

# Assembling and using RAD locus catalogs: exploring the parameter space

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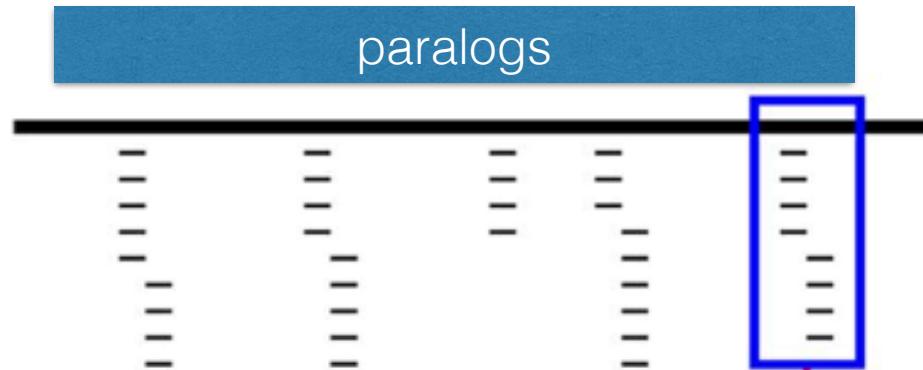
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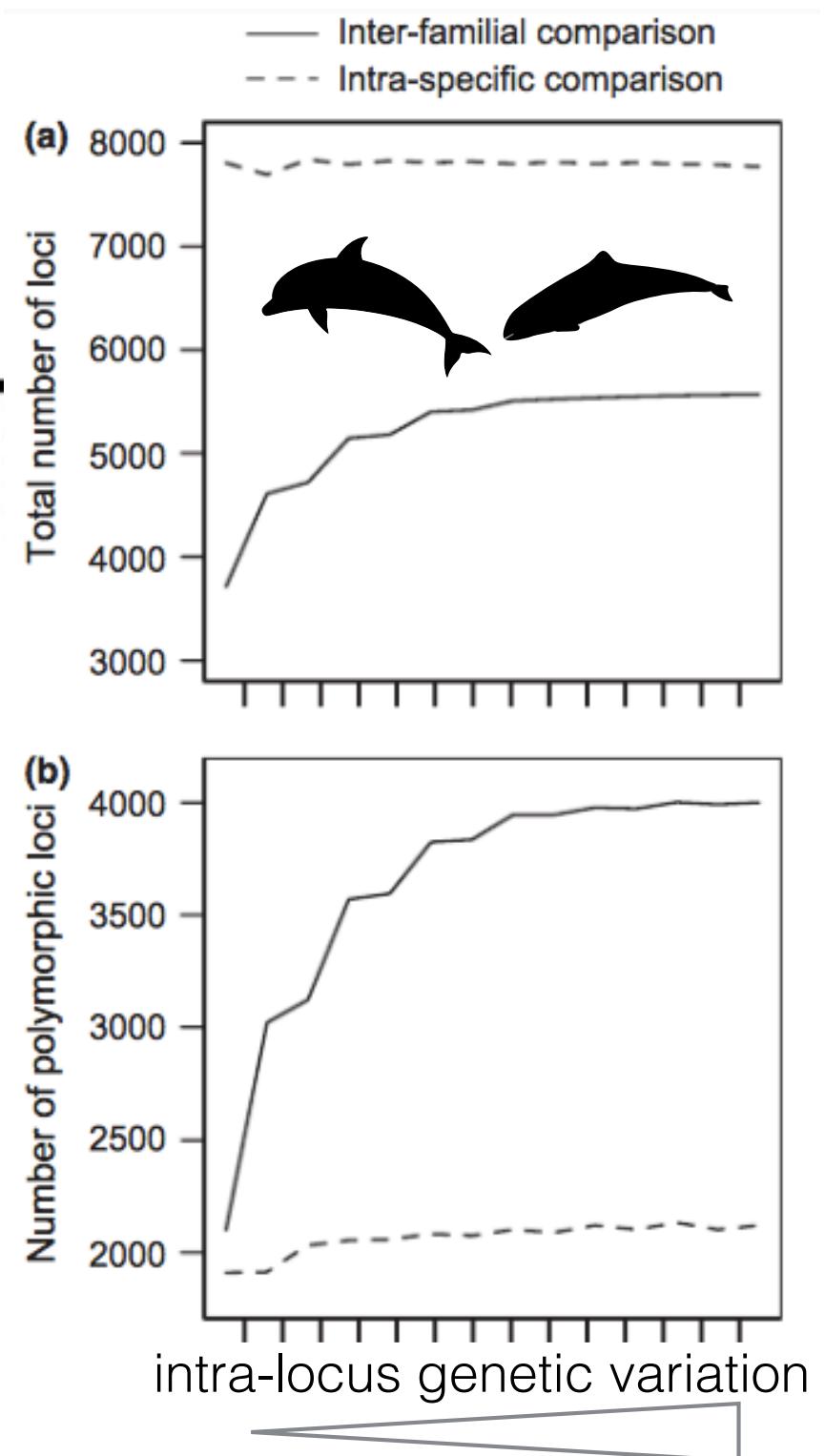
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# Difficulty of building a locus catalog in a nutshell



the trick in building a locus **catalog**  
is essentially to find the  
compromise between assembly of  
a large number of single-copy loci  
and few paralogous loci



# How “simple” methodological decisions affect interpretation of population structure based on reduced representation library DNA sequencing: A case study using the lake whitefish

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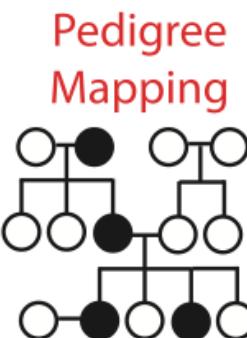
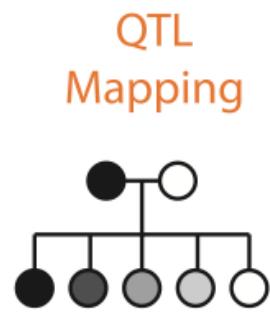
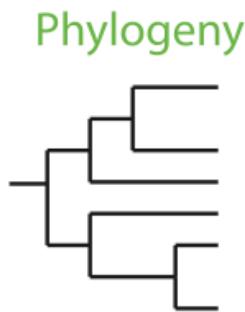
## Bioinformatic processing of RAD-seq data dramatically impacts downstream population genetic inference

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# Applications in evolutionary biology:

- different scales : different problems linked to **catalog** assembly
  - depth of coverage on SNPs
  - linkage among SNPs
  - type I / II errors for genotyping
  - sequencing of coding vs non-coding regions

Today we will focus on issues linked to estimating population genetics parameters



# Plan

- Setting up your experiment
- Setting up your analysis pipeline
- Setting up a parameter selection strategy

# Some difficulties with SNP genotyping

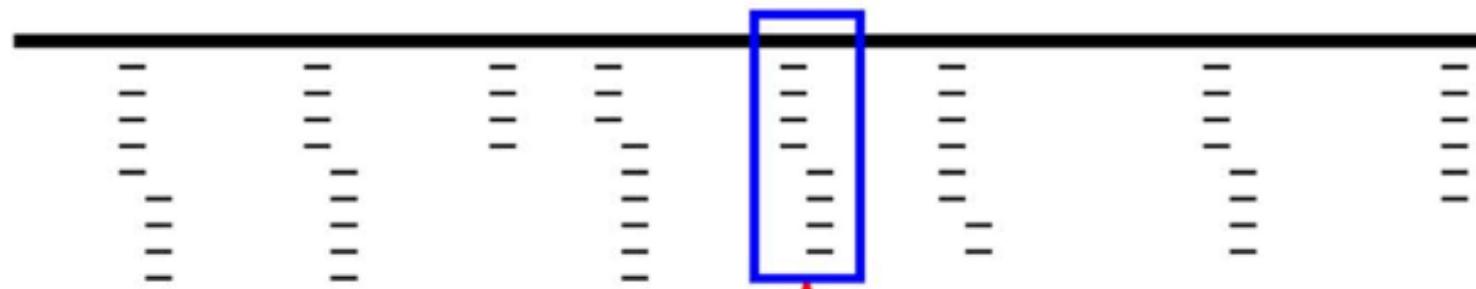
Source	Description	Références (e.g.)
Genome characteristics	GC content, genome size, genome architecture (duplications) polymorphism / methylation on restriction sites (locus dropout or mutation-disruption) ...	Roberts et al (2010) Davey et al (2013) Gautier et al (2013)
Laboratory	quality of lab reagents, contamination, pipetting errors, enzyme sensitivity to DNA quality, equi-molarity of purified DNA samples, PCR bias / error / duplicates, library size selection...	Bonin et al (2004) Baird et al (2008), Peterson et al (2012) Hohenlohe et al (2012)
Sequencing	sequencing errors; preferential sequencing of alleles or loci (eg GC content, hairpins...)	Meachan et al (2011) Nielsen et al (2011) Hohenlohe et al (2012) Loman et al (2012)

a key step: **choice of restriction enzyme(s)**

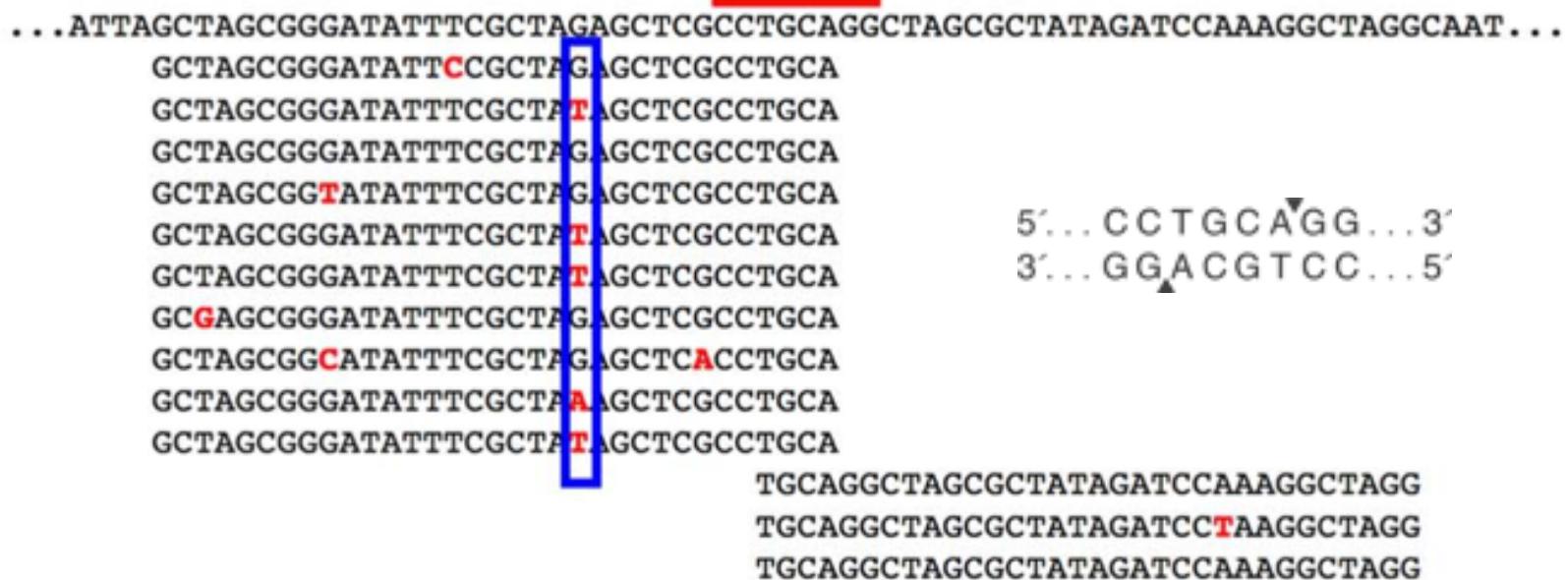
will affect the shape of the **catalog** :

*nb of loci, locus depth, level of mutation-disruption*

A



B



# choice of restriction enzyme(s)

## RADtag counter from GenePool, Edinburgh

### To use this counter:

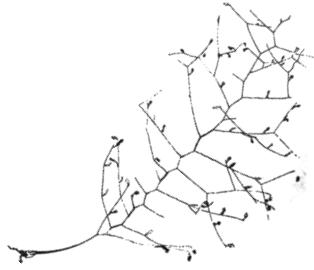
- 1 Enter the GC content of your target genome here:
- 2 Enter the size in megabases of your genome here:
- 3 Enter the fold coverage of RADtags you require here:
- 4 Enter the per-pool plexity you plan to use here:
- 5 Enter number of million reads per lane

(please contact the GenePool for throughput currently achieved on the GAIIX and HiSeq platforms)

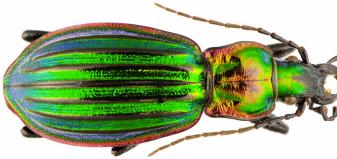
**0.4** proportion GC  
**2000** taille génome (Mb)  
**30** couverture  
**96** plexity  
**80** million reads

Overhang	TGCA			GGCC			AATT	
Enzyme	SbfI	PstI	NsiI	NotI	EaeI	EagI	EcoRI	ApoI
Site	CCTGCA*GG	CTGCA*G	ATGCA*T	GC*GGCCGC	Y*GGCCR	C*GGCCG	G*AATTC	R*AATTY
Site frequency	5.76E-06	0.000144	0.000324	2.56E-06	0.0004	0.000064	0.000324	0.002025
Sites/Mb	6	144	324	3	400	64	324	2025
<b>Number of sites in genome</b>	<b>11520</b>	<b>288000</b>	<b>648000</b>	<b>5120</b>	<b>800000</b>	<b>128000</b>	<b>648000</b>	<b>4050000</b>
Number of tags	23040	576000	1296000	10240	1600000	256000	1296000	8100000
Num sequences for coverage	691200	17280000	38880000	307200	48000000	7680000	38880000	243000000
Million sequences per pool	66.4	1658.9	3732.5	29.5	4608.0	737.3	3732.5	23328.0
does your pool fit in one lane?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>

