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## Genetic Inference of Recent Fragmentation

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MidJourney

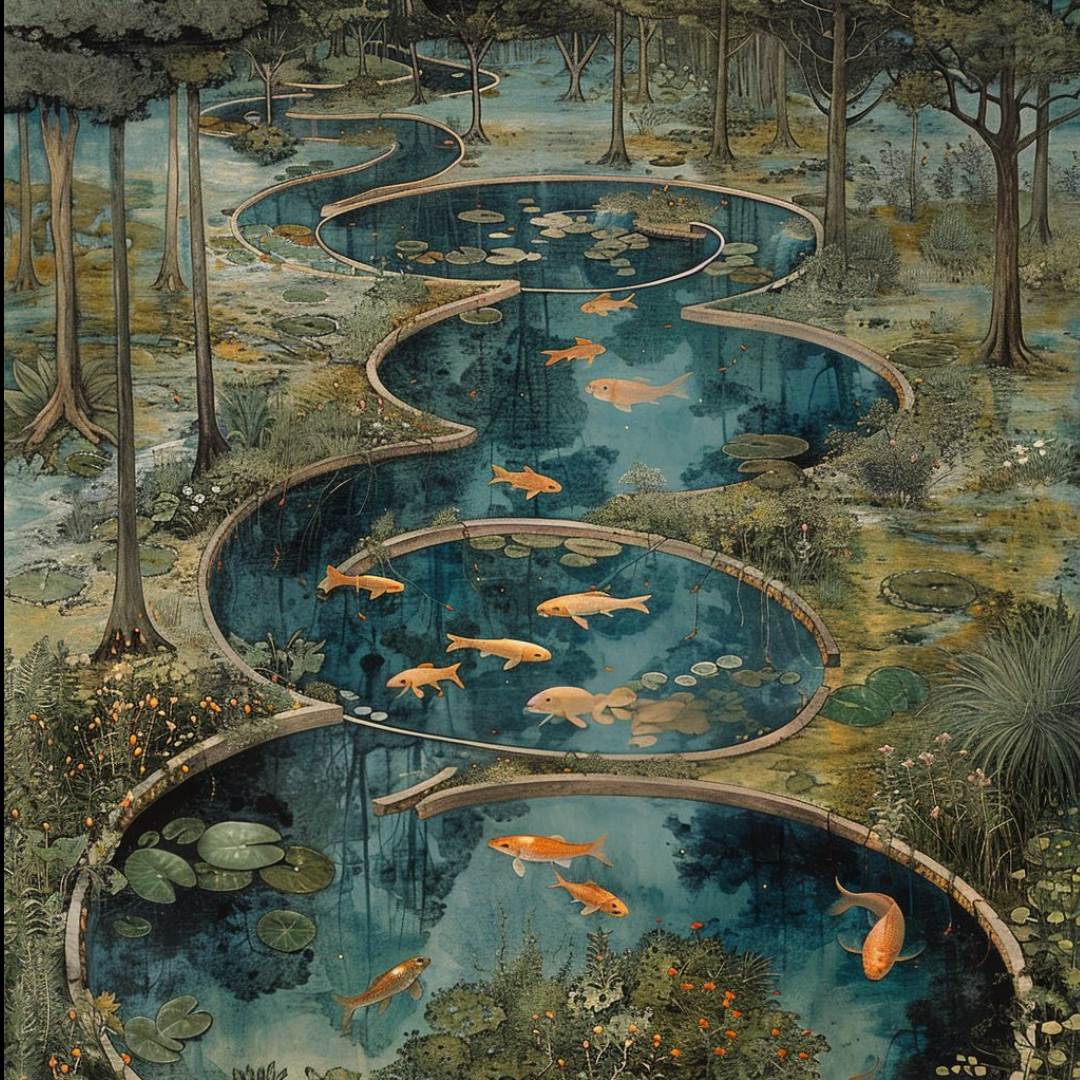


wild  
populations  
are  
often  
**structured**





barriers to  
gene flow  
can **reduce**  
or **disrupt**  
their  
**connectivity**

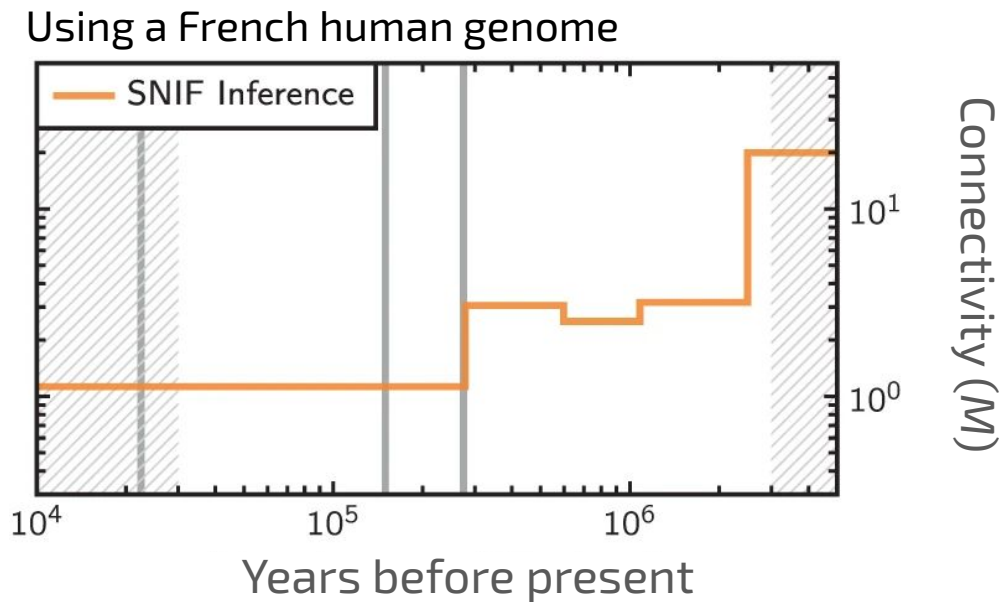




in the long  
run, this can  
lead to  
increased  
**divergence**



# Most current genetic methods infer only **ancient** changes in connectivity



Arredondo et al. (2021)

Steux et al. (2024) (*in prep.*)

but **human activities** have  
created **very recent**  
*possible* barriers to gene  
**flow** (< 10 generations ago)

