

# Calquing a Quirk:

The Role of Social Conditioning  
in the Spread of the HAVE perfect  
across Europe

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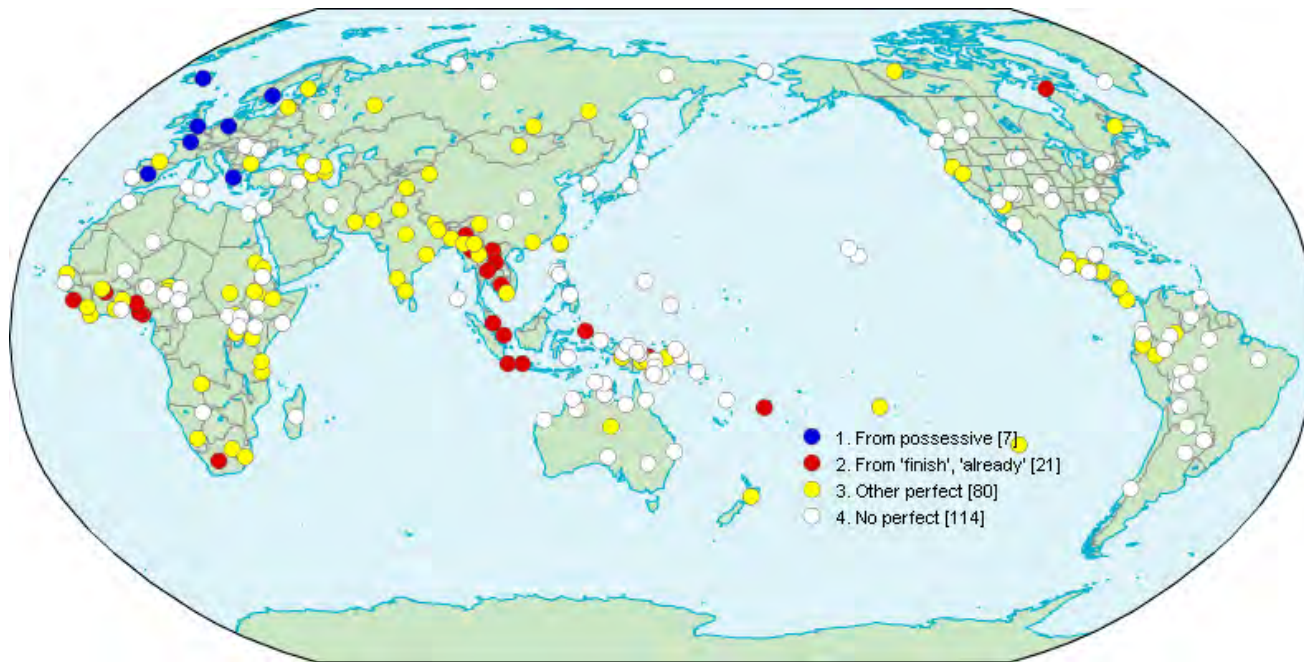
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# WALS Perfects



