

# Towards reliable detection of introgression in the presence of among-species rate variation

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## ABSTRACT

1 The role of interspecific hybridization has recently seen increasing attention, especially in  
2 the context of diversification dynamics. Genomic research has now made it abundantly  
3 clear that both hybridization and introgression – the exchange of genetic material through  
4 hybridization and backcrossing – are far more common than previously thought. Besides  
5 cases of ongoing or recent genetic exchange between taxa, an increasing number of studies  
6 report “ancient introgression” – referring to results of hybridization that took place in the  
7 distant past. However, it is not clear whether commonly used methods for the detection of  
8 introgression are applicable to such old systems, given that most of these methods were  
9 originally developed for analyses at the level of populations and recently diverged species,  
10 affected by recent or ongoing genetic exchange. In particular, the assumption of constant  
11 evolutionary rates, which is implicit in many commonly used approaches, is more likely to  
12 be violated as evolutionary divergence increases. To test the limitations of introgression  
13 detection methods when being applied to old systems, we simulated thousands of genomic  
14 datasets under a wide range of settings, with varying degrees of among-species rate

15 variation and introgression. Using these simulated datasets, we showed that some  
16 commonly applied statistical methods, including the  $D$ -statistic and certain tests based on  
17 sets of local phylogenetic trees, can produce false-positive signals of introgression between  
18 divergent taxa that have different rates of evolution. These misleading signals are caused  
19 by the presence of homoplasies occurring at different rates in different lineages. To  
20 distinguish between the patterns caused by rate variation and genuine introgression, we  
21 developed a new test that is based on the expected clustering of introgressed sites along  
22 the genome, and implemented this test in the program Dsuite.

23 *Key words:* hybridization; introgression; rate variation;  $D$ -statistic; tree topology variation;  
24 branch lengths; phylogenetic network; phylogenomics.

25 Recent research has demonstrated that hybridization – the production of viable  
26 offspring between distinct species – is far more common than previously thought (Mallet,  
27 2005; Taylor and Larson, 2019). Hybridization seems to be particularly frequent in rapidly  
28 diversifying clades (Meier et al., 2017; Patton et al., 2020; Mitchell and Whitney, 2021)  
29 and has also been linked to the emergence of new species through so-called hybrid  
30 speciation (Rieseberg et al., 1995; Lamichhaney et al., 2018; Runemark et al., 2018).  
31 Hybridization therefore appears to promote diversification in certain situations (Seehausen,  
32 2004; Abbott et al., 2013), contrary to the traditional view in which hybridization is seen  
33 as inhibiting speciation (Mayr, 1942).

34 Recent studies have also revealed that even highly divergent species are sometimes  
35 still able to hybridize and backcross. Apart from records of interspecific hybrids within a  
36 genus, such as crosses between fin whale *Balaenoptera physalus* and blue whale *B.*  
37 *musculus* (Pampoulie et al., 2021), also intergeneric hybrids are known, for example  
38 between colubrid snakes of the genera *Pituophis* and *Pantherophis* (LeClere et al., 2012).  
39 Various other hybridization events between deeply divergent lineages have been reported,  
40 as for example among coral reef fishes (Pomacanthidae) with over 10% mitochondrial

41 divergence (Tea et al., 2020), even though the most extreme examples of hybridization  
42 between divergent lineages are known from captive specimens only (e.g., interfamilial  
43 hybrids between sturgeons, Acipenseridae, and paddlefishes, Polyodontidae; Káldy et al.  
44 2020). While the examples listed above refer to recent hybridization events, often detected  
45 through the observation of F1-hybrids, the fact that hybridization is recorded among  
46 divergent groups today suggests that it has also taken place in the distant past, when they  
47 were still more closely related.

48 Introgression, the transfer of genetic material between species, can leave detectable  
49 traces in the genomes of extant taxa. Such traces are being reported from an increasing  
50 number of taxa, including highly divergent ones, and have been interpreted as evidence for  
51 “ancient introgression”. Such ancient introgression has for example been reported to have  
52 occurred between the Komodo dragon *Varanus komodoensis* and Australian monitor  
53 lizards (Varanidae) in the Late Miocene (11.6–5.3 million years ago; Ma) (Pavón-Vázquez  
54 et al., 2021), among North American darters (Percidae, e.g., the genus *Allohistium*) at  
55 least 20 Ma (MacGuigan and Near, 2019), or among sea turtles (Cheloniidae) (Vilaça  
56 et al., 2021) up to 46 Ma. In fungus gnats, germline-restricted genes were suggested to  
57 have introgressed between the ancestors of Sciaridae and Cecidomyiidae even as early as  
58 114 Ma (Hodson et al., 2022). In plants, ancient introgression has been reported for several  
59 groups of angiosperms (Stull et al., 2023). For example, birch tree species within  
60 Coryloideae (Betulaceae) were reported to have exchanged genes between 17 and 33 Ma  
61 (Wang et al., 2022; Stull et al., 2023) and ancient hybridization has been reported during  
62 the early diversification of asterids over 100 Ma, between the order Ericales and the  
63 ancestor of Cornales or Gentianidae (Stull et al., 2020, 2023).

64 These reports raise the question whether methods for the detection of introgression  
65 from genomic data are still applicable to such old groups (Hibbins and Hahn, 2022), given  
66 that key methods were originally developed for analyses at the level of populations and  
67 recently diverged species. One of the most commonly used approaches for introgression

68 detection is the  $D$ -statistic, which was first applied to assess genetic exchange between  
69 Neanderthals and the ancestors of modern humans (Green et al., 2010). The  $D$ -statistic  
70 detects introgression through the so-called ‘ABBA-BABA test’ (Green et al., 2010; Durand  
71 et al., 2011), based on an imbalance in the sharing of ancestral (‘A’) and derived (‘B’)  
72 alleles across the genomes of four populations or species. This test assumes that, in the  
73 absence of introgression but presence of incomplete lineage sorting (ILS), two sister species  
74 share an equal proportion of derived ‘B’ alleles with any third species. A statistically  
75 significant excess of allele sharing in either direction (an excess of ‘ABBA’ or ‘BABA’  
76 sites) is then considered indicative of genetic exchange between non-sister taxa. Although  
77 misleading signals can under certain scenarios be created by population structure in  
78 ancestral species (Durand et al., 2011; Eriksson and Manica, 2012), the  $D$ -statistic is  
79 considered to be robust under a wide range of evolutionary scenarios when applied to  
80 genome-wide data (Zheng and Janke, 2018).

81         However, the violation of two assumptions that are implicit in the use of the  
82  $D$ -statistic can lead to false positive results: First, each variable site is assumed to result  
83 from a single substitution, and thus homoplasies – caused by independent substitutions at  
84 the same site in different species – are assumed to be absent. Randomly occurring  
85 homoplasies would not produce a false signal of introgression, because they are equally  
86 likely to increase the numbers of ‘ABBA’ and ‘BABA’ sites. Thus, a substitution that  
87 occurs in an outgroup to two sister species is equally likely to also occur in one or the  
88 other of the two sisters. But when a second assumption – that of uniform substitution  
89 rates across all species – is violated, homoplasies are more likely to occur in the sister  
90 species with the higher rate. This could lead to significantly unequal numbers of ‘ABBA’  
91 and ‘BABA’ sites and a  $D$ -statistic falsely supporting introgression (Pease and Hahn,  
92 2015; Amos, 2020; Frankel and Ané, 2023).

93         Both violations, homoplasies and substitution-rate variation, are more likely to  
94 occur in older groups of species. Homoplasies require that sites are substituted on two

95 different branches of a phylogenetic tree, which occurs more often when these branches are  
96 longer. Substitution-rate variation, on the other hand, is influenced by factors such as  
97 metabolic rate, generation time, longevity, or temperature, that are all expected to be  
98 similar among closely related species but may vary with increasing phylogenetic distance  
99 (Wilson Sayres et al., 2011; Bromham, 2020; Hua and Bromham, 2017; Ivan et al., 2022;  
100 Hua et al., 2015). A misleading effect of substitution-rate variation on the  $D$ -statistic,  
101 generating false-positive signals of introgression, has been suspected repeatedly (Pease and  
102 Hahn, 2015; Zheng and Janke, 2018; Hibbins and Hahn, 2022) and was recently supported  
103 by simulations under the birth-death-hybridization process (Justison et al., 2023; Frankel  
104 and Ané, 2023).

105 To avoid the effects of rate variation on introgression detection, a tree-based  
106 equivalent of the  $D$ -statistic has been used in several studies (Vanderpool et al., 2020;  
107 Ronco et al., 2021). In this approach, rooted phylogenetic trees are first built for a large  
108 number of loci (regions with hundreds to thousands of base pairs) across the genome, and  
109 the inferred set of trees is then analyzed for topological asymmetry in three-species subsets  
110 just like site patterns are in the  $D$ -statistic. Thus, the most frequent tree topology for a set  
111 of three species is assumed to represent their species tree, and the frequencies of the  
112 second- and third-most frequent topologies are compared to each other. A significant  
113 difference in these frequencies is then interpreted as evidence of introgression. The test  
114 statistic has been named  $D_{\text{tree}}$  in Ronco et al. (2021) (who were unaware that a  
115 non-normalized version of this statistic had already been called  $\Delta$  by Huson et al. 2005).  
116 Frequencies of tree topologies have also been used to infer introgression in other studies  
117 (Schumer et al., 2016; Gante et al., 2016; Figueiró et al., 2017; Martin and Van Belleghem,  
118 2017; Suvorov et al., 2022). One might expect that, as a tree-based alternative to the  
119  $D$ -statistic,  $D_{\text{tree}}$  would be more robust to homoplasies, given that the occurrence of one or  
120 few homoplasies per locus should not have an effect on the tree topology (Hibbins and  
121 Hahn, 2022; Frankel and Ané, 2023). On the other hand, homoplasies in combination with

122 rate variation can lead to long-branch attraction (Felsenstein, 1978), which might bias  
123 tree-topology frequencies even if their effect on each individual tree is weak.

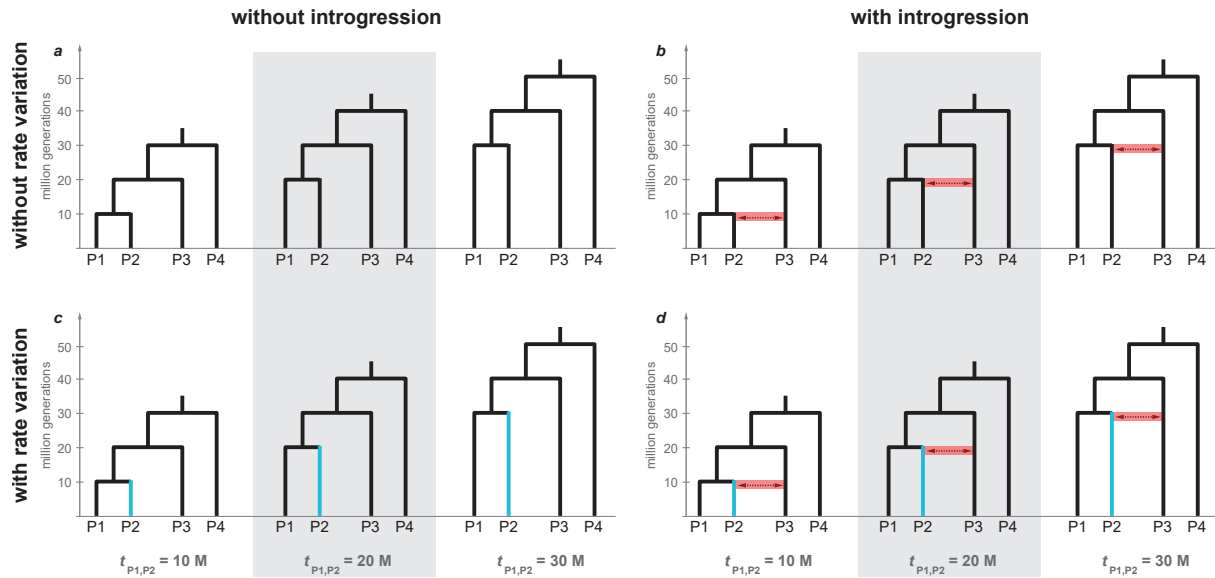
124         Here, we use simulations to test the robustness of introgression detection methods  
125 to the combined effects of homoplasies and rate variation, as expected to occur in older  
126 groups of species. We simulate genomic datasets under a wide range of settings, including  
127 varying population sizes, divergence times, recombination rates, mutation rates,  
128 introgression rates, and degrees of among-species rate variation. Besides the  $D$ -statistic  
129 and its tree-based equivalent  $D_{\text{tree}}$ , we apply three further tree-based methods to detect  
130 introgression in complementary ways: the phylogenetic network approach implemented in  
131 SNaQ (Solís-Lemus et al., 2017), the approach based on branch-length distributions  
132 implemented in QuIBL (Edelman et al., 2019), and a method based on divergence-time  
133 distributions in time-calibrated phylogenies. The latter method was presented by Meyer,  
134 Matschiner, and Salzburger (2017), and will henceforth be called “MMS17 method”. We  
135 hypothesized that all of these methods could produce false signals of introgression when  
136 among-species rate variation is present, and that these signals would become stronger with  
137 increasing age of the introgression event, mutation rates, and degree of rate variation. Our  
138 results confirm that the  $D$ -statistic, as well as some of the tested tree-based methods are  
139 affected by rate variation. To distinguish between true signals of introgression and the false  
140 signals resulting from rate variation, we developed a new test based on the distribution of  
141 ‘ABBA’ sites on the genome, and we implemented this test into the introgression analysis  
142 software Dsuite (Malinsky et al., 2021). We assess the performance of this new test with  
143 simulated and empirical datasets, and confirm its suitability across a broad range of  
144 parameters.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

