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# EMPRES-i Genetic Module

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# EMPRES-i: Animal Health Database

## Information – intelligence – intervention

Public website

Internal website

The screenshot shows the public website interface. At the top, there are language options (english, français, español) and buttons for 'My EMPRES-i', 'RSS FEEDS', and 'USER MANUAL'. The main heading is 'EMPRES-i Global Animal Disease Information System'. Below this, a paragraph describes the system's purpose: 'EMPRES-i provides up to date information on the global animal disease distribution and current threats national, regional and global level. Disease Events can be presented on a map and further analyzed by choosing different filters.' A 'DISEASE EVENTS' section features a world map with red markers and a list of 'Latest Events' including 'Highly pathogenic avian influenza 21/02/2012 - Viet Nam'. Navigation buttons for 'DIRECTORY', 'LABORATORIES', and 'LIBRARY' are visible at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the internal website dashboard. It features a 'DASHBOARD' with an 'Outbreaks Map' showing a world map with a legend for 'Confirmed', 'Suspected', 'Denied', and 'Multiple species'. Below the map is a 'Latest Outbreaks' table with columns for 'View', 'Map', 'ID', and 'Description'. On the right, there is an 'RSS external feeds' section with a 'Quick filter' and a list of news items. At the bottom right, a 'Disease situation' bar chart shows the 'Total number of events since 10/07/2011' by month, with bars for August, September, October, November, and December. The chart uses a color key: red for 'Confirmed', green for 'Denied', and yellow for 'Tentative'.

<http://empres-i.fao.org/empres-i/home>

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Animal Production and Health Division

<http://empres-i.fao.org/empresi3g/>



# What is EMPRES-i ?

- Global/regional FAO disease information system
- Used by epidemiologists, researchers, modeling experts and, decision makers
- Web-based disease events database
  - TADS and emerging diseases
- Provides access to supporting data/information:
  - Livestock population /density layers (e.g. FAO GLiPHA)
  - Virus genetic data
  - Library (journals, reports, ...)
  - Directory (CVO, Laboratories)
- Available via a public and internal website
  - Allows access only to validated data to the public
  - Access is password protected



# The EMPRES-i Genetic Module

## Linking EMPRES-i and OpenFluDB

- Setup webservices (terminology- query)
- Algorithm created – based on 3 criteria
- Exchange of data (no transfer)

EMPRES-i interface showing a record for an isolate. The record includes:

- General Information:** ID, Reporting date, Observation date, Entry date, Data Entry Officer, Last modified, Last modified by, Workspace.
- General comments:** Confirmed by the OIE, OIE coordinates not precise.
- Location:** Locality, Latitude, Longitude, Admin 2, Admin 1, Country, Region.
- Validation Information:** Validation date, Validated by, Map, Satellite, Hybrid, Terrain.
- Disease:** Status, Disease, Serotype, Basis, Source.
- Species Affected:** Animal Type, Animal Family, Species, At Risk, Cases, Deaths, Destroyed, Slaughtered, Vaccination, Vaccinated, Production System.
- Epidemiology:** Surveillance Type, Control Measures, Interventions, Infection Source.

OpenFlu database search results for 'A/chicken/West Bengal/239022/2010'. The search result shows details for the isolate and a table of segments.

Search result: A/chicken/West Bengal/239022/2010

OpenFlu isolate ID: OFL\_ISL\_47312  
 Name and synonyms: A/chicken/West Bengal/239022/2010  
 Type/subtype: A/H5N1  
 Sample collection date: 2010-01-12  
 Host: Animal - Gallus gallus - Chicken  
 Location: India - Bengal  
 First submission: 2010-10-21  
 Last update: 2010-10-21  
 show OpenFluDB information

action	segment	length	OpenFlu acc.	GDHG/EMBL/GenBank	sequence and info
<input type="checkbox"/>	HA	1707	QL235608	CY061302	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NA	1362	QL235700	CY061304	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NP	1001	QL235751	CY061305	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NP	1501	QL235855	CY061303	
<input type="checkbox"/>	NS	863	QL235702	CY061306	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PA	1007	QL235697	CY061301	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PB1	2293	QL235696	CY061300	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PB2	2324	QL235695	CY061299	

