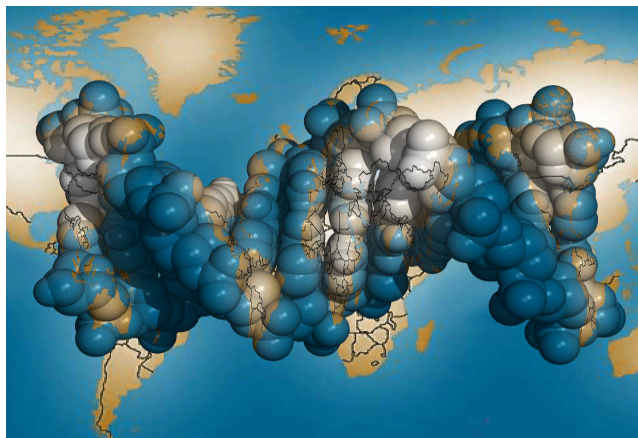


Introduction to Population Genetics



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Overview

- Patterns of human genetic variation
 - Among populations
 - Among individuals
- “Race” and its biomedical implications
- Linkage disequilibrium and disease-gene identification

Human Genetic Variation: Applications

- Deciphering human history
- Inferring individual ancestry
- Forensics
- Finding and understanding disease-causing genes

Mutation and Genetic Variation

Human mutation rate is $1.0 - 1.5 \times 10^{-8}$ per bp per generation: we transmit ~30 new DNA variants with each gamete

(J. Roach *et al.*, 2010, *Science*; D. Conrad *et al.*, 2011, *Nature Genetics*)

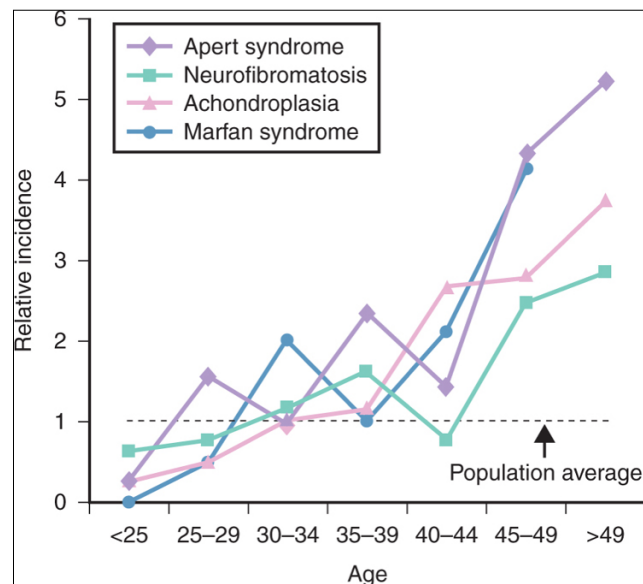
“The capacity to blunder slightly is the real marvel of DNA. Without this special attribute, we would still be anaerobic bacteria and there would be no music.”

- Lewis Thomas

Single-gene mutations increase with paternal age: at least 75% of new mutations occur in male germline




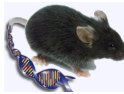
An additional two mutations occur with each year of paternal age (baseline: ~30 mutations in a male aged 30)

(Kong *et al.*, 23 Aug. 2012, *Nature*)



How much do we differ?

(number of aligned DNA base differences)

- Identical twins  0
- Unrelated humans  1/1,000
- Human vs. chimp  1/100
- Human vs. mouse  1/6 - 1/3

• 3 billion DNA bases → 3 million differences (single nucleotide polymorphisms; SNPs) between each pair of haploid human DNA sequences

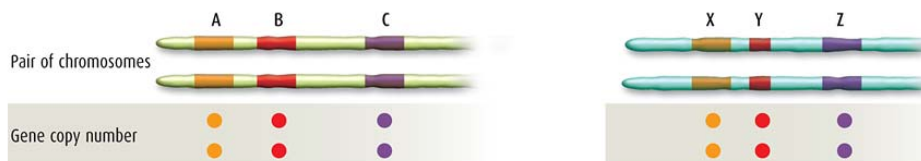
Whole-genome sequence diversity in great apes

Species	Sample size	Average number of single nucleotide variants per individual
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	9	3,061,604
<i>Pan troglodytes</i> (common chimpanzee)	24	5,693,903
<i>Gorilla</i>	27	6,492,831
<i>Pongo</i> (orangutan)	10	9,338,148

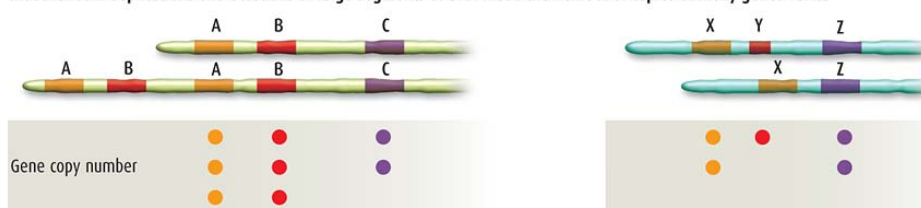
Prado-Martinez et al., 2013, *Nature*

Copy number variants (deletions/duplications > 1000 bp) account for several times more inter-individual variation than do single-nucleotide variants

The conventional view is that we have two copies of all genes except those on the sex chromosomes...



...but random duplications and deletions of large segments of DNA mean the number of copies of many genes varies



Each human is heterozygous for at least 100 CNVs

How much do human populations differ?



Allele frequencies in populations

Population	SNV 1	SNV 2	SNV 3
1	0.588	0.890	0.880
2	0.671	0.559	0.528
3	0.792	0.790	0.828

Average heterozygosity: for each locus, obtain the proportion of heterozygous individuals by direct counting; average across loci

1/1000 bp varies between a pair of individuals: how is this variation distributed between continents?

$$F_{ST} = \frac{H_T - \bar{H}_S}{H_T}$$

F_{ST} is the amount of genetic variation that is due to population differences

H_T is the total heterozygosity (variation) in the sample

\bar{H}_S is the average heterozygosity within each population (continent)

$F_{ST} = 0$: All variation exists within populations; none exists between

$F_{ST} = 1$: All variation exists between populations

How is genetic variation distributed among continental populations?

	60 STRs	100 <i>Alus</i>	75 L1s	250K SNP	
Between individuals, within continents	90%	86%	88%	88%	
Between continents (F_{ST})	10%	14%	12%	12%	

F_{ST} : proportion of variation attributed to population subdivision

Jorde *et al.*, 2000, *Am. J. Hum. Genet.*
 J. Xing *et al.*, 2009, *Genome Res.*

How is genetic variation distributed among continental populations?

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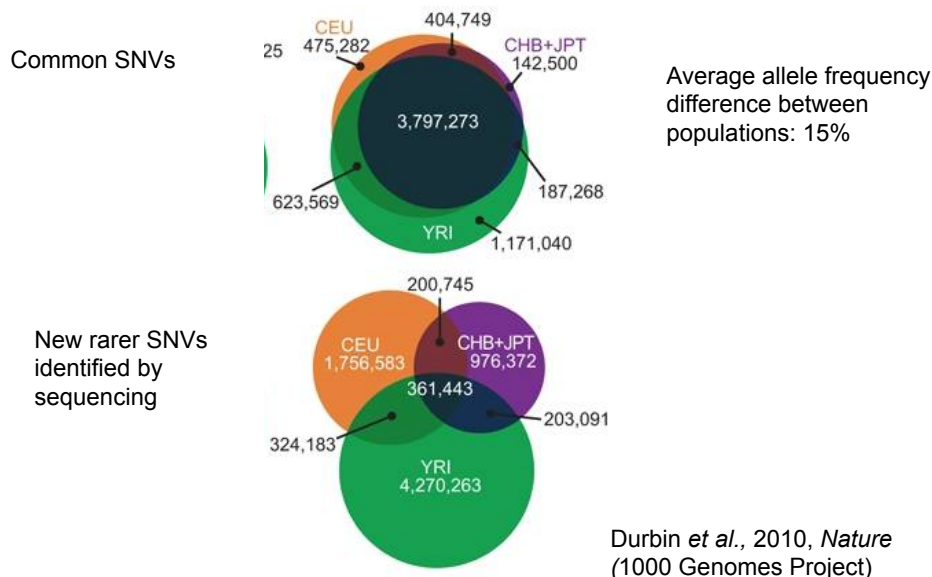
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**% SNVs shared among four major regions
 (Africa, Europe, E. Asia, India): 250K chip
 results for ~1,000 samples**

Minor allele present in:	
All 4 groups	78.6%
At least 3 groups	88.0%
At least 2 groups	92.1%
Africa only	7.4%
Any non-African group	0.5%

No SNPs were fixed present in one population, fixed absent in another
 J. Xing *et al.*, 2010, *Genomics*

**Rare SNVs are much more likely to
 be population-specific**



A simple genetic distance measure

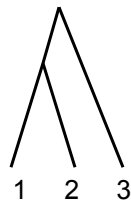
$$D_{ij} = |p_i - p_j|$$

D_{ij} is the genetic distance between populations i and j ; p_i and p_j are the allele frequencies of a SNV in populations i and j .

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$$D_{12} = |0.588 - 0.671| = 0.083 \text{ (avg. over all SNVs)}$$

Building a population network



Pop.	SNV 1
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3	0.792

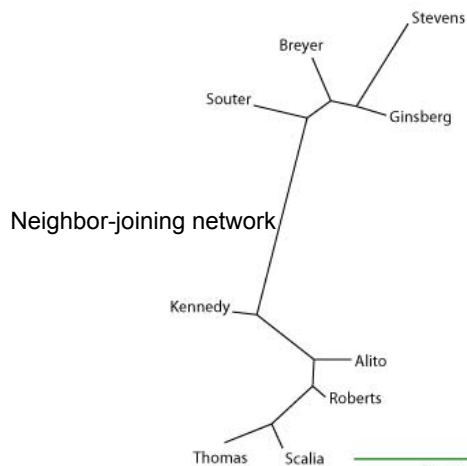
$$|p_1 - p_2| \quad |p_3 - (p_1 + p_2)/2|$$

