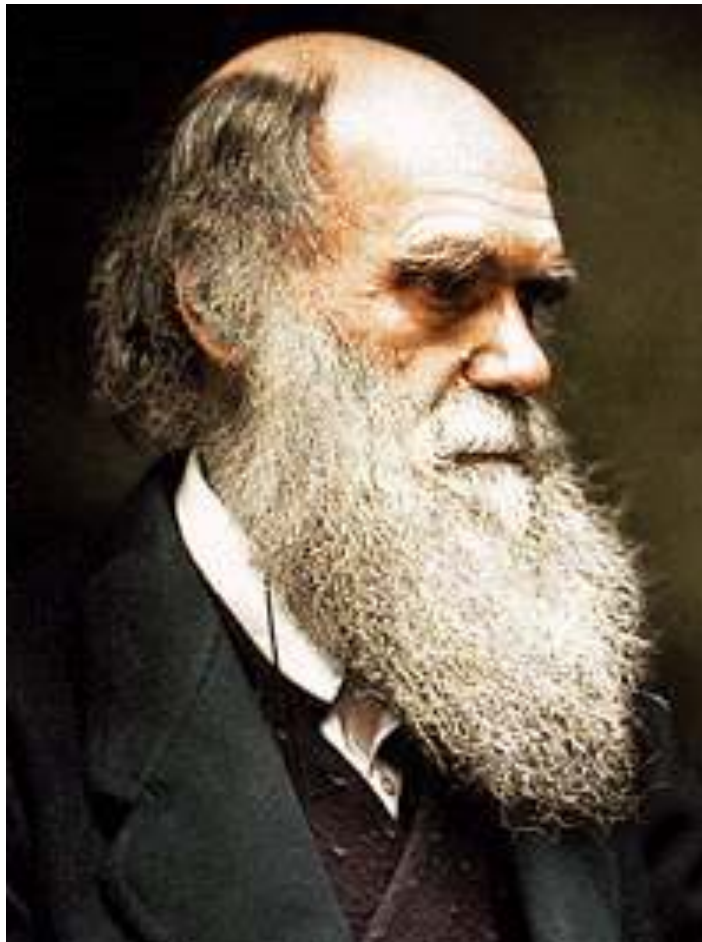


Trait evolution and ancestral state reconstruction

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small ground finch



medium ground finch



large ground finch



sharp-beaked ground finch



cactus finch



large cactus finch



small tree finch



large tree finch?



vegetarian finch

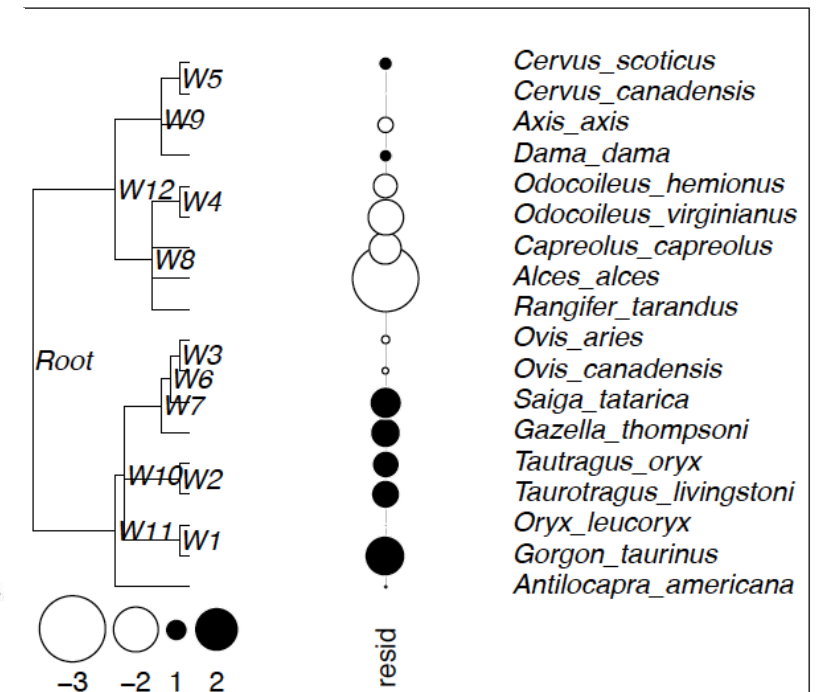
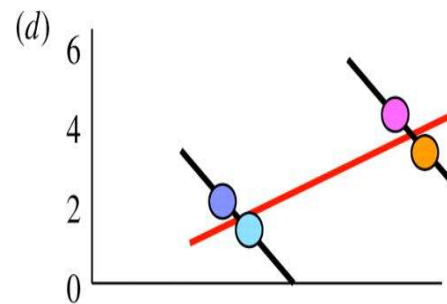
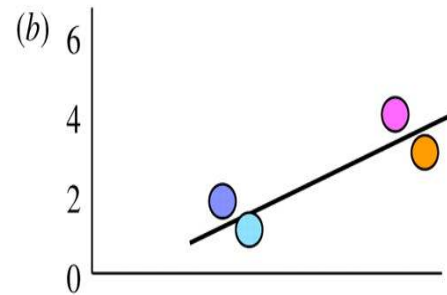
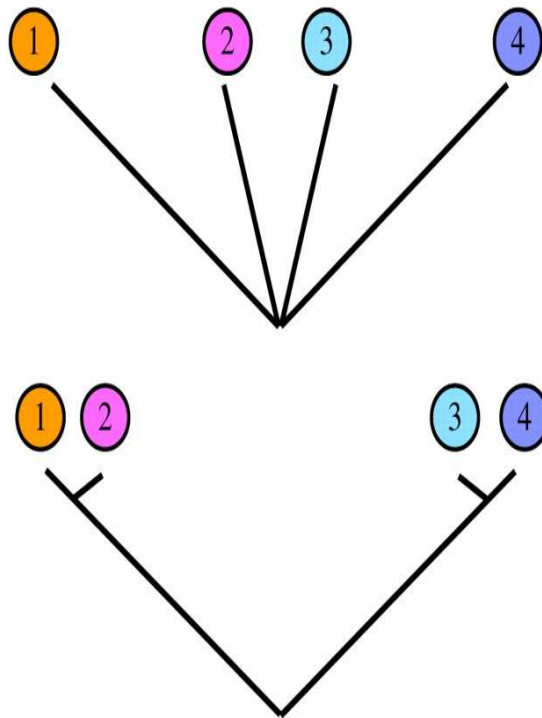


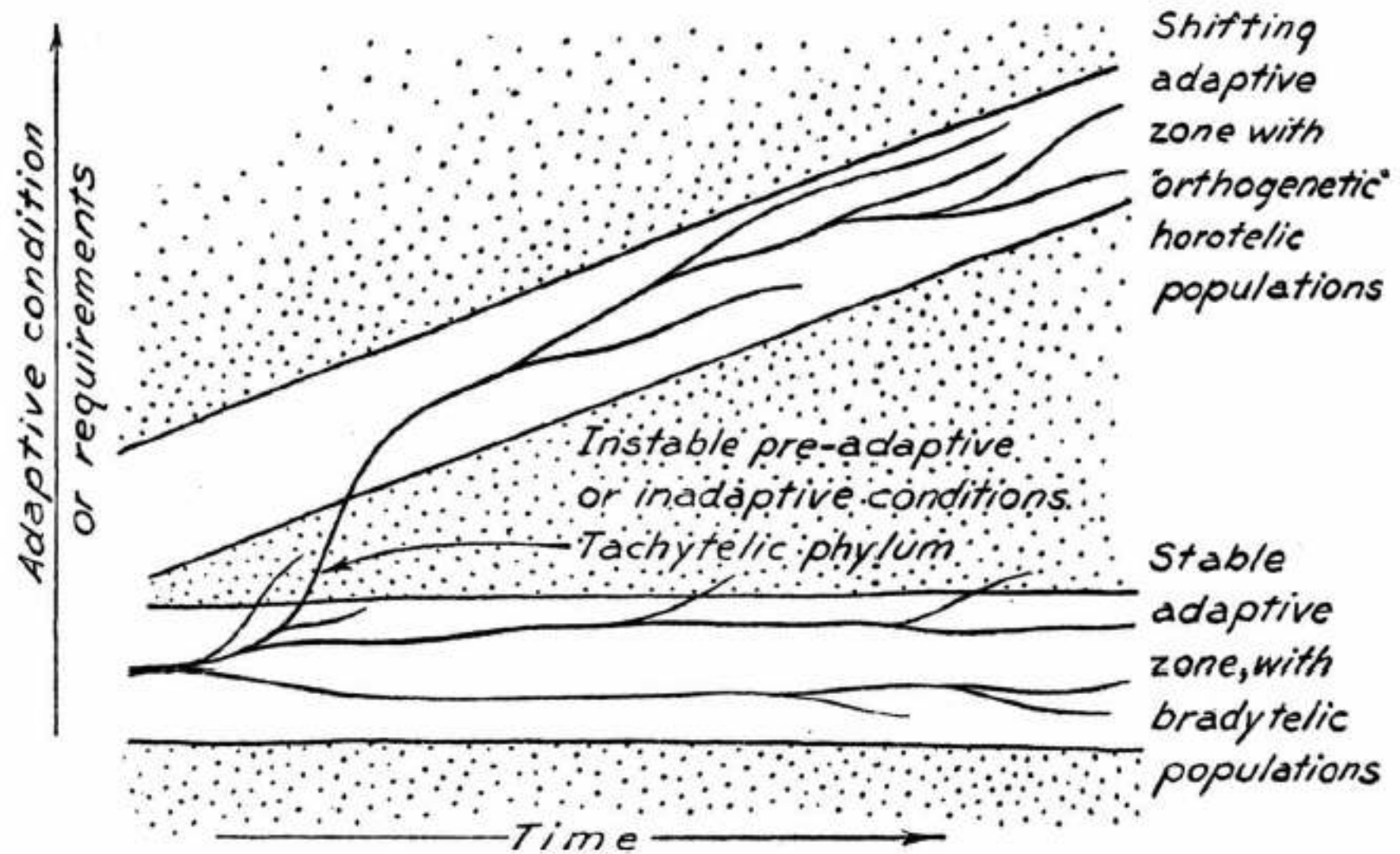
woodpecker finch



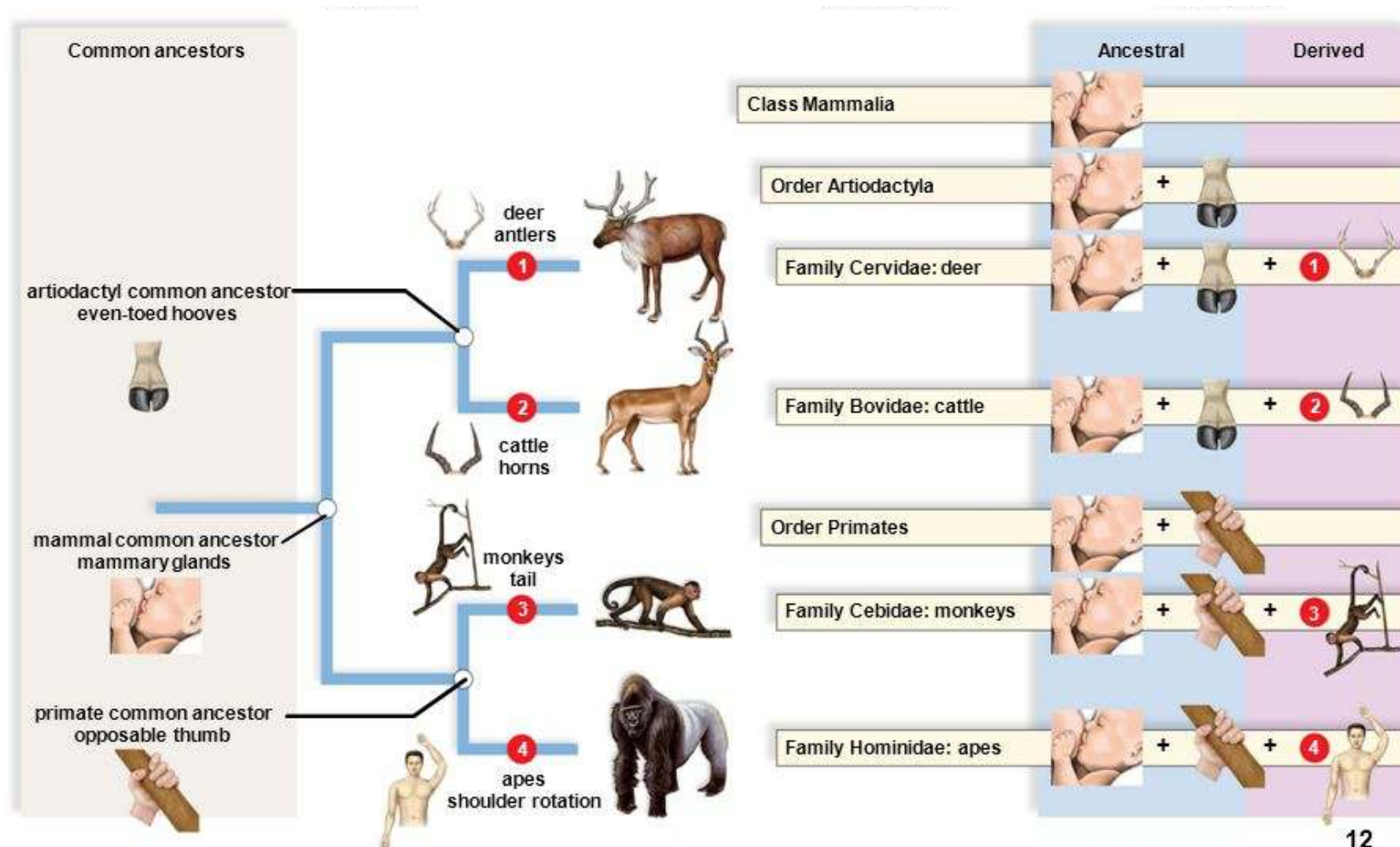
warbler finch

Interspecific data are not independent





The relationship between phylogeny, classification and traits

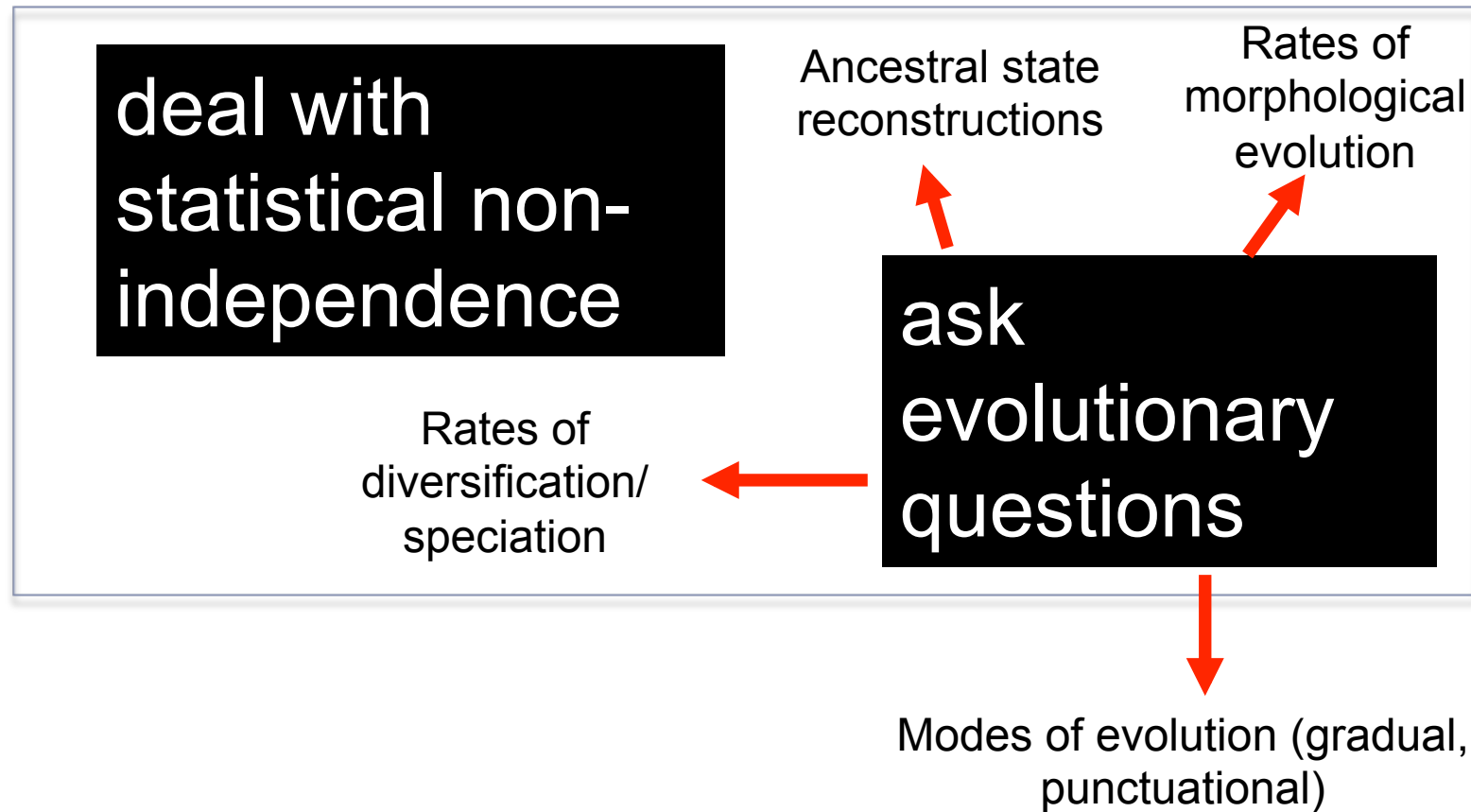


Axis of biodiversity

		Taxonomic	Phenotypic
Metric	Non-Phylo	Number of Species	Disparity (variance)
	Phylogenetically corrected	Diversification rate	Rate of trait Evolution

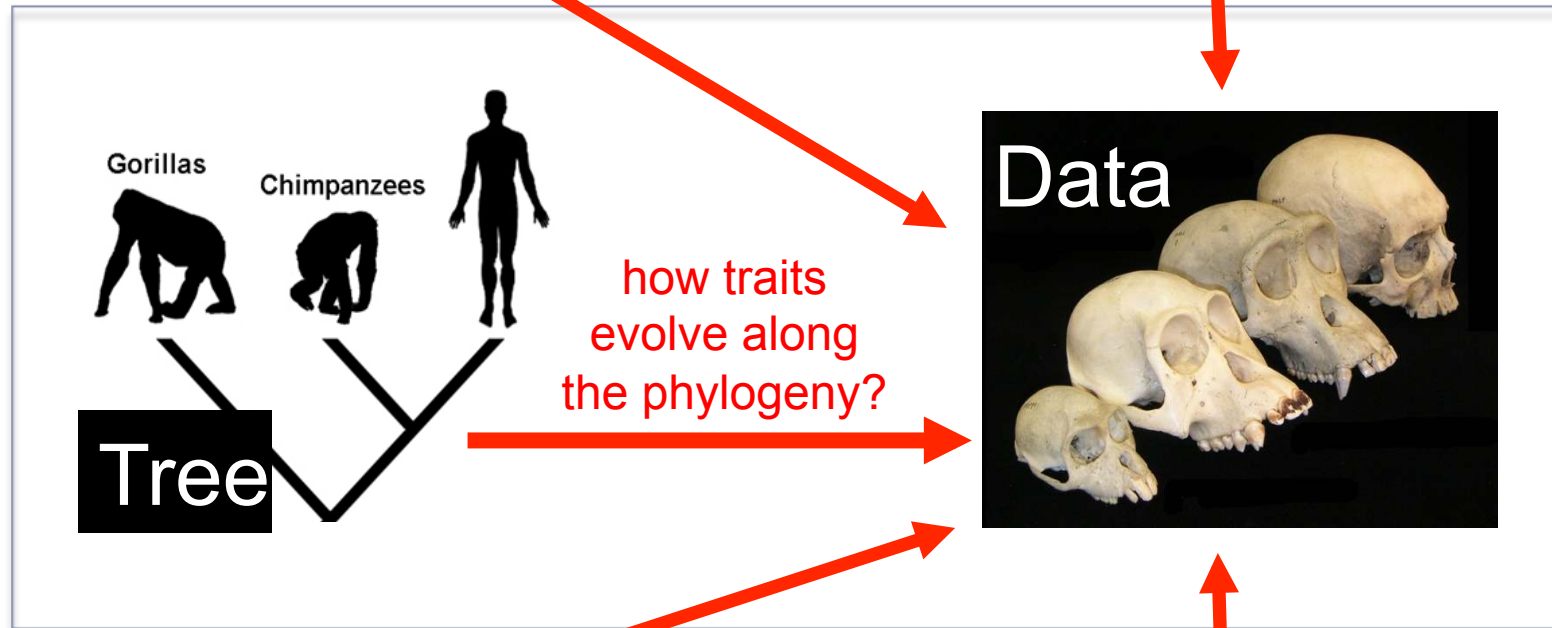


Phylogenetic methods can be used to



Community

Life-history,
physiology,
behavior...



Tree

how traits
evolve along
the phylogeny?

Data

Geography

Environment

Outline

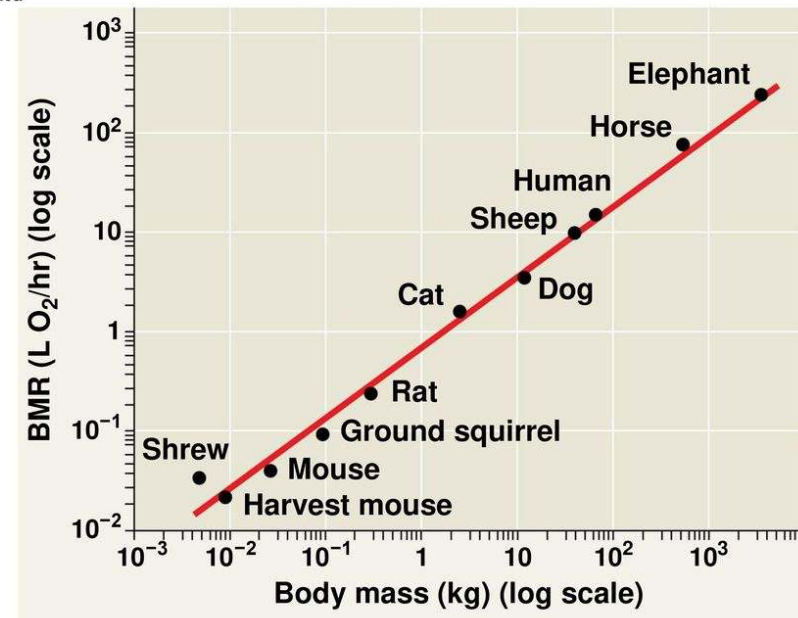
- ▶ Definitions and some assumptions
- ▶ Models of evolution
 - ▶ Continuous
 - ▶ Brownian, Early Burst, Ornstein-Uhlenbeck, Trend
 - ▶ Discrete
 - ▶ Mk model, extended Mk models (SYM,ARD), threshold model
 - ▶ Phylogenetic signal
- ▶ Ancestral-state reconstructions
 - ▶ Parsimony
 - ▶ Maximum-likelihood
 - ▶ Stochastic mapping



Definitions: what is trait?

- ▶ Heritable and reliable species-specific characteristics
 - ▶ morphology
 - ▶ behavior
 - ▶ physiology
 - ▶ life-history
 - ▶ gene sequence
- ▶ Continuous vs. discrete

Figure 40.20a



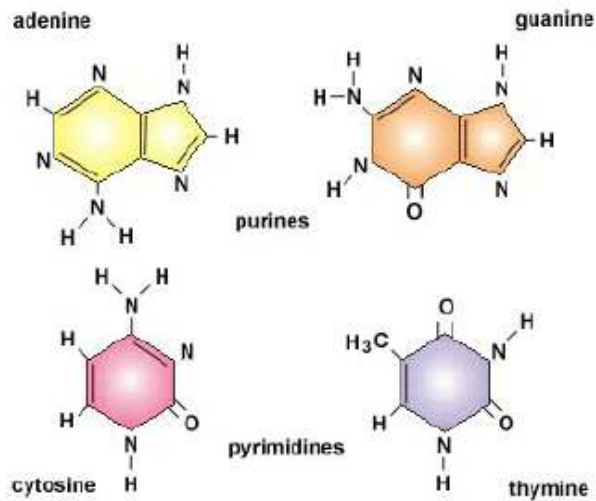
(a) Relationship of basal metabolic rate (BMR) to body size for various mammals

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Definitions: what is trait?

- Discretely-coded traits

- Intrinsically discrete traits



Wings



No wings



Aquatic



Terrestrial

Definitions: what is trait?

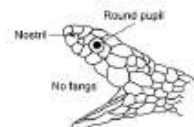
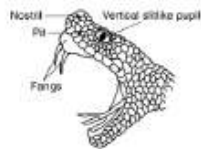
- Discretely-coded traits
- Discretize continuous traits



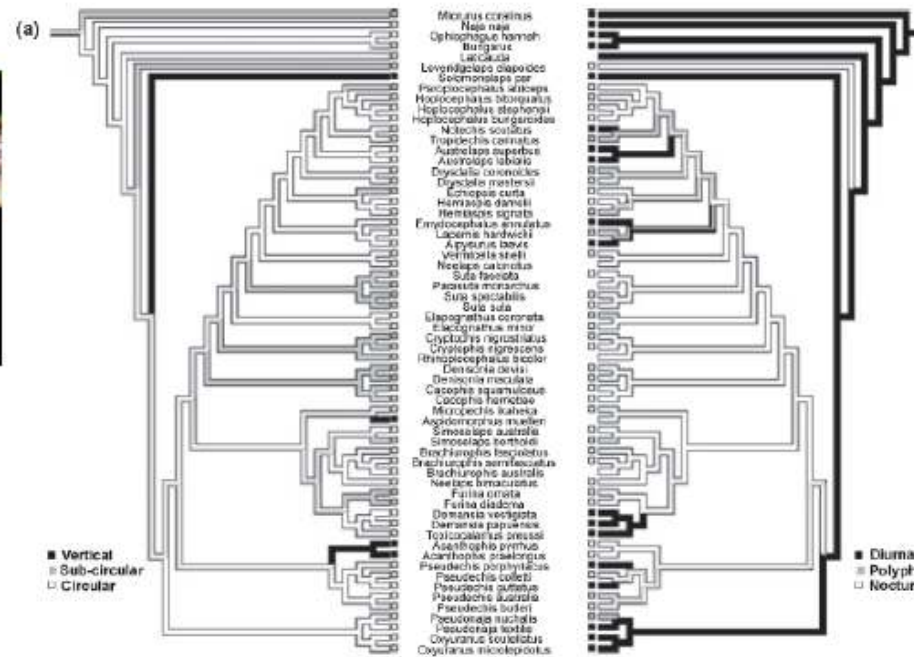
Pit Viper



Nonvenomous Snake



Pupil shape in snakes

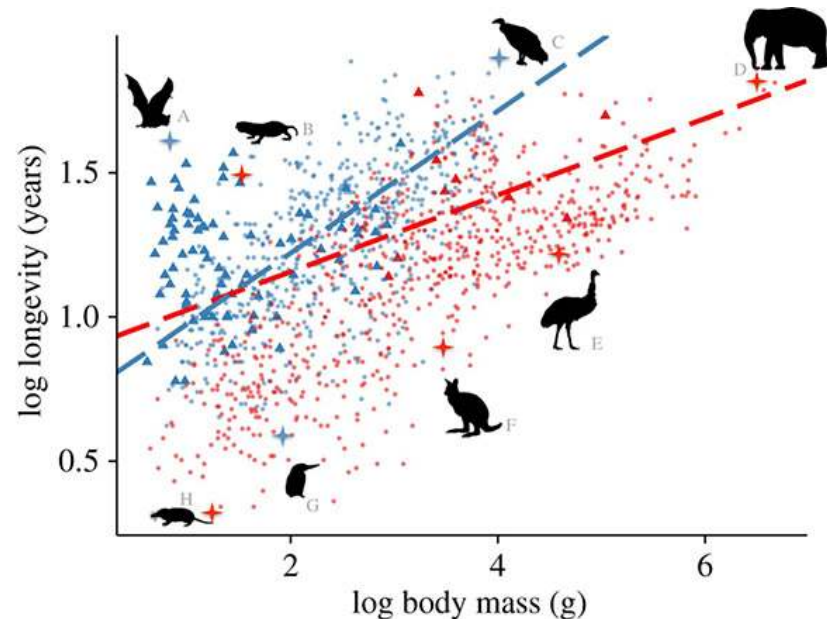


Brischoux et al. 2010

Definitions: what is trait?

► Continuous traits

- Ordinal
- Interval

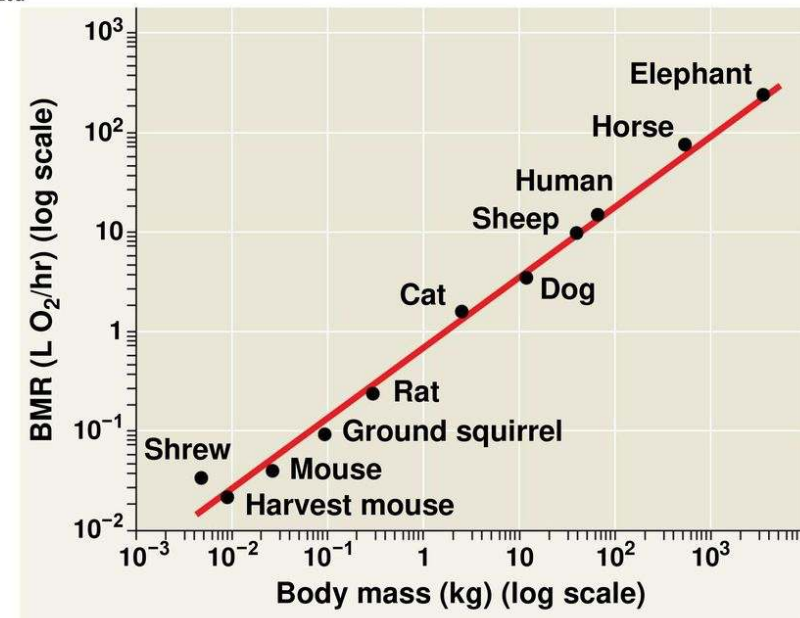


Parameter	Description	Score
Appearance (Also note if abdominal distention is present)	N: bright eyes; shiny, well-groomed hair coat	2
	Abn: unkempt hair coat, dull fur	1
	Abn: Hunching, piloerection	0
Natural behavior	N: Active; interactive in environment	3
	Slight decrease in activity; less interactive	2
	Abn: Pronounced decrease in activity; isolated	1
	Abn: Possible selfmutilation; hyperactive or immobile	0
Provoked behavior	N: Quickly moves away	3
	Slow to move away or exaggerated response	2
	Abn: Moves away after short period of time	1
	Abn: Does not move or reacts with excessively exaggerated response	0
Body condition score	1, emaciated; 2, thin; 3, normal; 4, overweight; 5, obese	1-5
Total score		1-13

Definitions: what is trait?

- ▶ Heritable and reliable species-specific characteristics
 - ▶ morphology
 - ▶ behavior
 - ▶ physiology
 - ▶ life-history
 - ▶ gene sequence
- ▶ Continuous vs. discrete
- ▶ Often measured with error
 - ▶ Within-species variance
 - ▶ Use of proxies
 - ▶ Apple / orange problem
- ▶ Original vs. log transformed scale

Figure 40.20a

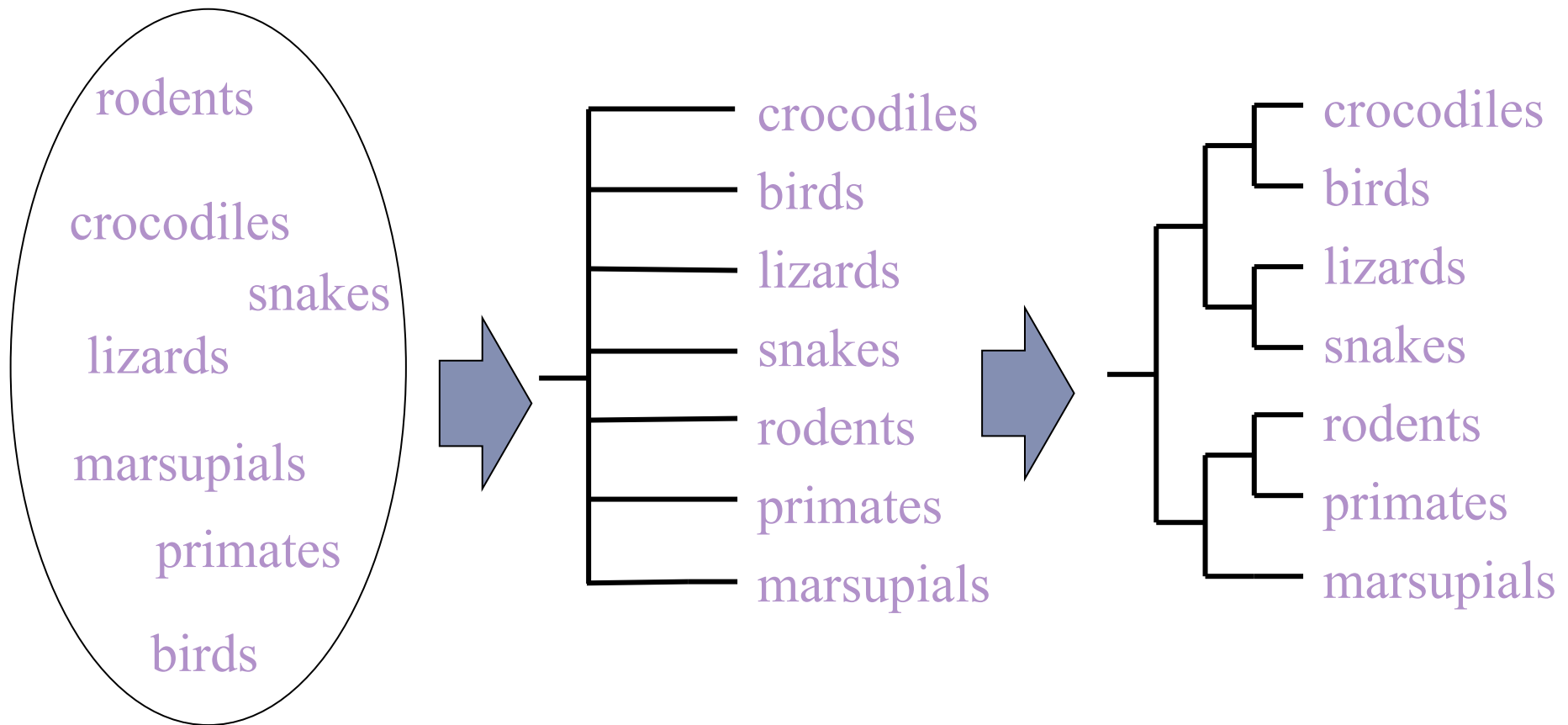


(a) Relationship of basal metabolic rate (BMR) to body size for various mammals

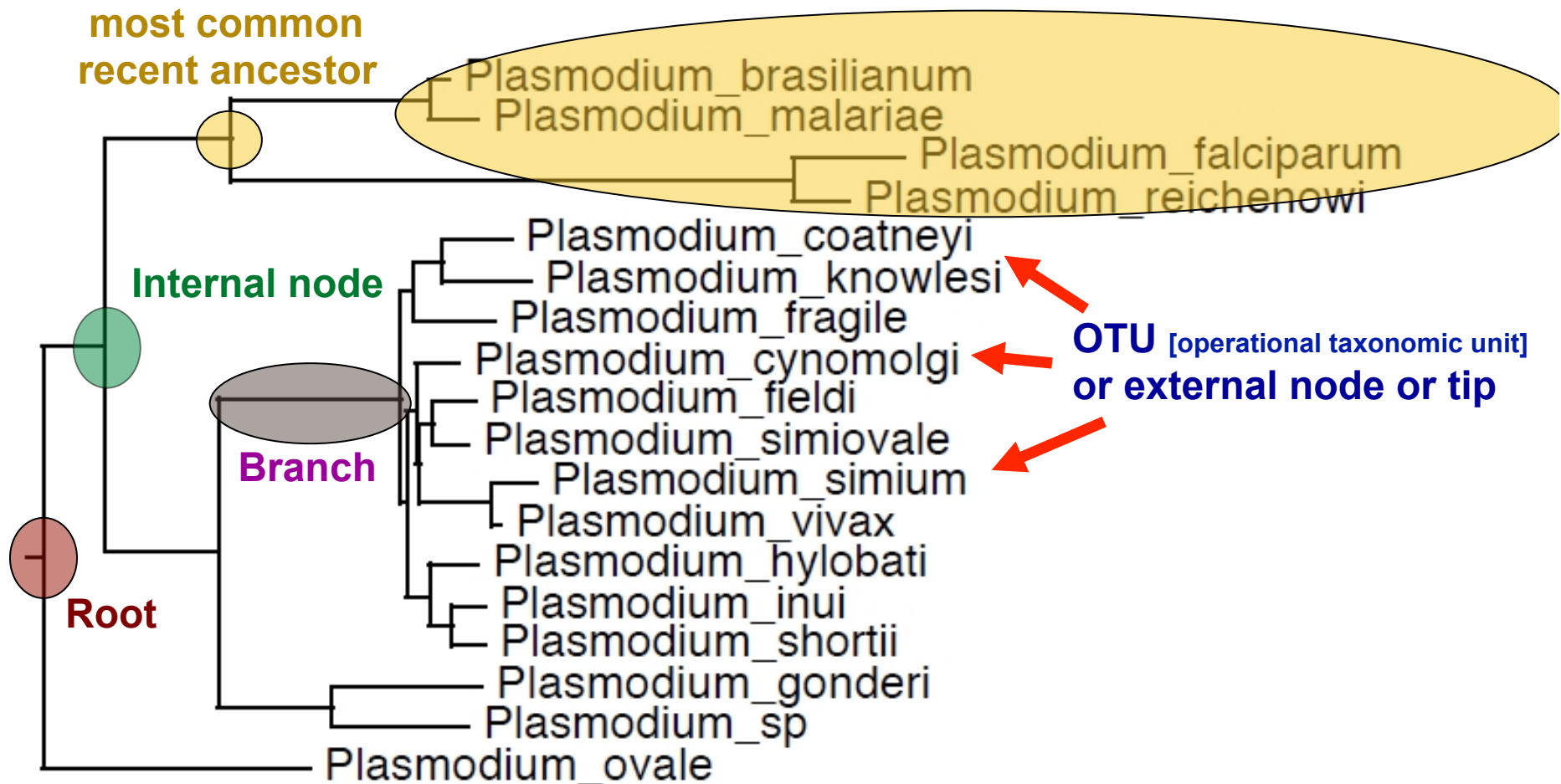
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Definitions: what is tree?

