

Multivariate analysis of genetic data — an introduction —

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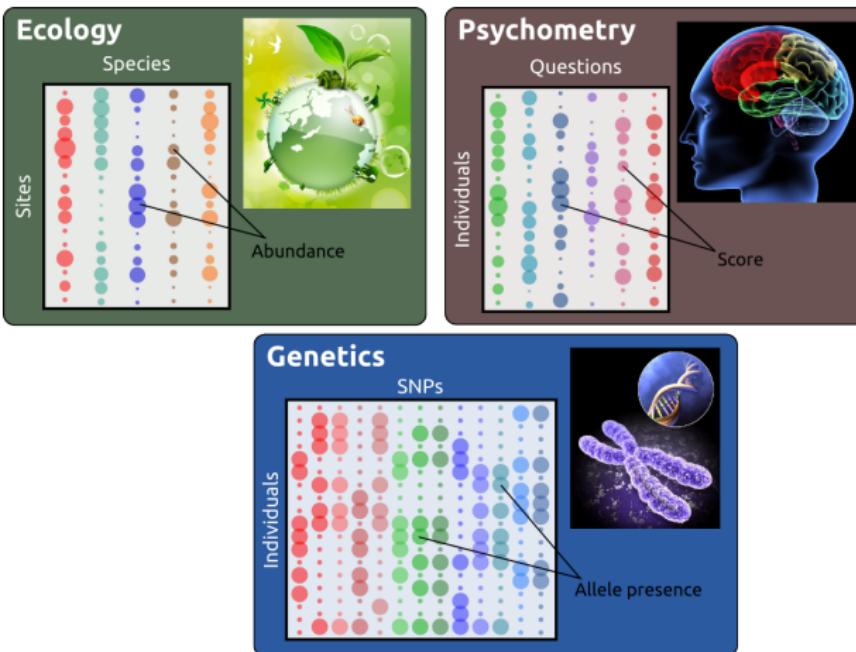
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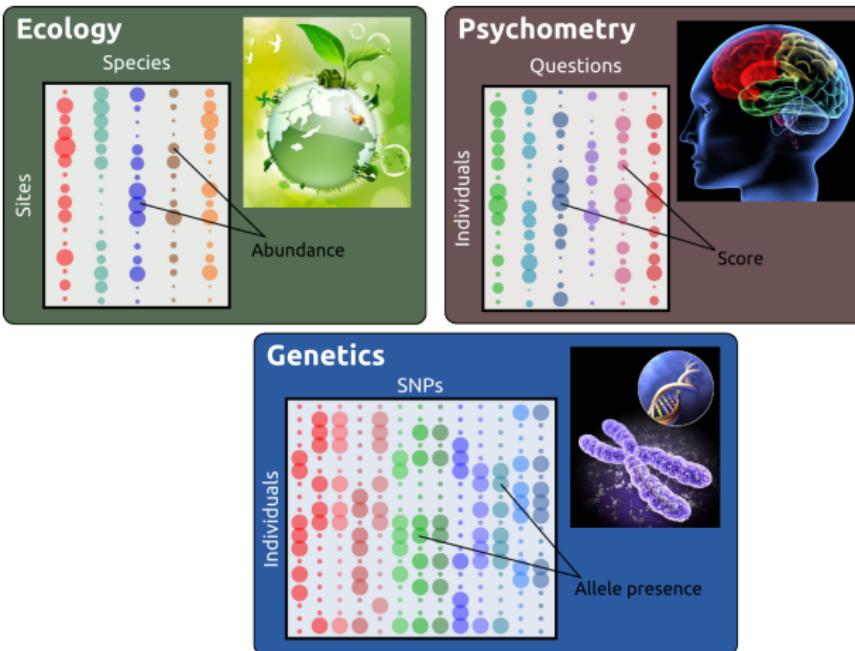
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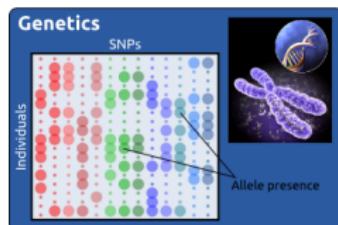
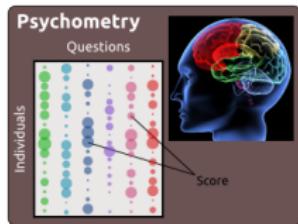
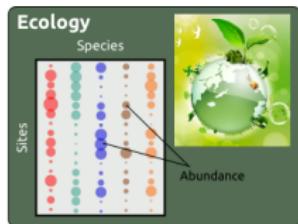
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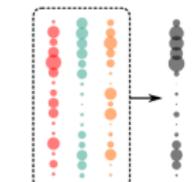
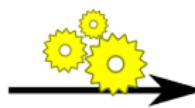
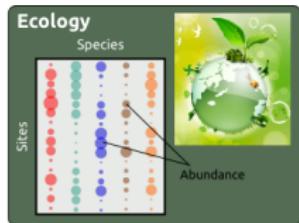


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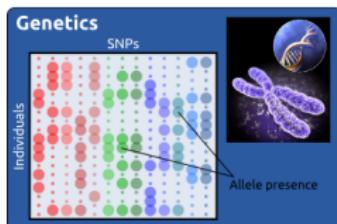
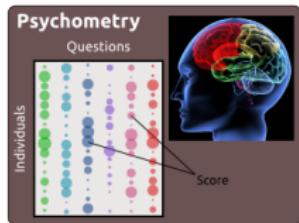


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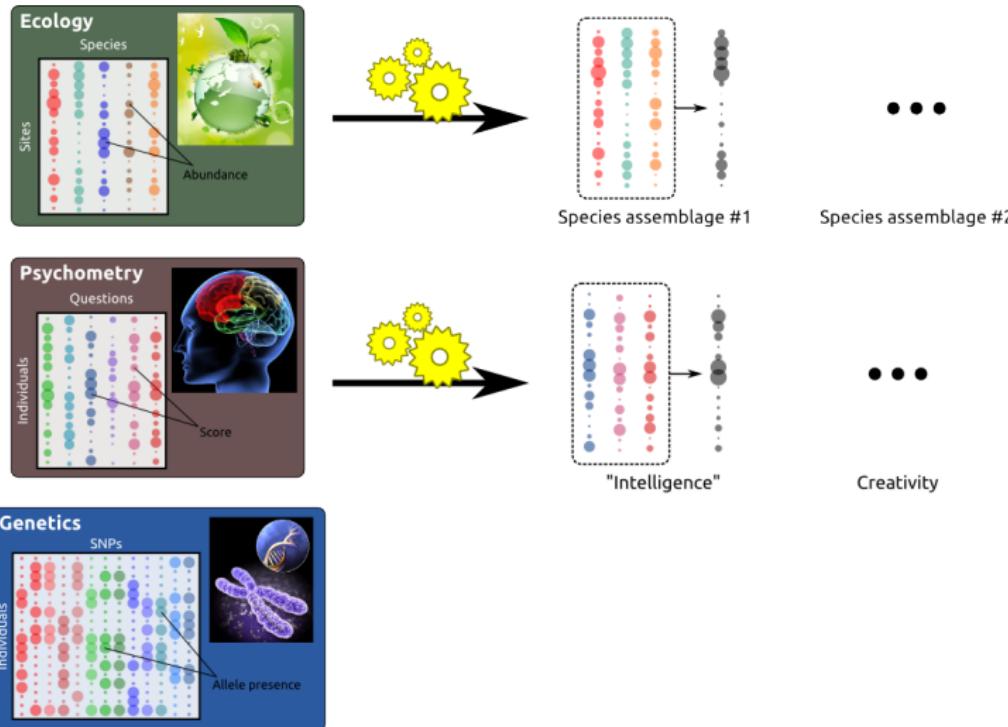


