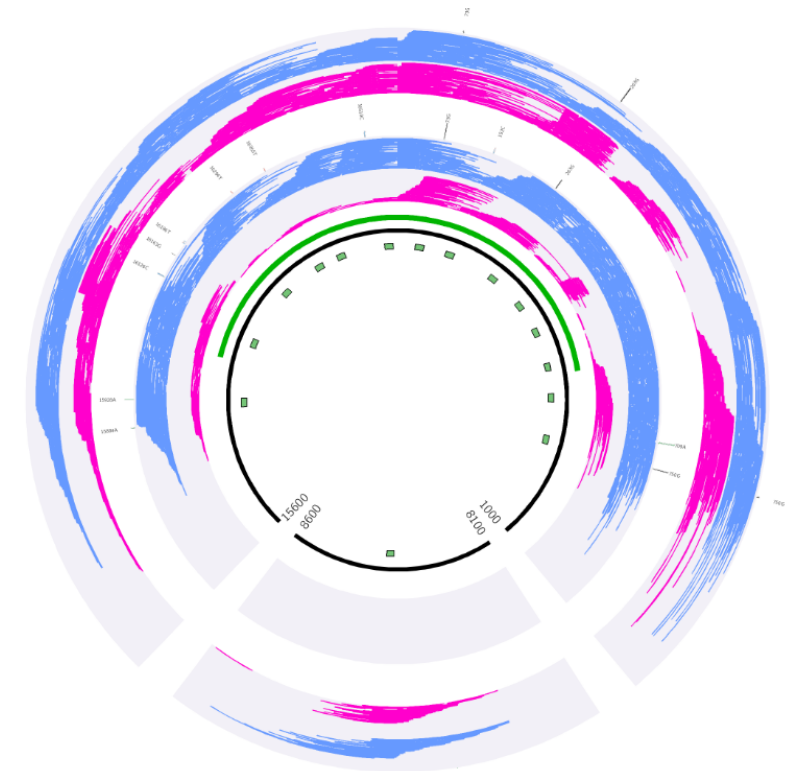
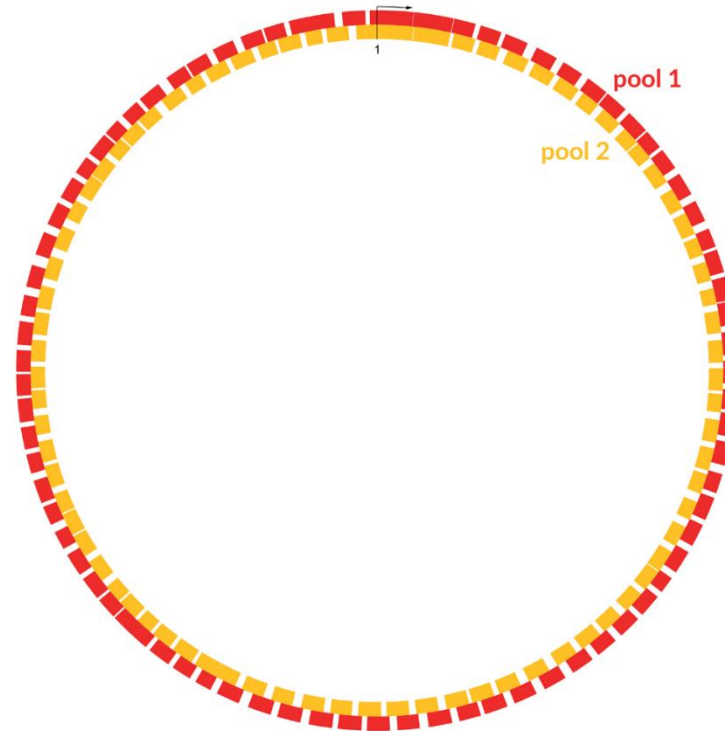
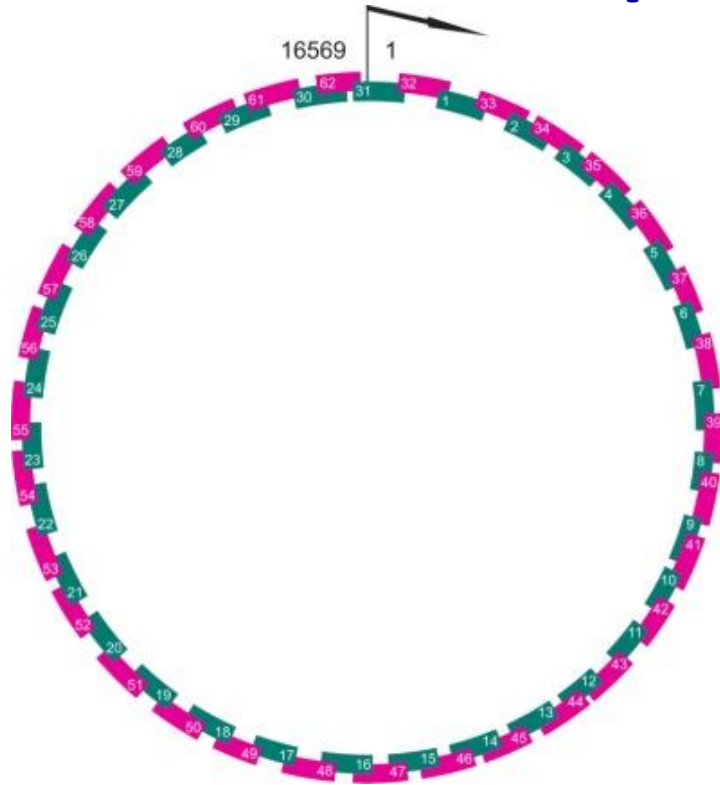


Implementing Mitochondrial DNA Massively Parallel Sequencing into Forensic Casework



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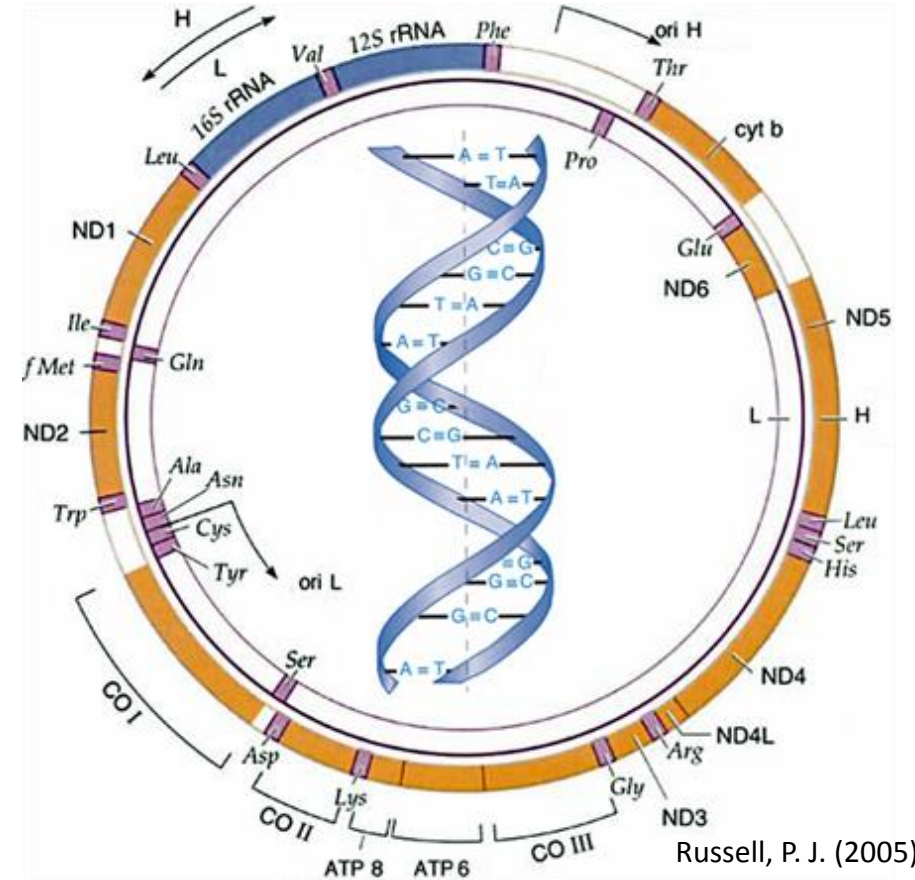
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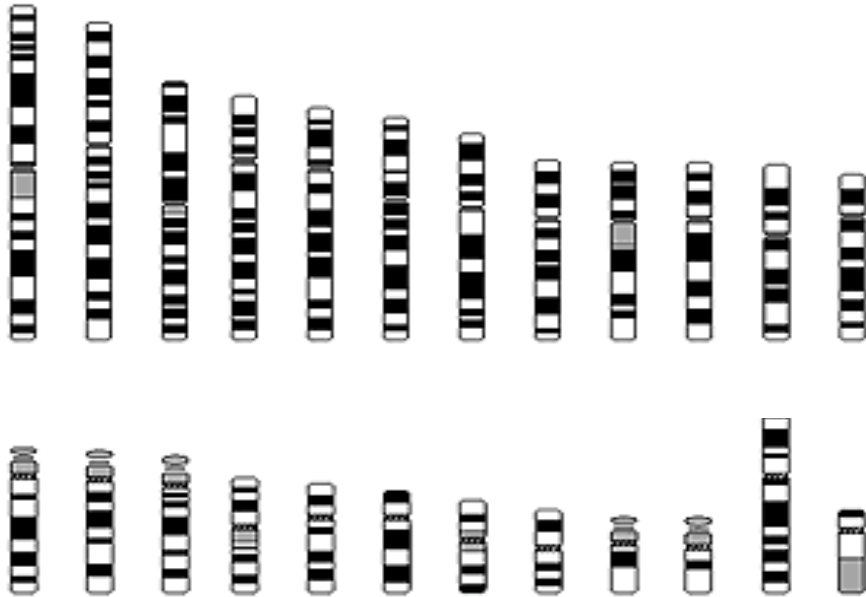
Introduction

circular double-stranded molecule
16.5 kbp in size
compact and reduced
coding region (15 kb) 37 genes
13 OSPHOX proteins
22 tRNAs
2 rRNAs
control region (1.1 kb) d-loop
non-coding, regulatory
evolutionary rate ~10x of nDNA



Mitochondrial DNA copy number

Nuclear DNA (nDNA)



46 chromosomes, 3.2×10^9 bp
diploid

mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)



100(0)s per cell, 16.6 kbp
haploid

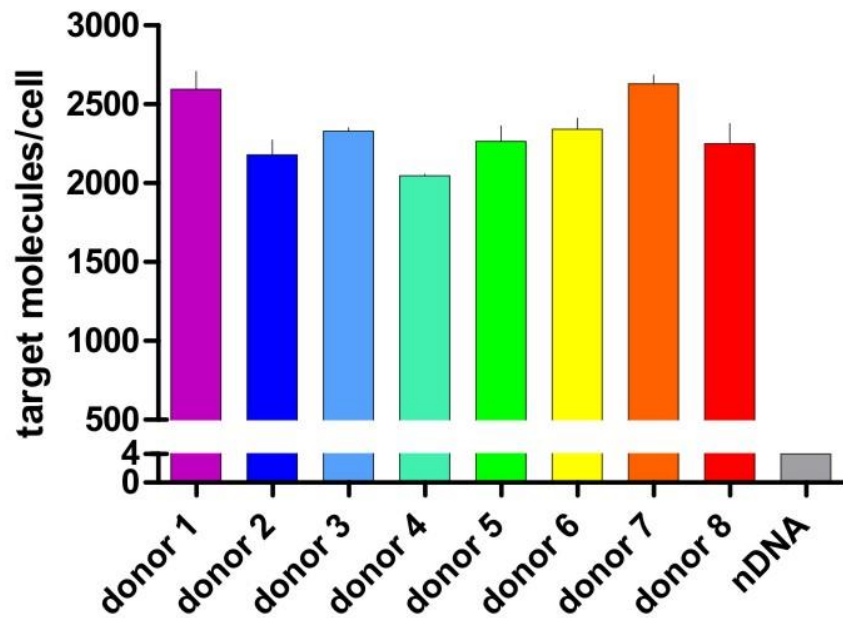
Mitochondrial DNA - copy number

Higher copy number than nDNA

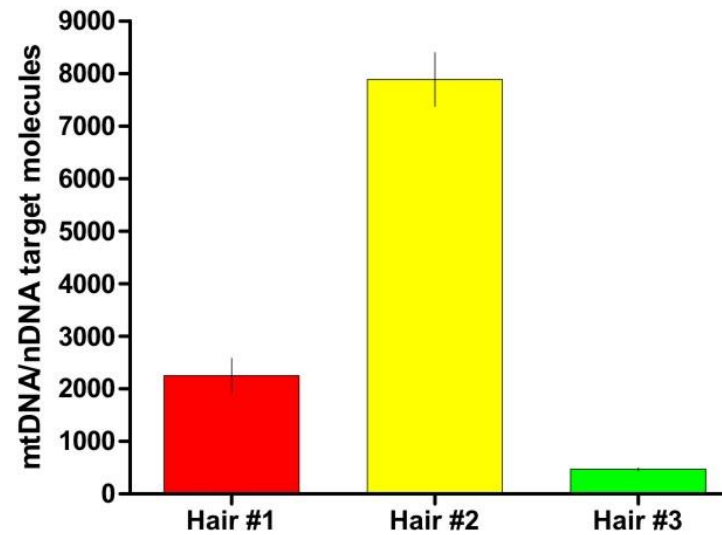
4-5 mtDNA (avg) molecules/mitochondrion (Sato and Kuroiwa, 1991)

up to 1,000 mitochondria/cell (Robin and Wong, 1988)

mtDNA vs. nDNA in blood

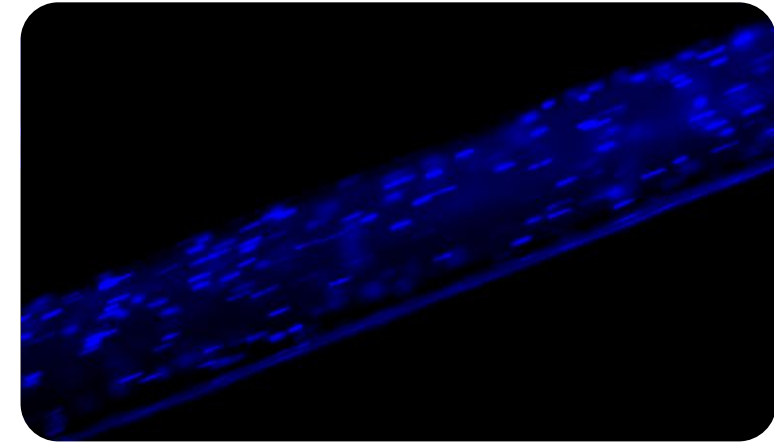


mtDNA/nDNA copy number ratios



Blood: 500 – 650x

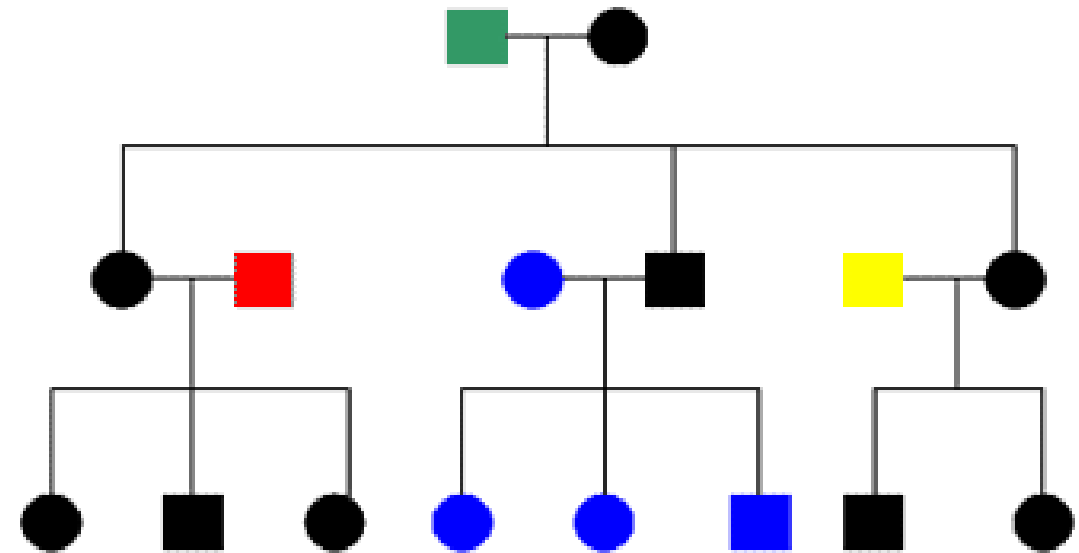
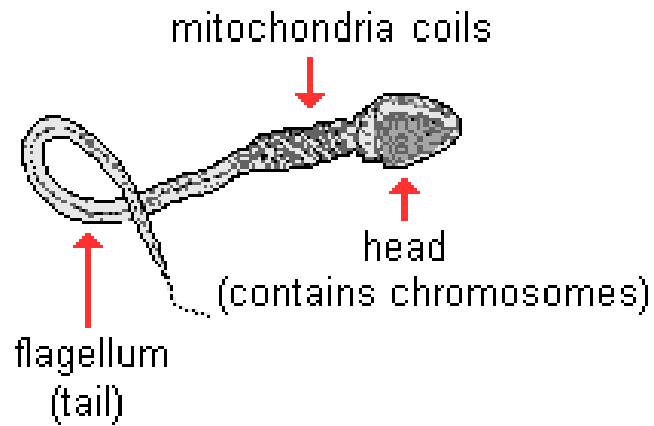
Hair: much higher



