

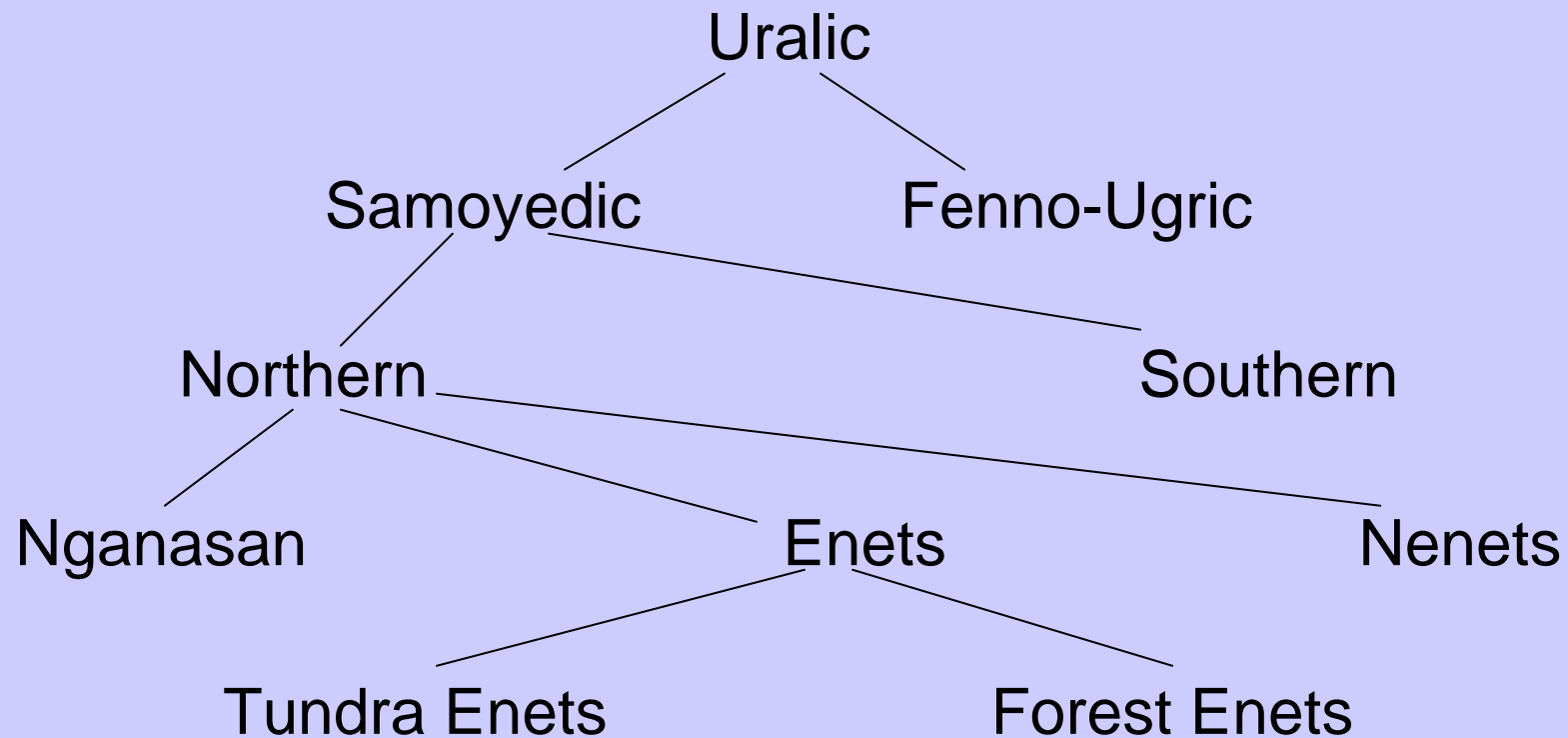
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Modern state and modern speakers of Enets: recent field data



Introduction

Language and its genetic affiliation





Tundra Enets

Forest Enets

Both dialects are highly endangered (and are not used on everyday basis), so we are interested in every speaker

Ongoing project

- ‘Documentation of Enets:
digitization of legacy field materials and
fieldwork with last speakers’
- **2008-2011**
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- **MPI-EVA (Department of Linguistics)**
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Fieldtrips so far

- Dudinka, Potapovo: Forest Enets
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September 2005
- Dudinka, Potapovo: Forest Enets
Olesya Khanina & Andrey Shluinsky
March – April 2008
- Vorontsovo: Tundra Enets
Olesya Khanina & Andrey Shluinsky
July – August 2008
- Potapovo: Forest Enets
Andrey Shluinsky & Sergey Trubetskoy (Novosibirsk State University)
August 2008
- Potapovo: Forest Enets
Andrey Shluinsky & Maria Ovsjannikova (St.Petersburg State University)
July – August 2009
- Tukhard and Tukhard tundra
Andrey Shluinsky
August 2009

