Family Formation Trajectories of World War II Survivors

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Outline

Introduction

- Does war matter for family formation?
- Do the specifics of the war experience matter?

Geography

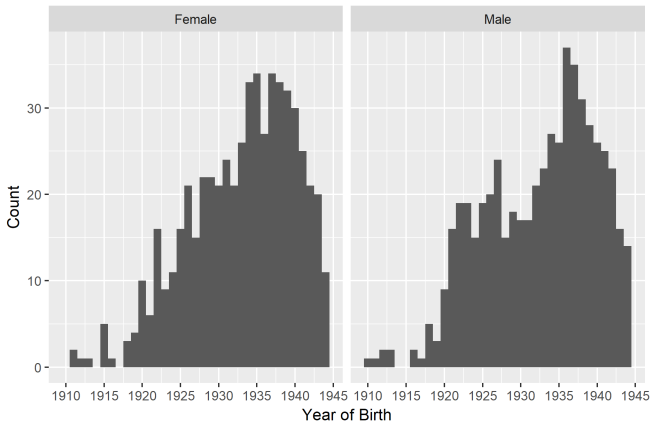1938   Today

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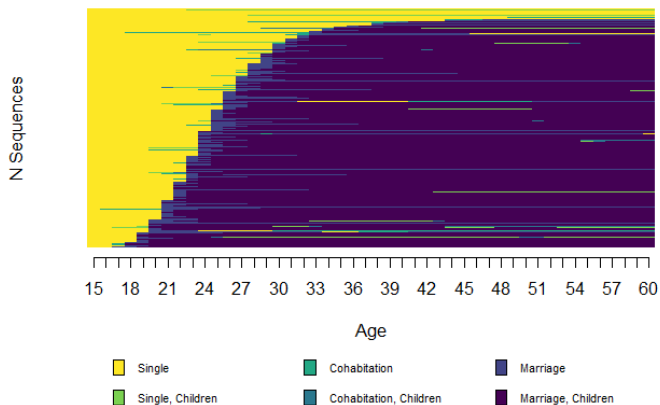## War experience

Not in concentration camp:
$$\sum = 1085$$

		POW	
		0	1
Evacuated	0	0	81
	1	979	25

In concentration camp:
$$\sum = 29$$

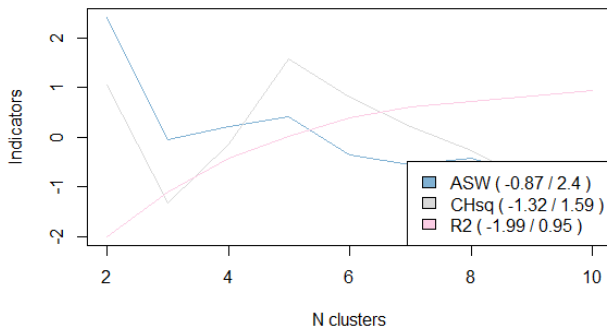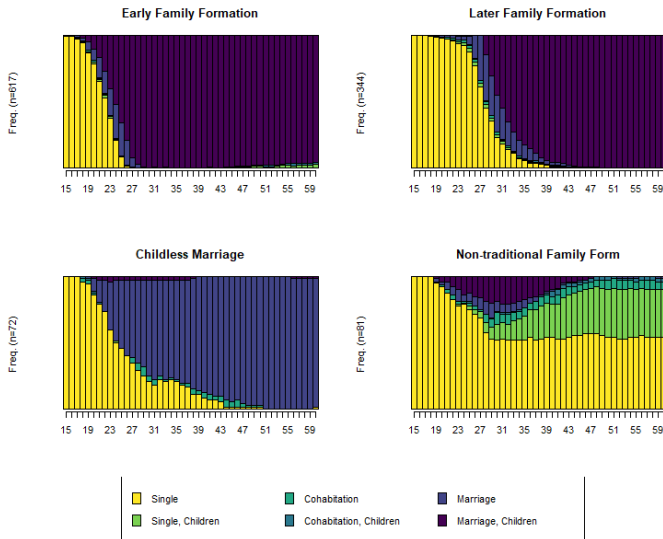|		POW	
		0	1
Evacuated	0	17	5
	1	4	3

