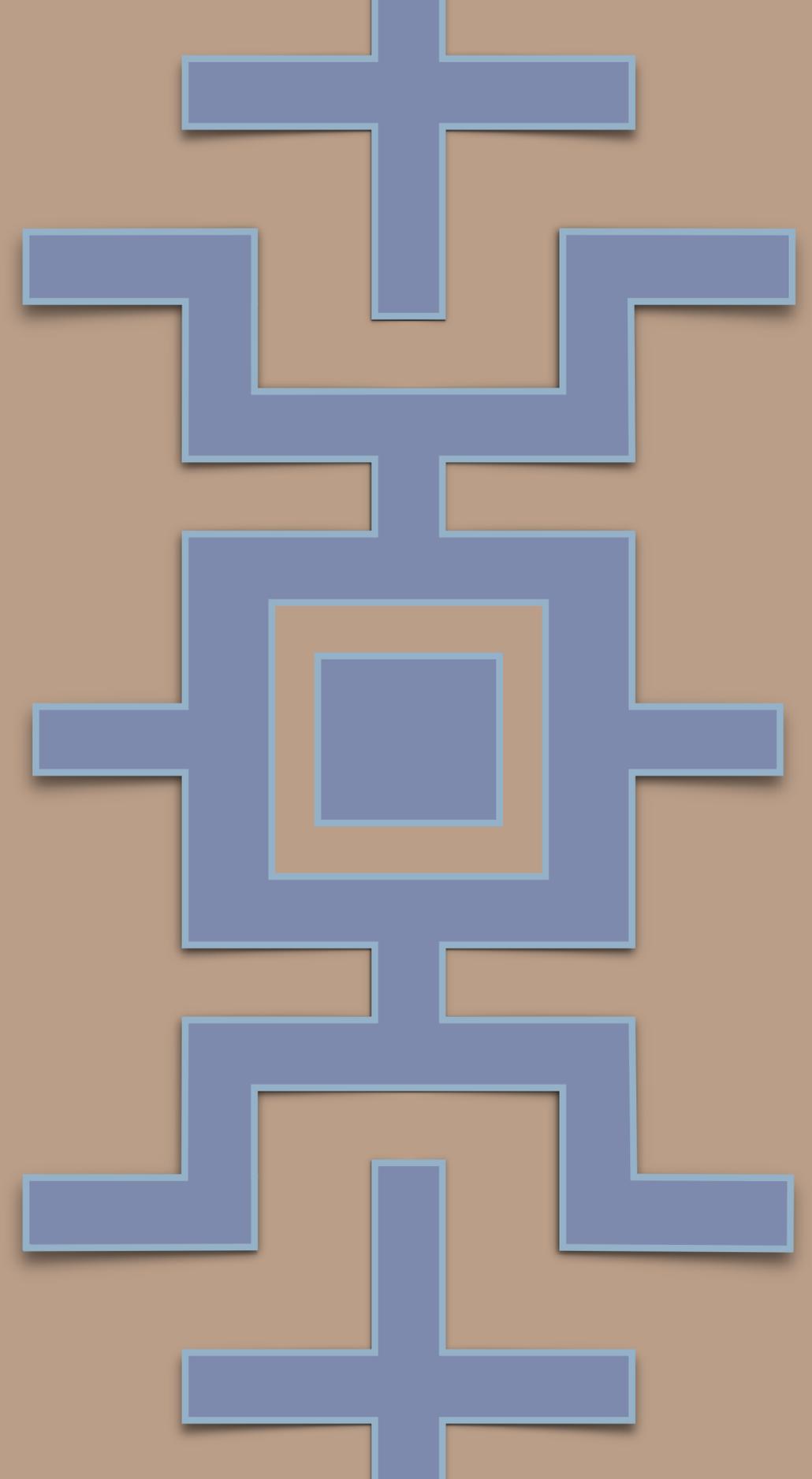


Areal Convergence of Phrygian and Insular Aeolic

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KANUTIEVAIS

son of Kanutî

KANUTIEVAN-OS

genitive singular

KANUTIEVAIS < *KANUTIEVAN-S.

Therefore, *-ANS > -AIS?¹

¹ Brixhe 1990: 65; later also Brixhe 2004: 31, Ligorio & Lubotsky 2013, Obrador Cursach 2018 etc.

*- η s > *-ans > **-AIS**
accusative plural

* η > AN
* $h_3nh_3m-\eta$ > ONOM-AN

* $b^hreh_2ter-\eta$ s > *brater-ans > BRATER-**AIS**.
Also, *- \bar{o} ns > -OIS and *- eh_2 ns > -AIS.

Compare:

PGk. *tons > Lesb. τοίς

PGk. *tans > Lesb. ταίς

Usually assumed to be an Aeolic Influence on Phrygian.



Greek loanwords in Phrygian:

OPhr. -VANAK < Gk. *uanaks 'king', Myc. wa-na-ka

OPhr. †LAVAGETA < Gk. *lauagetas 'leader', Myc. ra-wa-ke-ta

Aeolic loanwords in Phrygian:

OPhr. STALA < Aeol. στάλλα 'stela', ~~Ion. στήλη~~

OPhr. KRAN-IYA < Aeol. κράννα 'well', ~~Ion. κρήνη~~

Phrygian loanwords in Aeolic:

Homer κῖ-κυσ 'vigour' < Phr. *kī- < PIE *g^wih₃- 'life'

Sappho βεῦδος < OPhr. BEVDOS 'woman's dress'