A phylogenetic tree is the hierarchical classification of taxa that reflects their evolutionary relationships



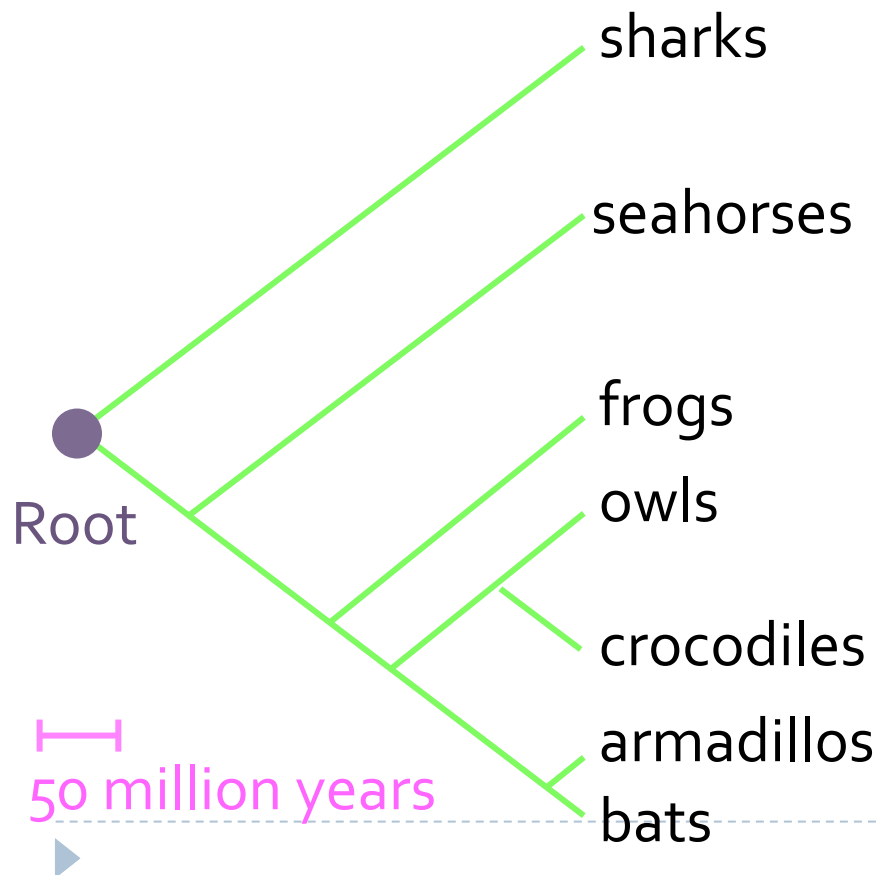
Terminology



Phylogram of primate-infecting malaria

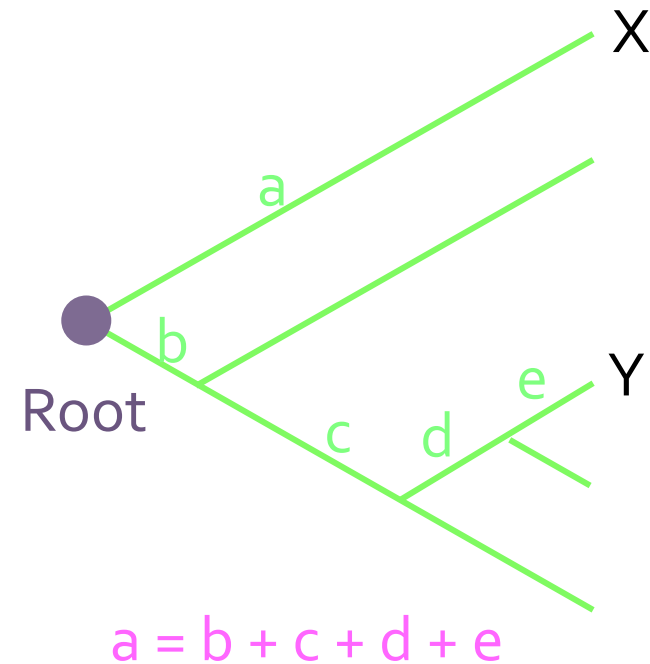
Time scaled phylogenies are ultrametric

Evolutionary trees
measure **time**.



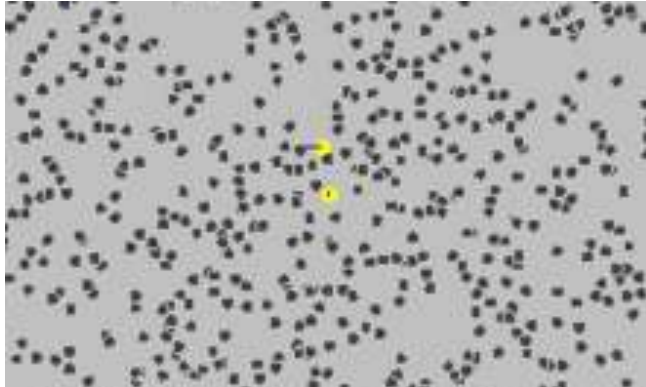
Ultrametricity

All tips are an equal
distance from the root.



Evolution of continuous traits

Brownian motion



$$dX_{(t)} = \sigma^2 * t$$

t = the step over which BM occurs

σ^2 = Brownian rate

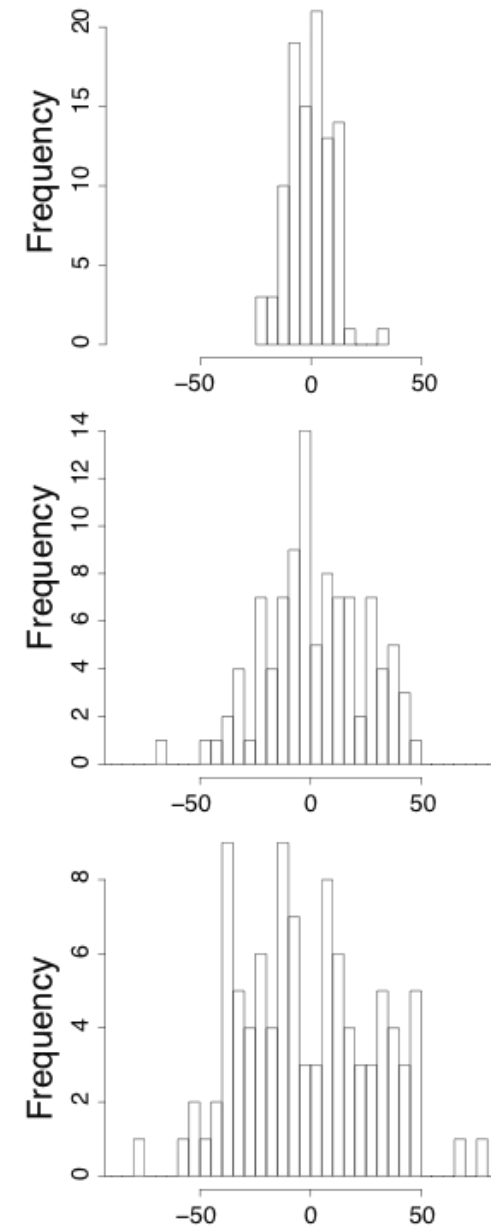
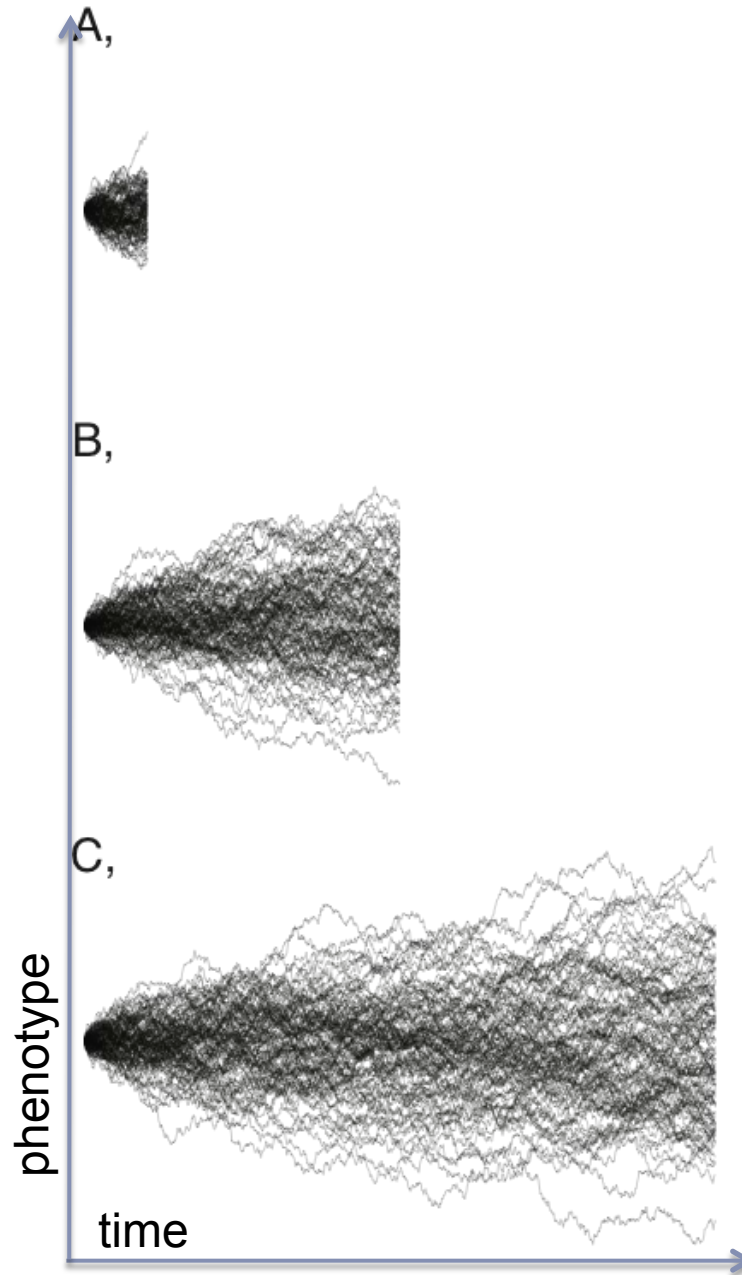
stochastic, “random walk”: changes of movements occur randomly and independently, in both direction and distance, at any time interval

$$E[\bar{z}(t)] = \bar{z}(0)$$

$$\bar{z}(t) \sim N(\bar{z}(0), \sigma^2 t)$$

► Robert Brown (1773 – 1858)

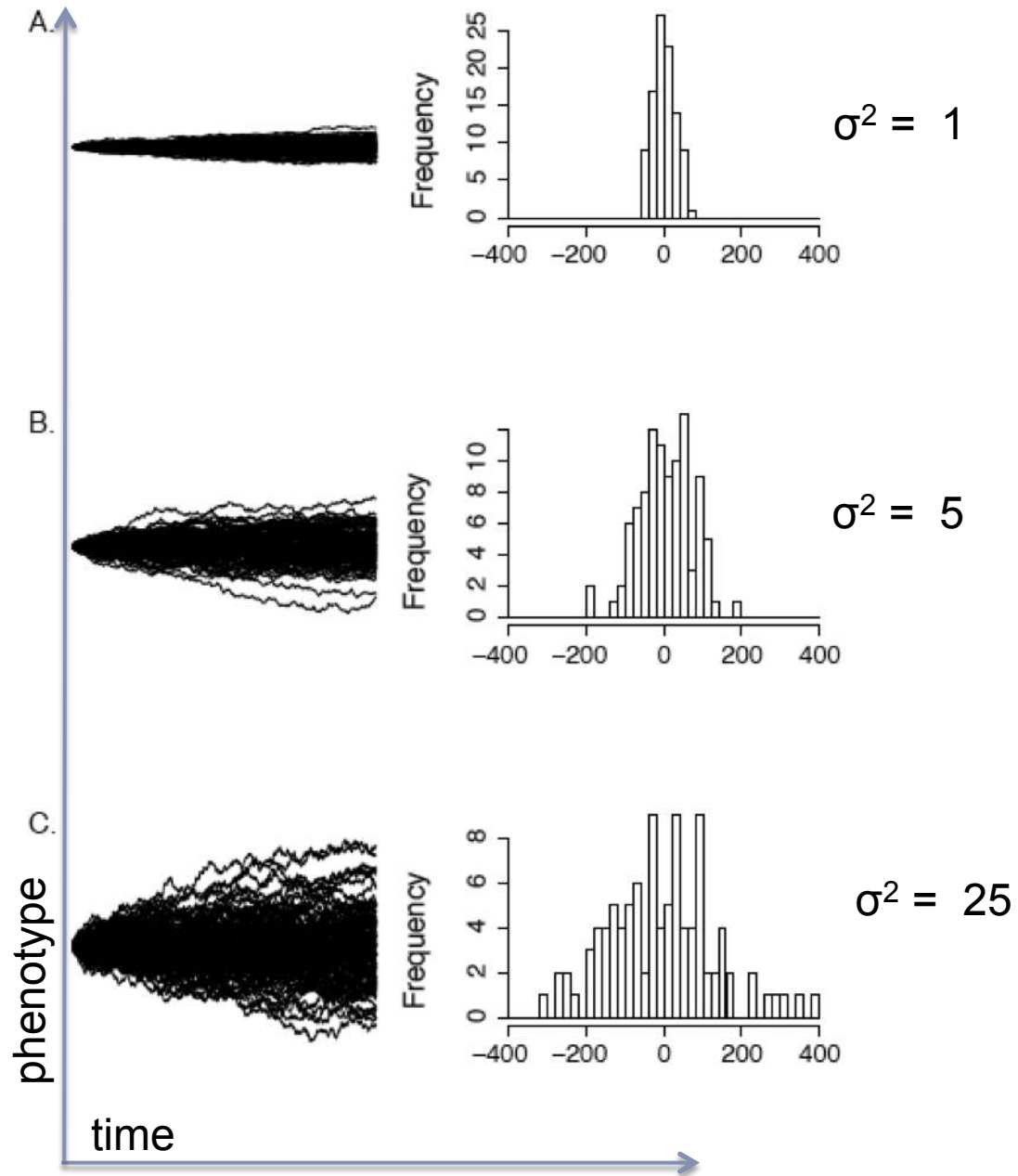
Effect of
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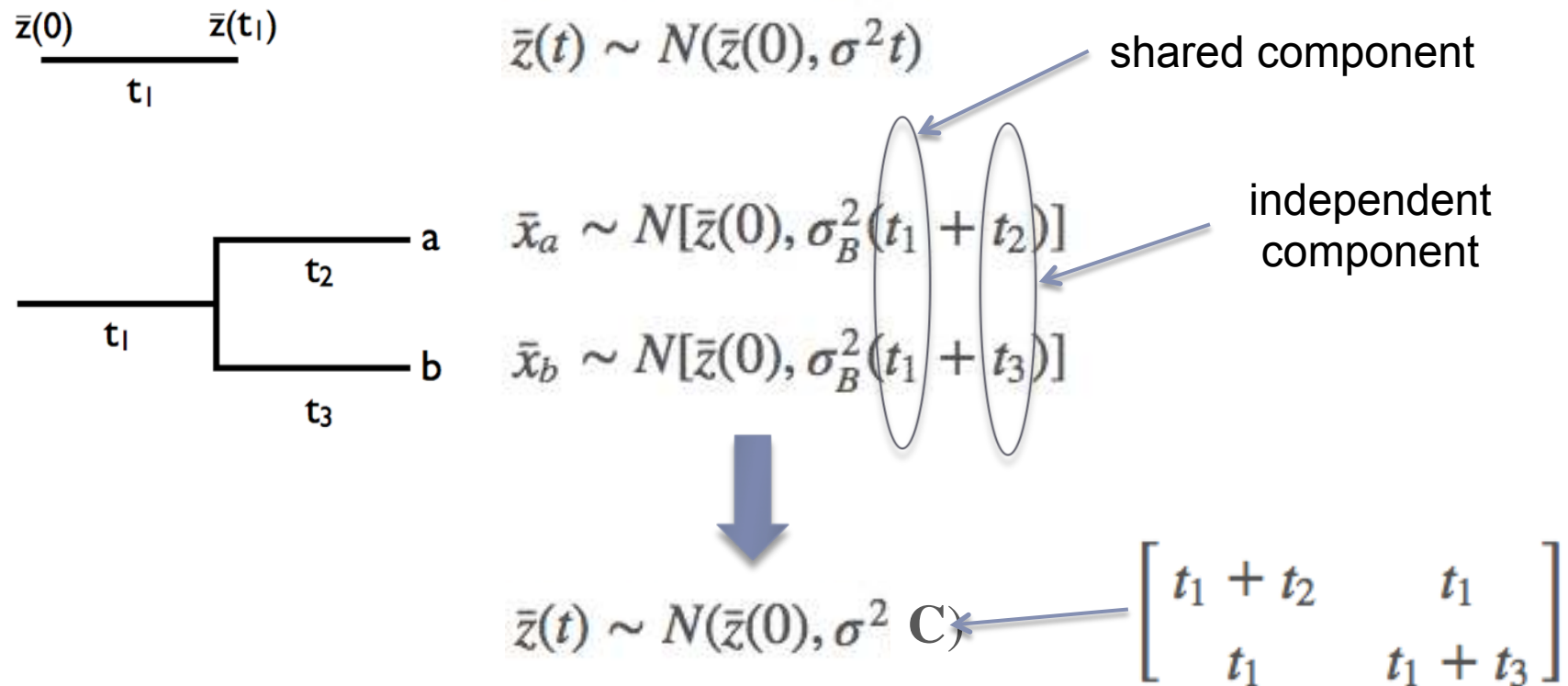
Effect of
rate



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Brownian motion on a phylogeny



Brownian motion on a phylogeny

$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$

Metric	Taxonomic	Phenotypic
Non-Phylo	Number of Species	Disparity (variance)
Phylogenetically corrected	Diversification rate	Rate of trait Evolution

Brownian motion on a phylogeny

rate of evolution

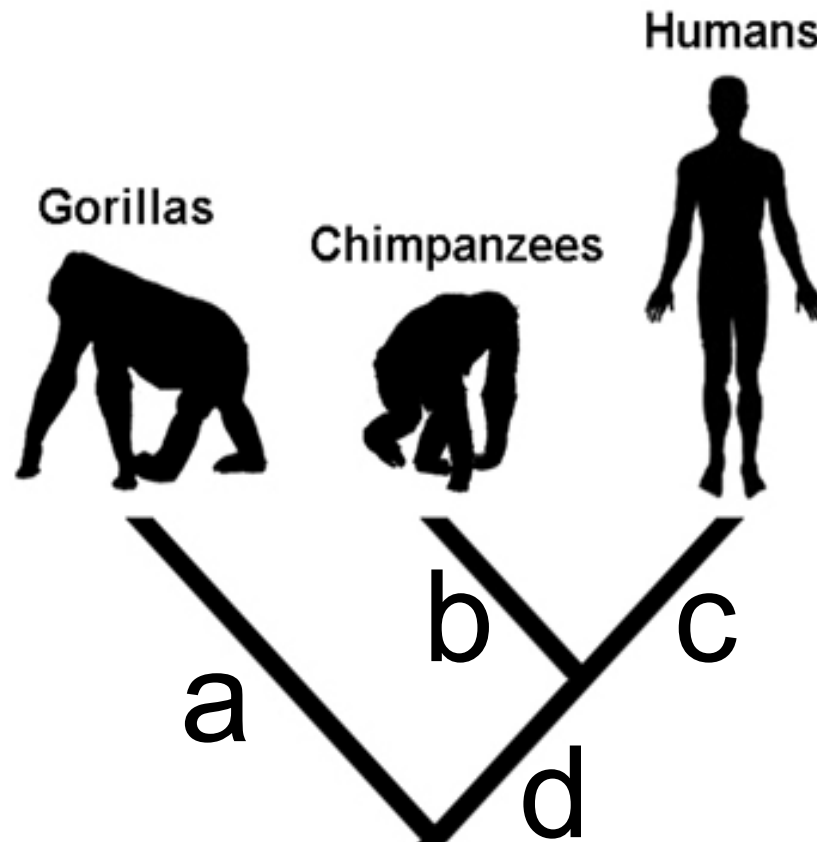
Expected trait variance under BM

$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$

mean total evolutionary history
(average distance from tips to the root)

mean of **non-independent** evolutionary history
(average amount of shared-distance)

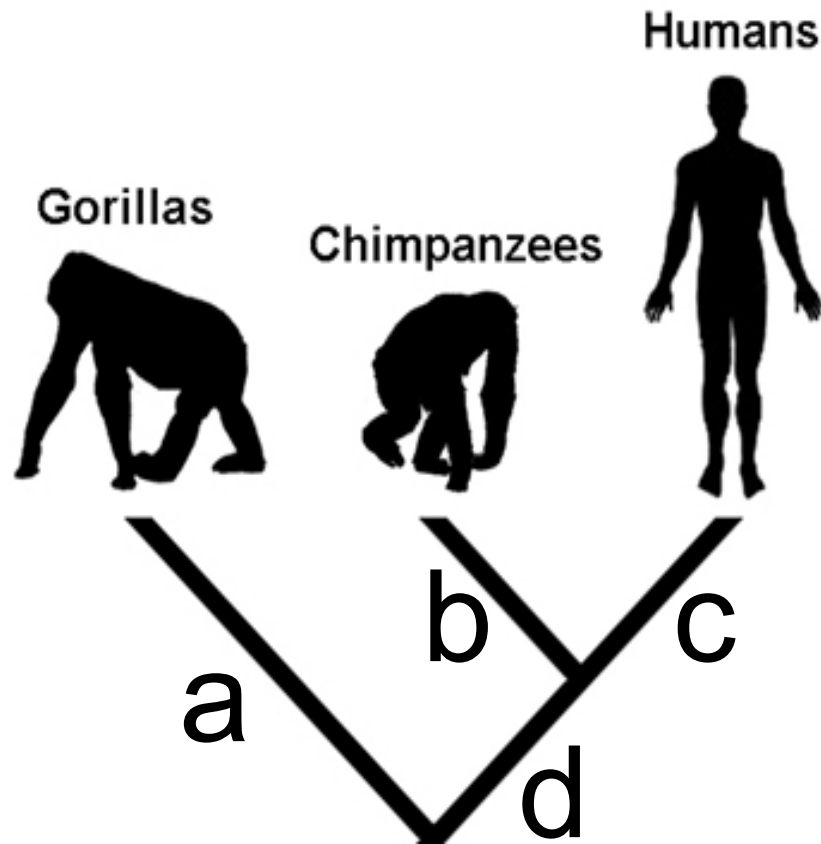
C: Variance-covariance matrix



$$\begin{aligned}c &= b \\c + d &= a \\b + d &= a\end{aligned}$$



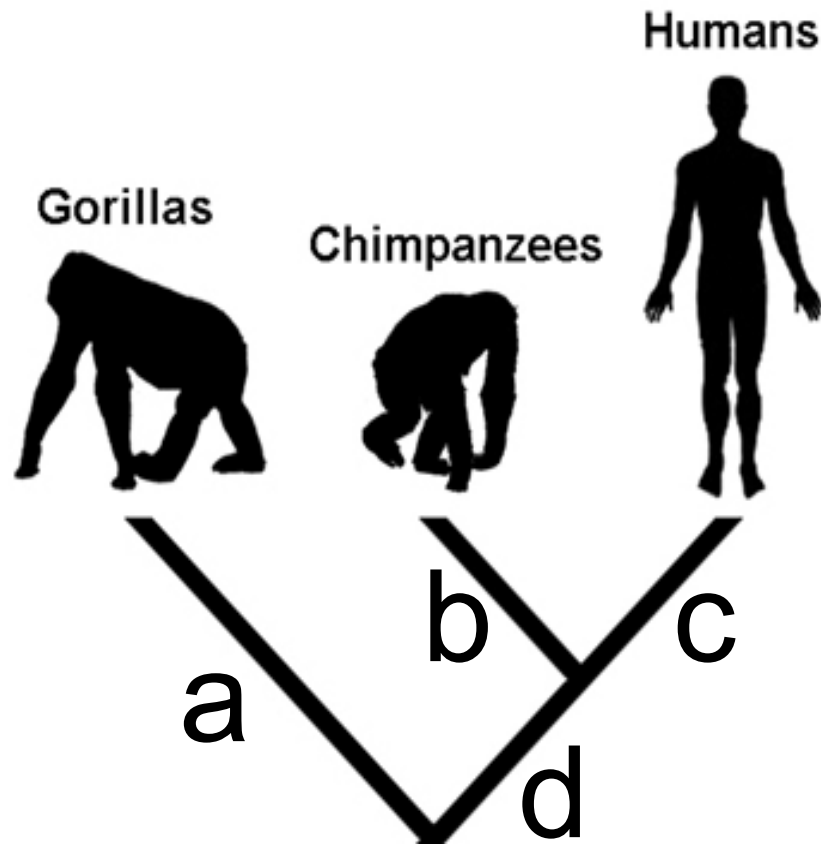
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Diagonal = tree length

	H	C	G
H			
C			
G			

C: Variance-covariance matrix



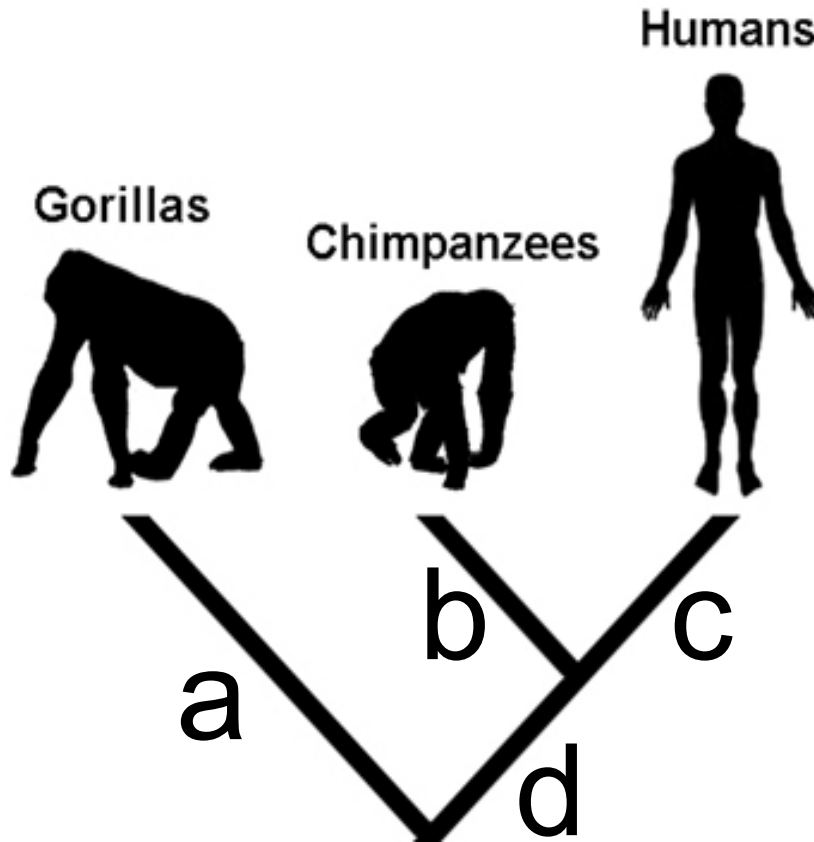
Diagonal = tree length

	H	C	G
H	$d+c$		
C		$d+b$	
G			a



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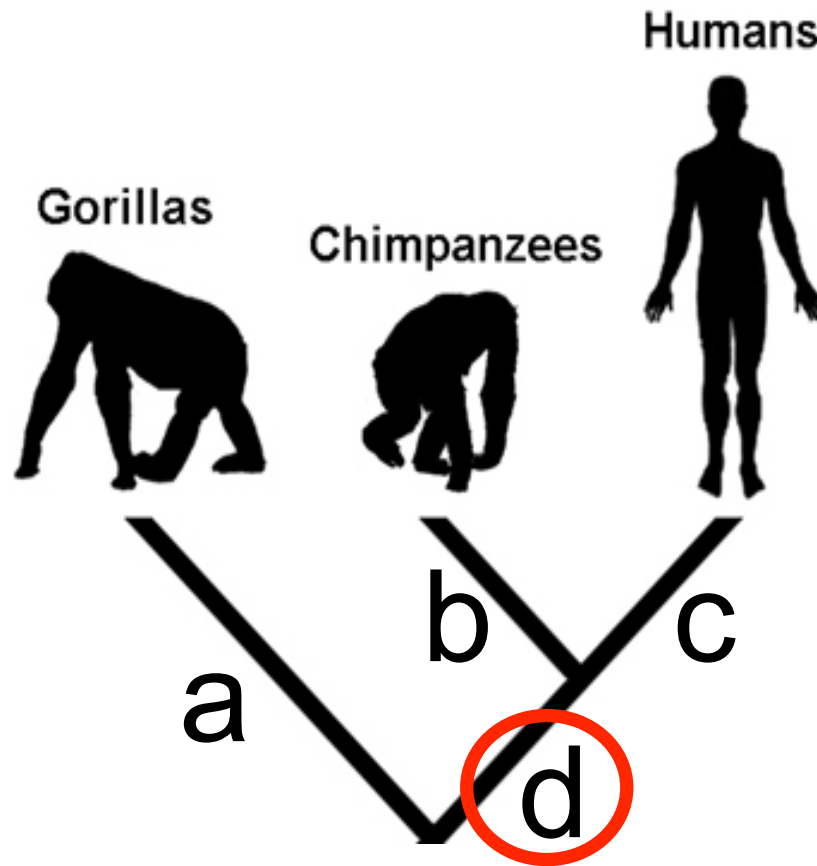
Off-diagonal = shared branch length for each pair



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C		$d+b$	
G			a

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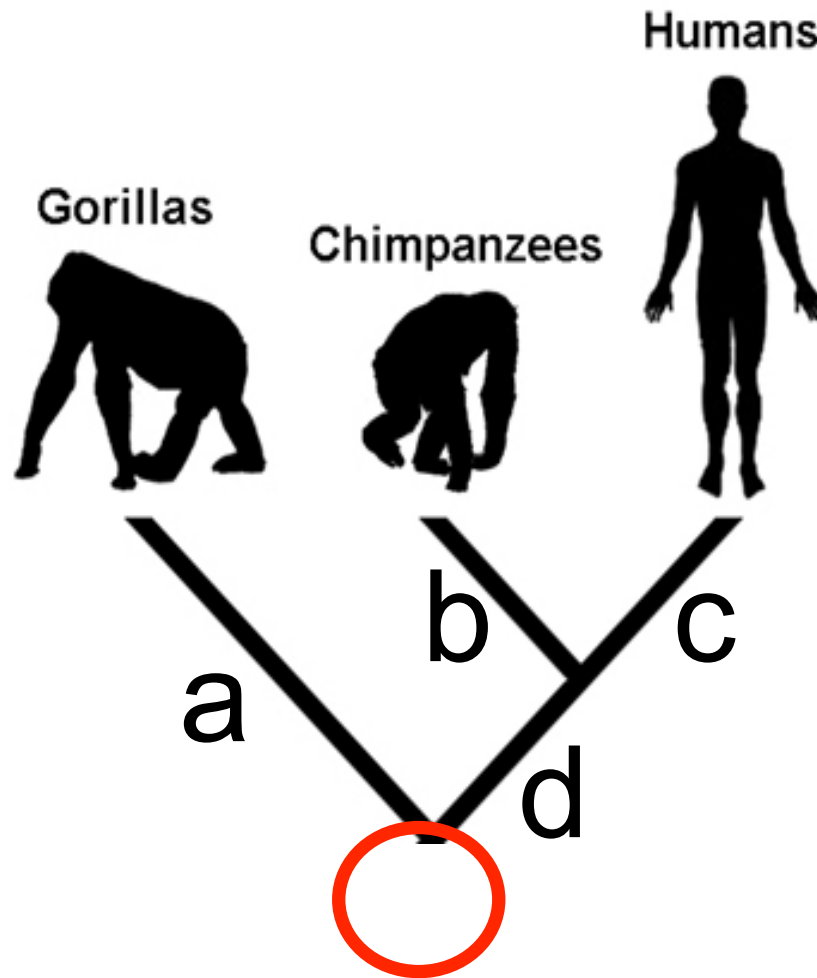
Off-diagonal = shared branch length for each pair



