
Human Variation, Natural Selection and Network Analysis

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What we would like to do:

correctly describe and quantify differences in phenotypes -susceptibility to disease as example-

interpret-them: why are they and why are they?

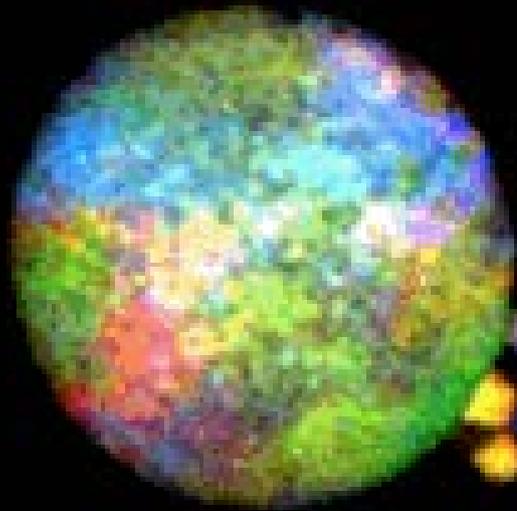
Answers from biology and from evolution



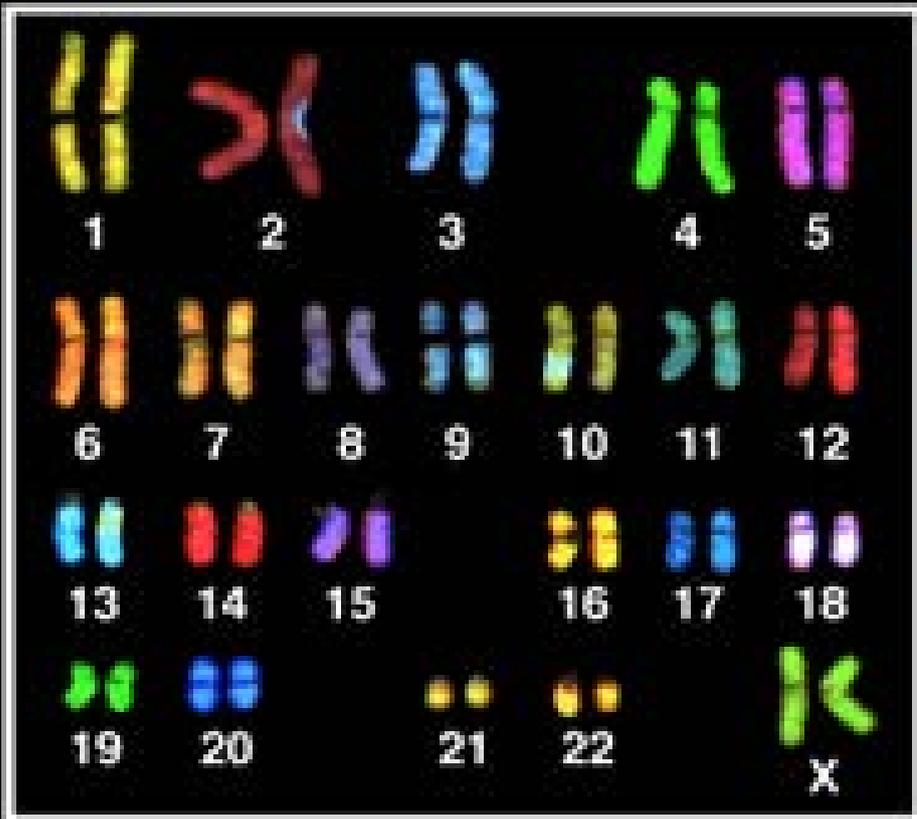
The information is contained in the DNA, which forms genes, and altogether is called the genome

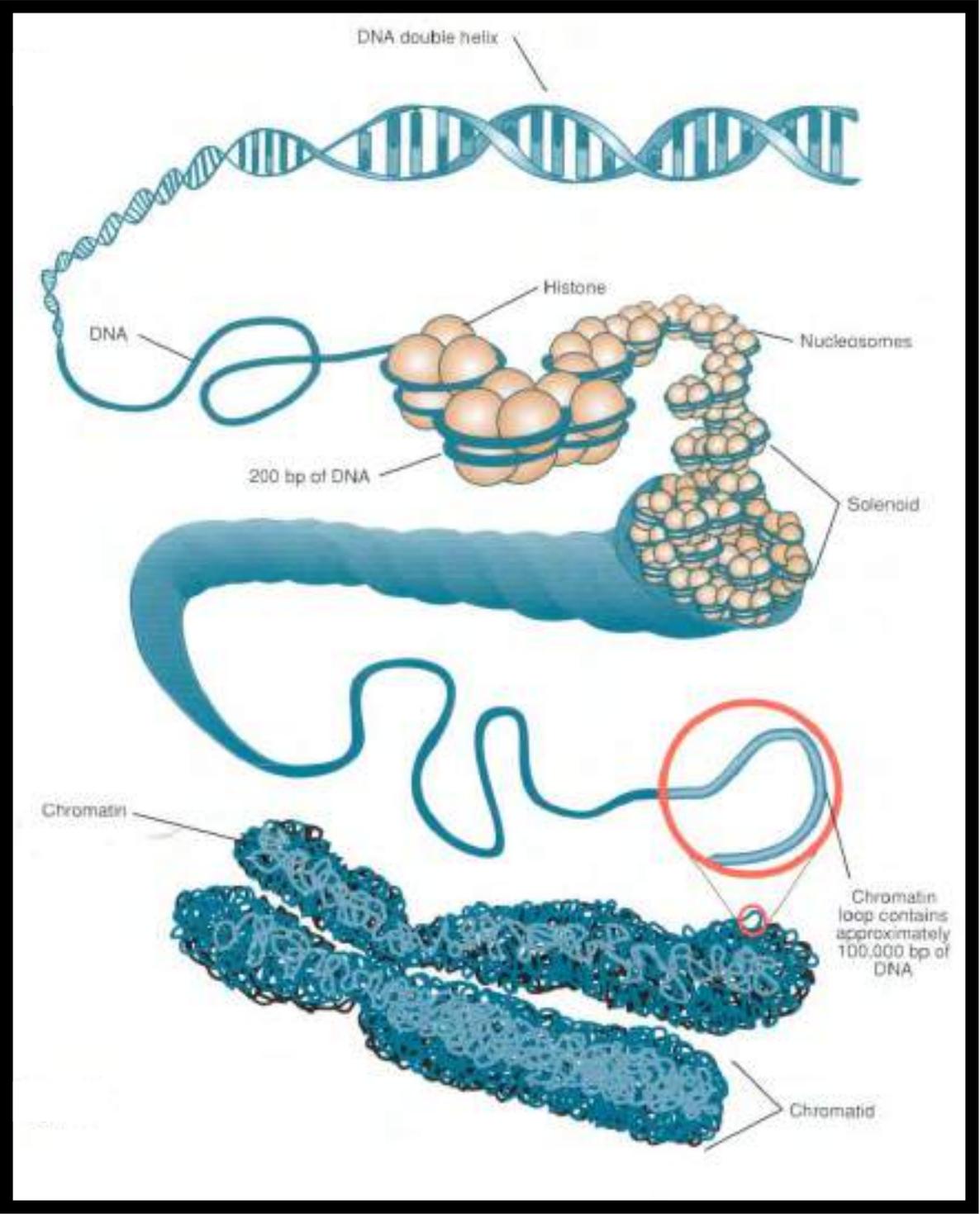


Chromosomes



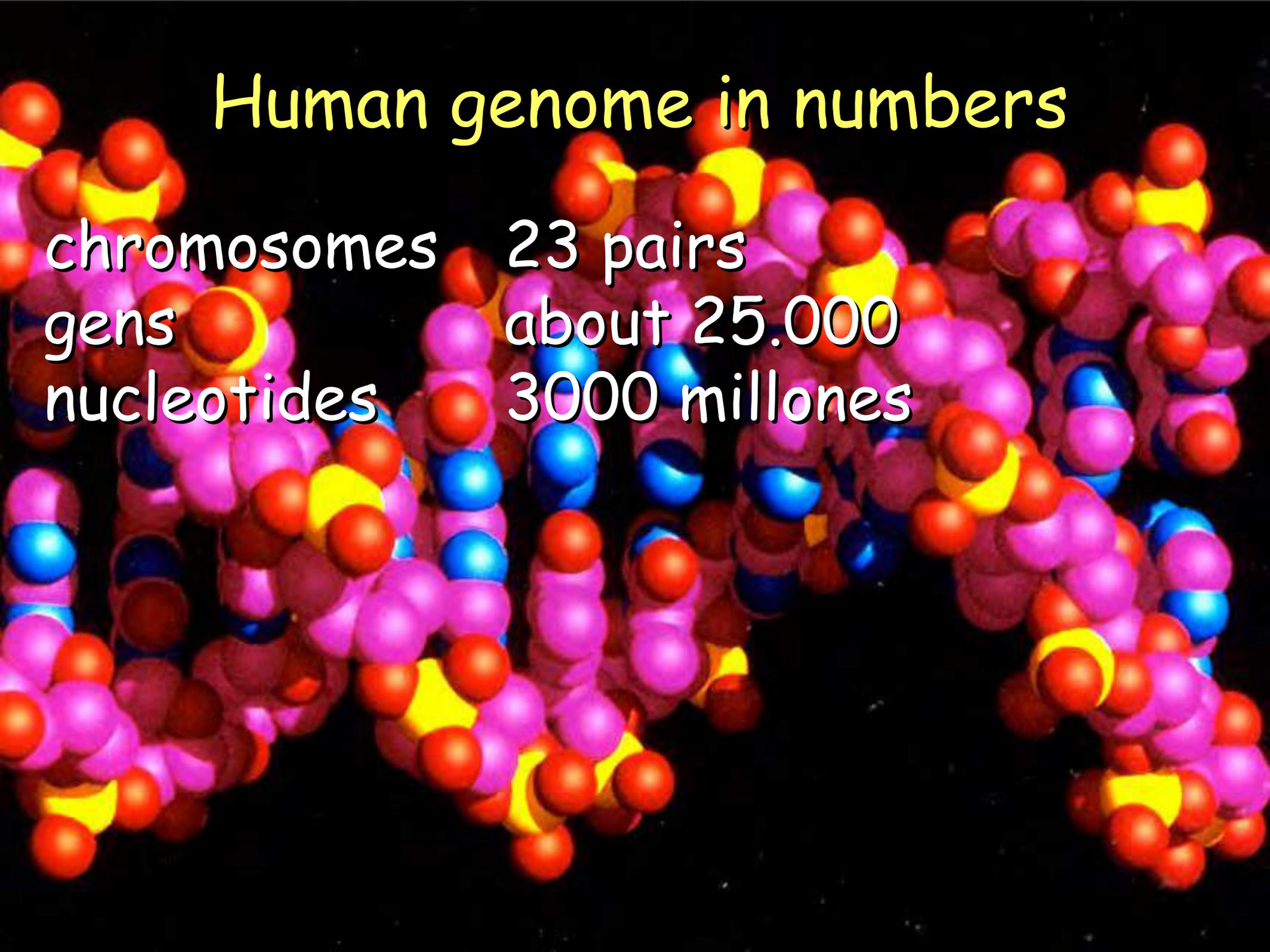
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Human genome in numbers



chromosomes

23 pairs

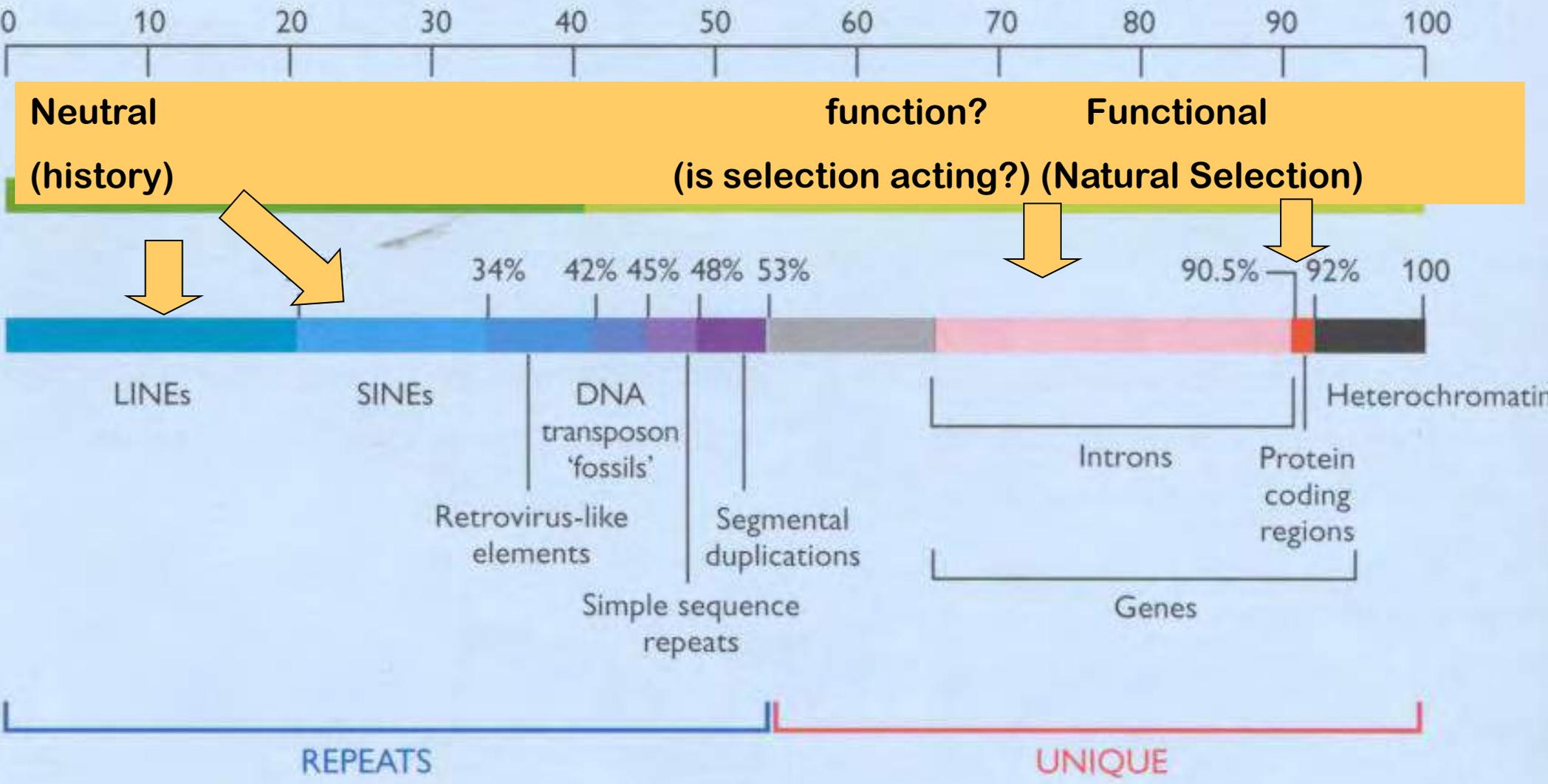
gens

about 25.000

nucleotides

3000 millones

Figure 1: The genome by numbers



Can we measure genetic differences?

