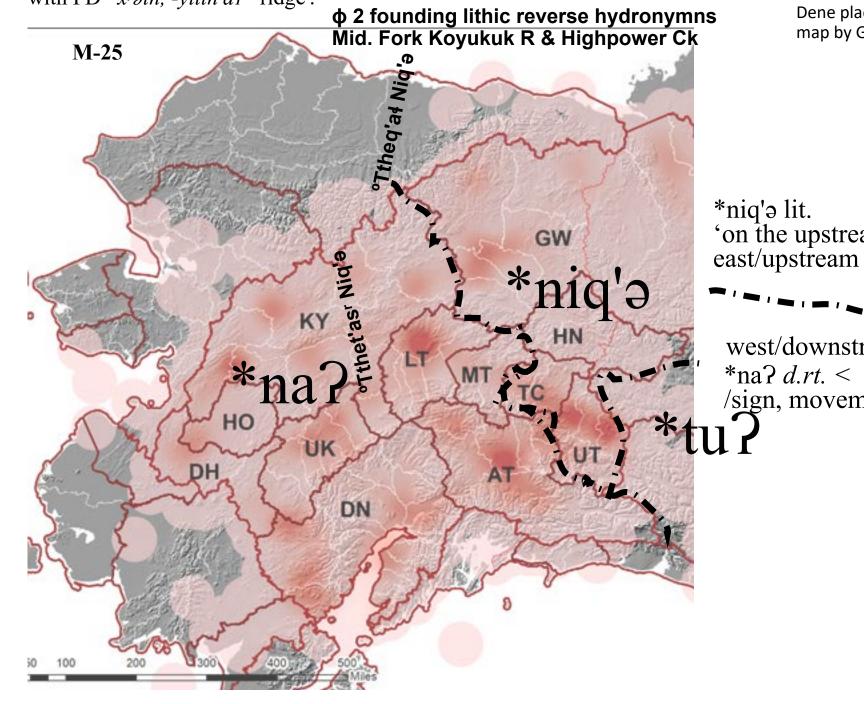
Fig. M-25. Further Implications of Alaska's Dene Hydronymic Districts

Kari 2019a:49: "In Kari 1996a, 1996b I first discussed the seven mutually exclusive *hydronymic districts* among Northern Dene languages. The grouping of first, second, and third order streams into regional hydronymic districts must have been the first overtly pragmatic Dene watershed tenure device" (sophisticated Dene vernacular collaborations). M-25 adds a layer to Gerad Smith's 2021 Alaska Dene kernel density map to show the two Alaska hydronymic districts: PD *na? downstream/west :: *ni q'a upstream/east, as well as part of the *tu? district in the Yukon Territory. The black dashed line scores the Alaska hydronym boundary on the Yukon and Tanana Rivers. Question: what was oldest term for stream among the ancient Dene? Answer: it was under negotiation. At Bill Bright's suggestion in 1996 Bright and Kari copyrighted the term "Athabaskan hydronymic districts." Kari is not aware of any other indigenous language family where the same or a similar concept has been posited.

Vajda 2019a:184-5 has useful discussion, "Kari (1996) mapped out seven distinct hydronymic districts within northern Dene territory, each characterized by a primary final combining form (hydronymic formant) used to build names for flowing bodies of water. These districts appear to have remained stable over a considerable span of time (Kari 2010)... a comparison of Dene-Yeniseian hydronymic nomenclature is illuminating for a number of reasons." op.cit:186 "Dene territory is saturated with native place names to the remarkable exclusion of any other layer of pre-European toponyms. This indicates either the family's great age in the given territories, as argued in Kari (1996, 2010), or a strong cultural propensity to replace non-native place names in any newly acquired territory.... Whether due to time depth of occupation or cultural naming practices, or to both factors, Northern Dene territory shows little or no sign of earlier linguistic substrates."

Smith's Dec. 2021 kernel density map groups clusters of Dene names @ 30 m. The current database has 12,452 named features. (This excludes multilingual names across Dene language boundaries.) The twelve historic-contemporary Alaska Dene languages are ~754,000 km² (~291,000 mi²) in area. The white lines approximate 19th-century band territories among Dene languages as well as for Inupiag and Central Yupik. To our knowledge, our Alaska Dene place names database is the largest cumulative, drainage-ordered, and consistently analyzed multilingual place names database for adjacent languages of a single language family ever produced. We can query content: there are 216 names with PD *q'ey 'birch'. We can query interesting feature types such as 162 names with PD *xyoth, -yitth'a? 'ridge'.



