Inferring population structure and admixture histories

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Genetic diversity in populations

- Genome-wide patterns of variation across individuals provide a powerful source of data

- Genetic diversity is underpinned by the key ancestral processes
    - Genetic Drift
    - Mutation
    - Recombination
    - Selection

- There are many different ways of measuring population differentiation and also many different types of data, from **allele frequencies** at single polymorphic sites (or multiple unlinked sites) to full **haplotypic sequences** in coding or noncoding regions.

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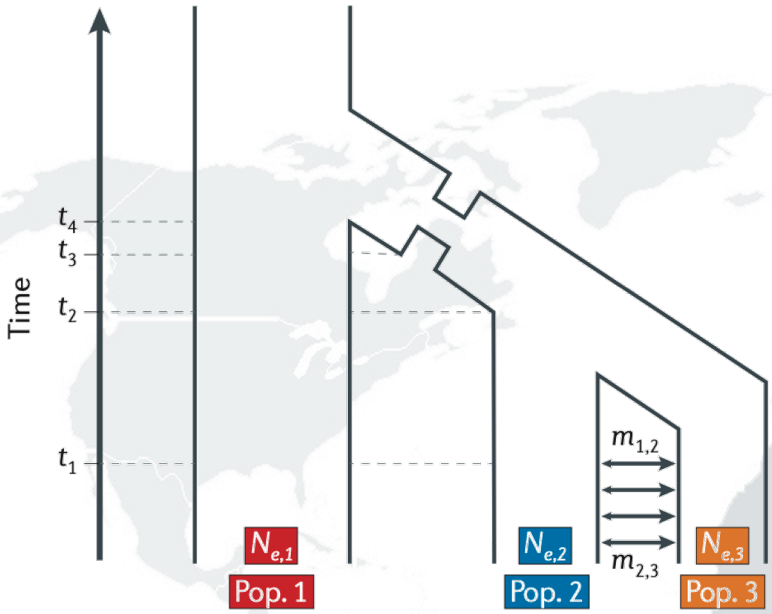

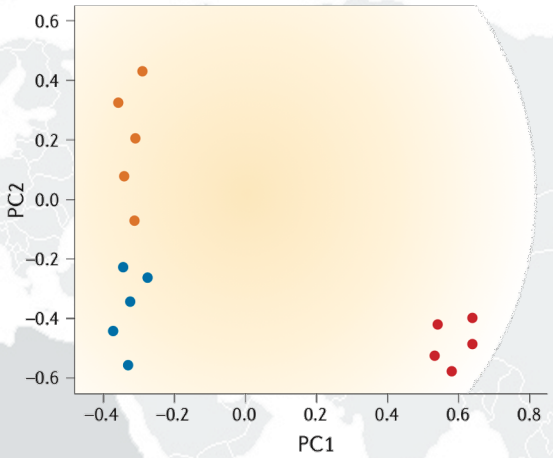

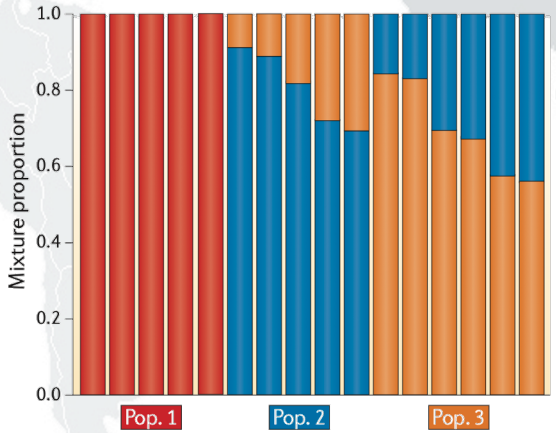

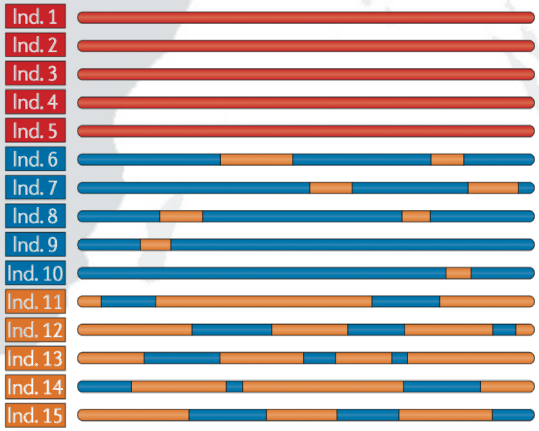

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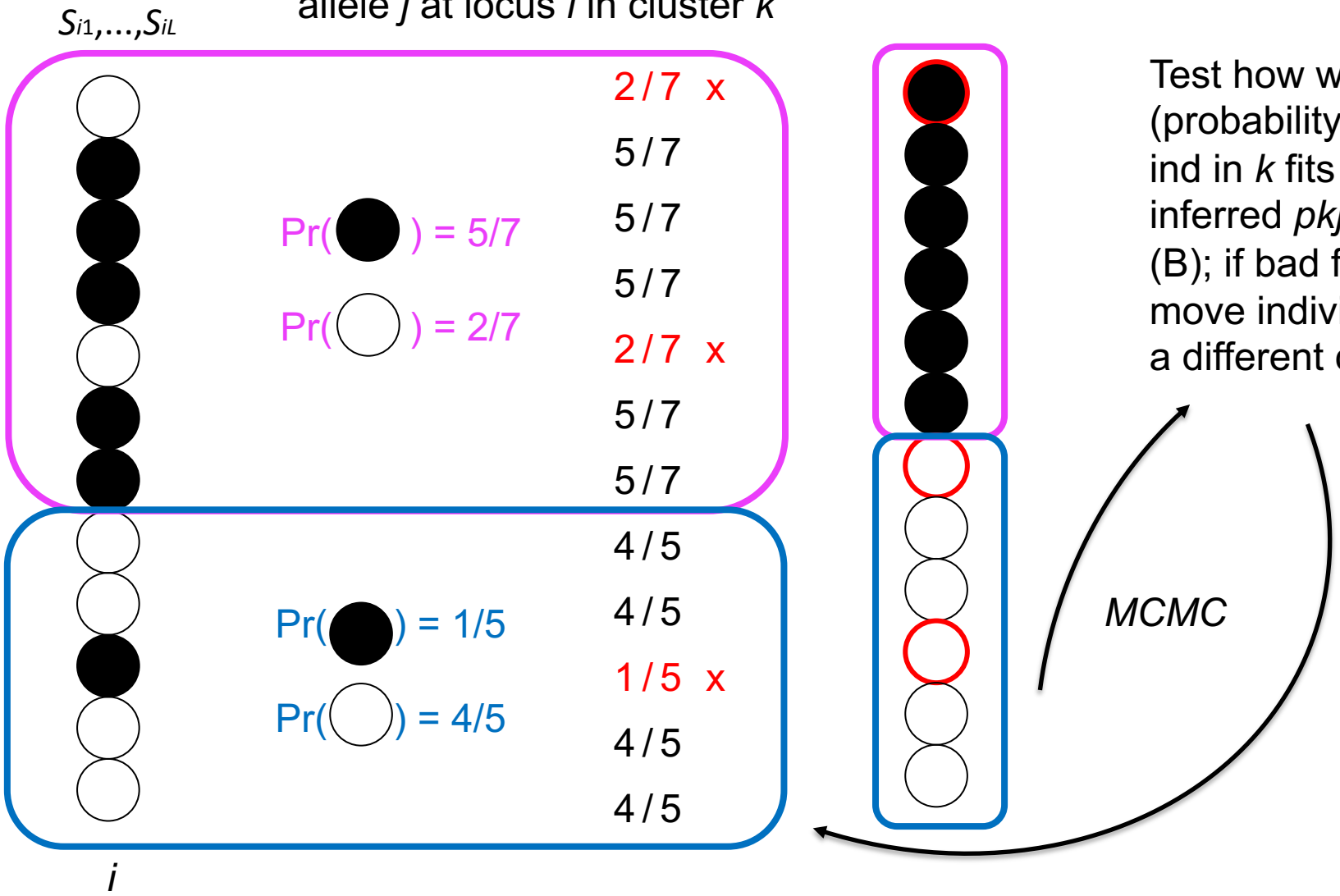
Allele frequency-based clustering

Pr(*Sil* = *j*) = *pkjl*, where *pkjl* is the frequency of allele *j* at locus *l* in cluster *k*



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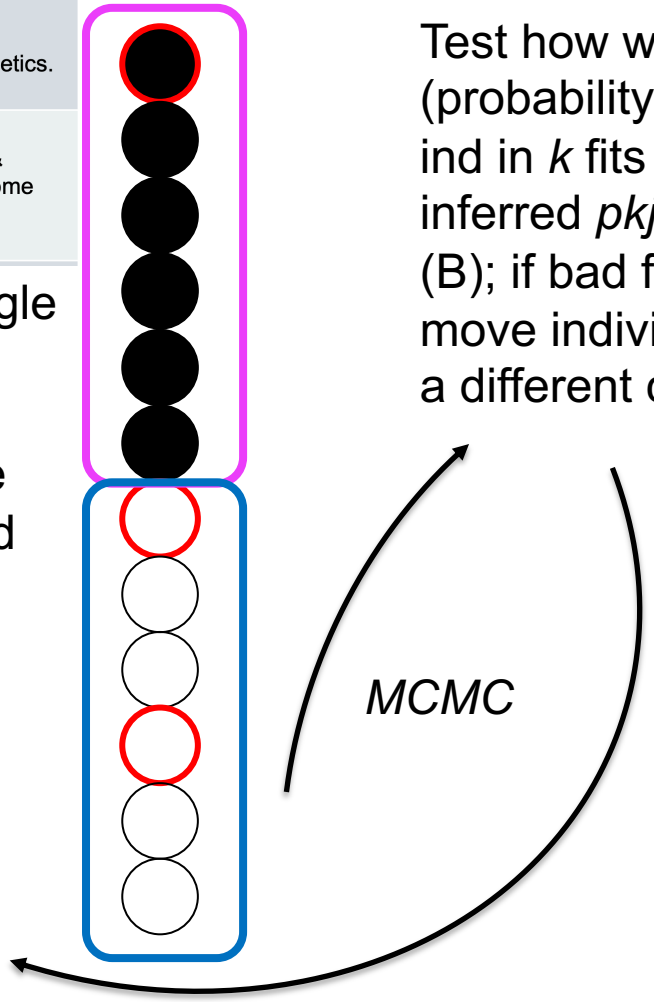
- *"no admixture model"* – assign each ind *i* to single cluster *k*
- *"admixture model"* – assign each ind to multiple clusters (i.e. infer % of ind *i* 's genome assigned to clusters 1, ..., *K*)
- *"linkage model"* – can identify regions of ind *i* assigned to each cluster (Falush et al 2003, *Genetics* **164**:1567)
- Spatial priors on cluster membership.

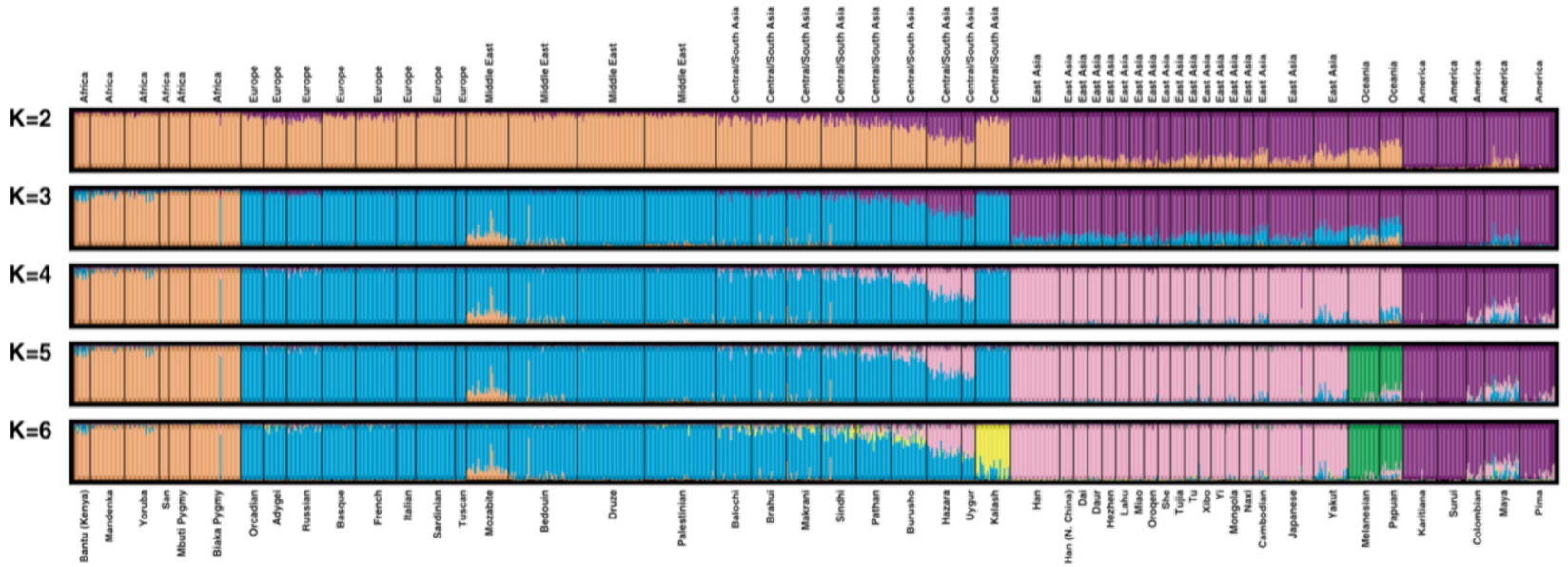


Test how well (probability) each ind in *k* fits the inferred *pkjl* from (B); if bad fit → move individual to a different cluster

Allele frequency-based clustering

Human Genome Diversity Panel

Rosenberg et al. *Science*. (2002), 298, 5602, 2381-2385.



- Accuracy of population identification depends on the number of individuals included, the number of loci used and the allele frequency differences among those populations.

- Population identification can be strongly affected by the amount of admixture within individuals and the proportion of admixed individuals in the dataset – all populations are admixed….

