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## **THE ALLOMORPHS OF DIRECT OBJECT CLITIC PRONOUNS AND THEIR GEOLECTAL VARIATION IN WESTERN ASTURIAS**

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### **Abstract**

The subject of this contribution is the geolectal distribution of some morphosyntactic phenomena in the Eo-Navia strip, a linguistic boundary between the Galician-Portuguese and Astur-Leonese domains in the westernmost side of Asturias. Those phenomena concern the 3<sup>rd</sup> person direct object clitic pronouns and their allomorphs, conditioned by the previous phonic environment: *-r*, *-s*, *-n* and diphthong. The data – obtained from the project ETLEN – are presented according to two options of classification and two of geolectal analysis. The two options of classification are: (1) according to the forms of the pronouns; (2) according to «existence» or «nonexistence» of pronominal variation. The two geolectal analyses are: dialectographic or «classic», with attention to the distribution of variation areas in 40 villages; and «horiometric», considering distribution of percentages of geotypological assignment (Galician-Portuguese vs. Astur-Leonese phenomena). The results show that the chosen phenomena of geolectal variation are also part of the well-known «isogloss bundle» marking the boundary between both domains.

### **Keywords**

pronominal allomorphs, linguistic boundary, Galician-Portuguese, Astur-Leonese, horiometry

## LOS ALOMORFOS DE LOS PRONOMBRES CLÍTICOS Y SU VARIACIÓN GEOLECTAL EN LA ZONA EO-NAVIA (ASTURIAS)

### Resumen

El objeto de esta contribución es la distribución geoelectal de ciertos fenómenos morfosintácticos en la franja Eo-Navia, frontera lingüística entre los dominios gallegoportugués y asturleonés la parte más occidental de Asturias. Se trata de los pronombres clíticos de 3ª persona de objeto directo y sus alomorfos, condicionados por el entorno fónico precedente: *-r*, *-s*, *-n* y *diptongo*. Los datos –obtenidos por el proyecto ETLEN– se presentan según dos opciones de tipificación y según dos análisis geoelectales. Las dos opciones de tipificación son: formas de los pronombres / existencia o no de variación entre formas primarias y secundarias. Los dos análisis geoelectales son: dialectográfico o «clásico», con atención a la distribución de áreas de variación en el mapa, de acuerdo con 40 localidades; y horiométrica, que atiende a la distribución de porcentajes de adscripción geotipológica (fenómenos gallegoportugueses frente a asturleonés). Los resultados demuestran que los fenómenos de variación geoelectal considerados forman parte también del famoso «haz de isoglosas» que marca la frontera entre gallegoportugués y el asturleonés.

### Palabras clave

alomorfos pronominales, geografía lingüística, frontera lingüística, gallegoportugués / asturleonés, horiometría

### Introduction

The aim of this paper is to study the geoelectal variation of the allomorphs of 3rd person direct object (DO) clitic pronouns in the transitional stretch of land between the linguistic domains of Galician-Portuguese and Astur-Leonese in the westernmost end of Asturias, in an area that will be referred to as Eo-Navia, in association with the two rivers that border it in the coastal area.

### 1. State of the art

Table 1 compares the situation of these pronouns in the Galician, Portuguese and Asturian standard models or varieties, offering an illustrative example of each. The white boxes represent the geoelectal phenomena promoted by each standard model, while the greyed boxes represent those geoelectal phenomena which are not

contemplated in the standard models; they are exemplified with typical short sentences. “Primary” forms are understood as those which can be found in a postvocalic context, that is, those forms that, over time, are not influenced by preceding sounds (e.g. in a proclitic position and preceded by a simple vowel); and “secondary” forms are understood to be the allomorphs originated in a conditioning context, i.e. through the influence of certain sounds over time.

	Portuguese	Galician	Asturian
-vowel + ...	PRIMARY FORMS		
	O, A, OS, AS	O, A, OS, AS	LU, LA, LO, LOS, LES
	<i>Sempre o faz</i> 'He always does'	<i>Sempre o fai</i>	<i>Siempre lo fai</i>
	SECONDARY FORMS		
-r + ...	(-R) + -LO, -LA, -LOS, -LAS	(-R) + LO, LA, LOS, LAS	(-R) + LU, LA, LO, LOS, LES
	<i>Quer vendê-lo</i> 'He wants to sell it'	<i>Quere vendelo</i>	<i>Quier vende<del>lo</del></i>
			(-R) + LU, LA, LOS, LAS
			(-R) + LU, LA, LOS, LAS
-s + ... *	(-S, -Z) + -LO, -LA, -LOS, -LAS	(-S) + LO, LA, LOS, LAS	(-S) + LU, LA, LO, LOS, LES
	<i>Isso vende-lo tu?</i> 'Do you sell that?'		
	<i>Isso fá-lo e trá-lo</i> 'Do it and bring it'	<i>¿Iso véndelo ti?</i>	<i>¿Eso viéndeslo tu?</i>
	-S + -O, -A, -OS, -AS		
-n + ... -m + ...	-M, nasal diphth + -NO, -NA, -NOS, -NAS	(-N) + NO, NA, NOS, NAS	(-N) + LU, LA, LO, LOS, LES
	<i>Isso compram-no lá</i> 'They buy it there'	<i>Iso cómprano alí</i>	
	<i>Dão-nas</i> 'They give them'	(-N) + O, A, OS, AS	<i>Eso cómprenlo ellí</i>
		<i>Iso cómprano alí</i> **	
oral diphth. + ...	-diphth. + -O, -A, -OS, -AS	-diphth. + NO, NA, NOS, NAS	-diphth. + LU, LA, LO, LOS, LES
	<i>A canção cantei-a eu</i> 'I sang the song'	<i>A canción canteina eu</i>	<i>El cantar cantáilu</i>
	<i>Levou-os no carro</i> 'He took them in the car'	<i>Levou<del>nos</del> no coche</i>	<i>La sidra bebéilo</i> 'Drink the cider'
		-diphth + O, A, OS, AS	<i>Eses caxes trailes</i> 'Bring these boxes'
		<i>A canción canteia eu</i>	<i>(Llevóulos no coche)</i>
		<i>Levou<del>os</del> no coche</i>	

