *(*)Yáy(d)nōū* > Tjk. *Yaynób*. Indeed, the original form **Maryév* / **Maryǐf* is indicated in Russian orthography *Марзуф(ѳ)* in Russian maps from the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th century.

Maryēb < **Maryév* < dat.-abl. **margaiḅiah* : **marga-* ‘forest, meadow’ i.e. ‘in meadows / in forests’. For other place names the etymology is not known, but it can be supposed that the ending *-ēḅ/-*īḅ might have another function – it could have served as possessive, it is that in some place-names can be attested personal names of founders of such villages – e.g. *Imbēf* can be interpreted as *a village founded by a man called *Imb-*, i.e. *Imbēf* could mean ‘[the] †*Imbs*’ (??) (settlement)’. In case of *Fatmēv* its meaning can be supposed as ‘(village) of the first(s)’ < **fratamāiḅiah* and *Vōdif* can mean ‘(village) of the wind(s)’ < **uāḥqtaḅiah*. Place-names terminating in etymologically the same ending can be found also on Pāmīr: *Xūvjēf*, *Xidōrjēf*, *Sumjēf*, *Bōryēf*, *Pōrxiḅnēv* in Tajik Shughnōn and Shākh dara; in Afghan Sheghnān *Yastēv*, in Tajik Rūshōn *Pastēv* and probably also *Lučiw* and *Γarālīw* in the Sarghulām Valley. See also Rāshārvī plural ending -(y)īf and in Wanjī there can be supposed plural ending -ev. The old dative-ablative ending can be found in oblique plural endings in Munjī and Yidghā -āf || -af, in Wakhī -av, in Sarīqōlī -(y)ef, and in Pashtō -ō, Waḅetsī -ū.

After the *Stress III* shift and operation of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* there emerged differentiation of the *light* and *heavy* (ǎ-)stem endings. This change can be observed well mainly in ǎ-stem endings – according to position of stress there emerged two different declinations – *light* and *heavy*; in the other stems there have remained only the “*light*” endings, the *heavy* stems morphologically merged with the *heavy* ǎ-stems. Number of case endings was reduced, mainly in the *heavy stems*, where virtually remained only one ending²⁰⁷ – gen.-dat. sg. /-ī/, endings of the direct cases was lost, the endings of the oblique cases merged with the original genitive-dative ending(s), the vocative endings of the *heavy stems* were taken over by analogy from the *light stems*.

The inflectional system was later simplified, e.g. the archaic endings of masculine (and neuter) *aka*-stems are attested in Christian Sogdian manuscript C 2 (and also in the *Ancient Letters*), but in all other documents there is attested much simplified inflection (Table 42). Similarly the *light* ǎ-stem declination is preserved in majority of documents in the form developed from Old Iranian ǎ-stem inflection, but the Christian Sogdian manuscript C 5 shows a new innovated inflectional system in which oblique ending is agglutinated to a reflex of a thematic vowel. The Christian Sogdian manuscript C 5 presents agglutinative inflection in

²⁰⁷ Questionable is the ending of the feminine *heavy* ā-stems – in documents written in the Brāhmī script the ā-stem feminines *light* and *heavy stems* do terminate in the letter *hē*: -h (the *light stems* also end in -²h or just -?). Question is how to interpret the terminal letter *hē*. There are several possibilities how to explain this orthography: 1) it is an archaic spelling of terminal vowel -ǎ in *all forms of nom. sg. of feminine ā-stems, 2) it is a spelling of word-final -ǎ adapted from Aramaic orthography, where in Aramaic words ending in -ǎ <-h> have been feminines; or 3) it is a combination of both above shown examples. Outcome is the state attested in documents in the Manichaean and Syriac scripts – form of feminine *heavy* ā-stems with no ending. In the documents written in the Sogdian alphabet there has been pertained (archaic) spelling with the letter *hē* in feminine forms regardless whether the thematic ending remained preserved or whether it has been lost due to operation of the *Rhythmic Law*. The development of Sogdian nominative singular forms of the *heavy* ā-stem feminines can be shown on following example: Ir. **mātar* ‘mother’ > ProtoSogdc. **māta* > after the *Stress III* shift **māta* (Sogd. AL *m²th*) > “Classical” Sogdian” **māt* (Sogd. M C *m²t* × archaic spelling Sogd. s *m²th*).

Sogdian in a state similar to Yaghnōbī, the only difference is a presence or absence of operation of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* (see Table 41). In the case of the plural ending *-tā* (for the *light stems*) or *-t* (for the *heavy stems*) there is good example of agglutination too – both masculine and feminine plural is declined as singular *ā*-stem feminine, but the inflectional endings are not added to stem but they follow the plural marker *-t-*, e.g. Sogd. *rāmī* ‘people (*m*)’ : nom. pl. *rāmqā* : obl. pl. *rāmqyā*; Sogd. *wānā* ‘tree (*f*)’ : nom. pl. *wānqā* : obl. pl. *wānqyā*; Sogd. *āp* ‘water (*f*)’ : nom. pl. *āpt* : obl. pl. *āptī*; Sogd. *ḏēy* ‘demon (*m*)’ : nom. pl. *ḏēyt* : obl. pl. *ḏēyti*. Inflectional system of the Sogdian *heavy stems* in principle does not differ from inflection in Yaghnōbī: *ōp* ‘water’ : *ōpt* : *ōpti*; *dēy* ‘demon’ : *dēyt* : *dēyti* (only in Yaghnōbī outcomes of the *ākā*-stems the terminal *-a* has been lengthened before *-t* and it changed to *-ō*: *žūta* ‘son’ : *žūtōt* : *žūtōti* < **žūta’ah* : **žūta’a-tah* : *žūta’a-ta’iā*). As can be seen from the previous lines and from the Tables 39, 41, 42, and 43, Sogdian nouns gradually changed from inflection towards agglutination.

Inflection of adjectives is diachronically the same as noun inflection. In the Middle Iranian period also the adjective inflection was rebuilt. Such development is observable in Sogdian. Initially Sogdian adjective corresponded with its noun in gender, number and case. By simplifying of the inflectional system a new phenomenon emerged – so-called *group inflection*, where the bearer of the main grammatical information remained to be the noun, but adjective corresponded with it often just in number and later on it remained in form of nominative singular. The origin of the *group inflection* can be seen in the *heavy stem* endings, but it later spread to the *light stems* too. Such change is probably older than “agglutinative” inflection of the *light stems* as it is attested in the Christian Sogdian document C 5. The emergence of the *group inflection* caused that the adjectives became uninflected and they have been fossilized mostly in form of nominative singular masculine. This innovation corresponds with emergence of agglutination of substantives and it is comparable with the *group inflection* in agglutinative languages such as the Turkic languages²⁰⁸.

In a reduction of adjective inflection probably for the longest period of time survived gender distinction, which is preserved for some adjectives in Pashtō, Waṇetsī, Yazghulāmī and in the Shughnī-Rōshānī languages. In Pashtō-Waṇetsī the adjectives are usually distinguished by different ending, in the Pāmīr languages feminine adjectives can be distinguished by results of *ā*- or *i*-Umlaut, e.g. Pasht. *spīn* : *spīna* ‘white’; Shugh. *kut* : *kat* ‘short’, *rūšt* : *rōšt* ‘red’; Bart. *čōw* : *čaw* ‘motley’. In contemporary Yazghulāmī there is no gender distinction of adjectives, but reflexes of gender are attested in several fossilized nominalised forms, e.g. *čūš* < *čāxšā*- ‘bitter (*adj.* < *adj. m.*)’ × *čāš* ‘sagebrush (< **čāxšā*- ‘bitter (*adj. f.*)’); ÈDEL’MAN 1987b, 384). In Sogdian gender distinction remained in forms of the *light stems*, e.g. *šīr-ā* ‘good (*f*)’ × *šīr-i* ‘good (*m*)’; or in

²⁰⁸ See Uzbek nom. sg. *qāra sū* ‘black water’ (with the same meaning also in all the other examples) : gen. sg. *qāra sūniy* : nom. pl. *qāra sūlar* : gen. pl. *qāra sūlarniy* × Sogd. *šāy āp* : *šāy āpī* : *šāy āpt* : *šāy āptī*; Yagh. *šōy ōp* : *šōy ōpi* : *šōy ōpt* : *šōy ōptī*.

endings of the *aka*-stems which end in $-\check{c}(\check{a})^{209}$ in Sogdian, e.g. ${}^i\text{spét}\check{c}$ ‘white (f)’ × ${}^i\text{spét}\check{e}$ ‘white (m)’ < $*\text{suáita-ka-}$; ${}^i\text{kt}\check{c}\check{a}$ ‘done (f)’ × ${}^i\text{kt}\check{e}$ ‘done (m)’ < $*\text{k}\check{r}\text{ta-ka-}$.

In Sogdian there are two sets of comparative endings: $-\text{t}\check{a}\text{r}(-\text{i}/-\check{a})$ < $*-\text{tara-}$ for the *light* and *heavy stems* and $-\text{st}\check{a}\text{r}$ for $\check{a}\text{k}\check{a}$ -stems. Both endings may be used also for superlative forms. Special superlative forms are formed with ending $*-\text{tama-}$, occasionally accompanied by Sogdian ending $-\check{c}\check{h}\text{k}$. (GMS §1280-1296) Formation of comparatives and superlatives is analytic in Yaghnōbī, but calqued forms with Tajik $-\text{tar}$ < $*-\text{tara-}$ may be found. Some forms with ending $-\text{star}$ are quoted in the *Yaghnōbī Texts* by Mikhail Stepanovich ANDREEV – Elena Mikhaïlovna PESHCHEREVA (1957): $\text{r}\acute{\text{i}}\text{t}\text{i}\text{s}\text{t}\text{a}\text{r}$ ‘more in front’ or $\text{sar}\check{h}\acute{\text{a}}\text{d}\text{d}\text{i}\text{s}\text{t}\text{a}\text{r}$ ‘higher’ < Perso-Arabic $\text{sar-}\check{h}\text{ad}(d)$ ‘border’ + Yagh. $-\text{star}$. (KHROMOV 1972, 20-21; Novák 2010, 225-226)

II.2.2. Pronominal inflection

Iranian pronominal inflection shows many similarities in development in many of the languages of the Eastern Iranian branch. Almost all languages preserve archaic system with forms just for the first and second person personal pronouns singular and plural, separate forms of the third person emerged only in a few Eastern Iranian languages, in majority of them they are expressed by demonstratives. Personal and demonstrative pronouns developed into three- or two-case system (See Tables 44 and 45 for the Pāmīr languages). All languages inherited triple deixis of the demonstrative pronouns, such system is preserved in majority of the Eastern Iranian languages, but in some of them the deictic system has been reduced into double deixis (e.g. in Yaghnōbī or Yazghulāmī, the tendency may be observed probably also in Sogdian). Enclitic forms the personal pronouns have been widely used as they were employed for personal endings in ergative construction – in majority of the Pāmīr languages the enclitics are used no more there, they have merged with forms of copula.

The North Eastern Iranian languages differ from the other Eastern Iranian by retention of archaic form of the second person pronoun: Sogd. ${}^i\text{šm}\acute{\text{a}}\text{x}$, Yagh. $\text{š}^u\text{m}\acute{\text{o}}\text{x}$, Oss. sumax || sumax < $*\text{i}\text{u}\text{šm}\acute{\text{a}}\text{xam} : *i\text{u}\text{žam}$ ‘you (gen. : nom.)’²¹⁰. In the Eastern Iranian languages both the first and the second persons plural pronouns emerged from old accusative, in the Southern branch, probably after the change $*\text{šm} > m$ took place, the pronouns phonetically merged: $*\text{abm}\acute{\text{a}}\text{xam} > *(\text{ə})\text{m}\acute{\text{a}}\acute{\text{x}}\text{am}$ ‘we’ × $*(\text{i})\text{u}\text{šm}\acute{\text{a}}\text{xam}$ ²¹¹ > $*(\text{ə})\text{m}\acute{\text{a}}\acute{\text{x}}\text{am}$ ‘we’. The Southern branch had to differentiate the first and the second person plural, so for the second person the “South Eastern-Iranian” form has been augmented by prefix $*\text{tu-}$, $*\text{ta-}$ taken from the second person singular: $*\text{ta}-(\text{h})\text{m}\acute{\text{a}}\acute{\text{x}}\text{am}$ or $*\text{tu}-(\text{š})\text{m}\acute{\text{a}}\acute{\text{x}}\text{am}$ – both etymologies can be considered correct, but also the etymologies do not tell whether such innovation of the form of the second person plural really

²⁰⁹ Feminine “*aka-stem*” adjectives distinguish *light* and *heavy stems*.

²¹⁰ See Modern English *you* which is originally dative-accusative form of *ye*.

²¹¹ Certainly not from $*\text{x}\text{šm}\acute{\text{a}}\text{xam}$ as it is claimed by some scholars (cf. GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, 115), it would give something like $\text{f}\check{x}\text{i}\text{šm}\acute{\text{o}}\text{x}$ in Yaghnōbī, $\text{f}\check{x}\text{šm}\acute{\text{a}}\text{x}$ in Sogdian and in the Pāmīr languages the proto-form should be based on $\text{f}\check{x}\text{m}\acute{\text{a}}\acute{\text{x}}\text{am}$ so the forms of the first and second persons plural would not merge together.

took place after the change **šm > *m* (cf. MORGENSTIERNE 1929, 62). The innovation of the second person pronoun can be explained either as an areal feature (even caused by a Burūshaskī-like substrate language?) or as a contact with the Indo-Aryan languages (PAKHALINA 1976a). Wakhī shows that this innovated pronoun can be of an early date *sá(y)iš(t) : sav* originates from **tasa* (**tusq / *tasq < Middle IAr. *tusma < *tušma-*; PAKHALINA 1976a, 80) + Wakh dir. pl. suffix *-išt* or obl. pl. *-əv*. Also Wakhī pronoun of the first person plural *sak* shows Indo-Aryan influence *< *asma-* (gen.; *ibid.*). Forms of the personal pronoun of the second person in Pashtō *tāsē, tāsō, Waṇetsī tās* and Ōrm. *tōs, tyūs* can be compared with Wakhī. Exception from the South Eastern Iranian languages are Parāchī and Saka dialects: in Parāchī *wā* comes «*from Av[estān] encl[itic] vā, with peculiar treatment of w.*» (MORGENSTIERNE 1929, 62); Khōtanese *uhu* (later *uma, ama*) ‘you’ which has been influenced by Khōt. *muhu* ‘we’ (GERTSENBERG 1981, 269).

	Wakh.	Ishk.	Sangl.	Yazgh.	Munj.	Yidgh.	Shugh.	Rōsh.	Bart.	Rāshrv.	Sarīq.
1 st sg.											
dir	wəz, (w)uz	az(i)	azə, azi	az	za	zo, zə	wuz	az	āz	waz	waz
obl.	māž	mak	mak	mū(n)	mən	mun, mən	mu	mu	mu	mu(n)	mь(n)
poss.	žə, žь	mь(n)	mən	ni							
encl.	<i>-(ə)m</i>	<i>-ьm</i>	<i>-(ə)m</i>	<i>-əm</i>	<i>-(y)əm</i>	<i>-əm</i>	<i>-um</i>	<i>-um</i>	<i>-um</i>	<i>-(u)m</i>	<i>-(y)am</i>
2 nd sg.											
dir	tu	tь	tōw	tow	tu	tu, tə	tu	tu	tū	tu	təw
obl.	tow, taw	fak	təfak	tu	ta	to, ta		tā	tā	tā	ta, ть
poss.	ti	ti	tō	ti							
encl.	<i>-(ə)t</i>	<i>-ьt</i>	<i>-et</i>	<i>-at</i>	<i>-(y)ət</i>	<i>-(t)</i>	<i>-at</i>	<i>-at</i>	<i>-at</i>	<i>-(a)t</i>	<i>-(y)at</i>
3 rd sg.											
encl.	<i>-(i)</i>	<i>-(i)</i>	<i>-š</i>	<i>-ay</i>	<i>-(y)əš</i>	?	<i>-(i)</i>	<i>-(i)</i>	<i>-i</i>	<i>-ə</i>	<i>-(y)i</i>
1 st pl.											
dir	sak	мьх(ó)	амəх, amax	mox	mōx	măx, mōx	măš	māš	māš	māš	maš
obl.		мьцьв(о)	mičəf								
poss.	səpo	mьš	mič	moxi	āmōx	amax, amōx					
encl.	<i>-(ə)n</i>	<i>-on</i>	<i>-mōn</i>	<i>-an</i>	<i>-(y)əmōn</i>	?	<i>-ām</i>	<i>-am</i>	<i>-an</i>	<i>-(a)n</i>	<i>-(y)an</i>
2 nd pl.											
dir	sá(y)išt	тьмьх	тəməх	təmox	mōf	măf, mōf	tama	tama	tamāš	tamāš	tamaš
obl.	sav	тьмьх(ьв)	тəməх(əf)								
poss.		тьмьх	тəməх	təmoxi	āmōf	amaf, amōf					
encl.	<i>-(ə)v</i>	<i>-ьv</i>	?	<i>-əf</i>	<i>-(y)əfōm</i>	<i>-(f)</i>	<i>-ēt</i>	<i>-af</i>	<i>-at, -af</i>	<i>-(a)f</i>	<i>-(y)af</i>
3 rd pl.											
encl.	<i>-(ə)v</i>	<i>-on</i>	<i>-šōn</i>	<i>-an</i>	<i>-(y)əšōn</i>	?	<i>-ēn</i>	<i>-an</i>	<i>-an, -af</i>	<i>-(a)f</i>	<i>-(y)af</i>

Table 44 Personal pronouns of the first and second persons in the Pāmīr languages. Enclitic forms given in *italics* are used as copula.

Another possible archaism can be seen in Wakhī – oblique case of the first person singular pronoun *māž* can originate 1) either from Ir. dat. **mádziam < IIr. *májʰiam < Ide. *megʰi-om*, 2) or it is an Indo-Aryan loan **májʰiam*. If Wakh. *māž* is Iranian origin, it should be rather archaic feature, even more archaic than Avestan *maʰiiā, maʰiiō* which is an innovation (cf. VAVROUŠEK 2007, 43), or it is an early loan from Indo-Aryan **májʰiam*, Ved. *máhyam* (see

oblique forms in Hindī and Urdū *muġ*, Marāṭhī *maḡ*; PAKHALINA 1976a, 83). Tat'yana Nikolaevna Pakhalina rather accepts the Indo-Aryan hypothesis, which can also better explain Wakhī possessive forms *žə*, *žbi* < **mžan* < **məžán* < **mažán* (ibid., 82), other clue for the Indo-Aryan origin can be ignorance of *i*-Umlaut, i.e. there is no *fmāž*.

	case	I. deixis		II. deixis		III. deixis	
		sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.
Shugh.	dir.	yam	māḍ	(y)id	dāḍ	yu / yā	wāḍ
	obl.	mi / mam	mēv	di / dam	dēv	wi / wam	wēv
Rōsh.	dir.	(y)im	māḍ	(y)id	dāḍ	yā	wāḍ
	obl.	may / mum	muf	day / dum	duf	way / (w)um	wuf
Bart.	dir.	yim	māḍ	yid	dāḍ	yā	wāḍ
	obl.	mī / mim	mif	dī / dim	dif	wī / um	uf
Rāshrv.	dir.	yim	māḍ	yid	dāḍ	yā	wāḍ
	obl.	mi / mam	maf	di / dam	daf	wi / wam	waf
Sariq.	dir.	yam	yam, (moḍ)	yad	yad, (doḍ)	yɪ	yɪ, (woḍ)
	obl.	mi / mem	mef	di / dem	def	wi / wem	wef
Wakh.	dir.	yəm	yómiš(t)	yət	yótiš(t)	yow, yaw	yá(w)iš(t)
	obl.		yéməv		yótəv		yá(wə)v
Ishk.	dir.	am(i)	amón(on)	ad(i)	adón(don)	aw(i)	awón(don)
	obl.	man	mánəv(o)	dan	dánəv(o)	wan	wánəv(o)
Yazgh.	dir.	–		du		yu	
	obl.	–		du		yu	
Munj.	dir.	ma	māy	ya	yāy	wa	wāy
	obl.	mān / māy	māf	yān / yāy	yāf	wān / wāy	wāf

Table 45 Inflection of demonstrative pronouns in the Pāmīr languages.

Sogdian and Yaghnōbī pronominal inflection is very similar one to each other, the main differences were caused by operation of the *Rhythmic Law* in Sogdian, the system is also comparable to the Pāmīr languages. In both languages the first and second persons plural were based on forms of accusative and are not inflected. The personal pronouns for the first and second person singular are both inflected in direct and oblique cases, in Yaghnōbī the direct case form of the first person gave place to its oblique form, it has been attested once by Émile Benveniste (GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, p. 108-109), but all other sources have just one form for both direct and oblique case: *man*. In Yaghnōbī the oblique form infiltrated the direct case probably under Tajik influence (Pers. Tjk. *man* 'I') and maybe also some impact of Turkic can be suggested (cf. Uzbek *mən*, colloq. *mān*, Kyrgyz *men* etc.). There can be seen a tendency to develop distinct inflectional forms for all personal pronouns both in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī – by analogy innovated forms of oblique can be formed from the original personal pronouns by adding a “heavy stem” oblique ending (cf. Tables 46 and 47). *Proto-Sogdic has inherited pronominal system without independent forms of the third person personal pronouns – their function has been fulfilled by demonstratives. Such pattern continued in Sogdian and still goes on in Yaghnōbī.

The Iranian triple deictic system has been inherited from the Indo-European proto-language. Demonstrative pronouns distinguished *I.*, *II.* and *III.* deixis (of also *ich-*, *du-* and *er-*deixis or *hic-*, *iste-* and *ille-*deixis), the inflectional pattern has been based on two suppletive forms – nominative in **ija-/aja-* (*I.*), **aiša-* (*II.*) and **(a)baṭ-* (*III.*) and oblique stem in **ima-*, **aita-* and **aua-* (cf. Tables 45, 46 and 47). In Yaghnōbī the original near *I.* deixis disappeared so there is only double deictic system (cf. the same development in Yazghulāmī). In Sogdian complete system is attested, but according to preserved forms can be judged that forms of the *II.* deixis started to disappear or were of lesser importance.

	sg.								pl.					
	1 st pers.	2 nd pers.	<i>I. deixis</i>		<i>II. deixis</i>		<i>III. deixis</i>		1 st pers.	2 nd pers.	<i>I.</i> <i>deixis</i>	<i>II.</i> <i>deixis</i>	<i>III.</i> <i>deixis</i>	
			<i>m</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>f</i>						
nom.	əzú	t(əγ)ú	yu	yū	ʔšú	ʔšā	əxó	əxá	māx 212	ʔšmāx 213	yu	ʔšā	əxá	
acc.	məná	təwá	ʔmú	ʔmá	ʔtú	ʔtá	ō, əwú	əwá			ʔmú	ʔtá	əwá	
gen.- dat.			ʔmén	ʔmí, ʔmyá			əwén(ē)	əwí, əwyá			mésən		wéšən 214	
instr.- abl.														
loc.														
encl. acc.	-m	-f(ī)	-šu								-mən	-fən, -tən	-šən	
encl. gen.	-mī	-t(ī)	-š(ī)											

Table 46 Inflectional system of personal and demonstrative pronouns in Sogdian.

	sg.				pl.			
	1 st pers.	2 nd pers.	<i>near</i> <i>deixis</i>	<i>far</i> <i>deixis</i>	1 st pers.	2 nd pers.	<i>near</i> <i>deixis</i>	<i>far</i> <i>deixis</i>
dir.	(az) ²¹⁵	tu	īš	ax	mōx ²¹⁶	š ^u mōx ²¹⁷	īštit	áxtit
obl.	man ²¹⁸	taṭ ²¹⁹	ítī	áwi			ítīti	áṭtīti
encl.	ʔ(i)m	ʔ(i)t	ʔ(i)š		ʔ(i)mōx			
					ʔšint			

Table 47 Inflectional system of personal and demonstrative pronouns in Yaghnōbī.

²¹² Occasionally nominative *māxu*, oblique *māxī*.

²¹³ Occasionally nominative *ʔšmāxu*, oblique *ʔšmāxī*.

²¹⁴ Cf. Pahl. *awēšan* 'they'.

²¹⁵ The form *az* is quoted only by Émile Benveniste in his *Essai de grammaire Sogdienne, Deuxieme partie, Morphologie, syntaxe et glossaire* (GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, 108-109); in all other sources there appears only single form of 1st person singular *man* for both cases.

²¹⁶ Occasionally analogically formed oblique *mōxi* can appear.

²¹⁷ Occasionally by analogy formed oblique *š^umōxi*.

²¹⁸ In colloquial speech appears analogically formed oblique *máni*.

²¹⁹ The oblique form can *per analogiam* appear as *táwi*.

*Proto-Sogdic pronouns started to develop independent pronominal system of inflectional endings with rich suppletive system. Pronominal inflection developed differently in both languages. In Sogdian it can be seen in inflectional forms of the demonstrative pronouns (cf. Table 46) and also on an adjective ‘all’ – *wispú* (Table 47) and a numeral ‘one’ – *𐰽𐰺𐰸* (Table 50). Yaghnōbī developed independent system based on ending *-tit* for direct case and *-titi* for oblique (originating in reduplication of the plural ending **-tā*; KHROMOV 1987, 674). Such ending can be added to interrogative pronouns (Table 49). The pronominal plural ending *-tit(i)* can be also added to numerals to express number of people, e.g. Yagh. *úxš-tit(-i)* ‘(of) six individuals’, *saráytit* || *t'ráytit* ‘three individuals’, cf. Pers. *šāš-tā* ‘six individuals’, *haft-tā* ‘seven individuals’.

	sg.		pl.
	<i>m</i>	<i>f</i>	
nom.	wispí	wispā	wispé
acc.	wispú		
gen.-dat.	wispəné		wispěšən
instr.-abl.	wispəná		

Table 48 Inflection of *wisp-* ‘all’.

The demonstratives can be both in Yaghnōbī and in Sogdian extended by prefixed or suffixed particle **nah*, **nā-(kā-)* – in Yaghnōbī the particle is proclitics and it can be used with various forms derived from the demonstratives; in Sogdian the particle is enclitic: *-ně*, *-nəx*; e.g. Sogd. *𐰽𐰺𐰸*, *𐰽𐰺𐰸* ‘*xó-ně*, *xó-nəx*’, Yagh. *nab-áx* ‘THAT (*III. deixis*) one’, cf. Yagh. *nab-id-óka* ‘THIS place here’.

	Sogd.	Yagh.	Sogd.	Yagh.	Sogd.	Yagh.	Sogd.	Yagh.	Sogd.	Yagh.
	‘who’		‘what’		‘which’		‘how much’		‘where’	
rec.sg.	𐰽kē	kax	𐰽čó	čō	kədám	kēm	čāf	čōf	𐰽kú	kū
obl.sg.	kyá	kaj, káyi		čōi, čóyi		kémi		čófi		kūi, kúyi
rec.pl.	–	káxtit	–	–	–	kémtit	–	čóftit	–	–
obl.pl.	–	káyititi	–	–	–	kémtiti	–	čóftiti	–	–

Table 49 Interrogative pronouns in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī.

Sogdian has also developed a definite article – it was formally the same as the demonstrative pronouns of *III. deixis*, but in plural all forms of the definite article were inflected as feminine singular. The definite article has been widely used during the development of the Sogdian languages, but in late Christian texts it is inflected only in two cases (dir. < nom., obl. < acc.) and its forms gradually merged. In really late texts there can be no definite article. As it is attested in several Sogdian documents of Zhetisu, there were probably more ways to express the definite article in *Proto-Sogdian, the dialect of Zhetisu shows the definite article *éně* based on extended form of the demonstrative pronoun of the *I. deixis* **aja-nā-kā-*. In Yaghnōbī there is no definite article, according to known history of the Yaghnōbī language it cannot be judged whether there have been also a definite article that disappeared during the development of the language or if there has been no definite article in *Proto-Yaghnōbī. In the Pāmīr languages the

demonstrative pronouns serve also as the definite article, but they are used also syntactically and grammatically to express gender or subject of a clause.

*Proto-Sogdic enclitic pronouns originate from enclitics inherited from *Proto-(Indo-)Iranian, in *Proto-Sogdian and *Proto-Yaghnōbī the enclitics were simplified. In Sogdian the enclitic pronouns distinguished accusative and genitive forms; in Yaghnōbī the enclitics have just one form (see Tables 46, 47). Yaghnōbī plural enclitics have been innovated – enclitic pronoun of the first person plural has been taken from original Iranian accusative (i.e. Yaghnōbī direct-oblique). The inherited forms of enclitics of the second person plural were lost in Yaghnōbī and were replaced by forms of the third person. Inherited Yaghnōbī enclitic pronoun of the second and third persons plural *-šint* originates from the *Proto-Sogdic (or *Proto-Yaghnōbī) third person enclitic **-šan* extended by plural ending **-tā* (cf. KHRUMOV 1987, 675). See also merger of the forms of enclitic forms of copula (< enclitic pronouns) of the second and third persons in Bartangī, Rāshārvī and Sarīqōlī (Table 44).

II.2.3. Numeral inflection

*Proto-Iranian numerals were inflected similarly as nouns. The numeral inflection was present also in *Proto-Sogdic, but the inflectional system changed during later development. In Sogdian there are attested inflectional forms just for numerals “one” and “two” (Table 50) – for the numeral “one” both cases were formed analogically (i.e. accusative by adding oblique case ending, genitive-dative ending is taken from pronominal inflection), the numeral ‘two’ preserves inherited genitive ending. Both Sogdian numerals “one” and “two” distinguished masculine and feminine forms (feminine form *ʔywh /yěwǎ/* ‘one’ is attested only in the Sogdian documents from the Mount Mugh; cf. BOGOLYUBOV – SMIRNOVA 1963, 21). Some forms of numerals can have old genitive ending in *-nu* (YOSHIDA 2009a, 295).

	‘one’		‘two’	
	<i>m</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>f</i>
nom.	yěū	yěwǎ ²²⁰	ʔdwá, ʔdú	ʔdwé
acc.	yěwī			
gen.-dat.	yěwǎn ²²¹		ðiβnú	

Table 50 Inflection of the numerals ‘one’ and ‘two’ in Sogdian.

Yaghnōbī numerals do not distinguish gender and they are normally uninflected, but in occasional cases they can be inflected the same way as nouns, the numerals can even take plural ending *-t* when necessary. Inherited Yaghnōbī numerals from “two” to “ten” can also take pronominal plural endings to express number of people (see chapter II.2.2. above). The Yaghnōbī language has two sets of numerals – inherited and borrowed. Inherited are only the numerals from “one” to “ten” (see numerals presented in lexical part of the presented thesis,

²²⁰ Feminine form of the numeral ‘one’ is attested only in the Mount Mugh documents.

²²¹ In Christian Sogdian oblique *ywy /yěwī/*.

chapter III.2.), the borrowed numerals are taken from the Zarafshōn Tajik dialects. The Tajik numerals are used to count entities of more than ten items, but with words of Tajik origin (as considered by the Yaghnōbīs, i.e. also Arabic and/or Uzbek loans) Tajik numerals are used even for entities less than *ten*.

When counting, entities of more than one item are not presented in their plural form, but numerative form is used. Sogdian numerative originates from *Proto-Sogdic (or Iranian) dual (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1979; cf. table 39). In Yaghnōbī the counted entities are in oblique singular (it is possible, that the oblique ending comes from (*oblique*) dual, but due to formal similarity of continuants of both oblique singular and oblique dual > numerative it can be only difficult to judge²²²). In other (Modern) Eastern Iranian languages counted entities often appear in singular – this can be interpreted as development influenced by a development of group inflection, interpretation as influence of Persian or Turkic seems to be less probable in this case.

Yaghnōbī has lost inherited numerals from eleven up to the “infinity” – those numerals have been replaced by Tajik forms. Al’bert Leonidovich KHROMOV (1987, 671-672) notes, that elder Yaghnōbīs (i.e. in the time of his field-work in the Yaghnōb valley in the first half of the 1960’s) counted in vigesimal system (vigesimal system of counting is attested also in the Zarafshōn Tajik dialects or in some of the Pāmīr languages). Nowadays the vigesimal system is not used in Yaghnōbī, but some speakers use synthetic counting using inherited Yaghnōbī numerals, e.g. *das ī* ‘eleven’ (or borrowed *yózdáb*), *uxš das* ‘sixty’ (vigesimal *saráy* || *t’ráy bīst*, borrowed *šast*). Sogdian numerals continue from Iranian numerals, but units precede decades, e.g. *əβd-wīst* ‘twenty seven (literally ‘seven-twenty’), numbers close to a higher decade can be expressed by subtraction, e.g. *ṽēū kám̄bī pámjās* ‘forty nine (literally ‘one less fifty’)’ (YOSHIDA 2009a, 295).

Distributive numerals in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī have comparable ending: Sogd. *-kī*²²³, Yagh. *-ki*. In *Proto-Sogdic there have been archaic forms of ordinal number “*first*”, “*second*” and “*third*”, ordinal numerals higher than four were formed by addition of endings. Such system has been preserved in Sogdian²²⁴, where ordinal numerals beginning from four were formed by adding an ending *-əm(i)* ~ *-am(i)* or *-mīk*. Yaghnōbī uses ordinal numerals borrowed from Tajik (and in case of the ordinal “*first*” also Arabic form can be used), occasionally ordinals can be formed from Yaghnōbī numerals with Tajik ending *-(y)um* (this Tajik ending is of the same origin as Sogdian *-əm(i)* ~ *-am(i)*).

II.2.4. Verbal inflection

Sogdian preserved complex conjugation system which in the active voice continues from the Old Iranian pattern, but in the middle voice there is attested conjugation only for indicative present

²²² See also comparable Ossetic ending *-bi* || *-i* used for counting entities of more than one item which probably comes from Iranian genitive ending (ISAEV 1987, 593).

²²³ In Sogdian also *-kankī* ~ *-kamgī*.

