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#### **USER PERCEPTION**

## OF SYSTEMATICALLY CREATED MAPS

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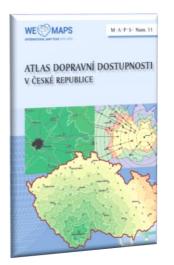
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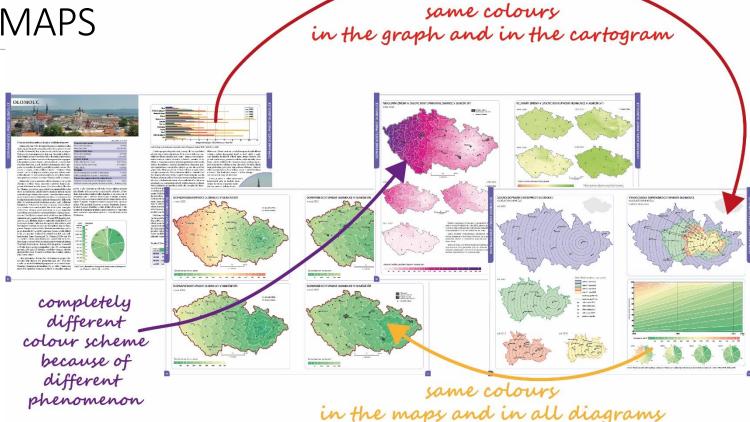
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#### **USER ISSUES**



SYSTEMATICALLY CREATED MAPS





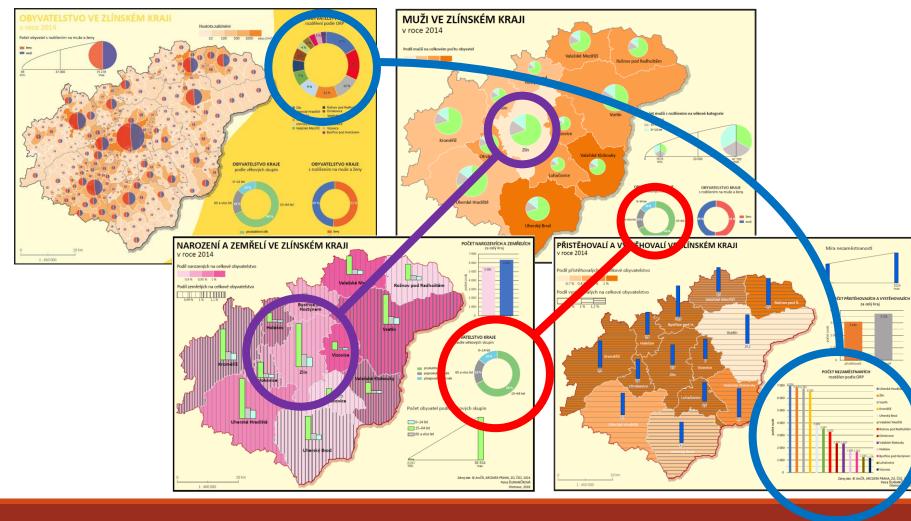
#### BEFORE THE USER READ THE MAP...

(AND WE CAN STUDY THE USER PERCEPTION)

