

# *phyinformR*

*user guide and tutorial*

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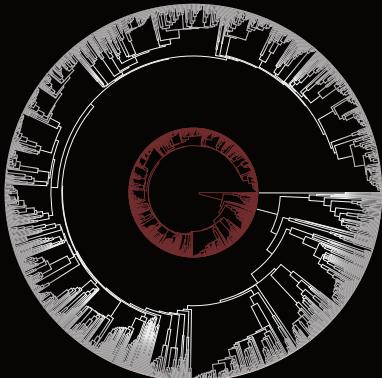
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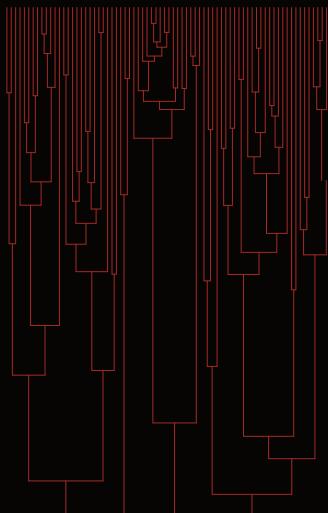
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### Installation and setup

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There are two easy ways to install PhyInformR

- 1) PhyInformR is hosted on CRAN

```
install.packages("PhyInformR")
library(PhyInformR)
```

- 2) PhyInformR is hosted on Github

```
library(devtools)
install_github("carolinafishes/PhyInformR")
library(PhyInformR)
```

Once you load PhyInformR, set the number of cores at the start of your session to enable later parallel processing:

```
library(doParallel)
registerDoParallel(cores=8)
```

### Dependencies

PhyInformR would not be possible without the efforts of other developers. PhyinformR should automatically load all dependencies on start up (and install any that you do not already have installed) during the initial setup

Here is a brief list of the primary packages that supply the foundation for phyinformR:  
ape<sup>1</sup>, geiger<sup>2</sup>, phytools<sup>3</sup>, gplots<sup>4</sup>, RcolorBrewer<sup>5</sup>, foreach<sup>7</sup>, iterators<sup>7</sup>, doParallel<sup>7</sup>, ggplot2<sup>8</sup>

NOTE FOR GITHUB INSTALL: devtools currently does not install all dependencies on certain versions of Windows. If errors are encountered during installation, manually install dependent packages as follows, then use devtools as above:

```
install.packages("doParallel")
install.packages("phytools")
install.packages("splines")
install.packages("gplots")
install.packages("RColorBrewer")
install.packages("foreach")
install.packages("iterators")
install.packages("geiger")
install.packages("doParallel")
install.packages("gridExtra")
install.packages("hexbin")
install.packages("PBSmodelling")
install.packages("ggplot2")
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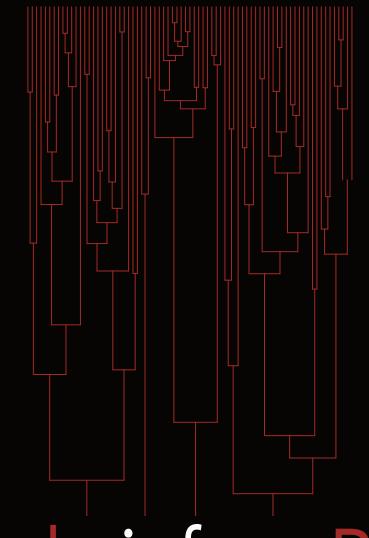
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## *Profiling phylogenetic informativeness*



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### Phylogenetic informativeness profiles

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Townsend's<sup>1</sup> phylogenetic informativeness profiles are a visual tool that enables assessment of the predicted utility of a given sequence for phylogenetic inference across a timescale of interest

Use of this method requires two inputs:  
**site rates** and a **guide tree**

Site rates can be obtained through a variety of software applications such as hyphy, rate4site, or DNArates. The phydesign web interface<sup>2</sup> makes quantifying site rates easy:

- 1) Navigate to <http://phydesign.townsend.yale.edu/>
- 2) Upload an alignment and ultrametric tree
- 3) Choose your program for estimating rates from a dropdown
- 4) Wait for the email that your results are ready

Once you have site rates, use the the "c" function in R to format them. You are ready to explore your data

Example:

