

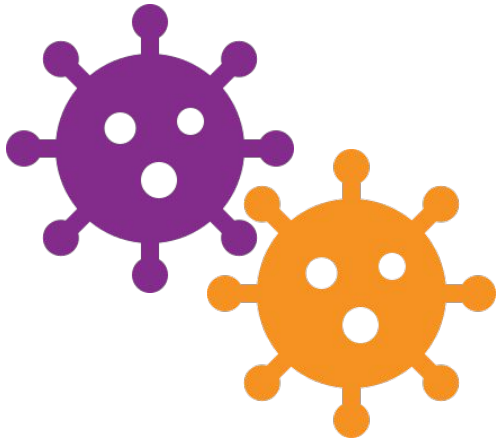
Topological Omics for Non-tree Evolution

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Viral Recombination



Viral lineages infect
the same cell



GATCATCC

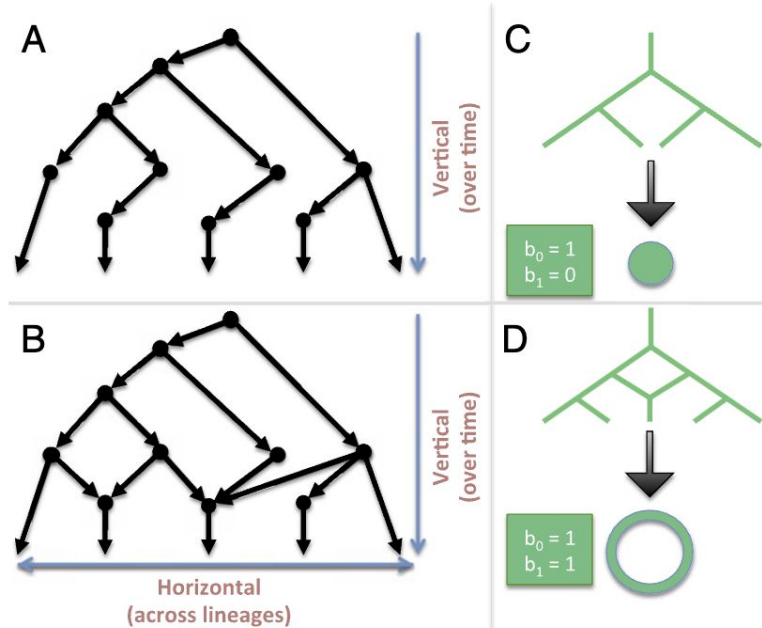
Combine their
genetic material



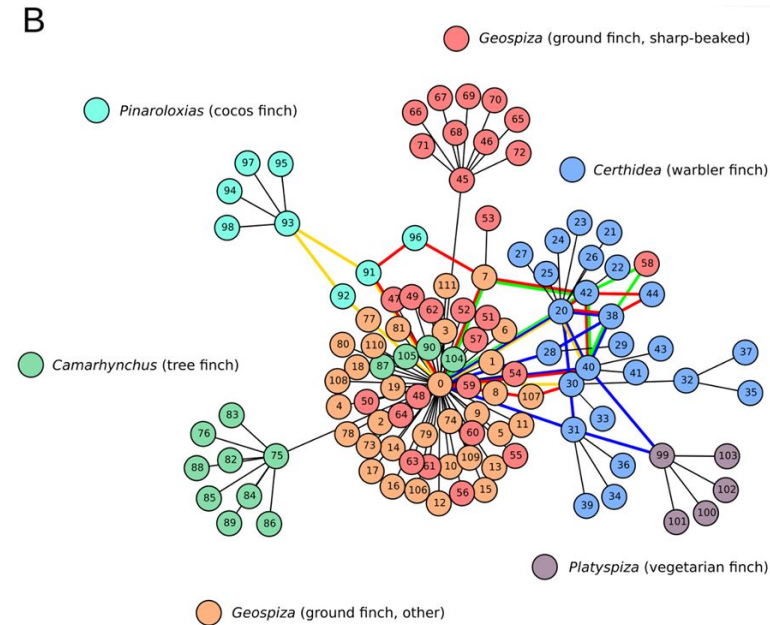
And form a new
hybrid lineage

But they are difficult to detect

Existing Work



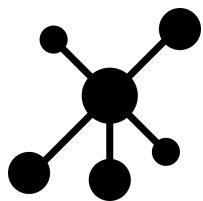
Recombinants form loops in a phylogenetic network



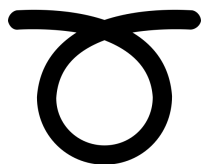
A constructed ancestral recombination graph

Topology: The Study of Holes

Types of Holes include:



