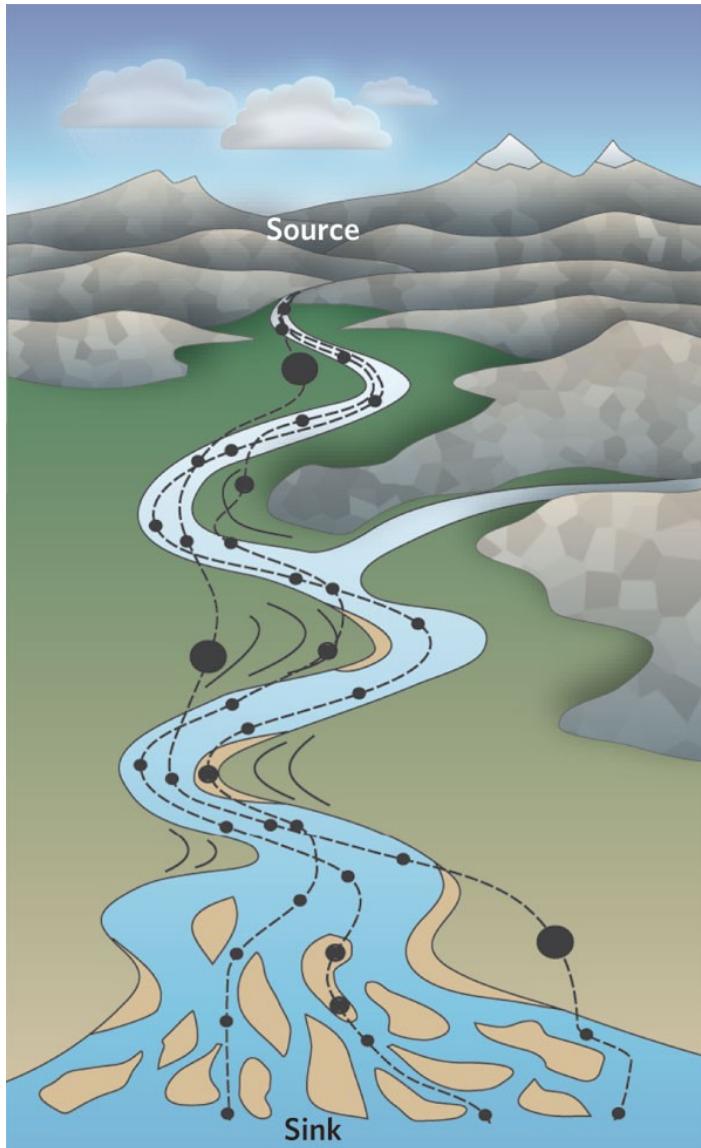


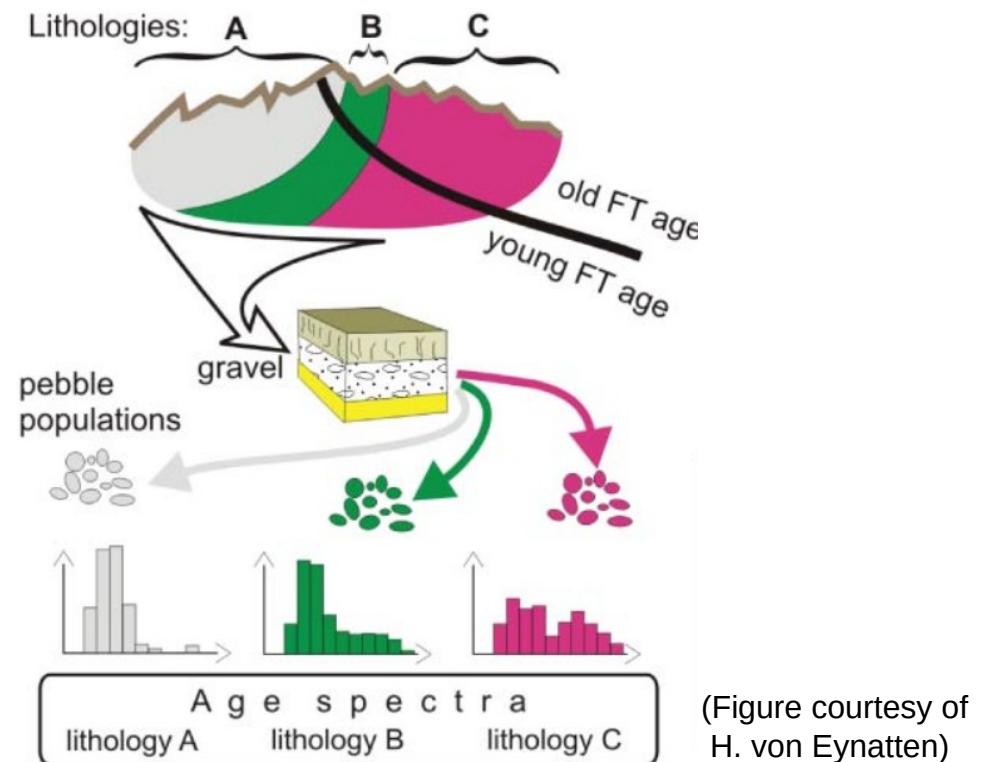
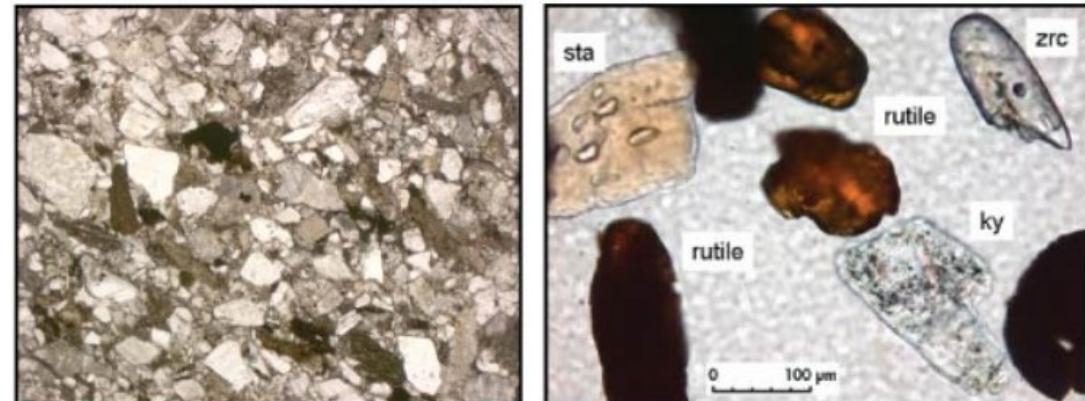
## MAKING GEOLOGICAL SENSE OF 'BIG DATA' IN (SEDIMENTARY) GEOLOGY

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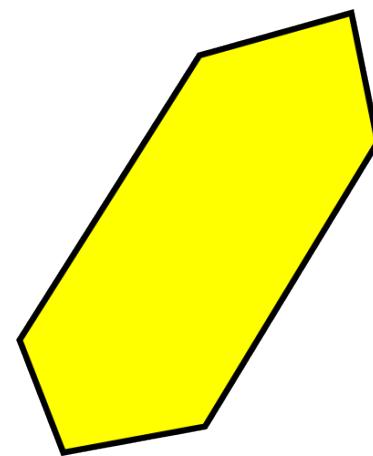
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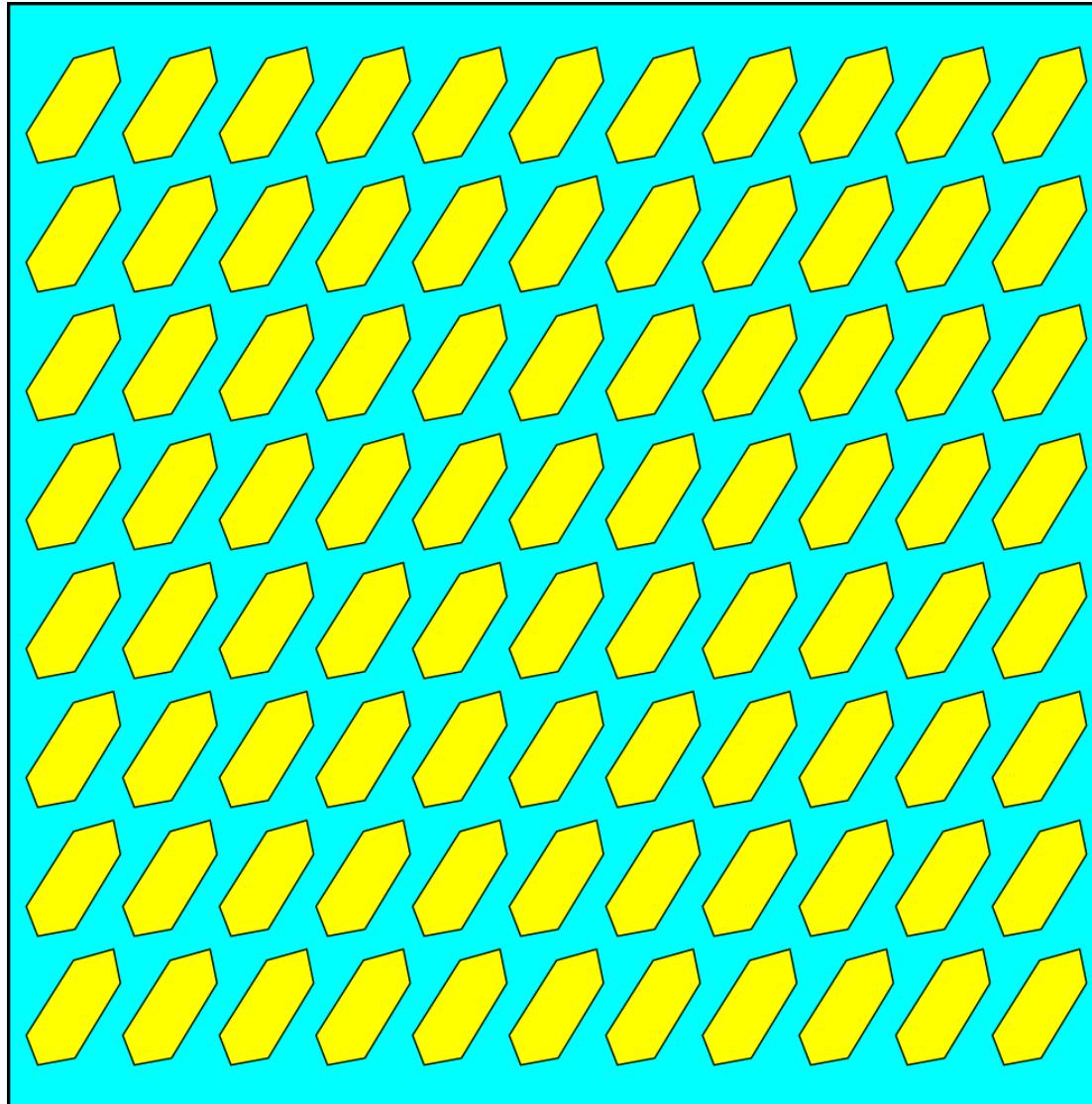


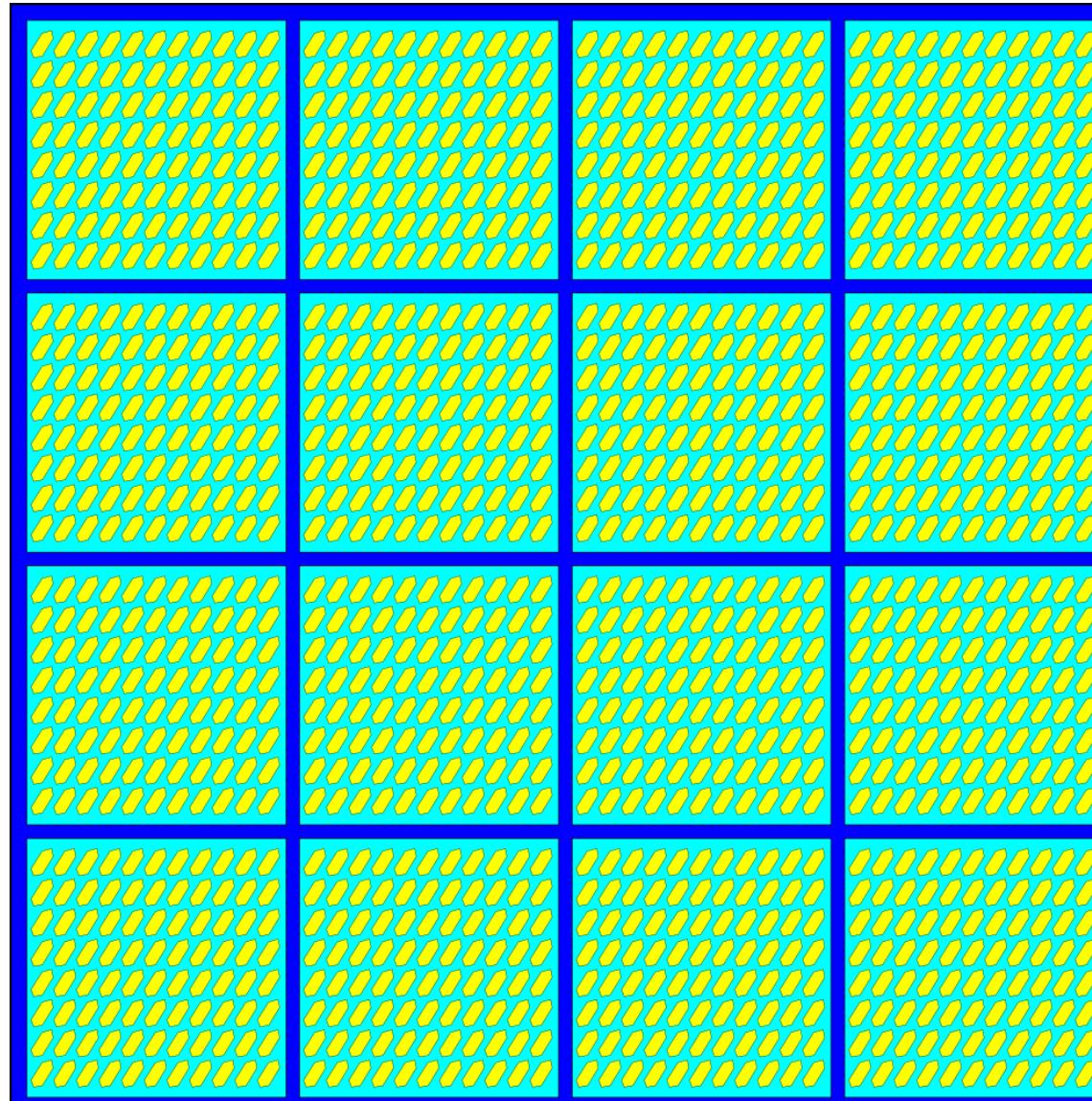
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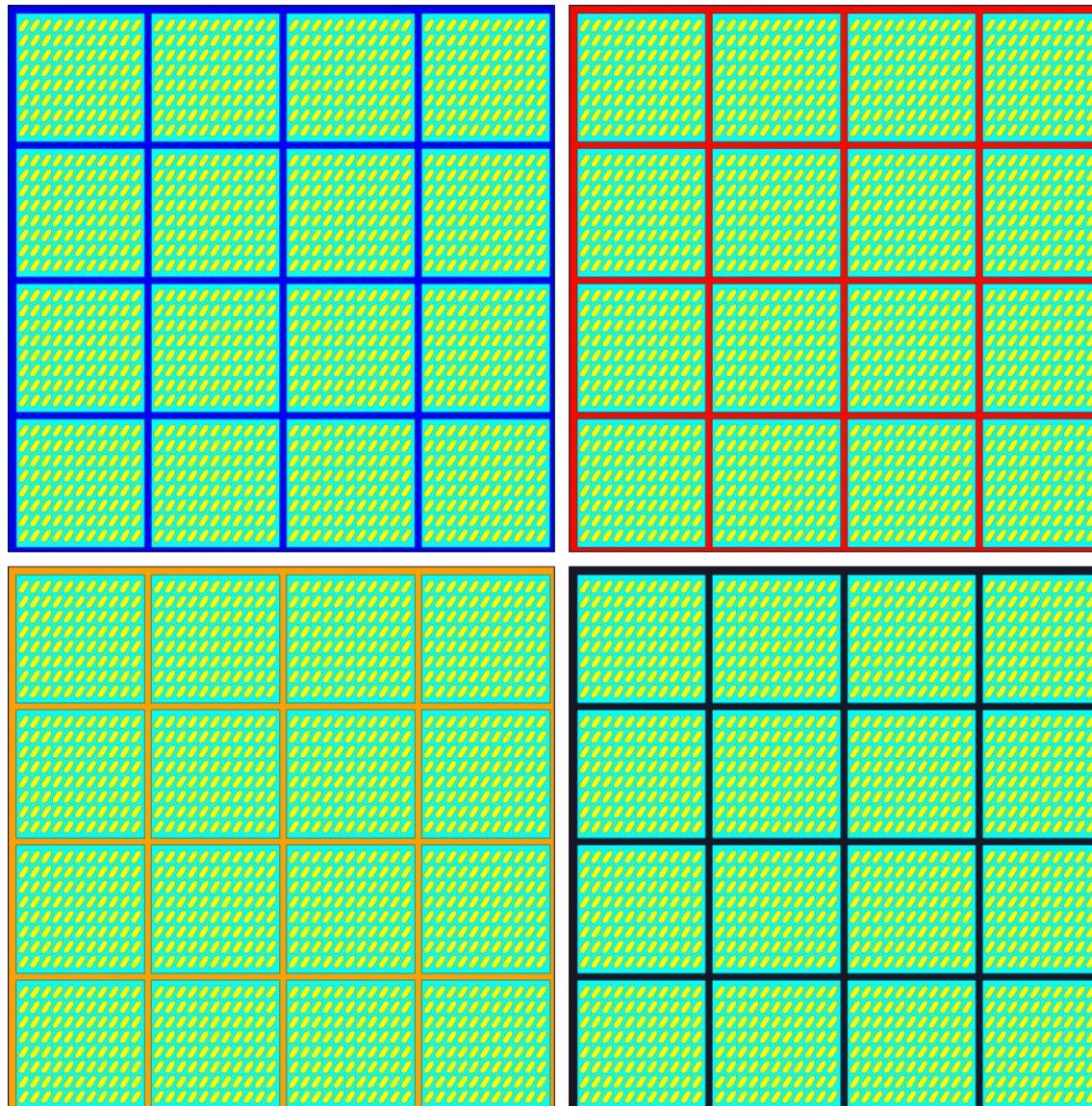


