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# Contributions of diverse populations and expanded catalogues of human variation to our understanding of low frequency and rare variants

## Missing Heritability Ten Years On

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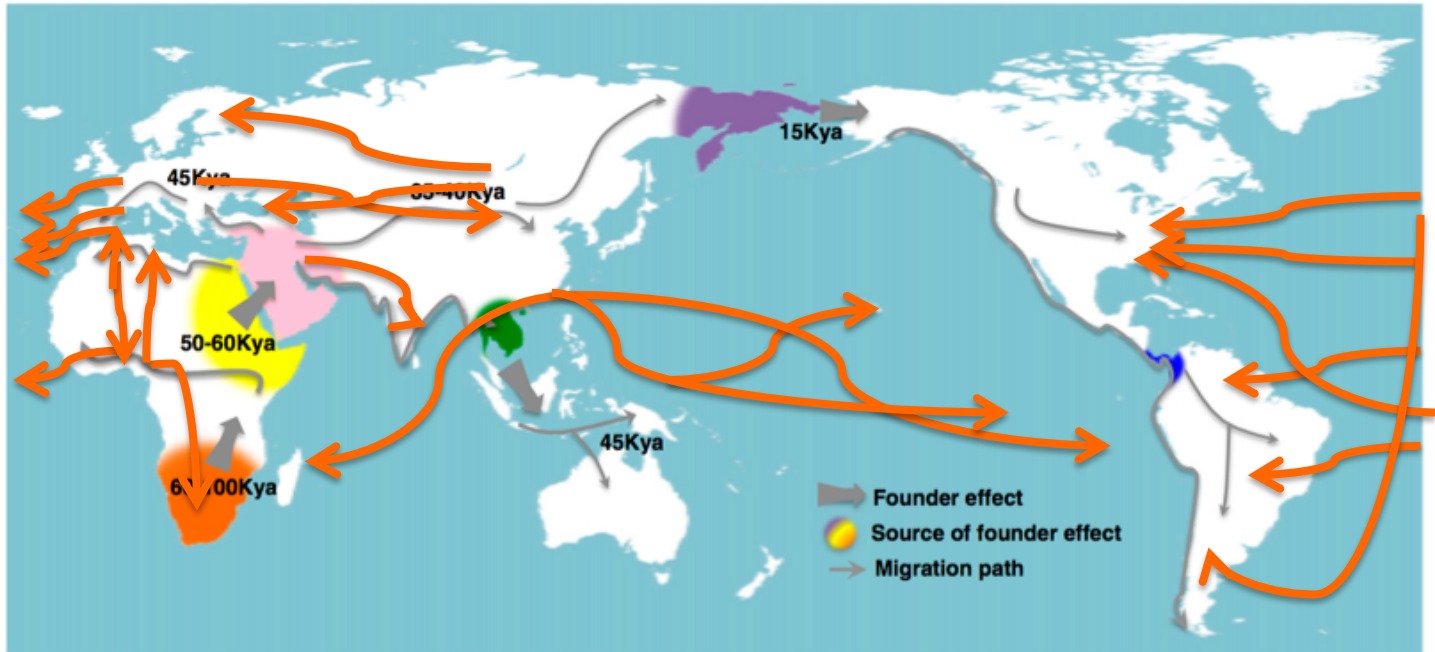
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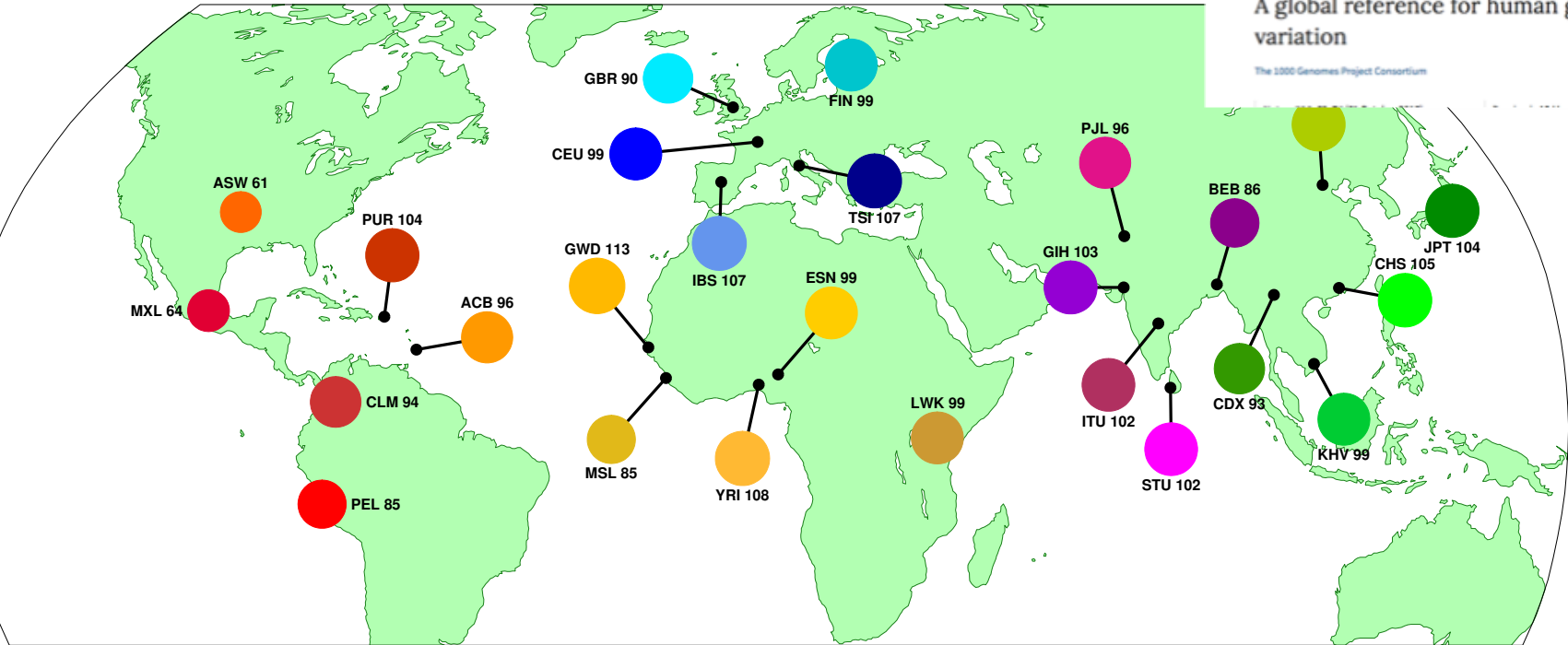
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# Human Genetic History is Complex!

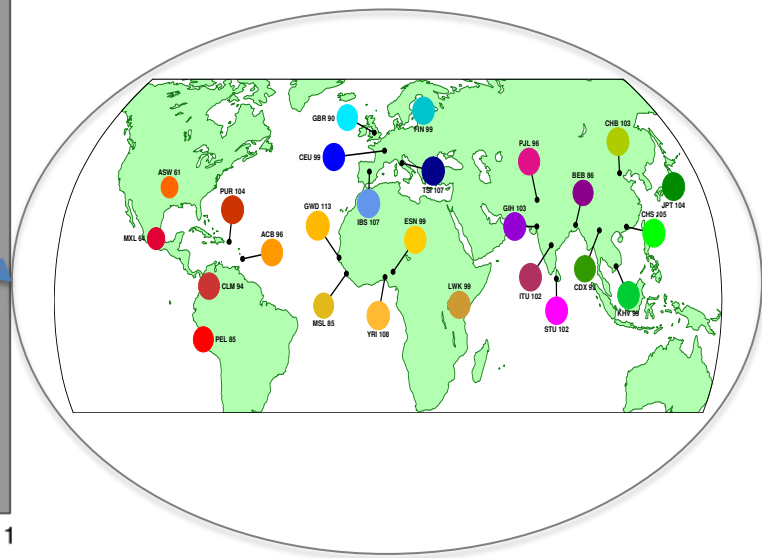
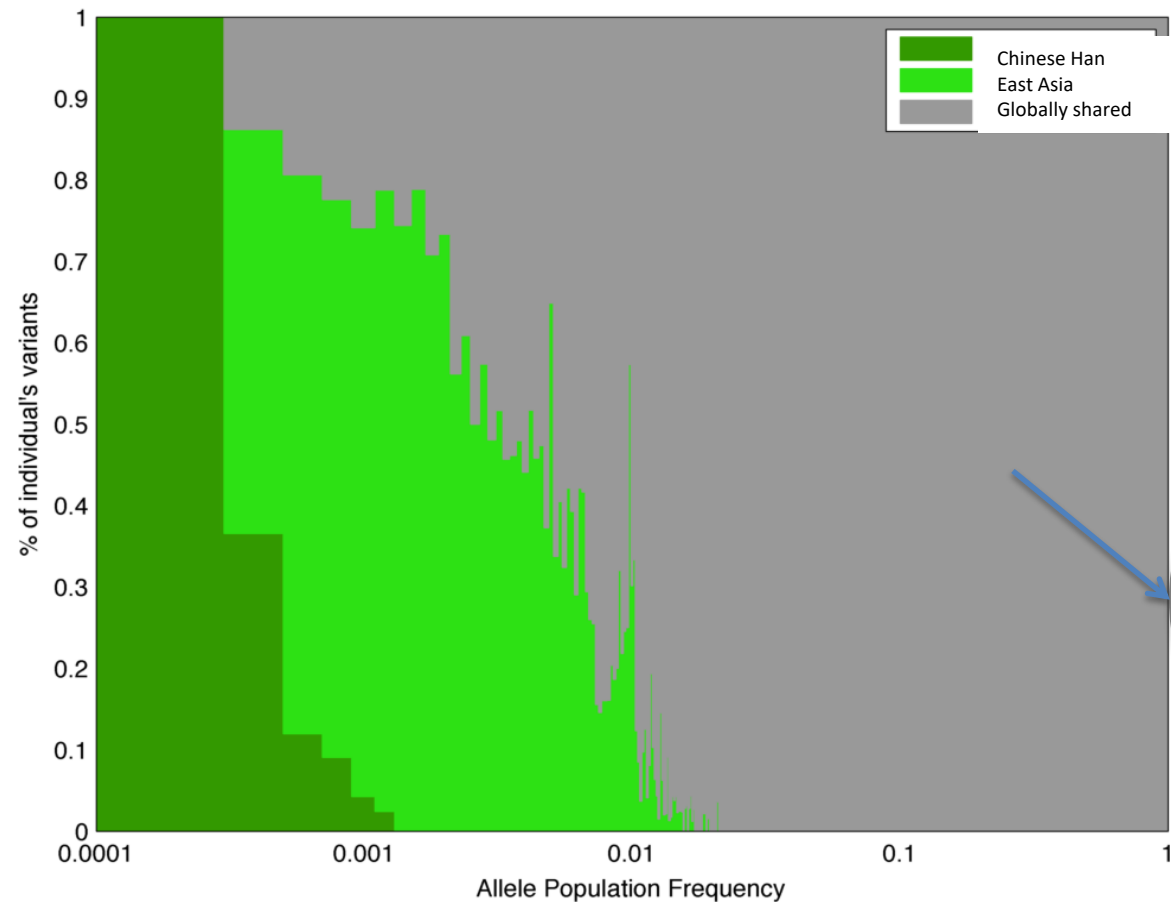
And has changed dramatically recently:



