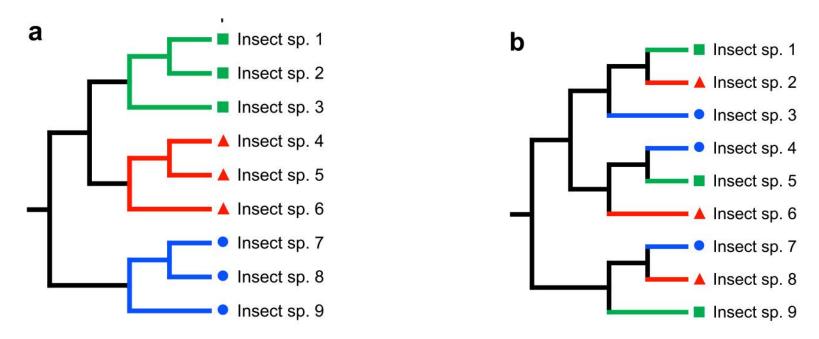
Phylogenetics of speciation, and more....

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Phylogenies can tell us the backstory of where different species came from (allopatric vs sympatric)

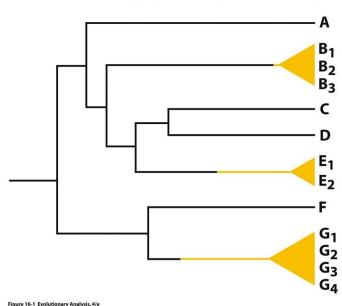


Assume each color is a distinct geographic area

THINK: Most parsimonious explanation of where each clade's ancestor lived?

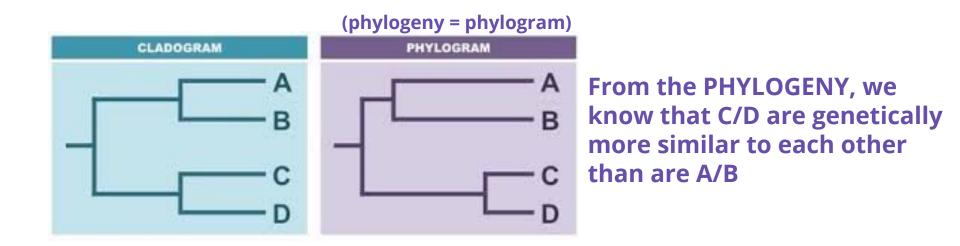
Phylogenetic Species Concept

Defines species as "tips" or CLADES on phylogenies



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Recall: Branch lengths indicate genetic distance

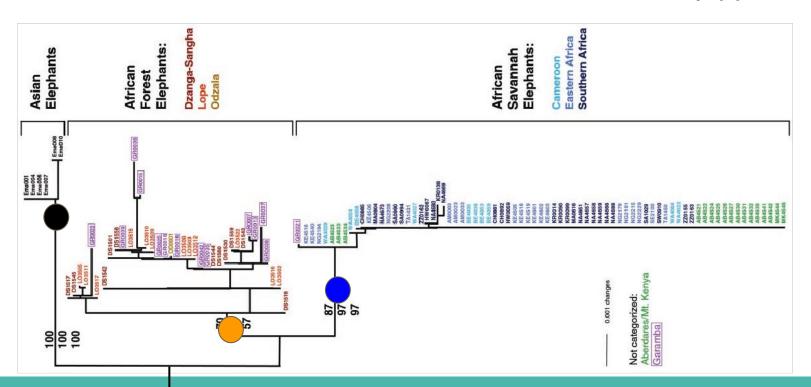


Do you expect large or small genetic distance among individuals WITHIN a species? Between species?

Example of applying phylogenetic species concept

Got DNA sequences from MANY elephants. Asked: Are elephants in different geographic regions different species?

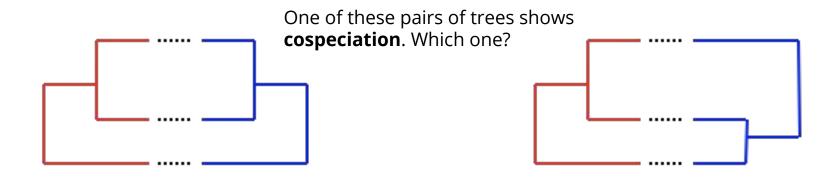
Yes!! Due to monophyly.



Coevolution and cospeciation

Coevolution: Two or more species affect one another's evolution, i.e. *reciprocal* evolutionary change. *Speciation does NOT need to happen!*

Cospeciation: When two co-evolving groups of organisms *speciate* in tandem. Extremely common in **host-parasite** or symbiont relationships. **expect EXACTLY mirrored trees**.



