



**Viruses: little genomes,
with big impacts**

8th Feb 2011

Application of high-throughput genomics to Clostridium difficile transmission and evolution

Speaker: Dr Trevor Lawley

15th Feb 2011

The adventures of Superbug; tracking the global spread of MRSA

Speaker: Dr Matt Holden

1st Mar 2011

Malaria

Speaker: Dr Bronwyn McInnis

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More Malaria

Speaker: Dr Julian Rayner

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Parasitic Worms

Speaker: Dr Nancy Holroyd



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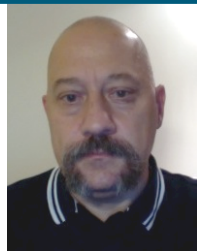
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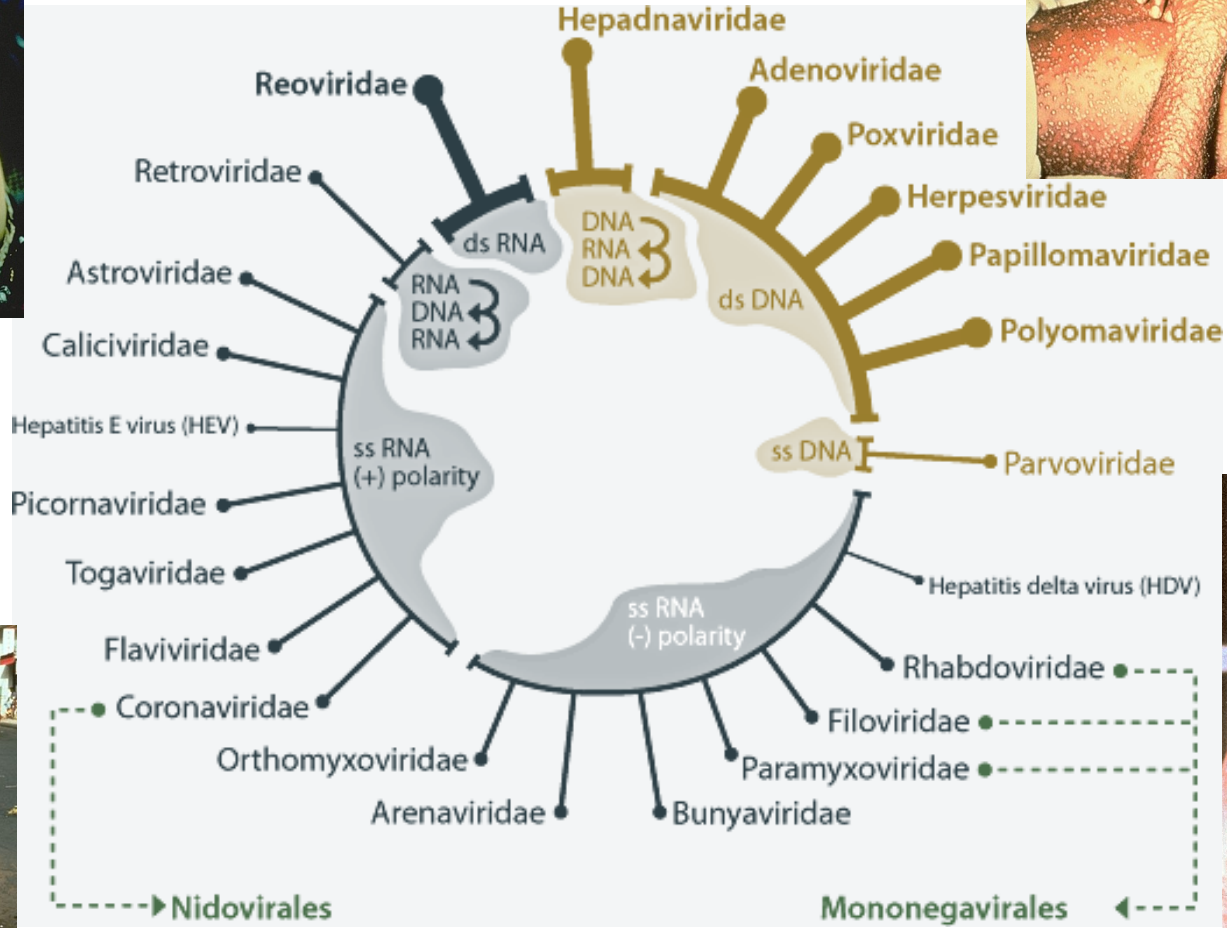


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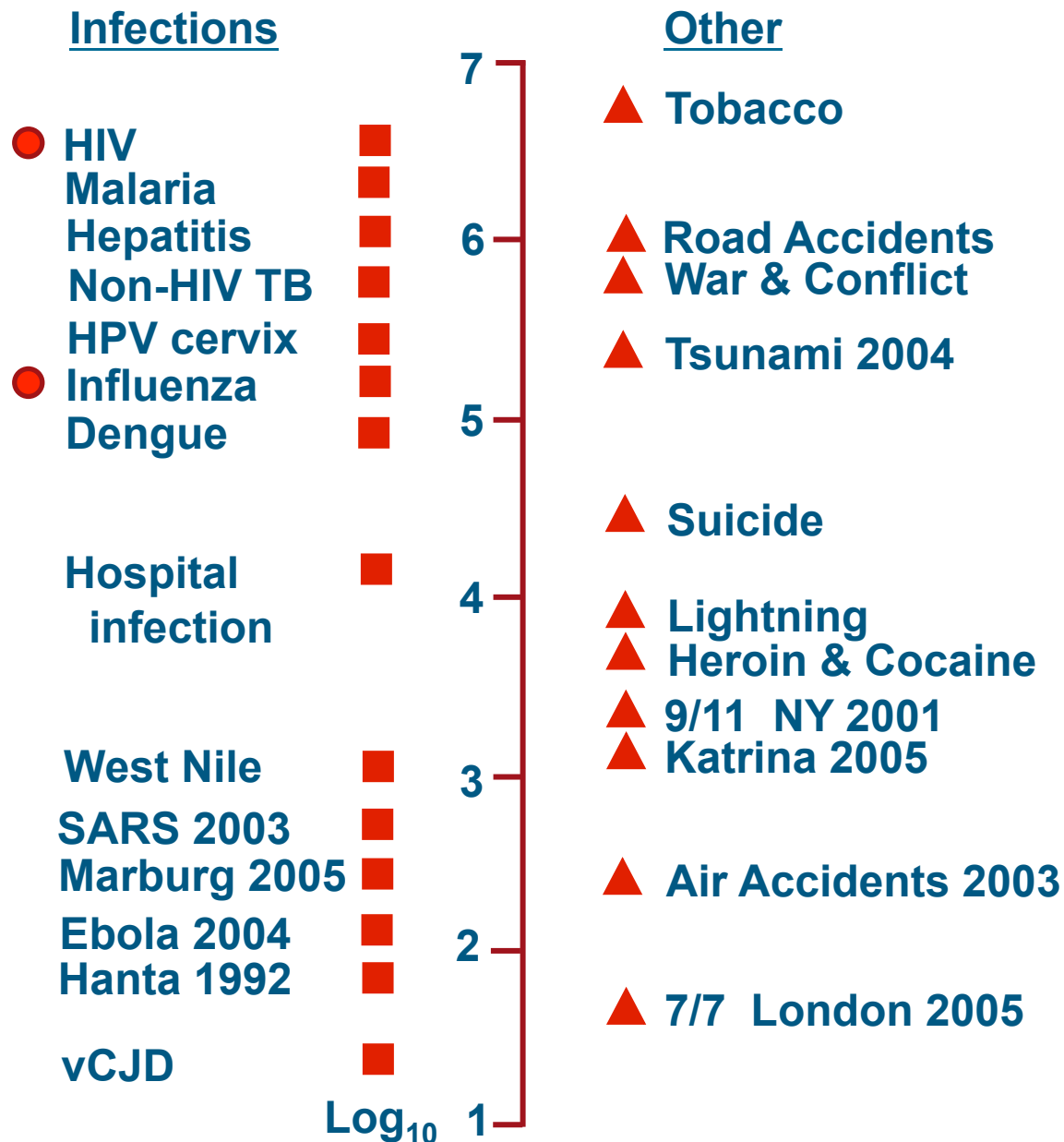


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The virus world



A 'Richter' scale of annual global mortality

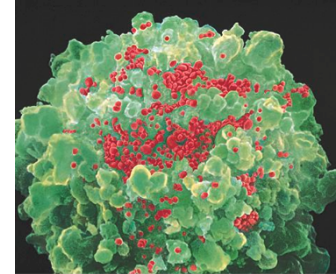
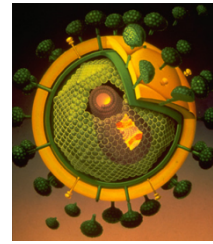
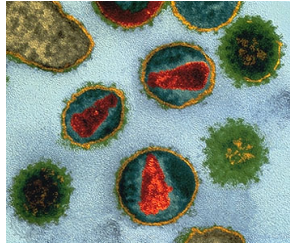


Vaccines -
weapons of mass
protection - led to
the eradication or
reduction of:

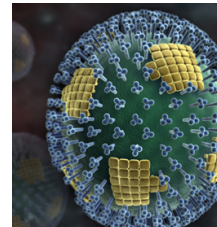
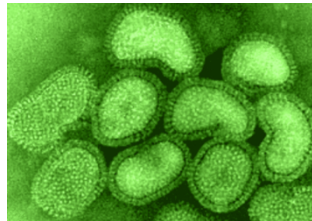
Smallpox
Yellow Fever
Polio
MMR

Our villains

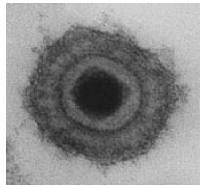
Human
Immunodeficiency
Virus (HIV)



