

Genetic and Linguistic Relationships in the Americas



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Roadmap

1. Genetic Relationship in the Americas (Rodrigo)
2. Linguistic Relationships in the Americas (Sandra)
 - Overview of language families in the Americas
 - Language endangerment
 - (Mis-)classifications and their implications for the settlement of the Americas
3. Case study: Exploring the human past in the Mixteca with archaeogenetics and historical linguistics (Rodrigo & Sandra)



Genetic Relationship in the Americas



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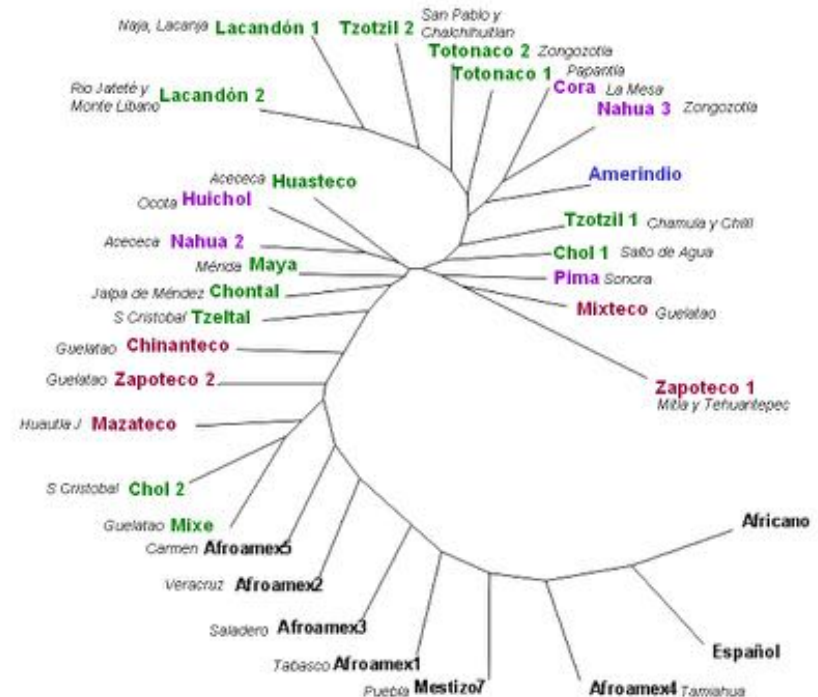


How well does genetic and linguistic histories correlate?

Population	Community	State	A	B	O	CDE	CDe	cDE	C+de	M	Fya	Dia	Hp1	NatAm	Eur	Afr
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Chol 2	San Cristobal	Chiapas	0.0690	0.0000	0.9310	0.0750	0.3920	0.2910	0.2420	0.8670	0.4840	0.1440	0.6900	76.37	23.63	
Tzotzil 1	Chamula, Chilil	Chiapas	0.0000	0.0110	0.9890	0.0560	0.5100	0.3780	0.0560	0.7470	0.7040	0.0790	0.6000	100	0	
Tzotzil 2	San Pablo, Chalhchihuitlan	Chiapas	0.0060	0.0000	0.9940	0.0140	0.4290	0.5050	0.0520	0.5690	0.7760	0.0990	0.6750	97.95	2.05	
Huasteco	Acececa	Veracruz	0.0000	0.0590	0.9410	0.0380	0.5100	0.3940	0.0580	0.7530	0.6740	0.0360	0.5190	100	0	
Maya	Merida	Yucatán	0.0690	0.0220	0.9090	0.0000	0.5150	0.3810	0.1040	0.6940	0.6540	0.1360	0.5200	76.37	23.63	
Tzeltal	San Cristobal Aguatenango	Chiapas	0.0040	0.0000	0.9960	0.0000	0.5140	0.4230	0.0580	0.7970	0.6080	0.0510	0.6000	98.63	1.37	
Lacandón 1	Naja, Lacanja	Chiapas	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.0310	0.5020	0.4350	0.0320	0.5630	0.7760	0.0870	0.9220	100	0	
Lacandón 2	Rio Jateté y Monte Libano	Chiapas	0.0150	0.0000	0.9850	0.0000	0.3480	0.6520	0.0000	0.8180	0.8260	0.1840	0.9300	94.86	5.14	

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Swadesh, 1959

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Mixteca
Maya



The genetic complexity of Native Americans: an introduction



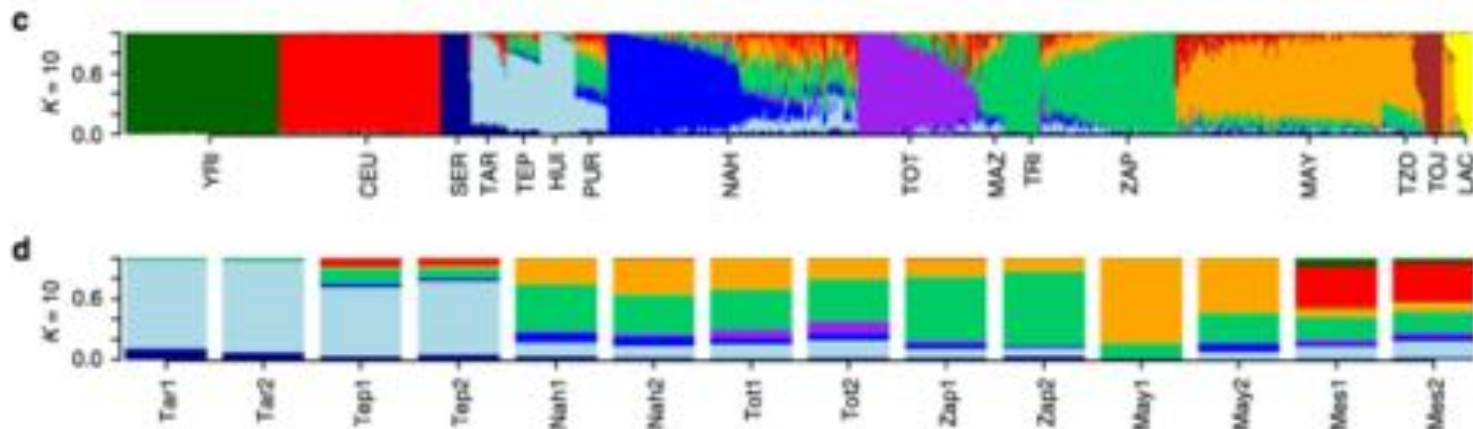
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Demographic history and biologically relevant genetic variation of Native Mexicans inferred from whole-genome sequencing

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Fig. 2 Multidimensional scaling plots and admixture analysis. **a** MDS plot for components 1 and 2 of 12 Native Americans of Mexico combined with continental (CEU and YRI from HapMap) and NA reference populations. **b** MDS plot for components 1 and 3, separating the NA populations of Mexico. The 12 sequenced NA samples are shown in gray, and population labels are as described in Supplementary Table 8. **c** Global ancestry proportions of NA and continental reference populations assuming $K=10$. **d** Global ancestry proportions of the 12 NA individuals assuming $K=10$. The NA individuals are displayed North-to-South, and the Mestizo individuals are displayed at the far right. Tar1 and Tar2 (Tarahumara), Tep1 and Tep2 (Tepehuano), Nah1 and Nah2 (Nahua), Tot1 and Tot2 (Totonaca), Zap1 and Zap2 (Zapoteca), May1 and May2 (Maya), Mes1 and Mes2 (Mestizo)

