

# Assembly of a pan-genome from deep sequencing of 910 individuals of African descent

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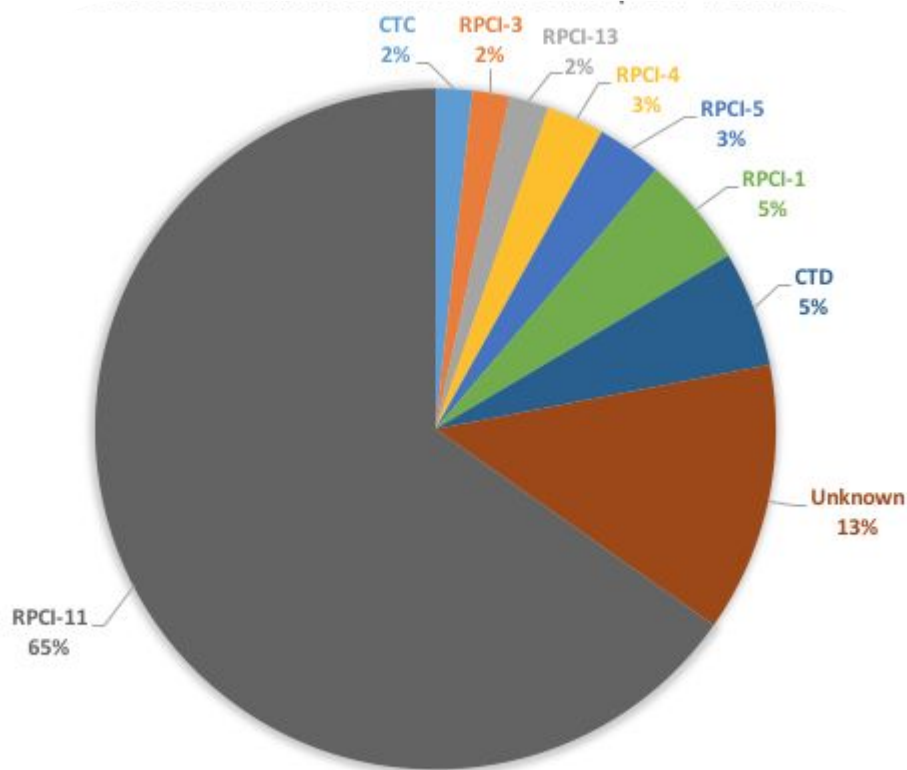
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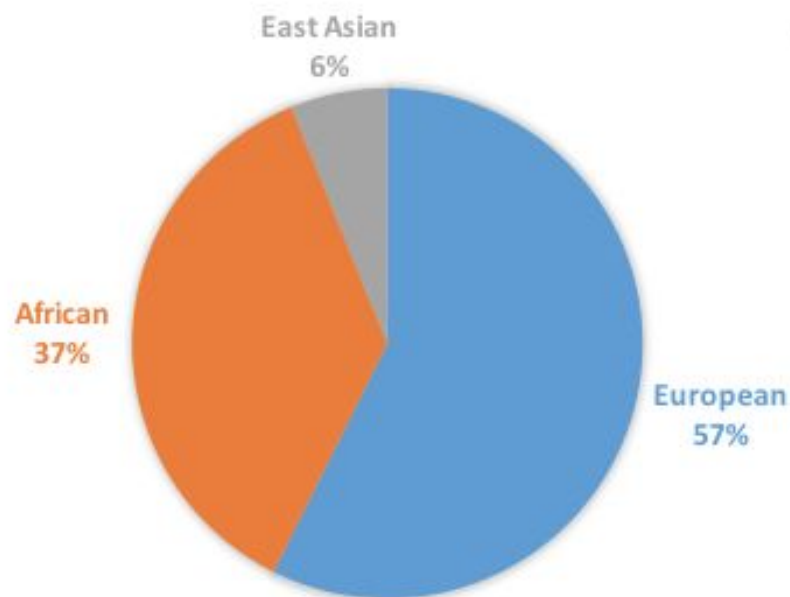
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# Human reference genome makeup

The majority of the reference is from one individual



Source of BAC clones comprising the reference genome



Rough ancestry inference of known reference BACs

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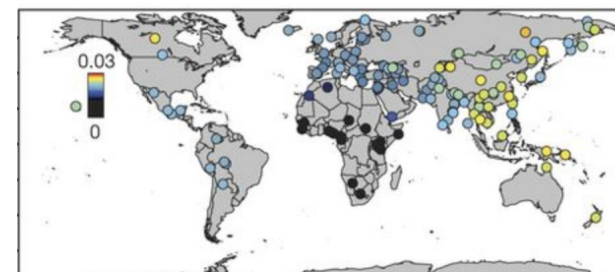
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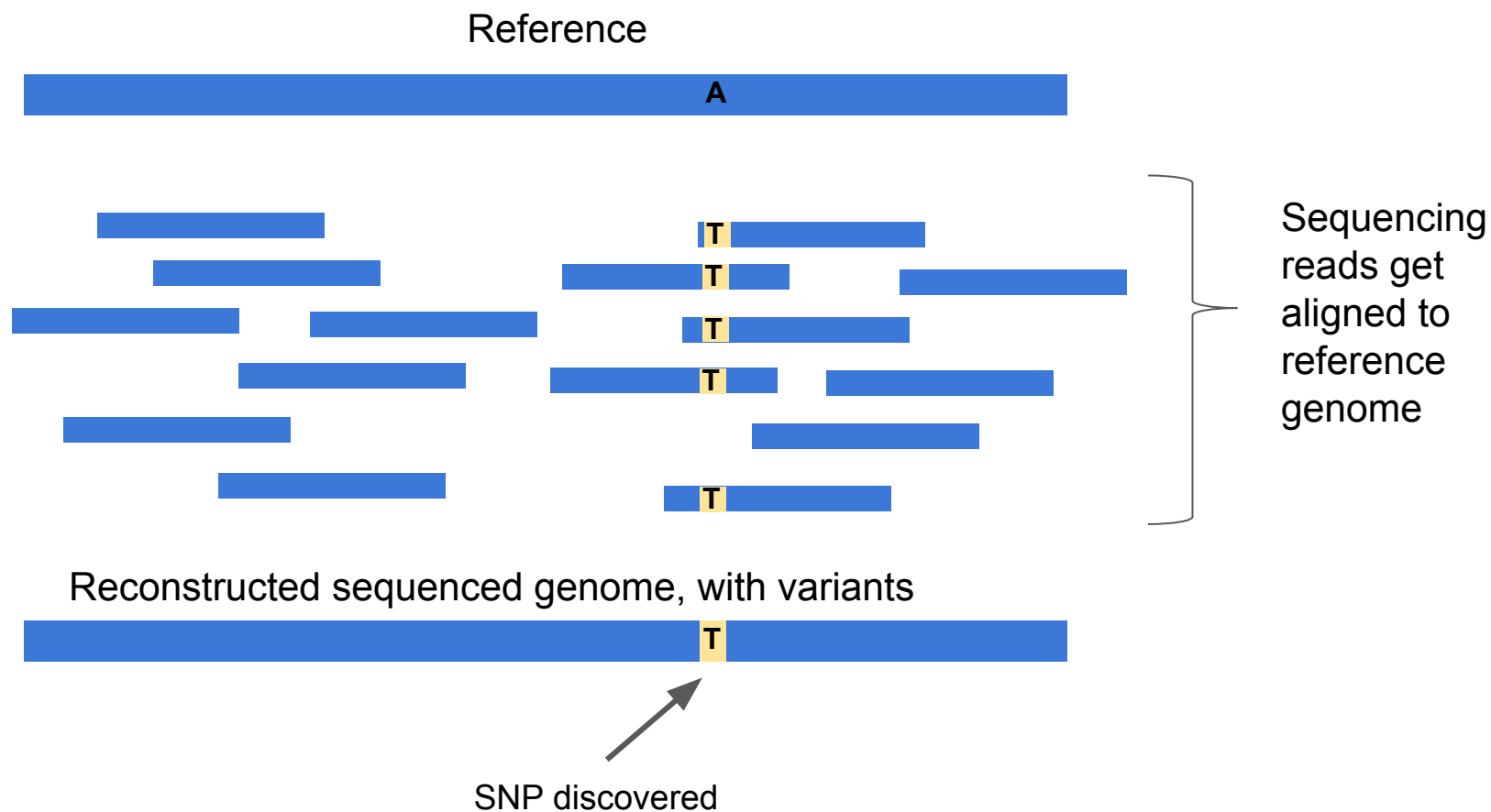
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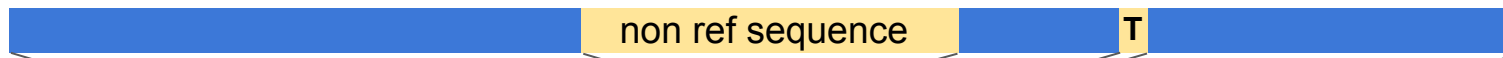
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# Variant discovery via alignment