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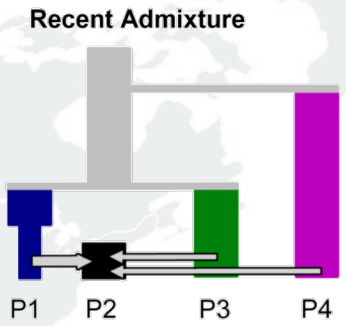
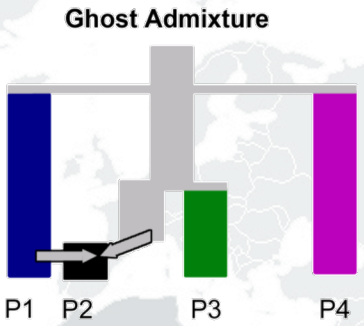
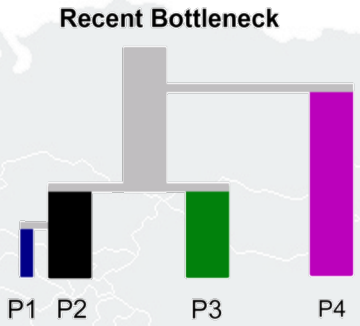


Recent admixture of P1, P3 & P4
Some parallels to African Americans



P2 50:50 admixture of P1 and unsampled population most closely related to P3



P1 – a sister population to P2 that underwent a strong recent bottleneck

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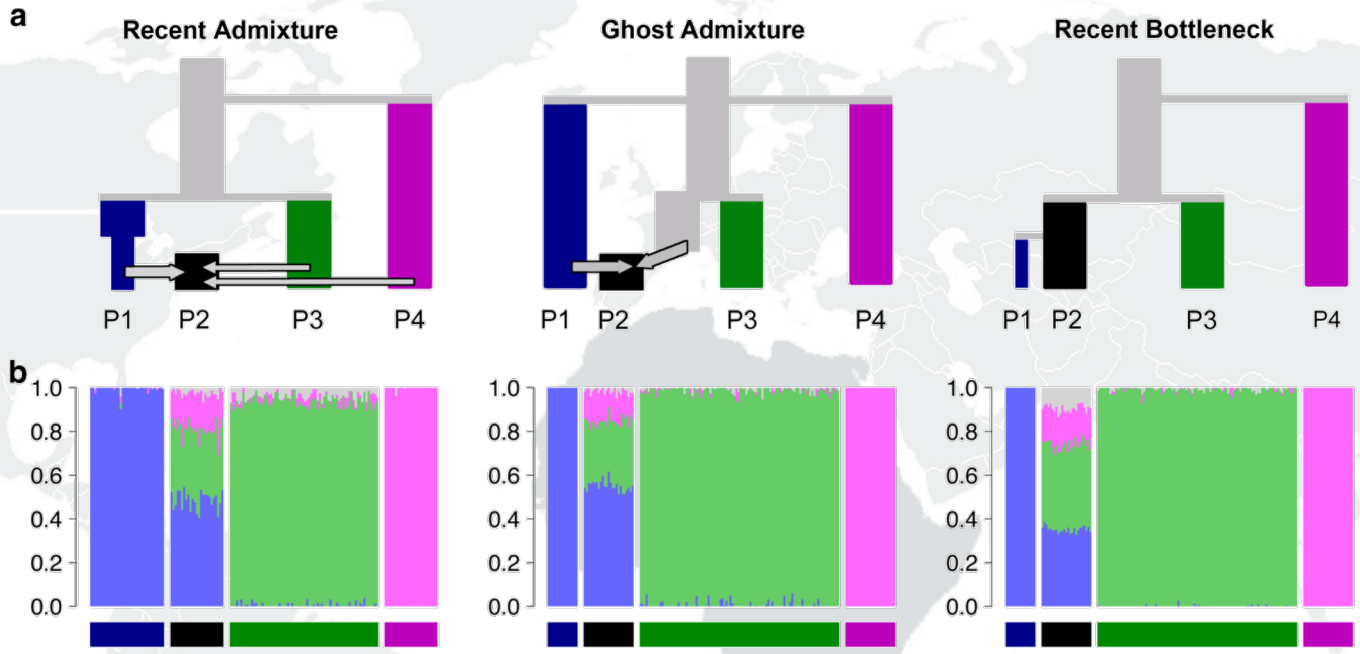

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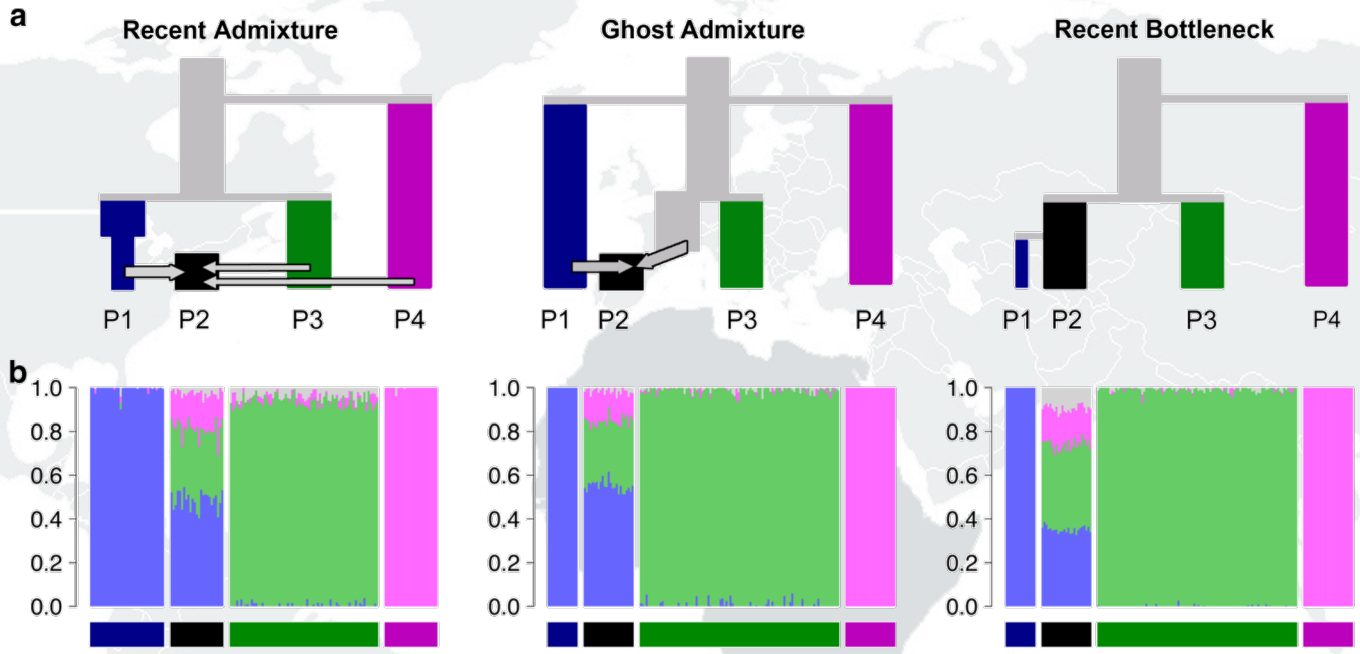

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Ancestry assignments in STRUCTURE/ADMIXTURE often termed admixture proportions they do not identify where admixture has occurred → they do not alone indicate a history of admixture.

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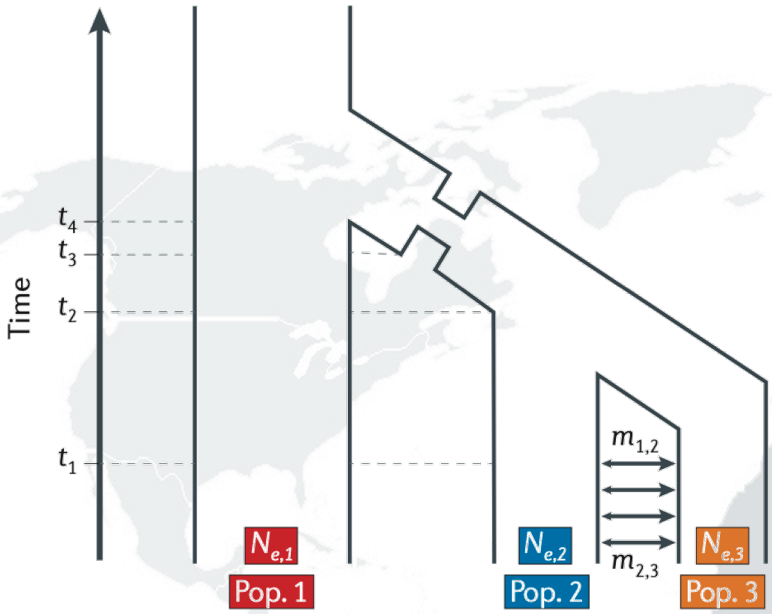

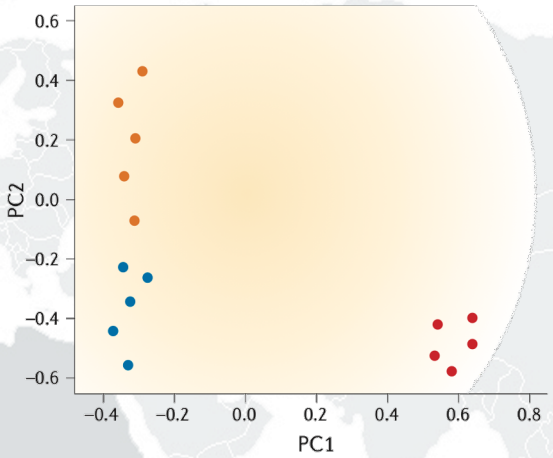

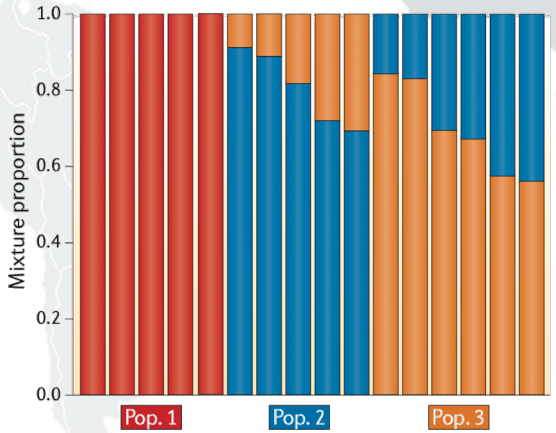

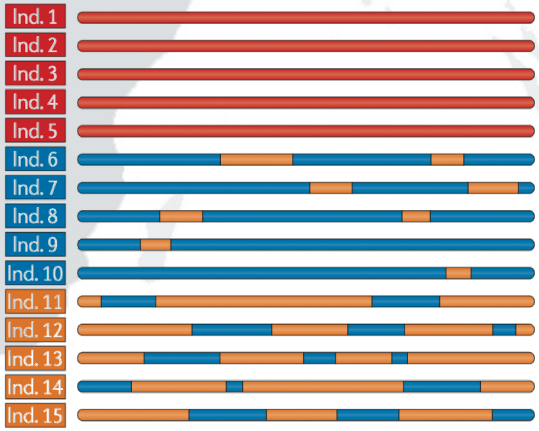

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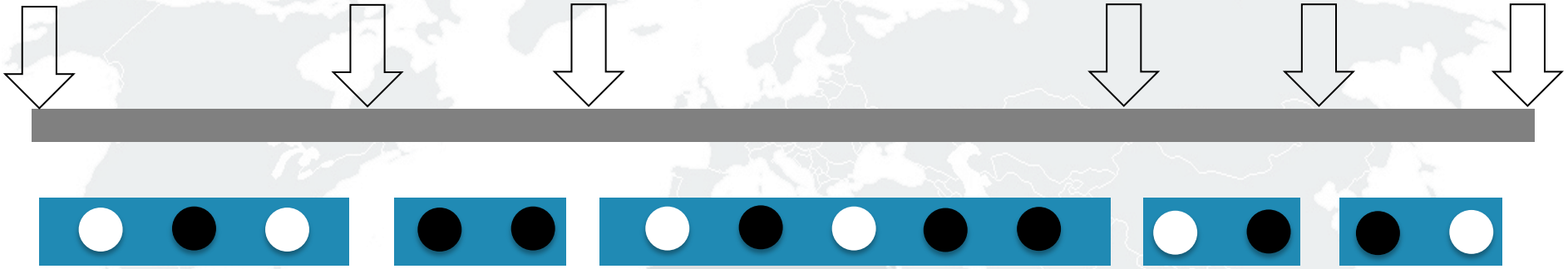

The genome as a mosaic
- blocks of LD separated by recombination

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LAMP	Phased haplotypes	Chromosome painting	Identifies local ancestry in windows, rather than using an HMM	Sankararaman et al. Am. J. Hum. Gen. 2008.
PCAdmix	Phased haplotypes	Chromosome painting, population structure	Uses PCA in small chunks followed by HMM to estimate local ancestry	Brisbin et al. Hum. Biol. 2012.
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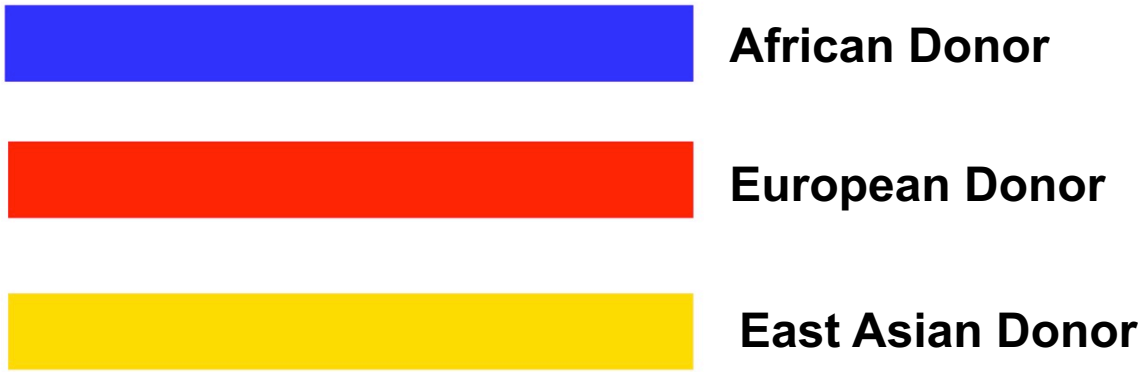