We know how genetic makeup changes over time

Mutation

Natural selection

Genetic drift (small populations)

Can we reconstruct evolution / history?

1.- Humans among primates

2.- The origin of modern humans

3.- The history of human populations

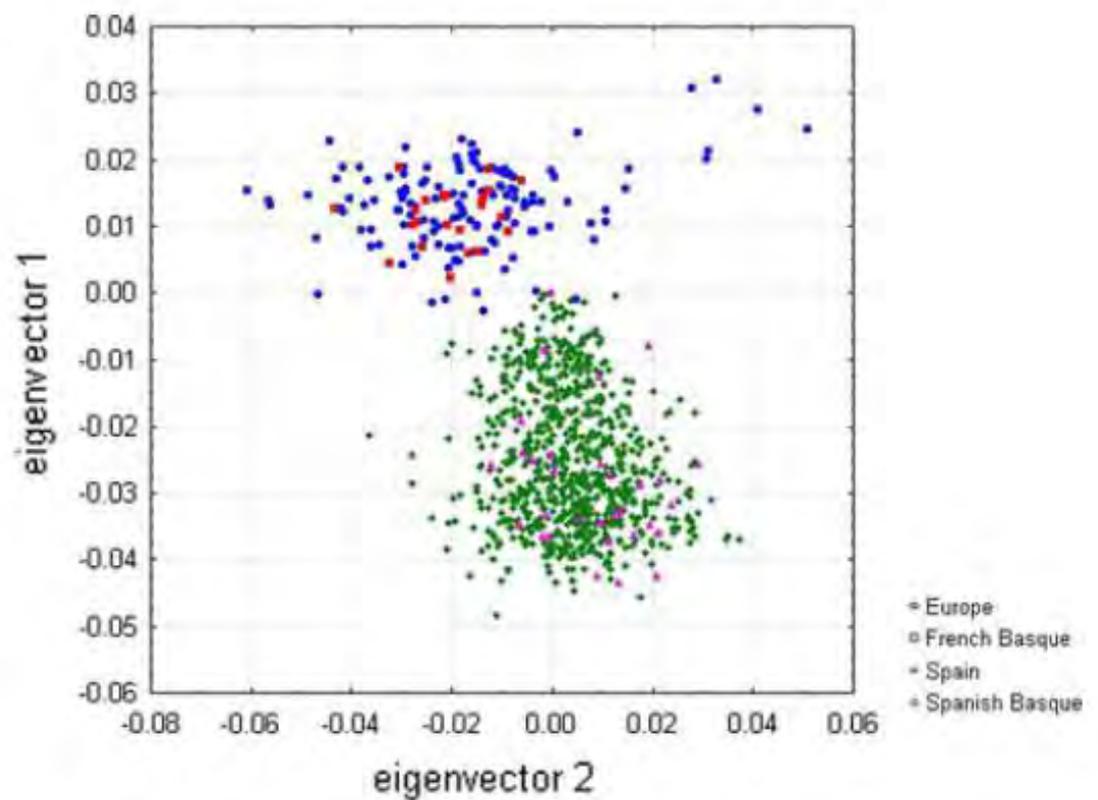
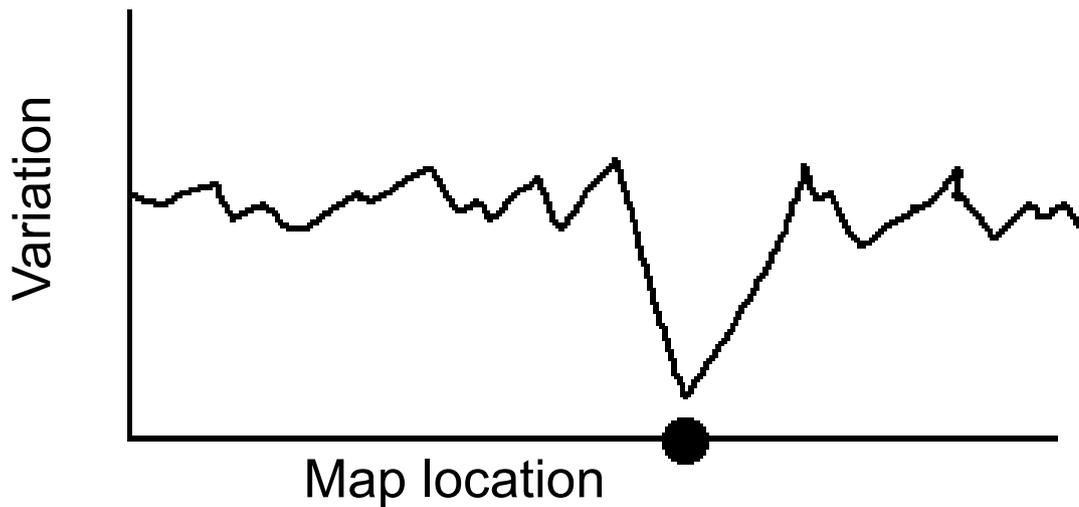


Fig. 2 Spanish and European populations from HGDP samples plotted for the first two principal components obtained by PCA analysis using 109 highly informative SNPs from genotyping data. (Spain: Spanish non-Basque; Europe comprise individuals in HGDP from various locations: French, Sardinian, North Italian, Orcadian, Adygei and Russian)

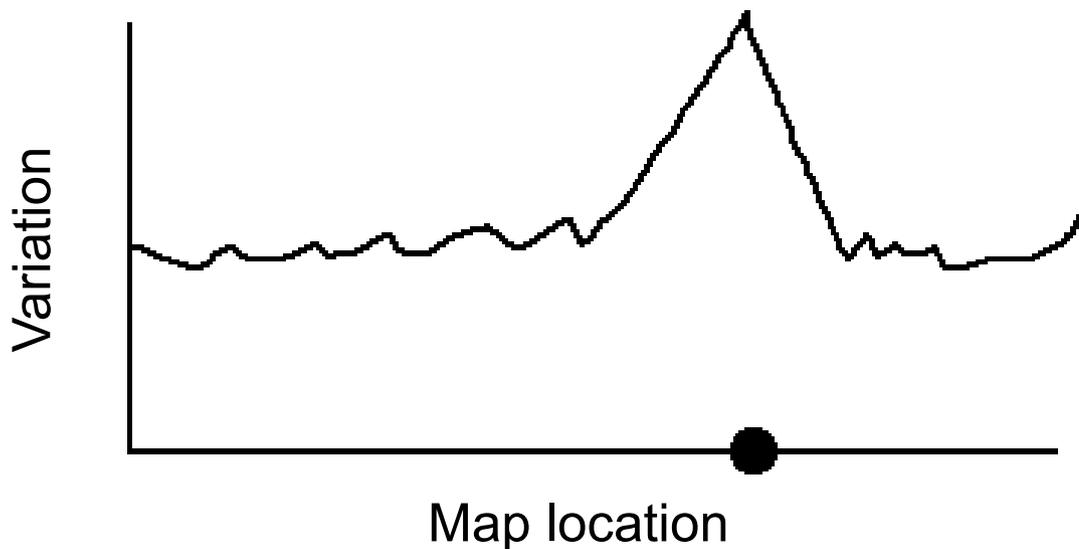
A genome-wide survey does not show the genetic distinctiveness of Basques

A scan of levels of polymorphism can thus suggest sites under selection



Directional selection
(selective sweep)

Local region with
reduced mutation rate



Balancing selection

Local region with
elevated mutation rate

Two typical classes of departures are seen with polymorphism data

1: An excess of rare alleles, a deficiency of intermediate frequency alleles (alleles younger than expected)

2: An excess of intermediate frequency alleles, a deficiency of rare alleles (alleles older than expected)

Pattern 1 expected under a selective sweep, when coalescent times are shorter than expected

Pattern 2 expected under balancing selection, when coalescent times are longer than expected

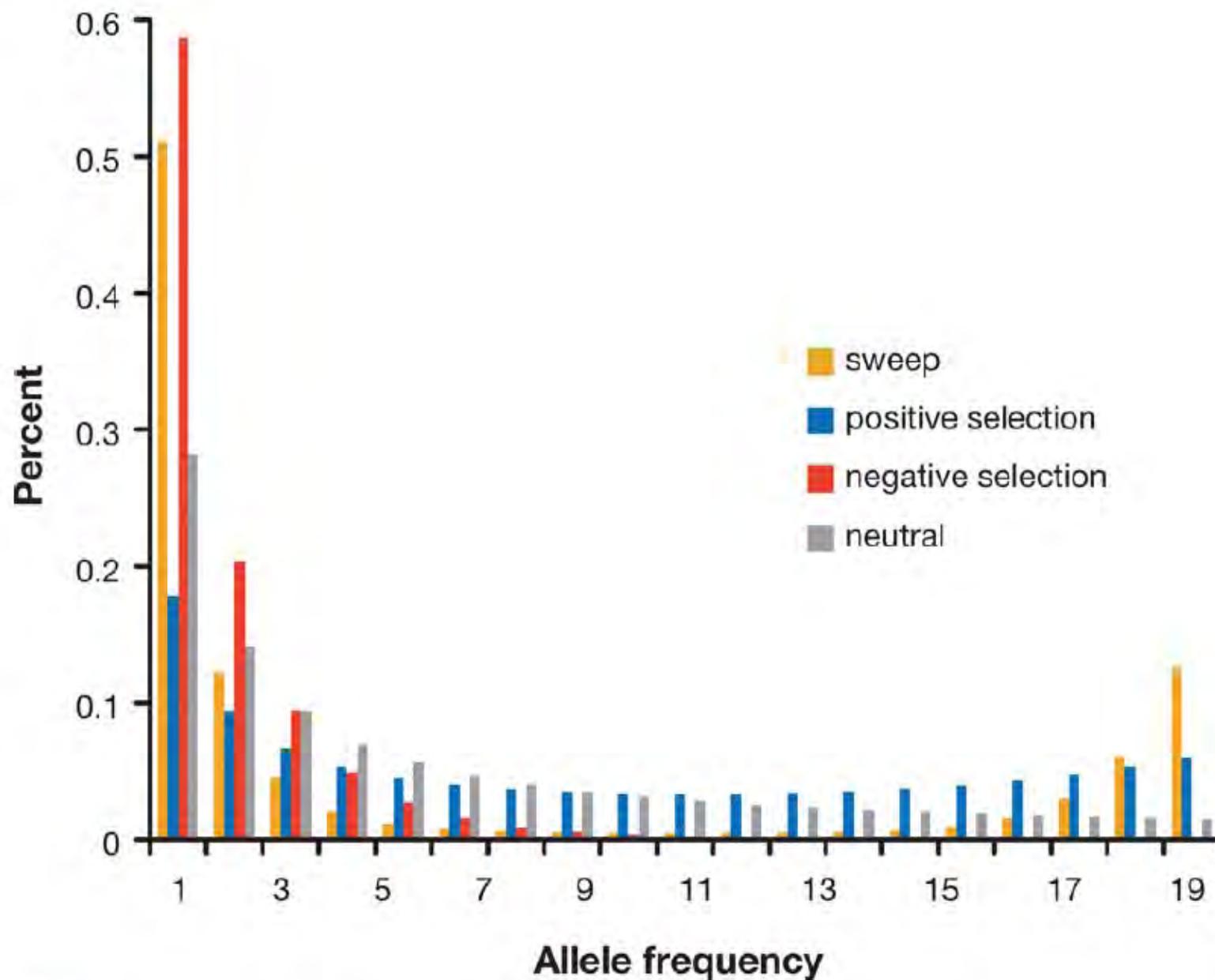


Figure 2

The frequency spectrum under a selective sweep, negative selection, neutrality, and positive selection. The frequency spectra under negative and positive selection are calculated using the PRF model by Sawyer & Hartl (88) for mutations with $2Ns = -5$ and 5 , respectively, where N is the population size and s is the selection coefficient. For the selective sweep, the frequency spectrum is calculated in a window around the location of the adaptive mutation immediately after it has reached fixation in the population. In all cases, a demographic model of a population of constant size with no population subdivision is assumed.

