

# The Balto-Slavic mobile accent paradigms – new perspectives

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### 3 BS mobile accent paradigms

	singular		plural	
	Lithuanian	Russian	Lithuanian	Russian
nom.	<i>galvà</i>	<i>голова́</i>	<i>gálvos</i>	<i>го́ловы</i>
acc.	<i>gálvą</i>	<i>го́лову</i>	<i>gálvas</i>	<i>го́ловы</i>
gen.	<i>galvõs</i>	<i>голови́</i>	<i>galvũ</i>	<i>голо́в</i>
dat.	<i>gálvai</i>	<i>голове́</i>	<i>galvóms</i>	<i>голова́м</i>
instr.	<i>gálva</i>	<i>голови́</i>	<i>galvomìs</i>	<i>голова́ми</i>
loc.	<i>galvojè</i>	<i>голове́</i>	<i>galvosè</i>	<i>голова́х</i>

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### 4 Prehistory of the mobility

- Corresponding words in other IE languages have fixed accent on first syllable of desinence:

	Vedic	Greek	
nom. sg.	<i>jihvá</i>	<i>φυγή</i>	
acc. sg.	<i>jihvám</i>	<i>φυγήν</i>	
gen. sg.	<i>jihváyāḥ</i>	<i>φυγής</i>	
dat. sg.	<i>jihváyai</i>	<i>φυγή</i>	etc.

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## 5 The Mobility Law (2006)

- V[-long] > [-accent] /  $\_ (V)C_0\#$

	PIE	Lith.	Russ.
nom. sg.	*-áh <sub>2</sub>	<i>galvà</i>	<i>голова́</i>
acc. sg.	*-áh <sub>2</sub> m̄	<i>gálvq</i>	<i>го́лову</i>
gen. sg.	*-áh <sub>2</sub> s	<i>galvõs</i>	<i>голови́</i>
dat. sg.	*-áh <sub>2</sub> aj	<i>gálvai</i>	<i>голове́</i> etc.

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## 6 Accent loss in Podravina

general Slavonian	Podravina
<i>ženà</i> (nom. sg.)	<i>žèna</i>
<i>govedār</i> (nom. sg.)	<i>gòvedār</i>
<i>u ministarstvò</i>	<i>ù ministarstvo</i>
cf. <i>danàs</i> (adv.), ptc. masc. <i>kāzô</i> ; <i>rūkà me boli</i>	

- $\mu$  > [-accent] /  $\_ C_0\#$   
(applying to the phonological word)

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## 7 Accent loss in Zaonež'e

standard Russian	Zaonež'e
<i>живёт</i> (3rd sg.)	<i>жѣв'æt</i>
<i>Рождества́</i> (gen. sg.)	<i>Рѣ́жас'ва</i>
<i>перед Рождество́м</i>	<i>п'æp'æð Рѣжас'вэм</i>
cf. <i>ч'егѡ́-мл</i> (standard <i>чегѡ́-мо</i> )	

- $V > [-\text{accent}] / \_C_o\#$   
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## 8 Šaxmatov and Vasil'ev–Dolobko

- Šaxmatov's Law:
  - $*nā\ gā\l\upsilon a^1an > \text{PBS } *_{\l}nā\ gā\l\upsilon ān$
  - cf. *u ministarstvō* > Podr. *ù ministarstvo*
- Vasil'ev–Dolobko's Law:
  - $*gā\l\upsilon a^1an\ ba > \text{PBS } *gā\l\upsilon ān\ ba$  (vs.  $*_{\l}gā\l\upsilon ān$ )
  - cf. Podr. *rūkà me* (vs. *rûka*)

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## 9 The Mobility Law: new formulation

- PIE \* $\acute{V}$  is realised as  $\acute{\mu}$
- PIE \* $\acute{V}$  and \* $\acute{V}h$  are realised as  $\acute{\mu}\mu$
- PIE \* $\acute{V}(h)V(h)$  is realised as  $\mu\acute{\mu}$
- Mobility Law:
  - $\mu > [-\text{high}] / \_C_o\#$   
(applying to the phonological word)

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