

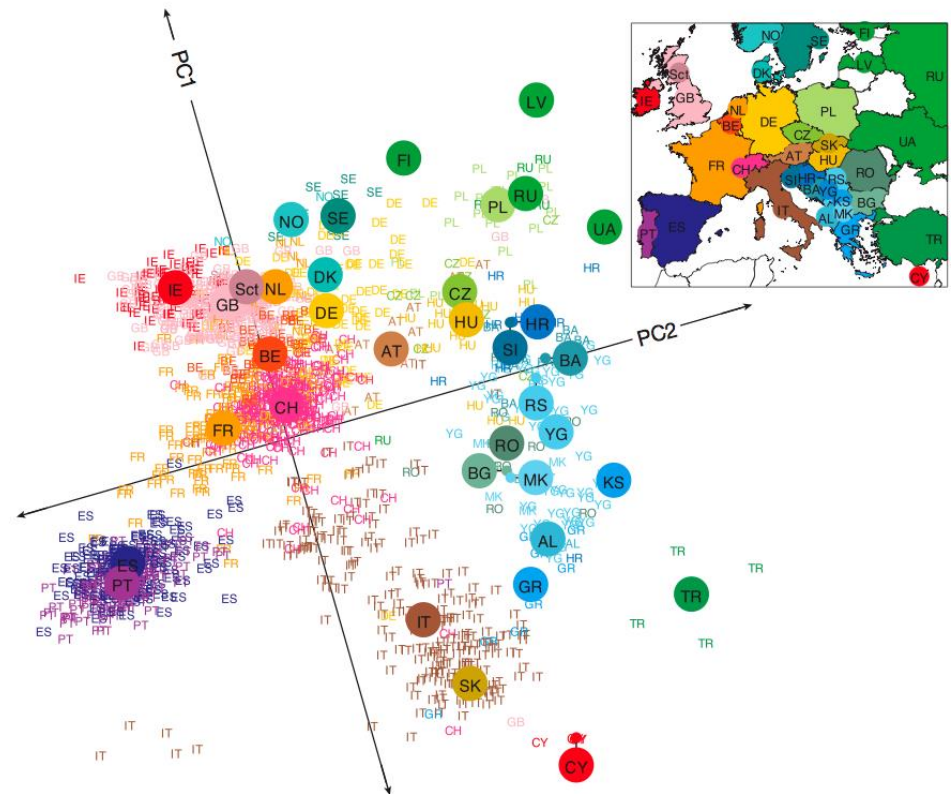
# Capturing Ancestry Differences with Genome-Wide Data

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# Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- ▶ Before attempting to understand the nitty gritty details of the workings of a complex system of variables (such as SNPs), the main patterns of variation should be understood.
- ▶ PCAs show the patterns explaining most variation.
- ▶ PCs reflecting ancestry differences usually correlate with geography.



**Genes mirror geography within Europe**

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Population stratification—allele frequency differences between cases and controls due to systematic ancestry differences—can cause spurious associations in disease studies. We describe a method that enables explicit detection and correction of population stratification on a genome-wide scale. Our method uses principal components analysis to explicitly model ancestry differences between cases and controls. The resulting correction is specific to a candidate marker's variation in frequency across ancestral populations, minimizing spurious associations while maximizing power to detect true associations. Our simple, efficient approach can easily be applied to disease studies with hundreds of thousands of markers.



# Overview practical

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- ▶ Analyses are based on the paper “Population Structure, Migration, and Diversifying Selection in the Netherlands” (Abdellaoui et al, 2013)

## Analyses:

- ▶ Run PCA on 1000 Genomes, and project PCs on Dutch individuals
  - ▶ Goal: identify Dutch individuals with non-European ancestry and exclude
- ▶ Run PCA on remaining Dutch individuals
  - ▶ Goal: obtain PCs reflecting Dutch ancestry differences
- ▶ Software used:
  - ▶ Eigenstrat -> <http://genepath.med.harvard.edu/~reich/Software.htm>
  - ▶ Plink -> <http://pngu.mgh.harvard.edu/~purcell/plink>
  - ▶ R -> <http://www.r-project.org/>

# Description of the data

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## ▶ Individuals:

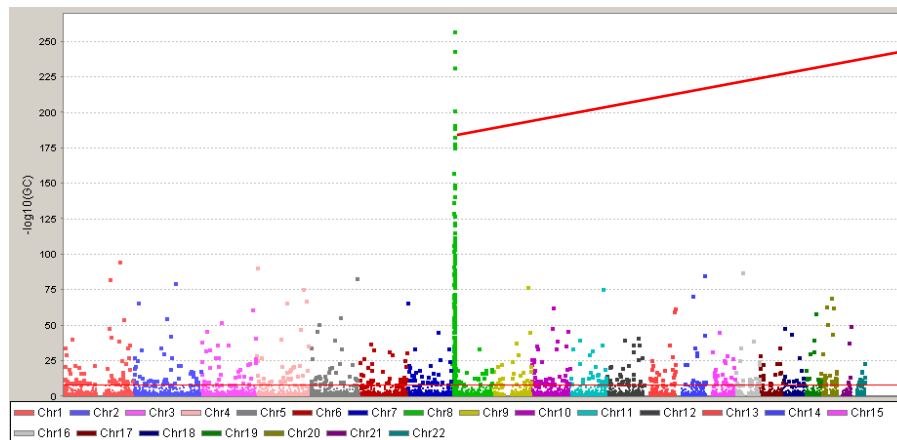
- ▶ 171 Dutch individuals from the Netherlands Twin Registry (NTR)
- ▶ 221 from 1000 Genomes (Europeans, Africans, and Asians)
  - ▶ If you're interested in the 1000 Genomes dataset in plink format (~16 million SNPs): e-mail [a.abdellaoui@vu.nl](mailto:a.abdellaoui@vu.nl)

## ▶ SNPs:

- ▶ 113,164 SNPs (from Affy 6.0 chip)
- ▶ Quality Control (done in Plink):
  - ▶  $MAF > .05$
  - ▶  $HWE\ p > .001$
  - ▶ SNP missingness  $< .05$  (individual missingness  $< .02$ )
  - ▶ Excluded long-range LD regions
  - ▶ LD Pruned

# Why exclude long-range LD regions?

- ▶ Elevated levels of LD can be overrepresented in PCs, deluding the genome-wide patterns that reflect the subtle ancestry differences.



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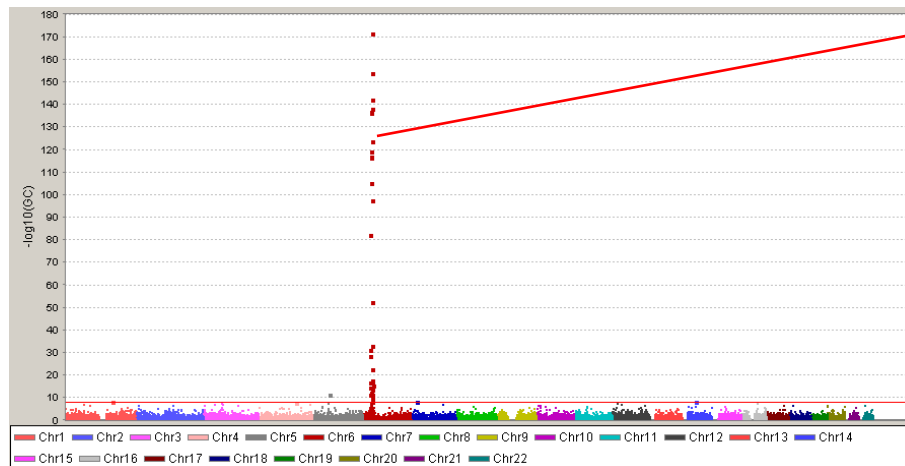
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# Why also prune for LD?

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“Strong LD at a given locus which affects many markers could result in an axis of variation which corresponds to genetic variation specifically at that locus, rather than to genome-wide ancestry. Nonetheless, **we recommend inferring population structure using all markers. This recommendation is based on an analysis of HapMap data which suggests that these potential problems will not affect results in practice.**”



# Effect of minimizing LD

- ▶ PCA was conducted on three sets of SNPs varying in LD on 1000 Genomes populations and Dutch subjects separately
- ▶ PCs were identical for 1000 Genomes across the 3 SNP sets. For the Dutch dataset, there were big differences:

SNP set used for PCA	Nr. of SNPs for PCA	Correlations between PCs and North-South gradient (N = 3363)		Correlations between PCs and East-West gradient (N = 3363)		$\lambda$ for GWASs on height including the North-South PC as a covariate
		Pearson Correlation	Difference test	Pearson Correlation	Difference test	
SNP set 1: All SNPs that passed QC	499,849	$r_{PC2,\uparrow} = .428$	-	$r_{PC8,\leftrightarrow} = .205$	-	1.03937
SNP set 2: SNP set 1 without the 24 long-range LD regions	487,672	$r_{PC1,\uparrow} = .574$	$p = 3.9 \cdot 10^{-46}$ (versus SNP set 1)	$r_{PC3,\leftrightarrow} = .260$	$p = 4.2 \cdot 10^{-10}$ (versus SNP set 1)	1.03092
SNP set 3: SNP set 2 with genome-wide LD based SNP pruning	130,248	$r_{PC1,\uparrow} = .588$	$p = 1.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$ (versus SNP set 2)	$r_{PC2,\leftrightarrow} = .369$	$p = 3.5 \cdot 10^{-21}$ (versus SNP set 2)	1.02961

- ▶ Conclusion: minimizing LD is necessary in order to capture ancestry in more homogeneous datasets (i.e., datasets with subjects from a single population)

# Copy and unzip files needed for practical

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- ▶ Open terminal: Applications Menu -> Terminal Emulator

- ▶ First run this in your terminal:

```
cp -r /home/abdel/PCA_practical .
```

```
cd PCA_practical
```

```
unzip dutch_1kG.zip
```

- ▶ `command.txt` contains all the remaining commands we are going to run in the terminal (which are also on the slides `PCA_practical.pdf`)

# Files needed for EIGENSTRAT

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- ▶ Parameter file: file containing parameters for the PCA
- ▶ Input files: three files containing information about SNPs and samples (.ped, .map, .fam)

# EIGENSTRAT input files are in plink format

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## Plink ped files (--recode)

- ▶ dutch\_1kG.ped
- ▶ dutch\_1kG.map

## Plink binary files (--make-bed)

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EIGENSTRAT needs

The diagram shows the text 'EIGENSTRAT needs' at the bottom center. Three red dashed arrows originate from this text and point to the files 'dutch\_1kG.ped', 'dutch\_1kG.map', and 'dutch\_1kG.fam'. Each of these three files is also enclosed in a red dashed oval.

