Chapter 1

Introduction

1.0 Aim

The core objective of this work is to describe the phonological operation of two synchronic linguistic processes, initial change and reduplication, within the dialect of Innu-aimun spoken in the community of Sheshatshiu, Labrador.

This introductory chapter will, first of all, provide background information concerning the community and the language spoken there, situating the dialect within the Algonquian language family. Another aim of this introduction is to delineate the scope of this work by clearly defining the focus of the description and analysis. Subsection 1.3 includes a general account of the linguistic processes under examination in order to establish ideas fundamental to the ensuing discussion. Having identified the domain relevant to this study, the introduction follows with a description of the methodology used to gather and process linguistic material, from both primary and secondary sources, for analysis. Finally, this chapter concludes by outlining a thesis structure designed to present the research findings in a logical sequence.
1.1 The Community

The placename Sheshatshiu, which is a contraction of Tphishe-shatshu, refers to the outlet for a river, or the “great opening” (Mailhot 1993: 17). This community is located on a narrow inlet on Grand Lake in central Labrador and is approximately 40 kilometers northwest of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. At one time, the nomadic Innu, who lived inland most of the year, fishing, hunting, and trapping, used the area as a summer gathering place. In the late 1950s and the 1960s, under pressure from both government and religious institutions to assimilate and become part of mainstream society, the Innu began to settle permanently in Sheshatshiu, radically changing their traditional nomadic lifestyle. The present community has a school, which educates children from kindergarten to high school; in addition, Sheshatshiu has an arena, a church, a clinic, and a youth treatment centre. Currently, the community has a population of about 1200 (Our Labrador). According to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, as of December 2006, the registered Innu population in Sheshatshiu is 995. Although there are concerns about language decline, in contrast to the relatively low rates of aboriginal language retention throughout Canada, virtually all the Innu of Sheshatshiu speak their traditional language, Innu-aimun, as their mother tongue (Burnaby 2004: 35). Most are bilingual in Innu-aimun and English and, although children are primarily educated in English, Innu-aimun is still learned at home (Thorburn 2005: 77).
1.2 The Language

Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun belongs to the Algonquian language family; it is more narrowly categorized as a Central Algonquian language, although this classification is considered geographical rather than genetic (Rhodes & Todd 1981: 52). As a dialect of Montagnais, Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun is a part of the Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialect continuum, which extends from Labrador in the east to as far west as the Rocky Mountains (MacKenzie 1980: 1). Other Montagnais Innu-aimun dialects, related to the Sheshatshiu variety, are spoken by about 12,000 people in nine Quebec communities located throughout the Quebec Lower North Shore and the Quebec-Labrador peninsula (see Appendix I). It should also be noted that the other Innu community in Labrador, Natuashish, uses a dialect referred to as Naskapi; this type of Innu-aimun is less closely related to the Sheshatshiu dialect than are the Montagnais varieties spoken in Quebec.

Montagnais dialects can be differentiated from more westerly members of the Algonquian language family by the palatalization of the Proto-Algonquian velar stop *k to [±umontagnais]. These dialects can be further distinguished from one another according to their reflexes of Proto-Algonquian *l; Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun is classified as an ‘n-dialect’ (Clarke 1982: 1-2). This difference is reflected in the contrast between mîneu ‘s/he gives it to someone’, from Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, and mileu, from the Betsiamites dialect, a variety of Innu-aimun from Quebec, in which Proto-Algonquian *l is found as l.

The consonant inventory of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun contains stops, fricatives, an affricate, and nasals. The stops, fricatives, and affricate are non-distinctive for voicing. The sound system also has vowels which are traditionally classified as ‘long’ and ‘short’.
The length distinction is arguably only one of the parameters for defining vowel distinctiveness for this dialect. Chapter II presents a much more complete discussion of this issue and of the overall sound system of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.

Structurally, Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, like other Algonquian languages, can be described as polysynthetic (Mithun 1999), allowing for very complex words which often carry as much meaning as a complete English sentence; an inflected verb may function as a complete clause. The basic grammatical categories of Innu-aimun are nominals, verbals and particles (Clarke and MacKenzie 2007). Nouns, which may be simple, compound, or derived, are classified as having animate or inanimate gender. Verbs are distinguished for several conjugations, or orders: Independent, used mainly for declarative sentences; Conjunct, used primarily in dependent clauses; and Imperative, used for commands (MacKenzie 1982). Verb stems are classified according to transitivity; transitive verbs are further categorized for the animacy of the object while intransitive verbs are classified according to the animacy of the subject. Verbs in Innu-aimun are thus categorized as Transitive Animate (TA), Transitive Inanimate (TI), Animate Intransitive (AI), and Inanimate Intransitive (II). Particles, unlike nouns and verbs, are uninflected; the members of this category correspond to numbers, adverbs, prepositions, and conjunctions.
1.3 The Scope of this Work

This sub-section identifies the focus of the thesis. An overview of the two linguistic processes under investigation is first presented. Next, the discussion turns to narrowly demarcating which aspects of reduplication and initial change will be described in this work for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.

1.3.1 Reduplication

Reduplication may be defined as a linguistic process “whereby a root, stem, or word is repeated in its entirety or, more often, in part” (Mithun 1999: 42). It appears to be especially prominent in Algonquian languages; for example, in Fox, just one text of about 2500 clauses contains 456 reduplicated forms (Dahlstrom 1997:206). Other researchers note the productive use of reduplication in a variety of Algonquian languages, such as Plains Cree (Ahenakew and Wolfart 1983), East Cree (Junker and Blacksmith 1994), and Innu-aimun (Drapeau 2006).

Reduplication is an iconic process signifying some kind of multiplicity or, in verbs, pluractionality. Reduplication may be applied to verbs in order to convey the idea of continuous or repeated actions.

(1) utâmueu1 “s/he hits him/her” ut-utâmueu “s/he hits him/her repeatedly”

(Mailhot 1999b: 2-4)

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1 Orthographic convention differentiates between long and short vowels by placing a diacritic above vowels designated as long.
In (1), the reduplication of utâmueu to ututâmueu extends the meaning of “hitting” to a repeated action.

Reduplication may also express the distribution of participants in an event, or events themselves, over space or time; this is seen in (2).

(2) mîtshishu “s/he eats” ma-mîtshishu “s/he eats from different piles, plates”

(MacKenzie field notes)

In example (2), the operation of reduplication distributes the event, the action of eating, over physical space.

Investigation into the reduplicative process in other Algonquian languages, such as Arapaho (Conathan 2005: 96), Ojibwa (Malone 1997: 443), and Fox (Dahlstrom 1997: 205), indicates that reduplication appears to be most productive on verbs. Ahenakew and Wolfart assert that, in Plains Cree, “practically any verb may be reduplicated” (Ahenakew and Wolfart 1982: 369). Nevertheless, this process is not limited to verbs exclusively but also occurs with such grammatical categories as nouns, numbers, and preverbs. The following reduplicated forms illustrate the application of reduplication to diverse categories of words:

(3) meme “woodpecker”

(4) gaagaagshiinh “crow, raven”

(Valentine 2001:508)
(5) mawi wîseniwa “he goes to eat” mâmawi wîseniwa “he goes often to eat”  
(Dahlstrom 1997: 210)

(6) nîsh" “two” nâ-nîsh" “two each”  
(MacKenzie field notes)

(7) pessish “close, near” pâpessish “closer and closer”  
(Mailhot 1999a:1-5)

Nishnaabemwin (3) meme and Innu-aimun (4) gaagaagshiinh exemplify the apparent reduplication sometimes found on words naming animals, birds mainly. Example (5) shows the reduplicative prefix attached to the Fox preverb mawi “go (in order to)”. In example (6), a number undergoes reduplication to signal distributivity, while the data in (7) demonstrate how reduplication may intensify the meaning of a particle.

The work of diverse researchers demonstrates that the general pattern for Algonquian reduplication is the prefixation of a partial copy of the base form to that base. This phonologically separate reduplicative prefix may take a variety of shapes, each of which may correlate with a particular semantic interpretation. The forms assumed by the reduplicant may be language-specific, with individual languages making use of particular reduplication types. For instance, the evidence of fully-productive verb reduplications shows two basic patterns of reduplication for Plains Cree: light reduplication, meaning an ongoing state or action, and heavy reduplication, meaning discontinuous or intermittent action (Ahenakew and Wolfart 1983: 370). These may combine to create a meaning of something ongoing and intermittent at the same time. Light reduplication is realized as
(C)a(y)-2; the reduplicative prefix has a short vowel, prespecified as /a/. Heavy reduplication exhibits the pattern (C)âh-, with a prespecified long vowel /â/ and /h/.

In contrast to the reduplication types found in Plains Cree, East Cree does not use two patterns of reduplication to provide semantic contrast. Junker and Blacksmith (1994), describing verb reduplication where only a short vowel is allowed, conclude that East Cree does not have two morphological types of reduplication (269). Fox, on the other hand, has two different patterns of reduplication: monosyllabic, with a continuative or habitual meaning, and bisyllabic, signifying distributed action. A doubly-reduplicated form is also possible, with the output of monosyllabic reduplication acting as a base for the bisyllabic type (Dahlstrom 1997). Drapeau (2006) identifies three types of reduplication for Betsiamites Innu-aimun: light reduplication (a monosyllable with a short vowel), heavy reduplication (a monosyllable with a long vowel), and the non-productive disyllabic type.

The preceding brief description gives a general picture of reduplication and some of the possibilities for realizing this process in Algonquian languages.

1.3.2 Initial Change

Initial change (hereafter referred to as IC) is “a modification of the first vowel of the verb stem” (Bloomfield 1946: 100). This phonological change of the stem-initial syllable is “systematic, depending on the quality of the initial vowel” (Campana 1996: 211). The process can apply to any verb in the conjunct order, with the structure of the

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2 (C)a(y)- C is the first consonant of the reduplicant; ( ) means optional; (y) is an optional epenthetic element.
vowel change varying according to the language. As an alternative to internal vowel change, Algonquian IC forms may simply be marked by the prefixation of an invariant vowel, which Bloomfield (1946: 100) identifies as a changed particle whose simple form does not occur. As with the internal vowel change, the form of the prefix manifesting IC varies from language to language.

Examples (8) and (9) illustrate typical outcomes for the operation of IC.

(8) kâshînamʼu  kiâshinak  e kâshinak
“s/he wipes”     “(who) wipes it?”    “(who) wipes?”
(9) nashkumeu neshkumât e nashkumât
“s/he thanks him/her” “(who) is s/he thanking?” “while s/he is thanking him/her”

As shown in these examples from Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, IC normally has two types of outcomes. In example (8), the application of IC to a base whose initial syllable contains a long vowel creates a disyllabic outcome: â > iâ. IC affects short vowels differently; in (9), the result remains monosyllabic after the ablaut change of the short vowel a to e. Both these examples also demonstrate prefixation as an alternative to internal change for manifesting IC.

There are a number of grammatical contexts where IC forms may be found. For instance, IC is seen regularly in question-word questions (those beginning with question-words such as “who”, tshekuen/auen, “what”, tshekuân, etc.) and in certain types of subordinate clauses, such as embedded clauses of time or wh- sentence complements. Changed forms may not only be linked to specific contexts; semantically, they may be
used to indicate a change of state, to highlight events that start the real action (Cyr 1996:193).

Clarke (1982) provides an in-depth discussion of the distribution of changed forms for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. The following examples from her description of IC demonstrate contexts requiring the use of a changed conjunct verb; this data further reinforces the variety of phonological outcomes used to manifest IC.

(10) pîmûteu “s/he walks” Auen pemûtet? “who is walking?” (Clarke 1982:85)

(11) tshissenitam tûtâk “he knows what he’s doing” (Clarke 1982:134)

(12) tshissenitam e tûtâk “he knows what he’s doing” (Clarke 1982:134)

Example (10) demonstrates a typical context requiring the use of a changed conjunct verb form. The use of a wh- question word such as auen motivates the application of IC; in this instance, IC results in a monosyllabic, ablauted outcome with the initial vowel $i > e$. In (11), the verb in a subordinate clause also requires a changed form; the application of IC modifies the initial vowel, $û$, in $tûtâk$ to $iû$. In this case, the outcome of IC is bisyllabic; material has been added to the original vowel.\(^3\) Example (12) presents an alternative for the context exemplified in (11); rather than exhibiting an internal change, the verb uses $e$ to carry the IC meaning.

This very cursory introduction to IC lays the groundwork for the ensuing in-depth discussion of this process by identifying it as a productive grammatical operation whose

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\(^3\) For Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, this bisyllabic change outcome for the long vowel /u:/ is not the usual result of IC; this will be further discussed in Chapter III.
range of outcomes may exhibit considerable variation throughout the Algonquian language family. The subsequent analysis of the collected data from this research discloses patterns for manifesting IC which are shared with other Algonquian languages, as well as those particular to the Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun dialect.

1.3.3 Defining the Focus of this Research

Research into the operation of reduplication and IC opens up intriguing avenues for comprehensive investigation into various aspects of phonology, semantics, and morphology. This thesis concentrates on describing the phonological patterning of reduplication and initial change, individually and in combination, for the Sheshatshiu dialect of Innu-aimun.

The research for this project has been conducted with the specific goal of gathering phonological data for analysis. Nevertheless, the collected material does allow certain observations to be made regarding other aspects of these processes; for example, particular items from the data do lead to some comments about the semantics of IC and reduplication. Such commentary, however, is not intended as part of exhaustive analysis since it is peripheral to the main goal of describing the phonology of these processes in the Sheshatshiu dialect. For an insightful analysis into relevant semantic concerns, the reader should refer to other sources such as Drapeau, who not only describes the form of
reduplicants⁴ but also addresses issues relating to the semantics of productive Innu/Algonquian reduplication (Drapeau 2006).

At this point, it should be stressed that this thesis is primarily descriptive in nature. References will be made to theoretical analyses that might offer some insights into the processes under investigation; however, the current work will not address the theoretical issues in any great detail. The references to linguistic theory will suggest potential avenues for future in-depth analysis of the theoretical issues raised by the patterns described in this work.

Another item to note concerns empirical coverage. The limitations of the collected data preclude quantitative detail; instead, as previously emphasized, this project concentrates on qualitative description.

1.4 Methodology

The description of reduplication and IC in this work is derived from data collected from both primary and secondary sources. The collection of original phonological data was a multi-step process which involved gathering material first from textual sources, organizing this material in a usable format in preparation for fieldwork, eliciting relevant linguistic forms from native speakers during fieldwork, and then collating all the collected forms in a database for subsequent analysis.

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⁴ As a point of clarification, reduplicant refers to the reduplicated segment in a word resulting from the process of reduplication; base is the term used for the form to which an affix is added.
1.4.1 Preparation for Fieldwork

As a preliminary to collecting data from primary sources, I set out to gather significant material upon which to base future elicitations. Texts held in the Native Languages Archive at Memorial provided a rich source for such material. Sources consulted include: MacKenzie’s (in progress) Labrador Innu Lexicon Database; Mailhot et al. (1999a & b): *Myths and Tales from Sheshatshit*; Clarke and MacKenzie’s (2007) Sheshatshiu Sociolinguistic Variability Project, Clarke and MacKenzie (2004), Clarke (1982), Drapeau and Mailhot’s (1991) orthographic guide, MacKenzie’s (n.d.) field notes, and Baraby and Bedard’s (1979) field notes.

I proceeded to conduct an exhaustive investigation of the textual material, gleaning approximately 800 Innu-aimun words, both non-reduplicated unchanged forms and forms already affected by reduplication and IC. Most of the forms gathered from these textual sources are verbs, but preverbs, numerals and particles are also included.

This collected material was organized into phonological categories according to the structure of the initial syllable, that is, the type of onset, if there was one, and quality and quantity of the initial vowel. Specifically, each word was grouped according to the following categories:

(a)  $<p>$ followed by various short/long vowels: $<pa>-$, $<på>-$, $<pe>-$, $<pe>-$, $<pi>-$, $<pî>-$, $<pû>-$, $<pu>-$,
(b)  $<t>$ followed by various short/long vowels: $<ta>-$, $<tå>-$, $<te>-$, $<ti>-$, $<tû>-$,
(c)  $<k>$ followed by various short/long vowels: $<kå>-$, $<ka>-$, $<ku>-$,
(d) <m> followed by various short/long vowels: <mâ>-, <ma>-, <mâu>-, <me>-, <mi>-, <mî>-, <mû>-, <mu>-

(e) <n> followed by various short/long vowels: <na>-, <nâ>-, <ne>-, <nî>-, <ni>-, <nû>-

(f) <sh> followed by various short/long vowels: <sha>-, <shâ>-, <she>-, <shi>-, <shî>-

(g) <tshî>-, <tshi>-

(h) consonants followed by <u> and various short/long vowels: <puâ>-, <pue>-, <tue>-, <tua>-, <kua>-, <kue>-, <nue>-

(i) <u> followed by various short/long vowels: <uâ>-, <ua>-, <ue>-, and <uî>-

(j) various short/long vowels: <â>-, <a>-, <ai>-, <âi>-, <î>-, <î>-, <û>-, <u>-

Using this categorized textual data, I worked with a native speaker at Memorial University to record spoken tokens of each of the base forms in order to both facilitate working with potentially non-literate speakers and also to compensate for my own non-native pronunciation. Next, working with the collected and recorded material, I prepared individual elicitation sheets for each base form to aid in keeping track of information gathered during fieldwork (see Appendix II). These sheets contained hypothesized reduplicated and IC forms and also helped focus on the variables under investigation,
including the type of reduplicative templates, prespecification in reduplicants\(^5\), and the ordering of reduplication and IC in forms combining these features.

### 1.4.2 Linguistic Fieldwork

Linguistic fieldwork to collect original data for subsequent analysis was an integral component of this research. During fieldwork in Sheshatshiu, from October 27 to November 10, 2005, I worked with native speakers of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, conducting sessions aimed at eliciting forms relevant to reduplication and initial change.

The material prepared prior to fieldwork provided a framework for each elicitation session. The previously recorded words from textual sources were played back to the language consultant and set in IC/reduplication contexts; the prepared elicitation charts outlining the research variables guided the questions posed during elicitation. I used a DAT recorder to record speaker responses; the recorded sessions were downloaded daily to a computer and the material reviewed in preparation for the next day’s work.

Subsequent to gathering data from primary sources during fieldwork, I carefully analyzed all the collected material and painstakingly isolated discrete linguistic forms using the CLAN (Computerized Language Analysis) program. A double-blind transcription process, in which Dr. Dyck and I independently transcribed each of the individual forms, ensured optimal accuracy of the material for phonological analysis.

After comparing and checking the two sets of transcriptions, I organized the final

\(^5\) Prespecification refers to reduplicants which are specified in advance rather than being solely defined by the nature of the reduplicative base.
transcriptions into a database categorized according to variables relevant to the processes under investigation. Of the 1049 transcribed words in the database, 269 are base forms, 232 are IC forms, 419 are reduplications, and 129 words exemplify a combination of both IC and reduplication. The description and analysis of reduplication and IC in this work are based on this transcribed material laid out in the database. As a resource for the reader, I have set out the collected, transcribed forms in Appendix III. These forms have been grouped according to the same categories of initial syllable structure used for classifying the data from textual sources, which guided the collection of original material.

1.4.2.1 The Language Consultants

Three native Innu-aimun speakers contributed their time and expertise to this project. Speaker 1, the primary language consultant who provided the majority of the original material, is a life-long resident of Sheshatshiu. As a young adult woman in her 30s, she gives invaluable insight into the current language of this community. This mother of three school-aged children is committed to maintaining her native language; she speaks Innu-aimun at home and encourages her children’s use of the language. She continues to learn new vocabulary from her own mother and defers to her language expertise for judgements concerning usage. Speaker 1’s mother, referred to henceforth as Speaker 2, also contributed to the fieldwork. This elder of the community, now in her early 60s, moved to Sheshatshiu from Sept-Iles in the 1960s, when her family was encouraged to settle there as part of the move to integrate the Innu into mainstream Canadian society. Some interesting points of contrast arise between her production of IC
and reduplication, and that of Speaker 1; these will be addressed as they become relevant in later sections. The third native speaker is in her late 40s; although she has lived in Sept-Iles for a number of years, she is originally from Sheshatshiu and maintains ties with family from there. This speaker assisted me on campus in the preparation for the fieldwork; she recorded the previously described wordlist used in the elicitation sessions with the other native speakers in Sheshatshiu. She also contributed a few items included in the database.

1.5 Thesis Organization

Following this chapter, which gives a basic introduction to the topics covered in this work, Chapter II examines the sound system, concentrating on the phonemic inventory in particular. This section establishes information fundamental to an examination of the phonological processes under investigation. Chapter III describes the operation of IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, recognizing the patterns signifying IC that are particular to this dialect. A description of reduplication follows in Chapter IV. This chapter lays out the reduplication material from the database in order to identify the language-particular patterns for this linguistic process. An exploration of forms containing both reduplication and IC logically proceeds from these descriptions. The next chapter brings together the operations of reduplication and IC, addressing issues arising from their interaction when applied to the same word. Finally, the work concludes by summarizing the major findings of this work and noting areas which merit further research.
Chapter II

Background Phonological Information for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

2.0 Introduction

An understanding of the fundamental characteristics of the Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun phonological system is a prerequisite to any discussion of specific phonological operations for this dialect. This section focuses on establishing basic information concerning the phonemic inventory of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun; this foundation will be pertinent to the later analysis of reduplication and IC. Unless otherwise noted, all examples are from the data collected during fieldwork in Sheshatshiu. The exemplary material follows the convention of using square brackets, [ _ ], to enclose phonetic transcriptions and slashes , / _ /, for phonemic transcriptions; orthographic representations are enclosed by angle brackets, < _ >.

2.1. Phonemic Inventory – Vowels

This section describes the vowel system for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, concentrating on the phonemic inventory but also outlining the phonetic possibilities for the individual vowel phonemes.
2.1.1 Table of Vowel Phonemes

The vowel system of Innu-aimun is traditionally grouped into pairs distinguished according to length; that is, <î, i>, <â, a> and <û, u>. The long vowel <e>\(^6\) has no opposing correspondent in Innu-aimun. The vowel system laid out in Table 1 includes both the phonemic representations and the symbols corresponding to these distinctive vowel phonemes in the orthography.

Table 1: Vowel Phonemes in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

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The phonemic vowel system presented in Table 1 includes the usual ‘long’ vowel phonemes /iː/, /eː/, /aː/, and /uː/, as well as the ‘short’ /u/. It also uses /l/ as a symbol to signify an unrounded short vowel phoneme which reflects the merger of the short vowels represented orthographically as <i> and <a> in this dialect of Innu-aimun. The next

\(^6\) There is no opposition between ê and e in Innu-aimun; the vowel represented in the orthography by <e> comes from the Proto-Algonquian *ê while PA*e became i in Innu-aimun. (Clarke 1982: 3).
section will discuss each vowel individually and comment on the merger of <i/a> as a single phoneme. The symbol /I/, as shown in Table 1, will be used throughout this work to represent this phoneme.

2.1.2 Vowels

The following sets of examples lay out each phoneme according to orthography, phonemic representation, and phonetic realizations of the vowels as found in the data. Illustrative words, with their phonetic transcriptions, demonstrate possible phonetic realizations for distinct vowels.

The following examples illustrate the manifestation of long <i>, /i:/.

(13) î /i/ [i:] mîneu “s/he gives it to someone” [mînîw]

(14) [i] tshîtûteu “s/he leaves (by foot)” [qîduːdew]

The phoneme /i:/ is usually phonetically realized as a long vowel [i:], as seen in (13), [mînîw]. However, (14), [qîduːdew], indicates that it may also be heard as a shorter variant [i]. The orthography for these examples reflects the underlying phonemic length distinction. Section 2.1.3 expounds further upon the issue of length distinction.

Examples (15) – (22) display a range of possible realizations for long <â>, /a/.
The phoneme /a:/ has a number of possible allophonic variants. Firstly, like the phoneme /i:/, the ‘long’ phoneme /a:/ may be realized as phonetically long or short; for instance, /a:/ is heard as relatively long in (15), [ægrofu:], and (17), [gæsibitew], but as a shorter variant in (16), [ga[ga]gawiw], and (18), [mæmædnom]. The phonetic realization of /a:/ as a more backed vowel [u] or backed and rounded [ʊ] is conditioned by the assimilation to adjacent [w], as exhibited in (19), [mawju:], and (20), [eː mowfut]. Vowels whose quality is [a/ æ] seem to vary freely in this data; for instance,
mâmâkuâtam\textsuperscript{a}, is heard as both [mâmægwa\textsuperscript{d}om] in example (21) and [mæmægwa\textsuperscript{d}om] in (22).

The long vowel <e>, /e/, is illustrated in examples (23) – (25).

\begin{align*}
(23) & \quad e & /e/ & \quad \text{[e:] petam}^{\text{e}} \quad \text{“s/he hears him/her”} & \quad \text{[pe\textsuperscript{d}om]} \\
(24) & \quad \text{[e]} & \quad \text{kuessipanu} \quad \text{“turn things over”} & \quad \text{[kwes\textsuperscript{i}pinu]} \\
(25) & \quad \text{[e]} & \quad \text{peshtaik} \quad \text{“(who) strikes it”} & \quad \text{[pe\textsuperscript{steyk}]}
\end{align*}

As previously noted, there is no longer an opposition between /e/ and /e/ in Innu-aimun (Clarke 1982: 3). The above examples indicate that, like other long vowels, this phoneme may be produced as phonetically long, with [e:], or relatively shorter, with [e]; this vowel is also realized with lax (24) or tense (25) variants. Clarke (1982: 4) suggests that syllable structure may influence vowel quality, so that /e/ is usually heard as a tense [e] in an open syllable, and as a lax variant [e] in a closed syllable. The data generally support this, but only as a tendency; for example, the /e/ in peshtaik (25) occurs in a closed syllable but is realized with a tense variation, [e].

Examples (26) – (28) demonstrate two dimensions of variation for the long round vowel <û>, /û/.
As already recognized for the other long vowels, the realizations for the ‘long’ vowel phoneme /u:/ may vary for length, as demonstrated in the contrast between the production of /u:/ in (26), nûkushu [nu:ɡu:ʃu:], and (27), e tûtâk [ɛ:tuɗakʰ]. The above set of examples also point to variation along the dimension of height, with /u:/ realized with a lower variant, [o], seen in (28) as well as the high [u(ː)], as found in (26) and (27).

The following sets of examples show the vowels symbolized orthographically as ⟨i,a⟩. These orthographic symbols represent a single unrounded short vowel phoneme /I/, which was historically two separate vowels *i ⟨i⟩ and *a ⟨a⟩.

(29)  ⟨i⟩  /I/  [i]  mîshkam⁴  “s/he finds it”  [mɪʃkəm]
(30)  [i]  nipâu  “s/he is sleeping”  [nipɔːwʰ]
(31)  [ə]  nipâu  “s/he is sleeping”  [nəpɔːw]
(32)  [i]  nîkamu  “s/he sings”  [nɪkɔːmuː]
Examples (29) to (40) demonstrate that the vowel \(<i>\) has a diverse range of possible phonetic realizations; it is variably produced in this data as \([i]\), \([i]\), \([\text{æ}]\), \([\text{i}]\), \([\text{a}]\), \([\text{i}:]\) and \([\text{a}]\). Examples (31), \([\text{n}əp:\text{ow}]\), (33), \([\text{n}əkimu:\text{h}]\), (34), \([\text{d}ə\text{m}ə\text{nu}]\), and (38), \([\text{man}ə\text{pətum}]\), show the neutral \([\text{æ}]\) as a common phonetic alternate for \(<i>\). Example (39), \([\text{men}ə\text{pætæk}]\), an IC form based on (38), \(\text{manipitam}^{\text{u}}\) \([\text{man}ə\text{pətum}]\), shows \([\text{a}]\) varying with \([\text{æ}]\) as another realization for \(<i>\). This vowel may also exhibit some variation in phonetic length, as seen in the relatively longer production of \(<i>\) in (40), \(\text{nishâshîpin}\), \([\text{niʃəʃiʃiβin}]\). As was noted for the long vowel phonemes, the underlying length of this vowel is not necessarily reflected in its phonetic realization. (The issue of using length to define phonemic distinctions will be addressed in 2.1.3.)
It is also worth noting that the short vowel <i> plays a unique role in word formation, acting as a connective element in many words. The literature contains various references to the use of <i> epenthetically between consonants. In his description of Algonquian, Bloomfield (1946: 90) describes connective i as appearing between a word-forming element ending in a non-syllabic segment and one beginning with another non-syllabic segment, or a cluster; Wolfart notes that, in Plains Cree, the consonant following connective i cannot be a semi-vowel (Wolfart 1973: 80). For Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, Clarke notes the use of connective i between consonants at a morpheme boundary (Clarke 1982: 13). Goddard describes the use of connective i at a morpheme boundary as a rule of internal combination or internal sandhi (Wolfart 1996: 433). Sandhi phenomena in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, both internal and external, will be expanded upon in 2.2.6.