Szabo et al 2012

Mitochondrial DNA - Maternal Inheritance

Mitochondria derive from the fertilized egg
(100.000s versus few in sperm neck)
Ubiquitin tagging of paternal mtDNA



Identification of maternal lineages (not individuals)

Mitochondrial DNA - Maternal Inheritance - Statistical Evaluation

EMPOP mtDNA database, v3/R11



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EMPOP holds high quality population data

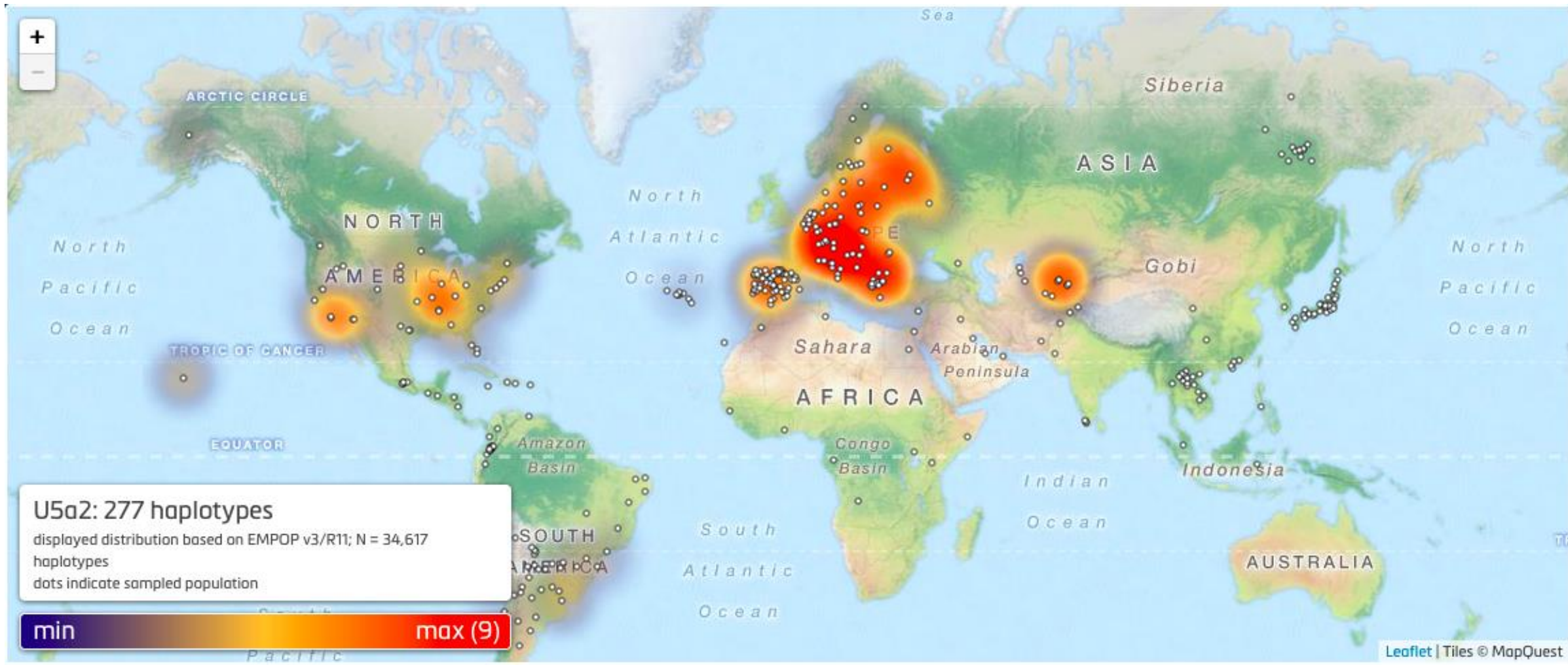
The EMPOP database aims at the collection, quality control and searchable presentation of mtDNA haplotypes from all over the world.

The scientific concept and the quality control measures using logical and phylogenetic tools were found suitable for forensic purposes, e.g.

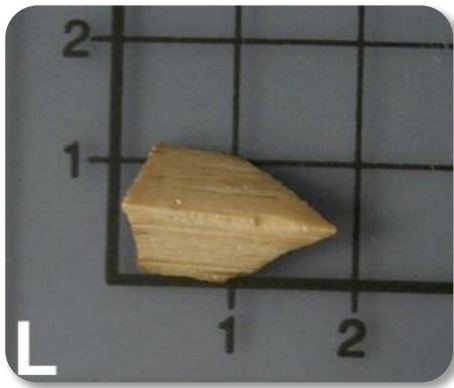
- by declaration of the German Supreme Court of Justice (2010)
- the SWGDAM mtDNA interpretation guidelines (2013)
- and the updated ISFG guidelines for mtDNA analysis (2014)



Mitochondrial DNA - Maternal Inheritance - Haplogroup Information



Mitochondrial DNA - Maternal Inheritance



Leopold III (+1136)
Bauer et al. 2013 *FSIG*



King Richard III (+1485)
King et al 2014 *Nature Com*



Wolfgang A. Mozart (+1791)
Parson 2006 (pers. comm)



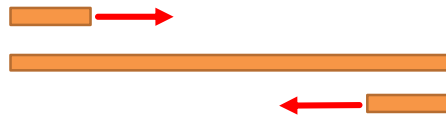
Friedrich v. Schiller (+1805)
Parson 2008 (pers. comm.)



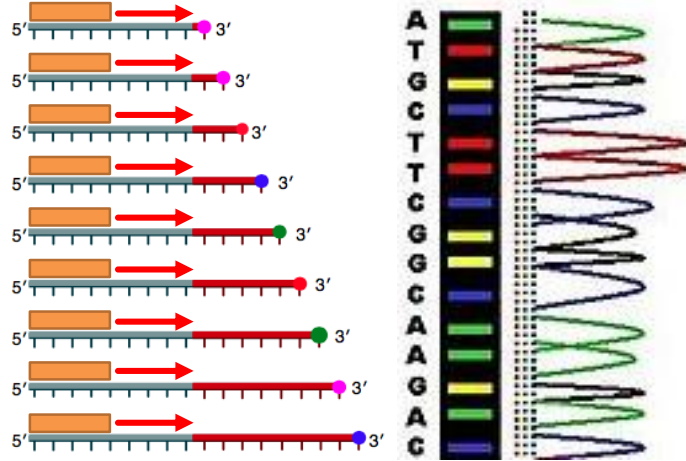
Romanov family (+1918)
Coble et al 2009 *PLoS ONE*

PCR-based Sanger-type Dye Terminator Sequencing

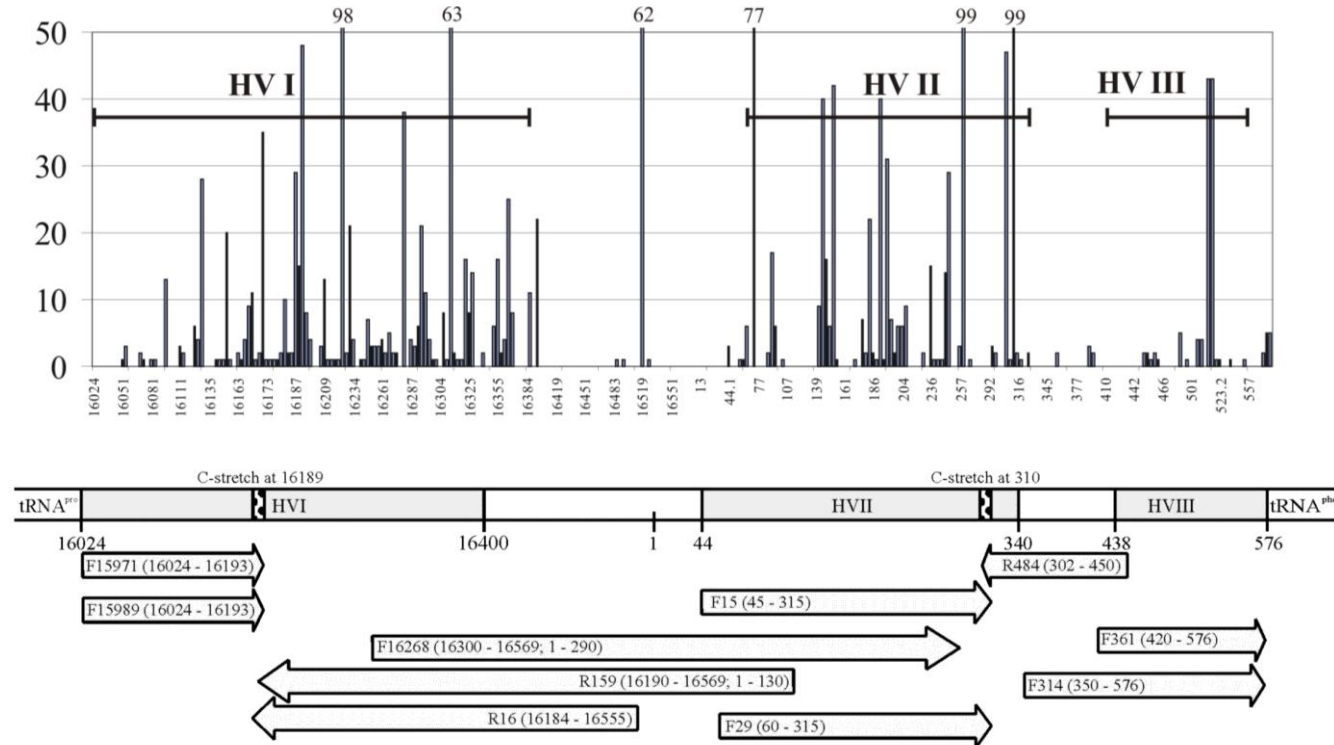
PCR



Dye Terminator Sequencing

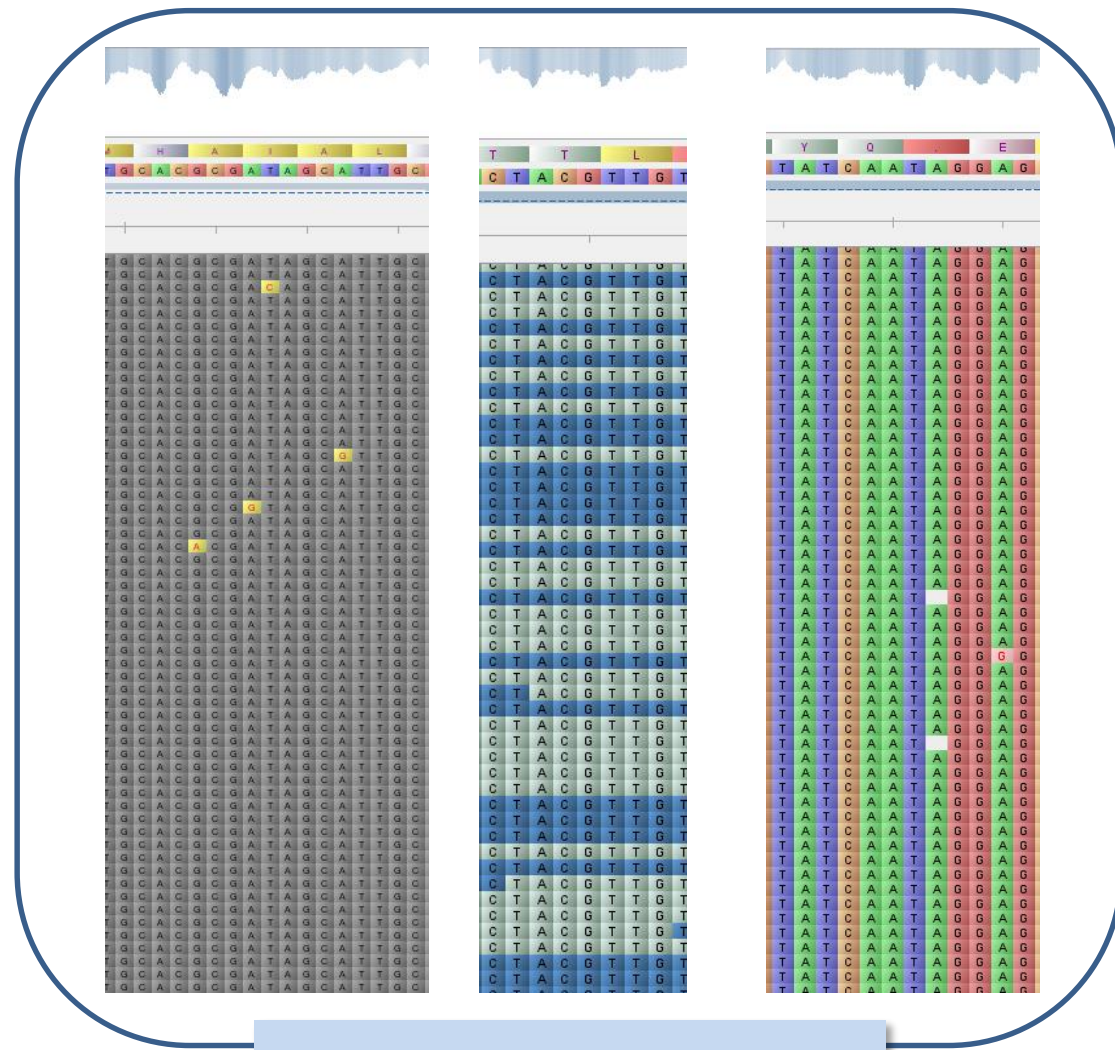
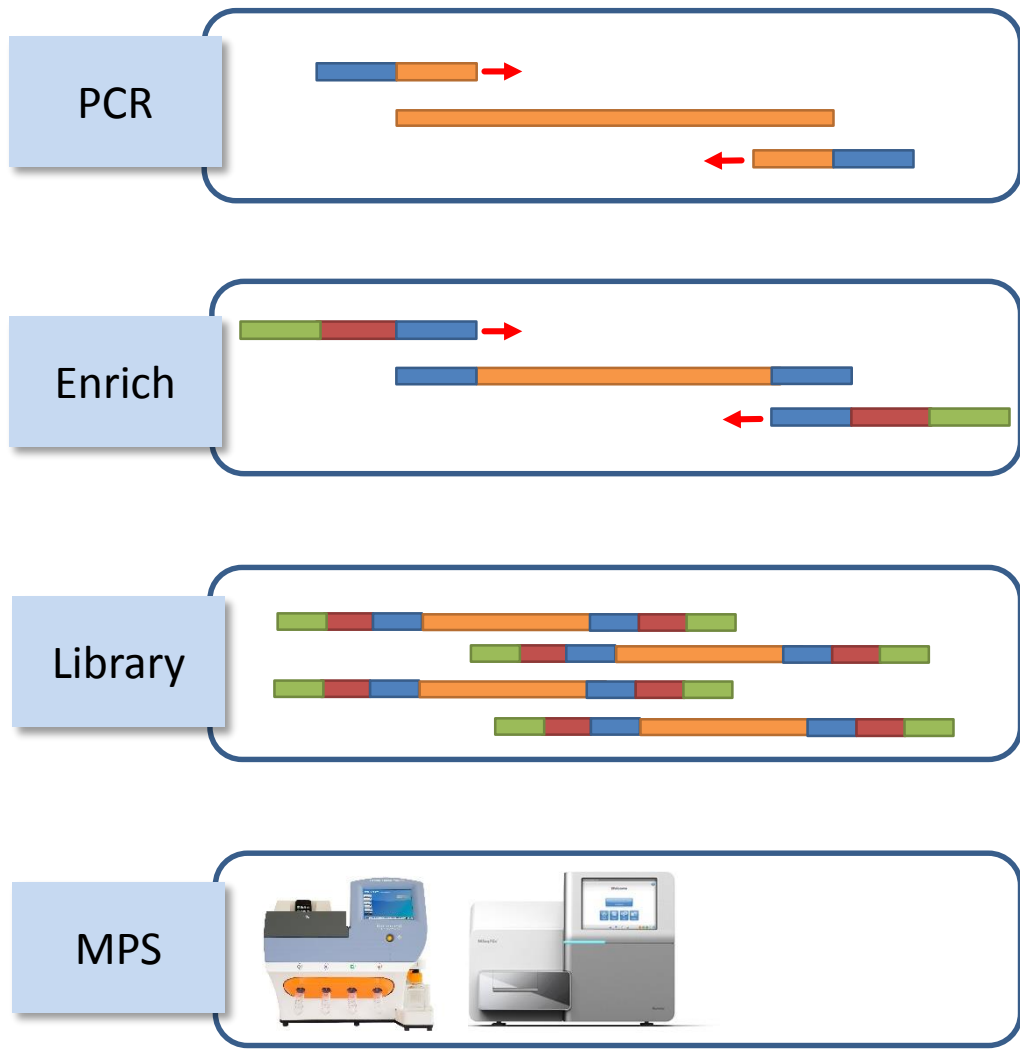


CE



Brandstätter et al (2004) *JLM*

MtDNA Analysis by Next Generation (Massively Parallel) Sequencing



MtDNA MPS: New Avenues

Capture **more sequence information with MPS** from a sample per assay/run than CE-based methods

- increased sequence depth

- analyze larger regions up to full mitogenomes

- higher resolution of mixtures (heteroplasmy)

Direct determination of the sequence

- actual counts of reads (not peak heights)

Amenable to **alternative library generation** methods

- e.g. Capture hybridisation, Primer Capture Extension, Shotgun sequencing

Early Research on MtDNA MPS

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Evaluation of next generation mtGenome sequencing using the Ion Torrent Personal Genome Machine (PGM)[☆]