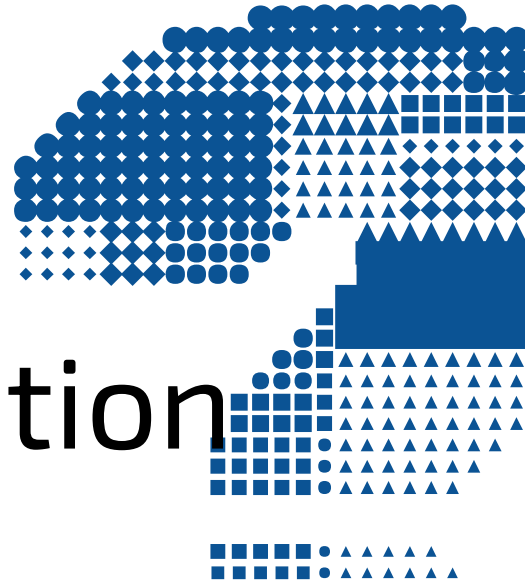


how well **DNA**  
can help us

detect

very  
recent

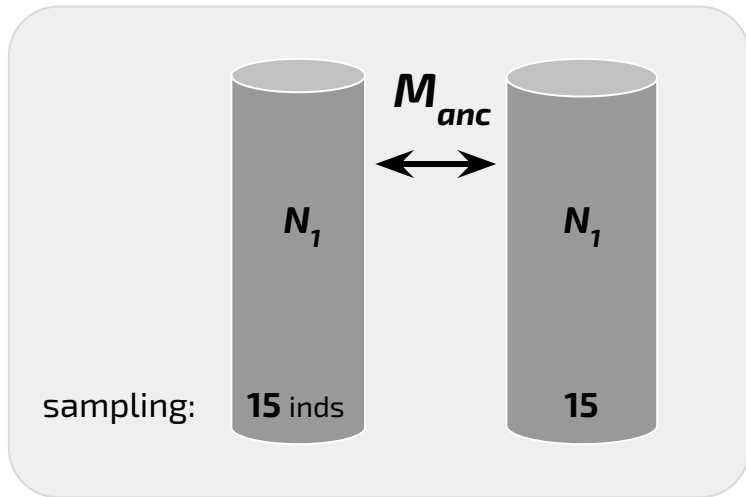
fragmentation



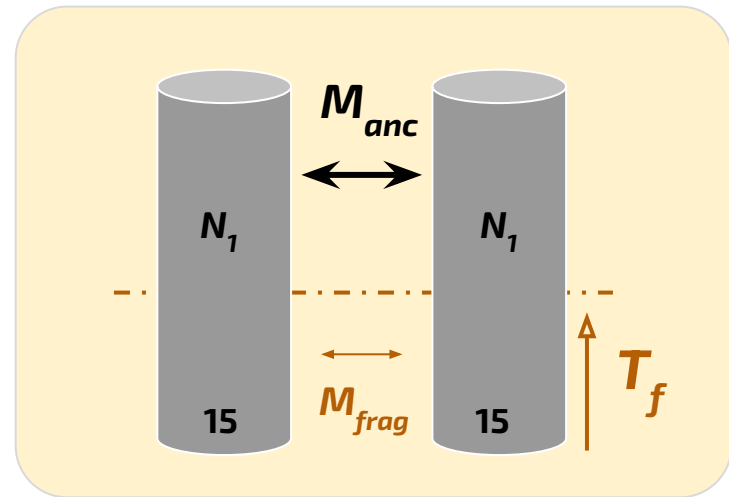


# A study using **simulations**

stationary  
model



fragmentation  
model



stationary  
model

fragmented  
model

2,500 simulated  
genetic data per model



$G=5 \times 25$  Mbp

# Test the performance to infer underlying models using **ABC** with **random forests**

train



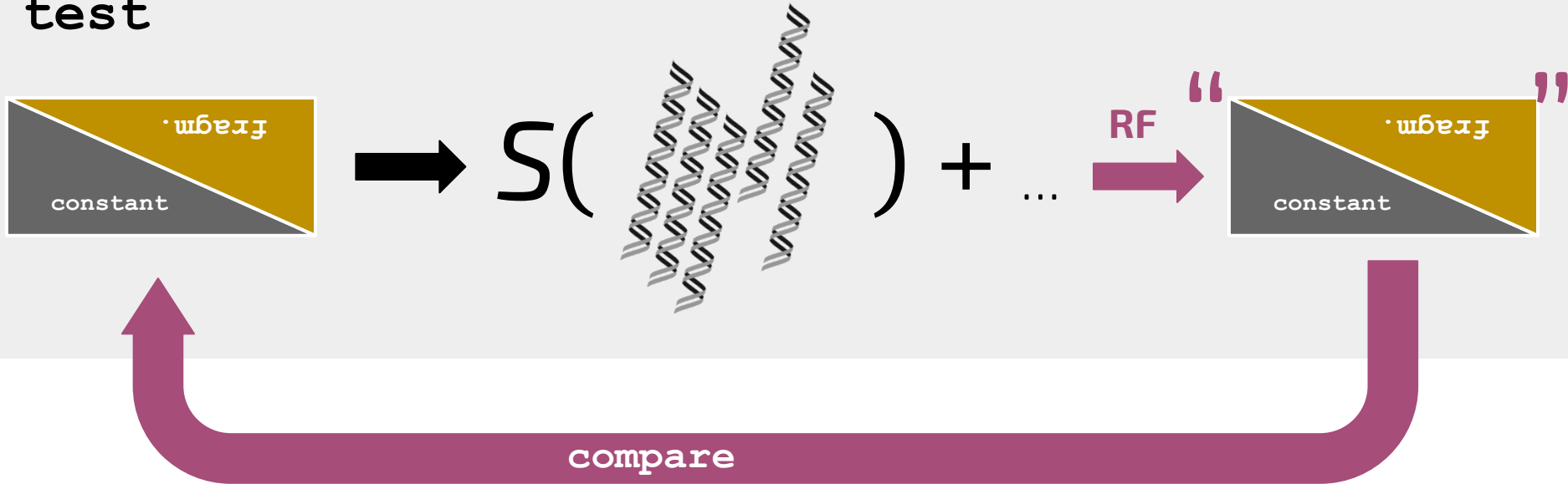
$$\sim S(\text{summary statistics}) + S(\text{summary statistics}) + \dots$$

summary statistics



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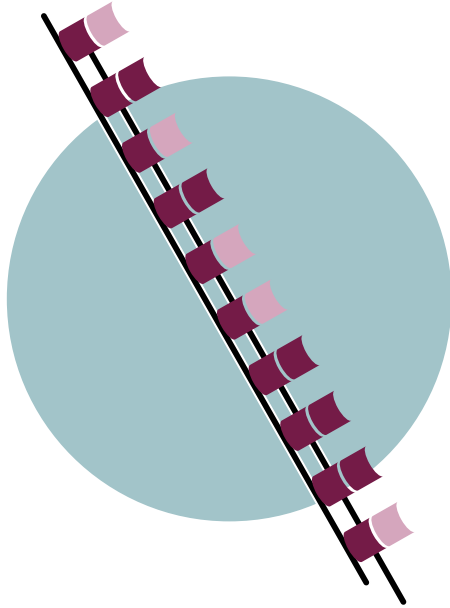
test



