Spelling and phonology of the Cuneiform Luwian ABL/INS ending

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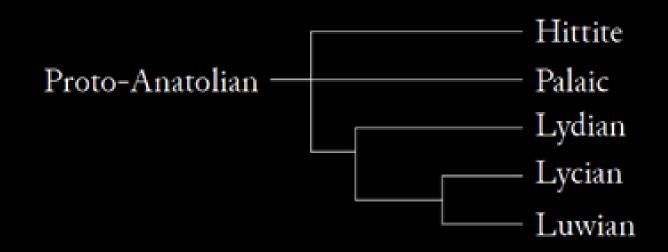
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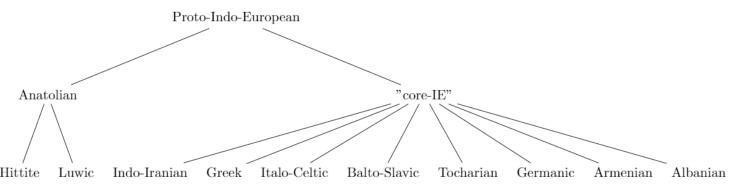
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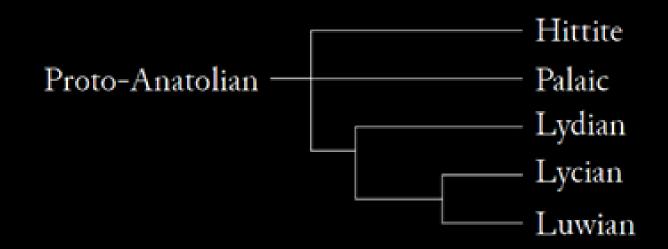




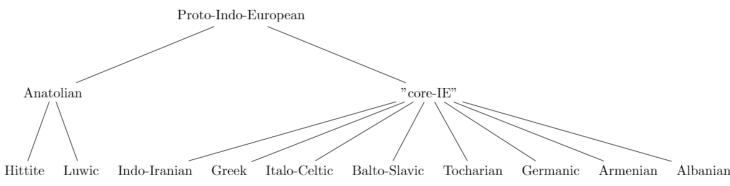
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Phonetic complement = phonetic sign added to logogram for grammar

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<e-eš-du> <ma-a-an> <a-aš-šu-u>

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Basically optional (at least in Luwian)! Is sometimes omitted

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If plene = probably long
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if **not** plene (and few attestations) = **not** necessarily short

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le.g. Hitt. <ki-i> /kíː/ 'this' <*ki
<wa-a-tar> /uáːtr/ 'water' <*uódr
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Good reasons to believe that Luwian also lengthened some accented vowels

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(cf. Melchert 1994: 261-265)
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Lengthening of *\delta\$ is beyond doubt, both Luw. and Hitt.!

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(would entail accentual mobility in some stems)

(e.g. Kloekhorst 2014: 554f.; Vertegaal 2018: 180f.)
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The data set

Necessity = a thorough look at all ABL/INS forms

Data taken from Craig Melchert's *Dictionary of Cuneiform Luwian* (forthc.)

Concordance with grammatical analysis and places of attestation

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hammši- 'grandchild' (KL/LL, LL)
AbIn ha-am-ša-a-ti: KUB 32.81+32.10+35.19 Ro 14*; KBo 9.143
ii! 13. ha-am-ša-ti: KBo 29.6(+)KUB 35.70 i 29.
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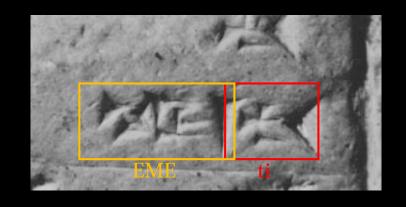
All attestations double checked in the *Konkordanz der hethitischen Keilschrifttafeln*Online concordance with photographs of tablets (Košak 2002-2022)

The data set (2)

Not all forms are probative

Sumerograms + phonetic complement, broken forms = non-probative

<u>Sumerogram example</u>:



No phonological information = not a token!

