Inferring population sizes of bacterial populations
a deep learning approach

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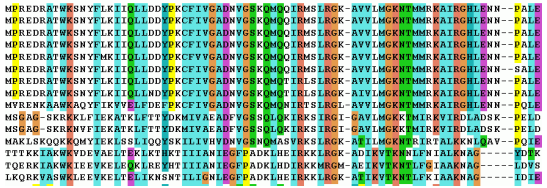
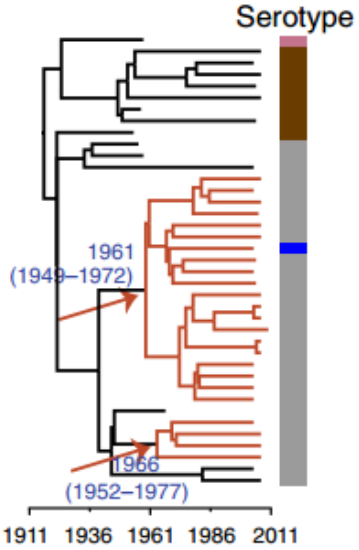
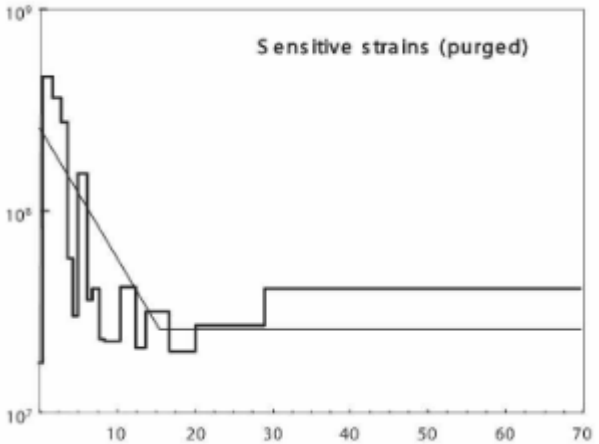
Bacterial population genetics







⇒ Focus on population size inference

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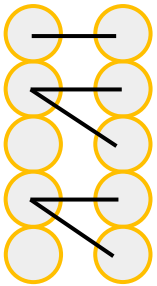

Parental

Daughter cells

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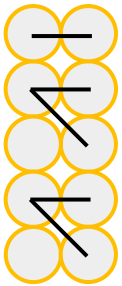

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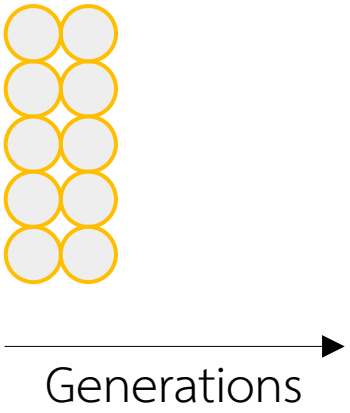

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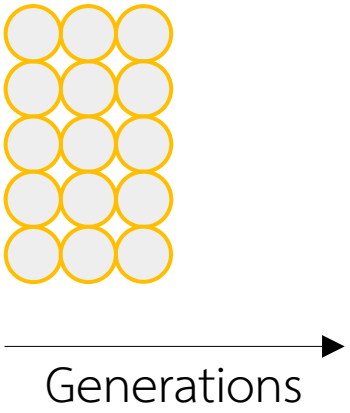

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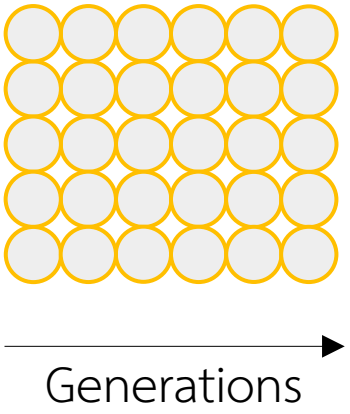

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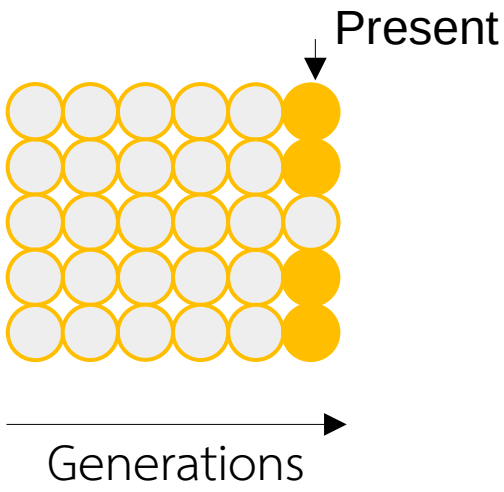

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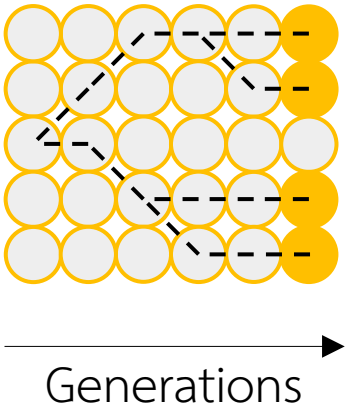

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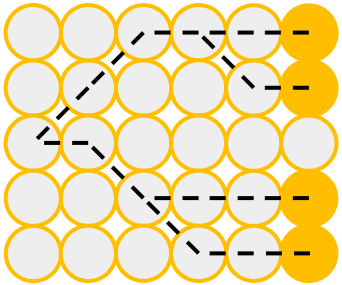

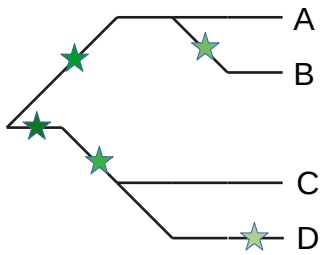

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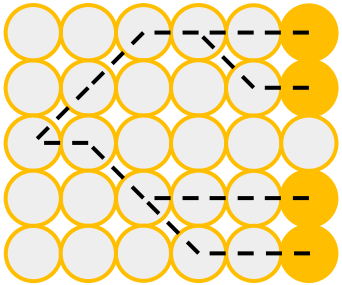

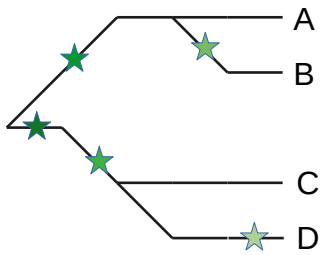

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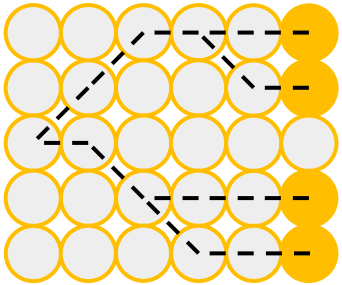