The following group of data, (41) to (51), samples the range of alternations found for <a>.

(41)  <a>  /L/  [i]  mashineimueu  “s/he writes, owes money”  [muʃineimwew]
(42)  [i]  nashkumeu  “s/he thanks him/her”  [nuʃkumew]
(43)  [ə]  nashkumeu  “s/he thanks him/her”  [naʃkumew]
(44)  [i]  matshitütam’  “s/he does s.t. wrong”  [miʎduːdəm]
(45)  [ə]  nanamutâmu  “s/he has a shaky voice”  [nanaʃmutæːmu]
(46)  [æ]  nanamutâmu  “s/he has a shaky voice”  [naŋæmʊtæːmu]
(47)  [æː]  natau  “s/he hunts”    [næːntaw]

(48)  [ʌ]  akūtin  “it floats”    [Akutn]

(49)  [a]  akūtin  “it floats”    [akutn]

(50)  [a]  nanamatshu  “s/he shivers with cold”    [nanamitʃu]

(51)  [ə]  ninanamatshin  “I’m shivering with cold”    [nɔnantʃin]

Examples (41) to (51) indicate that <a> may be realized as [i], [i], [ə], [æ], [æː], [a] or [ʌ]. As with <i>, the more centralized, neutral vowel [ə], appears commonly as an alternate phonetic realization for <a>. In (43), [næʃkumew], (45), [nænəmutæmu], and (51), [nɔnantʃin], [ə] is seen to vary freely with other realizations for [a] found in (42), [nɪʃkumew], (46), nanamutamu [nænəmutæmu], and (50), [nanamitʃu]. Note that in (51), ninanamatshin, [nɔnantʃin], both <a> and <i> are produced with the same neutral vowel [ə]. Examples (46), [nænəmotæmu], and (47), natau [næntaw], point out that although <a> represents a phonemically short vowel, it may be produced as a relatively longer alternate.

A comparison of the short non-round vowels <i> and <a> reveals a number of similarities in their phonetic realizations. As observed from examples (29) to (51), these vowels are both produced as [i], [i], [æ], [a] or [ə]; each regularly appears as [ə] or [i].
There are also a few phonetic differences: <i> has the allophones [i], [iː] and <a> has [a] in addition to their shared realizations. Nevertheless, the examples above demonstrate that, for the most part, <i> and <a> are phonetically indistinguishable from each other. This is comparable to the situation of the short non-round vowels in Betsiamites Innu-aimun, where /i/ and /a/ have fallen together as [ə]; Drapeau also observes that this absolute neutralization of /i/ and /a/ is ongoing in several other Montagnais dialects as well (Drapeau 1981a: 33). MacKenzie (1980: 135) also discusses the process of short vowel neutralisation in Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects, noting that, in certain communities, younger speakers neutralise these vowels in all contexts. Clarke and MacKenzie (2004: 5) state that these vowels have almost completely fallen together, rendering the initial syllable in words like nimish and namesh indistinguishable from each other. The phonetic non-distinctiveness of these vowels, as discussed for the data, points to their merger as a single phoneme.

The phonetic evidence indicative of a merger of the historically distinct /i/ and /a/ is reinforced by the phonological patterns shared by these vowels. The evidence of common phonemic patterning includes, but is not limited to, the phonological processes of vowel deletion and IC.

First of all, both these vowels are subject to deletion in many environments (MacKenzie 1980: 116), including word-initial position and between homorganic stops and nasal consonants (Clarke 1982: 11). Examples (52) – (55) are illustrative.

(52) akûp    “coat”           [gup]
In (52) and (53) <a> and <i> are deleted word-initially. In (54), <i> undergoes deletion between homorganic consonants, an alveolar stop and an alveolar nasal; <a>, in (55), also occurs in an environment conducive to the deletion of this short vowel.

The type of change for these vowels in IC contexts demonstrates another commonality: an identical pattern of vowel shift occurs, with <i, a> changing to <e>, as seen below.

Examples (56) and (57) show that the short unrounded vowels symbolized orthographically as <a> and <i> manifest IC identically, by changing to <e>.

It should be noted that some instances of word-initial <i> are distinct since they do not conform to the usual behaviour for this vowel. In this position, <i> does show the expected IC pattern of change to <e>. However, Drapeau (1981b), describing the
situation for the Betsiamites dialect, says that not all instances of word initial <i> are subject to the procope which is usual for short unrounded vowels; she suggests that the initial <i> of some words is underliingly /i:/ rather than /i/. This issue will be revisited in Sections 3.3.2 and 4.2.11 as it becomes relevant to the description of the IC and reduplication processes.

Overall, notwithstanding the different patterning found in particular instances of word-initial <i>, the evidence of shared phonetic realizations coupled with common behaviour related to phonemic patterning validates the classification of the short unrounded vowels, <a> and <i>, as a single distinctive phoneme within the sound system. This work assumes this classification and refers to this phoneme as /I/.

Examples (58) – (61) outline possible variations for realizing the short round vowel <u>, /u/.

(58) u /u/ [u] kusseu “s/he is fishing” [kus:iw]
(59) [u] utâmueu “s/he is hitting him/her” [utæ:mwew]
(60) [o] puâmu “s/he dreams” [pu:o:m]
(61) [ɔ] ututâmueu “hit repeatedly” [utɔtâmwew]
(62) [ø] utâpân “car” [daban]

As seen from these examples, the short rounded vowel /u/ has a number of allophonic variations: [u], [u], [o], and [ɔ]. Its realization as [u] typically occurs in a
closed syllable, as in (58), while it may be neutralized with < ū> in a final open syllable, where both /u/ and /u:/ can be heard as [o], as found in (60), (Clarke & MacKenzie 2004: 5). The vowel /u/ is typically rounded but there are a few instances of [ə] as a variant, as seen in ututāmuel, [utətamwew], in (61); this is a rare occurrence, unlike the ubiquitous realization of <i,a> as [ə] in the data. Example (62), from Clarke & MacKenzie (2004: 7), shows that the short vowel /u/, like /I/, may be subject to processes such as word-initial short vowel deletion; however, /u/ is comparatively more stable and is less affected by deletion than the non-round short vowels (MacKenzie 1982: 103).

The vowel inventory of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Vowel Inventory

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2.1.3  *Phonemic Length Distinction in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun*

Section 2.1.2 has shown that ‘long’ vowels are realized as tense, and optionally long, while ‘short’ vowels are realized as lax and sometimes long. These observations raise the issue of whether length is still a basis for phonemic distinction in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. MacKenzie (1980: 93), for one, discusses the possibility of using ‘tenseness’ as a replacement for ‘length’. The relationship between a vowel system based on distinctive length and one which uses tense/lax distinctions may parallel attested changes in the vowel systems of certain other languages. For instance, Algeo & Pyles claim that in English vowels a difference based on tenseness has generally replaced an historical difference in duration. (1982: 34). Also, LeSourd (1993) proposes that the Passamaquoddy vowel system has replaced the traditional vowel-length contrast with a distinction based on stressable versus unstressable vowels.

The sound system of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun contains, underlyingly, both long and short vowels. This distinction is supported by phonetic evidence. Phonetically, ‘long’ vowels tend to be heard as relatively longer in duration than ‘short’ vowels. In word-medial syllables, long vowels are typically longer than short vowels although long vowels can be shortened. Short vowels are not typically lengthened synchronically. There is also a certain correlation between vowel length and tenseness, with long vowels being tense while short vowels are non-tense.

Phonetic evidence alone may be inadequate for defining phonemic status. A recurring theme in the previous descriptions of each Innu-aimun vowel is that the phonetic realization may not reliably identify a vowel as underlyingly long or short. As
Goddard (1991) notes for Fox, the perception of vowel length can be problematic. A case in point is *māmanātshinam* which, as exemplified in (18), can be realized as 

\[mæm\] with the phonetically short vowel \[æ\]; the orthography, however, recognizes this vowel as phonemically ‘long’ /a/. The orthography of such examples is accurate, since the actual phonetic realization of a vowel’s length may sometimes be at odds with its long/short phonemic classification. Criteria other than phonetic length or quantity can sometimes be used to distinguish ‘long’ vowels from ‘short’.

Phonological patterning is an important source for evidence of phonemic distinction. For example, word-initial short vowels tend to be deleted (Clarke 1982: 11). Syncope applies solely to vowels classified as short; in contrast, long vowels are not subject to deletion. As well, when vowels come together at morpheme boundaries, long vowels tend to be maintained while short are less likely to be preserved (Clarke 1982:13).

Another piece of phonological evidence for distinctive vowel length concerns the placement of pitch accent. Regarding dialects with non-final accent (which includes Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun), MacKenzie (1980) states that:

In di-syllables the long vowel receives the stress, the penultimate one in the case of a word having two long vowels. Where the word has two short vowels, one or the other carries stress. In words of three syllables or more, stress usually falls on the rightmost underlying long vowel. … If the long vowel stands more than third from the end, the penultimate or ante-penultimate short vowel will receive stress.

(p. 48)
The fact that the placement of pitch accent depends on the distinction between long and short vowels supports the existence of underlying long/short vowels.

The morphophonological patterns manifested by the process of IC also support the phonemic length classifications. Initial change patterns are the same, or similar to, patterns observed in languages that still maintain a length distinction. These patterns show underlying length even when phonetic length is contradictory. In (63) and (64), IC confirms underlying vowel length.

\[(63) \text{mâmanâtshinam}^u \quad [\text{mæmɪnædɲɔm}] \quad \text{miâmanâtshinak} \quad [\text{miyæmɪnædɲak}^h]\]

“s/he manages it carefully”

“(who) manages it carefully”

\[(64) \text{mamâtueu} \quad [\text{mæmæːt(u)wɪw}] \quad \text{mematuit} \quad [\text{mɛmæːduwɪt}^h]\]

“s/he moans”

“(who) is moaning”

In (63), \textit{mâmanâtshinam}^u, phonetically realized as [mæmɪnædɲʊm], the orthography represents the initial vowel as a long <â>; however, the phonetic quality and quantity of [æ] are more indicative of a short vowel. Nevertheless, the patterning particular to IC verifies that this vowel is actually a long <â>. The process of IC modifies the initial vowel in the verb \textit{mâmanâtshinam}^u to <iâ>-; this is the regular vowel shift that affects an unchanged long vowel <â> within a grammatical context requiring IC. In contrast, if such a change were based on the speaker’s identification of the initial vowel as a short, unrounded vowel /I/, IC would have a different outcome, with [æ] showing an ablaut change to /e/, as it does in (64). In this example, the initial vowel of \textit{mamâtueu} is
also realized phonetically with a short vowel [æ]; the IC process confirms that this vowel is, indeed, underlyingly short. (Table 5 in Section 2.4 may be referenced for details of the IC patterns found for particular vowels.) Examples such as these indicate that the IC form is not dependent on the phonetic realization, but on the abstract phoneme it corresponds to as reflected in the orthographic representation.

Overall, phonemic length for Innu-aimun vowels is supported by both phonetic evidence and phonological patterning. The phonemic distinction is ‘long’ versus ‘short’. Phonetically, the correlated distinctions are tense, and often long, versus lax, and often short.

2.2 Phonemic Inventory - Consonants

The phonemic consonant inventory of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun includes several oral stops, fricatives, a single affricate, and two nasals. The following table outlines the consonant system for this dialect. The orthographic and phonemic representations are identical, unless otherwise noted.

Table 3: Consonants of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

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<th>p</th>
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As can be observed in Table 3, Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun has no voiced oral stop, affricate, or fricative phonemes. There are also no liquids: Proto-Algonquian *l and *n have merged as /n/ in this dialect so that Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun is considered an n-dialect. (Clarke 1982: 2). A closer examination of the individual phonemes will enable a more detailed description of the consonant system.

2.2.1 Stops and Affricate

The following description outlines the phonetic realizations of the stops /p/, /t/, /k/ and the affricate /tʃ/ (k’ will be discussed later). Each phoneme is shown with its corresponding orthography; representative data illustrate possible phonetic realizations for each consonant.

(65) <p> /p/ [p] pâpu mishpun “s/he laughs” [pa:bu:]
     “it’s snowing” [mi]pʊn]
       [b] pâpu “s/he laughs” [pa:bu:]

(66) <t> /t/ [t] tepueu utâmueu “s/he yells” [te:bwew] “s/he hits him/her” [utæ:mwew]
     “s/he touches it” [da:dnom]
As the examples in (65) to (68) illustrate, the oral stop or affricate phonemes are phonemically voiceless; however, the three oral stops, /p/, /t/ and /k/, and the affricate /tʃ/ have both voiceless and voiced allophones in free variation. The consonant /p/ is heard as both [p] and [b] even in the same word, as in (65). Example (66) shows /t/ realized as [t] and [d]; /k/, as seen in (67), occurs as [k] and [ɡ]. Example (68) has both voiceless and voiced variants, [tʃ] and [dʒ], for the affricate /tʃ/.

Voicing of stops and affricates is not distinctive and is in part contextually conditioned (MacKenzie 1980: 86). Voiced allophones are favoured intervocally but are not exclusive to this environment. Pentland (1979) notes that Cree /p/, /t/ and /k/ can be voiced in intervocalic position. Wolfart (1996) describes free variation for Cree voiced and voiceless stops between vowels; however, stops between two short vowels are
realized as voiceless geminates (Wolfart 1996: 430). MacKenzie (1980: 87) also notes the tendency to voice word-initial stops while word-final stops tend to be devoiced. In contrast, Wolfart (1996: 430) states that, in Cree, stops in word-initial position are always voiceless.

The data for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun suggest that, although certain voicing alternatives are favoured in specific environments, the choice of voiceless/voiced allophones is not necessarily restricted to particular contexts; speakers exhibit free variation in producing these consonants in word-initial and intervocalic environments. For instance, in (67), kâshinâkanu shows that /k/ may be pronounced as either [k] or [g] ([kæʃɪnæɡɔ̃nu] vs. [ɡæʃɪnæɡɔ̃nu]) in word-initial position, unlike Cree stops in that environment (Wolfart 1996: 430). Example (68) demonstrates the same sort of free variation intervocally, as in [paːpaːtʃəw] vs. [baːsɪbaːsɪɬɬw]; this agrees with Wolfart’s description for Cree, as mentioned above, without the proviso for short vowels (note that the voiced alternate in [baːsɪbaːsɪɬɬw] occurs between short vowels).

One stop, not discussed until now, is represented either as <ku>, [kw], or <kʷ>, [kʷ]. This sound (or sequence of sounds) is present in a variety of environments; the examples in (69) to (71) indicate their range of distribution.

(69) **kuessipanu** “it turns over by itself” [kwesipinuː]

(70) **âshikuâteu** “s/he scolds him/her (once)” [aːʃɪɡwəɬɬw]
As seen in (69) and (70), the sequence <ku> is found word-initially and medially. The <k>, illustrated in (71), occurs word-finally.

Some researchers (such as Clarke 1982: 8) analyze <k> as a word-final labialized velar stop. However, it is unclear whether this sound combination represents one or two phonemes. Even word-final <k> could be analyzed as a word-final consonant <k> followed by a word-final vowel <u>. Similarly, the status of word-initial ku- followed by a vowel either as a complex segment of consonant + glide or as separate segments of consonant + vowel is ambiguous. Note, for example, the reduplicated forms in (72) and (73).

(72) **ku**kuessipanu “it keeps turning over” [gweːgwessipanu]
(73) **ku**kuessipanu “it keeps turning over” [guːgwessəbənuː]

The reduplicated forms in (72) and (73) are from the same speaker and demonstrate two possibilities for reduplicating kuessipanu. The reduplication in (72) treats <ku> as a single labialized consonant; that is, ku- is non-syllabic and requires vocalic material to complete a reduplicant. In contrast to this, the reduplication in (73) treats the same <ku> spelling as a sequence of <k> plus the vowel <u>. This issue will be
discussed in greater depth in Chapter IV as it becomes relevant to the analysis of reduplication for Sheshatsiu Innu-aimun.

2.2.2 Pre-aspirated Consonants

Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun does not have the pre-aspirated consonants\(^7\) that are found in some other Algonquian languages, such as Plains Cree (Pentland 1979). In Sheshatsiu Innu-aimun, the pre-aspirated consonants, \(*hp, *ht, *hk\), of Pre-Cree have been lost, with compensatory lengthening of short vowels (MacKenzie 1980: 68), as illustrated in (74).

(74) \( *Vhp > V:p \quad *Vht > V:t \quad *Vhk > V:k \)

The result of the loss of pre-aspirated consonants is seen in Sheshatsiu Innu-aimun words such as \(aku:p\), which corresponds to \(akuhp\) in Mistassini (MacKenzie 1980:64).

2.2.3 Fricatives

This dialect has two phonemic fricatives: alveopalatal /ʃ/ and glottal /h/; /h/, which has a very limited distribution, will be described first.

\(^7\) The data does show the presence of pre-aspiration in the word \(ueu̯pinak\), ‘(who) is lifting it up’, [weo(h)ponak\(^b\)]. This example may represent a residue of pre-aspiration for this dialect.
2.2.3.1 Phonemic /h/

Although most of the other consonants of this dialect occur in a range of environments, phonemic /h/, which is phonetically realized as an invariant [h], is found only intervocalically. This consonant is derived from Proto-Algonquian *h and is unrelated to the phonetic [h] which is one of the variants of /ʃ/; this will be described later in the discussion.

The limited distribution of /h/ is illustrated in the following example.

(75) < h> /h/ [h] ehe “yes” [eːheː]
    ūhu “owl” [uːhuː]

In addition to its restriction to an intervocalic environment, the distinctive consonant /h/ is further constrained to occurring between identical vowels, as it does in (75). The eastern palatalized dialects, such as Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, characterized by the palatalization of Proto-Algonquian *k to [ʃ], lose /h/ between vowels of different quality (MacKenzie 1980: 65).

2.2.3.2 Phonemic /ʃ/

The other phonemic fricative of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, /ʃ/, resulted from the merger of Proto-Algonquian *s and *ʃ. While *s and *ʃ remain separate phonemes in the central area of the Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialect continuum, they fall together as /s/
or /ʃ/ in the peripheral areas, including dialects such as Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, (MacKenzie 1980: 72); *s and *ʃ have merged as a single distinctive sibilant in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun as shown by free variation between [s] and [ʃ].

(76) nisht Ꙓ “three” [nɪʃtʰ]

(77) nânish Ꙓ “three each” [namɪʃtʰ]

(78) mishkam Ꙓ “s/he finds it” [mɪʃkəm]

(79) mamishkam Ꙓ “s/he finds things scattered around” [mamɪskəm]

(80) ushpūkən Ꙓ “pipe” [uspw PNG]

(81) ushpūkən Ꙓ “pipe” [usPw PNG]

(82) shâshîpiu Ꙓ “s/he is stretching” [ʃaʃiibiw]

(83) shîpîshîpanu Ꙓ “s/he is stretching quickly (it stretches on its own)” [ʃi:bîsibänuʔ]

Free variation of [s] and [ʃ] is common in many environments. For instance, the pairs of words in (76) to (81), show both [s] and [ʃ] as acceptable pronunciations of <sh> in pre-stop position. Clarke (1982: 8) describes the fricative in fricative + stop clusters as varying between [s] and [ʃ]. The alternation exhibited by the related examples in (82) and
(83) also suggests the possibility of free variation with [s] and [ʃ] intervocally. These examples show monosyllabic (82) and bisyllabic (83) reduplicated forms of the same base; the resultant intervocalic /ʃ/ in each case is realized variably as [ʃ] or [s].

While [s] and [ʃ] vary freely in many environments, it should be noted that the word-initial environment is more limited. The [s] variation is not produced word-initially although both [ʃ] and [h], which will be discussed later, are. In essence, the allophone [ʃ] has a wider distribution than the variant [s].

Notwithstanding the non-distinctiveness of [s] and [ʃ], certain relic contrasts do exist. For instance, contrastive sibilants enable the distinction between the diminutive and pejorative suffixes; the diminutive suffix <-iss> is always realized as [s], while the pejorative suffix <-ish> is always realized as [ʃ]. Examples (84) and (85) are illustrative.

(84) utâpâniss “little car” [dabanıs]

(85) utâpânish “old car” [dabanʃ]8

The minimal pair in (84) and (85) achieves the diminutive/pejorative meanings by contrasting [s] and [ʃ]. This usage is the only instance in which the historical contrast between *s and *ʃ still exists.

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8 The phonetic realizations in (84) and (85) are not part of the elicited material; these forms are extrapolations based on the expected pronunciation of the base and the diminutive suffix.
Apart from the examples just discussed, certain reduplicated forms also confirm the non-distinctiveness of [ʃ]/[s]; note the variations between base and reduplicant in these examples.

(86) kâssipiteu [gæːsiˈbɪtɛw] kâshkâssipiteu [ɡæʃɡæːsiˈbɪtɛw]  
“s/he scratches him/her/it once” “s/he scratches him/her/it (anim) repeatedly”

(87) kâssipitsheu [ɡæsɪpɪtʃiˈw] kâshkâssipitsheu [ɡæʃɡæsɪpɪtʃiˈw]  
“s/he rakes (not repeated, scratches once)” “s/he is raking”

(88) kashkatashteu [ɡæʃɡɔdˈʃtɛw] kashkashkatashteu [ɡæʃɡæɡɔdˈʃtɪw]  
“drawing a square” “it is placed, drawn in squares; it has a checked pattern”

In (86) and (87) the initial <kâss>- is reduplicated. However, despite the reduplication being based on the same forms, the reduplicant is [ɡæʃ] in (86) and [ɡæs] in (87). These reduplicative alternations demonstrate free variation between [s] and [ʃ].

Similarly, the initial syllable <kash>- in (88) is realized in the base form as [ɡæʃ], and in the base of the reduplicated form as [ɡæs] but as [ɡəʃ] in the reduplicant. The sounds [s] and [ʃ] seem to be normally interchangeable. These examples imply that the speaker recognizes [s] and [ʃ] as variants of a single phoneme rather than as distinctive consonants.
Unlike the other fricative, /h/, the phoneme /ʃ/ appears in a wide range of environments and exhibits a range of phonetic variations. In addition to the [s] and [ʃ] variants, <sh> /ʃ/ can also be realized as [h], which, as seen in (89) to (91), is not limited to the intervocalic environment of phonemic /h/.

(89) menuaʃhu “(who) is sneezing” [mɛnuwaʃhu]
(90) shiʃiʃ “duck” [ʃiʃiʃ] / [hiʃiʃ]
(91) shəʃ “already” [həh]

These examples in demonstrate the tendency, especially amongst younger speakers, for /ʃ/ to be realized as a phonetic [h], especially in intervocalic position (Clarke 1982: 18). The examples shiʃiʃ and shəʃ demonstrate that this realization is also possible word-initially and finally. This pronunciation is optional and creates no contrast; /ʃ/ and /h/ occur in free variation.

One consonant cluster, symbolized orthographically as <ss>, is always realized as [s]; this is illustrated in the following words.
(92) pessish “close” [peːʃʃ]

(93) káshkássipiteu9 “s/he scratches him/her/it repeatedly” [ɡæʃɡæʃʃibitew]

(94) káshkássipitsheu “s/he is raking” [ɡaːɡaːsipɪʃiːw]

(95) ishkuess “girl” [ʃkwes]

The <ss> cluster occurs intervocally in (92) to (94); (93) and (94) have been already discussed as evidence for free variation with [s] and [ʃ]. In (95), word-final <ss> signifies the diminutive, which has also been previously addressed in this section.

Historically, <ss> has resulted from the effect of palatalization on certain clusters, with $skV_{front} > sch > ss$. In synchronic terms, <ss>10 is not contrastive; it will be treated as a consonant cluster that is realized as [s].

2.2.3.3 Synopsis of [ʃ] and [s]

Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun has two fricative phonemes, /h/ and /ʃ/. The /h/ is a relic reflex of *h and is restricted to occurring between identical vowels. The sibilant fricative /ʃ/ results from the merger of *s and *ʃ; only relic contrasts between [s] and [ʃ] have been retained. The phoneme /ʃ/ is otherwise realized with the allophones [ʃ], [s], and [h], which

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9 It should be noted that my use of the orthography is not always phonemic. For example, in <kássipiteu>, the <ss> “reflects a stage of the language when ss < shch < shk” (Mackenzie 2008: personal communication).

10 <ss> and its spelling variants pose some problems for orthographic standards; this issue is addressed in Drapeau & Mailhot (1991).
occur in a range of environments and demonstrate a great deal of free variation in their usage. Finally, an historical consonant cluster found as <ss> synchronically is consistently realized as [s] phonetically.

### 2.2.4 Nasals

Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun has two nasals, /m/ and /n/, which appear in a wide range of environments. The following examples are illustrative.

(96) <m> /m/ [m] **minuâshu** “s/he is sneezing” [mɪnuwaʃuː]

   itâshkuaimu “s/he pushes it with a stick” [ɪdæɡweyɪ]

   mâmâkuâtamu “s/he chews” [maːmaːɡwaːdʊm]

(97) <n> /n/ [n] **nâneu** “four at a time” [naːneːw]

   mishpun “it’s snowing” [mɪʃpʊn]

As demonstrated in examples (96) and (97), nasal consonants may appear word-initially, medially, and finally; in each case, they are realized simply as [m] and [n].

Nasals are also syllabic after the process of short vowel syncope. The following data in examples (98) to (100) show the realization of /m/ and /n/ as the syllabic nasals [m̥] and [n̥].
Examples (98) to (100) illustrate the regular deletion of a short unrounded vowel between homorganic nasal and stop consonants; in each case, the nasal has become syllabic as a result. In example (99), the first person prefix <ni-> is affixed to a word beginning with an alveolar stop, /t/, while (100) shows the affixation of <ni-> to a vowel-initial word, which necessitates \( t- \) epenthesis. The affixation of the prefix <ni-> in these types of environments provides evidence for both syncope and the resulting realization of /n/ as a syllabic nasal.

The examples in (101) and (102) show the syllabic nasal as only one option for realizing the first person prefix. First person <ni> /nI/ or <nit> /nIt/, is variably realized as [ni-, nə-, ni-, ni:-, n̩, ɳ̩-, ɳ̣-]. The <ni-> alternant appears before consonant-initial verbs while <nit-> occurs when the verb is vowel-initial (this variation is discussed further in Section 2.2.6, page 50). In (101), the prefixation of <ni-> to a word beginning
with \( t \), a stop homorganic with the prefix nasal, produces vowel deletion; the resultant syllabic nasal, \([n]\), is a variant for the morpheme /nI/, signalling first-person singular. For comparison, if the conditions for nasal syllabification are not present, as in (102), other variants, such as \([nt]\), are used.

### 2.2.5 Glides

The inventory of sounds in Innu-aimun also includes two glides, or semivowels, \([w]\) and \([y]\). These are heard preceding or following vowels as in the following tautosyllabic sequences.

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\begin{align*}
(103) & \quad \text{wi-} \quad \text{wi-:} \quad \text{we-} \quad \text{wa-} \quad \text{wa-:} \quad \text{ew} \quad \text{aw} \\
& \quad \text{yi-} \quad \text{yi-:} \quad \text{ye-} \quad \text{ya-} \quad \text{ya-:} \quad \text{yu-} \quad \text{ey}
\end{align*}
\]

I assume that the glides are functioning as non-syllabic vocalic elements, /u/ or /i/, occurring before or after vowels. The \( y \)-glide also functions epenthetically, being inserted as a transitional sound between two vowels, as discussed in the next section.

### 2.2.6 Epenthetic Consonants

The sounds \([h]\), \([y]\), and \([t]\) are used epenthetically, providing transition between sequences of vowels. The contexts of their occurrence coincide with grammatical boundaries and show junctural patterns of external and internal sandhi. External sandhi
occurs at phonological word boundaries; in contrast, internal sandhi takes place within
the word (Wolfart 1996: 432). The insertion of [h] at word boundaries demonstrates the
operation of external sandhi, while the insertion of [y] at morpheme boundaries indicates
internal sandhi (Proulx 2005b: 196). The language (dialect)-specific patterns for using
epenthetic consonants may lead to insights regarding the prosodic status of particular
morphemes, including reduplicants, within that language.

In various Algonquian languages, the contexts in which [h] is epenthetic are
indicative of word boundaries. In Cree, epenthetic [h] occurs optionally after a final
vowel, V#, or before an initial vowel, #V, (Wolfart 1996: 431). The word boundary
may be realized by the gradual devoicing of the word-final vowel, shown by a
transitional [h] (Wolfart 1996: 433). Epenthetic [h] may also be found marking
boundaries in Plains Cree compound words; the final vowels of compound members,
which are treated as phonological words even if they do not occur separately, are also
subject to gradual devoicing, symbolized by [h] (Wolfart 1973: 75). There is limited
evidence for epenthetic [h] in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. An [h] sound sometimes appears
word-finally, #.