using **different**  
**types** of  
**genomic data**

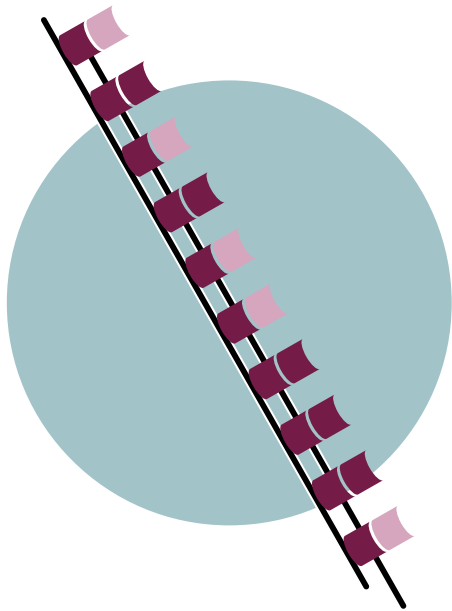
# types of genomic data

unphased

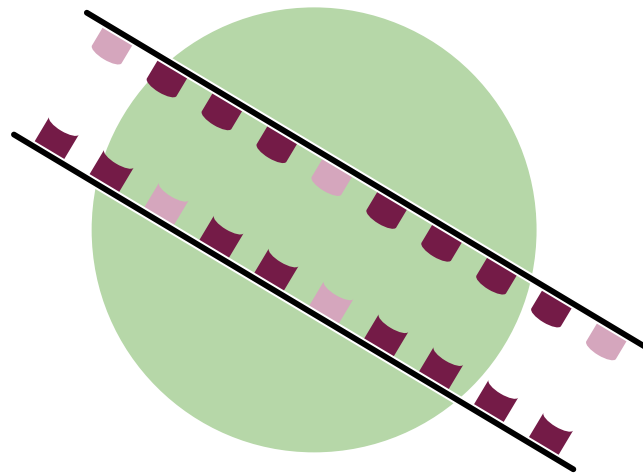




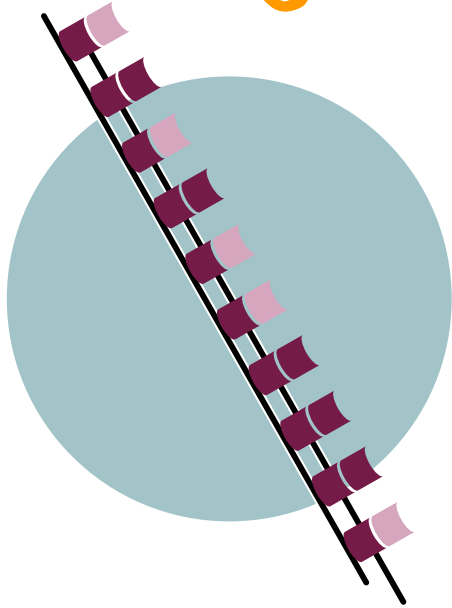
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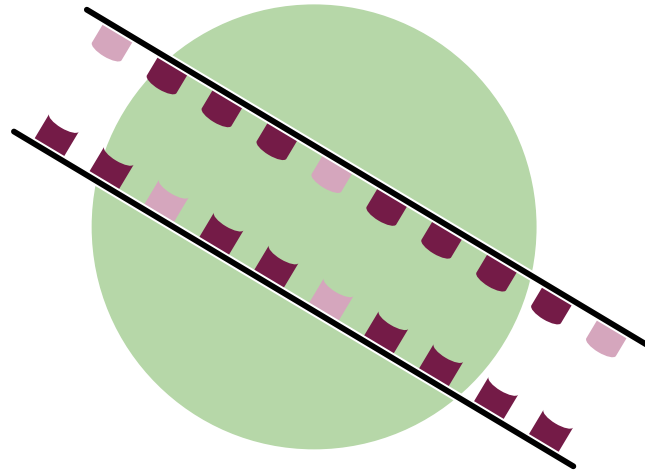
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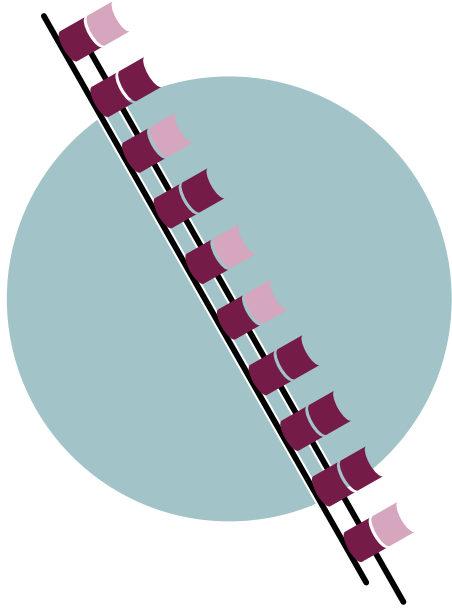
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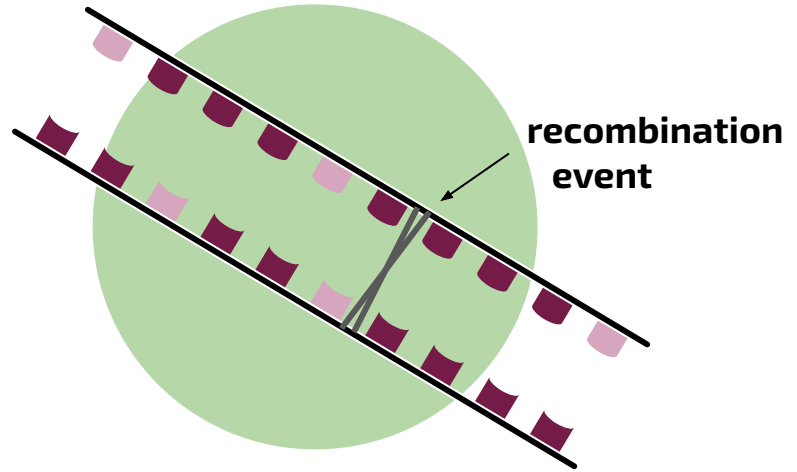
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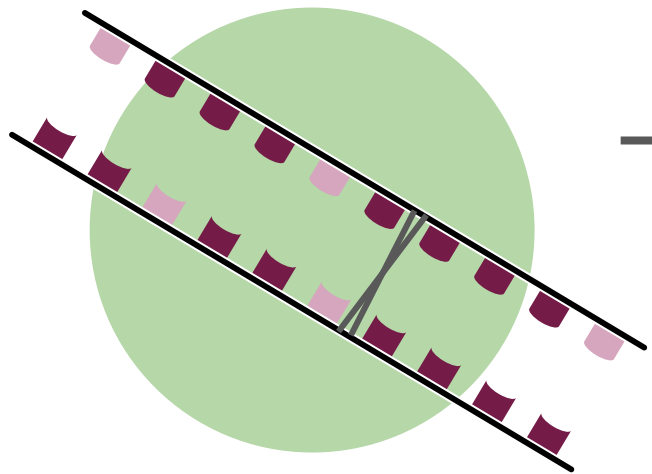
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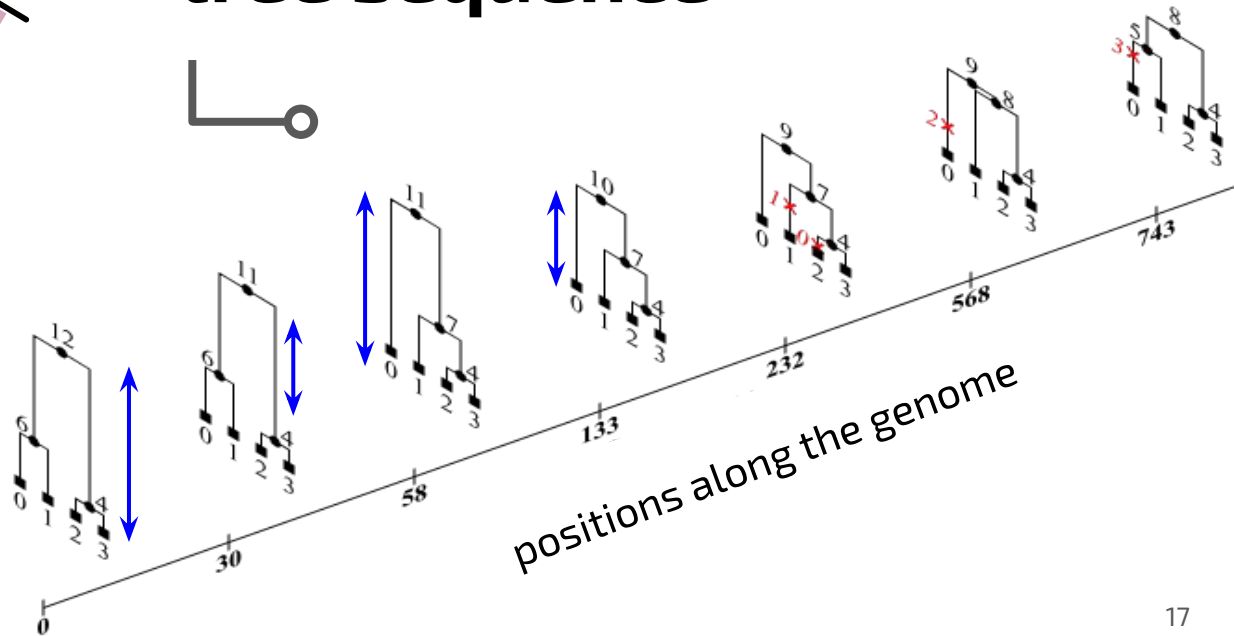
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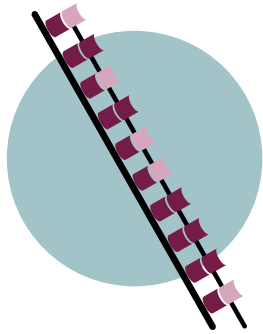






# tree sequence

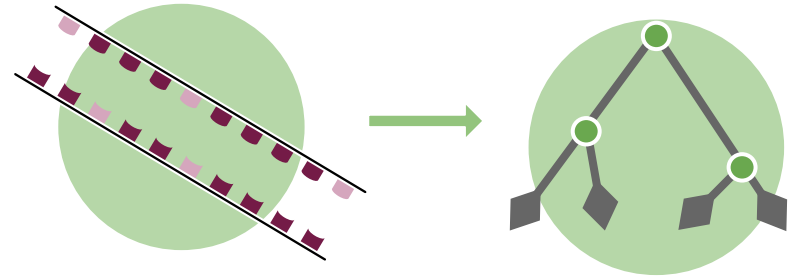




## genotypic statistics

within-pop ——— between

- **2D-jAFS** (Allele Frequency Spectrum)
- **Tajima's  $D$**
- **Nucleotide diversity/divergence**
- **$F_{ST}$**



## genealogical statistics

within-pop ——— between

- **Distributions of  $(T_k)_k$**
- **Distributions of  $(T_c)_k$**
- **PLFT** (Proportion of Lineages as a Function of Time)

Maruvka et al. (2011)

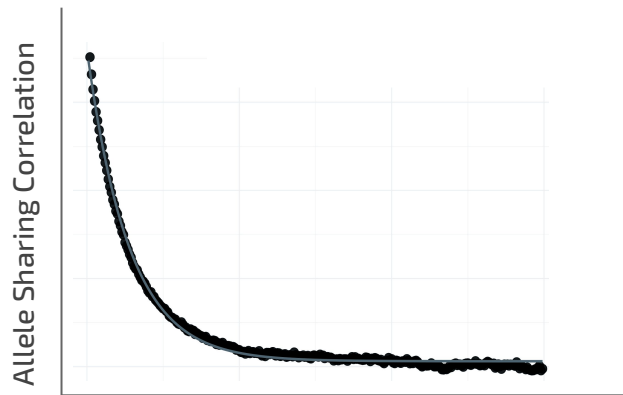
+ subtracted  
between -  $E(\text{within1, within2})$

# genotypic statistics

within-pop ——— between

→ **ASCEND**

Tournebize, Chu, Moorjani (2022)