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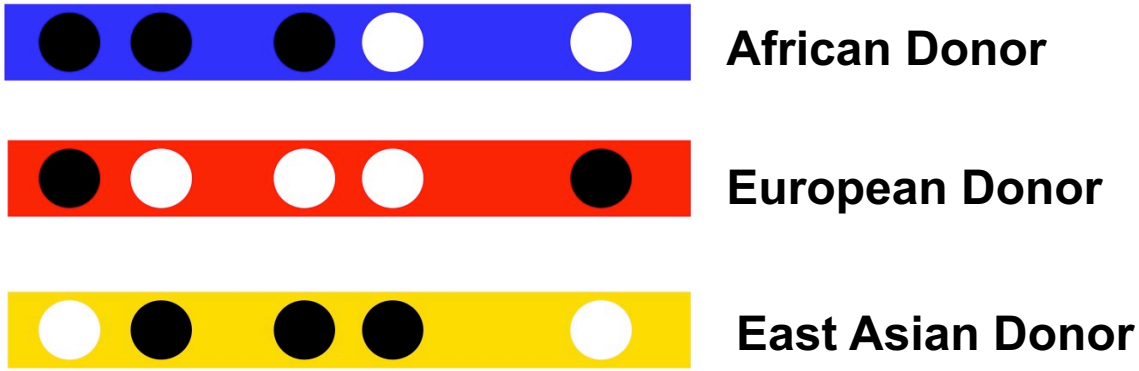

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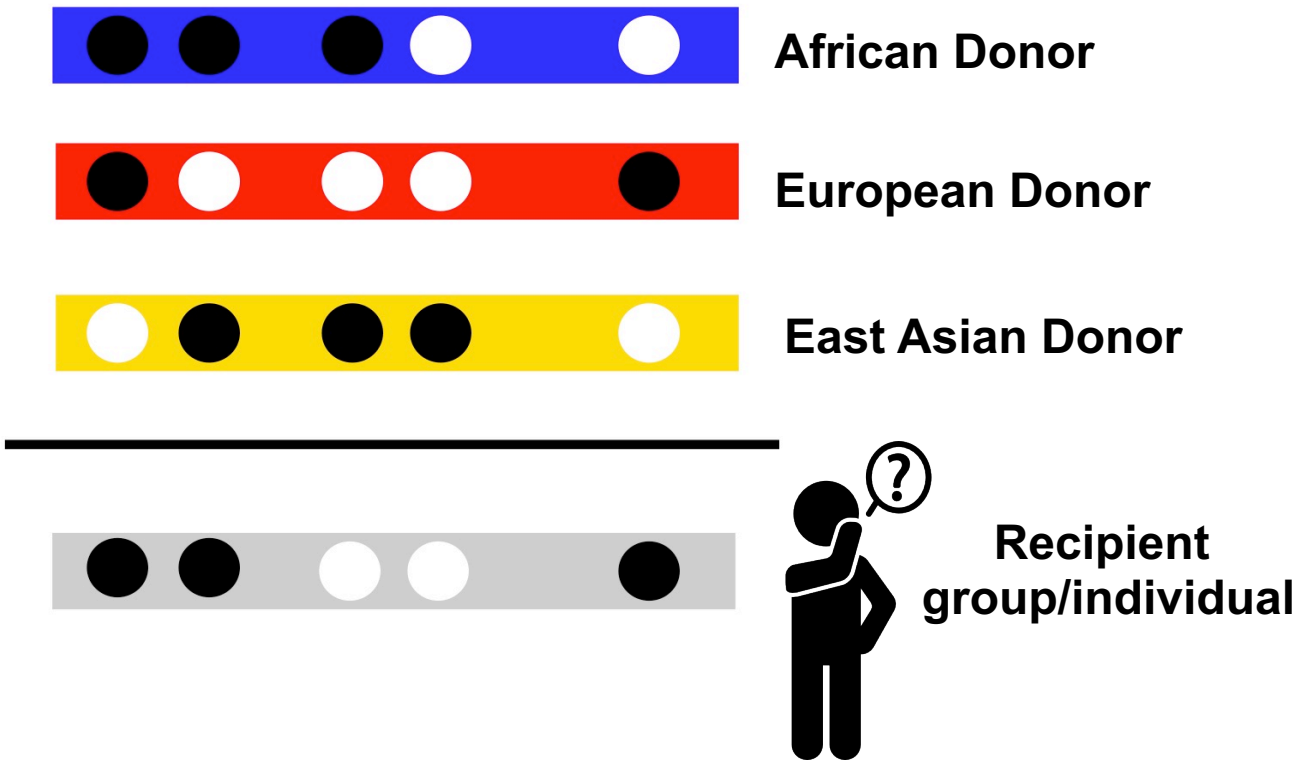

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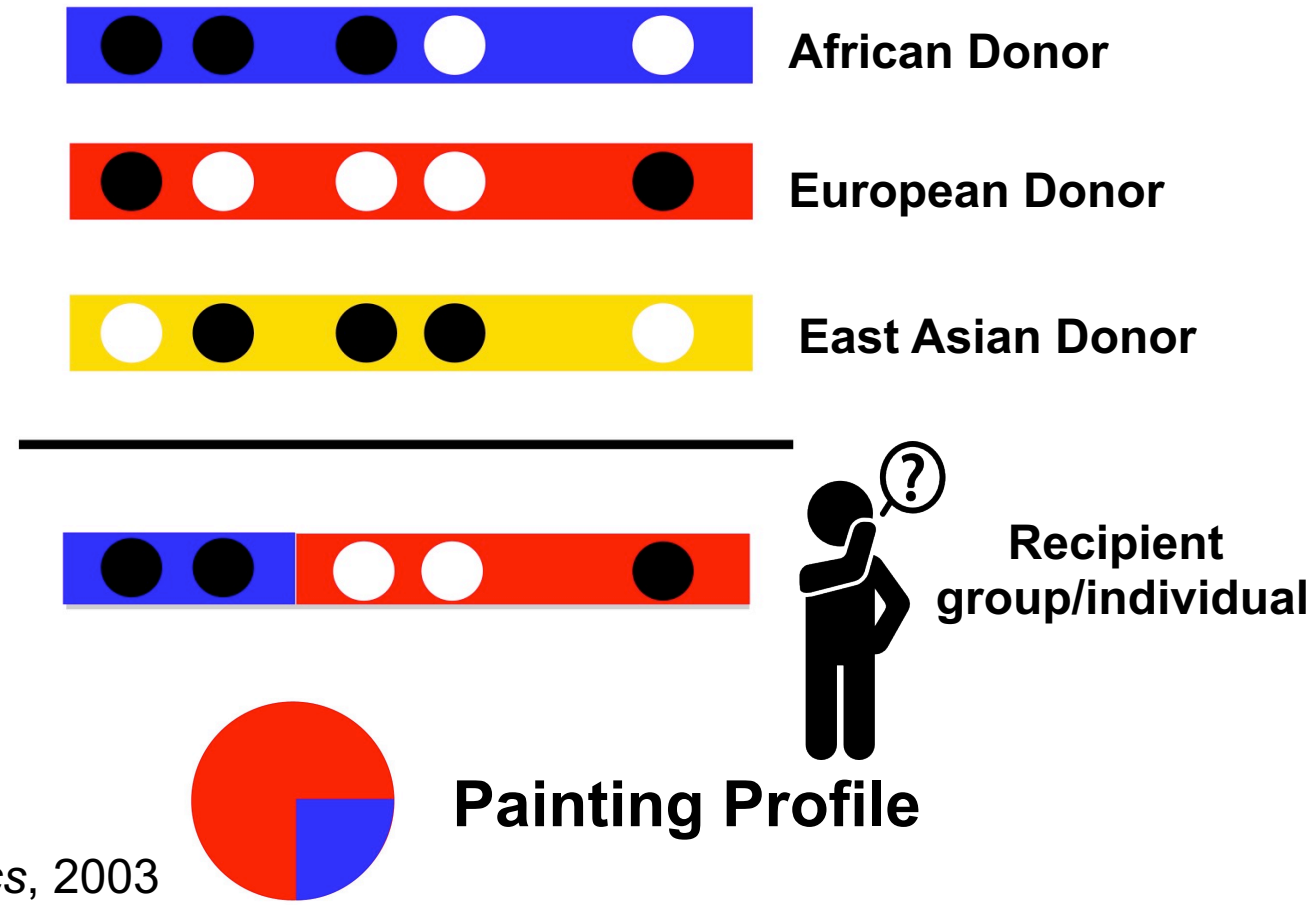

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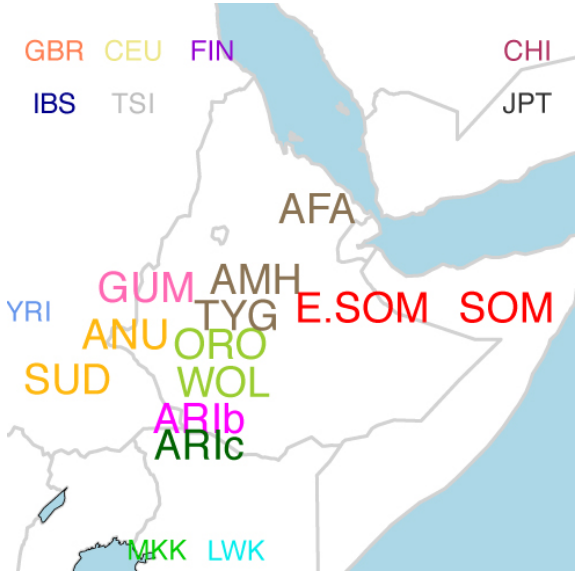
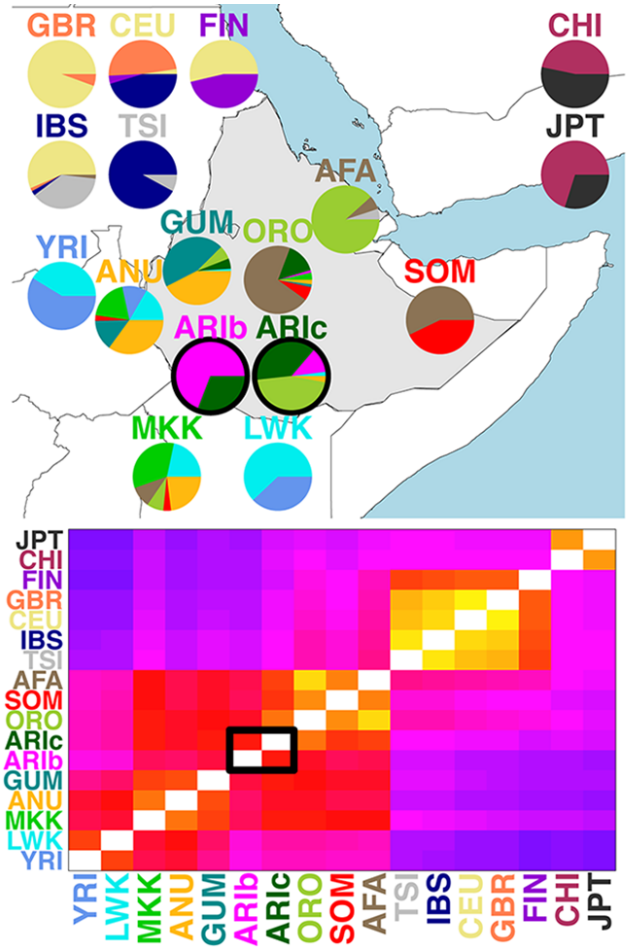


All-donors

ARIb/ ARIc



Average haplotype length shared = 2.76cM

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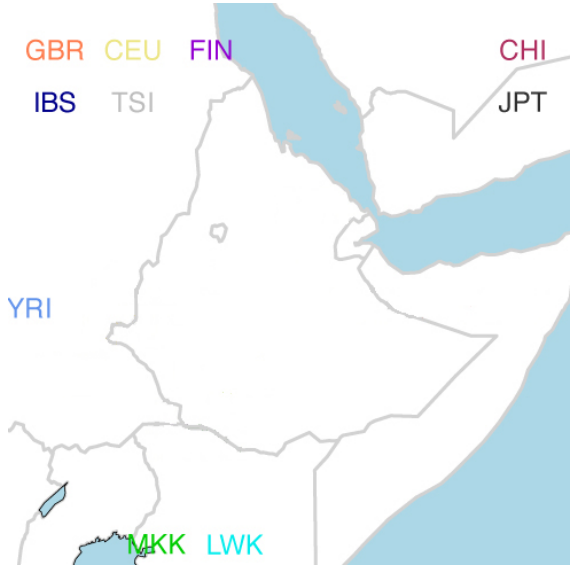

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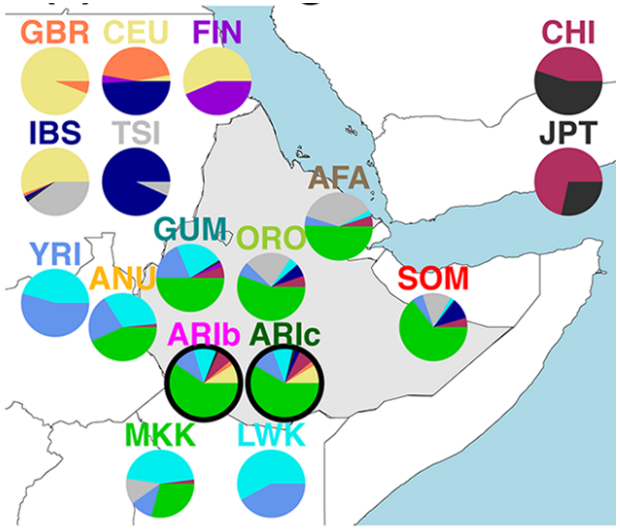

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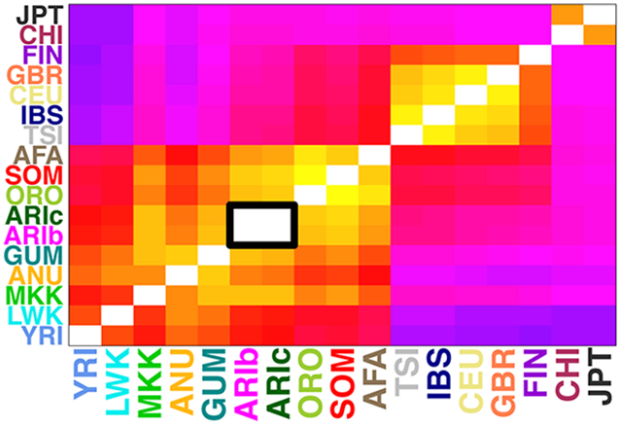