A distance matrix based on Supreme Court decisions

Distance matrix: % disagreement

	Stevens	Ginsberg	Souter	Breyer	Kennedy	Alito	Roberts	Scalia	Thomas
Stevens	0								
Ginsberg	15	0							
Souter	26	15	0						
Breyer	19	13	15	0					
Kennedy	45	36	34	35	0				
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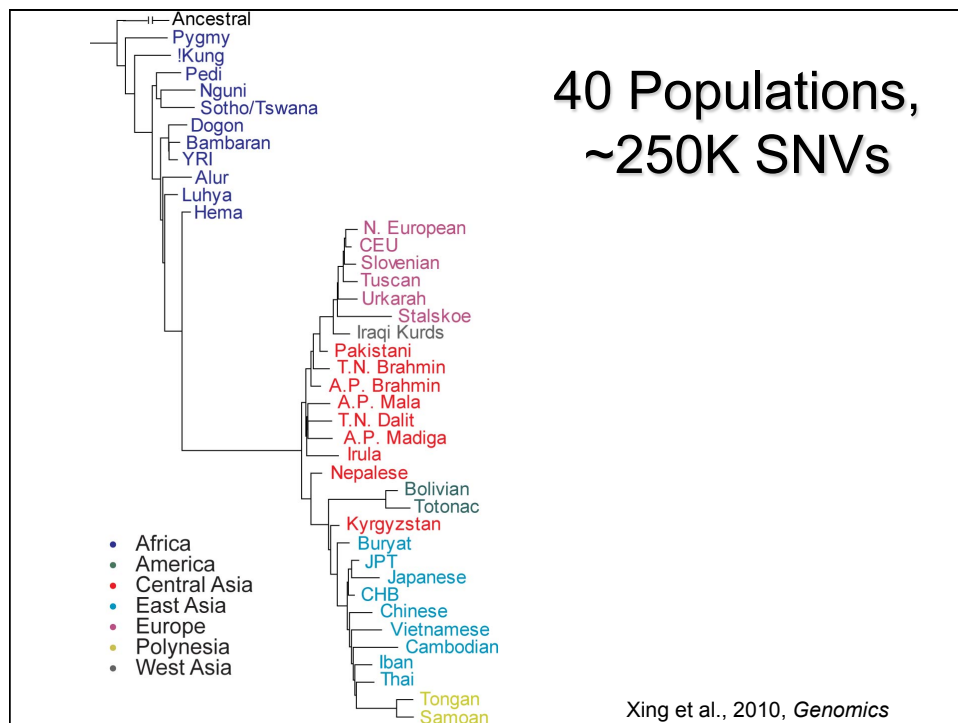
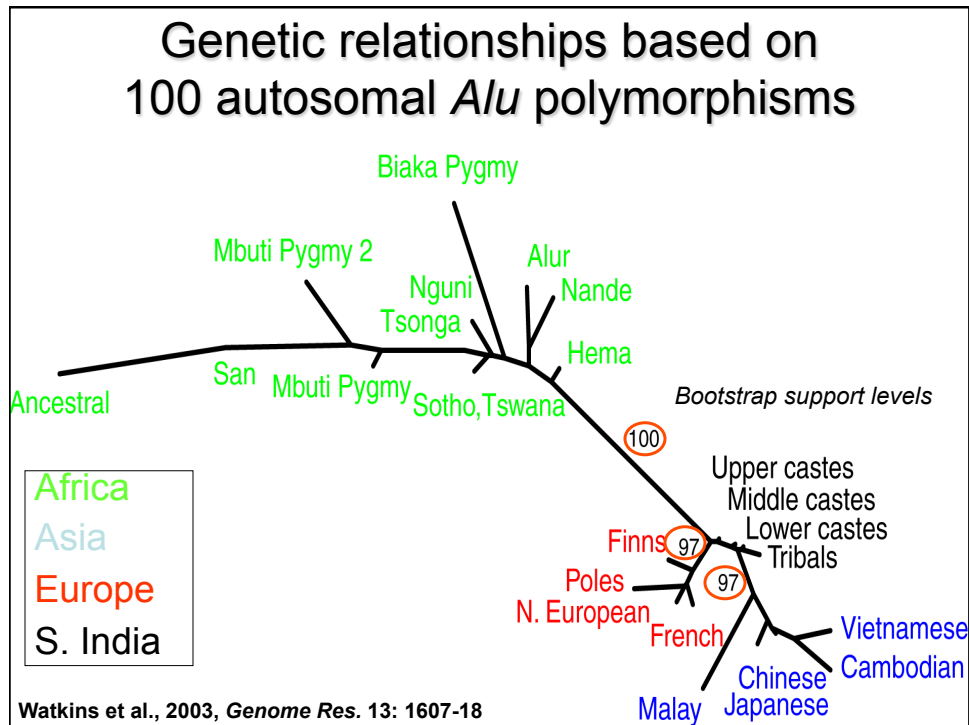
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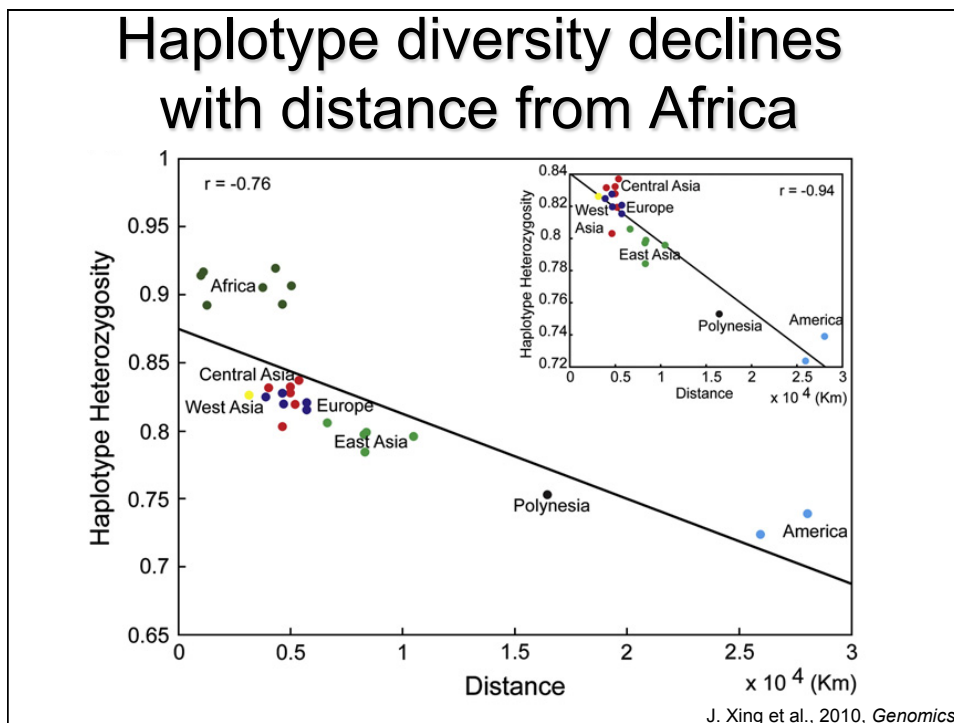
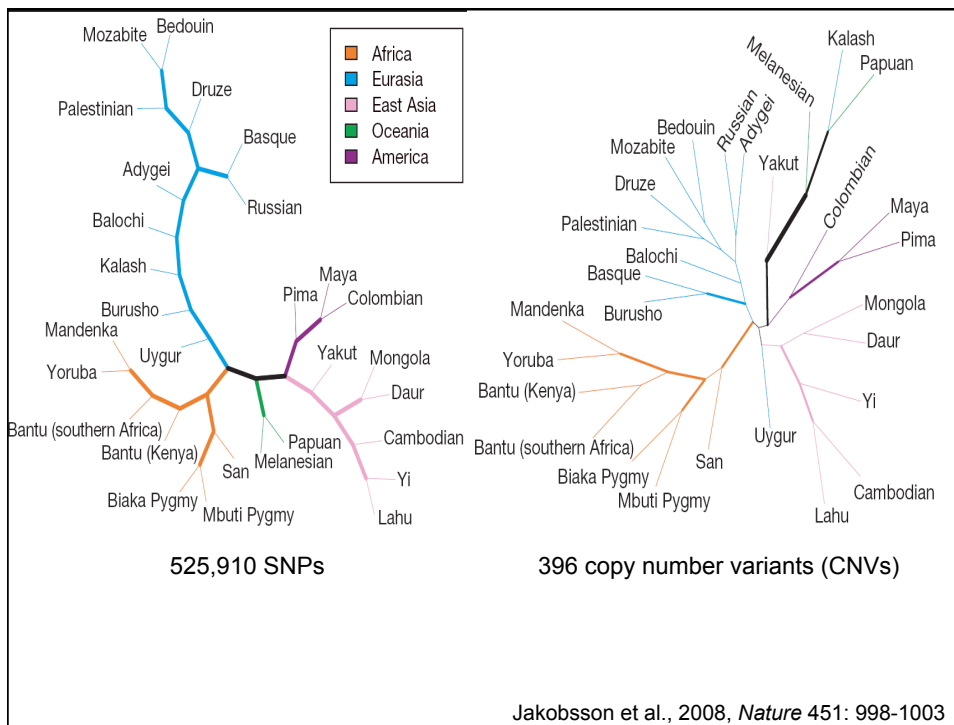


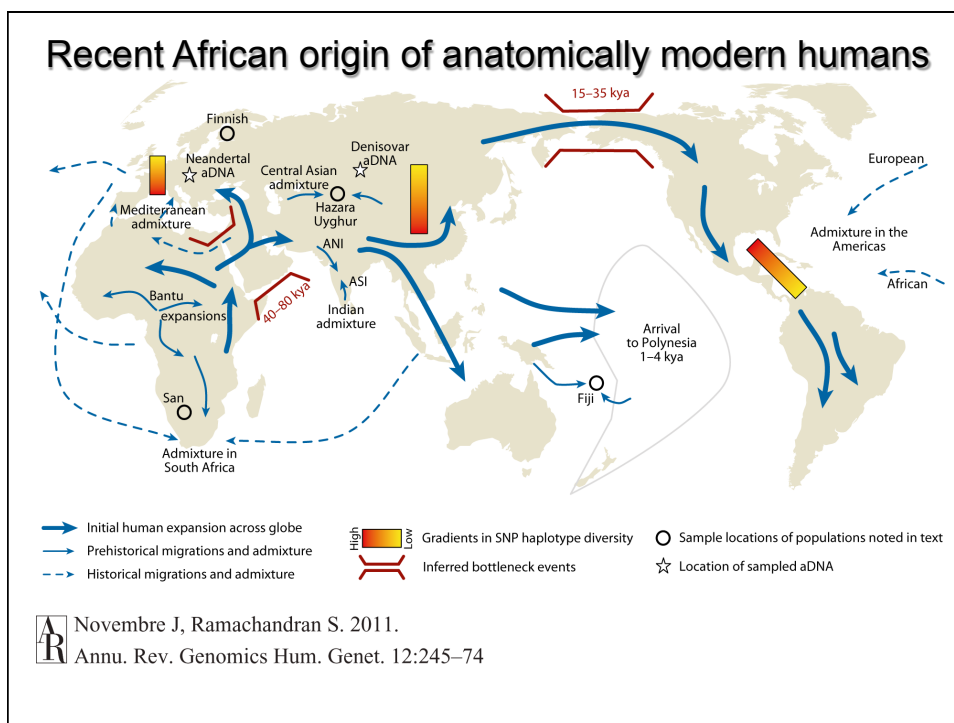
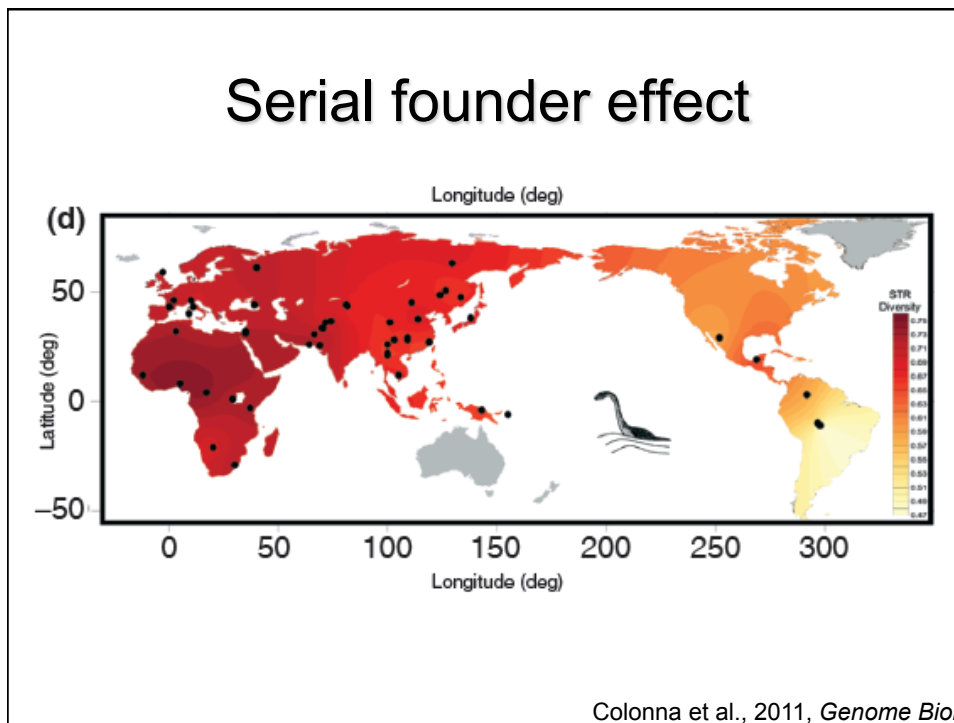
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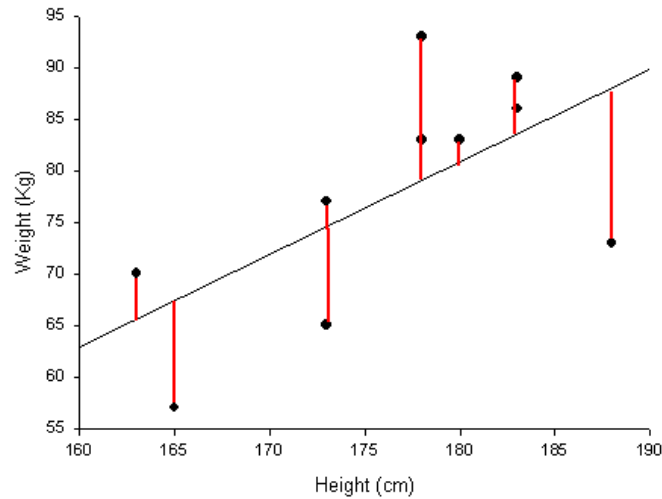
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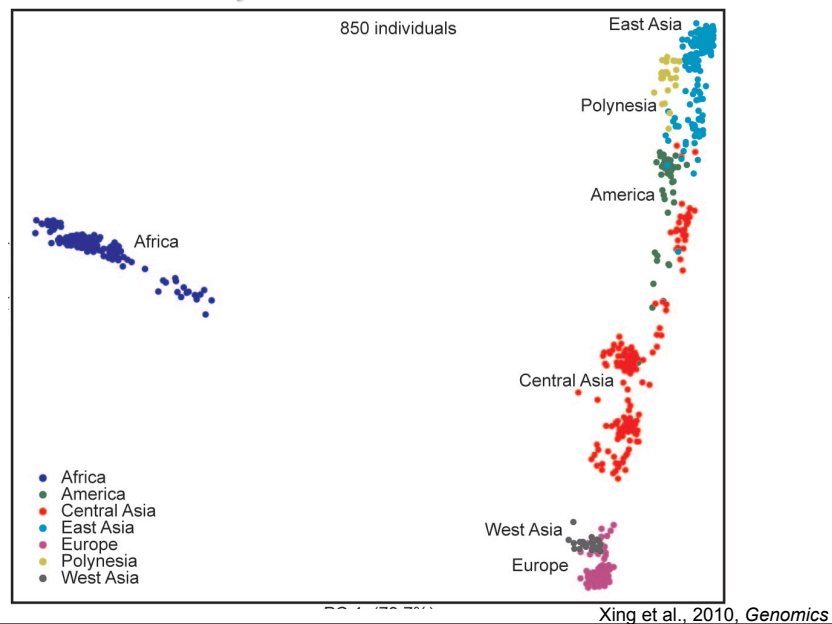