```
mysiterates<-c(0.00034, 0.005678, 0.0,..., 0.008967)
```

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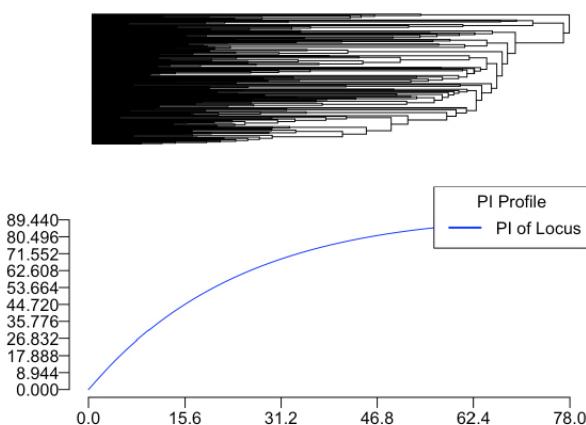
For this walkthrough, we will be using the avian tree and site rates from Prum et al.<sup>3</sup> that are distributed with PhyInforM

```
library(ape)
read.tree(system.file("extdata","Prumetal_timetree.phy",
package="PhyInforM"))->tree
```

The functions in phyinformR use sites rates as matrices, so first  
as.matrix(prumetalrates)->rr

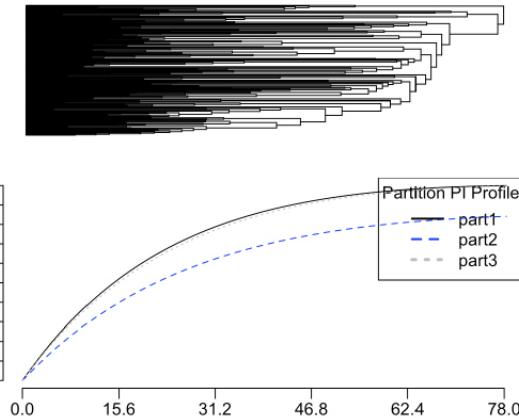
Then

```
informativeness.profile(rr,tree, codon="FALSE", values="off")
```



To obtain PI profiles for each codon position, you can toggle codon="TRUE" if you are in reading frame (note that this data is not!)<sup>7</sup>

```
informativeness.profile(rr,tree, codon="TRUE", values="off")
```

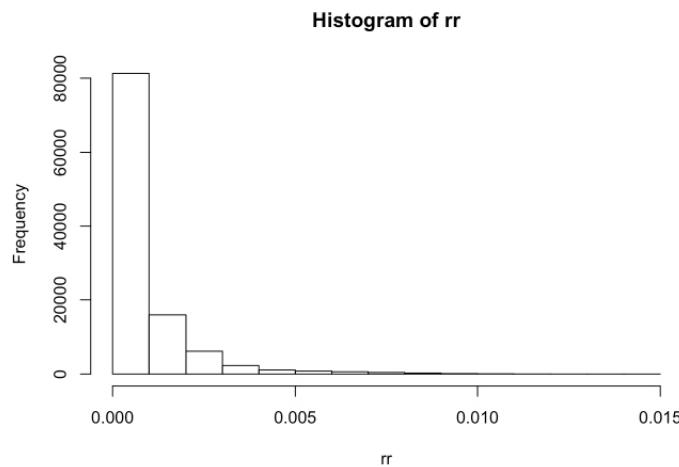


If you would like PhyInformR to output of branching times and PI values, simply switch the values="on"

## Exploring Data with PI profiles

Let's do something different and partition the data by site rates. First we will view the rates:

```
hist(rr)
```



We can see a bit of a tail going out, lets see what happens when we partition the data by rates above and below (0.003). We'll start by creating some partitions

By defining rate based breaks in our data, we can see the PI of "fast" versus "slow" sites

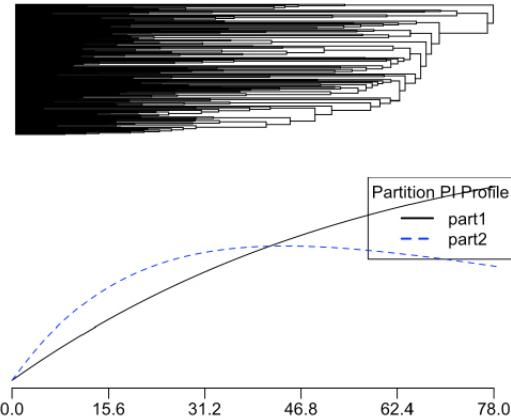
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```
lower<-c(0,0.003)
upper<-c(0.0031,10)
cbind(lower,upper)->breaks
```