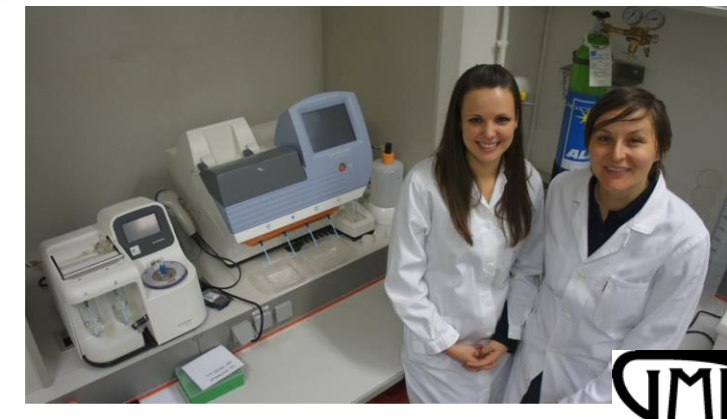


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42 mtGenomes STS & PGM
high concordance
except C-stretches
Software improvements

Origin	#	Source	Reference
Sub-Saharan (Angola)	5	blood	Fendt et al 2012
Southeast Asian (East Timor)	8	buccal	Parson et al 2013
Westeurasian (Austria)	6	paraffin-embedded tissue	Fendt et al 2011
Westeurasian (Austria)	23	buccal	Parson et al 2013



CR

polymorphic positions around the human mtGenome (N=14,990)

Evaluating variation in the mtDNA coding region

mitogenomes significantly increase PD in random samples

Three major U.S. populations (n=588)

	HV1	HV1/HV2	CR	mtG
African American (n=170)				
# Haplotypes	124	140	148	169
# Unique Haplotypes	106	120	130	168
Power of Discrimination	99,20%	99,67%	99,81%	99,99%
U.S. Caucasian (n=263)				
# Haplotypes	151	200	229	259
# Unique Haplotypes	122	170	211	255
Power of Discrimination	97,62%	99,42%	99,78%	99,99%
U.S. Hispanic (n=155)				
# Haplotypes	119	134	141	147
# Unique Haplotypes	102	121	130	140
Power of Discrimination	99,37%	99,74%	99,86%	99,92%

Three major U.S. populations (n=283)

	HV1/HV2			mtG		
	AFA	CAU	HIS	AFA	CAU	HIS
# Individuals	87	83	113	87	83	113
# Unique haplotypes	76	77	96	85	83	111

Populations	n	HVI/HVII		mtGenome	
		RMP	GD	RMP	GD
AFA	87	2.42%	98.72%	1.31%	99.84%
CAU	83	3.12%	98.06%	1.20%	100.00%
HIS	113	3.33%	97.53%	0.98%	99.91%
Mean		2.96	98.10	1.16 ^c	99.91 ^d
±SD		±0.48%	±0.59%	±0.17%	±0.08%

Evaluating variation in the mtDNA coding region

mitogenomes significantly increase PD in common types

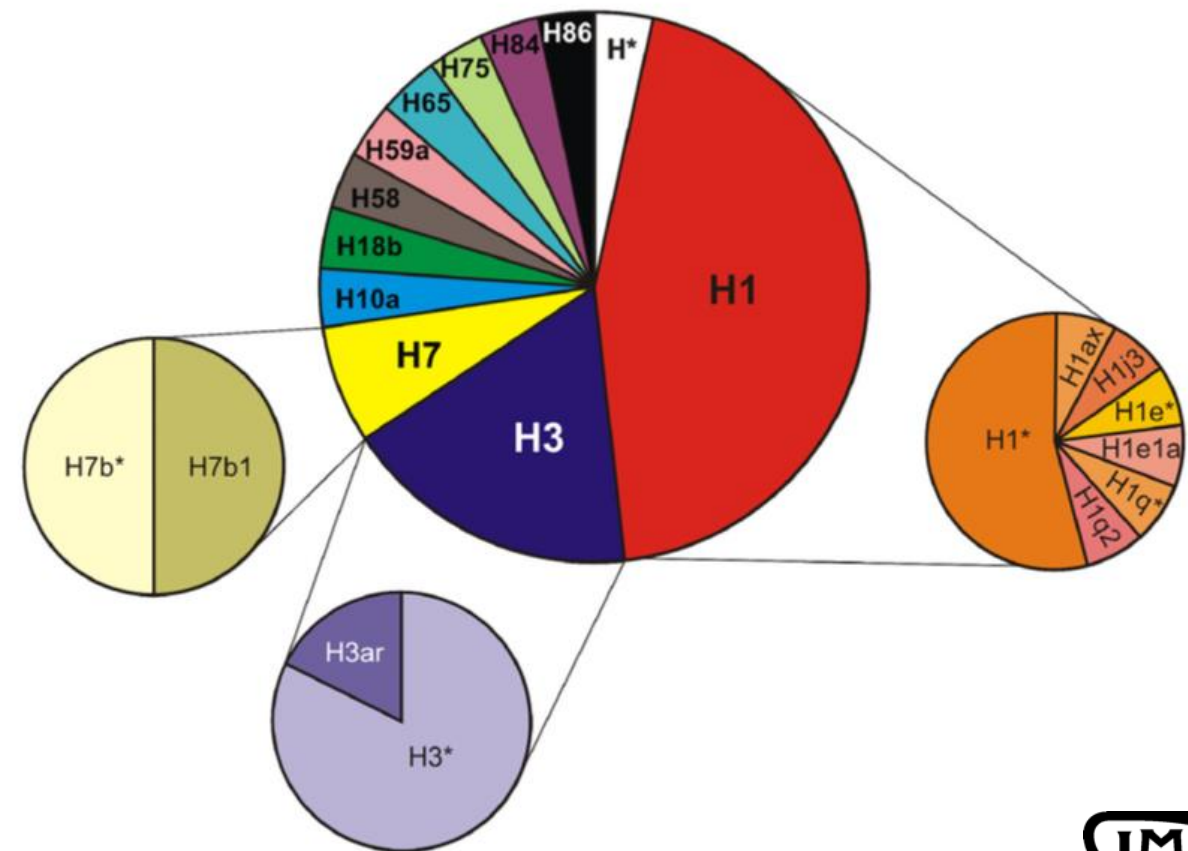
Comparison of the diversity parameters in the 29 Italian samples using different sequence ranges.

	mtDNA range		Complete mtGenome
	CR	CR + 39 codR SNPs ^a	
Haplotypes	1	6	28
Unique haplotypes	0	2	27
Haplogroups ^b	1	6	20
Unique haplogroups ^b	0	2	18
RMP ^c	1.000	0.296	0.037
Haplotype diversity	0.0%	72.9%	99.8%

^a Thereof 17 specific for haplogroup H clades [44].

^b According to Ref. [15], build 16. H* is considered a haplogroup.

^c Random match probability.



Full mitogenomes from hair shafts

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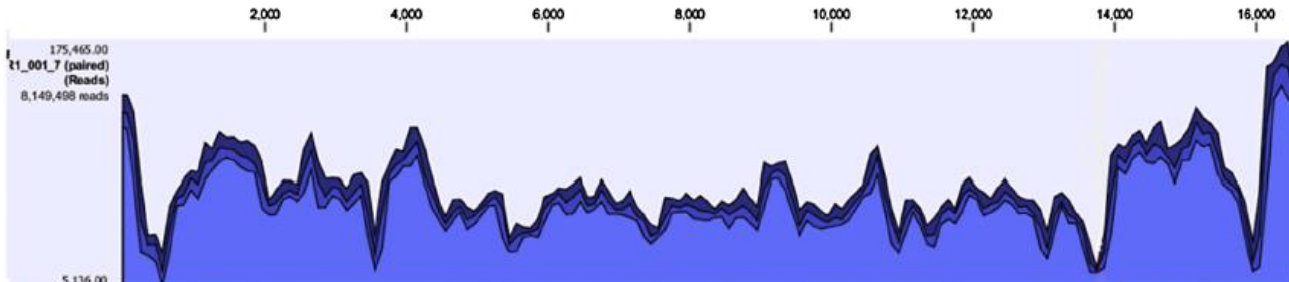
Massively parallel sequencing of complete mitochondrial genomes from hair shaft samples

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Hair A

Average Coverage:
73,000



Full mitogenomes from aDNA

~2000 year old Colombian tooth sample

Muisca burial place around Sun Temple (Sogamoso, Boyaca, Colombia)

DNA extraction: full demin protocol (Bauer et al 2013 **FSIG**)

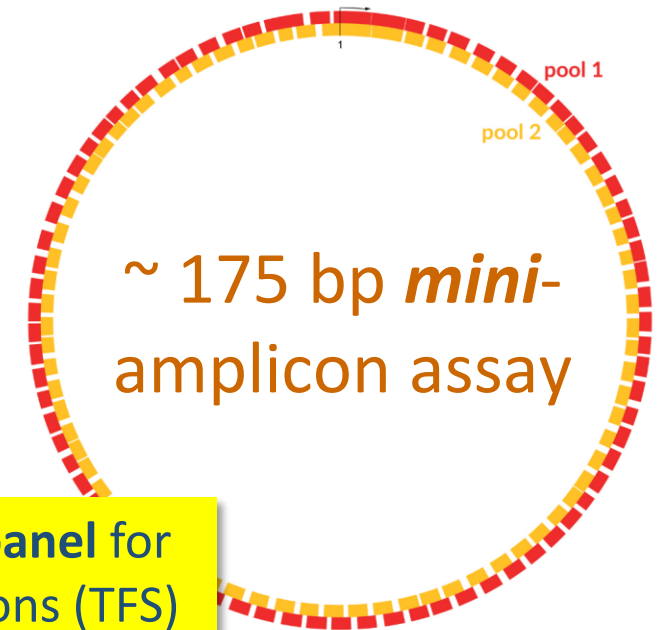
rt-PCR mtDNA quant: 2,668 mtGE/ μ l (Niederstatter et al 2007 **FSIG**)

full mitogenome – hg B2d

73G 263G 309.1C 315.1C 498del 499A 750G 827G 1438G 2706G
3547G 4122G 4123G 4769G 4820A 4977C 6473T 7028T 8281-8289del
8860G 8875C 9682C 9950C 11177T 11719A 13590A 14766T 15326G
15535T 16093C 16183C 16189C 16217C

mean cov mtG: 306

mean cov diff to rCRS: 362

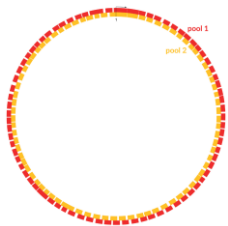


Early access mtDNA Ion AmpliSeq™ panel for mitogenome sequencing - 162 amplicons (TFS)



We ❤️ Mito Tiling

Early access mtDNA Ion AmpliSeq™ panel for mtGenome sequencing
162 amplicons - about 175 bp in size



Full mitogenomes from aDNA

Remains from an Austrian medieval cemetery (5th/6th and 12th/13th centuries)

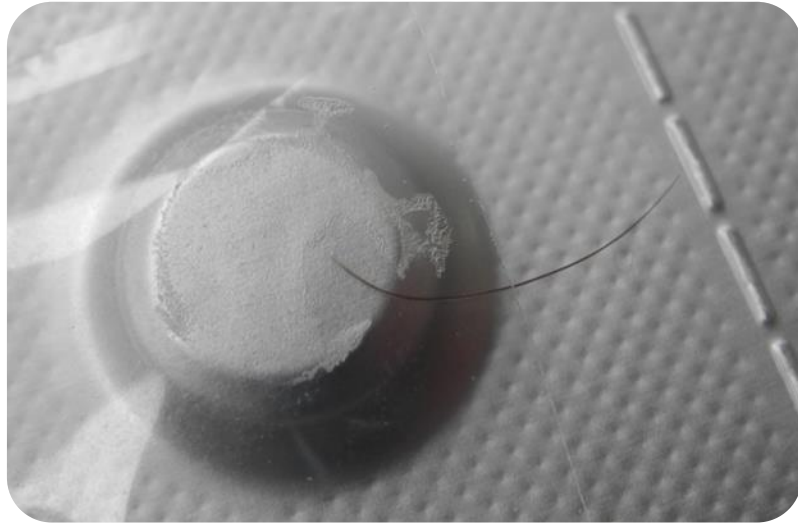


	tissue	mtGE/ μ L 143bp	mean cov mtG	mean cov diff to rCRS	full/partial
No.1	T	55,871	2,502	490	full
No.2	T	3,536	50	30	full
No.3	T	4,881	44	22	full
No.4	T	655	18	24	partial
No.5	T	3,432	26	17	full
No.6	T	60,364	38	26	full
No.7	T	4,516	47	23	full
No.8	B	729	3,494	3,326	partial
No.9	B	0	20	10	partial
No.10	T	8,847	25	14	full

(Bauer et al 2013
FSIG)

MitoTiling, HID-Ion_AmpliSeq_Mito_Library_Prep_2-to-1, 200bp_Hi-Q, One Touch, 318v2PGM (TFS)

Mitogenomes from hair



Hair sample (1.2 cm): “root” and shaft

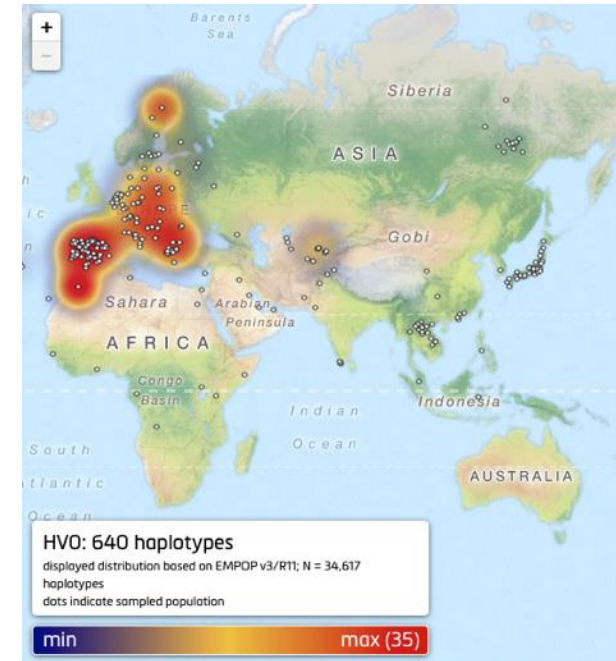
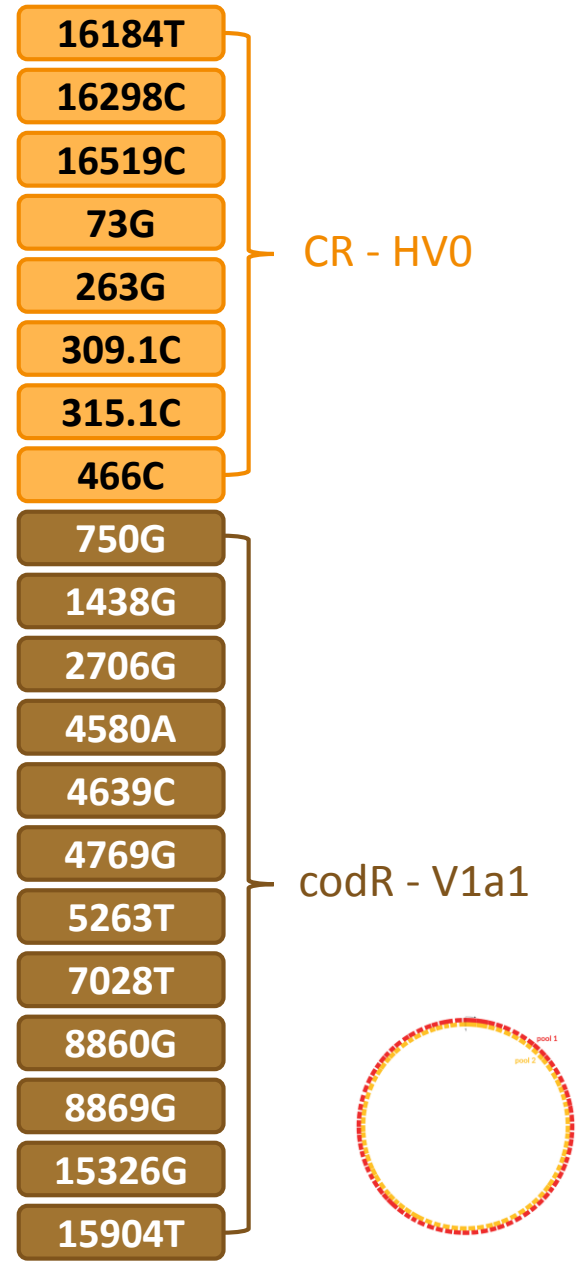
EZ-1 extraction

hair “root”: 94 mtGE/ μ l

hair shaft: 220 mtGE/ μ l

CE CR mini, “root” and shaft, HV0-ht

MPS mito tiling, “root” and shaft, V1a1-ht



Highly degraded DNA

SEPTEMBER 26, 2014, IGUALA, MEXICO

43 male students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers College went missing

We received 17 severely burnt samples

One resulted in CE-STR profile matching 1 family

Remaining samples gave no detectable DNA (mito)

