

# Using PRRSV classification to improve our tracking abilities

## 使用PRRSV分类来提高我们的跟踪能力

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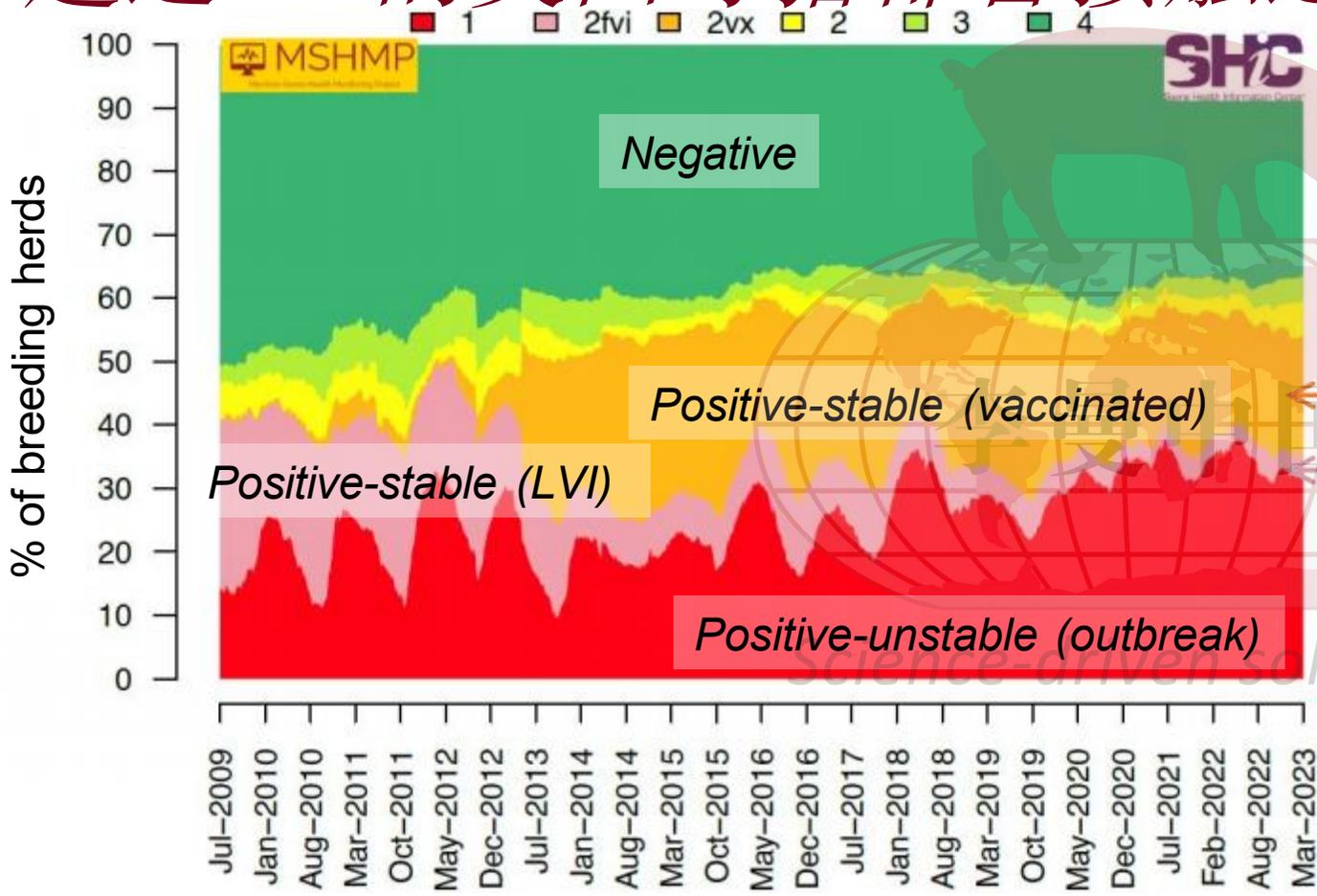


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# More than 50% of the US sow herd has been exposed to PRRSV

超过50%的美国母猪都曾接触过PRRSV



## 免疫干预

- Immunological interventions
- 改良活疫苗  
Modified live vaccines
- 活（野）病毒接种  
Live (field) virus inoculation



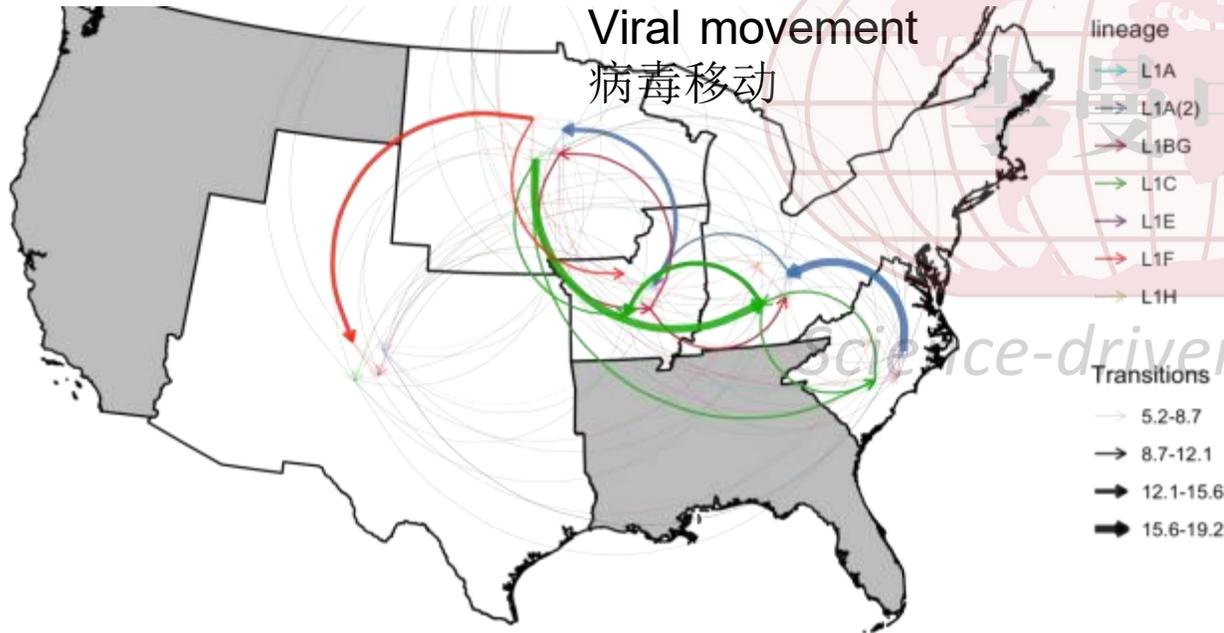
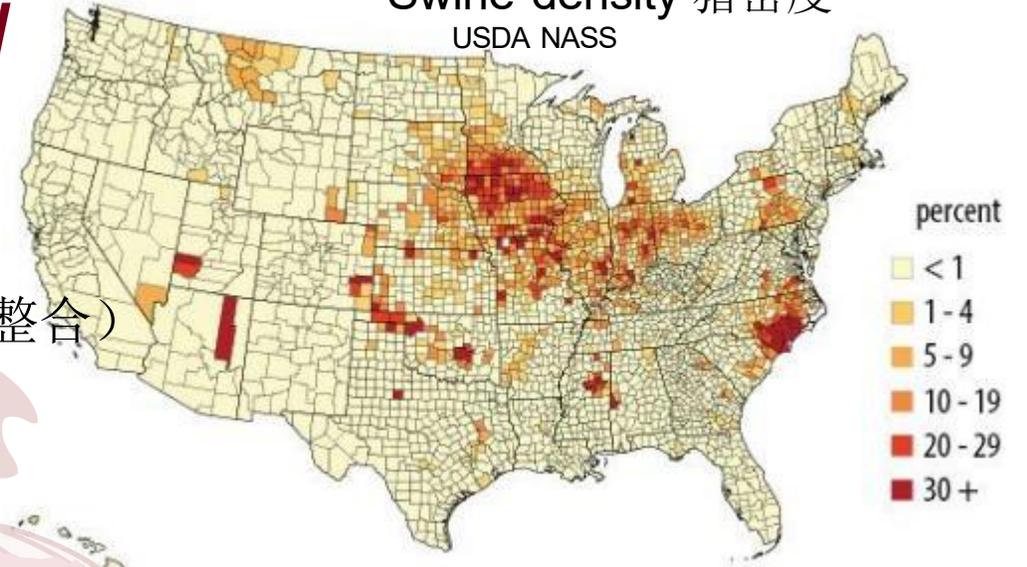
# PRRSV is challenging to control

