

1 **Deep sampling of Hawaiian *Caenorhabditis elegans* reveals high genetic diversity and admixture with**
2 **global populations**

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37 **Abstract**

38 Hawaiian isolates of the nematode species *Caenorhabditis elegans* have long been known to harbor
39 genetic diversity greater than the rest of the worldwide population, but this observation was supported by
40 only a small number of wild strains. To better characterize the niche and genetic diversity of Hawaiian
41 *C. elegans* and other *Caenorhabditis* species, we sampled different substrates and niches across the
42 Hawaiian islands. We identified hundreds of new *Caenorhabditis* strains from known species and a new
43 species, *Caenorhabditis oiwi*. Hawaiian *C. elegans* are found in cooler climates at high elevations but are not
44 associated with any specific substrate, as compared to other *Caenorhabditis* species. Surprisingly, admixture
45 analysis revealed evidence of shared ancestry between some Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian *C. elegans*
46 isolates. We suggest that the deep diversity we observed in Hawaii might represent patterns of ancestral
47 genetic diversity in the *C. elegans* species before human influence.

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49 **Introduction**

50 Over the last 50 years, the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* has been central to many important
51 discoveries in the fields of developmental, cellular, and molecular biology. The vast majority of these insights
52 came from the study of a single laboratory-adapted strain collected in Bristol, England known as N2 (Brenner,
53 1974; Chalfie et al., 1994; Consortium, 1998; Fire et al., 1998; Grishok et al., 2000; Hodgkin and Brenner,
54 1977; Lee et al., 1993; Sulston et al., 1983). Recent sampling efforts have led to the identification of numerous
55 wild *C. elegans* strains and enabled the study of genetic diversity and ecology of the species (Andersen et
56 al., 2012; Barrière and Félix, 2014; Cook et al., 2016; Félix and Duvéau, 2012; Ferrari et al., 2017; Hahnel
57 et al., 2018; Lee et al., 2019; Richaud et al., 2018). The earliest studies of *C. elegans* genetic variation
58 showed that patterns of single-nucleotide variant (SNV) diversity were shared among most wild strains, with
59 the exception of a Hawaiian strain, CB4856, which has distinct and high levels of variation relative to other
60 strains (Cutter, 2006; Koch et al., 2000; Rockman and Kruglyak, 2009). Subsequent analyses revealed that
61 *C. elegans* has reduced levels of diversity relative to the obligate outcrossing *Caenorhabditis* species and
62 the facultative selfer *C. briggsae* (Dey et al., 2013; Thomas et al., 2015). The most comprehensive analysis
63 of *C. elegans* genetic diversity to date used data from thousands of genome fragments across a globally
64 distributed collection of 97 genetically distinct strains to show that recent selective sweeps have largely
65 homogenized the genome (Andersen et al., 2012). The authors hypothesized that these selective sweeps
66 might contain alleles that facilitate human-assisted dispersal and/or increase fitness in human-associated
67 habitats. Consistent with the previous analyses, two Hawaiian strains, CB4856 and DL238, did not share
68 patterns of reduced genetic diversity caused by the selective sweeps that affected the rest of the *C. elegans*
69 population – a trend that has held true as the number of Hawaiian strains has increased (Cook et al., 2017,
70 2016; Hahnel et al., 2018; Lee et al., 2019). Taken together, these studies suggest that the Hawaiian
71 *C. elegans* population might be more representative of ancestral genetic diversity that existed prior to the
72 selective pressures associated with recent human influence.

73 To better characterize the genetic diversity of the *C. elegans* species on the Hawaiian Islands, we
74 performed deep sampling across five Hawaiian islands: Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Maui, and the Big Island.
75 Because incomplete data on locations and environmental parameters are common issues for some field
76 studies of *C. elegans* (Andersen et al., 2012; McGrath et al., 2009; Rockman and Kruglyak, 2009), we
77 developed a standardized collection procedure with the Fulcrum® mobile data collection application. This
78 streamlined procedure enabled us to rapidly record GPS coordinates and environmental niche parameters
79 at each collection site, and accurately link these data with the nematodes we isolated. The Hawaiian Islands
80 are an ideal location to study characteristics of the *C. elegans* niche because the Islands contain many steep,
81 wide-ranging gradients of temperature, humidity, elevation, and landscape usage. In total, we collected
82 samples from 2,263 sites across the islands and isolated 2,531 nematodes, including 309 individuals from
83 the *Caenorhabditis* genus. Among these isolates, we identified 100 new *C. elegans* strains, 95 of which
84 proliferated in the lab and were whole-genome sequenced. Analysis of genomic variation revealed that these

85 strains represent 26 distinct genome-wide haplotypes not sampled previously. We refer to these genome-
86 wide haplotypes as isotypes. We grouped these 26 Hawaiian isotypes with the 17 previously isolated
87 Hawaiian isotypes and compared their genetic variation to 233 non-Hawaiian isotypes from around the globe.
88 Consistent with previous observations, we found that the Hawaiian isotypes had approximately three times
89 more diversity than the non-Hawaiian isotypes. However, we were surprised to find that, in a subset of
90 Hawaiian isotypes, some genomic regions appear to be shared with non-Hawaiian isotypes from around the
91 globe. These results provide the first evidence of gene flow between these populations and suggest that
92 future sampling efforts in the Hawaiian Islands and the surrounding Pacific region will help elucidate the
93 evolutionary processes that have shaped the genetic diversity in the *C. elegans* species.

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95 **Results**

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97 **Hawaiian nematode diversity**

98 In August 2017, we collected a total of 2,263 samples across five Hawaiian islands and ascertained
99 the presence of nematodes in each sample (**Figure 1, Supplementary File 1, Supplementary Data 1**). We
100 isolated one or more nematodes from 1,120 of 2,263 (49%) samples, and an additional 431 of 2,263 (19%)
101 samples had circumstantial evidence of nematodes (tracks were observed but no nematodes could be
102 isolated). Altogether, we isolated 2,531 nematodes from 1,120 samples and genotyped them by analysis of
103 the Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS2) region between the 5.8S and 28S rDNA genes (Barrière and Félix,
104 2014; Kiontke et al., 2011). We refer to isolates where the ITS2 region was amplified by PCR as ‘PCR-
105 positive’, isolates with no amplification as ‘PCR-negative’, and isolates from which we could not extract high-
106 quality genomic DNA for PCR as ‘Not genotyped’ (see Methods). The PCR-positive category comprises
107 *Caenorhabditis* isolates that we identified to the species level and isolates from genera other than
108 *Caenorhabditis* that we identified to the genus level. Using this categorization strategy, we found that 427 of
109 2,531 isolates (17%) were PCR-positive and belonged to 13 distinct taxa. Among all isolates, we identified
110 five *Caenorhabditis* species at different frequencies across the 2,263 samples: *C. briggsae* (4.2%),
111 *C. elegans* (1.7%), *C. tropicalis* (0.57%), *C. kamaaina* (0.088%), and a new species *C. oiwi* (0.53%)
112 (**Supplementary Data 1**). We formally describe a new species (**Supplementary File 2**), which we named
113 *Caenorhabditis oiwi* for the Hawaiian word meaning “native” in reference to its endemic status on the
114 Hawaiian Islands. This species was found to be distinct based on molecular barcodes (Kiontke et al., 2011)
115 and on biological species inference from crosses (Félix et al., 2014). *C. briggsae* was the most common
116 *Caenorhabditis* species we isolated, which is consistent with nematode collection efforts by other groups that
117 suggest *C. briggsae* is a ubiquitous species in many regions of the world (Félix et al., 2013). We found that
118 two *Caenorhabditis* species, *C. elegans* and *C. oiwi*, were enriched on certain islands. *C. elegans* was
119 enriched on the Big Island relative to Kauai and Maui (Fisher’s Exact Test, $p < 0.01$), and *C. oiwi* was enriched
120 on Oahu relative to Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island (Fisher’s Exact Test, $p < 0.00001$).

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122 **The *C. elegans* niche is distinct from other *Caenorhabditis* species on Hawaii**

123 To characterize more about a nematode niche on the Hawaiian Islands, we classified the substrate
124 for each distinct collection and measured various environmental parameters at the collection sites. Of the six
125 major classes of substrate, we found nematodes most often on leaf litter (55%) (**Figure 2A**). When we
126 account for collections with nematode-like tracks on the collection plate, we estimated that greater than 80%
127 of leaf litter substrates contained nematodes (**Figure 2A**). The isolation success rate for the other classes of
128 substrate ranged from 14% to 49% (**Figure 2A**). In comparison to overall nematode isolation rates,
129 *Caenorhabditis* nematodes were isolated more frequently from flower substrates (40 of 202 collections) than
130 any other substrate category (Fisher’s Exact Test, $p < 0.026$) (**Figure 2A**). We also found that *Caenorhabditis*
131 nematodes were enriched on fruit (33 of 327 collections) relative to leaf litter substrates (76 of 1493
132 collections) (Fisher’s Exact Test, $p < 0.011$) but not other substrate classes (**Figure 2A**). These findings are

133 consistent with other collection surveys that have shown leaf litter substrates harbor fewer *Caenorhabditis*
134 nematodes than rotting flowers and fruits (Félix et al., 2013; Ferrari et al., 2017). We observed similar trends
135 of flower-substrate enrichment relative to leaf litter for *C. briggsae* (Fisher's Exact Test, $p = 0.00044$; flower,
136 21 of 202 collections and leaf litter 51 of 1493 collections) and *C. tropicalis* (Fisher's Exact Test, $p = 0.0056$;
137 flower, five of 202 collections and leaf litter, three of 1493 collections) but not for *C. elegans* (Fisher's Exact
138 Test, $p = 1$), which exhibited no substrate enrichment (**Figure 2B-C**). Interestingly, the new species, *C. oiwi*,
139 was only isolated from flower and fruit and was enriched on flower substrates (Fisher's Exact Test, $p = 0.013$;
140 flower, nine of 202 collections; and fruit, three of 327 collections) (**Figure 2B-C**).

141 The enrichment of *C. briggsae*, *C. tropicalis*, and *C. oiwi* on flowers might indicate that this substrate
142 class has a higher nutrient quality for these species. If this hypothesis is correct, we might expect to see a
143 greater incidence of proliferating populations on flower substrates than other substrates. However, we saw
144 no observable association between large population size (approximate number of nematodes on collection
145 plate) and substrate class for *C. briggsae* (Spearman's $\rho = -0.0198$, $p = 0.566$ flower vs. leaf litter),
146 *C. tropicalis* (Spearman's $\rho = -0.258$, $p = 0.732$ flower vs. leaf litter), nor *C. oiwi* (Spearman's $\rho = 0.258$,
147 $p = 0.209$ flower vs. fruit), which suggests that other factors might drive the observed flower enrichment or
148 that we are limited by the small sample size. Taken together, these data suggest that the *Caenorhabditis*
149 species we isolated do not exhibit substrate specificity, despite flower-substrate preferences of *C. briggsae*,
150 *C. tropicalis*, and *C. oiwi*, which is different from some other species in the genus that demonstrate substrate
151 specificity (e.g., *C. astrocarya* and *C. inopinata*) (Ferrari et al., 2017; Kanzaki et al., 2018).

152 In addition to recording substrate classes, we measured elevation, ambient temperature and
153 humidity, and substrate temperature and moisture to determine if these niche parameters were important for
154 individual *Caenorhabditis* species (**Figure 3**; see Methods). Consistent with previous *C. elegans* collections
155 in tropical regions (Andersen et al., 2012; Dolgin et al., 2008), all *C. elegans* isolates were collected from
156 elevations greater than 500 meters and were generally found at higher elevations than other *Caenorhabditis*
157 species (**Figure 3E**; mean = 867 m; elevation: Dunn test, $p < 0.00001$). We also found that *C. elegans*-
158 positive collections tended to be at cooler ambient and substrate temperatures than other *Caenorhabditis*
159 species (ambient temperature: Dunn test, $p < 0.005$; substrate temperature: Dunn test, $p < 0.00001$),
160 although these two environmental parameters were correlated with elevation (**Figure 3F**). Notably, the
161 average substrate temperatures for *C. elegans* (19.4 °C), *C. tropicalis* (26.0 °C), and *C. briggsae* (23.7°C)
162 positive collections are close to the optimal growth temperatures for these species in the laboratory setting
163 (**Figure 3B**) (Pouillet et al., 2015). Our collections also indicate that *C. oiwi* tends to be found on drier
164 substrates than *C. elegans* (**Figure 3D**; Dunn test, $p = 0.0021$), but we observed no differences among
165 species for ambient humidity (**Figure 3C**). Given the similar substrate and environmental parameter
166 preferences of *C. tropicalis*, *C. briggsae*, and *C. oiwi*, we next asked if these species colocalized at either the
167 local (< 30 m²) or substrate (< 10 cm²) scales. To sample at the local scale, we collected samples from 20
168 gridsects (see Methods; **Figure 3-figure supplement 1**) and observed no colocalization of these three
169 species, although only 16% of the total collections were a part of a gridsect. At the substrate scale, we found
170 *C. tropicalis* and *C. briggsae* cohabitating on two of 108 substrates with either species present and *C. oiwi*
171 and *C. briggsae* cohabitating on one of 107 substrates with either species present (**Figure 3-figure**
172 **supplement 2**). Among 95 substrates with *C. briggsae*, we observed nine instances of *C. briggsae*
173 cohabitating with other PCR-positive species. We did not collect any samples that harbored *C. elegans* and
174 any other *Caenorhabditis* species. We emphasize that these co-occurrence frequencies represent a lower
175 bound estimate of the real co-occurrence frequencies because in many cases we only isolated a small
176 fraction of the nematodes present on a particular sample. Taken together, these results highlight the
177 ubiquitous nature of *C. briggsae* on the Hawaiian Islands and further suggests that the niche of *C. elegans*
178 might be distinct from *C. tropicalis*, *C. briggsae*, and *C. oiwi* on the Hawaiian Islands.

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180 **Hawaiian *C. elegans* are divergent from most strains sampled across the globe**

181 We previously showed that two *C. elegans* isolates from Hawaii are highly divergent relative to wild
182 isolates from other regions of the world and represent a large portion of the genetic diversity found within the
183 species (Andersen et al., 2012). Since this analysis, an additional 15 isolates have been collected from the
184 islands and show similarly high levels of genetic diversity (Cook et al., 2016; Hahnel et al., 2018). To better
185 characterize the genetic diversity in Hawaii, we acquired whole-genome sequence data from 95 *C. elegans*
186 isolates that we collected in this study. By analyzing the variant composition of these 95 isolates, we identified
187 26 distinct genome-wide haplotypes that we refer to as isotypes (see Methods). Within these 26 isotypes,
188 we identified approximately 1.54 million single nucleotide variants (SNVs) that passed our filtering strategy
189 (see Methods; hard-filter VCF; **Supplementary File 3**), which is 27.6% greater than the total number of SNVs
190 identified in all of the 233 non-Hawaiian isotypes included in this study. We found that distinct isotypes are
191 frequently isolated within close proximity to one another in Hawaii. We identified up to seven unique isotypes
192 colocalized within a single gridsect (less than 30 m²) (**Figure 3-figure supplement 3A**). We also found that
193 colocalization occurred at the substrate level; among the 38 substrates from which we isolated *C. elegans*,
194 12 contained two or more isotypes (**Figure 3-figure supplement 3B**).

195 The variant data from all 43 Hawaiian isotypes (26 new with 17 previously described Hawaiian
196 isotypes) allowed us to perform detailed analyses of Hawaiian genetic diversity. Consistent with what is
197 known about *C. elegans* genetic diversity (Andersen et al., 2012), we observed a high degree of genome-
198 wide relatedness among the majority of non-Hawaiian isotypes (**Figure 4-figure supplement 1**). By contrast,
199 isotypes sampled from Hawaii are divergent from isolates sampled outside of Hawaii with the exception of
200 five non-Hawaiian isotypes. Among these exceptions, ECA36 and QX1211 were collected from urban
201 gardens in New Zealand and San Francisco, CA, respectively, and grouped with some of the most divergent
202 isotypes from Hawaii. The other exceptions were the isotypes JU2879, MY23, and MY16, which were isolated
203 across the Pacific region, (*i.e.*, Mexico City, Mexico; Concepción, Chile; Nantou County, Taiwan) as well as
204 near the city of Münster, Germany. This result suggests that high genetic diversity is not specific to the
205 Hawaiian Islands but might also be common throughout the Pacific region. Within the sampled Hawaiian
206 isotypes, genome-wide relatedness revealed a high degree of divergence (**Figure 4-figure supplement 1**).
207 This trend is further supported by elevated levels of genome-wide average nucleotide diversity (π) in the
208 Hawaiian sample relative to the non-Hawaiian sample, which we found to be three-fold higher (Hawaii π =
209 0.00109; non-Hawaiian π = 0.000368; **Figure 4A**). The genomic distribution of diversity followed a similar
210 pattern across chromosomes for both samples, wherein chromosome centers and tips exhibited lower
211 diversity on average than chromosome arms (**Figure 4A**). This pattern is likely explained by lower
212 recombination rates, higher gene densities, and elevated levels of background selection on chromosome
213 centers (Consortium, 1998; Cutter and Payseur, 2003; Rockman et al., 2010). Interestingly, we observed
214 discrete peaks of diversity in specific genomic regions (*e.g.*, chr IV center), which suggests that balancing
215 selection might maintain diversity at these loci in both samples (**Figure 4A**). This hypothesis is supported by
216 corresponding spikes in Tajima's *D* (**Figure 4B**) (Tajima, 1989). Alternatively, higher values of Tajima's *D*
217 might indicate a population contraction, but the discrete nature of these peaks makes this possibility less
218 likely. A third possible explanation is that uncharacterized structural variation (*e.g.*, duplication and
219 divergence) exists in these regions. Nevertheless, the variant sites within these discrete peaks in π and
220 Tajima's *D* are unlikely the result of sequencing errors because they are identified across multiple isotypes
221 (see Methods). Our previous analysis showed that 70–90% of isotypes contain reduced levels of diversity
222 across several megabases (Mb) on chromosomes I, IV, V, and X (Andersen et al., 2012). This reduced
223 diversity was hypothesized to be caused by selective sweeps that occurred within the last few hundred years,
224 potentially through drastic alterations of global environments by humans. The two Hawaiian isotypes,
225 CB4856 and DL238, did not share this pattern of reduced diversity, suggesting that they avoided the selective
226 pressure. Consistent with this previous analysis, we did not observe signatures of selection in the sampled
227 Hawaiian isotypes on chromosomes I, IV, V, and X, as measured by Tajima's *D* (**Figure 4B**), which suggests
228 that the Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian samples have distinct evolutionary histories. This distinction is also

229 captured in genome-wide Hudson's F_{ST} , where the differentiation between the two samples is highest in
230 regions of the genome impacted by the selective sweeps (**Figure 4C**) (Bhatia et al., 2013; Hudson et al.,
231 1992). Taken together, these data suggest that the isotypes sampled from Hawaii have largely been insulated
232 from the selective pressures thought to be associated with human activity in many regions of the world.