	H	C	G
H	$d+c$	d	
C	d	$d+b$	
G			a

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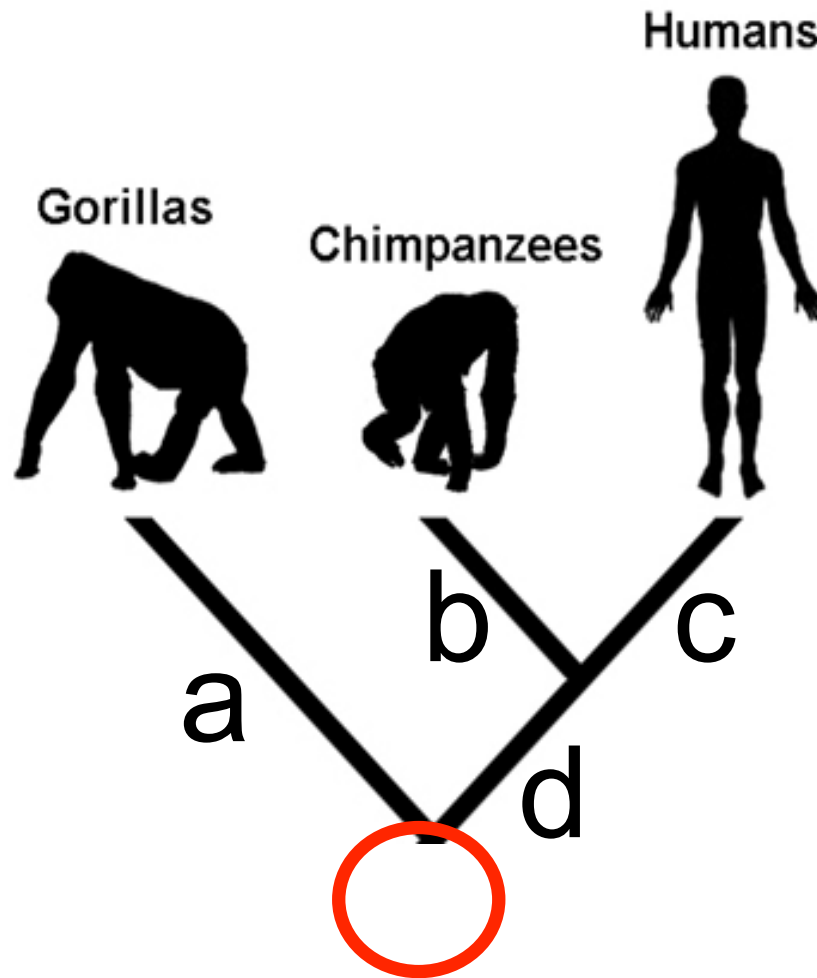
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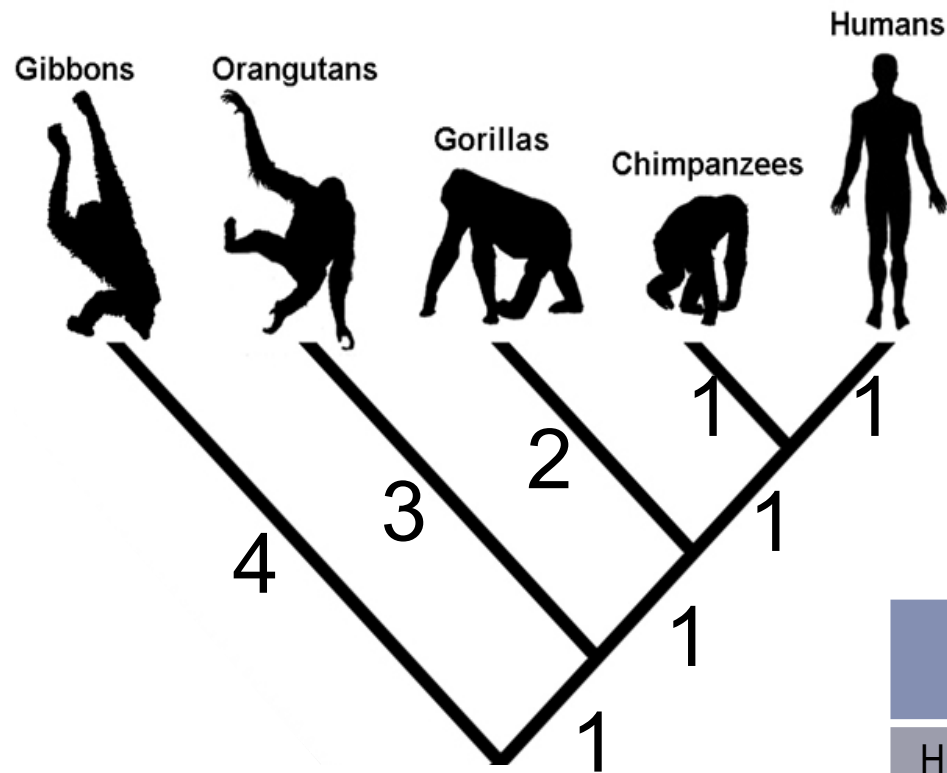
	H	C	G
H	$d+c$	d	0
C	d	$d+b$	
G	0		a

C: Variance-covariance matrix

Off-diagonal = shared branch length for each pair



	H	C	G
H	$d+c$	d	0
C	d	$d+b$	0
G	0	0	a



	Human	Pan	Gorilla	Pongo	Gibbon
Human	4	3	2	1	0
Pan	3	4	2	1	0
Gorilla	2	2	4	1	0
Pongo	1	1	1	4	0
Gibbon	0	0	0	0	4



$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$

[4 -]

average
distance from
tips to the root
(tree length)

	Human	Pan	Gorilla	Pongo	Gibbon
Human	4	3	2	1	0
Pan	3	4	2	1	0
Gorilla	2	2	4	1	0
Pongo	1	1	1	4	0
Gibbon	0	0	0	0	4

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[4 - 1.6]

average amount
of shared-
distance
(average entry
of **C**)

	Human	Pan	Gorilla	Pongo	Gibbon
Human	4	3	2	1	0
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Gorilla	2	2	4	1	0
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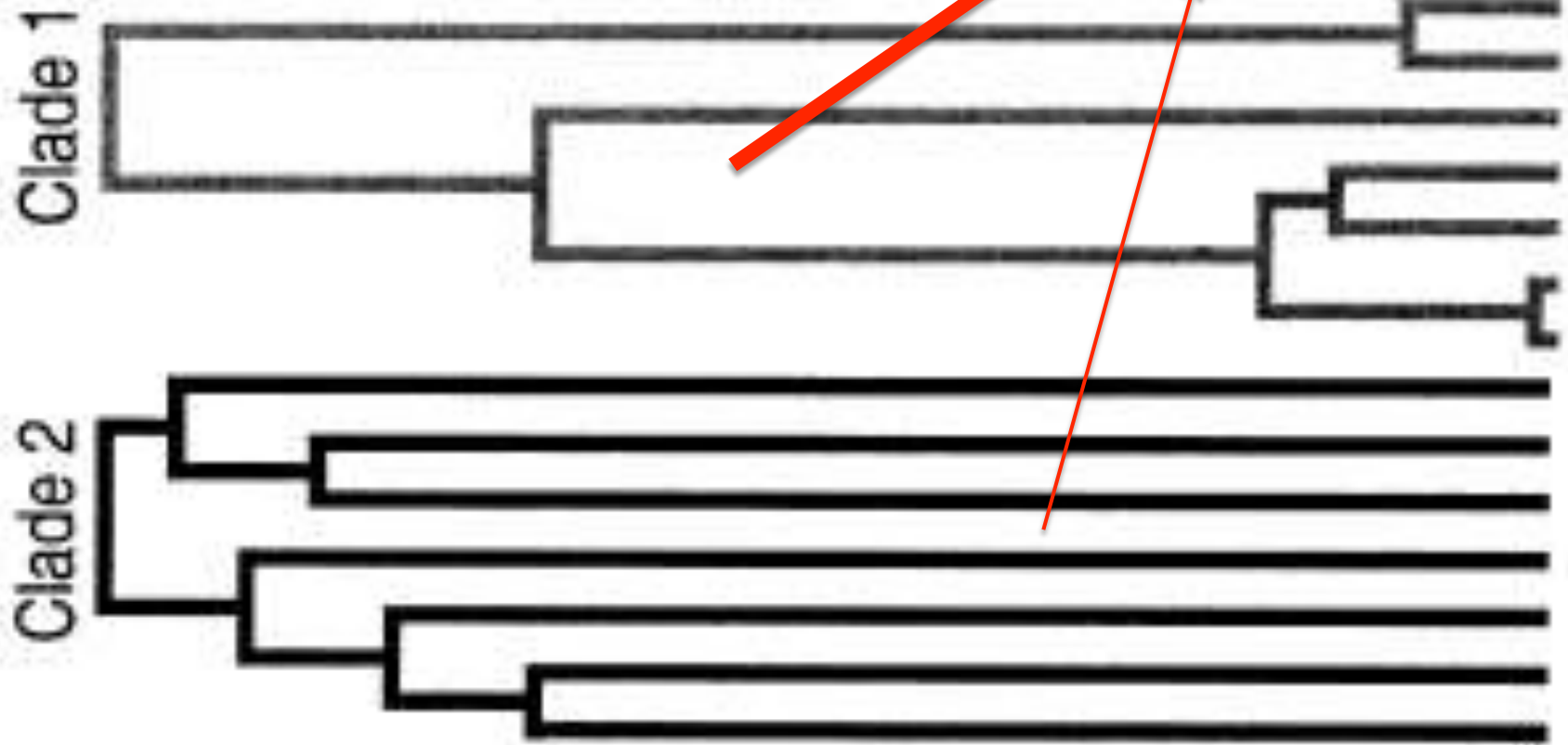
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$$2.4 = [4 - 1.6]$$

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$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$



Alternatives to Brownian motion

- ▶ Variable rates over the tree
- ▶ Declining rates through time (Early Burst, EB/AC)
- ▶ Accelerating rates through time (Late Burst, LB/DC)
- ▶ A single stable adaptive peak (Ornstein-Uhlenbeck, OU)
- ▶ Variable adaptive peaks (Ornstein-Uhlenbeck, OU)
- ▶ Trends in the mean trait value (BM with a trend)
- ▶ Mixtures of the above, and more



Alternatives to Brownian motion

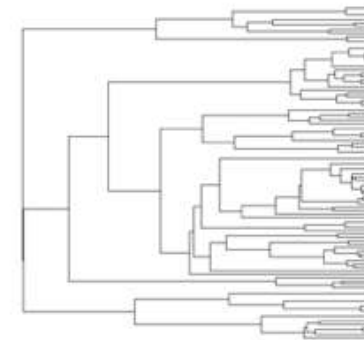
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Tree transformations: altering rate of evolution

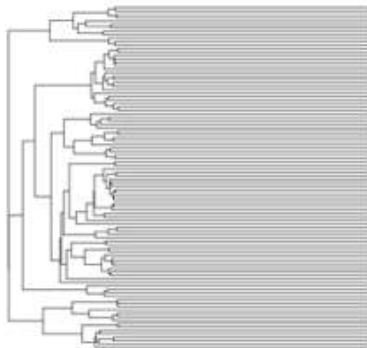
- ▶ Longer branches, higher rate
- ▶ Pagel's transformations
- ▶ Alteration of the **C** matrix

Starting tree

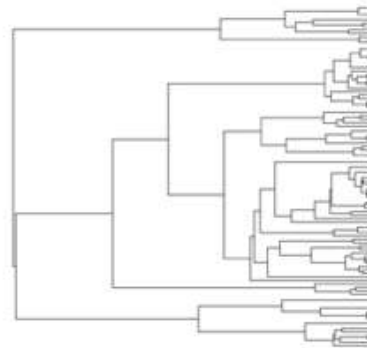


Tree Transformations

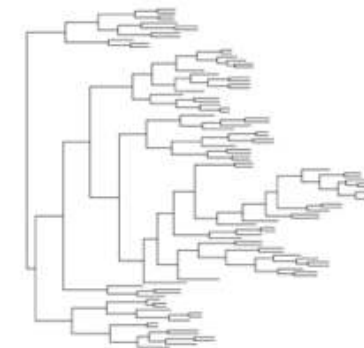
$\lambda = 0.3$



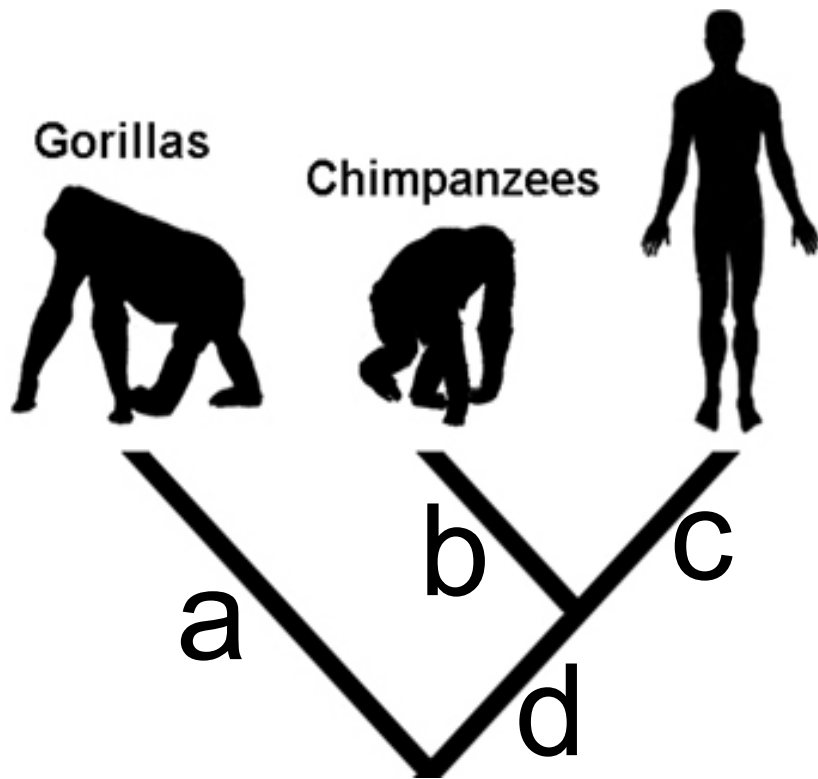
$\delta = 0.3$



$\kappa = 0.3$

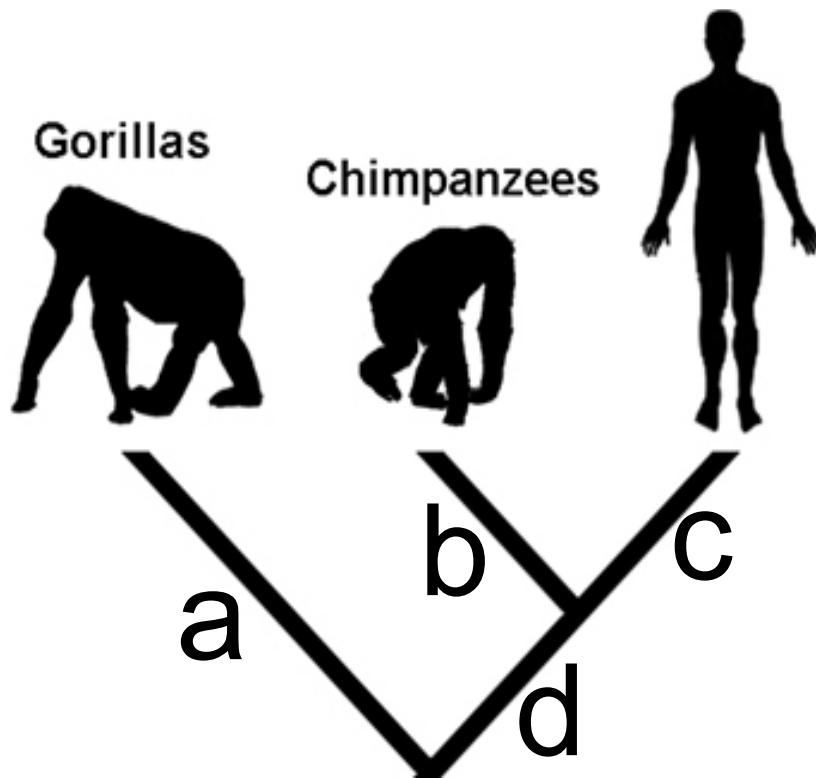


Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



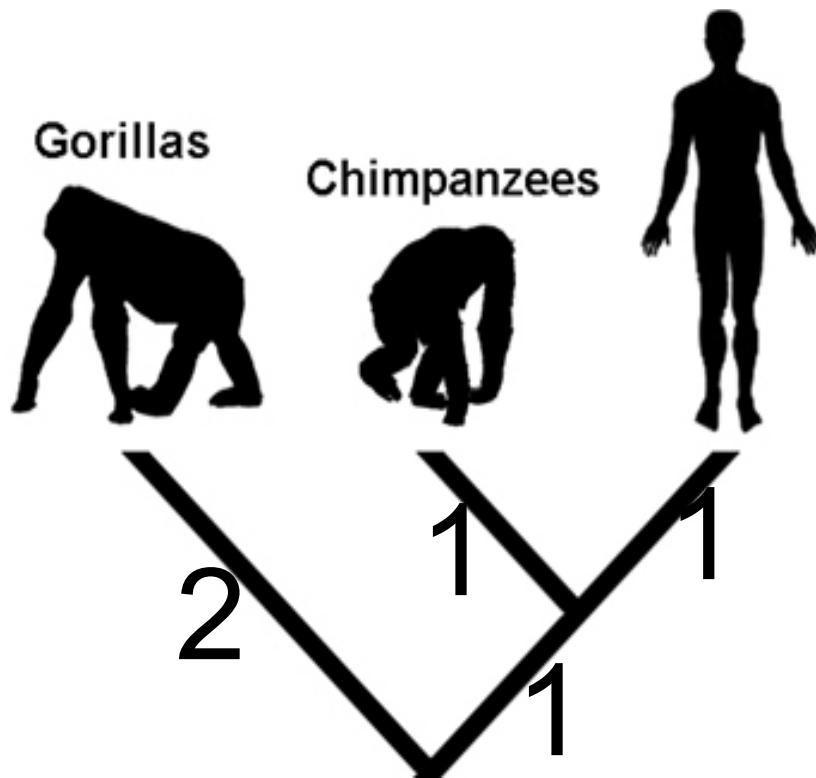
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H	$d+c$	d	0
C	d	$d+b$	0
G	0	0	a

Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



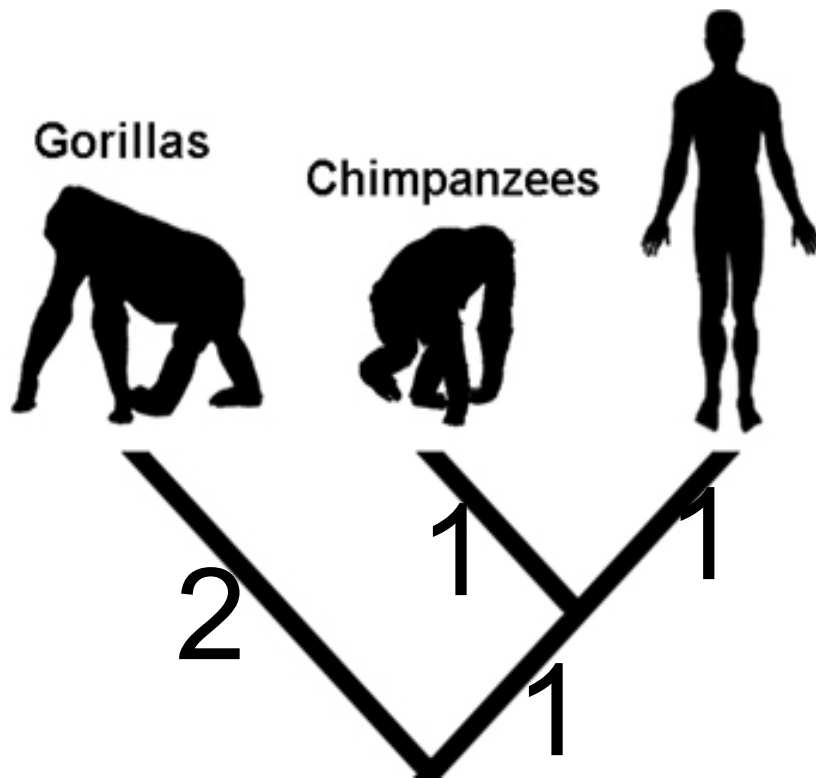
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C	λd	$d+b$	$\lambda 0$
G	$\lambda 0$	$\lambda 0$	a

Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



	H	C	G
H	2	λI	$\lambda 0$
C	λI	2	$\lambda 0$
G	$\lambda 0$	$\lambda 0$	2

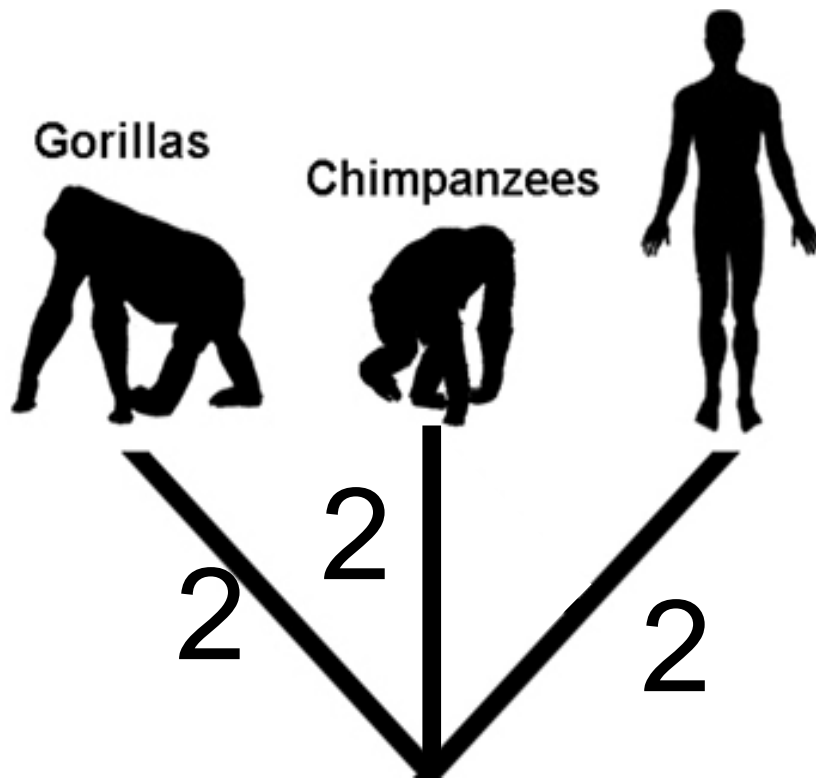
Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



	H	C	G
H	2	λ	0
C	λ	2	0
G	0	0	2



Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals

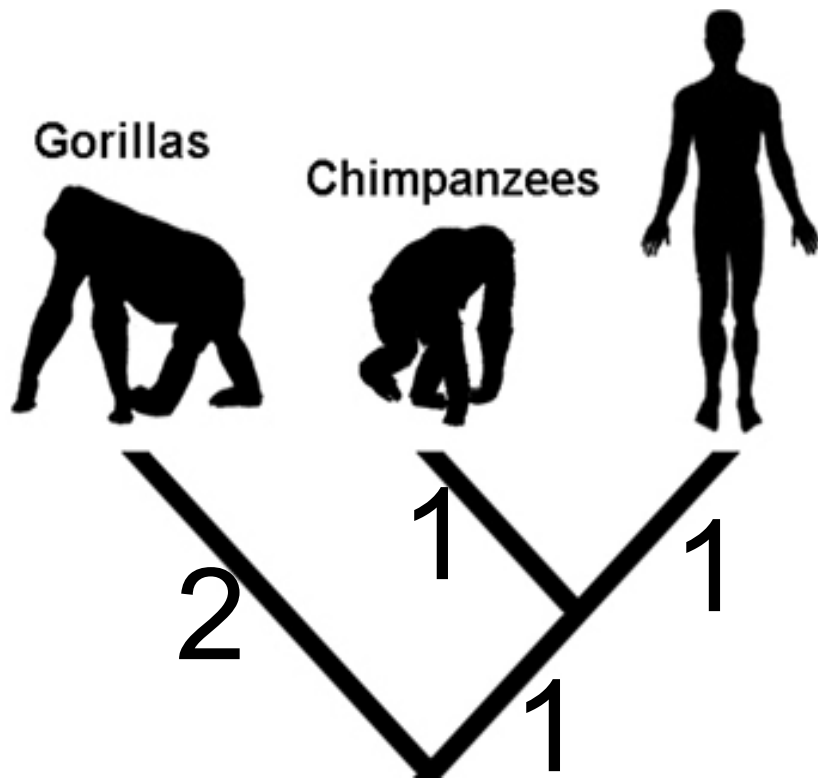


	H	C	G
H	2	0	0
C	0	2	0
G	0	0	2

$$\lambda = 0$$



Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals

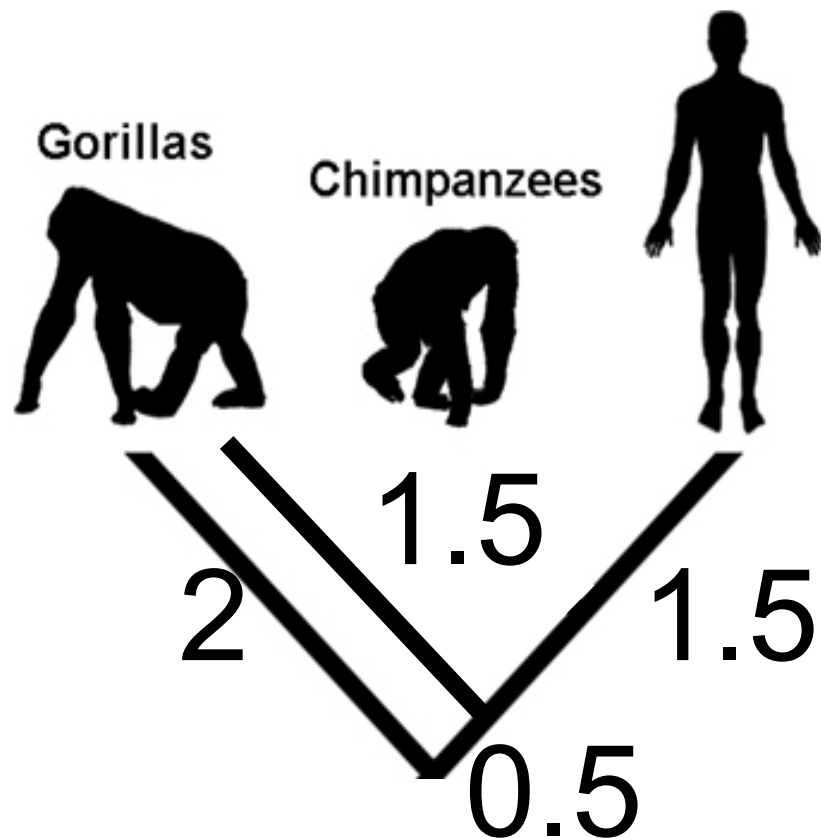


	H	C	G
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C	1	2	0
G	0	0	2

$$\lambda = 1$$



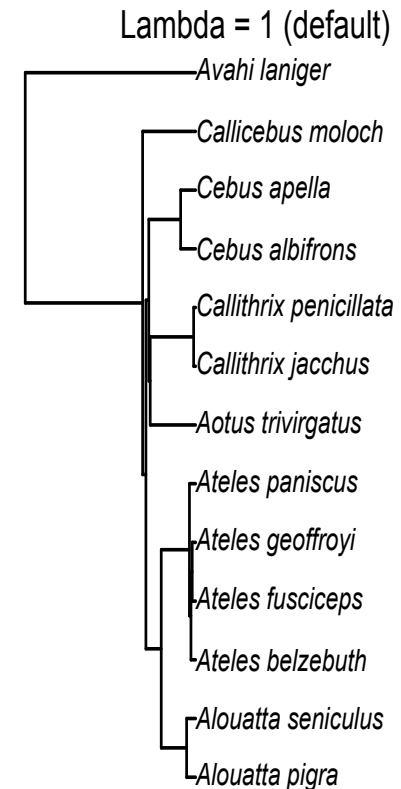
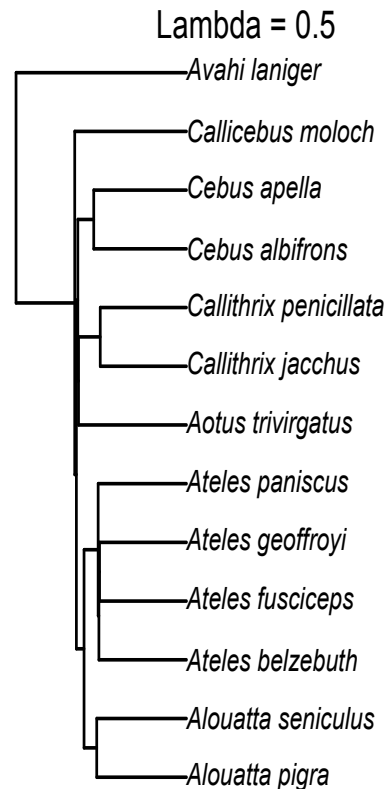
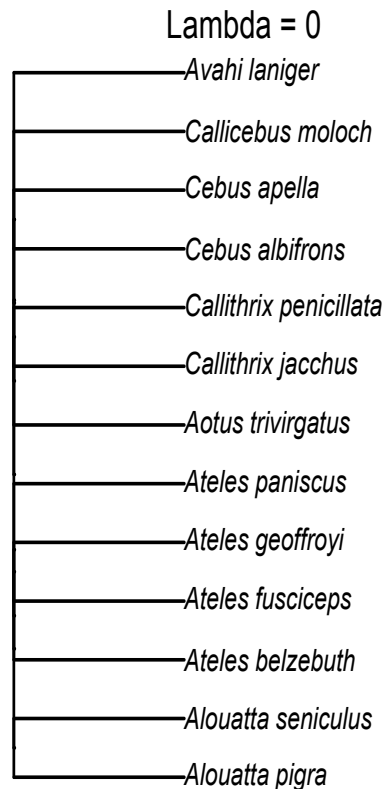
Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



	H	C	G
H	2	0.5	0
C	0.5	2	0
G	0	0	2

$$\lambda = 0.5$$

Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals

- ▶ Shortens the internal branches relative to the tips
- ▶ $\lambda = 0$: no relationship between trait and phylogeny = star phylogeny
- ▶ $\lambda = 1$: trait values are as expected under Brownian motion = phylogeny is unchanged
- ▶ Measure of PHYLOGENETIC SIGNAL



Phylogenetic signal

statistical non-independence among species trait values due to their phylogenetic relatedness OR

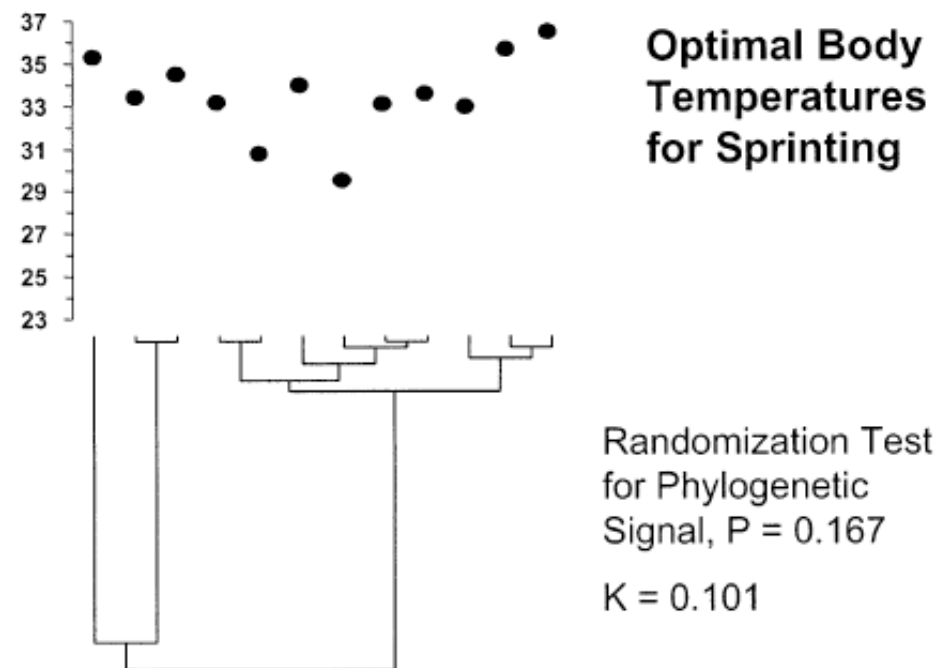
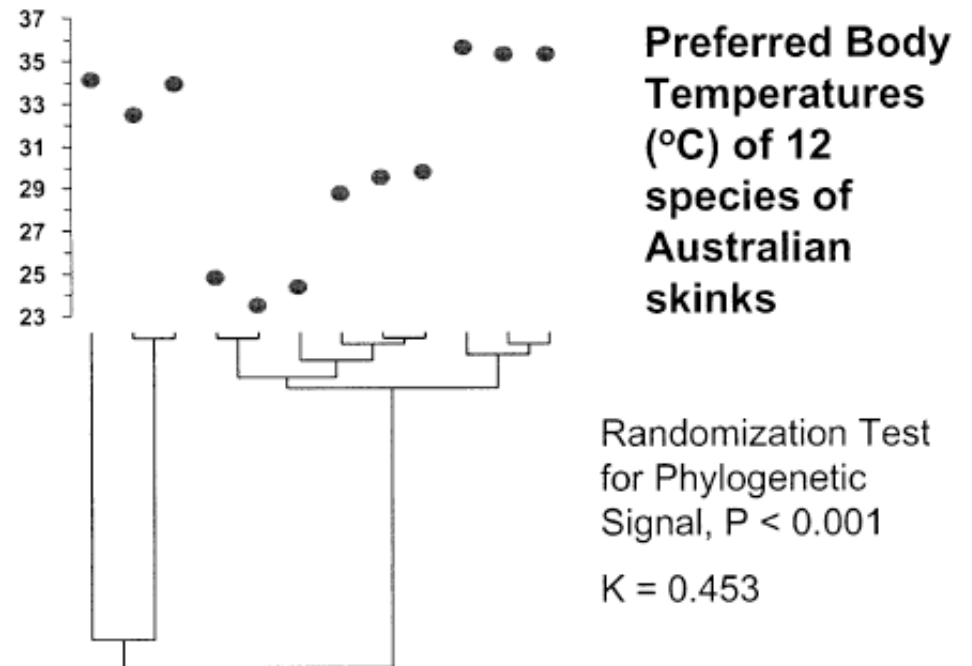
the tendency for related species to resemble each other more than expected by chance

Note this is a pattern not a process

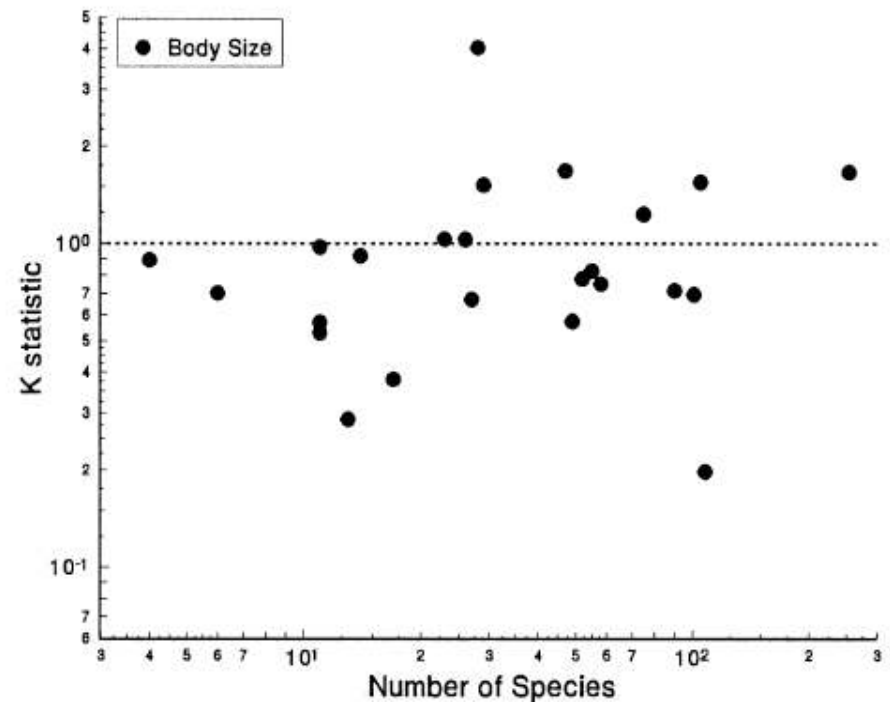
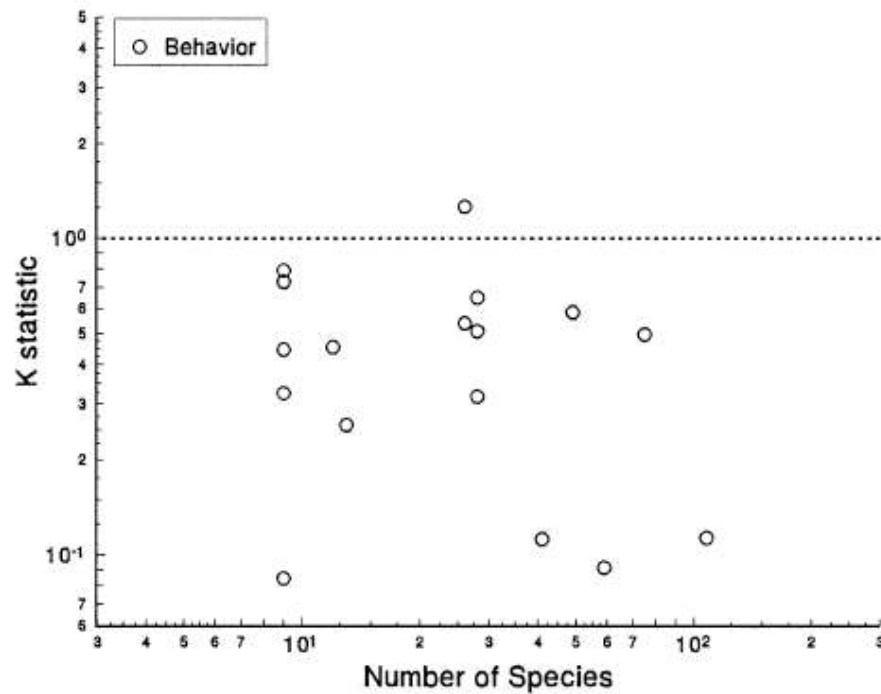