Natural audio data so far

- Forest Enets:
 - Recorded by us: total ca. 16,2 hrs of valuable audio (7,7 hrs transcribed in Elan)
 - Legacy: total ca. 15.1 hrs of valuable audio (6.4 transcribed in Elan)
- Tundra Enets:
 - Recorded by us: total ca. 12 hrs of valuable audio (2.8 transcribed in Elan)
 - Legacy: total ca. 3.7 hrs of valuable audio (0.1 transcribed in Elan)

Work on the grammar of Enets

- Extensive data on Forest Enets and Tundra Enets phonetics and phonology is collected and partially analyzed; the preliminary description is made
- Extensive data on Forest Enets morphology is collected and is being analyzed now

Design of the community materials

- Design of the practical orthography
- Picture dictionary designed in close collaboration with our community collaborator Zoja N. Bolina
- Textbook(s) with the Enets texts analyzed by us provided with a community-friendly glossing
- A textbook prepared by Zoja N. Bolina and edited by us

Sociolinguistic overview

In 2005-2006 me and Olesya Khanina presented several times a preliminary sociolinguistic overview based on the data collected in a two-week fieldtrip of 2005.

Now we have substantially more detailed information: there remain only a handful of speakers we do not know in person, but even for them we have detailed information got from secondary sources

General background

- Sociolinguistic research was not our primary goal, but since we try to work (at least to some extent) with every speaker, the relevant information was collected 'automatically'
- But, of course, it is not always possible to contact all the semi-speakers, 'quarter-speakers' and especially rememberers

General background

- Since the community (to be more precise, communities) are very small, I see no reason in providing any statistical information
- Estimating a speaker a full-speaker or a semi-speaker etc. is done on the basis of a subjective impression (and therefore other experts could have another figures)
- Generally, the status of a 'full-speaker' is wide (and some speakers still are better speakers than others)
- The competence of the 'young' generation (born in 1970-1980s) is inferred only indirectly, since they are not presumed to speak Enets and refuse from trying it

Forest Enets

Forest Enets speakers

- The main 'center' of the speakers Forest Enets is the village of Potapovo (formally, a part of 'town settlement' Dudinka)
- There is a significant group of speakers in Dudinka
- These communities interact, since many people are close relatives
- A number of individual in another places

Speakers in Potapovo

- We can evaluate 13 persons born in 1945–1966 as speakers (4 of them frequently are away from the village in tundra):

Nadezhda K. Bolina (Ivanova) (1946)

Leonid D. Bolin (1947)

Nikolaj I. Silkin (1945)

Daniil A. Silkin (1945)

Aleksandr S. Bolin (1953)

Svetlana A. Rosljakova (Silkina) (1954)

Gennadij A. Ivanov (1956)

Vitalij N. Bolin (1957)

Ivan I. Silkin (1959)

Anton N. Pal'chin (1952)

Ekaterina S. Glybchenko (Bolina) (1962)

Anatolij M. Silkin (1962)

Alevtina S. Silkina (Bolina) (1966)

Speakers in Potapovo

- These speakers, though, have different level of proficiency and also different individual qualities relevant for their work as consultants
- There are some semi-speakers of the same age
- There is NO speaker elder than those born in 1945
- There are ca. 10 persons born in 1970-1980s whose level of proficiency is surely not zero, though surely not higher than semi-speaker's.









Speakers in Dudinka

- Ca. 15 persons born in 1940-1960s:
 - Zoja N. Bolina (1950)
 - Viktor N. Pal'chin (1958)
 - Dar'ja S. Bolina (1951)
 - Nina K. Borisova (Bolina) (1947)
 - Tat'jana N. Bolina (1953)
 - Ljubov' K. Bolina (195?)
 - Galina S. Bolina (1950)
 - Nina N. Bolina (1962)
 - ...
- Many of them are (or were during some periods of their life) involved into activities related to Enets languages and culture

Speakers in Dudinka

- They have different level of proficiency, but their average proficiency is significantly lower than of those who live in Potapovo; no more than 7 people can serve as consultants
- Surely, in Dudinka there are no younger people to whom the language could be transmitted







Speakers outside Potapovo and Dudinka

- Norilsk: 1 speaker ca. 55 years (Nelja A. Cheremykhina (Silkina))
- Talnakh: 1 speaker ca. 55 years (Anna A. ? (Silkina))
- Karaul: 1 speaker ca. 80 years (Marija N. Bolina (Pal'china)) and 1 speaker ca. 50 years (Anna I. Saktobergenova)
- Tukhard: 1 speaker ca. 80 years (Ekaterina M. Lyrmina (Pal'china))
- Khatanga: 1 speaker ca. 70 years (Zoja K. Tret'jakova (Bolina))
- ...