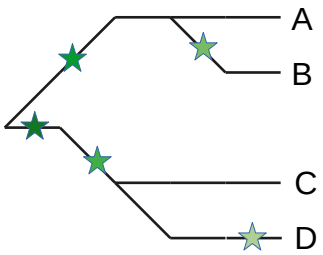

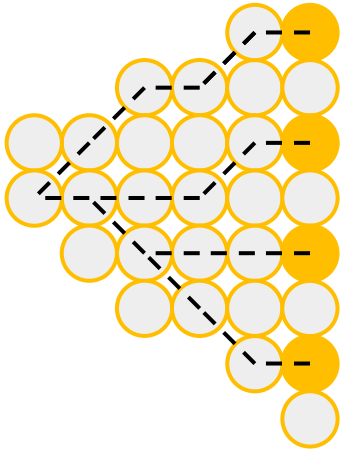

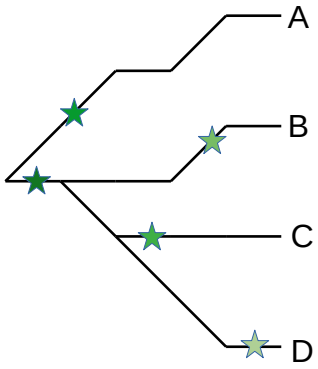

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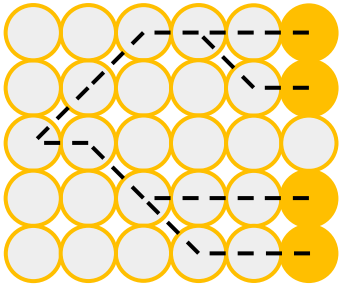

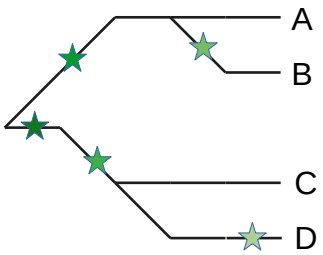

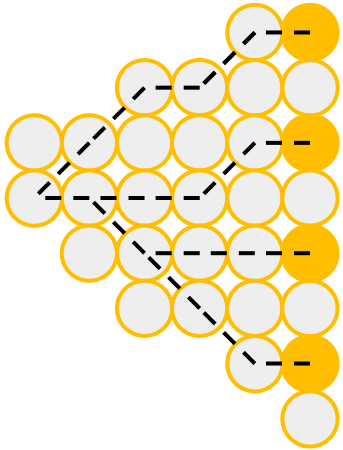

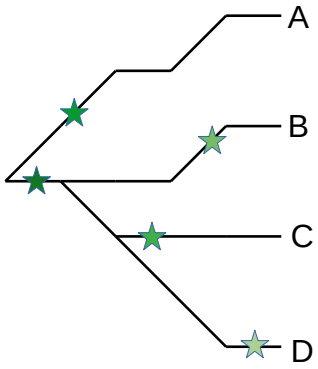

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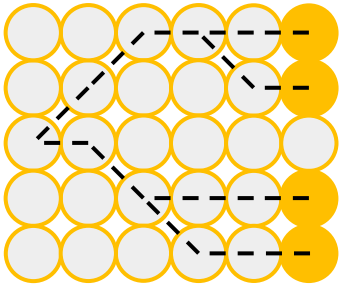

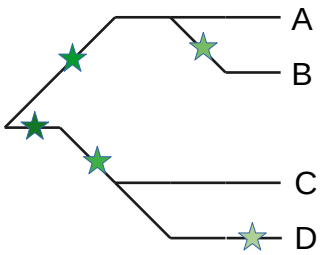

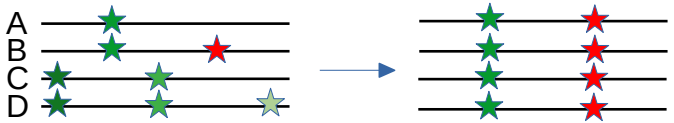

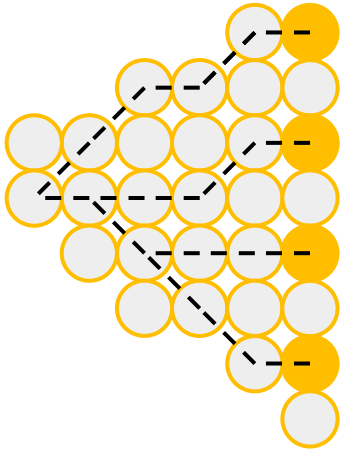

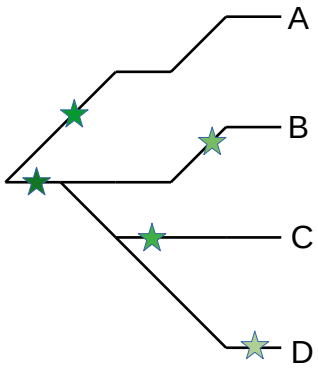

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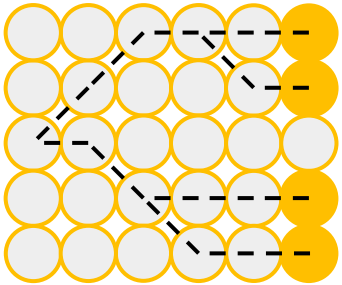
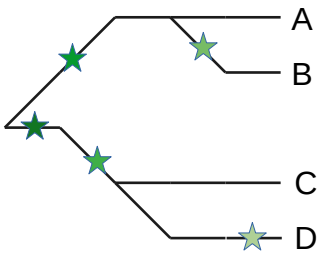
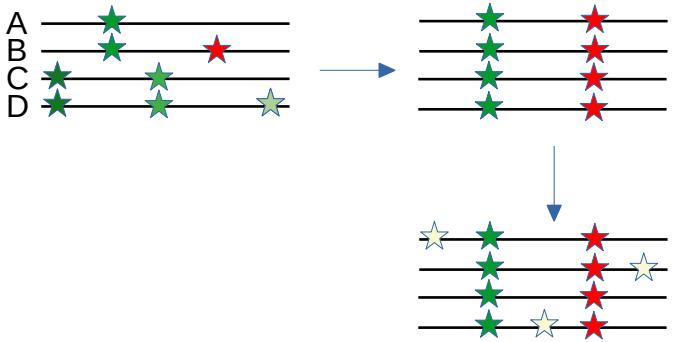
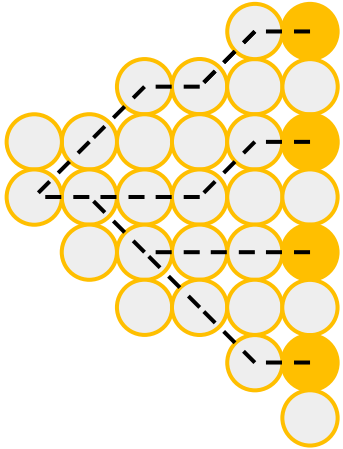
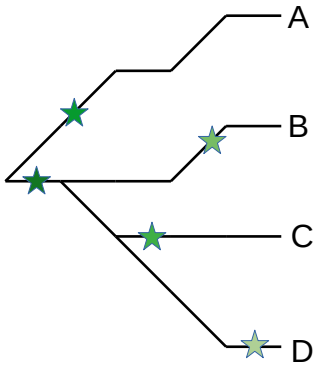