## PRRSV难以控制

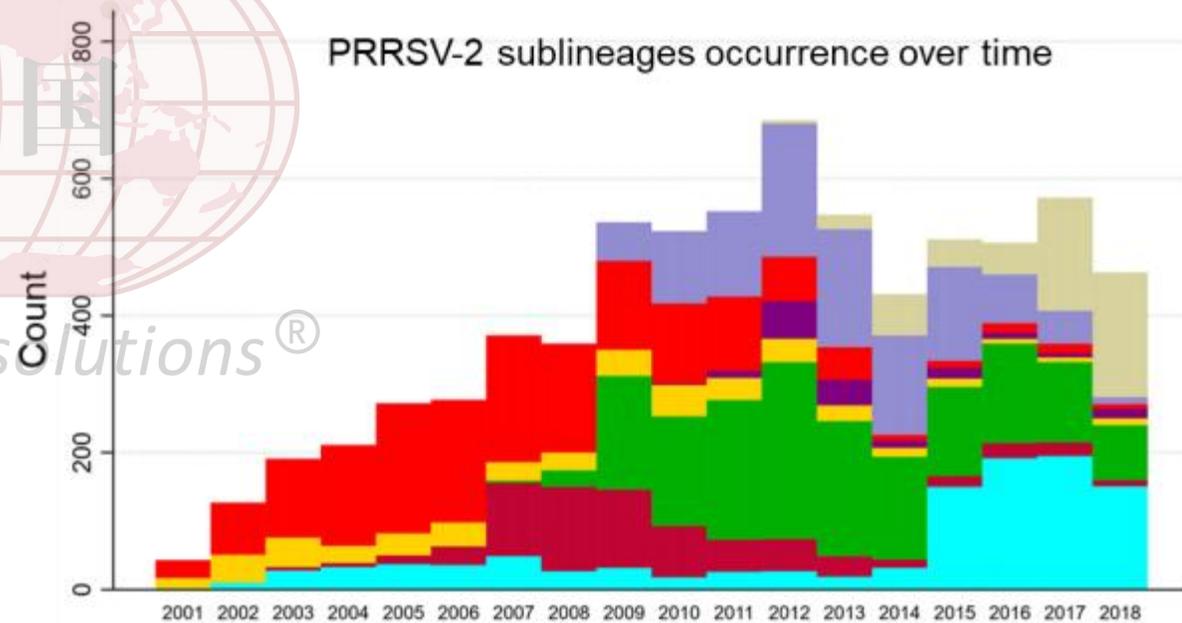
- High swine density 高猪群密度
- Animal movements (Vertical integration) 动物运动（垂直整合）
- Inter-regional connectivity 区域间互联互通
- Genetic and antigenic diversity 遗传和抗原多样性

Swine density 猪密度

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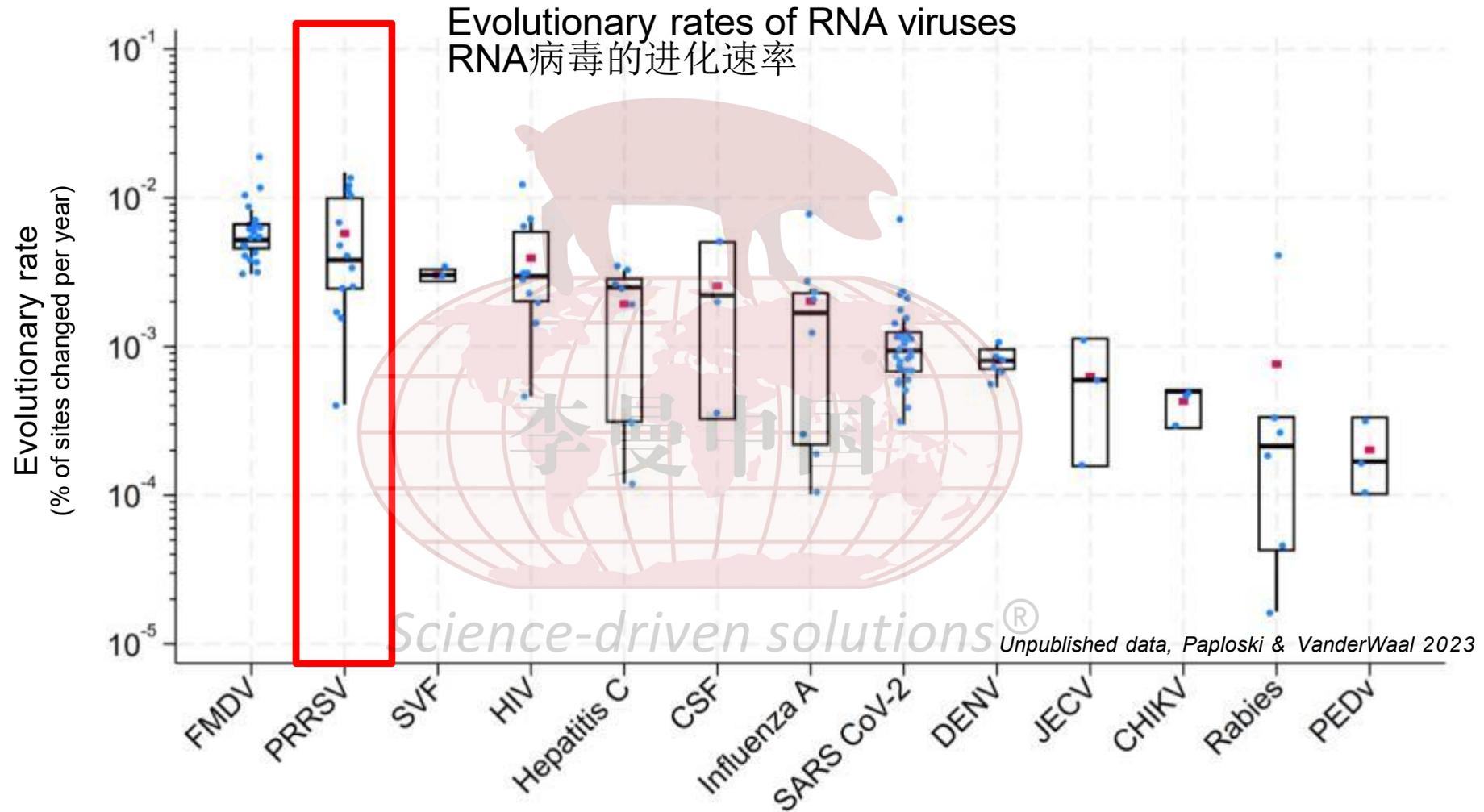