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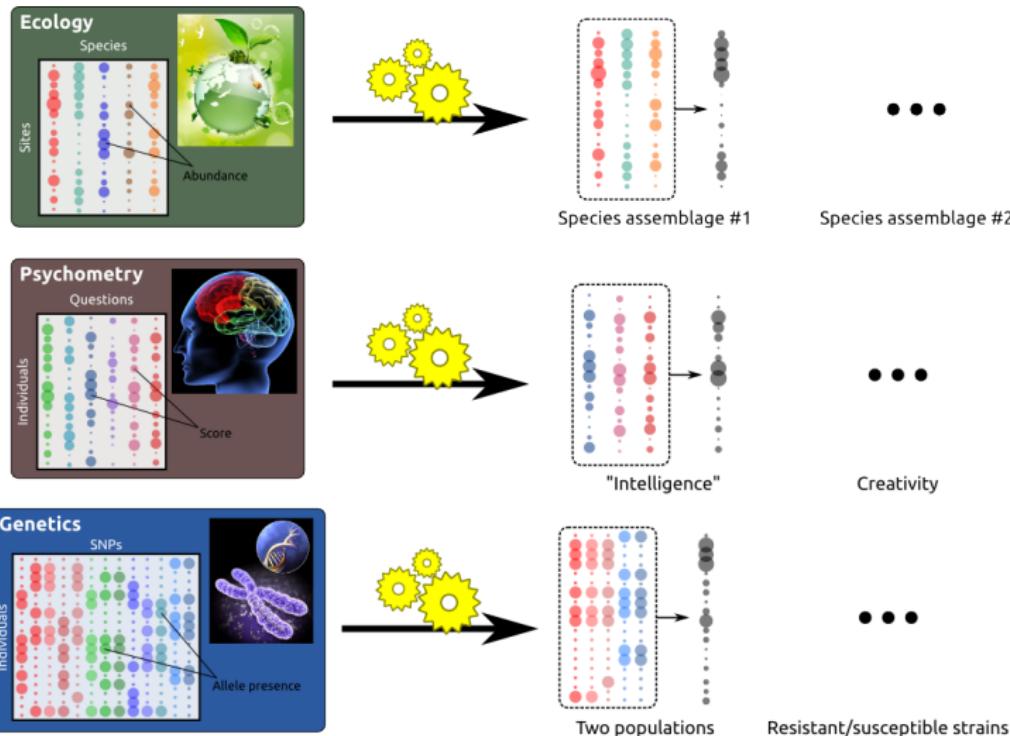
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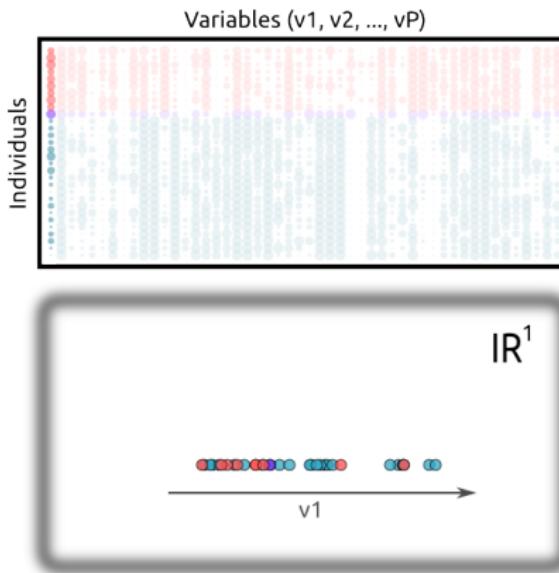
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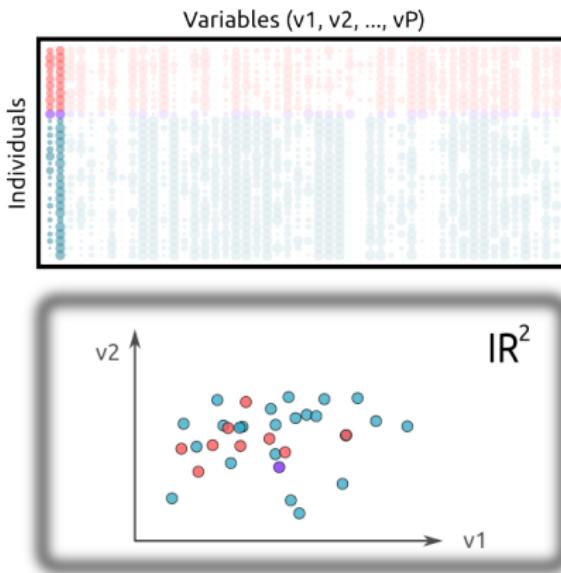
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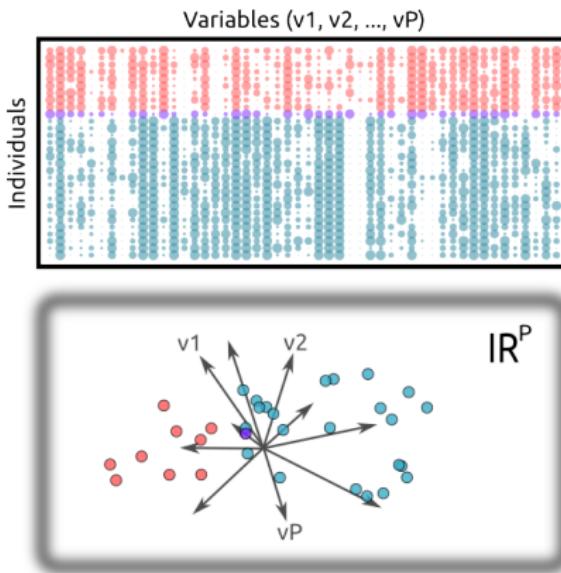
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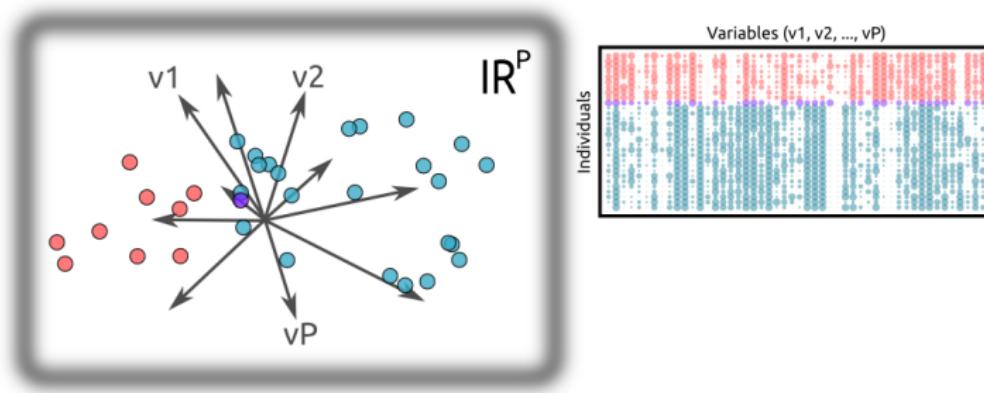