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234 **C. *elegans* population structure**

235 To assess population structure among all 276 isotypes sampled, we performed admixture analysis
236 (see Methods). This analysis identified at least 11 genetic groups for this set of *C. elegans* isotypes, each of
237 which we refer to as a population for the purposes of further analyses (**Figure 5**). Support for at least 11
238 distinct populations (K) is shown by the minimization of cross-validation (CV) error between Ks 11-15 (**Figure**
239 **5-figure supplement 1**). Furthermore, the population assignments for K=11 closely aligned to the
240 relatedness clusters we observed in a neighbor-joining network of all Hawaiian isotypes and the species-
241 wide tree (**Figure 5, Figure 4-figure supplement 1**). For Ks 11-15, the majority of Hawaiian isotypes
242 consistently exhibit no admixture with non-Hawaiian populations. However, a minority of Hawaiian isotypes
243 are consistently either admixed with non-Hawaiian populations (e.g. K=11, 14, and 15) or assigned to
244 populations that contain non-Hawaiian isotypes (e.g. K=12 and 13) (**Figure 5-figure supplement 1**). These
245 data support that a subset of Hawaiian isotypes consistently exhibit a greater degree of genetic relatedness
246 with non-Hawaiian isotypes across different numbers of population subdivisions (Ks). Together, we found at
247 least four distinct populations sampled from the Hawaiian Islands and at least seven additional non-Hawaiian
248 populations sampled from around the globe (**Figure 5-figure supplement 2**).

249 The majority of isotypes assigned to the seven non-Hawaiian populations exhibit a high degree of
250 admixture with one another, indicating that these populations are not well differentiated. By contrast, isotypes
251 assigned to three of the four Hawaiian populations showed little admixture with other populations (**Figure 5-
252 figure supplement 2A**). We refer to the four Hawaiian populations as Volcano, Hawaiian Divergent,
253 Hawaiian Invaded, and Hawaiian Low for the following reasons. All eight isotypes in the Volcano population
254 were isolated on the Big Island of Hawaii from the town of Volcano at high elevation in wet rainforests
255 primarily composed of ferns, 'Ōhi'a lehua, and koa trees. The Hawaiian Divergent population is named for
256 the two highly divergent isotypes, XZ1516 and ECA701, which were isolated from Kauai, the oldest Hawaiian
257 island sampled. However, we emphasize that the population assignment of these two highly divergent
258 isotypes might not be correct given that they each contain many strain-specific variants that were filtered
259 from the admixture analysis. The Hawaiian Invaded population is named because many of the isotypes
260 assigned to this population exhibited admixture with non-Hawaiian populations, which is suggestive of an
261 invasion of non-Hawaiian alleles into Hawaii (**Figure 6A, Figure 6-figure supplement 1, Figure 6-figure
262 supplement 2**). The Hawaiian Low population is named because isotypes assigned to this population tended
263 to be isolated at lower elevations than those assigned to the other Hawaiian populations (See Methods,
264 **Figure 6B**). Together, our data suggest that the population structure of the Hawaiian isotypes is associated
265 with either Island, elevation, or both.

266 Within the Hawaiian Invaded population, one of the 19 isotypes was isolated from outside of Hawaii
267 (MY23), and 11 of 18 Hawaiian isotypes showed admixture with various non-Hawaiian populations,
268 particularly the non-Hawaiian population C (**Figure 6, Figure 5-figure supplement 2**). By contrast, just one
269 isotype (QG556, from the C population) was admixed with the Hawaiian Invaded population and it was
270 isolated from California (**Figure 6-figure supplement 1**). This result suggested that these populations either
271 share ancestry or recent gene flow occurred between them. To distinguish between these possibilities, we
272 explicitly tested for the presence of gene flow among all populations using TreeMix (Pickrell and Pritchard,
273 2012), which estimates the historical relationships among populations accounting for both population splits
274 and migration events. We found evidence of gene flow between the Hawaiian Invaded population and the
275 non-Hawaiian population C (**Figure 7; Figure 7-figure supplement 1**). The topological position of the fourth
276 highest-weight migration event identified by TreeMix (*i.e.*, C→Hawaiian Invaded) suggested that the

277 evidence of gene flow is not caused by incomplete assortment of ancestral alleles (*i.e.*, the migration arrows
278 connect the 'C' and Hawaiian Invaded lineages at the branch tips) (**Figure 7C; Figure 7-figure supplement**
279 **1**). TreeMix also detected evidence of gene flow from a population related to the Hawaiian Low and Hawaiian
280 Invaded populations to the non-Hawaiian G population (**Figure 7C; Figure 7-figure supplement 1**). The G
281 population comprises 15 isotypes typically isolated from Portugal and its two archipelagic autonomous
282 regions, the Azores and Madeira. Interestingly, all of the G isotypes collected from the Azores and Madeira
283 (JU258, NIC199, NIC251) are greater than 13% admixed with the Hawaii Low population (**Figure 5-figure**
284 **supplement 2A**). Although we do not know exactly where the source population for this migration was
285 located, the relatively high genetic diversity sampled within the Pacific region suggests that it was likely
286 located there and possibly within Hawaii. Importantly, TreeMix cannot definitively distinguish the direction of
287 migration between populations.

288 To further assess evidence of gene flow between the Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian populations, we
289 analyzed the haplotype structure across the genomes of all 276 *C. elegans* isotypes (Browning and
290 Browning, 2016). Within the Hawaiian Divergent, Volcano, and Hawaiian Low populations, we observed
291 haplotypes that were largely absent from the non-Hawaiian isotypes. By contrast, the Hawaiian Invaded
292 population shared portions of haplotypes that were commonly found in non-Hawaiian populations. For
293 example, the isotypes in the Hawaiian Invaded population exhibiting admixture with the non-Hawaiian C
294 population share haplotype arrangements on the left and center of Chr III (red and orange Chr III, **Figure**
295 **7A**). We also found evidence of the globally swept haplotype in all of the isotypes from the Hawaiian Invaded
296 population, particularly on chromosomes I, V, and X, but less so on chromosome IV (**Figure 7A-B, Figure**
297 **7-figure supplement 2**). By contrast, greater than 50% of chromosome IV contained the swept haplotype in
298 all of the isotypes from the C population (**Figure 7-figure supplement 2**). The Hawaiian Low population
299 generally contained smaller portions of the globally swept haplotypes than the Hawaii Invaded population
300 with the exception of the QX1791 isotype, which is likely because of its admixture with non-Hawaiian
301 populations 'C' and 'K' (**Figure 7A-B, Figure 5-figure supplement 2A**). Taken together, our data showed
302 that the Hawaiian isotypes from the Volcano and Hawaiian Divergent populations have avoided the selective
303 sweeps that are found in isotypes across most regions of the globe, and individuals within the Hawaiian
304 Invaded subpopulation have likely been outcrossed with these swept haplotypes.

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306 Discussion

307 We sought to deeply sample the natural genetic variation within the *C. elegans* species to better
308 understand the evolutionary history and driving forces of genome evolution in this powerful model system.
309 Because the Hawaiian Islands have been shown to harbor highly divergent strains relative to most regions
310 of the world, we choose to sample extensively on these islands. We developed a streamlined collection
311 procedure that facilitated our collection of over 2,000 samples across five Hawaiian islands. From these
312 collections, we isolated over 2,500 nematodes and used molecular data to partition 427 of these isolates into
313 13 distinct taxa, mostly from the Rhabditidae family. In total, we identified and cryogenically preserved 95
314 new *C. elegans* isolates that represent 26 genetically distinct isotypes. These isotypes represent the largest
315 single *C. elegans* collection effort on any island system and contain 27% more SNVs than all 233 non-
316 Hawaiian isotypes combined. Our findings confirm previous results where high diversity is found on the
317 Hawaiian Islands (Andersen et al., 2012), and document the first evidence of gene flow between Hawaiian
318 and non-Hawaiian populations. Additionally, the wealth of genetic variation within these new Hawaiian
319 isotypes can be used as a source of novel variants that might impact phenotypes of interest. It is important
320 to note that future genome-wide association mappings using these highly diverged isotypes, which contain
321 population-specific SNVs, might detect spurious associations that cannot be mitigated easily by corrections
322 of population stratification (Zhou and Stephens, 2012). Like other diverse population samples, further
323 sampling and a larger number of individuals will enable these types of mappings in the future.

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325 **The origins of *C. elegans***

326 The origin of many species can be traced to the location where genetic diversity is highest (Li and
327 Stephan 2006; Nielsen et al., 2017; Peter et al. 2018). The high genetic diversity we sampled from Hawaii
328 suggests that the Hawaiian Islands could be the origin of *C. elegans*. The extant Hawaii Islands range in age
329 from the still-forming Big Island to the 5.1 million year old Kauai, but the now submerged Emperor Seamounts
330 represent approximately 70 million years of stable land masses over the Pacific Hotspot (Neall and Trewick,
331 2008). These older landmasses predate the split between *C. elegans* and its closest know relative
332 *C. inopinata*, which is estimated to be 10.5 million years (Kanzaki et al., 2018). However, divergent isolates
333 are also found throughout the Pacific region and sampling efforts historically are biased towards Europe.
334 Notably, *C. inopinata*, was isolated in South Japan, suggesting that these species could have originated from
335 a common ancestor located outside of Hawaii but within the Pacific region (Kanzaki et al., 2018). If *C. elegans*
336 did originate from the Pacific region or the Hawaiian Islands, it is possible that the high diversity sampled
337 from these locations could have been maintained after the transition from a genetically divergent outcrossing
338 species to a selfing species (Thompson et al. 2015). Outcrossing *Caenorhabditis* species generally harbor
339 much higher levels of genetic diversity as compared to selfing *Caenorhabditis* species (Graustein et al. 2002;
340 Jovelin et al. 2003; Li et al. 2014; Cutter et al. 2019). Nevertheless, the deep diversity among the Hawaiian
341 isotypes, all of which are selfing hermaphroditic strains, implies that the origin of selfing might have occurred
342 earlier in the *C. elegans* evolutionary history than previously hypothesized (Cutter et al. 2008).

343 The higher genetic diversity sampled from the Hawaii Islands could have at least two possible
344 explanations other than residual ancestral diversity present since the transition to selfing. First, the higher
345 genetic diversity in the Hawaiian Islands might be driven by population demography on the Islands. It is
346 possible that Hawaii harbors larger, more temporally stable effective population sizes than other regions of
347 the world that have been sampled. Under a neutral model, populations with a larger effective population size
348 are expected to have a greater number of neutral polymorphisms (Kimura, 1991). These larger, more stable
349 effective population sizes are plausible in Hawaii given the abundant supply of available habitats (e.g. rotting
350 fruits and vegetation) and stable temperatures throughout the year. The Hawaiian climate is particularly less
351 variable than many temperate regions where *C. elegans* populations are known to exhibit seasonal
352 population expansions and contractions (Frézal and Félix, 2015; Richaud et al., 2018). Furthermore,
353 population bottlenecks associated with long-range dispersal to new habitats might also contribute to reduced
354 diversity in many parts of the globe. Second, high genetic diversity might not have been restricted to Hawaii
355 but present throughout the globe until recently. If true, then recent selective sweeps associated with human
356 activity might have purged diversity from most regions except the Hawaiian Islands. This explanation is less
357 plausible because genetically diverse isotypes are rarely found outside of the Pacific region, despite massive
358 sampling efforts (especially in Europe). Ultimately, the pattern of genetic variation in Hawaiian populations is
359 likely influenced by a combination of demographic history (e.g., reproductive mode, changes in population
360 size, short- and long-range migration events, and admixture) as well as evolutionary processes such as
361 natural selection, recombination, and mutation. To further untangle the evolutionary history and origin of this
362 species, additional samples from natural areas around the globe and in particular the Pacific region will be
363 required.

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365 **Out of Hawaii or invasion of Hawaii?**

366 Our sampling efforts within the Hawaiian Islands allowed us to explore how gene flow into and out of
367 the Hawaiian Islands contributes to the patterns of genetic diversity we observe within the current global
368 sample of *C. elegans*. In particular, we asked whether haplotype sharing among Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian
369 isotypes could be explained by emigration of nematodes from Hawaii (out of Hawaii) or immigration of
370 nematodes to Hawaii (invasion of Hawaii).

371 Our data support the immigration of alleles into the Hawaiian Invaded population from the less-
372 diverse, non-Hawaiian C population. Moreover, most isotypes from the Hawaiian Invaded and non-Hawaiian

373 populations share portions of swept haplotypes. Although, isotypes within the Hawaiian Invaded population
374 contain smaller portions of the swept haplotypes than those sampled outside of Hawaii. This pattern of
375 haplotype sharing could be explained by an ‘invasion of Hawaii’ scenario, wherein swept haplotypes have
376 invaded Hawaii. The genetic diversity of the Hawaiian populations might be threatened if the invading alleles
377 confer strong fitness advantages as is expected for swept haplotypes (Andersen et al., 2012). However, if
378 an invasion of Hawaii is currently underway, we have little evidence to support the selection of the swept
379 haplotypes in Hawaii. First, the Hawaiian Invaded population only contains small fractions of the swept
380 haplotypes on chromosomes I, V, X, and even smaller fractions on chromosome IV. Second, it would take a
381 large number of generations to create these small swept haplotypes because of the low outcrossing rates
382 and high incidence of outbreeding depression in *C. elegans* (Dolgin et al., 2007). Therefore, we speculate
383 that the swept haplotypes introgressed into the Hawaiian Invaded population do not confer the same fitness
384 advantages in the high elevation, cool temperature Hawaiian niche as they do in other parts of the world.

385 We also discovered evidence suggesting that alleles have emigrated from Hawaii to other regions of
386 the globe. TreeMix analyses suggests that gene flow occurred from a population related to the Hawaiian
387 Invaded and Hawaiian Low populations into the non-Hawaiian G population. Although we cannot be certain
388 if this source population was located within Hawaii, its relation to the two Hawaiian populations suggests that
389 it was. This ‘Out of Hawaii’ scenario might have occurred through long-range dispersal of genotypes similar
390 to those found in the Hawaiian Invaded and Hawaiian Low populations to other regions of the globe. Recent
391 migration out of Hawaii could have been aided by the transition of the Hawaiian economy towards large-
392 scale production and export of sugarcane and tropical fruits, which began in the late nineteenth century
393 (Bartholomew et al., 2012). If correct, then this situation is similar to what is thought to have occurred within
394 *Drosophila melanogaster* where the fruit trade might have facilitated recent migrations from native regions to
395 oceanic islands (David and Cappy, 1988; Hales et al., 2015). Taken together, our results suggest that gene
396 flow into and out of the Hawaiian Islands contributes greatly to the patterns of genetic diversity we observe
397 in *C. elegans* today.

398

399 **The ancestral niche of *C. elegans* might be similar to the Hawaiian niche**

400 We used publicly available weather data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
401 and the National Climatic Data Center to measure the variation in seasonal temperatures for locations close
402 to the sites where isotypes were collected (Evans et al., 2017). We found that the Hawaiian sampling
403 locations experienced less seasonal variability in temperature than any of the non-Hawaiian locations
404 (**Figure 5-figure supplement 3**). These findings raise the possibility that the ancestral niche of *C. elegans*
405 might be similar to the thermally stable Hawaiian habitats where genetic diversity is highest. However, factors
406 other than seasonal temperature variation might also characterize the ancestral niche of *C. elegans*. The
407 Hawaiian Divergent population was enriched at higher elevations, which have been less impacted by human
408 activities in Hawaii since the time of Polynesian colonization (Alison Kay, 1994). By contrast, the Hawaiian
409 Invaded and the Hawaiian Low populations are found at lower elevations, each of which show evidence of
410 the swept haplotypes. Although it remains unclear what factors restrict the flow of swept haplotypes to the
411 Hawaiian Divergent and Volcano populations, selective pressures connected to reduced human influence
412 might contribute to the lack of genetic exchange. This possibility would be consistent with the hypothesis that
413 the global sweeps, present in the Hawaiian Invaded and Hawaiian Low populations, originated through
414 positive selection acting on loci that confer fitness advantages in human-associated habitats (Andersen et
415 al., 2012). Alternatively, the presence of swept haplotypes in the Hawaiian Invaded and Hawaiian Low
416 populations may simply reflect that they are found at lower elevations closer to the coasts where they might
417 be more likely to mate with immigrating nematodes. Nevertheless, we suspect that the ancestral niche of *C.*
418 *elegans* is most likely to be similar to the thermally stable, high elevation Hawaiian habitats where human
419 impacts are less prevalent.

420

421 **Unravelling the evolutionary history of *C. elegans***

422 More accurate models of *C. elegans* niche preferences will facilitate our ability to unravel the
 423 evolutionary history of this species by directing researchers to areas most likely to harbor *C. elegans*
 424 populations. In order to build more accurate niche models, future sampling efforts should include unbiased
 425 sampling across environmental gradients in multiple locations over time because data on niche parameters
 426 where *C. elegans* is not found is as important as data where *C. elegans* is found (Félix and Duveau, 2012;
 427 Ferrari et al., 2017; Petersen et al., 2014; Richaud et al., 2018). Additionally, we must identify and quantify
 428 important biotic niche factors, including associated bacteria, fungi, and invertebrates. These types of data
 429 will help facilitate the identification of genes and molecular processes that are under selection in different
 430 subpopulations across the species range. *C. elegans* offers a tractable and powerful animal model system
 431 to connect environmental parameters to functional genomic variation. These data will deepen our
 432 understanding of the evolutionary history of *C. elegans* by revealing how selection and demographic forces
 433 have shaped the genome of this important model system.

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435 **Methods**

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437 **Key Resources Table:**

Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference	Identifiers	Additional information
sequence-based reagent	oECA305; ITS2 F primer	This paper	Andersen Lab: oECA305 F primer	GCTGCGTTATTTACCACGAATTGCARAC
sequence-based reagent	oECA202; ITS2 R primer	10.1186/1471-2148-11-339	Andersen Lab: oECA202 R primer	GCGGTATTTGCTACTACCAYYAMGATCTG C
sequence-based reagent	RHAB1350F; Rhabditid F primer	10.1093/molbev/msh264	Andersen Lab: oECA1271	TACAATGGAAGGCAGCAGGC
sequence-based reagent	RHAB1868R; Rhabditid R primer	10.1093/molbev/msh264	Andersen Lab: oECA1272	CCTCTGACTTTTCGTTCTTGATTAA
commercial assay or kit	Blood and Tissue DNA isolation kit	QIAGEN	cat# 69506	
commercial assay or kit	Qubit dsDNA Broad Range Assay Kit	Invitrogen	cat# Q32850	
software, algorithm	Fulcrum	Spatial Networks	Spatial Networks: Fulcrum	https://www.fulcrumapp.com/
software, algorithm	UGENE	10.1093/bioinformatics/bts091	Unipro: UGENE v.1.27.0	http://ugene.net/
software, algorithm	Nextflow	10.1038/nbt.3820	Nexflow	https://github.com/nextflow-io/nextflow

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439 **Strains**

440 Nematodes were reared at 20°C using *Escherichia coli* OP50 bacteria grown on modified nematode
 441 growth medium (NGMA), containing 1% agar and 0.7% agarose to prevent animals from burrowing
 442 (Andersen et al., 2014). In total, 169 *C. briggsae*, 100 *C. elegans*, 21 *C. tropicalis*, 15 *C. oiwi*, and four
 443 *C. kamaaina* wild isolates were collected. Of these strains, 95 *C. elegans*, 19 *C. tropicalis*, and 12 *C. oiwi*
 444 wild isolates were cryopreserved and are available upon request along with the other *C. elegans* strains

445 included in our analysis (**Supplementary Data 2**). The type specimen for *C. oiwi* (ECA1100) is also
446 deposited at the *Caenorhabditis* Genetics Center (**Supplementary File 2**).