#### ...THE CARTOGRAPHERS HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT!

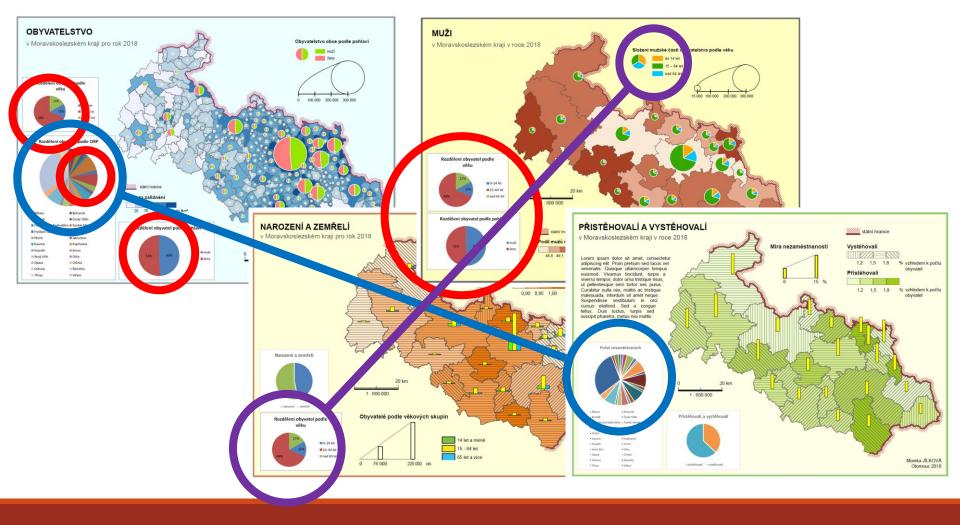


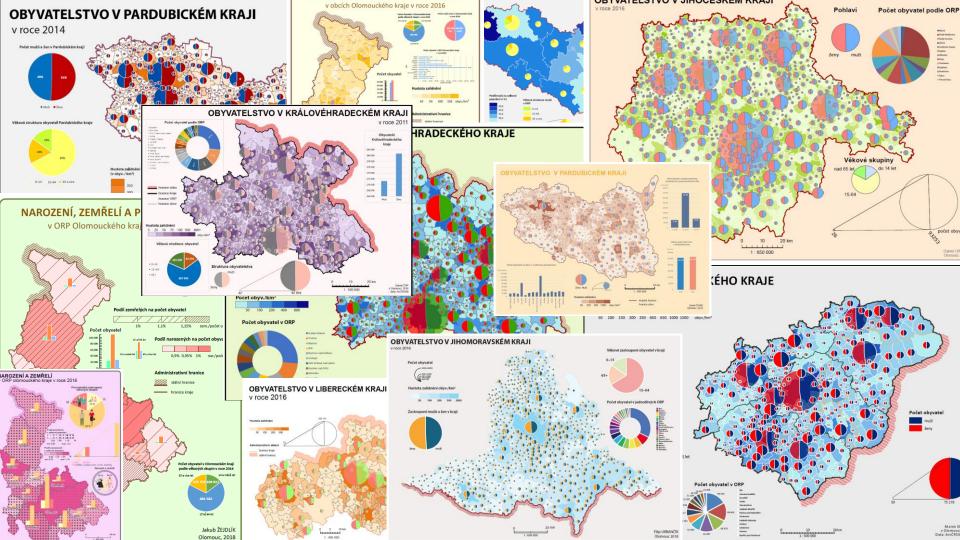
I asked 30 people with cartographic education to create a set of four maps with demographic topics...



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#### WHAT IS WRONG?

- SAME COLOURS FOR DIFFERENT PHENOMENA IN MAPS 76% vs. 24%
- ✓ DIFFERENT COLOURS FOR THE SAME PHENOMENA IN MAPS 87% vs. 13%
- SAME COLOURS FOR DIFFERENT PHENOMENA IN DIAGRAMS **52%** vs. **48%**
- DIFFERENT COLOURS FOR THE SAME PHENOMENA IN DIGRAMS 64% vs. 36%

AVERAGE (NO SUM) 70% "GOOD MAPS" vs. 30% "WRONG MAPS"

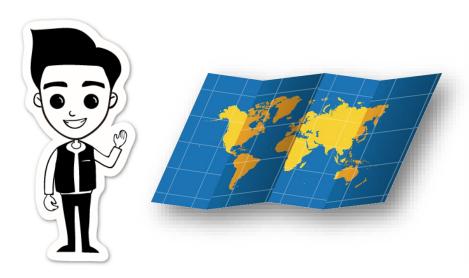
## 30%

# 30%

## 30% MAPS ARE

## WRONG?!?

#### **USER PERCEPTION**



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#### HOW THE USERS WORK

WITH

"RIGHT" AND "WRONG" MAPS

#### ASSUMPTIONS (BEFORE THE EXPERIMENT)

- the user will be confused if the colours of the same visualized phenomena do not match
- the user **needs longer time** to work with a "wrong map"

