

Kwadi: from family-level to family-internal isolate

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1 Introduction

1.1 The people and their language

- small isolated non-Bantu group with an earlier pastoral subsistence and a click language
- along the lower Curoca River in the Moçâmedes desert in south-western Angola (which is the extension of the coastal Namib desert stretching from the Orange River in the south to the town of Moçâmedes in Angola)
- alternate names: (Ova)Kwepe = likely Bantu exonym, (Ova)Kuroka = geographical denomination > potentially confused with other (Bantu) groups in the river valley
- with all likelihood referred to in some early Portuguese sources about the discovery and colonization of the area (1681 by Cadornega, 1770 by Pilarte da Silva; cf. Estermann 1956: 53-4)
- more detailed anthropological work only from the mid-20th century on: Estermann (1941, 1956, 1959), Almeida (1960, 1965), Guerreiro (1971) - fewer than ten speakers!!!
- southern Angola hosted in addition several other groups which clearly differed from Bantu groups linguistically (non-Bantu, click) and/or anthropologically (hunter-gatherer, different phenotype): (Ova)Twa, (Ova)Kwissi aka (Ova)Kwando or (Ova)Kwambundy, Kedi, etc. (Estermann 1956, 1962)
- assimilated to Bantu as well as to acculturated African Mbali population in Portuguese settlements like Onguaia and Porto Alexandre (Guerreiro 1971: 98-9)
- language shift to Kwanyoka (dialect of Northwest Herero R311) and Mbali (local admixed variety of Kimbundu H21) ?and Portuguese - language Kwadi (ISO: kwz) almost certainly extinct
- people can still be traced in the genetic profile of the local population (Coelho et al. 2009, Rocha 2010)

1.2 Linguistic research history

- occasionally mentioned in Bantu surveys without linguistic data - Johnston (1919: 800-1):

93. Ndombe or Kwandø, 93a. **Korøka**.¹

This speech of the Mossamedes coast, spoken by the Andombe, Akwandø, and **Akoroka** tribes (also by the Akubele and the Akuisø?), is as yet scarcely illustrated. ...

¹ Mr. W. J. B. Chapman, of Southern Añgōla, asserts that the true Korøka tongue is non-Bantu (Bushman) and not a dialect of Ndombe.

- no mention in early linguistic "Khoisan" surveys such as Schapera (1930), Greenberg (1950, 1963), Westphal (1956)
- field work and audio-recording by anthropologist A. de Almeida (Instituto Superior do Ultramar, Lisbon) in 1948 and 1955
- Westphal's Khoisan survey research across southern Africa between 1953 and 1971 brings Kwadi on the linguistic map (cf. Westphal 1978):
- (a) collaboration with Almeida in the late 1950s¹ > Westphal (n.d.a/b/c)
- (b) field work in 1964/65 including (un-located) audio-recordings > Westphal (1964/5)

... I had all my time cut out to get a straight vocabulary from the rather drunken old lady I had to work with. As you know she and two men are the only people speaking a good Kwadi. She was the best informant but unfortunately a Portuguese assigned to my camp plied her with liquor. (E. Westphal in a letter of 16/3/1976 to H. Honken)

1.3 Previous classification attempts

- + rare example of an African language which was not subsumed right from the beginning under one of the 4 Greenberg groupings - had the exceptional "fame" of an African isolate
- (I) Westphal (1962, 1963: 247): genealogically isolated

These people [the Kwadi] were not visited but their language has been analysed by Professor António de Almeida and myself from tape recordings made by him in the field. Their language, we find, has no connection with any of the other non-Bantu languages but it must be noted that it too is a click language. Westphal (1962: 8)

- (II) Westphal (1965, 1971): potentially related remotely to Khoe

This language was previously placed as a separate family consisting of this one language. Certainly grammatically it is not comparable to any of the Hottentot languages. However there are several words which resemble Hottentot words and although no soundshift relationship has been established yet, the language is placed here [within "Hottentot family"] as a concession to the possibility of a genetic relationship. It may turn out that relationship is in fact a contact relationship as the Hottentots did achieve a brief domination of Southern Angola under Jonker Afrikaner, but at this stage this seems to be an unlikely alternative. Westphal (1971: 380)

- (III) Köhler (1981): related remotely to Khoe due to lexical affinities

A en juger par le matériel possédé sur le kwadi (Angola, région de Porto Alexandre), une partie des mots kwadi, enregistrés sur bande par A. de Almeida (Lisbonne), représentent des radicaux khoe, mais avec des changements des sons qui sont pareils à ceux du tshwa [part of East Kalahari Khoe]. A cause de ce fait, le kwadi est considéré comme une langue khoe marginale. ... Köhler (1981: 469)

¹ The exact dates remain unclear: Westphal (1963: 247, n.d.a/b) gives 1956/7 and Westphal (1978) has 1958/9.