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Collection date, location, species





# The EMPRES-i Genetic Module

## Linking EMPRES-i and OpenFluDB



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### Original article

## The EMPRES-i genetic module: a novel tool linking epidemiological outbreak information and genetic characteristics of influenza viruses

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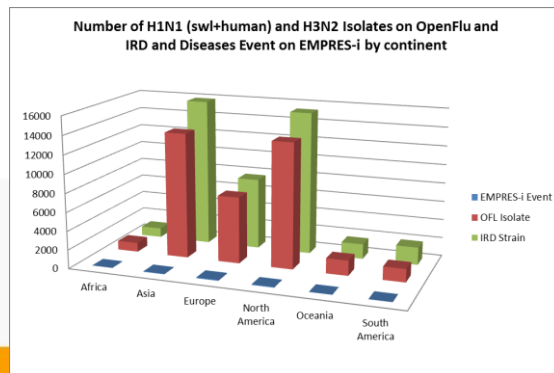
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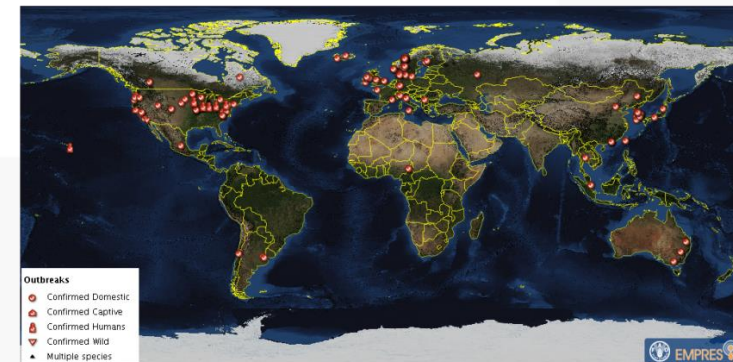


# SIV Data : Empres-I/OpenFlu/IRD

Continent	Disease subtype								
	H1N1			H3N2			Total		
	EMPRES-I Event	OFL_ISOL ATE	IRD Strain	EMPRES-I Event	OFL_ISOL ATE	IRD Strain	EMPRES-I Event	OFL_ISOL ATE	IRD Strain
Africa	3	890	660	0	459	343	3	1349	1003
Asia	35	3424	8336	0	6380	7510	35	9804	15846
Europe	63	3003	4771	26	2671	2882	90	5674	7653
North America	52	3471	8867	10	5355	6457	62	8826	15324
Oceania	3	223	510	0	1102	1104	3	1325	1614
South America	4	507	1032	0	416	848	4	923	1880
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>11518</b>	<b>24176</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16383</b>	<b>19144</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>27901</b>	<b>43320</b>



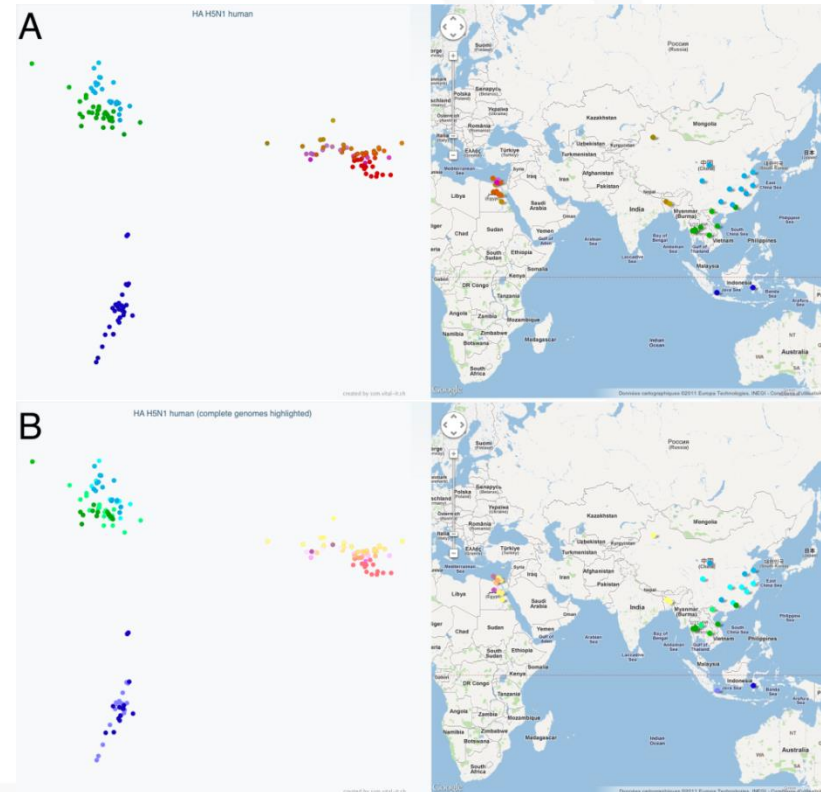
Swine Influenza Outbreaks (H1N1/H3N2) Record In EMPRES-i