Influenza virus



EBV & KSHV



More than a human

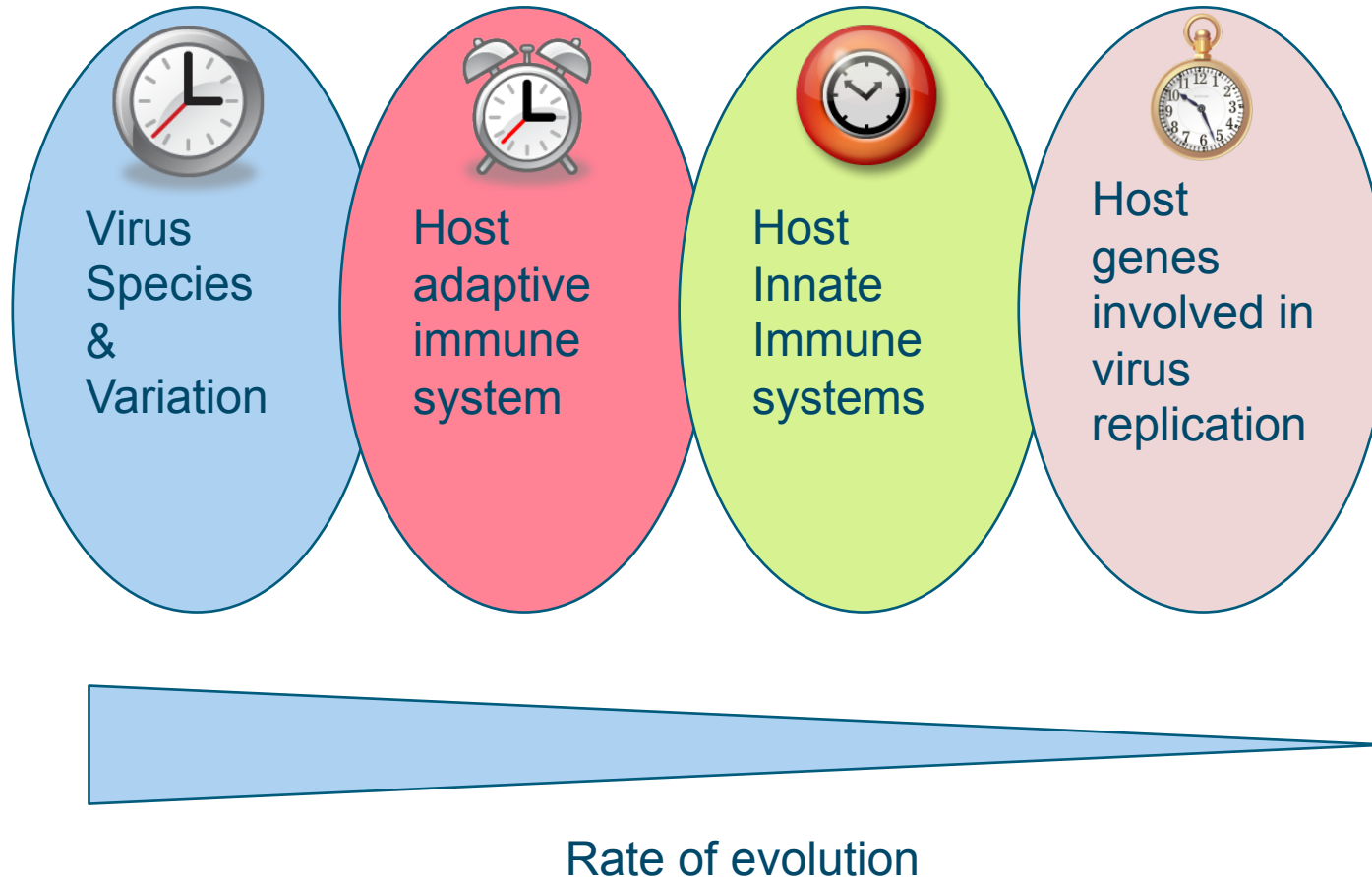


The Human Metagenome

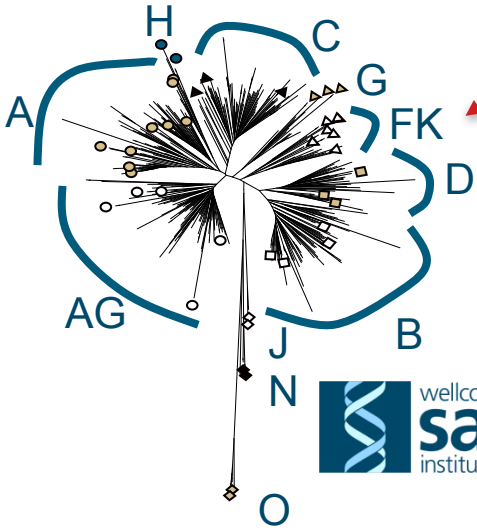
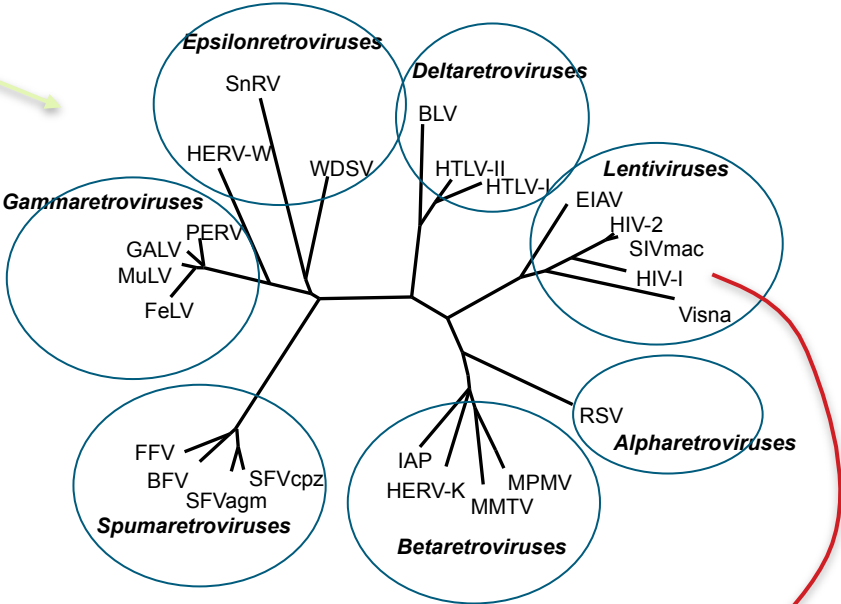
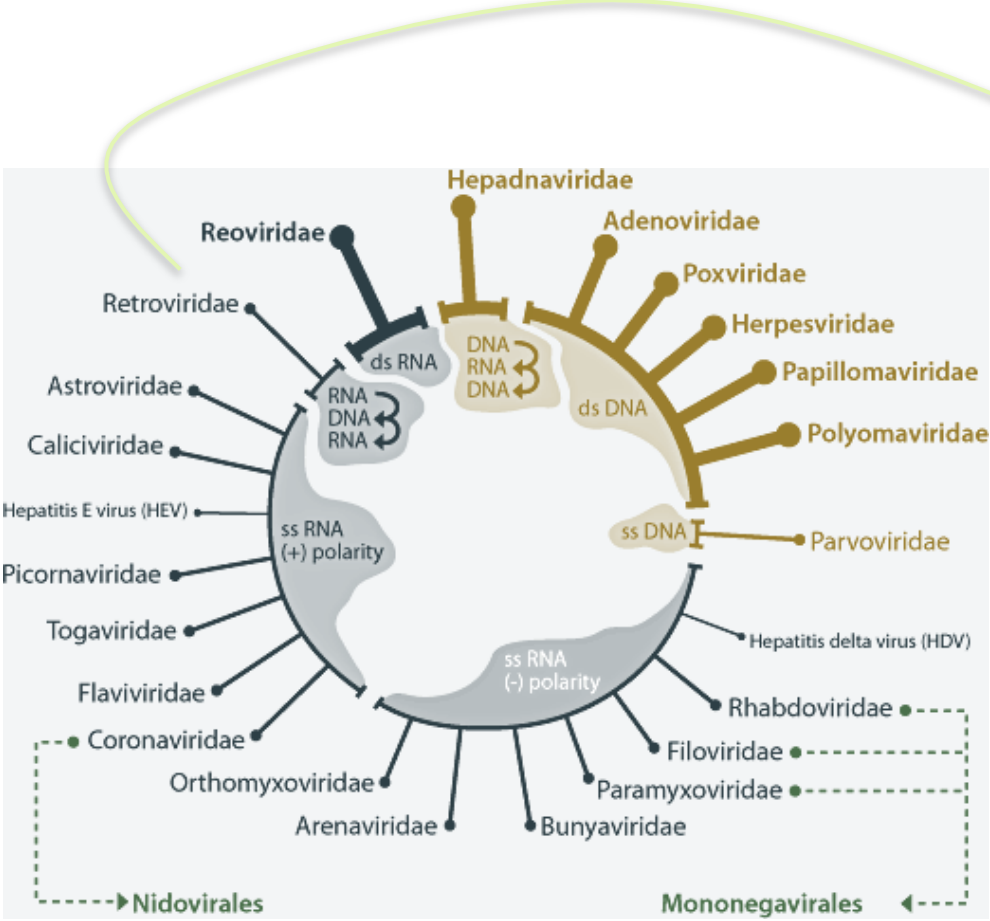
- $\sim 2 \times 10^{13}$ human genome copies
- $\sim 10^{14}$ bacteria of > 1000 species
- $\sim 10^{15}$ viral copies of DNA + RNA

1. As an ecosystem we are $<50\%$ human
2. Most of our microbes are commensal
3. A few are pathogens
4. Some are only pathogenic in susceptible individuals

Infection, genetics and evolution



Where does this end!



