## THE NATURE OF CAPPADOCIAN CLITICS

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**Abstract.** Cappadocian is a peripheral Asia Minor Greek dialect heavily influenced by Turkish at every linguistic level. The Cappadocian clitic pronouns, however, have retained their original Greek characteristics, although their syntactic behaviour differs substantially from Standard Modern Greek and most of its core dialects. This paper will discuss the following aspects of the grammar of Cappadocian clitics:

- 1. Clisis, what clisis? Enclisis, proclisis, synclisis, metaclisis, diaclisis und kein Ende...
- 2. Word or affix? The "clitic cline" and the status of clitics.

### 1. Clisis, what clisis?

#### 1.1. Clitics: definition

"Any grammatical unit that is not straightforwardly either an affix or a word on its own. E.g. in Ancient Greek *nêsós tis* 'a (certain) island', the clitic *tis* is not an affix since, among other things, it is itself inflected as nominative singular. Neither, as a word, is it entirely independent, since it forms a single accentual unit with the preceding word for 'island' (basically *nêsos*)."

"From the Greek word for 'leaning': thus unaccented *tis* 'leans on' *nêsos*. Enclitics are clitics linked phonologically, as here, to the word preceding, proclitics those linked to the word following. The distinction between clitics and affixes is naturally fluid: e.g. English -n't in haven't or aren't is a clitic by some criteria but has been claimed as an affix by others. So too is the boundary between clitics and full words: e.g. unstressed *to* is a clitic, by some relevant criteria, in *I have to* [haftə] *go*."

"Clitic": The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Linguistics. P. H. Matthews. Oxford University Press, 2007. Oxford Reference Online. Oxford University Press.

#### 1.2. Clitics: status

"[T]he relative ordering of affixes and of clitics are both quite rigid [which] contributes to the conclusion that clitic placement and word-level morphology are parallel phenomena" (Anderson 1992: 222)

"Clitics generally appear in a fixed, at least partially arbitrary order with respect to one another entirely parallel to the ways in which groups of inflectional clitics interact" (Halpern 1995: 192)

Zwicky's criteria (selected):

- a. Combinatorial selectivity (affix: high; nonaffix: low)
- b. Morphophonology (affix: high; nonaffix: low (sandhi, fast speech)
- c. Ordering (nonword: strict; word: (relatively) free)
- d. Phonological dependence (nonword: dependent; word: independent)

### **1.3. Greek Clitics:** weak object pronouns (WOPs)

## **1.3.1.** Ancient Greek: WOPs syntactically pre- or postverbal, phonologically enclitic, $\Phi$ -phrase $\neq \Sigma$ -phrase

ήψ <i>α</i> τό	=μού	=τις
hé:psató	=mú	=tis
s/he-touched	1sg	someone.nom.
"someone tou	<i>ched</i> me	"(Lk 8 46)

τίς	=μου	ήψατο		
tís	=mu	hé:psato		
who	who 1sg s/he-touched			
"who touched me?" (Mk 5.31)				

μή	=μου	ἄπτου		
mé:	=mu	háptu		
not	1sg	touch		
"don't touch me!" (Jn 20.17)				

ἐοῶ	=σοι	
erô:	=soi	
I-will-tell	2sg	
"I'll tell you" (Meno 76b3)		

ἐγώ	=σοι	ἐοῶ
egó	=soi	erô:
1sg	2sg	I-will-tell
"I will	tell vou"	(Crito 44a2)

ἐγώ	=σοι	ἔφη	ἐοῶ	
egó	=soi	éphe:	erô:	
1sg	2sg	s/he-said	I-will-tell	
"I," he said, "will <i>tell</i> you" (Phaedo 71c10)				

1.3.2. Byzantine Greek: WOPs syntactically immediately pre- or postverbal, phonologically enclitic,  $\Phi$ -phrase  $\Rightarrow$  Σ-phrase: {ἐγώ =σοι} λέ(γ)ω  $\Rightarrow$  ἐγώ [σοι= λέ(γ)ω]

**1.3.3. Modern Greek:** WOPs syntactically pre- or postverbal, phonologically pro- or enclitic,  $\Phi$ -phrase =  $\Sigma$ -phrase

$\theta a =$	mu=	to=	pís		
prt	1sg	3sg	you-tell		
"I'll <i>tell</i> you it"					

esí	<i>θa</i> =	mu=	to=	=pís	
2sg	prt	1sg	3sg	you-tell	
"I will tell you it"					

pés	=mu	=to			
tell	1sg	3sg			
"tell	"tell me it!"				

