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**A Typology of First Person Dual  
Pronouns in Philippine Languages  
and Their Reconstructibility**

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# Objectives

- ❖ To give an overview of the distribution of first person dual pronouns in Philippine languages
- ❖ To determine if the presence of first person dual pronouns in different microgroups/subgroups of Philippine languages is due to direct inheritance or drift

# Philippine Languages

- ❖ Philippine languages (genetic sense):  
Austronesian languages spoken in the Philippine archipelago, with three exceptions:
  - (a) Yami
  - (b) the Sangiric, Minahasan, and Gorontaloic languages of northern Sulawesi
  - (c) **Sama Bajaw languages ('Barito Family')**

# Philippine Microgroups

- Cordilleran/Northern Luzon
- Bashiic/Batanic
- Central Luzon
- Inati
- Kalamian
- Greater Central Philippines (Central Philippines, South Mangyan, Palawanic, Manobo, Danaw, Subanun, Gorontalic)
- Bilic
- Sangiric
- Minahasan

# The Distribution of 1 Dual Pronouns-I

- First person dual pronouns are **not found** in the following microgroups/groups at all:
  - Bashiic (e.g. Ivatan, Itbayaten, Babuyan, etc.)
  - Inati
  - Kalamian (Agutaynen and Kalamian Tagbanwa)
  - The Subanun group of the Greater Central Philippines microgroup (e.g. Sindangan Subanun, Siocon Subanon, etc.)

# The Distribution of 1 Dual Pronouns-II

- First person dual pronouns are **found** in the following microgroups:
  - Cordilleran/Northern Luzon: nearly all (exception: Karao (Brainard 2003:135))
  - Central Luzon: most, if not all (e.g. Kapampangan, Bolinao, Botolan Sambal, Sinauna, Ayta Mag-anchi, etc.) [??Northern Mangyan languages]
  - Bilic: at least in Tboli and Blaan
  - Greater Central Philippines (see next slide)

# The Distribution of 1 Dual Pronouns-III

- First person dual pronouns are **found** in the following Greater Central Philippine subgroups:
  - Central Philippines: only found in (provincial) Tagalog, Umiray Dumaget, Kalagan, and Tausug
  - South Mangyan: Hanunóo (Zorc 1974)
  - Palawanic: Aborlan Tagbanwa and Palawan Batak (but **not** in Central Tagbanwa)
  - Manobo: Agusan, Dibabawon, Ata, Western Bukidnon, Ilianen, Binukid, Sarangani (and Tasaday)
  - Danaw: Maranao, Magindanao, and Iranon

# Reconstructibility of 1 Dual Pronouns-I

- Philippine languages which have developed a distinction between first person dual and first person plural inclusive forms typically have reflected PAn \*kita '1pi' with the restricted meaning '1d', but have added a third syllable to the form to create a first person plural inclusive form.



# Reconstructibility of 1 Dual Pronouns-II

- In order to know if first person dual forms can be reconstructed for a proto-language, one needs to look at how first person plural inclusive pronouns were developed in its daughter languages.
  - First person dual pronouns **can** be reconstructed for a proto-language if there is a consistent way of forming first person plural inclusive pronouns.
  - First person dual pronouns **cannot** be reconstructed for a proto-language if there is **no** consistent way of forming first person plural inclusive pronouns.

# Reconstructibility of 1 Dual Pronouns-III

- **No** first person dual pronouns can be reconstructed for the following proto-languages because **no** first dual pronouns are found in their daughter languages.
  - Proto-Bashiic
  - Proto-Inati
  - Proto-Kalamian
  - Proto-Subanun

# Reconstructibility of 1 Dual Pronouns-IV

- First person dual pronouns **probably can** be reconstructed for the following proto-languages.
  - Proto-Central Luzon
  - Proto-Danaw
  - Proto-Alta
  - ?Proto-Southern Cordilleran (with the loss of 1d/1pi distinction in Karao) (Reid 1979, Himes 1998)
  - ?Proto-Central Cordilleran (with innovation in Itneg (Reid 1974)

# Proto-Central Luzon

- First person dual pronouns **can** be reconstructed for Proto-Central Luzon.

– **1pi** < **1d** + **2s**

Kapampangan: *tamo* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *mo* ‘2s’

Tina Sambal: *tamu* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *mu* ‘2s’

Sinauna: *tamu* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *mu* ‘2s’

Magbeken: *ta:mu* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *mu* ‘2s’

Ayta Mag-anchi: *tamo* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *mo* ‘2s’

# Proto-Danaw

- First person dual pronouns **can** be reconstructed for Proto-Danaw.