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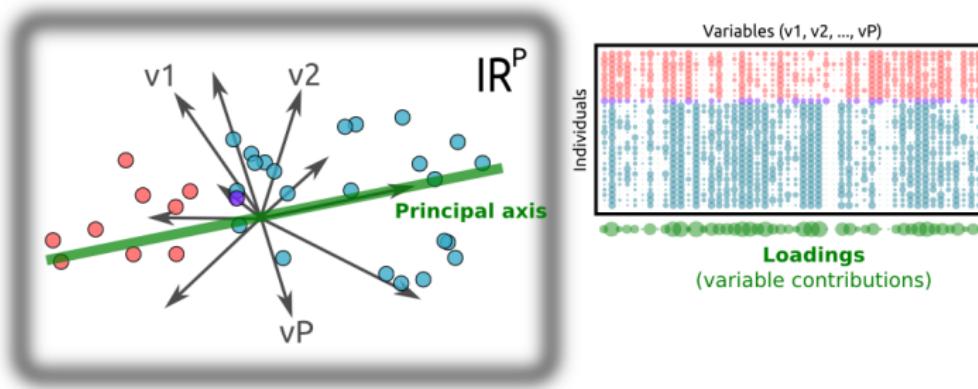


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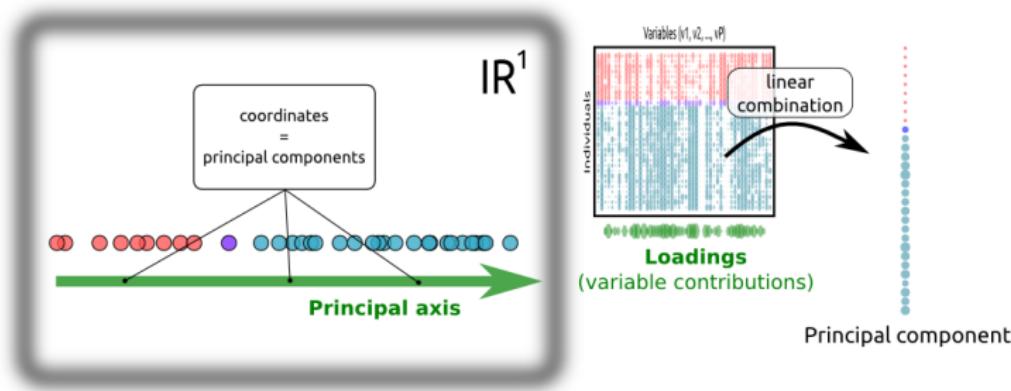
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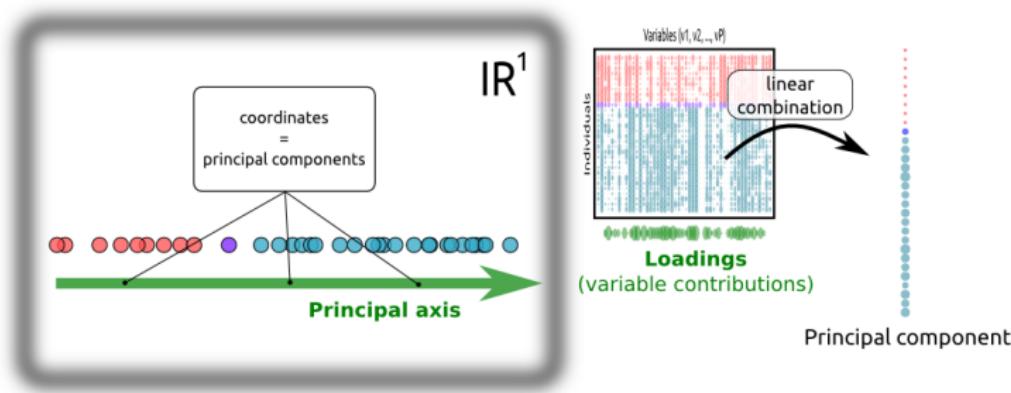
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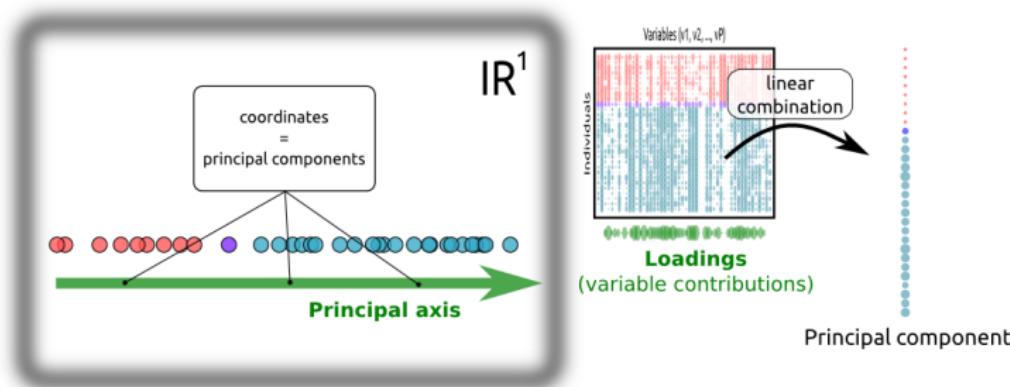
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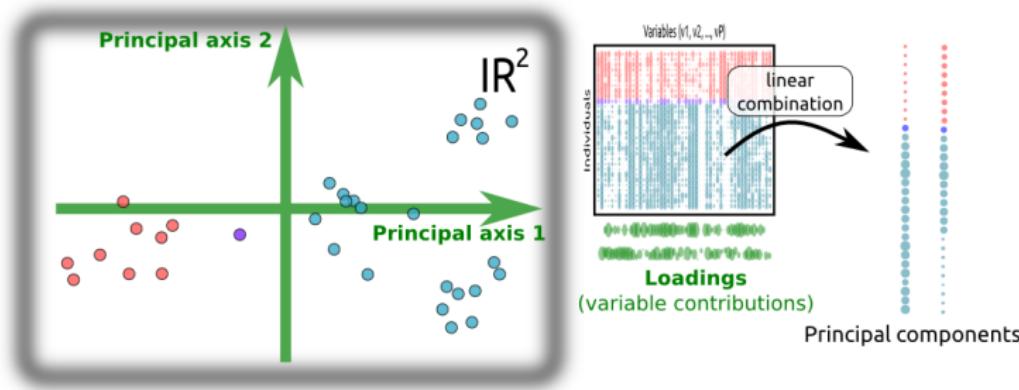