²²⁴ Iranian **fra-táma-* ‘first’ (Sogd. s B *ʔβtm-y*, (?)*prtm-y* M *ʔftm-y* C *fīm(?)* /ʔftámí/) is preserved in Yaghnōbī *f^utú(m)[mēs]* || *f^utú(m)[mēt]*, *ftúm[ēt]* ‘day after tomorrow’ < **fratā-máīṣā-*, **fra-tama-máīṣā-*.

and imperfect. Yaghnōbī conjugation also continues from the Old Iranian pattern, but there has been completely lost the middle voice and also optative present. Moreover both languages lost Iranian indicative perfect. The endings have undergone several changes in both Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – *Proto-Sogdic verbal stems have been all “thematized” and the verbal endings were based on Iranian thematic endings. The Old Iranian endings changed a little bit in *Proto-Sogdic, the main change can be seen in spread of \mathfrak{S} to all forms of the second person plural. In *Proto-Sogdic there were two sets of endings of the third person plural – in the indicative mood there has been used either ending in *-ant- or in *-ār- < *-r̥-. The *-ant- forms have been preserved in Sogdian, in Yaghnōbī the endings are based on *-ār- (such endings are comparable to Khwārezmian, similar *-ār- endings can be found in Khōtanese²²⁵; and in Avestan²²⁶) originating in endings of the third person plural of the lost forms of perfect indicative. In Yaghnōbī there remain preserved transformed forms of perfect which continue from endings of peripheral Indo-European middle voice perfect: primary ending *(o)rōr, secondary ending *(o)ro (cf. BIČOVSKÝ 2012, 109-111). Sogdian present and subjunctive forms were contaminated by causative *-aīa- endings in the first person plural (see also Bactrian endings influenced by *-aīa-causative, such feature links Bactrian with development observed in Middle Persian), there may also be observed tendency to differentiate present indicative ending from other tenses in Christian Sogdian, where the ending of the second pers. pl. is -t(a) in present indicative, and in all other tenses and moods there remained *- \mathfrak{S} -. In Yaghnōbī the optative mood has been lost, or better: optative has merged with imperfect – in Yaghnōbī dialect there have up today survived both optative and imperfect endings in forms of the first person plural: in the Eastern dialect the ending -īm continues from optative *-aīma, in the Western dialect there continues imperfect ending *-āma > -ōm. (See Table 51)

		*Ir.	Sogd.	Yagh.	*Ir.	Sogd.
		<i>Active</i>			<i>Middle</i>	
Indicative present	1 st sg.	-āmi	-ām -ám	-ēm	-aī	
	2 nd sg.	-abi	-(ē) -ē	-ø	-abaī	
	3 rd sg.	-ati	-t -tí	-t	-ataī	-tí
	1 st pl.	-āmabi	-ēm ²²⁷	-īm ²²⁸	-amadaī	
	2 nd pl.	-a \mathfrak{S} a	- \mathfrak{S} (a) - \mathfrak{S} a ²²⁹	-s -t	-aduāī	
	3 rd pl.	-anti	-am̄d	-ōr ²³⁰	-antaī	

²²⁵ Indicative present middle voice -āre < *-āraī, subjunctive present active voice -āro < *-ārām.

²²⁶ Perfect indicative active voice -arə < -ar, middle voice -are < *-araī.

²²⁷ From causative *-aīa-conjugation < *-aīamab; or from optative *-aīma. In the *Ancient Letters* there is attested 1st plural ending - γ ymn /-ēmən/, cf. Khōt. -amne.

²²⁸ From causative *-aīa-conjugation < *-aīamab; or from optative *-aīma.

²²⁹ In Christian Sogdian often -t(a) || -tá.

²³⁰ From perfect indicative active voice *-r̥(š) > *-āri; cf. Khwār. -āri (3rd pers. sg. present indicative & subjunctive).

		*Ir.	Sogd.	Yagh.	*Ir.	Sogd.
		<i>Active</i>			<i>Middle</i>	
Indicative perfect	1 st sg.	-a			-aḡ	
	2 nd sg.	-ḡa, -ta			?	
	3 rd sg.	-a			-aḡ	
	1 st pl.	-ma			-madaḡ	
	2 nd pl.	?			-duḡaḡ	
	3 rd pl.	-r(š)			-raḡ	
Subjunctive present	1 st sg.	-āni	-ān ²³¹	-ēm	-ā('a)ḡ	
	2 nd sg.	-ābi	-ā	-ø	-ābaḡ	
	3 rd sg.	-āti	-āt	-ōt	-ātaḡ	
	1 st pl.	?	-ēm ²³²	-īm ²³³	-āmadaḡ	
	2 nd pl.	-āḡa	-ḡa	-s -t	-āduḡaḡ	
	3 rd pl.	-ānti	-am̄d	-ant	-āntaḡ	
Optative present	1 st sg.	-aḡ(a)m			-aḡa	
	2 nd sg.	-aḡš	-ē ²³⁴		-aḡša	
	3 rd sg.	-aḡt			-aḡta	
	1 st pl.	-aḡima	-ēm		-aḡmadi	
	2 nd pl.	-aḡta	-ēḡ ²³⁵		-aḡduḡam	
	3 rd pl.	-aḡant	-ēnt ²³⁶		-aḡanta	
Indicative imperfect	1 st sg.	-am	-(u) -ú ²³⁷	-im ²³⁸	-aḡ	-tu
	2 nd sg.	-ab	-(i) -i	-ī ²³⁹	-aba	-ti
	3 rd sg.	-at	-ø -á	-ø	-ata	-t(a) -tá
	1 st pl.	-āma	-ēm ²⁴⁰	-īm ²⁴¹ -ēm	-āmadi	
	2 nd pl.	-ata	-ḡ(a) -ḡá	-ḡī -ḡī ²⁴²	-aduḡam	
	3 rd pl.	-ant	-ant	-ōr ²⁴³	-anta	

²³¹ In Christian Sogdian -ām.

²³² From causative *-aḡa-conjugation < *-aḡamah; or from optative *-aḡima.

²³³ From causative *-aḡa-conjugation < *-aḡamah; or from optative *-aḡima.

²³⁴ In the Mugh documents for one of persons also ending -yʔ/-yaʔ, the second person also -yš /-ēš/. Probably from the middle forms.

²³⁵ Mugh documents -yḡy /-ēḡi/.

²³⁶ In the *Ancient Letters* -yʔnt /-āyāmd/, in one Buddhist document -yʔnt /-(ə)yāmd/.

²³⁷ Also used as injunctive and irrealis.

²³⁸ From optative *-aḡ(a)m (KHROMOV 1987, 681).

²³⁹ Either from imperfect *-ab or from optative *-aḡš (KHROMOV 1987, 681).

²⁴⁰ Also -ēm̄u (Mugh documents) or -ēm̄ən < optative *-aḡima (?).

²⁴¹ From optative *-aḡima ? (KHROMOV 1987, 681).

²⁴² From optative *-aḡḡa (KHROMOV 1987, 681) influenced by present indicative/subjunctive; with metathesis *-aḡḡa > *-ēḡ > -ḡī > -ḡī || -ḡī.

²⁴³ From perfect indicative active voice *-r(š) > *-ār; cf. Khwār. -āra (3rd pers. sg. imperfect).

		*Ir.	Sogd.	Yagh.	*Ir.	Sogd.
		<i>Active</i>			<i>Middle</i>	
Imperative present	1 st sg.					
	2 nd sg.	-a	-(a) -á	-ø	-ax ^h a	
	3 rd sg.				-atām	
	1 st pl.					
	2 nd pl.	-ata	-ʒ(a) -ʒá	-s -t	-aduam	
	3 rd pl.	-antu			-antām	

Table 51 Overview of Old Iranian thematic conjugation and its development in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī.

*Proto-(Eastern-)Iranian verbal stem system has been simplified in *Proto-Sogdic, there emerged new conjugation system based on the present augmented or un-augmented stem, present and past participle and infinitive stem. The difference between thematic and athematic stems has been lost and all verbs were formed as “thematic”. The difference between individual verbal stems gradually merged and the stem system has become quite regular, there are only several irregular verbs both in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī.

The main difference between Sogdian and Yaghnōbī is different treatment of augment in forms of imperfect tense. In Sogdian the original augment has been lost in non-prefixed verbs and remained only as so-called *internal augment* in between verbal prefix and stem. In Yaghnōbī augment is preserved in all positions, but there is no *internal augment*, in the contemporary language augment of prefixed verbs is placed by analogy with non-prefixed verbs before the prefix as if the prefix was integral part of a verbal stem (see also chapter II.1.8.)²⁴⁴. According to development of stress in *(Post-)Proto-Sogdic it is probable, that “*non-internal*” augment should have been lost both in *Proto-Sogdian and *Proto-Yaghnōbī, but probably due to merger of optative and imperfect endings in *Proto-Yaghnōbī and their formal similarity with endings of present indicative (cf. ISKHAKOV 1977, 30-31) the augment possibly acquired a secondary stress and thus was not lost due to operation of stress changes (on the other hand later in Christian Sogdian the imperfect has been gradually replaced by periphrastic perfect).

The survival of the augment in Yaghnōbī (regardless of its change by analogy) is a striking archaism within all modern Indo-European languages. Augment is peripherally preserved in Modern Greek – only accented augment is preserved, but it disappeared in unaccented positions: MGre. *έλυσα* ‘I loosened’, *ολύσαμε* ‘we loosened’ × Gre. *έλυσα*, *έλύσαμεν* (cf. SOPHRONIOU 1962, 79). According to R. L. Turner there are some traces of augment also in Dardic Khowār and Kalāṣa (TURNER 1927, 538-541).

Both in *Proto-Sogdian and in *Proto-Yaghnōbī emerged secondary endings that may have been used with verbs to modify their syntactic or temporal meaning. In Sogdian there are attested several compound formations from present stem – durative in *-(ʔ)skun* (see QARĪB 1965, 167-169), future in *-kām* (ibid., 174), or preterite in *-āz* (ibid, 179-180). In Yaghnōbī there is a

²⁴⁴ See also Old Persian *a=pari-āy-* ‘to behave (*augmented stem*)’ with augment preceding prefix (SKJÆRVØ 2005, 50).

*durative suffix *-išt* (cf. Sogd. B *-ʔštn* in Vessantara Jātaka). Durative suffixes further developed in Christian Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī, where present durative replaced present indicative (QARĪB 1965, 168). In Yaghnōbī the original durative suffix *-išt* (< **hi(-)šta*- < **stā*- ‘to stand’) was agglutinated to personal endings, and some forms have changed: (*)-*t+išt* > (E) *-či(t)*, (*)-*ōr+išt* > *-ō(y)št*, (*)-*i+išt* > *-išt*; (*)-*ø+išt* > *-išt*. The suffix *-išt* is agglutinated also with endings of imperfect tense. The original forms non-suffixed of indicative present and imperfect tense change their meaning: non-*išt* present serves as a so-called “dependent paradigm”²⁴⁵ and non-*išt* imperfect is used as simple past (simple perfect) tense.

Infinitive developed different forms in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī. In Sogdian present infinitive distinguishes *light* and *heavy stems*: the *light stems* have ending *-y(y)* in nominative and oblique (but in Christian, Buddhist Sogdian and Sogdian in the Sogdian script also abl. *-ʔ* and acc. *-(ʔ)w* (GMS §905-913), the *heavy stems* have no ending in nominative and *-y* in oblique (GMS §905, 914-921). Past infinitive has ending *-y* (or *-ʔ*) in the *light stems* and no ending (or *-y*) in the *heavy stems* (GMS §922-934). Yaghnōbī has two forms of infinitive – short infinitive (i.e. equal to verbal stem) and infinitives in *-ak* (cf. infinitive endings in other Iranian languages: Ishk. *-ʔk*; Sangl. *-ōk, -uk*, Wakh. *-ak, -ɨk*; Ōrmuḡ. *-ak*, Parāch. *-o*; Balōch. *-ag*).

	person	present tense	past tense	
			tr.	itr.
Munji	1 st sg.	-(y)əm	-(y)əm	-(y)ām
	2 nd sg.	-(y)əy	-(y)ət	-(y)āy
	3 rd sg.	-d/-t/-ø	-(y)a	-ø
	1 st pl.	-(y)ām	-(y)ām	
	2 nd pl.	-(y)āf	-(y)āf	
	3 rd pl.	-(y)āt	-(y)āt	
Ishkashmī	1 st sg.	-ɨm	-ɨm	
	2 nd sg.	-i	-ɨt	
	3 rd sg.	-u	-(i)	
	1 st pl.	-on	-on	
	2 nd pl.	-ɨv	-ɨv	
	3 rd pl.	-on	-on	
Wakhī	1 st sg.	-əm	-əm	
	2 nd sg.	-(i) ²⁴⁶	-ət	
	3 rd sg.	-d	-(i)	
	1 st pl.	-ən	-ən	
	2 nd pl.	-əv	-əv	
	3 rd pl.	-ən		
Yidghā	1 st sg.	-em	-əm	-ōm
	2 nd sg.	-ë	-ət	-it
	3 rd sg.	-d/-t	-ø	-ø
	1 st pl.	-am	-em	-ōm
	2 nd pl.	-əf	-ef	-ōf
	3 rd pl.	-et	-et	-ōt
Sanglēcī	1 st sg.	-ən	-əm	
	2 nd sg.	-ī	-i	
	3 rd sg.	-ō	-ø	
	1 st pl.	-əm	-ǎn	
	2 nd pl.	-əf		
	3 rd pl.	-ǎn		
Yazghulāmi	1 st sg.	-in	-at	
	2 nd sg.	-ay	-(ay)	
	3 rd sg.	-d/-t	-an	
	1 st pl.	-əm	-əf	
	2 nd pl.	-it		
	3 rd pl.	-an		

²⁴⁵ “Dependent paradigm” is a characteristic feature of Yaghnōbī syntax – dependent forms are used after another verb in sentences like Yagh. *w ax jāx-t-išt saḡāri tʳáy ōdāmi ī lāḡ-lī tʳfōr-t-ø, nōn tʳfōr-t-ø, čōy tʳfōr-t-ø* ‘he wakes up and in the morning [he] give[s] dish to three persons, [he] give[s] bread (and) [he] give[s] tea’ (cf. KHRUMOV 1972, 42).

²⁴⁶ Ending *-i* appears only in Western Wakhī.

	person	present tense	past tense	
			tr.	itr.
Shughnī	1 st sg.	-um	<i>-um</i>	
	2 nd sg.	-i	<i>-at</i>	
	3 rd sg.	-t/-d	<i>-i</i>	<i>-ø</i>
	1 st pl.	-ām	<i>-ām</i>	
	2 nd pl.	-ēt	<i>-ēt</i>	
	3 rd pl.	-ēn	<i>-ēn</i>	
Bartangi	1 st sg.	-um	<i>-um</i>	
	2 nd sg.	-(i)	<i>-at</i>	
	3 rd sg.	-t/-d	<i>-(i)²⁴⁷</i>	<i>-ø</i>
	1 st pl.	-an	<i>-am</i>	
	2 nd pl.	-at/-af	<i>-af</i>	
	3 rd pl.	-an	<i>-af/-an</i>	<i>-an</i>
Sariqoli	1 st sg.	-am	<i>-am</i>	
	2 nd sg.	-ø	<i>-at</i>	
	3 rd sg.	-t/-d	<i>-i</i>	<i>-(i)</i>
	1 st pl.	-an	<i>-an</i>	
	2 nd pl.	-it	<i>-af</i>	
	3 rd pl.	-in		

	person	present tense	past tense	
			tr.	itr.
Rōshānī & Khūfi	1 st sg.	-um	<i>-ø</i>	<i>-um</i>
	2 nd sg.	-i		<i>-at</i>
	3 rd sg.	-t/-d		<i>-i</i>
	1 st pl.	-am		<i>-am</i>
	2 nd pl.	-at/-af		<i>-af</i>
	3 rd pl.	-an		<i>-an</i>
Rāshārvī	1 st sg.	-um	<i>-um</i>	
	2 nd sg.	-ø	<i>-at</i>	
	3 rd sg.	-t/-d	<i>-ø</i>	
	1 st pl.	-an	<i>-an</i>	
	2 nd pl.	-at/-af	<i>-af</i>	
	3 rd pl.	-an		

Table 52 Basic personal endings of the Pāmīr languages (values in *italic* represent enclitic endings usually added to a subject of a clause).

Sogdic forms of copula continue from Proto-Iranian **(H)ab-* (Iir. **Has-*, Ide. **h₁es-*). Both in Sogdian and in Yaghnōbī some of the forms changed from the **Proto-Iranian* state (see Table 53). Sogdian forms of the second person singular and the first person plural originate either from *aīa*-conjugation (GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, 60-61) i.e. *aīa*-conjunctive forms of personal endings or they can be taken from optative personal endings **-aiš* (> Mug *-ēš*) ‘2nd pers. sg. opt.’²⁴⁸ and **-aima* > *-ém* ‘1st pers. pl. opt.’. Yaghnōbī plural forms of copula have forms which may be based on **Proto-Yaghnōbī* personal endings of **-ām* < **-āma* ‘1st pers. pl. impf.’ and **-ār* ‘3rd pers. pl. impf.’ < **-ār(i)* **-ār* ‘3rd pers. pl. perf.’ and by analogy also **(-)āš*; analogical form is also in Christian Sogdian *ēšta* ‘[you] are’ < *ēš* ‘[thou] art’ + *-t(a)* < **-aš* ‘2nd pers. pl. ind. pres.’. The development of some forms of copula from verbal endings shows, that copula was probably more often used as an enclitic form and thus some of its forms were taken from verbal endings in order to regularize conjugation. Sogdian non-enclitic copula of the second person plural *ʔnsdʔ / ʔsʔ(ā)* may come from a stem *ʔn-* of an unclear origin (GMS §784), such stem may be compared with Pahl. *ʔnʔd*, *ʔnʔnd* (ibid.).

Not only verbal endings affected copula forms – copula was also influenced by pronominal enclitics. The main feature is prefixation of *x=* to forms of copula of the third persons singular

²⁴⁷ Forms of the third person differ in Bartangi dialects – in Basīdī there is no ending, in Sipānjī *-i* is used (cf. SOKOLOVA 1966, 379-380), I have no information concerning Rawmēdī and Bardarāi.

²⁴⁸ Or maybe by occasional palatalization of **h* (GMS §405; see chapter II.1.3.20.v.).

and plural. In Sogdian this “pronominal” *x=* appears in present and imperfect indicative and in subjunctive, in Yaghnōbī only in the third person singular forms of indicative present and imperfect. In all forms there this *x=* is “optional”, i.e. there are forms with *x=* or without it. The *x=* originates in the third deictic demonstrative **(a)hau* (cf. GMS §1398.b, §1405)²⁴⁹. Yaghnōbī *išt* comes from combination of the second person singular copula with the second person singular enclitic, i.e. *iš-t*. The use of pronominal elements in forms of copula can be observed in some Eastern Iranian languages such as Ossetic, Pashtō or Wakhī (KORN 2011). Comparable is also merger of copula with pronominal enclitics in verbal endings in the Pāmīr languages.

	indicative					subjunctive	optative	irrealis
	present			imperfect				
	Sogdian	Yaghnōbī	*Iranian	Sogdian	Yaghnōbī	Sogdian		
1 st sg.	<i>im</i>	<i>im</i>	<i>*ábmi</i>		<i>óyim</i>	<i>xān</i>		
2 nd sg.	<i>ēš</i>	<i>išt</i> ²⁵⁰	<i>*ábi</i>	<i>āš</i>	<i>óy(išt)</i>			
3 rd sg.	<i>ast</i> ²⁵¹ , <i>(x)iči</i>	<i>(x)ást(i)</i> , = <i>x</i>	<i>*ásti</i>	<i>(x)āi</i> ²⁵²	<i>(x)óy</i>	<i>(x)āt</i> ²⁵³ , <i>astát</i>	<i>yāi</i> ²⁵⁴	<i>astái</i>
1 st pl.	<i>ēm</i> ²⁵⁵	<i>ōm</i>	<i>*bmábi</i>		<i>íyōm</i>			
2 nd pl.	<i>ásā(ā)</i> ²⁵⁶	<i>ōš ōt</i>	<i>*stā</i>		<i>íyōš íyōt</i>			
3 rd pl.	<i>(x)amā</i> ²⁵⁷	<i>ōr</i>	<i>*hánti</i>	<i>(x)áyamā</i>	<i>íyōr</i>		<i>astáyarā</i>	

Table 53 Copula.

Copula also serves as a verb “to have” – in this issue only form of the third person singular is used with oblique forms of subject. Such construction is typical also in the Pāmīr languages or in Turkic (see NOVÁK [in print], note 22).

Negative forms of copula have analytic forms in Sogdian based on (historical) negative of the third person singular Sogd. B *nyst* M *nystt* C *nyst*, *nyst*, *nyst*, *ṅst* /*nēst*, =*nist*/ ‘[(s)he] is not’ < **na-ásti* [Pers. *nēst*, cf. Eng. *isn’t*]: M *nystym* /*nēstīm*/ ‘[I] am not’ (GMS §784). In Yaghnōbī

²⁴⁹ Initial *x-* in forms of copula can be also explained as analogical spread of *x-* from the third person plural indicative present copula Sogd. SC *xnt* B *ṅnt* M *xnd* /*xañd*/ < **(H)hánti* < Ide. **h₃sénti* (cf. GMS §770-774; HORN 1988, 245). I believe that pronominal origin of *x=* is the most probable explanation. See also Persian forms *ast* and *hast*.

²⁵⁰ From **iš=t*, i.e. with suffixed enclitic second person singular pronoun (GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, 52).

²⁵¹ In Sogdian in the Sogdian Script also enclitic *ast/ast*; in Christian Sogdian *sti* (cf. QARĪB 1965, 224).

²⁵² From optative (QARĪB 1965, 225).

²⁵³ From Ir. **abat* (QARĪB 1965, 225).

²⁵⁴ From Ir. **h₃iat* (QARĪB 1965, 225).

²⁵⁵ In Sogdian in the Sogdian Script also *éman*; in Christian Sogdian also *émā(x)* (cf. QARĪB 1965, 224; VINOGRADOVA 2000a, 89).

²⁵⁶ In Sogdian in the Sogdian script and in Manichaean Sogdian also enclitic =*(ə)šā(ā)*; in Christian Sogdian *éšta* (cf. QARĪB 1965, 224). Both forms are probably reanalysed forms of the second person singular copula with second person plural ending (cf. KHROMOV – LIVSHITS 1981, 480).

²⁵⁷ In Sogdian in the Sogdian Script also *astámā* (cf. QARĪB 1965, 224).

negative prefix *ná-* is added in front of copula, there can be also the third person copula short form *na=x*.

For a more comprehensive study of Sogdian verb see the *Analysis of the Verbal System in the Sogdian Language* by Badrezzamān QARĪB (1965).

(excursion 6) *Ergative*

So-called *ergative construction*²⁵⁸ appears to be one of the most important features of development of the Iranian languages – it gradually developed into a primary way to express past tense(s). Antje Wendtland connects Iranian ergativity with development of periphrastic perfect which is known also in many (Western) European languages (WENDTLAND 2011). Iranian ergative construction is formed with past participle and auxiliary verb *to be* or *to have*, the (“European”) periphrastic perfect is formed with a passive participle and auxiliary verb *to have* (ibid., 39)²⁵⁹. The periphrastic perfect formed with *-nt-*participles and auxiliaries *to be* (*eš-*) and *to have* (*har(k)-*) is found also in Hittite, similar construction is attested also in Latin and in Old Indic (ibid., 39-42; cf. also GARRETT 1990).

	intransitive: ‘I ... have come’			transitive: ‘I ... have given’		
1 st sg.	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺𐰠𐰹	áγat-im	je suis venu	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺(w) 𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺	𐰽𐰺ár[t(ũ)] 𐰽árām	j’ai donné
2 nd sg.	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺𐰠𐰹š	áγat-eš	tu es venu	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺-𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺	𐰽𐰺ár[t(ũ)] 𐰽ár(ē)	tu as donné
3 rd sg.	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺	áγat	il est venu	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺(w) 𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺	𐰽𐰺ár[t(ũ)] 𐰽árít	il/elle a donné
	𐰺𐰠𐰺	áγat-ā	elle est venue			
1 st pl.	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺𐰠𐰹	áγat-ēm	nous sommes venus	𐰽brd𐰺rym	𐰽𐰺ár[t(ũ)] 𐰽árēm	nous avez donné
2 nd pl.	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺š	áγat-qs.𐰽(ā)	vous êtes venus	𐰽brd𐰺ryšt?	𐰽𐰺ár[t(ũ)] 𐰽árīštā 𐰽𐰺ár[t(ũ)] 𐰽ár𐰽(ā)	vous avez donné
3 rd pl.	𐰽𐰺𐰠𐰺𐰠𐰹	áγat-arīnd	ils sont venus	𐰽brd𐰺rnt	𐰽𐰺ár[t(ũ)] 𐰽árarīnd	ils ont donné

Table 54 Ergative construction in Sogdian, forms are given in various orthographies (after Wendtland 2011, 43, Table 1, edited)

For the Iranian languages the periphrastic perfect is attested yet in the Old Iranian period (see examples given in CARDONA 1970). The Iranian periphrastic perfect emerged from forms of past participle and copula – as there was no independent form for verb *to have* it was also expressed by copula with subject in genitive case²⁶⁰. The ergative construction emerged from difference of transitive and intransitive verbs – the periphrastic perfect of transitive verbs emerged from a past participle and verb *to be* (i.e. subject in nominative + copula that agrees with subject in form), the intransitive verbs emerged from a past participle and verb *to have* (i.e.

²⁵⁸ «An S[plit]E[rgative] language is one in which some transitive clauses, but not all, are ergative constructions. ... I will define an ergative construction as a transitive clause in which a special case-form or adposition marks the semantic agent, or verb-agreement is with patient in preference to agent» (DELANCEY 1981, 627).

²⁵⁹ There are two kinds of periphrastic perfect in the European languages – *be-* and *have-*languages, e.g. (Old High) German, Dutch, Frisian, Icelandic, Norwegian, Danish, French, formerly Catalan; and *have-*languages; e.g. English, Swedish, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Romanian, Albanian (cf. WENDTLAND 2011, 40 Map 1).

²⁶⁰ E.g. in Latin or Latvian the subject of such possessive construction is in dative case.

be connected to a verb or, more often, to subject: *azi* γáž-ьm ‘I say’ × *azi=m* γážd or *azi* γážd=ьm ‘I said’ (the “personal” ending may be even doubled: *azi=m* γážd=ьm); Munji intransitive verbs show typical ergative construction: *zə žōy-əm* ‘I say’ × *mən* †štəm ‘I said’ (all the above presented examples are taken from PAKHALINA 1969).

Development of split ergativity can be seen also in Sogdic dialects – in both Sogdian and Yaghnōbī we can see development of the original periphrastic perfect in “live broadcast”. As shown by Antje WENDTLAND (2011) there can be observed six stages of development of perfect in Sogdian, in Yaghnōbī there took place reanalysis of the original ergative construction quite recently. According to attested personal endings it seems that already *Proto-Sogdic lost inherited forms of Iranian perfect and it was replaced by a new periphrastic perfect based on split ergativity.

Sogdian development of periphrastic perfect shows gradual extension of the ergative construction inherited (?) from *Common Iranian. The oldest attested examples of the ergative construction come from the *Ancient Letters* – in the *Ancient Letter II* there are simple archaic forms – past participles of intransitive verbs are formed with subject in nominative and with inflected copula, for transitive verbs the subject takes enclitic form of a personal pronoun (see WENDTLAND 2011, 44 – examples 10-11). In all other *Ancient Letters* (mainly in the *Ancient Letter V*) also new forms of periphrastic perfect appear – the transitive past participle has ending in -ǎ < *-ǎm (i.e. accusative singular) followed by inflected form of the verb √dār ‘to hold’ (> semantically ‘to have’, but this meaning of the verb √dār is used only for transitive forms, in all other cases the verb *to have* is expressed by subject in genitive/oblique and copula of the third person singular; cf. WENDTLAND 2011, 45 – examples 12-16), but the archaic form of perfect with enclitic pronouns are still attested together with the innovated forms (ibid., 45 – example 17). Later the periphrastic perfect changes its function from direct speech past through narrative past to expression of past tense in common and replaces imperfect (see Table 55; ibid., 46-50). It should be noted that the oldest attested formation of the periphrastic perfect (Wendtländ’s *Stage 1*) is very similar to (yet rather archaic) formation of periphrastic perfect in Yaghnōbī; on the other hand, the most innovative forms (i.e. Wendtländ’s *Stage 6*) shows similar formation of perfect in Ossetic²⁶³.

²⁶³ Ossetic has two sets of preterite endings – intransitive endings are based on forms of copula, transitive endings come from forms of verb *to have*, see following scheme for the Ossetic Iron dialect:

person	present	perfect		copula (present)
		tr.	itr.	
1 st sg.	-ьn	-(t/d)on	-(t/d)æn	dæn
2 nd sg.	-ьs	-(t/d)ay	-(t/d)æ	dæ
3 rd sg.	-ь	-(t/d)a	-(is)	u / is / i
1 st pl.	-əm	-(t/d)am	-ьstəm	stəm
2 nd pl.	-ut	-(t/d)at	-ьstut	stut
3 rd pl.	-ьnc	-(t/d)oy	-ьstь	stь

(ISAEV 1987, 619)

The intransitional periphrastic perfect is formed from past participle in **-tā-* to which is added inflected forms of copula, only forms of the third person singular have no copula, instead of copula nominative singular endings are used – masculine *light stems* add ending *-í* < **-ab*, but *heavy stems* have no ending, feminine forms add *-ā* < **-ā* (with no distinction of *light* and *heavy stems*). Transitional perfect forms have ending in *-ū* and auxiliary verb *√dār* ‘to have’; the “ending” *-ū* probably comes from accusative singular of preterite in **-ām*. There are attested forms in *<-w>* and in *-ø* in Sogdian, Ilya Gershevitch interprets them as *light* and *heavy stem* endings respectively (GMS §878-879), but Antje Wendtland interprets the forms with *-w* as older than those without *-w* (WENDTLAND 2011, 43)²⁶⁴. In later development the auxiliary verb *√dār* merges with the past participle stem ending *-t* into single agglutinated form: *-t(ū) dār-* > **-t(=)dār-* > *-dār-*, this feature can be clearly observed in Christian Sogdian texts.

	transitive verb		intransitive verb	
1 st sg.	wéta=m=x	<i>I saw him (lit. by me seen)</i>	tórt(a)=im	<i>I went</i>
2 nd sg.	wéta=t=x	<i>thou saw him (lit. by thee seen)</i>	tórt(a)=išt	<i>thou went</i>
3 rd sg.	wéta=š=im	<i>he saw me</i>	tórt(a)=x(ast)	<i>he went</i>
	wéta=š=išt	<i>he saw thee</i>		
	wéta=š=x	<i>he saw (him)</i>		
1 st pl.	wéta=m=ōr	<i>I saw them (lit. they by me saw)</i>	tórt(a)=ōm	<i>we went</i>
2 nd pl.			tórt(a)=ōs tórt(a)=ōt	<i>you went</i>
3 rd pl.	wéta=š=ōr	<i>he saw (them) (lit. they by him saw)</i>	tórt(a)=ōr	<i>they went</i>

Table 56 Ergative construction in Yaghnōbī according to BOGOLYUBOV (1966, 354).

In Yaghnōbī the development of the ergative construction was quite different and is more similar to the ergative construction of the *Stage 1* as observed by Wendtland. Mikhail Nikolaevich BOGOLYUBOV (1966, 354) quoted typical ergative construction in Yaghnōbī, on the other hand Al’bert Leonidovich KHRMOV (1972, 36) noted only “intransitive” inflection for perfect and in the latest Yaghnōbī grammar by Sayfiddīn Mirzōzōda and Bahriddīn Alavī there is presented only “intransitive inflection” (see Tables 56 and 57). Forms of the ergative construction changed a little bit during past fifty (?) years – this state was probably caused by intensive contact of Yaghnōbī with Tajik. The forms of intransitive verbs retained unchanged form and they are practically identical with (unaccusative) intransitional perfects in Sogdian. The transitive perfects have two forms – the first (nowadays rather archaic) is quite similar with the forms presented by Bogolyubov (Table 56), but I have not met forms such as *wéta=š=išt*,

²⁶⁴ Antje Wendtland claims that the non-auxiliary part of the transitive periphrastic perfect originates from a past stem in *-tw* (WENDTLAND 2011, 43), I suppose that accusative form of the past participle is more accurate interpretation.

The interpretation of the origin of the participial ending *-ū* from accusative singular **-ām* may have analogies in Latin: *litteram (f) scriptam (f) habeo* > *litteram (f) scriptum (m) habeo* (loss of agreement) ‘I have written a letter’ (WENDTLAND 2011, 40). Maybe that the two different form in *-ū* (*√dār*) and *-ø* (*√dār*) are not connected with the *light* or *heavy stems* but with gender. Such issue has to be analysed yet, the loss of *-ū* then may be interpreted as loss of gender agreement.

wēta=š=ōr (but it does not mean they are not used even today); the other is consistent with system presented by Mīrzōzōda and Alavī (Table 57) and is more used among the Yaghnōbīs with whom I have spoken – outline of positive and negative forms of ergative construction in contemporary Yaghnōbī is presented in Table 58; it is evident that there is a tendency to simplify the ergative system in contemporary Yaghnōbī.

	“intransitive conjugation” (<i>Khromov</i>)		“transitive conjugation” (<i>Mīrzōzōda – Alavī</i>)		
			Cyrillic	romanized	
1 st sg.	wófta=im	<i>I said</i>	ман хирита	<i>man x'írita</i>	<i>I bought</i>
2 nd sg.	wófta=išt	<i>thou said</i>	тав хирита	<i>taυ x'írita</i>	<i>thou bought</i>
3 rd sg.	wófta=xast, wófta=x	<i>he said</i>	ави хирита	<i>áwi x'írita</i>	<i>he bought</i>
1 st pl.	wóft(a)=ōm	<i>we said</i>	мох хирита	<i>mōx x'írita</i>	<i>we bought</i>
2 nd pl.	wóft(a)=ōš wóft(a)=ōt	<i>you said</i>	шумох хирита	<i>š^umōx x'írita</i>	<i>you bought</i>
3 rd pl.	wóft(a)=ōr	<i>they said</i>	автити хирита	<i>áwtiti x'írita</i>	<i>they bought</i>

Table 57 Periphrastic perfect according to Khromov (1972, 36) and MĪRZŌZŌDA – ALAVĪ (2008, 57).

	positive			negative	
	transitive		intransitive	transitive	intransitive
1 st sg.	<i>wēta=m=x(ast)</i>	man wēta=x(ast)	tórt(a)=im	ná=m wēta=x(ast)	ná tòrt(a)=im
2 nd sg.	<i>wēta=t=x(ast)</i>	taυ wēta=x(ast)	tórt(a)=išt	ná=t wēta=x(ast)	ná tòrt(a)=išt
3 rd sg.	<i>wēta=š=x(ast)</i>	áwi wēta=x(ast)	tórt(a)=x(ast)	ná=š wēta=x(ast)	ná tòrt(a)=x(ast)
1 st pl.	<i>wēta=mōx=x(ast)</i>	mōx wēta=x(ast)	tórt(a)=ōm	ná=mōx wēta=x(ast)	ná tòrt(a)=ōm
2 nd pl.	<i>wēta=šint=x(ast)</i>	š ^u mōx wēta=x(ast)	tórt(a)=ōš tórt(a)=ōt	ná=šint wēta=x(ast)	ná tòrt(a)=ōš ná tòrt(a)=ōt
3 rd pl.		áwtiti wēta=x(ast)	tórt(a)=ōr		ná tòrt(a)=ōr
	<i>'I / thou / (s)he ... saw'</i>		<i>'I / thou ... went'</i>	<i>'I ... did not see'</i>	<i>'I ... did not come'</i>

Table 58 Overview of ergative construction forms of resultative perfect in contemporary Yaghnōbī.

II.2.5. Adpositions

There are several prepositions and postpositions both in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī. Sogdian shows archaic state of pre- and postpositional system, Yaghnōbī preserves only some inherited adpositions: *či* ‘from’ (Sogd. В *cy* /čī/; Khwār. *cy*), =*sa* ‘towards, to’ (Sogd. С В М =*s²r* С =*s²(r)* /=*sā*, =*sār*/; Khwār. *s²r*), =*pi* ‘with’ (cf. Khwār. *py*), =*rīti* ‘on, by’ (Sogd. В *ryty* М *rytyy*), =*nūt* ‘in’, =*čintir* ‘in, inside’ (Sogd. В *c(y)ntr* М *c(y)ndr* /čīmdar/); archaic adpositions are Yagh. *par* ‘for, because of’ (Sogd. С В *p²r* М *p²(r)* С *p²* /pā, pāi/), and *pu* ‘without’ (Sogd. В (*?*)*pw* М *pw* /*pú*/).