Average haplotype length shared = 0.65cM

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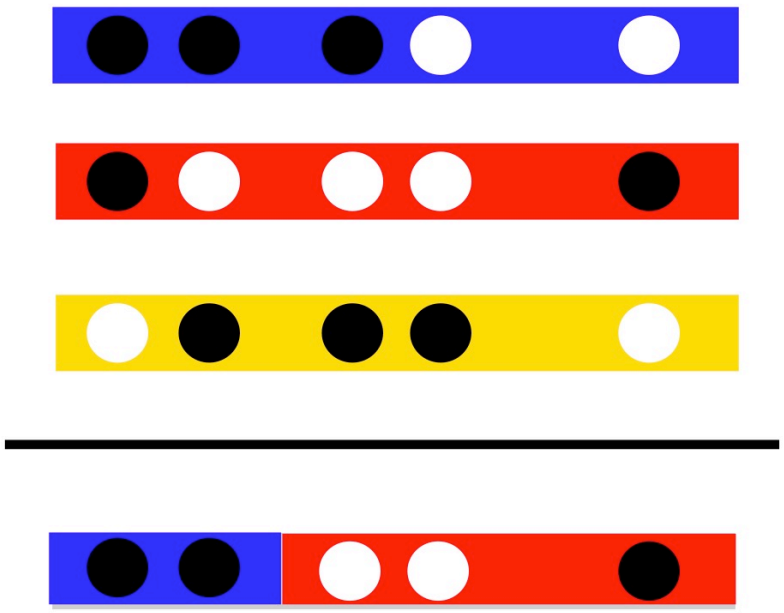

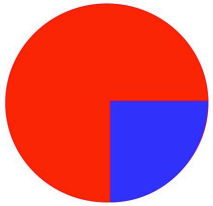

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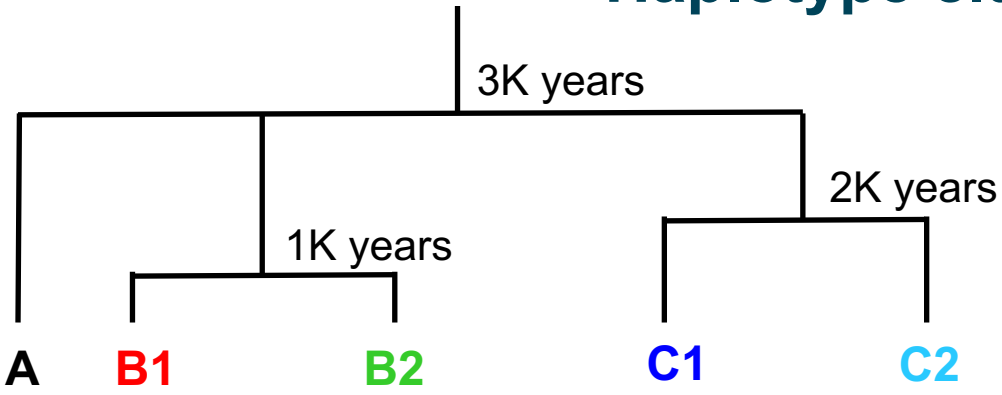

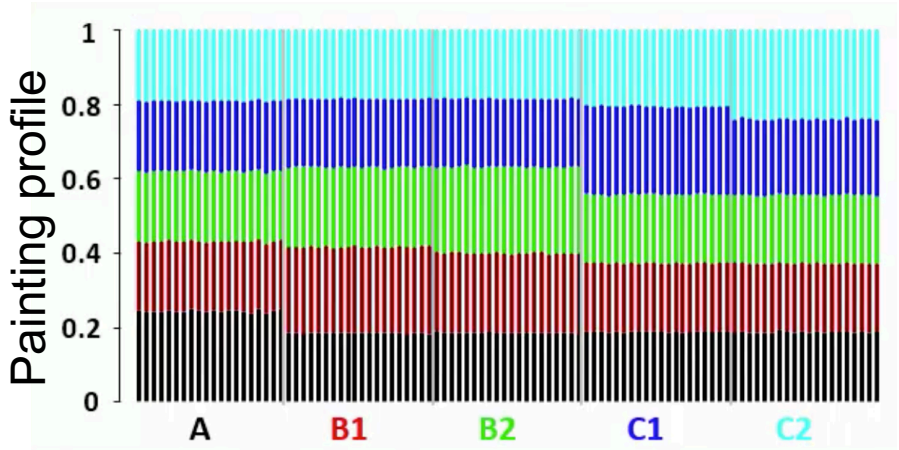

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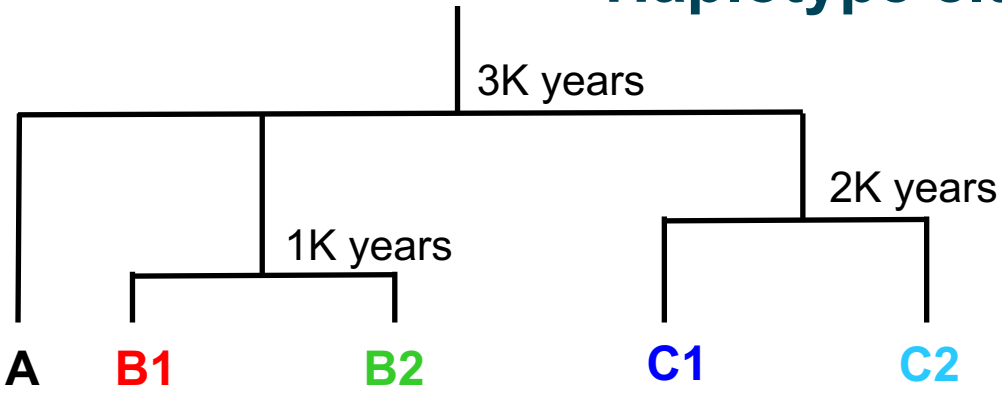

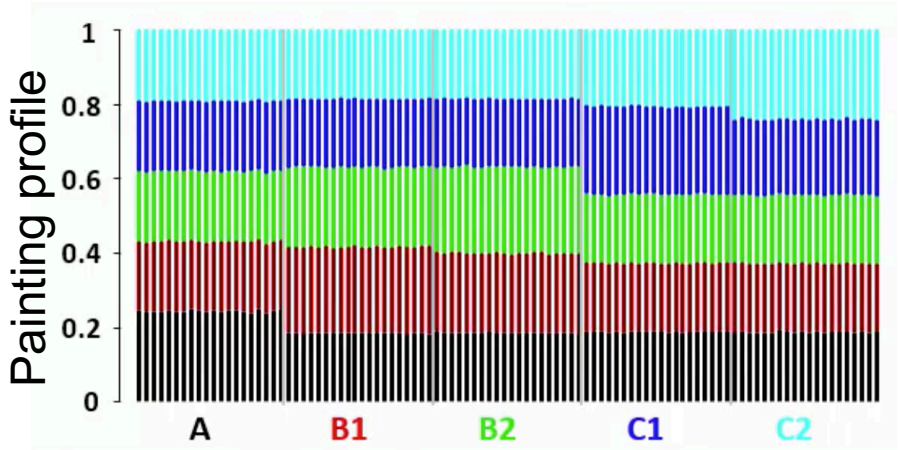

Assign individuals to a random set of clusters *k*

$(Y_{i1},\ldots,Y_{ik}) \sim \text{Mult}(P_{A1},\ldots,P_{Ak})$ for ind I assigned to cluster A

Infer P_{AK} – number of chunks individuals in cluster A are painted with individuals in cluster *k*

Test if $\Pr(Y_{i1},\ldots,Y_{ik})$ is low – change cluster and repeat!

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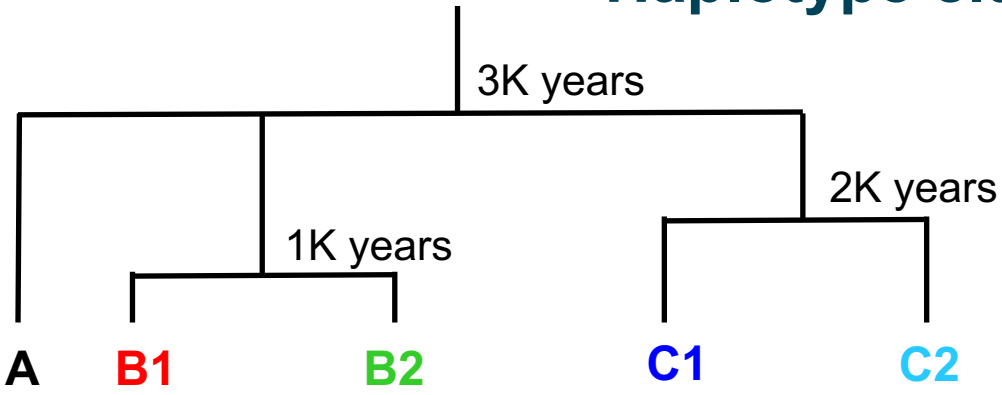