PRRSV-2 sublineages occurrence over time



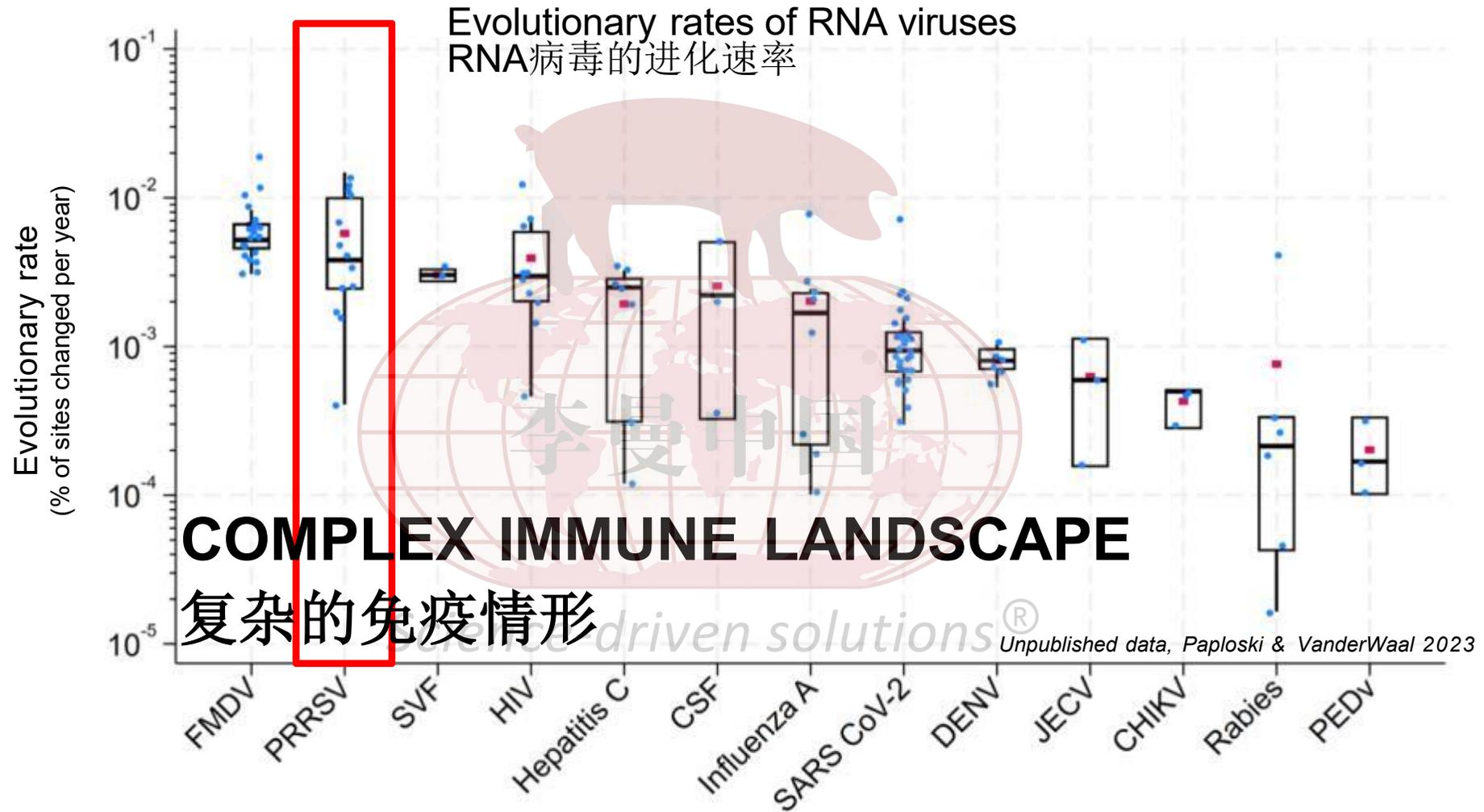
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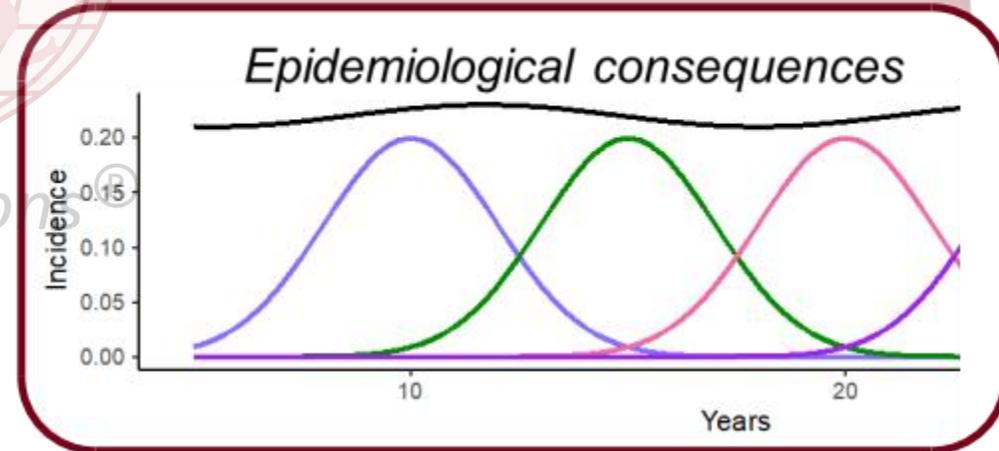
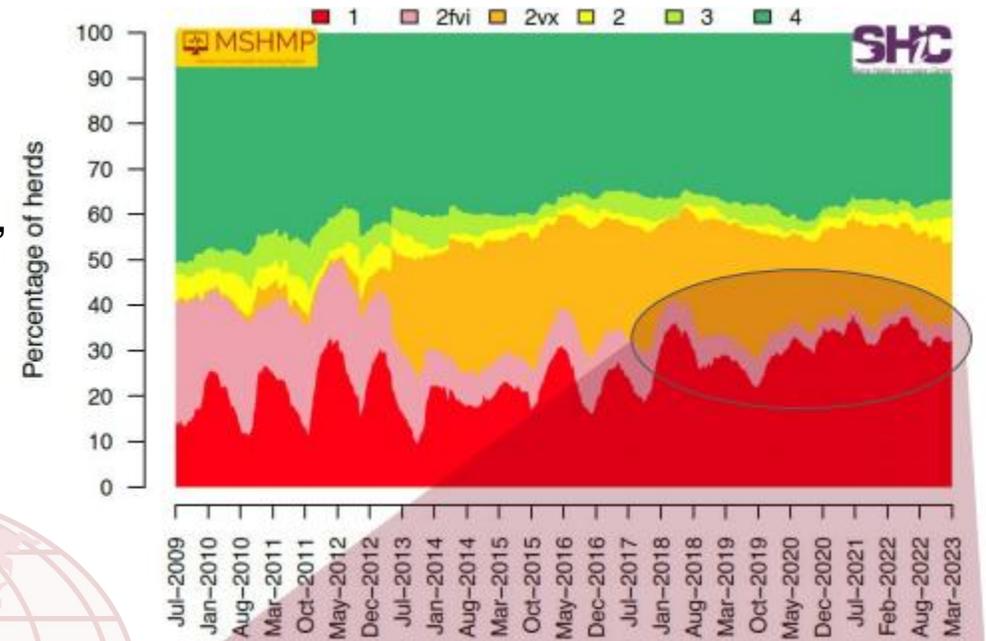
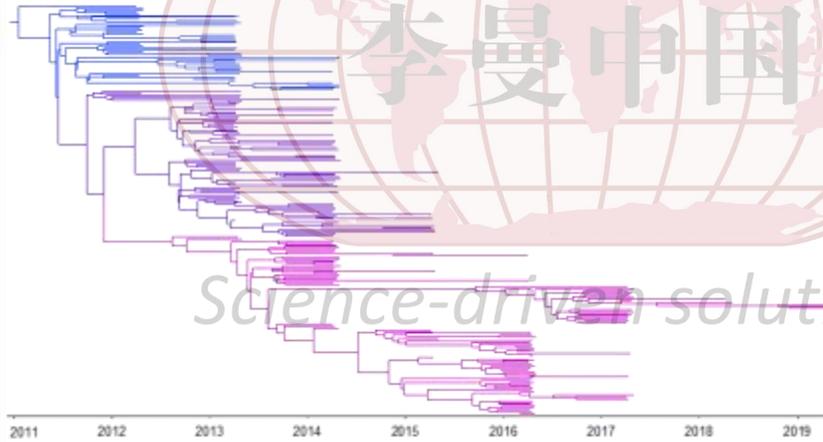
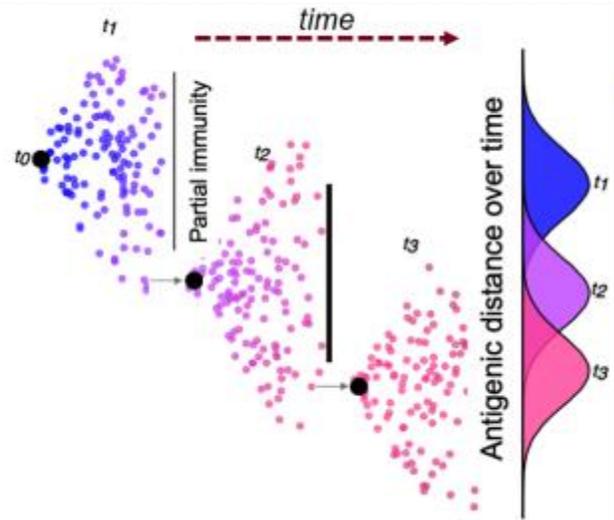
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# Multi-strain dynamics

## 多毒株动力学

- As viruses evolve, immune responses generated against a past “strain” may become less effective 随着病毒进化，针对过去“毒株”产生的免疫反应可能会变得不那么有效
  - creates a complex system, with different antigenic variants interacting through the cross-immunity that is generated within hosts 产生了一个复杂的系统，其中不同的抗原变体通过产生的交叉免疫相互作用