Phylogenetic signal

- ▶ Theory vs. real world > phylogenetic signal is an empirical issue
 - ▶ Convergent evolution (distantly related species are similar)
 - ▶ Character displacement (closely related species are dissimilar)
- ▶ Phylogenetic signal in the data can be lower than expected



Quantifying phylogenetic signal



e.g. Freckleton et al. 2002; Blomberg et al. 2003

Phylogenetic signal

Many measures have been suggested.
The two most popular are:

- 1) Pagel's λ
- 2) Blomberg's K (K not kappa)



Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's K

$$K = \text{observed} \frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}} / \text{expected} \frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}}$$

(Very simply) MSE = mean squared error
= variance in trait



Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's K

Variance of the tip data relative
to phylogenetic mean


$$\frac{MSE_0}{MSE}$$

= LARGE



Variance of the tip data
relative to phylogeny



LOW – if tree
explains variation
in the data well



Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's K

Variance of the tip data relative
to phylogenetic mean


$$\frac{MSE_0}{MSE}$$

= SMALL



Variance of the tip data
relative to phylogeny

HIGH – if tree doesn't
explain variation in the
data well



Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's K

$\frac{MSE_0}{MSE}$ is different for every tree (it depends on tree size and shape)

Therefore we divide observed value by the expected value under Brownian motion so we can compare trees

$$K = \text{observed} \frac{MSE_0}{MSE} / \text{expected} \frac{MSE_0}{MSE}$$



Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's K

- $K = 1$: trait values are as expected under BM ($= \lambda = 1$)
- $K > 1$: trait values more similar than expected under BM
- $K = 0$: no relationship between phylogeny and trait ($= \lambda = 0$)



Blomberg's K : Summary

- 1) Ratio of variance in trait relative to phylogenetic mean and variance in trait relative to phylogeny
- 2) $K = 0$: no relationship between trait and phylogeny
- 3) $K = 1$: trait values are as expected under Brownian motion
- 4) $K > 1$: trait values more similar than expected under Brownian motion



Phylogenetic signal: λ versus K^*

1. Ranges from 0 to just above 1 (though most functions in R fix lambda to be ≤ 1)
2. The maximum possible value is set by the tree in question

1. Ranges from 0 to some trait dependent maximum
2. Useful for looking at phylogenetic signal in traits showing a lot of conservatism (PNC: see Losos 2008, Cooper et al 2010)

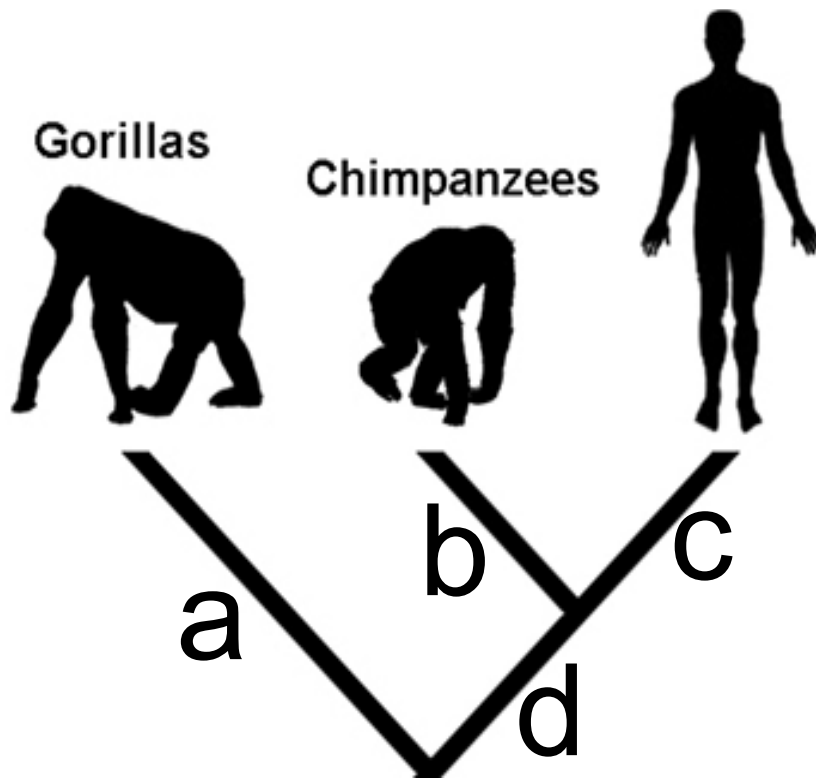


Other methods

- ▶ Nested analysis of variance (Harvey & Pagel 1991)
- ▶ Autocorrelation coefficient (ρ) (Cheverud et al. 1985, Gittleman & Kot 1990 see also Grafen 1990)
- ▶ R^2 (Cheverud et al. 1985, Gittleman & Kot 1990)
- ▶ Moran's I (Gittleman & Kot 1990)
- ▶ Randomization for discrete characters (Maddison & Slatkin 1991)
- ▶ Quantitative convergence index (QCI) (Ackerly & Donoghue 1998)
- ▶ Fritz and Purvis' D (Fitz & Purvis 2010)
- ▶ ...



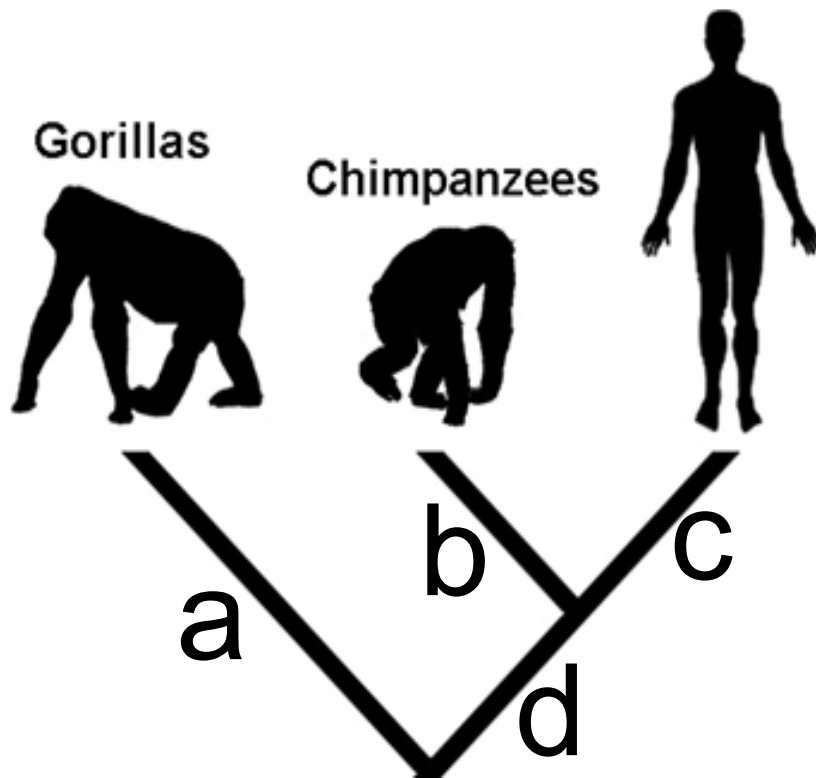
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C	d	$d+b$	0
G	0	0	a

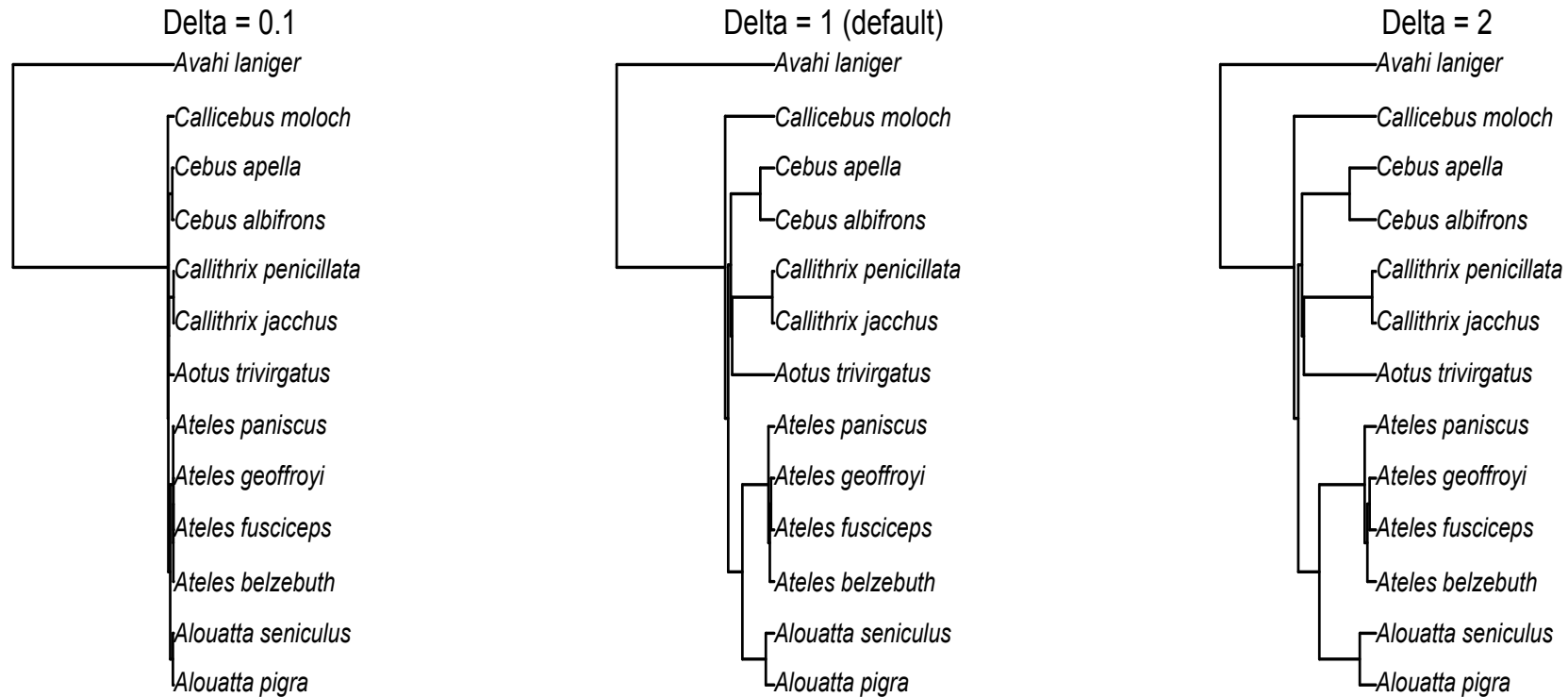


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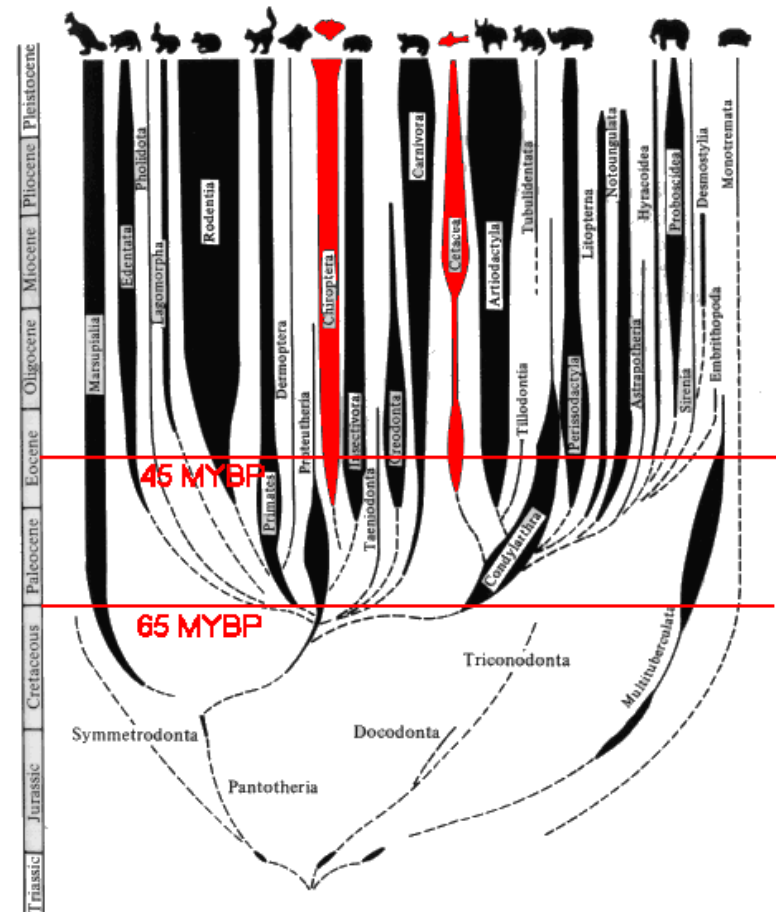
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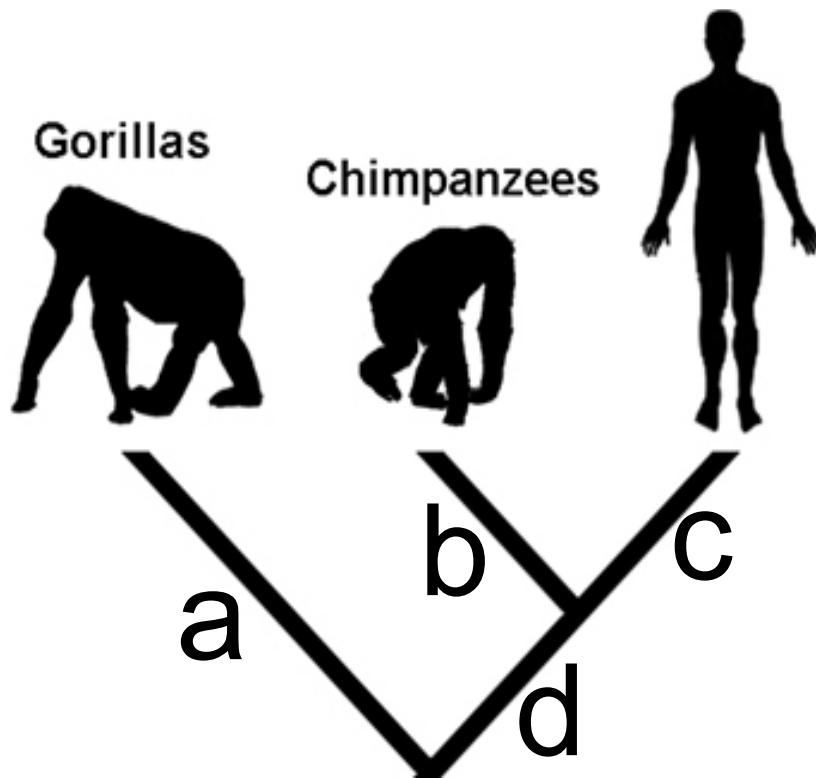


Delta: elements are raised to a power δ

- ▶ Scales overall path lengths in the phylogeny (node height)
- ▶ Can be used to test for accelerated evolution versus adaptive radiation
 - ▶ $\delta < 1$ shorter paths (earlier evolution in the phylogeny) contribute disproportionately to trait evolution (adaptive radiation)
 - ▶ $\delta > 1$ longer paths contribute more to trait evolution (accelerated evolution)
- ▶ Delta is a parameter that detects differential rates of evolution over time and re-scales the phylogeny to a basis in which the rate of evolution is constant



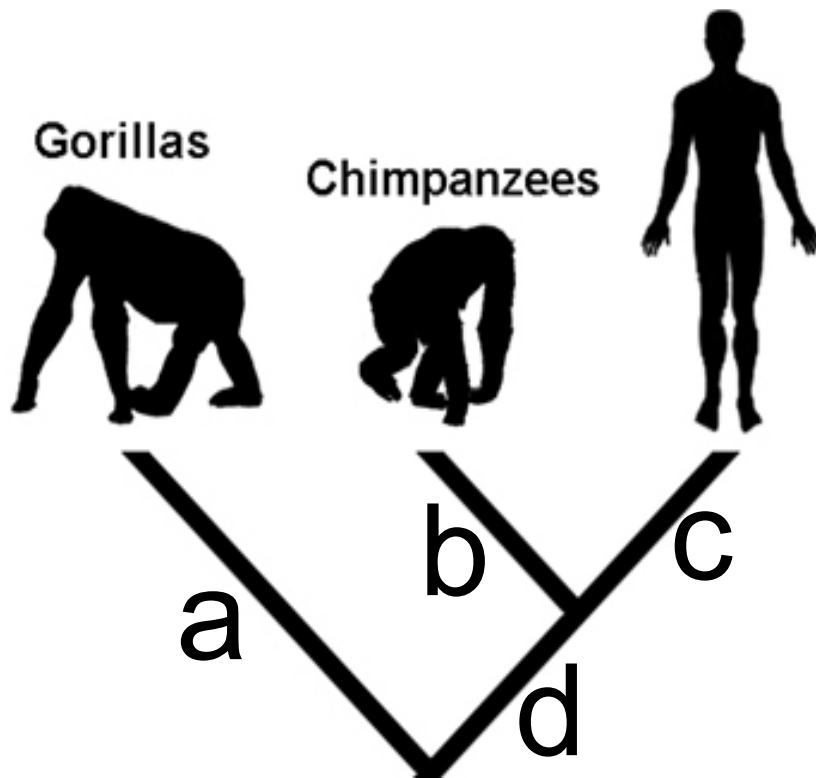
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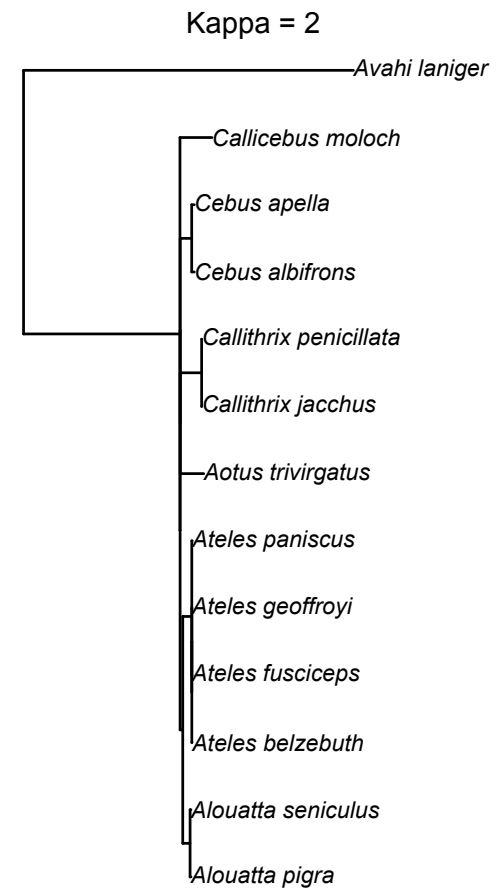
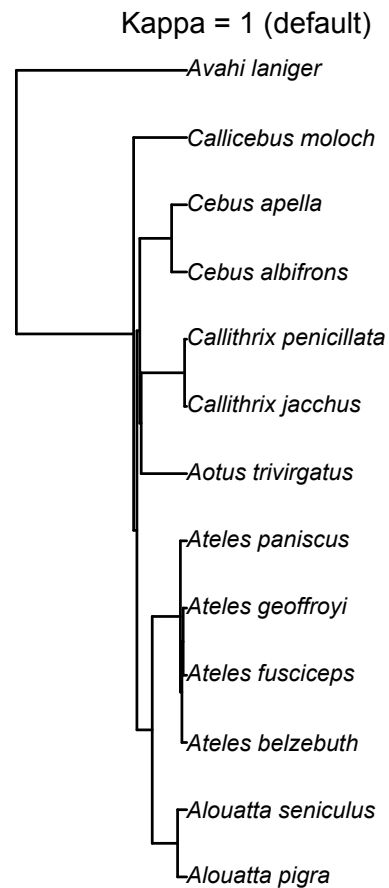
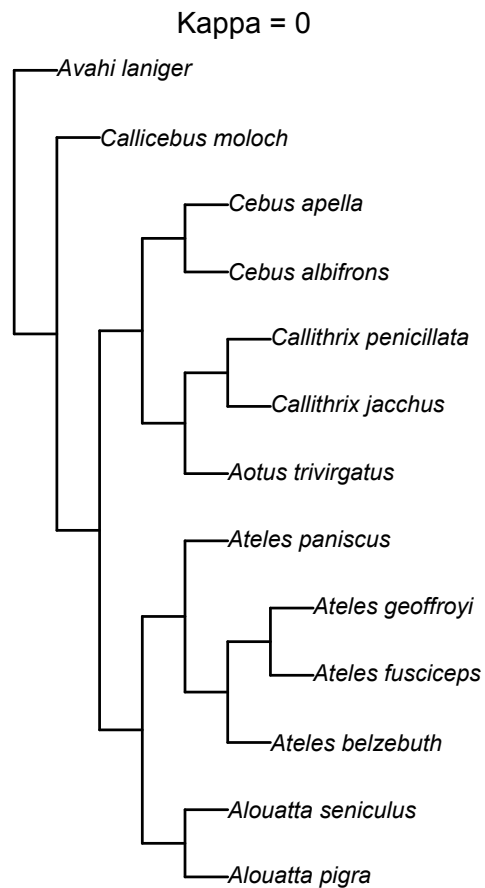
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G	0^{κ}	0^{κ}	a^{κ}



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- ▶ Differentially stretches or compresses individual phylogenetic branch lengths
- ▶ Can be used to test for a punctuational versus gradual mode of trait evolution
 - ▶ $\kappa < 1$ compresses longer branches more than shorter ones
 - ▶ $\kappa > 1$ stretches longer branches more than shorter ones
 - ▶ $\kappa \sim 0$ evolution is independent on branch length (punctuational evolution)
 - ▶ $\kappa \sim 1$ gradual evolution
- ▶ Captures patterns of “speciational” change in tree
 - ▶ character change is more or less concentrated at speciation events



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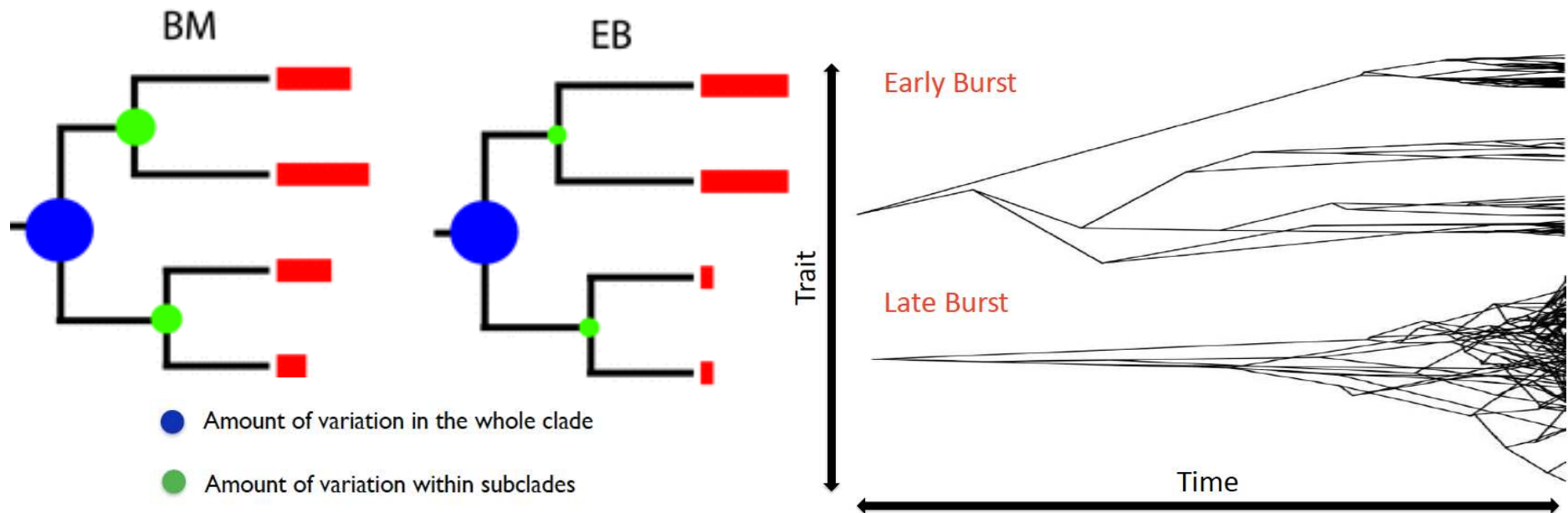
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Early Burst (EB/AC) - Late Burst (LB/DC)

- ▶ EB: BM with a declining rate parameter, most of the phenotypic divergence occurs early in the phylogeny
- ▶ LB: BM with an accelerating rate parameter, most of the phenotypic divergence occurs late in the phylogeny

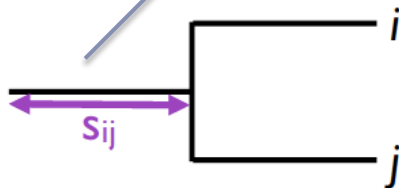


Early Burst (EB/AC) - Late Burst (LB/DC)

starting parameter

$$\mu_i(t) = \bar{z}_0$$

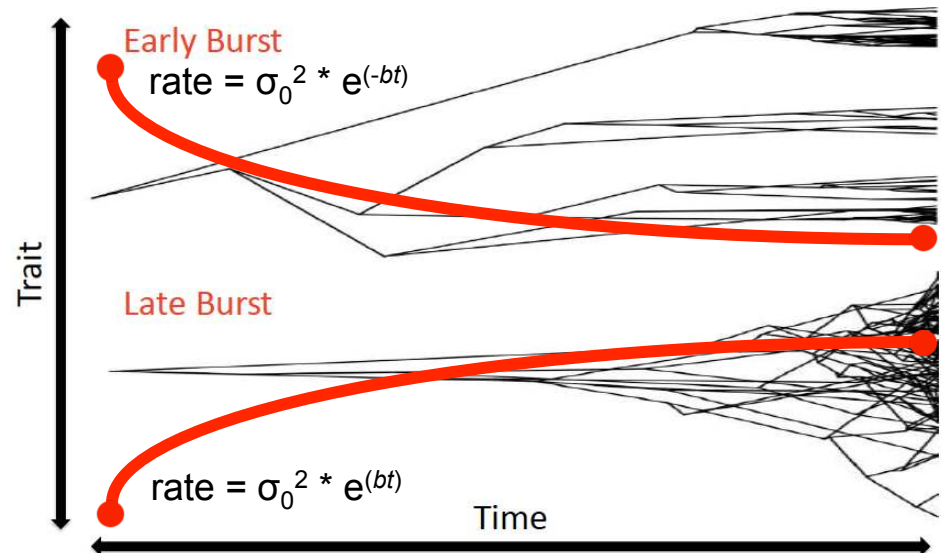
$$V_{ij}(t) = \sigma_0^2 \frac{e^{bs_{ij}} - 1}{b}$$



$$\sigma^2(t) = \sigma_0^2 e^{bt}$$

initial value for the net rate parameter

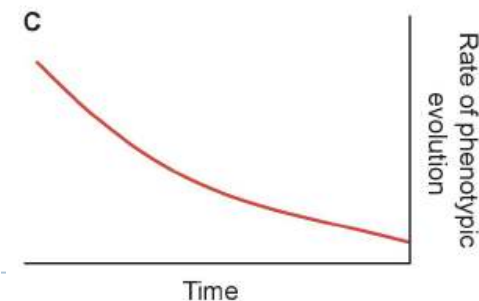
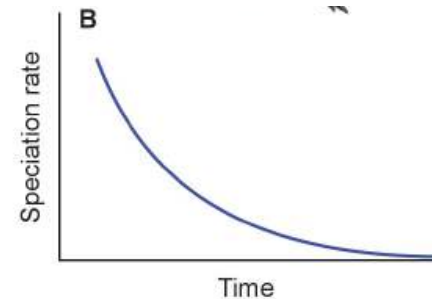
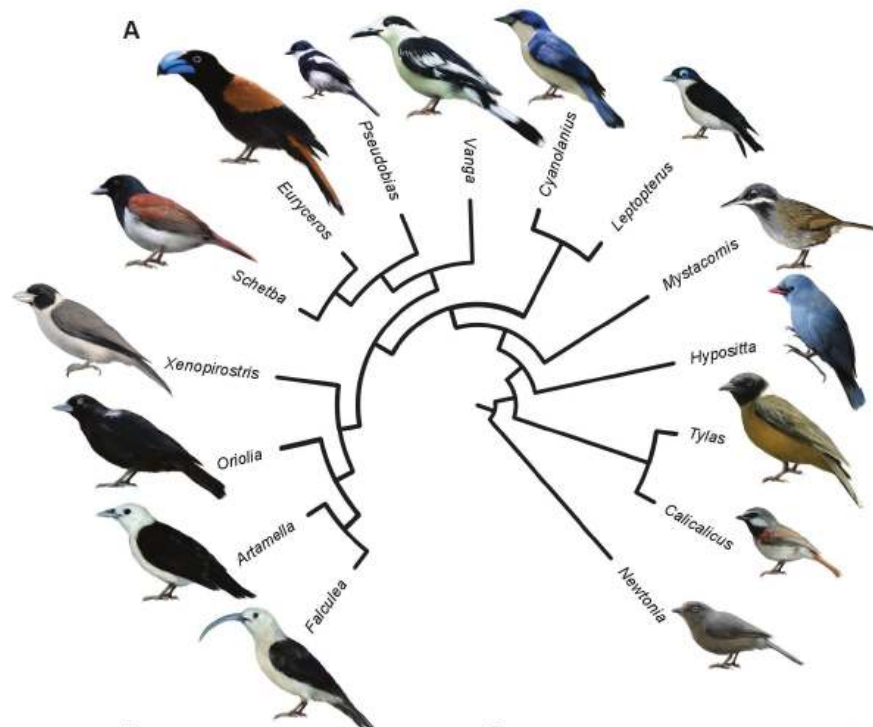
parameter describing the pattern of rate change through time



Early Burst (EB/AC) - Late Burst (LB/DC)

- ▶ Consistent with the adaptive radiation hypothesis
 - ▶ Clades entering into new niches should diversify quickly
 - ▶ Rates slow down as the niches fill

The adaptive radiation of the bird clade *Vanginae*

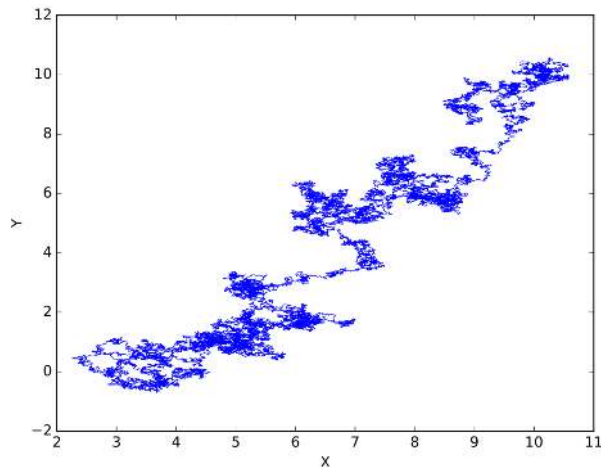


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The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process



$$dX_{(t)} = \alpha [\Theta - X_{(t)}]dt + \sigma dB_{(t)}$$

$X(t)$: current
body size

θ : body size
optimum

$dX(t)$: change in
body size

α : strength of
selection

$dB(t)$: random
variation

σ : intensity of
random drift



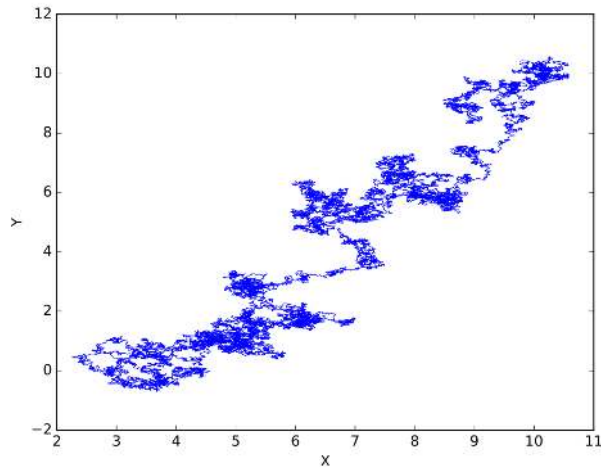
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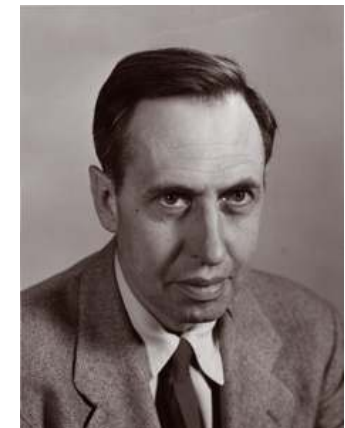
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change towards an optimum

Brownian motion

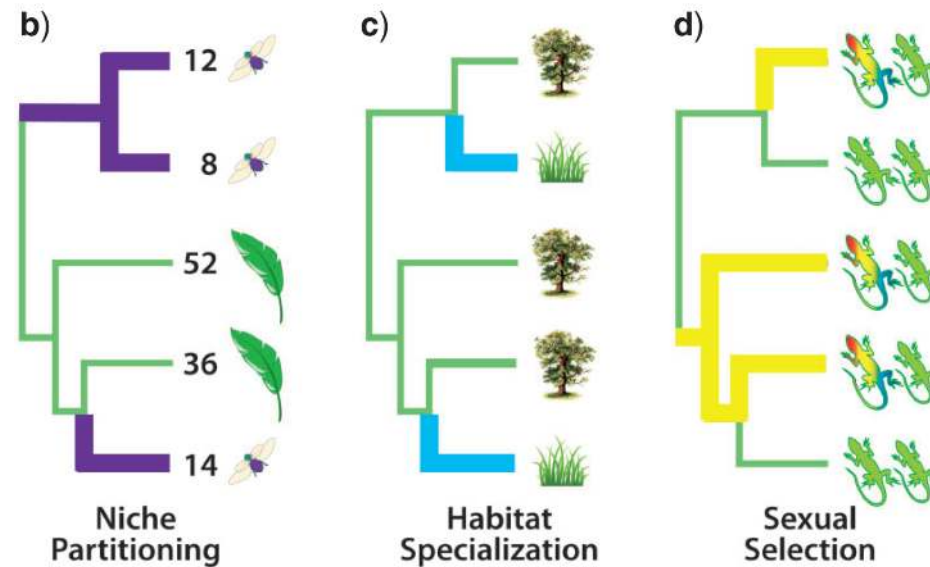
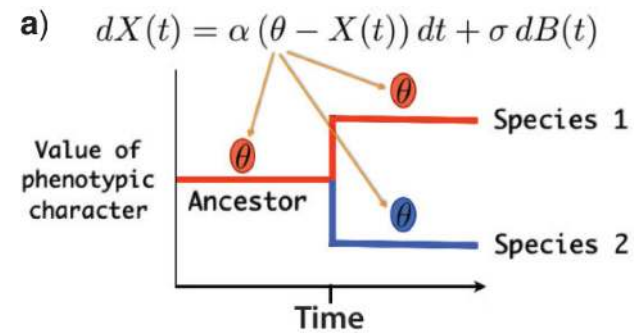


