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Almost everybody buys the same milk in Lithuania

Language variation and change in Lithuanian dialects

PRA 17 / IV Incontro di Baltistica

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Once...

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Researchers did the work

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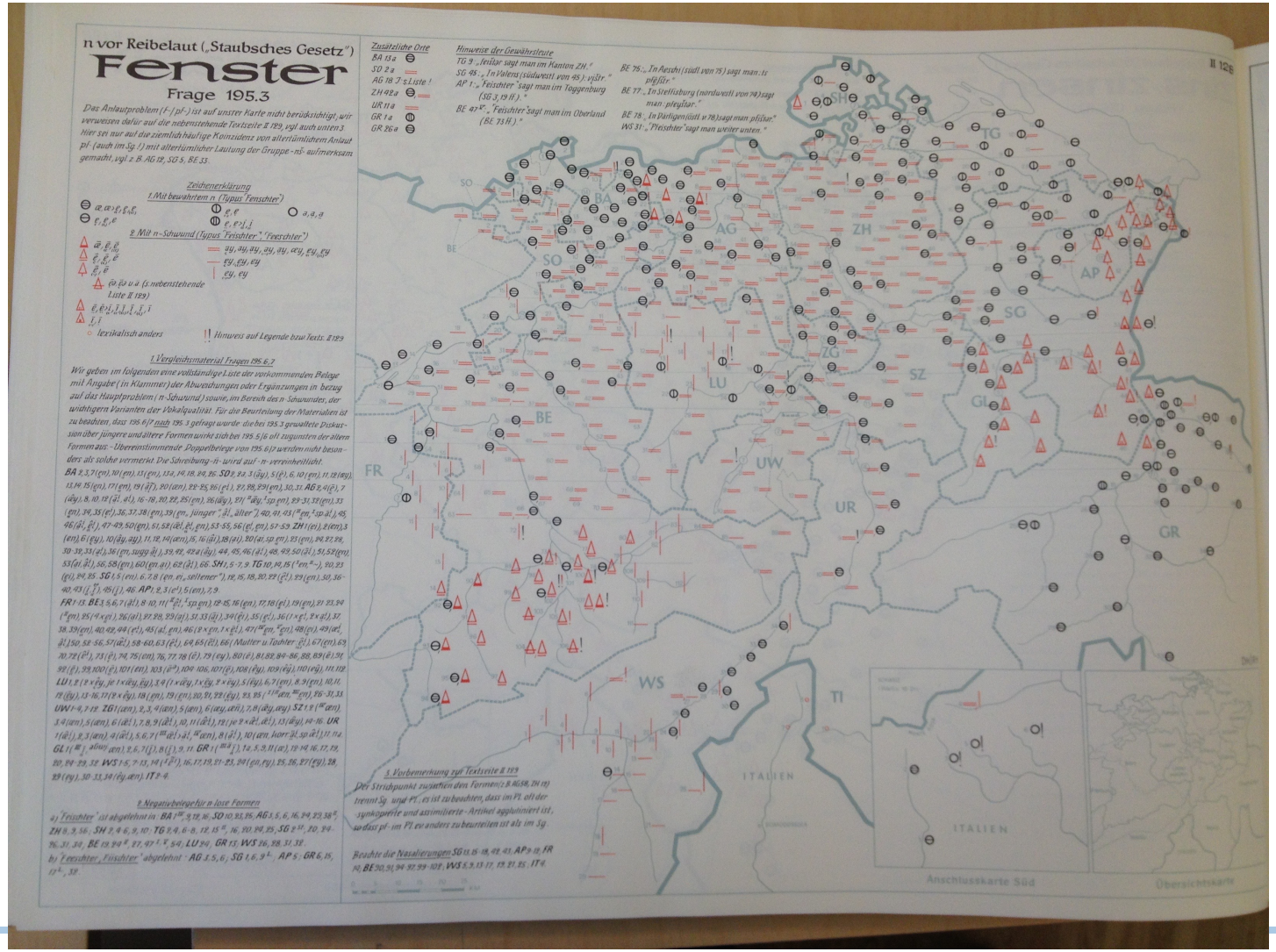

