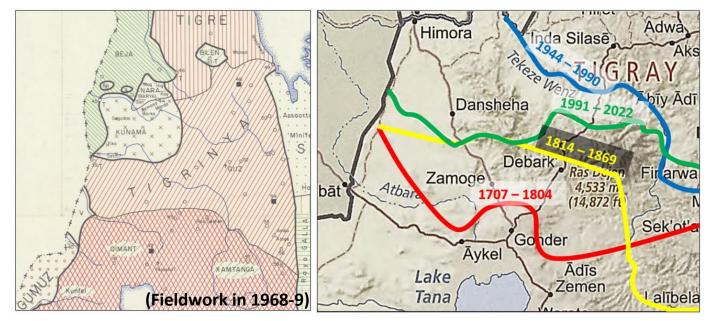
## **Graphical abstract**



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- Meta-analysis of co-eval historical maps representing Western Tigray (Ethiopia)
- Welkait part of Tigray in 1707-1804;
  1814-1886; 1939-1941; 1991-ongoing
- Welkait mapped as Amhara in 1891-1894 and Gondar in 1944-1990
- Not any evidence that "Welkait was always part of Amhara"
- Language maps unanimously show
   Tigrinya on both sides of Tekeze River

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Welkait farmers' verse, recorded in the 1930s

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