Tajima's D test

One of the first, and most popular, polymorphism tests was Tajima's D test (Tajima 1989)

D contrasts estimates of θ based on S vs. k (π)

$$D = \frac{k - \theta_W}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(k - \theta_W)}} \Rightarrow D = \frac{\hat{\theta}_k - \hat{\theta}_S}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_k - \hat{\theta}_S)}}$$

Under neutrality $D=0$

$$\theta_W = k = \theta = 4N_e\mu$$

Idea: For S we simply count sites, independent of their frequencies. Hence, S rather sensitive to changes in the frequency of rare alleles.

Major Complication With Polymorphism-based tests

Demographic factors can also cause these departures from neutral expectations!

Too many young alleles -> recent population expansion

Too many old alleles -> population substructure

Thus, there is a composite alternative hypothesis, so that rejection of the null does not imply selection. Rather, selection is just one option.

Can we overcome this problem?

It is an important one, as only polymorphism-based tests can indicate on-going selection

Solution: demographic events should leave a constant signature across the genome

Essentially, all loci experience common demographic factors

Genome scan approach: look at a large number of markers. These generate null distribution (most not under selection), outliers = potentially selected loci (genome wide polymorphism tests)

Hierarchical boosting: a machine-learning framework to detect and classify hard selective sweeps in human populations

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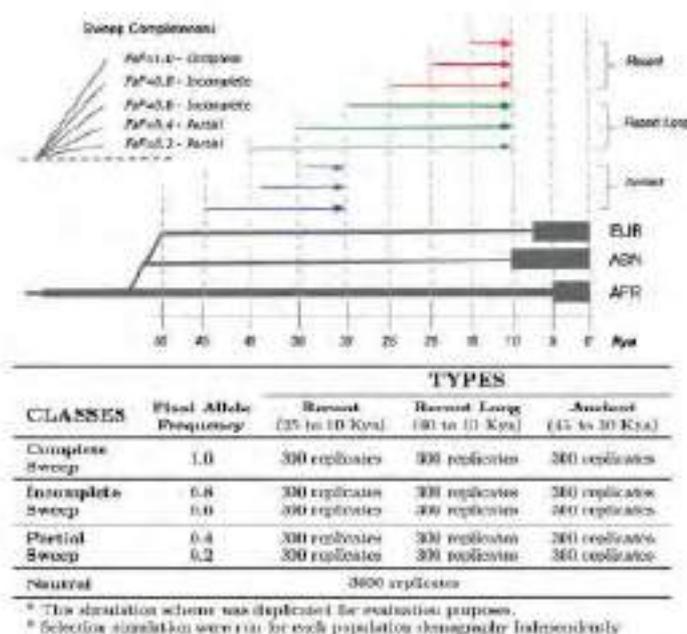
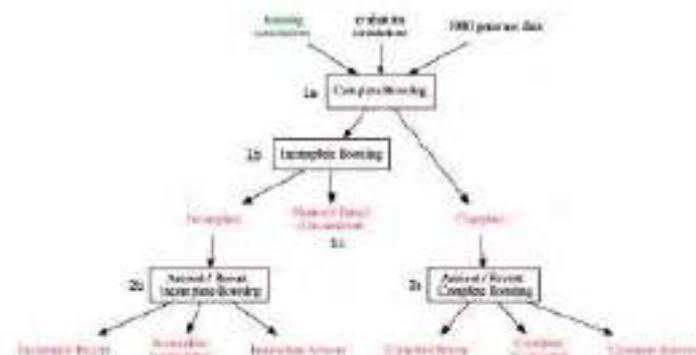


Fig. 1. Coalescent simulations were run following a calibrated human demographic model (Schaffner *et al.*, 2005) mimicking population genetic data from three reference continental populations (YRI, CEU and JPT/CHB). Nine different time-spanning selective sweeps were simulated (grouped as Neutral, Recent, Recent Long and Ancient) allowing for five different FAF (FAF = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8 and 1.0)



Complete Boosting	Complete	ns	Incomplete Partial Neutral
Incomplete Boosting	Incomplete	ns	Partial Neutral
Ancient/Recent Complete Boosting	Complete Ancient	ns	Complete Recent
Ancient/Recent Incomplete Boosting	Incomplete Ancient	ns	Incomplete Recent

Fig. 2. The implemented 'Hierarchical Boosting' classification tree

EHH (Sabeti *et al.*, 2002b), dDAF (Hofer *et al.*, 2009), diHH (Voight *et al.*, 2006), Fay and Wu's H (Fay and Wu, 2000), Omega (Pavlidis *et al.*, 2010), EHH Av (Sabeti *et al.*, 2002b), Fu and Li's D (Fu and Li, 1993) and Tajima's D (Tajima, 1989).

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PopHuman: the human population genomics browser

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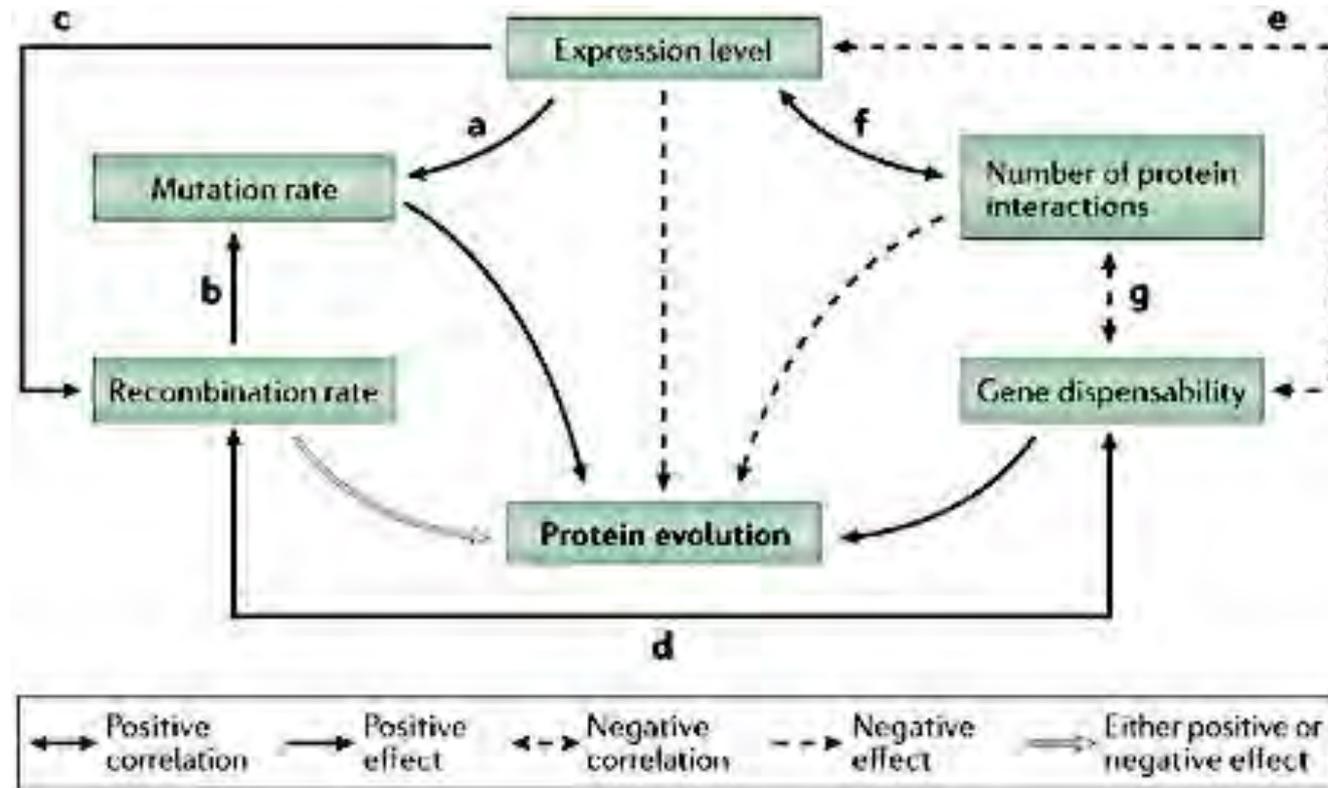
Abstract

The 1000 Genomes Project (1000GP) represents the most comprehensive world-wide nucleotide variation data set so far in humans, providing the sequencing and analysis of 2504 genomes from 26 populations and reporting >84 million variants. The availability of this sequence data provides the human lineage with an invaluable resource for population genomics studies, allowing the testing of molecular population genetics hypotheses and eventually the understanding of the evolutionary of genetic variation in human populations. Here we present PopHuman, a new population genomics-oriented genome browser based on JBrowse that allows the interactive visualization and retrieval of an extensive inventory of population genetics metrics. Efficient and reliable parameter estimates have been computed using a novel pipeline that faces the unique features and limitations



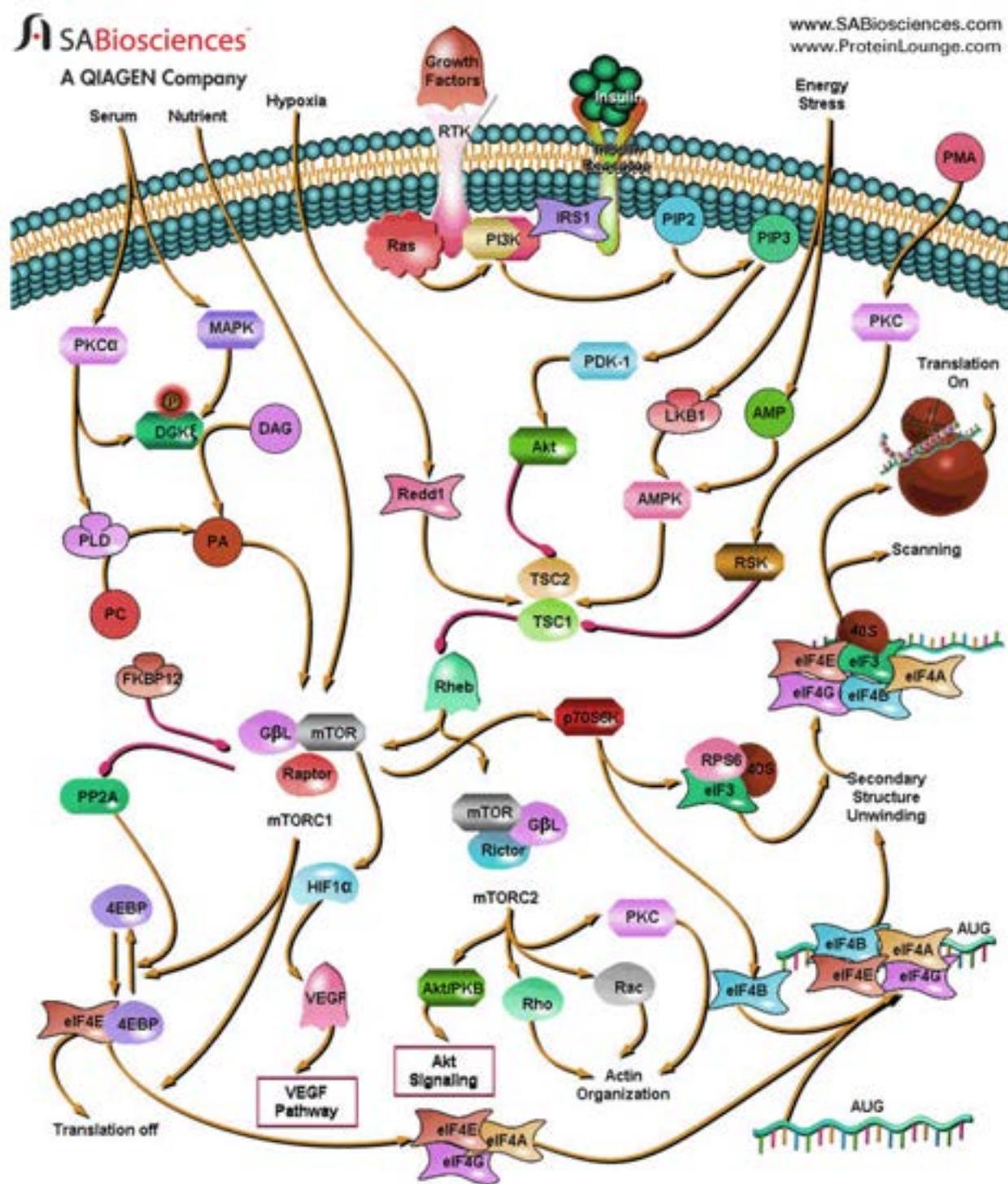
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Measuring selective pressures at **protein** level