# Values in the phenotype column (column 6) of .fam file:

**3 = Dutch individuals**

4 = CEPH individuals

5 = British individuals

6 = Finnish individuals

7 = Iberian (Spain)

8 = Toscan

→ European

9 = Han Chinese in Beijing

10 = Han Chinese South

11 = Japanese individuals

→ Asian

12 = Luhya individuals

13 = Yoruba individuals

→ African

# Parameter file (.par)

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- ▶ The .par file will have the following lines:

genotypename: **dutch\_1kG.ped** -> *input genotype file*

snpname: **dutch\_1kG.map** -> *input snp file*

indivname: **dutch\_1kG.fam** -> *input individual file*

evectoutname: **dutch\_1kG.evec** -> *output file of PCs*

evaloutname: **dutch\_1kG.eval** -> *output file of all eigenvalues*

numoutevec: **10** -> *number of PCs to output*

numoutlieriter: **0** -> *maximum number of outlier removal iterations (0 turns it off)*

poplistname: **poplist\_1kG.txt** -> *file containing population value of individuals (If wishing to infer PCs using only individuals from a subset of populations, and then project to individuals from all other populations; will be used to detect individuals of non-European descent)*

snpweightoutname: **dutch\_1kG.snpweight** -> *output file with SNP weightings of each PC*



# Parameter file (.par)

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- ▶ Let's make the .par file. Run the following commands:

```
echo "genotypename: dutch_1kG.ped" >> dutch_1kG.par
echo "snpname: dutch_1kG.map" >> dutch_1kG.par
echo "indivname: dutch_1kG.fam" >> dutch_1kG.par
echo "evecoutname: dutch_1kG.evec" >> dutch_1kG.par
echo "evaloutname: dutch_1kG.eval" >> dutch_1kG.par
echo "numoutevec: 10" >> dutch_1kG.par
echo "numoutlieriter: 0" >> dutch_1kG.par
echo "poplistname: poplist_1kG.txt" >> dutch_1kG.par
echo "snpweightoutname: dutch_1kG.snpweight" >> dutch_1kG.par
```

- ▶ We also need to make the poplistname file (poplist\_1kG.txt), containing the population values of the 1000 Genomes populations (4-13). Run the following command:

```
echo "4\n5\n6\n7\n8\n9\n10\n11\n12\n13" > poplist_1kG.txt
```

# We're ready to run EIGENSTRAT

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- ▶ Run this command:

```
smartpca -p dutch_1kG.par > dutch_1kG.log
```

# Let's look at the PCs in R

- ▶ First, let's make the file readable for R:

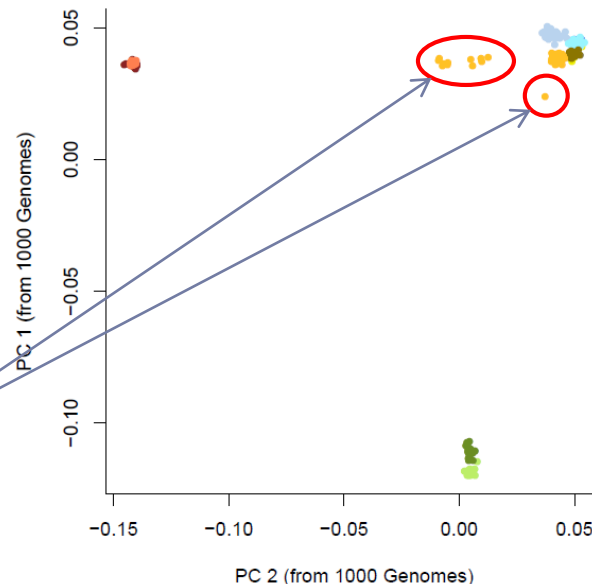
```
sed 's:// /g' dutch_1kG.evec > dutch_1kG.R.evec
```

- ▶ Run R script to make plot and identify outliers:

```
R CMD BATCH outliers.R
```

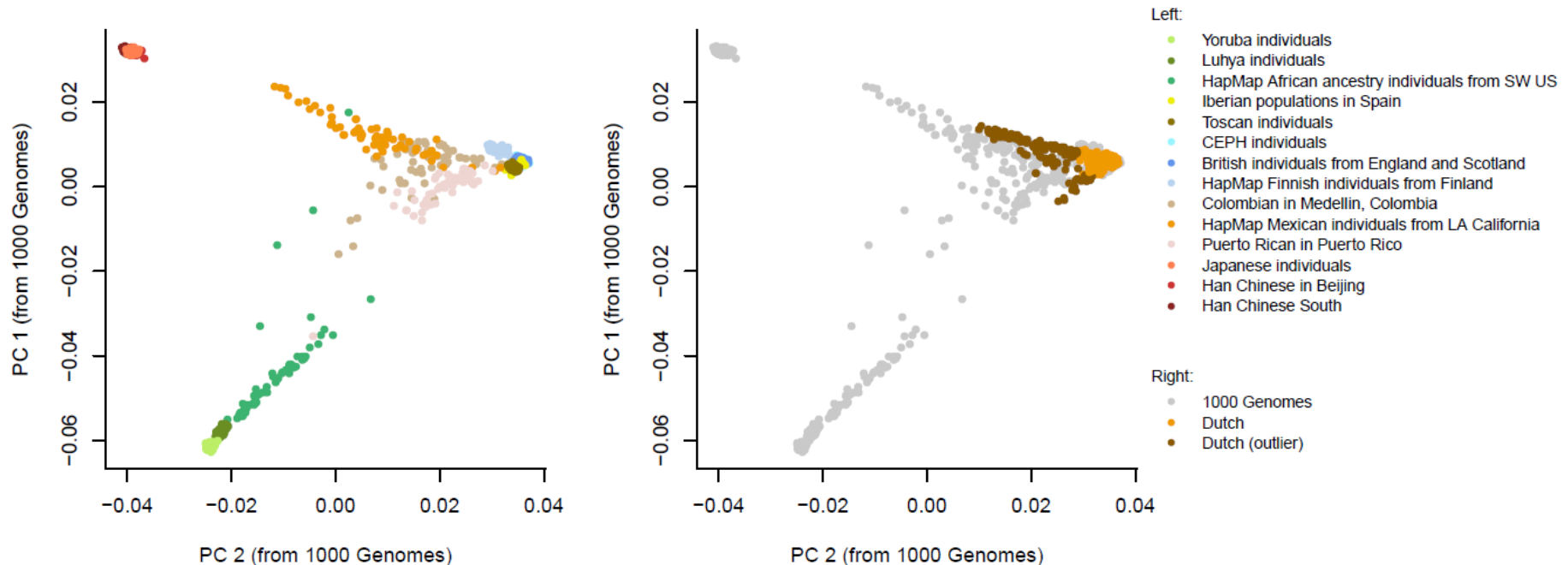
- ▶ What does the R script do? (open outliers.R)

- ▶ Read in EIGENSTRAT file
- ▶ Plot PC1 & PC2
- ▶ Write IDs to file of Dutch individuals scoring higher than maximum European or lower than minimum European scores on PC1 or PC2 (to outliers.txt)



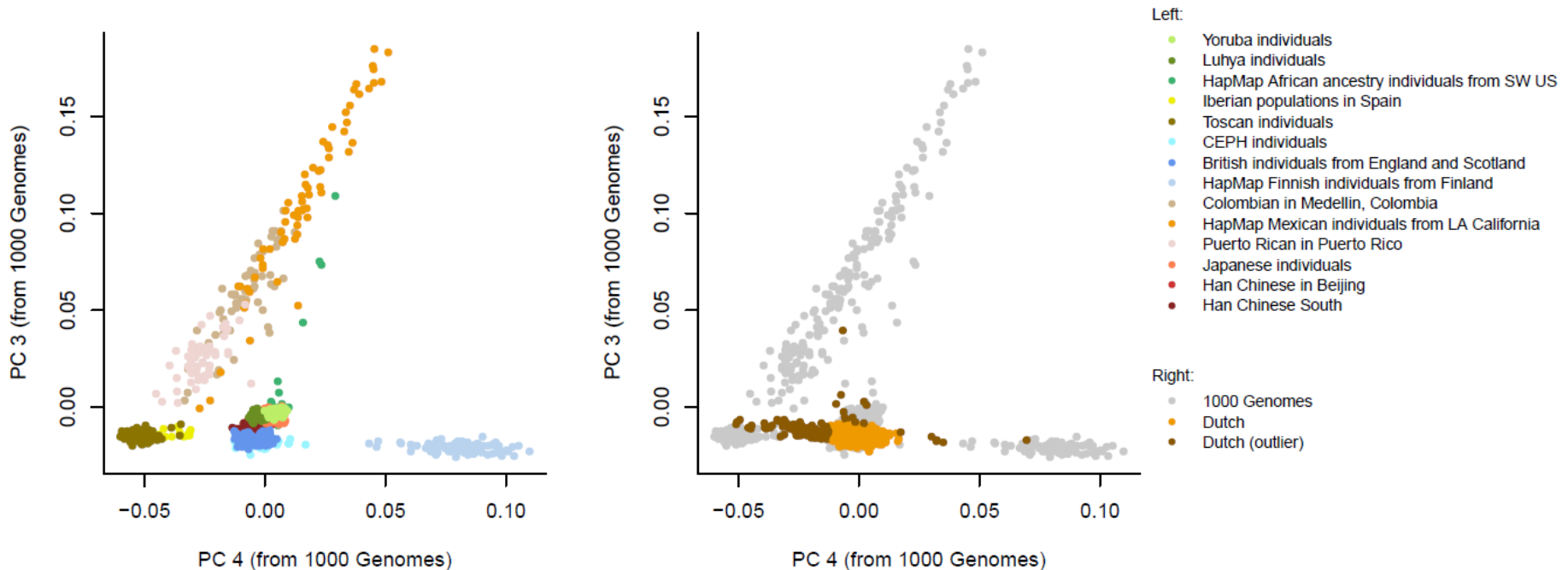
# Identifying Dutch with non-European ancestry

- ▶ PCs were calculated using a set of 1014 unrelated individuals from 1000 Genomes, and were then projected on  $\sim 7500$  Dutch individuals.
- ▶ 258 individuals were excluded. Parental birth place was available for 132 of these individuals, of which 55.3% had at least one parent born outside of the Netherlands (as opposed to 4% of the rest of the individuals).



