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Differential double-marking of objects: Uralic and beyond

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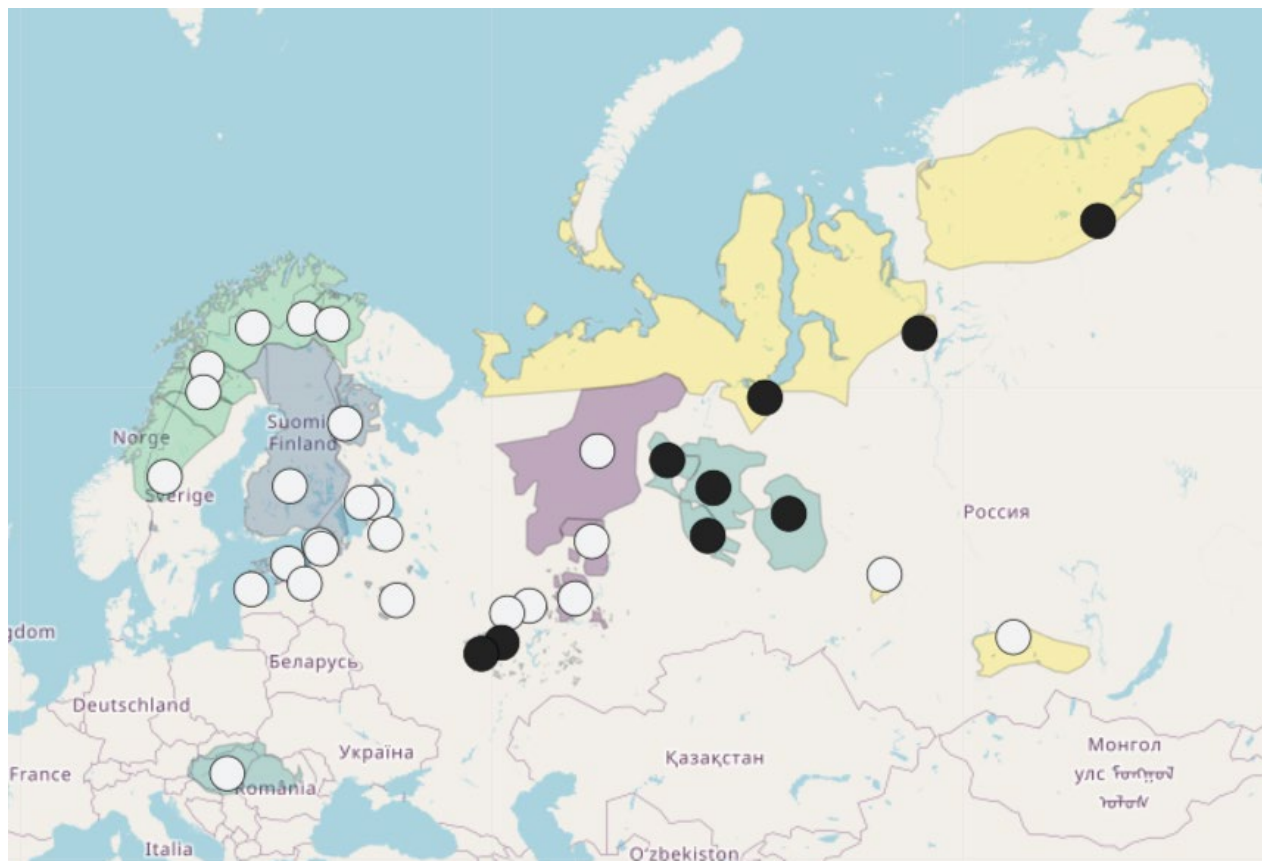
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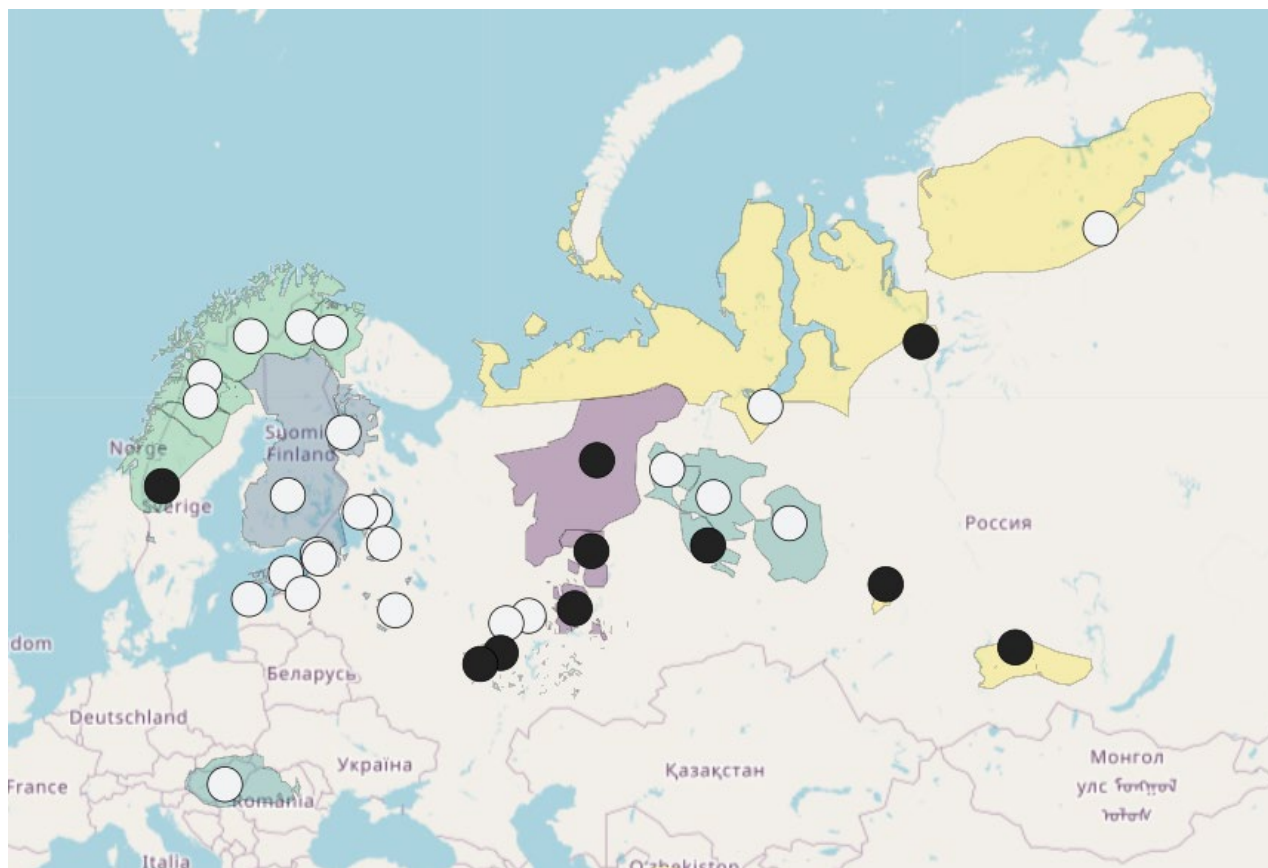