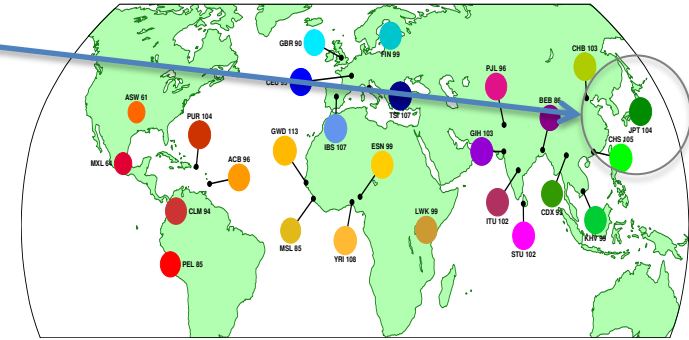
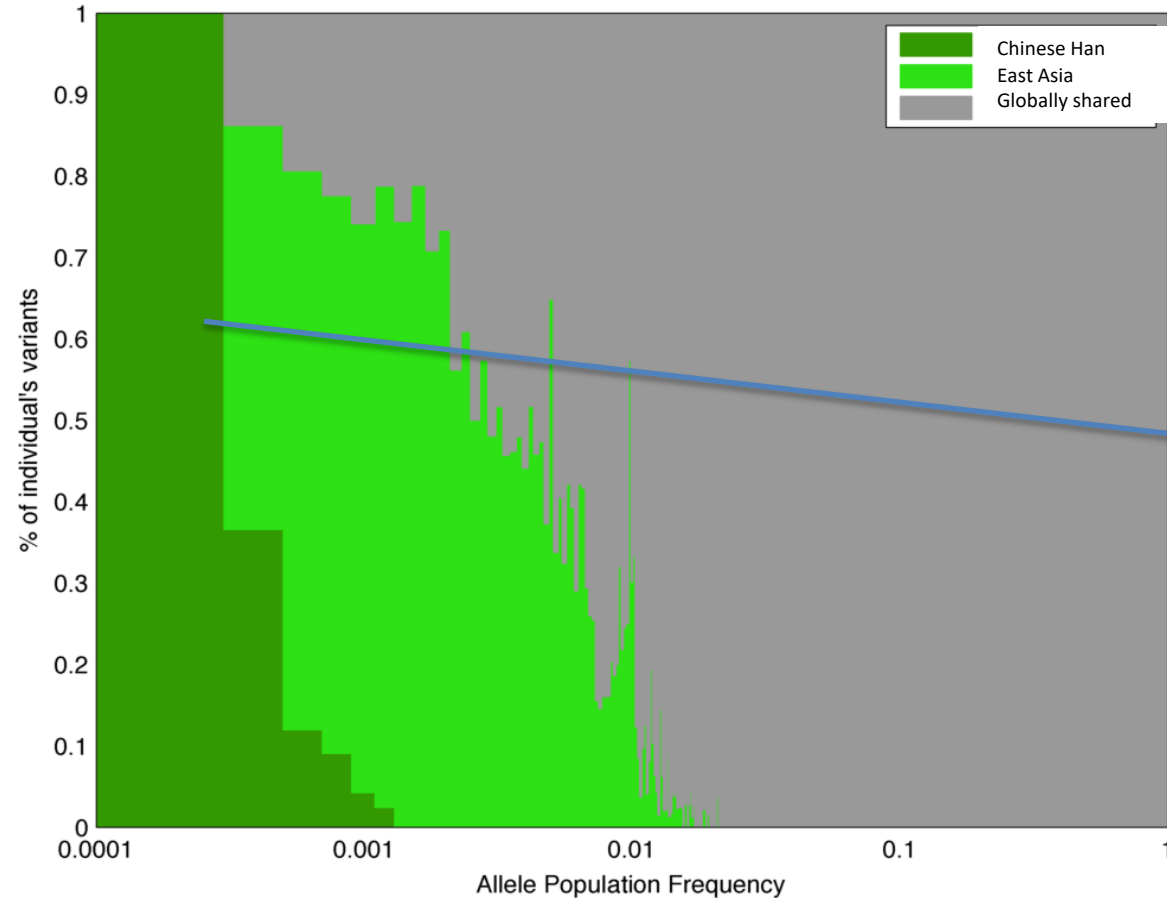
# Genes mirror geography: lessons from the Thousand Genomes Project