Population biology



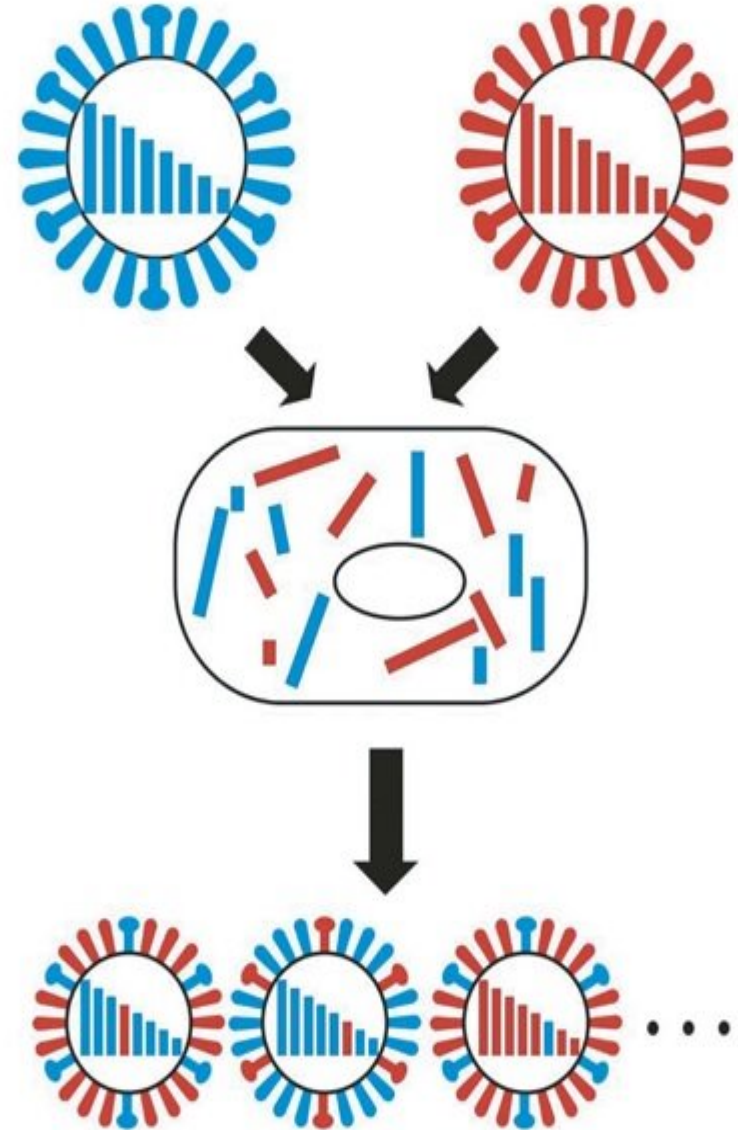
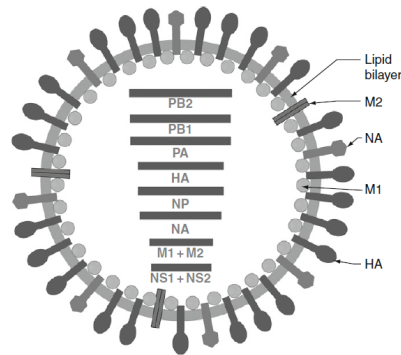
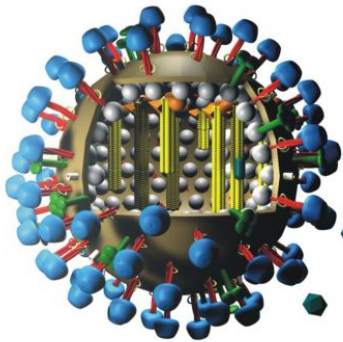
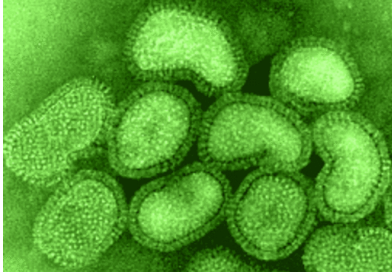
The consensus sequence



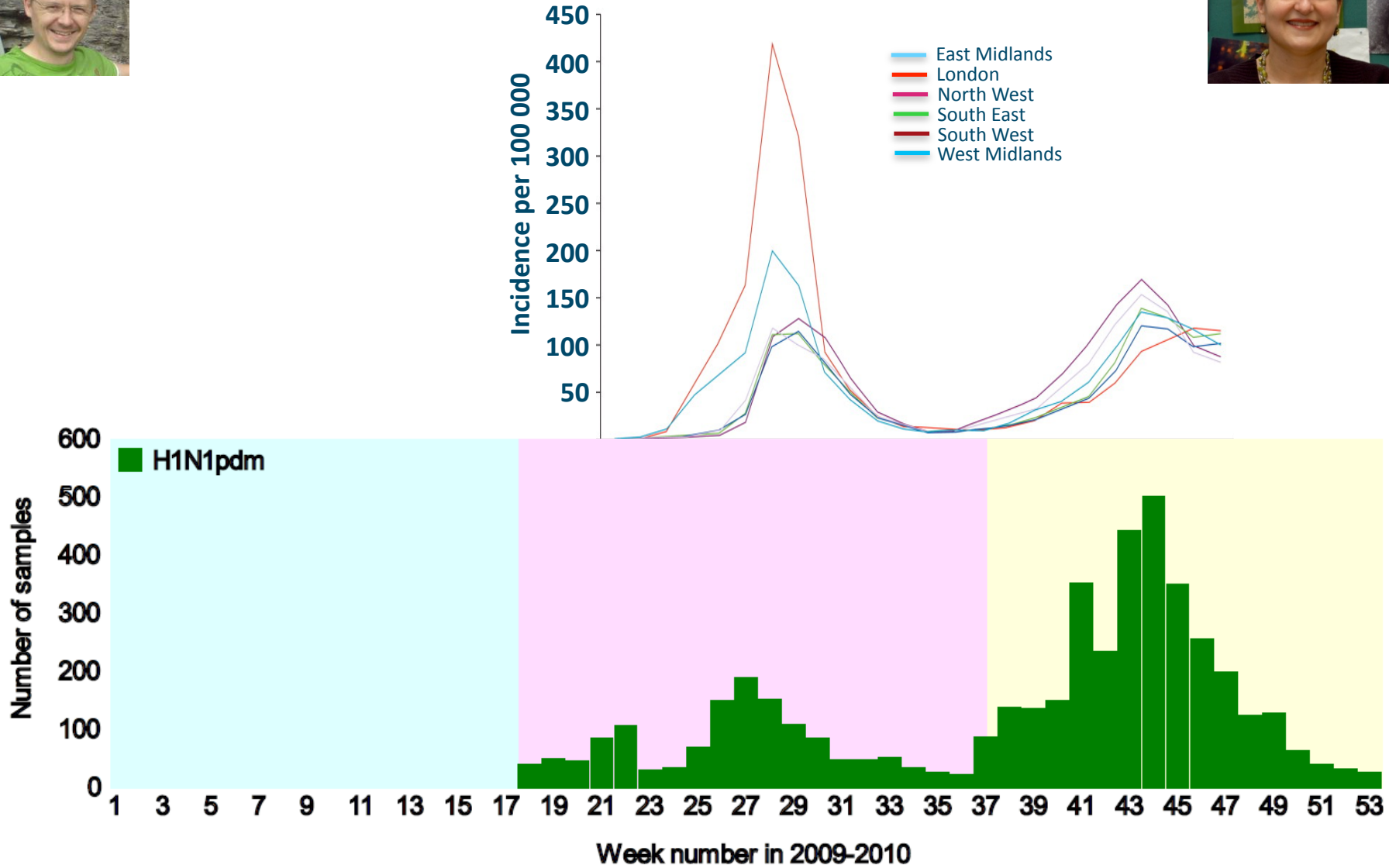
The minority species



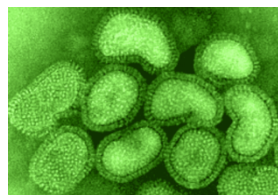
Influenza – swapping parts of your genome (Reassortment)