*Simulations*

To test the performance of commonly applied introgression detection methods, genomic data were simulated under diverse scenarios. All simulations were conducted in the Python version 3.8.6 environment using the program msprime v.1.0 (Baumdicker et al., 2021). A four-taxon phylogeny was defined for the species P1, P2, P3, and P4, in which P1 and P2 were sister species and P4 was the outgroup to all others. The divergence of species P1 and P2,  $t_{P1,P2}$ , was set to occur either 10, 20, or 30 million generations ago, with species P3 and P4 in each case set to branch off 10 and 20 million generations earlier, respectively. Thus, the most recent common ancestor of the four species dated to between 30 and 50 million generations ago (Fig. 1), and the internode distances were in all cases identical, which implied that the expected degree of ILS remained identical. All simulated species had identical and constant effective population sizes ( $N_e$ ), set to either  $N_e = 10^4$  or  $N_e = 10^5$  in separate simulations. An effective population size of  $N_e = 10^6$  was used in exploratory simulations, but as these simulations were too computationally demanding and their results did not seem to differ from those based on smaller population sizes, final simulations were based on the two smaller population sizes. We conducted one set of simulations that did not include any genetic exchange between species while other simulations included introgression between species P2 and P3. In these cases, P2 and P3 exchanged migrants with a rate  $m$  of either  $m = 10^{-9}$  (“very weak”),  $m = 10^{-8}$  (“weak”),  $m = 10^{-7}$  (“strong”), or  $m = 10^{-6}$  (“very strong”) per individual per generation, which is equivalent to the exchange of one migrant on average every  $10^2 - 10^5$  generations when  $N_e = 10^4$  or every  $10 - 10^4$  generations when  $N_e = 10^5$ . In all simulations, migration between P2 and P3 occurred for the same period of time, beginning with the divergence of P1 and P2 and ending 2.5 million generations later (Fig. 1).

Based on this model of divergence and introgression, we simulated the evolution of the genomes of the four species, modeling these as a single chromosome with a length of 20



**Fig. 1** Four-taxon phylogenies used in simulations. Divergence times of species P1 and P2 ( $t_{P1,P2}$ ) are 10, 20, and 30 million generations in the past, with P3 and P4 branching off 10 and 20 million generations earlier, respectively. Species P2 evolved with a mutation rate that was either unchanged (scale factor  $s = 1$ ; **a,b**) or slower ( $s = 0.25$ ; illustrated in blue in **c,d**) than the mutation rate of all other species (besides  $s = 0.25$ , both a less extremely reduced rate and faster rates of species P2 were simulated with  $s = 0.5$ ,  $s = 2$ , and  $s = 4$ , but are not shown here). In simulations that included introgression (**b,d**), this introgression occurred symmetrically between P2 and P3, beginning with the divergence of P1 and P2, and continuing for 2.5 million generations (illustrated in red in **b,d**). Any reliable method for introgression detection should identify a signal for **b** and **d** but not for **a** and **c**.

172 million basepairs (Mbp). The recombination rate  $r$  of this chromosome was set to  $r = 10^{-8}$   
 173 and the mutation rate  $\mu$  was set to either  $\mu = 10^{-9}$  or  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$  in separate simulations  
 174 (both rates are given per site per generation). Mutations were simulated under the  
 175 Hasegawa-Kishino-Yano (HKY) model (Hasegawa et al., 1985) with a  
 176 transition-transversion rate ratio  $\kappa = 2$ . Finally, we implemented among-species variation  
 177 in the mutation rate to model a decreased, unchanged, or increased rate in species P2,  
 178 with the rate change taking place immediately after its divergence from P1. Because  
 179 msprime does not allow mutation-rate variation among species, we used a work-around  
 180 with the same outcome, extending or shortening the branch leading to P2 with a scale  
 181 factor  $s$ . We repeated the simulations using each of the five scale factors  $s = 0.25$  (“very  
 182 slow P2”),  $s = 0.5$  (“slow P2”),  $s = 1$  (“unchanged P2”),  $s = 2$  (“fast P2”), and  $s = 4$   
 183 (“very fast P2”) to model varying degrees of among-species rate variation. For each of the



184 four simulated species, we sampled ten haploid chromosomes to form diploid genomes for  
185 five individuals per species. To implement the above-mentioned work-around for  $s = 0.25$   
186 and  $s = 0.5$ , we sampled individuals from species P2 at a time point in the past so that the  
187 length of its branch was effectively divided by 2 or 4. For  $s = 1$ , all samples were taken at  
188 the present. With scale factors  $s = 2$  and  $s = 4$ , P2 was sampled at the present, but all  
189 divergences were shifted into the past by the amount of generations by which the P2  
190 branch was extended, and P1, P3, and P4 were instead sampled in the past. In summary,  
191 we performed simulations with all possible combination of  
192  $t_{P1,P2} \in \{1 \times 10^7, 2 \times 10^7, 3 \times 10^7\}$ ,  $N_e \in \{10^4, 10^5\}$ ,  $m \in \{0, 10^{-9}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-7}, 10^{-6}\}$ ,  
193  $r = 10^{-8}$ ,  $\mu \in \{1 \times 10^{-9}, 2 \times 10^{-9}\}$ , and  $s \in \{0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4\}$ ; a total of 300 parameter  
194 combinations. For population size  $N_e = 10^5$ , mutation rate  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ , introgression rate  
195  $m \in \{0, 10^{-8}, 10^{-7}\}$ , and a P2 branch rate  $s \in \{0.25, 1, 4\}$ , 50 replicates (shown in Fig.  
196 2–4) were simulated; for all the other parameter combinations, we performed ten replicate  
197 simulations (shown in Supplementary Figs. S1–S24), recording the resulting total genomic  
198 datasets in 4,080 files in the variant call format (VCF).

199 The range of parameters used in our simulations was selected to be comparable  
200 with some of the study systems for which ancient introgression has been reported. In terms  
201 of divergence time and mutation rate, our simulations are comparable to the example of  
202 North American darters (MacGuigan and Near, 2019): The divergence of the two genera  
203 *Allohistium* and *Simoperca*, for which signatures of ancient introgression have been  
204 reported, can be placed around 22 million generations ago, assuming a generation time of 1  
205 year (Smith et al., 2011) and a divergence about 22 Ma (MacGuigan and Near, 2019). The  
206 mutation rates chosen for our simulations ( $\mu \in \{10^{-9}, 2 \times 10^{-9}\}$ ) also fall within estimates  
207 reported for darters as these range from around  $6 \times 10^{-10}$  to  $9 \times 10^{-9}$  per site and year  
208 (Smith et al., 2011).

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*Patterson's D-statistic*

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Patterson's  $D$ -statistic (Green et al., 2010) measures signals of introgression in a species trio P1, P2, and P3 by counting the numbers of sites at which these species share alleles. Denoting ancestral alleles as 'A' and derived alleles as 'B', 'ABBA' sites are those at which P2 and P3 share the derived allele, while P1 and P3 share the derived allele at 'BABA' sites. By definition, the allele carried by the outgroup P4 is considered the ancestral allele 'A'. The  $D$ -statistic is then calculated as the difference between the number of 'ABBA' sites  $C_{ABBA}$  and that of 'BABA' sites  $C_{BABA}$ , normalized by the sum of these two numbers:

$$D = \frac{C_{ABBA} - C_{BABA}}{C_{ABBA} + C_{BABA}} \quad (1)$$

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In the absence of introgression,  $C_{ABBA}$  and  $C_{BABA}$  are expected to be equal, in which case  $D = 0$ . However, this expectation is based on several assumptions, including that of equal rates for species P1 and P2, which we violated in part of our simulations. We therefore expected that the  $D$ -statistic would indicate signals of introgression (in the form of significant  $p$ -values) in these simulated datasets even when no introgression occurred.

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We calculated the  $D$ -statistic for each of the 4,080 simulated genomic datasets with the program Dsuite v.r50 (Malinsky et al., 2021), using the program's "Dtrios" module. By using the Dsuite implementation of the  $D$ -statistic, we were able to account for within-species variation in the calculation of  $C_{ABBA}$  and  $C_{BABA}$ . When multiple individuals are sampled per species, Dsuite calculates  $C_{ABBA}$  and  $C_{BABA}$  based on the frequencies of the ancestral and derived alleles within the species. With the frequency of the derived allele 'B' at site  $i$  in the genome of species  $j$  denoted as  $f_{B,j,i}$  and a total number of sites  $n$ ,

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$$C_{ABBA} = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - f_{B,P1,i}) \times f_{B,P2,i} \times f_{B,P3,i} \quad (2a)$$

$$C_{BABA} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_{B,P1,i} \times (1 - f_{B,P2,i}) \times f_{B,P3,i} \quad (2b)$$

231 For both parts of Equation 2, Dsuite defines the derived allele as the one occurring  
232 at lower frequency in the outgroup P4 and multi-allelic sites are ignored. The significance  
233 of  $D$  was assessed with block jackknife tests, based on 20 equally sized subsets of each  
234 genomic dataset. In our interpretation of these results, we applied the Bonferroni  
235 correction (Bonferroni, 1935) to account for the large number of tests that we performed.

### 236 *Tree-based Introgression Detection Methods*

237 Besides the  $D$ -statistic, we applied four tree-based introgression detection methods  
238 to all datasets simulated with a population size of  $N_e = 10^5$  and a mutation rate of  
239  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ , a total of 1,830 datasets. To infer local trees as input for these methods,  
240 variants were extracted from equally spaced windows across the simulated chromosome.  
241 We separately extracted 5,000 windows of 200 bp, 2,000 windows of 500 bp, and 1,000  
242 windows of 1,000 bp from each of the 1,830 datasets. These window sizes were chosen as a  
243 compromise between too little phylogenetic information in shorter windows and the  
244 occurrence of within-window recombination in larger windows, which could bias any  
245 phylogenetic inference (Bryant and Hahn, 2020). With these selected window sizes and  
246 numbers, only 1 Mbp out of the 20 Mbp of the simulated chromosomes was used for  
247 phylogenetic analyses. Additionally, per species and variable site, only the first allele of the  
248 first individual was extracted. All invariable sites within windows were replaced with  
249 randomly selected nucleotides A, C, G, and T, thus forming a sequence alignment for each  
250 window. By using only one allele of one individual per species – instead of both alleles of  
251 the five simulated individuals – we again reduced the amount of data by a factor of ten.  
252 Consequently, for any given simulation, only 0.5% of the data used to calculate the  
253  $D$ -statistic were also used for tree-based analyses. This data reduction was required due to  
254 the computational demands of our phylogenetic analyses: Because we used 1,830 genomic  
255 datasets in total and extracted 8,000 (5,000 + 2,000 + 1,000) windows from each of these,  
256 14.64 million alignments were produced. As each alignment was used for phylogenetic

257 analyses with both maximum-likelihood and Bayesian inference (see below), a total of  
258 29.28 million such analyses were required.