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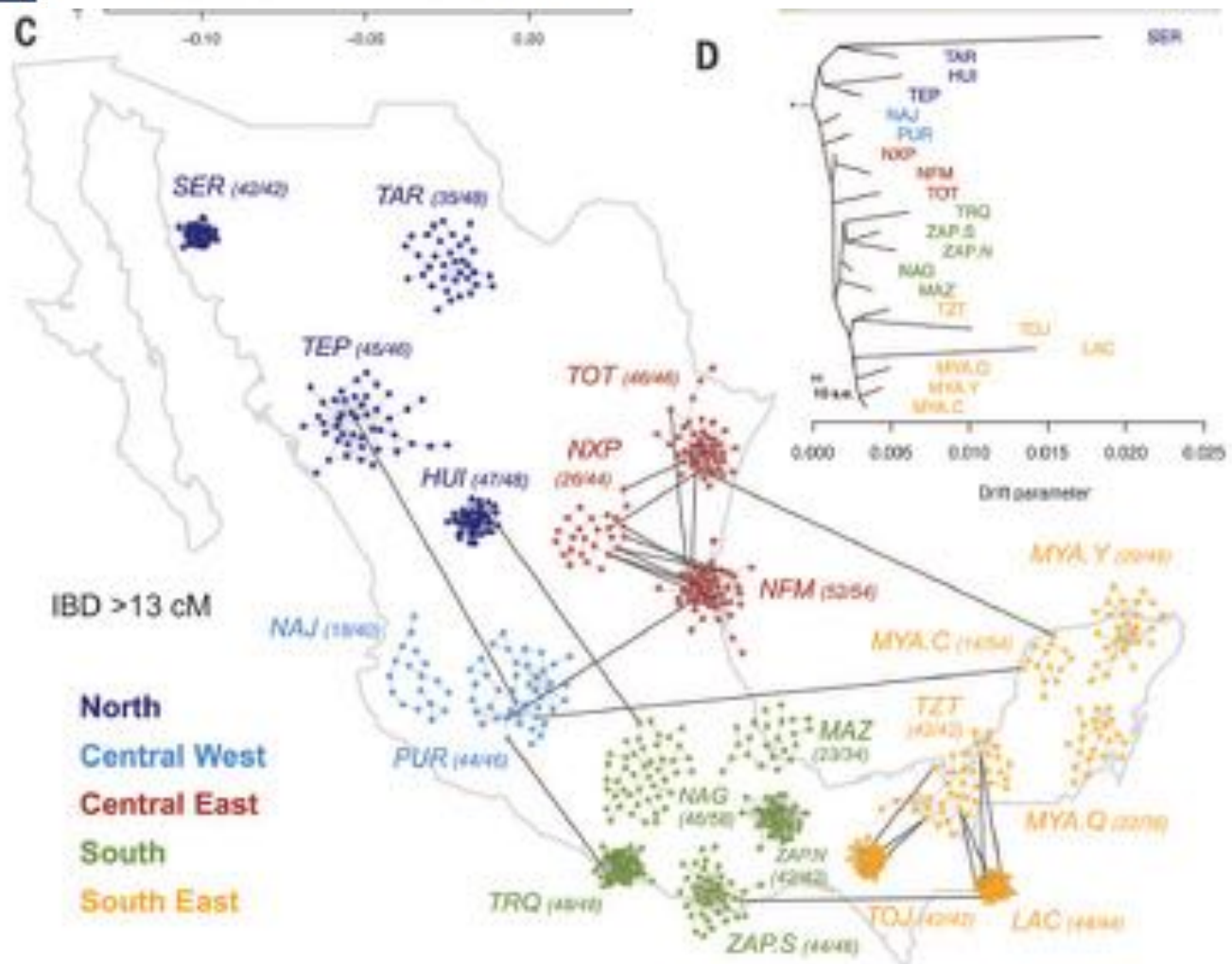
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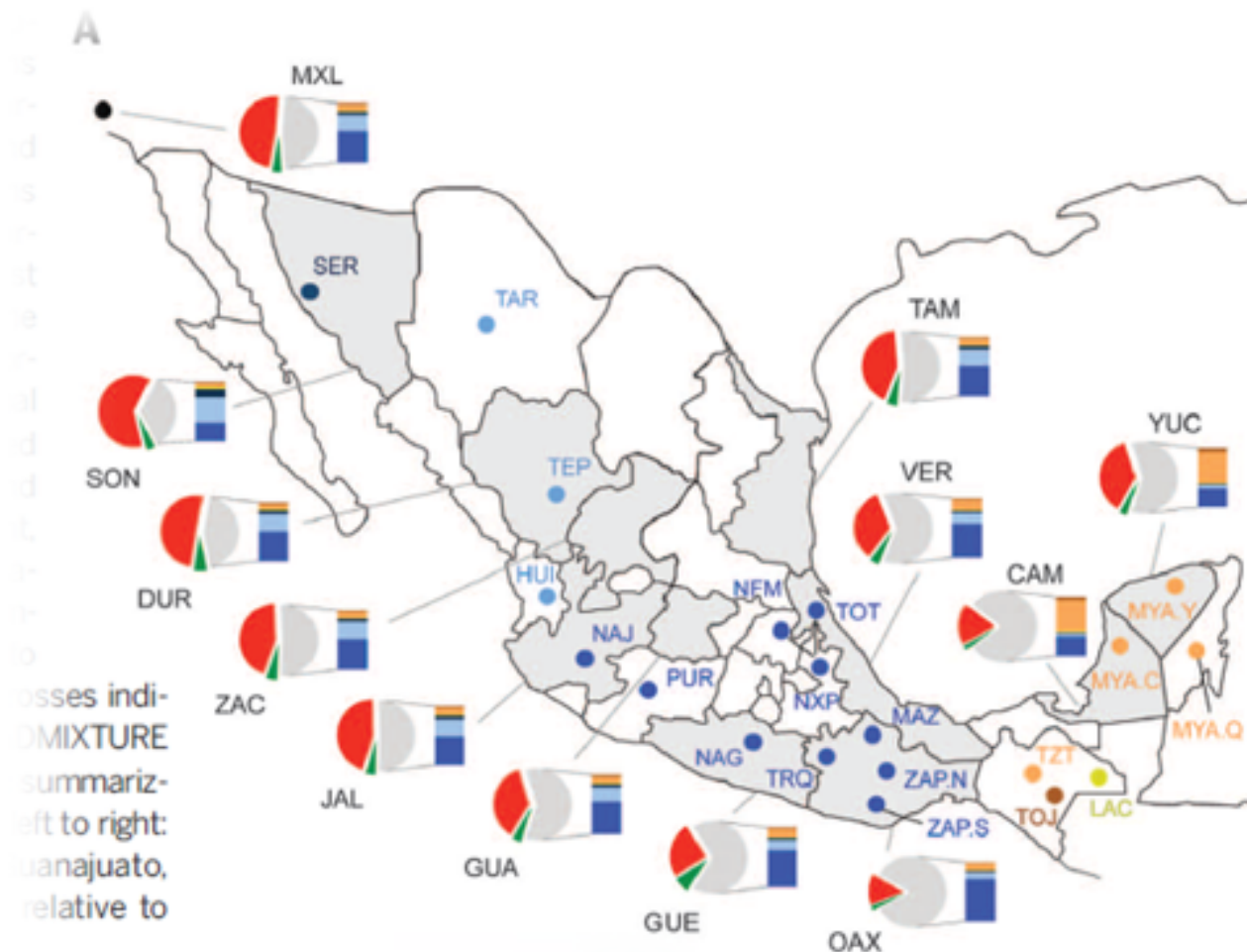


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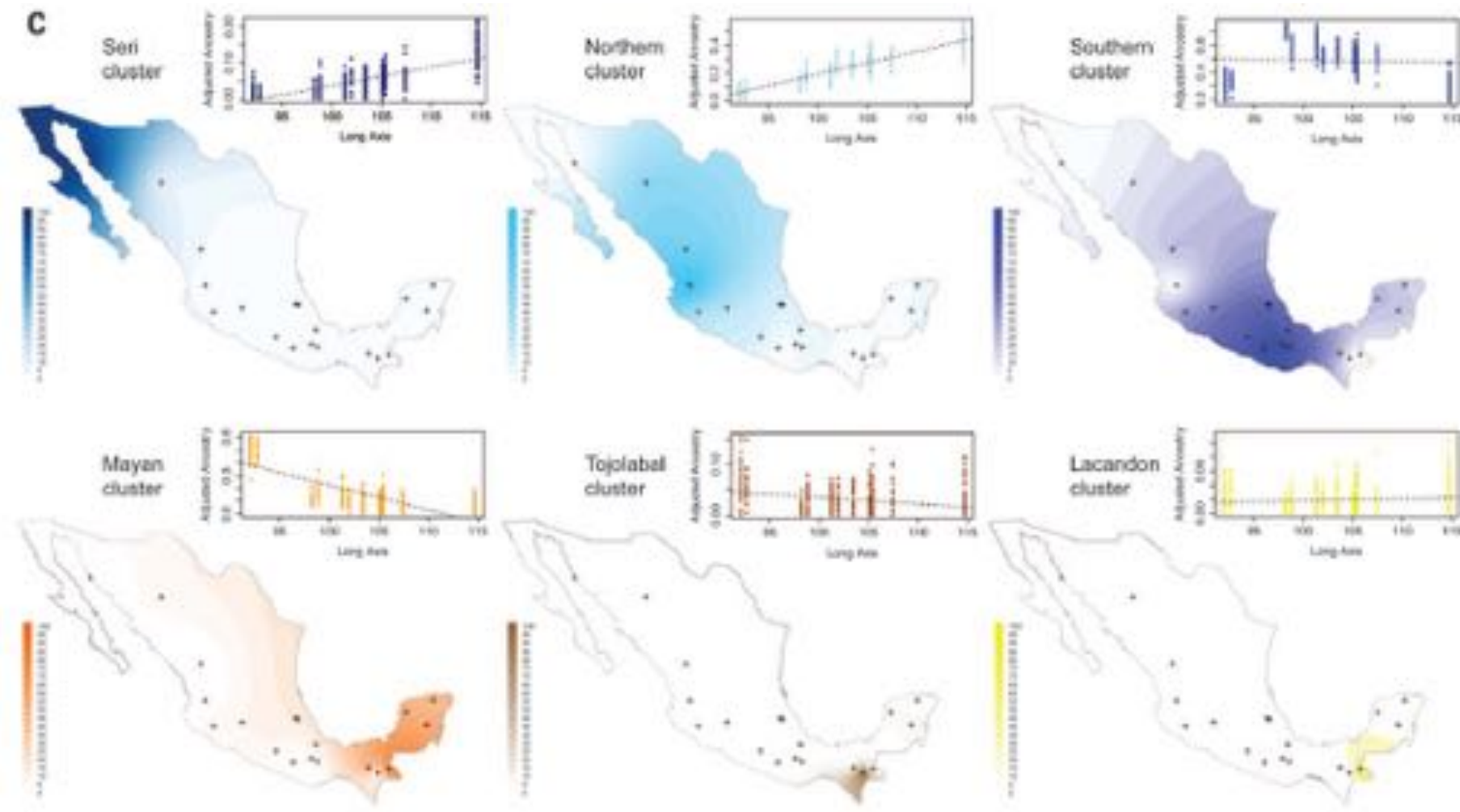


