

Multivariate analysis of genetic data: an introduction

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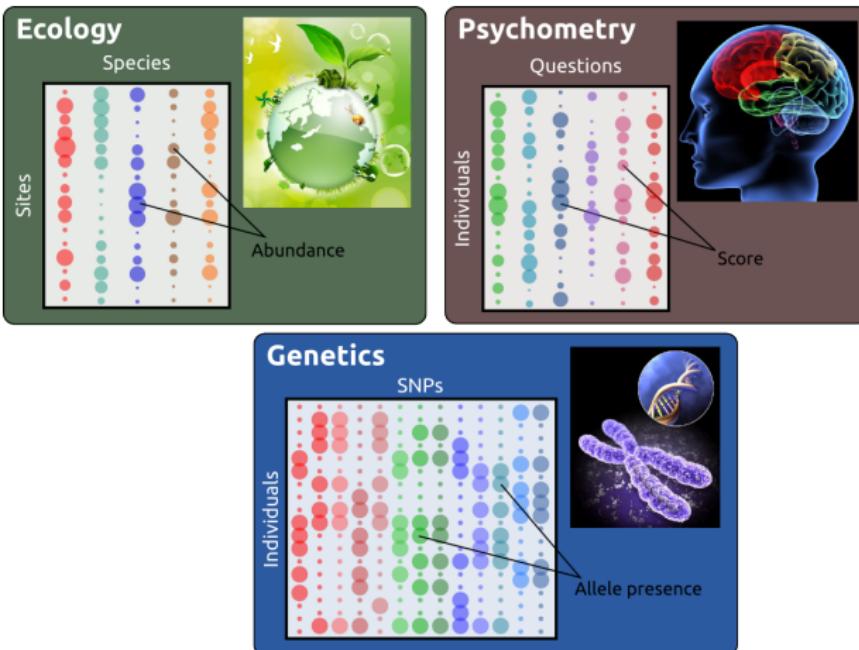
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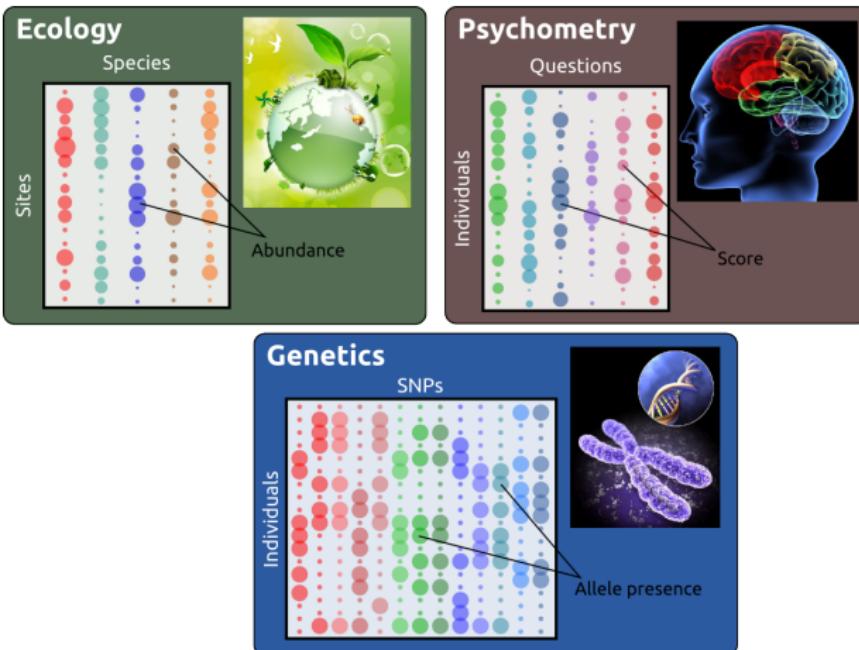
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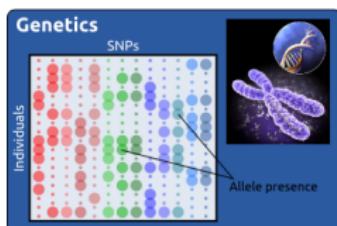
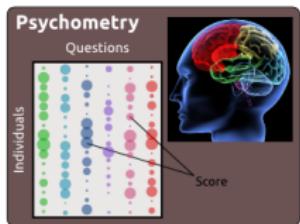
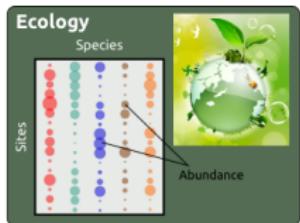
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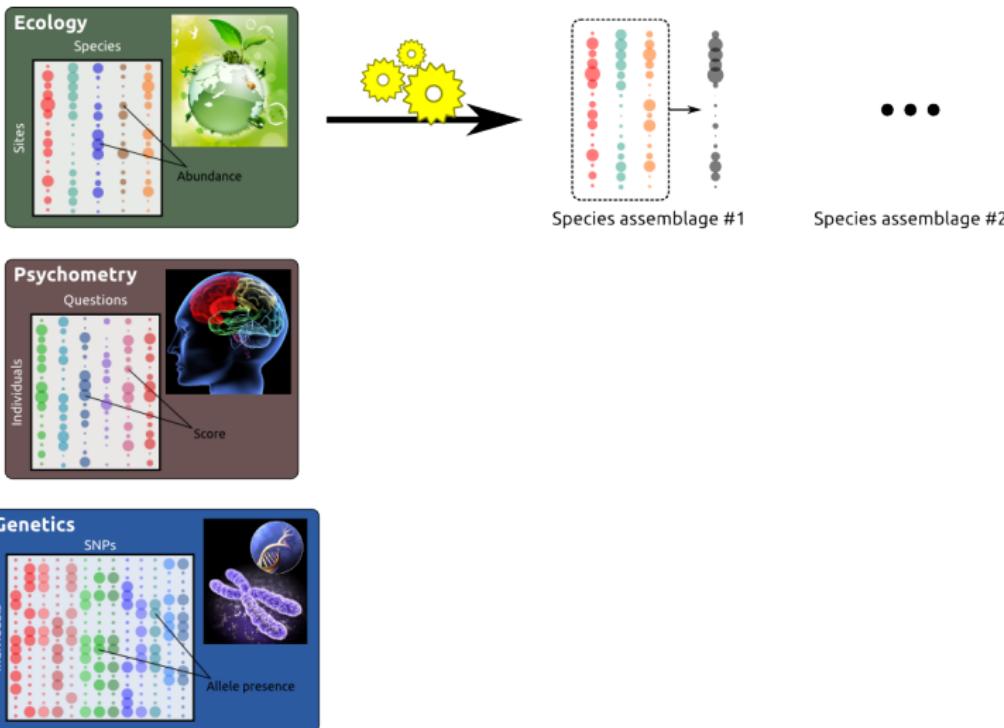