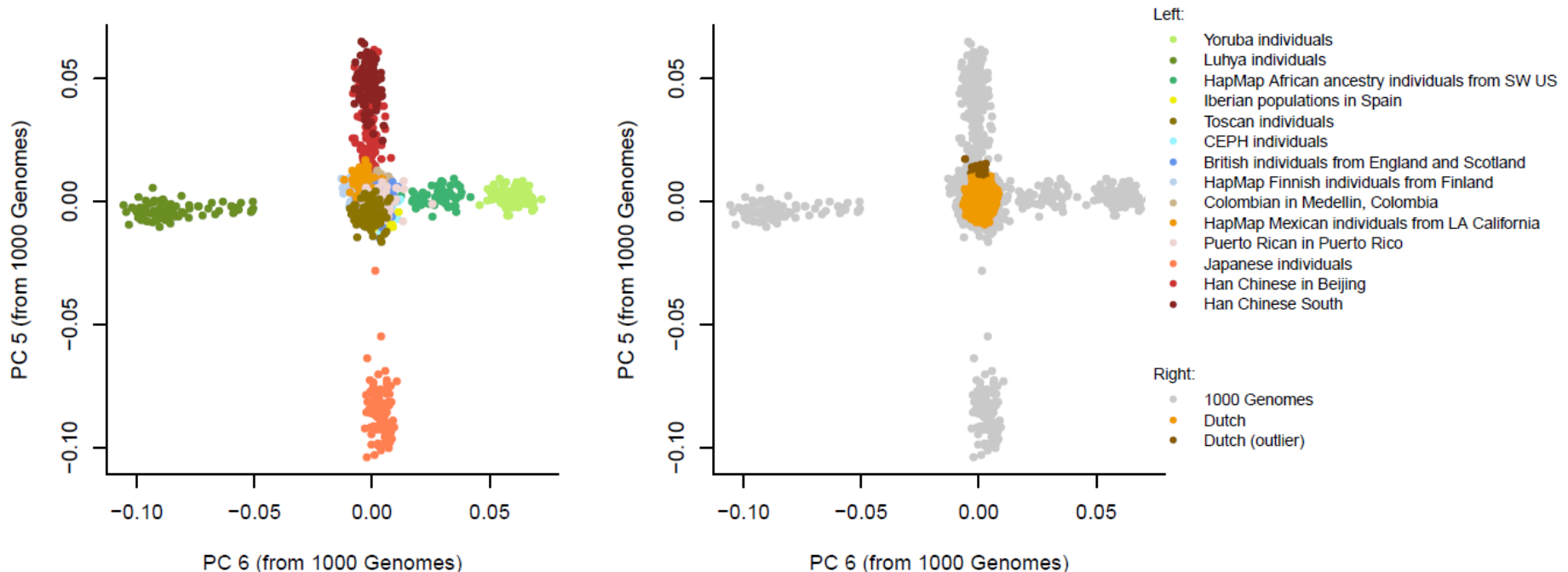
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# Exclude Dutch individuals with non-European ancestry and 1000 Genomes

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```
awk '$6>3{print $1,$2}' dutch_1kG.fam > 1kG.ids
```

```
cat outliers.txt 1kG.ids > remove_outliers.ids
```

```
plink --bfile dutch_1kG --remove remove_outliers.ids --make-bed --out dutch
```

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plink --bfile dutch --recode --out dutch
```



# Parameter file (.par)

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- ▶ Let's make the .par file. Run the following commands:

```
echo "genotypename: dutch.ped" >> dutch.par
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echo "indivname: dutch.fam" >> dutch.par
echo "evecoutname: dutch.evec" >> dutch.par
echo "evaloutname: dutch.eval" >> dutch.par
echo "numoutevec: 10" >> dutch.par
echo "numoutlieriter: 0" >> dutch.par
echo "poplistname: poplist_NL.txt" >> dutch.par
echo "snweightoutname: dutch.snweight" >> dutch.par
```

- ▶ We also need to make the poplistname file (poplist\_NL.txt). Run the following command:

```
echo "3" > poplist_NL.txt
```

# We're ready to run the 2nd round of EIGENSTRAT!

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- ▶ Run this command:

```
smartpca -p dutch.par > dutch.log
```

# Let's plot the first two PCs in R

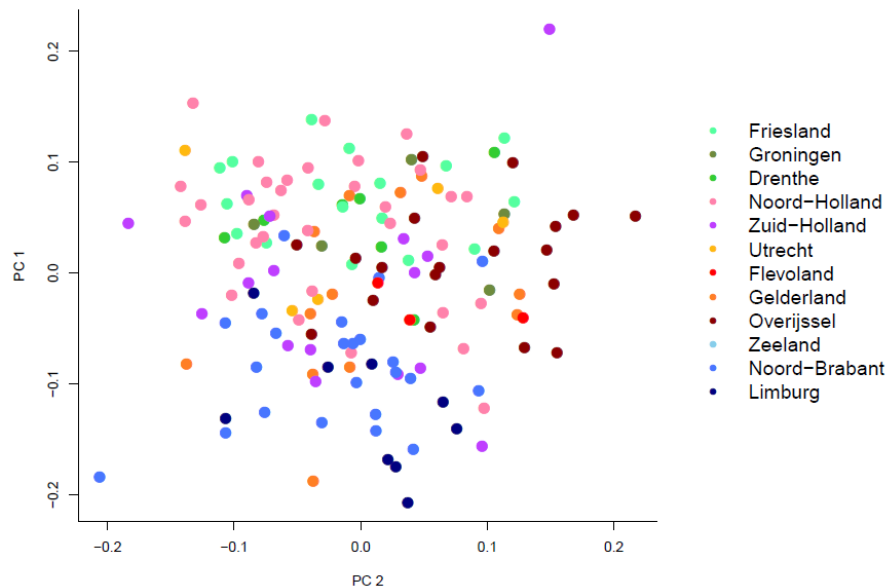
- ▶ First, let's make the file readable for R:

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sed 's/:/ /g' dutch.evec > dutch.R.evec
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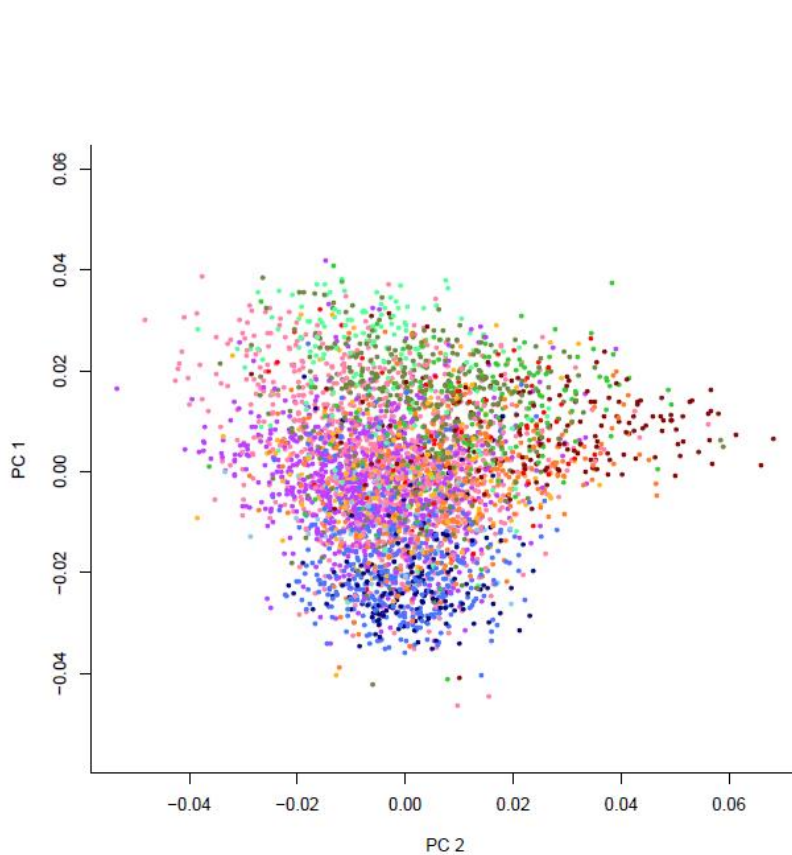
- ▶ Run R script to make plot :

```
R CMD BATCH plot_NL.R
```

- ▶ What does the R script do? (open plot\_NL.R)