PhyInforR has a function allowing profiles to be broken along any point in the rate vector, to assess changes in phylogenetic informativeness associated with thresholding the dataset at that rate

```
multi.profile(rr,tree, breaks,values= "off")
```



Partition 1 represents the slower site rates. As expected, the decay in phylogenetic informativeness for partition 1 is much lower across the tree than for partition 2. Conversely, we can see the faster sites in part two are informative for recent divergences, yet exhibit a rapid decline in informative site patterns as we move to deeper portions of the tree.

The above examples serve to illustrate what PhyInforR does, but this approach is not common practice. Instead, it is more common to work with character sets partitioned by loci you wish to evaluate. In this case, simply use the same approach as above to define your loci and use defined.multi.profile

In this example we will compare locus 1, that spans sites 1-1594 in the alignment and locus2, that spans sites 1595-2787.

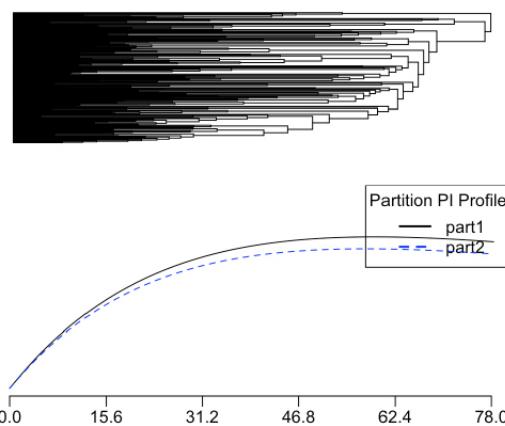
```
Lower<-c(0,1594)
Upper<-c(1595,2787)
Breaks<-cbind(Lower,Upper)
```

Now we can visualize the profile using

```
defined.multi.profile(rr,tree,Breaks,values= "off")
```

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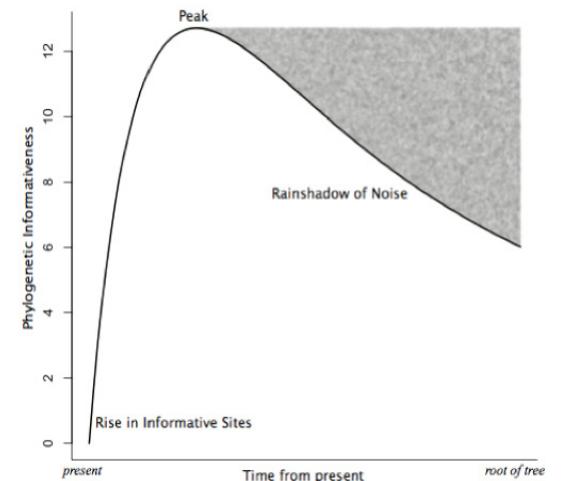
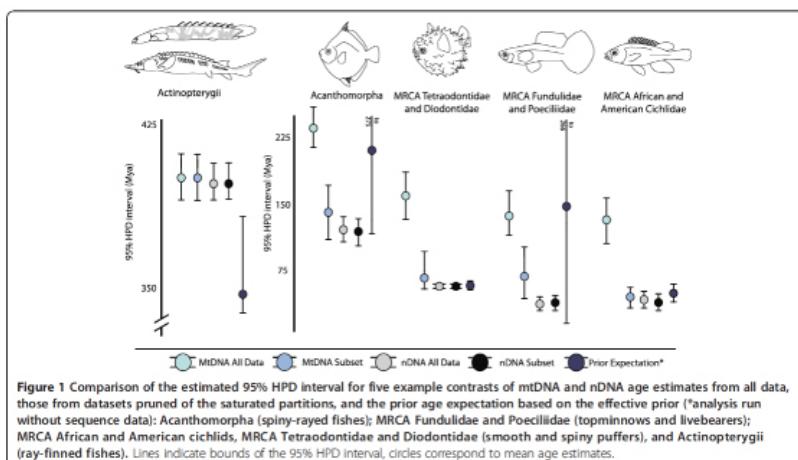