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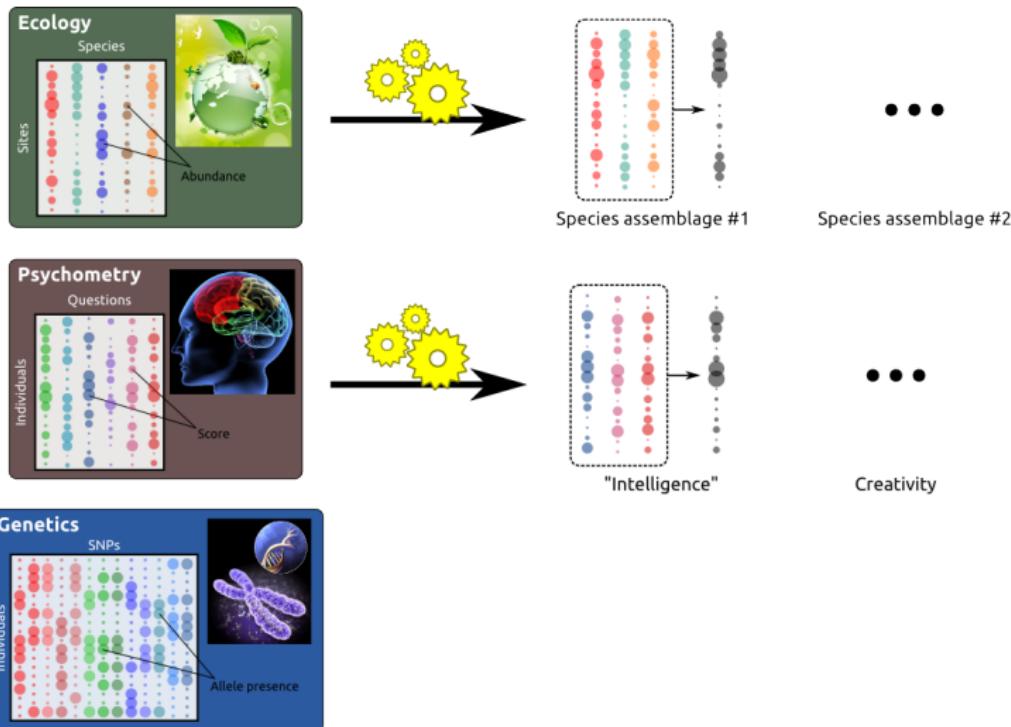
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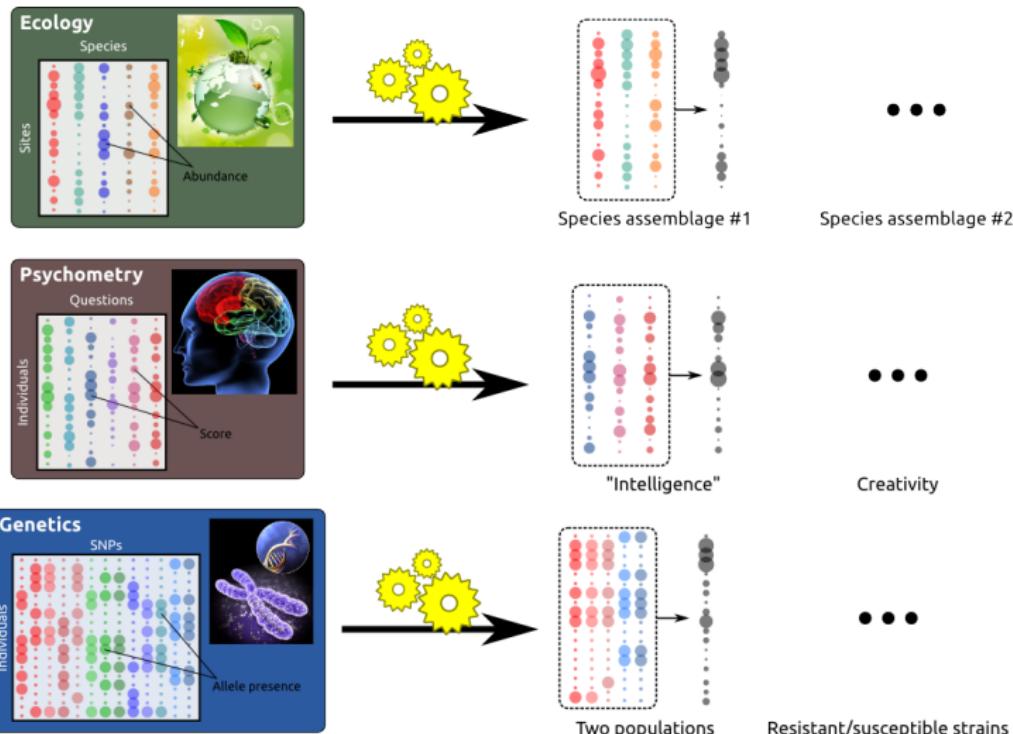
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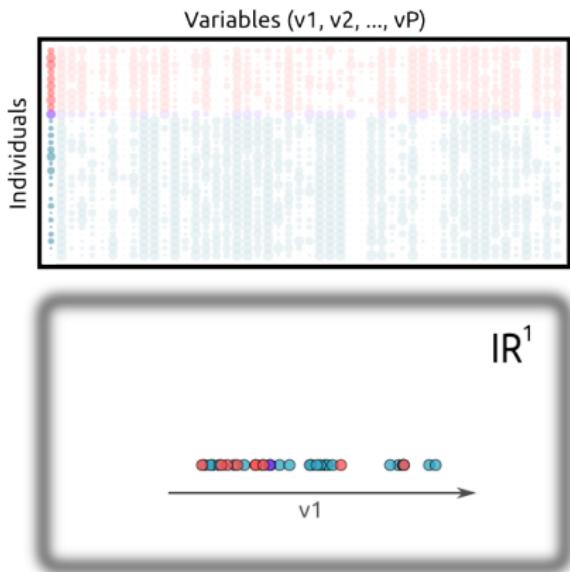
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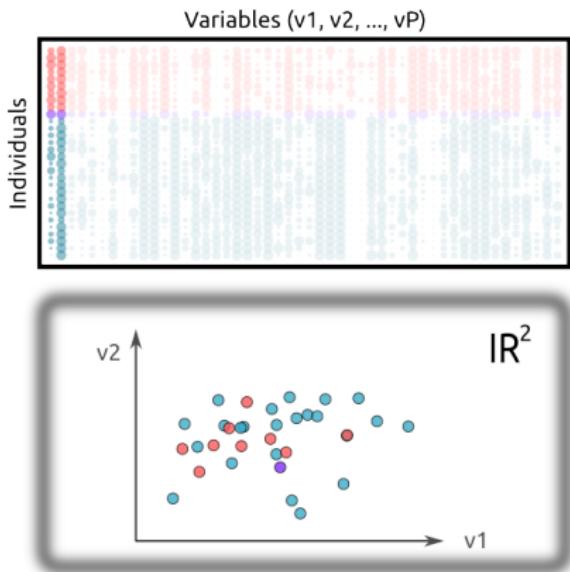
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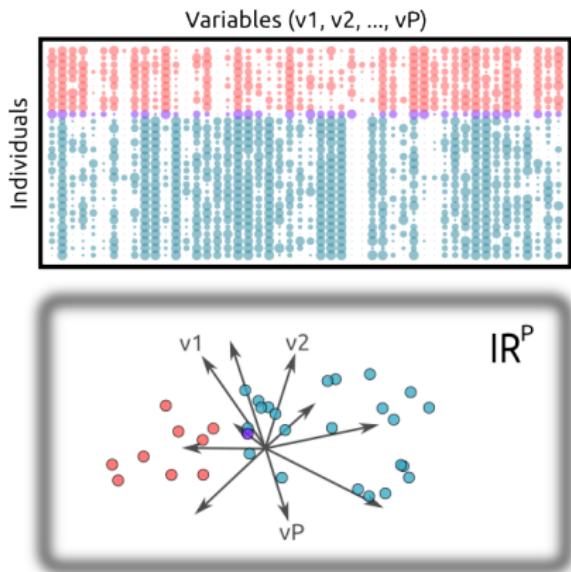
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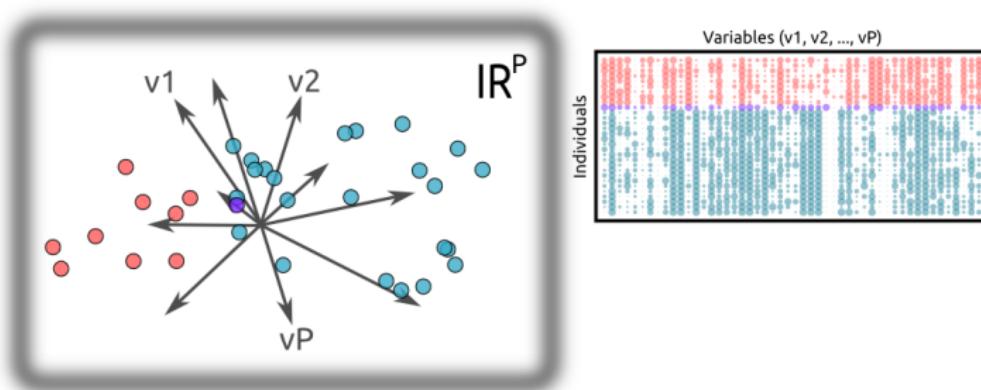
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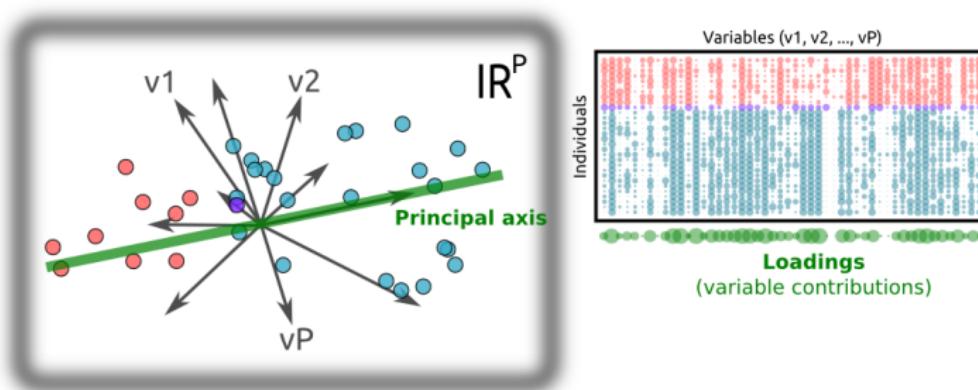
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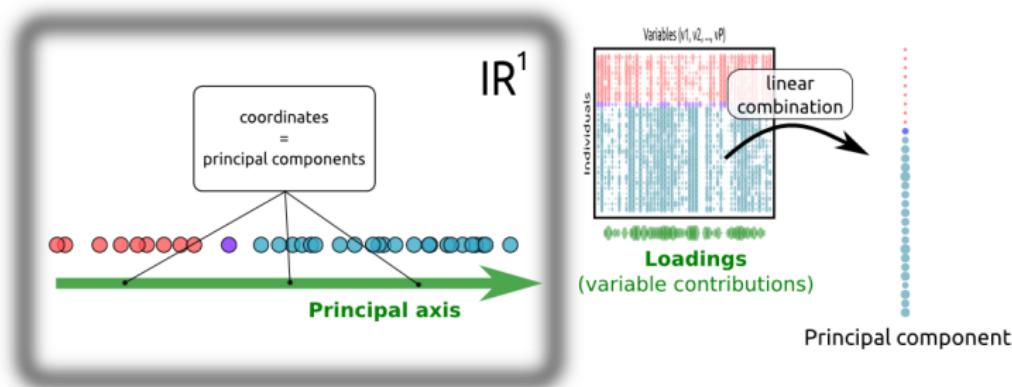
