Ergativity and Role-Marking in Hawrami*

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Previous work on Kurdish ergativity (not Hawrami): Bynon 1979, 1980; Friend 1985; Haig 1998; Matras 1992; Previous work on Hawrami: MacKenzie 1996.

Ergativity: "...grammatical pattern in which the subject of an intransitive clause [S] is treated in the same way as the object of a transitive clause [O], and differently from a transitive subject [A]" (Dixon 1994)

1. Basic syntactic properties of the present ~ future

Subject agreement on verbs: present-future paradigms

- (1) a. Ahmał ma-ram-o "Ahmad runs"
 - b. âð ma-ram-o he INFL-run - 3s "He runs"
 - c. ma -ram-o id. INFL- run 3s
- (2) (amɨn) ma-ram-u "I will run" (emæ) ma-ram-me "we will run" (to) ma-ram-i "you will run" (šmæ) ma-ram-de "you pl. will run" (âð) ma-ram-o "he will run" (âðe) ma-ram-â "they will run" "they will run"

The accusative case suffix on direct objects

 "The people see the horse"

b. Ahmał æsp-ækæ-i mæ-win-o
Ahmad horse - the - ACC INFL - see - 3s

"Ahmad sees the horse"

Object clitics

"he sees me" **(4)** mæ-win-o=m1s=m"he sees you sg." mæ-win-o=t $=\uparrow\sim=t$ 2s"he sees him/her" $=\check{s}$ mæ-win-o=š 3s"he sees us" mæ-win-o=m-ân =m-ân 1p"he sees you pl." mæ-win-o=t-ân =t-ân 2p mæ-win-o=**š-ân** "he sees them" = \hat{s} - \hat{a} n 3p

Object clitics do not cooccur with overt objects

- (5) a. ahmað-i mæ-win-u "I see Ahmad"
 - b. *ahmað-i=š mæ-win-u, *ahmað-i mæ-win-u=š ahmad-ACC INFL- see 1s ahmad-ACC INFL- see 1s=3s

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(6)	a.	to-i mæ-win-o 2s-ACC INFL - see - 3s	"he s	ees you sg."	mæ-win-o=1 INFL - see - 3s = 2s
	b.	*to-(i) = $\frac{1}{2}$ mæ-win- $\frac{1}{2}$ s - (ACC)=2s INFL- see- 3	o *to-i s 2s-A0	mæ-win-o=† CC INFL- see- 3s=2s	
(7)	<i>These</i> dit≕in	clitics — oblique clitic	cs — are also dil= m-ân	used for possessive p	
	dit=it	"your heart"	dit=t-ân	"your pl. heart"	The optional distinction between 3sf and 3sm can be realised because no vowel-
	dit=iš	"his heart"	dił=š-ân	"their heart"	final inflectional suffix precedes.
	dil=æ	* "her heart"			
	Progre	essive aspect indicated	l by a case-ma	rked cognate object -	— a nominalization of the verb stem
(8)	a.	keše -i mæ-keš-u pull -ACC INFL-	"I'm	pulling"	The cognate object is the past stem, which may be supple-
	b.	kušt -i ma-k ^w š-u kill -ACC INFL-kill-1s	"I'm	killing"	tively quite different from the present stem
	c.	ward -i m-wer-u eat -ACC INFL - eat - 1s	"I'm	eating"	
	d.	kæwt -i mæ-gn-u fall -ACC INFL - fall - 1s	"I'm	falling"	
(9)	âð wra	ct object NP precludes et-i ma-wreš-o CC INFL - sell - 3s	_	object: the structure is selling" (unambigue	s aspectually ambiguous ous)
	âð tfæ 3s gun	ng-ækæ-i ma-wreš-o - def-ACC INFL-sell - 3s		s selling the gun sells the gun; he will s	sell the gun"
	An ob	lique clitic attaches to	the cognate of	hiect	
(10)	wræt-i	= s ma-wres-u = 3s INFL-sell - 1s	_	selling it"	
		=1 ma- k ^w š-o =2s INFL-kill- 3s	"he's	s killing you"	
cf.		ma-k ^w š-o INFL-kill - 3s	"he's	s killing you; he kills	you; he will kill you"
	Adjun	cts do not block the pro	_	-	
(11)	yân-ænæ ramæ-i ma-ram-u house - in run - ACC INFL- run - 1s			"I am running in the house"	
		ramæ-i ma-ram-o run - ACC INFL- run - 3s	"he is	s running now"	
(12)	Light a.	verbs: N+V idioms — qašaw mæ-ðæ-u scratch INFL - give -1s		preverbal, and it doe scratching"; "I will s	
	b.	ahmað-i qašaw mæ-ð ahmad-ACC scratch INFL - g	æ-u "I'm ive -1s	scratching Ahmad"	