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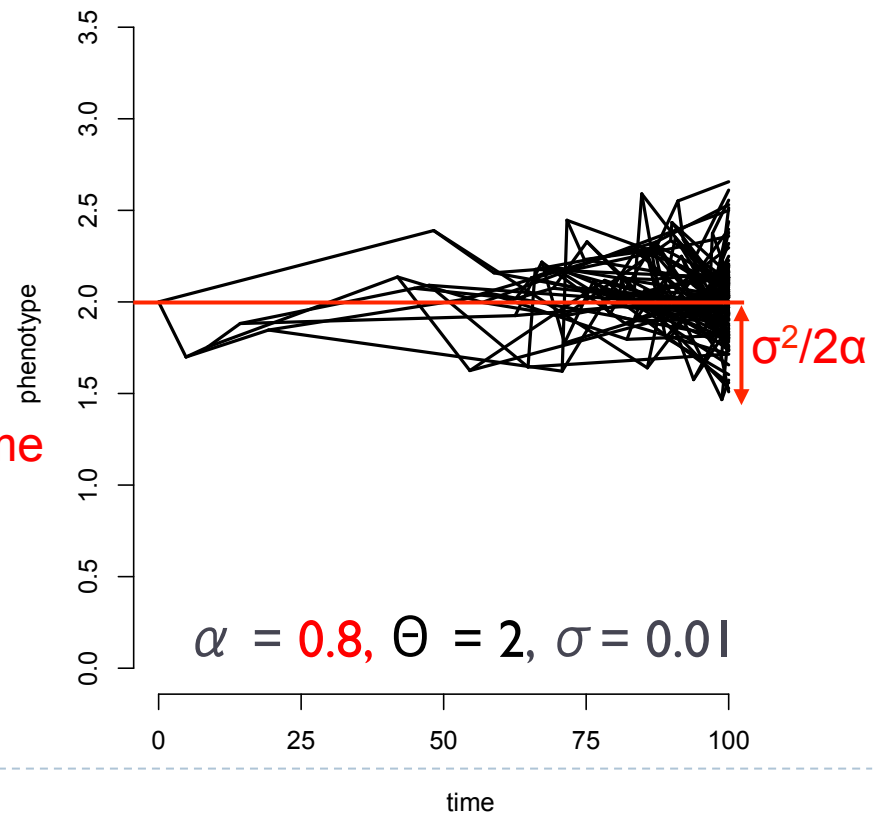
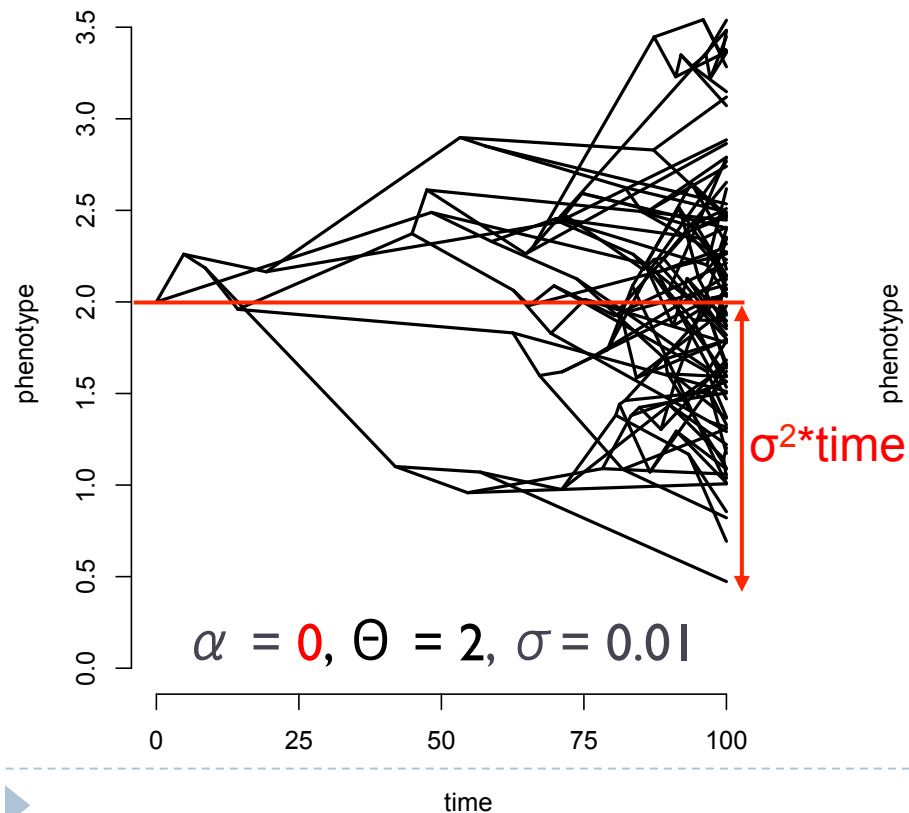
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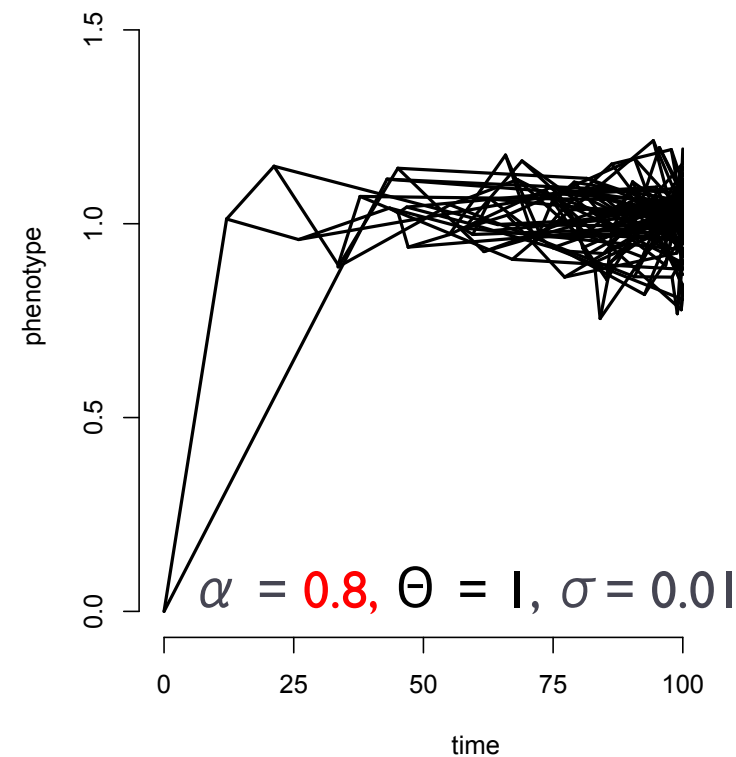
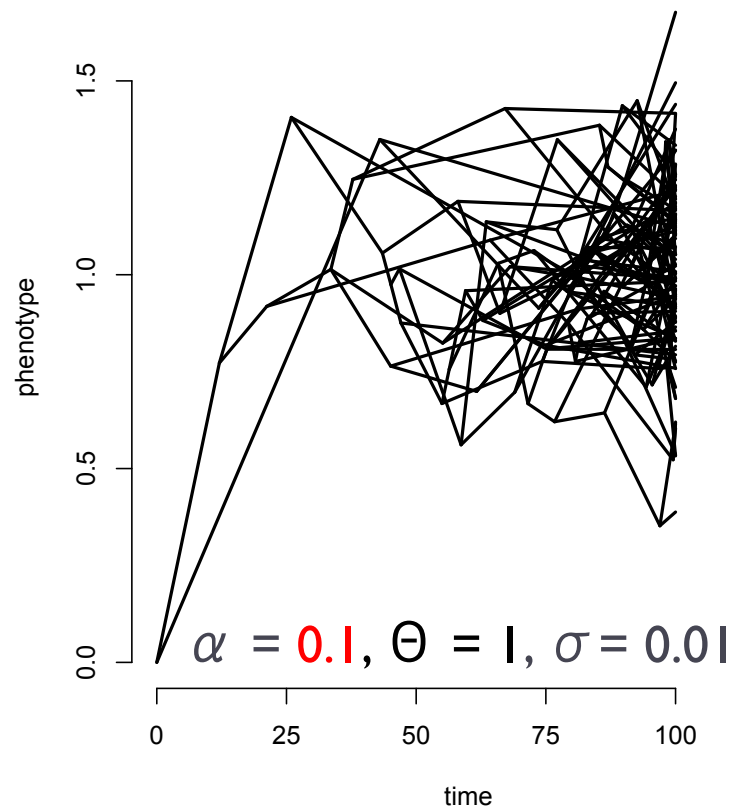
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if $\alpha = 0$, it defines a diversifying process (BM), if $\alpha > 0$ it becomes an equilibrium process (OU)



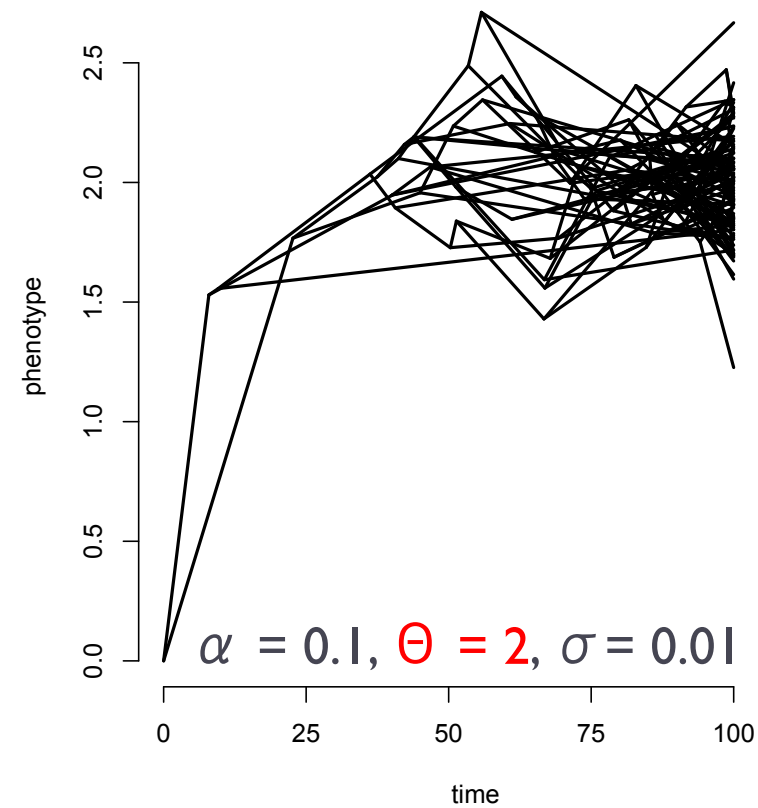
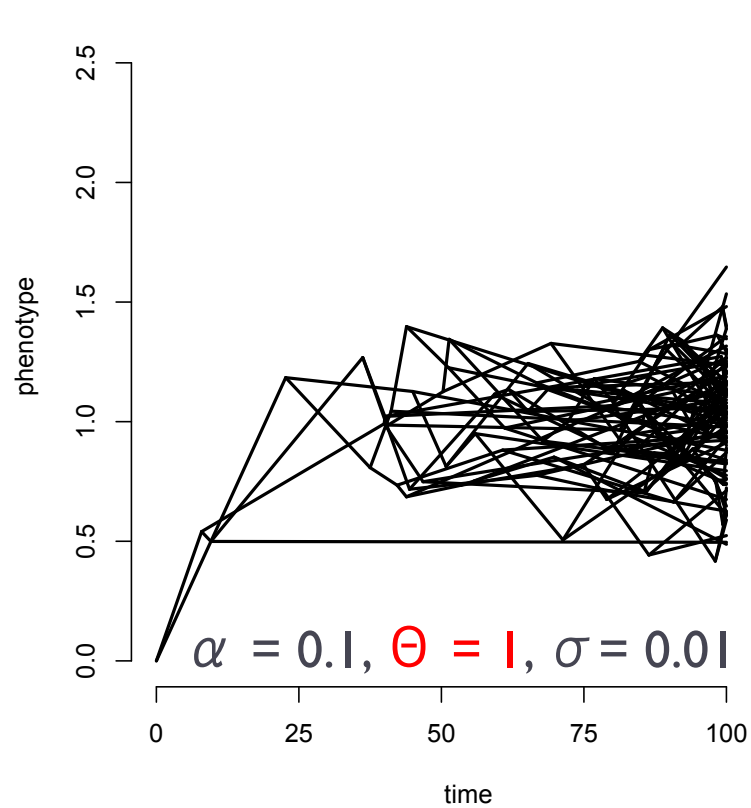
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The higher the attraction parameter α the more quickly the optima is reached and the lower the variance



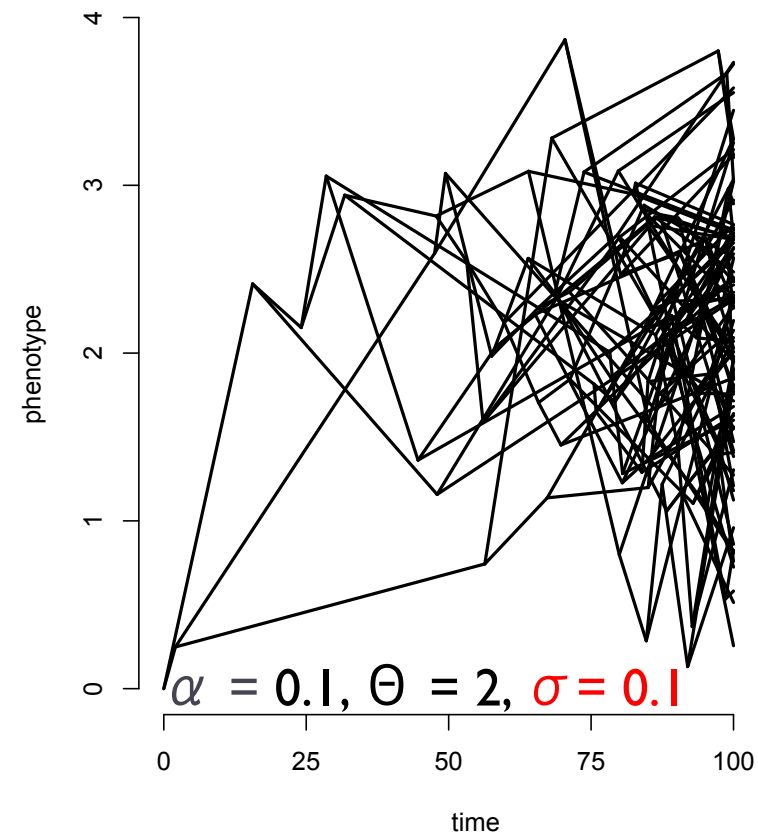
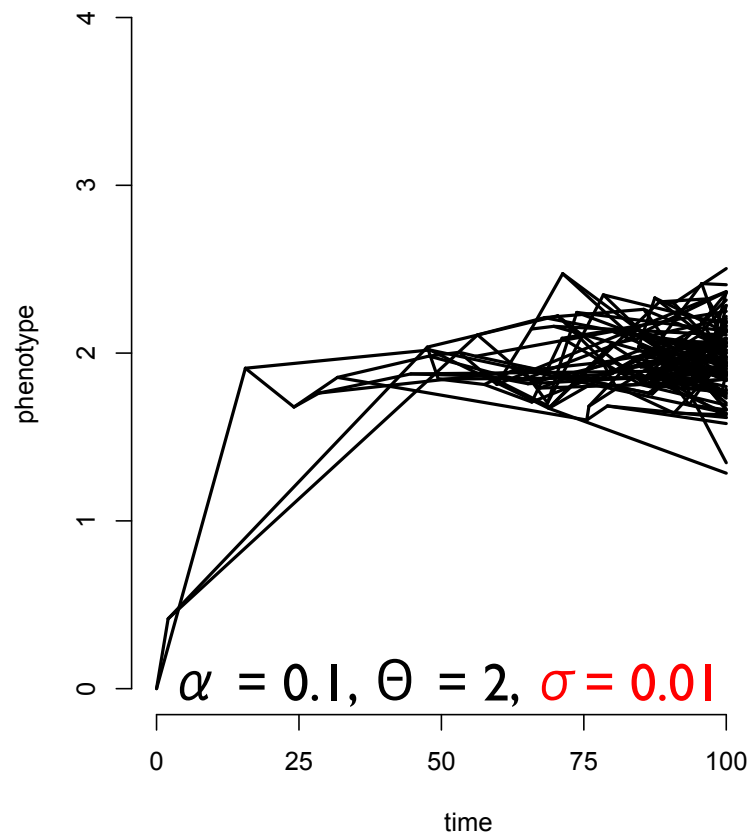
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The higher the optimal value Θ the greater the trait value



$$dX_{(t)} = \alpha [\Theta - X_{(t)}] dt + \sigma dB_{(t)}$$

The higher the rate parameter σ
the greater the variance



The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

$$\mu_i(t) = \theta + e^{-\alpha T_i} (\bar{z}_0 - \theta)$$

ancestral state

trait optimum

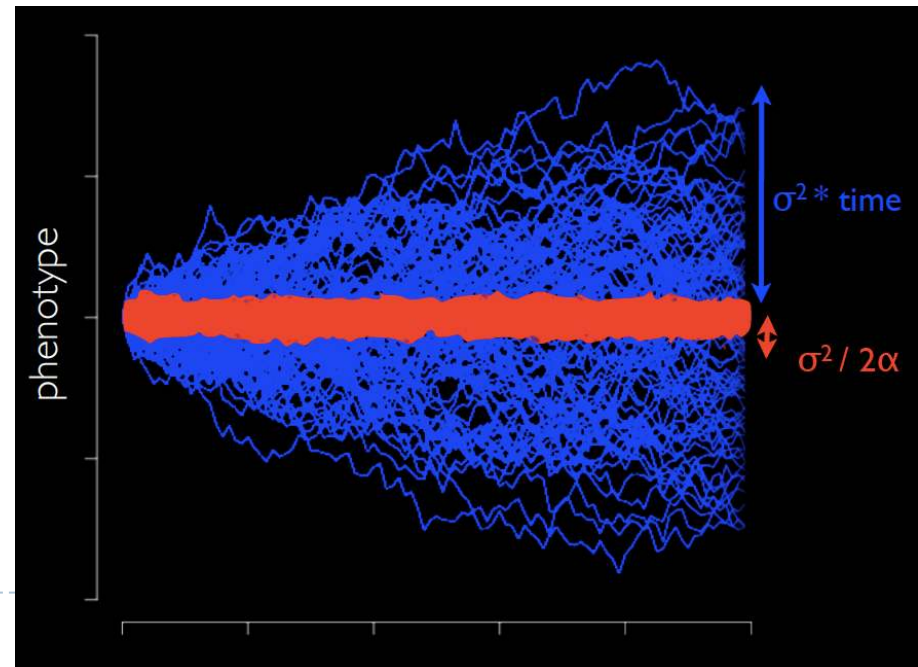
rate

$$V_{ij}(t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha} (e^{-2\alpha(T_i - s_{ij})} - e^{-2\alpha T_i})$$

strength of selection

S_{ij}

$T = \text{total tree depth}$



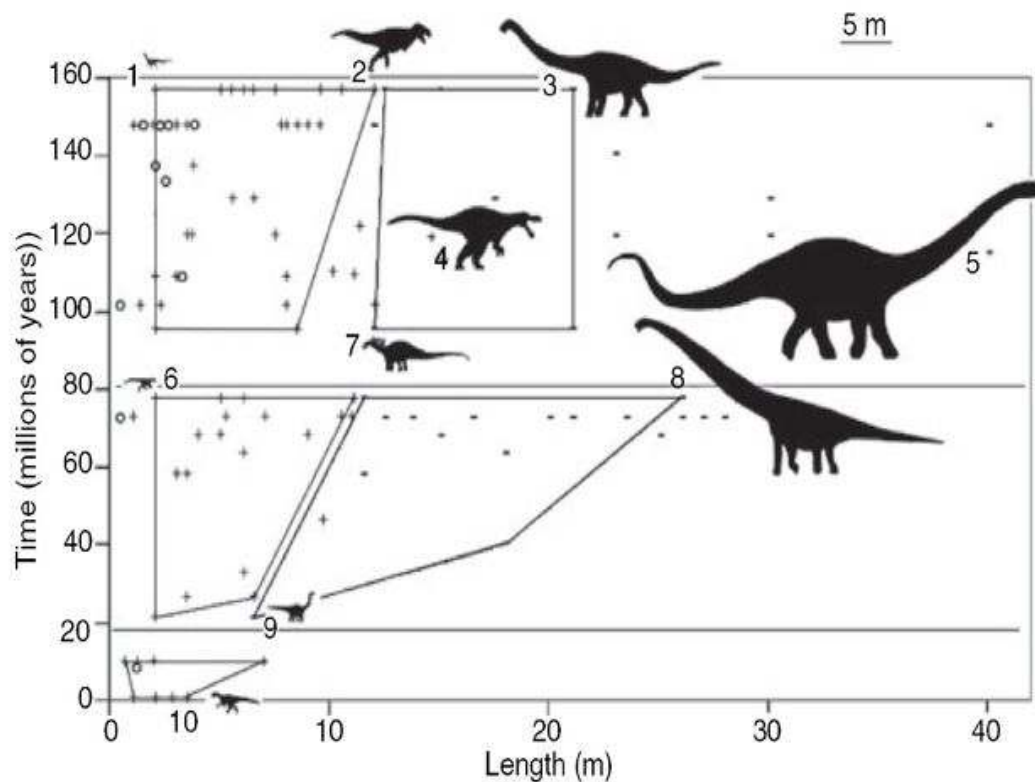
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BM with trend

Cope's rule

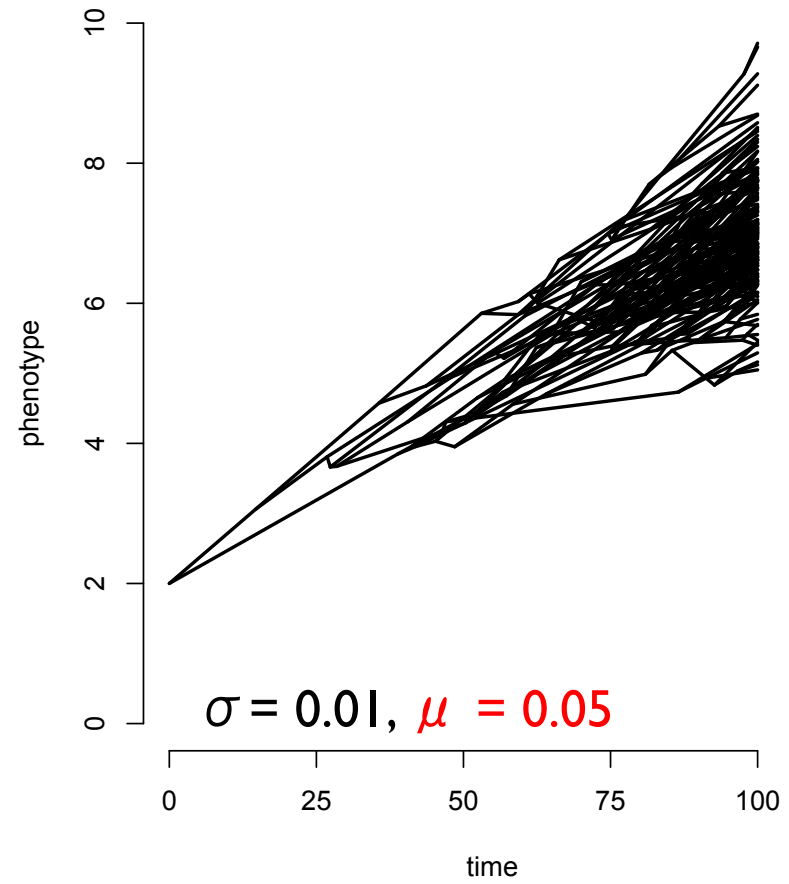
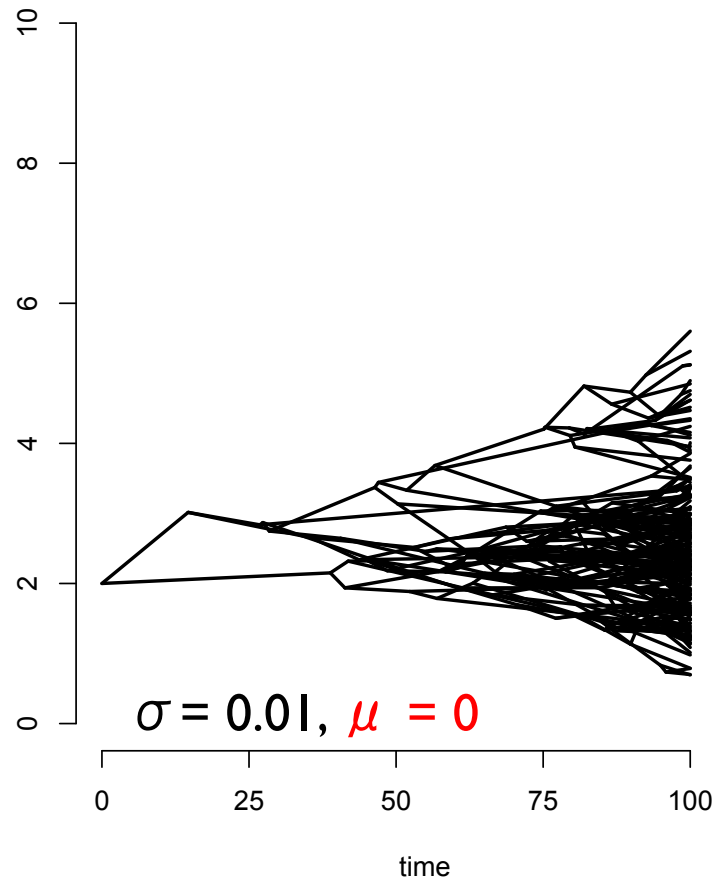


$$dX_{(t)} = \sigma dB_{(t)}$$

rate

normal distribution
where mean = $t * \mu$
 $\mu > 0$: increase
 $\mu < 0$: decrease
 $\mu = 0$: BM without trend

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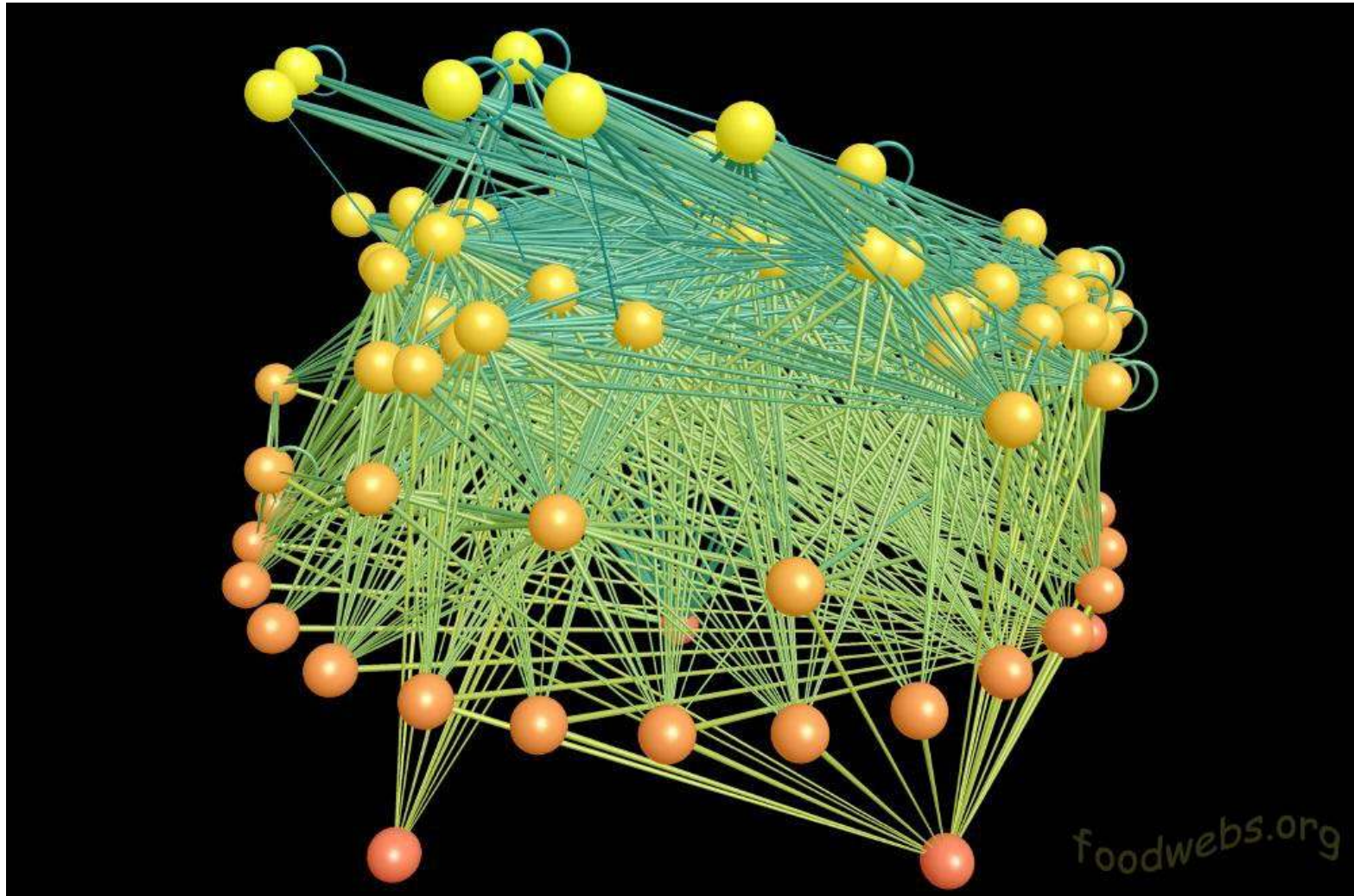


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How to choose from so many models?



Model selection methods

Empirical

Adjusted R-squared
Bootstrap
Cross-validation
Generalized cross-validation
k-fold crossvalidation
leave-one-out crossvalidation
Jackknife
Linear regression
Shibata's model selector
signal-to-noise ratio
test set validation

Theoretical

Akaike information criterion (AIC, AICc, QAIC)
Bayesian information criterion (BIC)
CP (Mallow's Cp)
Deviance information criterion (DIC)
Focused Information criterion (FIC)
Final prediction error (FPE)
Geweke and Meese criterion
Generalized prediction error (GPE)
Hannan and Quinn criterion (HQ)
Kullback information criterion (KIC, KICc)
Minimum description length (MDL)
Minimum message length (MML)
Predicted squared error (PSE)
Predicted Residual Sum of Squares criterion
Schwarz information criterion (SIC)
Structural risk minimization (SRM)
Takeuchi's information criterion (TIC)
VC-dimension



Model selection methods

➤ Model comparison

- ▶ evaluate multiple hypotheses in competition with one another
 - ▶ nested models
 - likelihood ratio tests (“old tool”)
 - ▶ non-nested models
 - model comparison based on information theory (IT)



Likelihood, Maximum likelihood and likelihood ratio

- ▶ Likelihood: probability of obtaining the observed data under a given hypothesis (model and its parameters)
 - ▶ $\Pr(D|H)$ (but not $\Pr(H_0|D)$!)
- ▶ The multivariate normal likelihood for BM

$$\log(\mathbf{L}) = \log \left[\frac{\exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X})]' \mathbf{V}^{-1} [\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X})] \right\}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \times \det(\mathbf{V})}} \right]$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the multivariate normal likelihood formula for Brownian Motion (BM):

- tip values**: Points to the observed data vector $\mathbf{X}$.
- expected tip values**: Points to the expected data vector $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X})$.
- rate-scaled C**: Points to the covariance matrix $\mathbf{V}$.

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model and its parameters: (starting value, strenght and direction of trend..)