(IV) Ehret (1982): related specifically to **East Kalahari** Khoe

> no linguistic data except for referring to 2 lexemes (*guu* 'sheep', *goe* 'cow, cattle'; see §2.4 below), but formative influence on non-linguistic research

... The probable candidates for bringing animal husbandry to southern Angola and Namibia were instead another Khwe people, speaking a language ancestral to that of the recent Kwadi pastoralists of coastal southern Angola. The Kwadi, raisers of small stock, had a language that appears to share several fundamental sound shifts with, and so belongs to, the Hietsho [= tshwa] subgroup of Khwe. (1982: 167)

(V) Ethnologue (!!!possibly based on Westphal (1971) ever since: 1 of 4 sister branches within "Central Khoisan" aka Khoe

+ none of the above classifications argued for by means of empirical linguistic data from either Kwadi itself or its supposed relative, the Khoe family (impossible at the time due to lack of historical-comparative reconstruction)

> new situation due to thorough historical-comparative study on Khoe by Voßen (1997)

2 Linguistic comparison

2.1 Typological profile

+ clicks and laterals as salient part of the phoneme system (cf. §2.4 below)

+ basic head-final syntax in both clause and noun phrase (Güldemann forthcoming b)

(1) *ta tʃi mupa-wa kalena*

1S 1S.POSS friend-D have

I have (my) two friends

(2) *tʃe'e-kô-kho-de*

people-kill-person-M.S

murderer

+ complex verb morphology - not well understood

| (3) | Subject | Object- <i>le/de</i> | Predicate | |
|-----|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | <i>sa</i> | <i>ta-de</i> | <i>munana</i> | you (S) see me |
| | <i>sa</i> | <i>moⁿ-de</i> | <i>mo'nana</i> | you (S) see us (I) two [semantically odd!] |
| | <i>sa</i> | <i>ala-de</i> | <i>munana</i> | you (S) see us (E) |
| | <i>ta</i> | <i>sa-le</i> | <i>mondana</i> | I see you (S) |
| | <i>ta</i> | <i>"wa-le</i> | <i>monanana</i> | I see you two |
| | <i>ta</i> | <i>u-li</i> | <i>mɔna</i> | I see you (P) |

+ major typological split among non-Bantu languages in southern Africa

> Kwadi goes clearly with Khoe pattern

| Feature | Khoe | Kwadi | Non-Khoe |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Dominant alignment | Accusative | ? | Neutral |
| Word order | SOV | | SVO |
| Head position in noun phrase | Final | | Initial |
| Preposition | No | | Yes |
| Default relational marker | No* | ? | Yes |
| Verb serialization | No | ? | Yes |
| Verb compounding | No* | ? | Yes |
| Verb derivation morphology | Yes | ? | No |
| First-person inclusive | No* | (Yes) | Yes |
| Gender assignment M vs. F | Yes | | No |
| Gender-agreement class ratio | < 1 | | ≥ 1 |
| Number marking on noun | Regular | | Irregular |
| Number category dual | Yes | | No |
| Number-sensitive stem suppletion | No | | Yes |

Note: * exceptions due to language contact with Non-Khoe

Table 1: Typological split Khoe + Kwadi vs. Non-Khoe (Güldemann forthcoming a)

2.2 Grammatical evidence: person-gender-number marking

Comparing Kwadi pronouns with person-gender-number (PGN) markers of Proto-Khoe

+ Westphal (1971: 393):

Clearly by the application of this one criterion, the form of the pronominal system, and by the application of the associated criterion, the (phonemic) correspondence of each of the items, Kwadi, Sandawe, and Hatsa are not KHWE-KOVAB (Hottentot) [= Khoe] languages.