259  $D_{\text{tree}}$  — Conceptually similar to Patterson’s  $D$ -statistic,  $D_{\text{tree}}$  aims to detect  
260 introgression by comparing the counts of alternative rooted tree topologies for a given  
261 species trio, in a large set of local trees sampled across the genome. For any such trio P1,  
262 P2, and P3, three different rooted tree topologies can be found: One in which P1 and P2  
263 are sister species, one in which P1 appears next to P3, and one in which P2 and P3 are  
264 sisters. Like for the  $D$ -statistic, the assumptions of no introgression and no among-species  
265 rate variation predict that, if the most frequent of these tree topologies represents the  
266 species-tree, the other two should occur in equal frequencies due to ILS. Any significant  
267 difference in the frequencies of the latter two topologies, assessed for example with a  
268 one-sided binomial test, can therefore be seen as support for introgression.

269 In its unconstrained version (Ronco et al. 2021; also see Vanderpool et al. 2020),  
270  $D_{\text{tree}}$  is calculated from the counts of the second- and third-most frequent rooted  
271 topologies for the species trio,  $C_{2\text{nd}}$  and  $C_{3\text{rd}}$ , as

$$D_{\text{tree}} = \frac{C_{2\text{nd}} - C_{3\text{rd}}}{C_{2\text{nd}} + C_{3\text{rd}}} \quad (3)$$

272 However, the use of this unconstrained version of  $D_{\text{tree}}$  may underestimate high  
273 levels of introgression when the most frequent tree topology of the three species does not  
274 reflect the species tree (due to very high levels of genetic exchange and/or very short  
275 internal branches). Therefore, we here applied a constrained version of  $D_{\text{tree}}$  to test  
276 explicitly for introgression between P2 and P3:

$$D_{\text{tree}} = \frac{C_{\text{P2,P3}} - C_{\text{P1,P3}}}{C_{\text{P2,P3}} + C_{\text{P1,P3}}}, \quad (4)$$

277 where  $C_{\text{P2,P3}}$  is the count of trees in which P2 and P3 are sisters, and  $C_{\text{P1,P3}}$  is the  
278 count of trees that place P1 and P3 next to each other.

279 To generate these counts, we inferred maximum-likelihood phylogenies from each  
280 window alignment of the 1,830 simulated genomic datasets using IQ-TREE v.2.1.2 (Minh  
281 et al., 2020), specifying the HKY substitution model (Hasegawa et al., 1985) and P4 as  
282 outgroup. The resulting tree sets were filtered by excluding trees with an internal branch  
283 shorter than 0.001 substitutions per site. We then obtained  $C_{P1,P3}$  and  $C_{P2,P3}$  by counting  
284 how often P1 and P3, or P2 and P3, respectively, were sister species in a set of trees. We  
285 did so separately for the sets of trees corresponding to each simulated genomic dataset and  
286 window size, by applying the Ruby script `analyze_tree_asymmetry.rb` (Ronco et al., 2021).  
287 Finally, a one-sided binomial test was used to identify whether  $C_{P2,P3}$  was significantly  
288 larger than  $C_{P1,P3}$  and thus supporting introgression between P2 and P3.

289 *SNaQ* — The SNaQ (Species Networks applying Quartets) method, implemented  
290 in PhyloNetworks (Solís-Lemus and Ané, 2016; Solís-Lemus et al., 2017), is representative  
291 of a class of methods based on the multi-species coalescent model with hybridization  
292 (Meng and Kubatko, 2009). This class also includes approaches implemented in PhyloNet  
293 (Yu et al., 2014; Than et al., 2008; Yu and Nakhleh, 2015) or SpeciesNetwork (Zhang et al.,  
294 2018). From a set of local trees, SNaQ quantifies concordance factors for unrooted species  
295 quartets (either all possible quartets or a random sample) and calculates the likelihood for  
296 each of these quartets under the multi-species coalescent model with hybridization. By  
297 multiplying these likelihoods over all quartets, SNaQ derives the pseudolikelihood for a  
298 given species network. A heuristic search then allows SNaQ to estimate the network that  
299 optimizes the pseudolikelihood for a given maximum number of hybridization events. Thus,  
300 by repeating the SNaQ analysis with a maximum number of 0 and 1 such events, support  
301 for hybridization can be evaluated from the difference of the resulting pseudolikelihoods.

302 The multi-species coalescent model with hybridization considers hybridization  
303 events on the species level that instantaneously copy part of the genome from one species  
304 to another. Thus, this model is violated by our simulations in a way in which it may also  
305 be violated by most empirical cases of hybridizing species: Our simulations model

306 hybridization between individuals that over long time scales (2.5 million generations) of  
307 ongoing introgression and subsequent drift, recombination, and occasional fixation has a  
308 gradual effect on the genomes of the recipient species. We expected that – barring other  
309 model violations – fitting such a period of hybridization and introgression to the  
310 multi-species coalescent model with hybridization would lead to the inference of a single  
311 hybridization event between species. Nevertheless, we expected that the support for this  
312 inferred hybridization event would correlate with the truth – i.e., the presence and the rate  
313 of introgression used in our simulations. We quantified this support as the difference in the  
314 Akaike information criterion (dAIC) (Akaike, 1974) for models that did or did not include  
315 a hybridization event, and considered dAIC values above 10 as significant. It has been  
316 pointed out that criteria like the Akaike information criterion are not generally suitable for  
317 the pseudolikelihoods estimated by SNaQ (Hibbins and Hahn, 2022). However this  
318 criterion is applicable in our case, because with no more than four species (i.e., a single  
319 quartet), SNaQ estimates the actual likelihood and not the pseudolikelihood (Solís-Lemus  
320 and Ané, 2016). We calculated the dAIC supporting introgression separately for each  
321 simulated genomic dataset and each of the three window sizes (200, 500, and 1,000 bp),  
322 based on the maximum-likelihood tree sets inferred for these windows with IQ-TREE,  
323 again excluding trees in which the internal branch was short ( $< 0.001$  substitutions per  
324 site). We used PhyloNetworks v.0.14.2 for these analyses, providing the correct species tree  
325 as starting tree and specifying P4 as the outgroup when calling SNaQ.

326 *QuIBL* — QuIBL (Quantifying Introgression via Branch Lengths) is an approach  
327 to estimate proportions of introgressed loci based on the distribution of branch lengths in a  
328 species trio (Edelman et al., 2019). By using branch lengths as a source of information,  
329 QuIBL is complementary to SNaQ, as the latter is informed exclusively by the topologies  
330 of a set of local trees. All species trios in a given dataset are used by QuIBL and examined  
331 independently of each other. Per trio, QuIBL sorts the set of local trees into three subsets,  
332 one for each of the three possible rooted topologies of the triplet. For each of the three

333 subsets, QuIBL then determines the distribution of the lengths of the internal branch (in  
334 numbers of substitutions per site), across all of the local trees within the subset. Applying  
335 an expectation-maximization algorithm in combination with the Bayesian information  
336 criterion (BIC) (Schwarz, 1978), it uses the shape of these distributions to determine  
337 whether they result from a single process (i.e., ILS) or additionally from a second process.  
338 This second process is interpreted either as lineage sorting within a common ancestor or  
339 introgression, depending on the relationships of the three species in a predetermined  
340 species tree. In the latter case, the number of local trees in the respective subset,  
341 multiplied by the proportion of them assigned to introgression rather than ILS, quantifies  
342 the overall introgression proportion. Like the multi-species coalescent model with  
343 hybridization implemented in SNaQ, the assumptions behind QuIBL also include a single  
344 pulse of hybridization instead of continuous introgression over a period of time (Edelman  
345 et al., 2019).

346 We applied QuIBL to the filtered sets of local trees generated using IQ-TREE for  
347 the 1,830 genomic datasets and each of the three window sizes. The QuIBL parameters  
348 included a likelihood precision threshold (“likelihoodthresh”) of 0.01, a limit of 50 steps for  
349 the expectation-maximization algorithm (“numsteps”), and a scale factor of 0.5 to reduce  
350 the step size when an ascent step fails (“gradascentscalar”), as recommended by the  
351 authors. We further specified P4 as the outgroup to the trio formed by P1, P2, and P3.  
352 The results of QuIBL analyses were processed with the quiblR library  
353 (<https://github.com/nbedelman/quiblR>). Following Edelman et al. (2019), we considered  
354 support for introgression significant when the difference in BIC values (dBIC) was greater  
355 than 10.

356 *MMS17 method* — A fourth class of tree-based introgression detection methods  
357 uses distributions of divergence times in a set of ultrametric, time-calibrated local trees  
358 (Marcussen et al., 2014; Fontaine et al., 2015; Meyer et al., 2017). Of this class, we here  
359 apply the method developed by Meyer, Matschiner, and Salzburger (2017) (“MMS17

method”). This method compares the mean divergence times for all three possible pairs of  
species within a species trio, repeating this comparison for all possible species trios of a  
given dataset. For the species trio P1, P2, and P3, the mean ages of the most recent  
common ancestor (MRCA) of the pairs P1–P2, P1–P3, and P2–P3 are calculated over all  
local trees. If P1 and P2 are sister species and no introgression occurred with P3, the  
P1–P3 and P2–P3 mean MRCA age estimates are expected to be similar in the absence of  
introgression. In contrast, any introgression occurring between non-sister species should  
reduce one of these two mean MRCA ages (while increasing the P1–P2 mean MRCA age).  
The difference between these pairwise mean MRCA (dMRCA) ages is therefore informative  
about past introgression within the species trio – the larger dMRCA, the stronger the  
evidence for introgression (Meyer et al., 2017). On the other hand, the MMS17 method  
does not include a formal statistical test allowing one to reject the null hypothesis of no  
introgression. It has therefore been designed and used only to identify hypotheses of  
introgression that can then be tested with other methods (Meyer et al., 2017).

We used the Bayesian program BEAST2 v.2.6.4 (Bouckaert et al., 2019) to infer  
sets of time-calibrated local trees using the three alignment window sizes (200, 500, and  
1,000 bp) for each of the 1,830 simulated genomic datasets. Per alignment, an input file for  
BEAST2 was produced with the babette library (Bilderbeek and Etienne, 2018), specifying  
the birth-death tree process as a tree prior (Gernhard, 2008) and the HKY substitution  
model (Hasegawa et al., 1985). Each tree was time-calibrated with a strict-clock model and  
an age constraint on the root. This constraint was defined as a log-normal prior  
distribution with a mean according to the true root age used in the simulation of the  
respective dataset (assuming a generation time of one year) and a narrow standard  
deviation of 0.001. Each BEAST2 analysis was performed with 5 million Markov-chain  
Monte Carlo iterations. Upon completion of each BEAST2 analysis, the resulting posterior  
tree distribution was summarized in the form of a maximum-clade-credibility tree with  
TreeAnnotator v.2.6.4 (Heled and Bouckaert, 2013). For each of the 1,830 genomic



387 datasets and each window size, we used all produced summary trees jointly as input for  
388 the MMS17 method, as described above.

### 389 *‘ABBA’-Site Clustering*

390 In this manuscript, we propose a new test to discriminate between spurious and  
391 genuine signals of introgression based on clustering of ‘ABBA’ sites. This test aims to  
392 distinguish between homoplasies and introgressed sites, exploiting the fact that  
393 introgression typically leaves behind haplotypes with clusters of multiple linked variable  
394 sites that show the introgression pattern. On the other hand, homoplasies are expected to  
395 occur individually one by one. Our new “ABBA-site clustering” test therefore examines  
396 whether the ‘ABBA’ sites that are used for the  $D$ -statistic cluster among variable sites  
397 along chromosomes – which would support introgression – or whether they are distributed  
398 homogeneously as expected of homoplasies (although homoplasies can show limited  
399 clustering as a result of mutation-rate variation along the genome; see below).

400 As a first step, we identify “strong ABBA sites” for which most of the individuals in  
401 the dataset support the ‘ABBA’ pattern. Formally, these are sites for which

$$(1 - f_{B,P1}) f_{B,P2} f_{B,P3} (1 - f_{B,P4}) + f_{B,P1} (1 - f_{B,P2}) (1 - f_{B,P3}) f_{B,P4} > 0.5, \quad (5)$$

402 where  $f_{B,P1}$ ,  $f_{B,P2}$ ,  $f_{B,P3}$ , and  $f_{B,P4}$  are the frequencies of the derived allele ‘B’ in  
403 populations P1, P2, P3, and the outgroup (see Equation 4a in Malinsky et al. 2021). We  
404 then test for clustering of these sites along chromosomes in two ways, the first of which is  
405 more sensitive, while the other one is robust to mutation-rate variation along the genome.

