

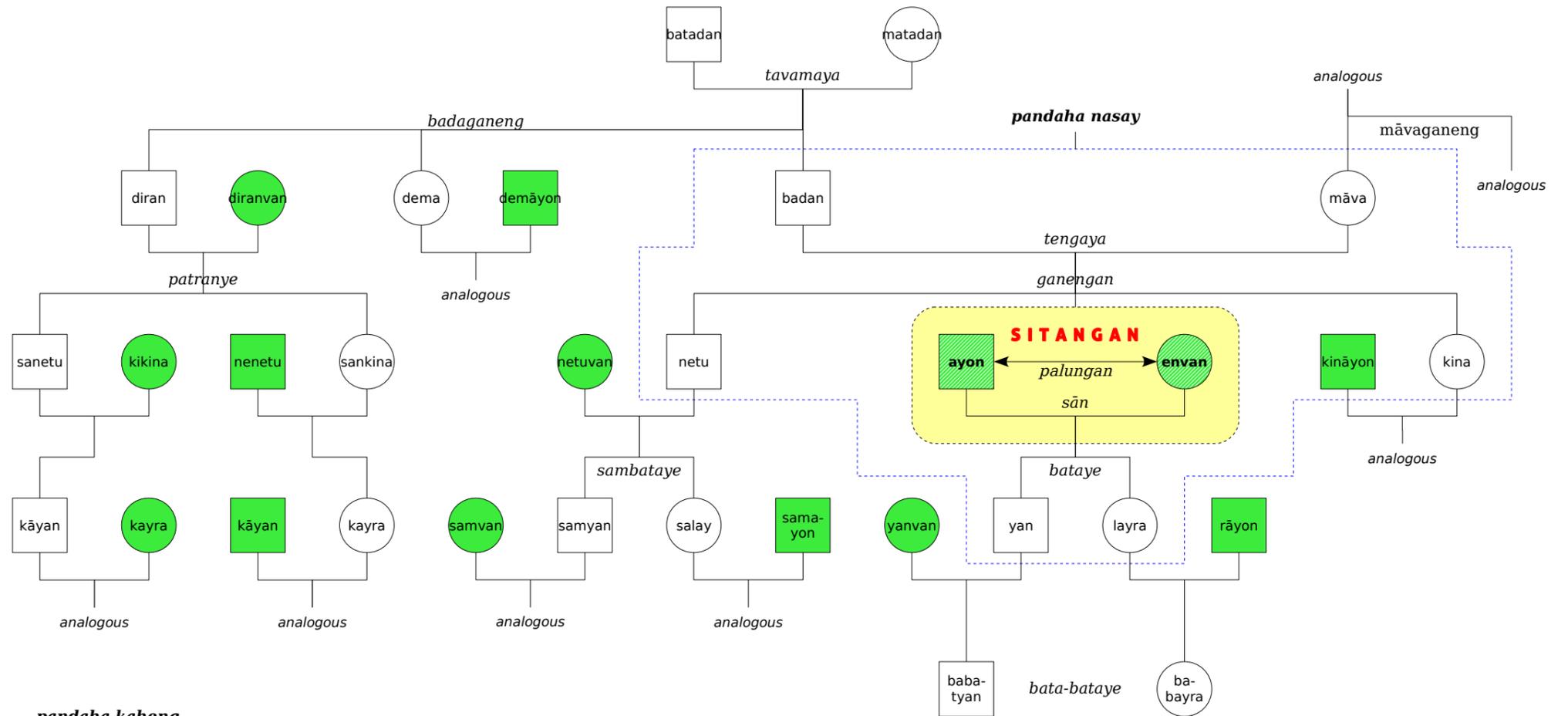
Ayeri Kinship Terms

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It can be seen in the chart that the Ayeri kinship system distinguishes relatives by gender as well as in-law persons. No distinction is made for whether the relatives are on the father's or the mother's side, also there is no distinction for the gender of the person speaking, hence both husband and wife are in the same box in the chart above (labeled *sitangan*, 'self'). However one does refer to all offspring of one's grandchildren generation with the same term.

Demāyon, *diranvan*, *kināyon*, *netuvan*, (*lay*)*rāyon*, and *yanvan* are all transparent in that they are compounds with *ayon* 'husband' and *envan* 'wife'. Likewise, the common element in *sanetu*, *sankina*, as well as *samyan*, *samvan*, *salay*, and *samayon* is *sam*, the word for the number 'two'. Cousins are thus 'second' siblings and the children of one's siblings (English lacks a collective term for nephew and niece) are one's 'second' children. The same goes for their children (second cousins), *samyan* and *salay*, as well as their spouses (second cousins-in-law), *samayon* and *samvan*. The cousins' spouses' titles, *nenetu* and *kikina*, are mere reduplications of the terms for 'brother' and 'sister', *netu* and *kina* respectively. Parents in law are not listed in the above chart because they would usually be referred to by first name, or in terms of "X's parents". Anyway there is a tendency to call people by name rather than by relation.

More information on Ayeri, the language in discussion here, can be found at the project's website: <http://benung.nfshost.com/>. (cb)



pandaha kaheng

Vocabulary List

sitangan	self
pandaha	family
pandāpan	relatives
pandaha nasay – near family	
ayon	man, husband
envan	woman, wife
sān	pair, couple
palungan	partner, spouse
netu	brother
kina	sister
ganengan	siblings
yan	boy, son
layra	girl, daughter
bata	child

pandaha kaheng – further family

batadan	grandfather
matadan	grandmother
tavamaya	grandparents
babatyan	grandson
babayra	granddaughter
bata-bata	grandchild
diran	uncle
dema	aunt
badangeng	father's siblings
māvaganeng	mother's siblings
sanetu	male cousin
sankina	female cousin
patran	cousin
samyan	nephew

salay	niece
sambata	child of a sibling

pandaha kanisa – in-law family

rāyon	son-in-law
yanvan	daughter-in-law
kināyon	brother-in-law
netuvan	sister-in-law
samayon	nephew-in-law
samvan	niece-in-law
nenetu	cousin in-law (m.)
kikina	cousin in-law (f.)
kāyan	2nd cousin (m.)
kayra	2nd cousin-in-law (f.)