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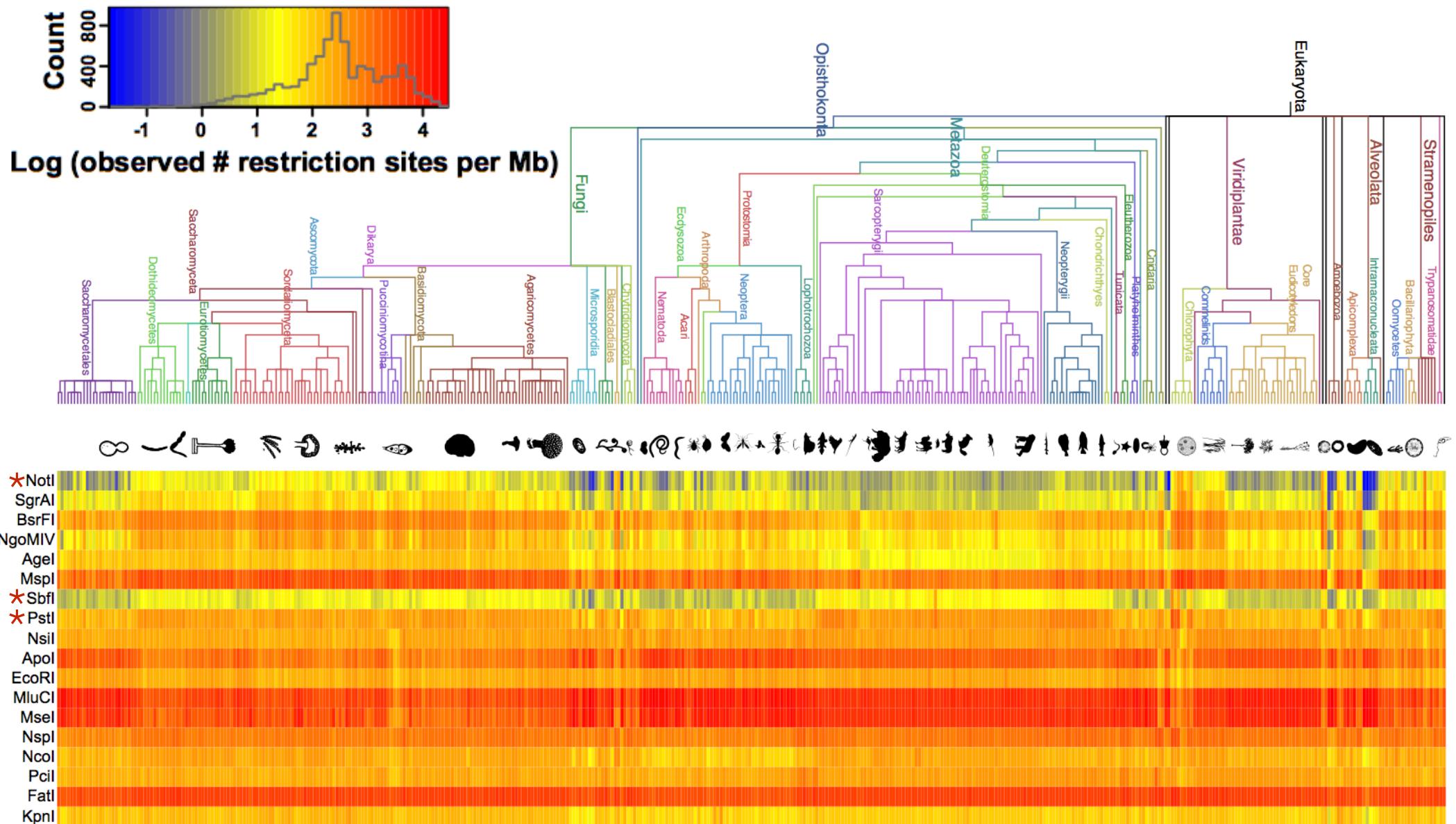
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	Dolphins: Viricel et al (2014), Mol Ecol Res 0-19 MY	<i>NotI</i>	3 GB	38x	10 714	92
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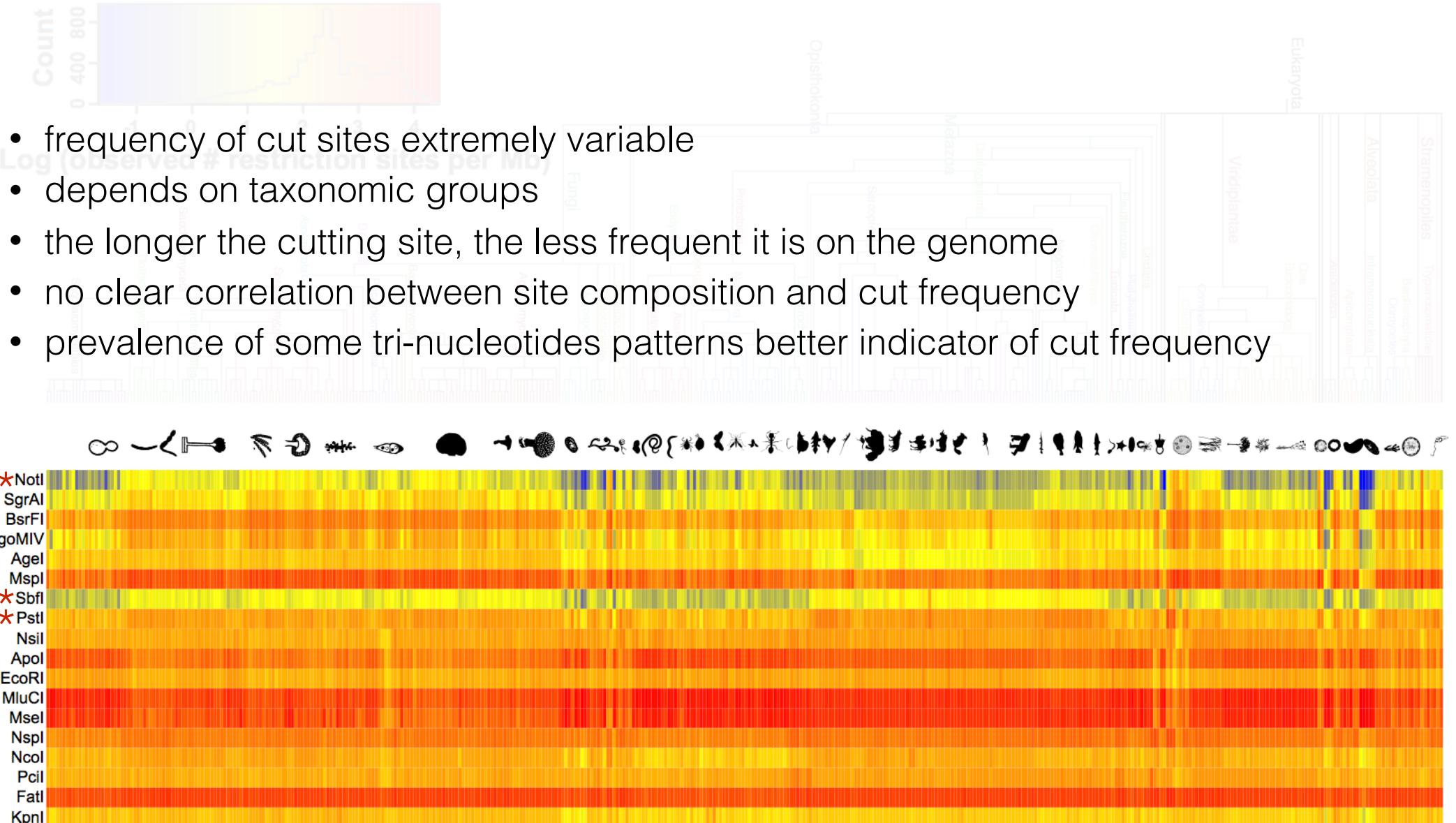
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PredRAD: Herrera et al (2014) BioRxiv

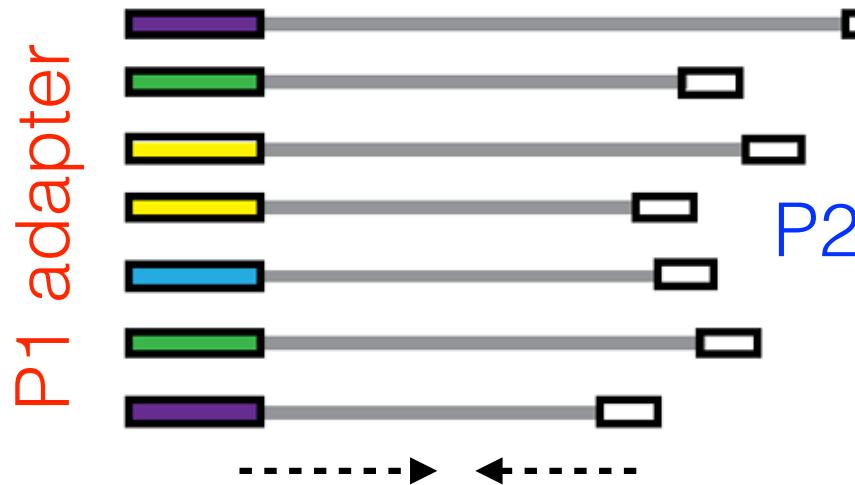


# choice of restriction enzyme(s)



# choice of sequencing platform and library construction strategy

“now-generation” sequencing of short fragments  
(Illumina / SOLiD / Ion Torrent PGM)



**variable length** of sequenced fragment:  
~ 35 nt to 250 nt or more for contig'ed PE

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**variable length and position of  
your R2 in PE experiments**

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Method	Strategy	Reference
<b>sdRAD</b>	the original ? use of 1 restriction enzyme, DNA shearing by sonication	Baird et al (2008)
<b>ddRAD</b>	coupling of 2 enzymes differing by their cutting frequencies	Peterson et al (2012)
<b>2b-RAD</b>	use of IIB type enzymes, cut DNA in small (33-36nt) fragments of uniform size	Wang et al (2012)
<b>ezRAD</b>	enzyme nb $\geq 1$ ; simplified prep'; reduced cost (30 librairies < \$10K)	Toonen et al (2013)
<b>BestRAD</b>	uses biotinylated adapters to extract restriction site-adjacent DNA from gDNA early on in library prep	Ali et al (2016)

Many others: *GBS*, *teGBS*, *RESTseq*, *RRLs*, *CRoPS*, *HyRAD* ...

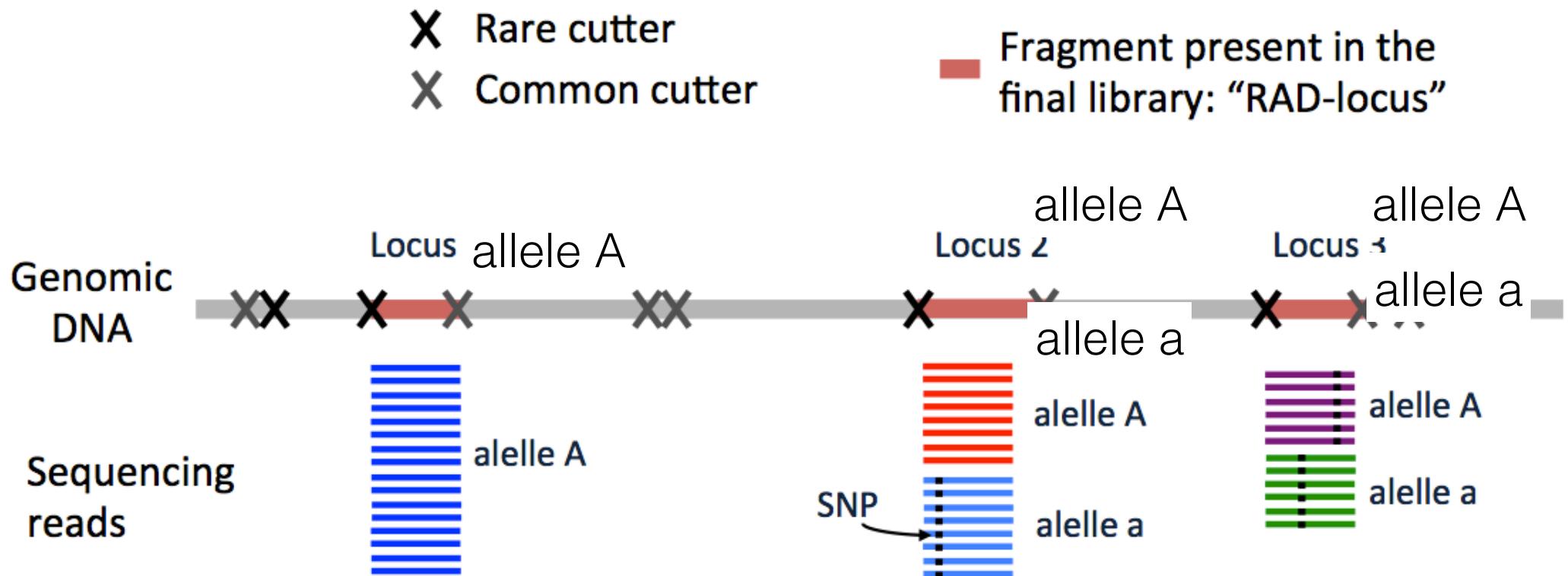
Comparaison of methods:

Wang et al (2012) *Nature Methods*, Toonen et al (2013) *PeerJ*, Lepais et Weir (2014) *Mol Ecol Res*

Andrews et al (2016) *Nat Rev Genet*

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ddRAD (double-digest):  
theory says : fewer but better-covered loci, compared to sdRAD



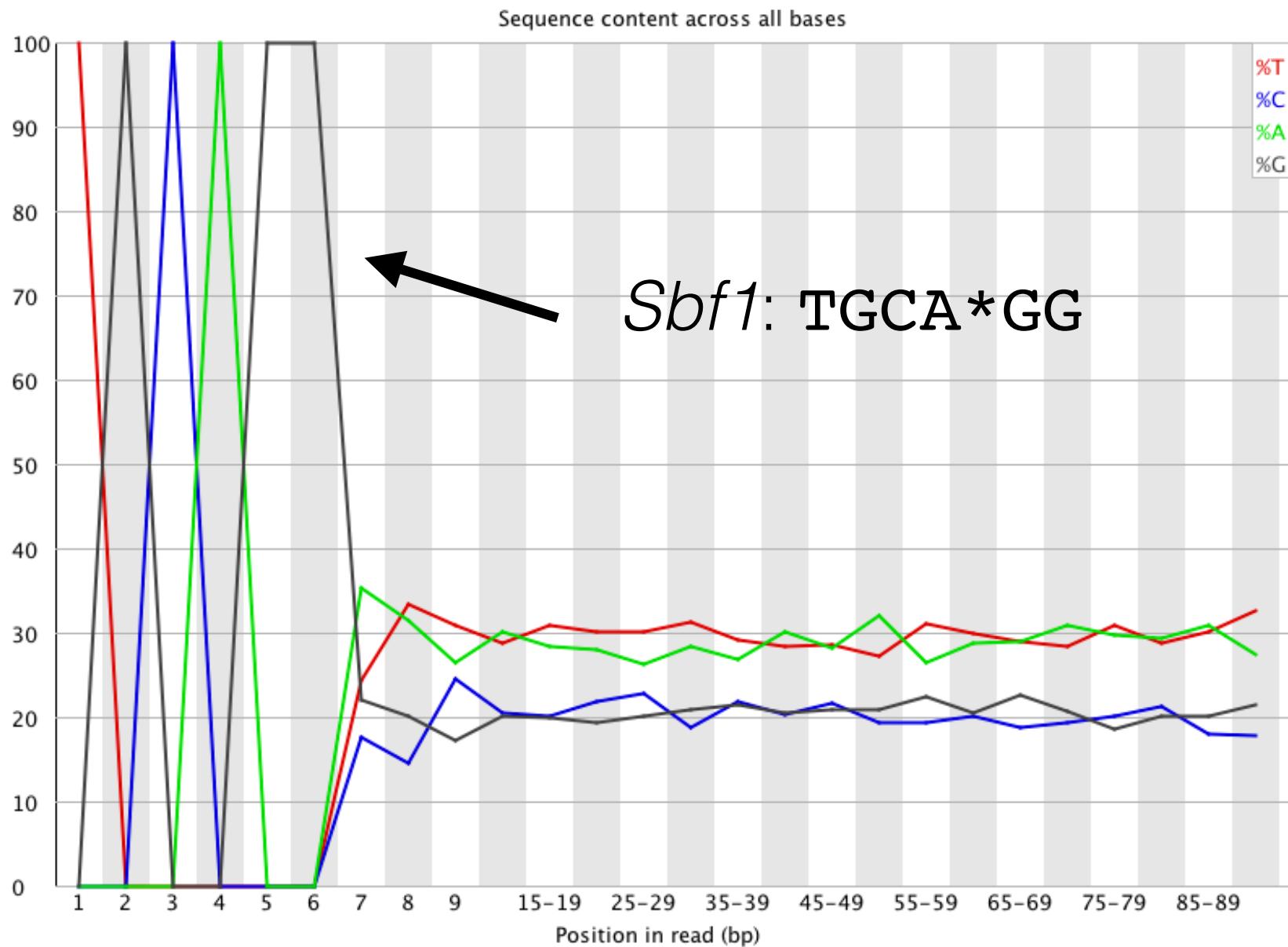
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# QC is paramount! remember, GIGO :-)