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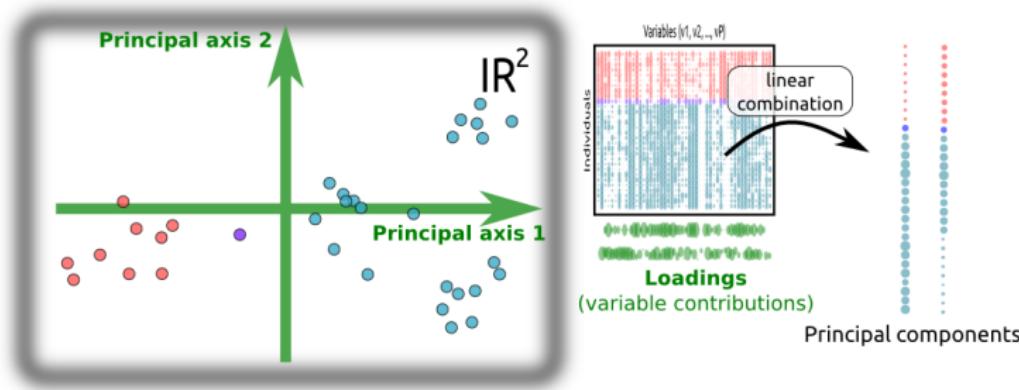


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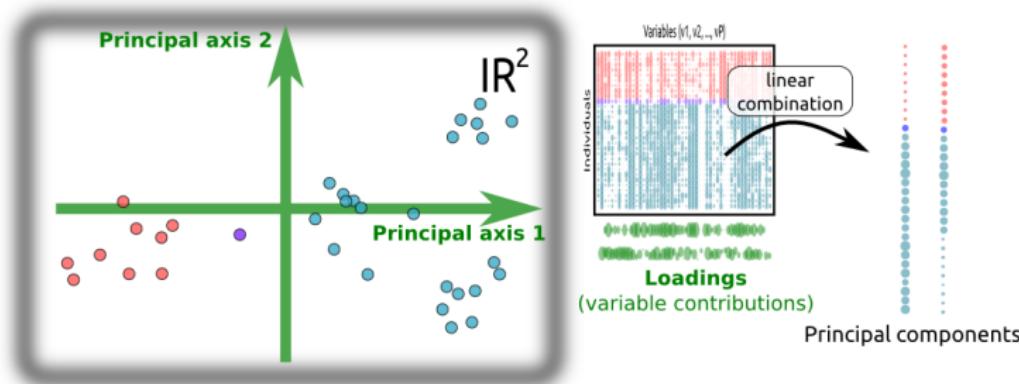


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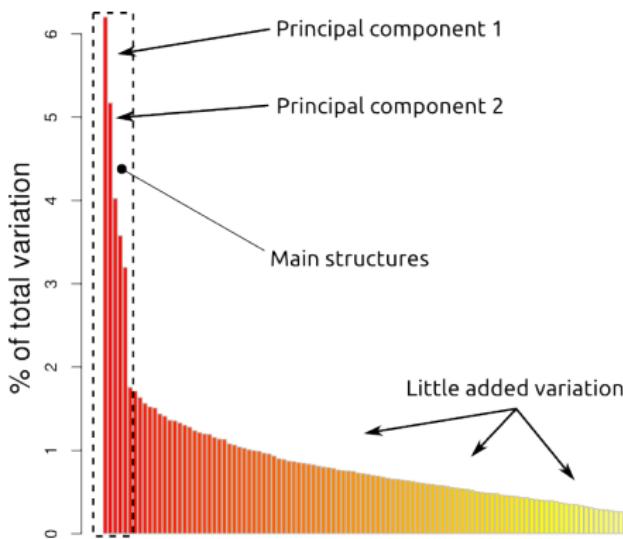
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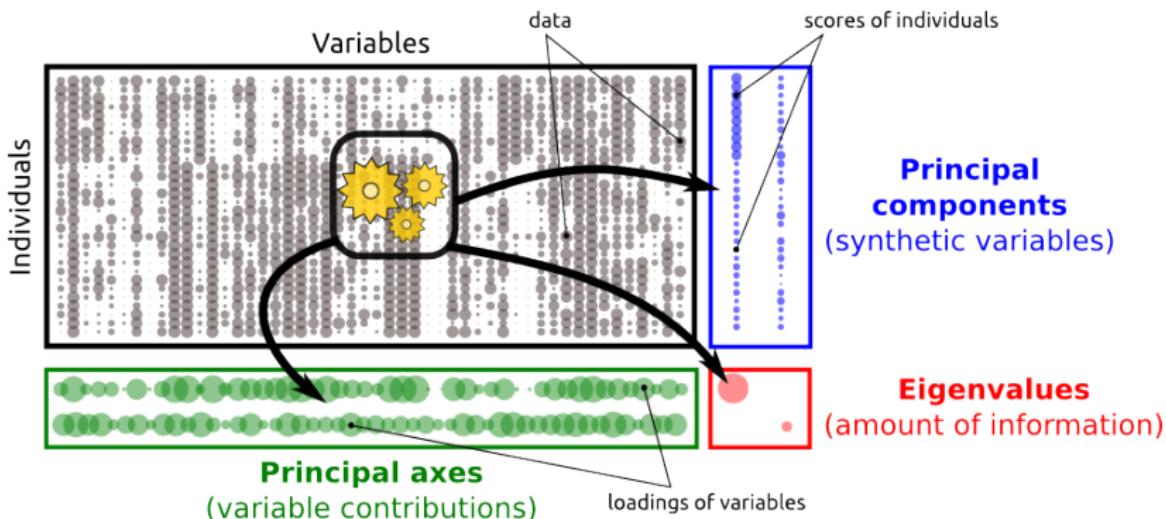
How many principal components to retain?

Choice based on “**screeplot**”: barplot of eigenvalues



Retain only “significant” structures... but not trivial ones.