A pandemic finally arrives



Influenza



Molecular epidemiology

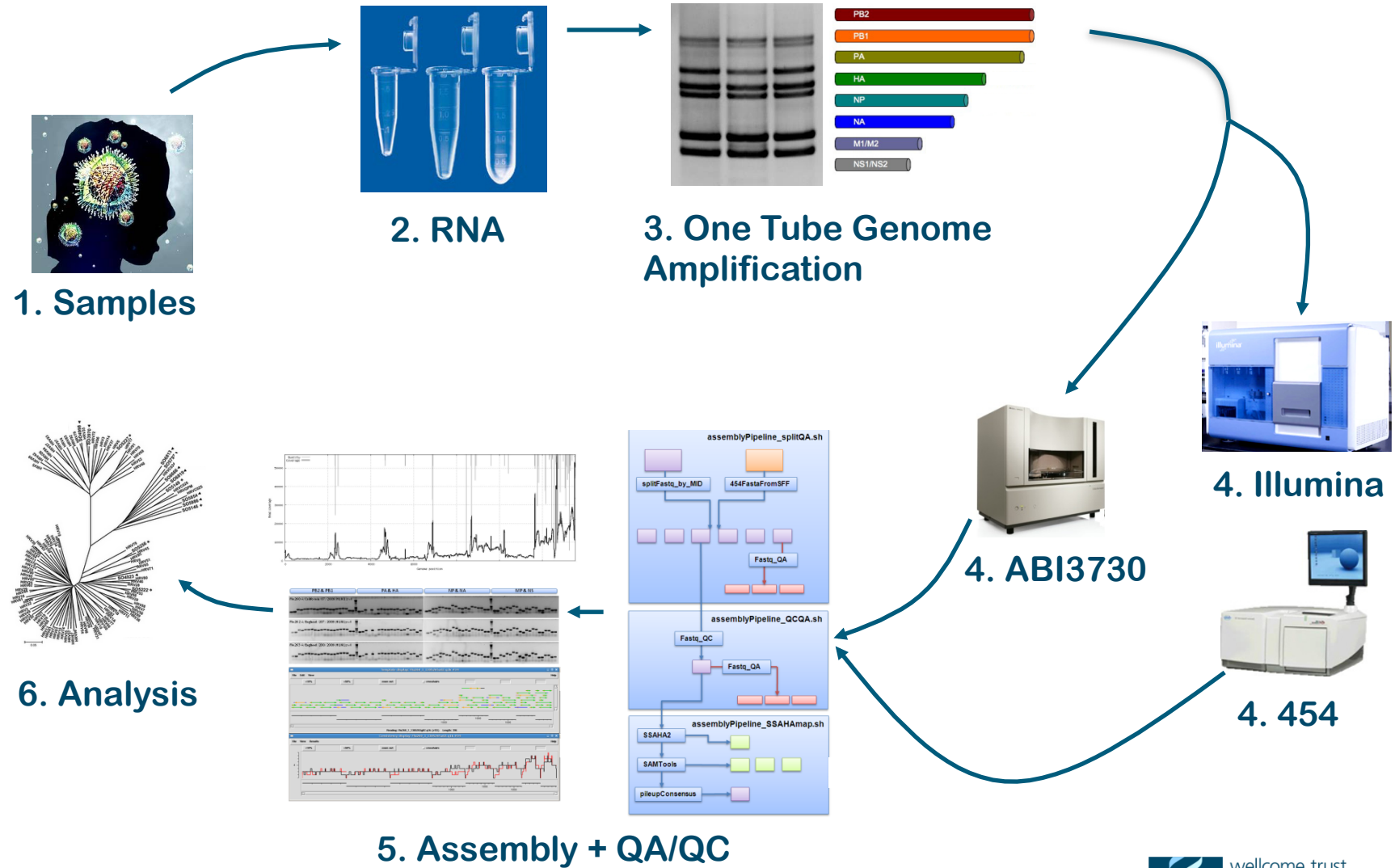
Pathogen Biology



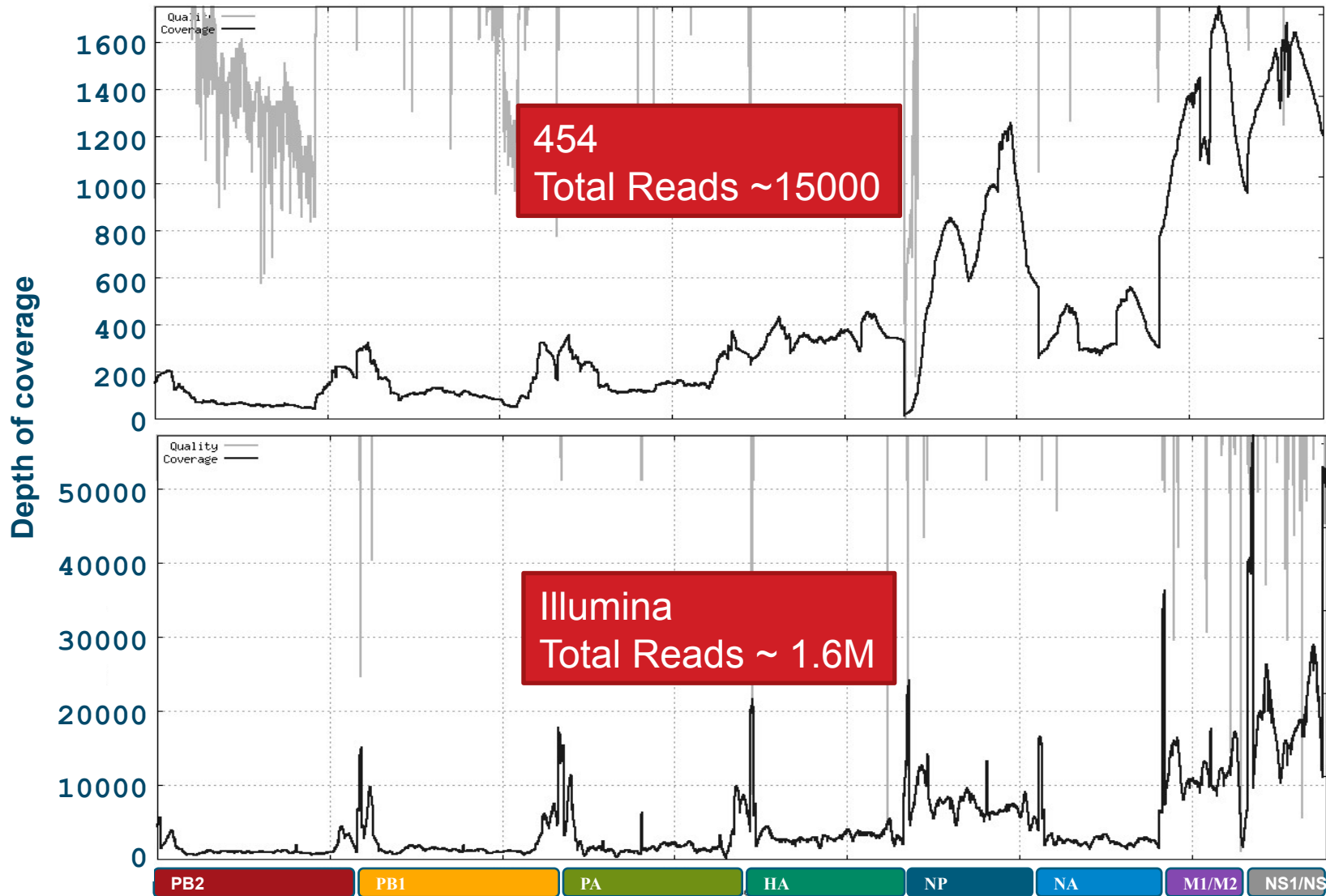
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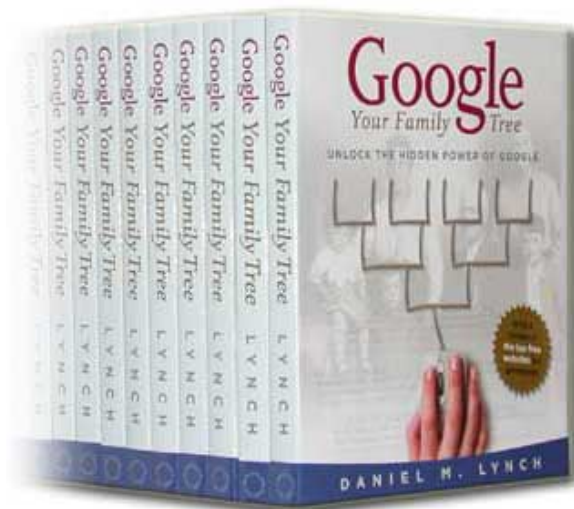
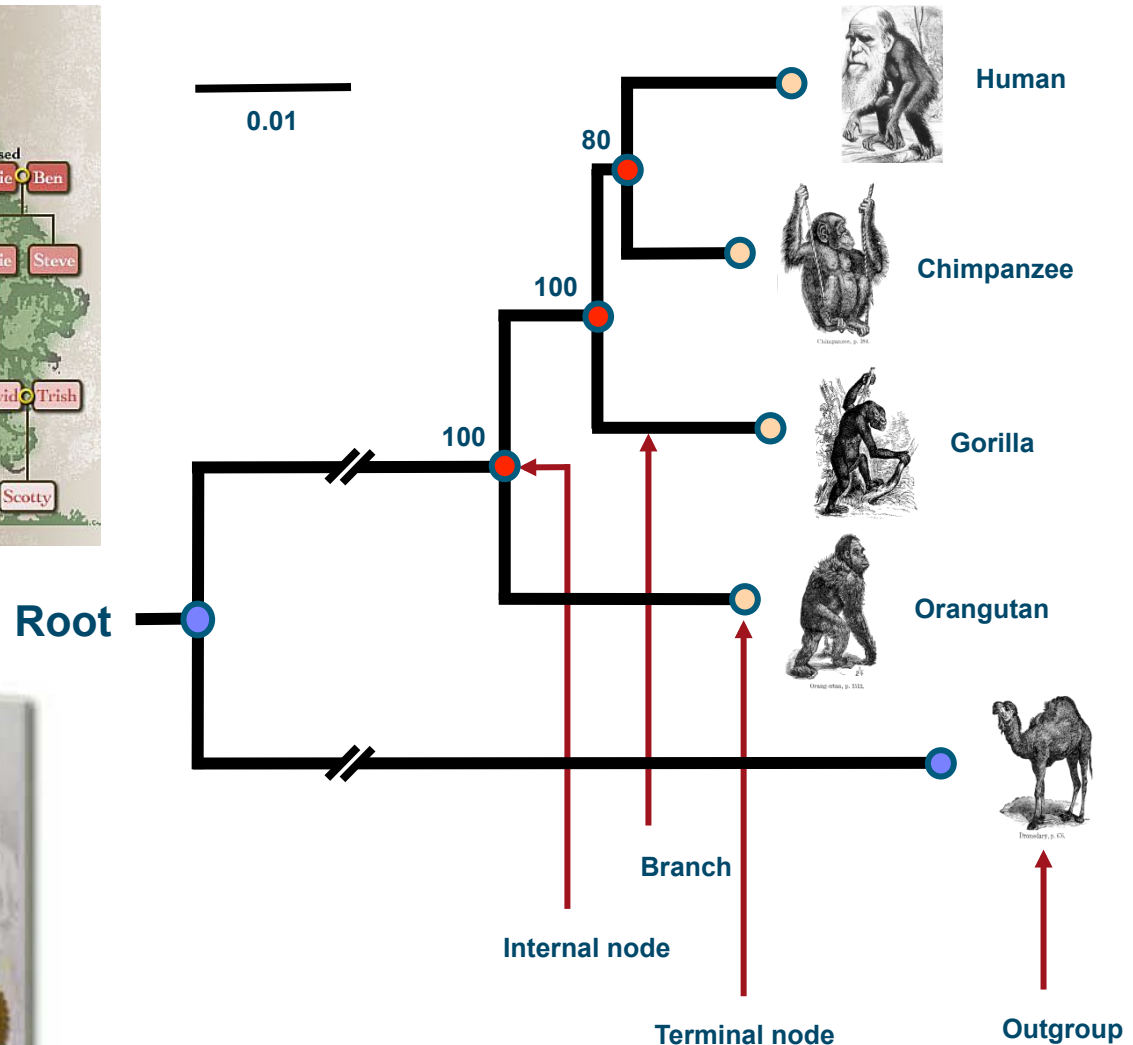
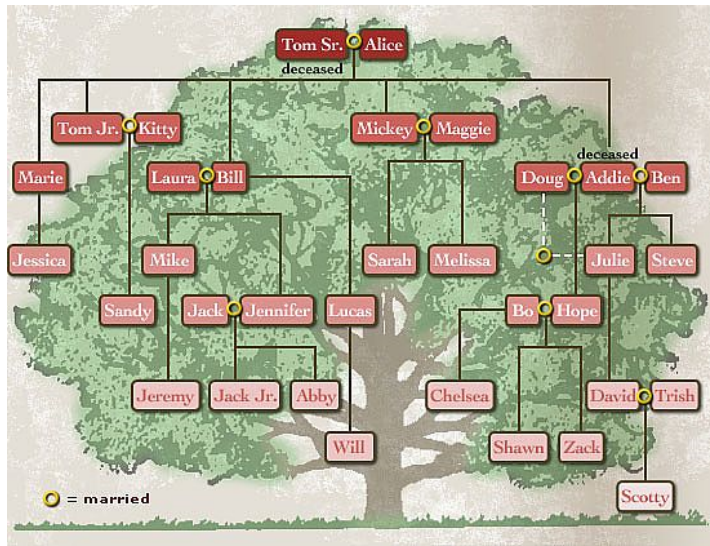
Virus genome sequencing 2011