406 For the “sensitive” version of the test, we let  $\vec{g}$  be a vector of all polymorphic sites  
407 on a chromosome or scaffold. We then define another vector  $\vec{i}$ , where we record the indices  
408 of “strong ABBA sites” within  $\vec{g}$ . For data from multiple chromosomes or scaffolds, vectors  
409  $\vec{g}_c$  and  $\vec{i}_c$  are first calculated for each such unit  $c$  and then concatenated to form  $\vec{g}$  and  $\vec{i}$ .  
410 We divide the values in  $\vec{i}$  by the length of  $\vec{g}$  (the number of polymorphic sites in the  
411 dataset), obtaining a normalized vector  $\vec{i}_n$  on the interval  $[0,1]$ . To test for clustering of

412 “strong ABBA sites” we compare this normalized  $\vec{i}_n$  to the standard uniform distribution  
413 using a one-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (Kolmogorov, 1933; Simard and L’Ecuyer,  
414 2011). A significant test statistic supports clustering of “strong ABBA sites” among  
415 polymorphic sites along chromosomes and thus provides additional support for interpreting  
416 any signal of introgression as being genuine.

417 Under certain circumstances (see Results), the “sensitive” test version can show a  
418 clustering of “strong ABBA sites” arising purely from variation in the mutation rate along  
419 the chromosome. Therefore, we developed a second, “robust” version of the  
420 ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test, in which we replace vector  $\vec{g}$  with a vector  $\vec{h}$  that includes not  
421 all polymorphic sites, but only “strong ABBA sites” and the analogously identified “strong  
422 BABA sites”. This test version is robust because local mutation-rate variation increases  
423 the frequencies of “strong ABBA sites” and “strong BABA sites” equally in mutation  
424 hotspots. On the other hand, this version of the test is less sensitive than the first version,  
425 especially in cases where there are few strong ‘BABA’ sites; thus, for example, this test  
426 version might not detect strong introgression in the absence of ILS.

427 We implemented both versions of this test in the software Dsuite, where they can  
428 be called jointly with the function “--ABBAclustering” of the Dtrio module (Malinsky  
429 et al., 2021). We then assessed the power and reliability of both test versions by applying  
430 them to all simulated genomic datasets.

431 As a further evaluation of the performance of the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test, we  
432 also applied it to an empirical dataset that we expected to be free from introgression but  
433 characterized by ILS. Specifically, we used a subset of the single-nucleotide polymorphism  
434 (SNP) data of Ronco et al. (2021), based on Illumina sequencing for all  $\sim 250$  cichlid fish  
435 species of Lake Tanganyika and mapping to the Nile tilapia reference assembly (Conte  
436 et al., 2017). As the investigation by Ronco et al. (2021) had shown, introgression has  
437 occurred frequently among cichlid species within the taxonomic tribes of the Lake  
438 Tanganyika cichlid radiation, but only rarely among species of different tribes. We

439 therefore reduced the SNP dataset of Ronco et al. (2021) to individuals of up to five  
440 randomly selected species from each of the four tribes Boulengerochromini (monotypic,  
441 including only *Boulengerochromis microlepis*), Lamprologini, Cyprichromini, and  
442 Tropheini, considering only quartets with one species per tribe. To the best of our  
443 knowledge, introgression between these tribes has not previously been reported and  
444 appeared absent in the study of Ronco et al. (2021). After subsetting the SNP dataset to  
445 include only the selected species, newly monomorphic sites were removed with BCFtools  
446 v.1.17 (Li, 2011). Both versions of the ‘ABBA’-site clustering test were then applied to the  
447 resulting SNP data subsets with Dsuite’s Dtrio module (placing *B. microlepis* as  
448 outgroup), while also calculating the *D*-statistic and its significance.

## 449 RESULTS

### 450 *Simulations*

451 The numbers of variable sites in simulated datasets ranged from 1.46–8.20 million  
452 (7.3–41.0%), depending primarily on the mutation rate  $\mu$  and the divergence time  $t_{P1,P2}$   
453 (Table 1). Between 35,000 and 1.3 million (0.175–6.5%) of these sites were multi-allelic.  
454 The alignments of lengths 200, 500, and 1,000 bp had mean numbers of variables sites  
455 between 14.6 and 410.2 (Table 1). Pairwise genetic distances between species ( $d_{xy}$ ) for  
456 datasets with a population size  $N_e = 10^5$ , a mutation rate  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ , and a  
457 recombination rate  $r = 10^{-8}$  ranged from 0.03 to 0.08 among P1 and P2 ( $d_{xy}(P1,P2)$ ) with  
458 a very slow P2 rate ( $s=0.25$ ), and from 0.09 to 0.25 with a very fast P2 rate ( $s=4$ ) (see  
459 Supplementary Table S4).

460 The simulated data based on the divergence model in Figure 1 had very little or no  
461 ILS. While the mean lengths of chromosomal regions unbroken by recombination – termed  
462 “c-genes” by Doyle (1995) – were between 18 and 20 bp, the lengths of chromosomal  
463 regions sharing the same species topology (“single-topology tracts”) were far longer.

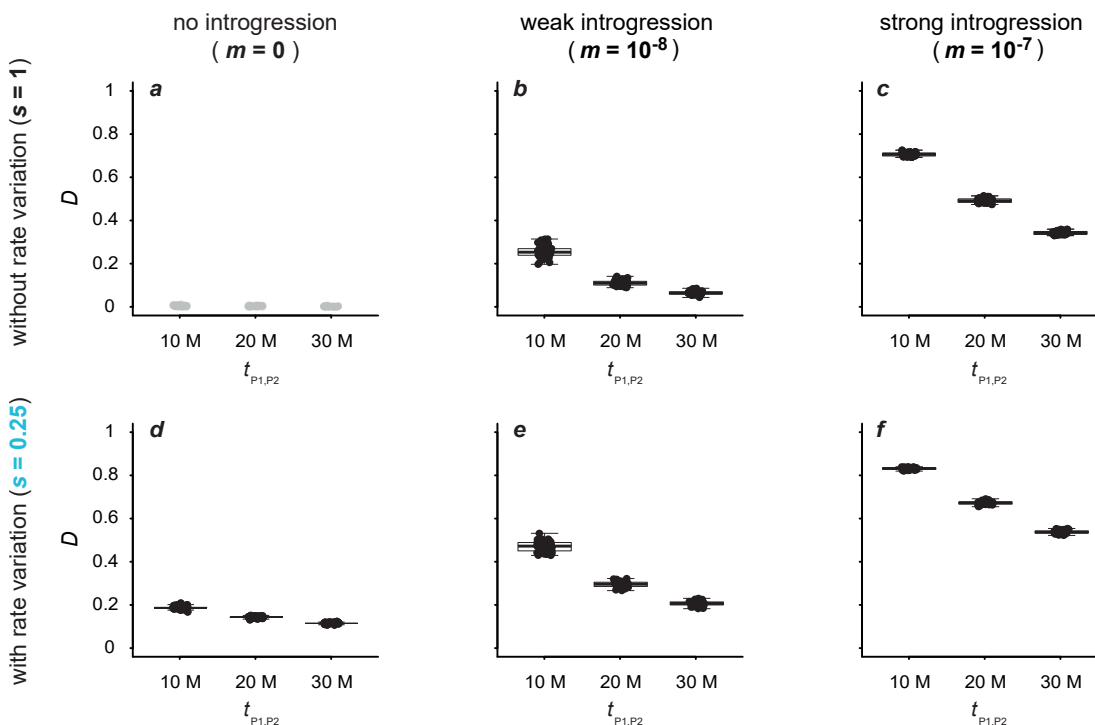
Table 1. Numbers of variable sites in simulated genomic datasets and alignments. Alignments with lengths of 200, 500, and 1,000 bp were extracted from the genomic datasets and used for tree-based inference methods.  $N_e$ : effective population size;  $\mu$ : mutation rate;  $t_{P1,P2}$ : divergence time. The specified minimum and maximum values represent mean values obtained for a specific combination of all simulation parameters, across all simulation replicates for this parameter combination (see Supplementary Table S1 for a comprehensive overview of the numbers of variable, biallelic, and multiallelic sites per simulated dataset, as well as the numbers of variable and parsimony-informative sites per alignment lengths of 200, 500, and 1,000 bp).

$N_e$	$\mu$	$t_{P1,P2}$	Variable sites ( $\times 10^6$ )	Multi-allelic sites ( $\times 10^3$ )	Variable sites in alignments		
					200 bp	500 bp	1,000 bp
$10^4$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^7$	1.46 – 2.27	35 – 85	14.6 – 22.7	36.5 – 56.8	73.2 – 113.5
$10^4$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$2 \times 10^7$	2.06 – 3.47	69 – 205	20.6 – 34.7	51.4 – 86.8	102.9 – 173.5
$10^4$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$3 \times 10^7$	2.63 – 4.59	115 – 368	26.3 – 45.9	65.7 – 114.6	131.4 – 229.5
$10^4$	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^7$	2.82 – 4.28	133 – 318	28.1 – 42.8	70.4 – 107.1	140.5 – 214.0
$10^4$	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	$2 \times 10^7$	3.90 – 6.33	261 – 737	39.0 – 63.3	97.4 – 158.4	194.9 – 316.8
$10^4$	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	$3 \times 10^7$	4.92 – 8.12	428 – 1,281	49.2 – 81.2	123.0 – 203.1	246.0 – 405.9
$10^5$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^7$	1.54 – 2.33	39 – 90	15.4 – 23.3	38.5 – 58.3	77.0 – 116.6
$10^5$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$2 \times 10^7$	2.12 – 3.53	74 – 211	21.2 – 35.3	53.2 – 88.2	106.1 – 176.4
$10^5$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$3 \times 10^7$	2.70 – 4.64	121 – 377	27.0 – 46.4	67.4 – 116.1	134.8 – 232.1
$10^5$	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^7$	2.96 – 4.39	147 – 335	29.6 – 43.9	73.9 – 109.7	147.8 – 219.5
$10^5$	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	$2 \times 10^7$	4.02 – 6.43	279 – 762	40.2 – 64.3	100.4 – 160.7	201.0 – 321.4
$10^5$	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	$3 \times 10^7$	5.03 – 8.20	448 – 1,311	50.3 – 82.0	125.6 – 205.1	251.5 – 410.2

464 Without introgression ( $m = 0$ ), almost all simulated chromosomes (58 out of 60 for which  
 465 we made this assessment) had the same topology – that of the species tree – from  
 466 beginning to end. The two exceptions were datasets simulated with the population size  
 467  $N_e = 10^5$  that included three and two single-topology tracts, respectively.

468 With introgression rates increasing from  $m = 10^{-9}$  to  $m = 10^{-7}$ , the mean lengths  
 469 of single-topology tracts decreased from a minimum of 64,516 bp (and a maximum of the  
 470 chromosome length) to a range between 7,132 and 10,010 bp with a population size of  
 471  $N_e = 10^4$ , and from 22,026–217,391 bp to 422–789 bp with  $N_e = 10^5$ . However, with the  
 472 highest simulated rate of introgression  $m = 10^{-6}$ , the lengths of single-topology tracts  
 473 mostly increased again, to 2,246–95,238 bp with  $N_e = 10^4$  and to 86–1,277 bp with  
 474  $N_e = 10^5$  (Supplementary Table S1). The reason for this was a dominance of regions with  
 475 introgression in these chromosomes, causing them to form single-topology tracts.

476 While only 0–3.7% of the chromosome were affected by introgression with  
 477  $m = 10^{-9}$ , these proportions grew to 1.4–10.0%, 30.6–46.5%, and 95.7–99.5% with  
 478  $m = 10^{-8}$ ,  $10^{-7}$ , and  $10^{-6}$ , respectively. Because of these extreme differences, we focus on



**Fig. 2** Patterson's  $D$ -statistic for datasets simulated with a population size  $N_e = 10^5$ , a mutation rate  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ , either no ( $m = 0$ ; **a,d**), weak ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ; **b,e**), or strong ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ; **c,f**) introgression, and either an unchanged ( $s = 1$ ; **a-c**) or slow ( $s = 0.25$ ; **d-f**) rate of branch P2. All results obtained with other settings are given in Supplementary Table S1 and illustrated in Supplementary Figures S1-S4. Per divergence time  $t_{P1,P2} \in \{1 \times 10^7, 2 \times 10^7, 3 \times 10^7\}$ , the  $D$ -statistic is shown for 50 replicate simulations. Circles in black indicate significant results ( $p < 0.05$ ), and only these are summarized with box plots.