# Have perfects in western Europe

English

*I have seen*

German

*ich habe gesehen*

French

*j'ai vu*

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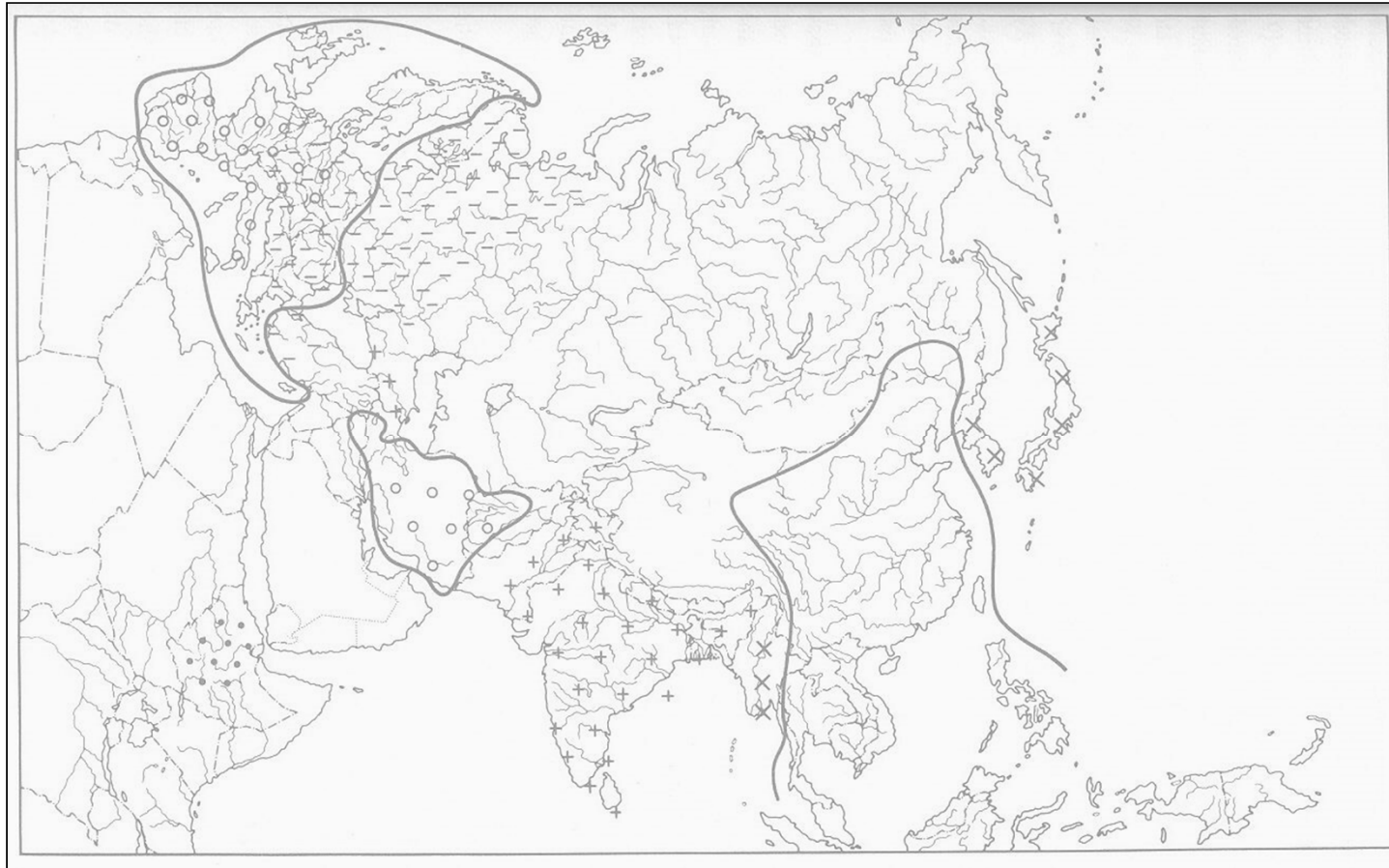
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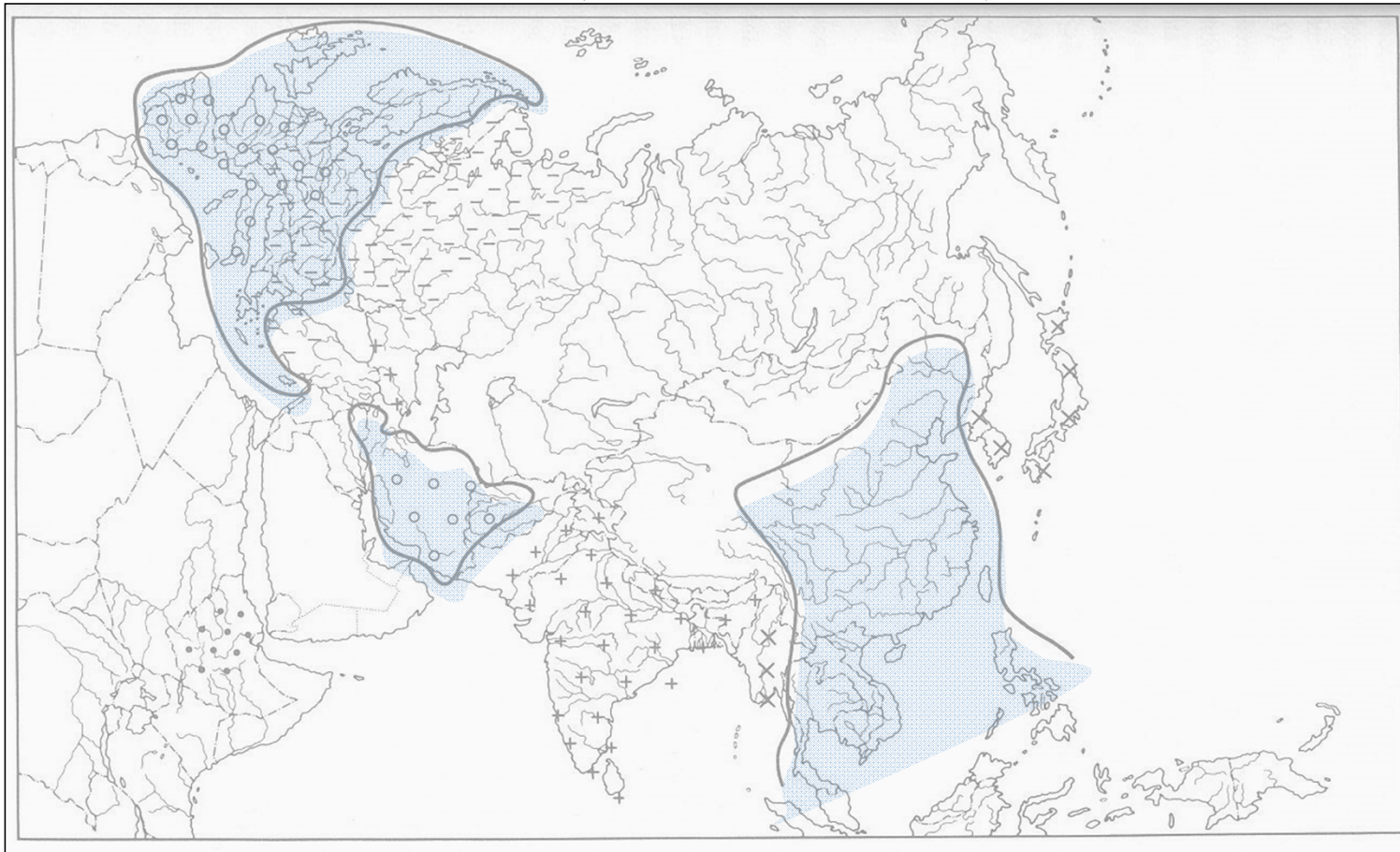
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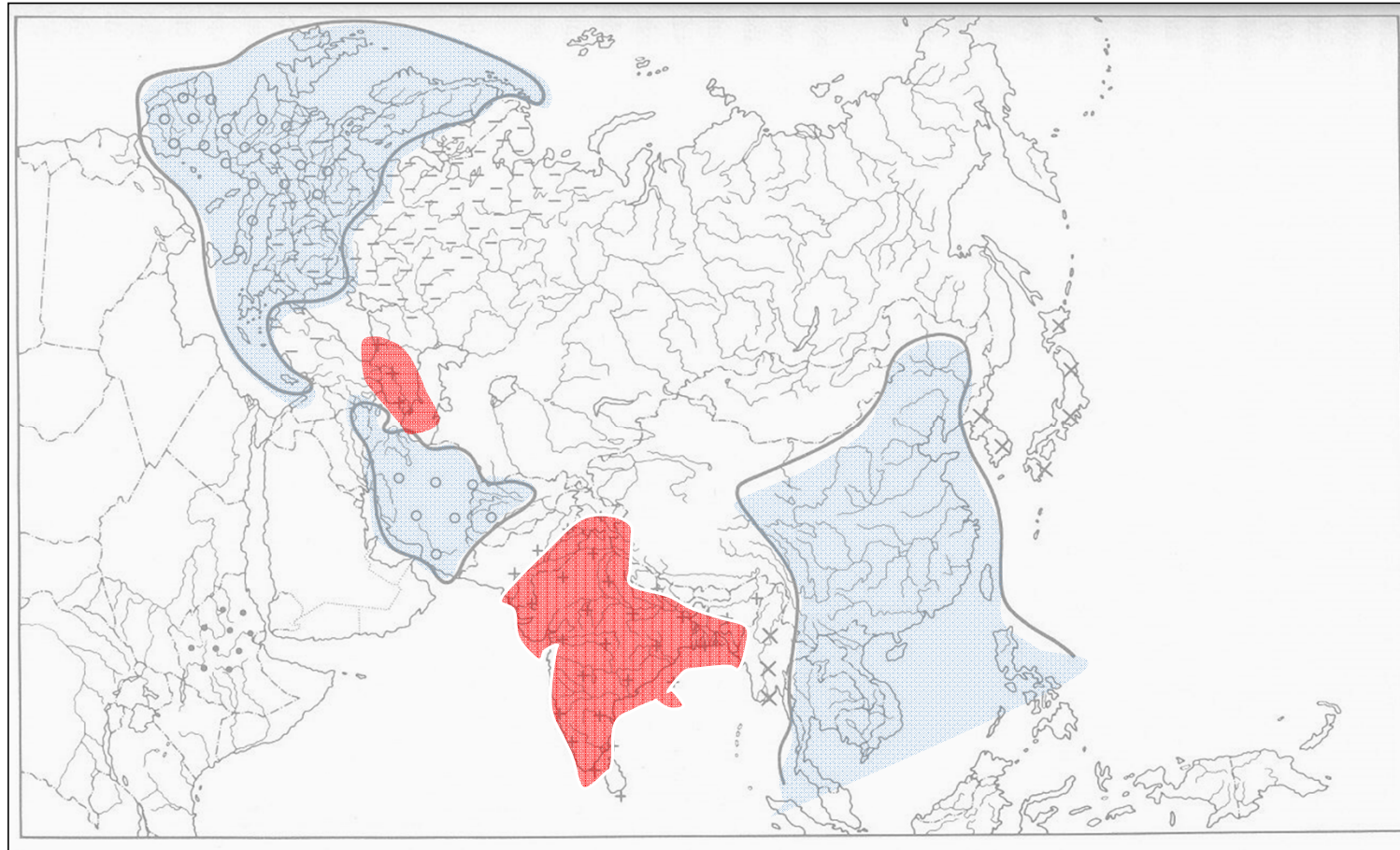
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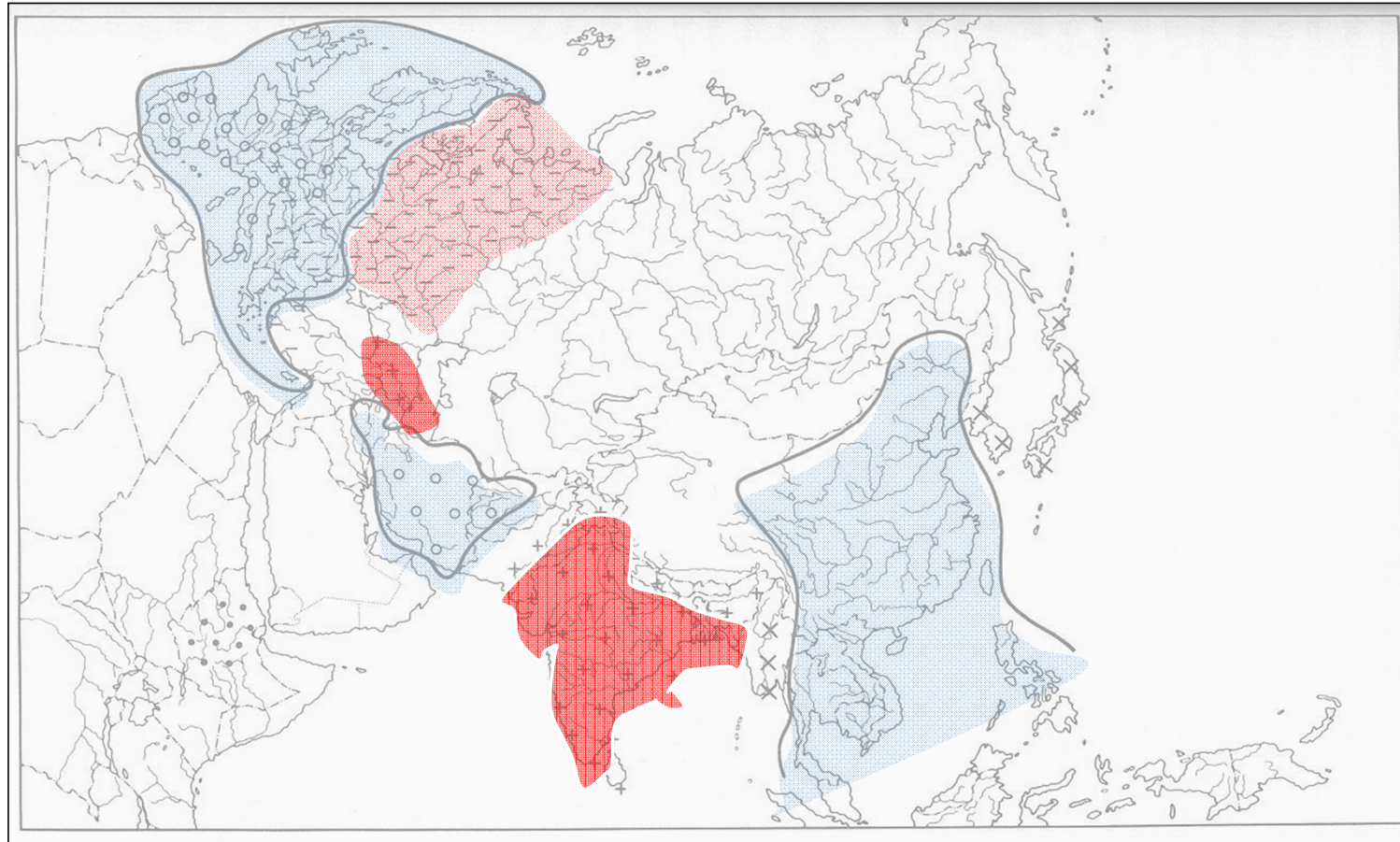
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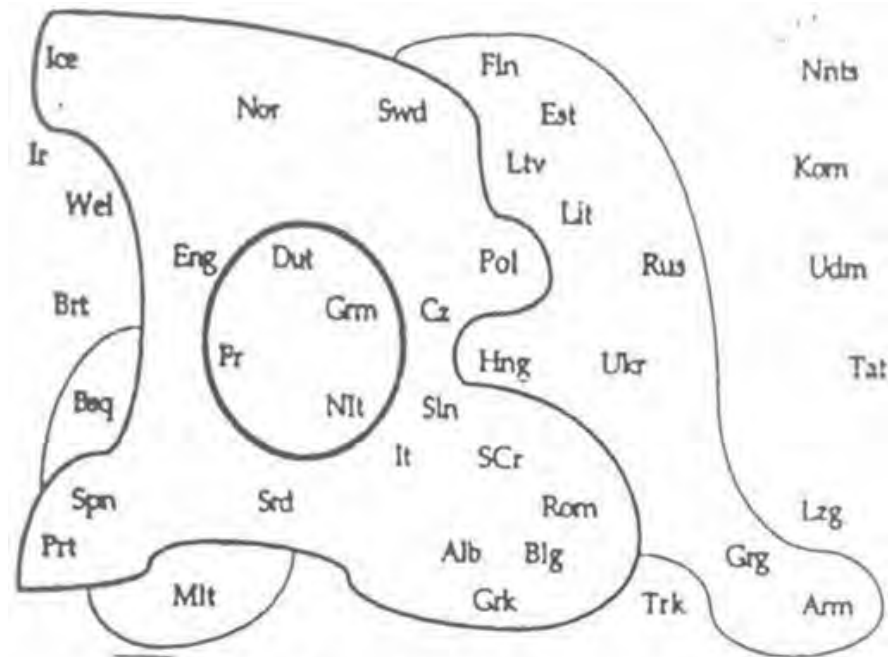
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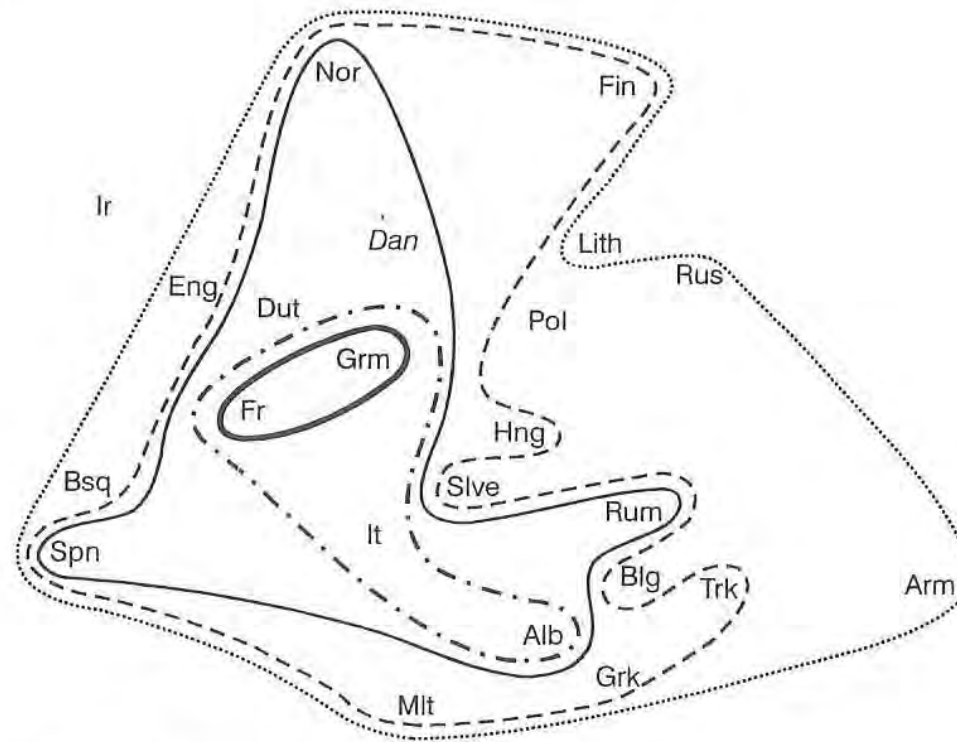
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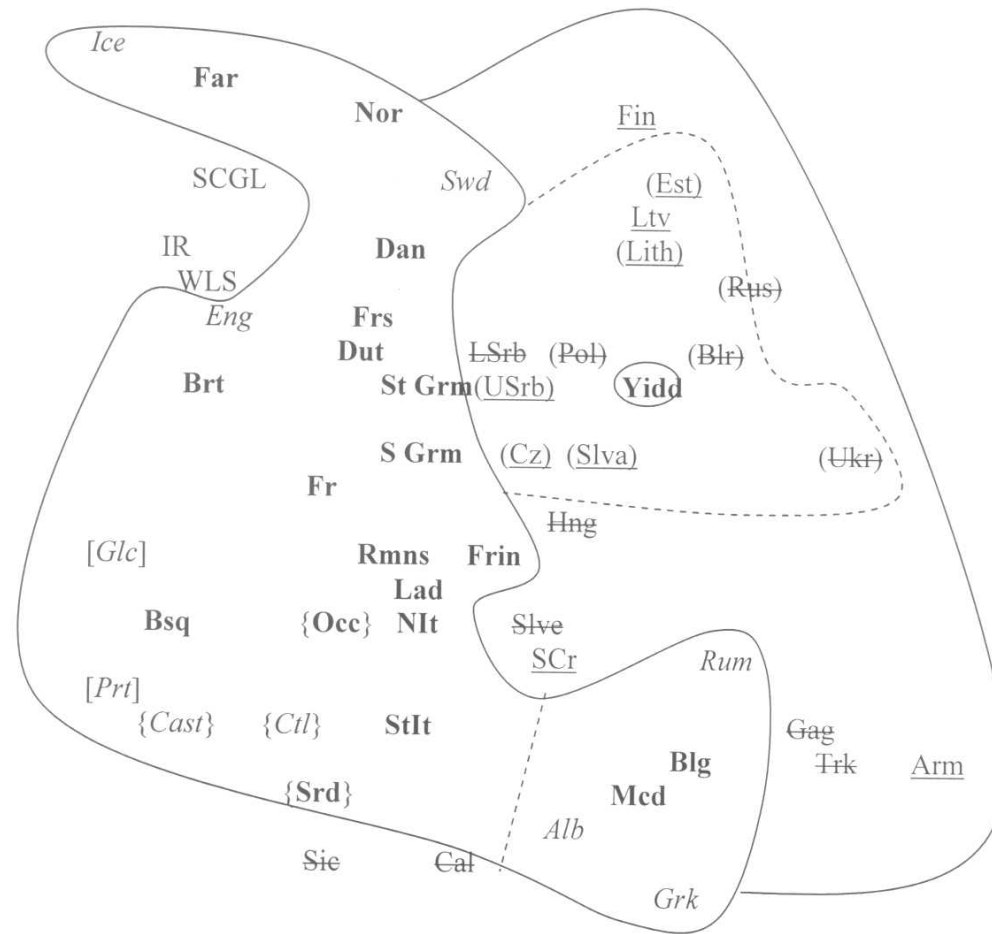
The area of western Europe where languages adhere to an array of similar grammatical patterns, often referred to as “Standard Average European” (SAE), coincides fairly closely with the area ruled by Charlemagne in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, hence, his name for it, the “Charlemagne Sprachbund”