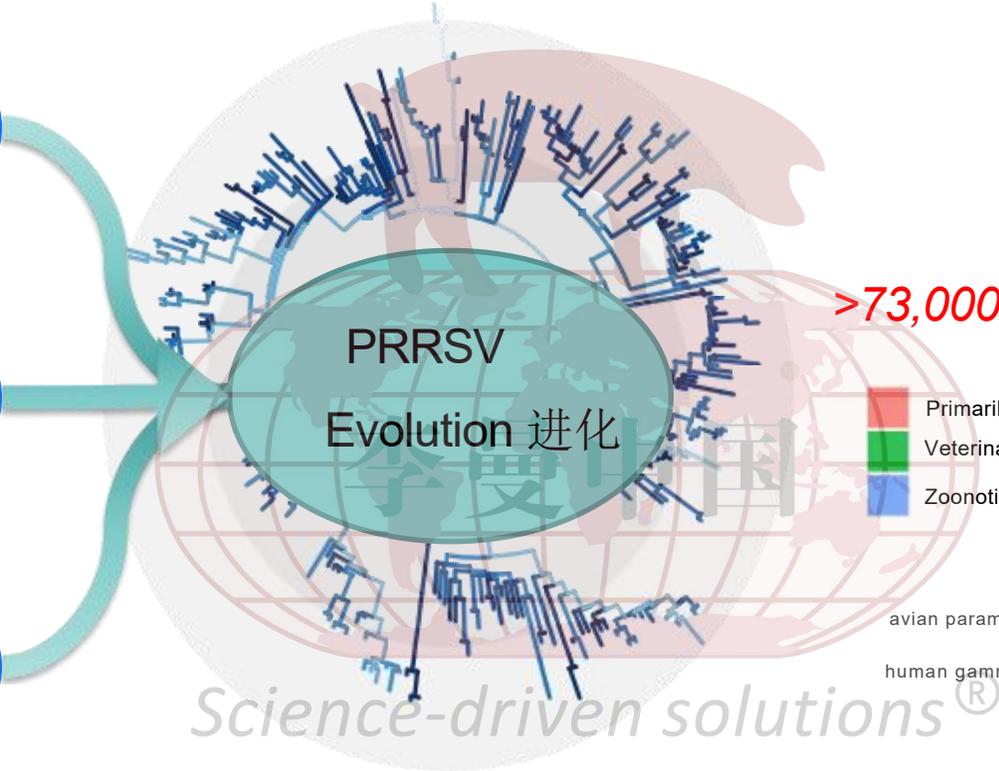
# Evolutionary dynamics of PRRSV-2

## PRRSV-2的进化动态

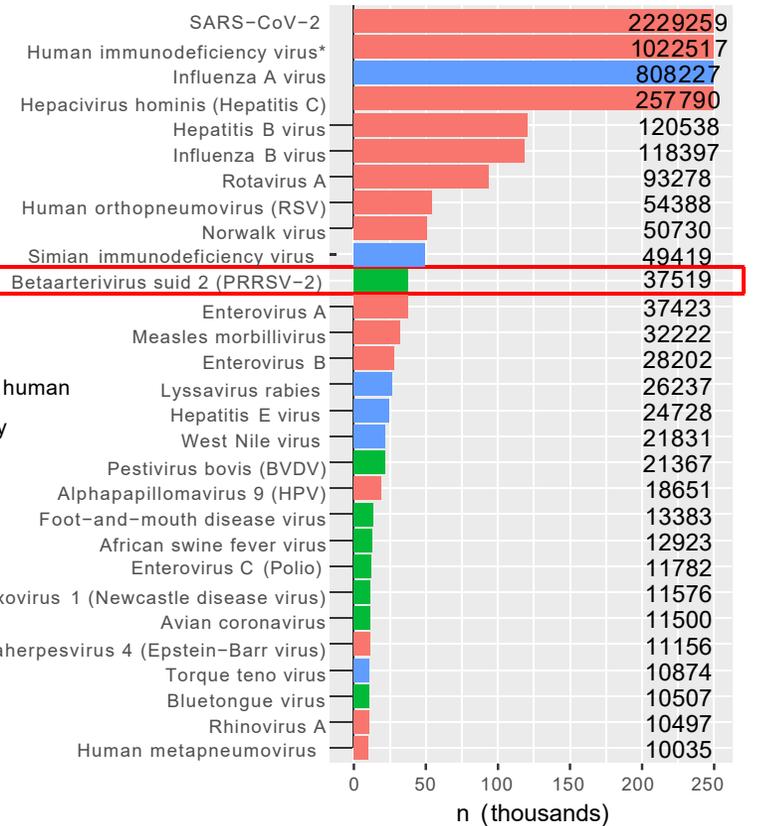
Mutation 突变

Immune selection 免疫选择

Multi-strain Recombination 多毒株重组



Sequences on Genbank



**But we still need to classify PRRSV even in this complex scenario. How do we do it?**

但即使在这种复杂的情况下，我们仍然需要对PRRSV进行分类。我们如何做到这一点？



# How do we classify PRRSV-2 (ORF5)?

## 我们如何对PRRSV-2 (ORF5) 进行分类?

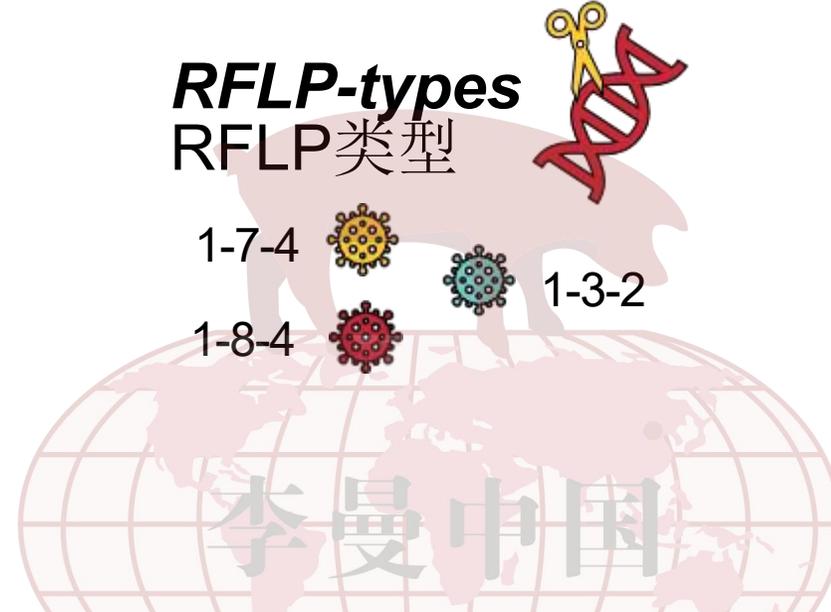
### Phylogenetic Lineages (ancestral ORF5 families) 系统发育谱系 (祖先ORF5家族)

### Genetic distance 基因距离

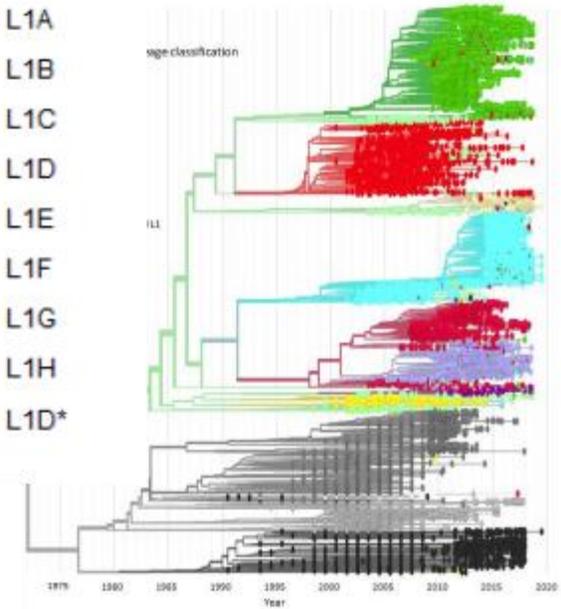
	A	B	C
A		2.9	8.6
B	2.9		4.9
C	8.6	4.9	

### RFLP-types RFLP类型

1-7-4  1-3-2   
 1-8-4 



- L1A
- L1B
- L1C
- L1D
- L1E
- L1F
- L1G
- L1H
- L1D\*



>Seq1

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RFLP enzymes:

**Mlu1: acgct**

**HincII: gtyrac**

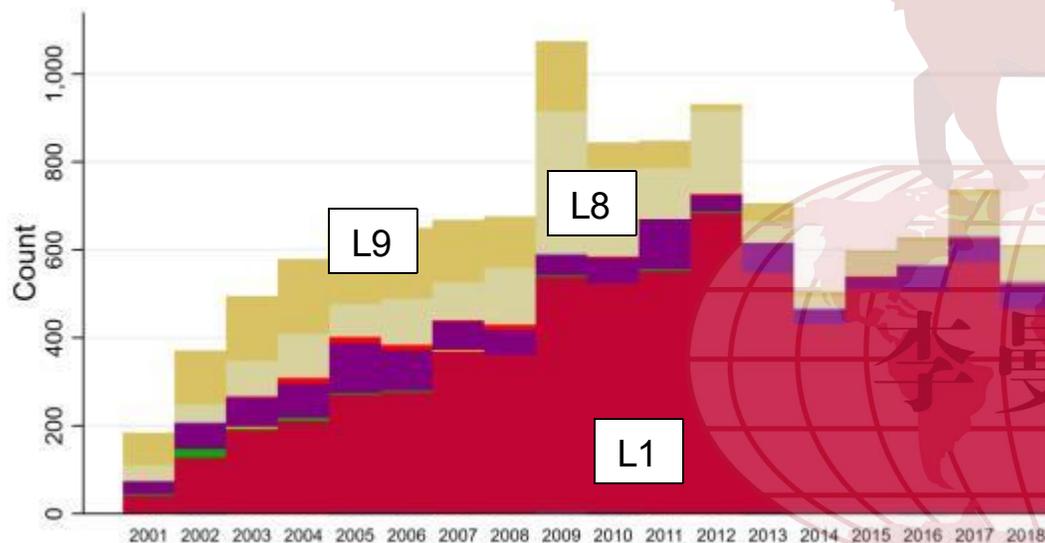
**SacII: ccgctg**



# Lineage-based classification

## 基于谱系的分类

- Between 2001 and 2018, 60% of all UMN VDL sequences were classified as **Lineage 1**
- 2001年至2018年间，所有UMN VDL序列中有60%被归类为Lineage1
- From 2013 onwards, >80%
- 自2013年起，>80%



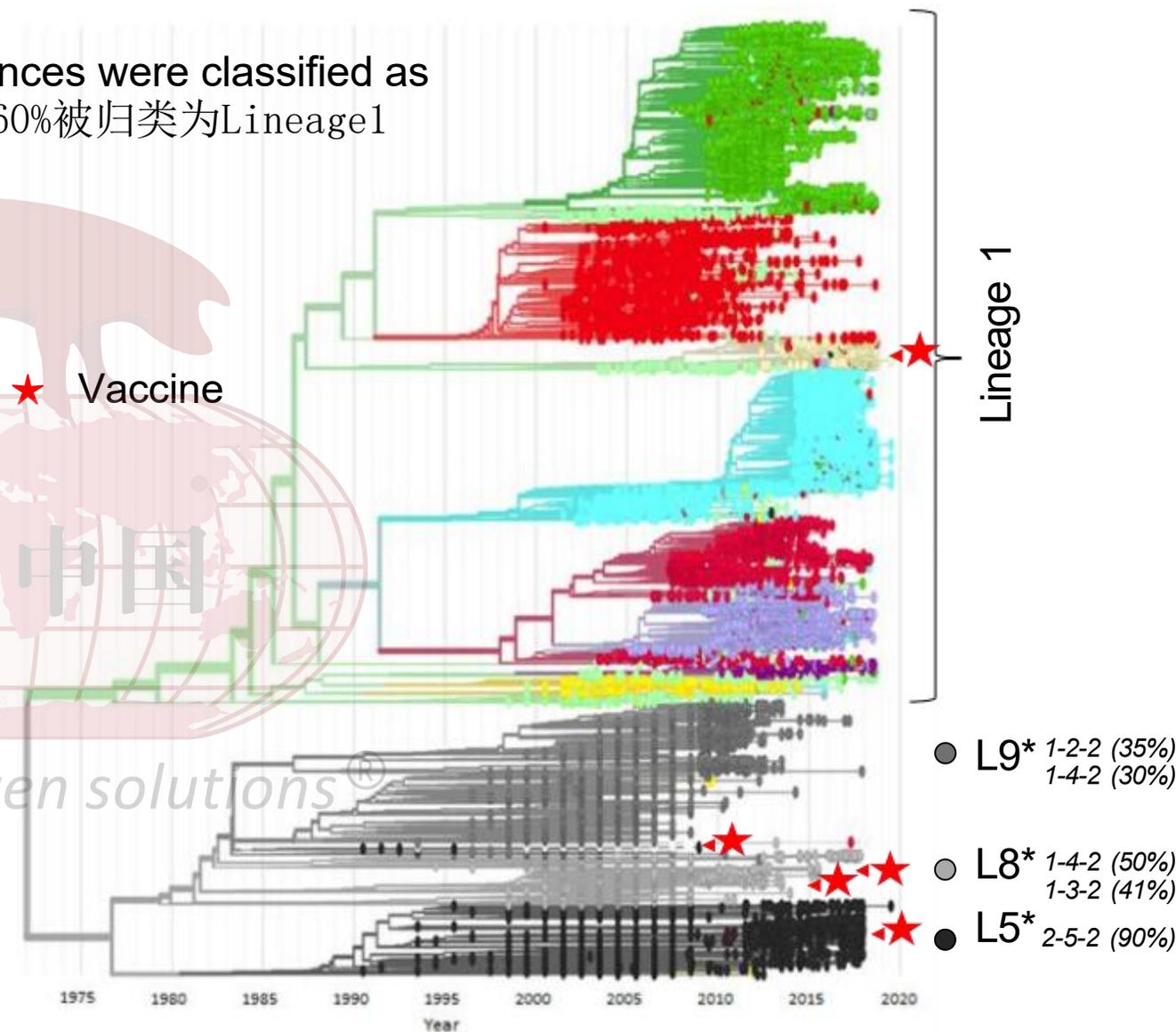
Frequency of occurrence per year, UMN VDL  
每年发生频率，UMN VDL