The data set (3)

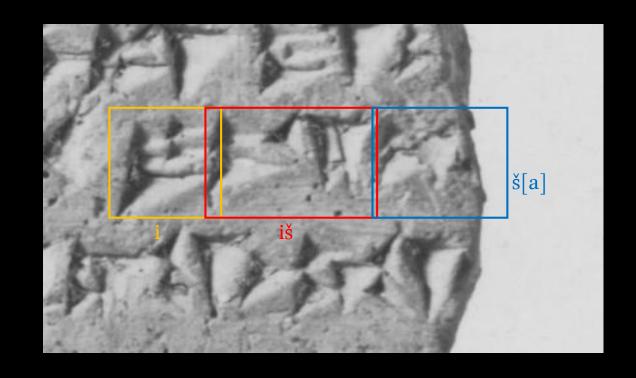
Broken form example:

KUB 32.9 rev. 9'

<ii-iš-š[a-ra-(a?)-ti]>'with the hand(s)'







If we cannot ascertain the spelling = not a token!

1	Form	Place	Date ((I Corp	plene or	nstem	DCL meaning	othe	r comments	
2	[an-na-r]u-um-ma-ḫi- <ta>-ti</ta>	KUB 35.16 i 11'	NS	CL		n_C		?		
3	a-an-na-ru-um-ma-ḫi- <ta> -ti:</ta>	KBo 29.3+KUB 35.45 ii 8	MS?	CL		n_C		X		
4	[an-na-r]u-um-ma-ḫi-ta-(ti)	KBo 29.6(+)KUB 35.70 i 4'	NS	CL		n_C		?		
5	an-na-ru-um-ma-ḫi-ta-ti	KBo 29.55(+)KUB 35.43(+)35.56 ii 38.	NS	CL		n_C		n		
6	[(a)-an-na-ru-um-ma]-(a)-ḫi- <ta>-ti</ta>	KBo 29.9 Ro 1	NS	CL		n_C		X		
7	a-a-la-la-at-ta-ti	KUB 35.24+35.20(+)32.12(+)35.22(+)35.25 obv 8'	MS	CL		i_noun	?	X		
8	a-a-la-a-ti	KUB 35.54 iii 18	MS		plene	i_adj	distant, far	X		
9	a-a-la-ti	KUB 35.102(+)103(+)KBo 39.179 iii 11	MS			i_adj		X		
10	a-la-ti:	KBo 4.11 obv. 24	NS	CL		i_adj		n	difficult to verify, on edge	!
11	a-la-ti	KBo 4.11 rev. 46.	NS	CL		i_adj		n		
12	a-(la)-a-ti	KUB 25.37+51.9+35.131+132 ii 36'	NS	CL	plene	i_adj		n		
13	[a]n-ni-ia-ti	KUB 35.92+Kbo 9.146+39.258 obv. 29	NS	HT		i_adj	maternal	n		
14	[ap-pa-r]a-an-ta-ti	KBo 9.143 iii 14'	MS	CL		i_adj	future	?		
15	[a-a]p-ra-an-da-ti	KUB 32.8(+)5 iv 15'	NS	CL		i_adj		?		
16	EGIR-(pa-ra)-an-ta-t[i]	KUB 35.21+32.9+32.11 rev. 13	MS	CL		i_adj		n		
17	[a-ar-r]a-ia-ti	KUB 32.8(+)5 iv 33'	NS	CL		i_adj	long	?		
18	a-ar-ra-ia-ti	KUB 35.21+32.9+32.11 rev. 13	MS	CL		i_adj		X		
19	a-ar-ra-ia-ti	KUB 35.24+35.20(+)32.12(+)35.22(+)35.25 obv. 35	MS	CL		i_adj		X		
20	(a)-ar-ra-(ia-ti)	KBo 29.55(+)KUB 35.43(+)35.56 ii 40.	NS	CL		i_adj		X	hard to read, but non-plen	ie v
21	a- <ar>-ra-ia-a-ti</ar>	KUB 35.16 i 11'	NS		plene	i_adj		X		
22	(a)[-ar-r]a-a-(ia)-t[i]	KUB 35.44 ii 10'	NS	CL		i_adj		X		
23	a-a-ra-ti	KBo 9.143 iii 14'	MS	CL		i_noun	time	X		
24	(a-ra)-a-ti	KUB 35.16 i 12'	NS		plene	i_noun		X		
25	[a-](a)-ra-a-ti	KBo 29.55(+)KUB 35.43(+)35.56 ii 39	NS	CL	plene	i_noun		?		
26	[ar-pu-w]a-na-ti	KUB 35.33(+)KBo 29.20 iii 7'	NS	CL		n_C	forehead (of	?		
27	[ar-pu-w]a-na-a-ti	KUB 35.42:2'	NS	CL	plene	n_C		?		
28	ar-pu-wa-na-a-ti	KBo 29.55(+)KUB 35.43(+)35.56 ii 13	NS	CL	plene	n_C		n		
29	[ar-pu-w]a-na-a-ti	KBo 34.247+KUB 34.62+32.14 iii 8'	NS	CL	plene	n_C		?		
30	S]I [?] -na-ti	Kbo 29.36 LC 4'	MS	CL		n_C		sum		
31	a-ru-ta-ti	KBo 12.100 obv. 9	LNS	HT		i_noun	wing	n	i-mut from HL aruti- 'baske	≥t'
32	a-ru-ta-ti	KBo 12.100 rev. 5'	LNS	HT		i_noun		n		
33	(a-ru-ú-da)-ti	KBo 12.100 rev. 1'	LNS	HT?		i_noun		X		
34	[a?-a]d-du-wa-la-ti	KUB 35.21+32.9(+)32.11 rev. 32	MS	CL		i_adj	evil (adj)	?	space ambiguous if initial a	a-
35	[a?-ad-]du-wa-la-ti	KUB 35.21+32.9(+)32.11 rev. 32	MS	CL		i_adj		?	space ambiguous if initial a	a-
	ad-du-wa-la-ti	KUB 35.21+32.9+32.11 obv. 17	MS	CL		i_adj		n		
37	[a?-ad-d]u-wa-la-ti	KUB 35.26 LC 10'	NS	CL		i_adj		?		
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Basic stats