n vor Reibelaut („Staubsches Gesetz")
Fenster
Frage 195.3
Zeichenerklärung
1. Mit bewahrtem n (Typus 'Fenschter')
2. Mit n-Schwund (Typus 'Feischter', 'Feeschter')
1. Vergleichsmaterial Fragen 195.6.7
2. Negativbelege für n lose Formen
Zusätzliche Orte
Hinweise der Gewährsleute
3. Vorbemerkung zur Textseite II 129
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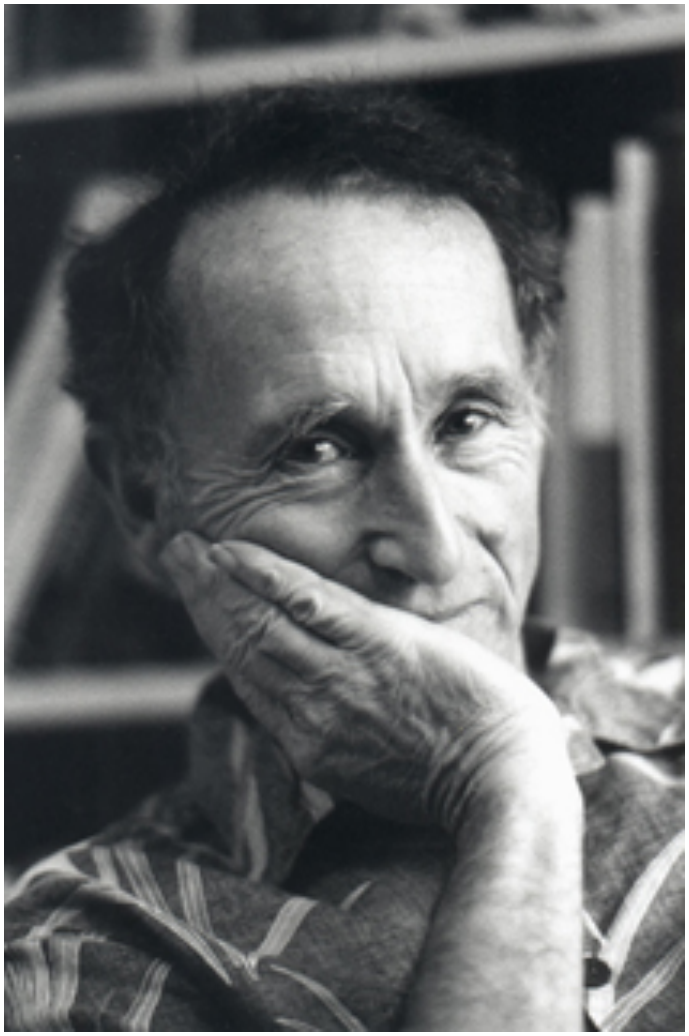
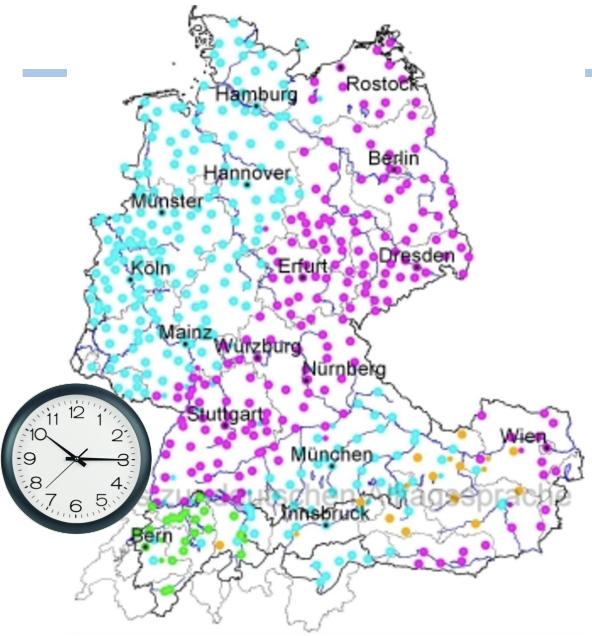
Bill Labov



Eckert, Milroy, Bell...

Methods?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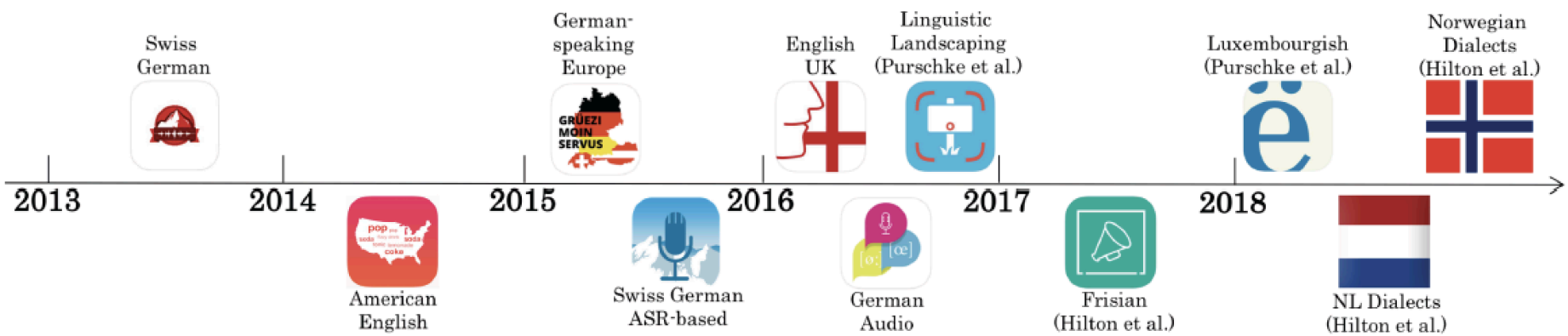
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German-speaking Europe
English UK
Linguistic Landscaping (Purschke et al.)
Luxembourgish (Purschke et al.)
Norwegian Dialects (Hilton et al.)
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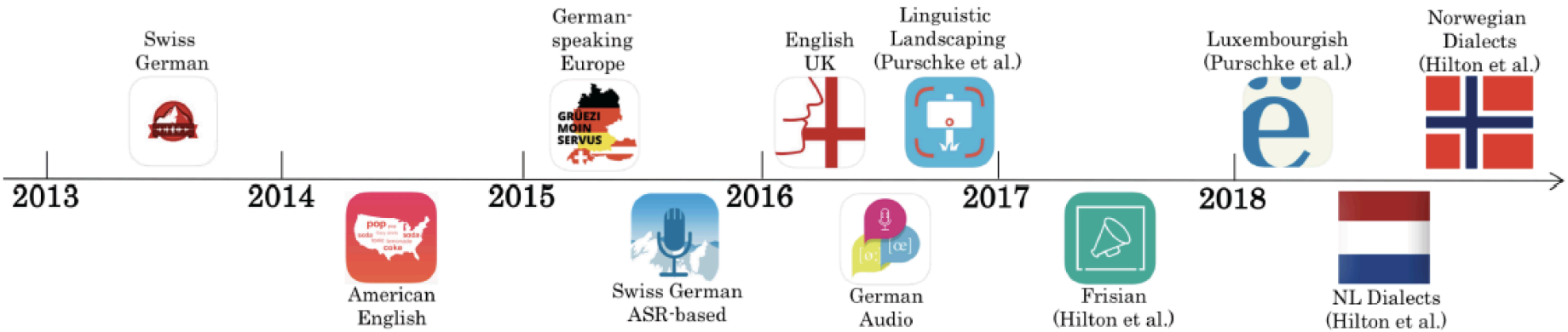
American English
Swiss German ASR-based
German Audio
Frisian (Hilton et al.)
NL Dialects (Hilton et al.)