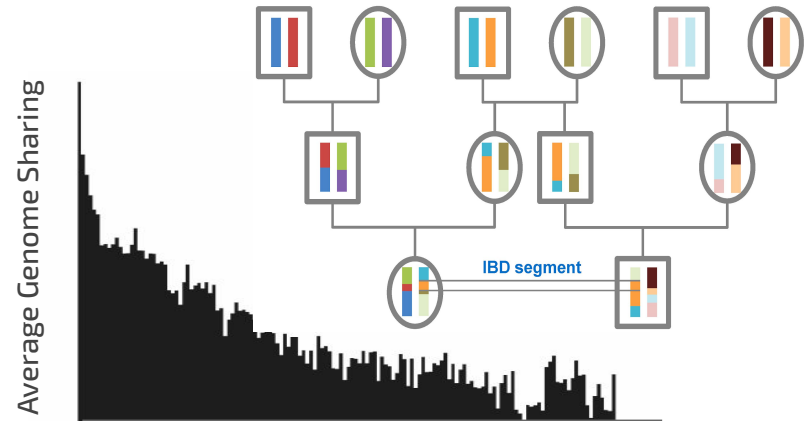
Genetic distance

+ subtracted

# genealogical statistics

within-pop ——— between

- Genomic correlations in pairwise coalescences +  $T_k + T_c + PLFT$
- Distribution of IBD lengths



Genetic length



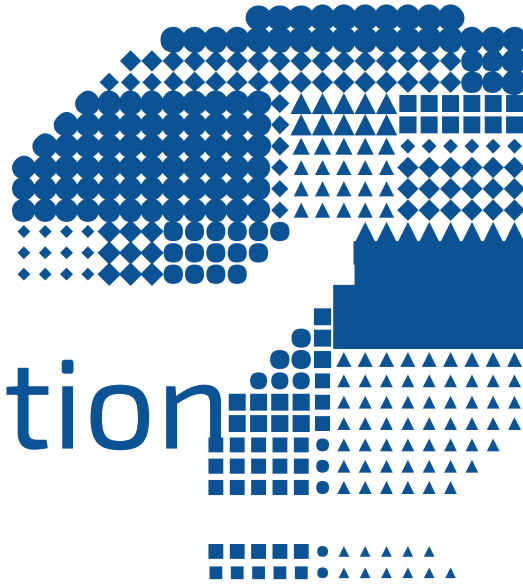
how well  $\neq$  summary  
statistics

can help us

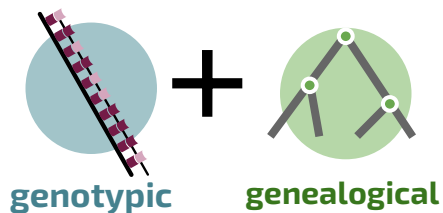
detect

very  
recent

fragmentation



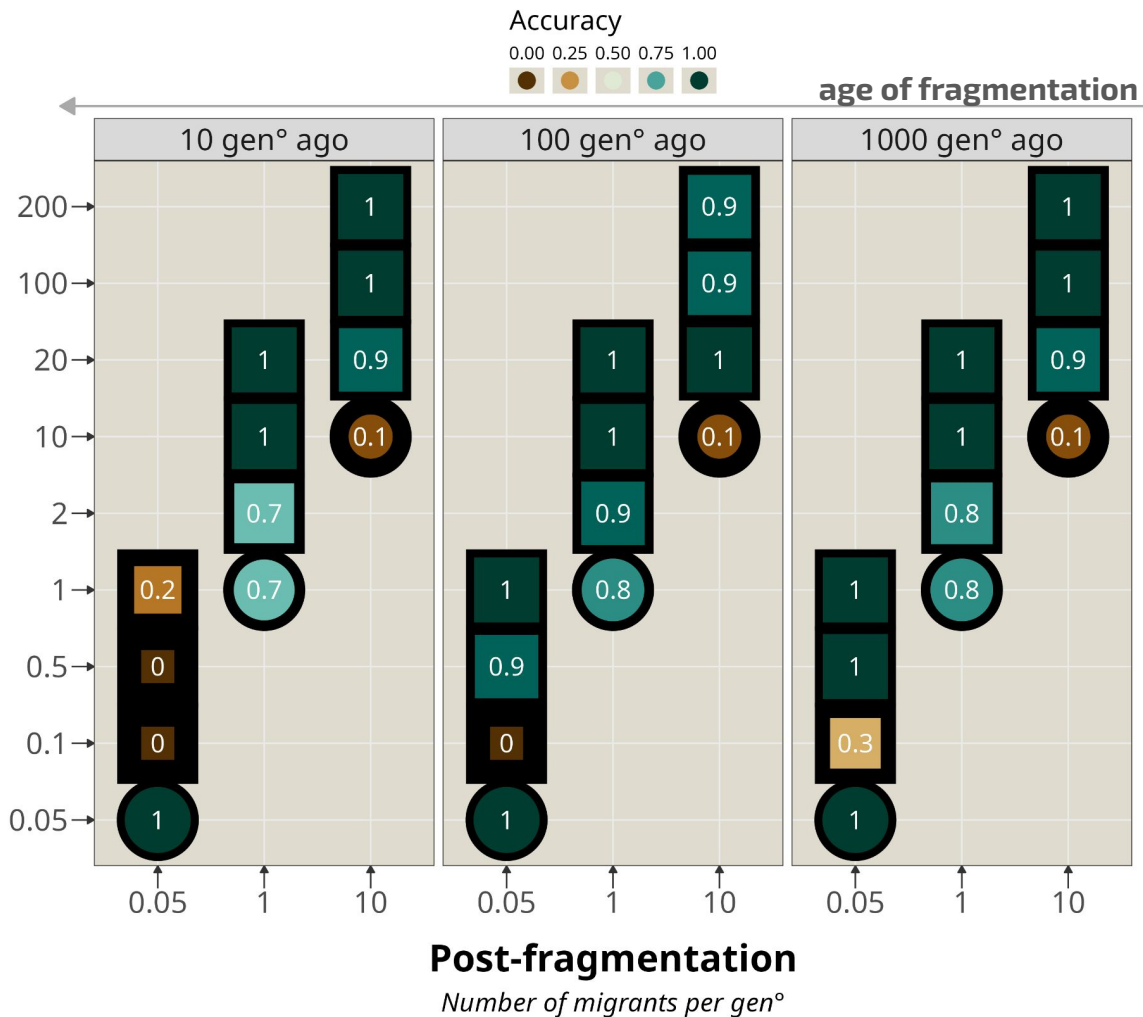
# Detection power



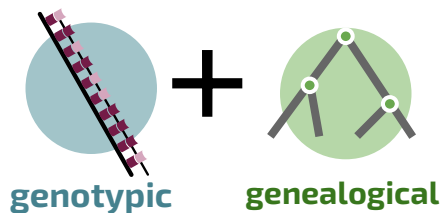
generally a great  
**power** to detect  
fragmentation