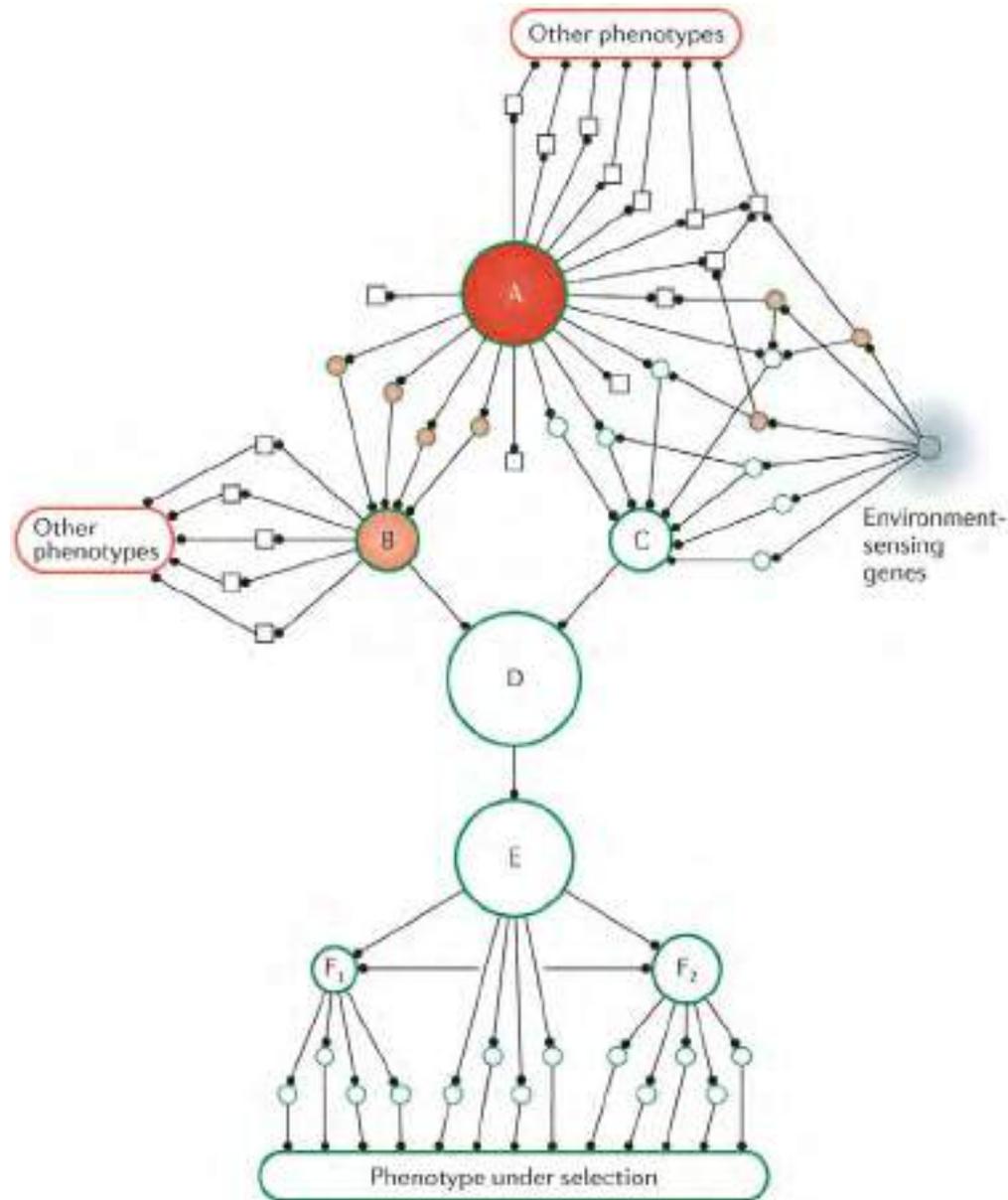


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Why to care about Network topology when we study Natural Selection?



Importance of network effects for adaptation



Goal

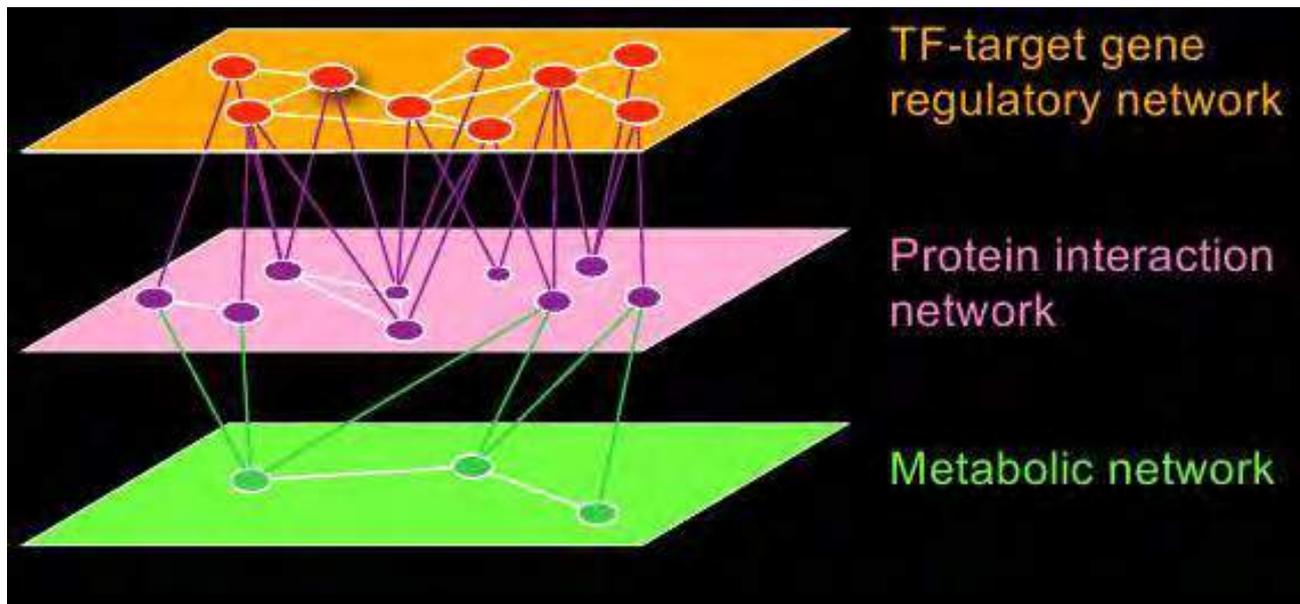
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- Do central genes evolve faster / slower than peripheral genes?
- Constraints on the rates of evolution given the position of a gene in a network?

Network Representation of Biological Interactions

(1) Which types of interactions to consider

(2) How to represent them

(3) Large-scale / Small-scale networks



Small scale vs. genome wide scale networks?

- Small scale
 - small number of genes functionally related .
 - interactions are determined on the basis of established biological knowledge on the process.
 - likely to reveal pathway specific patterns that may not be generalized
 - lack statistical power to detect correlations with topological parameters
- GW scale Network
 - High throughput techniques, global perspectives.
 - hardly interpretable in the light of specific biological functions
 - Low quality

Covariates to be taken into account

- Highly expressed proteins tend to evolve slowly (Drummond et al. 2006).
- Translational robustness hypothesis: low rate of translational errors will constrain sequence evolution.
- Protein length, protein structure, essentiality and protein dispensability (Bloom et al. 2006)

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Network-level and population genetics analysis of the insulin transduction pathway across human populations.

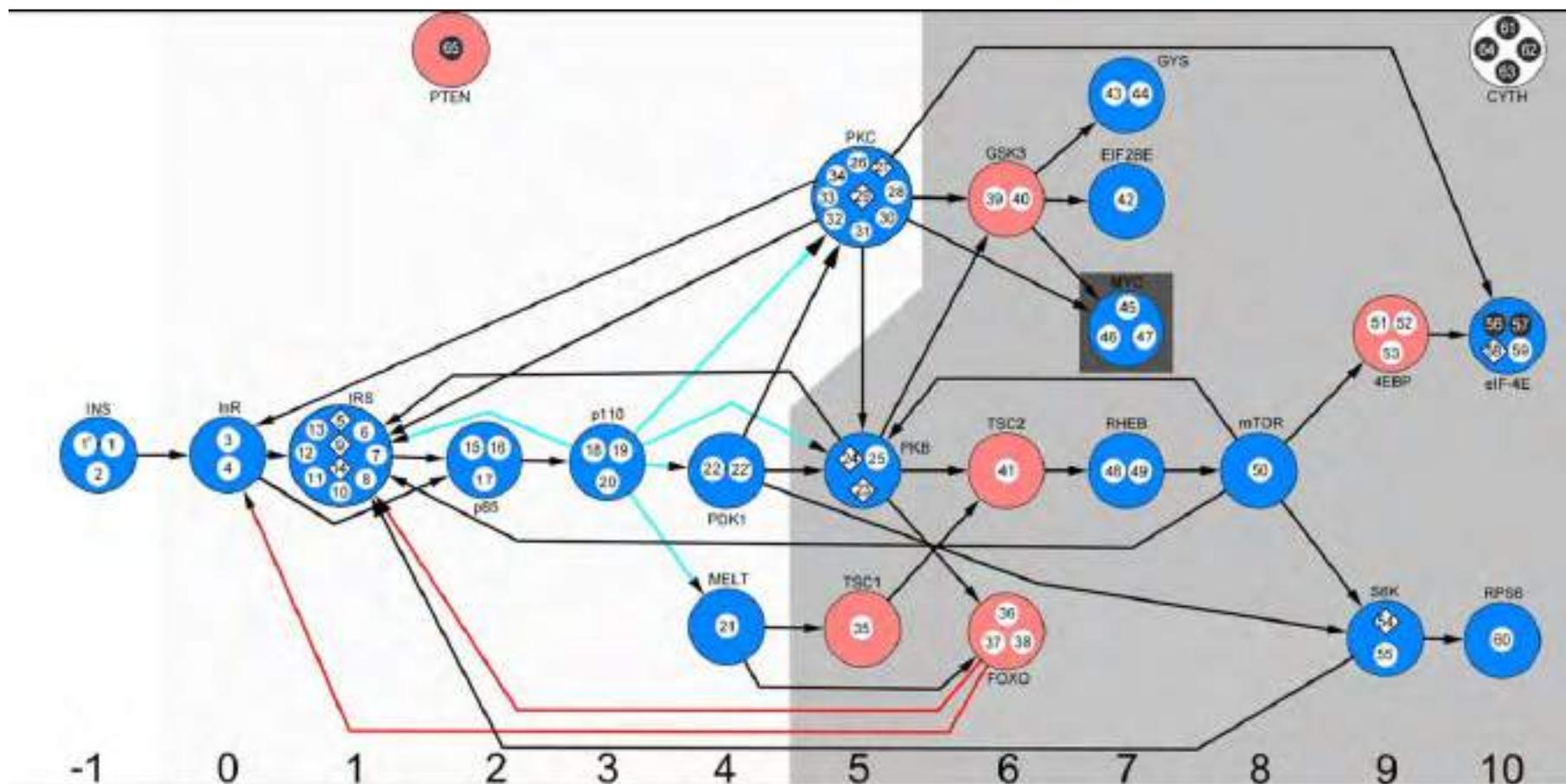
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Abstract

Genes and proteins rarely act in isolation, but they rather operate as components

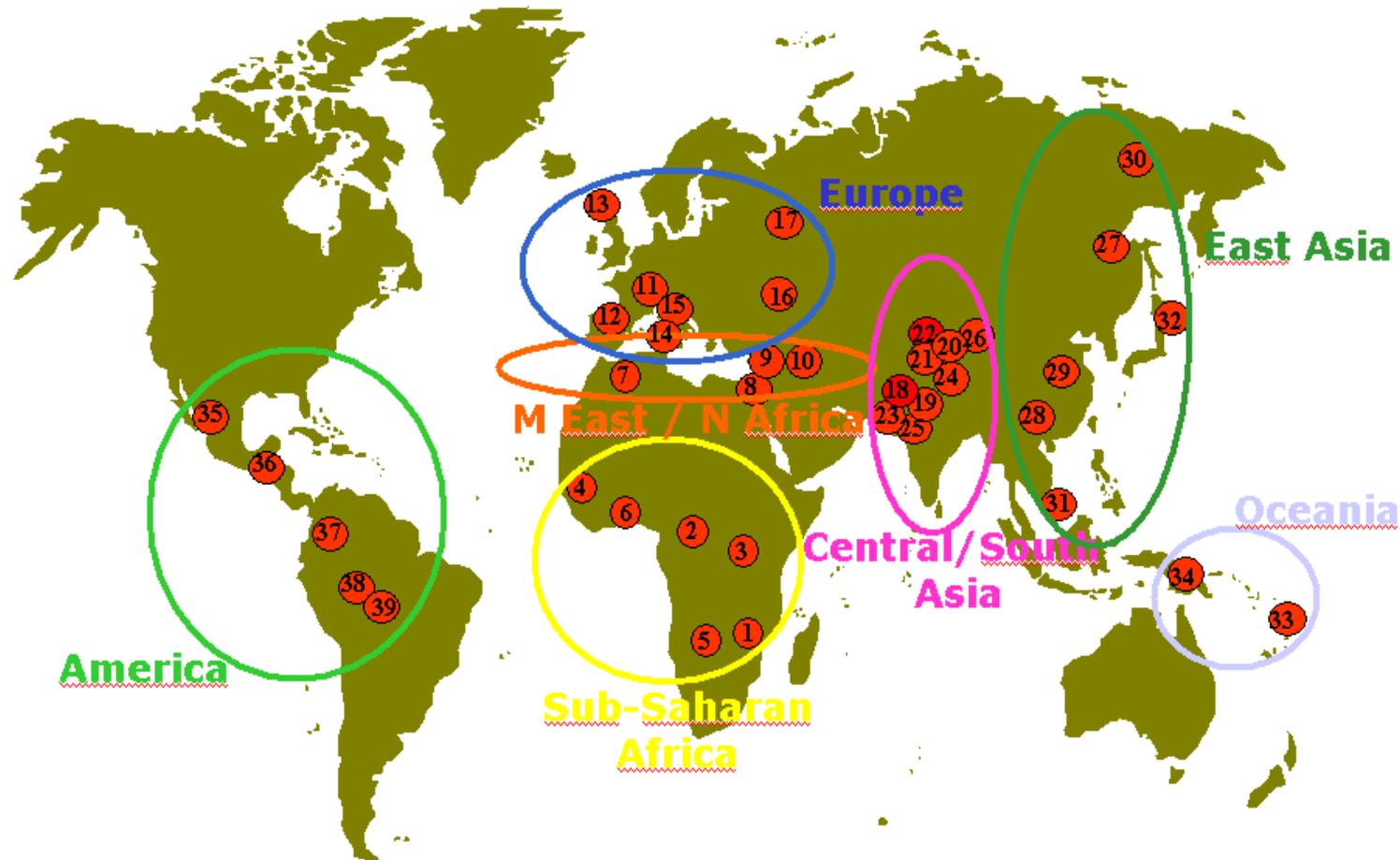
Structure of the insulin/TOR signal transduction pathway.