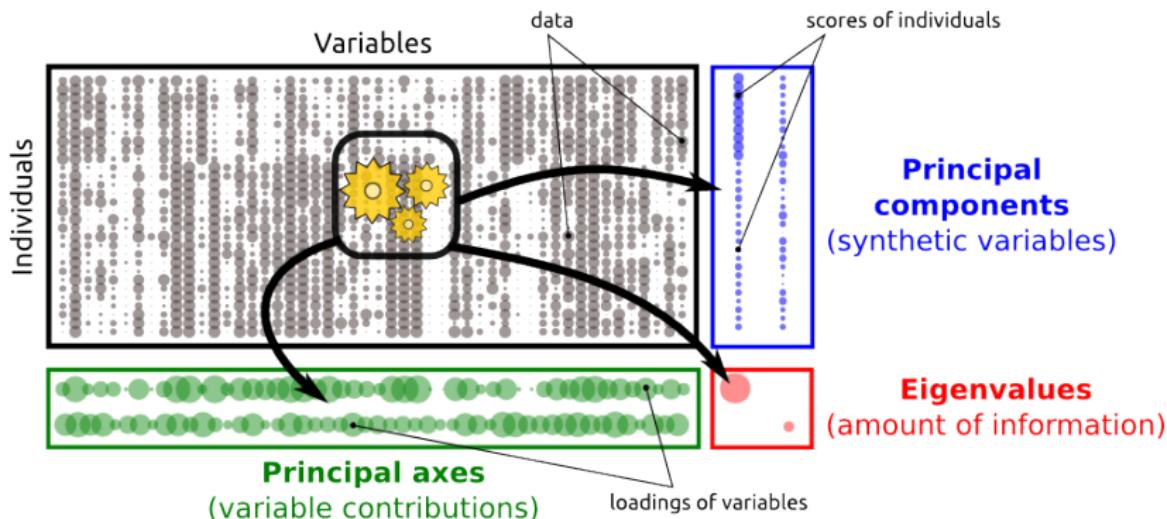
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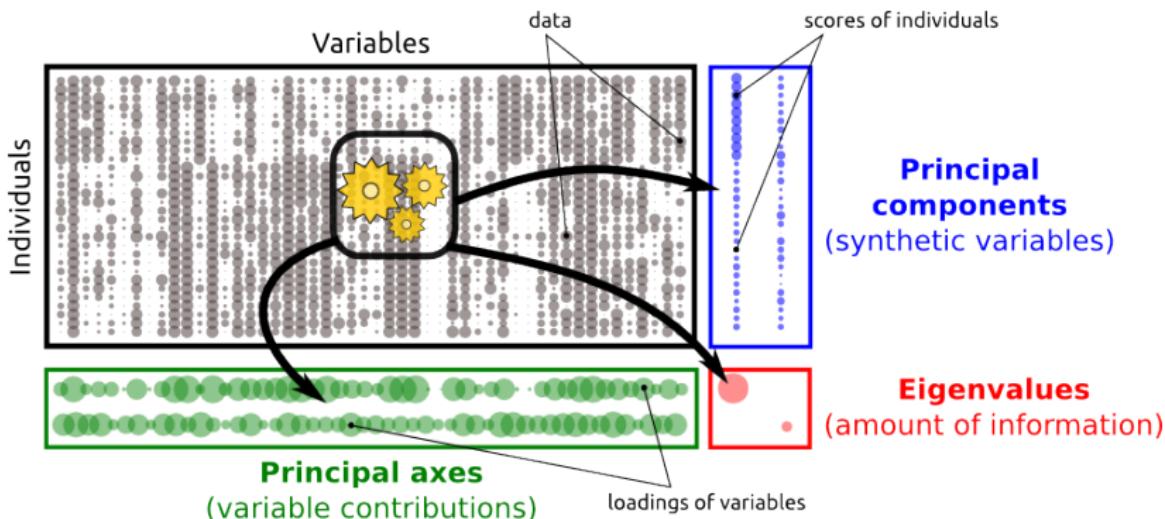
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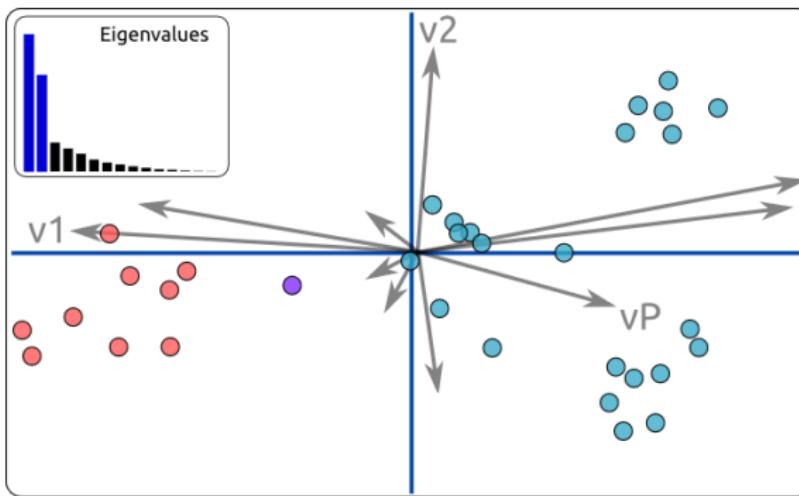
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Usual summary of an analysis: the biplot



Biplot: principal components (points) + loadings (arrows)

- groups of individuals
- discriminating variables (longest arrows)
- magnitude of the structures