(104) pâbû “s/he is laughing” [pəbûh]\n
(105) nipâu “s/he is sleeping” [nipəuh]\n
(106) miâushut “(who) is picking berries” [miyəwʃutḥ]
Example (104) has a transitional [h] sound following a word-final vowel, as described for Cree. However, (105) and (106) also apply the [h] of external sandhi to words ending in a consonant or glide.

Reduplication provides another context for the appearance of epenthetic [h]. For instance, in Plains Cree heavy reduplication, [h] is the transitional sound between a reduplicant vowel and a stem-initial vowel (Ahenakew & Wolfart 1983: 371). In Fox (Mesquakie), bisyllabic reduplication of a vowel-initial base also requires epenthetic [h]. This supports Dahlstrom’s insight that the bisyllabic reduplicant is a minimal word (Dahlstrom 1997: 216); [h] marks a phonological word boundary between a bisyllabic reduplicant and its vowel-initial base. In contrast, the bisyllabic reduplication data for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun provide no comparable evidence of external sandhi (see Section 4.3).

Epenthetic [y] is also used to provide transition between contiguous vowels. It commonly occurs in the environment, V_V, marking morpheme boundaries within words. Clarke (1982: 13-16) describes the processes involved when vowels occur together at morpheme boundaries in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun; the insertion of [y] is typical between long vowels, V:V:, as it also is in Cree (Wolfart 1973: 81). The examples below provide representative data from Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.

(107) âiâkushu “s/he keeps getting sick” [æyæɡʊʃuː]

(108) uâ âpashtat “(who) needs it” [wayæ:bistatʰ]
The glide [y] is used epenthetically to connect vowels in each example. In (107), [y] occurs at the juncture of a reduplicative prefix and its base; in (108), [y] epenthesis marks the boundary between a preverb and a verb.

Although [y] usually manifests internal sandhi, it may also be found in Cree in the environment V#_, or _#V, if the word-final or word-initial vowel affected by external sandhi is a front vowel (Wolfart 1996:433). Certain examples, such as those that follow, indicate that [y] may also appear word-initially in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.

(109) e âkushit “while s/he is sick” [e yæːɡufiʔh]

(110) e âpashtât “while s/he is using it” [e yæːbəʃiːtatʰ]

Examples (109) and (110) show word-initial transitional [y] appearing between the front vowel of the e-conjunct and a non-round back vowel, <a> (or <â>).


Another type of epenthesis, with [t], is found in particular grammatical contexts, ni + _V, as exemplified below.
(111) ni + assî  nitassî  “my land”  [ntɔsi]

(112) nitâiáshikuâtau  “I am scolding him/her”  [ndæ:yæ:ʃiɡwaɔw]

In (111), epenthetic [t] marks the boundary between a possessive prefix and the possessed noun. When the possessive prefixes ni- (my), tshi- (your), and u- (his/her) are attached to nouns beginning with any vowel other than u, the consonant <t> is inserted between the noun and prefix. Personal prefixes attached to verbs in the independent order also require <t> epenthesis if the verb begins with a vowel other than u. In (112), <t> is inserted between the personal prefix, which identifies the subject, and the vowel-initial verb. The use of epenthetic <t> feeds nasal syllabification, as previously discussed in 2.2.4; in the above example, the elision of the short vowel in the prefix ni-, after the epenthesis of the homorganic stop [t], results in a syllabic nasal, [ŋ].

There are a few examples contradicting the expected assignment of [t] rather than [y] as the morphologically required epenthetic element used with personal prefixes.

(113) niâkushunan  “we’re getting sick”  [niyæ:ɡʊhnan]

(114) niaiatussin  “I’m working here and there”  [niyeytussin]

In both examples (113) and (114), the grammatical conditions should trigger [t] epenthesis; however, rather than applying a morphological rule, the speaker appears to have reinterpreted the rule and applied a phonetic rule calling for [y] epenthesis.
2.3 **Summary**

The consonant and vowel inventories of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun are summarized orthographically in the following chart.

**Table 4: Orthographic Vowels and Consonants**

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The evidence from phonetic realization and phonemic patterning supports a sound system for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun which contains the six distinctive vowels outlined in Table 4: four long vowels, <i> /i:/, <û> /u:/, <i,a> /a:/, <u> /u:/, and <e> /e:/; and two short vowels, <u> /u/, and <a,i> /I/. The /I/, resulting from the merger of the short vowels /a/ and /i/, is commonly realized as a centralized [ə]. The consonant system has three oral stops: <p> /p/, <t> /t/, and <k> /k/, and one affricate <tsh> /ʧ/. There are no phonemic voicing distinctions for the stops and affricate; each has, however, both voiced and voiceless allophones. As well, there are two voiceless fricative phonemes, <h> /h/, and <sh> /ʃ/; of these, /h/ occurs only between identical vowels, while [ʃ], [s], and [h], the allophones of
sibilant /ʃ/, are widely distributed. The nasals /m/ and /n/ also appear in a range of environments. The sound system includes the glides [w] and [y], which are heard preceding or following vowels; [y] is used commonly as an epenthetic consonant between vowels at morpheme boundaries. The proposed analysis of reduplication and initial change in this work will assume the sound system which has been outlined in this chapter.
Chapter III

Description of Initial Change in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

3.0. Introduction

This chapter aims to provide a detailed phonological description of the process of IC as it is realized in the variety of Innu-aimun spoken in the community of Sheshatshiu. As the description unfolds, one can see that IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun shares many commonalities with the operation of that process in other Algonquian languages; however, it also becomes apparent that Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun IC has certain features not found in other dialects.

3.1 Initial Change Strategies in Algonquian Languages

IC is defined most simply as “the traditional term used by Algonquianists for a process of first-syllable ablaut in verb stems” (Costa 1996: 39). As previously described in the introductory chapter, this process applies to verbs in the Conjunct order; IC is used in certain grammatical contexts, being commonly used with “wh-” questions and subordinate clauses. The application of IC to Conjunct verbs makes use of two basic strategies for realizing the changed form: a synthetic, idiosyncratic type involving internal change; and an analytic type which employs an invariant affix.

The internal change approach modifies the vowel in the initial syllable of a conjunct verb and may involve ablaut, lengthening, or –iy- augmentation. The forms of
the alterations not only vary according to the affected vowel, but also are particular to specific languages.

The affix characteristic of the analytic approach is variably referred to as a prefix or preverb; according to Costa (1996), it appears to be the changed form of an aorist preverb *a*- (42). The unchanged form of this preverb is only documented for Ojibwa; James (1991) states that it “no longer exists in Cree” (p.4). This affix seems to function solely as a “bearer of initial change” and is only used with conjunct verbs (Bloomfield 1958:62). For some dialects, the use of an invariant affix may constitute an innovation which simplifies the more traditional internal change strategy; Costa observes that younger speakers of the Ottawa dialect have reanalyzed IC in favour of the prefixation strategy, thus reducing stem allomorphy (Costa 1996:42). Proulx agrees, suggesting that the use of this preverb may be “a sign of language simplification” (Proulx 2005a: 18). Drapeau also notes a tendency in Betsiamites to replace the internally changed forms with the preverb *e:-* (Drapeau 1981:43). According to James, this preverb, common in Moose and in other Cree dialects, appears in place of a change in the initial syllable (James 1991: 4). Overall, however, the particular contexts in which each method is used are unclear and tend to vary from dialect to dialect.

The phonological shape of the internal change resulting from the operation of IC has been described for many Algonquian languages and dialects. Costa (1996), as part of his reconstruction of IC, summarizes the changes for a variety of Algonquian languages; MacKenzie (1980) details the patterns of change for the Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects specifically. The process of IC has also been described for individual languages;
for instance, Brittain (2001) and Brittain and Dyck (2005) examine IC in Western Naskapi; LeSourd (1993) looks at Passamaquoddy; and Proulx (2005a), Blackfoot. These descriptions illustrate that IC may be realized with a variety of outcomes; a comparison of the outcomes points to similarities in the approaches leading to the vowel mutations.

Table 5 outlines some of the internal change patterns for IC described by Costa (1996) for a sampling of Algonquian languages.

**Table 5: Initial Change Patterns** (Costa 1996:41-48)

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<tr>
<th>Unchanged</th>
<th>Ojibwa</th>
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The information in this table points out that, despite the differences observed for the outcomes of IC in different languages, there are obvious similarities in the methods employed to achieve these outcomes. Common strategies include qualitative ablaut, lengthening, augmentation, and even no overt change at all. Unchanged short vowels are typically lengthened with the application of IC. Of the languages outlined in Table 5, only Potawatomi, whose historical vowel system based on length oppositions has been replaced by a system of quality oppositions, shows no lengthening of short vowels. Ablaut is also very much in evidence as vowels change qualitatively; for example, the change of \(a \rightarrow e\): is found in most of the examples. Augmentation is a common method used when IC involves long vowels. As seen in Table 5, Ojibwa uses \(ay\)- as an augment for IC with the long vowels \(a\): and \(e\):; the \(ay\)- augment is also seen in relic forms of Shawnee. In some instances, no change is effected by the operation of IC; for example, Miami-Illinois \(a\:; e\:; and \(o\: show no change with IC.

It should also be noted that IC may not always be productive; in Shawnee, IC is becoming lexicalized with only \(o\) and \#\(e\) showing productive initial change. Interestingly, a productive pattern of change for Shawnee participles is reduplication, as in \(nepêwa\), “he is asleep”, whose changed form is the reduplicated \(nê\)nêpâta, “one who is asleep” (Costa 1996:46).

The outcomes for IC in the Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects reiterate the internal change patterns as previously discussed for other Algonquian languages. Table 6 outlines the outcomes of IC for a variety of these dialects.
Table 6: Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi Initial Change

(modified from MacKenzie 1980:187)

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<th>Vowel</th>
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<th>Moose</th>
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<th>Moisie</th>
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As Table 6 shows, the outcomes for IC in the Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects result from the same strategies used to realize IC in Algonquian languages generally. Unchanged short vowels are lengthened and qualitatively ablauted: \( i/a \) commonly become \( e: \); \( u \) becomes \( we: \). Initial change for the long vowels shows more evidence of change than was seen in the previously discussed languages. As seen in Table 6, all the long vowels change; \( e: \) and \( a: \) prefix the augment \( iy- \), and \( i: \) and \( u: \) in Plains and NWR use the augment as an alternative form of change. Note that this results in a two-syllable

<sup>11</sup> Northwest River is the name formerly used to refer to the Sheshatshiu dialect.

<sup>12</sup> Natuashish – formerly Davis Inlet.

<sup>13</sup> The realization as \( n \) is the result of \( y \sim n \) alternation (MacKenzie 1980: 188).
outcome. Costa (1996: 49) considers the *iy*- to be cognate with the *ay*- augment used in IC for languages such as Ojibwa, as previously discussed. The change for *â* shows the most variability, with only Davis Inlet showing no change. MacKenzie (1980:188) suggests that the *iyu:* in some dialects results from analogy with other long vowels.

As Tables 5 and 6 show, the outcomes for manifesting IC through internal change vary across languages. Comparably, the prefixation approach may demonstrate cross-language variability in the phonological shape of the preverb, sometimes referred to as the ‘dummy conjunct’, which is used to carry the IC meaning. For instance, this prefix is *â*- in Western Naskapi, *ê*- in Plains Cree and most other Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects, and *î*- in Woods Cree (Brittain and Dyck 2006: 2-3); Ojibwa uses *ê*-, Potawatomi *e*-., while Shawnee prefixes *ye(ː)h*- to produce changed conjuncts and, in Cheyenne, the invariant preverb *tséh*- functions like these prefixes. Like most members of the Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialect continuum, Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun prefixes the invariant vowel *e*:-.

### 3.1.1 Summary

The process of IC, which is signified by the basic strategies of internal change or prefixation, is used productively throughout the Algonquian language family. The outcomes for IC are not homogeneous across languages and dialects but may have a variety of possible language-specific morphophonological alternations. Nevertheless, despite the variations in the shape of the changes, the languages use common morphological processes to create IC outcomes; these include ablaut, vowel lengthening,
augmentation of an infix, and prefixation of an invariant element. The following description of IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun shows that this dialect also makes use of these common strategies to signal IC, resulting in patterns of IC particular to this dialect.

3.2 Overview of Initial Change in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun is a productive process signalled by predictable changes to both long and short vowels in response to contexts requiring IC. Grammatical contexts such as questions containing question words (for example, *auen*, *tshekuen*, “who”, and *tshekuán*, “what”) and subordinate clauses representing partially or totally completed events motivate the application of IC with a conjunct verb. As is the case for other Algonquian languages, verbs in the Conjunct Order in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun may undergo IC by using one of the two strategies described in 3.1: a synthetic type involving internal change or an analytic approach requiring the affixation of a ‘dummy conjunct’. Internal change, affecting the vowel in the first syllable of a conjunct verb, involves ablaut, lengthening, or –iy- augmentation. The alternate strategy appends an invariant prefix which, in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, takes the form of a “dummy” preverb <e->.

Defining the grammatical conditions for the employment of these individual strategies is beyond the capacity of this work, but a few observations can be made for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. Internal vowel change in verbs is the consistent strategy for
questions formed with an interrogative particle and, with a few exceptions, is not interchangeable with the e-conjunct. Clarke (1982: 127) notes that the prefixation strategy can be used with wh- questions when the initial vowel of the verb is û; this suggests the possibility of phonological conditioning. The data collected for this work has only a few examples demonstrating this; most verbs with û do not employ the e-conjunct strategy in this environment. The ‘dummy’ (e-) conjunct occurs consistently with subordinate clauses; during fieldwork, the elicitation of sentences introduced by ‘while, when, whenever (iterative)…’ almost invariably yielded an e-conjunct as the first response. Although e-conjunct is generally the preferred strategy for this context, in some cases substitution with a changed conjunct is also possible. In summary, the clearest employment of these strategies seems to relate more to grammatical contexts than to correlate with any other criteria for usage.

3.3 Description of IC Outcomes – Internal Change Approach

This section gives a detailed description of how the outcomes of IC vary relative to the types of bases affected by the process. These alternations are seen to be the result of the diverse internal change methods (ablaut, lengthening and augmentation) used to realize IC on individual vowel phonemes in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. The following representative examples illustrate the effect of IC by presenting the variable outcomes observed in the data. Comparisons of the phonetic realizations for the changed and

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14 One such example is the verb tûtam`. The speaker accepted both tiûtâk and e tûtâk for “Who is doing it?”; however, e tûtâk was the preferred option.
unchanged forms allow clearer insights into the exact nature of the changes involved in the process.

### 3.3.1 Initial Change with /a\n
Examples (55) to (62) illustrate the application of internal change for signalling IC in words with /a/ as the leftmost vowel of the verb base. In each example, the unchanged forms, represented orthographically and phonetically, are followed by the changed forms resulting from the application of IC.

(115) āpinamí [aːbinom] iāpinak [iyæːbønækʰ]
“unscrew it”

(116) nāshikupanu [naːʃigobinu:] niāshikupanit [niyaːʃigobintʰ]
“s/he falls down”

(117) pāpātshiku [papaːʒigu:] piāpātshikut [piyaːbæːʒagutʰ]
“it drips a lot”

(118) tākunamú [dæːgunom] tiākunak [diyaːgonakʰ]
“s/he holds it”

(119) puāmu [puəːmo] puïāmut [pwiyaːmʊtʰ]
“s/he dreams”

(120) kuāshketu [gwaːjweːduː] kuiāshketit [kwiaːjkwetitʰ]
“s/he jumps up”

(121) māushu [maːʃjuː] miâushut [miyaːʃjutʰ]
“s/he picks berries”
Several facts can be noted from this representative data. First of all, IC affects the initial, or leftmost, vowel of the verb. The operation of IC bypasses consonantal material, including consonant-semivowel combinations such as those in (119) and (120), and applies to the first vowel. If a verb is reduplicated, as are examples (117) pâpâtshiku and (122) shâshassikuâtam, the effects of IC are seen in the reduplicant, which is prefixed to the left edge of the verb stem.

Secondly, as a general rule, the operation of IC on bases with /a:/ as the first vowel results in a consistent output, comparable to the changes to /a:/ in other Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects, as discussed in Section 2.2: the -iy- is appended to /a:/, which is realized by a vowel whose length may show phonetic variation. Variable length is illustrated in example (118); the speaker varies the surface length of /a:/ in the IC forms [diyægonakʰ] and [diyægonakʰ].

It is also apparent that the phonemic status of the unchanged vowel, rather than the phonetic length, is the determinant for the pattern of change. Example (117), pâpâtshiku [papæʤigw:], shows the IC output for a verb whose leftmost vowel is phonetically short, though recognized in the orthography as long. In example (117), although the unchanged vowel is phonetically realized as [a], a short vowel, the result of
IC is –iy- plus a variant of /a/, consistent with an output for a bases with a phonemically long vowel.

Example (122) departs slightly from the usual pattern for this group. Whereas the other examples maintain the integrity of the vowel following the iy- augment, the IC form, shiāshassikuātak [jiyɔhæːsiːgwɔːdɔtʰ], has a vowel realized as [ə].

3.3.2 Initial Change with /iʃ/

The following set of representative examples illustrates the operation of IC on verb bases whose leftmost vowel is the long phoneme /iʃ/. For the most part, the data exhibit the changes, î > iâ or â, employing augmentation and ablaut to create an IC form.

(123) tʃiːtûteu [dʃidudew] tʃiːtûtit [dʃiːyæːduditʰ]
‘s/he leaves by foot’

(124) mîneu [miːniw] miːnât [miːyaːn⁹tʰ]
‘s/he gives something to him/her’

(125) pîtapîtuāu [pîːdɒpiːdɔwɔw] pîːtâpîtuat [piyædɔːbɾiːduwatʰ]
‘s/he smokes repeatedly’

(126) nîtautshin [nîtɔwɔʃin] nîtâutshik [niyatɔwɔʃikʰ]
‘it grows’

(127) mîtâteu [miːdæːdiw] miːtâtât [miːyaːdæːdɔtʰ]
‘s/he misses him/her’

(128) pîkupanu [piːgɔbiniː] pîːkupanit [biyɔɡubniːtʰ]
‘it breaks down’
These examples confirm the two internal change forms expected for verbs with /i:/ as the leftmost vowel: augmentation of –iy- plus ablaut, with ī > i/y/ā, as in (123) to (127); or ablaut, with ī > ā, illustrated in (129) and (130). When augmentation is used, the iy- affix is completed by the vowel /a:/, whose length is variably realized. There is also evidence that IC with /i:/ may employ the -iy- augmentation strategy with a neutral vowel [ə], as it does in (128).

The ablaut strategy, ī > ā, has already been observed several times in Section 3.1; Costa (1996) discusses this change for Ojibwa, while MacKenzie (1980) identifies it as a means for signalling IC in several Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects. However, this strategy appears to be employed much less commonly in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun than is -iy- augmentation. While the ā alternation shows up in all changed occurrences of the preverb <uî>, this data contains only a single instance of its use with a verb; this is seen above in example (129), tshānitshînikuânitshimit, “(who) went round and round”.

As was shown for /a:/, IC looks beyond the surface phonetic realization to determine the appropriate change to the relevant vowel. In (123), although the leftmost vowel of tshütûteu, [d̪iːtゥdew], is not phonetically realized as a long vowel, IC deems the
vowel to be underlyingly /iː/ and applies the augmentation plus ablaut method suitable for
this long vowel phoneme, resulting in the changed outcome tshi∧ituìt, [dỳiyɐ:du:diŋh].

Example (130) shows that IC recognizes a preverb as part of the verb complex,
applying the change to the first vowel of the preverb. The example below is also
illustrative.

“s/he wants to ask him/her”

In (131), the leftmost vowel of the verb complex occurs in the preverb; IC ignores the
onset and modifies the unchanged i in the preverb to the changed â.

Certain examples show what appears to be an atypical change for word-initial /iː/.

(132) ìteu [iːtew] etütìt [etʊ:dıtŋh]
“(I know where) he is going”

(133) ishpishpanu [iʃpiːʃpənu] eshpishpanit [eʃpiːʃbøntŋh]
“it keeps going’

Example (132) is obviously unusual; its initial vowel is clearly a long /iː/ as
shown by both the orthography and the phonetic realization. However, the IC form etütìt
suggests that the initial vowel is actually a short vowel underlyingly, since /e/ is the
expected IC output for /I/. In (133), the initial vowel of the unchanged form also displays the phonetic quality and quantity indicative of a long vowel /iː/. As observed for (132), the result of IC is [e], an outcome ordinarily expected for a short vowel. Given this analysis, [iː] could be another allophone for /I/. The explanation for these anomalies may lie in Drapeau’s insights into /iː/ in Betsiamites Innu-aimun. This issue was previously introduced in Section 2.1.2, p.27.

Drapeau (1981b) describes apheresis (the loss of sounds at the beginning of a word) for the short unrounded vowels /a/ and /iː/, which are centralised as [ə], and asserts that not all instances of word-initial /iː/ in the Betsiamites dialect are subject to procope because some words have /iː/ underlyingly instead of the historically expected short vowel /i/. However, the evidence of IC presents a counter-argument to this analysis, since the outcome of this process is /e/, indicative of an underlying short vowel. Drapeau answers this by proposing to add a condition to the formation of IC outputs: in the case where /iː/ is in word-initial position, IC creates the mutation #/iː/ → /e/ (Drapeau 1981b: 44). This analysis provides a logical explanation for examples (132) and (133) by recognizing that an alternative changed form exists for /iː/ in a word-initial environment. This type of positional conditioning involving IC is attested in other Algonquian
languages; as seen in Section 3.1, Costa draws attention to IC variations dependent on word-initial or post-consonantal environments in such languages as Miami-Illinois.  

3.3.3 Initial Change with /e/

The next group of examples illustrates the effect of IC on bases whose leftmost vowel is the phoneme /e/.  

(134) neneu [nenew] nienet [niyɛnɛt] “s/he breathes”  

(135) tepueu [teŋbwewʰ] tiepuet [tiyɛbwɛtʰ] “s/he is yelling”  

(136) nenekâtshu [neŋɛɡəɬu:] nienekâtshut [niyɛŋɛɡɛɡəɬutʰ] “s/he suffers”  

(137) puetshitu [bweŋɬiɖu:] puietshitut [pwiyɛŋɬiɖutʰ] “s/he farts”  

(138) petamʰu [peŋdum] pietâk [piyɛtakʰ] “s/he hears him/her”  

(139) kuessipanu [kwɛsɬipnu:] kuiessipanit [kwɨɬɛsɬipnɨtʰ] “s/he turns things over”  

(140) uepinamu [wepneŋnom] uiiepinâk [wiyəpınakʰ] “throws it away”  

15In some languages, the choice of IC strategy may vary according to the position of the initial vowel. For example, Costa (1996) shows that, in Miami-Illinois, word-initial e>i:, showing both quantitative and qualitative ablaut, while e preceded by an onset uses lengthening, with e>eː; on the other hand, # i>iː; signalling IC by lengthening, but Ci->Ceː-, using the ablaut strategy. Shawnee and Kickapoo have another variation; IC not only lengthens word-initial e-but also appends y- initially, so that #e->yeː-.  

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As shown in the above data, the method of appending \(-iy-\) to a stable long vowel phoneme dominates the internal changes resulting from the application of IC to verbs whose leftmost vowel is \(/e:/\). The output of IC for bases with \(/e/\) is \(<ie>\); the augment \(-iy-\) precedes the phoneme \(/e:/\), which is variably realized as \([e,e']\) or a lax allophone \([e]\). This pattern reflects that exhibited for the Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects outlined in Table 6, p.57. Example (140) presents another possible alternation. Rather than maintaining the integrity of the long vowel phoneme \(/e:/\), this option involves a change in vowel quality and quantity, realizing \(/e:/\) as \([ə]\). Examples (122) and (128) show that this alternative approach is also found for the long vowels \(/a/\) and \(/i/\).

3.3.4 Initial Change with \(/u/\)

Data representative of IC involving the phoneme \(/u:/\) illustrate the unique behaviour of this rounded vowel. The examples below lay out possible outputs for the \(/u:/\) in an IC context.

(141) \(m ūpu\) \([m ūpu]\) \(m ūpit\) \([m ūpit^h]\) "s/he visits’"

(142) \(k ūtaim\) \([g ūdeym^h]\) \(k ūtek\) \([g ūdeyk^h]\) "(who) knocks s.t. over?"

(143) \(ūnu\) \([u:nur]\) \(ūnut\) \([u:nur^h]\) "(what) is howling?"
These examples illustrate the atypical behaviour of ū. This long vowel usually manifests no overt change in IC contexts requiring the internal change approach. However, a few examples from the data express the possibility of utilizing -iy- augmentation, which commonly signals IC for the other long vowels. As seen in (145), the speaker provides both no-change and -iy- outcomes; this suggests some optionality in the choice of internal change approaches for marking IC for verbs with initial ū. Example (146), tūtam', uses the -iy- augment option; this IC form is considered acceptable although the e-conjunct form of this verb, e tūtāk, is used preferentially. The long vowel /u/ also stands apart from the other long vowels in the absence of a surface -iyə- form showing IC.

16 Nūkushu, an AI verb, was the form used during elicitation; the reply, nūkuāk, seems to come from nūkuan, an II verb.
3.3.5 Initial Change with /u/

The following data exemplifies the operation of IC on bases whose leftmost vowel is the short vowel phoneme /u/.

(148) kutueu [kuːtuweŋ]  kuetuet [kweːtuwetʰ]
"s/he makes a fire"  "(who) is building, making a fire?"

(149) kuukuåništshineu [kuːkwâniːɗeŋweŋ]  kuekuåništshinikut [kweːkwâniːɗeŋɡutʰ]
"s/he tickles him/her"  "(who) is tickling him/her?"

(150) ushīnu [uːʃīnu:]  ueshinâk [weʃinakʰ]
"s/he is smiling"  "(what) is she smiling at?"

(151) kusseeu [kuːʃeeŋw]  kuesset [kweʃet]
"s/he is fishing"  "(where) s/he is fishing"

(152) unīu [uːnɨu:]  uenît [weɲitʰ]
"s/he gets up from bed"  "(when) does s/he get up from bed?"

(153) ushtushtam’ü [uʃtushtam]  ueshtushtâk [weʃtustakʰ]
"s/he is coughing"  "(who) is coughing?"

As illustrated by the representative examples provided above, the short vowel /u/, like its counterpart, /û/, behaves uniquely in IC contexts. IC of bases with /u/, using the internal change strategy, causes both lengthening and ablaut in the vowel, as found consistently in the changed vowel <ue>. The changed form maintains the labial quality of its unchanged base with [w] but exhibits a change with the long vowel /e/, which may be realized as tense or lax.
As previously noted for the other vowels, the output of IC is not influenced by the actual realized length of the vowels but depends on the speaker’s recognition of the underlying nature of the vowel. For instance, although in (150) ushinu is pronounced with a long vowel sound [uː], the application of IC creates a change appropriate to an underlyingly short vowel /u/.

Example (153) offers another unusual instance of IC. The operation of IC on the base form ushtushtam⁴ offers two options. The first signals IC with the expected change $u- \rightarrow ue-$. The alternative changed form has $ue$ appended to the beginning of the verb with the original initial $u$ remaining unchanged. This is suggestive of a reduplicated form to which IC has been applied, affecting the vowel of the reduplicative prefix. Thus, IC analyzes the base form as if it were $u + ushtushtam⁴$ (note that $ushtushtam⁴$ is an already reduplicated word); epenthetic $y$ plays an internal sandhi role, separating the vowels at a morphemic boundary.

3.3.6 Initial change with /I/

The next set of representative data shows the effect of IC on verbs whose leftmost vowel is <a,i>, merged as a short, unrounded vowel phoneme $/I/$. As already observed for the other short vowel, /u/, the vowel /æ:/ appears in the outcome of changed /I/; unlike the changes required for IC with labial vowel /u/, the /æ:/ alone is sufficient to signify the changed form for this phoneme.
These examples point to a single approach used during the process of IC with the short vowels <a> and <i>, merged as /I/. An unchanged vowel /I/ in a context requiring IC becomes /e/, which may vary phonetically for length or tenseness; the lax variant often
appears in, but is not confined to, the environment of a closed syllable. Although the unchanged vowel itself displays considerable phonetic variation, as seen in the representative examples above, IC involving a short non-round vowel is consistently signalled by an ablaut strategy with the outcome /e/. This pattern of change appears to be widespread throughout Algonquian languages generally, as shown in data from Costa (1996) in Table 5, and in Cree-Montagnais-Naskapi dialects, as laid out in Table 6, which is based on MacKenzie’s (1980) description. The status of the leftmost vowel of the verb as word-initial or post-consonantal does not alter this strategy for realizing IC; in example (154), *ashameu*, the word-initial vowel displays the same mutation under IC as do the post-consonantantal vowels in the other examples.