Methods?

The crowd „does“ the work



A pilot study

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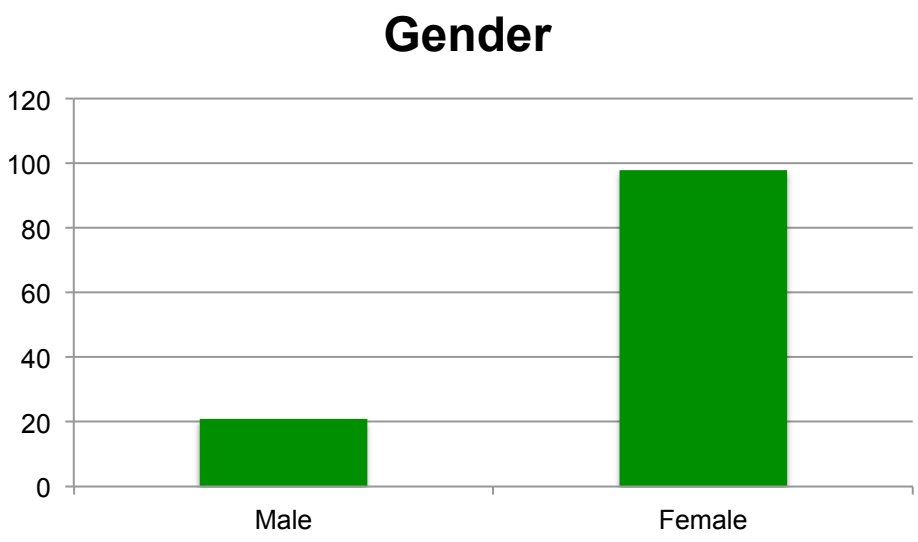
- Why?
  - Lithuanian language atlas builds a perfect data basis
- How?
  - Online test-survey launched, online for 24 hours → 119 valid answers
  - Name-a-picture task and simple questions, single choice, possible answers out of the Lithuanian language atlas

A pilot study

- Gender (n = 119)
  - Much more female participants



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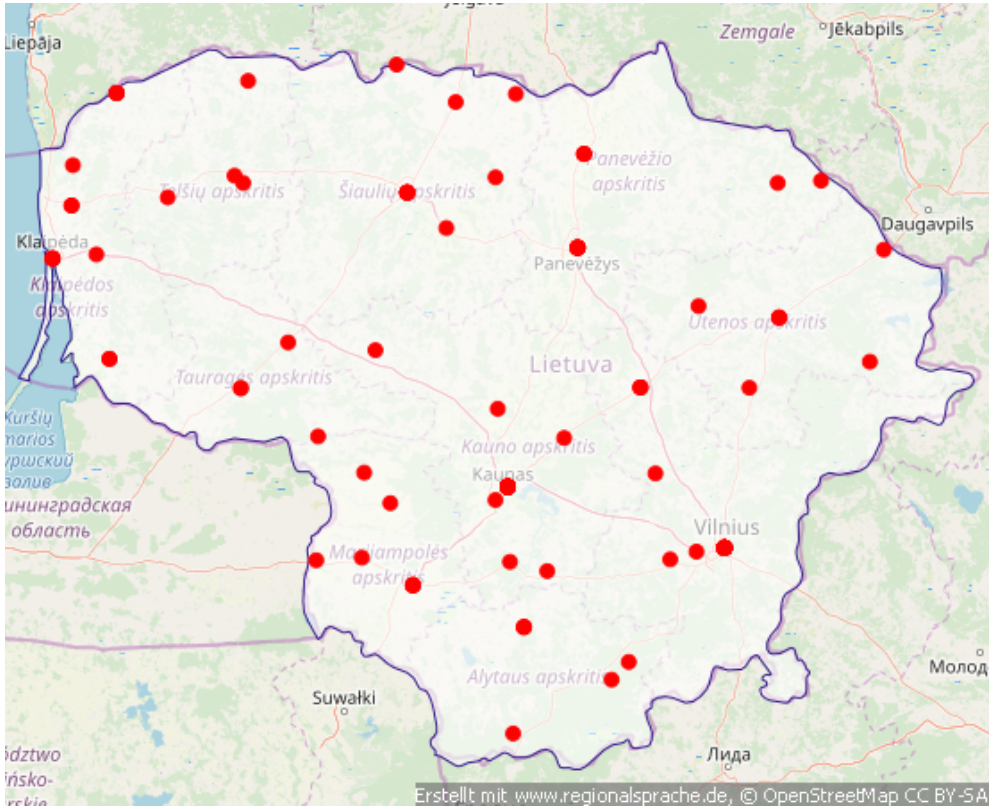
— Distribution of localities



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Kur galima laikyti alų?

