

PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURE FOR THE ITHKUIL C_A COMPLEX (March 27, 2021)

EXTENSION		CONFIGURATION		+/- DPX		AFFILIATION		PERSPECTIVE + ESSENCE		
								.	NRM	RPV
DEL	—	UPX	—	-DPX	—	CSL	—	M	— (l)	ř
PRX	r (rz)	MSS	p	+DPX	s/z (ňs)	ASO	b/p ² (b)	P	l (nł)	n / ě ³
ICP	l (lz)	MSC	t			COA	d/t ² (d)	G	r	m / h ³
ATV	ř (řz)	MSF	k			VAR	g/k ² (g)	N	w (v)	f/v (mv)
GRA	m (mz)	MDS	f					A	y (đ)	ť/đ (nđ)
DPL	n / ň ¹ (nz)	MDC	ť							
		MDF	x							
		MFS	s							
		MFC	š							
		MFF	č							

¹ used before p and v

² used after a voiceless consonant

³ used when nasal form creates an impermissible or awkward form

Forms in parentheses are standalone forms

Allomorphic Substitutions:

ts → c	ss → z	pp → bz	ff → pł	tť → đ
tš → č	šs → ž	tt → sc	ťť → tł	dđ → žj
	čs → z	kk → gz	mm → mš	xř → ňš
	xs → j	xk → ňz	nn → nš	čy → šč

NOTE: The new **AGGLOMERATIVE** Perspective (**G**) is used to create mass nouns from count nouns. **MONADIC** formatives previously referring to ‘an amount of [English mass noun]’ will now function as a “singulative”, referring to a single element/member of a mass noun, e.g., ‘a single grain of rice’, ‘a single hair’, ‘a drop of water’, while its **AGGLOMERATIVE** counterpart will carry the meaning of ‘some rice / an amount of rice’, ‘(some) hair’, ‘(some / an amount of) water’. For count nouns, the **AGGLOMERATIVE** will indicate a neutral or fuzzy meaning in terms of number: ‘at least one X / one or more X / any number of X’. For verbs, the **AGGLOMERATIVE** distinguishes the same fuzzy “non-count” distinction ‘some X-ing occurs/manifests / there’s some X-ing going on’ versus **MONADIC** ‘a single instance of X occurs/manifests’, or versus **POLYADIC** ‘more than one instance of X occurs/manifests / two or more instances of X occur/manifest.’

Advantages to this design: Reduces number of allomorphic substitutions from the current 31 down to 18.

Disadvantages to this design: Moving Extension to the front of the C_A complex violates the scoping hierarchy. Also, due to the use of the consonant -x-, Slot 3 of the Combination Referential adjunct will have to be reformatted.