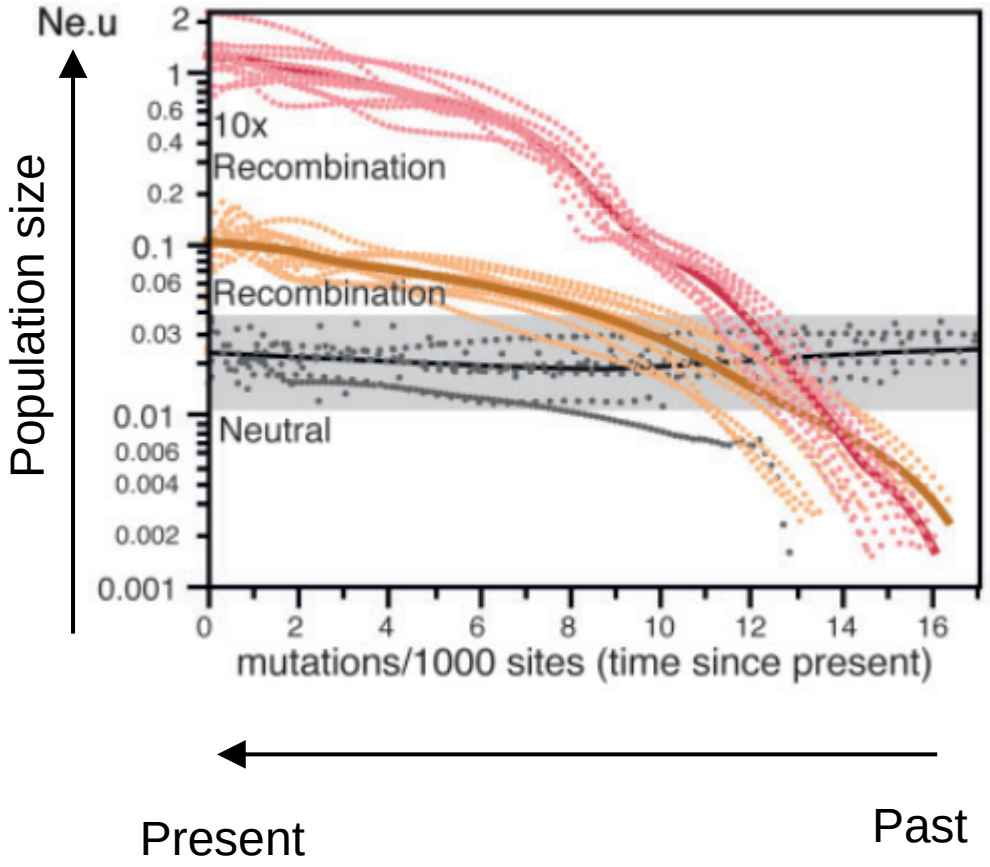
Add selection sign







Inference : Skyline Plot



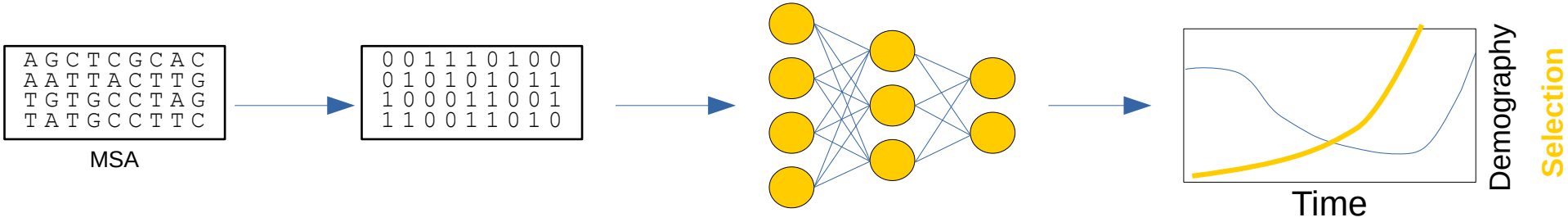
- Using estimated coalescent time, it infers population size
- Non-parametric
- Does not require simulation

- Problem : does not work in bacteria

Lapierre et al. 2016

Project

- End to end deep learning approach for bacterial popgen



- Problem: No ground truth data
- We need a population genetic simulator that is :
  - fast
  - Implement bacterial recombination (homologous HGT)
  - Demography, selection, etc..

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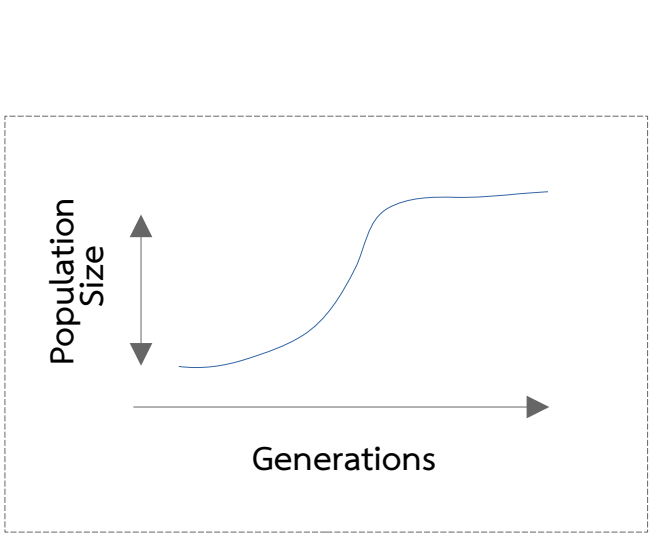

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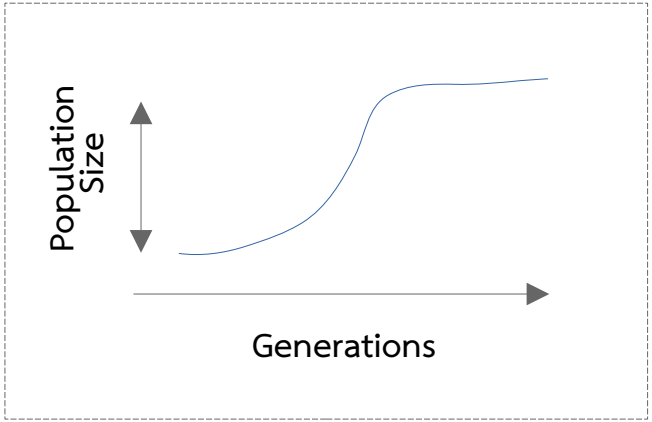