1. statinė

2. bačka

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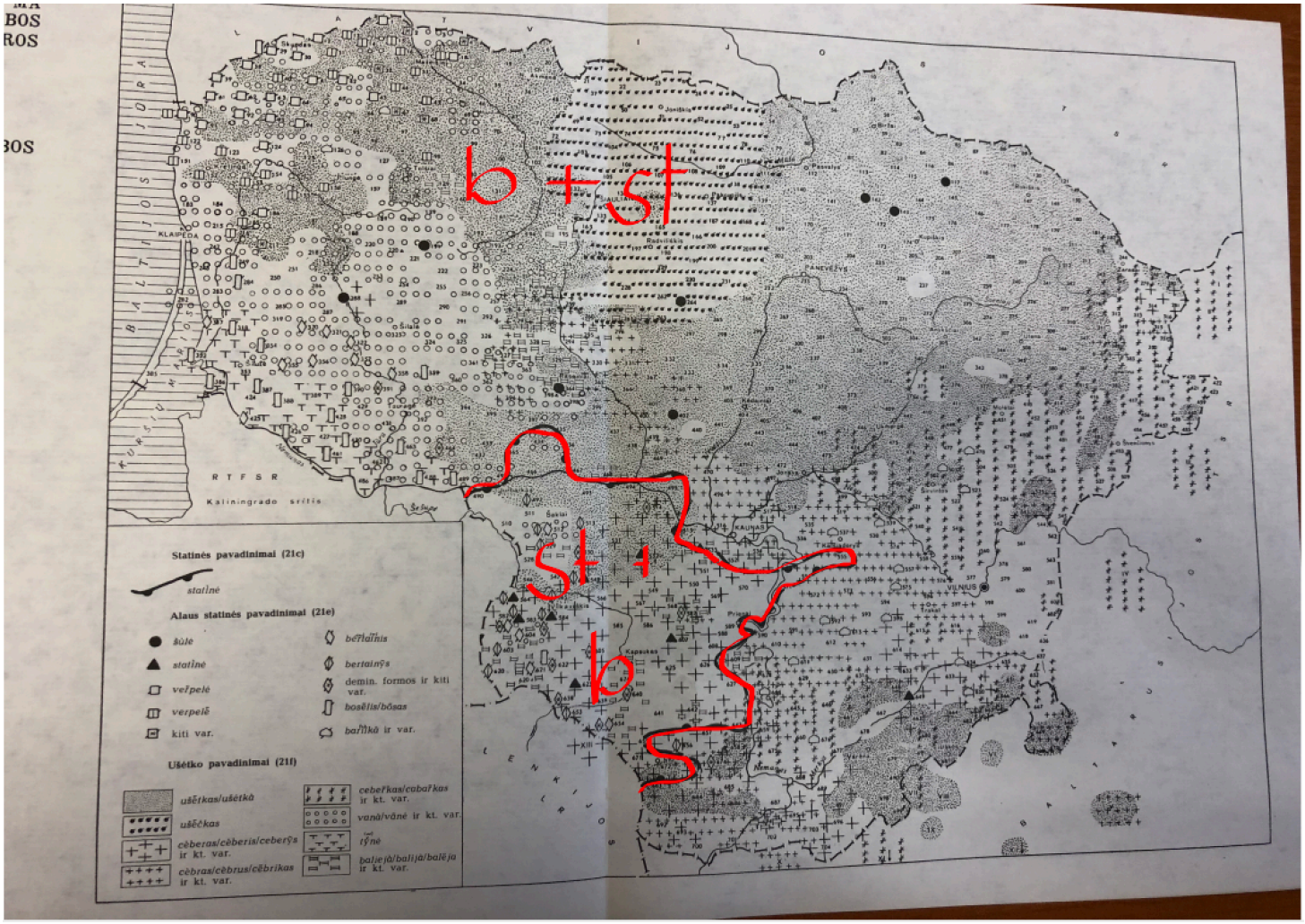

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Alaus statinės pavadinimai (21e)
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veřpelė
verpelė
kiti var.
bėrtainis
bertainỹs
demin. formos ir kiti var.
bosėlis/bõsas
baŕlikà ir var.
Ušėtko pavadinimai (21f)
ušėtkas/ušėtkà
ušėčkas
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cèbras/cèbrus/cẽbrikas ir kt. var.
cebeřkas/cabařkas ir kt. var.
vanà/vãnė ir kt. var.
tỹnė
baliejà/balijà/balėja ir kt. var.
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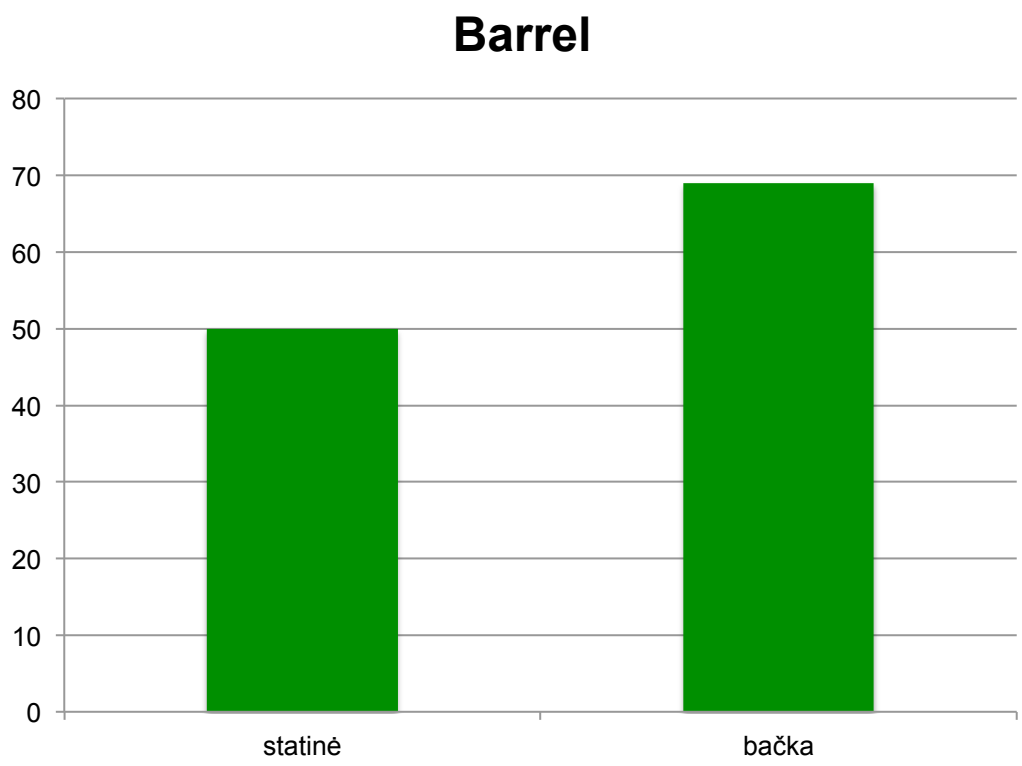
KAUNAS
VILNIUS