Certain examples indicate that the process of IC operates on underlying rather than on surface elements. Example (162) is illustrative. The phonetic realization of *pimishinu* in (162) employs a phonological process of short-vowel deletion characteristic of this dialect (Clarke 1982:11); this feeds a syllabic nasalization process, resulting in *[pm̥ɪʃɪnu]*. Nevertheless, the operation of IC results in *pemishinit*, *[pɛːmɪʃɪnɪtʰ]*; IC effects a change recognizing the deleted vowel, /I/, as the leftmost vowel, rather than affecting the initial vowel of the surface form, *[pɪmɪʃɪnu]*.

When IC involves a verb preceded by a preverb, the appropriate change strategy is applied to the initial vowel of the preverb, that is, the leftmost vowel of the verb complex. Example (164), restated for convenience from the above data, shows the effects of IC on a preverb plus a verb.
The preverb *mishta* is considered part of the domain to which IC applies; the first vowel of the preverb stands as the leftmost vowel of the verb complex and is affected by IC, with /I/ > /e/.

### 3.3.7 Summary – Internal Change Strategy

Like other Algonquian languages, Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun utilizes several diverse approaches to create the internal changes which indicate IC. These include vowel ablaut, lengthening, –iy- augmentation, or even no change at all. The representative data lay out several outcomes (*iy+â, iy+e, iy+s, â, û, e, ue*) arising from the operation of IC on particular vowels. Certain examples also indicate that the outcome of IC is dependent on the underlying nature of the affected vowel, rather than the surface phonetic realization.

IC affects the left edge of the verb complex, applying to the initial, or leftmost vowel. Preverbs are considered part of the whole verb complex; if a verb in an IC context is preceded by a preverb, the change method is applied to the leftmost vowel of the preverb. The examples also show that, in the case of reduplicated forms, IC affects the initial vowel of the reduplicative prefix.
3.4 **Patterns of Initial Change**

Section 3.3 observes the effects of the internal change strategy for IC on various types of bases and identifies the potential outcomes of the process. This section analyzes the alternations comprising patterns for realizing IC; each pattern will be described separately.

Table 7 is an overview of the mutations previously described for signalling IC through the internal change approach and also sets out the prefixation strategy. Each unchanged vowel is presented with the form(s) required by an IC context; the changed vowels show a range of possible phonetic realizations as observed in the data.

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IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun has outcomes which may be divided into three distinct patterns, as laid out in Table 7. The first pattern, referred to in this work as the Changed I type, is attested in the literature (MacKenzie (1980), Clarke (1982), Costa (1996), Clarke and MacKenzie (2004)). The vowels are changed by ablaut, lengthening or augmentation; there may even be no overt change, as seen with /u/.

The outcomes observed in this data as comprising the second pattern, identified here as the Changed II type, are unattested by other sources but may represent an innovation for IC in this dialect. This strategy has a single outcome, [iyə], for changes observed with the long vowels /a/, /i/ and /e/ as well as with the short vowel /i/. The surface forms for /u/ and /u/ in Table 7 manifest the same change type but also retain the character of the rounded vowel /u(ː)/.

While the first two patterns use a synthetic type strategy, the Changed III pattern takes an analytic approach. This involves the affixation of a prefix, e-, to a conjunct form of the affected verb; the prefix remains invariant whatever the quality of the initial vowel.

The remainder of this chapter examines the Changed I, Changed II, and Changed III stratagems for marking IC in detail, focussing on describing the types of changes observed within each pattern.

3.4.1 Changed I Patterns

The Changed I pattern utilizes strategies previously discussed as common to other Algonquian languages, as well as to Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun: unchanged long vowels are
either ablauted (for example, ů > â), augmented by an infix such as [iy-], or even display no overt change (û > û); unchanged short vowels are ablauted and lengthened.

Each Changed I strategy tends to correspond with specific environments. For example, the -iy- strategy is typically used with long vowels â, î, ê, and û, resulting in the outcomes iâ (for both â and î), iê, and iû. The following looks within the Changed I pattern to describe the contexts relevant to each strategy.

### 3.4.1.1 Changed I Pattern – Initial Change Realized with -iy-V

The following examples illustrate the domain appropriate to the augmentation of -iy- to the leftmost vowel of a verb, in order to signal IC internally. For purposes of comparison, each example provides the orthographic and phonetically realized representations for both unchanged and changed forms.

(165) nûkushu\(^{17}\) [nu:ɡudio:] nûkuak [niyu:ɡak]  
“it appears” “what is appearing?”

(166) mâkuâtam\(^{11}\) [mae:ɡwæ:dom] mîkuatk [miyakwa:dae\(^{b}\)]  
“s/he bites it” “(who) is biting it?”

(167) pâkumu [braɡoum] piâkumut [piya:ɡumut\(^{b}\)]  
“s/he vomits” “(who) is vomiting?”

(168) nîtautshin [niɡtawdʒiŋ] niâtautshik [niyatawdʒiŋ\(^{b}\)]  
“it grows” “(what) is growing?”

\(^{17}\) As already noted for example (145), nûkushu, an AI verb, was the form used during elicitation; however, the outcomes [nu:ɡwak\(^{b}\)] and [niyu:ɡak], seem to come from nûkuan, an II verb.
The above examples show that one type of change, \( iyV^- \), a bisyllabic output, results from the application of IC in a particular phonological environment - each base has an unchanged vowel which is classified as long. The vowel completing the changed form may vary phonetically, but is phonemically identical to the base vowel for all but one vowel type, unchanged \( ì \), which combines \( iy^- \) augmentation with ablaut resulting in the \(-iya:-\) seen in examples (168) and (169).

Optionality of IC outcomes is also possible for some long vowels. Consider (171), restated for convenience from Section 3.3.4.

Both augmentation and no overt change are given as equivalents for signifying IC in this example. However, \( iy^- \) augmentation is an uncommon option in this data for marking IC with unchanged \( ì \); no change at all is a more usual stratagem.

There is no evidence in this data supporting a role for optionality in the choice between the alternations, \(-iyà\) or \( ò \), which mark the changed forms for the base vowel /ì:/.
The context for their use is not clear. As discussed in 3.3.2, only one example of a simple verb, the changed form *tshānitshīni*kuānitshīmit, utilizes this option; finally, all IC occurrences involving the abstract preverb *uā* use the ablaut strategy with the outcome *uā*.

### 3.4.1.2 Changed I Patterns – Ablaut/Lengthening

Ablaut and lengthening of the initial base vowel typically mark the realization of IC with short vowels. The next set of representative examples typifies these changes.

1. **(172)** *minātam*\(^u\) [\(m\)næːdɒm]  
   “s/he smells it”  
   *menātāk* [\(m\)næːdæk\(^h\)]  
   “(who) smells it?”

2. **(173)** *matshenimeu* [\(m\)tʃːenimɛw]  
   “s/he hates him/her”  
   *metshenimikut* [\(m\)tʃːenimigut\(^h\)]  
   “(who) hates them?”

3. **(174)** *nashkumeu* [nɔʃkumɛw]  
   “s/he thanks him/her”  
   *neshkumāt* [ŋgʃkumat\(^h\)]  
   “(who) is he thanking?”

4. **(175)** *ashameu* [æʃːamɛw]  
   “s/he feeds him/her”  
   *eshamāt* [eʃʃmat\(^h\)]  
   “(who) is feeding him/her?”

5. **(176)** *unīu* [\(u\)nyuː]  
   “s/he gets up from bed”  
   *uenīt* [\(w\)nɪt\(^h\)]  
   “(when) does s/he get up from bed?”

6. **(177)** *kutueu* [kutuwew]  
   “s/he makes a fire”  
   *kuetuet* [kwetuːwɪt\(^h\)]  
   “(who) is building, making a fire?”

As observed in examples (172) to (177), the operation of IC on short vowels employs both ablaut and vowel lengthening. The long vowel /e/ exists as a changed outcome common to verb bases with short leftmost vowels. This result is not influenced
by the fact that the unchanged vowels may be realized phonetically as short or long. In (176), \textit{unîu}, the short vowel /u/ influenced by IC is phonetically long [u:], in [uːnyuː]; IC applies a change appropriate to recognizing the underlying vowel as short.

Examples (176) and (177) reiterate the unique nature of /u/. The changed form of this short vowel retains the labial feature of the unchanged vowel while also realizing the /e/ outcome found for the other non-round short vowels.

### 3.4.2 Changed II Pattern for Marking IC

The data collected for this project also suggests the existence of an alternate type of internal change strategy for marking an IC form. This pattern, shown as Changed II in Table 7, has a single outcome [iyə] for changes observed with the long vowels /aː/, /iː/ and /eː/ as well as with the short vowel /I/. The Changed II type applies a single strategy to all non-rounded vowels; the unchanged vowel is augmented with [iy-] but the usually stable vowel completing the structure (/aː/, /iː/, /eː/, or /I/) is realized as [ə]. The surface forms for /uː/ and /u/ in Table 7 manifest the same type of change but also retain the character of the rounded vowel /uː(/). The Changed II approach to internal change may be signalling a move towards regularization for the IC process in this dialect.

These illustrative examples outline a variety of environments for the employment of this alternate strategy for signifying IC.
(178) shîpashiu \[jiːbæːʃuʔ\]  
’s/he is going under s.t.’

(179) mînuew \[miːnuwe:\]  
“s/he gives things away”

(180) nipâu \[niːpɔwʰ\]  
“s/he is sleeping”

(181) pîmishkâu \[bmisgaw\]  
“s/he paddles”

(182) tshîmikaitshieu \[dʒɪmɔɡeºʃew\]  
“s/he cuts wood”

(183) kuêkuetshimeu \[gweːɡwɛdʒimew\]  
“s/he is questioning him/her”

(184) uepinam⁼ \[weːpmom\]  
“s/he throws it away”

(185) shâshassikuâtam⁹ \[jaːhæːsigwadom\]  
“s/he fries things”

(186) nûkushu \[nuːɡufuː\]  
“it appears”  
(see Note 9)

(187) ušhtushtam⁹ \[utʃʃtɔm\]  
“s/he is coughing”

The Changed II pattern represents a novel approach to signalling IC. Typically, the IC pattern for long vowels utilizes the iy- augment and maintains the length of the associated vowel; that is, î > iyā; â > iyā, ê > iyē, and ū > iyû. Ablaut and/or lengthening
are common changes found with short vowels. Examples (178) to (187) show the regularization of IC by realizing the change for both long and short vowels as $[iy\partial-]$. The pattern surfaces slightly differently for $\hat{u}$ and $u$. In (186), the application of IC to $\hat{u}$ results in $iy\hat{u}$; this, arguably, uses the Changed I strategy of $iy$- augmentation with a long vowel which is maintained. Alternatively, this may be the result of $iy\partial- + \hat{u}$. The speaker may recognize $iy\partial$- as the appropriate change for marking IC, but the application of this process to an initial rounded vowel conforms to a preference for retaining the vowel’s labial quality in the surface form. Analysis as a Changed II type form may also offer insight into the unusual output of IC observed in (187). Again, the speaker may be applying a regularized IC morpheme, but the quality of $u$- surfaces in the output, such that $w + iy\partial- + u \rightarrow weyu$.

The innovative Changed II type strategy is found in a number of examples throughout this data, but the established Changed I pattern still dominates internal change. Nevertheless, the example below suggests some optionality in choosing between these patterns.

(188) tshimikaitsheu $\hat{d}im\omega ey\hat{d}ew$ tshiamikaik $\hat{d}iyam\omega e:\hat{k}^h$
“s/he is cutting wood(with an axe)” “(what) is s/he cutting (with an axe)”

tshemikaitshit $\hat{d}em\omega e:\hat{s}it^h$
“(who) is cutting wood (with an axe)”
In Example (188) the application of IC yields both Changed I \((i > e)\) and Changed II \((i > iy\) patterns. For the verb *tshimikaitsheu*, the Changed II outcome, *iyθ-*, appears as an alternate stratagem to the traditional ablaut approach for marking initial change.

### 3.4.3 Changed III Pattern - Prefixation Strategy: \(ê\)-Conjunct

Internal change is one method used to represent IC; the other basic strategy employs the prefixation of a ‘dummy’ *e*-conjunct prefix to a verb in the conjunct order. Costa (1996) identifies *e*- as originating from the changed form of a preverb *a*-, which is found in Ojibwa, though not in Cree (Wolfart 1973). The *e*- conjunct, which is variously referred to as a prefix (Clarke 1982) or an aorist preverb (Costa 1996), “indicates subordination in an entirely neutral way” (Wolfart 1973: 77). The presence of the *e*-conjunct does not affect the adjacent vowel of the verb; that is, the initial vowel of the verb remains unchanged. The following table illustrates the employment of this strategy with various base types.

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<td>(189)</td>
<td>mînuëu</td>
<td>[mînuwew]</td>
<td>e mînuet</td>
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<td>(190)</td>
<td>petam’t</td>
<td>[pe’dom]</td>
<td>e petåk</td>
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<td>(191)</td>
<td>âkushu</td>
<td>[aːgojuː]</td>
<td>e âkushit</td>
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<td>(192)</td>
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<td>[gwɑːɡwe’duː]</td>
<td>e kuâshkuetit</td>
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The preceding examples show that the prefixation of the e-conjunct is sufficient to signal IC. Example (191) illustrates that, in cases with vowel-initial verbs, the affixation of the e-conjunct triggers y-epenthesis, which separates the morpheme carrying IC from the unchanged conjunct verb. Other than epenthesis, the dummy-conjunct prefix has no effect on the verb; that is, the vowel that would normally be modified under an internal change strategy is unaffected by the prefixation of a dummy conjunct. The prefix occurs at the leftmost edge of the verb; if another element, such as a preverb or reduplicative prefix, becomes part of the whole verb complex, the dummy conjunct precedes these elements. For instance, in example (198), the concrete preverb, mishta, precedes the verb as part of the verb complex; the dummy-conjunct is prefixed to the preverb, standing left
of the complete verb. In the case of reduplicated forms, the e-conjunct is prefixed to the reduplicant. This will be further discussed in Chapter 5 when the interaction between IC and reduplication is examined.

### 3.4.4 Summary

IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun applies one of two basic strategies to conjunct verbs: a synthetic approach involving internal change to the initial vowel of the verb, or an analytic method using an invariant prefix.

The outcomes of IC using the internal change strategy are distinguishable as two separate patterns, equivalent semantically but representing a trend towards morphophonological simplification. The outputs of what is referred to as the Changed I pattern result from the application of strategies appropriate to the underlying nature of the affected vowels. On the other hand, the innovative Changed II pattern realizes IC with a single output common to all non-round vowels, regardless of quality or quantity. This strategy applies, as well, to rounded /u:/ and /u/, notwithstanding the surface variations which recognize the essential labial character of these vowels. The Changed II pattern may be a sign of a tendency towards regularization of the internal change strategy for realizing IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.

The Changed III pattern, unlike the internal change approaches, is straightforward. An invariant e-, whose sole purpose is to mark IC, is prefixed to the leftmost edge of the affected verb. The initial vowel of the verb remains unaffected by the application of the IC process.
Despite the diversity of their outputs, the IC strategies identified in this work as the Changed I, II and III patterns share a common domain of application. Regardless of the approach taken, IC affects the leftmost edge of the verb. If a preverb or reduplicant is involved, IC recognizes them as part of the complete verb complex and, typically, applies the chosen method to their left edge.

The next section focusses on the reduplication process for this dialect. The following chapter will then address the interaction of IC and reduplication in the same forms. Certain anomalous outcomes of this interaction will raise further issues concerning the operation of IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.
Chapter IV

Description of Reduplication in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

4.0. Introduction

Each section in this chapter contributes to a detailed description of the operation of reduplication in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, with a focus on the phonology characteristic of this linguistic process. Chapter I has already recognized that reduplication in Algonquian languages can apply to a range of grammatical categories but is especially productive with verbs. The reflection of this in Innu-aimun renders the reduplication of verbs central to this work, although the data to be examined do demonstrate instances of reduplication involving non-verbal categories. The description begins with some broad observations regarding the operation of reduplication in this dialect and then concentrates on the phonological patterns observed in the collected data.

4.1 Preliminary Observations

First of all, like IC, reduplication is a process which targets the left edge of words. As is typical for reduplication in other Algonquian languages, in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun prefixal reduplicants attach to the left edge of the verb stem. The co-occurrence of reduplication with other elements such as preverbs and pronominal prefixes, which are also applied to the left edge of a verb, may give some insights into the construction of Algonquian verbs.
Preverbs in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun appear to be added to the verb after the application of reduplication, as illustrated in (199).

(199) **úî mînamîneu** “s/he wants to keep giving things to someone”

In (199), the reduplicant is prefixed to the verb stem, with the preverb preceding the reduplicative prefix. This is comparable to reduplication in Western Naskapi, where preverbs are unaffected by reduplication since it applies to the left edge of the verb stem rather than the verb complex (Brittain 2003: 12). However, Arapaho (Conathan 2005: 100) and Fox (Mesquakie) (Dahlstrom 1997: 210) also demonstrate the possibility of creating a reduplicated form by attaching a reduplicant to a preverb. The following example indicates that this may also be an option for Innu-aimun.

(200)  

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<th>matshitùtam&lt;sup&gt;v&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
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<tr>
<td>“s/he does something wrong”</td>
<td>“s/he does something really wrong”</td>
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In (200), the concrete preverb <matshi>, “bad”, and the verb <tútam<sup>v</sup>> , “s/he does it”, form a verb complex. Reduplication applies at the left edge of the verb complex rather than the verb stem, copying material from a specific morphological constituent in order to modify it semantically. Thus, in the above example, reduplication operates on the preverb in order to intensify its particular meaning.
The interaction of reduplicants with pronominal prefixes provides further insights into the composition of a reduplicated verb. The literature describing reduplication throughout a variety of Algonquian languages, such as Ojibwa (Nichols 1980), Potawatomi (Hockett 1939), Western Naskapi (Brittain 2003), Fox (Dahlstrom 1997), invariably shows that pronominal prefixes are attached to the left of the reduplicant; Innu-aimun also displays this inflectional morphology.

As a rule, pronominal prefixes are never copied (Dahlstrom: 1997); nevertheless, the Sheshatshiu data includes these curious instances of reduplicated first-person verb forms.

(201) pishtaimʰ “s/he strikes it”
pa-pishtaimʰ “s/he strikes off one thing then another”
(202) ni-nipapishtain [niːnɑpɑːsteyn] “I am striking off one thing then another”
(203) nutshitatshimâu [nudʒiːdæːʤimɔw] “I’m dragging someone”
n-utsh-utshitatshimâu [nuʤuʤiːdæːʤimɔw] “I keep dragging someone”
(204) nā-ni-utshitatshimâu [næːniwɨʤiːdæːʤimɔw] “I keep dragging someone”

Examples (201) and (202) display reduplications associated with <pishtaimʰ>. The third-person reduplicated form predictably uses a common reduplicant, Ca-, which is prefixed to the verb stem. The reduplicated first-person form in (202), however, has an unexpected copy of the prefix, ni-, in addition to the copy of material from the verb stem;
other than a change in person, there appears to be no difference in the reduplicative meaning. Of course, the initial <nin-> may actually be the emphatic pronoun <nîn> rather than a reduplication. The next example is clearer. The reduplication of the first person form, <nutshitatshimâu>, in example (203) is not unusual; the reduplicant is a copy of initial base material and ni- is prefixed to the reduplicant. Example (204), on the other hand, demonstrates an atypical reduplication of <nutshitatshimâu>; <nâniutshitatshimâu> is an iterative form generated by reduplicating the personal prefix. Such anomalous forms may represent isolated incidences in the construction of reduplicated verbs; however, they may also be evidence of the predominantly phonological nature of reduplication, reflected in the speaker’s automatic repetition of any initial phonological material, regardless of its morphemic origin, in order to communicate a reduplicative meaning.

Whatever their source, reduplicative prefixes are monosyllabic or bisyllabic in structure. This typology is not unique to Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun; for instance, monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplication patterns are also described for Fox (Dahlstrom 1997), Yurok (Garrett 2001; Conathan and Wood 2003), Western Naskapi (Brittain 2003), and Betsiamites Innu-aimun (Drapeau 2006).

Each reduplication type potentially indicates particular semantic distinctions. For example, Fox distinguishes between the monosyllabic pattern of reduplication, denoting a continuative, habitual aspect, and the bisyllabic pattern, signifying an action distributed over a period of time or over a group of subjects or objects (Dahlstrom 1997: 206). In contrast, Drapeau (2006) claims that the bisyllabic pattern is not currently productive in
Betsiamites Innu-aimun and that the distinctions\textsuperscript{18} within the monosyllabic pattern are between the event-internal semantics of heavy reduplication and the event-external meaning of light reduplication.

Monosyllabic reduplication seems to be quite productive in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, appearing much more commonly than the bisyllabic type. The existence of semantic distinctiveness between these reduplication types becomes apparent in the following examples which illustrate the application of monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplicants to identical bases.

(205) \textbf{kukussikuâtam}\textsuperscript{u} \textsuperscript{[gʊgʊsːigwɑːdəm]} “s/he sews it many times, in different places”

(206) \textbf{kussikussikuâtam}\textsuperscript{u} \textsuperscript{[gʊsʊgʊsəgwɑːdəm]} “s/he sews it many times”

(207) \textbf{papishikuápu} \textsuperscript{[bɑbɪʃəgwaːbʊ]} “s/he closes her/his eyes suddenly”

(208) \textbf{pishipishikuápaniu} \textsuperscript{[bɪʃɪbɪʃəgwaːbɪnju]} “s/he blinks her/his own eyes repeatedly”

In (205) and (206), both structural types of reduplication apply to a single verb base, \textit{kussikuâtam}\textsuperscript{u}, The monosyllabic reduplication, \textit{<kukussikuâtam>}, “s/he sews it”, conveys a meaning of repeated, distributed action while the bisyllabic reduplication, \textit{<kussikussikuâtam>}, centres on the repetition of the action. In example (207) and (208),

\textsuperscript{18} Drapeau (2006) follows Cusic (1981) in categorizing pluractionality with event-internal repetition as a single event on a single occasion consisting of repeated internal phases and event-external as an action repeated on a single occasion or on separate occasions.
the choice of a monosyllabic or bisyllabic reduplicant with the base <pishikuâpu>, “she closes eyes”, also establishes a semantic distinction. The monosyllabic reduplication seen in <papishikuâpu> represents sudden action; in contrast, the bisyllabic reduplication seen in <pishi pishikuâpaniu> suggests repeated action. Such semantic distinctions are not necessarily maintained throughout all the data. Although monosyllabic reduplication can convey a meaning of an action distributed over time or space, it may also express continuation, repetitiveness, or intensity. The bisyllabic reduplication data carries such meanings as repetitiveness, intermittency, and distributed action; it is often semantically similar to the monosyllabic type.

The illustrative material in (205) to (208) comes from the oldest contributor to the data. Indeed, semantic distinctions between the monosyllabic and bisyllabic sorts of reduplication seem to be clearer for the older speaker. In certain instances the younger speaker provided both monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplications in response to the same elicitation, which may imply a blurring of semantic contrast between these methods for marking reduplication. There are also examples of monosyllabic reduplication being used for a third-person form while elicitation of the first-person form for the same base yields bisyllabic reduplication. The following illustrates this usage:

(209)  pu[pûtûtam] “s/he blows on it repeatedly”
(210)  ni[pûtûtaten] “I am blowing repeatedly”
(211)  ni[pûtûtapûtaten] “I am blowing repeatedly”
In example (209) a monosyllabic prefix marks reduplication with a third-person form. However, the speaker provides two options for reduplication with the first-person form: monosyllabic, as in (210), \(<ni\mathfrak{p}u\mathfrak{t}aten>\), and bisyllabic, as in (211), \(<ni\mathfrak{p}u\mathfrak{t}ap\mathfrak{t}aten>\); both these variants have identical meanings for this speaker.

Examples such as these may be indicative of a change in progress for the semantics associated with reduplication for this dialect or may even possibly reflect a change in language competence in the younger generation. The latter concern was raised by the primary language consultant for this research, the youngest speaker, who attributed discrepancies between her language and that of her mother to language loss. It is also worth noting that bisyllabic reduplication is considered synchronically non-productive for Betsiamites Innu-aimun (Drapeau 2006: 6); comparably, Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun could be moving towards a system in which only monosyllabic reduplication is available for productive reduplication. The majority of reduplicative prefixes contained in this data are monosyllabic; furthermore, as a point of observation, the youngest speaker most readily provided monosyllabic rather than bisyllabic reduplications during elicitation. Issues such as those noted above relating to language change and the semantics of reduplication are well beyond the scope of this study. Notwithstanding this, many observations gleaned during the course of this research, while peripheral to the focus on reduplicative phonology, certainly do raise questions worth pursuing in future research.

The remainder of this chapter focusses on describing Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun reduplication as a phonological operation. Separate descriptions of monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplication provide detailed representative data which outline the range of
phonological variants marking reduplication. Analysis of these variants enables the identification of the patterns of reduplication particular to this dialect.

### 4.2 Monosyllabic Reduplication

This section describes reduplication applied to varying base types resulting in reduplicated forms prefixed by monosyllabic reduplicants. In order to capture a comprehensive picture of the reduplicative process for this dialect, the representative data are examined separately according to phonological criteria such as the vowel quality/quantity of the initial base vowel, the presence or absence of an onset for the base, and the complexity of the base onset.

The individual data samples include both base and reduplicated forms; a comparison of their phonetic realizations isolates the reduplicant for the specified form. Descriptions of patterns arising from the outlined data follow each example set. A few facts concerning the data as presented should be noted. First of all, the orthography for many of the reduplications is based on the forms as provided by the speakers; the majority of these forms are not found in formal sources. Secondly, there are a few examples of reduplication where the base form is unavailable either because it was missed during elicitation, or a speaker indicated that a particular word existed only in a reduplicated form. These bases, marked as (?) in the examples, are extrapolated from the reduplications.
4.2.1 Monosyllabic Reduplication with <Cî-> /Ci/ Bases

Three types of monosyllabic prefixes, <Câ> /Ca/; <Ca> /Ca/; <Cî> /Ci/, signal reduplication for bases beginning with an onset and the long vowel /i/. The heavy <Câ> /Ca/ type is illustrated in examples (212) to (216).

(212) mîshaim [miʃeym] mâmîshaim [maʃmiʃim] [ma:-] “add a piece to something” “s/he patches it”

(213) shîpiu [ʃiːbiw] shâshîpiu [ʃaʃiːbiw] [ʃa:-] “s/he stretches” “s/he keeps stretching”

(214) uîneu [wiːnew] uâûîneu [waːwiːnew] [wa:-] “s/he names someone” “s/he talks about him/her”

(215) nîpâteu(?) [niːbædew] nânîpâteu [naeːniːbædew] [nae:-] “s/he walks around at night”

(216) nîsh [niʃh] nânîsh [naeʃniːʃ] [nae:-] “two” “two each”

The heavy monosyllabic reduplicant, <Câ>- (C/ə/-), illustrated in the above examples, contains an onset which copies the initial non-syllabic of the base form and a vowel realized as [a:, æ:]. This vowel does not maintain identity with the initial vowel from the base; instead, it appears to be prespecified for quality, while its length mirrors that of the base vowel. The C<â>- reduplicative prefix occurs in the context of C + /i/
bases throughout Algonquian reduplication, appearing as a dominant pattern in such languages as Fox (Dahlstrom 1997), Ojibwe (Nichols), and Menominee (Hockett 1981).

The light <Ca-> /CI/- prefix also marks reduplication with C<i-> base forms, as illustrated in the next set of examples.