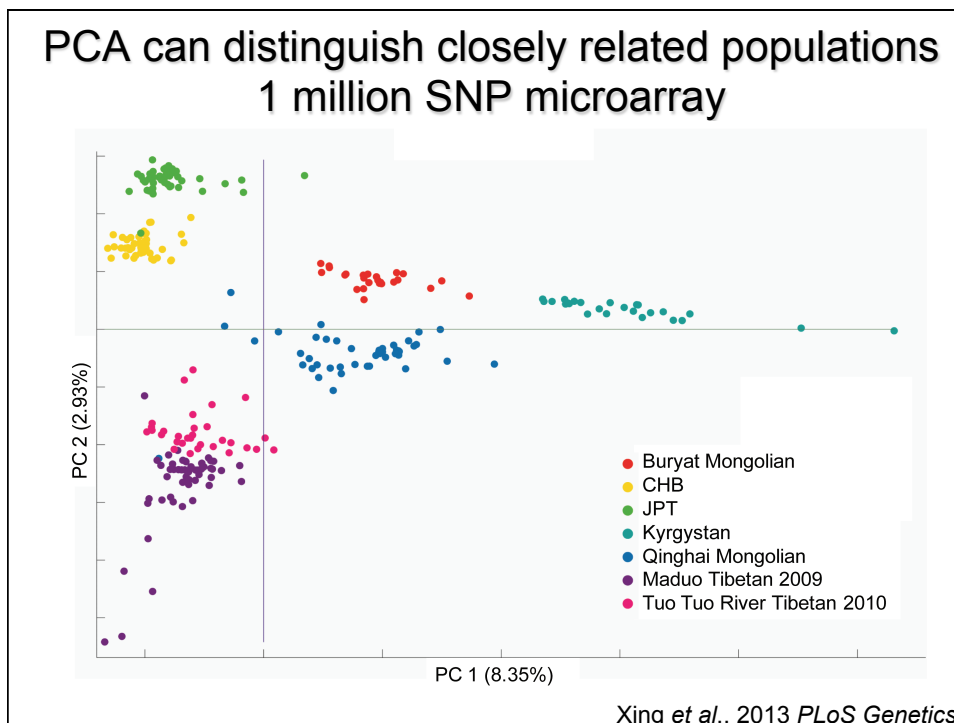
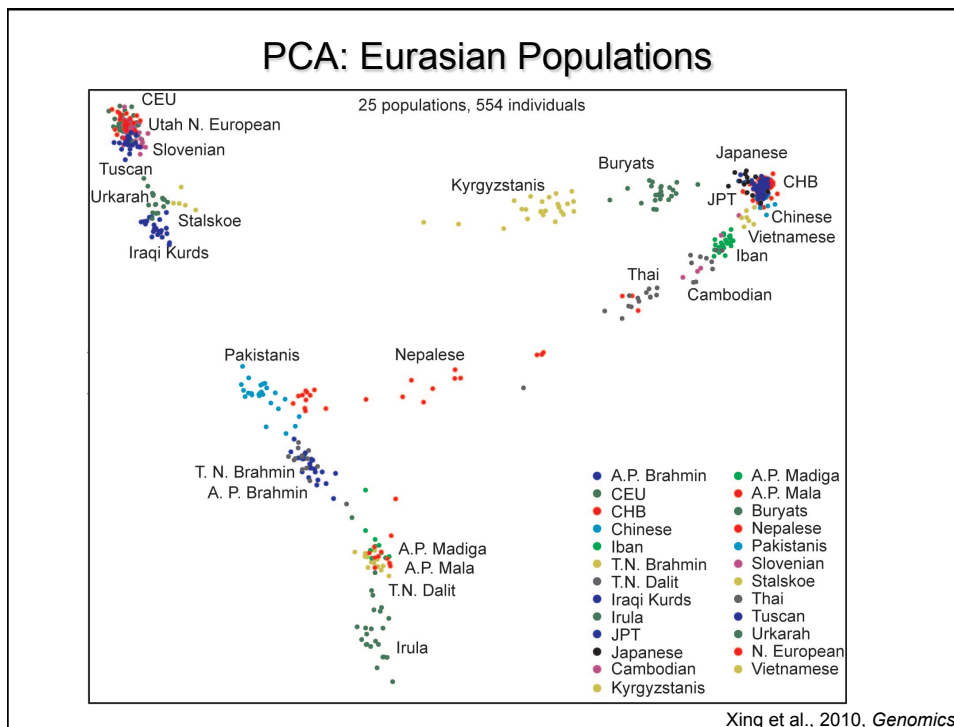


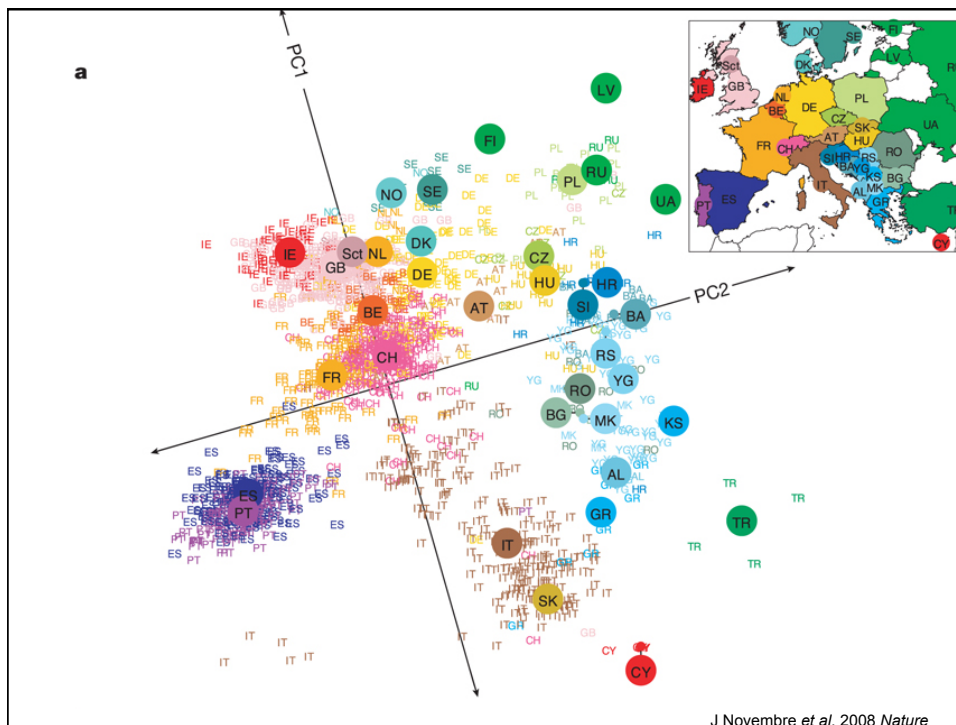
Principal components analysis: a multidimensional regression technique



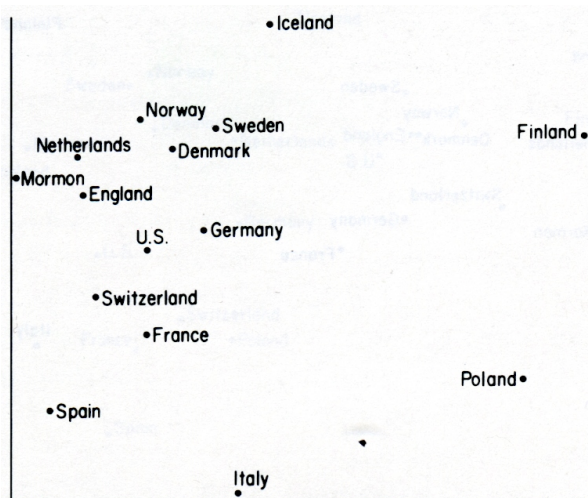
Principal components analysis displays **individual** genetic similarity in 2D: each dot = 1 individual







Genetic distance analysis: 15 loci

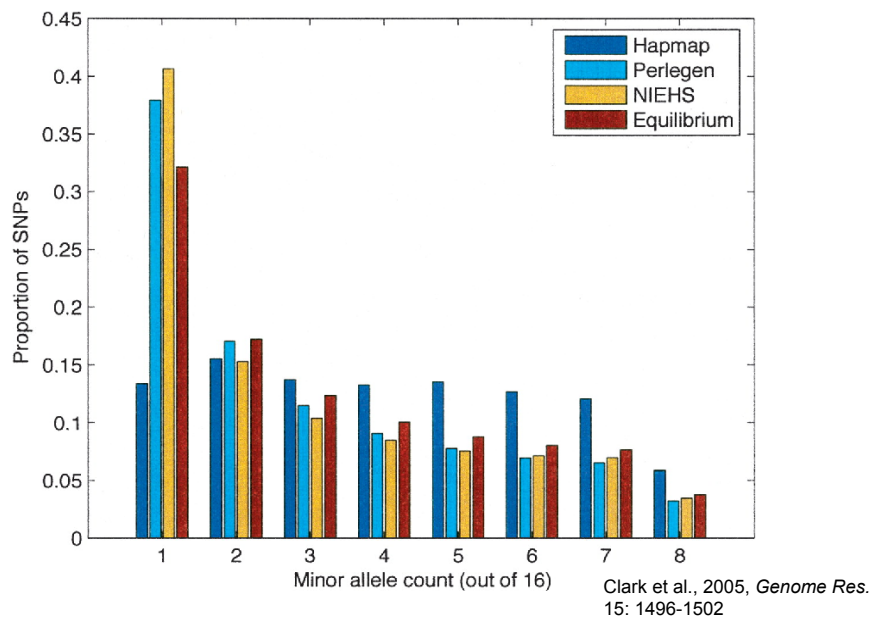


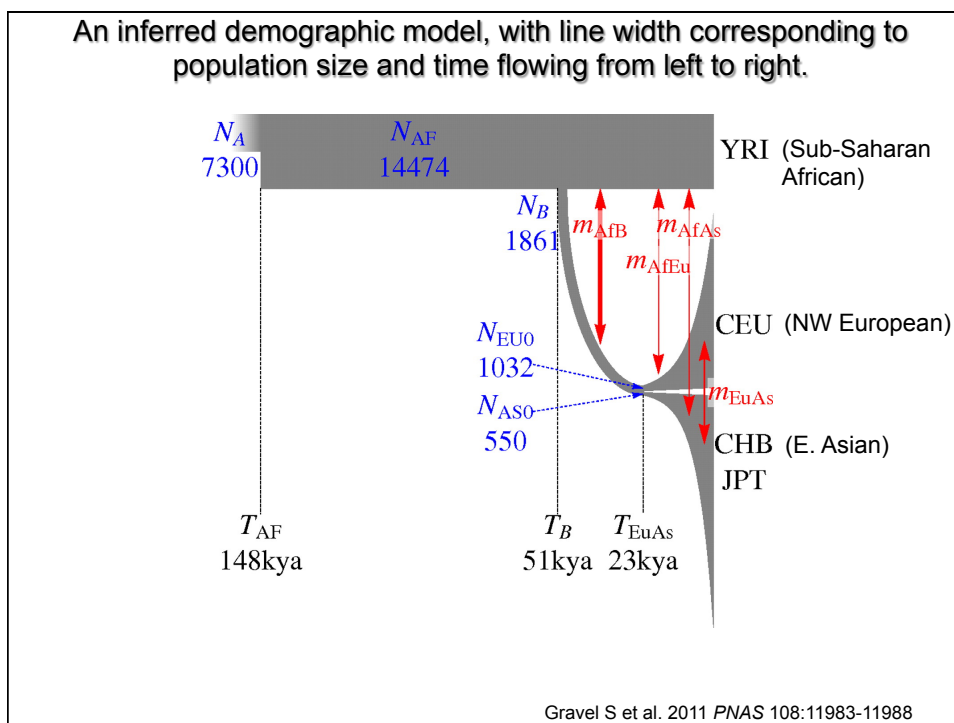
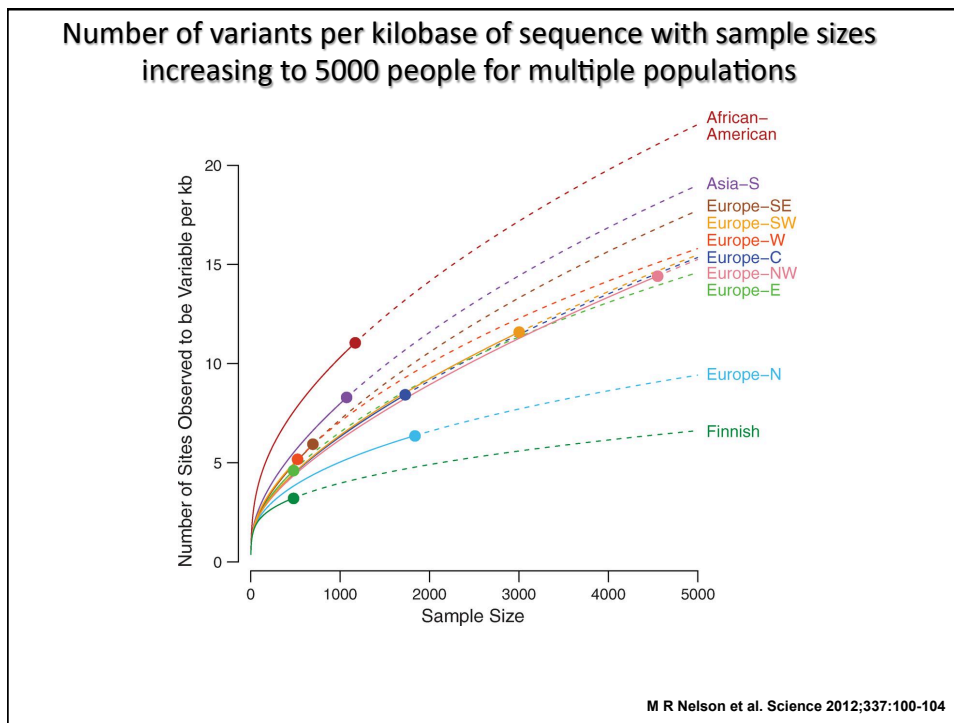
McLellan, Jorde, and Skolnick, 1984, *Am. J. Hum. Genet.*