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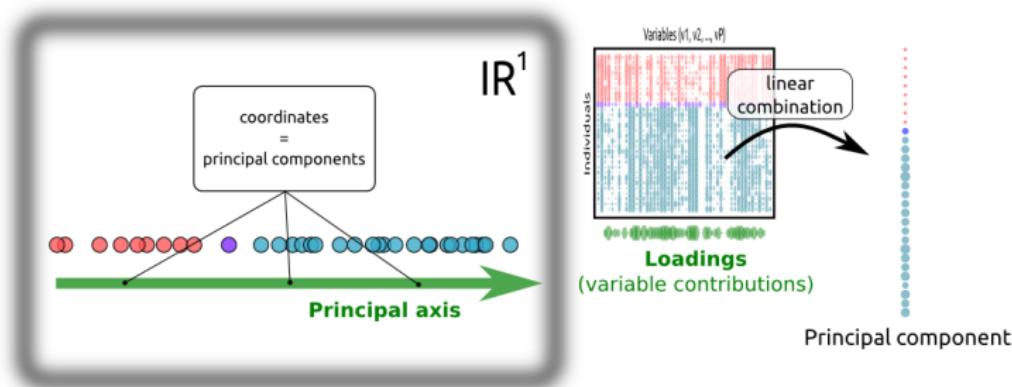
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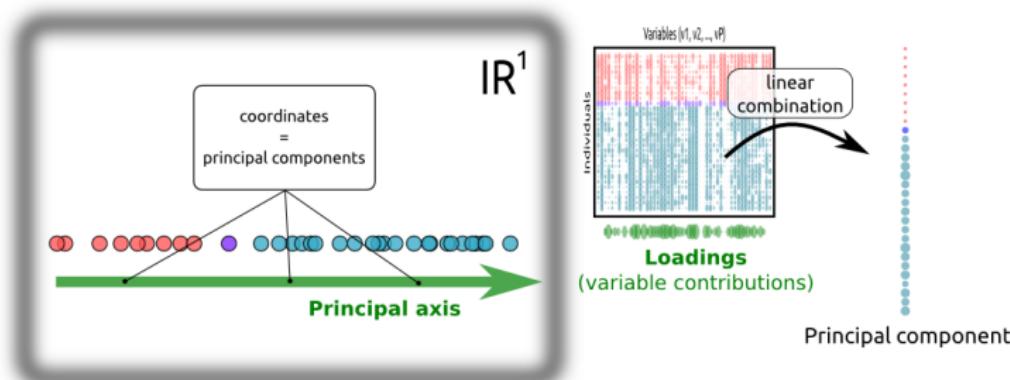
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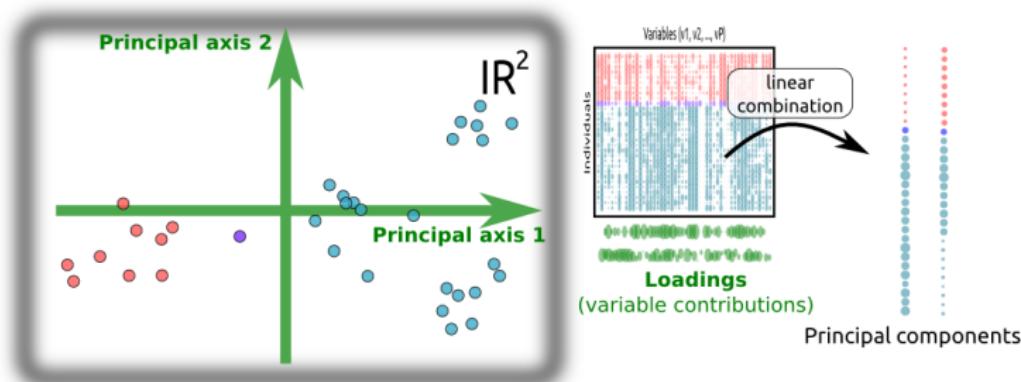
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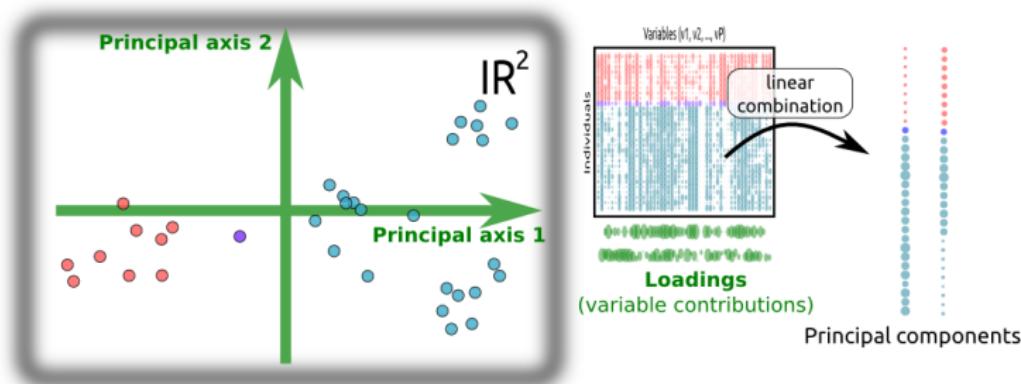
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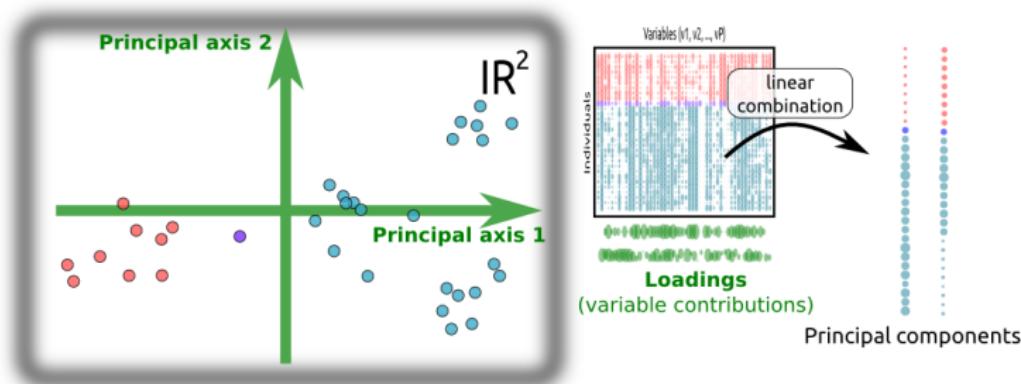
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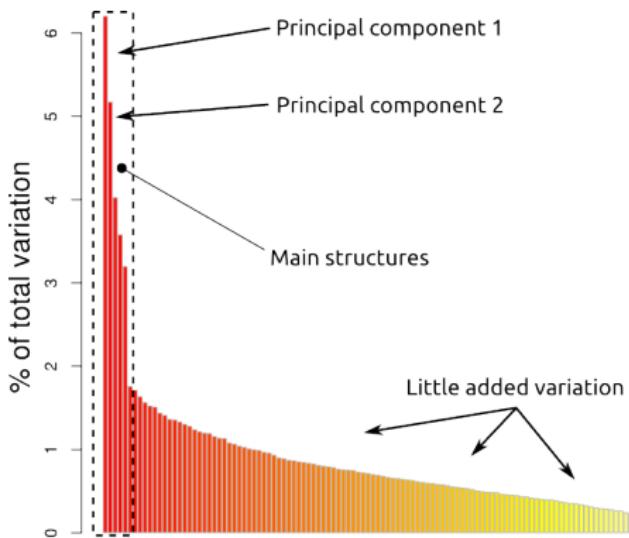
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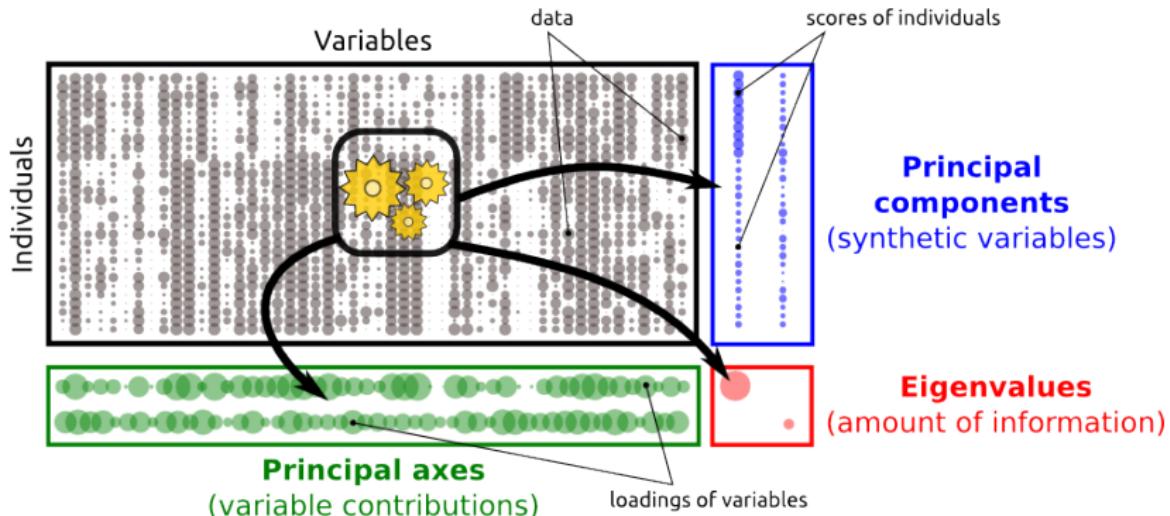
How many principal components to retain?

