

Phonological diversity of languages of Russia

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- quantitative linguistics
- variation
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- Nakh-Daghestanian languages
- Northwest Caucasian languages
- Slavic languages

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Languages of Russia

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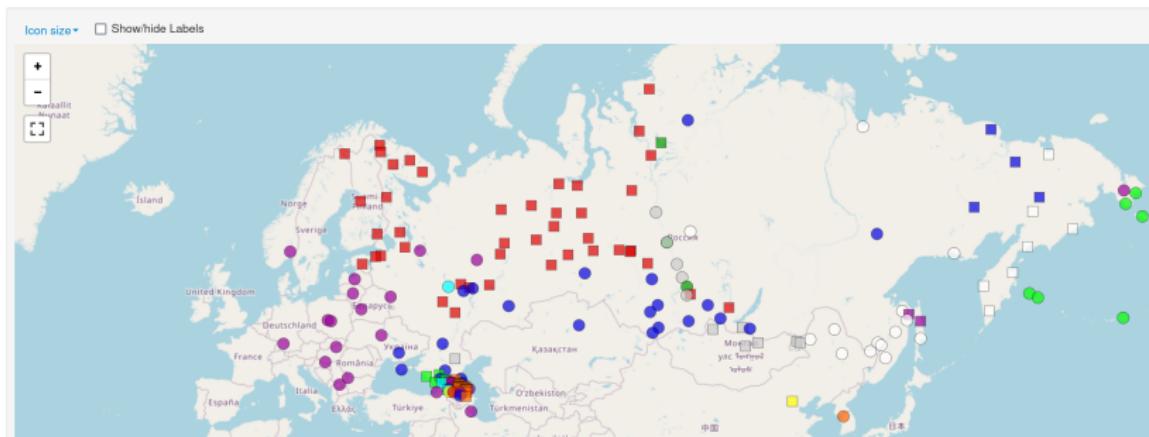
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Languages of Russian Federation



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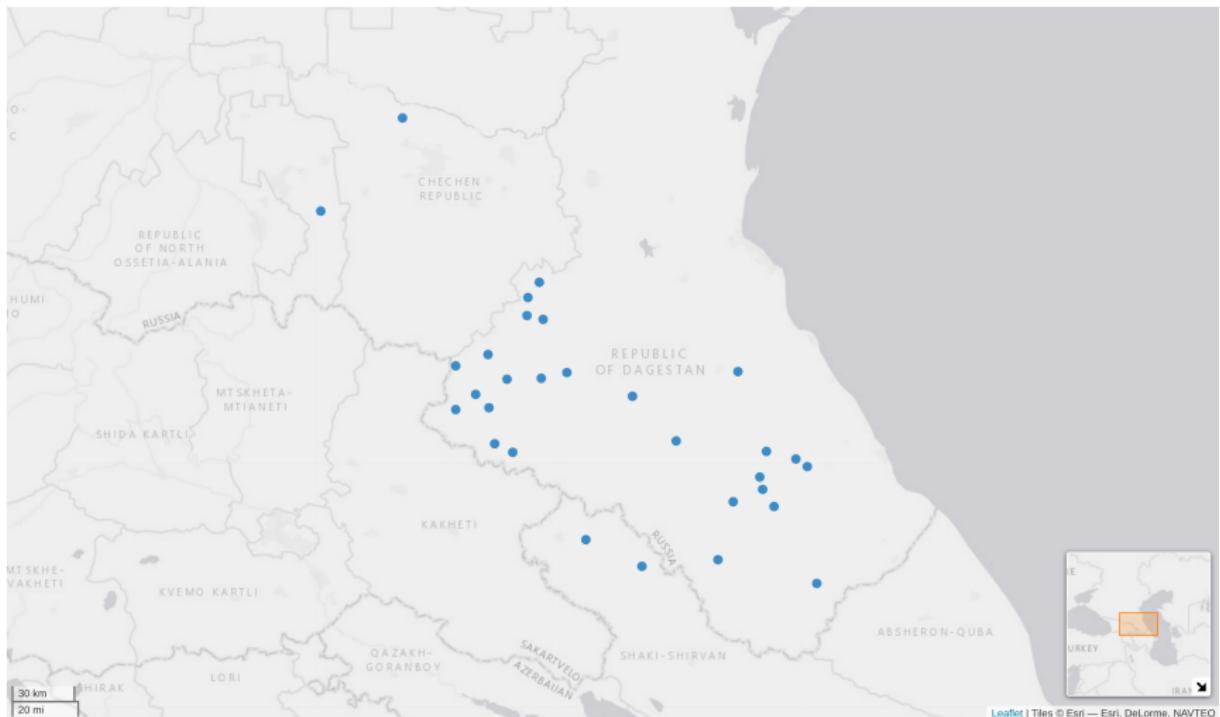
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- lacks Assyrian Neo-Aramaic (Urmi dialect)