# Phylogenetic tools: “Sequence Similarity Maps” (SSM) to:

- Visualize thousands of virus genetic distances on maps
- Overlay epidemiological data onto the map
- Detect reassortment events
- Can help to determine knowledge gaps in influenza virus and sequence information



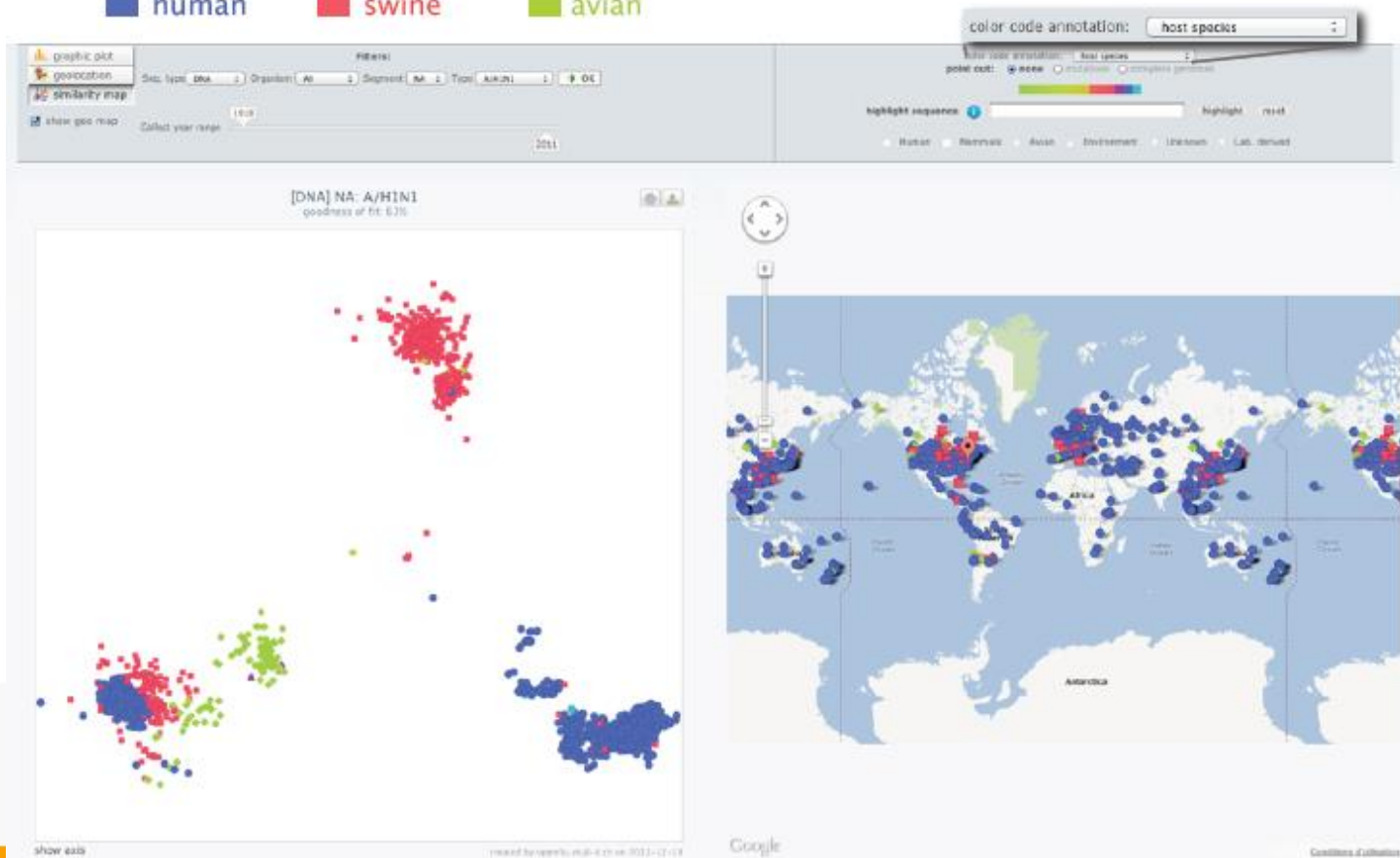