**1.4. Cappadocian WOPs** = Byzantine WOPs: syntactically immediately pre- or postverbal, phonologically enclitic (always?)

**1.4.1. Postverbal syntax** = unmarked (generalized): grammaticalization (syntacticization)

díçñi	=se	=to
s/he shows	2sg	3sg
"s/he shows	you it	"

$\updownarrow$	su=	to=	ðíçñi			
	2sg	3sg	s/he shows			
	"s/he shows you it"					

1.4.2. Preverbal syntax I: grammaticalization (syntacticization) of Wackernagel's Law (P2)

- a. Modal & negative particles: proclisis (modal) ~ enclisis (negative)
- b. Subordinating conjunctions: enclisis ~ proclisis?
- c. Relative pronouns: proclisis?
- d. Interrogative words: enclisis?

ás	=to	fáγo	= <b>m</b>	тí	=to	fáγo	= <b>m</b>
prt	3sg	I eat	prt	not	3sg	1sg	prt
"sha	"shall I eat him?"		"sha	ll I no	t eat hi	m?"	

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an=	du=	vγális	na=	mi=	páris	
if	3sg	you take out	prt	1sg	you-marry	
"if yo	ou take	it out"	"you will marry me"			

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n-o=	skotósan	=ton	се	dén	=do	skotósan		
prt-3sg they killed		cop.3sg	and	not	3sg	they killed		
"they would have killed him but they didn't kill him"								

Arch.Z.Dawk (unpublished)

	vavá	=sas	óti	=sas	ípen	a=	sas=	ta=	çpó
	father	2pl	whatever	2pl	s/he said	prt	2pl	3pl	I tell
"whatever your father told you, I'll tell you it"									

Arch.Z.Dawk (unpublished)

ta	klátša	=mas	škólja	dén	=da	sáldanam	polí		
the	children	1pl	school	not	3pl	we sent	much		
"our	"our children, we didn't send them to school a lot"								

Misiotika (unpublished recording 2005)

tí	=to	píces	
what	3sg	you did	
"what d	D436		

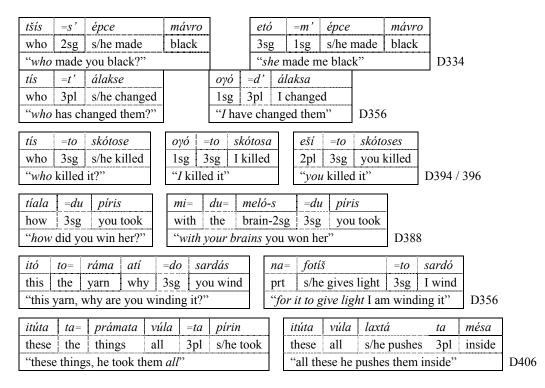
**1.4.3. Preverbal syntax II:** discourse remnants of Wackernagel's Law (P2)

- a. Subject pronouns
- b. Echo answers
- c. Focus

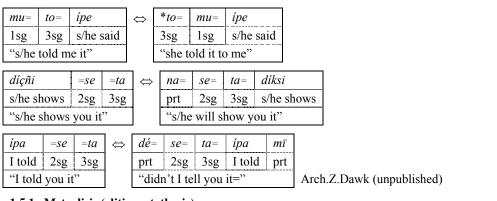
eγó	=ta	léo	eγó	=t'	akúo		
1sg	3pl	I say	1sg	3pl	I hear		
"I sa	y it"		"I hear it"				

léo	=ta	akúo	=ta
I say	3pl	I hear	3pl
"I say	it"		

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#### 1.5. Synclisis



### 1.5.1. Metaclisis (clitic metathesis)

=to

=mu

ten	isg	3Sg		ten	3sg	ısg		
"Tell 1	ne it!"			"Tell it to me!"				
pé(z)	=те	=to	$\Leftrightarrow$	pés	=to	=те		
tell	1sg	3sg		tell	3sg	1sg		
"Tell 1	ne it!"			"Tell it to me!"				

 $\Leftrightarrow$ 

pés

Farasiot (Dawkins 1916: 510 & 518)

džo	риа́	=mes	=ta	$\Leftrightarrow$	džo	puás	=ta	=mas
not	you sell	1pl	3pl		not	you sell	3pl	1pl
"will you not sell us it"					"will you not sell it to us			us"

Languedocian (Hetzron 1977: 195)

te=	la=	dirai	$\Leftrightarrow$	la=	te=	dirai	
2sg	3sg	I will say		3sg	2sg	I will say	
"I'll tell you it"				"I'll tell it to you"			