Luisi P et al. Mol Biol Evol 2012;29:1379-1392

Genotyping data: HGDP populations

- Samples: 1049 individuals grouped in 39 populations



Population differentiation – Method

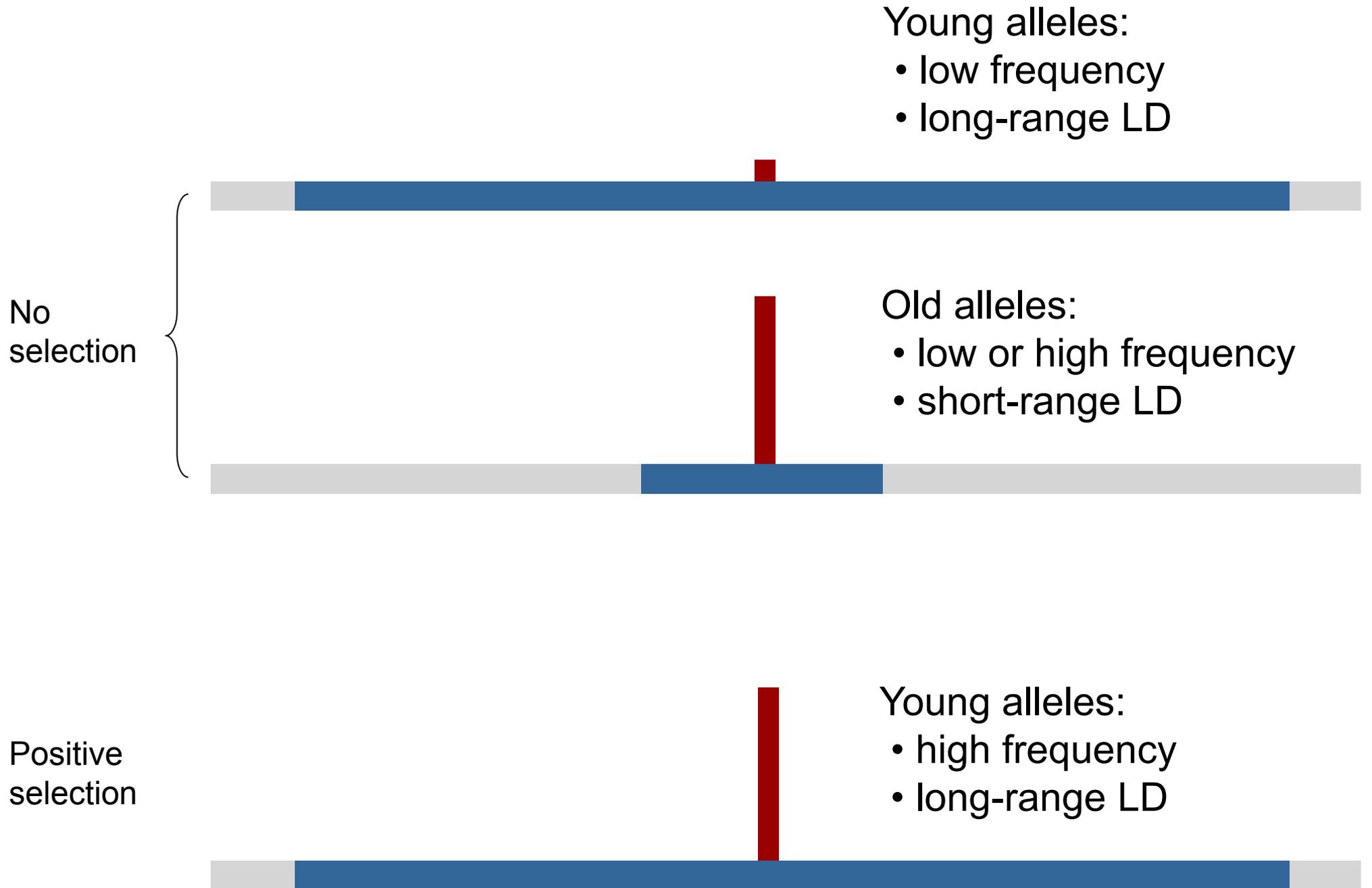
Principle

Local adaptation causes differences in allele frequencies between populations

Method

Calculate molecular fixation index F_{ST} and identify regions with extreme values

Long range haplotypes – Method



SNPs to genes– Method

3 methods based on

- Haplotype Structure: iHS
- genetic differentiation: F_{st} , dDAF
(differences in Derived Allele Frequency among populations)

Compute empirical p-values

- outlier approach from GW distribution
- Correction for Minor Allele Frequency

Combine at genomic region level

- Fisher combination

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^K \log P_i \sim \chi_{2K}^2$$

Table 4. Relationship between the Structure of the Insulin/TOR Pathway and the Impact of Positive Selection.

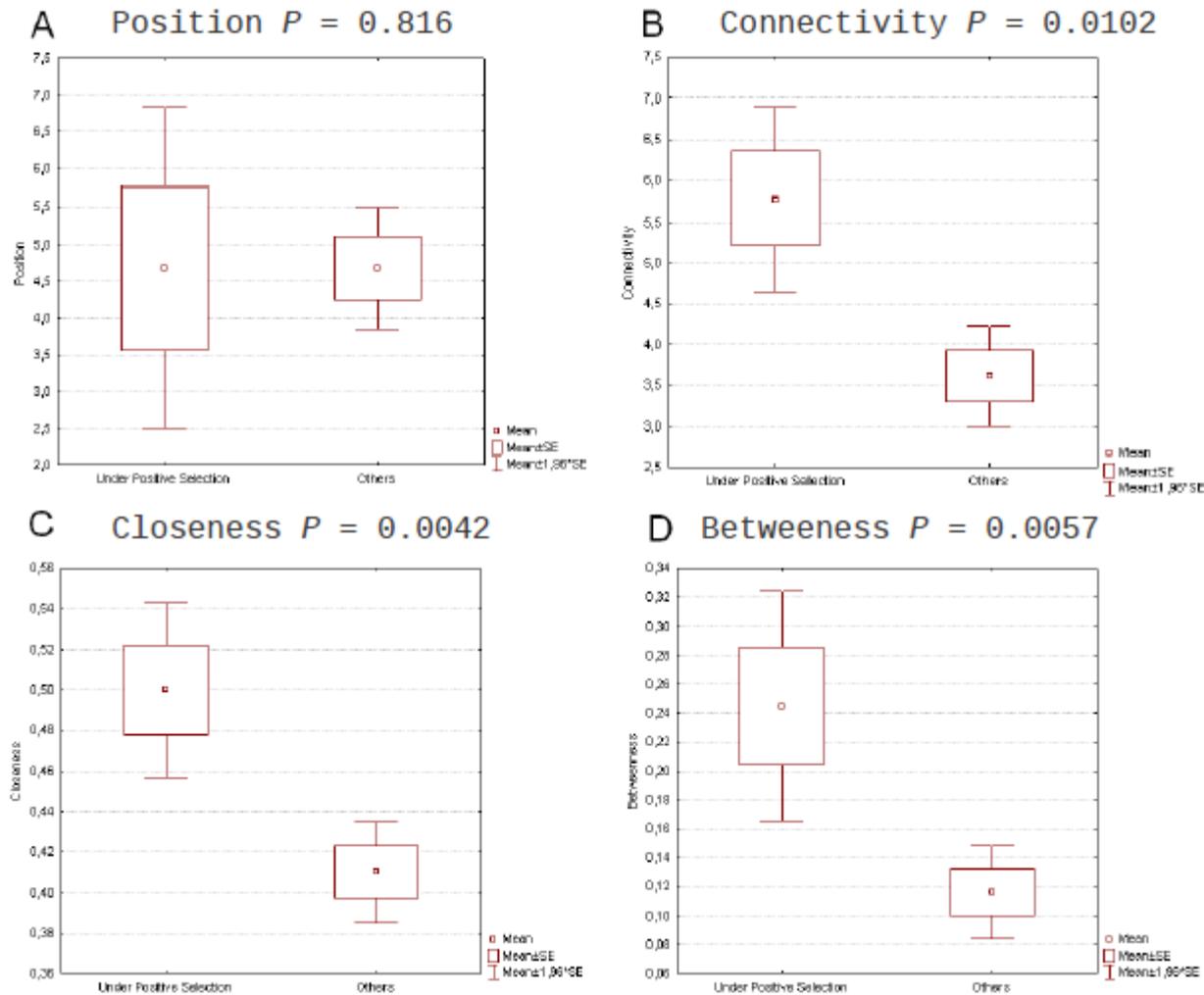
Network ^b	Parameter	Mean for genes under positive selection	Mean for genes without signal of positive selection	Mann-Whitney test		Partial correlation ^a	
				<i>U</i>	<i>P</i>	ρ	<i>P</i>
-	Position	4.667	4.673	209.5	0.816	-0.203	0.167
(i)	Connectivity	5.778	3.612	103	0.010*	0.397	0.005**
	Closeness	0.500	0.410	91	0.004**	0.417	0.003**
	Betweenness	0.244	0.116	95.5	0.006**	0.412	0.004**
(ii)	Connectivity	6.889	4.571	116	0.024*	0.432	0.002**
	Closeness	0.536	0.455	101	0.009**	0.450	0.001**
	Betweenness	0.188	0.098	101.5	0.009**	0.419	0.003**
(iii)	Connectivity	35.444	38.087	186	0.646	-0.132	0.372
	Closeness	0.291	0.294	179	0.538	-0.170	0.250
	Betweenness	0.0115	0.006	153	0.228	-0.074	0.618

^aSpearman's partial correlation between the impact of positive selection and network parameters controlling for gene expression level and breadth and length of the encoded proteins (see *Materials and Methods*).

^bThree different sets of interactions were used for centrality calculations: (i) protein-protein interactions within the insulin/TOR pathway; (ii) all kinds of interactions within the pathway (i.e., protein-protein, metabolic, and transcriptional activation interactions); and (iii) protein-protein interactions from the whole interactome.

* $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$.

Comparison between genes evolving under positive selection and the remaining ones.



Luisi P et al. Mol Biol Evol 2012;29:1379-1392

Conclusion

- We found that positive selection preferentially targets the most central elements in the pathway, in contrast to previous observations in the whole human interactome. This observation indicates that the impact of positive selection on genes involved in the insulin/TOR pathway is affected by the pathway structure.

BMC Evol Biol. 2012 Jun 25;12:98. doi: 10.1186/1471-2148-12-98.

Distribution of events of positive selection and population size changes in a metabolic pathway: the case of asparagine N-glycosylation

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Asparagine N-Glycosylation is one of the most important

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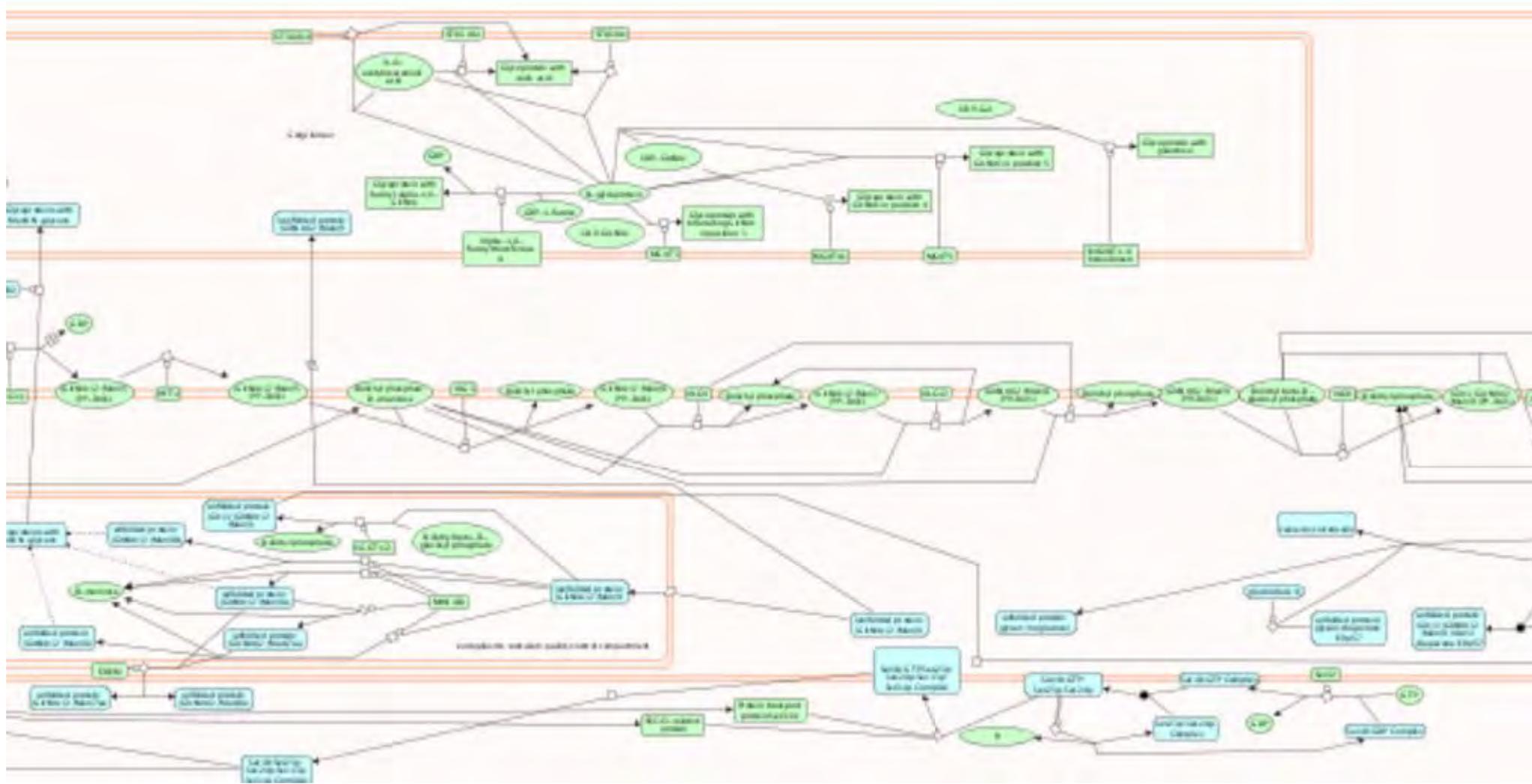
The annotation of the asparagine N-linked glycosylation pathway in the Reactome database.