The oblique clitic appears on the idiom object

(13) tahsin=iš mæ-kær-u "I will praise him"

praise = 3m INFL- do - 1s

tahsin=æš mæ-kær-u "I will praise her" praise = 3f INFL-do - 1s

tahsin=it mæ-kær-u "I will praise you" praise = 2s INFL- do - 1s

(14) *tahsin mæ-kær-u=**f** ("I will praise you")

*ahmað=iš tahsin mæ-kær-u Ahmed =3s praise INFL- do - 1s ("I will praise Ahmed")

Basic properties:

Word Order is SOV (Definite singular) Objects marked with accusative -i
Agreement with subject Oblique clitics (replacing objects) on 1st VP argument

Progressive marked via cognate object

Light verbs have object

Direct object precludes cognate object

Light object precludes cognate object

2. Past tense non-ergative

k^wš-en- e

beat-ACC beat-PROG-1s kušt-i=š k^wš-en -e

beat-ACC=3s beat-PROG-1s

að-i

(15)			past agreement	present agreement
	(amin) kæwt- âne	"I fell"	-âne	-u
	(to) kæwt-i	"you fell"	-i	-i
	(að) kæwt	"he fell"	- Ø	-0
	(aðe) kæwt-æ	"she fell"	-æ	
	(emæ) kæwt-e-me	"we fell"	-e-me	-me
	(šmæ) kæwt-e-de	"you pl. fell"	-e-de	-de
	(aðe) kæwt-e	"they fell"	-e	-â
(16)	Ahmał kæwt-Ø A fell -3s	"Ahmad (m) fell"	žiwa kæwt-æ z fell -3sf	"Zhiwa (f) fell"
			žiwa kæwt-Ø z fell -3s	"Zhiwa (f) fell"
	Past progressive tran	ısitive		
(17)	ramæ-i ram-en-e	"I was running"	ramæ-i ram-en-me	"we were running"
, ,	ramæ-i ram-en-i	"you were running"	ramæ-i ram-en-de	"2p were running"
	ramæ-i ram-e	"he were running"	ramæ-i ram-en-e	"they were running"
(18)	kušt-i k ^w š-en-e beat-ACC beat-PROG-1s	"I was beating"	kušt-i k ^w š-en- i beat-ACC beat-PROG-2s	"you were beating"
(19)	ahmað-i k ^w š-en -e Ahmad-ACCs beat-PROG-1s		"I was beating Ahma	ad"

"I was beating him"

"I was beating him"

3. Ergative syntax in the past

Transitive past inflection

(20)	k∪št ≕im	"I killed"	kušt=m-an	"we killed"
	kušt= ił	"you killed"	k∪št= t-an	"you pl. killed"
	kušt= ıš	"he killed"	kušt= š-an	"they killed"
	kušt= æš	"she killed"		

(21)	past intr. subject;	past tr. non-	oblique clitic	
	past progressive tr & intr.	<u>progressive</u>	(objects, possessives)
	-âne	=m	=m	1s
	-i	=}	=1	2s
	Ø	= š	= š	3s
	Ø	$=$ æ \check{s}	$=$ æ \check{s}	3f
	-e-me	=m-ân	=m-ân	1p
	-e-de	=t-ân	=t-ân	2p
	-e	=š-ân	=š-ân	3p

Feminine object marked — using feminine subject suffix: otherwise feminine objects are never marked distinctly on the verb

(22) kušt=im "I killed him" kušt-æ=m "I killed her" kušt=ił "you killed him" kušt-a=ł "you killed her" kušt-iš "he killed him" kušt-æ=š "he killed her"

The form of a pronoun object is also surprising:

(23)		object (transitive)		past subject	<u>object</u> (otherwise: "he sees X")
	1s	kušt-ane=š	"he killed me"	-âne	mæwin-o= m
	2s	kušt-i=š	"he killed you"	-i	mæwin-o=ł
	1p	kušt-e-me=š	"he killed us"	-e-me	mæwin-o= m-ân
	2p	kušt-e-de=š	"he killed you pl."	-e-de	mæwin-o= t-ân
	3p	kušt-e=š	"he killed them"	-e	mæwin-o= š-ân

An overt object takes the clitic referring to the subject; the verb form is invariant.

