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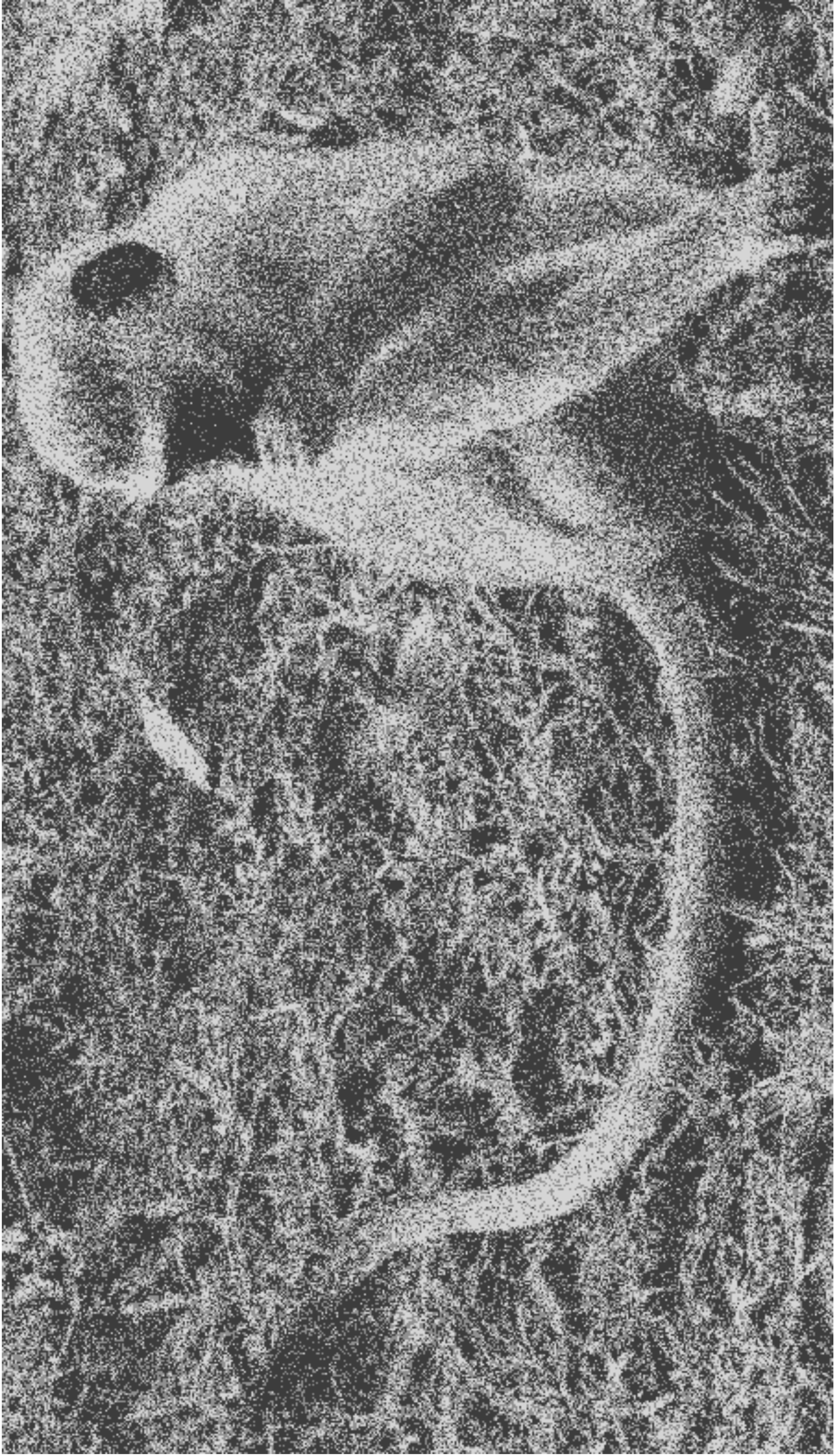