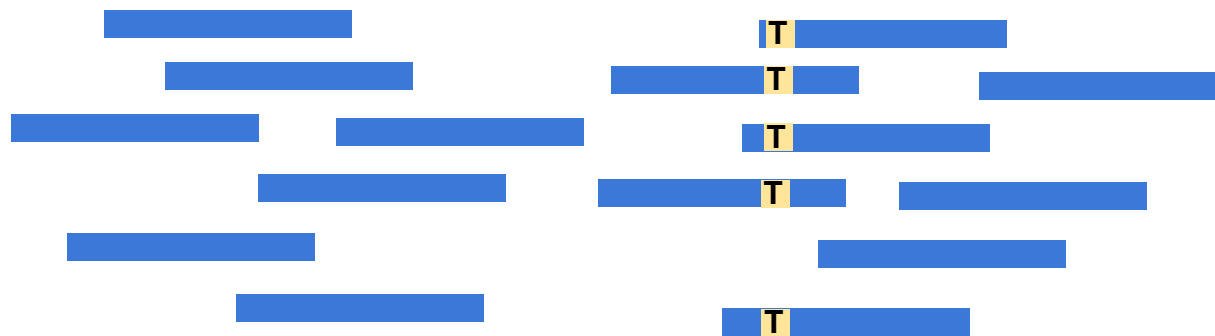


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Reference



Sequencing reads get aligned to reference genome

Reconstructed sequenced genome, with variants



SNP discovered

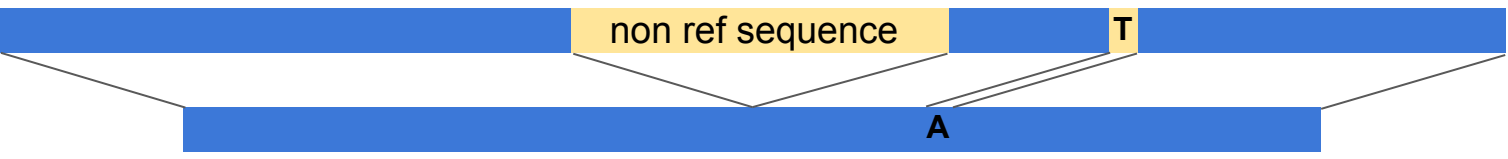


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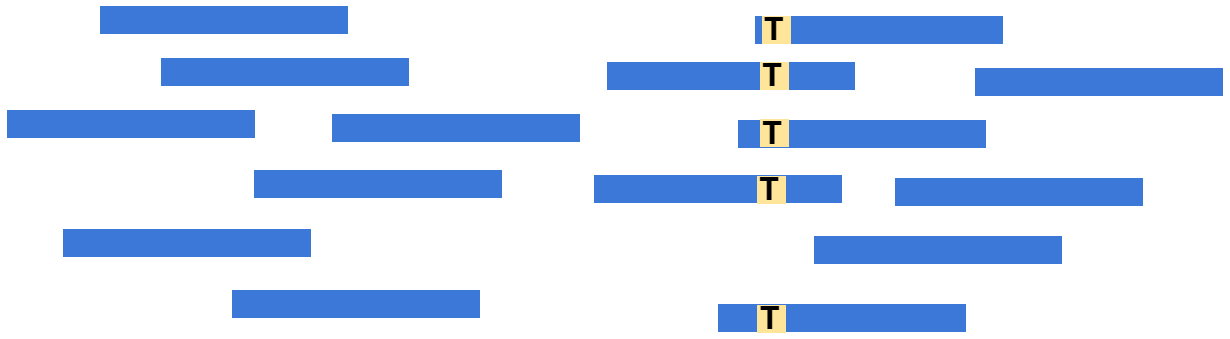


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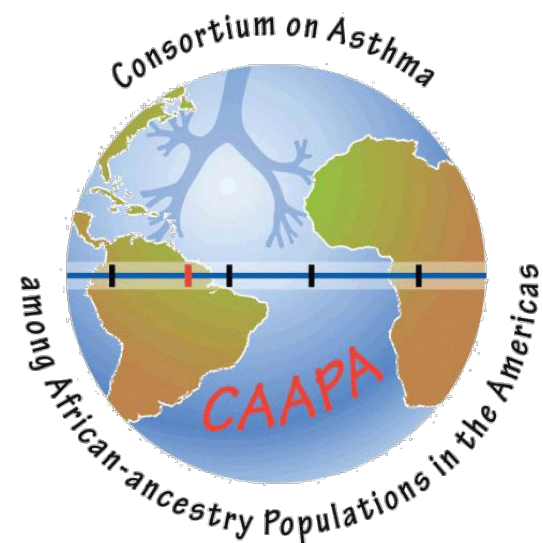
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# African-ancestry population WGS data

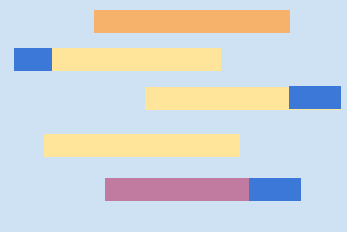
| Cohort                           | Number of Samples |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
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| African American (Baltimore-DC)  | 50                |
| African American (Chicago)       | 50                |
| African American (Detroit)       | 50                |
| African American (Jackson, MS)   | 50                |
| African American (Nashville)     | 48                |
| African American (NYC)           | 48                |
| African American (San Francisco) | 50                |
| African American (Winston-Salem) | 50                |
| Barbados                         | 49                |
| Brazil                           | 47                |
| Colombia                         | 50                |
| Dominican Republic               | 47                |
| Gabon                            | 34                |
| Honduras                         | 50                |
| Jamaica                          | 50                |
| Palenque                         | 34                |
| Nigeria                          | 50                |
| Puerto Rico                      | 53                |



Data was collected from 19 distinct cohorts across the Americas, the Caribbean, and Africa resulting in 910 analyzed samples.

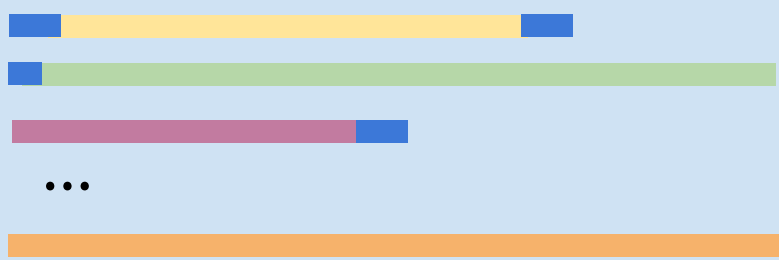
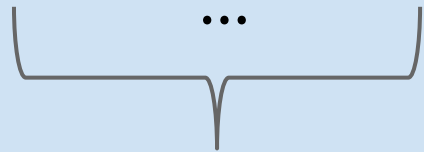
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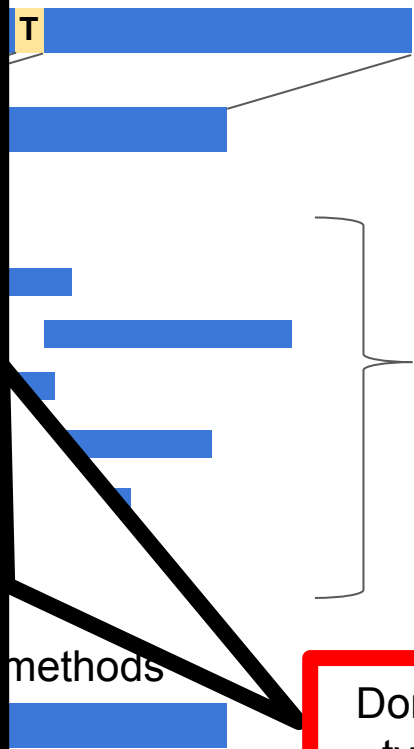


✘ 910  
people

Assembled with  
MaSuRCA; removed  
contaminants



≡ > 3.6 Gb sequence



Sequencing  
reads get  
aligned to  
reference  
genome

methods

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# Sequences missed by alignment

> 3.6 Gb in ~1.5 million assembled contigs

Removed redundant contigs via alignment

Placed sequences in GRCh38 when possible

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Sequencing reads get aligned to reference genome

methods

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# Sequences missed by alignment

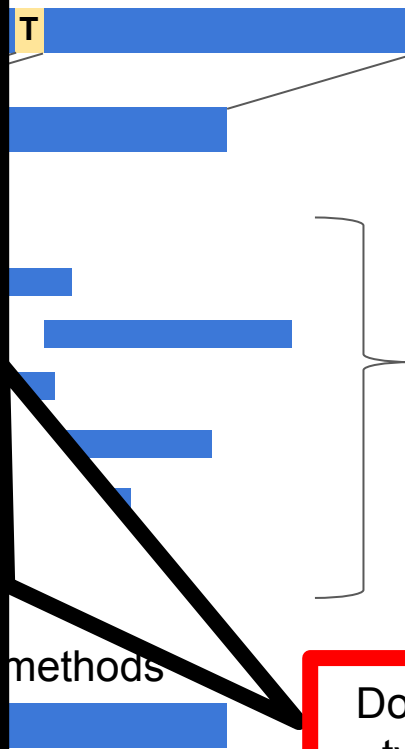
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insertion sequences