	Sogdian			Yaghnōbī
	1 st person	2 nd person	(definite article)	3 rd person
<i>to</i>	<i>tāmā</i>	<i>tāfā</i>		
<i>from</i>	<i>čāmā</i>	<i>čāfā</i>	<i>čōmn</i>	<i>čau</i>
<i>with</i>	<i>đāmā</i>	<i>đāfā</i>	<i>đōmn</i>	
<i>about</i>	<i>pārāmā</i>	<i>pārāfā</i>		

Table 59 Prepositions combined with pronouns.

Some prepositions can be combined with pronouns – good examples are attested in Sogdian, in Yaghnōbī there is attested just one combined preposition *čau* ‘from this’ (see Table 59).

I will not describe here the adpositional system on both languages – comprehensive description of Sogdian adpositions is in GMS §1610-1632 and LIVSHITS – KHROMOV 1981, 503-510), for Yaghnōbī see KHROMOV 1972, 53-62.

II.2.6. Conjunctions

Yaghnōbī and Sogdian preserve Iranian conjunction **utā* > Sogd. =*ət(i)*, Yagh. =*(a)t* ‘and’. In Sogdian this conjunction is often used clause-initially standing after another archaic conjunction Sogd. *č* *ʔr /ə/* ‘and’ < **r̥* < Ide. **h₁(e)r* [Gre. *ἐα, ἐ*, *ἄρ(α)*, Lith. *iř/ař*, Latv. *ir/ar*; TokhB *ra=* ‘*emphatic particle*’] (GAUTHIOT – BENVENISTE 1929, 171): Sogd. AL *ʔrty* B *(?)rty*, *rt(ty)* M *(?)rty*, *ʔrtty*, *rty* *č* *ʔrt̥ /ət(i)/* < **r̥=utā*. In Yaghnōbī same as in Tajik, Uzbek and many other languages of Central Asia is widely used Arabic conjunction *wa* ‘and’ > Yagh. *va* (occasionally *wa*).

III. Lexicon

In the third part of the presented thesis there will be presented a short comparative dictionary of “basic” vocabulary of Yaghnōbī and Sogdian. The lexicon is based on the extended Swadesh List (i.e. list of 207 words) supplemented by a list of 210 vocabulary of the “Standard Word List Items”

presented in the five-volume *Sociolinguistic Survey of Northern Pakistan* (see <http://www.sil.org/sociolx/pubs/ssnp.asp>) by the *National Institute of Pakistani Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University* and *Summer Institute of Linguistics*. By combination of both word-lists I have studied 298 lexical items, but some items have not been translated into Yaghnōbī and/or Sogdian due to cultural and/or historical reasons (e.g. there are presented terms such as *eggplant* or *mango* but I have not translated them because there was no need to search meaning of these words in Sogdian as they are non Central Asian origin, also there is no Yaghnōbī translation of such words because there is only a little possibility that the Yaghnōbīs will have to name such items, and if so, they will be referred to in Russian or less likely in Tajik), the only exception are words for *potatoes* and *tomatoes* – potatoes are planted nowadays in Yaghnōb and tomatoes can be bought on markets in centres adjacent to the Yaghnōb Valley (but these words come from Russian via their colloquial Tajik forms).

The items are aligned according to the Swadesh List, items of the *standard word-list* are usually ordered according to their semantic relations with the Swadesh List, in cases when the *standard word-list* items do not correspond to the Swadesh List I have kept their alignment as in the SIL publications (see BACKSTROM 1992, 273-284; HALLBERG 1992; DECKER 1992, 177-211). For better work with the vocabulary I have split individual words into 21 units which better group their common semantic values. Some of the words (mainly in case of Sogdian) were left untranslated as I have not found their meanings in Sogdian and/or Yaghnōbī (unfortunately I have not made the Yaghnōbī translations during my stays with the Yaghnōbīs). The numbers of individual lexical items respect their number on both lists: words of the Swadesh List are left unmarked, the *standard word-list* items are given in brackets.

The lexical items that have been borrowed into Yaghnōbī are marked in *italics* in the vocabulary, but words that appear similar both in Yaghnōbī and in Tajik (and where precise origin cannot be judged) are considered as inherited. Also some parts of a word can be in *italics* – I marked such way borrowed elements of compounds (e.g. Yagh. *vanlinká* ‘spider’ < Yagh. *van(n)* ‘long’ and borrowed *link* ‘leg’ + Yagh. suffix *-á*) or sounds that changed probably due to Tajik influence (e.g. Yagh. *díndak* ‘tooth’ – instead of the second *d* we should expect *t* in Yaghnōbī).

The analysed lexicon is supplemented by etymologies of the translated items, etymology is given in cases when it was known to me. Many words were unfortunately left without their etymologies.

The analyzed word items are as follows, for comparison I have added their translations into modern literary Tajik (the Tajik forms are transliterated as if they were written in the Perso-Arabic script; *î* transliterates Tajik Cyrillic word-final “stressed *ī*” <ī̄>):

Pronouns

1. (202.) I *man*
2. (203.) thou *tu*
3. (205. & 206.) he, she *ū̄(î), vai*
4. (207. & 208.) we *mō, (mōbō, mōyōn)*
5. (209 & 204.) you *šumō, (šumōbō, šumōyōn)*
6. (210.) they *ōnbō, vaihbō*
- (171.) this *in*
- (172.) that *ōn*
- (173.) these *īnbō*
- (174.) those *ōnbō*
9. here *īnjō(î)*
10. there *ōnjō(î)*
11. (165.) who? *kī*
12. (166.) what? *čī*
13. (167.) where? *kujō*
14. (168.) when? *kai*
15. how? *čī-xēl, čī-tayr*
- (169.) how many? *čand*
- (170.) which? *kadōm*
16. not *na*
17. (181.) all *hamā*
18. (180.) many *bisyōr, ziyōd, xēlē*
19. some *yagōn*
20. (179.) little / few *kam*
21. other *kam*
- (176.) different *digār*

Numerals

22. (151.) one *yak*
23. (152.) two *du*
24. (153.) three *se*
25. (154.) four *č(ab)ōr*
26. (155.) five *panj*
- (156.) six *šaš*
- (157.) seven *haft*
- (158.) eight *hašt*
- (159.) nine *nūb*
- (160.) ten *dab*
- (161.) eleven *yōzdāb*
- (162.) twelve *duvōzdāb*
- (163.) twenty *bīst*
- (164.) (one) hundred *sad*

Adjectives (i)

27. (142.) big *kalōn, buzūrg*
28. (134.) long *darōz, balānd*
29. wide *farōx, vasēš, pahn*
30. thick *γafs*
31. (144.) heavy *vaznīn, sangīn, garāng*
32. (143.) small *xurd, kūčīk, majdā*
33. (135.) short *kūtōh, past*
34. narrow *tang*
35. thin *tunūk*
- (145.) light *sabūk*

People

36. (103.) woman *zan*
37. (102.) man *mard*
38. human *ōdām, insōn, nafār, šaxš*
39. (104.) child *kūdāk, bač(č)ā*
40. (114.) wife *zan*
41. (113.) husband *šaybār*
42. (106.) mother *mōdār*
43. (105.) father *padār, pidār*
- (107.) older brother *akō, akā*
- (108.) younger brother *dōdār*
- (109.) older sister *ap(p)ā*
- (110.) younger sister *x^vōhār*
- (111.) son *pisār*
- (112.) daughter *duxtār*
- (115.) boy *bač(č)ā, pisār*
- (116.) girl *duxtār*

Animals

44. animal *hajvōn, jōnvār*
45. (86.) fish *mōbī*
46. bird *murγ, parrandā*
- (87.) chicken *murγ, čūjā*
47. (95.) dog *sag*
- (89.) cow *gōw*
- ~~(90.) buffalo~~
- (94.) goat *buz*
- (97.) monkey *majmūn*
48. louse *šīpīš*
49. (96.) snake *mōr*
50. worm *kirm*
- (98.) mosquito / fly *paššā / magās*

- (99.) ant *mūrčák*
 (100.) spider *törtanák*

Plants

51. (61.) tree *daráxt*
 52. forest *jangál, bešá*
 53. stick *čūb*
 54. (66.) fruit *mēvá*
 55. seed *dōná, tuxm*
 56. (62.) leaf *barg*
 57. (63.) root *rēšá*
 58. bark *pūst-i daráxt*
 (64.) thorn *xōr*
 59. (65.) flower *gul*
~~(67.) mango~~
~~(68.) banana~~
 (69.) wheat *gandúm*
 (70.) barley *jaŋ*
 (71.) rice *birínj*
 (72.) potato *kartóška*
~~(73.) eggplant~~
~~(74.) groundnut~~
 (75.) chilli / pepper *murč*
~~(76.) tumeric~~
 (77.) garlic *sir*
 (78.) onion *piyóz*
~~(79.) cauliflower~~
 (80.) tomato *pomidór*
 (81.) cabbage *karám*
 60. grass *ʕalaf, sabzá*
 61. (36.) rope *aryamčín*

Body parts

62. (84.) skin *pūst, čarm*
 63. (84.) meat *gūšt*
 64. (22.) blood *xūn*
 65. (20.) bone *ustuxʕón*
 66. (85.) fat *čarb*
 (82.) oil *raŋyán*
 (91.) milk *šēr*
 67. (88.) egg *tuxm*
 68. (92.) horn *šōx*
 69. (93.) tail *dūm*
 70. feather *par*
 71. (3.) hair *mū(i)*
 72. (2.) head *sar, kallá*
 (4.) face *čebr*
 73. (6.) ear *gūš*
 74. (5.) eye *čašm*

75. (7.) nose *bīnī*
 76. (8.) mouth *dabón*
 77. (9.) teeth *dandón*
 78. (10.) tongue *zabón*
 79. (17.) fingernail *nōxún*
 80. foot *pō(i)*
 81. (18.) leg *ling*
 82. knee *zōnú*
 83. armband *dast*
 (14.) elbow *ōrínj*
 (15.) palm *panjá*
 (16.) finger *angúšt*
 84. wing *bōl, qanót*
 (1.) body *badan, tan*

85. (12.) belly *šikám, iškám*
 86. guts *rūdá*
 87. neck *gardán*
 88. back *pušt*
 89. (11.) breast *síná*
 90. (21.) heart *dil, qalb*
 91. liver *ǰigár*
 (23.) urine *pēšób, mēzá*
 (24.) feces *gūb*

Verbs

92. (185.) to drink *nūšidán : nūš-*
 93. (182.) to eat *xʕurdán : xʕur-*
 94. (183.) to bite *gazidán : gaz-*
 95. to suck *makidán : mak-*
 96. to spit *tufkardán*
 97. to vomit *qaj kardán*
 98. to blow *pufkardán, vazidán : vaz-*
 99. to breathe *nafás kašidán*
 100. to laugh *xandidán : xand-*
 101. (201.) to look / to see *dīdán : bīn-*
 102. (200.) to hear / to listen *šunidán : šunav-/šunav-*
 103. to know *dōnistán : dōn-*
 104. to think *andēšidán : andēš-, fikr kardán*
 105. to smell *bū(i) kardán*
 106. to fear *tarsidán- : tars-*
 107. (187.) to sleep *xʕuftán/xʕōbidán : xʕōb-*
 108. to live *zīstan : ziy-, zīdagí kardán*
 109. (192.) to die *murdán : mir-*
 110. (193.) to kill *kuštán : kuš-*
 111. to fight *jangidán : jang-, jang kardán*
 112. to hunt *šikór kardán*
 113. to hit *zadán : zan-*
 114. to cut *burrīdán : burr-*

115. to split *šikōftán* : *šikōf-*
 116. to stab *kōrd zadán*
 117. to scratch *xanjól kardán*, *xarōšidán* : *xarōš-*
 118. to dig *kandán* : *kan-*, *kōftán* : *kōw-/kōw-*
 119. to swim *šinó kardán*
 120. (194.) to fly *parridán* : *parr-*
 121. (195.) to walk *gaštán* : *gard-*, *rōb raftán*
 122. (198.) to come *ōmadán* : *ōy-/ō(i)-*
 (196.) to run *davidán* : *dav-/dau-*
 (197.) to go *raftán* : *rav-/rau-*
 123. (188.) to lie (down) *x^vuftán/x^vōbidán* : *x^vōb-*,
daróz kašidán
 124. (189.) to sit *nišastán* : *nišin-*, *šištán* : *šin-*
 125. to stand *ištdán* : *ist-*
 126. to turn *čarxidán* : *čarx-*, *gardōn(i)dán* : *gardōn-*
 127. to fall *aftōdán* : *aft-*
 128. (190.) to give *dōdán* : *dih-/deb-*
 129. to hold *giriftán* : *gīr-*, *dōštán* : *dōr-*
 130. to squeeze *fišōr kardán*
 131. to rub *mōlidán* : *mōl-*
 132. to wash *šustán* : *šūy-/šū(i)-*
 133. to wipe *pōk kardán*
 134. to pull *kašidán* : *kaš-*
 135. to push *tēlá dōdán*
 136. to throw *partōftán* : *partōv-/partōw-*, *andōxtán* :
andōz-
 137. to tie *bastan-* : *band-*
 138. to sew *dūxtán* : *dūz-*
 139. to count *šumurdán* : *šumōr-*
 140. to say / to speak *guftán* : *gūy-/gū(i)-*
 141. to sing *surūdán* : *sarōy-/sarō(i)-*, *x^vōndán* : *x^vōn-*
 142. to play *bōxtán* : *bōz-*, *bōzī kardán*
 143. to float *šinōvár šudán*
 144. to flow *ravōn šudán*
 145. to freeze *yax kardán*
 146. to swell *ōmōsidán* : *ōmōs-*
 (184.) to be hungry *gurusná būdán*
 (186.) to be thirsty *tašnā būdán*
- Celestial objects**
147. (41.) sun *x^vuršéd*, *ōftób*
 148. (42.) moon *mōh(tōb)*
 149. (44.) star *sitōrá*
- Nature (i)**
150. (46.) water *ōb*
 151. (45.) rain *bōrón*
 152. (47.) river *daryó*, *rūdixōná*
 153. lake *kūl*

154. sea *daryó*, *baḥr*
 155. (83.) salt *namák*
 156. (52.) stone *sang*
 157. (54.) sand *rēg*, *qum*
 158. (59.) dust *čang*, *xōk*
 159. earth *zamīn*
 (58.) mud *lōy*
- Weather**
160. (48.) cloud *abr*
 161. fog *tūmán*
 162. (43.) sky *ōsmōn*
 163. (51.) wind *bód*, *šamól*
 164. snow *barf*
 165. ice *yax*
 (49.) lightning *barq*, *ōtašák*
 (50.) rainbow *kamōn-i Ḥasán-u Ḥusájn*
- Fire**
166. (56.) smoke *dūd*
 167. (55.) fire *ōtáš*, *ōzár*, *alów*, *óláw*, *aláw*
 168. (57.) ash *xōkistár*
 169. (191.) to burn *sūxtán* : *sūz-*
 (29.) firewood *hēzúm*
- Settlement**
170. (53.) road / path *rōh*
 (25.) village *deb(á)*, *qišlōq*, *rústó*
 (26.) house *xōná*
 (27.) roof *bōm*
 (28.) door *dar*
- Tools**
- (30.) broom *ḵōrūb*
 (31.) butter churn *guppí*
 (32.) pestle *čaxčūb*
 (33.) hammer *bōlyá*
 (34.) knife *kōrd*
 (35.) axe *tabár*
 (37.) thread *tōr*
 (38.) needle *sūzán*
 (39.) cloth *lattá*
 (40.) ring *anguštarín*, *anguštpōná*
- Nature (ii)**
171. mountain *kūb*
 (60.) gold *ṭilló*, *zar(r)*
- Colours**
172. (150.) red *surx*
 173. green *sabz*
 174. yellow *zard*
 175. (148.) white *saféd*

176. (149.) black *siyóh*

Time

177. (118.) night *šab*

178. (117.) day *rūz*

(119.) morning *subh, saḥár*

(120.) noon *nimrūz*

(121.) evening / afternoon *bēgób, bēgóbí*

(122.) yesterday *dirūz*

(123.) today *imrūz*

(124.) tomorrow *pagóh*

(125.) week *haftá*

(126.) month *móh*

179. (127.) year *sól*

Adjectives (ii)

180. (136.) hot *garm*

181. (137.) cold *sard, xunúk*

182. full *pur(r)*

183. (129.) new *nau*

184. (128.) old *qadím, qadímá, kúhná; pír*

185. (130.) good *xūb, nayz*

186. (131.) bad *bad, gandá*

187. rotten *pūsídá*

188. dirty *čirkín, iflós*

189. straight *rōst*

190. round *gird*

191. sharp *tēz*

192. dull *kund*

193. smooth *sufitá*

194. (132.) wet *tar*

195. (133.) dry *xušk, qōq*

196. correct *durúst*

197. (140.) near *nazdík*

198. (141.) far *dūr*

199. (127.) right *rōst*

200. (139.) left *čap*

(175.) whole *tamóm, purrá*

(178.) broken *šikastá, šikastagí*

Adpositions

201. at *ba*

202. in *(an)dár*

(146.) above *bóló, sar*

(147.) below *pōyón, tag*

203. with *bō, kátí, qátí*

Conjunctions

204. and *va, -(y/v)u*

205. if *agár*

206. because *zérō, čún-ki*

Name

207. name *nōm, ism*

Swadesh List and *standard word-list* with Yaghnōbī and Sogdian translation and with etymological notes:

III.1. Pronouns

1. (202.)

I

man (arch. az) : *man* (occ. *máni*) ❖ S B M ²zw C zw : obl. S B mn² / (ə)zú : *məná/*

< **adzám*; Ave. *azəm*, Khōt. *aysu, a(ysä)*, Tumshuq. *asu, azu*, Oss. *əz*, Shugh. *(w)uz*, Rōsh. *az*, Khūf. Rāshrv. Bart. *āz*, Sarīq. *waz*, Yazgh. *az*, Ishk. *az(i)*, Sangl. *azə, azi*, Wakh. *wuz*, Munj. *za*, Yidgh. *zo, zə*, Pasht. *zə*, Waṇ. *ze*, OPers. *adam*, Pers. *man*, Hazār. *ma*, Kurd. *ez*, Ved. *ahám*, Ide. **h₁eǵh₂óm*, Gre. *ἑγώ*, Lat. *egō*, OCS. *azъ*, OCze. *já(z)*, ORus. *я(эъ)*, Lith. *ąš*, OScand. *ek*, Ger. *ich*

(cf. formally similar but etymologically unrelated Uzb. *mén*, colloq. *mán*, Chaghat. *mén*, Uygh. *män*, Kyrg. *men*, Tü. **bén, *mén*, Eynu. *män*)

2. (203.)

thou

tu : *taṷ* (occ. *táwi*) ❖ S B tṷw Mg M t(ṷ)w C t(ṷ)w : obl. *tw² / t(ṷ)ú* : *təwá/*

< *tuuam*; Ave. *tū*, Oss. *dy*, Shugh. Rōsh. Khūf. Rāshrv. *tu*, Bart. *tū*, Sarīq. *tew*, Yazgh. *tow*, Ishk. *tə*, Sangl. *tōw*, Wakh. *tu*, Munj. *tu*, Yidgh. *tu, tə*, Pasht. *tə*, Pers. *tō > tū*, Hazār.

Kurd. *tu*, Ved. *tvam*, Ide. **tuH*, Gre. *σύ*, Lat. *tu*, OCS. *ty*, Lith. *tù*, OScand. OEng. *þū*,
Eng. *thou*, Ger. *du*

3. (205. & 206.) **he, she**

ax : áwi ❖ B (?)*ɣw* : ^ɔ*w* M *xw(w)* : (?)*ww* C *xw* : ^ɔ*w*, *w-* / (ə)*xú* : (ə)*wú*, *ō*/

Ir. *(*a*)*haɯ* : **aɯam*, Bactr. *ω /ō/*

4. (207. & 208.) **we** (*inclusive* & *exclusive*)

mōx ❖ S B *m^ɔɣ(h)*, *m^ɔɣ(w)* M C *m^ɔx* /*māx^(w)*/

< **imáxu* < **abmáxam* < Ir. **abmákam*, Bactr. (α)*μαχο* / (ə)*māx*/ Oss. *max*, Shugh. *Rōsh*.
Kūf. Bart. Rāshrv. *māš*, Sarīq. *maš*, Yazgh. *mox*, Munj. *mōx*, Yidgh. *māx*, *mōx*, Ishk.
m̄x(o), Sangl. *amax*, *aməx*, Pasht. *mū(n)g̃*, Waṇ. *moš*, Ōrm. *māx*, OPers. *a(h)māxam*,
Pers. *mā*, Hazār. *mū*; Ilr. **asmákam*

5. (209 & 204.) **you** (*pl.* & *honorific*)

š^umóx ❖ S B (?)*šm^ɔɣw*, *šm^ɔɣh* M *šm^ɔx(w)*, *šm^ɔx* C *šm^ɔx* /*šmāx^(w)*/

< **yšmáxu* < **išmáxam*; Ave. *yūžēm*, Oset. *сыmax* || *sumax*, Pers. *šumā*, *ašmā*, Tjk. *šumó*,
Fārs. AfghP. *šomā*, Hazār. *šimū*

6. (210.) **they**

áxtit : áṭtiti ❖ B S *ɣh*, *ɣh* M C *x^ɔ* /*xá*/

< **abaɯ*; Yagh. *ax* : *aɯ-* + *pronominal pl. ending -tit(i)*

(171.) **this**

❖ B M *yw* : S (?)*mw* M *mw* /*yu* : ^ɔ*mú*/

< **iṭam*, **aṭam* : **imam*; OPers. *iyam* : *imam*

iš : it ❖ S B (?)*šw* : ^ɔ*tw* /*šú* : ^ɔ*tú*/,

< **aṭšam* : **aṭtam*; Ave. *aēša-* : *aēta-*; Bactr. (ε)*ιδο* /*īd*/, OPers. *aṭta-* (obl.)

īd ❖ S B M *ɔ*δ /*ēδ*/

< *aṭta-* (obl.); Bactr. (ε)*ιδο* /*īd*/

(172.) **that**

ax : áwi ❖ B (?)*ɣw* : ^ɔ*w* M *xw(w)* : (?)*ww* C *xw* : ^ɔ*w*, *w-* / (ə)*xú* : (ə)*wú*, *ō*/

< *(*a*)*haɯ* : **aɯam*; Bactr. *ω /ō/*

aɯ ❖ B ^ɔ*w* M (?)*ww* C ^ɔ*w* /*ō*/

< **aɯa-* (obl.); Bactr. *ω /ō/*

(173.) **these**

❖ M *yw* /*yu*/

< **iṭa-*, **aṭa-* : **ima-*

ištít (: ítiti) ❖ /*šā* : ^ɔ*tá*/

< **aṭšā-* : **aṭta-*; Yagh. *iš* : *it-* + *pronominal pl. ending -tit(i)*

(174.) **those**

áxtit : áṭtiti ❖ B S *ɣh*, *ɣh* M C *x^ɔ* /*xá*/

*(*a*)*haɯ* : **aɯa-*; Yagh. *ax* : *aɯ-* + *pronominal pl. ending -tit(i)*

9. **here**

máštár ❖ B *mrtsʔr* C *mcʔ*, *msʔ* /máʔtsaí/
< **imáršā-sār-* < **imášra-šār-*

10. **there**

wáštár ❖ S *ʔw(r)tsʔr* B *ʔwrtsʔr* M *ʔwtsʔr* C *ʔwcʔ*, *ʔwsʔ* /óʔtsaí/
< **áúáršā-sār-* < **auášra-šār-*, cf. Tjk. *ustár*

11. (165.) **who?**

kax (: káyĭ, káxtit : káytitĭ), -k ❖ S B (?)*ky*, *kyʔ* M *ky(?)*, *qy(?)* C *qy(?)* : Mg *kyʔ* /^oké : *kyā*/
< **káb(iā)*-²⁶⁵; Ave. *kō*, Khōt. *kye*, *kyi*, Oss. *či* || *ka*, Wakh. *kūy*, Shugh. Rōsh. Khūf. *čāy*,
Bart. *či*, Rāshrv. *či*, Sarīq. *čoy*, Ishk. *kūy*, Sangl. *kō(γ)*, Pers. *kī*, Kurd. *ki*, Balōch. *kē*, *kaj*;
Ved. *kásya-*, OCS. *koto*

12. (166.) **what?**

čō : čōĭ ❖ S B (?)*cw* M C *cw* /^očó/; B *cʔ* /čā/ ‘ellative prefix’
< **či-āka-*; Ave. *čit*, Oss. *cu* || *ci*, Bactr. *σι* /ci/, Khōt. *cu*, Khwār. *ciya*, Pasht. *cōk*, *ca*,
Shugh. *ca*, cf. TVarz. *čo* (only with verb *kardán*), OPers. *čiy*, Pers. *či*, Kurd. *çi*, Balōch. *či*;
Ved. *cid*, Lat. *quid*, Gre. *τι*

13. (167.) **where?**

kū ❖ S (?)*kw* B *ʔkw*, *kʔw* M *k(?)w* /^ok(w)ū/
Ave. gen. *kū*; Pers. *kū*, *kujá*, cf. TVarz. *gūjó*; Gre. *πoū*

14. (168.) **when?**

kad ❖ S B *kð(?)* M *kð* C *qd* /kað, kəðá/
Ave. *kada-*; Bactr. *καδο* /kad/, Oss. *kæd*, Pasht. *kala*, Pers. *kaj*; Ved. *kadá-*
(-i)k (encl.) ❖
cf. Pers. *ki*

15. **how?**

čūt(t)ĭ ❖ S *ʔcwty* B (?)*cwty* M *cwty* C *cwty* /^očūtĭ/
< Ir. **čahja-uti-*; Bactr. *σιδο*, *σιδι* M *ʔcyd* /^očĭd/

(169.) **how many?**

čōf ❖ S B *cʔβ* M C *cʔf* /čāf/
čandĭn, *čandón* ❖ M *cndn* /čamdan/
cf. Pers. *čandĭn*, *čandán*, Ave. *č(a)uuant*, *čuuat*

(170.) **which?**

kēm (: kēmi, kēmtit : kēmtitĭ) ❖
< **kāma-*; Khōt. *kāma-*, Wakh. Pasht. *kum*
kadēm ❖ B *ktʔ(?)m* M *ktʔm*, *kðʔm* C *qdʔm* /kəðám/
< **katāma*; Ave. *katāma-*, Bactr. *καδαμο* /kadām/, Ishk. *кьдѣт*; Pers. *kadām*, TMast.
kūdūm

²⁶⁵ Yaghnōbī *kax* is form **káb(iā)*- ‘who’ + *ax* ‘personal pronoun of the third person singular / demonstrative pronoun of far (< III.) deixis’.

kī, *-k* (encl.) ❖

< Pers. *kī*; cf. Gre. *τῖ(ς)*

16. not

na(ε), *ná(ε)a*, *na^h*, *nē* || *nai*, *ně* ❖ s *nʔy* M C *ny* /*ně*/

< **na*; Bactr. *να*, Oss. I *næ*, Pers. *na*, Tjk. colloq. *na*, *na(ε)á*, *ně*, *ně(ε)ě*, Kurd. *na*

17. (181.) all

hám(m)á ❖

< Pers. *hamá*, TVarz. *hámma*, *hamá*, Uzb. *hámma*. Qāraqalp. *hāma*

b^utún ❖

< Uzb., Tjk. *butún*, TMast. *b^utún*, *pütüm*, Sarīq. *ϑwtún*

❖ s B *wysp-y* / *wysp-h*, *wysp-²* M C *wysp-y*, *wysp-²* /*wispí*, *wispá*/

< **uṣṣa-*; Ave. *vispa-*, OPers. **visa-*, Med. **vispa-*

18. (180.) many

bis(i)γór ❖

< Pers. *bisyár*, Shugh. *bisyōr*, Wakh. *basyor*, Uzb. *bisyār*, Eynu. *bisyar*

ziyót, *ziyód* ❖

< Ar., Pers. *ziyād*, Hazār. *ziyót*, *ziyát*, Shugh. *ziyōt*, Pasht. *ziyát*, Urd. *zyādā*

xéle ❖

< Pers. *xáilē*, Tjk. AfghP. *xéle*, Fārs. *xéli*, Sarīq. *xeyli*

γalbalá ❖ s B *γrβ* M C *γrf* /*γárf*/

< **γárfu* < **fáryu* < **fáruwu* < **faruūam*; OPers. *paruvam*, cf. Wakh. *γafč*, Parāch. *γalaba*

īpórá (arch.) ❖ s B *ʔyw pʔrʔyk* M *ʔy pʔryk* /*ī-pārē(k)*/

cf. Sogd. c *pʔr* /*pār*/ ‘unit of liquid volume (120 gallons)’

19. some

čōf ❖ s B *cʔβ* M C *cʔf* /*čāf*/

čandín, *čandón* ❖ M *cndn* /*čamdan*/

cf. Pers. *čandín*, *čandán*, Ave. *č(a)uuant*, *čuuat*

20. (179.) little / few

káv'n (arch.), *kam* ❖ B M *kβn-y* C *qbn-y* /*kaβní*/,

< **kábna-*; Oss. *k^wynæg* || *kunæg*, Pers. *kam* < **kamna-(ka-)*; Wakh. *kam*; Uzb. *kám*, Kyrg. *kem*, Tr. *kem*, Urd. *kam*, NMong. *гам*

21. other

áni ❖ s *ʔnyʔ*, *ʔnyh*, (*ʔnyw* B *ʔnyʔ*, *ʔnyh*, *ʔnyw* M C (*ʔnyw* /(*ə*)nyá, (*ə*)nyú/

< **ániā-*, Ave. *aⁱniia-*, Khwār. *ʔny* /*īnī*/, Bactr. (*α*)*νιγo*, *ανυo*, *ανυo*, Khōt. *aña-*, Oss. *innæ*, *annæ*, Ishk. *an*, Wakh. Sarīq. *yan*, Pahl. Parth. *ʔny*, OPers. *aniya-*, Kurd. *henî*; Ved. *anya-*, Pālī *añña*

(176.) different

áni ❖ s ʔnyʔ, ʔnyh, (ʔ)nyw B ʔnyʔ, ʔnyh, ʔnyw M C (ʔ)nyw / (ə)nyǎ, (ə)nyú/
 < *ániǎ-, Ave. aʔniia-, Khwār. ʔny /iñi/, Bactr. (α)νιγο, αυιο, ανινο, Khōt. añā-, Oss. innæ,
 annæ, Ishk. an, Wakh. Sarīq. yan, Pahl. Parth. ʔny, OPers. aniya-, Kurd. henî; Ved. anya-,
 Pālī aññā

dǎgá(r) ❖

< Pers. digár, Tjk. colloq. dǎgá, TMast. digá, diyá, TVarz. digá, digí, cf. Fārs. digār,
 colloq. digé, Hazār. digá, Ishk. digar, Wakh. digār, Uzb. digār, Tr. diğer

III.2. Numerals

22. (151.) one

ī ❖ B ʔyw(h) M ʔyw C yw, ýw Bɾ yau (m) : Mg ʔywh (f) /ʔǎǎ : ʔǎǎǎ/

< *áǎǎ-; Ave. aēuuō, Khwār. ʔyw /ēw/, Oss. iǎ || yeǎ, Khōt. śśa(u), Bactr. ιωγο M ywg
 /yōg/, Pasht. yaw (f. yawá), Munj. Yidgh. yū, Shugh. Rōsh. Bart. Rāshrv. yīw, yi, Sarīq.
 i(w), Wakh. (y)ī(w), Yazgh. wǎg, Ishk. ũk, Sangl. wok, Pers. yak, Tjk. yak, colloq. ya(g),
 Fārs. yek, colloq. ye(i), Kābulī yak, yag, OPers. aiva-, Pahl. ʔywʔk /ēwak/ M yk /yak/,
 Parth. ʔyw /ēw/, Kurd. yek; Ved. éka; Eynu. yāk, Kyrg. (Southern dial.) yāk

23. (152.) two

dǎi ❖ s ʔdw(ʔ), B M ʔdw(ʔ), dw C dw(ʔ) (m) : s Mg M ʔdwy C dwy (f) /ʔǎǎ : ʔǎǎǎ/

< *d(u)ǎǎ-; Ave. duua-, Khwār. ʔǎyw /aǎwi/, Bactr. λοο, λο(ο)ι /lu/, Khōt. d(u)va-, dvi,
 Oss. dǎwwǎ || duw(w)ǎ, Shugh. ǎiyǎn, ǎu, Bajū. ǎuyǎn, ǎō, Rōsh. Bart. Rāshrv. ǎaw, Khūf.
 ǎaw(yōn), Sarīq. ǎew, ǎa, Wakh. bu(y), Yazgh. ǎow, Ishk. dǎ(w), Sangl. daw, dow, Munj. lu,
 Yidgh. lo^b, Pasht. dwa (f. dwē), Pers. dō > dǎ, Tjk. du, TMast. dǎ, du, Tjk. dial. dǎ, dial.
 Takfōn (arch.) gyau, AfghP. dǎ, dǎ, Fārs. do, Pahl. dō, Kurd. du, Balōch. dō, Ved.
 dǎvǎ(u)-, Lit. dǎ, Pruss. duai, OCS. dva, dvě, Gre. δύο, MGre. δυο, Lat. duo, Gót. twai;
 Eynu. du

24. (153.) three

saráy, sǎráy || tǎráy ❖ s ʔdry Mg ʔdryw B (ʔ)dry M ʔdry(y) C ʔy /ʔǎǎǎ/

< *ǎrǎǎ-; Ave. ǎrǎǎiō; Khwār. ʔy /šǎ/, Bactr. υαρηιο /hǎrēy/, Khōt. drai, Tumshuq. dre,
 Oss. ǎrtǎ, Shugh. aray, Rōsh. Bart. Rāshrv. arāy, Sarīq. aroy, Ishk. rūy, Sangl. rōy,
 Yazgh. cǎy, Wakh. trū(y), Yidgh. ǎǎray, ǎǎroy, Munj. ǎǎray, Pasht. drē, Waṇ. dre, Ōrm.
 ǎǎ, ǎǎ, Parāch. šǎ, šǎ, Tjk. dial. Takfōn (arch.) mǎpau, Pers. sē, sǎ > se, Tjk. AfghP. Fārs.
 se, Kurd. sē; Eynu. si(h)

25. (154.) four

tafór || tǎfór, tǎfór ❖ s B ctβʔr M ctǎr C ctǎr, ǎǎr /čǎfǎr/

< *čǎǎǎ-; Ave. čǎǎǎǎr-, čǎǎǎǎrō, Khwār. ctǎr /cafǎr/, Bactr. σοφαρο /cufǎr/, Khōt.
 tcūra-, tchora-, tchōra-, Oss. cǎppar || cuppar, Shugh. Bajū. cavōr, cavǎr, Rōsh. cavǎr,
 Bart. Rāshrv. cavōr, Sarīq. cǎvur, Wakh. cǎbǎr, cǎbǎr, Yazgh. čer, Ishk. cǎfǎr, Sangl. cǎfǎr,
 Munj. čǎr / č(i)fǎr, Yidgh. čǎr, Pasht. calór, Tjk. dial. Takfōn (arch.) mǎpǎp; Pers. čǎbǎr,

Tjk. *čor* (lit. *čahór*), Fārs. *čāhār*, colloq. *čār*, AfghP. *č(ab)ār*, Pahl. *cbʾl* м *cbʾl* /čahār/, Parth. /čafār/, Kurd. *čar*, Ved. *catvāras*, Hind. *cār*; Eynu. *čar*

26. (155.) **five**

panč ❖ s B C *pnc* м *pnc*, *pnž*, *pnj*[○] /pañj/

< **pánča-*; Ave. *panča-*, Khwār. *pnc* /panz/, Bactr. *πανζο* /panz/, Khōt. *pañjsa*, Oss. *fonz*, Shugh. Rōsh. Bart. Rāshrv. *pīnz*, Sarīq. *pinz*, Wakh. *pānz*, Yazgh. *penj*, Ishk. *pūnz*, Sangl. *pōnz*, *pōnz*, Munj. *pōnč*, *pōnj*, Yidgh. *pānš*, Pasht. *pinzə*; Tjk. dial. Takfōn (arch.) *понгж*; Pers. *pañj*, Kurd. *pēnc*, Ir. **panča-*, Ved. *pañca*; Eynu. *pānj(ā)*

(156.) **six**

uxš ❖ s *wxwšw*, *wγwšw*, *ʔγwšw* B *wγwšw*, *ʔγwšw* C *xwšw* /^wəxšú, ^xwəšú/

< **xúšu* < **x^uášu* < *(*x*)šú^ášam; Ave. *xšuuas-*, Khwār. /u^x, *uxs-*/, Khōt. *kšä(tä')*, Oss. *əxsəz*, Shugh. *xōγ*, Bajū. Rōsh. Khūf. *xūw*, Bart. Rāshrv. *xōw*, Sarīq. *xel*, Wakh. *šād* / *šād*, Yazgh. *xu(w)*, Ishk. *xūl*, Sangl. *xāl*, Munj. *ōxša*, Yidgh. *uxšo*, Pasht. *špağ*, Pers. *šaš*, Tjk. *šaš*, colloq. *šiš*, TMast. *šaš*, *šiš*, *šaj*, Fārs. *šāš*, colloq. *šiš*, *šeš*, Kurd. *šeš*, Ide. **s(y)éks*, Ved. *šaš*; Eynu. *šäš*

(157.) **seven**

avđ / aft ❖ s B *ʔβt-ʔ*, *ʔβt-h* м *ʔβt-ʔ*, (?)*bt-ʔ* Br *aw ta* / (ə)βdá/

< **hafta-*; Ave. *hapta-*, Sarm. *αβδ(α)-*, Khwār. *ʔβd* /aβd/, Bactr. *ηβο*[○] /ēβ/, Khōt. *haudo*, Oss. *avd*, Shugh. Rāshrv. (*w*)*ūvd*, Rōsh. Bajū. *wūvd*, Bart. *ūvd*, Sarīq. *υvd* Yazgh. *uvd*, Ishk. *ūvd*, Sangl. *ōvd*, Wakh. *υb*, Munj. *ōvdá*, Yidgh. *ávdo*, Pasht. *ōwá*, Pers. *haft*, Tjk. colloq. *haf*, TMast. *haf(t)*, Kurd. *heft*, Ved. *saptá-*; Eynu. *hāp(t)*; cf. Bactr. *ηβδαλο* /ēβ(u)dal/, 'Hephthalite'

(158.) **eight**

ašt ❖ s *ʔšt(?)*, *ʔšt* B *ʔšt(?)* м *ʔšt* C *št*[?] /ašt, (ə)štá/

< **ášta-*; Ave. *ášta-*, Khwār. *ʔšt*, Bactr. *αταο* /ata/, Khōt. *hašta*, Oss. *ast*, Shugh.-Rōsh. *wašt*, Sarīq. *wošt*, Yazgh. *ušt*, Wakh. *at*, Ishk. *ot*, Sangl. *ōt*, Munj. *ōšká*, Yidgh. *áščo*, Pasht. *atá*, Pers. *hašt*, Tjk. colloq. *haš*, TMast. *haš(t)*, Kurd. *hešt*; Ved. *aštá(u)*; Eynu. *hāš(t)*

(159.) **nine**

naṽ ❖ s *nw*, *nw^ʔ* B *nwb*, *nw^ʔ* C *nw^ʔ* /naṽ, nō, n(ə)wá/

< **naua-*; Ave. *nauua-*, Sughn. *nōw*, Rōsh. Bart. Rāshrv. *nāw*, Sarīq. *new*, Wakh. *nāw*, Yazgh. *nu(w)*, Ishk. *naw*, *nu*, Sangl. *nōw*, Munj. *naw*, Yidgh. *now*, Pasht. *nə*, Khōt. *nau*, Pers. *nu(h)* < *nō*, Tjk. *nūh*, TMast. *nü*, *nu*, TFalgh. *nu*, TVarz. *nub*, *nūh*, AfghP. *nob*, colloq. *nū*, Fārs. *nob*, Pahl. *naum*, Kurd. *ne*, Ved. *náva*; Gre. *ἐννέα*, Armen. *inn*; Eynu. *nob*

(160.) **ten**

das ❖ s B *ds(?)*, *dsb* м *ds(?)* C *ds^ʔ* /dəs(á)/

< **dásqa-*; Ave. *dasa-*, Khwār. *đys*, Bactr. *λασο* /las/, Khōt. *dasau*, Oss. *dəs*, Shugh. *đis*, Rōsh. *dos*, Bart. Rāshrv. *đus*, Sarīq. *des*, Wakh. *das*, Yazgh. *đūs*, Sangl. *dōs*, Yidgh. *los*, Pasht.