▣ fragmentation

○ stationary



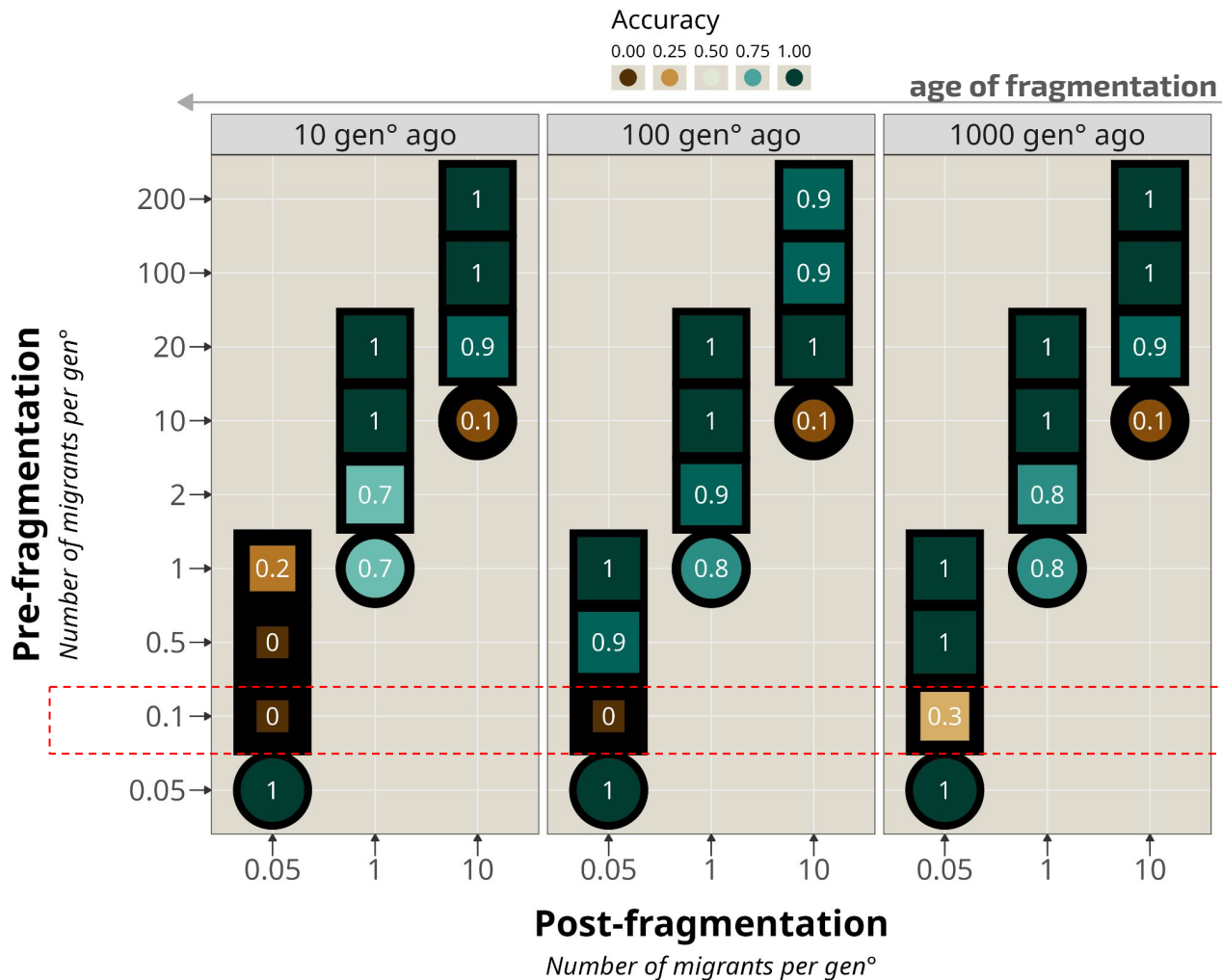
# Detection power



limited power to detect weak reduction when pops **already weakly connected**

fragmentation

stationary

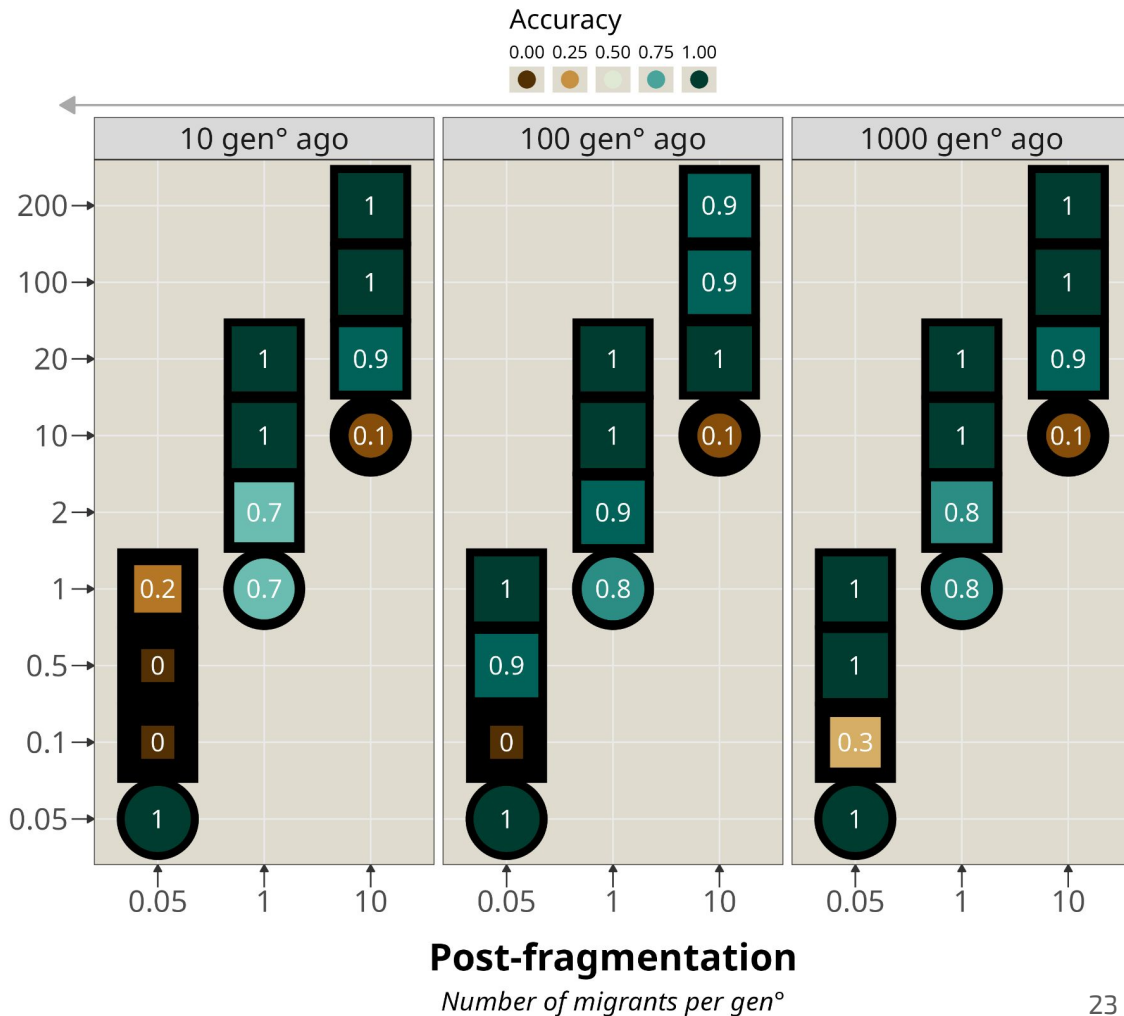




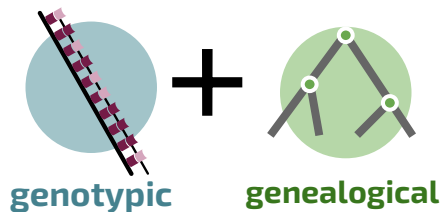
# A conservation genomic concern

likely to **underdetect** weak fragmentation

Pre-fragmentation  
Number of migrants per gen°



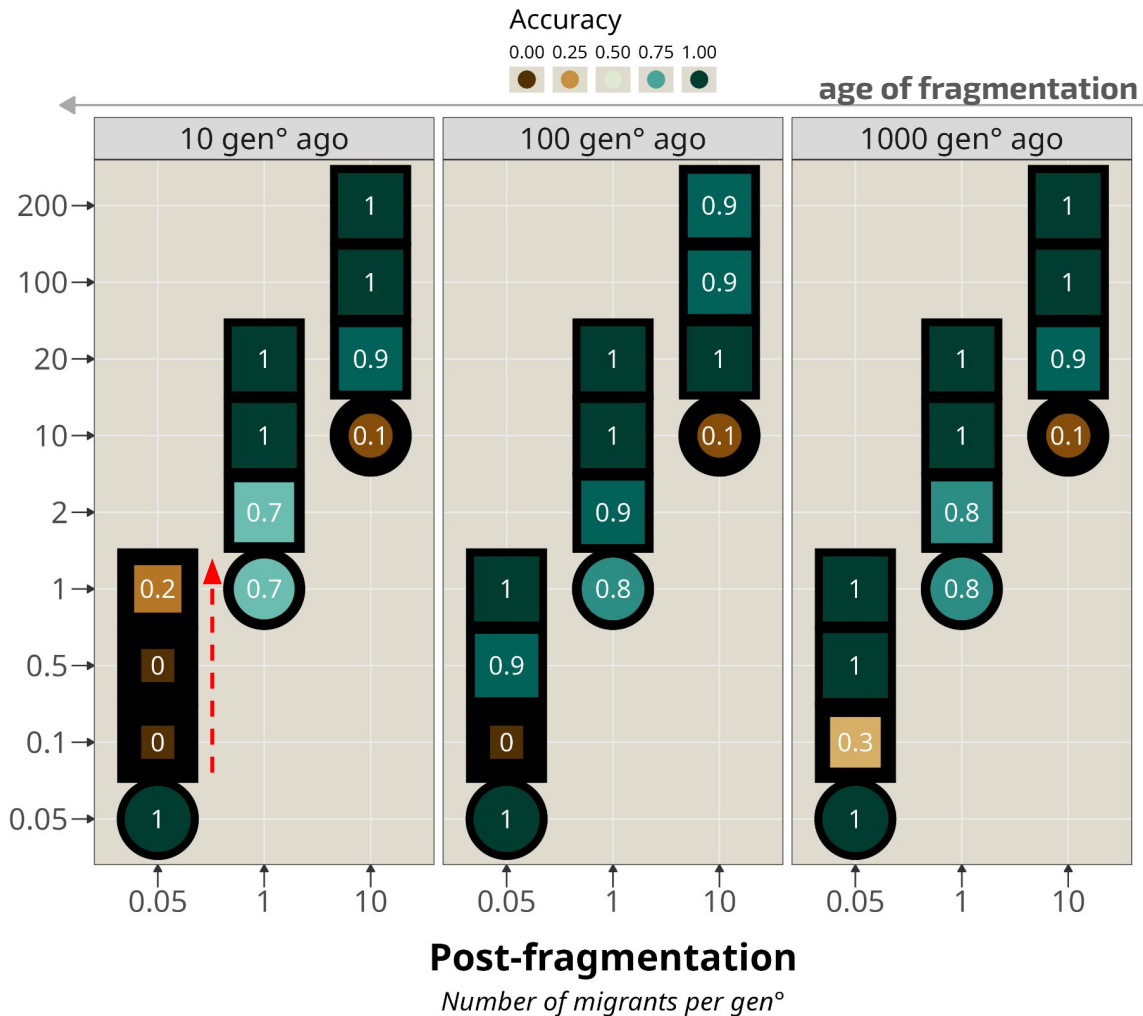
# Detection power



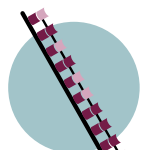
yet **power** increases  
as fragmentation  
**intensity** increases