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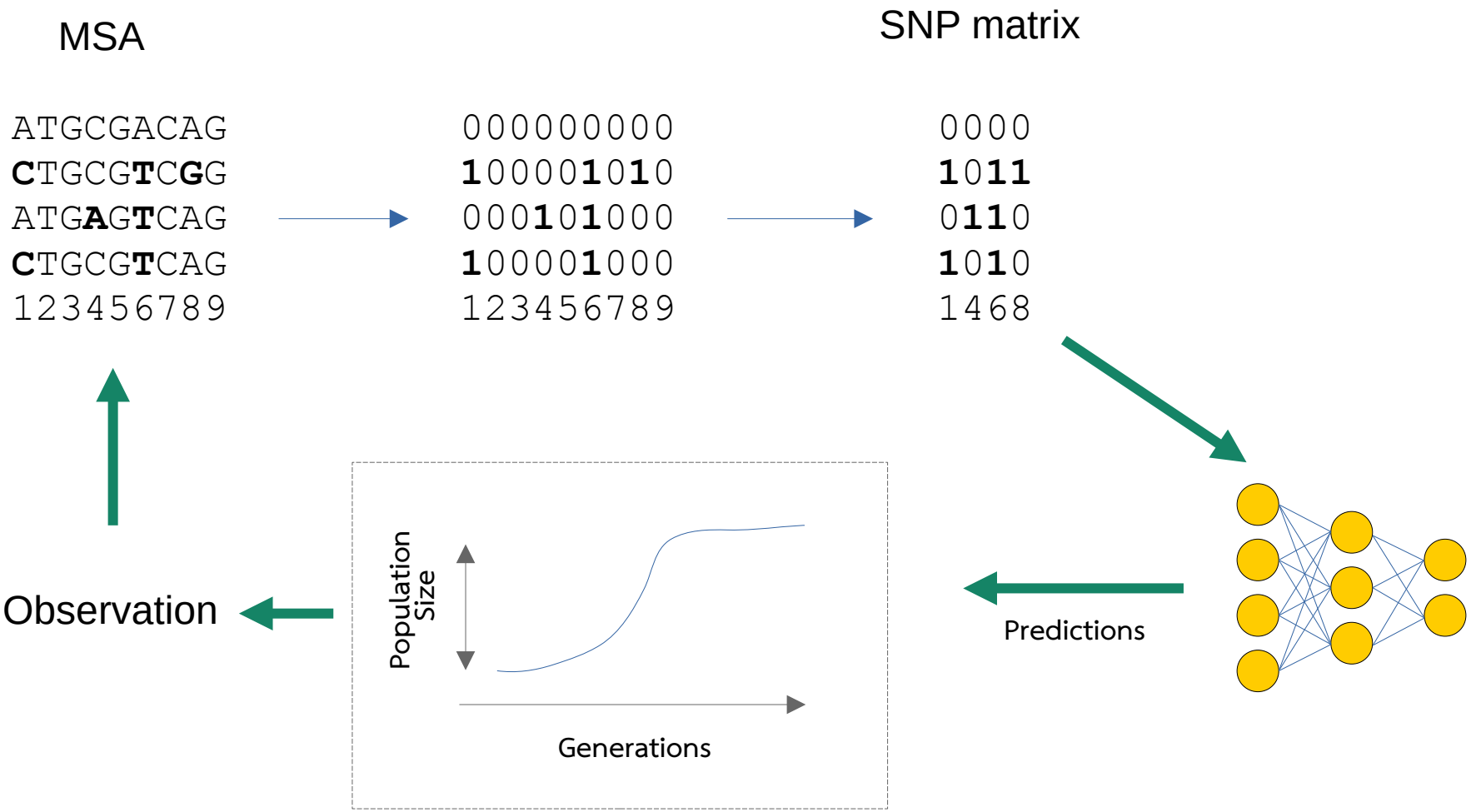
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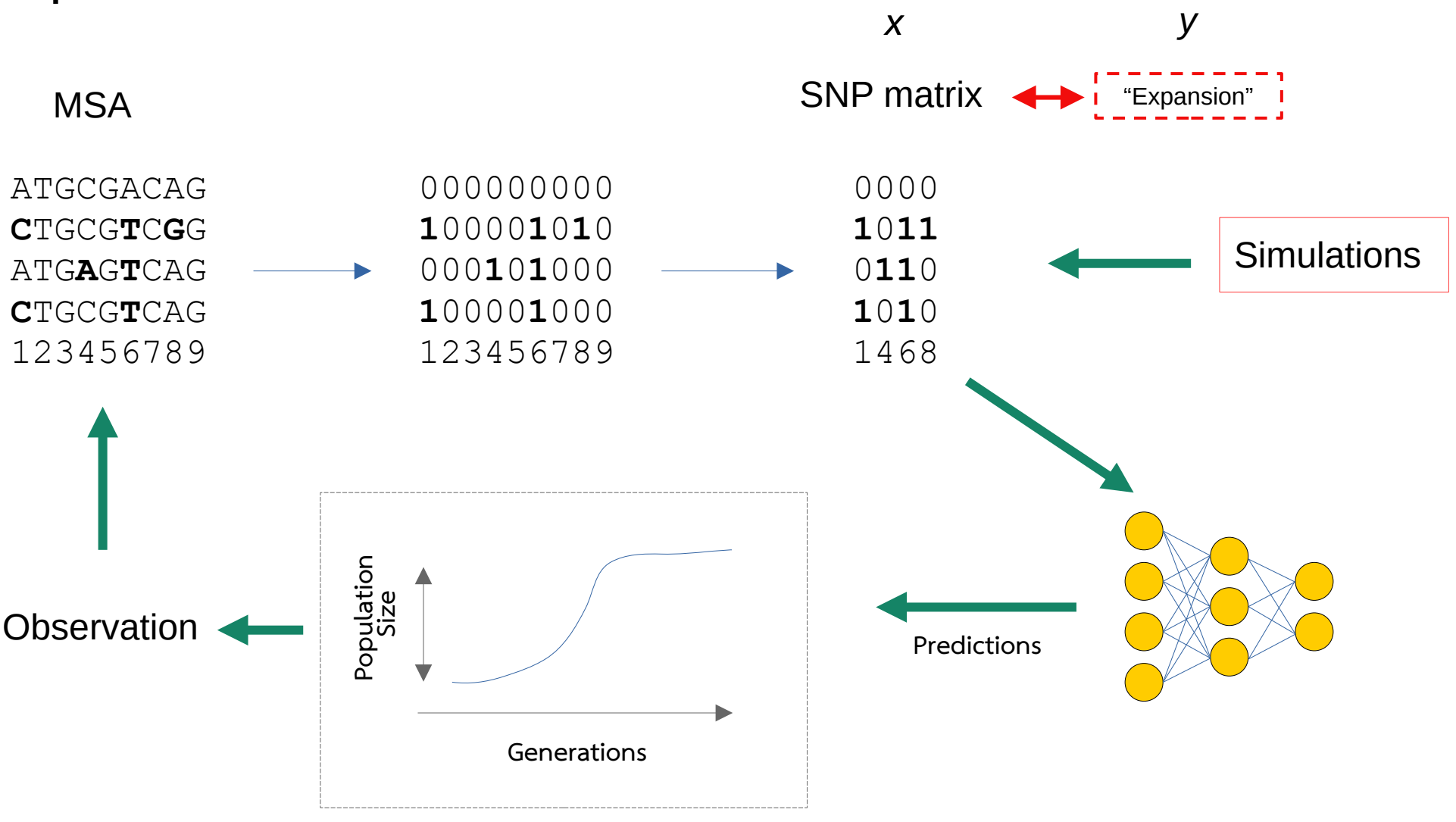
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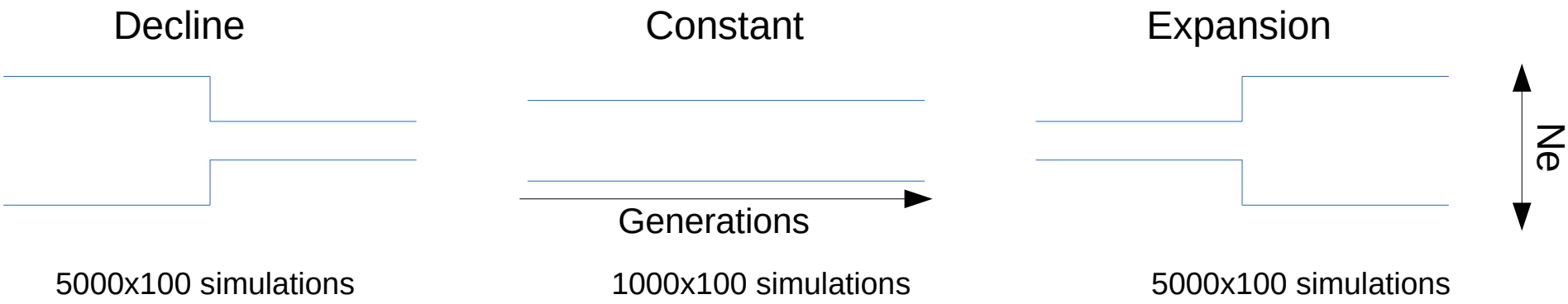
What we simulate