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0.67	4.5	0.08	1.00	0.22	496.9	9.6	1.96	2.9	0.18	0.82	0.28	1079.0	16.3	1.27	6.8	0.13	1.30	0.19	788.6	19.3
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5.54	3.6	0.34	0.85	0.24	1878.6	27.1	0.83	2.3	0.10	0.78	0.34	620.9	9.2	0.71	4.1	0.09	0.97	0.24	535.7	10.0
1.13	3.9	0.13	0.91	0.23	769.8	13.1	0.29	1.7	0.04	0.73	0.44	267.1	3.8	0.72	10.0	0.09	1.91	0.19	546.5	20.0
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1.72	3.9	0.17	0.90	0.23	998.7	16.5	0.85	1.6	0.10	0.73	0.45	622.6	8.6	2.20	2.4	0.20	0.76	0.32	1157.9	16.0
0.85	4.1	0.10	0.93	0.23	603.3	10.7	0.78	4.4	0.09	1.03	0.24	566.5	11.2	0.69	2.8	0.08	0.81	0.29	520.4	8.1
0.58	9.5	0.07	1.83	0.19	465.9	16.4	0.72	2.7	0.09	0.82	0.31	543.5	8.5	0.86	2.8	0.10	0.80	0.29	612.6	9.4
0.61	3.9	0.08	0.91	0.23	489.4	8.6	1.84	1.5	0.17	0.71	0.48	1004.9	13.0	0.63	2.6	0.08	0.79	0.30	502.8	7.6
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0.23	3.2	0.03	0.91	0.28	209.5	3.7	19.65	7.8	0.59	1.15	0.15	2994.5	54.1	0.34	3.1	0.05	0.84	0.27	284.6	4.7
1.60	1.9	0.17	0.75	0.40	987.4	13.4	0.69	2.1	0.08	0.75	0.35	510.2	7.4	0.76	3.1	0.09	0.84	0.27	563.3	9.1
1.91	3.6	0.18	0.89	0.24	1080.5	17.6	0.88	3.5	0.10	0.89	0.25	629.5	10.6	0.67	3.8	0.08	0.91	0.24	516.3	9.0
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1.79	2.4	0.17	0.78	0.32	1035.7	14.8	1.95	2.7	0.18	0.79	0.29	1073.1	15.4	0.76	3.1	0.09	0.83	0.27	577.2	9.2
1.12	4.0	0.12	0.95	0.24	748.4	13.4	0.74	3.2	0.09	0.87	0.27	549.2	9.1	2.04	3.0	0.19	0.81	0.27	1110.6	16.4

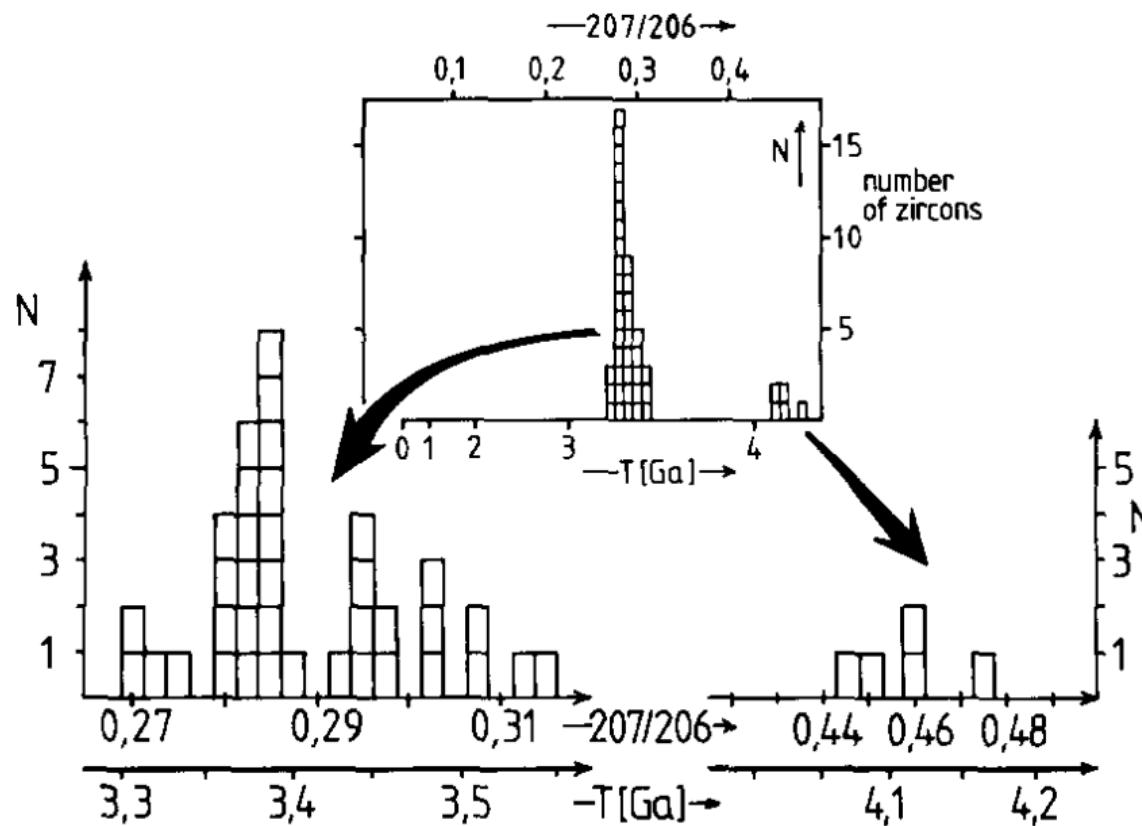
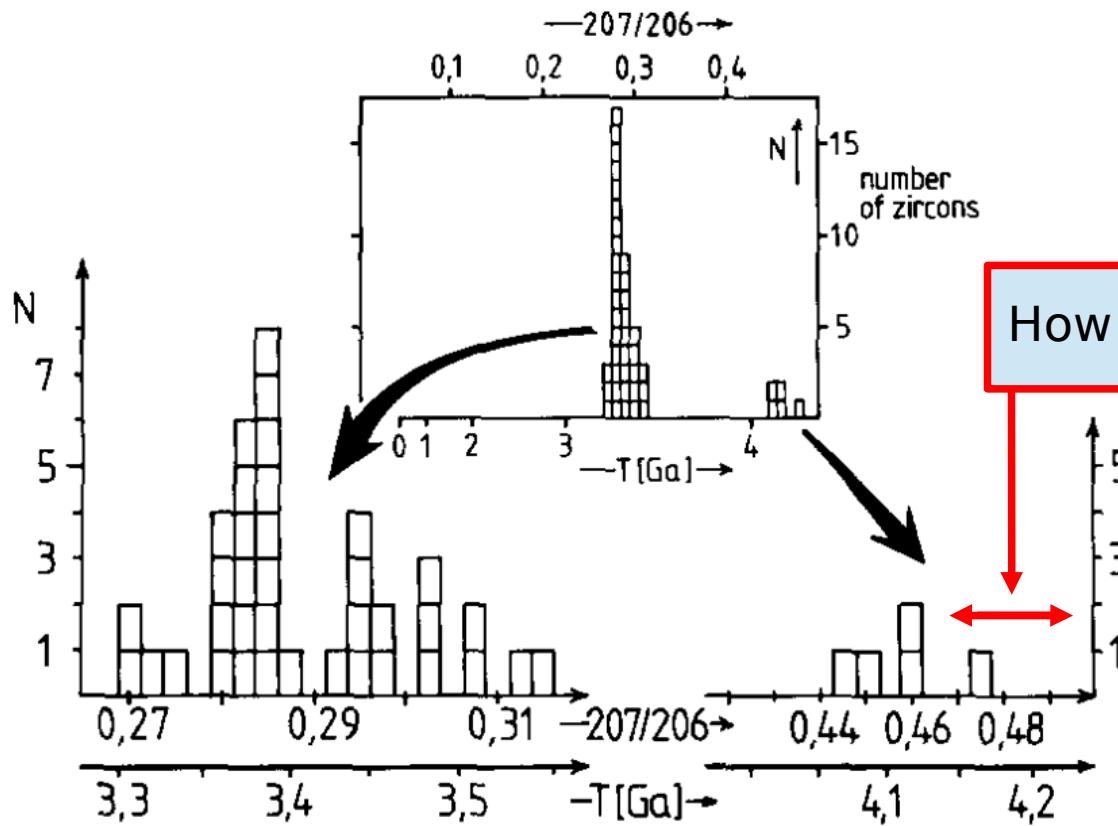


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How to place the bins?

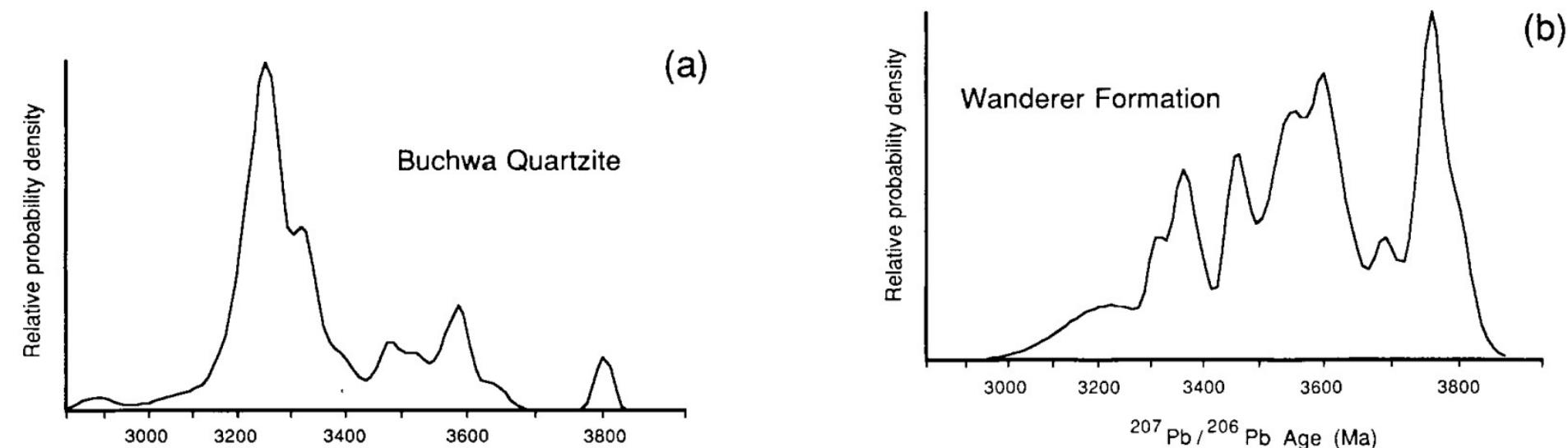
$$k = [\log_2 n + 1] \quad (\text{Sturges' Rule})$$

$$k = \sqrt{n} \quad (\text{Excel})$$

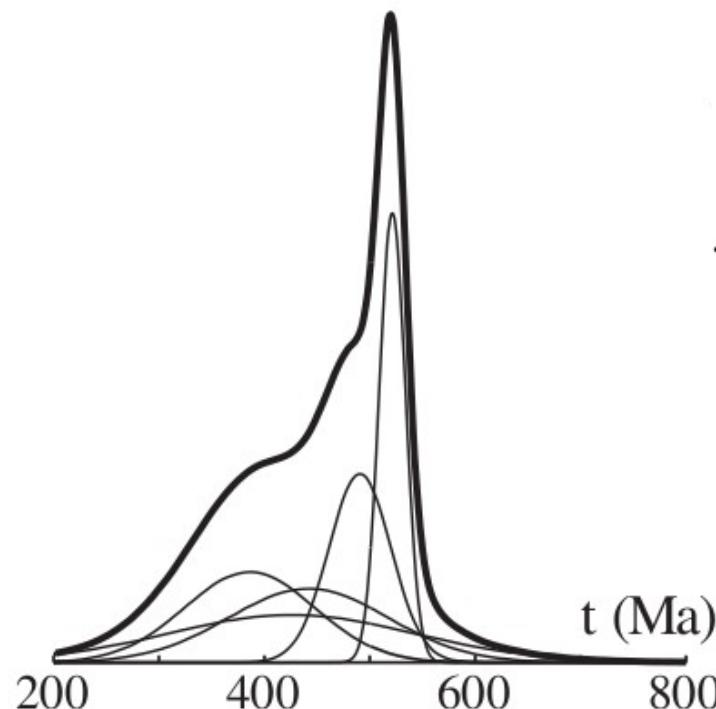
$$h = 2 \frac{\text{IQR}(x)}{n^{1/3}} \quad (\text{Freedman-Diaconis})$$

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**A search for ancient detrital zircons in Zimbabwean sediments**  
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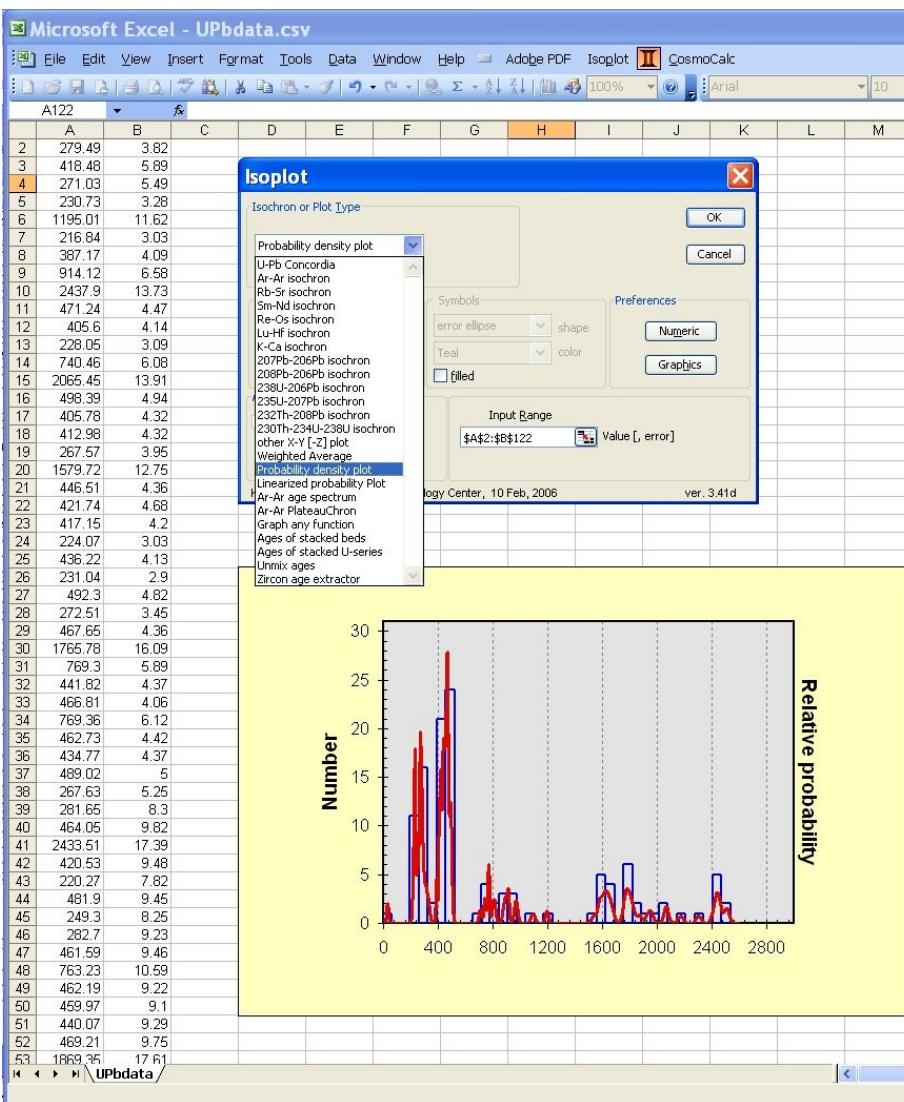


**Fig. 3.** ‘Histograms’ of  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  ages of zircons extracted from (a) Buchwa Quartzite and (b) Wanderer Formation. The curves are obtained by summing Gaussian distributions of constant area, one for each age with standard deviation equal to the calculated uncertainty in the age. (Technique and program due to Dr P. Zeitler, ANU.)