fragmentation

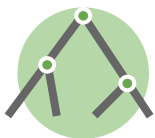
stationary



# Variable importance



genotypic



genealogical

- Correlation in pairwise coalescence - between - Error
- Tajima's D - subtracted - Median
- Tajima's D - metapop - Mean
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- PLFT - subtracted - Error
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- PLFT - subtracted - Error
- Tajima's D - pop2 - Mean
- PLFT - subtracted - Decay rate
- Tajima's D - pop1 - Mean
- Correlation in pairwise coalescence - between - Decay rate
- Tajima's D - metapop - P97.5%
- Correlation in pairwise coalescence - subtracted - Amplitude
- ASCEND - between - Error
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- $d_{xy}$  - between - Mean-Median
- Tajima's D - subtracted - P2.5%



# Conclusions

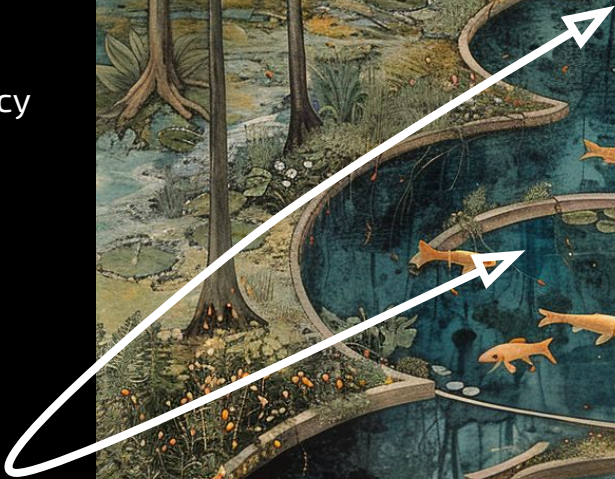
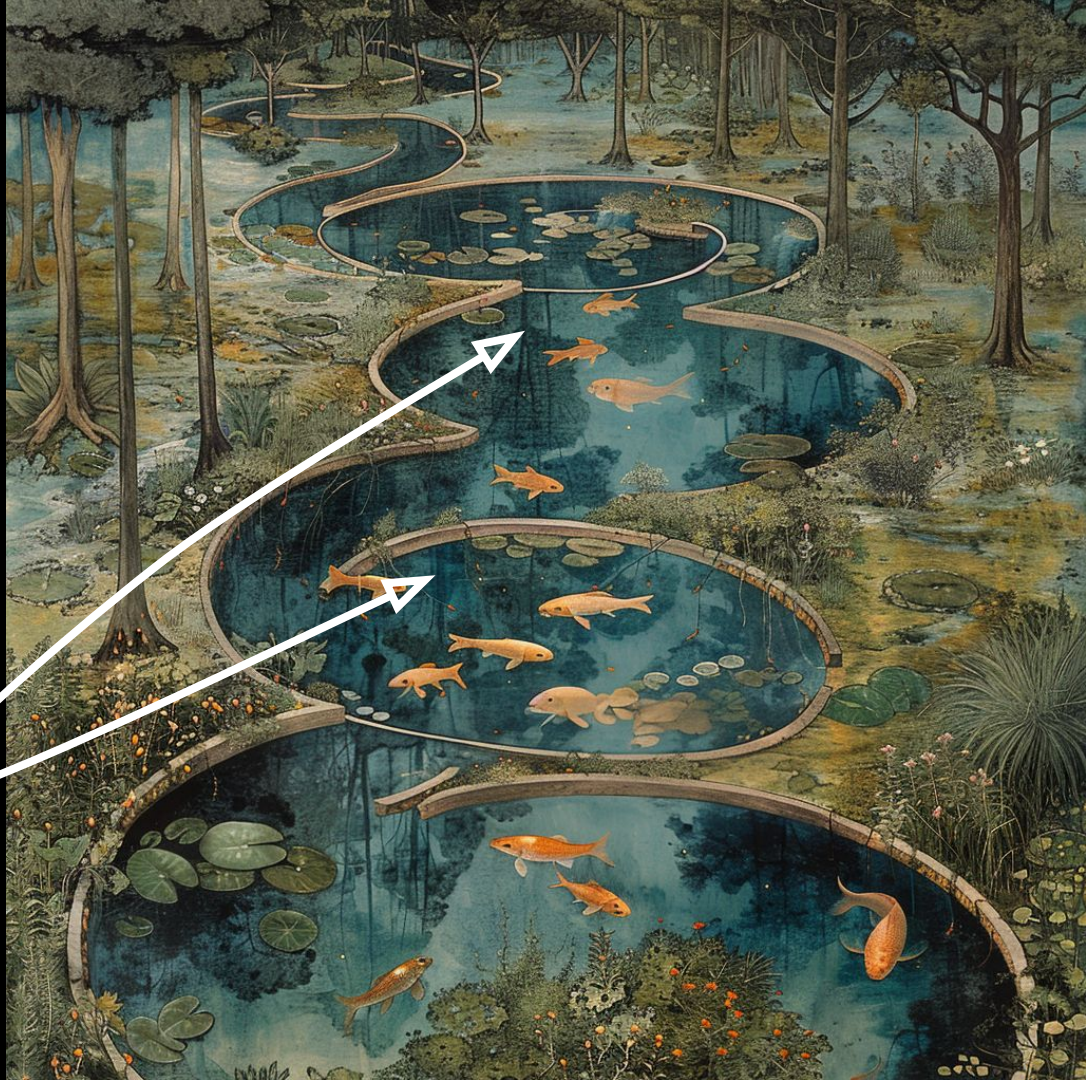
Genomic data **useful** to detect recent fragm°

**Genotypic** statistics already **sufficient**

**Genealogical** data **improve** detection accuracy

Still problematic to identify fragmentation if:  
**weak** &  
**very recent** ( $< 10 \text{ gen}^\circ$ ) &  
pops were **already poorly connected**

But alternatives possible... i.e.  $M$  in **other**  
non-fragmented pops as a proxy to  $M_{anc}$



Thank

you!

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Lounès Chikhi  
& the DevOcGen team members