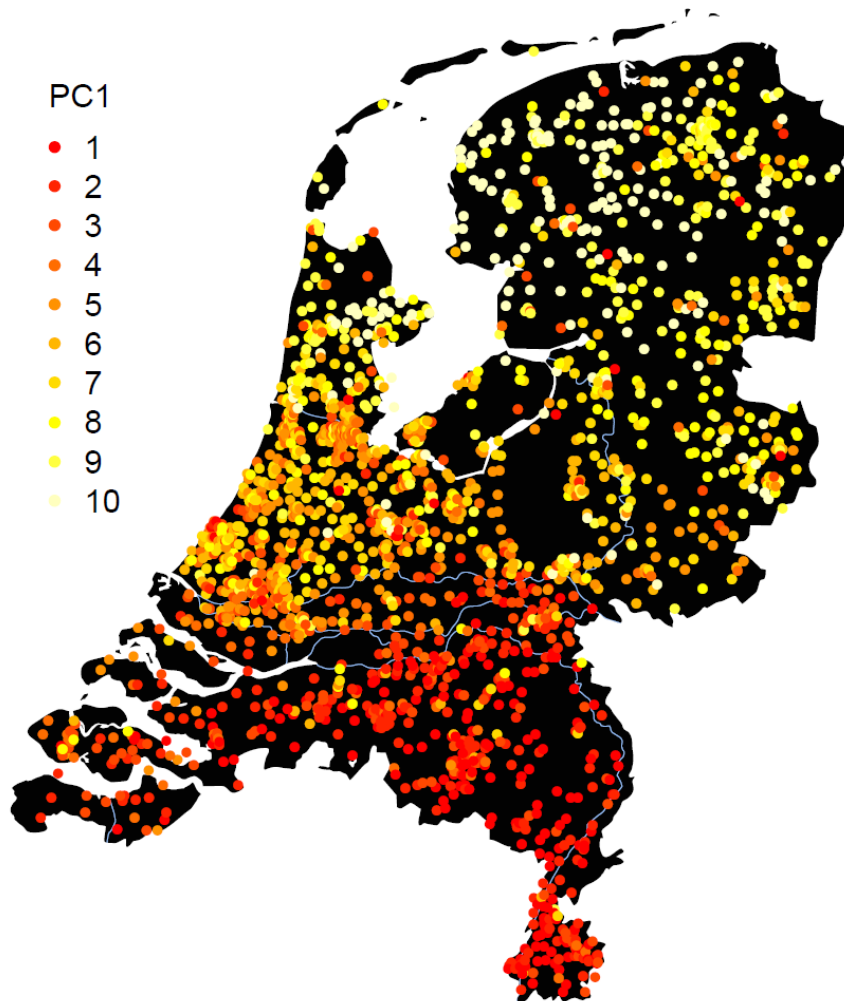
# Same plot, with N=4,441



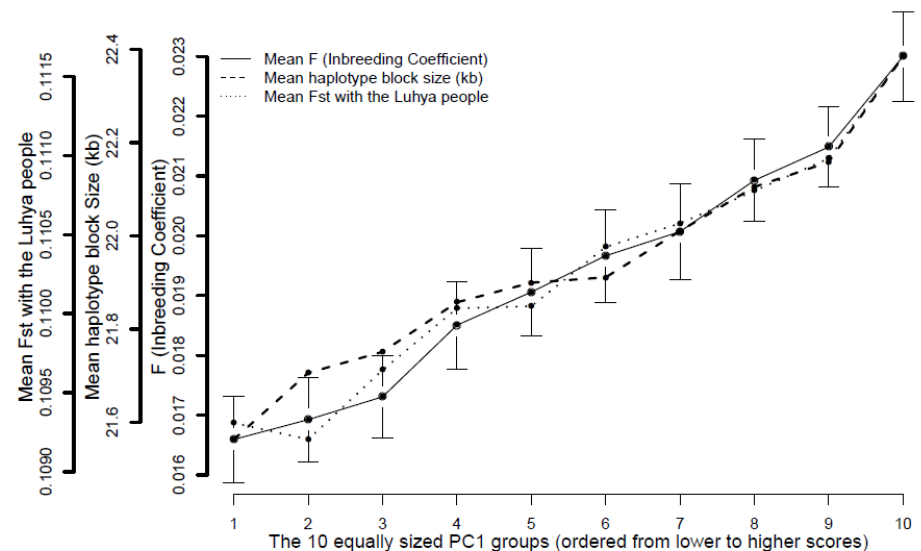
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- Noord-Holland
- Zuid-Holland
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- Gelderland
- Overijssel
- Zeeland
- Noord-Brabant
- Limburg



# PC1 (N=4,441)



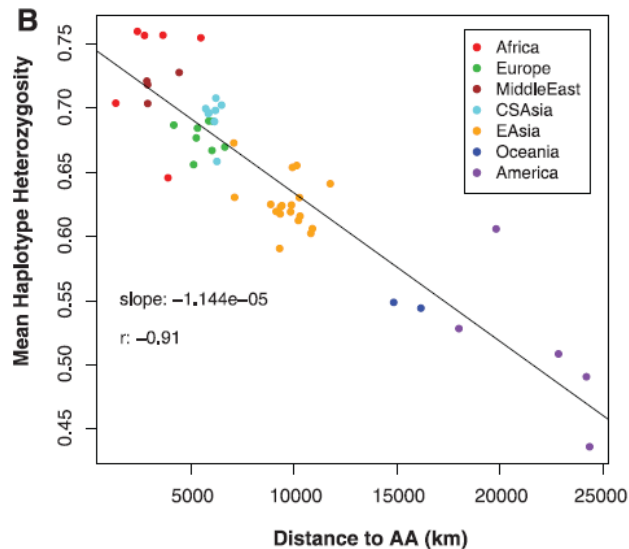
- ▶ Correlates .66 with European North-South PC.
- ▶ Spouse correlation = .56
- ▶ Serial founder effect? (correlation with  $F$ : .25)



# Serial founder effect: heterozygosity decreases (F increases) as you move away from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## Worldwide Human Relationships Inferred from Genome-Wide Patterns of Variation

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We compared SNP haplotype heterozygosity across populations and found, consistent with earlier reports (22), that it is highest in sub-Saharan Africa and decreases steadily with distance from this region (Fig. 3B). The mean heterozygosity across autosomal haplotypes (using 295 haplotype blocks in Chr16) (14) is negatively correlated with distance from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (5, 23), with a correlation coefficient  $r$  of  $-0.91$  and a slope of  $-1.1 \times 10^{-5}$  per km (Fig. 3B). This trend is consistent with a serial founder effect, a scenario in which population expansion involves successive migration of a small fraction of individuals out of the previous location, starting from a single origin in sub-Saharan Africa.

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# Height

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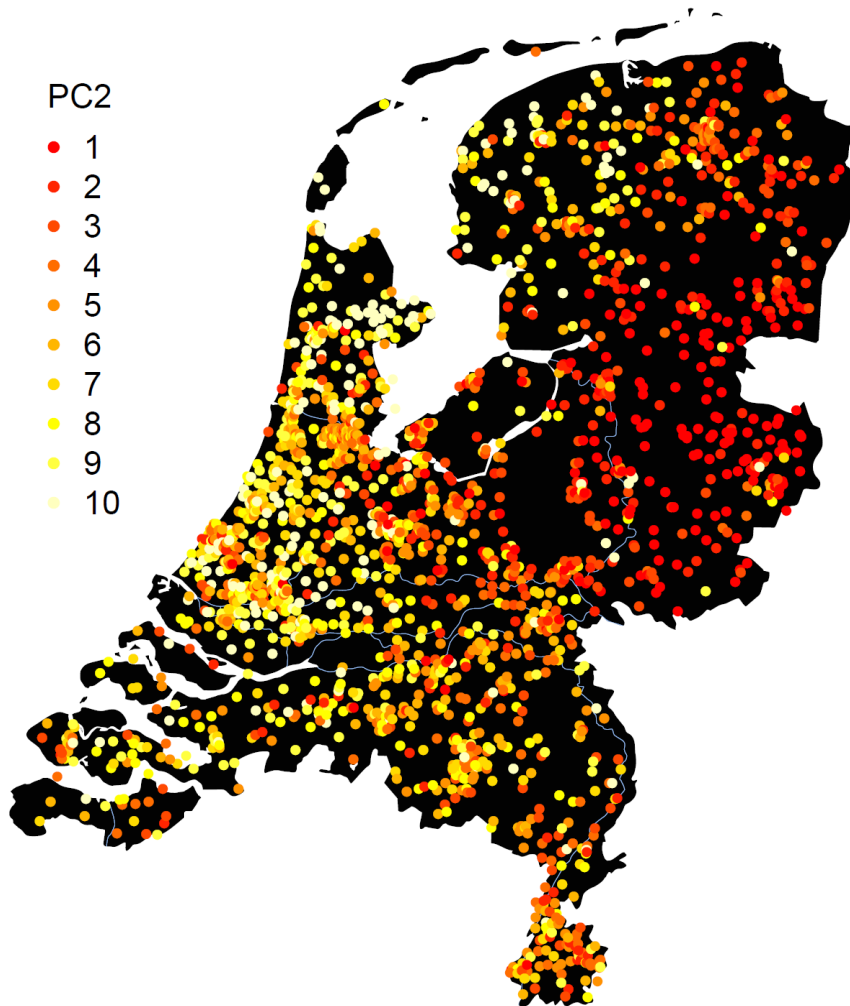
- ▶ **Northern** Dutch are known to be taller on average than the Dutch from the **Southern** parts of the Netherlands. Also within Europe, **Northern Europeans** are taller on average than **Southern Europeans**.
- ▶ In our sample, height does not correlate very high with the North-South gradient of the **current living address**:
  - ▶ males:  $r = .036$ ,  $p = .232$ ; females:  $r = .050$ ,  $p = .020$
- ▶ Height however correlates higher and more significantly with the **North-South PC** in both genders:
  - ▶ males:  $r = .142$ ,  $p < .001$ ; females:  $r = .153$ ,  $p < .001$