Wan. *las*, Parāch. *dōs*, Pers. *dah*, TMast. TFalgh. *da*, TVarz. *da(h)*, Pahl. *dah*, OPers. **daṣa-*, Kurd. *deb*, Ved. *dása*; Gre. *δέκα*, Armen. *tasn*, OCS. *desęto*, Lat. *decem*, Goth. *táibun*; Hung. *tíz* < Scyth.?[?]; Eynu. *dah*, *dāh*

(161.) eleven

yózdá^b ❖ C *ywnts(nw)*, *ywtsnw* /yórnǰz(nu)/

< **aiua(n)-dasq-(anām-)*; Ave. *aēuuandasa-*, Pers. *yāzdáh*, TMast. *yo(n)zdá*, *yūnzdá*, Fārs. colloq. *yāzā*. Kurd. *yanzdeh*

(162.) twelve

d^uwózdá^b ❖ M *ḏw²ts* C *dw²ts* /ḏwāts/

< **duuā-dasq-*; Ave. *duuadasa-*, Pasht. *dwólas*, Pers. *duwāzdáh*, Fārs. *dāvāzdáh*, colloq. *dāvāzā*, TMast. *dūvo(n)zdá*, *dūvūnzdá*

(163.) twenty

bīst ❖ C *wyst* /wīst/

< **uīṣati* < **uīnsati*; Ave. *visaṭi-*, Khwār. *ʔwsjč* /əws(e)ʒ, ūs(e)ʒ/, Bactr. *οιστο* /wīst/, Khōt. *bistä*, Oss. (β)ssæʒ || *insæy*, Sarm. *Ἴνσάζ[αγος]*, Wakh. *wīst*, Yazgh. *wast*, Sarīq. *vist*, Sangl. *wīst*, Yidgh. *wisto*, Pers. *bīst*, Tjk. *bīst*, Pahl. *vīst*, Kurd. *bīst*, Balōch. *gīst*; Ved. *viṃsati*, *viṅsati*, Armen. *kšan*, Gre. *εἴκοσι*; Eynu. *bist*

(164.) (one) hundred

(yak)sád ❖ C *st-w* /sətú/,

< **ṣatam-*; Ave. *satəm-*, Khwār. *sjđ*, Bactr. *σαδο* /sad/, Oss. *sædæ*, Sarīq. *sad*, Pers. *(yak)sād*, OPers. *ṣata*^o; Ved. *śatám*, Ide. **(h₁)k₁m₁tóm*, **dk₁m₁tóm*, Lat. *centum*, Gre. *εκατόν*, OCS. *ṣoto*; Cr.Goth. *sada*; BukhAr. *sāt*, Eynu. *sād*

III.3. Adjectives (i)

27. (142.) big

kátta ❖

< Uzb. *káttá*, Uygh. *katta*, Kyrg. *kette*, Tatar. *kättä*, Qaşq. *kátá*, Bašk. *kəttə*, Chūvash *kačča*, TMast. TVarz. *kattá*, AfghP. *kattá*, Hazār. *kaṭá*, Shugh. Rōsh. *katta*, *katanak* < IAr. *kattā*- ???; cf. Gre. *Κατάνης*, name of Bactrian nobleman (4th century BC), the word can be of Bactrian origin and in tan explain etymology of Tjk. *kalón*

kalón (occ.) ❖

< Tjk. *kalón*, TMast. *külún*, Parth. M *kalān* < Bactr. ???

b^uzúrġ ❖ B *wz²rk* /wəzárk/ M *wzrg* /wəzárġ/

< Pers. *buzúrġ*, Pahl. *wcwlġ* /wazurg, wazarg/, OPers. *vazrka-*, Māzand. *bazarg*, Bactr. *σαζορξο* /wazurk/; Ott. *büzürg*, Elam. *azzaka*, *haz(z)ak(k)a*

28. (134.) long

van(n) ❖ s *ʔβn-ʔy* C *bn* /ʔβní, βən(i)/

balánd ‘high, long’ ❖ s B βrz /βəʔzi/ ‘high, long’

< *br̥dza-; Ave. bəraz-, barəz-, Bactr. 𐬀𐬀𐬀𐬀- /βurz-/ , Khöt. *bulysa-*, Yazgh. *vəz*, Shugh. *vūʔʒ*, Rōsh. *vūz*, Wakh. *vürz*, Ishk. *vəždük*, Sangl. *vəžduk*, Munj. *vaníg*, Yidgh. *vän*, Pasht. *(w)ūgd*, OPers. personal name *Bṛdiya*; cf. Pers. *bulánd*, Tjk. *balánd*, Fārs. *bolánd*, Hazār. *bilán* < *br̥dzánt- and Pers. [Al]búrz ‘Alborz mountains’, Fārs. [Ā]bórz (< Pahl. *Harburz* < Ave. *Harā Bərazaʔti*), Wakh. *bland*; Turkm. *belend*; Ved. *bṛhánt-*; cf. Khwār. βžk (m) βžc (f) /βəžeg- : βəžez-/

dūr ‘long, far’ ❖ s B δwr(h) M δwr C dwr /dūr/ ‘long, far’

< *dūra-; Ave. *dūra-*, Khöt. *dura-*, Wakh. *dir*, Sarīq. *dar*, Pers. *dūr*, TMast. *dūr*, *dir*, TFalgh. *dir*, OPers. *dūra-*; Ved. *dūrā-*, Hind. *dūr*

daróz ❖

< Pers. *diráz*, Tjk. *daróz*, Fārs. *derāz*, Ave. *drājah-*, Sarīq. *darúz*, Pahl. Balōch. *drāj*, Kurd. *dirêj*

❖ B mzʔyγ(h) M mzy(y)x, mzyγ C mzyx /məzēx/
cf. Ave. *maziia-*

29. **wide**

yaγd, *yaxt* ❖ B yγ(?)rt-y, yryt C yγrt-y /yə(r)γdī/

< *uī-gr̥ta-

paʰm ❖ B p̥dnʔy /paʔnē/

< *paʔana-; Ave. *paʔana-*, Oss. *fetæn* || *fatán*, Pasht. *plan*, Pers. *pahn*, Pahl. *pahan*, *pahnāi*, *pahnāk*, Kurd. *pan*, Balōch. *patan*

30. **thick**

farbéh, *farbix* ❖ mg βrpyγ /frəpix/

Ave. *pivah*, Pers. *farbīh*, TMast. *farbí*, Pahl. *farbīh*

γafs ❖ s γβsw /γəfsú/

Tjk. *γafs*

31. (144.) **heavy**

wazmín ❖

< Ar. WZN, Pers. *vaznín*, TMast. *vazmín*

garáng ❖ B γrʔn(h) M C γrʔn /γrān/

cf. Uzb. *gārān*, Tjk. *garáng*, Hazār. *girán(g)*, *girán(k)*

32. (143.) **small**

púl(l)a ❖

< Yagh. *púl(l)a* ‘child’ < *puʔra- ‘son’, Ave. *puʔra-*, Sogd. s [○]pyδrʔk, [○]pδr B [○]pyδrʔk, [○]pδr, [○]pšy M [○]pšy (as a part of compounds) /piš(é)/, Khwār. (?)pr, Scyth. *purʔa-, Bactr. πo(v)εo /pū(h)r/, Khöt. *pūra-*, Alan. φουετ, Sarm. *furʔa-, Oss. *firt* || *firt*, Shugh.-Rōsh. *puç*, Sarīq. *pyç*, Yazgh. *poc*, Munj. *pūr*, Yidgh. *pūr*, *pūl*, Wakh. *pətr*, Parāch. *puš*, Pers. *pisár*, *pūr*, *pus(ár)*, Fārs. *pesār*, Tjk. *pisár*, AfghP. *pesár*, Pahl. *pus*, *puhr*, OPers. *puça-*,

Med. *puṣra-, Kurd. *pisir*, Balōch. *p^busay*, Parth. *pūr*; Ilr. *putrá-, Ide. *putló-, Ved. *putrá-*, Pāli *putta-*, Hind. *pūt*, Bengāl. *put*; cf. Lat. *puer*

maydá ❖

< Tjk. *maidá*, Uzb. *máydá*, Kyrg. *mayda*

❖ s *ryncʔk(k)*, *ryncyk* B *ryncwk(k)*, *ryncwk* C *rynʔq* /*rímjǎk*, *rímjěk*, *rímjűk*/

< **ranǰǎ-ka-*, **ranǰa-ka-ka-*, **ranǰu-ka-*; Ave. *rənǰiia-*, Khwār. *rnc*, Khōt. *raysga*, Pasht. *rangay*

33. (135.) **short**

kaltá ❖

< Uzb. *káltá*, Tjk. *kaltá*

❖ B *mwrzk-y* /*muʔzki*/

< **mǰdzuka-*

❖ B *γrʔwš* /*γrűš* - *γrōš*/

❖ B *snʔr* /*snār*/

< **snāra-*; Wakh. *sənōr*

34. **narrow**

bōrǐk ❖

< Pers. *bārǐk*

tank, *tang* ❖

< Pers. *tang*, Pahl. *tang(īh)*, Ave. *tañčišta-*, Wakh. Sarīq. *tang*, Kurd. *teng*, Balōch. *tank*, Chaghat. *tāṅ*, Uzb. *tāṅ*

35. **thin**

tank, *tang* ❖

< Pers. *tang*, Pahl. *tang(īh)*, Ave. *tañčišta-*, Wakh. Sarīq. *tang*, Kurd. *teng*, Balōch. *tank*, Chaghat. *tāṅ*, Uzb. *tāṅ*

tⁿnúk, *tⁿnukák* ❖

< Tjk. *tunúk*, Ishk. *tōnǔk*, Oss. *tænæg*, Sarīq. *tanǔk*, Kurd. *tenik*, Balōch. *tanak*; Ved. *tanú-*, *tánuka-*

(145.) **light**

sabúk, *s^bbúk* ❖

< Tjk. *sabúk*, Hazār. *subúk*

III.4. People

36. (103.) **woman**

za(ε)ǐf(a) ❖

< Ar. ڏڨف *ḏaʕifa*, Pers. *zāʕifa* ‘weak’ > BukhAr. *zaʕifa*, TMast. *zaεif*, Tjk. dial. Chust, Ūrōteppa *zaif*, Waṅ. *zaypa*, *zaypə* ‘woman’

❖ B ²st²yrb M (?)stryc, ¹stryc C stryc /¹strič/
< *stri-kā-; Ave. strī-, Ishk. šbc ‘female animal’, Yazgh. wenj, Shugh. wānīc ‘calf (f)’; Oss. wænyg || iwænug ‘calf, bullock’

37. (102.) **man**

mórti ❖ B Mg mrt¹y M mrt²yy, mrt²yy /márti/

< *mártiia-; Ave. mašīia-, Khwār. mrc(y), Bactr. μαρδο /mard/, Munj. maṛa, Pers. mard, OPers. martiya-, Kurd. mēr, Ved. márti²ya- < Ide. *mṛto- ‘mortal’, Gre. μορτός, εορτός

38. **human**

ōdám ❖

< Ar. ādam, BukhAr. ādami, Hebrew adam, Pers. ādām, Oset. adæm, Ishk. odam, Shugh. ōdam, Tr. adam, Turkm. ādam, Tatar adäm, Chūvash etem; cf. Sogd. M ʾdʾm C ʾdm /Ādam/ ‘Adam’ < Ar. Ādam, Pers. Ādām, Yagh. Ōdām etc.

mardám ❖ AL mrt²xmk S B mrt²ym²k(w), mrt²ym²y M mrtxmy(y) C mrtxmy, mrdxmy /mártoxmē/
< *mártiia-táuxman-(ka-); Pers. mardúm, Shugh. mardum, Ishk. mardəm

39. (104.) **child**

púl(l)a ❖ S ⁰pyðr²k, ⁰pðr B ⁰pyðr²k, ⁰pðr, ⁰pšy M ⁰pšy (as a part of compounds) /pīš(é)/ ‘son’
< *puðra- ‘son’, Ave. puðra-, Khwār. (?)pr, Scyth. *purða-, Bactr. πο(υ)ρο /pū(h)rt/, Khōt. pūra-, Alan. φουρετ, Sarm. *furða-, Oss. firt || furt, Shugh.-Rōsh. puc, Sarīq. pyc, Yazgh. poc, Munj. pūr, Yidgh. pūr, pūl, Wakh. pətr, Parāch. puš, Pers. pisár, pūr, pus(ár), Fārs. pesár, Tjk. pisár, AfghP. pesár, Pahl. pus, pubr, OPers. puça-, Med. *puðra-, Kurd. pisir, Balōch. p^busay, Parth. pūr; Ilr. *putrá-, Ide. *putló-, Ved. putrá-, Pāli putta-, Hind. pūt, Bengāl. put; cf. Lat. puer

gūdák ❖

Pers. kōdák, Tjk. kūdák, TVarz. gudák, AfghP. kūdák, Fārs. kūdāk, Pahl. kwtk² M qwtk /kōðag/, Uzb. gūdák, Uygh. gödäk, Ott. kūdek, Tr. (arch.) kūdek

farzánd ❖

< Pers. farzánd, Pahl. frazand, farzand, Parth. frzynd, Bactr. φορζανδο, φορζανδο, φορζανδο, φαρζανδο, Ave. fraza¹nti-, Ir. *fra-zanti-

40. (114.) **wife**

inč ❖ S ²ync(h), ynch B Mg ²ync(h) M ¹ync C ²ync /¹imj/

< *iāuni-kā-; Yazgh. wenj, Shugh. wānīc ‘calf (f)’; Oss. wænyg || iwænug ‘calf, bullock’

ayól ❖

< Ar. ¹ayāl, Pers. ¹ayāl

41. (113.) **husband**

wīr, vīr ❖ S B C wyr /wīr/

< *wīrá-; Ave. vīra-, Pahl. wīr, Scyth. oióe, Ved. vīrá-, Ide. *wīHró-s, Lat. vir, OIrl. fēn pl. fīn, Irl. Gael. fear pl. fīr, Welsh gŵr pl. gwŷr, Bret. gour, Lith. vīras, Latv. vīrs, Goth. wair, OEng. wer, OScand. verr, cf. Engl. (arch.) wer(e), Ger. Webr

42. (106.) **mother**

očá ❖

< Uzb. *áčá, áčá*, Turkm. *eje*, Tjk. *očá, ačá*

mōdár ❖ M *m^ʔt* C *m^ʔt* /māt/

**mātar-*; Ave. *mātar-*, Khwār. *m^ʔd* /mād-a/, Bactr. *μαδο* /mād/, Khōt. *māta, māvā*, Oss. *mad* || *madæ*, Shugh. *Bajū. mōd*, Bart. Khūf. Rōsh. Rāshrv. *mud*, Munj. *māyā*, Pasht. *mōr*, Pers. *māđár*, OPers. **mātar-*, Pahl. *māt, mātar-*, Balōch. *māt*, Ide. **meh^ʔtér-*, Ved. *mātár-*, Gre. *μητή* D *ματή*, OCS. *matъ*, OEng. *mōdor*, OIrl. *má^čir*; Eynu. *madār, mēdār*

43. (105.) **father**

dōdó ❖

< Tjk. *dōdó, dadá*, Oss. I *dadá*; Uzb. *dada*; cf. Fārs. *bābā*, Oss. I *babá*

padár ❖ B *ʔptr-y* M (*ʔ*)*ptr-y(y)* C (*ʔ*)*ptr-y* /^ʔpt(ə)ri/

< **pitar-*; Ave. (*p*)*tā* (nom.sg.), Khwār. *pc* /pica/, Bactr. *πιδο* /pid/, Khōt. *pātar-*, Oss. *fɪd* || *fidæ*, Shugh. *ped*, Khūf. Rōsh. Rāshrv. Bart. *pīd*, Sarīq. *pīt*, Pasht. *plār*, Waṇ. *pyār*, Pers. *piđár*, Tjk. *padár, pidár*, TMast. *pədár*, Fārs. *pedār, pādār*, Pahl. *pit(ar)* > *piđar*, OPers. *pitar-*, Balōch. *pīt, p^{bis}, p^{bis}Ṣ*, Ide. **p(ə)h^ʔtér-*, Gre. *πατήρ*, Armen. *hayr*, Eng. *father*, OEng. *fēder*, OIrl. *a^čir*; Eynu. *padār, pēdār*

(107.) **older brother**

akó, aká ❖

< Uzb. *áká*, Uygh. *aka*, Tjk. *aká, akó*, TMast. *akó*, Shugh. *akā*, Tr. *ağa*, Kyrg. Kazakh. *Qāraqalp. aya*, BukhAr. *aká*

(108.) **younger brother**

virót ❖ S *βr^ʔt* B *βr^ʔt*, *ʔβr^ʔtr* M *βr^ʔt* C *br^ʔt* /^ʔβrāt(ər)/²⁶⁶

< **brātar-*; Khwār. *βr^ʔd* /βrād/, Bactr. *Ϝ(α)ραδο* /β(ə)rād/, Khōt. *brāte*, Tumshuq. *brāde*, Wakh. *vrit*, Yazgh. *v(ə)rād*, Shugh. Rōsh. *virōd*, Ishk. *vru(d)*, Sangl. *vru(d)*, Pasht. *wrōr*, Pers. *birādár*, Tjk. *barōdár*, TMast. *bürodár* (> Yagh. *b^urōdár*), Fārs. *berādār*, Hazār. *birór*, Kurd. *bera*, Ide. **b^rrātar-*, Ved. *b^rrātar-*, Gypsy *p^bral*, OCS. *bratrъ*, OIrl. *bná^čir*, Welsh *brawd*, OEng. *brōðor*, Lat. *frāter*; Oss. *ærvad* ‘relative’ || *ærvadæ* ‘brother, relative’; Gre. *φρᾶτήρ* I *φρήτηρ* D *φρᾶτήρ* ‘member of a community’

dōdár (occ.) ❖

< Tjk. *dōdár*

(109.) **older sister**

ap(p)á ❖

Uzb. *āpa*, Kyrg. *apa*, Tjk. *apá*, TMast. *apá*, BukhAr. *apá*

(110.) **younger sister**

²⁶⁶ Meaning both older and/or younger brother in Sogdian.

ǰōr ❖ B $\gamma w^{\prime} r h$ M $x w^{\prime} r$ / $x^{\circ} \bar{a} r$ /²⁶⁷

< **huabar-*; Ave. *x^van̄har*, Khwār. $\gamma^u x^a$, Bactr. $\chi o a v o$ / $x^w \bar{a} h$ /, Oss. *xo* || *x^weræ*, Yazgh. $\acute{x}^{\circ} a r \acute{g}$, Ishk. *ixó*, Pasht. *xōr*, Pers. *x^vābār*, TMast. *xū(v)ár*; AfghP. *x^wār*, Hazār. *x^(w)ōr*, Pahl. *xwab*, Parth. *wx^r*; Ide. **suesōr*, sister, Ved. *svásar-*; Mid. and Mod. Welsh *chwaer*; Mid. Bret. *hoer*, *hoar*; Mod. Bret. KLT *c'hoar* // GW *hoér*; OCorn. *huir*; Corn. *hwoer*, OIrl. *riur*; Manx *shuyr*, Ger. *Schwester*; BukhAr. $\bar{h} \bar{a} \bar{b} a r$

(III.) son

ǰūta ❖

< past part. of the verb *ǰū-* 'to live', Sogd. s $\sqrt{z} w(-)$ B $\sqrt{(?)} z w(-)$ M $\sqrt{j} w(-)$ C $\sqrt{z} w(-)$ / $\sqrt{z} \bar{u}$, $\gamma \bar{z} a u$ -/, Ave. *ǰ(a)uua- ???*

❖ S B $z^{\prime} t(?) k$ M $z^{\prime} t y(y)$ C $z^{\prime} t y$ / $z \bar{a} t \bar{e}$ /

< **dzāta-ka-*; Ave. *zāta-*, Khwār. $z^{\prime} d \bar{y} k$, Bactr. $\zeta a d o$ / $z \bar{a} d$ /, Pasht. *zōy*, Pers. *zādā*, Ide. * $\bar{g} \bar{h} \bar{h} \bar{t} \bar{o}$ -

púl(l)a 'child' ❖ s $\circ p y \bar{d} r^{\prime} k$, $\circ p \bar{d} r$ B $\circ p y \bar{d} r^{\prime} k$, $\circ p \bar{d} r$, $\circ p \bar{s} y$ M $\circ p \bar{s} y$ (as a part of compounds) / $p i \check{s}(\acute{e})$ /

< **puṣra-* 'son', Ave. *puṣra-*, Khwār. $(?) p r$, Scyth. **purṣa-*, Bactr. $\pi o(v) \epsilon o$ / $p \check{u}(h) r$ /, Khōt. *pūra-*, Alan. $\phi o u \epsilon \tau$, Sarm. **furṣa-*, Oss. $f \bar{u} r t$ || *furt*, Shugh.-Rōsh. *puç*, Sarīq. $p \bar{u} \check{c}$, Yazgh. *poc*, Munj. *pūr*, Yidgh. *pūr*, *pūl*, Wakh. *pətr*, Parāch. *puš*, Pers. *pisár*, *pūr*, *pus(ár)*, Fārs. *pesár*, Tjk. *pisár*, AfghP. *pesár*, Pahl. *pus*, *pubr*, OPers. *puça-*, Med. **puṣra-*, Kurd. *pisir*, Balōch. *p^busaç*, Parth. *pūr*; Ilr. **putrá-*, Ide. **putló-*, Ved. *putrá-*, Pāli *putta-*, Hind. *pūt*, Bengāl. *put*; cf. Lat. *puer*

(II2.) daughter

$\gamma a y k$ ❖

cf. Yazgh. $\gamma a \check{c} a \acute{g}$, Shugh. $\gamma \bar{a} c$, Rōsh. $\gamma a c$, Sarīq. $\gamma o c$

duxtár (occ.) ❖ AL $\delta w \gamma \bar{d} r$ s $\delta w x t h$, $\delta \gamma w t h$ B $\delta \gamma w t h$ M $\delta w \gamma t(?)$ C $d w \gamma t(?)$ / $\delta \epsilon \gamma^w d(\acute{a})$ /

< **duxtār-*; OAve. *dugadar-*, YAve. *duγdar-*, Khwār. $\delta^u \gamma^d a$ / $\delta u \gamma d a$ /, Bactr. $\lambda o \gamma \delta a$ / $\lambda u \gamma d(a)$ /, Khōt. *dutar-*, Yazgh. $\delta \epsilon \gamma d$, Ishk. *wūdūyd*, Yidgh. *luγdo*, Pasht. *lūr*, Pers. *duxtár*, TMast. *dūxtár*; Ved. *dubitár-*; Eynu. *tuxtār*

(II5.) boy

púl(l)a ❖ s $\circ p y \bar{d} r^{\prime} k$, $\circ p \bar{d} r$ B $\circ p y \bar{d} r^{\prime} k$, $\circ p \bar{d} r$, $\circ p \bar{s} y$ M $\circ p \bar{s} y$ (as a part of compounds) / $p i \check{s}(\acute{e})$ /

< **puṣra-* 'son', Ave. *puṣra-*, Khwār. $(?) p r$, Scyth. **purṣa-*, Bactr. $\pi o(v) \epsilon o$ / $p \check{u}(h) r$ /, Khōt. *pūra-*, Alan. $\phi o u \epsilon \tau$, Sarm. **furṣa-*, Oss. $f \bar{u} r t$ || *furt*, Shugh.-Rōsh. *puç*, Sarīq. $p \bar{u} \check{c}$, Yazgh. *poc*, Munj. *pūr*, Yidgh. *pūr*, *pūl*, Wakh. *pətr*, Parāch. *puš*, Pers. *pisár*, *pūr*, *pus(ár)*, Fārs. *pesár*, Tjk. *pisár*, AfghP. *pesár*, Pahl. *pus*, *pubr*, OPers. *puça-*, Med. **puṣra-*, Kurd. *pisir*, Balōch. *p^busaç*, Parth. *pūr*; Ilr. **putrá-*, Ide. **putló-*, Ved. *putrá-*, Pāli *putta-*, Hind. *pūt*, Bengāl. *put*; cf. Lat. *puer*

²⁶⁷ Meaning both older and/or younger sister in Sogdian.

žúta ❖

< past part. of the verb žū- ‘to live’, Sogd. s √²zw(-) B √(?)zw(-) M √jw(-) C √žw(-) /√žū, žau-/; Ave. j(a)uuu- ???

❖ S B z²t(?)k M z²ty(y) C z²ty /zātē/

< *dzāta-ka-; Ave. zāta-, Khwār. z²dýk, Bactr. ζαδο /zād/, Pasht. zōy, Pers. zādá, Ide. *gñhító-

(116.) **girl**

γayk ❖

cf. Yazgh. γačag, Shugh. γāc, Rōsh. γac, Sariq. γoc

duxtár (occ.) ❖ AL δwγδr s δwxtb, δγwth B δγwth M δwγt(?) C dwγt(?) /δəγ^wd(á)/

< *duxtar-; OAve. dugadar-, YAve. duγdar-, Khwār. δ^uγ^da /duγda/, Bactr. λογδα /luγd(a)/, Khōt. dutar-, Yazgh. δəγd, Ishk. wūdūγd, Yidgh. luγdo, Pasht. lūr, Pers. duxtár, TMast. düxtár; Ved. dubitár-; Eynu. tuxtär

III.5. Animals

44. **animal**

ḡaywēn ❖

< Ar. ḤYY ḡaywān, Hebrew ḡayab, Syr. ḡaywatā, Pers. ḡayvān, Oss. xáywan, Uzb. ḡayvān ḡaywēnót ‘fauna’ ❖

< Ar. ḤYY ḡaywānāt (sg. ḡaywān) Pers. pl. ḡayvānāt, Hazār. aywōnót

(jō^b-#) jōndór ❖

< Tjk. jōndór, TMast. jündór

ǰarmár ❖

< Tjk. ǰarmár

❖ B M δt-w /δətú/

Ave. daitaka-

❖ B ²stwrpδ²γ, ²st²wrpδ²γ, ²st²wrpδ²k M stwprδy /³stōrpəðě/

< *staúra-pada-ka-; cf. Sogd. s B ²st²wr(h) ‘cattle’, Yagh. s^utúr ‘sheep’

45. (86.) **fish**

mōhí, mahí ❖

< Pers. māhí, Tjk. mōhí, mahí, TMast. mi(y)í, TVarz. mií, Kābul. māyí, Hazār. mōí, Pahl. m²hyg /māhīg/, OPers. *mašya-(ka-), Shugh. mōyi, Wakh. mo(h)í, mahí, moyí, Parth. m²sy²g, Kurd. masí, Ir. *māšja-; Ved. mátsya-

❖ B M C kp-y /kəpí/

< *kápā-; Khōt. kavā-, Khwār. kýb, Scyth. (Παντι)κάπης, Oss. kəf, Wakh. kūp, Munj. kōp, Pasht. kab

46. **bird**

mury ❖ S M *mry-y* B (?)*mry-y* /³*m(əʔ)γí*, *məʔγí*/
< **mǵa-*; Ave. *məʔəya-*, Khwār. (?)*mγ-*, Bactr. *μῆγo* /*mirγ*/, Khōt. *mura-*, Oss. I *marγ*,
Pers. *murγ*, TMast. *mürγ*, Hazār. *murq*, Parth. *murg*, Ishk. *m̄rγ*; Ved. *mṛgá-*;

par(r)andá ❖

Pers. *parrandá*, Wakh. *prinda*, Shugh. *parindā*, *parandā*

ǰarmár ❖

< Tjk. *ǰarmár*

(*ǰó^b-#*) *ǰōndór* ❖

< Tjk. *ǰōndór*, TMast. *ǰūndór*

quš ❖

< Uzb. *quš*, Tr. *kuş*, Tü. **quš*; Chaghat. *quš* 'animal'

síča ❖ B *sycʔkk* C *sycy* /*síččák*, *síččě*/

< **ṣika-ka-*, **ṣijakā-ka-*

(87.) **chicken**

mury ❖ S M *mry-y* B (?)*mry-y* /³*m(əʔ)γí*, *məʔγí*/
< **mǵa-*; Ave. *məʔəya-*, Khwār. (?)*mγ-*, Bactr. *μῆγo* /*mirγ*/, Khōt. *mura-*, Oss. I *marγ*,
Pers. *murγ*, TMast. *mürγ*, Hazār. *murq*, Parth. *murg*, Ishk. *m̄rγ*; Ved. *mṛgá-*;

čúǰá (occ. *čúǰá*) ❖ B *cwzʔkk* /*čóǰžák*/

Khwār. *twžk*, Yazgh. *čirǰkg*, Wakh. *čyča*, Yidgh. *čuǰiya*, Pasht. *čurǰaka*, Pers. *čōǰá*, Fārs.

ǰǰé, *ǰouǰé*; Uzb. *ǰǰá*, Tr. *cüce*, Qashq. *ǰǰá*

47. (95.) **dog**

kut ❖ S B ²*kwt-y* M *kwt-y*, *qwt-y* /³*kʷətí*/

< **kúta-*, **kutí-*; Bactr. *κοδο* /*kud*/, Oss. *kʷɔɪʒ* || *kuy*, Yazgh. *kʰod* (fem. *kid*), Shugh.-Rōsh.

kud (f. *kid*), Sarīq. *kɔɪd*, Ishk. *kɔɪd*, Sangl. *kud*; Tjk. colloq. *kučák*, Hazār. *kučá*, Ir. **kuta-*,

**kutí-*; Hind. *kuttā*, Tokh. *ku*

ráuǰna, *ráuǰna* ❖

< pres. part. of the verb *rauǰ-*, *rauǰž-* 'to bark', Sogd. s B *ʌrβz-* /*ʌrəβž-*/, Munj. *rav-* :

rivd-

(89.) **cow**

γōu ❖ S B M *γʔw* C *γw* /*γāu*/

< **gǎu-*; Ave. *gǎuu-* (nom. *gǎuš*), Scyth. **gǎu-*, Khwār. *γwk* /*γōk*/, Bactr. *γao(i)* M *γʔʔw*

/*γāw*/, Khōt. *ggūhī*, Oss. *qug* || *γog*, Shugh. Rōsh. Khūf. *žōw*, Bart. *žaw*, Rāshrv. *žāw*,

Sarīq. *žew*, *žaw*, Yazgh. *γew*, Wakh. *ǰyɪw*, Ishk. *γu*, Sangl. *uγūj*, Munj. *γówa*, Yidgh.