447

448 **Sampling strategy**

449 We sampled nematodes at 2,263 sites across five Hawaiian Islands during August 2017. Before
450 travelling to Hawaii, general sampling locations were selected based on accessibility via hiking trails and by
451 proximity to where *C. elegans* had been collected previously (Andersen et al., 2012; Cook et al., 2016;
452 Hahnel et al., 2018; Hodgkin and Doniach, 1997). Sampling hikes with large elevation changes were
453 prioritized to ensure that we sampled across a broad range of environmental parameters. On these hikes,
454 we opportunistically sampled substrates known to harbor *C. elegans*, including fruits, flowers, stems, leaf
455 litter, fungus, compost, wood, live arthropods, and molluscs (Ferrari et al., 2017; Frézal and Félix, 2015;
456 Schulenburg and Félix, 2017). We chose to group these substrates into six major categories: leaf litter, fruit,
457 flower, fungus, invertebrate, and vegetation. The vegetation category contains all substrates that do not fall
458 into any of the other five categories. We chose to distinguish the leaf litter, fruit, and flower substrates from
459 the vegetation category because we suspect these substrates provide distinct microhabitats and each
460 substrate was sampled extensively. In 20 locations, we performed extensive local sampling in an
461 approximately 30 square meter area that we refer to as a 'gridsect'. The gridsect comprised a center sampling
462 point with additional sampling sites at one, two, and three meters away from the center in six directions with
463 each direction 60° apart from each other (**Figure 3-figure supplement 1**).

464

465 **Field sampling and environmental data collection**

466 To characterize the *Caenorhabditis* abiotic niche, we collected and organized data for several
467 environmental parameters at each sampling site using a customizable geographic data-collection application
468 called Fulcrum®. We named our customized Fulcrum® application 'Nematode field sampling' and used the
469 following workflow to enter the environmental data into the application while in the field. First, we used a
470 mobile device camera to scan a unique collection barcode from a pre-labelled plastic collection bag. This
471 barcode is referred to as a collection label or 'C-label' in the application and is used to associate a particular
472 sample with its environmental and nematode isolation data. Next, we entered the substrate type, landscape,
473 and sky view data into the application using drop down menus and photographed the sample in place using
474 a mobile device camera. The GPS coordinates for the sample are automatically recorded in the photo
475 metadata. We then measured the surface temperature of the sample using an infrared thermometer
476 Lasergrip 1080 (Etekcity, Anaheim, CA), its moisture content using a handheld pin-type wood moisture meter
477 MD912 (Dr. Meter, Los Angeles, CA), and the ambient temperature and humidity near the sample using a
478 combined thermometer and hygrometer device GM1362 (GoerTek, Weifang, China). These measurements
479 were entered into the appropriate fields in the application (**Supplementary File 4**). Finally, we transferred
480 the sample into a collection bag and stored it in a cool location before we attempted to isolate nematodes.
481 Seventy samples in our raw data had missing GPS coordinates or GPS coordinates that were distant from
482 actual sampling locations after visual inspection using satellite imagery. The positions for these samples
483 were corrected using the average position of the two samples collected before and after the errant data point
484 or by manually assigning estimated positions.

485

486 **Nematode isolation**

487 Following each collection, the substrate sample was transferred from the barcoded collection bag to
488 an identically barcoded 10 cm NGMA plate seeded with OP50 bacteria. For 1,989 of the 2,263 samples
489 collected, we isolated nematodes that crawled off the substrates onto the collection plates approximately 47
490 hours after the samples were collected from the field (mean = 46.9 h, std. dev. = 19.5 h). The remaining 274
491 samples were shipped overnight from Hawaii to Northwestern University in collection bags, and the
492 nematodes were isolated approximately 172 hours after sample collection (mean = 172.5 h, std. dev. = 17.9

493 h). For each collection plate, up to seven gravid nematodes were isolated by transferring them individually
494 to pre-labeled 3.5 cm NGMA isolation plates seeded with OP50 bacteria. We refer to these isolation plates
495 as 'S-plates' in the Fulcrum® application we called 'Nematode isolation' (**Supplementary File 5**). At the time
496 of isolation, we recorded the approximate number of nematodes on the collection plate. We merged the
497 collection, isolation, and environmental data together into a single data file with the 'process_fulcrum_data.R'
498 script that can be found in the scripts folder of the GitHub repository
499 (<https://github.com/AndersenLab/HawaiiMS>) (**Supplementary Data 1**).

500

501 **Nematode identification**

502 The isolated nematodes were stored at 20°C for approximately 14 days (mean = 14.3 d, std. Dev. =
503 4.9 d) but were not passaged during this time to avoid multiple generations of proliferation. For initial
504 genotyping, whenever possible five to ten nematodes were lysed in 8 µl of lysis solution (100 mM KCl, 20
505 mM Tris pH 8.2, 5 mM MgCl₂, 0.9% IGEPAL, 0.9% Tween 20, 0.02% gelatin with proteinase K added to a
506 final concentration of 0.4 mg/ml) then frozen at -80°C for up to 12 hours. If isolated nematodes were not
507 found on the isolation plates prior to genotyping, they were categorized as 'Not genotyped'. If the isolation
508 plate only contained dead or sterile nematodes, we attempted to lyse five to ten carcasses or sterile
509 individuals. The lysed material was thawed on ice, and 1 µl was loaded directly into 40 µl reactions with
510 primers spanning a portion of the ITS2 region (Internal Transcribed Spacer) between the 5.8S and 28S rDNA
511 genes with forward primer oECA305 (GCTGCGTTATTTACCACGAATTGCARAC) and reverse primer
512 oECA202 (GCGGTATTTGCTACTACCAYYAMGATCTGC) (Kiontke et al., 2011). The ITS2 PCR used the
513 following conditions: 180 seconds denaturation step at 95°C; then 34 cycles of 95°C for 15 seconds, 60°C
514 for 15 seconds, and 72°C for two minutes; followed by a five-minute elongation step at 72°C. We also loaded
515 1 µl of the lysed material into 40 µl reactions with second set of primers RHAB1350F
516 (TACAATGGAAGGCAGCAGGC) and RHAB1868R (CCTCTGACTTTCGTTCTTGATTAA), which amplify
517 about 500 bp of 18S rDNA of Rhabditid nematodes (Haber et al. 2005). The Rhabditid PCR used the following
518 conditions: 120 second denaturation step at 95°C; then 35 cycles of 95°C for 20 seconds, 55°C for 60
519 seconds, and 72°C for 30 seconds; followed by a five-minute elongation step at 72°C. The presence of PCR
520 products was visualized on a 2% agarose gel in 1X TAE buffer. Because we could not be certain of the
521 genomic DNA template quality, isolates that did not produce the expected 500 bp Rhabditid PCR product
522 were labelled as 'Not genotyped'. Those isolates that did not yield an ITS2 PCR product were labelled as
523 'PCR-negative', and those isolates that did yield the expected 2 kb ITS2 PCR product were labelled as 'PCR-
524 positive'. To identify the genus of the isolates labeled as 'PCR-positive', we then used Sanger sequencing of
525 the ITS2 PCR products with forward primer oECA305. We classified *Caenorhabditis* species by comparing
526 the ITS2 sequences to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) database using the BLAST
527 algorithm. Isolates with sequences that aligned best to genera other than *Caenorhabditis* were only classified
528 to the genus level.

529 For every isolate where the BLAST results either aligned to *C. elegans*, had an unexpectedly high
530 number of mismatches in the center of the read, or did not match any known sequences because of poor
531 sequence quality, we performed another independent lysis and PCR using high-quality Taq polymerase (cat#
532 RR001C, TaKaRa) to confirm our original results. For this confirmation, we used the forward primer oECA305
533 and the reverse primer oECA306 (CACTTTCAAGCAACCCGAC) to sequence the confirmation ITS2
534 amplicon in both directions. The sequence chromatograms were then quality trimmed by eye with Unipro
535 UGENE software (version 1.27.0) and compared to known nematode species in the NCBI sequence
536 database using the BLAST algorithm. We used the consensus alignment of the forward and reverse reads
537 to confirm our original results. For *C. elegans*, five of the 100 strains perished before we could confirm their
538 identity. We also confirmed that several strains that best aligned to *C. kamaaina* shared a large number of
539 mismatches in the center of the ITS2 amplicon, suggesting they belonged to a new species. For these strains,
540 we performed reciprocal mating tests with *C. kamaaina* to infer the new species by the biological species

541 concept (Félix et al., 2014). None of these crosses produced viable progeny, suggesting that these isolates
542 represent a new *Caenorhabditis* species (**Supplementary File 2**).

543

544 **Illumina library construction and whole-genome sequencing**

545 To extract DNA, we transferred nematodes from two 10 cm NGMA plates spotted with OP50 *E. coli*
546 into a 15 ml conical tube by washing with 10 mL of M9. We then used gravity to settle animals on the bottom
547 of the conical tube, removed the supernatant, and added 10 mL of fresh M9. We repeated this wash method
548 three times over the course of one hour to serially dilute the *E. coli* in the M9 and allow the animals time to
549 purge ingested *E. coli*. Genomic DNA was isolated from 100-300 µl nematode pellets using the Blood and
550 Tissue DNA isolation kit cat# 69506 (QIAGEN, Valencia, CA) following established protocols (Cook et al.,
551 2016). The DNA concentration was determined for each sample with the Qubit dsDNA Broad Range Assay
552 Kit cat# Q32850 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). The DNA samples were then submitted to the Duke Center for
553 Genomic and Computational Biology per their requirements. The Illumina library construction and
554 sequencing were performed at Duke University using KAPA Hyper Prep kits (Kapa Biosystems, Wilmington,
555 MA) and the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 platform (paired-end 150 bp reads). The raw sequencing reads for
556 strains used in this project are available from the NCBI Sequence Read Archive (Project PRJNA549503).

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558 **Variant calling**

559 To ensure reproducible data analysis, all genomic analyses were performed using pipelines
560 generated in the Nextflow workflow management system framework (Di Tommaso et al., 2017). Each
561 Nextflow pipeline used in this study is briefly described below (**Supplementary File 6**). All pipelines follow
562 the “*pipeline name-nf*” naming convention and full descriptions can be found on the Andersen lab dry-guide
563 website: (<http://andersenlab.org/dry-guide/pipeline-overview/>).

564 Raw sequencing reads were trimmed using *trimmomatic-nf*, which uses trimmomatic (v0.36) (Bolger
565 et al., 2014) to remove low-quality bases and adapter sequences. Following trimming, we used the
566 *concordance-nf* pipeline to characterize *C. elegans* strains isolated in this study and previously described
567 strains (Cook et al., 2017, 2016; Hahnel et al., 2018). The *concordance-nf* pipeline calls SNVs using the
568 BCFtools (v.1.9) (Danecek et al., 2014) variant calling software. The variants are filtered by: Depth
569 (FORMAT/DP) ≥ 3 ; Mapping Quality (INFO/MQ) > 40 ; Variant quality (QUAL) > 30 ; (Allelic Depth
570 (FORMAT/AD) / Num of high quality bases (FORMAT/DP)) ratio > 0.5 . We determined the pairwise similarity
571 of all strains by calculating the fraction of shared SNVs. Finally, we classified two or more strains as the same
572 isotype if they shared $>99.9\%$ SNVs. If a strain did not meet this criterion, we considered it as a unique
573 isotype. Newly assigned isotypes were added to CeNDR (Cook et al., 2017).

574 After isotypes are assigned, we used *alignment-nf* with BWA (v0.7.17-r1188) (Li, 2013; Li and Durbin,
575 2009) to align trimmed sequence data for distinct isotypes to the N2 reference genome (WS245) (Lee et al.,
576 2018). Next, we called SNVs using *wi-nf*, which uses the BCFtools (v.1.9) (Danecek et al., 2014). The *wi-nf*
577 pipeline generates two population-wide VCFs that we refer to as the soft-filtered and hard-filtered VCFs
578 (**Supplementary File 3**). After variant calling, a soft-filtered VCF was generated for each sample by
579 appending the following soft-filters to variant sites: Depth (FORMAT/DP) > 10 ; Mapping Quality (INFO/MQ)
580 > 40 ; Variant quality (QUAL) > 10 ; (Allelic Depth (FORMAT/AD) / Number of high quality bases
581 (FORMAT/DP)) ratio > 0.5 . These soft-filters were appended to the FT field of the VCF using *VCF-kit* (Cook
582 and Andersen, 2017). Next, sample VCFs were merged using the merge utility of BCFtools (v.1.9). Once the
583 population VCF was generated, variant sites with greater than 90% missing genotypes (high_missing) or
584 greater than 10% heterozygosity (high_heterozygosity) were flagged. We refer to this VCF as the ‘soft-filtered
585 VCF’. To construct the ‘hard-filtered VCF’, we removed all variants that did not pass the filters described
586 above. Both the soft- and hard-filtered isotype-level VCFs are available to download on the CeNDR website
587 (version 20180527) (Cook et al., 2017).

588 We further pruned the hard-filtered VCF to contain sites with no missing genotype calls using
589 BCFtools (v.1.9) (Danecek et al., 2014). The predicted variant effects were appended to the VCF using
590 SnpEff (v 4.3) (Cingolani et al., 2012). We further annotated this VCF with exons, G-quartets, transcription
591 factor binding sites, histone binding sites, miRNA binding sites, splice sites, ancestral alleles (XZ1516 set as
592 ancestor), the genetic map position, and repetitive elements using vcfanno (v 0.2.8) (Pedersen et al., 2016).
593 All annotations were obtained from WS266. We removed regions that were annotated as repetitive. We
594 named this VCF the 'PopGen VCF' (**Supplementary Data 3; Supplementary File 3**).

595

596 **Phylogenetic analyses**

597 We characterized the relatedness of the *C. elegans* isotypes using RAxML-ng with the GTR DNA
598 substitution model and maximum likelihood estimation to find the parameter values that maximize the
599 phylogenetic likelihood function, and thus provide the best explanation for the observed data (Kozlov et al.,
600 2019). We pruned the 'PopGen VCF' by removing sites in high linkage disequilibrium (LD) using PLINK (v1.9)
601 (Chang et al., 2015; Purcell et al., 2007) with the `--indep-pairwise 50 1 0.95` command. We used the
602 vcf2phylip.py script (Ortiz, n.d.) to convert this pruned VCF to the PHYLIP format (Felsenstein, 1993) required
603 to run RAxML-ng. To construct the unrooted tree that included 276 strains (**Figure 4-figure supplement 1**),
604 we used the GTR evolutionary model available in RAxML-ng (Lanave et al., 1984; Tavaré, 1986). This tree
605 was visualized using the ggtree (v1.10.5) R package (Yu et al., 2017). To construct the neighbor-net
606 phylogenies (**Figure 5, Figure 5-figure supplement 4**) we further pruned the 'PopGen VCF' by removing
607 sites in linkage disequilibrium using PLINK (v1.9) with the `--indep-pairwise 50 1 0.8` command. We also
608 removed variants only present in one isotype. To visualize the neighbor-net phylogenies we used SplitsTree4
609 (Huson and Bryant, 2006).

610

611 **Population genetic statistics**

612 Genome-wide π , Hudson's F_{ST} , and Tajima's D were calculated using the PopGenome package in R
613 (Pfeifer et al., 2014). All statistics were calculated along sliding windows with a 10 kb window size and a 1
614 kb step size with the 'PopGen VCF' (**Supplementary Data 3; Supplementary File 3**). Importantly, our
615 statistics are calculated among isotypes not among isolates. The standard method for calculating these
616 statistics is among isolates. We choose to calculate these values among isotypes to avoid oversampling of
617 highly related individuals that are often isolated from the same substrate.

618

619 **Admixture analysis**

620 We performed admixture analysis using ADMIXTURE (v1.3.0) (Alexander et al., 2009). Prior to
621 running ADMIXTURE, we LD-pruned the 'PopGen VCF' (**Supplementary Data 3**) using PLINK (v1.9) (Chang
622 et al., 2015; Purcell et al., 2007) with the command `--indep-pairwise 50 10 0.8`. We also removed variants
623 only present in one isotype. We ran ADMIXTURE ten independent times for K sizes ranging from 2 to 20 for
624 all 276 isotypes. Visualization of admixture results was performed using the pophelper (v2.2.5) R package
625 (Francis, 2017). We chose K=11 for future analyses because the cross-validation (CV) error approached
626 minimization at this K (**Figure 5-figure supplement 1**). Furthermore, K=11 subset the Hawaiian isotypes
627 into four distinct populations, which exactly matched the subsets obtained from running ADMIXTURE on just
628 the 43 Hawaiian isotypes at K=4 (K=4 minimized CV for ADMIXTURE with Hawaiian isotypes only, (**Figure**
629 **5-figure supplement 4**). We performed TreeMix analysis on K=11 for zero to five migration events (Pickrell
630 and Pritchard, 2012).

631

632 **Haplotype analysis**

633 We determined identity-by-descent (IBD) of strains using IBDSeq (Browning and Browning, 2013)
634 run on the 'PopGen VCF' (**Supplementary Data 3**) with the following parameters: `minalleles=0.01, ibdtrim=0,`
635 `r2max=0.8`. IBD segments were then used to infer haplotype structure among isotypes as described

636 previously (Andersen et al., 2012). After haplotypes were identified, we defined the most common haplotype
637 found on chromosomes I, IV, V, and X as the swept haplotype. We then retained the swept haplotypes within
638 isotypes that passed the following per chromosome filters: total length > 1 Mb; total length / maximum
639 population-wide swept haplotype length > 0.03. We classified chromosomes within isotypes as swept if the
640 sum of the retained swept haplotypes for a chromosome was > 3% of the maximum population wide swept
641 haplotype length for that chromosome.

642

643 **Environmental parameter analysis**

644 We calculated the pairwise distances among all *C. elegans*-positive collections on Hawaii and
645 detected five distinct geographic clusters, each of which contain collections that are within 20 meters of one
646 another. The largest of these clusters comprised 18 collections in the Kalopa State Recreation Area on the
647 Big Island of Hawaii. This cluster contained 11 collections from gridsect-3 and seven additional collections
648 within 20 meters from the edge of the gridsect. The other four geographic clusters contain four or fewer
649 collections each. We used the average values of environmental parameters from geographically clustered
650 collections to avoid biasing our results by local oversampling. We applied this strategy to the comparison of
651 environmental parameters between the Hawaiian admixture populations and used the Kruskal-Wallis test to
652 detect differences ($\alpha = 0.05$).

653

654 **Climate data analysis**

655 Climate data were downloaded from the Integrated Surface Data (ISD) FTP server
656 (<ftp://ftp.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/noaa/>) managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
657 (NOAA), and the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC). The data were processed using the noaa-nf pipeline
658 available at the GitHub repository (<https://github.com/AndersenLab/noaa-nf>).

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865 **Legends:**

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867 **Figure 1 - Geographic distribution of sampling sites across five Hawaiian islands.** In total we sampled
868 2,263 unique sites. **(A)** The percentage of each collection category is shown by island. The collection
869 categories are colored according to the legend at the bottom of the panel, and the total number of samples
870 for each island are shown above the bars. **(B-F)** The circles indicate unique sampling sites ($n = 2,263$) and
871 are colored by the collection categories shown in the bottom legend. For sampling sites where multiple
872 collection categories apply ($n = 299$), the site is colored by the collection category shown in the legend from
873 left to right, respectively. For all sampling sites, the GPS coordinates and collection categories found at that
874 site are included in **(Supplementary Data 1)**. We focused our studies on *Caenorhabditis* nematode
875 collections, excluding *C. kamaaina* because it was only found at two sampling sites. Maps ©
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878 **Figure 1-figure supplement 1 - DIC micrographs of *C. oiwi* sp. n. - (A)** stoma of male (subventral right,
879 dorsal is up); **(B)** stoma of female subventral right, dorsal is up); **(C)** female lateral field with alae; **(D)** female
880 midbody region showing vulva, one embryo in each uterus, one oocyte in each spermatheca and part of the
881 posterior ovary (left side view); **(E)** pharynx region of female (left side view); and **(F)** female tail (left side
882 view). Scale bars in A-C are 10 μm and 20 μm in D-F. A formal description of *C. oiwi* is provided
883 **(Supplementary File 2)**.

