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Velar and uvular distinction in Sibe and Manchu

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Abstract

In the first part of this talk, I will explain phonological characteristics of Sibe:

- (a) deletion of /i, e, u/ in some environments
- (b) vowel lengthening concomitant with a particular intonation
- (c) voicing of fricative consonants /f, s, x, χ/ in some environments
- (d) distinction of velar /k, g, x/ vs. uvular /q, ɢ, χ/ consonants
- (e) harmony of vowels /a, o/ and consonants /q, ɢ, χ/

In the second part of this talk, I will try to explain the asymmetry observed in imperfect and perfect negative forms in Manchu:

- (i) a. adnominal imperfect endings: -ra, -re, -ro
- b. negative form: -rakû
- (ii) a. adnominal perfect endings: -ha, -he, -ho
- b. negative forms: -hakû, -hekû

Based on some direct and indirect evidence including the Sibe data, I will discuss the phonological forms (underlying forms) of these negative forms, which are hidden behind the orthographic forms, especially in the cases of -hakû and -hekû.