γavo, Pasht. *γwā*, Parāch. *gū*, Ōrm. *gōī*, Pers. *gāv*, TYagh. TFalgh. TVarz. *gou*, Hazār.

gaw, Pahl. *gāv*, *gō*, OPers. **gau-* (*Gaubrūva-* = Γωβρῦας), Kurd. *ga*, Balōch. *gōk*, Tālysh.

gug; Ide. **gʷōu-s*, Ved. *go-*, *gau-*, *gāv-*, Gre. *βοῦς*, Lat. *bōs*, Armen. *kov*, OScand. *kýr*,

OEng. *cū*, *cý*, Eng. *cow*, dial. *kye* (pl. *kine*), OHG. *chuo*, Ger. *Kuh*, Irl. *bó*, OCS. *gov[ędo]*

kišók 'bull' ❖

< *krš-āka- 'bull' // *kauš-ā-/*kūš-ā- 'cow'; Bactr. γαο κίφαγο /gāw kišāg/, Ishk. kbžúk, Sangl. kužúk, Munj. kúwō, kúyō, Parāch. kâšagū; Sarghul. kišó 'cow'

~~(96.) buffalo~~

(94.) goat

vaz ❖ c bzyšt / (ə)βzīšt/ (pl.); mg. ʔβzynch /əβzīm̃j/ 'kid'

< *būzda-; Ave. būza-, Khwār. ʔβz /aβza/, Khōt. buysa-, Yazgh. Shugh. Rōsh. vaz, Ishk. vbz, Munj. vāza, Pasht. wuz (f. wuza), Pers. buz, TFalgh. büz, Pahl. vuz, Zázá. bize; Thrac. buza

(97.) monkey

maymún ❖

< Pers. majmún, Oss. I maymuli, Kyrg. maymiž, Tatar. maymul, Tatar. dial. mäymun, Uygh. maymun, MGre. μαίμου

❖ B mkk̄r(?) M mkr̄ /makkáḡ(á)/

< Skt. markāṭa-, Prkt. makkāḍa- > Khōt. makala-, Khwār. mrk

48. louse

š^upúš, š'púš ❖ B špšh /špəšá/

< *kūša-; Ave. špiš-, Khwār. sp^h, Oss. s^ust || sistæ, Yazgh. səpaw, Shugh. sipáŷ, Rōsh. sipaw, Sarīq. spal, Ishk. s(ə)puł, s(ə)pol, Wakh. šiš, Munj. s(ə)páŷ, Yidgh. spūo, špūo, Pasht. špága, špága, Parāch. espō, Ōrm. spōi, Kurd. sipi, Māzand. isfij, Pahl. spiš, Tjk. šupúš, šubúš(k), šabúš(k), TMast. sübüs, Hazār. išpíš

49. (96.) snake

mōr ❖

< Pers. mār, Kurd. mar

kír⁽ⁱ⁾m ❖ kyrm-y c qyrm-y /ki^rmí/

< *kr̄mi-, Oss. kalm || kəlmæ, Pers. kirm 'worm'; Ved. k̄r̄mi-

50. worm

kírmák ❖

< *kr̄mi- + diminutive suffix -ak

(98.) mosquito / fly

páš(š)á 'fly' ❖

< TMast. TVarz. pašá, TBuch. pašša 'fly'; Tjk. paššá 'mosquito'

púžna, pújna 'fly' ❖

žunčurák 'mosquito' ❖

< Tjk. čur(ču)rák 'whiz'

❖ s muxšk 'mosquito'

< *maxšika-

(99.) ant

mūrčák ❖ B *zm²wrc, zm²wr²k /zmōrč, zmōrě/*

< *(z)máuri-ka-(ka-); Ave. *mao²ri-*, Oss. *mælʒɔɪg* || *mulʒug*, Pasht. *mēgay*, Waṅ. *mēržai*,
Pers. *mōrčá*, Tjk. *mūrčák*

(100.) **spider**

wófkak ❖

< derived from verb *wōf-* : *wófta* ‘to weave’, Sogd. M *ʋw²f /ʋwāf/* : *ʋuft-*, Oss. I *wafɔn*,
Pers. *bāftán* : *bāf-*

vallinká, vanlinká, vanpóda ❖

< *van(n)* ‘long’ + *link* (< Turkic?) / *póda* (Sogd. *pāð(ē)*) ‘leg’, i.e. ‘long-legged’

tōrtaná ❖

< Tjk. *tōrtaná* < Tjk. *tōr* ‘web’

III.6. Plants

51. (61.) **tree**

daráxt / d²ráxt ❖

< Pers. *diráxt*, Tjk. *daráxt*, TMast. *dəráxt*, Wakh. *daráxt*, Shugh. *diráxt*; Uzb. *daraxt*,
Kyrg. *daraq*

❖ S *wn⁽²⁾k(h)* M *wn² /wəná/*

< **uanā-*; Ave. *vanā-*, Shugh. *wān* ‘weeping willow’, Pasht. *wána, wúna*, Parāch. *yan*
‘oak’; cf Ishk. [čb]*wen* ‘apricot, apricot-tree’

52. **forest**

mary ‘grass’ ❖ BS *mryh* S M C *mry /maɪy/* ‘meadow, forest’

< **márga-* ‘meadow’; Ave. *marəya-*, Bactr. *μαργο /mary/* ‘meadow’, Sangl. *mēry*, Yidgh.
mīryo, Pasht. *marya*, Tjk. *mary, maryzór* ‘meadow’

jangál ❖

< Pers. *jangál*, Shugh. *jingāl*, Hind. *jaṅgal*, Pali. Prkt. *jaṅgala*, Eng. *jungle*, Ger. *Dschungel*

❖ S B *wnt²k(h)* /wəndák/

< **uanā-* ‘tree’

53. **stick**

šōx ❖ M *š²γh /šāx/*

< **šāxa-*; Wakh. *šōx*, Pers. *šāx*, Parth. *š²x*

šáppa ❖ M *xwšyp /x^ošép/* ‘whip’

< Pers. *šappá*, TMast. *šap(p)á* < **xšūaiṣa-* ‘whip’; Ave. *xšuuaiṣaiiat* ‘whip’, Rōsh. *šabēz*
‘whip, stick’

dōrk ‘wood, stick’ ❖ B *δ²r(?)wk(?)*, *δ²r²wkh* M *δ²rwk(?)* C *d²rwq /dárúk(ä)* ‘wood’

< **dárūka-* < **dáru-ka-* ‘wood’; Yazgh. *derk*, Shugh. *δōrg*, Rōsh. *δūrg*, Ishk. *dork*, Sangl.
durk, Pasht. *largáy*, Waṅ. *lergá*, Parth. *d²lwg*, Pers. *dār* ‘wood, tree, pillar’

54. (66.) **fruit**

mēvagī, *mēvā* ❖ S B *mydʔk* /*məγdē*/

< **migda-ka-*; Pers. *mēvā*, Pahl. *mēβ(ag)*, Parth. *mygdg* /*miγd(ag)*/; Balōch. *nīwag*, *nībag*;
Uzb. *mēvā*, Tr. *meyve*, Azərb. *meyvə*

55. **seed**

táx(i)m, *túx(u)m* ❖ S B *tym-y* C *txm-y* /*toxmí*/, S B *tymy* C *t(w)xmy* /*toxmé*/

< **tāq̄xma-(ka-)* < **táuxman-*; Ave. *taoxman-*, Bactr. *τοχμανο* /*tuxman*/, Wakh. *taym*,
Ishk. *txm*, Pasht. *tōma*, Pers. *tuxm*, TMast. *tūxm*, Hazār. *túx^um*, Pahl. *tōm*, Parth.
tw(x)m /*tō(x)m*/, OPers. *taumā-*, Kurd. *tom*; Ved. *tókman-*

56. (62.) **leaf**

barg ❖ B M *wrkr* C *wrq* /*wárkar*/,

< **uarka-*; Pers. *barg*, Hazār. *balk*, Pahl. *barg* > Ar. WRQ *waraq(aī)* ‘page (of a book)’,
BukhAr. *uaraq̄a*, Pers. *varáq* (> Yagh. *waráq*)

57. (63.) **root**

rīša ❖

< Pers. *rēšá*, Ave. *raēša-*

58. **bark**

pūst ❖ S *pwst(h)* /*pōst*/

< **pau(a)sta-*; Ave. *pasta-*, Shugh. *pūst*, Rōsh. Khūf. Bart. *pūst*, Sarīq. *past*, Yazgh. *past*,
Wakh. *pist*, Sangl. *pask*, Munj. *pūstá*, Yidgh. *pisto*, Pers. *pōst*, Pasht. Kurd. *post*; Skt.
pustaka- ‘book’

pūčóq ❖

< Uzb. *pūčáq*, Tjk. *pūčóq*

(64.) **thorn**

xōr ❖

< Pers. *xār*, Pahl. *xār*; Skt. *k^bara-* ‘sharp’

59. (65.) **flower**

gūl ‘rose, flower’ ❖ M *wrd* /*wārd*/ ‘rose’

< *uārda-*, **uṛda-*; Ave. *varāda-*, Oss. I *wardi*, Pers. *gul*, TMast. *gül*, *gəl*, *gūl*, Wakh. *gul*,
gəl, Kurd. *gul*; Uzb. Tr. *gül*, Kyrg. *gül*, *kül*, Tatar. *göl*, NGr. *γχιούλι*

❖ B *ʔsp(?)rγmy(y)*, *ʔsprγm(?)k*, *spʔrγmy* M *ʔsprγmy(y)*, *spʔrγmy* /*ʔspárγ(ə)mē*/

Ave. *sparəya-*, Parth. Pahl. *ʔsprhm*

~~(67.) **mango**~~

~~(68.) **banana**~~

(69.) **wheat (husked)**

γámtun, *γántum* ❖ S *γntm* C *γntm* /*γámndəm*/

< **gántuma-*; Ave. *gántuma-*, Khwār. *γndým*, Bactr. *γανδομο* /*γandum*/, Shugh. *žindam*,
Wakh. *γədim*, Ishk. *γundum*, Munj. *γó(n)dūm*, Pasht. *γanáəm*, Wañ. *γandəm*, Pers.
gandúm, TMast. *gandúm*, Pahl. /*gandum*/, *gnwm* /*gannum*/; Gre. *γάνδομα*, *γανδόμην*

(70.) **barley**

yaṁ ❖ s Mg M yw-y /yəwí/

< **iaua-*; Ave. *yauua-*, Bactr. *ιαοι, ιαο(ο)* /yaw/, Oss. I *yaē* ‘millet’, Shugh. *jav*, Wakh. *žaw, žow*; Munj. *you* ‘grain’, Pers. *jaṁ*, Pahl. *jaw*; Ved. *yáva-*

(71.) **rice** (*husky*)

birinj ❖ M βrɣnc /βrĩmǰ/

< **uridzi-*; Ave. *verenja*, Khwār. *βnc*, Khōt. *rrīysū-, rrīysua-*, Pasht. (*w*)*rīža*, Waṅ. *wrīza*, Wakh. *gurunǰ*, Ōrm. *rījan*, Pers. *birinj, gurinj*, Pahl. *brinj*, Tālysh. *birz*, Sivandi. *birji*; Ved. *vrihī-*, Elam. *mi-ri-zi-iš*, Gre. *ῥεϋζα, βεϋζα*, Cze. *rýže*, Eng. *rice*, Kāmvir. *wrūji*, Qashq. *birinj*

(72.) **potato**

kartušká, kartišká ❖

< Rus. *картошка*, Tjk. *kartošká*, TVarz. *ka(r)tušká*, Kyrg. *kartöškö* < Fr. *cartouche*

(73.) **eggplant**

(74.) **groundnut**

(75.) **chilli / pepper**

qalamfūr ❖

Tjk. *qalamfūr, qaranfúl*, TMast. *qalamfūr, qəlamfūr* < Hind.

zanjabíl ❖ s *snkrpyl /símǰəbíl/* ‘ginger’

< Tjk. (regionally) *zanjabíl* ‘red pepper’ < Pers. *zanjabíl* ‘ginger’, Pahl. *sngypyl /singaβēr/*, Kurd. *zencefil*, Ujgh. *zänjwil*, Tr. *zencefil*, Ázerb. *zəncəfil*, Ar. *zanjabíl*, Gre. *ζιγγίβερις*, Mediaeval Lat. *gingiber, zingiber* < Palī. *siṅgiu* ‘ginger’

(76.) **tumeric**

(77.) **garlic**

kámčun (arch.) ❖

cf. TMast. *kamč* ‘wild onion’

sīr ❖

< Pers. *sīr*, Kurd. *sîr*

(78.) **onion**

p’iyóz ❖ B *pyʔk /pyāk/*

< Ir. **piāka-*; Yidgh. *piγ*, Wakh. *piūk*, Yazgh. *piyēγ*; Bactr. *πιωζο /piyōz/*; Pers. *piyáz*, Pahl. *padāz*, Kurd. *pîvaz*; Uygh. *piyaz*, Kyrg. *piyaz*

(79.) **cauliflower**

(80.) **tomato**

pamadúr, pamadór ❖

< Rus. *помидор* < Ital. *pomi d’oro*; TMast. *famildorú*

(81.) **cabbage**

vəzγūšák ❖

< *vəz* ‘goat’ + *γūš* ‘ear’

60. **grass**

wēš / waiš ❖ B wyš(h) /wēš/

< *uāstriā-; Ave. vāstra- ‘pasture, provender’, Khwār. wš, Bactr. oaxo M wš /wāš/, Yazgh. weš ‘grass, hay’, Shugh. Rōsh. Rāshrv. Khūf. wōš, Sarīq. wux, Ishk. (w)uš, Sangl. wuš, Wakh. wıš, Munj. wəš, wūš, Yidgh. wuš, Pasht. wāšš, Parāch. γiš, Ōrm. γwāši, Parth. wāš ‘provender’

mary ❖ BS mryh S M C mry /mairy/ ‘meadow, forest’

< *mārga- ‘meadow’; Ave. marəya-, Bactr. μαργο /mary/ ‘meadow’, Sangl. mēry, Yidgh. mīryo, Pasht. marya, Tjk. mary, maryzōr ‘meadow’

61. (36.) **rope**

wīta ❖

< *uīta-ka-, Oss. I biyın ‘to bind’

vānt ❖

< *banta-, Bactr. βανδο /band/, Oss. I bændæg, Pers. band

III.7. Body parts

62. (84.) **skin**

pūst ❖ S pwst(h) /pōst/

< *pau(a)sta-; Ave. pāsta-, Shugh. pūst, Rōsh. Khūf. Bart. pūst, Sarīq. past, Yazgh. pəst, Wakh. pist, Sangl. pask, Munj. pūstá, Yidgh. pisto, Pers. pōst, Pasht. Kurd. post; Skt. pustaka- ‘book’

čarm ❖ S B crm /čarm/,

< *čarman-; Ave. čarəman-, Khwār. crm /carm/, črm /čarm/, Khōt. tcāрман-, Oss. čar(m), Pasht. carman, Pers. čarm, Kurd. çerm; Ved. cárman-

63. (84.) **meat**

yóta ❖ B yʔtʔk, yʔtk M yʔty /yátē/

< *iāta-ka-; Khwār. yātti; cf. etymologically non-related Uygh. Uzb. ét, Kyrg. it

64. (22.) **blood**

wáx(i)n, wáx(i)m ❖ B γwrn-w, γwrn-y, γγwn-w, wγrn-h M (y)xwrn-y, yxwn-y C xwrn-y, γwxn-y / (yə)xwəʔní, xwəʔnú, yəxwəní, yəxwənú, yoxní, wəxəʔná/

< *uābu(r)na-; Ave. vohunī-, vohuna-, Khwār. hwny, Khōt. hūnā, Shugh. Rōsh. wixīn, Bart. waxīn, Rāshrv. waxīn, Yazgh. š°an, Ishk. wən, Wakh. wıxən, Munj. yīna, Pasht. winē, Pers. xūn, TFalgh. xin

65. (20.) **bone**

sʔták ❖ S B M ʔstk-y, C stq-y /ʔstákí/

< *asta(-)ka-; Khwār. ʔstk /əstag/, Khōt. āstaa-, Oss. I ɣstæg, Ishk. wūstúk, Sangl. ostök, Wakh. (y)ayč, Munj. yostiy, Yidgh. yastē, Pahl. astag, cf. Pers. ustuxvān

66. (85.) **fat (of meat)**

čárpa ❖ B *crp* /čárp/

< *čarp(a)-; Khwār. *crb*, Oss. *carv*, Jass. *carif*, Tjk. *čarb*

(82.) oil

rúγ^hn, rúγan, rúγna ❖ S B M C *rwγn* Bf *ro haṃ*, *ro γaṃ* /róγ^hn/

< *ráugna-(ka-); Ave. *raoγna-*, Khwār. *ryǰn*, Bactr. M *rwgn*, Khōt. *rrūna-*, Yazgh. *roy(ə)n*, Shugh. *rūγan*, Ishk. *rey(u)n*, Wakh. *rūγn*, *rūγən*, Munj. *rūγna*, Yidgh. *rūγən*, Pers. *rōγán*, Tjk. *rauyán*, TMast. *rūγán*, TVarz. *rūγán*, TYagh. *rūγín*, AfghP. *rauyán*, colloq. *rūγán*, Hazār. *ruyū*, *rūyū*, Fārs. *rouγ* Fārs. *ro^uγán*, Pahl. *rōγn*

(91.) milk

x'šift ❖ B γšyβt(-y) S γš'γβt M xšyβt Bf *hṣa wd^{bi}*, *hṣa wti* /^əxšīβd(á) - ^əxšīβdí/

< *xšūifta-; Ave. *xšuuīpta-*, *xšuuīd-*, Khwār. *xuṣcy* /xūβzī/, Khōt. *švidä-*, Yazgh. *x^oovd*, Shugh. Rōsh. *xūvd*, Sariq. *ξεwd*, Yidgh. *x^ušuvd*, Pasht. *šawdá*, Ōrm. *šīpī*, Parth. *šyft*, Záz. *šit*, cf. Pers. *šaftālú*

šīr ❖

< Pers. *šīr*, Oss. I *æxšyr*

67. (88.) egg

táx(i)m; túx(u)m ❖ S B *tym-y* C *t(x)m-y* /toxmí/, S B *tymy* C *t(w)xmy* /toxmé/

< *tāq̄xma-(ka-) < *táuxman-; Ave. *taoxman-*, Bactr. *τοχμανο* /tuxman/, Wakh. *taym*, Ishk. *təxm*, Pasht. *tōma*, Pers. *tuxm*, TMast. *tüxm*, Hazār. *túx^um*, Pahl. *tōm*, Parth. *tw(x)m* /tō(x)m/, OPers. *taumā-*, Kurd. *tom*; Ved. *tókman-*

xóγa 'testicles' ❖

< Pers. *xāyá*, 'egg(s)' Pahl. *xāyag*, Khwār. *γ^hk* /γāg/, Ir. **āūia-ka-*, Ave. *aēm*, Ide. **h₂ōūiom*, OCS. *ajъce*, Rus. *яйцѹ*, Cze. *vejce*; Lat. *ōvum*, Gre. *φόν*, Gót. *ada*, OEng. *æg*, OScand. *egg*, Ger. *Ei*

68. (92.) horn

šōx ❖ M š^hγh /šāx/

< *šāxa-; Wakh. *šōx*, Pers. *šāx*, Parth. *š^hx*

❖ C *k^hrn^h* /ka^hrnā/

< *kár^hnā-kā-; Ave. *karəna-* 'ear'; Ved. *śṛṅga-*, Lat. *cornu*, Goth. *haiurn*

69. (93.) tail

dūim, dūmbá ❖ M *ḍwnp-* /ḍūmb-/; B *ḍwnp^hk* /ḍumbē/ '[having a] tail'

< *dūma-; Ave. *dūma-*, Khwār. *ḍwm* /ḍūm/, Khōt. *dumaa-*, Oss. *ḍymæg* || *dumæg*, Yazgh. *ḍom*, Shugh. Rōsh. *ḍum*, Ishk. *dūm*, Munj. *lum*, Pasht. *ləm*, Pers. *dūm*, Tjk. *dūm(bá)*, TMast. *dūmb(á)*, Kurd. *duw*, *dunk*, Balōch. *dummag*

70. feather

pan(n) (arch.); par 'feather, wing' ❖ B *prn* /pa^hrn/

< Ir. **parna-*; Ave. *parəna-*, Khwār. *pñ*, Shugh. *pūn*, Rōsh. *pūn*, Bart. *pōnt*, Sariq. *pun*, Yazgh. *pūn*, Wakh. *pār*, Munj. *pūṅ(ḡ)*, Yidgh. *pūna*, Pasht. *bāṇa*, Perc. *par* cf. Tjk. *parrá*

71. (3.) hair

daráu || d'ráu ❖ B *z̄w-y /žəwí/*

< **dráua-* 'hair'; Khōt. *drau-*, *dro*, Oss. *ærdu* || *ærdo*, Shugh. *cīw*, Rōsh. *cōw*, Yazgh. *cū*;
Ōrm. *dri*; Ved. *drav-*, Khowār. *dro*, Ide. **drey-*

72. (2.) **head**

sar ❖ *sr-y, sʔr /sarí/*

< **śára-*; Bactr. *σαγο /sar/*, Oss. I *sær*, Ishk. *sar*, Pers. *sar*, Kurd. *serî*, Hind. *sar*, *sir*, Eynu.
sār

kallá, sàrkállá ❖

< Pers. *kallá*, Tjk. (*sàr*)*kallá* BukhAr. *kalla*, Uzb. *kállá*, Karakaplak. *gelle*, Turk. *kelle*

(4.) **face**

rīt ❖ S B *ryt(h)* M *ry(y)t* C *ryt /rīt/*

rūʷ ❖

< Pers. *rōi*, TMast. *rū*, Hazār. *ruy*, Kurd. *rû*, Ave. *raoda-*; Goth. *ludja*

lunǰ ❖

< Tjk. *lunǰ*

če^{brá} ❖

< Pers. *čibr(á)*; Ir. **čiḏra-* 'sign'; Khōt. *tcira-* 'image'; Ave. *čiḏra-* 'picture'; Pasht. *cēr*
'alike'; Alan. *τḷḷεḷε, τḷḷετ* 'tombstone', Oss. *cirt* || *cirt*; Ved. *citra-* 'visible'; Tatar. *čiray*
'face'

73. (6.) **ear**

γūš ❖ S B M C *γwš /γōš/*

< **gauša-*; Ave. *gaoša-*, Khwār. *γwx /γōx/*, Khōt. *gguv'a-*, *ggū'*, Oss. *qus* || *γos*, Scyth.
○*γωσος*, Wakh. *ǰiš*, Ishk. *γūš*, Shugh. *γūš*, Rōsh. *γōw*, Sariq. *γawl*, Yazgh. *γəvon*,
Munj. *γūy*, *γūš*, Yidgh. *γū*, Pasht. *γwaǰ*, Ōrm. *gōi*, *gōy*, Parāch. *gū*, Pers. *gōš*, Pahl. Parth
gōš, OPers. *gauša-*, Balóč *gōš*, Kurd. *goh*; Ved. *g^{bo}ša-* 'neck'

74. (5.) **eye**

γúrda ❖

< **grda-ka-*; cf. Ave. *gərəda-* 'hole, pit'

čáš(i)m ❖ S *c(š)m-y* M *cm-y(y)*, *cšm-y* C *c(y)m-y*, *cšm-y /č(iš)mí/*

< **čášman-*; Ave. *čášman-*, Khwār. *cm-*, *cn-* /*camma*/, Khōt. *tcei'man-*, Oss. *cæst* 'eye',
casm || *cans* 'window-opening', Ishk. *com*, Sangl. *cāṃ*, Zēb. *cōm*, Munj. *čōm*, Yidgh. *čam*,
Shugh. Baj. *cēm*, Rōsh. Khūf. *cām*, Bart. *cēm*, Rāshrv. *cīm*, Sariq. *cem*, Yazgh. *čām*,
Wakh. *čə(ž)m*, Ōrm. *cimī*, *čim*, *cōm*, Pers. *čašm*, TMast. *čišm*, Fārs. *češm*, Hazār. *čišm*,
Kurd. *çav*

75. (7.) **nose**

nēs /nais ❖ B *nns /nañs/*, M *ns /naš/*; B *nyc /nēč/*

< **nāsn(ia)-*, **nābi-kā-*; Ave. *nāñhan-*, Khwār. *n^c /nāza/*, Yazgh. *nej*, Shugh. *nāz*, Rōsh.
Khūf. *nēz*, Bart. Rāshrv. *nōz*, Sariq. *noz*, Ishk. *nic*, Parāch. *nēšt*; Ved. *nāsikā-*

76. (8.) **mouth**

rax ❖ s rɣʔk /rəxā/

77. (9.) **teeth**

dindak ❖ B *ɔntʔk* B M *ɔntʔkb* C *dntʔ* /ðim̄dā(k), ðam̄dā(k)/

< **dāntu(-)ka-*; Khwār. *ɔnck* /ðanzig/, Khōt. *dandaa-*, Oss. I *dændag*, Shugh. *ðindūn*, Khūf. Rōsh. Bart. Rāshrv. *ðindōn*, Sarīq. *ðandan*, *ðandun*, Yazgh. *ðand*, *ðān*, Wakh. *dəndɨk*, *dendik*, Ishk. *dond*, Sangl. *dānd*, Munj. *lod*, Pers. *dandān*, TMast. *dandūn*, Pahl. *dandān*, Kurd. *didan*, Balōch. *dāntān*; Lat. *dans*, Gre. *ὀδών*, Gót. *tunþus*, Ger. *Zahn*, OEng. *tōð*, Lit. *dantis*, OIrl. *ḃéτ*, Irl. *déad*, Welsh Bret. *dant*, Ide. **h₁dónt-*

78. (10.) **tongue**

zivók ❖ B *(?)zβʔ(?)k* M *zβʔk* C *zbʔq* /ʔzβāk - žβāk /

< **hidzudá-kā-*; Ave. *hizuuā-*, *hizū-*, Khwār. *zʔβʔk*, *ʔzβʔk* /zuβág, əzβág/, Bactr. *εζαγο* /əzβág/, Khōt. *bišā* /βizā/, Oss. *əvzag*, Munj. *zəvíγ* U *zəvíg*, Yidgh. *zʔvīγ*, *zibēγ*, Shugh.-Rōsh. *ziv*, Yazg. *z(ə)veg*, Wakh. *zīk*, Ishk. *z(ə)vūk*, Sangl. *zəvík*, Pasht. *žába*, Wazirī *žabba*, Wazirī *žabba*, Waṇ. *z(i)ba*, *zəbō*; Pers. *zabān*, TMast. *zūbūn*, *zuγūn*, *zəbūn*, TBukh. *zavon*, Hazār. *zibū*, Pahl. *ʔwzʔn* M *ʔzwʔn* /uzwān, izwān/, Parth. *ʔzbʔn* /izbān/, OPers. *hizānam* (acc. sg.), *hizū-*, Med. **hizbān-*, Zāzā. *ziman*, *zuan*, *zun*, Kurd. *ziman*, Māzand. *ziwūn*, *ziwan*, Balōch. *zubān*, *zuvān*, *zavān*, Talysh. *zəvon*, Khōʔinī *zuan*, Tātī *zubun*; Ōrm. *zobān*; Urd. *zabān*; Ilr. **sijʔuā-*; Ved. *jibvá*, *jubú-*, Sindhī *jibʔa*; Ide. **dṅḡbū-*, **dṅḡbūā-*, OCS. *językō*; Lat. *lingua*, OIrl. *tenḡ(e)*, *tenḡə*, Goth. *tunḡō*, Armen. *lezu*, Tokh. A *kāntu* B *kāntvo*

79. (17.) **finger nail**

náxna ❖ B *nʔɣ(?)n* /nāxən/

< **nāxa-na-*; Khōt. *nāhane*, Yidgh. *anaxno*, Pers. *nāxūn*, Ved. *nakʔá-*

80. **foot**

póda ❖ s *pʔdʔk* B *pʔd(y)*, *pʔdh*, *pʔd(?)k* M *pʔd(y)* C *pʔd(y)* /pádě/

< **páda-(ka-)*, Ave. *pāda-*, Khwār. *pʔd*, Khōt. *pāa-*, Oss. *fad*, Wakh. *ḡīð*, Shugh. *pōð*, Yazgh. *peð*, Ishk. *pud*, Munj. *pāla*; Pers. *pāi*, Pahl. *pāi*, OPers. *pāda-*, Kurd. *pê*; Gre. *πούς*, cf. Pasht. *calōrbōlai* ‘four-legged’

81. (18.) **leg**

link ❖

< Tü. ??, Kurd. *ling*

póda, pō(y) ❖ s *pʔdʔk* B *pʔd(y)*, *pʔdh*, *pʔd(?)k* M *pʔd(y)* C *pʔd(y)* /pádě/

< **páda-(ka-)*, Ave. *pāda-*, Khwār. *pʔd*, Khōt. *pāa-*, Oss. *fad*, Wakh. *ḡīð*, Shugh. *pōð*, Yazgh. *peð*, Ishk. *pud*, Munj. *pāla*; Pers. *pāi*, Pahl. *pāi*, OPers. *pāda-*, Kurd. *pê*; Gre. *πούς*, cf. Pasht. *calōrbōlai* ‘four-legged’

82. **knee**

zōnk ❖ B *zʔnʔwk*, *znʔwkʔ*, M *znwq* /zānuk(ā)/

< **zānūkā-* < **dzānū-kā-*, Ave. *žnu-*, Khwār. *zʔnwk*, Khōt. *ysānū-*, *ysānuā-*, Oss. I *zonɨg*,

Ishk. *zong*, Waṅ. *zung*, Parāch. *zanuk*, Pers. *zānū*, TMast. *ziūni*, Pahl. *zʷnwk /zānūg/*, Parth. *zʷnwg*, Balōch. *zanūk*; Ved. *jānu-*, Gre. *γόνυ*, Lat. *genu*, OEng. *cnēo(w)*

83. armband

dast ❖ s B M gM *ḍst-y* C *dst-y /ḍast-í/*

< **dásta-* (dissimilation or contamination of past part. of verb *dād-* ‘to give’ **dāsta-* < **dād-ta-*) < **dzásta-*; Ave. *zasta-*, Khwār. *ḍst /ḍast-/*, Bactr. *λιστο /list/*, Khōt. *dasta-*, Shugh. *ḍust*, Khūf. *ḍūst* Rōsh. *ḍost*, Sarīq. *ḍbist*, Wakh. *ḍast, dast*, Yazgh. *ḍūst, dast*, Munj. *lōst*, Yidgh. *last*, Pasht. *lās*, Parāch. *dōst*, Pers. *dast*, Pahl. *dst /dast/*, OPers. *dasta-*, Parth. *dst*, Kurd. *des*; Ved. *hásta-*, Ide. **ǵʰes-to-*; cf. Gre. *χεῖε* D *χηε*, Hitt. *kešsar*, Tokh. A *tsar* B *šar*

yōzna ❖

< pres. part. of the verb *yōz-* ‘to stretch’, Pers. *yāzīdān* : *yāz-*

(14.) elbow

ōrīnǰ, ōrúnǰ ❖ B ^{ʔʔrʔync} M ^{ʔʔrʔnj} C ^{ʔrync} /*āriṁǰ*/

< **ārāṁni-ka-*; Ave. *arāṁna-*, Khōt. *ariṁe* ‘belonging to elbow’; Oss. [*əlm-/ərm-*]*ərin* || [*çəng-*]*ərinə*, Shugh. *ārenǰ*, Sarīq. *yorn*; Sangl. *āriṁǰ*, Wakh. *ōrīnǰ*; Munj. *rāzən, rāzen*, Yidgh. *razín*, Pers. *āran(j)*, Tjk. *ōrīnǰ*, Northern dial. *olínǰ, olúnǰ*, AfghP. *ārónǰ*, Fārs. *ārānǰ*; Ved. *aratní-*, Gre. *ὠλήν*, OEng. *eln*

(15.) palm (of hand)

pañǰá(ra) ❖

< Tjk. *pañǰará, pañǰá* < **pañča-* ‘five’

kaf ❖

< Pers. *kaf*

nišk ❖ s *nnšky*

cf. Khōt. *nānārra-* < Khōt. *nāna-* / *nina-* ‘within’ + *ārra-* < **arma-* ‘arm’

páx(x)a ❖

cf. Yagh. *pax* ‘finger’

(16.) finger

unkúšt, angúšt ❖ ^{ʔnkwšt} M ^{ʔngwšt} /*aṁgʷəšt*/

< **ángušta-*; Ave. *angušta-*, Oss. I *əngʷɪlʒ*, Khōt. *āštia-*, Pers. *angúšt*, Pahl. *angušt*, Kurd. *engušt*; Ved. *aṁgʷúštʰa-*

pax ❖

cf. Yagh. *pax(x)á* ‘palm’

84. wing

qanót, qanát ❖

< Uzb. *qanát*, Uygh. Kyrg. *qanat* < Tü. **qānát*; Tjk. *qanót, qanát*

bal ❖

< Pers. *bāl*

par ❖ B *prn* /paɪn/

< Ir. **parna-*; Ave. *parəna-*, Khwār. *pñ*, Shugh. *pūn*, Rōsh. *pūn*, Bart. *pōnt*, Sarīq. *pun*, Yazgh. *pūn*, Wakh. *pār*, Munj. *pūŋ(ǵ)*, Yidgh. *pūṇa*, Pasht. *bāṇa*, Pers. *par*

❖ M C *wʔz* /wāz/

cf. Sogd. B M *∕wz-* /∕wəz-/ ‘to fly’; Pers. *vazīdān* : *vaz-*, Ved. *vah-* ‘to blow’

(I.) **body**

tan ❖ S B *tnpʔr*, M *tanbʔr*, *tambʔr*, *tampʔr* C *tanbʔr*, *tanpʔr*, *tam(b)ʔr*, *tmfʔr* /támbar/

< Ir. **tanū-(pāra-)*; Ave. *tanu-*, Khwār. *tn* /tan/, Bactr. *τανο* /tan/, Pers. *tan*, Parth. *tnbʔr*, Pahl. *tnβʔr*; Uzb. *tān*, Uygh. *tän*, Kyrg. *ten*, BukhAr. *tan*

badán ❖

Ar. BDN, Pers. *badán*

jasád ❖

Ar. JSD *jasad*, Pers. *jasád*

85. (I2.) **belly**

škámpa, *iškampá* ❖

< **škamba-ka-*; Pers. *šikám*, Tjk. *šikambá*, *iškambá*, TVarz. *šikám*, *iškám*

dára ‘belly, guts’ ❖ B *kðʔr(ʔy)*, *kðʔrʔk* C *qʔʔry*, *kʔʔry* /kʔðárě, kʔðárě/

< **udára-(ka-)*; Khwār. *ʔwðyr* /uðir/, Ishk. *dēr*, Wakh. *dūr*; Tjk. *dará* ‘stomach of a domestic animal’, Ved. *udára-* ‘stomach’

86. **guts**

dára ‘belly, guts’ ❖ B *kðʔr(ʔy)*, *kðʔrʔk* C *qʔʔry*, *kʔʔry* /kʔðárě, kʔðárě/ ‘belly’

< **udára-(ka-)*; Khwār. *ʔwðyr* /uðir/, Ishk. *dēr*, Wakh. *dūr*; Tjk. *dará* ‘stomach of a domestic animal’, Ved. *udára-* ‘stomach’

bándil ‘heart, guts’ ❖

< Tjk. colloq. *bandíl* < *bánd-i dil* ‘bundle of heart’

ǰígár ‘liver, guts’ ❖

< Pers. *ǰígár*, Pahl. *ǰakar*, *yakar*, Ave. *yākar-*, Khōt. *gyagarra-*, *jatārra-*, Oss. *igær*, Yidgh. *yēγan*, Pasht. (y)iná, Ōrm. *zǰř*; Ved. *yákr̥t-*, Ide. **Ḥiěk̥r̥t-*, Gre. *ἥπαρ*

rúta ❖

< Tjk. *rūdá*, Rōsh. *rūd*, Yazgh. *rəd*, Ishk. *rúčik*, Munj. *rūyəy*, *rūyī*

87. **neck**

ǰalk ❖

< Ar. HLQ; Tjk. *balq*, Shugh. *alq*

kám(á), *kōm* ❖ S *kʔkb* B *kʔγʔkb*, *kʔγk* C *qʔx* /káxǎ(k), káx, kák/

< **kāb-man-*, **kāba-ka-*; Oss. *kom*, *gom*, Yazgh. *mǎk*, Rōsh. *mǎk*, Munj. *kāyako*, Pasht. *kumai*; Parāch. *kāma*; Tjk. *kōm*, Pers. *kāk*

88. **back**

árqá ❖

Uzb. *árqa*, Tü. **arqā*; Yazgh. Shugh. Rōsh. Ishk. Wakh. *arqá*, Sarīq. *arqó*, Yidgh. *barkō*

s'tám, satám ❖

pušt ❖ B *prch* /pařč/

< *páršta-(ka-); Ave. *paršti-*, Pasht. *pušt*, Pers. *pušt*, Kurd. *pišt*; Ved. *prṣṭi-*

89. (11.) **breast**

čič, jījī ❖

cf. Tjk. *čuč, čoč, jīj*, Oss. *zizi* || *zeze*, Khōt. *tcījsa*, Ishk. *čiči*, Sangl. *čiči*, Shugh. *jīj*, Armen. *cic*, Ger. *Zitze*, Cze. *cecek*, Ital. *zizza*, Gre. *τιτθός*, Georg. *zuzu*

vāna ❖

sīna ❖

< Pers. *sīnā*, Shugh. *sīnā*

90. (21.) **heart**

dil ❖ B *drzy* M *drjy*(y) /dɔʒē/

< *dzrdaia-; Ave. *zərðaiia-*, Khōt. *ysāra-*, Pers. *dil*, TMast. *dil*, Ishk. *dbl*, Ved. *hṛdaya-*, Lat. *cor*, Gre. *καρδία, κῆρ*, St.Sl. *srbdьce*; Ide. *kṛd-

bándil 'heart, guts' ❖

< Tjk. colloq. *bandíl* < *bánd-i dil* 'bundle of heart'

91. **liver**

jīgár 'liver, guts' ❖

< Pers. *jīgár*, Pahl. *jakar, yakar*, Ave. *yākar-*, Khōt. *gyagarra-*, *jatārra-*, Oss. *igær*, Yidgh. *yēγæn*, Pasht. (y)*inā*, Ōrm. *zāř*; Ved. *yákr̥t-*, Ide. *Hjēk^ur̥t-, Gre. *ἥπαρ*

(23.) **urine**

gaz(z)ák, gⁱz(z)ák ❖

< Tjk.?