Many pairs species show strong specific associations

- Figs and wasps https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DQTjv_u3Vc
- Plants and their pollinators
- Selection on interacting pairs tends to increase the interdependency, i.e....
 - Plant evolves precise method to attract a specific species of pollinator
 - Pollinator species evolves strict preference for only pollinating that plant
- So the question is: What causes the close co-evolutionary relationship between species? Either...
 - o Co-speciation: The close specific interaction was inherited
 - By chance: The two species just happen to have a close biological interaction



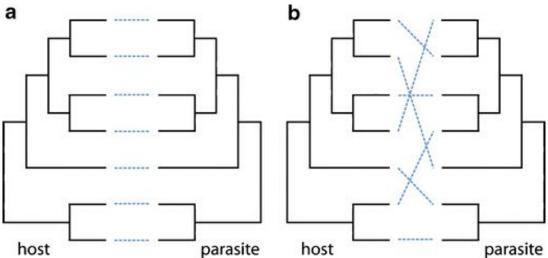


Phylogenies can help determine how associations are formed

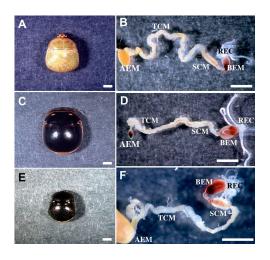
a: Cospeciation causes host-parasite specific relationships. Host-parasite remain linked "forever" in evolutionary time

b: By chance, host-parasite specific relationships come to be. "Host-switching" events occur when host speciates; parasite speciation

does not "follow" host speciation

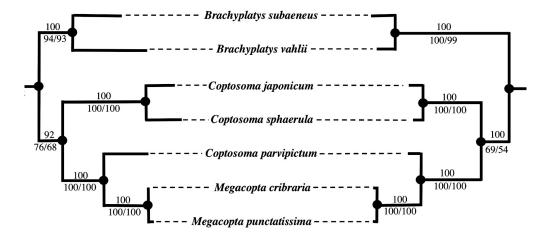


Stinkbug and symbiotic bacteria cospeciation



Stinkbug phylogeny

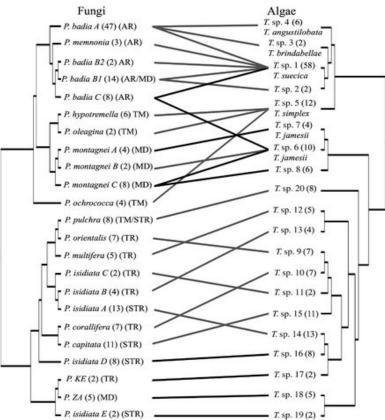
Symbiotic bacteria phylogeny



Lack of cospeciation in fungi and symbiotic green alga







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THE HORROR

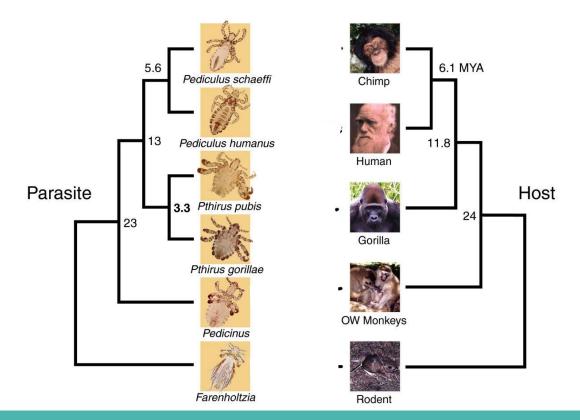






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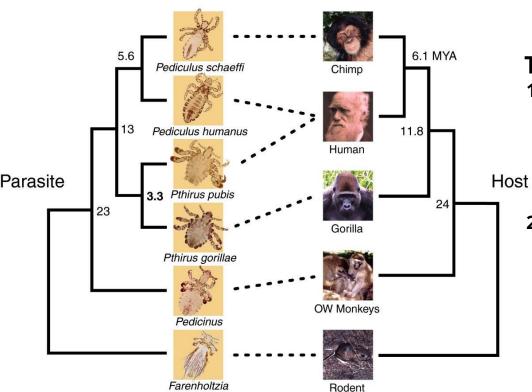