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Abstract

Asparagine N-linked glycosylation is one of the most important forms of protein post-translational modification in eukaryotes and is one of the first metabolic pathways described at a biochemical level. Here, we report a new annotation of this pathway for the Human species, published after passing a peer-review process in Reactome. The new annotation presented here offers a high level



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Abstract

Since the publication of their longtime predecessor The Atlas of Protein Sequences and Structures in 1965 by Margaret Dayhoff, scientific databases have become a key factor in the organization of modern science. All the information and knowledge described in the novel scientific literature is translated into entries in many different scientific databases, making it possible to obtain very accurate information on a biological entity like genes or proteins without having to manually review

Recent Positive selection targets the center of the human protein- protein interaction network

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Motivation - Objectives

- Analyze the relationship between signals of selection (Positive and Purifying) and the topology of the Protein interaction network.
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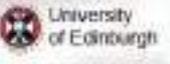
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Material And Methods:

Interaction data

PIN0: Protein Interaction Network from BioGrid 3.1.81
(Stark et al. 2011) for Human

- Curated interactions supported by published experimental evidence
- Use only non-redundant physical interactions among pairs of proteins with an Ensembl ID

==> 9046 proteins connected by 39,546 interactions

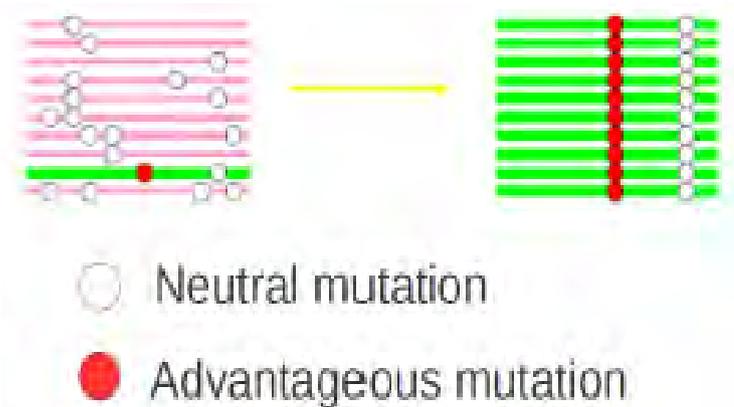
Degree, betweenness and closeness centralities
computed using the NetworkX package

Material and Methods:

Detect positive selection within humans

3 Tests based on:

- LD (iHS; Voight et al. 2006)
- Genetic differentiation (XP-CLR; Chen et al. 2010)
- SFS (DH; Zeng 2006)



Combine at genomic region level

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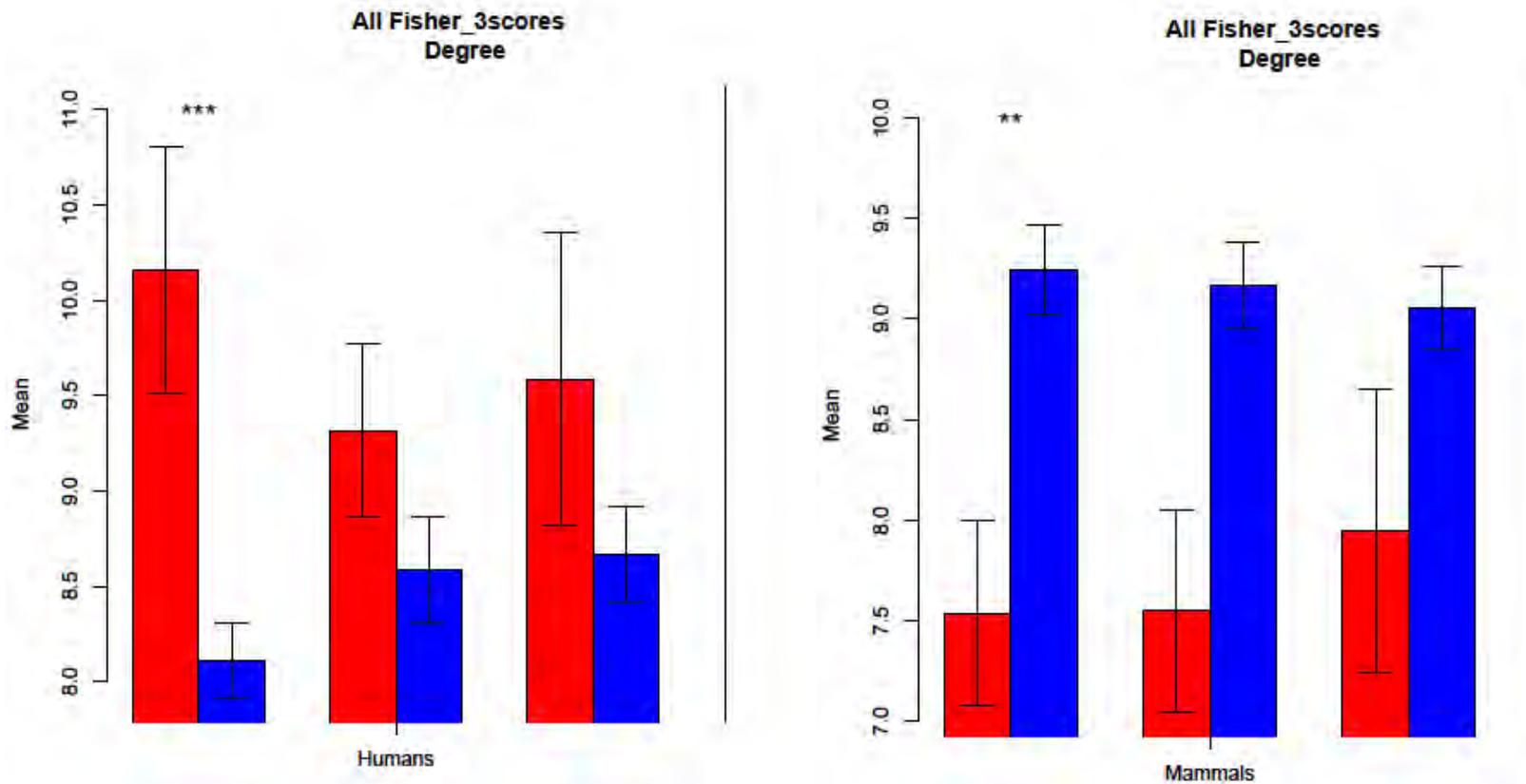
Results: Relationship between degree and the impact of purifying selection

		Purifying Selection	
		Humans	Mammals
Spearman Correlation ^a	ρ	-0.0875	-0.2035
	<i>P</i> -value	$5.75 \times 10^{-16}***$	$1.14 \times 10^{-55}***$
Partial Spearman Correlation ^b	ρ	-0.0665	-0.1692
	<i>P</i> -value	$2.69 \times 10^{-09}***$	$5.01 \times 10^{-37}***$
ANOVA ^c	<i>F</i>	17.208	52.97
	<i>P</i> -value	$3.88 \times 10^{-11}***$	$9.05 \times 10^{-34}***$
Trend Test ^c	<i>F</i>	48.886	158.6
	<i>P</i> -value	$2.92 \times 10^{-12}***$	$6.73 \times 10^{-36}***$
Partial ANOVA ^b	<i>F</i>	5.314	40.23
	<i>P</i> -value	0.0012**	$1.03 \times 10^{-25}***$
Partial Trend Test ^b	<i>F</i>	12.78	120.6
	<i>P</i> -value	0.0004***	$8.77 \times 10^{-28}***$

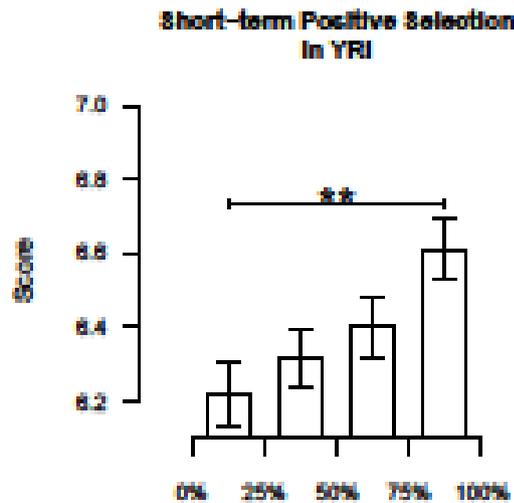
Result: Relationship between degree and the impact of positive selection

		Positive Selection			
		YRI	CEU	CHB	Mammals
Spearman Correlation ^a	ρ	0.0503	0.0411	0.0469	-0.0846
	<i>P</i> -value	$1.04 \times 10^{-5}***$	$0.0003***$	$3.84 \times 10^{-5}***$	$9.37 \times 10^{-11}***$
Partial Spearman Correlation ^b	ρ	0.0453	0.0327	0.0372	-0.0424
	<i>P</i> -value	$0.0001***$	$0.0057**$	$0.0016**$	$0.0016**$
ANOVA ^c	<i>F</i>	4.746	3.977	3.880	1.2662
	<i>P</i> -value	$0.0026**$	$0.0077**$	$0.0088**$	0.2841
Trend Test ^c	<i>F</i>	13.78	5.633	9.734	3.576
	<i>P</i> -value	$0.0002***$	$0.0177*$	$0.0018**$	0.0587
Partial ANOVA ^b	<i>F</i>	2.639	2.611	2.161	1.711
	<i>P</i> -value	$0.0478*$	$0.0497*$	0.0904	0.1624
Partial Trend Test ^b	<i>F</i>	7.223	0.7061	3.990	4.475
	<i>P</i> -value	$0.0072**$	0.4008	$0.0458*$	$0.0344*$

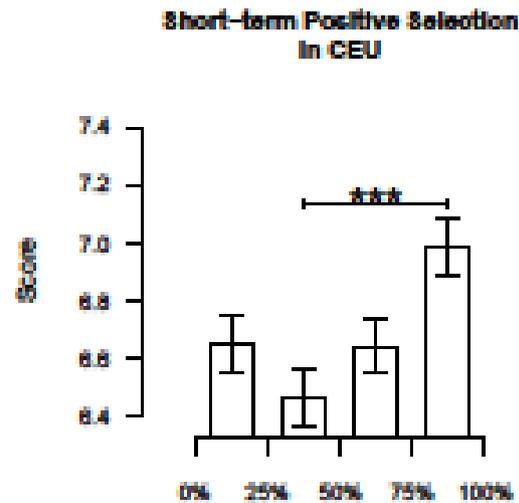
Result: Distribution of genes with putative signals of positive selection within the Protein Interaction Network.



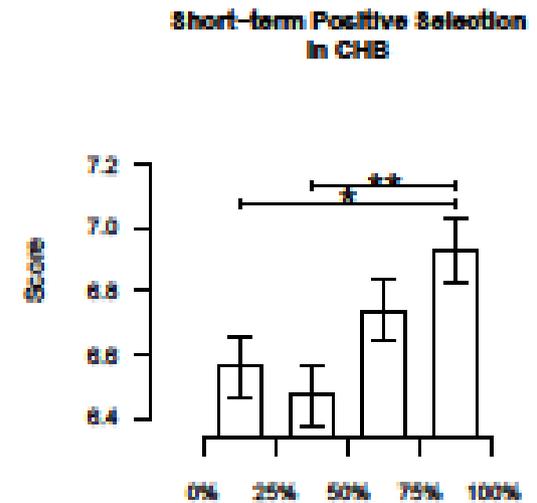
Result: Impact of natural selection among groups of genes divided according to the degree quartiles.