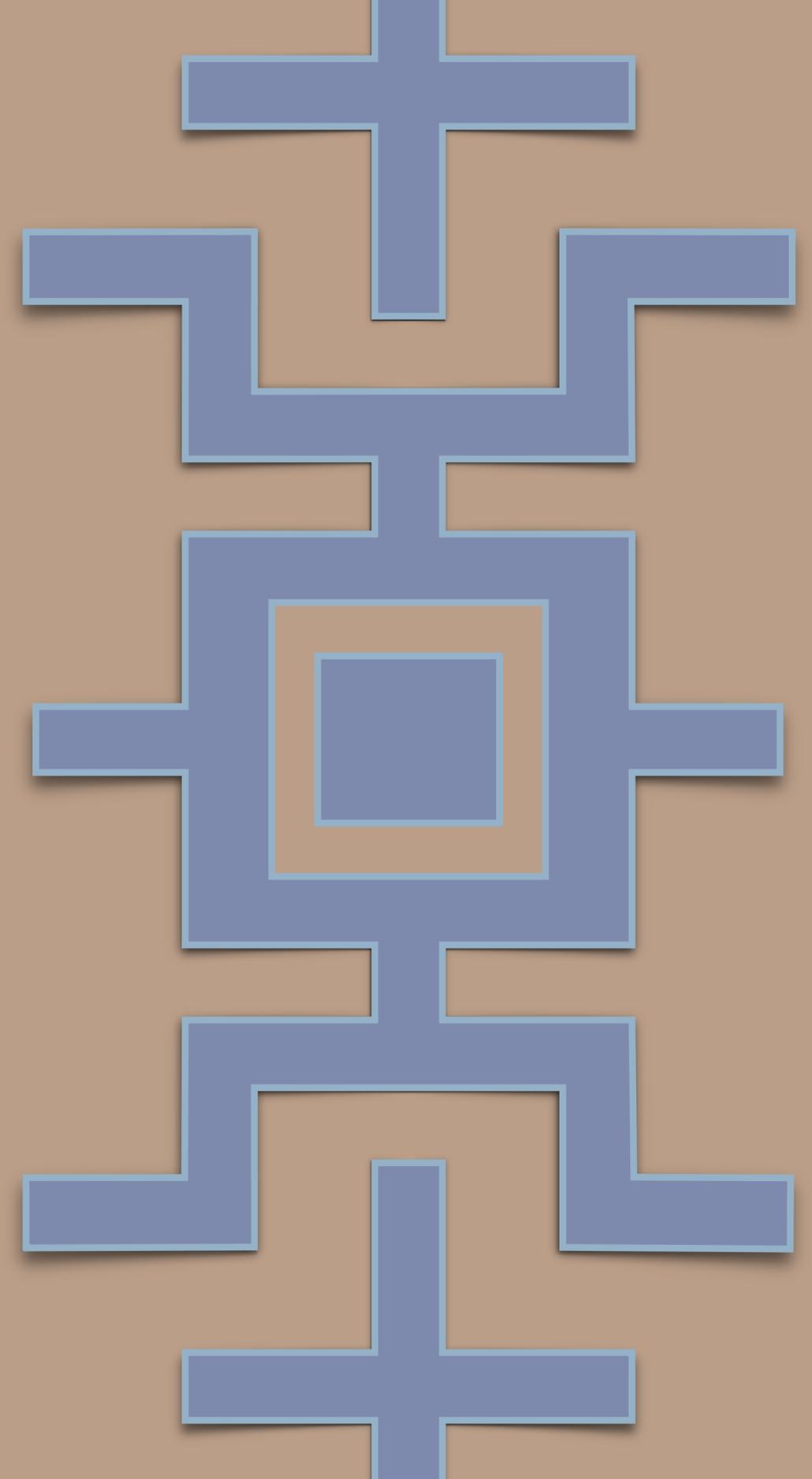


Claude Brixhe
(1933-1921)

Hypothesis:
*-Vns > -Vis is a result of Lesbian influence on Phrygian.¹

¹ Already in Brixhe.

Data for
-Vns > -Vis
in Phrygian




Midas City



Midas Monument
(M-01)



The Phrygian Akaragayun
(M-02)



ATES **ARKIAEVAIS** AKENANOGAVOS MIDAI LAVAGTAEI VANAKTEI EDAES

Attes, the son of Archias, the akenanogavos, made (this monument) for Midas, the leader (and) the king.



BABA **MEMEVAIS** PROITAVOS ΚΦΙYΑΝΑVEYOS SIKENEMAN EDAES
Baba, the son of Memes, the proitavos, the κφιyanaveyos, made this niche.

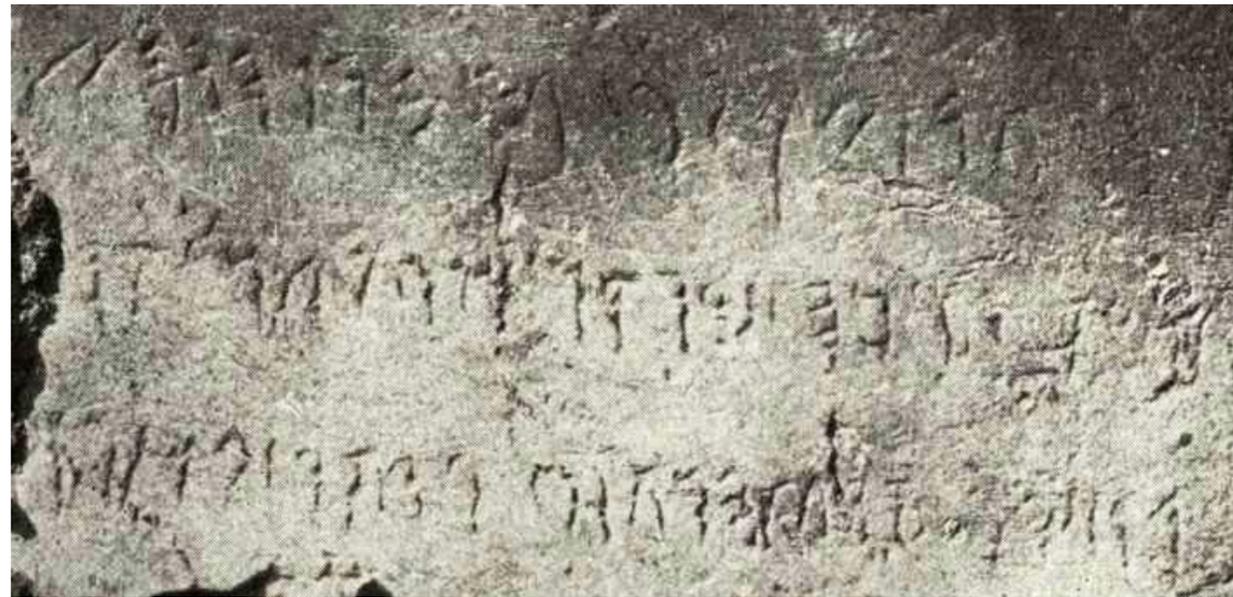


BBA **MEMEVAIS** PROITAVO[S] / K↑IANAVEYOS AKARAGAYUN / EDAES
Baba, the son of Memes, the proitavos, / the k↑ianaveyos, erected (this) / altar.


Bythinia



Germanos Inscription
(B-01)



Üyücek Inscription
(B-04)



Daskyleion Stele
(B-06)



... KTEVOYS EKEY ...

... property there ...



... LAKES **BRATERAIS PATRIYOISKE**

... has taken brothers and relatives.



... EVENT NOKTOY **EMETETARIYOIS**

... to violation ...


Pteria



VASOUS IMAN MEKAS / **KANUTIEVAIS** / DEVOS KE MEKAS
Vasous Iman the great, the son of Kanutî, and the great god.

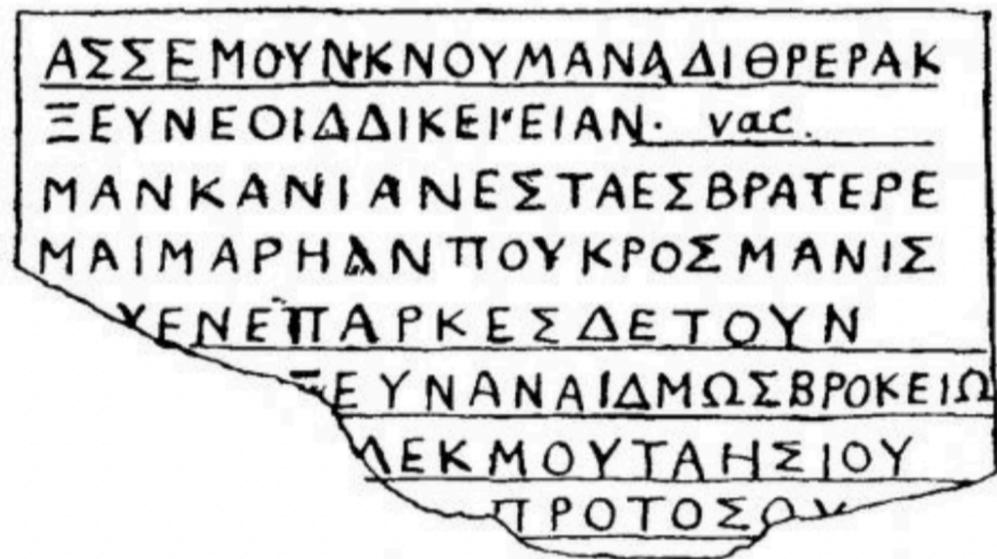
Tyana



TUMIDA MEMEUIS...

Tumida, son of Memes...

New Phrygian Inscriptions



Inscription of Iğın
(No. 31)

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ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΙΣΚΙΝΟ////
ΜΑ////ΤΙΜΝΚΑΝΟΤΕΣΤΑΜ
Ν////ΔΔΙΤΙΝΕΝ////ΡΙΑ
ΠΑΡΤΥΣΟΥΒΡΑ
ΚΟΙΝΤΟΣΡΟΥ////ΦΟΥΤΗ////ΙΔ'
ΔΙ////ΥΝΔΙΚΙΝΕΝΥΣΡΙΑΜΝ////
//////ΣΛ////ΙΟΤΑΓΟΝΙΝΕΚΑ
//////

Stele of Işıklar
(No. 09)

ΑΣΣΕΜΟΥΝΚΝΟΥΜΑΝΑΔΙΘΡΕΡΑΚ
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ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΗΣΙΟΥ
ΠΡΟΤΟΣΩ

... ΞΕΥΝΑΝ ΑΙ ΔΜΩΣ ΒΡΟΚΕΙΩ / ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΗΣ ΙΟΥ / ΠΡΟ ΤΟΣΟΥ

?