## Per base sequence content



# Analysis tools

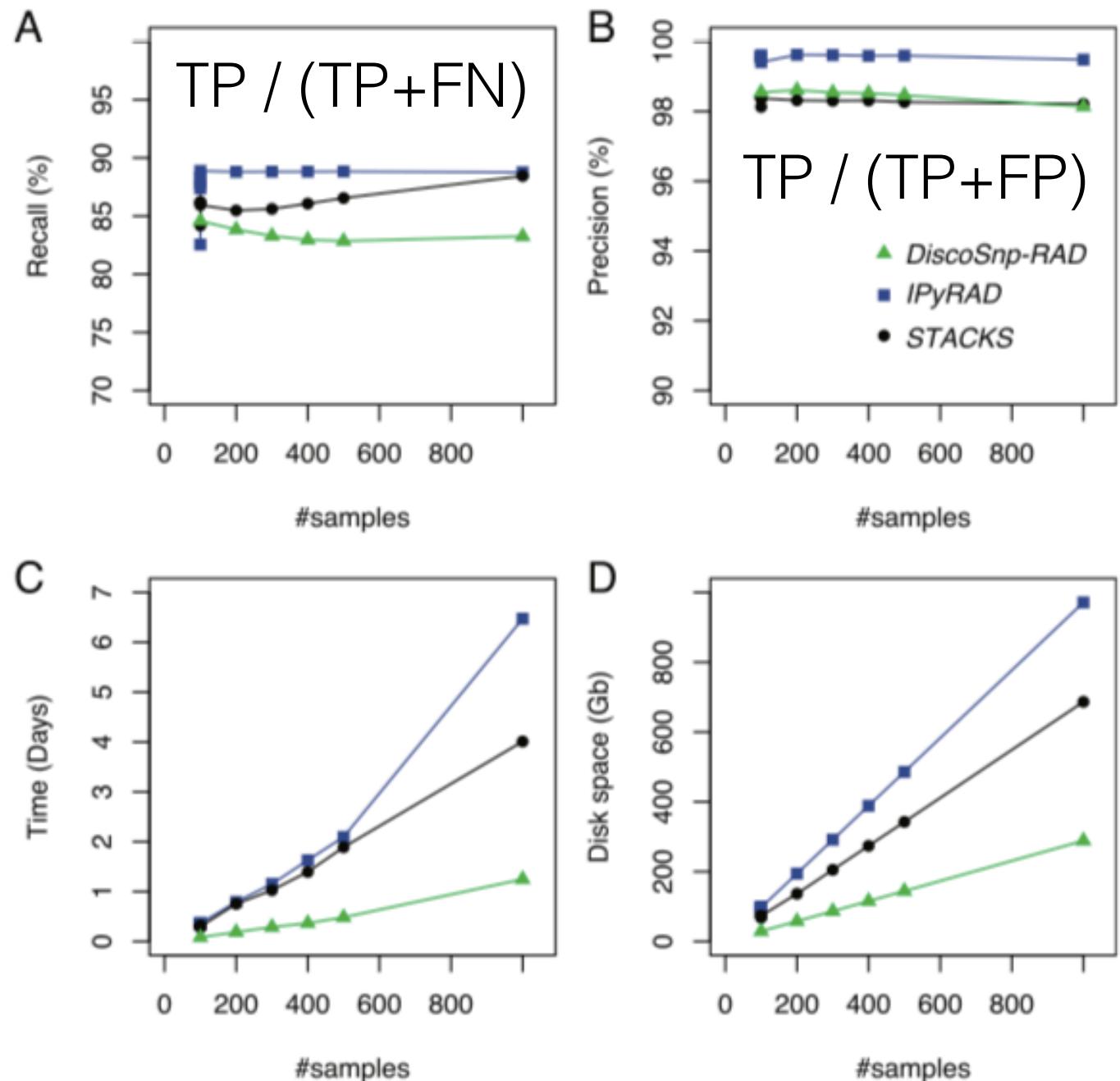
some redundancy:  
*RADIS* relies on  
*STACKS*, *dDocent*  
 relies on *Rainbow* ...

additional  
 “generalist” tools that  
 can be applied to  
 RAD data:  
*GSSnap*, *GATK*,  
*BWA*, *Stampy*,  
*SAMtools*, *iML* ...

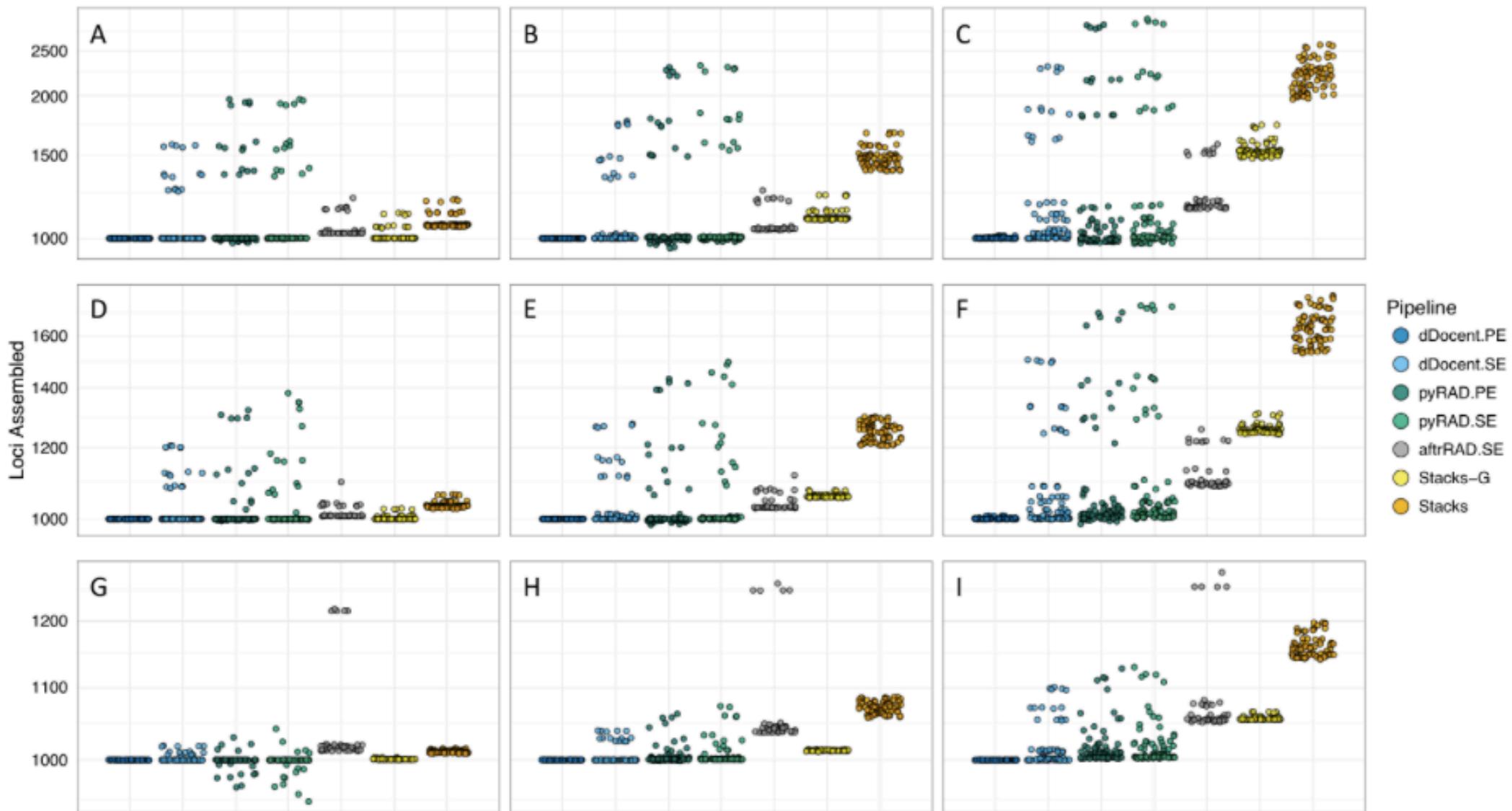
tool	use	authors	pub yr	language	GUI	DOI (or other source)
<b>stacks</b>	RAD pipeline	Catchen et al	2011	C / perl	yes	10.1534/g3.111.000240
<b>RADtools</b>	RAD pipeline	Baxter et al	2011	perl	no	10.1371/journal.pone.0019315
<b>RApiD</b>	RAD pipeline	Willing et al	2011	C / perl	no	10.1093/bioinformatics/btr346
<b>rtd</b>	ddRAD pipeline	Petterson et al	2012	python	no	10.1371/journal.pone.0037135
<b>Rainbow</b>	RAD pipeline	Chong et al	2012	C / perl	no	10.1093/bioinformatics/bts482
<b>RADtyping</b>	linkage maps	Fu et al	2013	perl	no	10.1371/journal.pone.0079960
<b>PyRAD</b>	RAD pipeline	Eaton	2014	python	no	10.1093/bioinformatics/btu121
<b>RADami</b>	RAD tools	Hipp et al	2014	R	no	10.1371/journal.pone.0093975
<b>PredRAD</b>	enzyme choice	Herrera et al	2014	python	no	10.1093/gbe/evv210
<b>dDocent</b>	ddRAD pipeline	Puritz et al	2014	bash	no	10.7717/peerj.431
<b>SimRAD</b>	RAD simulation	Lepais & Weir	2014	R	no	10.1111/1755-0998.12273
<b>aftrRAD</b>	RAD pipeline	Sovic et al	2015			10.1111/1755-0998.12378
<b>HotRAD</b>	RAD pipeline	Assour et al	2015			arXiv:1511.06754
<b>RADIS</b>	RAD wrap-up	Cruaud	2016	perl	no	10.1093/bioinformatics/btw352
<b>simrrls</b>	RAD simulation	Eaton	2016	python	no	<a href="https://github.com/dereneaton/simrrls">github.com/dereneaton/simrrls</a>
<b>RADProc</b>	RAD pipeline	Ravindran et al	2018			10.1111/1755-0998.12954
<b>stacks2</b>	RAD pipeline	Rochette et al	2019			10.1111/mec.15253
<b>ipyrad</b> 	RAD pipeline	Eaton & Overcast	2020	python	no	10.1093/bioinformatics/btz966
<b>RADinitio</b>	RAD simulation	Rivera-Colon et al	2020	python		10.1111/1755-0998.13163
<b>DiscoSnp-RAD</b>	RAD pipeline	Gauthier et al	2020		no	10.7717/peerj.9291

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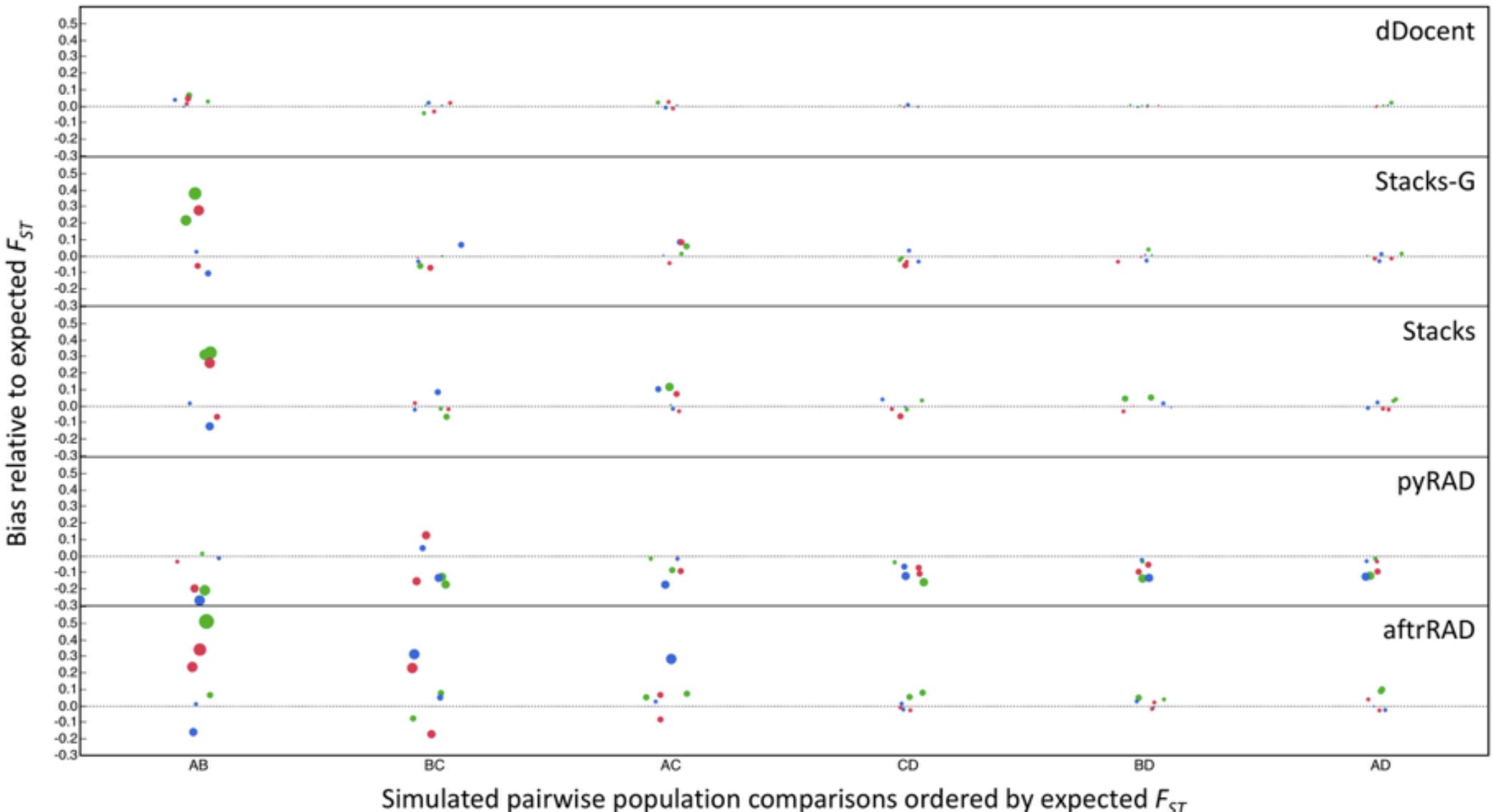
Compare:  
1.strategy  
2.precision  
3.recall  
4.time  
5.HD space