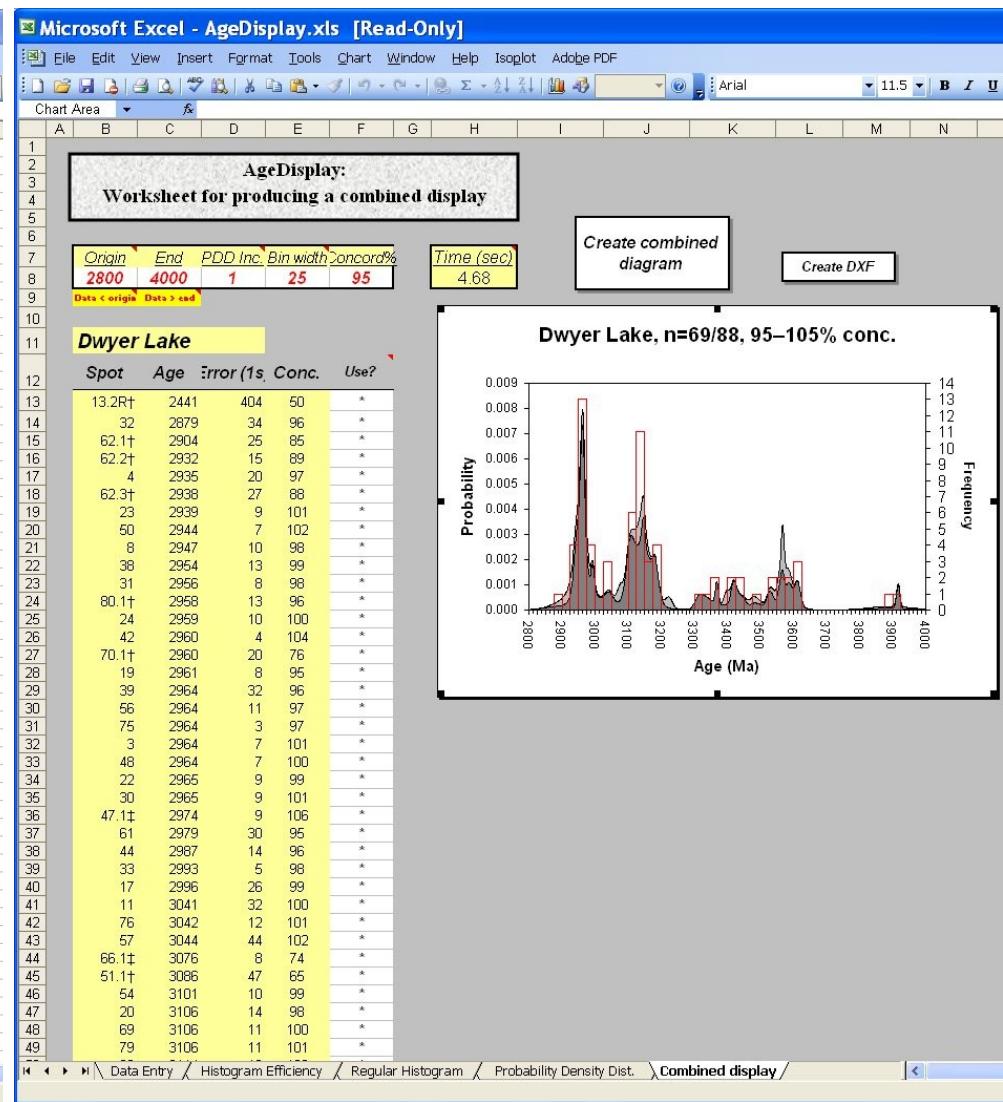


$$f(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{e_i \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp^{-(t-x_i)^2/2e_i^2}$$

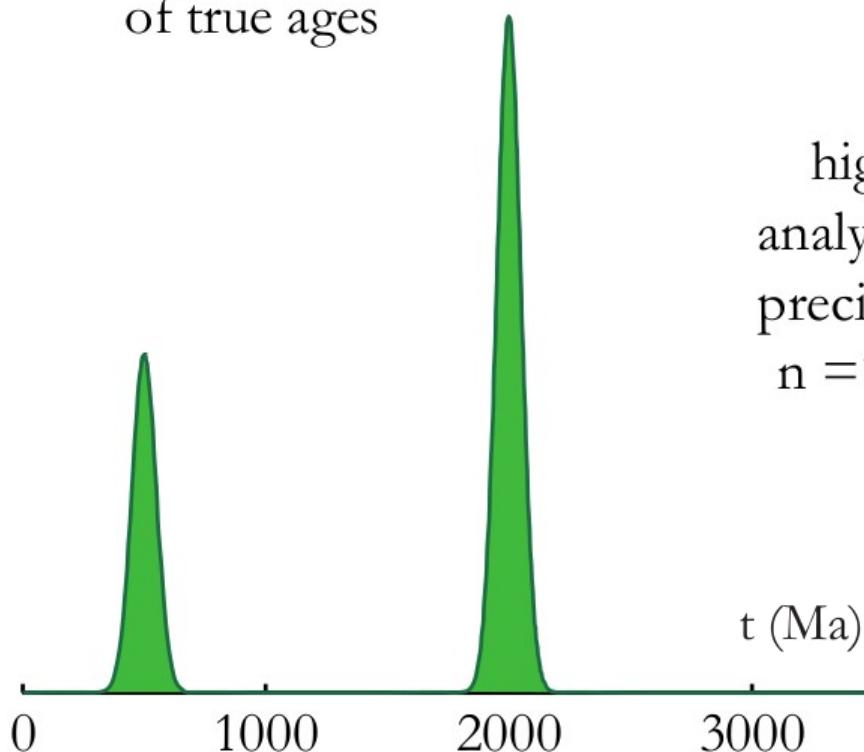
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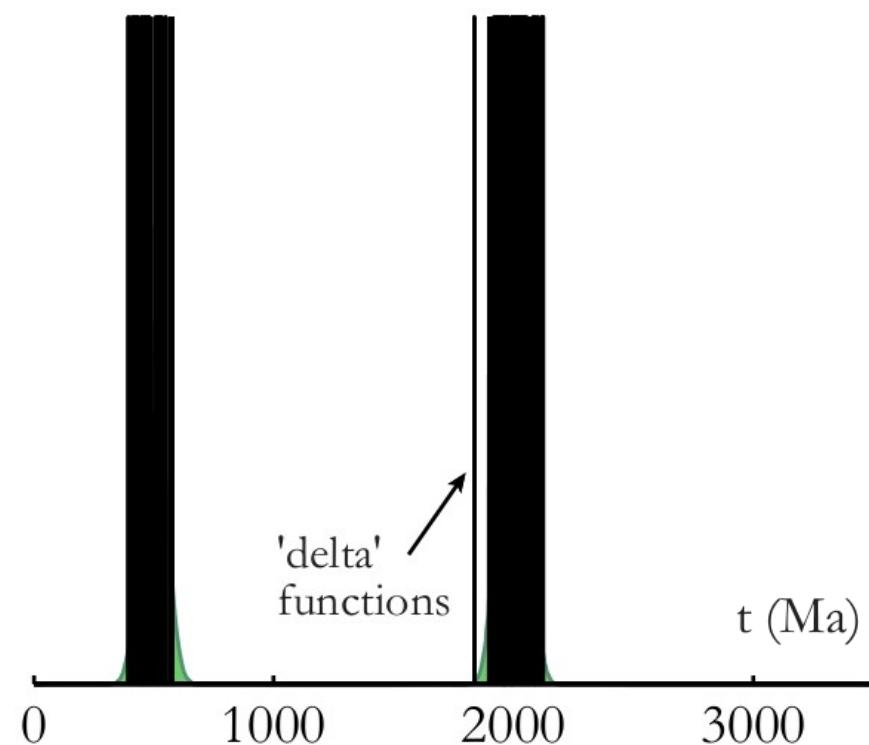
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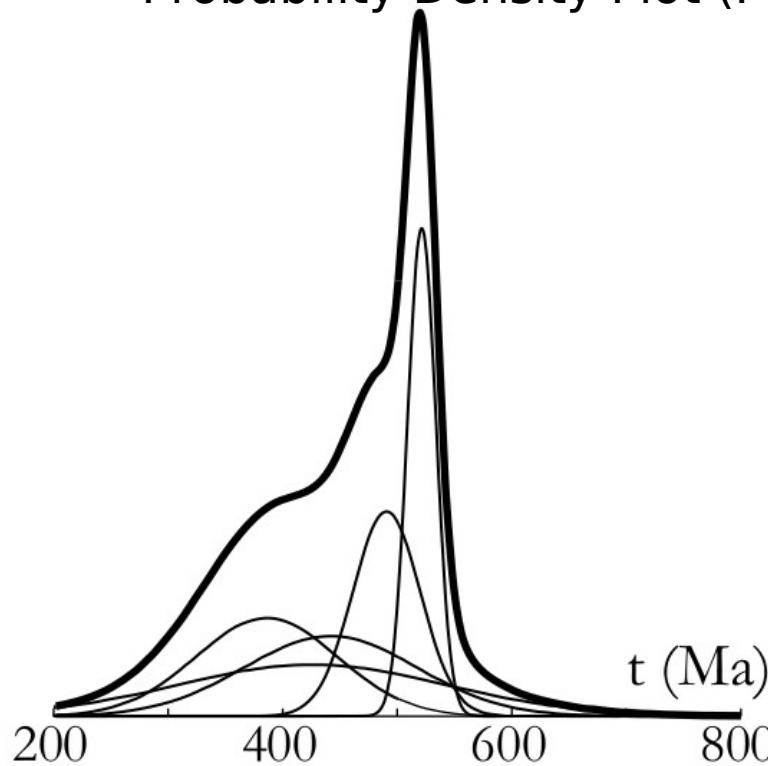
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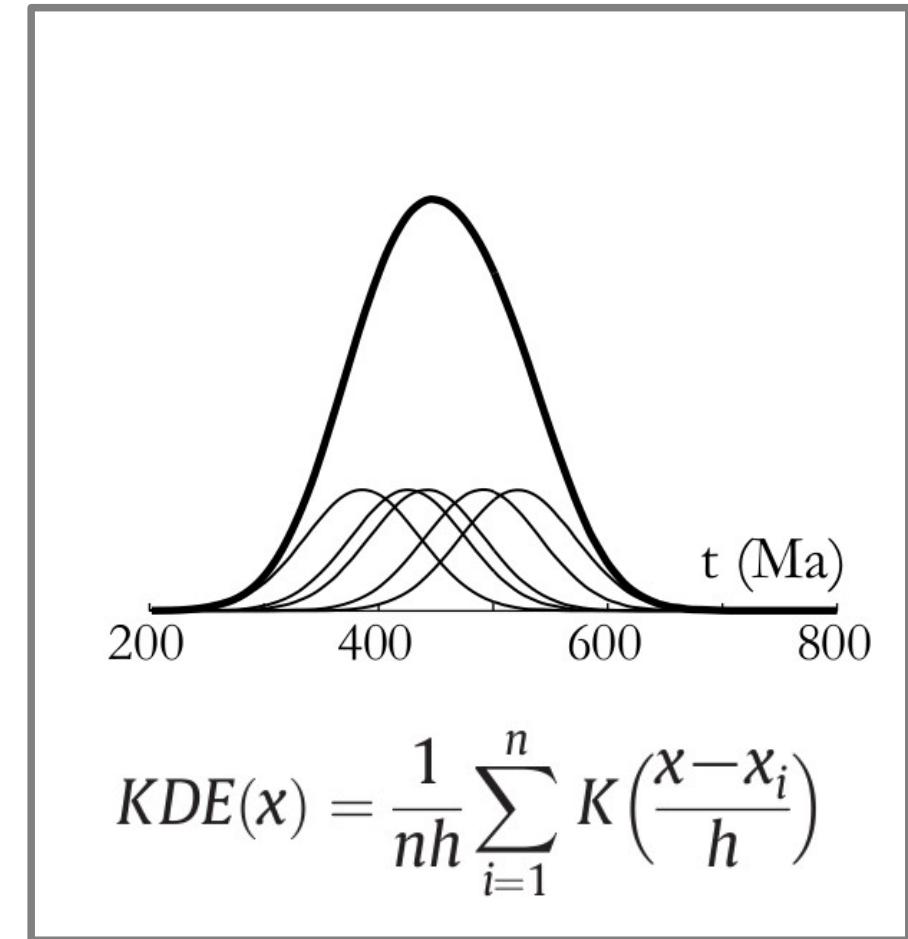
probability density plot



Probability Density Plot (PDP)



Kernel Density Estimate (KDE)



$$PDP(x) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right)$$

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## Kernel density estimation

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In statistics, **kernel density estimation (KDE)** is a non-parametric way to estimate the probability density function of a random variable. Kernel density estimation is a fundamental data smoothing problem where inferences about the population are made, based on a finite data sample. In some fields such as signal processing and econometrics it is also termed the Parzen–Rosenblatt window method, after Emanuel Parzen and Murray Rosenblatt, who are usually credited with independently creating it in its current form.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

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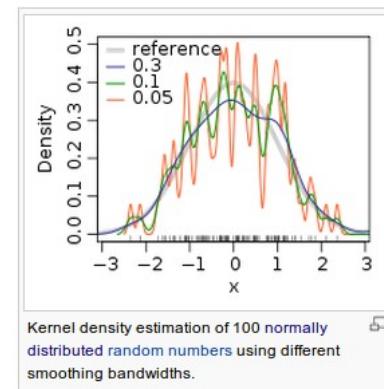
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**Definition** [edit]

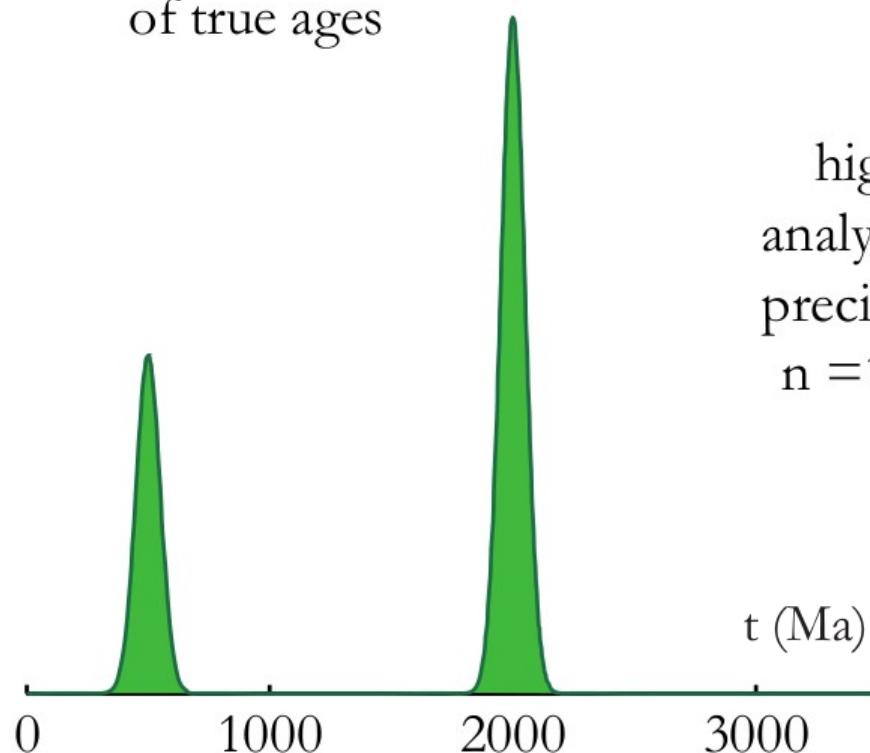
Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be an iid sample drawn from some distribution with an unknown density  $f$ . We are interested in estimating the shape of this function  $f$ . Its kernel density estimator is

$$\hat{f}_h(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(x - x_i) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right),$$

where  $K(\cdot)$  is the kernel — a symmetric but not necessarily positive function that integrates to one — and  $h > 0$  is a smoothing parameter called the bandwidth. A

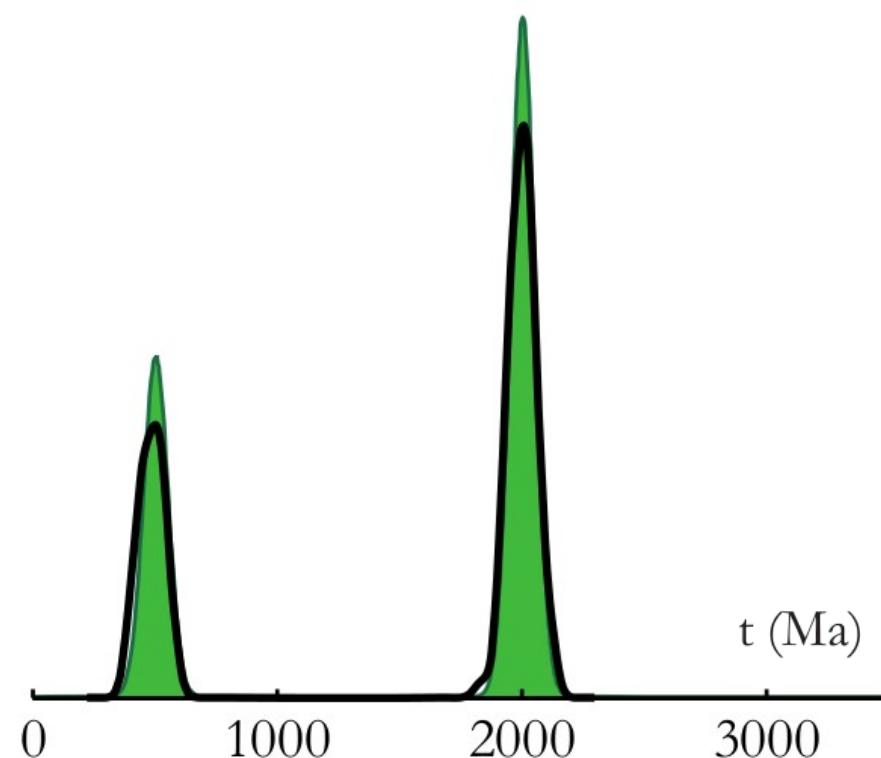


distribution  
of true ages



high  
analytical  
precision  
 $n = 117$

kernel density estimate



## histograms

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$$k = \sqrt{n} \text{ (Excel)}$$

$$h = 2 \frac{IQR(x)}{n^{1/3}} \text{ (Freedman-Diaconis)}$$

...