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885 **Figure 1-figure supplement 2 - Features of the male tail of *C. oiwi* sp. n. - (A)** Drawing of the male tail in
886 ventral view. The rays in position 1, 5 and 7 (from anterior) open to the dorsal side of the fan. **(B)** A drawing
887 of the spicule and gubernaculum in right lateral view is shown. **(C)** A drawing of the gubernaculum in ventral
888 view is shown. **(D)** DIC micrograph of the spicules and gubernaculum in ventral view is shown. **(E, F)** DIC
889 micrographs of the male tail in ventral **(E)** and lateral right view **(F)** are shown. Scale bars are 20 μm . A formal
890 description of *C. oiwi* is provided **(Supplementary File 2)**.

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892 **Figure 1-source data 1:** The collection categories and location data for each of the 2,263 samples collected
893 are organized here. The `c_label` column indicates the unique ID for each sample collected. The
894 `collection_type` column indicates which collection class into which the sample was placed. The `island` column
895 indicates which island from which the sample was collected. The `PCR_positive` column contains a 0 for
896 samples that had a PCR product with the Rhabditid primers but did not have PCR product with the ITS2
897 primers. The `worms_on_sample` column is 'Yes' if worms were observed on the collection plate, 'No' if they
898 were not observed, or 'Tracks' if we only saw tracks on the plate. Longitude and Latitude columns indicate
899 the GPS position of the sample. The `multiple_type` column is 'no' if only one `collection_type` was observed
900 for the `c_label` and 'yes' if more than one collection type was observed. (Used to generate Figure 1A-F)

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902 **Figure 2 - Collection categories by substrate type.** **(A)** The percentage of each collection category is
903 shown by substrate type. The collection categories are colored according to the legend at the right, and the
904 total number of samples for each substrate are shown to the right of bars. **(B)** The percentage of collections
905 is shown by substrate type for each *Caenorhabditis* species (excluding *C. kamaaina*, $n = 2$). **(C)** Examples
906 of substrate photographs for *Caenorhabditis* species are shown and white ellipses indicate what was
907 sampled. The *C. oiwi* leaf litter cell is blank because *C. oiwi* was only isolated from flowers and fruit.

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909 **Figure 2-source data 1:** The fraction of samples in each collection category organized by major substrate
910 classes. The `fixed_substrate` column indicates the substrate category. The `worm_per_substrate` column
911 indicates how many instances of that collection category were sampled within the substrate class. The
912 `total_substrates` column indicates how many substrates of that class were sampled in total. The

913 perc_worm_sub column indicates the fraction of samples in that belong to a certain collection category within
914 each substrate class. The plot_type column indicates the various collection categories. (These data were
915 used to generate Figure 2A).

916

917 **Figure 2-source data 2:** The fraction of samples containing each *Caenorhabditis* species by substrate class
918 are organized here. The invertebrate substrate class is not included because we did not sample
919 *Caenorhabditis* from that class. The species_family column indicates the *Caenorhabditis* species under
920 consideration for that row of data. The fixed_substrate column indicates the substrate class. The
921 perc_worm_sub2 column indicates the fraction of samples containing each *Caenorhabditis* species by
922 substrate class. (These data were used to generate Figure 2B).

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924 **Figure 3 - Environmental parameter values for sites where *Caenorhabditis* species were isolated. (A-**
925 **E)** Tukey box plots are plotted by species (colors) for different environmental parameters. Each dot
926 corresponds to a unique sampling site where that species was identified. In cases where two *Caenorhabditis*
927 species were identified from the same sample ($n = 3$), the same parameter values are plotted for both
928 species. All p-values were calculated using Kruskal-Wallis test and Dunn test for multiple comparisons with
929 p values adjusted using the Bonferroni method; comparisons not mentioned were not significant ($\alpha = 0.05$).
930 **(A)** Ambient temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) was typically cooler at the sites were *C. elegans* were isolated compared to
931 sites for all other *Caenorhabditis* species (Dunn test, $p < 0.005$). **(B)** Substrate temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) was also
932 generally cooler for *C. elegans* than all other *Caenorhabditis* species (Dunn test, $p < 0.00001$). **(C)** Ambient
933 humidity (%) did not differ significantly among the *Caenorhabditis*-positive sites. **(D)** Substrate moisture (%)
934 was generally greater for *C. elegans* than *C. oiwi* (Dunn test, $p = 0.002$). **(E)** Elevation (meters) was typically
935 greater at sites where *C. elegans* were isolated compared to sites for all other *Caenorhabditis* species (Dunn
936 test, $p < 0.00001$). **(F)** A correlation matrix for the environmental parameters was made using sample data
937 from the *Caenorhabditis* species shown. The parameter labels for the matrix are printed on the diagonal, and
938 the Pearson correlation coefficients are printed in the cells. The color scale also indicates the strength and
939 sign of the correlations shown in the matrix.

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941 **Figure 3-figure supplement 1 - Local scale sampling with gridsects.** Nineteen of twenty gridsects are
942 shown. A key defining the sample positions for each gridsect is shown on the lower right. Samples were
943 collected in six directions (A-F), each 60° apart. The center is denoted as A0, and samples were collected in
944 each direction at one, two, and three meters from the center. Gridsect 16 is omitted because it was
945 incomplete. The colors and shapes plotted at gridsect positions show the collection category and substrate
946 class collected at that position as defined in the plot legend. We isolated multiple nematodes from some
947 substrates, in these cases multiple shapes are plotted at that position to indicate the various collection
948 categories that were found there.

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950 **Figure 3-figure supplement 2 - Network of cohabiting species isolated from samples.** The nodes are
951 labeled with the taxa. The edges are labeled with the number of times the taxa shown on the nodes were
952 isolated from the same sample.

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954 **Figure 3-figure supplement 3 - Local diversity and colocalization of isotypes. (A)** Local scale gridsect
955 sampling is shown. Each gridsect contains a total of 19 samples centered on the sample position labeled A0.
956 The remaining sample positions are labeled by one of six transect lines (A-F) followed by the distance (in
957 meters) from position A0. The shapes plotted above the position label show the collection category at that
958 position as defined in the plot legend, and the colors correspond to *C. elegans* isotypes in the legend.
959 Samples that did not contain *C. elegans* strains are colored white. **(B)** A colocalization network is shown for

960 *C. elegans* isotypes from all Hawaiian samples. The numbers inset on the lines connecting two isotypes
961 correspond to the number of unique samples where the two strains were isolated together.

962

963 **Figure 3-source data 1:** Environmental parameter data for all *Caenorhabditis*-positive collections are
964 organized here. The c_label column indicates the unique ID for each sample collected. The s_label column
965 is the unique ID for each nematode isolated. The species_family column corresponds to the species isolated
966 from that isolation plate. The env_par column indicated the environmental parameter being measured in the
967 value column. The KM_pvalue indicates the p-value of the Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test for each
968 environmental parameter. (Used to generate Figure 3A-E)

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970 **Figure 3-source data 2:** Pearson correlation coefficients for environmental parameter pairs. The X and Y
971 columns correspond to the environmental parameters tested for correlations. The pearson_correlation
972 column indicates the Pearson correlation coefficients for the parameter pairs. (Used to generate Figure 3F)

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974 **Figure 3-figure supplement 1-source data 1:** Collection data for all gridsect samples. (Used to generate
975 Figure 3-figure supplement 1)

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977 **Figure 3-figure supplement 2-source data 1:** Collection data for all samples where two or more PCR-
978 positive nematodes were isolated from the same sample. (Used to generate Figure 3-figure supplement 2)

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980 **Figure 3-figure supplement 3-source data 1:** Collection data for gridsects from which *C. elegans* were
981 isolated. (Used to generate Figure 3-figure supplement 3A)

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983 **Figure 3-figure supplement 3-source data 2:** Collection data for all samples from which multiple *C. elegans*
984 isotypes were isolated. (Used to generate Figure 3-figure supplement 3B)

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986 **Figure 4 - Chromosomal patterns of *C. elegans* diversity and differentiation.** All comparisons are
987 between the 43 Hawaiian isotypes and the 233 non-Hawaiian isotypes from the rest of the world. All statistics
988 were calculated along a sliding window of size 10 kb with a step size of 1 kb. Each dot corresponds to the
989 calculated value for a particular window. **(A)** Genome-wide π calculated for Hawaiian isotypes (light blue)
990 and non-Hawaiian isotypes (pink) are shown. **(B)** Genome-wide Tajima's D statistics for Hawaiian isotypes
991 (light blue) and non-Hawaiian isotypes (pink) are shown. **(C)** Genome-wide Hudson's F_{ST} comparing the
992 Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian isotypes are shown.

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994 **Figure 4-figure supplement 1 - *Caenorhabditis elegans* unrooted tree for 276 isotypes.** A maximum
995 likelihood tree built using single nucleotide variants found in the 276 *C. elegans* isotypes sampled, including
996 the 26 new Hawaiian isotypes. (Substitution model: GTR+FO). The isotypes labeled in red were isolated
997 from the Hawaiian Islands ($n = 43$). The five isotypes labeled are non-Hawaiian isotypes that group within
998 the Hawaiian isotypes.

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1000 **Figure 4-source data 1:** Chromosomal patterns of *C. elegans* diversity and differentiation. The values of
1001 nucleotide diversity (π) for 10 kb windows in the Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian samples are found in the
1002 Diversity_Hawaiian and Diversity_non-Hawaiian columns, respectively. The snp_index, position, and
1003 CHROM columns indicate the index ID, nucleotide position, and chromosome start points for each of the 10
1004 kb windows. The Fst column holds Hudson's F_{ST} values indicating differentiation among the two samples for
1005 the same windows. (Used to generate Figures 4A and 4C)

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1007 **Figure 4-source data 2:** Chromosomal patterns of Tajima's *D* for the Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian samples.
1008 The CHROM and position columns indicate the chromosome and nucleotide starting positions for the 10 kb
1009 windows used to calculate Tajima's *D*. The Population column corresponds to the sample being tested, and
1010 the value column indicates the value of the Tajima's *D* statistic calculated for each window. (Used to generate
1011 Figure 4B)

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1013 **Figure 4-figure supplement 1-source data 1:** Best-scoring maximum likelihood tree output from RAxML-
1014 ng. (Used to generate Figure 4-figure supplement 1)

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1016 **Figure 5 - Relatedness of the Hawaiian *C. elegans* isotypes.** Neighbor-joining net showing the genetic
1017 relatedness of the Hawaiian *C. elegans* isotypes relative to a representative set of non-admixed, non-
1018 Hawaiian isotypes from each population defined by ADMIXTURE (K=11). Colors of isotype names indicate
1019 the maximum fraction of population assignment from ADMIXTURE (K=11), including the seven non-Hawaiian
1020 populations (B-K) and the four Hawaiian populations (Hawaiian Invaded, Hawaiian Low, Hawaiian Divergent,
1021 and Volcano). Isotypes labeled with an asterisk are representative of non-admixed, non-Hawaiian isotypes
1022 from each population defined by ADMIXTURE (K=11). Pie charts represent population proportions for all
1023 isotypes within the full admixture population.

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1025 **Figure 5-figure supplement 1 - Summary of ADMIXTURE analysis.** (A) Tukey boxplots of ten independent
1026 ADMIXTURE runs showing the cross-validation error on the y-axis for the number of populations (K) ranging
1027 from 2-20 on the x-axis. (B) The inferred population proportions estimated by ADMIXTURE are shown on
1028 the y-axis of the all *C. elegans* isotypes on the x-axis. Each isotype is represented by a vertical line, which is
1029 partitioned into colored segments that represent the isotype's membership fractions for the populations
1030 shown in the legend.

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1032 **Figure 5-figure supplement 2 - Global population structure.** (A) The inferred population proportions
1033 estimated by ADMIXTURE (K = 11) with *C. elegans* isotype names on the y-axis. The names colored in blue
1034 represent Hawaiian isotypes. (B) The global distribution of all 276 isotypes are shown with colors
1035 corresponding to the legend. Colors are assigned based on the largest ancestral population fraction for that
1036 isotype (e.g. the isotype MY23 from Germany was assigned as 51% 'Hawaii Invaded' and 49% global 'K' but
1037 it is colored red on the map for 'Hawaii Invaded'). (C) The same data are shown but with more resolution in
1038 Europe. (D) All distinct collections of Hawaiian isotypes are shown with labels for isotype names colored by
1039 the ancestral population assignment. The blue lines point to specific collection locations for those isotypes.
1040 The cluster of 'Hawaiian Invaded' isotypes on the Big Island correspond to gridsect 3 and adjacent collections
1041 from the Kalōpā state recreation area.

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1043 **Figure 5-figure supplement 3 - Seasonal temperature variation by population.** The standard deviation
1044 of daily mean temperatures for a 12-month period centered on the collection date for each isolate is shown.
1045 If only the year of collection is known, then the 12-month period is centered on January 1st of that year, and
1046 if the year and month are known but not the exact date, then the 12-month period is centered on the first of
1047 that month. The data points correspond to isotypes and are colored by their assigned populations from
1048 admixture analysis. The Hawaiian isotypes are plotted as circles and non-Hawaiian isotypes are plotted as
1049 triangles.

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1051 **Figure 5-figure supplement 4 - Summary of ADMIXTURE analysis on Hawaiian *C. elegans* isotypes.**
1052 (A) Tukey boxplots of ten independent ADMIXTURE runs showing the cross-validation error on the y-axis
1053 for the population number (K) ranging from 2-10 on the x-axis. (B) The inferred population proportions
1054 estimated by ADMIXTURE are shown on the y-axis for the Hawaiian *C. elegans* isotypes on the x-axis. Each

1055 isotype is represented by a vertical line, which is partitioned into colored segments that represent the
1056 isotype's membership fractions in the clusters shown in the legend. **(C)** A neighbor-joining net showing the
1057 genetic relatedness of the Hawaiian isotypes is shown. Colors of labels indicate the largest fractional
1058 population assignment from ADMIXTURE (K=4).

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1061 **Figure 5-source data 1:** VCF used to generate the nexus file with vcf2phylip.py script for the neighbor-
1062 joining network shown in Figure 5. This VCF is processed from the 'PopGen VCF' (**Supplementary Data 3**)
1063 (see Methods - Phylogenetic analyses). (Used to generate Figure 5)

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1065 **Figure 5-source data 2:** The nexus file for creating neighbor-joining network shown in Figure 5. This file
1066 was generated from the VCF (Figure 5-source data 1) using the vcf2phylip.py script (see Methods -
1067 Phylogenetic analyses). (Used to generate Figure 5)

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1069 **Figure 5-source data 3:** Admixture population proportions for all isotypes within each admixture population
1070 (K=11). The pop-assignment column indicates the admixture population. The n column is the number of
1071 isotypes assigned to that admixture population. The cluster column corresponds to each of the 11 admixture
1072 populations identified labelled as perc_a – perc_k. The cluster_perc column indicates the fraction of each
1073 cluster found within all n isotypes assigned to each admixture population. The total_perc column indicates
1074 the sum of all cluster_perc values for each admixture population. (Used to generate pie charts in Figure 5)

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1076 **Figure 5-figure supplement 1-source data 1:** Cross-validation error from ten Independent ADMIXTURE
1077 runs at Ks 2-20. (Used to generate Figure 5-figure supplement 1A)

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1079 **Figure 5-figure supplement 1-source data 2:** The inferred population proportions estimated by
1080 ADMIXTURE for all isotypes at Ks 10-15. (Used to generate Figure 5-figure supplement 1B)

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1082 **Figure 5-figure supplement 2-source data 1:** The sampling locations and admixture population assignment
1083 for all strains including isotype reference strains. (Used to generate Figure 5-figure supplement 2B-D)

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1085 **Figure 5-figure supplement 2-source data 2:** The inferred population proportions estimated by
1086 ADMIXTURE for all isotypes at K = 11. (Used to generate Figure 5-figure supplement 2A)

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1088 **Figure 5-figure supplement 3-source data 1:** Seasonal temperature variation for all isotypes over a 12-
1089 month period. The data are taken from weather stations nearest to the isolation locations. (Used to generate
1090 Figure 5-figure supplement 3)

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1092 **Figure 5-figure supplement 4-source data 1:** The inferred population proportions estimated by
1093 ADMIXTURE for all Hawaiian isotypes at Ks 3-5. (Used to generate Figure 5-figure supplement 4B)

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1095 **Figure 5-figure supplement 4-source data 2:** Cross-validation error from ten Independent ADMIXTURE
1096 runs with only the Hawaiian isotypes across Ks 2-10. (Used to generate Figure 5-figure supplement 4A)

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1098 **Figure 5-figure supplement 4-source data 3:** The nexus file for creating the neighbor-joining network.
1099 (Used to generate Figure 5-figure supplement 4C)

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1101 **Figure 6 - Environmental parameters of Hawaiian *C. elegans* populations.** (A) The inferred ancestral
1102 population fractions for each Hawaiian isotype as estimated by ADMIXTURE (K=11; 276 *C. elegans*

1103 isotypes) are shown. The bar colors represent the fraction of population assignments from ADMIXTURE for
1104 the isotypes named on the x-axis. **(B-C)** Tukey box plots are shown by population assignments (colors) for
1105 different environmental parameters. We used the average values of environmental parameters from
1106 geographically clustered collections to avoid biasing our results by local oversampling (See Methods -
1107 Environmental parameter analysis). All p-values were calculated using Kruskal-Wallis test and Dunn test for
1108 multiple comparisons with p values adjusted using the Bonferroni method; comparisons not mentioned were
1109 not significant ($\alpha = 0.05$). **(B)** The collection site elevations for Hawaiian isotypes colored by population
1110 assignments are shown. The Hawaiian Low and the Hawaiian Invaded populations were typically found at
1111 lower elevations than the Hawaiian Divergent population (Dunn test, p -values = 0.000168, and 0.037
1112 respectively). **(C)** The substrate temperatures for Hawaiian isotypes colored by population assignments are
1113 shown.

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1115 **Figure 6-figure supplement 1 – Admixture between the Hawaii Invaded and the global C populations.**

1116 Unique isolation locations for non-admixed isotypes from the four Hawaiian populations and the global C
1117 population (solid circles) are shown for Hawaii **(A)** and the west coast of the United States **(B)**. Unique
1118 isolation locations for isotypes from the Hawaiian Invaded and global C populations that are admixed with
1119 one another (pie charts) are shown for Hawaii **(A)** and the west coast of the United States **(B)**. The colors
1120 correspond to the admixture populations in the legend.

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1122 **Figure 6-figure supplement 2 - Admixture between the ‘Hawaiian Invaded and ‘global C’ populations.**

1123 The fraction of admixture among the three populations is shown on a ternary plot. The data points correspond
1124 to isotypes and are colored by the highest fractional population assignment.