\* In this assumption, only the 2<sup>nd</sup> person singular is contemplated.

\*\* In this case, the standard forms result from assimilation [-ŋ + l-] > [-n-], when the pronoun still retained the initial [l-], but the non-standard forms come from the combination [-ŋ + vowel] when the pronoun already lost the initial [l-].

Table 1. Allomorphs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person DO clitic pronouns in Portuguese, Galician and Asturian

In general terms, Galician-Portuguese tends towards a variation of “primary” and “secondary” forms, in contrast to Astur-Leonese, which has a stronger tendency towards “unique” forms. As it can be observed, the allomorphs or “secondary” forms appear in Galician-Portuguese when the clitic pronoun *o, a, os, as* is preceded by *-r, -s (-z), nasal or oral diphthong*.

The greyed areas highlight those phenomena that have not been recorded in the standard models, but which are still part of the geolectal reality of each territory. This refers to the absence of secondary forms in Galician-Portuguese and the presence of secondary forms in Astur-Leonese. These phenomena are exemplified with typical short sentences.

In Portuguese, the primary forms maintained in *-s + -o -a* are typical of non-standard spoken language (João Saramago, personal communication). In Galician, there is an absence of secondary forms after *[-ŋ]* in scattered geographical points spread out throughout Galicia, as well as El Bierzo (León) and Sanabria (Zamora). In the same way, there is an absence of secondary forms in Galician, in Fisterra (West of A Coruña) and the south-western (Pontevedra) and south-eastern (Ourense) parts of Galicia (Rosario Álvarez Blanco, personal communication).

In the case of Astur-Leonese, secondary forms following *-r* are registered in a relatively wide area of Asturias and León, most often coexisting with the primary forms. And thus, the pronouns *lu la lo los las* 'him, her, it, them' are transformed into *-llu -lla -llo -llos -llas* or in *-!lu -!la -!los -!las*.

As it is widely known, this varied allomorphic casuistry is caused by phenomena of phonetic evolution: namely assimilation amongst sounds which are in contact with the */l-/* that characterized the pronouns during a first phase common to both domains (Williams 1994: 154-158; Ferreiro 1996: 245-247). Thus, this casuistry straddles both phonetic and morphosyntactic issues.

## 2. Aim of this inquiry

From this point onward, attention will be focused on the linguistic geography that such pronominal allomorphs present in the Eo-Navia area, a transitional stretch of



land in which a well-known isogloss bundle between the Galician-Portuguese and Astur-Leonese domains is located. To this end, the study will make use of all the geolinguistic information available up to this date, data which will be completed by the addition of the information gathered as a result of this team's project «Estudio de la Transición Lingüística en la zona Eo-Navia, Asturias (ETLEN)».<sup>1</sup>

The vast majority of available geolinguistic information about the Eo-Navia area, is accessible through dialectological works that encompass the entirety of the Galician language, such as the *Atlas Lingüístico de la Península Ibérica* (ALPI) (Heap 2003), the *Atlas Lingüístico Galego* (ALGa) (García, Santamarina & Fernández Rei 1990, 2003; García, Santamarina & Álvarez Blanco 1995; García, Santamarina & González 1999; García, Santamarina, Álvarez Blanco, Dubert García & Sousa Fernández 2005) and the *Dialectoloxía da lingua galega* by Fernández Rei (1990). To these, we must add the works that abridge under one single corpus the data obtained from different previous sources, such as the *Diccionario de diccionarios* (DdD) (Santamarina 2003) and the *Diccionario general de la lengua asturiana* (DGLA) (García Arias 2002-2004). Furthermore, a great number of monographs and research pieces focusing on the different speech forms in the area have been consulted (Alonso 1972-1993; Babarro Fernández 2003; Fernández Vior 1997; Frías Conde 2001; García 1983; Muñiz 1978, among others). All of these sources, variable in quantity and quality, provide a general geolectal portrait of those phenomena this paper is most interested in. The considerable amount of data obtained thanks to the above-mentioned ETLEN project, will contribute to a more complete view of the situation.