## Utility and Suggestions

PI profiles are a powerful heuristic tool, however, there are several properties of this method that deserve consideration by users. Higher values to PI do not mean that a locus has a guarantee of higher bootstrap values or posterior probabilities for a given phylogenetic problem. It simply means that there are more sites predicted to contain phylogenetic information in a given epoch

Moreover, the shape of PI profiles should be carefully considered. Declines in PI profile indicate a rise in homoplasious sites. Townsend and Leuenberger<sup>4</sup> referred to this portion of a PI profile as a 'rainshadow of noise'

Dornburg et al.<sup>5</sup> demonstrated that removing loci whose PI profiles exhibit a sharp decline prior to the root of a tree can have a marked effect on divergence time estimates. For example, in the case of cichlids (below), the estimated times were nearly cut in half



A figure showing the rainshadow of noise, modified from Townsend and Leuenberger<sup>4</sup>

PI profiles are great for predicting trends in a dataset, or for mitigating against homoplasy driven errors in a divergence time studies. However, for predicting topological error a more detailed approach that accounts for time, rate, and internode length is required, bringing us to the next section

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## *Resolution probability quantification*



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## Resolution Probability Quantification

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Townsend et al.<sup>1</sup> introduced theory that takes into account the interplay of site rates, time, and internode length between species divergences to assess the predicted probability of data contributing to accurate topological resolution

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Use of this method requires three inputs:  
site rates, state space, and internode lengths

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Site rates are covered at the beginning of section 2. Now we'll introduce the internode lengths and state spaces below

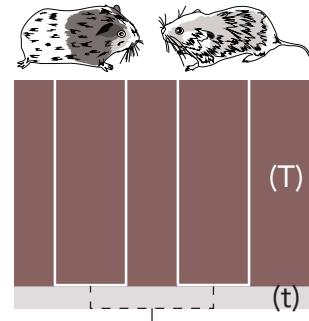
For this walkthrough, we will continue using the avian tree and site rates from Prum et al.<sup>2</sup> that are distributed with PhyInforMR. In case these are not in memory already use

```
library(ape)
read.tree(system.file("extdata","Prumetal_timetree.phy",
package="PhyInforMR"))->tree
as.matrix(prumetalrates)->rr
```

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There are three quantities that phyloInforMR calculates with regard to a specified internode given a set of site rates: Quartet Internode Resolution Probability (QIRP, "Quirp"), Quartet Internode Homoplasy Probability (QIHP, "Quip"), and Quartet Internode Polytomy Probability (QIPP, "Quippy"). Townsend et al.<sup>1</sup> introduced two ways to calculate these quantities: An analytical approximation and a Monte Carlo based solution. Both approaches depend on site rates and two user defined internode lengths,  $T$  (time from present) and  $t$  (internode)

#### Internode Lengths



The theory of Townsend et al.<sup>1</sup> defines  $T$  and  $t$  based on a phylogenetic quartet with even branch lengths. Under this assumption,  $T$  is the time from the present to the ancestor of a taxon (red in the example above) and  $t$ , the focal internode length (grey in the example above). Later in this section we will discuss how to perform similar analyses allowing for uneven quartets

Using the previous illustration, you should have an idea of what  $T$  (time) and  $t$  (internode distance) you will want to use for your data.

For state space, a binary morphological matrix could be assessed by setting the state space to 2 or amino acid (20 or ~5)<sup>1</sup>, or other types of data with differing numbers of characters. If you are using nucleotides, despite having a four character states, Simmons et al.<sup>3</sup> have demonstrated the state space to be better modelled using 3 states, so we will go with that for the remainder of this guide.

Here is the implementation using  $T= 100$  million year (Ma) and  $t= 0.5$  Ma

```
Approximator(100,0.5, rr, 3)
```

Probability Correct	Probability Polytomy	Probability Incorrect
<b>0.52747310</b>	<b>0.01256845</b>	<b>0.45995845</b>

Alternatively you can use the Monte Carlo simulation approach<sup>1</sup>. Since the simulation is time consuming dependent on the number of simulations and the number of sites, we recommend that you do this on a cluster or while you are doing something else. The output is automatically recorded to file. The input looks similar to the approximation, though now you specify a file name for the probabilities and an image file name. Note that the two files must have different names!