(217) mînueu [mi:nuwew] mamînueu [mamînuwew] [ma-] “s/he gives things away” “s/he gives things to different people”

(218) pîminam[u] [bi:minom] papîminam[t] [pabîminom] [pa-] “s/he turns something (once)” “s/he turns something, e.g. taps, (over & over)”

(219) mîtshishu [mi:ʃu:] mamîtshishen [mæmi:ʃ innovate] [mæ-] “s/he is eating” “s/he is eating everywhere”

(220) nîtâutshin [ni:tawʃin] nanîtâutshin [nænîtawɗn] [næ-] “it grows” “it keeps growing”

(221) mînueu [mi:nuwew] nîmamînuen [nɔmamînuwen] [mɔ-] “s/he gives things away” “I give things to different people”

(222) nîmu [ni:mu:] nanîmu [nɔni:mu:] [nɔ-] “s/he dances” “s/he dances all the time”

(223) pîminam[u] [bi:minom] nîpapîminen [nɔpapîmın] [pɔ-] “turn something (e.g. taps) once” “I turn it over & over”

As seen previously for the C<â-> C/a/- reduplicative template, the light monosyllabic reduplicant, C<i-> C/I/-, shown with C<i-> bases in examples (217) to (223), also includes an initial consonant which is a copy of the base onset. The vowel, /I/, is realized phonetically as the short vowel sounds [a, æ, or ə] (recall that /I/ is the
phoneme representing the merged short vowels <i>, <a> and is often heard as [ə]). The reduplicative prefix contrasts with the base vowel for both quality and length, demonstrating prespecification for this light reduplicant.

Prefixation of the heavy syllable C<ɨ>- C/i:/, as in (224), is another option for achieving monosyllabic reduplication with C<ɨ>- C/i/ base types.

(224) tîtapanīu [tĭtāpɔnyu] tîtتانīu [tĭtiiːtɔpɔnyuː] [tิː-] “s/he rolls up once (in blanket)”

The realization of reduplication with a <Cɨ>- /Ci/- reduplicant, as in example (224), involves the exact copying of both consonant and vowel from the initial base material. In Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, <Cɨ>- /Ci/- appears to be rare as a reduplicative prefix; tîtîpanīu, as found in (224), is the only example of this pattern found in the data. This option also seems to have limited productivity throughout other Algonquian languages; for instance, both Dahlstrom (1997: 214), for Fox, and Drapeau (2006: 4), for Betsiamites Innu-aimun, identify this reduplicant shape as irregular. However, in Arapaho C<ɨ>-is included in the basic pattern for forming a reduplicated form (Conathan 2005: 96); as well, it is identified as a regular reduplicant for Western Naskapi, which does not have predetermined vowels (Brittain 2003: 7).
4.2.2 Monosyllabic Reduplication with <C â-> /Ca/ Bases

The outcomes of monosyllabic reduplication applied to bases beginning with <Câ-> /Ca/- show three types of monosyllabic reduplicants. These are <Câ-> /Ca/- and <Ca>- /Ca/-, the heavy and light open monosyllabic reduplicants already observed for <Cî-> /Ci/- bases, as well as <CâC->, a closed type. The heavy <Câ-> /Ca/- reduplicative prefix is illustrated in examples (225) to (230).

(225) kātipāu [gaːdibaw] kākātipāu [gaːgadibaw] [ga:]
“it has one ridge” “it is in ridges, terraced”

(226) tātshishkueu [daːdʒkwɔː] tātātshishkueu [daːdʒiskiw] [da:-]
“s/he kicks him/her (once)” “s/he kicks him/her repeatedly”

(227) uāpameu [waːpɔmhew] uāuāpameu [waːwɔmbmew] [wa:-]
“s/he sees him/her” “s/he is checking on it (anim.)”

(228) mākūatam’u [maːgwædɔm] māmākuātam’u [maːmaːgwædɔm] [ma:-]
“s/he bites it” “s/he chews it”

(229) shātshikatshipanũu [ʃæːtʃiŋadʒibɔŋyuː] shāshātshikatshipanũu [ʃæːʃæːtʃiŋadʒibɔŋyuː] [ʃæ:-]
“s/he sits on the floor & falls back” “s/he is sitting on a floor & falling back (repeatedly)”

(230) tākushkâtam’u [dæːgɔʃgædɔm] tātākushkâtam’u [dæːdæːgɔʃgædɔm] [dæ:-]
“s/he steps on it” “s/he steps on it one after another”
(231) pâtshiku \([\text{pa} \dot{x} \text{jgu:}]\) \[\text{p}a\pats{	ext{hiku}}\] \([\text{pa} \dot{a}\dot{x} \text{jgu:}]\) \([\text{pa}-]\)

“drip once”

“it drips a lot”

Examples (225) to (231) achieve reduplication with a <Câ-> /Ca: /- prefix composed of an onset matching the initial consonant of the reduplicative base and a vowel /a/, realized phonetically as [ä, æ, a]. The heavy monosyllable <Câ-> (C/a/) is the most common reduplicative prefix used with the C<â-> base type in the data. This reduplicant also occurs with this base in such languages as Betsiamites Innu-aimun (Drapeau 2006), Western Naskapi (Brittain 2003), and Ojibwe (Blain 1992). On the surface, this type of reduplication seems to maintain identity between base and reduplicant with an exact copy of the initial base material, specifically, the base onset and initial vowel. Even so, the possibility of prespecification, as found for reduplication with <Cî-> bases, cannot be completely ruled out, despite being obscured by base/reduplicant identity.

Examples (232) to (236) illustrate the light C<a-> /CI/- type reduplicant with C<â-> bases.

(232) nâshueu \([\text{næ}\text{ʃ}:\text{wew}]\) \[\text{nænâshueu}\] \([\text{nænæ}:\text{wew}]\) \([\text{næ}-]\)

“s/he follows him/her”

“s/he keeps following him/her”

\footnote{It should be noted that in some examples, such as (231) pâpâtshiku \([\text{pa} \dot{a}\dot{x} \text{jgu:}]\), the orthography seems at odds with the phonetic realization of vowel length. An examination of the IC form for pâpâtshiku yields piâpâtshikut \([\text{pi}\text{æ}\text{æ}:\text{ð}\text{jgu:}]\), a changed form indicative of an underlyingly long initial vowel, revealing that the phonemic vowel length of the reduplicant vowel is as recognized by the orthography.}
The light monosyllabic reduplicant, C<a-> (C/I/-) seen in (232) to (236), contains a consonant mirroring the base onset and a short vowel, usually rendered phonetically as [ə]; this vowel matches the initial base vowel for quality, though not for quantity.

Reduplication in East Cree (Junker and Blacksmith 1994) and light reduplication in Plains Cree (Ahenakew and Wolfart 1983) and Betsiamites Innu-aimun (Drapeau 2006) demonstrate the same reduplication pattern in this context.

The third reduplicant type, which appears to be a closed <CâC-> syllable, appears in (237) to (240).

(233) mâtisham" [maːtʃiːm] mamâtisham" [mæmaːtʃiːm] [mæ-] “s/he cuts it” “cut over & over in different places”

(234) kâshînàkanu [gæːʃiːnɔɡənu] kakâshînu [ɡæɡəʃiːnu] [ɡə-] “s/he wipes here & there”

(235) nânânu-pûshu [næntu:pʊʃuː] nanânatu pûshu [nɔnæntu:pʊʃuʔ] [nɔ-] “s/he is looking everywhere for a ride”

(236) pâshtaim" [baʃteym] papâshtaim" [baʃbeʃteym] [bə-] “s/he cracks it here and there”

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(237) kâshkâueu [gaʃgawiw] kâshkâshkâueu [gaʃgaʃgawiw] [gaʃ-] “s/he strikes, scratches it” “s/he scrapes it (with an instrument)”

(238) kâshkâueu [gaʃgawiw] nikâshkâshkâau [nɔgaʃgaʃgaʃw] [gaʃ-] “s/he strikes, scratches it” “I’m scraping it (with an instrument)”

(239) kâssipiteu [ɡæsibitew] kâshkâssipiteu [ɡæʃɡæsibitew] [ɡæʃ-] “s/he scratches him/her/it once” “s/he scratches him/her/it repeatedly”
Each of these examples shows a closed monosyllabic prefix, \(<\text{CâC}->\), marking reduplication on a \(<\text{Câ}->\) base. The reduplicant vowel reflects the initial vowel of the base form. The phonetic identity between reduplicant and base is emphasised by example (237); although the reduplicative base has a long vowel, /a/ [a:], the base vowel within the reduplicated form is phonetically realized as short, echoing the phonetic length of the reduplicant vowel. The reduplicant consonants also maintain identity with the stem; the onset matches the base onset, while the second consonant is a copy of the second consonant in the base. \(<\text{CaC}->\) reduplicants are also found for this environment in Betsiamites Innu-aimun (Drapeau 2006: 4) and, as an irregular form, in Fox (Dahlstrom 1997: 214). Example (240) is unusual in that the reduplicated form contains an unexpected consonant cluster as the coda for the reduplicative prefix. The reduplicant is an apparent monosyllable closed by two consonants, one copied from the first syllable of the base, the other from the second syllable.

Significantly, examples (239) and (240) express a different approach to creating a reduplicated form. The previous examples show monosyllabic reduplicants which copy material from a single syllable of the base. However, in (239) and (240), reduplication copies more than just a single syllable; both reduplicants copy material from the initial base syllable but are completed by copying from the second syllable. The analysis of \(<\text{CVC}->\) type reduplicants will be further discussed in Section 4.4.1.4.
4.2.3 Monosyllabic Reduplication with C + /u:/ Bases

The data reveal three types of monosyllabic reduplicants with <C ū-> /Cu/- bases:

the <Câ-> /Ca/- and <Ca-> /Ca/- prefixes, demonstrating prespecification in reduplication; and the <C ū-> /Cu/- reduplicant, showing reduplication as exact copying.

The heavy <Câ-> /Ca/- type is shown in (241).

(241) mûssineu  [muːsmənə]  mâmûssineu  [maːmuːsənew]  [maː-]
    “gather things together”

In example (241) a heavy monosyllable prefixed to the reduplicative base signals reduplication. The C<â-> prefix has an onset copied from the base while the vowel, contrasting with the quality of the initial syllabic of the base, appears to be prespecified.

The next group of examples illustrates reduplication with a light monosyllabic reduplicant, <Ca-> /Ca/-.

(242) mûpishtueu  [muːpiʃtwəw]  mamûpishtueu  [maːmuːpiʃtwəw]  [maː-]
    “s/he visits him/her”  “s/he visits many people, going from one place to another”

(243) nûtın  [nuːtən]  nanûtin  [nænuːdən]  [næ-]
    “it’s windy”  “it keeps being windy”

(244) nûkushu  [nuːɡʊʃuː]  nanûkushu  [nɪnuːɡʊʃuː]  [nɪ-]
    “it appears”  “s/he appears here and there”
As with its heavy counterparts, the light monosyllabic reduplicant, $\text{C}<\text{a}->$, illustrated in (242) to (247), has an onset mirroring that of the reduplicative base. Its vowel, symbolized orthographically as $<\text{a}>$, is the short, non-rounded vowel phoneme represented here as /I/; in these examples, its realization varies phonetically as [a, ə, i, ɔ] and is regularly heard as [ɔ]. The contrast in quality and quantity between the vowel of this reduplicant and that of the base implies prespecification of the reduplicative prefix.

Example (248) shows the third type of monosyllabic reduplicant, $<\text{C} \text{û}-> /\text{C}u/-,$ found with this base.

As seen in (248), the $<\text{C} \text{û}-> /\text{C}u/$ reduplicant is an exact copy of the initial syllable of the base, prefixed to that base. This occurs infrequently as a method for signalling reduplication with $<\text{C} \text{û}->$ bases.
The following examples, restated for convenience from (246) and (248), suggest that there may be options in choosing which prefix to mark reduplication on C + /u:/ bases.

(249) pūtātamũ [putætom] pūpūtātamũ [pu:putætom]

“s/he blows on it”

“s/he blows on it repeatedly”

(250) papūtātamũ [papu:taxtom]

“s/he blows on it repeatedly”

The data in (249) and (250) show that more than one monosyllabic reduplicant may signal reduplication for a single form. The variants for the reduplications, which come from the same speaker for the same elicitation, show the optionality for C + /u:/ bases of choosing either a C< ū > (C/u:/-) reduplicative template, exactly copying the initial syllable of the base, or a prespecified monosyllabic C< a>- (C/I/-) type.

4.2.4 Monosyllabic Reduplication with <Ce>- /Ce/ Bases

Reduplication with <Ce>- /Ce/- bases employs three types of monosyllabic reduplicants: the open monosyllables <Ce>- /Ce/- and <Ca>- /C/I/-; and the closed <CeC>- /CeC/-.

Examples (251) to (255) show the heavy <Ce>- /Ce/- type reduplicant.

(251) nekāṭshũ [ne:gaːʃũ] nenekāṭshũ [neːne:gaːʃũ] [neː-]

“s/he is abusing animals, children”

“s/he suffers (emotionally)”
(252) shepanu [ʃeˈbaːnu]    sheshepanu [ʃeʃeˈbaːnu]    [ʃe-]
    “it opens by itself”    “it keeps opening by itself”

(253) pekātaushu? [peɡæːdawuː]?
    pepekātaushu [pepeɡæːdawuː]    [pe-]
    “s/he is singing a lullaby to the baby”

(254) uepinam [wepnom]    ueuepinam [weːwepnom]    [we-]
    “s/he throws it away”    “s/he throws away stuff”

(255) teuekaitshu (?) [tewедɠuː]    tetuekaitshu [tetewegɛdʒuː]    [te-]
    “knock over and over (e.g. on wall)”

In (251) to (255), the <Ce-> reduplicative prefix is composed of an onset mirroring the base onset and a vowel varying phonetically as [eː, e, ɛ]. As with the <Cu-> reduplicant observed in Section 4.2.3, <Ce-> /Ce/- is an exact copy of base material, satisfying a need for identity between the reduplicative prefix and the initial syllable of the stem. This identity is phonemic, though not necessarily phonetic, as observed in variations between the base/reduplicant vowels. For instance, in the reduplicated form in (251), [ne neɡadʒuː], the lax vowel, [ɛ], differs slightly from the long, tense vowel in the original base form, [eː], and now contrasts with the reduplicant vowel, [eː]; despite these variations, phonemic identity is preserved between the reduplicant and base vowel.

The light <Ca-> /C/I/- reduplicant appears with <Ce-> bases in (256) to (260).

(256) teuetsheu [dɛːwiːʃiːw]    tateuetsheu [dæːdɛːweːʃiːw]    [dæ-]
    “s/he is playing a drum (knocks on it)”    “knock over and over”
Examples (256) to (260) employ the light monosyllable C<a-> to mark the reduplicated forms. In each case, the reduplicant has a consonant matching the base onset and a short vowel, which is usually realized as [ə]. This reduplicative option suggests the possibility of using a predetermined vowel in the reduplicant rather than creating an exact copy of base vocalic material.

There is also a third reduplicant type, seen in (261), for C<e-> bases.

(261) shepanu [ʃebənu] shepishepanu²⁰ [ʃebʃebənu:] [ʃeb-]
“it opens by itself” “it keeps opening by itself”

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²⁰ By orthographic convention, the <psh> consonant combination is not allowed but requires the use of an epenthetic vowel to provide a transition between the consonants, as seen in shepishepanu. Connective /ɪ/ is usually inserted between consonants at morpheme boundaries (Wolfart 1973: 80); Proulx (1977) ties connective /ɪ/ to primary derivation. However, the reduplicated form shepishepanu is rendered phonetically as [ʃebʃebənu:], with no evidence of an epenthetic vowel. This form will be analysed further in Section 4.4.1.4.
Example (261) presents the closed syllable, <CeC->, as an alternative to the open syllable template, <Ce-> or <Ca->. The reduplicative prefix [ʃə-] copies the initial consonants and vowels of the base but does not respect the syllable structure of the base. As already observed in previous examples of <CVC-> reduplicant types, reduplication not only copies the consonant and vowel of the first syllable, but also material from the second syllable.

As discussed for reduplication with C + /u/ bases, the results of the operation of reduplication on C + /e/ bases also suggest some optionality in the choice of reduplicants. The Sheshatshiu data contain instances of reduplication applied to a single base and resulting in two outcomes, with identical meanings. In (262) and (263), restated from previous examples, the same base is prefixed by a <Ce-> or <CeC-> reduplicant.

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\begin{align*}
(262) \quad \text{shepanu} & \quad [ʃəbənu] \quad \text{she} \quad \text{shepanu} \quad [ʃəbənu:] \\
& \quad \text{“it opens by itself”} \quad \text{“it keeps opening by itself”}
\end{align*}
\]

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\begin{align*}
(263) \quad \text{shepanu} & \quad [ʃəbənu] \quad \text{shep} \quad \text{shepanu} \quad [ʃəbənu:] \\
& \quad \text{“it opens by itself”} \quad \text{“it keeps opening by itself”}
\end{align*}
\]

Reduplication applied to the base shepanu is signified in these examples by prefixing either of the reduplicants <she-> /ʃə/ or <shep-> /ʃəp/ to the base. The choice of <Ce-> or <CeC-> reduplicant does not signal a change in meaning.
The next example, also from the above data, echoes the optionality illustrated in
Section 4.2.3 for C<û-> /Cu/- bases; that is, a <Ce-> base may be prefixed by either a <Ce-> or a <Ca-> reduplicant.

(264) teuekaitshu (?) [tewegɛdːuː]     tetuekaitsheu [tɛːwɛgedːuː]     [tɛ-]
“s/he knocks over and over (e.g. on wall)”

(265) teuetsheu [deːwɛxɭiːw]     tateuetsheu [dæːdeːwɛxɭiːw]     [dæ-]
“s/he is playing a drum (knocks on it)”  “s/he knocks over and over”

Examples (264) and (265) suggest some optionality in choosing either a C<e-> reduplicant, which copies the base exactly, or a <Ca-> prefix which employs a prespecified vowel.

While there may be a choice of which reduplicative template to apply to <Ce-> bases in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, this may not be the case for other Algonquian languages. For Betsiamites Innu-aimun, reduplication involving a base with /e/ as the initial vowel also employs /e/ as the reduplicant vowel (Drapeau 2006: 4). In Fox monosyllabic reduplication, if the initial vowel of the base is /e(ː)/, the reduplicant vowel is /e:/, as well (Dahlstrom 1997:211). Ojibwe reduplication with /e/ bases uses the same pattern, prefixing a copy of the base consonant followed by /e/ (Nichols 1980: 256). The descriptions of reduplication for these languages do not refer to the use of the common reduplicative prefix <Ca-> as an alternative for marking reduplication with <Ce-> bases.
4.2.5 Monosyllabic Reduplication with <Cu-> /Cu/ Bases

The few examples in this data of reduplication involving C<u>- (C/u/-) bases, as laid out below, suggest that there may be two possible types of monosyllabic reduplication for these bases.

(266) kussikuâshu [gʊsɡwɑːʃuː] **kukussikuâtam** [ɡʊɡusːɪɡwaːdɑm] [ɡʊ-] “s/he is sewing” 
“s/he sews it many times, in different places”

(267) kushpu(?) [kuʃpu](?) **kukushpin** [ku(h)kuʃpin] [ku(h)-] “going to the country”

Example (266) clearly identifies a CV- syllable marking monosyllabic reduplication with <Cu>- bases. This light reduplicative prefix, realized in the above example as <ku>- [ɡʊ-], copies the onset and initial vowel of the base form. The few available examples show no evidence of the ubiquitous C<a(ː)-> reduplicative prefix; nevertheless, due to the paucity of relevant data, other reduplicants cannot be totally ruled out as options for signifying reduplication in this environment.

In (267), <**kukushpin**>, the reduplicant, realized as [ku(h)-], could be recognized as a <Cu-> /Cu/- type, as shown by the orthography, with some pre-aspiration of the following stop. Note that this reduplicative prefix is not an exact copy of the initial base syllable, kush-, which is a closed CVC- syllable. However, there may be an alternate interpretation for the structure of the reduplicant. The [h] sound completing the reduplicant [ku(h)-] could correspond to the [h] alternate of [ʃ], as discussed in Chapter II.
This possibility may offer further insights into the nature of monosyllabic reduplication for this dialect. Assuming the possibility that the [h] sound in this example represents /ʃ/, the reduplicative prefix is actually /kuʃ/-, a closed syllable identical to the initial syllable of the base. So, the reduplicated form of <\text{kushpu}> is <\text{kushkushpi-}> [kuʃkuʃpi-], which is realized as <\text{kukushpin}> [ku(b)kuʃpin]. The [h] variant of /ʃ/ seems unusual in this pre-stop position, where [s] would be expected, but it would be more plausible if this consonant were considered to be at a word-boundary – in addition to its occurrence intervocalically, this variant also happens word-initially and word-finally. Although this single example does not constitute adequate evidence to label the monosyllabic reduplicant as a word, it does raise questions concerning the nature of the boundary between a reduplicant and its base.

4.2.6 Monosyllabic Reduplication with <Ca-> <Ci-> /CI/ Bases

As previously discussed, <a> and <i> represent a single unrounded short vowel phoneme, /ɪ/, often realized as [ə]. Data representative of reduplication for /CI/ bases reveal four types of monosyllabic reduplicants: <Ca/i-> /CI/-, <Câ-> /Ca/-, <CaC->, and <Ca-> plus an ablauted base. Examples (268) to (280) feature the <Ca/i-> type of reduplicative prefix.

(268) manipitam\textsuperscript{v} [man\textsuperscript{ə}pətom] \hspace{1cm} mamanipitam\textsuperscript{v}[mam\textsuperscript{ə}pətom] \hspace{1cm} [ma-]  
“tear out something” \hspace{1cm} “s/he tears up things”
(269) mashineimueu[m法定imwew]  
“s/he writes; owes money”  
ma$mashineimueu [ma法定imwew] [ma-]  
“s/he writes to, owes money to everyone”

(270) mishkam' [法定kum]  
“s/he finds it”  
ma$mishkam' [ma法定skum] [ma-]  
“s/he finds things scattered around”

(271) namutâmû (?) [法定mutâmû] (?)  
“s/he has a shaky voice”  
na$namutâmû [na法定emutâmû] [næ-]  
“s/he finds it”  
“s/he finds things scattered around”

(272) shiniku [法定inigu:]  
“s/he blows his/her nose”  
sh$shiniku [ʃ法定ɪŋogu:] [ʃı-]  
“s/he keeps blowing his/her nose”

(273) pimûteu [pimutew]  
“s/he walks”  
pi$pipimûteu [pi法定mûtew] [pi-]  
“s/he’s walking around, not straight”

(274) matshitûtam' [法定iðuðæm]  
“s/he does something wrong”  
ma$matshitûtam' [ma法定iðuðæm] [mæ-]  
“s/he does something really wrong”

(275) pishikuâpu [法定ogwæbu:]  
“s/he closes his/her eyes”  
pa$pishikuâpu [pæ法定ɪgwaðæbu:] [bæ-]  
“s/he closes his/her eyes suddenly”

(276) pishtaim' [法定steimh]  
“s/he strikes it (by accident)”  
pa$pishtaim' [pa法定tæym] [pæ-]  
“s/he strikes one thing after another”

(277) nashkumeu [法定kumew]  
“s/he thanks him/her”  
na$nanashkumeu [na法定kumew] [næ-]  
“s/he thanks one after another”

(278) shashkaim' [法定keymh]  
“s/he lights it”  
sha$shashkaim' [ʃ法定ækeym] [ʃæ-]  
“s/he lights a fire, one then another”

(279) nikamu [法定kimuh]  
“s/he sings”  
na$nikamu [na法定kømu:] [næ-]  
“s/he keeps singing”

(280) nikamu [法定kømu:]  
“s/he sings”  
ni$nikamuteu [ni法定kømodæw] [ni-]  
“walking along singing”
The predominant template for monosyllabic reduplication with /CI/ bases is a light CV- (/CI/) syllable, as exemplified above, prefixed to the reduplicative base. The onset matches the initial consonant of the base; the short vowel, matching the length and the unrounded quality of the initial base vowel, is phonetically realized as [a, ə, i, ɪ, ɔ], with [ɔ] heard most frequently. The possibility of predetermined vowels in the light reduplicants is obscured by the non-distinctiveness of <i, a>; the reduplicant vowel may be a copy of base material rather than a prespecification.

In the following set of examples an alternate type of monosyllabic reduplicant, <Cā-> /Ca: /-, also marks reduplication with <Ca> <Ci> bases.

(281) tipānam⁴ [tibæːnəm] tātipānam⁴ [tæːtibæːnəm] [tæː-] “separate one or two things” “s/he separates or sorts it”

(282) minātam⁴ [mɪnæːdəm] māminātam⁴ [mæːmɪnæːdəm] [mæː:] “s/he smells it” “s/he keeps smelling something”

(283) nisht⁴ [nɪstʰ] nānisht⁴ [nɑːnɪstʰ] [nɑː:] “three” “three each”

In contrast to its light counterpart, the heavy monosyllabic reduplicant, /Ca/-, appearing in (281) to (283) as [æː; ɑː], does not match the length of the base vowel. This prefix may represent a prespecified reduplicant as already described for other vowels.

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Example (284) illustrates another option for marking reduplication, the <CaC->
reduplicant type.

(284) kashkatashteu [ɡaʃɡɔdɪstɛw] kashkatashteu [ɡaʃɡɔsgadastiw] [ɡaʃ-] “drawing a square” “it is placed, drawn in squares”

In example (284), the initial syllable of the base is structured as a closed CVC-
syllable; the reduplicative prefix, <CaC->, copies this syllable in its entirety, including
the coda.

The final group of examples for the /CI/- bases shows reduplication signalled by a
<Ca-> reduplicant plus an ablauted base.

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21 This is one of two options for monosyllabic reduplication with pimûteu. The other, pipimûteu, seen in
(273), displays exact identity between the reduplicant and the initial base syllable. Yet, although the
speaker accepted this reduplicated form as a possible reduplication, it did not come readily to her as a
natural usage. Instead, she spontaneously volunteered the second reduplication, papâmûteu, with the
common C<a> - reduplicative prefix and the change to the initial vowel of the reduplicative base; this is the
normal form for all dialects.
In each of these examples the reduplicated form demonstrates not only the prefixation of a <Ca-> monosyllabic reduplicant, but also a change to the initial vowel of the base, with <i> lengthening to <â>. This ablauted root appears consistently for bases with <pim->, as illustrated in (285) to (287).

Various studies of Algonquian languages comment on such changes to this base with the application of reduplication. Bloomfield (1930: 6) considers this to be an archaic sort of reduplication. Wolfart (1973: 66) identifies a type of reduplication in Plains Cree that involves a change of the reduplicative root but considers it rare and non-productive. Siebert (1985: 587-588) examines a specific reduplication of this type, found in this data as (285) <papâmûteu>, and claims that PA *papâm- is a root and not just an irregular reduplication of *pem-. He cites Voegelin’s (1938:92-93) separation of these roots for Shawnee and also notes that Eastern Abenaki clearly distinguishes between and provides distinct reduplications for the two roots. Drapeau (2006: 4) provides an explanation for ablauted root alternations; her insight is that a number of roots have reduplicative alternates to the base roots, which will always be used in reduplication. This may also be a logical explanation for the variety of changes to reduplicative bases found in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.

Example (287), <pimishinu>, offers further insight into the reduplication process. The tendency to delete the short vowel between homorganic stop and nasal consonants results in this word being phonetically realized as [pimʃinu:]. Reduplication recognizes the underlying form, rather than the surface realization, as the reduplicative base; the
reduplicated form, 〈papāmishinu〉, shows the same pattern used by other 〈pim-〉 bases which have not undergone short vowel deletion.

4.2.7 Monosyllabic Reduplication with /tʃ/- Bases

Reduplication involving bases beginning with /tʃ/ is worth noting separately since it exhibits a pattern unique to this category. In contrast to the previously discussed reduplicants, which invariably contain consonants exactly matching their bases, /tʃ/-bases show a different reduplication strategy.

Overall, there are four types of monosyllabic reduplicants found with /tʃ/-bases:

〈tʃi-〉 /tʃi-; 〈tʃiC-〉 /tʃi:C-; 〈ka-〉 /ka-; 〈kaka-〉 /kaka-. The 〈tʃi-〉 type is illustrated in (288) and (289).

(288) tshîtshikâtuweu 〈[dʒikədwiw]〉
“cut branches with axe”

(289) tshîtshîtshâpâtâm 〈[dʒidæ:bædəm]〉
“s/he keeps looking at it”

Examples (288) and (289) illustrate how reduplication maintains identity between reduplicant and base. In each case, reduplication copies the initial material from the base so that the CV- reduplicative prefix, /tʃi-/, is an exact phonological copy of the first syllable of the base.
The <tshîC-> type reduplication in the following example extends the idea of copying base material.

(290) tshînikuânitshimeu [dʒiːmuː Completion] tshîntshînikuânitshimeu
[ŋiːmuː Completion] [n-]  
“s/he goes round once”  “s/he goes round and round (on a boat)”

The single example of a closed-syllable reduplicant, seen in (290), reiterates the strategy of creating a reduplicant composed of base phonological material; the CVC-reduplicant contains consonants and a vowel which are faithful to the initial elements of the base. However, unlike the CV- reduplicative template, <tshî->, this copy exceeds syllable boundaries; the second consonant is copied from the onset of the second syllable.