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<sup>1</sup> Project ETLEN studies the border between the Galician-Portuguese and the Astur-Leonese domains attending to three different scopes: *dialectographic*, in line with traditional dialectology; *horimetric* (of a statistical nature), based on the ascription of variants according to geotypological parameters, thus obtaining a figure, which indicates the percentages of the variant in each of the villages or towns studied; and a *dialectrometric* approach, also statistical in nature, consisting on the cumulative measuring of the linguistic similarity/dissimilarity in the different villages and towns in the territory studied. The source of data is an in-house questionnaire based on 366 differentiating phenomena, applied to 40 villages and towns. The end result of this research will be the *Atlas Lingüístico de la Zona Eo-Navia, Asturias (ATLEN)*, currently under preparation. More information can be found in Andrés Díaz, Álvarez-Balbuena & Suárez Fernández (2007), Andrés Díaz & Álvarez-Balbuena (2011), Andrés Díaz (2011, 2013), Álvarez-Balbuena García, Andrés Díaz, Suárez Fernández & Cueto Fernández (2011), Andrés Díaz, Álvarez-Balbuena, Cueto Fernández & Suárez Fernández (2012, 2013), Cueto Fernández (2012).

The ETLEN questionnaire consists of 366 differential phenomena illustrated with 569 items (words or phrases). It was been applied to indigenous speakers over 65 years of age of each of the 40 chosen villages. By exceeding the aim of the research team, this questionnaire does not attend to sociolinguistic phenomena; however, the sociological diversity of the 40 villages is irrelevant.

The main aims of this inquiry are:

1. To understand with more precision the pronominal 3rd person DO allomorphs, both in their geolectal distribution as well as their formal diversity.
2. To highlight the relevance of these phenomena in the well-known isogloss bundle existing between the Galician-Portuguese and Astur-Leonese domains.

### 3. Phenomena under consideration

In the ETLEN questionnaire, the main source from which the data studied have been extracted, there are several entries which refer to the 3rd person DO clitic pronouns: three of them refer to “primary” forms; one refers to “secondary” forms preceded by verbal *-r*; one refers to “secondary” forms after verbal *-s*; and one refers to “secondary” forms after *-n* [-ŋ]. “Secondary” forms preceded by oral diphthong are not under consideration in this instance. These are the phenomena studied in this piece of research:

#### 1. Primary forms of the 3rd person masculine singular DO clitic pronoun.

Reference example: *El café que lo compre el tou fiyo* ‘The coffee must be bought by your son’.

#### 2. Primary forms of the 3rd person feminine singular DO clitic pronoun.

Reference example: *A casa que la compre Pedro* ‘The house must be bought by Pedro’.

#### 3. Primary forms of the 3rd person masculine plural DO clitic pronoun.

Reference example: *Os cochos que los compre Pedro* ‘The pigs must be bought by Pedro’.

#### 4. Secondary forms of the 3rd person masculine singular DO clitic pronoun after verbal *-r*.

Reference example: *El coche, vendolo é el miyor que fais* ‘Your car, to sell it is the best thing you can do’.

**5. Secondary forms of the 3rd person masculine singular DO clitic pronoun after verbal -s.**

Reference example: *Ese xato, ¿véndeslo tu?* 'This calf, do you sell it?'.

**6. Secondary forms of the 3rd person masculine singular DO clitic pronoun after verbal -n.**

Reference example: *Ese viño véndenlo alí* 'That wine, they buy it there'.

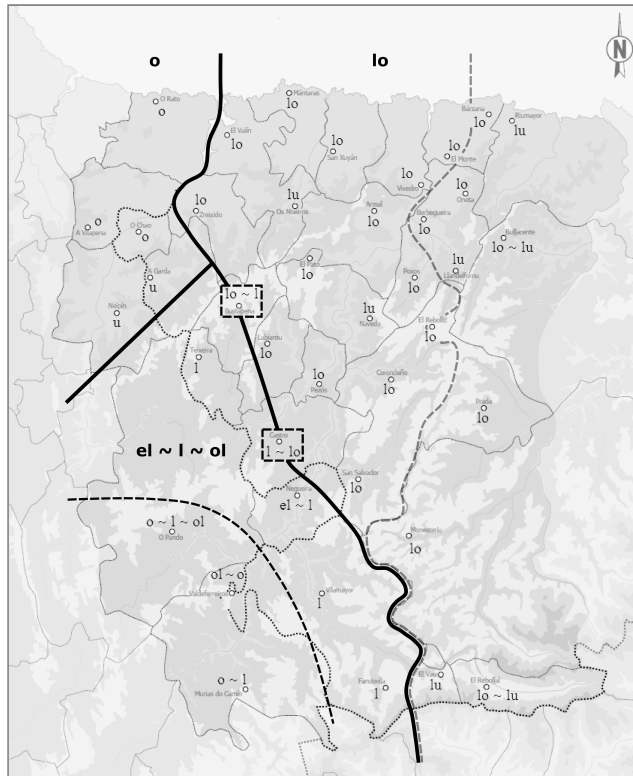
For phenomena 4, 5 and 6 several variations in gender and number are observed in the original questionnaire, although for the specific aims of this paper the reference of masculine singular is considered to be enough. In those cases, three assumptions are proposed:

- Formal variants of the pronoun, generated through contact with -r, -s or -n.
- Contrast between primary and secondary forms; depending on the territories studied, the above-mentioned formal variants may appear as unique forms or as secondary forms to other forms in a free context.
- Events on the final verbal consonant when followed by the pronoun (loss or maintenance): infinitive -r, 2nd person singular -s, 3rd person plural -n.