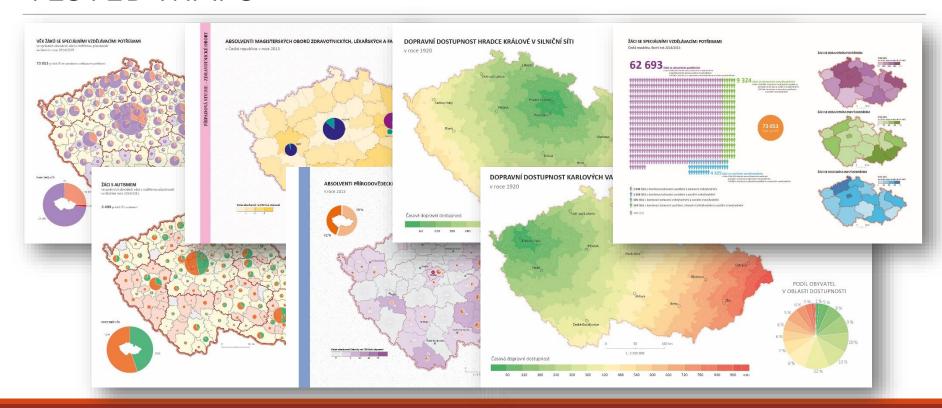
**7** maps

14 stimuli & 14 tasks

**26** respondets in the pilot testing

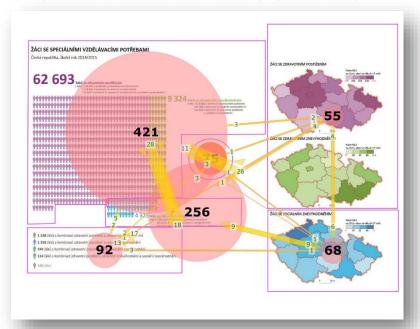


#### **TESTED MAPS**

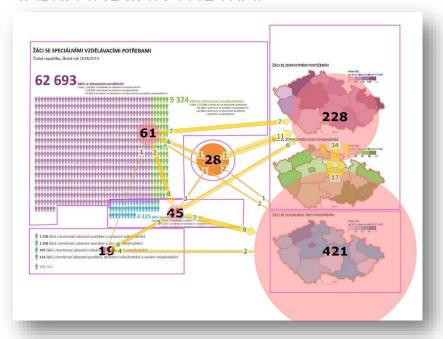


#### **EXAMPLES**

#### TASK: FIND... IN THE INFOGRAPHIC

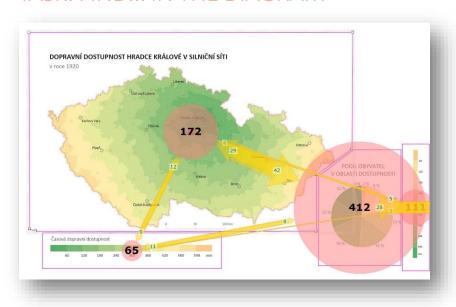


#### TASK: FIND... IN THE MAP

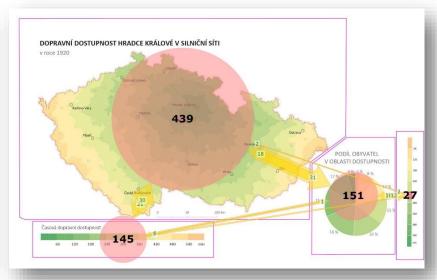


#### **EXAMPLES**

#### TASK: FIND... IN THE DIAGRAM

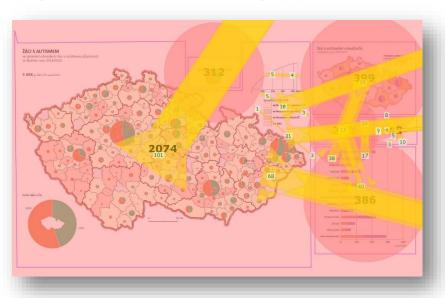