The diagram shows the multivariate normal likelihood formula with several annotations. A red arrow points from the text 'model and its parameters: (starting value, strenght and direction of trend..)' to the $E(X)$ term in the formula. Blue arrows point from 'tip values' to the X term and from 'expected tip values' to the $E(X)$ term. Another blue arrow points from 'rate-scaled C' to the V term. The formula is:

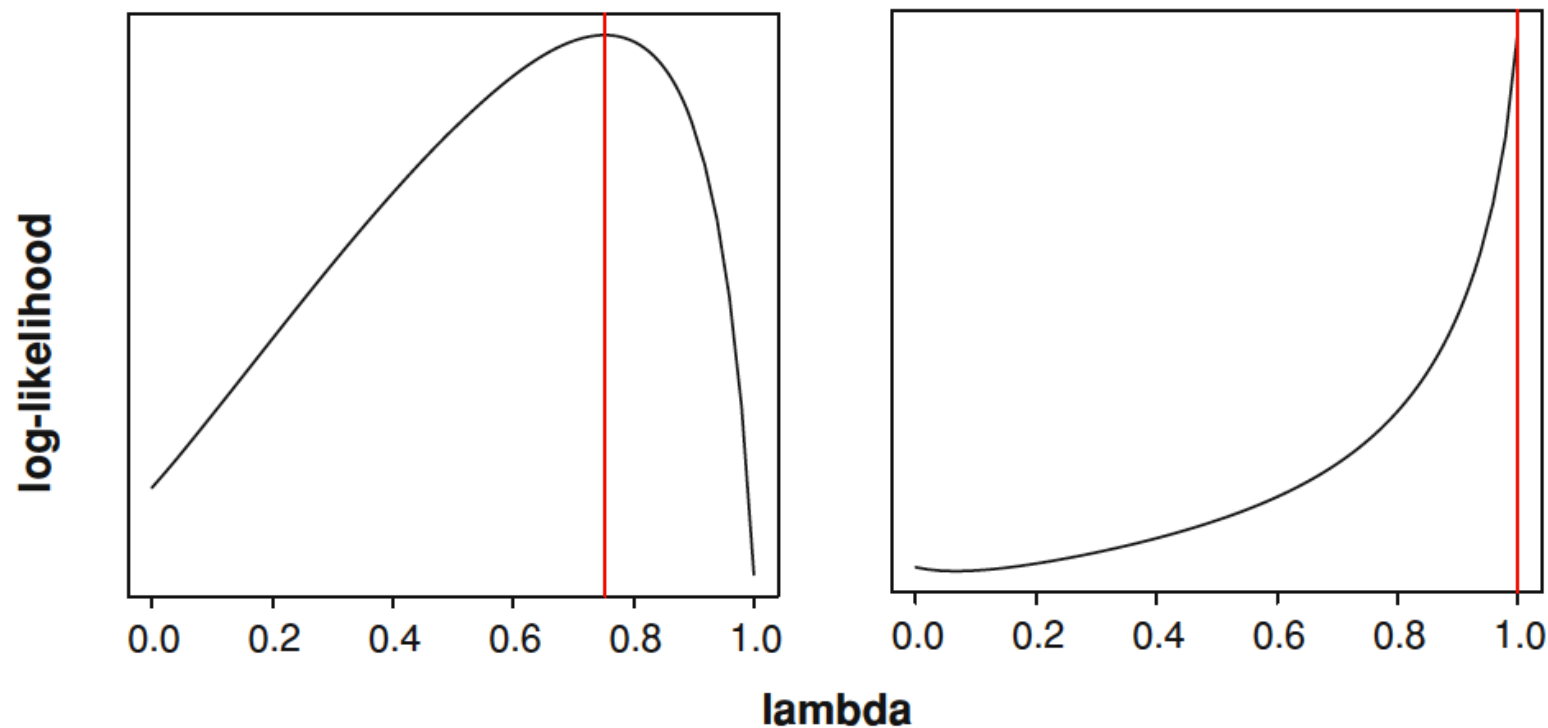
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Annotations:

- tip values (points to X)
- expected tip values (points to $E(X)$)
- rate-scaled C (points to V)

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- ▶ Maximum likelihood: the value of one or more parameters for a given model, which maximizes the likelihood

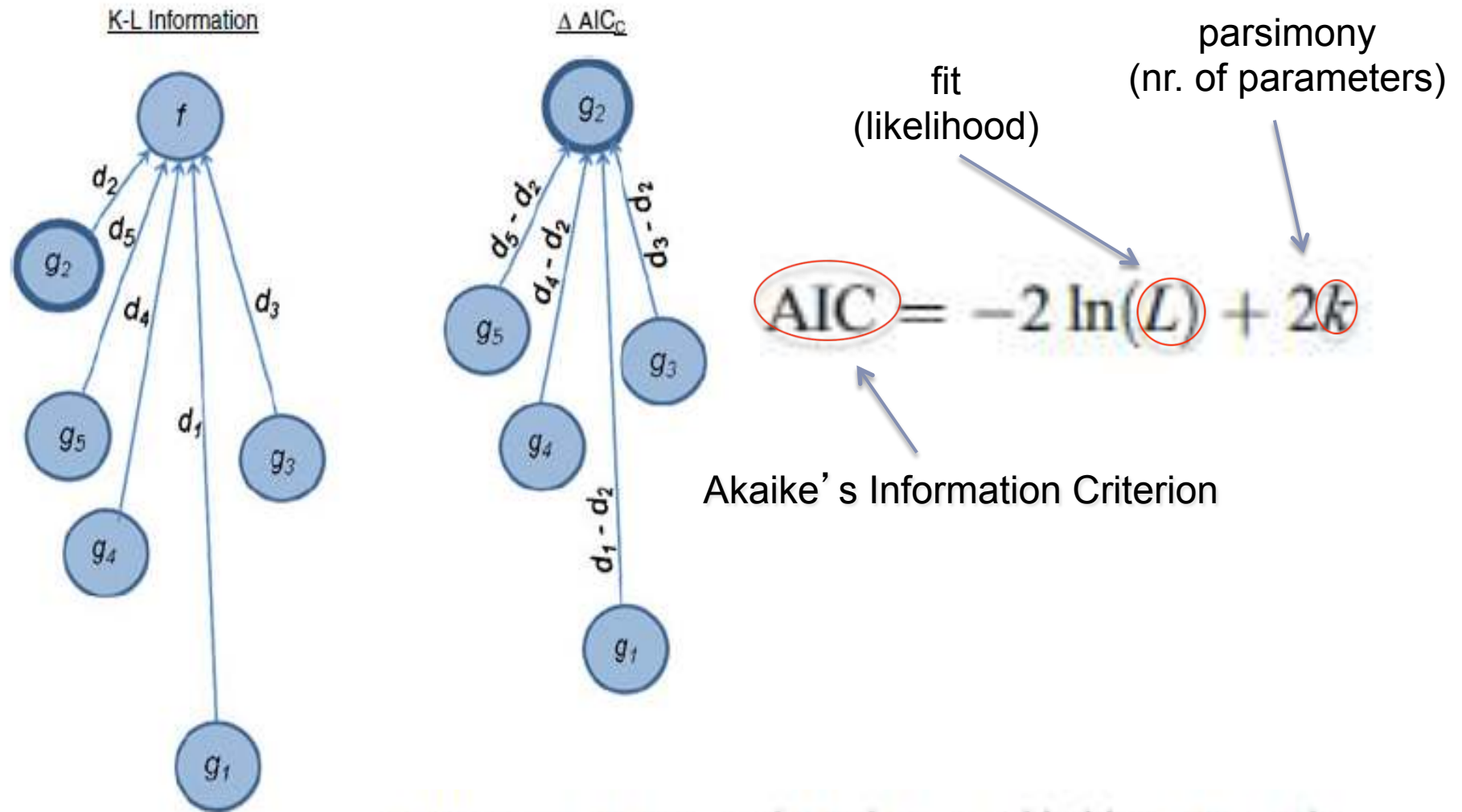


Likelihood, Maximum likelihood and likelihood ratio

- ▶ Likelihood ratio: model fit of one model relative to another
- ▶ Likelihood ratio test (LRT): a statistical test of the goodness-of-fit between two models
 - ▶ $LRT = 2 * [\ln(L_1) - \ln(L_2)]$
 - ▶ approximates a chi-square distribution
 - ▶ with $df = \text{nr. of parameters differing between models}$



Information theoretic approach



$$AIC_c = AIC + (2K(K + 1))/(n - K - 1).$$

Akaike 1974

Information theoretic approach

Candidate models	AIC	ΔAIC	Akaike weight
BM	-51.49	0.00	0.867
BM with $\kappa = 0$	-47.72	3.77	0.132
BM with trend	-37.59	13.90	0.001
EB	-32.95	18.54	0.000
OU	-32.06	19.43	0.000



0 1 2 4 8 16 32...

...increasing values...

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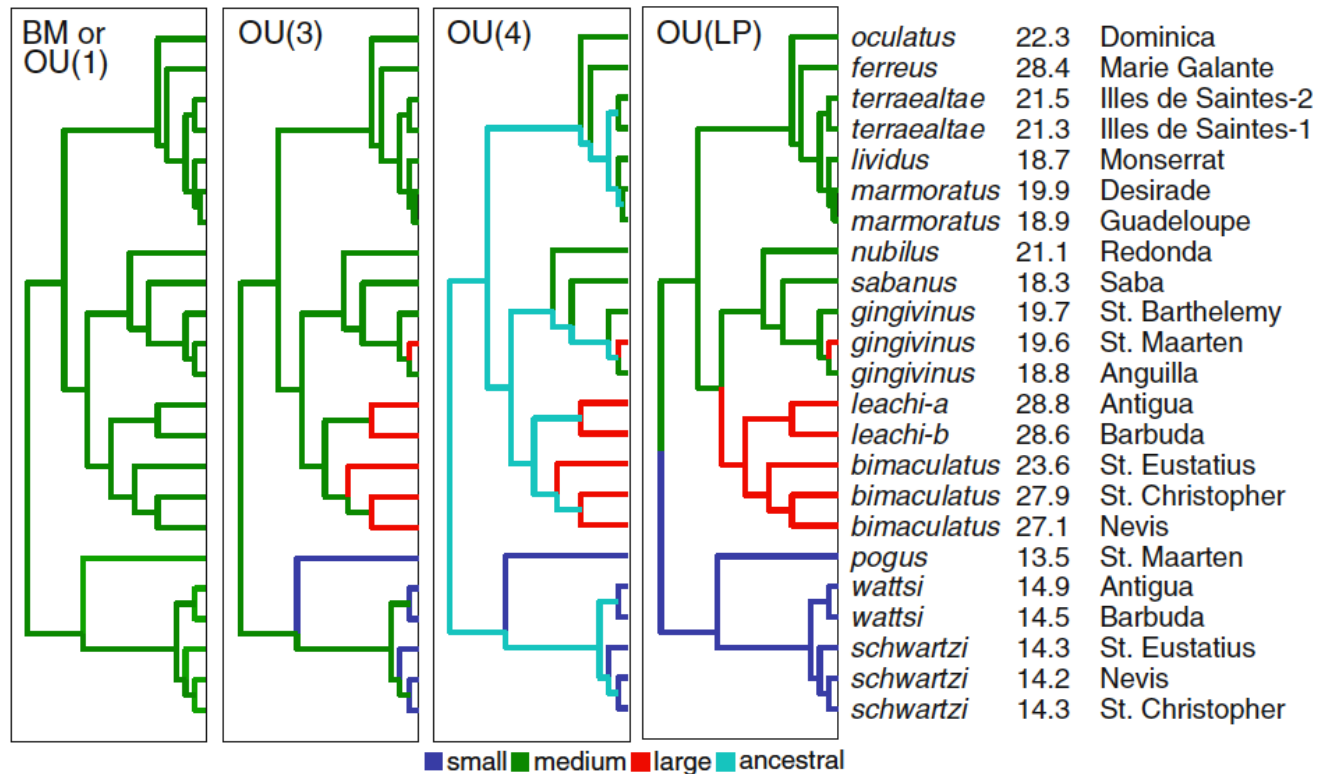
$\Delta AICc$

Information theoretic approach

- ▶ More than one models are selected
- ▶ Δ values, model likelihoods, model weights and evidence ratios (instead of P values)
 - ▶ *hypothesis H_4 is 22 times more likely than H_2*
 - ▶ *the probability of H_4 is 0.78, while the probability of H_2 is 0.015*
 - ▶ ~~significant, strong, robust....~~
- ▶ Model averaging
- ▶ Uncertainty is inherent to biological data



Evolution of body size in *Anolis* lizards



	BM	OU(1)	OU(3)	OU(4)	OU(LP)
$-2\ln\mathcal{L}$	-34.66	-34.66	-40.21	-47.22	-49.69
AIC	-30.66	-26.66	-28.21	-33.22	-37.69
LR		0	5.55	12.56	15.03
P		1	0.24	0.028	0.0046

Evolution of discrete traits

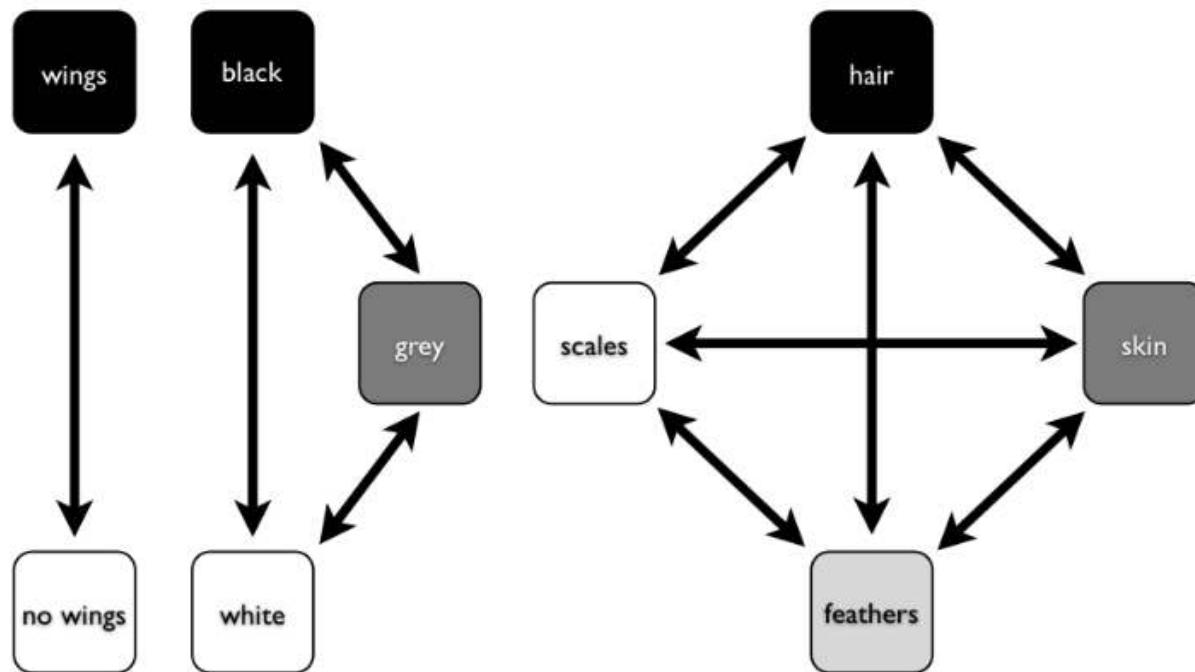
Discrete trait models

- ▶ The *Mk* model
- ▶ The extended *Mk* model
- ▶ Models accommodating changes in the rate of evolution
- ▶ The threshold model



The *Mk* model

- ▶ Evolutionary changes between $k > 1$ states of a character
- ▶ Markov process: change depends on current state only
- ▶ Every state is equally likely



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The Mk model

- ▶ Instantaneous rate of change parameter: q
 - ▶ number of changes of character over t when $t \sim 0$
 - ▶ $q_{12} = q_{21}, q_{12} = q_{13} \dots$

- ▶ Transition matrix, $\mathbf{Q}$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{00} & q_{01} \\ q_{10} & q_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

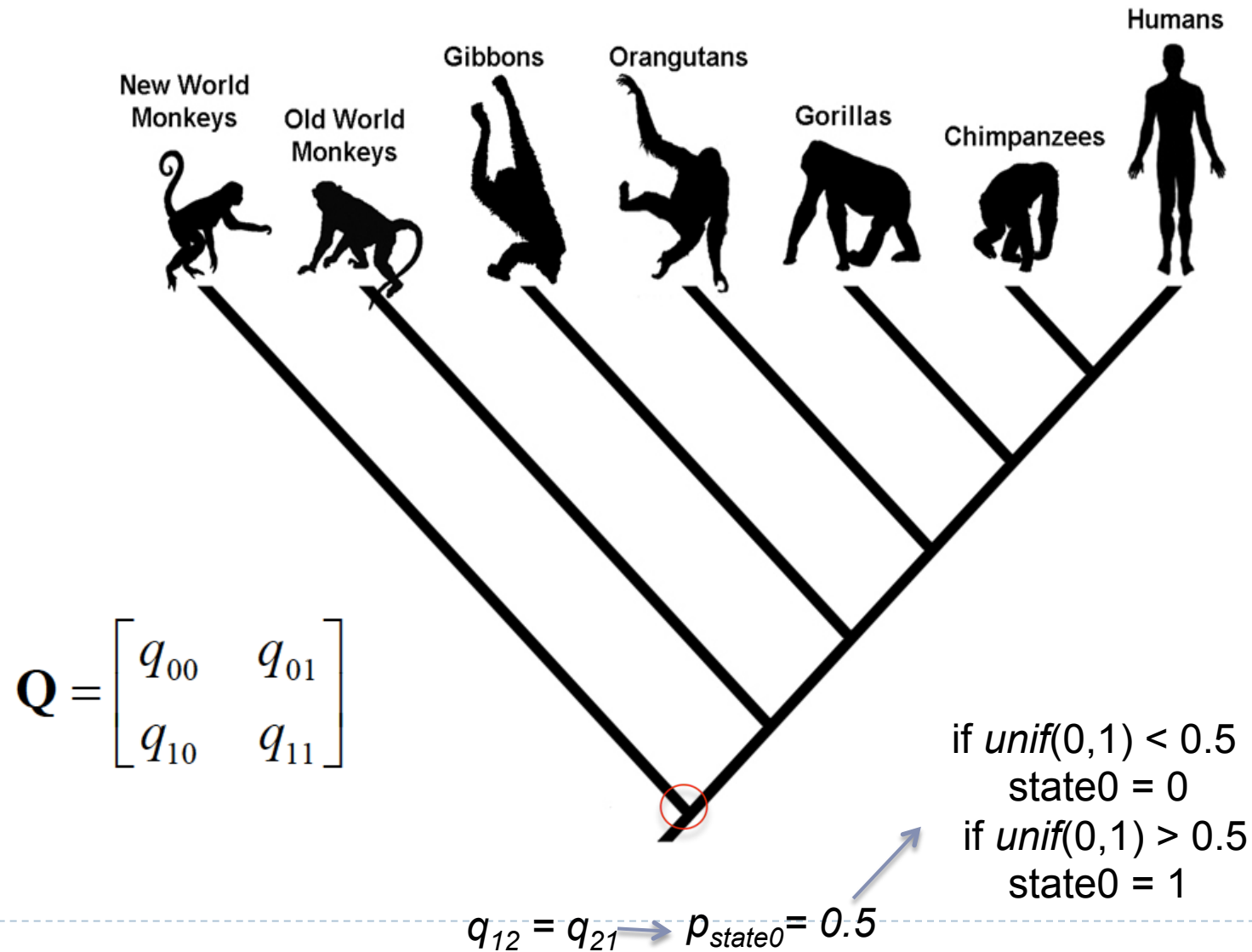
$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} -d_1 & q_{12} & \dots & q_{1k} \\ q_{21} & -d_2 & \dots & q_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ q_{k1} & q_{k2} & \dots & -d_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$0 \rightarrow d_1 = \sum_{i=2}^k q_{1i}$

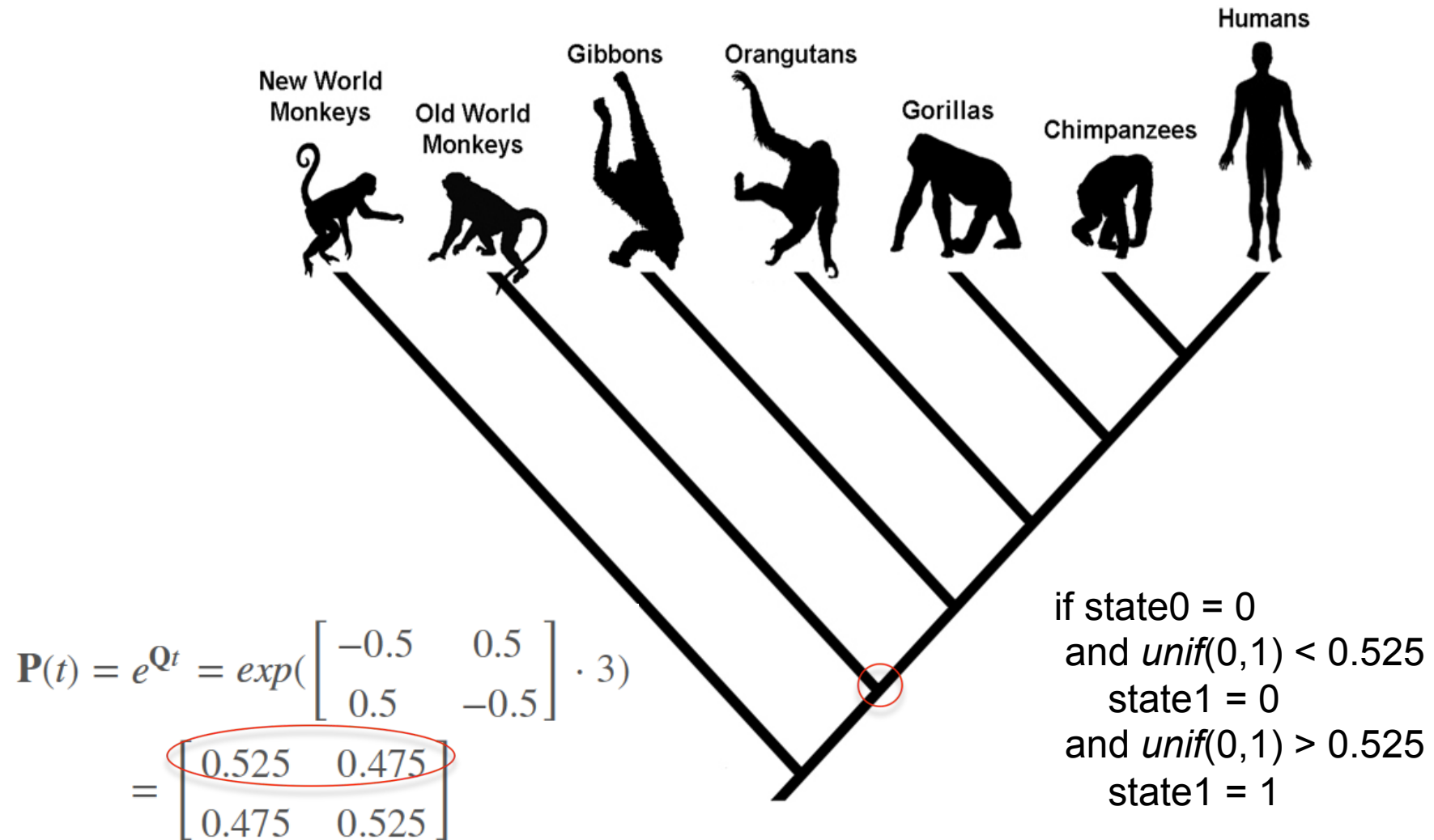
- ▶ Probability distributions of traits after t
 - ▶ $P(t) = e^{\mathbf{Q}t}$
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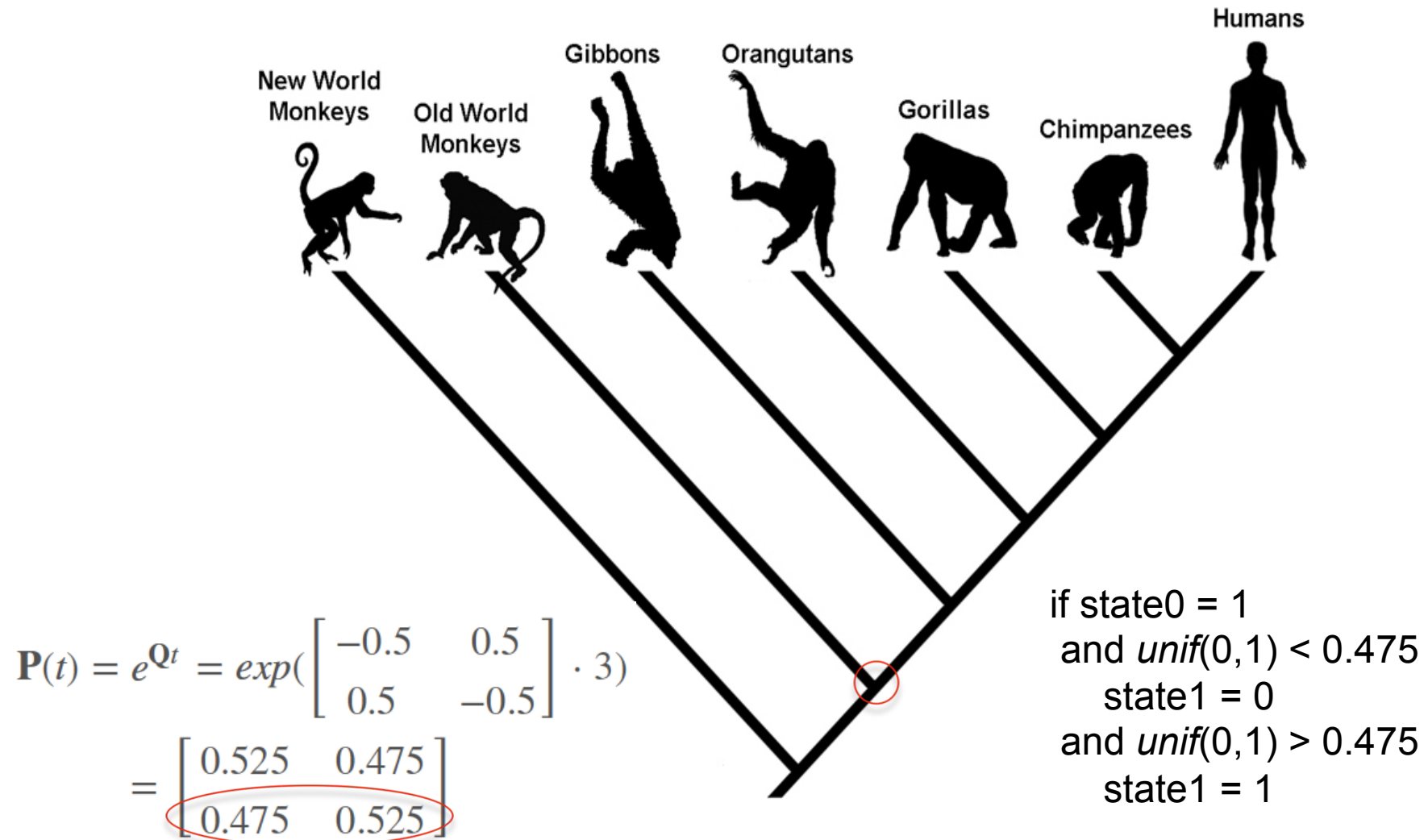
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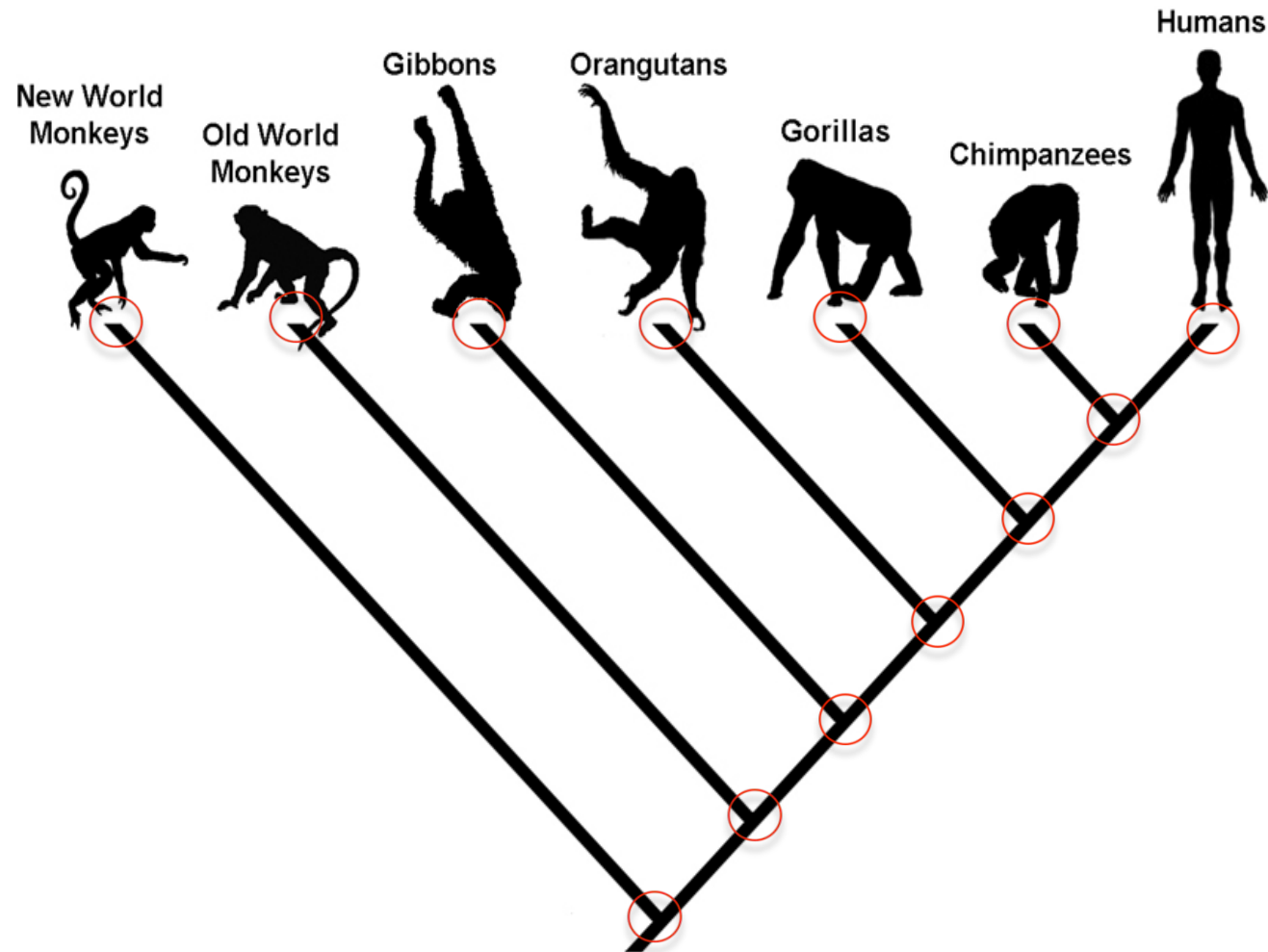
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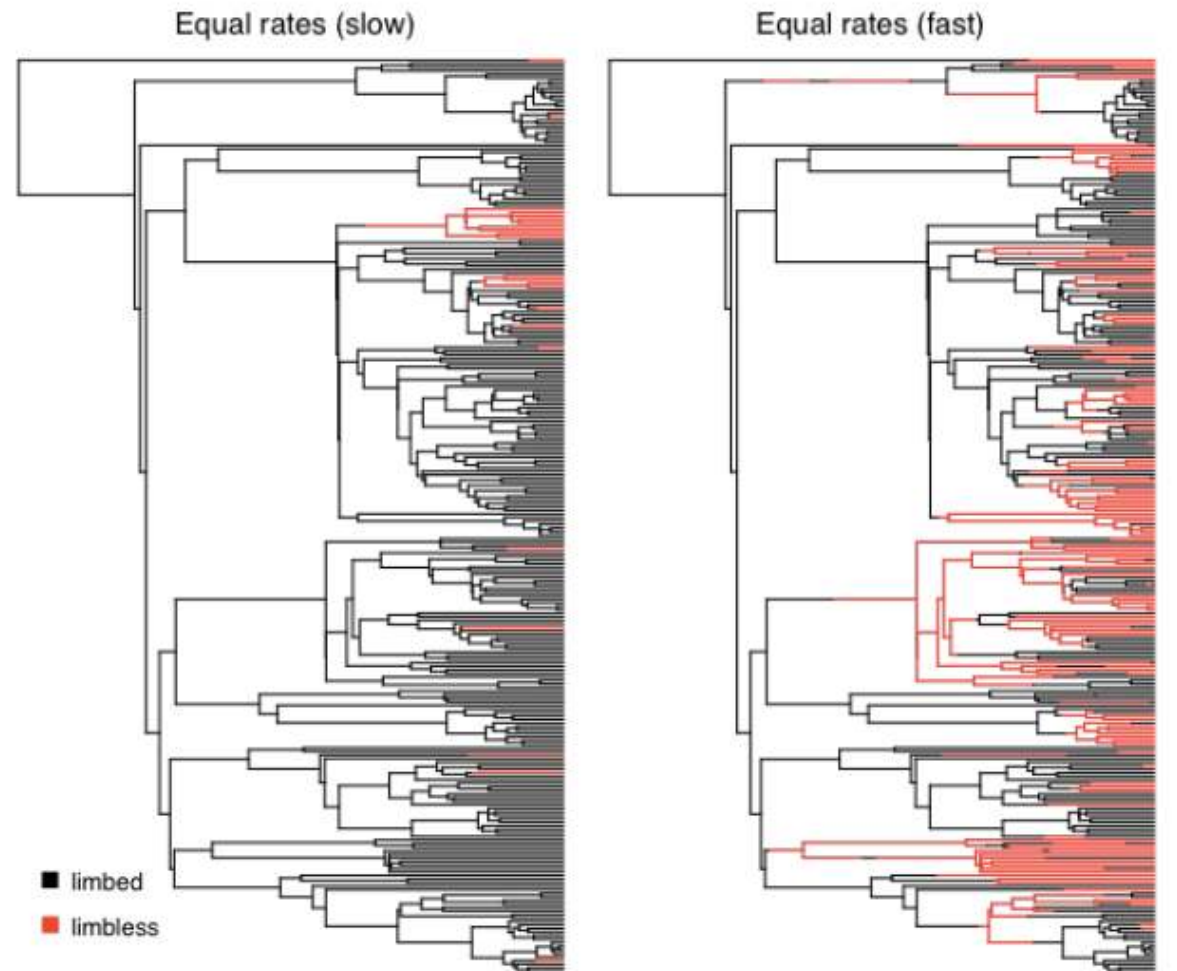
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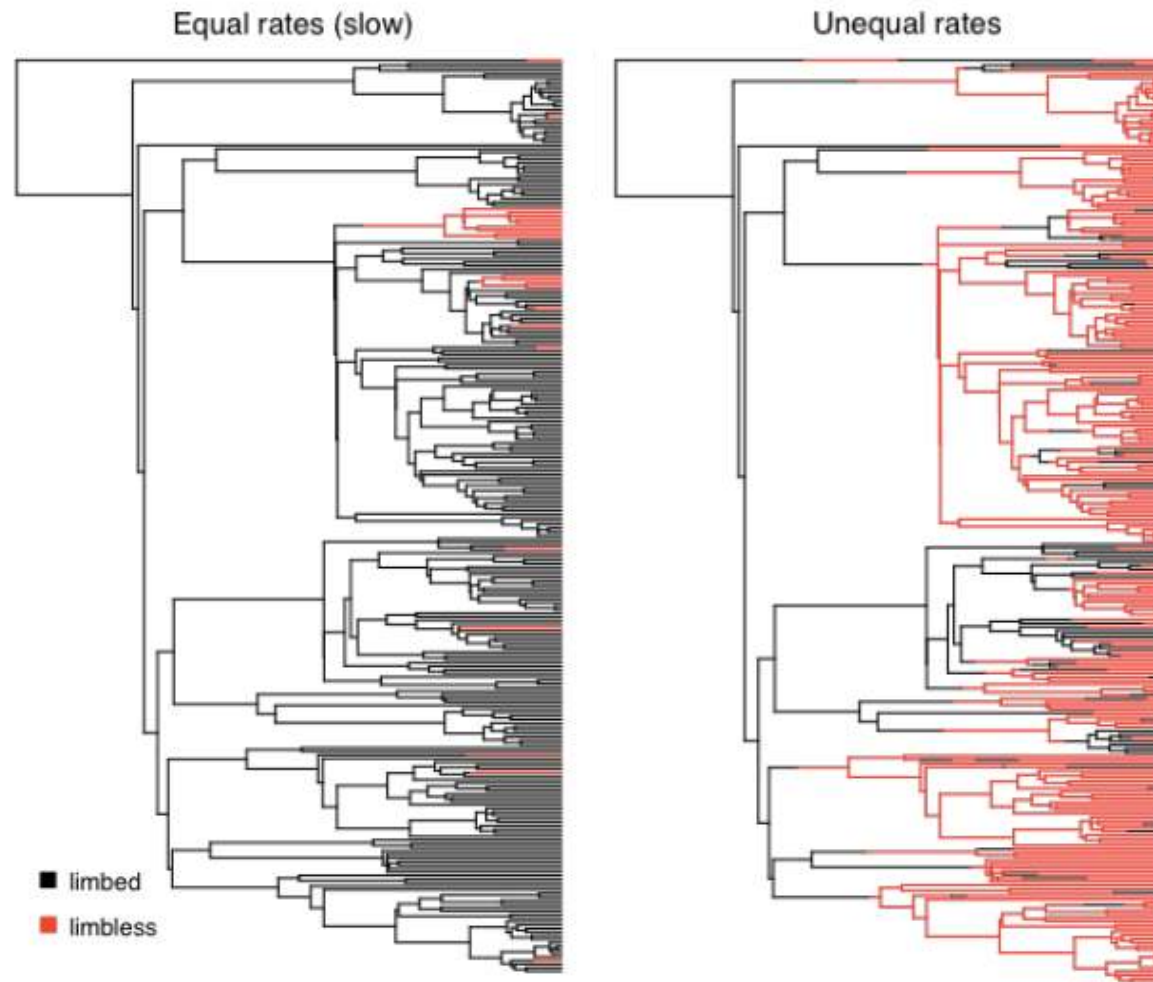


The extended *Mk* model

- ▶ The *Mk* model assumes: $q_{12} = q_{21}, q_{12} = q_{13} \dots$
 - ▶ Memoryless: a character that changes state from 0 $\rightarrow$ 1 has an equal probability of reverting back
 - ▶ Homogeneous: same rate among all states $\begin{bmatrix} -q & q \\ q & -q \end{bmatrix}$
- ▶ SYM only assumes: $q_{12} = q_{21}$
- ▶ ARD: all rates can be different $\begin{bmatrix} -q_1 & q_1 \\ q_2 & -q_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- ▶ more parameters
- ▶ **Q** and **P**(*t*) matrices can be redefined
- ▶ can lead to different states at the nodes and the tips



The extended *Mk* model



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 - ▶ *Mk* is more suitable for sequence data (protein, DNA)
 - ▶ extensions exists (e.g. adding heterogeneity across sites)
 - ▶ incorporate characters evolving under a shared model
 - ▶ Morphological character evolution
 - ▶ shared model across characters is unjustified
 - ▶ each character require specific parameters
- ▶ The threshold model

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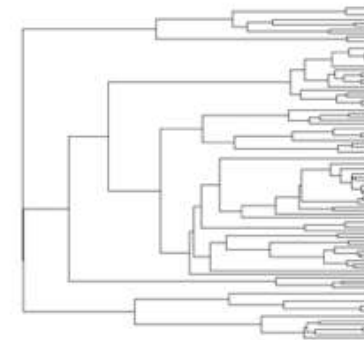
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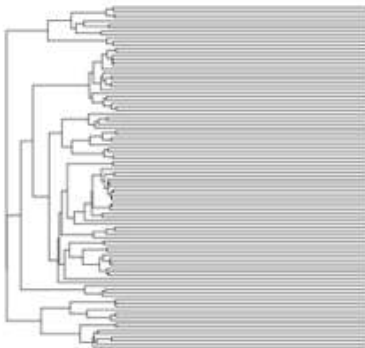
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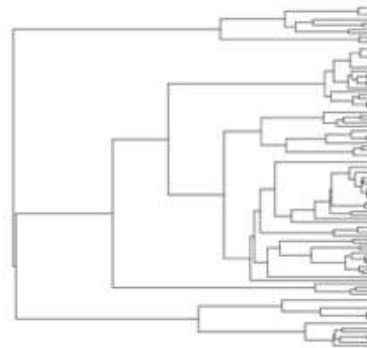