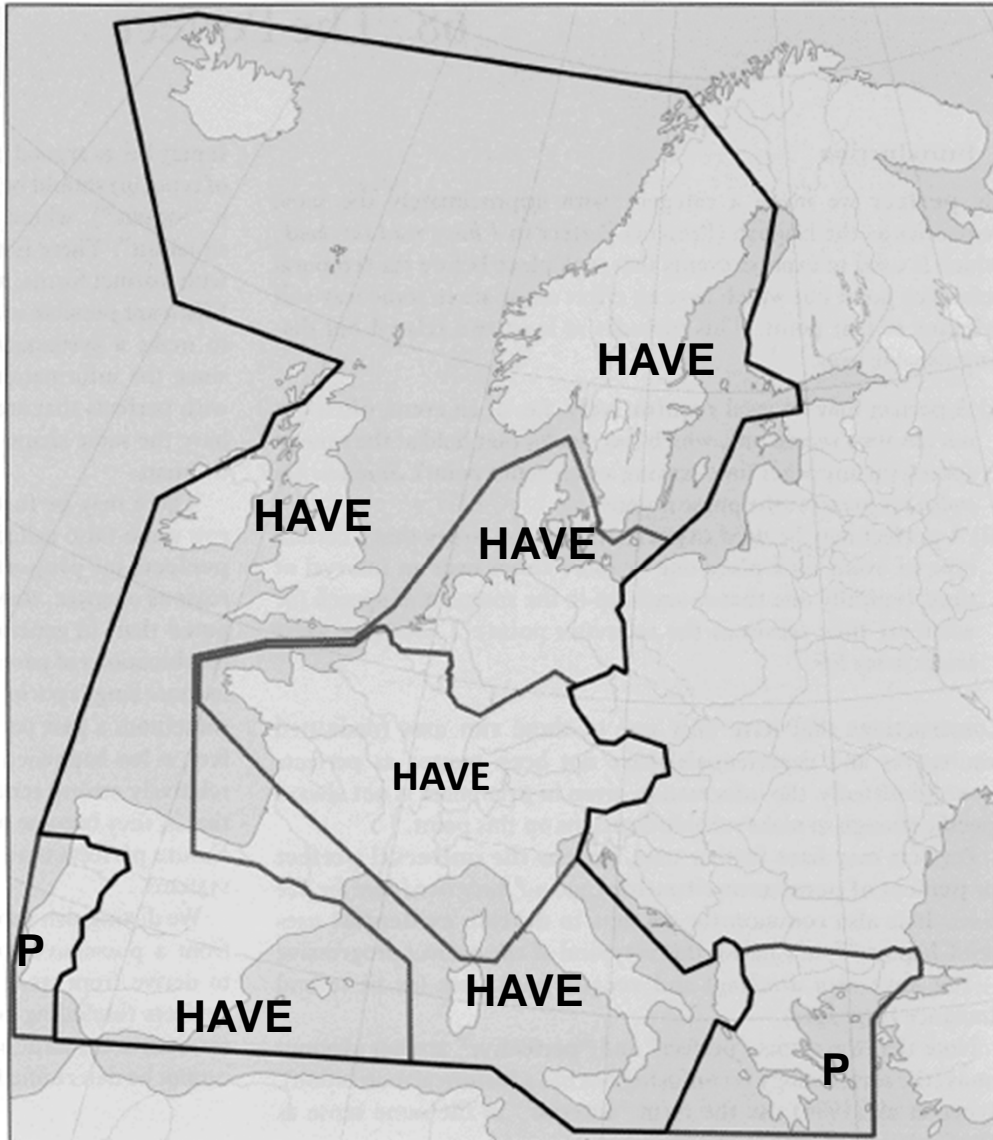
“CHARLEMAGNE SPRACHBUND”  
 ISOPLETH MAP FOR TENSE-ASPECT  
 (VAN DER AUWERA 1998B)



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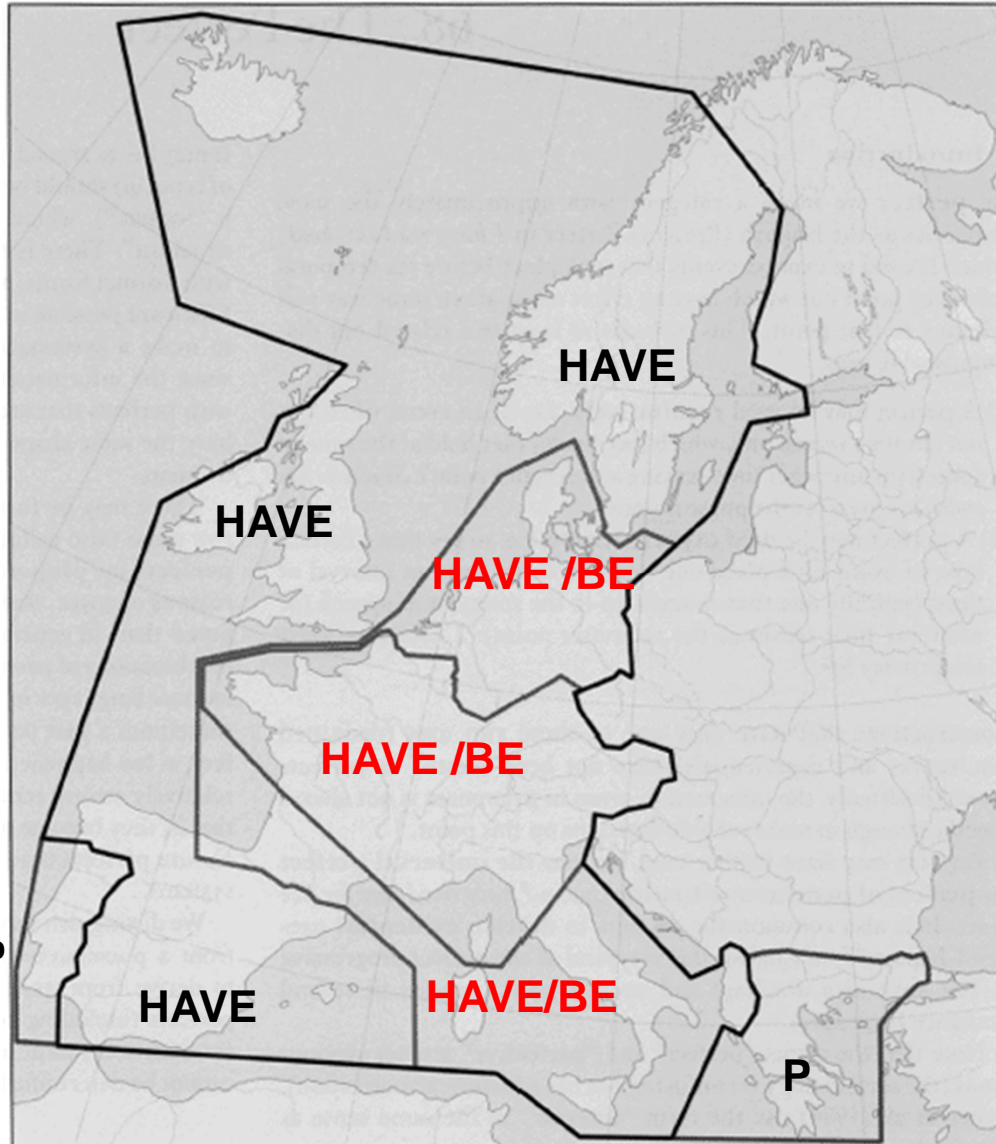
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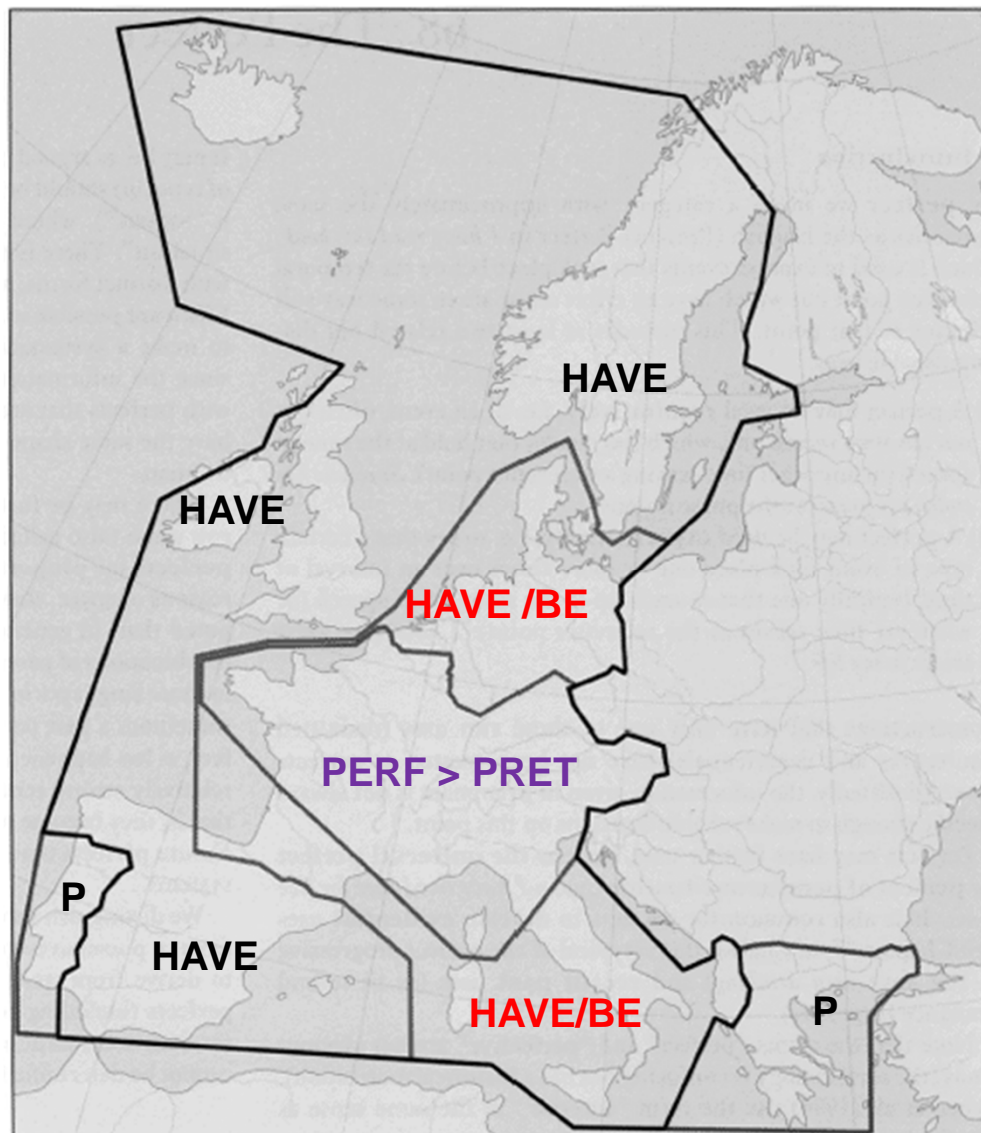