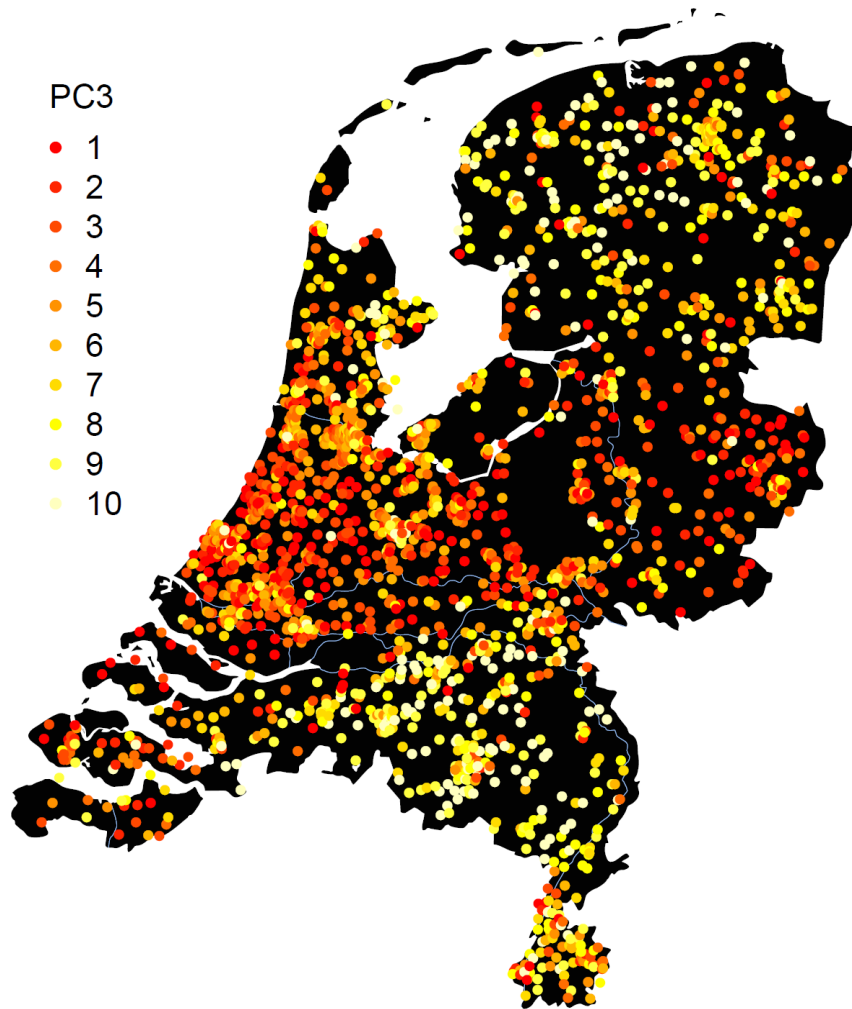


# PC2 (N=4,441)

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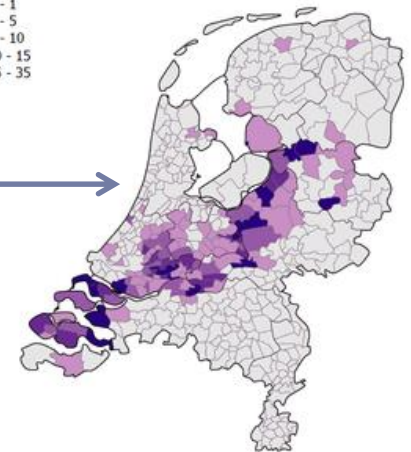
# PC3 (N=4,441)



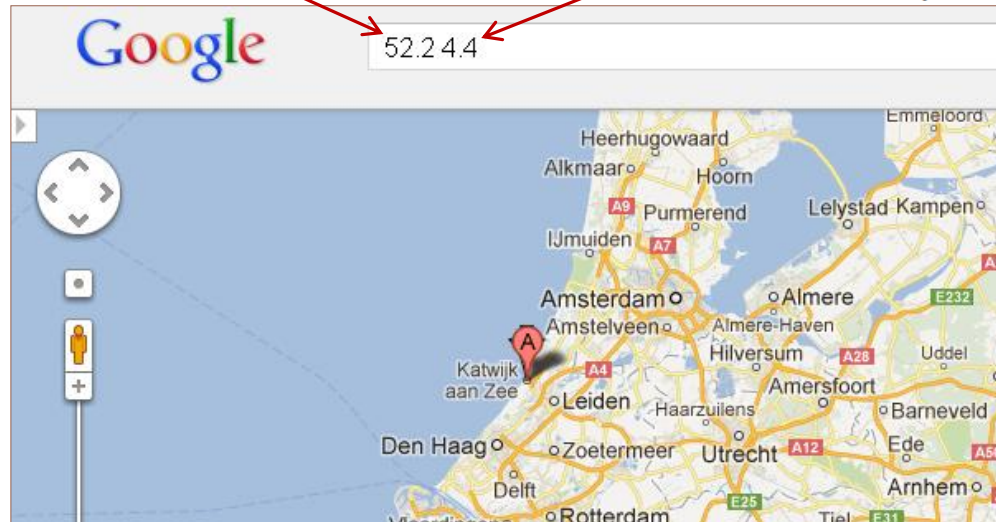
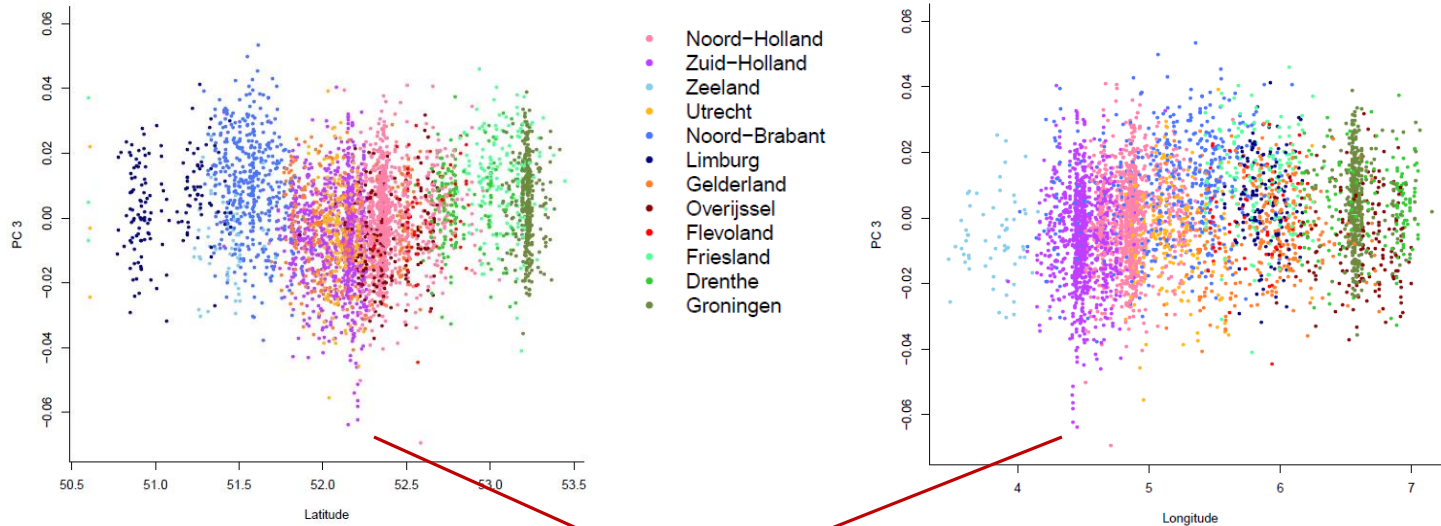
Bible belt?

Votes for  
conservative  
Christian party  
(SGP)

Percentage van het aantal kiesgerechtigden



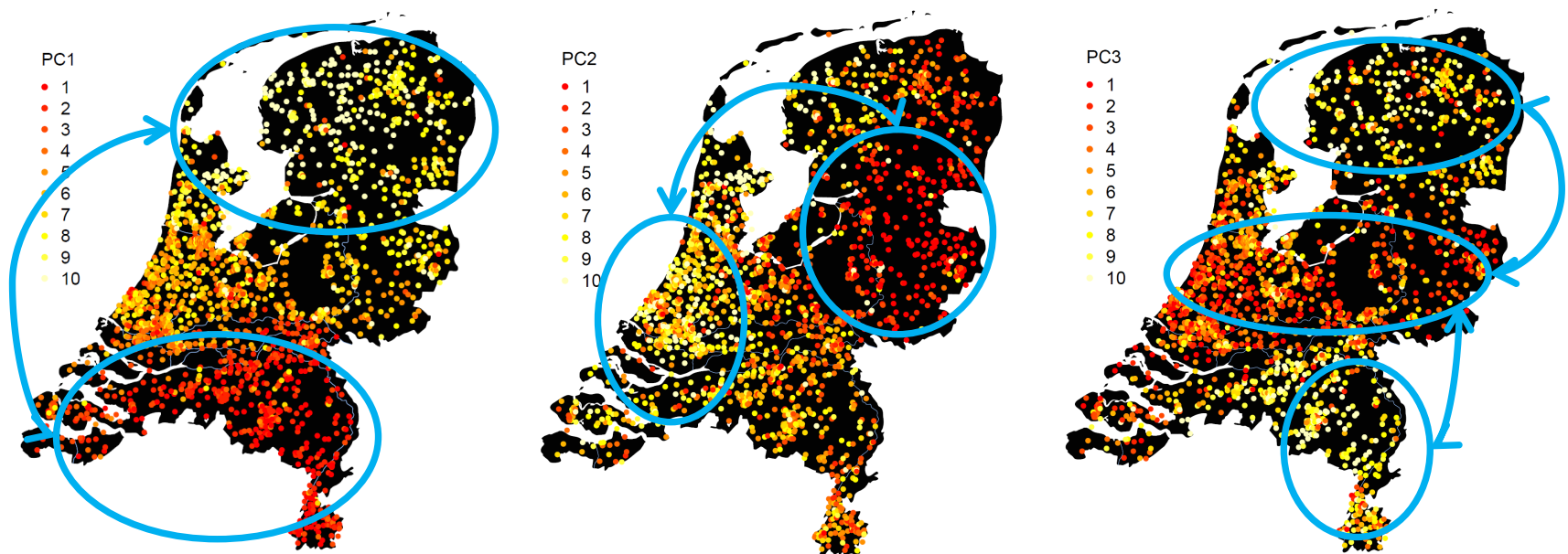
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- ▶  $F_{st}$  is then decomposed into 2 components:
  - ▶ population-specific component ( $\beta$ ), shared by all loci
  - ▶ locus-specific component ( $\alpha$ ), shared by both populations
- ▶ If  $\alpha$  is significantly different from 0, the locus may have been under selection:
  - ▶  $\alpha > 0$  = diversifying selection
  - ▶  $\alpha < 0$  = balancing selection (power to detect this is weak)
- ▶ Significance is based on FDR corrected q-value ( $< .05$ )

# Using PCs to identify loci under selection: results

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- ▶ 499,849 SNPs in total (51.4% within genes):
  - ▶ PC1 (North-South): 273 significant SNPs (59% within 88 genes)
  - ▶ PC2 (East-West): 172 significant SNPs (58.1% within 55 genes)
  - ▶ PC3 (Middle-Band): 100 significant SNPs (75% within 41 genes)
- ▶ Several of the genes with significant SNPs have been observed to be strongly differentiated within Europe in previous studies:
  - ▶ *LCT* (PC1), *HERC2* (PC1), *CADPS* (PC1), *IRF1* (PC1), *SLC44A5* (PC1), *R3HDM1* (PC1), *ACOXL* (PC3), and *BTBD9* (PC3)



# HERC2 & eye color

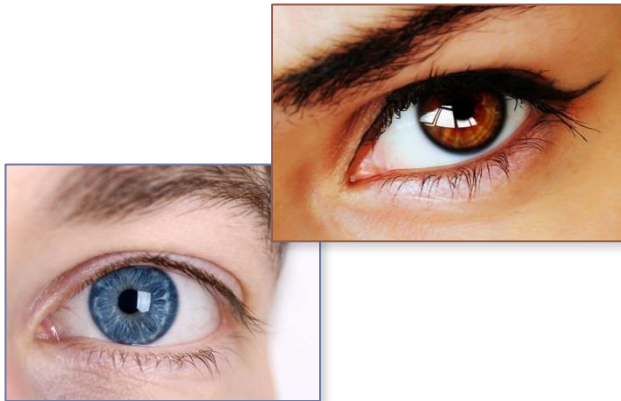
- ▶ Highest  $F_{st}$  observed in PC1 for SNP in HERC2 gene (rs8039195). Strongly associated with eye color in several GWASs ( $p = 7.8 \times 10^{-112}$  in current dataset).
- ▶  $F_{st}$ 's were calculated for 3495 SNPs in and around HERC2 between Northern European populations (British and Finnish) and Southern European populations (Iberian and Toscan) from 1000 Genomes.
- ▶ Of the SNPs genotyped in the Dutch, rs8039195 had the highest  $F_{st}$ .
- ▶ Of all 3495 SNPs, highest  $F_{st}$  was observed for rs12913832 (LD with rs8039195:  $r^2 = .394$ ,  $D' = .993$ ), the SNP with the largest effect on human blue/brown eye color.