→ 50% with and 50% without selection

→ Variable parameters:

- **initial population size** (~Ne)
- mutation rate
- recombination rate (ratio r/m)
- coefficient of selection
- time of selection
- **time of demographical change**
- **strength of bottleneck/expansion**

→ Generated with a generalized Halton sequence

→ Fixed parameters:

- chromosome size
- mean size of gene conversion tracts
- Number of generations

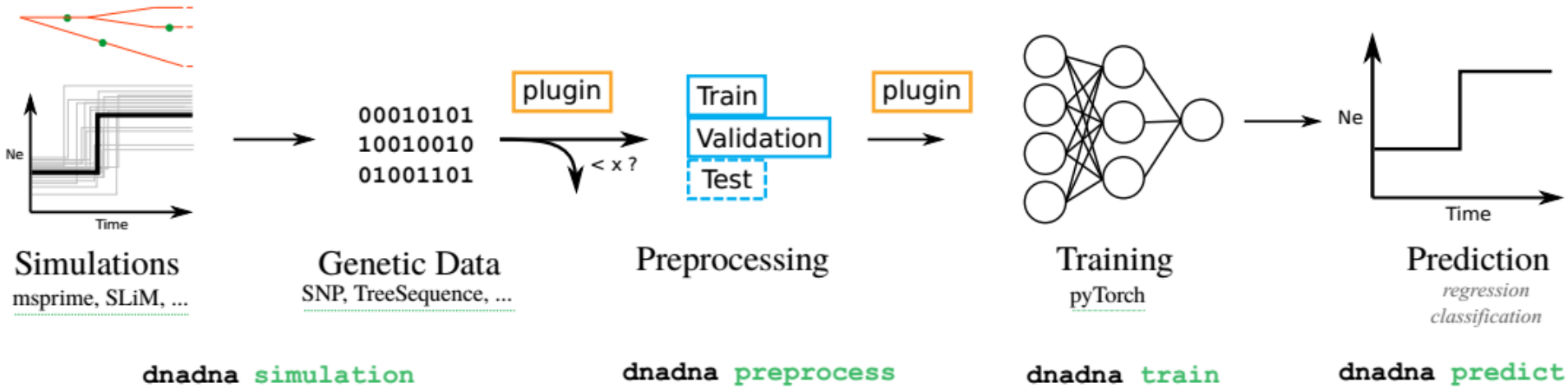
Using SLiM, adapted for Bacterial population (Cury et al., 2021)

Approach

- Use of **`dnadna`**, a package that help to reproduce, share and develop DL methods for population genetics
- Use of SPIDNA architecture
  - Invariant to permutation of individuals
  - Adaptive to input dimension
  - Good performance on human populations
- Add uncertainty estimation

Sanchez et al. 2022
Sanchez et al. 2020

dnadna : Package for DL in population genetics



Package that allow:
- Development of network
- Reuse of someone else's network
- Reproduce training/prediction

→ Without coding skill (YAML)

`https://gitlab.com/mlgenetics/dnadna`

Sanchez et al. 2022

Inference of demography

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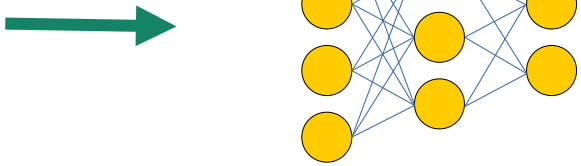