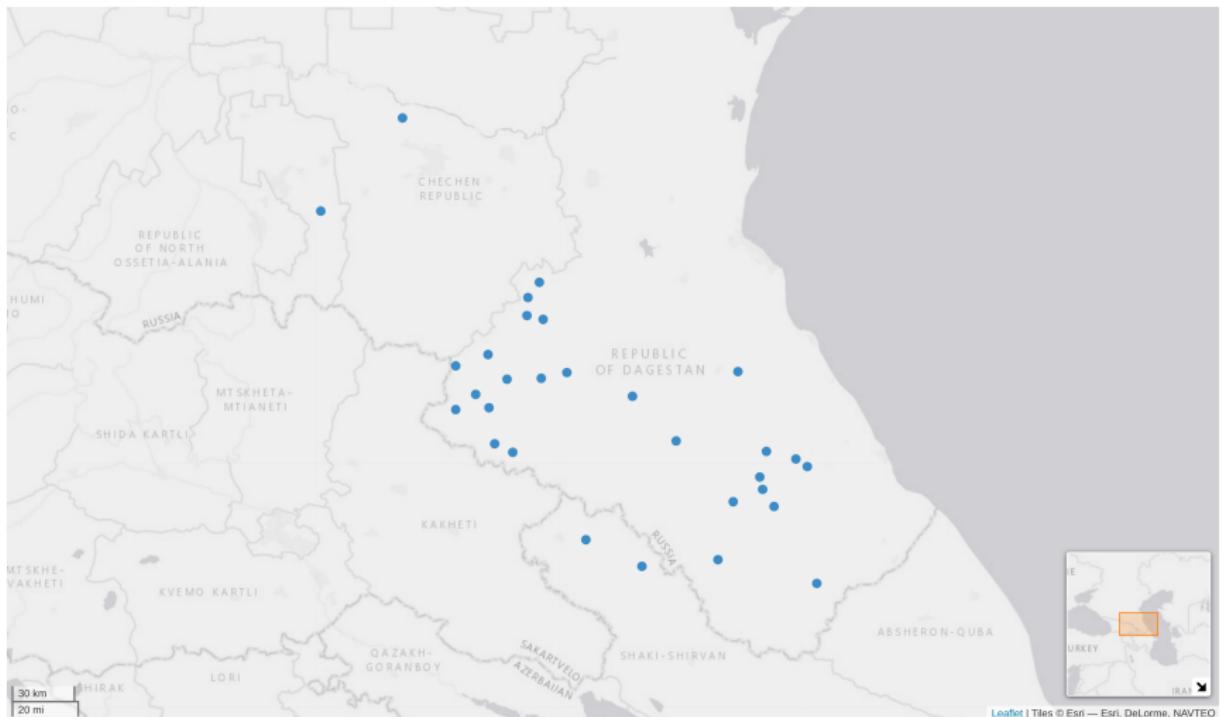
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1	Nakh-Daghestanian	30
2	Uralic	30
3	Turkic	16
4	Tungusic	10
5	Indo-European	6
6	Chukotko-Kamchatkan	4
7	Abkhaz-Adyge	3
8	Eskimo-Aleut	3
9	Afro-Asiatic	2
10	Mongolic	2
11	Nivkh	2
12	Yukaghir	2
13	Yeniseian	1