Population	rs8039195 (HERC2)		
	CC	CT	TT
Finnish	.0	6.5	93.5
Northern Dutch	.4	13.1	86.5
British	1.2	21.4	77.4
Southern Dutch	2.3	23.9	73.7
Iberian	.0	50.0	50.0
Toscan	16.8	42.1	41.1

# A Single SNP in an Evolutionary Conserved Region within Intron 86 of the *HERC2* Gene Determines Human Blue-Brown Eye Color

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We have previously demonstrated that haplotypes of three single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) within the first intron of the *OCA2* gene are extremely strongly associated with variation in human eye color. In the present work, we describe additional fine association mapping of eye color SNPs in the intergenic region upstream of *OCA2* and within the neighboring *HERC2* (hect domain and RLD2) gene. We screened an additional 92 SNPs in 300–3000 European individuals and found that a single SNP in intron 86 of *HERC2*, rs12913832, predicted eye color significantly better (ordinal logistic regression  $R^2 = 0.68$ , association LOD = 444) than our previous best *OCA2* haplotype. Comparison of sequence alignments of multiple species showed that this SNP lies in the center of a short highly conserved sequence and that the blue-eye-associated allele (frequency 78%) breaks up this conserved sequence, part of which forms a consensus binding site for the helicase-like transcription factor (HLTF). We were also able to demonstrate the *OCA2* R419Q, rs1800407, coding SNP acts as a penetrance modifier of this new *HERC2* SNP for eye color, and somewhat independently, of melanoma risk. We conclude that the conserved region around rs12913832 represents a regulatory region controlling constitutive expression of *OCA2* and that the C allele at rs12913832 leads to decreased expression of *OCA2*, particularly within iris melanocytes, which we postulate to be the ultimate cause of blue eye color.



***HERC2* rs12913832 modulates human pigmentation by attenuating chromatin-loop formation between a long-range enhancer and the *OCA2* promoter**

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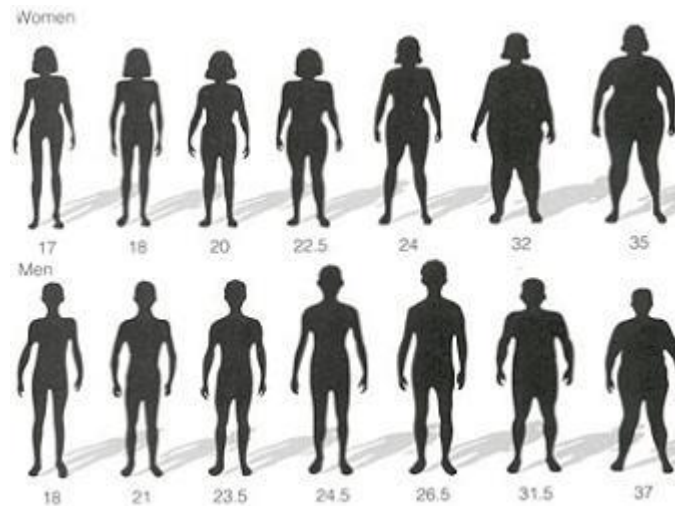
- ▶ Significant signals were observed within genes that play major roles in brain function, such as:
  - ▶ GRM7 (PC1; encodes a metabotropic glutamate receptor)
  - ▶ GRIN2A (PC1; encodes a subunit for the NMDA receptor)
  - ▶ BDNF (PC2; encodes the brain-derived neurotrophic factor)
  - ▶ SLC6A4 (PC3; a.k.a. SERT, encodes the serotonin transporter)
  - ▶ AUTS2 (PC3; autism susceptibility candidate 2)
  
- ▶ The top 11 biological functions are brain related ( $p \leq 1.26 \times 10^{-4}$ ) with the most significant being *neurotransmission of nervous tissue* with 11 molecules and  $p = 2.2 \times 10^{-6}$ .

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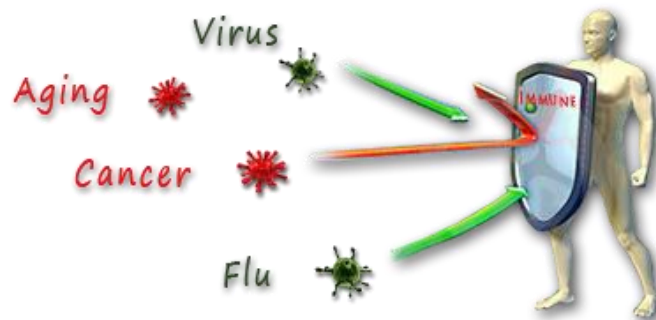
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## ▶ Bayescan can be found here:

<http://cmpg.unibe.ch/software/bayescan/>

# Converting plink files to Bayescan format with the script `convert_to_bayescan.pl`

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Plink transposed files  
(`--recode --transpose`)

- ▶ `dutch.tped`
- ▶ `dutch.tfam`

Plink binary files (`--make-bed`)

- ▶ `dutch.bed`
- ▶ `dutch.bim`
- ▶ `dutch.fam`

`convert_to_bayescan.pl` needs

- The populations you want to compare have to be coded as 1 and 2 in the phenotype column (6th column) of the `.tfam` file.
- Use `--pheno` to update phenotypes :  
<http://pngu.mgh.harvard.edu/~purcell/plink/data.shtml#pheno>

Usage:

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perl convert_to_bayescan.pl dutch dutch_outputfile
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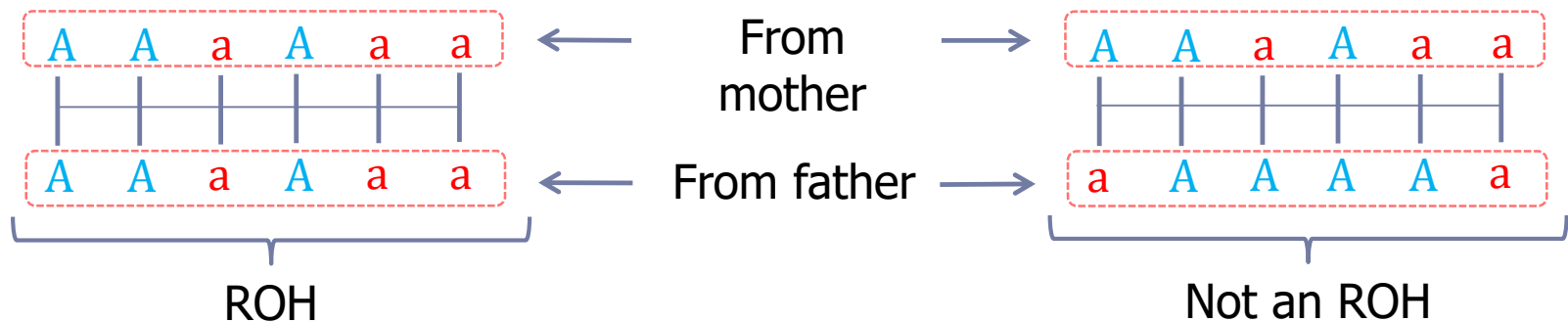


# Ancestry differences & Runs of Homozygosity (ROHs)



# Autozygosity/Runs of homozygosity (ROHs)

- ▶ Homozygous alleles that are identical by descent are called autozygous.
- ▶ A run of homozygosity (ROH) is a group of adjacent homozygous genetic variants, which arises when parents transmit identical haplotypes to their offspring.



- ▶ Long ROHs can have harmful effects, mainly through deleterious recessive alleles that combine when closely related individuals mate and have offspring (i.e., inbreeding).
- ▶ The effects of inbreeding on the health of offspring are studied by measuring genome-wide autozygosity as the proportion of the genome that consists of runs of homozygosity ( $F_{roh}$ ).