Total attestations: 233

Total plene endings: 66

Percentage of plene endings: ~28%

Test 1: Chronology

Texts from Hattusa can be **dated** with some degree of accuracy on the basis of sign forms

OS (Old Script) > Middle Script (MS) > New Script (NS) > Late NS (LNS)

Plene spelling in Hittite known to decrease through time (Kimball 1999: 55)

Important to not skew analysis with diachronic differences!

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 (2, $N = 214$) = 0.3 $p = 0.860708 > 0.05$ not significant!

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• *i*-mutated adjectives: <tu-ú-l[i-ya-aš-ša]-a-ti> 'of the assembly' (KBo 29.3+KUB 35.45 iii 8')

• *a*-stems: <GIŠha-at-ta-ra-a-ti> 'warren hoe' (KUB 35.54 ii 33')

• neuter consonantal stems: <[h]a-ap-pí-ša-a-ti>'limb' (KUB 35.51 iii 11')

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 (3, $N = 178$) = 21.85

$$p = 0.00007 < 0.05$$
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So let's check where the stems with plene ABL/INS come from!

- *āri* 'time'
- (!) *hamsi-* 'grandchild'
- harmahi- 'head'
- *harri-* 'grindstone'
- (!) *īssari-* 'hand'

- |2:1, <mark>33</mark>% <?
- 2:0,100% < mobile
- 3:2,60% < probably not mobile
- 1:0,100% <?
- 3:1,75% < *for sure* originally mobile!

(cf. e.g. Schindler 1967: 244ff.; Rieken 1999: 278ff.; Kloekhorst 2013: 114f.)

- *manna(hu)w(a)nni-* 'nose'
- *tāwani-* 'stalk, stem (?)'
- *tūri-* '(pointy weapon)'
- *ussi-* 'year'

- 3:2,60% < mobile suffix
- 2:0,100% <?
- 1:1,50% <?
- 1:0,100% < oxytone?

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If we remove the *ahit*-stems...

57% of all tokens are plene spelled

vs. *ahit*-stems Fischer exact p = 0.000001 < .05

Worth a check

The non-ahit neuter C-stems

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• arpuwa(r/?)n- 'forehead' 3:1,75%
                                                     <?
• (!) happis- 'limb'
                          6:1,86% (or 7:0!)
                                                     <?
• (!) mallit-'honey'
                          3:0,100% (but same tablet) < mobile!
• (!) battur/n-'mortar'
                          1:0,100%
                                                     < maybe!
• (!) tāīn- 'oil'
                                                     < mobile!
                          1:2,33%
• tītīt- 'pupil (of the eye)'
                          4:0,100%
                                                     <?
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Are all plene endings likely to be accented? No!

cf. genitival adjectives in -assa/i- < *-osio- (Palmér 2021: 191f.)

e.g. <[da-a-ta-ri-ia-a](m-na)-aš-ša-a-ti> (KBo 30.190 iii 2')

<tu-ú-l[i-ya-aš-ša]-a-ti> (KBo 29.3+KUB 35.45 iii 8')
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-assa/i-stems: 3:27(10%)

-iya/i-stems: 3:25 (11%)

Synthesis: Hypothesis 1

Hypothesis 1:

"The ABL/INS ending was long, i.e. /-aːti/, in all or most stems"

We find plene spelling in all well-represented stem classes, e.g.:

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Optionality of plene spelling > lack of plene = simply unwritten length

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But no ABL/INS with syncope of e/a!