## KDEs

$$h = 1.06 \sigma n^{-1/5} \text{ (Silverman)}$$

$$h_{AMISE} = \frac{R(k)^{1/5}}{m_2(K)^{2/5} R(f'')^{1/5} n^{1/5}}$$

adaptive KDE methods

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**DensityPlotter - a Java application for Kernel Density Estimation**

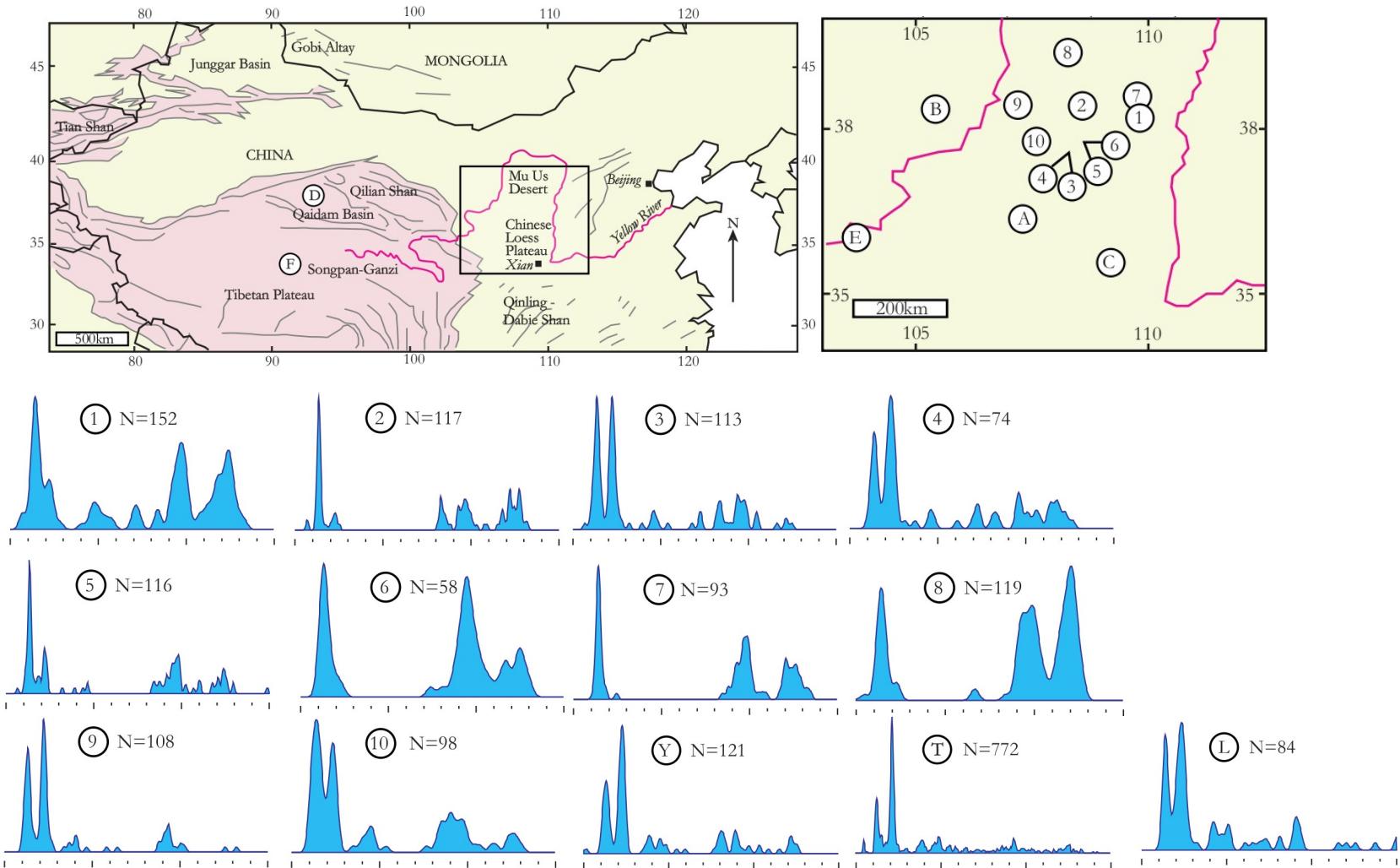
The screenshot shows the DensityPlotter Java application interface. On the left is an "Input" window containing a table with two columns: "x" and "se(x)". The "x" column lists values such as 279.49, 418.48, 271.03, etc., up to 1579.72. The "se(x)" column is mostly empty. Below the table is a "Plot" button. To the right is an "Output" window displaying a histogram titled "YR-1 (n=121)". The x-axis ranges from 0 to 3000 with major ticks every 300 units. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 46 with major ticks every 11 units. The histogram bars are white with black outlines. Overlaid on the histogram is a blue density curve. A legend at the top of the plot area indicates "YR-1 (n=121)". Below the plot are several small black dots scattered along the x-axis.

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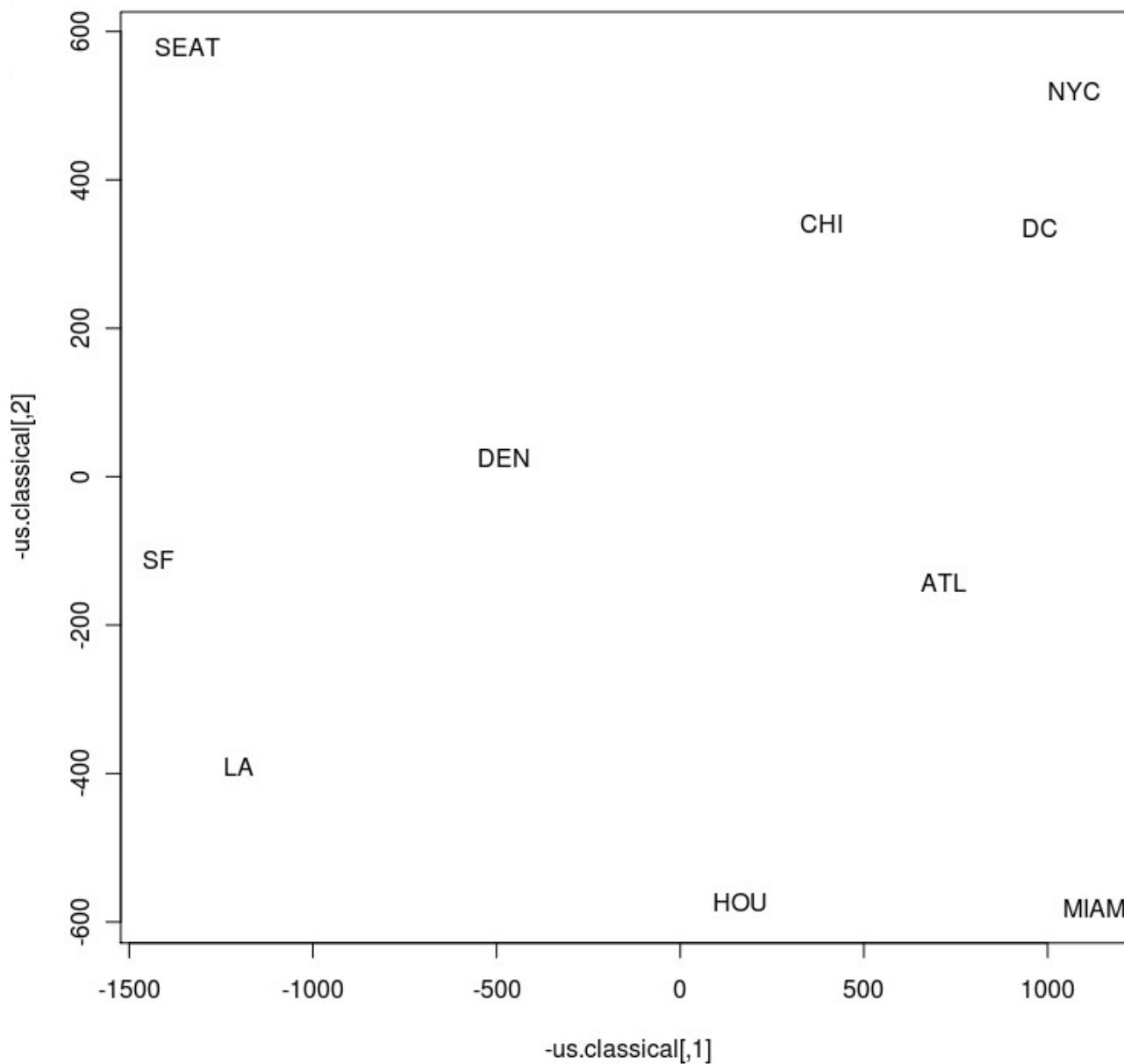
<a href="#">DensityPlotter.jar</a> Version 2.0 of the program <a href="#">earlier versions</a>	Example input files <a href="#">FTdata.csv</a> : Fission Tracks <a href="#">UPbdata.csv</a> : U-Pb ages
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DensityPlotter produces publication-ready kernel density estimates, probability density plots, histograms, radial plots and mixture models of (detrital) age distributions. The program is based on, and in fact offers exactly the same functionality as [RadialPlotter](#) albeit with a different set of pre-loaded preferences.

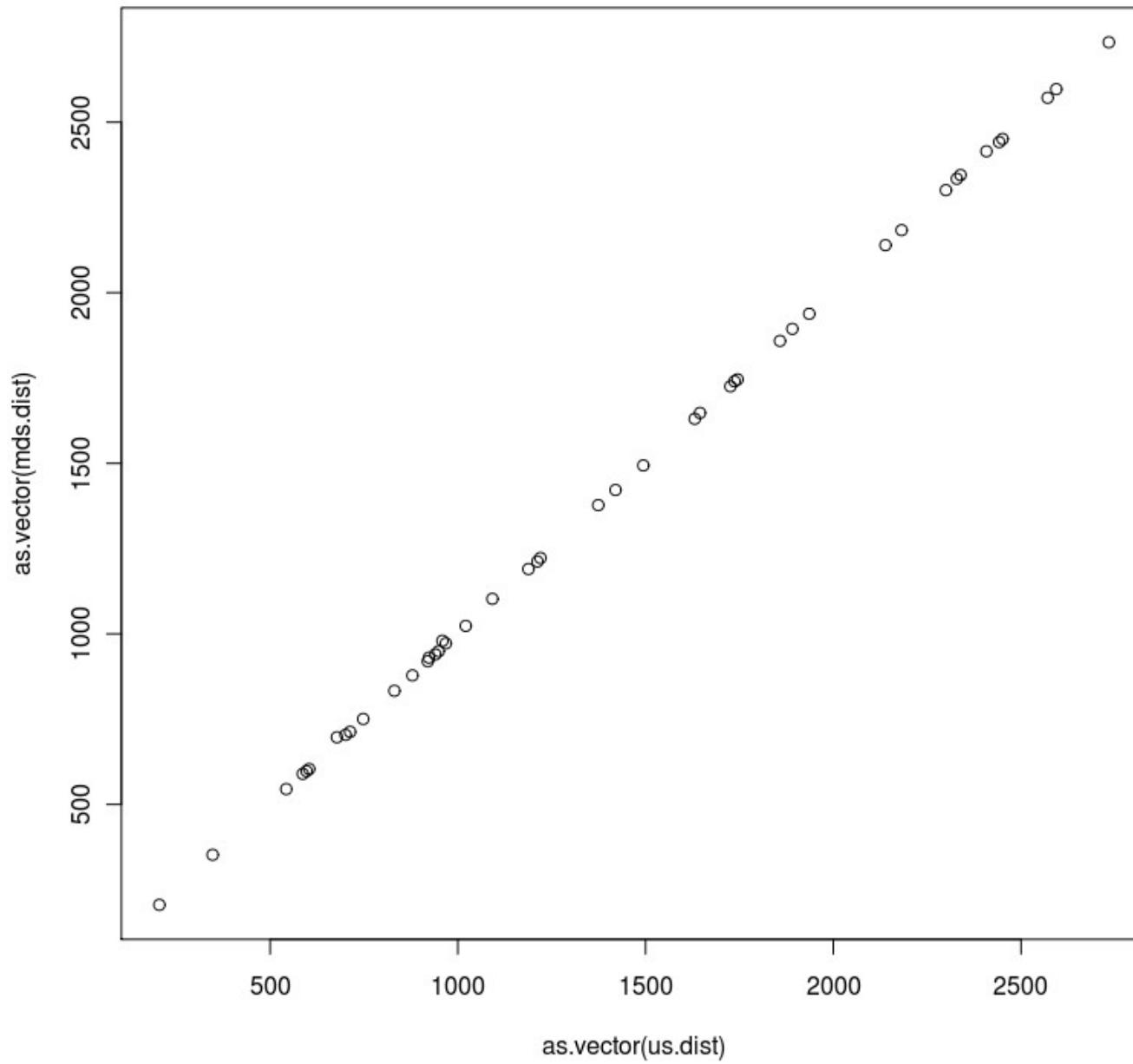
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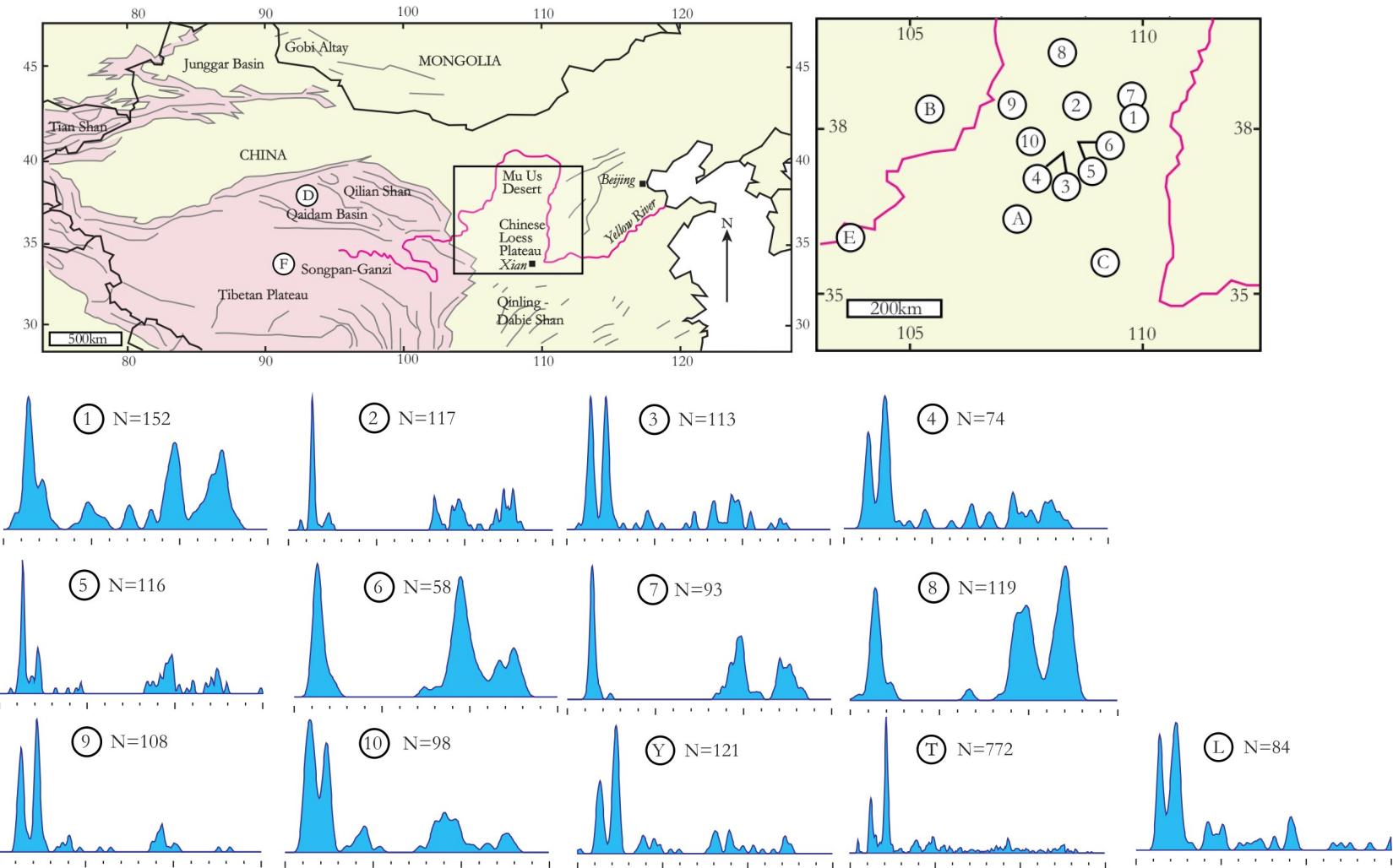