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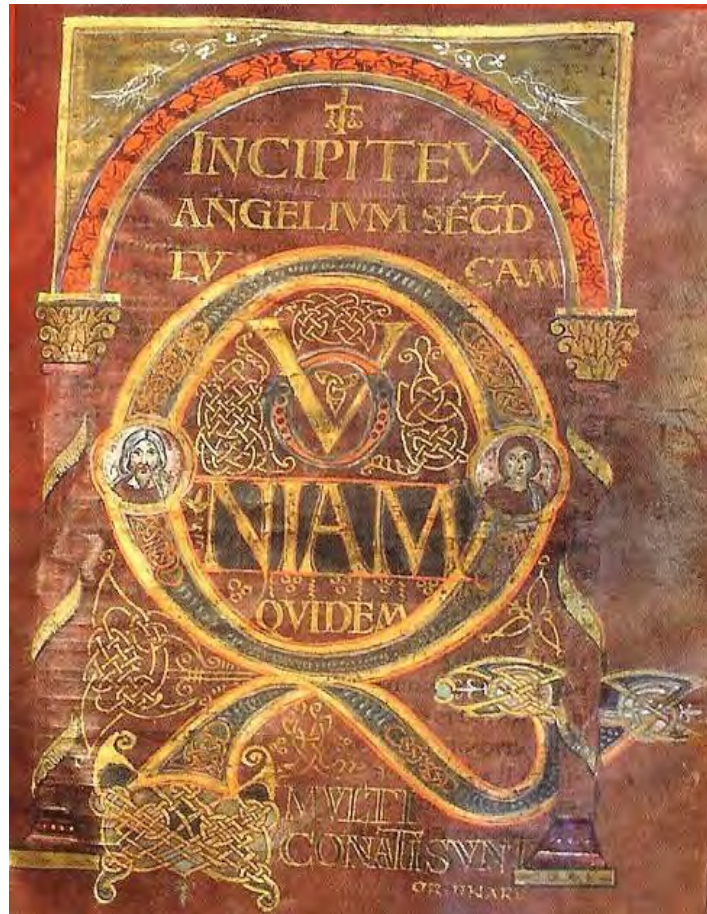
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- First appears in Paris, spread to parts of France, southern Germany, northern Italian



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761 Dum et supranominatus rex synodum suam teneret in villa, quae dicitur Dura, nuntiatum est ei, quod Waifarius in omnibus mentitus est;

‘While the King was holding his assembly at the villa which is called Düren, he was informed that Waifar had lied

## Annales Regni Francorum Middle

787 Et cum **venisset** ad hoc locum, quod omnia **explanasset** de parte Tassilonis, sicut **actum erat** [...]: eo quod sub iureiurando **promissum habebat** ut in omnibus oboediens et fidelis **fuisset** domno rege Carolo et filiis eius vel Francis

‘And when he **had come** to that place, he **explained** the affair with Tassilo, just as it **had occurred** [...] since he **had promised** under oath that he **would be** obedient and loyal in everything to the Lord King Charles, his sons, and the Franks’

# Annales Regni Francorum Late

820 In eo conventu Bera comes Barcinonae, qui iam diu fraudis et infidelitatis a vicinis suis **insimulabatur** cum accusatore suo equestri pugna confligere conatus **vincitur**. Cumque ut reus maiestatis capitali sententia **damnaretur** **parsum est** ei misericordia imperatoris, et Ratumagum exilio **deportatus est**

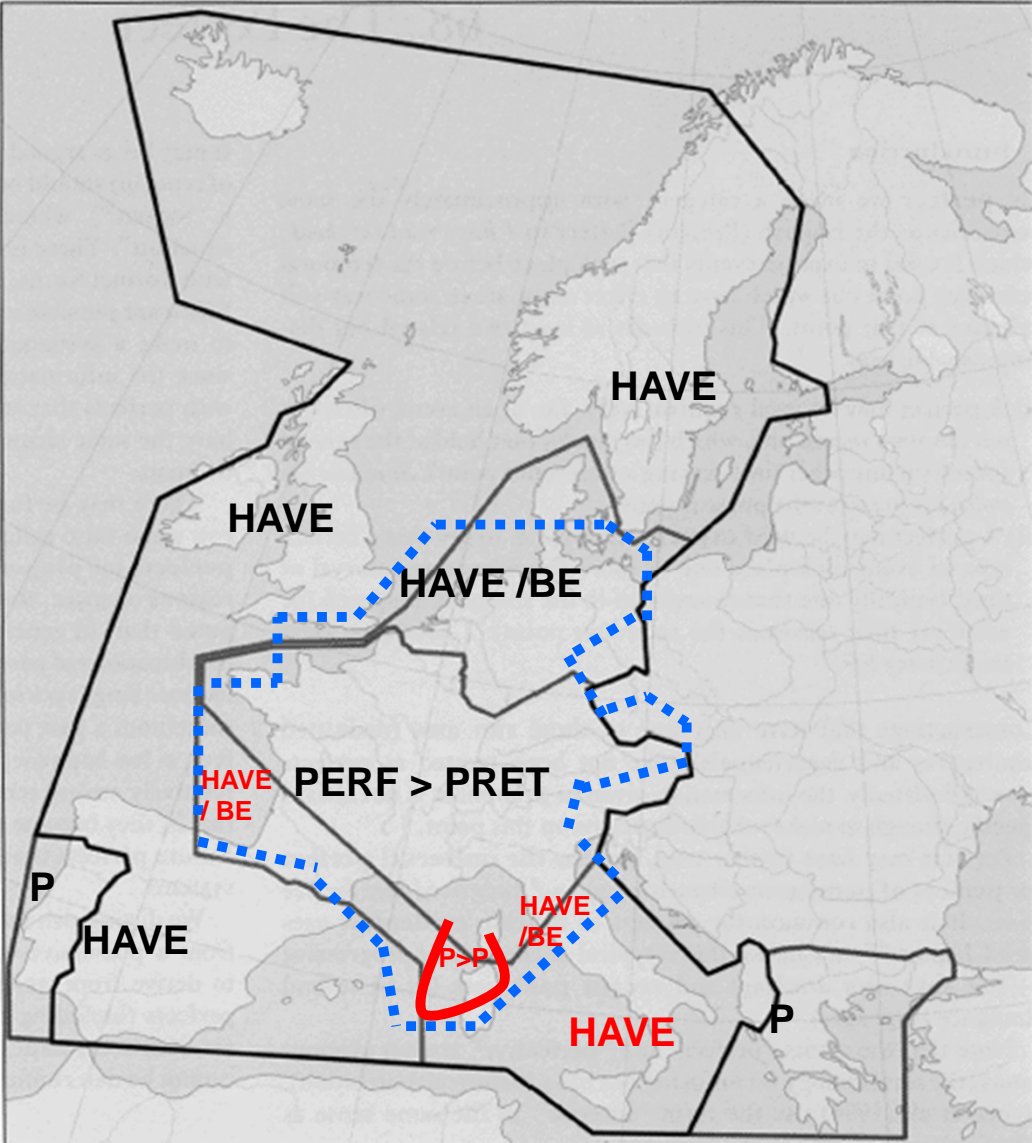
‘At this assembly Count Bera of Barcelona, who for a long time **had been accused** by his neighbors of bad faith and treason, tried to contend with his accuser in combat on horseback but **was defeated**. He **was** first **condemned** to death for *lèse majesté* but then **was pardoned** by the mercy of the emperor and **was taken away** into exile to Rouen.’



## Annales Regni Francorum: Reviser

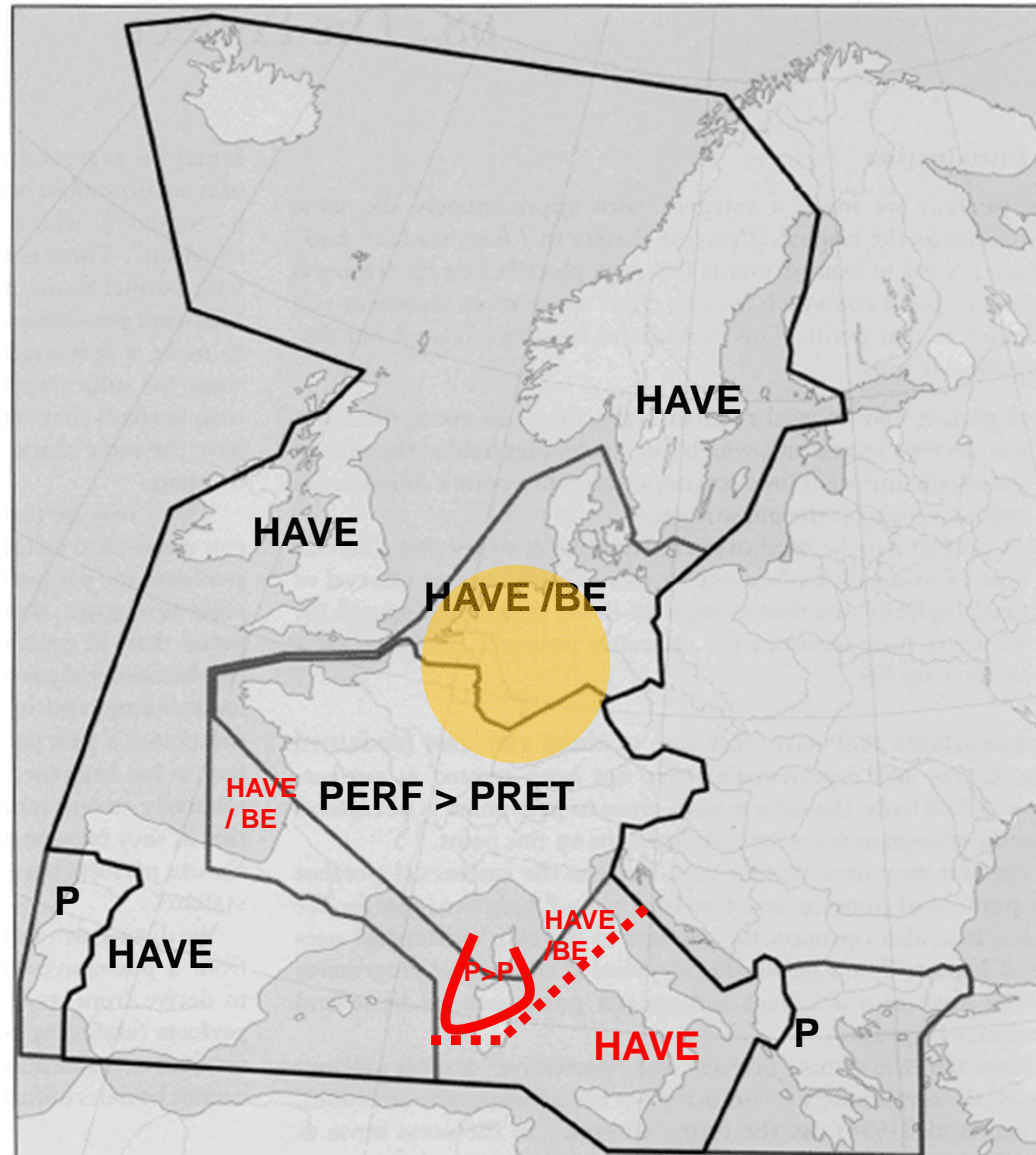
741 Et ut in externa profecti domi omnia tuta **dimitterent**, Carlomannus Grifonem sumens in Novocastello, quod iuxta Arduennam **situm est** custodiri **fecit**, in qua custodia usque ad tempus, quo idem Carlomannus Romam **profectus est** **dicitur** permansisse.