2nd Generation Influenza sequencing



Family trees, heredity and Phylogenetics



Phylogenetics & Statistics

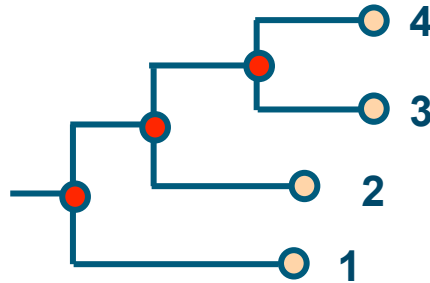
BEAST: Bayesian evolutionary analysis by sampling trees

Viral gene sequences

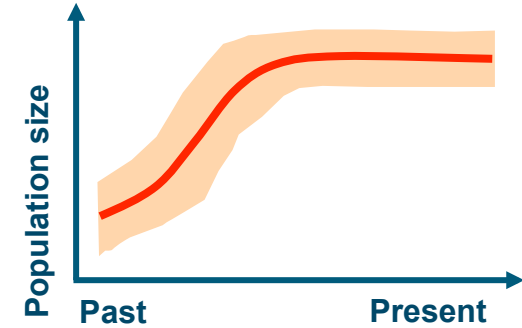
- 1 AAAGTTCTCAGACT...
- 2 AAAGTTCTCA**C**ACT...
- 3 AAT**T**GTTCTCAGACT...
- 4 AAT**T**GTTCTCAGACT...