Variable

— Barrel (n = 119)



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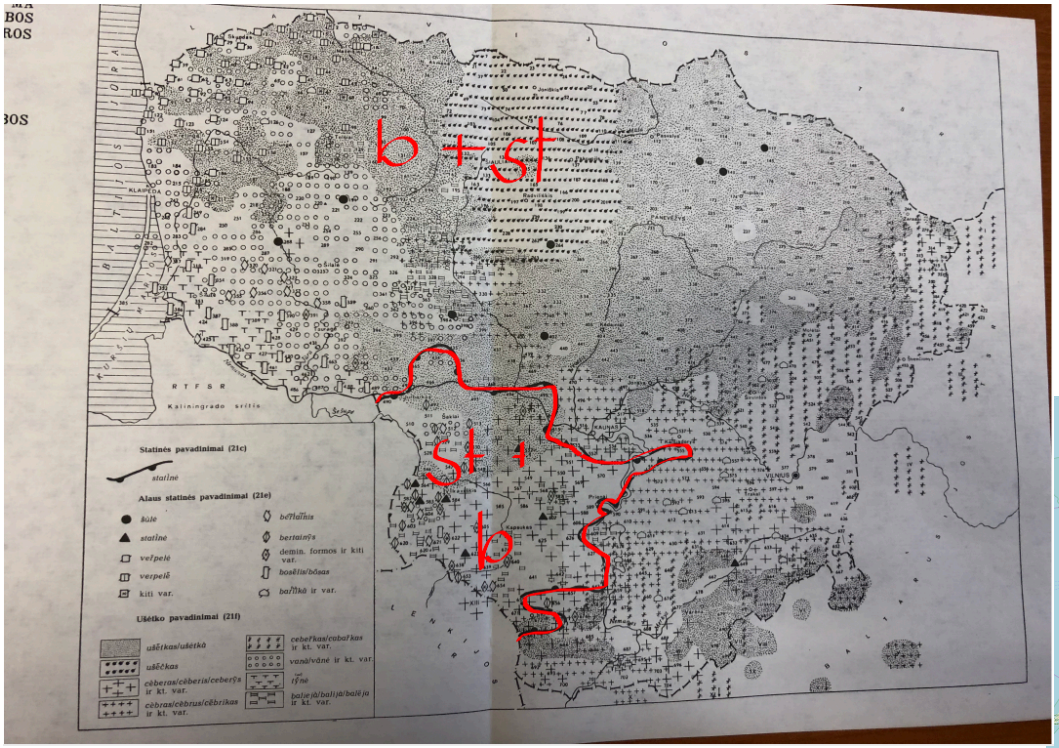

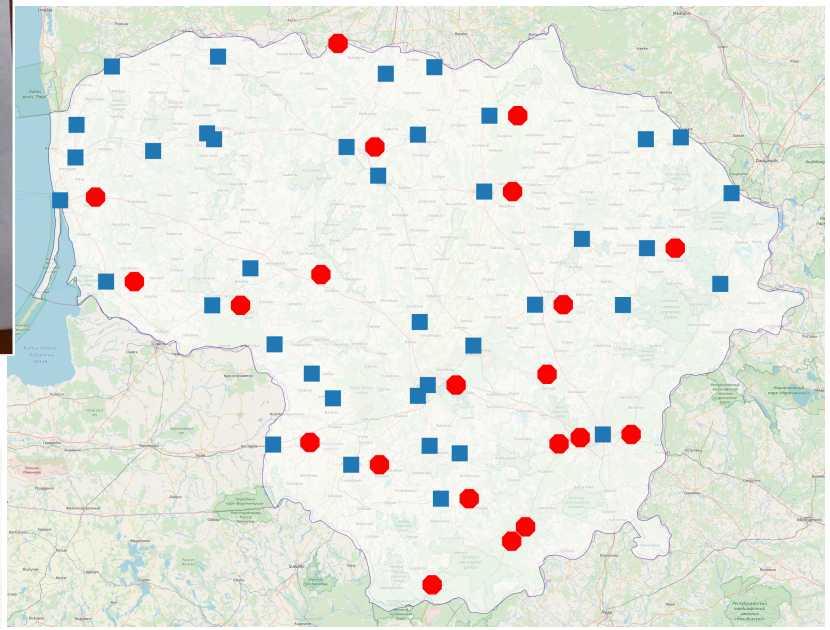

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Kas yra stiklinėje?