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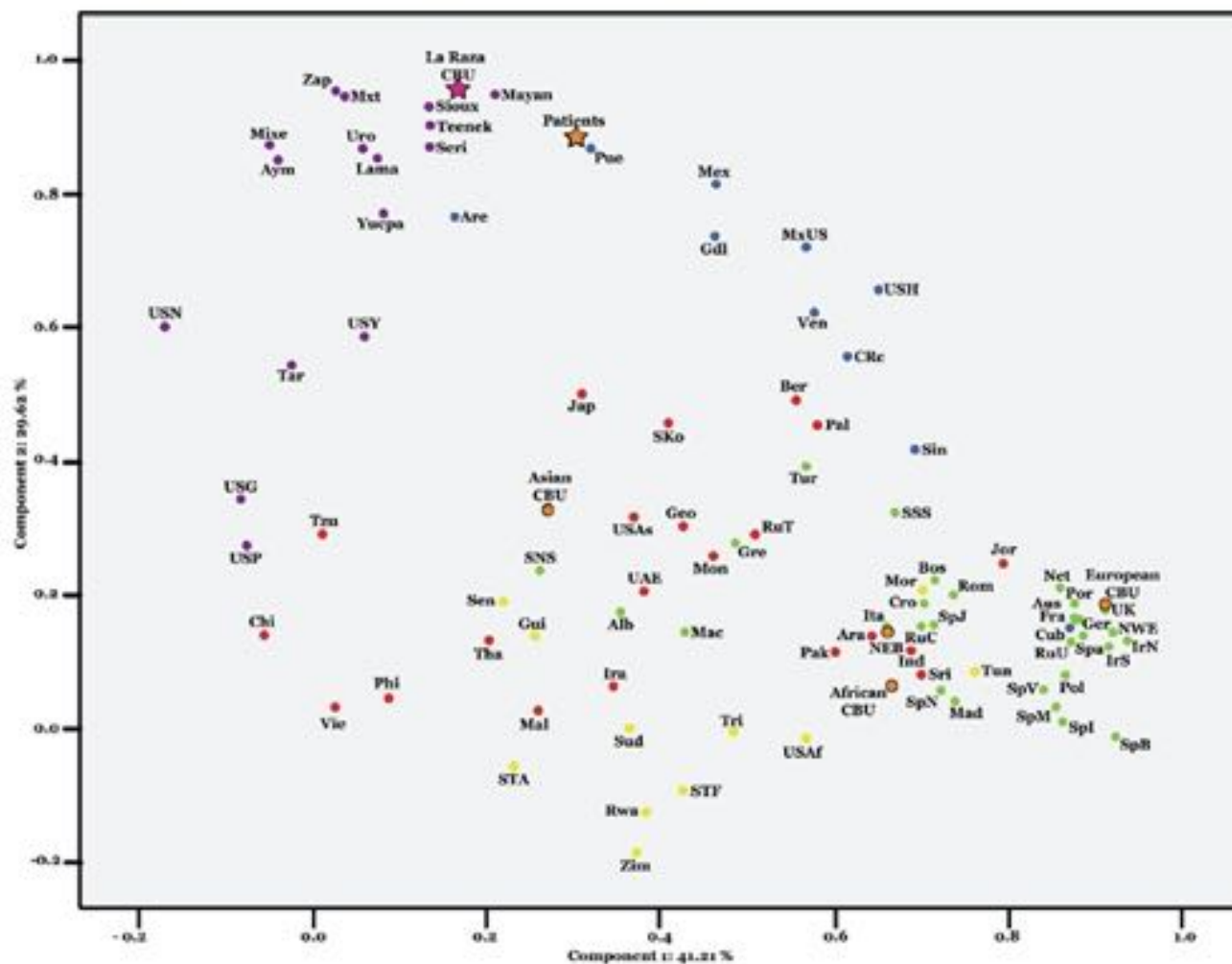
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HLA concordance between hematopoietic stem cell transplantation patients and umbilical cord blood units: Implications for cord blood banking in admixed populations

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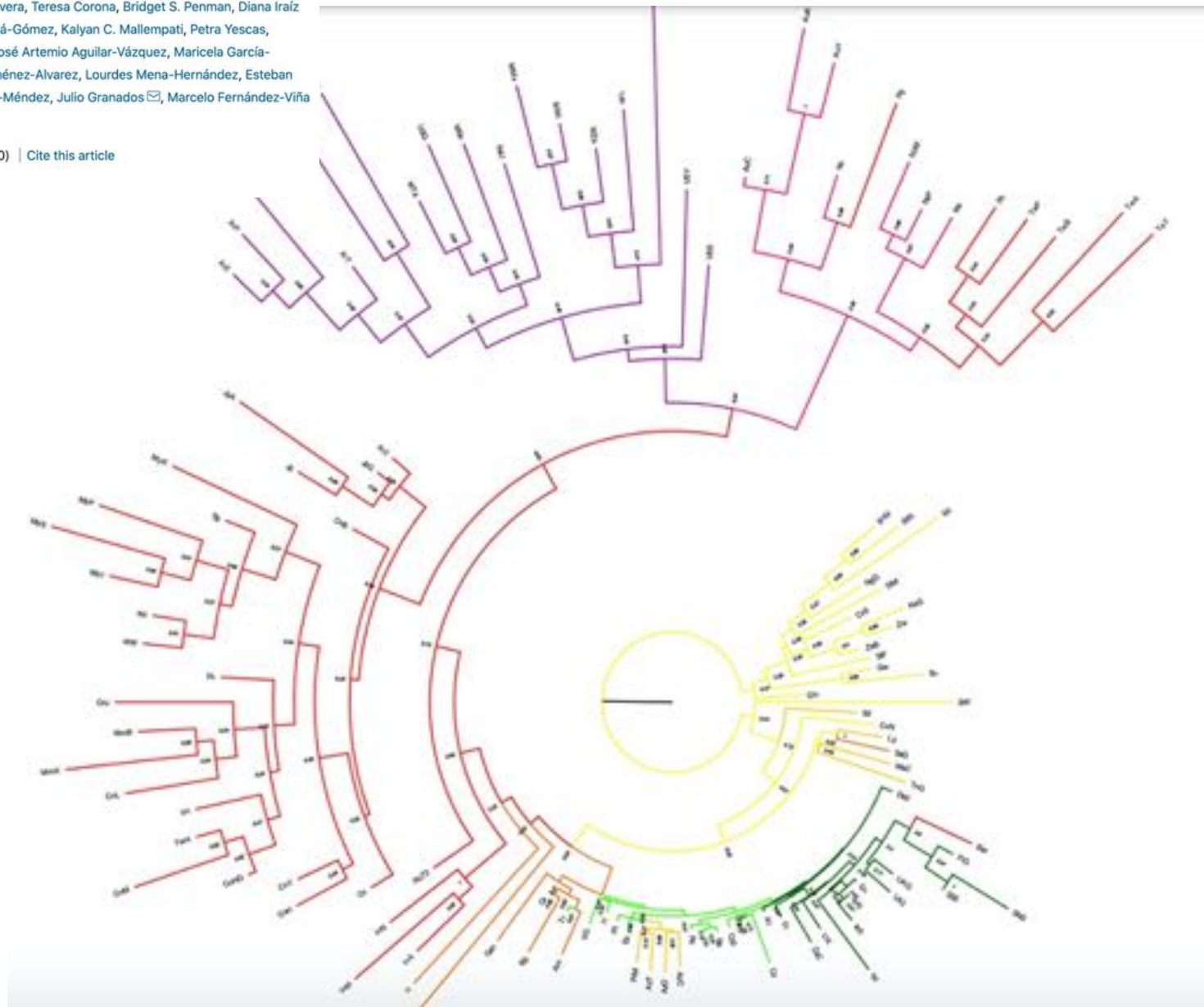
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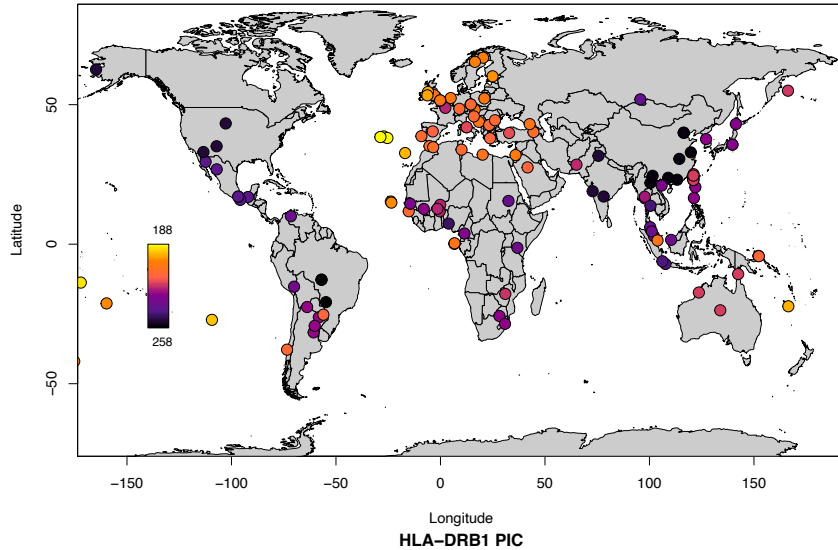
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European populations are represented by green branches; African human groups correspond to yellow branches; red branches were assigned to Asian populations; Native American populations are represented by purple branches; populations from Oceania are indicated with pink branches. The complete list of abbreviations is included in Supplementary Table 1.