Potential explanation = long vowels in Proto-Luwo-Lycian!

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Conclusion: Hypothesis 1 (long ending) stands

Synthesis: Hypothesis 2

Hypothesis 2:

"Some endings inherited the accent, i.e. /-áːti/, reflected in a stronger preponderance towards plene spelling"

Can account for statistical significance in stem type-test

> *i*-mutated nouns & non-*ahit* C-stem neuters are largely **populated** by stems with **inherited mobility**

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The Relative Frequency Hypothesis:

"A scribe writing Luwian, faced with a syllable with a long and accented vowel, is relatively more likely to spell the vowel plene than when faced with a syllable containing a long and *unaccented* vowel"

Supporting evidence 1: Typology

In languages which have long/short vowels and stress accent, stressed long vowels are typically phonetically longer than unstressed long vowels, e.g. in:

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    Aleut (Eskimo-Aleut)
        16% longer (151 vs. 130 ms) (Rozelle 1997)
    Latvian (Baltic, Indo-European)
        24% longer (262 vs. 212 ms) (Bond 1991: 138)
    Finnish (Uralic)
        14% longer 152 vs. 133 ms (Suomi & Ylitalo 2004)
    Samoan (Austronesian)
        39% longer 237 vs. 171 ms (Zuraw et al. 2014)
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Enter: $\bar{a}dduw\bar{a}l(i)$ - 'evil, bad' + derived noun $\bar{a}dduw\bar{a}l$ - 'evil' < $^*h_{_{7}}\acute{e}d^{(h)}uolo$ -

(Starke 1990: 60 n. 118; Rieken 1999: 446-448; Kloekhorst 2014: 577f.; Sasseville eDiAna-ID 2515)

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 - 1. Čop's law T > TT / \acute{e}_{-} (Čop 1970)
 - 2. Lengthening of initial $\acute{a} < *\acute{e}$ (Melchert 1994: 263)

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Borne out by the data!

First $-\bar{a}$: 22:22 (50%)

Second $-\bar{a}$: 11:34 (24%)

 X^{2} (1, N = 89) = 6.2276 p = .012577 < .05, significant

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First $-\bar{a}$: 22:22 (50%)

Second $-\bar{a}$: 11:34 (24%)

 X^{2} (1, N = 89) = 6.2276 p = .012577 < .05, significant

Conclusion: Relative Frequency Hypothesis and Hypothesis 2 (accent on some endings) stands

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-'forehead'

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$$t(a/i^{?})$$
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hamsi- 'grandchild'	< *h ₂ éms-s : *h ₂ ms-'	2:0,100%		

$$\bar{\imath}ssari$$
- 'hand'
 $<*\acute{g}^h\acute{e}s$ - r : ' \acute{g}^hs - r -'
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$$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$$
-'pupil (of the eye)' 4:0,100%

$$12-t(a/i^2)$$
-'twelve' < *-ént-: *-nt-' 7:0,100%

Note absence of $t\bar{a}\bar{i}n$ - 'oil'! (1:2, 33%)

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 - 1. Supported by Lycian and hieroglyphic evidence
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Thank you!

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→ generalisation to other stems, e.g. *o*-stems

 $(a\text{-stems *-}eh2 = always long, oxytone stems < *-\dot{odi} = always long)$

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Phase:	1		2		3		4		
C-stems: amphi/hysterodynamic									
NOM.SG	*-s/ø	>	*-s/ø	>>	*- <i>is</i>	=	*- <i>is</i>		
ABL/INS	*-ódi	>	*-ódi	=	*-ódi	=	*-ódi		
i-stems: proterodynamic									
NOM.SG	* '-i-S	>	*- <i>is</i>	=	*- <i>is</i>	=	*- <i>is</i>		
ABL/INS	*-éi-odi	>	*-ódi	=	*-ódi	=	*-ódi		
i-stems: retracted accent									
NOM.SG	* '-i-s	>	*- <i>is</i>	=	*- <i>is</i>	=	*- <i>is</i>		
ABL/INS	* '-ei-odi	>	*-ōdi	=	*-ōdi	=	*-ōdi		
o-stems: barytone									
NOM.SG	* '-OS	>	*-OS	=	*- <i>OS</i>	>>	*- <i>is</i>		
ABL/INS	* '-odi	>	*-odi	=	*-odi	=	*-odi		