

Population structure and evolution of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex

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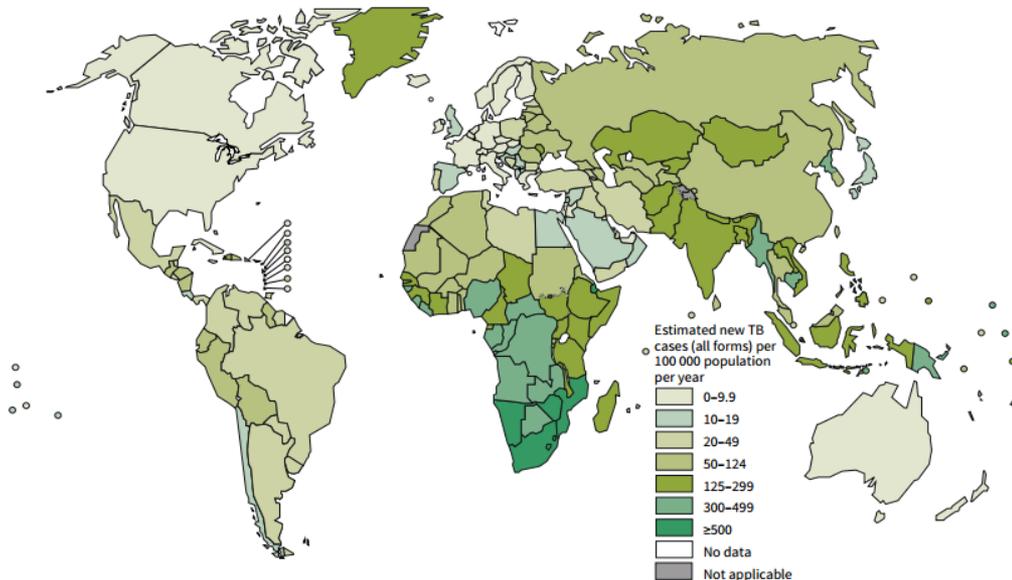
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Estimated TB incidence rates, 2013



WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2014

TB facts

More than 1.5 million deaths per year

Around 9 million new cases

One third of the global population infected

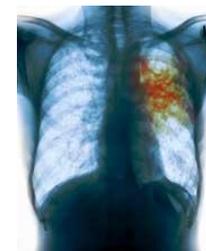
Drug resistant cases reported in every country

€5.8 billion economic burden to EU per year

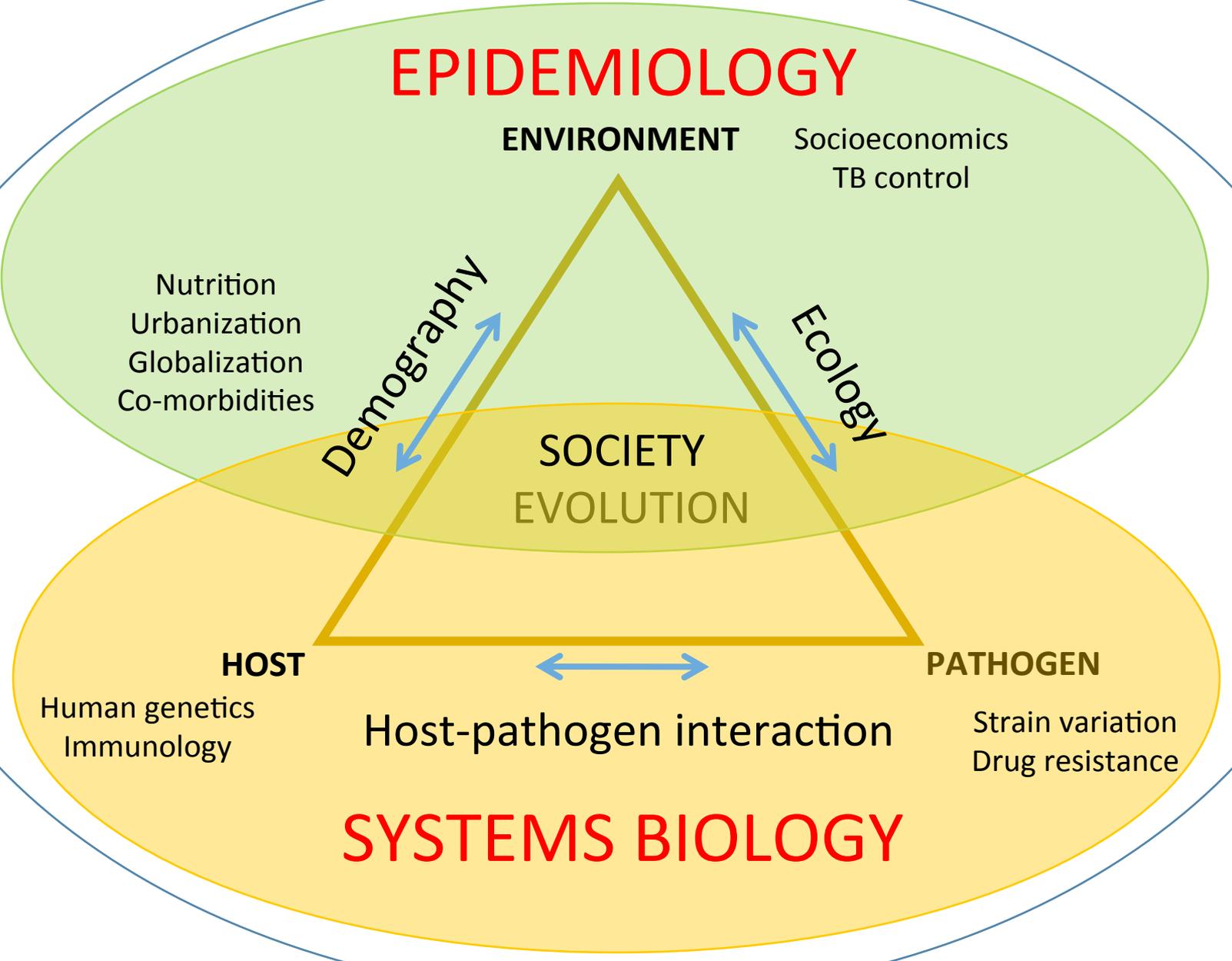
Bovine TB facts

Unknown human burden: est. 1.4-2.8% human TB cases

€3 billion losses to global agriculture



System epidemiology to TB



The *M. tuberculosis* complex: Human versus Animal TB



M. africanum

M. tuberculosis



M. bovis



M. bovis hyrax



M. pinnipedii



M. microti



M. bovis subsp. caprae



M. bovis antelope

The two faces of a pathogen

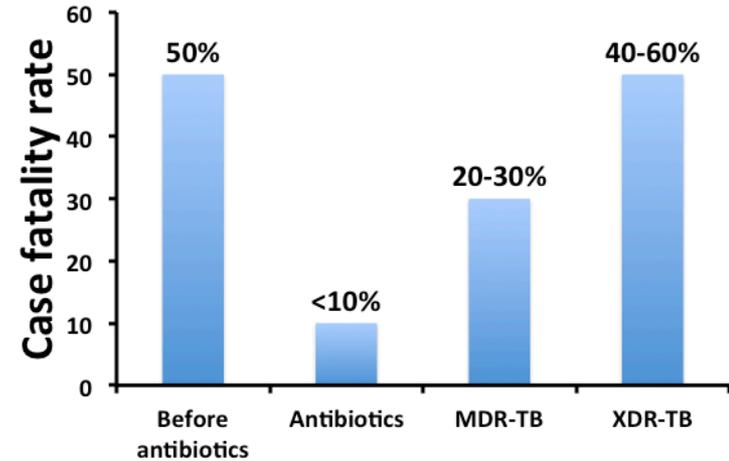
Obligate human pathogen

9 million new cases/ 1.5 million deaths



M. africanum
M. tuberculosis

Kills up to 50% if untreated



One third latently infected

Active TB

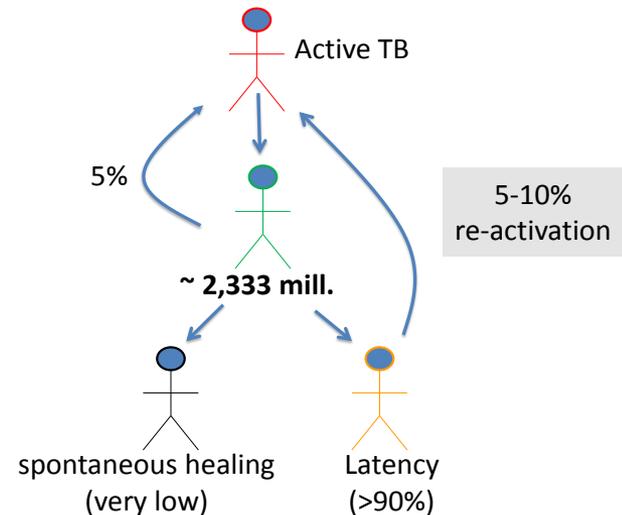
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Latent TB

2.3 billion



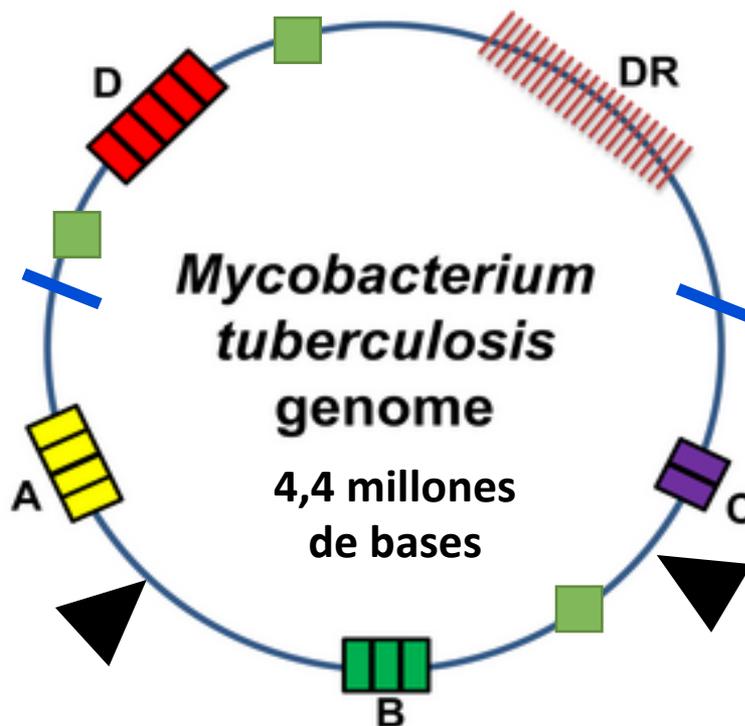
Only 10% progress to active TB



THIS TALK

- **Genome sequencing technologies**
- **Global diversity of the MTBC**
- **Evolutionary forces and selective pressures in the MTBC**
- **Diversification of MTBC at a global scale**
- **Diversification during infection and transmission**

-  Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNP)
-  Large sequence polymorphisms (deletions)
-  Insertion sequence IS6110



DR locus

SPOLIGOTYPES

Strain 1

Strain 2

Strain 3

VNTR loci

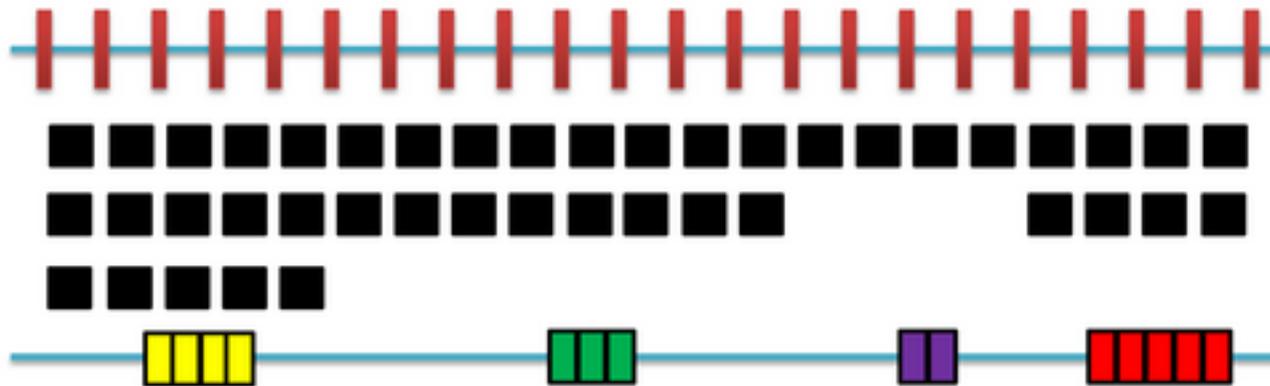
MIRU GENOTYPE

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2

5



MIRU-VNTR
RFLP



MOLECULAR
EPIDEMIOLOGY

+

SPOLIGO
DELETIONS
SNP-TYPING



Population structure
Evolution

GENOME

**How to
interrogate?**



Short-read

Illumina

Long-read

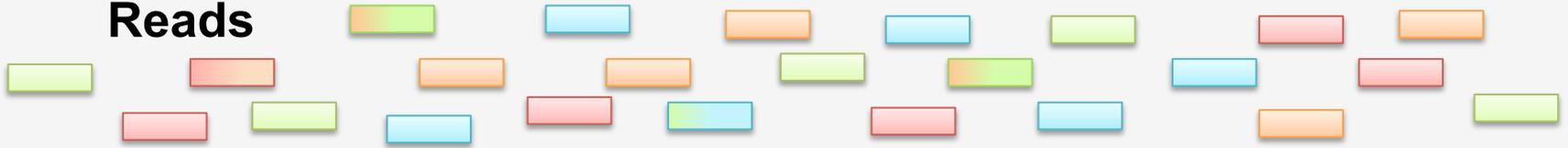
PacBio
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**ANALYSIS PIPELINE
WILL DEPEND ON
TECHNOLOGY**

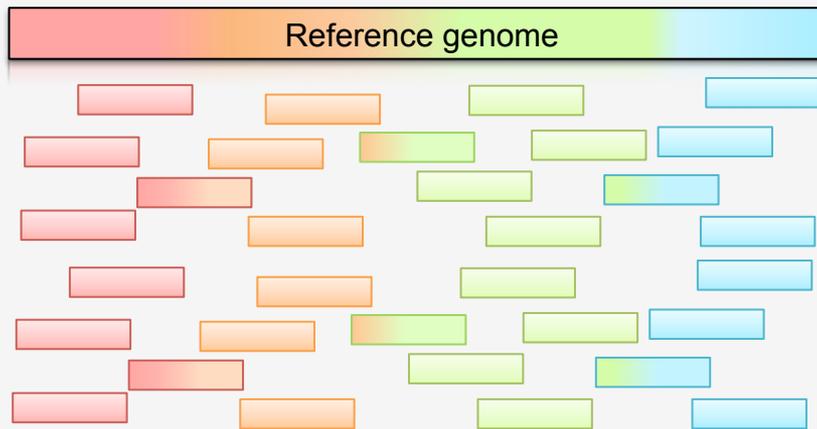
Differences between mapping and *de novo* assembly

Reads



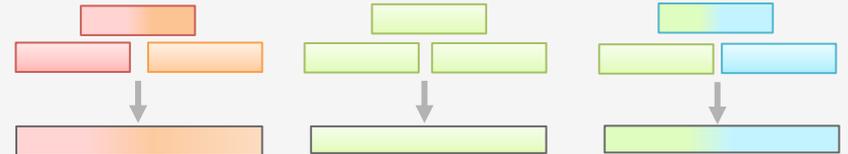
Mapping

Compare with a reference genome

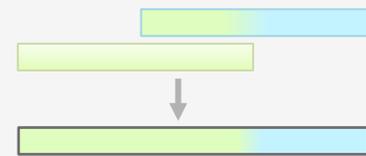


De novo assembly

Find overlaps between reads



Assembly overlaps into contigs



Assembly contigs into scaffolds



Short-read



Illumina

Pros:

Paired-end reads
Up to 2x300pb
Low error rate
High multiplexing

Cons:

Limited structural information
GC-content bias
Reference mapping

Long-read



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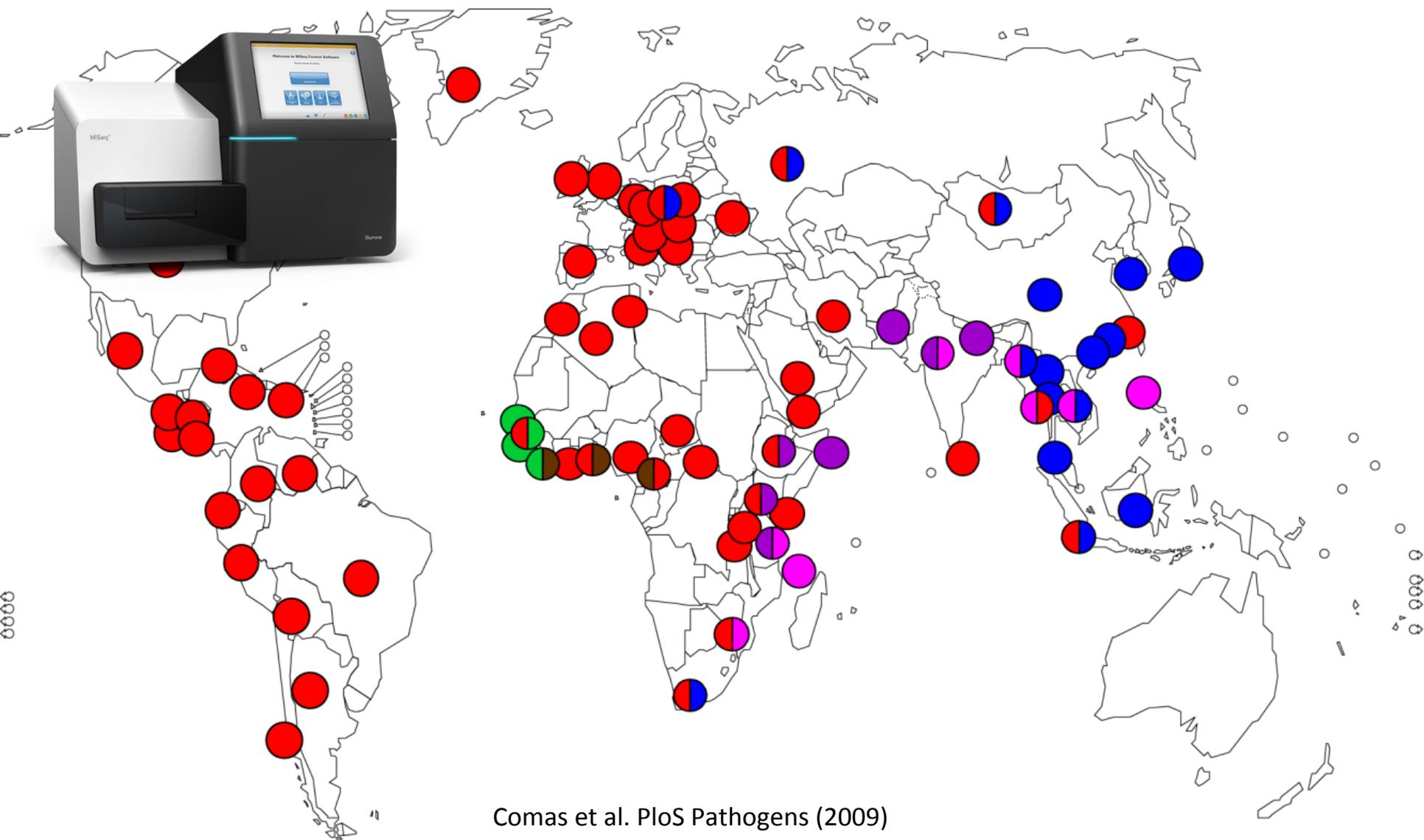
Pros:

High structural information
'Real time' sequencing
'No' GC-bias
De-novo assembly

Cons:

high base errors ~11-15%
Accuracy
Low multiplexing

MTBC global diversity



Comas et al. PloS Pathogens (2009)

A genome-based MTBC phylogeny

220 clinical strains

34,167 SNPs

Modern MTBC (TbD1 deleted)

Brosch 2002

Lineage 3
East Africa, Central Asia

Lineage 2
East Asia

Lineage 4
Europe, America, Africa

Lineage 7
Ethiopia

Ethiopia highlands



Lineage 1
East Africa, The Philippines, Rim of Indian Ocean

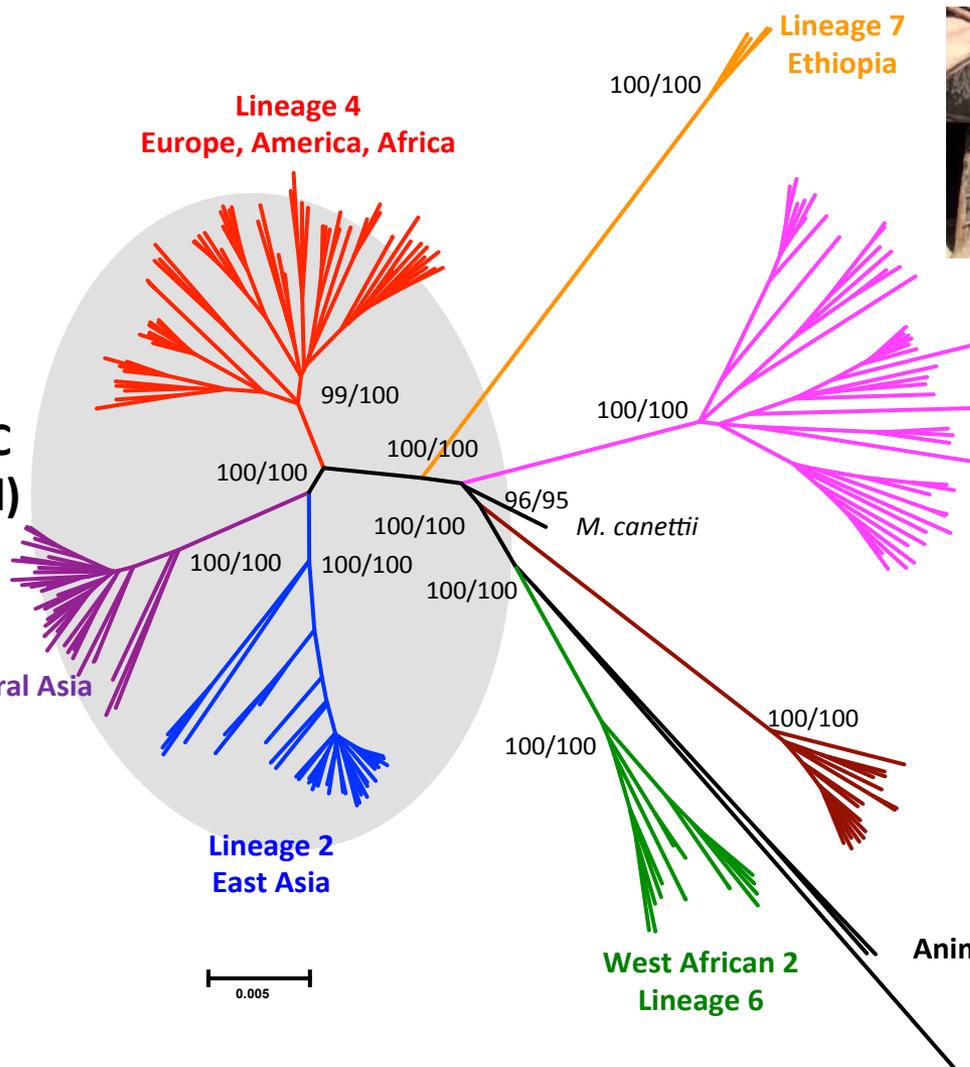
96/95
M. canettii

West African 1
Lineage 5

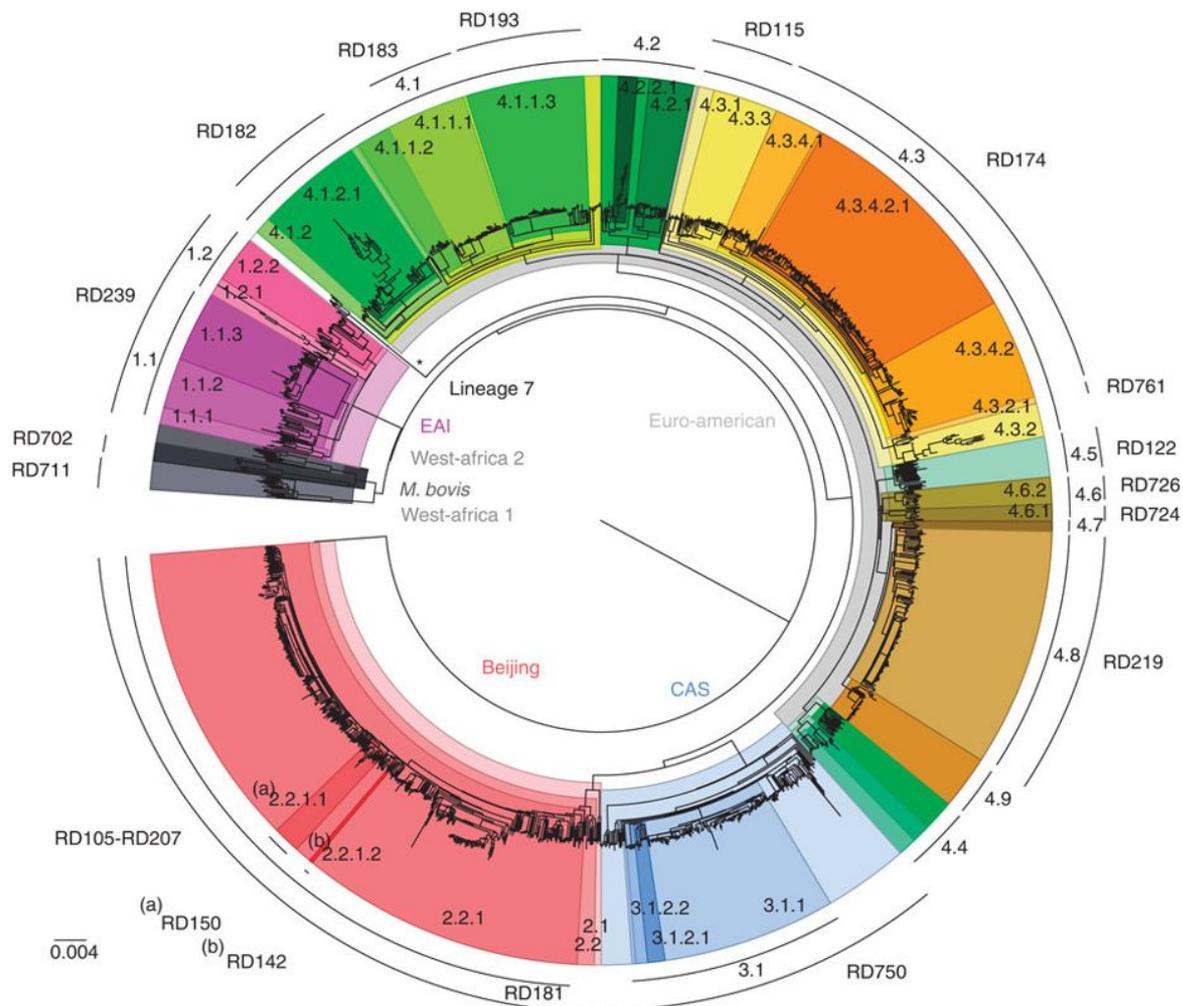
West African 2
Lineage 6

Animal strains

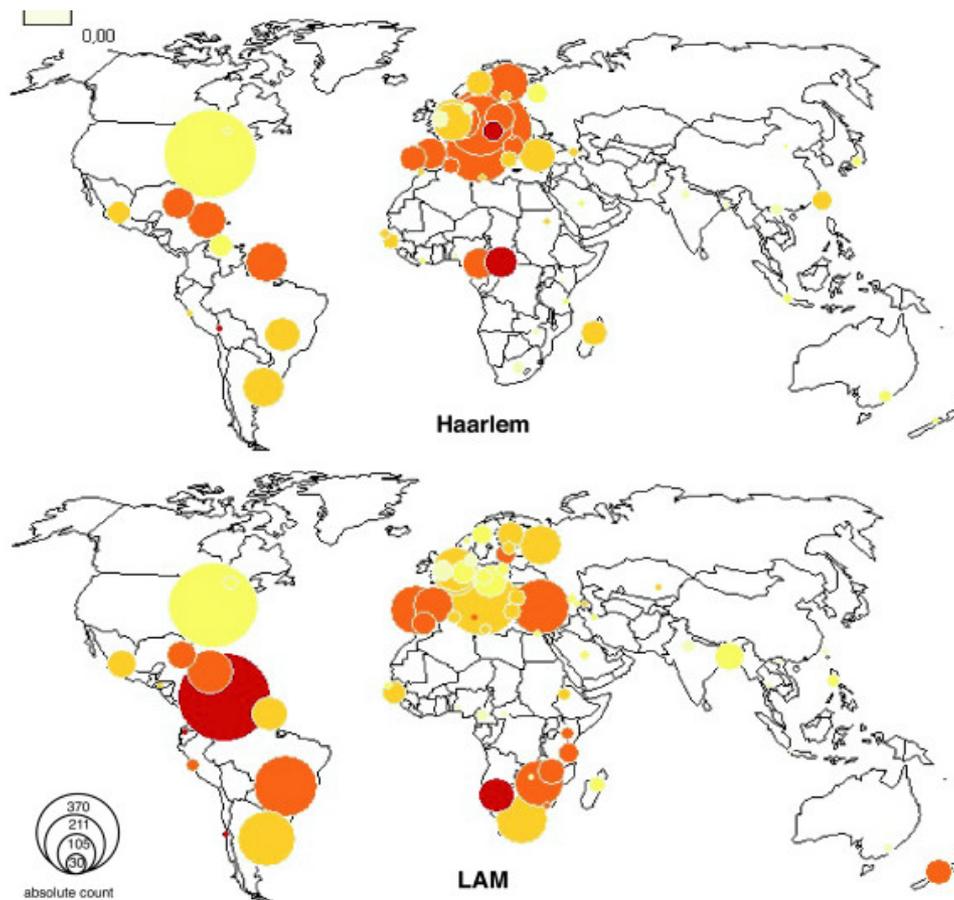
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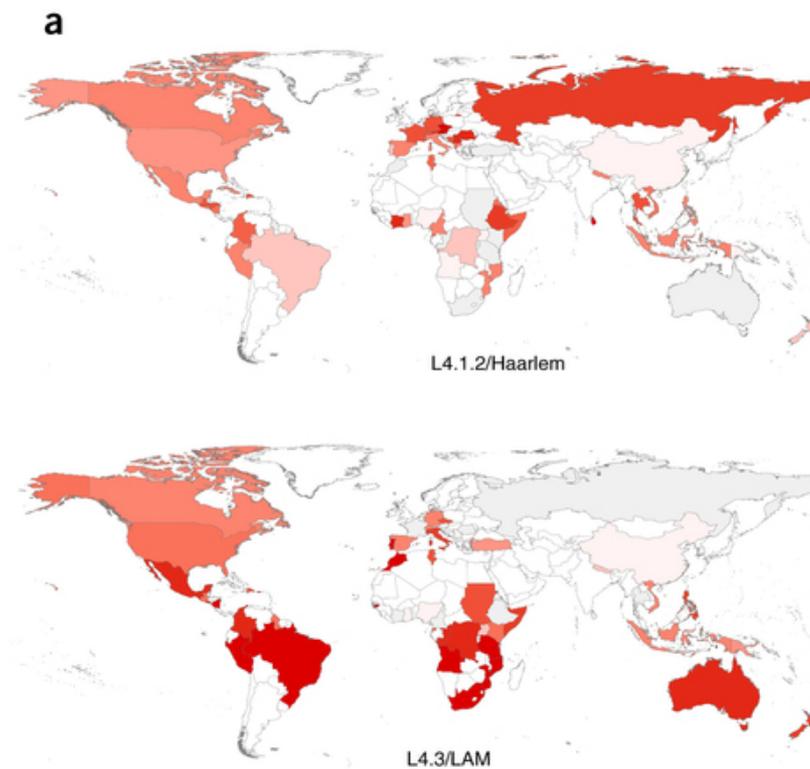
USING GENOME PHYLOGENIES TO DEFINE A BARCODE FOR MTBC