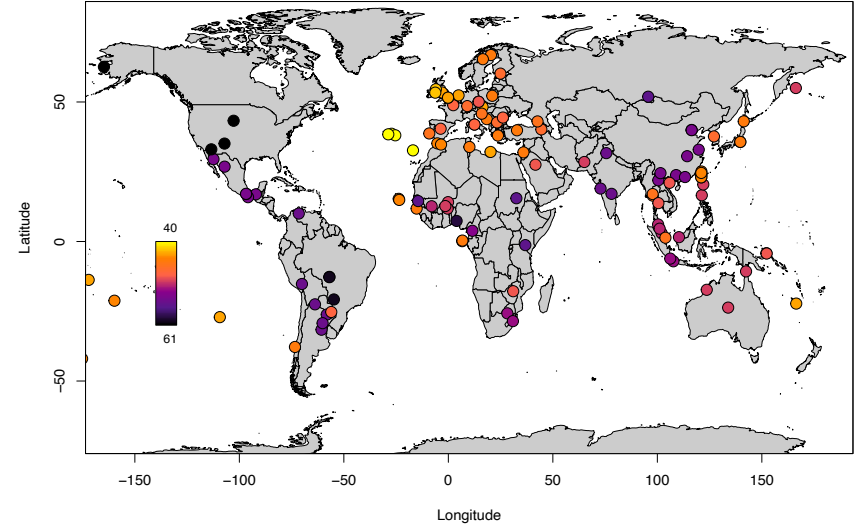


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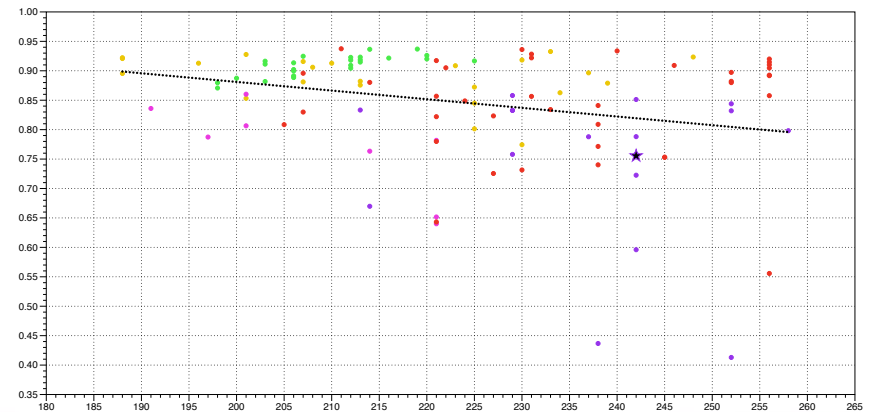
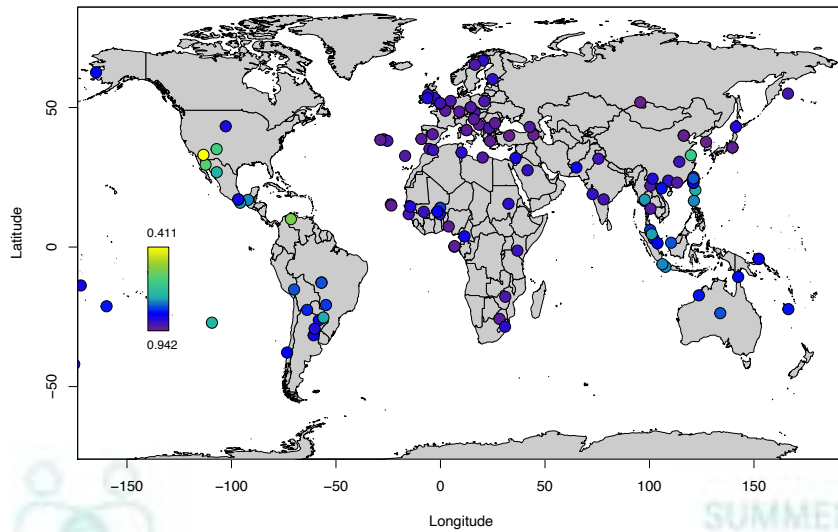
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Languages and Linguistic Relationships in the Americas

Language diversity, history, and the impact of colonization



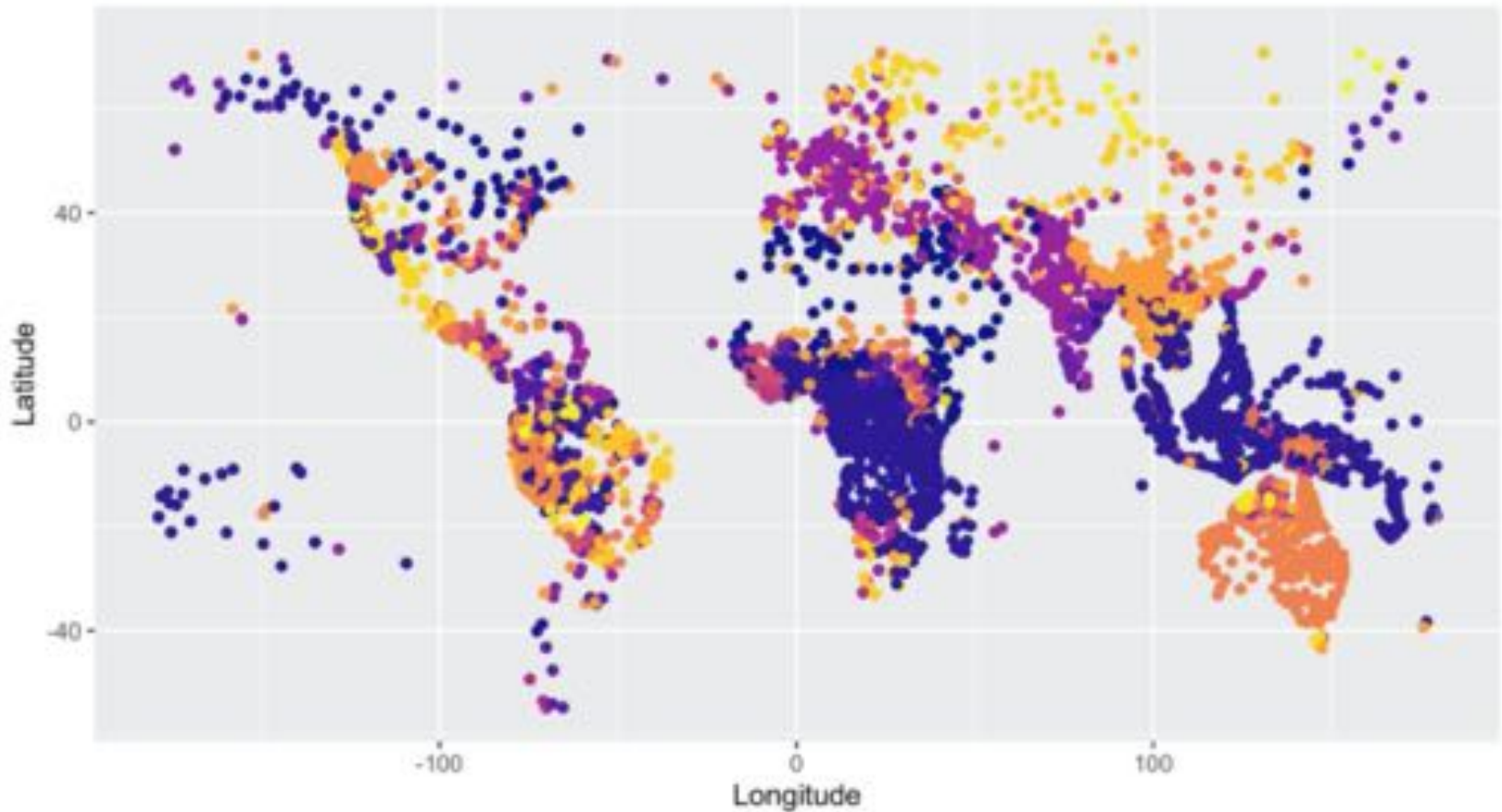
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Languages of the world colored by family membership (Glottolog)