1D holes (connected components)
 H_0 - set of 1D holes with β_0 elements

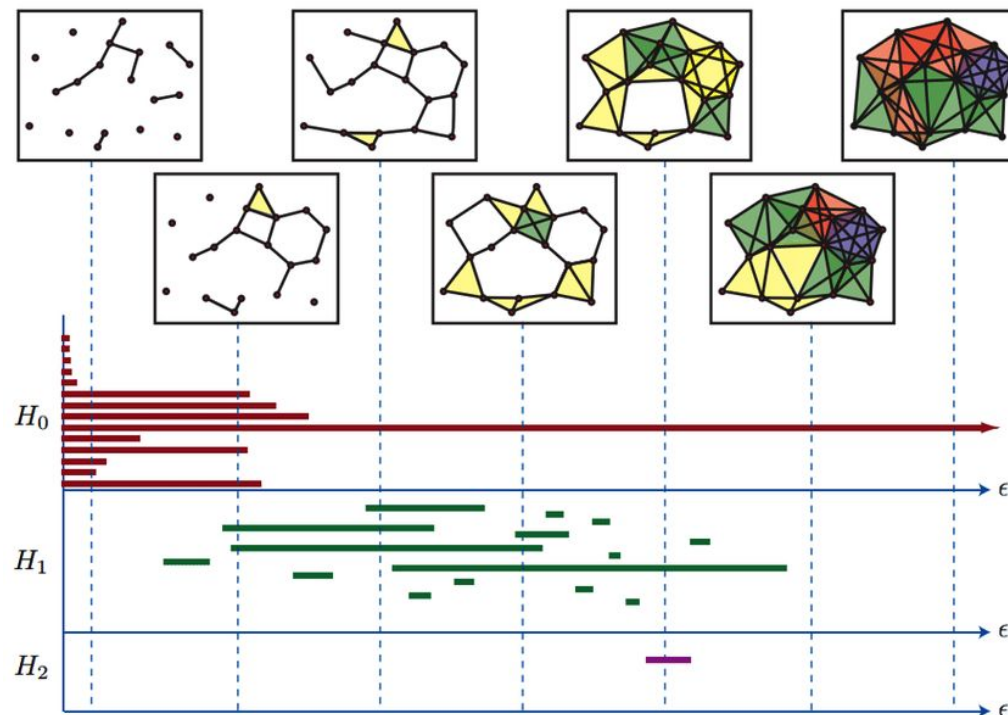


2D holes (loops)
 H_1 - set of 2D holes with β_1 elements



3D holes (voids)
 H_2 - set of 3D holes with β_2 elements

where H_k - k^{th} homology group (set of $(k-1)$ dimensional holes),
 β_k - Betti number of H_k (number of elements in H_k)



Ghrist (2008)

Hole Genome Sequencing

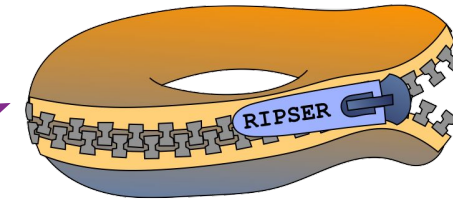
$S_1 = \text{TCGAAAGGTTAG}$
 $S_2 = \text{TCGATAGGTTGG}$
 $S_3 = \text{TCGCTAGGAACC}$

Sequence Data

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	S_1	S_2	S_3
S_1	0	2	6
S_2	2	0	5
S_3	6	5	0

Hamming Distances

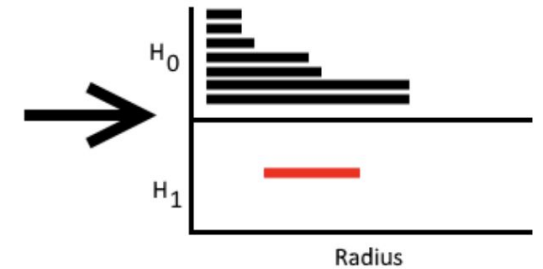
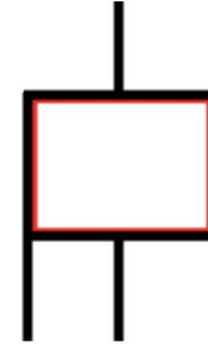


Persistent Homology

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H_0	(0, 1)
	(0, 3)
	(0, 5)
H_1	(10, 15)

Birth and Death Times



Analysis

Humphreys
(2019)