The dialectographic maps obtained will be considered alongside these three assumptions in all cases. For practical purposes, the well-known isogloss «conservation | | diphthongisation of short ě, ō» has been represented in the maps as a discontinuous thin line, since this isogloss, together with some other which are located quite close to it, has served as a border reference between both domains in our dialectological tradition. The pronominal isoglosses discussed in this paper are shown as continuous thick lines.

**5. Masculine singular in a free context**

The following variants can be distinguished:



Map 1. Primary forms of the 3rd person masculine singular DO clitic pronoun (in a postvocalic context)

– North-western variant *o ~ u*. Located in one of the westernmost parts of the area studied and in continuity with the general solution of Galician-Portuguese; it only affects five areas (three of them in the province of Lugo).

– South-eastern variant *el ~ l ~ ol*. This feature of a part of Eastern Galician penetrates the western and south-western area of the Eo-Navia.

– Eastern variant *lo ~ lu*. It occupies the largest part of the territory studied, extending west of the classic isogloss, especially towards the northern and central areas, in continuity with Astur-Leonese. Despite this, it coincides with such isogloss in its southernmost stretch.

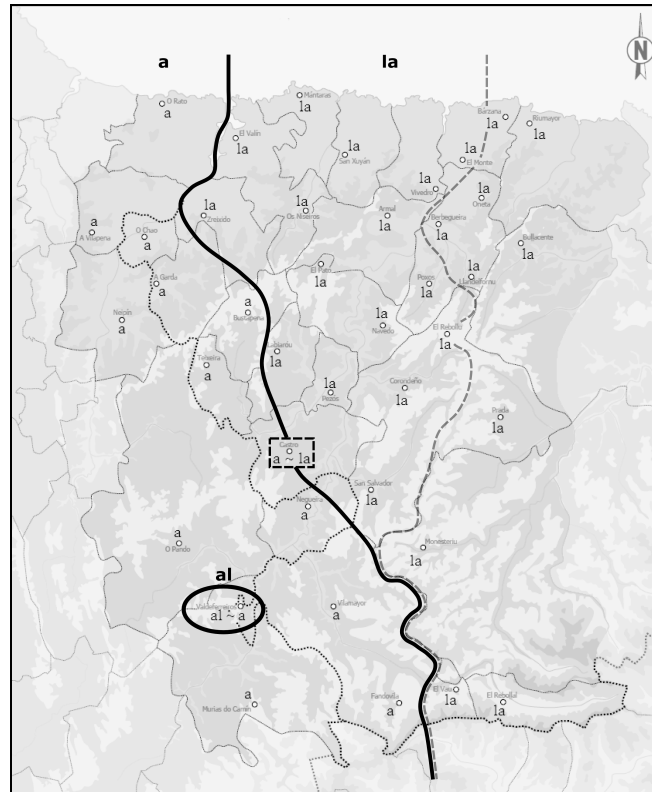
The villages of Bustapena (Vilanova) and Castro (Grandas), in which the variants *l* and *lo* coexist have been highlighted in two rectangular boxes. In the south-western angle of the area studied, O Pando (A Fonsagrada), Valdeferreiros (Ibias) and Murias do Camín (Navia de Suarna) have also been distinguished as an area where the variants *l ~ ol* and *o* alternate.

The isoglosses follow a general north-to-south direction, as it is common in the

linguistic borders of the Eo-Navia territory.

## 5. Feminine singular in a free context

The following variants can be distinguished:



Map 2. Primary forms of the 3rd person feminine singular DO clitic pronoun (in a postvocalic context)

– Western variant *a*. Its area basically coincides with the sum of the *o ~ u* and the *el ~ l ~ ol* areas of the masculine singular pronoun, stretching along the western and south-western parts of the area studied, in continuity with Galician-Portuguese.<sup>2</sup>

– Eastern variant *la*. It occupies the same areas as the masculine *lo ~ lu*, that is, the largest part of the Eo-Navia in continuity with Astur-Leonese.

– South-western variant *al*. It has only been registered in the village of Valdeferreiros (Ibias), alternating with the typical form of the surrounding area (*a*).

<sup>2</sup> In Fandovila (Ibias) this pronominal *a* variant, when preceded by */a/*, alternates with an *oa* [ɔa] form, which presents the insertion of a semivocalic antihhiatic segment: *Xa a cantou* 'He already sang it' versus *Péchaaoa* 'Close it'.