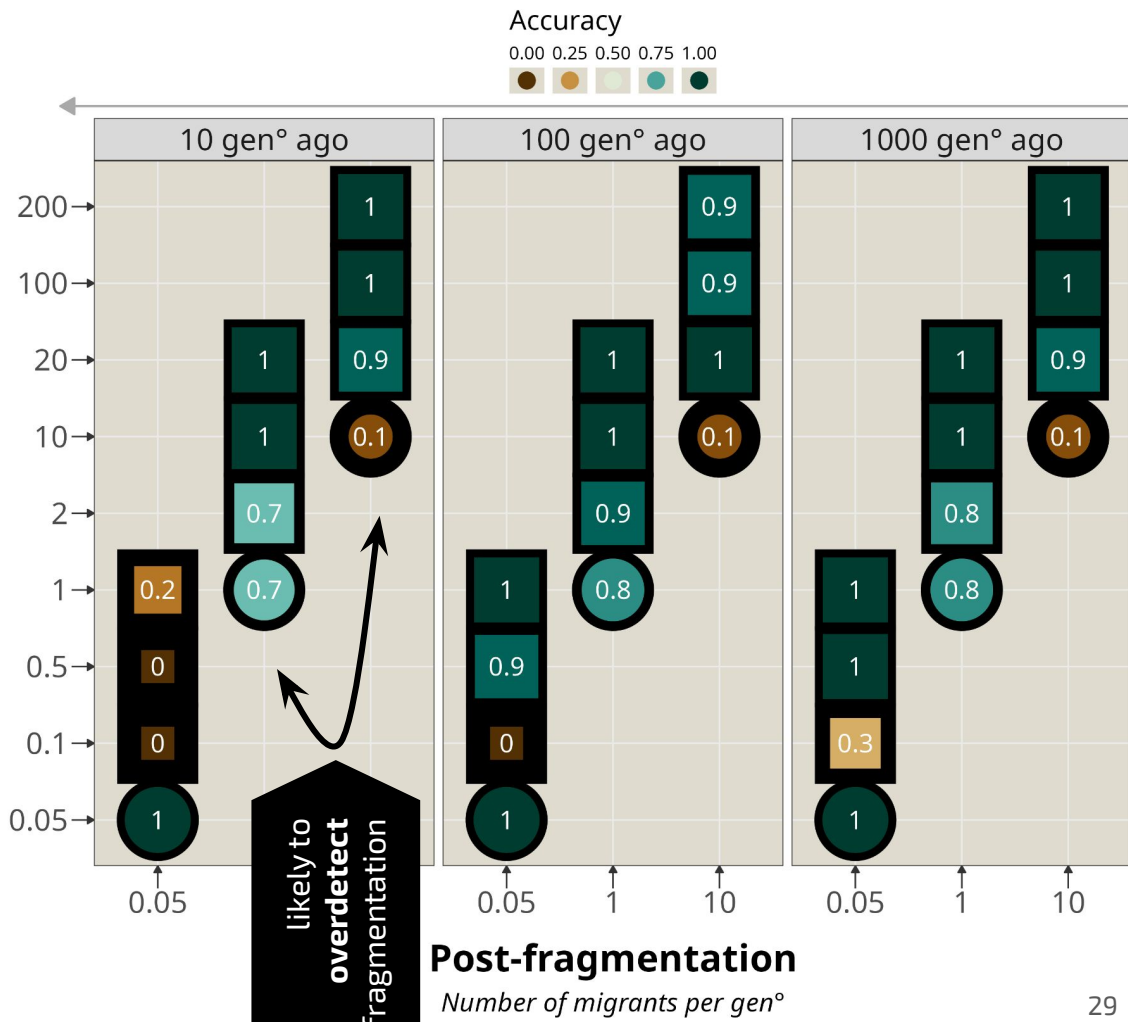
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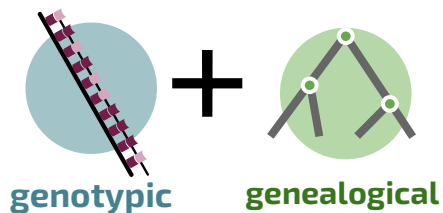
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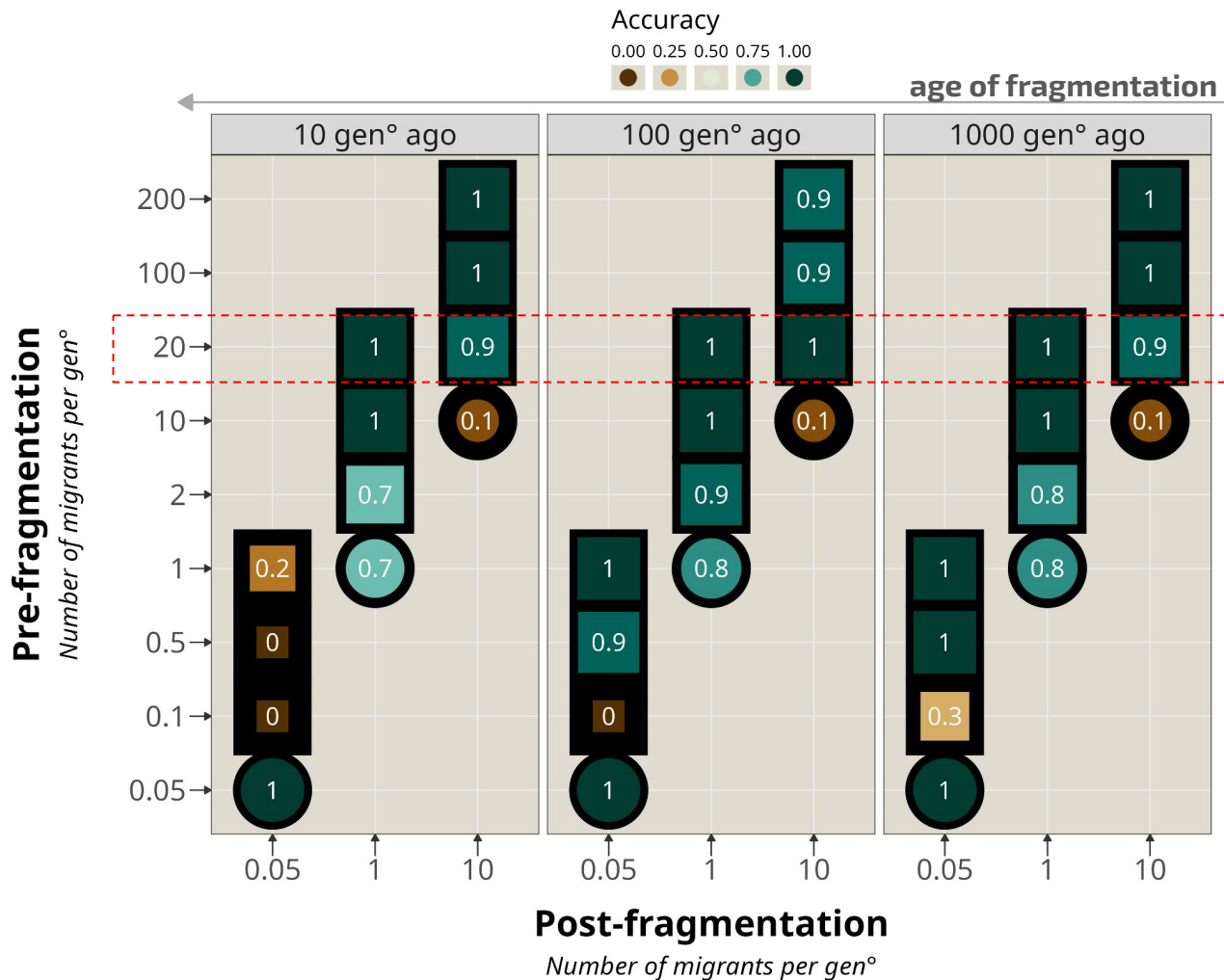
# Detection power



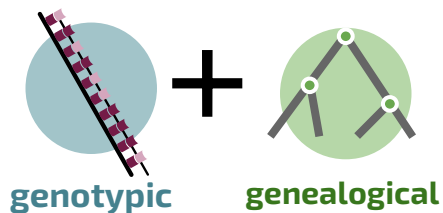
power tends to **increase** with founder **intensity**

