

# Typological features of Itelmen and its neighboring languages

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# Itelmen

- spoken in Kamchatka, Russia
  - north-western part of Kamchatka peninsula
- Chukotko-Kamchatkan family
  - Southern group OR isolated?
- Seriously endangered language
  - Northern dialect : 2 speakers
  - Southern dialect : 2 speakers

# Genealogy

- Chukotko-Kamchatkan (*Ethnologue*, 2009)
  - Northern: Chukotko-Koryak
    - Chukchi
    - Kerek
    - Alutor
    - Koryak
  - Southern: Itelmen
    - Western Itelmen
    - Eastern Itelmen
    - Southern Itelmen
- Discussions about the genealogical relationship between Itelmen and Chukotko-Koryak group (Worth 1962, Volodin 1999, Kaneko 2011)

# Itelmen-Ainu relationship

- Contact in Northern Kuril islands and southern part of Kamchatka
- Principal literature
  - Krasheninnikov (1755) *Opisanie zemli Kamchatki.*
  - Dybowski (Radlinski 1891-1894)
  - Torii (1903) *Chishima Ainu* (Kuril Ainu)
  - Murayama (1971) *Kita Chisima ainu go* (Language of Northern Kuril Ainu)

# Lexicon

Itelmen (Krasheninnikov 1949 (1755))

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### О РАЗЛИЧНЫХ НАРЕЧИЯХ КАМЧАТСКОГО НАРОДА

В заключение известий о камчатском народе сообщим мы некоторое собрание слов трех главных камчатских наречий, о которых выше сего упомянуто, чтоб сходство и несходство их было видимо.

В столбе А содержится наречие северных камчадалов, Б южных, а в столбе В живущих от Воровской реки на север почти до Тигиля. Причем надлежит ведать, что г с палочкою наверху как латинское g произносить надобно.

#### СОБРАНИЕ СЛОВ РАЗНЫХ КАМЧАТСКИХ НАРЕЧИЙ

A	B	C
Бог	Кут	Кутхай
Дьявол	Кана	Кана
Небо	Когал	Кохал
Облака	Гуренгур	Уйшсаа
Ветр	Шапел	Чихучча
Буря	Какалт	Чихучча
Дождь	Чихучча	
Снег	Корел	Колаал
Град	Какумчел	Коада
Гром	Кыфкыг	Кыфкыг
Молния	Амрониччинаачичь	Умечкиши
Солнце	Гален-кулечь	Коачь
Луна	Гален-кулечь	Лааилгыни
Звезда	Ежнгын	Ашангыт
День	Тааж	Агажин
Ночь	Куннук	Кулхалла Кунку или Лъхуюгунা

Northern Kuril Ainu (Murayama 1971)

#### 4. クラシェニンニコフ, Dybowski, 鳥居龍蔵の 北千島アイヌ語の語彙比較

北千島アイヌ語を調査した上記3人の資料によって次の比較表ができるが  
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	K	D	T
1 母～姉	aaru<hápo 母	aari, apu<hápo 姉妹	habo 姉
2 矢	achi[axi] 矢	ay	ai
3 舌	achu[axu]	av	auk <sup>b</sup>
4 人	ainū	ayno, aino	aino
5 あざらし	amuspē	amospi	
6 皆		anaykip	anaikibi
7 お 前	e	ani<e'ani	ane<e'ani
8 消し炭	apauschat [apaušat]<api-ušat	usat 炭	
9 火	api	abi	abe
10		apui 火の上に鍋を かける道具	aboi 炉
11 坐る		arupua	abuna
12 左手		arkitek<harki-tek	harikiteki
13 ウバ百合		arru<harru	haru

Ainu	Itelmen	translation
urir	urilwic (WI), urilen (DybW)	cormorant
marek	marek (WI)	a hook on the end of a spear
kunkutu (Sakhalin dialect)	kumxtuk (Krsh.SI)	ten

# Consonant cluster

- Itelmen: 7 consonants at the word-initial, 5 consonants at the word-final  
ntkskqzu ‘if we made it’  
əŋksxq ‘painful’
- Chukchi: CC occurs, but CCC does not  
pseqalyən ‘bird’ (Ch) (Kurebito 2001)
- Koryak: inserting schuwa to avoid CC(C)  
n-tuj-qin > n-ə-tuj-qin ‘young’  
kajŋ-t > kajŋ-ə-t ‘two bears’ (Kurebito 2009)
- Ainu: (C)V(C)

# Itelmen Morphology

- Agglutinative
- No compound
- No incorporation
- Affixation

(1) **ən-k'ol-sxen -qzu-at-nen**

CAUS-break-DISP -DUR-FUT-3SG>3SG

(STEM-ROOT-STEM) –ASPECT-TENSE-PERSON+NUMBER

‘he will keep breaking it into pieces’