# SSMs for SIV viruses

## -H1N1 viruses-

### H1N1 – segment NA

■ human   
 ■ swine   
 ■ avian



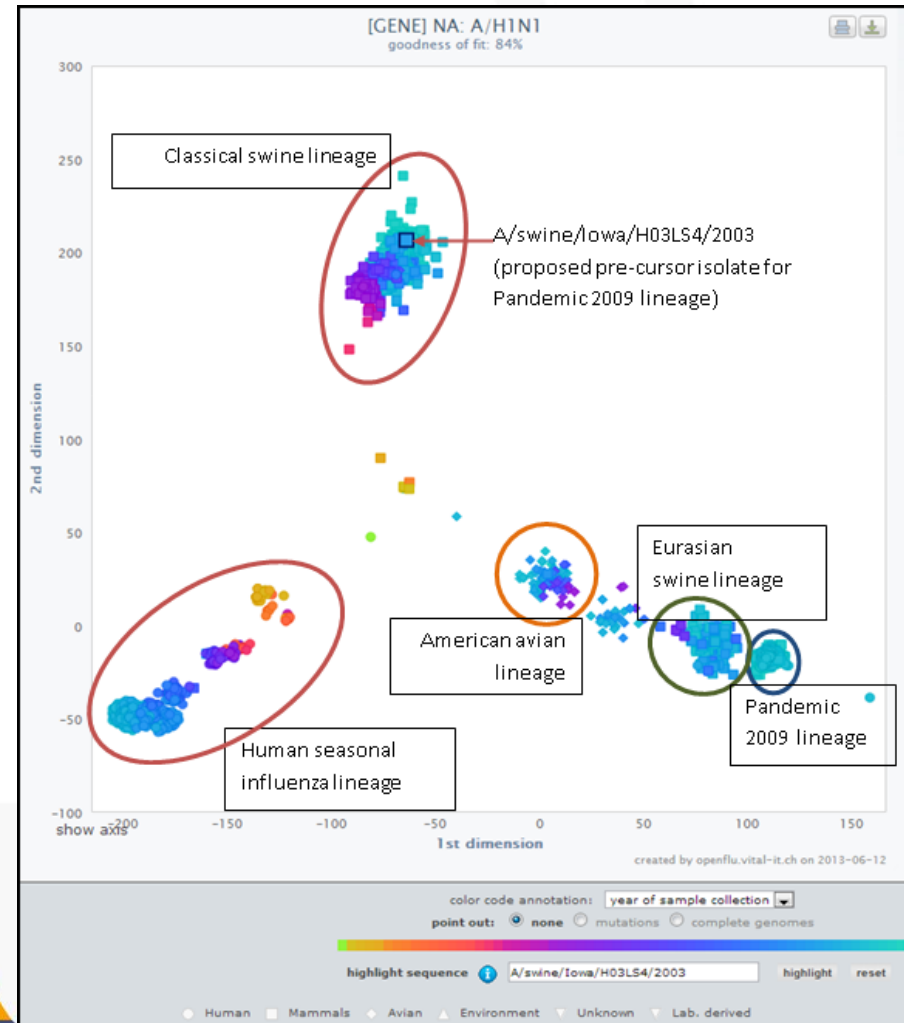
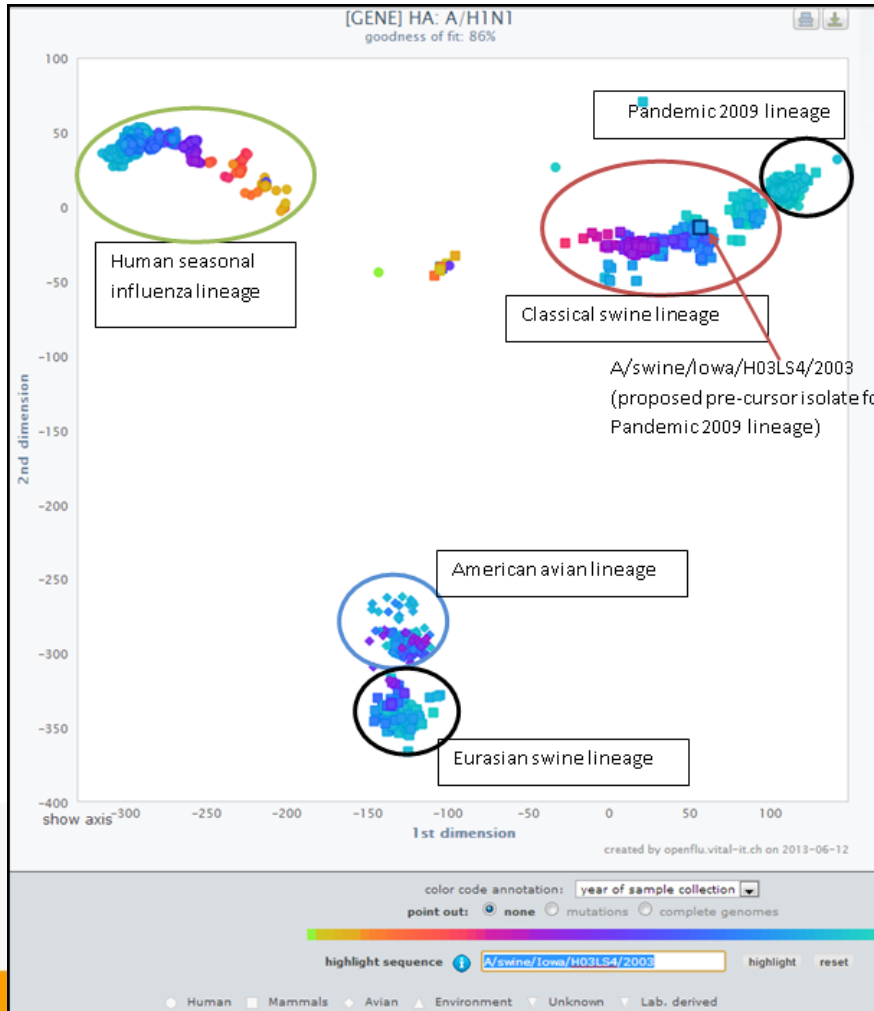