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Language families of North America



- ~ 700 languages (extinct and alive)
- ~ 48 language families + isolates + sign languages
- 5 biggest language families:
 1. Otomanguean (182)
 2. Uto-Aztecan (70)
 3. Algic (48)
 4. Athabaskan (47)
 5. Mayan (33)



Language endangerment in North America

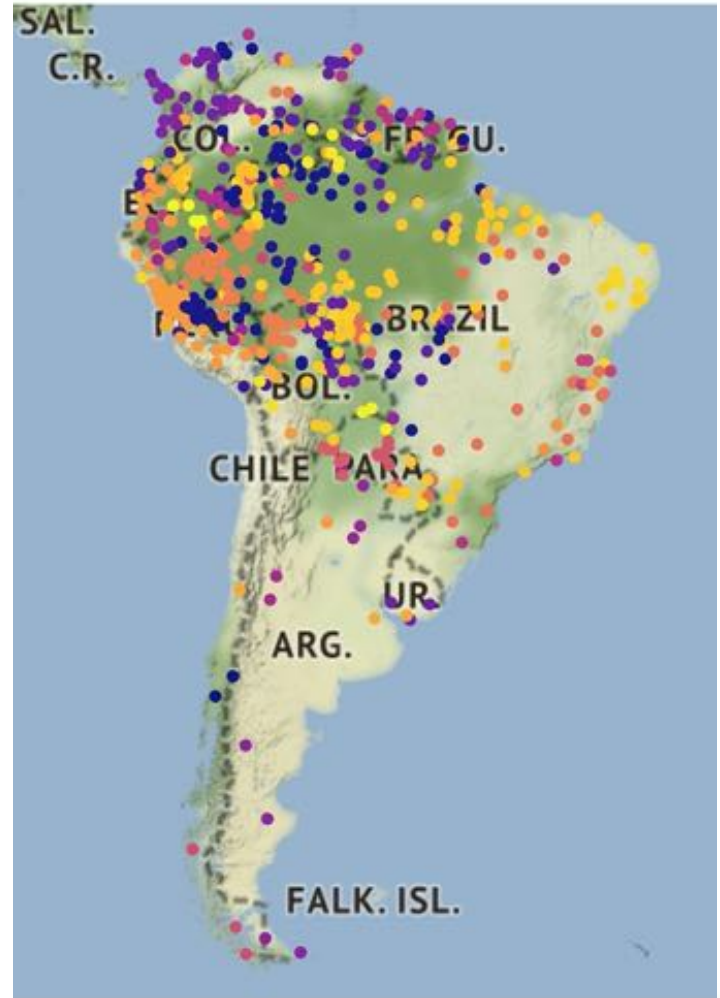


Endangerment Level	No. (%) of languages
extinct	178 (25)
moribund	43 (6)
nearly extinct	72 (10)
shifting	145 (20)
threatened	176 (25)
not endangered	69 (9)
NA	33 (5)

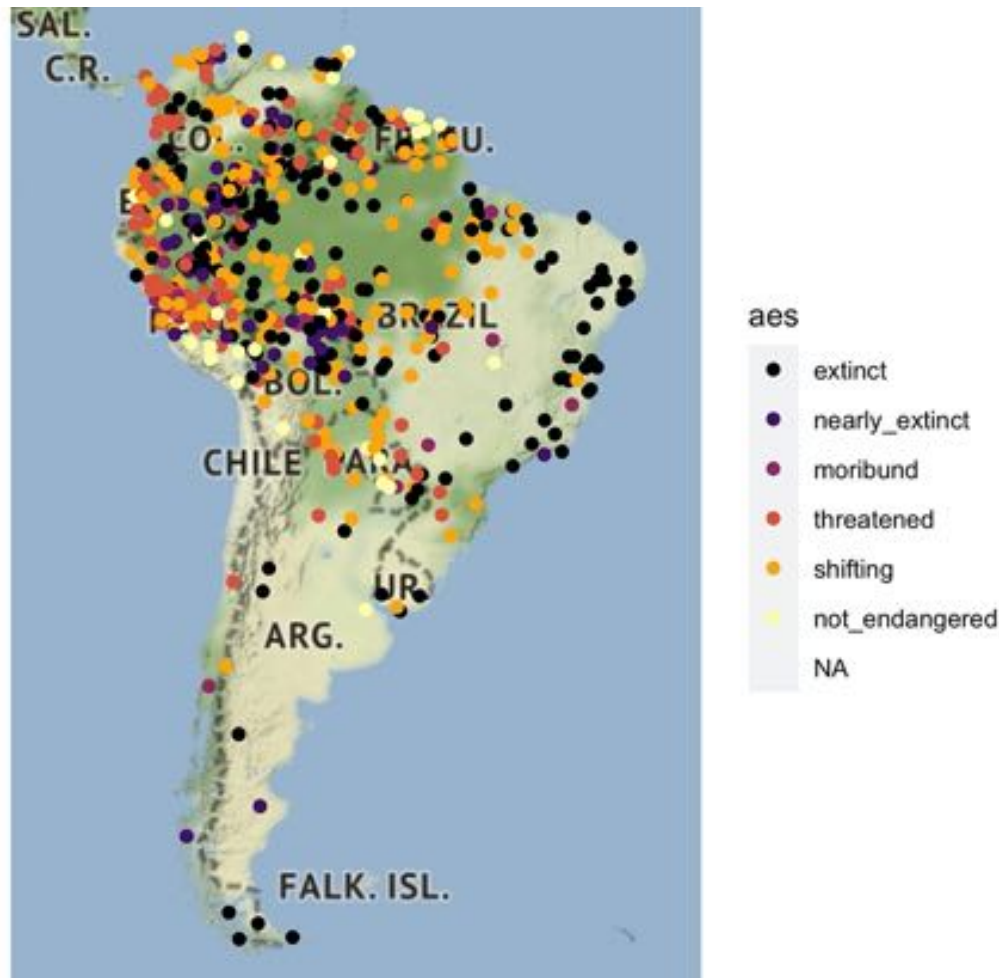


Language Families of South America

- ~ 600 languages (extinct and alive)
- ~ 50 language families + isolates + sign languages
- figure most likely below the actual numbers
- 5 biggest language families:
 1. Arawakan (74)
 2. Tupian (71)
 3. Quechuan (44)
 4. Cariban (42)
 5. Panoan (38)



Language Endangerment in South America



Endangerment Level	No. (%) of languages
extinct	233 (37)
moribund	29 (5)
nearly extinct	47 (8)
shifting	170 (27)
threatened	92 (15)
not endangered	33 (5)
NA	19 (3)



Languages of Mesoamerica today

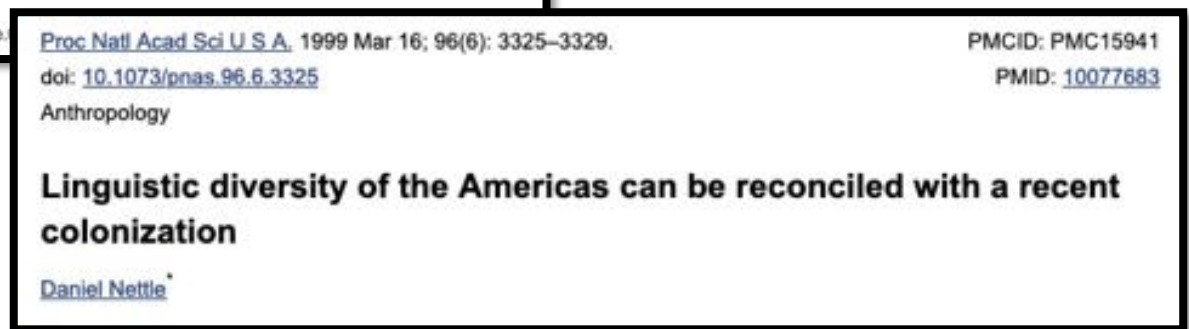
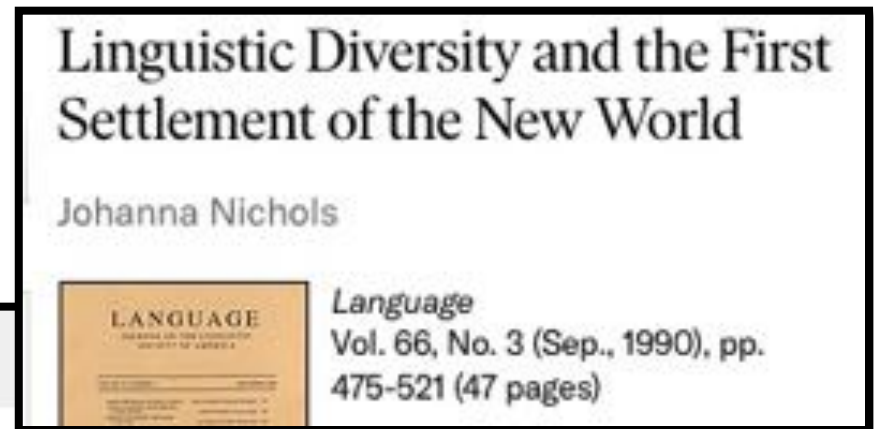


Greenberg's (mis)classification

- proposed in 1987 book 'Language in the Americas'
- all languages in the Americas belong to just 3 families:
 - Amerind (first to enter continent; yellow)
 - Na-Dene (second to enter continent: orange)
 - Eskimo-Aleut (last to enter continent: purple)
- not accepted by linguists, but is still used in other fields (e.g. genetics)



The debate continues...