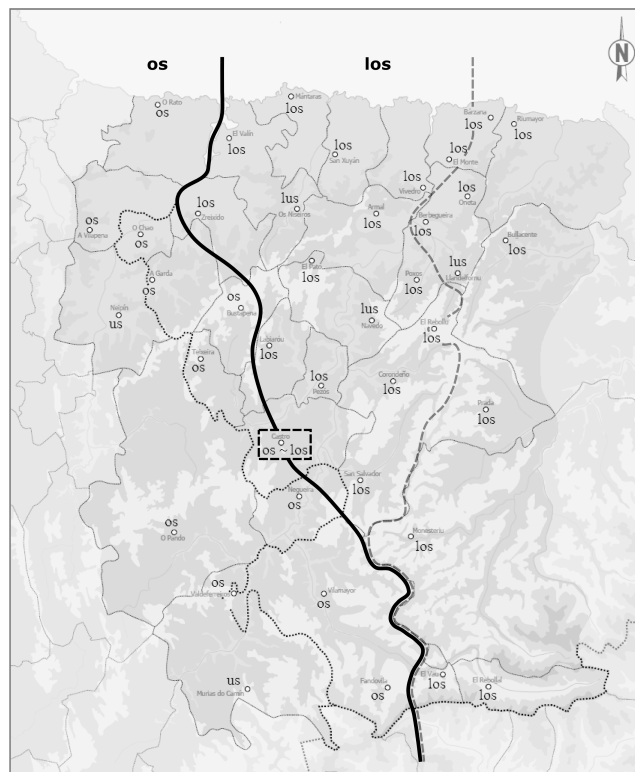
The village of Castro (Grandas), where *a* and *la* alternate, has also been highlighted by a rectangular box.

The main isogloss continues to follow a general north-south direction. In its northern and central stretch, its trajectory moves further to the west than that of the reference isogloss, while in its southern stretch, both converge

## 6. Masculine plural in free context

A western variant *os ~ us* and an eastern variant *los ~ lus*, can be observed and their areas coincide with those of *a* and *la* in the previous map. The same observations done in the previous case can be made in this instance regarding the positioning of the isogloss and the data given previously about its location with respect to the reference isogloss also apply here.

The village of Castro (Grandas) is highlighted once more, for it is here that the forms *os* and *los* alternate.



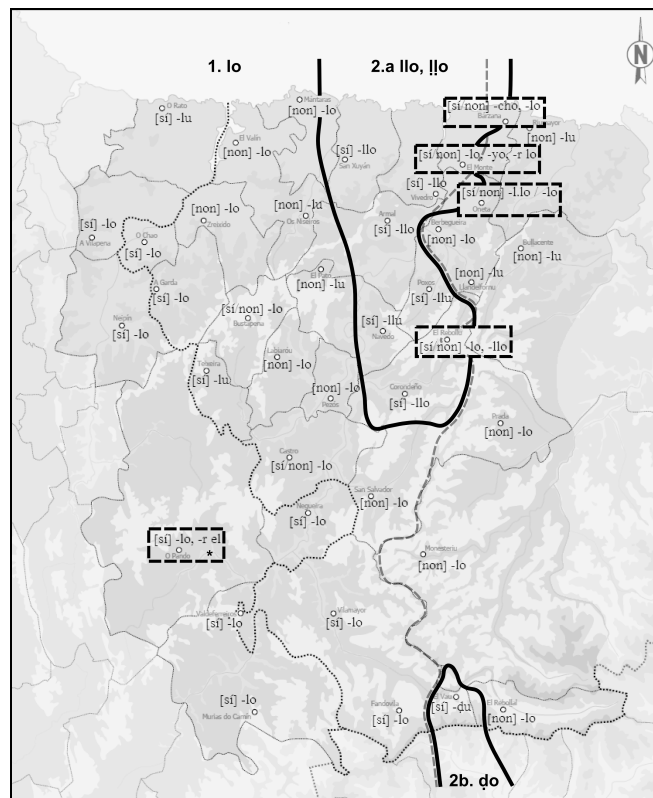
Map 3. Primary forms of the 3rd person masculine plural DO clitic pronoun (in a postvocalic context)

### 7. Masculine singular after verbal -r

In all cases, verbal *-r* corresponds to the infinitive form. It is to be taken into account that, in all of the maps that follow, the masculine singular form, in fact, represents the gender and number variations of the DO pronoun.

### 7.1. Formal variants of the pronoun

The relevant information in this map is the form of the pronoun (the annotations [sí], [non] and [sí/non] refer to the existence or non-existence of secondary forms as opposed to the primary forms, an issue which will be dealt with in subsequent sections).



Map 4. Forms of the 3rd person masculine singular DO clitic pronoun after infinitive verbal -r

In view of the map, the following geolectal areas can be distinguished:

– Area (1) *lo ~ lu*, which occupies the largest part of the area studied, in a continuum only interrupted by zones 2a and 2b. In this area speakers say *Qu(i)ero vende**lo*** 'I want to sell it'. This area corresponds to *lo ~ lu*, regardless of whether it is the secondary form in relation to a primary form (a feature contemplated on Map 5).

– Area (2a) *llo ~ llu, !lo ~ !lu*. There are all variants with [ʎ] «ll» or with [tʃ] «!l!», and their geographical distribution attends to two types of palatalization which shall not be discussed in this instance. In this area, speakers say *Qu(i)ero vende**llo*** or *Quiero vende**!lo***. The rectangular boxes show villages and towns where a coexistence between these forms and *lo ~ lu* has been registered. As Map 5 will show, the palatalised forms always operate as secondary forms to *lo ~ lu*.