479 the scenarios of weak ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ) and strong introgression ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ), besides the scenario  
 480 without introgression ( $m = 0$ ), in the remainder of the Results section. We present all  
 481 results, including those obtained with very weak ( $m = 10^{-9}$ ) and very strong introgression  
 482 ( $m = 10^{-6}$ ) in the Supplementary Material.

### 483 *Patterson's D-statistic*

484 As expected, Patterson's  $D$ -statistic reliably indicated introgression when it was  
 485 present and rate variation was absent ( $s = 1$ ). With a population size  $N_e = 10^5$  and  
 486 mutation rate  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$  (Fig. 2), the  $D$ -statistic was below 0.015 and insignificant  
 487 ( $p \geq 0.05$ ) for all replicate datasets when introgression was absent ( $m = 0$ ), regardless of

488 the divergence time  $t_{P1,P2}$  (Fig. 2a). With weak ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ) or strong introgression  
489 ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ), on the other hand, the  $D$ -statistic was in the ranges of 0.04–0.31 and  
490 0.33–0.73, respectively, and in all cases highly significant ( $p < 10^{-10}$ ) (Fig. 2b,c). The  
491  $D$ -statistic was lower (0–0.05) and in some cases not statistically significant in settings  
492 with very weak ( $m = 10^{-9}$ ) introgression, and higher (0.59–0.87) and always significant  
493 ( $p < 10^{-16}$ ) in settings with very strong ( $m = 10^{-6}$ ) introgression (Supplementary Fig. S2).  
494 In all cases, the  $D$ -statistic decreased with increasing age of the phylogeny (i.e. with  
495  $t_{P1,P2}$ ), suggesting that both false and true signals of introgression would be even stronger  
496 in groups with younger divergences. This decrease with age was caused by homoplasies and  
497 reversals accumulating on the longer branches of the older phylogenies, augmenting both  
498  $C_{ABBA}$  and  $C_{BABA}$  (Supplementary Note 1). Simulations with a lower population size  
499 ( $N_e = 10^4$ ) or a lower mutation rate ( $\mu = 1 \times 10^{-9}$ ) produced the same patterns  
500 (Supplementary Figs. S1, S3, and S4).

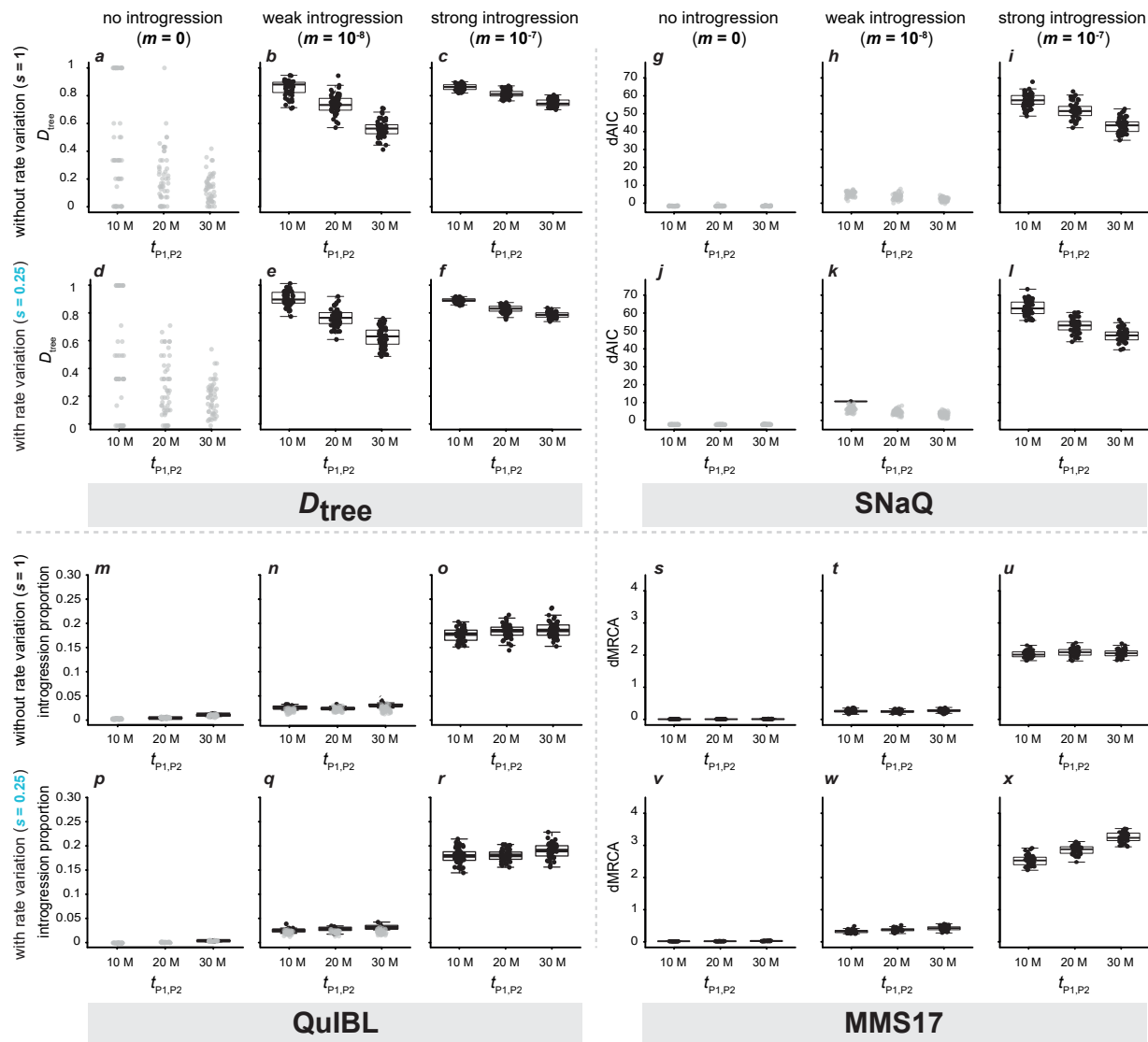
501 In contrast to the results obtained without rate variation, the  $D$ -statistic was not a  
502 reliable indicator of introgression when rate variation was present. While the  $D$ -statistic  
503 was significant for nearly all datasets simulated with introgression (Supplementary Figs.  
504 S1–S4), it was also significant for all datasets simulated without introgression ( $m = 0$ )  
505 whenever rate variation was present. In these cases, the  $D$ -statistic ranged from 0.05 to  
506 0.21 ( $p < 4.4 \times 10^{-10}$ ) (Fig. 2d; Supplementary Figs. S1–S4).

507 Like the decrease of the  $D$ -statistic with increasing age of the phylogeny, the  
508 false-positive signals of introgression were caused by homoplasies and reversals. This can be  
509 explained focusing on the results obtained with a very fast rate of the P2 branch ( $s = 4$ )  
510 on the youngest phylogeny ( $t_{P1,P2} = 10$  million generations), shown in Supplementary  
511 Figure S2. The high  $D$ -statistic of 0.19–0.20 for these simulated datasets resulted from a  
512  $C_{ABBA}$  in the range of 42,366–43,403 and a  $C_{BABA}$  around 28,756–29,355. Perhaps contrary  
513 to expectations, this  $D$ -statistic does not support introgression between P2 and P3, but  
514 instead between P1 and P3 (Dsuite automatically rotates P1 and P2 so that  $D \geq 0$ ). A

515 detailed analysis of one replicate simulation output explains this result: As expected, the  
516 faster rate of evolution of P2 led to more homoplasies shared between P2 and P3 (11,583;  
517 considering only bi-allelic sites) than between P1 and P3 (3,314). However, as the outgroup  
518 P4 had a longer branch than P3, this difference was more than compensated for by a  
519 greater number of homoplasies between P2 and P4 (16,856) compared to P1 and P4  
520 (4,690). Additionally, far more reversals of substitutions in the common ancestor of P1, P2,  
521 and P3 occurred on the branch leading to P2 (5,990) than on that leading to P1 (1,697),  
522 further increasing allele sharing between P1 and P3. The remaining difference between  
523  $C_{ABBA}$  and  $C_{BABA}$  may be explained by multi-allelic sites, of which there were 21,123.

524 The  $D$ -statistic was similarly high, in the range of 0.18–0.20, in datasets produced  
525 without introgression ( $m = 0$ ) and a very slow rate of the P2 branch ( $s = 0.25$ ), but it  
526 supported introgression between P2 and P3, not between P1 and P3, in these instances  
527 (Fig. 2d). As in the cases with an increased P2 rate, the imbalance between a  $C_{ABBA}$  of  
528 11,565–12,098 and a  $C_{BABA}$  of 7,877–8,211 is explained by homoplasies and reversals:  
529 While P1 and P3 shared more homoplasies (3,282) than P2 and P3 (1,046), P1 also shared  
530 even more homoplasies with P4 (4,679; compared to 1,493 homoplasies shared between P2  
531 and P4). Additionally, more reversals of substitutions in the common ancestor of P1, P2,  
532 and P3 occurred on the branch leading to P1 (1,637) compared to P2 (509), resulting in  
533 more allele sharing between P2 and P3 and thus the imbalance between  $C_{ABBA}$  and  $C_{BABA}$ .

534 The false signals of introgression were not exclusive to the datasets simulated with  
535 extreme rate variation ( $s = 0.25$  and  $s = 4$ ), but also affected the datasets with more  
536 modest rate variation ( $s = 0.5$  and  $s = 2$ ). While the  $D$ -statistic was lower in these cases  
537 (0.05–0.14), it remained highly significant for all these datasets ( $p < 10^{-9}$ ) (Supplementary  
538 Figs. S1–S4).



**Fig. 3** Signals of introgression detected with tree-based methods for datasets simulated with a population size  $N_e = 10^5$ , a mutation rate  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ , either no ( $m = 0$ ), weak  $m = 10^{-8}$ , or strong ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ) introgression, either an unchanged ( $s = 1$ ) or very slow ( $s = 0.25$ ) rate of branch P2, and an alignment length of 500 bp. All results obtained with other settings are shown in Supplementary Figures S5–S16. Per divergence time  $t_{P1,P2} \in \{1 \times 10^7, 2 \times 10^7, 3 \times 10^7\}$ , results are shown for 50 replicate simulations. Each result is based on 2,000 local trees. **a–f**)  $D_{tree}$ ; **g–l**) dAIC supporting introgression in networks produced with SNaQ; **m–r**) introgression proportion estimated with QuIBL; **s–x**) dMRCA estimated with the MMS17 method, in units of million generations. In **a–r**, circles in black indicate significant results ( $p < 0.05$ ; before Bonferroni correction), and only these are summarized with box plots. As significance is not assessed with the MMS17 method, all values are shown in black in **s–x**.

540  $D_{tree}$  — Sets of maximum-likelihood trees, generated for the 1,830 simulated  
 541 datasets, produced high  $D_{tree}$  values up to around 1, even when no introgression was  
 542 present (Fig. 3a,d). This pattern did not seem to be affected by rate variation (Fig. 3d),



543 and was found with the alignment lengths 200, 500, and 1,000 bp (Fig. 3a,d;  
544 Supplementary Figs. S5–S7). The applied binomial test did not support a significant  
545 difference ( $p > 0.05$ ) between  $C_{P_2,P_3}$  and  $C_{P_1,P_3}$  in all cases without introgression. These  
546 high but non-significant  $D_{\text{tree}}$  values resulted from stochastic variation in the small  
547 numbers of trees that are not concordant with the species phylogeny. For example, with  
548 the youngest phylogeny ( $t_{P_1,P_2} = 10$  million generations) and an alignment length of 500  
549 bp, no more than 14 out of 2,000 trees were discordant for any of the 50 replicates with P2  
550 branch rate  $s \in \{0.25, 1, 4\}$ . With older phylogenies and the same alignment length, these  
551 numbers of discordant trees remained in the ranges of 4–46 and 17–139, for  $t_{P_1,P_2} = 20$  and  
552  $t_{P_1,P_2} = 30$  million generations, respectively.