in

**125,715** *non-redundant*  
contig sequences

from

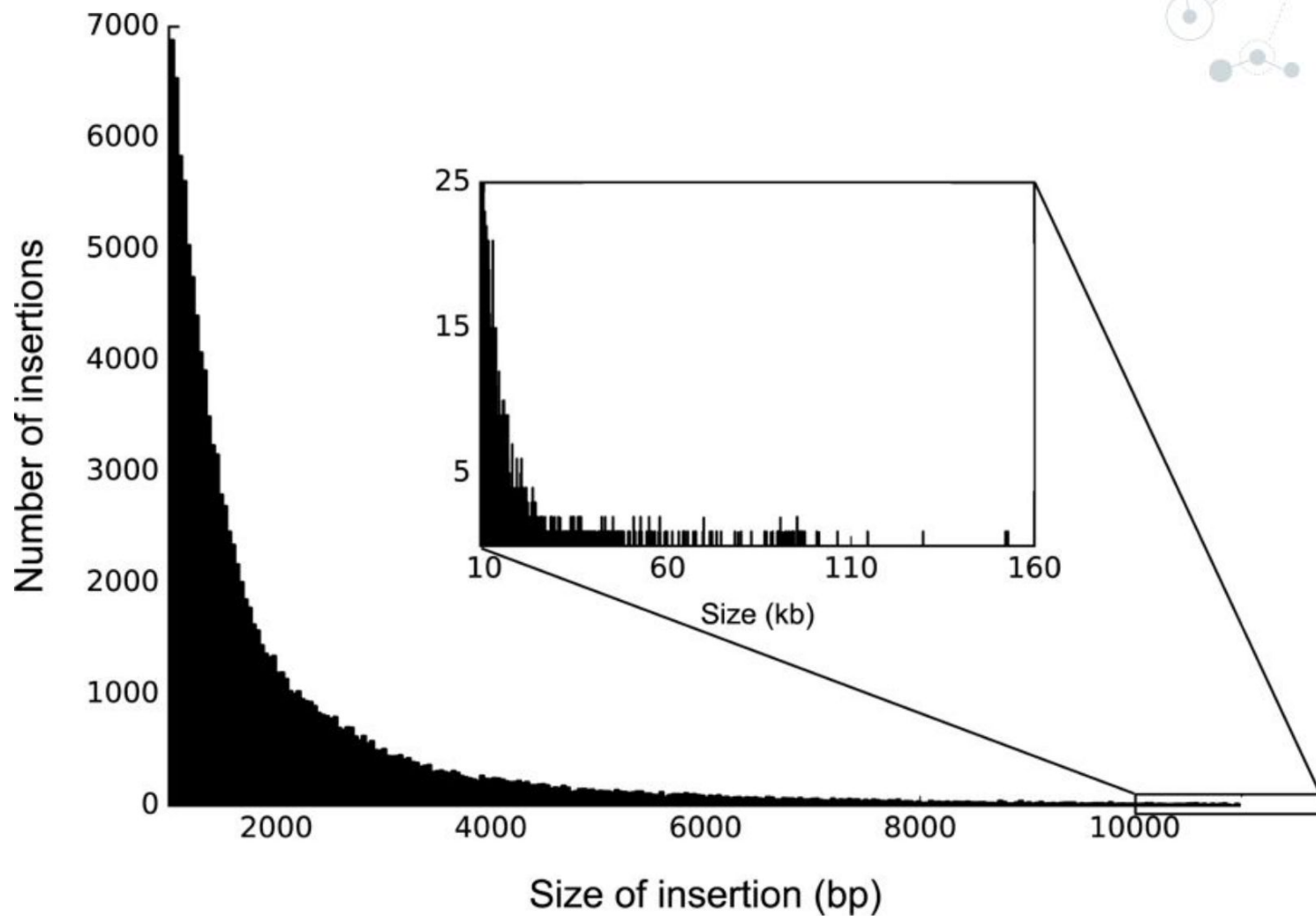
**910** African-ancestry  
individuals



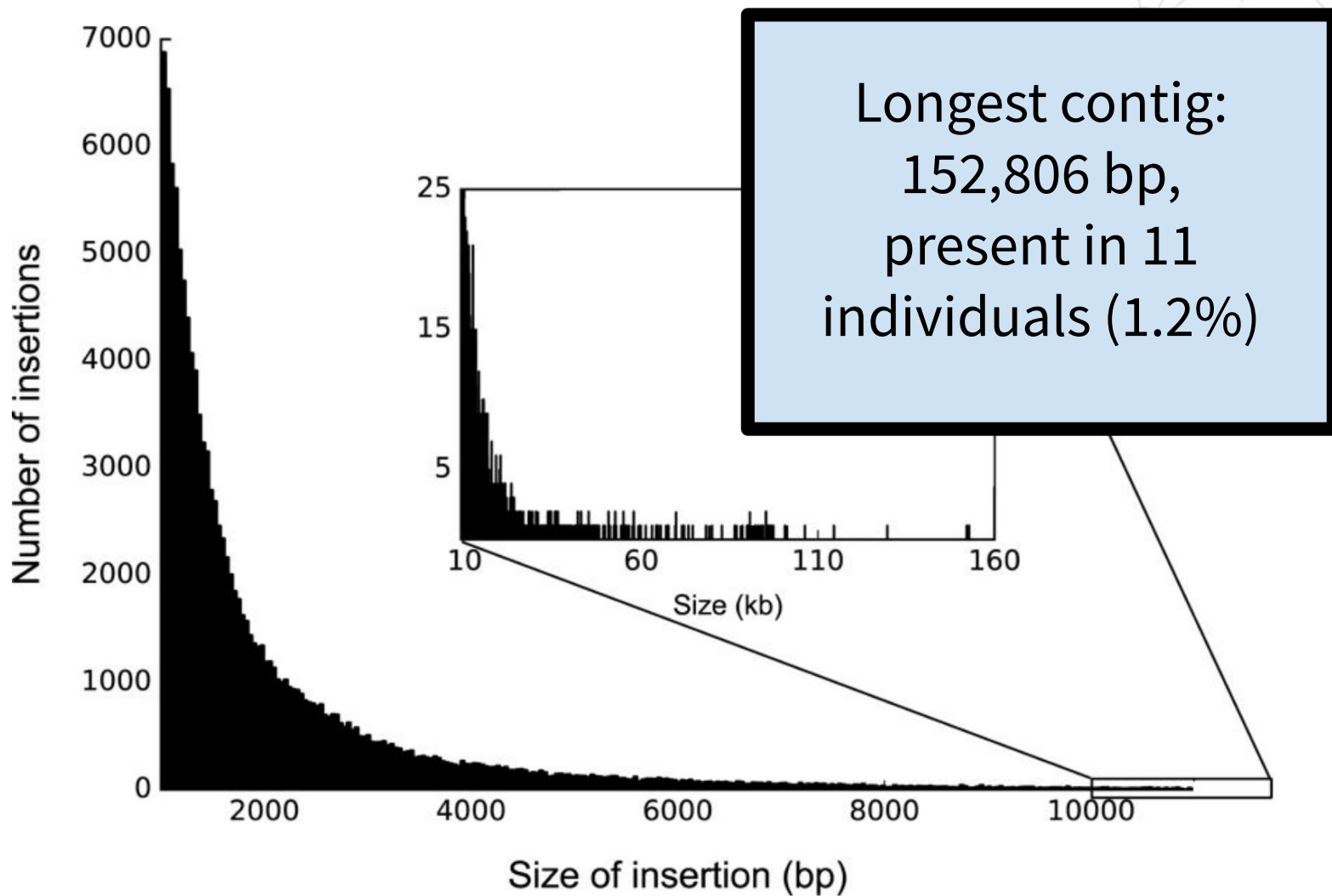
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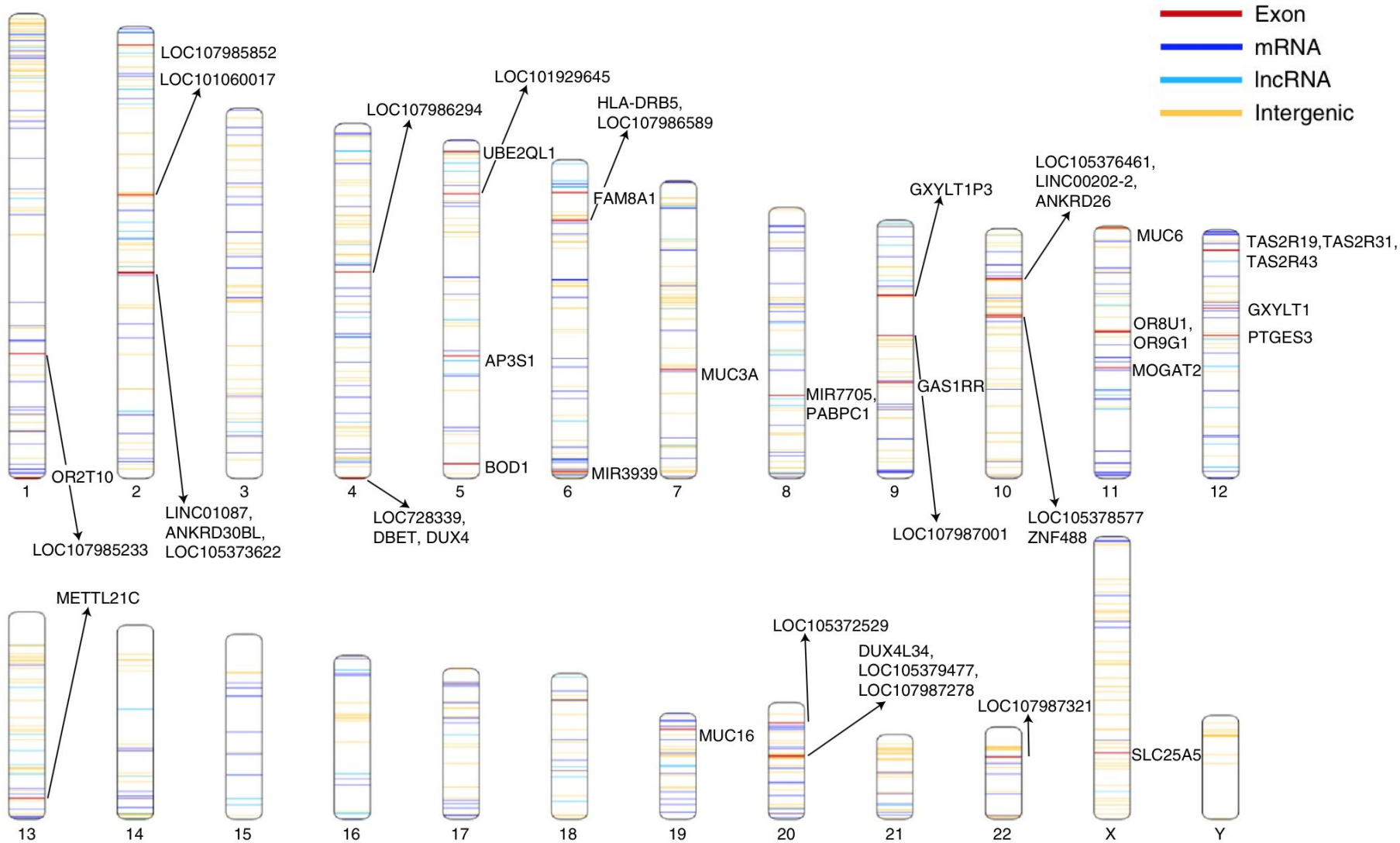