| Person/gender | Singular | Plural | Dual |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1st | <i>ta, tʃi</i> | <i>ala, (h)ina</i> | <i>(h)a-mu</i> |
| 2nd | <i>sa</i> | <i>(h)u</i> | <i>(h)u-wa</i> |
| 3rd masculine | <i>ha-de</i> | <i>ha-u</i> | <i>ha-wa</i> |
| 3rd feminine | <i>hɛɛ (< ha-e)</i> | <i>ha-'ɛ</i> | <i>ha-wa</i> |

Table 2: Personal pronouns in Kwadi (Westphal 1971: 393, Güldemann 2004)

| Person | Gender | | | Number |
|--------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------|
| | Common | Feminine | Masculine | |
| 1st | *ta | | | Singular |
| 2nd | - | *sa | *tσα | |
| 3rd | *i | *sa | *ba | |
| 1st | *kha-be ¹ | *sa-be | *tσα-be ¹ | Dual |
| 2nd | *kha-do ¹ | *sa-do | *tσα-do ¹ | |
| 3rd | *kha-da ¹ | *sa-da | *tσα-da ¹ | |
| 1st | *tae | *s(a)e | * ae | Plural |
| 2nd | *to (~*tu) | *sao | * ao | |
| 3rd | *na | ? ² | * ua | |

Notes: 1 dual forms not reconstructible for Khoekhoe

2 reconstructed as *ti for Khoekhoe and *dzi for Kalahari Khoe

Table 3: The reconstructed PGN system of Proto-Khoe (Voßen 1997: 376-7)

+ overall system very different in size and categorical elaboration, but some similarities:

- typological parallels:

- gender distinction feminine vs. masculine
- number distinction singular vs. plural vs. dual
- duals morphologically complex

- apparent sound-meaning correspondences:

- 1st singular *ta
- 2nd singular *sa

A deeper comparison (Güldemann 2004)

+ orientation towards modern attested Khoe forms reveals a few more affinities:

a) 1st-person dual rather *-m than *-be

| Person | Gender | | | Number |
|--------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Common | Feminine | Masculine | |
| 1st | - | -ta | -re | Singular |
| 2nd | - | -s | -ts | |
| 3rd | -i | -s | -b | |
| 1st | -m | -sa-m | -kha-m | Dual |
| 2nd | -khao | -sa-ro | -kha-ro | |
| 3rd | -kha | -sa-ra | -kha-ra | |
| 1st | -da | -sē | -tjē | Plural |
| 2nd | -du | -sao | -kao | |
| 3rd | -n | -dē | -ku | |

Table 4: The PGN system of !Ora on independent pronouns (Meinhof 1930: 43)

b) 1st-person singular allomorphy according to syntactic role: ta unmarked vs. ti possessor

(4) Kwadi

a. *ta sa-le kwaditj'e laja*
 1S.SBJ 2S-OBJ PN teach
 I (?am to) teach you Kwadi. (Güldemann 2004)

b. *tji hanyu*
 1S.POSS father's.brother
 my father's brother (Güldemann 2004)

(5) Standard Namibian Khoekhoe

a. *'áa-s 'oá-ta ke ra !úú*
 town-F.S to-1S.SBJ DECL IPFV go
 I am going to the town (Hagman 1977: 108)

b. *tí 'om-s*
 1S.POSS house-F.S
 my house (Hagman 1977: 36)

+ revision of Proto-Khoe (based exclusively on Khoe-internal data)

| Person | Gender | | | Number |
|--------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Common | Feminine | Masculine | |
| 1st | *ta, *ti | | | Singular |
| 2nd | | *sV | *tsV | |
| 3rd | | *sV | *bV | |
| 1st | *khV-m | *sV-m | *tsV-m | Dual |
| 2nd | *khV-do | *sV-do | *tsV-do | |
| 3rd | *khV-da | *sV-da | *tsV-da | |
| 1st | *ta-e | *sa-e | *!a-e | Plural |
| 2nd | *ta-o | *sa-o | *!a-o | |
| 3rd | *nV | *di | *!u(a) | |

Table 5: The revised reconstructed PGN system of Proto-Khoe

+ step-by-step comparison of semantically corresponding forms:

| | 1st person | 2nd person |
|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Khoe | <i>ta, tV^[front]</i> | <i>sa, si, s (F) tsa, tsi, ts (M)</i> |
| Kwadi | <i>ta, tji</i> | <i>sa</i> |