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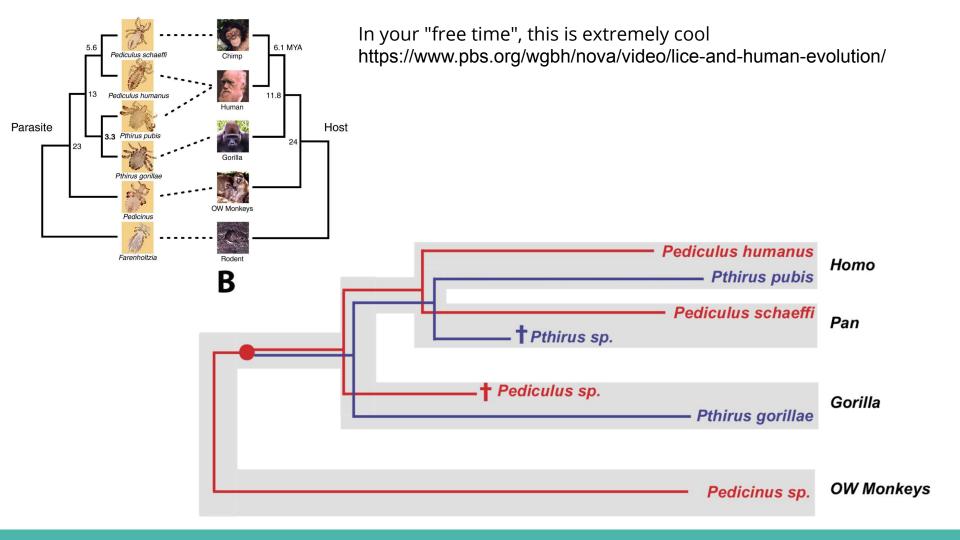
Two options:

1. A host-switching event occurred

- a. Mutation in Pthirus pubis changed it to infect humans and not gorillas
- b. Raises uncomfortable questions about human-gorilla interaction...

2. There was another species that went extinct

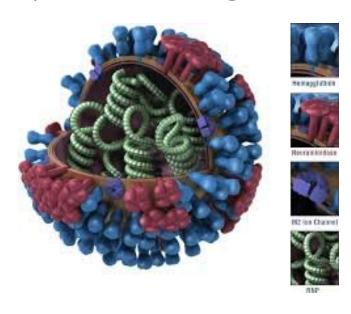
 We don't see a mirror phylogeny because all the species didn't survive, not because it didn't happen!

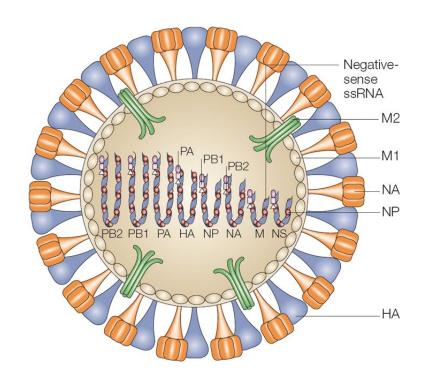


Phylogenies can help us understand the history and dynamics of pathogens!

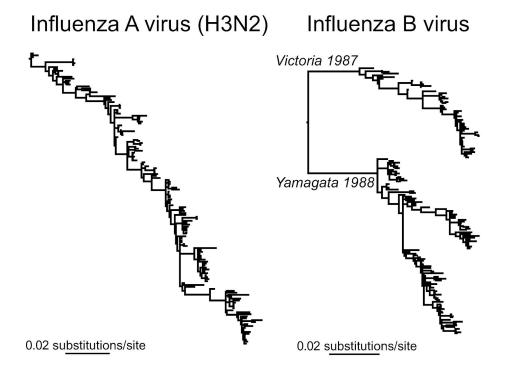
Evolution of influenza and other viruses

https://nextstrain.org

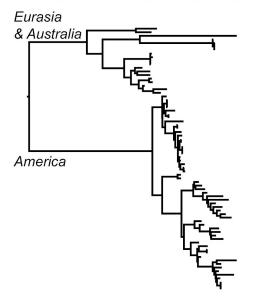




Phylogeny of flu tends to look like a ladder. Why?