A case study in Archaeogenetics (beyond the peopling of the Americas) of Native Americans: Monte Albán



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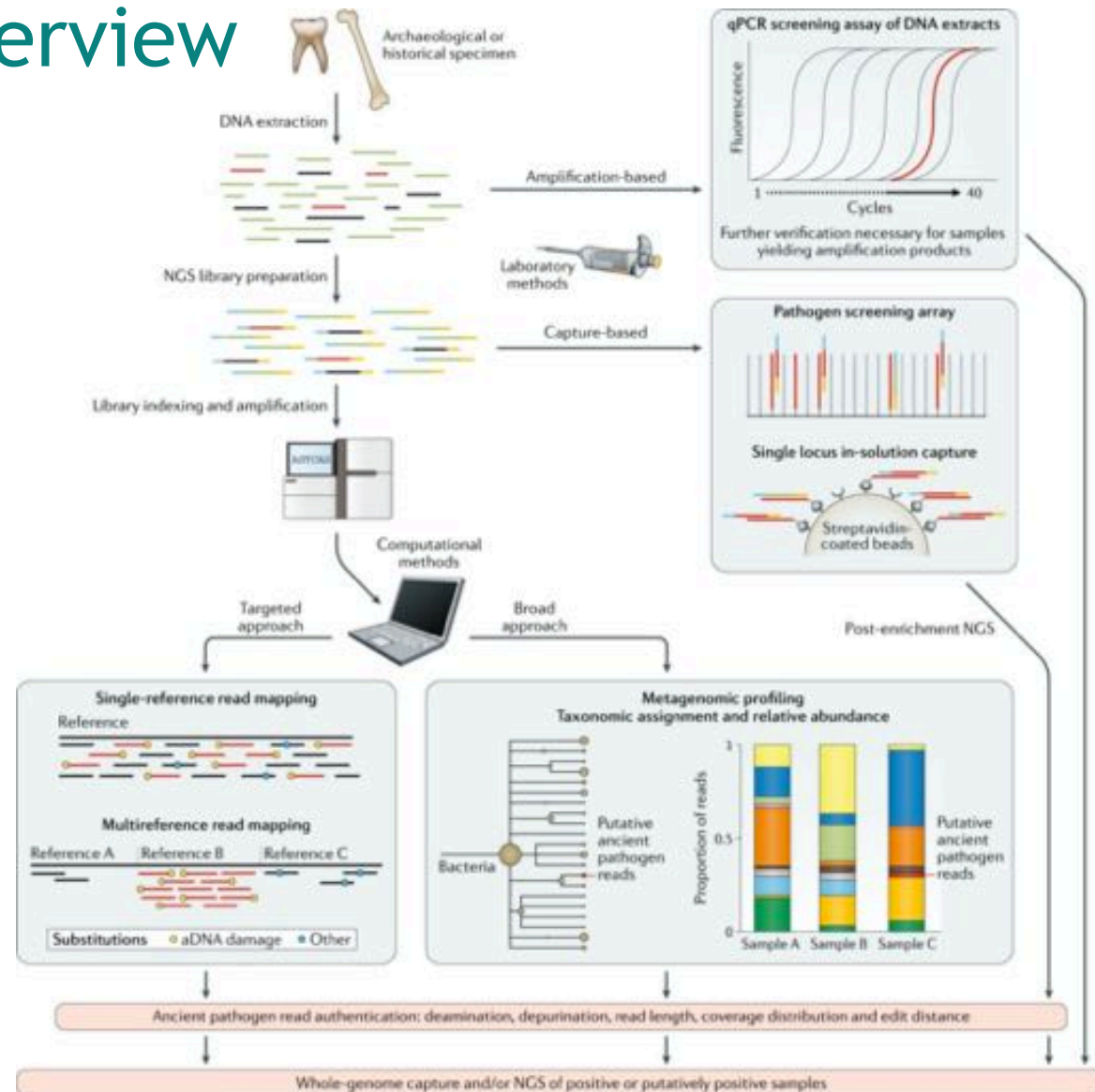
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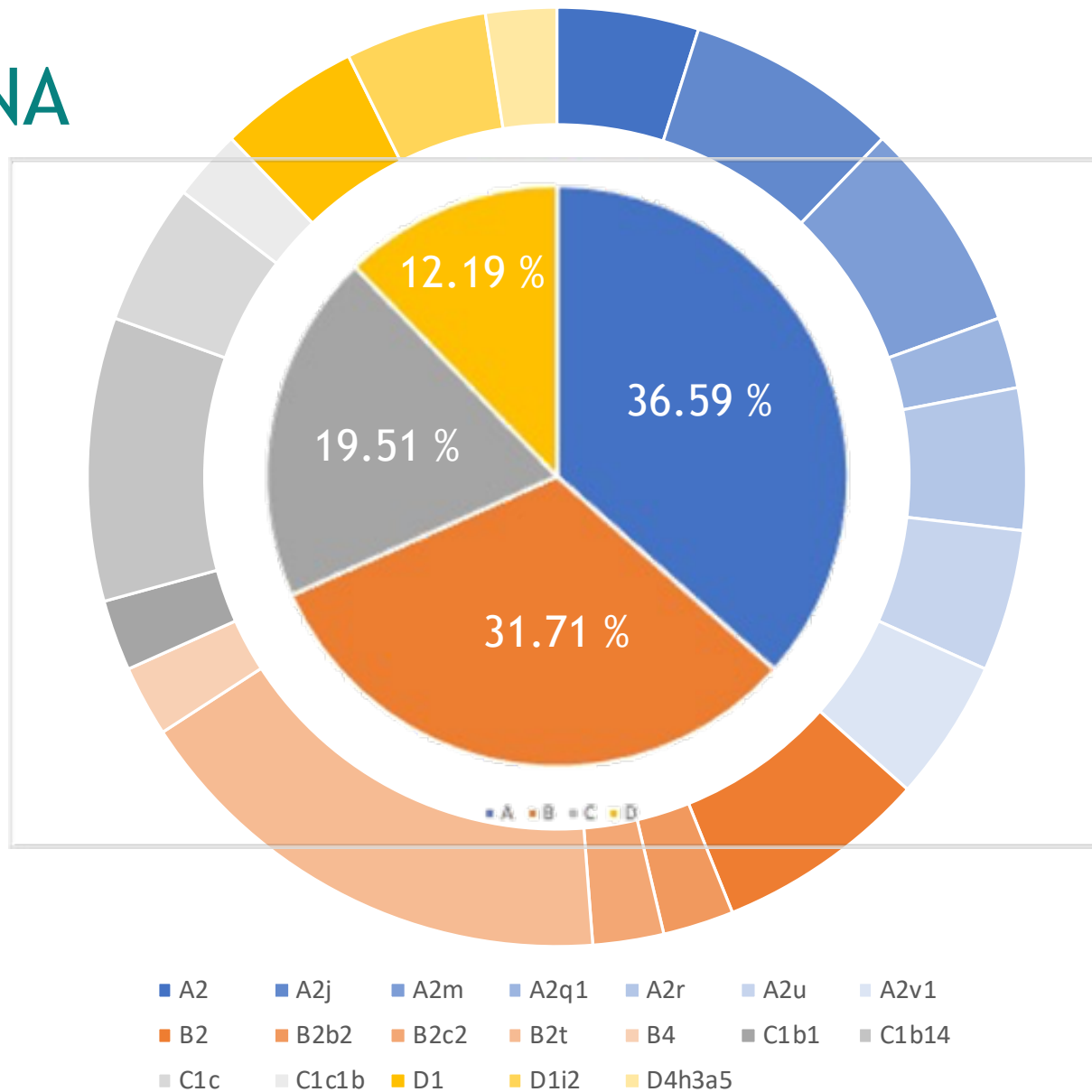
aDNA: an overview