From global to local: from spoligo to genomes



Brudey et al. BMC
Microbiology 2006

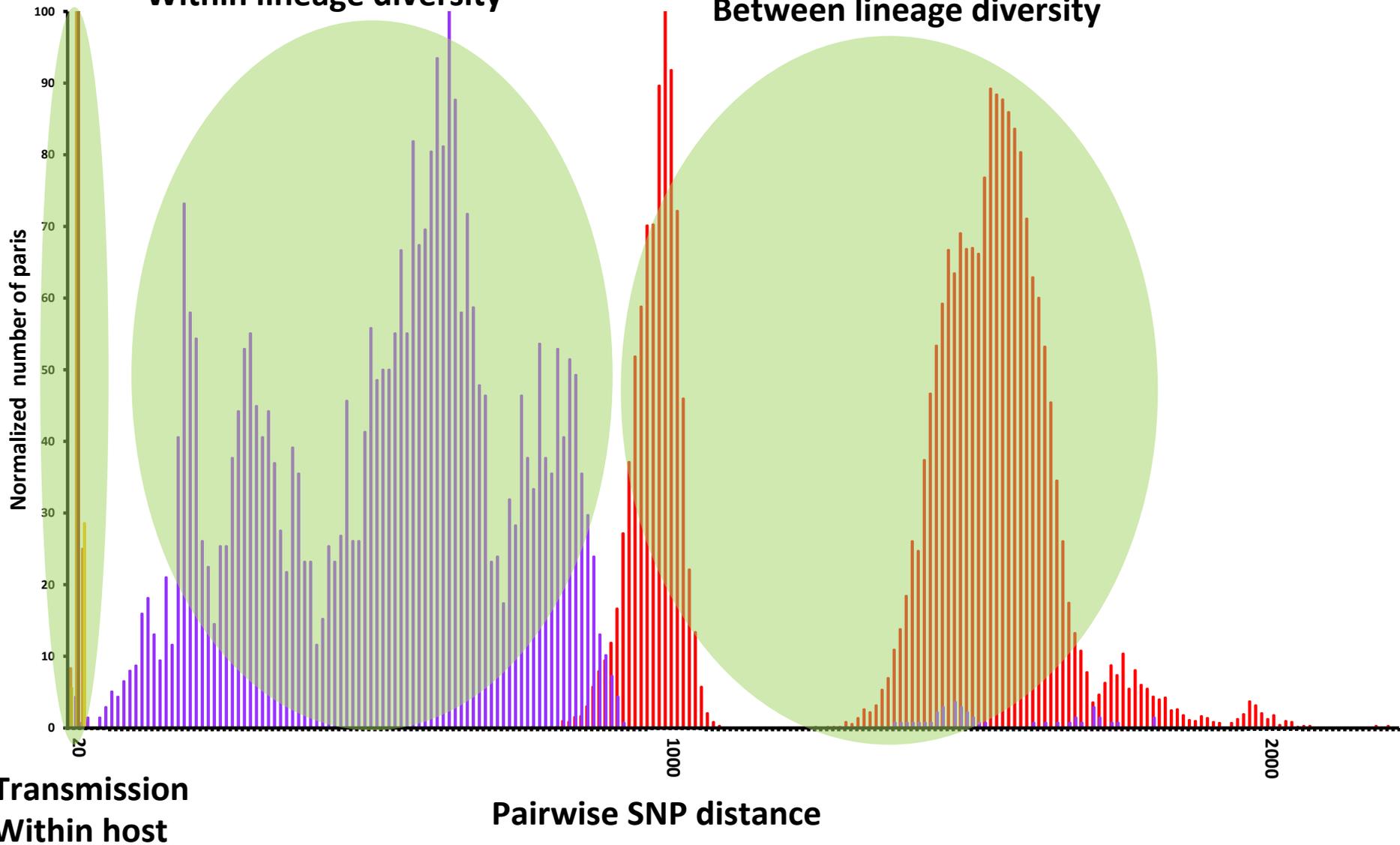


Stucki, Brites et al. Nat Genet 2016

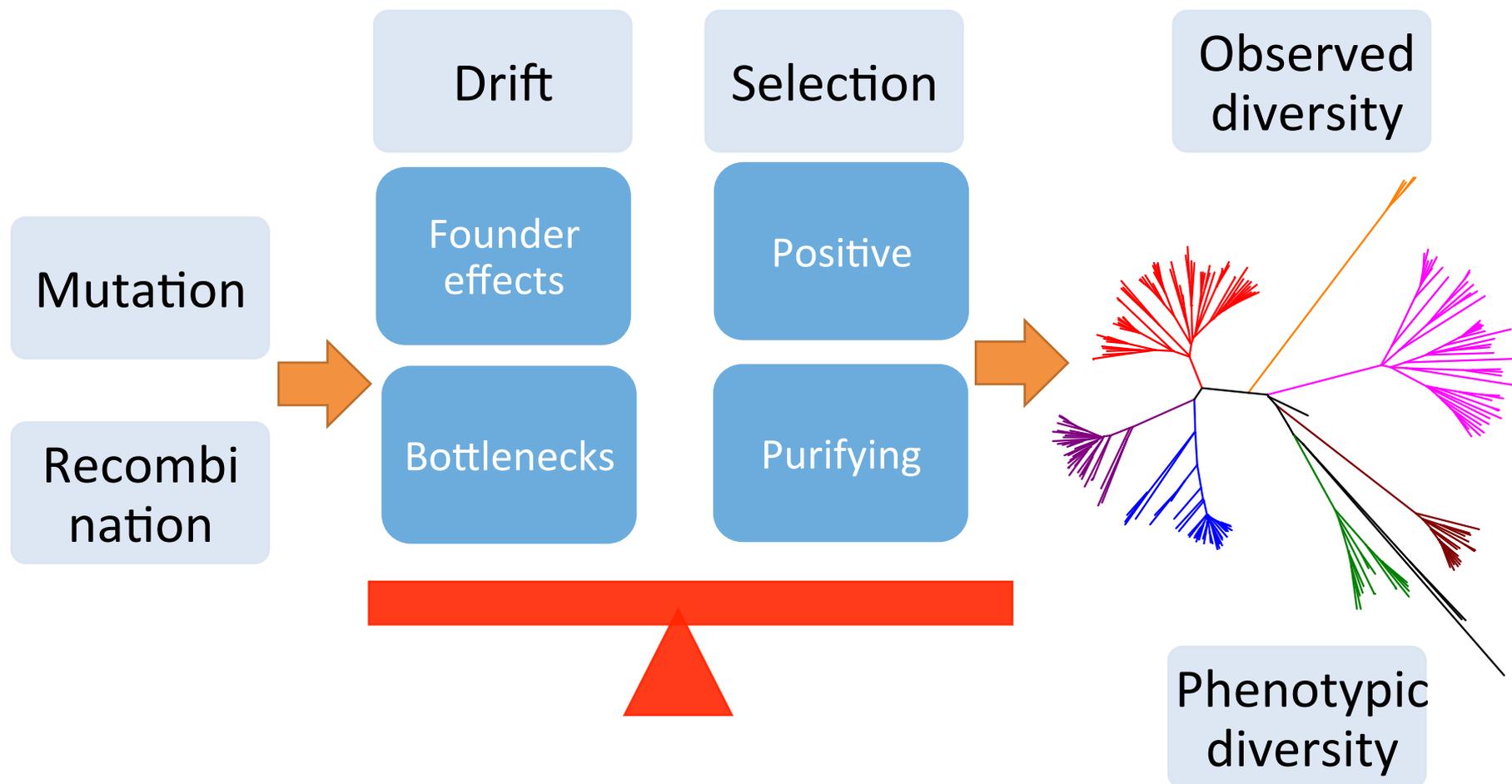
Understanding TB genomic diversity: from millennia to minutes

Within lineage diversity

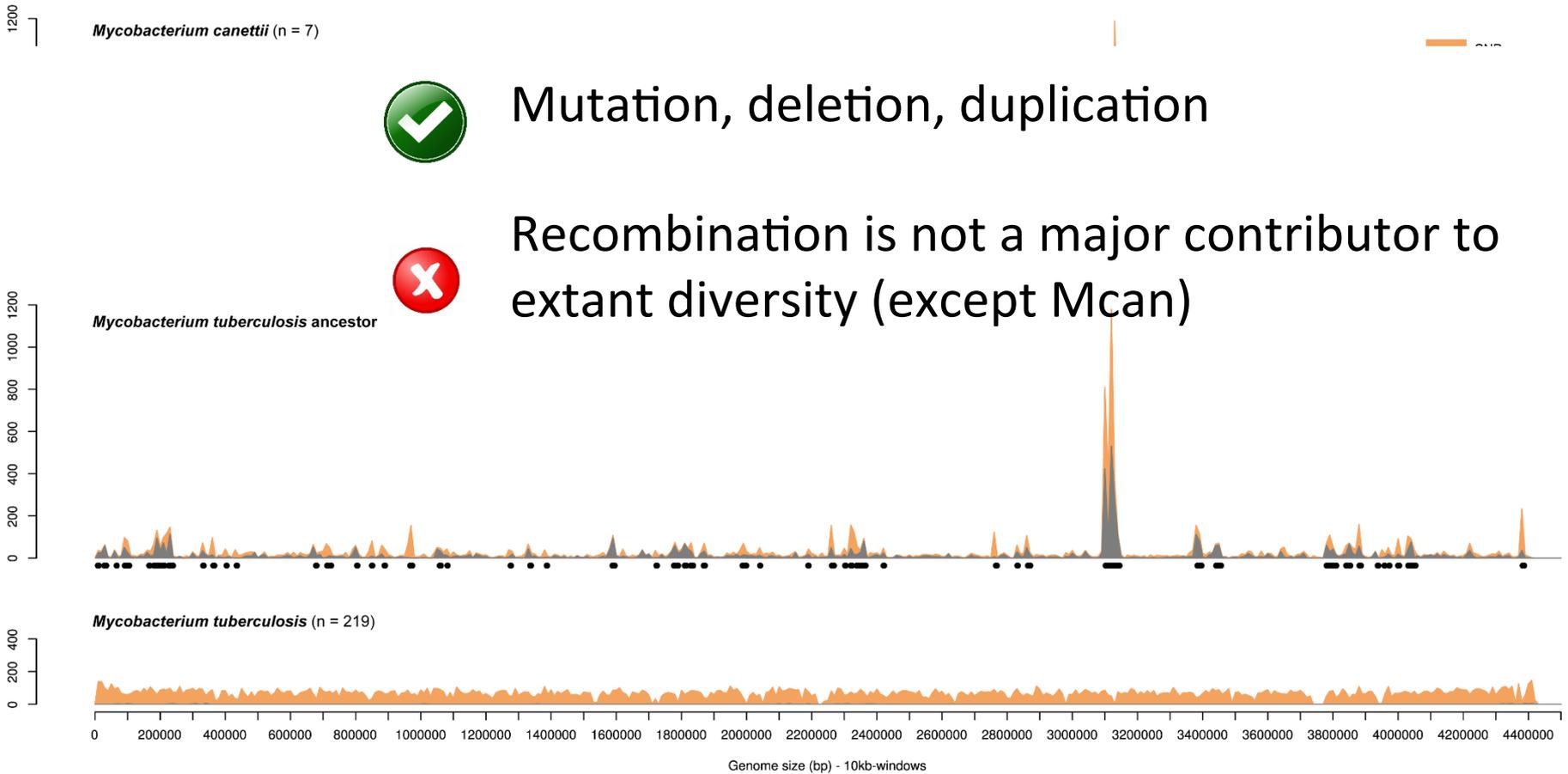
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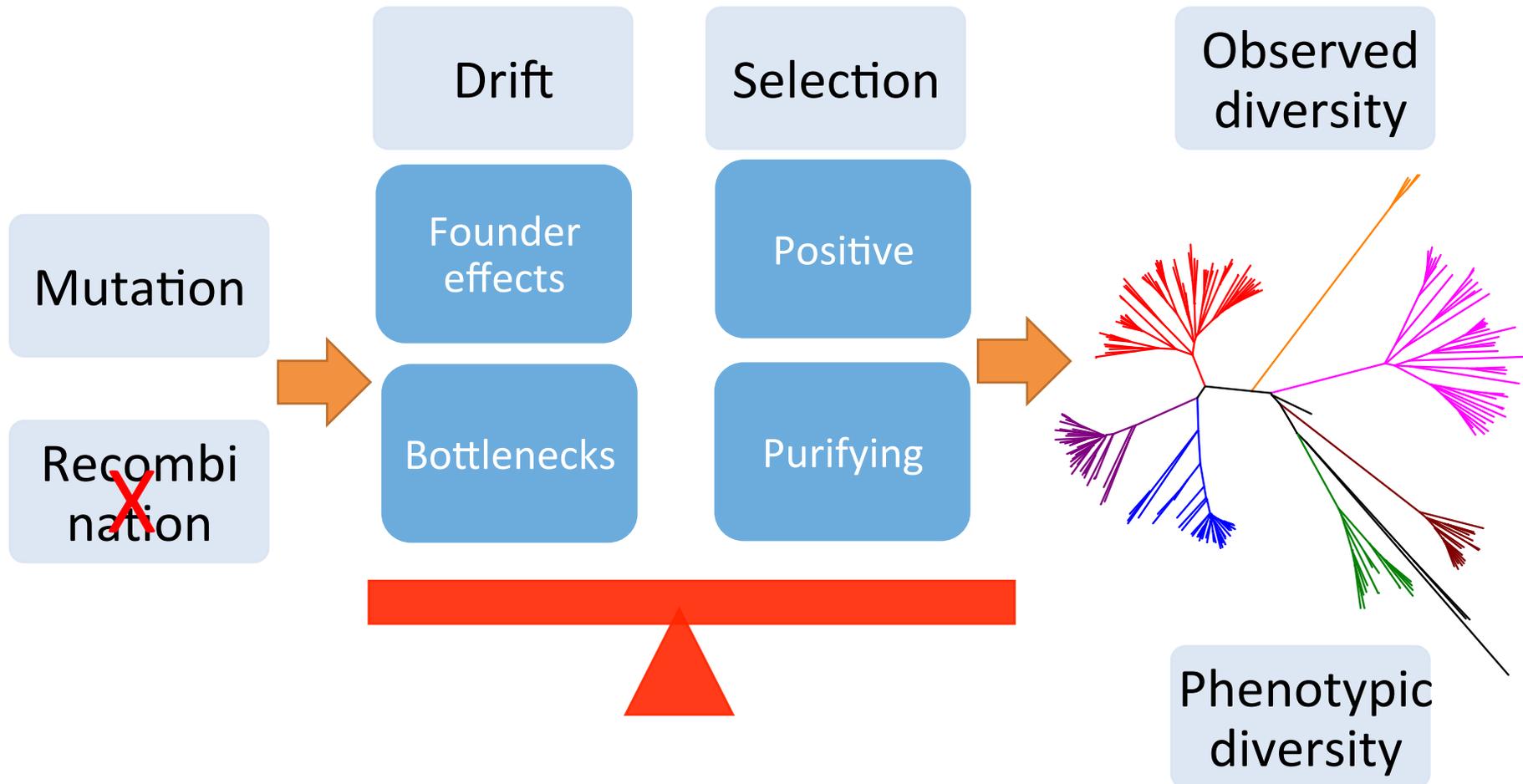
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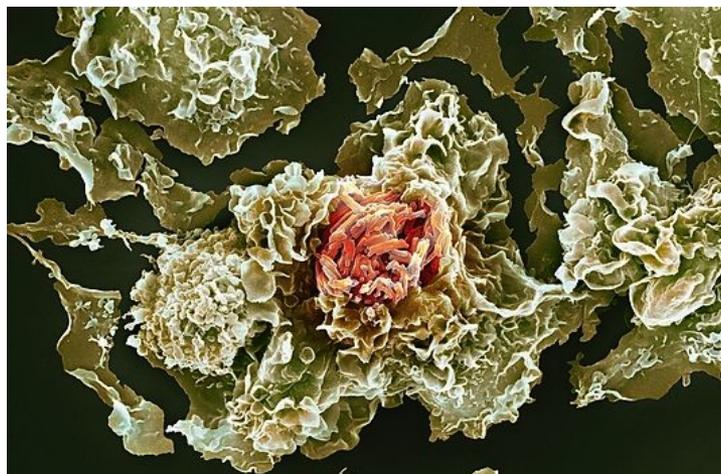
Evolutionary forces in MTBC



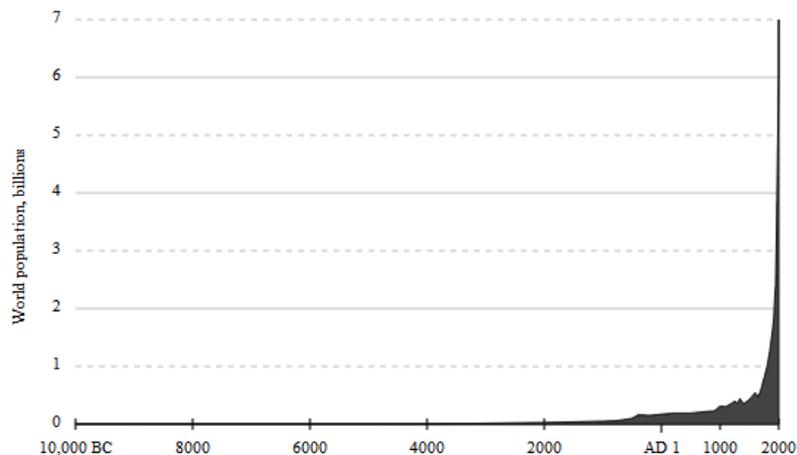
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Old and new selective pressure in MTBC evolution



Immune system



Human population

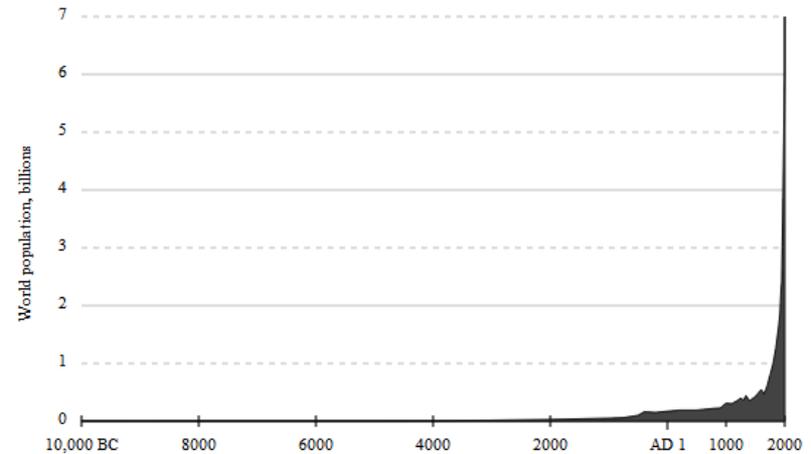


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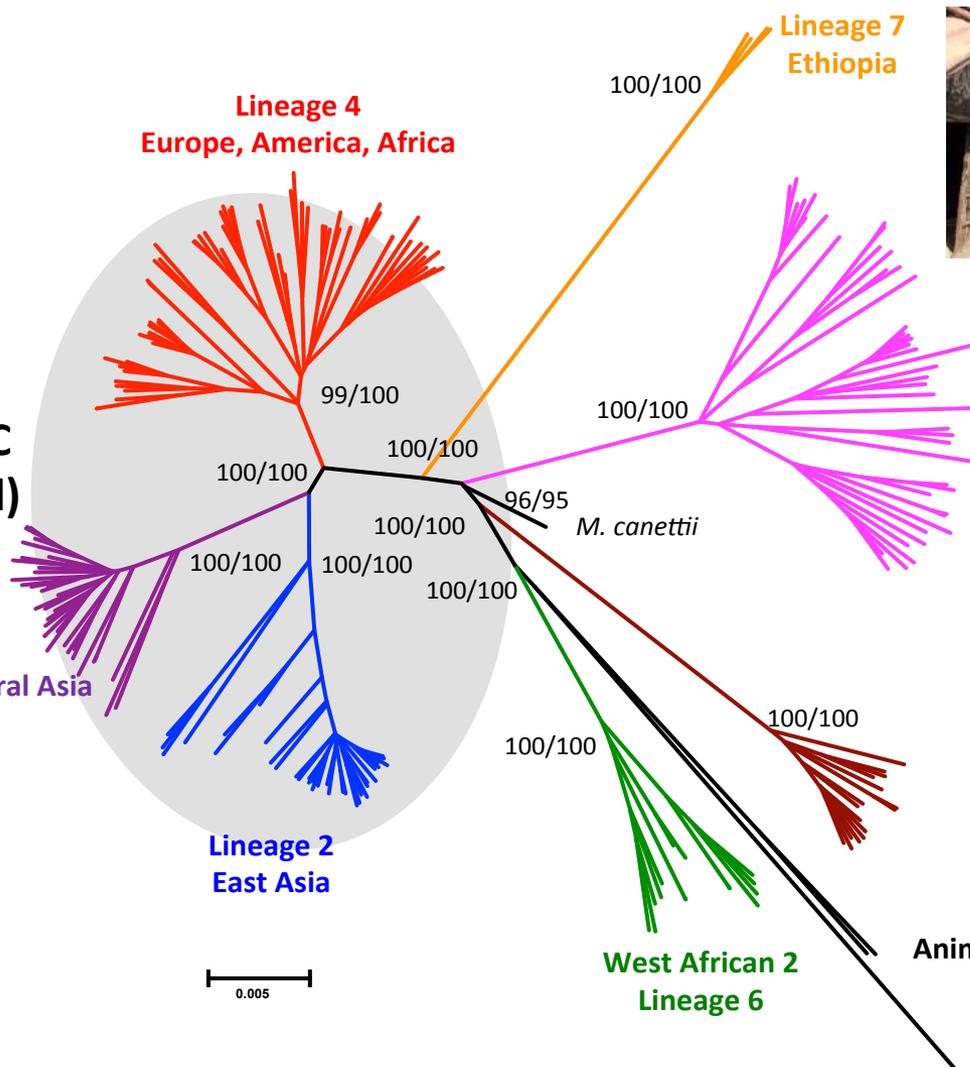
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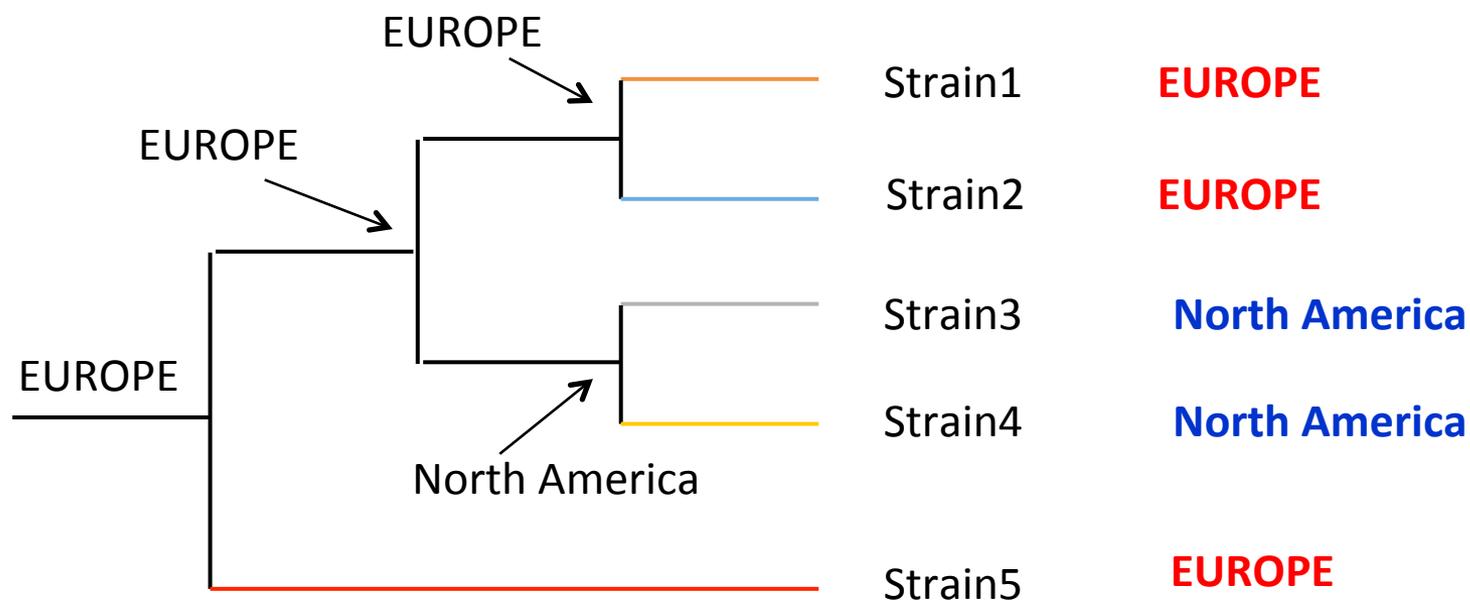
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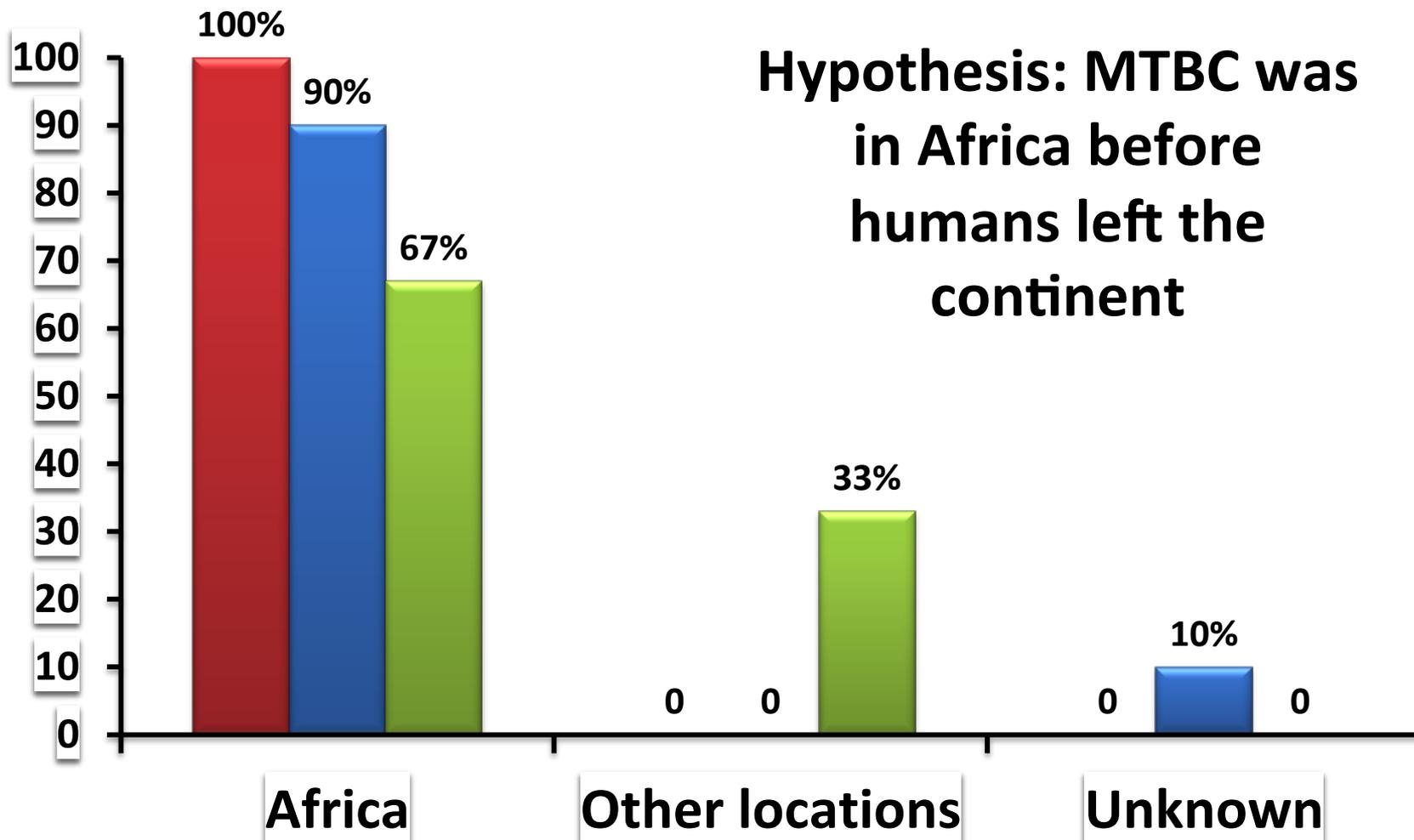


Phylogeography can help to determine the origin of the disease

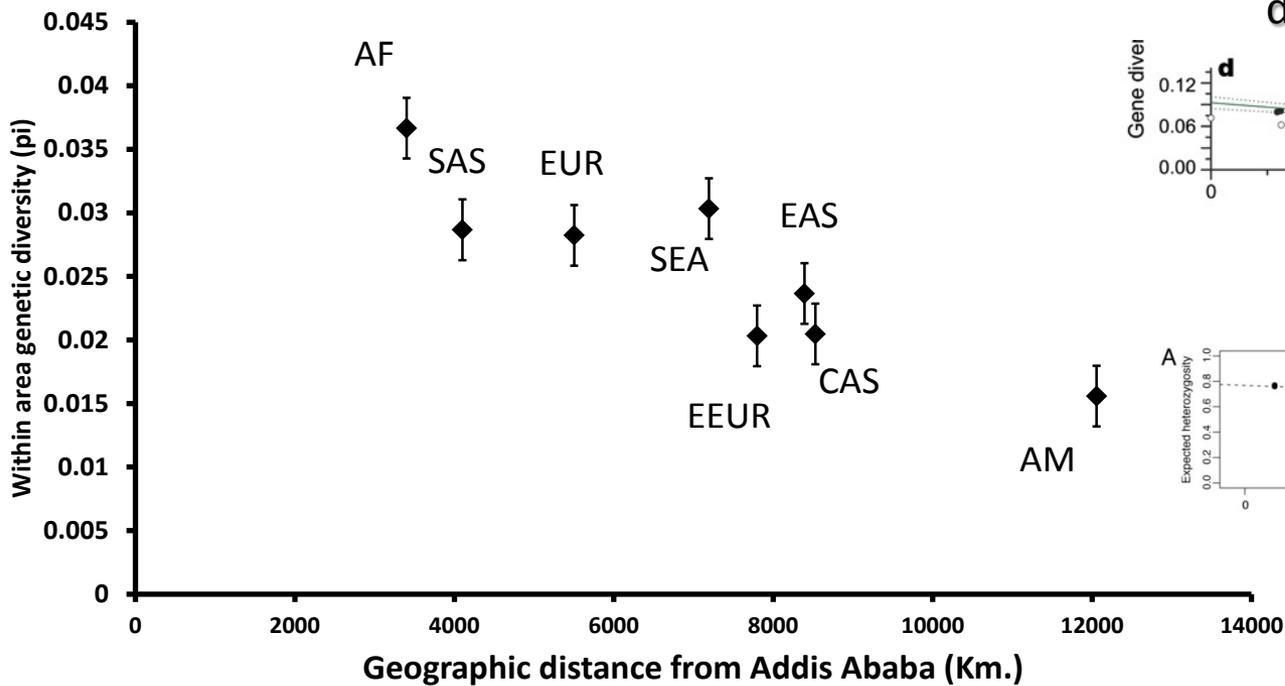


There are several maximum likelihood, maximum parsimony and bayesian approximations for phylogeographic analyses

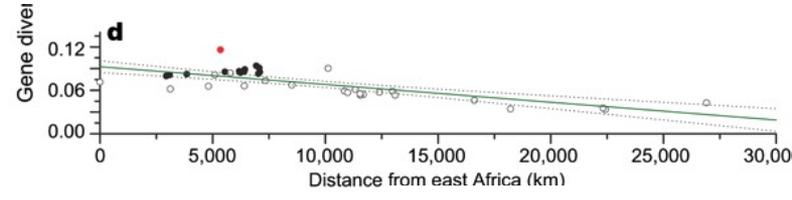
Three different phylogeographic analyses confirm Africa as the origin of the disease



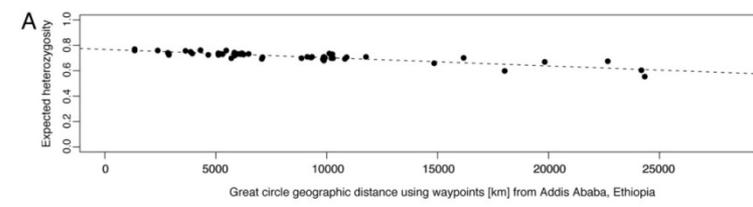
Horn of Africa is the most likely origin of MTBC