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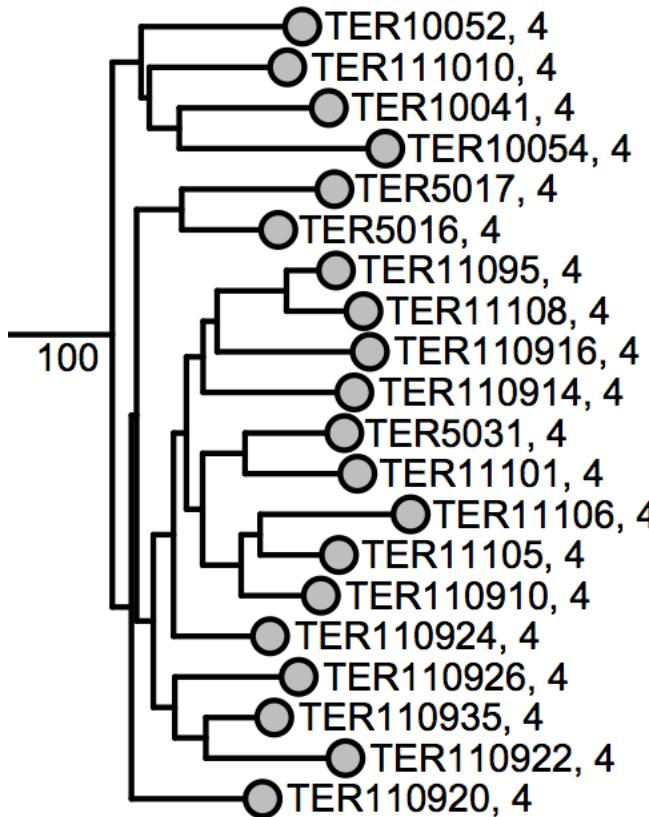


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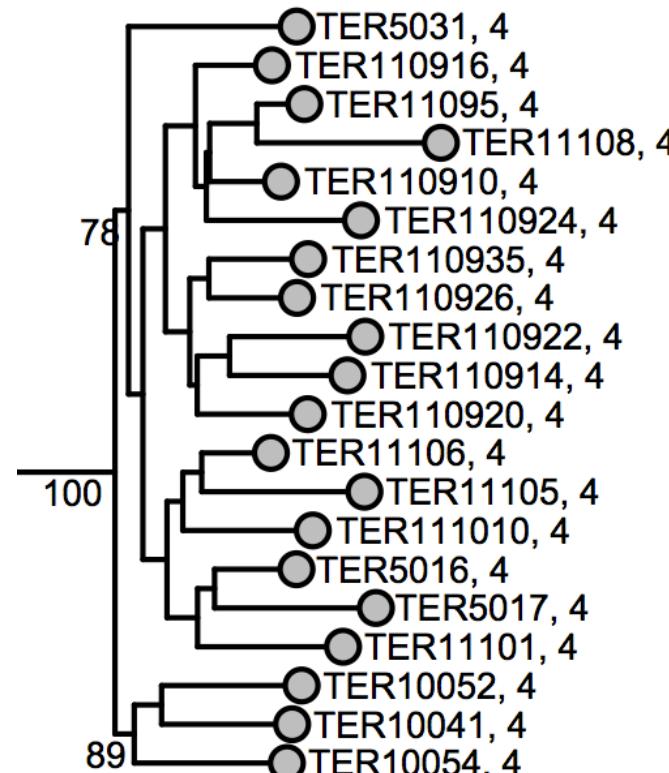
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# Different filters, different results ?

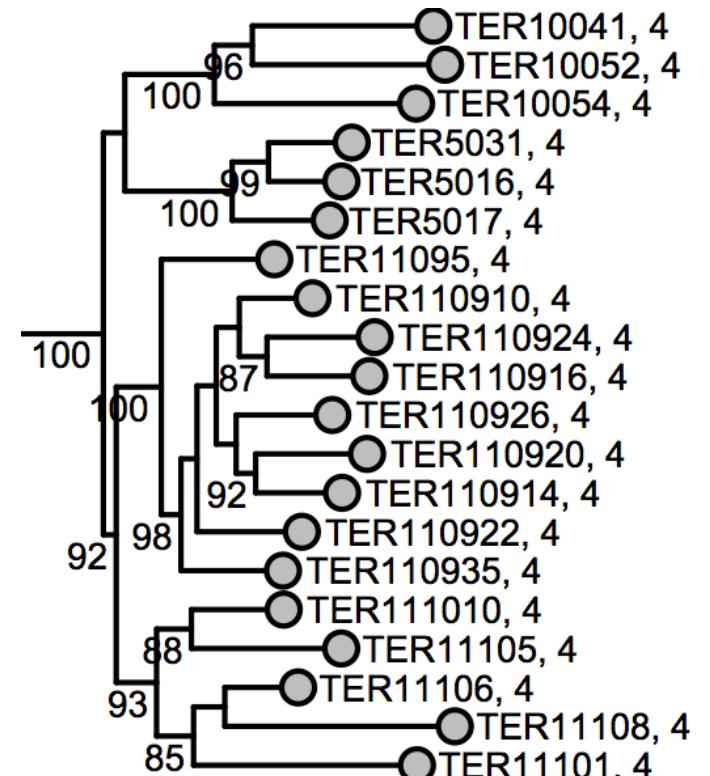
Stacks, *m3M4n4*



Stacks, *m3M10n12*



PyRAD, *m6s93*

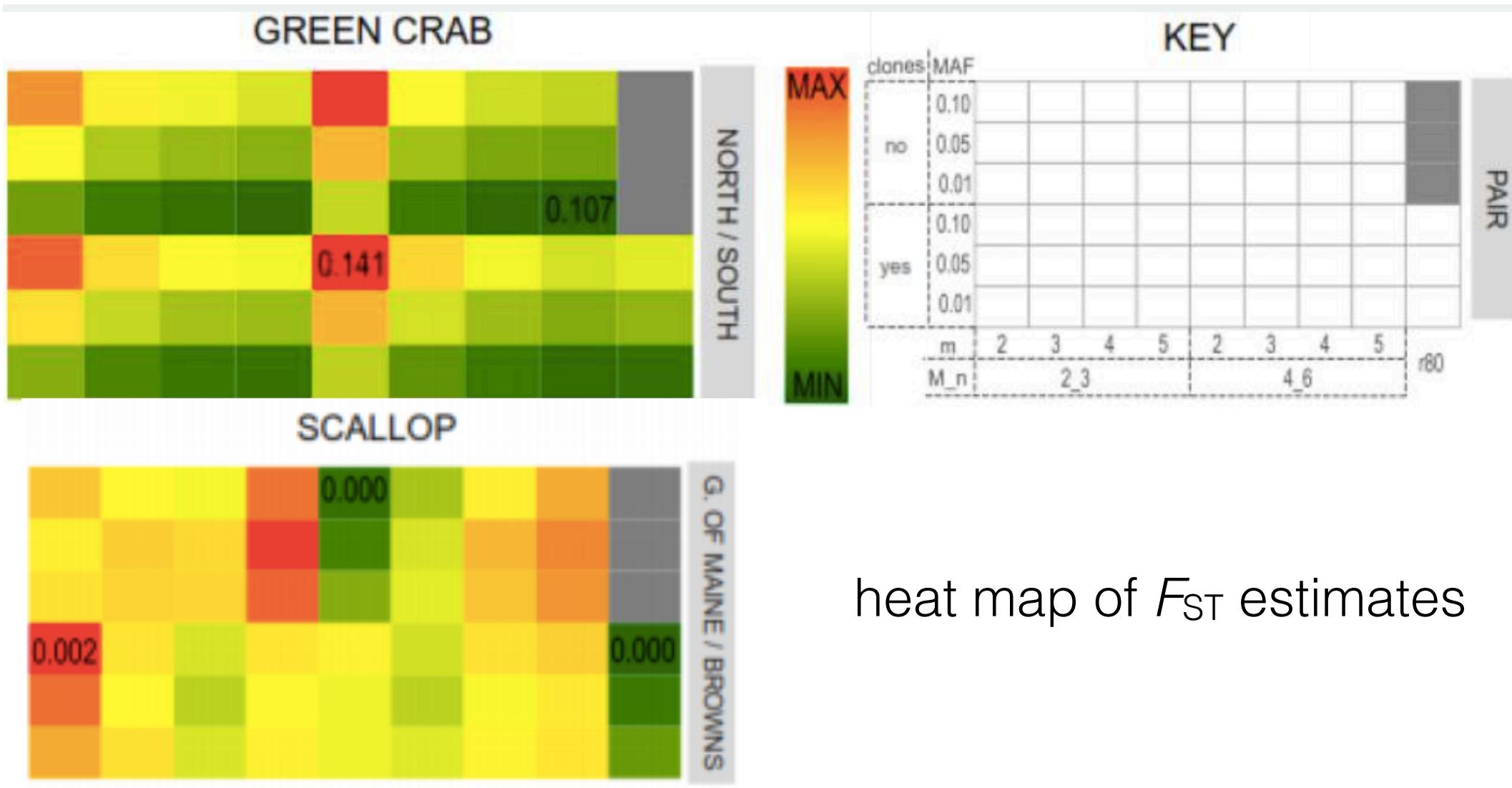


branch support

# Selecting RAD-Seq Data Analysis Parameters for Population Genetics: The More the Better?

Natalia Diaz-Arce\* and Naiara Rodriguez-Espeleta

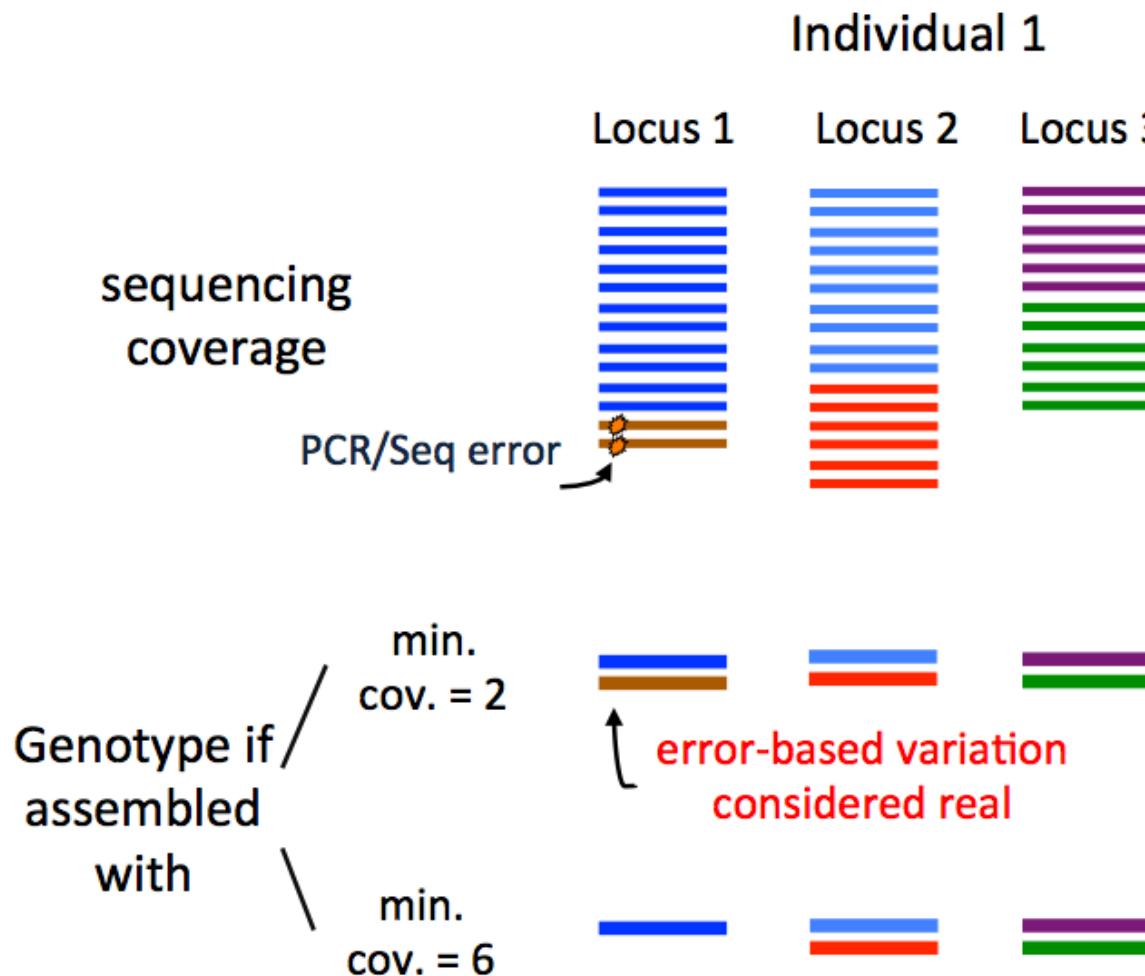
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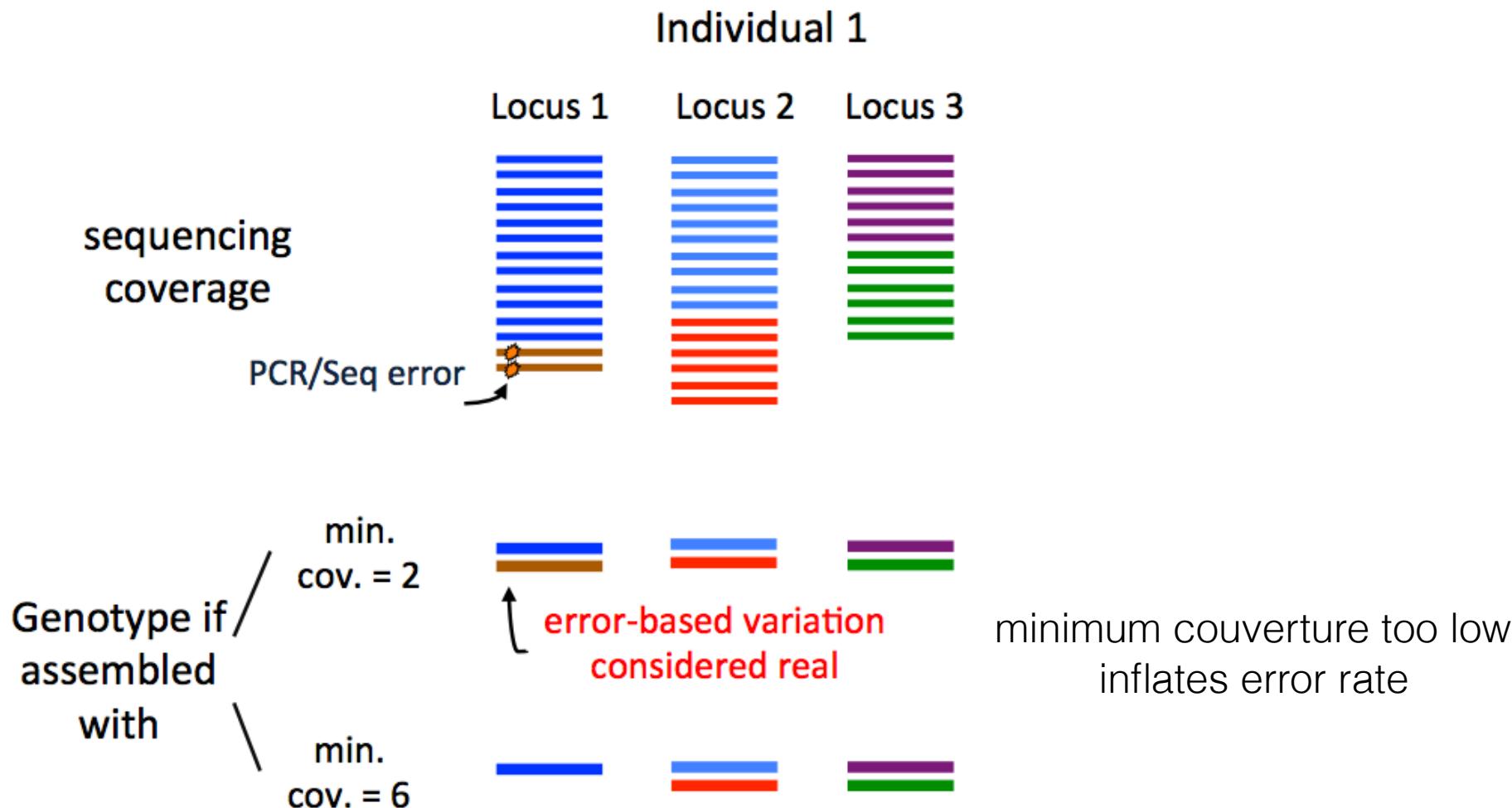
# Some bioinformatic challenges associated with RAD data