General workflow



Spyrou et al., *Nat Rev Genet*, 2019

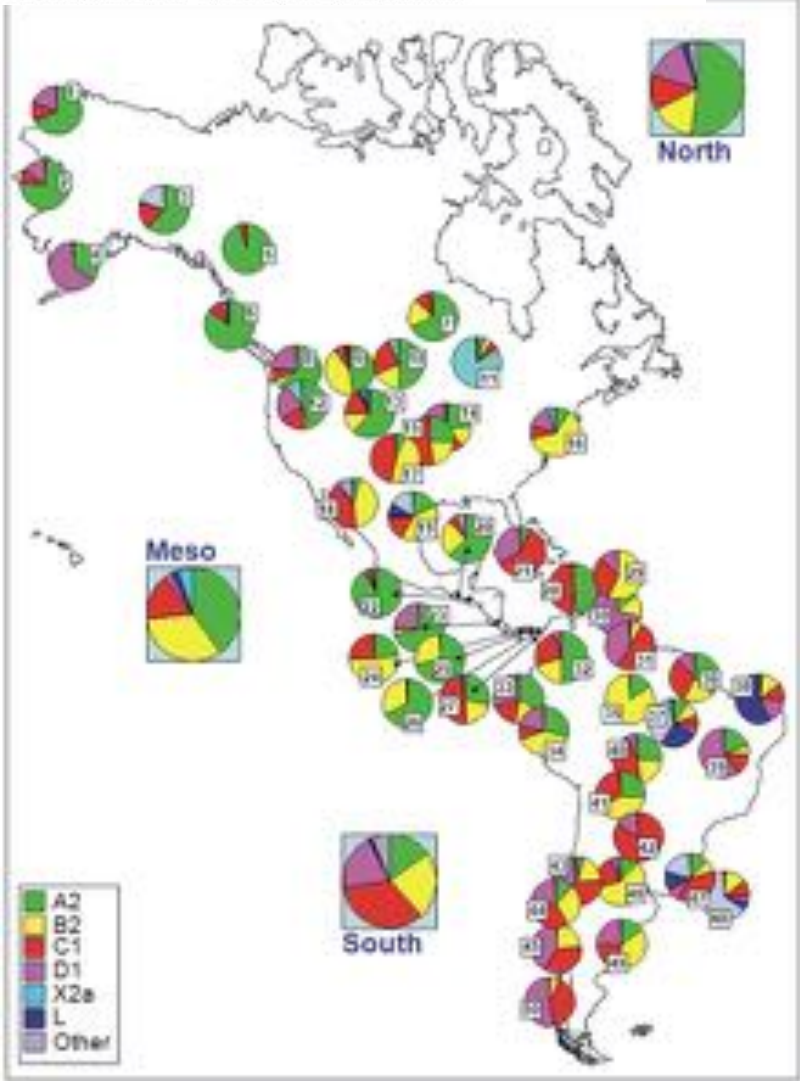
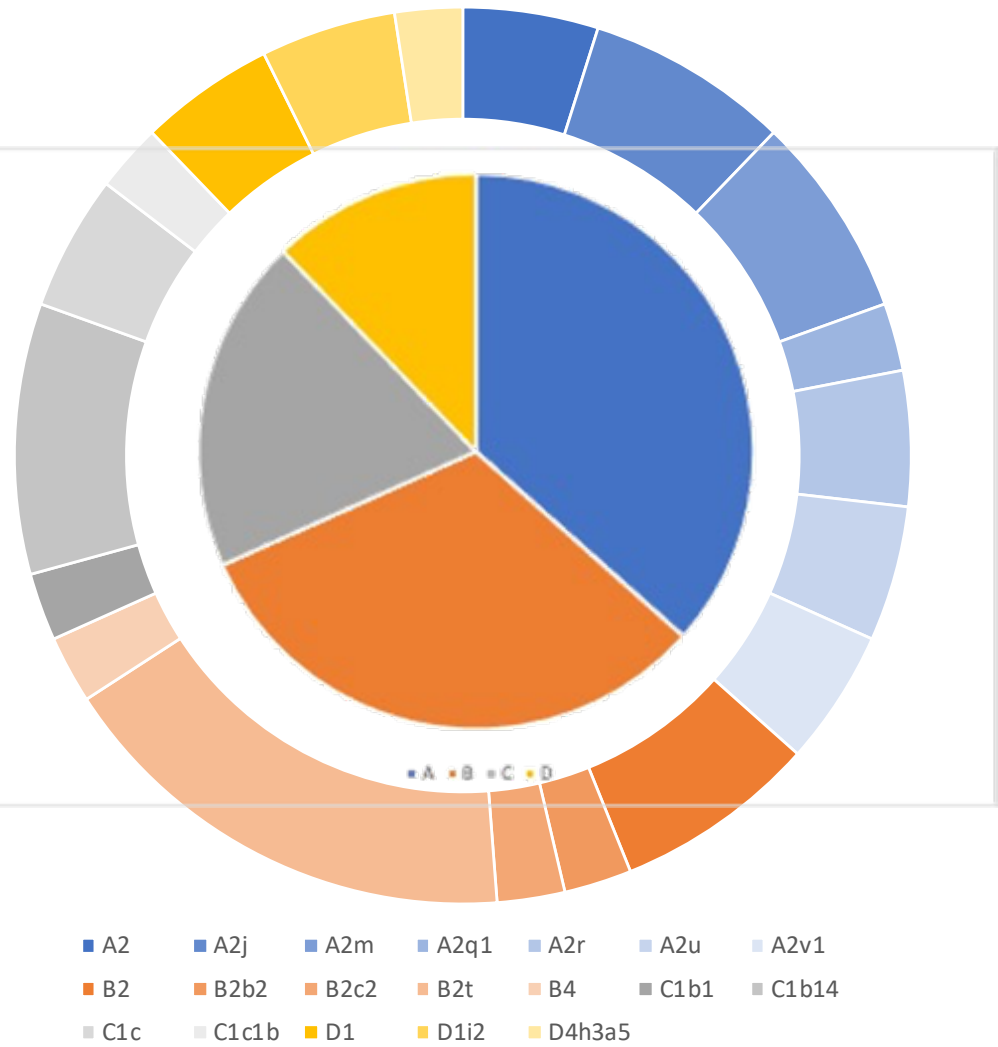
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Mitochondrial Echoes of First Settlement and Genetic Continuity in El Salvador

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Exploring language history in the Mixteca

uncovering the (linguistic) past of the Mixtec people



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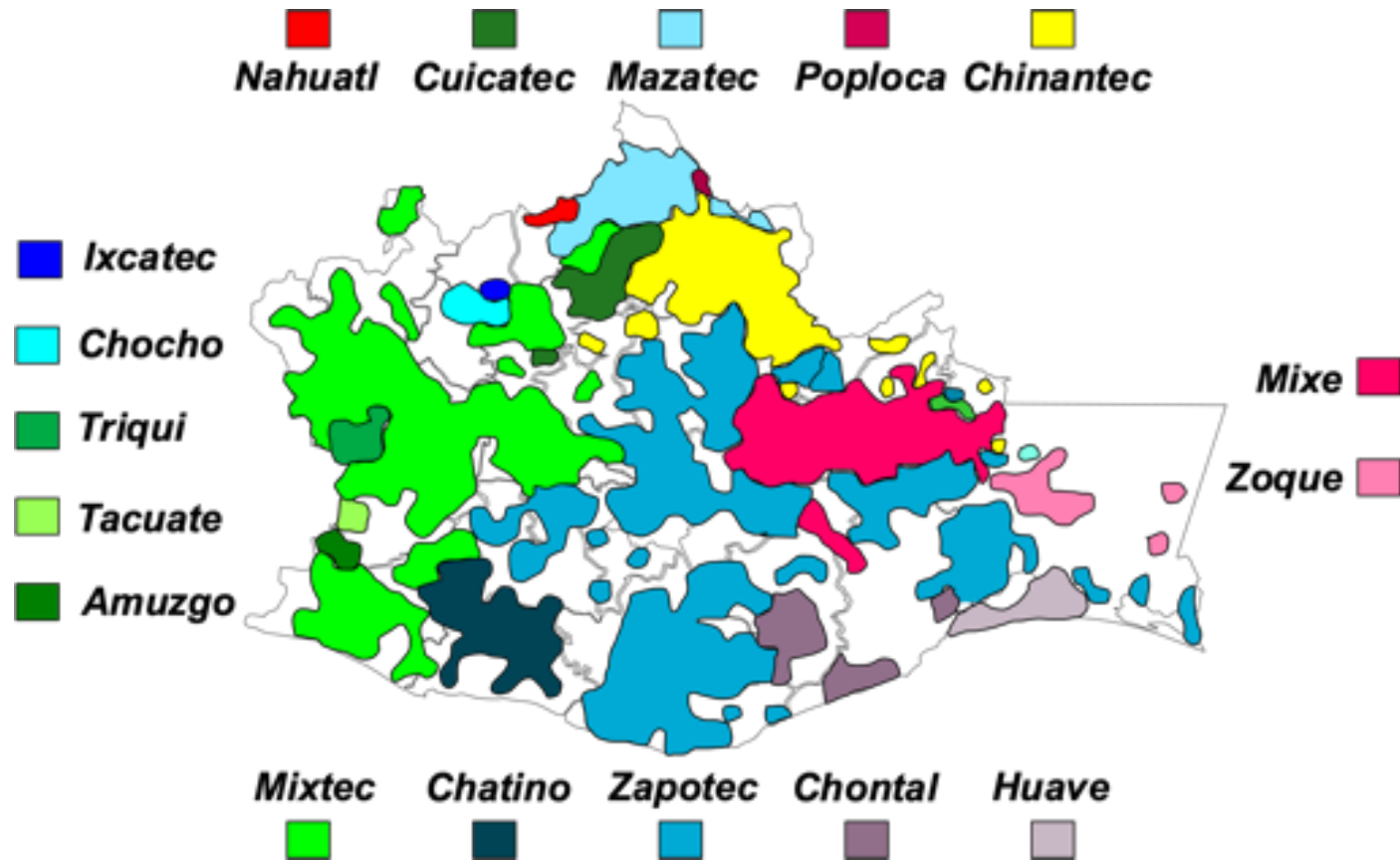
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Linguistic and ethnic groups in the Mixteca