Decreasing diversity with geographic distance from East Africa



Human



H. pylori

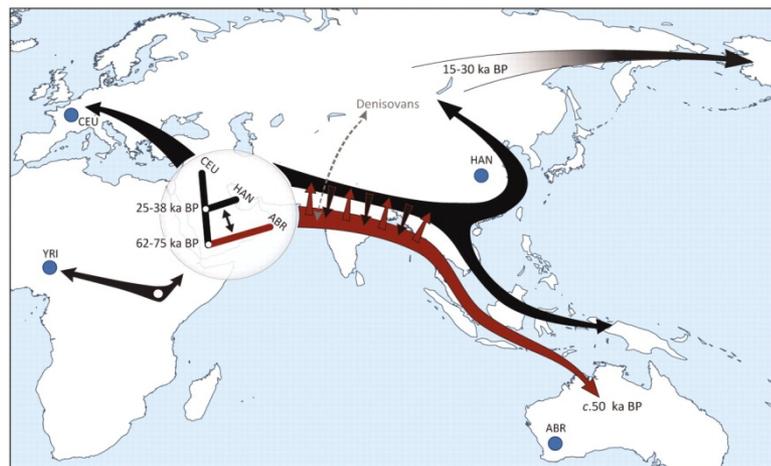
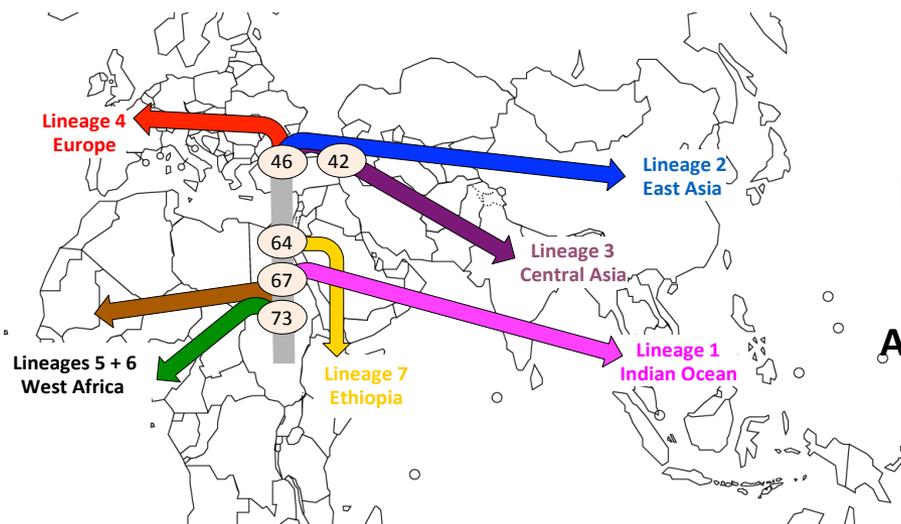
Geographic distance from East Africa explains 71% of the MTBC diversity

TB is 70 thousand years old and mimics human migrations

Present day TB clinical strains share a common ancestor 70 K years ago

Migrated Out of Africa with humans in two waves (around 65K years ago)

Arrival to Europe (~40 Kya) and East Asia (~30 Kya) coincides with the first archeological findings of human presence

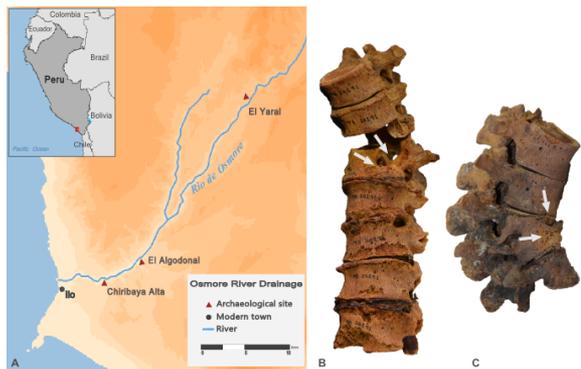


Rasmussen, Science 2011



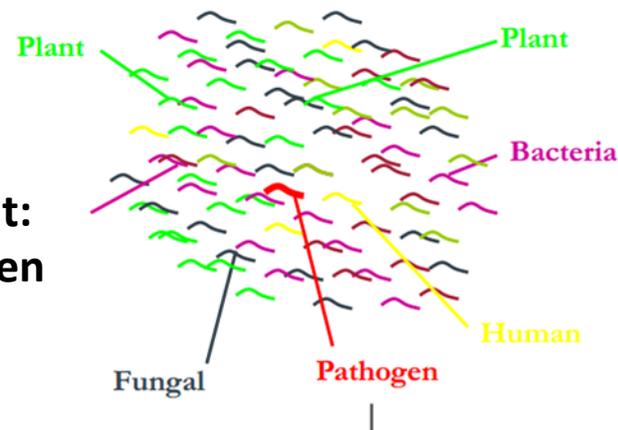
The Genographic project

Ancient MTBC DNA recovered from peruvian mummies



Targeted DNA enrichment:
fishing for ancient pathogen
DNA

Pathogen DNA exists in low quantity



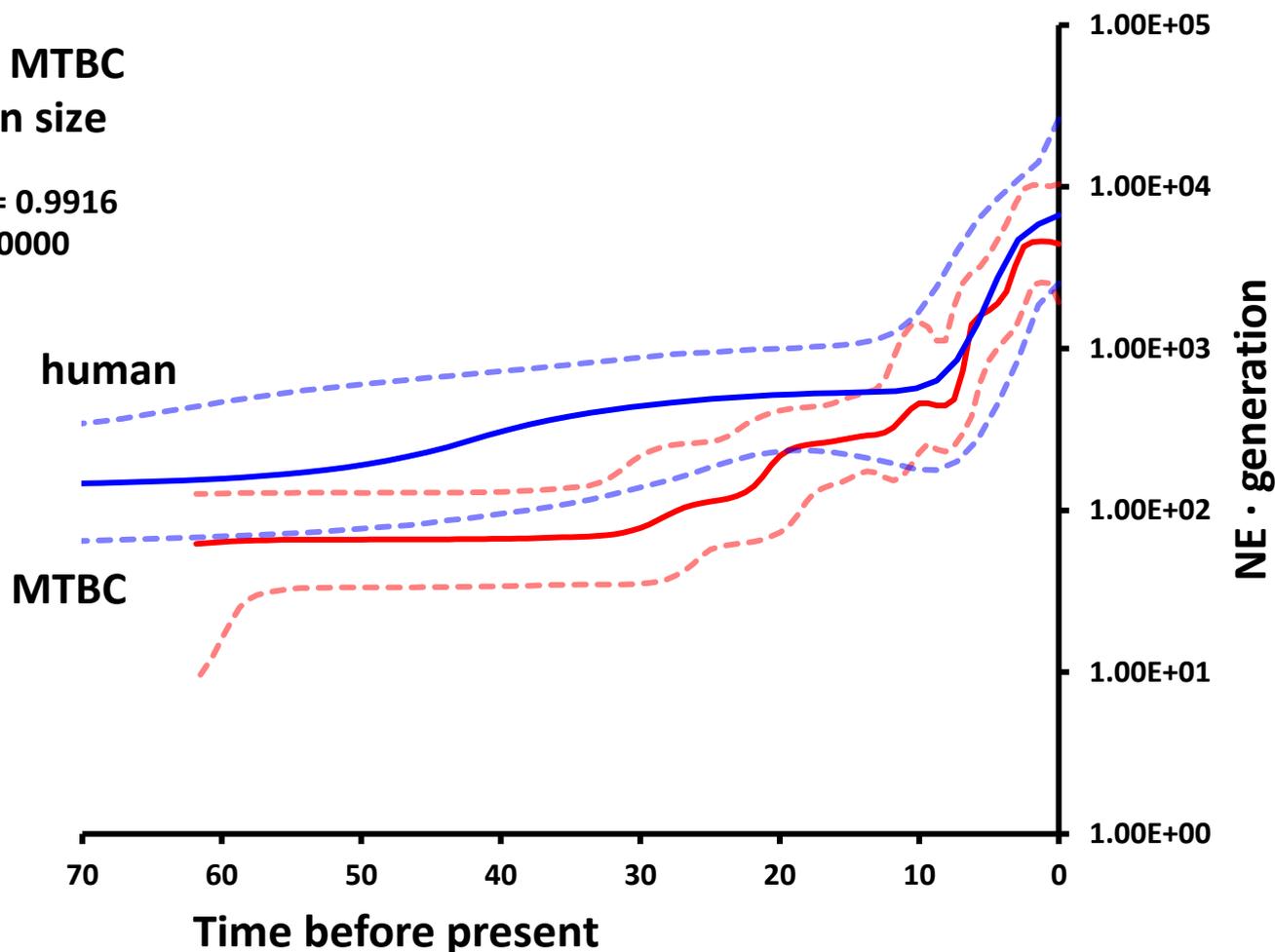
Peruvian mummies with bone scars compatible with TB (1,000 years old)



Human-driven expansions of the MTBC

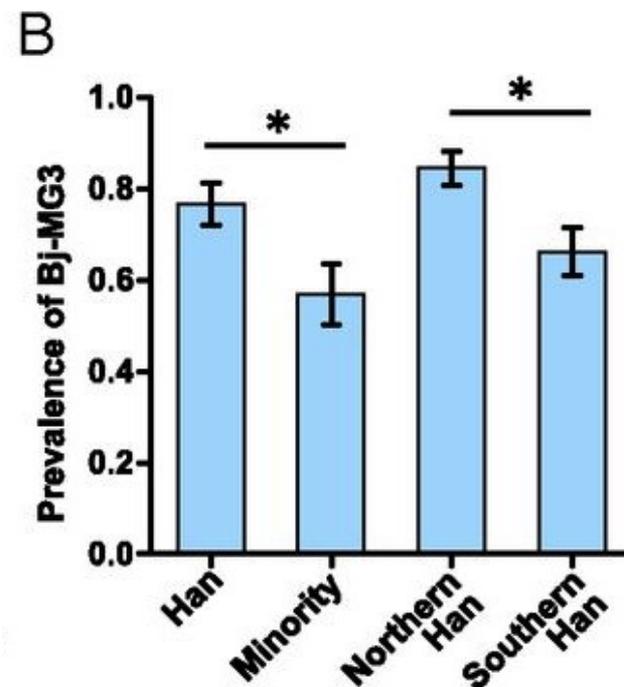
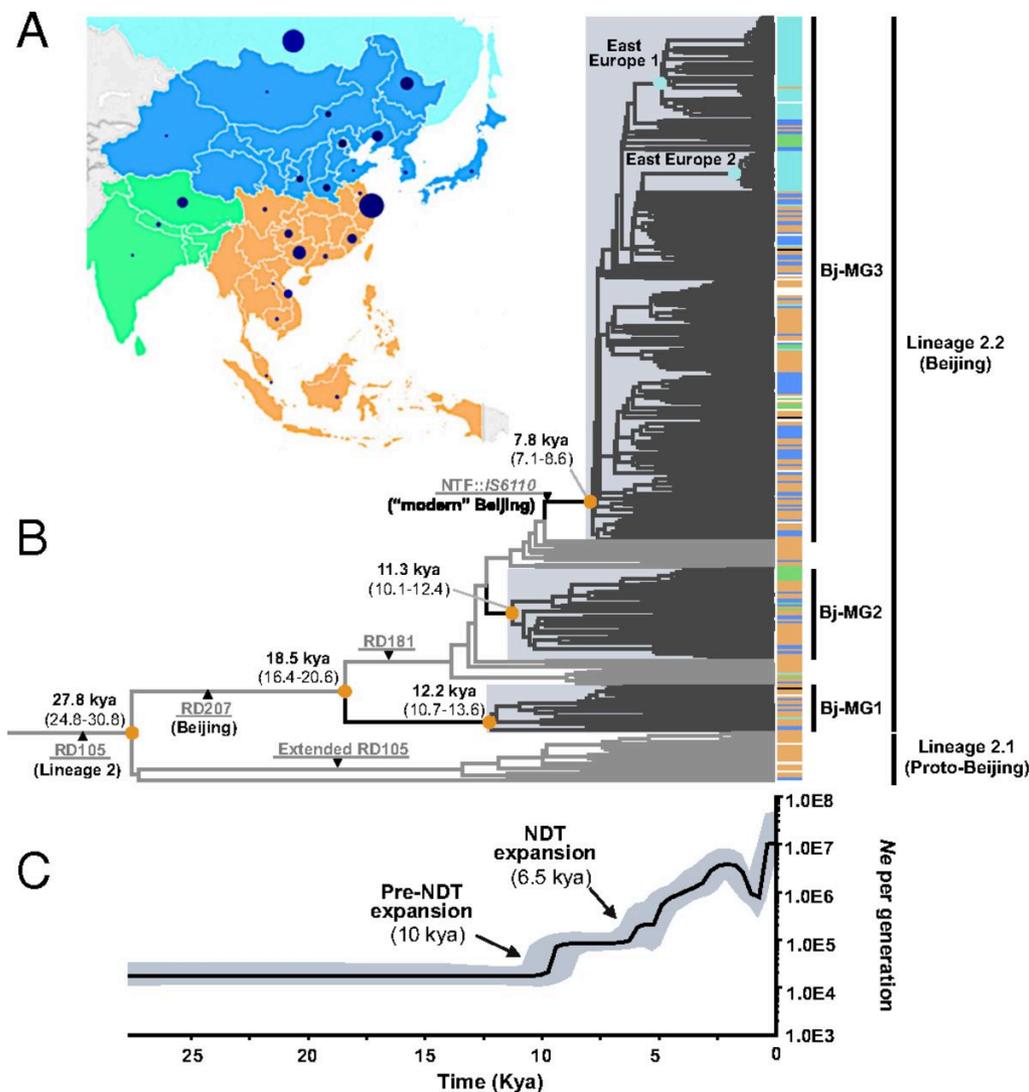
Human vs. MTBC population size

Spearman R = 0.9916
P-value 0.0000



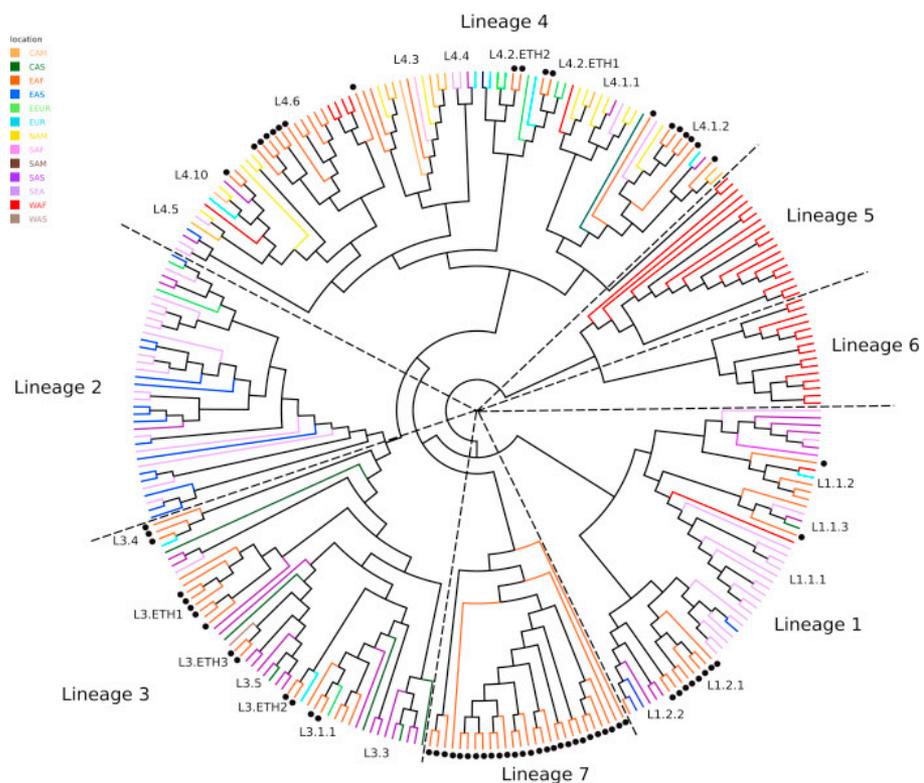
MTBC has been able to adapt to changing human densities

Local expansions driven by biology and historical contingency



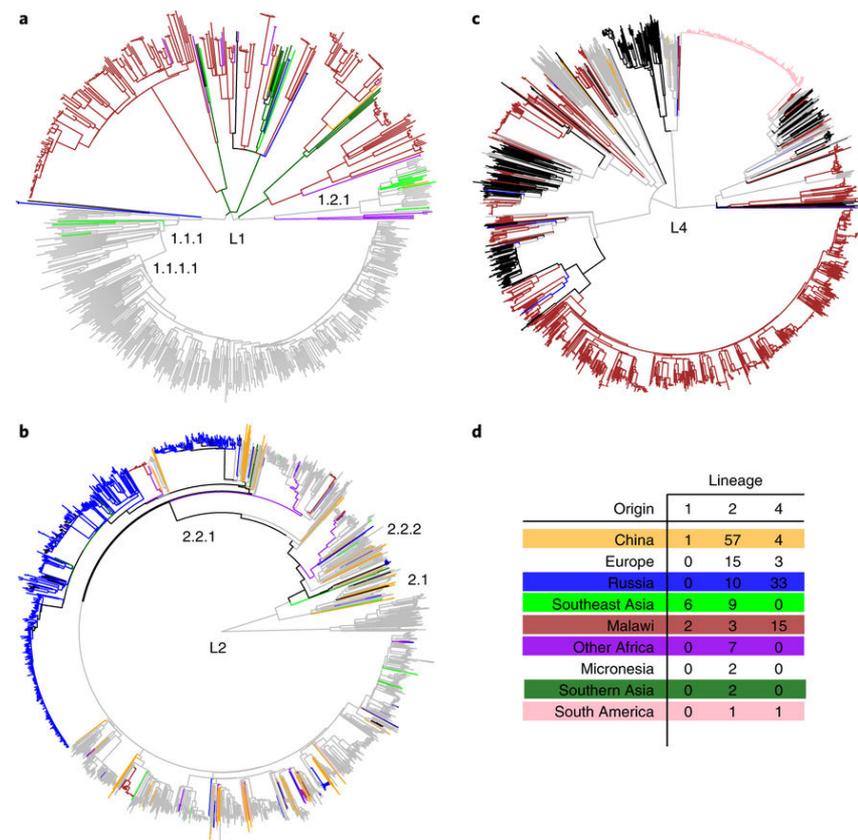
Local expansion of specific genotypes

ETHIOPIA



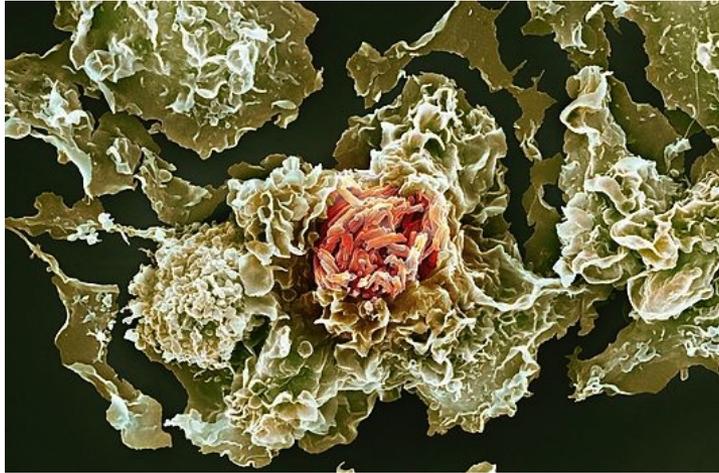
Comas et al 2015 Current Biology
Dots -> Ethiopia specific clades

VIETNAM



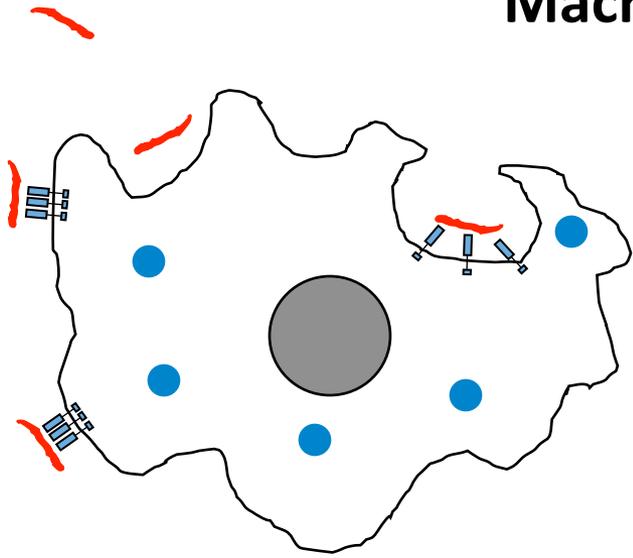
Holt et al Nature Genetics 2018
Grey -> Vietnam specific clades

Old and new selective pressure in MTBC evolution

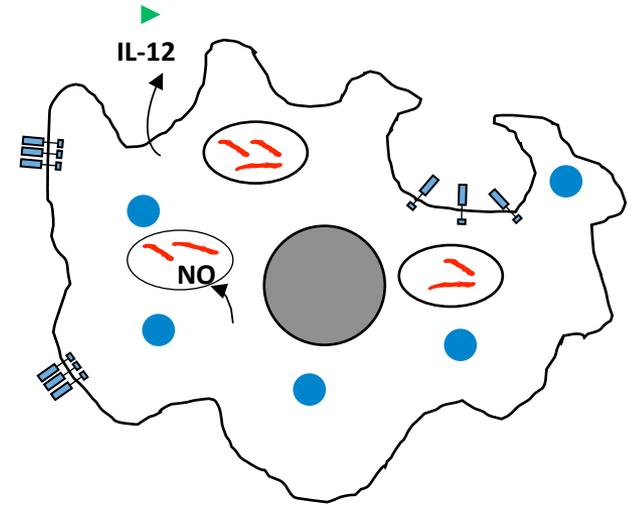


Immune system

Macrophage activation in *M. tuberculosis*

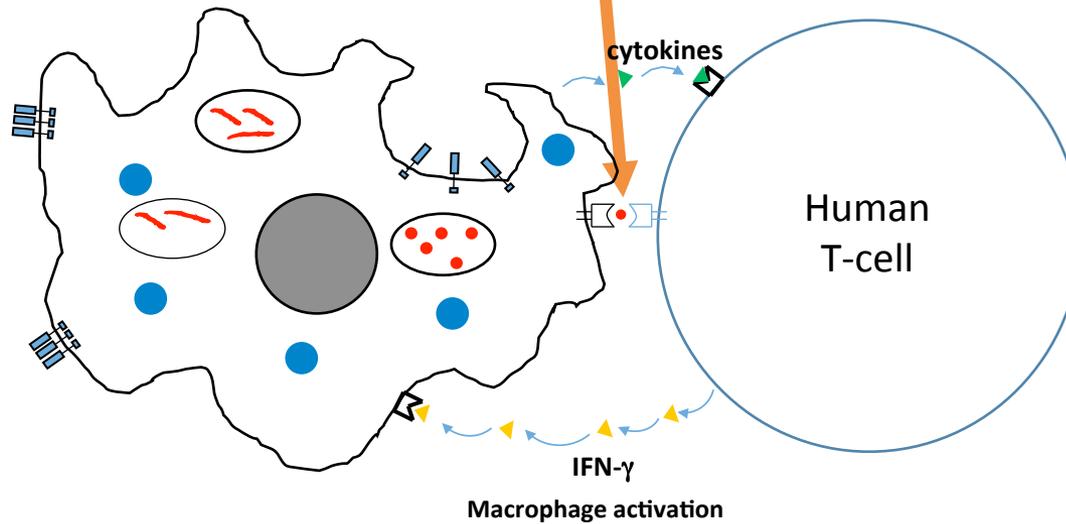


Mtb binding to macrophage receptors



NO production after binding and secretion of cytokines

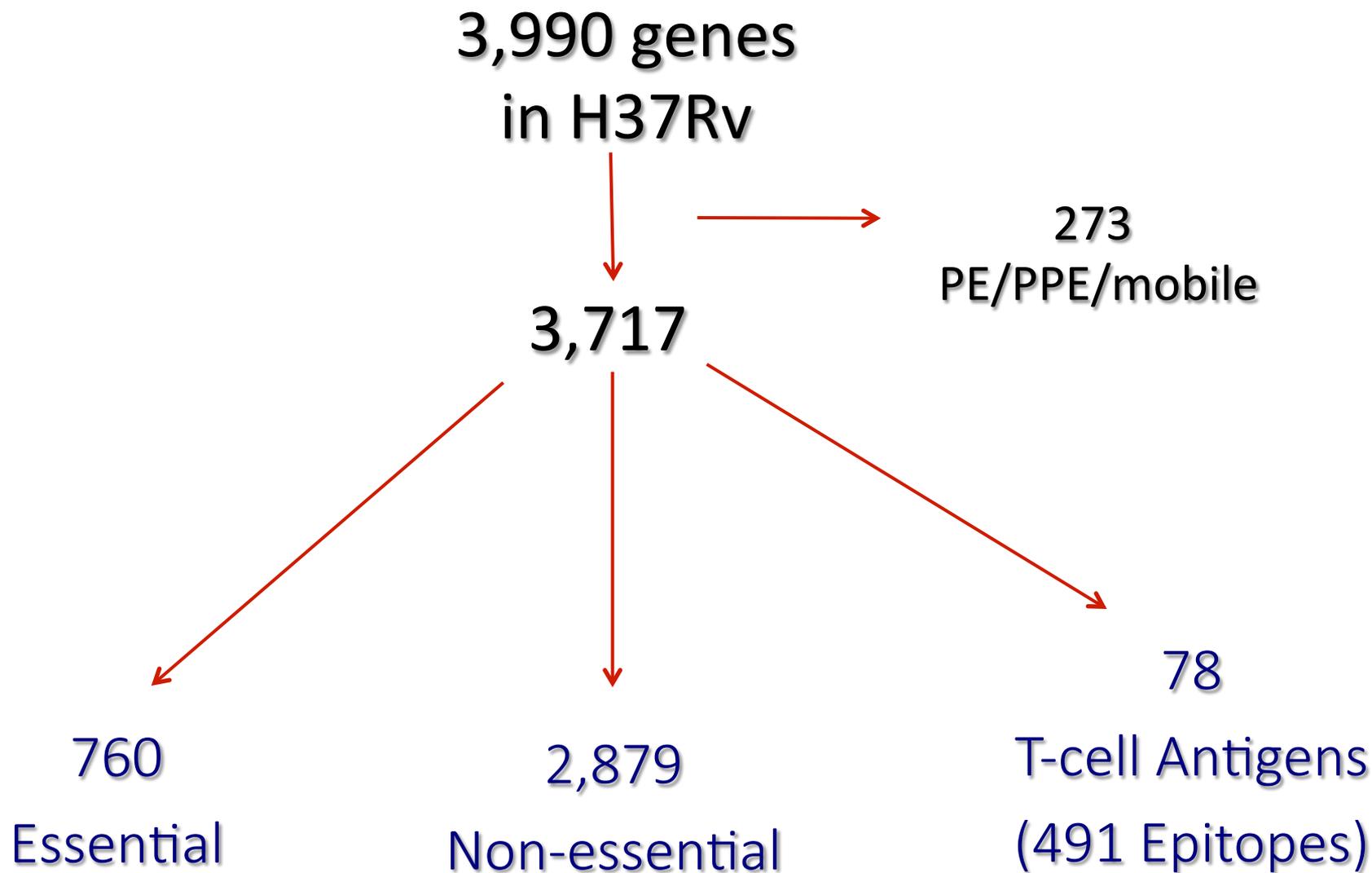
Antigenic variation?



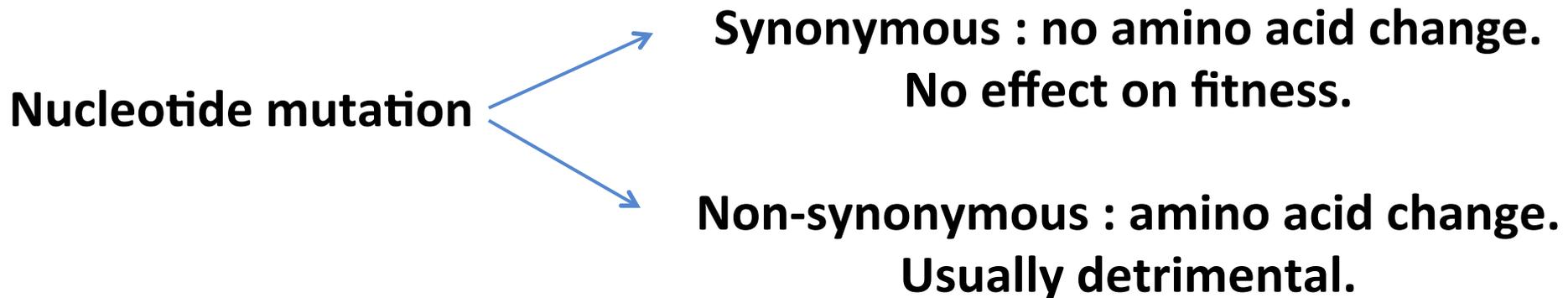
 *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

 T-cell epitope

Three (experimentally confirmed) Gene Sets:



dN/dS : rate of accumulation of non-synonymous
versus accumulation of synonymous change

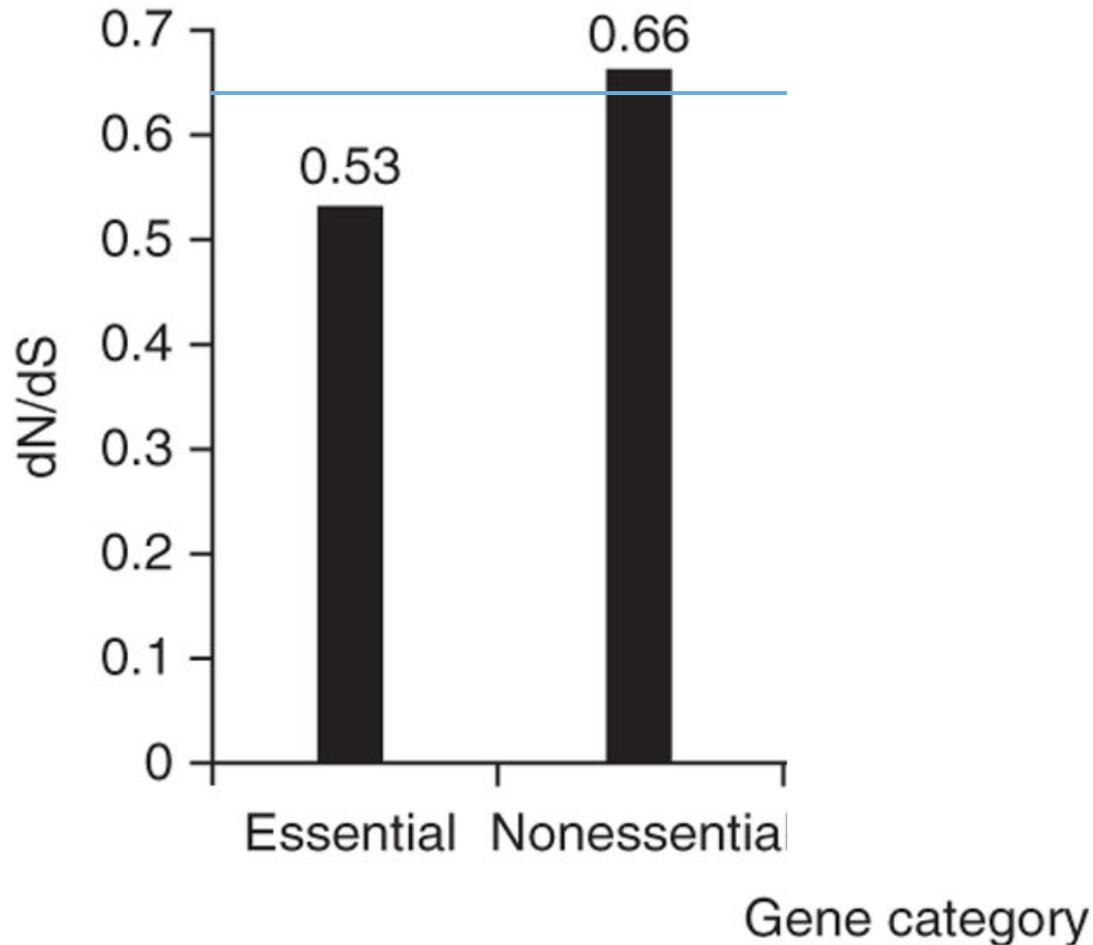


Low dN/dS ($\ll 1$) : **PURIFYING SELECTION**
(aminoacid conservation)

dN/dS (~ 1) : **NO SELECTION** just **GENETIC DRIFT**

dN/dS ($\gg 1$) : **POSITIVE SELECTION**

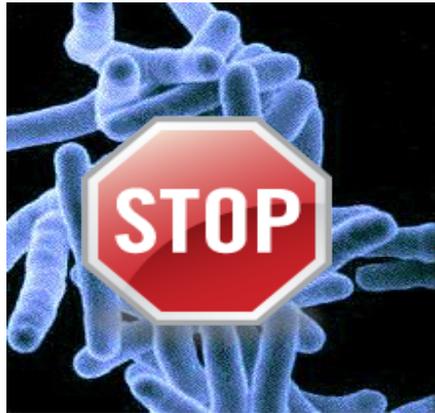
Epitopes Most Conserved



Conclusions

- Human T-cell epitopes of *Mtb* are hyperconserved (= essential genes).
- No immune evasion strategy: host immune responses benefit to *Mtb*?