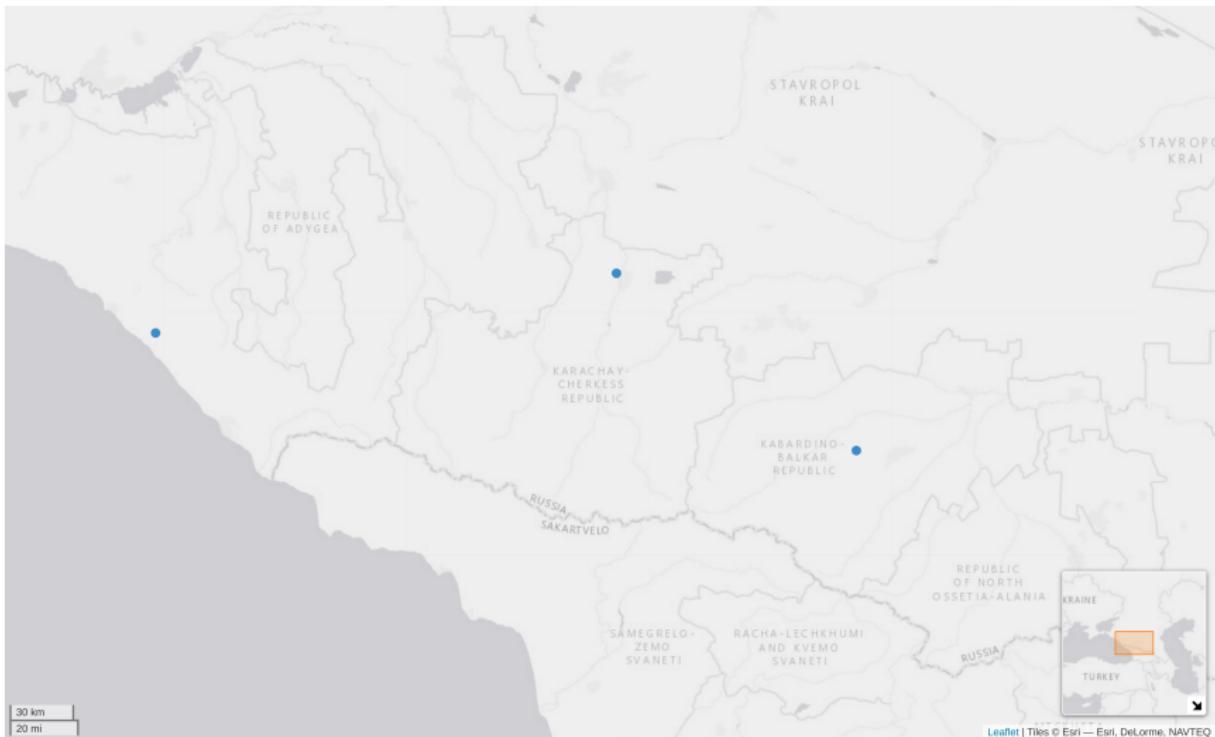
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