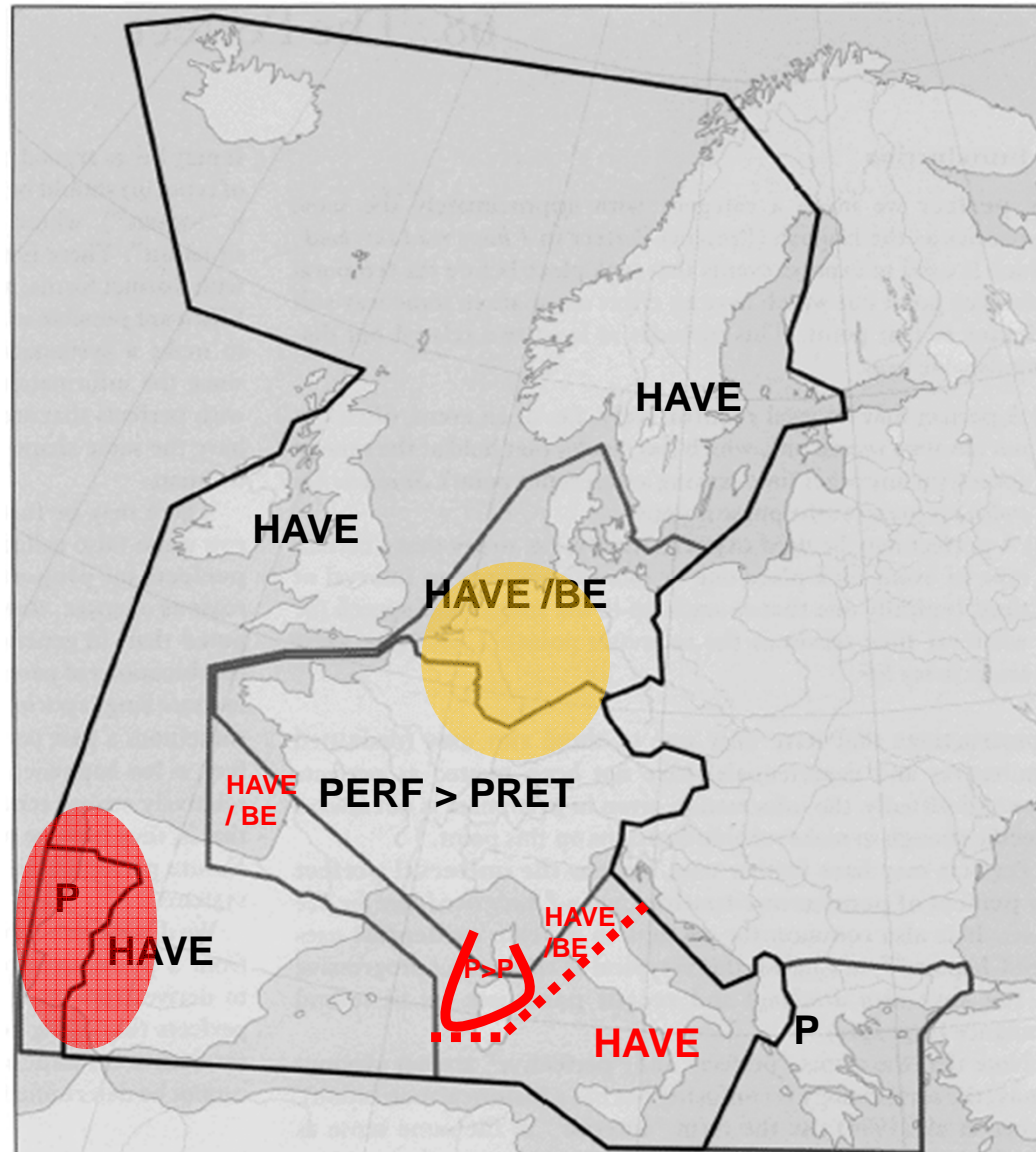
‘To make sure everything **was well dispatched** at home while they were abroad, Carloman took Grifo and **held** him at Neufchâteau, which **is located** near the Ardennes Mountains, where Grifo **is said** to have remained in custody until Carloman **left** for Rome.

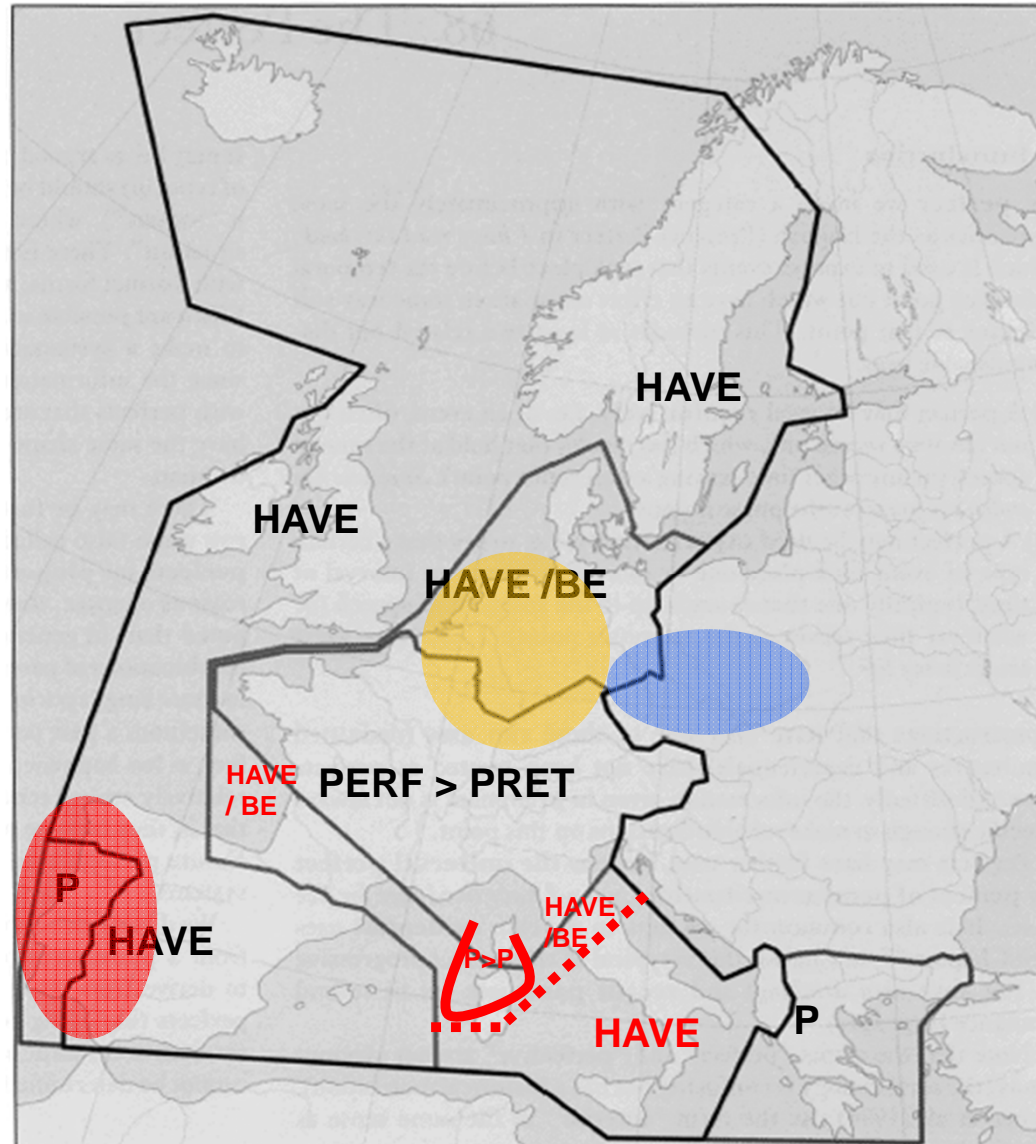


# Empire of Charlemagne at the time of his death, 814 ad









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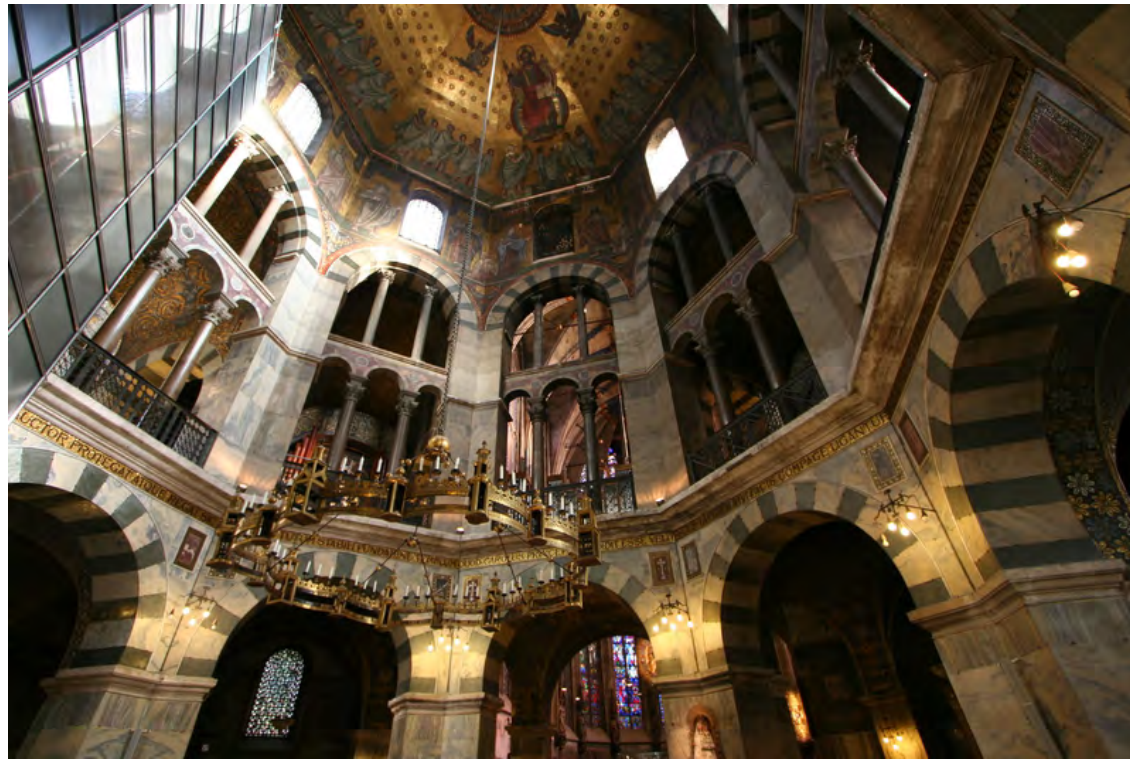
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- **CZECH:** centuries-long influence from German
  - Calqued a HAVE perfect alongside its native BE perfect
  - Constructed a perfect/aorist contrast modeled closely on German
  - Verbal paradigm revamped but suppressed in standard by language purists
  - Demonstrates the capacity of social motivation to “trump” internal linguistic factors

# The “Roofing” of the Charlemagne Sprachbund in Germanic



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“[The] structural conditions for this innovation were present in Germanic, [and the development of the HAVE perfect was an] autonomous development in Germanic and owes nothing to the influence of Latin.”

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- **ON:** In ancient runic inscriptions, only one periphrastic (passive) has been found; more recent runestones do show HAVE perfects, but they date to the 11<sup>th</sup>-c. Viking period.

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- **OHG:** earliest texts contain no HAVE perfects. None in Isidor (late 8<sup>th</sup> c.), the interlinear version of the Benedictine Rules, the Murbacher Hymns, or the Weißenburger Katechismus. They only begin to appear in the 9<sup>th</sup> century: Tatian, the Muspilli, the Ludwigslied, and Otfrid (Ebert 1978: 58).



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### **Conclusion:**

Germanic periphrastic perfects were rare and ungrammaticalized in the oldest layers of Germanic.

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- Notker, c. 950-1022
  - worked at St. Gall, one of the most important abbeys in the Carolingian realm
  - translated numerous Latin works, including Boethius' *De consolazione philosophiae*, and works of Aristotle, Virgil, and Terence.
  - heavy structural influence from Latin

## OHG have perfects

- Isidor (late 8<sup>th</sup> c.): 0 HAVE perfects
- Tatian (825 – 850): 6 HAVE perfects
- Otfrid's (c. 870): 32 HAVE perfects
- Notker (c. 950-1022): 79 HAVE perfects

## OHG Have perfect: Tatian 102.2

Lat: *arborem fici habebat quidam plantatam in vinea sua.*

OHG: *phighboum habeta sum giflanzotan in sinemo uuingarten*

fig-tree had a\_certain\_man planted in his vineyard

‘A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard’

## OHG Have Perfect: Otfrid III 17.13

OHG *wizist* *thaz, thiz wib* ***firworaht habet*** *ira lib*  
knowest that this woman **forfeited** **has** her life  
'you know that this woman has forfeited her life'



OHG have perfect: Notker 783, 11

OHG *Uuir **eigun gesundot** sament unseren forderen*

‘We **have sinned** with our fathers’

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- intransitive verbs

(Lat. *laetari* = OHG *frôôn* ‘rejoice’)

- passives

(Lat. *consolabuntur* = OHG *thiê uerdent gifluobrit*  
‘they will be consoled’)

- or, especially, by reflexives

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But Latin **periphrastic** deponents and intransitives tend to be translated by periphrastic BE perfects:

Isidor 3,9

Latin *per illum cuncta **creata esse** noscuntur*

through him all **created be**.INF know.3PL.PRS.PASS

‘through him all are known to **be created**’

OHG *dhurah inan **ist al uuordan** dbazs chiscaffanes ist*

through him **is** all **become** that created is

‘Through him everything that is created **has come into being.**’

## OHG be perfect: Tatian 131,17

Latin:

*Dixerunt itaque ei: nos ex fornicatione non **sumus nati***

Said.3PL and\_so him.3SG.DAT we from fornication not are born

OHG:

*Tho quadun sie imo: uuir ni **birumes** fon huore **giborene***

Then said.3P they him we not **live** from fornication **born**

‘Then they said to him, ‘We are not born from fornication’’

## OHG be perfect: Tatian 13,15

*Iam inim securis ad radicem arborum **posita est***

Now for axe at root of\_trees **laid is**

*Giu **is** accus **gisezzit** zi vvurzulun thero boumo*

Now **is** axe **laid** at root the of\_trees

‘Now the axe is laid at the root of the trees’

## OHG be perfect: Tatian 135, 24

*trohtin, hersuibhit in: fior taga **biliban ist***

Lord stinks already four days **lain is**

‘Lord, he stinks already: he **has lain** four days.’