Sequence data permit more accurate inferences about population history

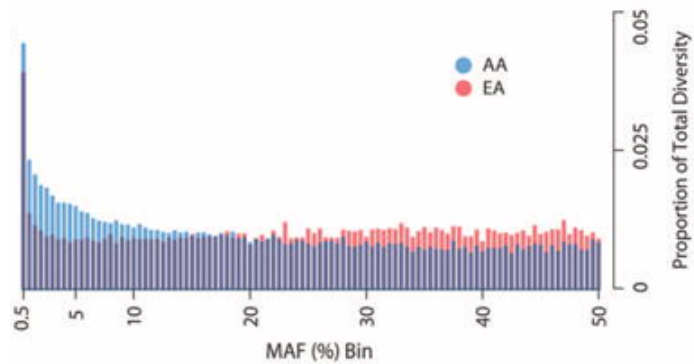
- Microarray SNVs are selected for higher frequency and diversity in Europeans
- Complete DNA sequences are unbiased and include information about rare variants

The effect of ascertainment bias on allele frequencies





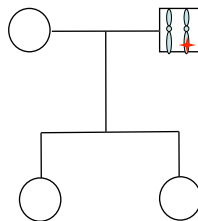
Allele frequency spectrum



73% of all protein-coding SNVs and 86% of deleterious SNVs arose within past 5,000-10,000 years (Fu et al., 2013, *Nature*, 493: 216-20)

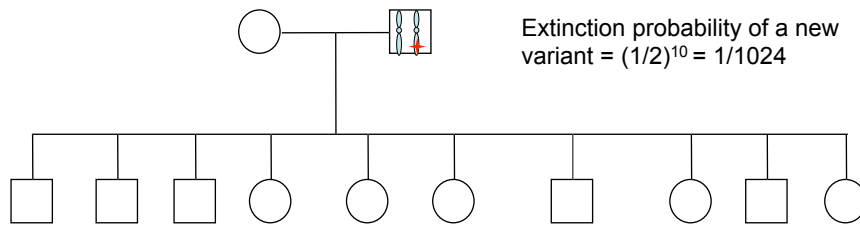
Tennessen et al., 2012, *Science*

Population expansions increase the frequency of rare variants

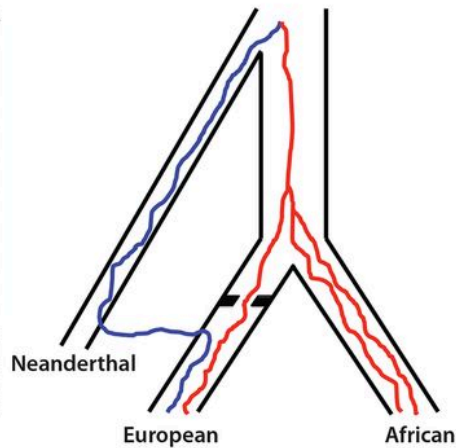


Extinction probability of a new variant = $(1/2)^2 = 1/4$

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Neanderthal admixture with anatomically modern humans

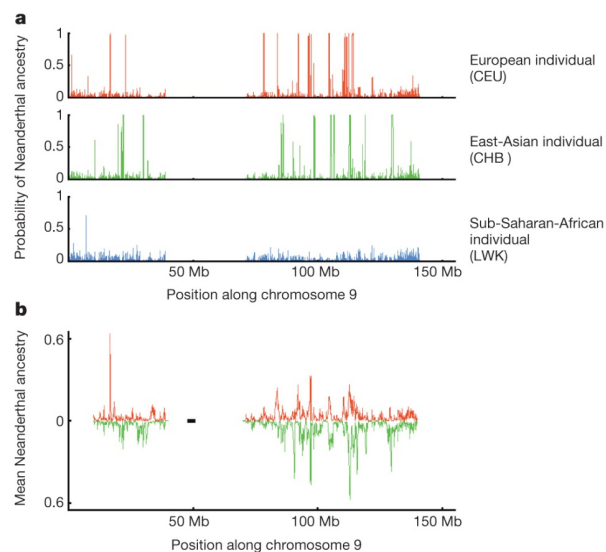


B Vernot and J M Akey, 2014 *Science*

Evidence for mixture between Neandertals and modern humans

- Evidence for mixture from nuclear sequence: 1-4% of modern human DNA has Neandertal origins (Green et al., 2010, *Science*)
- Only non-Africans share DNA with Neanderthals
- Neandertal DNA sharing is seen in all non-African populations
- Could some of the shared sequences have adaptive significance?

Maps of Neandertal ancestry



S Sankararaman et al., 2014 *Nature*

What can genetics tell us about “race”?

“Race’ is biologically meaningless”

-- Schwartz, 2001, *N. Engl. J. Med.*


“I am a racially profiling doctor”

-- Satel, May 5, 2002, *New York Times*




Tabulation of DNA sequence differences among individuals


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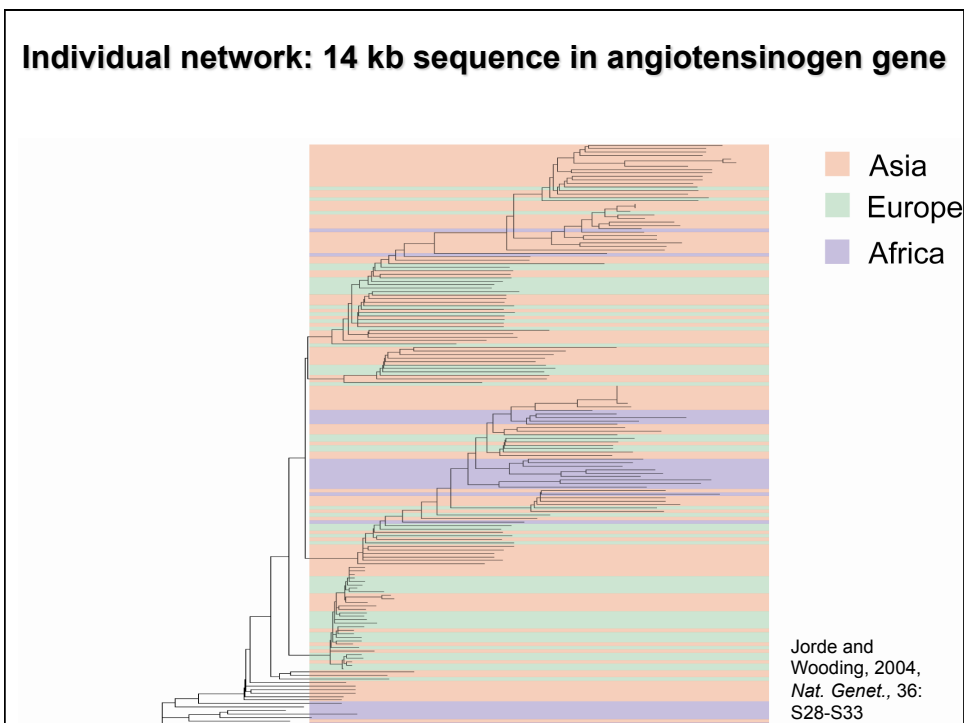
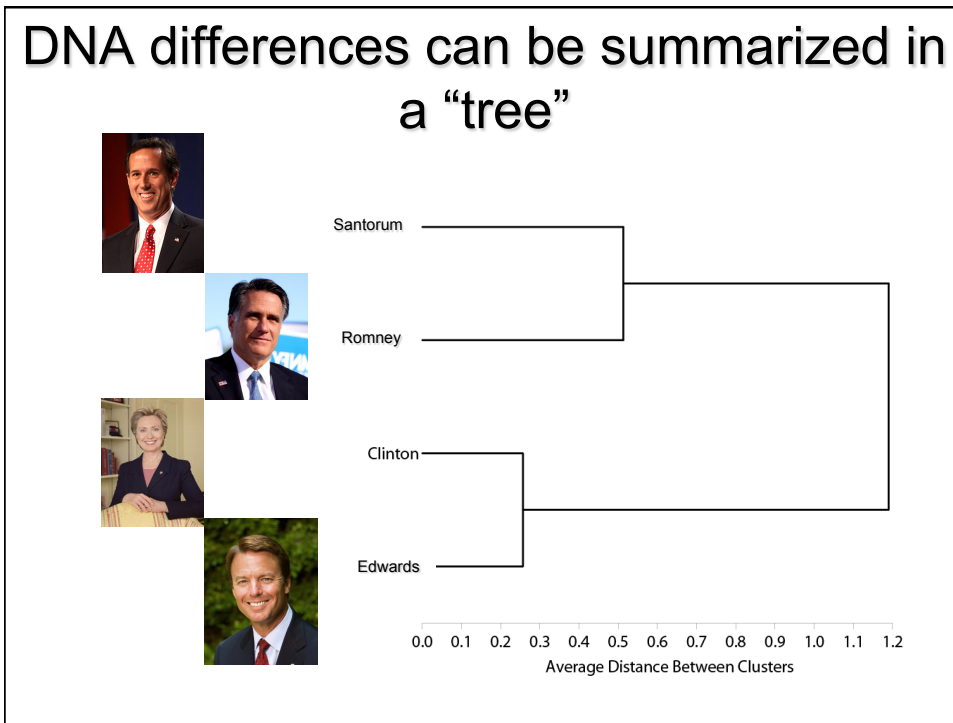