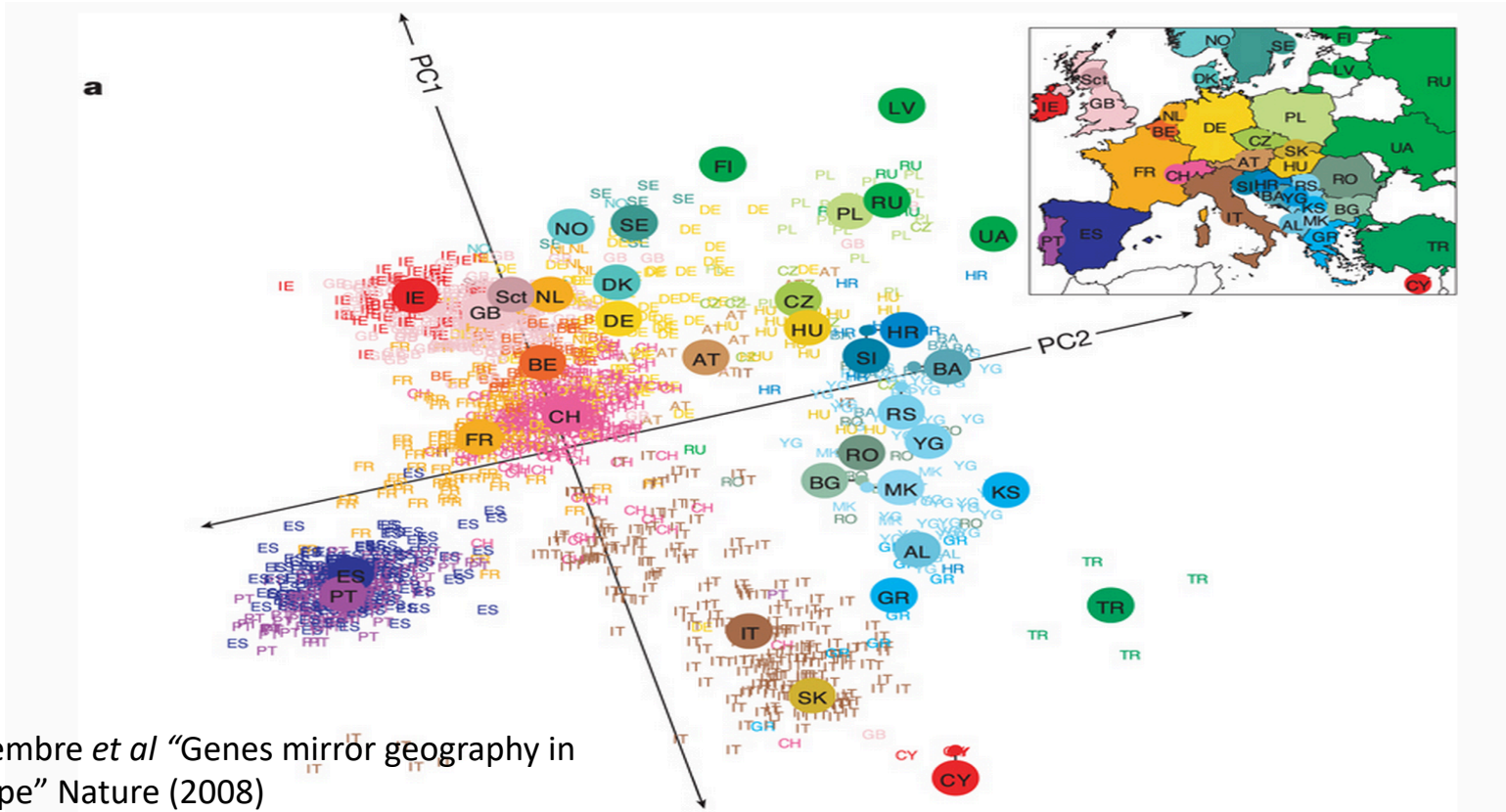
# Common variants are shared globally



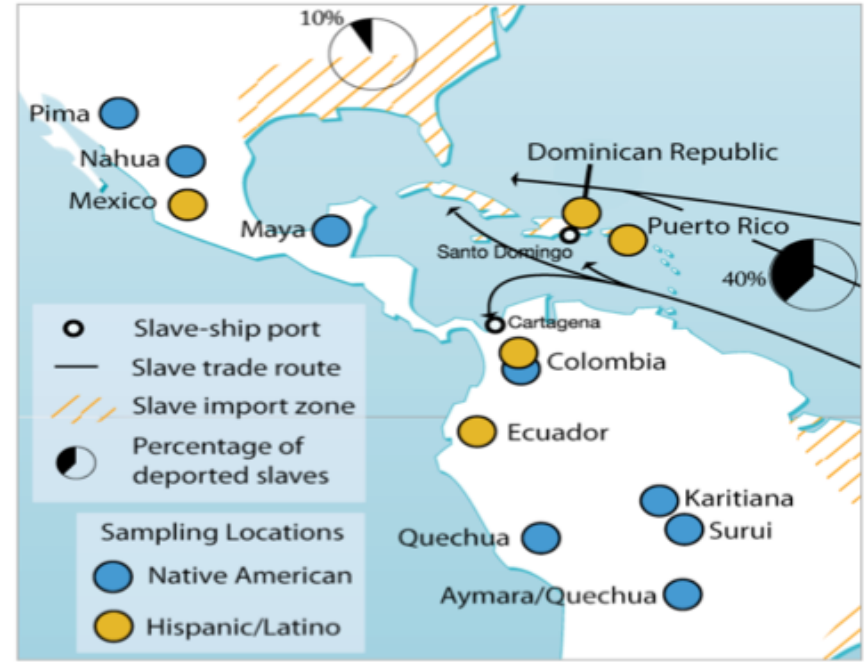
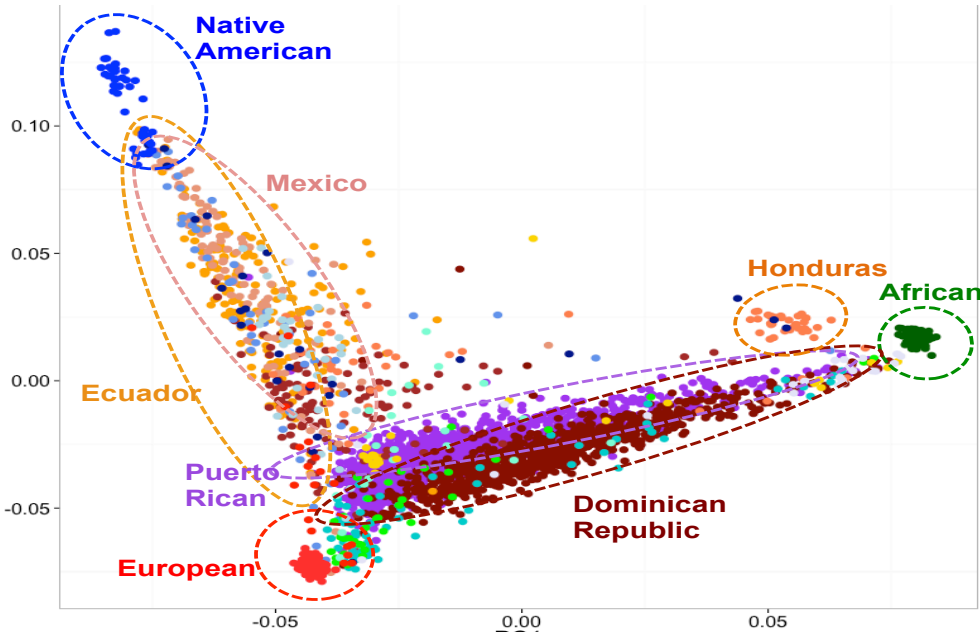
# Rare variants are geospatially restricted