## OHG be perfect: Otfrid II 7,67

*‘Thu **bist**, quod er, ‘herasun **queman**’*

Thou **art** quoth he hither **come**

‘You **have**’, he said, ‘**come** here’

## OHG be perfect: Notker I 81, 19

*taꝛ tir in loꝛ **keuallen** ist*

that to\_you by lot **fallen** is

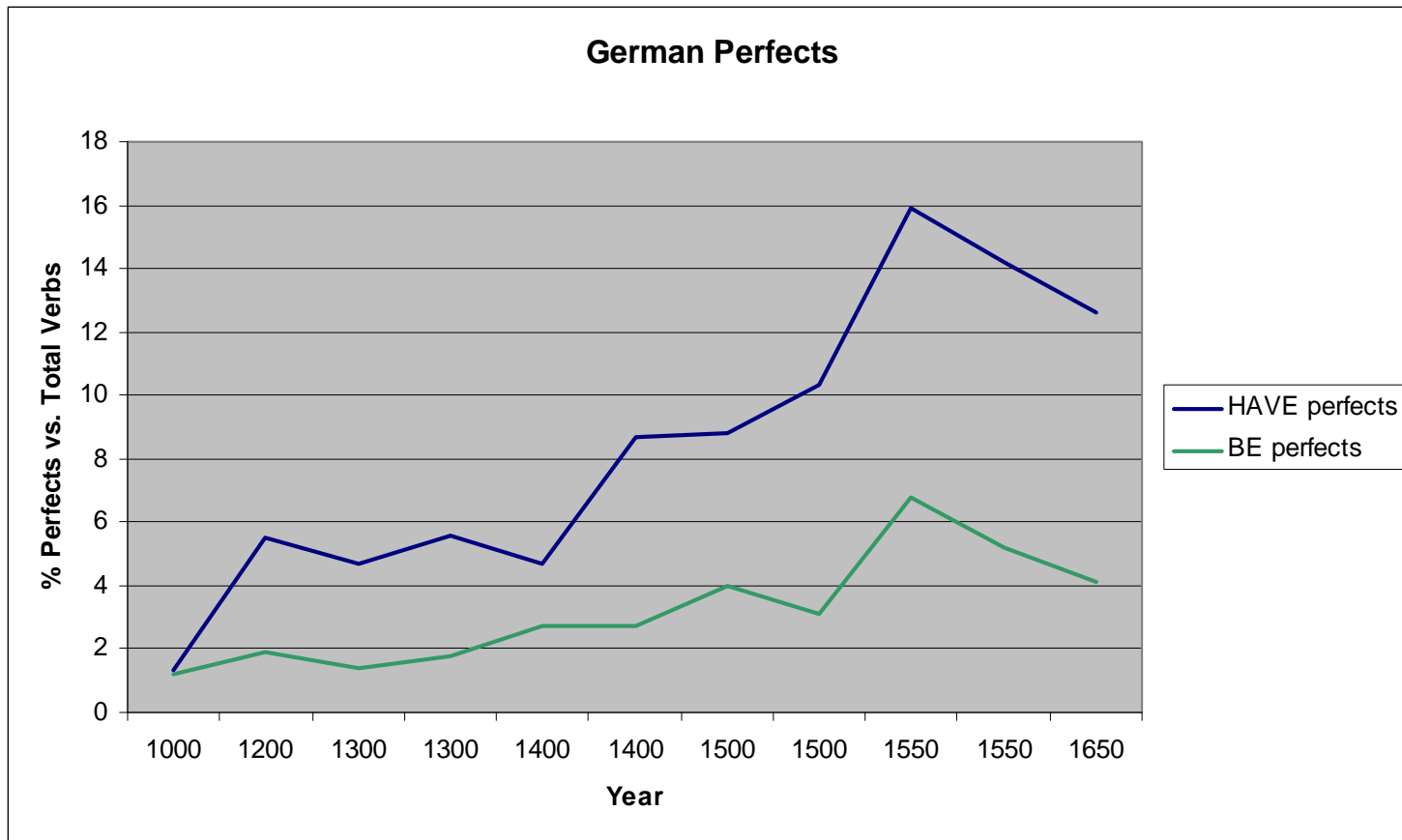
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## HAVE AND BE PERFECTS IN GERMAN FROM 1000-1650 (BASED ON OUBOUZAR 1974)

WORKS	HAVE (%)	BE (%)	TOTAL VERBS
Notker (early 11 <sup>th</sup> c.)	79 (1.3)	73 (1.2)	6,186
Nibelungenlied (early 13 <sup>th</sup> c.)	616 (5.5)	216 (1.9)	11,260
Märterbuch (early 14 <sup>th</sup> c.)	237 (4.7)	70 (1.4)	5,090
Heidin (early 14 <sup>th</sup> c.)	88 (5.6)	28 (1.8)	1,565
Constanzer Concils (early 15 <sup>th</sup> c.)	184 (4.7)	104 (2.7)	3,900
Ackermann (early 15 <sup>th</sup> c.)	111 (8.7)	35 (2.7)	1,275
Fortunatus (early 16 <sup>th</sup> c.)	711 (8.8)	323 (4.0)	8,110
Luther (early 16 <sup>th</sup> c.)	324 (10.3)	98 (3.1)	3,147
Wickram (mid 16 <sup>th</sup> c.)	904 (15.9)	390 (6.8)	5,695
Melanchthon (mid 16 <sup>th</sup> c.)	279 (14.2)	102 (5.2)	1967
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- The *Heliand* was clearly composed in a Frankish context



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895-6 Ic **bium** an is bodskepi herod an thesa uuerold **cumen**  
I am on his mission here to this world come  
'I have come to the world on his mission'

## Heliand: be and become perfects

4619-20 Thiu uuurd is at handun, thea tidi **sind** nu **ginahid**  
thy fate is at hand the times **be.PRES.PL** now **neared**  
'Thy fate is at hand, the time has now drawn near'

13 examples of uuerdan used as an auxiliary, 8 of which retain the inflection on PP.

2728-9 Tho **uurðun** an themu gertale Iudeo cuninges tidi **cumana**  
Then **become.PRS.SG** in the year Jewish king's time **come.PP**  
'Then, in the course of the year, the Jewish king's time had come'

94 Tho **uuard** thiu tid **cuman** that thar gitald habdun  
Then **become.PRET.SG** the time **come.PP** that there foretold had  
'then came the time that [wise men] had foretold'

2398-99 Sum eft **bifallen uuard** an êna starca strâtun  
Some however **fall.PP** **become.PRET** on a hard road  
'Some, however, fell on a hard road'

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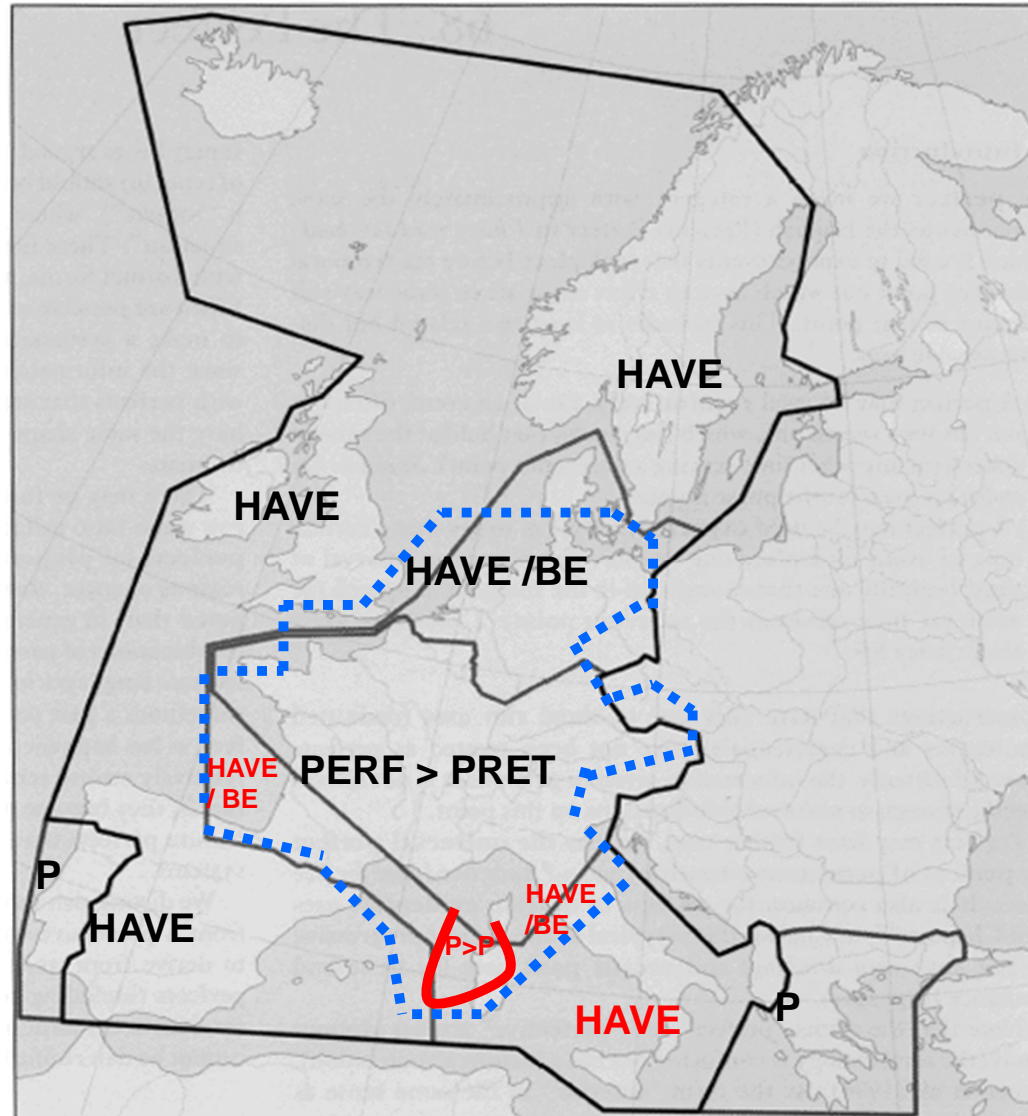
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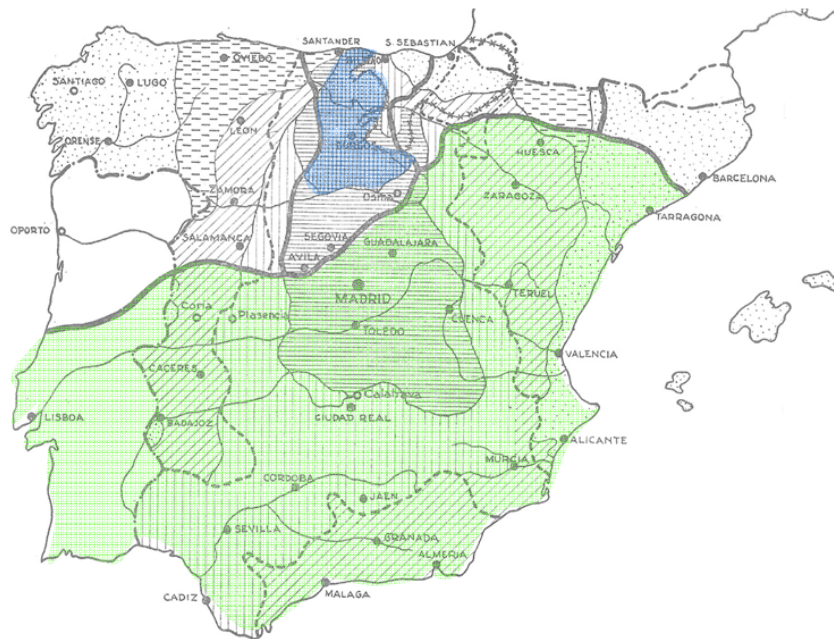
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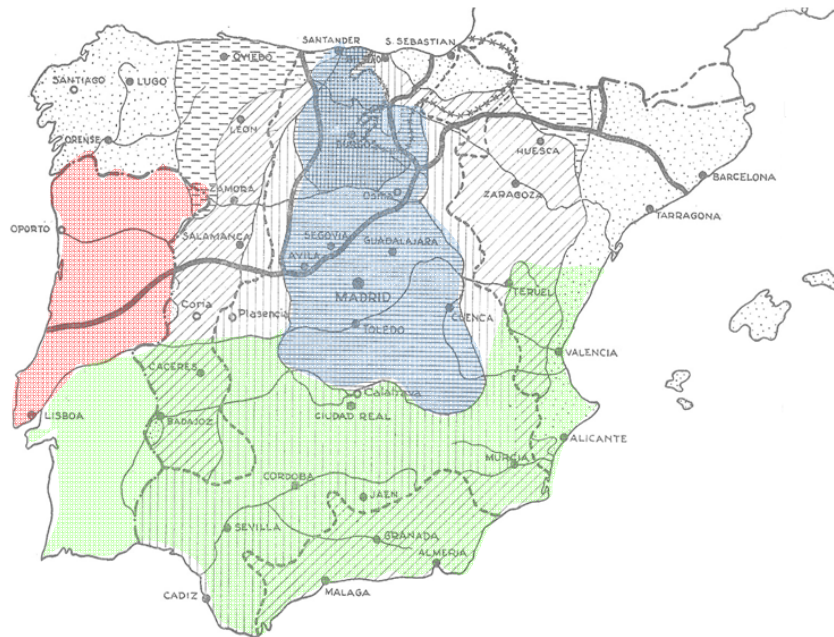