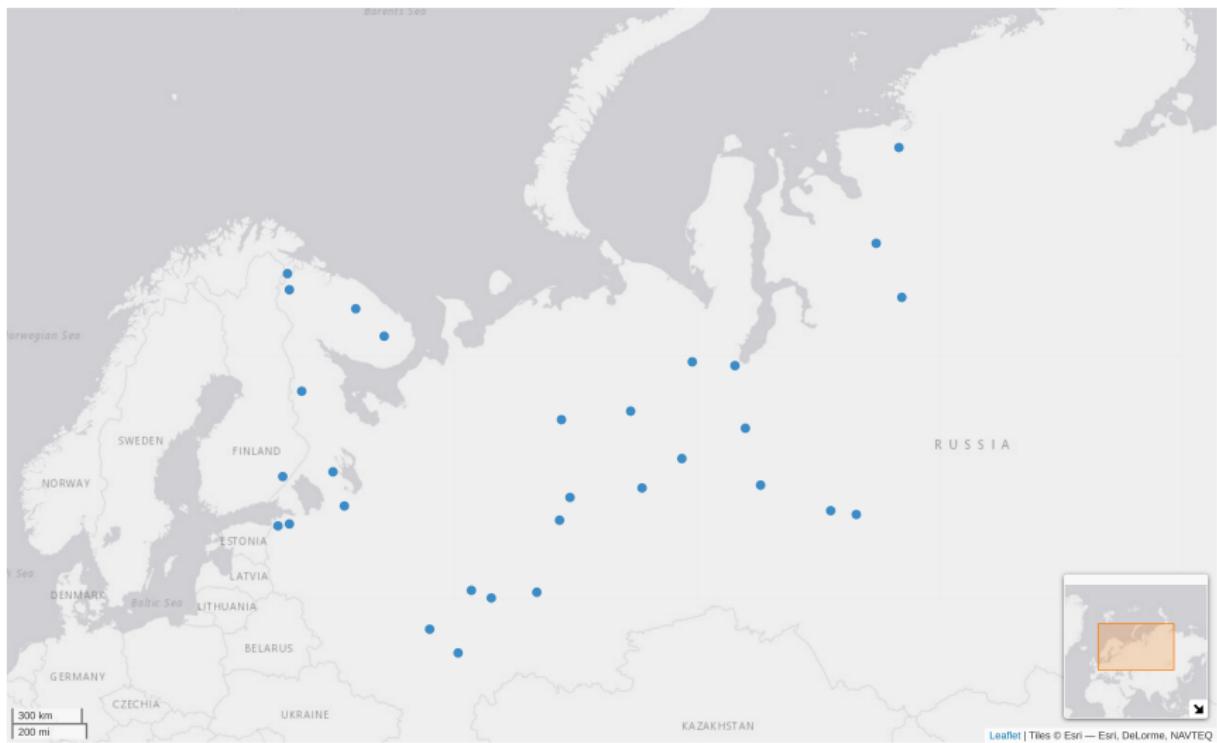
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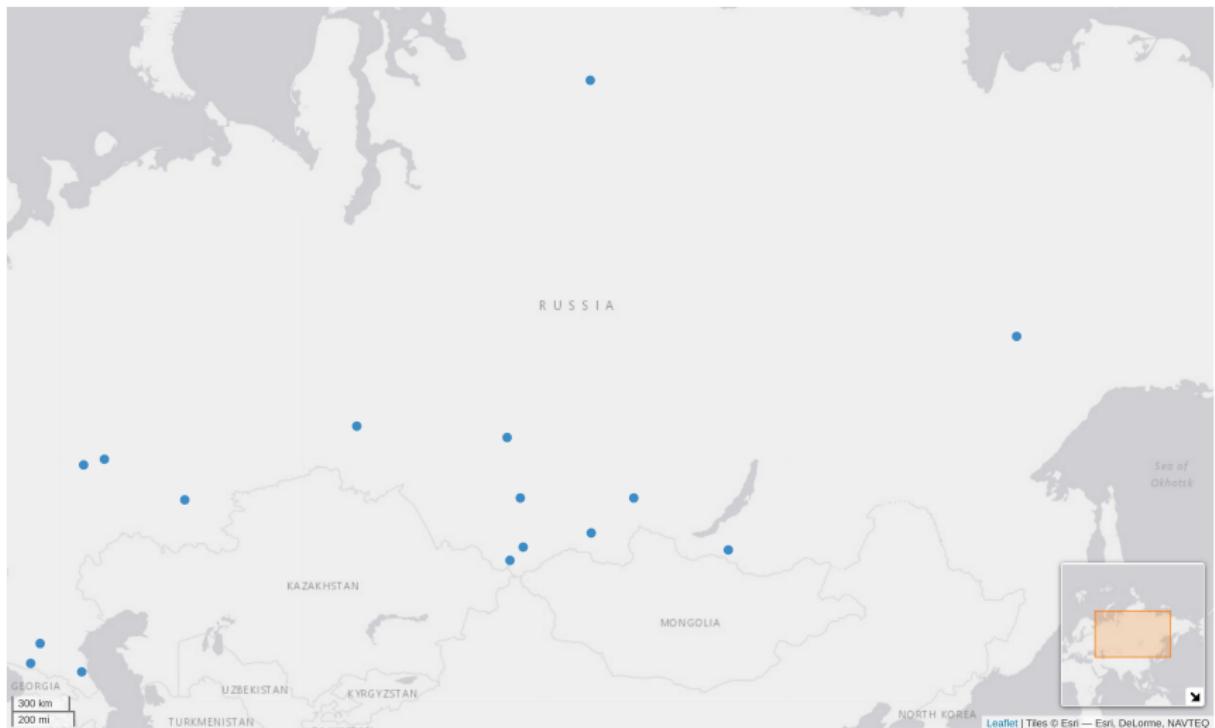