# Common variants reveal population structure in Europe

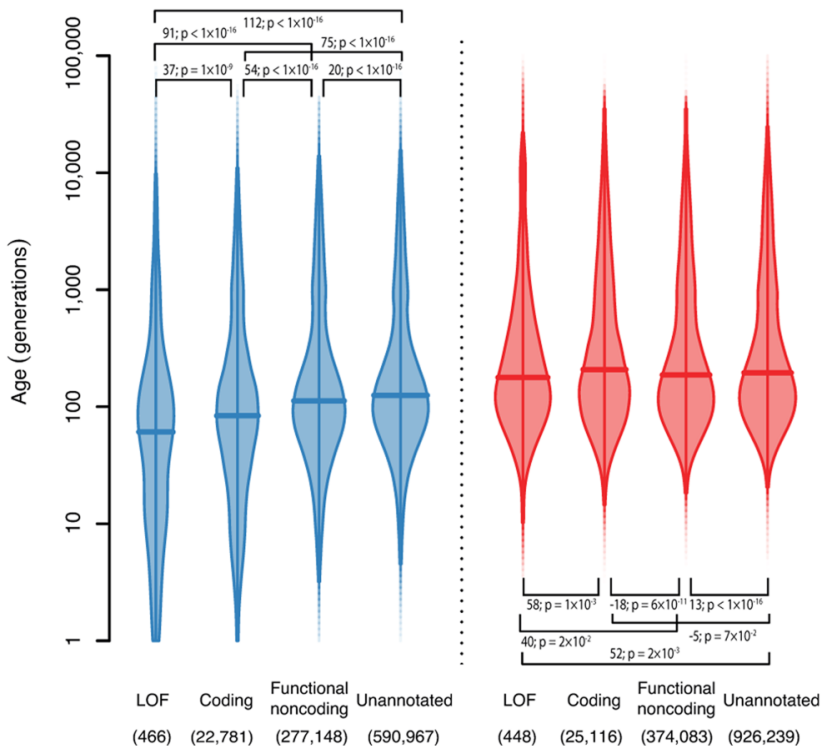


# Latin America genetic diversity show signatures of European, African and Native American ancestry

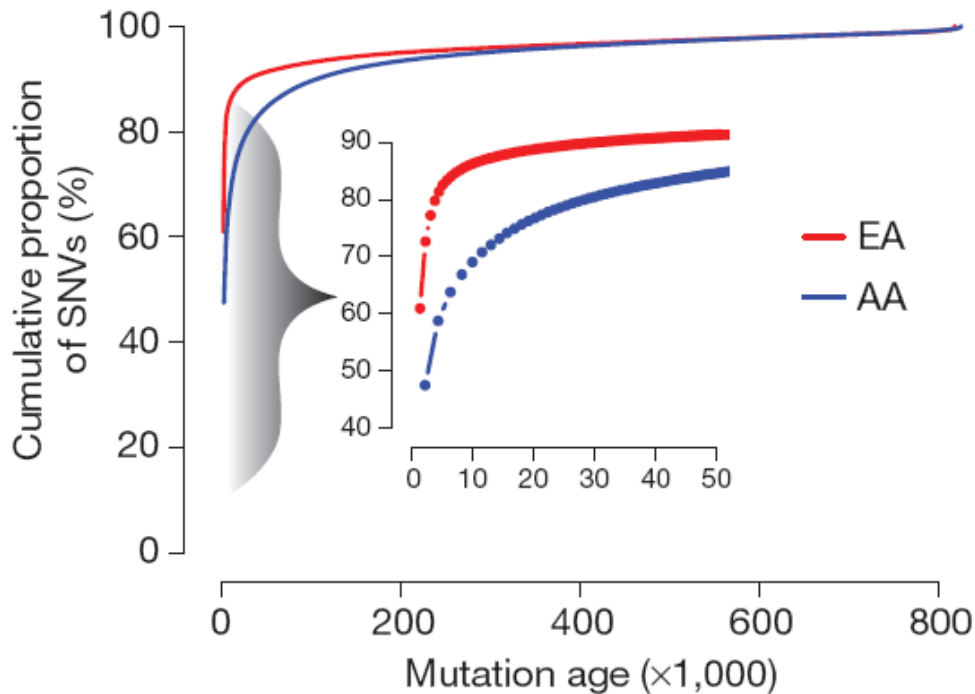


# Demography and the Age of Rare Variants

Iain Mathieson, Gil McVean



**Fu et al “Analysis of 6,515 exomes reveals the recent origins of most human protein-coding variation” Nature (2013)**

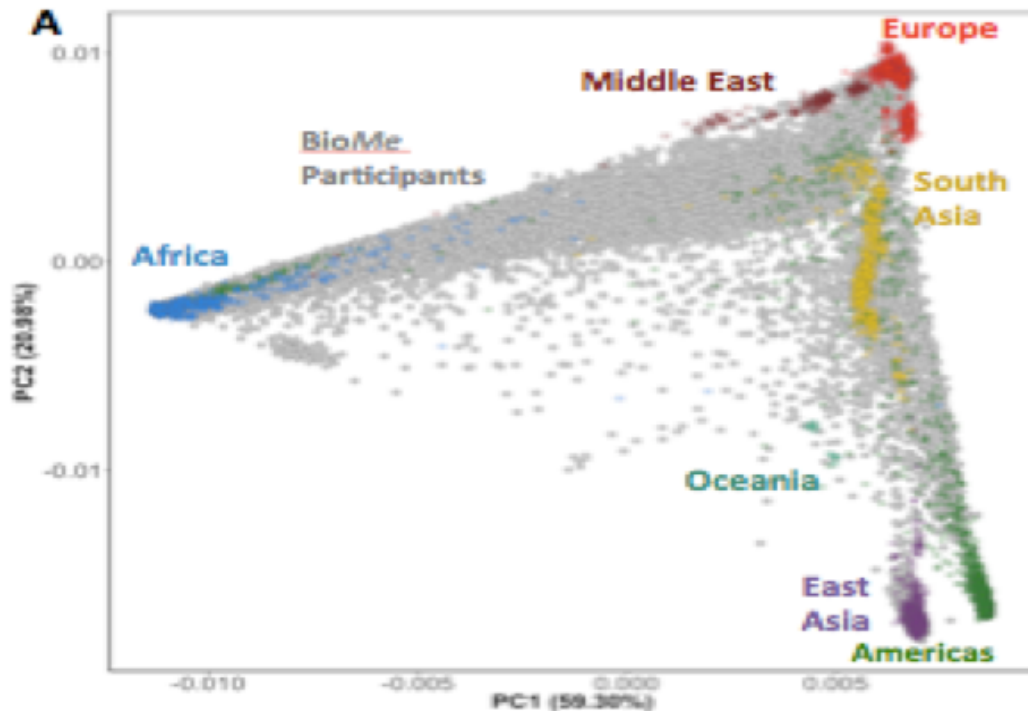
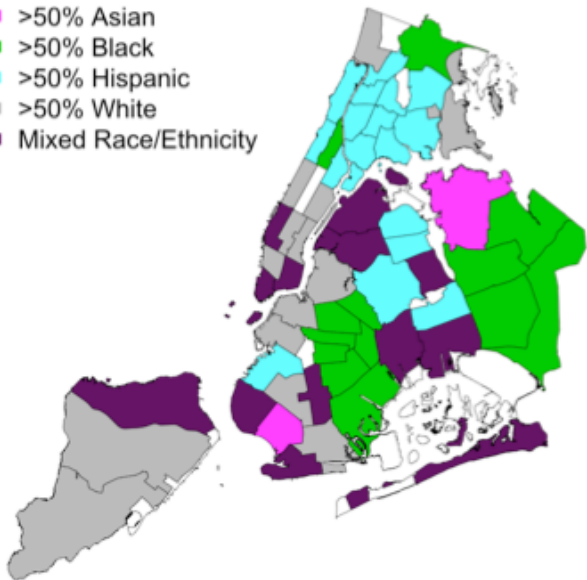




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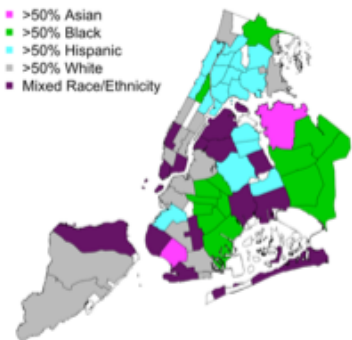
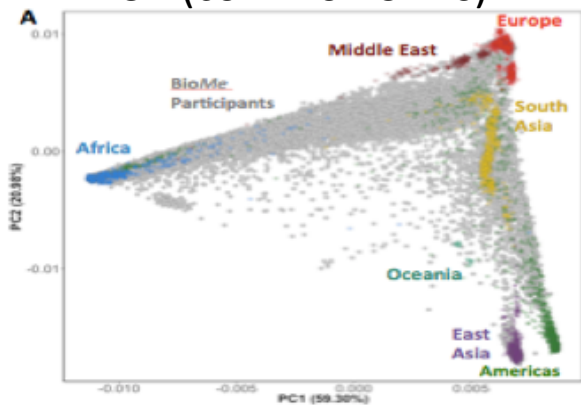
- >50% Asian
- >50% Black
- >50% Hispanic
- >50% White
- Mixed Race/Ethnicity



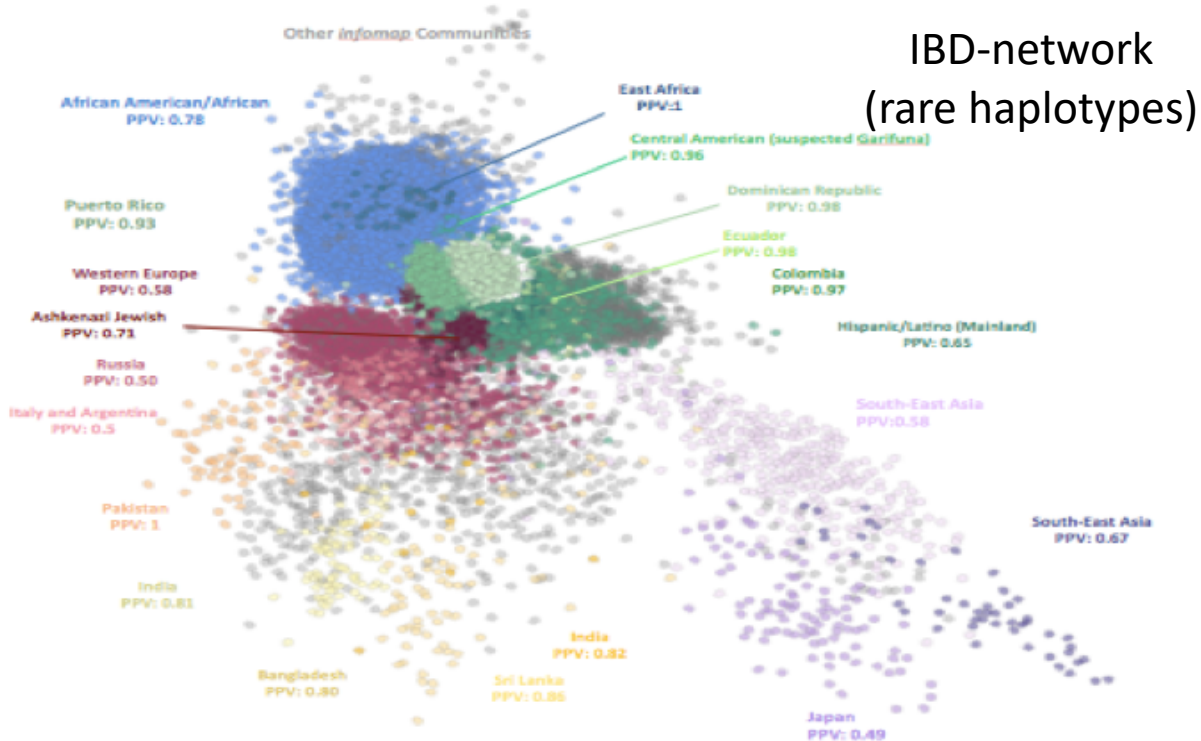
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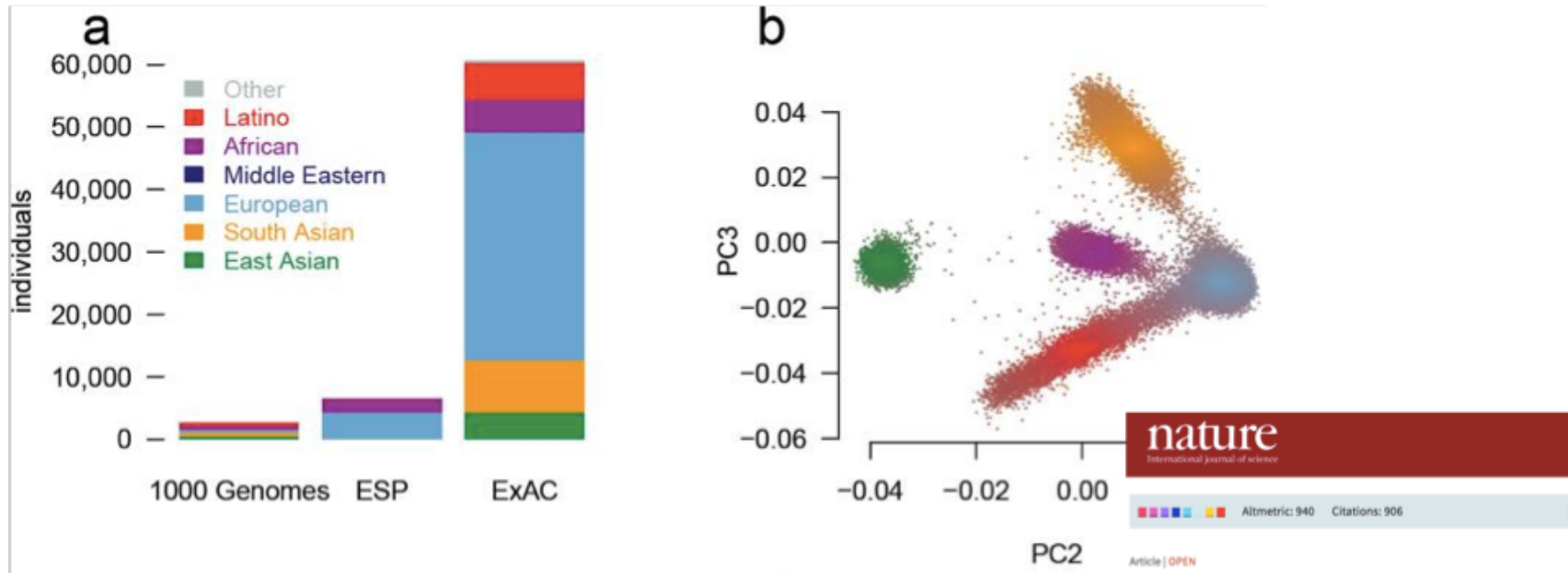


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IBD-network  
(rare haplotypes)