– 1pi < 1d + 2p

Magindanao: *tanú* < *ta* ‘1d’ + *nu* ‘2p’

Maranao: *tano* < *ta* ‘1d’ + *nio* ‘2p’

Iranon: *tanu* < *ta* ‘1d’ + *niu* ‘2p’

# Proto-Alta

- First person dual pronouns **can** be reconstructed for Proto-Alta.

– **1pi** < **1d** + **2s**

Northern Alta: *tam* < *ta* ‘1d’ + *m/mu* ‘2s’

Southern Alta: *tam* < *ta* ‘1d’ + *mo* ‘2s’

# Proto-Central Cordilleran

- **1pi < 1d + 1s**: nearly all (exception: Itneg)

Isinai: *taʔu* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *ʔ/ʔu* '1s'

Limos Kalinga: *takú* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *k/ku* '1s'

Guinaang Bontok: *takú* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *k/kú* '1s'

Balangaw: *taʔaw* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *ʔ/ʔo* '1s'

Northern Kankanay: *tako* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *k/ko* '1s'

Batad Ifugao: *taʔu* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *ʔ/ʔu* '1s'

- **1pi < 1d + 2p**: Itneg

Itneg: *tayu* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *yu* '2p'

# Proto-Southern Cordilleran

- **1pi < 1d + 2p**: Pangasinan, Inibaloi, (Kayapa, Keley-i, I-wak) Kallahan, ?Ilongot  
Pangasinan: *tayú* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *yu* ‘2p’  
Inibaloi: *tayu* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *yu* ‘2p’  
Kayapa Kallahan: *tayu* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *yu* ‘2p’
- Karao: **no** 1d/1pi distinction (*tayu*/*θayu* ‘1pi/1d’)  
(Brainard 2003)



# Reconstructibility of 1 Dual Pronouns-IV

- First person dual pronouns **cannot** be reconstructed for the following proto-languages.
  - **Proto-Philippines** (Reid 1979; Blust To appear)
  - **Proto-Cordilleran** (Reid p.c.; cf. Reid 1979, 1994)
  - Proto-Northern Cordilleran (cf. Tharp 1974)
  - Proto-Meso-Cordilleran
  - **Proto-Greater Central Philippines**
  - Proto-Central Philippines
  - Proto-Manobo (Harmon 1979:116)
  - ?? Proto-South Manyan (no sufficient data)
  - ?? Proto-Palawanic (no sufficient data)
  - **Proto-Bilic**

# Proto-Northern Cordilleran-I

- **1pi < 1d + 2s**: Northeastern Luzon (Casiguran Dumagat Agta, Paranan, Eastern Cagayan Agta); Cagayan Valley (Agta, Atta, Gaddang, Ibanag, Yogad)

Casiguran Dumagat Agta: *tam* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *mo* '2s'

Paranan: *tam* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *mo* '2s'

Agta: *tam* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *mo/m* '2s'

Gaddang: *tam* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *nu/m* '2s'

Yogad: *tam* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *nu/m* '2s'

# Proto-Northern Cordilleran-II

- **1pi < 1d + 3p**: Cagayan Valley (Malaweg, Itawis)

Malaweg: *tida* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *da* '3p'

Itawis: *téra* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *da/ra* '3p'

- **1pi < 1d + 2s/3p**: Isnag

Isnag: (a) *tam* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *mo/m* '2s'

(b) *tadá* '1pi' < *ta* '1d' + *da* '3p'

# Proto-Meso-Cordilleran

- First person dual pronouns **cannot** be reconstructed for Proto-Meso-Cordilleran.
  - $1pi < 1d + 2s$ : Northern Alta, Southern Alta
  - $1pi < 1d + 1s$ : Central Cordilleran (except Itneg)
  - $1pi < 1d + 2p$ : Itneg, Southern Cordilleran (Pangasinan, Inibaloi, Kayapa Kallahan, Keley-i Kallahan, I-wak Kallahan, Ilongot)

# Proto-Northern Luzon/Cordilleran

- First person dual pronouns **cannot** be reconstructed for Proto-Northern Luzon/Proto-Cordilleran.
  - Artá:  $1pi < 1d + 2s$
  - Ilokano:  $1pi < 1d + 2p$
  - Northern Cordilleran:  $1pi < 1d + 2s$ ;  $1pi < 1d + 3p$
  - Meso-Cordilleran:  $1pi < 1d + 2s$ ;  $1pi < 1d + 1s$ ;  
 $1pi < 1d + 2p$

# Proto-Central Philippines

- **No** 1d/1pi distinction: majority
- Four Central Philippine languages distinguish 1d/1pi:
  - Tausug: *taniyu* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *niyu* ‘2p’
  - Tagalog: *tayo* ‘1pi’ < *kata* ‘1d’ + ~*yo* ‘2p’
  - Umiray Dumaget: *tam(u)* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *mo* ‘2s’
  - Kalagan: *kitadun* ‘Nom.1pi’ < *kita* ‘Nom.1d’ + *dun* ‘??’