Source	Description	Références (e.g.)
<b>Depth of coverage (DC)</b>	DC threshold too low: genotyping errors DC threshold too high: allele drop-out	Davey et al (2013) Hohenlohe et al (2012) Catchen et al (2013)
<b>PCR duplicates</b>	DC heterogeneous due to overrepresentation of some sequences	Davey et al (2013)
<b>Fragment length</b>	allele / locus drop-out decreases with increasing fragment length	Davey et al (2013)
<b>Repeated regions and paralogs</b>	des séquences similaires, mais non homologues peuvent être assemblées pour former des loci artificiels	Hohenlohe et al (2012) Dou et al (2012)
<b>Indels (insertions / deletions)</b>	some pipelines take them into account ( <i>RApiD</i> , <i>PyRAD</i> ), others do not ( <i>Stacks</i> , <i>RADtools</i> )	Peterson et al (2012) Davey et al (2013)
<b>Divergence and reference genome (RG)</b>	the less alleles are divergent from the RG, the more likely they are to be included in the catalog	Pool et al (2010)

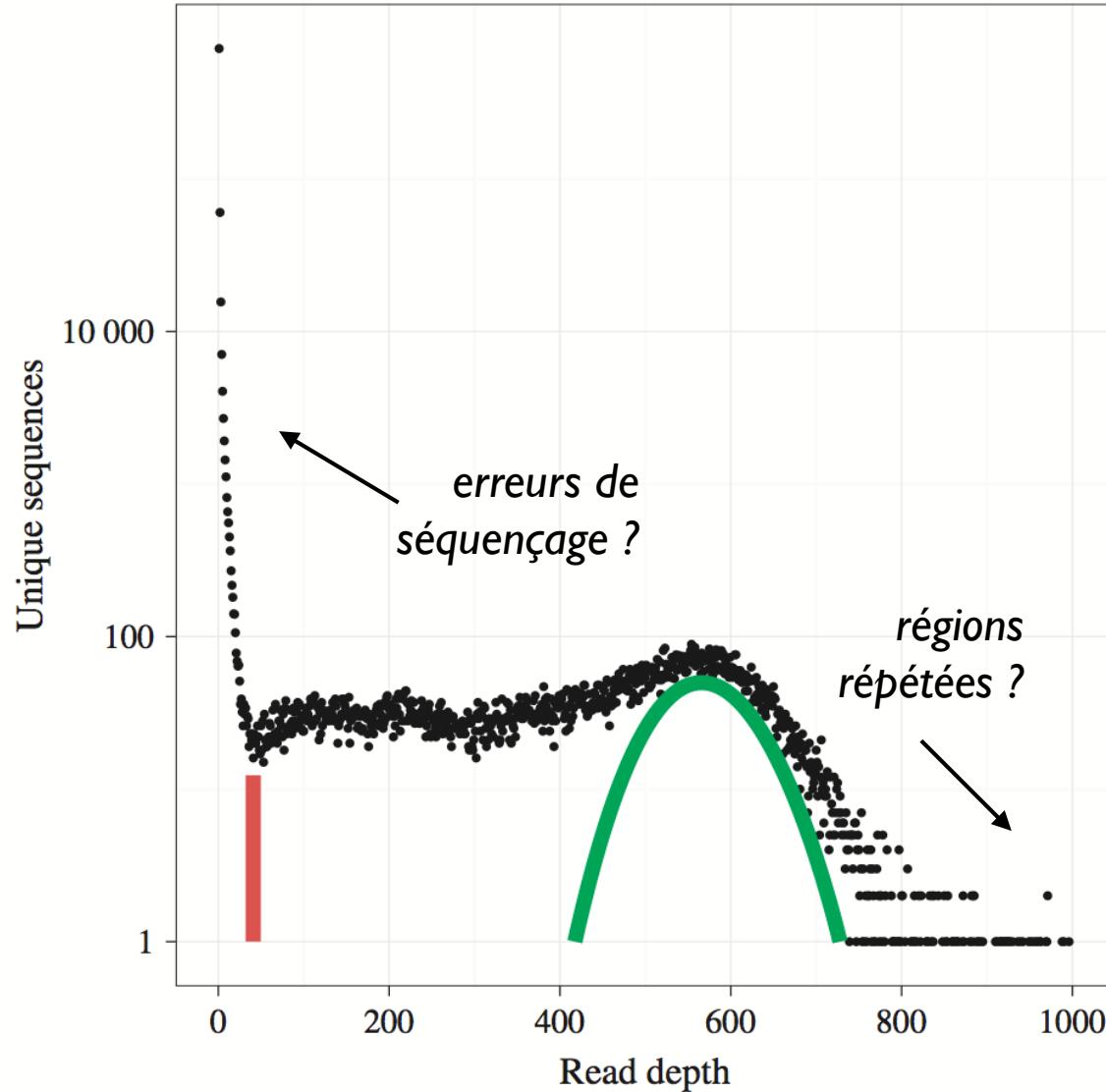
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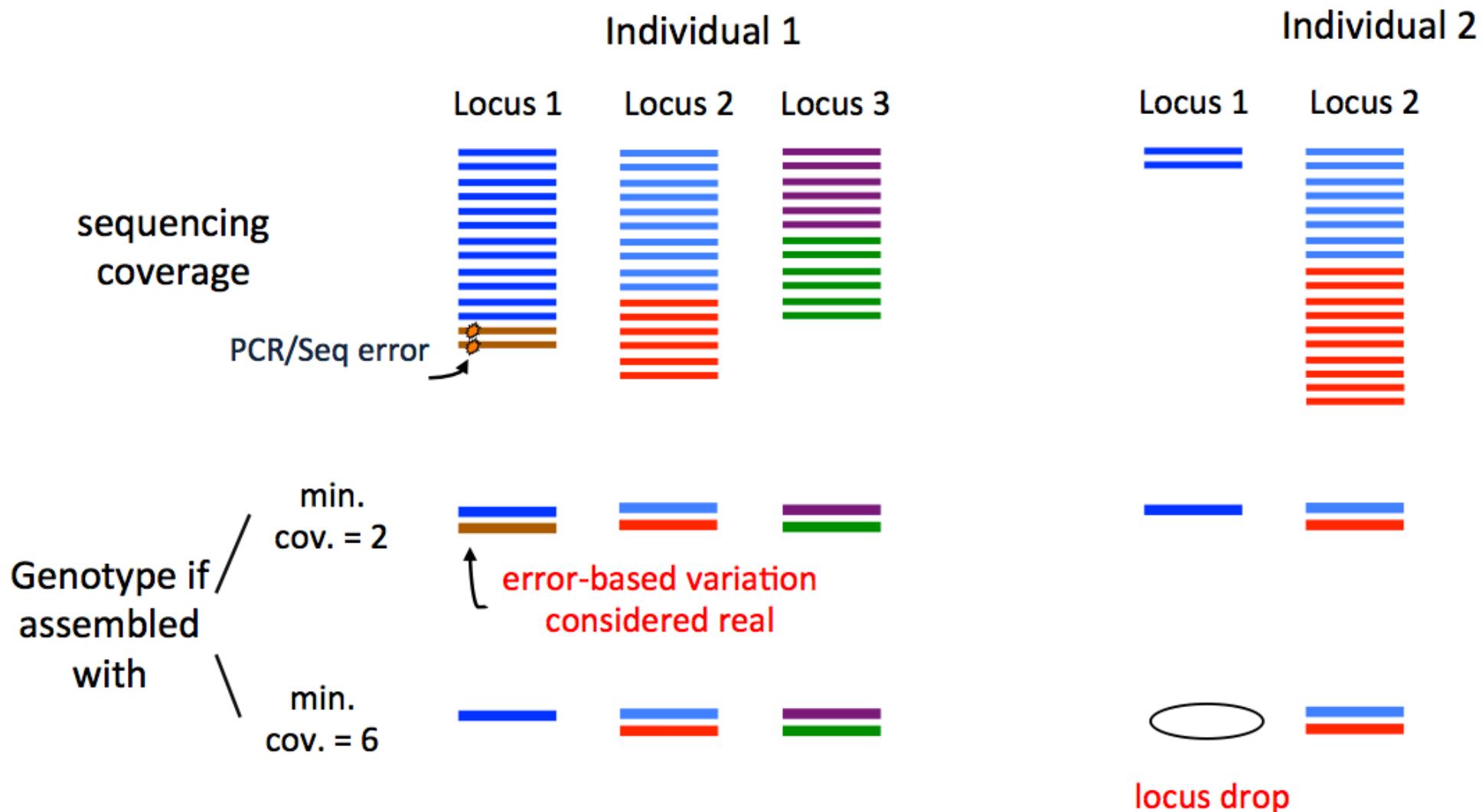
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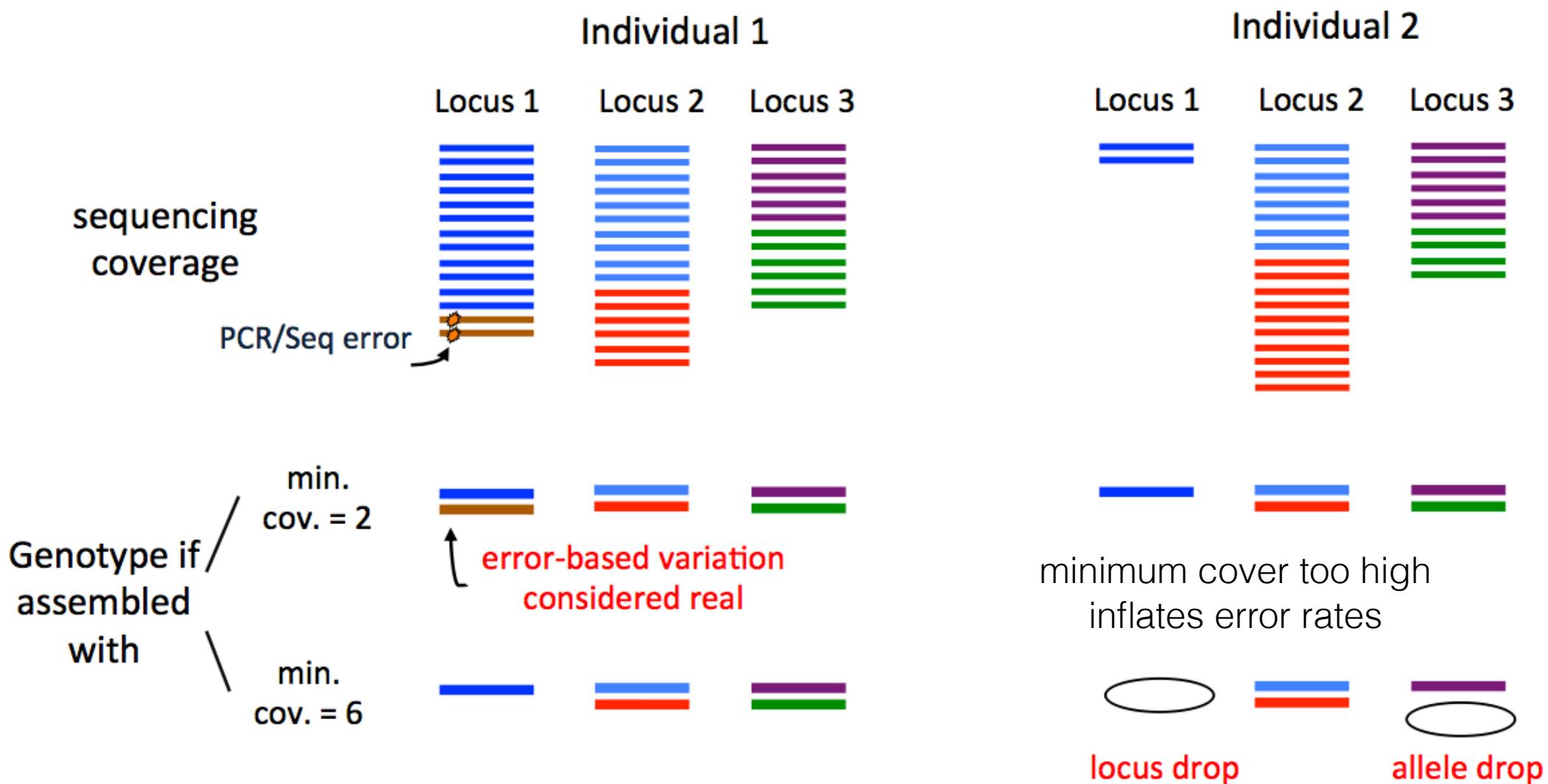
# Difficultés bioinformatiques : distribution de séquences uniques



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# The nitty-gritty of catalog building

## Some published recommendations for optimising **catalog** building

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Mastretta-Yanes et al	2015	10.1111/1755-0998.12291	plant	stacks	importance of biological and technical replicates to compute genotyping error rate and optimise parameter values
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All are based on empirical datasets, which are intrinsically different

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using a reference genome  
are not always available,  
and even so, is not  
systematically a good thing