# Large and increasingly diverse reference sequence databases



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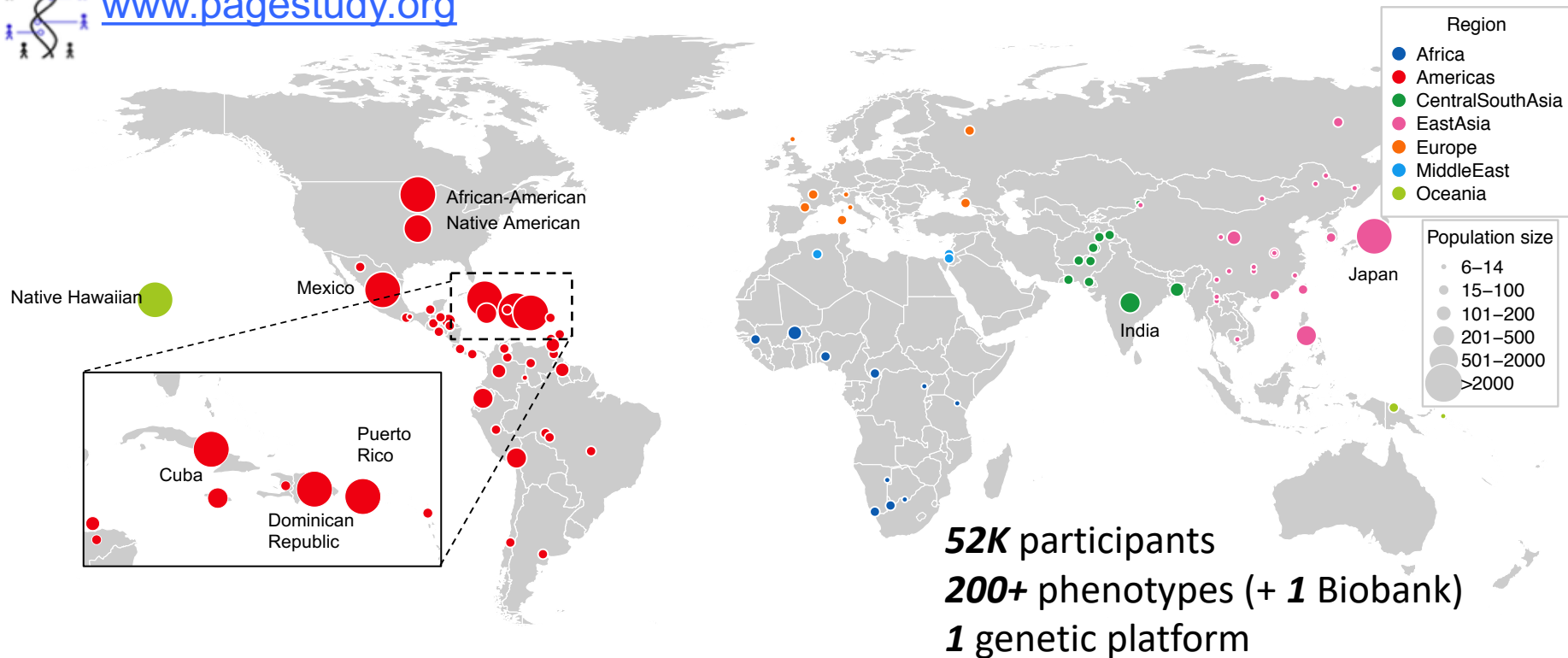
## Analysis of protein-coding genetic variation in 60,706 humans

Monkol Lek, Konrad J. Karczewski [...] Exome Aggregation Consortium

# NHGRI Population Architecture using Genomics and Epidemiology (PAGE) Study



[www.pagestudy.org](http://www.pagestudy.org)

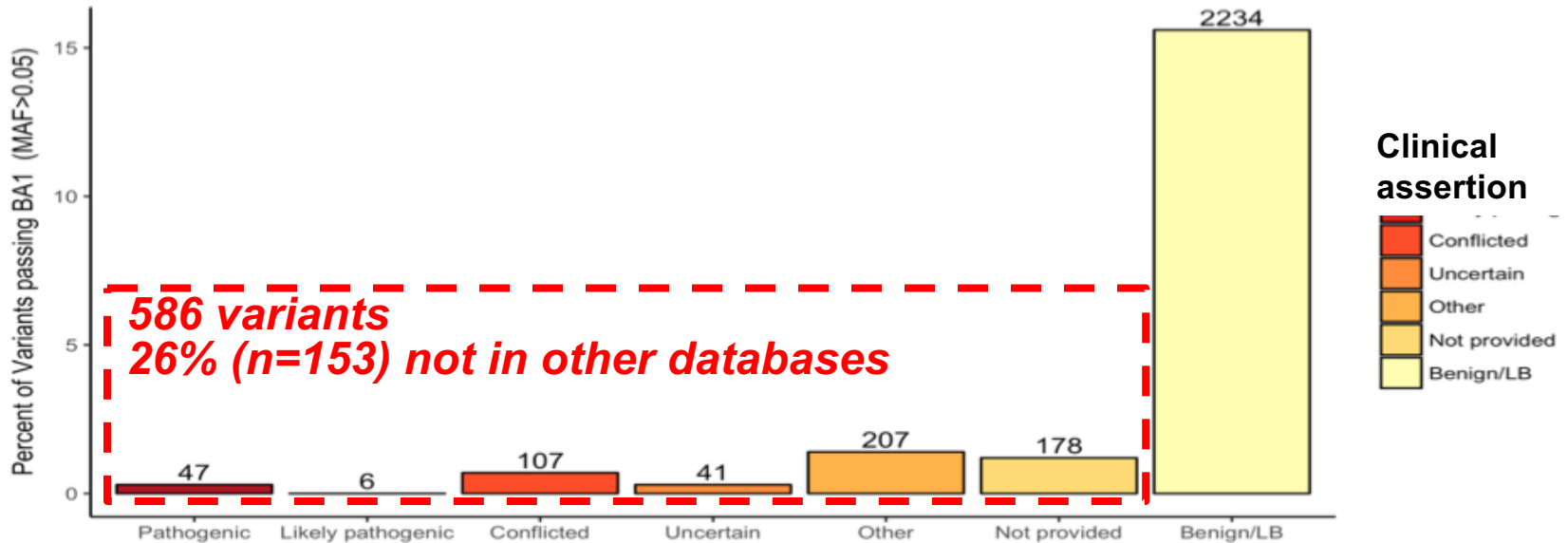


Wojcik et al. “Genetic diversity turns a new PAGE in our understanding of complex traits” (2017) *bioRxiv*

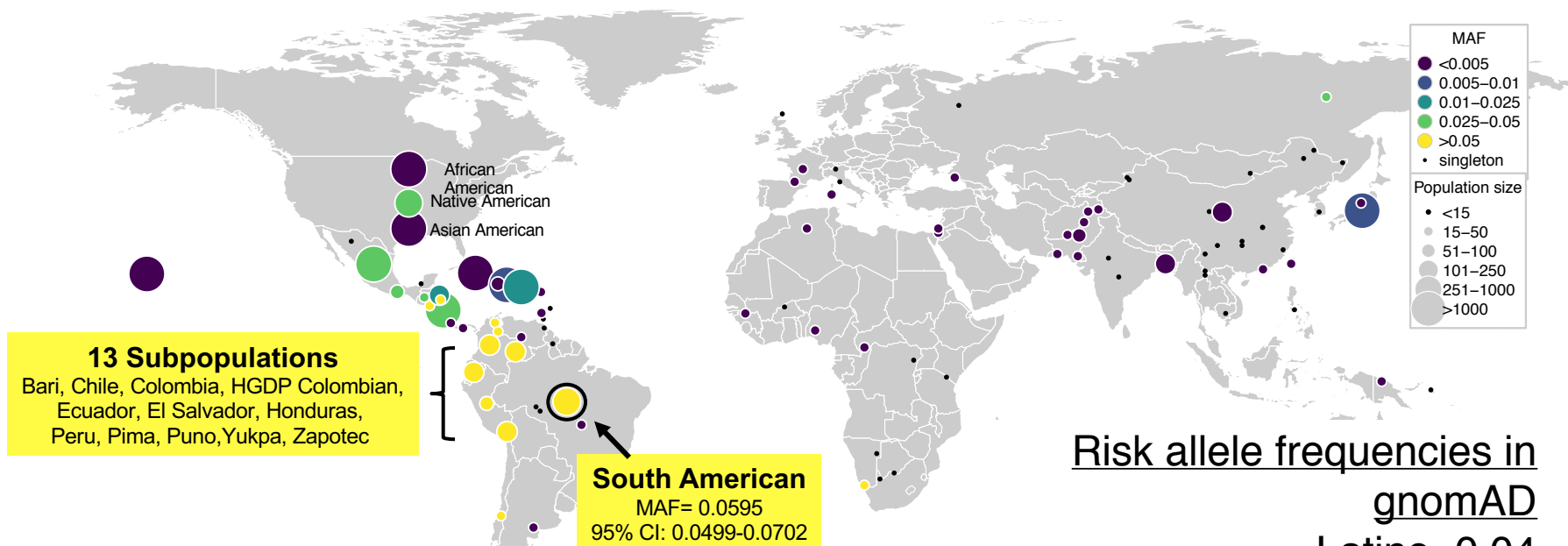
# Over 30,000 segregating clinical variants from medical databases

		PAGE	ExAC	1000 Genomes
<b>Study Populations</b>				
Sample Size (N)		51,698	60,706	2,504
Population Labels		99	5	26
Phenotypes (Yes/No)		Yes	No	No
<b>Clinical content (Total, polymorphic)</b>				
Overall		63,902 (36,247)	234,585 (101,203)	237,620 (41,386)
ClinVar	Total	21,720 (15,793)	131,325 (62,350)	132,238 (30,519)
	Pathogenic	7,186 (2,276)	45,180 (9,779)	44,230 (1,643)
	Likely pathogenic	623 (320)		
	Uncertain significance	4,133 (3,805)	51,852 (24,705)	52,822 (8,473)
	Benign/Likely benign	6,483 (6,411)	33,306 (27,201)	34,077 (19,844)
	Conflicted	1,702 (1,567)	310 (294)	299 (216)
	Other	423 (351)	667 (371)	810 (343)
	Not provided	1,172 (1,063)		
	Within ACMG genes	2,496 (1,477)	42,023 (10,358)	43,580 (4,302)
HGMD		16,381 (10,445)	146,304 (32,208)	145,240 (12,279)
Predicted loss-of-function		38,950 (16,233)		
ACMG-59 genes		2,740 (1,596)		