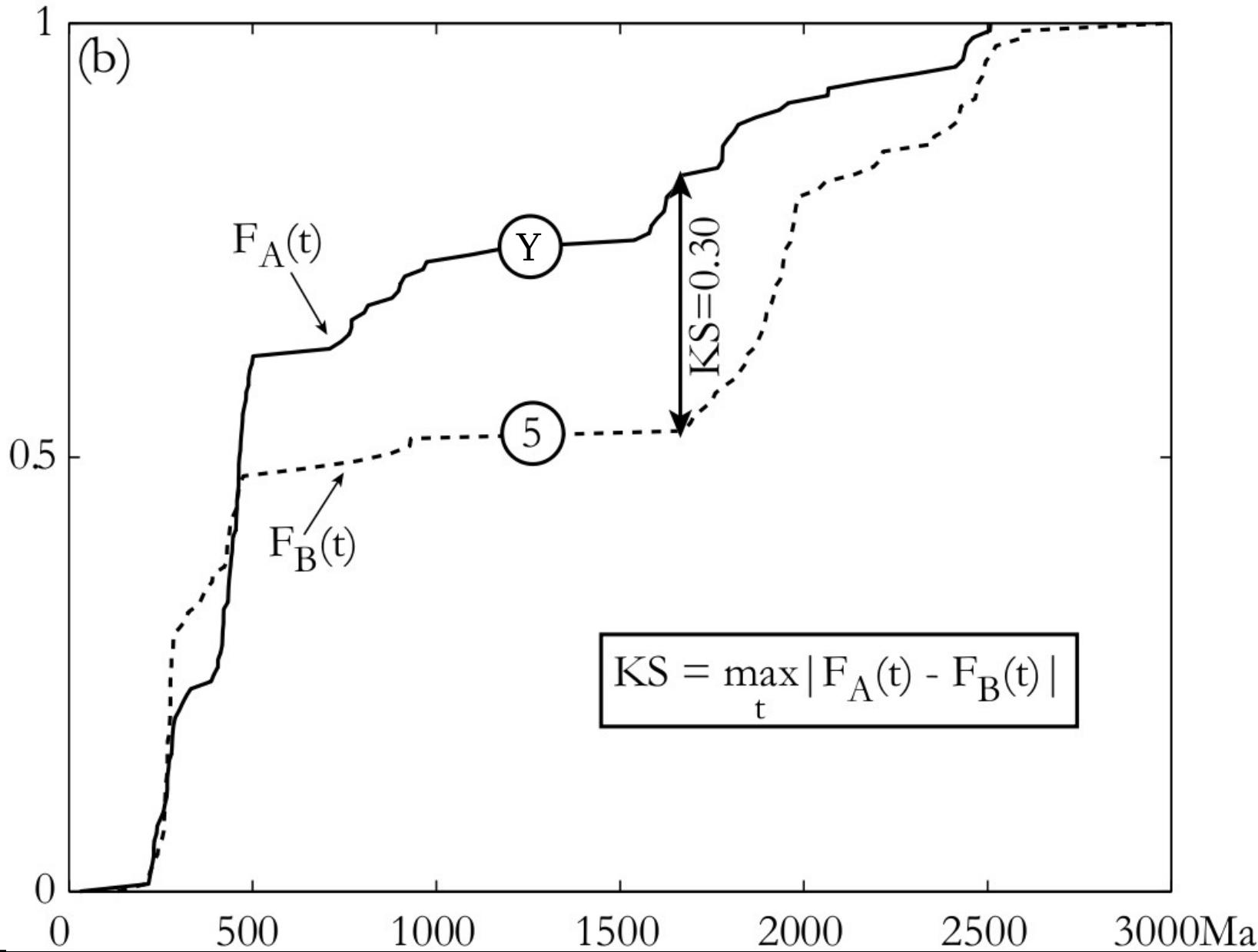
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DEN	1212	920	0	879	831	1726	1631	949	1021	1494
HOU	701	940	879	0	1374	968	1420	1645	1891	1220
LA	1936	1745	831	1374	0	2339	2451	347	959	2300
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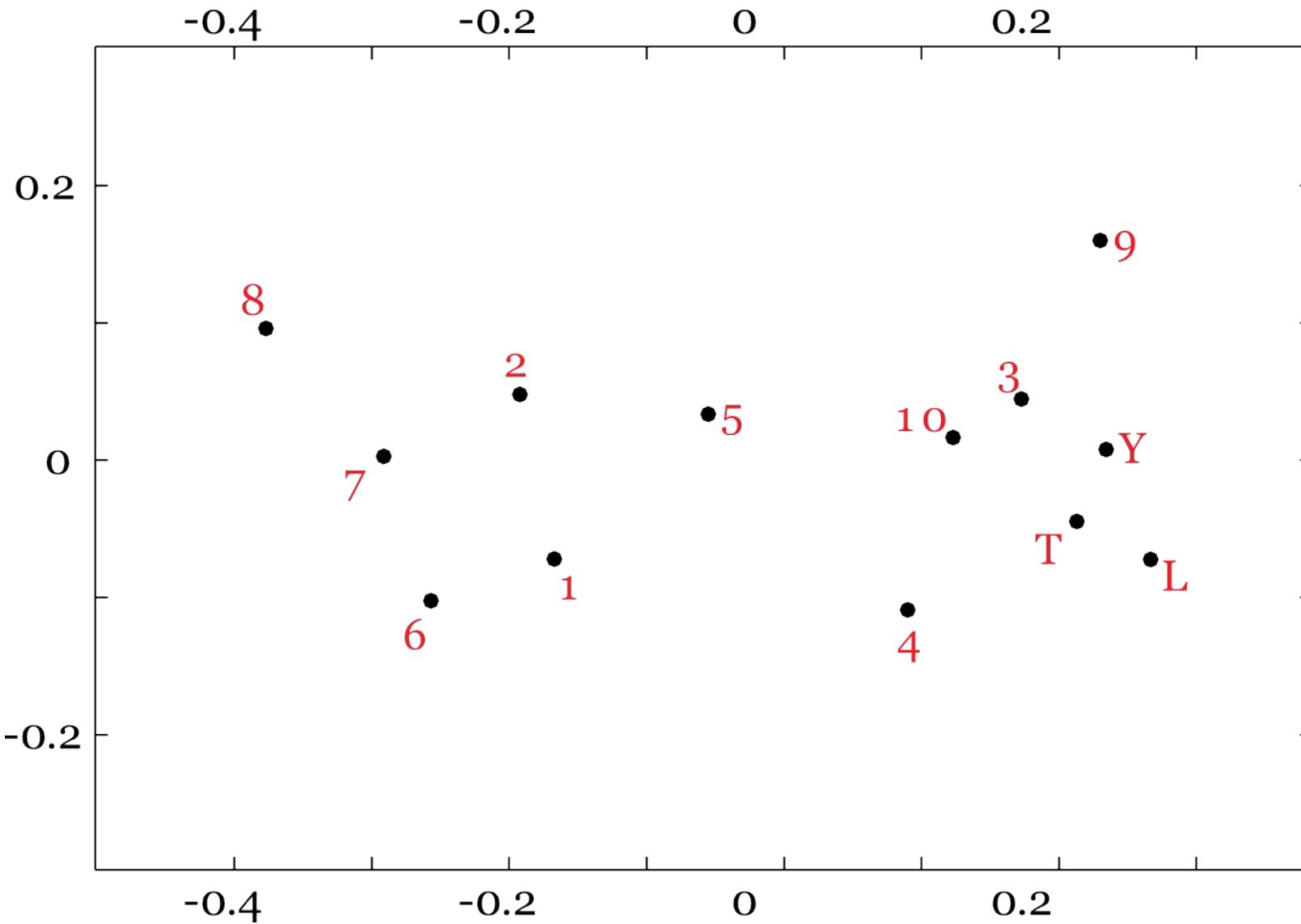
$$d_{i,j} = \sqrt{(x_i^1 - x_j^1)^2 + (x_i^2 - x_j^2)^2 + \dots + (x_i^R - x_j^R)^2}$$





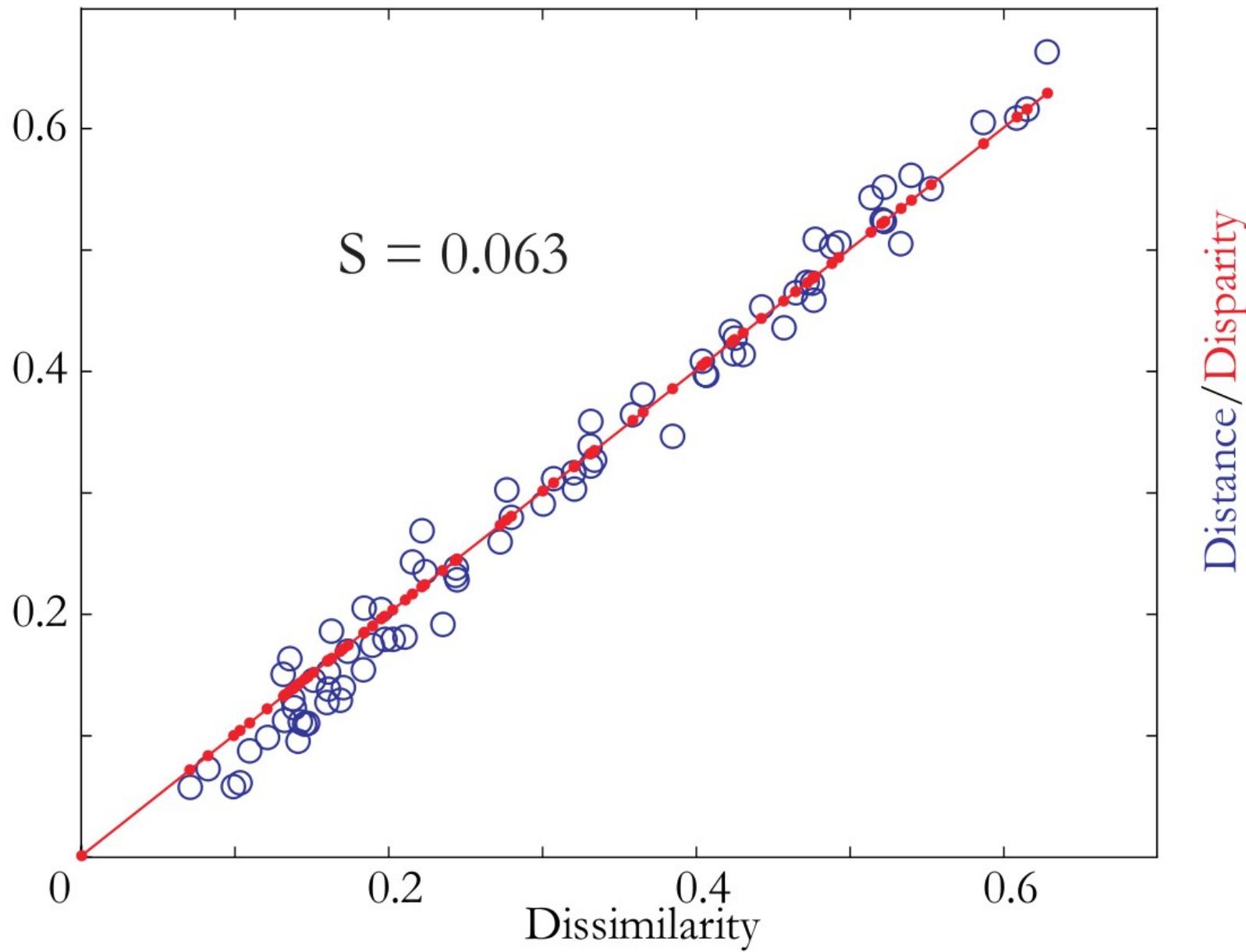


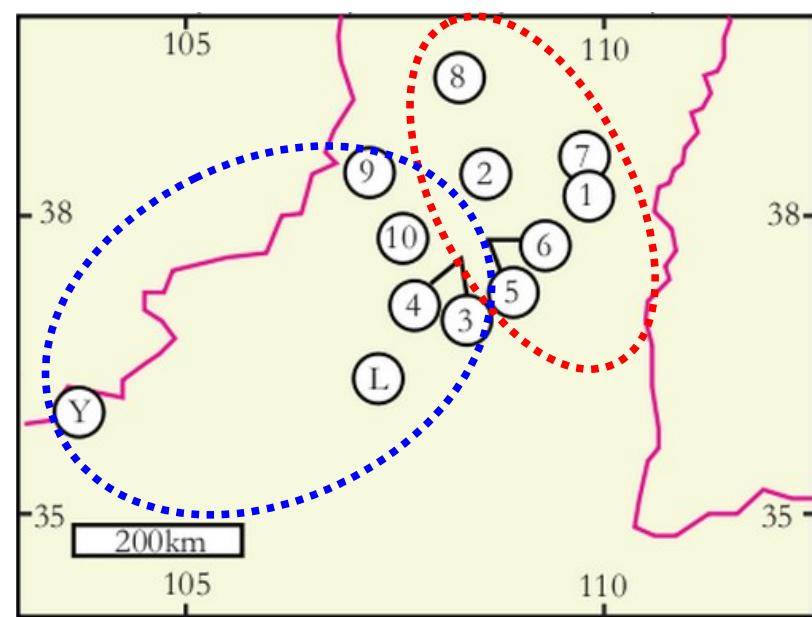
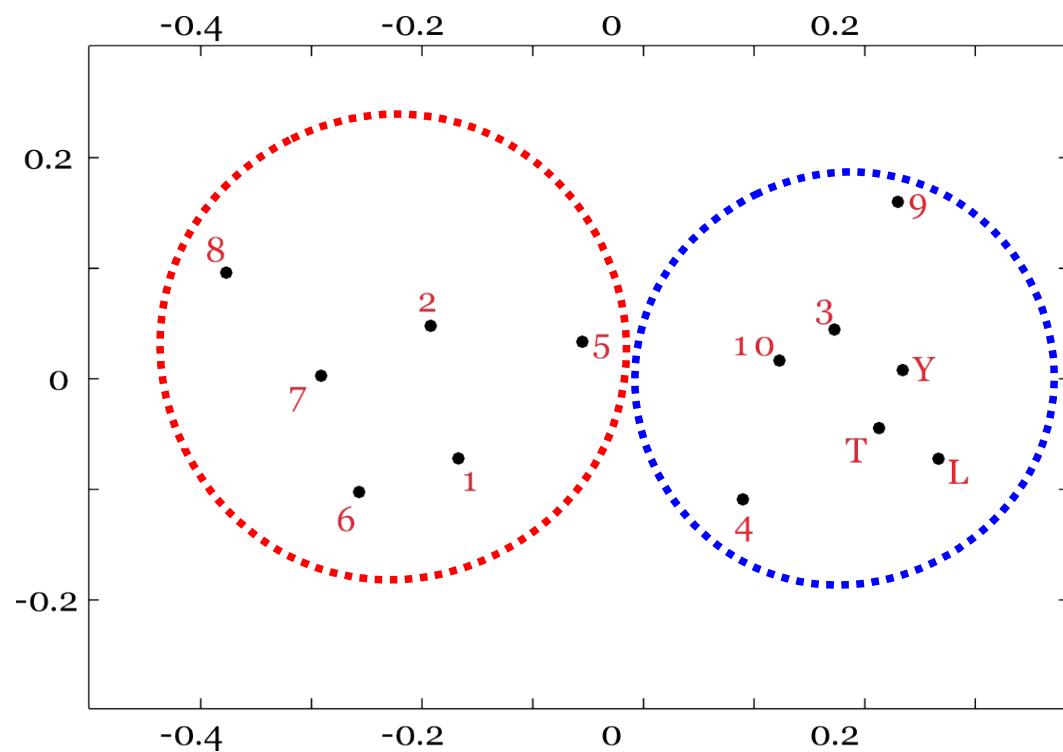
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2	14	0	36	33	16	14	15	24	46	32	47	42	43
3	33	36	0	19	24	44	47	55	17	10	13	12	8
4	27	33	19	0	20	38	41	48	28	14	21	17	16
5	18	16	24	20	0	22	24	33	31	20	33	28	30
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8	22	24	55	48	33	24	16	0	61	53	63	59	62
9	48	46	17	28	31	52	51	61	0	20	22	18	16
10	32	32	10	14	20	41	43	53	20	0	17	15	13
<i>L</i>	42	47	13	21	33	52	54	63	22	17	0	10	11
<i>T</i>	37	42	12	17	28	48	49	59	18	15	10	0	7
<i>Y</i>	40	43	8	16	30	49	52	62	16	13	11	7	0



The fitted distances are in good agreement with the dissimilarities

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	$L$	$T$	$Y$
1	0	12	35	26	18	11	18	23	48	32	42	38	41
2	12	0	36	30	14	7	9	18	44	33	45	40	43
3	35	36	0	10	23	42	45	54	17	3	9	5	7
4	26	30	10	0	18	35	39	47	27	8	16	12	15
5	18	14	23	18	0	21	22	31	31	20	32	27	29
6	11	7	42	35	21	0	7	13	51	39	50	46	48
$d = 7$	18	9	45	39	22	7	0	9	52	42	54	49	51
8	23	18	54	47	31	13	9	0	61	50	62	58	60
9	48	44	17	27	31	51	52	61	0	19	21	20	18
10	32	33	3	8	20	39	42	50	19	0	12	8	10
$L$	42	45	9	16	32	50	54	62	21	12	0	5	4
$T$	38	40	5	12	27	46	49	58	20	8	5	0	3
$Y$	41	43	7	15	29	48	51	60	18	10	4	3	0





MuDiSc: Multi-Dimensional Scaling with Matlab and R

An increasing number of detrital zircon provenance studies are based on not just a few but many samples. This trend is likely to continue as the price of zircon U-Pb analyses continues to drop. The large datasets resulting from such studies call for a dimension-reducing technique such as Multi-Dimensional Scaling (MDS). Given a dissimilarity matrix (i.e., a table of pairwise distances), MDS constructs a 'map' on which 'similar' samples cluster closely together and 'dissimilar' samples plot far apart. This website presents some software tools for MDS analysis in the context of detrital geochronology, using the effect size of the two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic as a dissimilarity metric. Two alternative sets of tools are presented here, written in Matlab ([Section 1](#)) and R ([Section 2](#)). MDS is closely related to, and in fact is a superset of, Principal Component Analysis (PCA), which is an established technique for conventional petrographic provenance studies. An example of this (written in R) is given at the end of this page, in [Section 3](#). Further detail about these methods is provided in an accompanying [paper](#):

Vermeesch, P., 2013, Multi-sample comparison of detrital age distributions. Chemical Geology, doi:10.1016/j.chemgeo.2013.01.010.

