

# PCA: An example in human genetics

**Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms:** the most common type of genetic variation in the genome across different individuals.

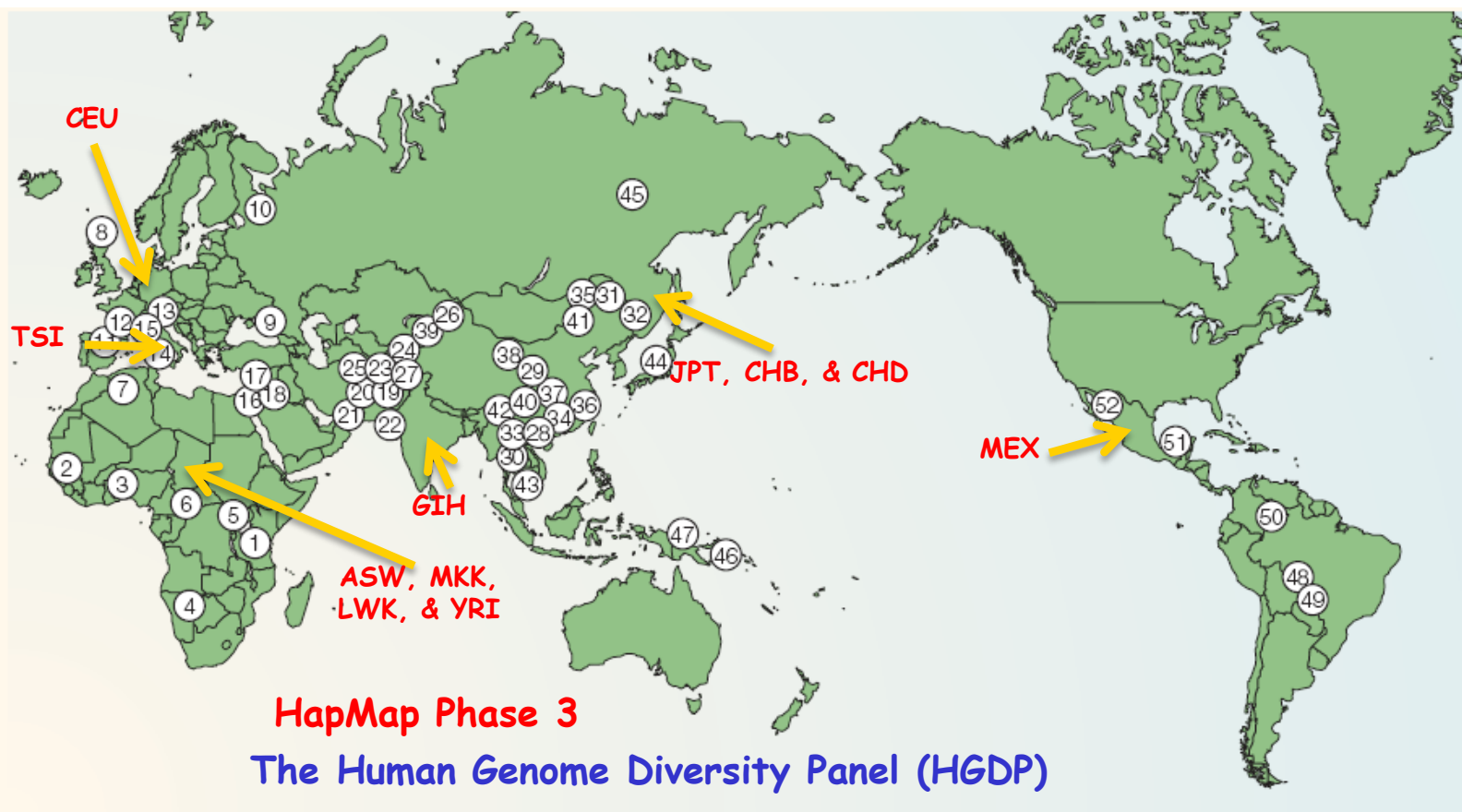
They are **known** locations at the human genome where **two** alternate nucleotide bases (**alleles**) are observed (out of A, C, G, T).

## SNPs

individuals

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**Typical sizes:** tens of thousands of individuals and hundreds of thousands of SNPs.



### HGDP data

- 1,033 samples
- 7 geographic regions
- 52 populations

### HapMap Phase 3 data

- 1,207 samples
- 11 populations

### Matrix dimensions:

2,240 subjects (rows)  
 447,143 SNPs (columns)

Africans	Europeans	Western Asians	Eastern Asians	Oceanians
1 Bantu	8 Orcadian	16 Bedouin	28 Han (S. China)	46 Melanesian
2 Mandenka	9 Adygei	17 Druze	29 Han (N. China)	47 Papuan
3 Yoruba	10 Russian	18 Palestinian	30 Dai	
4 San	11 Basque		31 Daur	
5 Mbuti pygmy	12 French		32 Hezhen	
6 Biaka	13 North Italian		33 Lahu	
7 Mozabite	14 Sardinian		34 Miao	
	15 Tuscan		35 Oroqen	
		Central and Southern Asians	36 She	Native Americans
		19 Balochi	37 Tujia	48 Karitiana
		20 Brahui	38 Tu	49 Surui
		21 Makrani	39 Xibo	50 Colombian
		22 Sindhi	40 Yi	51 Maya
		23 Pathan	41 Mongola	52 Pima
		24 Burusho	42 Naxi	
		25 Hazara	43 Cambodian	
		26 Uyghur	44 Japanese	
		27 Kalash	45 Yakut	