Examples (291) and (292) show the <ka-> type reduplicant, a departure from the exact copying clearly displayed by the <tshî-> and <tshîC-> types.

(291) tshimikaitsheu [dʒɪmœɡeɣəw] ni-ka-tshimikaitshin [ŋaɡədʒɪmœɡeɣən]  
“s/he cuts wood with an axe”  “I keep cutting wood” [ŋa-]

(292) tshishtâputâu [dʒɪstaːbutaw] ka-kashtâputau [ɡaɡɔstaːbudaw] [ɡa-]  
“s/he washes it”  “s/he washes one after another”

In these examples, reduplication with <tshi-> bases diverges from the expected pattern for copying; the reduplicant <ka-> contains the consonant <k>, which does not copy the surface representation [dʒ] of initial base consonant <tsh>. Instead, <ka->
appears as a reduplicant, reflecting the historical rather than the synchronic forms. The analysis of <ka-> as a relic reduplicant will be discussed in the next subsection.

Example (292) kakashtâputau, “s/he washes one after another”, utilizes the <ka-> reduplicant but exhibits a further anomalous change; the base form is itself altered, creating a match with the reduplicant and maintaining phonological identity between the reduplicant and the reduplicative base.

The following examples show <ka-> doubled, creating <kaka-> as an apparent bisyllabic reduplicative prefix with <tshi-> bases.

(293) tshîtâpâtam [tʃidəːbædom] kakatshîtâpâtam [kakatʃidəːbædom]
“s/he looks at it, reads it” “s/he reads one thing after another”

(294) tshimikaitsheu [tʃiʃeɡweːbɔŋu] kakatshimikaitsheu [kakatʃiʃeɡweːbɔŋu]
“s/he cuts wood with an axe” “s/he keeps cutting wood with an axe”

(295) tshîueshkuepanu [tʃiʃeɡweːbɔŋu] kakatshîueshkuepanu [gagadʒiːweɡweːbɔŋyu]
“s/he turns his/her head” “s/he turns his/her head again and again”

In (293) to (295), the structure of the reduplicant <kaka-> indicates that the speaker does consider base/reduplicant identity to be a hallmark of the reduplication process. Each of these examples contains what appear to be double reduplications. The speaker first applies reduplication by the expected prefixation of the <ka-> reduplicant prespecified for <tshi-> bases. This is sufficient for marking reduplication; however, the
already reduplicated form now becomes the base for a further reduplication. Examples (291), <ni\textit{katshimikaitshin}>, and (294), <\textit{kakatshimikaitsheu}>, are assigned the same meaning of repetitive action, despite the configuration of the prefix as a single or a double reduplication; reduplication is not reapplied in order to modify meaning. Instead, the speaker appears to be following a phonological imperative of reduplication, one which requires that the reduplicant be a copy of material from the reduplicative base.

It is also worth noting that the use of <\textit{ka}-> as a reduplicative prefix may involve some optionality; the examples in (289), <\textit{tshîtshîtâpâtam}'> [\textit{d\textgamma idæ:ba:dom}], and (293), <\textit{kakatshitâpâtam}'> [\textit{kaka\textgamma idæ:ba:dom}], have the same base form <\textit{tshîtâpâtam}'> but employ either <\textit{tshî}-> or <\textit{kaka}-> reduplicants. Interestingly, for this particular example, the choice of reduplicant seems to involve a change in semantics, with <\textit{tshî}-> signifying repetition and <\textit{kaka}-> distribution. This distinction does not apply consistently to the other examples of reduplication with /\textgamma /- bases. This particular instance may be pointing out the potential for refining reduplicative semantics by assigning functional meanings to individual reduplicant types such as <\textit{tshî}-> and the relic <\textit{ka}->.

\textit{4.2.7.1 Further Discussion of /\textgamma /- and /\textit{ka}/-}

In Section 4.2.7, reduplication for bases beginning with <\textit{tshî}> shows a departure from expected monosyllabic reduplication patterns. The reduplicant occurs as <\textit{ka}->, which does not appear to be a copy of the surface representation of the reduplicative base.
Recall that Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun is characterized by the palatalization of *k to <tsh> /tʃ/; <tshî> /tʃi:/ is historically derived from *kî. Synchronically, <tshî> /tʃi:/ is the underlying form; this reflects the historical palatalization but this process is no longer synchronic. The appearance of *kî as an underlying representation is a historical relic of the pre-palatalization form. Reduplication may recognize the historical base for <tshî-> forms, copying *kî as <ka->; this reduplicant resembles <Ca-> (light) reduplication. In summary, the <ka->, <kaka-> type reduplicants make sense as historical relics which remain synchronically faithful to historical reduplicative bases. Reduplication displays morphologization; as a semi-regular phonological operation it may become increasingly more arbitrary over time.

The existence of <ka-> as a reduplicant prefixing <tshî> bases suggests some possibilities for theoretical analysis. Firstly, the lack of phonological identity between reduplicant and base can be explained by considering reduplication as essentially a morphological operation, which is in accord with arguments such as that proposed by Inkelas and Zoll (2005). They claim that “reduplication results when the morphology calls twice for a constituent of a given semantic description” (Inkelas and Zoll 2005: 7). Semantic identity is the core of reduplication; surface phonological identity is not required (Inkelas and Zoll 2005: 18).

On the other hand, certain anomalous data suggest that an alternate theoretical approach, such as that developed by McCarthy and Prince (1986, 1994b, 1995, 1999, 2003) might be applicable to Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun reduplication. Their phonological model hypothesizes that reduplication realizes a reduplicative morpheme, RED, which is
unspecified for segmental content. The RED morpheme, which is in a relationship of correspondence with the base, is faithful to the phonological structure of the reduplicative base. Simply put, “Reduplication is a matter of identity: the reduplicant copies the base” (McCarthy and Prince 2003: 77).

The idea that reduplication is phonological copying is validated by evidence from the use of the <ka-> reduplicant with <tshî>-type bases. There are instances where the <ka-> prefix is reapplied to the base (see examples (293) to (295)), resulting in an apparent double reduplication, <kaka->, which is unmotivated by semantics. This double copy seems to be triggered solely by the requirement for phonological faithfulness between the reduplicant and its base.

4.2.8 Monosyllabic Reduplication with <kuV-> Bases

The unique patterns associated with the application of reduplication to <kuV-> bases also require separate consideration. The process of reduplication in this context may give some insights into whether <ku> is a single segment, /kʷ/, or two segments, /k/ and /u/. In fact, Dahlstrom (1997) uses evidence from reduplicated forms in Fox to argue for the /kʷ/ complex consonant analysis. The data for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun favour both interpretations. Three types of monosyllabic reduplicants occur with <kuV-> bases: <ku->, which points to a two segment analysis, and <kuV-> and <kuVC->, which suggest a single segment.

Examples (296) to (298) show reduplication manifested by the monosyllabic prefix, <ku->.
As seen above, bases beginning with <kuV-> are realized with a consonant-glide sequence [kw(gw)] plus the vowel. In (296) to (298), the reduplication process copies /k/ as the consonant onset and identifies /u/ as the syllabic element to be copied for the reduplicant vowel. On the surface, it appears that reduplication identifies the initial consonant-glide of the base as sufficient for creating a CV- reduplicative prefix.

The <kuV-> type of monosyllabic reduplicant is illustrated in (299) to (301).

These examples employ <kuV-> /kuV/ [kw(gw)V-] as an appropriate prefix to mark reduplication with this base type. The reduplicants are exact copies of the initial
syllable of their bases, recognizing /a/ in (299) or /e/ in (300) and (301) as the vowel elements for copying.

Examples (302) and (303) show <kuVC-> [kwVC] as another reduplicant option.

(302) kuessipanu [kwesipinu] nikuesskuessipatin [nɔgwesgweisibidm] [gwes-] “it is turning over” “I keep turning over”

(303) kuâshkuetu [gwajgwe:du:] kuâshkuâshkuetu [gwa:fgwa:jgwe:du] [gwa:j-] “s/he jumps up” “s/he is jumping here and there”

The closed syllable reduplicants are invariably copies of the complete initial consonant-glide sequence from the base and the vocalic material following the glide plus one more consonant from the base. Note, also, that in (302) reduplication does not respect base syllable structure; the reduplicant [gwes] copies the consonant from the second base syllable but does not include vocalic material to complete a second syllable.

Various Algonquian languages employ comparable methods for handling reduplication with this base category. For instance, in contrast to the patterns for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, Ojibwa retains kw- in the reduplicant when the base vowel is long, but loses post-consonantal w from the reduplicative prefix when the base vowel is short (Nichols 1980: 258-259). In Fox, the [w] is always copied to the reduplicative prefix, implying that k^w^ is a single segment (Dahlstrom 1997: 212). Betsiamites Innu-aimun uses both kwV- and ku- reduplicants with this type of base. Drapeau’s (2006: 3-5)
description includes examples which retain [kw-] in the reduplicant; an example showing a ku- reduplicative prefix is identified as arising from an ablauted root.

The Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun data exhibits variation in the analysis of initial <ku->; as demonstrated in previous examples, reduplication either retains /kw/ as a single segment that forms the onset for the reduplicant and completes the prefix with the following vowel, or copies only the /k/ as the onset and /u/ as the syllabic element in the reduplicative prefix. Some examples show this variation occurring for the same base. The examples below, restated for convenience, show evidence of the optionality of using either the <ku-> or <kuV-> type reduplicant.

(304) kuetshimeu  [gweːʃɪmew]  kuetshimeu  [kʊkweːʃɪmew]
“s/he asks him/her”

(305) kuessipanu  [kwɛʃiπiŋuː]  kuessipanu  [gweːgweːɔbɔnːuː]
“it turns over”

In (304) and (305), one of the reduplicated forms has a prefix exactly matching the surface representation of the initial syllable of the base; the consonant-glide and vowel are maintained in the <kuV-> reduplicant. The alternate form manifests the reduplicant as <ku->, which, on the surface, is not a complete copy of the first syllable of the base.

Further evidence of optionality in the choice of prefixes used to mark reduplication with this base type appears in (306).
Example (306) shows that the <kuVC-> reduplicant type may also alternate with other reduplicant options for the same base. Both these reduplications illustrate the /kɅ/ analysis of <ku->, although one uses an open monosyllable reduplicant type, <kuV->, while the other has a closed monosyllable type <kuVC->. Despite the variations, each reduplicated form carries the same meaning of repeated action.

In summary, the evidence from reduplication data for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun suggest that in a <kuV-> sequence the <ku-> can be analyzed either as a complex consonant, /kɅ/, or as a consonant followed by a vowel, /ku-/.

### 4.2.9 Monosyllabic Reduplication with <muV->, <puV-> and <tuV-> Bases

There are only a few examples of reduplications with these base types; nevertheless, like <kuV-> bases, they do possibly illustrate a type of dual analysis for <mu>, <pu>, and <tu>. The following examples show the range of reduplicant types, <Ca->, <CuV->, and <CV->, available for these bases.

(307) mueu [mwew] mamueu [mAmwew] [mA-] “s/he eats it” “s/he keeps eating it”
Example (307) uses the \(<Ca->\) reduplicant already shown for many of the previously discussed base types, though not apparently available for \(<kuV->\) bases. In this example, the \(<mu->\) of the base is treated as two separate segments; the \(<u->\) is not copied and the \(<m->\) is copied onto a \(<Ca->\) template. This option is not unique to Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun but is also found, for instance, in East Cree verb reduplication (Junker and Blacksmith 1994: 269). The reduplicated syllable contains an onset copied from the base and a prespecified low vowel.

In contrast to (307), in example (308), the \(<u->\) is copied; reduplication treats \(<pu->\) as a complex segment, /pʢ/, and the following vowel is copied as the vocalic material in \(<CuV-> / CʢV-\), a \(<CV->\) reduplicant.

Example (309) also uses a \(<CV->\) reduplicant type; however, there is one striking difference from the \(<CV->\) reduplicant of (308). The \(<u->\) is not copied either as an element of a complex consonant or as the vowel of the reduplicant; instead, the reduplicant copies the simple consonant /t-/ and the /e-/ which follows /u/ in the base.\(^{22}\) This process has a parallel in Ojibwa, where a \(Cw-\) cluster, other than \(kw-\), loses the \(w\) in the reduplicated syllable (Nichols 1980: 258). As well, in Fox, bases beginning with a

\(^{22}\) There is another possible analysis for the reduplicated form in (309), \(<tuepanu>\) \([tuepənu:]\). The initial sequence of the base form may be \(tawe-\), which is masked by the orthography \(<tue>\) (MacKenzie, personal communication).
consonant-glide sequence, other than <ku->, only optionally copy the glide (Dahlstrom 1997: 212). The reduplication in (309) suggests a comparable contrast between the patterning for <ku->, which always copies the <u-> in some form, and other <Cu-> base types in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.

To sum up, despite the scarceness of exemplary material, the evidence from these base types shows both <Ca-> and <CV-> reduplicant types. The CV- type reveals a possible dual analysis, either copying the <Cu-> sequence as a complex segment, /Cʢ/, or as a simple consonant, /C/; in each case, the reduplicant is completed by the vowel following <u->.

The next sections move from a focus on consonant-initial bases to a concentration on forms beginning with vowels. Reduplication with vowel-initial bases results in contiguous vowels, \(V_{\text{red}} + V_{\text{base}}\), at the morpheme boundary between reduplicant and base. The examination of individual vowel-initial base types shows a common approach to dealing with this hiatus: the use of epenthetic [y] (internal sandhi) between these vowels. Epenthesis with -y- is common in Algonquian reduplication; it is found, for instance, in Fox (Dahlstrom 1997:213), Western Naskapi (Brittain 2003:7), and Betsiamites Innu-aimun (Drapeau 2006: 4) monosyllabic reduplication and in Plains Cree (Ahenakew and Wolfart 1983:376) light reduplication.

Note that this data has no examples of monosyllabic reduplication for forms beginning with /e/ or /i'/; only /a/, /u/, /u/, and /I/ base types are discussed. This sort of limitation is not without precedent; Dahlstrom (1997: 213) comments on the range of
available examples for Fox reduplication with vowel-initial bases, noting that
monosyllabic reduplication has not been found for bases beginning in e:, i, î; or o:.

4.2.10 Monosyllabic Reduplication with Vowel-Initial Bases: <â> /a:/-

Monosyllabic reduplication with <â> /a:/- initial bases is marked by the prefixation
of <âi->, which exhibits three phonetic subtypes: [a:y-a:] (also heard as [a: y-a]);
[y:ə-y-a:] ([y æ:y-a:]); and [iy:iy-a:] ([iyɛy-a:], [iy-a:]). The [a:y-a:] subtype is shown in
(310) to (313).

(310) âshikuâteu [a:jigwɔdiw] âiâshikuâteu [æ:ya:jigwɔdiw] [æ: + y-]
“s/he scolds him/her (once)” “s/he scolds him/her”

(311) âkuetunam'(?)[æ:gwe:dunom](?) âiâkuetunam[œ:ya:gwe:dunom] [æ: + y-]
“carries it piled up one on top of the other”

(312) âshtemeu [æ:ʃte:mew] âiâshtemeu [æ:ya:ʃte:mew] [æ + y-]
“s/he argues, answers back” “s/he keeps answering back”

(313) âtshiû [yæ:ʃiwi] âiâtshiû [a:ya:ʃu:] [a: + y-]
“s/he moves” “s/he moves around”

Examples (310) to (313) illustrate the most common pattern for signalling
monosyllabic reduplication with /a:/ initial bases - the prefixation of [a:y-], also realized
as [æ:y-, æy-]. The reduplicant, /V:-/, contains a copy of the initial base vowel; an
epenthetic [y] breaks the hiatus between the reduplicant and base vowels, acting as an
onset for the initial syllable of the base. This insertion of [y] indicates internal sandhi marking the morpheme boundary between reduplicant and base.

The [ya:y-a:] type is found in example (314).

(314) âtshipanu [ædʒibinu:] âiâtshipanu [yæ:yæ:dʒibinu] [yæ: + y-] “shake, move” “shake, move back and forth”

In example (314), epenthetic [y] occurs not only at the boundary between base and reduplicant, but also as an onset for the reduplicant. Epenthetic [y] is analyzed in the reduplication as an underlying consonant, as if it were the onset of a base beginning with /ia/. The resulting reduplicant is a /CV/- syllable.

The third phonetic sub-type, [iya:y-a:], is found in the following reduplicated forms.

(315) âkushu [aːɡuʃu:] aiâkushut [iyeːaːɡuʃutʰ] [iye: + y-] “s/he is sick” “they’re all getting sick”

(316) âtutsheu [ætutʃeːw] aiâtutsheu [iyeːdɔdʒeːw] [i + y-] “s/he moves house” “s/he changes house, moves camp often”

The reduplicated forms in (315) and (316) illustrate a minor variation on the /CV-/- type reduplicant discussed above – the initial [y] sound is lengthened, producing [iy-]. In addition, these examples point out the potential for variations in vowels coming together at morpheme boundaries. In (315), the reduplicant for the base <âkushu> is
phonetically realized with a vowel [e], raised from the expected [a] under the influence of [y]. This reduplicative prefix has an onset [y]; the speaker slightly lengthens the pronunciation of this onset, as noted by the initial [iy-] in the reduplicant. In (316), the reduplicant vowel is copied as a short [a]; the combination of this short vowel and the long initial vowel [æː] at the boundary between reduplicant and base results in the short vowel becoming a glide, while the long vowel is preserved in the base.

4.2.11 Monosyllabic Reduplication with Vowel- Initial Bases: <a> /I/ and <i> /I/

The data show a variety of types of monosyllabic reduplicants associated with bases beginning with short, unrounded vowels. These are <ai->, <ia->, <VCC>, and <VC>. The <ai-> type is found in (317) and (318).

(317) ashameu [æːmɛw] ai-ashameu [iyeːmɛw] [i+y-] “s/he feeds him/her” “s/he feeds them, one at a time”
(318) atusseu [atʊsɨw] ai-atusseu [iyedisiw] [i+y-] “s/he works” “s/he works here and there”

Monosyllabic reduplication in (317) and (318) is shown as <a>_{red} + <i> + <a>_{base}, a strategy comparable to that observed in Section 4.2.10 for bases beginning with <â>.

The process is laid out more clearly in (319).
Internal sandhi is evidenced by the presence of epenthetic [y] at the boundary between reduplicant and base. The adjacency of reduplicant vowel and base vowel also affects the phonetic realization of the reduplicated form, such that the speaker implements the vowel combination as [iye-].

Example (320) shows a slight variation on this reduplication strategy.

Example (320) is comparable to (319) in marking reduplication with a common [iye] reduplicative prefix. In contrast, however, the reduplicated form in (320) shows no coalescence of the initial base vowel. Also, epenthetic [y] does not seem to be at the boundary of reduplicant and base, that is, immediately preceding the base vowel <i> [i], but it is positioned instead before the reduplicant.

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23 Vowel raising under the influence of [y] is a common type of assimilation. Its presence in other Algonquian languages is documented, for example, by Bloomfield (1962) for Menomini.
The <VCC-> type of reduplicant demonstrates an alternate approach for producing reduplication.

(321) ishpanu [iʃpənu] ishpishpanu [iʃpiʃpənu] [iʃp-]  
“it keeps going” “it keeps going, here and there”

In (321), reduplication is structured as <VCC>_red + <VCC>_base. In other words, the reduplicated form contains a closed syllable <VCC-> reduplicant in which the initial vowel of the base is copied together with the consonant which closes the first syllable in the base and the consonant which forms the onset of the second syllable. It should be noted that the <VCC-> type of reduplicant may be more specifically characterized as /VjC/ since the few examples have /j/ as the first consonant.

Example (322) shows a similar <VC-> reduplicant.

(322) itâshkuaim [iðæʃgweym] ititashkuaim [iːdiæʃgweym] [iːd-]  
“s/he pushes it with a stick” “s/he’s pushing it with a stick”

Reduplication in example (321) has a <VC>_red + <VC>_base configuration. As also seen for the <VCC> type of reduplication, the process copies the initial vowel and,

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It should also be noted that the initial vowels for the bases <ishpanu> and <itâshkuaim>, exemplified in (321) and (322) as employing the VC(C)- reduplication pattern, may be underlyingly long. The possibility of certain <i> initial Innu-aimun words actually having underlying /i:/ (Drapeau 1981: 44) is discussed for IC in Section 3.3.2, p.66. This broaches the idea that the long vowel /i:/, though obscured as an initial surface representation, is associated with the <VC(C)-> reduplicative prefix, while the short, non-round vowel patterns differently for reduplication.
despite the syllable structure of the base, also copies the following consonants. In (322) the initial base vowel is copied together with one non-initial consonant.

This sort of closed syllable pattern is not unique to Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. It also occurs in Menominee (Hockett 1981: 68). In Plains Cree there is an alternate reduplicated form, iti:twew, for the stem itwe:-; Wolfart describes this VC- pattern as a “deviant type of reduplication” (Wolfart 1973:66). Proulx (2005: 205) identifies (C)VC- reduplication as a Proto-Central Algonquian pattern associated with verbs indicating violent actions; this semantic categorization does not appear to be relevant for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. The closed syllable reduplicant is a common pattern with /i/ or /u(ː)/ initial bases (as will be described in Section 4.2.12) but it is not evident for /a/ initial base types. The fact that a particular reduplicant type is confined to certain vowel base-types suggests that there may be a phonological rather than semantic basis for its occurrence.

4.2.12 Monosyllabic Reduplication with Vowel-Initial Bases <u> /u/ or <u> /u/ + C

Bases beginning with <u> or <u> followed by a consonant share common patterns for monosyllabic reduplication. The data reveal a number of types of reduplicant: <uC->red or <uC>-red, <uCC>-red, <ua>-red, and an anomalous type which treats the first-person prefix as if it were the initial base material.

Examples (322) to (324) illustrate the most common type of reduplicant for this base: <uC>-red or <uC>-red.
In each of these examples, reduplication copies the initial vowel, /u/ or /u/, of the base and completes a closed monosyllable with a copy of the initial consonant from the base. The length of the vowel realized in the reduplicant matches the length of the corresponding base vowel. The next set of examples has a slight variation on this pattern.

Examples (326) and (327) use <uCC-> as a reduplicant to signal reduplication; this <VCC-> reduplicant type was already encountered in Section 4.2.11. In these instances, reduplication copies the initial vowel and two consonants from the base – in essence, the total consonantal material preceding the second base vowel. Note also in (327) the vowel in the reduplicant and the initial vowel of the base show a surface contrast for length.
The data in (328) show another means for marking reduplication with this base: a <ua-> monosyllabic reduplicant.

(328) ushinueu [uːmɯwiw] ushinueu [wɑːuːjɯwiw] [wa:-]
“s/he laughs” “s/he makes fun of, mocks him/her”

Although this reduplicant type is a rarity in this data, it occurs as a regular pattern for heavy reduplication in Betsiamites Innu-aimun (Drapeau 2006: 4). The reduplicative prefix may represent the familiar /Ca(ː)/- template; the vowel is predetermined, while the [w] functions as an onset echoing the quality of the /u/ from the base. It is also plausible that this reduplicant is underlyingly an exact copy of the base initial /u/, which is realized as [wa:-], comparable to the free alternation of *wa- and o- at word boundaries in Cree (Pentland 1979:108). As a point of observation, it is noteworthy that example (328) not only demonstrates an alternative reduplication strategy phonologically, but also in the meaning the speaker assigns to the reduplicated form. Whereas the other reduplications signify repetitive actions, <ushinueu>, “s/he laughs”, reduplicates as <uaushinueu>, “s/he makes fun of, mocks him/her”, to express an emotional intensification rather than a repetition of the action.

The next set of examples point out a divergence from the usual recognition of the composition of the reduplicative base; reduplication treats the first-person prefix as initial base material for copying.
As previously noted in Section 4.1, person prefixes are not usually considered as part of the reduplicative base and are not copied under reduplication. Example (329) illustrates the usual application of reduplication to a base with a person prefix; the base, minus the person prefix, is recognized as the appropriate foundation for reduplication and the person prefix is not copied. However, in (330), <nâniuitatshimau>, reduplication has identified the first-person form, <nutshitatshimau>, (<ni> + <utshitatshimau>), as the reduplicative base. The <Câ-> reduplicant is a copy of the consonant from the personal prefix plus a prespecified vowel.

Overall, the Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun reduplication data show a variety of monosyllabic reduplicant types with <u>-i, <u>-i initial bases: <uC>-i red or <uC>-i red, <uCC>-i red, <ua>-i red, and one which recognizes the first-person prefix as part of the reduplicative base; some of these occur rarely. This range of variation suggests that certain types may be non-productive and unavailable for widespread use in the reduplicative process.
4.3. **Bisyllabic Reduplication**

Bisyllabic reduplication seems to be a rarer phenomenon than monosyllabic reduplication in Algonquian languages. Nevertheless, a number of languages do utilize the bisyllabic pattern as a reduplication method. For instance, Dahlstrom identifies it as a distinct and extremely productive pattern in Fox (Dahlstrom 1997: 214). Western Naskapi also contrasts monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplication types (Brittain 2003: 6). This strategy occurs in Illinois (Proulx 2005: 209) and also in Yurok repetitive reduplication as a bimoraic reduplicant realized as two light syllables (Garrett 2001: 271).

Bisyllabic reduplication appears much less commonly than does the monosyllabic type in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. As will be later discussed, there may be some optionality involved in expressing a reduplicative meaning by means of a bisyllabic or monosyllabic prefix; I also explore the possibility that some bisyllabic reduplicants are being phonetically realized, and therefore misidentified, as monosyllabic prefixes.

The patterns for bisyllabic reduplication are somewhat simpler than those for the monosyllabic type since they are much less variable. The representative data provided below are not divided according to base types as the examples yield only one basic pattern for marking bisyllabic reduplication.

(331) uitamueu [witəmweː]  uituitamueu [wiːtəwitiːmweː] [witə-]
“s/he says” “s/he tells him/her over & over again”

(332) kussikuašu [gusəgwaːʃuː] kussikussikuašu [gusəgusəgwaːʃuː] [gusə-]
“s/he is sewing” “s/he sews many times”
(333) matuekâteu [mɪtuweːgæːdiw]
   “a fire is starting, crackling once”
matamatauekâteu [mʊttɔmtʊtwɛgæːdiw]
   “the fire is going well, crackling”
   [mʊttɔ-]

(334) kuessishinu [gwɛːʂɪʃɪnuʔ]
   “turn over once” (e.g. in bed)
kuessikuessishinu [gwɛːʂɔgwɛːʂɪʃɪnuʔ]
   “turning over & over, tossing & turning”
   [gwɛːʂɔ-]

(335) pishikuâpanîu [paʃʊgwɑːbmyu]
   “s/he blinks once”
pishipishikuâpanîu [bɪfəbɪəgwɑːbmyu]
   “s/he blinks her/his own eyes repeatedly”
   [bɪfə-]

(336) mànâtueu [mæːnæːdweːw]
   “s/he is swearing”
mánamànâtueu [mæːnɔmæːnæːdwiw]
   “s/he keeps swearing”
   [mæːnɔ-]

(337) pâshtaim’ [baːʃteym]
   “s/he cracks it”
pâshtapâshtaim’ [bæʃtɔbæːsteym]
   “s/he keeps cracking it”
   [bæʃtɔ-]

(338) mîtâteu [miːdæːdiw]
   “s/he misses him/her”
mîtamítâteu [miːdɔmɪdæːdew]
   “s/he keeps missing him/her”
   [miːdɔ-]

(339) tepueu [teːbweːh]
   “s/he is yelling”
teputepueu [debɔdɛːbweːw]
   “s/he is yelling over and over”
   [debɔ-]

(340) mûssipiteu [mʊsibidiw]
   “take something out to show to someone”
mûssimûssipiteu [mʊsiːmʊsibidiw]
   “showing off many things”
   [mʊsiː-]

(341) shîpanu (?) [sɪbʊnʔ]
   “s/he is stretching something (a fabric)”
shîpishîpanu [ʃɪbɪʃɪbʊnʔ]
   [ʃɪbɪ-]

(342) kutueu [kʊtuweːw]
   “s/he builds, makes a fire”
kutukutueu [ɡʊtɔɡʊtuweːw]
   “s/he adds logs to the fire”
   [ɡʊtʊ-]

(343) mâtamashtâu [mæːdɔmæːʃtawh]
   “the pain is starting again”
mâtimâtamashtâu [mæːdɪmæːdɔmæːstaw]
   “s/he has throbbing pains”
   [mæːdi-]
(344) pâssitsheu [pasidʒe]  pâssi[ba:si:diw]  “s/he shoots”  “s/he shoots repeatedly”  [bası-]

(345) âusseim” [yæwseym]  âussi[awsi]  “s/he stirs once”  “s/he keeps stirring”  [awsi-]

This example set shows that, for all base types, bisyllabic reduplication prefixes a reduplicant with the bisyllabic structure \((C)V(:)C(C)V-\) to a base form. The bisyllabic reduplicant most usually conforms to a heavy + light syllable pattern.