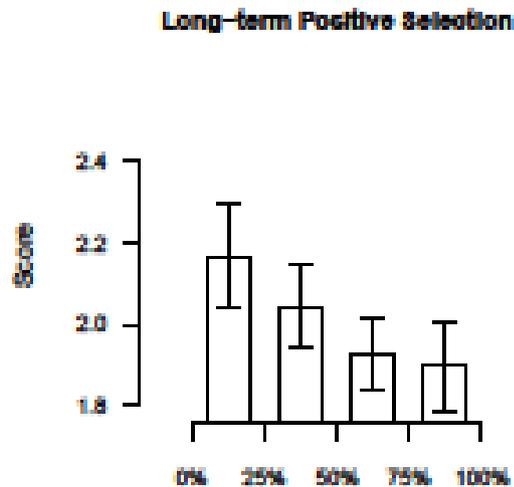
Anova: $P = 0.0051$ Trend test: $P = 5e-04$



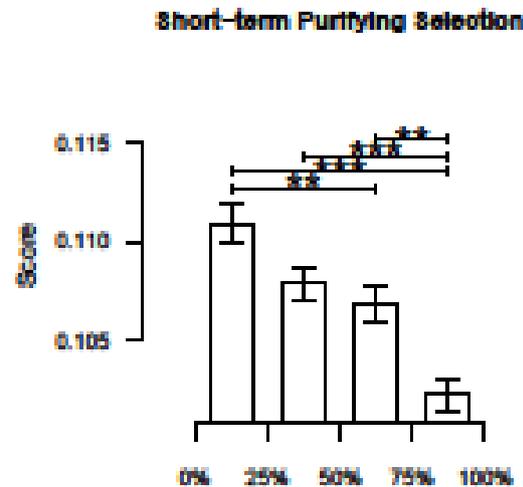
Anova: $P = 0.0014$ Trend test: $P = 0.0052$



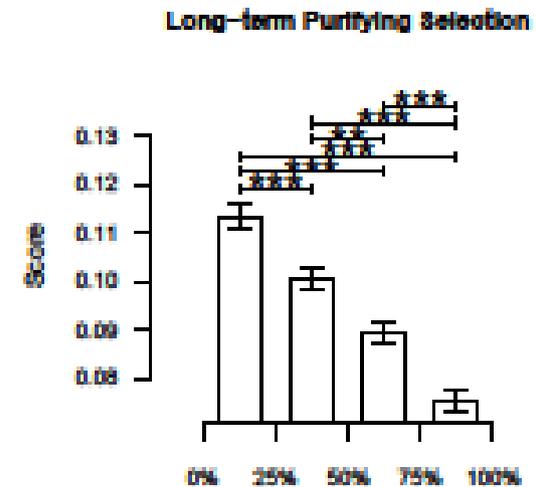
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Relationship between degree and the impact of positive selection in humans correcting for ω in Mammals

		YRI	CEU	CHB
Spearman Correlation ^a	ρ	0.0433	0.0194	0.0412
	<i>P</i> -value	0.0020**	0.1653	0.0031**
ANOVA ^b	<i>F</i>	2.477	2.495	2.482
	<i>P</i> -value	0.0595	0.0580	0.0590
Trend Test ^b	<i>F</i>	6.716	0.5799	5.182
	<i>P</i> -value	0.0096**	0.4464	0.0228*

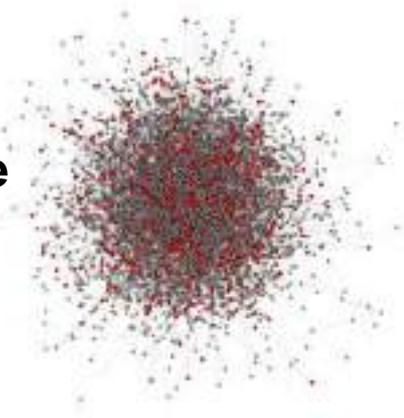
Association between gene essentiality and degree and the impact of positive and purifying selection

	Indispensability Score ^b	
	ρ	<i>P</i> -value
Degree	0.2311	3.02×10^{-10} ***
Positive selection in YRI ^c	0.0473	4.34×10^{-05} ***
Positive selection in CEU ^c	0.0695	2.01×10^{-09} ***
Positive selection in CHB ^c	0.0379	0.0010**
Positive selection in Mammals ^d	-0.1373	1.79×10^{-25} ***
Purifying selection in Humans ^e	-0.1131	5.14×10^{-25} ***
Purifying selection in Mammals ^f	-0.2452	5.75×10^{-19} ***

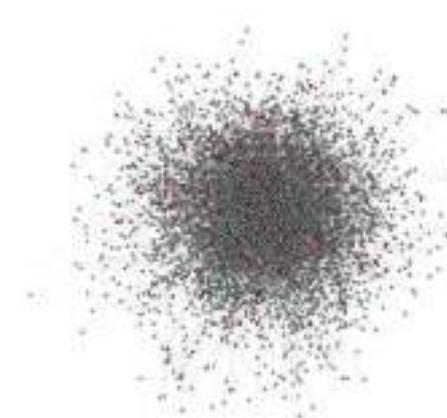
Final remarks

Central genes are more prone to the action of short term Positive Selection.

Short term positive selection



Long term positive selection



Innovation is a high-risk high-gain system and would follow a high stakes model for selection

Gene connectivity and enzyme evolution in the human metabolic network

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Influence of pathway topology and functional class on the molecular evolution of human metabolic genes

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Abstract

Metabolic networks comprise thousands of enzymatic reactions functioning in a controlled manner and have been shaped by natural selection. Thanks to the genome data, the footprints of adaptive



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selection are detectable, and the strength of purifying selection can be measured. This has

possible to know where, in the metabolic network, adaptive selection has acted and where

purifying selection is more or less strong and efficient. We have carried out a comprehensive

molecular evolutionary study of all the genes involved in the human metabolism. We investigated the

Positive selection in admixed populations from Ethiopia

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Abstract

Background: In the process of adaptation of humans to their environment, positive or adaptive selection has played a main role. Positive selection has, however, been under-studied in African populations, despite their diversity and importance for understanding human history.

Results: Here, we have used 119 available whole-genome sequences from five Ethiopian populations (Amhara, Oromo, Somali, Wolayta and Gumuz) to investigate the modes and targets of positive selection in this part of the world. The site frequency spectrum-based test SFselect was applied to identify a wide range of events of selection (old and recent), and the haplotype-based statistic integrated haplotype score to detect more recent events, in each case with evaluation of the significance of candidate signals by extensive simulations. Additional insights were provided by considering admixture proportions and functional categories of genes. We identified both individual

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The shaping of immunological responses through natural selection after the Roma Diaspora

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Abstract

The Roma people are the largest transnational ethnic minority in Europe and can be considered the last human migration of South Asian origin into the continent. They left Northwest India approximately 1,000 years ago, reaching the Balkan Peninsula around the twelfth century and Romania in the fourteenth century. Here, we analyze whole-genome sequencing data of 40 Roma and 40 non-Roma individuals from Romania. We performed a genome-wide scan of selection comparing Roma, their local host population, and a Northwestern Indian population, to identify the selective pressures faced by the Roma mainly after they settled in Europe. We identify under recent selection

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Convergent evolution in European and Roma populations reveals pressure exerted by plague on Toll-like receptors

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Recent historical periods in Europe have been characterized by severe epidemic events such as plague, smallpox, or influenza that shaped the immune system of modern populations. This study

Spread of the black death in Europe (1346–53)



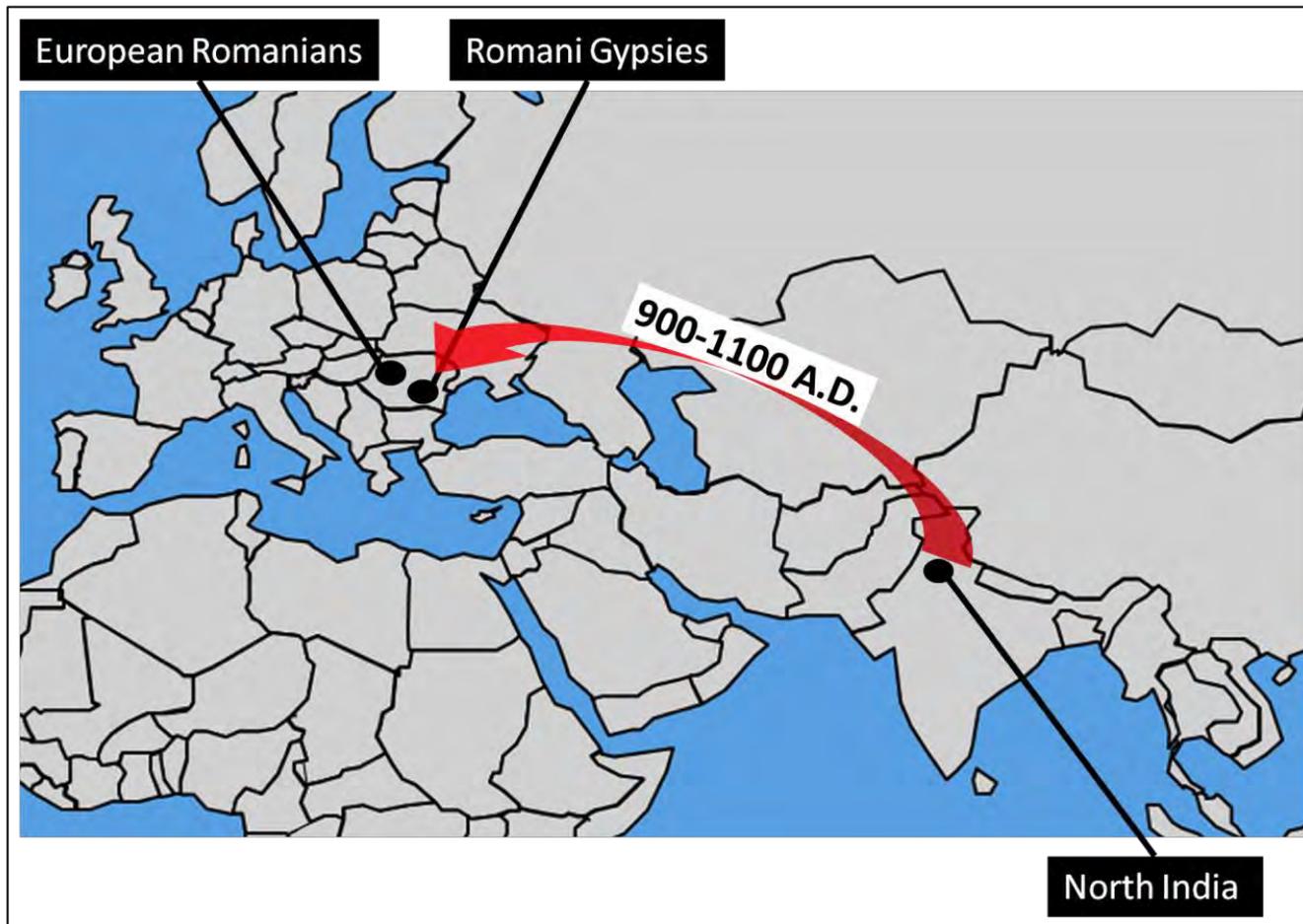
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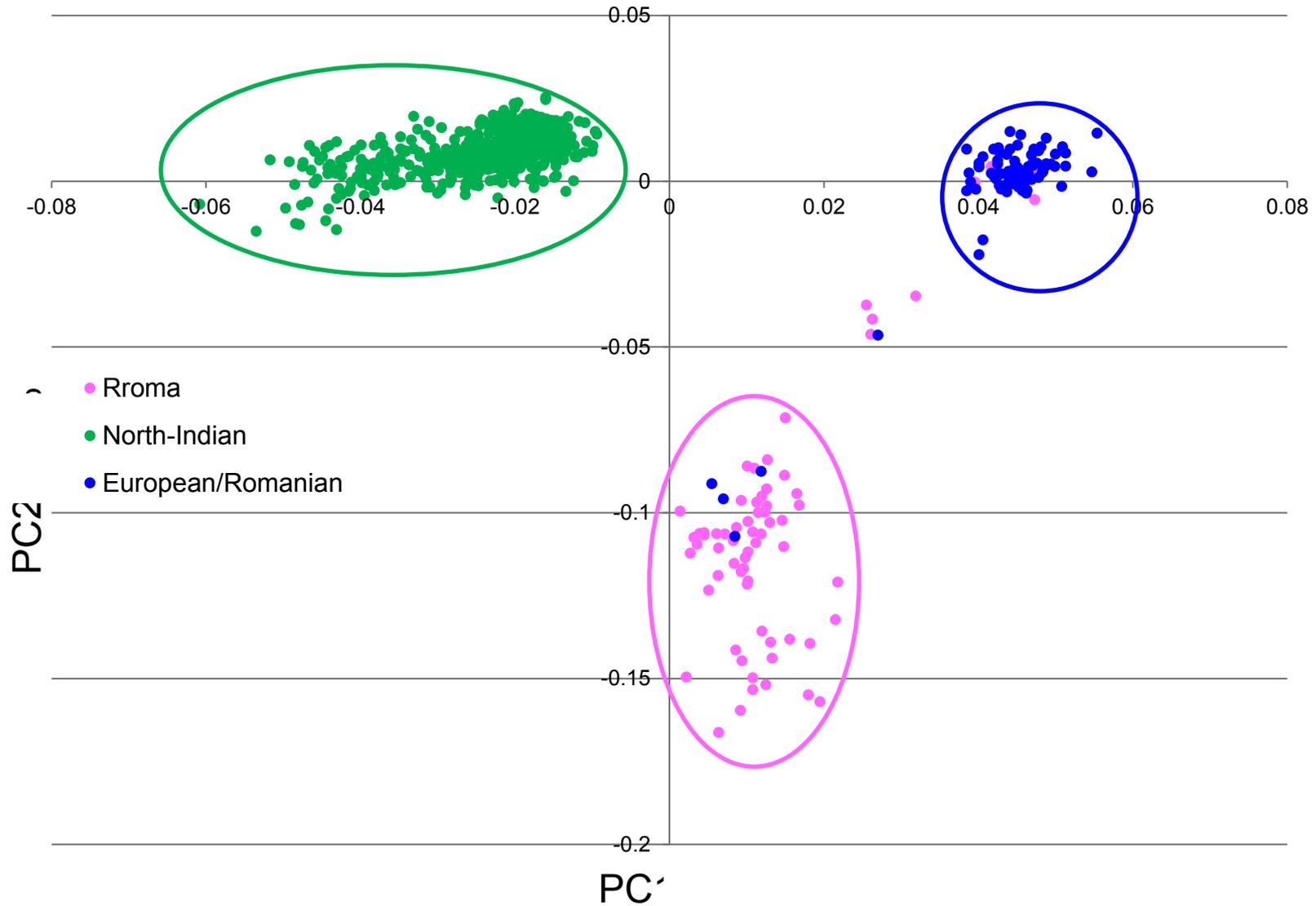
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European/Romanians and Roma/Gipsy share the same location, even if the origin of the latter is in North India