# Inconsistency of catalog building

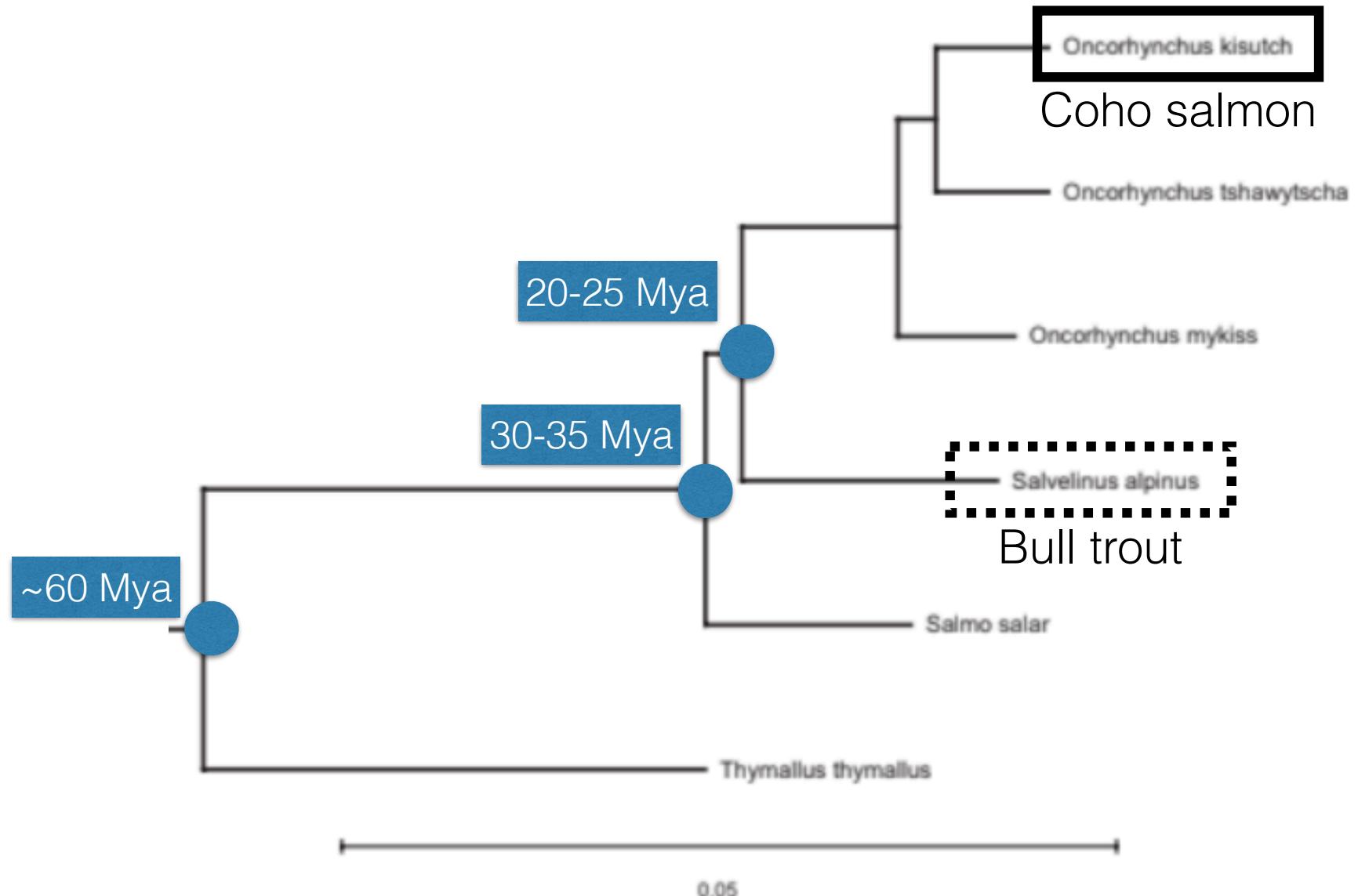
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# Evaluating the effect of reference genome divergence on the analysis of empirical RADseq datasets

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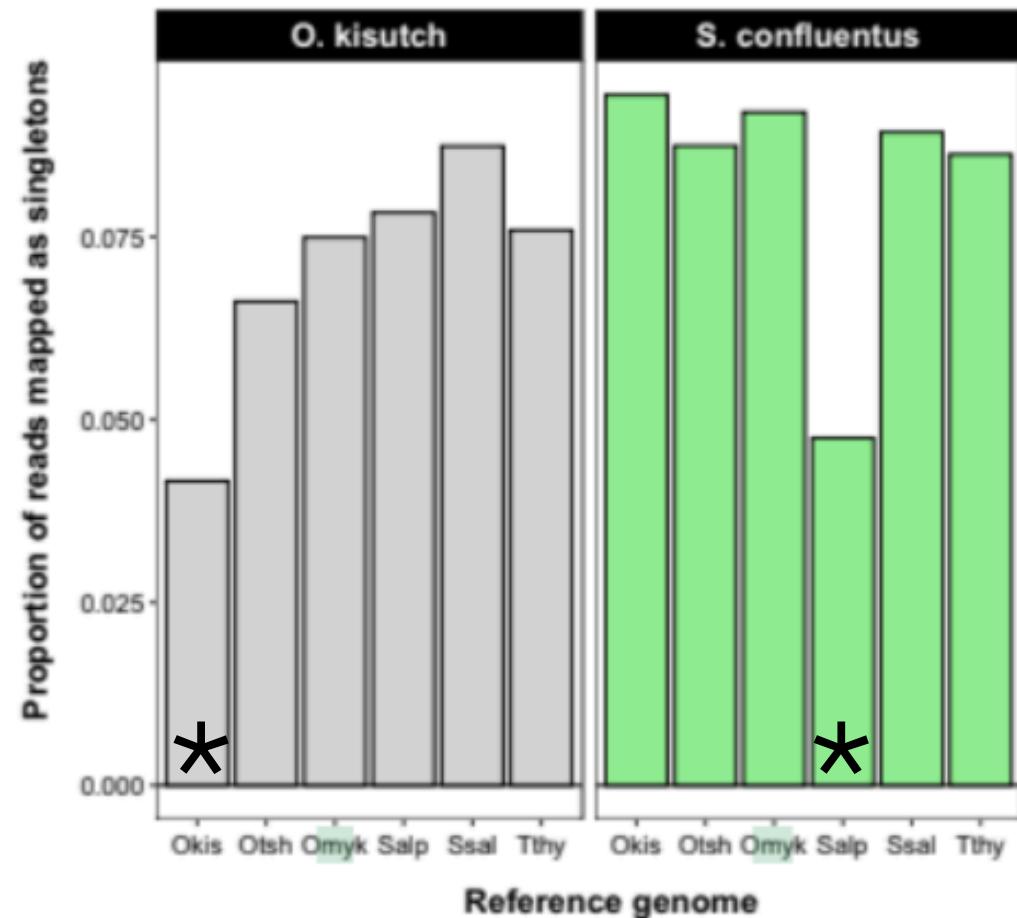
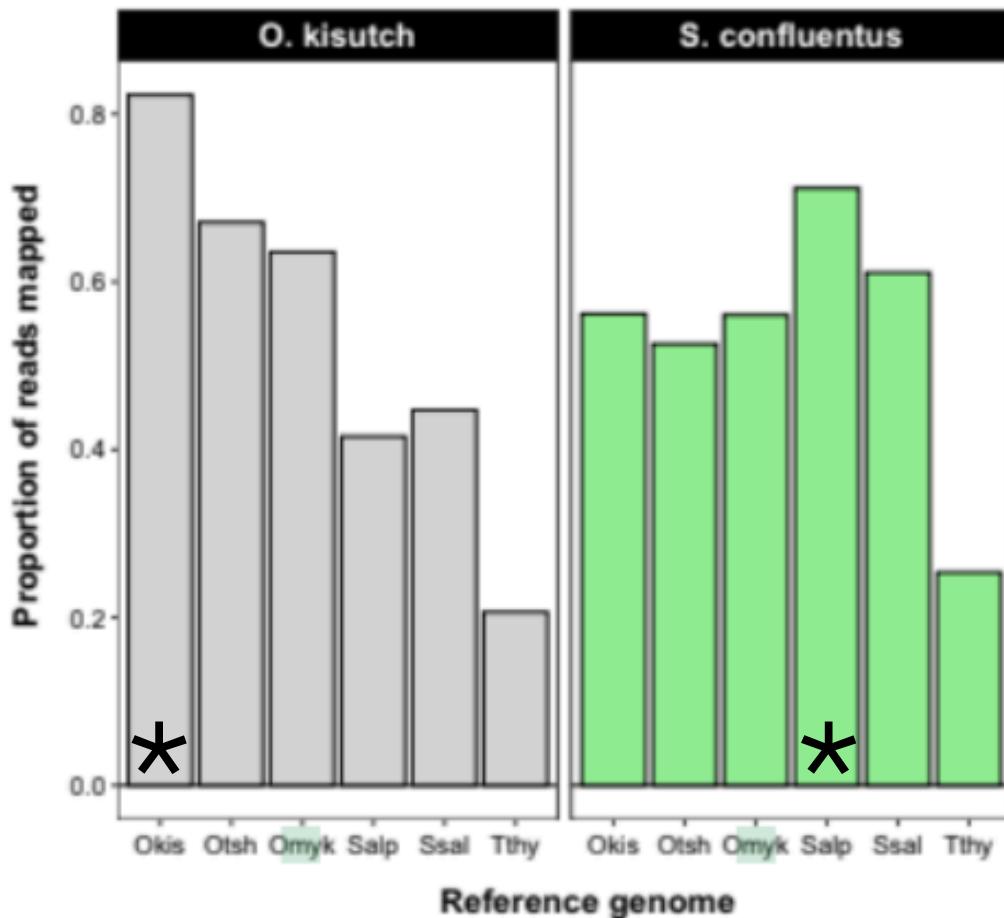
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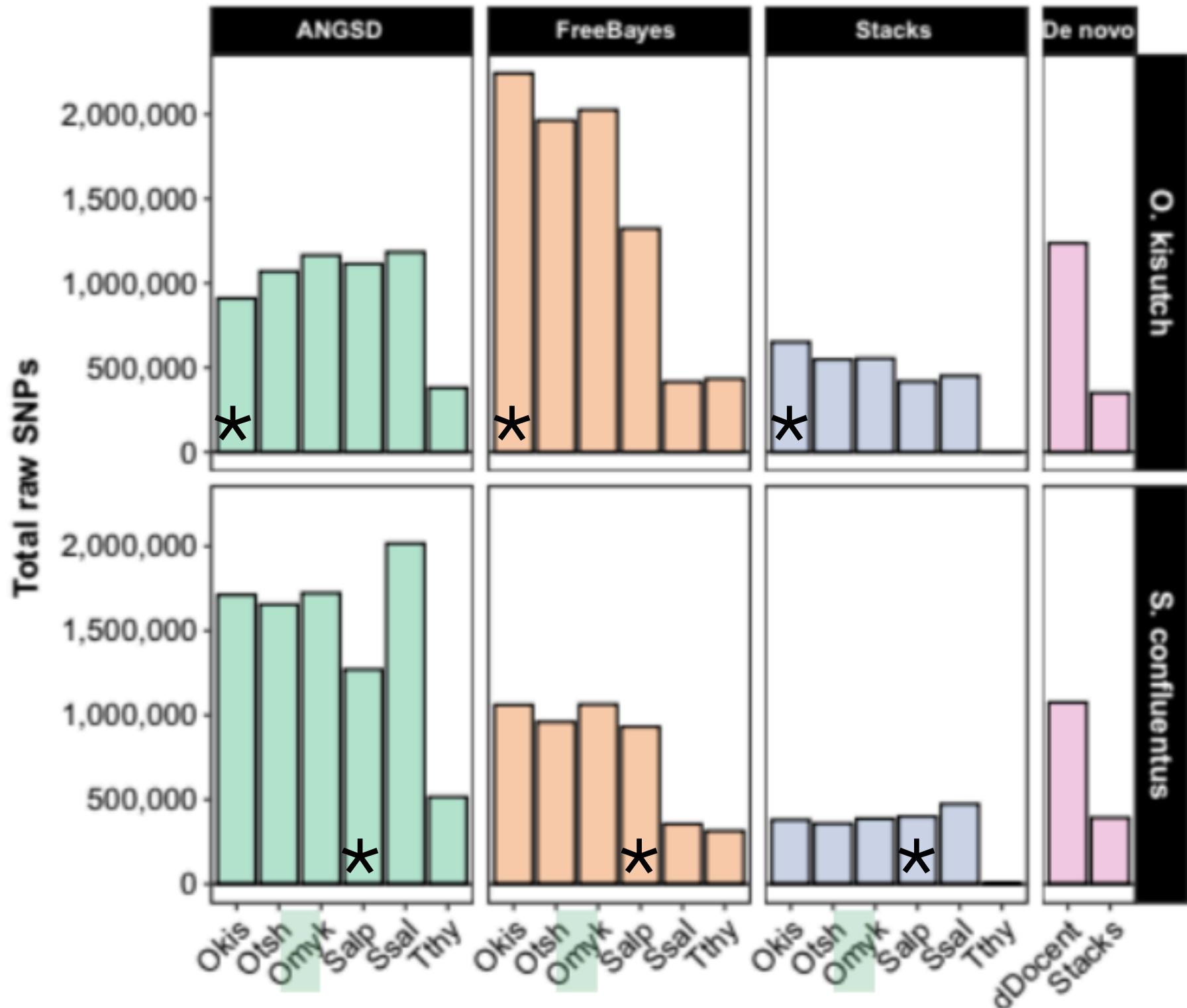