In contrast to monosyllabic reduplication, which may prespecify the reduplicant vowel, bisyllabic reduplication does not use predetermined vowels. Examples (331) to (345) show that the first syllable of the bisyllabic reduplicant is an exact copy of the initial syllable of the base. The second syllable is not necessarily completely identical to the second base syllable; although the consonant onset copies the second consonant of the base, the vowel may exhibit some variation. Generally, this vowel, unlike that of the first syllable, shows some simplification. Long vowels are shortened, as in example (336), "mâna[mænæ:dw]"; this sort of simplification also takes place in Fox bisyllabic reduplication (Dahlstrom 1997:215). These bisyllabic prefixes can be identified as trochaic reduplicants, each consisting of a stressed syllable followed by an unstressed one. Recognizing the bisyllabic reduplicant as a trochee may have consequences for the analysis of the metrical structure of Innu-aimun.

In the Sheshatshiu data, most vowels in the second syllable of the reduplicant are realized as a variation of the short non-round /I/, usually [æ], as illustrated by (331) to
This is a logical result for originally long non-round vowels /iː/ and /aː/; simplification neutralizes the length feature distinguishing them from short non-round vowels. Example (342), <kutukutueu> [gutugotu>wew], suggests that if the second vowel is labial, the original vowel quality may be preserved when copied into the reduplicant. Consonant-glide sequences in the second syllable of the base are also subject to simplification under reduplication; example (339), <teputepueu> [debade:bwew], demonstrates that the consonant onset from the second syllable is preserved, but the glide is not copied into the reduplicant.

This data has only one unambiguous example, (345), <âussiâusseim‘> [awsiawsêym], of bisyllabic reduplication involving a vowel initial base. In this instance, there is no evidence of the h- sandhi that appears at a phonological word boundary in Fox bisyllabic reduplication (Dahlstrom 1997:215). Epenthesis is not used to break the hiatus between vowels and provide an onset for the initial base vowel. This contrasts with monosyllabic reduplication, which regularly inserts epenthetic [y] at the morpheme boundary between a monosyllabic reduplicant and a vowel initial base.

4.4 Revisiting Reduplication: The Reduplicants

The previous sections concentrate on describing reduplication from the perspective of the reduplicative bases. The application of reduplication to different base types results in the derivation of various reduplicative templates employed in signalling reduplication. This section revisits monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplication by focussing on the
individual reduplicant types and summarizing the patterns relating to their use in the reduplication process. A reexamination of one particular type, the <CVC-> reduplicant, draws into question the monosyllabic analysis of this pattern, suggesting instead that most <CVC-> reduplicants are actually bisyllabic.

4.4.1 Revisiting Monosyllabic Reduplication

Section 4.2 observes the effect of monosyllabic reduplication on varying types of reduplicative bases. This examination shows that the phonological characteristics of the base may affect the structure of the monosyllabic prefix chosen to signal reduplication; furthermore, the reduplicants themselves vary in the degree to which they maintain identity with the related bases. These reduplicants can be described according to the patterns relating to their application and according to their own phonological characteristics. The variety of reduplicant types observed in the last section may be grouped into the basic monosyllabic reduplicative templates: CV(:), (C)/a/-, (C)/l/- , and (C)V(:)C; the remainder of this section examines reduplication from the perspective of these reduplicants.

4.4.1.1 CV(:)- Reduplicant Pattern

The following representative data illustrate the method of applying reduplication by prefixing a CV(:) syllable which is a copy of initial base material to the reduplicative base.
Examples (346) to (355) share a common method for realizing reduplication: the prefixation of a CV(:)-reduplicant to the base. This reduplicative prefix is a copy of the onset and initial vowel from the base; the reduplicated form displays identity between reduplicant and base. Despite allophonic variations found in surface phonetic forms, the
vowels involved in reduplication, in such examples as (347), <ku'ku'essipanu> [gwe:gwe:ssiponu], and (350), <ne nekâtshîu> [ne:neka'du:], are still recognized as identical.

Recognizing base-reduplicant identity is not necessarily straightforward. On the one hand, the reduplicated forms in (346) <ku'kussiku'atam'>, (347) <ku'ku'essipanu>, (349) pepekâtâushu, (350) <ne nekâtshîu>, (352) <pû'pûtâtam'>, (353) <tipitipinîu>, and (355) <tshîtshîtâtam'> clearly contain reduplicants which match base material exactly; note, however, that these forms are all built from <C(G)u->, <Ce->, or <Cî-> reduplicative bases. On the other hand, although certain reduplications, such as (348) <kâ'kâtipâu> and (351) <pâ'pâkumu>, apparently exhibit base-reduplicant identity, the underlying origin of the reduplicant is ambiguous. Instead of being wholly copied from the base, this prefix may be the common <Ca-> reduplicant, containing a prespecified low vowel as well as a copy of the base onset.

For some reduplicated forms, recognizing unequivocal identity between base and reduplicant may require establishing the exact nature of the base used for reduplication. Example (354), repeated below in examples (356) and (357), illustrates the possibility that the base for reduplication may sometimes be different from the non-reduplicated base. IC forms are provided for both non-reduplicated and reduplicated forms to support the phonetic evidence of vowel length.
(non-IC form)  
(356) tipâtshimu \([\text{tip}a\text{\'p}a\text{ti}sh\text{im}\text{u}][\text{u}]\)  
“s/he tells a story”  

(IC form)  
(356) t-iâ-pâtshimu \([\text{ti}ya\text{\'p}a\text{ti}sh\text{im}\text{u}][\text{h}]\)  
“(who) tells a story”

(357) titipâtam^u\ [\text{d}i\text{d}i\text{ba}d\text{om}]  
“s/he tells a story over and over”  

As shown in (356), the initial vowel of the unreduplicated base is phonetically realized as a long vowel. IC patterning, as seen in the IC form, \(<\text{ti}a\text{p}a\text{t}sh\text{imu}\>) \([\text{ti}ya\text{\'p}a\text{ti}sh\text{im}\text{u}][\text{h}]\), which shows a change appropriate to a long vowel /a:/, further supports the recognition of this vowel as long. However, as seen in (357), when the base form \(<\text{tip}a\text{t}sh\text{imu}\>\) undergoes reduplication, the result is \(<\text{ti}ti\text{p}a\text{t}am\>\ [\text{d}i\text{d}i\text{ba}d\text{om}]\), a reduplicated form whose base and reduplicant clearly have identical short vowels. Again, IC patterning supports the phonetic realization, since the IC form, \(<\text{te}\text{ti}p\text{a}t\text{ak}\>\ [\text{d}e\text{\'d}a\text{ba}d\text{a}k\text{h}]\), shows a change befitting a short vowel, as as appropriate for the reduplication, \(<\text{ti}ti\text{p}a\text{t}am^u\>\). While the reduplicated form has identical vowels in reduplicant and base, neither of these vowels matches the long vowel underlying the changed form. The differences suggest that, in this instance, reduplication and IC may be operating on different bases, one which has been ablauted from the original base. This variation may reflect Drapeau’s (2006:4) insight into ablauted root alternation as an explanation for certain deviations within reduplication; the base root has a reduplicative alternant which acts as a base for the process of reduplication.
The CV(·)- reduplicant is widespread throughout the Algonquian language family. Betsiamites Innu-aimun uses this reduplicative approach irregularly in heavy monosyllabic reuplication (Drapeau 2006: 4). Brittain (2003: 7-8) notes that Western Naskapi reduplication does not use predetermined vowels; the reduplicative prefix copies the onset and vowel of the base. Yurok employs a CV:- syllable as one of the types of bimoraic reduplicants used to signal repetitive reduplication (Garrett 2001: 271). Nishnaabemwin nouns referring to various fauna show evidence of the same reduplication pattern (Valentine 2001: 508-509). In Plains Cree, reduplication with certain stems prefixes a CV:- reduplicant (Ahenakew and Wolfart 1983: 373). The reduplicated forms related to Arapaho bases with e or o have reduplicant vowels which are copies of base vowels, conforming to a basic CV:- reduplicative prefix (Conathan 2005: 98). This template is also found in Fox monosyllabic reduplication with Ce(·)-bases; other than this usage, its occurrence is irregular (Dahlstrom 1997: 211; 214). Ojibwe distributive reduplication shares this particular use of the CV:- pattern for stems beginning with Ce- (Nichols 1980: 256).

In Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, despite its applicability to a range of bases, the CV(·)-reduplicant pattern appears to be most productive with <Ce>- base types, a reduplication method comparable to Fox and Ojibwe. The Sheshatshiu data contains a few examples of reduplicated forms employing this template for bases beginning with <Ci:> or <Cu:>, but alternate reduplicative strategies seem to be preferred with these bases.
4.4.1.2 Heavy \<(C)a-> Reduplicant Type

The heavy monosyllabic reduplicative prefix, (C)a-, occurs ubiquitously throughout Algonquian reduplication. Bloomfield (1946: 122) recognizes it as the pattern for the regular type of reduplication; Hockett identifies this reduplicant as “the commonest pattern, undoubtedly of PA [Proto-Algonquian] age” (Hockett 1981: 68). Pentland considers the prefixation of Ca- to a root CV- as the most common reduplicative rule that Cree has taken from Proto-Algonquian (Pentland 1979: 99). This approach dominates the reduplication process in Fox (Mesquakie) monosyllabic reduplication (Dahlstrom 1997: 211), in Ojibwa distributive reduplication with long vowel stems (Blain 1992: 27), in Menominee (Hockett 1981: 68), in East Cree reduplication of numerals (Junker and Blacksmith 1994: 265), and in productive reduplication in Plains Cree (Wolfart 1973: 66).

The (C)a- template also occurs as a major reduplication strategy in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. The data below illustrate the creation of a reduplicated form in this dialect by prefixing a (C)a- syllable to a base.

(358) pāpu [pa:bu:] pāpāpu [pa:pa:bu] [pa-]
“s/he is laughing” “s/he keeps laughing”

(359) mâkuâtam [mæ:gwa:d] mâmâkuâtam [mæ:mæ:gwa:d] [mæ:]
“s/he bites it” “s/he chews it”

(360) nāshikupanu [næ:jigominu] nānāshikupanu [næ:næ:jukupinu] [næ-]
“it comes slowly down (e.g. elevator)” “it keeps falling, dropping down”
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This example set shows that <(C)â-> is a common reduplicative prefix with a broad range of applicability. It is found in reduplication with most base contexts although there are no examples showing <(C)â-> as a reduplicant with a <Cu-> type base. The only
clear evidence of <â-> as a reduplicant is with <â-> initial bases, as in (369) and (370); <î-> and <û/u-> bases tend to use other reduplicative patterns, as already discussed in Section 4.2.

Examples (358) to (368) show the prefixation of a heavy monosyllable, <Câ->, to a consonant-initial reduplicative base. In each of these cases, reduplication copies the base onset and completes the syllable with a predetermined low vowel <-â->. The length of the reduplicant vowel usually mirrors the quantity, though not necessarily the quality, of the base vowel. There are instances, however, such as in (368), <tâtipânam>, where the heavy reduplicant contrasts with the light initial syllable of the base. In (369) and (370), bases beginning with <â> use <â-> as a reduplicative prefix and epenthetic [y] as a transitional element between the reduplicant and vowel-initial base.

The status of /a\-/- as either a prespecified vowel or as a copy of the base vowel may be unclear due to the nature of the base vowel. The <Câ-> reduplicant’s coupling with <Câ-> bases, as observed in (360), <nânąshikupanu> [nænæjukopinu], could be analyzed as an example of a CV:- reduplicative prefix which is an exact copy of initial base material. Nevertheless, the occurrence of the <Câ-> reduplicant with bases such as <C i->, <Ce->, or <Cû/u->, whose vowels definitely contrast with /a\-/, substantiate a role for /a\-/- as a predetermined vowel commonly used in reduplication.

Reduplication of numbers, as in (365), <nânisht>, always uses the <Câ-> approach. This parallels East Cree numeral reduplication, which prefixes <Câ-> no
matter what vowel the base contains (Junker and Blacksmith 1994). However, while East
Cree freely reduplicates numerals, it is interesting to note that Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun
seems to limit this sort of reduplication. The contributors to this data restrict numeral
reduplication to numbers up to <neu>, “four”; a reduplicated form for <patetât>, “five”
was given only reluctantly by the younger speaker, while reduplications of higher
numerals were considered unacceptable. Reduplication is again possible for 100, 200,
300, 400, numbers which contain <peik>, “one”, <nîsh>, “two”, <nisht>, “three”, and
<neu>, “four”.

4.4.1.3 Light <(C)a/i-> Reduplicant

This category includes those reduplicants containing short vowels noted
orthographically as <a,i> and which may be identified as /ɪ/, the phoneme representing
the merger of /a/ and /i/. The next set of examples illustrates the range of application of
this reduplicative prefix.

(371) petam [peɗum]  \[petɛm]\n    “s/he hears it”

(372) pakâu (?) [bɔgaw] (?)  \[bɔkɨaw]\n    “it’s flat”

(373) pimishinu [pmɨʃinu]  \[pmɪʃɪnɨ]\n    “s/he is lying down”

(374) pishtishu [bɪstʃu]  \[bɪstʃɨ]\n    “s/he cuts accidentally”

\[pɛpɛkɛdum\]  \[pɔ-\]
    “s/he hears something over and over
    (e.g. ringing in ears)”

\[pəpɛkɛdum\]  \[bɔbɔgaw\]  \[bɔ-\]
    “moving here and there in bed”

\[pɛpɛkɛdum\]  \[bɔbɔgaw\]  \[bɔ-\]
    “s/he cuts here and there”
The data in examples (371) to (384) indicate that <(C)a/i-> type reduplicants occur with most base types, including those whose initial syllables contain long vowels. This prefix copies the onset, if there is one, from the base and completes the light syllable with
a short unrounded vowel. This vowel is often realized as [ə], as in (371) to (377) and (383), and less frequently as [i], exemplified in (382) and (384). The reduplications in (377), (378), and (382), (383) draw attention to phonetic variation with the same forms. Example (371), <petam̩> [pe̞ do̞m], reduplicated as <papetam̩> [pa̞ pa̞ do̞ m], points out that the short vowel in the reduplicant does not always match the length of the initial vowel in the base.

As discussed for the <(C)â>- type, the <(C)a/i-> reduplicant may be a copy of the initial base elements or may involve prespecification. Despite the difficulty in assessing vowel prespecification for reduplication with such base types, there is some clear evidence supporting <(C)a/i-> as a reduplicative prefix with a prespecified vowel. In (380), the base, p̩iminam̩̩[bi̞ m̩ i̞ m̩], contains a long initial vowel /iː/; reduplication prefixes a <Ca-> reduplicant, containing a vowel which does not match the first vowel of the base. Examples (381), <mam̩u̞ pishtueu> [ma̞ mu̞ pi̞ štuwew], and (375), <mam̩u̞ pu> [ma̞ mu̞ bu̞], combine a <Ca-> reduplicant with <Cû-> bases. This method is also employed in (371), <papetam̩> [pa̞ pa̞ do̞ m], with a <Ce-> base. Each of these examples has a reduplicant vowel which clearly contrasts the base vowel in both quality and quantity. This suggests that, at least for these cases, the vowel in the reduplicant is predetermined.

The existence of a predetermined light reduplicative syllable is not without precedent within the Algonquian language family. Dahlstrom identifies a light Ca-
reduplicant as an irregular form of monosyllabic reduplication in Fox (Dahlstrom 1997: 214). East Cree has a single type of verb reduplication, a light prefix Ca- syllable, containing an onset copied from the base and a prespecified short vowel (Junker and Blacksmith 1994: 269). Plains Cree has both a heavy reduplication pattern, which prefixes Ca-, and a light type, which uses the Ca- pattern (Ahenakew and Wolfart 1983: 371). Like Plains Cree, Betsiamites Innu-aimun uses both a heavy and a light reduplication pattern productively; the light reduplicant contains a prespecified vowel, <a> (Drapeau 2006: 4). In Plains Cree and in Betsiamites Innu-aimun, the choice of a heavy or light reduplication pattern provides semantic contrast. There is no evidence in this data to adequately define such a contrast for Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun since the data collection process did not concentrate on the semantics of reduplication. The only indication of reduplicant types being tied to particular semantics is the contrast observed between the meanings of monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplications.

4.4.1.4 <(C)VC-> Reduplicants

The data contains a number of reduplicated forms prefixed by a closed monosyllable functioning as a reduplicant. This pattern has also been described for Menominee (Hockett 1981: 680), for Betsiamites Innu-aimun, where a closed initial base syllable is copied with the coda (Drapeau 2006:4) and for Fox, with a specific limitation to kVf- initial verbs, (Dahlstrom 1997: 214). The following group of representative examples demonstrates the manifestation of the <(C)VC-> reduplication pattern in
Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. Later, an examination of other data relevant to these forms will call into question the exact structure of this reduplicative prefix.

(385) kashkatasheu [gα̃gɔ̃dɪstew] kashkātasheu [gα̃gɔ̃sgadɔstiw] [gα̃-]
“it is drawn in squares”
“it is placed, drawn in squares”

(386) shepanu [jɛbɔnũ] shepi shepanu [jɛb]jebobũ:u [jɛb-]
“it opens by itself”
“it keeps opening by itself”

(387) kāssipiteu [gæ:siubitew] kāshkāssipiteu [gæ:gæ:sibitew] [gæ:j-]
“s/he scratches him/her/it once”
“s/he scratches him/her/it repeatedly”

(388) tshînikuānitshimeu [ʤi̊mʊgwaːniʤi̊miw] tshîni tshînikuānitshimeu [ʤi̊n-]
“s/he went round once”
“s/he went round & round (on a boat)”

(389) uâshtepanu [waːstɛbinũ] uâštuâshtepanu [waːst]waːstɛbinũ:u [waːst-]
“it flashes once”
“there is repeated lightning”

(390) ûpitamũ [uːbɪdɔm] ûpûpitamũ [uːbːʊbɔdɔm] [uːb-]
“s/he lifts it”
“s/he lifts the same thing again and again”

(391) itâshkuaimũ [idæːɡweym] ititāshkuaimũ [idɪːidæːɡweym] [id-]
“s/he pushes it with a stick (once)”
“s/he’s pushing it with a stick”

(392) ûnipanu [uːnɔponũ] ûnûnipanu [uːnːuːnɔponũ] [uːn-]
“s/he wakes up at night (once)”
“s/he keeps waking up”

(393) ishpamũ [iːʃpɔnũ] ishpìshipamu [iːʃpiːʃpɔnũ] [iːʃp-]
“it keeps going”
“it keeps going here and there”

The reduplicated forms in examples (385) to (393) signal reduplication by means of prefixes which are phonetically realized as closed monosyllables. These (C)V-C-reduplicants are exact copies of initial material from the base. The reduplication in (384),
<kashkâtashteu>, [gafəgəsgədəstiw] provides an example of a (C)VC- reduplicant as a copy of the closed initial base syllable. This parallels an irregular reduplication in Fox (Mesquakie) where verbs with kVf- as an initial closed syllable copy this complete syllable as a reduplicant (Dahlstrom 1997: 214). However, in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, not all (C)VC- reduplicants seem to derive from the operation of reduplication on a syllabic level; in many of the examples, the reduplicative prefix is a copy of the whole initial base syllable, and the onset of the second. For consonant initial, CV-type bases, exemplified in (386) to (388), the onset of the (C)VC- reduplicant matches the base onset, the reduplicant vowel matches the initial base vowel, and the coda of the reduplicant replicates the next base consonant. In example (389), <uâshtuâshtepanu>, [wastwastbənu:], the reduplicant, [wast-], is composed of a copy of the initial syllable, including its coda, as well as the onset of the second syllable. For vowel-initial bases, such as those in (390) to (393), the reduplicant vowel is a copy of the initial base vowel and the consonant matches the first consonant in the base, that is, the onset of the second syllable. The reduplicative prefix, [iʃp], in (393), <ishpishpanu>, [iʃpiʃpənu], is structured as VCC-; the initial base syllable is copied and supplemented with the onset from the second syllable.

While reduplicated forms such as (385), <kashkâtashteu>, [gafəgəsgədəstiw], seem to illustrate a true (C)VC- reduplication pattern, at least some of the apparent (C)VC- reduplicants may be only surface realizations of what are actually bisyllabic reduplications. Certain examples from the data suggest this possibility.
Each of these sets of examples provides both a monosyllabic (C)VC- type reduplication and a bisyllabic CVCV- reduplication for the same base. The speaker provided both variants in response to the same elicitation; regardless of reduplicant type, each pair expresses a single reduplicative meaning.

These examples could suggest optionality in the choice of reduplicant. This would not necessarily affect meaning since, as previously discussed, the current semantic distinction between monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplicated forms seems to be blurring. Yet, it is also quite possible that these options only reflect variations in the pronunciation of what are actually bisyllabic reduplications. The second vowels of the bisyllabic reduplicants above are rendered phonetically as the vowel [ə]. In rapid speech this short vowel may be subject to deletion, leaving what is phonetically realized as an apparent CVC- reduplication. The VC- reduplicants with vowel initial bases may also actually represent reduplication with VC(C)V- bisyllabic reduplicants. For instance, the reduplicated form in (393), ishpishpanu [iʃpiʃpənu], may be composed of [iʃpə] as a reduplicant prefixed to [iʃpənu]. Example (396) lays out the process.
In (396), the prefixation of a bisyllabic reduplicant creates vowel hiatus at the boundary between reduplicant and base. The contiguity of the reduplicant vowel and the initial base vowel results in the preservation of only the second vowel; on the surface, the reduplicant appears to be monosyllabic.

4.4.2. Revisiting Bisyllabic Reduplication

Bisyllabic reduplication involves only one basic template, \((C)VC(C)V-\), which can apply to any base type. As previously described, the first syllable copies the initial base syllable and is never simplified; the second syllable has a consonant copied from the base and a vowel which is usually realized as /I/ [ə]. The closer examination of \((C)VC-\)monosyllabic reduplication in Section 4.4.1.4 has further implications for variations in the phonetic shape of the bisyllabic reduplicant. Yet, despite the possibility of such variation, underlyingly, these reduplicants are composed of two syllables. This is evident when certain stems are considered. If the verb stem does not contain sufficient material for two full syllables, bisyllabic reduplication supplements the reduplicant with a vocalic element to fill the bisyllabic template. The following examples outline the variations
realized for the bisyllabic reduplicative prefix but also reiterate the constancy of the

(C)VC(C)V- reduplicant shape.

(397) mûtshitshipanîu [muʡshaʡiʔanuʔ] mûtshimûtshitshipanîu
“bends over” [muʡ̈maʡshaʡiʔanuʔ] [muʡ̈-]
“keeps bending over”

(398) mîtâteu [miɗaɗw] mîtamîtâteu [miɗamîɗexew] [miɗ-]
“s/he misses him/her” “s/he keeps missing him/her”

(399) pîtuâu [piːtuẘw] pîtapîtuâu [piɗapîɗexẘw] [piɗ-]
“s/he smokes” “s/he is smoking over and over”

(400) minu [miȵu] miniminu [mɪnãminu] [mɪn-]
“s/he drinks” “s/he drinks a couple of sips now and then”

(401) petam̄ [peɗum̄] petapetam̄ [beɗɓexeɗɛm̄] [beɗ-]
“s/he hears him/her” “hears it over and over”

(402) pàssitsheu [pasidʒew] pàssipàssitsheu [basɪɓasidʒiɤw] [basɪ-]
“s/he shoots” “s/he shoots repeatedly”

(403) kuessishinu [ɡwesʃiŋuʔ] nikuessikuessishin [ɡwesŋaɡwesʃiŋ]
“turn over once (e.g. in bed)” “I am tossing and turning”

(404) kutueu [kutuwew] kutukutueu [ɡotuɡotuwew] [ɡotʊ-]
“s/he builds, makes a fire” “s/he adds logs to the fire”

(405) shepanu [jeɓanu] shepishepanu [jeɓjeɓanu] [jeɓ-]
“it opens by itself” “it keeps opening by itself”

(406) shepishepanu [jeɓaʃjeɓanu] [jeɓ-]
“it keeps opening by itself”
Examples (397) to (409) show the operation of reduplication creating a reduplicant composed of two syllables which, apart from a simplification of the vowel in the second syllable, are identical to the initial base material.

This simplification, typical of long unrounded vowels involved in this process, is discussed in Section 4.3. From the above data set, one type of simplification, also characteristic of Fox bisyllabic reduplication (Dahlstrom 1997: 215), is long vowel shortening. In (398), \(<\text{mitamítâteu}> [\text{mi}d\text{mi}dædew]\), reduplication copies the initial two base syllables; the first is unchanged but the second syllable shortens its copy of the original long vowel \([æ:]\) to a short vowel heard as \([ə]\). Rounded vowels may retain their quality in the second syllable of the reduplicant. For instance, in (404), \(<\text{kutukutueu}> [\text{gutagotuwew}]\), the second reduplicant vowel, realized as a lax variant of /u/, still reflects the rounded character of the original.

In Fox, simplification in the context of bisyllabic reduplication also requires coda deletion (Dahlstrom 1997: 218). Example (409), \(<\text{tshikatshikatshinâssimau}>\)
[θgɔdθgɔdɔːnæːsimɔw] suggests that Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun does not employ this type of simplification. The reduplicant contains more material than is strictly necessary to complete the bisyllabic foot. In this case, the second reduplicant syllable has copied the complete syllable from the base, including the coda. This necessitates a slight addendum to the usual (C)VC(C)V- reduplicant template; in this case, the reduplicative prefix would have the shape CVCVC-. 26

If the verb stem is less than two syllables and, therefore, inadequate as a base for bisyllabic reduplication, the second syllable can be supplemented with /l/ to complete the reduplicant. In example (401), <peta> petam [beːdɔːeːdɔm], the stem, <pet>, falls short of two complete syllables. Reduplication copies the initial syllable and the next consonant as an onset for the second syllable; the template for bisyllabic reduplication is completed with the short vowel [ə]. The origin of this vocalic supplement is unclear; the derivations in (410) and (411) illustrate possible explanations for the source of this vowel.

25 [dn] is a regular pronunciation of <tshin> after the process of vowel deletion (Clarke and MacKenzie 2004: 8).

26 There is an alternative analysis of (409) [θgɔdθgɔdɔːnæːsimɔw]. Rather than [d] being a coda to the second syllable of the reduplicant, [dθ] may instead be considered as a long [dθ]. The word is now analysed as [θgɔdθgɔdɔːnæːsimɔw], with the reduplicant conforming to the usual bisyllabic pattern.
The derivation of the bisyllabic reduplication \texttt{<peta\textit{petam}>' ABOVE} in (410) shows that the reduplicant may be a copy of material from the inflectional suffix, \texttt{<-am''>}, as Dahlstrom asserts for Fox (Dahlstrom 1997: 208). If this is so, reduplication must apply after the addition of inflectional suffixes. Based on the evidence from Fox, Brittain concludes that “reduplication in Algonquian is thus not sensitive to morphological structure” (Brittain 2003:12).

On the other hand, this vowel may be an epenthetic vocalic element functioning as phonological filler material or even be a simplified form of the common connective element, \texttt{<i>}. The process outlined in (411) does not require inflectional material to fill out a bisyllabic reduplicant. Unfortunately, there are too few examples of bisyllabic reduplicants with monosyllabic stems to justify any definitive conclusion as to the source of this supplementary vowel.
The examination of \((C)V{C^-}\) reduplicants in Section 4.4.1.4 promotes the idea that at least some of these apparently monosyllabic reduplicative prefixes might actually be bisyllabic reduplicants which have undergone a process of vowel deletion. The identification of \((C)V{C^-}\) reduplicants as underlyingly bisyllabic fits Drapeau’s description of a disyllabic reduplicant as containing a copy of the first syllable and the onset of the second (Drapeau 2006:4). In the data above, examples (405) to (408) have phonetic realizations exhibiting both variations for the same base. The bisyllabic reduplicant variant in (407), <uâshtuâshtepanu> [waʃtuwastebinu:], clearly exhibits the reduplication of two syllables. The initial syllable of the reduplicative prefix is an exact copy of the initial base syllable, including the coda; the second syllable copies the onset from the next syllable of the base, while the short vowel completing the bisyllabic foot harmonizes with the labial onset. The \((C)V{C^-}\) variation, [wastwastebinu:], also copies the onset of the second syllable but appears to have deleted the second short vowel which completes the underlying bisyllabic foot of the reduplicant.

