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σπάθη

In ŽA 31 (1981), 94-5 I reconstructed *σφήν* as **speHn-* ~ **spHn-*, and I accepted provisionally *σπάθη* as **spH-dh-*. I now see that *σπάθη* can equally be **spHn-dh-* > **spHndh-* > **sphnth-* (by Grassmann's Law) **sphnth-* > *σπαθ-*.

Germanic **spaðan* could reflect a metathesis **spHndh-* > **spHdhn-*.

It is now possible to reconstruct a base **speH_en-*. This will revise my note, and eliminate the doubt there expressed.

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