– Area (2b) *ɖo ~ ɖu*. This is the palatalised voiced variant [ɖ] («ɖ»). Speakers in this area say *Quiero vende**ɖu***. Area 2b presents territorial continuity with a different *llo ~ llu* area which stretches south, in the adjacent part of the province of León.

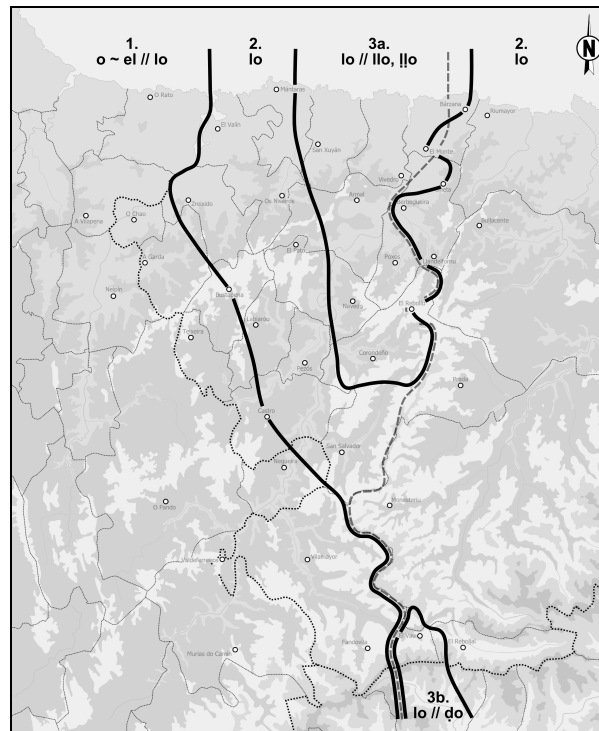
The spatial disposition of areas (2a) and (2b) seems to suggest that there is a geographical continuity broken only by area (1). It is necessary to emphasize that areas (2a) and (2b) are, in turn, discontinuous with respect to other *(-r) + llo ~ llu* and *(-r) + !lo ~ !lu* areas, which are located further east, inside Asturias and León.

The villages of Bárzana (Navia), El Monte (Navia), Oneta (Villayón) and El Rebollu (Ayande) are highlighted with rectangular boxes, for it is here that alternating between type 1 and type 2a forms, located thus in the border between both areas, can be found. The village of O Pando (A Fonsagrada) is also highlighted, for it is here that *lo* and *el* alternate, with maintenance of *-r* in the second case.

## 7.2. Contrast between primary and secondary forms

If the phenomenon under study in this case is the possession of primary and secondary forms (marked as [sí] on Map 4), in contrast to the possession of unique forms (marked on Map 4 as [non]), the resulting map is the following one, where the previously-known linguistic information is disposed of.





Map 5. Primary forms and secondary forms of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person masculine singular DO clitic pronoun after verbal -r

This map synthesises and combines the information presented in Maps 1 and 4; thus the territory under study is divided into four areas:

– Area (1), with primary forms *o ~ u* or *el ~ l* ~ *ol* and the secondary form *lo ~ lu*. Speakers in the area say *Sempre o vendes* or *Sempre el vendes* 'You always sell it', but *Quero vendelo* 'I want to sell it'.

– Area (2), with *lo ~ lu* as pronominal unique form, both following a vowel and after verbal -r. In this area speakers say *S(i)empre lo v(i)endes* and *Qu(i)ero vendelo*.

– Area (3a), with the primary form *lo ~ lu* and secondary palatalised forms *llo ~ llu* or *llo ~ lllo* ~ *llu*, depending on the location. Speakers in this area say: *S(i)empre lo v(i)endes*, but *Qu(i)ero vendello* or *Quiero vendellu*.

– Area (3b), with the primary form *lo ~ lu* and the palatalised secondary form *đo ~ đu*. Speakers in the area say *Siempre lu viendes*, but *Quiero vendeđu*.

In table 2 an outline of the information displayed in the previous map can be found:

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREAS 3A, 3B	AREA 2
PRIMARY FORMS	O ~ U, EL ~ L ~ OL <i>Sempre o vendes</i> <i>Sempre el vendes</i>		LO ~ LU <i>S(i)empre lo v(i)endes</i>	
SECONDARY FORMS AFTER -R	LO ~ LU <i>Quero vendelo</i>	LO ~ LU <i>Sempre lo vendes</i> = <i>Quero vendelo</i>	LLO ~ LLU, LLO ~ LLU (DU) <i>Qu(i)ero vendello</i> <i>Quiero vende<u>llu</u> (-du)</i>	LO ~ LU <i>Sempre lu viendes</i> = <i>Quiero vendelu</i>

Table 2. Geodistribution of the allomorphs of the DO clitic pronoun after vowel and after verbal -r

Areas 3a and 3b could then be considered to be discontinuous penetrations of the Galician-Portuguese feature which consists on presenting secondary forms after -r. Parallel to this, it can be concluded that area 2, in its westernmost stretch, is a penetration of the Astur-Leonese feature which consists on the absence of secondary forms after -r.