(24.) **feces**

γūš / γūṭ ❖ s *γwð / γūṭ*

< *gūṣī-, *gūṣ(i)ā-; Ave. *gūṣa-*, Khwār. *γwṣ / γūṣ* /, Yazgh. *γ^oṣ*, Shugh. *Rōsh. γaṣ*, Wakh. *gi*, Munj. *γūw*, Pasht. *γ(w)ul*, Pers. *guh*, Tjk. *gūb*

xērdák ❖

Wakh. *xīrdax*; cf. Yagh. verb *xērd-* 'to shit' : Khwār. *-xrð-*, Shugh. *šarð-* : *šux̄t-*, Rōsh. Bart. *šarð-*, *širð-* : *šux̄t-*, Sarīq. *šarð-*, Yazgh. *xawð-* : *xaṣt-*, Yidgh. *šawd-*, Pasht. *xarál*

III.8. Verbs

92. (185.) **to drink**

žau- (ažáu : žáuṭa : žáuṇa : žáwak) ❖

< *žiaū-; Pasht. *žōwól*, Balōch. *jāyag*, Pers. *jāvīdán* : *jāv-*

❖ B *√^{???}m* /*šāšām*/

Ave. *šam-*

93. (182.) **to eat**

ǰar- (axǰar : ǰorta : ǰárna : ǰarak) ❖ s B √ǰwr- Br *hor-*, *hur-* : s B √ǰwrt /√x^oər- : √x^oart/
< *x^var-; Ave *x^var-*, Khwār. *x(w)r-*, Bactr. *χραε-* : *χραεδο* : /x^war- : x^ward/, Pers. *x^vardán* :
x^var-, Tjk. *x^vurdán* : *x^vur-*, Fārs. *x^vordān* : *x^vor-*, AfghP. *x^wordán* : *x^wor-*; Eynu. *xorla-*

94. (183.) to bite

xǰšóy- (axǰšóy : xǰšóyta : xǰšóyna : xǰšóyak) ❖ B √ǰšy^ʔk (*inf.*) /^oxšayē/
< *xšau-; Ishk. *šāw-* : *šāwūd*, Wakh. *šyw-* : *šōwd*, Yazgh. *šaw-*, Munj. *axšōw-* : *axšēvd-*
živ- (aživ : živta : živna : živak) ‘to sew, to stitch’ ❖ s √zyβ- B √zyβ-, √zyβ- M √jβ- /√žib-/
< *žiba-

95. to suck

zamák-, zamáq- (azamák : zamákta : zamágna : zamákak) || zímák- (azímák : zímákta : zímágna :
zímákak) ❖

< *udz-mak-, cf. Pers. *makidán* : *mak-*

dīy- (adīy : dīyta : dīyna : dīyak) ❖

< *dāi-; Oss. *dæyɪn* || *dæyun* : *dad*; Ved. *dḥāy-*, Gre. *δαω*, OCS. *dojiti*, Goth. *daddjan*

96. to spit

xūf- (axūf : xūfta : xūfna : xūfak) ‘to cough’ ❖ B √ǰw^ʔβ /√x^oāf/

Oss. *x^wɪfɪn* || *xufun* ‘to cough’, Yidgh. *xof-* : *xofāi-*, Parāch. *k^būf-*, Parth. *wf-*

97. to vomit

qay kun- (*qáyi káarak*) ❖

< Pers. *qaj kardán*

ūrt kun- (*úrta káarak*) ❖

cf. TMast. *ūrt kašidán*; cf. TMast. *εür(r)idán* ‘to shout’

kōu- (*akóu* : *kóyta* : *kóyna* : *kówak*) ‘to search; to vomit; to touch; to dig’ ❖

< Pers. *kāftán* : *kāv-* / *kāb-*, TVarz. *koftán* : *kou-*

❖ B *ǰurtsnty* /x^oər-sámdě/ ‘vomiting’

❖ C *q^ʔxwš^ʔty* /káx-wišātě/ ‘vomiting’

98. to blow

dam wīd- (*dámi wídak*) ❖

< Tjk. *dam* ‘breath’ + Yagh. *wīd-* ‘to pour’; cf. Oss. *dɪmɪn* || *dumun*

99. to breathe

dam I xaš- (*dámi xášak*) ❖

< Tjk. *dam* ‘breath’ + Yagh. *xaš-* ‘to pull’

100. to laugh

xant- (axánt : xántta : xántna : xántak) ❖ B √ǰnt /√xam̄d-/

< *xand-; Yazgh. *xənd-* : *xant-*, Shugh. Rōsh. *šānd-* : *sīnt-*, Ishk. *xond-*, Wakh. *kānd-*,
Munj. *xād-*, Pers. *xandidán* : *xand-*

101. (201.) to look / to see

wēn- (awēn : wēta : wēna : wēnak) ❖ s B M C √wyn : s B M √wyt C √wyt /√wēn : √wēt/

< *uāina-; Ave. *vaēna-*, Khwār. *wyn-* : *wynyđ*, Bactr. *ωνν-*, *οι(η)ν-* M *wyn-* : * *λιδο* /wēn- :

līd/, Shugh. Bart. Rāshrv. *wīn-* : *wīnt*, Khūf. *win-* : *wīnt*, Rōsh. *wun-* : *wunt*, Sarīq. *weyn-* : *wand*, Yazgh. Wakh. Sangl. *wīn-* : *wīnd*, Pers. *didān* : *bīn-*, Pahl. *wēn-* : *did-*
γōr- (aγōr : γōrta : γōrna : γōrak) ❖ B √γ²r /√γār/

< **gāra-*; Khwār. γ²r-; cf. Oss. [æŋ]qælyn : [æŋ]qeld || [æŋ]γælun : [æŋ]γald ‘to hope’

102. (200.) to hear / to listen

d^uγūš- (ad^uγūš : d^uγūšta : d^uγūšna : d^uγūšak) ‘to hear’ ❖ S M √ptγwš B √ptγ(?)wš C √ptγwš
 /√p²tγōš/ ‘to hear’

< **pāti-gāyša-*

γūš dōr- / kun- (γūši dōrak / karak) ‘to listen’ ❖

< Pers. *gōš dāštān*, TYagh. *γūš dōštan*, Oss. I *qus darbyn*

103. to know

b^uzēn- (ab^uzēn : b^uzēnta : b^uzēnna : b^uzēnak) || bⁱzēn- (abⁱzēn : bⁱzēnta : bⁱzēnna : bⁱzēnak) ❖ S B
 √(pt)z²n M √ptz²n C √ptz²n /√(p²t)zān/

< **apa-dzān-*, *(*pāti-*)*dzān-*; Ave. *pāti-zāna-*, Khōt. *paysān-*, Oss. (ba)zonun : (ba)z²ynd, ||
zonun : *zund*, Yazgh. *vəzan-* : *vəzant-*, Shugh. *wizūn-* : *wizūnt*; Rōsh. Khūf. *wizōn-* :
wizēnt, Sarīq. *wazon-* : *wazont*, Ishk. *pəzin-* : *pəzint-*, Wakh. *pazdan-*, Munj. *vzōn-* :
vzōd-, Pasht. *pəžōn-*, Pers. *dānistān* : *dān-*; cf. Bactr. πιζινδδι ??

γⁱrīf- (aγⁱrīf : γⁱrīfta : γⁱrīfna : γⁱrīfak) || γⁱrīv- (aγⁱrīv : γⁱrīfta : γⁱrīvna : γⁱrīvak) ❖ S B M
 √γrβ- C √γrb- /√γi²β-/

< **gr̥b̥ia-* ‘to grab, to take’; Ave. *gərəbiia-*, Khwār. *γiβya-*; Khōt. *grauna-*, Oss.
ərywəwyn : *əryəvd* || *əryuvun* : *əryuwd*, Ishk. *γurv-* : *γurd*, Munj. *γərv-* : *γərivd*, OPers.
gr̥bāya-, Pers. *giriftān* : *gīr-*, Pahl. *grāftan*, Kurd. *girtin*, Balōch. *girag* : *gipt*; Ved. *grab^b-* :
gr̥b^bhātī, OCS. *grebo* : *grabiti*

104. to think

fīkr kun- (*fīkri* karak) ❖

Pers. *fīkr kardān* < Ar. *fīkr* ‘mind, opinion’

andēša kun- (*andēšaj* karak) ❖

< Pers. *andēšidān* : *andēš-* ‘to think’

❖ S B C √myn /√mēn/

Ave. *maⁱniia-*, Pahl. *menīdan*

105. to smell

vūd xaš- (vūdi xāšak) ❖

calque of Tjk. *būi kašidān* < Yagh. *vūd*, Sogd. B βwδδh M βwδ /βōδ/ ‘scent’ < Ir. **bāudi-*,
 Ave. *baodi-*, Khwār. βwδ /βōδ/, Oss. *bud* || *bodæ*, Wakh. *vūl*, Parāch. *b^bām*, Pers. *bōj*, Pahl.
bōy; Hung. *búz* + Yagh. *xaš-*, Pers. *kašidān* ‘to pull’

❖ M √pcβwš, √ptzβwš C √pcbwš /√p²čβōš/

106. to fear

šikór kun- (šikóri káarak) ❖ s M √ʔškʔr, B √(?)škʔr /√šikár/

Bactr. αϕ(α)καε-δο, εϕκαε- : αϕκαεδο /əš(ə)kār- : əš(ə)kār-/; Pers. šikár kardán (Pers. šikár, BukhAr. šikār 'hunt')

nūk kun- (núki káarak) ❖

113. to hit

deh-, dih- (adíh : déhta : déhna : díhak) ❖

< *dā(h)- 'to give, to hit'; Ave. dā-, Khwār. dab-, dih-, Khōt. dū-, Yazgh. day- : ded-, Shugh. di(y)- : dōd, dēt, Khūf. di(y)- : dēt, Rōsh. Bart. dē(y)- : dēt, Sarīq. de- : det, Ishk. de- : ded-, Sangl. deb- : deð-, Wakh. dē-, di- : dəyt, dēxt, Munj. de-, də-, Yidgh. dab-, Parāch. dab-, deb-, Pers. dādán : dab-, Kābul. dē-, TVanj. deb kardán; Khowār. dik

114. to cut

p^uxóy- (ap^uxóy : p^uxóyta : p^uxóyna : p^uxóyak) ❖ s √pɣwʔy B √(?)pɣwʔy M √pxw(w)ʔy C √pxwʔy /√p^ux^oáy/

< *apa-/upa-x^uāhaia-

pakk- (apákk : pákhta : pákna : pákkak); pákka kun- (pákkaj káarak) ❖

burr- (abúrr : búrrta : búrrna : búrrak) ❖

< Pers. burridán : burr-

115. to split

ǰ^udó / ǰⁱdó kun- (ǰ^udó / ǰⁱdó káarak) ❖

< Pers. ǰudá kardán

116. to stab

čumf- (ačúmf : čúmfta : čúmfna : čúmfak) ❖ B βstɣwnp C f̄stxwmp /f̄stxúmb/

cf. Khwār. xwmb-

117. to scratch

rūčōn- (arūčōn : rūčōnta : rūčōnna : rūčōnak) ❖

kír(r)- (akír(r) : kír(r)ta : kír(r)na : kír(r)ak) ❖

118. to dig

kan- (akán : kánta : kánna : kának) ❖ B M √kn- : √knt C √qn- /√kən- : √kañd-/

< *kan-; Pers. kandán : kan-

kōu- (akóu : kóyta : kóyna : kówak) 'to search; to vomit; to touch; to dig' ❖

< Pers. kāftán : kāv- / kāb-, TVarz. koftán : kou-

119. to swim

ō(b)bōzī kun- (ō(b)bōzī káarak) ❖

< Pers. ābbāzī (< āb 'water' + bāzī 'game') kardán 'to swim'

❖ M √fsnʔy- /√fəsnāi/

< *fra-snāia-; Khōt. haysnāta-

120. (194.) to fly

fūr(r)- (*afūr(r)*) : *fūr(r)ta* : *fūr(r)na* : *fūr(r)ak*); *par-* (*apár* : *párta* : *párna* : *páarak*) ❖ B √*prn*²_y /√*párnāy*, /√*frānāy*/

cf. Pers. *parrīdān* : *parr-*

paywóz kun- (*paywózi káarak*) ❖ B √*βrwz* M √*frw*(?)_Z C √*frwz* /√*frəwáz*, *pərwáz*/

Tjk. *parwóz kardán*; cf. Sogd. C *prw*²_Z /*parwáz*/ 'winged'

❖ B M √*wz-* /√*wəz-*/

121. (195.) to walk

šau- (*ašáu* : *éta*, *šáuṭa*, *šúta* : *šáuṇa* : *šáwak*) ❖ S B M C √*šw-* /√*šəw-*/

< **čīau-*; Ave. *š(ii)auu-*, TYaghn. *šaw-*, Khwār. *ciyy-*, Khōt. *tsu-*, Tumsh. *cc^bami* 'I go', Bactr. *ξαο(i)-*, *ξο(o)-* : *ξοδο* /*šaw-* : *šud*/, Oss. *cəwɨn* : *cɨd*, || *cəwun* : *cud*, OPers. *šyav-*; Pers. *šudán* : *šau-* /*šav-* 'to walk' > from the 11th-12th century 'to become' (Tjk. *šudán* : *šau-* /*šav-*, AfghP. *šodán* : *šau-* /*šaw-*, Fārs. *šodán* : *šoṭ-* /*šäv-* 'to become'), OPers. *šiyav-*; Skt. *cyavati*

122. (198.) to come

vōu- (*avóu* : *vóuṭa* : *vóuṇa* : *vówak*) ❖ S B M C √*β²w* C √*b²w* /√*βāw*/

(196.) to run

dau- (*adáu* : *dáuṭa* : *dáuṇa* : *dáwak*) ❖

Pers. *davīdán* : *dau-* /*dav-*; Ir. **dau-*, Ave. *dauu-*, Oss. *dawɨn* || *dawun* : *dawd*, Ved. *d^bāv-* : *d^bāvati*, Gre. *δέω*

(197.) to go

tir- (*atír* : *tórta* : *tírna* : *tíarak*) ❖ C √*tr-* /√*tir-*/

< **t₂īa-*; Bactr. *να-τιεινδο* 'they do not come'; cf. Sogd. S B √*βtyr-* M √*t(y)r-* C √*t(y)r-* /√*ftir-* / 'to go through, to pass' < **fra-t₂īa-*; Pers. *gudaštán* : *gudar-*, Tjk. *guzaštán* : *gudar-* 'to go through, to pass' < **ui-t₂īa-*

123. (188.) to lie (down)

napíd- (*anapíd* : *napísta* : *napídna* : *napídak*) || *n'píd-* (*an'píd* : *n'písta* : *n'pídna* : *n'pídak*) ❖ B √*np²yð* /√*nəpēð*/

< **ni-pád(a)īa-*; Ave. *nipa²īia-*, Khwār. *²nbzy-*, Khōt. *nuvad-*, Munj. *nīlv-* : *nuwāst*, Pahl. *nibastan*

124. (189.) to sit

nīd- (*aníd* : *nísta* : *nídna* : *nídak*) ❖ S B M C √*nyð* C √*nyd* : S B M C √*nyst* C √*nyst* /√*nīð* : √*nīst*/

< **ni-hīda-*; Khwār. *nīṣ-*, Khōt. *nād-*, Yazgh. *nīṣ-* : *nust*, Shugh. Khūf. *nīṣ-* : *nust*, Rōsh. *nīṣ-* : *nōst*, Bart. *nīṣ-* : *nōst*, Rāshrv. *nīṣ-* : *nūst*, Ishk. *nīd-* : *nə^lūst*, Munj. *nīṣ-* : *n'iyōst-*, Yidgh. *nīṣ-* : *nūst*

125. to stand

ūšt- (*a^wūšt* : *úšta* : *úšna* : *úštak*) ❖ S B M C √*wšt* C √*wšt* /√*ōšt*/

< **aua-hīšta-*; Khōt. *vašt-*, Oss. (*bi*)*stɨn* || *istun*, Part. *²wyšt-*, Balōch. *ōštag*, *vuštag*; cf. Pers. *īstādán* : *īst*, Hazār. *īstōdū*

126. to turn

zⁱwórt- (aziwórt : ziwórta : ziwórna : ziwórtak) || z^uwórt- (az^uwórt : z^uwórta : z^uwórna : z^uwórtak)

❖ S √zw[?]rt B √(?)zw[?]rt M C √zwrt /√zwáirt/

*udz-uárt(a)-; Parth. Pahl. ^ʿzurd- : ^ʿzwsšt-; cf. Pers. *gaštán* : *gard*- < *urt-; Cze. *zvrtnout*, *vrtět*

zⁱwírt- (aziwírt : ziwírta : ziwírtna : ziwírtak) ❖ S √[?]zw[?]yrt B √(?)zw[?]yrt M √zw[?]yrt C √zwyr̄t /√zwír̄t/

*udz-uárt(a)-ia-

laks- (*aláks* : *láksta* : *lákсна* : *lákсak*) ❖

cf. Ar. RQŠ, Pers. *raqṣīdán* : *raqṣ*- 'to dance'

tōb x̄ar- (*tōbi* x̄arak) ❖

< Pers. *tāb x^vardán*, TVarz. *toḡ xūrdán*

127. to fall

E dⁱwí- (adⁱwí : dⁱwíta : dⁱwína : dⁱwíyak) ❖

< **duajia*-; Ave. *duuan*- 'to fly', Pasht. *lwēg*- : *lwēd*-; Ide. **d^buŋ-jo*-

W tⁱra(i)š- (atⁱrá(i)š : tⁱrá(i)šta : tⁱrá(i)šna : tⁱrá(i)šak) ❖ B √ptrz-, √ptr[?]yz : M √ptršt- /√p[?]trəž-, √p[?]trēž : √p[?]trəšt-/

< **p^ati-radzja*-, **p^ati-rádzajia*-?; cf. Ave. *raēš*-, Khōt *birata*-

❖ S √[?]npt B √[?]np(?)t M √[?]mpt C √[?]mpt, √[?]mpd /√ámbat/; S M C √[?]wpt B √[?]wp(?)t C √[?]wpt /√ópat/

< **ham-pata*-, **aua-pata*-; Khōr. [?]npd-

128. (190.) to give

tafár- (atafár : šaráfta, tafórta : tafárna : tafarak) || tⁱfár- (atⁱfár : tⁱráfta, tⁱfórta : tⁱfárna : tⁱfarak) ❖

S B M √ḏβr- C √ḏbr- /√ḏβər-/

< **f(ə)βárā*- < **fra-bára*-; Khwār. *hiβ^or*- : *h[?]βryd*, Khōt. *haur*-, *hor*- : *hoḏa*-, Tumshuq. *ror*- : *rorda*-

129. to hold

dōr- (adór : dórta : dórna : dórak) ❖ S B M √ḏ[?]r C √d[?]r : S √zyt-, √zyt- B √ḏryt-, √zyt-, √zyt- M *jyt*- C *žyt*- /√ḏār : √žəγd-/

< **dāra*- : *drxta*-; Bactr. *ληξ*- : *ληγδο*, *δδξγ(α)δο*, *δδξαγδο*, Khwār. *ḏ[?]r̄y*-, Oss. *darwin*, Pers. *dāštán* : *dār*-, Ide. **d^ber*-

čak dōr- (*čak* adór : *čak* dórta : *čak* dórna : *čáki* dórak), čágdōr- (*ačágdōr* : *čágdōrta* : *čágdōrna* : *čágdōrak*) ❖

< Tjk. *čak dōštán*

130. to squeeze

γilíc- (*aγilíc* : *γilíc̄ta* : *γilíc̄na* : *γilíc̄cak*) ❖

čōu- (*ačōu* : *čōu^ata* : *čōu^ana* : *čōwak*) ❖

cf. TMast. *čovidán*, *čoftán* : *čov*-

131. to rub

múll- (*amúll* : *múllta* : *múllna* : *múllak*) ❖

< Pers. *mālīdán* : *māl*- ??

132. to wash

s'ínóy- (as'ínóy : s'ínóyta : s'ínóyna : s'ínóyak) ❖ B √sn?y- M C √sn[?]y- : B √sn[?]t /√snāi : √snāt/
< *snāia- : *snāta-; Ave. snaiia-, Khōt. baysnā-, Khwār. snādak 'washed', Oss. æxsnɔɪn :
æxsnad || æxsnun; Yazgh. Yidgh. Ishk. zənay-, Rōsh. zənay-, Munj. wūzn-, Ved. snā-

133. to wipe

rant- (aránt : ránta : rán(t)na : rántak) ❖
Oss. rəndɔɪn : rənsd-, Balōch. randag

134. to pull

xaš- (axáš : xásta : xášna : xášak) ❖ B √γrš-, √γnš- M √xrš-, √xnš-, √xš- /√xəš-, √xəš-/
< *krša-; Ave. karš-, Khwār. xš-, Oss. xəssɔɪn, Yazgh. xəráš- : xərášt-, kəxán- : kəxánt-,
Ishk. xaš- : xašt-, kreš-, Wakh. xāš- : xāšt-, Munj. xaš- : xišk-, Pasht. kxəl : xkī-, Pers.
kašidán : kaš-; Ved. kāršati

135. to push

šikél(1)- (ašikél(1) : šikél(1)ta : šikél(1)na : šikél(1)lak) ❖
čumf- (ačúmf : čúmfta : čúmfta : čúmfak) ❖ B βstywnp C fštxwmp /fštxúmb/
cf. Khwār. xwmb-

136. to throw

❖ B √[?]βs[?]γp /√[?]fsēp/
cf. Ave. aēvi-sipa-

137. to tie

vant- (avánt : vástta : vánna : vántak) ❖ M √β(y)nd : √β(y)st- /√βimnd : √βist-/
< *bánda- : *básta-(ka-), Khwār. βncy-, Khōt. ban- : bast-, Oss. bættɔɪn : bast, Yazgh.
vand- : vūst-, Rōsh. vind- : vost-, Wakh. vānd- : vāst-, Yidgh. vad- : vāst-, Ishk. vond- :
vūst-, Pers. bastán : band-, Kurd. bastin, Balōch. bandag

138. to sew

šiy- I (ašiy : šíta : šiyta : šiyak) ❖ M C √šwm /√šūm/
Munj. žiy-, Ved. syūtá- 'sewn'; Lit. siúti, OCS. šiti
živ- (aživ : živta : živna : živak) ❖ S √zyβ- B √zyβ-, √zyβ- M √jβ- /√žib- / 'to chew'
< *žiba-

139. to count

hⁱsób kun- (hⁱsóbi káarak) ❖
< Pers. hīsáb kardán; Pers. hīsáb < Ar. ḤSB hīsāb, BukhAr. hīsāb 'count'
❖ AL √ptšmr S B M √ptšm[?]r C √pcmr /√p[?]tšmār/
< *pati-šmāra-; cf. Pers. šumārā 'number'

140. to say / to speak

wō(v)- (awó(v) : wó(v)ta : wó(v)na : wó(v)ak) ❖ S B M √w[?]β C √w[?]b /√wāβ/
< *uāb/f-; Ave. uf- 'to sing', Pasht. wayál : wāy-
gap deh- (gápi díhak) ❖
< Tjk. gap zadán; Shugh. gāp di(y)-

141. to sing

žōy- (ažōy : žōyta : žōyna : žōyak) ❖ M √jʔy C √žʔy /√žāy/

< *jāi-; Wakh. jōy- : jōyd, Munj. žōy-, Ide. *gēi-; cf. Ave. gāṣa- ‘song, Gāthā’, Ved. gāyati ‘he sings’

142. to play

bōzī kun- (bōzī́ káarak) ❖

< Pers. bāzī kardán, cf. Pers. bāxtán : bāz-

143. to float

144. to flow

145. to freeze

šīy- II (ašīy : šōta : šīyna : šīyak) ❖

Oss. siyын, Yazgh. šay- : šed, Shugh. Baj. šici(y)- : šicōd, Rōsh. Khūf. šicay- : šicūd, Bart. šicī- : šicōd, Rāshrv. šicay- : šicōd, Sarīq. xысэy- : xысуд, Ishk. štiw- : štud; cf. Sarīq. iš ‘cold’

ósir- (a^wósir : ósirta, ósōrta : ósirna : ósirak) ❖

< Ir. *āsriā-; Ave. sarāta-, Oss. D sēlun : sald, Wakh. wasēr- : wasért, Tjk. Wanj siridán, Pahl. ʔpsʔr-; Parth sald; cf. Sogd. M (p)syrʔ mndyy, ‘freezing’; cf. Wakh. sōir ‘cold’

146. to swell

❖ C √tʔm-, √ftm- /√fʔʔm-/

< *fra-dmā-

(184.) to be hungry

daváz || dīváz vī- (davázi || dīvāzi vīyak) ❖

Yagh. daváz || dīváz ‘hunger’, Sogd. s B (ʔ)ḏβz-y C dbz-y /ʔḏβzī/, Chót. debīsa, Pašt. lwáḡa, Parth. ʔdbz

(186.) to be thirsty

tašná vī- (tašnáí vīyak) ❖

< Tjk. tašná būdán

III.9. Celestial objects

147. (41.) sun

xūr (arch. xār) ❖ B γw(y)r M xw(?)r C xwyr /xüēr, xōr, xōār/

< *huária-; Ave. hūrō-, Khwār. ʔxýr, xr, Oss. xur || xor, Yazgh. xawúr, xúr, Wakh. (y)ir, Shugh. xīr, Rōsh. xor, Bart. xōr, Sarīq. xer, Ved. suvár-, sūrya-; cf. Pers. x^var[šéd] > x^vur[šéd], Tjk. x^vur[šéd], Pahl. x^var[šēt], Ave. huuare-xšaeta-; Scyth. Κολά[ξαις]; Ide. *s(u)uél-, *sūl-, Gre. ἥλιος, Lat. sōl, Lit. saulė, OCS. slъnъce

ōftób , aftób ❖

< Pers. āftāb, TMast. aftób, TVarz. aftów, oftów, Hazār. aftéw, oftéw, Kurd. extaw, cf. Skt. āb^hā-tāpa-

148. (42.) **moon**

mahtób, mōhtób ❖ s B m²γ(h), m²x M C m²x /māx/

< *māb-; Ave. OPers. *māb-*, Bactr. *μα(υ)ο* /mā(h)/, Khōt. *māstä*, Oss. *mæj* || *mæyæ*, Shugh. *mēst*, Rōsh. *mēst*, Sarīq. *most*, Yazgh. *mast*, Wakh. *mōy*, Pasht. *myāšt*, Kurd. *meh*, Ved. *mās-*; Pers. *māb[tāb]*, TVarz. *mohtób*, Hazār. *mōtéw, mōtáw*, BukhAr. *mahtāb*

149. (44.) **star**

sītōra ❖ B (?)st²r²k M (?)st²ry, ²stry /²stārē/

< *stāra-kā-; Khwār. (?)st²r²k /(²)stāreg/, Khōt. *stāraa-*, *stāray*, Shugh. *xitērʒ*, Bajū. *xitērʒ*, *xitērj*, Khūf. Rōsh. *xitērʒ*, *xiturj*, Bart. Rāshrv. *xitōrj*, Sarīq. *xbiturj*, *xiturj*, Yazgh. *š(ə)tarag*, Ishk. *strūk*, Sangl. *ust²rūk*, Wakh. *s(ə)tōr*, Munj. *stōrāy*, Yidgh. *stārē*, Pasht. *stōray (f)*, Ōrm. *starrak*, Pers. *sitārā*, Parth. ²st²rg

bildíng(a) ❖

unknown origin, in Yaghnōbī this word is known only in dialect of village Qūl; cf. Wakh. piðíng (perf.) : piðic-, pidic- 'to glitter'

III.10. Nature (i)

150. (46.) **water**

óp(a), ōu ❖ s ²ph B ²p(h) M ²p C ²p Br ā-p /áp(ā)/

< *āpa-(ka-); Ave. *āp-* (nom. sg. *āfš*), Khwār. ²b /āb/, Bactr. *αℓ(ℓ)ο* M γ²β /āb, āβ/, Khōt. *ūtā-*, Oss. *avg* 'glass', Ishk. *vek*, Sangl. *vē(k)*, Wakh. *yupk*, Munj. *yówγā*, Yidgh. *yowγo*, Pasht. *ōbá*, Parāch. *āwə*, Ōrm. *wōk*; Pers. *āb*, Tjk. *ōb(á)*, TVarz. *ow*, TMast. TFalgh. *ob*, TYagh. *ob, ow*, Hazār. *aw*, Pahl. *āp* > *āβ*, OPers. *āp-*, Kurd. *aw*, Balōch. *āp*; Ide. *h₂ep-; Ved. *āpa-*, *ap-*, Hit. *ḥa-pa-a*, *ḥa-ap-pa* 'to the river'; Eynu. *ab*; Gre. [○]ωπ[○] (*in geographical names*); OIrl. *aba*, 'river', Irl. Gael. *abbainn* 'river', Welsh *afon* 'river'; Lith. *ùpė* 'river', cf. Cze. (substrate?) hydronyms *Op[ava]*, *Úpa*

xōk 'spring' ❖ B γ²γh, M x²x /xāx/ 'spring'

< *xāxa-, *xāka-* 'spring'; Ave. *xāo*, Khōt. *xāba-*, Yazgh. *xex*, Wanj. *xik*, 'water, spring', Shugh. Rōsh. *šac* 'water'; Rāshrv. *xāy* 'brook', Wakh. *kɔk*, Munj. *xūga*; Ōrm. *xāko*

151. (45.) **rain**

bōrōn ❖ B M C w²r /wār/

< *uāra-; Ave. *vāra-*, Khwār. *w²r* /wār/, Oss. *warɔn* || *warun*, Pers. *bārān*, TBuch. *boron*, Shugh. *bōrūn*, Ishk. *boron*, Munj. *bōrōn*, Kurd. *barin, barî*

152. (47.) **river**

dayró, dar(i)γó '(great) river, (sea)' ❖ M zry /zrē/ 'sea'

< *dzraia-; Ave. *zraia-* 'sea', OPers. *draya-*, Pers. *daryá(š)* 'sea, (great river)'; Tjk. *daryó* '(great) river, sea', TMast. *dajró*, TVarz. *dajró, daryó*, Sarīq. *daryú*; cf. Kyrg. *dariya*, *dayra*, Kazakh. *dariya*, Uzb. *daryá*, Uygh. *därya*, Tatar. *därya*, Eynu. *därya*; cf. BukhAr. *baḥar* 'river' < Ar. BĪR *baḥr*

na^{br} ❖

< Ar. NHR *nahr*, Pers. *nahr*; BukhAr. *nahr* ‘(irrigation) channel’

rūd ❖

< Pers. *rōd*; cf. Yagh. *rōūt*, *ró(w)ut* ‘ravine (arch.)’, Sogd. B *r²w²th* /*rāwat*/, M *rw(w)t* C *rw₁* /*rōt*/, TMast. *rowūt*, TYagh. *rōūd*, Pers. (*Luyát-i Furs*) *r²wd* /*rāv(a)d*/ < Ir. **rāuati-*, Ave. *rauan-* ‘valley’, Khwār. *r²wyn* ‘earth’; Oss. *ran* || *ræwæn* ‘place’; cf. Kyrg. place-names *Ravat*, *Raut*

nōū ‘dale’ ❖ B *n²wn* /*nāwⁿ*/

< *nāua-*; Shugh-Rōsh. *nūw*, Sarīq. *nəw*, Yazgh. *nəw*

153. **lake**

ḥauz, *ḥauḍ* ❖

< Ar. *ḥawḍ*; Pers. *ḥauz*, TVarz. *ḥauz*, TMast. *ḥauz*, *ḥauḍ*, Shugh. *awz*, *awz*, Tr. *havuz*, Rus. *ка́уз*, *ко́уз*, *хо́уз*; cf. (etymologically /un/related?) Sogd. B *²²wz²k*, *²²wz²y*, *²²w²zh* /*āwaz(ē)*/ ‘pool, lake’