ΥΣΔΟΥΝΕΤ////ΟΥΠΑΣΕ
ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΙΣΚΙΝΟ////
ΜΑ////ΤΙΜΝΚΑΝΟΤΕΣΤΑΜ
Ν////ΔΑΔΙΤΙΝΕΝ////ΡΙΑ
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//////

ΥΣ ΔΟΥΝΕΤ[Υ]ΟΥ ΠΑΣΕ / ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΙΣ ΚΙΝΟ[Υ]/ΜΑ...

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n-stem
nom.sg

ā-stem
acc.pl.

o-stem
acc.pl.

r-stem
acc.pl.

ARKIAEVAIS < *-an-s

MEMEUIS¹ < -AIS < *-an-s

MEMEVAIS < *-an-s

KANUTIEVAIS *-an-s

ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΗΣ < *-a-ns

ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΙΣ < *-a-ns

KTEVOYS² < *-o-ns

PATRIYOIS < *-o-ns

EMETETARIYOIS < *-o-ns

BRATERAIS < *-ans

In Phrygian, *-Vns always develops to -Vis.

There is **no variation** in the attested data.

-OYS is a spelling variant for -OIS: ΚΤΕΥΟΥΣ = †ΚΤΕΒΟΥΣ¹

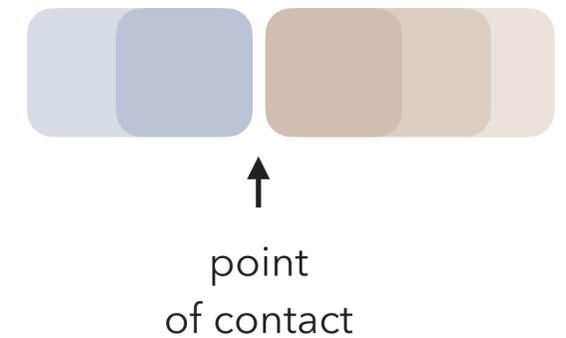
-ΑΗΣ is a spelling variant for -ΑΙΣ: ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΗΣ = ΔΕΚΜΟΥΤΑΙΣ

Only exception: ΜΕΜΕΥΙΣ, next to ΜΕΜΕΒΑΙΣ.

- usually explained by Luwian contraction *-uwa- > -u-²

Also, **no gradation** in the data.

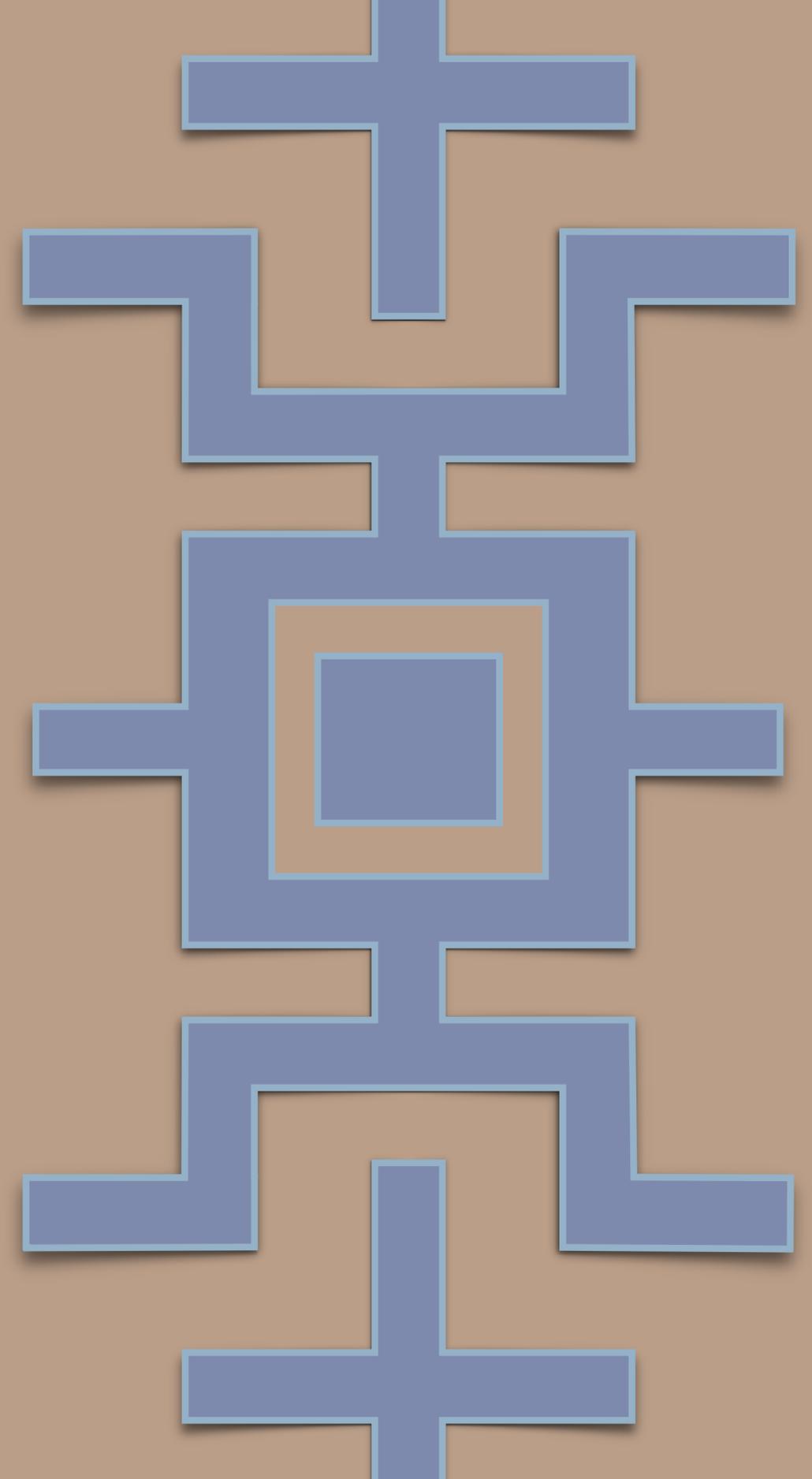
Usually:



A really induced change not an intuitive assumption.

¹ Cf. datives in -oi ~ -oy, -ai ~ -ay, -ei ~ -ey. ² See Obrador-Cursach 2018: 240.

Data for
-Vns > -Vis
in Ancient Greek





Lesbos

Word-internal
-Vνσ-

παῖσα < πάνσα 'all' (IG XII/2 502)
μοῖσα < μόνσα 'Muse' (Sapph.)

3pl. ἀποδίδ-οισι < -ονσι 'give up' (IG XII/2 502)
3pl. προτίθ-εισι < -ενσι 'set out' (IG XII/2 19)
pt. ἐθέλ-οισα < -ονσα 'want' (Sapph.)

Word-final
-Vνς

acc. pl. θνάτ-αις 'mortals' < -ανς (Sapph.)
acc. pl. αἰμιόν-οις 'mules' > -ονς (Sapph.)



Word-internal
-Vνσ-

3pl. πρήξ-οισιν < -ονσι 'do' (IG XI 76)¹

¹ Usually regarded as 'adventitious Aeolism'; cf. Buck 1928: 68, 143.

Thera & Cyrene

Word-internal
-Vνσ-

Thera παῖσα < πάνσα 'all' (IG ?)¹

Cyrene ἀνήκ-οισα < -ονσα 'promote' (DGE 237)

¹ Quoted by Buck and Bechtel but in fact not in IG; see Ringe 315.