Substructure within Lineage 1?  
Lineage1内的子结构?

Shi *et al.* 2010, *J. of Virology*

Paploski *et al.* 2021, *Vaccines*

\*Paploski *et al.* 2019, *Frontiers in Microbiology*



● L9\* 1-2-2 (35%)  
1-4-2 (30%)

● L8\* 1-4-2 (50%)  
1-3-2 (41%)

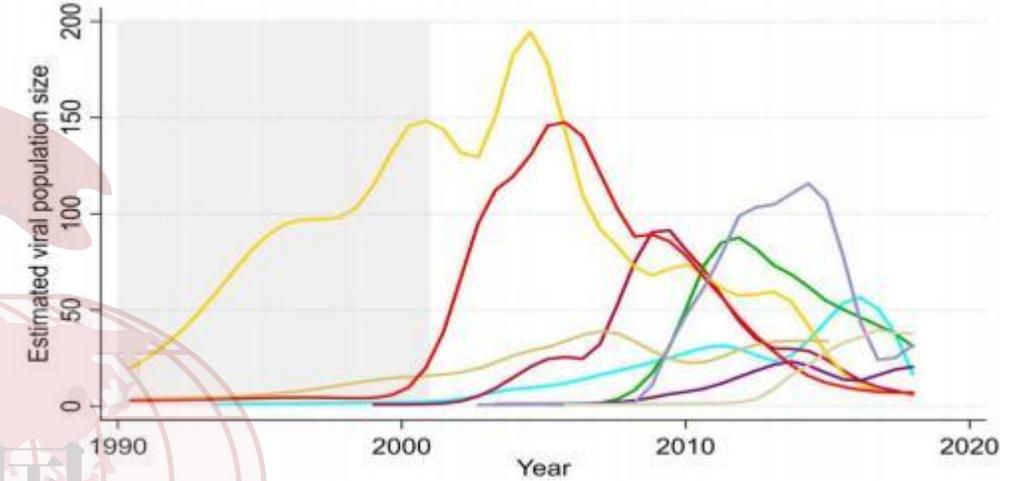
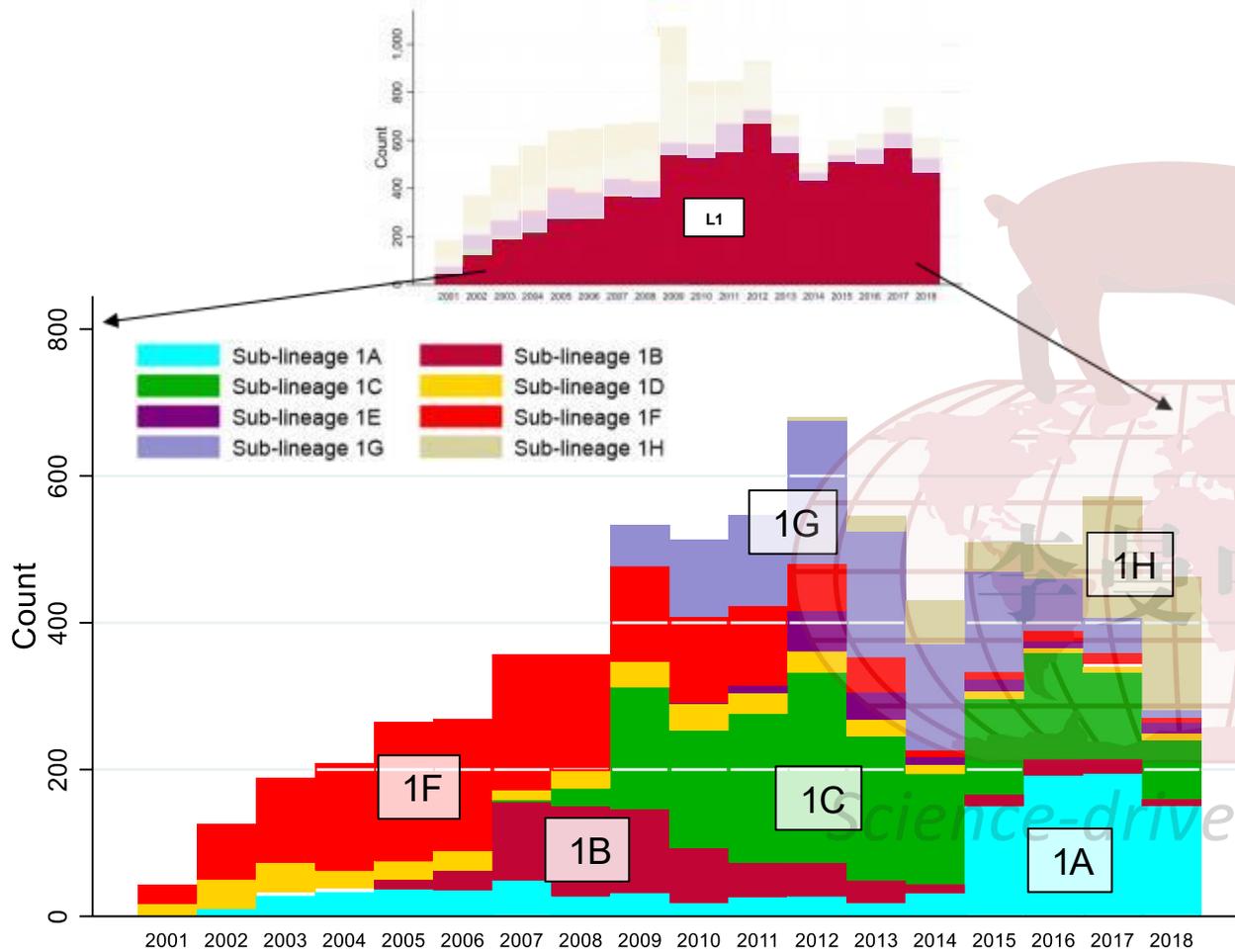
● L5\* 2-5-2 (90%)



# Sub-lineage emergence & Turnover

## 子谱系出现和更替

Estimated viral population size for different sub-lineages within Lineage 1 in the U.S. overtime  
美国Lineage 1中不同亚系病毒的估计病毒种群大小随时间变化