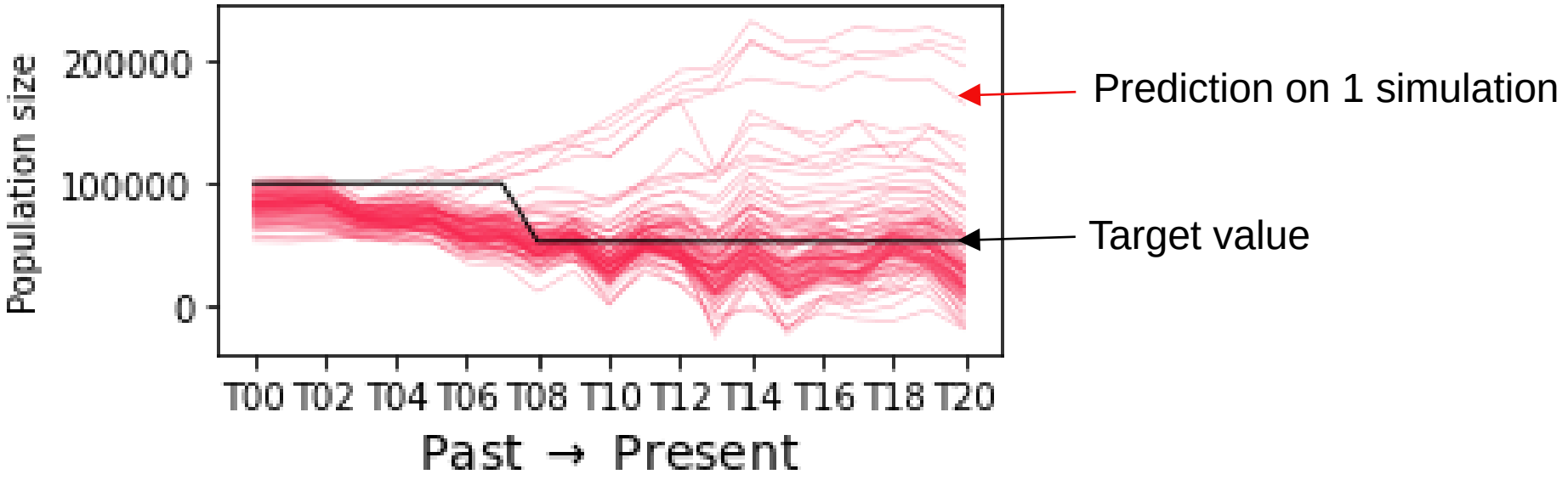
Population sizes at
21 time steps

400 first SNPs

SPIDNA

Inference of demography

Example with 100 simulations with the same set of parameters



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- DNN output a single value without notion of uncertainty :
  - Aleatoric : due to the underlying process that is intrinsically stochastic
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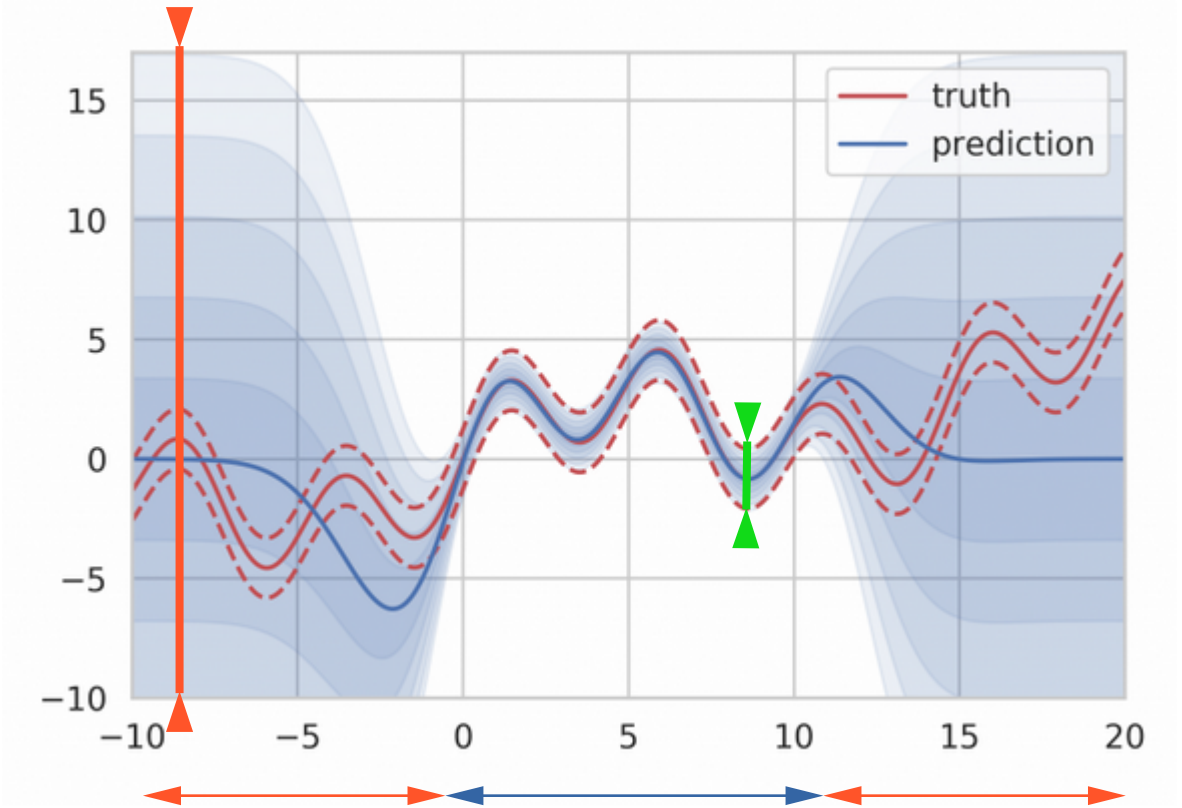

https://www.inovex.de/de/blog/uncertainty-quantification-deep-learning/

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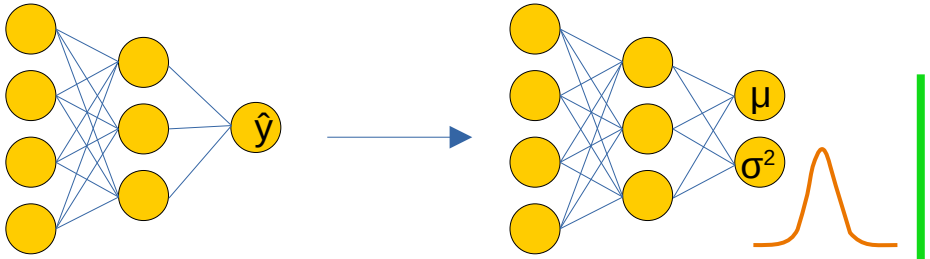
Use of Gaussian Negative Log Likelihood Loss to learn a gaussian with parameters μ and σ^2



Nix and Weigend, 1994
Lakshminarayanan et al, 2017

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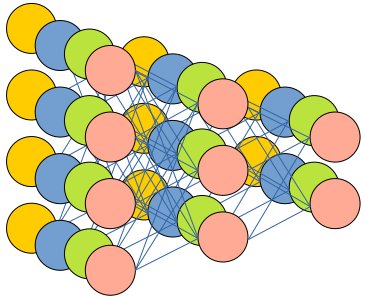
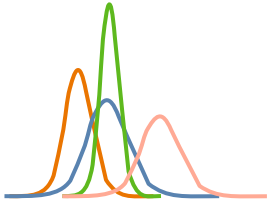