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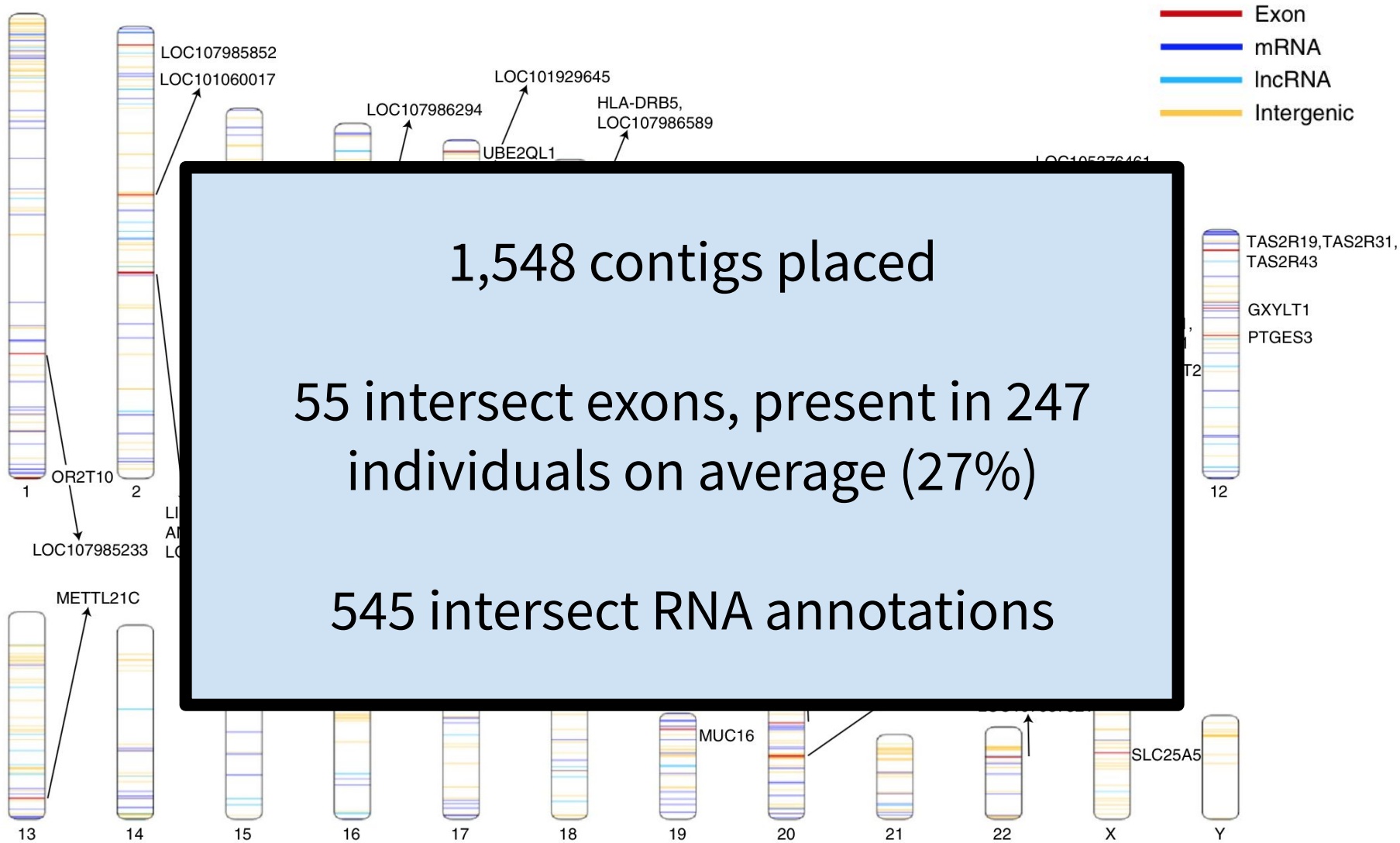
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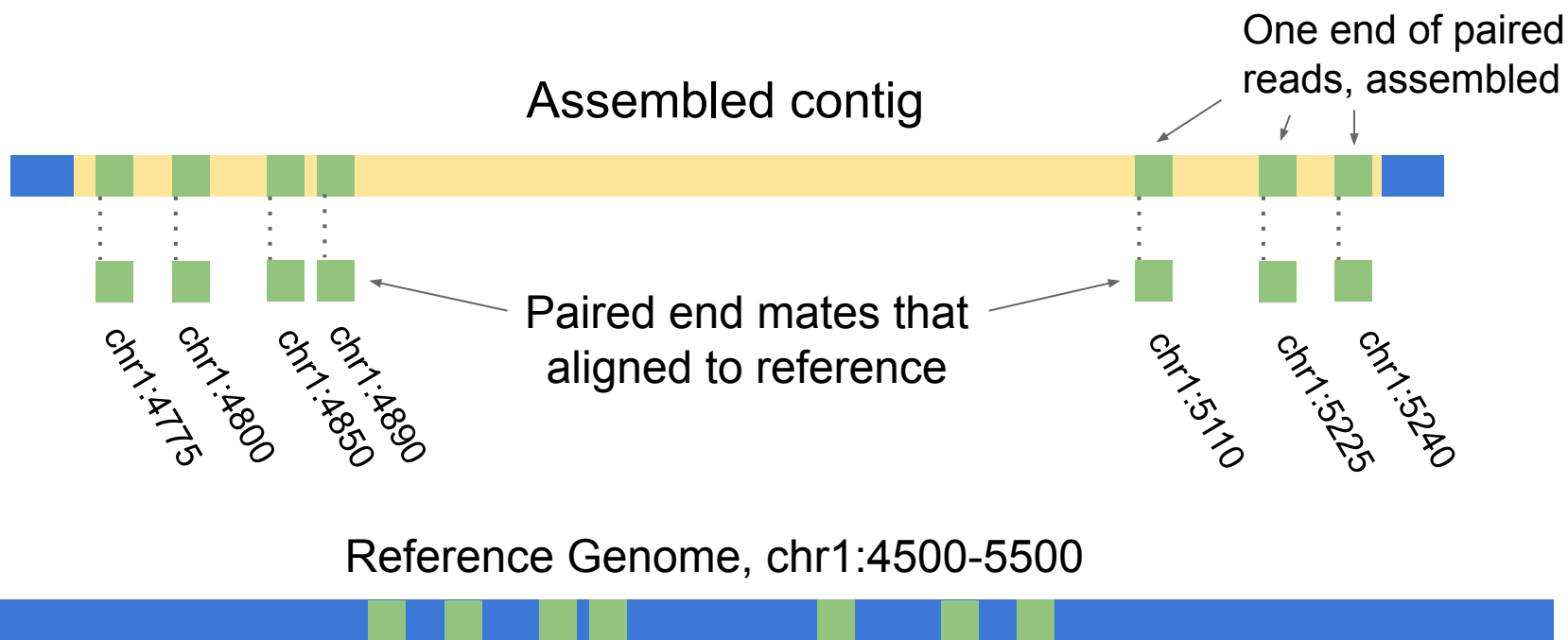
# Pan-genome insertion locations