# Autozygosity measured by $F_{roh}$

- ▶ Run the following plink command to compute ROHs for the Dutch individuals:

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plink --bfile dutch --homozyg --homozyg-snp 65 --homozyg-window-het 0  
--homozyg-density 200 --homozyg-gap 500 --homozyg-group --out  
dutch.ROHs
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- ▶ dutch.ROHs.hom.indiv:

FID	IID	PHE	NSEG	KB	KBAVG
38	38	3	2	7184.98	3592.49
164	164	3	1	1452.81	1452.81
156	156	3	2	5294.71	2647.36
106	106	3	1	1984.59	1984.59
110	110	3	2	5014.82	2507.41
20	20	3	1	1525.77	1525.77
67	67	3	5	23092.2	4618.43
35	35	3	0	0	0
161	161	3	1	2674.45	2674.45
8	8	3	0	0	0
83	83	3	1	1384.04	1384.04
127	127	3	1	1508.63	1508.63
80	80	3	0	0	0

Divide all values in this column by the total autosomal size ( $2.77 \times 10^6$  kb) to get  $F_{roh}$

- ▶ See for description of options and output:

<http://pngu.mgh.harvard.edu/~purcell/plink/ibdibs.shtml>

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## Runs of Homozygosity Implicate Autozygosity as a Schizophrenia Risk Factor

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### Abstract

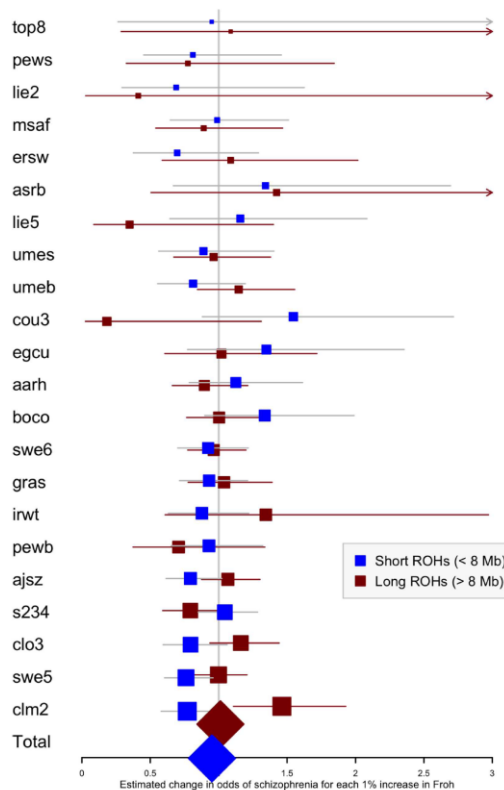
Autozygosity occurs when two chromosomal segments that are identical from a common ancestor are inherited from each parent. This occurs at high rates in the offspring of mates who are closely related (inbreeding), but also occurs at lower levels among the offspring of distantly related mates. Here, we use runs of homozygosity in genome-wide SNP data to estimate the proportion of the autosome that exists in autozygous tracts in 9,388 cases with schizophrenia and 12,456 controls. We estimate that the odds of schizophrenia increase by ~17% for every 1% increase in genome-wide autozygosity. This association is not due to one or a few regions, but results from many autozygous segments spread throughout the genome, and is consistent with a role for multiple recessive or partially recessive alleles in the etiology of schizophrenia. Such a bias towards recessivity suggests that alleles that increase the risk of schizophrenia have been selected against over evolutionary time.

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## No Reliable Association between Runs of Homozygosity and Schizophrenia in a Well-Powered Replication Study

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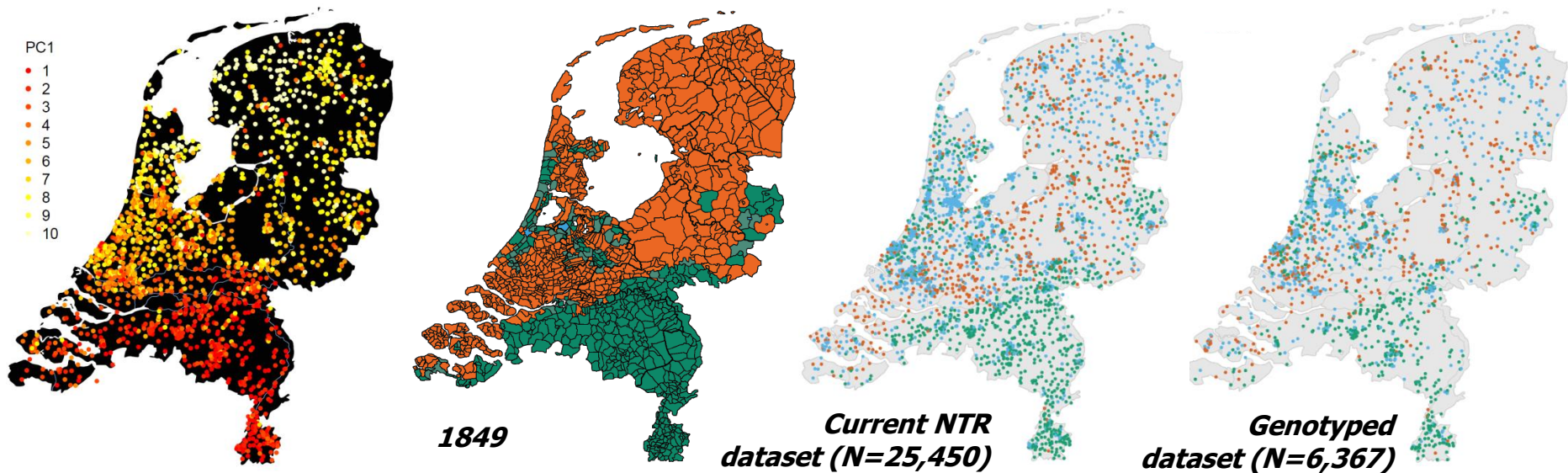


These conflicting results might suggest that the effects of autozygosity are confounded by various factors, such as socioeconomic status, education, urbanicity, and religiosity, which may be associated with both real inbreeding and the outcome measures of interest.

# Religion in the Netherlands

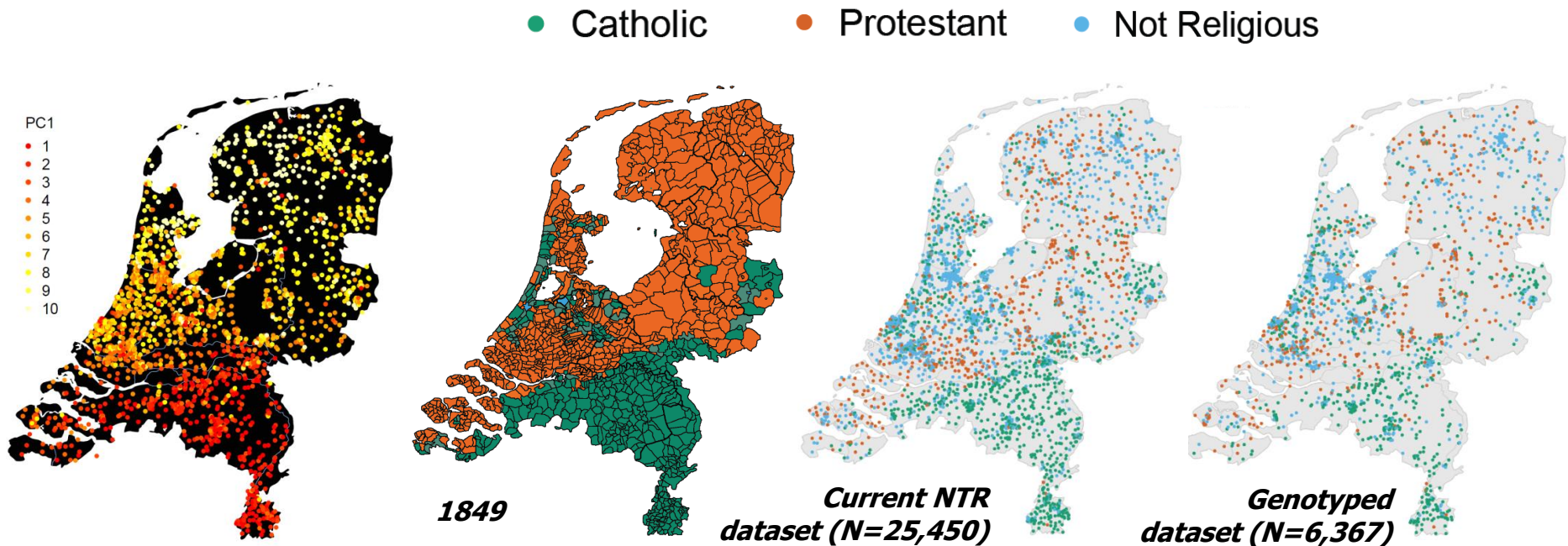
- ▶ The Netherlands had a long history (>400 years) of societal segregation and assortment based on religious affiliation.
  - ▶ Spouse correlation for religion in current dataset = .728 ( $p < .001$ )
- ▶ This may have increased parental relatedness among religious people.

● Catholic    ● Protestant    ● Not Religious





# Religion and $F_{roh}$ in the Netherlands



- ▶ We tested whether religion was significantly associated with  $F_{roh}$  (N = 4,022).
- ▶ We corrected for the three Dutch PCs, and whether the subject lives in a city with >100k residents.

# ROHs and Religion

- ▶ Religion was significantly associated with total length of ROHs ( $F_{roh}$ ):

	Included in model	$p$ -value	Empirical $p$ (100k permutations)
Main test	Two religious groups and non religious group (as two dummy variables)	<b><math>5.80 \times 10^{-5}</math></b>	<b><math>7 \times 10^{-5}</math></b>
Post-hoc tests	Not religious vs. Protestant	<b><math>1.36 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>	<b><math>1 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>
	Not religious vs. Catholic	<b><math>3.67 \times 10^{-5}</math></b>	<b><math>8 \times 10^{-5}</math></b>
	Catholic vs. Protestant	.766	.770

- ▶ When removing more recent/closer inbreeding (i.e., the 2.5% tail -> N=103, of which 66% is religious), the effect remains the same, and very significant



# Association between MDD and autozygosity: confounding due to religion

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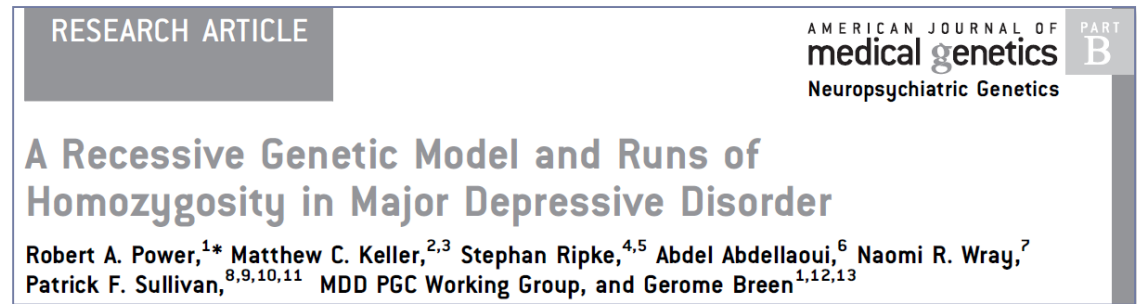
- ▶ Religiosity has been associated with several psychiatric disorders.
- ▶ We confirmed that being religious was protective for Major Depressive Disorder (MDD):
  - ▶  $\beta = -0.84$ ,  $p < 10^{-16}$  (city vs. non-city was accounted for)

Could this lead to a false positive?

- ▶ Yes. MDD showed a significant association with  $F_{roh}$  when excluding the 2,5%  $F_{roh}$  tail (empirical  $p = .04$ ).
- ▶ When repeating this analysis with religion added as a covariate, the effect disappears (empirical  $p = .138$ ), while religion remains highly significant ( $p = 2.09 \times 10^{-5}$ ).