(24)	æsp=im di horse=1s saw	"I saw a horse"	æsp=imân di horse=1p saw	"we saw a horse"
	æsp=it di horse=2s saw	"you sg. saw a horse"	æsp=itân di horse=2p saw	"you pl. saw a horse"
	æsp= iš di horse=3s saw		æsp=išân di horse =3p saw	"they saw a horse"

The object cannot take accusative

(25)	*æsp-i=m di horse-ACC=1s saw	("I saw a horse")	
	*æsp-ækæ-i=m di horse- DEF - ACC=1s saw	("I saw the horse")	
	*kuri š-i= m di Koresh-ACC=1s saw	("I saw Koresh")	

The verb form changes to indicate plurality of the object (using the subject suffix) æsp-e=m di-e "I saw horses" æsp-e=mân di-e "we saw horses" (26)horse-pl=1s saw-3p horse-pl=1p "you p. saw horses" æsp-e=t di-e "you s. saw horses" æsp-e=tân di-e horse-pl=2s saw-3p horse-pl=2p æsp-e=šân di-e æsp-e=š di-e "he saw horses" "they saw horses" horse-pl=3s saw-3p horse-pl=3p saw-3p *If the object is 3f, the verb may include the 3f subject suffix* "you saw her" (27)di-a=1 aða=ł di-æ id. saw-3f=2s 3f=2s saw-3fMarking of the object on the verb via subject affixation is optional (unlike subject agreement in nonergative structures, which is obligatory) to=m di "I saw you" (28)to=m di-e you=1s saw you=1s saw-2s "vou saw me" amn≕i† di amn≕i† di-ane $me = 2s \quad saw$ $= 2s \quad \text{saw-1s}$ me "I saw horses" æsp-e=m di-e æsp-e=m di horse-PL=1s saw horse-PL=1s saw-3p "you saw us" ema=† di ema=1 di-eme *ema=1 di-e $us = 2s \quad saw$ $us = 2s \quad saw-1p$ us = 2s saw -3pThe subject-encoding clitic appears on the direct object if there is one, otherwise on the idiom object in light verb constructions. "he rolled the carpet up" (29)að gaty-ækæ=š lul kærd carpet- def = 3s pipe do "he rolled up" að lul=iš kærd b. pipe = 3s do kærg-ækæ bâl=iš girt-o "the chicken flew" (30)chicken-DEF wing=3s take-3s The clitic (which encodes the subject) does not go on adjuncts; it does go on direct objects "I saw him vesterday" *hizi=**m** di (31)hizi di=m yesterday saw=1s yesterday=1s saw hizi æsp-ewæ=m æsæ *hizi=m æsp-ewæ æsæ "I bought a horse yesterday" yesterday horse-indef=1s bought "I bought a knife in the market" (32)karð-ewæ=**m** bazâr-ænæ æsæ a. knife - indef = 1s market-in b. bazâr-ænæ karð-ewæ=**m** æsæ id. market-in knife - indef = 1s bought "I bought it in the market" c. bazar-ænææsæ = mmarket - in bought =1sd. *bazâr-ænæ=**m** æsæ

market - in = 1s bought

The subject NP of past transitives is in canonical subject position (initial); the subject has canonical (non)-marking of case

(33) a. ahmat æsp-ækæ=š wræt ahmad horse- DEF = 3s sold-3s

"Ahmad sold the horse"

b. *æsp-ækæ ahmat=iš wræt, *æsp-ækæ=š ahmat wræt horse- DEF ahmad = 3s sold-3s horse- DEF = 3s ahmad sold-3s

Extraposition of relative clauses also follows the nominative-accusative pattern Extraposition from subject position is disallowed

(34) [pyâ-kæ kæ gji kawo=š wærænæ be] amn=tš di-ane man- DEF REL coat blue = 3s wear was-3s me = 3s saw-1s

"the man who wore a blue coat saw me"