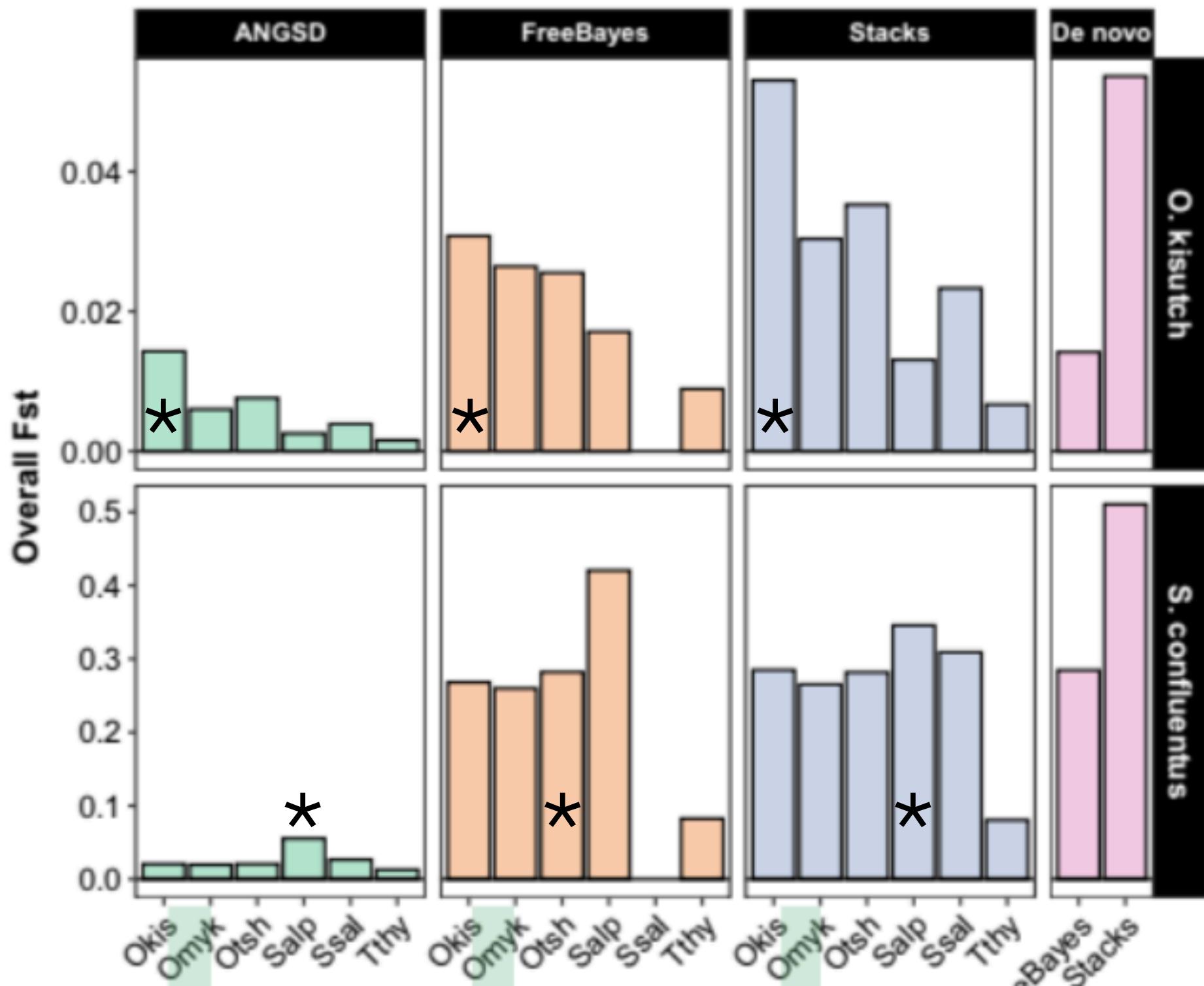
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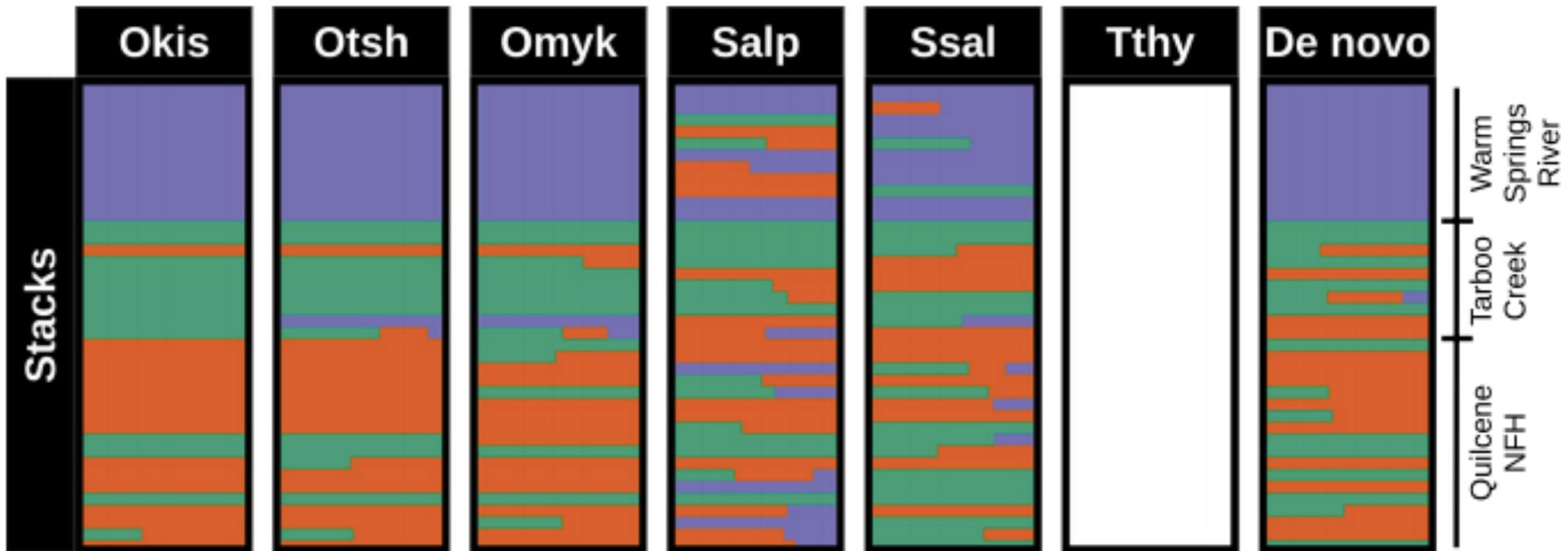




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*Admixture results for Coho salmon only, using stacks only.*

See also :

Nevado et al 2014 Mol Ecol : human / gorilla

Gopalakrishnan et al 2017 BMC Genomics : dog / wolf

# The nitty-gritty of catalog building

replication, on the other hand, is always useful

## recommendations for optimising catalog building

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use of technical replicates to estimate error rate when you do not have a (close-enough) reference genome

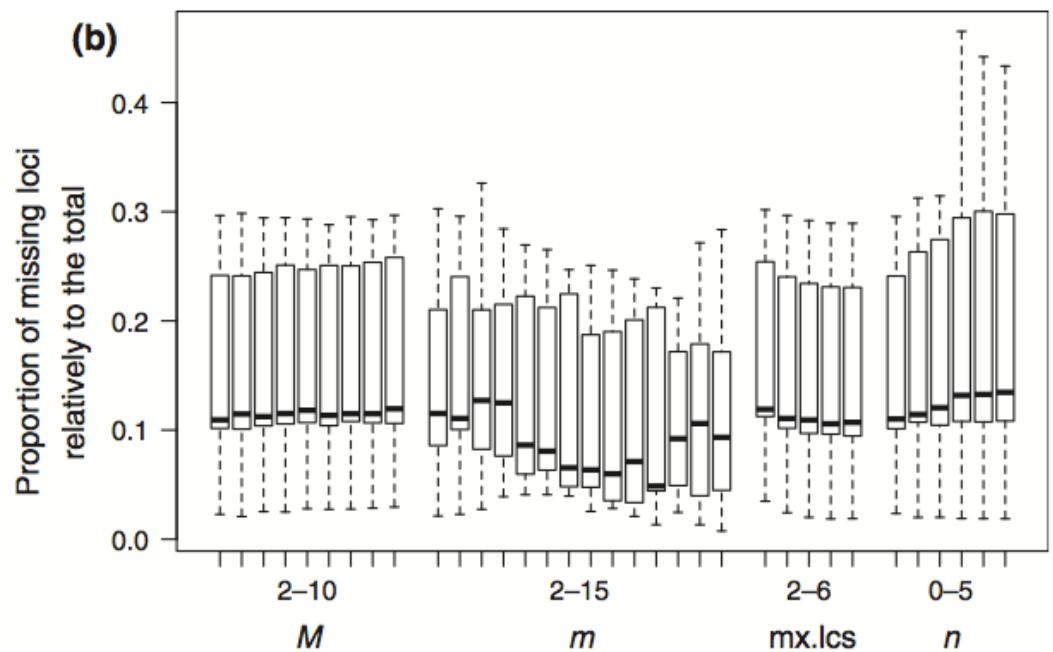
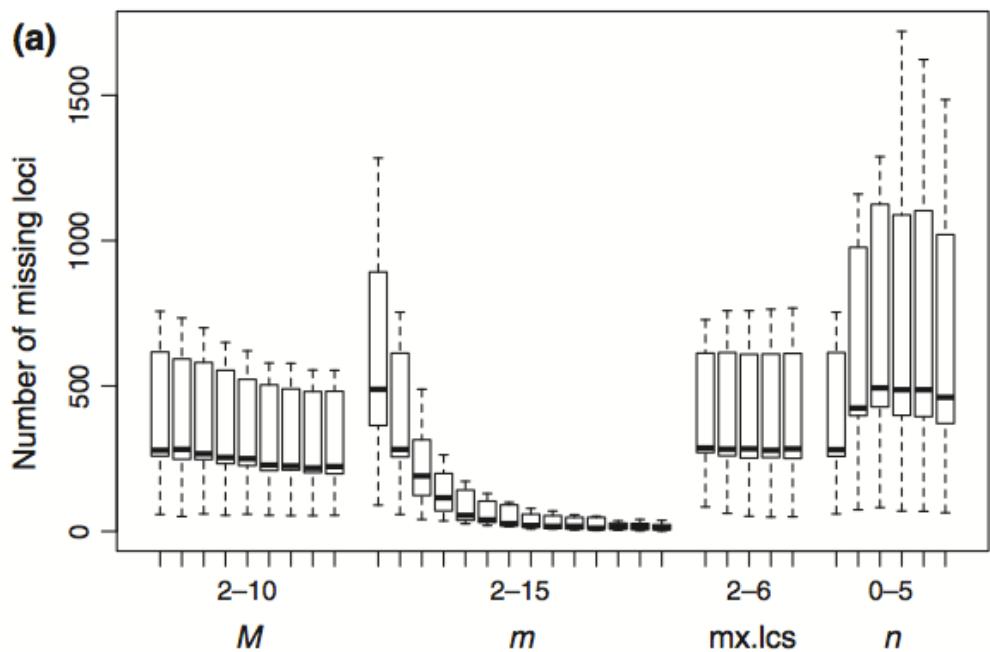
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Locus 2	Aa	Aa	aa	Aa		AA
Locus 3	AA		AA	AA	AA	AA
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Locus 5			Ab	AA	aa	
Locus 6		Aa	Aa	Aa	Aa	AA

locus dropout

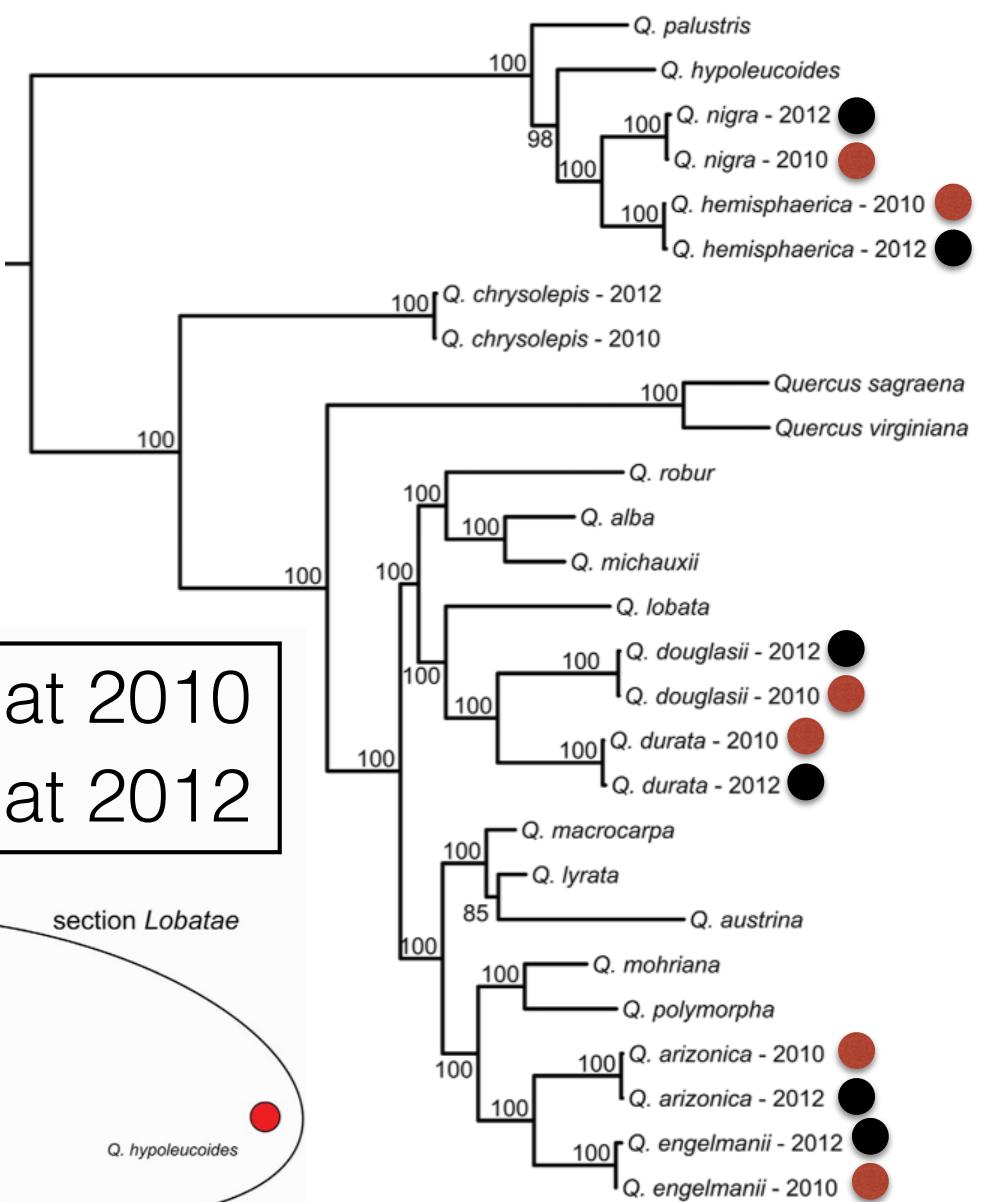
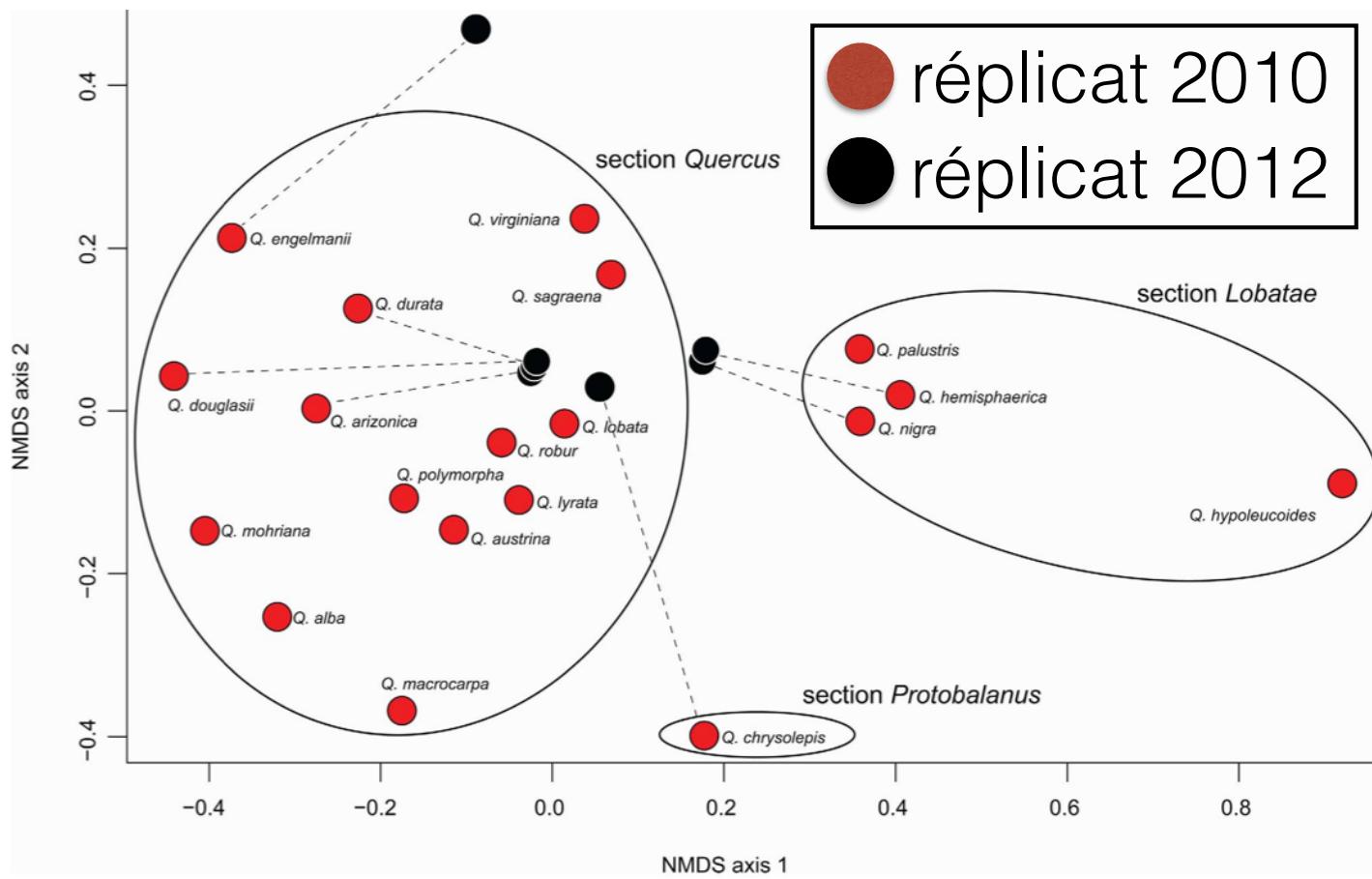
allele dropout ou erreur (PCR ou séquençage)