Our Goals

Our main goal:
Determine whether topology can detect recombination

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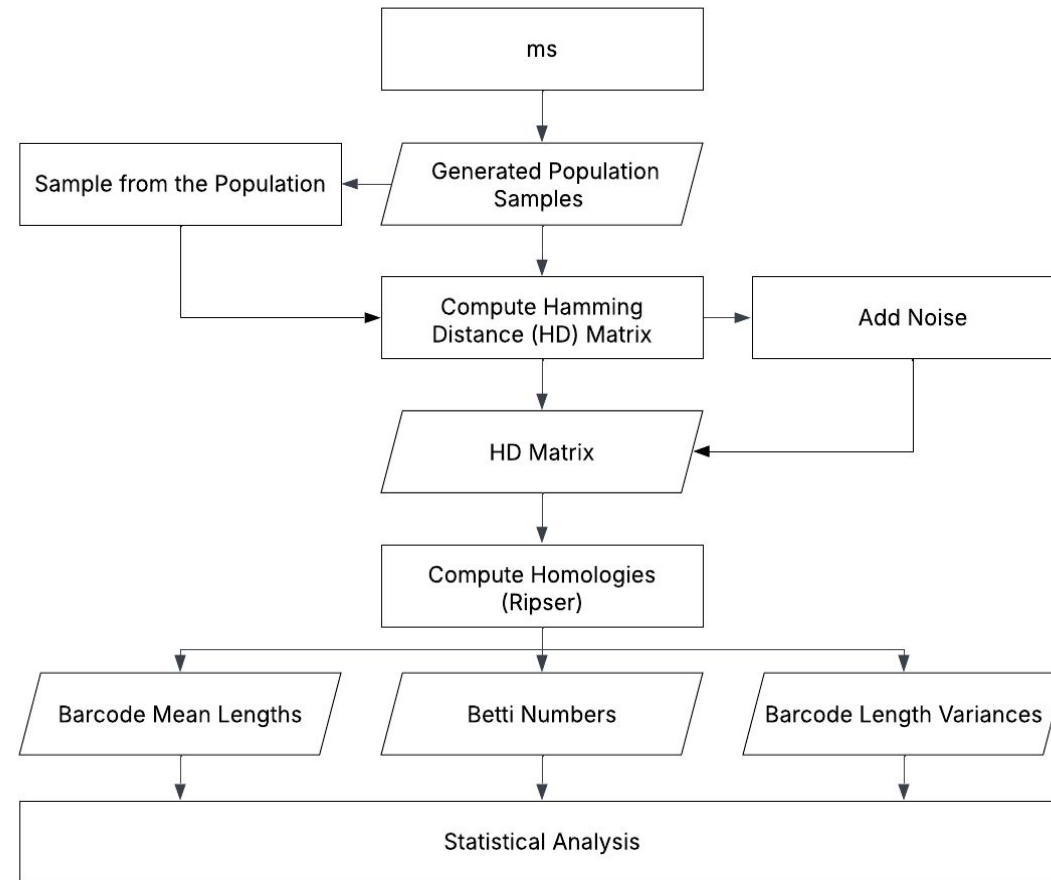
Is topology robust to noise and sparse genomic samples?

