

Prokaryotes

12k

Bacteria
11k

Archaea
1k



Eukaryotes

1.42M

Protists
34k

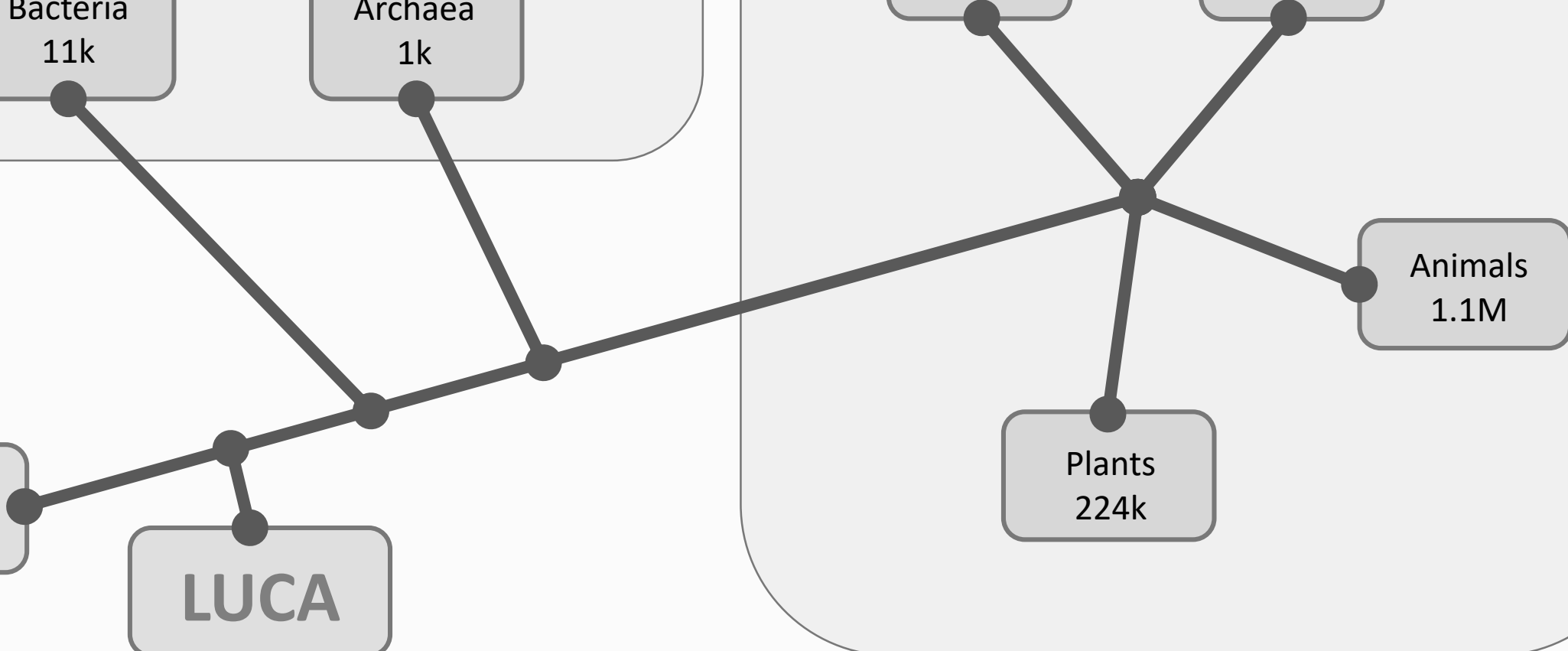
Fungi
44k

Animals
1.1M

Plants
224k

Prebiotic

LUCA



The tree of life - basic diagram

The tree of life - basic diagram. The prebiotic period shown on the bottom-left represents the formation of primordial chemical molecules necessary for the ignition of life. Next, the diagram indicates the appearance of LUCA (Last Universal Common Ancestor), the first “rudimentary” form of life. The first prokaryotes appear later based on the evolution of LUCA, namely bacteria and archaea. Eukaryotes appear next in the evolutionary chain. Eukaryotes divide the tree of life into four other main subdivisions (eukaryotic kingdoms), namely: protists, fungi, animals and plants. Note that the approximate number of known species is presented for each subdivision.



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