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Fig. M-8. Three Ancient Tanana Valley Place Names

∴ overtly informative; № environ. change;

♥ anatomical; × pass-marker

'beyond river'

Copper River

The PDLL is a theory of Dene prehistory inspired by Edward Sapir's 1916 "Time perspective in Aboriginal" North America." The PDLL draws upon two data sets: a) Alaska Dene place name networks grouped by drainages, and b) Lexware dictionary files for eight contiguous Alaska Dene languages The PDLL employs a battery of symbols and terms that promote comparisons and interdisciplinary discussions of place name and word field data (such as fish, vegetation, lithics). The supplemental tables with Kari 019b outline the interplay between features of rule-driven Dene Generative Geography and Time Perspective

Traits. Over fifty specific traits are identified; name provenance, environmental change, pragmatic watershed

Kari 2019b introduces is a theory of Dene prehistory called "The Proto-Dene Lex Loci ('law of locations')

Xosrotl'odi

'one at headwaters of upward sur

tenure devices, reverse hydronyms, name ensembles, archaisms in names, reanalysis and opacity in names, and non-Dene substrate candidates. These concepts can be applied to lexemes in the LTDD dictionary or to the large Overt information in three well-known names demonstrate that early Tanana Valley Dene names preceded those of Copper River Basin (rather than the reverse): 'Otno' Copper River [see 'en,'o⁴]; and Łu Tox-Dene place name kernel density wdrava' Donnelly Dome [see lu, dray']; and Xosrotl'odi (Lower Tanana) Mount Haves. [see xo², sro¹, tl'o, t² d³, (y)i]. Tracking Dene geolinguistic data in Copper River Basin, Kari 2019b argues that 15 to 17 Ahtna/Dene

> place names were coined at high water levels of Glacial Lake Atna. VanderHoek et al. (to appear) documents four decantings of Glacial Lake Atna during during the 11th millennium BP. PDLL concepts and hypotheses are presented in several LTDD figures M-12, M-14, M-24, M-25, M-29 and Appendices D and H2. Photo by James Kari The three languages with the most accurate and complete coverage are Dena'ina, Ahtna and Lower Tanana. The 2021 map does not accurately depict name coverage for Koy. and Gwi. where many recorded names have not

The Alaska Dene p.n. network and the PDLL theory continue to raise stimulating time perspective hypotheses. a) The two most striking reverse hydronyms in the west Alaska *na? district are lithic names Tthe t'e s' Ni q'a 'rock black stream' for Highpower Ck, at the corner of the Central-Southern Alaska Range (near Telida), and Tthe q'a \text{ Ni q'a whetstone stream', Middle Fork of the Koyukuk R. These watershed tenure devices reflect profound trail reconnaissance and lithic prospecting in two founding place names (symbol ϕ). Of course, the Dene snowshoe must have been invented in that time frame.

been merged into drainage files. Other languages with good potential for expansion include Tanacross, Upper

Tanana, and Upper Kuskokwim. The Alaska Dene d.b. could eventually contain 15,000 named features.

