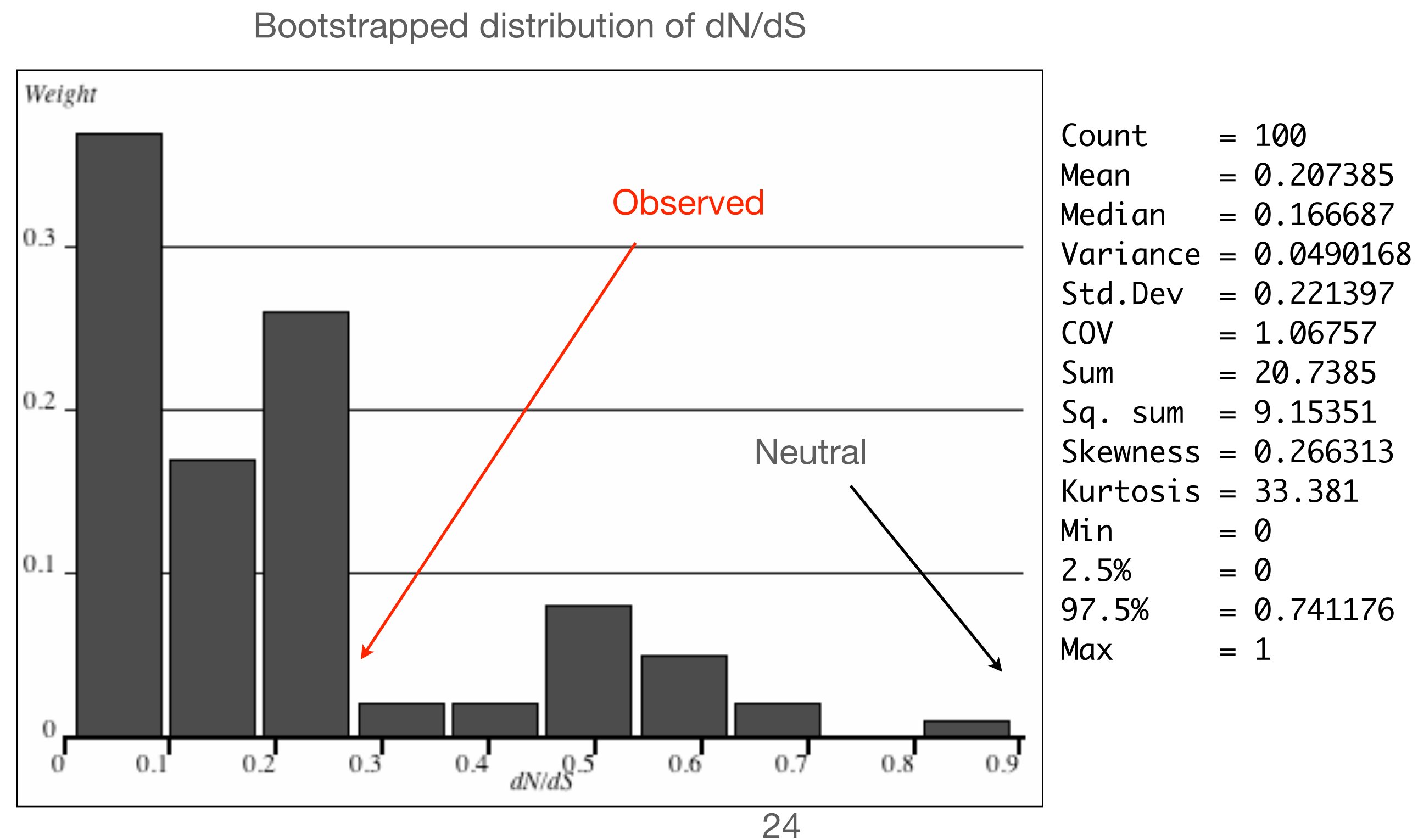


# NG86 example

- How reliable is the inference based on only **6** codons?
- Obtain sampling variance via bootstrap (or by limiting approximations)
- In this case, dN/dS is **significantly** less than **1.0** ( $p \sim 0.01$ )



# NG86 limitations: multiple substitutions

- How many synonymous and how many non-synonymous substitutions does it take to replace **CCA** with **CAG**?
- **Assume** the shortest path (minimum of 2 substitutions)
  - CCA (Proline)  $\Rightarrow$  CAA (Histidine)  $\Rightarrow$  CAG (Glutamine)
  - CCA (Proline)  $\Rightarrow$  CCG (Proline)  $\Rightarrow$  CAG (Glutamine)
- Average over the two possible paths: **0.5** synonymous and **1.5** non-synonymous substitutions.
- Intuitively, paths should **not** be equiprobable, e.g., because it should be more expensive to route evolution through (presumably) suboptimal intermediate amino-acids.