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



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

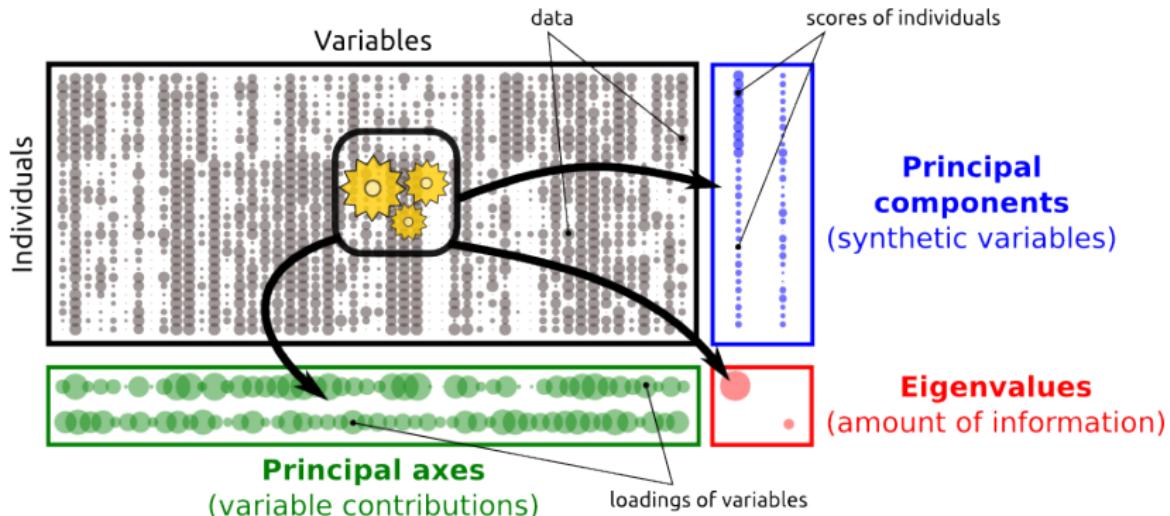
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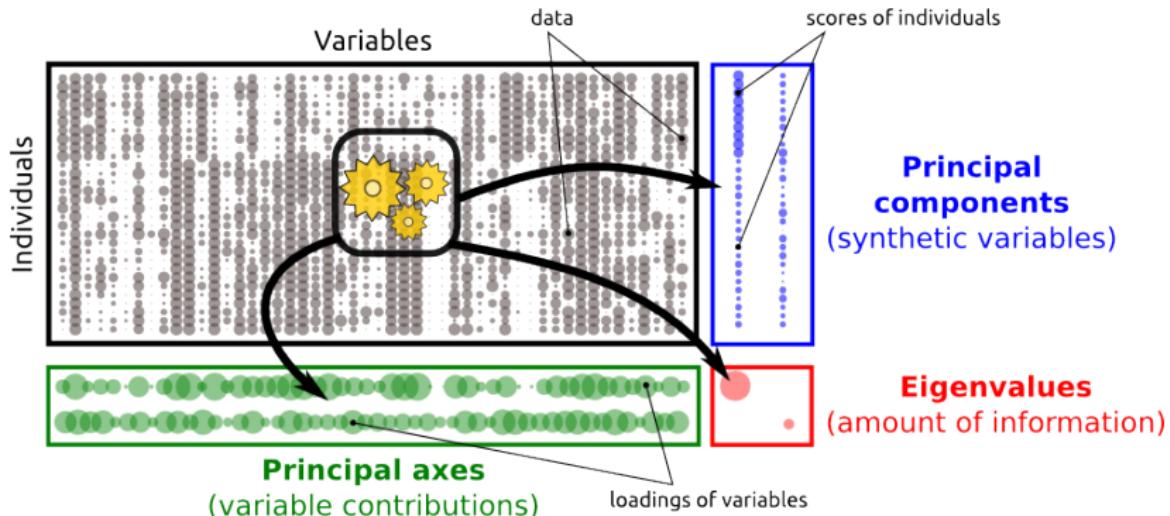
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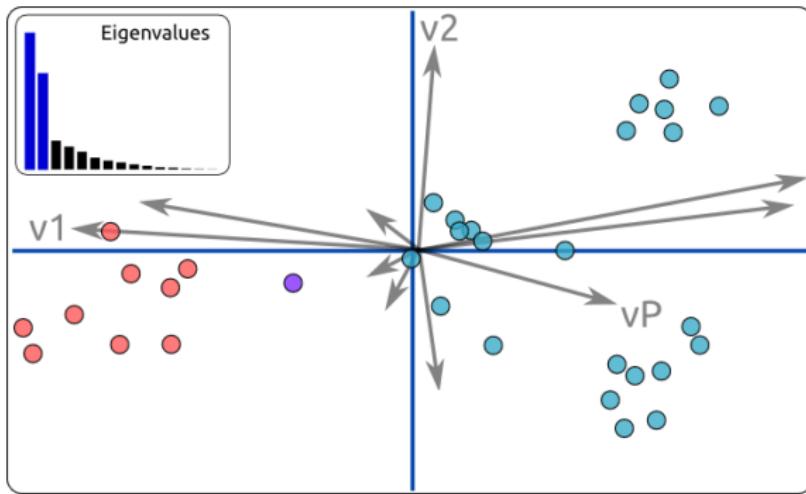
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Usual summary of an analysis: the biplot