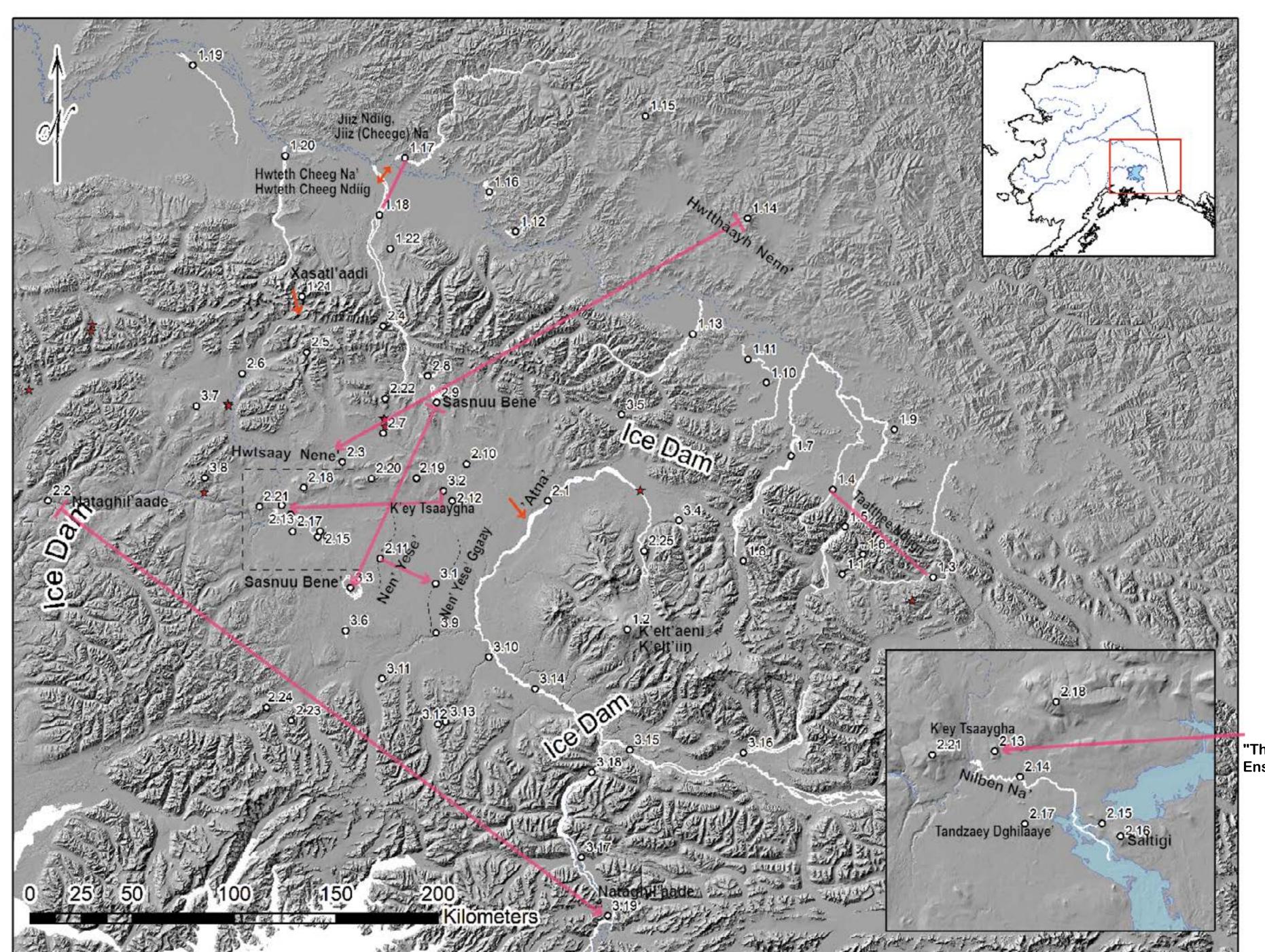
b) The Alaska Dene place name networks extend far beyond the historic Dene historic language and band boundaries. Dene bands must have had larger territories, say 6000 to 8000 years ago. This supports Ben Potter's 2010 assessment that the peak spread of Northern Archaic archaeology correlates with Dene. c) Dene place names can be etymologized and analyzed even when they plausibly appear to be over 10 millennia in age as in the Tanana and Copper River Basins. Kari 2019b:70 "The resilience and durability of the Dene names are due in part to (1) unique typological features of Dene grammar (simplex nouns and postpositions and complex

features of Proto-Dene generative geography. d) Various PDLL patterns among the c. 12,500 rule-driven Dene place names (patterned duplications, reverse hydronymns, geoduplicates, oronymn shifts, name provenance) reflect a gradual downstream or east-to-west diachronic trajectory. This trend argues against Fortescue and Vajda's 2022 proposal for a mid-Holocene entry of

verbs with templatic word formation (Kari 2010a) and (2) the vital orienteering, logistical, and auto-instructional

e) Vajda 2010:68, 2019a has considered possible Dene hydronym cognates for current and former Yenisiean occupation areas in Siberia, see discussion in Fig. M-39.