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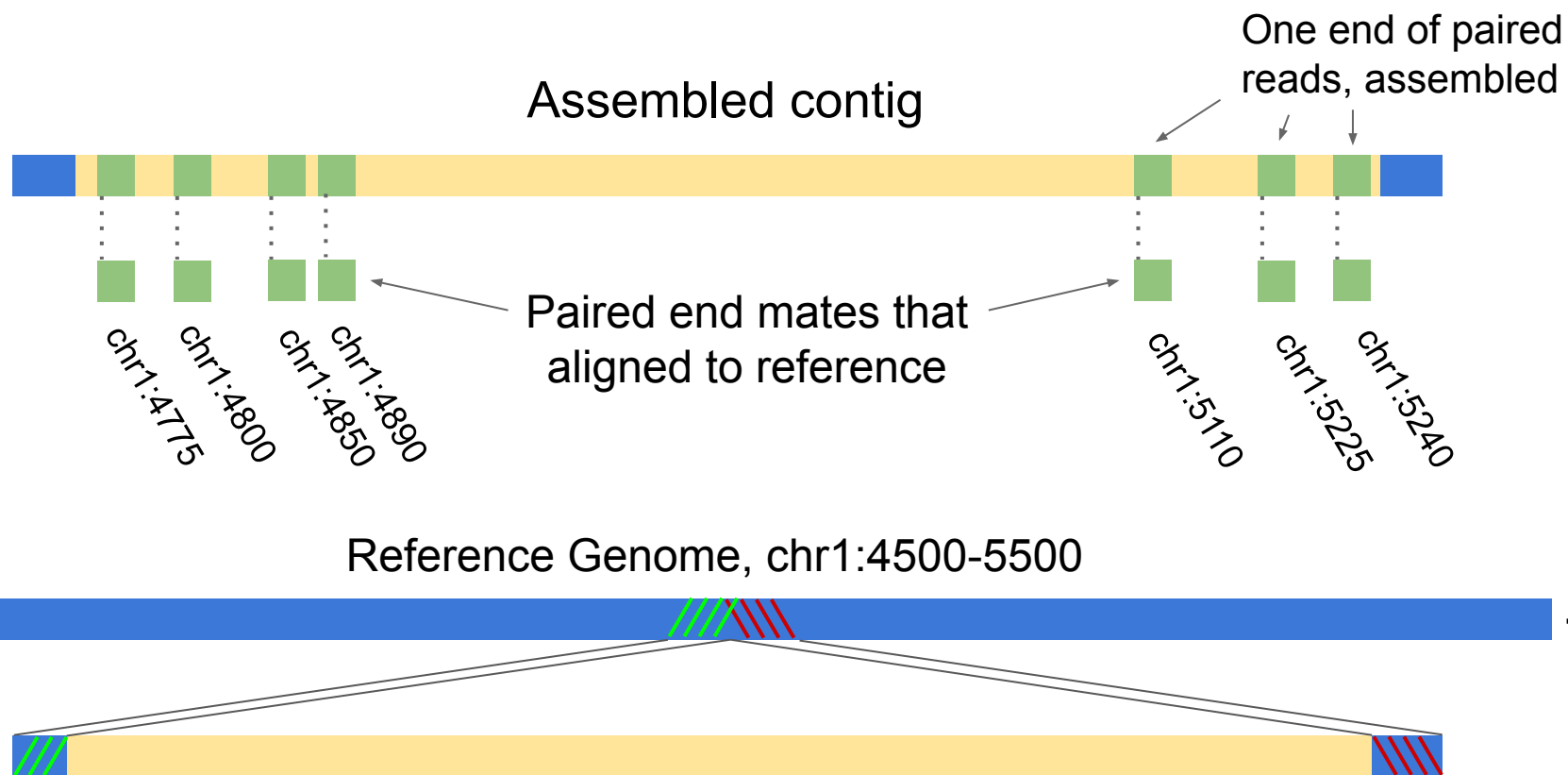


# Placing assembled contigs



Use mate pair information to localize contigs to a GRCh38 location

# Placing assembled contigs



Align contig to mate-indicated region and look for unique alignments of ends in correct orientation.

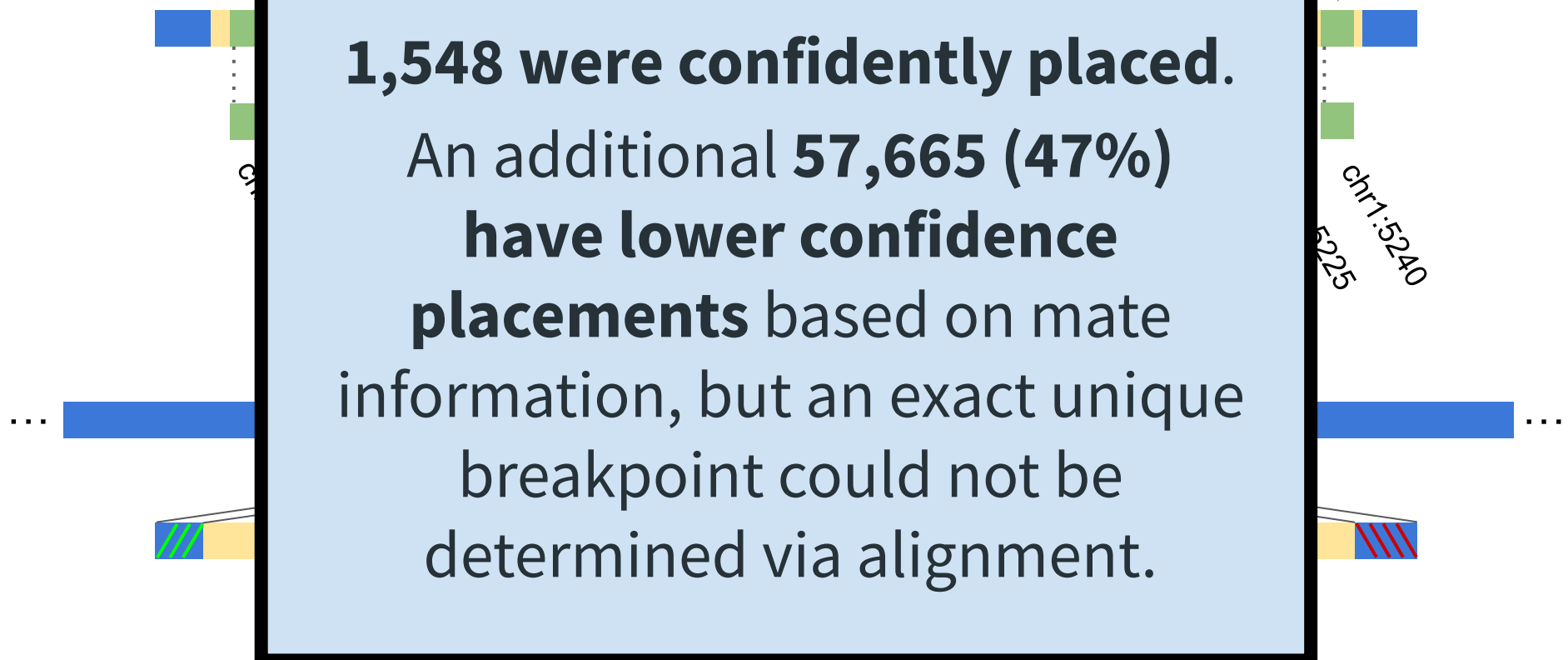


# Placing assembled contigs

**1,548 were confidently placed.**  
An additional **57,665 (47%)**  
**have lower confidence**  
**placements** based on mate  
information, but an exact unique  
breakpoint could not be  
determined via alignment.