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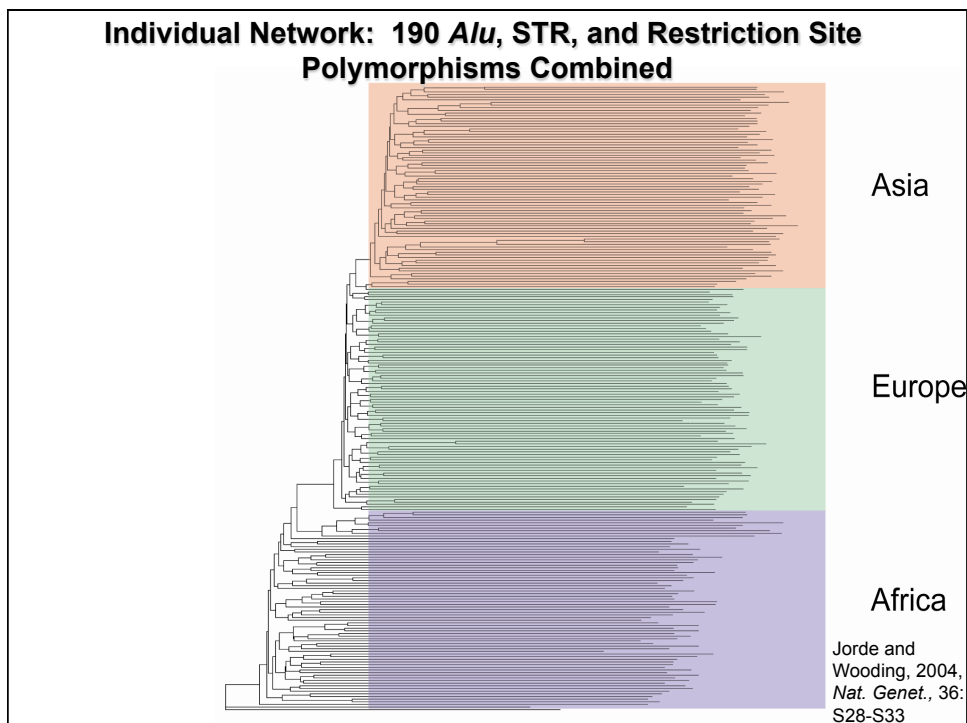
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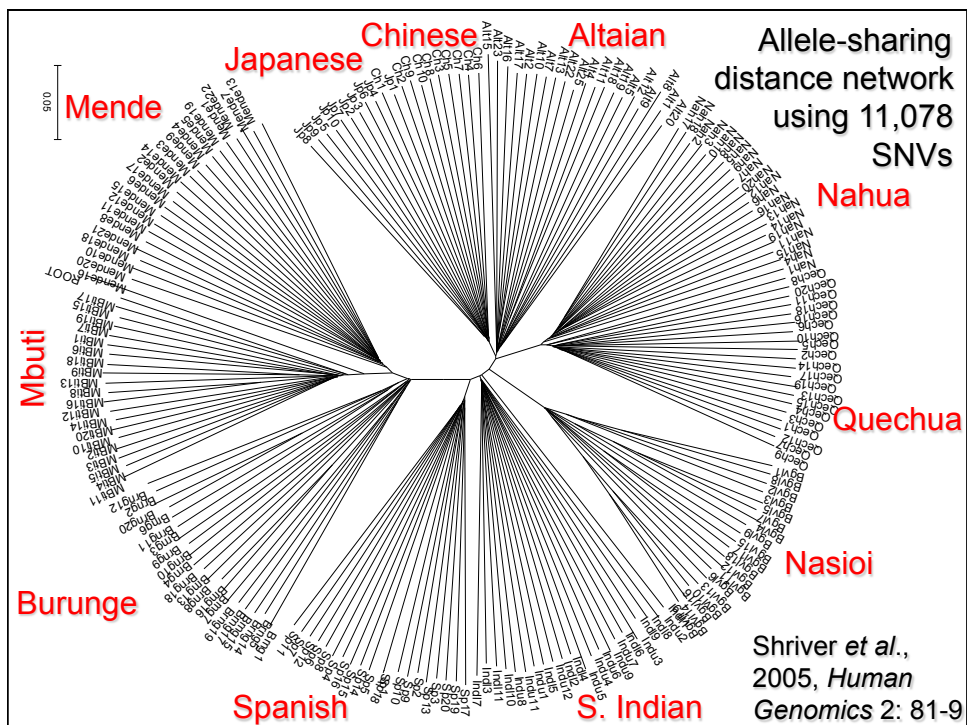
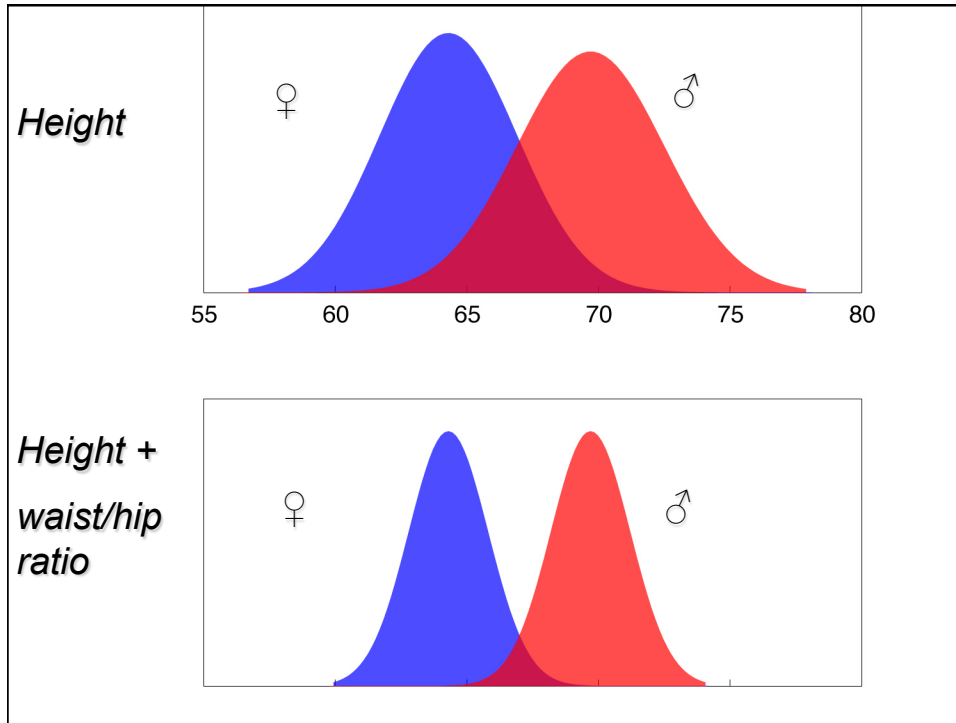
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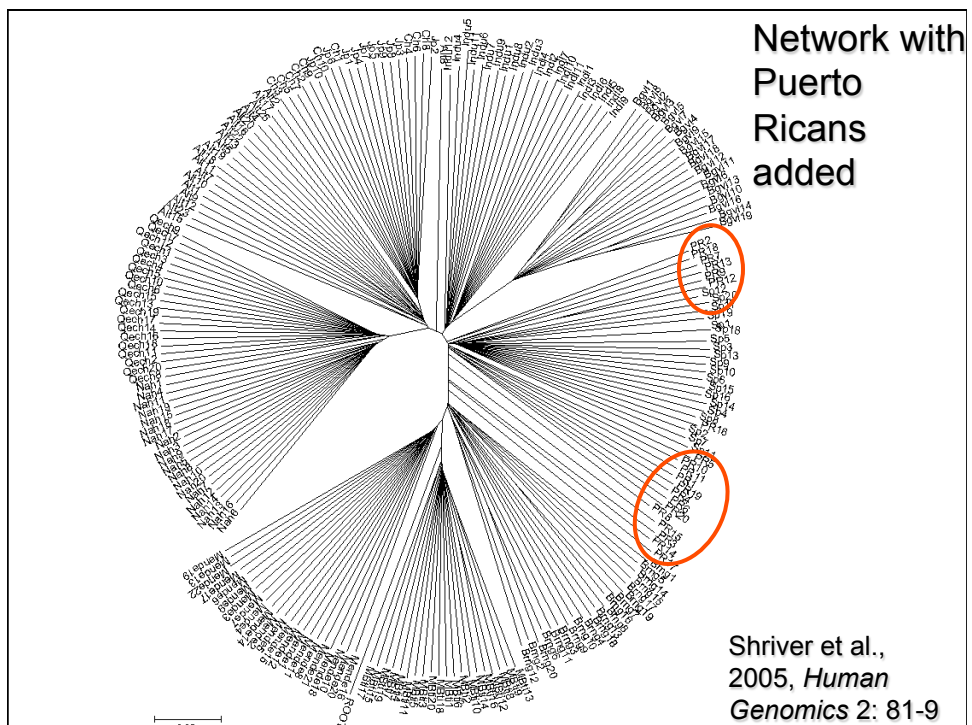
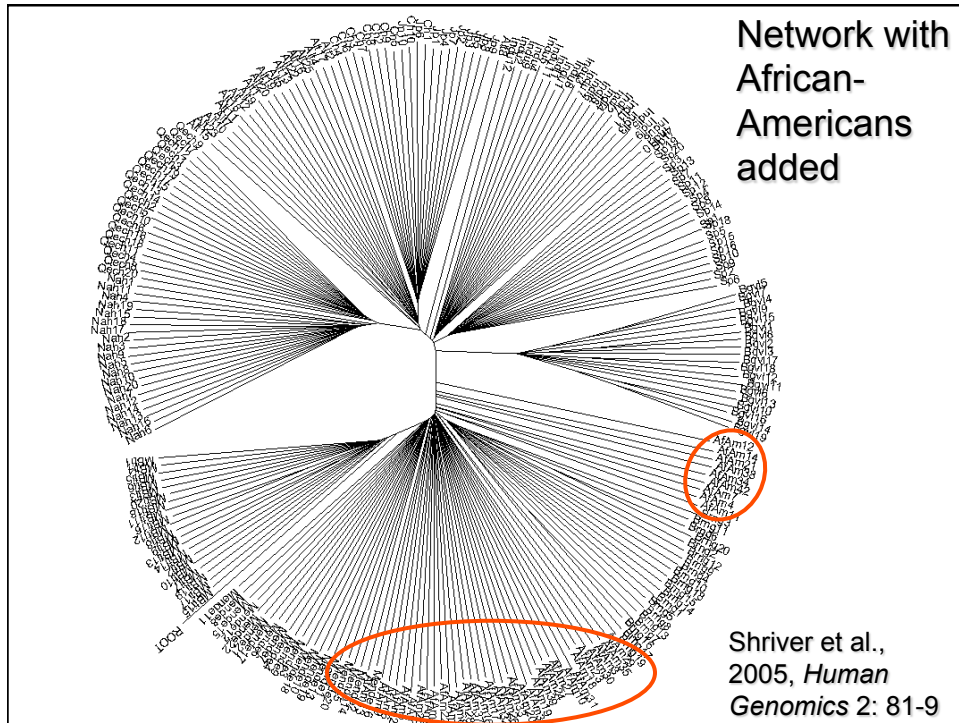


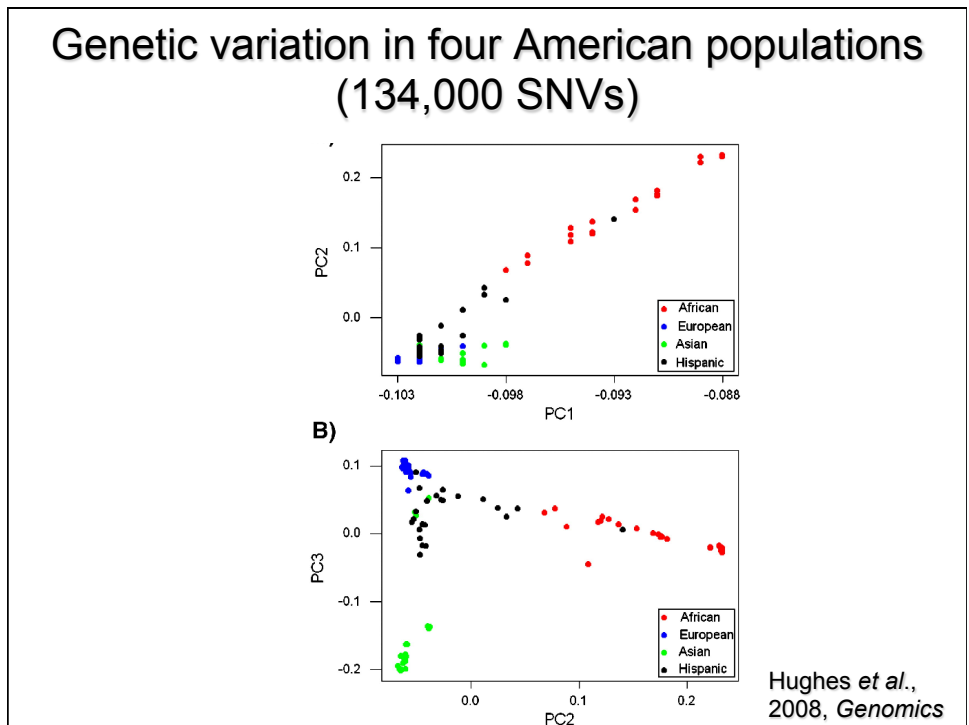
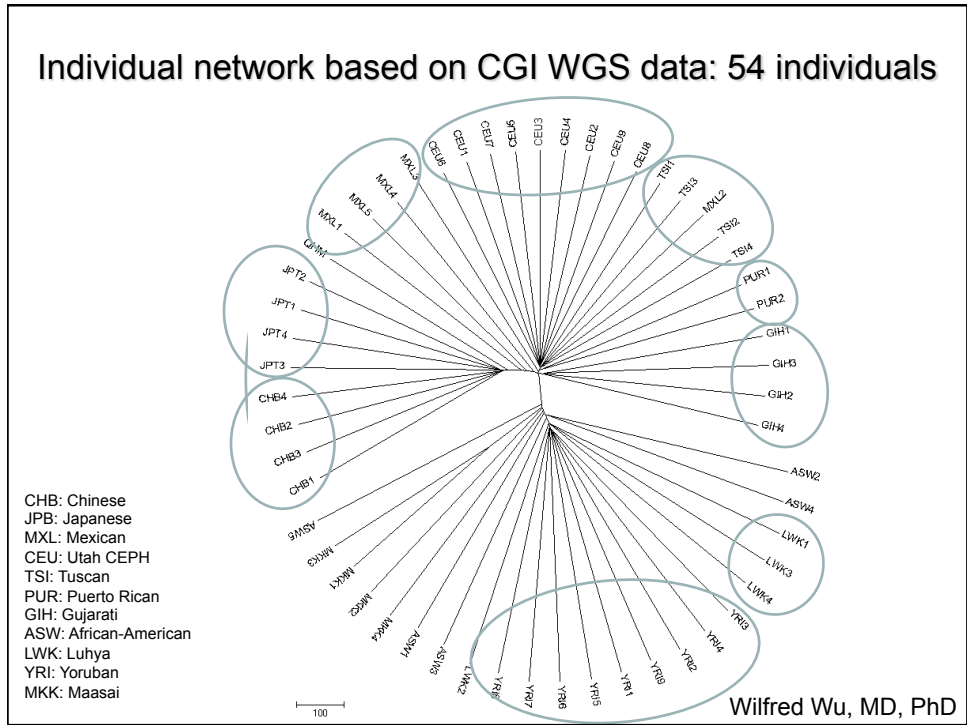
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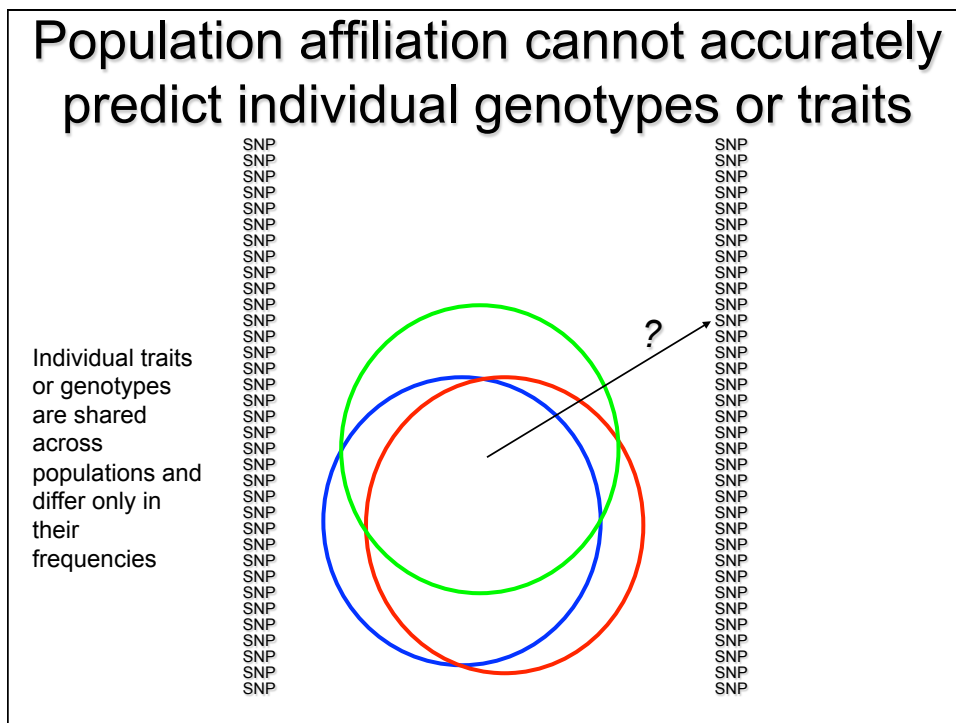
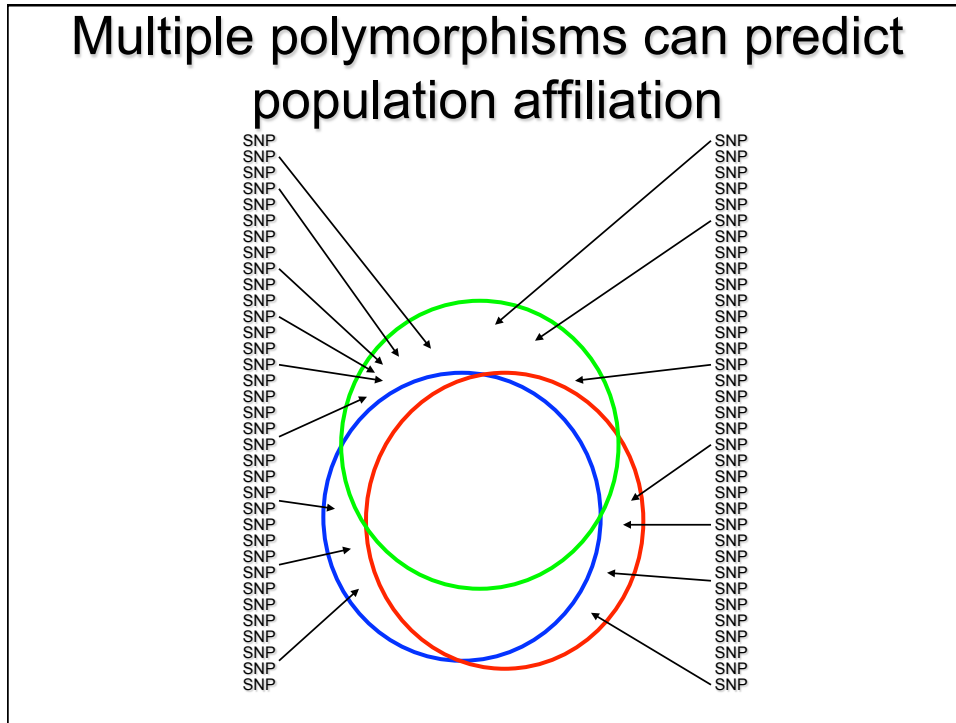
-- Charles Darwin, 1871, *The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex*