#### TASK: FIND... IN THE MAP

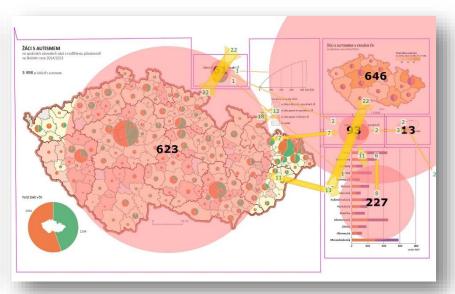


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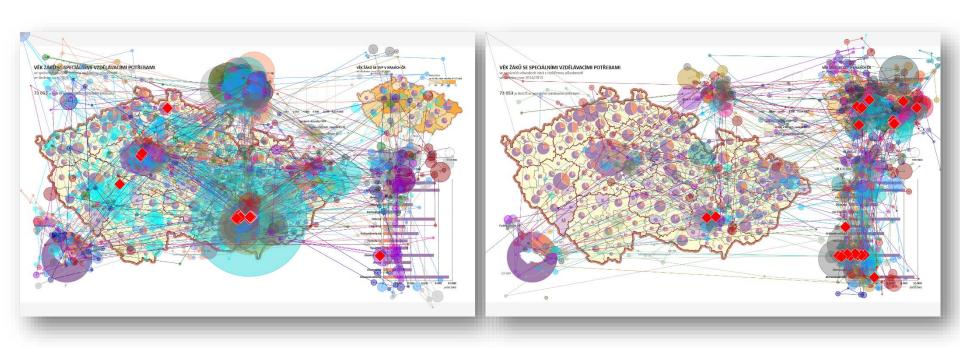
#### TASK: FIND... IN THE DIAGRAM



#### TASK: FIND... IN THE MAP



#### **STIMULI**

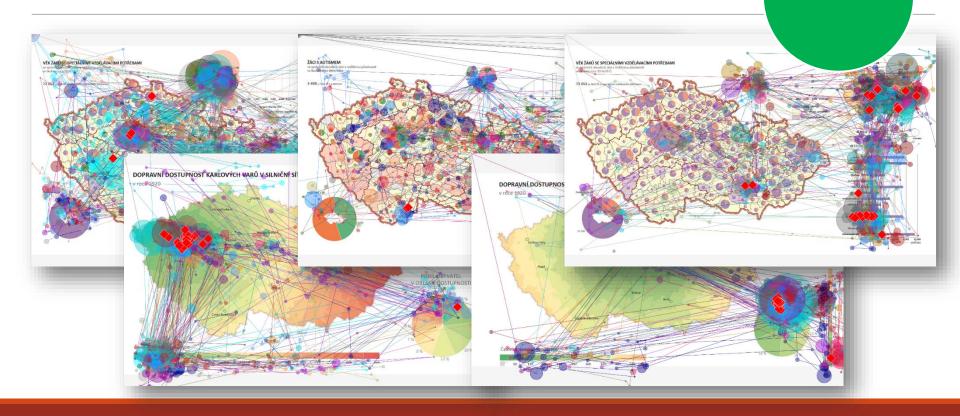


## RESULTS

#### AVERAGE TIME (ms) TO FIND THE ANSWER



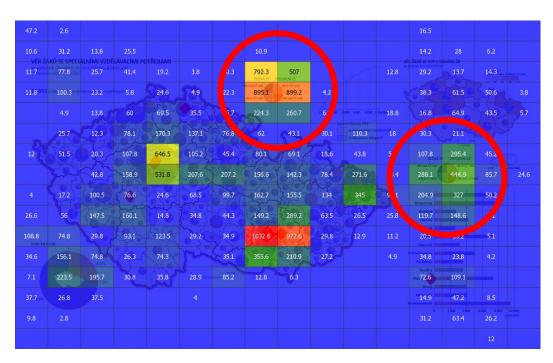
#### FINDING ANSWERS BETTER IN MAPS?