Why *Mtb* needs a proper human T-cell immune response?



inhibits replication



lung damage



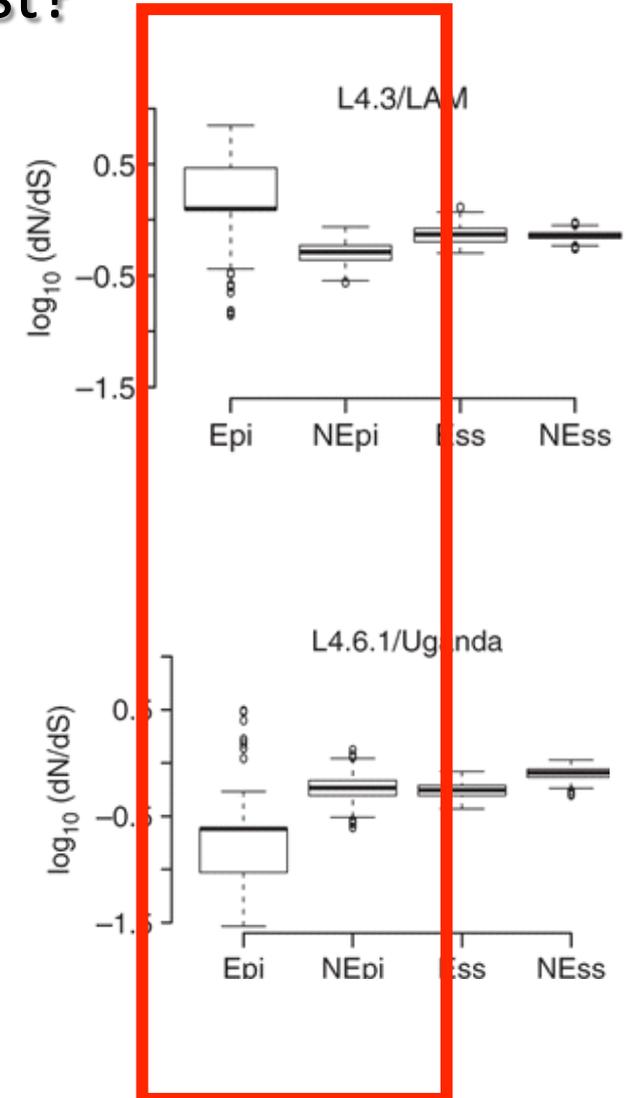
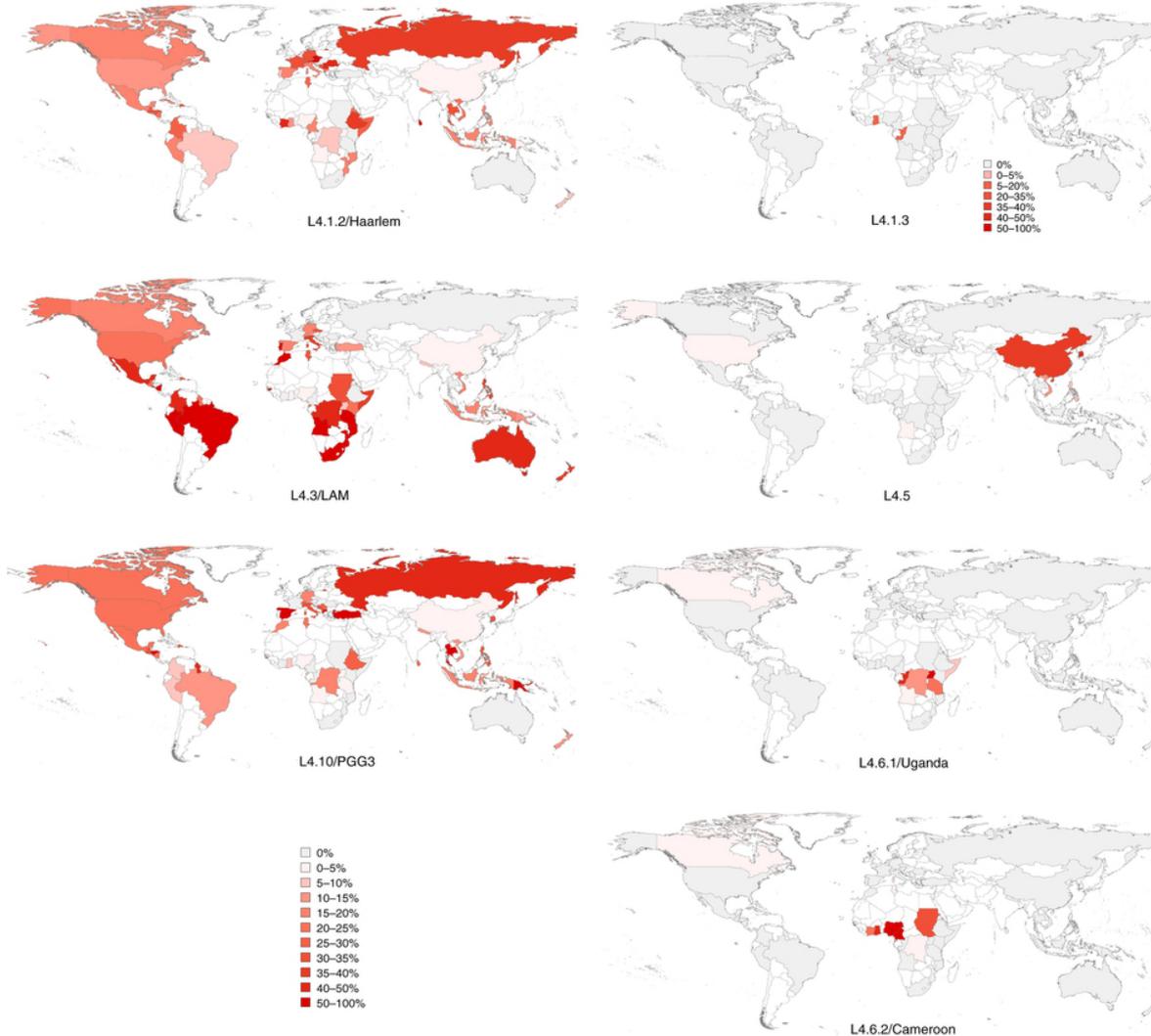
transmission

Conclusions

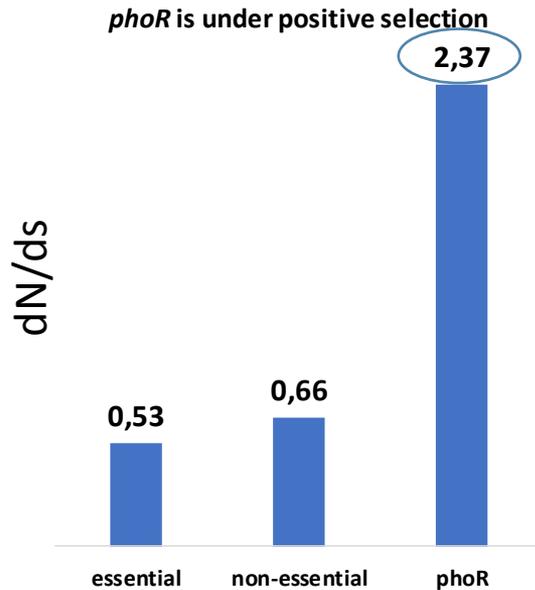
- (Known) Human T-cell epitopes of *Mtb* are hyperconserved (= essential genes).
- No immune evasion strategy: some host immune responses benefit to *Mtb*?
- Implications for vaccines: what constitutes protective immunity?
- New antigens? -> yes and no -> Coscolla Cell Host and Microbe 2015

Generalist vs. specialist?

a



Positive selection not in antigens, yes in virulence factors



PhoR

Review

Cell PRESS

PhoP, a key player in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* virulence

Michelle Ryndak¹, Shuishu Wang² and Issar Smith^{1,3}



MTBVAC: live-attenuated vaccine based on PhoP deletion under clinical trials

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Evolutionary history of tuberculosis shaped by conserved mutations in the PhoPR virulence regulator

Jesús Gonzalo-Asensio^{a,b,1}, Wladimir Malaga^{c,d,1}, Alexandre Pawlik^e, Catherine Astarie-Dequeker^{c,d}, Charlotte Passemar^{c,d}, Flavie Moreau^{c,d}, Françoise Laval^{c,d}, Mamadou Daffé^{c,d}, Carlos Martin^{a,b,f}, Roland Brosch^{e,2}, and Christophe Guilhot^{c,d,2}

Early mutations in PhoR associated to host-range adaptation

phoR mutations are prevalent across the MTBC phylogeny and associated to on-going transmission

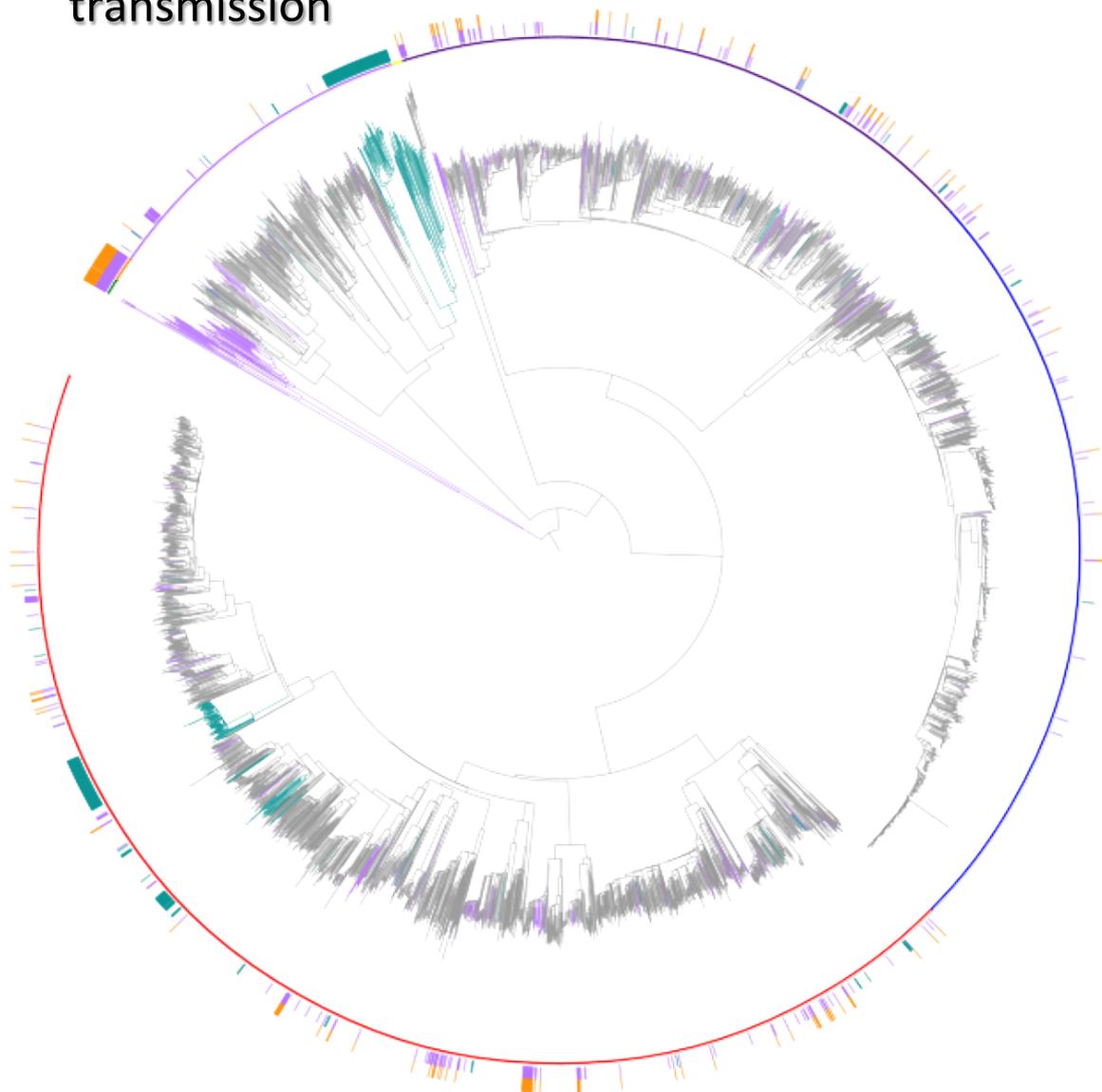
Tree scale: 100

Colored ranges

- Lineage 1
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- Lineage 5
- Lineage 6
- Lineage 7

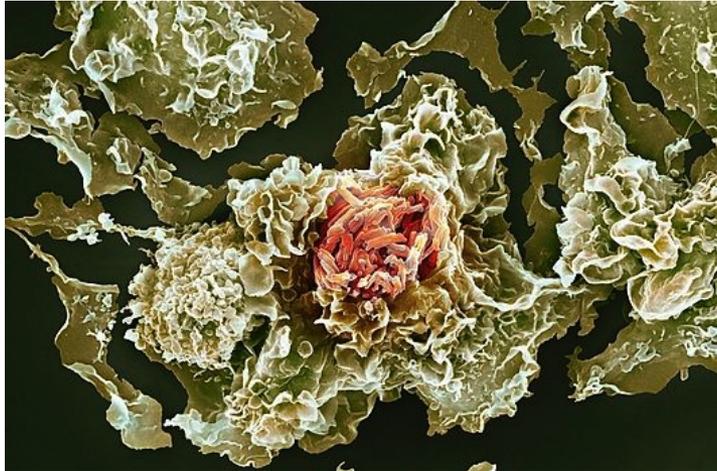
phoR variants

- Synonymous
- Non-synonymous
- Homoplasic variants

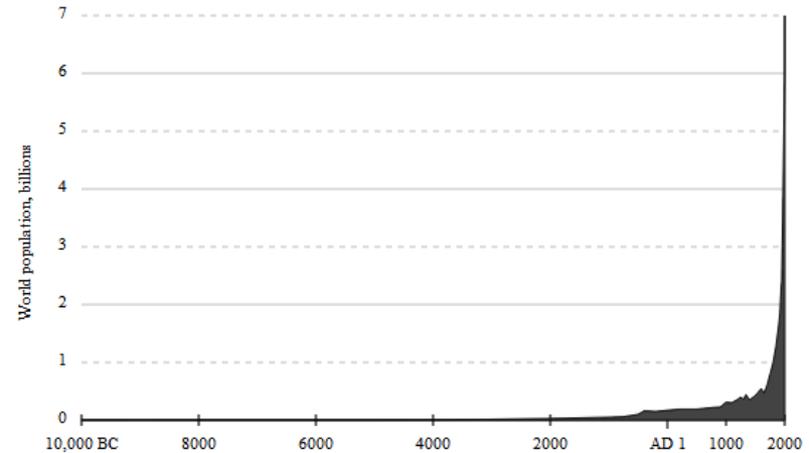


Associated to large
transmission clusters
in Malawi
(pvalue < 0,05)

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Immune system



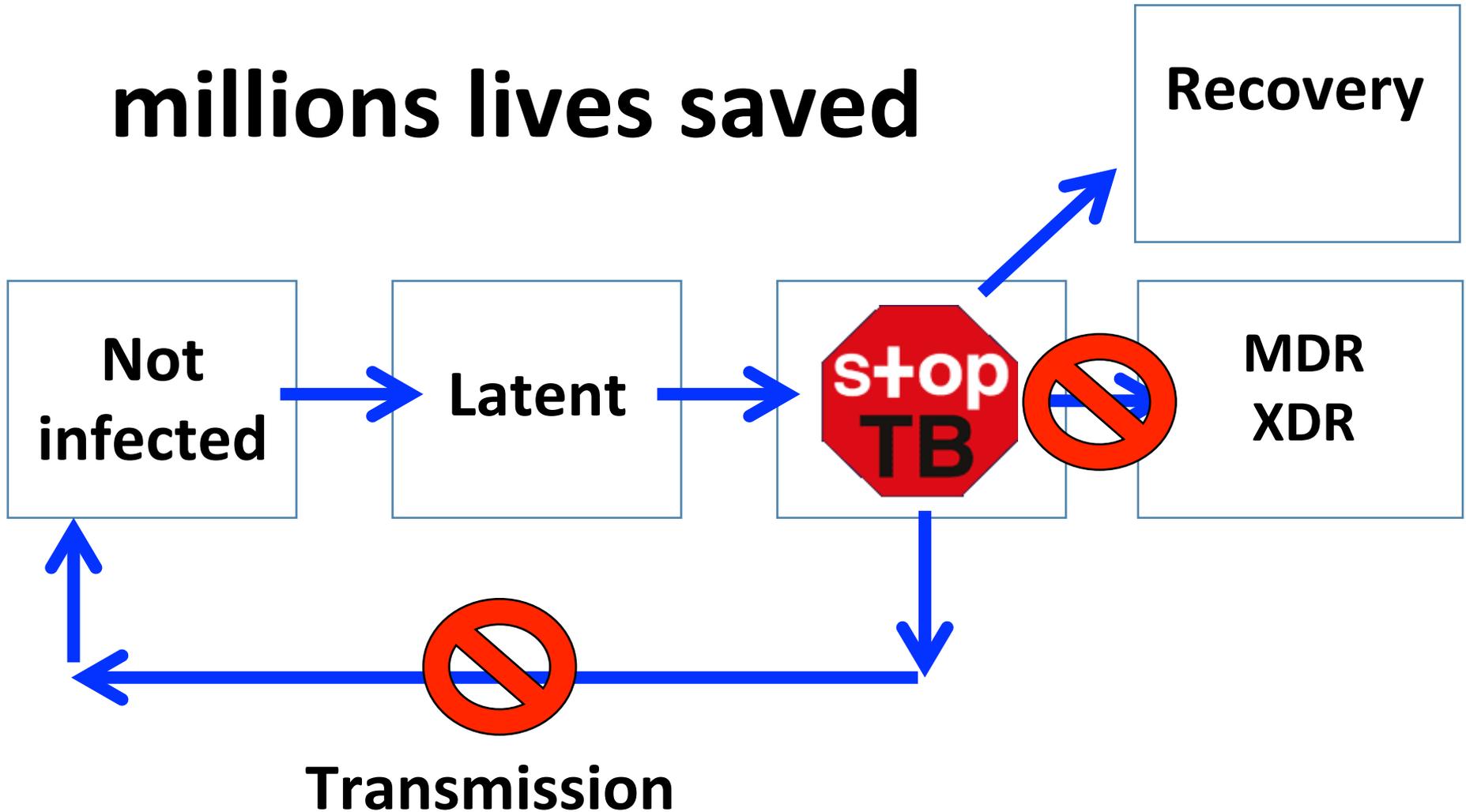
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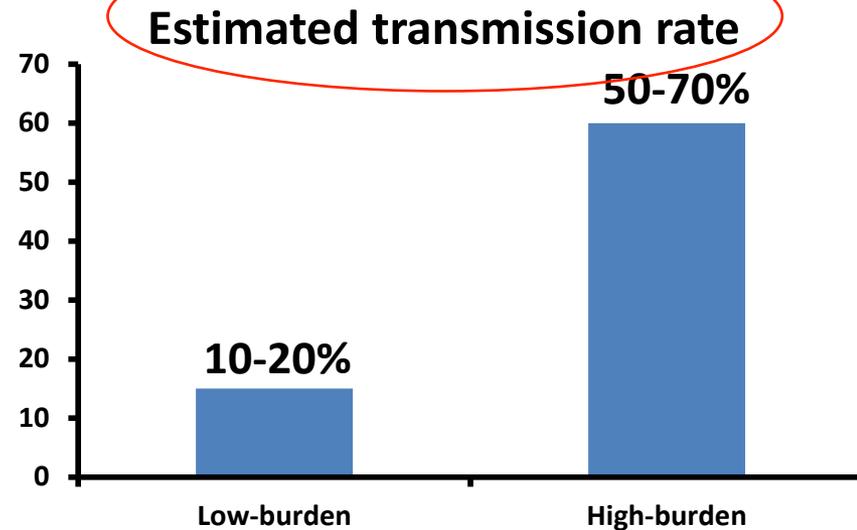
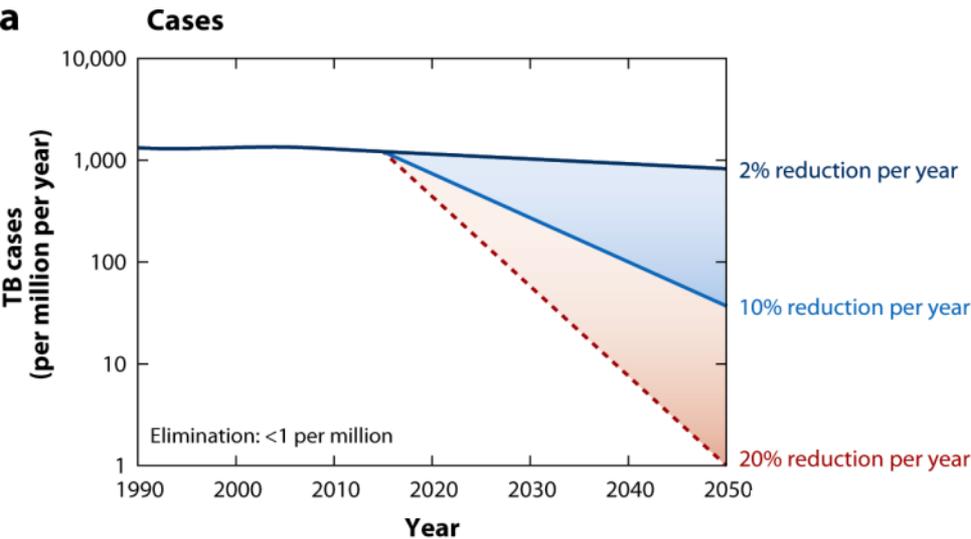
Modern epidemics

DOTS: **D**irectly **O**bserved **T**reatment, **S**hort-**C**ourse

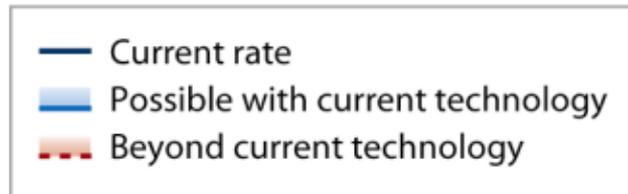
millions lives saved



Slow and Steady is not an option!



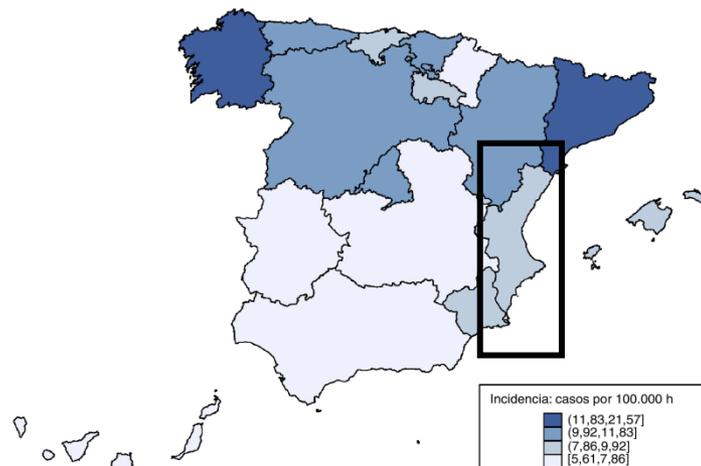
Dye 2013



- Decades old tools
- Inaccurate epidemiological models
- Knowledge gaps on host-pathogen

- Transmission is on-going!
- Contributes to latent reservoir -> future epidemics

Low-burden setting: Valencia region



Incidence: 8/100,000 inhabitants

Period: 2014-2016

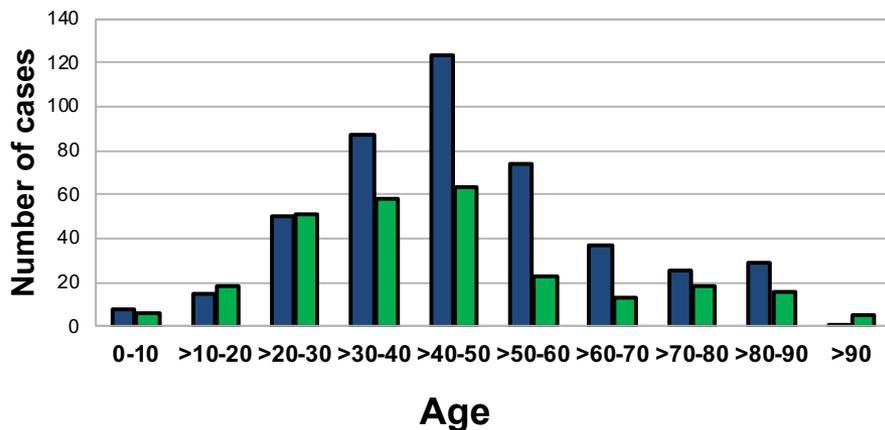
785 sequenced isolates

18 Hospitals

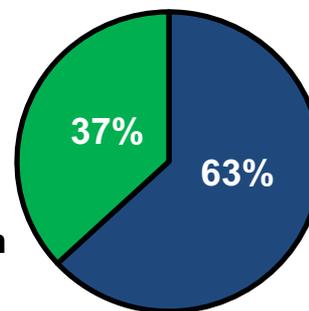
3 locations:

- **Castellón**
- **Valencia**
- **Alicante**

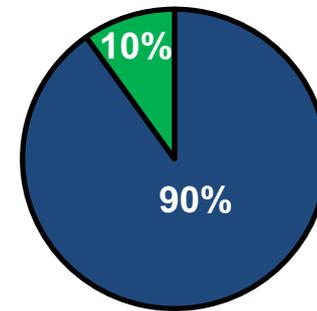
TB cases per age and gender



Country of origin

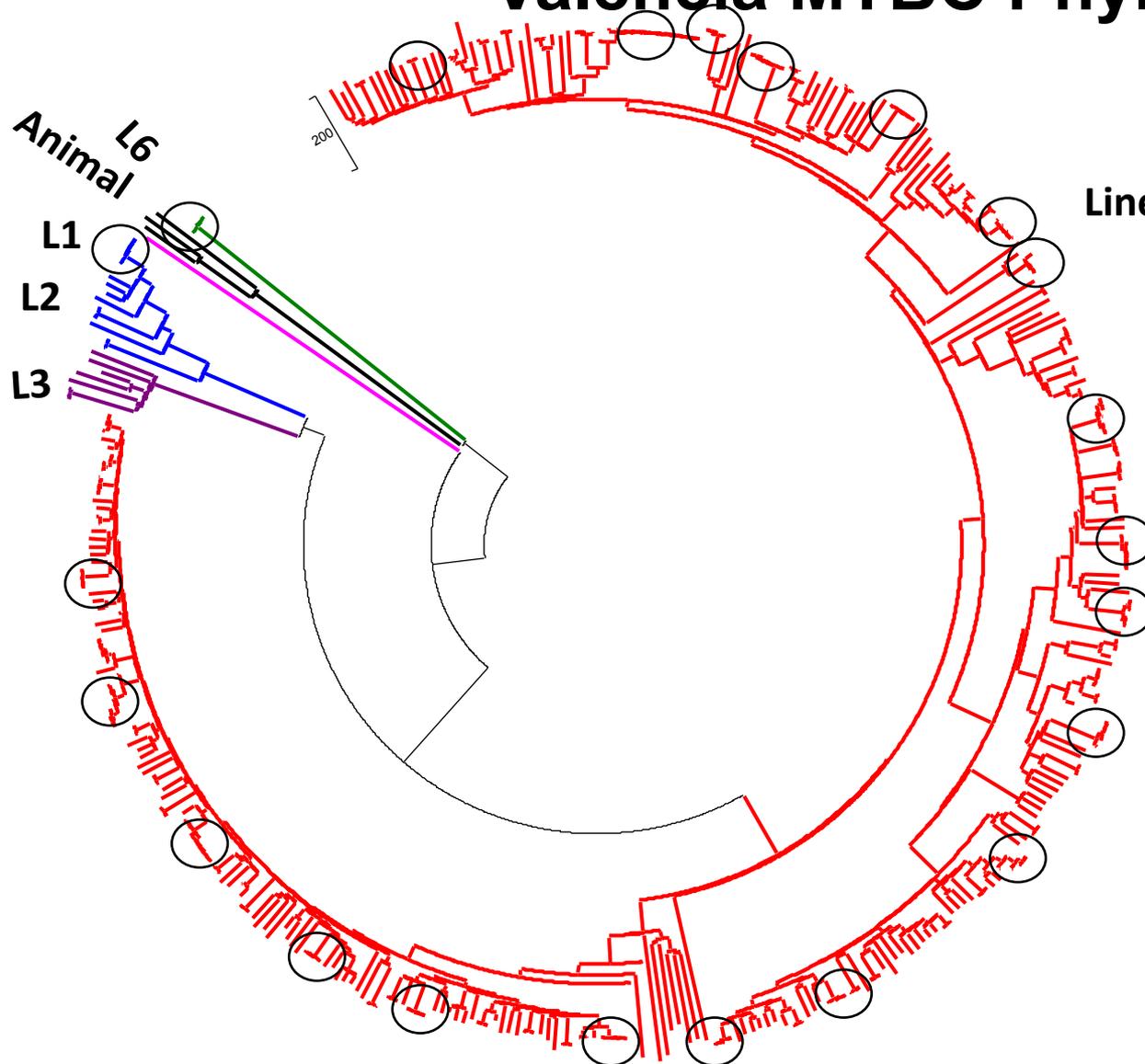


Resistance



■ Spain ■ Foreign ■ Susceptible ■ DR

Valencia MTBC Phylogeny



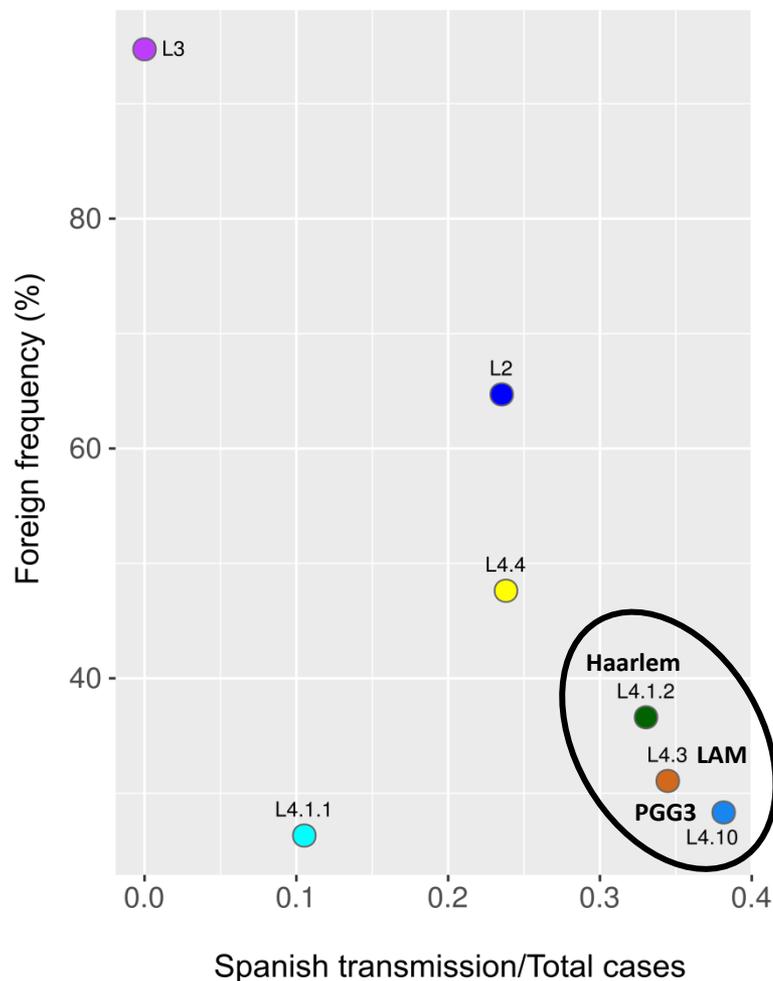
Lineage 4

785 isolates

Lineage*	Cases	No. Clusters
L1	4	0
L2	21	2
L3	20	0
L4	717	118
L5	2	0
L6	3	1
Animal	13	0