You can also toggle the screen output on and off by setting image to either "TRUE" or "FALSE". The simulation can be run in parallel so

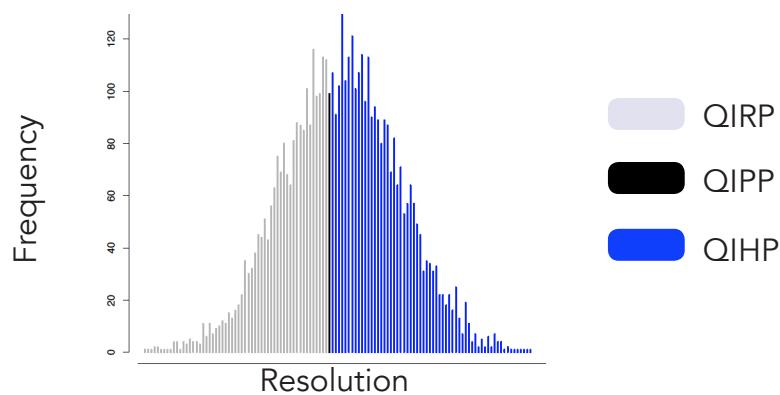
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Remember to set your cores appropriately using the `registerDoParallel(cores=8)`

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Here is the function using the same  $T$  and  $t$  and 5000 simulations on a subset of sites to save time

```
as.matrix(prumetalrates[1:20000])->rr2
parallel.cluster.signal.noise(100,0.5,rr2,5000,3,filename="test",imagename="testimage",image="FALSE")
```



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## Advanced Resolution Probability Quantification

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Calculations based on the equations of Townsend et al.<sup>1</sup> make several assumptions

- 1) equal base frequency distributions in the alignment
- 2) equal branch lengths within the phylogenetic quartet
- 3) a Jukes-Cantor model of sequence evolution

Su et al.<sup>3</sup> provided extensions to the equations of Townsend et al.<sup>1</sup> that enable any nucleotide substitution model or distribution of base frequencies and Su and Townsend<sup>4</sup> provided the theoretical framework for relaxing the assumption of even branch lengths

To use these extension, first specify your model settings based on a model selection program such as Modeltest<sup>5</sup>, or Partitionfinder<sup>6,7</sup>. Model settings are defined as follows and require changing for different nucleotide substitution models, base frequencies, and branch lengths

For example:

```
a=1  
b=1  
c=1  
d=1  
e=1  
f=1  
Pi_T=0.25  
Pi_C=0.25  
Pi_A=0.25  
Pi_G=0.25  
internode<-c(62.4937, 62.4937, 62.4937, 62.4937, 8.9939)
```

Pi\_T through Pi\_G are the empirical base frequency parameters

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**IMPORTANT** | these must sum up to one |  $\text{Pi}_T + \text{Pi}_C + \text{Pi}_A + \text{Pi}_G = 1$

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a through f are the relative rate parameters which are defined as follows

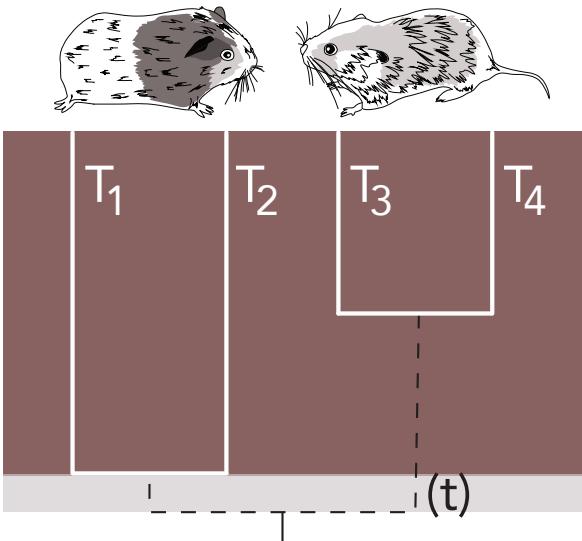
$rCT = rTC = a; rAT = rTA = b; rTG = rGT = c; rCA = rAC = d; rCG = rGC = e; rAG = rGA = f$