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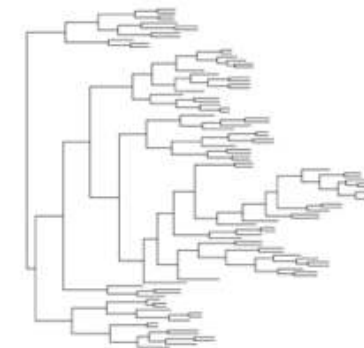
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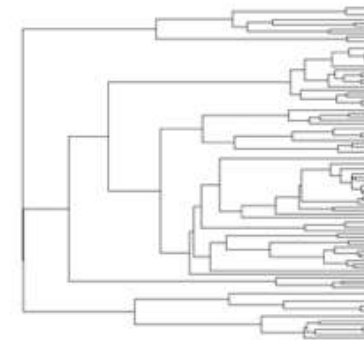
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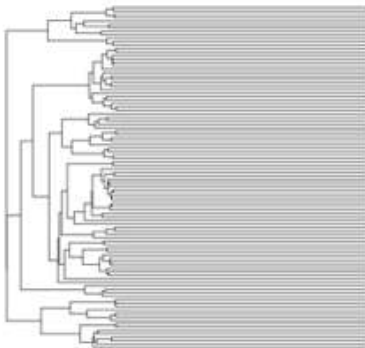
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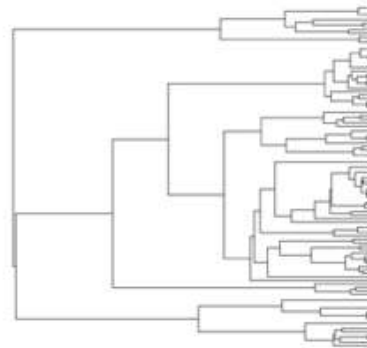


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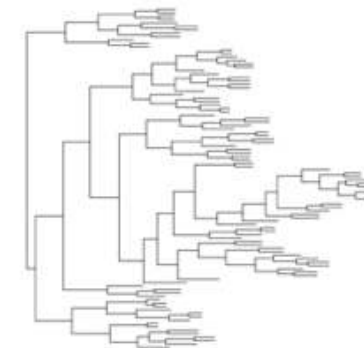
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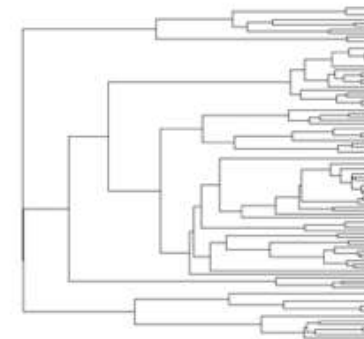
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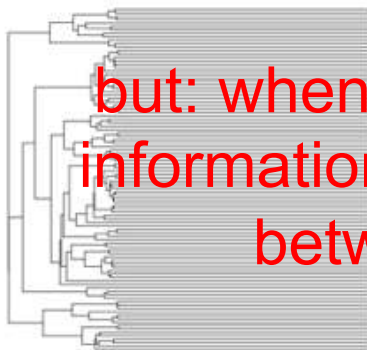
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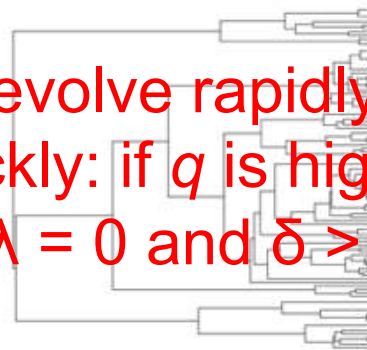


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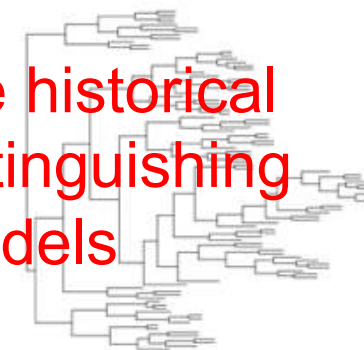
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but: when trait evolve rapidly, lose historical information quickly: if q is high distinguishing between $\lambda = 0$ and $\delta > 0$ models

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 - ▶ rate of evolution varies between clades (multi-rate discrete models)
 - ▶ different $\mathbf{Q}$ matrix for different branches
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- ▶
 - ▶ rate parameters in $\mathbf{Q}$ varies with time

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 - ▶ the effective rate of change depends on the amount of time that a lineage has been in that state (while *Mk* is memoryless)
 - ▶ more realistic for some biological characters
 - ▶ allows variation in transition rates without more
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- ▶ parameters

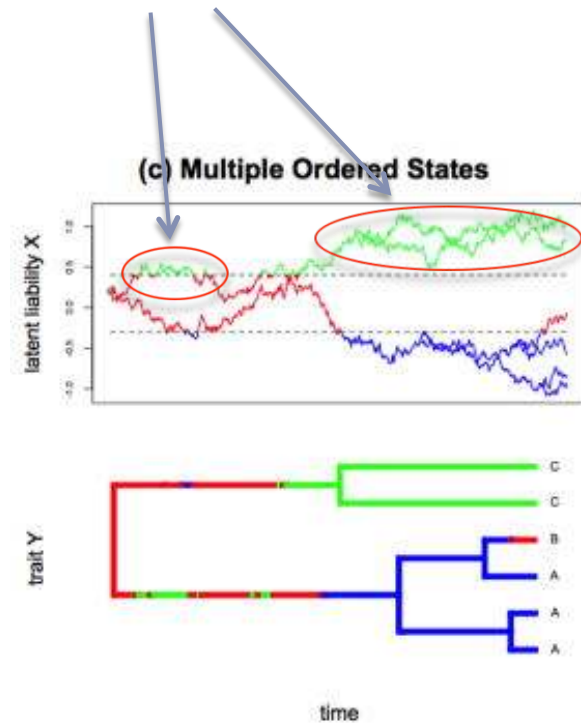
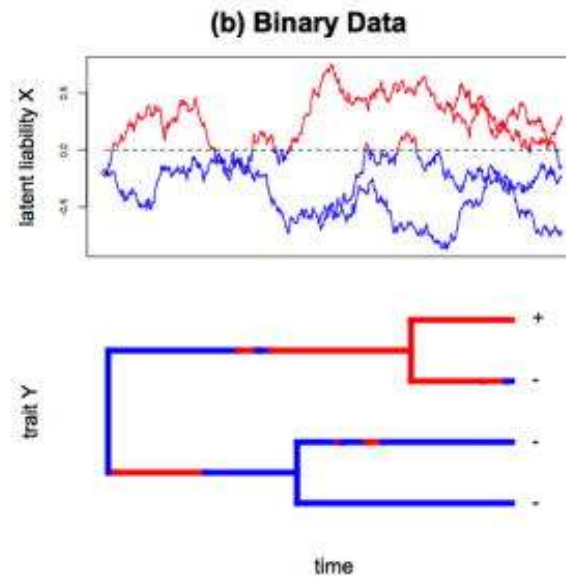
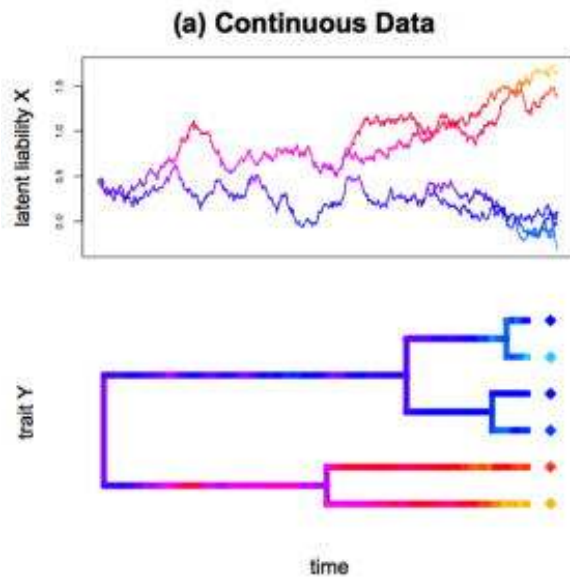
The threshold model

- ▶ liability: the value of the discrete phenotype is determined by a latent continuous trait, if it crosses a fixed threshold value, the character changes state (Wright 1934)
 - ▶ unobserved, unmeasured (e.g. hormone) with multivariate normal distribution
 - ▶ can follow a BM (or OU) motion model of evolution (Felsenstein 2005, 2012)
 - ▶ proxy for the complex, multilocus genetic changes that are likely to underlie a shift in a discretely measured ecological trait (Revell 2013).

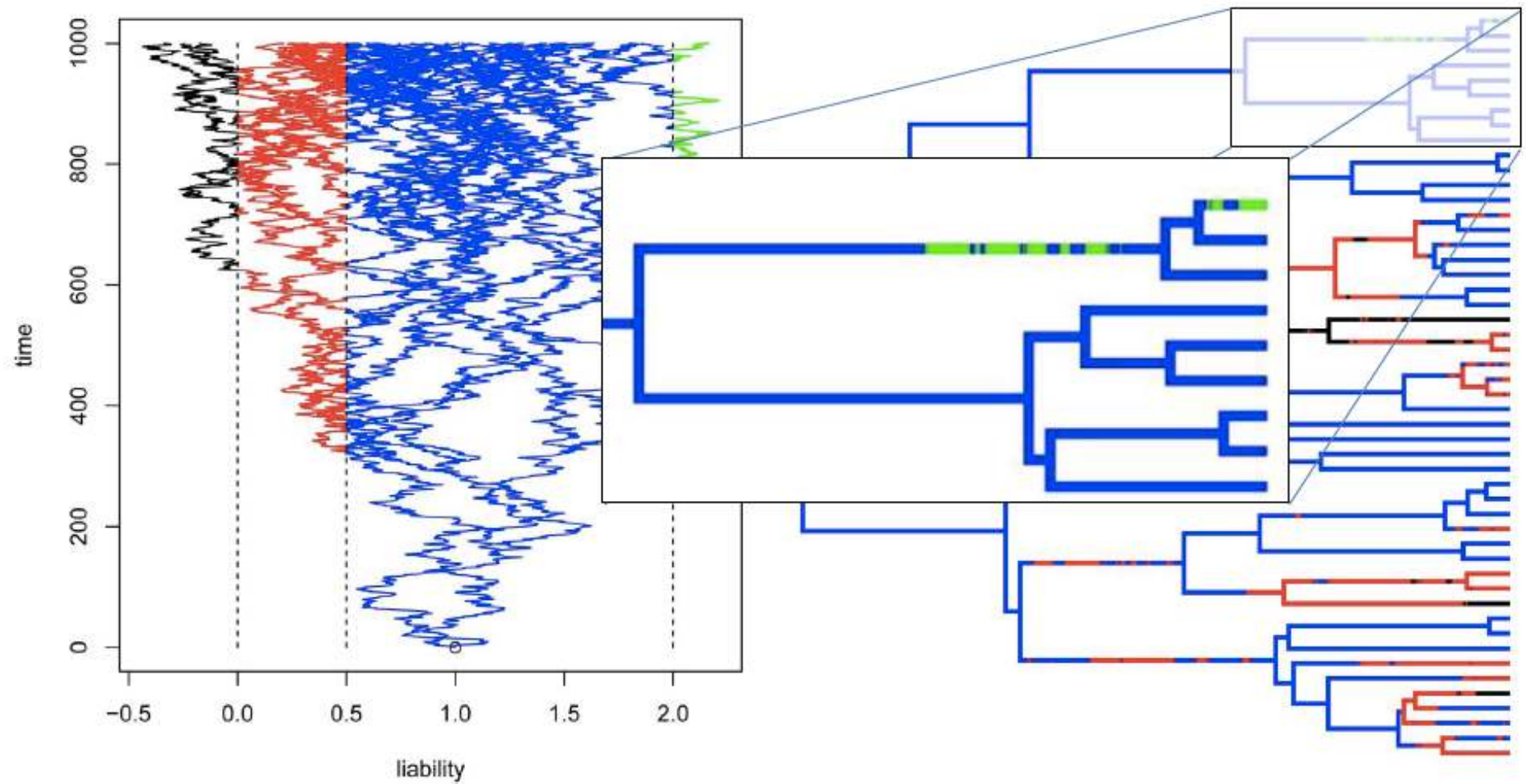


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if a character changed state recently from A $\rightarrow$ C, it is much more likely to change back immediately (when near the threshold) than far in the future.



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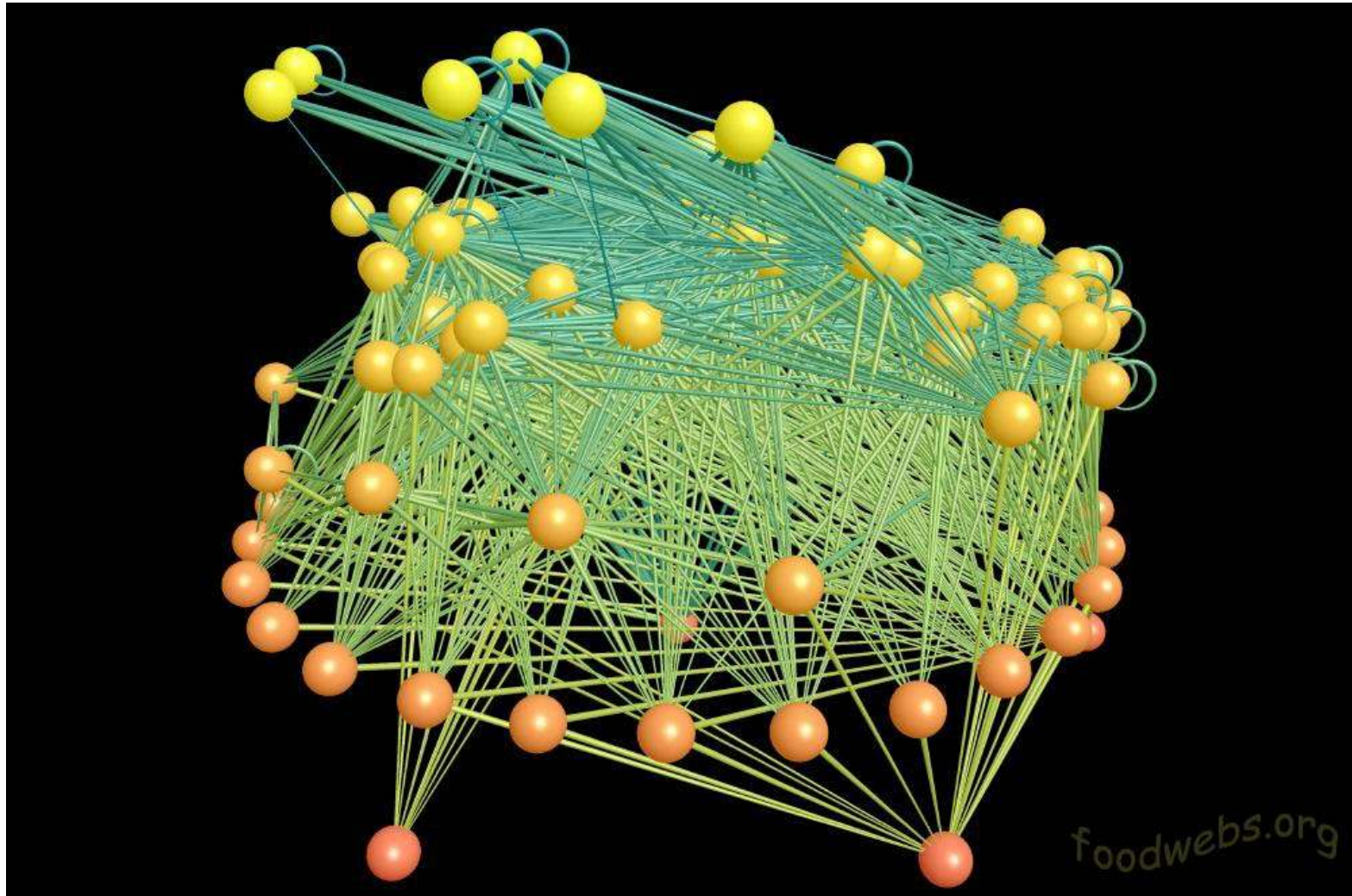


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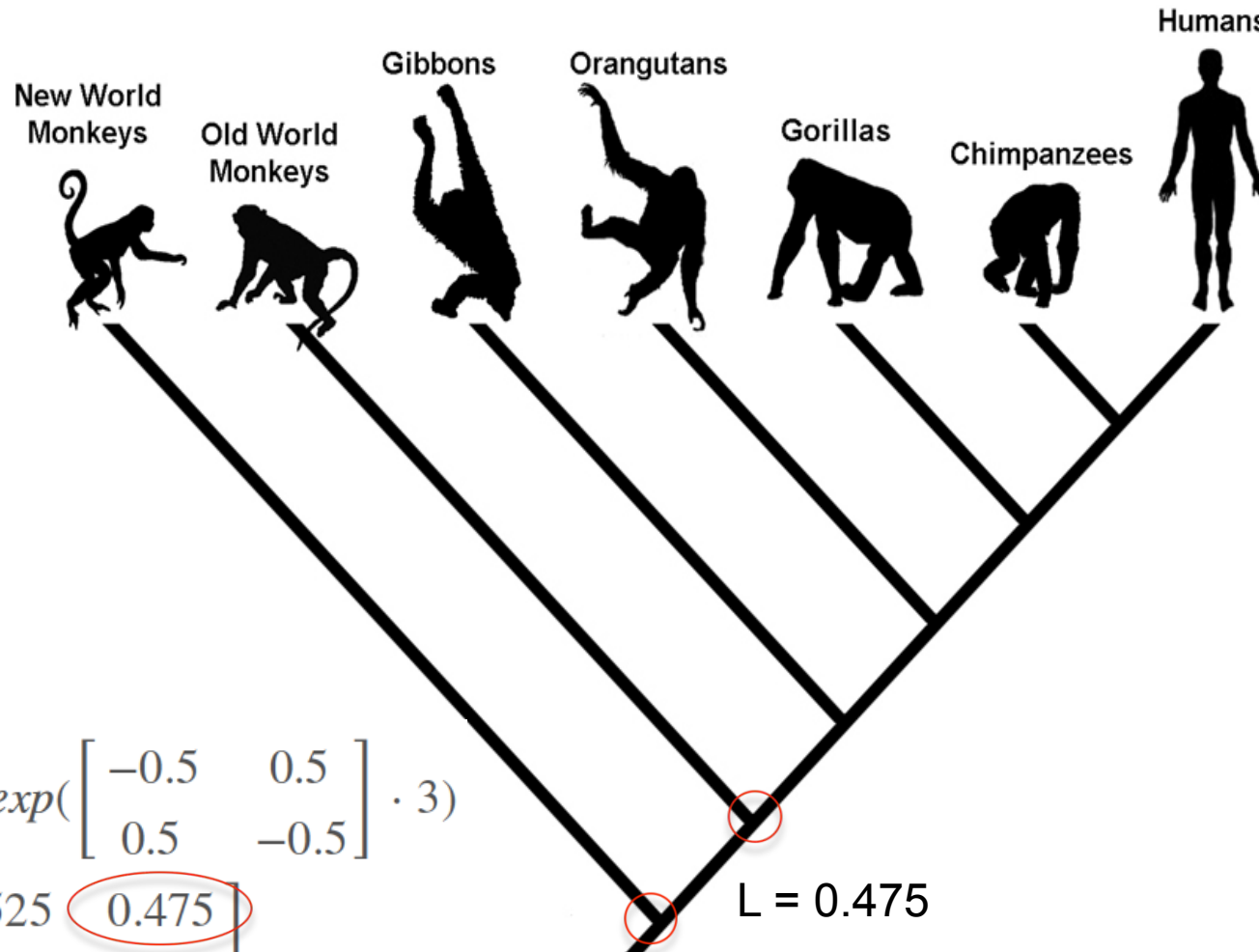
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How to choose from so many models?



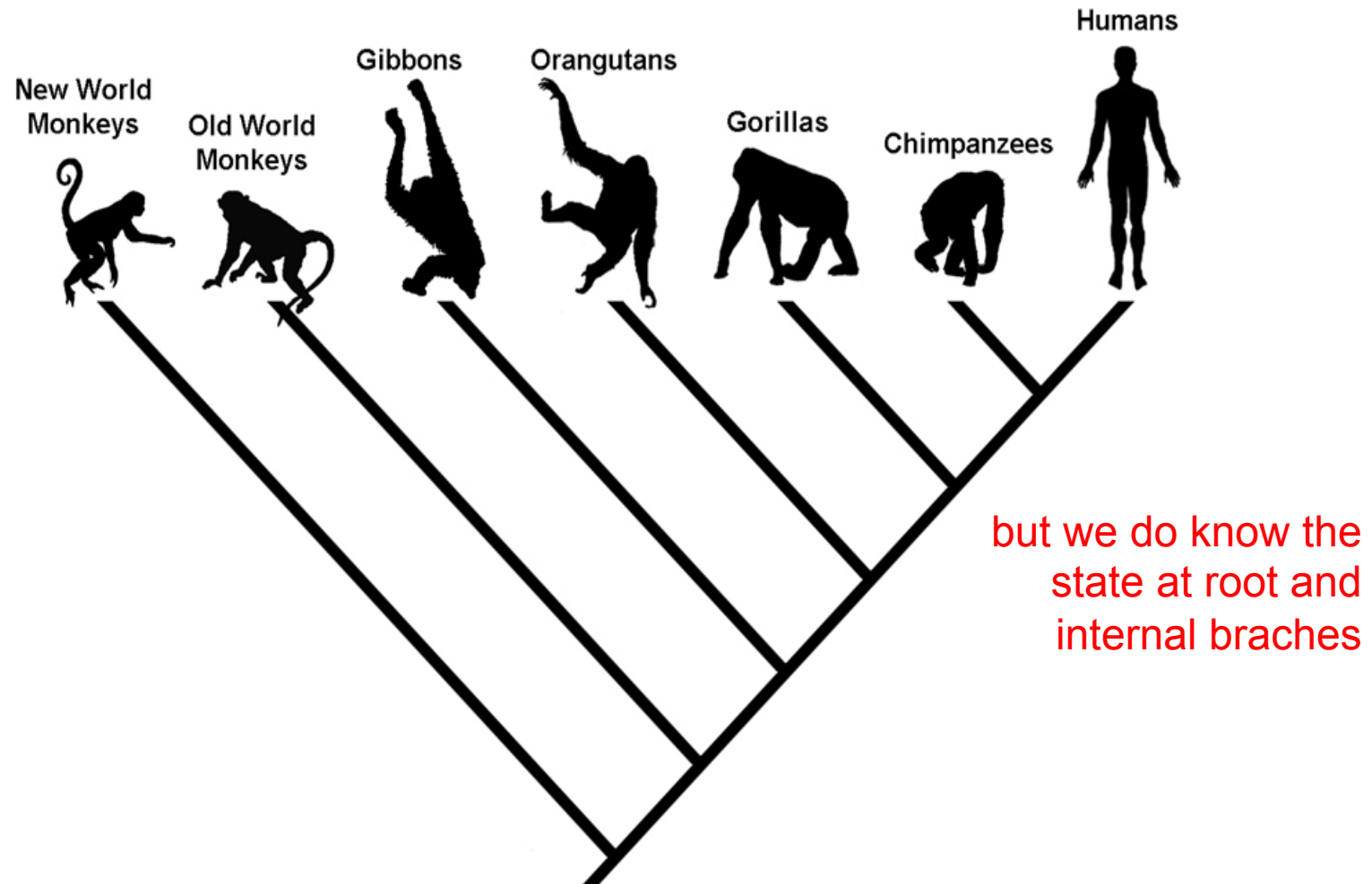
What is the likelihood for a change 0->1?



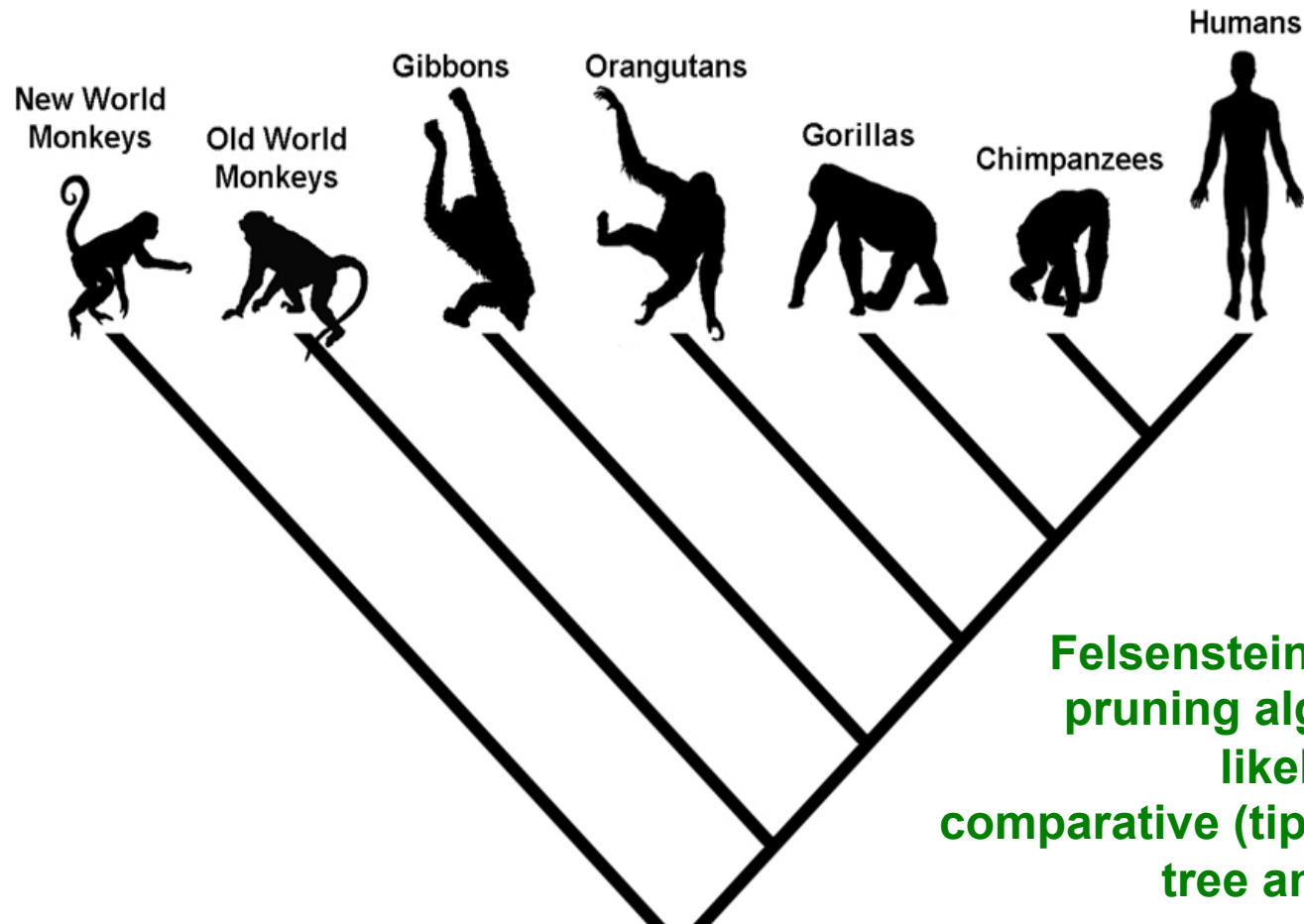
$$\mathbf{P}(t) = e^{\mathbf{Q}t} = \exp\left(\begin{bmatrix} -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 3\right)$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.525 & 0.475 \\ 0.475 & 0.525 \end{bmatrix}$$



What is the likelihood for observed tip data given the tree and the model?



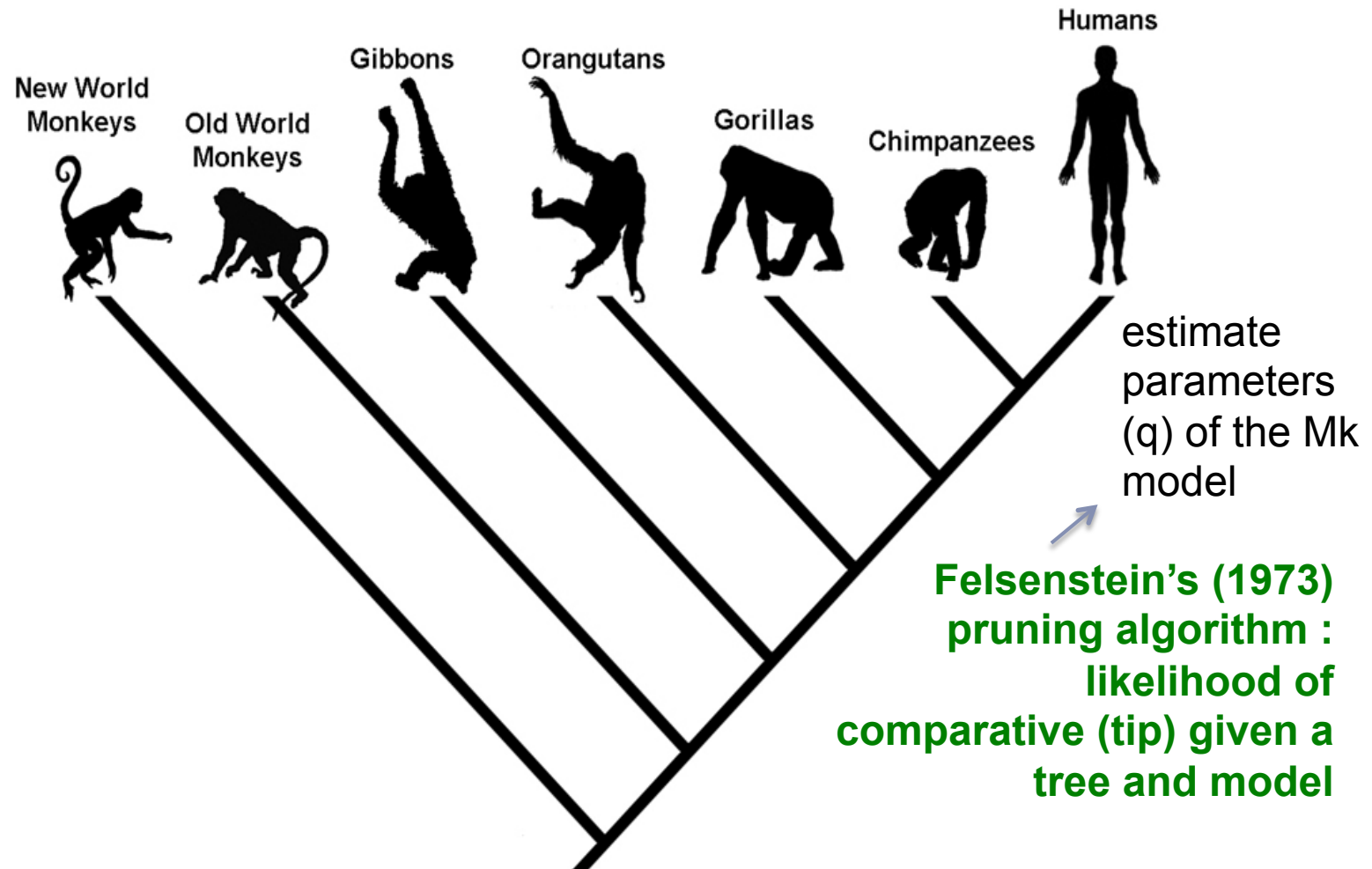
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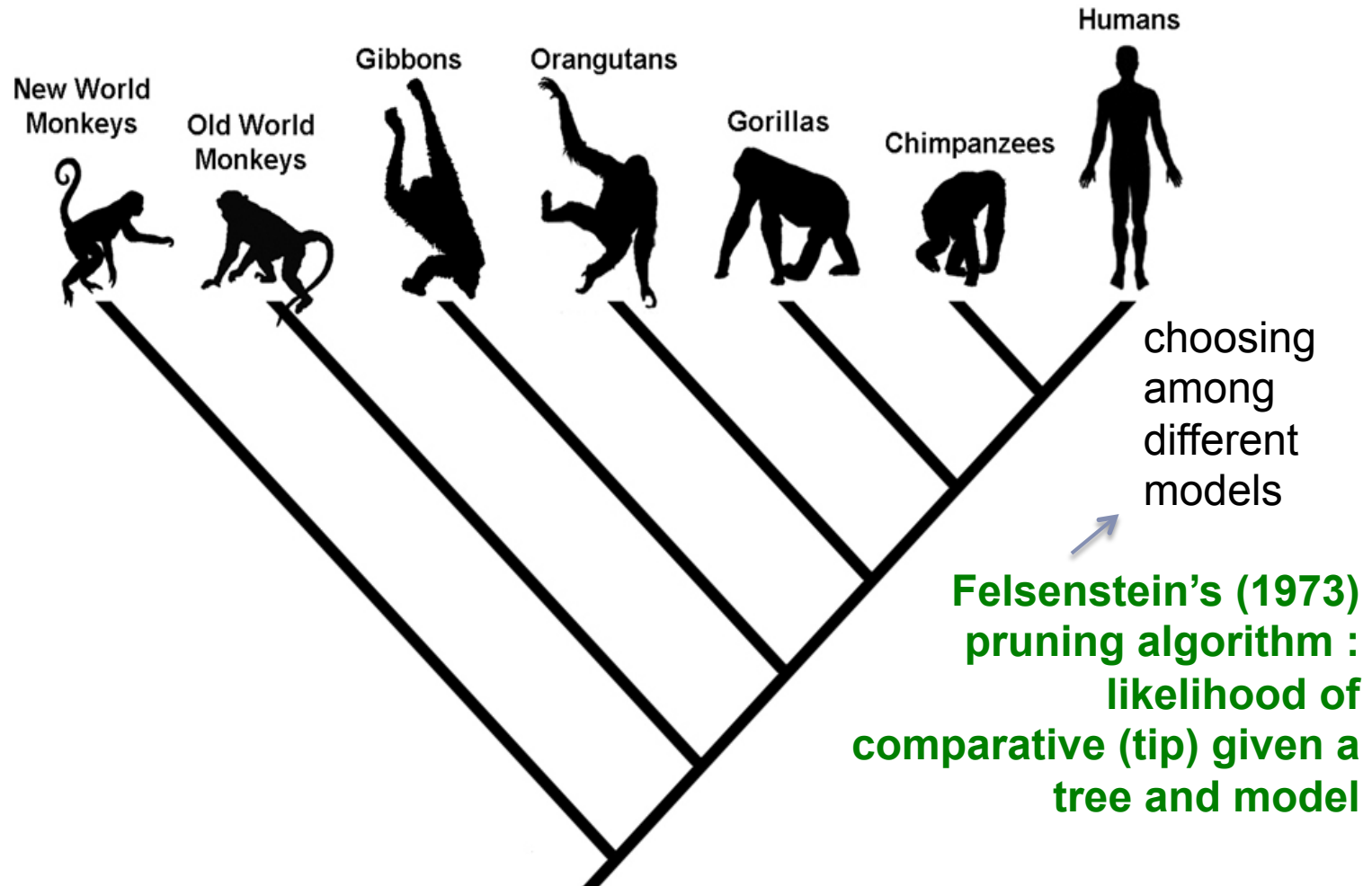
**Felsenstein's (1973)
pruning algorithm :
likelihood of
comparative (tip) given a
tree and model**

$$L_x = \sum_{S_x \in \Omega} P(S_x) \left(\sum_{S_y \in \Omega} P(S_y | S_x, t_{xy}) L_y \sum_{S_z \in \Omega} P(S_z | S_x, t_{xz}) L_z \right)$$