❖ B *²²wz²k*, *²²wz²y*, *²²w²zh* /*āwaz(ē)*/

kūl ❖

< Uzb. *kūl*, Kyrg. *köl*, Tr. *göl*, Tü. **köl*, Tjk. *kūl*, Bulg. *кюл*

ózira ❖

< Rus. *озеро*, OCS. *jezero*, *jezerø*, Srb-Cro. *jèzero*, Lith. *ẽžeras*, Tjk. colloq. *ozirá*

154. **sea**

dayró, *dar⁽ⁱ⁾yó* ‘(great) river, (sea)’ ❖ M *zry* /*zrē*/ ‘sea’

< **dzraia-*; Ave. *zraia-* ‘sea’, OPers. *draya-*, Pers. *daryá* ‘sea’; Tjk. *daryó* ‘(great) river, sea’, TMast. *dairó*, TVarz. *dairó*, *daryó*, Sarīq. *daryú*; cf. Kyrg. *dariya*, *dayra*, Kazakh. *dariya*, Uzb. *daryá*, Uygh. *därya*, Tatar. *därya*, Eynu. *därya*

baḥr ❖

< Ar. BHR *baḥr*, Malt. *baḥar*, Pers. *baḥr* ‘sea’; BukhAr. *baḥar* ‘river’

❖ S B *sm²wtr* M *smwtr-y*, *swmtr* C *smwtr-y*, *sumdr* /*sumudr(i)*/

< Skt. *samudra-*

155. (83.) **salt**

namák ❖ B *nm²ḍk(h)* M *nm²ḍk* /*nəmāḍk*/

< **namadkā-*; Ave. *nəmadka-*, Khwār. *nmḍk* /*namaḍk*/, Bactr. *ναμιλγο* /*namilg*/, Pasht. *mālga*, Pers. *namák*, Parth. *nmydk*

156. (52.) **stone**

sank(a), *sang* ❖ B *snk(?)* M *sng* /*sámng(ǎ)*/

< **atsánga-(ka-)*, Ave. *asənga-*, Khwār. *snk* /*sang(a)*/, Bactr. *ασαγγο* /*asaŋg*/, Ishk. *sūng*; OPers. *aṣānga-*, Pers. *sang*, Hazār. *san(g)*, *san(k)*; Eynu. *saŋ*

157. (54.) **sand**

rēg ❖

< Pers. *rēg*, Kurd. *rik*, *rēg*, Pasht. *rēg*

158. (59.) dust

xōk ❖

< Pers. *xāk*

γ^ubōr ❖

< Ar. ĠBR *ġubār*, Pers. *γubār*

čank, *čang* ❖

< Pers. *čang*, BukhAr. *čang*

gard ❖

< Pers. *gard*

❖ s *γwrwm* B *γwrm(h)* M *xrwm*, *xwrm* C *xwrm* /x^wrúm/

< **xruma-*; Ave. *pa^xruma-*

159. earth

γ^rrék ❖ B *γr[?]yk(?)* M *γryk* /γr^ék(ǎ)/

< **gráia-ka-*; Khwār. *γr[?]k*, Khōt. *grika-*, *gruikyā-*, Oss. *æbɪg* || *æryæ*, Munj. *γəɾəy*, Yazgh. *xərik*; cf. OCS. *glina*, Eng. *clay*

xōk ❖

< Pers. *xāk*

zōy ‘field’, *zamín* ‘earth, land’ ❖ s C *z[?]γ* M *z[?]γ(y)* /zāi/

< **dzāia-*; Ave. *zam-*, Bactr. *ζαμιογo*, *ζαμιοo*, TMast. *zoyák*, TYagh. *zoyók* ‘cultivated land’
Pers. *zamín*, Hazār. *zimí*, Wakh. *zəmin*, Sarīq. *zamín*; Ide. **d^beg^bō-m* : **d^beg^bm-*, Chet. *te-e-kán* (*tēkan*), Tokh. A *tkam* B *kaṃ*, Gre. *χθών*, Ved. *kṣam-*, Lat. *humus*, OCS. *zemlja*, Lit. *žėmės*

(58.) mud

lōy ❖

< Pers. *lāy*

zab^b, *zay* ❖

< Tjk. *zab*

❖ s *γr[?]γ* /γrī/

< **grīia-*; Khōt. *grība-*, Gre. *γλοιός*

III.11. Weather

160. (48.) cloud

abr ❖

< Pers. *abr*, TVarz. *aṽr*, Hazār. *aúr*, Shugh. *^bábri*, Kurd. *awr*, Balōch. (*h*)*aṽr*, Ir. **abr(i)a-*,
Ave. *aβra-*, Khōt. *ora-* ‘sky’, Oss. *arv* ‘sky’, *ævrag* ‘cloud’, Pasht. *ōrā*, Ved. *ab^brā-*

❖ c *myγ* /mēγ/

< **māigá-*; Ave. *maēγα-*, Oss. *miγ* || *meγæ*, Pers. Pahl. *mēγ*, Ved. *meg^bá-*

161. fog

tūmán ❖

< Tjk. *tūmón*

162. (43.) sky

ōs(u)món ❖ B *smʔnh* M (?)*smʔn* C *smʔn* /i:smán/

< **ásmān-*; Ave. *asman-*, Khwār. *yʔsm^a /yā-(a)smā/* ‘the heaven’, Pers. *āsmān*, Fārs. colloq. *āsemún*, Tjk. colloq. *os^umún*, *os^umón*, TMast. *ospún*, TVarz. *osmón*, *ospón*; OPers. *asman-*, Pahl. *āsmān*, Kurd. *esman*; Ved. *ásman-*, Pruss. *asman-*, Eng. *heaven*; Qashq. *āssimān*, *āsmān*

163. (51.) wind

wót(a) ❖ S B C *wʔt* M *wʔt*, *wʔʔd*, *wʔdd* /wāt/,

< **uāqata-(ka-)*; Ave. *vāta-* (trisyllabic), Bactr. *oado* /wād/, Oss. *wad*, Pers. *bād*, Kurd. *ba*; Ilr. **ḥuāḥqata-* < Ide. **h₂ueh₁nto-*, Lat. *ventus*

šamól ❖

< Ar. ŠML *šamāl* ‘northern wind’, Pers. *šamāl*, Fārs. *šemāl*, dial. of Khorāsān *šumol* ‘wind’; Tjk. *šamāl*, ‘wind’; Uzb. *šamāl* ‘wind’, Kyrg. *šamał* ‘wind’, Kazakh. *samał* ‘wind’, Turkm. *šamāl* ‘wind’

164. snow

wáf(i)r, *warf* ❖ B *wβr-y* M *wfr-y* /wəfrí/

< **uáfra-*; Ave. *vafra-*, Khwār. *wfyrk*, Khöt. *borā-*, Sangl. *varf*, Munj. *váfrā*, Pasht. *wāwra*, Pers. *barf*, Kurd. *vafr*, *befir*, *bafer*, *berf*

165. ice

ēx, *īx* ❖ S *yxn(w)* /yəxnú, *véxn(u)*/

< **aīxa-*; Ave. *aēxa-*, Khwār. *yix*, Oss. *ix* || *yex*, Yazgh. *yax*, Shugh. Rōsh. *yāx*, Wakh. *yix*, Pers. *yax*; cf. Sogd. *yūdyn* < **aīxa-dāna-* ‘glacier’, Khwār. /ēxmēnza/ ‘icy (f)’

(49.) lightning

tunturák ‘thunder, thunder and lightning’ ❖ B *twnt* /túndər/ ‘thunder’

Pers. *tuntúr*, *tunturák*, Tjk. *tundár*, *tundúr*, dial. Shaydan *tündúr*

ōtašák ‘lightning’ ❖

< Tjk. *ōtašák*, TMast. *otášák* < Pers. *ātáš* ‘fire’, Fārs. *ātéš*

barq ‘lightning’ ❖

< Ar. BRQ *barq*; Pers. *barq*

rāḫd(ák) ‘thunder’ ❖

< Ar. RfD *raʕd*, Pers. *raʕd*

(50.) rainbow

kamón-i Hasán-at Husáin, *kamón-i Hasán-# Husáin* ❖

< Pers. *kamán-i Hasán-u Husáin* ‘Hasan and Hussein’s bow’

III.12. Fire

166. (56.) smoke

pəzd || pa(i)st ❖ s pzt- /pəzd-á/

< *pázda(ia)-, Ave. pazdaiia-; Oss. I fəzdæg; Hung. füst

d̥w̥id ❖

< Pers. dūd, TMast. diūd, did, TFalgh. dūd, TYagh. diūd, Sarīq. d̥ud, Ir. *dūta-, Parāch. d^bi

167. (55.) fire

ōl ❖ s B M ʔʔt(?)r(h), ʔ(?)š, ʔrt C ʔtr /átar, āš/

< *āšr-, *ātrš; Ave. ātar-, āšr-, Khwār. ʔ(t)rw, Bactr. αδ(ο)ϋο /āš(u)š/, αταρο /atar/, Oss. art, Shugh. Bartang. yōc, Rōsh. yūc, Sarīq. yuc, Yazgh. yec, Munj. yūr, Yidgh. yūr, Pasht. ōr, Parāch. ār, Pers. ādār, ādūr, ātīš, Tjk. ōl(ów), ōzár, ōtáš, AfghP. āl, āzár, ātēš, Fārs. āzūr, ātēš, Pahl. ʔtur /ādur/, Kurd. ar; Eynu. atüš

ōlóu, alóu ❖ B ʔʔrʔβ /ālāβ/ 'flame'

< Tü. *atāw < *yataγ, *yataw; Uzb. atāu, Tr. alev; Pers. ālāv, āláu, Tjk. alóu, oláu, olóu, aláu, TVarz. TYaghn. alóu, TMast. alób, Shugh. alōw,

168. (57.) ash

xōkistár ❖

< Pers. xākistár, Yazgh. xākistūr

d̥w̥ida ❖

< Pers. dūdá

šaεmák ❖

cf. Ar. ŠMʕ šamʕat̤ 'candle', Pers. šamʕ, TMast. BukhAr. šaεm

169. (191.) to burn

sūč- (asúč : sūčta, sūšta : sūčna : sūčak) ❖ s B C √swc: s B √swyt- C √ʔswyt- /√sōč : √suyd-/

< šauča-; Ave. saoča-, Khōt. sūt-; Oss. I suʒɪn : soγd, Pers. sōxtán : sōz-

suxs- (asúxs : súxta : súxsna : súxsak) ❖ B M √swɣs- /√suxs-/

cf. Khōt. vasus- : vasut; Pers. sōxtán : sōz-

(29.) firewood

íz(i)m ❖ B zmy /změ/ B Č ʔzm-y /izmí/

< *áizma-(ka-), Ave. aēsma-, Khwār. ʔzm, Munj. ízmō, Pers. hēzúm, TMast. (h)ezúm, (h)ezím, TYagh. ezím, TVarz. ezúm, Gilānī hīzəm, Ved. id^bmá-

III.13. Settlement

170. (53.) road / path

rōš / rōt ❖ B s rʔð(h) M rʔð(ð)(h) C rʔð /rāð/

< rāða-, rāði-; Ave. raⁱðim (acc.), Pasht. lār < *rāl, dial. lyār < *rāði-; Örm. rāi, Pers. rāh, rāš, TMast. ra, TVarz. ro(h), ra(h), Pahl. rās, Kurd. rê, Balōch. rā(h); Ved. rat^byā-, Armen. řah

(25.) **village**

mēn || maīn ❖ В М δm?n /δmān/ 'house, dwelling'

< *dmān(i)a- 'house, dwelling'; Ave. d³māna-, d³māna-, nmāna-; nmāniia- 'belonging to house', Bactr. μανο /mān/, Pasht. ména 'house, fatherland', Pers. mān, Pahl. mān; Ved. māna-; cf. Gre. δόμος, Lat. domus, OCS. domъ, Lith. nāmas

qišlōq ❖

< Uzb. qīštāq, Uygh. qīštaq, Kyrg. qīštaq, qīštaq, qīštō, Kazakh. qīstaw, Tatar. qışlaq, Turkm. ġīštāq, Azərb. qışlaq, dial. qışlax, Qashq. qīštāq, Turk. kışla(k), Ott. kışla(k) < Tü. *qīs-*tāq/*tāq = 'winter=place'; Hazār. qīšlōq, Pers. qīšlāq, Munj. kəšlōk, Shugh. qīšlōq

deb ❖ С dyx(?)w /δexāu/

< *dabīāu-; Pers. dib, OPers. 'land, province, district'

(26.) **house**

kat ❖ В kt[?]y, kt[?]k М qt, qty(y), ktyy С qty /kəté/

< *kāta-(ka-); Ave. kata-Bactr. καδ(α)γο /kad(a)g/, Yagh. kat, Shugh. čid, Rōsh. Khūf. čod, Bart. čōd, Rāshrv. čūd, Sarīq. čed, Yazgh. kūd, Munj. k̄ay, Yidgh. k̄ei, Pasht. k̄elai 'village', Parth. Pahl. kdq; cf. Ide. Ide. *k̄ta- : *kan- 'to dig'

xēn 'summer pasture' ❖ В γ[?]n М x[?]n /xān/

< *xāna-; Bactr. χανο /xān/, Wakh. xun, Ishk. xon, Sangl. xān, Parth. x[?]n; cf. TMast. dūxūnā 'summer pasture'

xōnā 'room' ❖ S В γ[?]n[?]k(h) М x[?]n[?] /xān(ā)/

< *xāna-ka-; Pers. xānā, TMast. xūnā, TYagh. xūnā, Kurd. xanî; Uzb. xānā, Uygh. xanä, Kyrg. qana, Ott. hāne, Tr. hane, Tatar. xanä, Eynu. xani

mēn || maīn 'village' ❖ В М δm?n /δmān/

< *dmān(i)a-; Ave. d³māna-, d³māna-, nmāna-; nmāniia- 'belonging to house', Bactr. μανο /mān/, Pasht. ména 'house, fatherland', Pers. mān, Pahl. mān; Ved. māna-; cf. Gre. δόμος, Lat. domus, OCS. domъ, Lith. nāmas

(27.) **roof**

kūs(ar) ❖

bōm ❖

< Pers. bām

šamp ❖

< *skamb-; cf. *upa-skamb- 'to attach' *fra-skamb- 'to attach, to build'; Khōt. škam- 'to lift up', Munj. škōb- : škabəy- 'to rise', Pasht. āčawāl 'to overthrow'

(28.) **door**

davār || d'vár ❖ В М δβr-y С dbr-y /δβəri/

< duār(a)-; Ave. duuara-, Khwār. δβ̄r-, Khōt. vara-, Oss. I dwar, Wakh. bār, Pasht. war, Munj. luwār, Pers. dar, Pahl. dar, OPers. duwar-, Kurd. derî, Ir. *duar-; Ved. dvār-, Armen. duṛn, OCS. dvъrъ, Cze. dveře 'door', dvůr '(court)yard', Lit. dūrys, Goth. daur, Ger. Tür, Tor, Gre. θύρα, OIrl. dor

III.14. Tools

(30.) broom

rūpč ❖

< **ra-upa-čī-*, Yazgh. *rəbág*, Wakh. *drešč*, Pasht. *rəbáz*; cf. Tjk. *jōrūb* < *jōy* + *ruftán* : *rūb-*

(31.) butter churn

kuppí ❖

< Tjk. *guppi*, TMast. *küp(p)í*, *kíp(p)í*, TFalgh. *kuppi*

túyla ❖

cf. TYaghn. *tulyá*

(32.) pestle

puškák ❖

cf. TMast. *püškák*

(33.) hammer

bólyá ❖

< Tjk. *bólyá*

(34.) knife

kört, kōrd ❖ B *krt(h)* /kařt/

< **karta-*; Ave. *karata-*, Khwār. *krc* /karz-/, Oss. I *kard*, Wakh. *kāž*, Yidgh. *keřo*, Munj. *kéra*, Pasht. *čāřá*, Pers. *kārd*; Eynu. *kard*; Cze. *kord* ‘épée’, Hung. *kard* ‘épée’

(35.) axe

tabár ❖

< Pers. *tabár*, TVarz. *tavár*, Hazār. *tawár*, *tabár*, Pahl. *tabrak*; cf. Rus. *monóp*, Cze. *toporo* ‘helve, haft’, Ar. *ṭabar*

tíša, tēšá ‘adze’ ❖ S B *tš* /taš/

< **taša-*, Ave. *taša-*, Tjk. *tēšá* ‘adze’

(37.) thread

pūd ❖

< Tjk. *pūd*

tōr ❖

< Tjk. *tōr(á)*

(38.) needle

śínčín ❖

< **śínčn* < **śínčana-*; cf. Oss. *suzin* || *sozīnæ*, Ishk. *š̄tun*, *š̄tn*, Munj. *š̄žna*, Yidgh. *š̄njo*, Wañ. *sunzən*, *sənjən*, Pasht. *stən*, Kurd. *suzîn*, *š̄ujin*, Pers. *sōzán*, Hazār. *sizū*, Pahl. *sōzan*

(39.) cloth

lát(t)a ❖

< Pers. *lattá*

(40.) ring

angušták, anguštarín, anguš(t)póna ❖
< Tjk. *angušták, anguštarín, anguštpóná*

III.15. Nature (ii)

171. mountain

γâr ‘mountain, mountain pass’ ❖ В М *γr-γ /γârí/*

< **gâri-*; Ave. *gaⁱri-*, Bactr. *γειρο, γαρο /γîr, γar/*, Khöt. *ggara-, ggari-*, Shugh. *Rāshrv. žîr* ‘stone’, Rōsh. Bart. *žēr* ‘stone’, Khūf. *žer* ‘stone’, Sarīq. *žer* ‘stone’, Wakh. *γar* ‘stone’, Munj. *γâr* ‘pass’, Yidgh. *γar* ‘stone, mountain’, Pasht. *γar*, Ōrm. *grî*, Parāch. *gir*, Pahl. *γar*, Ved. *girî-*, OCS. *gora*, Ide. **g^uorH-*; Alb. *gur* ‘rock’; Gre. *βορέας* ‘northwind (< *mountain wind; MALLORY – ADAMS 2006, 121)’; Lith. *girià* ‘forest’²⁶⁸; cf. Burūshaskī *γoro* ‘stone’

kū^b ❖

< Pers. *kōh*, TMast. *kü*, TVarz. *kub*, Pahl. *kuf /kōf/*, OPers. *kaufā-*, Ave. *kaofa-*, Munj. *kifa*, Wanj. *kub, kup*, Ir. **kaufā-*; Eynu. *kox*

(60.) gold

tilló^b ❖

< Ar., Pers. *tillá*

zar (occ.) ❖ S M C *zyrn /zein/*

< **dzáraniā-*; Ave. *zaraniia-*, Khwār. *zrny /zirnî/*, Bactr. *ζαρο /zar/*, Pers. *zarr*, Pahl. *zarēn*, OPers. *daraniya-*; Ved. *híraṇya-*, Ide. **ḡ^hlenjo-*; cf. Gre. *δαρεικός [στατήρ]* ‘*daric* – gold coin introduced by Darius I.’, Sogd. *s ḏ²ryk /ḏárik/* ‘gold coin’ < OPers.

III.16. Colours

172. (150.) red

kímér, kamér (arch.) ❖ В *krm(?)yr, kyrmyr* М *qrmыр* С *qyrmyr /ki²mér/*

Pahl. *karmîr*, Armen. *karmir*; cf. ByzGre. *Κεμι[χίλωνες]*; cf. Ar. QRMZ *qirmiz*, Fārs. *qerméz*, Tr. *kırmız*

suxr ❖

< Pers. *suxr*, Pahl. *suxr*, TMast. *sürx*, OPers. *Suxra-*, Kurd. *sor*, Balōch. *subr, söbr*; Ir. **suxra-*; Ave. *suxra-*, Bactr. *σοεχ^o /surx/*, Khöt. *surai*, Oss. *suxr* || *surx*, Wakh. *səkr*, Ishk. *suxr*, Munj. *sərx, surx*, Yidgh. *surx*, Pasht. *sūr, srə*, Parāch. *súrku*, Ōrm. *šúš*, Ved. *śukrá-*

173. green

zarγúna (arch.) ❖ S *zrywn²k* М *zrywnyy /záryōně/*

cf. Sogd. В *zrywn /zarγōn/* ‘plant, vegetable’

²⁶⁸ See also Slovak *hora* ‘mountain // forest // mountain covered with forest’.

sabz, sauz ❖

Pers. *sabz*, TVarz. *sauz*, Hazār. *sauz*, Shugh. *sāvz*, Ir. **ṣapačīa-*
kapūt(a) || *k^upūt(a)* (*arch.*), *kabūt* ‘green, blue’ ❖ В *kpw̄t(k)* /*kəpót(ē)*/ ‘blue, green’
< **kapayta-ka-* ‘blue’; Pers. *kabūd*, TMast. *kəbūd*, Pahl. *kabōt*; Armen. *kapoit*

174. yellow

zērta (*arch.*), *zard* ❖ Sogd. В *zyrt(?)k* М *zyrtyh* /*zērtē*/

< **dzárita-ka-*; Ave. *za^rrita-*; Yazgh. Wakh. *zārt*, Shugh. Rōsh. *zīrd*, Ishk. *zord*, Munj.
Yidgh. *zit*, Parāch. *zītō*, Pers. *zard*, Kurd. *zer*; Hung. *zöld*

175. (148.) white

spéta (*arch.*), *saféd*, *sapéd* || *sipéd* ❖ В *ʔspʔyt(?)k*, *ʔsp(?)ytk*, *(?)spʔytk*, *(?)spʔyty* С *spyty* /*spét(ē)*/

**ṣūāīta-(ka-)*; Ave. *spaēta-*, Khwār. *spydyk*, Khōt. *śśīta-*, *śśīya-*, Munj. *spī*, *safid*, Pers. *sipéd*,
ispéd, *saféd*, Tjk. *saféd*, *sapéd*, TMast. *saféd*, Fārs. *sefid*, Hazār. *safit*, Shugh. *saféd*, Ishk.
safed, Yazgh. *sapid*, Kurd. *spî*, Ved. *śvetá-*, OEng. *hwīt*, Gót. *heit-s*, OCS. *světō* ‘light’

176. (149.) black

šōu (*arch.*), *sⁱyō^b*, *sⁱyá^b* ❖ Sogd. С В М *šʔw* С *šw* /*šāu*/

< **ṣiāua-*, Ave. *siiāuaa-*, Sarm. *Σαυ[ρομάτοι]*, Khwār. *sʔw* /*sāw*/, Oss. *saw*, Ishk. *šū*, *su*,
Wakh. *šuw*, Pers. *siyāh*, Hazār. *siyá*, *siyó*; Tr. *siyah*, Cr.Tatar. *siya*

mazáng ❖

cf. *Malang[áb/ŭ]* in Sarghulām (i.e. ‘Black water’, the second part is probably Persian as
‘water’ is *woliké* or *woliki* in Sarghulāmī, but it is uncertain whether **malang* is a
Sarghulāmī word or if the element really means ‘black’)

III.17. Time

177. (118.) night

xšáp; *šab*, *šau* ❖ С В *ʔxšp-h* М *ʔxšp-ʔ(h)*, *xšp-ʔ* С *xšp-ʔ* /*ʔxšəpá*/

< **xšapá-*; Ave. *xšapā-*, Khwār. *ʔxšb*, *xb*, Khōt. *šsavā-*, *kšap-*, Oss. I *əxsəv*, Shugh. *xāb*,
Rōsh. *xāb*, Sarīq. *xōb*, Yazgh. *xəb*, Ishk. *šab*, Yidgh. *xšovo*, Munj. *xšawā*, Pasht. *xāb*, Pers.
šāb, TVarz. *šau*, Pahl. *šap* > *šaβ*, Kurd. *šev*; Ved. *kšapá-*; Eynu. *šāb*

178. (117.) day

mēs / *mēt* ❖ Sogd. С *myð* В *m(?)yð* М *myð*, *my(y)ðð* С *myð*, *myð*, *myd* /*mēð*/

< **máiðā-*; Ave. *maēða-* ‘unstable, changing (with night)’, Khwār. *myð* /*mēð*/, Yazgh.
mið, Shugh. *mēð*, Rōsh. Khūf. Bart. Rāshrv. *mīð*, Sarīq. *mað*, Ishk. *may*, Sangl. *mēj*,
Zēbāk. *mī*, Munj. Yidgh. *mīx*

nūr ‘(day)light, day’ ❖ В С *nwr* /*nūr*/

< **nūra-* ‘(day)light, day’, Ave. *nūrəm*, Khwār. *nwr* /*nūr*/, Pers. *nūr*, TMast. *nir* ‘light’;
BukhAr. *nūr* ‘day’

rūz ❖ s M *rw* /rōč/

< **rauča-*; Bactr. *ρωσο* /rōc/, Pasht. *rwaz*, colloq. *wraz*, Pers. *rōz*, Hazār. *rūz*, Pahl. *rōz*,
Kurd. *roj*, Shugh. *rūz*

(119.) morning

frōnta || frōk ❖ s *βr?k* B *βr?k* M *fr[?]k* C *fr[?]q* /frāk/

< **frāka-*; Oss. *rag*, Wakh. *vərōk*; cf. Ved. *prā(ñ)k-* ‘in front’, Welsh *rhag* ‘in front’, Corn.
rag ‘in front’, Bret. *rak* ‘in front’

saḥár ❖

< Ar. SHR *saḥar*, Pers. *saḥár*, TMast. *səḥár*, *saḥár*, Wakh. *sabār*

čōštagá^b(i) ❖

Tjk. *čōštgóh*, *čōštgōhí*

pagó^b, *pagóhí* ❖

< Tjk. *pagóh*, *pagóhí*, TMast. *pəgá*, Ave. *upa-gāš-*

bōm ‘morning, dawn; time of the first morning prayer’ ❖ c *b[?]m* /βām/ ‘morning, dawn’

cf. Pers. *bām*

❖ B *wy[?]ws* M *wyws* /wyūs/

Ave. *viiusa-*

❖ c *ʔwc[?]q* /ōčák/

Ave. *vītara*, *vičāk* < *uit(a)rāk-*

(120.) noon

nīmrúz, *nīmrúzi* ❖ s *nymyð(h)* M *nymyð* /nēm(m)ēš/

< **naīma-máīšā-*, **naīma-rauča-* ‘midday’; Pers. *nīmróz*, *nīmrōzi*

γarnám ❖

Pasht. *γarmá* < Ir. **garma-* ‘warm’

pěšín ❖

< Tjk. *pěšín*

❖ s *rypðβ-* /repšβá/

< **rápišβā*

(121.) evening / afternoon

vīyóra ❖ s *βy[?]r[?]k* M *βy[?]ryy* /βyárě/

< **abi-aiāra-ka-*, Khwār. *biyāri* < **apa-aiāra-*; Yazgh. *biyir*, Shugh. Rōsh. *biyōr*; Parāch.
wyār

bēgó^b ❖ večer

< Tjk. *bēgōh*

xīšóm ‘diner’, *šōm* ‘evening, afternoon’ ❖ M C *xš[?]m* /xšām/

< **xšáfniia-*; Ave. *xšáfniia-*; Shugh. *xšūm*, Yidgh. *xšēma-* ‘diner’, Pasht. *šūma*; Parth. *š[?]m*,
Pahl. *xšām*, Pers. *šām*; Tatar. *axşam* ‘evening prayer’, Georgian *vaxšami*

(122.) yesterday

pyén ❖ s py²n²kb /pyānā/

< *apa-aiā-na-(ka-); cf. Pasht. *parūn*, Waṅ. *párun(d)*, *páran(d)*, Sangl. *pāruzd* < *para-adzna-/adzni-

(123.) **today**

ín(n)ūr / ídnūr ❖

< Yagh. *īt* / *īd nūr* 'this day'; cf. Shugh. *nūr*

(124.) **tomorrow**

frónta || frók ❖ s βr²(?)k B βr²(?)k M fr²k C fr²q /frāk/

< *frāka-; Wakh. *vārōk*; cf. Ved. *prā(ñ)k-* 'in front', Welsh *rhag* 'in front', Corn. *rag* 'in front', Bret. *rak* 'in front'

pagó^b, pagōhí ❖

< Tjk. *pagóh*, *pagōhí*, TMast. *pəgá*, Ave. *upa-gāš-*

(125.) **week**

háftá ❖ B βt²(?)myð M βt²myð /əβdəmēš/

< *haftā-máišā-*; Ir. **haftā-ka-* > Pers. *haftá* > Shugh. *aftā*, Tr. *hafta*, Kazakh. *apta*; cf. Gre. *ἑβδομάς*, MGre. *εβδομάδα*, Fr. *semaine*

(126.) **month**

mō^b, ma^b; mōx (arch.) ❖ s B m²γ(h), m²x M C m²x /māx/

< *māh-; Ave. OPers. *māh-*, Bactr. *μα(υ)ο* /mā(h)/, Khöt. *māstä*, Oss. *mæj* || *mæyə*, Shugh. *mēst*, Rōsh. *mēst*, Sarīq. *most*, Yazgh. *mast*, Pasht. *myāšt*, Wakh. *mōy*, Pers. *māh*, TVarz. *mo(h)*, *ma(h)*, Kurd. *meh*, Ved. *mās-*

179. (127.) **year**

sōl ❖ s B srð-y M srð(ð)-y C srd-y /se²š/

< *srd-; Ave. *sarəd-*, Khwār. *srð* /sarð-/ , Bactr. *σαελο* /sarl/, Khöt. *salī-*, Pers. *sāl*, Kurd. *sal*, OPers. *šard-*, Ved. *śarād-* 'autumn'

yósō (arch.) ❖

< *āśaka-; Oss. *az* || *anz*

III.18. Adjectives (ii)

180. (136.) **hot**

γarm ❖ B M γrm /γaɪrm/

< *garma-; Ave. *garəma-*, Khwār. *γrm*, Khöt. *grāma-*, Oss. *qarm* || *γarm*, Ishk. *γorm*, Sangl. *γōrm*, Pers. *garm*, Munj. *gərm*, Shugh. *gārm*, Ishk. *garm*, Kurd. *germ*, Balōch. *garm(ag)*, Skt. *g^barma-*, Gre. *θερμός*, Lat. *formus*, Eng. *warm*, Ger. *warm*, Cze. *žár*; Urd. *garm*

181. (137.) **cold**

sōrt ❖ B srt /saɪrt/

< *sarta-; Ave. *sarəta-*, Khöt. *sāda-*, Wakh. *sər*, Pasht. *sōr* (*f. saṛa*), Örm. *sāl^a*, Pers. *sard*,

Pahl. *sart*, Balōch. *sart*, *sard*, Kurd. *sar*, Goth. *kalds*, Eng. *cold*, Ger. *kalt*, Rus. *холог*, Cze. *chlád*, Lit. *šáltas*; Urd. *sard*

182. full

pun(n), púnna ❖ Sogd. *pwrn-y* с *pwñ-y* /puⁿí/, z *pwñ* /pun(n)/

< **pr̥na-(ka-)*; Ave. *parana-*, Bactr. *πορε* /pur̥/, Khōt. *purra-*, Pasht. *pur*, Pers. Kurd. Balōch. *pur*, Ved. *pūrṇá-*, OCS. *pl̥nъ*, Rus. *пóлный*, *пóлон*, Cze. *pln(ý)*, Lit. *pilnas*, Gót. *fills*, Ger. *voll*, Eng. *full*; cf. Lat. *plēnus*

183. (129.) new

náwa ❖ В *nw²kw* М *nwy* /nəwé/

< **náwa-ka-*; Khwār. *nw²k* /nawāg/, *nwyk*, Bactr. *νογο*, *ναγο* /nug, nag/, Oss. *nog* (*arch. nəwæg*) || *nəwæg*, Ishk. *nuwūk*, Sangl. *nuwōk*, Shugh. *naw*, Yidgh. *nowogo*, Pasht. *nəwaj* (f. *nəwē*), Parth *nawāg*, Pers. *nau*

184. (128.) old

pīr ‘old (of age)’ ❖

Pers. *pīr*, Bactr. *πρε* /pīr/, Ir. **parya-*; Ave. *parō* ‘previous’; BukhAr. *pīr*

kú^bná ‘old (inanimate)’ ❖

< Pers. *kubná*, *kubán*, Tjk. *kūbná*, *kubán*, TMast. *küná*, Pahl. *kabwan*, Uzb. *kūbná*, *kūbná*, Kazakh. *könē*, Tr. *köbne*, Qashq. *köbná*, *kobnā*

qadīm(á) ❖

< Ar. QDM *qadīm(aī)*, BukhAr. *qadīm*, Malt. *qadim*, Pers. *qadīm*, *qadimá*, Wakh. *qadim*

❖ М *wtcny(y)*, *wcny* с *ʔwcny* /üítčnĕ > ótčnĕ/

< **ui-tačina-ka-*

185. (130.) good

xūb ❖ В S *γwp* М С *xwp* /xūp/

< Ir. **bu-apa-*, **hupa-*; Khwār. *xwb* /xūb/, Bactr. *χοβο* /xūb/, Pers. *xūb*, Fārs. colloq. *xob*, Skt. *svapa-s*, Uzb. *xūb*, *xūp*

nayz ❖ Sogd. В *nyz-y* /nəyzi/

> Pers. *nayz*, TMast. *naxs*

186. (131.) bad

gánda ❖ S *γnt²k(?)*, *γnt²kk* В *γnt²(?)k(?)*, *γnt²kk* М *γnd²k* с *γnt²q* /γámdāk(ã)/

< **gand-āka-*; Tjk. *gandá*, Ishk. *ganda*; Parth. *gnd²g* /gandāg/ ‘stinking’, Balōch. *gandag*; Ved. *gand^bá-* ‘smell’; Uzb. *gándà*, BukhAr. *ganda*

❖ S *β(y)z-y*, *ʔβ(y)z-y*, М *β(y)j-y*, *ʔβj-y* /²βži < βēži/

< **béži* < **bázdīa-*; Pers. *faž*, *βaž* < Sogd.