553 The lack of significance could indicate that unlike Patterson’s  $D$ -statistic,  $D_{\text{tree}}$   
554 might be robust to rate variation. Alternatively, however, it could also result from the  
555 reduced amount of data used in tree-based analyses (covering only 1 Mbp of the 20  
556 Mbp-chromosome). If rate variation combined with homoplasies would influence the ratio  
557 of  $C_{P_2,P_3}$  and  $C_{P_1,P_3}$ , it is conceivable, that this becomes apparent only with larger  
558 numbers of discordant trees. To test whether the small numbers of discordant trees may  
559 hide a weak influence of rate variation, we compared the mean values for  $C_{P_2,P_3}$  and  $C_{P_1,P_3}$   
560 across all replicates for settings with  $s < 1$  and  $s > 1$  (Supplementary Table S2). We  
561 expected that if rate variation affected  $D_{\text{tree}}$  in the same direction as Patterson’s  $D$ , the  
562 mean values of  $C_{P_2,P_3}$  should generally be larger than those for  $C_{P_1,P_3}$  when  $s < 1$ , and vice  
563 versa. Focusing only on those settings for which we had simulated 50 replicate datasets,  
564 this was in fact the case for 10 out of 12 settings (the two mean values being small and  
565 equal in the remaining two settings) (Supplementary Table S2). Thus, homoplasies and  
566 rate variation appear to influence topologies in the same direction as they influence site  
567 patterns. However their effect on tree topologies appears minimal, so that it can only be  
568 noticed when assessing a large number of replicate analyses jointly. Moreover, the influence  
569 of homoplasies and rate variation on  $D_{\text{tree}}$  was clearly far weaker than the effect of true

570 introgression. When introgression was included in the simulations, its presence was reliably  
571 detected for migration rates  $m \geq 10^{-8}$ , regardless of divergence time  $t_{P1,P2}$  or alignment  
572 length (Fig. 3; Supplementary Figs. S5–S7). Like Patterson’s  $D$ -statistic,  $D_{\text{tree}}$  values were  
573 decreasing with increasing divergence times (e.g., Fig. 3b). This was apparently caused by  
574 added stochasticity in tree topologies resulting from homoplasious substitutions, as both  
575 types of discordant trees became more frequent with older divergence times  
576 (Supplementary Table S3).

577 *SNaQ* — The maximum-likelihood values reported by SNaQ were in all cases  
578 equally good or better for the model that included a hybridization event, compared to the  
579 hybridization-free model (Supplementary Table S1). No effect of rate variation was  
580 recorded, and SNaQ correctly favored the model without hybridization when analyzing  
581 data simulated without introgression (Fig. 3g,j; Supplementary Figs. S8–S10). However,  
582 SNaQ had a low power to detect weak introgression ( $m \leq 10^{-8}$ ) (Fig. 3h,k; Supplementary  
583 Figs. S8–S10). Only with a strong introgression rate in the simulations ( $m \geq 10^{-7}$ ) did  
584 SNaQ detect significant signals of it (e.g., Fig. 3i,l). The dAIC values ranged from 0.60 to  
585 10.36 (with a single significant dAIC value  $> 10$ ; Fig. 3k) when weak introgression  
586 ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ) was present (Fig. 3h,k), but increased to significant values between 39.43 and  
587 73.06 with strong introgression ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ) (Fig. 3i,l). As with Patterson’s  $D$ -statistic or  
588  $D_{\text{tree}}$ , signals of introgression became weaker with increasing divergence times (Fig. 3i,l),  
589 probably because of the generally higher numbers of discordant trees inferred in those  
590 cases. The patterns described above were equally found with all tested alignment lengths  
591 (Supplementary Figs. S8–S10), and therefore seemed to be unaffected by it.

592 *QuIBL* — QuIBL produced signals of introgression even when neither rate  
593 variation nor introgression were present ( $s = 1, m = 0$ ). Analyzing sets of trees generated  
594 for alignments of 500 bp, four out of 50 simulation replicates with  $t_{P1,P2} = 20$  million  
595 generations and ten replicates with  $t_{P1,P2} = 30$  million generations produced significant

596 results (Fig. 3m). This changed dramatically for different alignment lengths. With trees  
597 produced under these settings ( $s = 1$ ,  $m = 0$ ) for alignments of 200 bp, QuIBL reported  
598 significant results for all ten replicates, regardless of phylogeny age (Supplementary Fig.  
599 S11). On the other hand, with alignments of 1,000 bp, none of the results were significant  
600 (Supplementary Fig. S13). Like the level of significance, the introgression proportion  
601 estimated by QuIBL was higher with shorter alignments; ranging from 0.01 to 0.05 with  
602 alignments of 200 bp, from 0 to 0.01 with alignments of 500 bp, and remaining around 0  
603 when alignments of 1,000 bp were used (Supplementary Figs. S11–S13).

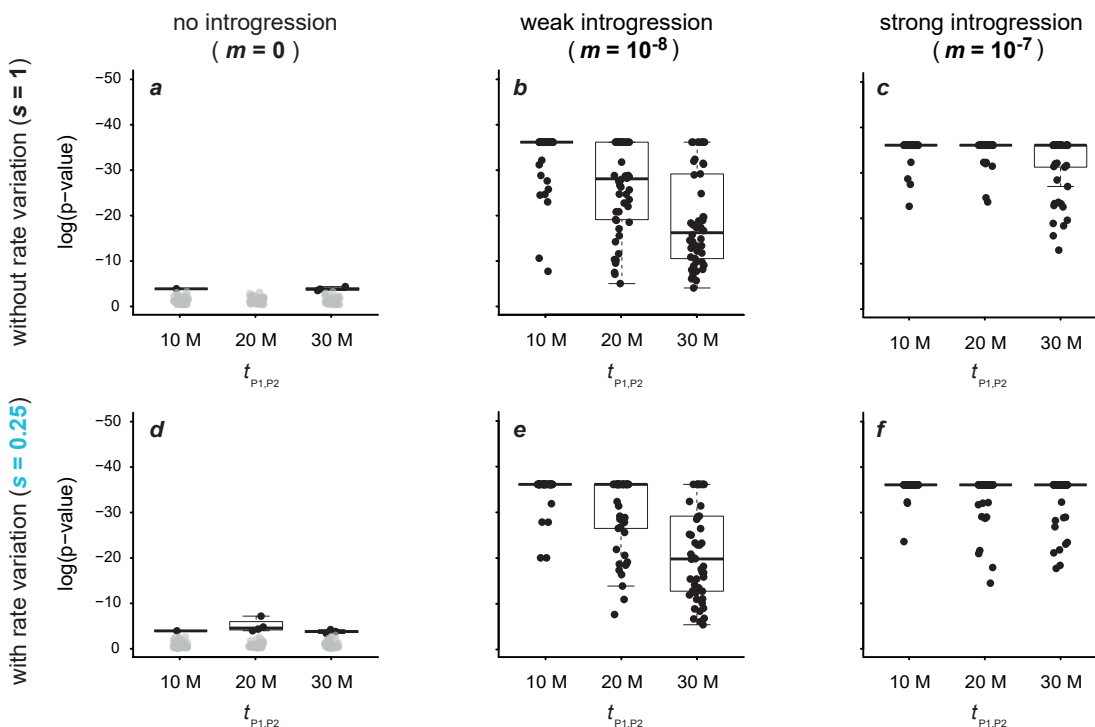
604 Adding rate variation while still excluding introgression ( $m = 0$ ) led to fewer  
605 significant results with decreased rates of the P2 branch ( $s < 1$ ); however, even more  
606 significant results were found for faster rates ( $s > 1$ ) (Fig. 3m,p; Supplementary Fig. S12).  
607 With a very slow rate ( $s = 0.25$ ) of the P2 branch, 12 of the 50 replicate tree sets for  
608 alignments of 500 bp produced significant results, though only those with  $t_{P1,P2} = 30$   
609 million generations (Fig. 3p). On the other hand, an increased rate of branch P2 ( $s = 4$ )  
610 led to even more significant false-positive signals of introgression, particularly for older  
611 phylogenies (2, 18, and 49 significant results out of 50 for  $t_{P1,P2} = 10, 20,$  and 30 million  
612 generations, respectively) (Supplementary Fig. S12). As before without rate variation, this  
613 pattern was affected by the length of the alignments used to produce the tree sets. With  
614 alignments of 200 bp, almost all analyses produced significant results, while alignments of  
615 1,000 bp led to results that were in most cases non-significant (Supplementary Figs. S11  
616 and S13).

617 When introgression was simulated with  $m \geq 10^{-7}$ , QuIBL detected it reliably, but  
618 failed to detect it in most cases (478 out of 810 datasets) when  $m = 10^{-8}$ . The  
619 introgression proportion was estimated between 0.01–0.08 with  $m = 10^{-8}$  and between 0.13  
620 and 0.24 with  $m = 10^{-7}$ , which was influenced only to a minor degree by rate variation ( $s$ ),  
621 phylogeny age ( $t_{P1,P2}$ ), and alignment length (Fig. 3n,o,q,r; Supplementary Figs. S11–S13).

622 *MMS17 method* — The MMS17 method performed as expected when neither  
623 rate variation nor introgression were present (Fig. 3s; Supplementary Figs. S14–S16), with  
624 a difference between the two oldest pairwise mean MRCA ages (dMRCA) close to 0  
625 (between 0 and 0.07 million generations). With increasing levels of introgression, dMRCA  
626 was continuously growing, to 0.14–0.42 million generations when  $m = 10^{-8}$  and 1.58–2.47  
627 million generations when  $m = 10^{-7}$ . Phylogeny age ( $t_{P1,P2}$ ) had no noticeable influence on  
628 dMRCA in these cases, but dMRCA was slightly higher with shorter alignments compared  
629 to longer ones (Pearson’s product-moment correlation,  $p < 0.001$ ; Supplementary Figs.  
630 S14–S16).

631 However, when rate variation was simulated, the MMS17 method became rather  
632 unreliable, particularly with faster rates ( $s \geq 1$ ) of the P2 branch (Supplementary Figs.  
633 S14–S16). With the very fast P2 rate ( $s = 4$ ) and the youngest phylogeny ( $t_{P1,P2} = 10$   
634 million generations), dMRCA increased to values between 1.45 and 4.10 myr, again  
635 depending on alignment length (Pearson’s product-moment correlation,  $p < 0.001$ ). These  
636 strong signals were the result of local trees in which P2 was incorrectly placed as the sister  
637 to a clade combining P1 and P3. As this placement allowed an extension of the P2 branch  
638 length, the inferred rate variation across the phylogeny was lowered, improving the prior  
639 probability of the tree in the strict-clock model. With the older phylogenies ( $t_{P1,P2} \geq 20$   
640 million generations) and the very fast rate for the P2 branch ( $s = 4$ ), the two oldest mean  
641 pairwise MRCA ages were no longer those between P1 and P3 and between P2 and P3,  
642 leading to erroneous signals (Supplementary Figs. S14–S16).

643 In contrast, a slower rate ( $s \leq 1$ ) of the P2 branch did not have a strong influence  
644 on dMRCA (Fig. v). An increasing false signal of introgression with increasing age of the  
645 phylogeny could nevertheless be observed when the tree set was based on short alignments  
646 of 200 bp (Supplementary Fig. S14). In these cases, dMRCA ranged between 0.23 to 0.32  
647 million generations.



**Fig. 4** Signals of introgression detected with the “sensitive” version of the new ‘ABBA’-site clustering test for 50 replicate datasets simulated with a population size  $N_e = 10^5$ , a mutation rate  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ , either no ( $m = 0$ ; **a,d**), weak ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ; **b,e**), or strong ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ; **c,f**) introgression, and either an unchanged ( $s = 1$ ; **a-c**), or slow ( $s = 0.25$ ; **d-f**) rate of branch P2. All results obtained with other settings are shown in Supplementary Figures S17–S21. Circles in black indicate significant results ( $p < 0.05$ ), and only these are summarized with box plots. Significant results in **a** and **d** became non-significant after Bonferroni correction.