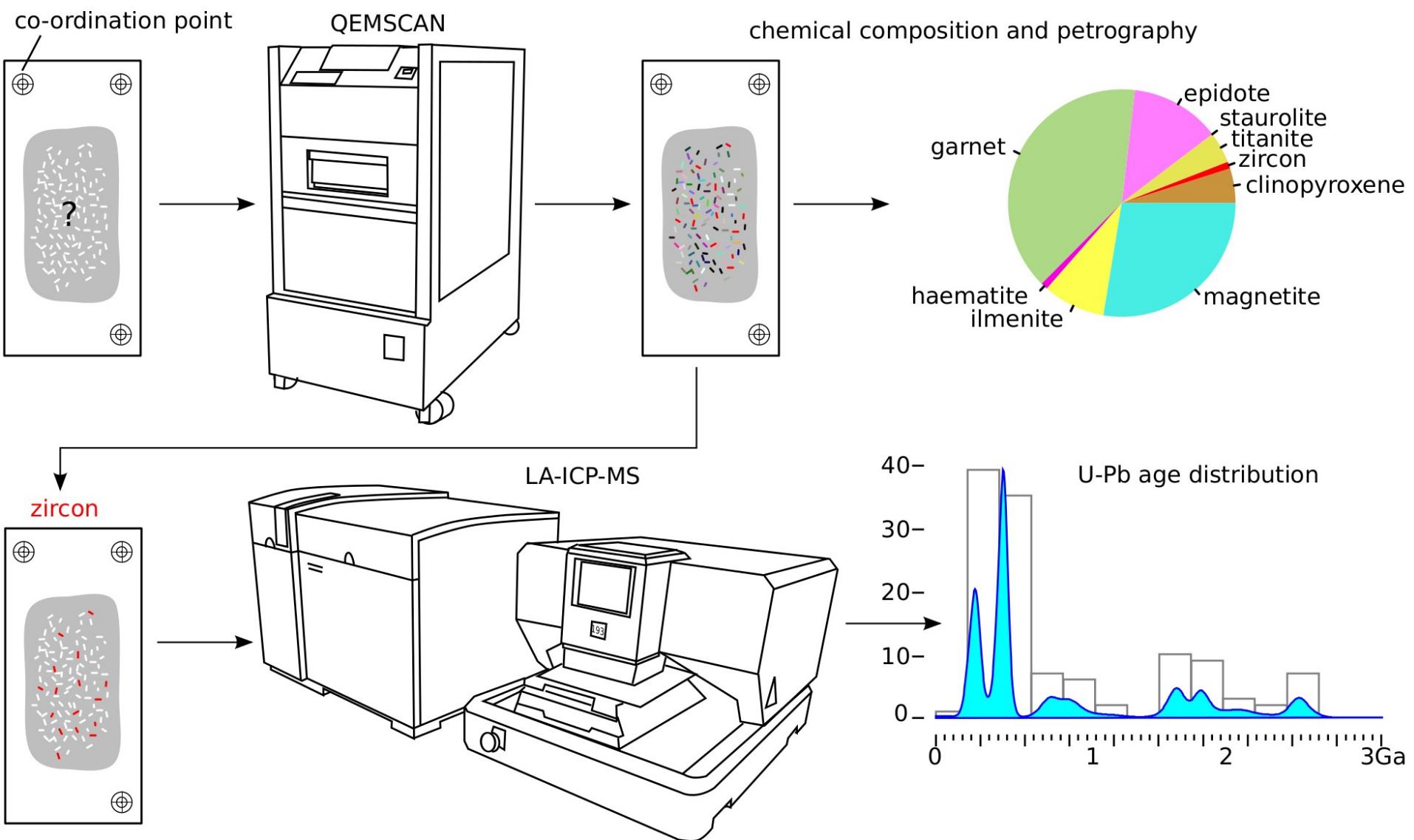
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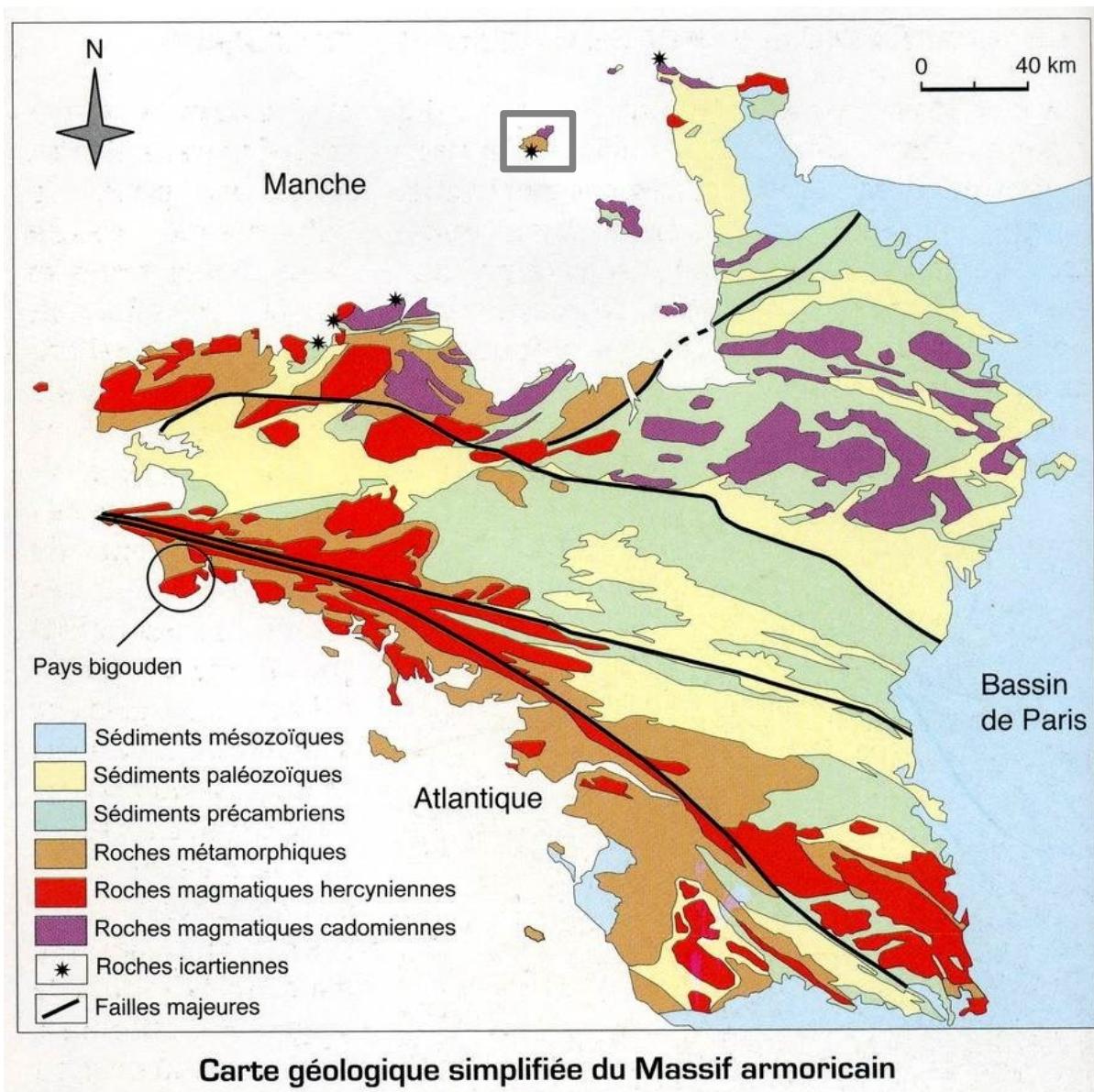
The screenshot shows four windows of the MuDiSc Matlab-GUI:

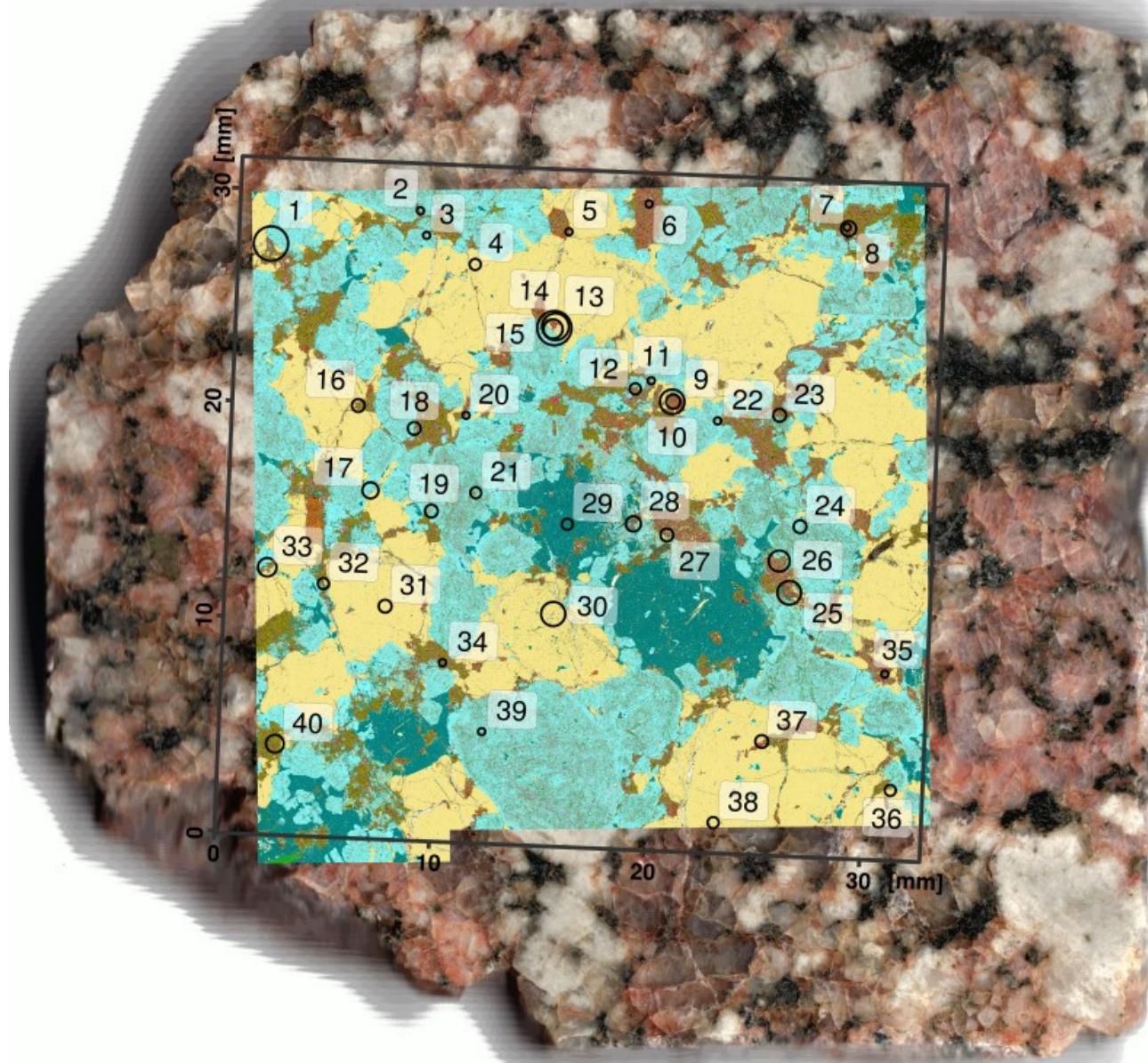
- MDS map:** A scatter plot showing sample points labeled 1 through 10 and L, V, T, H, W, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, K, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, X, Y, Z. Some points are connected by dashed lines.
- QQ-plot:** A grid of plots showing the relationship between sample pairs. The x-axis is labeled with sample names and ages in Ma (e.g., 2000, 3000). The y-axis is labeled with sample names.
- Shepard plot:** A scatter plot showing Distance/Dissimilarities on the y-axis versus Dissimilarities on the x-axis. It includes a legend for Distances (blue circles) and Dissimilarities (red squares).
- mudisc:** A control panel window with the following settings:
  - File: /home/pvermeesch/DZages.xls [Select]
  - Checkboxes: Q-Q plot (checked), MDS map (checked), Shepard plot (unchecked)
  - Radio button: Metric scaling? (Y)
  - Buttons: Plot, Exit

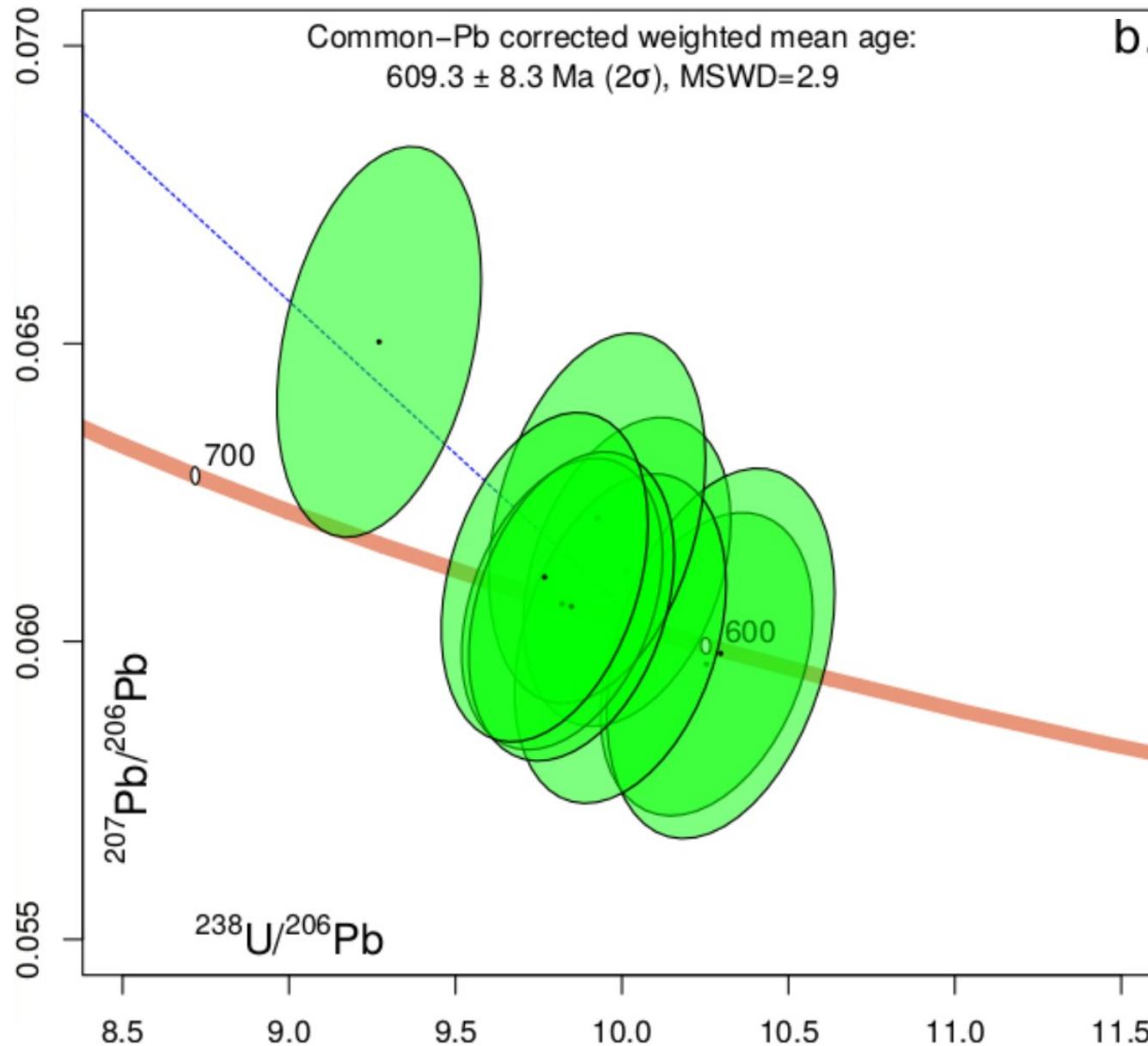
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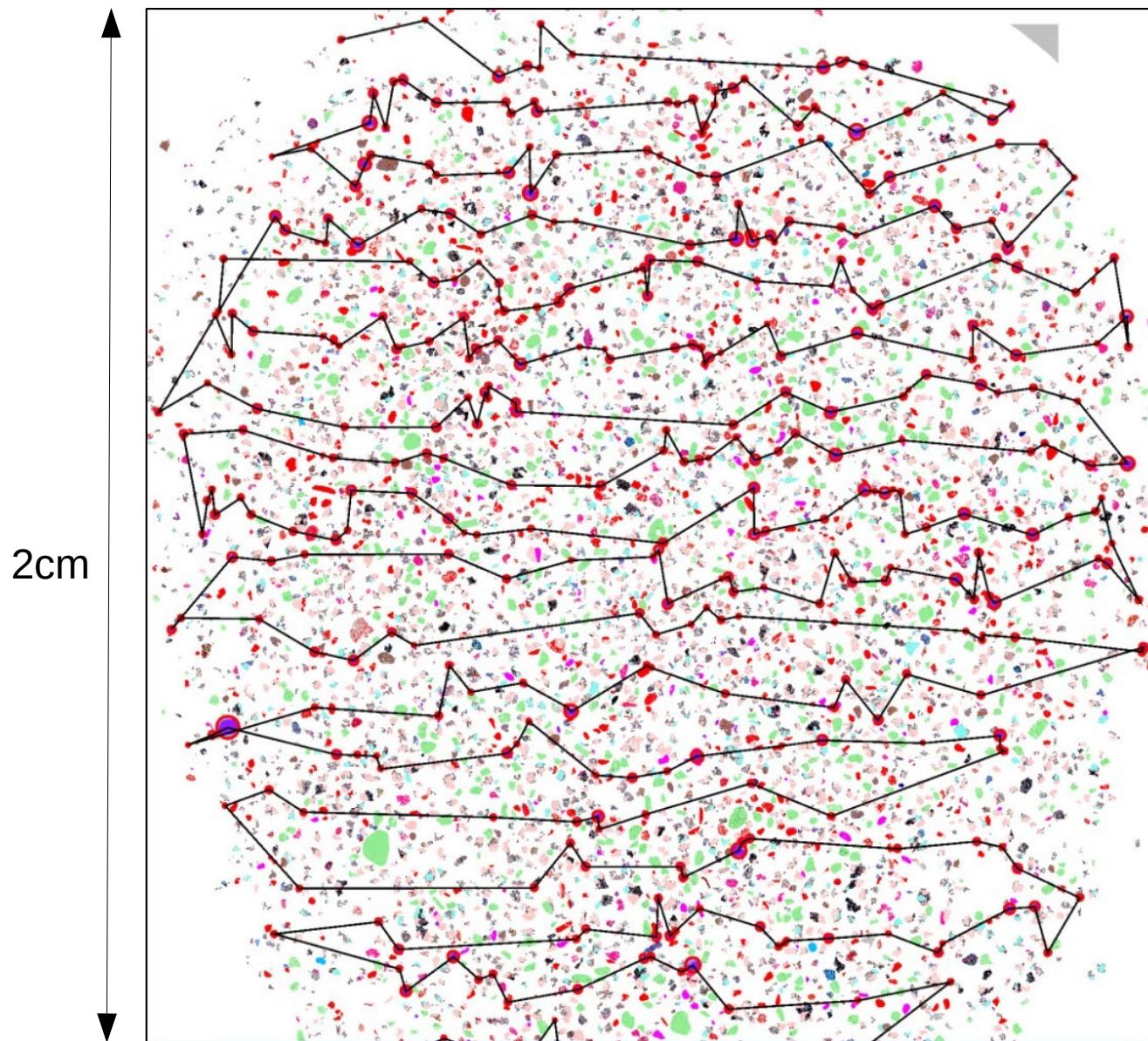