187. rotten

páta ❖ с *pwtky* /pútakĕ/

< **pūta-ka-(ka-)*; Ave. *pūti-*

188. dirty

γāžd ❖

cf. TMast γāžd

čirkín ❖

< Pers. čirk(in), Shugh. čirkin

❖ B rym(nyk) M rym, rymny(y) C rym /rém(ně)/

Parth. Pahl. rēm

❖ S ᵛᵛγwst B ᵛᵛγwstk /āᵛwast(ě)/

Parth. ᵛgwd, ᵛgwst, Pahl. ᵛgwb-

189. straight

razk, rōst ❖ B ršt(h) /rəšt/ ‘right, true’

< *řdzuka-; Yazgh. razǵ, Sangl. rōsk, Munj. wurzug, Ide. *reǵ-to-, Lat. *rectus*, Ger. *Recht*

< * rāšta-; Ave. rāšta-, Khwār. ršt /rašt/, Khōt. rrašta-, Pers. rāst, Hazār. rōs, Pahl. (Turfān) rāšt, OPers. rāsta-, Kurd. *rast*, Oss. *rast*; Uzb. *rāst*, colloq. *rās*, Kyrg. *iras*

❖ C fršty /frəště/

< *fărăšta’i < *fra-rašta-ka-, cf. Sogd. B ᵛfr’γz C ᵛfrγž : M ᵛfršt- /ᵛfrēž : ᵛfršt/ ‘to straighten’

< *fra-radzajā- : *fra-rašta-

❖ B przp’r /párzpar/

190. round

lúnda ❖

< Tjk. lūndá

γíla ❖

cf. Yagh. γíl- ‘to roll’ < Tjk. γēlídán : γēl-

k^ulúlá ❖

< Pers. *gulólá*, Tjk. *kulúlá*; TVarz. *kulólá*, Fārs. *golulé* ‘round’

❖ B C γwrs /γuřs/

< *gar(t)su-; cf. etymologically unrelated Ar. QRŞ *qurş* > Tjk. *qurş(ák)* > Yagh. *qurs(ák)*

❖ S ᵛskwrnkb /’skúrnă/

Ave. *skarənā-*

❖ B prγrs’γ / páryᵛsě/

< *pari-ḡᵛs-aka-; cf. Ave. *ḡᵛsna-*

191. sharp

tīr ‘arrow’ ❖ S B M trγ-y C trγ-y /ti’γí/

< *tigra-; Ave. *tigra-*, *tiyra-* ‘sharp’, *tiyri-* ‘arrow’, Khwār. čyr /ciγr/, Khōt. *ttira-*, Oss. *сыры* || *ciγy*, Ishk. *tiry*, Munj. *tərya*, Pers. *tīr* ‘arrow’, OPers. *tigra-*

tēz ❖

< Pers. *tēz*, Kurd. *tūj*

192. dull

kunt ❖ tupý

Pers. *kund*, BukhAr. *kund*

193. smooth

lěxna ❖

hamwōr ❖

< Pers. *hamvār*, Shugh. *amwōr*, *anwōr*

fit ❖

< Tjk. *fit*

194. (132.) wet

tan(n), *tar* ❖ B M S *trn* /tarn/

< *taurna-*; Ave. *taorna-*, Khwār. *trn* /tarn/, Pers. *tar*

195. (133.) dry

qōq ❖

< Uzb. *qāq*, Kyrg. Tatar. *qaq*, Tjk. Shugh. *qōq*

xušk ❖ B *ʔšk-w* M (*ʔ*)*šk-w*, *škwy(y)*, *šqwy(y)* /iškú, iškəwé/

< **huška-*, **bišku-*, **biškuuqa-ka-*; Ave. *bišku-*, Oss. *x^wusk'* || *xusk'*, Pasht. *wuč*, Pers. *xušk*

196. correct

d^urúst ❖ *správně*

< Pers. *durúst*

razk, *rōst* ❖ B *ršt(h)* /rəšt/

< **řdzuka-*; Yazgh. *razǵ*, Sangl. *rōšk*, Munj. *wurzug*, Ide. **reǵ-to-*, Lat. *rectus*, Ger. *Recht*

< **rāšta-*; Ave. *rāšta-*, Khwār. *ršt* /rašt/, Khöt. *rrašta-*, Pers. *rāst*, Hazār. *rōs*, Pahl. (Turfān) *rāšt*, OPers. *rāsta-*, Kurd. *rast*, Oss. *rast*; Uzb. *rāst*, colloq. *rās*, Kyrg. *iras*

tūyri ❖

< Uzb. *tūyri*, Tr. *doǵru*, Kypch. *ṭoyru*, Kyrg. *tūra*, Kazakh. *tura*, Karakalp. *tuwri*, Tjk. *tūyri*, TMast. *tūyri*, Hazār. *tūyri*

197. (140.) near

nazdík ❖ AL *nzt-w* /nəzdú/

< *nazdīah-*; Ave. *nazda-*, *nazdīah-*, Bactr. *voʔdo* /nuzd/, Sarīq. *nizd*, Pasht. *nizdē*, *niždē*, Pers. *nazd(ík)*, TMast. *naz(z)ík*, Pahl. *nazdīk*, Kurd. *nizûk*, *nêzîk*, *nazik*, Balōch. *nazīk*, *nazīx*, *nazī*, Ved. *nédīyas-*

qarīb ❖

Ar. QRB *qarīb*, BukhAr. *karīb*, Pers. *qarīb*, TMast. *qarīb*

❖ B *β^ʔw* /βāw/

❖ s *nβ^ʔnt* B *nβ^ʔnt*, *nβ^ʔynth* M *nβnd* C *nbndy*, *nbnt(y)*, *nbnt* /niβáim̄d(ě), niβéim̄d/

198. (141.) far

dūr ❖ S B *ḍwr(h)* M *ḍwr* C *dwr* /dūr/

< **dūra-*; Ave. *dūra-*, Khöt. *dura-*, Wakh. *ḍir*, Sarīq. *ḍar*, Pers. *dūr*, TMast. *dūr*, *dir*, TFalgh. *dir*, Ved. *dūrá-*, Hind. *dūr*

199. (127.) right

rázk(a), rōst ❖ B ršt(h) /rəštá/

< *řdzuka-(ka); Yazgh. *razg*, Sangl. *rōšk*, Munj. *wurzug*, Ide. **reġ-to-*, Lat. *rectus*, Ger. *Recht*

< * *rāšta-*; Ave. *rāšta-*, Khwār. *ršt /rašt/*, Khōt. *rrašta-*, Pers. *rāst*, Hazār. *rōs*, Pahl. (Turfān) *rāšt*, OPers. *rāsta-*, Kurd. *rast*, Oss. *rast*; Uzb. *rāst*, colloq. *rās*, Kyrg. *iras*

❖ B *wrzzr-w*, *wyzzr-w* M C *wyzzr-w /wiʔzrú/*

Ave. *vərzra-*

200. (139.) left

čap(p)á, čap ❖

Tjk. *čap*, Sarīq. *čop*, Kurd. *çep*, BukhAr. *čappa*

❖ B C *sʔpt(w)* C *sʔpt /sápt(u)*, *sáptʔ*/

(175.) whole

tamóm ❖

Ar. TMM *tamām*, Pers. *tamām*

(178.) broken

unxastagí ❖ S *ʔwxwsty* B *ʔnywsty* M *xwsty* C *ʔwxsty / óx°əstě, ámx°əstě, x°əstě/*

< *(*aua-/ham-*)*xʔasta-ka-*; cf. Pahl. *xwastan*; cf. Pers. suffix *-gí*, e.g. *šikastagí* ‘broken’ < *šikastán* : *šikan-* ‘to break’

kalót ❖

< Tjk. *kalót*, TMast. *kīlét*, TVarz. *kalét*; Pers. (*Luyát-i Furs*) *klʔt* < Sogd. ???

vayrén ❖

Pers. *vairán*, TMast. *verún*, *vairún*, Hazār. *bērē*, Pahl. *apērān*, Ishk. *veron*; BukhAr. *beirān*, *uairān*

III.19. Adpositions

201. at

-sa ❖ S B M *-sʔr* C *-sʔ(r)* /-sāř, -sā./

< **šār-*; Khwār. *-sʔr /-sār/*, Pasht. *-sara*

pa- ❖

cf. Sogd. M *βʔ* C *bʔ /βā/*

par ❖ S B M C *pr /pər/*

< **upari-*; Ave. *upari-*, Khwār. (-)*par*, Pasht. *pər*, Pers. *bar*

❖ S *kw* B *kʔw* M *kw*, *qw* C *qw /kō/*

cf. OCS. *kъ*

202. in

čintír ❖ B *c(y)ntr* M *c(y)ndr /čámǵdər, čímǵdər/*

< **hačā-antar-*; Waṅ. *zdáre*; cf. Pers. (*an*)*dár*, Tjk. *dar*, Fārs. *dār*, TVarz. *da(r)*, *-da*

-nūt ❖

(146.) **above**

-sár(i), -sárai ❖ na, nad, u

Oss. I -sær̄bi

šī[○] (arch.) ❖ s M ʔsk-(ʔ) B ʔsk-ʔ(ʔ) C ʔsk-(ʔ), sky /əskā, ʔské/

Ave. *uskát*, Khwār. ʔsk, Pasht. *hask*; cf. Yagh. *Šimén* ‘upper village; upper part of village of Gharmén in Yaghnób’

❖ s B M C *cuwr* /čǝpǝr/

< **hačā-upari-*

(147.) **below**

-táki, -tági ❖

cf. Tjk. *tag* ‘below’

❖ s cʔǝr, cʔ(ǝr)sʔr B cʔǝr(sʔr) M cʔǝr(pʔr), cʔ(ǝr)sʔr C cʔpʔr, cʔsʔ(r) /čǝǝr, čǝ(ǝr)pǝr, čǝ(ǝr)sǝr/

< **hačā-adari-*

203. **with**

-pi ❖ AL *py(š)* /pi(š)/

Khwār. *py* /pi/

kát(t)í, qát(t)í ❖

< Tjk. *kátí, qátí*, TMast. *qatí*, Shugh. *qati*

❖ s *prʔ(y)w* B *prʔ(y)w*, *pryw* M *pryw* C *prw* Br *prau* /pǝrǝu/

< **upari-dǝu-* ‘at once’

III.20. Conjunctions

204. **and**

-(a)t; -(y)t, -(v)t, -(y)i ❖ s B M ʔt(y) C ʔt /ǝt(i)/

< **utā*; Ave. *uta*, Khwār. ʔud /ud/, Bactr. *οδο, οτο, οτι* M ʔud, ʔut /ud, ut/, Oss. -*ta*, Yazgh. -*ata, -at, -a*, Ishk. -*bt*, Shugh. -(a)t, Pasht. *aw*, Pers. -*u, (-yu, -vu)*, TMast. -*ü, -i*, Pahl. *ud*, OPers. *u-t^a-a* /utǝ/, Kurd. *û*

❖ C ʔr /ǝ/

< **r*; Ide. **h₁(e)r*; Gre. *εα, ε'*, *αε(α)*, Lith. *iř/ař*, Latv. *ir/ar*; Tokh. B *ra*= ‘emphatic particle’

va, wa ❖ C *w-* /wǝ-/

< Ar. *wa*, BukhAr. Malt. *u*, Hebrew *ve*, Syriac *û*; Pers. *va*, Kurd. *ve*, Pasht. *wa*, Uzb. *va*, Tr. *ve*, Azərb. *və*

205. **if**

kad ‘when’ ❖ Sogd. s B *kǝ(ʔ)* M *kǝ* C *qǝ* /kaǝ, kǝǝ/ ‘when, if’

Ave. *kada-*; Bactr. *καδο* /kad/, Oss. *kǝd*, Pasht. *kala*, Pers. *kaj*; Ved. *kadā-*

agá(r) ❖

< Pers. *agár*, poet. *gar*, Tjk. colloq. *agá*, TYagh. *agá(r)*, Fārs. *āgār* colloq. *āgē*, Hazār. *agá*;

OPers. *bakaram* ‘once’, Ave. *bakərət*, Shugh. *aga(r)*, Bart. *agar, agi*, Sarīq. *agár*; Uzb. *ägär*, colloq. *áyár*, Chaghat. *ägär*, Tr. *eđer*, Qashq. *áyár, ágár*, Turkm. *eýer*, Kyrg. *eger*, jižn. dial. *äger*, Tatar. *ägär*, Kypch. *égär*, BukhAr. *agár, agál*

206. **because**

nahípi *báxša* || nihípi *báxša* ❖

< Yagh. *nab-* ‘encl. particle of demonstratives’ (Sogd. *-nax*: B $\gamma w n \gamma$, $\gamma w n \gamma$ M *xwnw*, *hwnx* C $\gamma w n w$ *nʔx* /hónax, xónax, ónō-nax/) + *ípti* ‘thus’ + Tjk. *baxš* ‘for’, AfghP. *báxč-e čúnki* ❖

< Pers. *čún-ki* < **či-gauna-* + **kábjā-*

❖ C *cʔnwt* /čánūt/

❖ S B *pʔrwtj* C *pʔrwtj* /páruti/

III.21. Name

207. **name**

nēm ❖ S B M C *nʔm* /nām/

< *nāman-*; Ave. *nāman-*, *nāman-*, Khwār. *nʔm* /nām/, *nʔmýk* /nāmag : nāmég/, Bactr. *ναμο* /nām/, Khōt. Tumshuq. *nāma-*, Oss. *nom* || *non*, Pasht. *nūm*, Sarīq. *num*, Pers. *nām*, Pahl. *nām*, OPers. *nāman-*, Kurd. *nav*, Balōch. *nām*, Ide. **b₃néh₃men-*, Ved. *nāman-*, Armen. *anun*, Gre. *ὄνομα* D *ένυμα-*, Lat. *nōmen*, Ger. *Name*, OCS. *jmę*, OCze. *jmě*, Rus. *úмя*, OIrl. *ainm(m)*, Irl. Gael. *ainm*, Bret. *hañv*, Welsh *enw*, Hitt. *lāman-*

Vocabulary of Yaghnōbī and Sogdian considerably differ – the difference is caused by several factors such as non-existent contact between both Sogdic dialects for approximately 1000 years, intensive contact of Yaghnōbī with Tajik (and to a lesser extent contact with Arabic and Turkic, presumably via Tajik) on one hand, on the other hand some Sogdian words show contact with Sanskrit (mainly Buddhist terminology), Aramaic (in Christian and to a lesser extent in Manichaean texts)²⁶⁹, and Turkic (which appears in secular texts, namely from documents found at the Mount Mugh). There are also observable Sogdian contacts with Classical Persian, but it seems to me that there was much more Sogdian influence on Persian than Persian influence on Sogdian. In contemporary Yaghnōbī there is a great amount of loans from (or via) Tajik – there are approximately 48% loan-words and some 6% word are Yaghnōbī–Tajik compounds and other approximately 19% words are so-called compound verbs (presumably majority of them calqued from Tajik) – remaining 27% of words are genuine Yaghnōbī (NOVÁK [in print]).

Both languages also show similar patterns of word-formation, even Yaghnōbī calques from Tajik show some Sogdic patterns of word-formation. In Yaghnōbī there still remain many

²⁶⁹ In this case I do not take in account Aramaic ideograms used in texts written in the Sogdian script – such ideograms were very likely read as Sogdian words as they show e.g. Sogdian inflectional endings.

suffixes attested in Sogdian, unfortunately many of such suffixes are unproductive in the contemporary language (cf. GMS §935-1166; LIVSHITS – KHROMOV 1981, 434-449; KHROMOV 1987, 665-670).

Some Yaghnōbī words have no Sogdian responses, Sofya Petrovna Vinogradova quotes several of them: *γúrda* ‘eye’, *γayk* ‘daughter’, *rax* ‘mouth’²⁷⁰, *nōs-* ‘to take’ (VINOGRADOVA 2000b, 310), there are many other words without Sogdian etymology, but some of those words have etymology in the Pāmīr languages, e.g. Yagh. *γayk* ‘daughter, girl’ may be connected with Yazgh. *γačag*, Shugh. *γāc*, Rōsh. *γac*, Sarīq. *γoc*; Yagh. *ód(i)ma* ‘*Saponaria Griffithiana* Boiss. plant’ - Khūf. *wudm*; Yagh. *parám* ‘*Cousina umbrosa* Buge plant’ - Khūf. *piram*, Yagh. *šawén* || *šiwéna* ‘home-made paper-like thin cotton cloth’ - Shugh. *xiwīnǰ*, Bart. *xiwīnč*, Khūf. *xiwīnč*, *xiwanǰ*, Rōsh. *xiwīnč*; Yagh. *x^ušúpa* ‘crow, magpie’ - Shugh. Khūf. *kišépc* and many other. The Yaghnōbī–Pāmīrī vocabulary may be connected with local ecology and semi-nomadic lifestyle or it may even be associated with the Pāmīr–Hindūkush Sprachbund mentioned in chapter I.1.1.4.b.

Some other Yaghnōbī words have been recorded in past years, but they are not used in the modern language: *man* ‘apple’, *kimér* ‘red’, *zérta* ‘yellow’, *šou* ‘black’, *sipéta* ‘white’, *v^urǰk* ‘eyebrow’, *īpóra*, *γalbalá* ‘much, many’ and many other (cf. BOGOLYUBOV 1966, 359; KLIMCHITSKIY 1940; NOVÁK [in print]), some other *Early Modern Yaghnōbī words that were also similar in Sogdian were replaced by their Tajik similar-sounding counterparts: **vōγ* (Sogd. *βāγ*) ‘garden’ × Tjk. > Yagh. *bōγ*, **mōx* (Sogd. *māx*) ‘moon, month’ × Tjk. > Yagh. *mōh* ‘month’ (cf. BOGOLYUBOV 1966, 359) or **vīm* (Sogd. *βīm*) ‘fear’ × Tjk. > Yagh. *bīm*.

²⁷⁰ Yagh. *rax* has attested Sogdian form *s rγ²k /rǰxá/*.

IV. Conclusion

In the presented thesis I tried to present main development features of the Eastern Iranian languages. The main attention was paid to the development and interrelation of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – two closely related languages of the Northern branch of the Eastern Iranian languages. Yaghnōbī and Sogdian were studied together with other Eastern Iranian languages, primarily with the languages of the Pāmīrs. I have compared all documented Eastern Iranian languages to the sketch of contemporary development of the languages in focus – I have tried to outline their basic development in phonology and morphology in the first part of the presented thesis. By a thorough study of the Eastern Iranian languages I have found another phenomenon, which should be carefully investigated – (re)classification of the Eastern Iranian languages. As I have mentioned in the chapter I.1.2. there is commonly accepted grouping of the language group in focus into the Northern and Southern branch, but as I have observed, there are no given criteria for such grouping. In the Table 31 I put down some thirty isoglosses that I have observed among the Eastern Iranian languages, but according to the isoglosses presented in the Table 31 there are no many really distinct features that can differentiate the “Northern” and “Southern” branches. According to a preliminary analysis of Eastern Iranian isoglosses there can be defined at least five groups/branches: I Northern (*Sogdo-Scythian*), II North-eastern (*Saka*), III Central (*Pāmīr*), IV Southern (*Paṭhān*) and V South-eastern (*Hindūkush*) groups. Problematic is classification of Avestan (cf. ÈDEL'MAN 1986, 6-7 with bibliography), Khwārezmian (cf. ÈDEL'MAN 2000a, 95; ÈDEL'MAN 2008, 6; ÈDEL'MAN 1986, 6) and Bactrian – presented classification was based mainly on Modern Eastern Iranian languages. Some of isoglosses presented in the Table 31 can be demonstrated on following four examples (all examples are supplemented by forms in Classical Persian):

*čāšman- ‘eye’

I Sogd. s c(š)m-y M cm-y(y), cšm-y C c(y)m-y, cšm-y /čī(š)mí/; Oss. *caest*, *cašm* || *cans*
‘window-opening’

II Khōt. *tse’iman-*

III Ishk. *com*, Sangl. *cām*, Zēb. *cōm*, Munj. *čōm*, Yidgh. *čam*, Shugh. Baj. *cēm*,
Rōsh. Khūf. *cām*, Bart. *cēm*, Rāshrv. *cīm*, Sarīq. *cem*, Yazgh. *čām*, Wakh. *čā(ž)m*

V Ōrm. *cimī*, *čim*, *cēm*

? Khwār. *cm-*, *cmī-* /*camma*/, Ave. *čāšman-* [Pers. *čāšm*]

*Šrāīa- ‘three’

I Sogd. s šry Mg šryw B (?)šry M šry(y) C šy /šāi/, Yagh. *šaráy* || *šráy*, Oss. *artæ*

II Khōt. *drai*, Tumshuq. *dre*

III Yidgh. *šray*, *šuroy*, Munj. *širay*, Shugh. *aray*, Baj. Bart. Rōsh. *arāy*, Sarīq.
aroy, Ishk. *rūy*, Sangl. *rōy*, Yazgh. *cūy*, Wakh. *trū(y)* {Bactr. *σαρηιο* /*hārēy*/}

IV Pasht. *drē*, Waṅ. *dre*

V Ōrm. *šō*, *šī*, Parāch. *ši*, *šu*

? Khwār. *šy* /šē/, Ave. *Šrāiō* [Pers. *sib* > *se*]

**iušmáxam* ‘you’

- I Sogd. s B (?)šm²γw, ²šm²γh M ²šm²x(w), šm²x C šm²x /šmáx^(w)/, Yagh. š^umóx,
Oss. *sumax* || *sumax*
II Khōt. *ubu, umă, umă*, LKhōt. *ama*
III Wakh. *sá(y)isht*, Ishk. *ṭṭṭx*, Sangl. *təməx*, Munj. *mōf*, Yidgh. *măf, mōf*, Shugh.
Rōsh. Khūf. *tama*, Bart. Rāshrv. *tamāš*, Sarīq. *tamaš* {Bactr. *τομαχο, τομαχο,*
ταμαχο, /tōmāx, tumāx, tamāx/}
IV Pasht. *tāsē, tāsō*, Waṅ. *tās*
V Parāch. *wā*, Ōrm. *tōs, tyūs*
? Ave. *yūžēm*, Khwār. *hβy* [Pers. *šumā*]

**gauša-* ‘ear’

- I Sogd. s B M C γwš /γōš/, Yagh. γūš, Oss. *qus* || γos, Scyth. [○]γωσος
II Khōt. *gguv’a-, ggū’*
III Wakh. *γiš*, Ishk. *γūl*, Sangl. *γōl*, Shugh. *γūγ*, Rōsh. *γōw*, Sarīq. *γawl*, Yazgh.
γavon, Munj. *γūy*, Yidgh. *γū(ī)*
IV Pasht. *γwağ, γwaž*
V Ōrm. *gōi, gōy*, Parāch. *gū*
? Khwār. *γwx /γōx/*, Ave. *gaoša-* [Pers. *gōš*]

The issue of reclassification of the Eastern Iranian languages was only outlined in this thesis, the question still waits for its thorough examination. Valentina Stepanovna Sokolova studied genetic relations of Yazghulāmī and the Shughnī-Rōshānī group (SOKOLOVA 1967) and later relations of the Shughnī-Yazghulāmī group with Munjī²⁷¹ (SOKOLOVA 1973). Studies of genetic relations of Munjī and Yidghā with Bactrian and also interrelations of Bactrian with the Paṭhān languages can answer the question of position of Bactrian within the Eastern Iranian group. In a similar way can be studied relationship of Wakhī and the Saka languages – Wakhī appears to share several isoglosses with the Saka languages, but the language shows probable adstrate or substrate phenomena that link it closer to the languages of Pāmīr. Classification of the language of Khwārezm remains to be rather complicated – Khwārezmian shares several isoglosses with Alano-Ossetic languages and with the languages of Pāmīr on one hand, on the other hand there are some similarities with North-Western Iranian Sangesārī (cf. AʒAMĪ – WINDFUHR 1972), there are also some isoglosses shared with Sogdian (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1989a, 170); summary of possible connections of Khwārezmian with Avestan have been presented by David Neil MACKENZIE (1988) and by Vladimir Aronovich LIVSHITS (1962, 140).

I tried to solve the issue of mutual affinity of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī. Some scholars assumed that Yaghnōbī is a language continuing an unattested non-literary dialect of Sogdian, Yaghnōbī was even labelled *Neo-Sogdian* by some of them (cf. BOGOLYUBOV 1956; KLIMCHITSKIY 1935;

²⁷¹ In this case also position of Ishkāshmī and Wakhī is discussed.

SKJÆRVØ 1989a, 375-376), some other scholars suppose that Yaghnōbī is a successor of (in texts unattested) Sogdian dialect of Ustrōshana (KHROMOV 1987, 645, BUZURGMEHR 2005, 117). Contemporary studies tend to see rather greater differences between Yaghnōbī and Sogdian – the main differences quoted in scientific literature is absence of operation of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* in Yaghnōbī, different development of augment and Yaghnōbī (archaic) verbal ending of the third person plural *-ōr* instead of Sogdian *-am̄d* (cf. YOSHIDA 2009a, 327), another thorough study on relationship of Yaghnōbī and Sogdian was recently presented by Nicolas SIMS-WILLIAMS (2012).

For definition of interrelation of Yaghnōbī and Sogdian it is important to define both languages. Sogdian retains many archaic features in morphology and is, in comparison to Yaghnōbī, morphologically richer. For Yaghnōbī there is no direct evidence of development of its morphology during its history, but it can be assumed, that *Proto-Yaghnōbī possessed similar morphological forms as those attested in Sogdian. I have decided to “reconstruct” a proto-language common for both Sogdian and Yaghnōbī for the purposes of this thesis. Reconstruction of *Proto-Sogdic seems to be the best way to answer questions concerning interrelations of Yaghnōbī and Sogdian. The main difference appears not to be seen in morphology, which is much simplified in Yaghnōbī, neither in phonology, which has to be carefully reconstructed for Sogdian, but it is the development of stress that can be the source of divergent features in both languages.

In the chapter II.1.1. there is outlined development of stress in languages derived from *Proto-Sogdic. I have outlined four stages of stress: *Stress I* (chapter II.1.1.1.) corresponds with original position of stress in *Proto-Iranian, *Stress II* (chapter II.1.1.2.) presents stress shift that defines position of stress in *Proto-Sogdic and subsequent shifts labelled as *Stress III* and *Stress IV* (chapters II.1.1.3. and II.1.1.4.) represent development of stress as it can be reconstructed for Sogdian. Position of stress in Yaghnōbī continues from the position of the *Stress II* (i.e. Yaghnōbī stress preserves archaic position of stress as can be reconstructed for *Proto-Sogdic), such position of stress can be also reconstructed for oldest stages of Sogdian before operation of the *Stress III*. The Sogdian language²⁷² can be defined as a language that developed after shift of the *Stress III* and subsequent operation of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* – it is the operation of the *Rhythmic Law* that defines Sogdian as against other Iranian languages, such as this innovation has not been attested in other Iranian languages. As *Proto-Sogdic stress remained on the same position in Yaghnōbī, Yaghnōbī and Sogdian developed differently. The operation of the *Rhythmic Law* divided Sogdian words into two groups – so-called *light* and *heavy stems*, the *light stem* words retained rich inflectional system, but the *heavy stems* developed three-case system (i.e. oblique cases phonetically merged into a single form). Development in Yaghnōbī was comparable with development of the Sogdian *heavy stems*.

²⁷² I.e. its literary form attested in various texts from territory of Sogdiana, Chinese Turkestan, or from other regions of Central and Inner Asia.

There are also several phonetic differences in development of Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – these features can be considered dialectal and probably they originally led to the assumption that Yaghnōbī may be a dialect of Sogdian. According to the analysis of stress shifts in languages derived from *Proto-Sogdic it can be suggested, that phonological development was also influenced by stress, namely in *(Proto-)Sogdian, where original short unstressed vowels changed to *Schwa* (ə or its allophone ɨ), but remained unchanged in Yaghnōbī (for development in phonology see chapters II.1.2. and II.1.3.).

In morphology the differences between Yaghnōbī and Sogdian arise, mainly due to the operation of the *Rhythmic Law*, but there are also other phenomena that have not been influenced by stress. Fundamental is development of augment in Sogdian and Yaghnōbī – in Sogdian augment has been lost for all non-prefixed verbs, but it has been preserved as so-called internal augment for prefixed verbs (i.e. reflects of augment can be seen after a verbal prefix, in this case prefix usually changes its phonetic form when followed by augment), but in Yaghnōbī augment remained as a distinctive feature of imperfect and was reanalysed by analogy for all verbs as a prefix even for those containing historical verbal prefixes (see chapters II.2.4., II.1.3.26.ii. and II.1.8.). Other essential morphological features are two archaisms preserved only in Yaghnōbī – preservation (and reanalysis) of peripheral preterite ending *-ōr* < **-ār* < Ide. **-(o)ro* / *-(o)ror* and preservation of imperfect ending of the first person plural *-ōm* < **-āma* in Western Yaghnōbī (in Eastern Yaghnōbī and in Sogdian the imperfect ending of the first person plural has been replaced by original optative ending **-aīma* > Yagh. E *-īm*, Sogd. *-ēm*; see Table 51). The fact that Yaghnōbī dialects developed two different imperfect endings of the first person plural may indicate an early split of *Proto-Yaghnōbī and *Proto-Sogdian, and subsequent innovation of imperfect endings in *(Proto-)Sogdian and *Proto-Eastern Yaghnōbī.

During the development of the Sogdian language, Sogdian nominal morphology gradually simplified inflectional cases and *light stem* nouns changed their case endings and analogically switched to agglutinative inflection as is attested for *heavy stems* – the *light stems* formed minority of nominal roots and as there was double system of nominal inflection in Sogdian the language tended to avoid such dichotomy. As the *light stem* inflection switched by analogy towards the *heavy stem* inflection, there remained system of three cases – direct, oblique and vocative, i.e. case system similar to *Proto-Yaghnōbī. This reduced inflectional system is attested in late Sogdian Christian document C 5 (cf. SIMS-WILLIAMS 1982). Also verbal endings tended to be unified for both *light* and *heavy stems*. Similarity in “agglutinative” system of late Sogdian inflectional system with Yaghnōbī is striking, but only formally (or say on synchronic level), but diachronically the development in both languages differ. The late Sogdian (or “C 5-Sogdian”) system of nominal inflection cannot be considered as a source for development of Yaghnōbī inflectional system as there are still different patterns of stress development in both languages – diachronically Yaghnōbī still preserves stress on its position as it was in *Proto-Sogdic (i.e. *Stress II*), but *(Proto-)Sogdian certainly developed later stress shift – *Stress III* that influenced also morphology of the language (i.e. so-called *Rhythmic Law*), and

probably later on another stress shift appeared in (late) Sogdian – *Stress IV*. The shift towards the *Stress IV* can be probably connected with the above mentioned simplification of nominal inflectional cases as attested in the document C 5 – the tendency to equalize the three-case system of the *heavy stems* and the six-case system of the *light stems* led towards a *heavy stem*-like agglutinative system. There was probable opposite tendency in stress – it tended to shift towards the end of a word, such tendency can be seen in analysis of Sogdian versification by Elio PROVASI (2009, 351-353) whereas the final state of the *Stress IV* shift can be seen in the Sogdian documents written in the Brāhmī script (SIMS-WILLIAMS 1996a, 312-313).

Lexicon of both Sogdian and Yaghnōbī differs. This fact can be caused by two facts – 1) Sogdian is attested in various documents, but majority of texts are religious texts so the vocabulary often does not describe “basic” vocabulary connected with everyday life of peasants and other common people in Sogdiana, but such vocabulary is well attested in Yaghnōbī as the Yaghnōbīs are semi-nomadic pastoralists and their language preserves many “indigenous” terminology connected with animal husbandry and life in the mountains²⁷³; and 2) there is approximately a thousand years long gap between Sogdian and (Modern) Yaghnōbī, during this period the “world of the Sogdians” changed considerably and this development may be observed in development of Yaghnōbī lexicon.

After the fall of Sogdiana and gradual disuse of the Sogdian language (Arabic and) Persian became the *lingua franca* of Central Asia and Persian strongly influenced not only (Pre-Modern) Yaghnōbī, but also many other languages such as the Pāmīr languages, Pashtō, Indo-Aryan Urdū, the Nūristānī and the Dardic languages or Turkic Uzbek, Kyrgyz etc. Modern Yaghnōbī preserves approximately 27% of indigenous vocabulary, other parts of lexicon are borrowings, calques, or Yaghnōbī-Persian (Yaghnōbī-Arabic etc.) compounds. Sogdian lexicon contains also number of borrowings, mainly from Sanskrit, Old Turkic and Aramaic (but excluding “Sogdian” words written with Aramaic ideograms).

Yaghnōbī shows some lexical similarities with the Pāmīr languages, e.g. *γayk* ‘daughter, girl’, *ód(i)ma* ‘*Saponaria Griffithiana* Boiss. plant’, *x^ušúpa* ‘crow, magpie’ and many others (see end of the chapter III) – these words can be connected either with local ecology and comparable semi-nomadic lifestyle or with the Pāmīr-Hindūkush Sprachbund mentioned in chapter I.1.1.4.b. Unfortunately there are no attested counterparts in Sogdian.

From the above mentioned points it thus can be suggested, that Sogdian and Yaghnōbī are closely related languages, but there is no evidence that shows that Yaghnōbī developed directly from Sogdian. If we assume that Yaghnōbī developed from a Sogdian dialect we have to define such dialect – I tried to sum up our knowledge of possible Sogdian dialects in the excursion 1,

²⁷³ As Yaghnōbī is an unwritten language there is no elaborate terminology connected with say political and religious life for these fields are domains of Tājīk Persian (but also in Persian many words connected with religious life are taken from Arabic).

but the evidence of the dialects is quite deficient. It is certain that both Sogdian and Yaghnōbī developed from the same proto-language, but this proto-language equally differs from both languages in focus – I labelled the proto-language as *Proto-Sogdic which I find appropriate for explanation of development of both Sogdian and Yaghnōbī rather than *Proto-Sogdian as there has to be suggested an intermediate development stage between *Proto-Sogdic and (literary) Sogdian.

As can be seen in the part II of the presented thesis, Yaghnōbī appears in some aspects more archaic in comparison to Sogdian – Yaghnōbī preserves archaic position of stress, it preserves augment (though the augment has been innovated in Yaghnōbī), it better preserves Iranian vowels (i.e. there is no reduction of unstressed vowels to *Schwa* as there was no *Stress III* shift) and Yaghnōbī dialects show that origins of both dialects can be of an old date. Archaic is also formation of ergative construction in Yaghnōbī and another archaism shared with Avestan, Khōtanese and Khwārezmian is preservation of archaic preterite ending of the third person plural *-ār. On contrary, Sogdian shows archaic features mainly in morphology – the operation of the Sogdian *Rhythmic Law* preserved archaic inflectional system for *light stem* words, and also verbal morphology – Sogdian preserves more inherited verbal forms than does Yaghnōbī.

Both languages share some innovations – main similarity is development of nominal inflection in Yaghnōbī and in case of the *heavy stems* in Sogdian – development of direct and oblique cases is comparable, moreover, Yaghnōbī lost vocative case. Another shared innovation (typical also for other North Eastern Iranian languages) is formation of plural with the abstract suffix *-t(u)ā-. Sogdian innovated ergative construction as it replaced copula by the verb *dār- ‘to hold’ for transitive verbs (cf. similar development in Khwārezmian), another innovations can be seen in new suffixed forms of verbal inflection. The most important innovation in Sogdian was the shift towards the *Stress III* and subsequent operation of the *Rhythmic Law* – in this case originally phonetic change strongly influenced morphology and phonology of the language (the later shift towards the *Stress IV* was probably connected with a tendency to simplify inflectional dichotomy between the *light* and *heavy stems*). Yaghnōbī innovations show spread of prefixed augment by analogy to all verbal forms regardless of their original prefixes and also reanalysis of verbal endings – original durative ending -išť serves to form simple present and future tenses or as durative marker for the imperfect. Original indicative endings remained in Yaghnōbī, but they changed their function – they are used as forms of so-called dependent paradigm, i.e. they are used in a clause where appear more than one verb – for indicative present only the first verb is inflected in the present(/future) tense (i.e. historical present + -išť), all other verbs appear in forms of the dependent paradigm (i.e. in forms of historical present). Yaghnōbī has lost formation of causatives from Iranian *-aja-stems’, there are preserved only several verbs in Yaghnōbī that originate from such causatives, nowadays Tajik causative suffix -ōn- is used. Tajik has influenced Yaghnōbī verbal morphology also in many other aspects, this issue can be considered as contact phenomenon rather as innovation (cf. NOVÁK [in print]).

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Both Yaghnōbī and Sogdian show many differences, some of them are caused by approximately thousand years of discontinuity of development of both language as Sogdian has been replaced by Persian in the 10th and 11th centuries AD. After the Arabic conquest of Sogdiana both languages were gradually influenced by Persian, strong influence of Persian is visible mainly in Yaghnōbī. As both languages differ according to their attested forms, it can be said that from diachronic point of view they are two similar dialects/languages, both comparable in historical development as Sogdic dialects within the North Eastern Iranian language group.

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