# 1.5.2. Diataclisis (split cliticization)

a=	se=	to=	díkso	$\Leftrightarrow$	as=	to=	díkso	=se	
prt	2sg	3sg	I show		prt	3sg	I show	2sg	
"I'll show you it"					"I'll	D308			

a=	se=	to=	féro	$\Leftrightarrow$	as=	to=	dókum	=se	
prt	2sg	3sg	I bring		prt	3sg	we give	2sg	
"I'll bring you it"					"we'll give her to you"			PK102 / 192	

Ī	an=	da=	fériz	=те	na=	se=	dóko	s'	esé	
ľ	if	3pl	you bring	1sg	prt	2sg.		to	2sg	
ľ	"if yo	ou brin	g them to me	e"	"I wi	ll give	[her] to	you"		D340

Byzantine Greek (Joseph 1990: 132)

καὶ	τῶρά	με	εἶπε	το				
ce	tóra	те	íре	το				
and	now	1sg	say	3sg				
"and <i>now</i> you must <i>tell</i> me it!"								

East Flemish (Janse 1998a: 274)

zeg	= <i>d</i>	= <b>'</b> t	gij	'em	$\Leftrightarrow$	zeg	jij	= <b>'</b> t	= 'm
say	2sg	3sg.n	2sg	3sg.m		say	2sg	3sg.n	3sg.m
"will you tell it him?"						"will you tell it him?"			n?"

# 1.5.3. Endoclisis

dé-m	<b>(</b>	dé(z)	=те	$\Leftrightarrow$	de-m-ét	<b>(</b>	déz	=те	-ét	
give-1sg		give	1sg		give-1sg-2pl		give	1sg	2pl	
"gimme!"					"gimme!"					D139

Northern Greek (Thavoris 1977: 86f., cf. Joseph 1989)

ðó-m-ti	<b>(</b>	ðó(z)	=mi	-ti	$\Leftrightarrow$	ðóm-ti	=mas
give-1sg-2pl		give	1sg	2pl		give-1sg-2pl	1pl
"gimme!"						"give us!"	

Albanian (Demiraj 1985: 1125)

merr-e-ni	<b>(</b>	merr	= <i>e</i>	ni
give-1sg-2pl		take	3sg	2pl
"take it!"				

jep-ma-ni	<b>(</b>	jep	=më	= <i>e</i>	-ni	$\Leftrightarrow$	ma=	jep-ni
give-1sg/3sg-2pl		give	1sg	3sg	2pl		1sg/3sg	give-pl
"gimme it!"							"gimme	it!"

# 2. Word or affix?

# 2.1. Trisyllabic rule in Modern Greek

éðosa	$\Leftrightarrow$	ðósame	δόθika	$\Leftrightarrow$	ðoθíkame
I gave		we gave	I was given		we were given

# 2.2. Suffixation vs. encliticization in Modern Greek

éðos-a	$\Leftrightarrow$	ðós-a-me	]	éðos-a	$\Leftrightarrow$	éðosá	=to
I gave	Ť	we gave		I gave		I gave	3sg

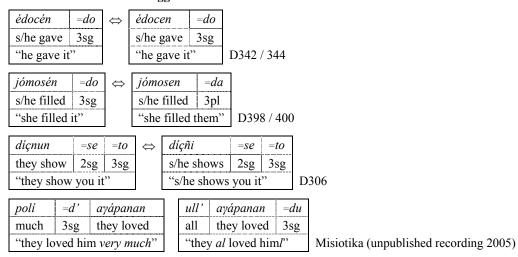
	péz	=ти	=to	$\Leftrightarrow$	ðóse	=mú	=to
Ì	tell	1sg	3sg		give	1sg	3sg
Ì	"Tell	me it!	,,		"Give	e!"	

#### 2.3. Suffixation vs. encliticization in Modern Greek

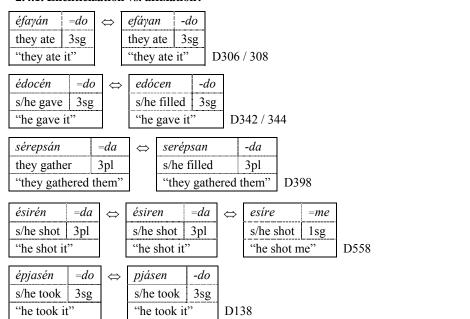
éðos-a	$\Leftrightarrow$	ðós-a-me	éðos-a	$\Leftrightarrow$	éðosá	=to
I gave		we gave	I gave		I gave	3sg

#### 2.4. The "clitic cline" in Cappadocian

#### 2.4.1. Encliticization vs. "agglutination"



### 2.4.1. Encliticization vs. affixation?



## 3. Conclusion?

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