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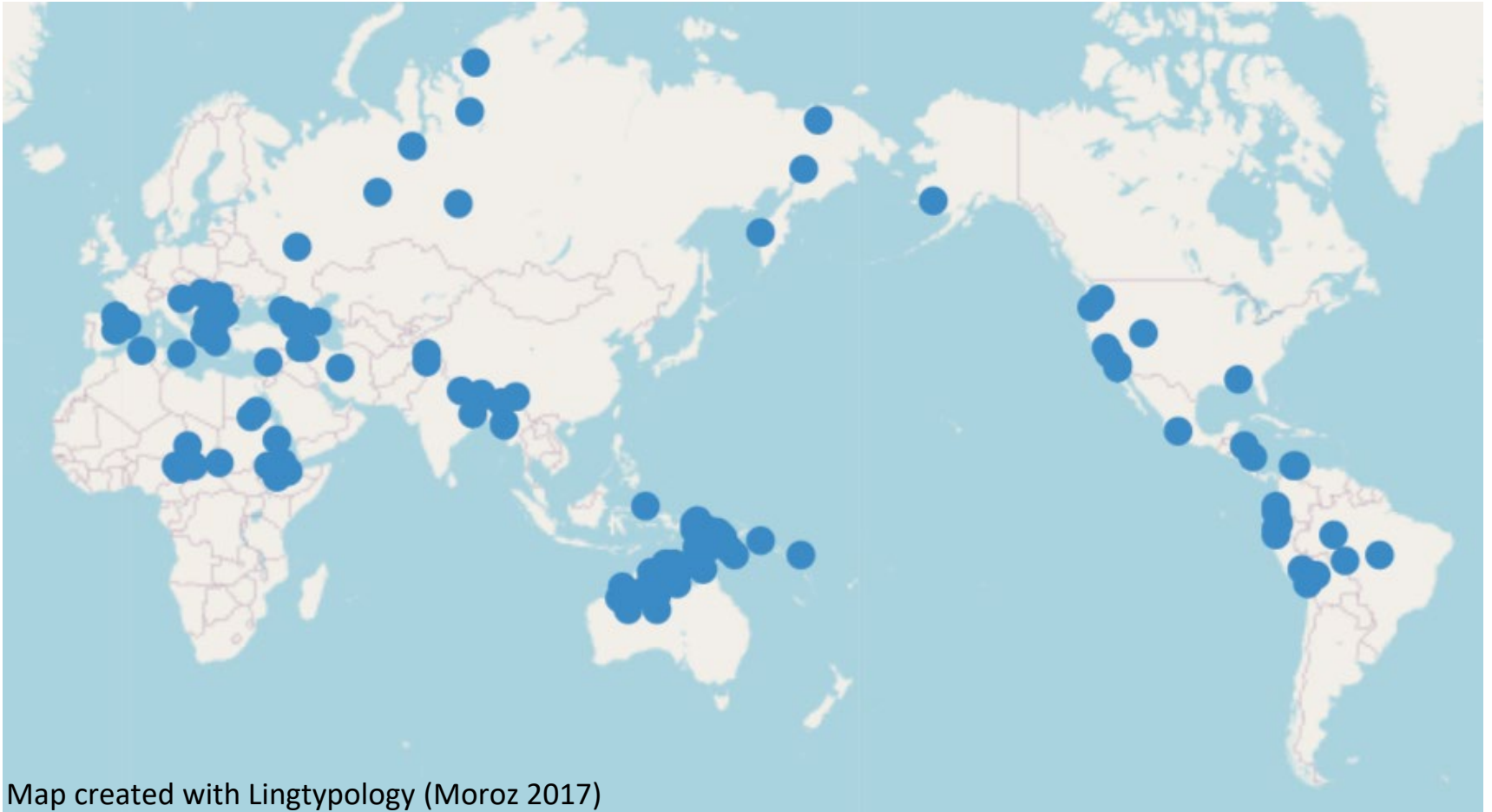
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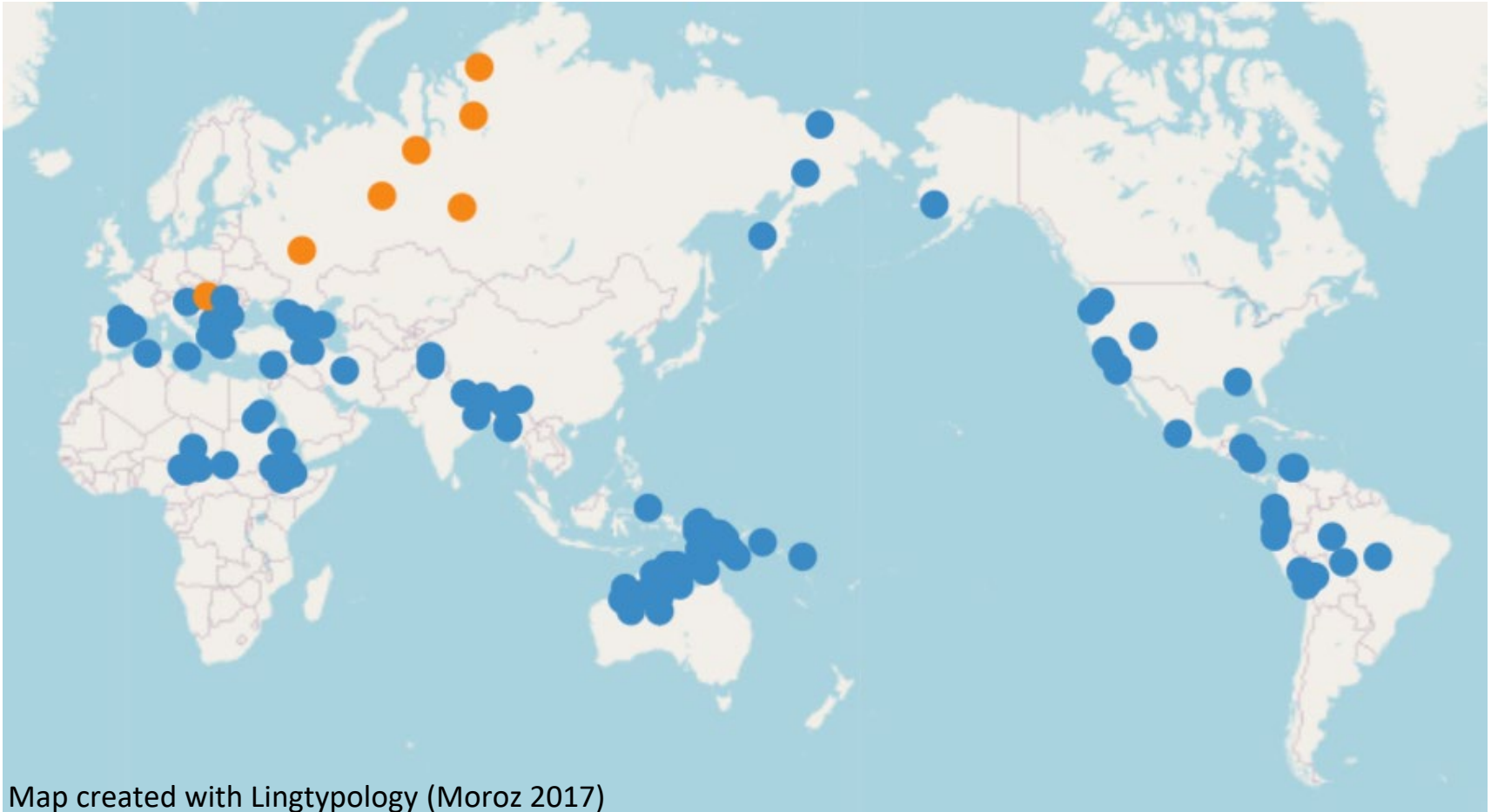
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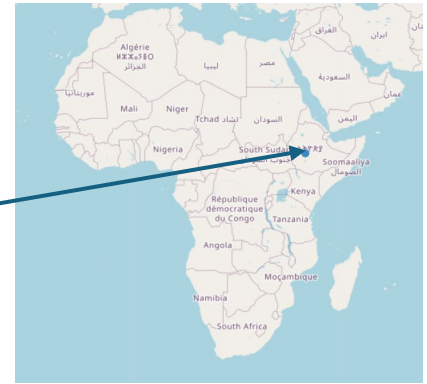