* Nomenclature proposed by Comas, et al. *Nat Genet.* 2013

Generalist sub-lineages associated to local transmission



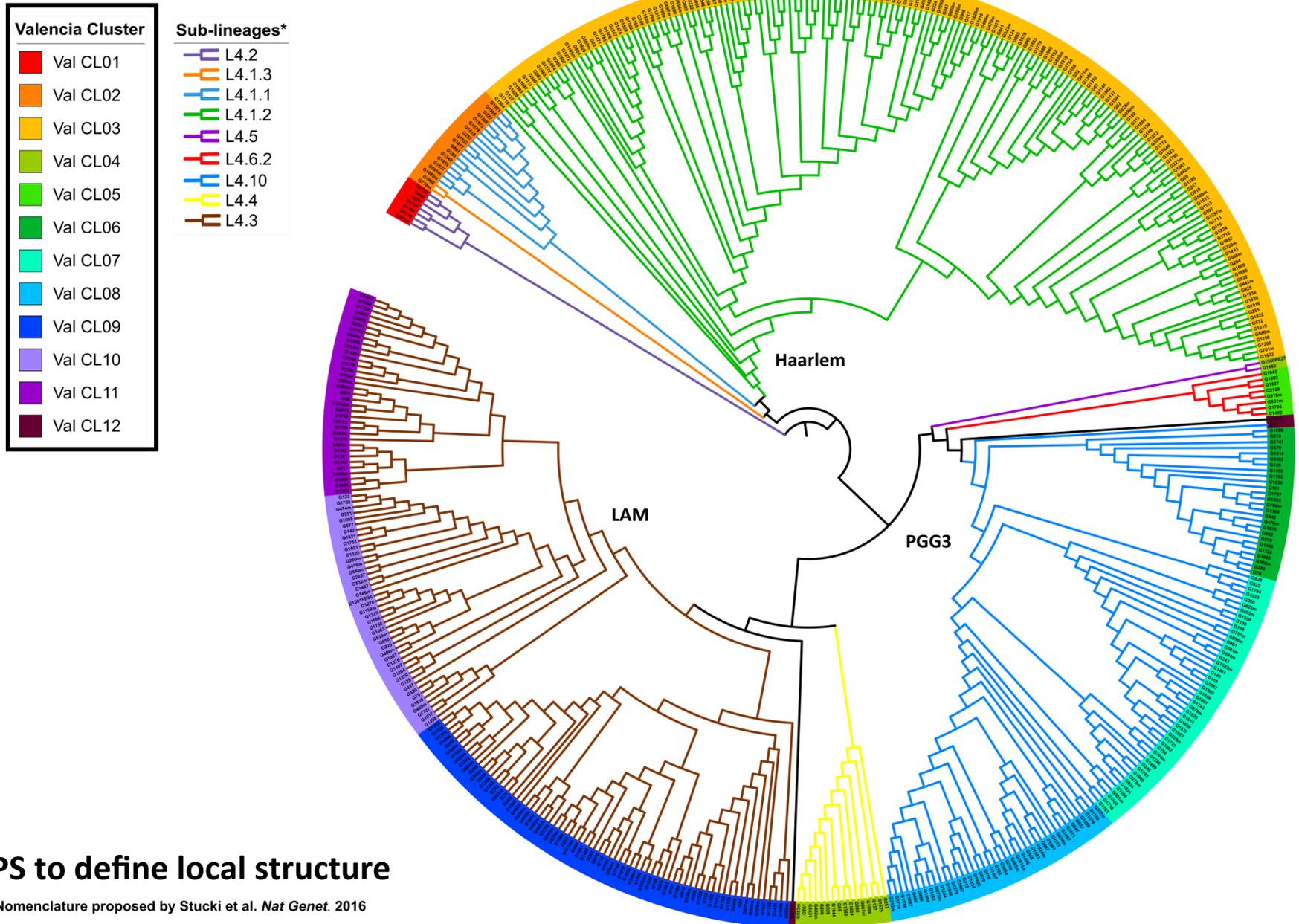
But sub-lineages are a large pool of imported and indigenous strains. Can we distinguish?

1. Identify genotypes beyond sub-lineage level
2. Correlate the genotypes with Spanish origin

Cancino et al. Unpublished

* Nomenclature proposed by Stucki, et al. *Nat Genet.* 2016

1. Valencia local population structure: beyond sub-lineages



2. Indigenous genotypes associated to transmission



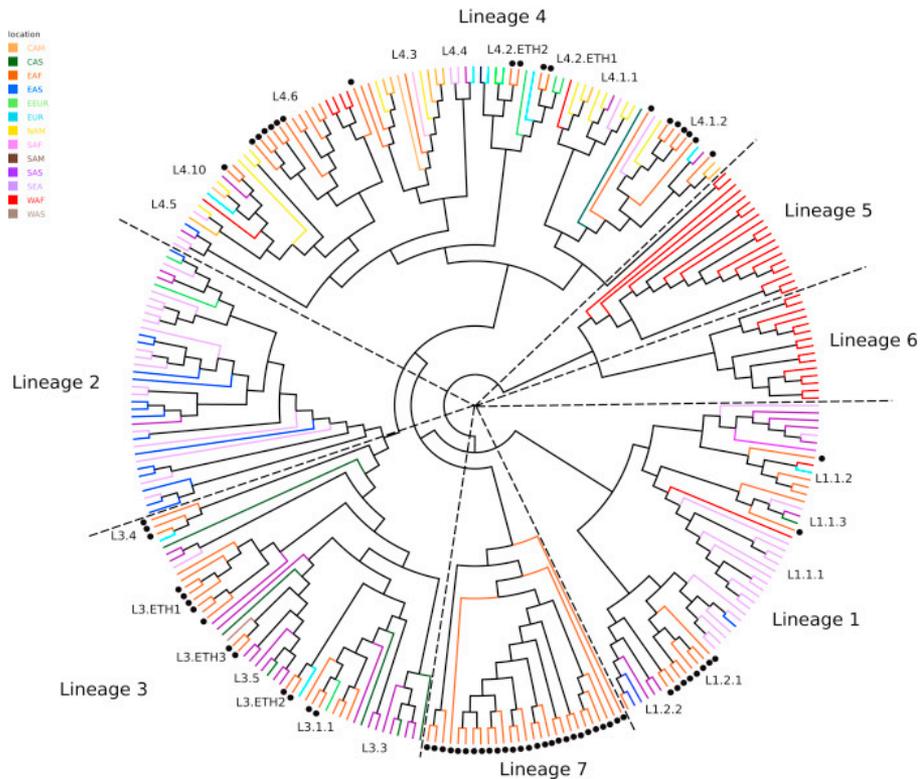
transmission

Cluster	Total transmission	Spanish/Total transmission (%)	Odds ratio	95% CI	p value*
Val CL03	106	69.81	1.4	(0.65-3.6)	0.247
Val CL06	17	94.12	10.5	(1.6-492.4)	0.009
Val CL07	50	74.00	1.9	(0.78-5.5)	0.126
Val CL08	21	61.9	1.1	(0.37-4.0)	0.542
Val CL09	42	71.43	1.6	(0.67-5.0)	0.200
Val CL10	32	59.37		Reference	
Val CL11	26	84.61	3.6	(1.1-18.1)	0.033

*Fisher exact test

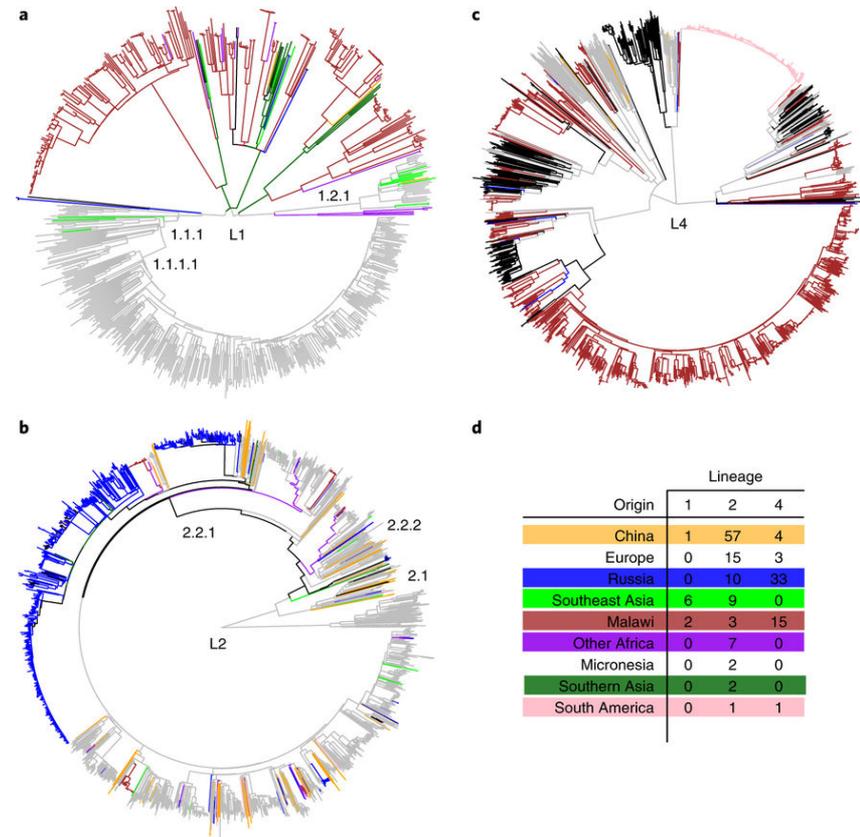
Local expansion of specific genotypes driving transmission

ETHIOPIA



Comas et al 2015 Current Biology
Dots -> Ethiopia specific clades

VIETNAM



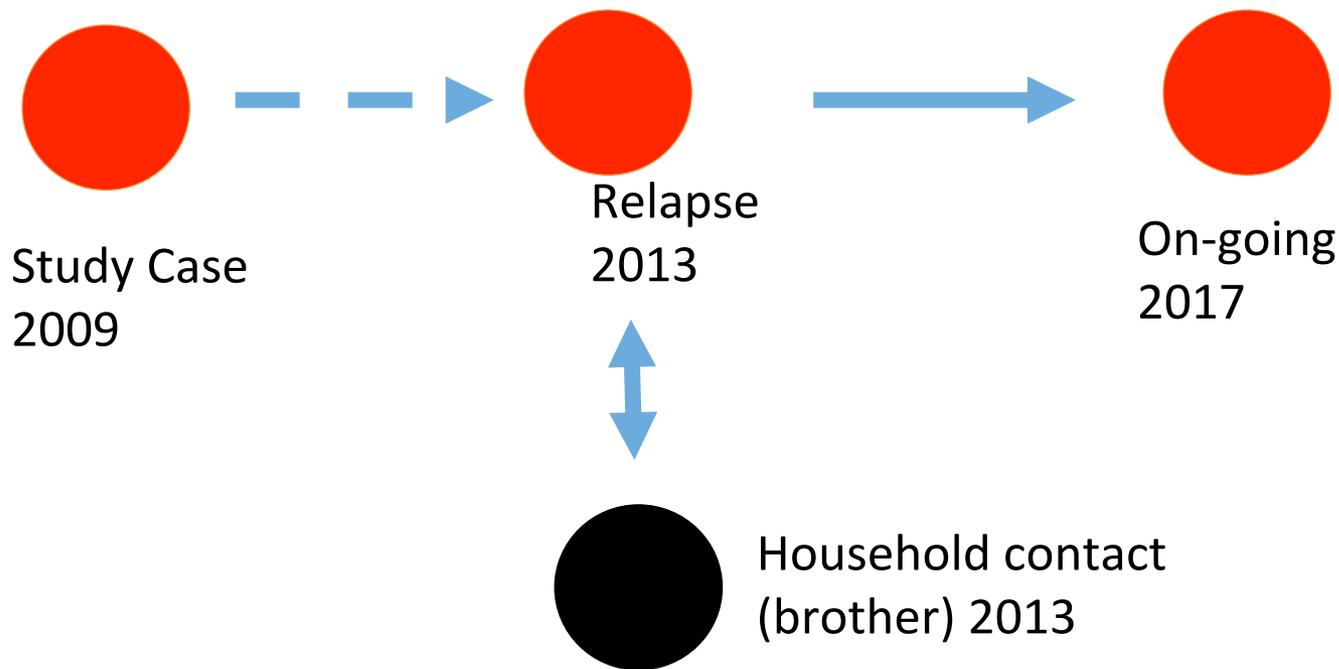
Holt et al Nature Genetics 2018
Grey -> Vietnam specific clades

Old and new selective pressure in MTBC evolution



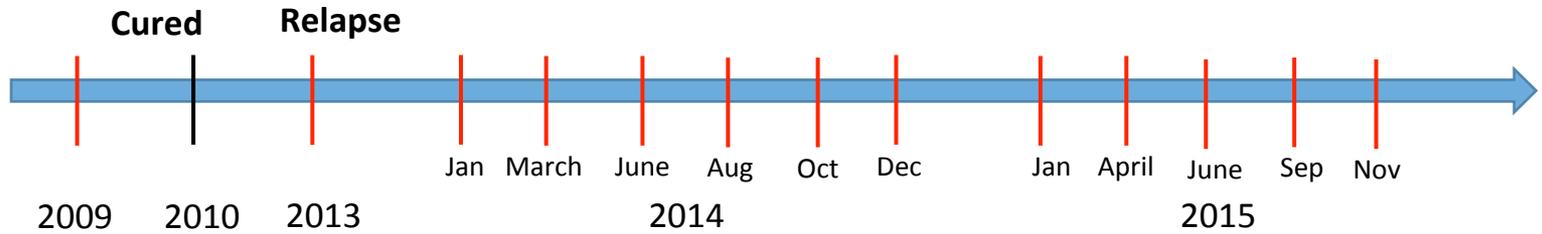
Antibiotics

Whole genome sequencing for drug resistance detection



DISCLAIMER: all sequencing data has been obtained from culture isolates ☹
Cancino et al. Under Review

Microbiological and molecular diagnostic



Sputum smear

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Treatment

RHZE RHZE

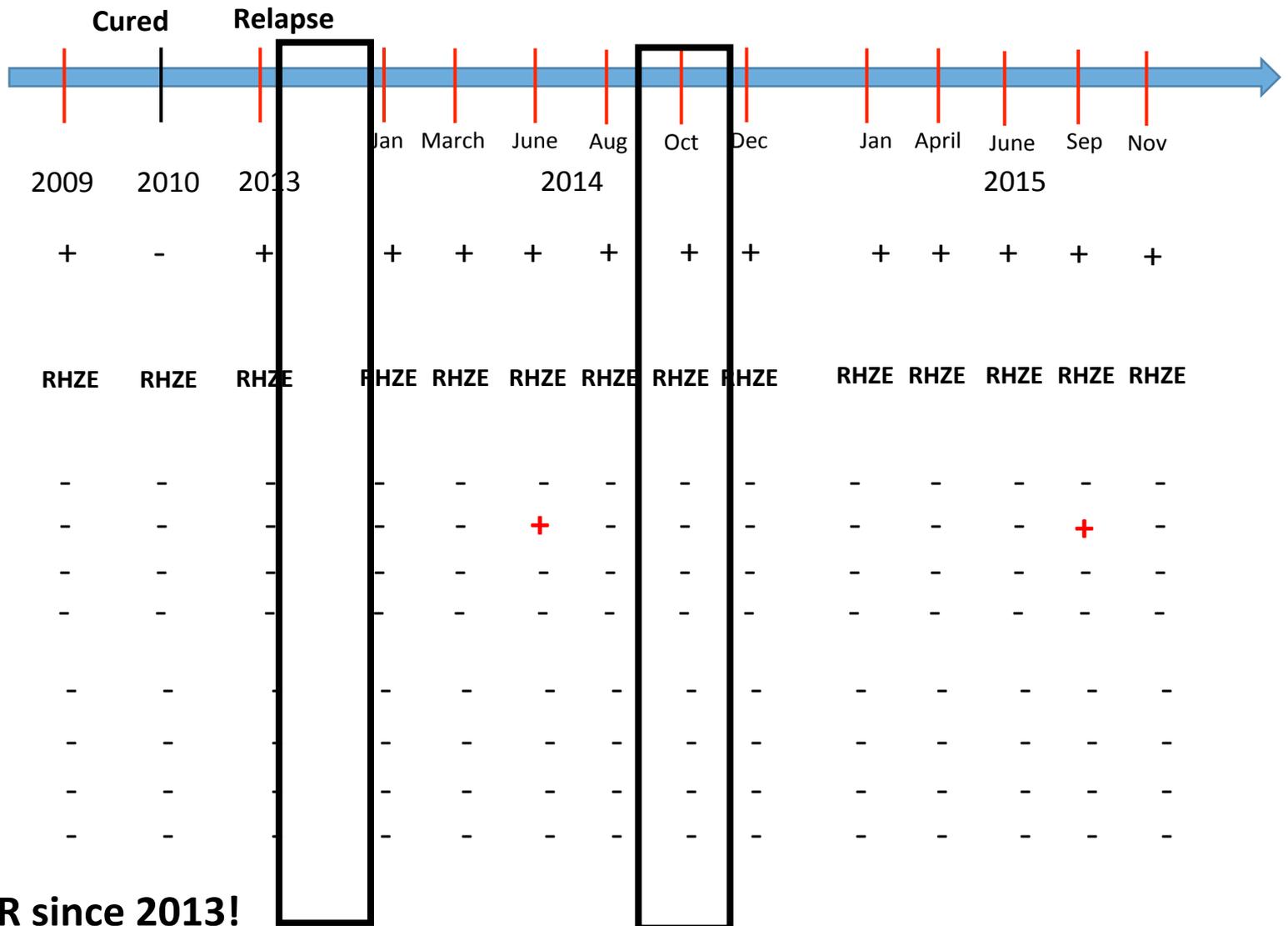
Microbiology
DST

R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Z	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Molecular
probes

R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Microbiological and molecular diagnostic



MDR since 2013!

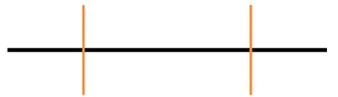
MDR diagnosed by WGS

R, Rifampicin; H, Isoniazid; Z, Pyrazinamide; E, Ethambutol

Why diagnostics failed?

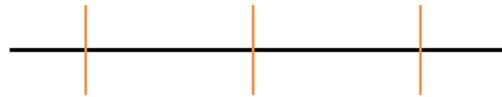
Molecular

rpoB (RIF)



I491F

katG (INH)



G273R 1 bp del

GenExpert **None**
Hain
Others

GenExpert **None**
Hain
Others

MGIT

False negative

(slow growth due to I491F “disputed mutation”)

RIFAMPICIN

MGIT < 1 ug/ul
7H11 > 1 ug/ul

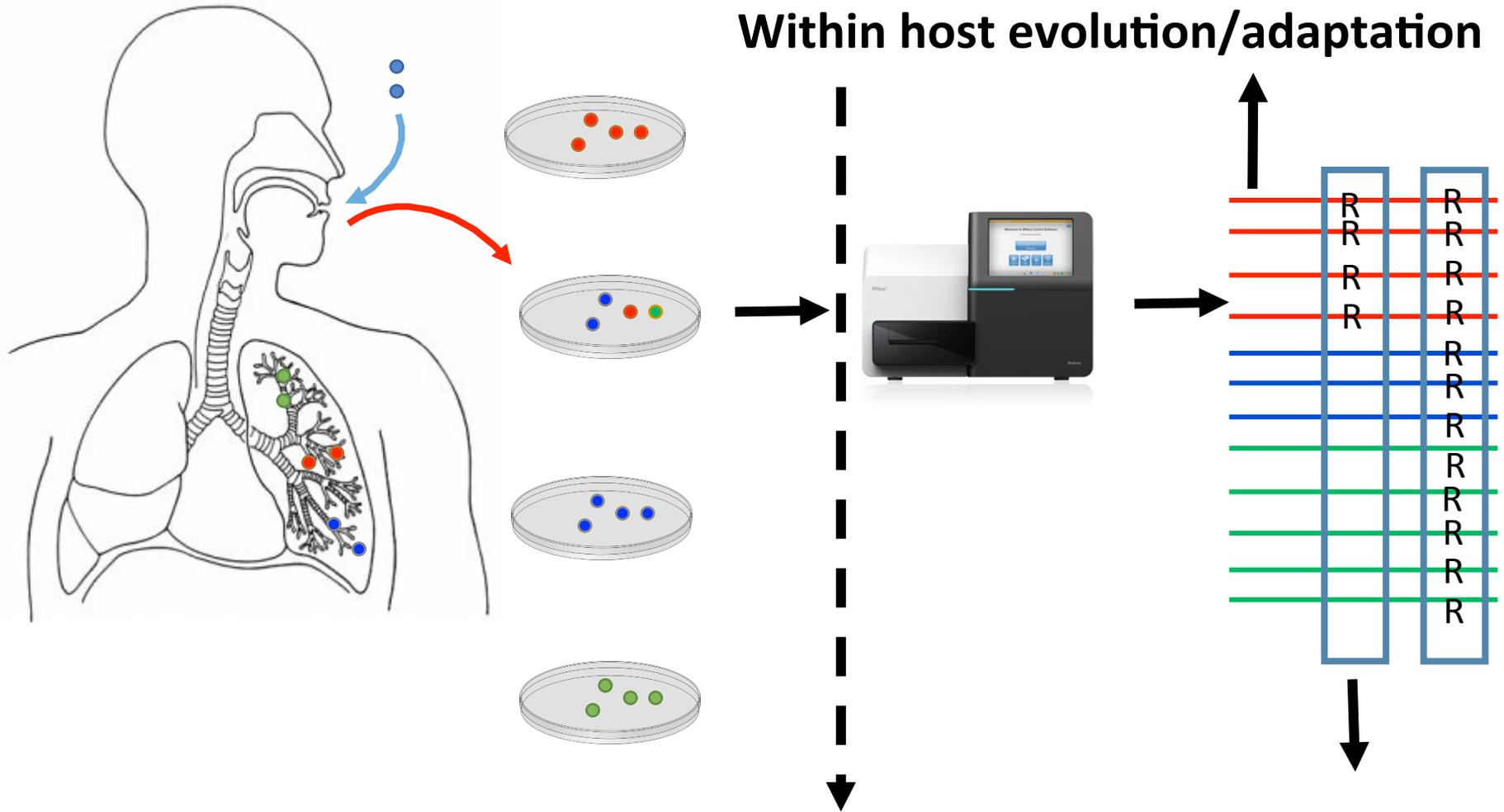
Breakpoint

ISONIAZID (MGIT -)



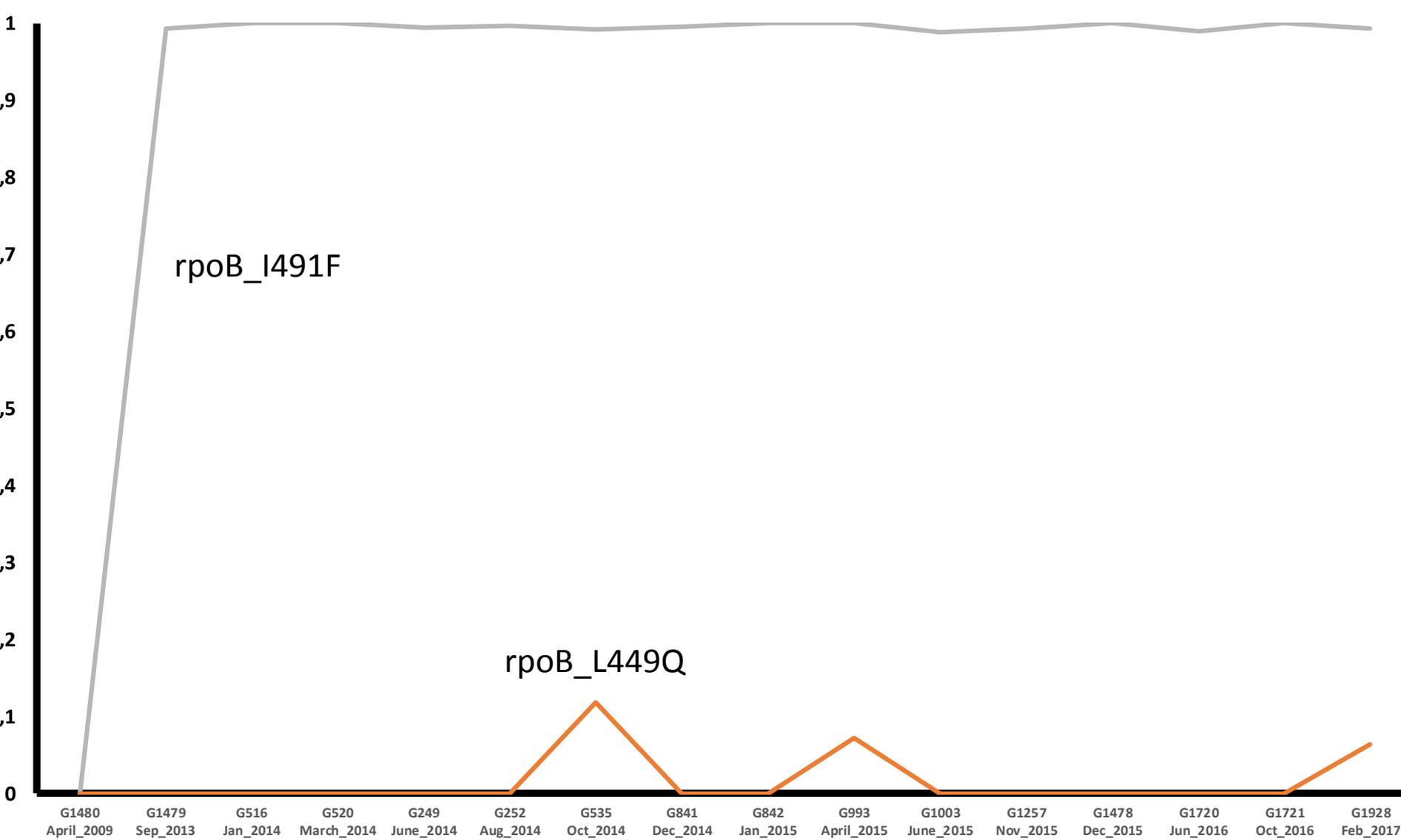
Strain	S/R?	0	0,125	0,25	0,5	1	8	16	32
H37Rv	control_S	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
G1480	2009_S	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
G520_C2	2014_R	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue

Complexity of infections AND heteroresistance

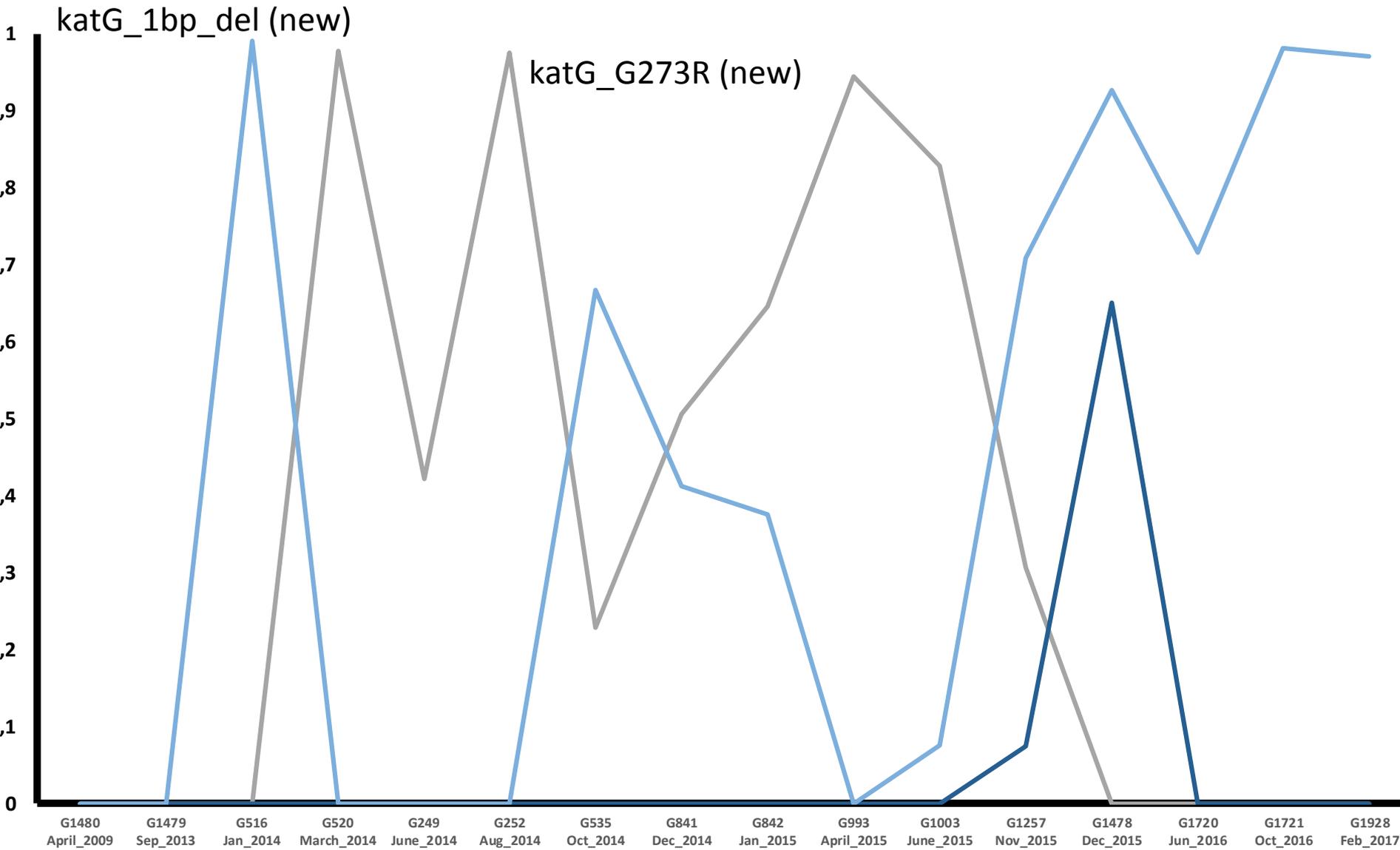


Clinically relevant?

