Data of Sino-Tibetan Language and Origin of East Asian People

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Outline

- Data in 《Indian languages survey》
- Paul K. Benedict's data and his 《Sino-Tibetan: a Conspectus》.
- J. A. Matisoff direct STEDT project.
- Sino-Tibetan Database Project(STDP).
 - Relationship between the East Asian people groups and languages classification.
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《 Indian languages survey 》

- Gerorge Grierson and Sten Konow ,in 1909.
- This book assembled many languages and dialects data.
- Sino-Tibetan data derives from two volumes of 《Indian languages survey》





language	languages data	dialects data
Indonesia language		
South Asia language -	7	1 14
Meng gaomianlanguage branches	1	3
Menda language branches	6	1 11
Kalun language	i i - i i	i i - i i
Man language	-	- -
Sino-Tai language -	3	4
Tibetan-Burma language -	113	82
Tibetan-Himalayan language branches	32	31
North Asamu language branches	5	
Asamu language branches	76	51

Paul K. Benedict and his 《Sino-Tibetan: a Conspectus》

Sino-Tibetan: a Conspectus, 1972
 reconstructing 500 etymologies of Tibetan-Burman words, 300 pairs cognates of proto-Tibeto-Burman and Old Chinese languages.

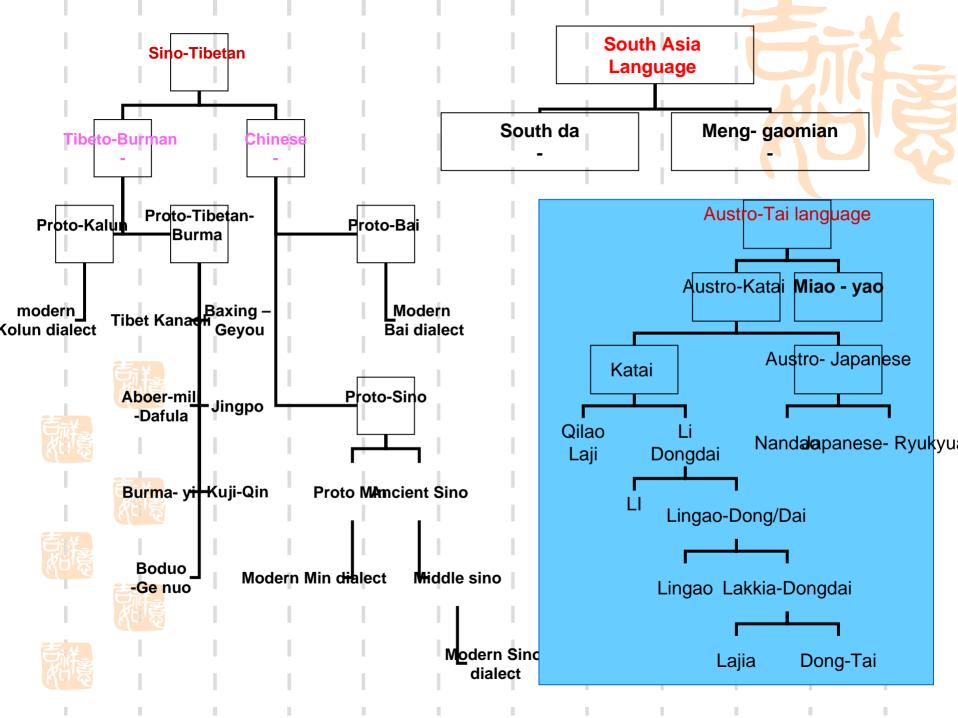


The large quantities of data make him to get a different classification of the Sino-Tibetan language with Li Fangkui.