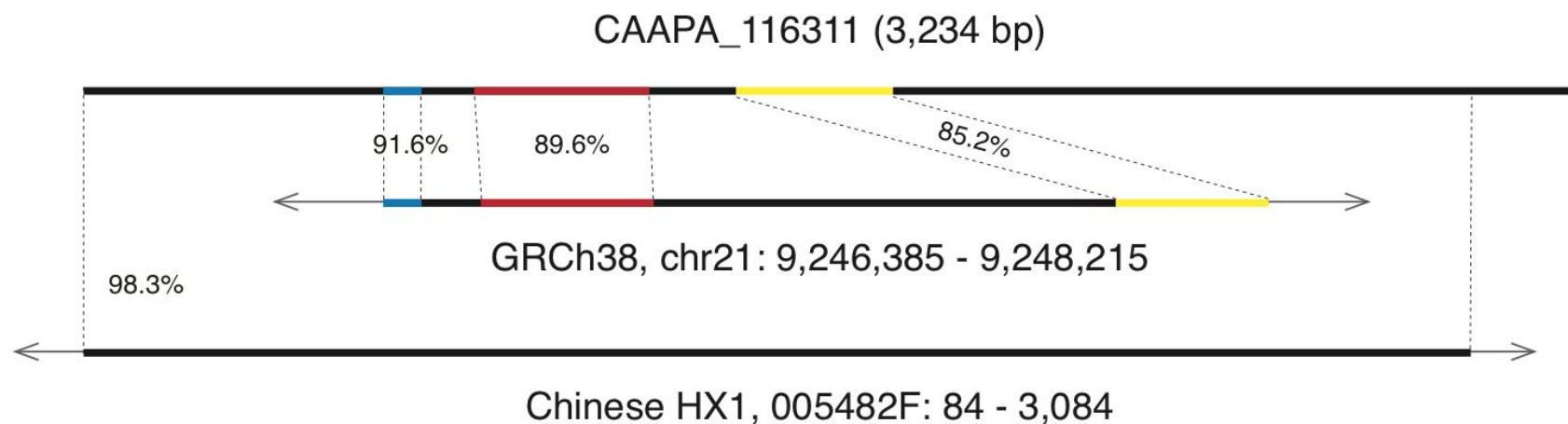
One end of paired  
reads, assembled

chr1:5240  
5225



# Pan-genome contigs in Asian assemblies

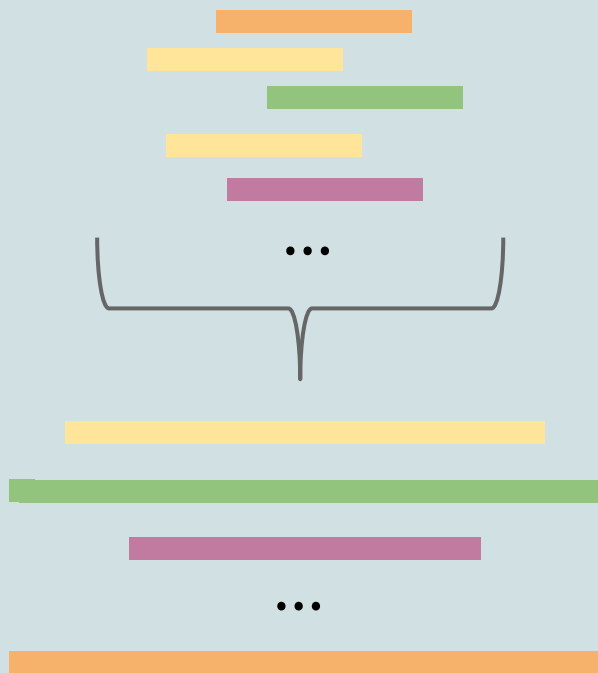
**42,207 contigs totaling 120.7 Mb** align to Chinese or Korean long read assemblies (HX1 or KOREF)



# Pan-genome contigs in other WGS cohorts

Assemble unaligned reads,  
per individual

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typically ignored



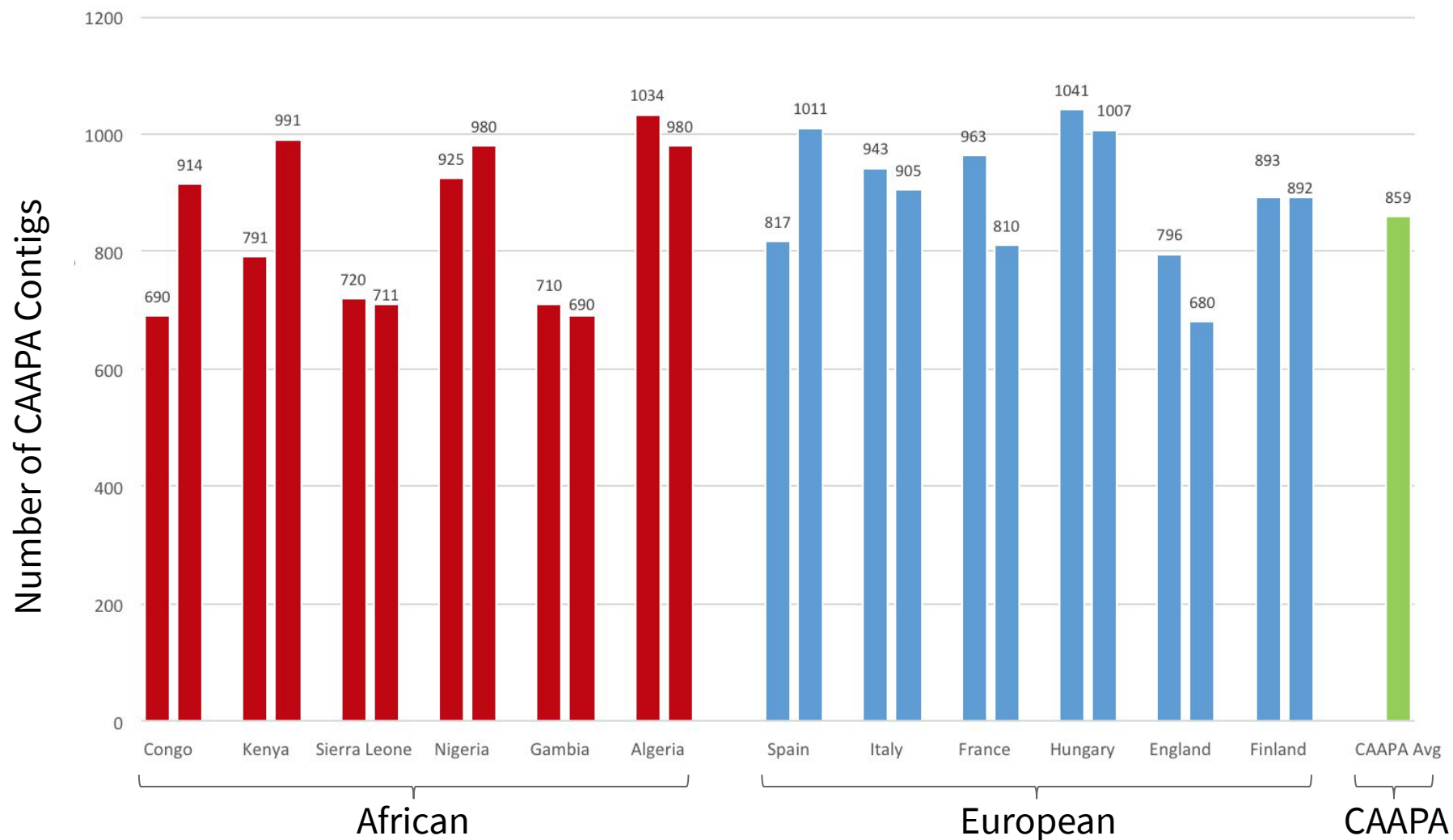
Align to pan-genome  
contigs



Call presence/absence



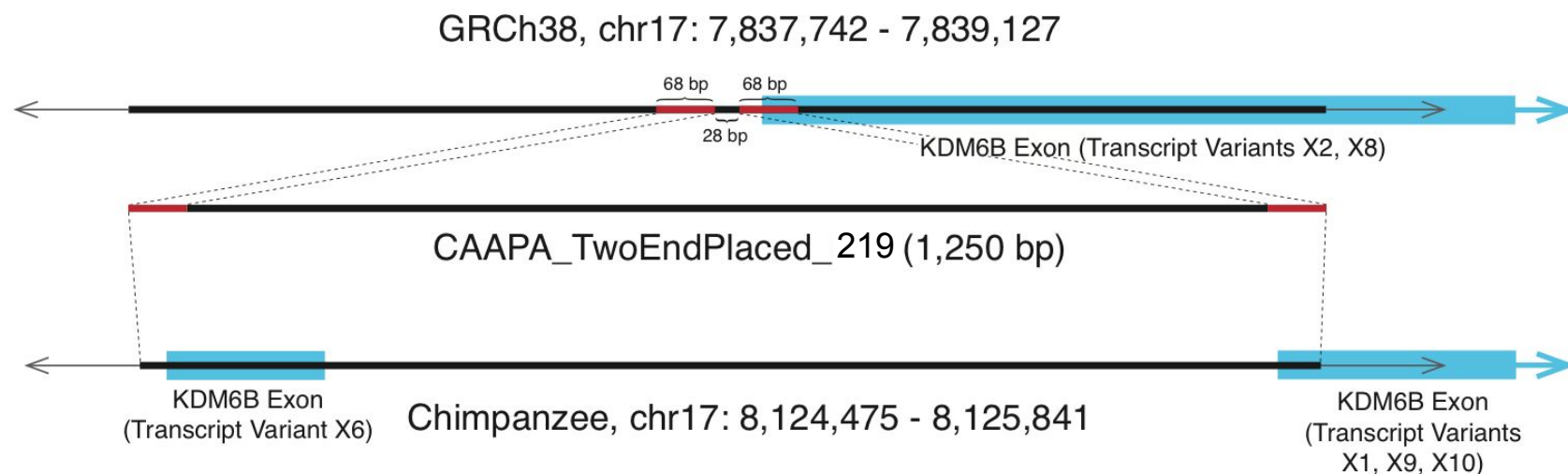
# Pan-genome contigs in SGDP populations



data from Sherman et al (2019), Simons Genome Diversity Project samples from Mallick et al (2016).