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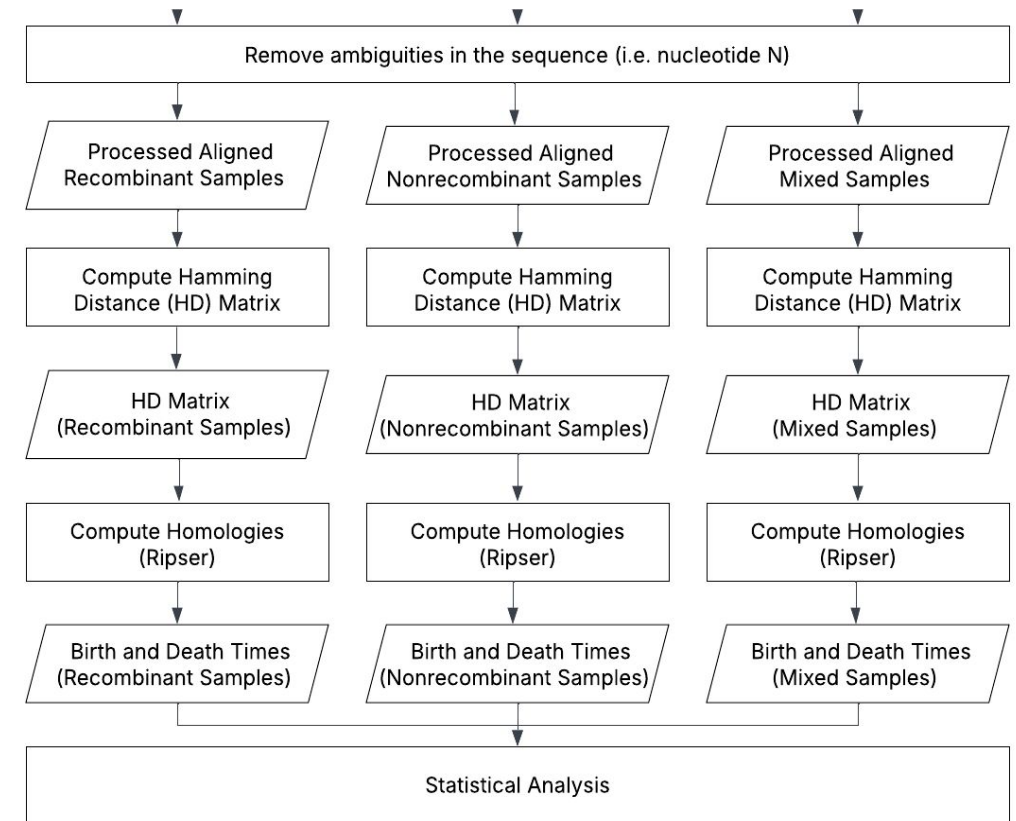
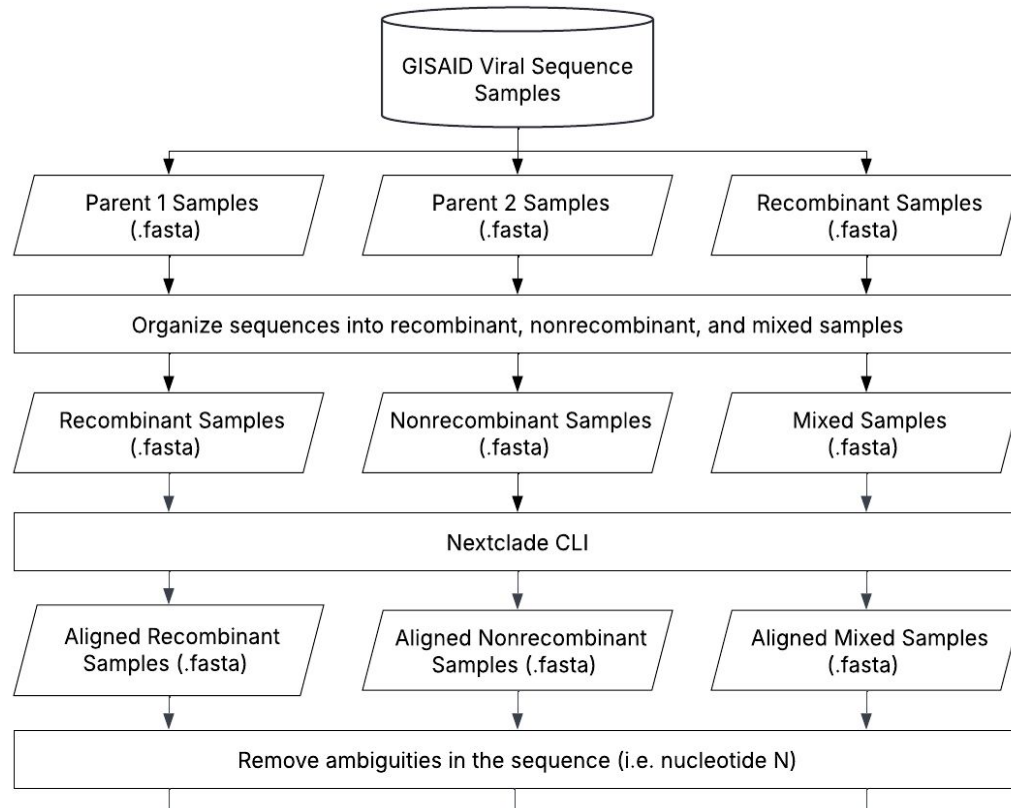
Does recombination change the topology of genomic samples?