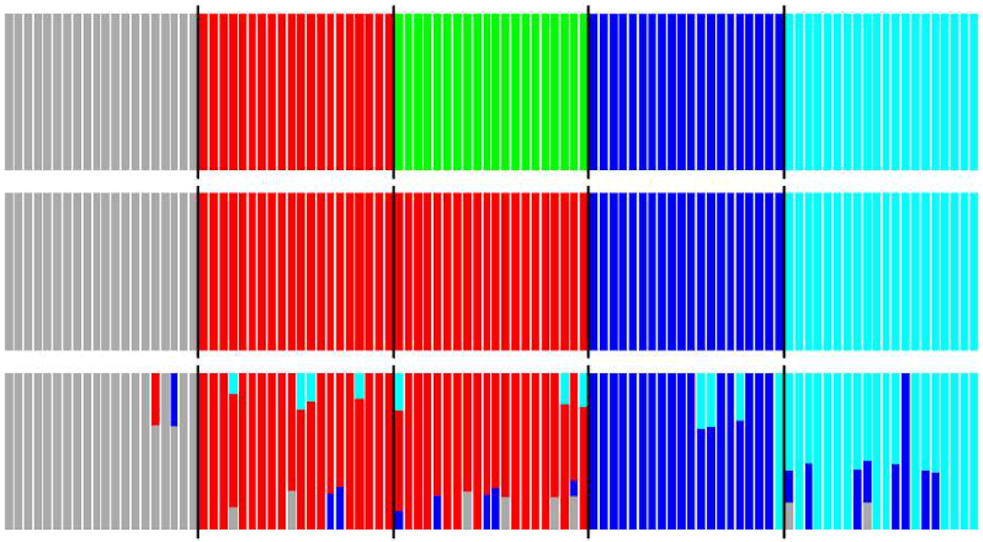

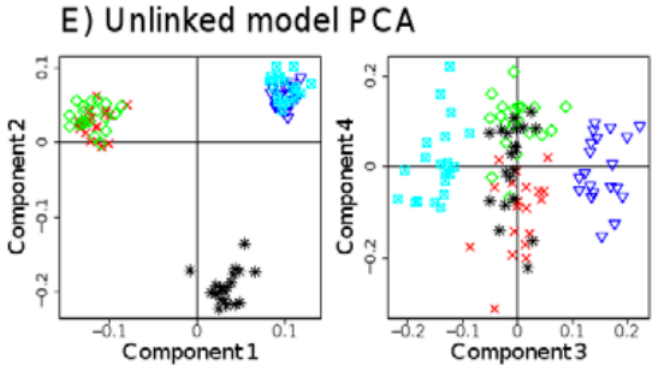

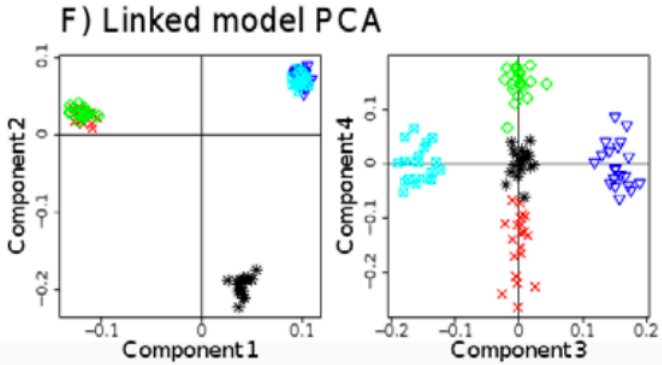

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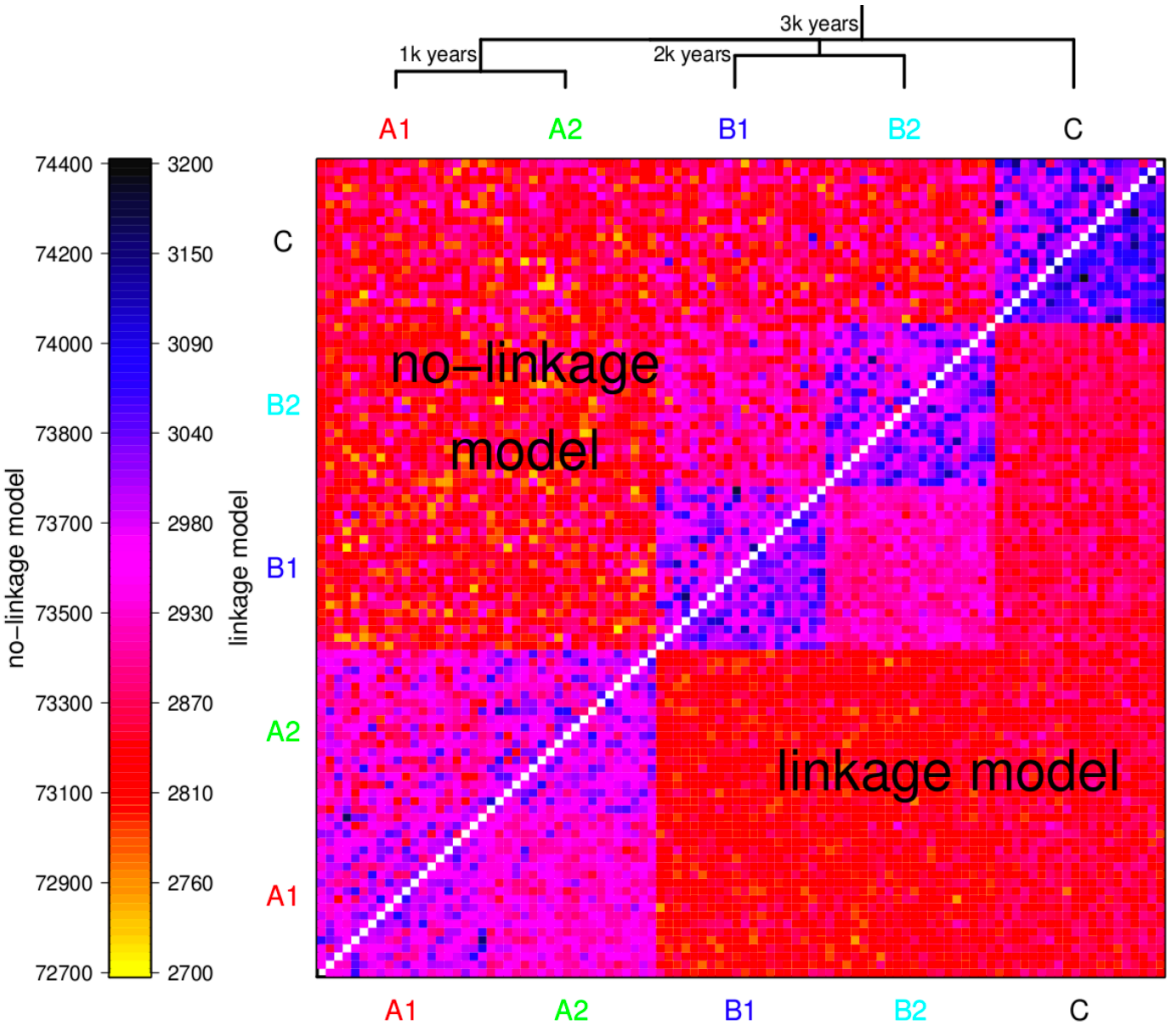
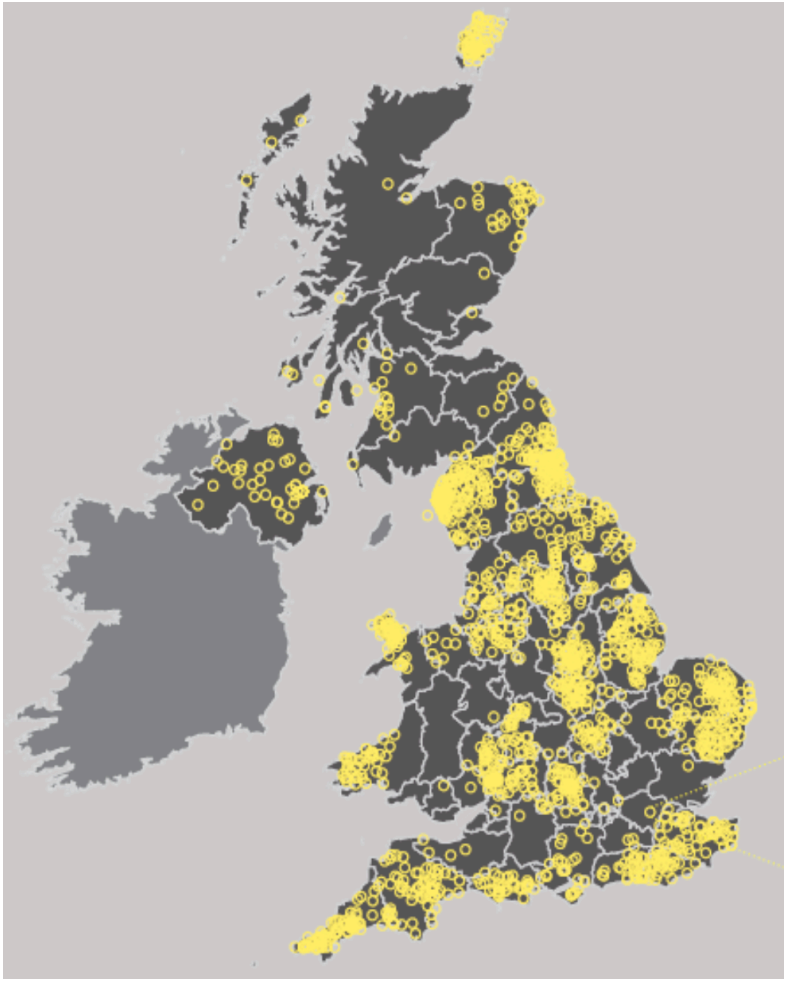


Haplotype clustering in the British Isles

- 2,039 individuals collected across rural areas of UK
- All four-grandparents born within 80km of one another
- Inferred DNA matching patterns amongst all individuals
- Grouped individuals into hierarchical groups based on these DNA patterns



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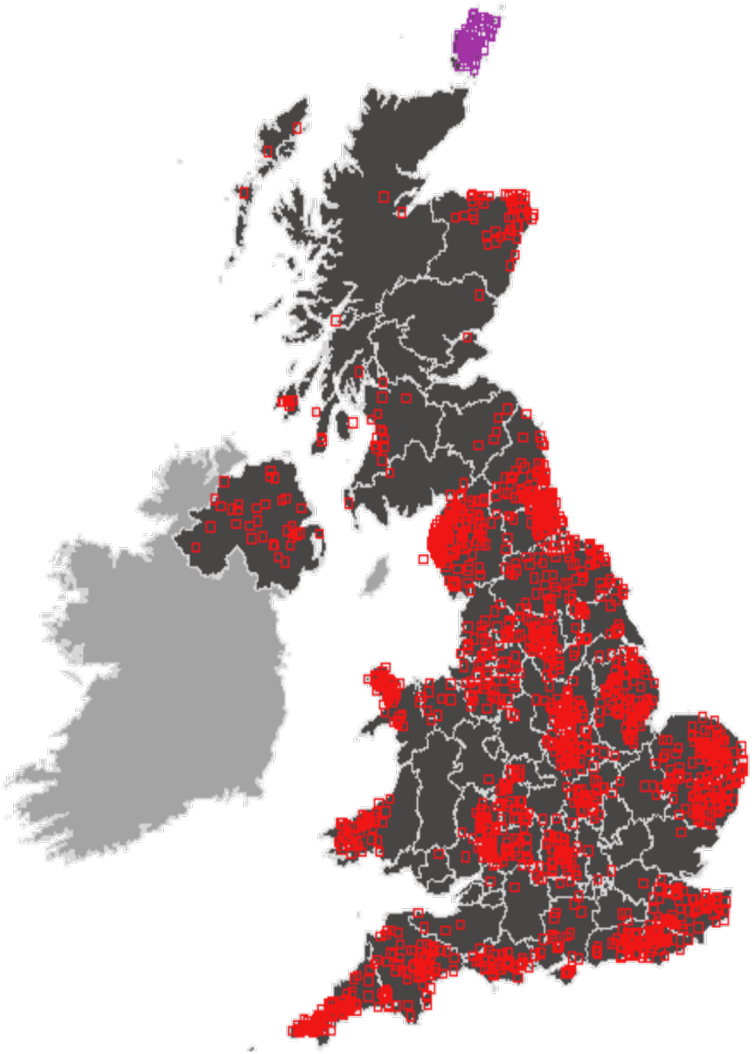

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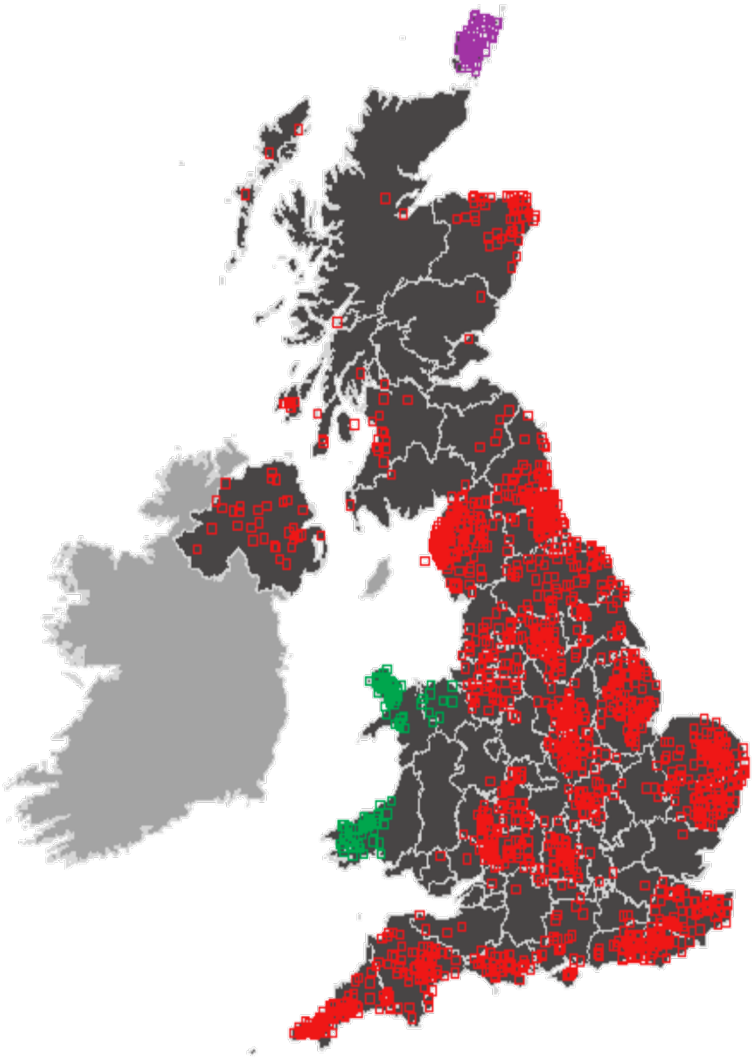

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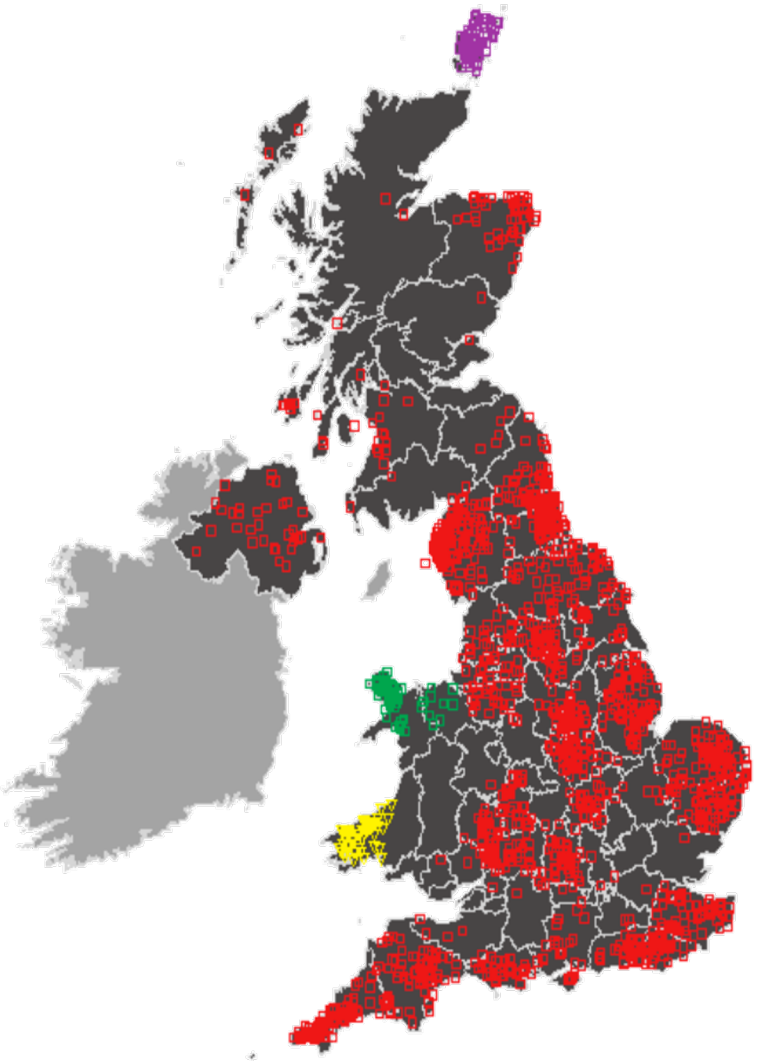

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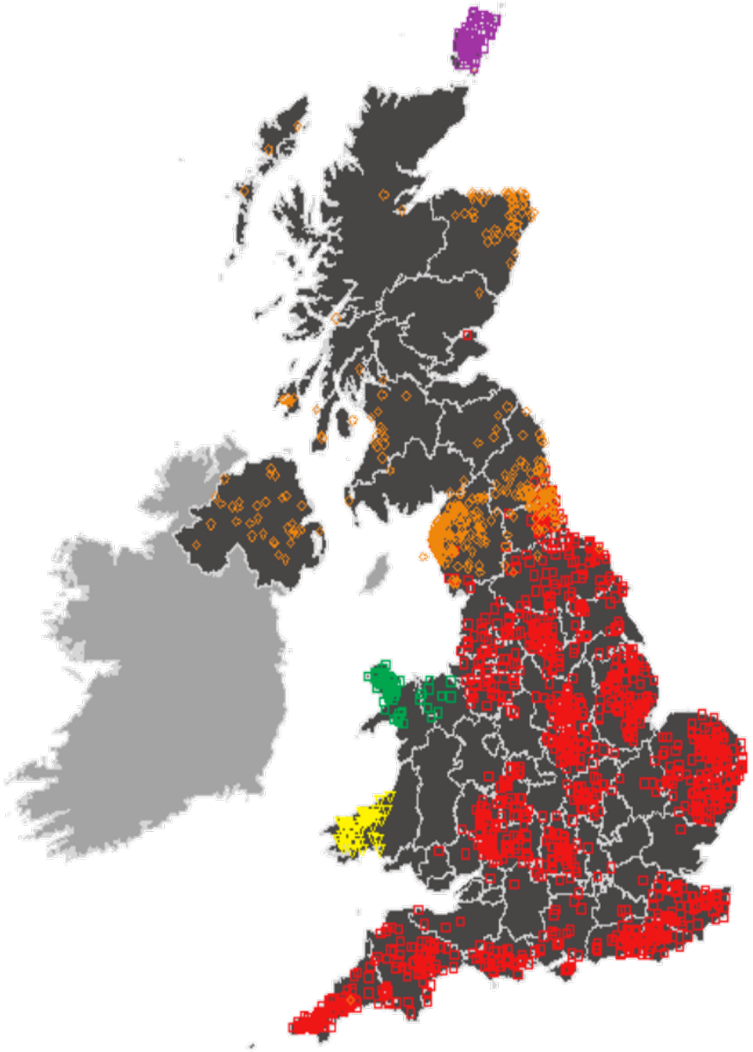