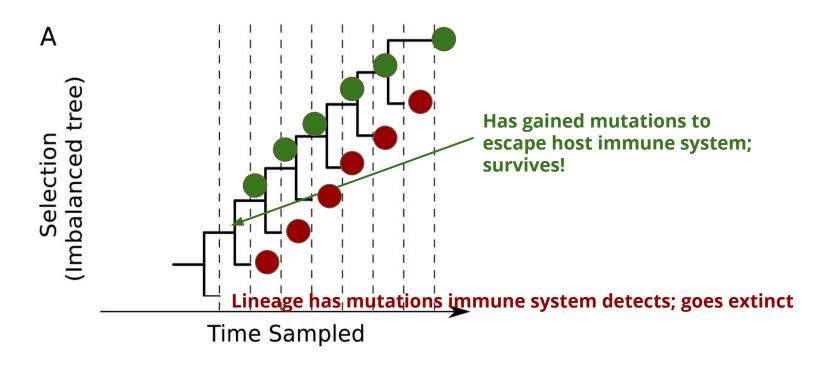


H4 avian influenza virus

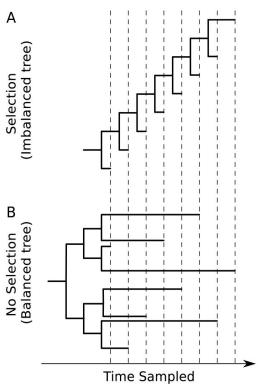


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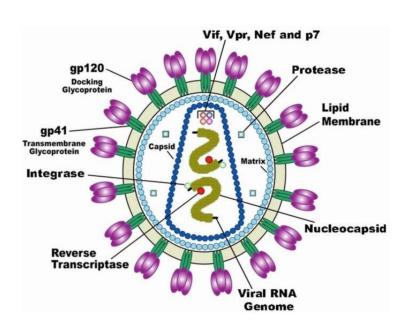
The virus experiences selection (from host immune system) - creates a characteristic phylogeny shape



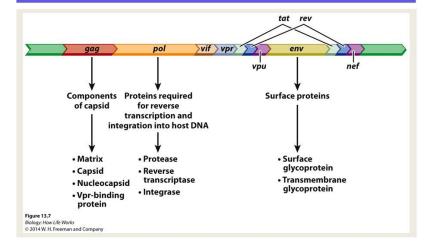
Without selection, lineages randomly die or survive without the ladder ("imbalanced") pattern



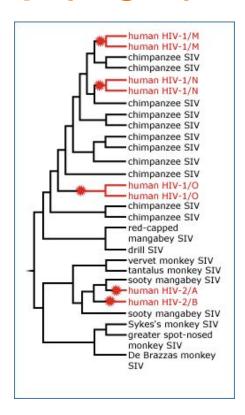
The phylogeography of HIV

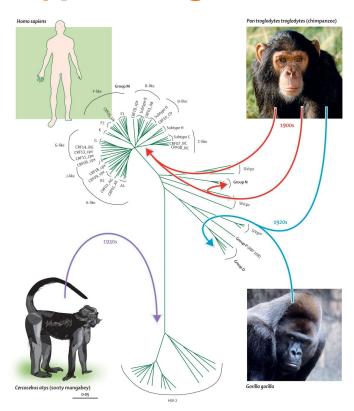


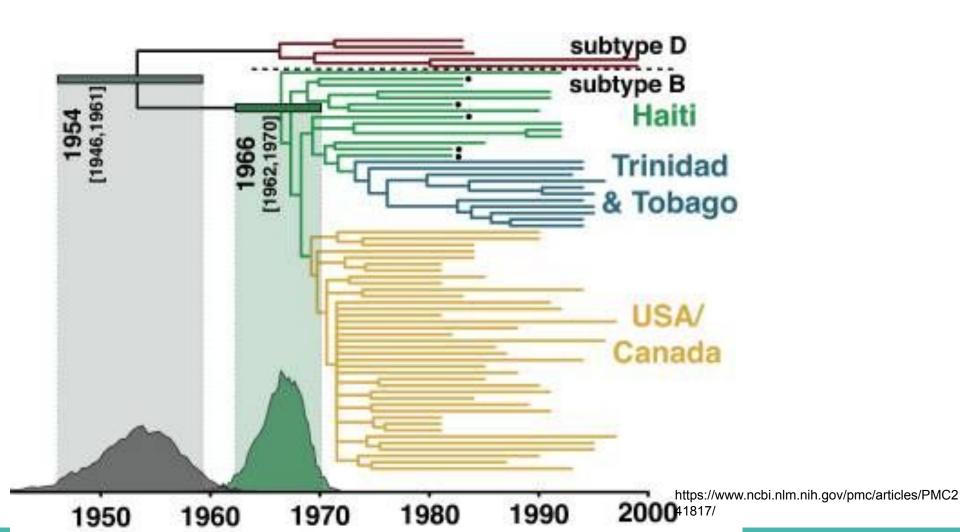
ANNOTATED GENOME OF HIV



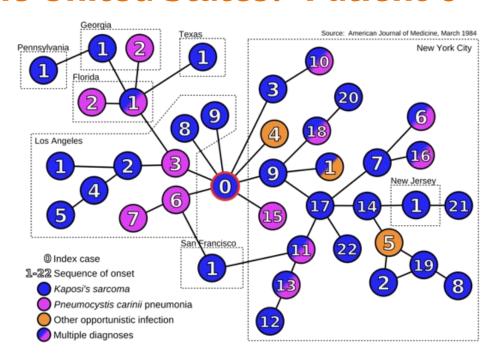
A phylogeny of human HIV subtypes. Origin?







HIV in the United States: "Patient 0"



Was Patient 0 the first American with HIV?