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

- groups of individuals
- structuring variables (longest arrows)
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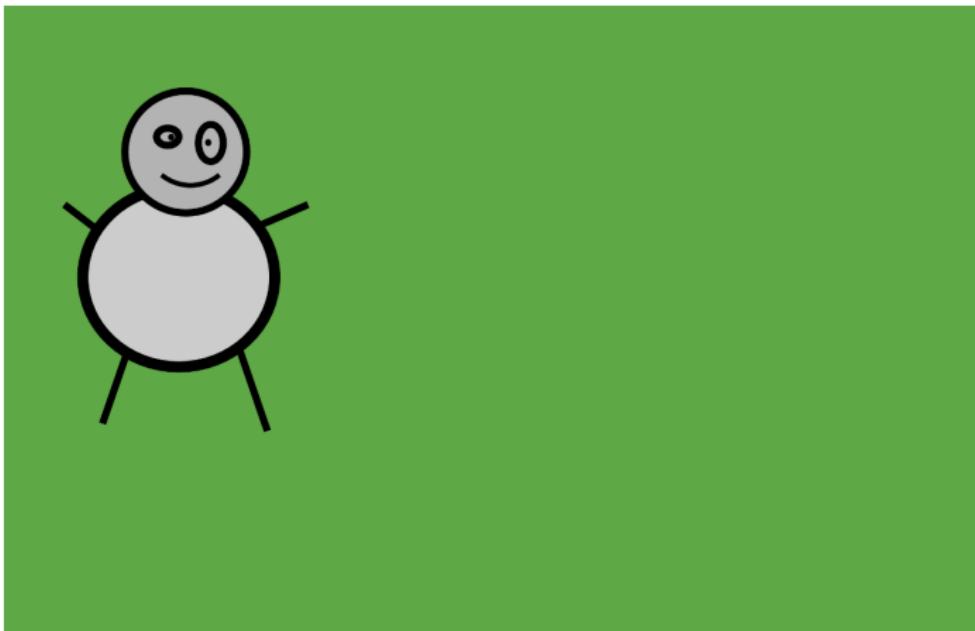
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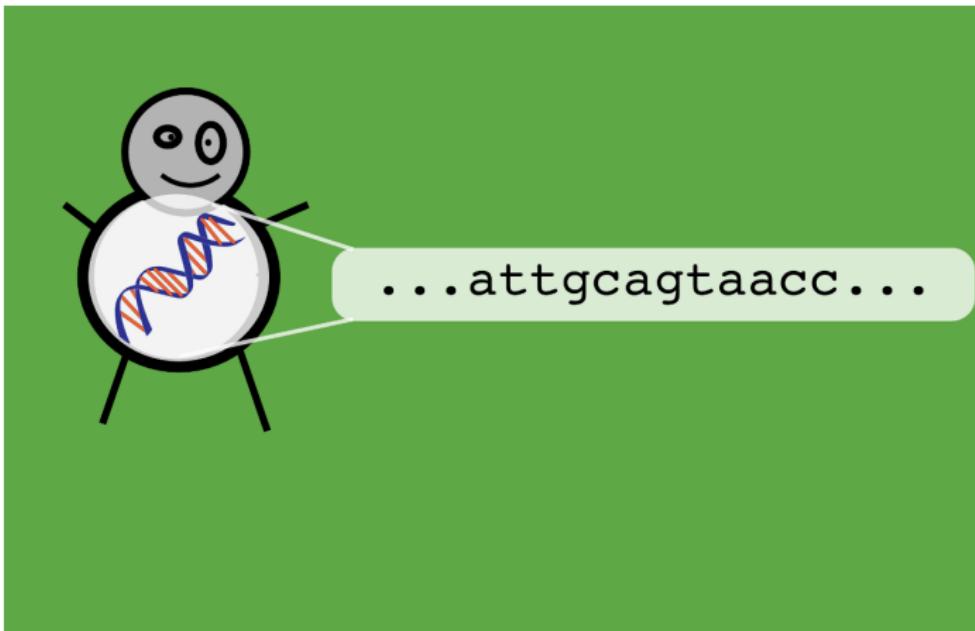
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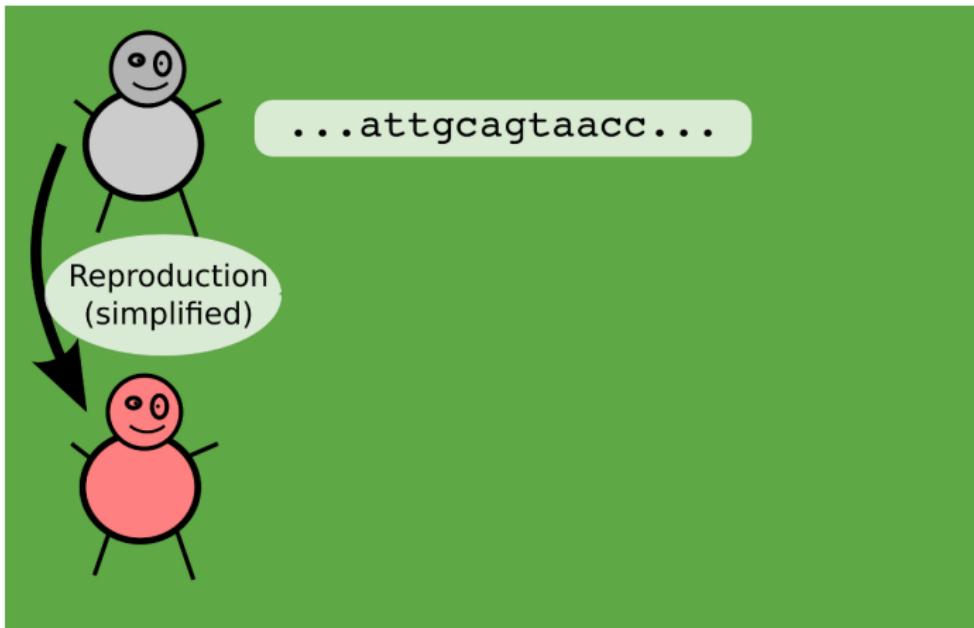
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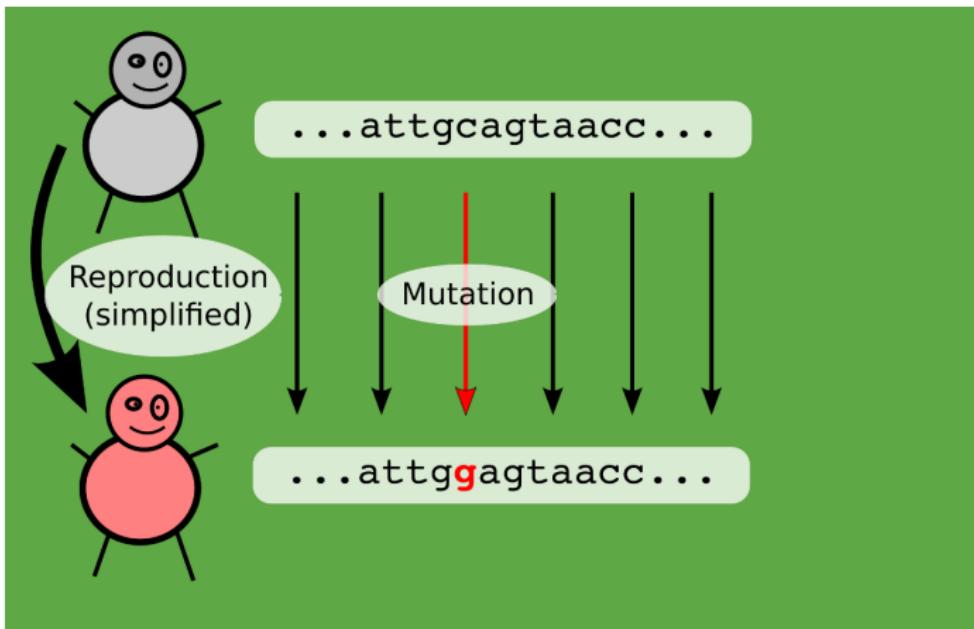
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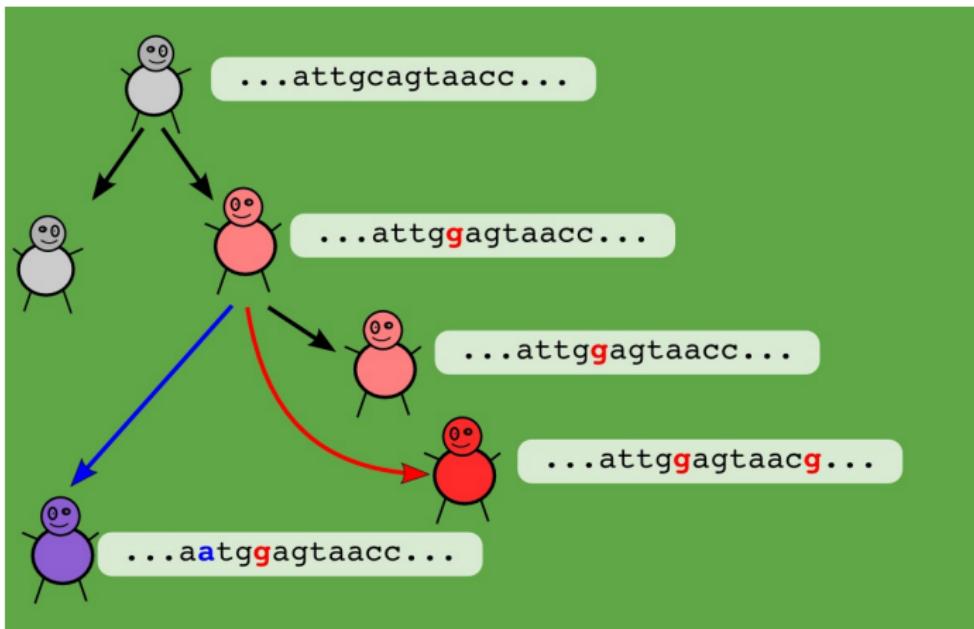
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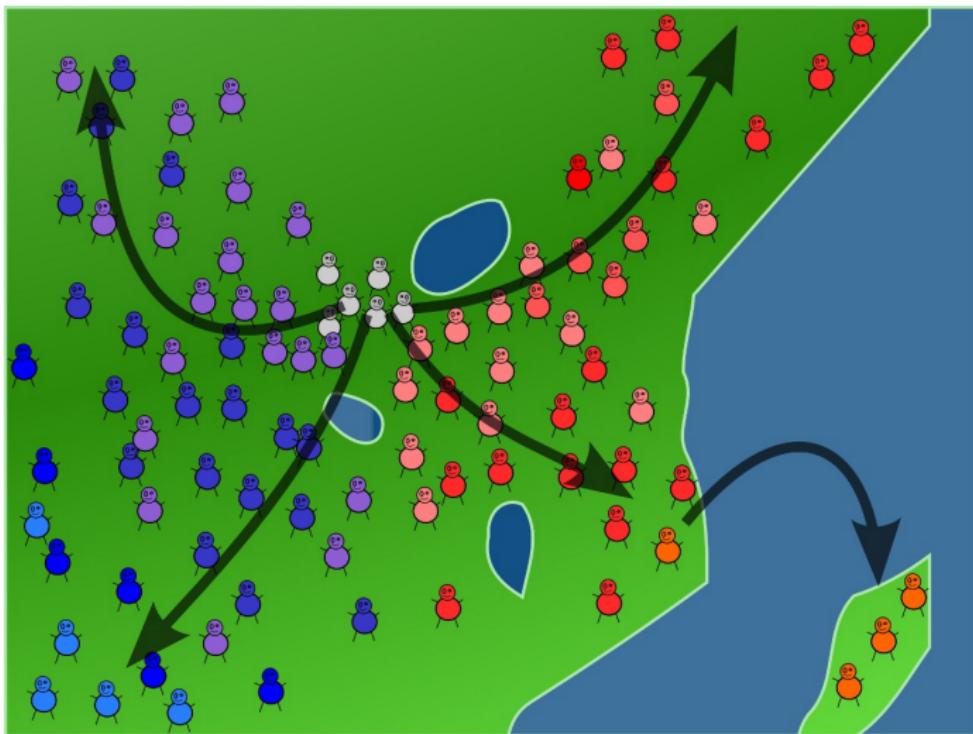
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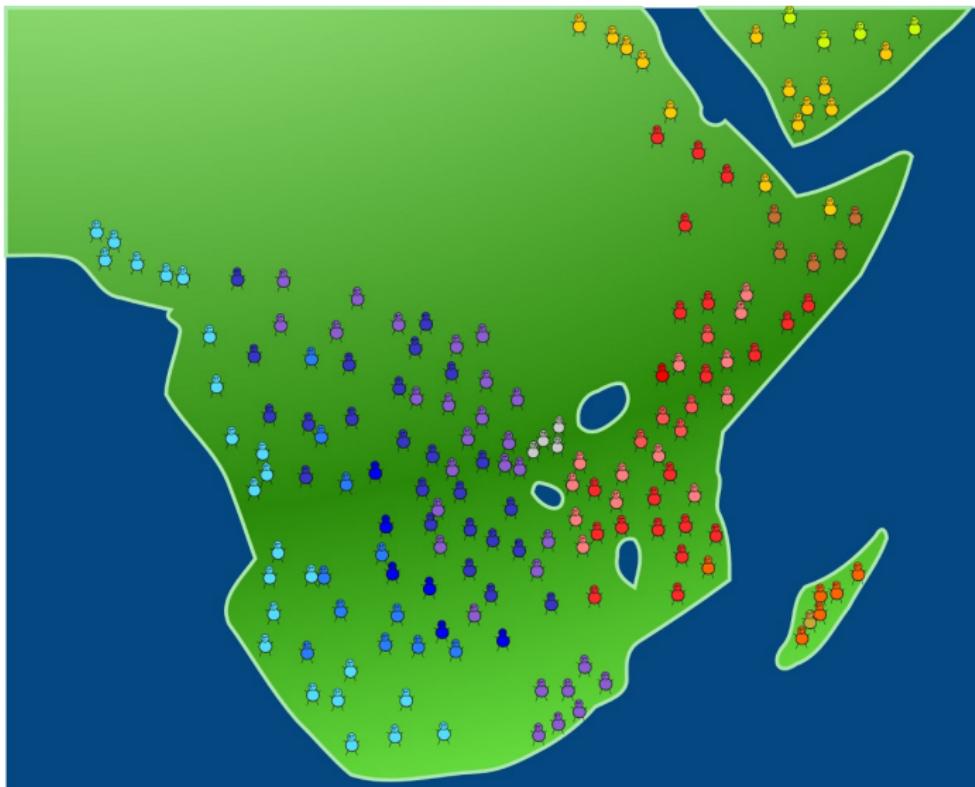
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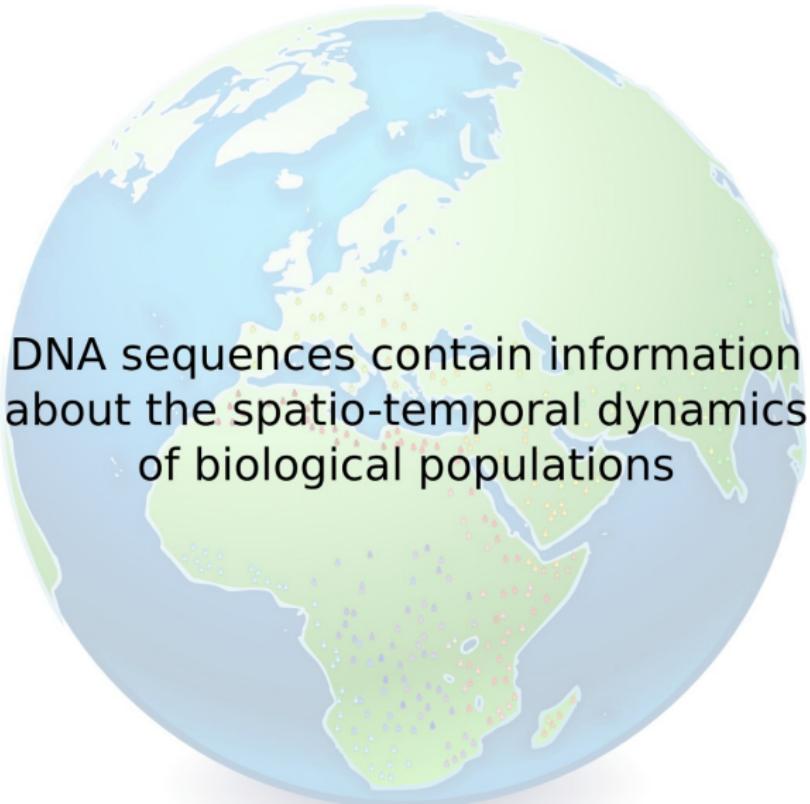
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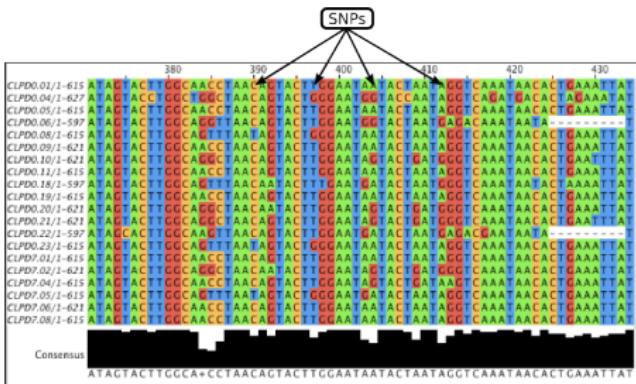