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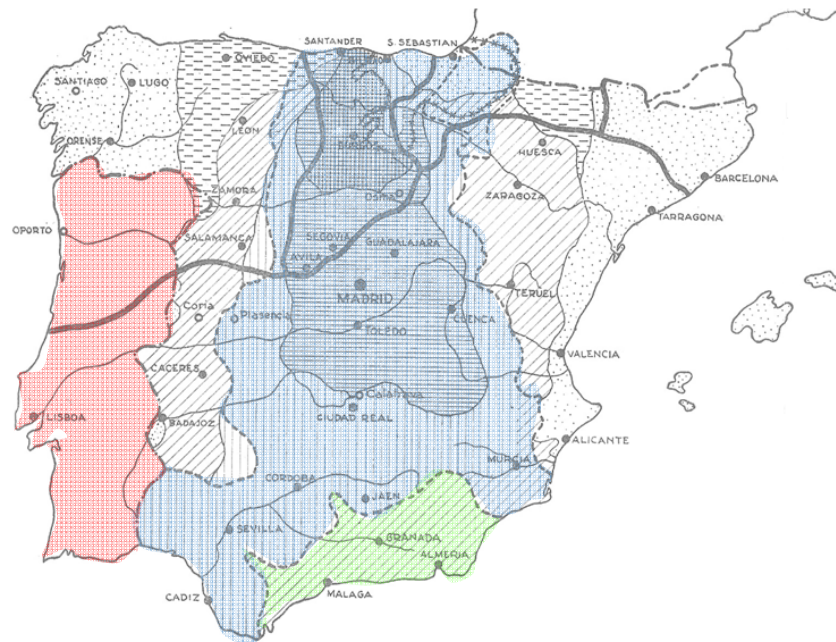




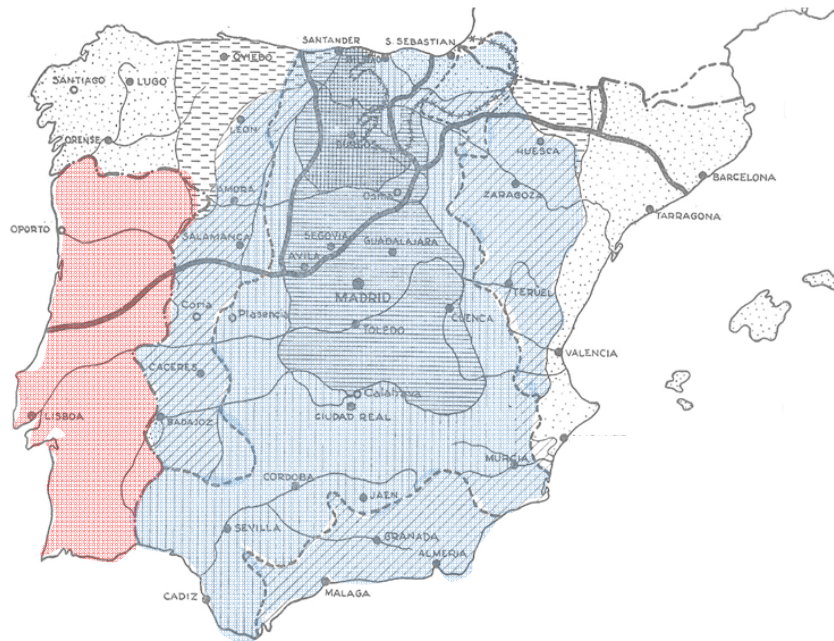
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## Old Portuguese auxiliary use

Transitive: *aver as chamado*

‘you have called’

*ter tenho vystos e ouvydos muitos enxemplos*

‘I have seen and heard many examples’

Intransitive: *aver as dormido*

‘you have slept’

*ter tiinha ele ja andadas duas leguas*

‘he has gone 2 miles’

Unaccusative: *ser somos chegados*

‘we have (lit. are) arrived’



## Popular Portuguese poem

À sombra do lindo céu  
eu jurei, **tenho jurado**  
não ter mais outros amores  
só a ti **tenho amado**.

‘In the shadow of the lovely sky  
I swore, **I have sworn**  
not to have any more other loves;  
only you **have** I **loved**’

## NW Spanish: Galician

abríu a folla de enriba da porta e **tívoa aberta** un instantiño  
‘the window on top of the door opened and **stayed open** for a brief instant’

que dona Amelia **tiña dito** moitas vegadas  
‘which Dona Amelia **had said** many times’

Esa era outra cousa na que **teño cavilado**.  
‘This was another thing that I **have** (repeatedly) **pondered**’

## Galician influenced by Castilian

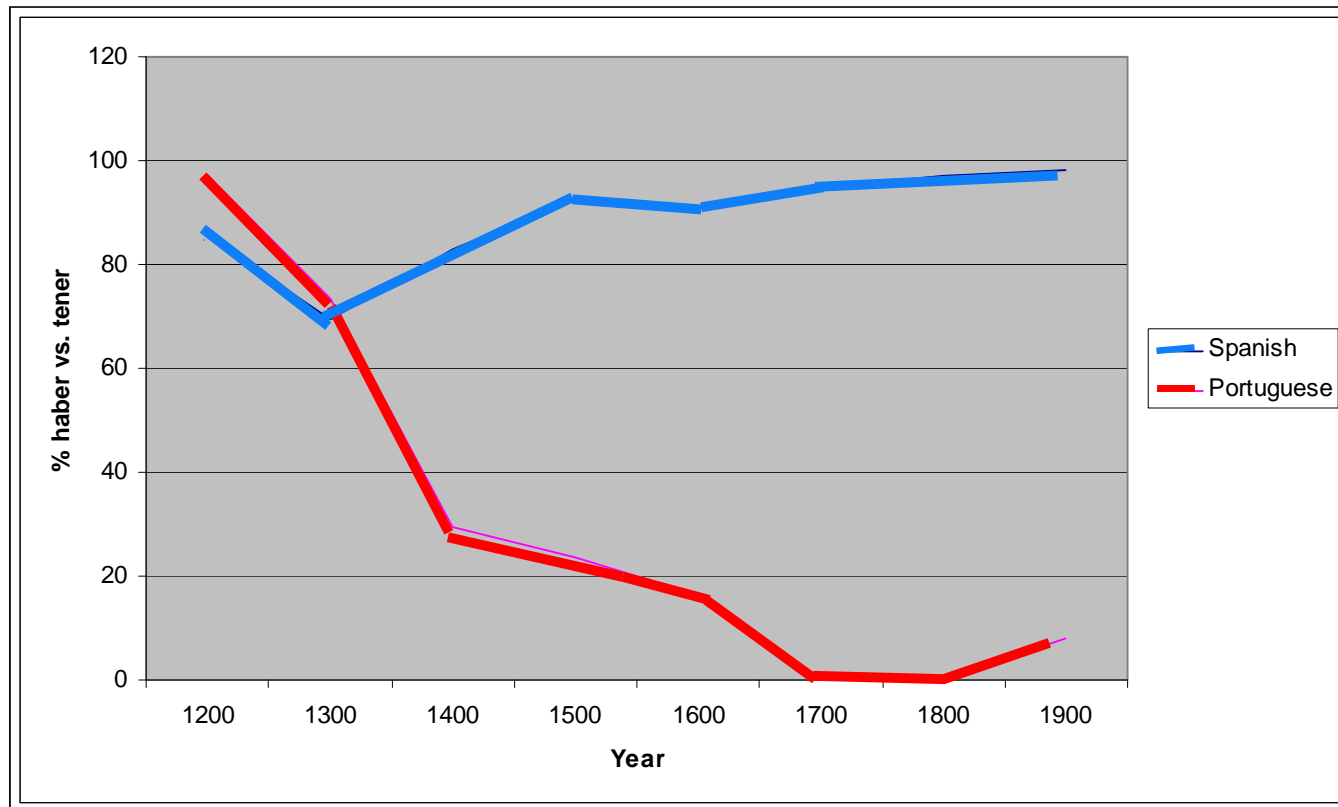
**Había deixado** os estudos.

‘I **had left** my studies.’

Anteriormente **tiña sido** verde, agora é moura, denegrida,  
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‘Previously it **had been** green, now it is dark, blackened, brown,  
ruddied’

# COMPARISON OF HABER AND TENER IN SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE OVER TIME



## New World Spanish and Portuguese

- Many archaisms
- Preference for the synthetic preterite
- Perfects tend to imply iterativity or durativity, like Continental Portuguese or Castilian of the Renaissance

## Old Aragonese: HAVE and BE Perfects

**es ydo**

**'is gone'**

**passado es**

**'has (lit. is) passed'**

## Ways of expressing the anterior in Standard Arabic

katab-a            r-risaalat-a    l-aan-a  
write.PFV-3SG    ART-letter-ACC    now  
‘he has written the letter now’

maryam-u    ntaḍar-at                            zaynab-a    mundu    saa<sup>c</sup>atayni  
Miryam    wait.PRV-3SG.FEM    Zaynab    since    two hours  
‘Miryam has waited for Zaynab for two hours’

# Ways of expressing the anterior in Classical Arabic

qad kataba

'he has written'



## Maltese ‘sit, stay’ with durative meaning

wara li ʔa°du j°eddu:-ħ

after that DUR.ACC.3PL INAC3.threaten.3PL-him

‘after they had threatened him many times’

# Ways of expressing the anterior in Standard Arabic: Active participle deriving from nouns

Retrospective use: Qu'ran 36:16

rabbunā ya'lamu 'innā 'ilaykum la-mursalūna

Lord.ours knows certainly-we to-you.PL ASSERTIVE-sent\_ones

'Our Lord knows that we **have been sent** on a mission to you.'

Prospective use: Qu'ran 40: 49

'inna s-sā'ata la-'ātiyatun

Certainly ART-hour ASSERTIVE-coming\_thing

'The Hour is coming'

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Retrospective use: Qu'ran 28: 8

'inna fir'awna wa-hāmāna wa-ḡunūdahumā **kānū** **ḥāṭī'īna**

Certainly Pharaoh and-Haman and-hosts-their **were-3PL sinners**

'Certainly Pharaoh and Haman and their hosts were sinners /had sinned'

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Gulf Arabic

il-ğāhil      mākil      ġadā-h  
ART-child   eat.ACT.PTCP.M.SG   lunch-his

‘The child has eaten his lunch’

## Portuguese perfect with durative meaning

*Agora já* **tem comido**

Now I **have eaten**

‘Now I have taken on the habit of eating’

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## Boundary building

“During the eleventh century, the efflorescence of Arabic culture in Spain was accompanied by the first real advances of the Christian reconquest. One effect of the Christian successes may have been a hardening of the linguistic differences, as one marker of the group boundaries that came to be more strongly etched in Iberian life at precisely this time.”