Sequential dominance of different sub-lineages  
不同子谱系的顺序优势

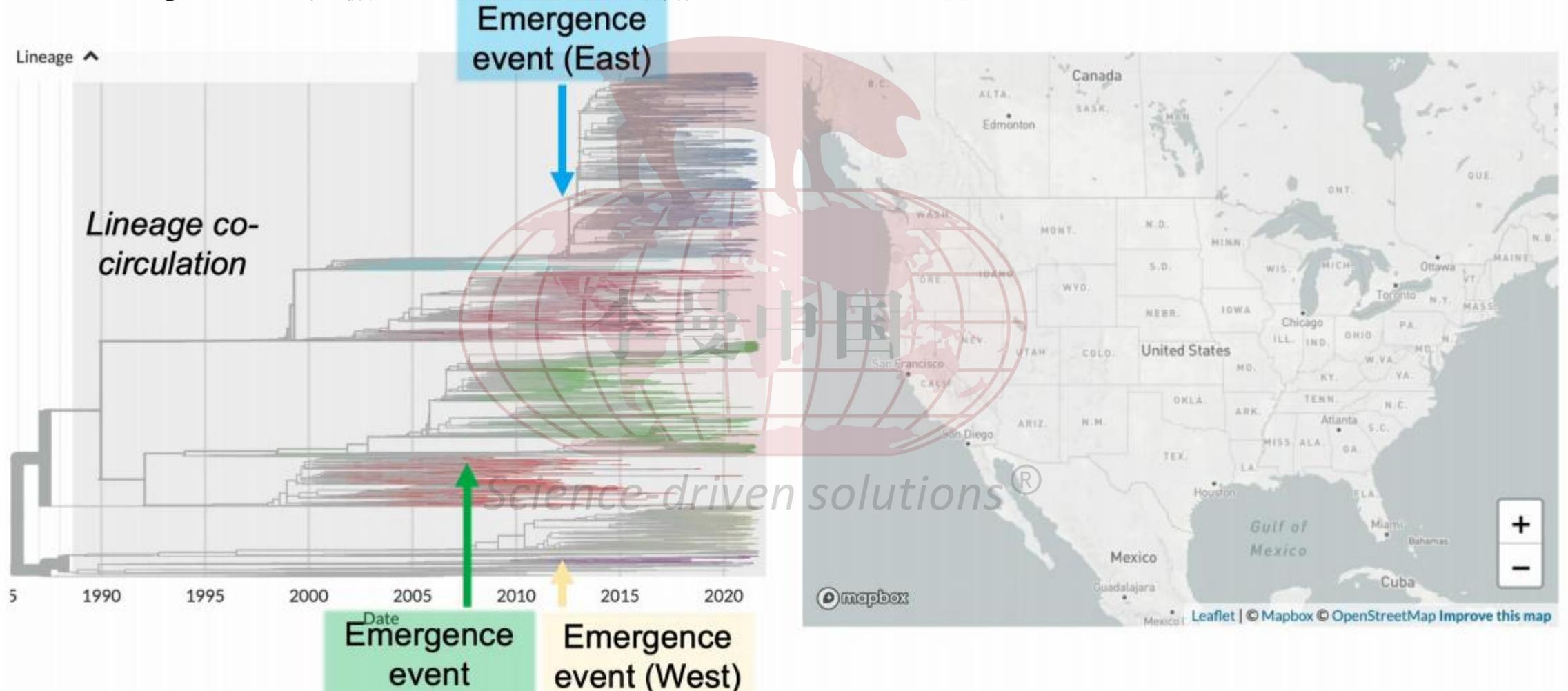
- *Years between peaks: 峰间年数:*  
~3 years (median, range: 1-3) 约3年 (中位数, 范围: 1-3)
- *Years emergence → dominance: ~4.5 years*  
(median, range 2-6) 出现优势的年份: 约4.5年 (中位数, 范围2-6)
- *Years between sub-lineage emergence: 1-5 years*  
(last emergence in 2014/2020) 子系出现之间的年份: 1-5年 (最后一次出现于2014/2020年)

Sub-lineages within Lineage 1 over time, UMN VDL  
随着时间的推移, UMN VDL中的Lineage 1内的子谱系



# Periodic emergence events occur in the U.S. 在美国，周期性的突发事件时有发生

Nextstrain visualization of **lineage co-circulation, turnover, and inter-regional spread** of PRRSV-2 (Lineage 1)  
PRRSV-2 (Lineage1) 谱系共循环、周转和跨区域传播的Nextstrain可视化



# *However, issues persist* 然而，问题仍然存在

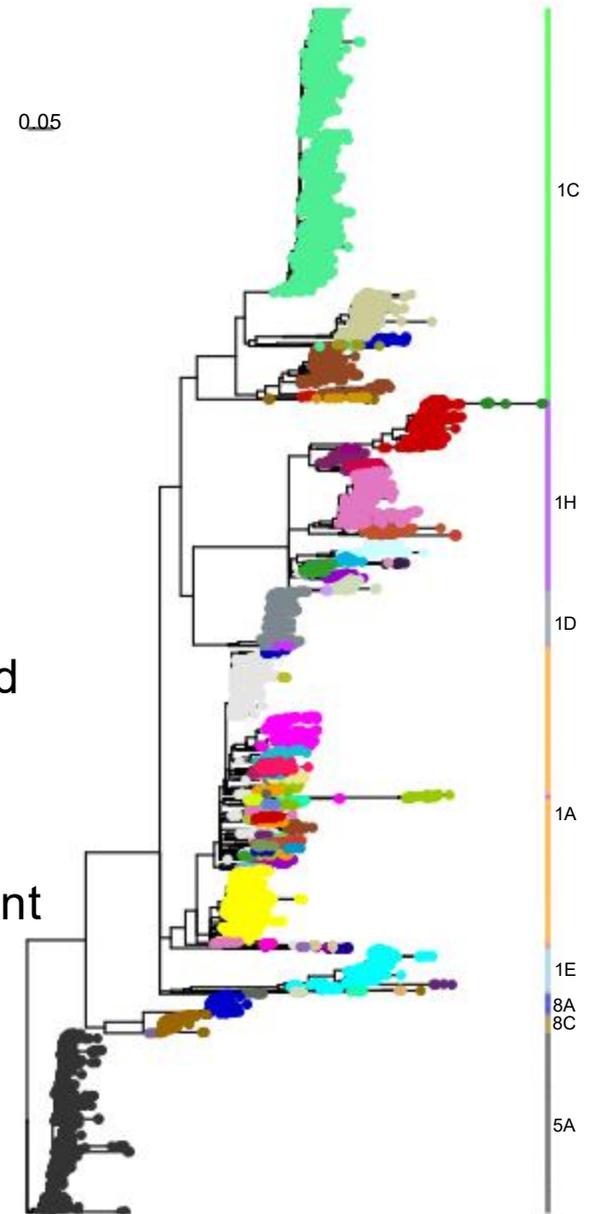
- Genetic distances can be hard to calculate and interpret if you have thousands of sequences  
如果有数千个序列，遗传距离的计算和解释可能会变得困难
- RFLPs are not particularly useful RFLPs不是特别有用
  - Inability to represent genetic relationships between viruses  
– 无法表示病毒之间的遗传关系
  - Distinct viruses with the same RFLP (conversely, similar viruses with different RFLP)  
– 具有相同RFLP的不同病毒（相反，具有不同RFLP的相似病毒）
  - Instability over few animal passages  
– 少数动物通道不稳定
- Sub-lineages still form large groups 子谱系仍然形成大群体
  - Difficulty in performing epidemiological investigations, assessing introductions or persistence solely based on it  
– 仅根据其进行流行病学调查、评估引入或持续存在的难度

· *Variant classification advances of these points*  
这些点的变体分类进展

# What is a PRRSV-2 “variant”?

## 什么是PRRSV-2“变种”？

- **Subdivision within a sub-lineage, in which groups are smaller but still phylogenetically linked**
  - 子谱系内的细分，其中群体较小，但仍具有系统发育联系
- Sequences belonging to the same variant have an *average genetic distance of ~2.5%, but can be as high as ~5%*
  - 属于同一变种的序列平均遗传距离为~2.5%，但最高可达~5%
- Variants are *typically ~5%* different from the closest related variant
  - 变异体通常与最接近的变异体存在约5%的差异
- **New variants** are assigned based on genetic distance from other variants and phylogenetic stability of the grouping on trees
  - 根据与其他变种的遗传距离以及树状图上分组系统发育的稳定性，分配新的变种
- The number of active variants at any point of time is dynamic, given their frequent emergence and extinction
  - 任何时间点的活跃变种数量都是动态的，因为它们经常出现和消失



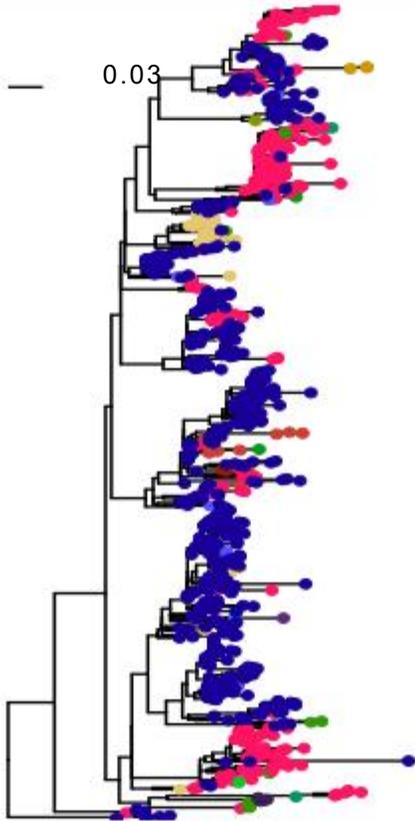
# Visualizing variants of PRRSV: an example

## PRRSV变体的可视化：一个示例

- L1H tree of American PRRSV-2 sequences:
- 美国PRRSV-2序列的L1H树：

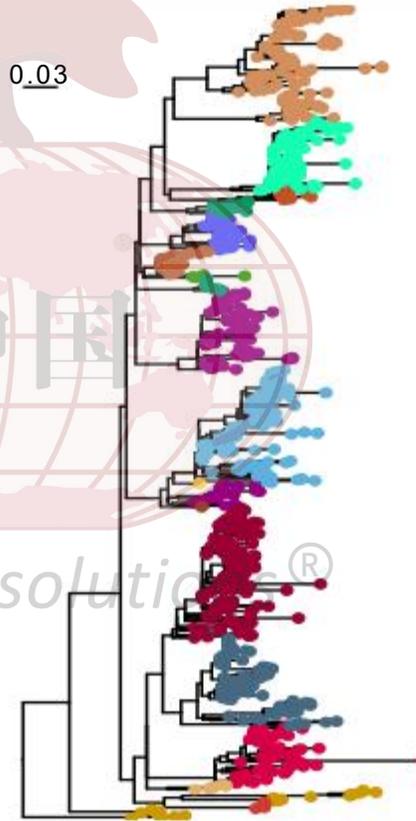
### Tree colored by RFLP RFLP着色的树

- Viruses grouped by enzyme cut patterns in ORF5
- 根据ORF5中的酶切模式对病毒进行分组
- This sub-lineage 1H tree contains only two major RFLP types, which are inter-mixed on the tree
- 这个亚系1H树只包含两种主要的RFLP类型，它们在树上相互混合
- Because of this, these groupings lack significant meaning
- 因此，这些分组缺乏显著意义



### Tree colored by variant 树按变体着色

- Viruses grouped by ORF5 sequence similarity (*typically* ~2% genetic distance to each other)  
按ORF5分组的病毒序列相似性（通常彼此之间有约2%的遗传距离）
- The same sub-lineage 1H tree has numerous variants that are well-defined in three (limited inter-mixing of colors)
  - 同一亚系1H树有许多变种在三个维度上都有明确的定义（颜色间混合有限）
- **Variant clusters: smaller than sub-lineages, but still phylogenetically meaningful**
- 变体集群：规模较小  
虽然与亚系相比，其亲缘关系较为模糊，但仍具有系统发育意义



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# What variant classifications **can** and **can not** tell you ...

