



A comparison of classification methods for detecting population structure in social cetaceans

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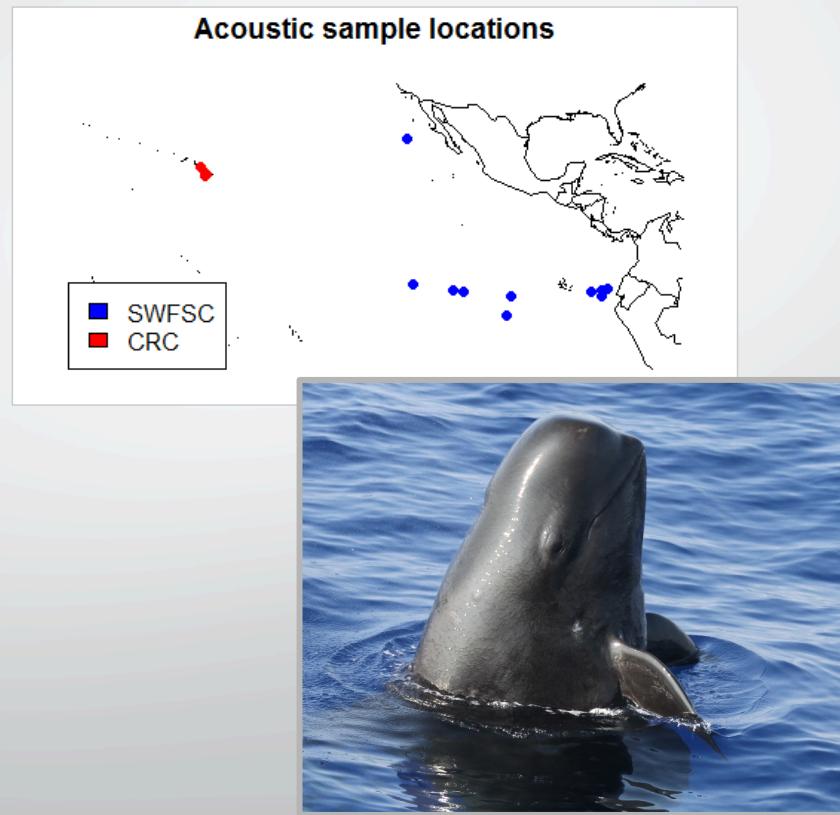
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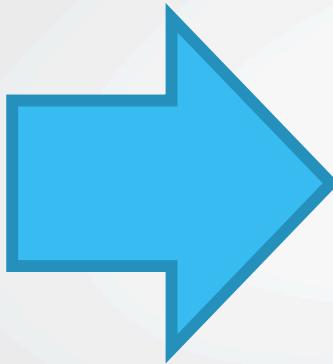
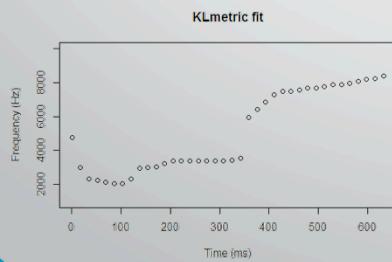
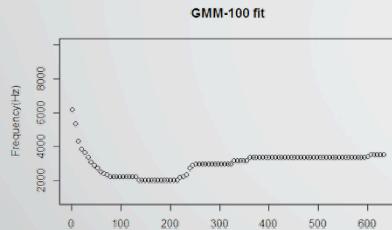
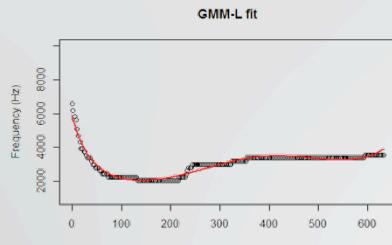
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Dataset: Pacific short-finned pilot whales

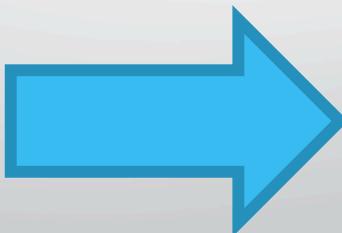
- Two types:
morphologically,
genetically,
spatio-temporally
distinct
- 8 recordings from
Eastern Pacific
- 13 recordings
from Hawai'i



How to detect population structure?



Gaussian
Mixture
Model



Kullback –
Leibler
Divergence

Results