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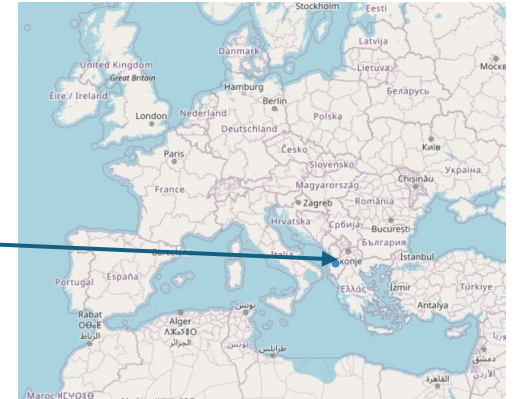
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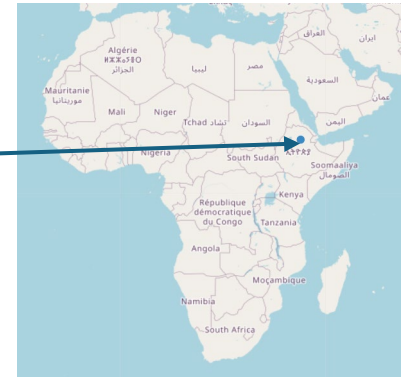
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Lemma one bottle break.PST-3SG.M.S