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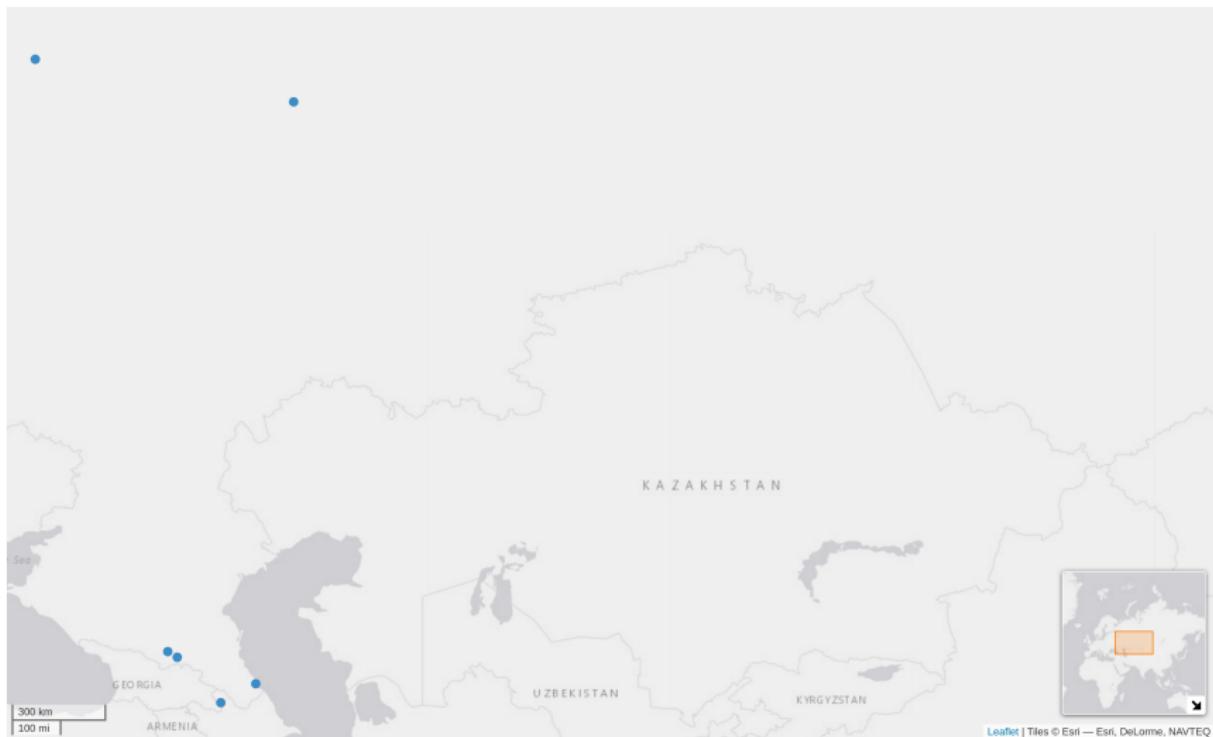
Uralic