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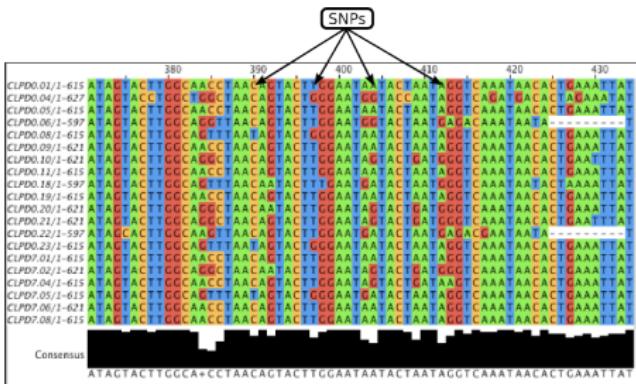
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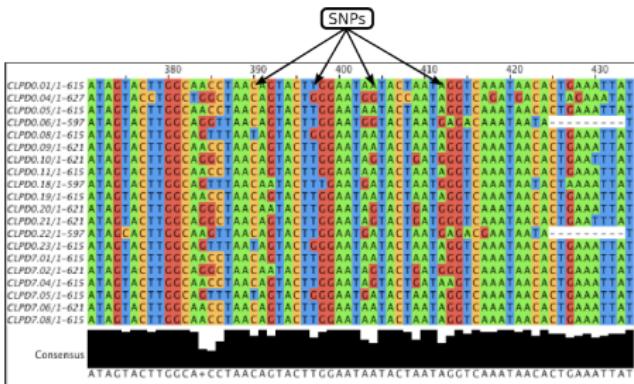
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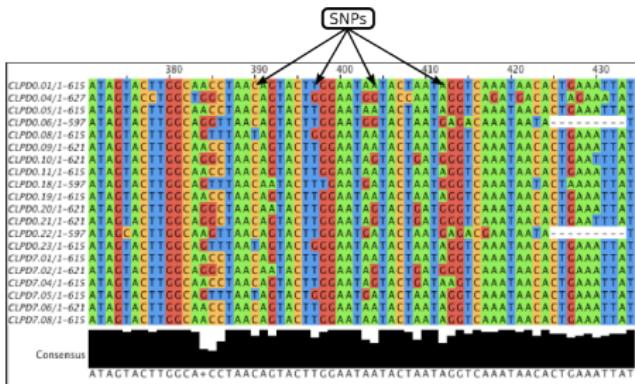
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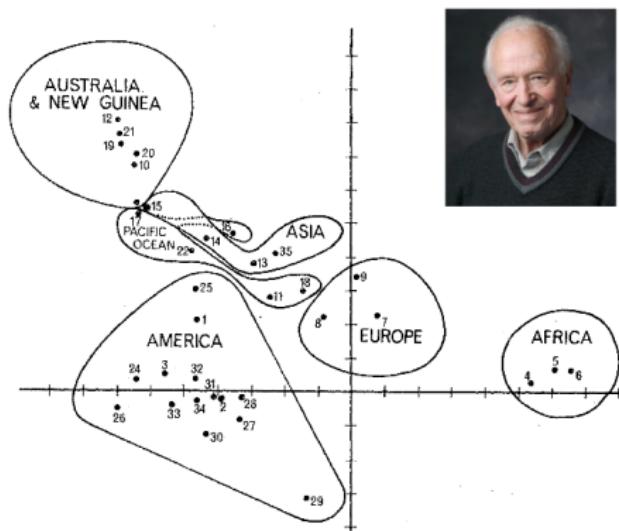


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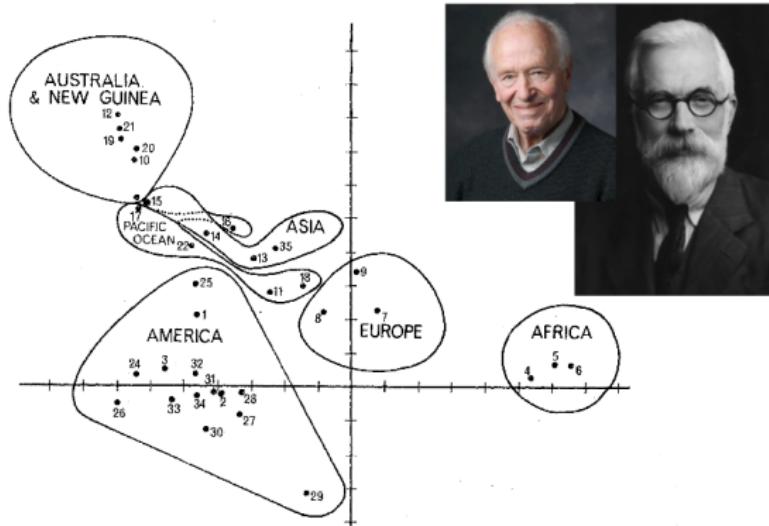
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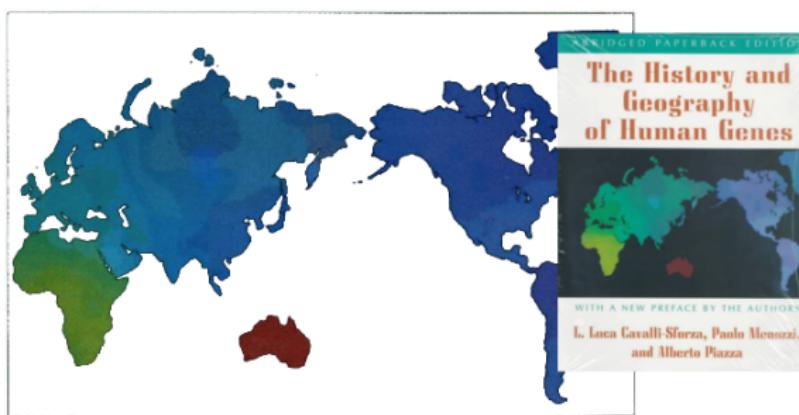


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PCA of genetic data + colored maps of principal components

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



Signatures of Human expansion out-of-Africa.

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packages: *adegenet*, *ade4*, *pegas*

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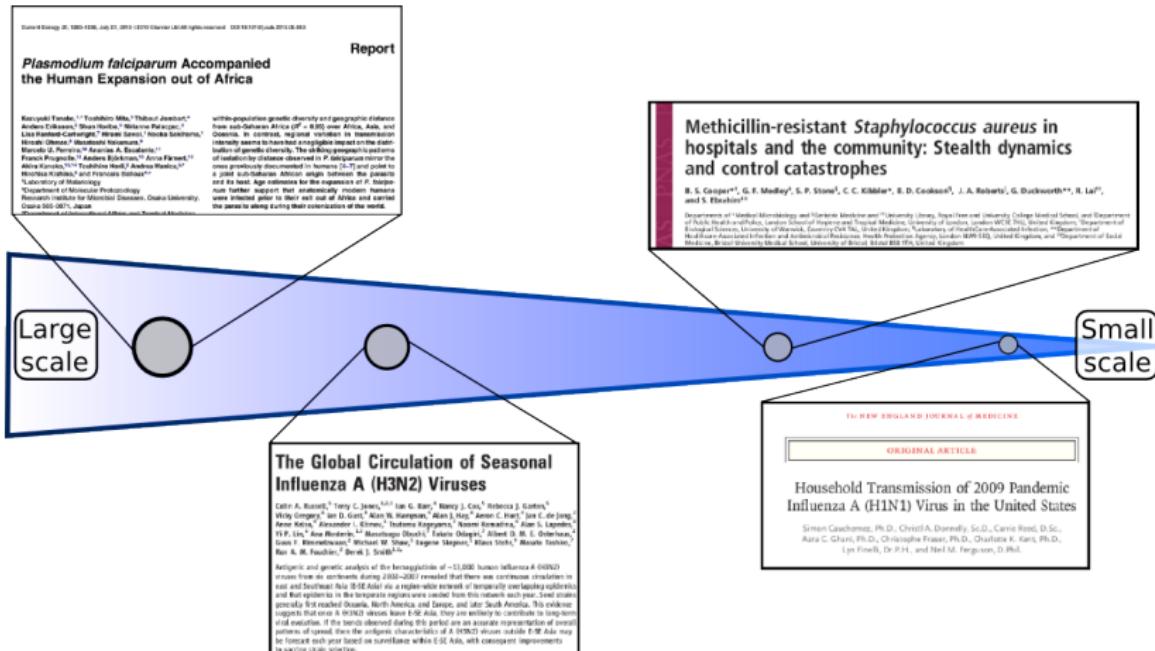
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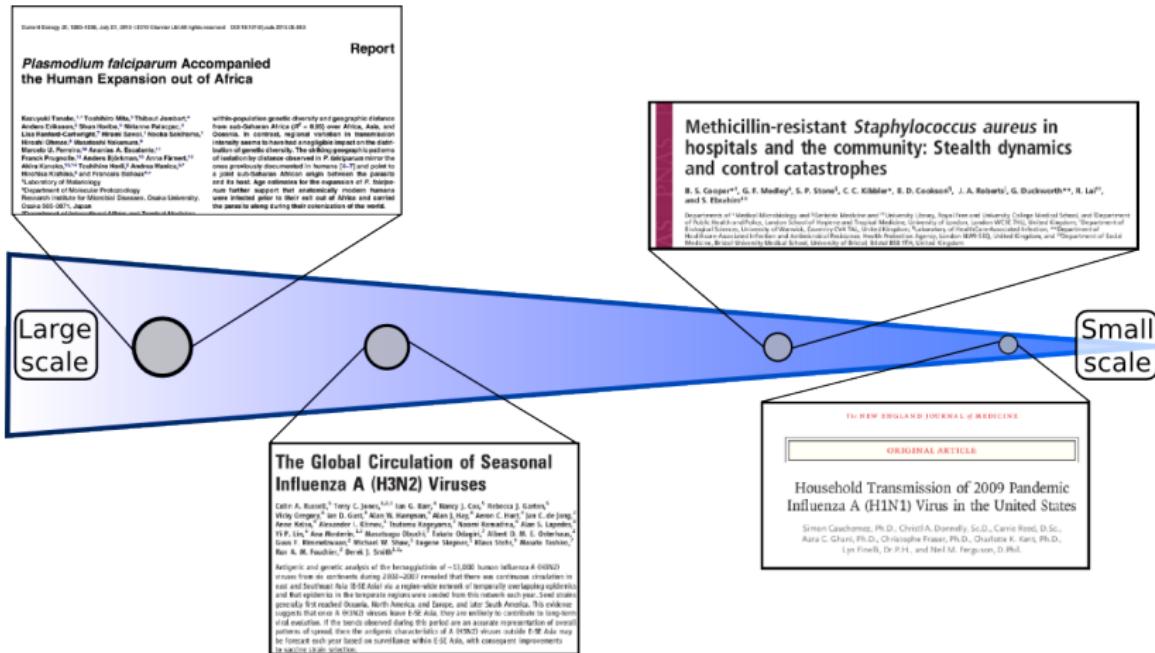


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What is a population?

- *Usual definition:* set of organisms mating at random
- *Problem:* no “mating” in most pathogens (e.g. viruses, bacteria)
- **Genetic clusters:** set of genetically related pathogens (e.g. same outbreak, same epidemic).