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1126 **Figure 6-source data 1:** The inferred population fractions for each Hawaiian isotype as estimated by
1127 ADMIXTURE ($K=11$; 276 *C. elegans* isotypes). The isotype column gives the isotype name. The
1128 max_pop_frac column indicates the largest population fraction for any of the 11 populations estimated by
1129 ADMIXTURE for that isotype. The pop_assignment column contains the admixture population (A – K) with
1130 the largest population fraction for that isotype. The Hawaiian column is ‘TRUE’ if the isotype was isolated in
1131 Hawaii. The cluster column indicates the admixture population under consideration for that isotype. The
1132 frac_cluster column is the fraction of each admixture population estimated for each isotype. (Used to
1133 generate Figure 6A)

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1135 **Figure 6-source data 2:** Environmental parameters for distinct collections of admixture populations in
1136 Hawaii. In cases where multiple collections were made within 20 meters for the same admixture population,
1137 we took the average parameter values for plotting and statistical calculations (see Methods – Environmental
1138 parameter analysis). (Used to generate Figure 6B-C)

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1140 **Figure 6-source data 3:** *post hoc* Dunn multiple comparison tests for differences in environmental
1141 parameters among the Hawaiian populations identified by ADMIXTURE are organized here. (Used to
1142 generate Figure 6B-C)

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1144 **Figure 6-figure supplement 1-source data 1:** Isolation location data for distinct isolations of all isotypes
1145 and their inferred population proportions estimated by ADMIXTURE. (Used to generate Figure 6-figure
1146 supplement 1)

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1148 **Figure 6-figure supplement 2-source data 1:** The inferred population proportions estimated by
1149 ADMIXTURE ($K=11$) for isotypes assigned to the Hawaii Invaded, Volcano, and non-Hawaiian C populations.
1150 (Used to generate Figure 6-figure supplement 2)

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1152 **Figure 7 - Evidence of migration between the Hawaiian and world populations. (A)** The haplotypes or
1153 inferred blocks of identity by descent (IBD) across the genome are shown. The genomic position is plotted
1154 on the x-axis for each isotype plotted on the y-axis. The block colors correspond to a uniquely defined IBD
1155 group. The dark red blocks correspond to the most common global haplotype (*i.e.*, the swept haplotypes on
1156 chr I, IV, V, and left of X). Genomic regions with no color represent regions for which no IBD groups could
1157 be determined. The four Hawaiian populations are shown in the top four facets excluding non-Hawaiian
1158 isotypes. The bottom facet shows the non-Hawaiian C population. **(B)** The total fraction of the genome with
1159 the swept haplotype is shown by population. The data points correspond to isotypes and are colored by their
1160 assigned populations. The Hawaiian isotypes are plotted as circles and non-Hawaiian isotypes are plotted
1161 as triangles. Hawaiian isotypes with greater than 25% of their genome swept are labelled. **(C)** The inferred
1162 relationship among the populations allowing for five migration events (ADMIXTURE, K=11). The heat map
1163 to the right represents the residual fit to the migration model.

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1165 **Figure 7-figure supplement 1 - Evidence of migration between Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian**
1166 **populations. (A-D)** The inferred relationships among the populations (ADMIXTURE, K=11) with zero **(A)**,
1167 one **(B)**, two **(C)**, three **(D)**, four **(E)**, or five **(F)** migration events. The right panels contain heat maps
1168 corresponding to the residual fit to the migration models.

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1170 **Figure 7-figure supplement 2 - Most common global haplotype sharing by chromosome and**
1171 **population.** The fraction of each chromosome that belongs to the most common global haplotype is shown
1172 on the y-axis. The data points correspond to isotypes and are colored by their assigned populations. The
1173 Hawaiian isotypes are plotted as circles and non-Hawaiian isotypes are plotted as triangles. Hawaiian
1174 isotypes with greater than 30% of a chromosome belonging to the most common global haplotype are
1175 labelled in the chromosome facet. The most common global haplotype is synonymous with the globally swept
1176 haplotype on chromosomes I, IV, V, and the left of X.

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1178 **Figure 7-source data 1:** Haplotypes or IBD blocks across the genomes of all 276 isotypes are organized
1179 here. (Used to generate Figure 7A)

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1181 **Figure 7-source data 2:** Fraction of the genome with the swept haplotypes for each isotype in the four
1182 Hawaiian populations and the non-Hawaiian C population. (Used to generate Figure 7B)

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1184 **Figure 7-source data 3:** Ancestry fractions (.Q file) and allele frequencies of the inferred ancestral
1185 populations (.P file) from ADMIXTURE analysis. (These data are used to generate Figure 7C).

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1187 **Figure 7-figure supplement 1-source data 1:** Ancestry fractions (.Q file) and allele frequencies of the
1188 inferred ancestral populations (.P file) from ADMIXTURE analysis (K=11). (Used to generate Figure 7-figure
1189 supplement 1A-F)

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1191 **Figure 7-figure supplement 2-source data 1:** Fraction of each chromosome with the most common global
1192 haplotype (swept haplotypes for chromosomes I, IV, V, and X) for each isotype in the four Hawaiian
1193 populations and the non-Hawaiian C population.

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1195 **Supplementary Data 1:** Complete sampling data for the collections and isolations completed for this study
1196 as a .csv file.

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1198 **Supplementary Data 2:** Cryopreserved strains that are available upon request, including any known
1199 alternative names that might be used in the literature.
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1201 **Supplementary Data 3:** Variants among the 276 isotypes referred to as the 'PopGen VCF'.
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1203 **Supplementary File 1** - Collection categories identified on each island. Multiple collection categories were
1204 found for some samples. For this reason, the total number of distinct collections (2,594) exceeds the total
1205 number of samples (2,263).
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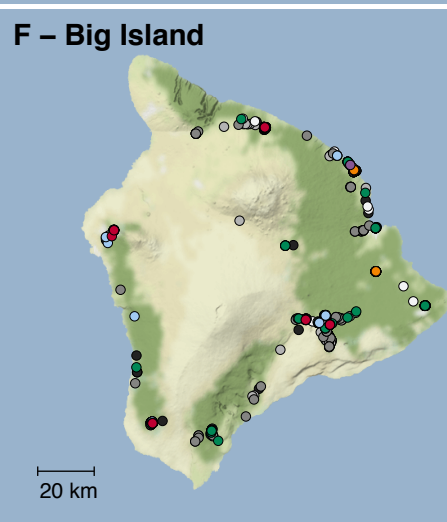
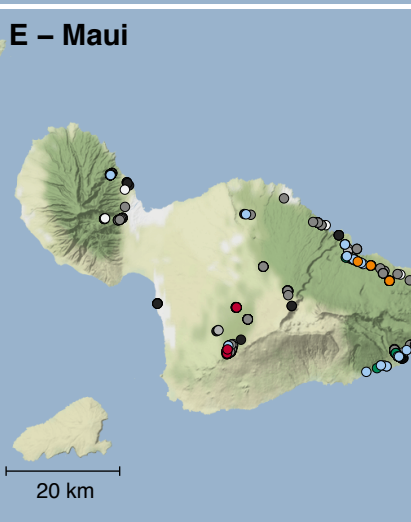
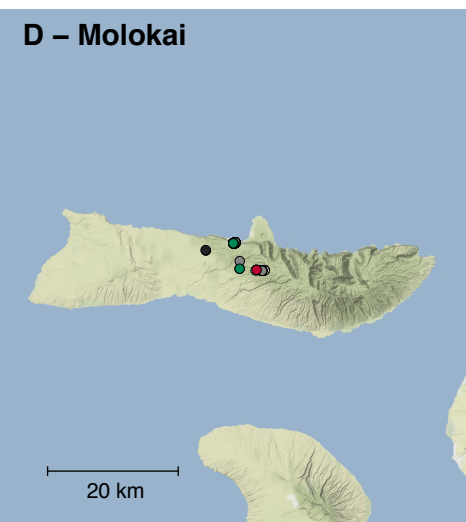
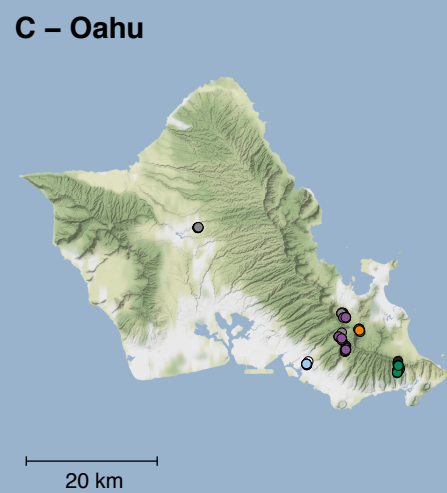
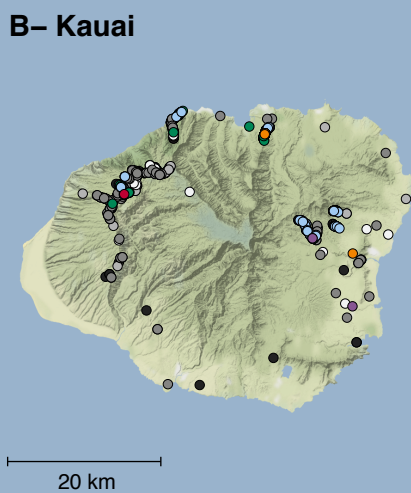
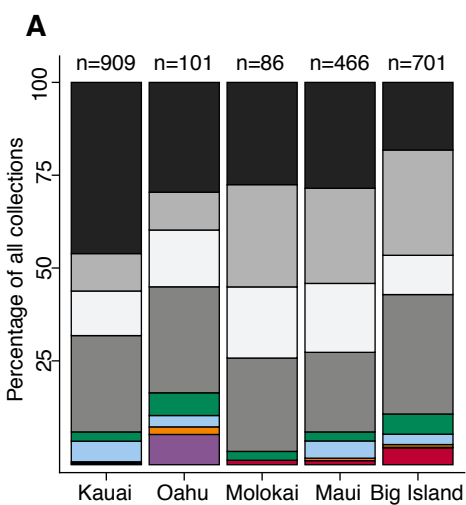
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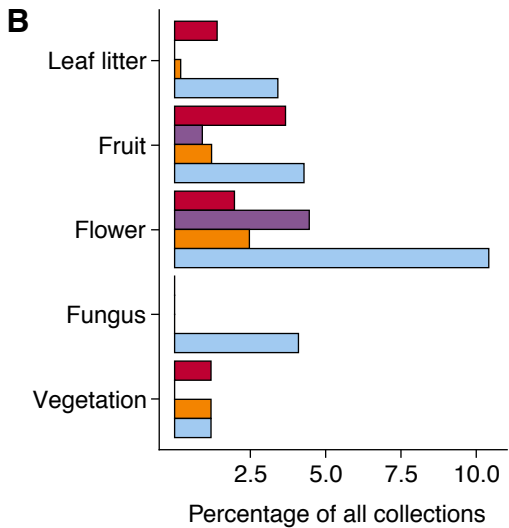
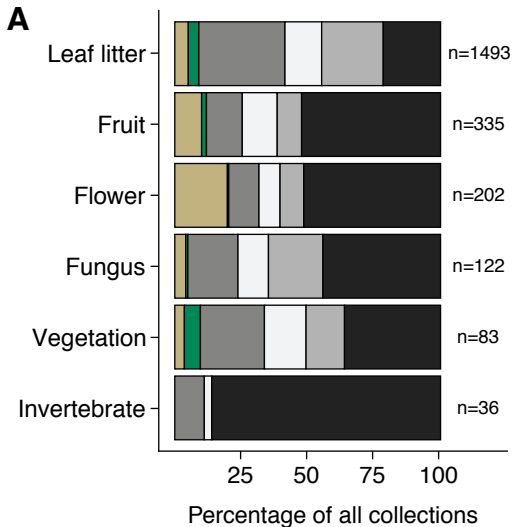
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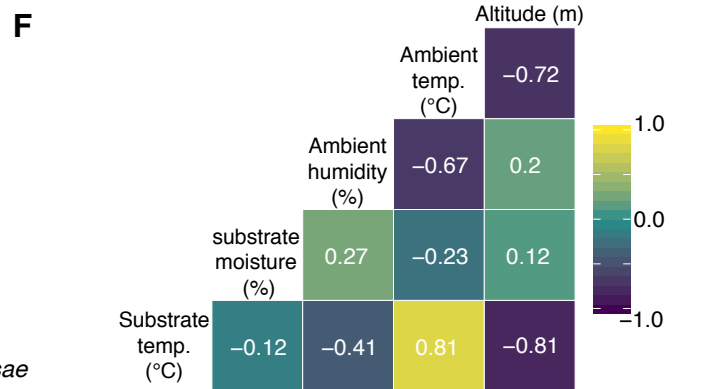
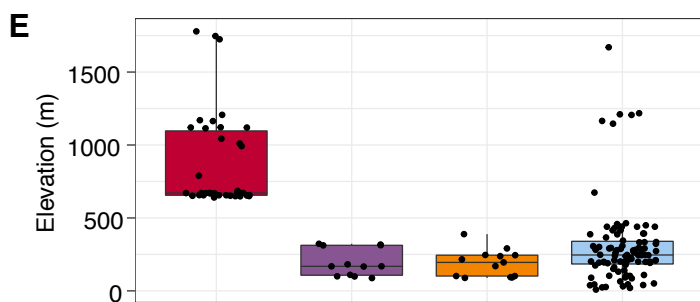
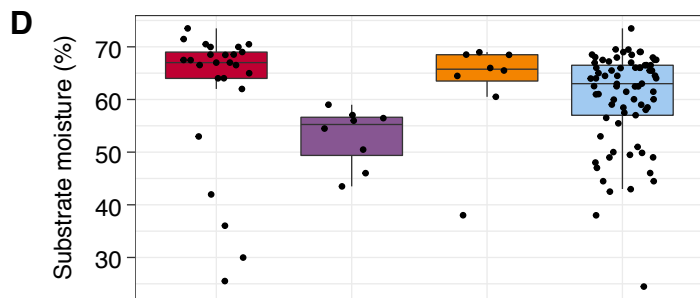
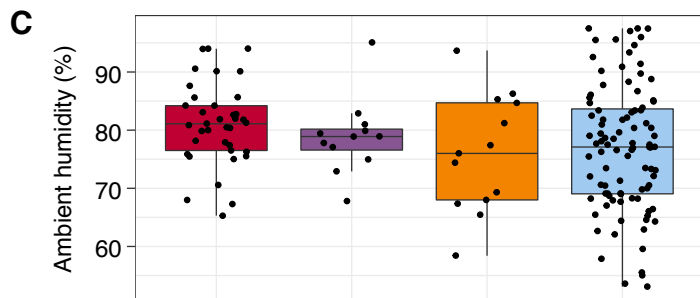
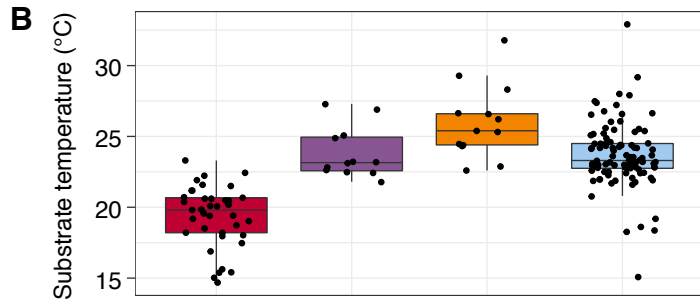
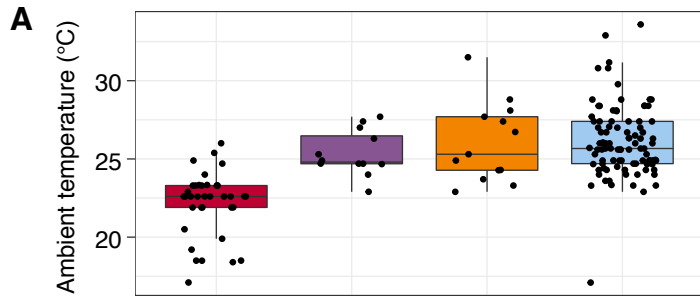
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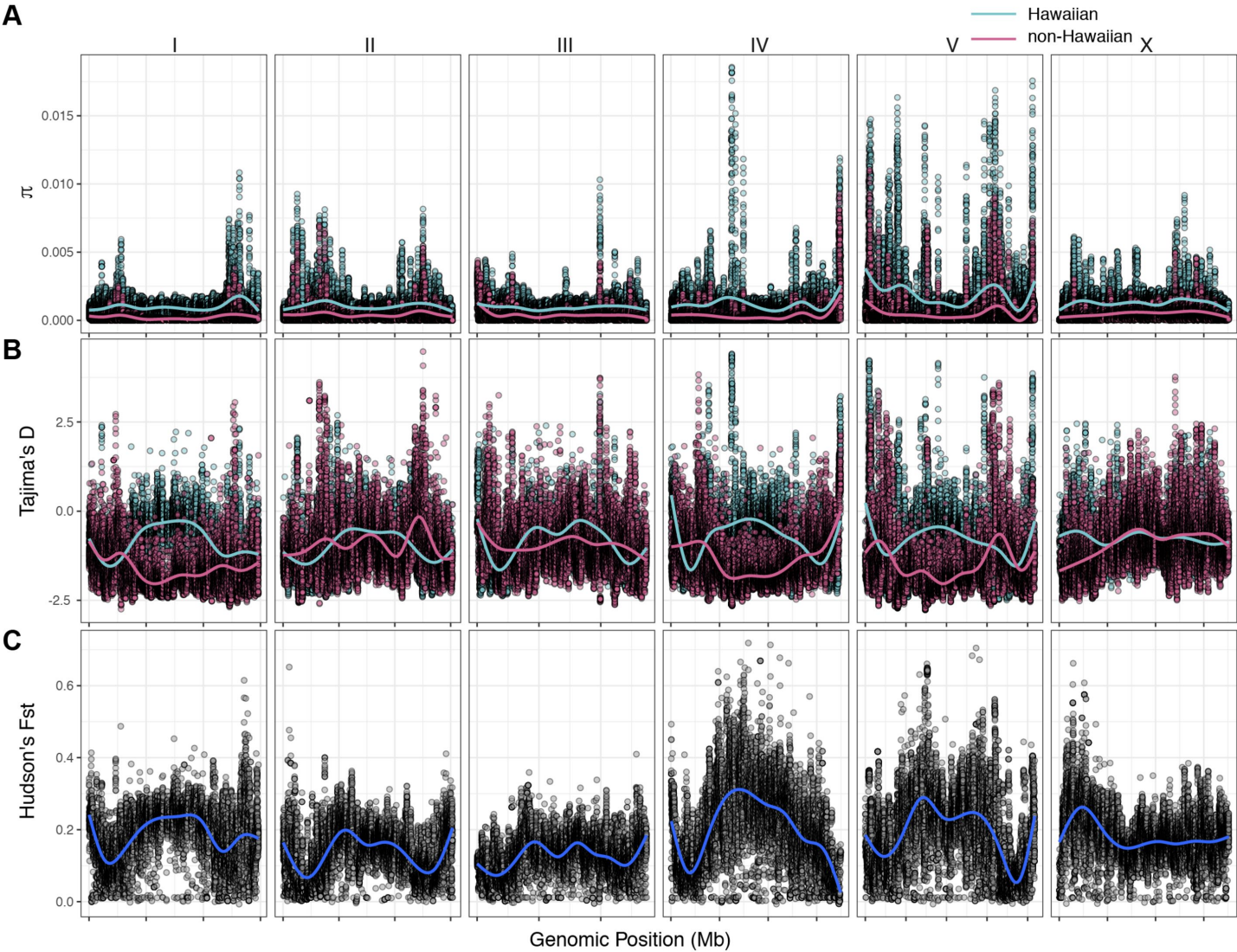
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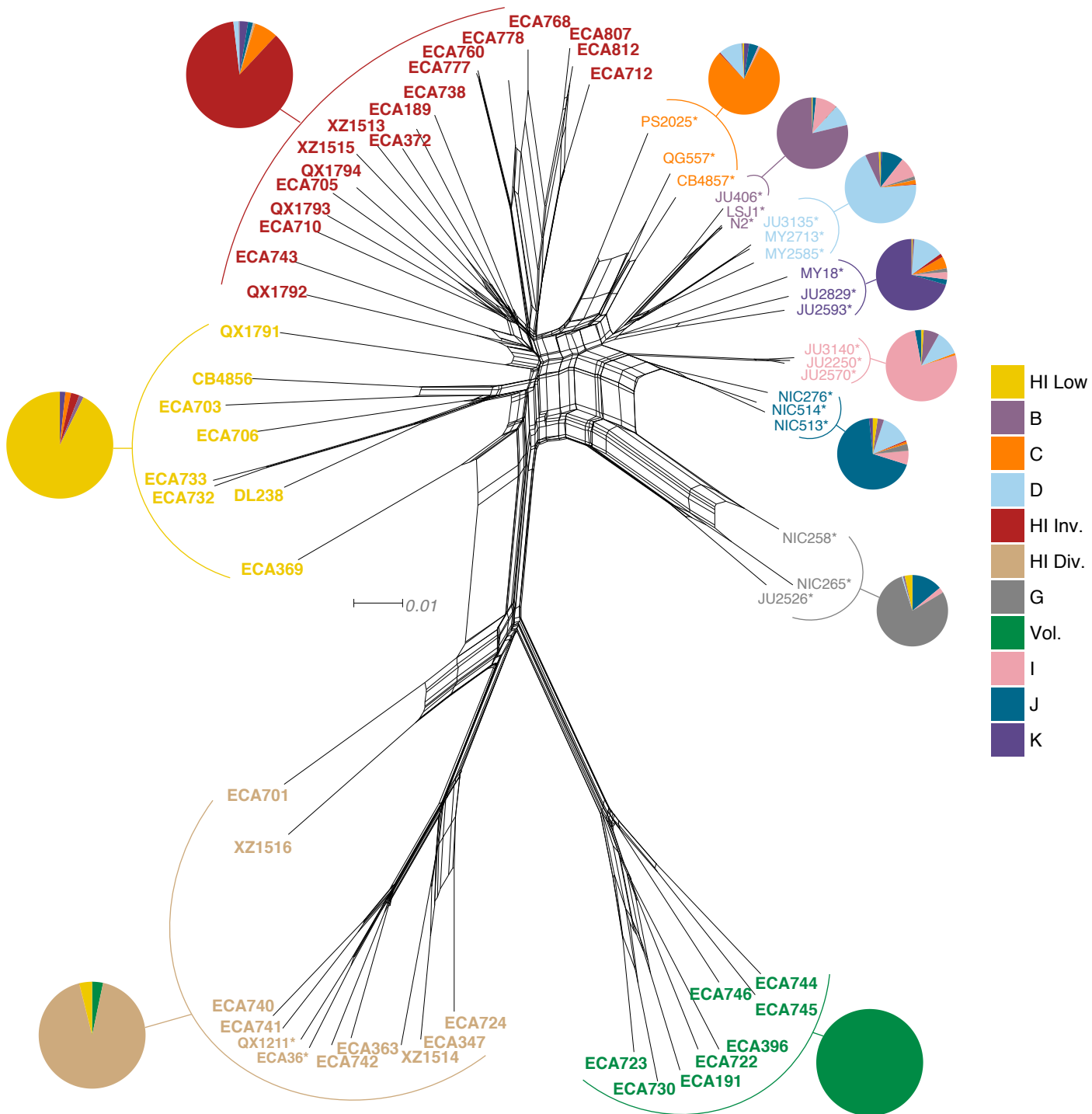