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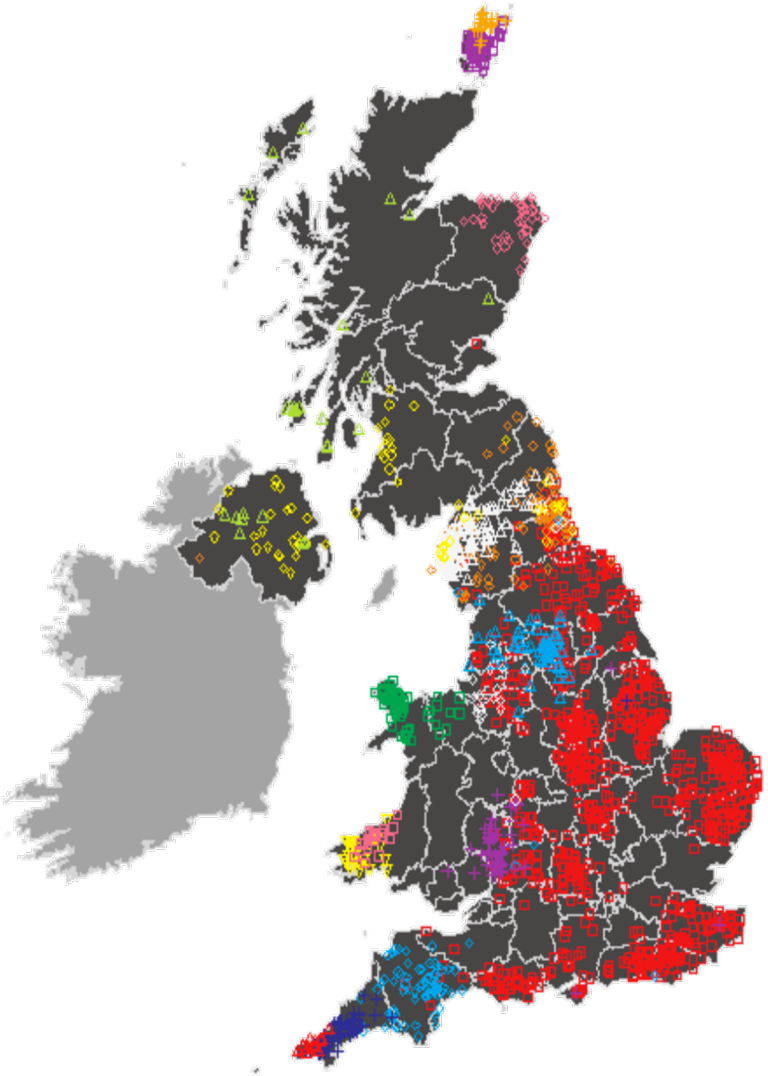

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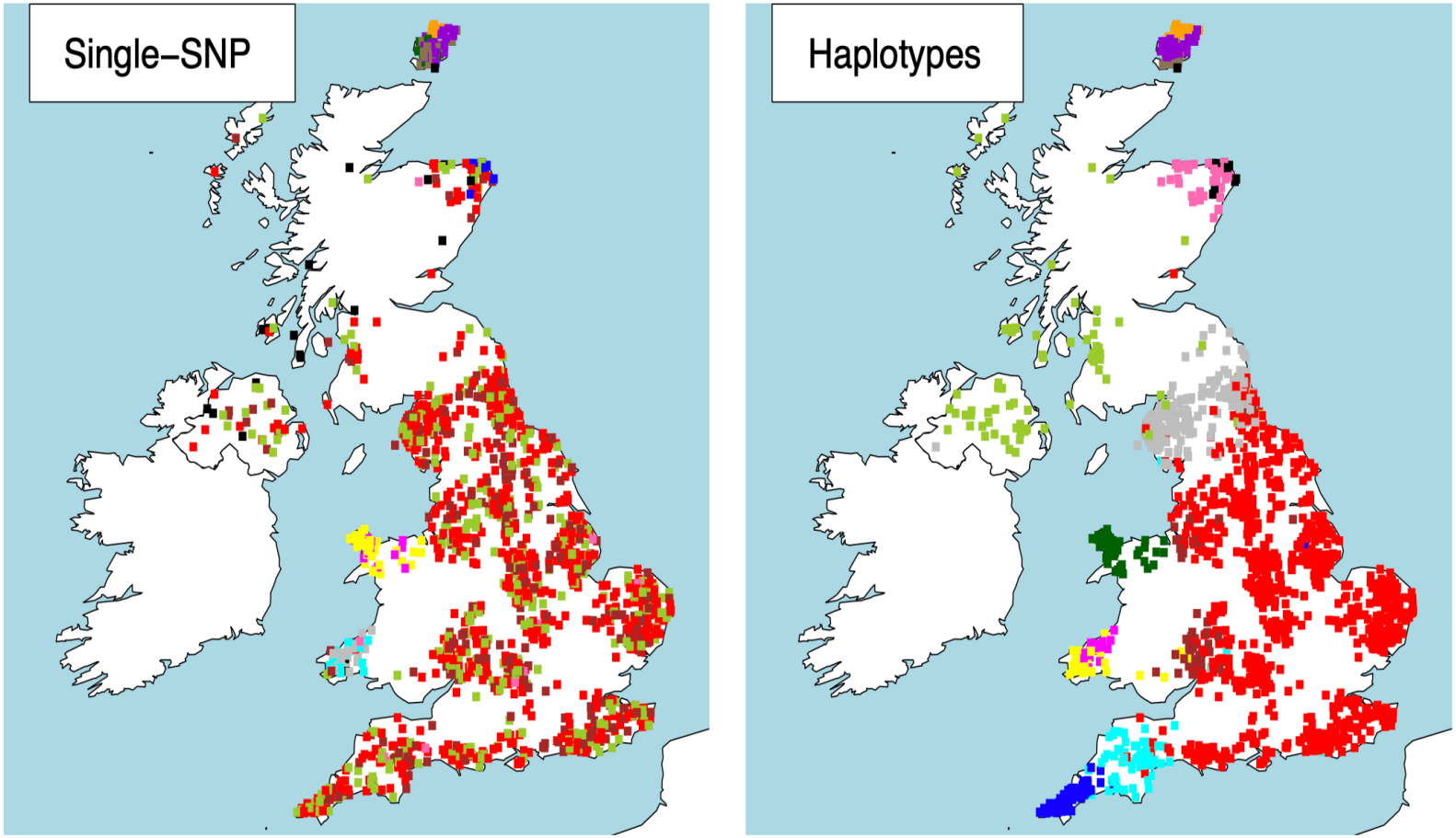

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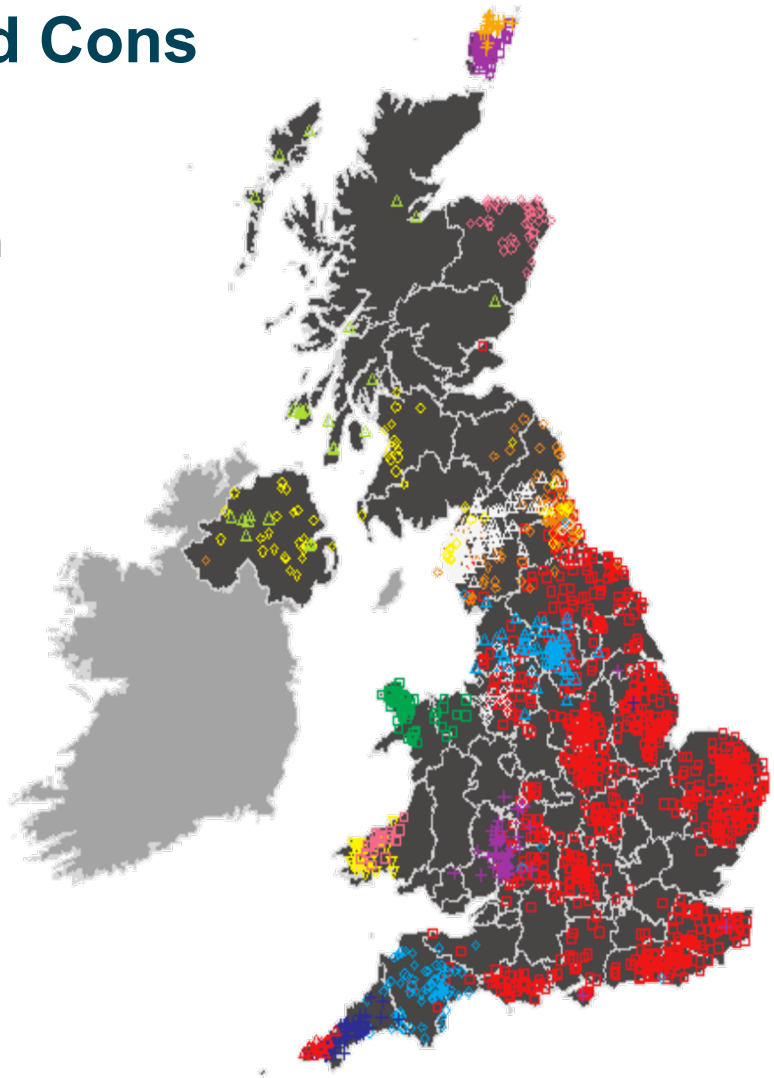
Haplotype clustering - fineSTRUCTURE Pros and Cons

Advantages:
- Increased power to fine more subtle population structure
- Heatmaps demonstrate presence of structure/admixture
- Current implementation infers number of clusters K automatically and builds a tree

Disadvantages
- Challenges of interpretation – drift/admixture/other
- Requires phased data
- Computationally slow compared to ADMIXTURE



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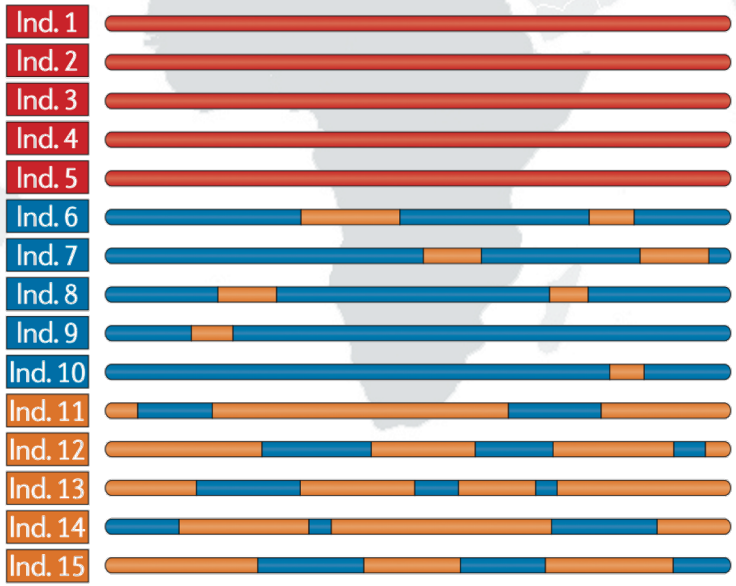
Haplotype sharing patterns can also be used to infer admixture events in human populations

- Admixture = mixing/interbreeding of two genetically distinguishable groups

- We can detect admixture in the genome by exploring patterns of decay of LD over genetic distance using chunks inferred from chromosome painting



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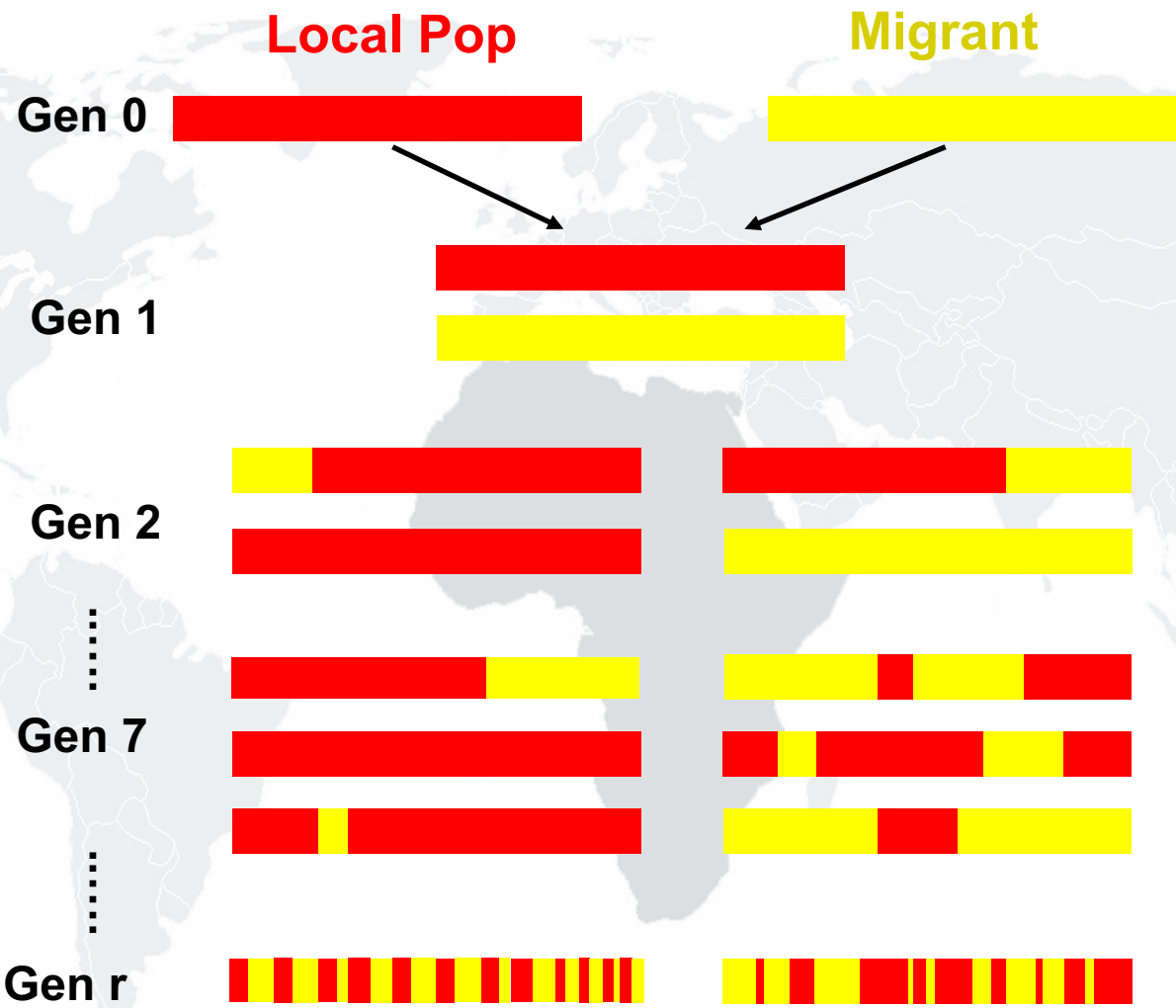

LD decays with genetic distance and this can be used for admixture inference

- Genetic recombinations are well modeled by a Poisson random variable (Falush et al, *Genetics*, 2003) → where the time between 'arrivals' of a Poisson process follows an exponential distribution.