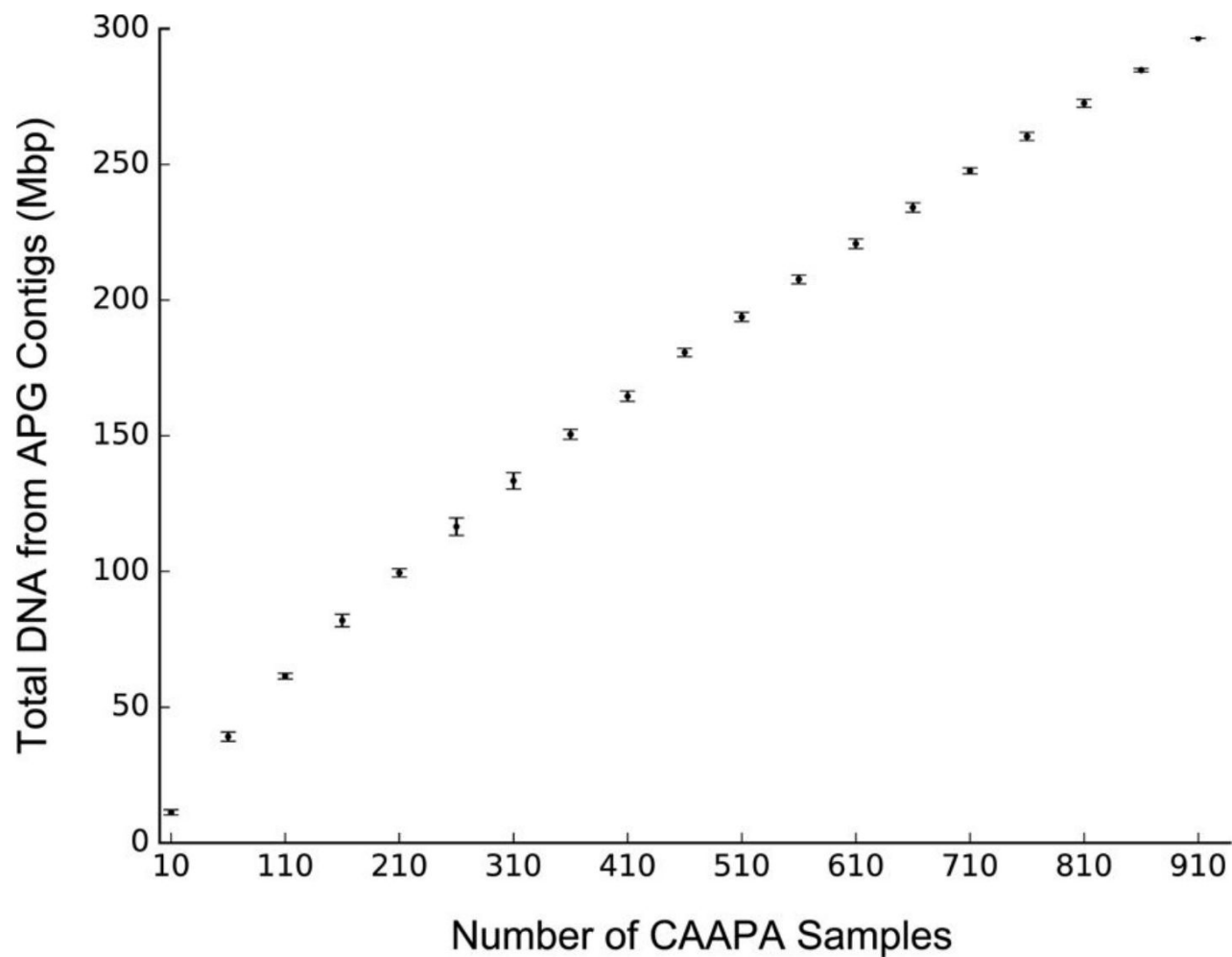
# Are any of these sequences transcribed?

Insertion in at least 769 individuals (85%), intersects a known primate exon in KDM6B that isn't annotated in GRCh38:





# The pan-genome is still open



# Acknowledgments

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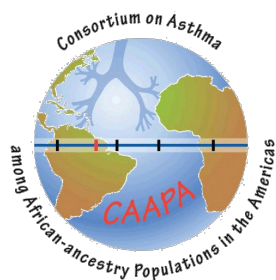
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A decorative network diagram consisting of various nodes and connecting lines, primarily located in the corners of the slide. The nodes are represented by circles of different sizes and colors (grey, white, and dark blue), and the lines are thin and light grey. Some nodes are highlighted with a blue outline.

Questions?



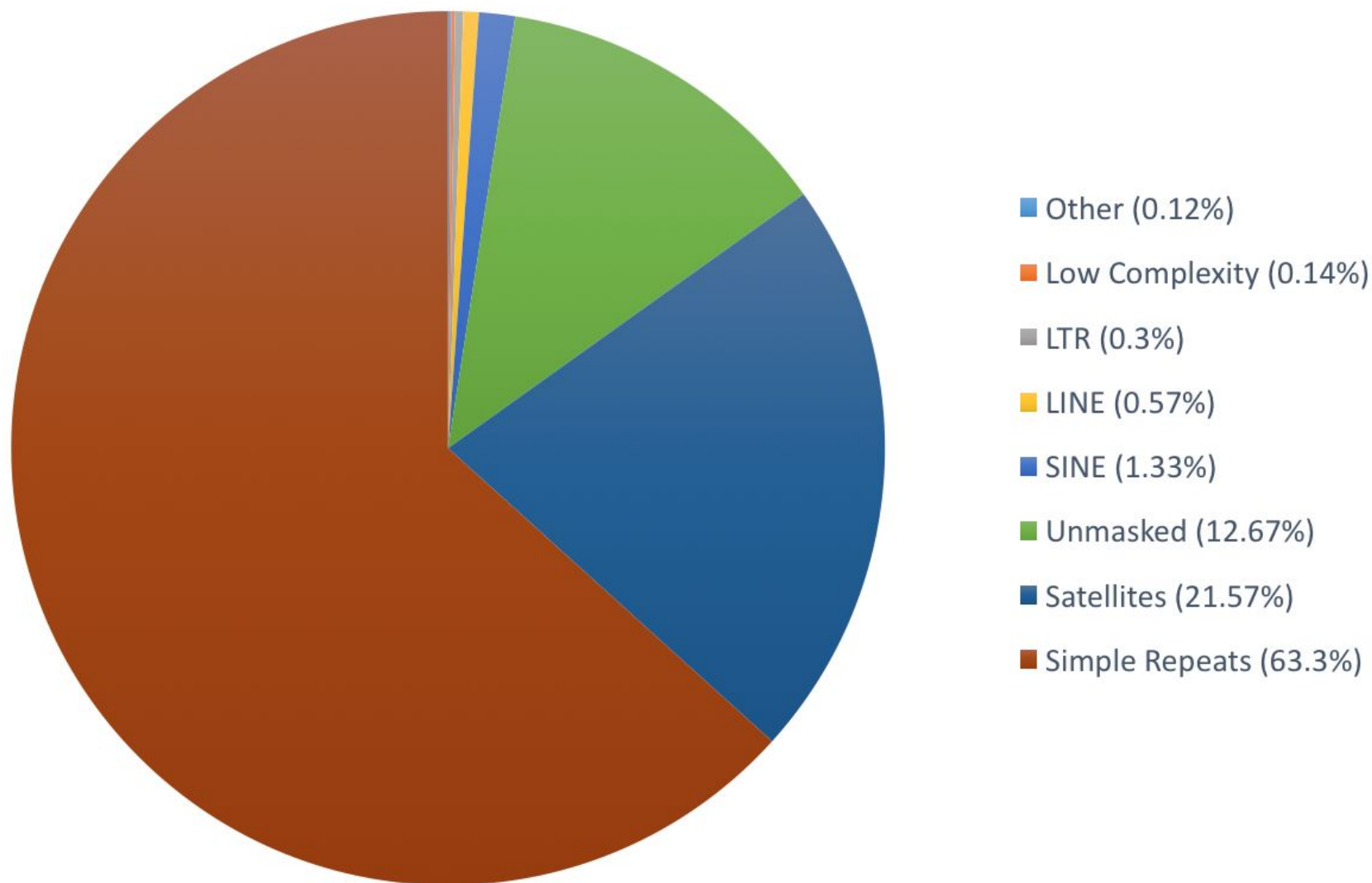
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# Pan-genome stats

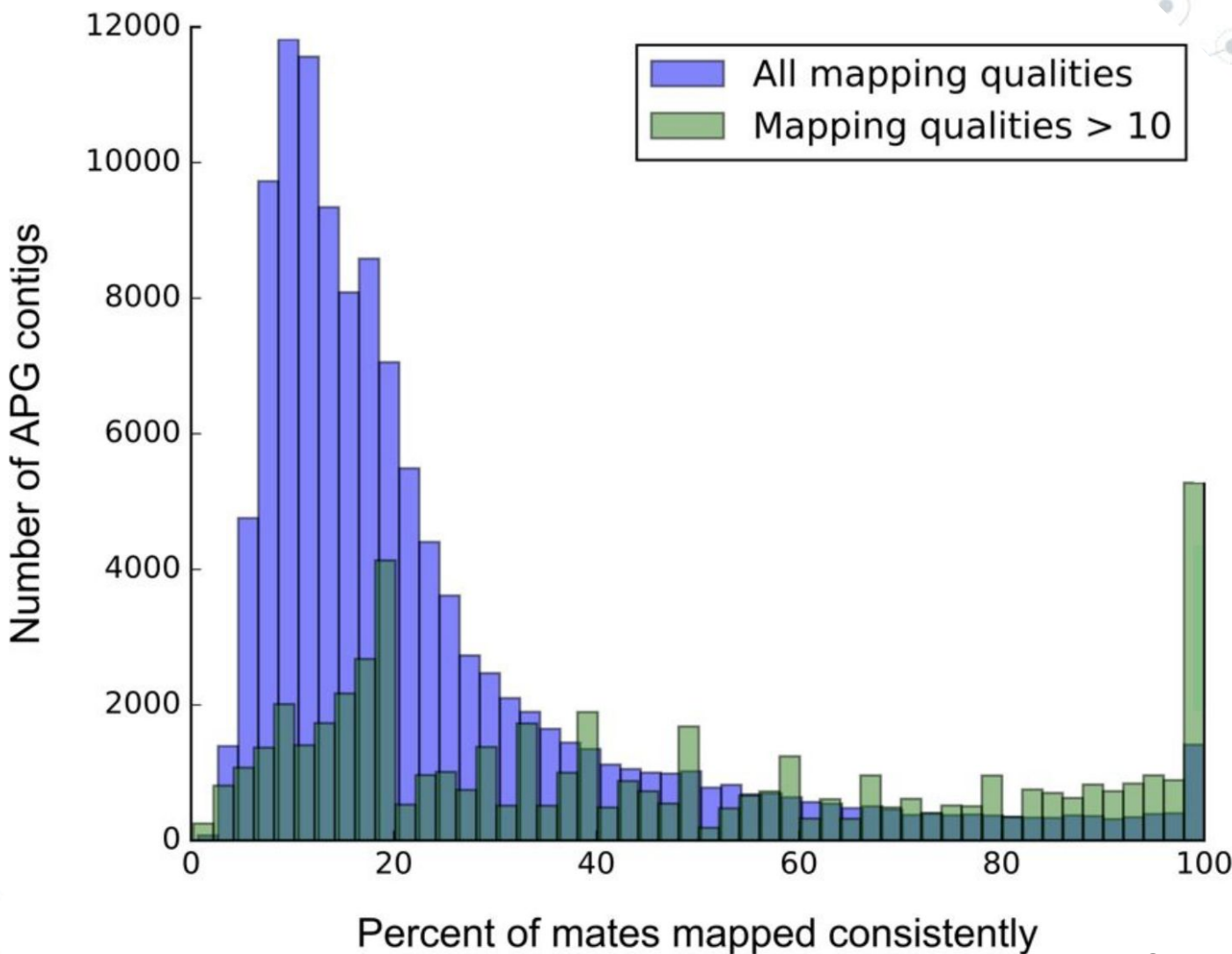
|                      | <b># Contigs</b> | <b>Total Length (bp)</b> | <b>Longest Contig</b> |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Placed</b>        | 1,548            | 4,354,696                | 79,938                |
| <b>Unplaced</b>      | 124,167          | 292,130,588              | 152,806               |
| <b>Total</b>         | 125,715          | 296,485,284              | 152,806               |
| <b>Non-singleton</b> | 61,410           | 160,475,353              | 152,806               |