Transmission tree



Viral population history

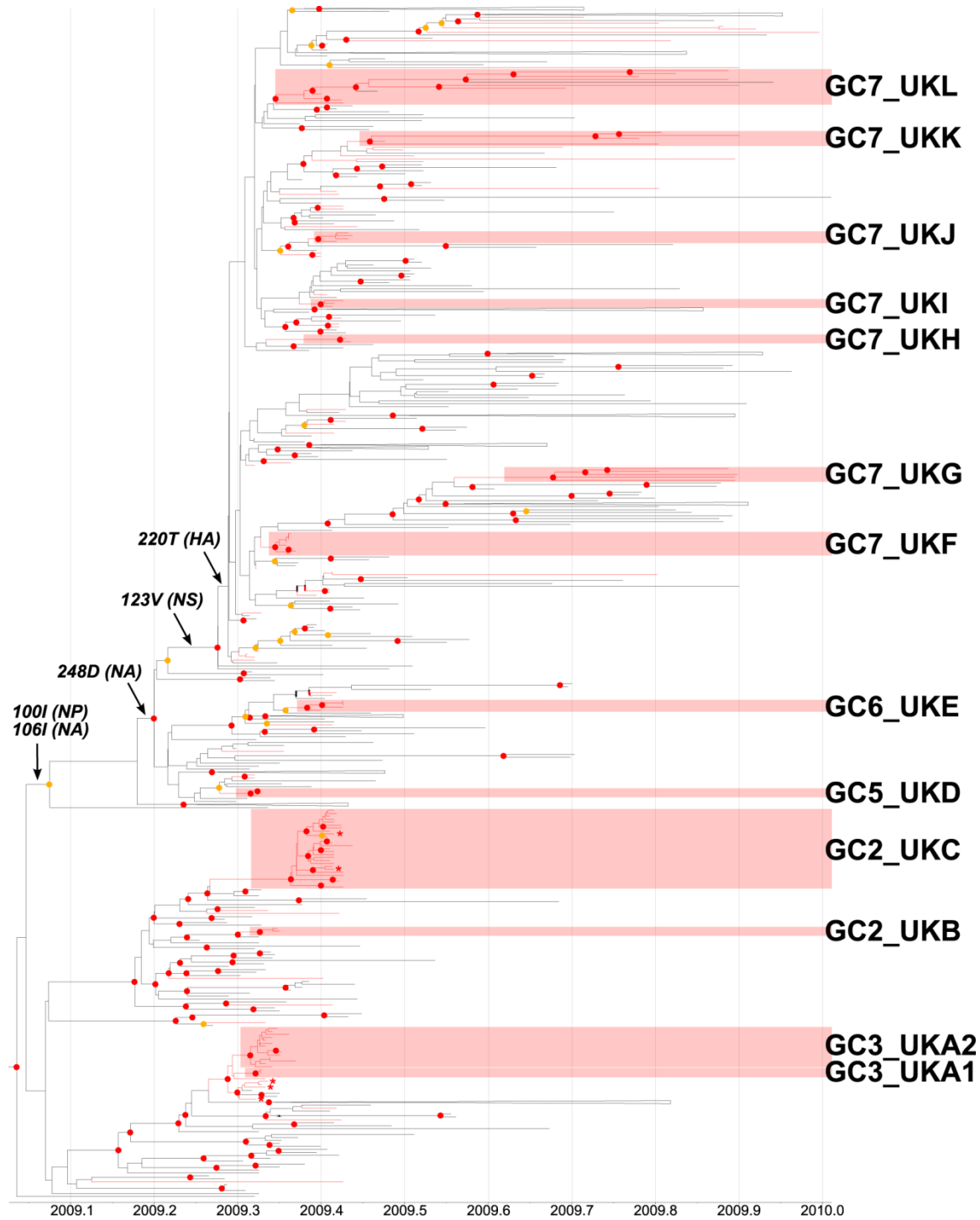


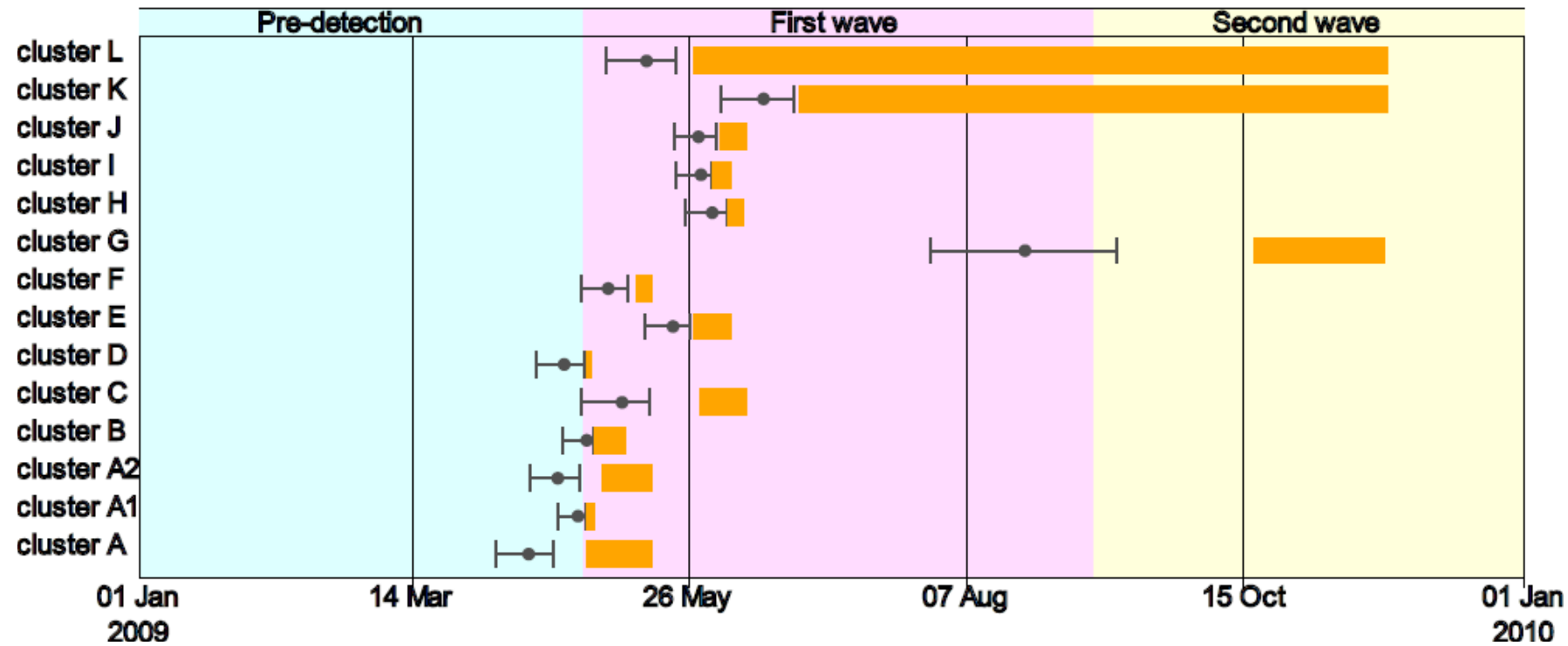
Phylogenetics

Model of molecular evolution

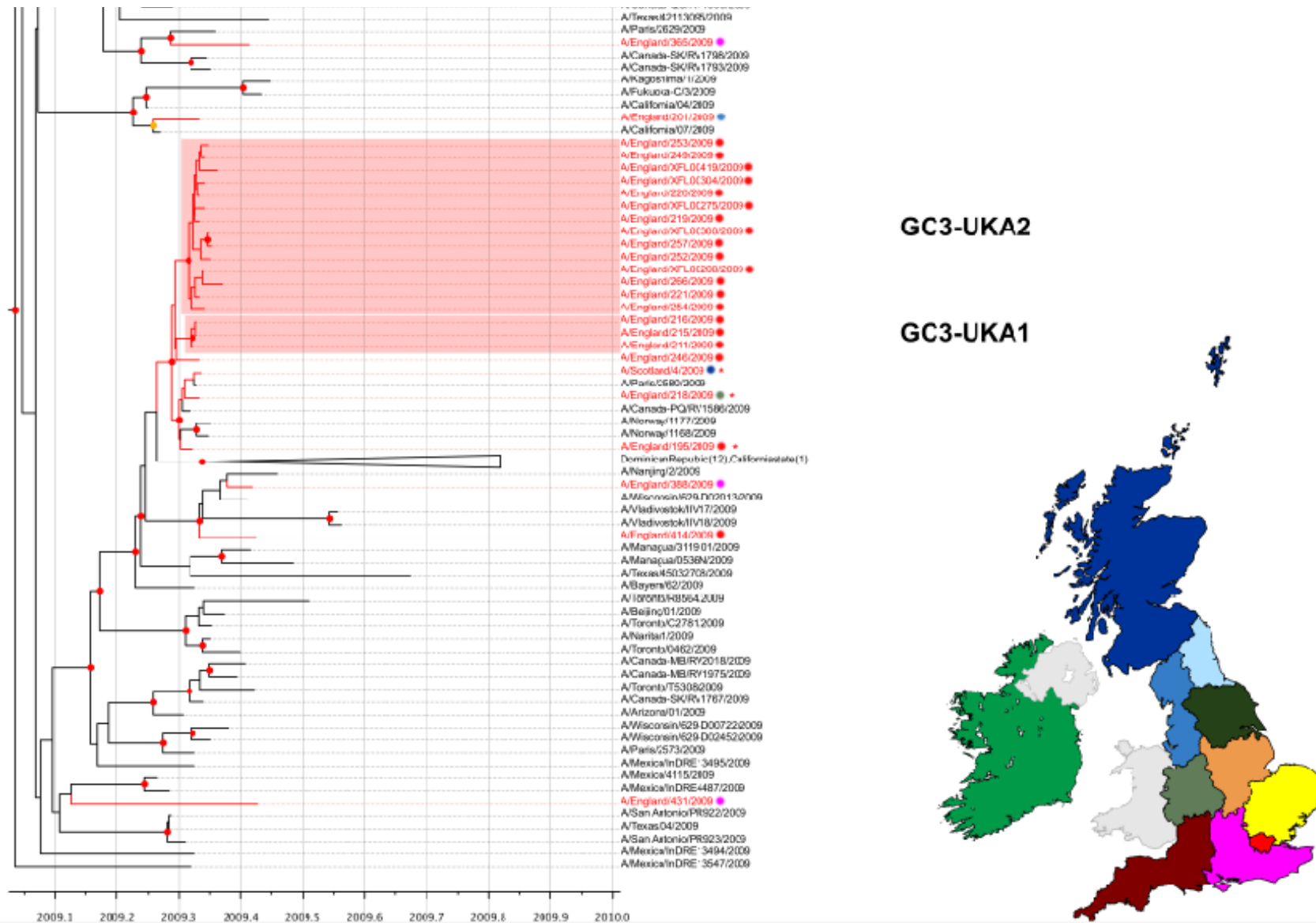
**Statistical method
(e.g. coalescent)**

Demographic model

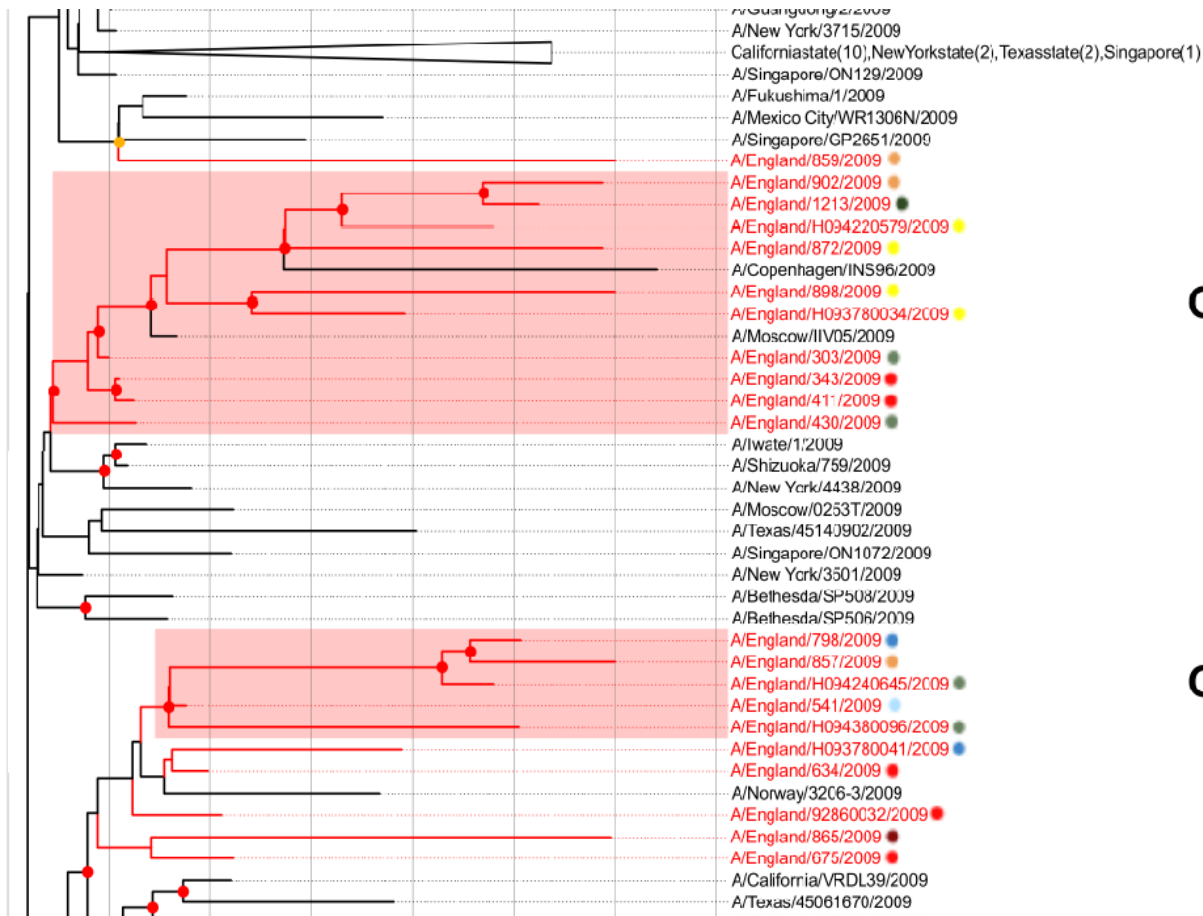




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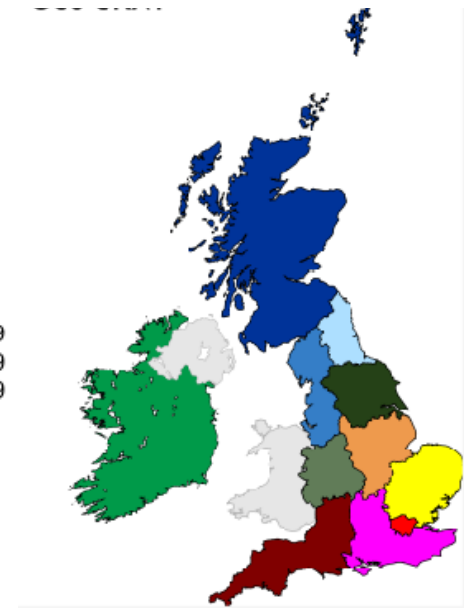
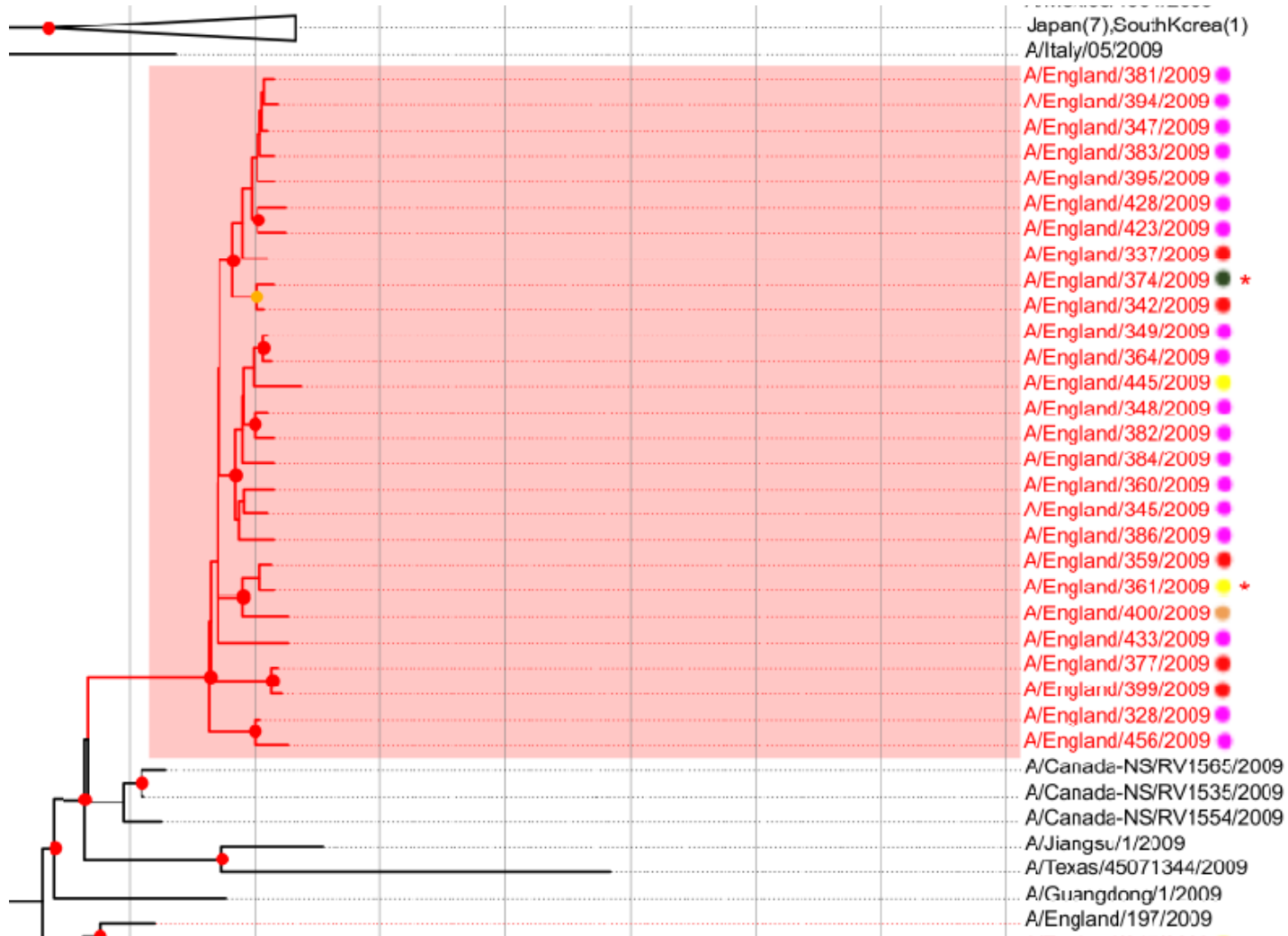