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locus presence / absence  
locus dropout

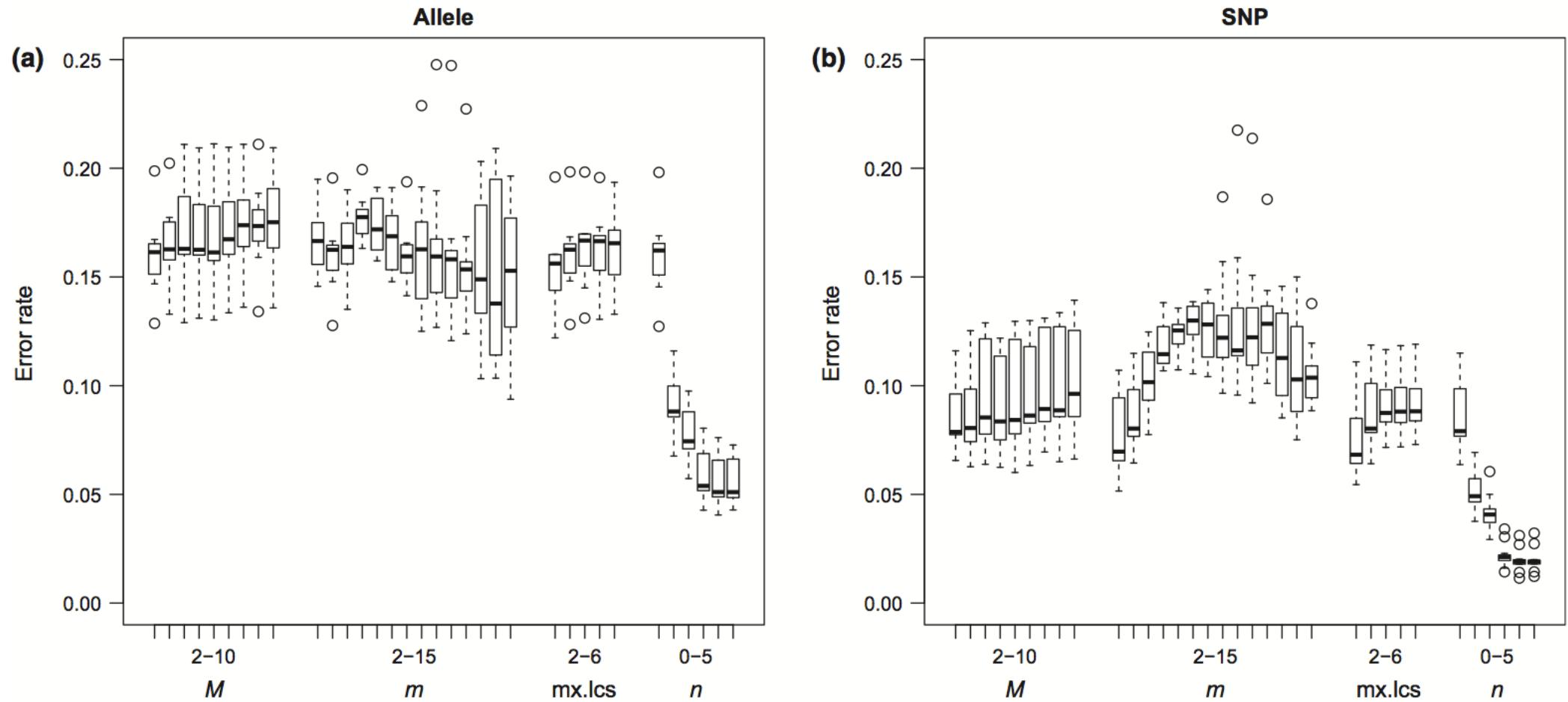


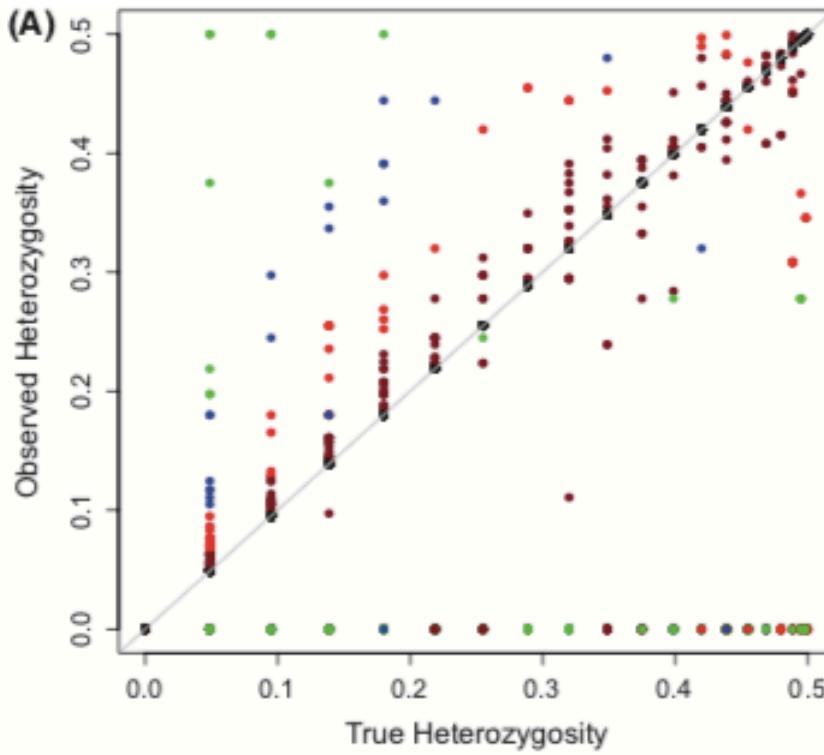
# sequencing replicates and locus presence / absence locus dropout



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error detection for alleles and SNPs



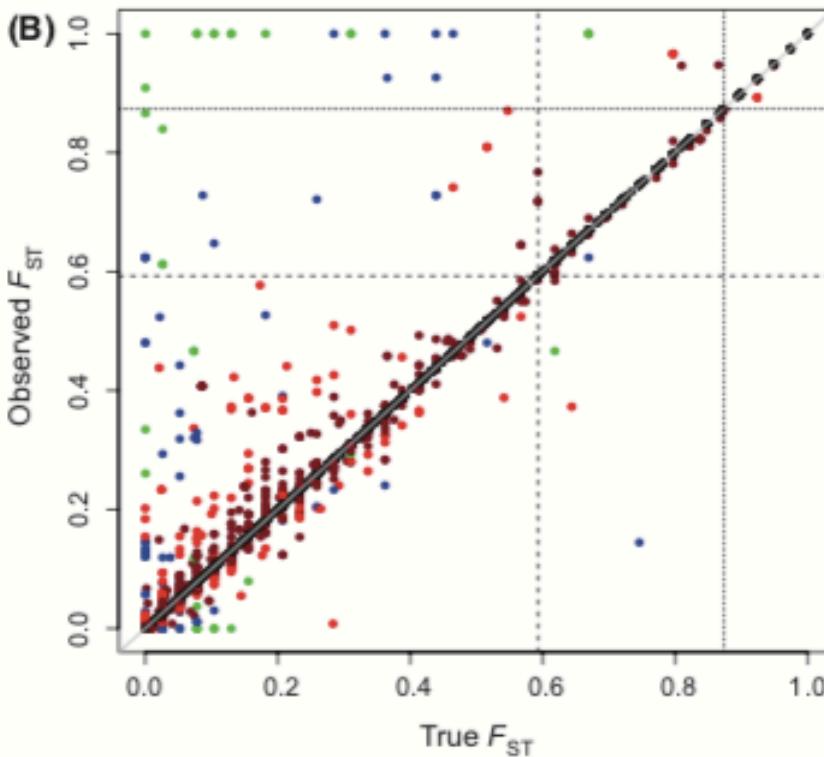


Another source of allele dropout:  
polymorphism on restriction  
sites

allele dropout leads to  
overestimates of

- ▶ genetic variation within and between populations
- ▶ heterozygosity
- ▶  $F_{ST}$  proportion of  $F_{ST}$  outliers

using the distribution of read coverage values over loci to detect markers with a large excess of null alleles



# Différents filtres, différents résultats ?

**Table 3** Information content, error rates and efficacy to detect structuring of genetic variation for the full data set processed with different *Stacks* parameter settings

	Optimal	Near optimal	High coverage	Default
Number of restriction site-associated DNA loci	6292	2449	292	4554
Total number of single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)	11057	4353	502	7736
Mean read coverage per sample	10.32 (SD 4.16)	15.30 (SD 5.9)	58.92 (SD 21.9)	11.50 (SD 4.65)
Mean locus error rate	0.1738 (SD 0.103)	0.1657 (SD 0.100)	0.0882 (SD 0.088)	0.1590 (SD 0.094)
Mean allele error rate	0.0592 (SD 0.013)	0.0599 (SD 0.010)	0.0879 (SD 0.023)	0.0841 (SD 0.017)
Mean SNP error rate	0.0243 (SD 0.006)	0.0321 (SD 0.006)	0.0578 (SD 0.019)	0.0423 (SD 0.010)
Variation explained by first two axes of principal coordinates analysis*	80 (39)%	82 (34)%	47 (22)%	57 (32)%
Mean of $F_{ST}$ pairwise matrix*	0.19 (0.07)	0.15 (0.04)	0.03 (0.01)	0.07 (0.04)

“optimal = parameter profile that performed better in experiment 1  
optimal parameter values will vary for other RADseq data.”

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r80, for STACKS:

selecting the m, M, and n parameter values that provide the maximum number of polymorphic loci present in at least the 80% of the individuals

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lake  
whitefish

stacks

## Recommendations for optimising catalog building

### pipeline take home message(s)

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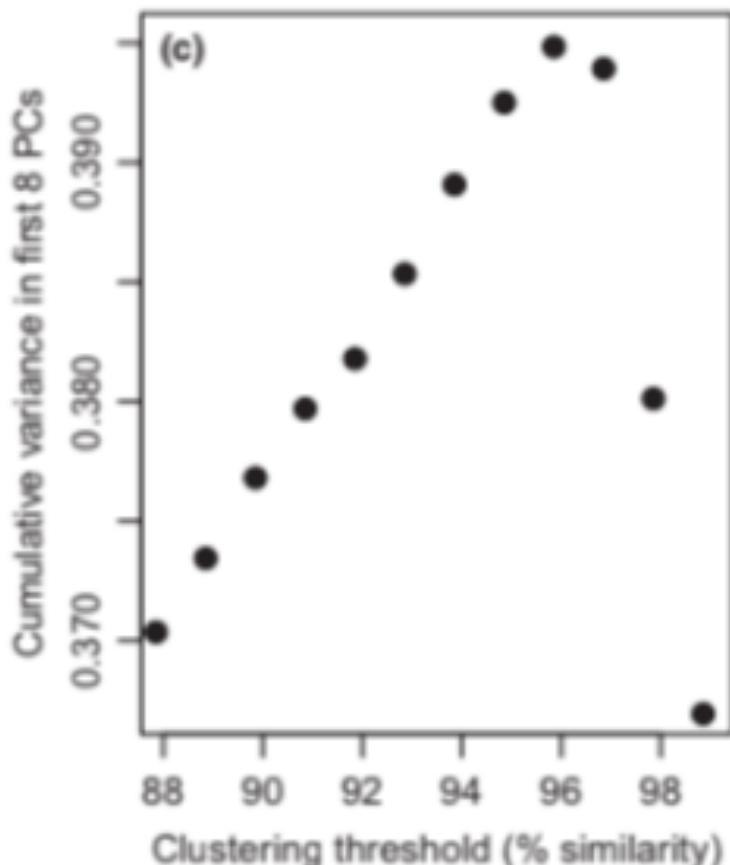
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7 metrics to identify that maximises correct separation of paralogs and minimises over-splitting  
GitHub repo with scripts to compute metrics from VCF files

# Seven metrics to optimise catalog construction

- Fraction of inferred paralogs & diversity measures (metrics 1-4)
- Relationship between missingness and genetic divergence, and slope of isolation by distance (metrics 5-6)
- Phylogenetic resolution (metric 7)



example metric:  
#4: cumulative variance explained  
by first 8 PCA axes

# conclusions

- many things affect catalog assembly
  - experimental strategy (sampling, enzyme(s) ...)
  - lab work (library constr. sequencing platform ...)
  - bioinformatic pipelines (catalog assembly strategy)
  - pipeline set-up (parameter selection)

# conclusions

- practical considerations :
  - consider in-silico enzyme selection
  - consider using biological and technical replicates
  - evaluate the usefulness of reference genome
  - try several pipelines
  - estimate optimal clustering metrics



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