*[pyâ-kæ] amn=ıš di-ane [kæ gji kawo=š wærænæ be] man- DEF me = 3s saw-1s REL coat blue = 3s wear was-3s

*[pyâ-kæ] di-ane=š [kæ gji kawo=š wærænæ be]
man- DEF saw-1s = 3s REL coat blue = 3s wear was-3s

Extraposition from object position is allowed

(35) [pyâ-kæ=m] di [kæ gji kawo=š wærænæ be]
man-DEF=1s saw-3s REL coat blue = 3s wear was-3s

"I saw the man who wore a blue coat"

Indirect objects can take the marker, if they are leftmost of the non-adjuncts

(36) a. bizæ-kæ=m jæ ahmað-i girt goat -DEF = 1s from Ahmad-IZ took-3s

"I took the goat from Ahmad"

b. bizæ-k -e=m jæ ahmað-i gtrt-e
goat -DEF -pl= 1s from Ahmad - IZ took-3p

"I took the goats from Ahmad"

c. jæ ahmað-i=m gurt from ahmad - IZ = 1s took-3s

"I took it from Ahmad"

d. jæ ahmað-i=m girt-e from ahmad - IZ = 1s took-3p

"I took them from Ahmad"

(37) a. čaqo-ewæ=**m** bæ ahmað-i da knife - INDEF = 1s to Ahmad-IZ gave-3s

"I gave a knife to Ahmed"

b. *čaqoewæ bæ ahmaði=m da

(38) a. $da = \mathbf{m}$ bæ ahmað-i gave-3s=1s to ahmad-IZ

"I gave it to Ahmed"

b. bæ ahmað-i=**m** da to ahmad - IZ = 1s gave-3s

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c. *da bæ ahmaði=**m**

Dative movement for pronouns

"I gave you money"

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The possessor of a possessed NP may also trigger subject agreement

(40) a.
$$a\check{o}a=m=i\check{s} di$$

mother=1s=3s saw

"he saw my mother"

"I saw your head"

"you saw my chicken"

(41) a.
$$a\check{o}a = \varnothing = \check{s} \text{ di-} \hat{a}ne$$
 $mother = _= 3s \text{ saw-}1s$

"he saw my mother"

b.
$$særæ=Ø=m di-e$$
 $head = _= 1s saw=2s$

"I saw your head"

"you saw my chicken"

Marking the possessor on the verb is not possible in the non-past

"I will buy your cow"

Verbs agree with objects (optionally — else no agreement at all)

Objects do not have accusative

Oblique clitics are assigned in the VP agreeing with the subject

Pronouns can get "liberated" in ergative structures and exhibit the object-like property of verb agreement

Word order patterns do not indicate a subject/object role reversal

4. Ergativity elsewhere in Hawrami

"Have" in the present works like a past transitive verb

(43)	"Subj. has the book"	"Subj. has the books"	subject
	ktew-ækæ=m hæn	ktew-æke=m hæn-e	1 s
	ktew-æka=ł hæn	ktew-æka=† hæn-e	2s
	ktew-ækæ=š hæn	ktew-æke=š hæn-e	3s
	ktew-ækæ=mân hæn	ktew-æke=mân hæn-e	1p
	ktew-ækæ=tân hæn	ktew-æke=tân hæn-e	2p
	ktew-ækæ=šân hæn	ktew-æke=šân hæn-e	3p

Ahmał ktew-ækæ=š hæn

"Ahmad has a book"

^{*}gæw-ækæ mæ-sân-u=ł cow - DEF INFL-buy -1s = 2s

The verb can mark a feminine object

Pronoun objects can trigger subject-suffix on verb

Possessive pronoun inside object can be realised as subject suffix on verb

(46) ktew-ækæ=t=
$$im$$
 hæn ktew-ækæ= \emptyset = m hæn- i "I have your book" book - DEF = $_{2}$ =1s have -2s

"Want" acts ergatively too

(49)
$$\underset{\text{desire}}{\text{gæræk=m=æn-i}}$$
 "I want you"

Passive future paradigm: sufix -yæ-

(50) mæðır-yæ-u "1s will be given" mæðır-y-eme "1p will be given" mæðır-ye-i "2s will be given" mæðır-y-ede "2p will be given" mæðır-y-â(ne) "they will be given"

Passive of ditransitive: passivizing the direct object (no ergativity)