Table 6: Comparison of singular participant markers of Khoe and Kwadi

| | Base | Suffixes | Singular | | Plural | | |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|
| | | | Masculine | Feminine | Masculine | Feminine | Common |
| Khoe | //āi ¹ | a-forms | -ba, -ma | -sa | -//ua, -kua | -dza | -na |
| | xa, a, e, i ² | Others | -b(i), -mi, -be | -s(i), -se, -he | -//u, -ku | -d(z)i, -d(z)e | -n(i) |
| Kwadi | ha | | -de | -e | -u | -'e | none |

Notes: 1 Khoekhoe form, 2 Kalahari-Khoe forms

Table 7: Comparison of non-dual 3rd-person markers of Khoe and Kwadi

| | Plural | | Dual | | |
|-------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| | 1st person | 2nd person | 1st person | 2nd person | 3rd person |
| Khoe | *-e | *-o | *-m | *-do ¹ < -da-o | *-da ¹ |
| Kwadi | ala, hina | u | (-)mu | u-wa | -wa |

Note: 1 the alternants -ro and -ra are common throughout Khoe

Table 8: Comparison of dual and plural markers of Khoe and Kwadi

| | Meaning or function | Sound form or feature |
|----|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 1st-person singular pronoun | *ti and *ta as allomorphs |
| 2 | 2nd-person singular pronoun | *sa |
| 3 | 1st-person dual pronoun | *mu |
| 4 | 2nd-person non-singular pronoun | *o or *u |
| 5 | 3rd-person feminine singular marker | final front vowel or *-sV ^[front] |
| 6 | 3rd-person masculine singular marker | final front vowel |
| 7 | 3rd-person feminine plural marker | final front vowel |
| 8 | 3rd-person masculine plural marker | final vowel u |
| 9 | 3rd-person pronoun base | *xa |
| 10 | noun 'person' as pronoun base | *kho |
| 11 | nominal dual suffix | *-da |

Table 9: Person-gender-number markers reconstructed for Proto-Khoe-Kwadi

| Person | Number | |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | + Restricted = Minimal | -Restricted = Augmented |
| + Speaker/ + Hearer | -ta | -tayo |
| + Speaker/-Hearer | -ko | -mi |
| -Speaker/ + Hearer | -mo | -yo |
| -Speaker/-Hearer | -na | -da |

Table 10: Minimal-augmented pronoun system in Ilocano (after Greenberg 1988: 3)

| Person/gender | | - Augmented or Minimal | + Augmented |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| + Speaker/ + Hearer | = 1st + 2nd inclusive | *mu | [?] |
| + Speaker/-Hearer | = 1st exclusive | *ti, *ta | [?] |
| -Speaker/ + Hearer | = 2nd | *sa | *o or u |
| -Speaker/-Hearer | = 3rd masculine | stem ¹ + (?)-*V ^{[front]2} | stem ¹ + (?)-*u ² |
| -Speaker/-Hearer | = 3rd feminine | stem ¹ + *(s)V ^{[front]2} | stem ¹ + (?)-*V ^{[front]2} |

Notes: [?] no plausible reflex in both Khoe and Kwadi,

1 deictic like *xa or generic noun like *kho,

2 also used as gender-number index on nouns

Table 11: The reconstructed pronoun system of Proto-Khoe-Kwadi

| Person/gender category | - Augmented or Singular | + Augmented or Plural | Dual |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1st + 2nd (inclusive) | (h)a-mu | (h)ina | (h)a-mu |
| 1st (exclusive) | tfi, ta | ala | |
| 2nd | sa | u | u-wa |
| 3rd masculine | ha-e | ha-u | ha-wa |
| 3rd feminine | *ha-e | ha-'e | |

Note: cf. generic noun *kho* 'person' with Proto-Khoe *kho- in dual PGNs

Table 12: The pronoun system of Kwadi with innovated duals

| Person/gender category | - Augmented or Singular | + Augmented or Plural | Dual |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st + 2nd (inclusive) | *-mu | ? | *(kho)-mu |
| 1st | *ti, *ta | *e | |
| 2nd | *sa | *o | *kho-da-o |
| 3rd masculine | stem + *(?)-V ^[front] | stem + *(?)-u | *kho-da |
| 3rd feminine | stem + *sV ^[front] | stem + *(?)-V ^[front] | |