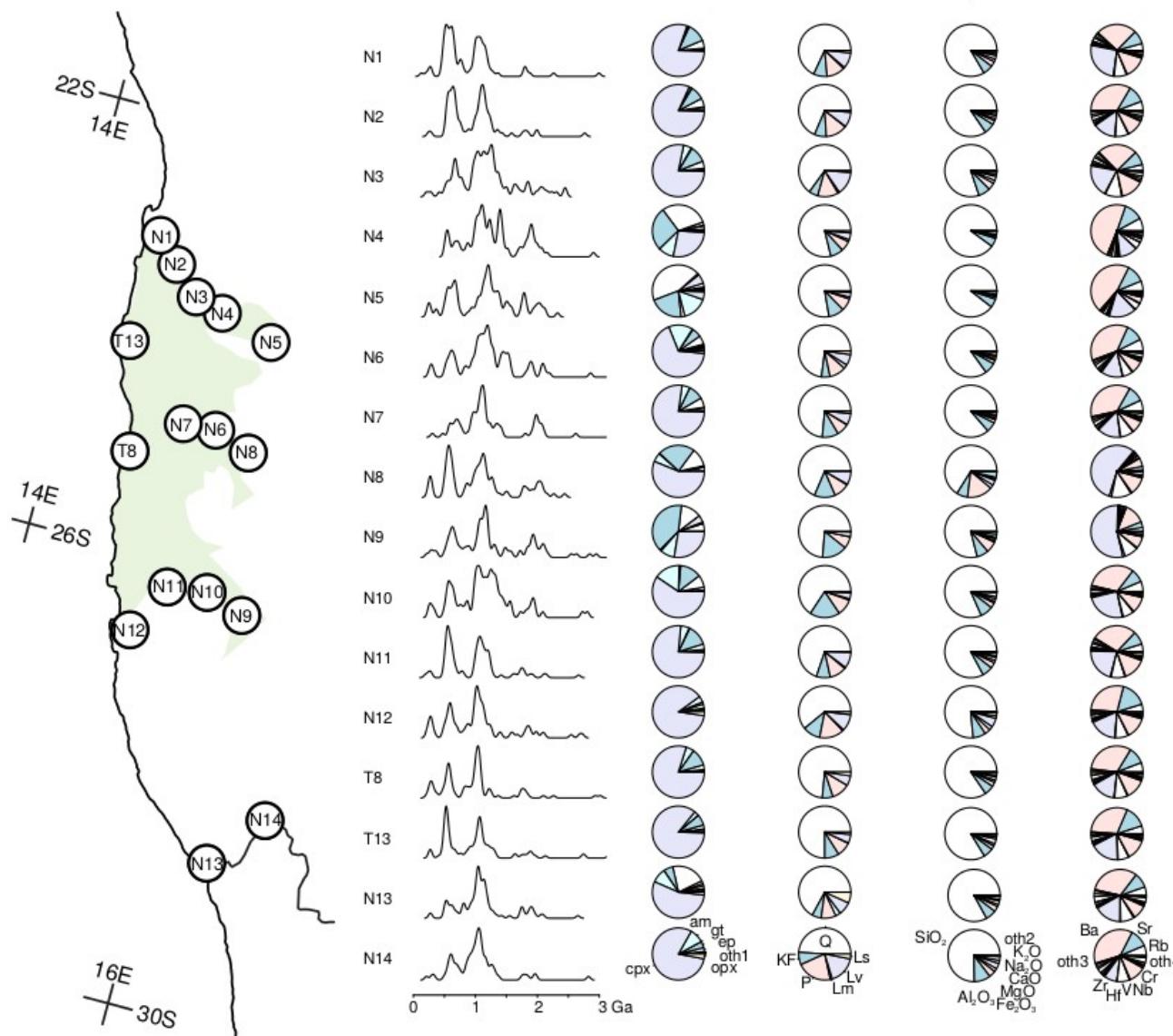


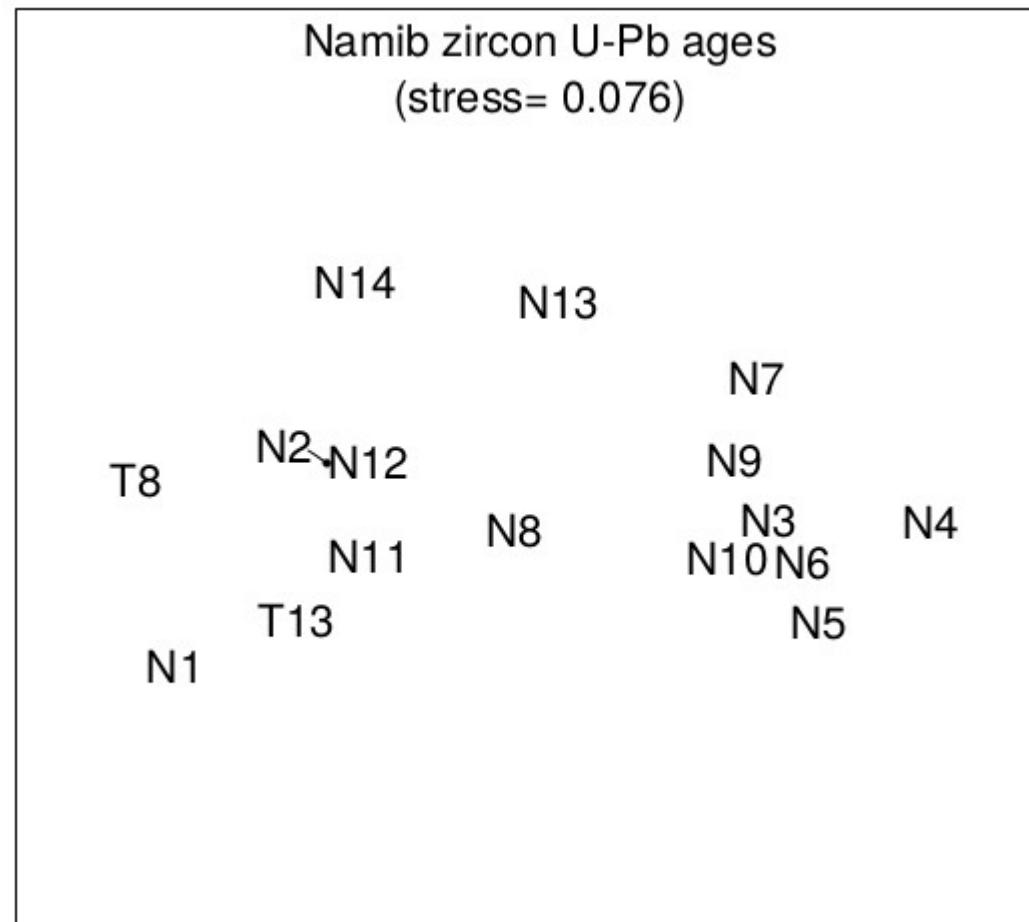
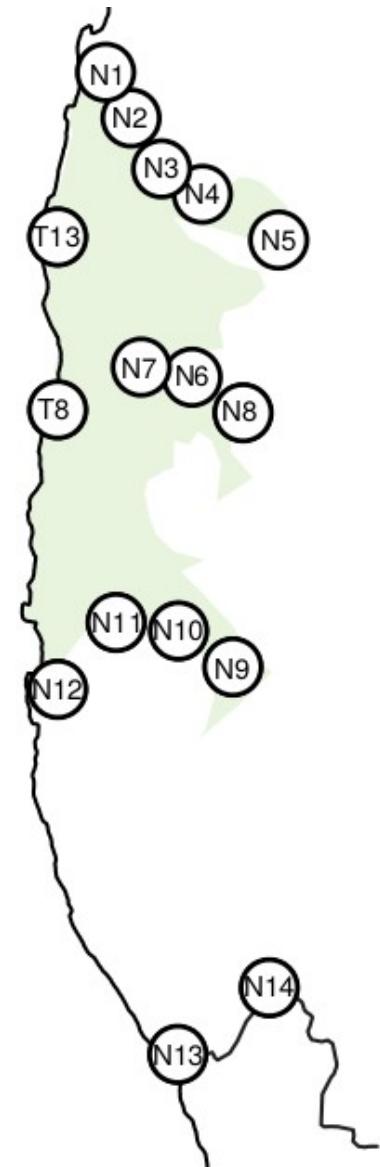


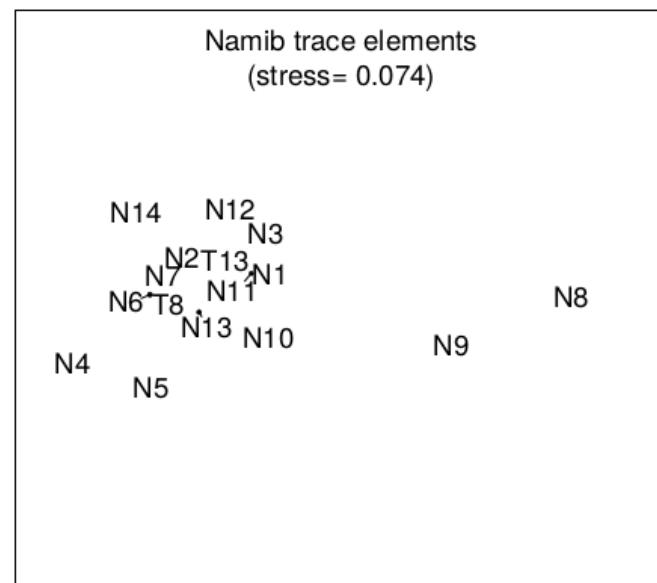
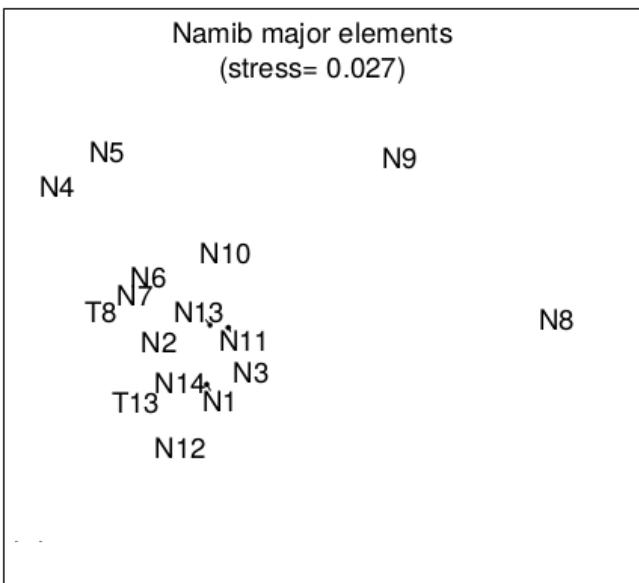
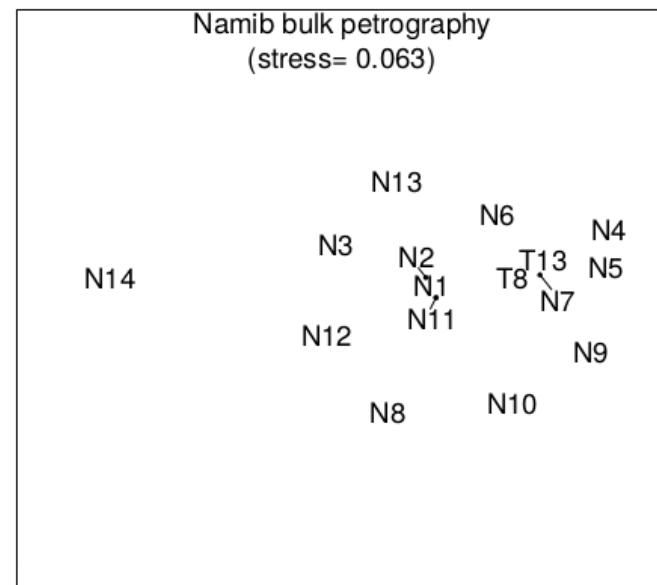
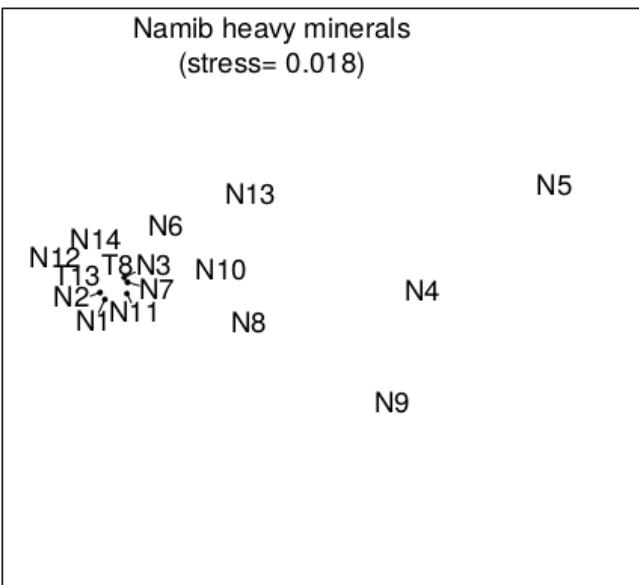
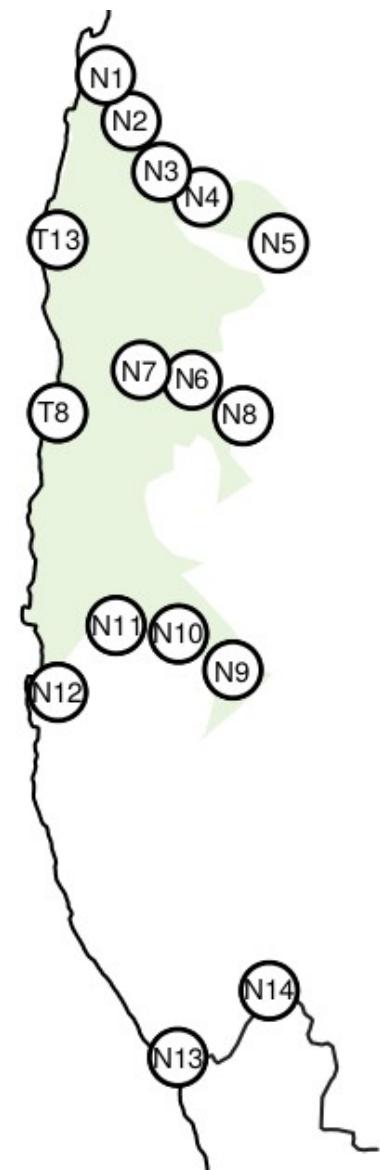