### 7.3. Events on the final verbal consonant

Finally, if not only the form of the pronoun but the set made up from the sequence infinitive -r + pronoun is taken into consideration, the complete territory of study would become a unique area, since the disappearance of -r would be confirmed throughout. Nonetheless, in certain spots in El Monte (Navia) or O Pando (A Fonsagrada) the disappearance of -r before a pronoun can alternate with cases of maintenance, such as *vendelo* ~ *venderlo* in the first case and *vendelo* ~ *vendérel* in the second.

## 8. Masculine singular after verbal -s

In all cases verbal -s corresponds to the 2nd person singular.

### 8.1. Formal variants of the pronoun

From the point of view of the form the pronoun adopts after verbal -s, it is obvious that the territory studied constitutes a unique area with no geodifferential



The map presented previously can be summarised in the outline presented on Table 3.

	AREA 1	AREA 2
PRIMARY FORMS	O ~ U, EL ~ L ~ OL <i>Sempre o vendes</i> 'You always sell it' <i>Sempre el vendes</i>	LO ~ LU <i>Sempre lo vendes,</i> <i>Siempre lu viendes</i> = <i>Vénde(s)lo siempre,</i> <i>Viéndeslu siempre</i>
SECONDARY FORMS-S	LO ~ LU <i>Véndelo siempre</i>	

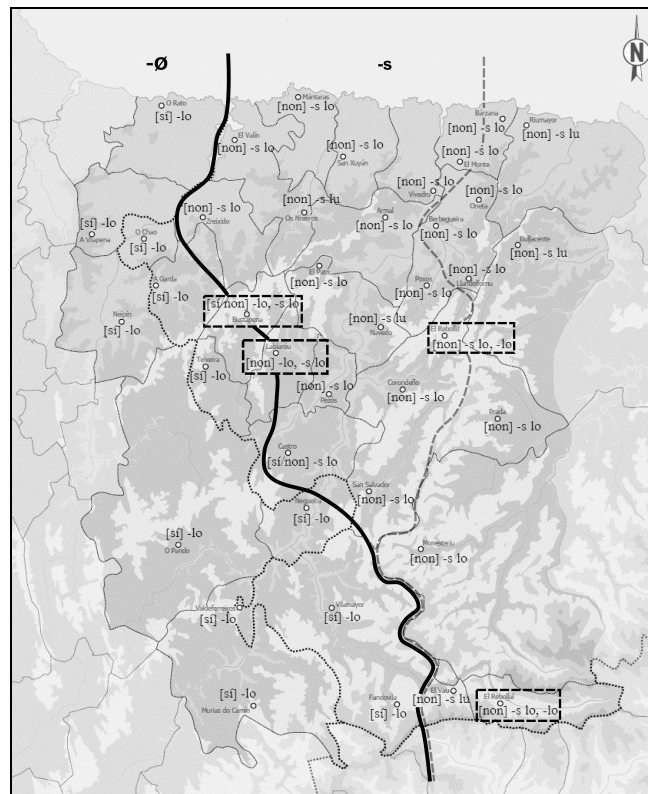
Table 3. Geodistribution of the allomorphs of the DO clitic pronoun after verbal -s

The isogloss separating both areas almost coincides with the isogloss separating the areas of western pronominal *a* forms from the areas with *la* form (Map 2) or those areas where *os* ~ *us* is used versus the areas with *los* ~ *lus* (Map 3). The eastern area then extends significantly further west of the reference isogloss in the northern and central part of the Eo-Navia, to then be joined with the afore-mentioned reference isogloss in its southernmost stretch.

### 8.3. Events on the final verbal consonant

If the phenomenon considered is the occurrence of verbal -s, two areas are to be distinguished:

- Western area (-s) + *lo* ~ *lu*, with loss of verbal -s: *Véndelo* 'You sell it'.
- Eastern area -s + *lo* ~ *lu*, with maintenance of verbal -s: *Véndeslo*, *Viéndeslu*.



Map 7. Maintenance or loss of the 2nd person singular verbal -s with the 3rd person DO clitic pronoun

The villages of Bustapena (Vilanova), Labiaróu (Samartín), El Rebollu (Ayande) and El Rebo||al (Degaña) are highlighted within rectangular boxes, as areas which alternate the loss of the 2nd person singular -s with its maintenance: *Véndelo* or *Véndeslo*.