Note: cf. 3rd-person pronoun stem *xa, a* with Kwadi pronoun base *ha*

Table 13: The probable pronoun system of Pre-Khoe with innovated duals

+ two 1st-person augmented gaps possibly represent only one missing form (Cysouw 2005)

+ coincidence cannot be safely excluded (cf. Callaghan 1980)

> requirement of additional evidence for genealogical relationship

2.3 Lexical evidence

Westphal (1965)

+ lexical affinities admitted by Westphal (1965: 137) himself:

... although it [Kwadi] contains some 5-10 words comparable to Kora (i.e. lora) but not Nama, it cannot **as yet** be classed with the Hottentot [= Khoe] languages. There are no sound-shifts which link Kwadi and any Hottentot language, the vocabulary is limited to the 5-10 similar (probably not common) words, and the grammar is very different. [**bold** TG]

- understatement in view of possible Kwadi-**common** Khoe comparisons in Westphal's (1965: 139-44) own comparative lists of 61 lexical items across southern African "Khoisan":
 - 13/4 good matches: 'man', 'head', 'nose', 'heart', 'tongue', 'throat', 'breast' ~ 'milk' (2 meanings of 1 lexeme), 'meat', 'cow', 'sheep', 'skin', 'night', 'year'
 - 10 less clear candidate items: 'person', 'boy', 'woman' ~ 'girl', 'father' ~ 'mother', 'eye', 'dog', 'zebra', 'tree'
 - > 23% (low count) or 39% (high count) of vocabulary total!!!
- unsubstantiated borrowing scenario (apart from contradiction with above quotation)

Their [Kwadi] country was invaded by the Nama in 1860 and hunting parties are known to have made their appearance there, perhaps from before that time, and certainly later. These visits may account for some of the Khoe vocabulary [apparently found in the Kwadi lexicon]. (Westphal 1980: 61)

> more systematic but restricted preliminary comparison: Güldemann and Elderkin (2010)

"Obvious" lexical matches

+ uncontroversial lexical similarities as promising candidates for cognates (recurrent problem of insecure Kwadi form due to diverse transcriptions)

(6) Obvious matches between Proto-Khoe and Kwadi

| | Meaning | Proto-Khoe (unless stated otherwise) | Kwadi |
|----|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | big | *kai | <i>kye, tya</i> [? < /ke/] |
| 2 | bite | *pa | <i>pa-</i> |
| 3 | blood | * 'ao | <i>/'o-</i> {W n.d.b: 6} |
| 4 | come | *ha | <i>ha</i> {W n.d.b: 5} |
| 5 | cow, cattle | *goe (Wka) | <i>goe-</i> {W 1965: 141} |
| 6 | drink | *kx'a | <i>kx'a</i> (<i>ka</i> {W n.d.b: 5}) |
| 7 | go | *tū, *kū (EKa) | <i>kō</i> (<i>ko</i> {W n.d.b: 5}) |
| 8 | grasp, take | *se | <i>se</i> |
| 9 | hear | *kum (Ka) | <i>kum</i> (<i>kūy; ku</i> {W n.d.b: 6}) |
| 10 | male | *kx'ao | <i>k'o-</i> [= /kx'o/] {W 1965: 139} |
| 11 | meat | *kx'o 'eat (meat)' | <i>k'o-</i> [= /kx'o/] {W 1965: 141} |
| 12 | medicine | *tso, *so (Kk) | <i>so-</i> {W n.d.b: 4} |
| 13 | milk, breast | *pi | <i>pi-/bi-</i> {W 1965: 141} |
| 14 | mouth | *kx'am | <i>kx'ami-</i> (<i>kame</i> {W n.d.b: 5}) |
| 15 | night | *thu | <i>thwü</i> [< /thu-/] {W 1965: 143} |
| 16 | one | * ui | <i> ui</i> {W n.d.b: 7} |
| 17 | pain | *thū | <i>thō, thū</i> 'illness' |
| 18 | person | *khoe | <i>kho-</i> {W 1965: 139} |
| 19 | sheep | *gu | <i>guu-</i> {W 1965: 141} |
| 20 | skin, fur | *kho, also <i>kxo</i> | <i>kxo-</i> {W 1965: 143, n.d.c: 1} |
| 21 | smell | *mm (Ka), *ham (Kk) | <i>mh(u)</i> |
| 22 | throat | *dom | <i>tumu-</i> , also 'swallow' {W 1965: 141, n.d.c: 1} |
| 23 | tongue | *dam | <i>tame-</i> {W 1965: 141, n.d.c: 1} |
| 24 | year | *kudi, also <i>kuri</i> | <i>kuli-</i> {W 1965: 143} |