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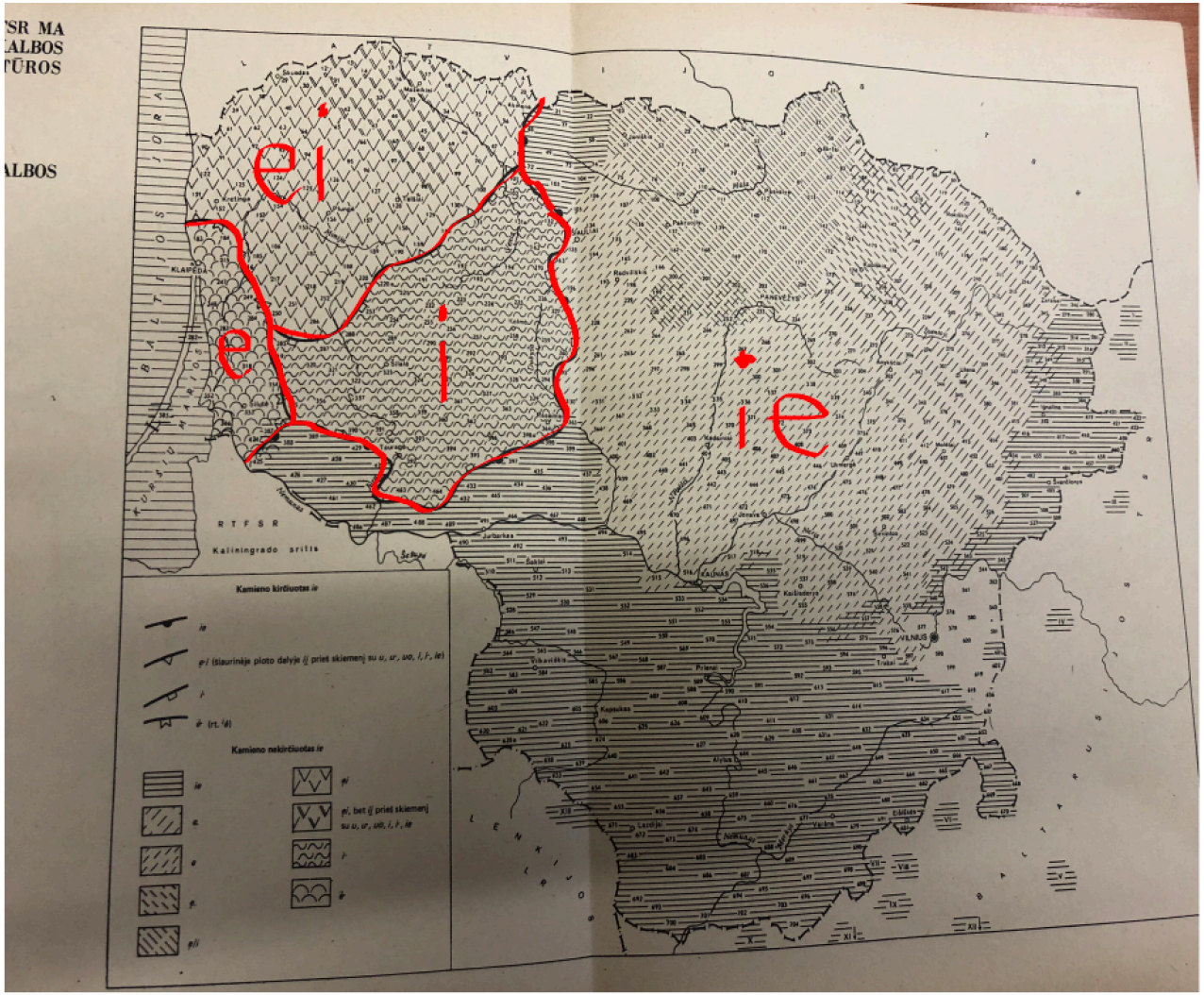

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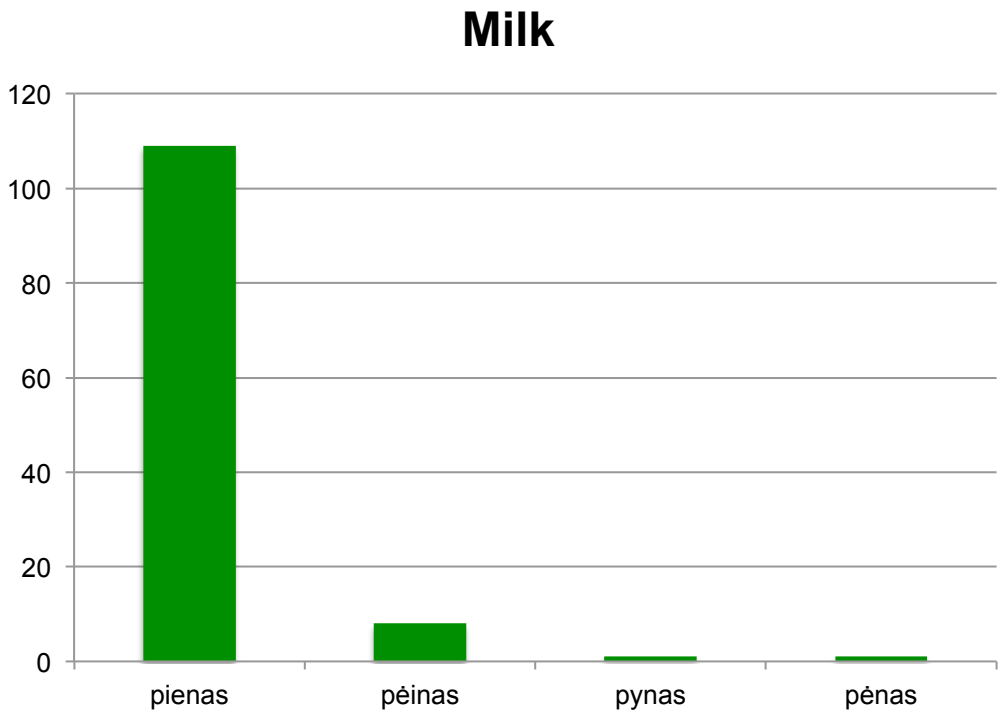
Variable