Methodology

Goal 1 Pipeline



Goal 2 Pipeline



3 Recombinant Lineages and their Parent Lineages were taken from GISAID (XBC.1, XBE, XBZ) and were used to get the birth and death time pairs

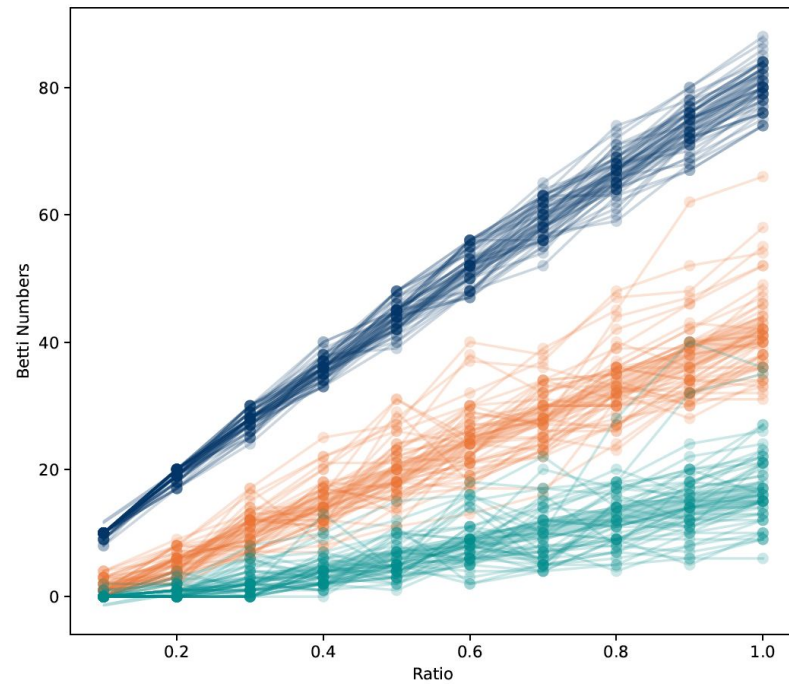
Results

Population Genetics Simulations

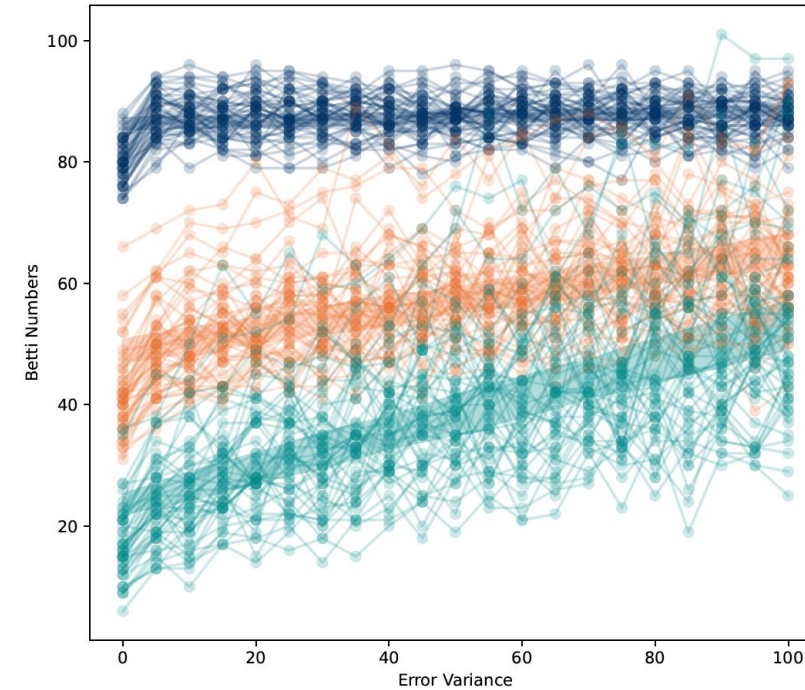
Sensitivity Analysis



Betti numbers vs increasing noise and varying sampling sparsity



Increased sampling → increased data
→ more representative structures



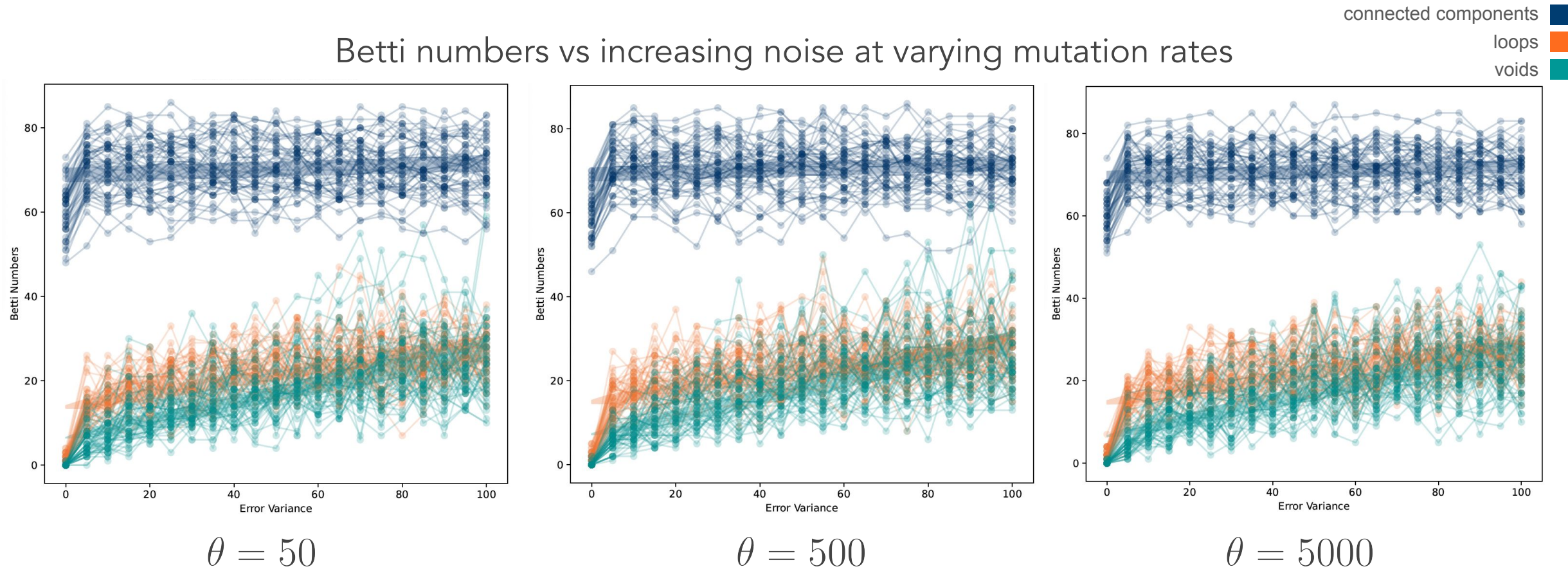
Increased noise distorts actual data
→ creates new loops and voids