+ most matches not found outside Khoe and Kwadi

> some of those which occur elsewhere (e.g., 'drink', 'medicine', 'sheep', 'throat', 'year') may still be true exclusive cognates - cf. Güldemann (2008) for 'sheep' and 'year'

The consonant systems compared

| 29EG + 8IG | EG Lb | EG Al | EG Pl | EG Lt | IG Lt | IG Dt | IG Pl | EG Vl | EG Gl |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Non-nasal sonorants | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain | w | l~r | y | | | | | | |
| Fricatives | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain | f | s | ʃ | ɬ | | | | x | h |
| Simple stops | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain | p | t | c | tʰ | () | | ‡ | k | ʔ |
| Voiced | b~β | d | ʒ | | | | | g | |
| Complex stops | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain + As | p(f)h | t(s)h | ch | tʰh | | h | | k(x)h | |
| Plain + Gl | | | | tʰʰ | | ʰ | ‡ʰ | k(x)ʰ | |
| Stop clusters | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain + /x/ | | | | | | x | | | |
| Nasals | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain | m | n | ɲ | | | ŋ | | ŋ | |

Table 14: The approximate consonant system of Kwadi (Güldemann forthcoming b)

| 16EG + 30IG | EG Lb | EG Al | EG Al-Af | IG Lt | IG Dt | IG Al | IG Pl | EG Vl | EG Gl |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Non-nasal sonorants | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain | | ?*r | | | | | | | |
| Fricatives | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain | | *s | | | | | | *x | *h |
| Simple stops | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain | *p | *t | *ts | * | * | *! | *‡ | *k | *ʔ |
| Voiced | *b | *d | | *g | *g | *g! | *g‡ | *g | |
| Complex stops | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain + As | | *th | | * h | * h | *!h | *‡h | *kh | |
| Plain + Gl | | | *tsʰ | * ʰ | * ʰ | *!ʰ | *‡ʰ | *kxʰ | |
| Stop clusters | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain + /x/ | | | | * x | * x | *!x | *‡x | | |
| Plain + /kxʰ/ | | | | * kxʰ | * kxʰ | *!kxʰ | *‡kxʰ | | |
| Nasals | | | | | | | | | |
| Plain | *m | *n | | *ŋ | *ŋ | *ŋ! | *ŋ‡ | | |
| Voiced | | | | | | *n! | *n‡ | | |

Table 15: The reconstructed consonant system of Proto-Khoe (Voßen 1997: 319, 326)

Note Af affricate, Al alveolar, As aspiration, EG egressive non-click, Gl glottal(ization), IG ingressive click, Lb labial, Lt lateral, Pl palatal, Vl velar

+ striking differences with impact on possible comparisons:

- Kwadi with palatal and lateral series and more labials but relatively few clicks, only full dental series

- Khoe with alveolar-affricate series and far more clicks, notably full lateral, alveolar, and palatal series

Some emerging regular sound changes

+ the following correspondences exclude:

- all direct matches of non-click phonemes (e.g., *kxʰ~kxʰ in 'drink', 'male', 'meat', 'mouth')

- all correspondences with less than 3 clear examples (e.g., *‡ū, *yū (EKa) vs. ʔū 'eat')

(7) Retention of dental click in Kwadi

| | Meaning | Proto-Khoe | Kwadi |
|----|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 | blood | * ʰao | ʰo- {W n.d.b: 6} |
| 25 | fem. genital | * ī 'vagina' | en- 'clitoris' {W n.d.c: 3} |
| 26 | hair | * ū | oʰm {W n.d.b: 5, n.d.c: 1} |
| 16 | one | * ui | ui {W n.d.b: 7} |
| 27 | two | * am | a(m), ā {W n.d.b: 7} |
| 28 | urinate | * xam | hā- {W n.d.a: 2, n.d.c: 3} |