Kari 2019b. Fig. 5b. Nineteen probative place names from Tanana and Copper River Basins



map by G. M. Smith, 2021

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Word Formation, and Alaska Prehistory

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> **Lower Tanana Dene Dictionary** to appear in 2023, Alaska Native Language Center compiled and edited by James Kari, book design by Leon Unruh Table of Headwords revised Feb. 10, 2022 section order: Ø 'b ch ch' d dl dr dz g gh/x h j k k' l/ł n sh t t' tl tl' tr tr' ts ts' tth tth' y/s z/szr/sr plus 40 main entry figures Appendices A. Recent Alaska Dene Lexicography B. Dene Interrupted Synthesis Word Formation (DISWF) C. Lower Tanana Classificatory Verbs...... 4 D. Place names research, generative geography, and riverine directionals... E. Numerals in Lower Tanana.... F. Lower Tanana Kinship...... 4 pp H. Figure groups not in main entries: H1-anatomy, H2-fish &fishing, H3 Shelter......25 pp I. Lower Tanana Word Initial index English Finderlist. References.. estimated page count 1100 pages

The LTDD is a resource on and for the Lower Tanana Dene language, for the **tr'utthatna** 'the ancestors' and their modern-day descendants. The forthcoming LTDD is a mid-sized dictionary compiled by Kari in his Lexware Dene band label © format. Vers. 3.1 consolidates nearly all of the primary data for LT at the Alaska Native Language Archive from the years 1903 to 2001. LT is a highly conservative Dene language with stem-initial/stem final distinctions for the tl, tth, ts, tr, ch series; full PD positive-negative inflectional paradigms; and verb forms that are transparent at both surface and underlying levels.

The range of information in the LTDD represents the words, the skills and ideas of over 40 expert LT speakers and is eclectic and highly interdisciplinary. The format of the LTDD is naturalistic to this Dene language's root-morpheme inventory and to its grammar. The LTDD has over 9600 example sentences, based upon over fifty texts by LT speakers. Also 350 quotes by expert speakers (Laura Anderson, Peter John, Hester Evan, others) make for interesting reading on biology, cultural beliefs, or skills. The Figures and Appendices summarize specializations such as anatomy, numerals, Dene Generative Geography with LT place names in the Fairbanks area as well as ethnohistoric facts about the Chena band.

The best place for first-time users of the LTDD to gauge the scope of this dictionary is to read through the Table of Headwords: pp. 1-11. See Table of Headwords

What Kari 2019a calls "high volume Dene lexicography" refers to the software, methods and pace for working with three Dene dictionaries concurrently (LT, MT and Den) during 2017-2021. Compared with the KAD 2000, the LTDD has a smaller root inventory with more rigorously grouped sub-entries. Often tag definitions can be standardized between LT and Dena'ina. Roottype conventions allows groups of entries to be compared within LT or with Dena'ina. See A-1 Folding the Lines

Dene grammatical terminology spans more than 125 years, and most terms and abbreviations used for LT word categories, verb themes, aspects, and specific prefix positions are exactly the same as those for the 1990 AAD and the 2000 KAD. Working with revisable verb complexes for both LT and Den in *Indesign*, we have conventions for assigning slots, and superscripts for affixes. Tracking slots for haplology (\hat{h}) and mutual exclusivity (\hat{h}) is proving to be workable. The LTDD is the first Dene dictionary to identify a full inventory of prefixes and suffixes. For the LT verb complex file we identify 38 prefix/suffix slots, with 131 v.pf in four zones and 22 v.sf. in two zones after the verb root. All 154 LT v.pf. and v.sf. are distinguished by superscripts. Appendix B discusses features of "Dene Interrupted Synthesis Word Formation" a term first used by Sapir and Whorf in 1932. **See Fig.** B-2, LT Verb Complex, Fig I-8 and p. 17 of Whorf 1932.

Various LTDD figures advance cross-disciplinary inquiry on the Dene-Yeniseian Hypothesis, or introduce terms and hypothesis ses from a Sapirian time perspective theory Kari 2019b calls the Proto-Dene Lex Loci. See Fig. M-8.

The Alaska Dene Webmap (Kari-Smith 2017), and especially Smith's 2021 kernel density map prompt time perspective hypotheses as well as research lacunae. See Fig. M-25 with extended discussion of Dene ethnogeographic research

Kari's 2019b claim that 15 to 17 Dene place names of the "The Nen' Yese' Ensemble" were coined in the 11th millennium BP is buttressed by VanderHoek et al. to appear. See Fig. 5b from Kari 2019b.

