

### **The *nasat'i* mirative particle in Northern Mansi**

The paper aims to present the mirative particle *nasat'i* in the Mansi language, as well as its function and use in relation to evidentiality in Mansi. The corpus used consists of Northern Mansi folklore texts and articles from the Mansi newspaper *Lūimā Sēripos*. According to the literature (Skribnik 2018), the particle no longer requires the use of an evidential predicate in contemporary language use, in contrast to earlier usage, where the particle and its precursor (*ness ā'im*) regularly occurred together with evidential predicates. However, quantitative analysis revealed that even in early folklore texts, there are examples of the particle appearing without an evidential predicate. Based on data from the more recent corpus, it can be concluded that the particle can occur in sentences with both evidential and non-evidential predicates. In both early and more recent texts, the particle and the sentence containing it primarily shows mirative semantics. However, in the data from the Mansi newspaper, alongside the mirative content, an epistemic interpretation is also occasionally possible.

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