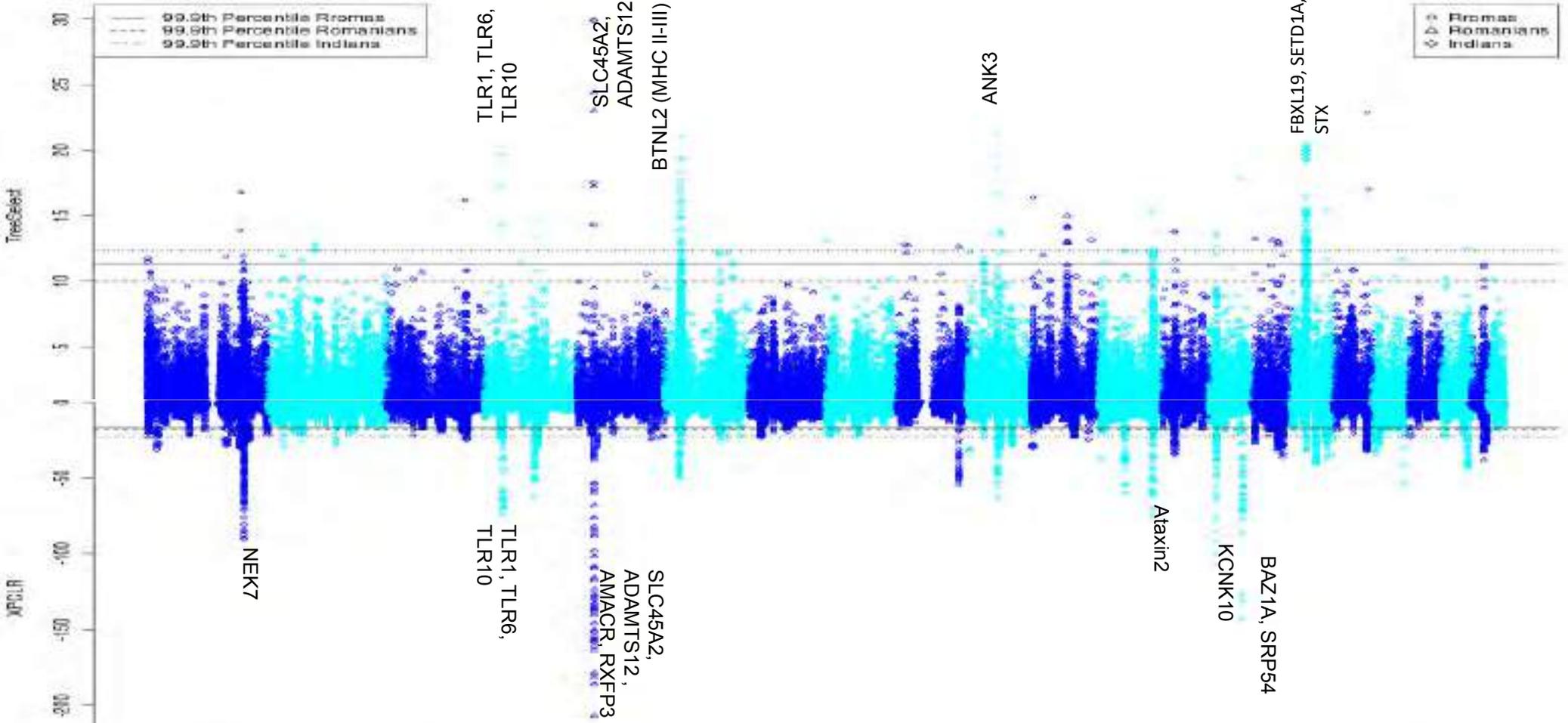


Data: Geographic origin of the three populations studied.



Results: Genes under Positive selection tests in Roma, Romanians and Indians using Tree Select statistic and XP-CLR statistic

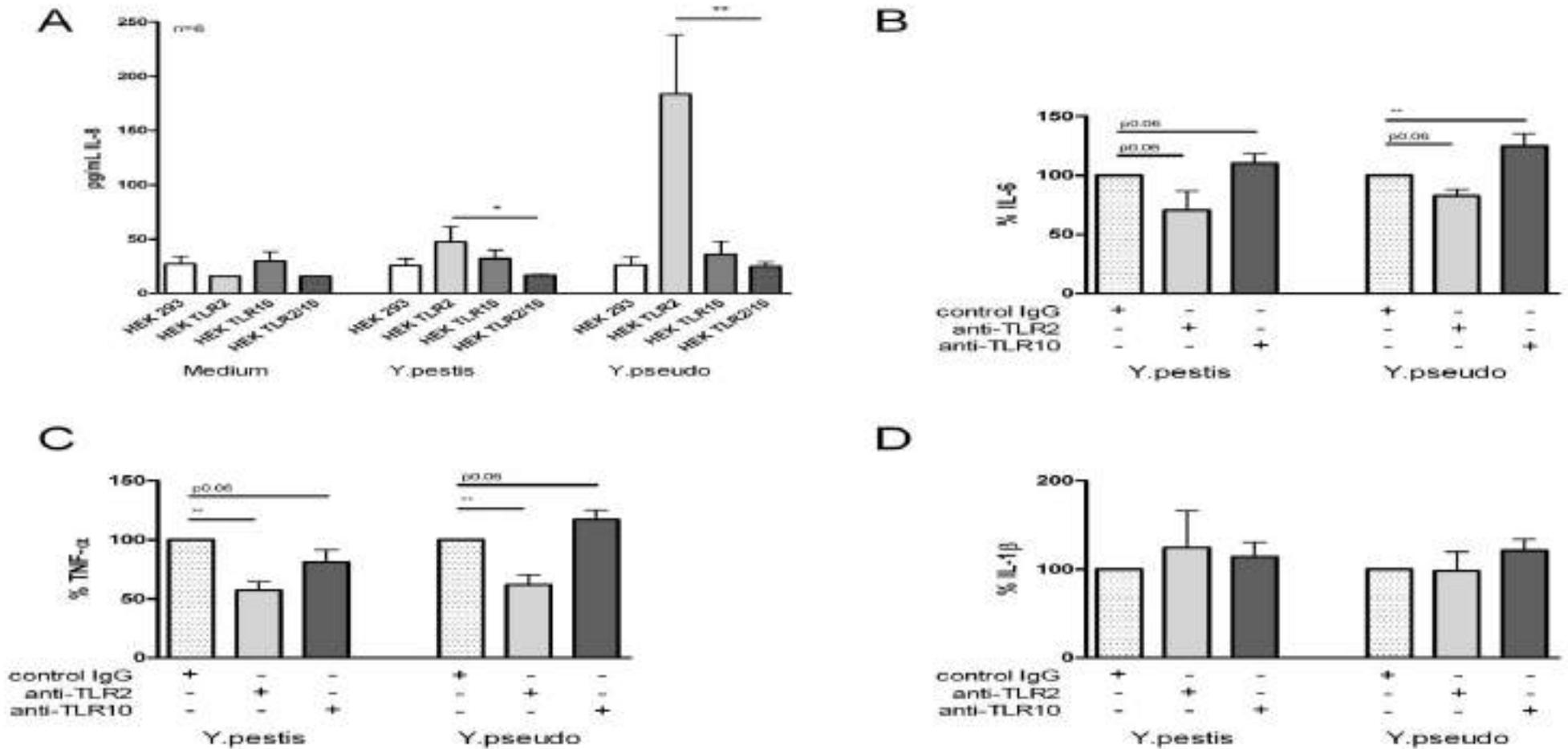
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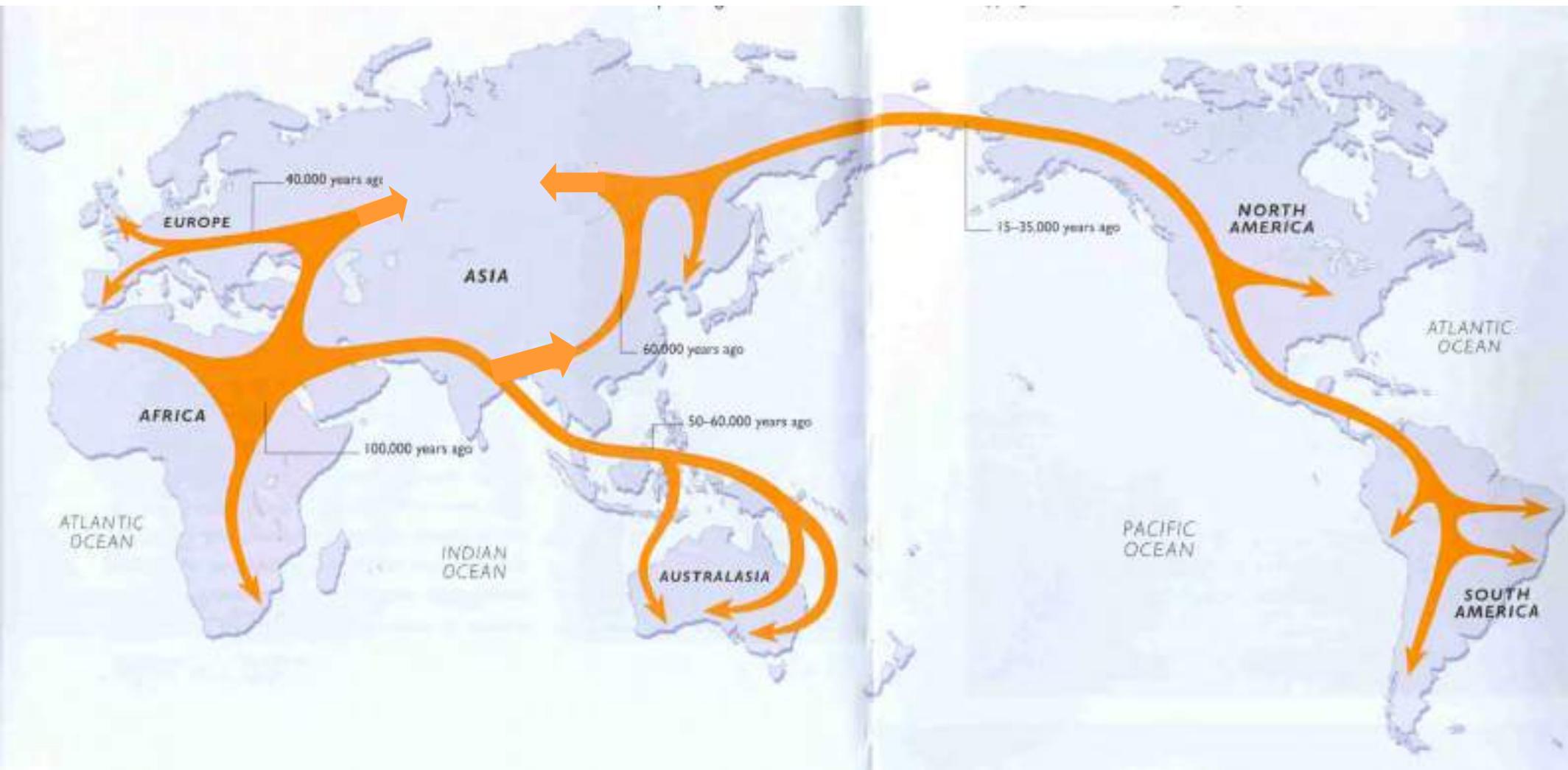


b) XP-CLR test



TLR2 cluster genes are involved in the recognition of Yersinia pestis and Y. pseudotuberculosis: .





All equal, all different-

- Among humans, due to our evolutionary history, we have differences, although very few
- The difference is fundamental for life. Without difference there would be no evolution
- The sequence of the human genome can explain our particularity as a species
- Understanding the difference explains the evolutionary process and our history.

Implications of the (few) genetic differences between humans

- Few genetic differences give rise to the differences we observe in appearance, physiology, behavior
- These differences are at the base of the susceptibility to complex diseases, which have genetic influence and affect many people
- These differences may be used in diagnosis and therapy since they are the basis for individual differences in response to drugs.

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