Increased sampling ratio and noise creates new structures

Noise and the mutation rate θ



Betti numbers vs increasing noise at varying mutation rates

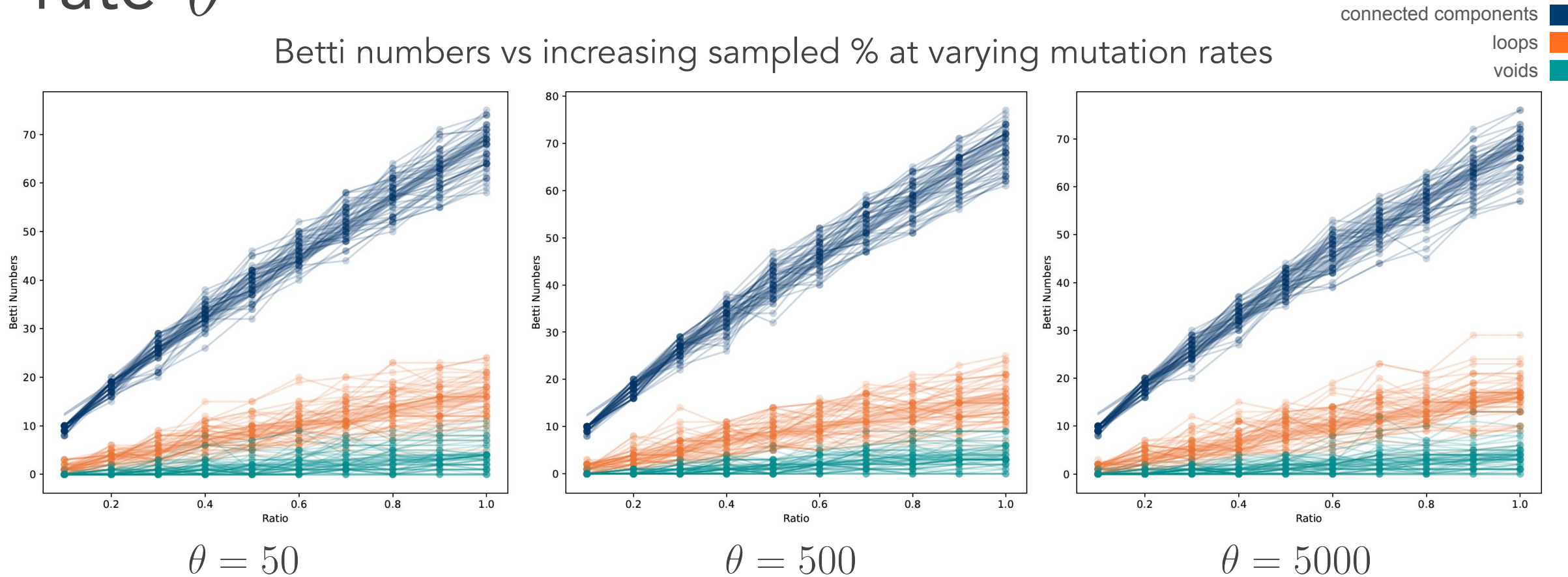


The mutation rate does not drive the changes in topology.

Sampling sparsity and the mutation rate θ



Betti numbers vs increasing sampled % at varying mutation rates

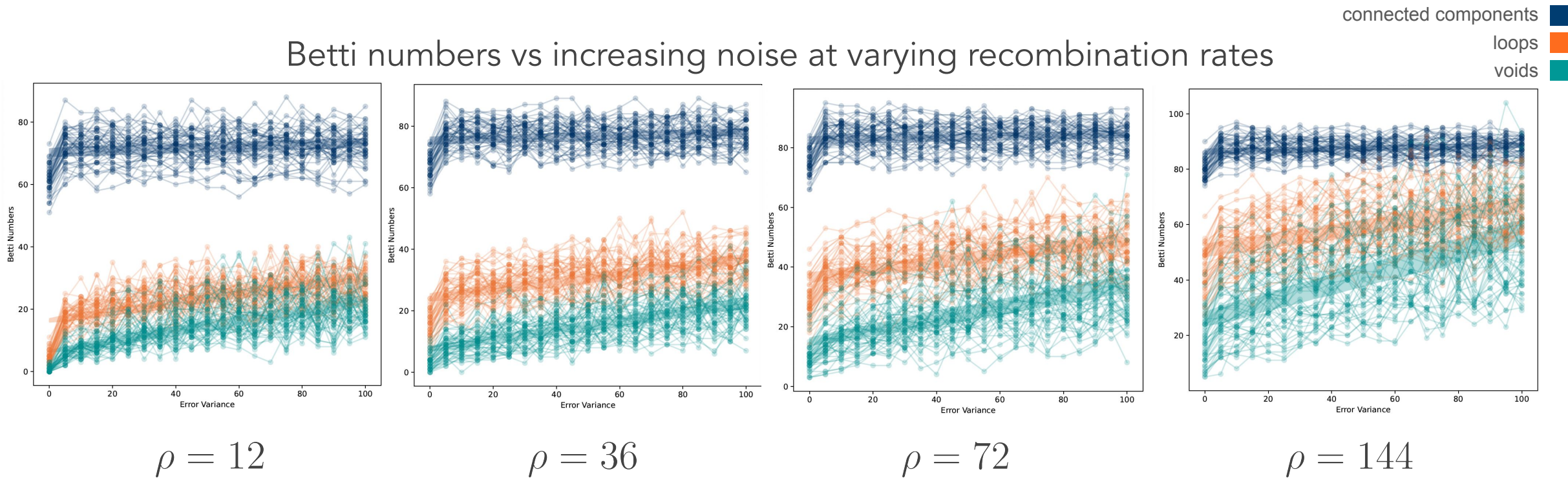


The mutation rate does not drive the changes in topology.

Noise and the recombination rate ρ



Betti numbers vs increasing noise at varying recombination rates



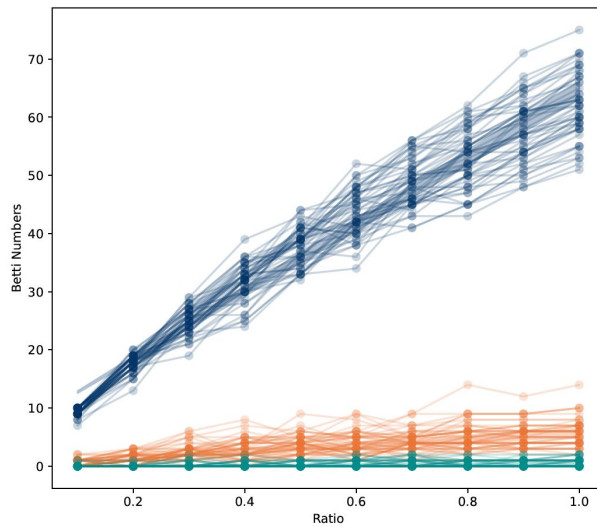
Increased recombinations in data drives the change in topology.