— Milk (n = 119)



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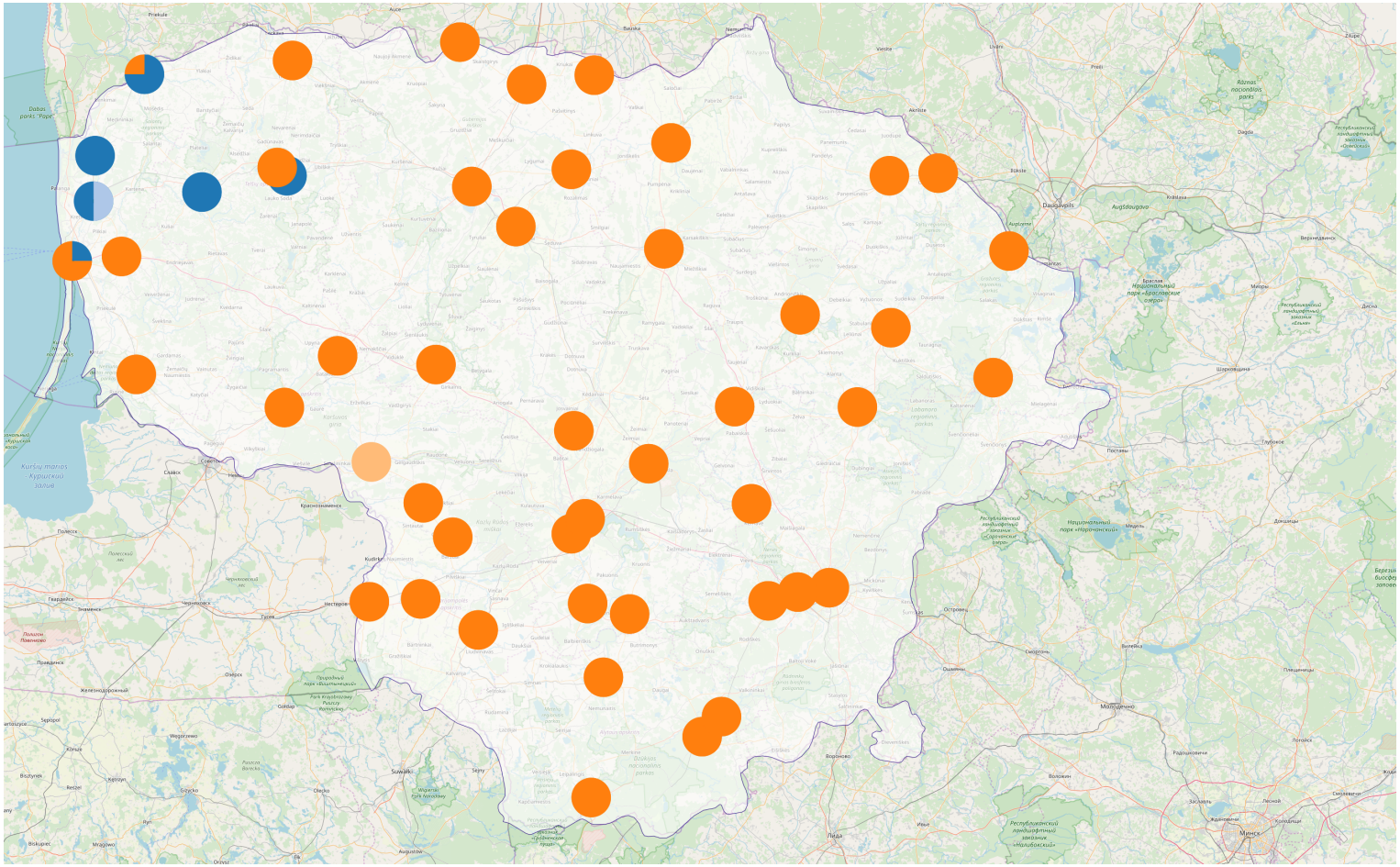

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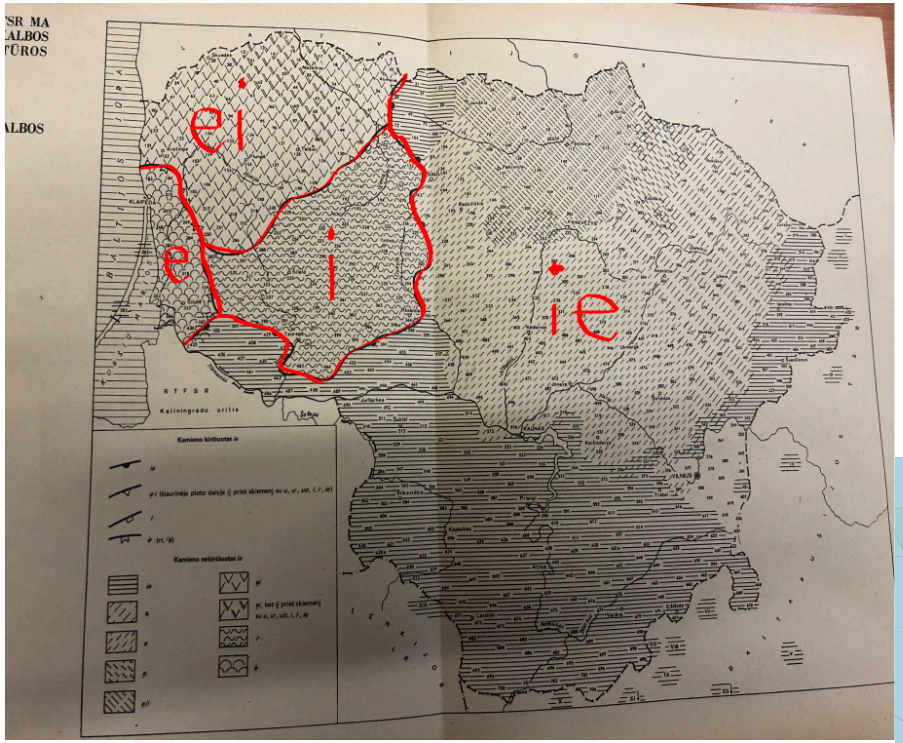