## 变体分类**能**告诉您什么，以及**不能**告诉您什么...

- ✓ More reliable than RFLPs at determining relatedness, and whether virus A is the same or different than virus B 在确定遗传多样性方面比RFLPs更可靠相关性和病毒A是否与病毒B相同或不同
- ✓ Discriminate between new and previous wild-type viruses in a farm (based on ORF5 gene) 区分农场中新和以前的野生型病毒（基于ORF5基因）
- ✓ More useful for epidemiological investigations, such as determining possible sources of introduction and tracking between-farm spread. 对于流行病学调查，如确定可能的感染源，这更有用农场间介绍和跟踪传播。

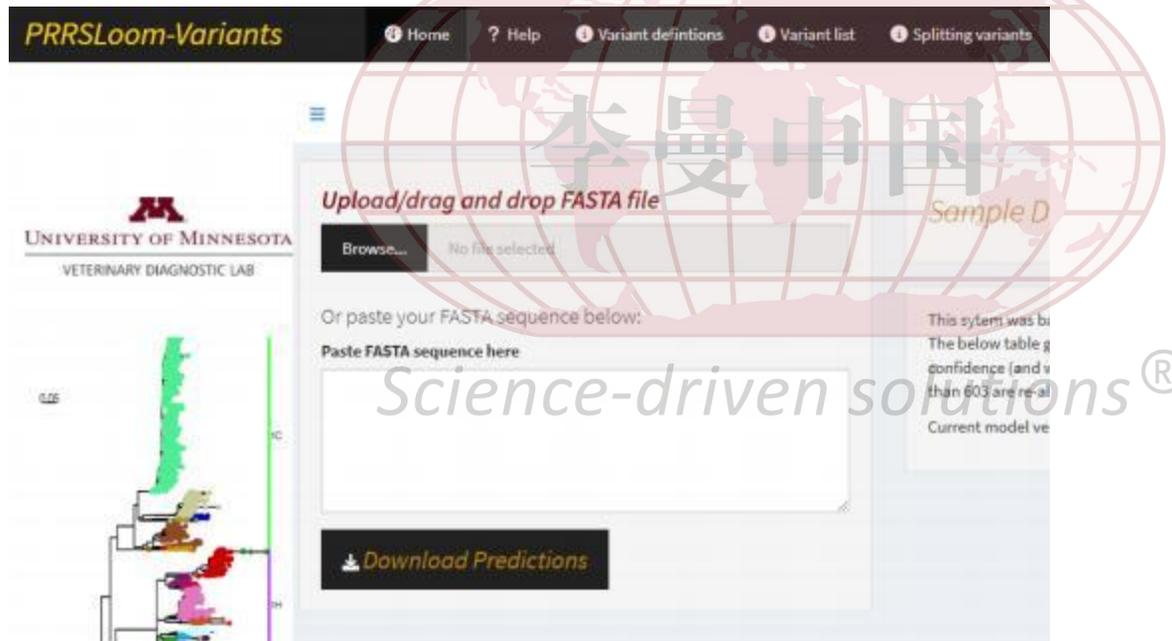
- ✗ No classification system reliably provides information on virulence or clinical picture (apparent virulence likely influenced by co-infections and other external factors)  
✗ 没有分类系统可靠地提供关于毒力或临床表现的信息（明显的毒力可能受到共感染的影响）其他外部因素）
- ✗ Classifications do not directly translate to immunological cross-protection, although viruses labeled as the same variant are more genetically homologous  
✗ 分类不能直接翻译为尽管标记为同一变体的病毒在基因上更为同源，但它们在免疫交叉保护方面可能存在差异

### Other benefits: 其他好处:

- Supports organization & findability of additional information about a particular variant  
• 支持组织并查找特定变体的附加信息
- Supports improved synergy & communication between research labs, diagnostic labs, monitoring programs, and the field  
• 支持研究实验室、诊断实验室、监测计划和现场之间更好的协同和沟通

# Can I classify my sequences into variants? 我可以将我的序列分类为变体吗？

- YES, online classifier (model based), see link on the right
- 是，在线分类器（基于模型），请点击右侧链接
- Model trained **exclusively on American sequences**
- 仅使用美国序列进行模型训练
- **Chinese sequences: can be classified if we can train the model with Chinese PRRSV-2 diversity**
- **中国序列：如果可以用中国PRRSV-2多样性训练模型，则可以对其进行分类**



Link to variant  
classifier: PRRSLoom

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**How can the PRRSV-2 variant classification improve our tracking abilities?**