Sampling sparsity and the recombination rate ρ

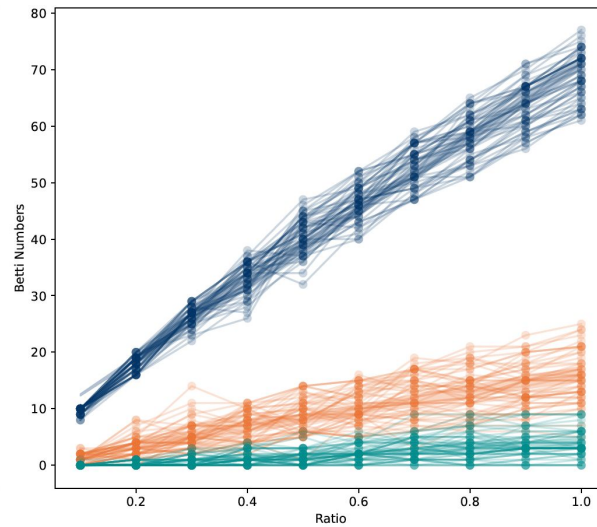


Betti numbers vs increasing sampled % at varying recombination rates

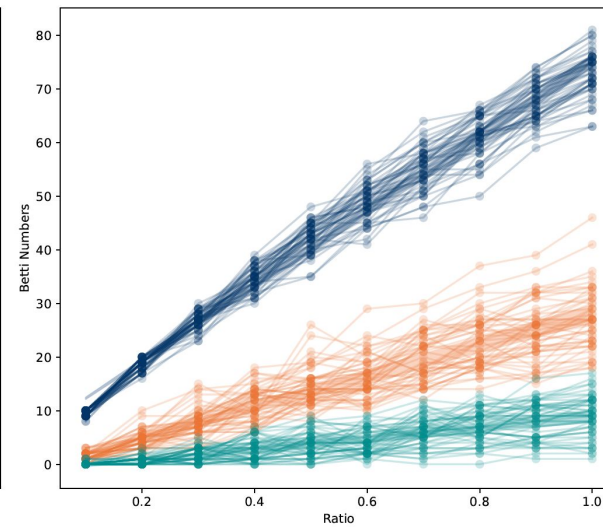
connected components ■
loops ■
voids ■



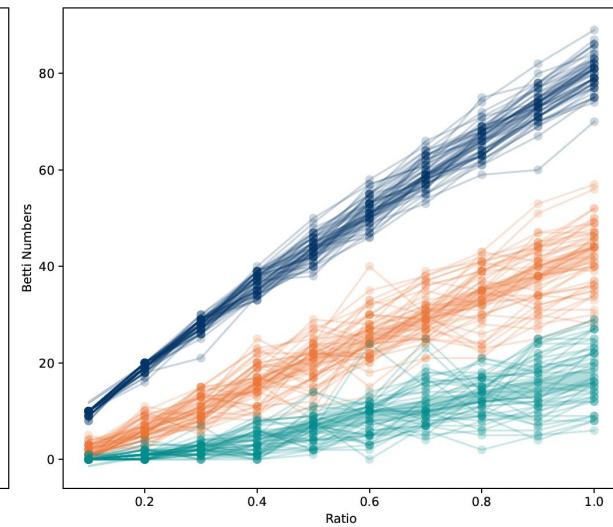
$\rho = 12$



$\rho = 36$



$\rho = 72$



$\rho = 144$

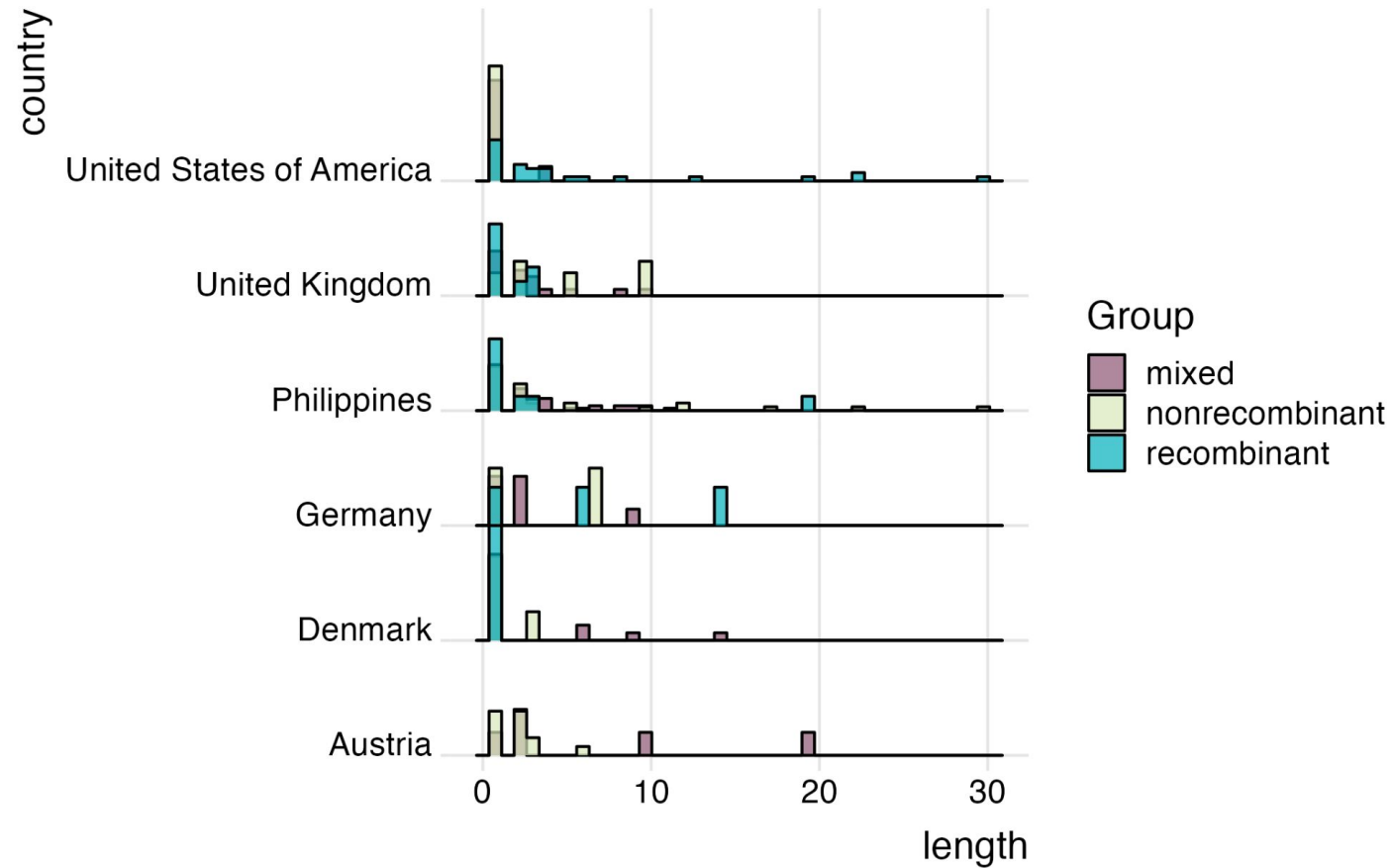
Increased recombinations in data drives the change in topology.

Statistical Analysis

SARS-CoV-2 GISAID Samples

Persistence Distributions

Barcode Lengths of Persistence Diagrams



High-recombinant yield samples



Hypothesis Testing



Is there a significant difference in the birth and death times distributions between different group types in each country?

	XBC.1	XBE		XBZ
<i>p-values</i>	Philippines	UK	USA	Denmark
Birth Times	0.003	0.014	0.019	0.321
Death Times	0.003	0.015	0.023	0.298

Results from Kruskal-Wallis Test and Independent Mann-Whitney U Test at 5% level of significance

Significant 
Not significant 

High-recombinant yield samples



Post-hoc Analysis



Which group type pairs are significantly different?

	XBC.1		XBE				XBZ	
	Philippines		UK		USA		Denmark	
<i>p-values</i>	Births	Deaths	Births	Deaths	Births	Deaths	Births	Deaths
Mixed vs Non-recombinant	0.002	0.013	0.059	0.057	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.937
Mixed vs Recombinant	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.017	0.020	0.491	0.472
Recombinant vs Non-recombinant	0.484	0.478	0.019	0.021	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