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'The Nen'Yese' **Some Interesting Lower Tanana Derived Roots**

n-chu-yh rosehips lit. 'small obj.-more-customarily' **be-l** (n.) sleep lit. 'his/her instrument'. **te-l** 'duffel, foot wrappings' < te + lit. 'among instrument' yun, yuyh /measure/ four affixes, y+u+n~yh <3RD SG.+CONATIVE+N² PERF~YH CUST.

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Editable Lower Tanana Verb Complex

| Fig. B-2 ∩: mutually exclusive slots fi: haplological slots | | | | | | | | | | | | | Lower Tanana Verb Complex © James Kari, February 22, 2022 | | | | | | | | | | 8 zones with 38 slots, 34prefix+4 suffix slots affix totals: v.pf. 131 (85#disjunct, 49+ conjunct); v.sf. 22 (10 v.sf.¹, 2 v.sf.², 4 v.enc.¹, 6 v.enc.²); 112 INC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Totals: 38 positions: 34 prefix slots in four zones +Root + 4 suffix slots in one zone; affixes in underlying forms as in LTDD entries SUPERSCIPT POLICY: n⁵⁴³²¹ ROOT n² (n² 'perf.' is prefix and suffix); surface allomorphs excluded from LT verb complex

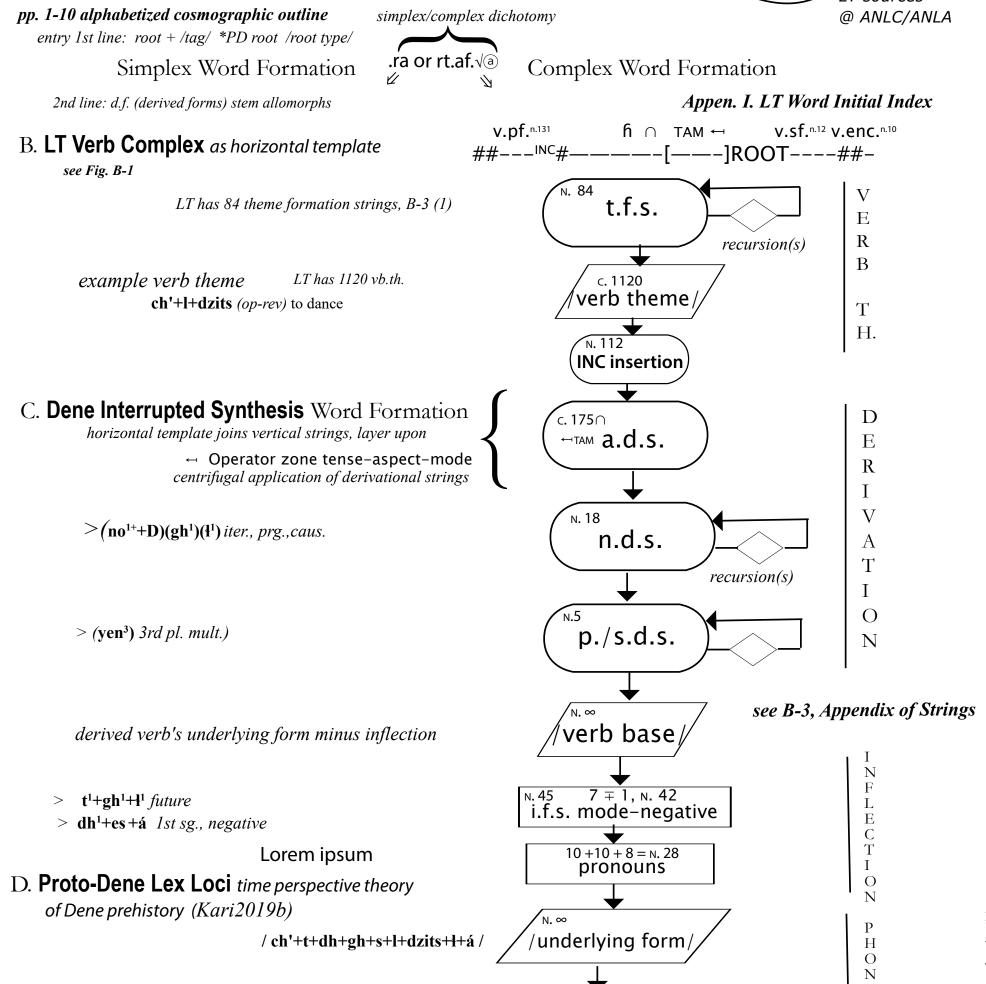
TAM STEM TAM = tense-aspect-mode prefix/suffix options; ← = ‡centrifugal application of derivational strings <Fortescue 1992; ‡Operator zone <Whorf 1932 Symbols: conditional left movement, G gender function; {d1} epenthetic affix; dh1/th1 pf. with 2 forms Boundaries: ## word; # disjunct; +default affix boundary; [operator zone|] PHON. RULES: __] precedes STEM; __|] precedes CLF+STEM; __S|] precedes SBJ-CLF-STEM