### ‘ABBA’-Site Clustering

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649 Across the tested parameter space, our new method based on ‘ABBA’-site  
 650 clustering proved to be reliable in distinguishing false positives from genuine introgression  
 651 signals (Figs. 4 and 5; Supplementary Figs. S17–S24). Applied to the datasets simulated  
 652 without introgression ( $m = 0$ ) and without rate variation ( $s = 1$ ), the “robust” version of  
 653 the test did not produce a single significant result (Fig. 5a; Supplementary Figs. S21–S24).  
 654 While the “sensitive” version returned for the same parameters weakly significant  
 655 false-positive signals for up to 7 out of 240 datasets ( $p > 0.0017$ ; Fig. 4a; Supplementary  
 656 Figs. S17–S20), all of these became non-significant after Bonferroni correction.  
 657 Importantly, adding branch rate variation ( $s \in \{0.25, 0.5, 2, 4\}$ ) did not lead to false

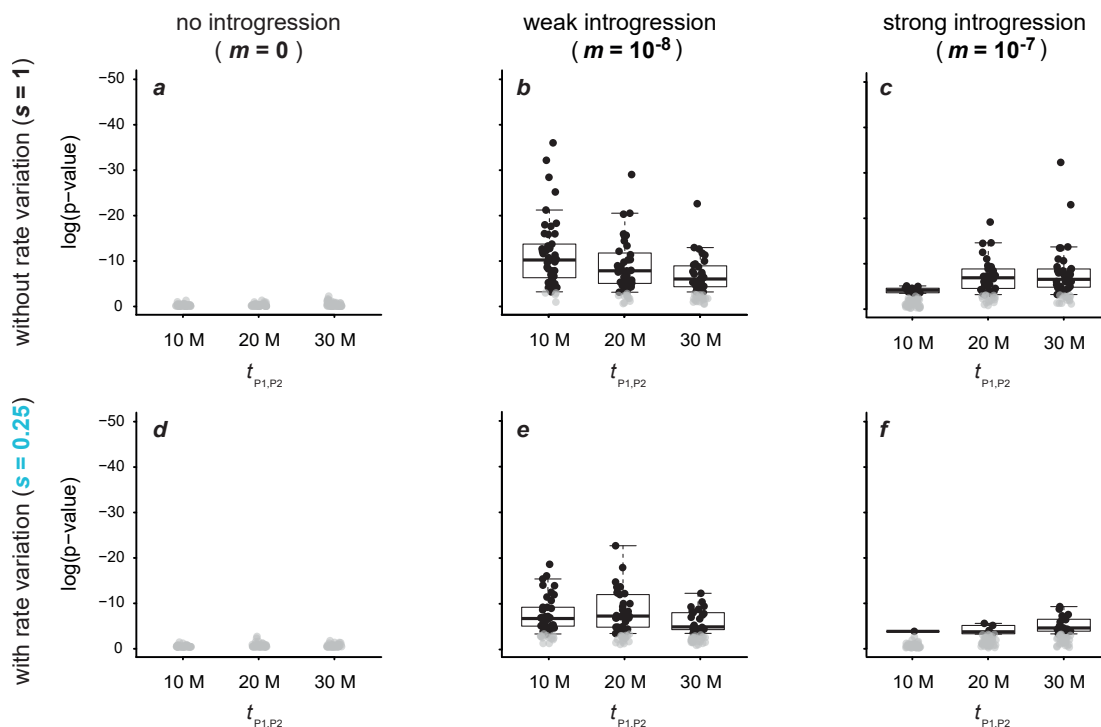
658 positives. There were weakly significant ( $p > 0.0002$ ) signals for 37 out of 720 datasets with  
659 the “sensitive” test, all of which became non-significant after Bonferroni correction (Fig.  
660 4d; Supplementary Figs. S17–S20). The “robust” test version again did not return a single  
661 false-positive (Fig. 5d; Supplementary Figs. S21–S24).

662 Similar results were obtained with a variable recombination rate, where three out of  
663 90 datasets produced significant results with the “sensitive” test version ( $p > 0.01$ ; all  
664 non-significant after Bonferroni correction; Supplementary Note S2, Supplementary Fig.  
665 S25) and none were significant with the “robust” test version (Supplementary Fig. S26).  
666 For increased levels of ILS (Supplementary Note S3; Supplementary Figs. S27–S32), 16 out  
667 of 360 significant values were recorded with the “sensitive” test version ( $p > 0.002$ )  
668 (Supplementary Figs. S27–S29), while a single significant value was recorded with the  
669 “robust” test version ( $p = 0.02$ ) (Supplementary Figs. S30–S32). Again, all of these  
670 became non-significant after Bonferroni correction.

671 Next, we assessed whether mutation-rate variation along the chromosome could lead  
672 to clustering of ‘ABBA’ sites and thus to false-positive signals in our new test. To this end,  
673 we performed an additional set of simulations (Supplementary Note S4) with among-site  
674 mutation-rate variation, and applied both versions of the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test to  
675 these additional datasets. The presence of among-site mutation-rate variation led to some  
676 false positives in the “sensitive” version of the test (Supplementary Fig. S33). Of 30  
677 datasets simulated with neither introgression ( $m = 0$ ) nor among-species rate variation  
678 ( $s = 1$ ), 10 yielded significant signals of ‘ABBA’-site clustering ( $p \geq 0.00008$ ), and one of  
679 these remained significant after Bonferroni correction. Adding among-species rate variation  
680 ( $s \in \{0.25, 4\}$ ) led to similar results (Supplementary Fig. S33). Of the 60 datasets  
681 simulated with these settings, 15 produced significant results ( $p \geq 3 \times 10^{-7}$ ) and two of  
682 these remained significant after Bonferroni correction. In contrast, the among-site  
683 mutation rate variation did not influence the “robust” version of the test, producing not a  
684 single significant results when introgression was excluded (Supplementary Fig. S34).

685 The presence of introgression led to significant ‘ABBA’-site clustering for a large  
686 majority of simulated datasets (Figs. 4,5; Supplementary Figs. S17–S24). The “sensitive”  
687 version of the test was always significant for strong ( $m \geq 10^{-7}$ ) and very strong rates  
688 ( $m \geq 10^{-6}$ ) of introgression (Fig. 4f; Supplementary Figs. S17–S20). All false negatives –  
689 cases that did not lead to significant clustering despite the presence of introgression – were  
690 limited to settings where the P2 rate was increased ( $s > 1$ ) and introgression was weak  
691 ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ) or very weak ( $m = 10^{-9}$ ) (305 out of 600; for  $N_e \in \{10^4, 10^5\}$ ) (Supplementary  
692 Figs. S17–S20). In contrast to the “sensitive” version, the “robust” version of the  
693 ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test produced more false-negative results in the presence of  
694 introgression (Fig. 5e,f; Supplementary Figs. S21–S24). While fewer false-negative results  
695 were found with weak introgression ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ; 247 out of 660), particularly cases with  
696 very weak ( $m = 10^{-9}$ ; 261 out of 300), strong ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ; 394 out of 660), and very strong  
697 introgression rates ( $m = 10^{-6}$ ; 285 out of 300) did not lead to significant ‘ABBA’-site  
698 clustering when the population size was large ( $N_e = 10^5$ ) (Fig. 5e,f; Supplementary Figs.  
699 S21–S22). For a lower population size ( $N_e = 10^4$ ) fewer false-negative results were found:  
700 While cases with strong ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ; 61 out of 300), very strong ( $m = 10^{-6}$ ; 209 out of 300),  
701 and very weak introgression rates ( $m = 10^{-9}$ ; 182 out of 300) produced moderate numbers  
702 of false-negative results, only very few (3 out of 300) non-significant results were present  
703 with a weak rate of introgression ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ) (Supplementary Figs. S23–S24).

704 Applying the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test to the presumably introgression-free  
705 empirical dataset for four tribes of Lake Tanganyika cichlids led to the surprising result of  
706 highly significant clustering, regardless of whether the “sensitive” or “robust” version of  
707 the test were considered and which combinations of species were selected from the four  
708 tribes ( $p < 0.0002$  in all cases). We investigated these results further by focusing on a  
709 randomly selected species quartet, comprising *Tropheus polli* (Tropheini), *Cyprichromis*  
710 *pavo* (Cyprichromini), *Neolamprologus savoryi* (Lamprologini), and *Boulengerochromis*  
711 *microlepis* (Boulengerochromini, placed as outgroup; Ronco et al. 2021). For this species

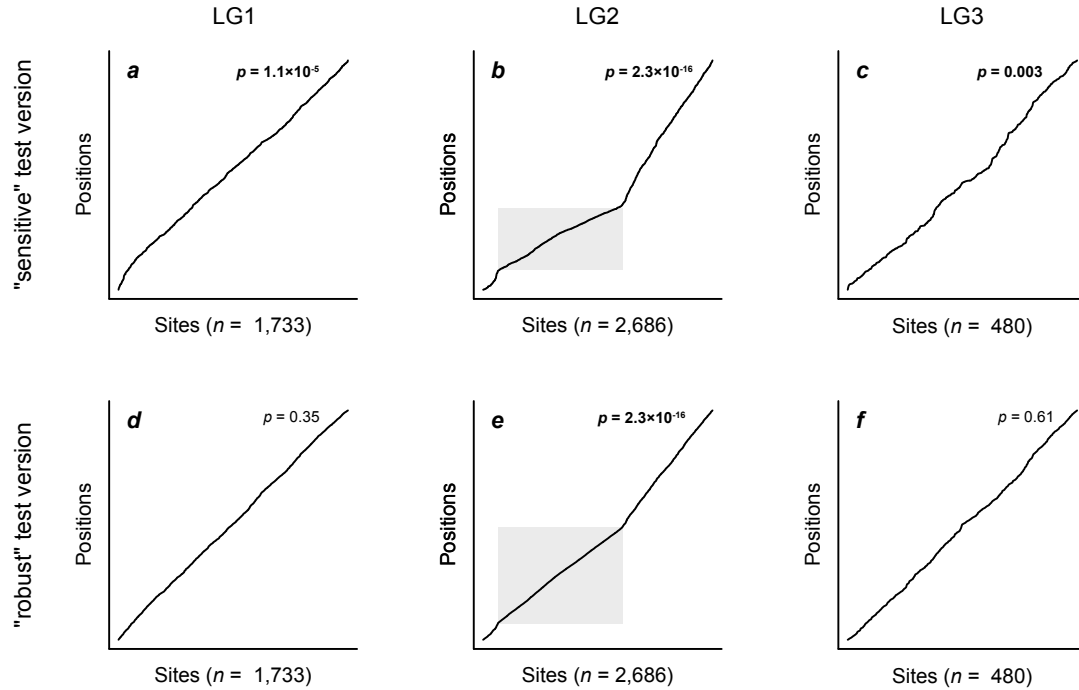


**Fig. 5** Signals of introgression detected with the robust version of the new ‘ABBA’-site clustering test for datasets simulated for 50 replicates with a population size  $N_e = 10^5$ , a mutation rate  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ , either no ( $m = 0$ ; **a,d**), weak ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ; **b,e**), or strong ( $m = 10^{-7}$ ; **c,f**) introgression, and either an unchanged ( $s = 1$ ; **a-c**), or slow ( $s = 0.25$ ; **d-f**) rate of branch P2. All results obtained with other settings are shown in Supplementary Figures S21–S24. Circles in black indicate significant results ( $p < 0.05$ ), and only these are summarized with box plots.

712 quartet, the “sensitive” and “robust” versions of the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test strongly  
 713 supported clustering with  $p = 2.3 \times 10^{-16}$  (the smallest value handled by Dsuite) and  
 714  $p = 7.8 \times 10^{-9}$ , respectively. In stark contrast, Dsuite reported a low and non-significant  
 715  $D$ -statistic of  $D = 0.01$  for this quartet (with *Cyprichromis pavo* and *Tropheus polli* placed  
 716 in positions P1 and P2, respectively, based on the number of shared alleles with P3)  
 717 (Supplementary Table S5).

718 However, repeating the analysis separately for each of the 23 linkage groups (LG) of  
 719 the Nile tilapia reference assembly (Conte et al., 2017) revealed that the only linkage group  
 720 for which both versions of the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test reported significant clustering  
 721 was LG2 ( $p = 2.3 \times 10^{-16}$  for both test versions), where we also found a high and  
 722 significant  $D$ -statistic ( $D = 0.285$ ;  $p = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ). Clustering of “strong ABBA sites” was





**Fig. 6** Clustering of ‘ABBA’ sites in empirical data for Lake Tanganyika cichlid fishes. Results are shown for the first three linkage groups (LG) of the Nile tilapia reference assembly; results for all linkage groups are presented in Supplementary Figures S35 and S36. With sorted “strong ABBA sites” on the horizontal axis, the black line indicates their position within a vector of polymorphic sites on the vertical axis. A straight, diagonal line therefore illustrates a homogeneous distribution of these sites within this vector, while changes in the gradient illustrate clustering. significant  $p$ -values are marked in bold. The gray area indicates a region with increased frequency of “strong ABBA sites” in the first half of LG2.