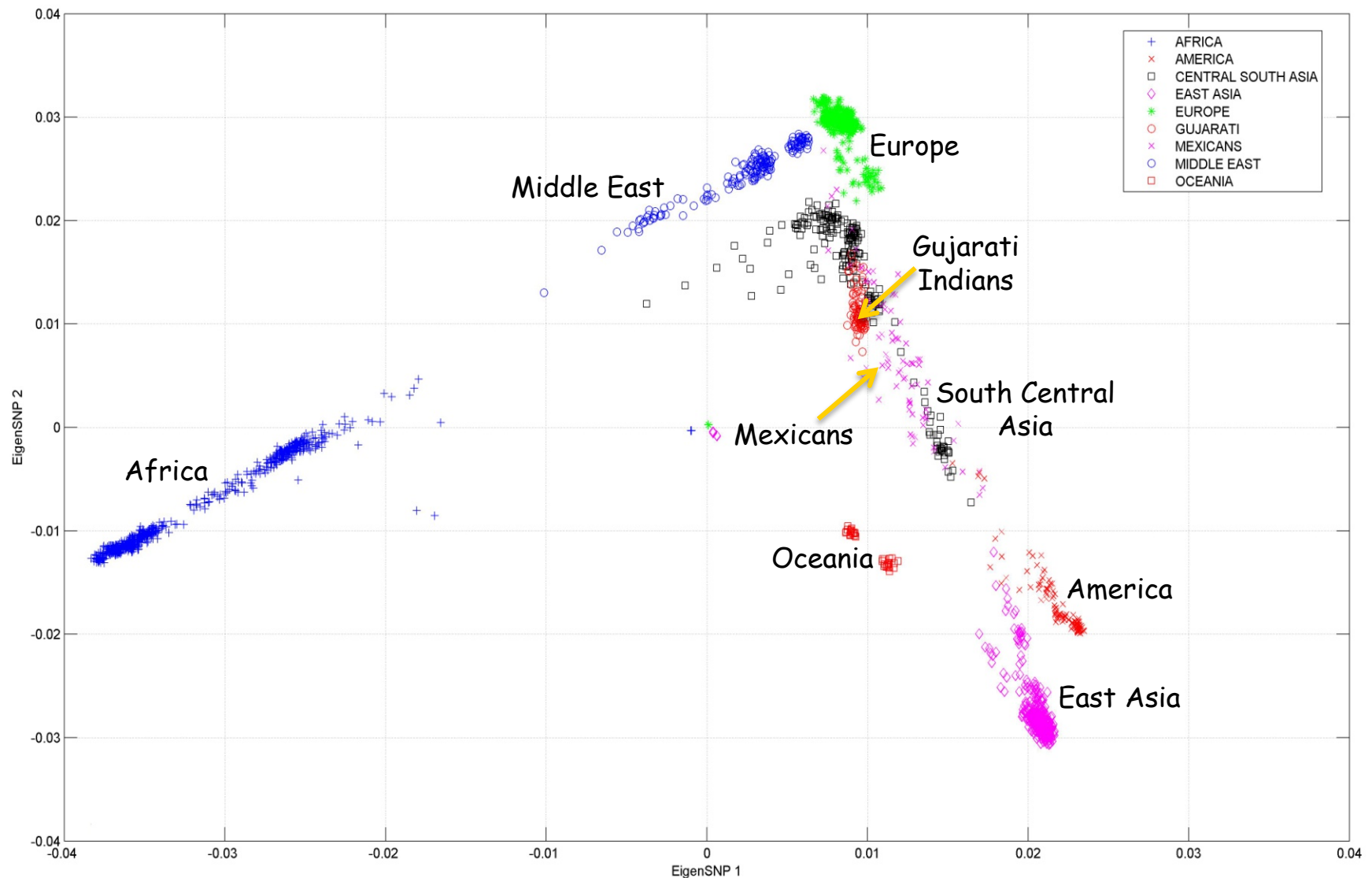
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The International HapMap Consortium  
 (2003, 2005, 2007), *Nature*

**We will apply  
 PCA (i.e., SVD  
 on a suitably  
 rescaled  
 covariance  
 matrix) to  
 visualize  
 and/or analyze  
 the data.**



- Top two Principal Components (PCs or eigenSNPs)  
(Lin and Altman (2005) *Am J Hum Genet*)
- Very good correlation between geography and the top two eigenSNPs.
- Mexican population seems out of place: we move to the top three PCs.

Paschou, Lewis, Javed, & Drineas (2010) J Med Genet