h = c. 28 haplological v.pfs. in 15 positions that occur at different derivational layers but can appear only once at surface; G^h hyper-haplological affix, HAPLOLOGY INDEX = e.g. sum of d² in all strings & verb themes

Dene Interrupted Synthesis Word Formation horizontal template joins vertical strings, layer upon layer

Fig. I-8. LTDD Primary Concepts and Guide to Sections

Symbols & Abbreviatons: xxv-xxx entries n. 1149 31 stem-inital sections+9 appendices **Table of LT Headwords**



phonological rules at v.pf. entries [ch'etedheghejedzezá] [phonetic verb form]

N. 18 n.f.s.

noun formation strings [be'al tr'etr'eldzezi]

been published. This quote was first cited in Kari 1989. This trait of split semantenes, of making the expression Athabascan as a

binomially composed - "interrupted synthesis", to use Sapir's term for it is the outstanding peculiarity of Athabascan. The interlocking of a number of interrupted_semantemes into a firmly knit structure seems to be

Table of Head Words as cosmographic outline

The best place for first-time users of the LTDD to gauge the scope of this dictionary is to read through the Table of Headwords: pp. 1-11. The LTDD has 1149 alphabetized headwords or separate entries. These are four bands: .rt root, .ra root-affix, .af affix and .lw loan words plus the /tag/ band. The assembled headwords plus tag definitions are an outline of the cosmographic breadth of the LT language. The material and natural world, the conscious and the subconscious, the lexical and the grammatical are consolidated as an alphabetical outline of Lower Tanana cosmography where ethnologic and linguistic information are co-mingled naturalistically.

Fig. A-1. Folding the lines, Den gg and LT g sections

The Dene band label system that underlies the page formats of the AAD and the KAD has been used for various Alaska Dene languages since the 1980s, using conventions the late Bob Hsu suggested in his Lexware Manual. Kari's current Dene band label system © uses a smaller number of bands than the 2000 KAD employed. In 2017 Hsu's protegé, Tim Montler, set up Kari's text editor EditPadPro with colored syntax, and a Kevman Alaska Kevboard3. Fig. A-1 is RegularExpressions: ^(\.[^\.].*|pd.*|tag.*|rtyp.*|df.*)\$ as a split-screen of the Den -gg- and LT -g- sections. These can show up to four bands for every entry, including .xr (cross-references). The dotted lines show three cognate entries. Compare these with the **g** headwords to the right on the poster. The Table of Headwords file is the same RegEx, but showing only the one-dot lines and /tag/s. The experimental root-type

(rtyp) band has numerous options. Some salient distinctions are: $\sqrt{=}$ root, $\sqrt{a} = affix$, $\sqrt{a} = root$ -affix, $\Omega = affix$ with opaque or uncertain meanings. 19078 tag Ω-agate 300860.xr gga %U 30090 tag standing up 30091 Brtyp ri@: v.pf.# 30108 .rt gga³ 30109 pd °ts'a-lux-se 19090@tag customary nour 19126 tag exactly 30110 tag Ω-flying squirre 30111@rtvp u V: NI-bio-ani Y 301218.xr gga 19183 tag creature 30141 .rt ggach" 19184@rtyp √: N!-bio-an 30142 pd *Gerts* 30143 tag wide-eyed 19223 .rt gat1 (gwt) 9225 tag to stab 30186 tag creature 30187@rtyp V::NI-bio 19228@df d√: gwtl 30262 .rt ggagh 93770,rt gat² 30263 tag croak (of raven) 9379 tag aufeis 30264artyp √:. Vono bio bird 9410≡rtyp √ NI-bio-fish 30332#tag sea snail 19448 tag wide-eyed 19449®rtyp √ Vstat-anat 19469 .rt gatth 19470 pd *ge*tth* 30350 tag king salmor 19471 tag tap root, to wring ·品质品基·风层风值·圆层平位 见 //[/[]*[pd:Yttg*]/np.+电·电·电·电·由