# Personal pronoun

Itelmen		Koryak (Zhukova 1967)	Ainu (Nakagawa & Nakamoto 2004)
1SG	kma / kəmma	γəmmo	kani
2SG	kza / kəzza	γəcci	eani
3SG	na / ənna	ənno	(sinuma)
1DU		muji	
2DU		tuji	
3DU		əcci	
1PL	muza?n	muju	coka (ex)
2PL	tuza?n	tuju	ecioka (ex)
3PL	itχ	əccu	(oka) (ex)
4SG			asinuma (incl)
4PL			aoka (incl)

# Affix-order in verb

M(ood), A(spect), T(ense), P(erсон)

- M+P- STEM -A-T-P Itelmen  
(2) t'- nu -qzu-a~~t~~ -kicen 'I will be eating'  
IND.1SG- eat -DUR -FUT -1
- M-P-T- STEM -T-A+P Chukchi (Kurebito 2001)
- P-M-A-STEM-(PL)-A-P Koryak

# Tense & Aspect

- Itelmen

	NON-DURATIVE	DURATIVE
PAST	-Ø	-qzu-Ø
PRESENT	-s/-z	-qzu-s/-z
FUTURE	-at	-qzu-at

- Koryak (Kurebito 2010, Zhukova 1972)

PAST	I	-i/-e/-j
	II	γe-/γa-..-lin/-len
PRESENT? (temporary?)		ku-/ko-..-ŋ
FUTURE	I	je-/ja-..-ŋ
	II	je-/ja-..-iki/-eke/-jki-jke

# Tense-Aspect

- Itelmen (Future: Non-durative/Durative)

(3) **əsx̥ti-a†-in**

wake up-FUT-3SG

‘He will wake up’

(4) **əsx̥ti-qzu-a†-in**

wake up-DUR-FUT-3SG

‘He will be waking up’

- Koryak (Future I/II)

(5) **je-lqut-ə-ŋ**

FUT-wake up-E-PERF.3SG

‘He will wake up’

(6) **je-lqut-iki**

FUT-wake up-NPERF.1SG

‘He will be waiking up’

# S=A=P alignment (Itelmen)

(7) muza?n nt'-nu-at-kicen. (S)

1PL.ABS IND.1PL-eat-PRES-1

‘We will eat’

(8) muza?n nt'-ele-at-ŋen      mec'anjk narta. (A)

1PL.ABS IND.1PL-get-FUT-1PL>3SG far away sledge.SG.ABS

‘We will get the sledge in the distance.’

(9) kza      muza?n txal-at-u?m. (P)

2SG.ABS 1PL.ABS eat-FUT-1PL.P

‘You will eat us’

# A/S=P alignment (Koryak)

(10) **mocγ-ə-nan** **məc-ca-jta-la-ŋ-ə-n** (A)  
1PL-E-ERG 1PL.A-FUT-go to get-PL-FUT-E-3SG.P

əjava-k va-ɿ-ə-n inen-∅  
in the distance-LOC be-PTCL-E-ABS.SG sledge for burdens-ABS.SG

‘We will go to get the sledge for burdens in the distance’

(Kurebito 2009)

(11) γənan **muju** na-ko-lla-la-mək (P)  
2SG.ERG 1PL.ABS INV-NPERF-take-PL-1PL.P

‘You take us’ (Zhukova 1967)

(12) **muju** **mət-ko-wetal-la-ŋ** kolqoc-ə-k (S)  
1PL.ABS 1PL.S-NPERF-work-PL-NPERF kolkhoz-E-LOC

‘We work in kolkhoz’ (Zukova 1967)

# Person

	Itelmen	Koryak	Ainu
Verb	○	○	○
Adjective	×	○	
Noun	×	○ (Predicative)	○ (Possesiv)

# Person Agreement in Verb

## (13) Itelmen

- a. t-k'ot-kicen ‘I came’
- b. k'ot-c ‘you came’
- c. k'ot-in ‘(he/she) came’

## (14) Koryak (Zhukova 1967)

- a. t-ə-yala-k ‘I passed away’
- b. yala-j ‘you/he/she/ passed away’

# Person marking in V, A, N

- Koryak (Zhukova 1967, 1972)

	Verb	Adjective	Noun
1SG	ye-lqut- <b>iɣəm</b> 'I woke up'	n-ə-məllj'o- <b>jɣəm</b> 'I am nimble'	qajəkmiŋ- <b>iɣəm</b> 'I am a boy'
2SG	ye-lqut- <b>iɣi</b> 'you woke up'	n-ə-məllj'o- <b>jɣe</b> 'you are nimble'	qajəkmiŋ- <b>iɣi</b> 'you are a boy'
3SG	ye-lqul- <b>lin</b> 'he woke up'	n-ə-məllj'o- <b>qen</b> 'he/she is nimble'	qajəkmiŋ- <b>ən</b> 'he is a boy'