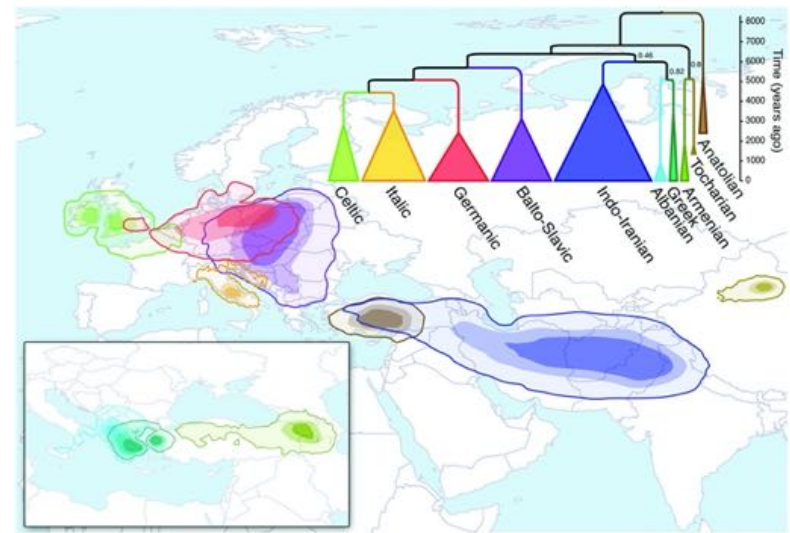
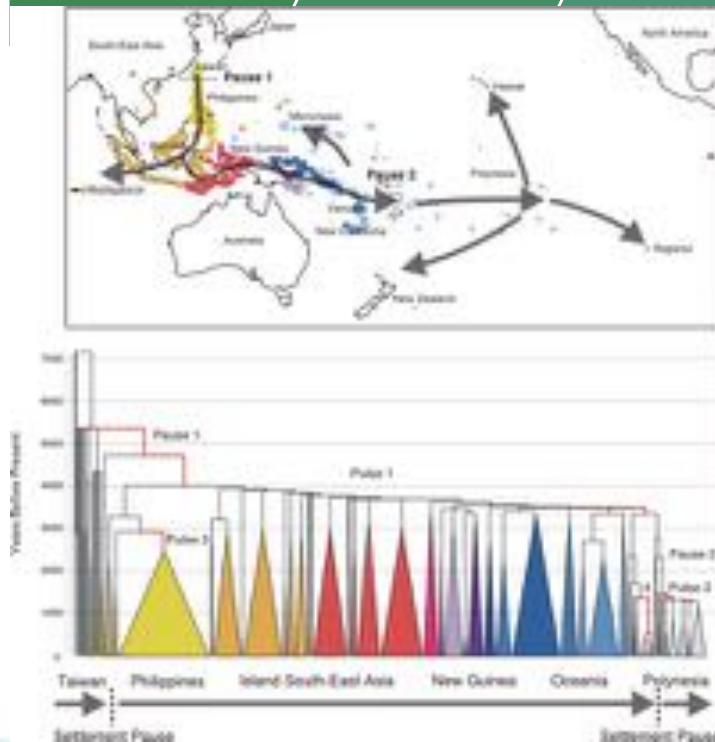
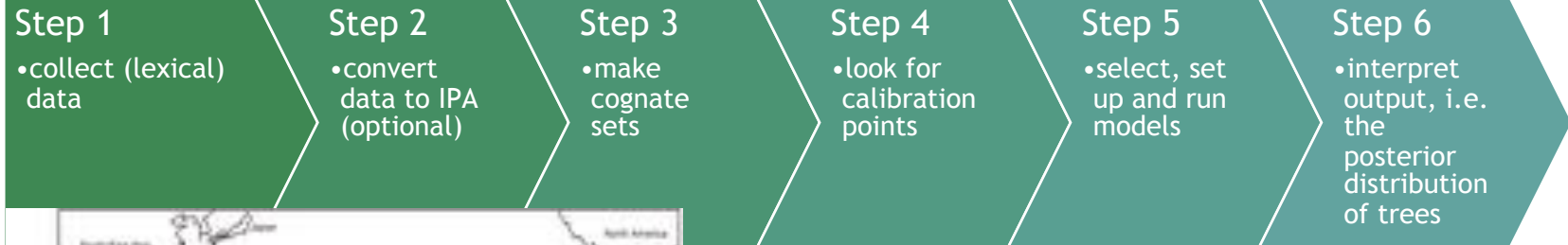


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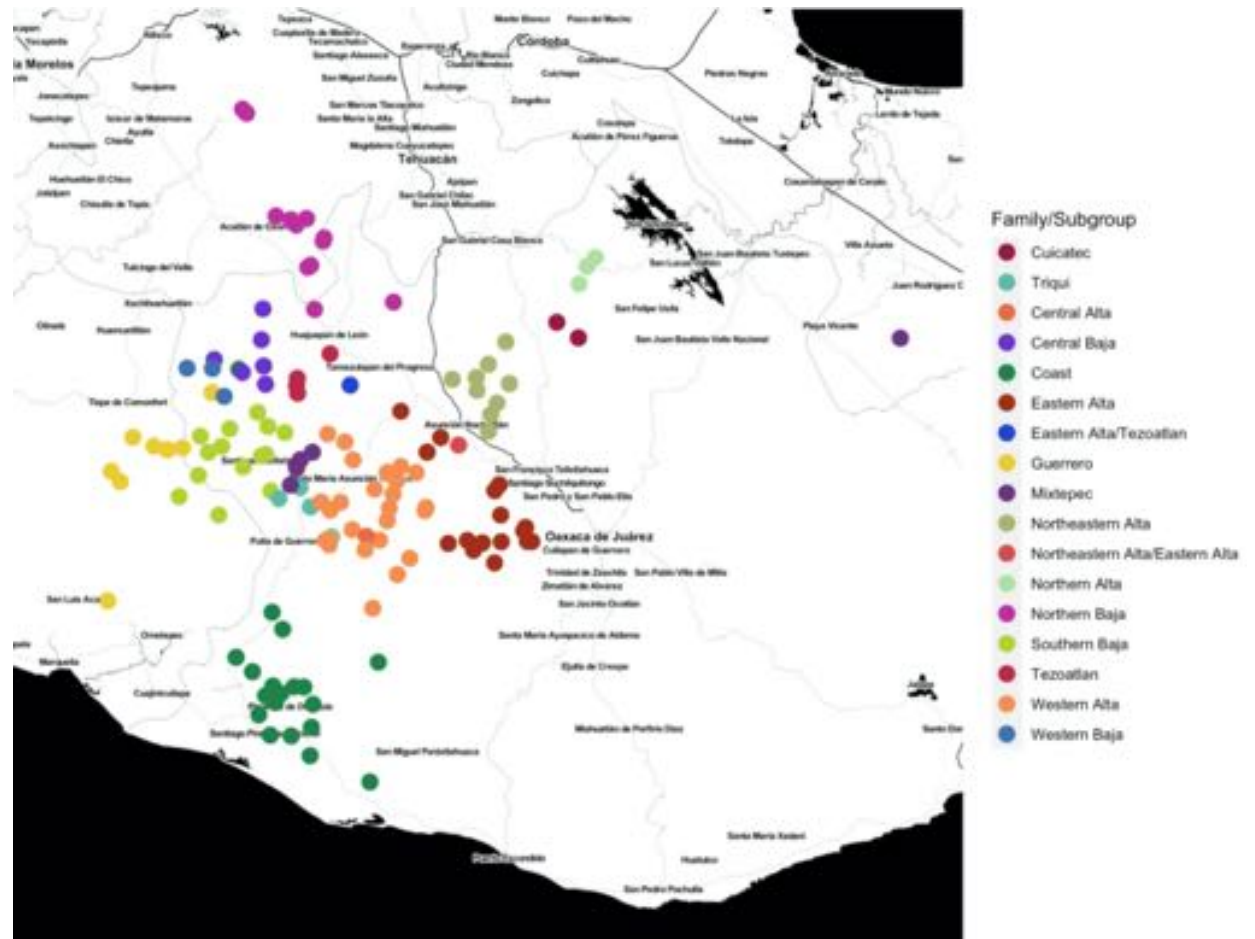


A Bayesian phylogenetic analysis of Mixtecan subgrouping

Workflow



Geographical distribution



Historical documents

- Mixtec Codices
 - logographic writing system
 - records of genealogy, historic events, myths
- documents by Jesuits from the colonial period
 - Antonio de los Reyes: Arte en lengua mixteca (1593)
 - Francisco de Alvarado: Vocabulario en lengua misteca (1593)
- documents from around the 19th century
 - Francisco Belmar: Ensayo sobre la lengua trike (1897)
 - Francisco Belmar: El cuicateco (1902)



Summary and Discussion



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