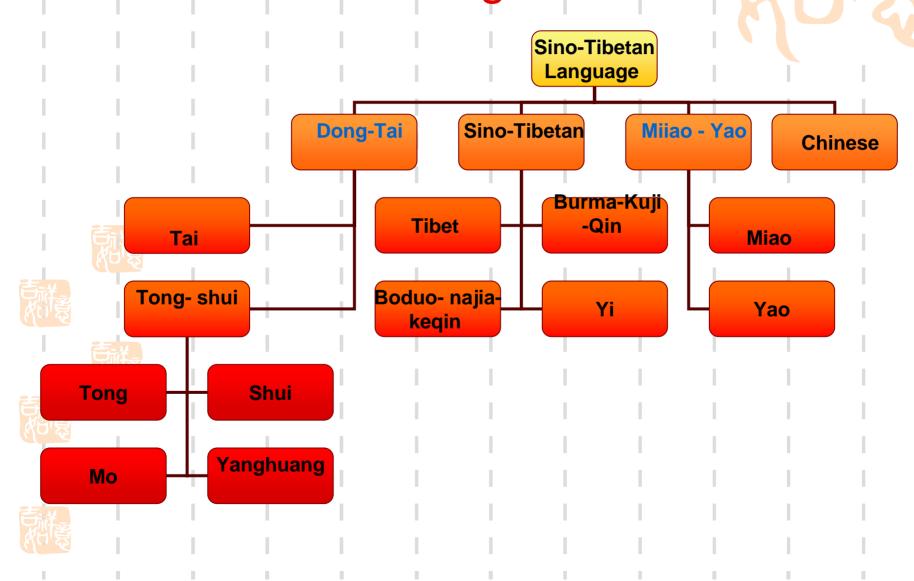








Classification of Sino-Tibetan language Li Fangkui

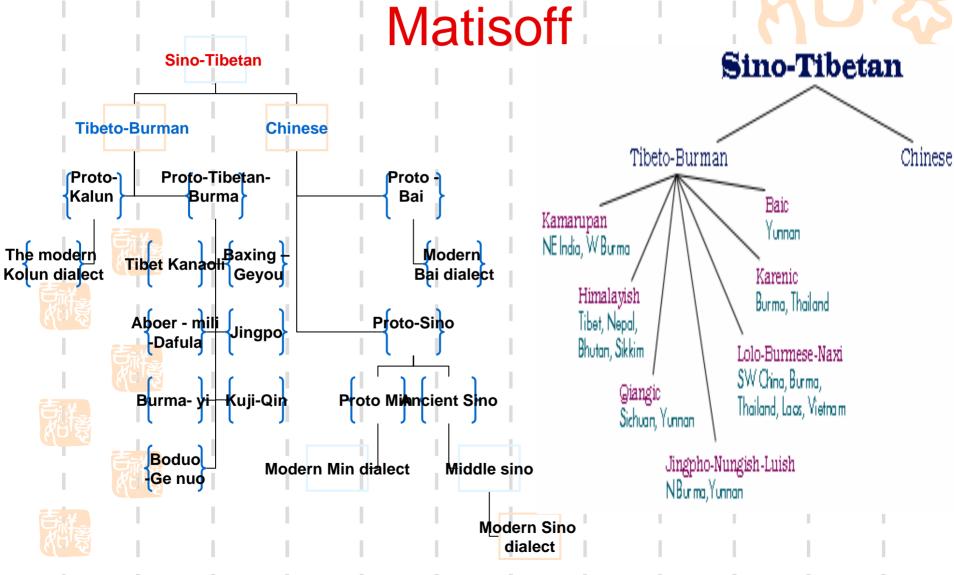


The Sino-Tibetan Etymological Dictionary and Thesaurus STEDT Project

J. A. Matisoff, at the university of California , Berkeley.

- The researchers utilized the computer technology to establish the earliest systematized electronic databases of Sino-Tibetan languages.
- Matisoff basically supported Benedict's opinion about the classification of Sino –Tibetan language.
 - He has some further improvements depending on assembling a large quantities of data.