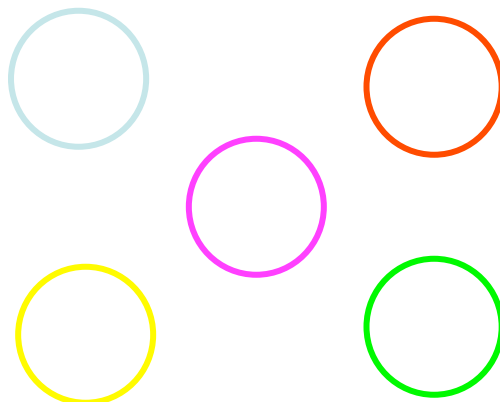








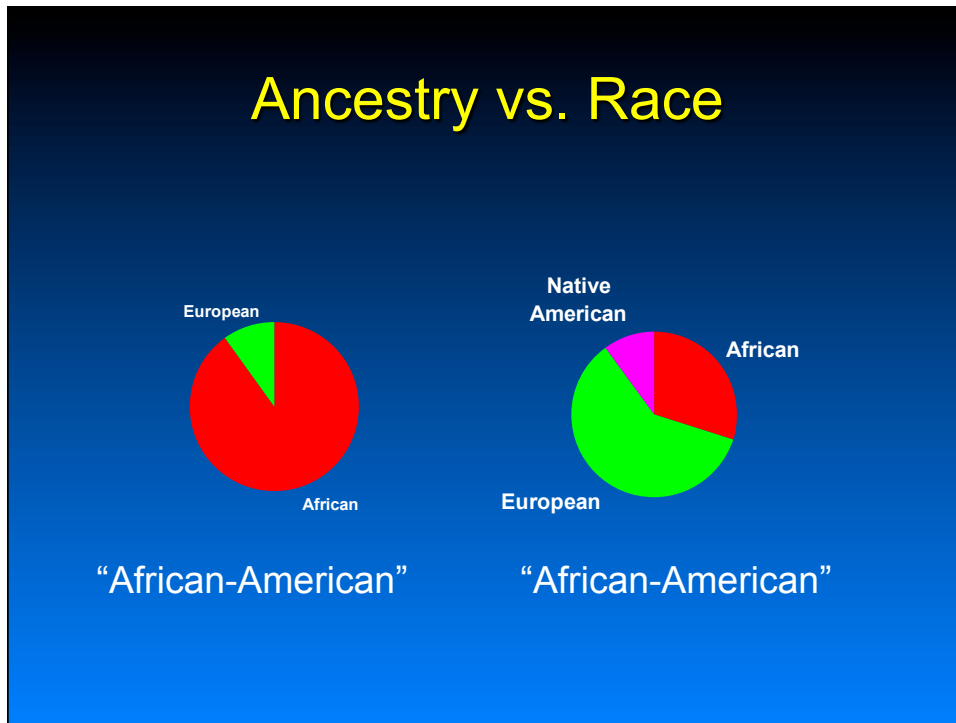
The Fallacy of Typological Thinking



Race as a predictor of ancestry proportions



Wayne Joseph



paternal line

Your Y chromosome DNA determines your paternal haplogroup. [What is a haplogroup?](#) [tell a friend](#)

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Paternal Haplogroup: I1*

I1* is a subgroup of I1, which is described below.
Locations of haplogroup I1 circa 5000 years ago, before the era of intercontinental travel.

Haplogroup I1 can be found at levels of 10% and higher in many parts of Europe, due to its expansion with men who migrated northward after the end of the Ice Age about 12,000 years ago. It reaches its highest levels in Denmark and the southern parts of Sweden and Norway.

Human Prehistory Videos

- [Human Prehistory: Prologue](#)
- [Out of \(Eastern\) Africa](#)

Haplogroup: I1, a subgroup of I1

Age: 28,000 years
Region: Northern Europe
Populations: Finns, Norwegians, Swedes
Highlight: Haplogroup I1 reaches highest frequencies in Scandinavia.

Your Family and Friends

- [I2a1b](#) Japanese Person
- [E1b1a8a...](#) Nigerian Person
- [I1*](#) Lynn Jorde
- [I](#) Chinese Person

Famous People

- [C3](#) Genghis Khan
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maternal line

Your mitochondrial DNA determines your maternal haplogroup. [What is a haplogroup?](#) tell a friend

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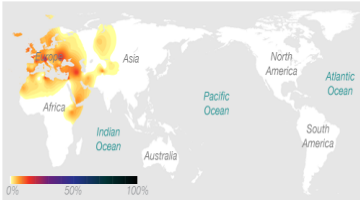
History

Haplogroup Tree

Maternal Haplogroup: U8a

U8a is a subgroup of U8, which is described below.

Locations of haplogroup U8 circa 5000 years ago, before the era of intercontinental travel.



Haplogroup: U8, a subgroup of [U](#)

Age: 50,000 years

Region: Europe, Near East, northern Africa

Populations: Basques, Finns

Highlight: Haplogroup U8 entered Europe with the first modern humans to inhabit the continent, Early Europe

Your Family and Friends

D4e2	Japanese Person
D5a*	Chinese Person
L3a	Nigerian Person
U8a	Lynn Jorde


Famous People

H	Marie Antoinette
H3*	Jimmy Buffett
H4a	Warren Buffett
I2	Jesse James
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Trace the ancestry of your chromosomes, one segment at a time. Last updated April 23, 2008.

Chromosome View

■ Solid segments indicate that both chromosomes come from the same geographic region. [See a Cambodian Woman's painting.](#)

■ Dual-colored segments indicate chromosomes from different geographic regions. [See an African American Man's painting.](#)

Select a person: Lynn Jorde




Lynn Jorde ?

■	Europe 100%
■	Asia 0%
■	Africa 0%
■	Not Genotyped

Worldwide Examples

Click on the icons in the map below to see example paintings of individuals from across the globe.



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Select a person: Berber Woman

Berber Woman ?

Berbers are native to northern Africa, a region isolated from sub-Saharan Africa by the Sahara desert. This woman shows the greatest degree of similarity to our European population, although migrations across the Sahara and from western Asia have also contributed to her ancestry, as her painting illustrates.

	Europe 86%
	Africa 12%
	Asia 2%
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African American Man ?

Most African Americans today trace a large part their ancestry to sub-Saharan Africa as a result of the slave trade. Over the generations since, both Europeans and Native Americans have intermarried with African Americans and contributed ancestry, as seen in the ancestry painting of this man, self-identified as African American. In fact, one of this man's chromosomes appears to be fully European across the whole genome, so it is likely that one of his parents was European.

	Europe 64%
	Africa 33%
	Asia 4%
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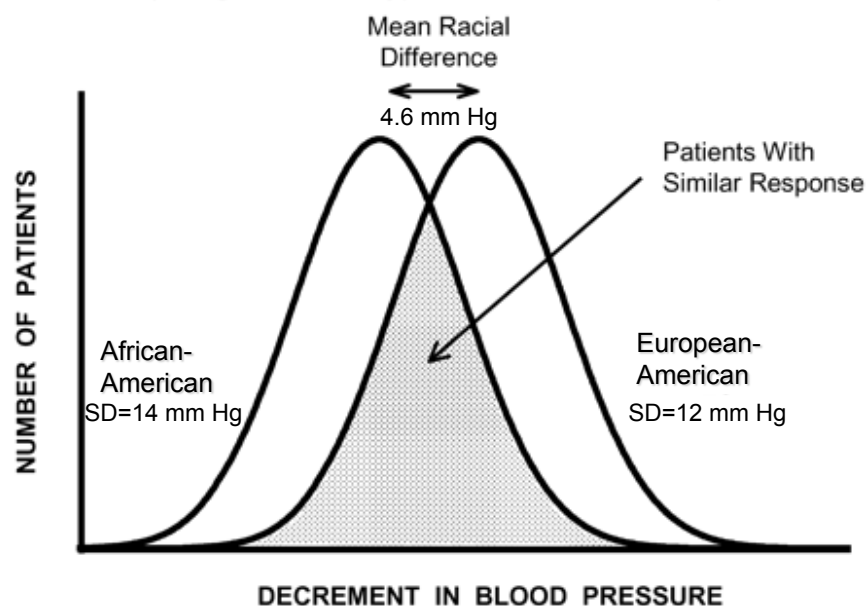
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What do these findings imply for biomedicine?

- Large numbers of independent DNA polymorphisms can inform us about ancestry and population history
- These variants typically differ between populations only in their *frequency* and imply substantial overlap between populations

Blood pressure response to ACE inhibitors

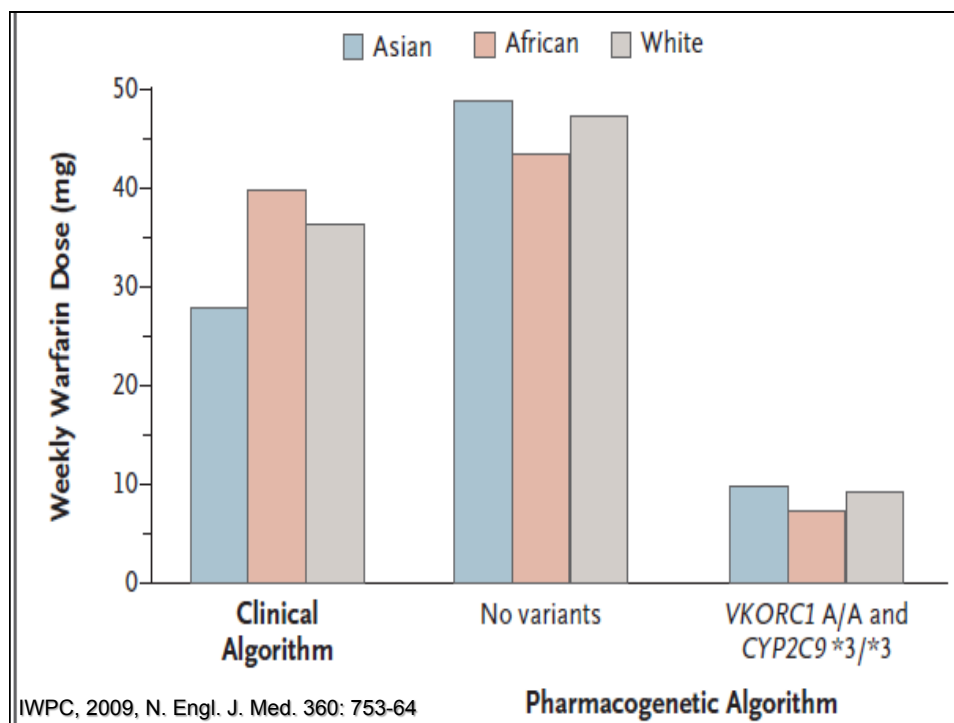
(Sehgal, 2004, *Hypertension* 43: 566-72)