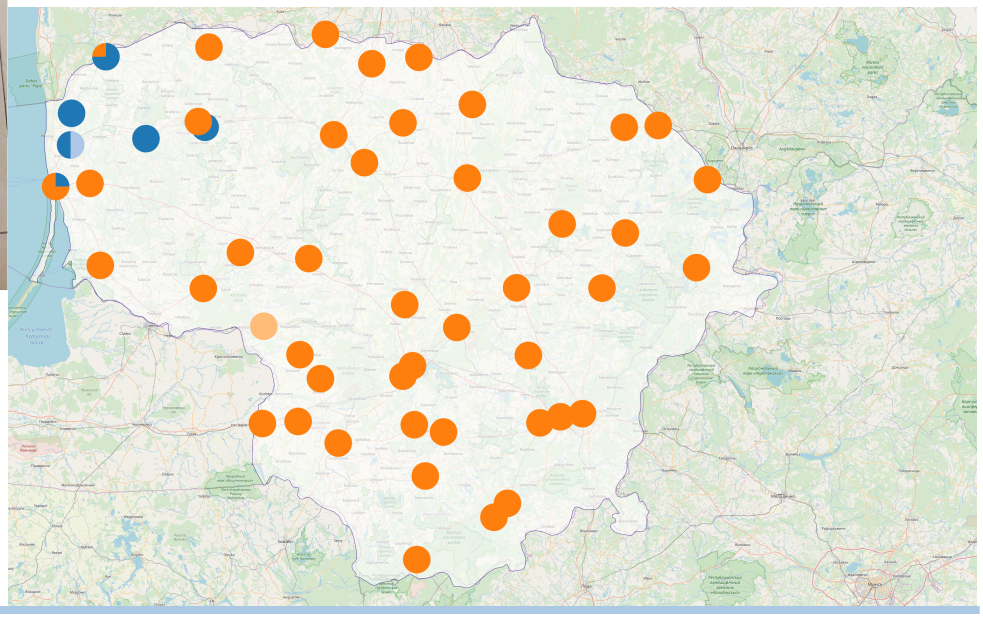

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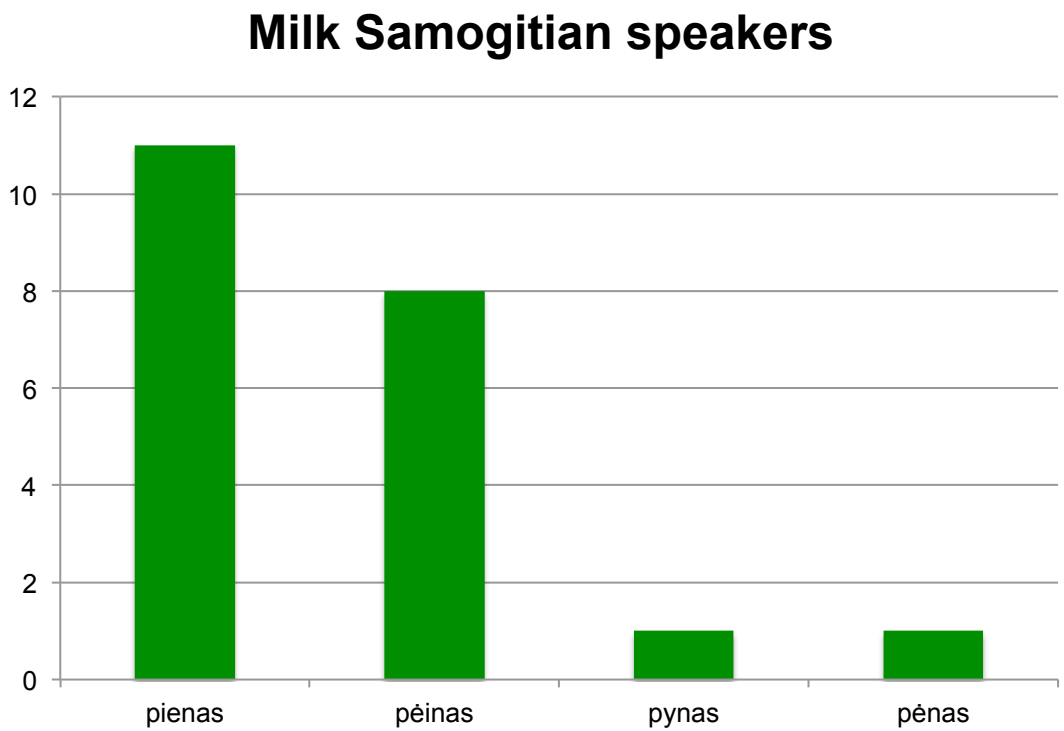
Variable

— Milk Samogitian speakers (n = 21)



Kas yra stiklinėje?

An now?

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- More data needed! What is there in the very north west of Lithuania going on?
- Problems
  - Mobility
  - Accessibility
  - Dialect prestige
  - Big data – Bad data?
- Next steps
  - More to analyse
  - Bigger survey in preparation

Thanks for your attention