723 not detected on any of the other linkage groups with the “robust” version of the test;  
724 however, the “sensitive” test version supported clustering on 18 other linkage groups (with  
725  $4.7 \times 10^{-6} \leq p \leq 0.04$ ), suggesting perhaps an effect of mutation rate variation along the  
726 chromosomes. Plotting the positions of “strong ABBA sites” relative to all polymorphic  
727 sites (vector  $\vec{g}$  of the “sensitive” test version) or relative to all “strong ABBA sites” and  
728 “strong BABA sites” (vector  $\vec{h}$  of the “robust” test version) clearly illustrates the  
729 clustering on LG2 (Fig. 6 for LGs 1–3; Supplementary Figs. S35 and S36 for all LGs).  
730 Repeating this analysis for other quartets of species from the four tribes revealed that the  
731 pattern of strong clustering on LG2 was shared by all of them.

DISCUSSION

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733 As genome-wide data are becoming available for more and more species across the  
734 tree of life, these give us the opportunity to investigate the extent of between-species  
735 hybridization and introgression in unprecedented detail (Taylor and Larson, 2019). These  
736 data have already revealed an unexpected frequency of ongoing or recent introgression, and  
737 are beginning to uncover their occurrence also in the deep past (MacGuigan and Near 2019  
738 [Percidae]; Pavón-Vázquez et al. 2021 [Varanidae]; Hodson et al. 2022 [Sciaridae,  
739 Cecidomyiidae]). However, the results of studies on ancient introgression must be critically  
740 evaluated when they are based on introgression detection methods that were originally  
741 developed for recently diverged species or populations (Pease and Hahn, 2015; Hibbins and  
742 Hahn, 2022; Zheng and Janke, 2018).

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744 Our results confirm a recent report that demonstrated a sensitivity of Patterson’s  
745  $D$ -statistic and the related  $D_3$  (Hahn and Hibbins, 2019) and HyDe (Blischak et al., 2018)  
746 tests to among-species rate variation (Frankel and Ané, 2023). We extended these previous  
747 results to data simulated with a more diverse range of parameters, including different  
748 phylogeny ages, population sizes, mutation rates, and both homogeneous and variable  
749 recombination rates, corroborating that the  $D$ -statistic is generally sensitive to rate  
750 variation.

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752 To distinguish between false signals caused by rate variation and genuine indicators  
753 of introgression, we propose a test for clustering of ‘ABBA’ sites along the chromosome, a  
754 pattern which arises when several polymorphisms are derived from the same introgressed  
755 haplotype. Our analyses demonstrated that this test is robust to among-species rate  
756 variation, with no false positives after multiple testing correction, and few false negatives  
757 across a wide range of datasets. False negatives for the “sensitive” test version were limited  
758 mainly to cases of weak introgression in combination with an elevated substitution rate in  
759 P2. The “robust” test version, on the other hand, performed most reliably when  
760 introgression rates were intermediate, with only a minor or no influence of among-species

759 rate variation. The reason why the “robust” test version returned many false negatives with  
760 very strong introgression was that most of the simulated chromosomes carried introgressed  
761 sequences in very long continuous blocks. However, such cases of very strong introgression  
762 could always be identified reliably by their very high and significant  $D$ -statistic, along with  
763 a highly significant result of the “sensitive” version of the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test. In  
764 their combination, the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test and  $D$ -statistics thus form a powerful  
765 set of tools to detect introgression across a wide range of settings.

766 In addition to introgression, clustering of ‘ABBA’ sites could in principle be  
767 expected to arise from ILS, as ILS-derived tracts can contain multiple genetic variants.  
768 Nevertheless, we showed here that the ‘ABBA’-site clustering test is robust to ILS. In the  
769 absence of introgression but presence of ILS, we did not observe any false-positives after  
770 multiple-testing correction. This difference in sensitivity to introgression vs. ILS cannot be  
771 explained by the lengths of the tracts produced by these two processes, as these were  
772 comparable across the simulations. Instead, the explanation likely lies in the difference in  
773 numbers of ‘ABBA’ sites within introgressed vs. ILS tracts. Haplotypes introduced  
774 through introgression may often have had a long time, at least ten million generations in  
775 our simulations, to accumulate the mutations that produce ‘ABBA’ sites following  
776 introgression between P3 and P2. On the other hand, haplotypes introduced through ILS  
777 had much less time for the accumulation of mutations that would ultimately produce  
778 ‘ABBA’ or ‘BABA’ sites – on average, one coalescent unit ( $2N_e$  generations) – in the  
779 common ancestor of P1, P2, and P3. Thus, the tracts produced by ILS carry fewer ‘ABBA’  
780 sites than those produced by introgression, which, as a consequence, renders the  
781 ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test robust to ILS.

782 Besides introgression and ILS, mutation-rate variation along the chromosome, for  
783 example driven by an elevated rate in GC-rich mutation hotspots (Ségurel et al., 2014;  
784 Nesta et al., 2021), can also cause clustering of ‘ABBA’ sites. Both versions of the  
785 ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test are designed to account for this variation to some degree. In

786 the “sensitive” test version, clustering of “strong ABBA sites” is considered relative to all  
787 polymorphic sites, while the “robust” version of the test assesses clustering relative to  
788 “strong BABA sites”. All of these increase in frequency along with ‘ABBA’ sites in  
789 mutation hotspots. However, our simulations revealed that, at least for some parameter  
790 combinations, the frequency of ‘ABBA’-pattern homoplasies among all polymorphic sites is  
791 higher in mutation-rate hotspots, leading to their clustering and some false positives for  
792 the “sensitive” test . However, the relative probabilities of ‘ABBA’ and ‘BABA’  
793 homoplasies both scale equally with the local mutation rate. This is why the version of the  
794 test that focuses only on these two types of sites is robust to variation in the mutation rate  
795 along the chromosome.

796         The application of our ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test to a presumably  
797 introgression-free empirical dataset led to the surprise identification of a single linkage  
798 group – LG2 – on which not just our test produced a strong signal of introgression, but  
799 where this signal was also confirmed by a high and clearly significant  $D$ -statistic. For other  
800 linkage groups, in contrast, significant clustering was detected only with the “sensitive”  
801 version, but not the “robust” version of the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test, suggesting that  
802 this clustering is in fact derived from mutation-rate variation and not from introgression.  
803 For LG2, the signal detected by our test as well as the  $D$ -statistic stemmed from a high  
804 frequency of ‘ABBA’ sites on the first half of the linkage group. Due to the clear  
805 localization of the signal to a specific region of the chromosome and its consistency across  
806 many different species quartets, we suspect that it may be contained within a large region  
807 of low (or no) recombination, possibly facilitated by a chromosomal inversion. Two  
808 scenarios could then explain the localized clustering of ‘ABBA’ sites: The region could  
809 have been transferred between species due to introgression that otherwise left little to no  
810 signal in the genome, or it could result from ILS. Further comparative analyses of species  
811 quartets could help to discriminate between these two options, and might reveal interesting  
812 insights into the evolution of Lake Tanganyika cichlids in a future study. Here, however, we

813 limit our conclusion for this analysis to the performance of the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test:  
814 First, we conclude that the “robust” version of the test did not produce any false positives.  
815 And second, we note that the test is able to identify large regions, that potentially derived  
816 from introgression, even more clearly than the  $D$ -statistic.

817 Our implementation of the ‘ABBA’-site-clustering test in the program Dsuite is  
818 easy to use and comes with negligible added cost to Dsuite analyses. Given that Dsuite is  
819 among the fastest tools available for the calculation of  $D$ -statistics (Malinsky et al., 2021),  
820 the additional application of the ‘ABBA’-site clustering test should be computationally  
821 feasible for all users.

822 Our analyses of simulated datasets revealed that tree-based methods can be useful  
823 for the detection of introgression when rate variation is present, and identified the  
824 conditions under which each approach performs reliably. While we observed an effect of  
825 long-branch attraction affecting the  $D_{\text{tree}}$  statistic, this effect was weak and only noticeable  
826 when all results were considered in aggregate. In fact, none of the datasets simulated  
827 without introgression produced a false-positive, significant  $D_{\text{tree}}$  statistic, even when  $D_{\text{tree}}$   
828 itself reached the maximum value of 1.0 (Fig. 3a). On the other hand,  $D_{\text{tree}}$  was  
829 consistently large and significant even with weak introgression ( $m = 10^{-8}$ ; Fig. 3b,e,h),  
830 suggesting that  $D_{\text{tree}}$  is a powerful detector of introgression.

831 Besides  $D_{\text{tree}}$ , SNaQ appeared to be robust to rate variation across our simulated  
832 datasets (Fig. 3j,p). Given that SNaQ analyzes tree topologies, however, we caution that  
833 the same weak bias that affected  $D_{\text{tree}}$  might also be relevant for SNaQ. Like for  $D_{\text{tree}}$ , we  
834 thus advise that weaker signals reported by SNaQ might better be ignored. Furthermore, it  
835 has been pointed out that the use of AIC is inappropriate for the comparison of SNaQ  
836 results, due to the pseudolikelihood framework employed by SNaQ (Hibbins and Hahn,  
837 2022). To avoid this issue, users of SNaQ may want to focus – like we did – on sets of four  
838 taxa with putative introgression, in which case SNaQ calculates and reports actual  
839 likelihood values (Solís-Lemus and Ané, 2016).

840 Finally, we found that the performance of QuIBL depended strongly on the length  
841 of the alignments used to generate the input tree set. Given that QuIBL produced many  
842 false-positive signals of introgression regardless of rate variation when the alignments were  
843 short (Supplementary Fig. S11), the use of longer alignments, with lengths of at least 1,000  
844 bp may be recommendable. With such alignments as input, QuIBL performed rather  
845 reliably (Supplementary Fig. S13) and detected most cases of stronger introgression.

846 In practice, the inference of ancient introgression between divergent species may  
847 often be hampered by the requirements of detection methods. Site-pattern-based methods  
848 (such as the *D*-statistic and the ‘ABBA’-site clustering test) require SNP datasets that are  
849 typically obtained through read mapping towards a reference genome assembly. When  
850 investigating divergent taxa, however, it may no longer be possible to map all of them  
851 reliably to the same reference genome. As a result, SNP datasets produced for such taxa  
852 may be limited and prone to reference bias particularly in taxa with lower read coverage,  
853 which can generate misleading signals of introgression (Günther and Nettelblad, 2019). To  
854 minimize the chance of reference bias while also reducing the numbers of homoplasies,  
855 outgroup species should be chosen that are as closely related to the ingroup as possible. As  
856 an alternative that does not depend on a reference, multi-marker sets of alignments have  
857 traditionally been produced through ortholog-identification approaches focusing on genes  
858 or ultra-conserved elements. While these approaches may be more suited for divergent taxa  
859 than read mapping, they are generally limited to certain regions of the genome,  
860 corresponding to a set of input query sequences.

861 Fortunately, two recent developments promise to overcome these limitations,  
862 rendering larger regions of the genome accessible for the detection of ancient introgression:  
863 First, methods for whole-genome alignment have finally matured to the degree that they  
864 can be applied to hundreds of genome assemblies of highly diverged taxa (Armstrong  
865 et al., 2020). By using assemblies instead of mapped reads, these whole-genome alignments  
866 are immune to reference bias, and allow the extraction of massive numbers of SNPs for

867 site-pattern-based methods, or of alignment blocks for tree-based methods. Second, more  
868 and more genome assemblies are now highly contiguous, chromosome-resolved or nearly so  
869 (Rhie et al., 2021; Formenti et al., 2022). This is relevant for the completeness of  
870 whole-genome alignments, and reduces their fragmentation. Both will contribute to the  
871 utility of the new ‘ABBA’-site clustering test, given that this test requires contiguous  
872 genomic blocks within which clustering can be observed.

873 In their combination, these new developments are now allowing us to push the  
874 limits of reliable introgression detection, enabling the inference of introgression even among  
875 species that have diverged many tens of millions of years ago. We are thus coming closer to  
876 being able to assess the true extent of hybridization and introgression across the tree of life.

#### 877 CODE AVAILABILITY

878 Code for all our computational analyses is available on  
879 <https://github.com/thorekop/ABBA-Site-Clustering>

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