Word-final
-Vνσ-

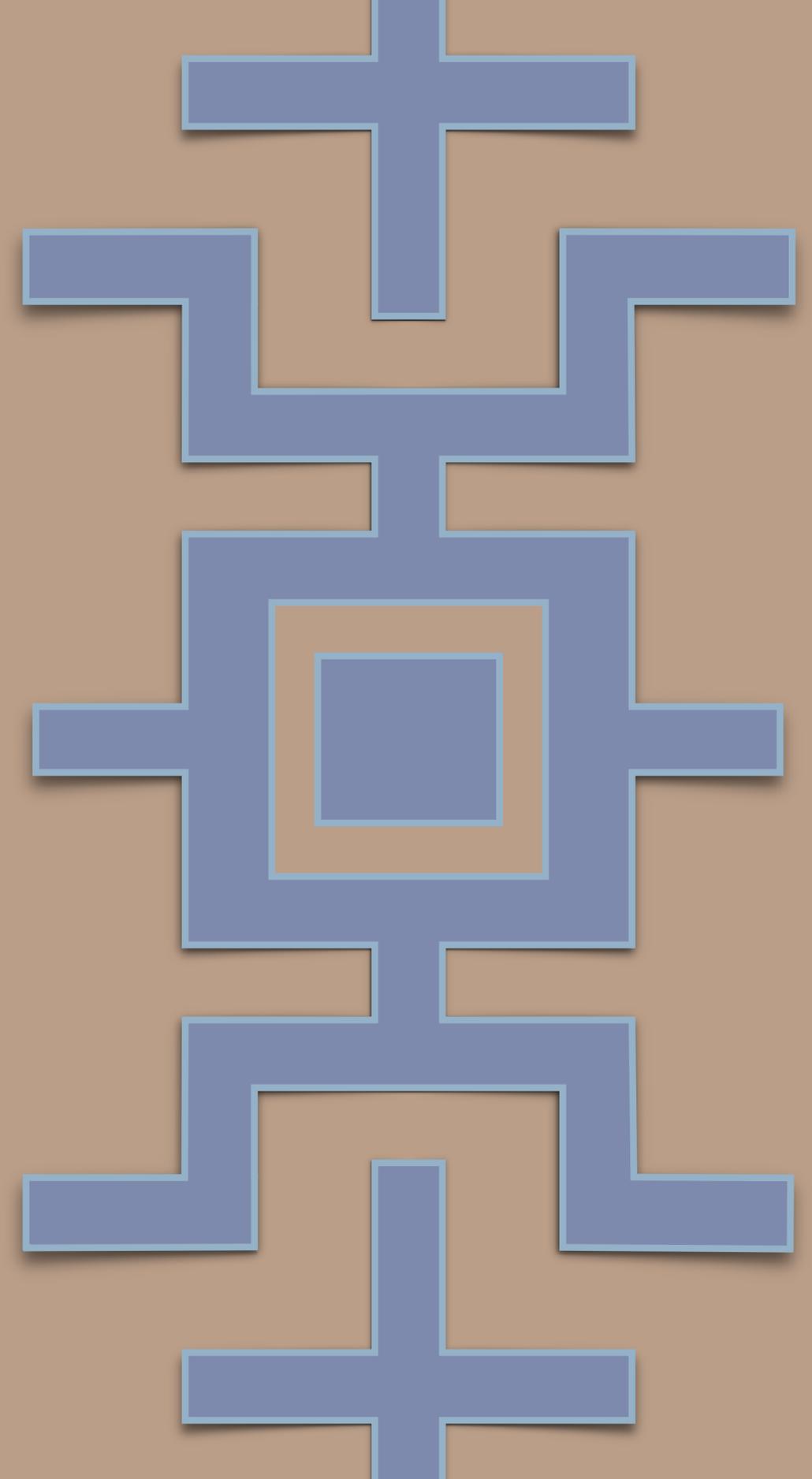
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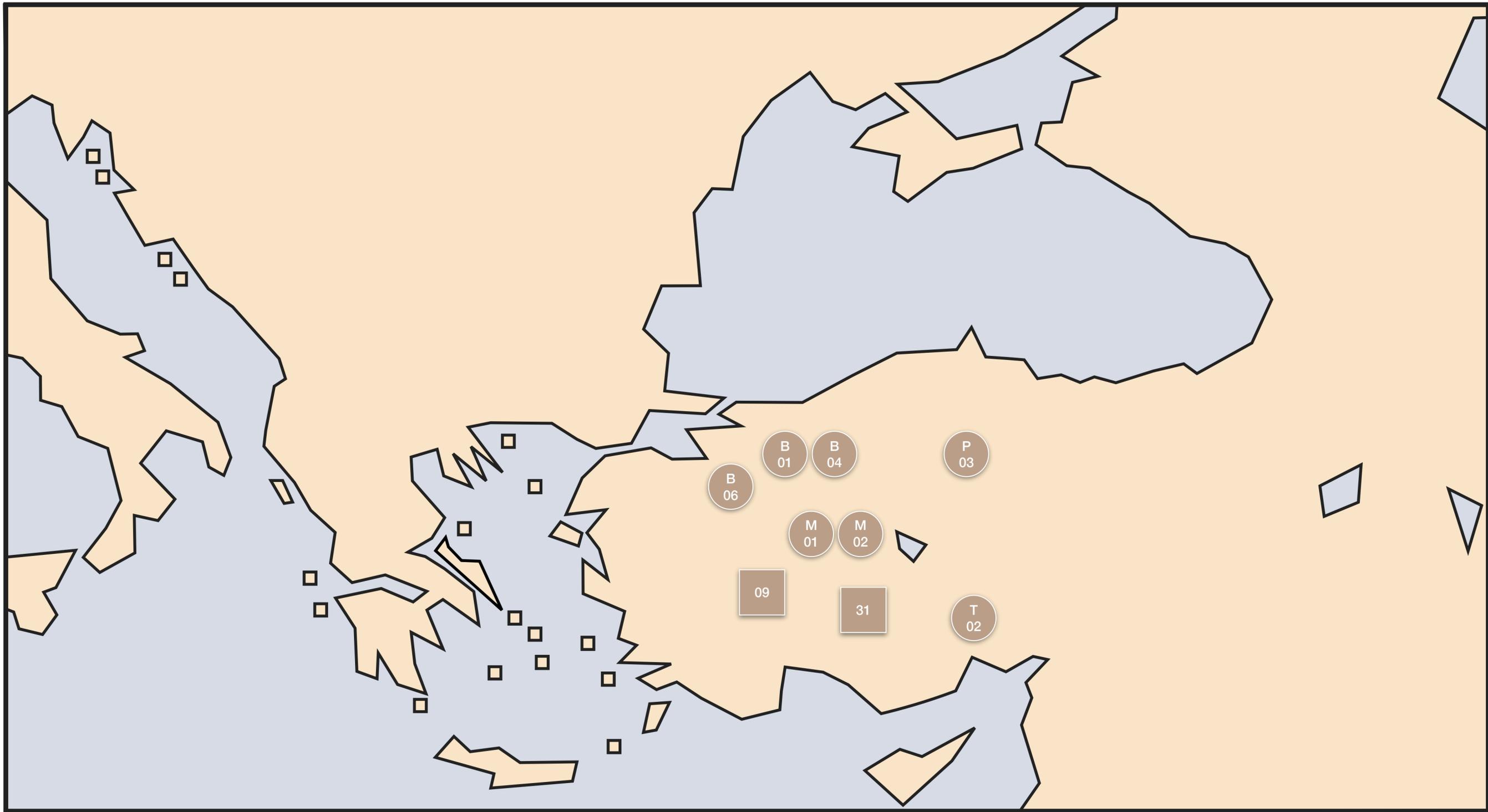
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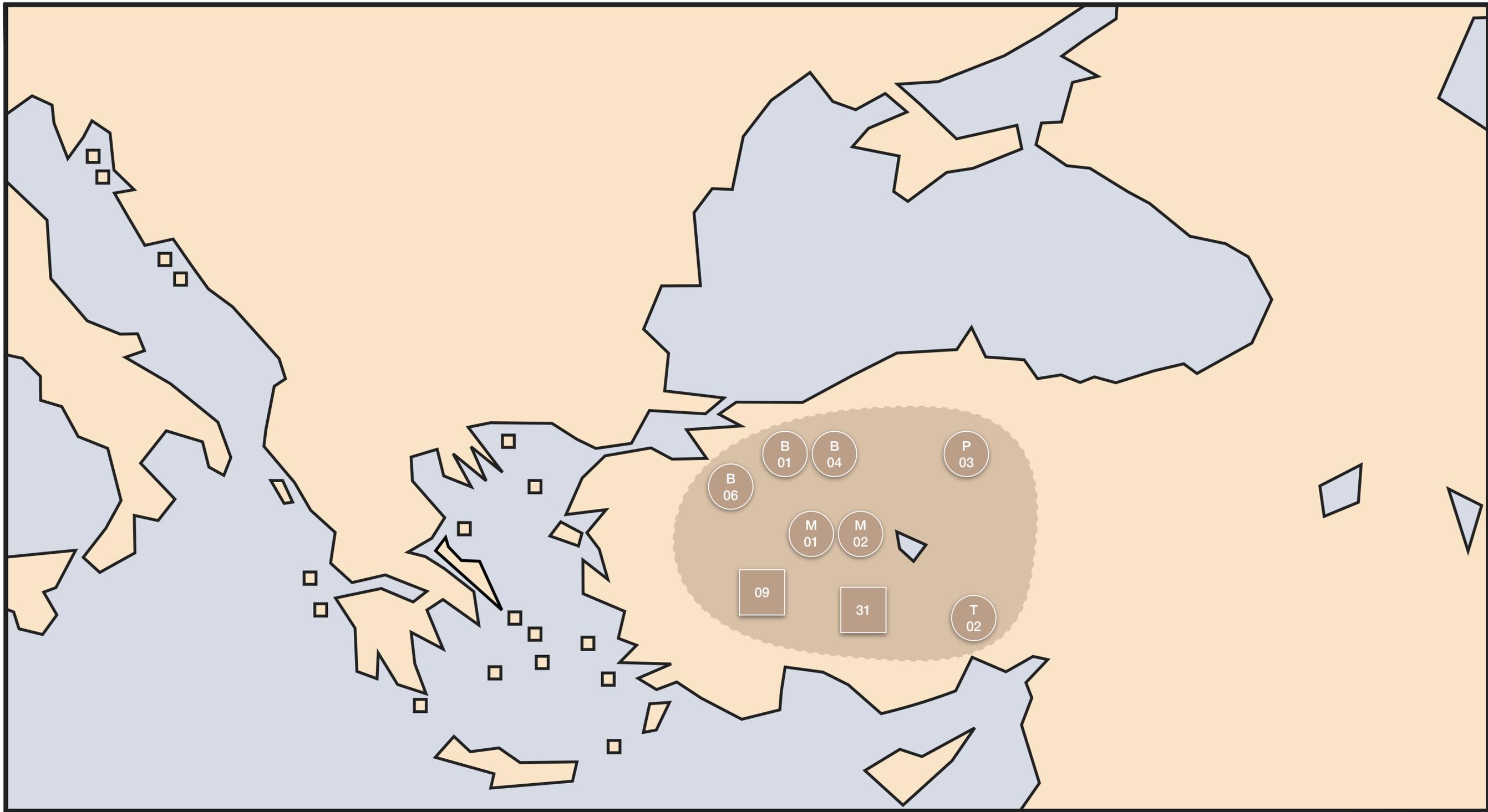
	...	Elis	Th. & C.	Chios	Lesbian
-Vυς- > -Vισ-	-	-	+	(+)	+
-Vυς > -Vις	-	+	-	-	+