- The length of red and yellow depends on the number of recombination's that have occurred.
  - Eg. a continuous tract is one in which no ancestry-breaking recombinations have occurred.
  - Thus, tract length distribution should be exponential.

- Can we use this distribution to approximate the number of generations since admixture?

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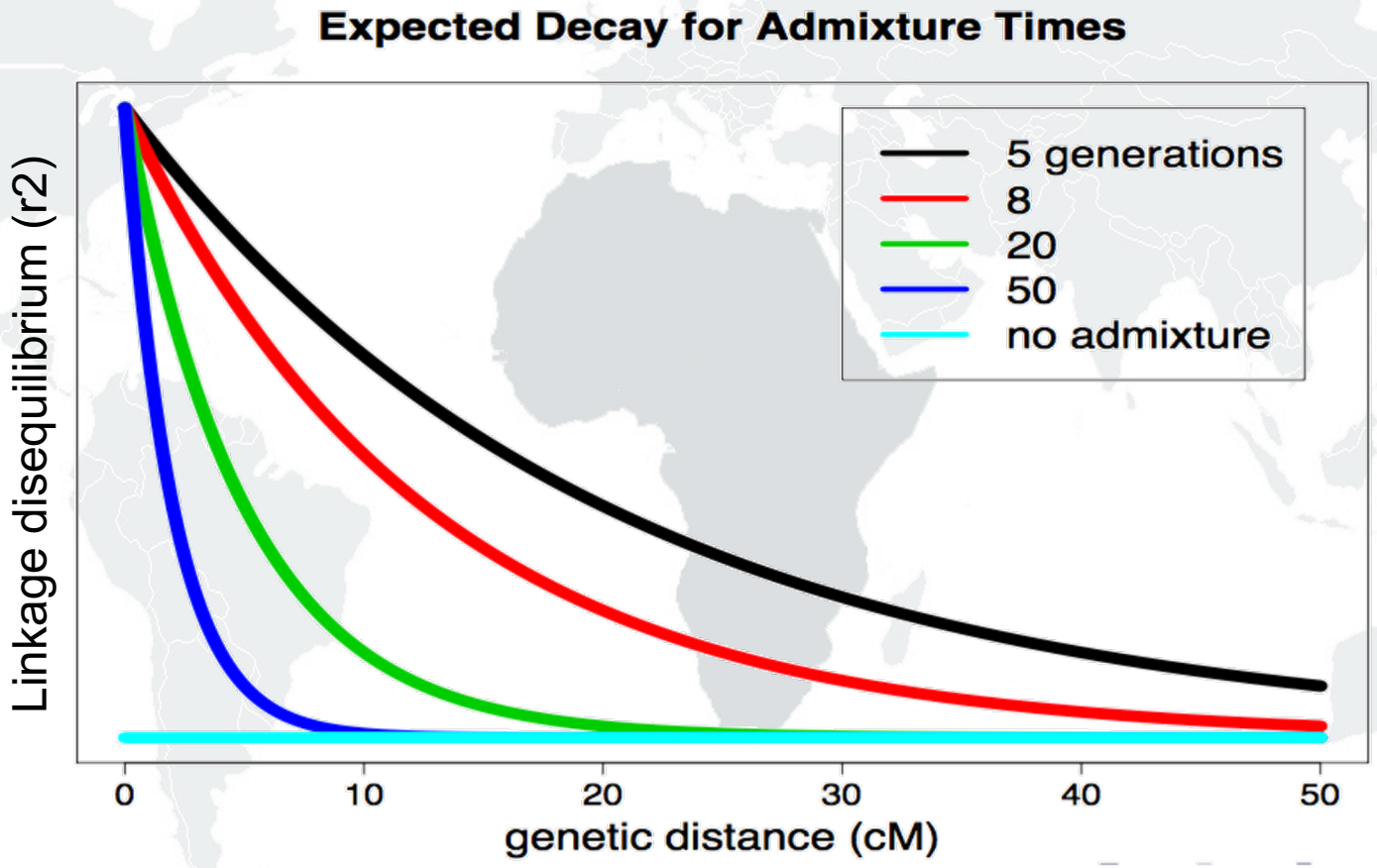
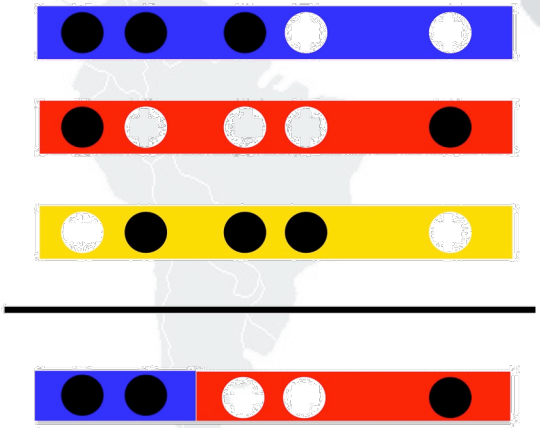
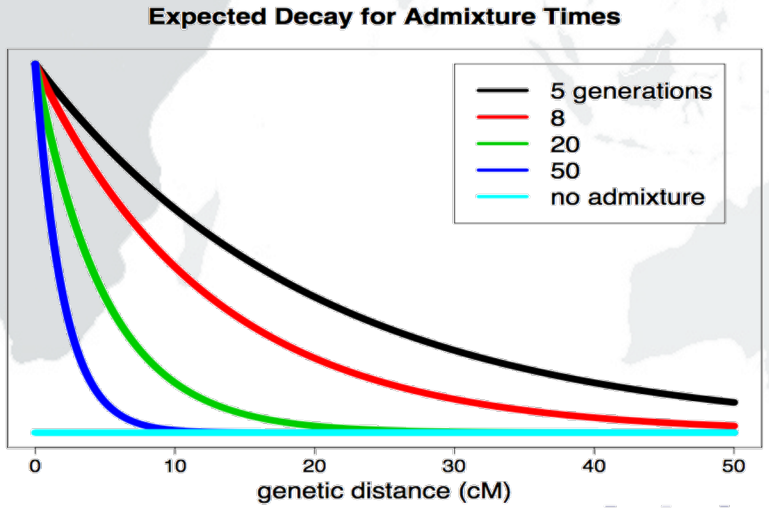


Inferring admixture events in human populations

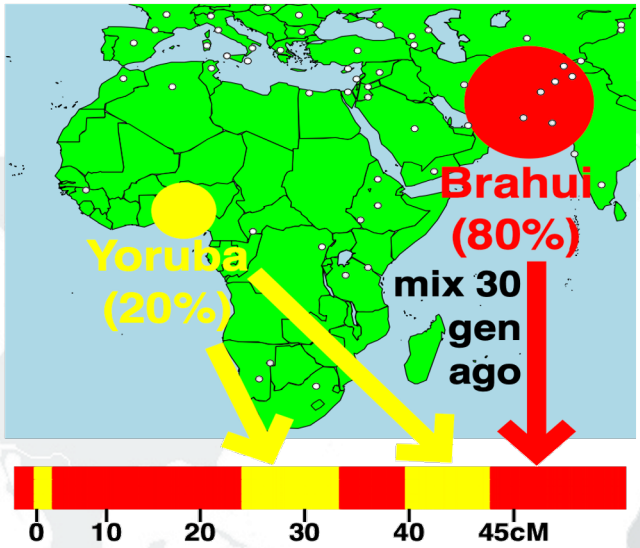
- Several methods that use admixture LD to infer, identify and date admixture events eg. ROLLOFF (Moorjani et al, AJHG, 2013), ALDER (Loh et al, PLoS Genetics, 2013), and GLOBETROTTER (Hellenthal et al, Science, 2014).

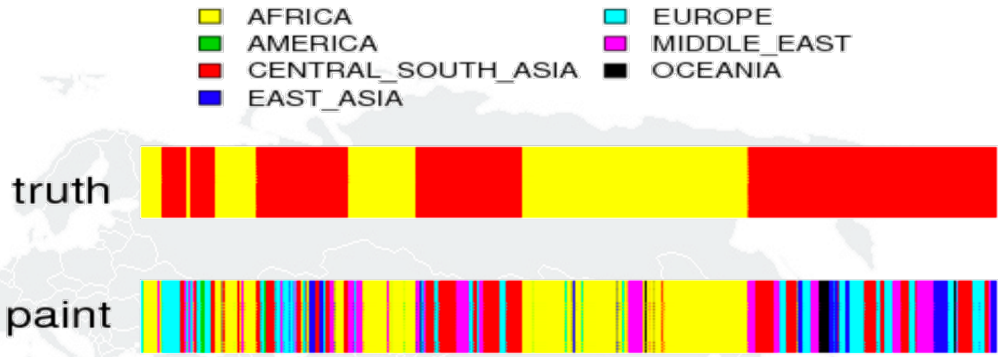
- DNA → chromosome painting (infer which groups) → size of segments → fit exponentials

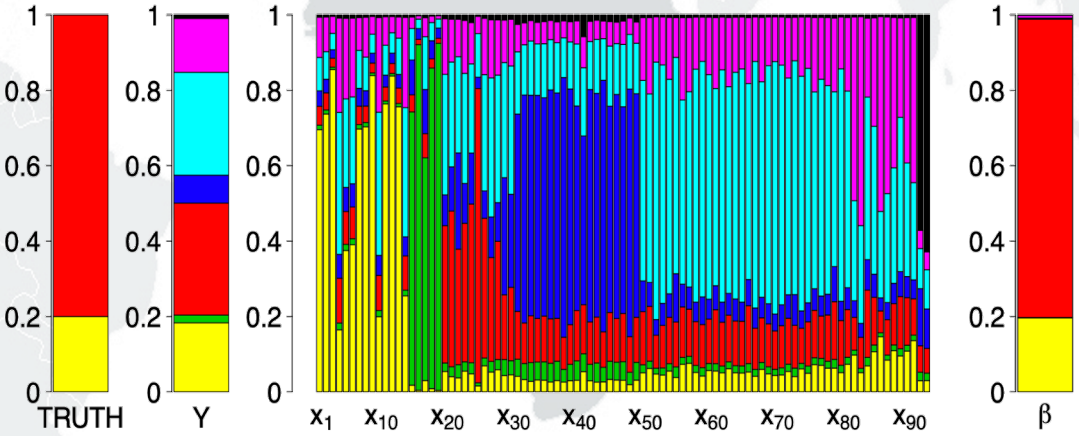




Inferring admixture events - Globetrotter







$$E[Y] = \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \ldots + \beta_{93} X_{93}$$

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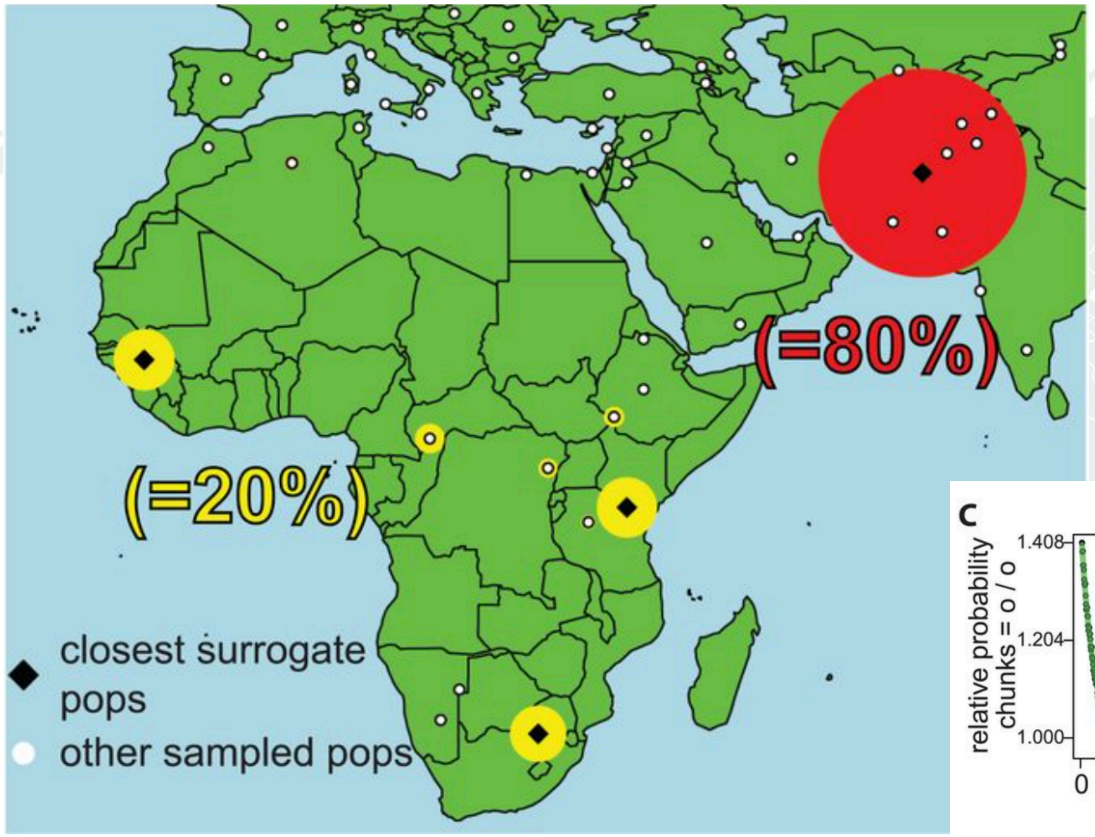