EGFR inhibitors and non-small cell lung cancer

- Gefitinib and erlotinib inhibit epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase activity
- Effective in 10% of Europeans, 30% of Asians (Japanese, Chinese, Koreans)
- Somatic mutations in *EGFR* found in 10% of Europeans, 30% of Japanese
- 70-80% of those with mutations respond to gefitinib; <10% of those without mutations respond

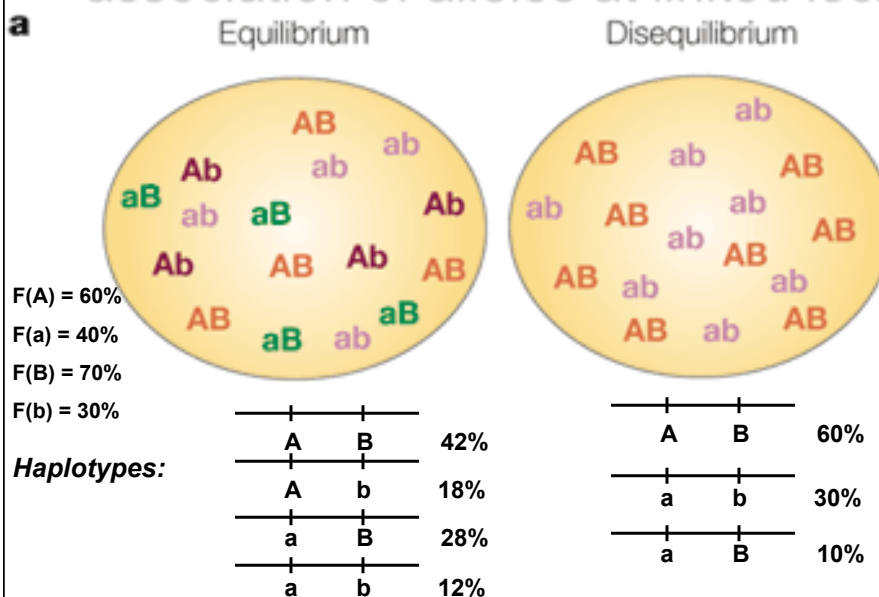
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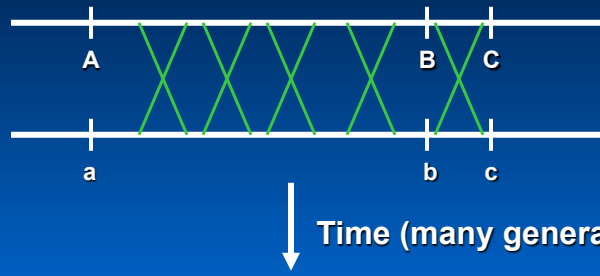
Genetic Variation and “Race”

- Genetic variation is correlated with geography and tends to be distributed continuously across geographic space
- “Race” may not be biologically meaningful, but it is biologically imprecise
- Individual ancestry provides more medically useful information

Linkage disequilibrium: nonrandom association of alleles at linked loci



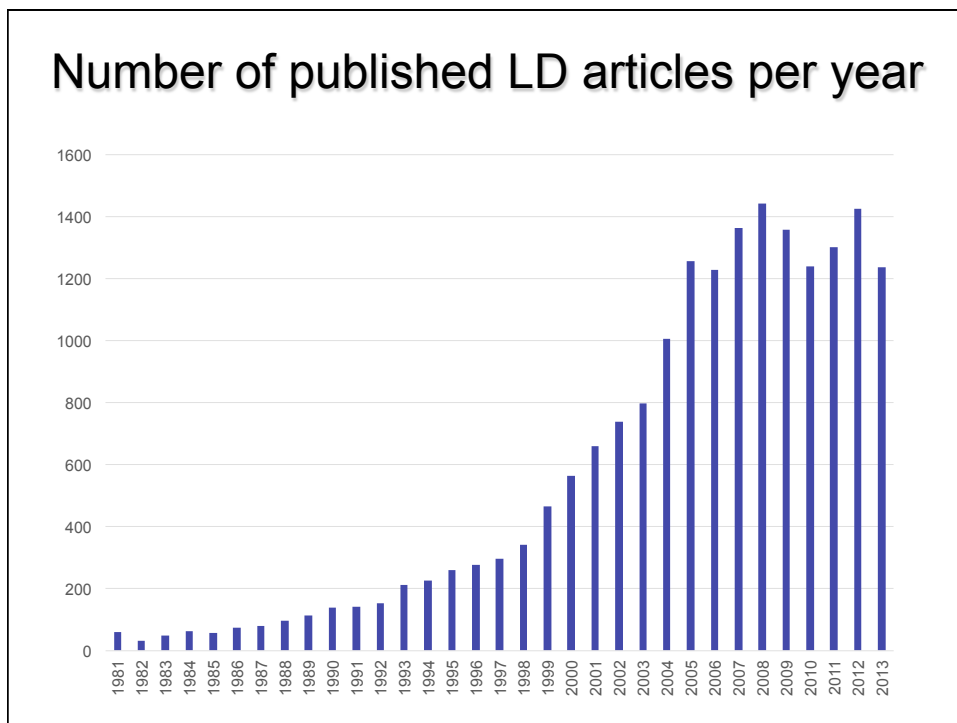
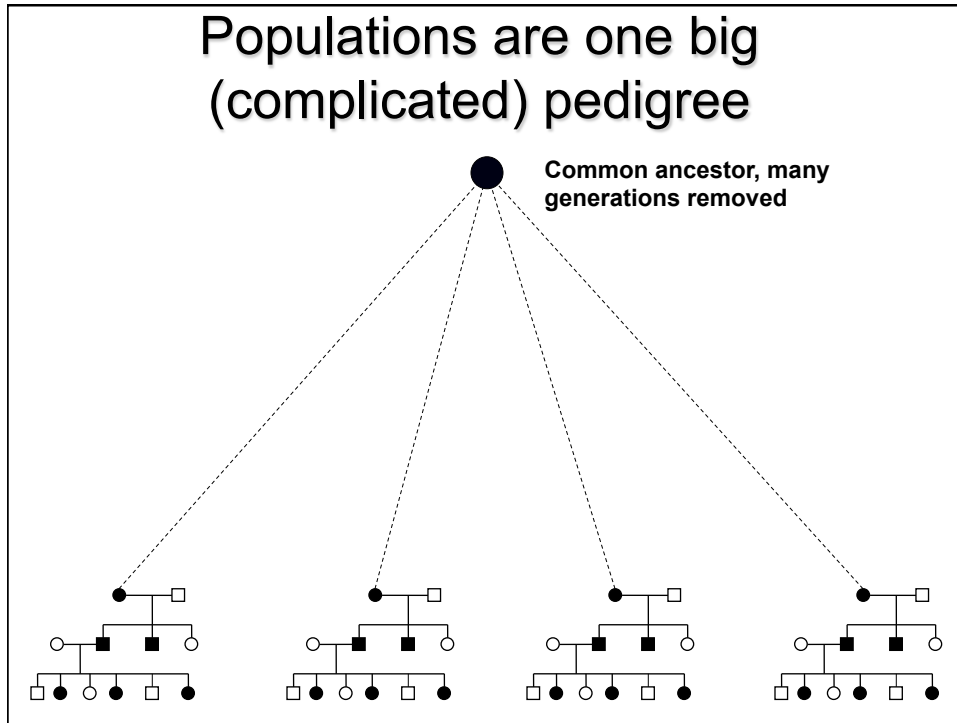
Over time, more crossovers will occur
between loci located further apart



B and C will be found together on the same haplotype
more often than A and B: there is more *linkage
disequilibrium* between B and C than A and B

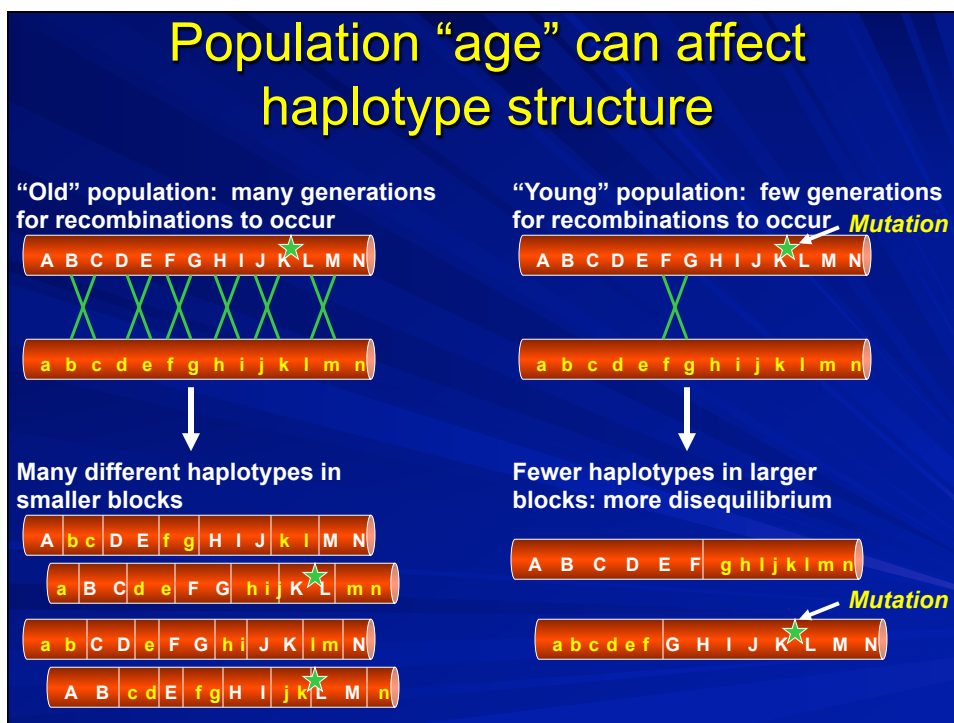
Potential advantages of linkage disequilibrium (LD)

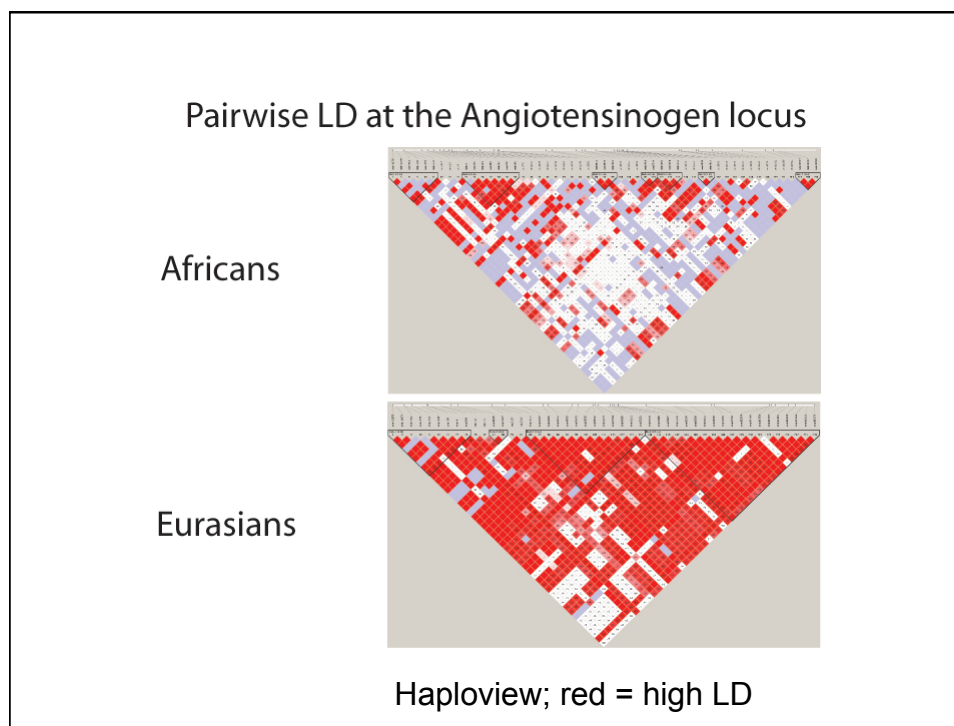
- Family data are *not* necessarily needed
- Microarray technology now exists that allows dense genotype assays (SNVs every 1-3 kb)
- Association studies (linkage disequilibrium) can incorporate many past generations of recombination to narrow the candidate region



Factors that May Affect Linkage Disequilibrium Patterns

- Chromosome location
 - Telomeric vs. centromeric
 - Intragenic vs. extragenic
- DNA sequence patterns (GC content; presence of *Alu* elements)
- Recombination hotspots (1 every 50-100 kb)
 - 13-mer bound by *PRDM9* associated with 40% of hotspots
- Evolutionary factors: LD varies among populations
 - Natural selection
 - Gene flow
 - Mutation, gene conversion
 - Genetic drift





How general are these patterns?

To what extent does LD vary with
genomic location and population?