⇒ aim: **identify** and **describe** genetic clusters

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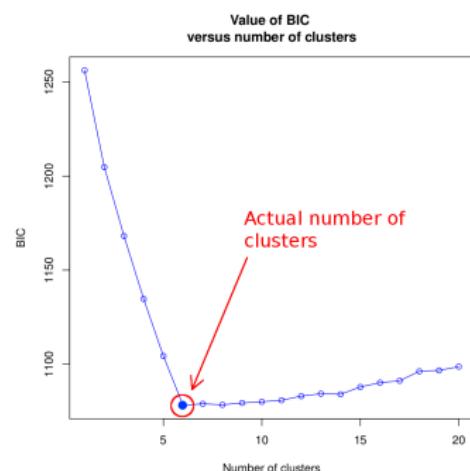
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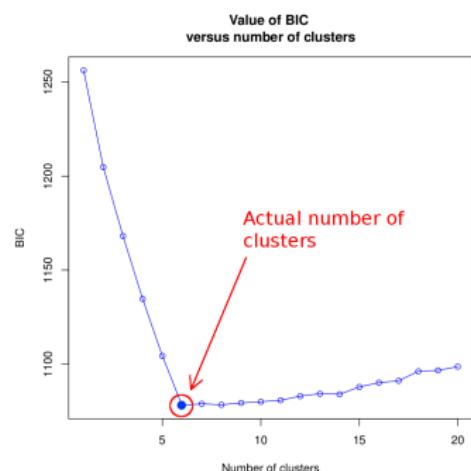
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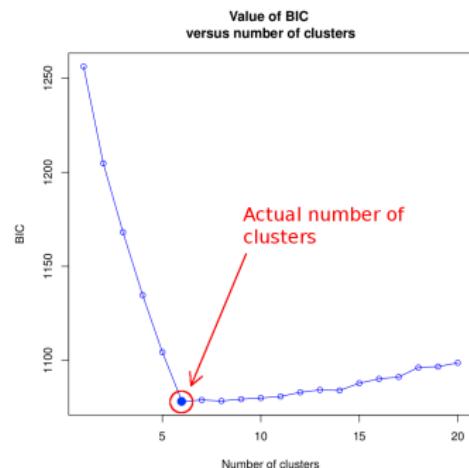
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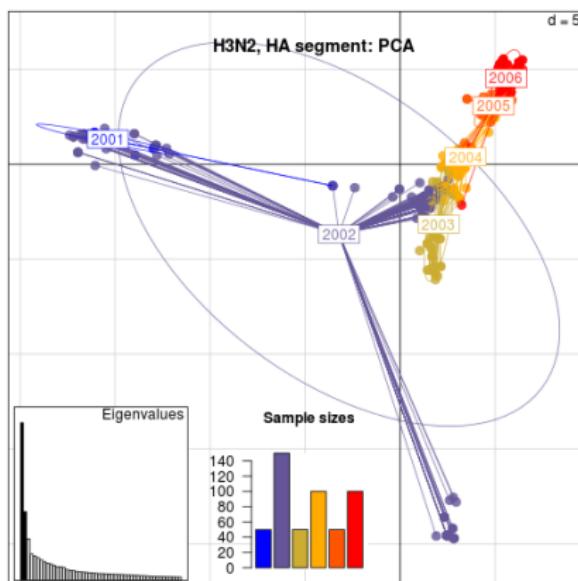
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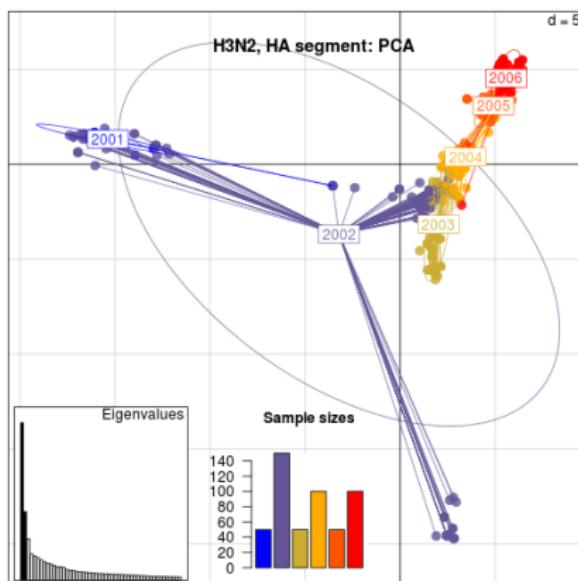
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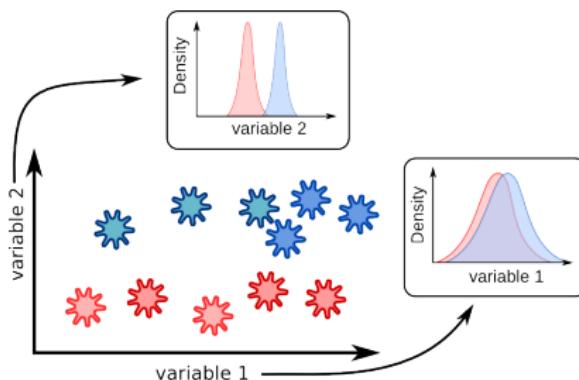
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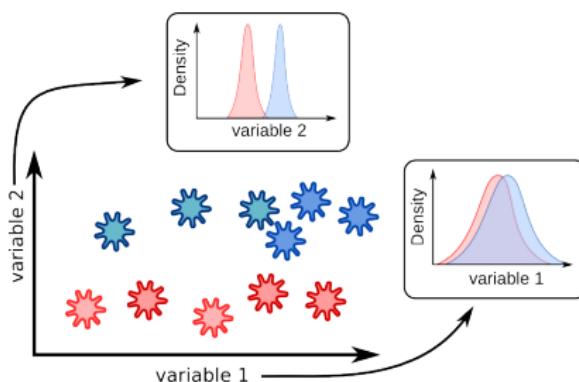
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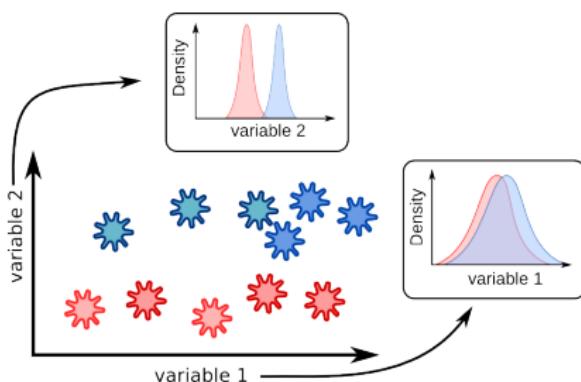
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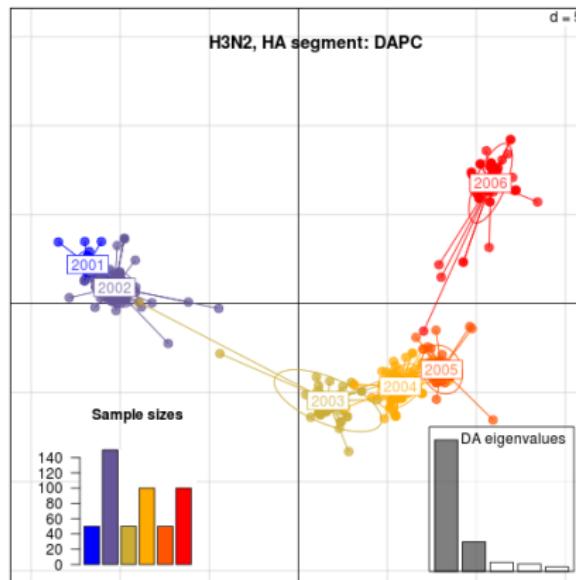
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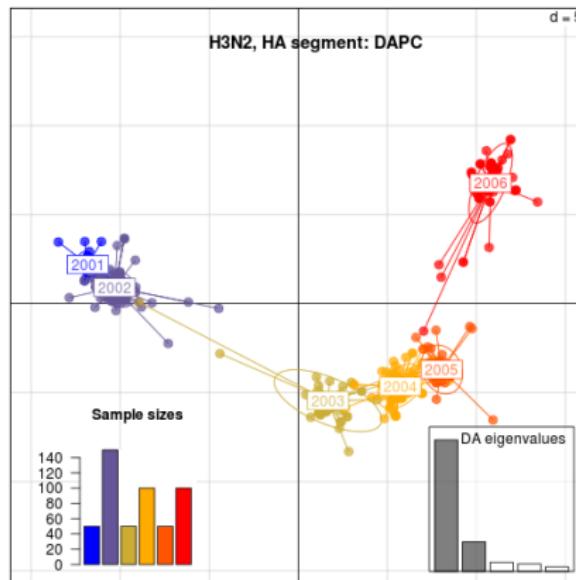
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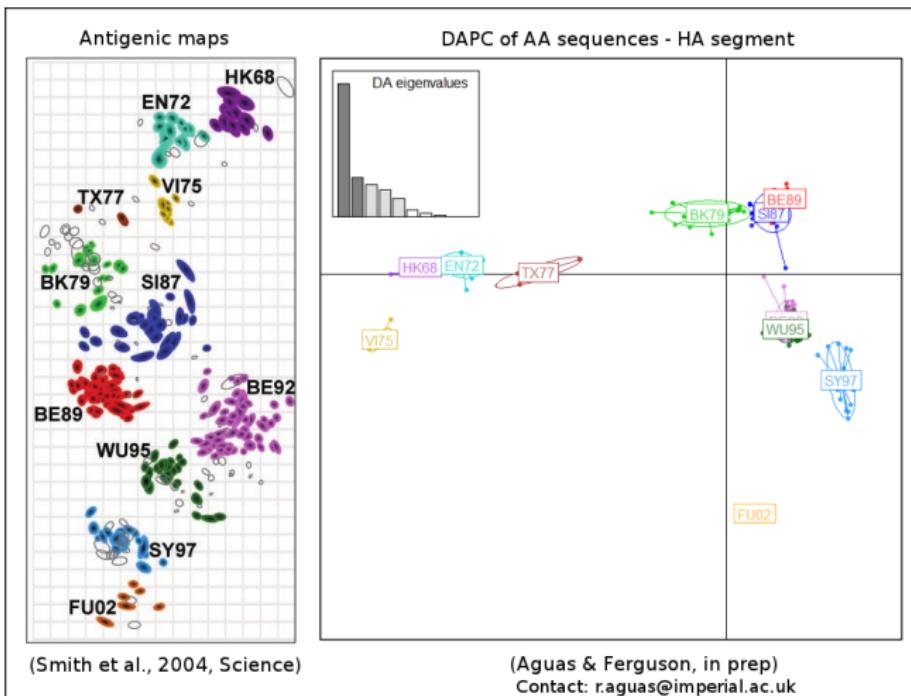
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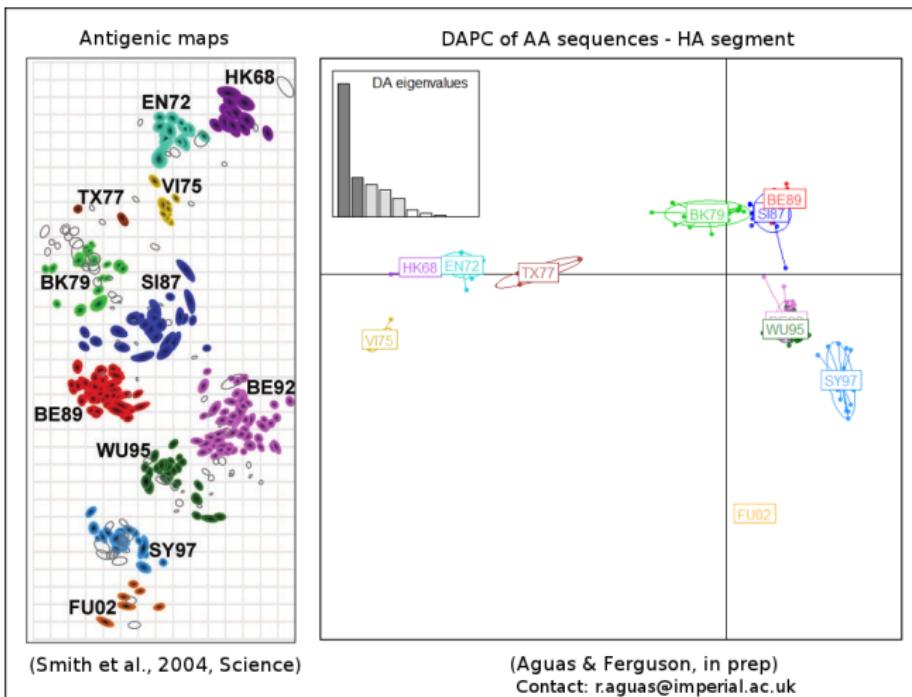
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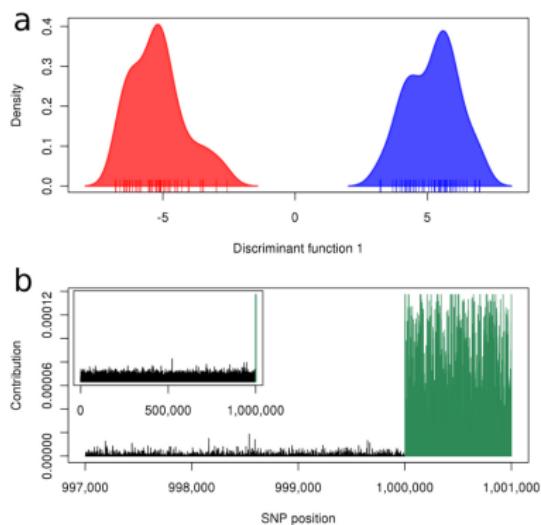
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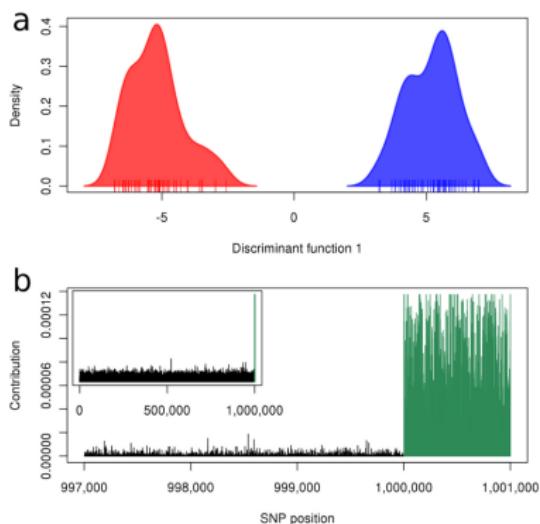
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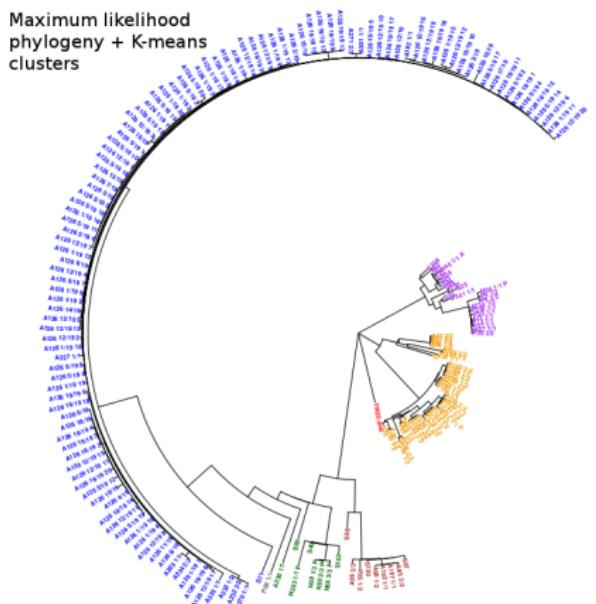
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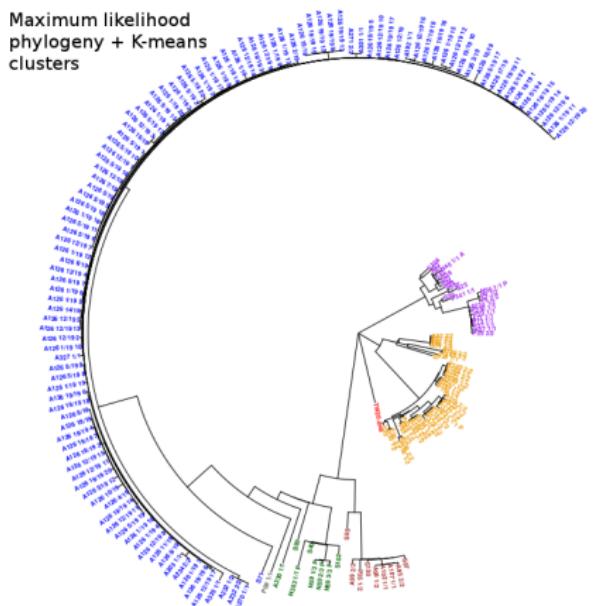