The New York Times

AMERICAS

Remains of Student in Mexico Identified

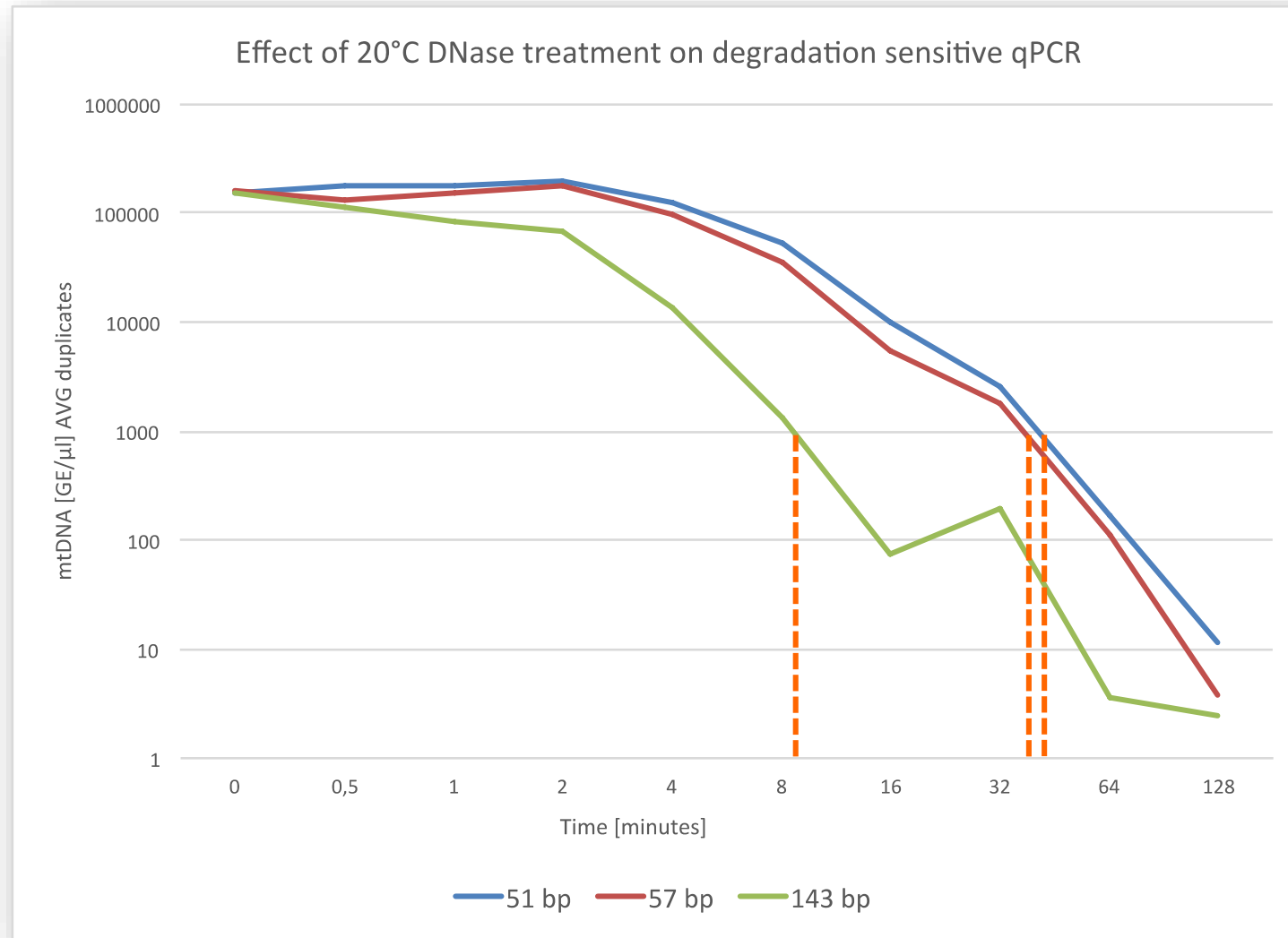
By RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD and PAULINA VILLEGAS DEC. 6, 2014



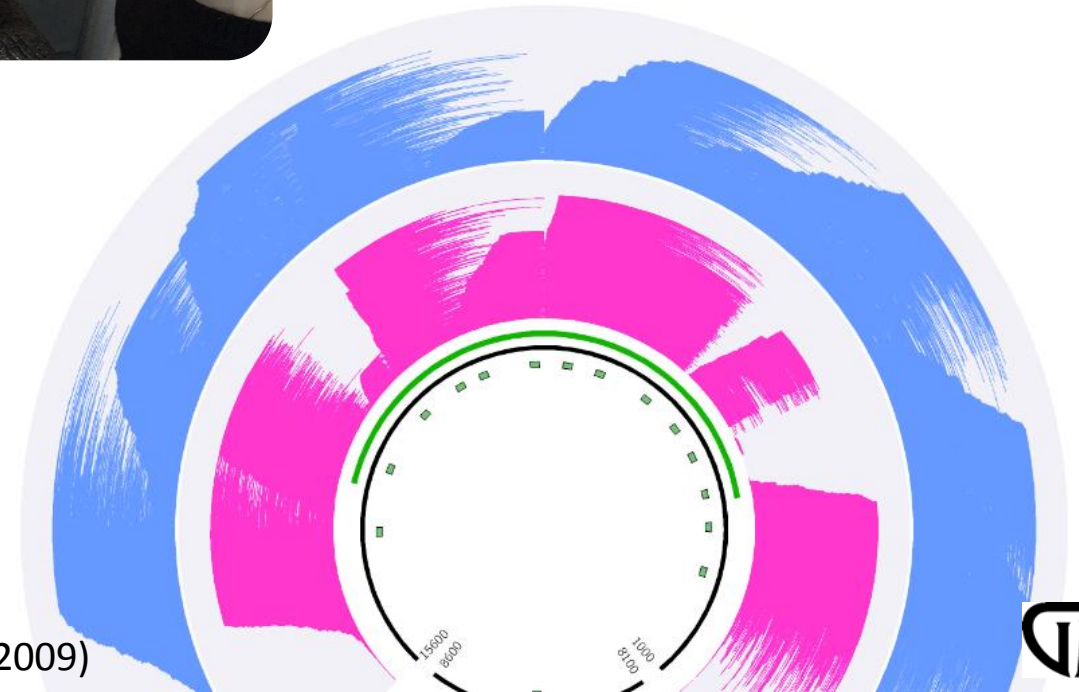
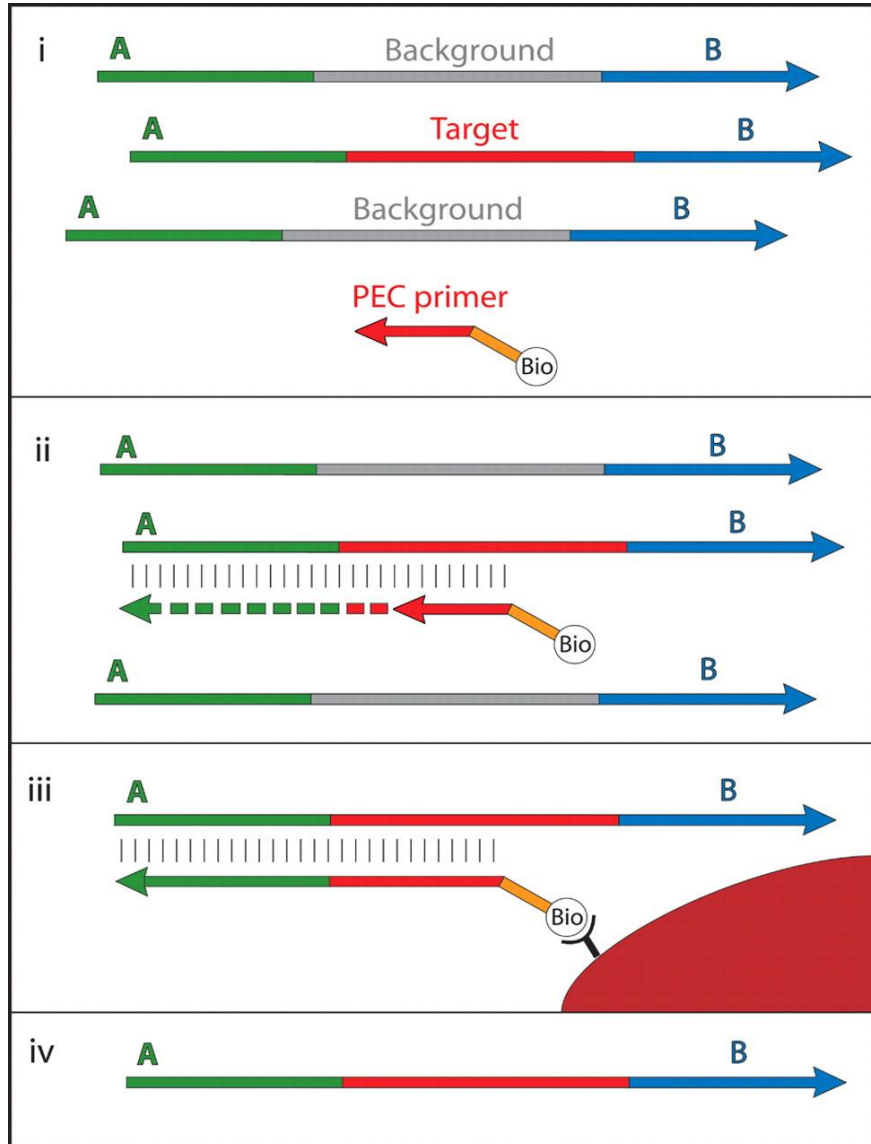
Ezequiel Mora, father of Alexander Mora, whose remains were said to have been identified, mourns at his home El Pericon, Mexico, on Sunday. Jorge Dan Lopez/Reuters



qPCR values of DNase-degraded mtDNA

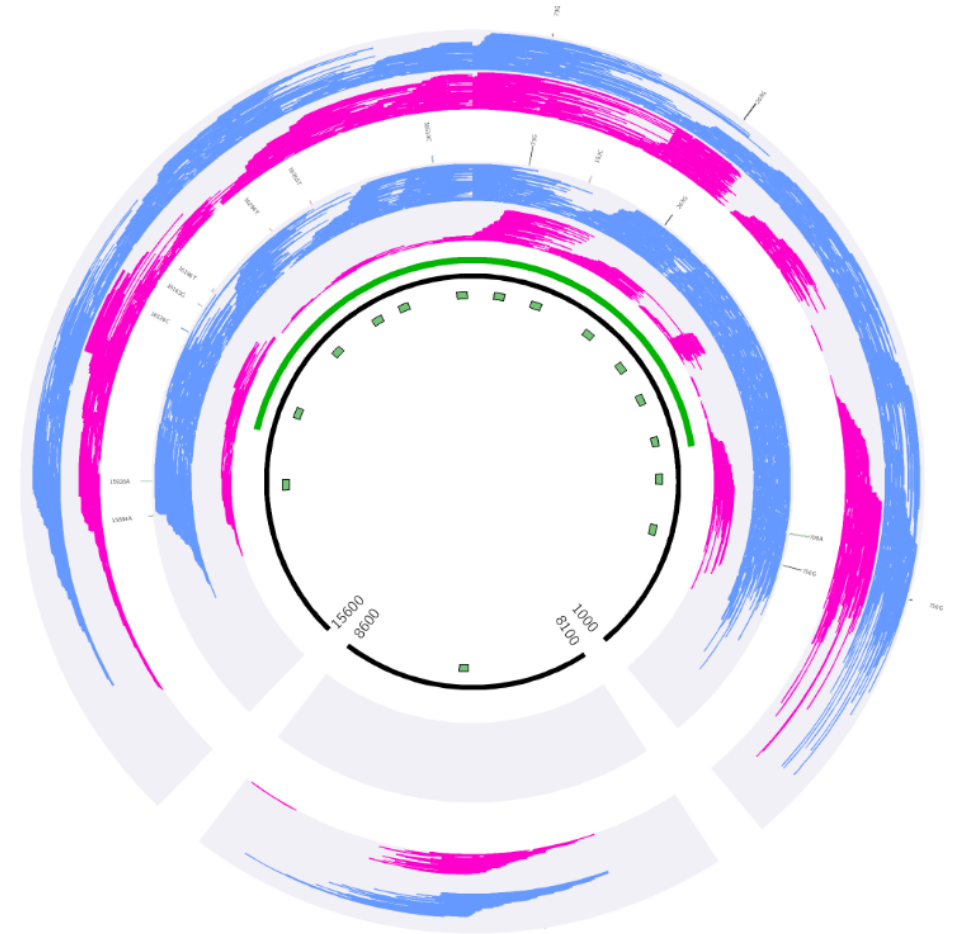
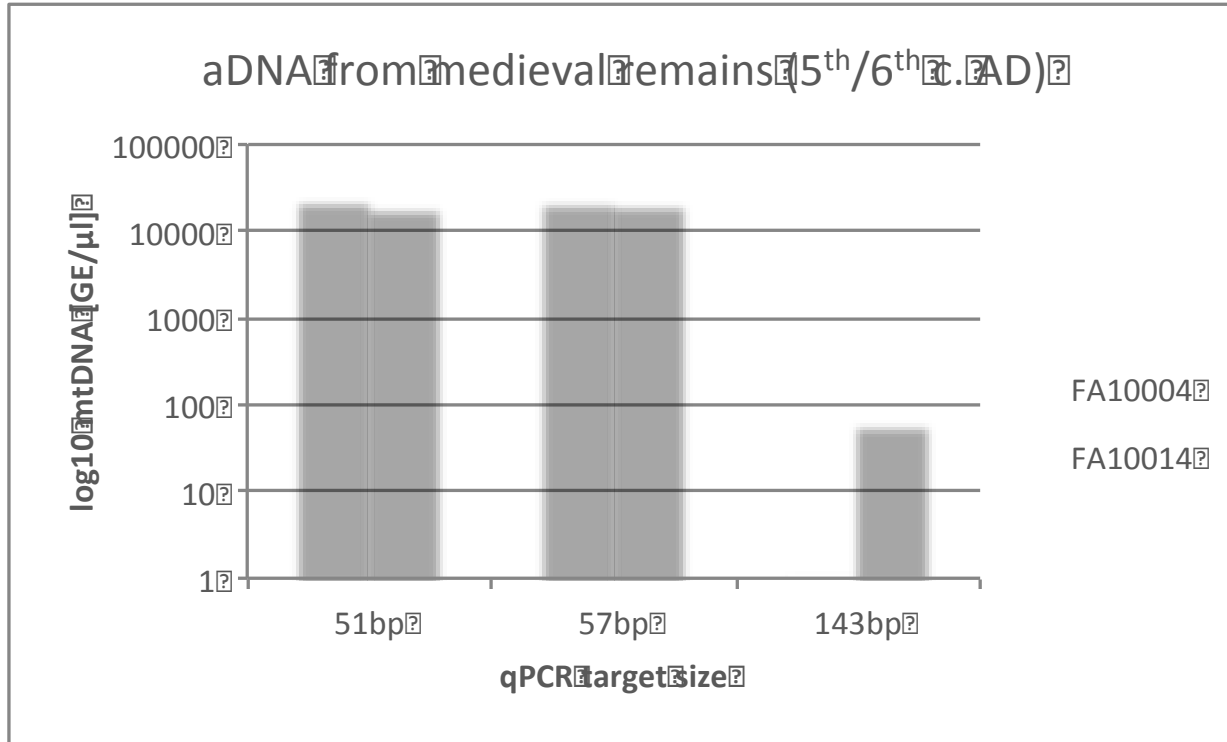


Primer Extension Capture mtDNA MPS



Briggs et al *Science* (2009)

Primer Extension Capture mtDNA MPS



FA10014

Sanger (2012) 60 mtGE/μl [143bp]

16126C 16163G 16186T 16189C 16294T 16355T 16519C 73G 152C

16126C 16163G 16186T 16189C 16294T 16355T 16519C 73G 152C 263G 315.1C 709A 750G 15884A 15928A

PEC (2015) 20.000 mtGE/μl [57bp]

hg T1a12

PEC applied to Mexican samples

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Latin America & Caribbean

Remains of second Mexican student identified

17 September 2015 | Latin America & Caribbean



AFP

The relatives of the 43 missing students have held regular peaceful protests and marches for the past year

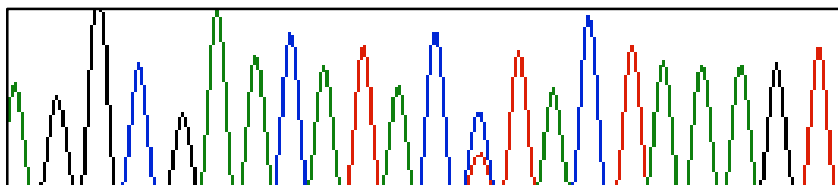
Of 17 shipped samples

one gave CE-STRs matching one set of family references (LR>)

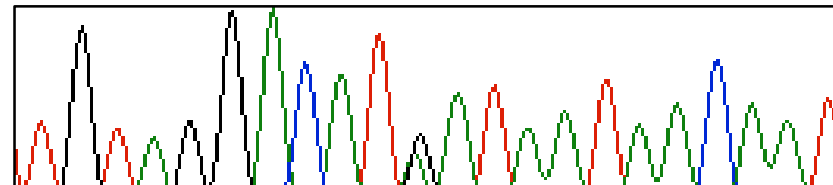
Nine brought sequences using PEC MPS, of which **two** were human specific. One matched the **earlier identified student**, the other matched a **new set of family references**

Seven remaining samples brought non-human results

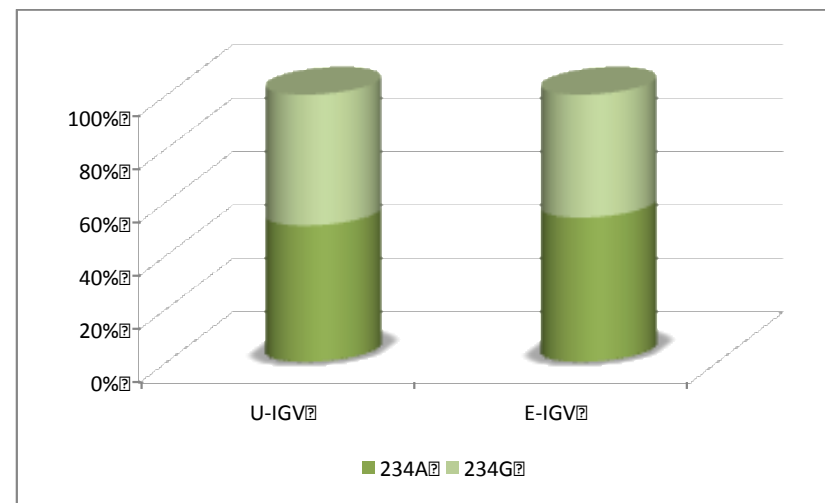
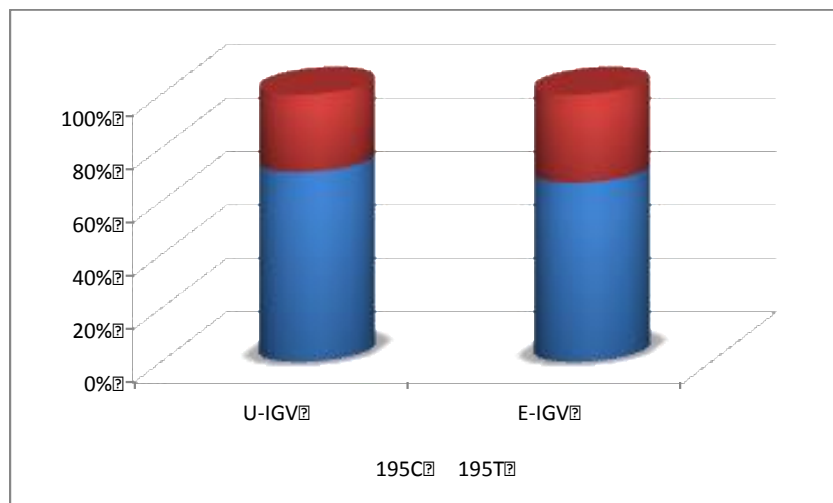
Mixtures (point heteroplasmy) with MPS



PGM	195C	195T	CV
U-IGV	0.74	0.26	2129
E-IGV	0.67	0.33	4953
MiSeq	195C	195T	CV
U-IGV	0.71	0.29	4150



PGM	234A	234G	CV
U-IGV	0.53	0.47	1417
E-IGV	0.54	0.46	3841
MiSeq	234A	234G	CV
U-IGV	0.51	0.49	2375



With Sanger we established ...