# Applying ACMG criteria to PAGE populations reveals 2,820 variants with MAF>0.05



# Worldwide frequencies of ClinVar conflicted variant SCN5A.pV195L



LongQT syndrome, autosomal dominant  
Current status on ClinVar: **Conflicted**  
Risk allele is allele shown here: **A**

Risk allele frequencies in gnomAD

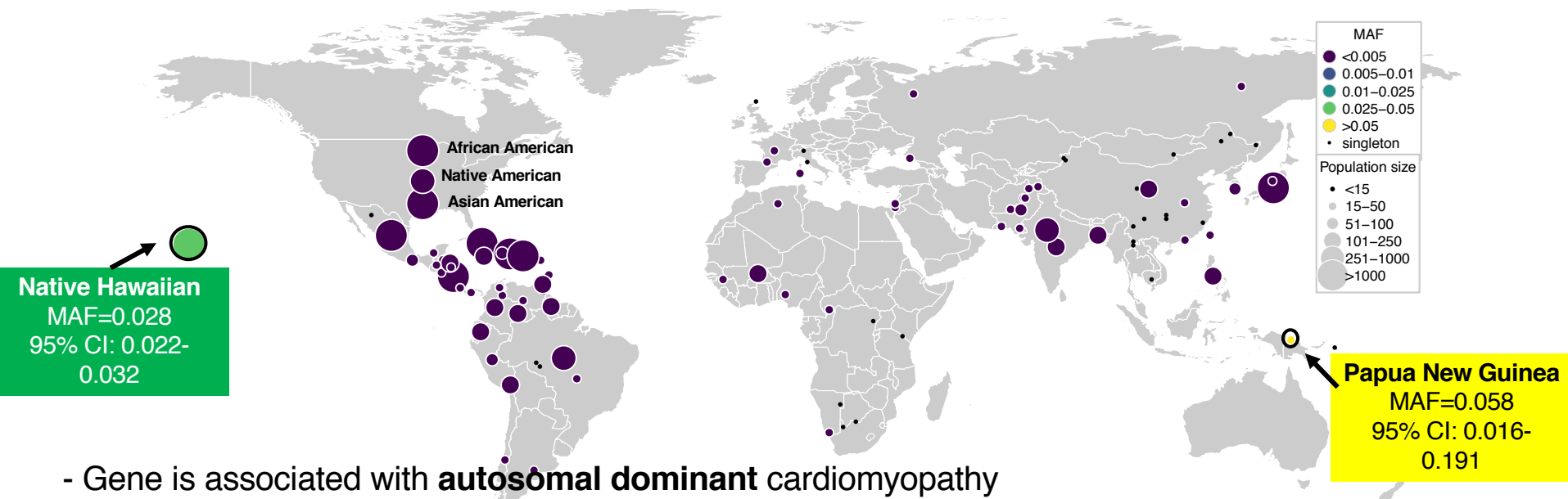
Latino=0.04

African=0.003

East Asian=0.0029

South Asian=0.0019

# Worldwide frequencies of ClinVar conflicted *TNNT2*.c5564G>A splice variant

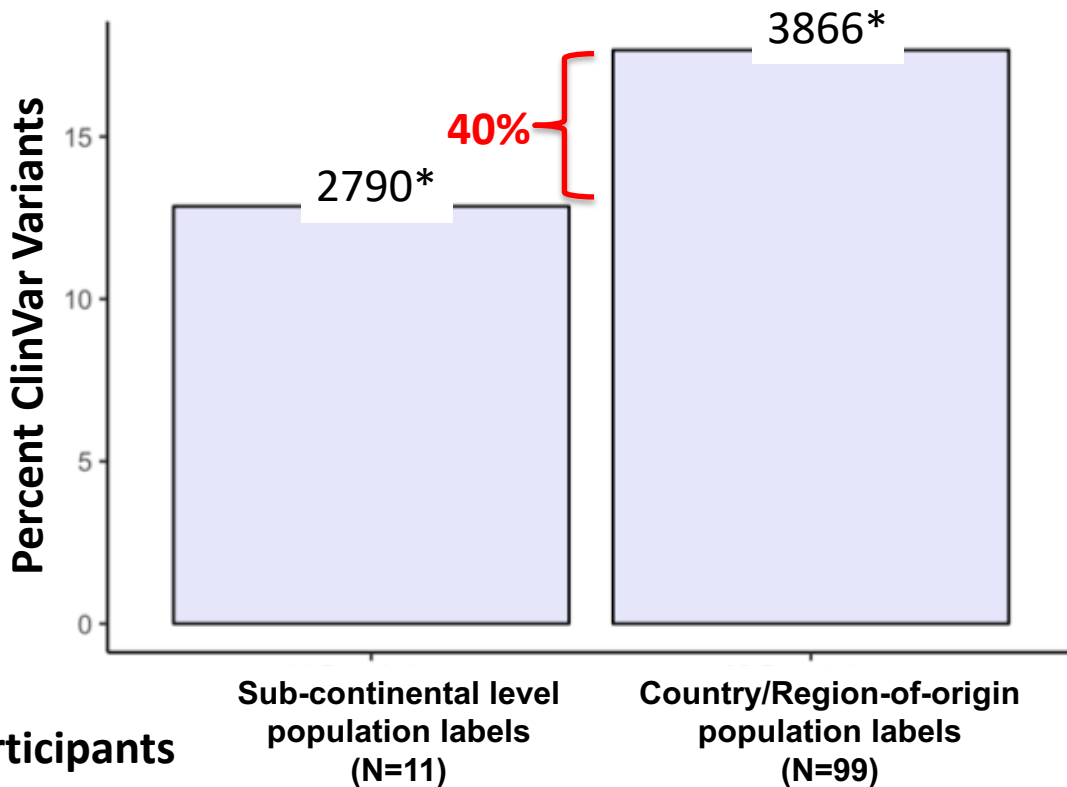


- Gene is associated with **autosomal dominant** cardiomyopathy
- Current status on ClinVar: **Conflicted**
- Risk allele is allele shown here: T

Only seen 5 copies in gnomAD  
South Asian MAF=0.0001



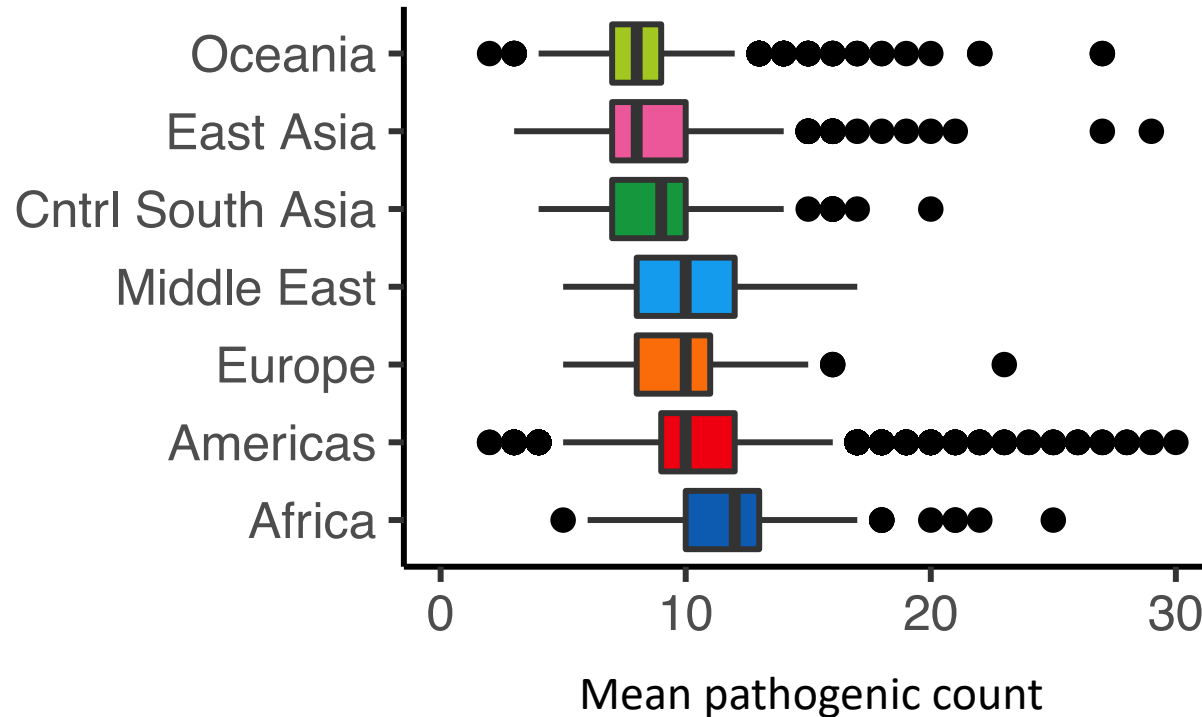
# Additional 40% variants above 5% MAF using fine-grained population labels in PAGE