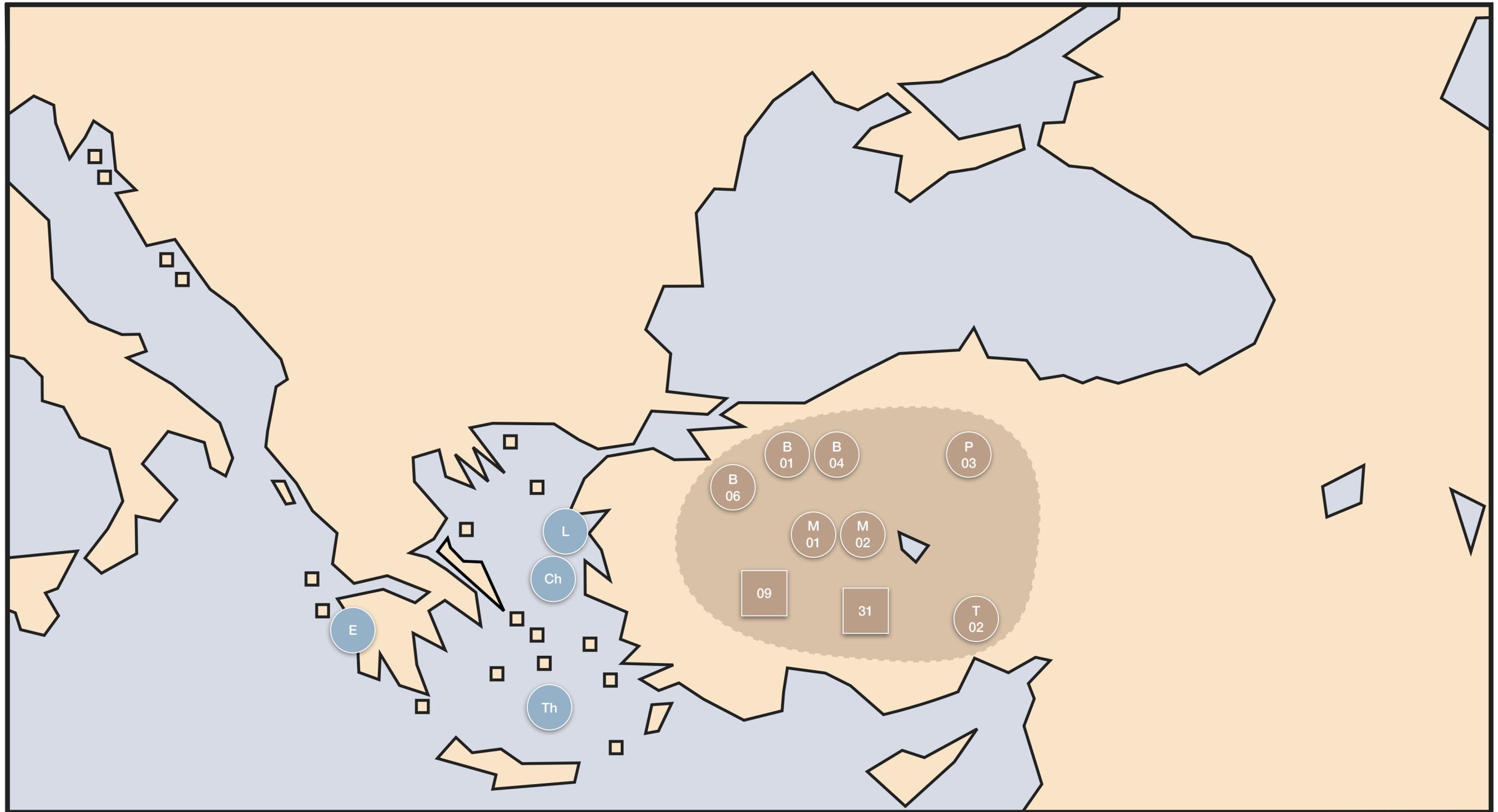
As opposed to Phrygian, -Vυς(-) in Greek rarely develops to Vισ/ς.