# SSMs for SIV viruses -H1N1 viruses-



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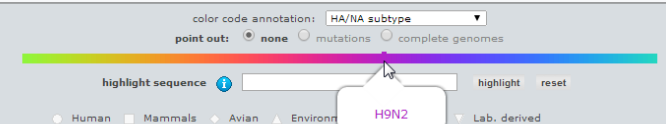
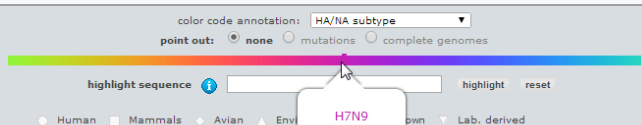
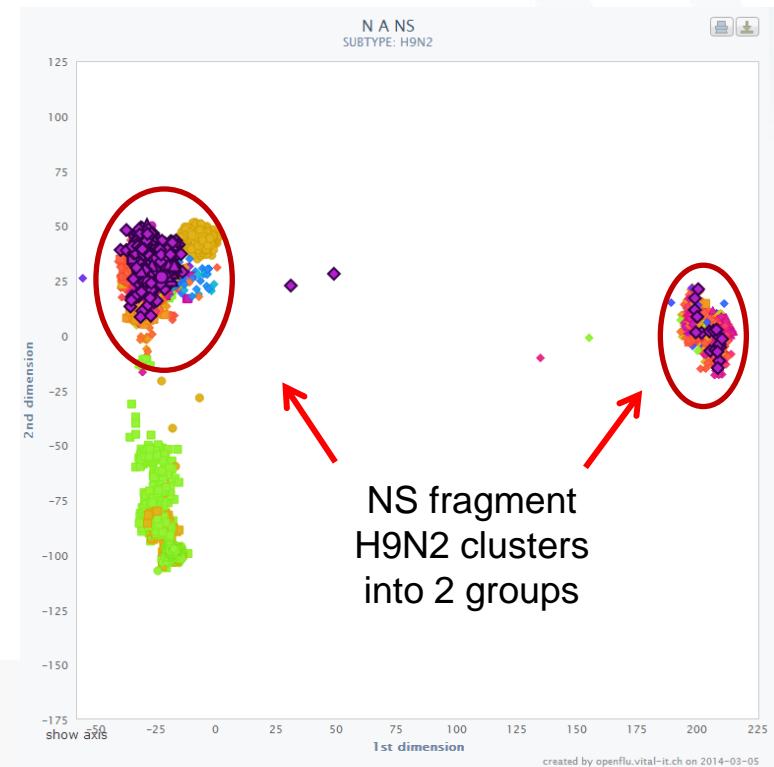
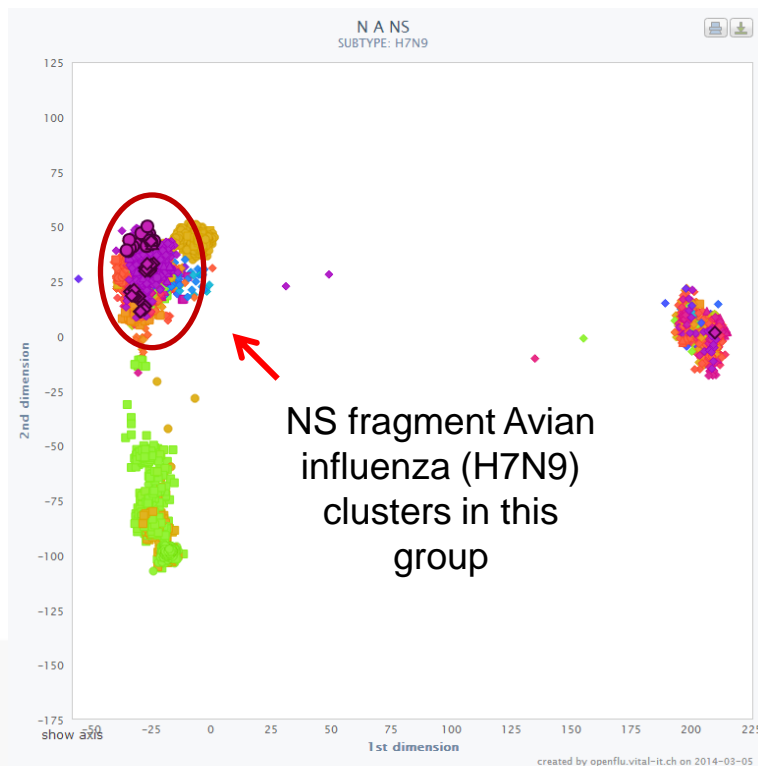