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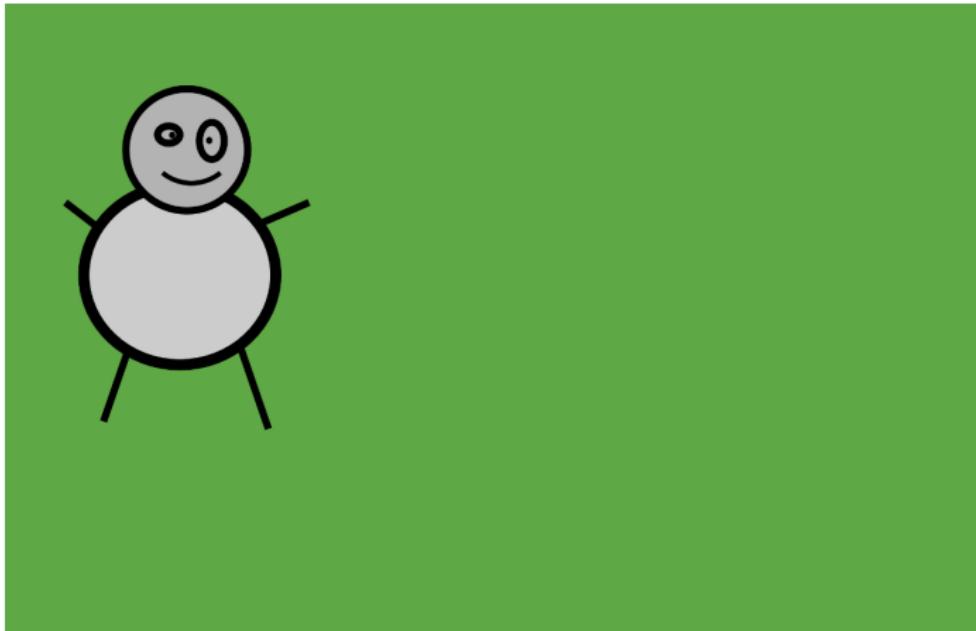
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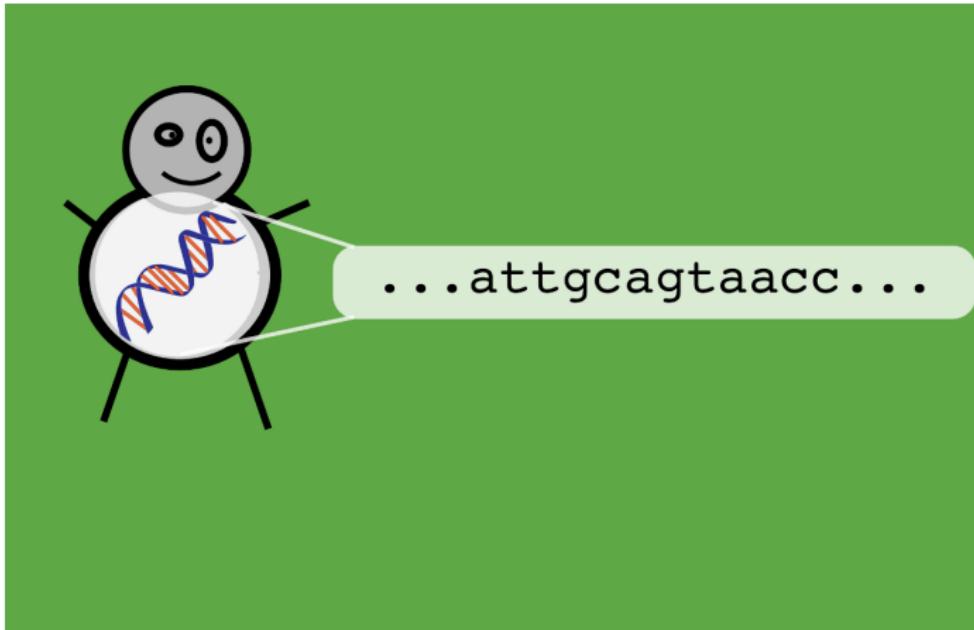
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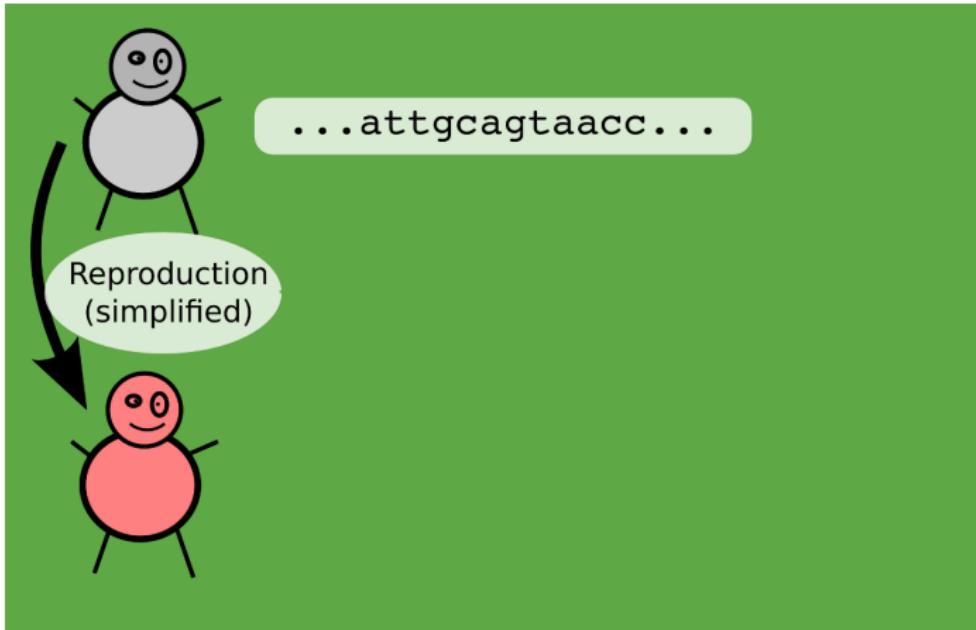
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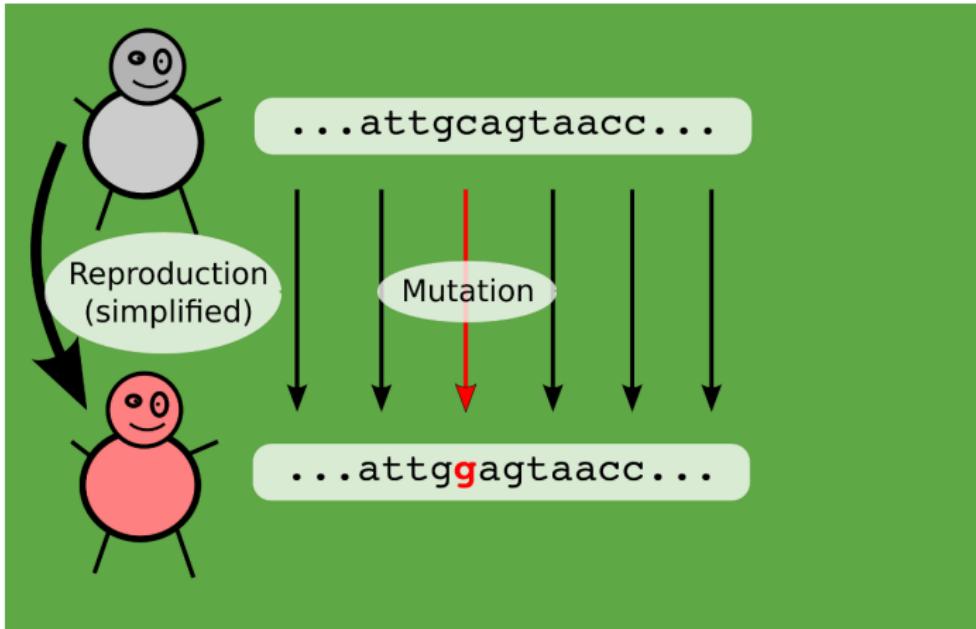