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Number of substitution types	Models of equal equilibrium base frequencies	Models of unequal equilibrium base frequencies
	$\pi_T = \pi_C = \pi_A = \pi_G = \frac{1}{4}$	$\pi_T \neq \pi_C \neq \pi_A \neq \pi_G$
1	JC	F81
	$a = f = b = e = c = d; \text{equal substitution rate}$	
2	K2P	HKY
	$a = f \neq b = e = c = d; \text{transition and transversion}$	
3	TrNef	TrN
	$a \neq f \neq b = e = c = d; \text{2 transitions and transversion}$	
3	K3P	K3Puf
	$a = f \neq b = e \neq c = d; \text{transition and 2 transversions}$	
4	TIMef	TIM
	$a \neq f \neq b = e \neq c = d; \text{2 transitions and 2 transversions}$	
5	TMef	TVM
	$a = f \neq b \neq e \neq c \neq d; \text{transition and 4 transversions}$	
6	SYM	GTR
	$a \neq f \neq b \neq e \neq c \neq d; \text{6 unequal substitutions}$	

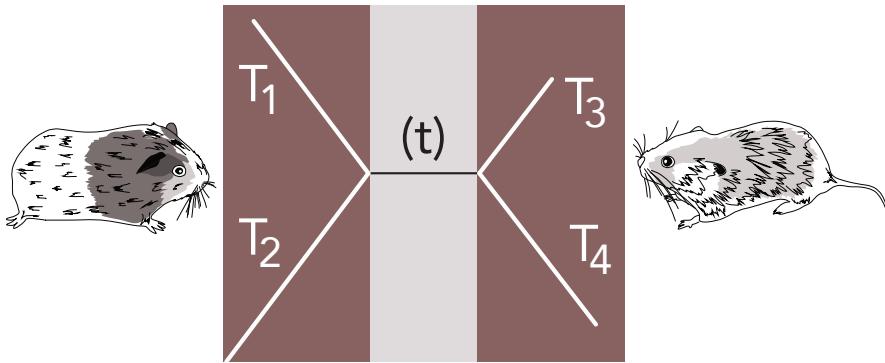
internode in the above code is as an object containing the numerical values of branch lengths of  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ ,  $T_4$  and the internode length  $t_0$  for the four - taxon tree in question



IMPORTANT -  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  must belong to the same sister clade and  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  must belong to the other clade in the hypothesized topology of the four - taxon problem in question (see above)

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You can quantify QIHP, QIPP, and QIRP with

```
allmodel.signal.noise (a,b,c,d,e,f,internode,Pi_T,Pi_C,Pi_A,Pi_G, rr)
```

From left to right, the three values represent QIHP, QIPP, and QIRP

## Posterior Distributions

Since branch length are rarely known with certainty, phyinformR can also be used to calculate QIRP, QIPP, and QIHP values across a distribution of trees such as those obtained from Bayesian analyses.

For this example, we will read in use the sample distribution of bichir trees from a study by Near et al.<sup>8</sup> that is provided with the release

```
library(ape)
read.tree(system.file("extdata","polypterus_trees.phy",
package="PhyInformR"))->tree
as.matrix(rag1)->rate_vector
```

First you will need to specify the quartet of interest. In the bichir dataset, we will look at the clade containing *Polypterus conicus* as this species was not placed with high support in the tree. We define the quartet as follows

```
quart<- c("Polypterus_conicus" , "Polypterus_bichir" , "Polypterus_ansorgii" , "Polypterus_endlicheri" )
```

The remaining objects should be familiar, please review the above and preceding page if the variable names seem enigmatic. To compute over a distribution of trees, run the function

```
su.bayes(a,b,c,d,e,f,Pi_T,Pi_C,Pi_A,Pi_G,rate_vector,quart,tree)->final
```

This function returns a matrix of internodes and  $T$  values from the trees and their associated QIHP, QIPP, and QIRP values