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**WRONG AOI** 

#### PROBLEM OF TWO LEGENDS



SAME COLOURS
FOR THE SAME PHENOMENA

TASK IN THE MAP

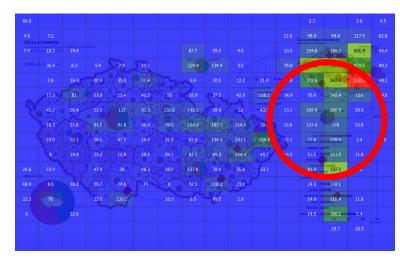
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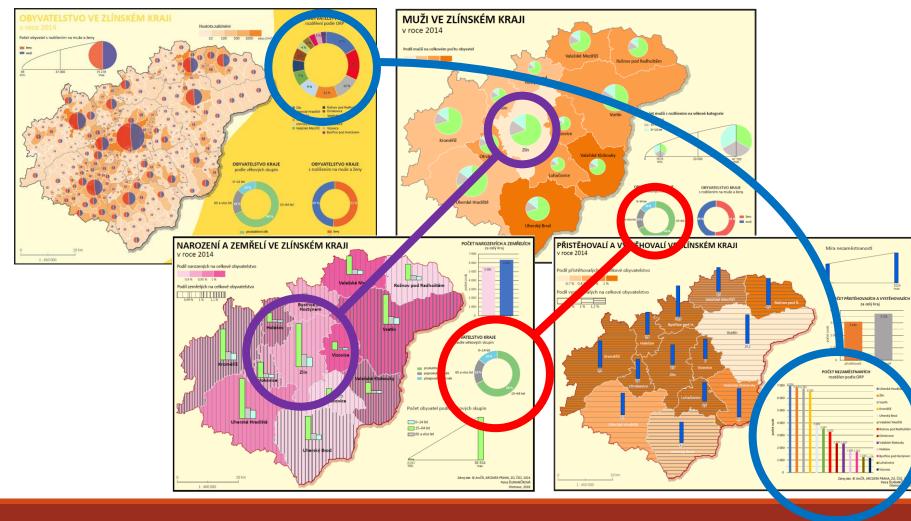
FIRST - TASK IN THE MAP