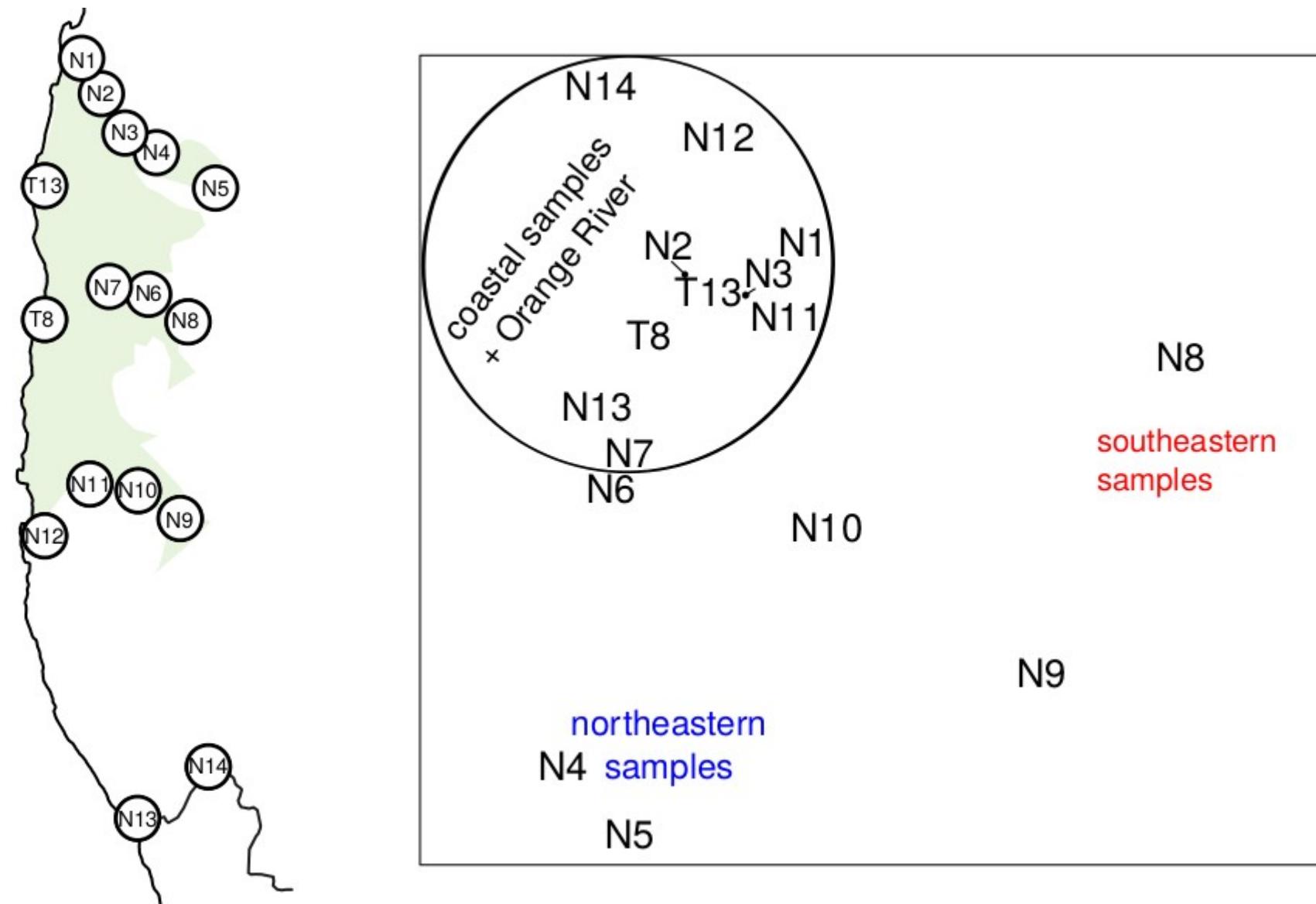


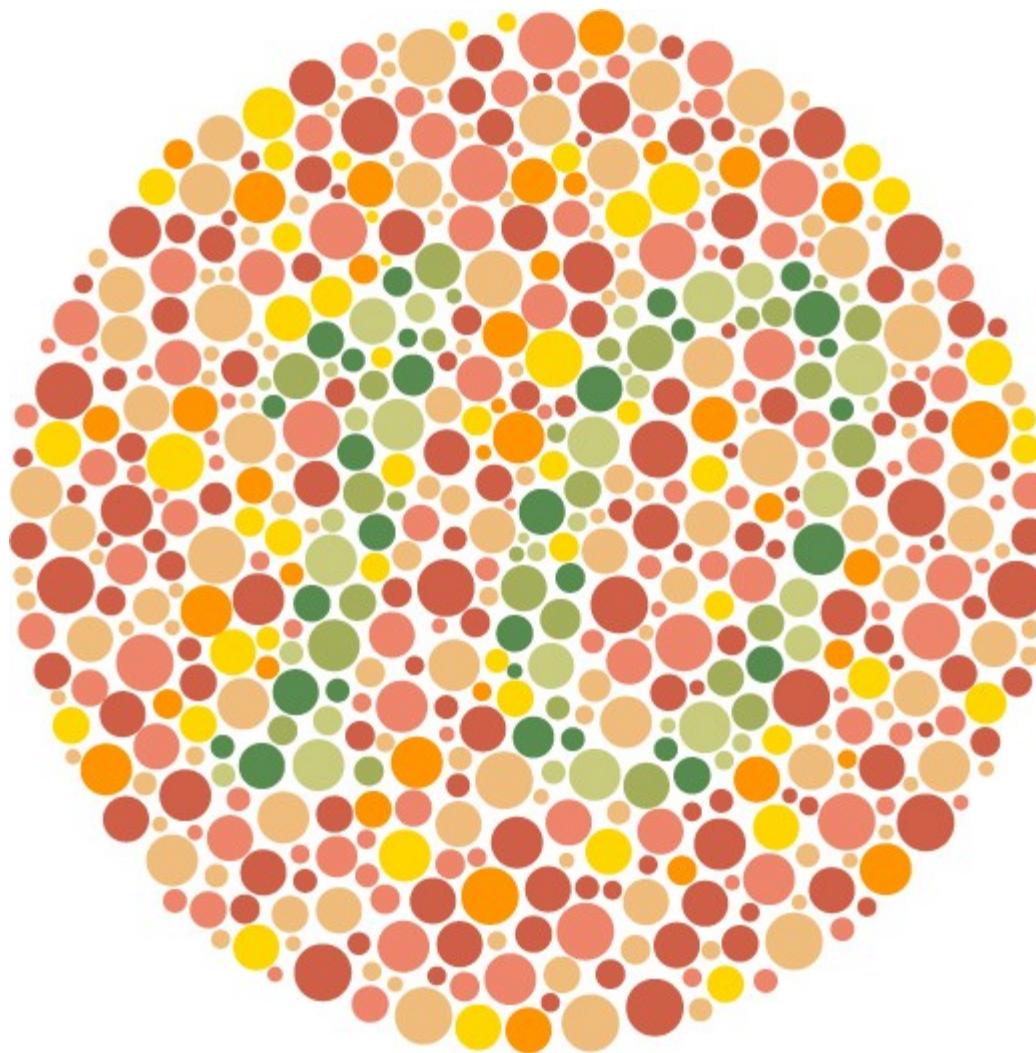






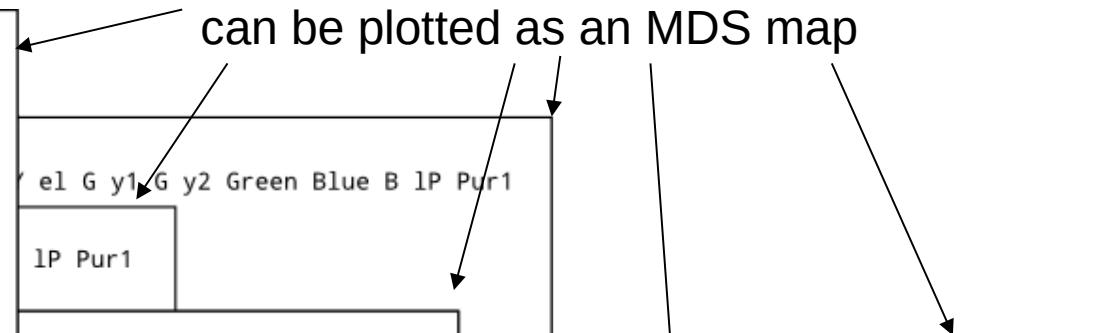






Each of these 16 9x9 distance matrices can be plotted as an MDS map

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Red	6.8									
Yel	12.5	5.4								
Gy1	13.8	8.3	5.2							
Gy2	14.2	10.4	7.2	3.7						
Green	12.5	11.6	9.5	5.9	4.2					
Blue	11.0	13.8	11.3	10.1	6.9	4.3				
B1P	8.6	14.3	13.5	11.1	10.2	6.8	4.8			
Pur1	5.5	11.8	14.6	12.3	12.1	9.9	7.4	4.5		
Pur2	3.5	8.9	14.1	12.5	11.2	10.7	8.7	6.1	3.6	



Gy2	9.6	9.3	1	R	Pur	Red	Yel	Gy1	Gy2	Green	Blue	B1P	Pur1
Green	10.8	9.9	1	Red	6.8								
Blue	9.7	11.7	1	Yel	12.5	5.4							
B1P	8.5	11.6	1	Gy1	13.8	8.3	5.2						
Pur1	4.9	10.3	1	Gy2	14.2	10.4	7.2	3.7					
Pur2	3.5	8.0	1	Green	12.5	11.6							

4.5	Y	el	G	y1	G	y2	Green	Blue	B1P	Pur1

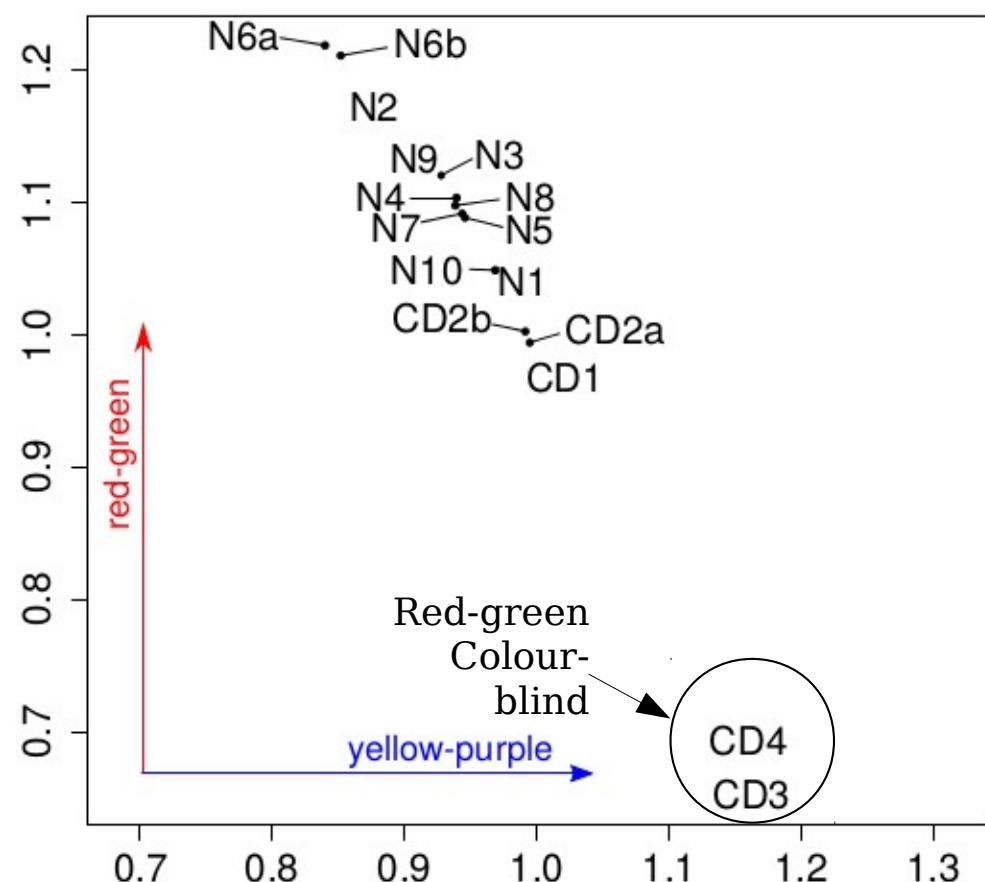
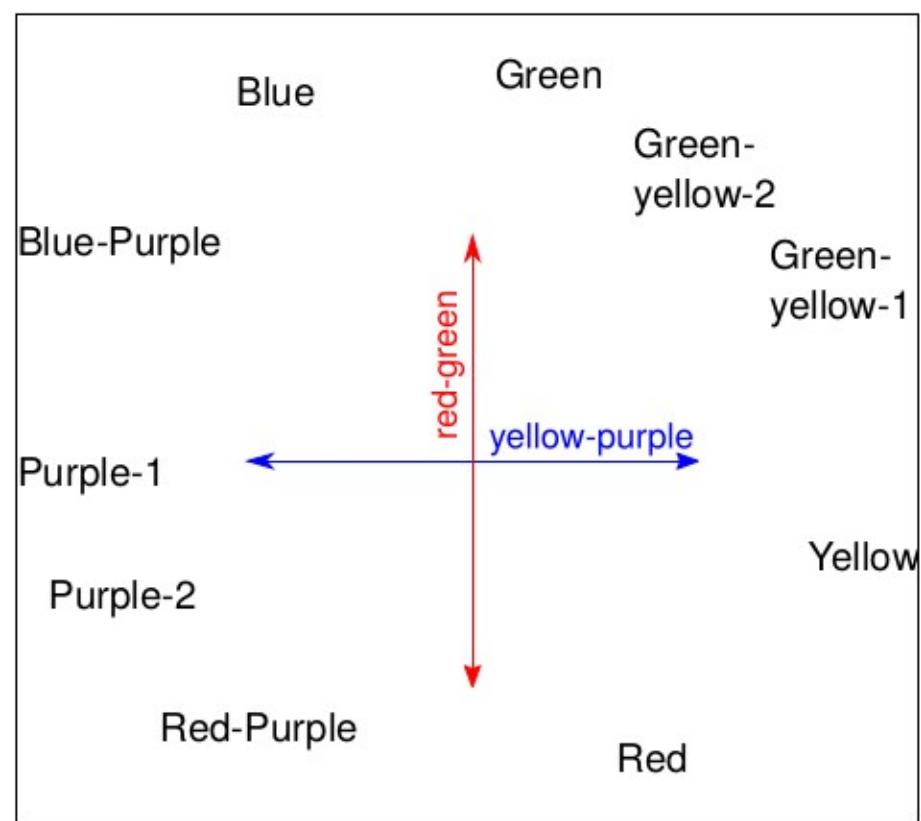
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	Blue	9		Red	6.8								
	B1P	9		Yel	12.5	5.4							
	Pur1	8		Gy1	13.8	8.3	5.2						
				Gy2	14.2	10.4	7.2	3.7					

\$N5	R	Pur	Red	Yel	Gy1	Gy2	Green	Blue	B1P	Pur1
Red	6.6									
Yel	10.5	5.5								
Gy1	10.2	9.6	7.2							
Gy2	9.6	9.3	8.3	4.7						
Green	10.8	9.9	9.3	6.2	3.3					
Blue	9.7	11.7	11.3	8.9	6.3	4.2				
B1P	8.5	11.6	11.9	10.3	9.1	8.9	6.6			
Pur1	4.9	10.3	11.8	11.6	11.1	9.4	8.9	5.8		
Pur2	3.5	8.0	11.5	10.2	10.4	10.6	9.2	7.3	2.9	

4.6										
7.8	6.3									
9.9	9.6	4.8								
11.2	10.6	6.8	4.6							
11.6	11.6	9.1	7.4	5.2						

.N8	R	Pur	Red	Yel	Gy1	Gy2	Green	Blue	B1P	Pur1
Red	7.5									
Yel	9.1	4.4								
Gy1	10.2	7.9	5.7							
Gy2	12.1	10.4	8.3	3.9						
Green	12.5	11.2	10.2	6.5	4					
Blue	9.7	12.6	11.3	8.7	7					
B1P	9.8	11.4	12.2	10.3	9					
Pur1	8.3	11.3	11.9	10.7	11					
Pur2	6.7	10.4	10.7	12.6	11					

\$CD2a	R	P	Red	Yel	Gy1	Gy2	Green	Blue	B1P	Pur1
Red										
Yel	1									
Gy1	1									
Gy2	1									
Green	11.0	8.9	10.8	9.6	5.8					
Blue	9.8	9.3	10.4	10.8	8.0	7.7				
B1P	8.9	10.7	11.8	11.9	10.5	9.6	7.4			
Pur1	8.9	10.1	11.6	11.3	10.4	10.6	9.0	4.5		
Pur2	5.1	9.6	10.2	10.9	10.7	10.7	8.7	7.0	4.5	



N1	
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BIP	Gy1
Pur1	
Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

N2	
Blue	Green Gy2
BIP	Gy1
Pur1	
Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

N3	
Blue	Green Gy2
BIP	Gy1
Pur1	
Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

N4	
Blue	Green Gy2
BIP	Gy1
Pur1	
Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

N5	
Blue	Green Gy2
BIP	Gy1
Pur1	
Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

N6a	
Blue	Green Gy2
BIP	Gy1
Pur1	
Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

N6b	
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BIP	Gy1
Pur1	
Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

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Blue	Green Gy2
BIP	Gy1
Pur1	
Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

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BIP	Gy1
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Pur2	Yel
RPur	Red

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BIP	Gy1
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Pur2	Yel
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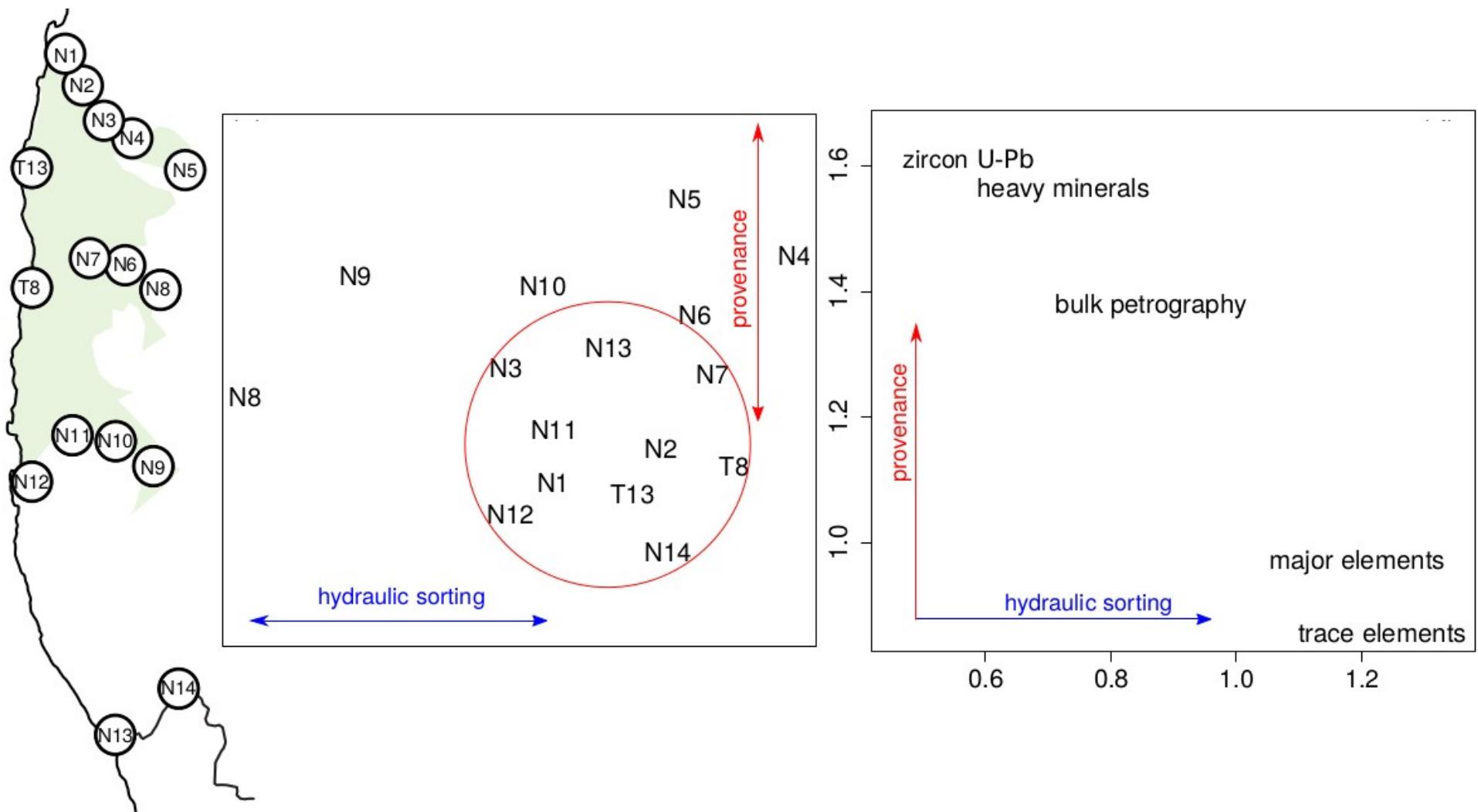
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Pur1	
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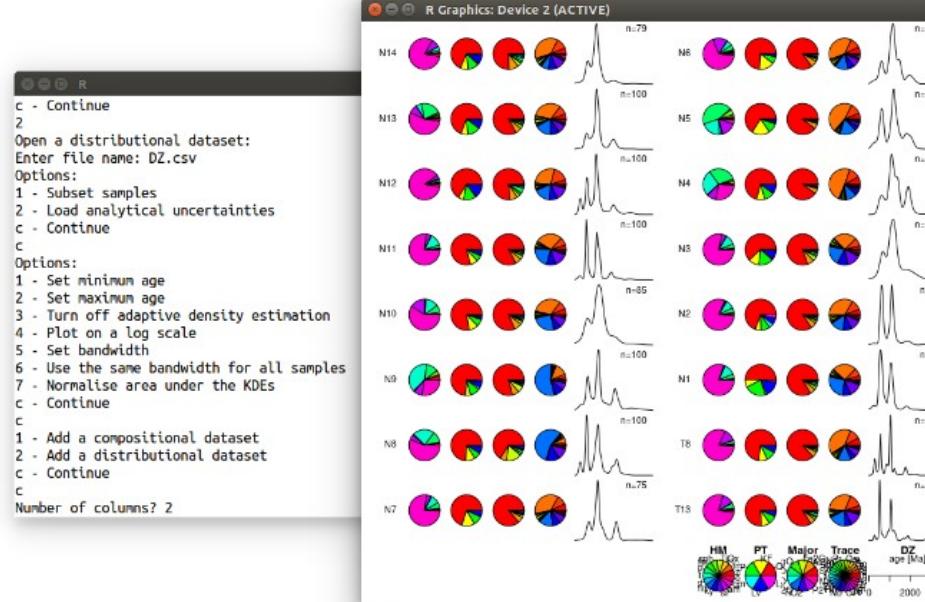


**provenance: an R package for statistical provenance analysis**

Introduction

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provenance is a software package in the R programming environment, which aims to facilitate the visualisation and interpretation of 'Big Data' in the context of sedimentary provenance analysis. After installing R from <http://r-project.org>, provenance can be installed by typing

```
install.packages('provenance')
```

Once installed, the package can be loaded by typing

```
library(provenance)
```

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