- 51% of contigs are singletons
- 34% of contigs align to HX1 or KOREF
- 98% of contigs have some alignment to Chimpanzee or Rhesus Macaque, demonstrating these are not contaminants

# Repeat content in pan-genome contigs



# Placement of contigs based on mapped mates



# Pan-genome contig presence/absence

|                            | Number of Contigs | Mean # Insertions Per Individual | Mean # Individuals per Insertion |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Two Ends Placed</b>     | 302               | 120 (39.7%)                      | 363 (of 910)                     |
| <b>One End Placed</b>      | 1,246             | 212 (17.0%)                      | 155 (of 910)                     |
| <b>Unplaced</b>            | 124,167           | 527 (0.4%)                       | 4 (of 910)                       |
| <b>Total</b>               | 125,715           | 859 (0.7%)                       | 6 (of 910)                       |
| <b>Shared within CAAPA</b> | 33,599            | 758 (2.2%)                       | 21 (of 910)                      |

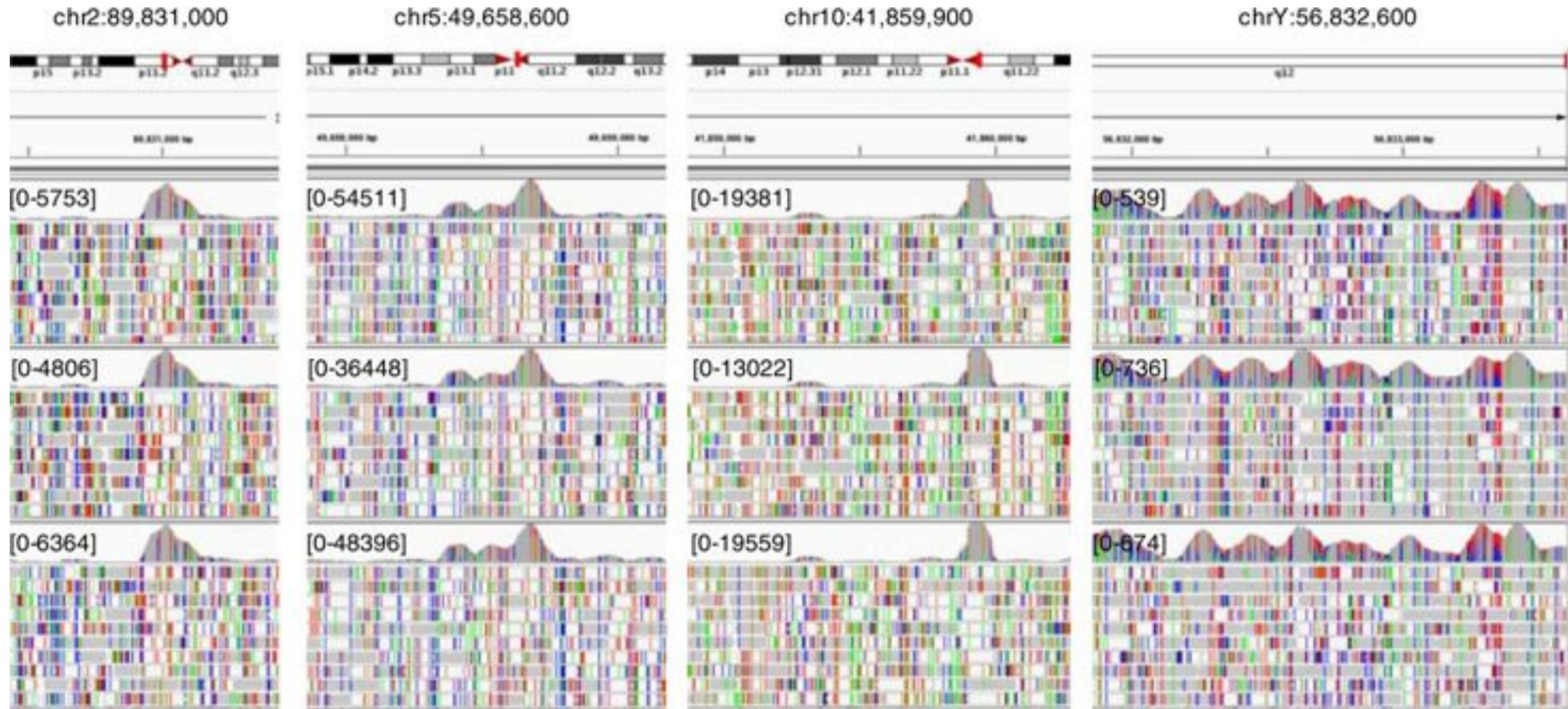
# Pan-genome contigs in SGBP individuals

**Supplementary Table 5 | APG contig presence in Simons Genome Diversity Project individuals**

| Sample ID         | Population | Country      | Sex | Number of APG Contigs Present |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| LP6005442-DNA_E10 | English    | England      | M   | 796                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_F10 | English    | England      | F   | 680                           |
| LP6005441-DNA_A05 | French     | France       | M   | 963                           |
| LP6005441-DNA_B05 | French     | France       | F   | 810                           |
| LP6005441-DNA_C11 | Sardinian  | Italy        | M   | 943                           |
| LP6005441-DNA_D11 | Sardinian  | Italy        | F   | 905                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_A11 | Spanish    | Spain        | M   | 817                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_B11 | Spanish    | Spain        | F   | 1011                          |
| LP6005442-DNA_C10 | Finnish    | Finland      | M   | 893                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_D10 | Finnish    | Finland      | F   | 892                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_A08 | Hungarian  | Hungary      | M   | 1041                          |
| LP6005442-DNA_B08 | Hungarian  | Hungary      | F   | 1007                          |
| LP6005441-DNA_G08 | Mozabite   | Algeria      | M   | 1034                          |
| LP6005441-DNA_H08 | Mozabite   | Algeria      | F   | 980                           |
| LP6005443-DNA_A01 | Bantu      | Kenya        | M   | 791                           |
| LP6005441-DNA_B02 | Bantu      | Kenya        | F   | 991                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_G10 | Gambian    | Gambia       | M   | 710                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_H10 | Gambian    | Gambia       | F   | 690                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_G11 | Mende      | Sierra Leone | M   | 720                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_H11 | Mende      | Sierra Leone | F   | 711                           |
| LP6005592-DNA_C03 | Mbuti      | Congo        | M   | 690                           |
| LP6005441-DNA_B08 | Mbuti      | Congo        | F   | 914                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_A02 | Yoruba     | Nigeria      | M   | 925                           |
| LP6005442-DNA_B02 | Yoruba     | Nigeria      | F   | 980                           |

Twenty-four individuals from the Simons Genome Diversity Project from 12 populations, 6 African and 6 European, were examined to determine presence/absence of the APG contigs. Each individual's assembled contigs were aligned to the APG contigs to determine the number of APG contigs present in the individual.

# Underrepresented reference elements?





# Capturing human genetic diversity

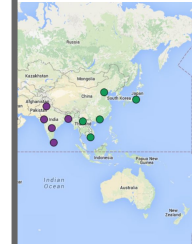
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## 10k genomes, 3.26 Mb novel sequence

**Unmapped Human Genome Sequences.** In addition to new variants, we identified 4,876 unique human, or human-like, contigs (*SI Appendix*) assembled from 3.26 Mb of nonreference (hg38 build) sequences (“unmapped reads”). On average, we identified 0.71 Mb of nonreference sequences per genome.

Project:  
populations