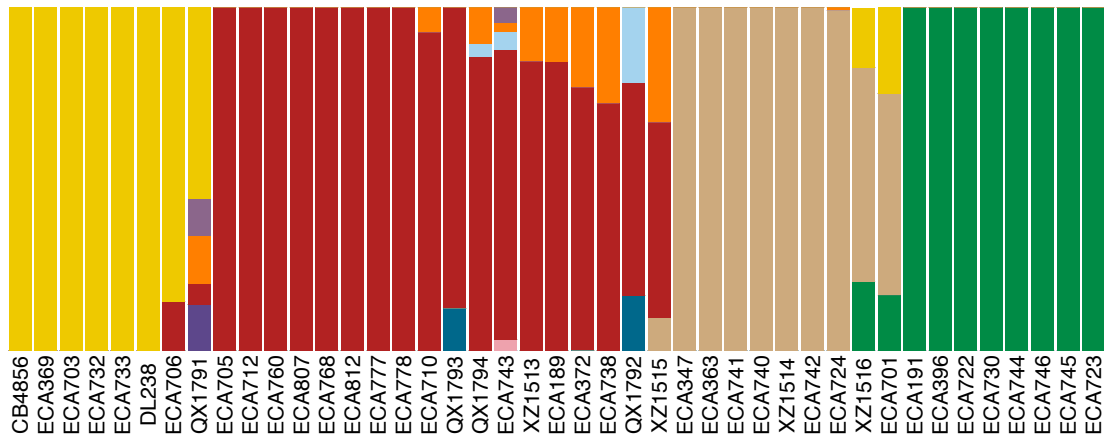
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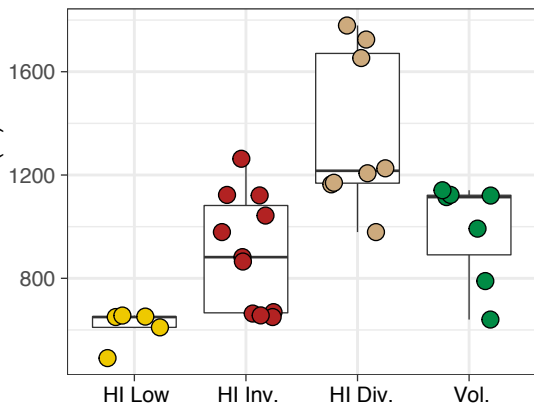


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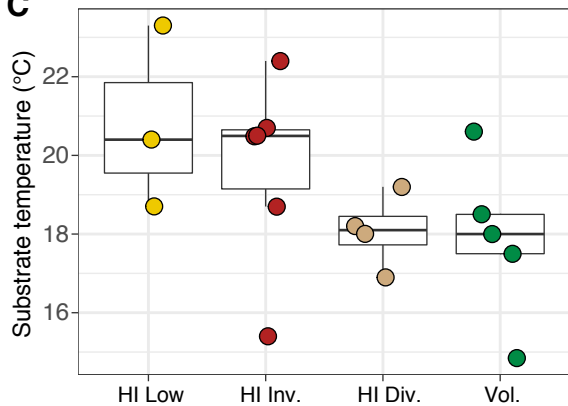
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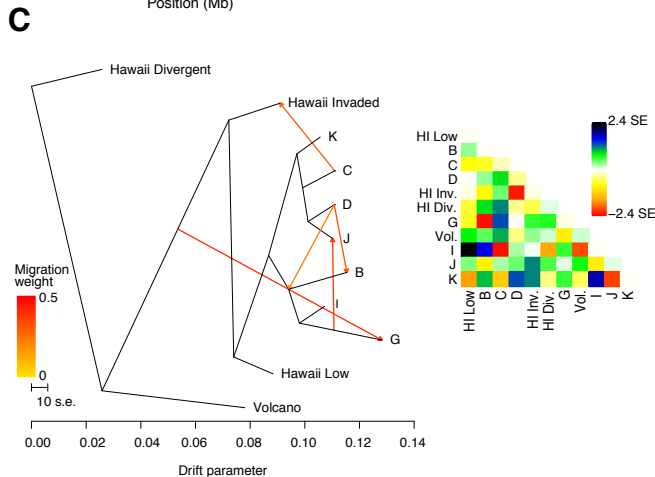
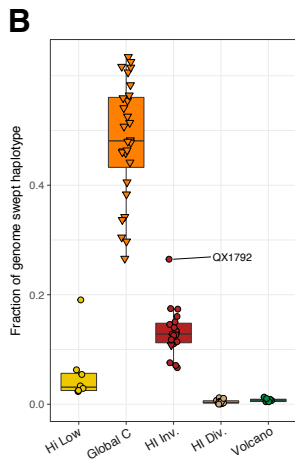
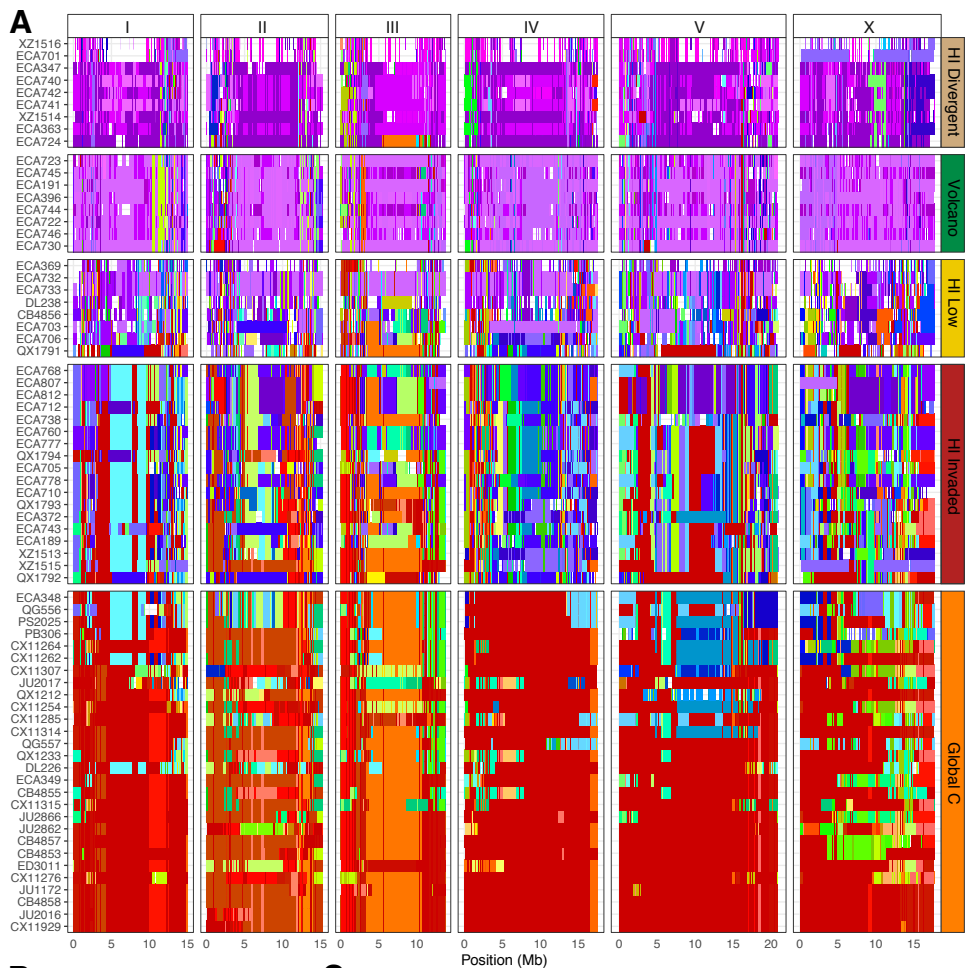
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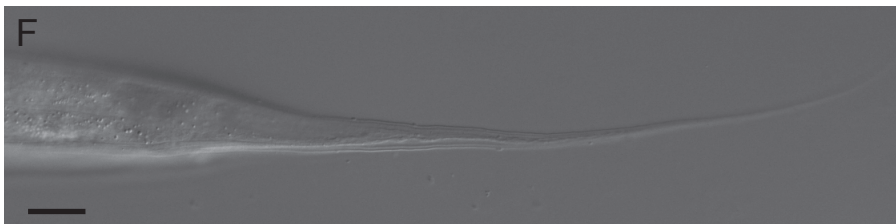
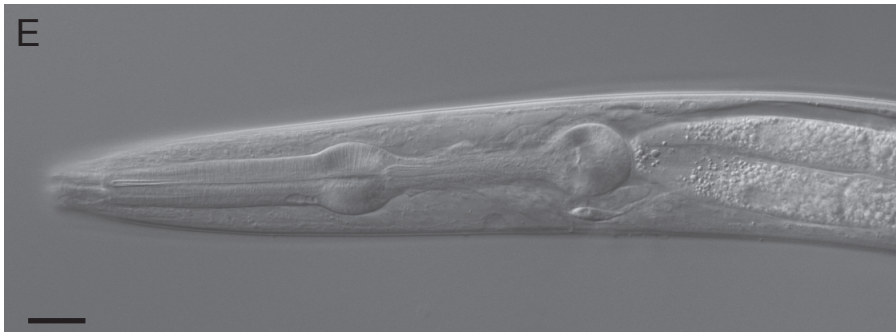
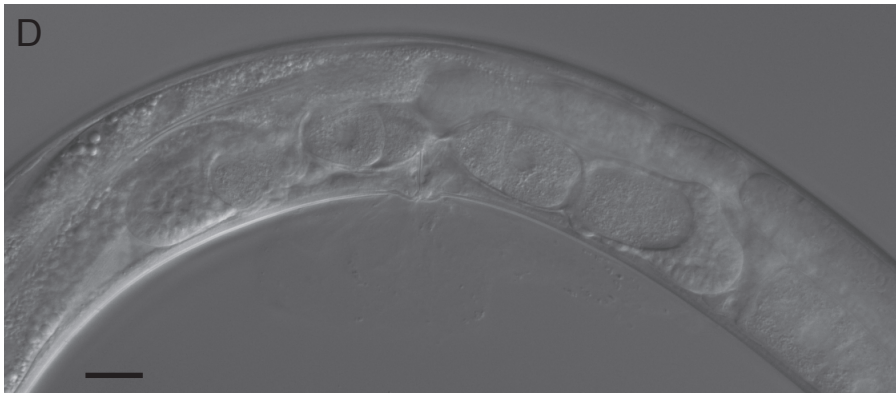
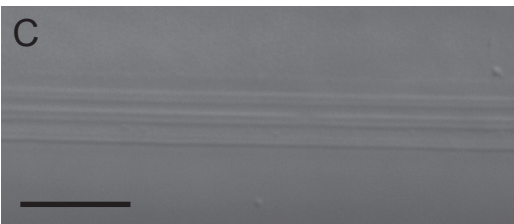
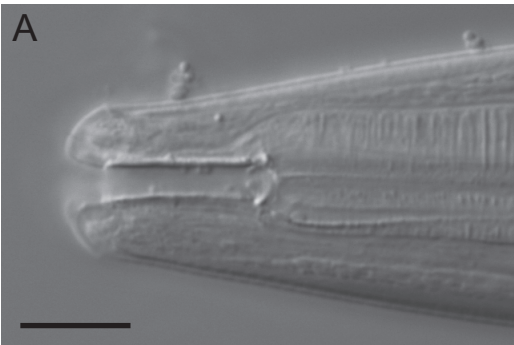
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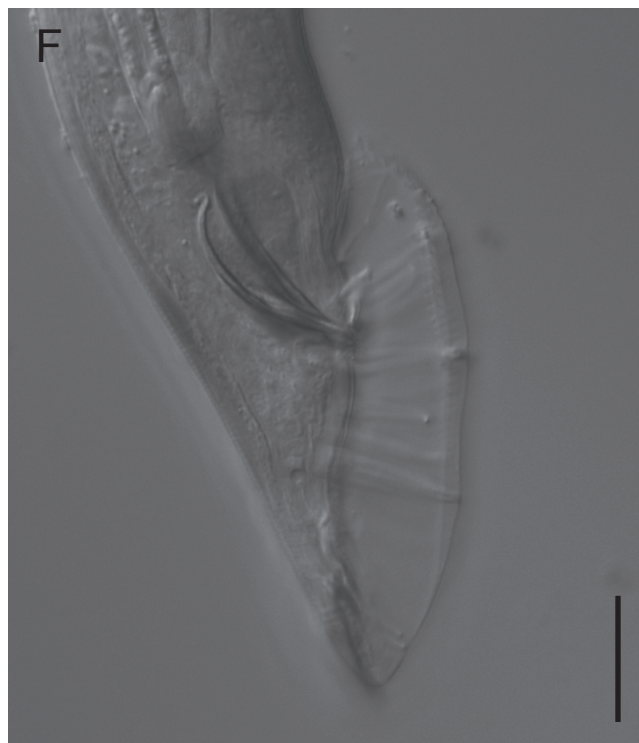
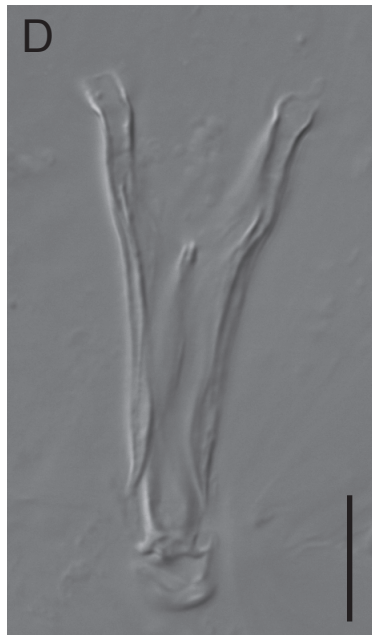
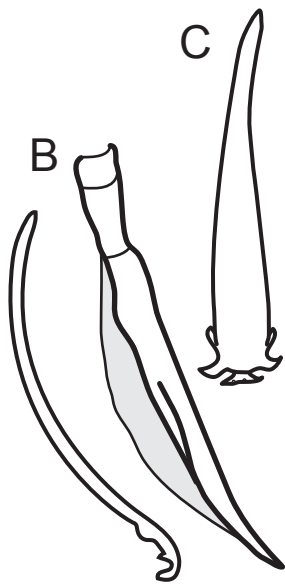
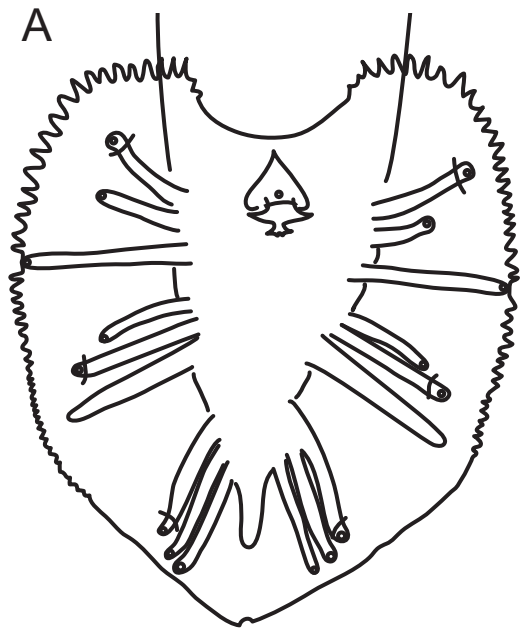
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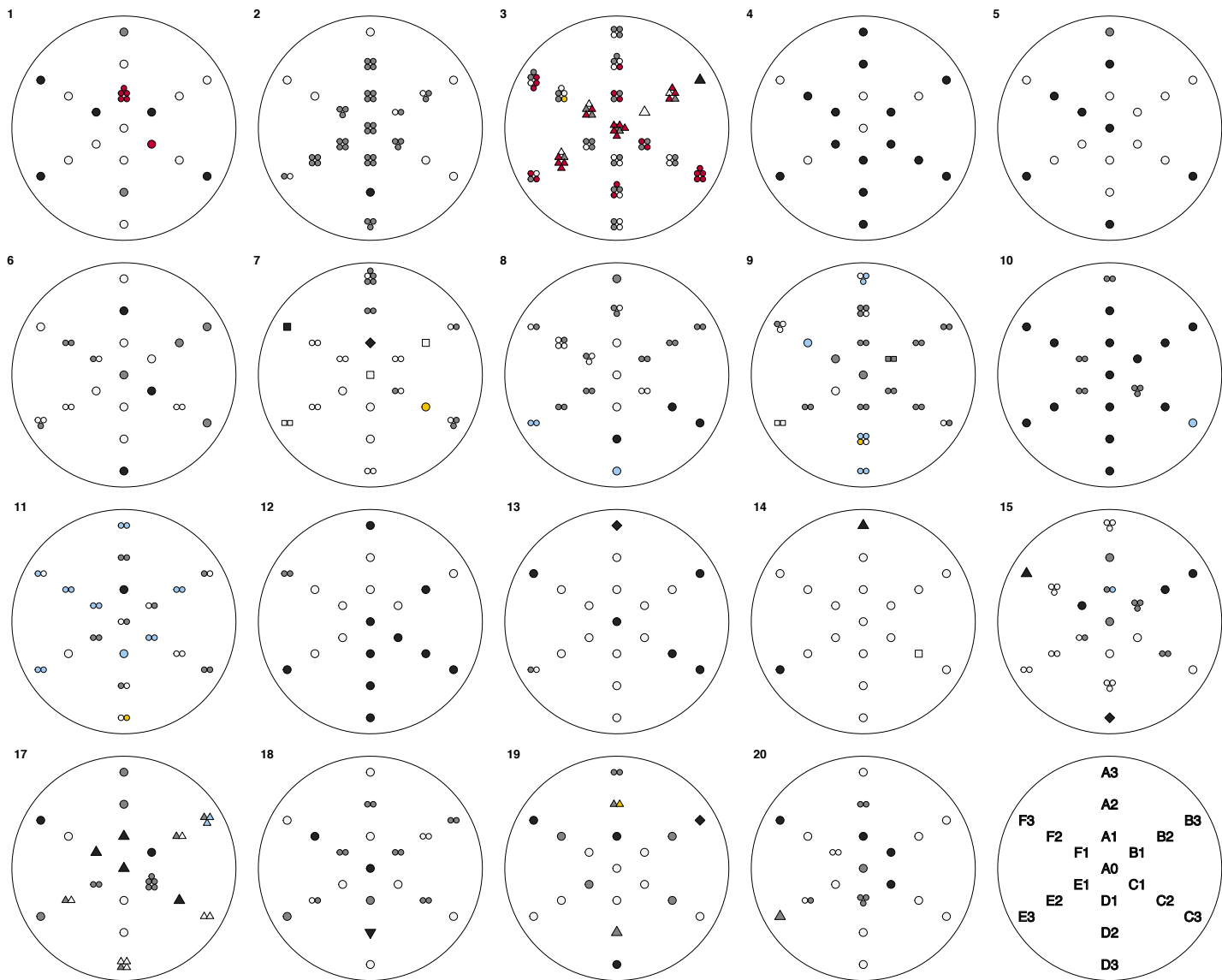
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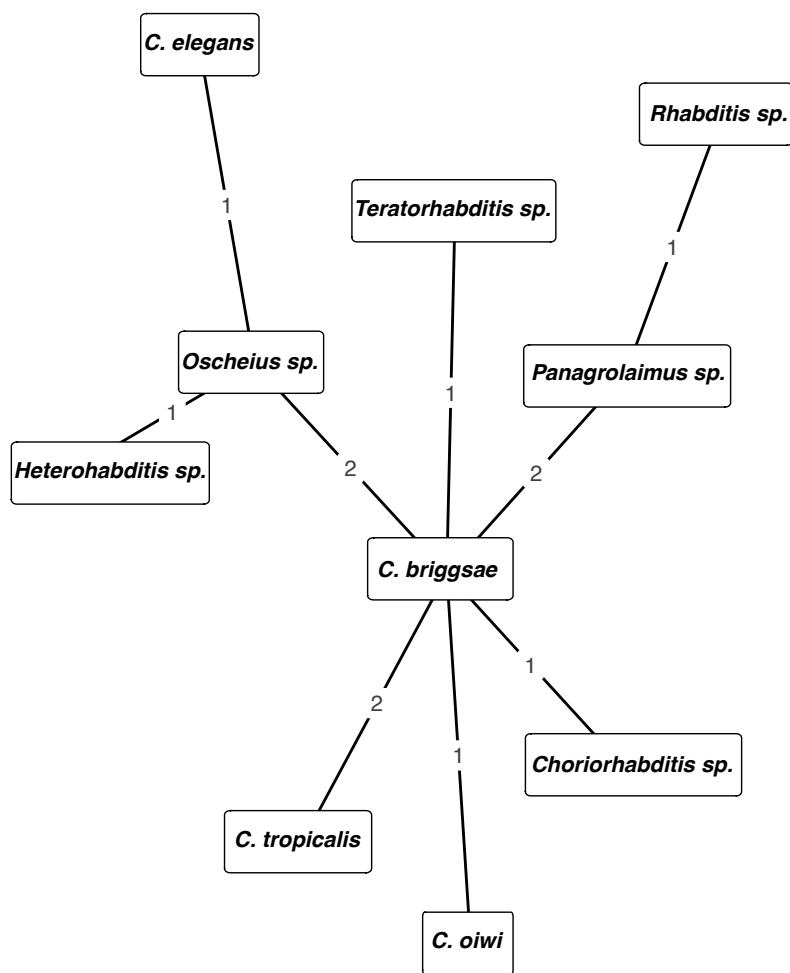