▣ fragmentation

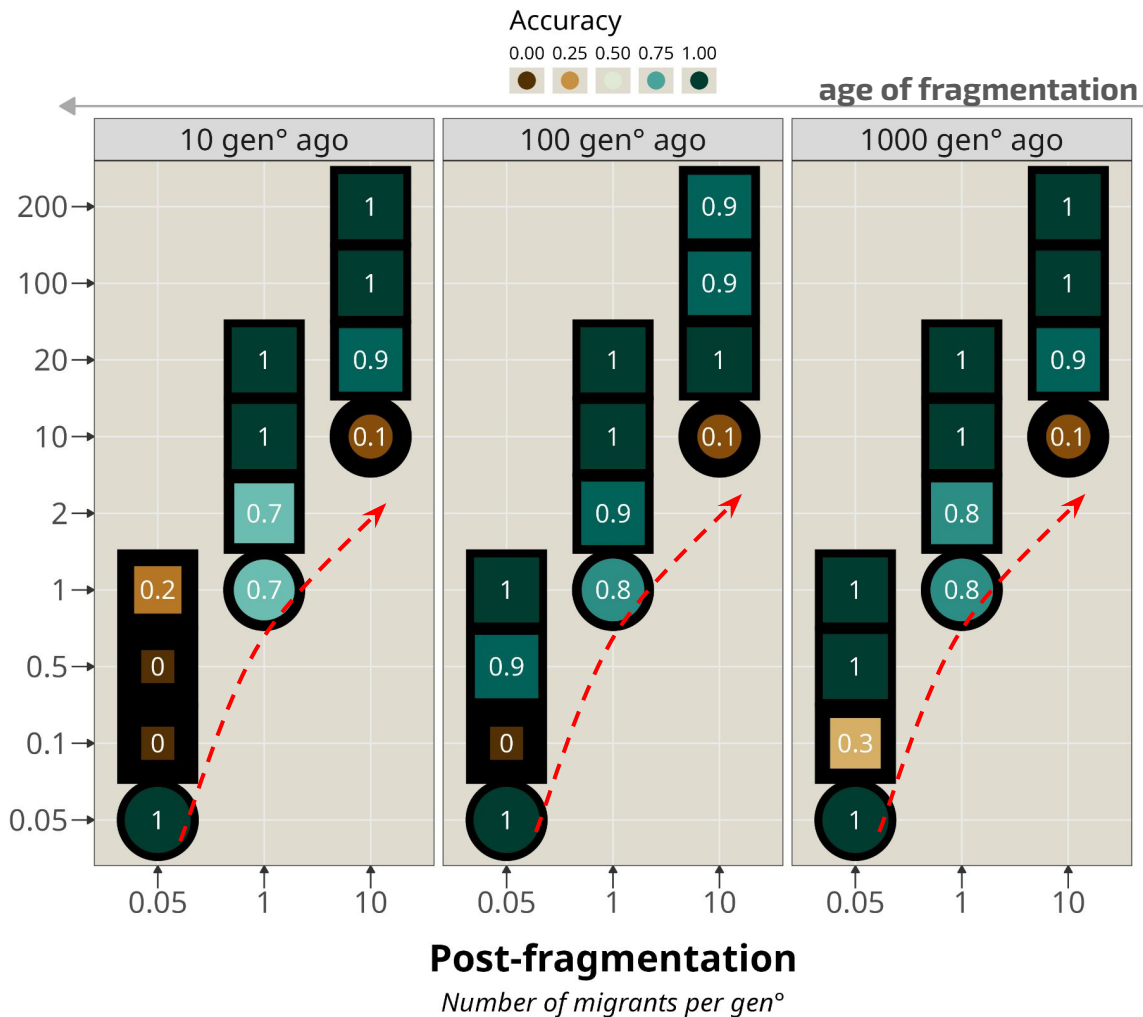
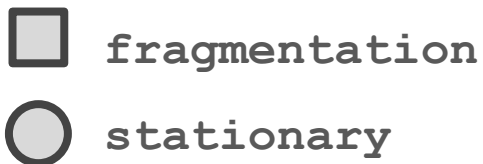
○ stationary



# Detection power


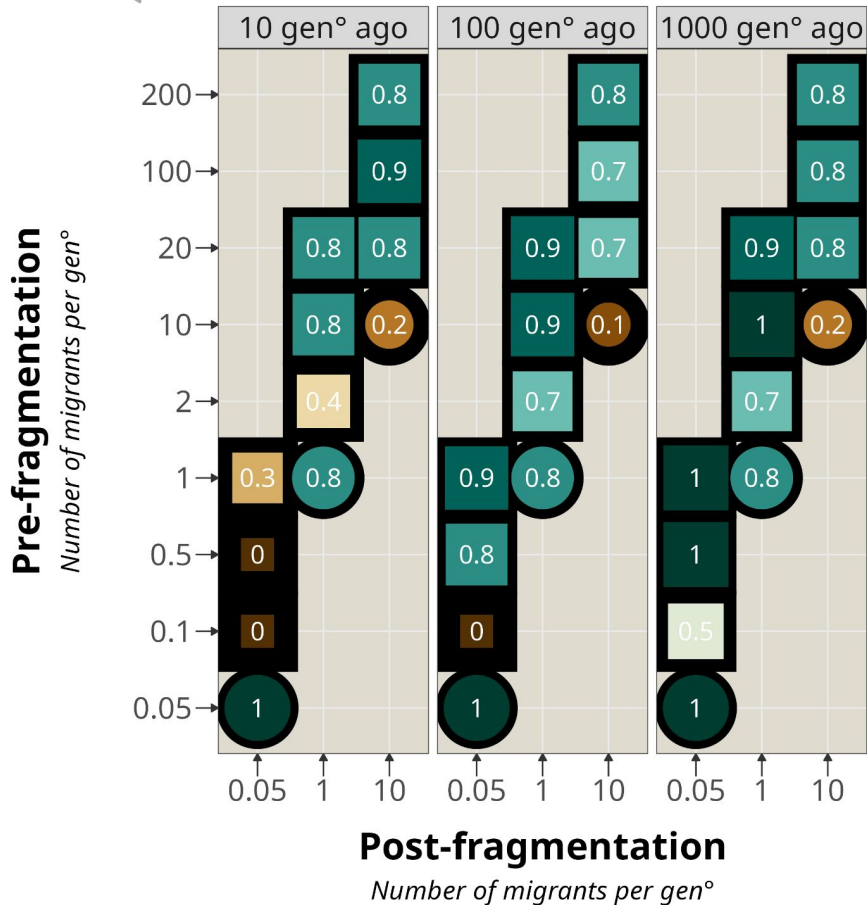


power to detect stationary model decreases with migration rate


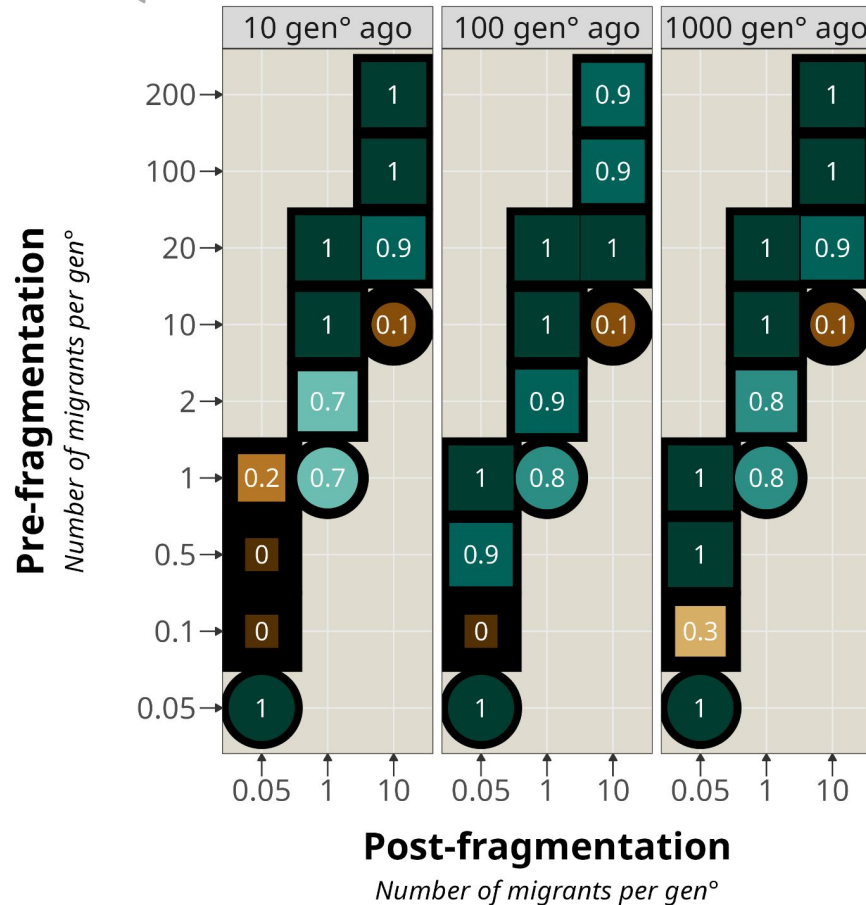


**GT**

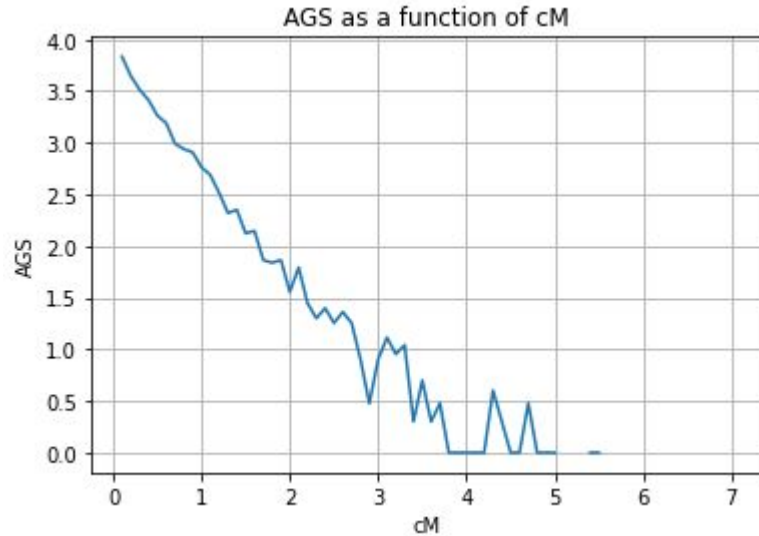
Accuracy  
 0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00


**GT + GL**

Accuracy  
 0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00

# Hudson



# DTWF