The reanalysis of the \((C)V{C^-}\) pattern, coupled with the evidence of supplemented bisyllabic reduplications, raises the possibility of an alternative description for bisyllabic reduplication which, by not invoking vowel simplification, provides a simpler, more encompassing description of bisyllabic reduplication. In essence, the appearance of [ə] as the syllabic element of the second syllable of the bisyllabic reduplicant may represent a prespecified neutral vocalic element necessary to complete the bisyllable, rather than a
simplified copy of base material; the occurrence of labial vowels such as [o] or [u] in this position is simply attributable to harmony with adjacent vowels. If this is accurate, the inadequacy of sufficient base material to fill out a bisyllabic template in words such as <petam"> is irrelevant, since the bisyllabic reduplicant is the same as that for other, more well-endowed words: the bisyllabic reduplicant is (C)VCI-.

4.5 Optionality

The examination of reduplication demonstrates that various reduplicant types, both monosyllabic and bisyllabic, can be prefixed to a base to signify reduplication. While it must be reiterated that semantics is beyond the purview of this work, there are certain examples from the data which, nevertheless, do raise the issue of optionality; that is, the same reduplicative meaning may be created by affixing different reduplicative morphemes to a single base. Keeping in mind the limitations of this data, the following set of examples is still worth considering for the possibility of such optionality within the reduplication system of Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun.

(412) petam\textsuperscript{u} [pe\textsuperscript{d}om] papetam\textsuperscript{u} \textbf{[ba\textsuperscript{b}e\textsuperscript{d}om]} [b\textsuperscript{o}-] “s/he hears it over and over”

(413) petapetam\textsuperscript{u} \textbf{[be\textsuperscript{d}a\textsuperscript{b}e\textsuperscript{d}om]} [be\textsuperscript{d}o-] “s/he hears it over and over”

(414) shepanu [j\textsuperscript{e}\textsuperscript{b}\textsuperscript{\text{-}}nu] sheshapanu \textbf{[je\textsuperscript{e}\textsuperscript{b}\textsuperscript{\text{-}}\textsuperscript{\text{-}}nu]} [je-] “it opens by itself” “it keeps opening by itself”
(415) shepanu  

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Examples (412) to (426) suggest that speakers have access to options in choosing a prefix to signify reduplicative semantics. The data present evidence for various types of options: optionality between monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplicants (412 to 420); the choice of a $CV(:)$- exact copy reduplicant (418 and 420), or a $Ca$- prefix with a predetermined vowel (418); and optionality involving specific phonological categories such as $kw$- initial bases and $tshi$-bases (422 to 426).

Certain examples in this data imply that there is some optionality in choosing either a monosyllabic or bisyllabic prefix to signal reduplication; this may be possible due to the blurring of semantic distinctions between these reduplicant types. Reduplicated forms such as examples (412), $<\text{papetam}^\nu>$, (413), $<\text{petapetam}^\nu>$ and (414), $<\text{she} \text{shepanu}>$, (415), $<\text{shepishepanua}>$, illustrate the speaker’s optional use of either type of reduplicant to create the same reduplicative meaning. In a number of instances, the speaker uses a monosyllabic reduplicant to express reduplication with a verb in the third-person but prefers a bisyllabic prefix for first-person. The reduplicated third-person form in (416), $<\text{pap} \text{pâshtaim}^\nu>$, compared to the first-person in (417), $<\text{nipâshtapâshtain}>$, exemplifies this usage. For certain examples, the speaker not only prefers a bisyllabic reduplicant with a first-person verb, as in $<\text{nipâshtapâshtain}>$, but judges a monosyllabic reduplicant, as in $<\text{*nipapâshtain}>$, completely unacceptable. Yet, with the same base, the monosyllabic prefix, as affixed in $<\text{papâshtaim}^\nu>$, is the preferred option for third-person verb forms. Such data hint at a particular division of duties for monosyllabic and bisyllabic prefixes based on person, rather than on reduplicative semantics. However, this
pattern is not consistent throughout the data but occurs only with a limited number of bases. Its use may be indicative of a reduplication system in transition, as monosyllabic/bisyllabic distinctions are becoming less productive although, at this point, they are still existent within the language.

Evidence from certain reduplications suggests that the speaker also has options in selecting which monosyllabic pattern will be used as a reduplicative prefix. Example (420), \(<\text{pupûtâtam}'\)\>, presents a CV(·)- type reduplication in which the reduplicant matches the base exactly; (421), \(<\text{papûtâtam}'\)\>, exhibits the Ca- reduplication pattern, an option with a predetermined vowel rather than one copied from base material. The speaker uses both options to express the same meaning of repeated action.

In addition to this sort of direct evidence of optionality, there are also more subtle proofs attesting to this possibility. A number of forms combining reduplication and IC exhibit anomalies that are explainable by recognizing optionality in reduplication. Note the data below:

(427) nâshueu [næːʃwew] “s/he follows him/her”
(428) ne-nâshakut [neːnaːhagutʰ] “(who) keeps following him/her”
(429) niâ-nâshakut [niyaːnaːhagutʰ] “(who) keeps following him/her”

Examples (427) – (429) show two possibilities for realizing IC when it is applied to reduplicated forms of <nâshueu>. These IC variations may result from applying the
process to two different reduplicants. First of all, if the reduplicant is <na->, a light Ca-syllable with a copy of the base onset and prespecified short vowel, the application of IC ablauts this vowel to <e>, as seen in <nenâshakut>. This is an appropriate changed form for the reduplicated form, <nanâshueu> [nænæːʃːew], found in this data. Alternatively, if the reduplicative prefix is <nâ->, a heavy syllable which is an exact copy of the initial CV:- syllable, IC would result in the bisyllabic outcome <niâ->. Although <nånâshueu> does not appear in the collected data, the presence of <niânâshakut> as an IC form implies the existence of the CV:- type reduplicant. It is possible that an ablauted alternative for the reduplicative base underlies the variations; nevertheless, the occurrence of both <nenâshakut> and <niânâshakut> suggests the use of optional reduplicants.

Examples (422) to (426) illustrate other instances of reduplicative choice. In (422) and (423), <kuküessipanu> and <kueküessipanu> show the optional copying of the glide when reduplicating [kw-] initial bases; the implications of such optionality for the status of <ku-> is discussed in Section 4.2.8. Example (424), <nikuessküessipatin>, shows a CVC- reduplicant as a further option. In (425) and (426), <tshîtshîtâpâtam"> and <kakatshîtâpâtam">, suggest that, with a <tshi-> base, the speaker also has options for choosing either <ka->, a predetermined relic reduplicative prefix, or <tshi->, an exact copy of the initial syllable of the base. The apparent semantic contrast between the repetitive reduplication in (425), “s/he keeps looking at it”, and the distributive meaning in (426), “s/he reads one thing after another”, is not so clear when one considers
<kakatshimikaitsheu>, “s/he keeps cutting”, in which the reduplicant signals the same repetitive meaning of <tshî-> in <tshîtshîtâpâtam>, “s/he keeps looking at it”.

The evidence for optionality in the choice of reduplicants indicates a flexible system of reduplication which allows a speaker to express reduplicative semantics with a variety of possible reduplicants.

4.5.1 The Implications of Optionality

Optionality has been a consistent theme throughout the examination of both reduplication and IC. Optional forms suggest some intriguing theoretical possibilities. First of all, the existence of reduplicative options suggests that reduplication may be undergoing change. During the transition, older forms co-exist with newer reduplicative options; optionality enables the speaker to cope with language change by recognizing the validity of competing reduplicative forms within a functional system. Similarly, the Changed II pattern for IC, which may represent a move towards regularization of the process, is also evidence of change in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. The optional use of either the traditional approach to IC, which is still dominant, or the alternate strategy, which appears to be an innovation, is a requisite part of the transition as the language continues to refine the process.

Current linguistic theory may offer some explanation for the acceptability of optional forms. Synchronic alternations, such as those observed for reduplicative and IC forms, can be accounted for within the framework of Optimality Theory (Prince & Smolensky 1993 and McCarthy & Prince 1993). Unlike rule-based approaches, OT views
language as “the domain of conflicting requirements” (Kager & Zonneveld 1999: 15), where well-formedness is not absolute but decided according to the individual merits of competing possibilities. OT assumes a system of universal, violable constraints. Languages show similarities because constraints are universal; however, the ranking of constraints is unique to each language, thus allowing language variation. Though violable, higher-ranked constraints tolerate less violation than lower-ranked.

OT recognizes that “[language] change occurs when there is imperfect transmission from one generation to the next” (Archangeli 1997: 31). Essentially, change comes about when there is no longer significant evidence for a constraint’s place in the hierarchy; as a result, constraints are reranked. While the reranking is in process, competing options may be judged as equally acceptable since both fit into a particular constraint ranking and tolerate violations equally well. Presumably, when the reranking of a constraint has been well-established, only one option will be recognized as grammatical, because it incurs fewer violations than the alternatives.

4.6 Summary

Reduplication in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun involves the prefixation of material copied from the left edge of a reduplicative base. These reduplicative prefixes can be categorized according to their syllabic structure, as either monosyllabic or bisyllabic. Monosyllabic reduplicants are structured as CV(:)-, (C)/a/-, (C)/I/-, and (C)V(:)C-syllables, while the bisyllabic type exhibits less variation with the form (C)VC(C)V-.

Reduplicants vary in the degree of identity maintained with the base. While some match
base material exactly, others may contain a prespecified low vowel <a> as the vocalic element. As well, reduplicant vowel length may not necessarily match the length of the relevant base vowel. A recurrent theme throughout the investigation of reduplication is the flexibility of the system, which allows the speaker some optionality in the choice of reduplicant type.
5.0 Introduction

Reduplication and Initial Change are productive processes occurring throughout Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. Since their contexts for employment have the potential to intersect in the same words and both processes make reference to the left edge of the verb, the effects of their interaction offer an intriguing avenue for investigation.

5.1 Typical Patterns of Interaction

The following representative data illustrate the simultaneous operation of these processes on single forms. Each example shows a reduplicated form and a form which combines IC and reduplication.

“s/he walks around at night”  “(who) is walking around at night?”

(431) kâshkâssipiteu [gæjgæ:sibëtw] kiâshkâssipishk  [giyægæ:sibïdïkʰ]  
“s/he scratches him/ her/ it”  “(who) is scratching someone?”

(432) kâshkâshkâueu [gafgagawiw] kiâshkâshkâuat  [giyægagawat]  
“s/he scrapes with an instrument”  “(who) is scraping it with an instrument?”

(433) kuâkuâpishkau [gwa:gwapi[fɔw] kuîâkuâpishkât  [gwiya:gwaip][kæt]  
“it is rusted”  “(what) is rusted?”

(434) mînamîneu [mînami:nïw] miânamînat  [miyænamînæt]  
“s/he keeps giving something to him/ her”  “(who) keeps giving s.t to him/ her?”
This set of examples illustrates the application of both reduplication and IC to the same base concurrently. As demonstrated in the data, each process operates on the leftmost syllable of the verb. The typical pattern for applying both processes to the same word is outlined in (430) to (442) for a variety of base types; this pattern applies IC to already reduplicated forms, so that IC applies the appropriate change to the leftmost syllable created by reduplication. Example (439), containing the reduplicated
<mamashinaimueu> and the changed form <memashinaimuat>, epitomizes the combination of these processes in a single word. While the base for reduplication remains unchanged, the reduplicant displays the effects of IC. The correct outcome of applying both reduplication and IC is obtained by applying IC to the reduplicative prefix, <ma->, which is at the left edge of the verb, and not to the reduplicative base. This implies a sequential order for these processes such that reduplication applies before IC. This rule ordering is paralleled in Western Naskapi (Brittain 2003:10) and Fox (Dahlstrom 1997: 222).

In the case of the e- conjunct strategy for recognizing IC, the prefixation of <e-> does not affect the reduplicated conjunct verb. Like the person prefixes, which are not normally considered as part of a reduplicative base, the e-conjunct occurs at the left edge of the reduplicative prefix. Example (441), <mâmâkuâtam>, <e mâmâkuâtshit>, is illustrative; the reduplicative prefix, which stands at the edge of the verb, is unaffected by the prefixation of the dummy-conjunct prefix <e>.

When a preverb is present, IC recognizes that preverb as part of the verb complex and applies the appropriate change to its first syllable. Example (442), <ûî tâtîpânam‘>, <ûî tâtîpânak>, demonstrates that when a preverb precedes a reduplicated verb, the verb itself is unaffected by IC. Instead, the preverb, which stands as the first element of the verb complex, is subject to the operation of IC; in this case <ûî-> becomes <ûâ->. 
5.2 Exceptions to Typical Interactions

Despite the overall regularities noted for the interaction of reduplication and IC, there are some notable exceptions to the attested patterns for applying these operations to the same word. Examples (443) to (448) are representative of a number of aberrant forms observed in the collected material; in each of these cases, the results of IC are seen in both the reduplicant and its base, and not just in the leftmost syllable of the reduplicated verb.

(443) **kuekuetshimeu** [gweːɡweːŋimew] **kuiekuietshimât** [gwiyəɡwiyəŋimatʰ]
“s/he asks him/her”
“(I know) s/he’s questioning him/her”

(444) **mâmâshiku** [maːmaːʃigu] **miâmâshikut** [miyamiyaʃigotʰ]
“s/he is doubled over in pain”
“(who) is doubled over in pain?”

(445) **pâpâpu** [paːpaːbu] **piâpiâpit** [piyəːpiyəːbitʰ]
“she keeps laughing”
“(who) keeps laughing?”

(446) **kâshkâssipiteu** [gæʃɡæːsibtew] **kiâshkâssipitât** [giyæsgiyæːsəbdatʰ]
“s/he scratches it”
“(who) scratches him/her/it (repeatedly)?”

(447) **kuâshkuâshkuetu** [gwaʃɡwaːɡweːdu] **kuiâshkuiâshkuetit** [gwiyafɡwiyafɡwedutʰ]
“s/he is jumping here and there”
“(I know) s/he is jumping over & over”

(448) **pishišišikuâpanîu** [bʃɔbiʃɡwaːbînyu] **peshišišikuâpaniut** [beʃʃɔbeʃɡwaːbînyutʰ]
“s/he blinks his/her own eyes”
“(who) is blinking?”
In contrast to the usual pattern, the combined reduplication/IC forms in (443) to (448) reflect the effects of IC in both the reduplicant and in the base. Typically, these forms would be manifested with the changed vowel appearing only in the reduplicant; that is, IC would be seen only in the leftmost syllable of the verb. Thus, the expected IC outcome for (443), <kuekuetshimeu>, would be <kuiekuetshimat>, which does appear in the collected data, rather than the anomalous <kuiekuie tshimât>, which also occurs.

This unexpected result signifies a disruption of the typical pattern, which applies reduplication before IC. For each of the above examples, it appears that IC first operates on the left syllable of a non-reduplicated form; reduplication then uses the IC form as a reduplicative base and produces an exact copy of the initial material from the changed base. The derivations in (449) and (450) are illustrative.

(449)  Base  <kuâshkuetu>  [gwaŋ'ɪgwe'du:]  
Reduplication  <kuāsh-kuâshkuetu>  [gwaŋ'-gwaŋ'gwe'du]  
IC  <kuiâsh-kuâshkuetit>  [gwiyaŋ'-gwaŋ'gwedtʰ]  

In (449), reduplication and IC are applied to the same verb, <kuâshkuetu>; this example demonstrates the typical pattern for this interaction. Reduplication operates on the unchanged base and, then, IC applies to the reduplicated form, yielding the expected outcome <kuíâsh-kuâshkuetit>. This result does not occur in this data.
The unusual outcome in (450) is contained in the collected data. As illustrated, IC operates on the initial syllable of the base form <kuâškuetu>, producing the changed <kuiâškuetit>. Bisyllabic reduplication then applies to the changed form, creating the atypical <kuiâškuiâškuetit> as a combination of both IC and reduplication. The bisyllabicity of the reduplicants in these examples does not seem to create any distinctions in meaning associated with a monosyllabic/bisyllabic semantic contrast.

Underlying the departure from the usual order for applying reduplication and IC may be the fundamental requirement for identity between reduplicant and base. When IC compromises this identity, it is possible that the base itself is modified to match the changed reduplicative prefix. Nevertheless, considering the few occurrences of this atypical pattern, the strict maintenance of reduplicative identity appears less important than the ordered application of IC and reduplication.

These unusual outputs for the operation of reduplication and IC on the same word may suggest that the order for their application is not rigid or that the identity between base and reduplicant is of paramount importance. These anomalies may also reflect how on-going language change is affecting the process of word-formation for this dialect. However, such conjecture should be tempered by the fact that, although the younger
speaker supplied a number of these exceptional forms, she judged them as marginal when they were brought to her attention. She preferred the older speaker’s more traditional versions of the combined reduplication/IC forms, in which IC operated on the initial syllable produced by reduplication; she attributed her own deviations to language loss in the younger generation. While the issue of language competence may indeed be a factor influencing these anomalies, the role of changing language patterns in accounting for the irregular data certainly should be considered worth investigating in future research.

5.3 **IC and Reduplication Interaction – Support for Reduplicative Identity**

The significance of phonological identity as defining reduplication, as previously discussed in 4.2.7.1, is further reiterated by data related to the interaction of IC and reduplication. In contrast to the typical pattern which shows IC affecting only the initial syllable, that is, the first syllable of the reduplicant, of a reduplicated form, some atypical reduplications show the effects of IC on both reduplicant and base. As discussed in Section 5.2, these unexpected results, seen in examples such as (445) *piäpiäpat*, suggest that the speaker understands base-reduplicant identity as fundamental to the process of reduplication. The IC morpheme is not copied for semantic effect, but rather to optimize phonological correspondence between reduplicative prefix and base.
Chapter VI

Conclusion

6.0 Summary

This thesis described the processes of reduplication and initial change in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun from a phonological perspective using original data gathered during fieldwork.

The thesis began by introducing the community, the language, and the linguistic processes to be investigated. Chapter II outlined the sound system underlying the subsequent analysis of the phonological data. The next chapter delved into Initial Change, first giving an overview of that process in Algonquian languages in general and, then, examining the Sheshatshiu data to derive the IC patterns specific to that dialect. Chapter IV provided a detailed description of reduplication. Initially, reduplicated forms were analysed according to the phonological category of each reduplicative base, revealing a range of phonological variants used to signal reduplicative semantics. Next, the chapter focussed on the individual reduplicant types to describe their patterns of usage. Chapter V investigated the interaction of IC and reduplication when applied to the same word, since both processes target the left edge of the word.

The remainder of this chapter recapitulates the findings of this thesis, summarizing the typical patterns for reduplication and IC, and drawing attention to the atypical data. The work concludes by suggesting areas for further research.
6.1 Typical Patterns for Initial Change in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

Comparable to other Algonquian languages, Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun uses two basic patterns to mark IC on verbs in the conjunct order. The first of these is a synthetic approach involving internal change to the leftmost vowel of the verb; the second is an analytic method using an invariant prefix.

The various outcomes of IC using the synthetic approach are achieved by modifying the initial vowel through qualitative ablaut, lengthening, or augmentation; there may even be no overt change at all. The type of change varies according to vowel length and quality. A complete list of the typical vowel changes resulting from applying the synthetic approach to IC is found in Table 7, page 75.

In contrast to the synthetic approach, the analytic method does not affect the initial vowel of a verb. Instead, a ‘dummy’ e-conjunct, an invariant preverb whose sole purpose is to mark IC, is prefixed to the leftmost edge of a verb in the conjunct order. Like the synthetic strategy, if a preverb or reduplicant are part of the verb complex, its left edge becomes the domain of application for the process.

6.2 Typical Patterns for Reduplication in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

Reduplication in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun, like IC, targets the leftmost edge of words. This process prefixes material copied from the initial elements of a reduplicative base. The reduplicants may be monosyllabic or bisyllabic; the monosyllabic type is quite productive, occurring much more frequently than the bisyllabic type.
Monosyllabic reduplicants are structured as (C)a:/-, (C)/I/-, (C)V(:)-, and (C)V(:)C- syllables. These reduplicative prefixes vary in the degree of identity maintained between reduplicants and their bases. While the consonants are copies of base material, the vocalic elements may be prespecified as a low, non-round vowel.

Reduplication with prespecified vowels is found with all base types. The (C)a:-template, ubiquitous throughout Algonquian languages as a reduplicative prefix containing a predetermined vowel, is a dominant reduplication strategy in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun. The light reduplicant, (C)/I/-, also occurs as a predetermined reduplicative syllable. The occurrence of reduplicants such as these, which make use of invariant segments rather than copying from base material, reiterates the phonological character of reduplication by demonstrating the emergence of the unmarked. As Alderete et al. (1999) posit, the “non-copying of a base segment, with substitution of some fixed, default segment, decreases phonological markedness” (1). The prespecified low, non-round vowel that commonly surfaces in reduplicants is less marked than vowels such as /i/, /u(:)/, or /e/, which would be expected to be copied from the base in reduplication. Using this vowel effectively reduces markedness, although sacrificing identity between base and reduplicant.

In contrast to reduplicants containing prespecified segments, the (C)V(:)- and (C)V:(C)- reduplicant types display exact identity with material from their reduplicative bases. With these types of reduplicative prefixes, maintaining faithfulness to base

27 The link between markedness and fixed segmentism in reduplication is explored in depth by a number of researchers such as Alderete et al. (1999), McCarthy & Prince (1994a), and Yip (1993).
segments appears to take precedence over limiting the markedness of reduplicants. As previously discussed in 4.4.1.4, even though the (C)V:(C)- prefix does occur as a monosyllable, it may, in many instances, be analysed as an actual bisyllabic reduplicant.

Bisyllabic reduplicants are structured as (C)V(C)V- syllables composed of elements copied from the left edge of a reduplicative base. This type of reduplicant is a trochee, with a stressed/unstressed syllable composition. The first syllable is identical to the first syllable of the reduplicative base. The vowel in the second syllable is usually heard as [ə], which may be a prespecified neutral vocalic element used to complete the bisyllabic structure, rather than a simplified form of a base vowel.

6.3 The Interaction of IC and Reduplication

IC and reduplication have the potential to intersect when they apply concurrently to the same verb. The interaction of these processes is interesting since both have the same domain for application, that is, at the leftmost edge of verbs. Typically, IC applies to already reduplicated forms, so that the effects of IC are manifested in the reduplicant. If the analytic e-conjunct strategy is used, the e- prefixes the reduplicated form; the reduplicant is unaffected by the presence of the e- preverb. These outcomes suggest rule-ordering for the two processes, with reduplication applying before IC.

6.4 Interesting Facts about Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun

In addition to the typical patterns associated with IC and reduplication, there are also certain atypical results arising from the collected material. These outcomes not only
suggest some interesting facts about Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun but may also have theoretical implications. The concluding chapter touches on only a few of the unexpected findings. Other interesting findings, such as those concerning <tshi-> bases in Chapter 4, are noted in the relevant sections throughout this work.

### 6.4.1 An Innovative Pattern for IC

The typical patterns for marking IC are a synthetic approach with a variety of outcomes and an analytic strategy with an invariant prefix. A number of examples in the data indicate that there is a third alternative – a more regular synthetic approach. For non-round vowels, IC is applied by augmenting the leftmost vowel of the base with [iy-] and realizing this vowel as [ə]; rounded vowels are also augmented with [iy-] but retain the rounded quality of the base vowel.

Given the evidence in the data for this alternative synthetic IC strategy, this research divides the outcomes of IC into three distinct patterns: Changed I and II, which take a synthetic approach, and Changed III, which uses the analytic approach. The variety of outcomes in the Changed I pattern and the single invariant prefix of the Changed III pattern are attested in the literature and are comparable to IC in other Algonquian languages. However, the Changed II pattern, the alternative synthetic method, is unattested. This approach may represent an innovation in the language, indicative of a regularization of IC outcomes, as the IC process moves towards morphophonological simplification. This trend appears to be in an early stage, since the typical synthetic approach, the Changed I pattern, is still the dominant strategy for realizing IC. As well,
some examples suggest optionality in choosing between the alternate synthetic strategies, with either type of outcome being acceptable.

### 6.4.2 Optional Forms

A consistent theme throughout the examination of both IC and reduplication has been the flexibility that allows a speaker some optionality in choosing a form to produce a specific meaning. For instance, certain items from the data, such as *nipita*pu*ütatin,*

*nipu*pu*ütatin,* “I am blowing repeatedly”, show that the same reduplicative meaning can be achieved by prefixing either a monosyllabic or a bisyllabic reduplicant. Other examples show the equivalence of using either a *CV(:)*- reduplicant such as in *pu*pu*ütamat*’i, which is an exact copy of base elements, or a *Ca-* prefix with a prespecified vowel, as seen in *papu*ütamat*’i; the speaker recognized both these options as meaning “s/he blows on it repeatedly”.

The IC process also demonstrates this sort of flexibility in choosing between which pattern to apply for realizing internal change. A number of examples raise the possibility of optionality in using either the predominant Changed I pattern, with its idiosyncratic ablaut strategy, or the innovative Changed II type with its consistent *iyarence* outcome. The reality of such optionality for IC, as well as for reduplication, implies that these processes are not static but exist within the dynamic framework of a living language.

As discussed in 4.5.1, the existence of options for reduplication and also for IC suggests that these processes may be undergoing change. During the transition, older
forms as well as newer options are accessible; optionality enables the speaker to cope with language change by recognizing the validity of competing reduplicative and IC forms within a functional system.

6.4.3 Exceptions to Typical IC and Reduplication Interactions

Although the interaction between IC and reduplication typically conforms to regular patterns, there are some atypical results. In contrast to the usual pattern with IC affecting only the reduplicant, certain combined reduplication/IC forms reflect the effects of IC in both the reduplicant and in the base. As discussed in 5.2 and 5.3, these atypical results may be reiterating the significance of phonological identity in defining reduplication.

6.5 The Need for Future Research

This thesis began with the aim of describing the processes of reduplication and IC in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun from a phonological perspective. This goal was accomplished by analyzing original data and identifying the patterns defining the operation of these processes for native speakers. However, as the work has progressed, the investigation of IC and reduplication has brought forward intriguing questions which are, necessarily, outside the purview of this thesis. A number of the issues raised should be recognized as merits in-depth study by future researchers.

Since this work concentrated on phonological description, theory was only touched upon cursorily. More exhaustive research is needed to investigate the linguistic theory defining the operation of IC and reduplication. This sort of work might be able to answer
questions such as whether these processes operate on underlying phonological or morphological principles, or a combination of both.

A thorough discussion of the semantics of IC and reduplication also does not lie within the parameters of this thesis. Although certain semantic observations were made based upon intriguing data, such commentary was limited by the phonological focus of data acquisition. In-depth semantic study of these processes would be a valuable avenue for research, especially to address issues such as the distinction between monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplication considering the evidence for optionality in choosing between these reduplicant types.

The latter example concerning the choice available to the speaker for using either monosyllabic or bisyllabic reduplicative prefixes to provide the same meaning naturally leads to a very significant area for future study – language change and loss. Interesting results from the data include an apparent lack of strong distinctions between monosyllabic and bisyllabic reduplicants, the appearance of the innovative Changed II pattern for IC, and instances demonstrating a disruption in the typical order of application for IC and reduplication to the same verb. These facts may suggest that Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun is experiencing on-going language change, particularly in the patterns of usage for IC and reduplication.

Further research may even show that an actual loss of language competence underlies some of the anomalous outcomes. Indeed, such study may validate the feeling voiced by the younger language consultant that her mastery of her mother tongue was far short of that of the older people in her community. She attributed the differences in usage
between her and her mother to language loss and lamented the many words lost to the younger generation. Whether such differences arise from changes in the Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun or from language loss could be answered by research focussing on these issues.

6.6 Final Comments

This thesis has described the patterns of the phonological application of IC and reduplication synchronically in Sheshatshiu Innu-aimun and discovered some interesting facts concerning their operation. Certain results from the data point to the need for further linguistic research in various areas, especially regarding the subject of language change. Nevertheless, it is evident from the research in this work that reduplication and IC are productive linguistic processes which are continuously evolving within the framework of a dynamic language.
Bibliography


Appendix I

Figure 1: Innu Communities in Quebec-Labrador
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**Appendix II**
Sample Elicitation Sheet

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**Monosyllabic**

?q( pâpâtshiku)  
3rd  
1st  
preverb

**Bisyllabic**

?q( pâtshipâtshi-)  
3rd  
1st  
preverb

**Initial Change**

?q( piâ-)  
?q( piâpâ-)  
+ Mono. Redup.
?q( piâtshipâtshi-)  
+ Bisyllabic Redup
?q(e pâtshi-)  
preverb  
e-conjunct
?q( pâpâtshi-)  