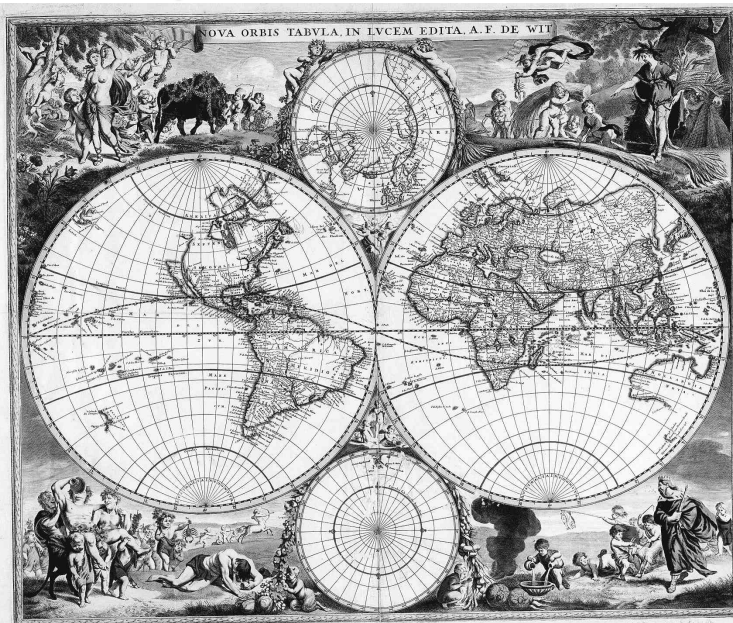
A Map of the World, 1544



In search of a better map: The International Haplotype Map Project

- 600,000 SNPs (1 per 5 kb) genotyped in 270 individuals
 - 90 CEPH Utah individuals (30 trios)
 - 90 Yoruban from Nigeria (30 trios)
 - 90 East Asians (45 Chinese, 45 Japanese)
- Evaluate patterns of linkage disequilibrium and haplotype structure
 - Variation in different genomic regions
 - Variation in different populations

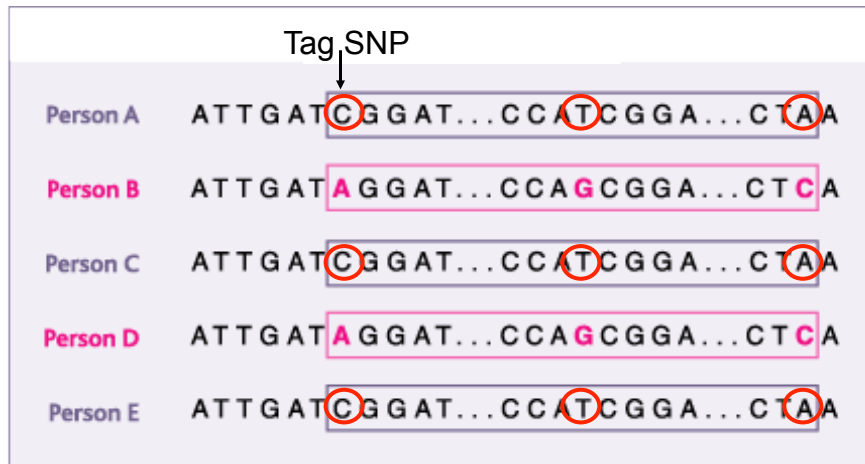
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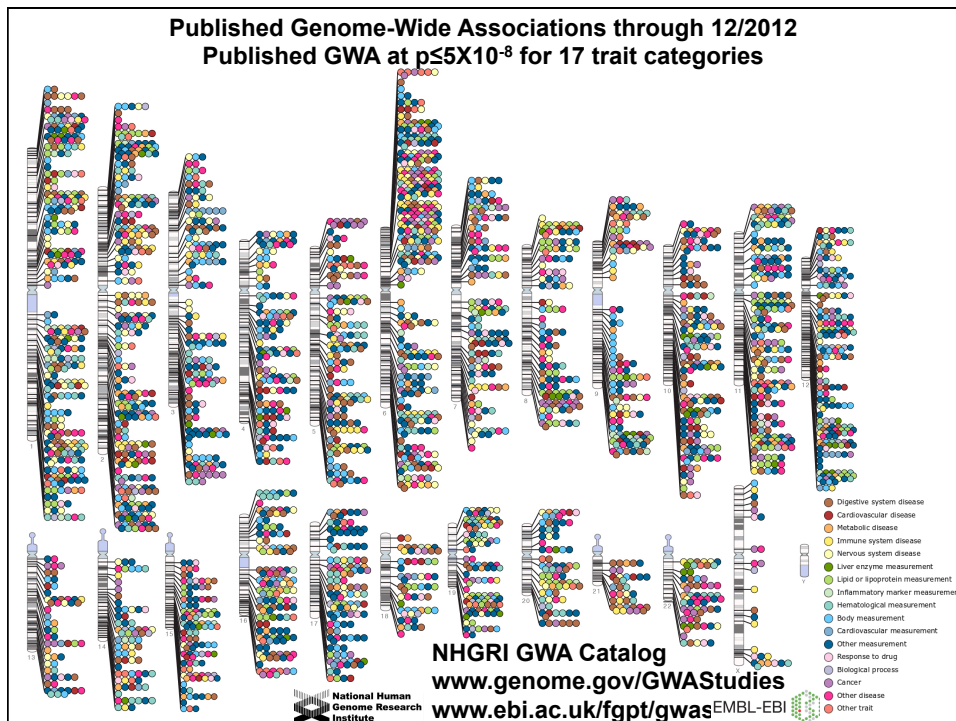
Genetic applications of HapMap

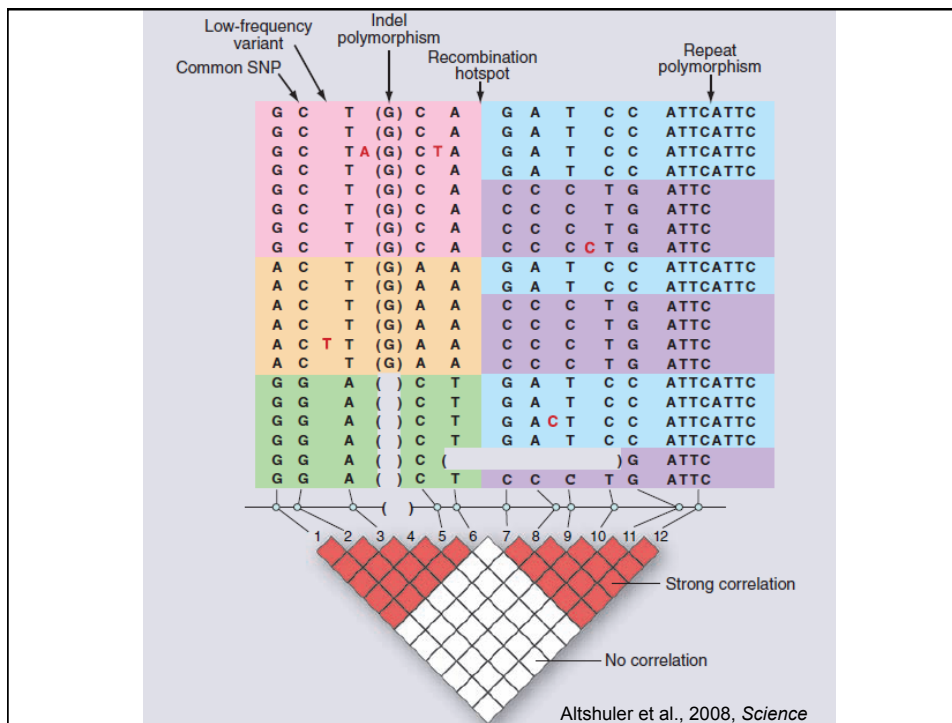
- Understanding human genome-wide haplotype diversity
- Detection of recombination hotspots
- Detection of genes that have experienced strong natural selection
- Detection of disease-causing mutations

SNPs in disequilibrium are redundant: we don't need to type all of them



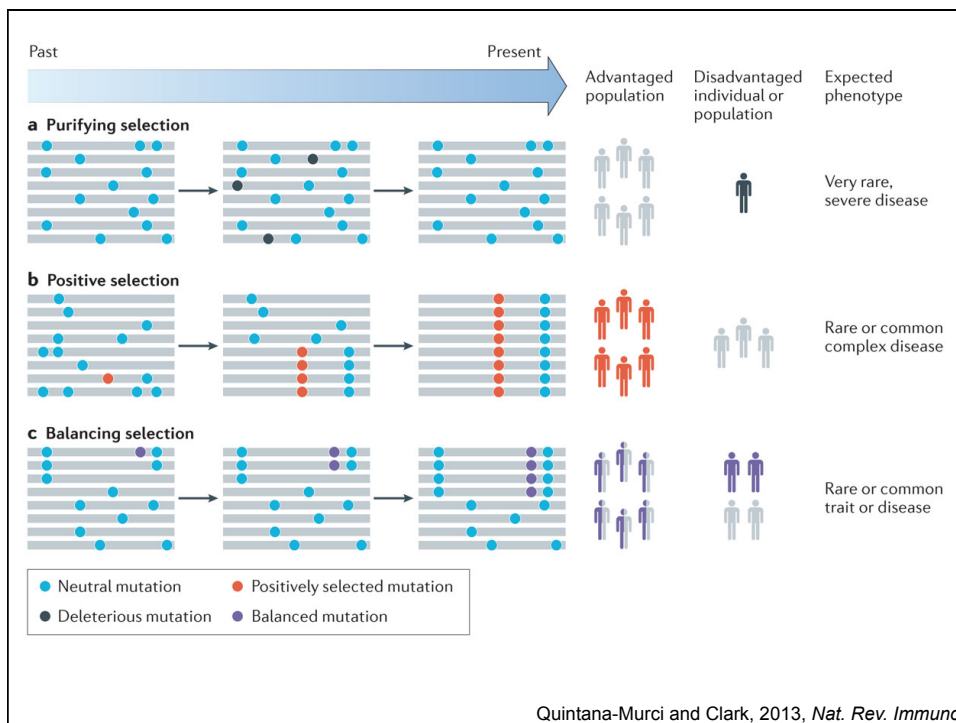
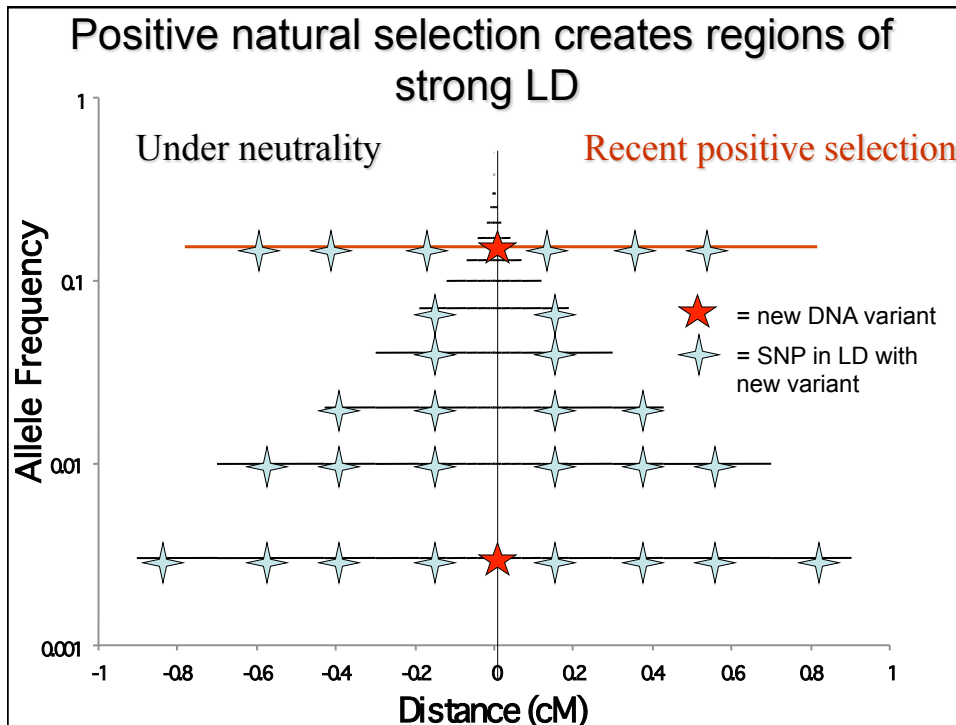
For whole-genome association studies, "complete" coverage is given by about 1.6 million SNPs for African populations, 600,000 to 1M SNPs for non-African populations





Recombination hotspots

- LD patterns indicate 25,000 - 50,000 hotspots in human genome (1 every 50 – 100 kb) (Myers et al., 2005, *Science*)
- 60% of all recombination occurs in 6% of genome) (Coop et al., 2008, *Science* 319: 1395-8)
- Hotspots are not congruent in human and chimpanzee and vary among human populations



Examples of genes in which elevated LD indicates recent positive selection

Gene	Phenotype
<i>G6PD</i>	Malaria protection
<i>CYP3A5</i>	Sodium retention
<i>LCT</i> (lactase enhancer)	Lactase persistence
<i>SLC24A5</i>	Skin pigmentation
<i>EPAS1, EGLN1</i>	High-altitude hypoxia response

Voight et al., 2006, *PLOS Biology*; Simonson et al., 2010, *Science*; Grossman et al., 2013, *Cell*

Population genetics is guiding development of new sequence analysis resources

- 1000 Genomes Project
 - Provides “control sequences” for variant analysis
 - Most rare variants are population-specific
- When is a variant functionally significant?
 - Functional regions show more purifying selection
(VAAST software: M. Yandell et al., 2011, *Genome Res.*; pVAAST: Hu et al., 2014 *Nature Biotech.*)
 - Evolutionary conservation among species; especially useful for noncoding DNA

Population genetics and genome analysis

- Genetic variation contains useful information about population history
- Genetic variation provides a more informed view of “race” and its relevance to medicine
- Population genetic analysis has been critical in understanding linkage disequilibrium and its application in disease-gene mapping
- Population genetics becomes even more critical in understanding role of rare variants in disease
- Population genetics is *fun!*