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'The woman gave ice cream to the men.' (ibid. 941)

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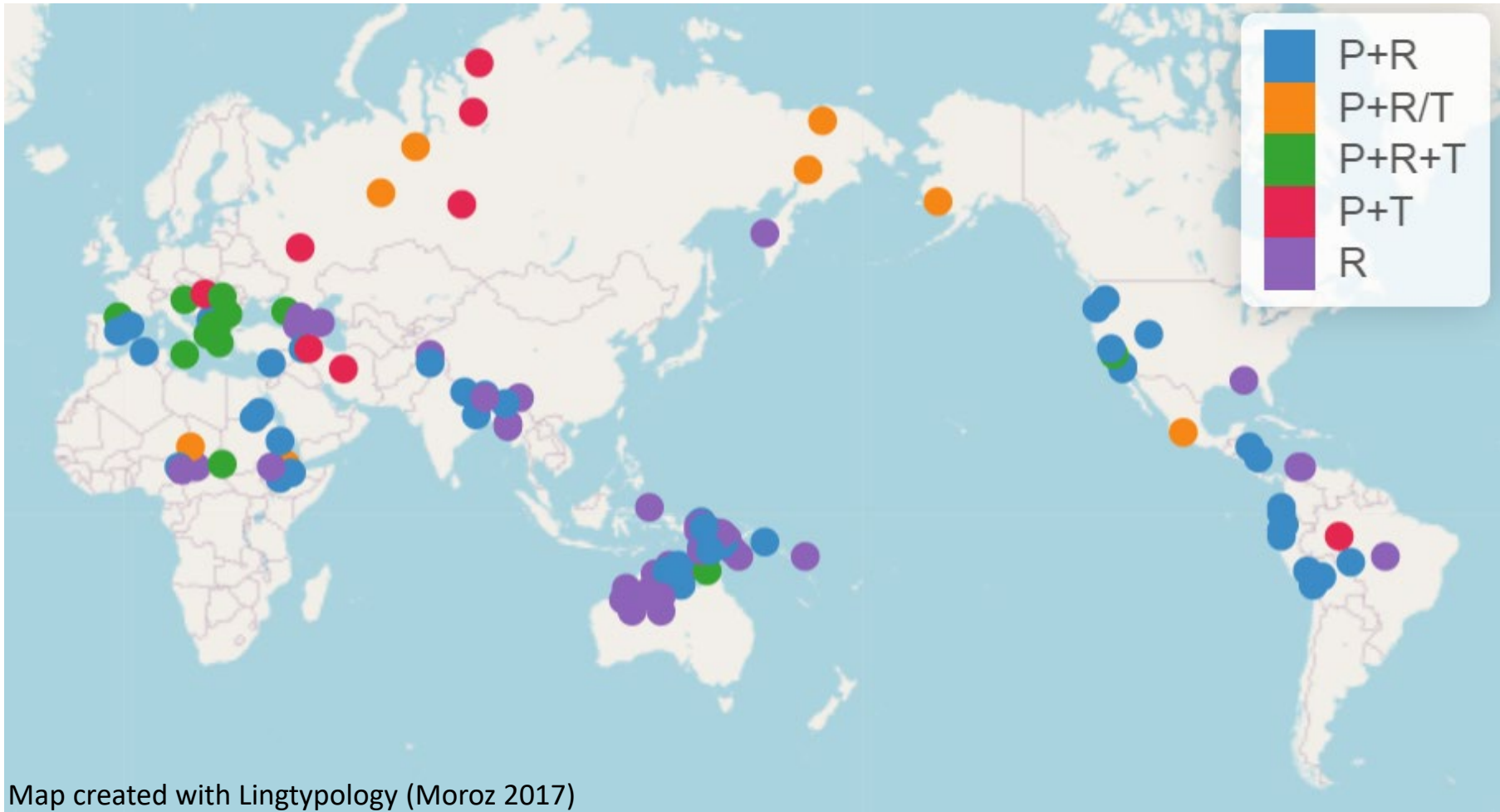
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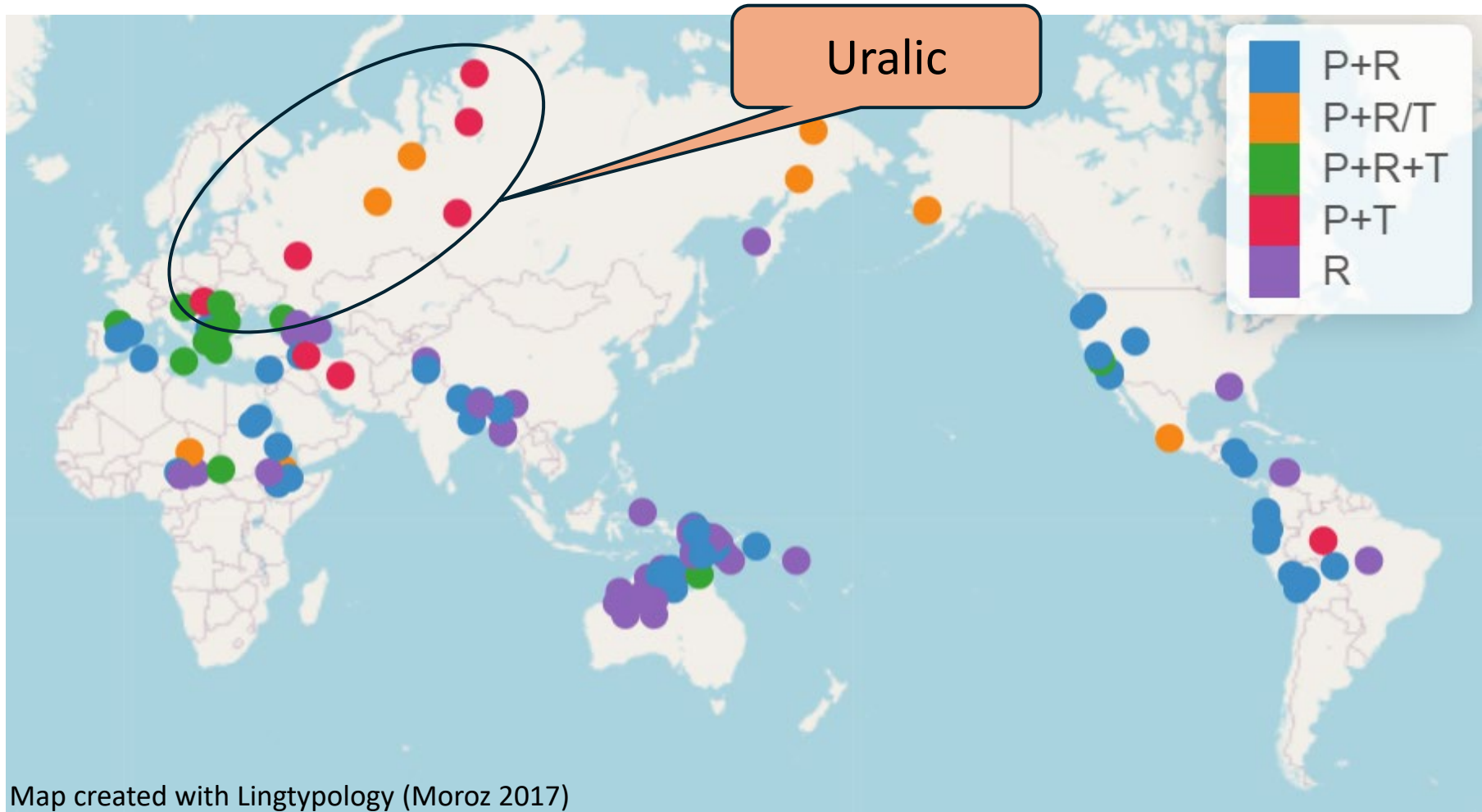