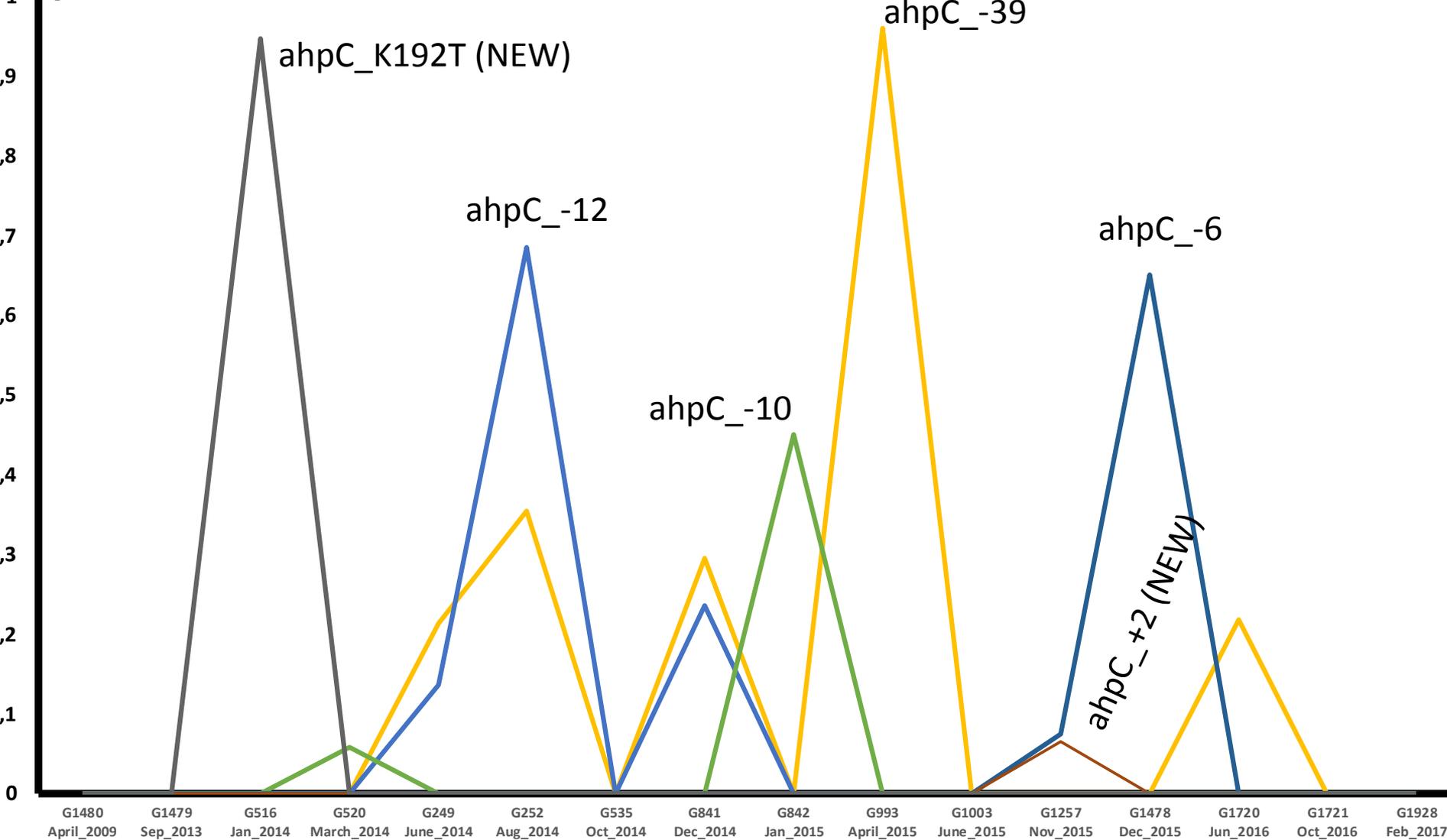
Resistance to Rifampicin – Sep 2013



Resistance to Rifampicin – Sep 2013 Isoniazid – Jan 2014

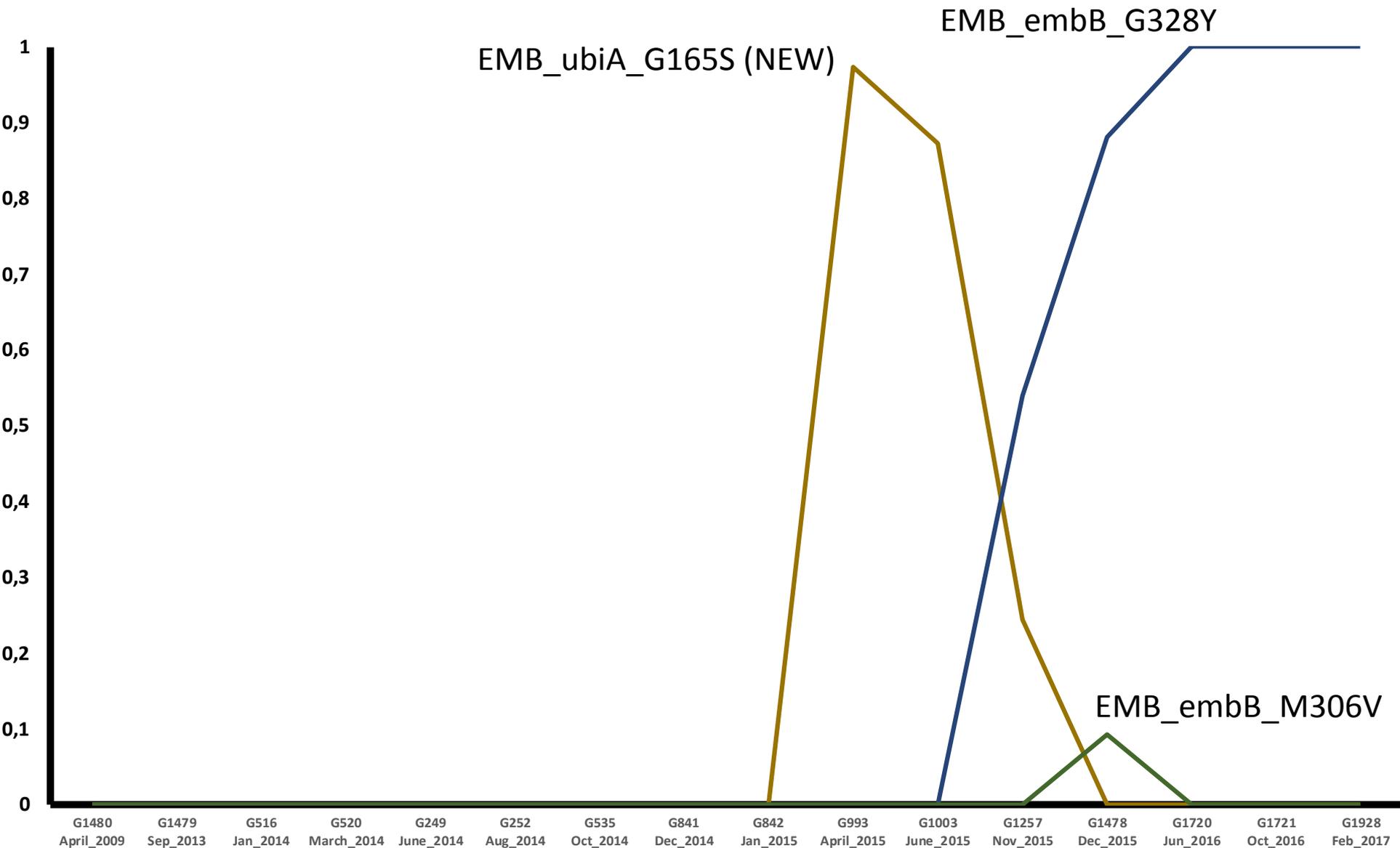


Resistance to Rifampicin – Sep 2013 Isoniazid – Jan 2014 + mutations in ahpC



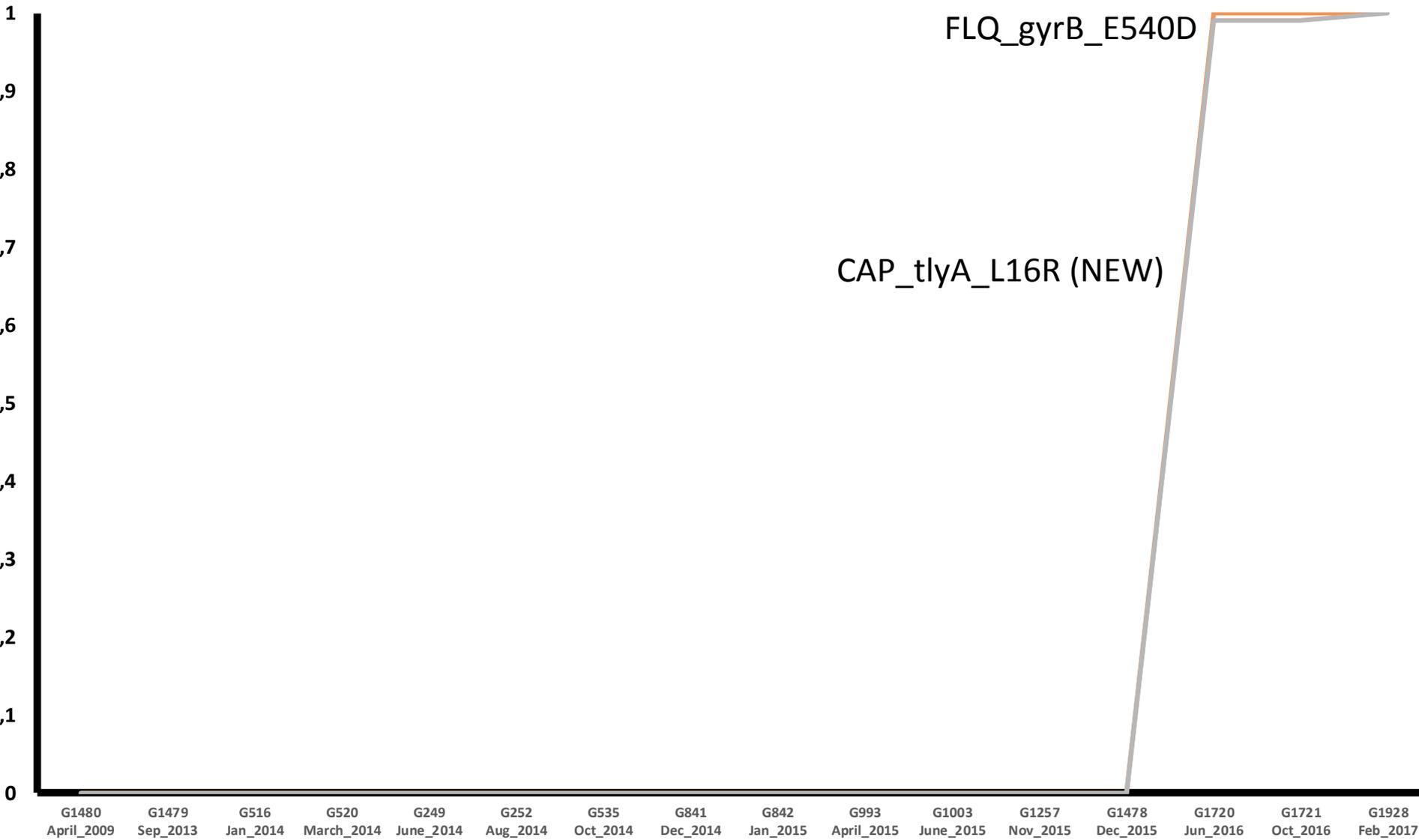
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Rifampicin – Sep 2013
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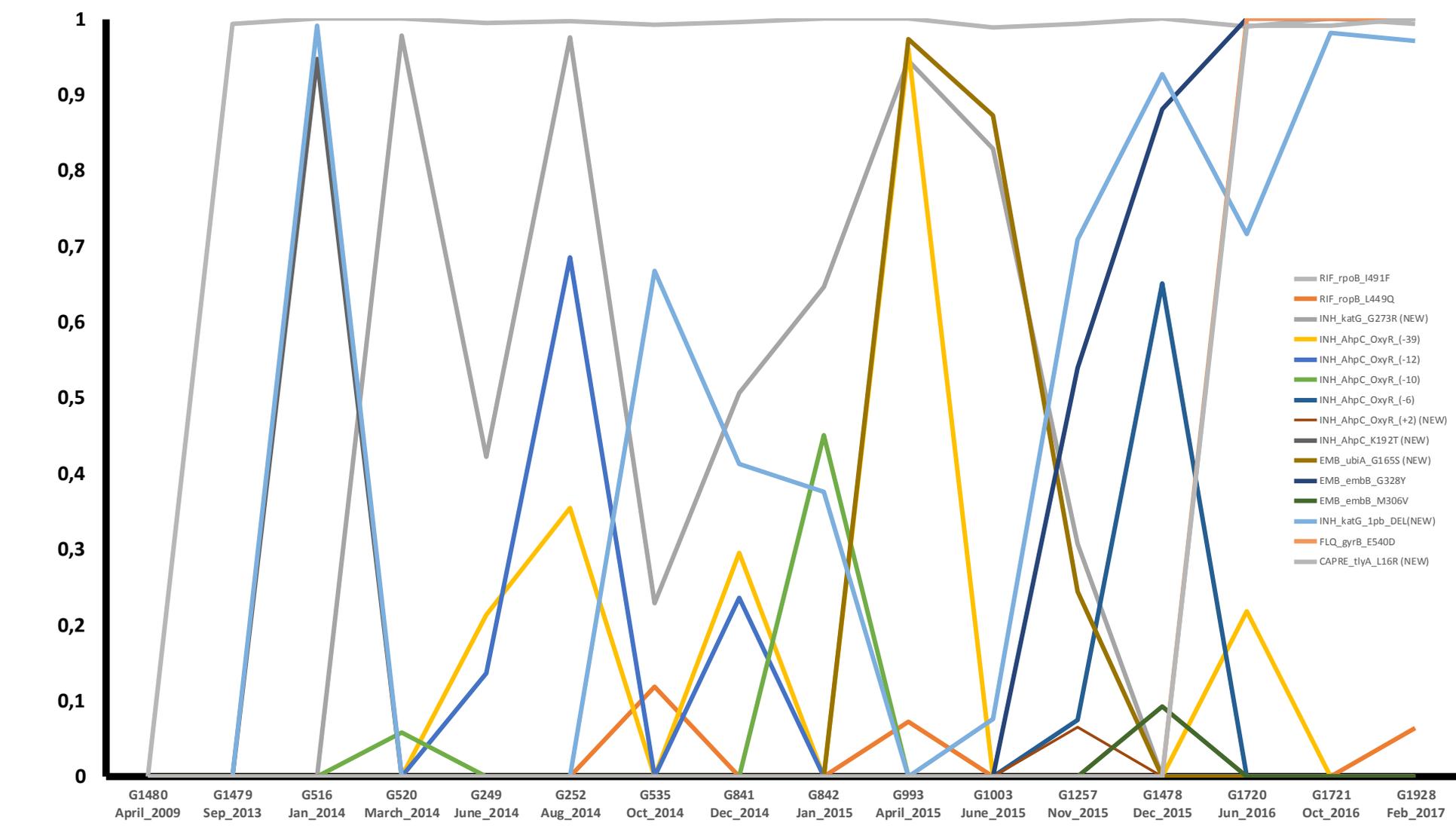
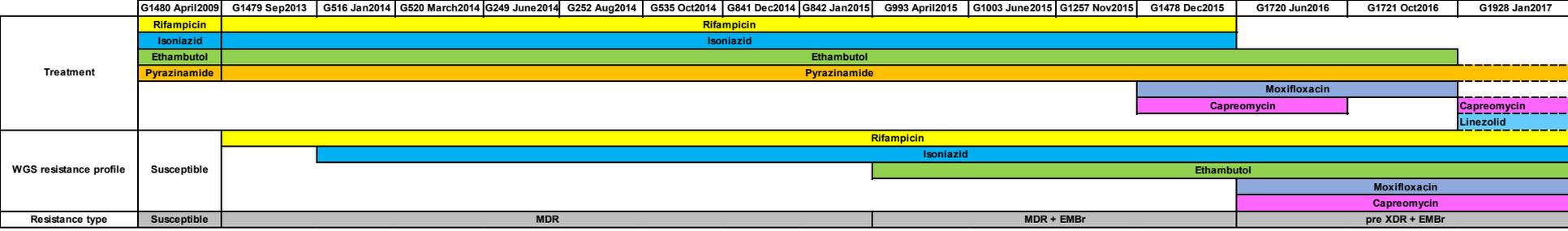
Ethambutol – Jan 2015



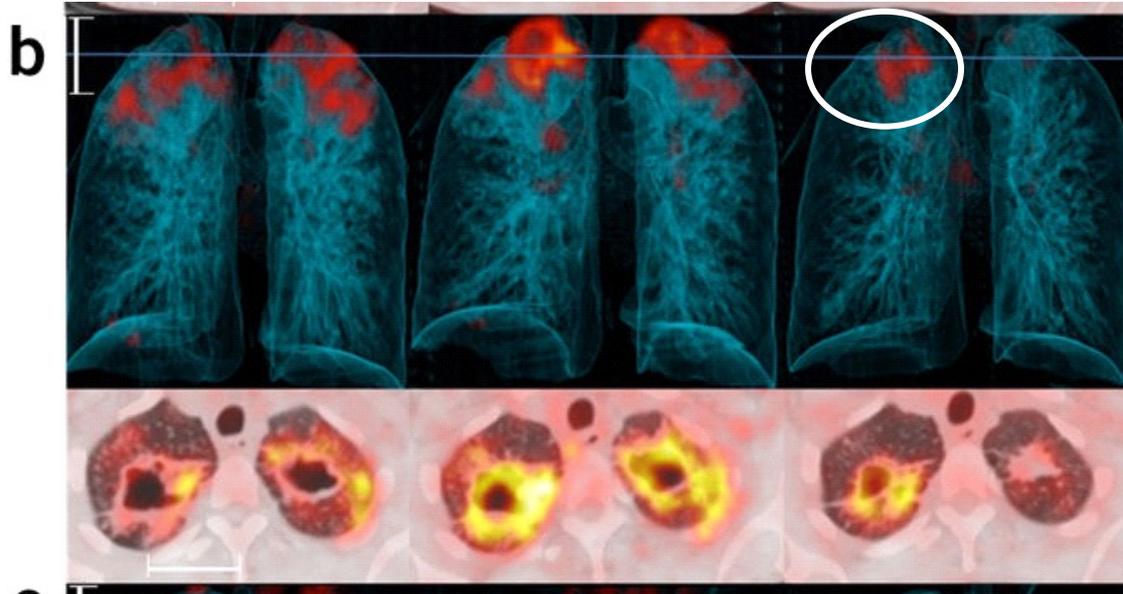
**Resistance to
Rifampicin – Sep 2013
Isoniazid – Jan 2014**

**Ethambutol – Jan 2015
FQ + CAPREO – Jun 2016**

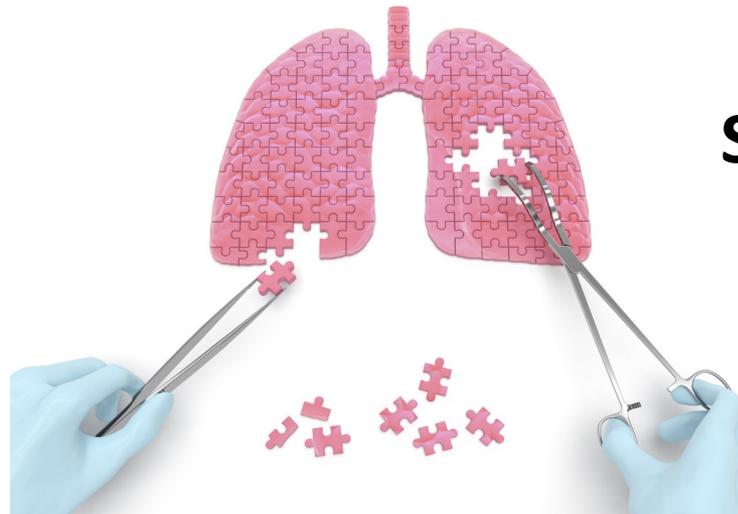




But, What is in your lung?

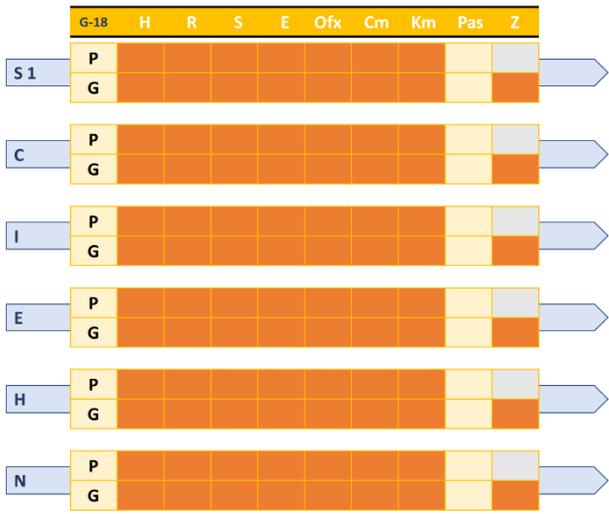


Example of on-going lesions after regular 6 months
Malherbe et al. Nat Med 2016



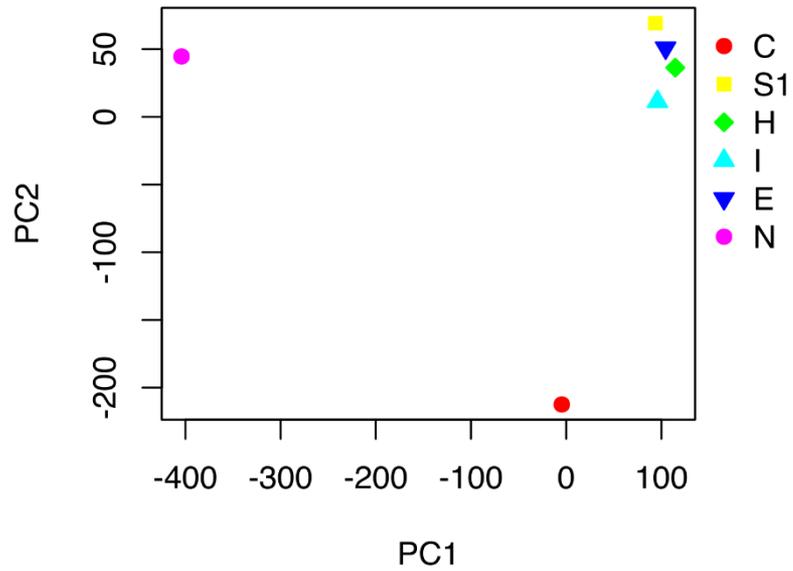
Surgery samples from Georgia

L2.2.1

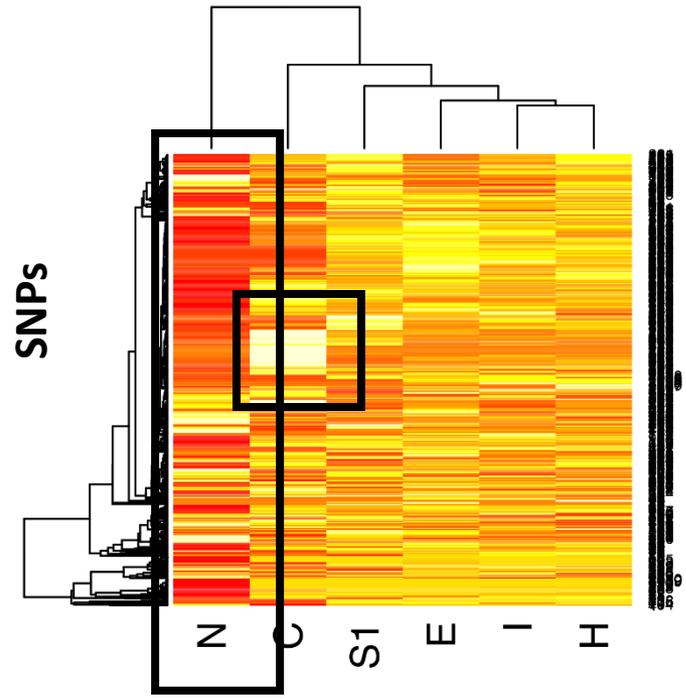


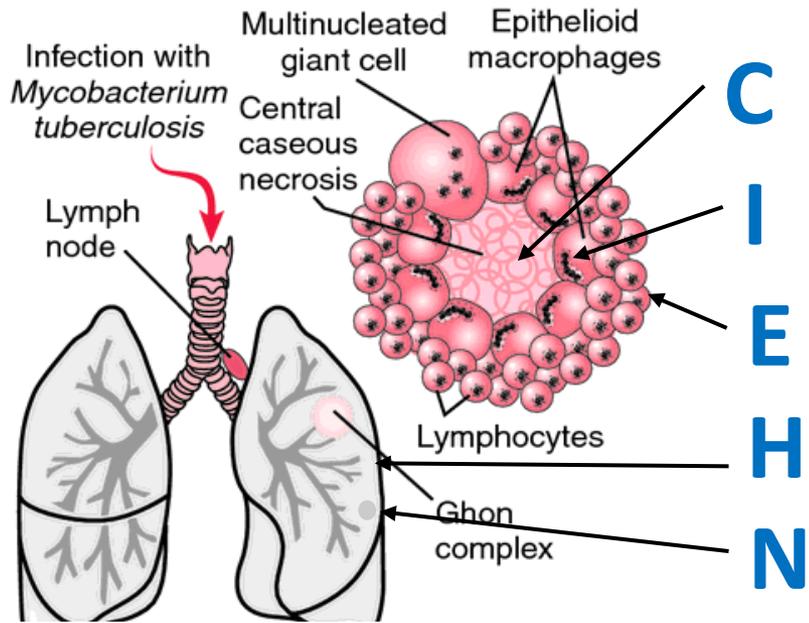
- Sample topography**
- S 1: diagnostic sputum
 - C: cavity of granuloma
 - I: inner granuloma wall
 - E: external granuloma wall
 - H: Healthy tissue
 - N: Secondary infectious nodule

Principal Components Plot

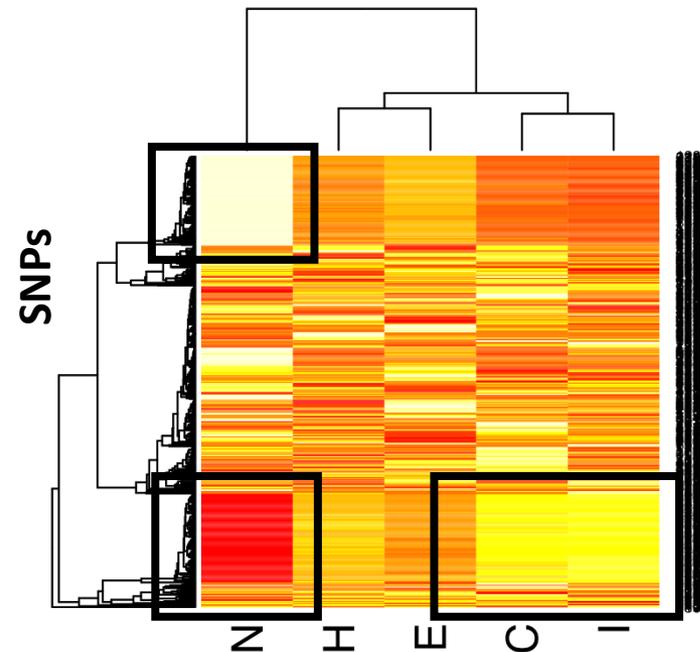
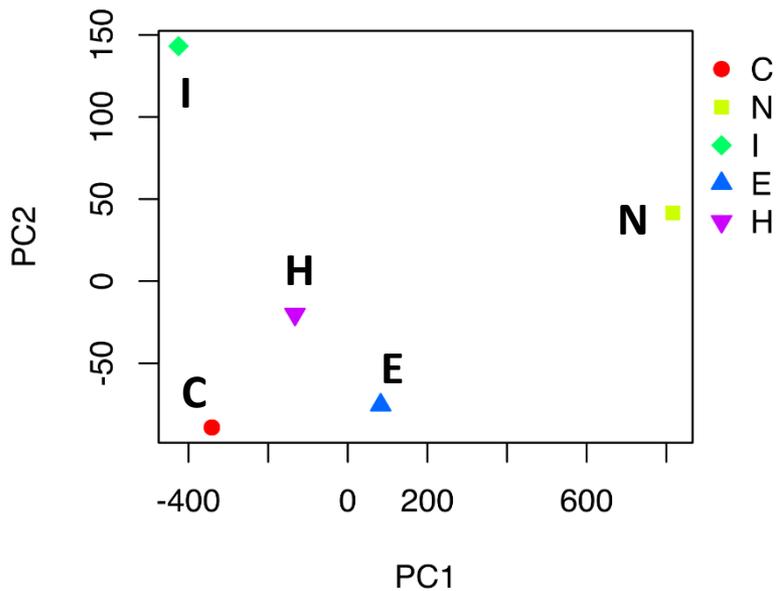


Strains

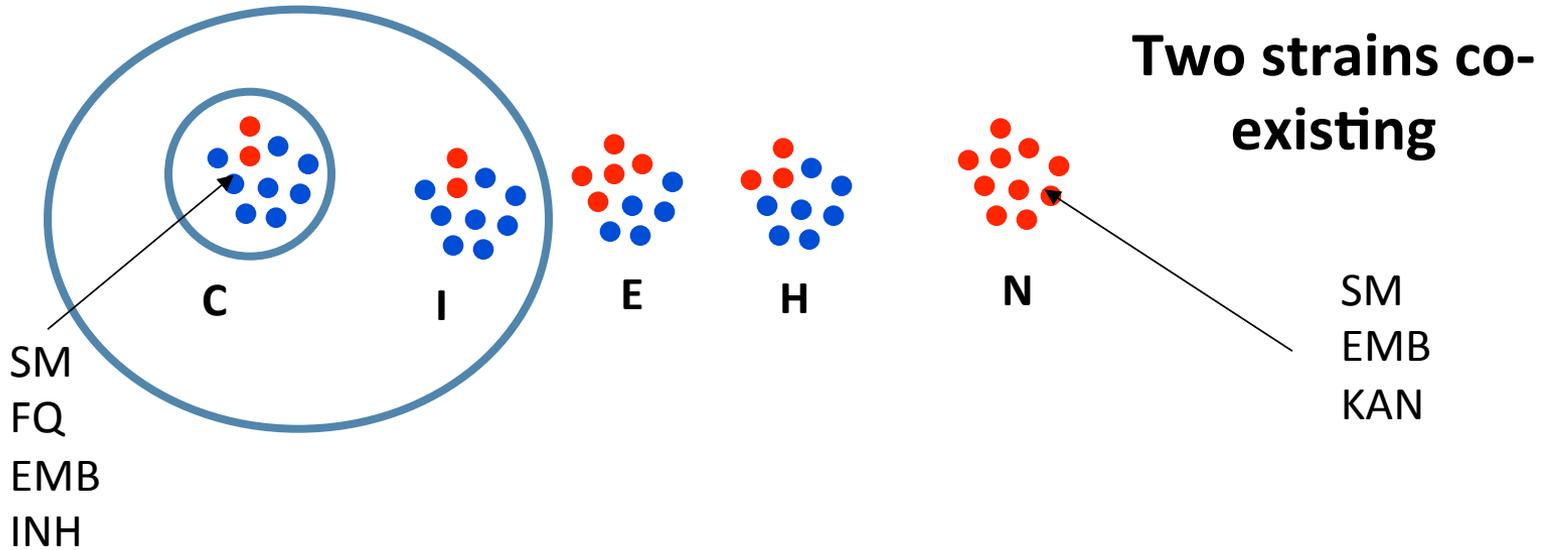
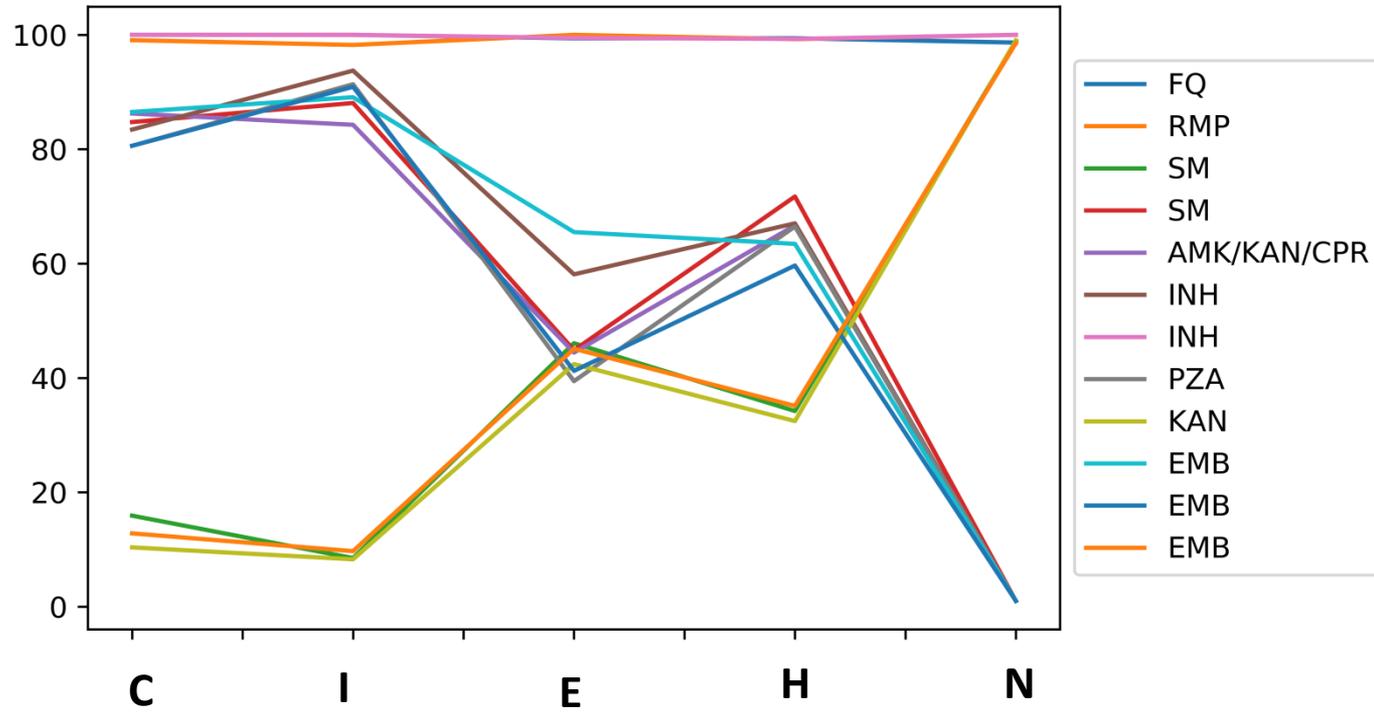