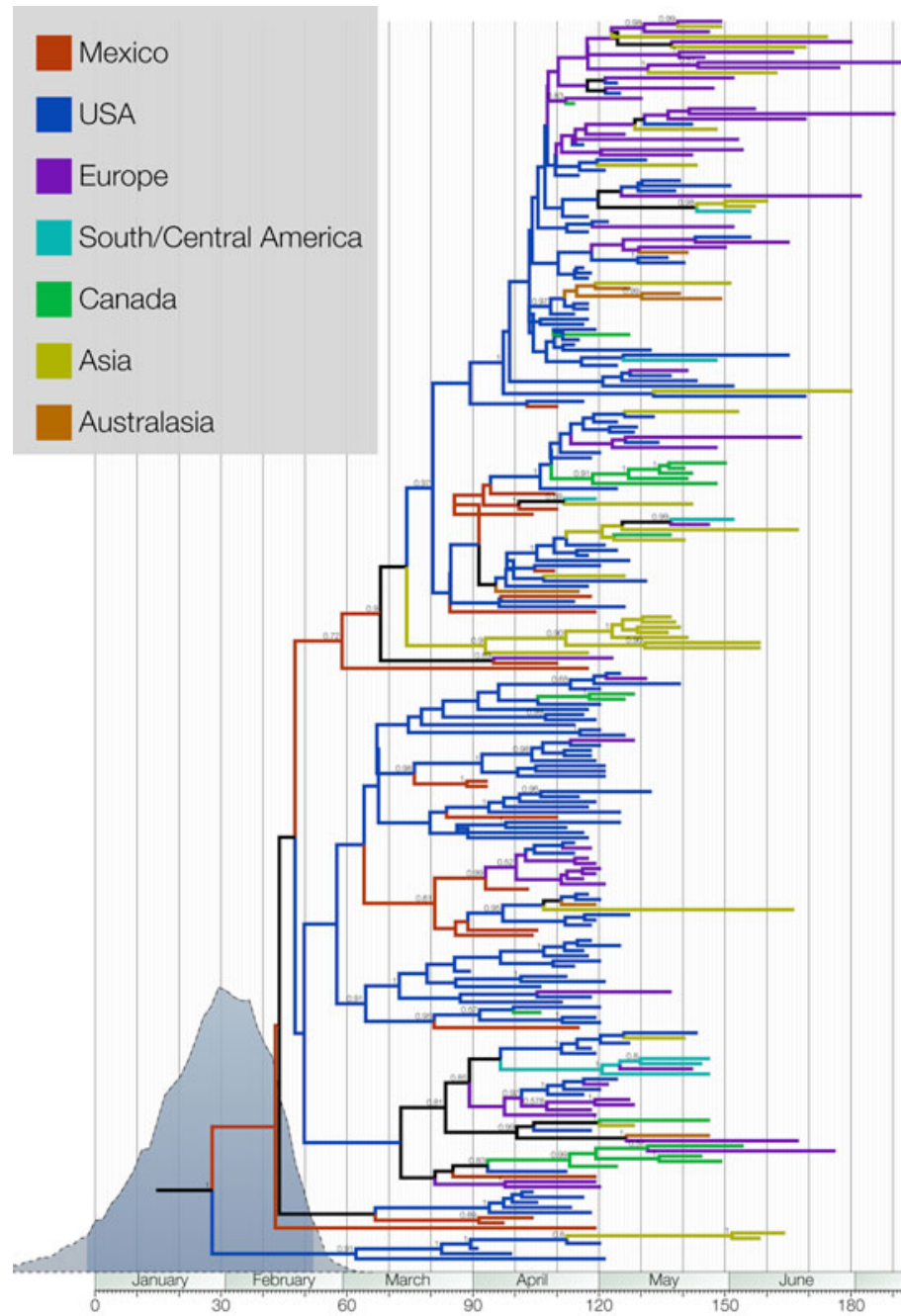
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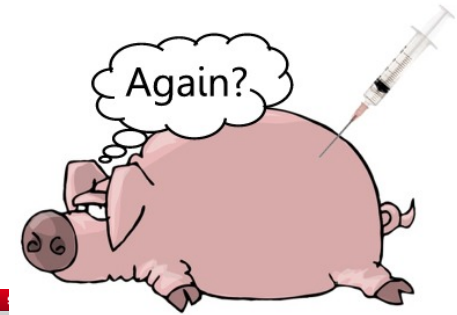
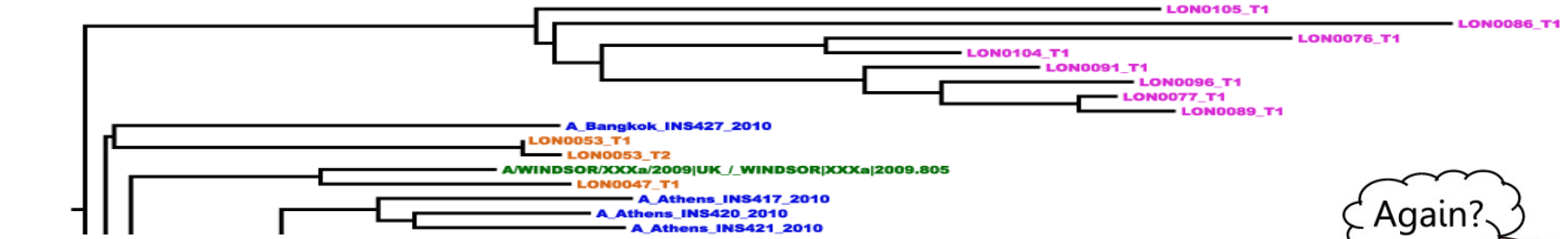
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Outbreak fear ... flu virus

Population biology



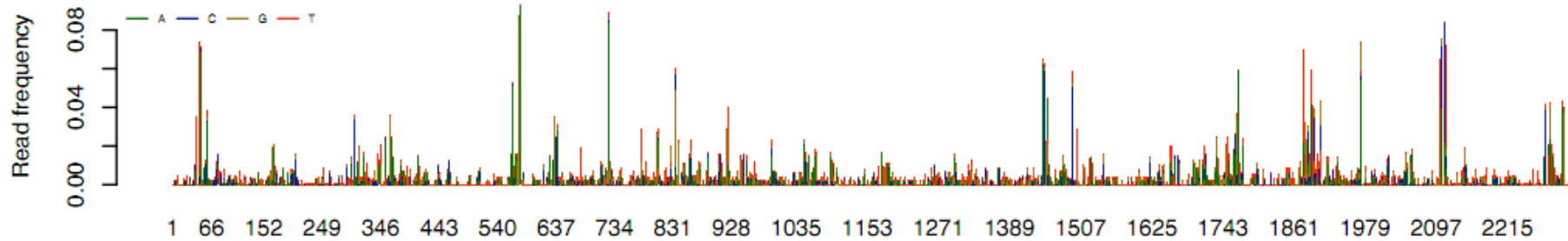
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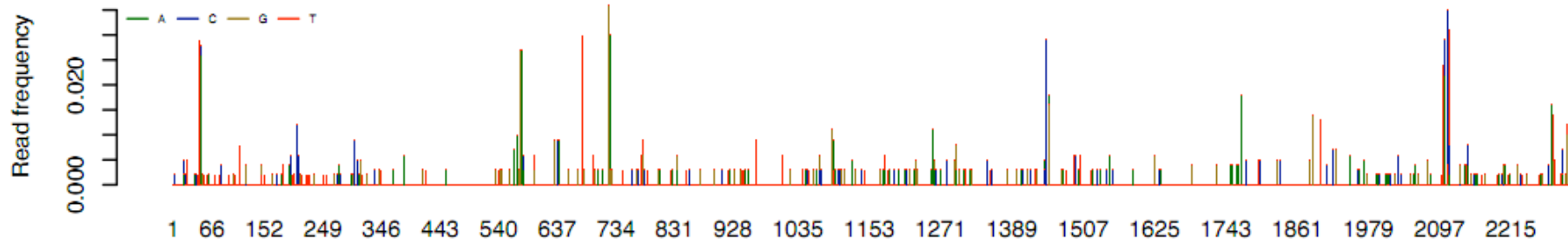
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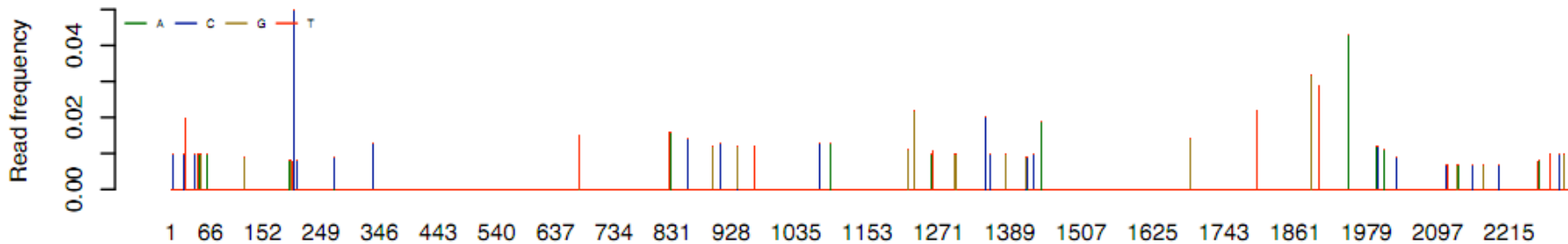
Full genome minority species