... that in the **Control Region**, point heteroplasmy

occurs in about **6%** in saliva and blood (Irwin et al 2009), **max 3/Ind**

is **consistent with evolutionary hotspot mutations** (few exceptions, e.g. 214, 215)

... that in the **entire mitogenome**, point heteroplasmy

occurs in about **24%** in serum (Just et al 2015), **max 3/Ind**

occurs randomly (not associated with evolutionary hotspots nor signature mutations)

Is Heteroplasmy Detection More Sensitive with MPS?

Generally yes, but interpretation is dependent on coverage, strand bias, background, and other factors. Great care is indicated with superficial literature data!

OPEN ACCESS Freely available online



Next-Generation Sequencing of Human Mitochondrial Reference Genomes Uncovers High Heteroplasmy Frequency

Bullet points:

HapMap samples: 20 European ancestry (CEU), 20 African ancestry (YRI)

454 GS FLX pyrosequencing platform

Sequencing error rate $< 5.63 \times 10^{-4}$

Higher rate of heteroplasmy (10-50%)

“NGS technologies allow interrogation of the mitochondrial genome in greater depth than previously possible which may be of value in biology and medicine”

NAI289I	14872	H13
NAI289I	2259	H13a
NAI289I	4745	H13aI
NAI289I	7337	H13aIaI
NAI289I	6755	H13aIaIa
NAI289I	2706	outside H ←
NAI289I	7028	outside H ←
NAI289I	152	recurrent
NAI289I	6266	recurrent

9 “heteroplasmies” - contamination!!!

apparent mixture of H13 and a sample outside hg H
numerous other examples.....

Is Heteroplasmy Detection More Sensitive with MPS?

Extensive pathogenicity of mitochondrial heteroplasmy in healthy human individuals

Bullet points:

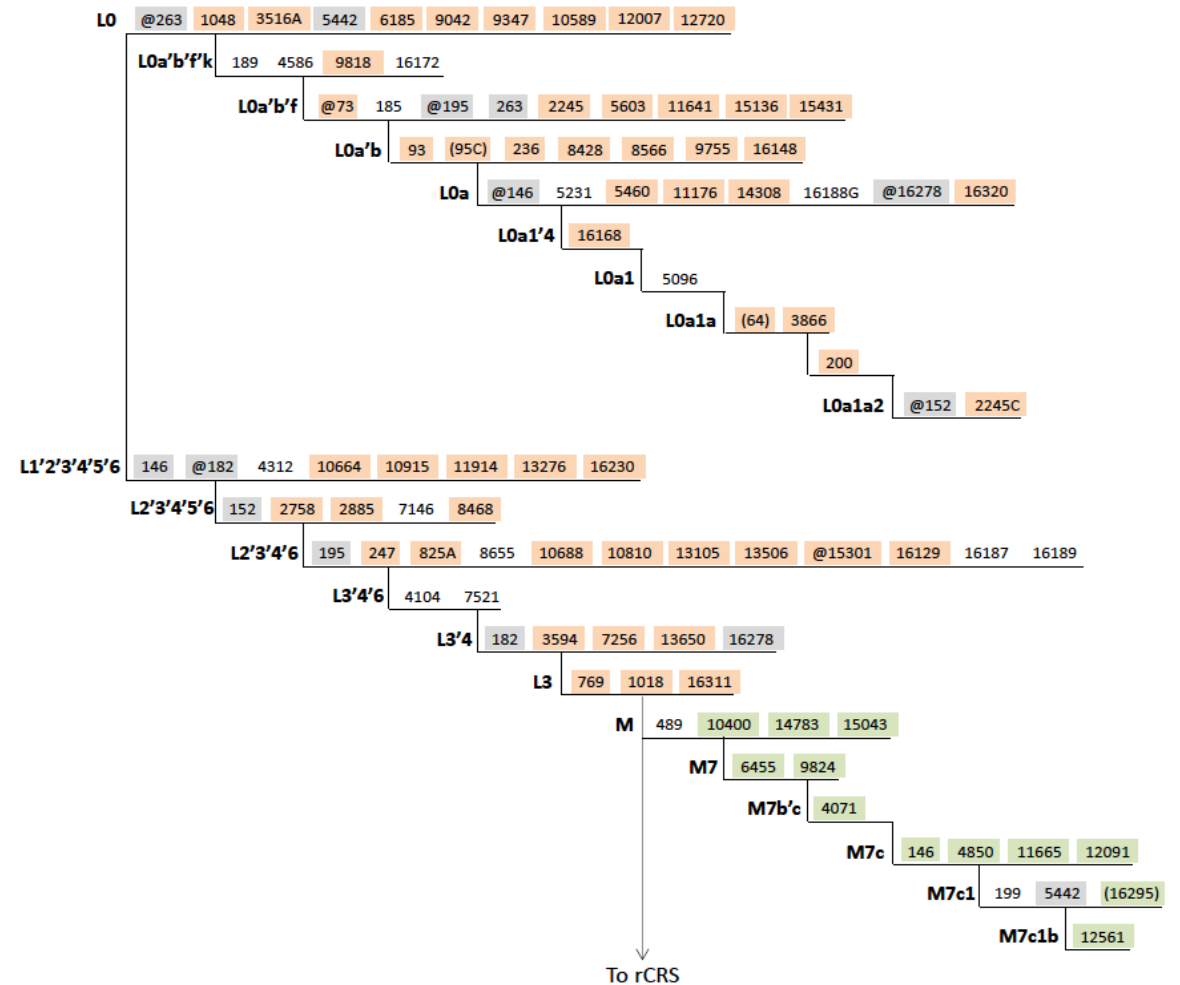
1000 Genomes Project

Mean coverage of ~2,000x

Use a combination of stringent thresholds and a maximum-likelihood method to define heteroplasmy

~90% of the individuals carry at least one heteroplasmy (1% minor allele frequency (MAF) threshold)

Positive correlation between substitution rates and heteroplasmy rates (not found in Sanger)



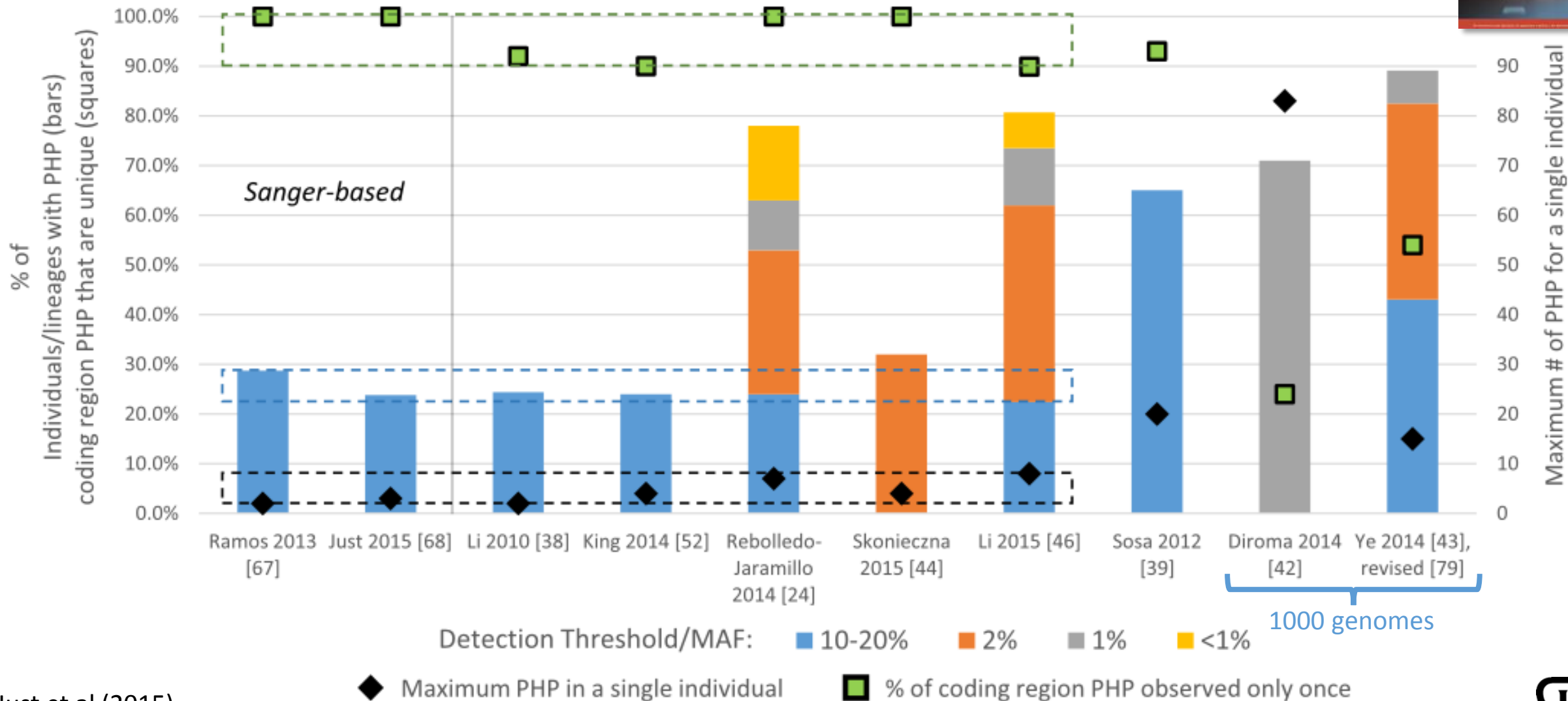
>70 “heteroplasmy”??? - contamination!!!

mixture of M7c and L0a

Heteroplasmy Detection Is More Sensitive with MPS, but

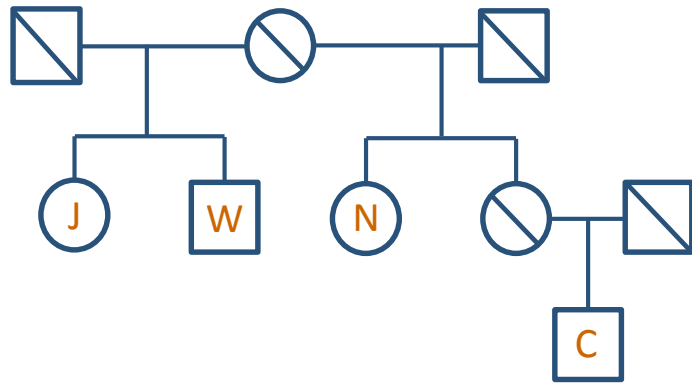


... its authenticity depends on various factors including rate of contamination, presence of numts, total sequencing coverage, and sequence background.



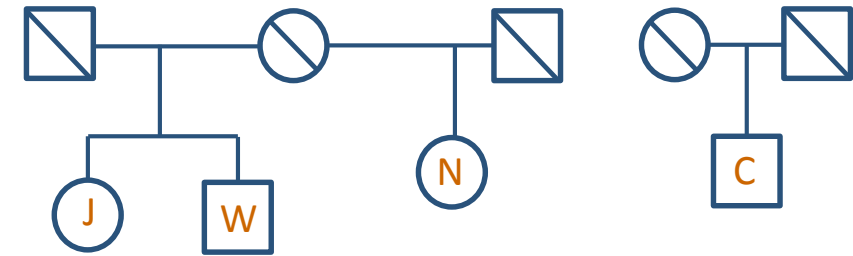
Immigration case - aSTRs & X-STRs (CE)

H1



$W_1 = 99.9966 \%$

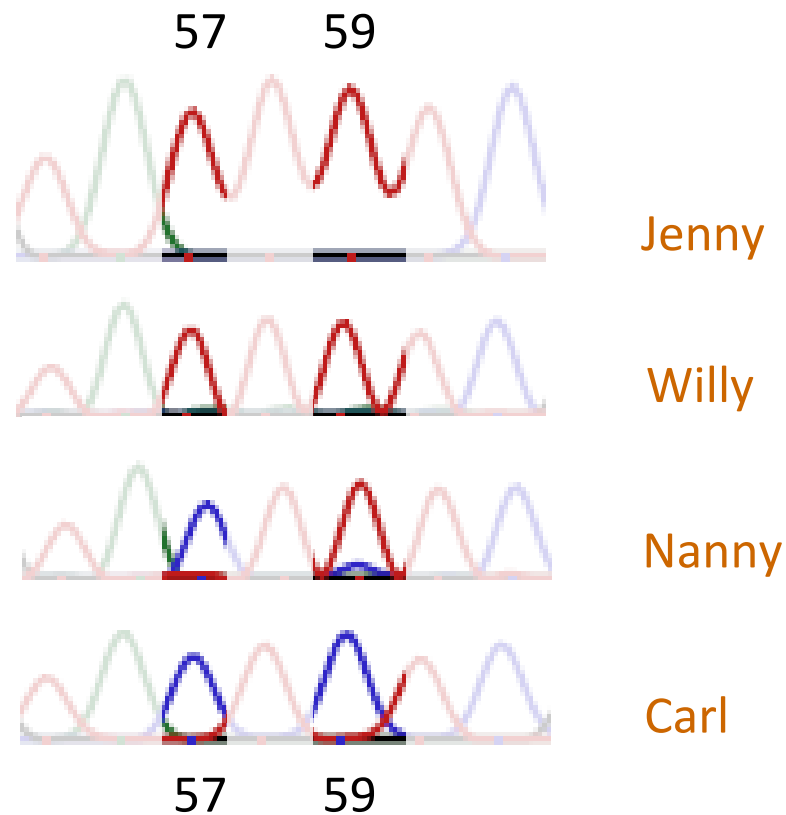
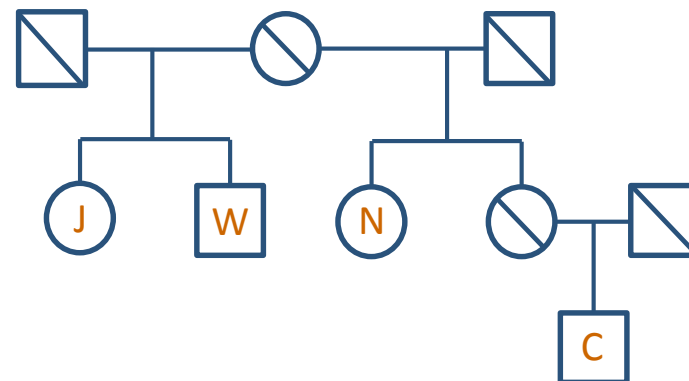
H2