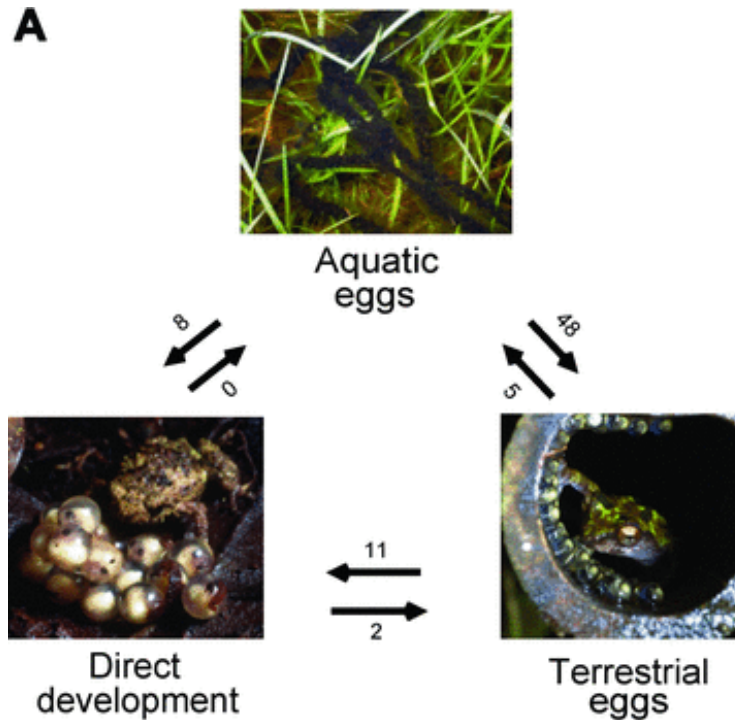
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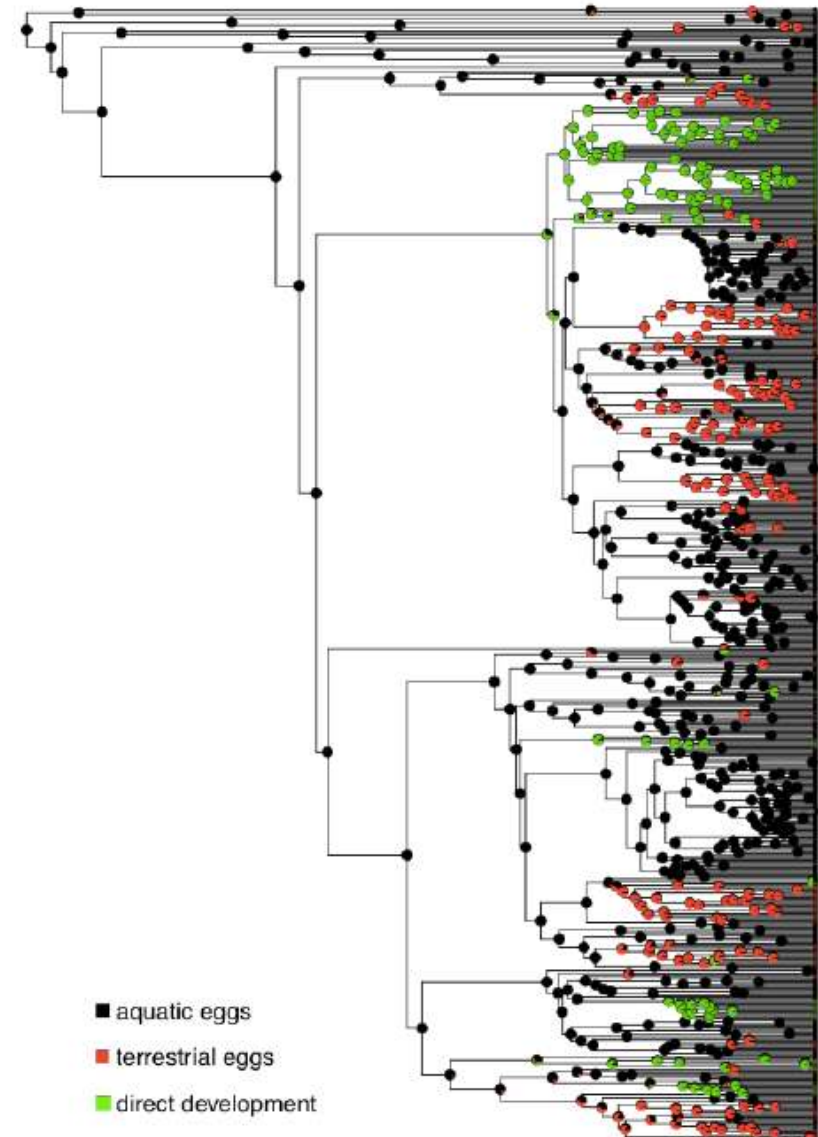
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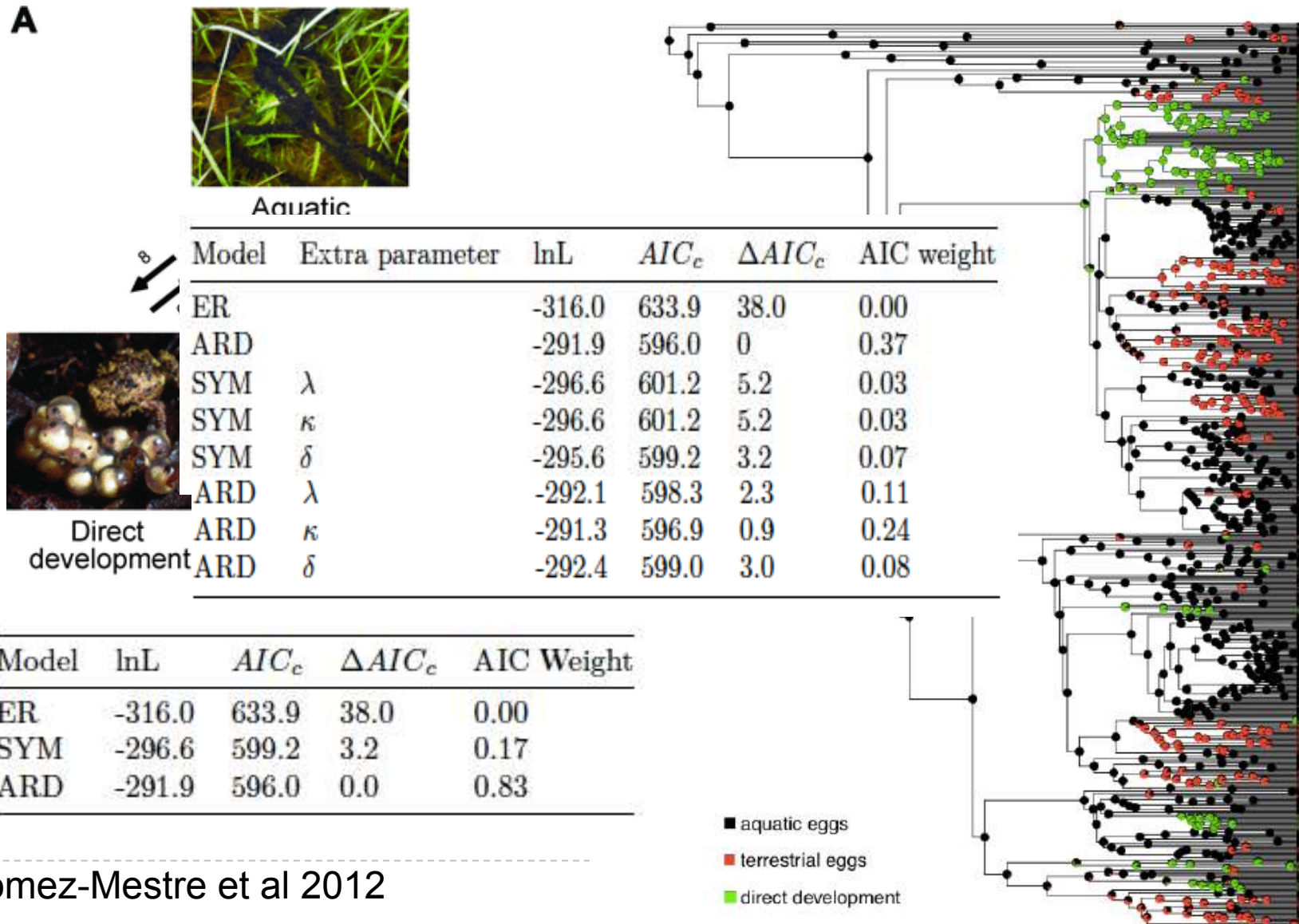
Evolution of reproductive modes in frogs



Model	lnL	AIC_c	ΔAIC_c	AIC Weight
ER	-316.0	633.9	38.0	0.00
SYM	-296.6	599.2	3.2	0.17
ARD	-291.9	596.0	0.0	0.83



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Ancestral state reconstructions

Ancestral state estimation

- ▶ **Given**
 - ▶ the tree
 - ▶ the character (continuous vs. discrete)
 - ▶ the model of evolution
- ▶ one can provide estimates for character states at the nodes or along the branches of the phylogeny
- ▶ these are associated with uncertainty
- ▶ different approaches exists
 - ▶ provide very nice graphs, but hard to check if they are true
 - ▶ just to name some of them...

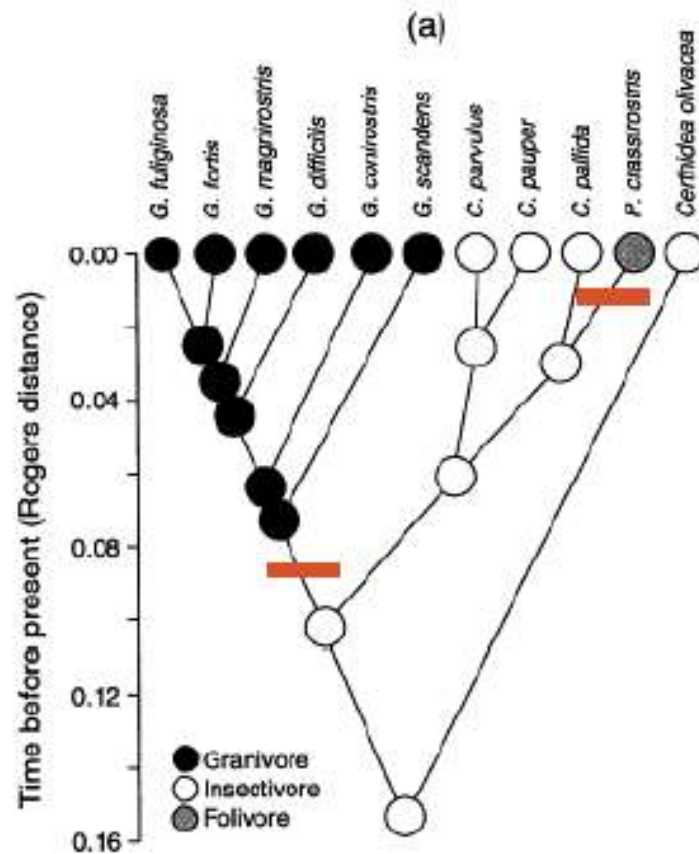


Parsimony



"All things being equal, the simplest solution tends to be the best one."

William of Ockham

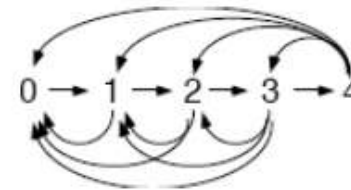
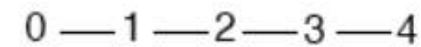
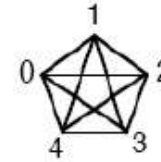


2 Changes



Parsimony

- ▶ Unordered (Fitch)
- ▶ Ordered (Wagner)
- ▶ Irreversible (Camin-Sokal)
- ▶ Dollo
- ▶ Step matrix



Parsimony

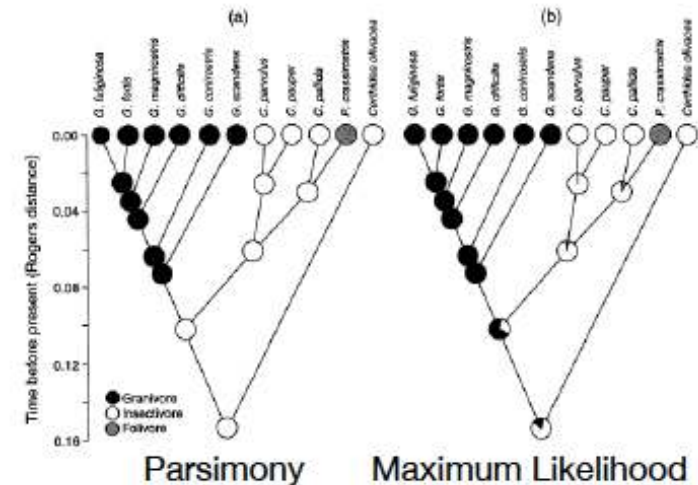
▶ Limitations:

- ▶ Does not care about branch lengths (one change per branch regardless of how long)
- ▶ Performs poorly with rapidly evolving traits, favors divergence toward the tips of the tree
 - ▶ the parsimony reconstruction will only accurately reflect the evolutionary process for our character when Q is very small
- ▶ Does not provide errors, and does not say anything about less supported models



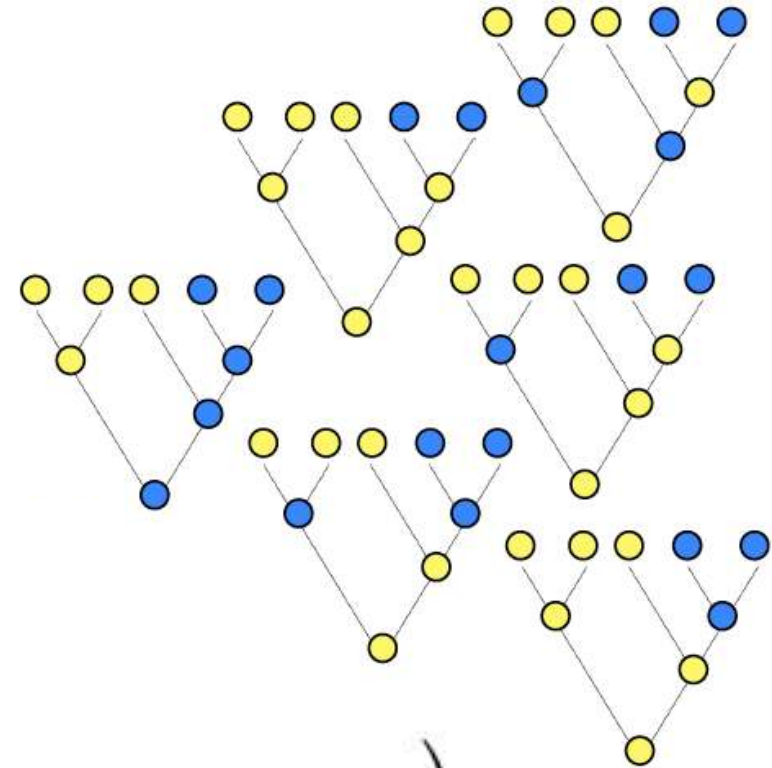
Maximum likelihood

- ▶ Uses the *Mk* model for evolution of discrete traits
- ▶ Uses maximum likelihood
 - ▶ to estimate rates
 - ▶ to reconstruct ancestral states in a form of probability
- ▶ Incorporate branch lengths
- ▶ Works well with fast rates
- ▶ Confidence/error around estimates
- ▶ It has its own limitations
 - ▶ requires a model
 - ▶ local optima problem for non-convex surfaces



Felsenstein's (1973) pruning algorithm

nested sum of transition
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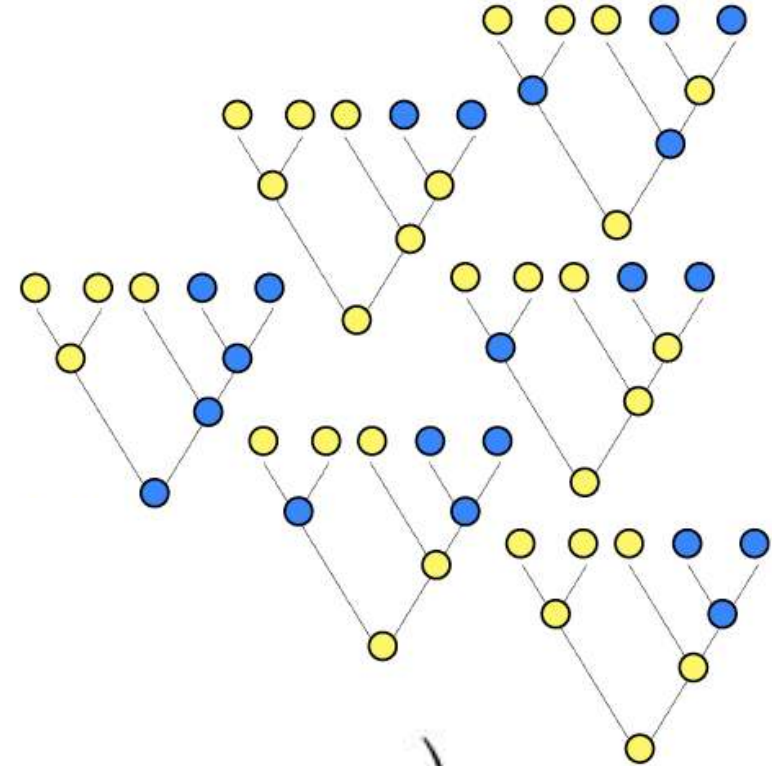
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character state at node x branch length possible character states

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find the assignment to S_x for all x internal
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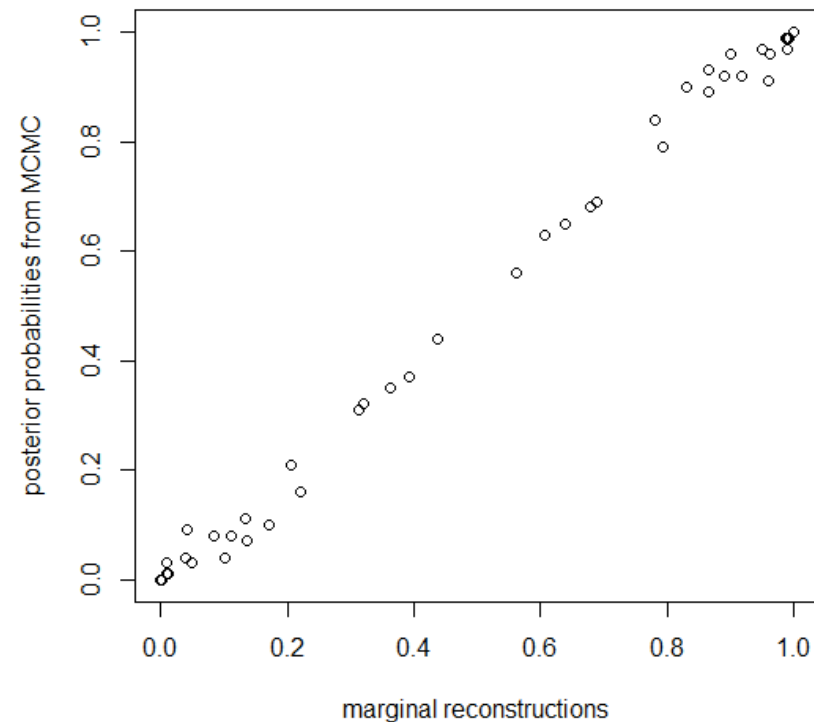
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- ▶ Joint reconstruction: finding the set of character states at all nodes that (jointly) maximize the likelihood
- ▶ Marginal reconstruction: finding the state at the current node that maximizes the likelihood independently of the reconstruction of all other ancestral states



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- ▶ <http://blog.phytools.org/2015/05/about-how-acemarginaltrue-does-not.html>

Stochastic character mapping

- ▶ Sampling character histories in direct proportion to their posterior probability under a model
 - ▶ sample a transition matrix Q
 - ▶ sample ancestral states
 - ▶ simulate character histories along all the edges of the tree conditioned on Q and node states



Stochastic character mapping

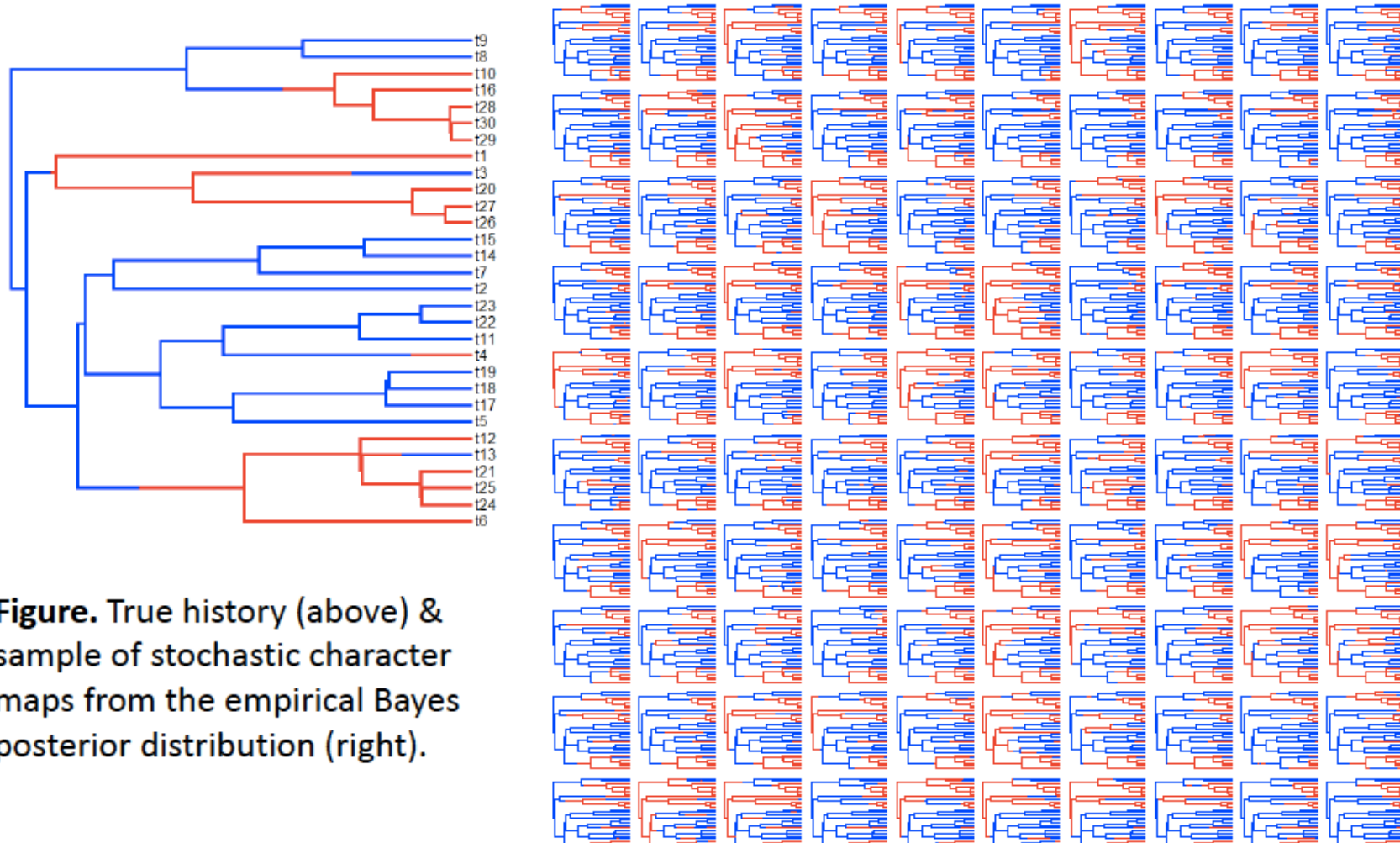


Figure. True history (above) & sample of stochastic character maps from the empirical Bayes posterior distribution (right).

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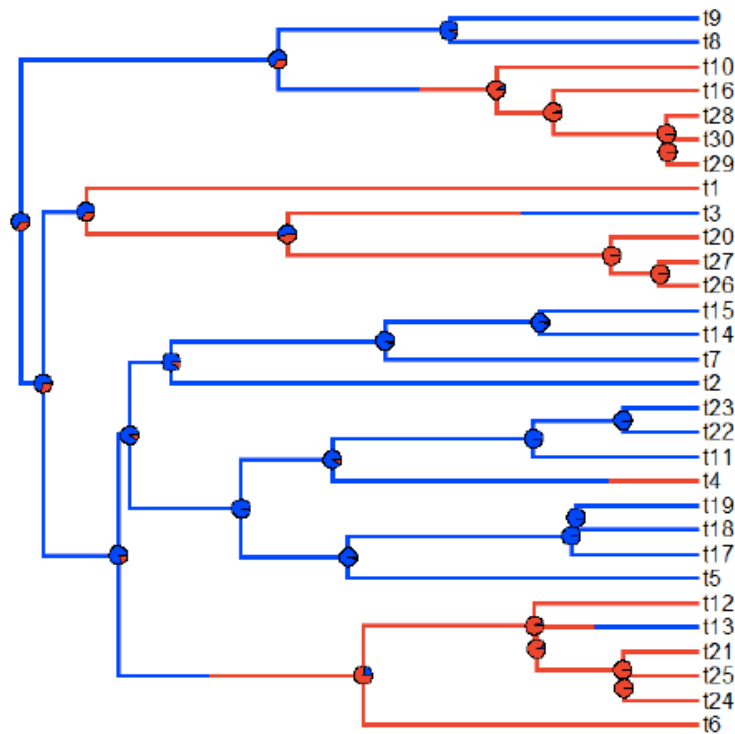


Figure. True history with posterior probabilities from stochastic mapping.

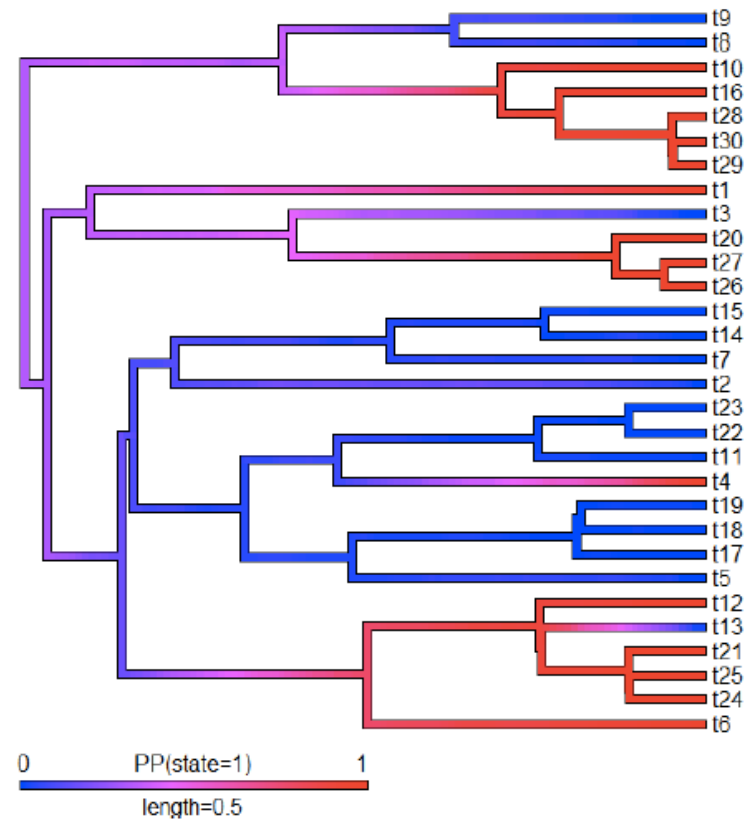
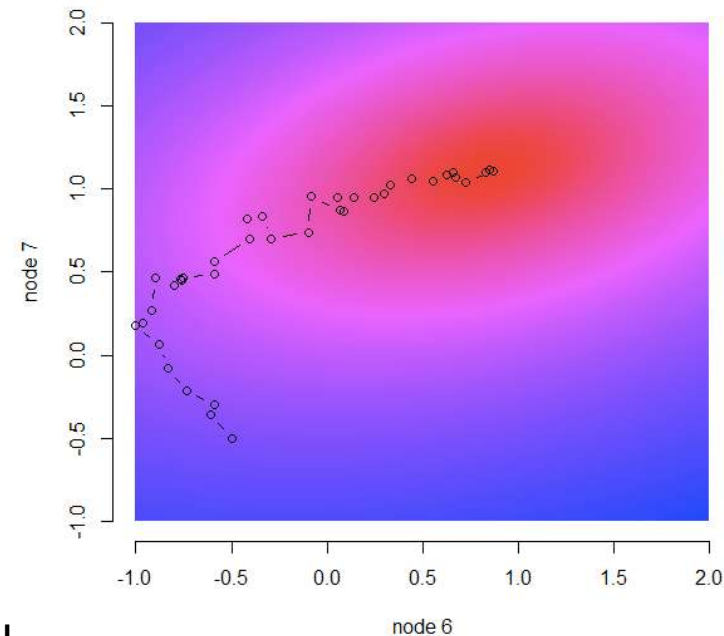
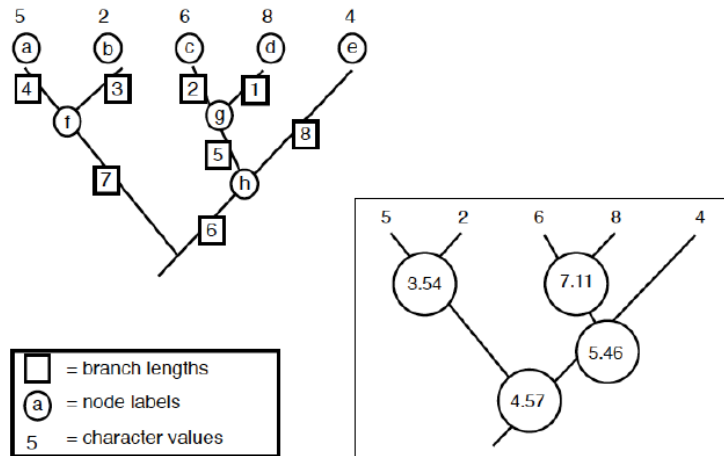


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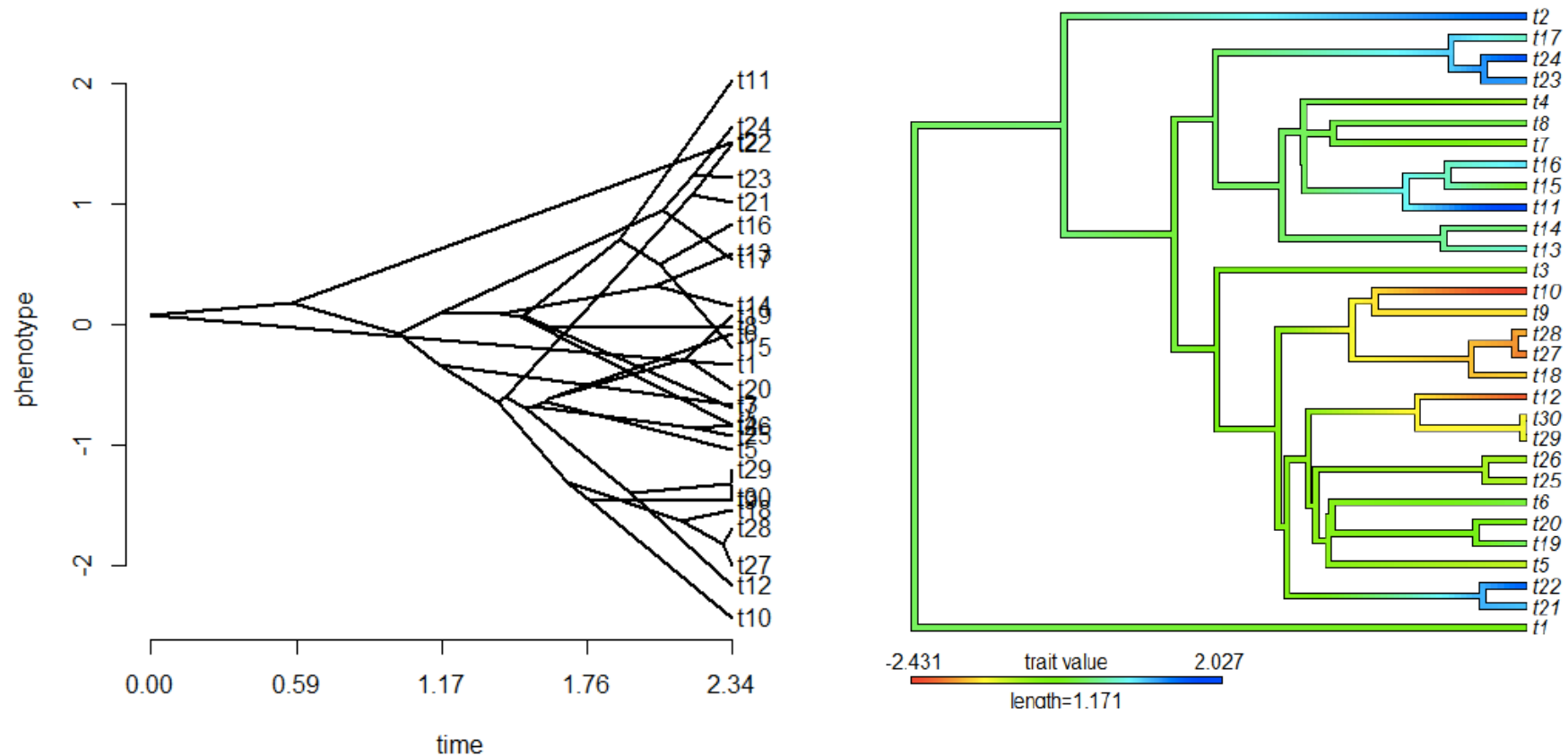
Ancestral state estimation of continuous characters

- ▶ Maximum likelihood: need to find set of ancestral states that maximize the probability of data & tree

$$L(\mathbf{a}, a_0, \sigma^2 \mid \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp[-\frac{1}{2}([\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}] - a_0 \mathbf{1})'(\sigma^2 \mathbf{T})^{-1}([\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}] - a_0 \mathbf{1})]}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n+m-1} |\sigma^2 \mathbf{T}|}}$$

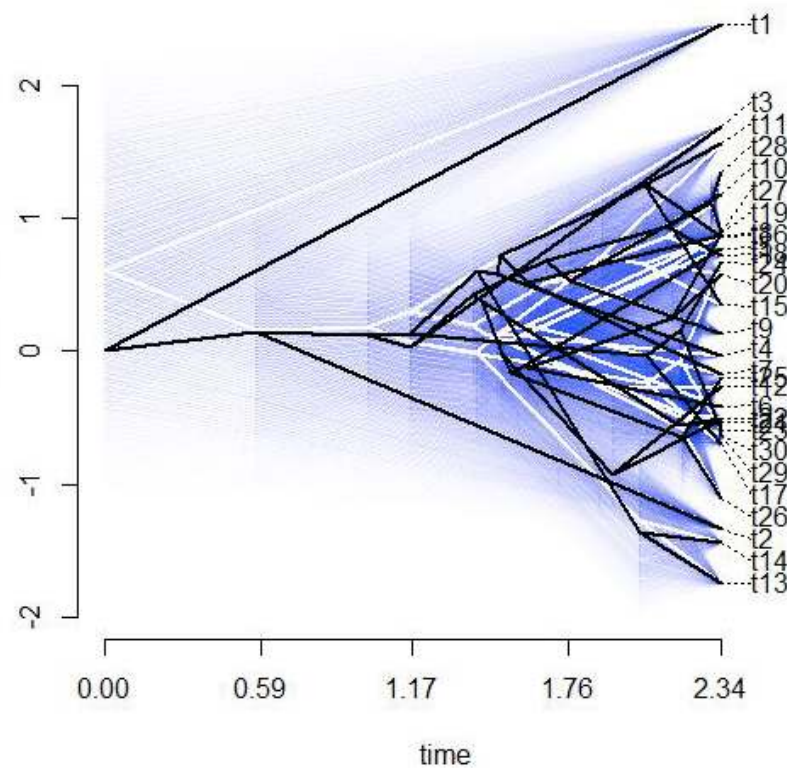


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Uncertainty



Bias