# Person marking in V, A, N

Ainu (Chitose dialect) (Nakagawa & Nakamoto 2004)

Verb =Adjective		Noun (Possesive)
1SG	ku=ku 'I drink'	ku=sesek 'I feel hot'
2SG	e=ku 'you drink'	e=teke(he) 'your hand'
3SG	ku 'he drinks'	sesek 'he/she feels hot'

# Indefinite prefix i- and ine-

Ikegami (1983)

i- (Ainu) and ine- (Chukchi)

(15) i-nu-an (Ainu)

‘We listen to (something, someone).’

(16) t-ine-virin-y?e-k (Chukchi)

‘I saved (someone).’

# in-...-(?†) in Itelmen

in-(i?-/an-/a?-/ne-)...(-?†/-e?†) : Antipassive

transitive → intransitive

- |                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| cil ‘gather’   | > in-cil ‘do gathering’     |
| əŋk’zu ‘help’  | > in-əŋk’zu-?† ‘do helping’ |
| ləm ‘wash’     | > i?-ləm-e?† ‘do washing’   |
| təm ‘kill’     | > an-təm ‘do hunting’       |
| nom† ‘send’    | > a?-nom† ‘do sending’      |
| ənk’ol ‘break’ | > ne-k’ol-e?† ‘do breaking’ |

(17) janotanan p'ec kma əŋk'zu-∅-umnen.

previous son 1SG.ABS help-PST-3SG>1SG

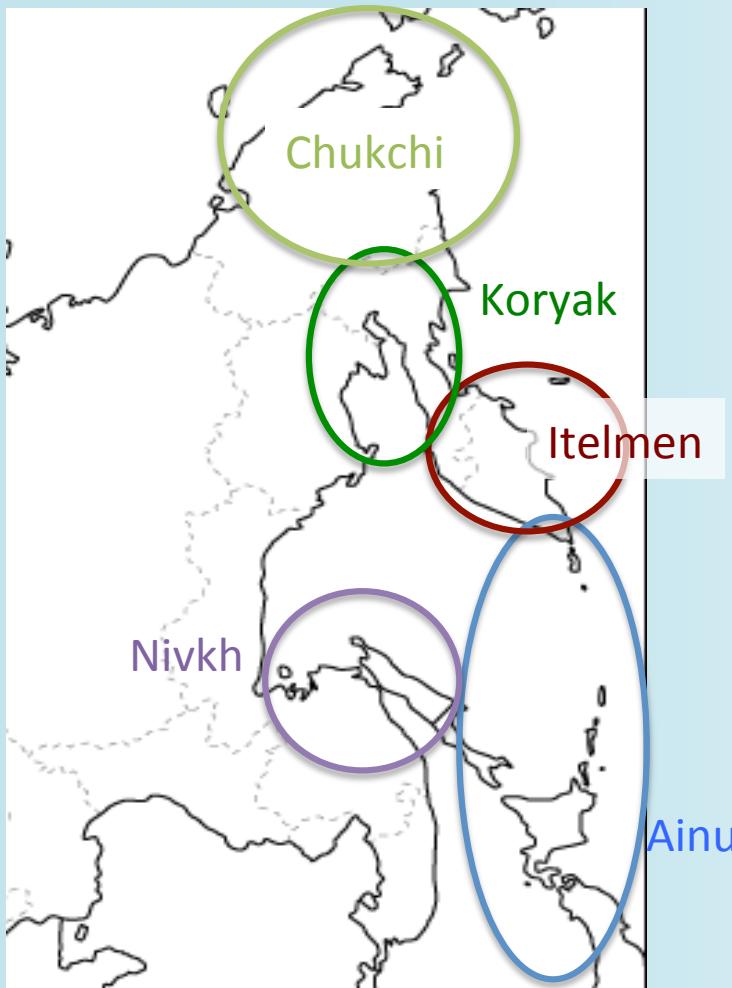
‘Older son/daughter helped me.’

(18) janotanan p'ec (kəmank) in-əŋk'zu-?†-∅-qzu-in.

previous son 1SG.LOC ANTIP-help-ANTIP-PST-DUR-3SG>1SG

‘Older son/daughter was helping (me).’

# Why does Itelmen not have incorporation?



Itelmen is surrounded by languages with high degree of polysynthesis

# Summary

- Small number of evidences for borrowings between southern Itelmen and Kuril Ainu
- Itelmen and Koryak have some common features (p. pronoun, verb agreement etc.)
- Koryak and Ainu have incorporation, person agreement in adjective (and noun), which do not exist in Itelmen
- There are big differences between Itelmen and Chukotko-Koryak group

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