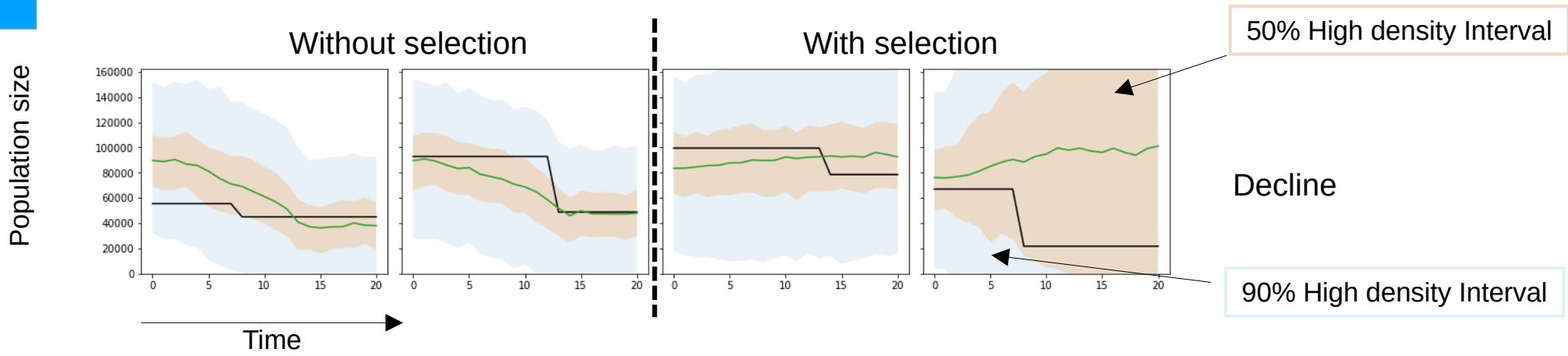


Weighted mixture of Gaussian distribution

weights $\propto 1/\sigma^2$

Lakshminarayanan et al, 2017

Uncertainty estimation



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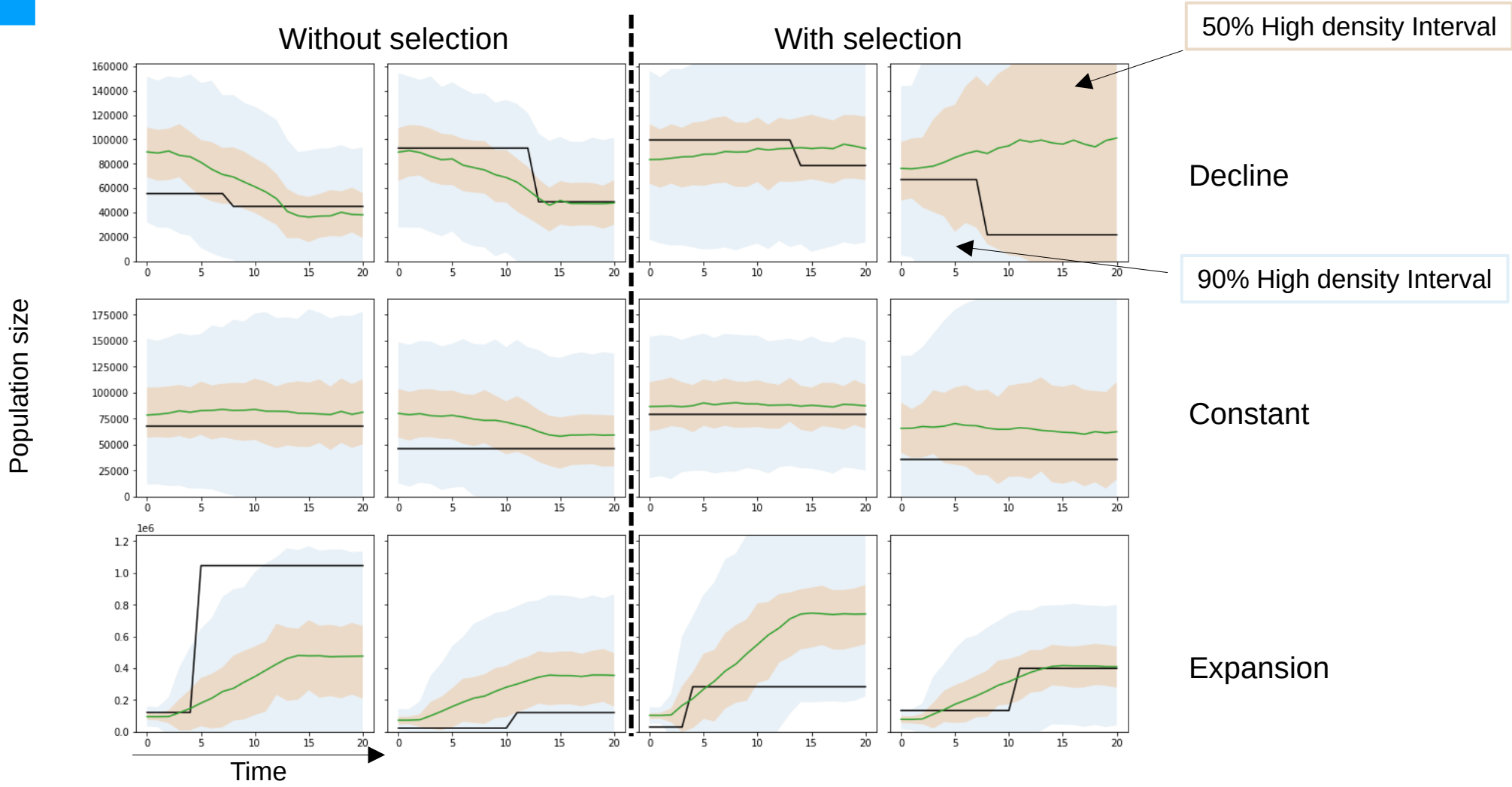
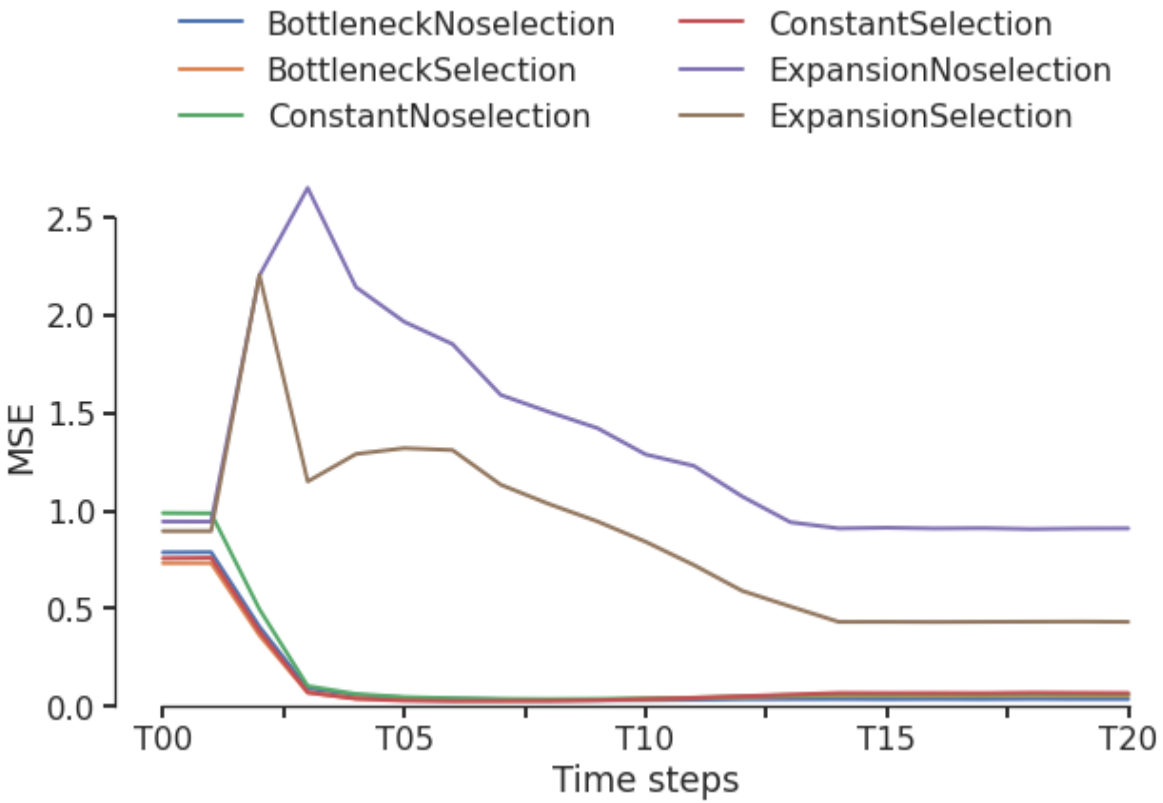


Error on Test set (the lower the better)