(a) PRQC0



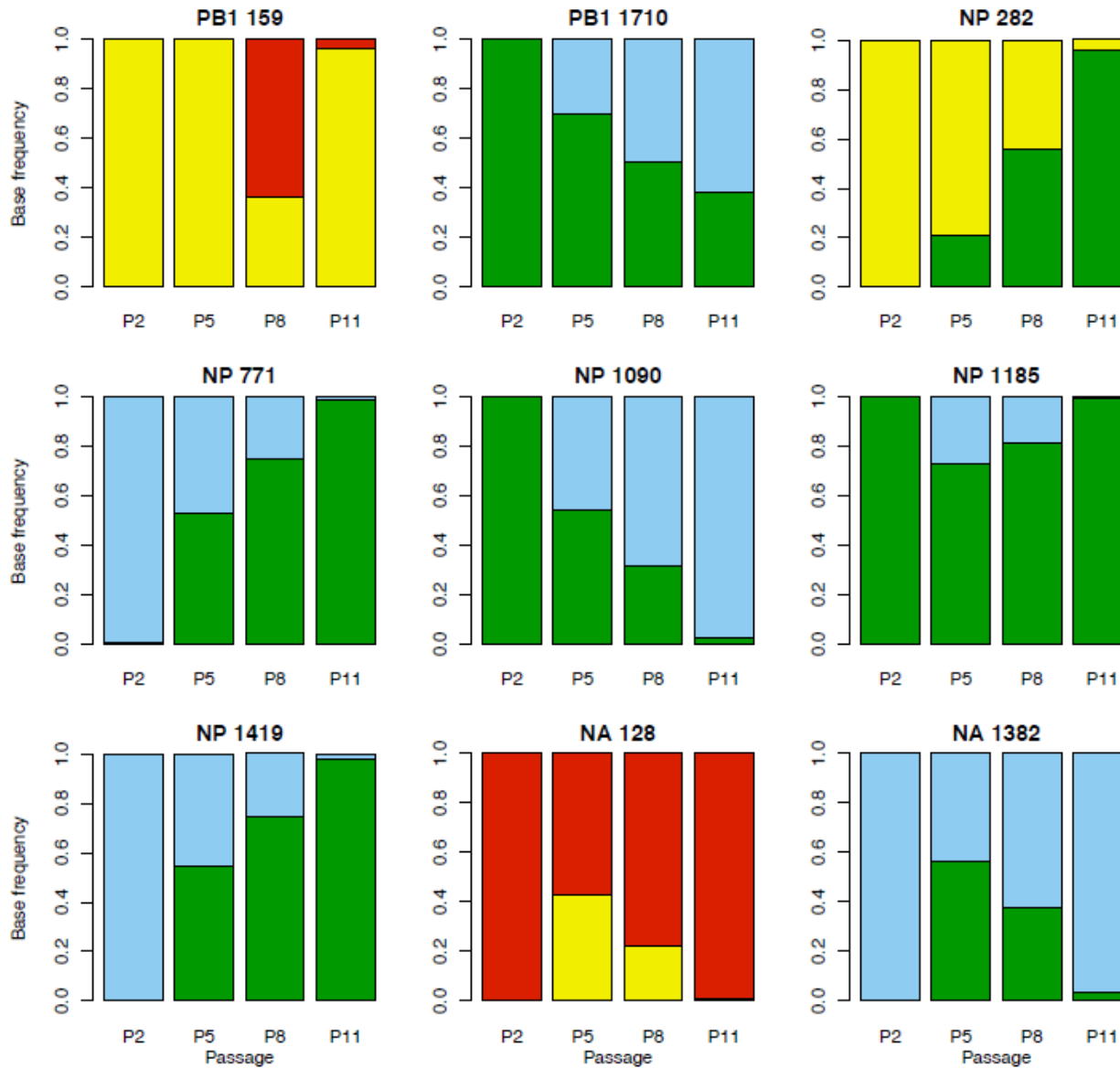
(b) PRQC25



(c) PRQC40

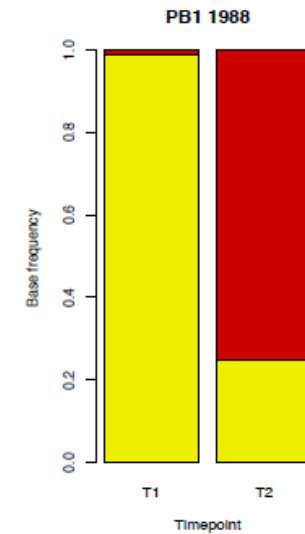
In tissue culture

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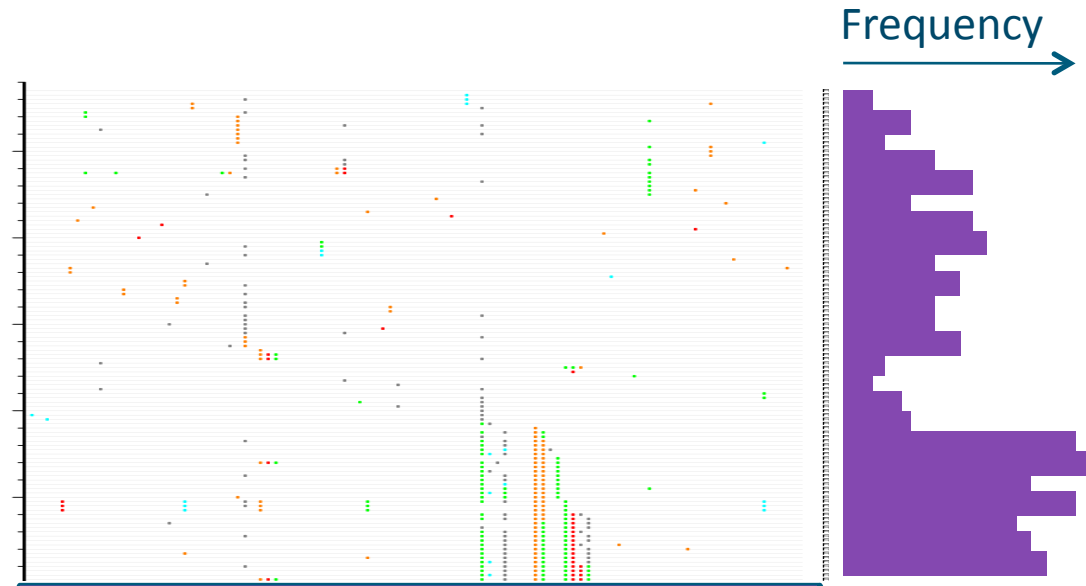


In humans

■ A ■ G ■ C ■ T



Consensus and population structure

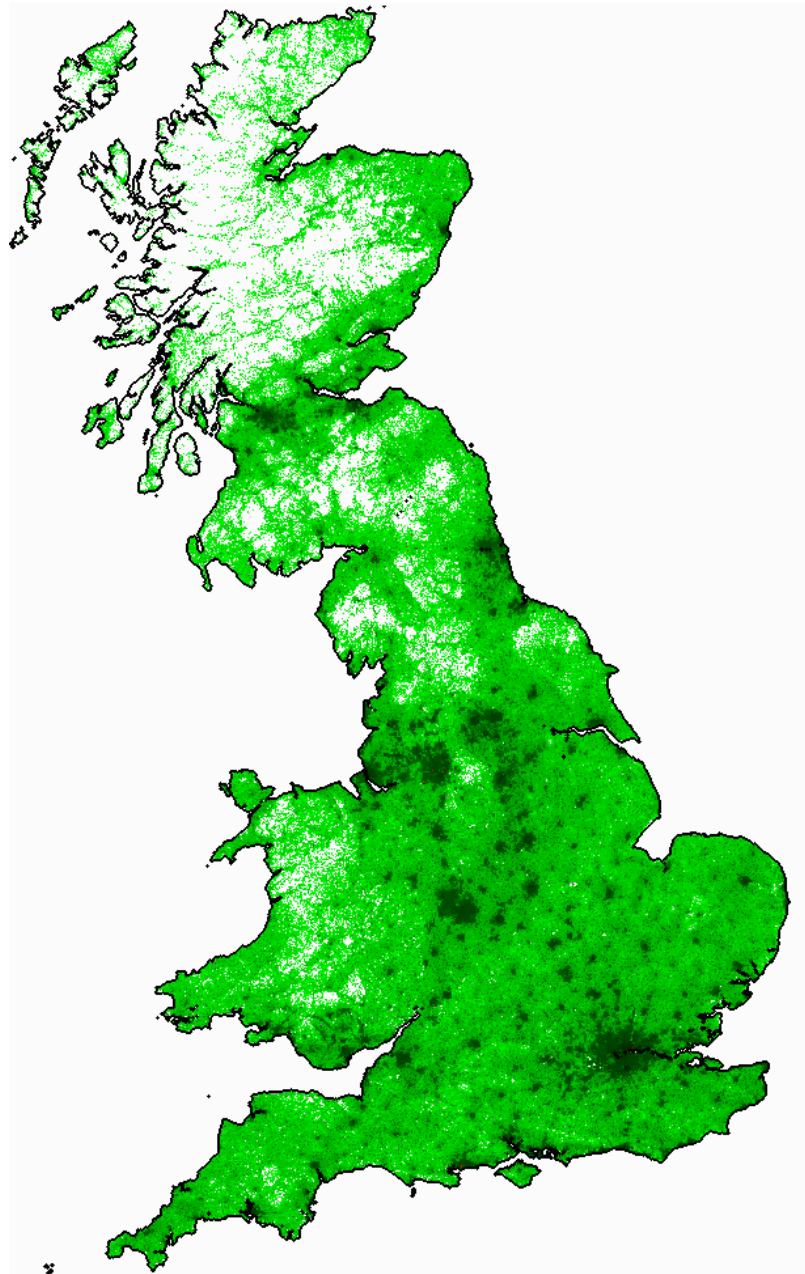


Modelling pandemic influenza -UK

A mathematical model of the spread of pandemic influenza following the introduction of a single infected individual into a UK airport.

1 sec = 1day

Grey, population density
Red, infected individuals
Green, end of infection.



The Red Queen Hypothesis

(Van Valen, 1973)



"Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place"

Carroll, L. 1872. Through the looking glass and what Alice found there.