#### DIFFERENT COLOURS FOR THE SAME PHENOMENA

#### SECOND – TASK IN THE GRAPH

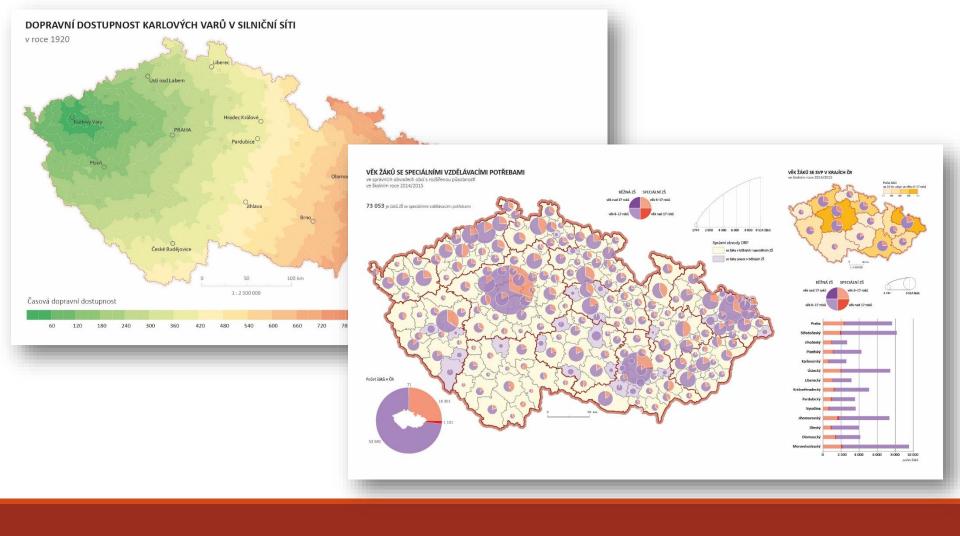


## GOOD EXAMPLES

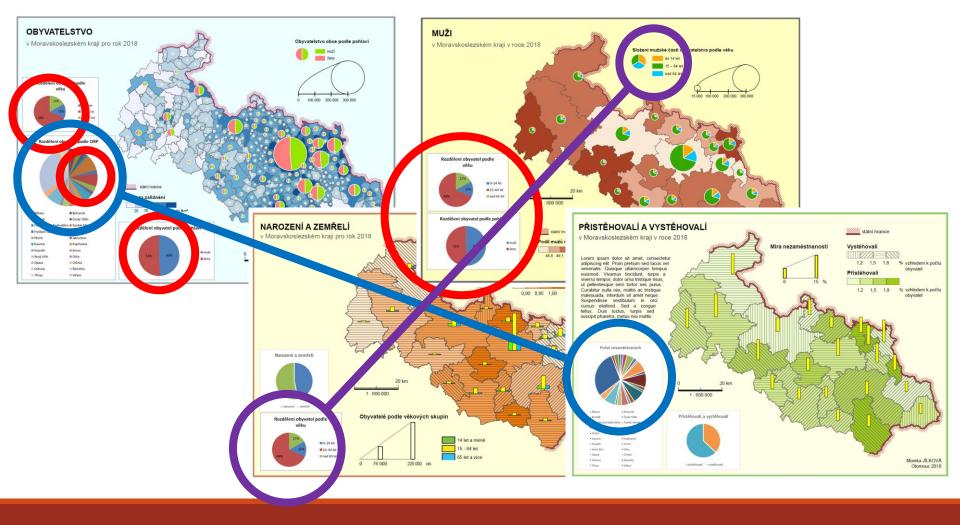


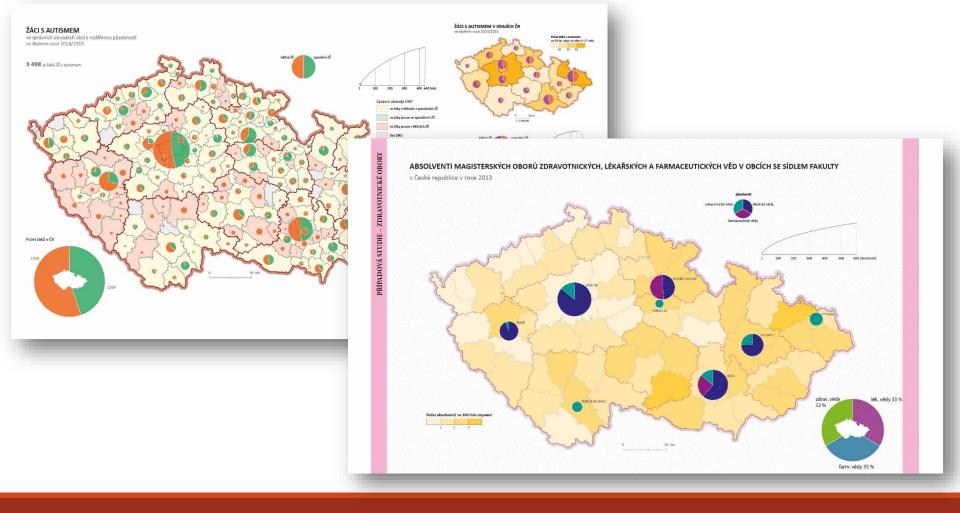
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## BAD EXAMPLES





## CONCLUSION

#### **FINDINGS**

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  - MOST OF THE USERS ARE **READING BOTH MAP AND DIAGRAM** 
    - WHEN ASKED TO FIND THE ANSWER IN THE MAP 92% vs. 8%
    - WHEN ASKED TO FIND THE ANSWER IN THE DIAGRAM 78% vs. 22%
- WHEN THE COLOURS ARE MISLEADING, THE USERS FIND A WRONG ANSWER **100%**
- WHEN THE COLOURS ARE DIFFERENT FOR THE SAME PHENOMENA (IN THE MAP AND IN THE DIAGRAM),
  THE USERS SOMETIME FIND A WRONG ANSWER 65% vs. 35%
- IT TAKES LONGER TIME TO FIND THE RIGHT ANSWER ON THE "WRONG MAP" 100%

#### FUTURE RESEARCH AIMS

- new stimuli based on the practical evaluation of 120 maps
- eye-tracking experiment at least 40 respondents
- use of advanced statistic methods
- hypothesis based on the assumptions
- identify the most common mistakes in the systematic cartography
- become a better teacher ©



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