- (51) a. (að) zar -akæ-i mæ-ð -o ba žiway "he will give the present to Zhiwa" 3s present-DEF-ACC INFL-give-3s to Z
 - b. zar-akæ mæ-ðir-y -ð ba žiway "the present will be given to Zhiwa" present-DEF INFL-give-PASS-3s to Z
 - c. zar-ak-an mæ-ðir-y -a ba žiway "the presents will be given to Zhiwa" present-DEF-PL INFL-give-PASS-3p to Z

Passivizing the indirect object: ergativity, because there remains a non-accusative object

- (52) a. žiwa zar = iš pænæ mæ-ðir-y -o "Zhiwa will be given a present" z present=3s to INFL give-PASS-3s
 - b. *žiwa zar pænæ mæðiryo
 - c. žiwa gul -e = š pænæ mæ-ðir- y â "Zhiwa will be given flowers"
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Appendix 1: accusative only realised on definite singular NP's

a.	kuriš-i mæ-win-o Koresh-ACC INFL - see - 3s	"he sees Koresh"	*kuriš mæwino
b.	tfæng-ækæ-i mæ-win-o that gun-ACC-def INFL -see -3s	"he sees the gun"	
c.	â tfæng-i-æ mæ-win-o that gun-ACC-def INFL-see-3s	"he sees that gun"	
d.	kæm tfæng-i mæ-win-o which gun-ACC INFL-see-he	"which gun does he see?"	

Definite mass nouns also receive case

gošt-ækæ-i mæ-win-o meat - the -ACC INFL - see - 3s "he sees the meat"

kam gošt- i mæ-win-o which meat - ACC INFL-see-he "which meat does he see?"

Bare mass nouns do not take case

"he sees meat" *gošt-i mæwino gošt mæ-win-o meat INFL - see - 3s

Neither do indefinite-marked count nouns

"he sees a gun" tfæng-ewæ mæ-win-o *tfæng-ew-i mæwino gun - INDEF INFL - see - 3s

NP's with indefinitizing modifiers don't take case

hayč gaw ni-mæ-win-o "he doesn't see any cow" *hayč gawi nimæwino any cow neg-INFL- see - 3s

"he sees some trees" *qałre dræxti mæwino gałre dræxt mæ-win-o some tree INFL - see - 3s

Plural object nouns are not case-marked

tfæng-æk-ân-(*i) mæ-win-o gun - def - pl - (ACC) INFL - see - 3s "he sees the guns" a.

b. tfæng-æk-e-(*i) mæ-win-o gun - def - pl - (ACC) INFL - see - 3s

Appendix 2: Relative clause extraposition

Relative clauses must be at the end of the NP when in subject position: non-past [pyâ-kæ kæ ma-ram-o] bizæ-k-ân mæ-sân-o "the man who runs will buy the goats" man- DEF REL INFL-run- 3s goat- DEF-pl INFL-buy-3s

*[pyâ-kæ] bizæ-k-ân mæ-sân-o [kæ ma-ram-o] man- DEF goat- DEF -pl INFL- buy -3s REL INFL-run- 3s

"the goat that A will buy is sick" [bizæ-kæ kæ Ahmał mæ-sân-o=š] na-weš=an goat DEF REL Ahmad INFL-buy - 3s=3s NEG-good=3s copula

[bizæ-kæ] na-weš=an [kæ Ahmał mæ-sân-o=š] goat DEF NEG-good=3s copula REL Ahmad INFL- buy -3s=3s *[bizæ-kæ] na-weš=an

"The horses that he sees are black" [æsp-æk-ân kæ að mæ-win-o=šân] syâw=ene horse - DEF- PL REL he INFL- see - 3s = 3pblack = 3p copula

Relative clause in matrix object usually comes after the verb

[zawro-kæ-i] mæ-win-u [kæ pul-ækæ=š dizi] chld - DEF -ACC INFL - see - 1s REL money-DEF = 3s stole-3s "I see the child who stole the money"

[mar-ækæ-i] mæ-win-u [kæ tutæ-kæ=š kušt] "I see the snake that killed the dog" snake-DEF-ACC INFL - see - 1s REL dog - DEF = 3s killed-3s

"I see the snake that the dog killed" [mar-ækæ-i] mæ-win-u [kæ tutæ-kæ kušt=iš] snake-DEF-ACC INFL - see - 1s REL dog - DEF killed+3s=3s