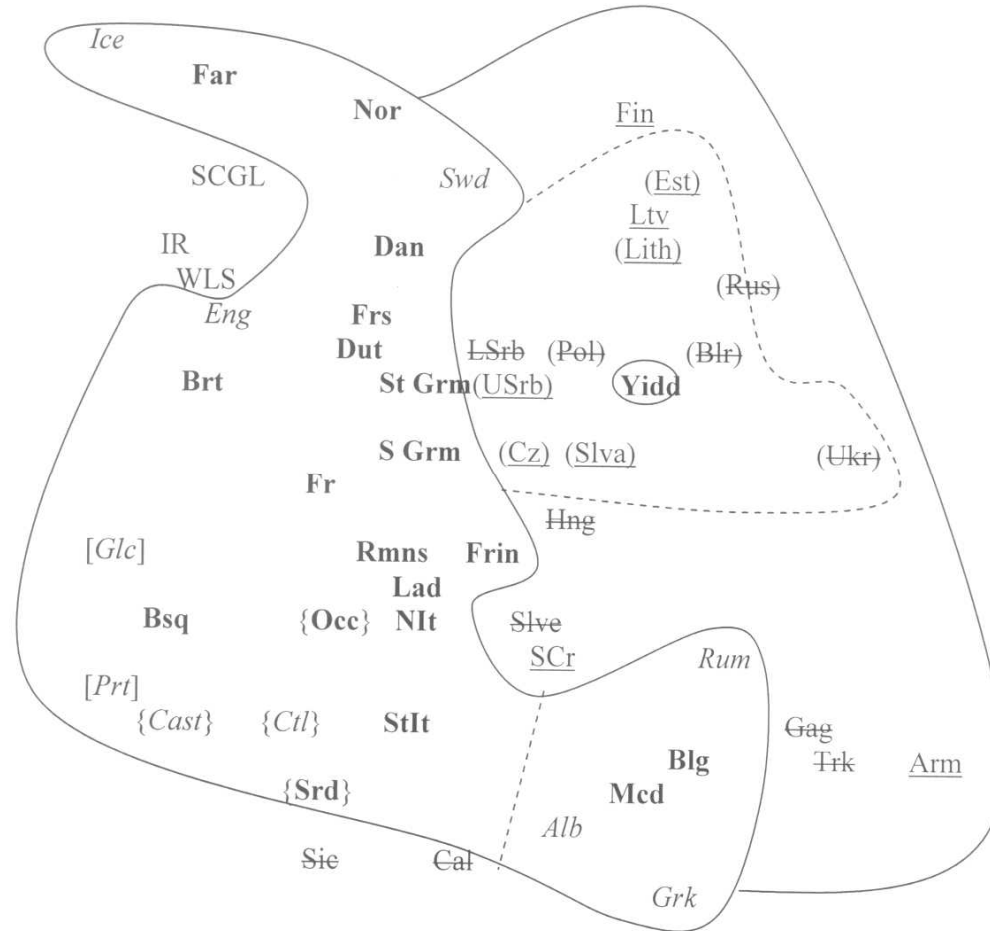
Wasserstein (1991: 13)



# Revamping verbal paradigms and language purism in Czech



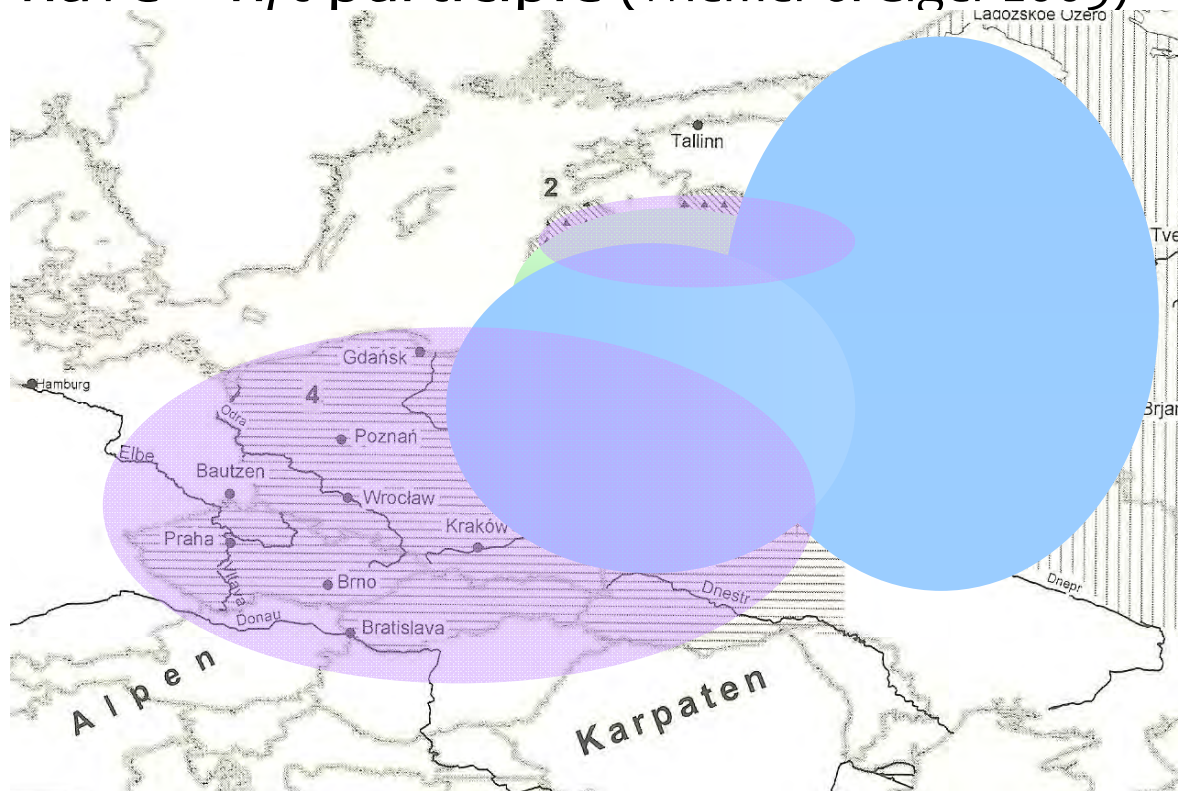
# BE/HAVE Perfects in Europe



## Possessive Resultatives in Baltic & N. Slavic (Wiemer & Giger 2005)

	BE aux		HAVE aux		
	primary	secondary	-n/t-	*-ues	-l-
Lithuanian	+	(+)	(+)	+	∅
Latvian	+	+	∅	∅	∅
St. Russ	-	+	-	-	-
NW Russ	-	+	-	-	-
Belarus	+	+	-	-	-
Ukrainian	-	+	(+)	-	-
Polish	-	-	+	-	-
Kashubian	-	-	+	-	+
Czech	-	-	+	-	(+)
Slovak	-	-	+	-	-
Sorbian	-	-	+	-	-

Newer W. European profile:  
have + n/t participle (Wiemer & Giger 2005)



## Have Perfect in Czech: Jan Hus, 1414

*svědky* [...], *jež* *mám* *všecky sepsány*

Witnesses, that **have.1SG** all **note.PPP.PL**

‘witnesses [who have spoken against me] all of whom I have noted’

(Wiemer and Giger 2005: 95)

## Have perfect in Czech: c. 1450

*Czoz na nych wiecze zadate, nezli **ulozene** **gmate***

What from them more ordered than **impose.PPP** have

‘What you demand from them more than have imposed’

(Wiemer and Giger 2005: 95)

## Have perfect in Czech: mid-15<sup>th</sup> century

*A pro její velikú krásu měl ji ústavně*

And for her great beauty **have.PRET.M.SG** her continually

*zamčenú na nějakéj věži*

**locked\_up.PPP.F.SG** in some tower

‘And because of her great beauty he **had** her continually **locked up** in some tower’

(Dickey 2013: 115)

NARRATIVE USE  
NO AUX (= GERMAN PRETERITE)

*Dne\_včerejšího Jestřibský od V.M. přijel*

Yesterday Jestřibský from Your Grace **come.PAP.M.SG**

*a psaní mi dodal*

and letter me **give.PAP.M.SG**

‘Yesterday, Jestřibský **came** from Your Grace and **gave** me the letter’



VS. CURRENT RELEVANCE:  
W/AUX (=GERMAN **PERFECT**)

*Psaní V. M., [...] jest mne došlo,*  
letter Your Grace **be.PRES.3SG** to\_me **come.PAP.M.SG**  
*kterémuž jsem porozuměla*  
which **be.PRES.1SG** understand.PAP.F.SG

‘Your Grace’s letter, [...] **has come** to me, which I **have understood**’

(Dickey 2013: 114)

## Habsburg influence

1526: Bohemia, Moravia, and parts of Croatia were annexed

1583: Dynastic capital moved from Vienna to Prague.

Effect on perfects:

3ps periphrastic perfects increased

1611: capital moved back to Vienna.

Effect on perfects:

3ps periphrastic perfects disappeared

# Czech calques of German constructions

## CZECH

*podíl bráti* ‘to take part’

*skládáti díky* ‘to express thanks’

*napadáti* + ACC (not DAT)

*skrz na skrz* ‘completely’

*spokojen s* + INSTR ‘content with’

*máme vybráno* ‘we have won’

## GERMAN

*Theil nehmen* (> *teilnehmen*)

*Dank ablegen*

*es fällt mir ein* ‘it occurs to me’

*durch und durch* ‘through and through’

*zufrieden mit*

*wir haben gesiegt*

## Have perfect in modern spoken Czech

*Už máš objednáno?*

already **have.PRES.2SG** **order.PPP.N.SG**

**‘Have** you already **ordered?’**

(Dickey 2013: 115 ftnote)

## Have perfect in modern spoken Czech

*Pan Beyer měl vlasy rozdělené nad čelem*

Mr. Beyer had hair part.PPP on forehead

‘Mr. Beyer had his hair parted on his forehead’ (B. Němcová)

(example from Wiemer and Giger 2005: 92)

Within the W. Slavic languages, we find the spread of the have resultative to different degrees, depending on the level of contact with German and on the threats to identity rising from other sources.

- While Bohemian developed HAVE resultatives using the PPP, the Moravian dialect of Brno, so-called Hanakisch, developed perfects using the PAP. This fact is surely tied to the extremely high number of German speakers in the towns.
- Slovak, on the other hand, shows a pattern closer to Bohemian, and may have based its HAVE resultatives, few in number, on these.

## Conclusions

The Romance and Germanic languages provide considerable support for the existence of the Charlemagne Sprachbund: its borders correspond almost perfectly with the borders of the HAVE and BE dichotomy in the periphery of western Europe. As a result of the political and social ties established during the time of Charlemagne, innovative strengthening of the dyadic relationship between HAVE and BE tended to occur in the core area, with BE periphrastics undergoing significant growth; in the peripheral areas, this growth did not occur.

## Conclusions

The role of Carolingian Latin in establishing this innovation, with its tendency to use deponents and middles in ever-expanding contexts, is undeniable.



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The Old Continental West Germanic languages add support to the claim that the HAVE perfect did not exist in Proto-Germanic, and did not grow up independently in the Germanic languages. Rather, evidence has been presented that the Germanic HAVE perfect was constructed on the model provided by Latin, first, through extensive contact with vernacular Late Latin spoken in Merovingian Gaul in the 6<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> centuries and, subsequently, through the reinforcement of written Latin, especially that connected with the Carolingian court and church.

## Conclusions

In the periphery, Spanish and Portuguese adopted this innovation to varying degrees, depending on their geographical and social distance from the Carolingian realm. The Portuguese perfects retain a number of archaisms which reflect the refusal of Portugal to adopt the Roman rite and its disaffiliation with the Carolingian realm; those varieties of Spanish which lie closer to the Carolingian territory, such as Aragonese, have developed the BE / HAVE contrast.

## Conclusions

It is also suggested here that the development of durativity and iterativity as special features of the perfect on the Iberian Peninsula may have been modeled upon Arabic perfects formed with *qad* ‘sitting’ or active participles, as a result of the seven centuries of contact between Arabic and the Romance varieties of Al-Andalusia. Those varieties which developed this feature—especially Portuguese, Judeo-Spanish, and Sicilian—all experienced long-term contact with Arabic.

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# Social conditioning in three calques of have perfect

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