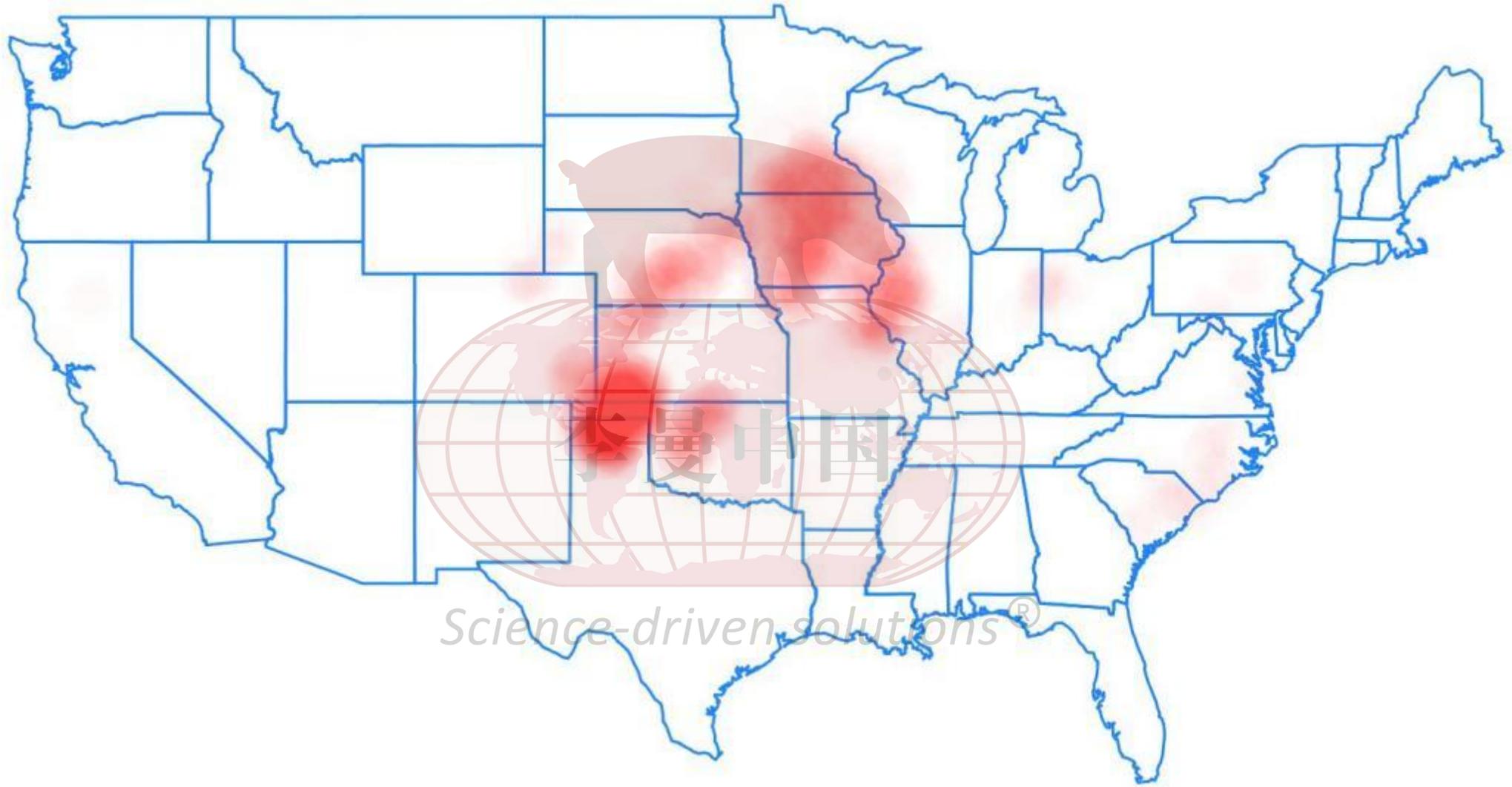
**如何对PRRSV-2变异株进行分类提高我们的追踪能力?**



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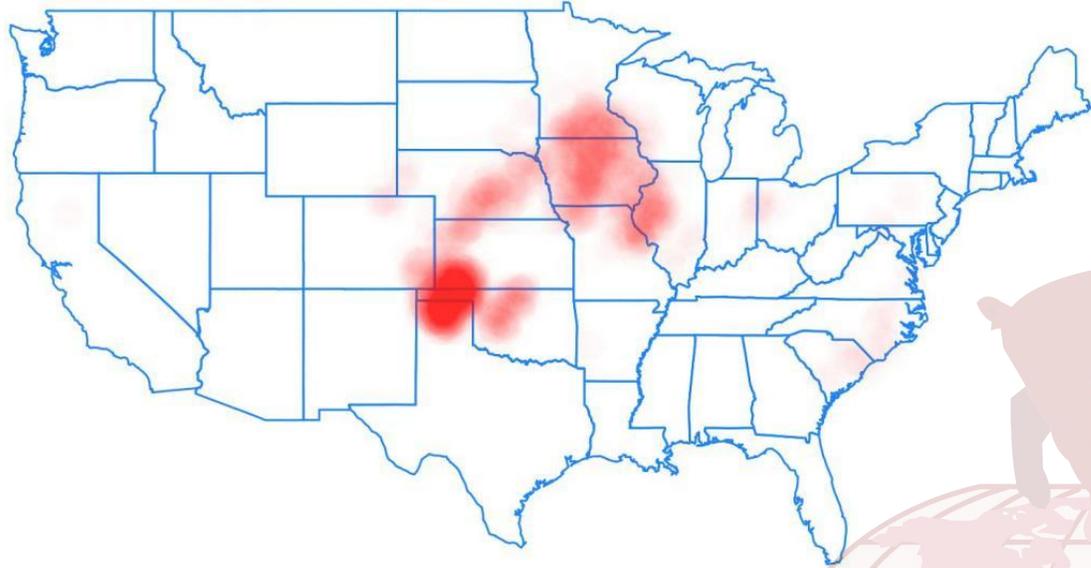
# RFLP 1-8-4



Noise has been added to all coordinates - they do not accurately represent farm locations



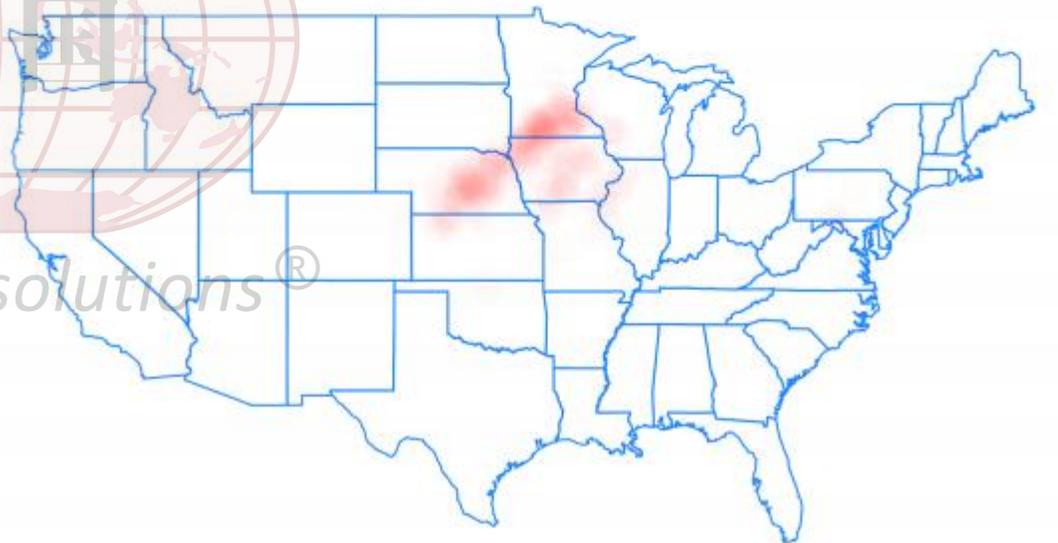
RFLP 1-8-4



Variant 1H.11



Variant 1H.9



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. tab variants_other if RFLP_others == "1_8_4"
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variants_other	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
1A-unclassified	17	0.54	0.54
1A.2	2	0.06	0.61
1C.3	3	0.10	0.70
1C.5	6	0.19	0.89
1D.2	754	24.03	24.92
1H-unclassified	268	8.54	33.46
1H.1	113	3.60	37.06
1H.10	112	3.57	40.63
1H.11	575	18.32	58.95
1H.17	71	2.26	61.22
1H.23	107	3.41	64.63
1H.5	190	6.05	70.68
1H.7	33	1.05	71.73
1H.9	536	17.08	88.81
others	351	11.19	100.00
Total	3,138	100.00	

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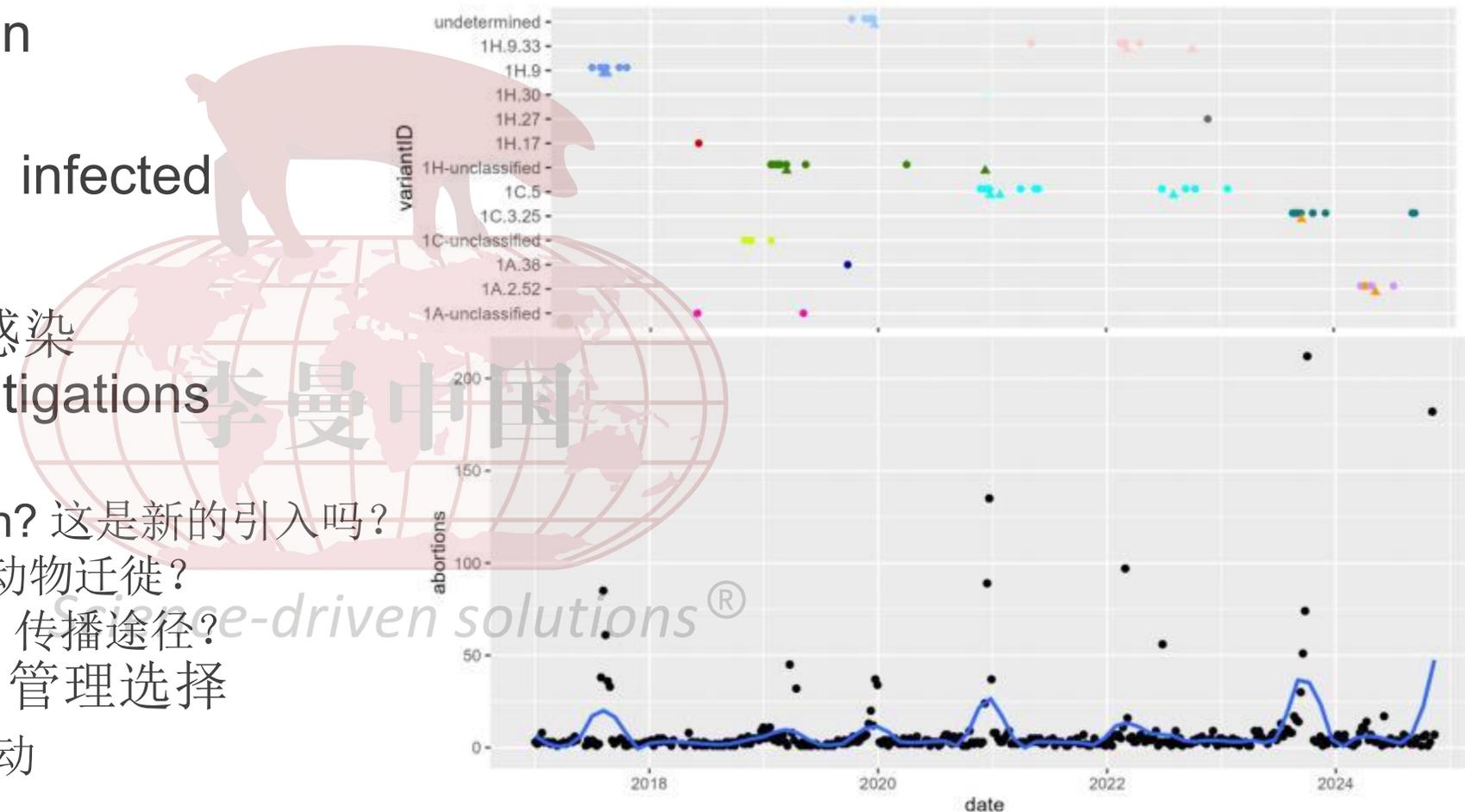
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# A lot changes when sequences are classified using the variant scheme

当使用变体方案对序列进行分类时，会发生很多变化

- Geographic distribution  
地理分布
- Systems (companies) infected  
受感染的系统（公司）
- Farms infected • 农场感染
- Epidemiological investigations  
流行病学调查
- Is this a new introduction? 这是新的引入吗?
- Movement of animals? 动物迁徙?
- Routes of transmission? 传播途径?
- Management choices 管理选择
- Flow of animals • 动物流动



# Take home messages 总结

- . RFLP classification for PRRSV-2 often creates cluster of sequences that are not epidemiologically meaningful

PRRSV-2的RFLP分类通常会产​​生一系列在流行病学上无意义的序列簇

- Lineages and sub-lineages are an advance, but yield too large groups
- 谱系和子谱系是一种进步，但会产生大量群体

- . PRRSV-2 variant classification yields clusters of sequences

PRRSV-2变体分类产生序列簇

that have a much stronger genetic meaning 具有更强的遗传意义

- But: not designed to predict virulence or antigenicity

–但是：并非旨在预测毒力或抗原性

- . PRRSV-2 variant classification is available for users .PRRSV-2变异株分类可供用户使用

- Chinese PRRSV-2 diversity is needed to train the model to adequately classify Chinese sequences

–需要中国PRRSV-2多样性来训练模型，以充分分类中国序列

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