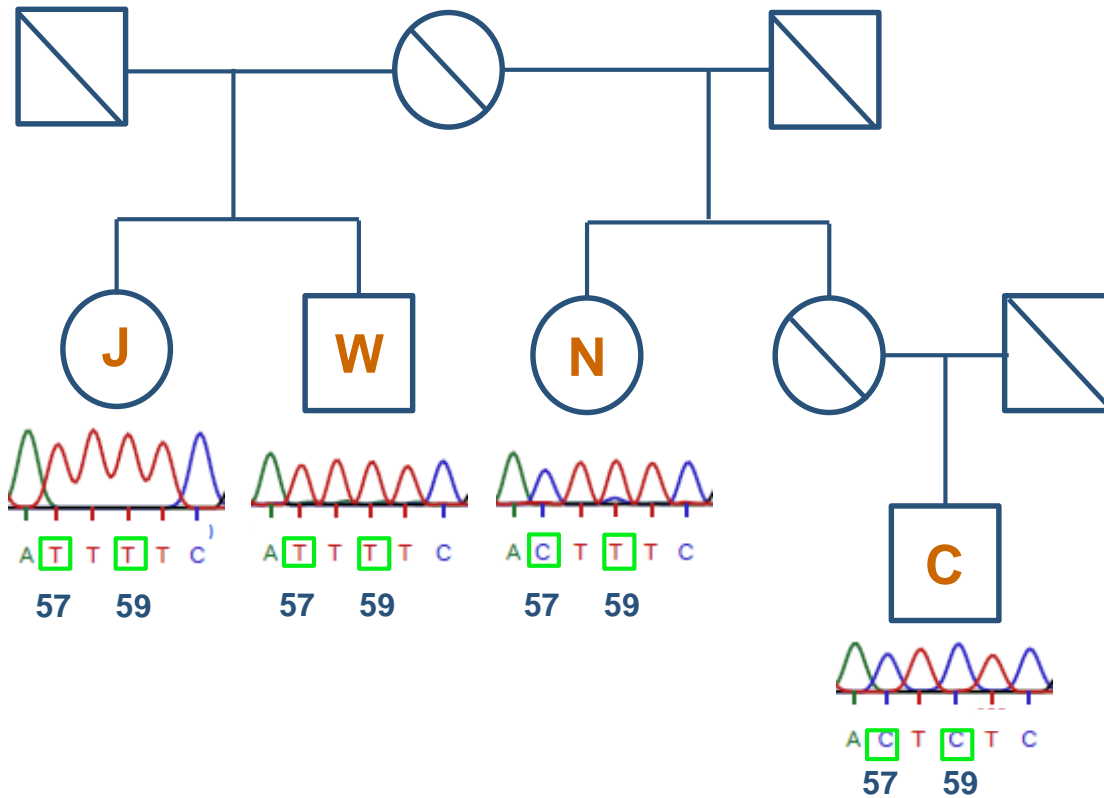
$W_2 = 0.0034 \%$

Immigration case - mtDNA Sanger

rCRS	Position	Jenny	Carl
G	16129	A	A
C	16148	T	T
A	16166	G	G
A	16183	C	C
C	16186	T	T
T	16189	C	C
C	16223	T	T
C	16278	T	T
T	16311	C	C
C	16355	T	T
T	16362	C	C
T	57	T	C
T	59	T	C
A	73	G	G
T	152	C	C
C	182	T	T
T	195	C	C
G	247	A	A
A	263	G	G
-	315.1	C	C



Immigration case - apparently 2 differences between J and C

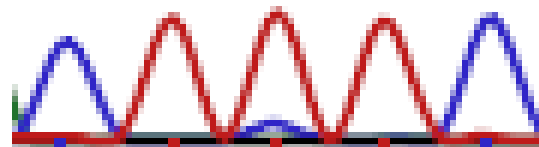


Low
level
point

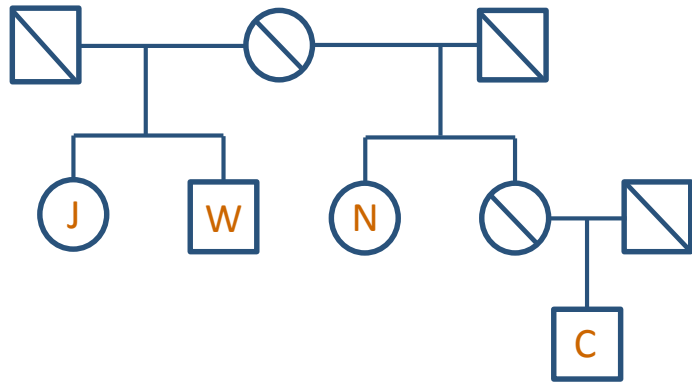
heteroplasmy?

approx. 10% C point
heteroplasmy at T59 in N

57 and 59 not known as hotspots
for heteroplasmy (Irwin et al 2009)



Immigration case - mtDNA MPS



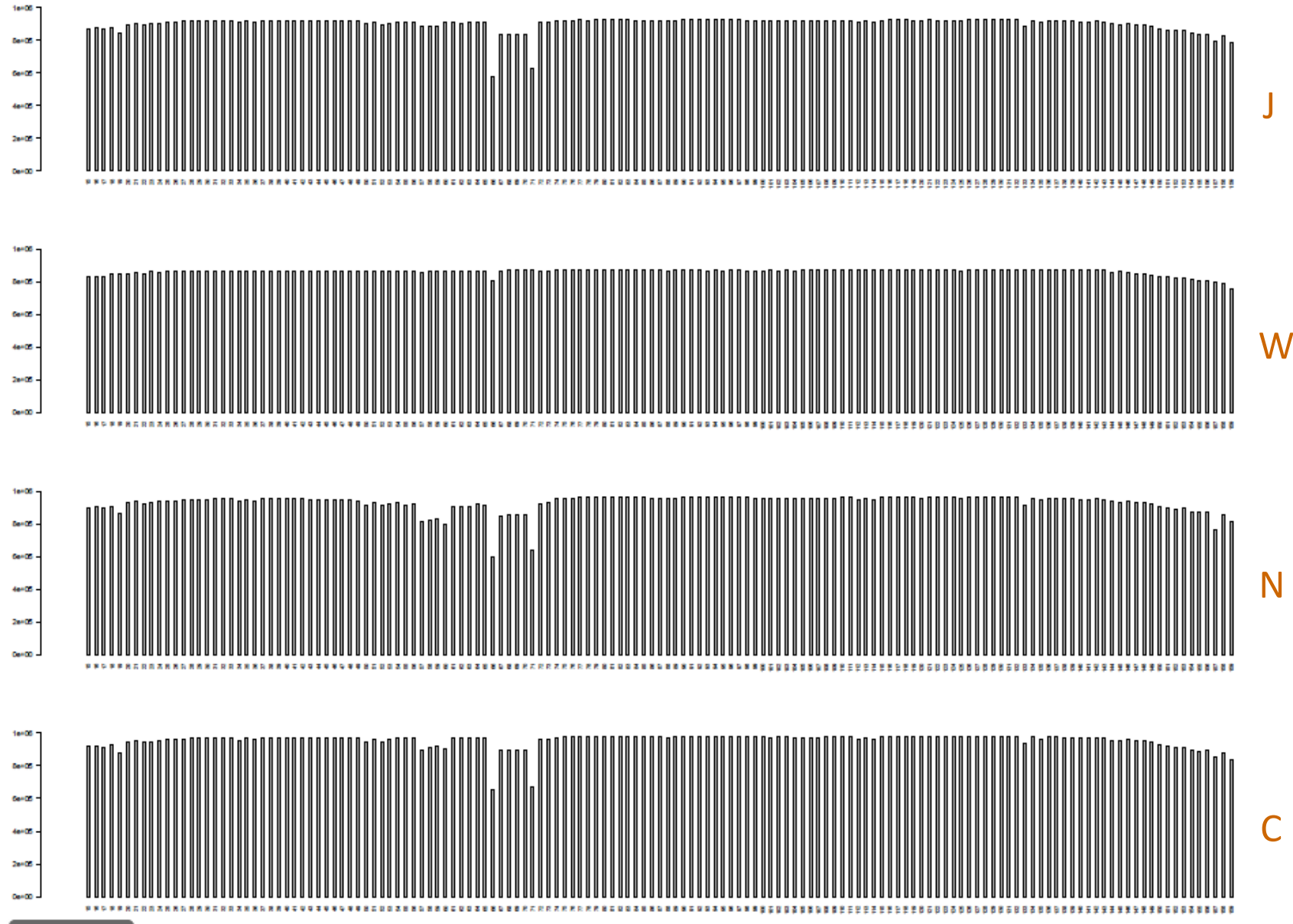
PCR amplicon 16-158 (HVS-II)

1*10⁶ Coverage

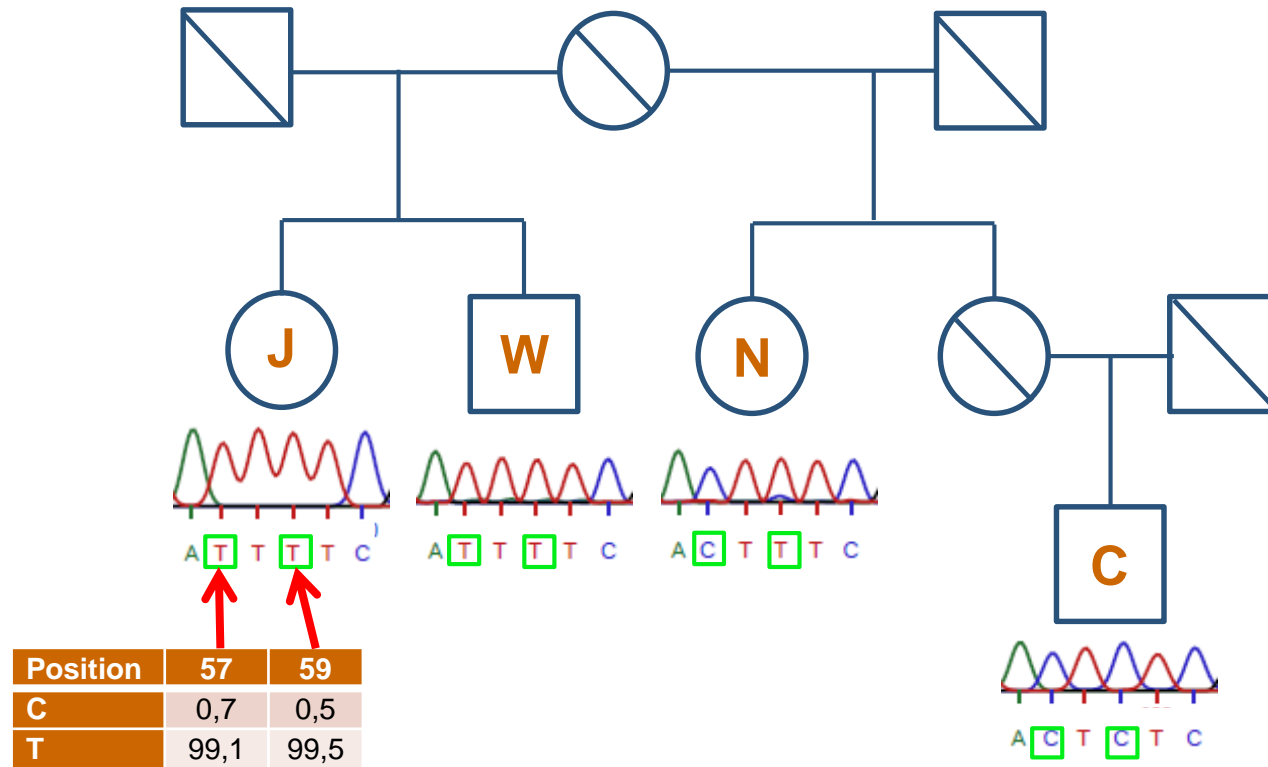
Hi-Q Enzyme

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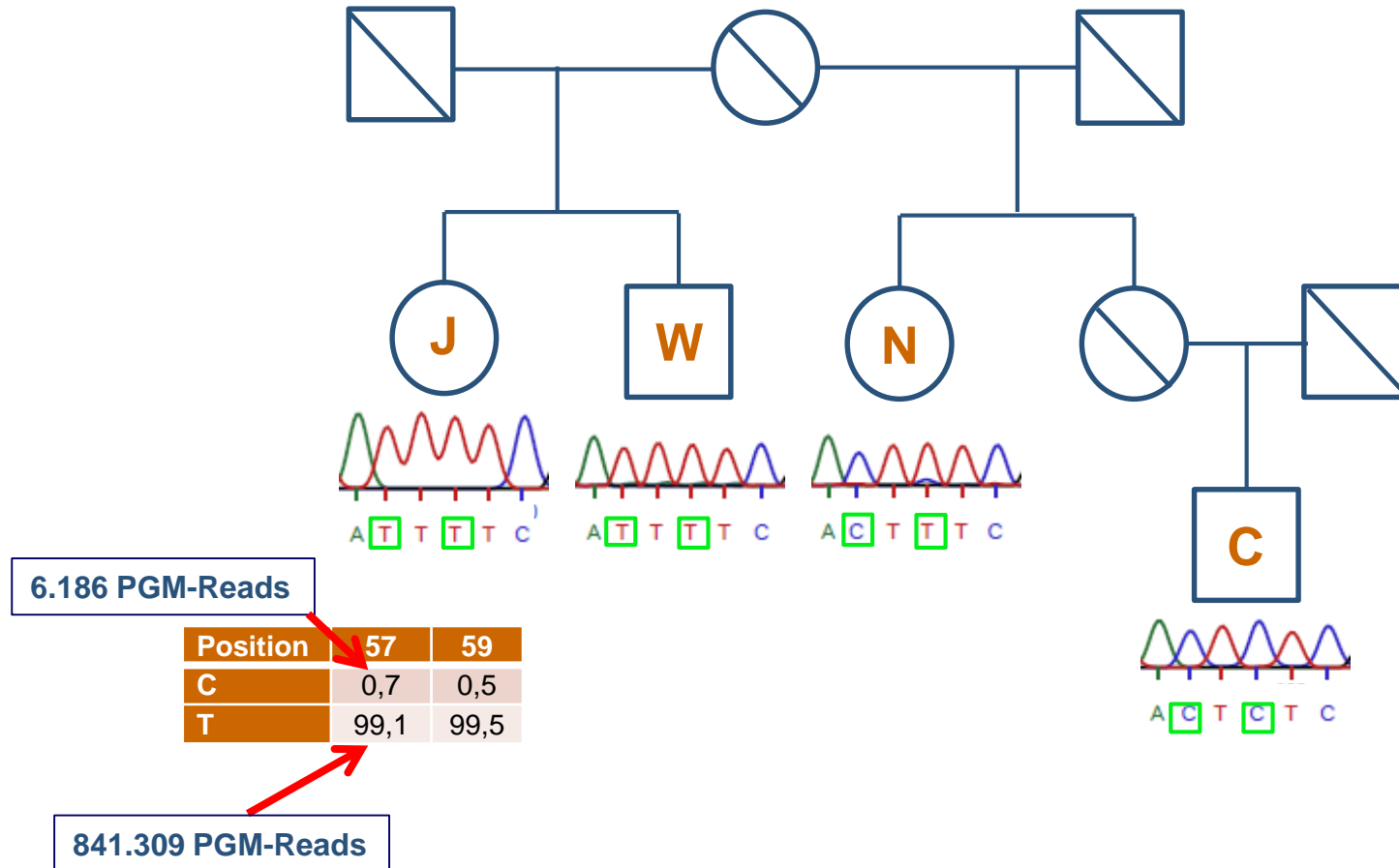
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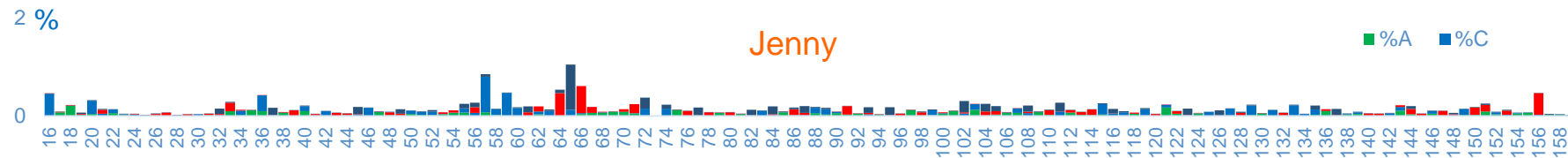
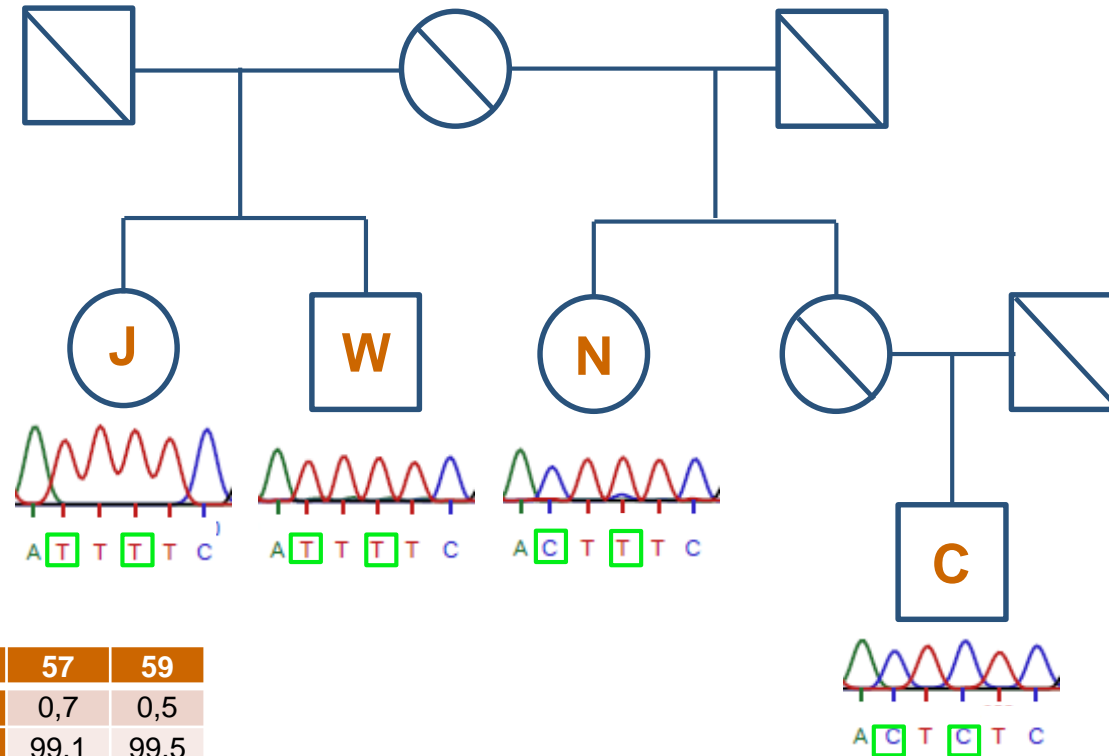
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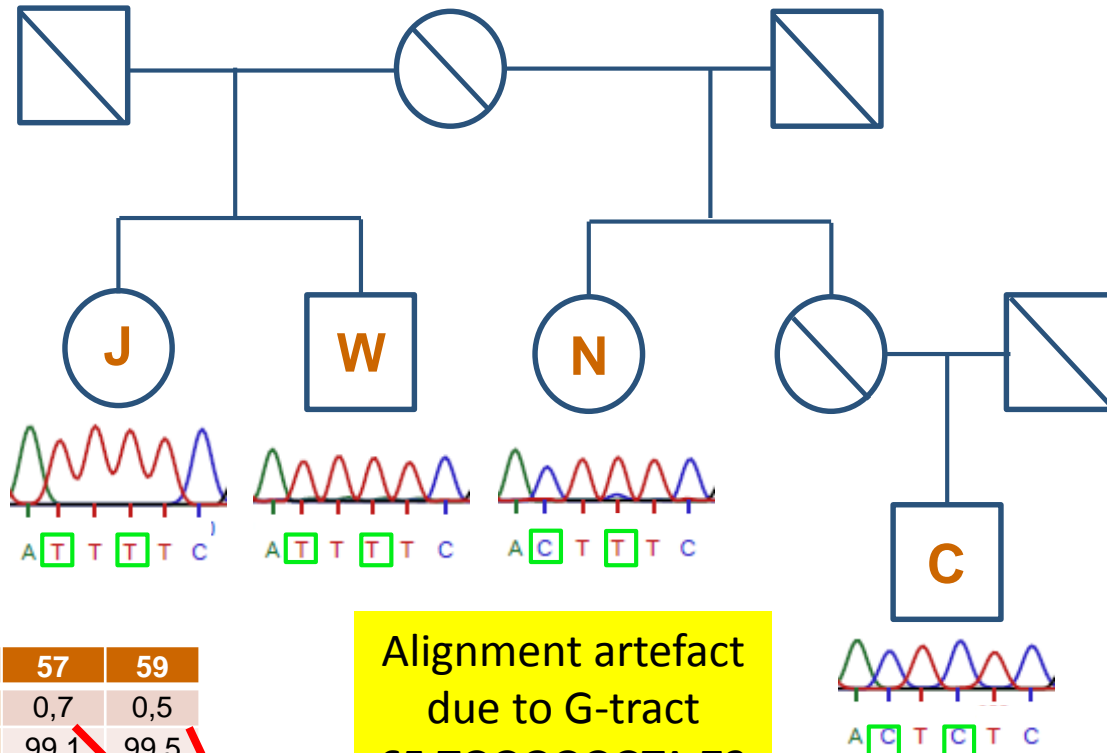