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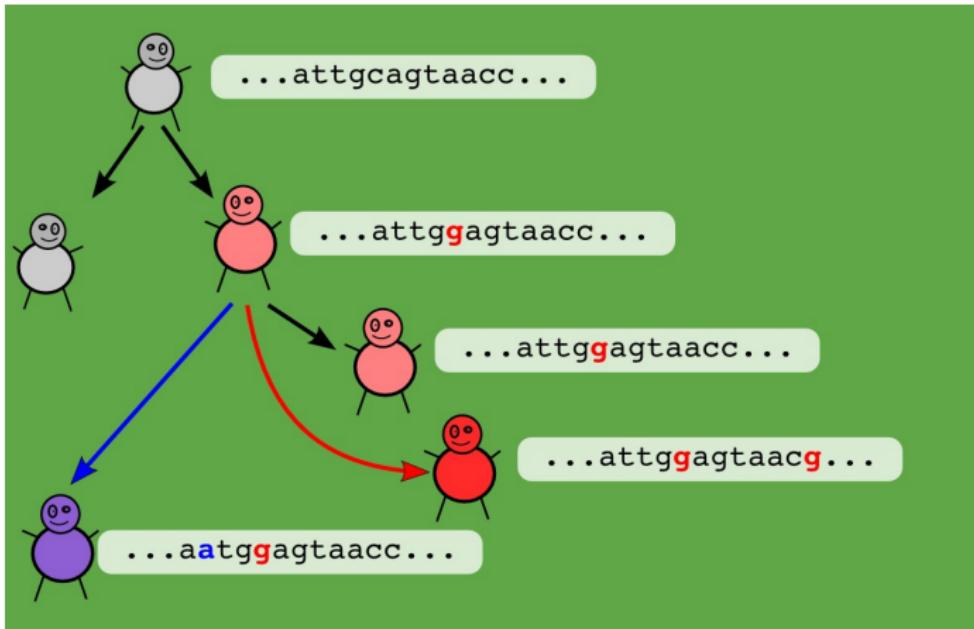
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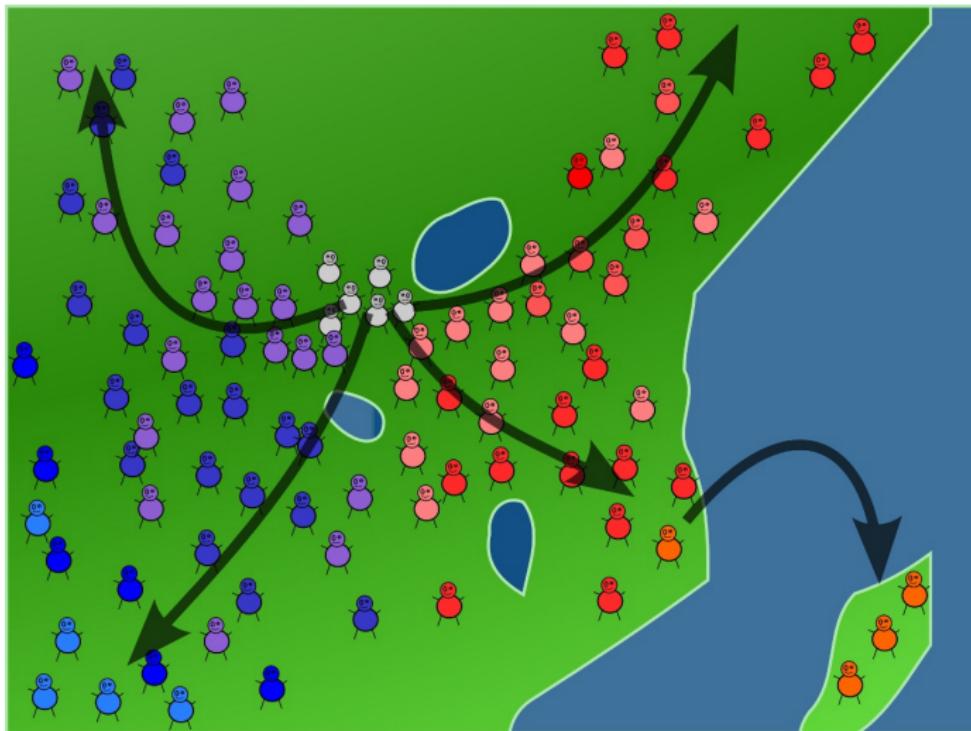
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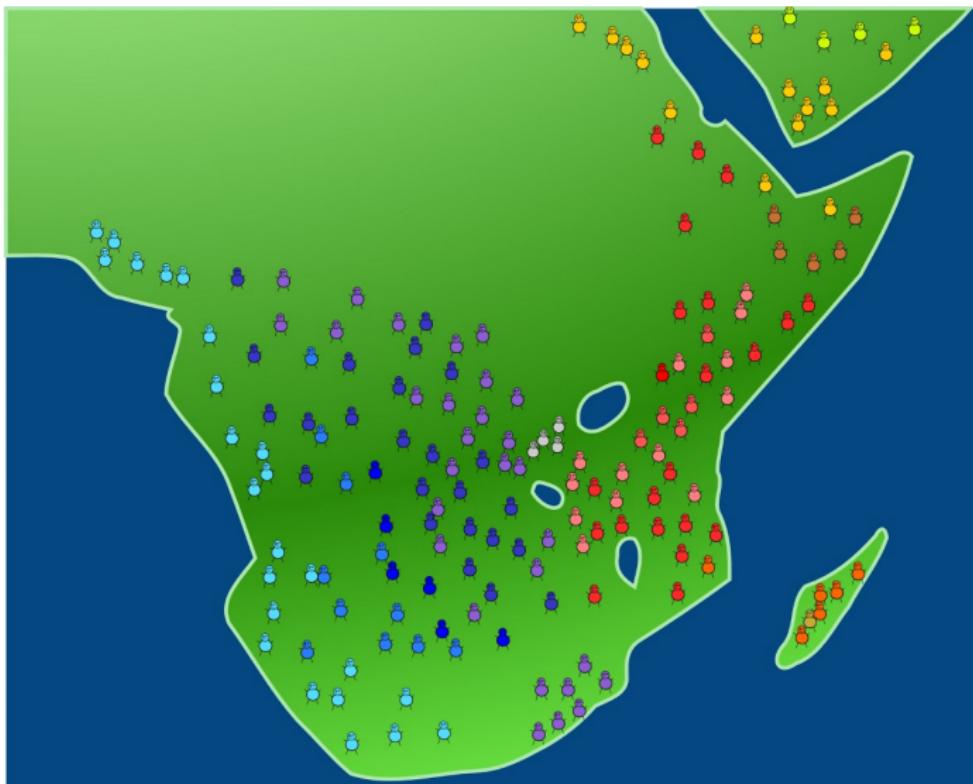
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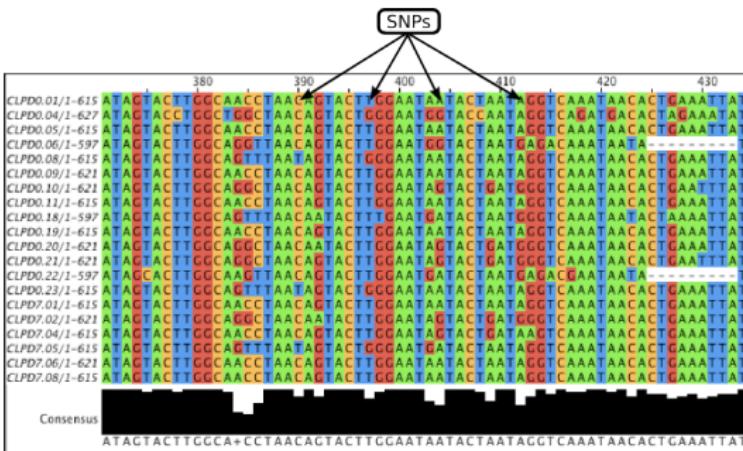