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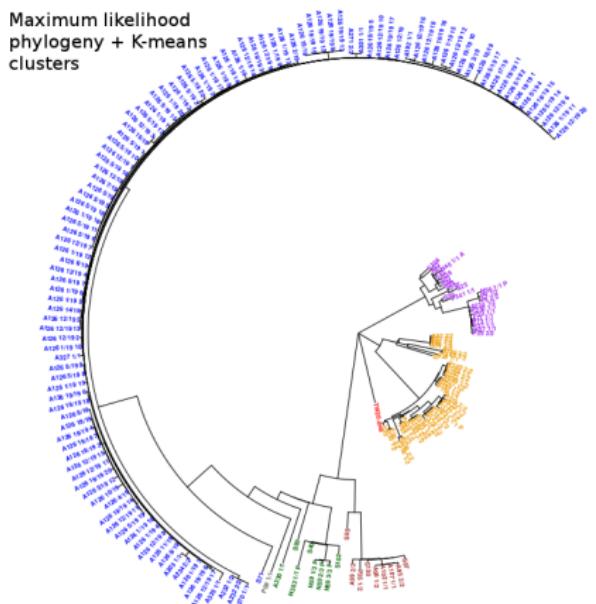


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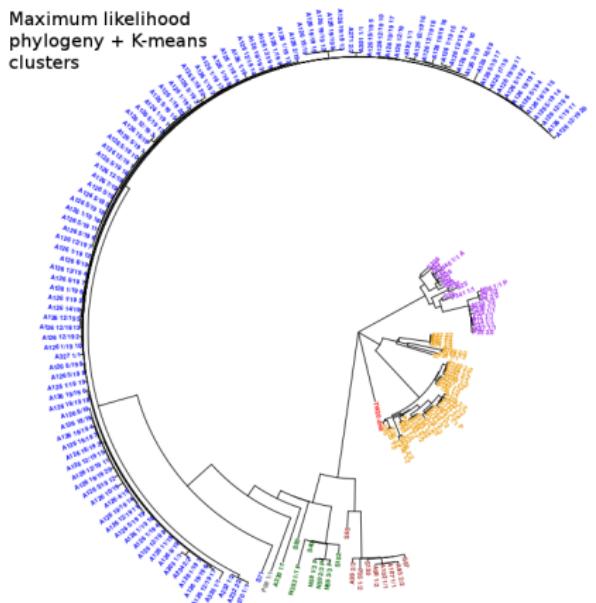


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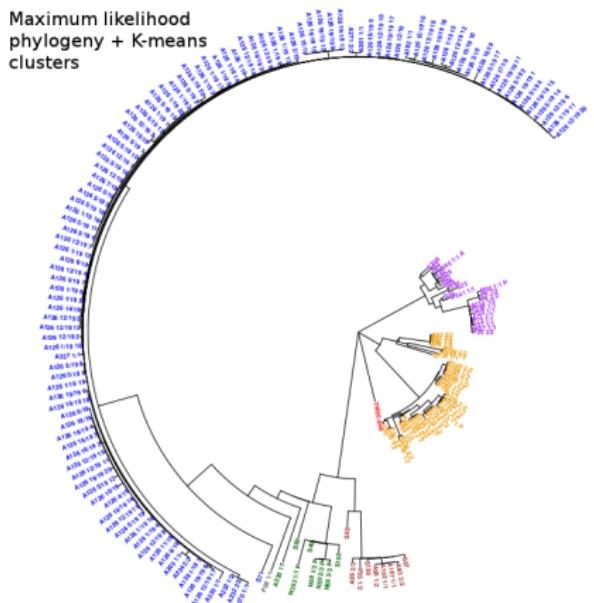


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