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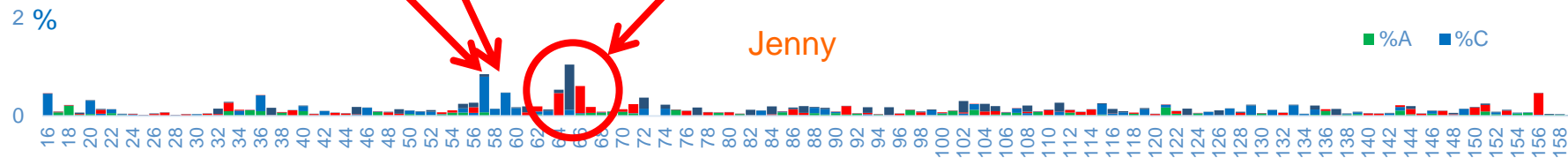
relative contribution of non-dominant bases (background + PHP)

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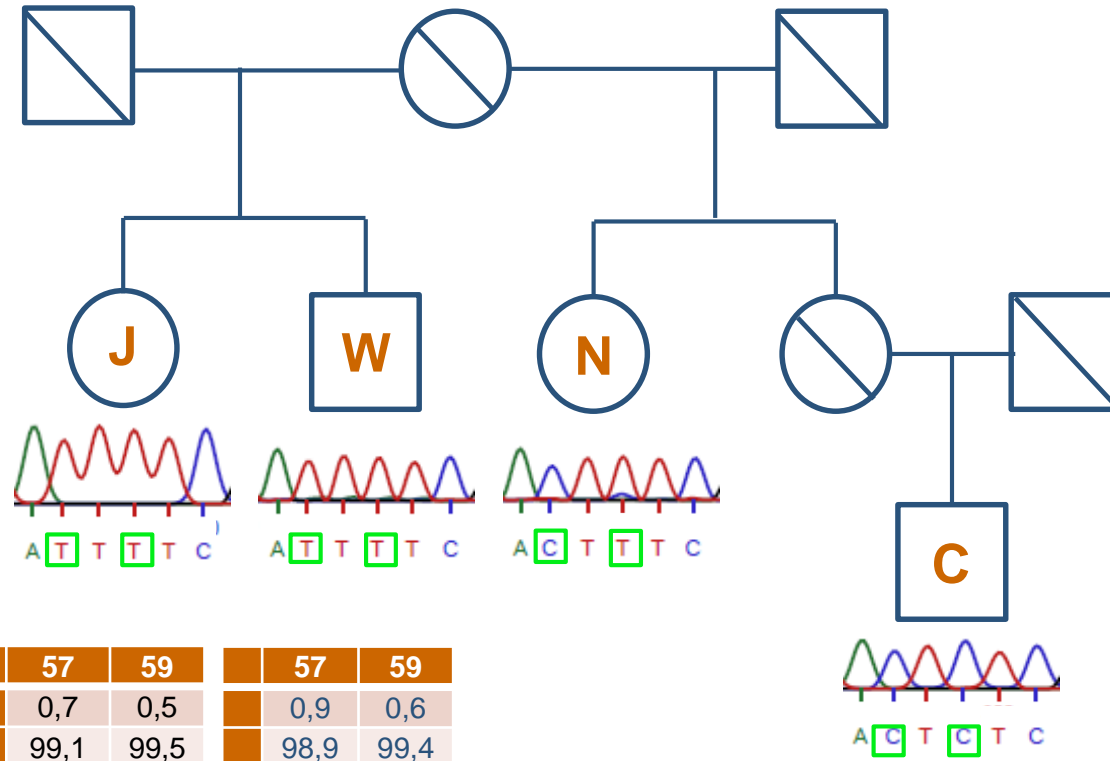
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Alignment artefact due to G-tract
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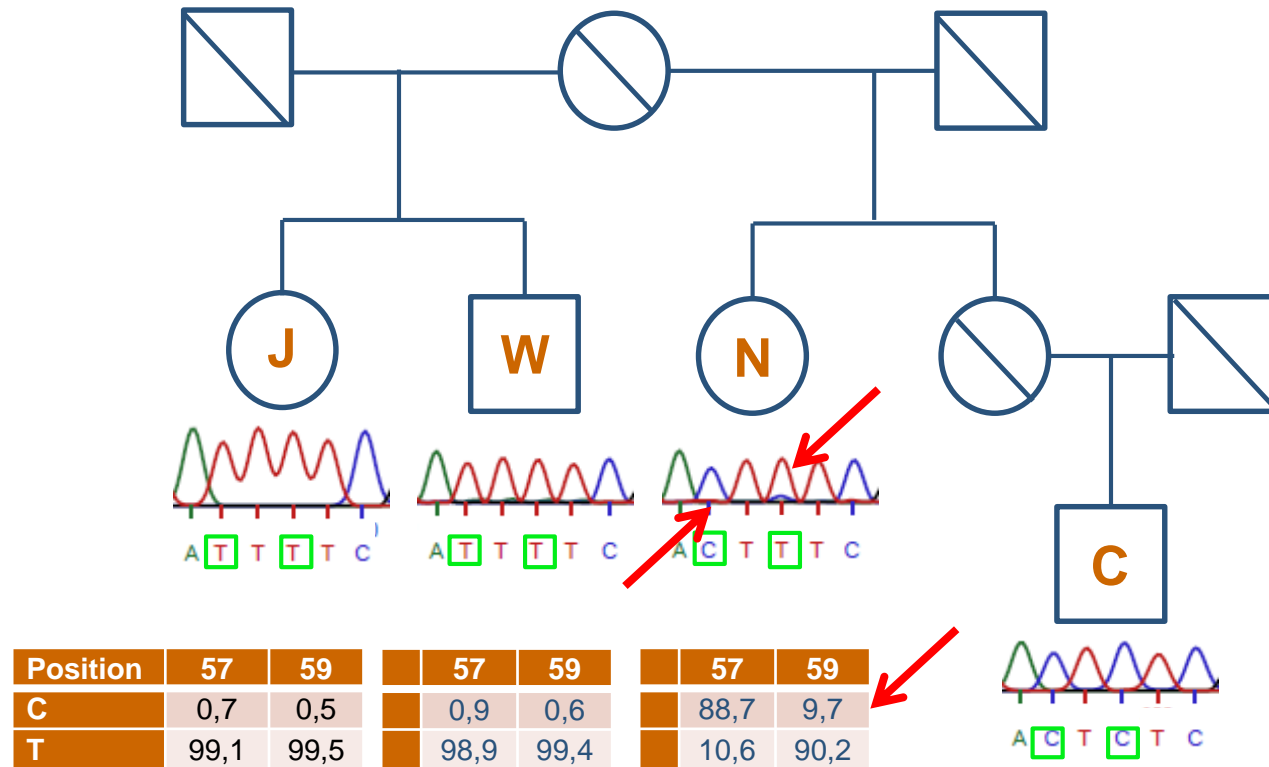


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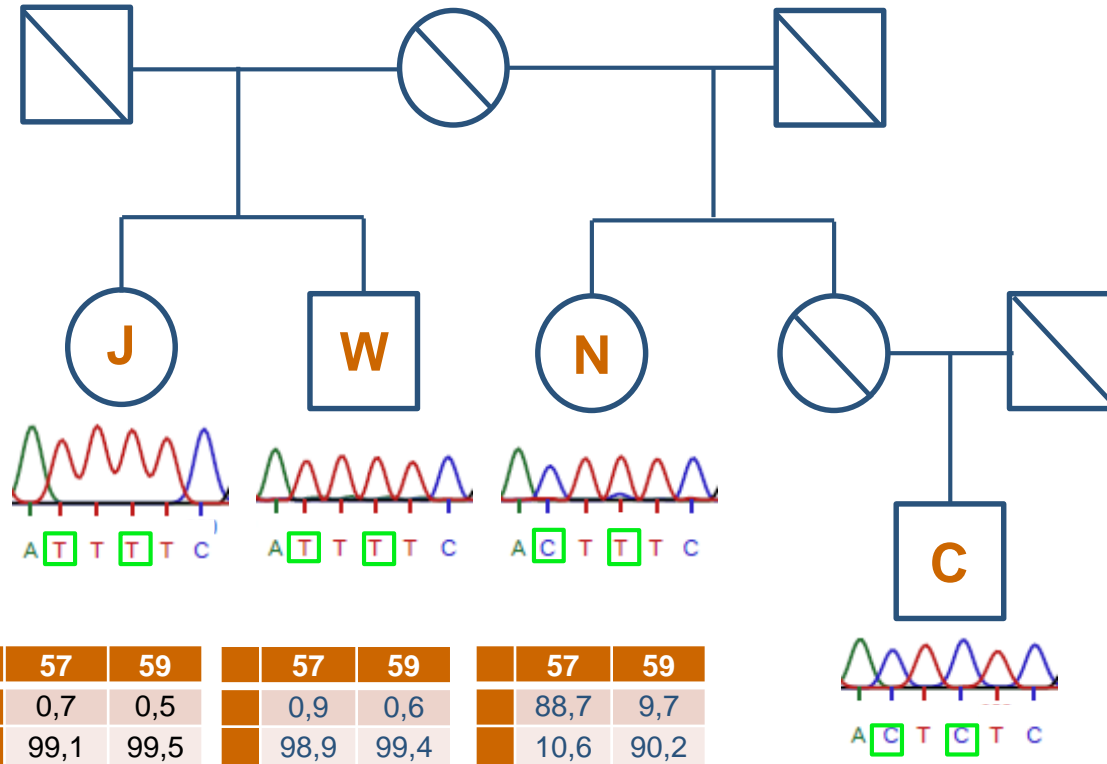


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10% 57T point heteroplasmy not detected by Sanger

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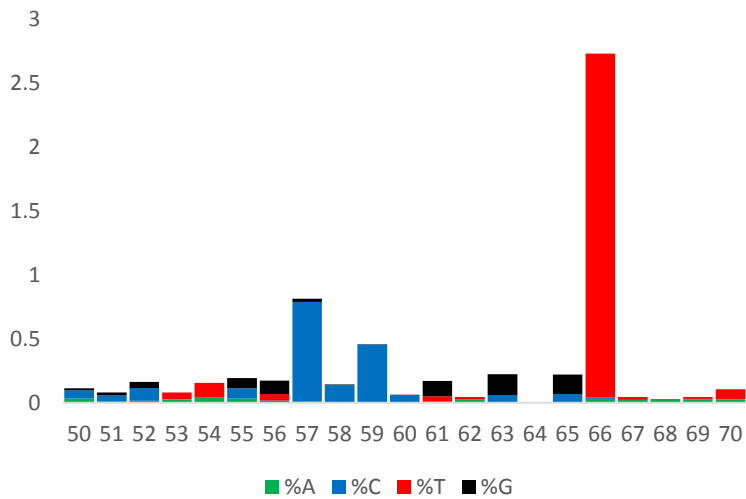
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4% T57 point heteroplasmy not detected by Sanger

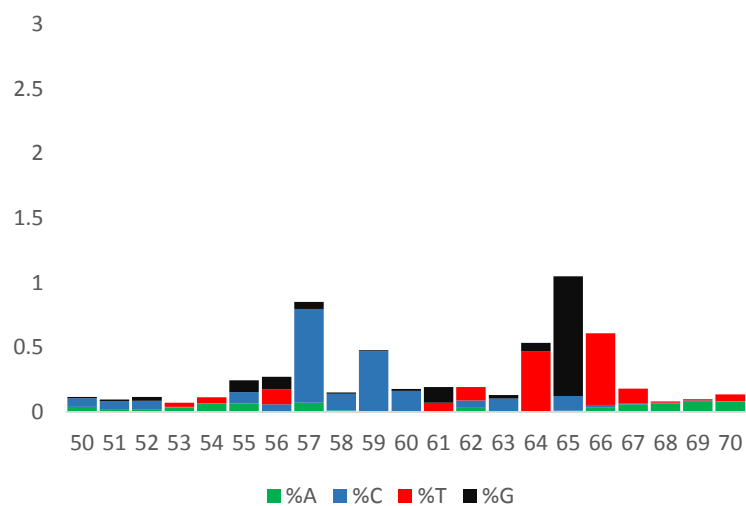
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Immigration case - non-dominant signal detected by MPS