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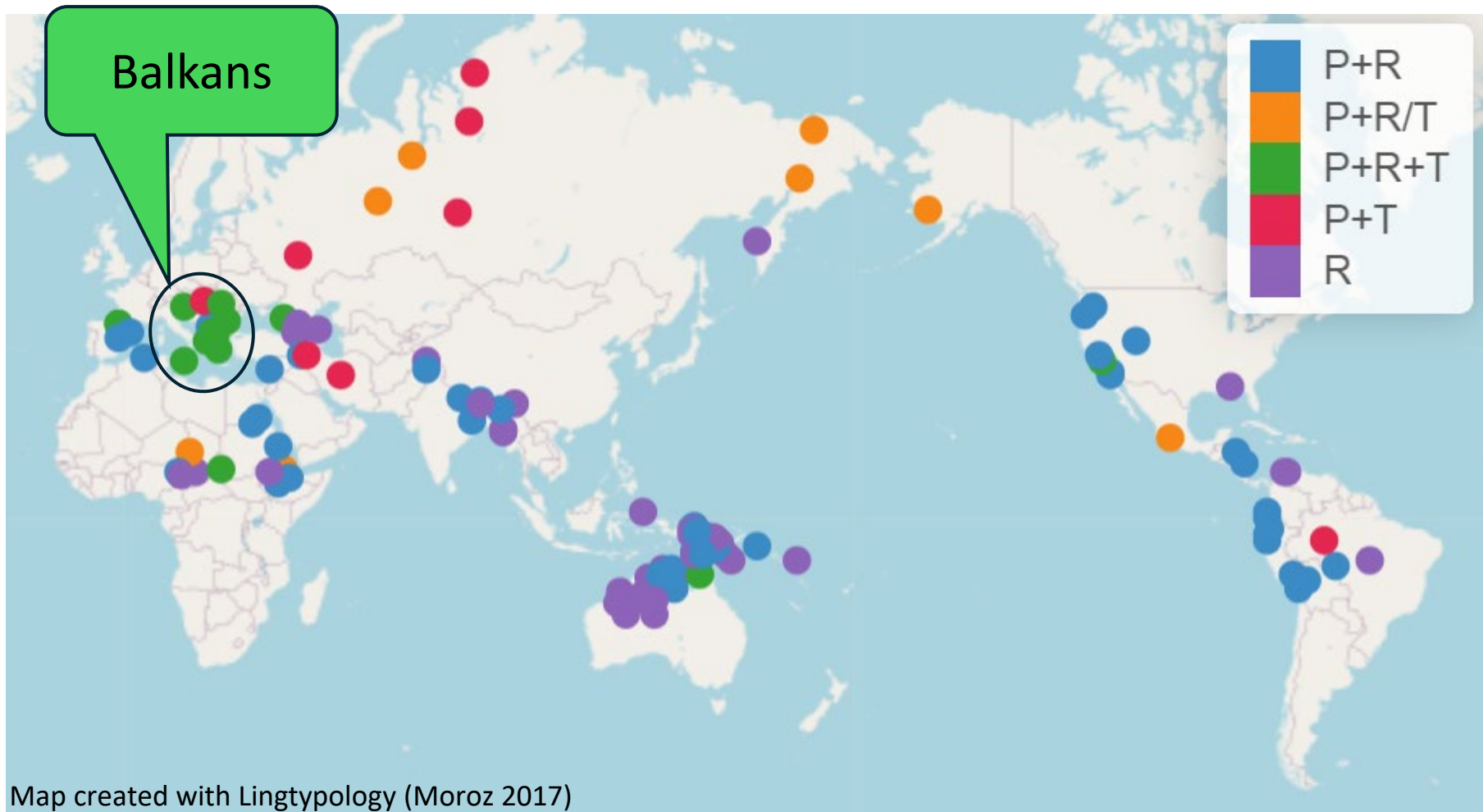


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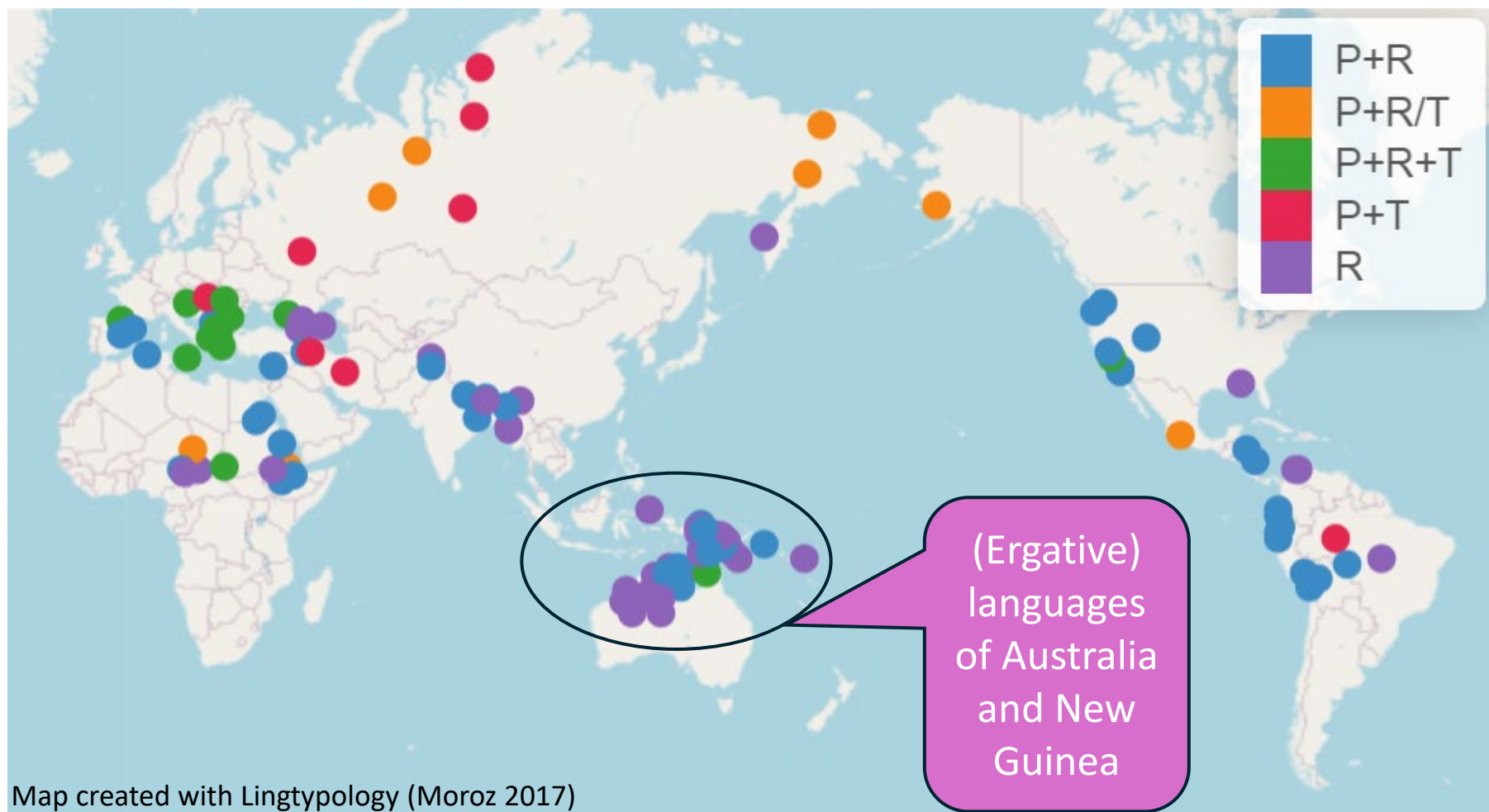


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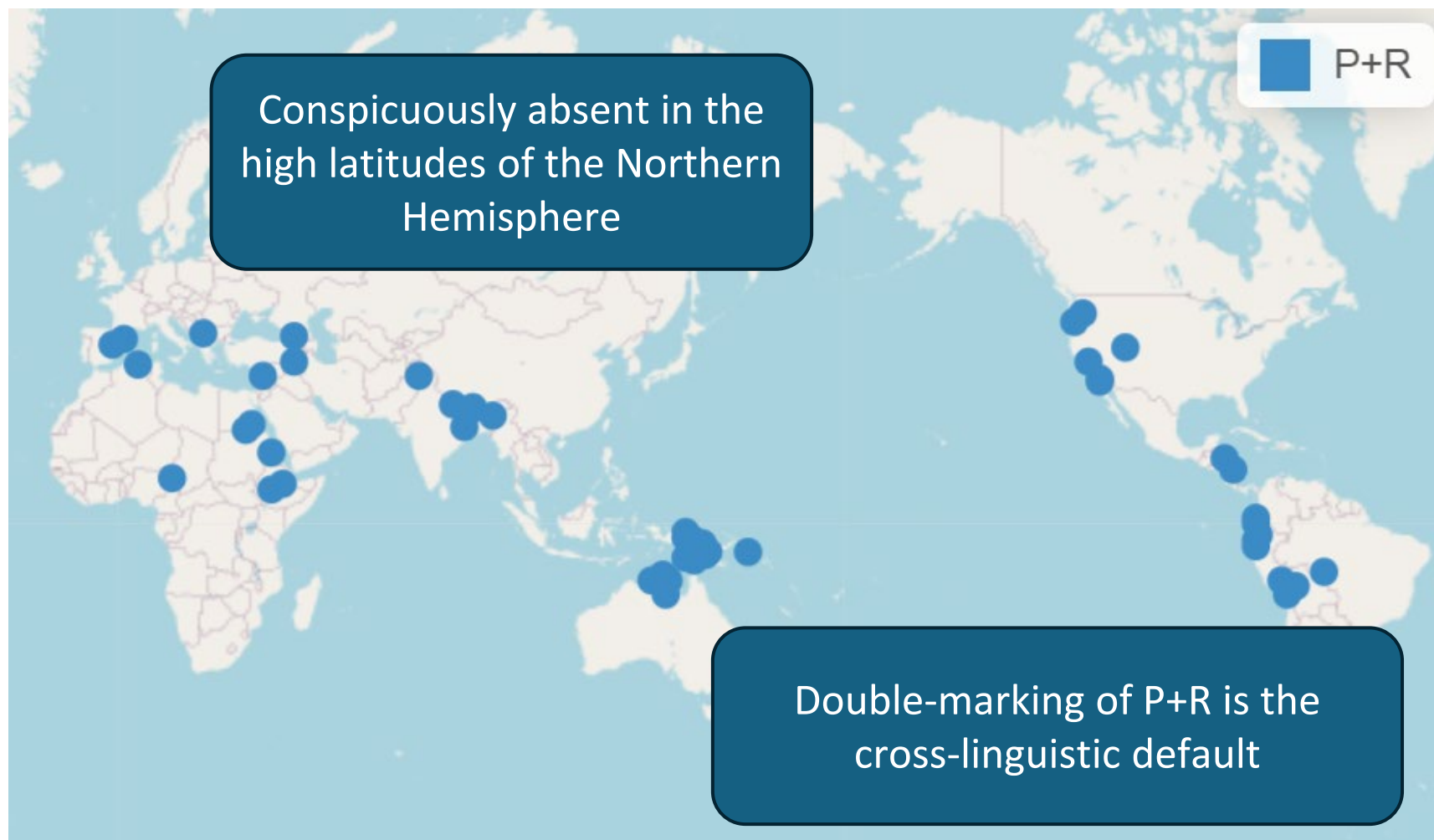