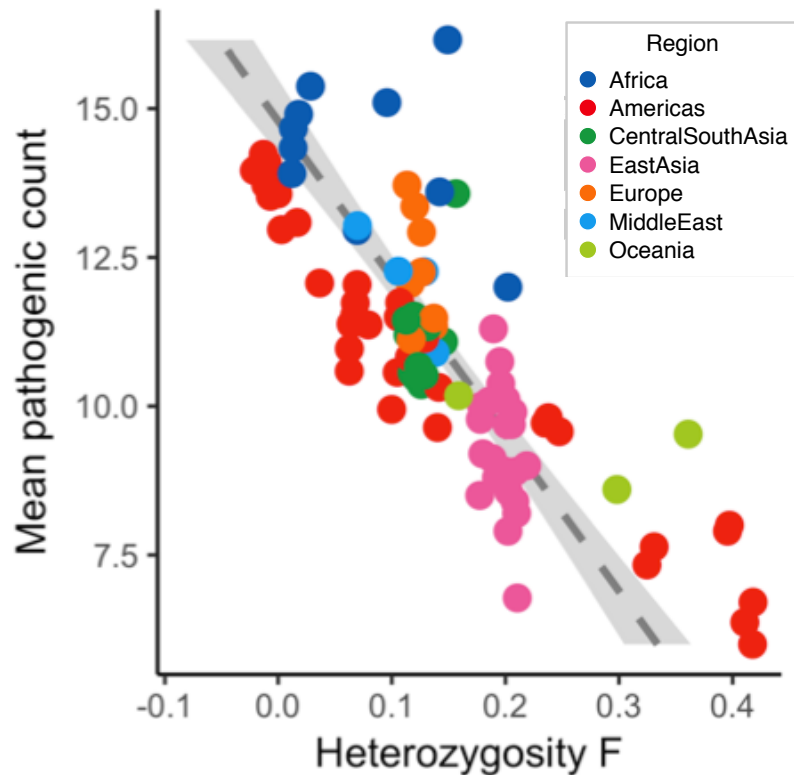
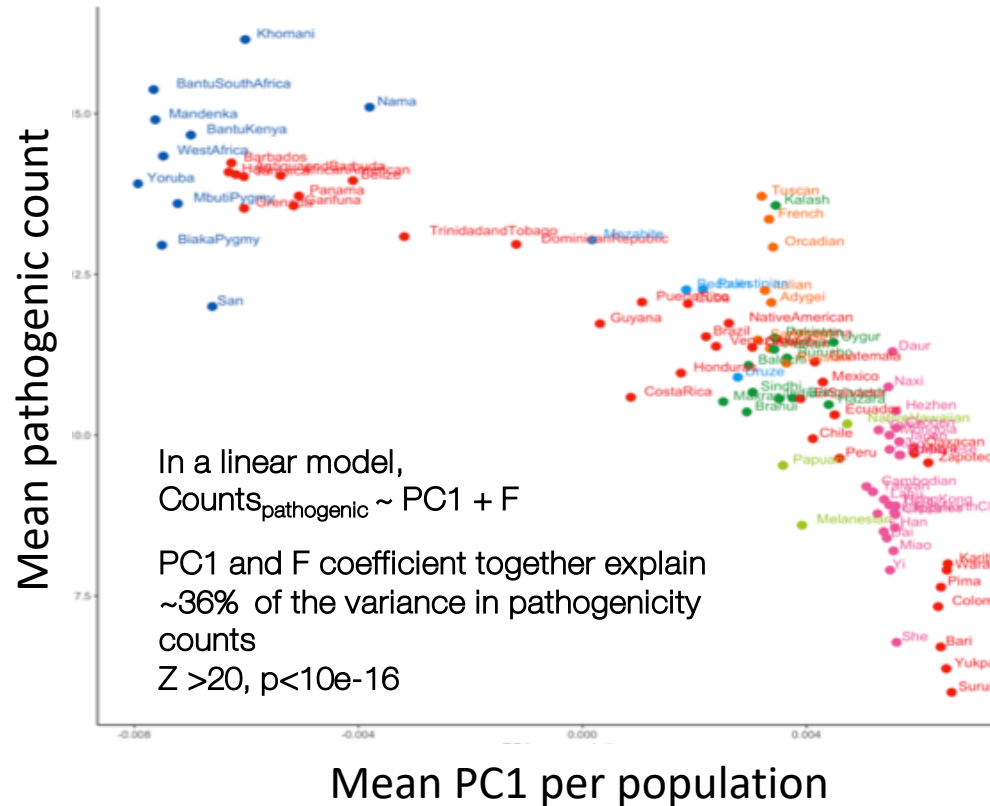
PAGE 52K participants

*\*To account for differences in sample size, we include only those variants where the **lower bound of 95% confidence interval of risk allele frequency** > 0.05*

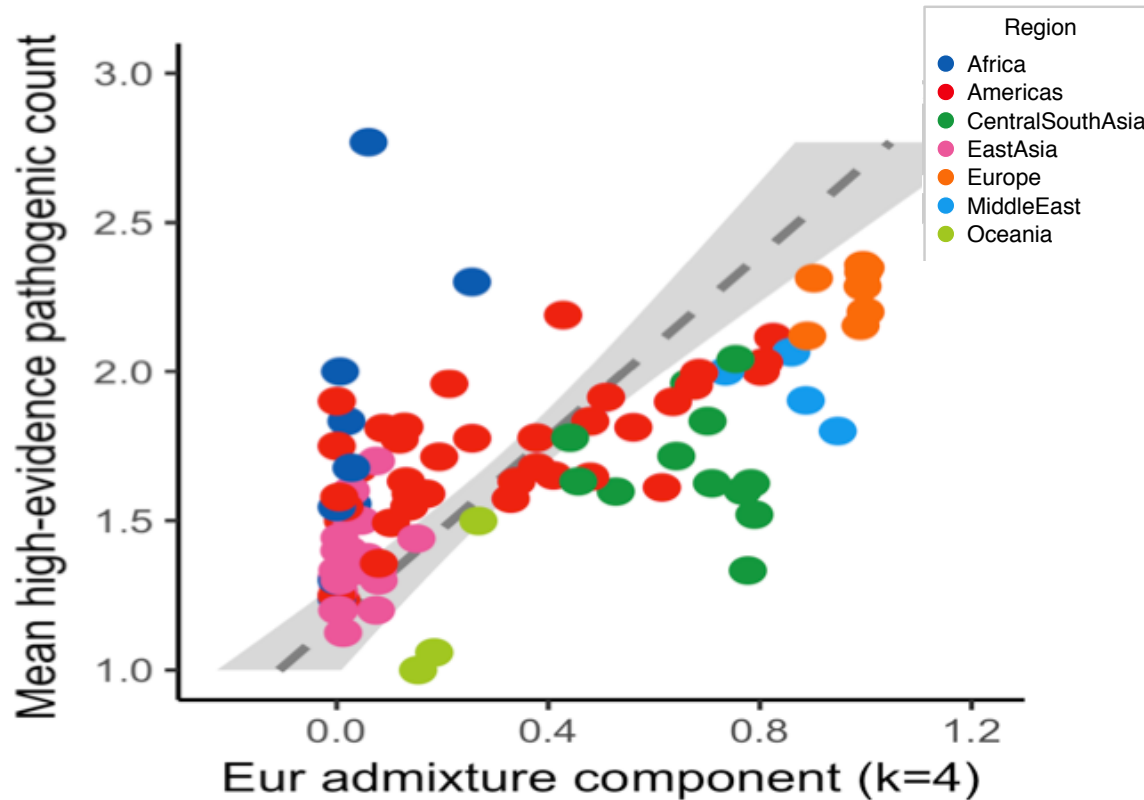
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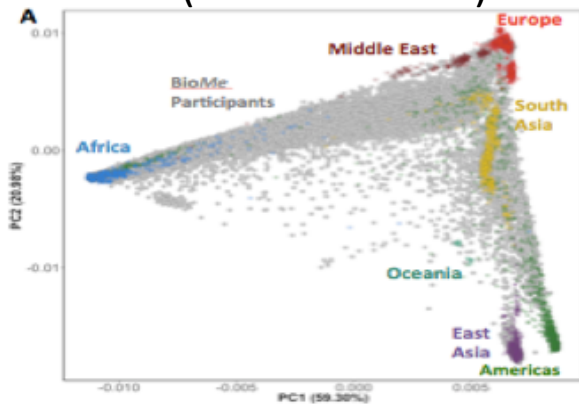


Non-Europeans more likely to have VUS *and* false positive pathogenics

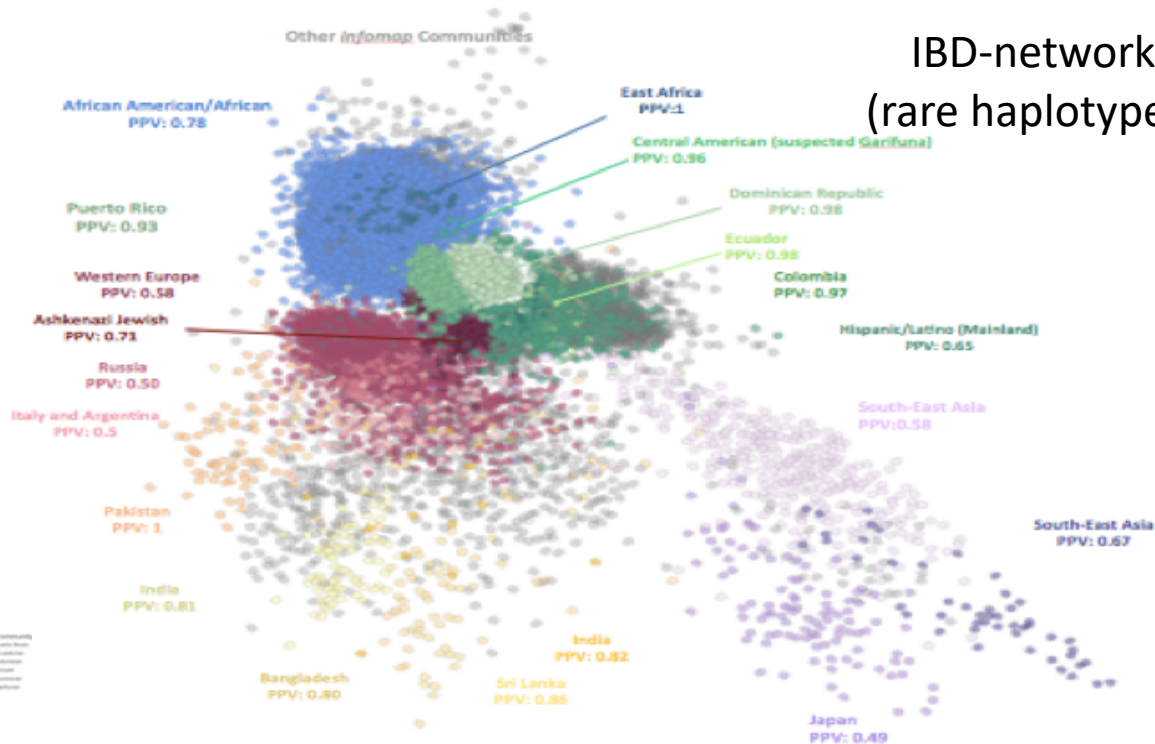
# Founder populations can be hidden in plain sight