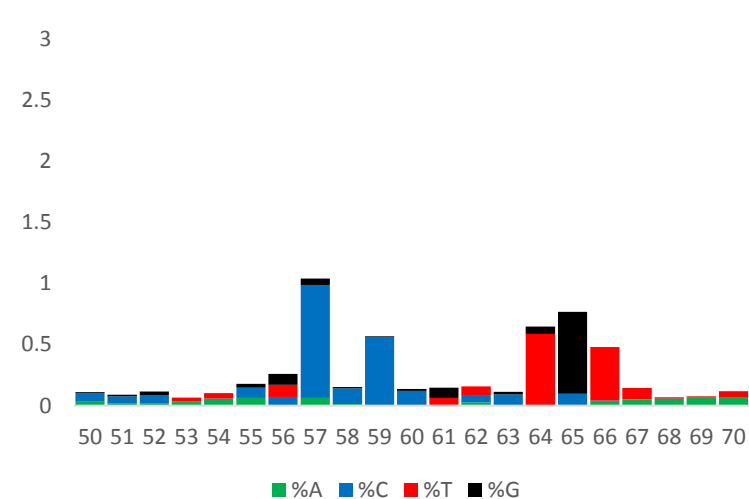
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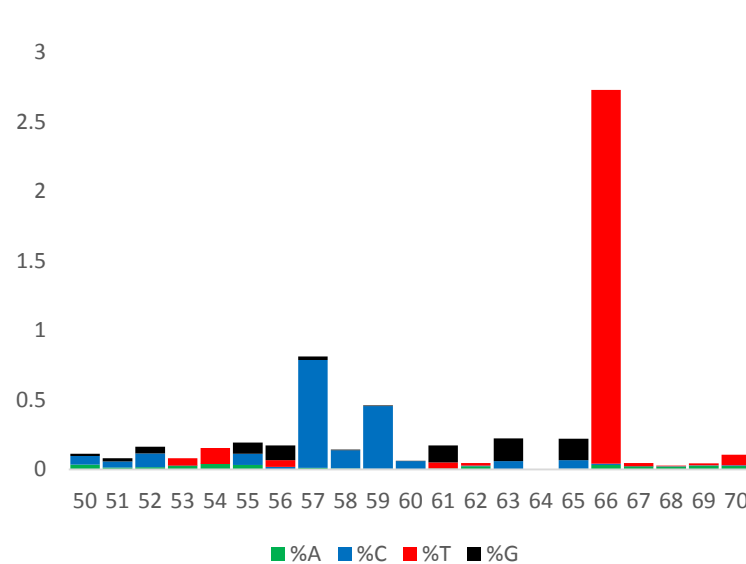
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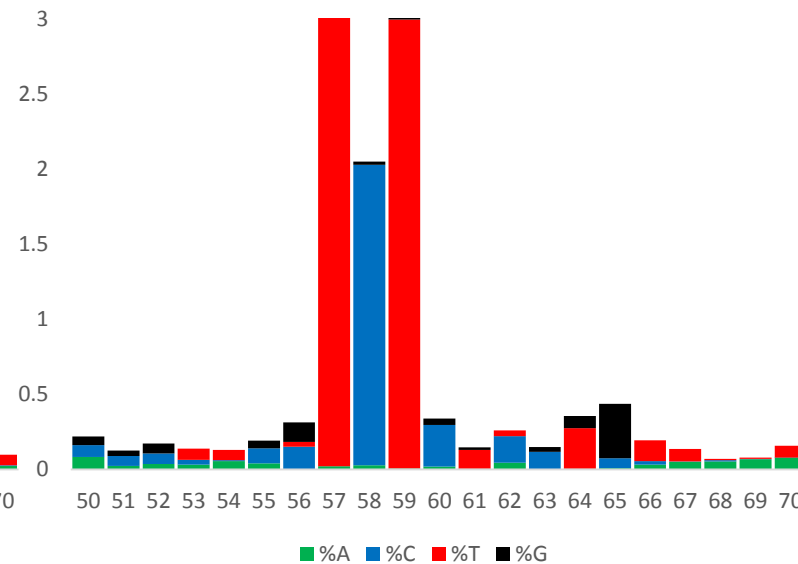
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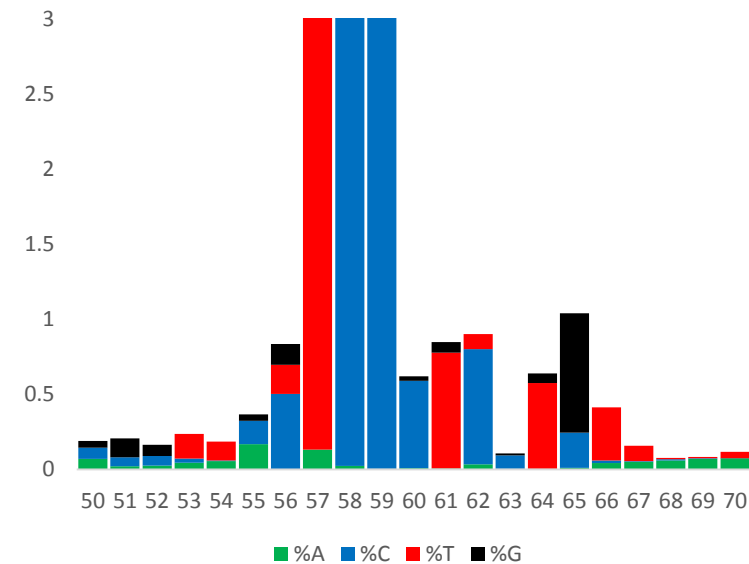
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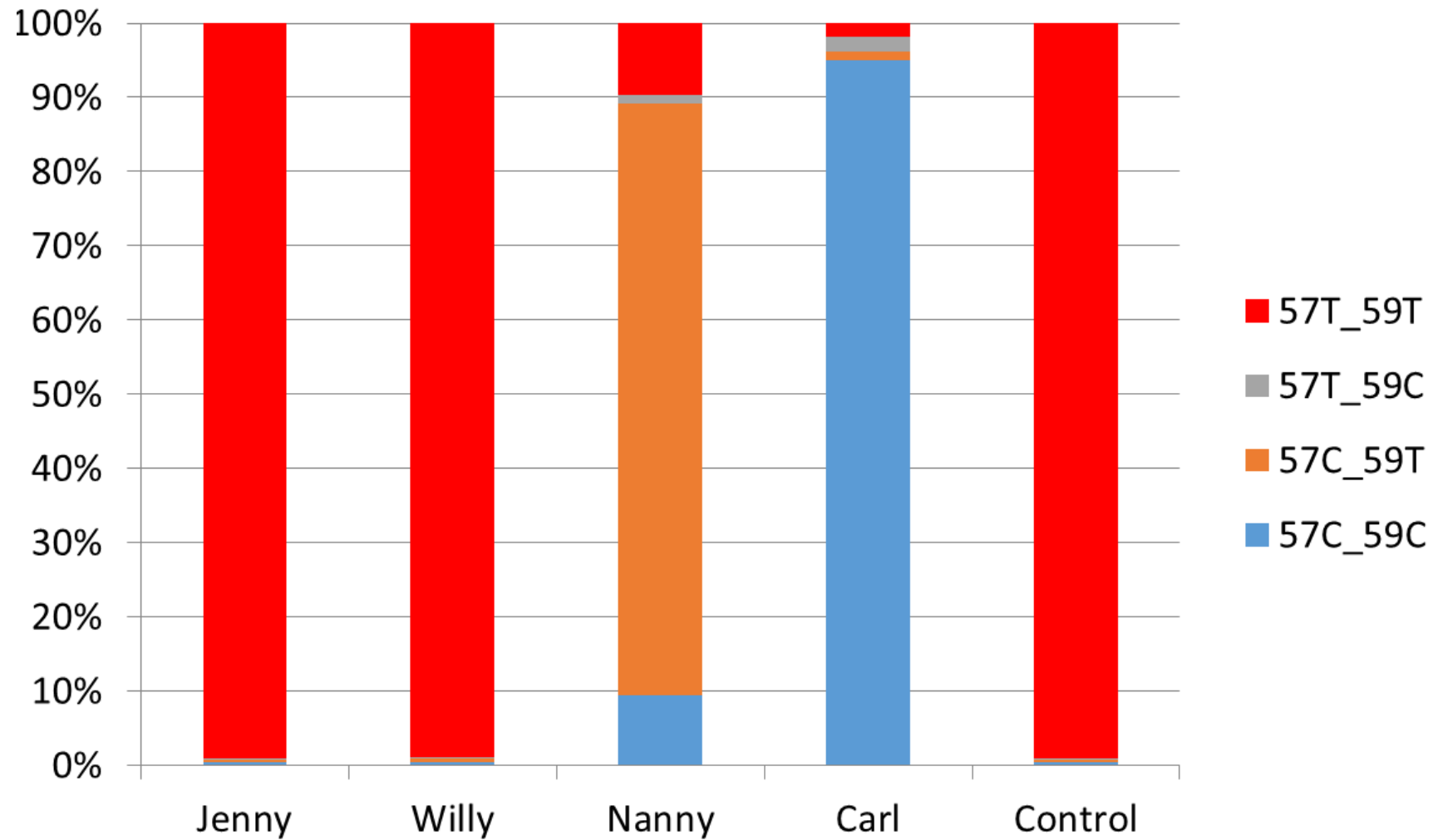
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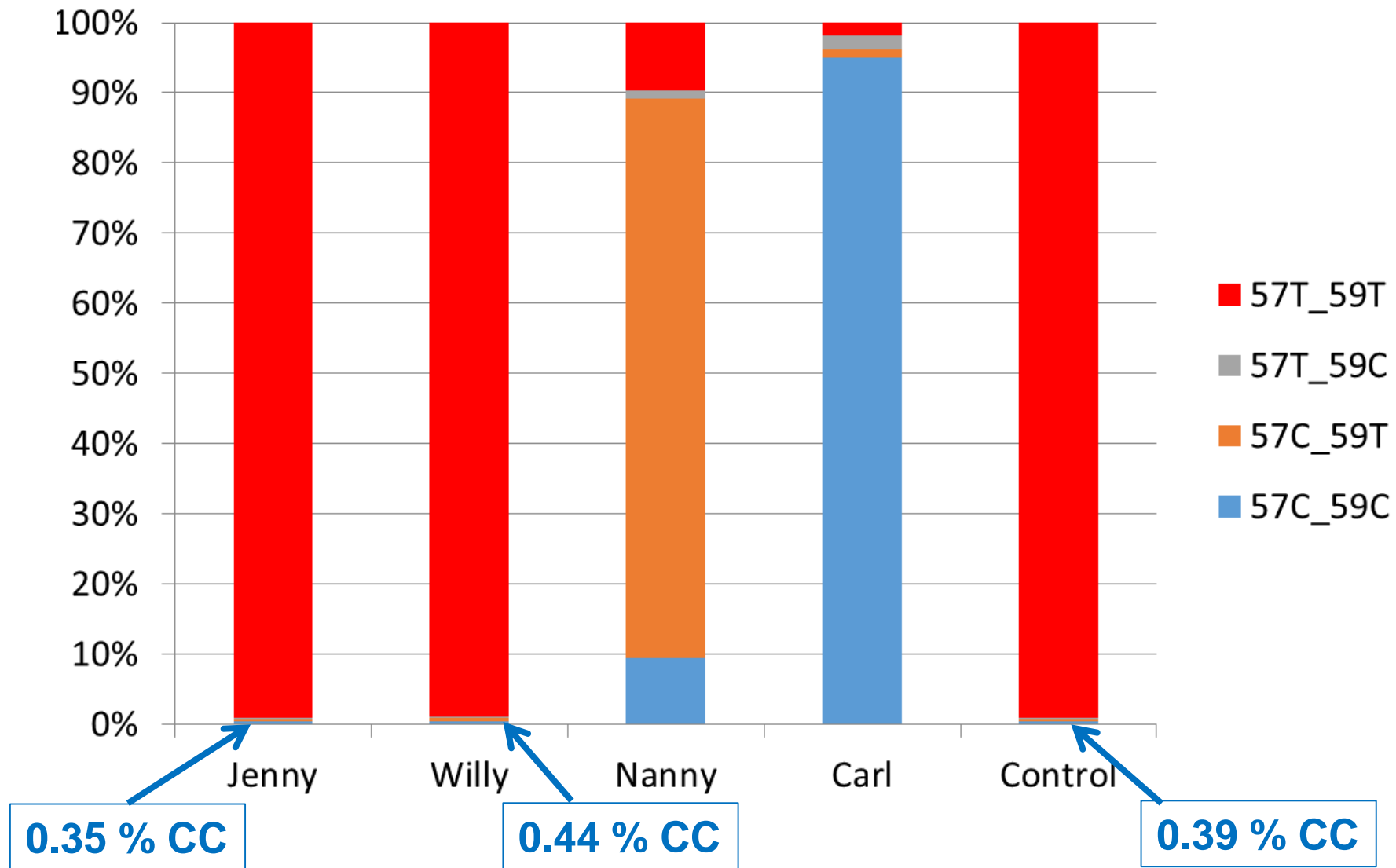
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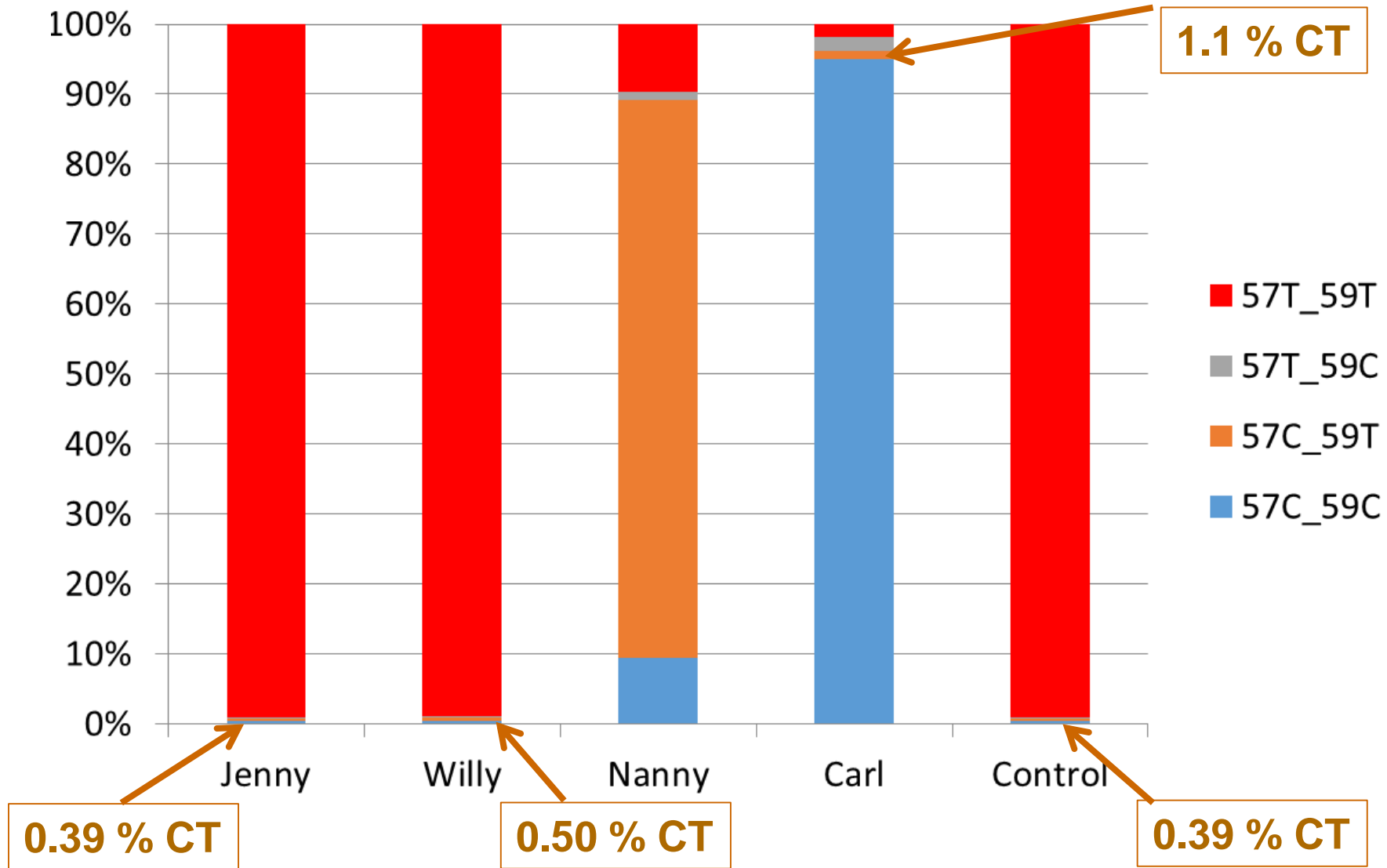
Immigration case - haplotype analysis



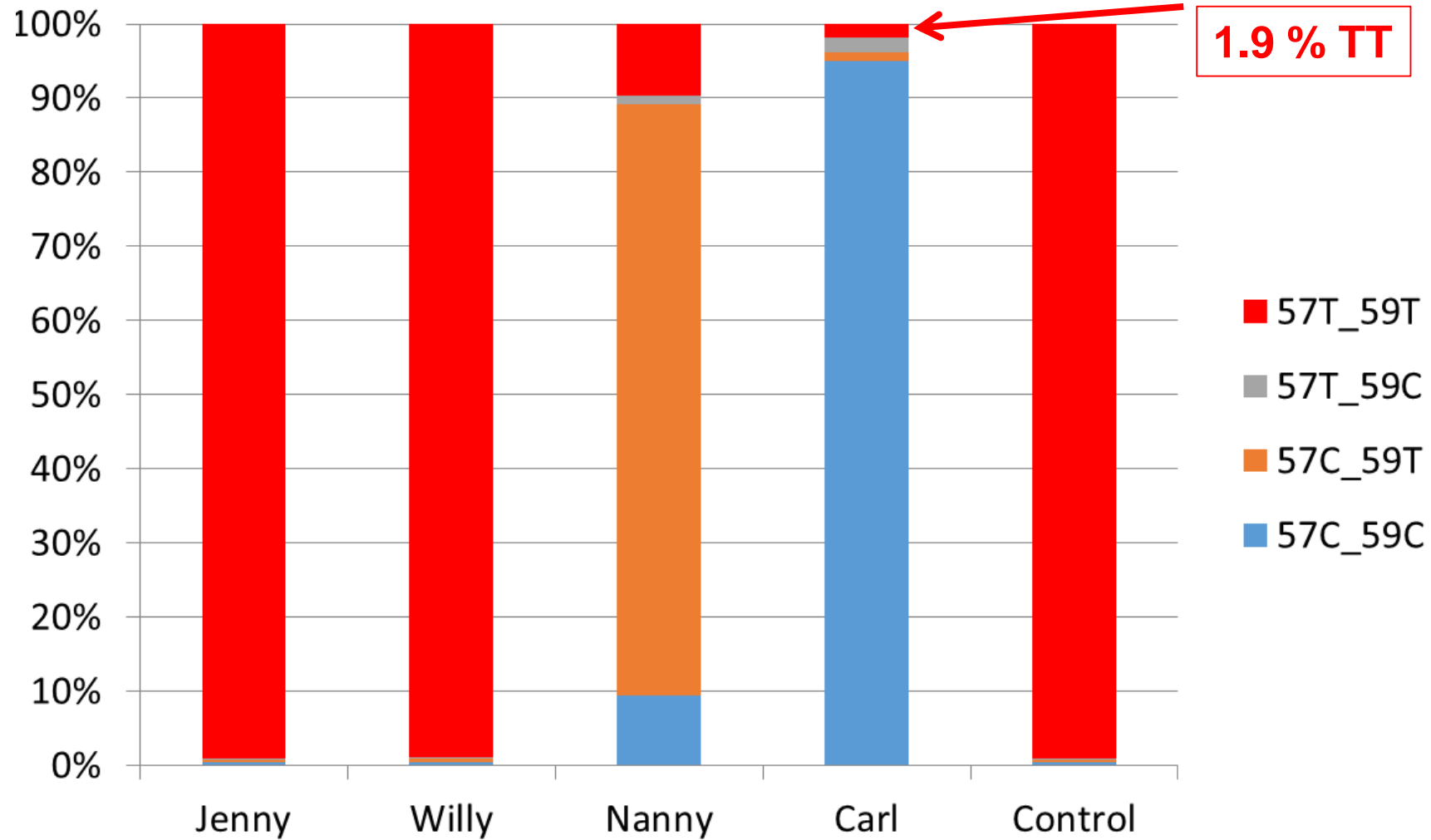
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Summary Heteroplasmy Detection

MPS analysis allows **detection of heteroplasmy** invisible with Sanger even at 10% level

Heteroplasmy detection at the **1% level** is possible with MPS (high coverages)

Better understanding of **mutational processes** and **intermediate heteroplasmic states**

Need more work to understand instrumental and molecular background

Haplotype analysis possible when more than one difference present

Need more work to understand mutational process and haplotype distribution

Limitations: background signal that cannot be overcome by increasing coverages

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