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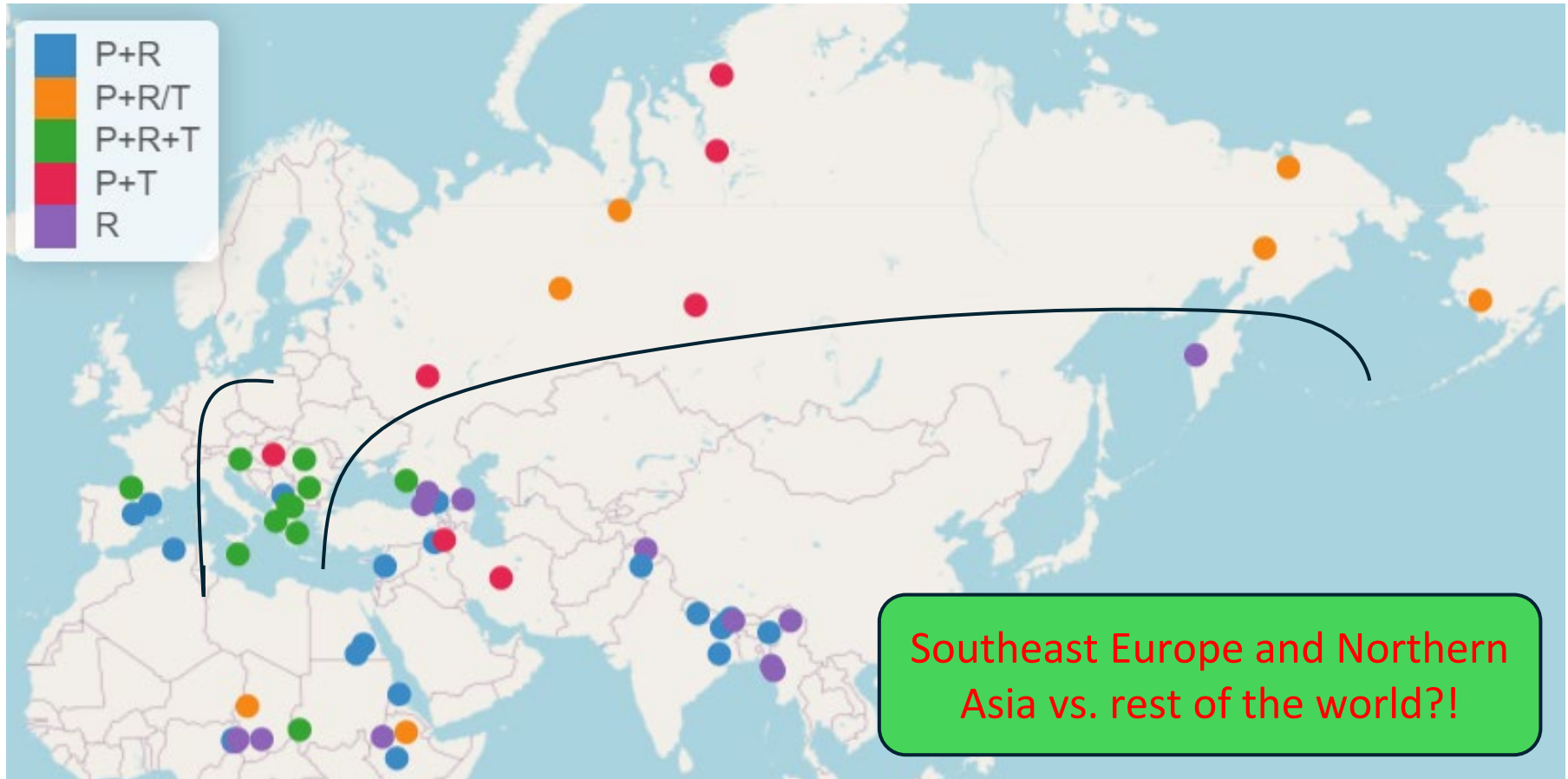
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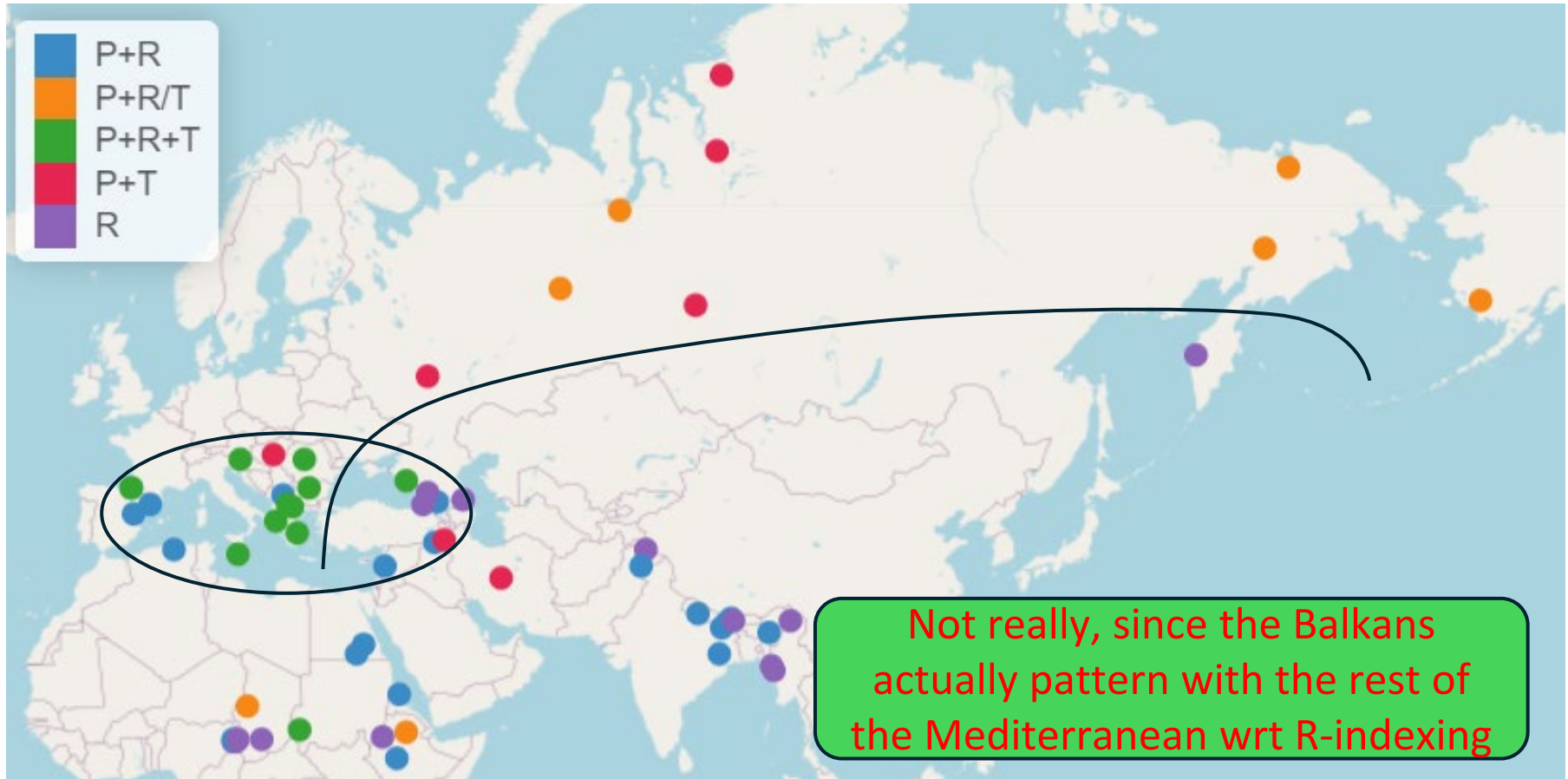
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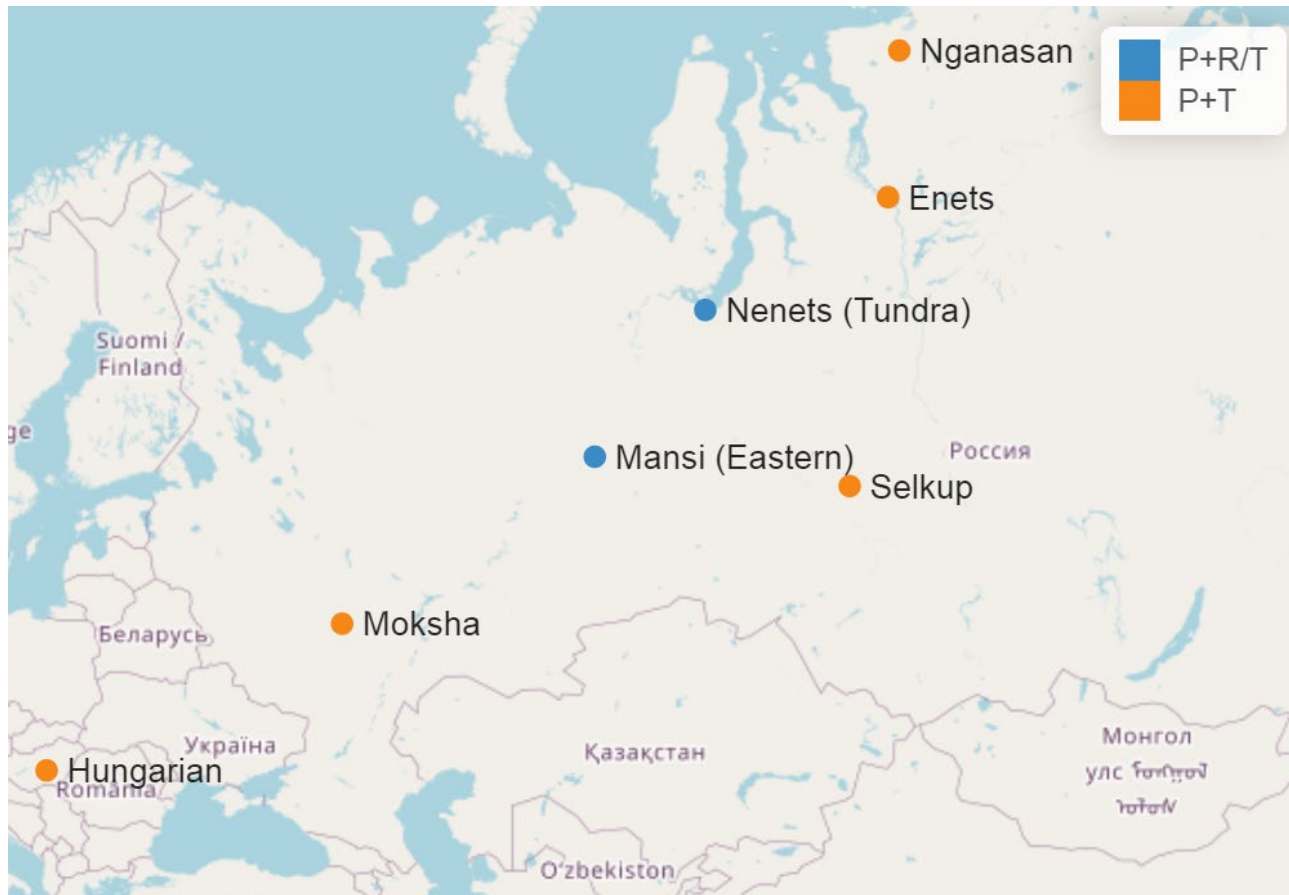


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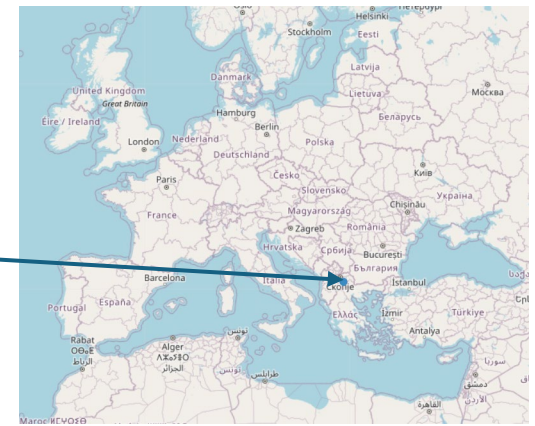
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- West Mansi, where the lative case has extended not just to R-marking, but also to P-marking (see Klumpp 2023: 331-2 for a discussion of the possible diachronic scenarios), still robustly keeps the indirect object (R) apart from the direct object (P/T) in terms of indexing, in full accordance with the general Uralic trend.

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Thank you for your attention!
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