Sequence Description

Dissimilarities
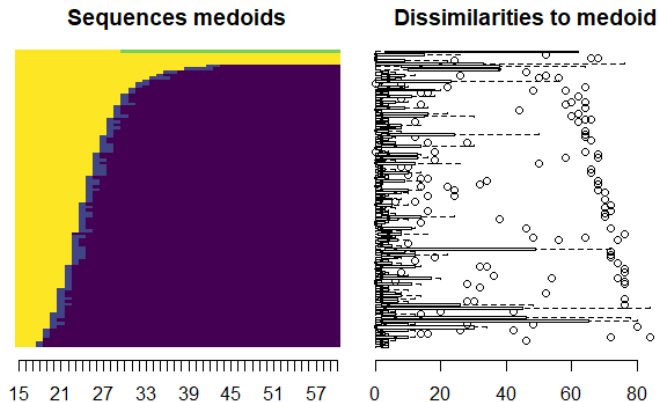
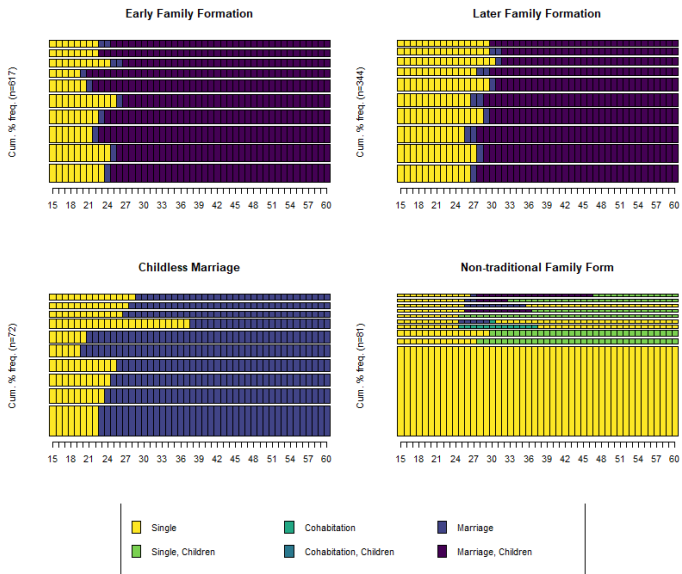Representation quality: R2=0.45 and F=8.29

Picking k

- Metric selection vs. overfitting
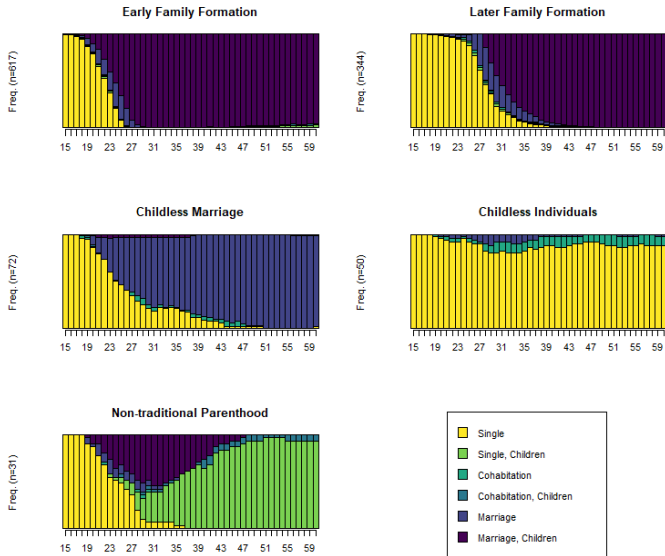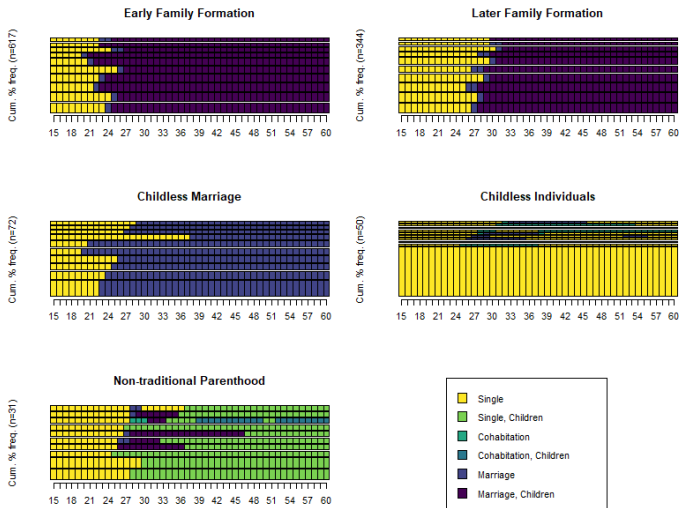- equal weights between indel and substitution costs