(8) Replacement of palatal click by (alveo)-palatal egressive affricate in Kwadi

| | Meaning | Proto-Khoe | Kwadi |
|----|---------|--------------------|---|
| 29 | head | *‡ū (WKa), also cu | tshū- {W 1965: 140} (ɸum {W n.d.c: 1}) |
| 30 | heart | *‡ao, also c(a)o | tsʰo- {W 1965: 140} (tso- {W n.d.a: 2}) |
| 31 | nose | *‡ui, also cui | tʰwi- [ʔ = /tʰui/] {W 1965: 140} |

(9) Loss of lateral click influx under retention of efflux in Kwadi

| | Meaning | Proto-Khoe | Kwadi |
|----|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 32 | fish | * ʰau (Ka) | ʰau- {W n.d.b: 5} |
| 33 | open | * xobe, * xode (Ka) | xoe- |
| 34 | sleep | * ʰom | ʰmu, also 'lie down' |

(10) Lenition of alveolar affricates to fricatives in Kwadi

| | Meaning | Proto-Khoe | Kwadi |
|----|----------|----------------|----------------------|
| 35 | cook | *tsā(i)- (Ka) | θē (sē {W n.d.b: 4}) |
| 36 | foot | *dzī | ze- {W n.d.c: 2} |
| 12 | medicine | *tso, *so (Kk) | so- {W n.d.b: 4} |

(11) Alternation of nasal vowel and vowel-nasal sequence, !?in both directions

| | Meaning | Proto-Khoe | Kwadi |
|----|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 25 | fem. genital | * ĩ 'vagina' | /en- 'clitoris' {W n.d.c: 3} |
| 26 | hair | * ũ | /o'm {W n.d.b: 5, n.d.c: 1} |
| 27 | leg | *tĩ | tin- {W n.d.a: 3} |
| 37 | rest | *sã | seŋ |
| 38 | see | *mũ | mun- |
| 27 | two | * am | /a, /ã {W n.d.b: 7} |
| 28 | urinate | * xam | /hã- {W n.d.a: 2, n.d.c: 3} |

(12) Apocope of final closed vowel in Khoe (cf. §2.3 for pronominal *-mu > *-m)

| | Meaning | Proto-Khoe | Kwadi |
|----|---------|---------------------|---|
| 14 | mouth | * kx'am | kx'ami- (kame {W n.d.b: 5}) |
| 34 | sleep | * 'om | 'mu, also 'lie down' |
| 21 | smell | *mm (Ka), *ham (Kk) | mh(u) |
| 22 | throat | *dom | tumu-, also 'swallow' {W 1965: 141, n.d.c: 1} |
| 23 | tongue | *dam | tame- {W 1965: 141, n.d.c: 1} |

(13) Monophthongization of /ao/ and /ai/ in Kwadi

| | Meaning | Proto-Khoe | Kwadi |
|----|---------|------------------|---|
| 3 | blood | * 'ao | /o- (/o- {W n.d.b: 6}) |
| 30 | heart | * ao, also c(a)o | ts'o- {W 1965: 140} (tso- {W n.d.a: 2}) |
| 10 | male | * kx'ao | k'o- [= /kx'o/] {W 1965: 139} |
| 1 | big | *kai | kye, tya [? < /ke/] |
| 35 | cook | *tsã(i)- (Ka) | sẽ {W n.d.b: 4} |

> involves ca. 40 lexical items, some with multiple occurrence in different, partly non-trivial sound changes - cf. 'blood', 'cook', 'sleep'

> some changes already observed in Kalahari Khoe

> involves relatively more words without clicks - partly expected from comparison of consonantal phoneme system: click loss and egressive replacement in Kwadi and click gain in Khoe as two explanations which can be relevant simultaneously

3. Summary

3.1 Resulting classification of a higher-order family Khoe-Kwadi

+ Kwadi is a sister to Khoe as a whole, untenable as a lower-order relative within it

Khoe-Kwadi

| | |
|----------|---|
| Kwadi | single language |
| Khoe | |
| Khoekhoe | |
| North: | Einiř, Nama-Damara, Hai 'om |
| South: | !Orař, Cape varietiesř |
| Kalahari | |
| East | |
| Shua: | Cara, Detiř, Xaise, Danisi, Ts'ixa, etc. |
| Tshwa: | Kua, Cua, Tsua, etc. |
| West | |
| Kxoe: | Kxoe, Ani, Buga, G anda, etc. |
| G ana: | G ana, G ui, †Haba, etc. |
| Naro: | Naro, etc. |