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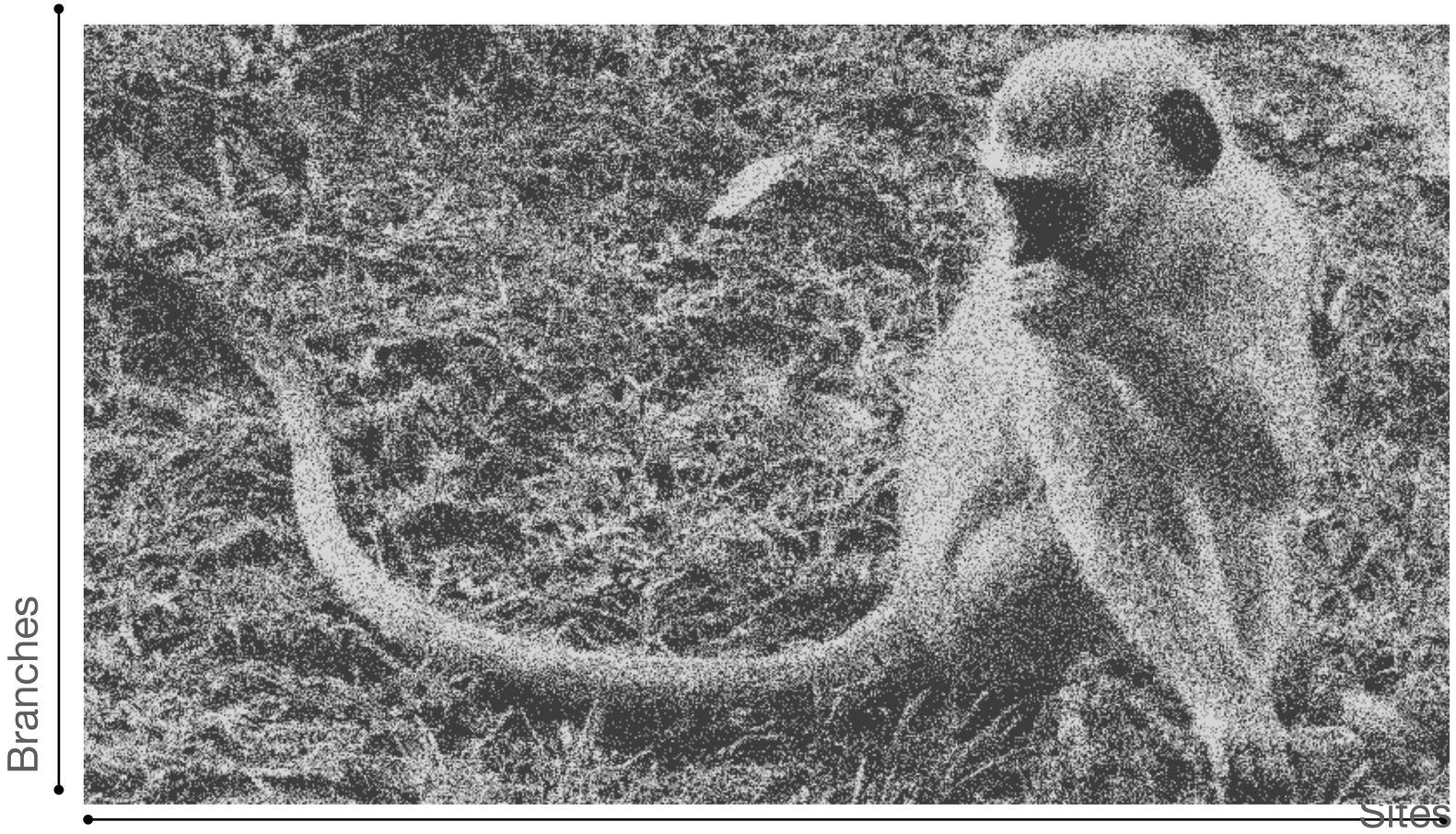

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BUSTED inference

- **Because BUSTED is a random-effects method, it pools information across multiple sites and branches to gain power**
- The cost to this pooling is lack of site-level **resolution**, i.e., it is not immediately obvious which sites and/or branches drive the signal
- Standard ways to extract individual site contributions to the overall signal is to perform a post-hoc analysis, such as empirical Bayes, or “category loading”
- For BUSTED, “category loading” is faster and experimentally better
- Can also compute exploratory evidence for selection support along individual branches at specific sites

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