Results taken at 5% level of significance

Significant 
Not significant 

Low-recombinant yield samples



Hypothesis Testing



Is there a significant difference in the birth and death times distributions between different group types in each country?

	XBC.1				XBZ	
<i>p</i> -values	China	Singapore	S. Korea	USA	Austria	Germany
Birth Times	0.969	0.300	0.008	0.361	0.921	0.297
Death Times	0.958	0.398	0.023	0.407	0.729	0.110

Results from Kruskal-Wallis Test and Independent Mann-Whitney U Test at 5% level of significance

Significant 
Not significant 

Low-recombinant yield samples

Post-hoc Analysis



Which gene type pairs are significantly different?

	XBC.1								XBZ			
	China		Singapore		S. Korea		USA		Austria		Germany	
<i>p</i> -values	Births	Deaths	Births	Deaths	Births	Deaths	Births	Deaths	Births	Deaths	Births	Deaths
Mixed vs Non-recombinant	0.969	0.958	0.300	0.398			0.361	0.407	0.921	0.729	0.724	0.199
Mixed vs Recombinant					0.008	0.023					0.578	0.433
Recombinant vs Non-recombinant											1.000	1.000

Results taken at 5% level of significance

Significant

Not significant

Summary

Our research questions

? Is the data topology robust to noise and sparse genomic samples?

 Increasing noise creates new loops

 Increased sampling builds more representative data

? Does recombination change the data topology of genomic samples?

 Yes but subject to further investigation



Can topology detect recombination?

Potentially so. Further analysis is recommended for more real-world samples.

Thank you!