Figure 1: Current classification of the Khoe-Kwadi family

3.2 Expected consequences for the reconstruction of Khoe

+ newly proposed relation informs the reconstruction within Khoe

> more coherent reconstruction of modern Khoe PGNs involving an alternation between a voiced stop and a nasal - previous reconstruction inconsistent

| PGN category | *Khoe Voßen (1997) | Tshwa (Kalahari East) | Ani (Kalahari West) | !Ora (Khoe- khoe) | *Khoe Güldemann (2004) | Kwadi |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 3rd-person common plural | *-na | -de | -n(V) | -n | *-n(V ^[front]) | - |
| 1st-person dual | *-be | -be | -m | -m | *-m(u) | -mu |

Table 16: Khoe PGNs with nasal initials and their reconstruction

+ other potential areas of grammatical comparison

> e.g. morphologically complex verb forms in Kalahari Khoe: CV(C)V-"JUNCTURE"-TAM; juncture morpheme depends on various morphological and phonological characteristics of the verb and its suffix - two types of juncture

(14) Juncture morpheme in Kxoe

- a. kyámà-à-tè
follow.spoor-J1-PRS
kyámà-nà-hǎ
follow.spoor-J2-PST
- b. kwê-ê-tè
not.want-J1-PRS
kwê-rê-hǎ
not.want-J2-PST

(15) Linking morpheme in complex verb forms in Kwadi

| | | | | |
|----|-------|-------------|---------------|-----|
| ta | OBJ | ɲwa-la-xe | I want to eat | ... |
| ta | | kwā-na-xe | I want to go | |
| ta | OBJ | ʔōa-la-xe | I want to buy | ... |
| 1S | (OBJ) | VERB-X-want | | |

> Kwadi *-la* (and its allomorphs) seems to be a marker of non-finiteness - this element and other verb morphemes potentially inform the historical analysis of the juncture in Khoe (cf. previous accounts by Elderkin 1986, Heine 1986, Voßen 1997)

3.3 Wider genealogical relations

+ relation to other non-Khoe languages in southern Africa less probable (pronominal system more comparable to Tuu and Ju-ǀHoan due to greater simplicity but far less so regarding sound-meaning correspondences), but more probable to Sandawe in eastern Africa:

| Person/gender | Singular | Plural |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st | <i>tsi</i> | <i>sũ:</i> |
| 2nd | <i>hapu</i> | <i>sĩ:</i> |
| 3rd masculine | <i>he-we</i> | <i>he-so</i> |
| 3rd feminine | <i>he-su</i> | <i>he-so</i> |

Table 17: The system of free pronouns in Sandawe

| Category | Sandawe | Proto-Khoe-Kwadi |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| 1st person singular pronoun | <i>tsi</i> | *ti (Kwadi <i>tʃi</i>) |
| 2nd person singular pronoun | <i>ha-</i> | *sa |
| 3rd person pronoun base | <i>he-</i> | *xa- (Kwadi <i>hɑ-</i>) |
| 3rd person masculine singular suffix | <i>-w(e), -m</i> | *-V ^[front] (Khoe *-bV, *-mV) |
| 3rd person feminine singular suffix | <i>-su</i> | *-V ^[front] (Khoe *-sV) |

Table 18: Affinities between pronominal items of Sandawe and Khoe-Kwadi

3.4 Isolates and historical linguistics

- + isolates are normal (cf. Basque in Europe) just like diversity in general (Nichols 1992)
- + isolates should be treated regarding genealogical relationships like any other linguistic lineage - discovery procedure:
 - (I) Typological (like superficial element-oriented) comparisons within a historically coherent area (cf. §2.1) are a useful tool for hypothesis creation - but take **diachronic typology** into account!!!
 - (II) Identification of PARADIGMATIC GRAMMATICAL data of the individual-identifying type (Nichols 1996) - lay out grammatical changes between different systems which should comply with diachronic typology (cf. §2.2)
 - (III) LEXICAL correspondences will turn up if the genealogical relation is real (cf. §2.3)

Abbreviations

D dual, DECL declarative, E exclusive, EKa Kalahari East, F feminine, I inclusive, IPFV imperfective, M masculine, OBJ object, P plural, PN proper name, POSS possessive, Kk Khoekhoe, S singular, SBJ subject, WKa Kalahari West

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