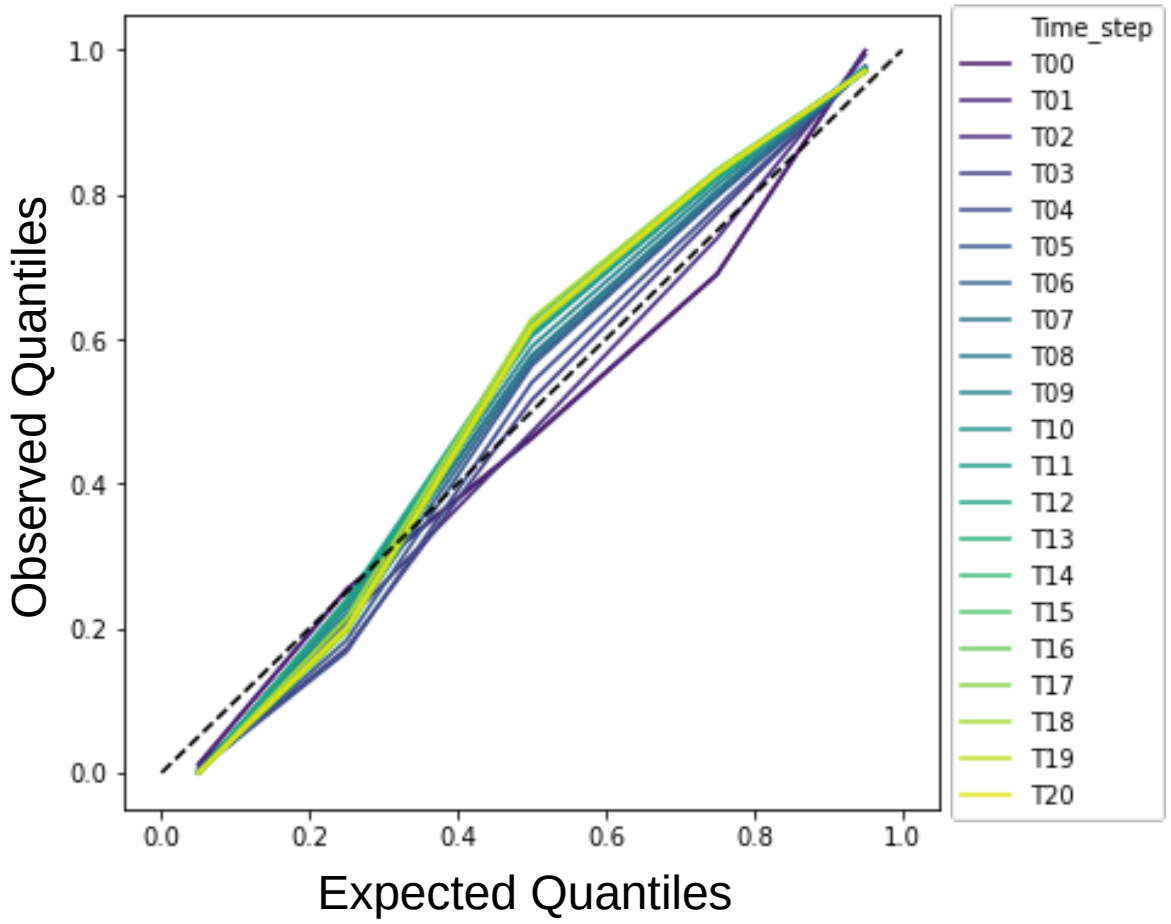


Bad predictions for Expansion

Good prediction otherwise

Except for ancient times where predictions follows the prior of the training set.

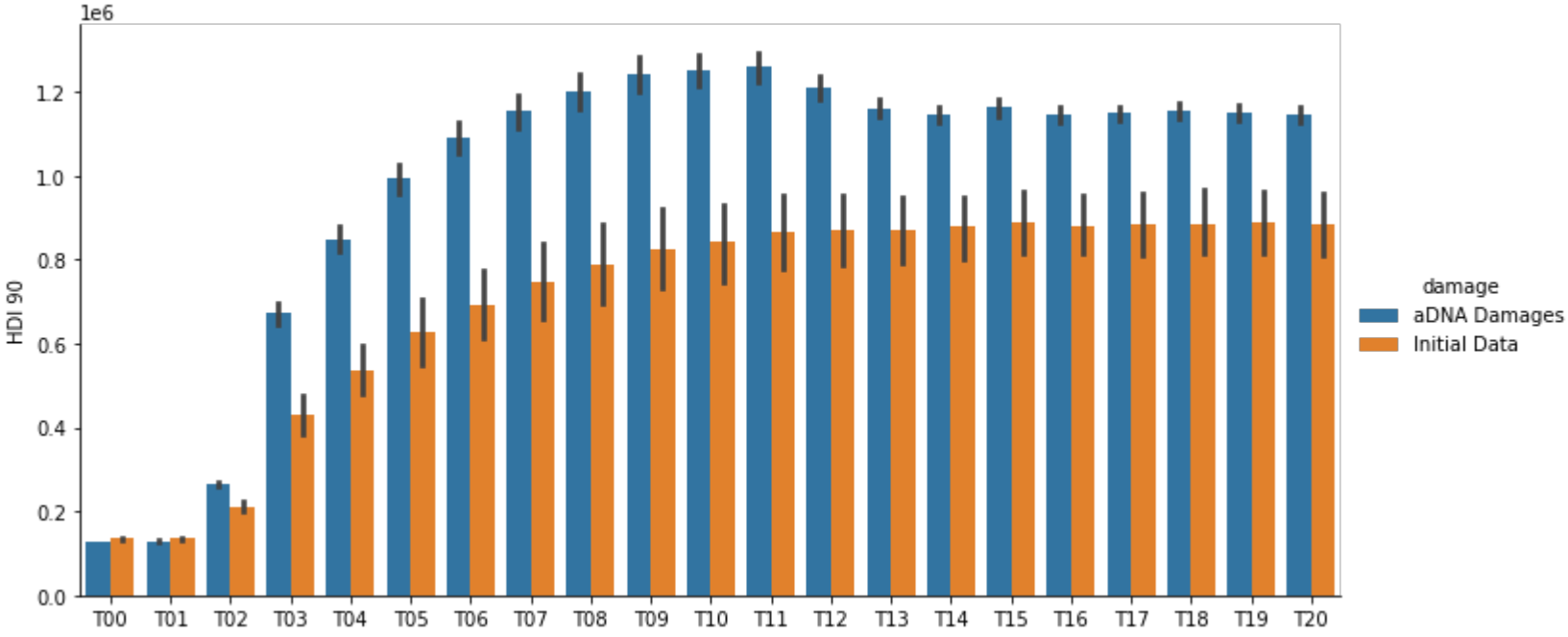
Calibration of the Gaussian mixture



ancient DNA

- Increasing amount of aDNA sequenced as technology improves
- Can help palaeontologist / historian understand distant past
- Problem : low quality of sequences
    - Due to degradation of DNA
    - Higher rate of sequencing error
    - Poor coverage (small amount of DNA)

Uncertainty on ancient DNA



Summary

- Prediction of bacterial population size through time
    - Irrespective of the underlying selection regime and other parameters
- Using **`dnadna`** package → easy to reuse / reproduce
- Estimation of the aleatoric and epistemic uncertainties

- Transfer learning with aDNA
- Assess interest of transfer learning from other net trained on similar task
- Improve training procedure with SPIDNA (something else than 400 SNP)
- Test on real data

Thanks

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