# SSMs for H7N9/H9N2 viruses

## How do NS segments cluster ?

- Literature says: H7N9 has H9N2 backbone
- OVERALL : looking at influenza A, NS fragments split into 3 main groups

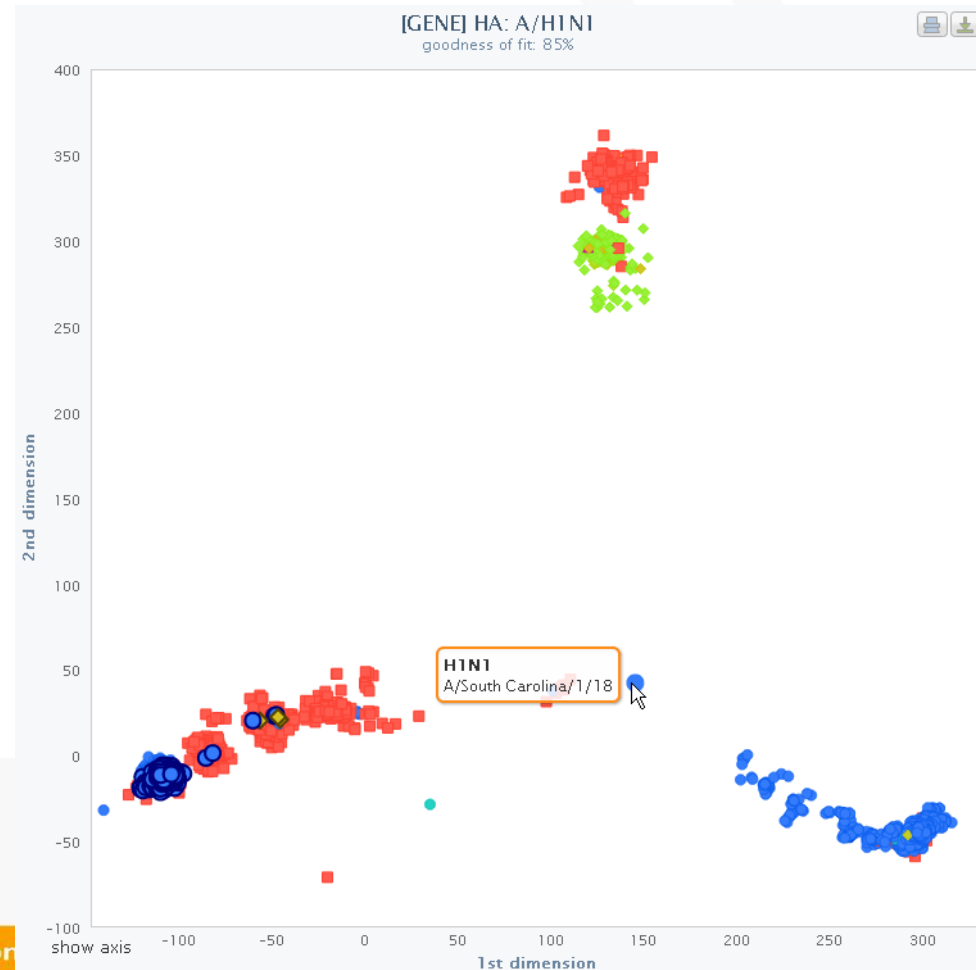




# SSMs for SIV viruses

## The origin of segments : a probabilistic model Reassortants detection (new)

- Sequence similarity maps of the HA gene clearly show 3 different clusters in the H1N1 population.
- Top cluster : mix of mammalian and avian viruses
- Right below: predominantly human H1N1 viruses
- Left below: predominantly mammalian (swine) viruses, with the emergence of the H1N1pdm viruses (dark blue)