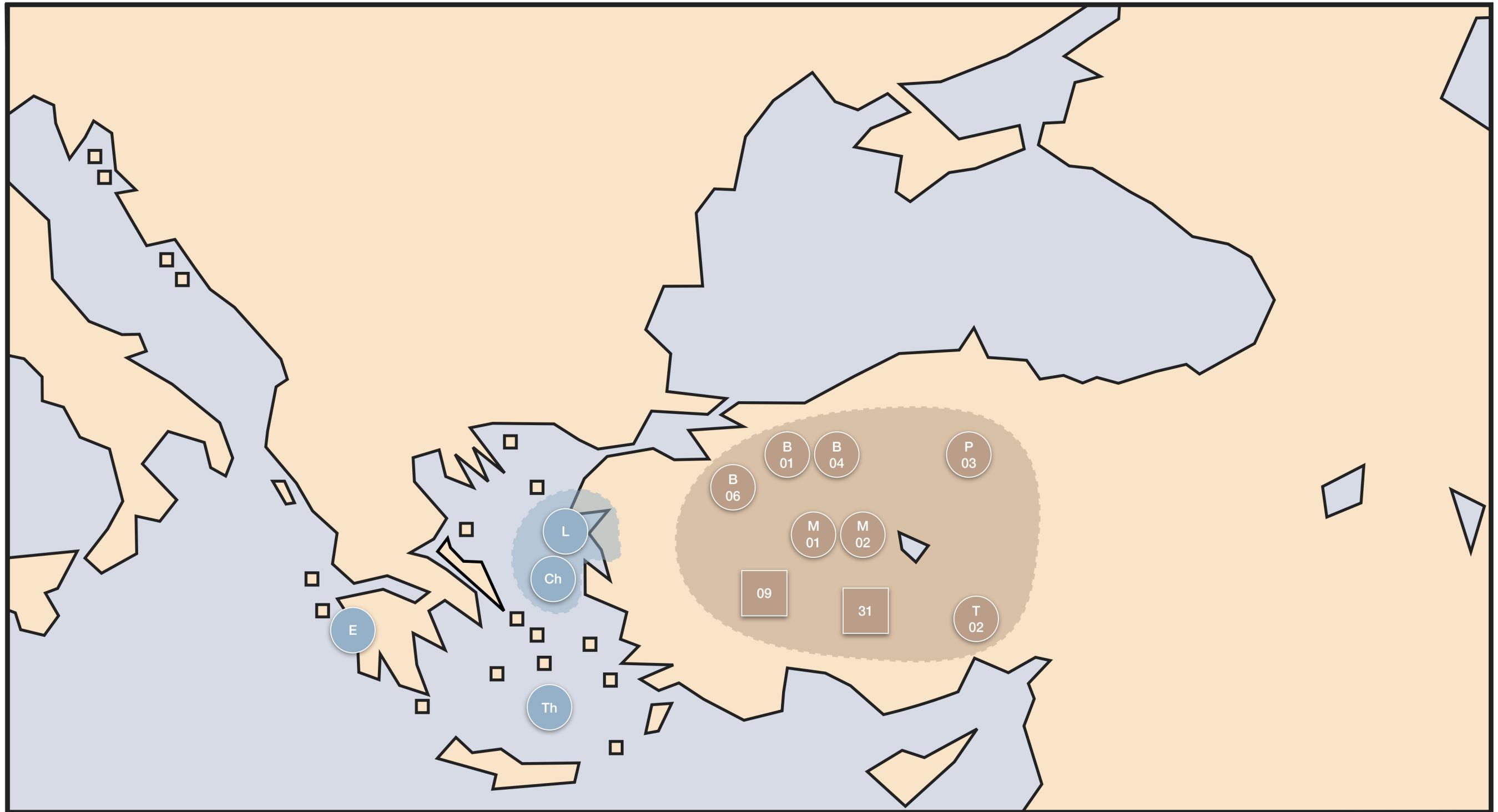
**Questions
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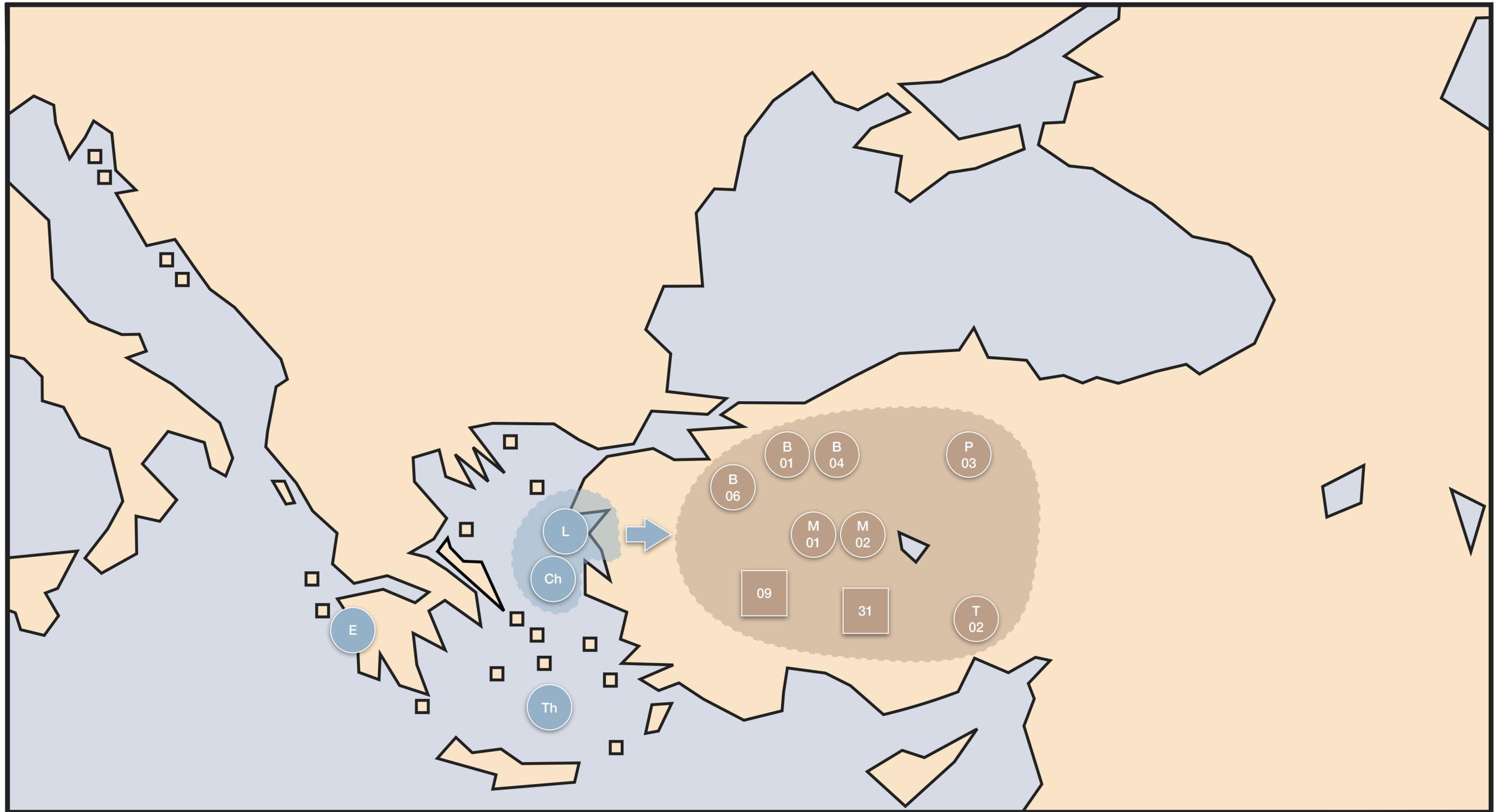