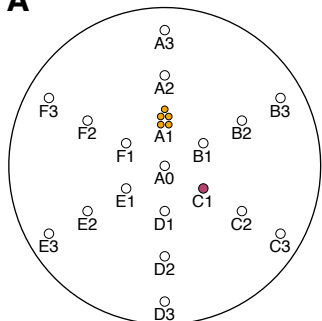
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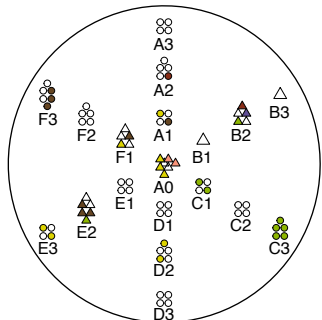
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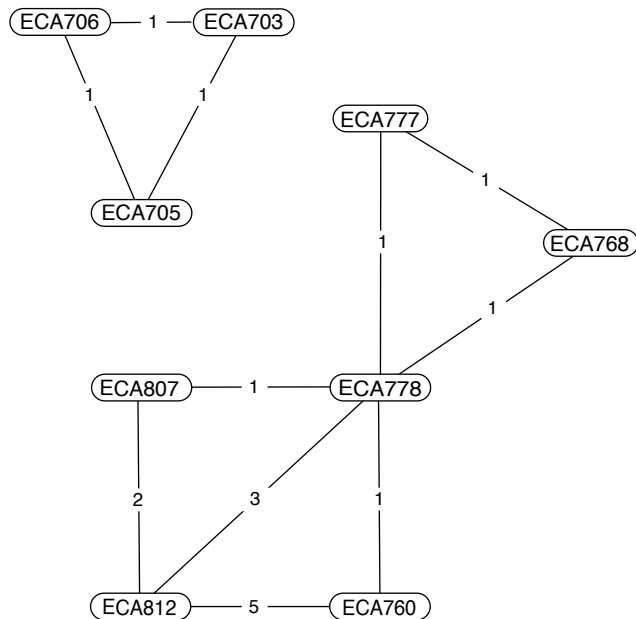
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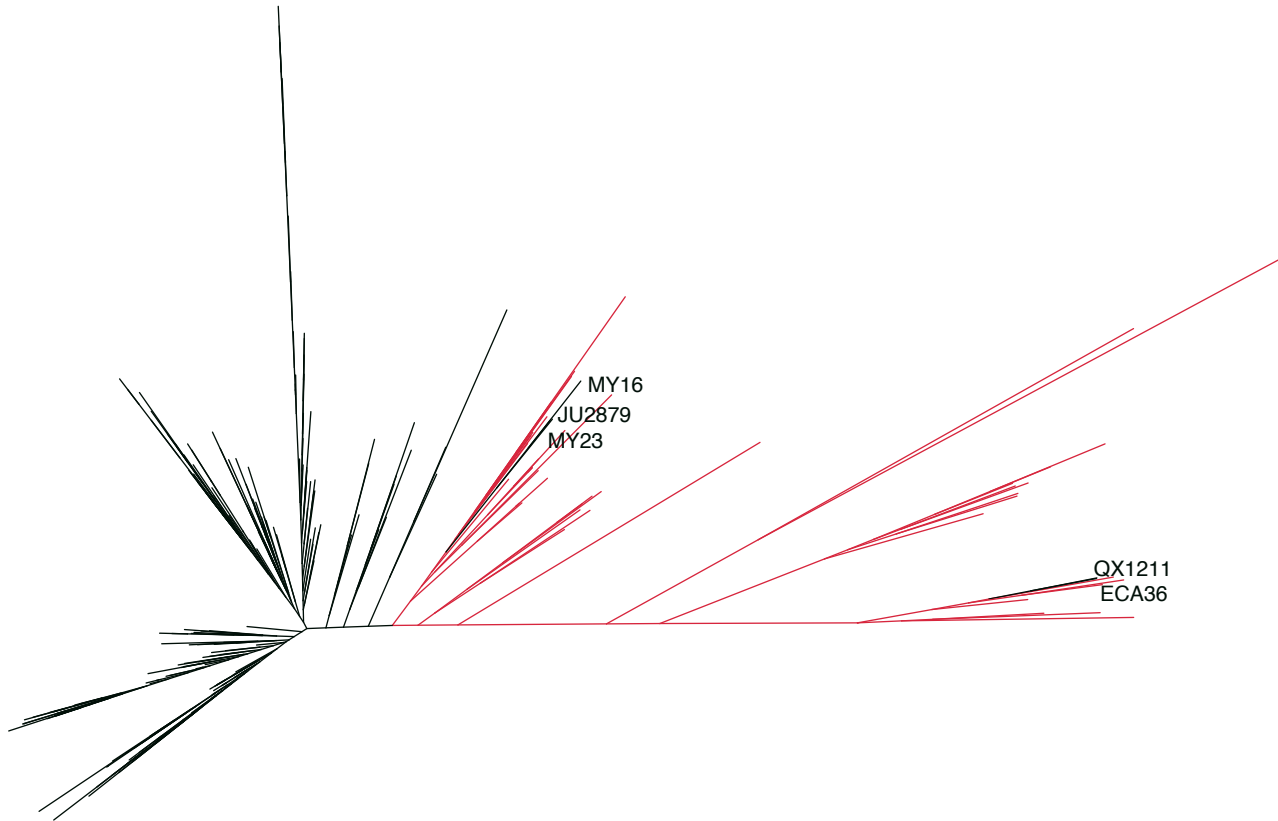
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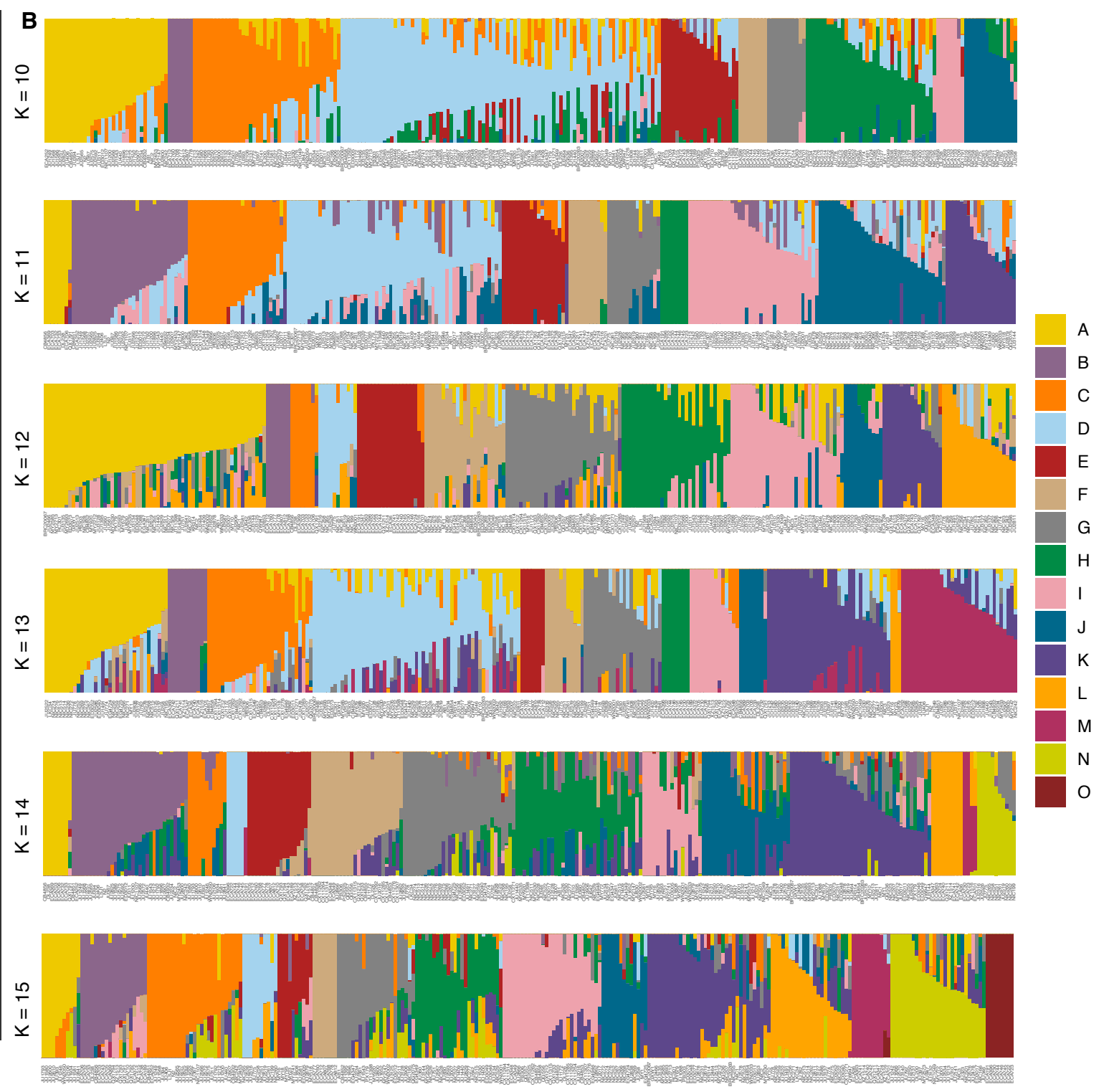
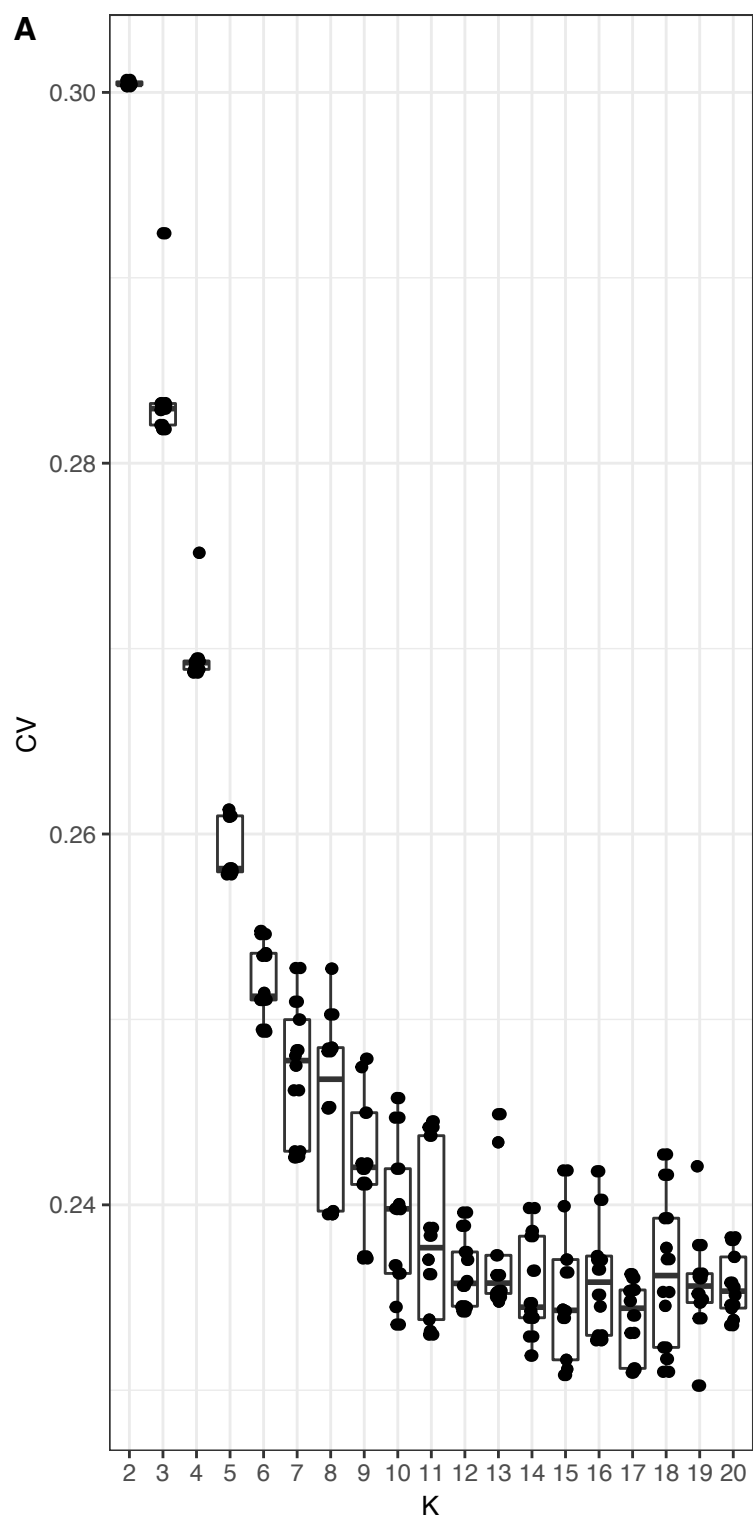
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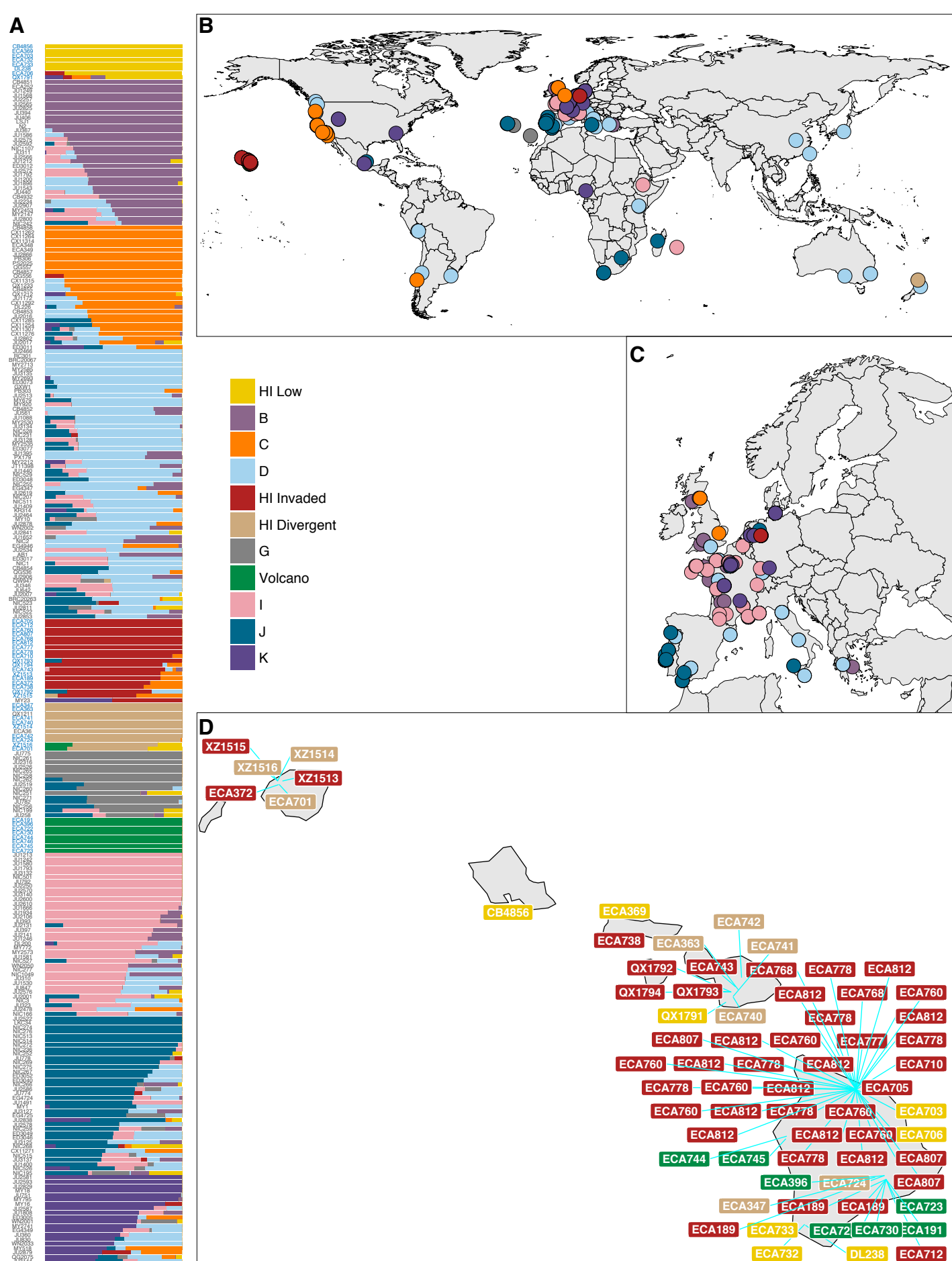
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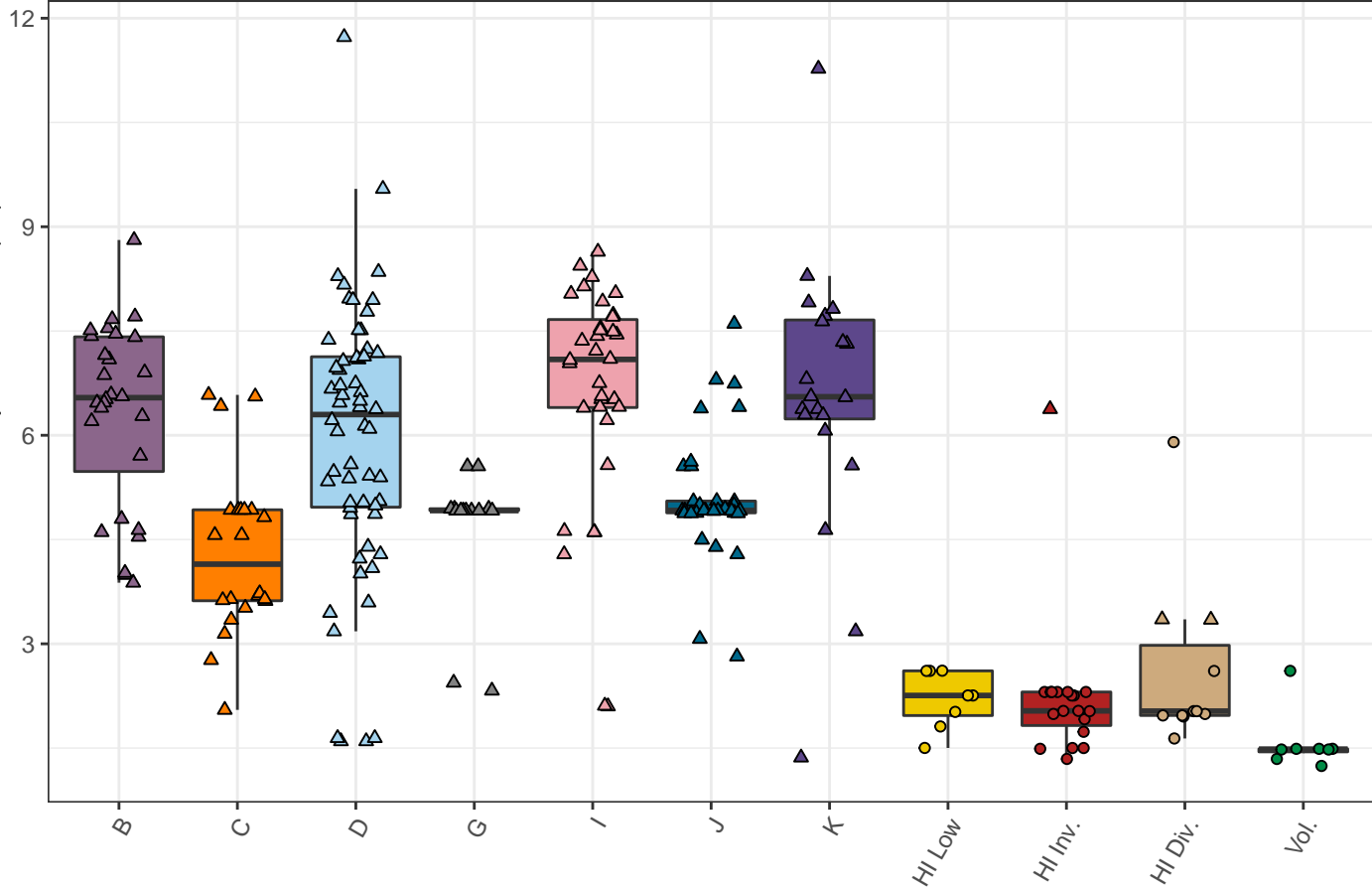
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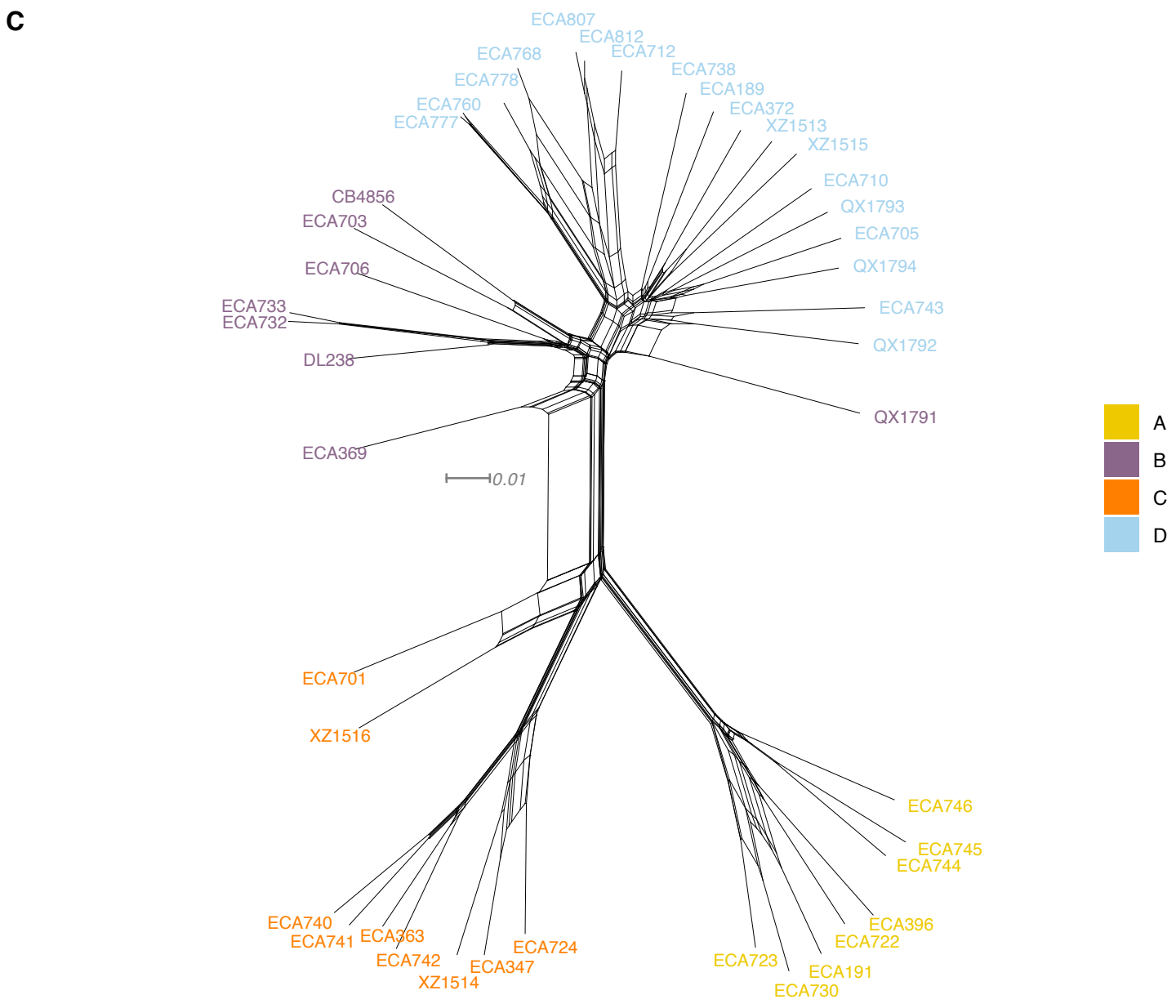
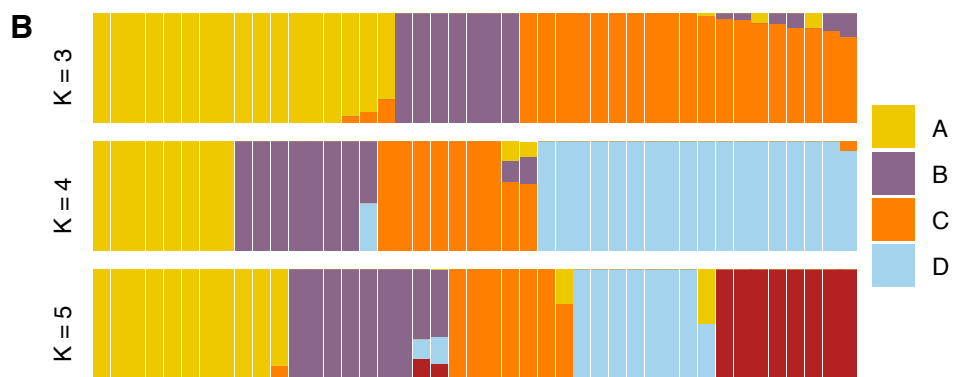
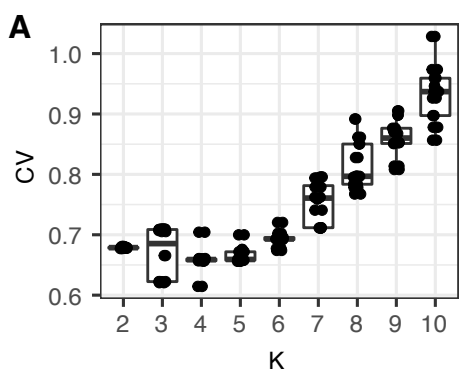