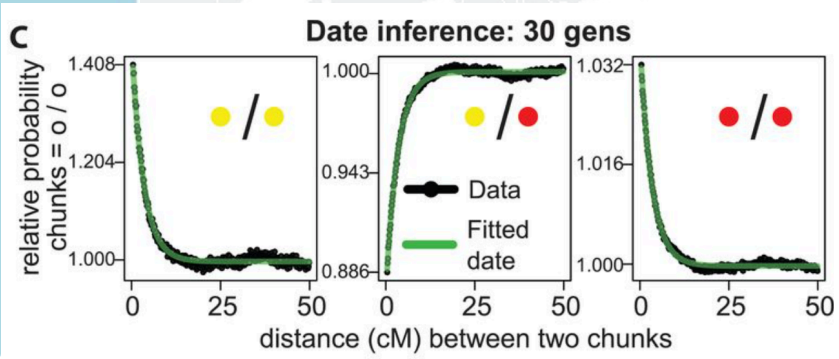

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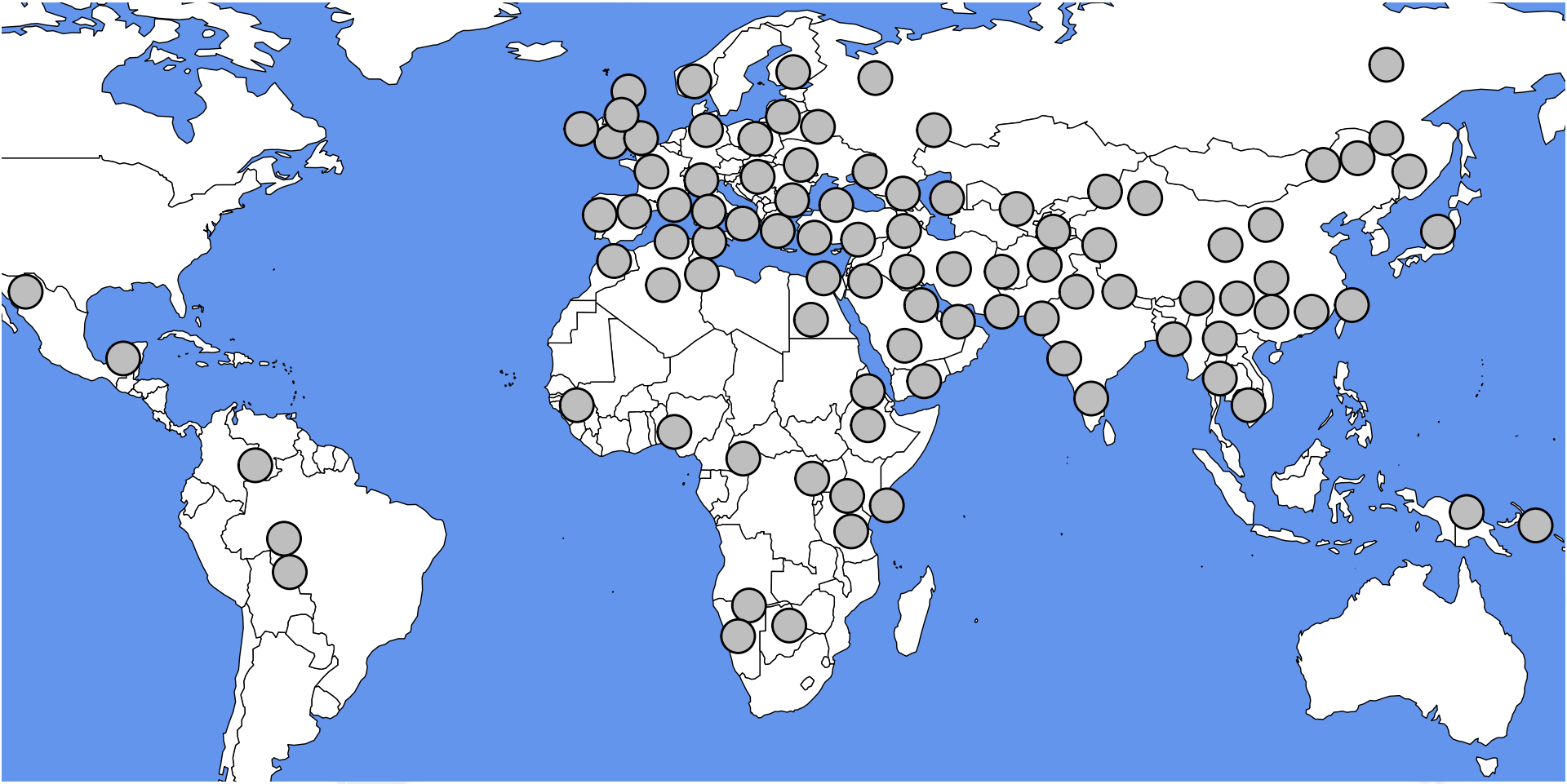

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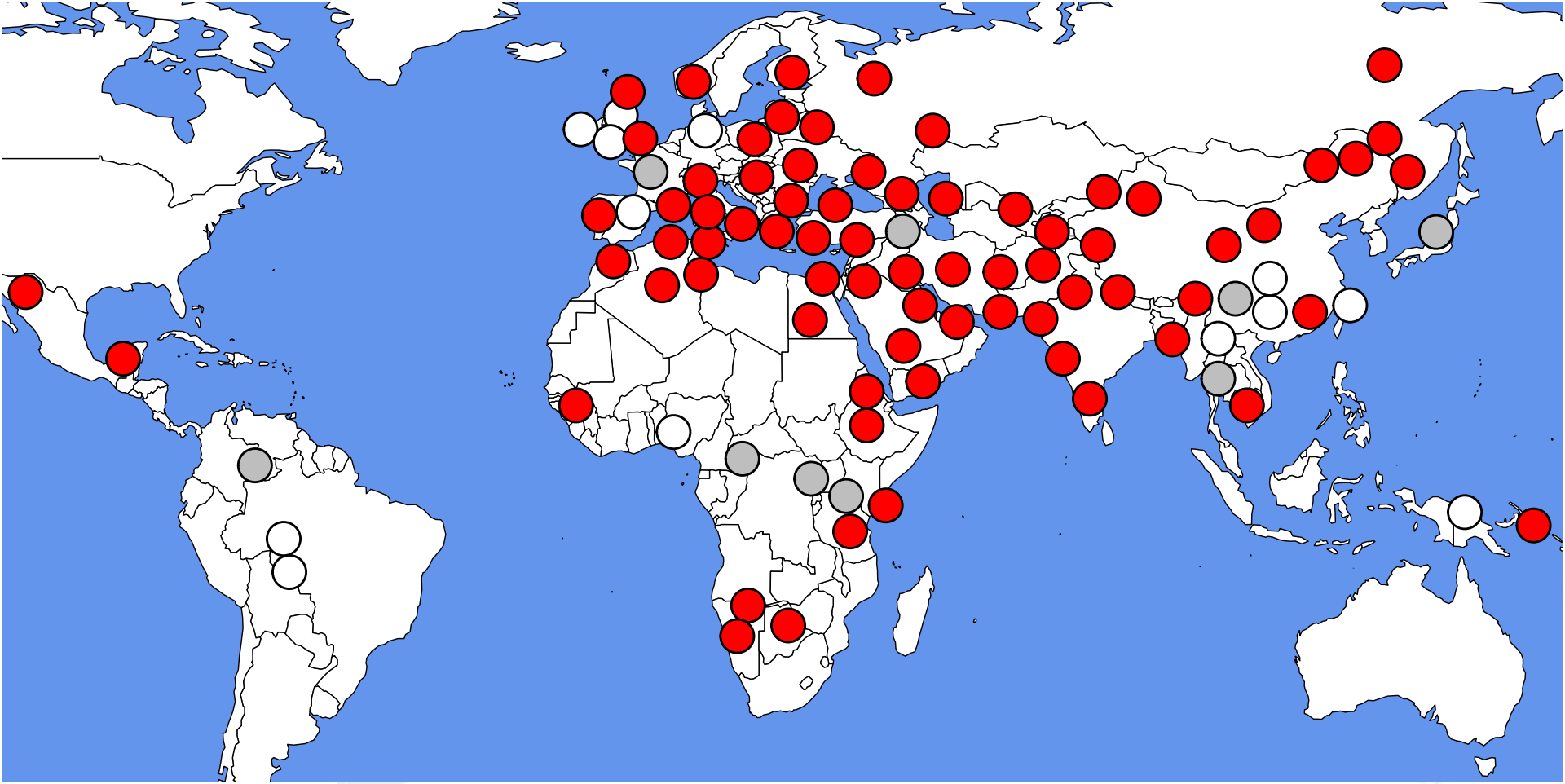

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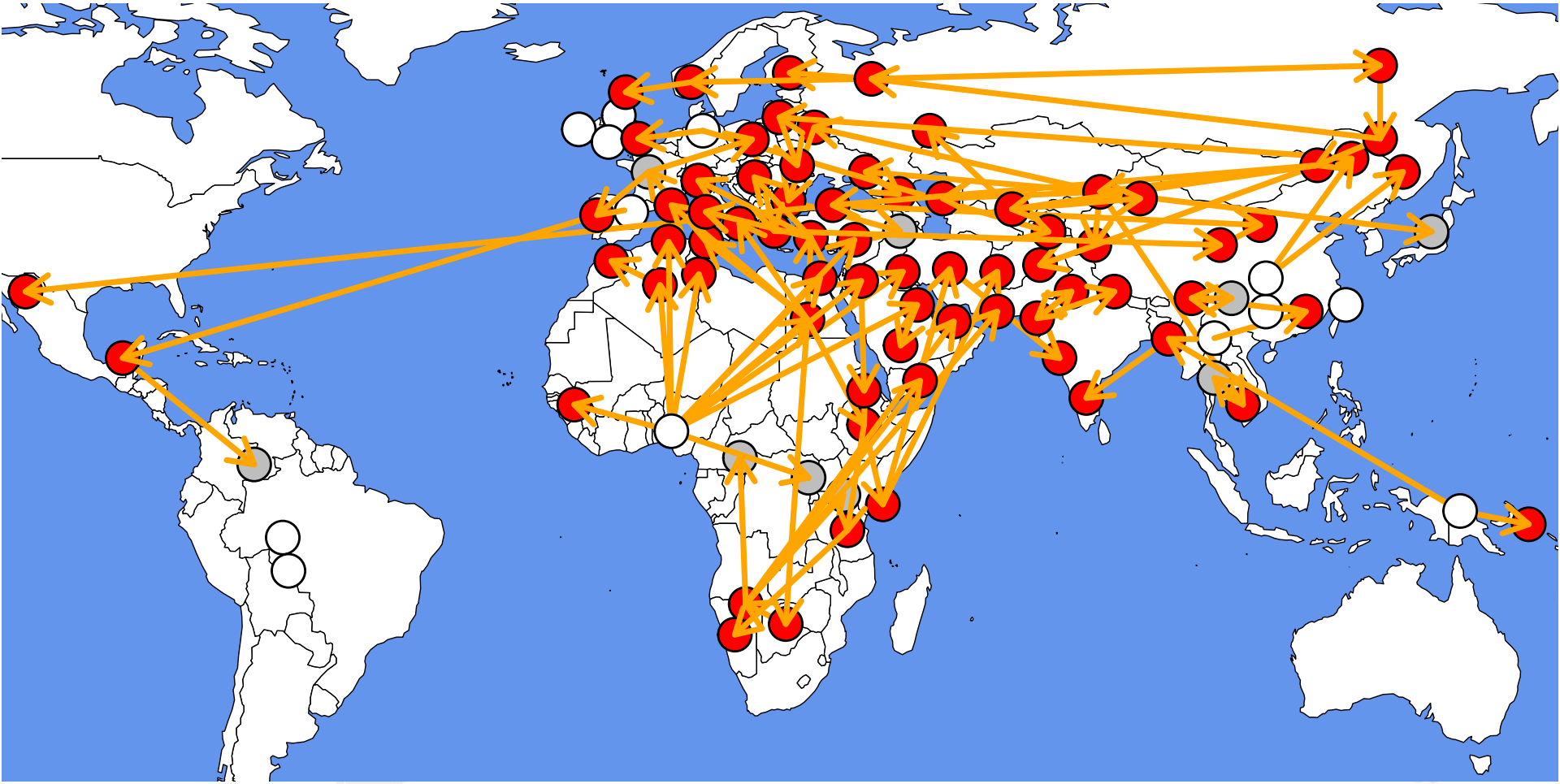

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Summary

Many programs for inferring and determining population structure – central to understanding demographic history

PCA and model-based clustering make use of unlinked allele frequencies. Fast and tractable, though interpretation can be challenging.

Haplotype-based methods – a toolkit for exploring local ancestry, LD, recombination and subsequently fine-scale patterns of population structure at different scales.

Chromopainter and fineSTRUCTURE as tools for resolving subtle differences between populations.

Admixture LD can be utilized together with chromosome painting to identify when admixture has occurred, its sources and its timings.

Such analyses are highlighting that admixture is common place within human populations over the past 4000 years.

Suggested Reading/Software

Overview of methods in PopGen:
Schraiber & Akey. Methods and models for unravelling human evolutionary history. *Nature Reviews Genetics*. (2015) 6(12):727-40.

How not to overinterpret ADMIXTURE plots:
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Fine-scale structure of the British Isles:
Lesie, Winney & Hellenthal et al. The fine-scale genetic structure of the British population. Nature. (201) 519,309-314.

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