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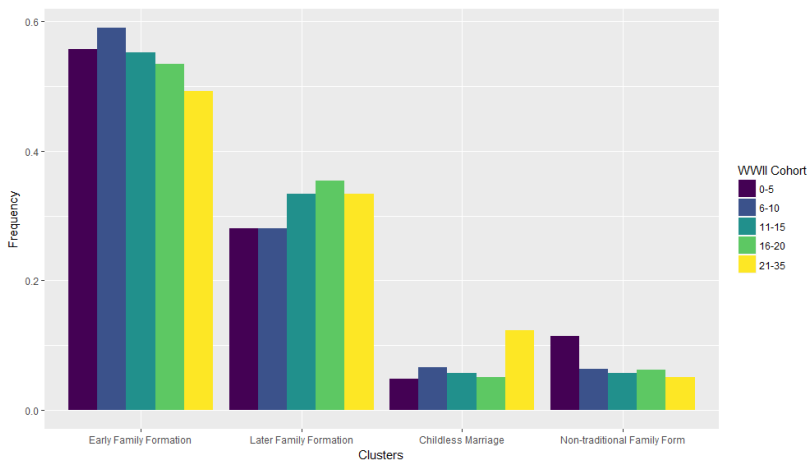
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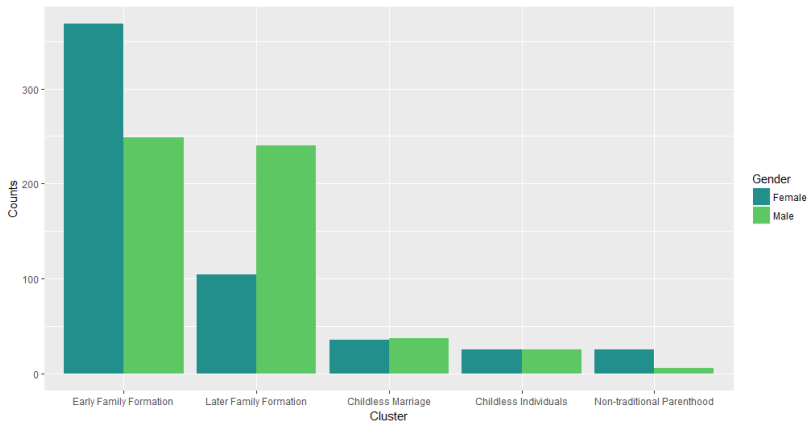
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Age in 1944	Early F.F.	Later F.F.	Childless Marriage	Non-traditional Family Form
0–5	0.56	0.28	0.05	0.11
6–10	0.59	0.28	0.07	0.06
11–15	0.55	0.33	0.06	0.06
16–20	0.53	0.35	0.05	0.06
21–35	0.49	0.33	0.12	0.05

F.F.: Family Formation

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- Adults more likely to be married and childless
- Children marry young and multiply
- ... or not
- POW have families later
- Concentration camp survivors have less children
  $\Leftrightarrow$ robustness

Future Research

- Comparison between comparable cohort
- Odds
- Robustness of war experience
- ...