# Proto-Manobo

- **No** 1d/1pi contrast: Kagayanen, Cotabato, Obo, Tagabawa, Tigwa
- **1pi < 1d + 2p**: Agusan, Dibabawon, Ata, Western Bukidnon, Ilianen, Binukid, (?Tasaday)  
Dibabawon: *tan*i*w* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *n*i*w* ‘2p’
- **1pi < 1d + don** ‘??’: Sarangani (borrowed from Kalagan) (Harmon 1979)  
Sarangani: *tadon* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *don* ‘??’

# Proto-Palawanic

- **1pi < 1d + 2p**: Aborlan Tagbanwa, Palawan Batak  
Aborlan Tagbanwa: *tami* ‘1pi’ < *ta* ‘1d’ + *mi* ‘2p’  
Palawan Batak: *kitami* ‘Nom.1pi’ < *kita* ‘1d’ + *mi* ‘2p’ (**no** contrast in the Genitive form: *ta* ‘1pi/1d’)
- **No** 1d/1pi distinction: Central Tagbanwa
- No data available: Palawano and Molbog



# Proto-Greater Central Philippines

- First person dual pronouns **cannot** be reconstructed for Proto-Greater Central Philippines.
  - Central Philippines: **no** 1d/1pi distinction (majority);  
 $1pi < 1d + 2p$ ;  $1pi < 1d + 2s$ ;  $1pi < 1d + dun$  ‘??’
  - Manobo:  $1pi < 1d + 2p$ ;  $1pi < 1d + don$  ‘??’; **no** 1d/1pi distinction
  - Proto-Danaw:  $1pi < 1d + 2p$
  - South Mangyan:  $1pi < 1d + 2s$  (Hanunóo)
  - Palawanic:  $1pi < 1d + 2p$
  - Subanun: **no** 1d/1pi distinction

# Proto-Bilic

- First person dual pronouns **cannot** be reconstructed for Prot-Bilic.
  - Tboli: **1pi** < **1d** + **2p**  
*tekuy* ‘1pi’ < *te* ‘1d’ + *kuy* ‘2p’
  - Blaan: **1pi** (-**o**) vs. **1d** (-**e/-a**)  
*gito* ‘1pi’ vs. *gite* ‘1d’  
*ato* ‘Nom.1pi’ vs. *ate* ‘Nom.1d’  
*to* ‘Gen.1pi’ vs. *ta* ‘Gen.1d’

# Conclusion-I

- First person plural inclusive pronouns are formed in a variety of ways in Philippine languages.
  - $1pi < 1d + 1s$ : Central Cordilleran
  - $1pi < 1d + 2s$ : Central Luzon, Alta, some N-Cord, Arta, Umiray Dumaget
  - $1pi < 1d + 2p$ : Danaw, Itneg, S-Cord, Tausug, Tagalog, some Manobo, Aborlan Tagbanwa, Palawan Batak
  - $1pi < 1d + 3p$ : some N-Cord (Malaweg, Itawis, Isnag)
  - $1pi < 1d + don/dun$  ‘??’: Kalagan, Sarangani Manobo
  - $1pi$  vs.  $1d$  (vowel change): Blaan

# Conclusion-II

- **No** first person dual pronouns can be reconstructed for Proto-Philippines because there is **no** consistent way to form first person plural inclusive pronouns.
- The wide distribution of first person dual pronouns in Philippine languages is due to **drift** rather than direct inheritance from Proto-Philippines.

# Conclusion-III

- “The most likely explanation of these special dual forms arises from **the pragmatics of the speech act**: most conversations take place **between a speaker and a single hearer**. As a result, the use of an inclusive pronoun would normally involve only the conversational dyad of speaker and hearer... **Frequency of usage alone would lead reflexes of \*kita to become *de facto* duals, creating a need for new plural inclusive forms**, which were then cobbled together from the existing reflex of \*kita plus parts of other pronouns (...-*m(u)* ‘2sg’, -*da* ‘3pl’, etc.)” (Blust To appear)

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