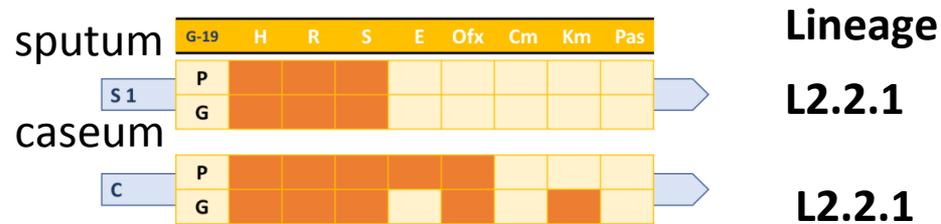
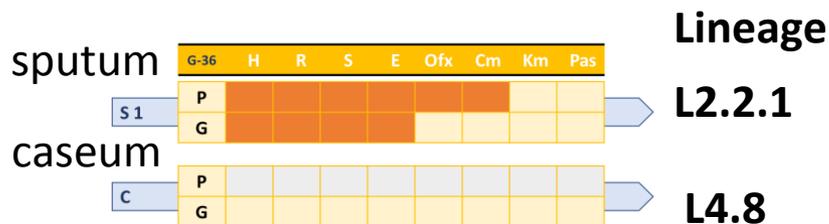
Principal Components Plot



MDR STRAIN (FIXED MUTATIONS TO INH + RIF)



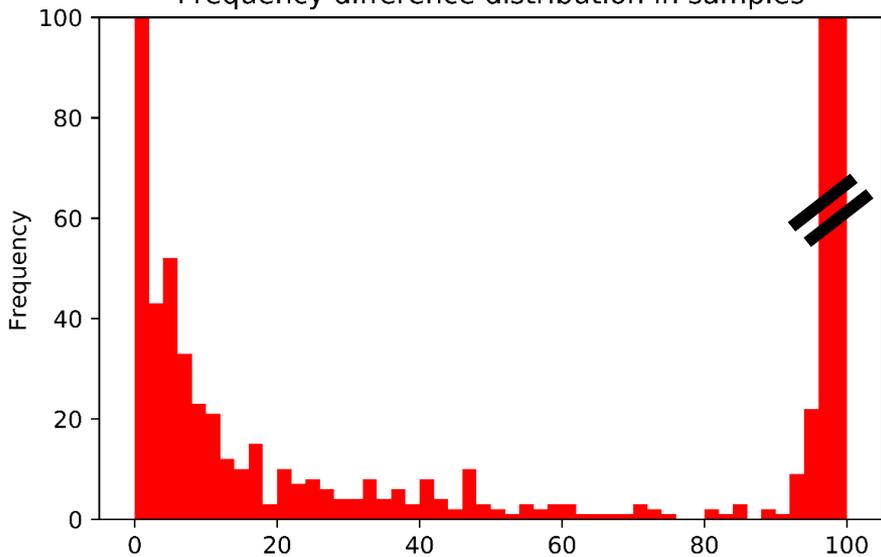
Two cases with co-infection



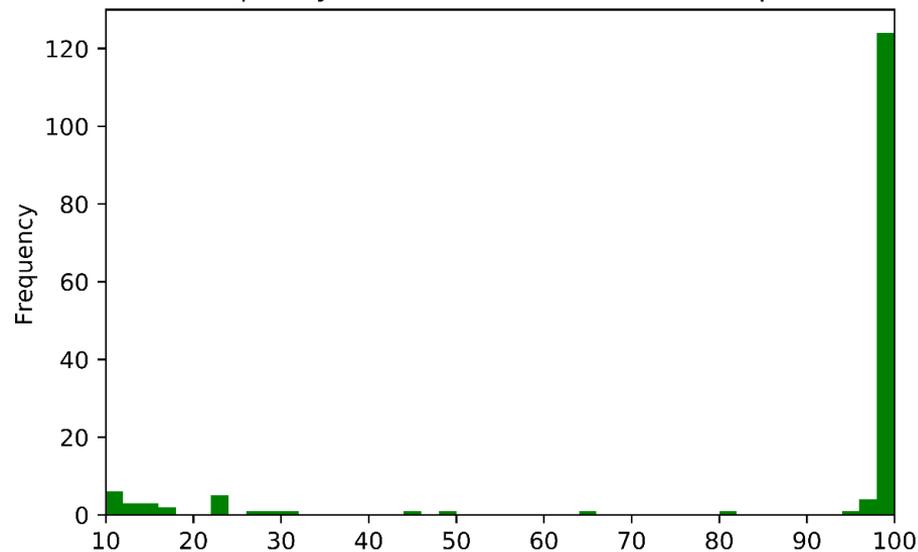
Number of fixed SNPs apart: 1173

Number of fixed SNPs apart: 124

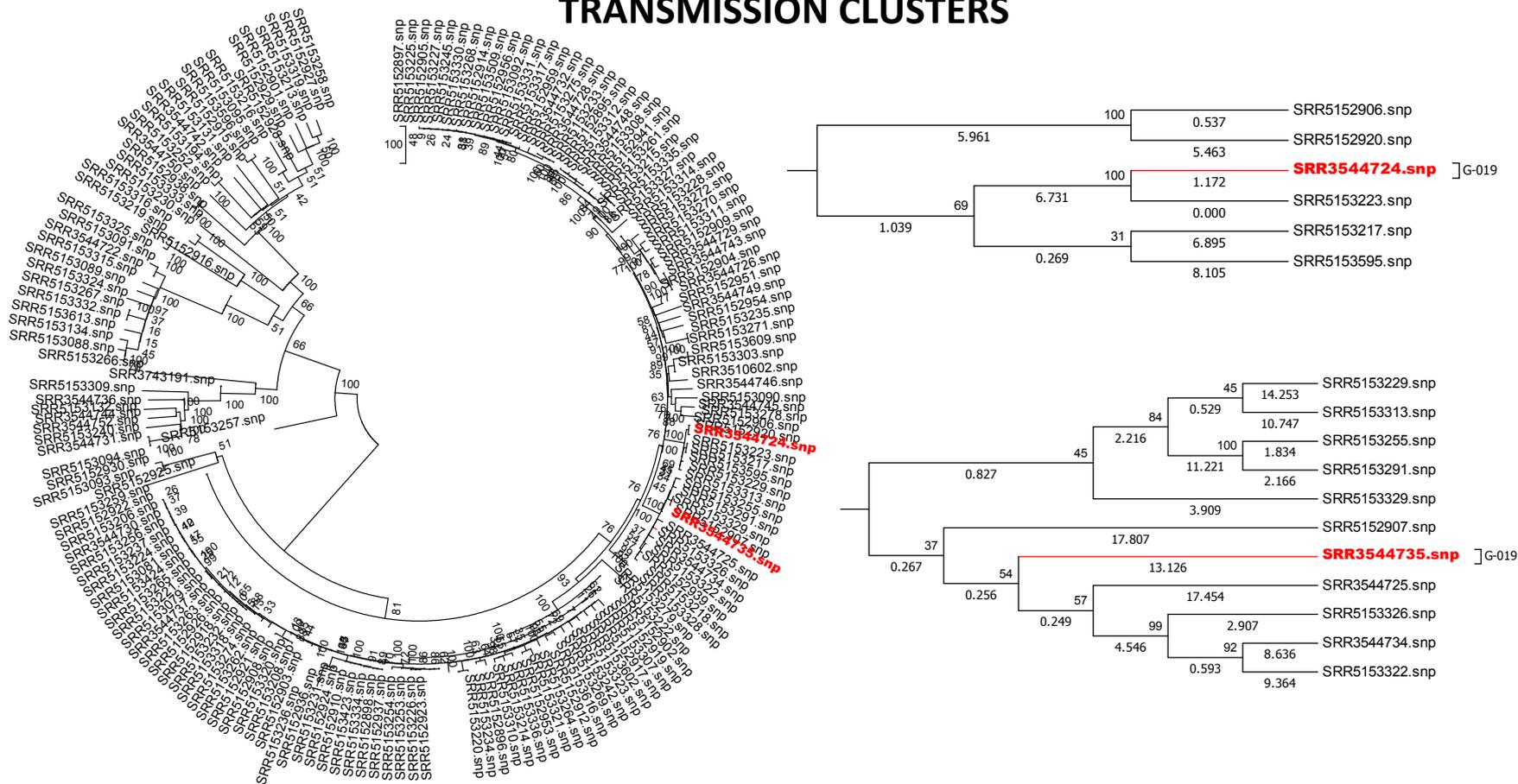
Frequency difference distribution in samples



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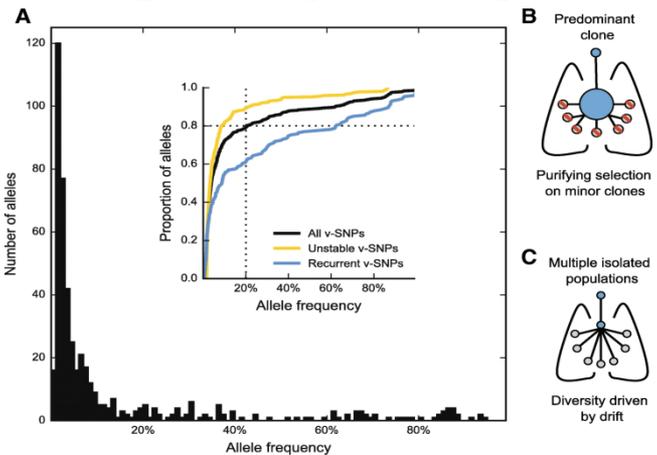


G-19 CO-INFECTION WITH TWO CLOSELY RELATED STRAINS BELONGING TO TWO DIFFERENT TRANSMISSION CLUSTERS

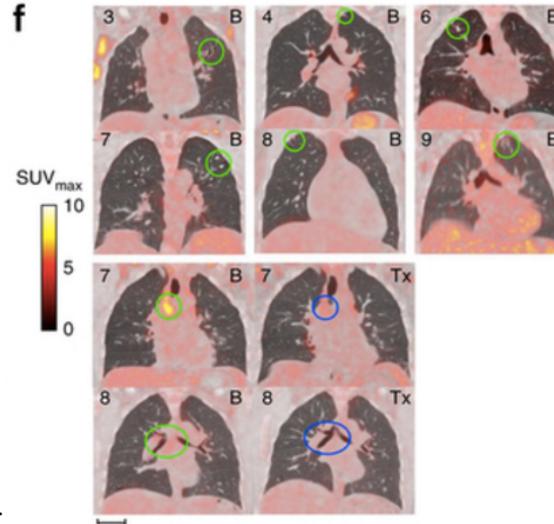


Georgia population structure separates the two strains

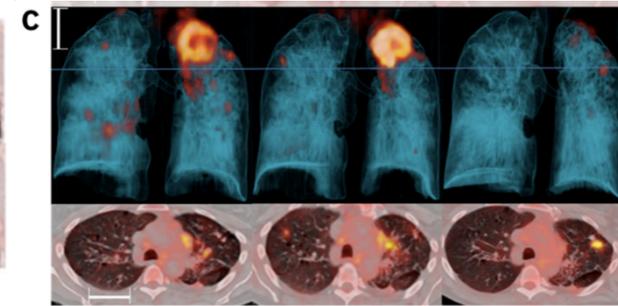
Need to link MTBC population structure, drug penetration, lesion heterogeneity during infection



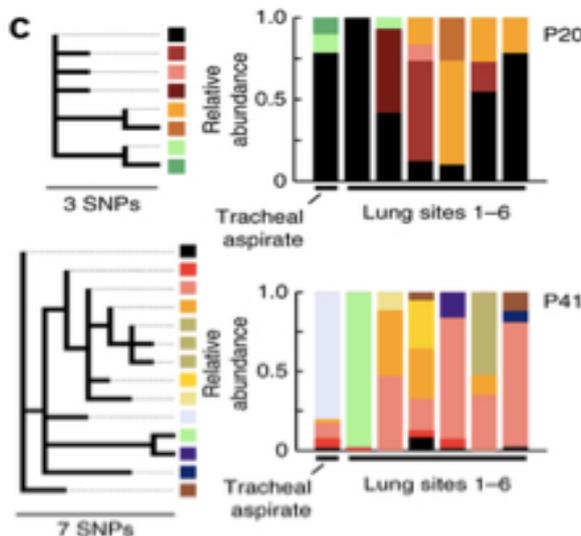
Trauner A. et al. Genome Biology 201



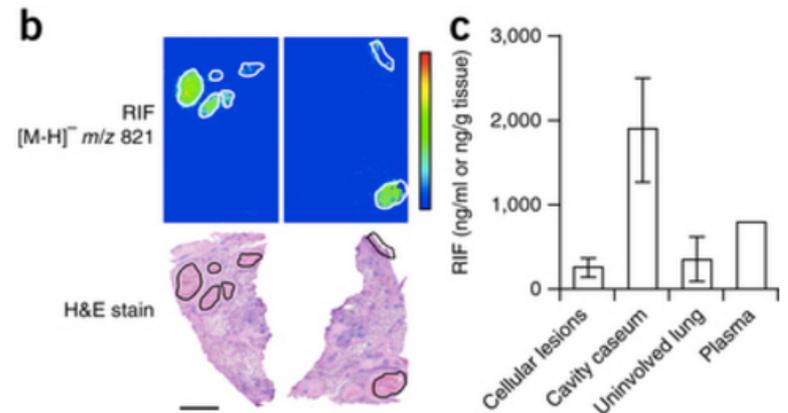
Smal et al. Nat Med 2016



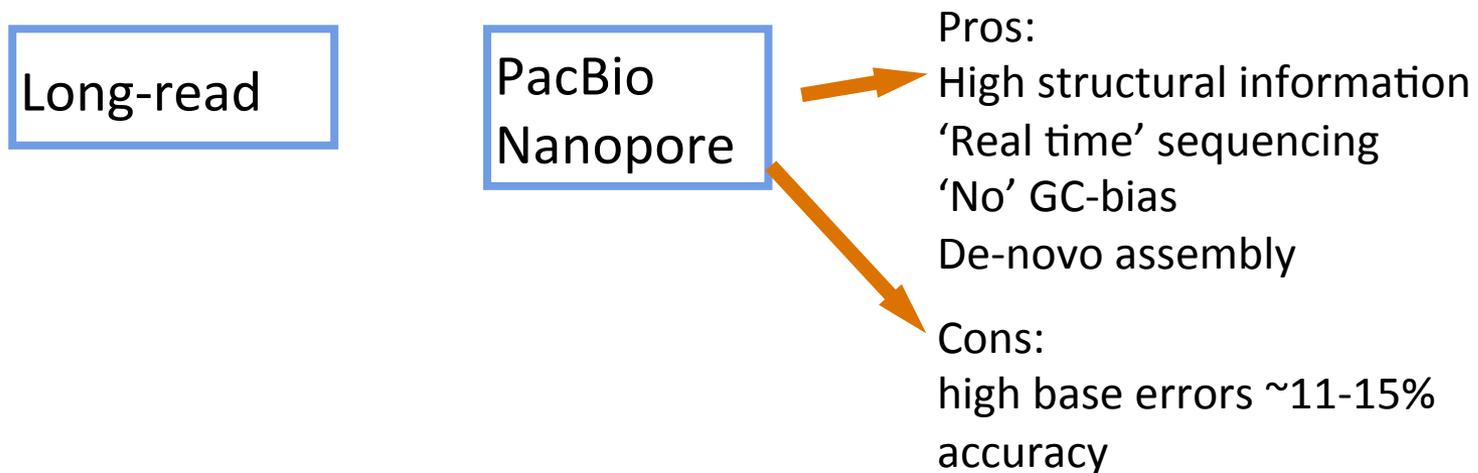
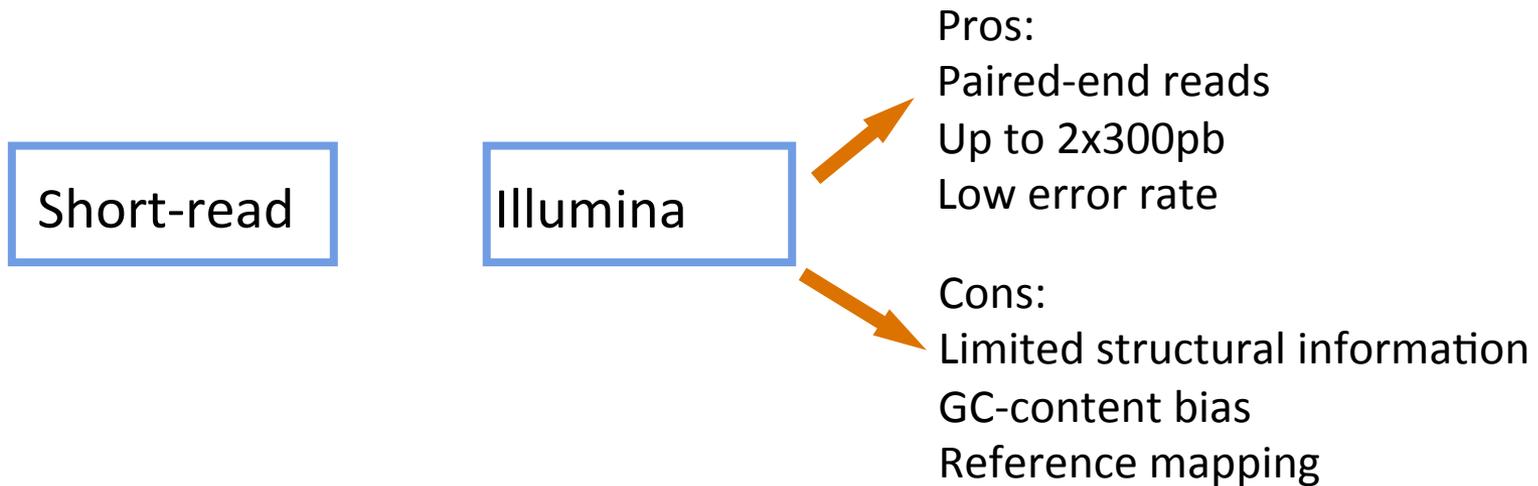
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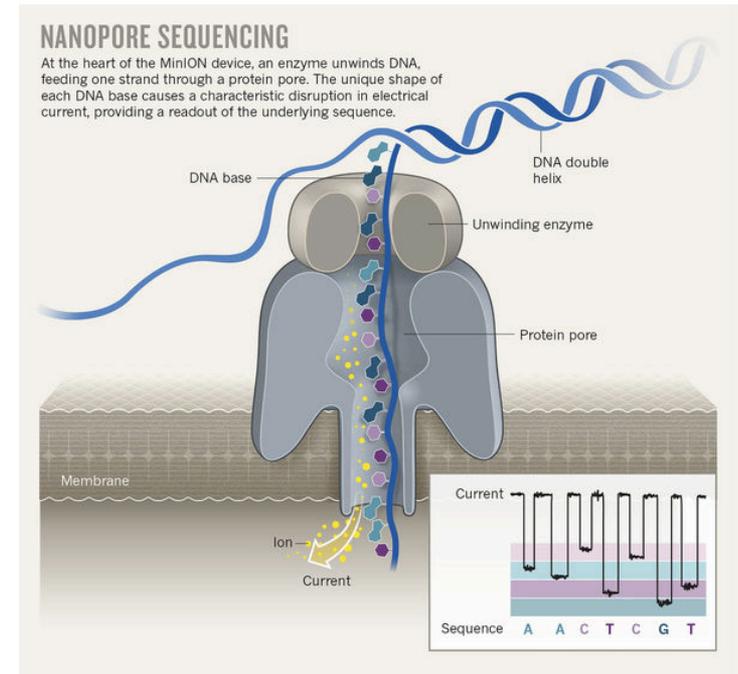
Lieberman et al. Nat Med 2016



Prideaux et al. Nat Med 2015



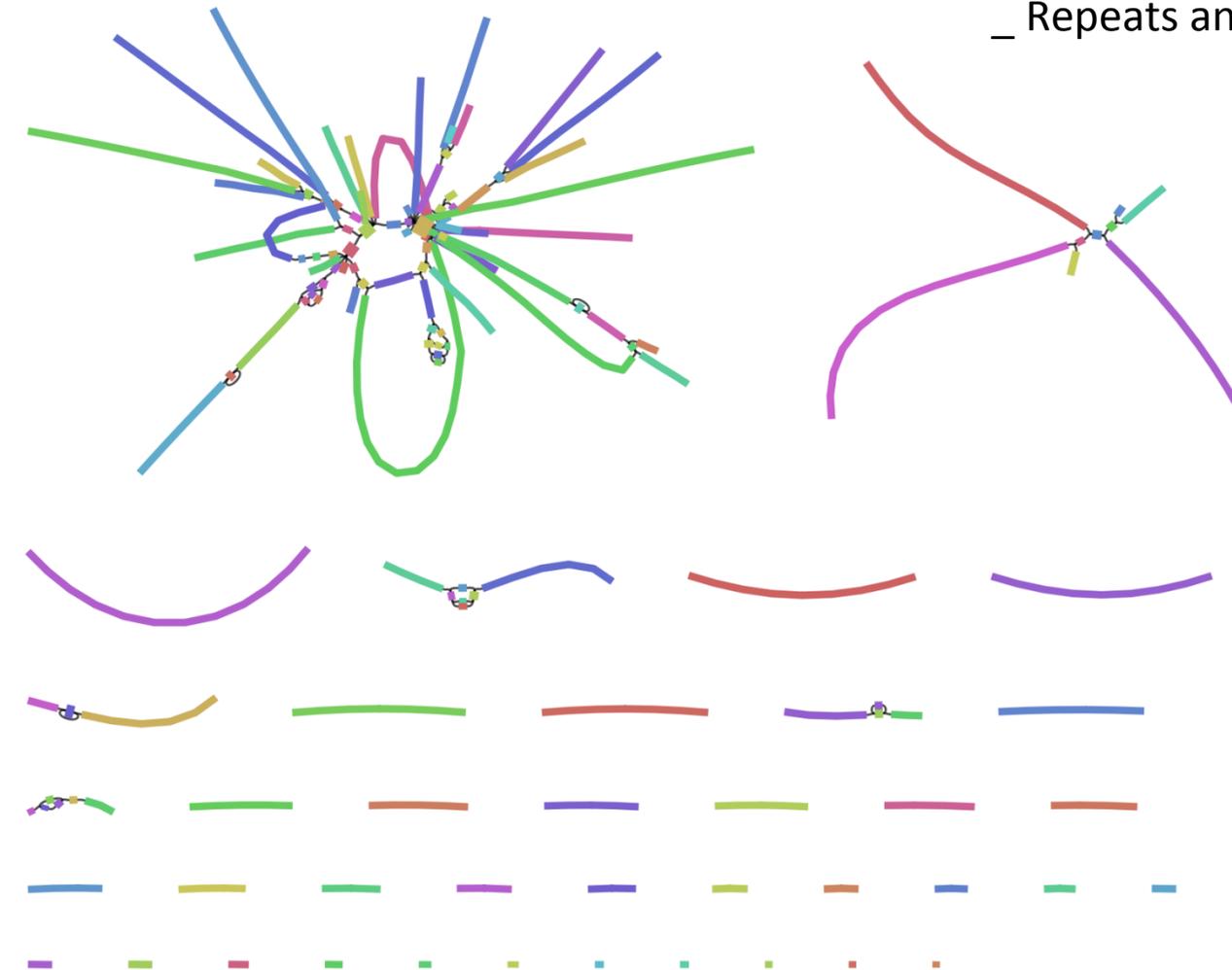
- Oxford Nanopore Technology:



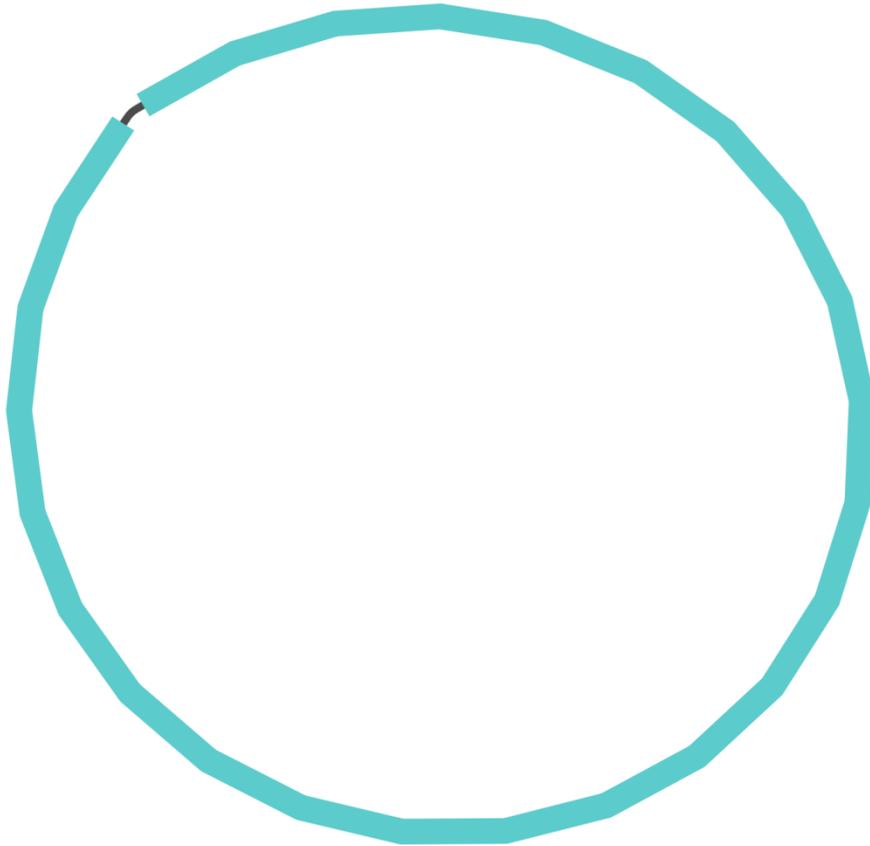
- Run in <48H
- No PCR amplification
- Possibility of Real Time calling

RESULTS G990

Short-read de novo assembly (MiSeq):
_120 contigs
_ Repeats and complex regions not solved



RESULTS G990



Long read nanopore de novo:

1 closed contig

Reads **423,401**

Depth cov **210**

Mean read length **1,760**

Longest read **498,093**

We can look at:

1. Variation in PE/PPE
2. Position of IS6110
3. Insertions/deletions
4. Duplications
5. Other repetitive regions

Studies involving WGS

Hersbergh Plos Biology 2008

Osorio MBE 2013, Peperell Plos Pathogens 2013

Lee Rs PNAS 2015, Peperell PNAS 2011, Merker, Nat Genet 2015, Casali 2014

Ford Nat Genet 2010 and 2013

Mutation

Recombination

Drift

Selection

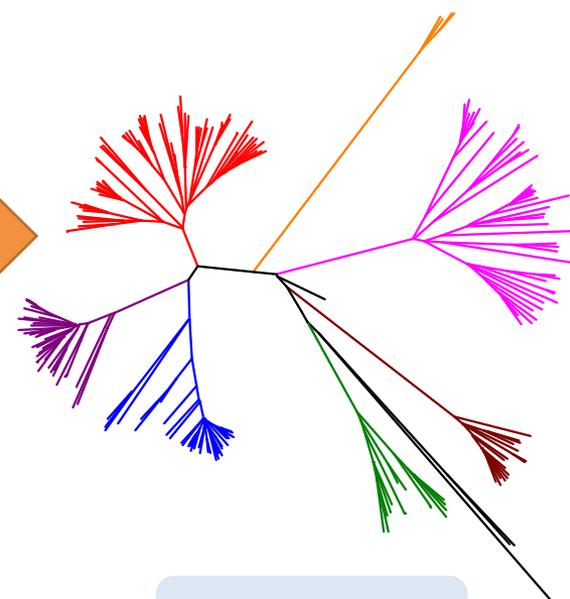
Observed diversity

Founder effects

Positive

Bottlenecks

Purifying



Phenotypic diversity

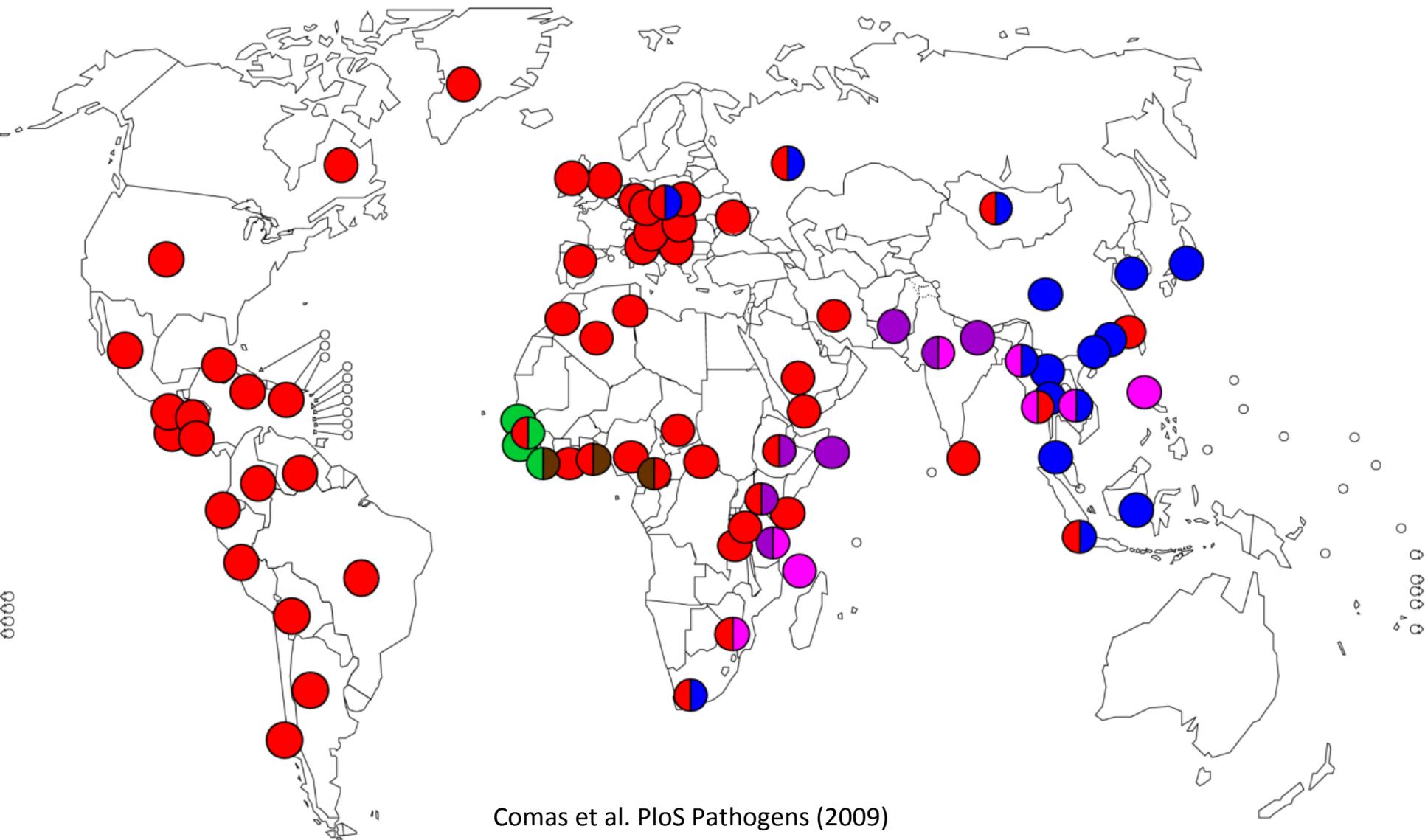
Chiner-Oms Bioarxiv 2018

Gagneux et al. Nat Rev Mic. 2018

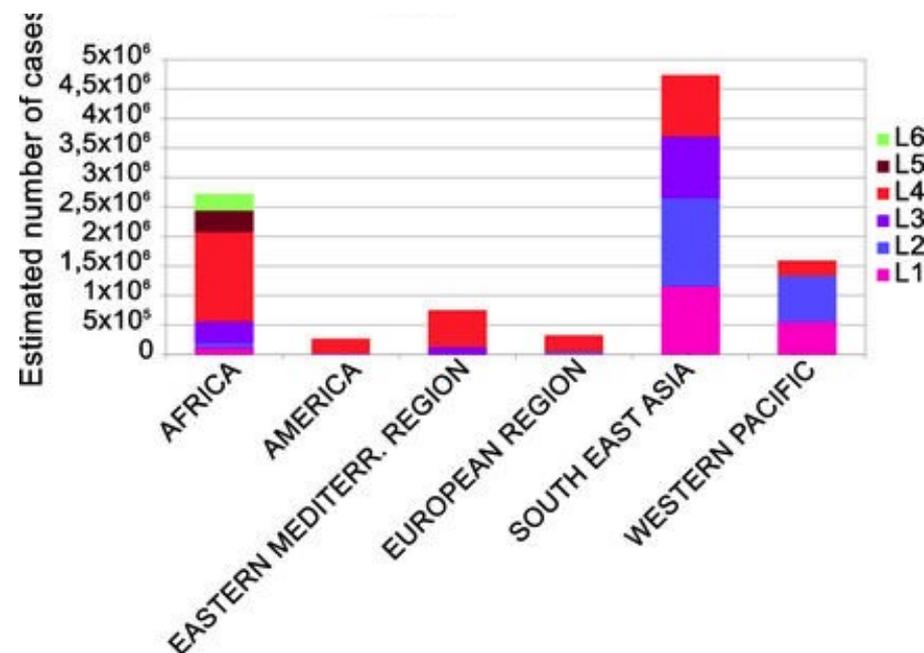
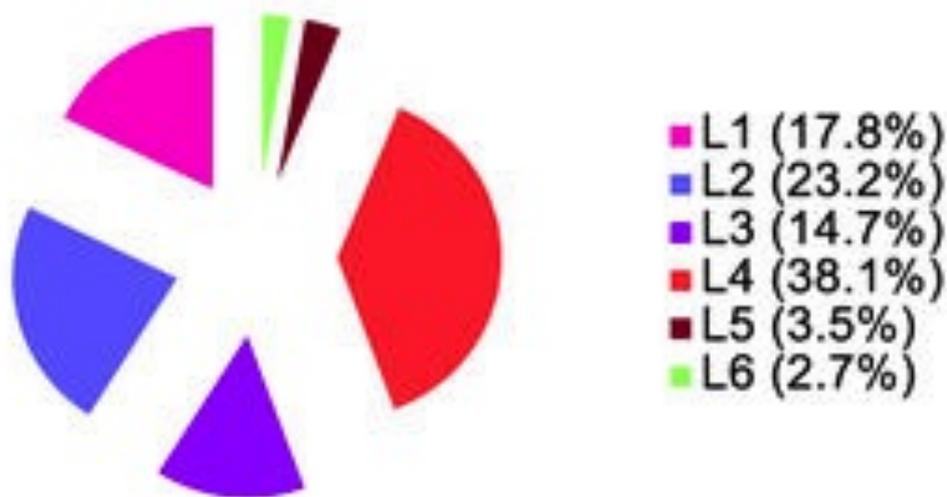
TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- **Hallmarks of selective pressure** can now be detected using thousands of strains
- **High resolution** to reveal global and local diversity patterns
- Impact of lineage genetic background but also of **specific genotypes in transmission**
- Genomic diversity within host **limited by sputum-based** analyses – mostly studied for DR
- **Long read sequencing technologies** will lead to shift in MTBC genomic analyses