Forest Enets activities

- In 2000s: Enets lessons in Dudinka Pedagogical College and in Potapovo school (the teachers were not speakers); both stopped now
- Till now: Enets page in the main Tajmyr newspaper (ca. once a month) by Zoja N. Bolina
- A phrasebook (2003) by Dar'ja S. Bolina, a school dictionary (2001) by Irina P. Sorokina & Dar'ja S. Bolina, a textbook with a brief community-oriented grammatical sketch (2002) by Kazimir I. Labanauskas
- Radio transmissions not more often than once in 2 weeks in 1990-2003, can be continued now
- Forest Enets language and culture are typically presented at festivals of the folk culture and another relevant events in Dudinka

Tundra Enets

Tundra Enets speakers

- The main 'official' 'center' of the speakers Tundra Enets is the village of Vorontsovo (formally, a part of 'rural settlement' Karaul); Karepovsk is a fishing camp (used to be a village) in 30 km
- In 1930s a group of Enets left for Avam tundra, but now only one Enets speaker originating from this group is alive (and stays in Dudinka)
- In 1970s a group of Enets left for Levinskie peski and then for Tukhard tundra; nowadays in Tukhard tundra there are more Tundra Enets speakers than in Vorontsovo
- There is no interaction between Vorontsovo and Tukhard communities
- A slight number of individual in another places

Speakers in Vorontsovo and Karepovsk

- 6 persons born in 194?-1960 can be evaluated as speakers (1 of them refused categorically to interact with us; only 1 speaker stays in Karepovsk now):
 - Irina P. Koshkareva (Tuglakova) (1952)
 - ValeIntina P. Nader (Silkina) (1960)
 - Ljudmila Ch. Jar (Turutina) (1960)
 - Zoja A. Vengo (Turutina) (1956)
 - Vladimir A. Turutin (1959) (in Karepovsk)
 - Ekaterina E. Silkina (194?) (refused to communicate)
- Not so different level of proficiency as different individual qualities relevant for work as consultants
- No more than 10 semi-speakers of the same age







Speakers in Tukhard tundra

- 10 speakers born in 195?-1972 + a speaker born in 1932 whose mother tongue is Nenets
- No data on the proficiency of 2 of them
- 2 of them refused to be recorded due to 'low competence', 1 produced only separate sentences

Roman D. Silkin (1957)

Ekaterina L. Silkina (Pil'ko) (195?)

Semen D. Silkin (1959)

Marina D. Beregovaja (Silkina) (1964)

Sergej K. Tuglakov (1957)

Nikolaj Ju. Silkin (1972)

Dmitrij D. Silkin (196?) (refused to speak)

Larisa K. Jamkina (Tuglakova) (1961) (refused to speak)

Vladimir K. Tuglakov (1963) (low data; in prison now)

Rostislav K. Tuglakov (1968) (low data)

Serne U. Tuglakova (Jando) (1932) (Nenets is mother tongue)

Speakers in Tukhard tundra

- Almost all the speakers are separated from each other, very hardly accessible and meet very seldom (and there is no tendency indicating that this could change)
- There are ca. 10 persons born in 1970-1980s whose level of proficiency is surely not zero, though surely not higher than semi-speaker's
- Shift to Nenets, not to Russian









Speakers outside Vorontsovo and Tukhard tundra

- Dudinka:
 - 1 speaker born in 1924 from Avam tundra (Kurumaku F. Tuglakov)
 - 1 speaker of ca. 45 years from Tukhard tundra (Lilija D. Silkina)
 - 1 speaker of ca. 50 years from Karepovsk (in the mental hospital) (Mikhail A. Turutin)
- Karaul:
 - 1 speaker of ca. 75 years (Elizaveta I. Turutina)
- Potapovo:
 - 1 speaker born in 1945 whose native dialect is Tundra Enets, but who is very influenced by Forest Enets (Antonina P. Bolina (Silkina))

Tundra Enets: no activities

- The textbook (2002) by Kazimir I. Labanauskas contains texts in Tundra Enets, but is hardly accessible to the community
- Radio transmissions not more often than once in 2 weeks in 1990-2003, can be continued now

Summary

- The total number of Enets speakers is ca. 50, and roughly we have similar numbers for Forest Enets and Tundra Enets speakers
- On average Tundra Enets speakers are even a bit younger than Forest Enets speakers
- But Forest Enets speakers are concentrated together, communicate with each other, see themselves as a community and - not least - are significantly more accessible for linguists
- One cannot be absolutely sure about the competence of the next generation, but generally the forecast is pessimistic for both dialects



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