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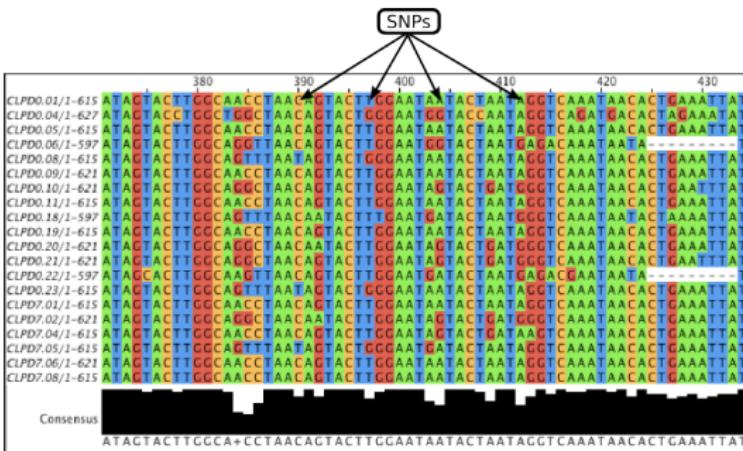
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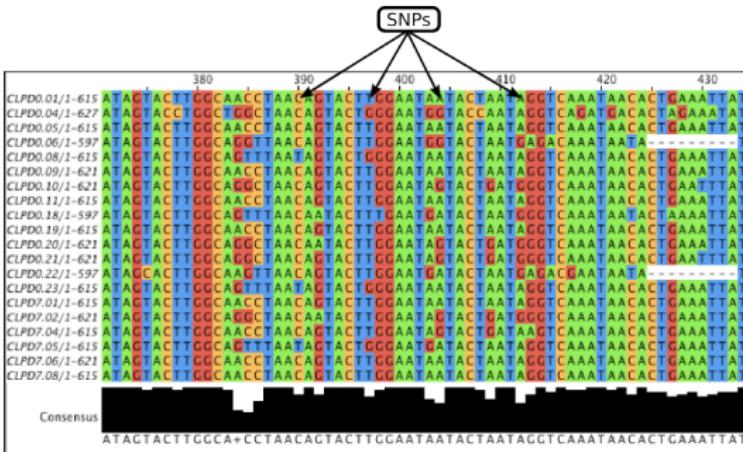
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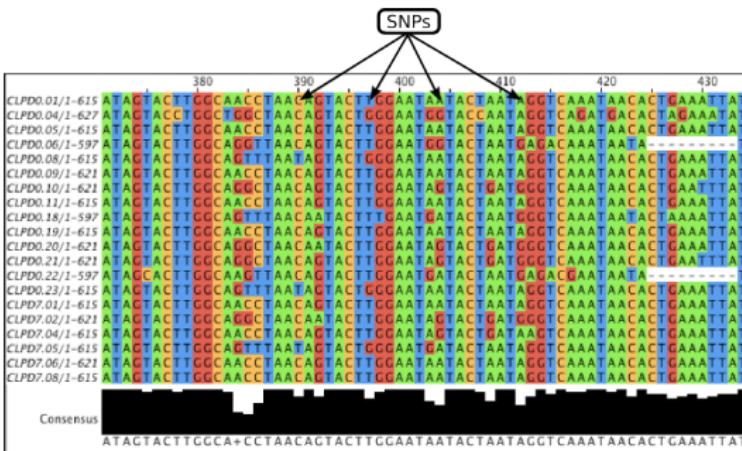
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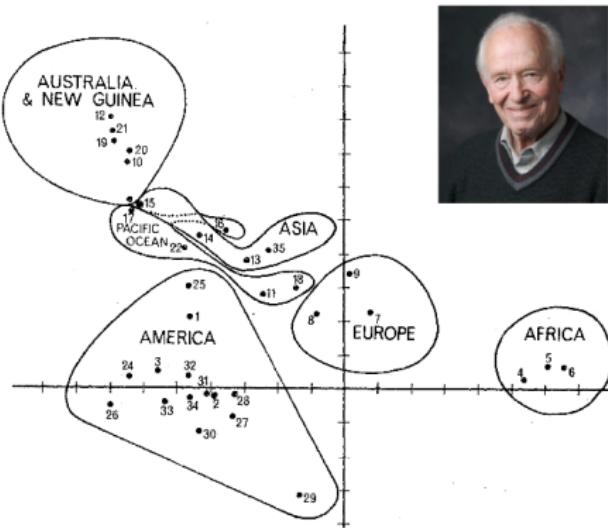
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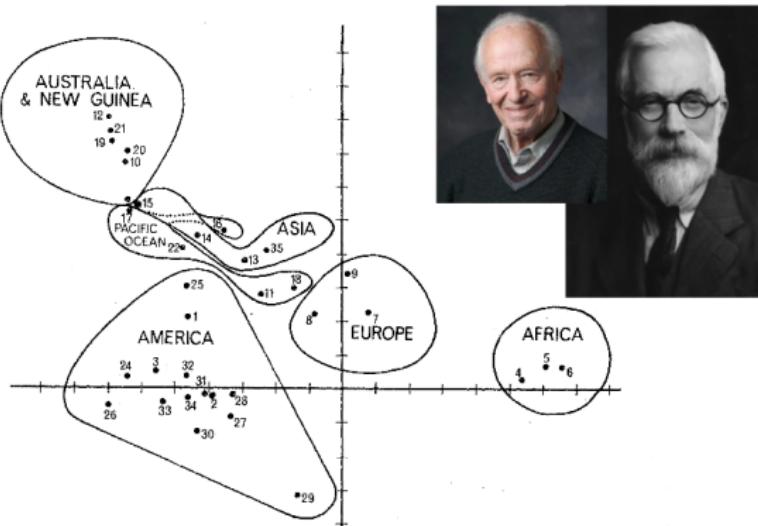
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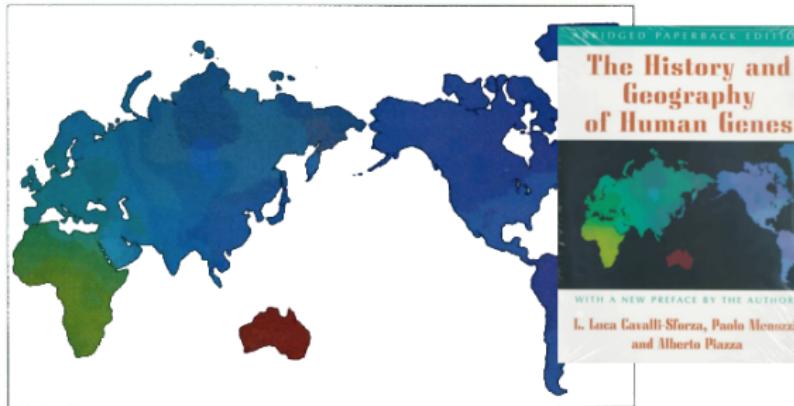


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PCA of genetic data + colored maps of principal components

(Cavalli-Sforza et al. 1993, *Science*)



Signatures of Human expansion out-of-Africa.

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- Correspondance Analysis (CA)
- Discriminant Analysis (DA)
- Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA)
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Applications

- reveal spatial structures (historical spread)
- explore genetic diversity
- identify cryptic species
- discover genotype-phenotype association
- ...
- review in Jombart et al. 2009, *Heredity* **102**: 330-341

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	locus1	locus2	locus1.50	locus1.55	locus1.80	locus2.29	locus2.30
1	80/80	30/30	1	0	0	2	0
2	50/55	30/30	2	1	1	0	0
3	80/50	29/30	3	1	0	1	1
4	50/50	30/30	4	2	0	0	0
5	50/50	29/29	5	2	0	0	2

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(Almost) time to get your hands dirty!



And after lunch, the pdf of the practical is online:

<http://adegenet.r-forge.r-project.org/>

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