The Comparative of Sino-Tibetan Classification between Benedict and Matisoff



Main database of STEDT

Ancillary STEDT Database Files				
#	Database Name	Abbre v.	Total Record s	Syllable Canon
07	The electronic Dictionary of Lahu	JAM- EDL	38907	yes
8	Grammata Serica Resenca Electronica	BK- GSRE	8442	yes
09	Written Burmese Rhyming Dictionary	PKB- WBRD	4096	yes
10	Classical Tibetan Lexical Data	JV-WT	58757	yes

Primary STEDT database fi <mark>le</mark> s				
#	Database name	Abbrev.	Total records	Color code
01	Main Lexicon	Lexicon	376191	Yellow
02	Etyma	E ty	2066	Orange
03	Language Names	Lgname s	1786	Yellow
04	Source Bibliography	Srcbib	465	Green
05	Language groups	Lgrp	58	Blue
06	STEDT Font Reference	SFR	231	Purple

Sino-Tibetan Database Project

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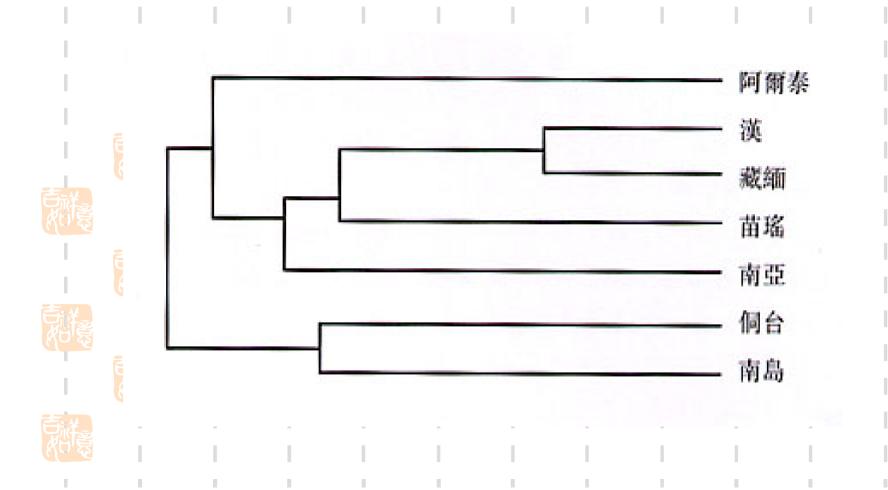
- STDP is a computer searching system in which there are the most abundant lexical databases nowadays.
- Some details of the STDP's database.
- Some important value of STDP.
 - The principle of STDP's design.

1 1	languages		Data
1 1	Dialects of Chinese		12
i i	Ancient Chinese red	construction	5
	Tibeto-Burman inside of China	Tibet	9
		Qiang	13
		Jingpo	7
		Burma	9
		Yi	15
1	Tibeto-Burman outs	side of China	7
Cine Tibeten	Miao -Yao	Miao	11
Sino-Tibetan	1 1	Yao	2
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de v	Zhuang -Dong	Tai	6
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	1 1	Li	2
夏四天	1 1	Qi-Yang	1
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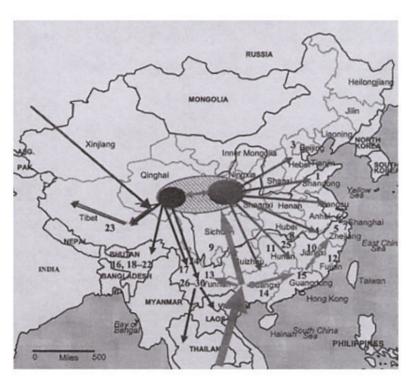
Sino-Tibetan languages Data and Origin of East Asian people

- East Asian people groups and languages classifications have some parallel and comparative relations.
- DNA technology proves that intimate or estranged relations among East Asian groups are almost the same with classification of the languages groups.

Relationship between the East Asian people groups and the Languages classification



The Origin and Moving of East Asian People











Conclusion

 Accompany with more and more data being assembled by both the molecular biologists and the linguists, we will get more accurate conclusions about the origin and moving of East Asian people in the future.