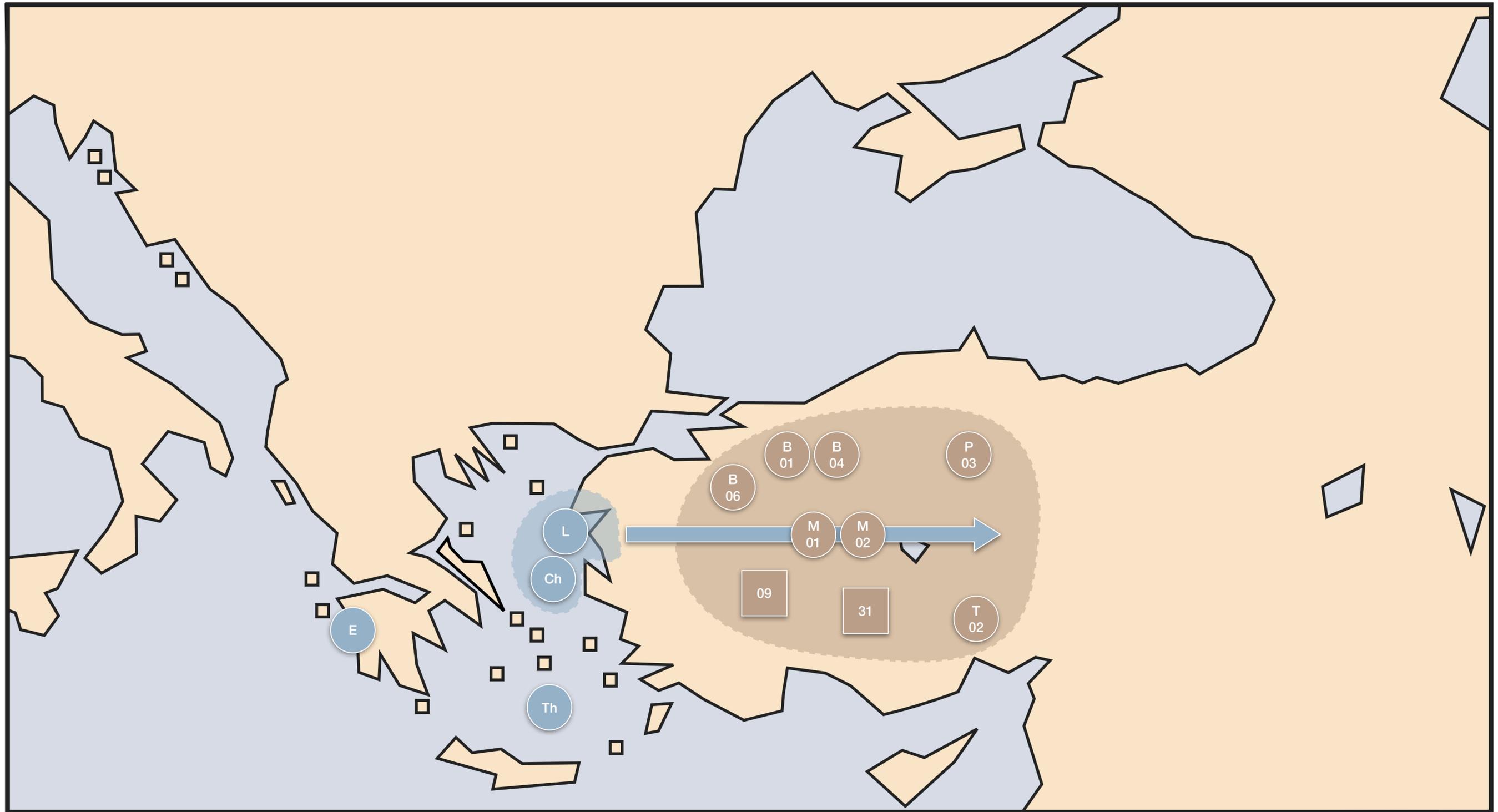


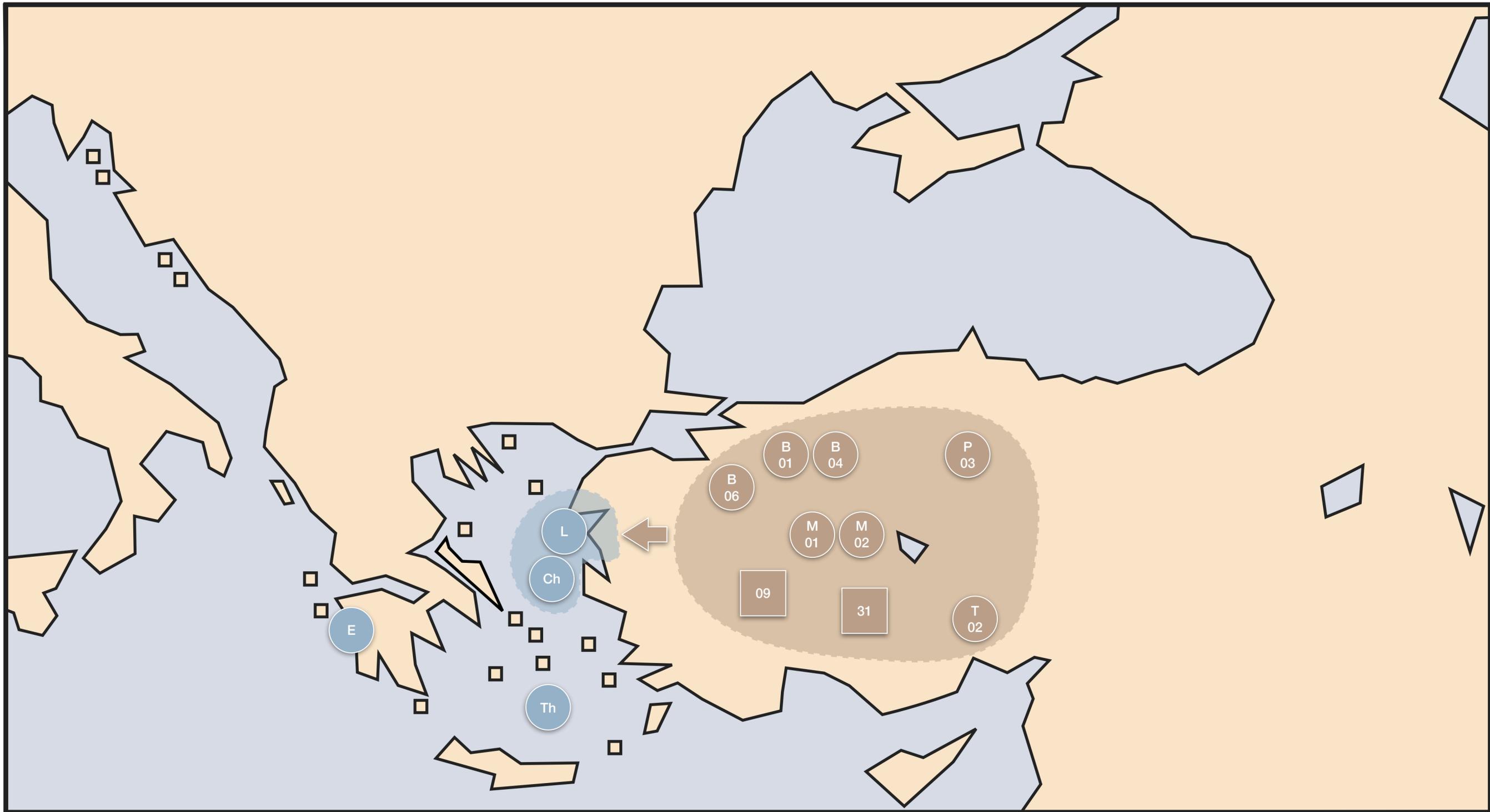


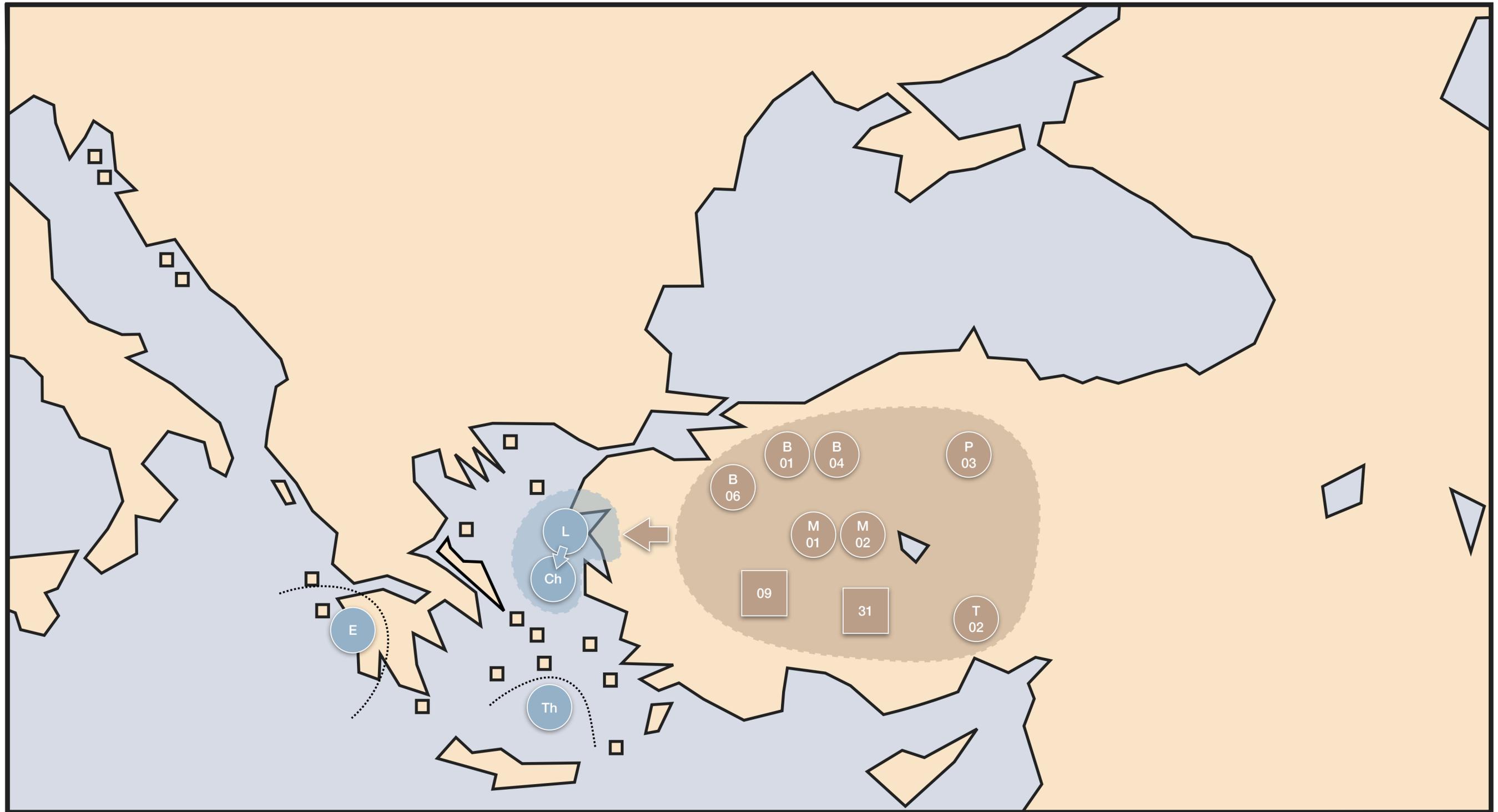




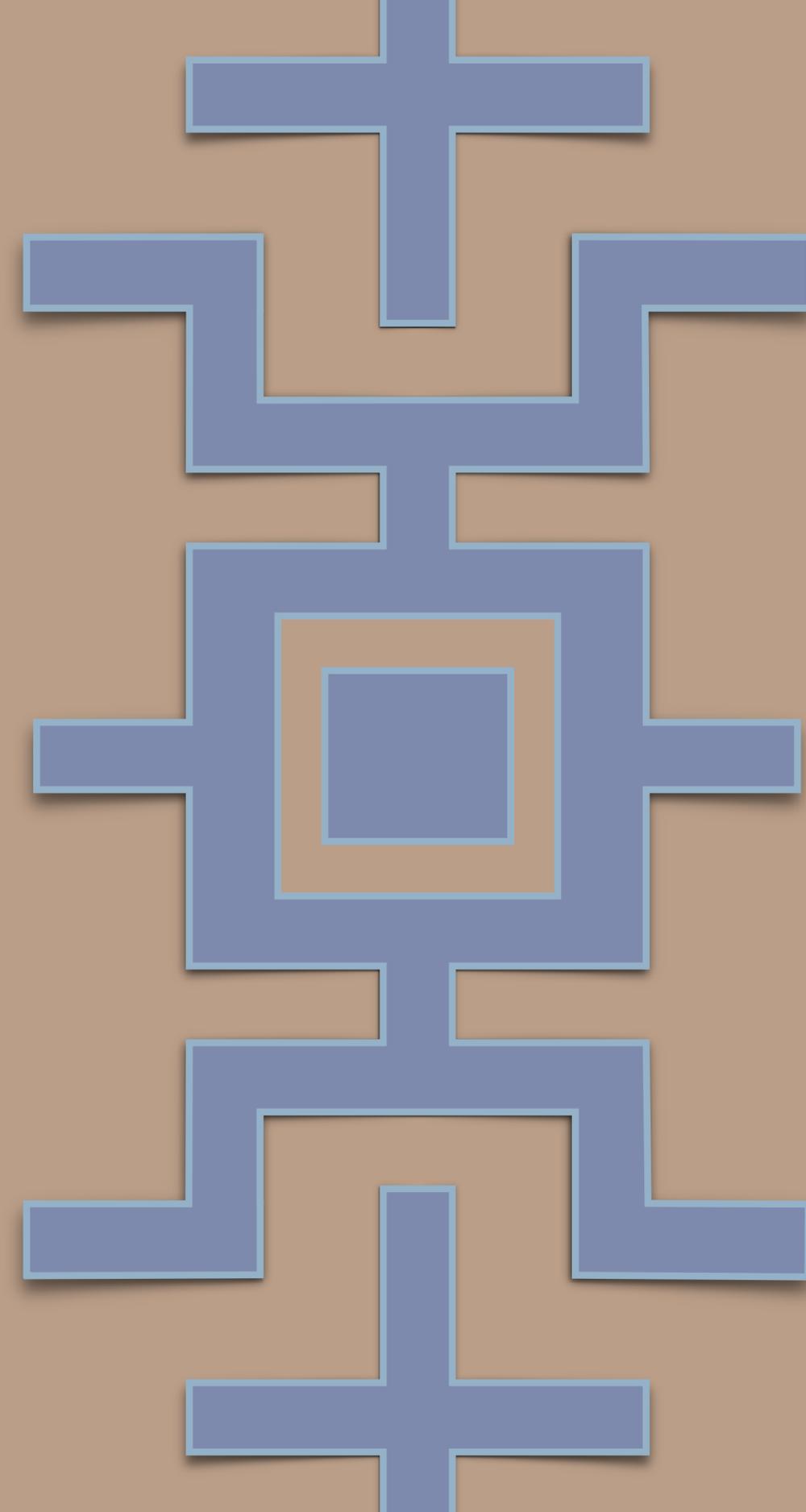








Concluding Thoughts & Ideas



Proposition:

- in Lesbian, Vns > Vis is of Phrygian origin
- in Chian, it is of Lesbian origin (uncontroversial)

- Vns > Vis in Theran and Elean coincidental and unrelated

Timing in Lesbian:

- posterior to Aeolic migrations / first contact with Phrygians
- prior to Sappho / oldest attestations

Absence in East Ionic:

- Phrygian had no effect on East Ionic – Lydian buffer zone?
- but also because it had eliminated -Vns earlier than Aeolic

Phrygian-Aeolic convergence:

- supported also by other shared features?
- PIE *r̥ > Phr. ro; cf. PIE *m̥rt- 'death' > MPhr. ΜΡΟΤ-ΙΣ, Aeol. βροτ-ός

Thank you!

Scan me!