# MDD vs autozygosity – Psychiatric Genomics Consortium (PGC) meta-analysis

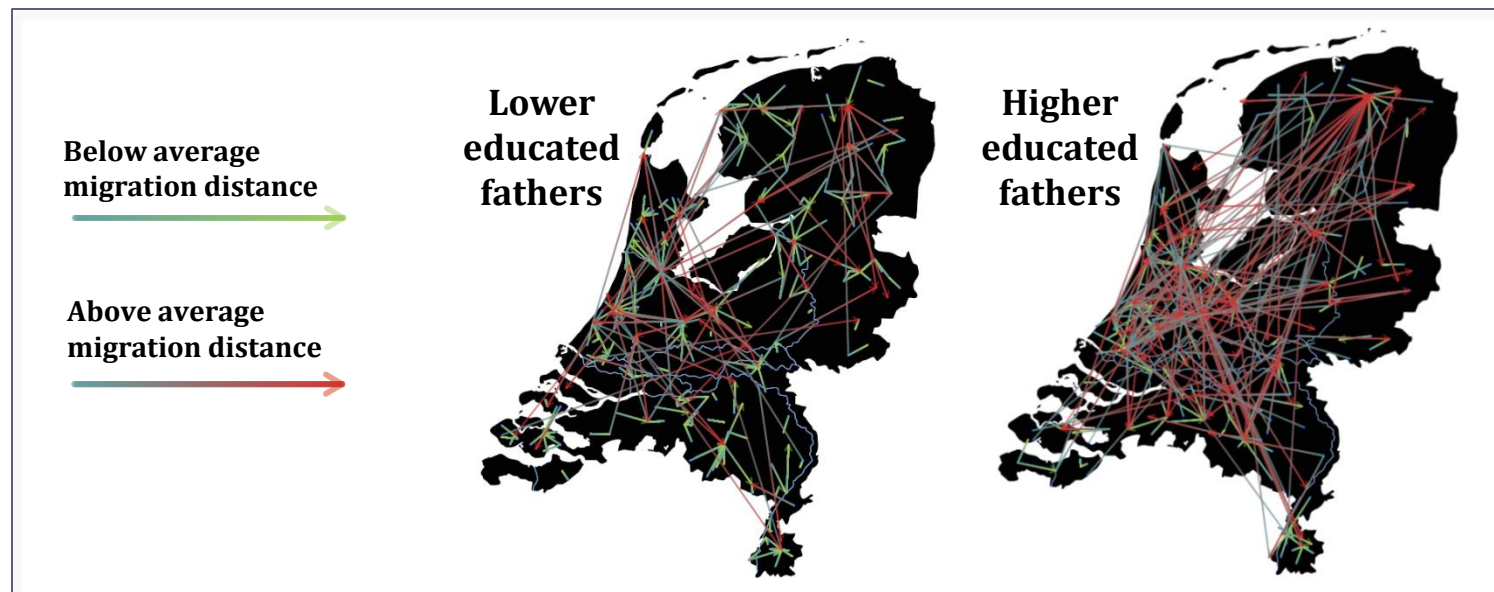
- ▶ A larger meta-analysis also found no significant relationship between autozygosity ( $F_{roh}$ /ROHs) and MDD (9,238 MDD cases and 9,521 controls)



- ▶ This study included nine datasets from 5 countries (1 UK, 2 Australian, 3 German, 2 US, and 1 Dutch dataset)
- ▶ The direction of the effects were consistent within countries
  - ▶ Higher  $F_{roh}$  protective for MDD: Australia, Netherlands, and US
  - ▶ Lower  $F_{roh}$  protective for MDD: UK and Germany
- ▶ This suggests that there may be similar demographic/social factors associated with both autozygosity and MDD in other populations as well

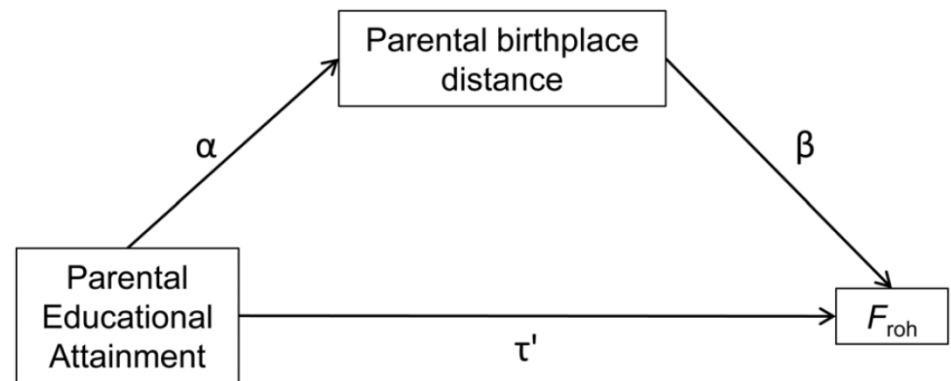
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- ▶ Educational attainment was significantly associated with  $F_{\text{roh}}$  ( $p = .045$ );
- ▶ Parental education however was much more significantly associated with offspring  $F_{\text{roh}}$  (father:  $p < 10^{-5}$ ; mother:  $p = 9 \times 10^{-5}$ );  $N = \sim 2,000$ .
- ▶ What could explain this association?
  - ▶ Higher educated parents migrated significantly more often and greater distances
  - ▶ There is strong assortative mating for educational attainment ( $r = .66$ )



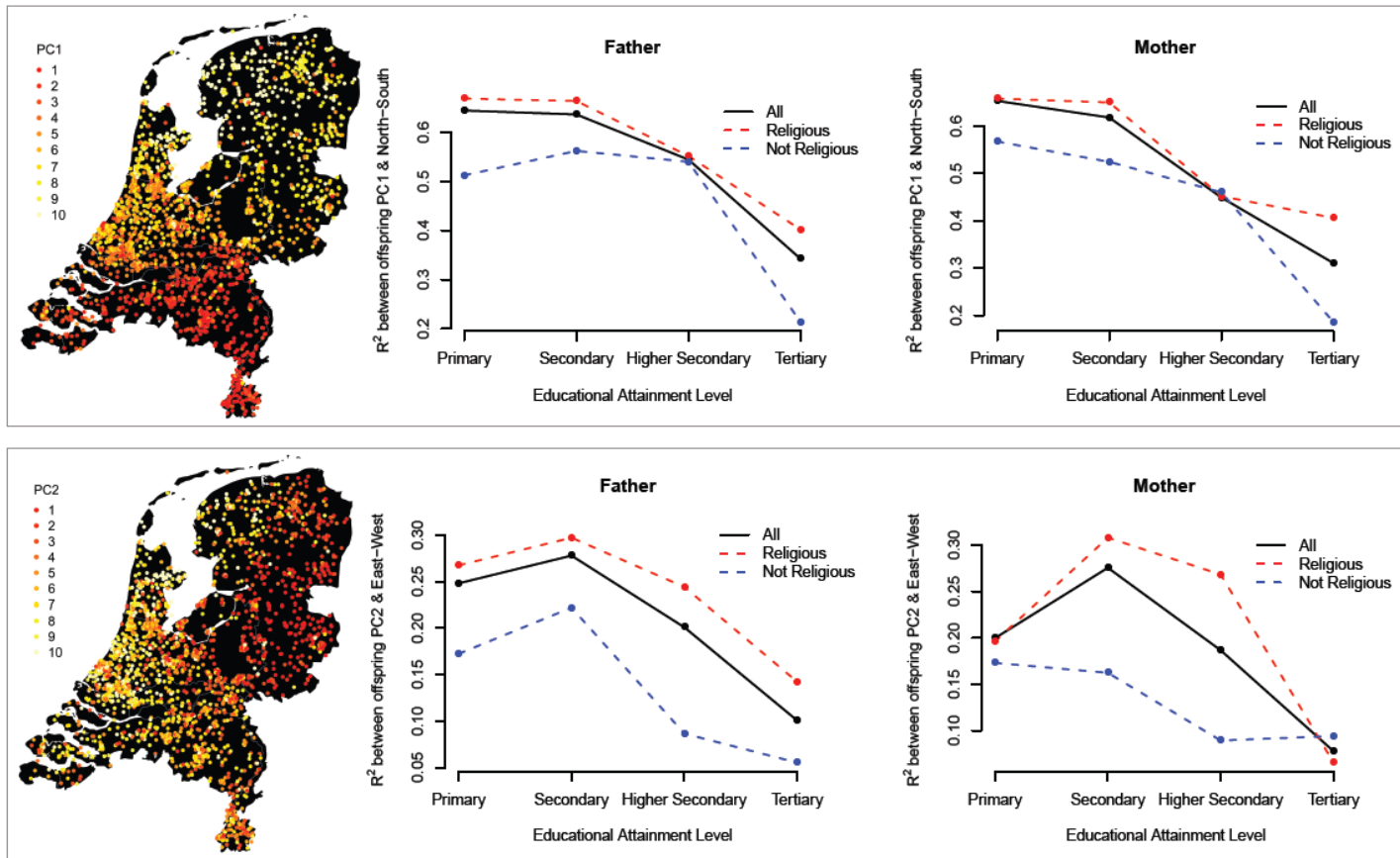
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- ▶ When ancestry correlates with geography, this means that higher educated parents are more likely to choose a mate with a different ancestral background.
- ▶ The association between parental educational attainment and  $F_{roh}$  is fully mediated by parental birthplace distance
  - ▶ paternal education:  $p_{mediation} = 2.4 \times 10^{-4}$
  - ▶ maternal education:  $p_{mediation} = 2.3 \times 10^{-4}$
- ▶ When including parental birthplace distance in the regression, association between  $F_{roh}$  and parental education disappears



# Association between education and ROHs

- ▶ Correlation between offspring ancestry and geography significantly decreased as parental education increased.



# Conclusions

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- ▶ Even within relatively homogeneous populations, systematic ancestry differences are detectable and can be captured with PCs if the PCA is conducted with care. These ancestry-informative PCs can correlate with phenotypes of interest.
- ▶ Differences in autozygosity between social groups can unveil additional dimensions of stratification within populations that are not directly captured by PCs and can correlate with (heritable) phenotypes.