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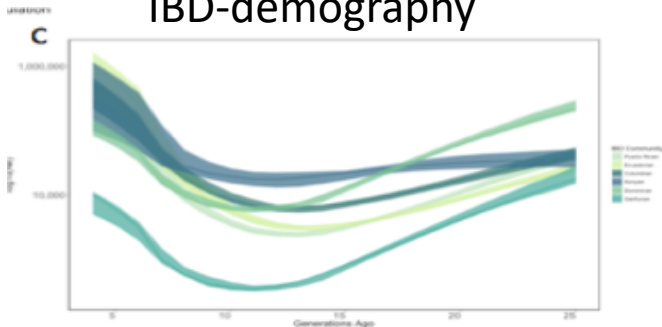
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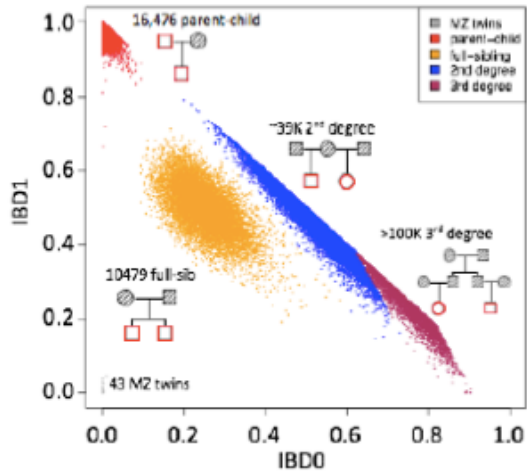
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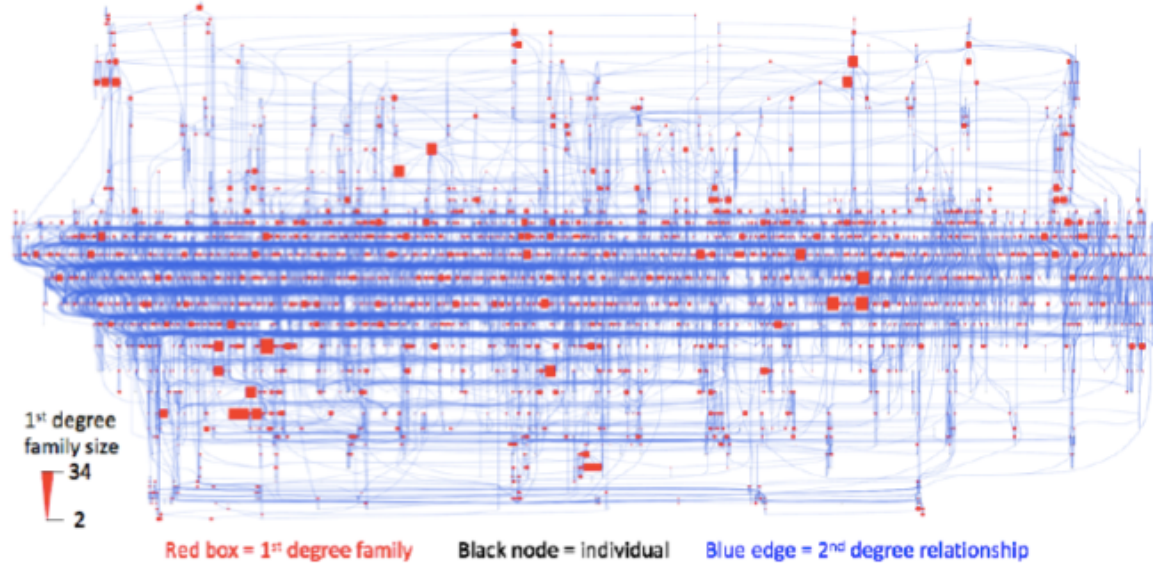
IBD-demography



# 22% Geisinger cohort in large connected pedigree



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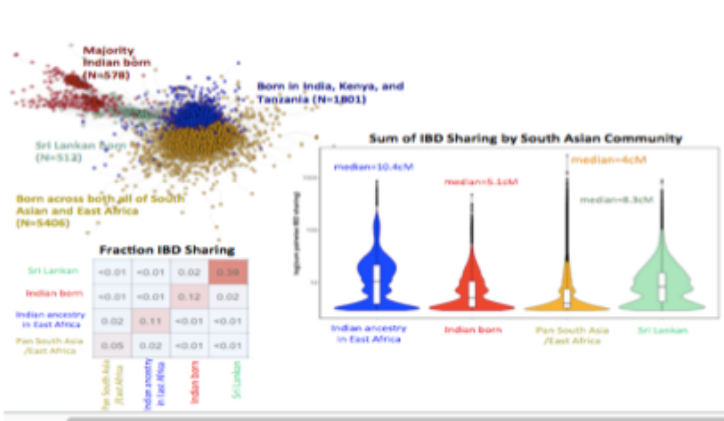
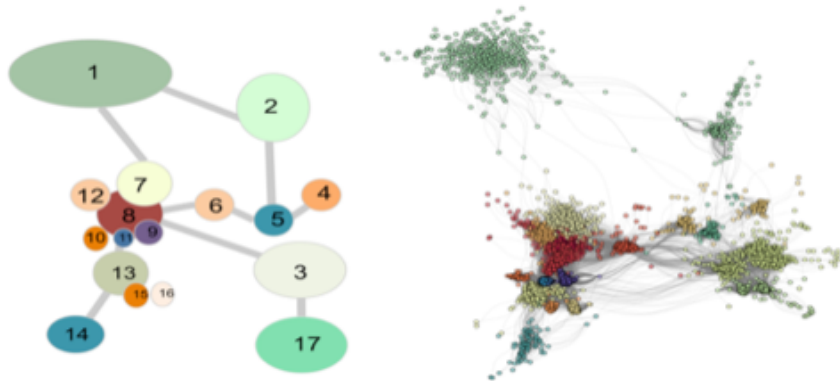
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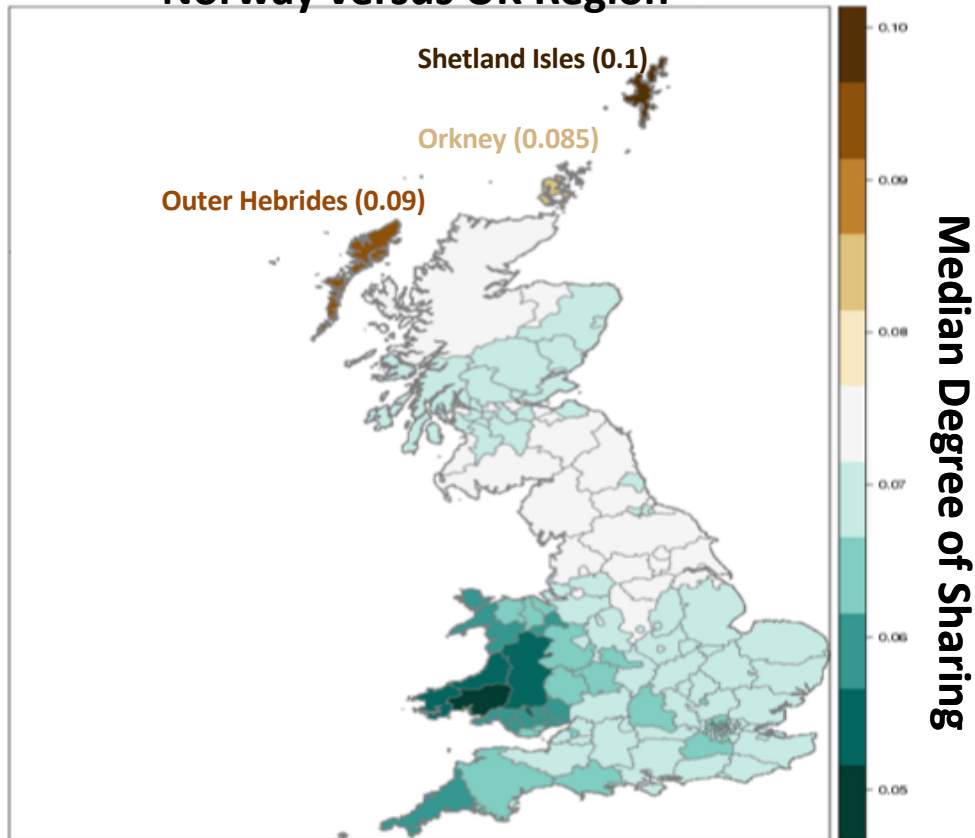
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14,181,681,196 IBD tracts present in 487,409 UK Biobank participants



## Norway versus UK Region



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