Turkic

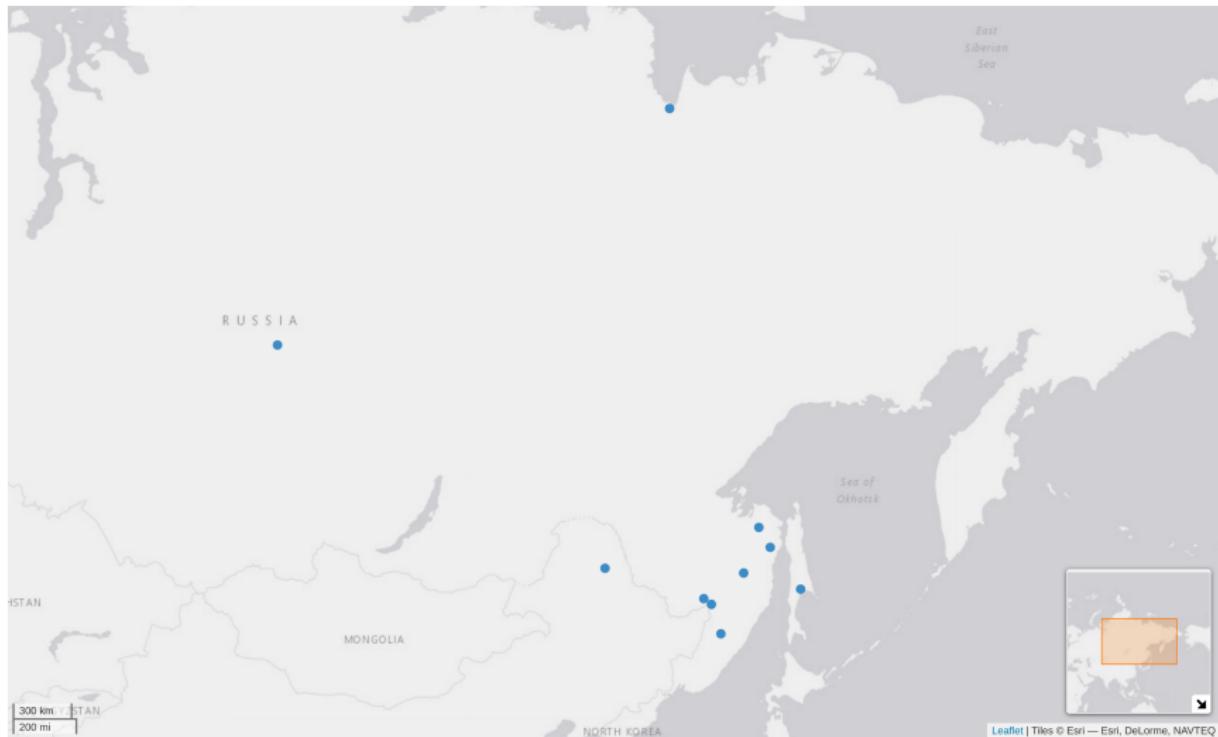


Indo-European

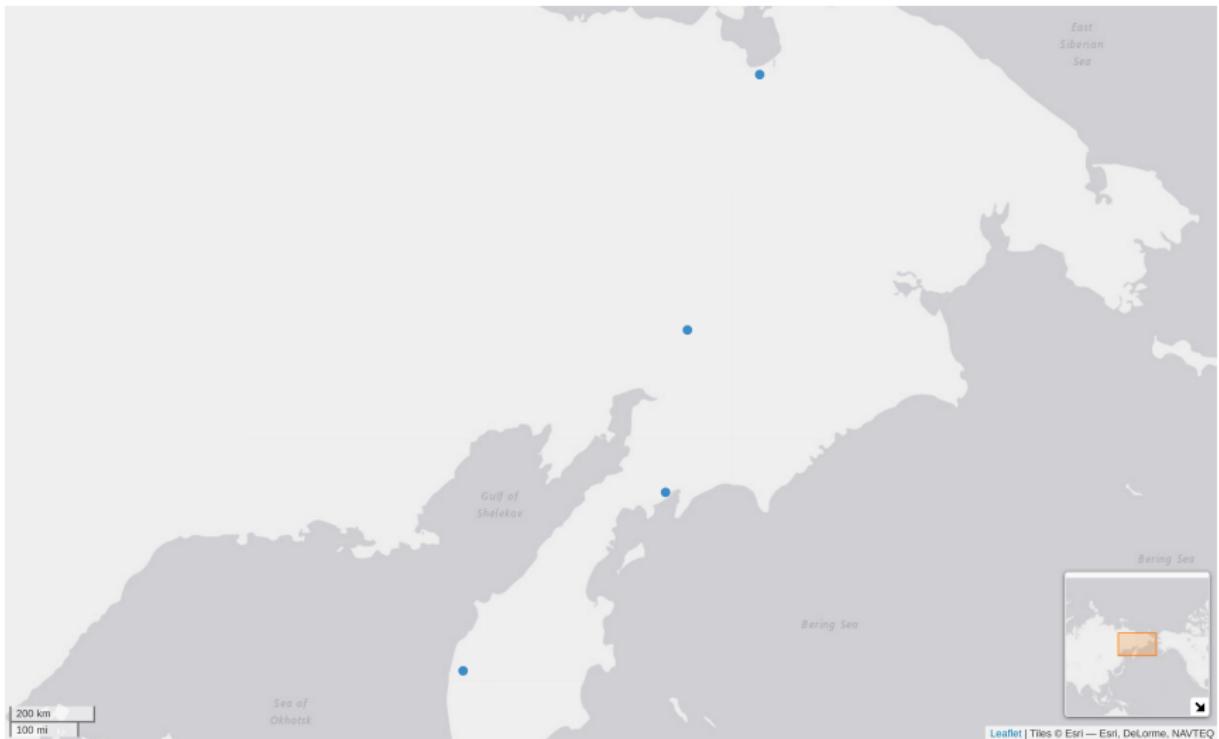


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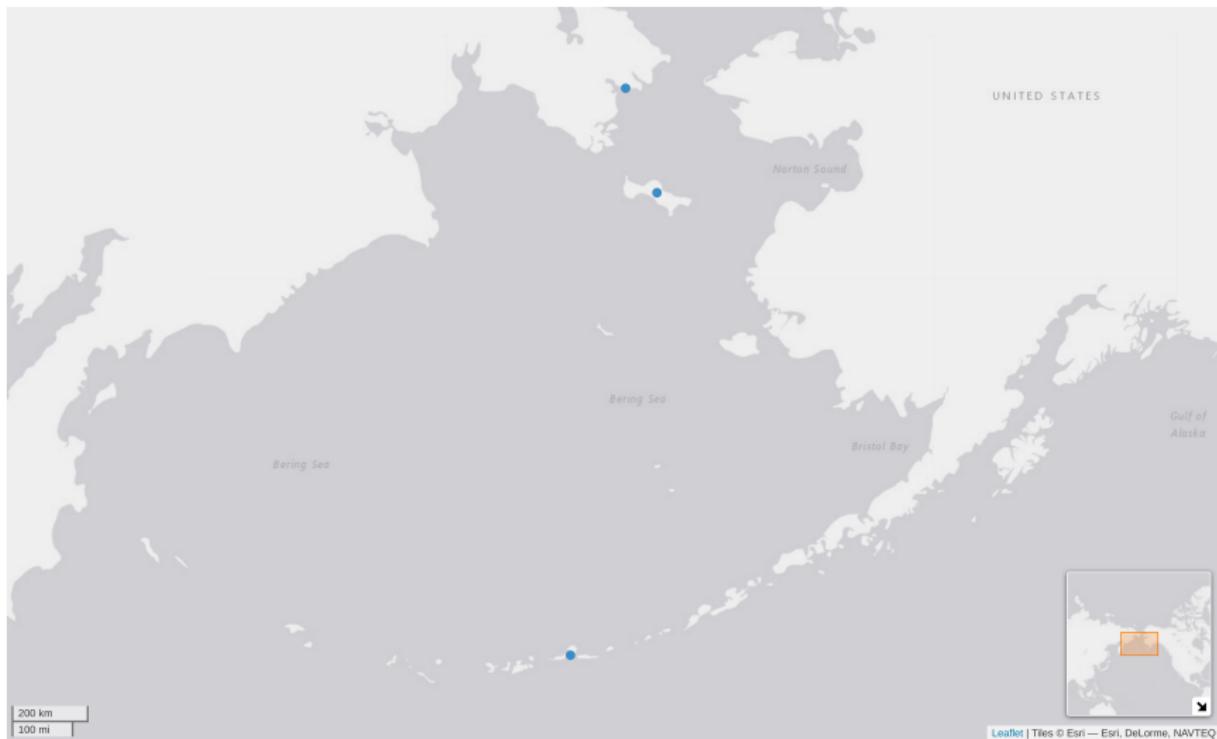
Tungusic



Chukotko-Kamchatkan



Eskimo-Aleut



Phonological systems

Phonological inventories databases



Are there any

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