### 9. Masculine singular after verbal -n

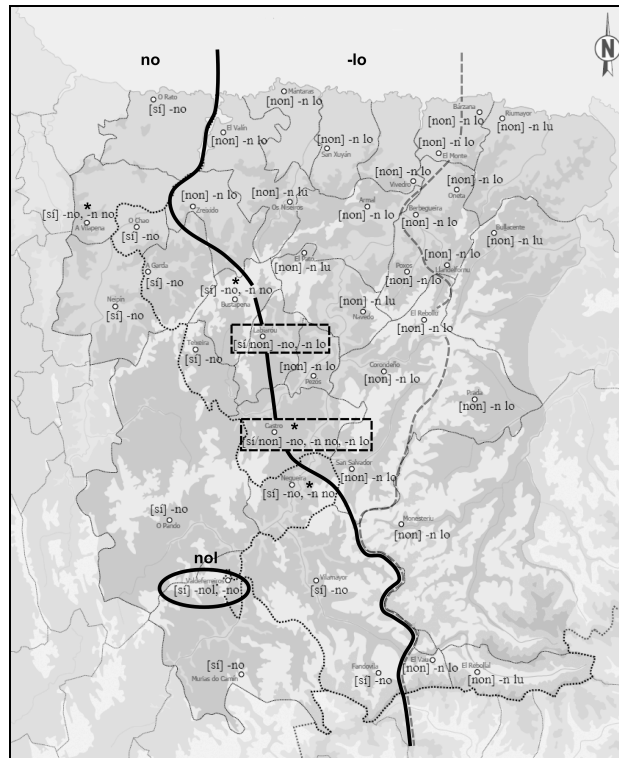
In all cases, verbal *-n* corresponds to the 3<sup>rd</sup> person plural.

### 9.1. Formal variants of the pronoun

According to the pronominal form, three areas can be appreciated in the map:

- Western area *no* ~ *nu*, where speakers say *Véndeno* [-ɲo] 'They sell it' with an alveolar nasal sound.
- Eastern area *lo* ~ *lu*, where speakers say *V(i)éndenlo*.

– South-western area *no/* [-nol] with an alveolar nasal sound, corresponding with the village of Valdeferreiros (Ibias): *Véndenol*, alternating with *no* (*Véndeno*).



Map 8. Forms of the 3rd person DO clitic pronoun after 3rd person plural verbal -n [-ŋ]

The villages of Labiaróu (Samartín) and Castro (Grandas) are highlighted within rectangular boxes, as areas alternating *no* ~ *nu* and *lo* ~ *lu*; thus, *Véndeno* or *Véndenlo*. It should also be pointed out that in the south-western area formed by Valdeferreiros (Ibias) the privative form of this region (*nol*) alternates with that of the surrounding area (*no*).

## 9.2. Contrast between primary and secondary forms

If the phenomenon studied is the existence or absence of secondary forms (marked in the map with [sí]) or the existence of unique forms (marked in the map with [non]), the previously-mentioned western and eastern areas coincide completely, and the south-western area (Valdeferreiros) would be inscribed into the western one. That is:

– Western area with secondary forms *no* ~ *nu* or *nol*, corresponding to the primary forms *o* ~ *u* or *el* ~ *ol* ~ *l*.

– Eastern area with a unique form *lo* ~ *lu*.

### 9.3. Events on the final verbal consonant

A new coincidence with the previous areas occurs in this case:

– Western area with forms *no* ~ *nu* or *nol* that imply the loss of verbal *-n* [-ŋ].

Notable exceptions are A Vilapena (Trabada), Bustapena (Vilanova), Castro (Grandas) and Negueira (Negueira), where the loss of the final verbal consonant alternates with its maintenance: *Véndeno* [-ŋo] or *Véndenno*.<sup>3</sup>

– Eastern area with forms *lo* ~ *lu* which imply the maintenance of verbal *-n*: *V(i)éndenlo*.

All aspects related to the meeting of the final verbal *-n* with the 3rd person masculine singular DO pronoun, are presented as an outline in Table 4:

	WESTERN AREA	EASTERN AREA
PRIMARY FORMS	O ~ U, EL ~ L ~ OL <i>Sempre o venden</i> 'You always sell it' <i>Sempre el venden</i>	LO ~ LU
SECONDARY FORMS AFTER -N	NO ~ NU <i>Véndeno sempre</i> ( <i>Véndenno sempre</i> ) NOL <i>Véndenol sempre</i>	<i>S(i)empre lo v(i)enden</i> = <i>V(i)éndenlo s(i)empre</i>

Table 4. Geodistribution of the allomorphs of the DO clitic pronoun after verbal *-n*

<sup>3</sup> This pronominal form *-no* after maintained final *-n* also appears in Negueira (Negueira) and Fandovila (Ibias) after non-verbal *-n*: *Nono vexo ben* or *Non no vexo ben* 'I don't see him ~ it well', *Nuna vin* or *Nun na vin* 'I didn't see her'.

## 10. Conclusions

In view of the geolectal data presented in this paper, the team has reached several conclusions after the research:

1. As regards the pronominal phenomena studied, the isoglosses show a predominant north-south direction, in a similar fashion to the majority of isoglosses present in the area.

2. The pronominal isoglosses described in this paper have been revealed to be part of the bundle of isoglosses existing in the border between Galician-Portuguese and Astur-Leonese and should, consequently, be incorporated to it.

3. Regarding the allomorphs of the clitic pronouns under consideration in this paper and in light of the data gathered in the study, it can be concluded that the greatest part of Galician-Asturian ascribes to the Eastern geotypology, i.e. the Astur-Leonese. The Eastern typology (Galician-Portuguese), on the other hand, appears in the westernmost territories.

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