(human) MTBC global diversity



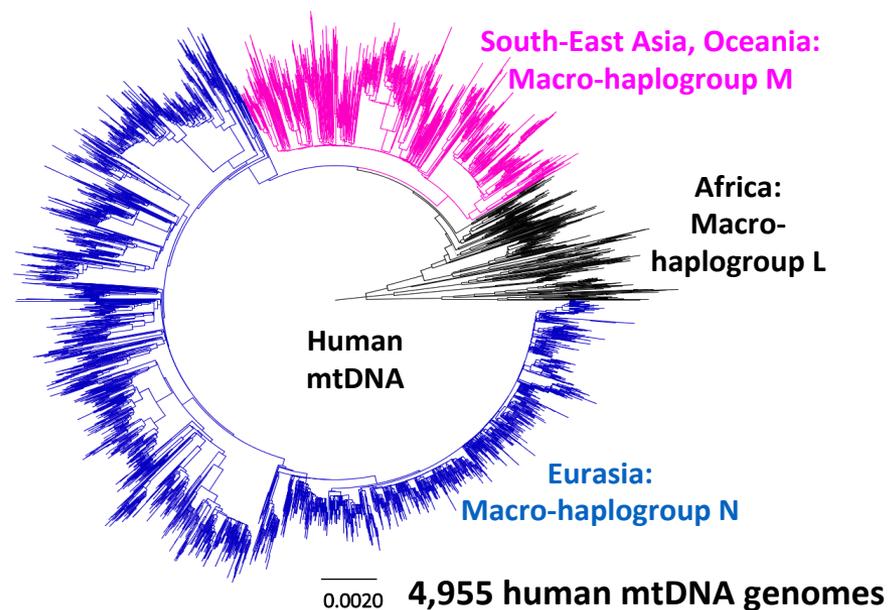
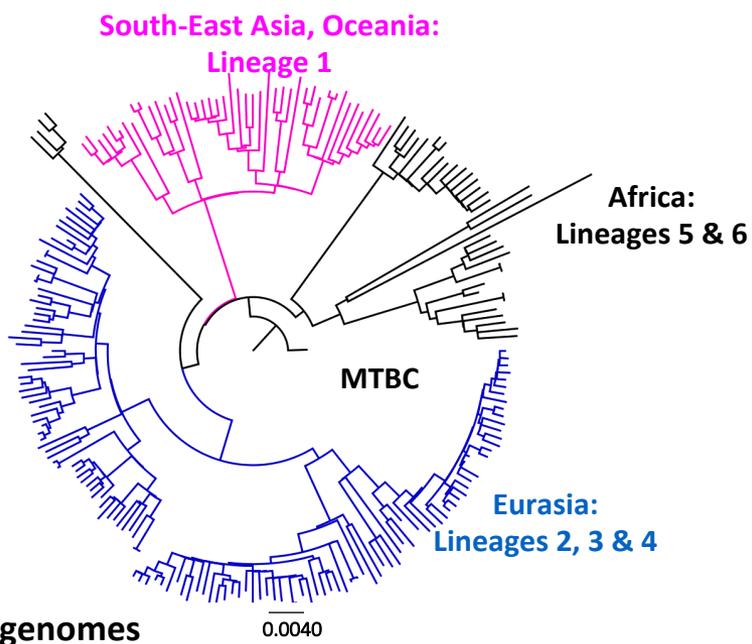
Lineage 4 causes up to 38% of TB cases and is present in all regions



Less than 2,500 genetic variants can explain striking differences in biology

- Differences in host ranges
 - Transmission dynamics
 - Drug resistance
 - Immune responses
 - Latency
 - ...etc
- We should be able to easily identify causal variants in MTBC
 - We are only achieving incremental progress
e.g Coll 2018 -> 6,465 isolates
 - Far from identifying drug resistance genetic architectures
e.g see Hicks Nat Micro 2018 and Colangeli NEJM 2018
 - Very far from identifying relevant virulence variants
but see Asensio PNAS 2014

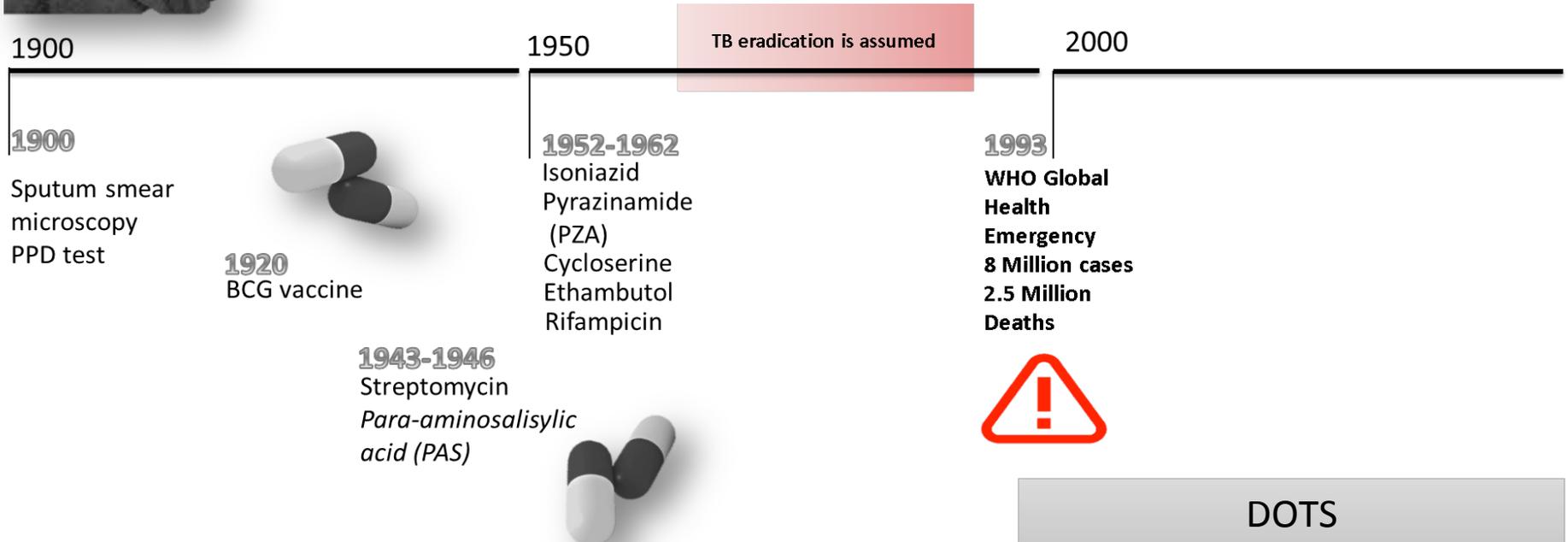
Strong parallels between human and MTBC phylogenies



TB 20th century: a story of neglect

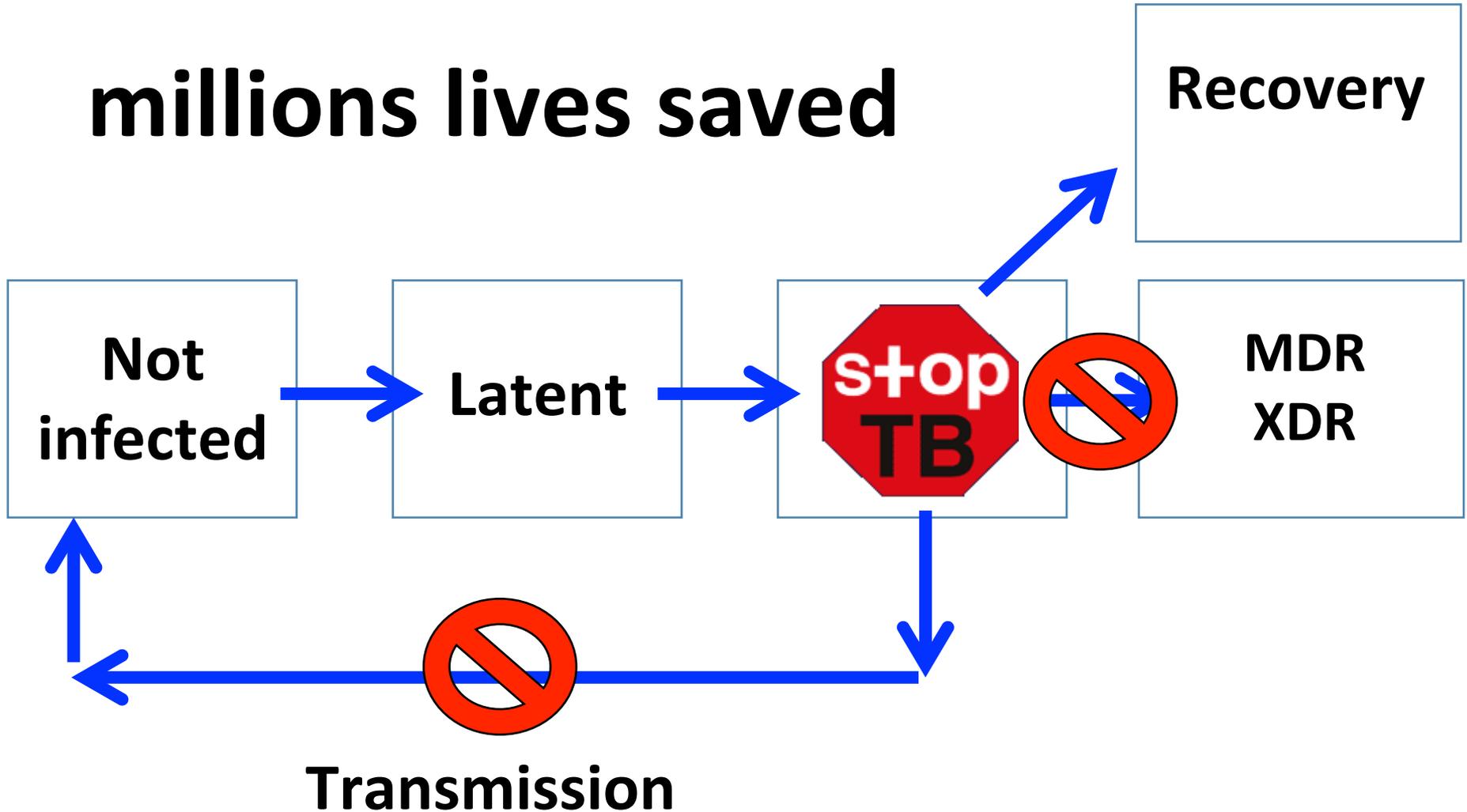


- No R&D
- Public health infrastructure dismantled
- No surveillance

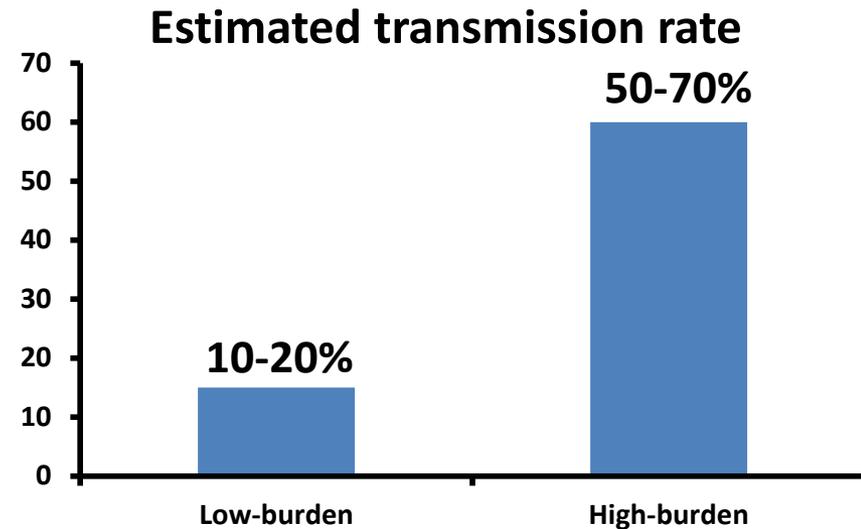
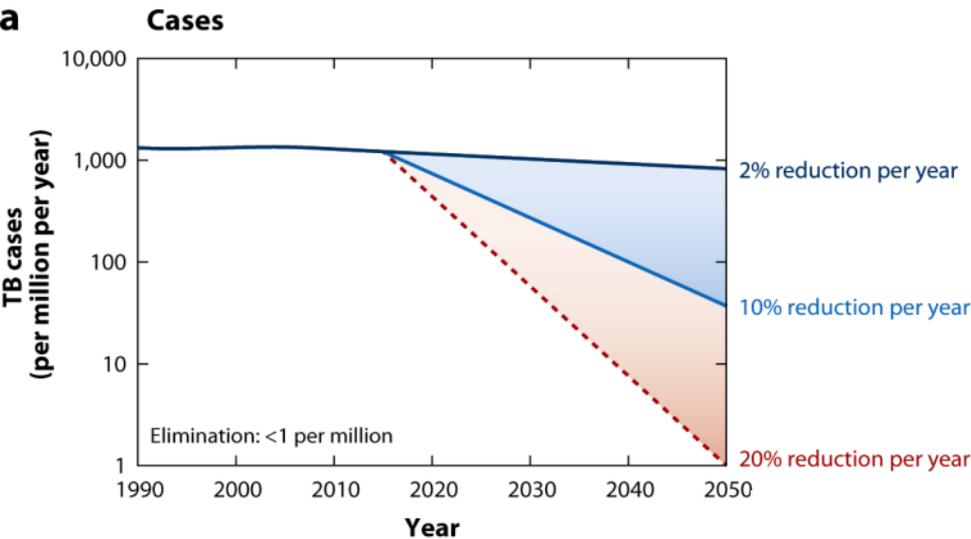


DOTS: **D**irectly **O**bserved **T**reatment, **S**hort-**C**ourse

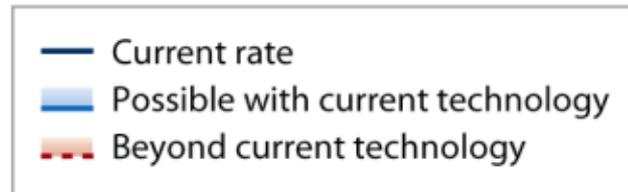
millions lives saved



Slow and Steady is not an option!



Dye 2013

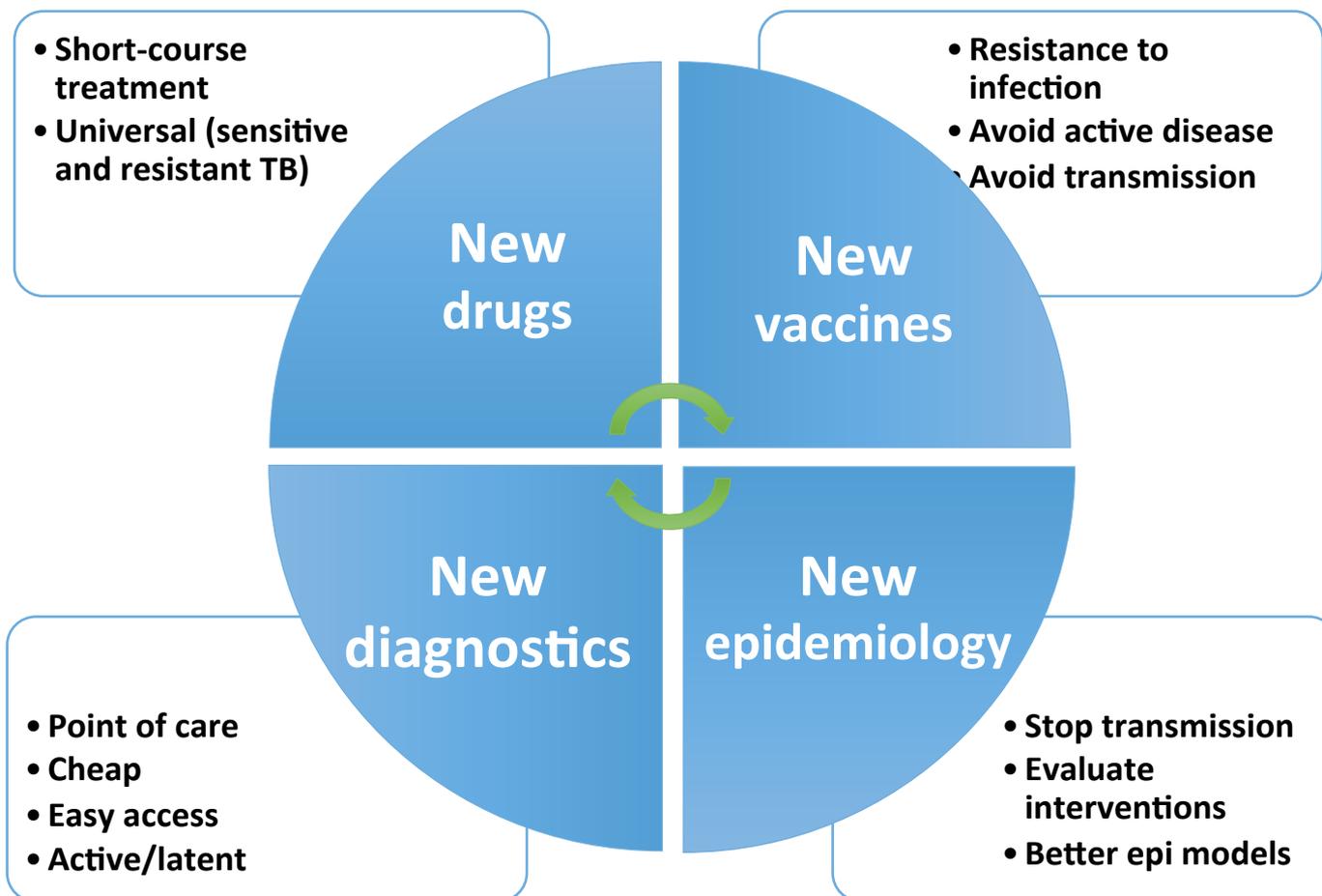


- Decades old tools
- Inaccurate epidemiological models
- Knowledge gaps on host-pathogen
- Transmission is on-going!
- Contributes to latent reservoir -> future epidemics

Modernizing DOTS to accelerate TB eradication

2013 – Bedaquiline/Delamanid

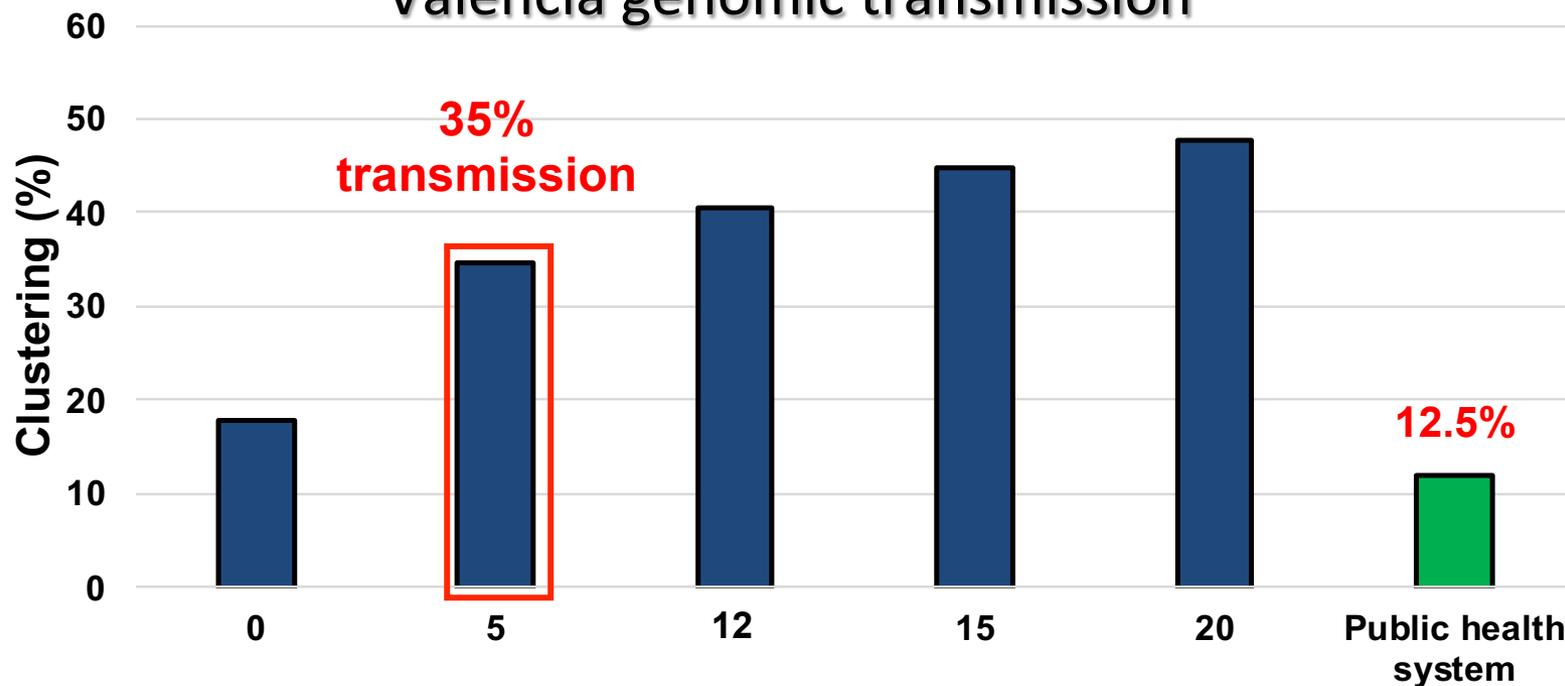
2013 – MVA85A



2010 - Expert MTB/RIF

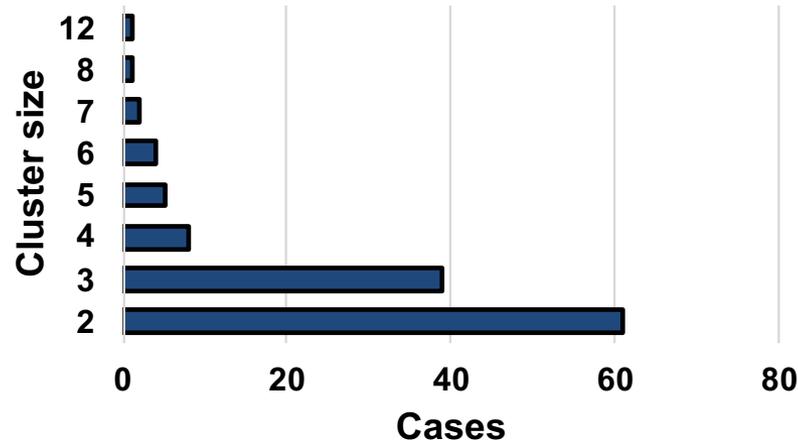
2010- Whole genome

Valencia genomic transmission



121 transmission clusters

Cases per cluster



Current recommended six months treatment for drug susceptible TB:

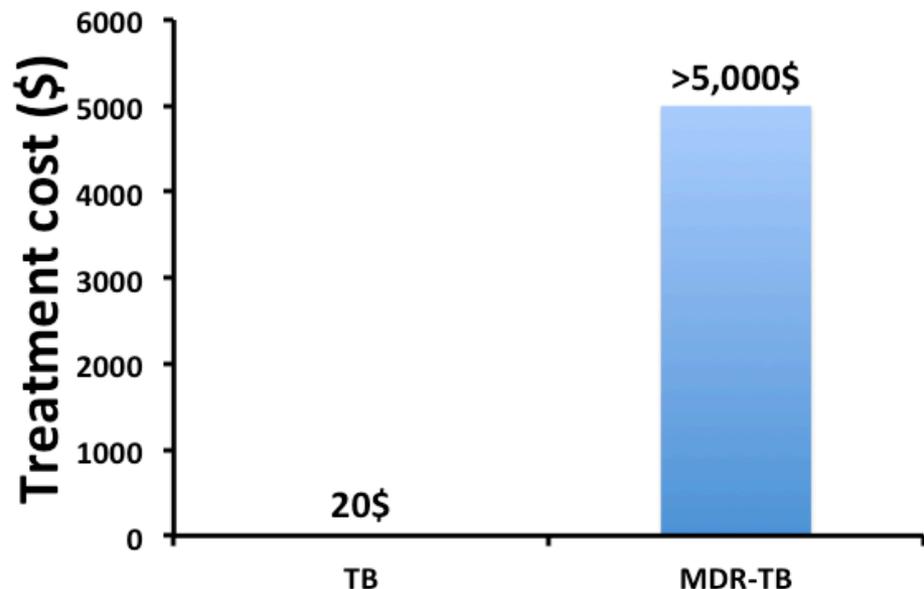
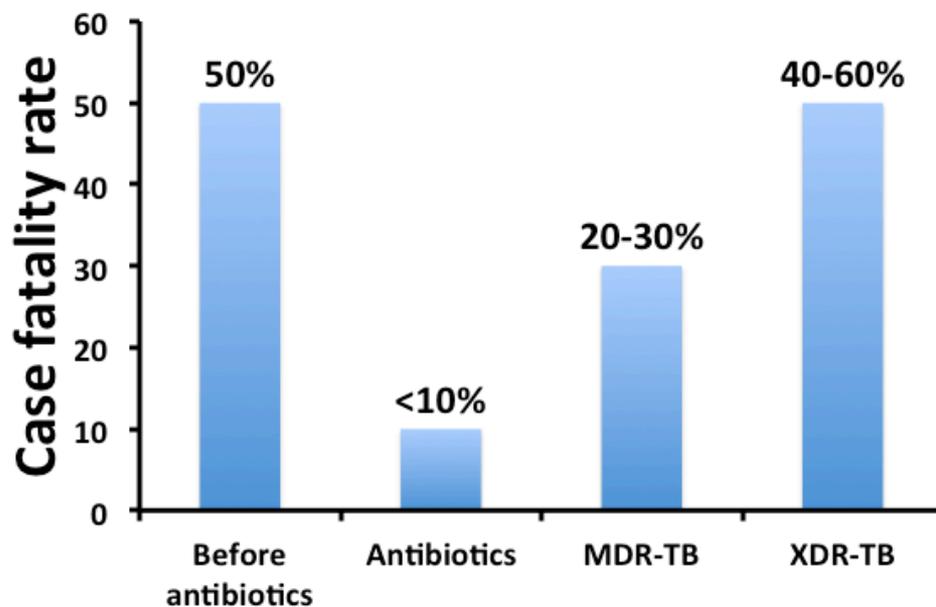
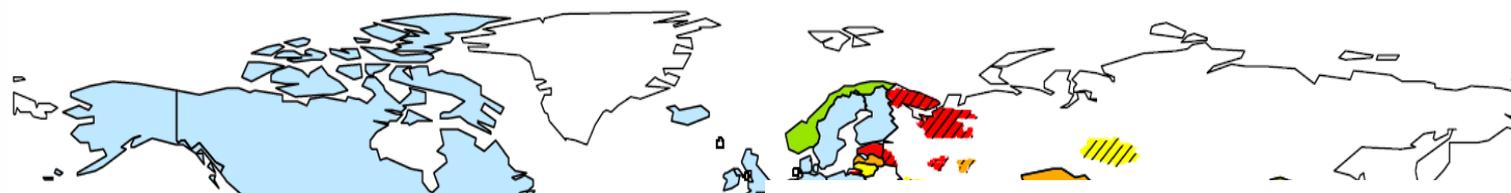
Months	Drugs			
2	Rifampicin	Isonazid	Pyrazinamide	Ethambutol
4	Rifampicin	Isonazid		

Definition of Multiple- (MDR) and Extensive- (XDR) Drug resistant TB strains

DR TB AS DEFINED BY WHO:	FIRST LINE DRUGS		FLUOROQUINOLO NES	SECOND LINE DRUGS (injectable)	THIRD LINE DRUGS
	Rifampicin	Isonazid			
MDR-TB	X	X			
XDR-TB	X	X	any	>=1	Delamanid/ Bedaquiline

Can MDR strains outcompete susceptible strains?

How well can we diagnose drug resistance?



Percentage of MDR cases among new TB cases