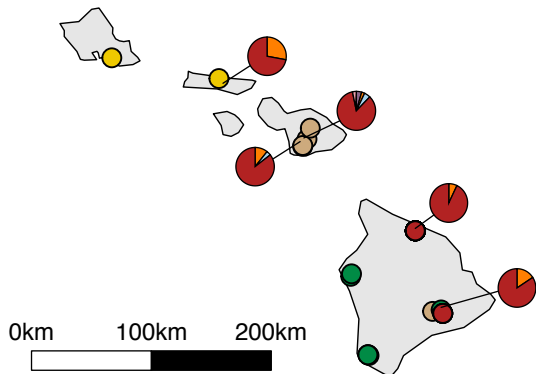
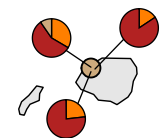
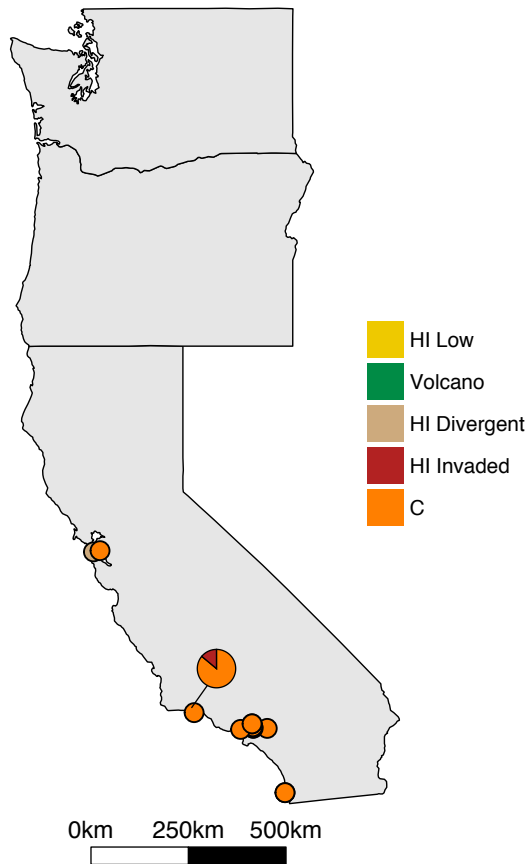


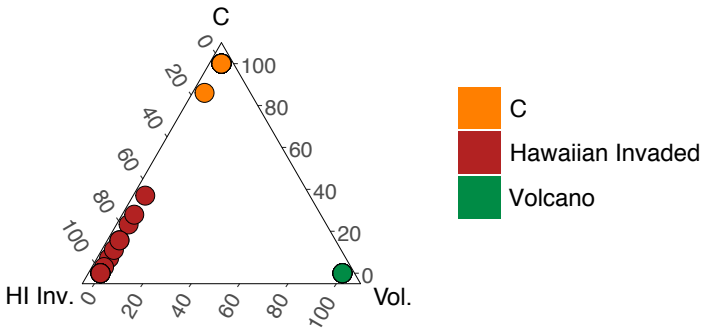


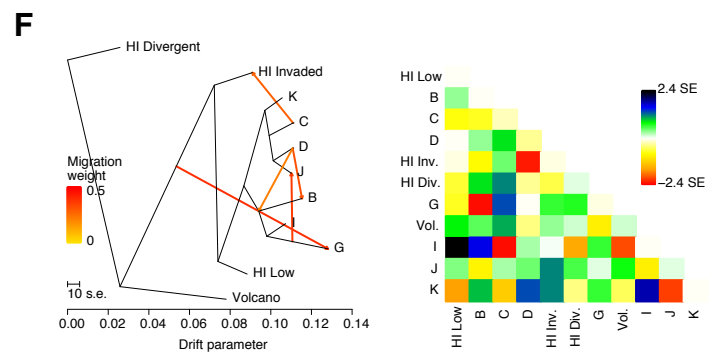
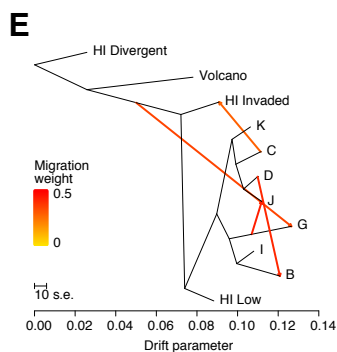
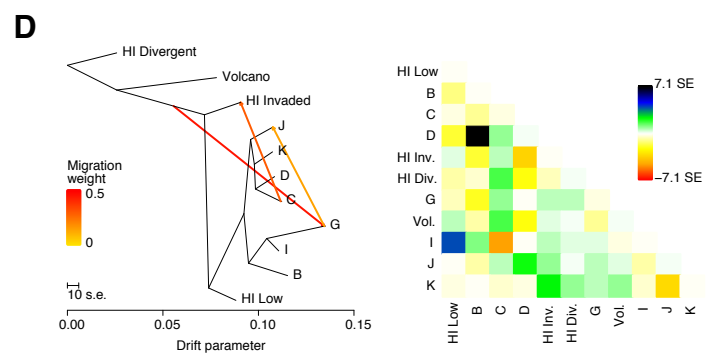
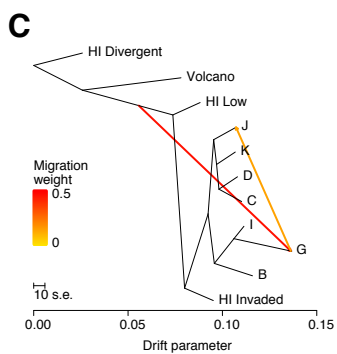
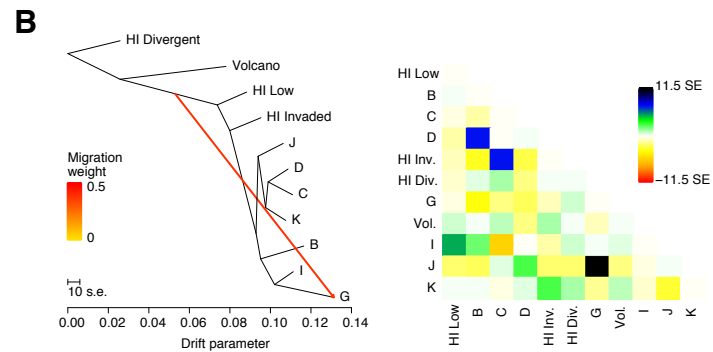
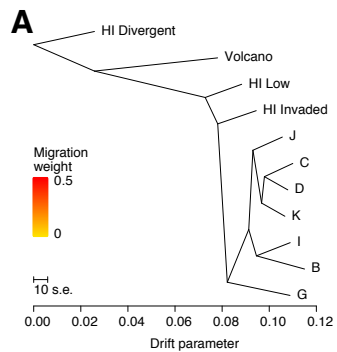
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Fraction most common global haplotype