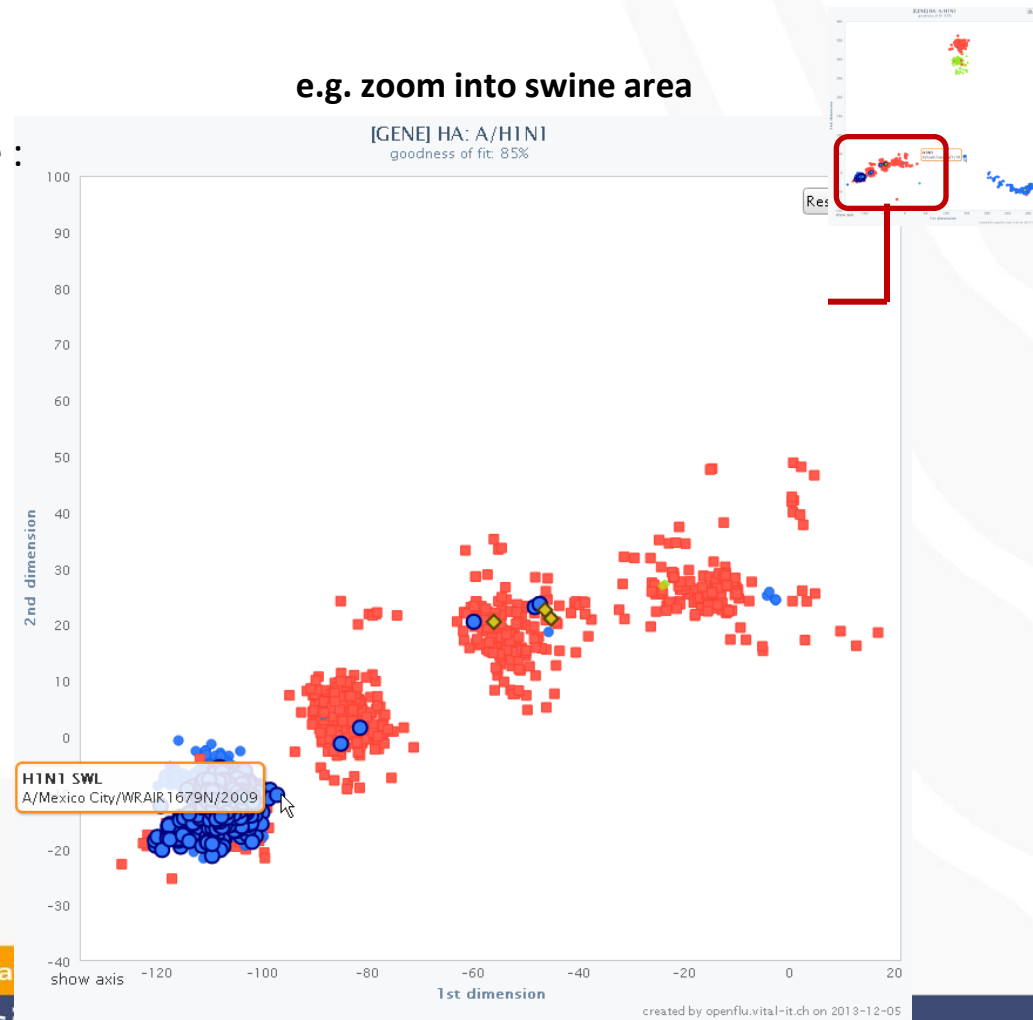


# SSMs for SIV viruses

The newly developed probabilistic model shows the predicted origin of segments, based on a sequence comparison to the closest neighbors (in all dimensions).

- HA sequences of the human 2009 H1N1 pandemics and eventually earlier ones, like :
  - A/Maryland/12/1991
  - A/WI/4754/1994
  - A/Ohio/01/2007
  - A/South Dakota/03/2008
- as well as the avian ones:
  - A/turkey/NC/19762/1988
  - A/turkey/NC/17026/1988
  - A/turkey/IA/21089-3/1992

→ Are detected by the algorithm as being of swine origin.





# Future developments for the genetic module

- Continue validating links sequence-influenza events
- cluster information
- Molecular markers
- Segment origin predictions (for SSMs)
- Link with other influenza specialized databases (IRD)
- SIV subtypes to be included in the genetic module?
- Offer possibility to create OFFLU compartment within EMPRES-i to host and share SIV data



# Thank you for your attention!!!

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