from p. 17 of Benjamin Whorf's 1932 student paper at Edward Sapir's "Primitive Linguistics" class at Yale University. Sapir lectured on Navajo grammar. Whorf's paper has never

of an idea depend upon a binary compound that is elements readily interrupted by the expression of auxiliary

ideas or by some of the interrupted parts of auxiliary expressions likewise a leading principle of coherence in these languages.

One page of the LT Table of Head Words

xa2:xaxa /with instrument ghath /itch/ dzak² /pitch/ giga' /place of/ dzay /Ω-marten type/ ginhi /preacher dze1:edzegi1 /scary/ ghats /clongated, enclosed fall go1 /arm/ dzeghet /tickle/ ghay' /surprise/ ghasr /egg, round/ gok1 /sg. runs/ ghel /move elongated or dzen¹ /muskrat/ gox /wheeze/ dzen2 /Ω-common loon/ goli /small game snare animate; club/ xel /then/ dzets /punch/ gol² /running speed/ dzey:bedzeyh /caribot gotth /tear forcefully/ dziges /checkers/ gheth1 /flee/ dził¹ /ice chisel/ gu, gw /areal/ gheth':t'egheth /cottonwood dziti, dzi /oval, squat/ ghetth /shoulder ghey' /gunwale/ ghey2:tl'eghey /ccl dzit3, dzut gux2 /snore/ ghey':tl'eghey /left/ guk /baby/ dzits /dance/ dzon /murky/ gutth /fish scales/ ghesr /scar, rough/ gho', gho' /hair, fur/ gwx /snowshoe hare gwl /boy's penis/ gho² /expanse, according to xo1, xo' /reflexive, hurry xo2 /up/ ga¹ /Ω-agate/ gwn' /spring warmth/ ga1 /customary noun/ ga' /exactly/ ghont /make, kill plural ghon2, ghwn /hump/ gat1 /to stab/ gwyh1 /grey/ ghotth /gnaw, crunch/ gatth /tap root, to wring/ ghosr /pl. holler, pl. talk/ gh1 /progessive mode/ gayi /winning/ gh2 /gh-QUALF, tension/ gel /fresh meat/ xos /horse/ ghosji /whiskey/ x1, ke /x-QUALF/ gel' /sore eyes/ ghu /teeth/ x2 /3rd pl. subj / x' /reversative/ xu:ixu /in vain/ gena' /friend/ gha1 /sibling-in-law/ ghunh /stitch tightly get /upon place ghuts /swollen/ gesek /Anglo/ gha2 /older brother/

xa1 /starting/ Some Lower Tanana Archaisms ∀ about 60 are noted

gha3 /carry on back/

gha4 /kill sg./

gha6 /areal sfx.

ghw1 /optative mode/

xwx /Canada goose/

ghwł:neghwł /in one's

xw /areal event/

trok *chia-k /bad weather /dv::Vop V/

gesr4 /flexible moves/

gesi² /forked, cane/

gi':edzegi /scary/

gi² /four-sfx./

cf. trol chinook wind, both appear to be derived roots; a verb theme so far only in LT; important dur troyh trok troyh troyh

 $ch'+n+O+trok \forall (op.)$ be bad weather (any season) noch'exwnghitrok it is bum weather +VVT; notr'exwnoghitrok we had bad weather; noch'wxtenotroyh we will have bad weather

trol chia -1 /Chinook weather /dv::N!-env/ possible derived root; only in LT, MT, At, Den, Tc, UT, UK, only in Central-southern Alaska Range;

trol (ins.n.) warm spell in winter, Chinook wind or weather trol dent'a there is a warm spell tr'al (ins.n.) germs, something infectious, contagious, lit. 'from (somewhere) instrument' yona' tr'ał k'otr'ut'wsr we are walking around upriver with something contagious MT81–2