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su.bayes runs in parallel

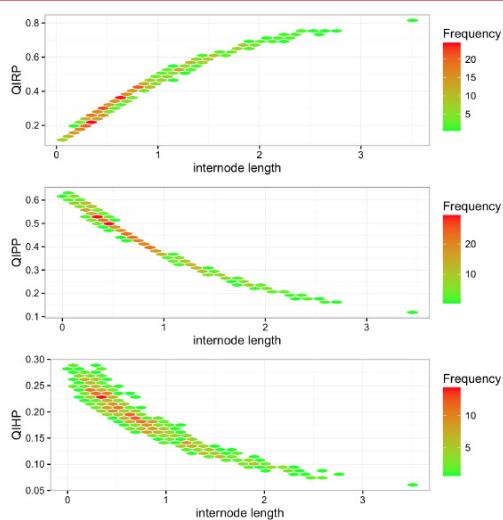
Remember to set your cores appropriately using `registerDoParallel(cores=8)`

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su.bayes returns a matrix of internodes and  $T$  values from the trees and their associated QIHP, QIPP, and QIRP values. This matrix can be summarized using

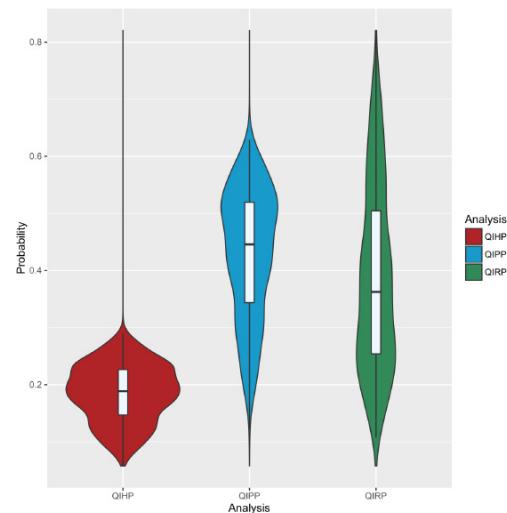
```
plotPosterior(final, plot="QIPs") #or
plotPosterior(final, plot="violin")
```

Setting `plot="qips"` returns a density plot of the quartet internode resolution/polytomy/homoplasy probabilities and the internode lengths, while `plot = "violin"` returns violin plots of the quartet internode resolution/polytomy/homoplasy probabilities and the internode lengths



Visualizing the density of calculations reveals a trend that is common in phylogenetic datasets. Both lack of information and increased probabilities of convergence misleading inference plague smaller internodes. In this plot we can see that the bulk of the posterior density is in the realm of low QIRP and high QIPP, so we can conclude that the lack of resolution of this clade by this locus is in part predicted to be driven by limited information content

Visualizing the quantiles and kernel density of calculations allows for a additional perspective of how topological and branch length uncertainty influence quantifications. In this case we can see from the box plot of quantiles that QIHP is generally low, but that QIPP is centered near 0.45 with the majority of trees leading to a calculation between about 0.5 and 0.35. The kernel density gives us additional perspective, showcasing somewhat inverted distributions between QIRP and QIPP, with the majority of QIRP values being lower



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There has long been recognition that loci vary in the amount of information they contain towards resolving specific phylogenetic problems<sup>9</sup>. In particular, loci vary in the degree to which chance convergent or parallel evolution of molecular sites (homoplasy) promote the artificial clustering of lineages in phylogenetic analyses. This variability presents an informatic problem of how to target loci for analyses to efficiently improve phylogenetic accuracy by minimizing homoplasy

Theory by Townsend et al.<sup>1</sup> combined with extensions by Su et al.<sup>3</sup> that generalized the analysis to the General Time Reversible [32, 33] model of nucleotide substitution, and Su and Townsend<sup>4</sup> that relax the assumption of four even subtending branches enable analysis of relative or absolute divergence times in phylogenetic experimental design or for the purpose of data scrutiny<sup>2</sup>

It should be noted that these methods can be used with pilot data on rates from other taxa, including rates computed from deeper-branching phylogenies composed of the closest genome-sequenced organisms to the taxa to be sequenced. Such usage enables markers to be screened for phylogenetic utility prior to sequencing, saving both time and expense. Likewise, using these metrics when designing probe-sets in bioinformatic pipelines using both hypothesized rates and distributions of potential branch lengths should save sequencing costs and result in a more targeted dataset

These methods are also of utility for disentangling sources of incongruence. HGT, lineage sorting, lack of power, or homoplasy can result in lack of strongly supported resolution. At worst, factors such as these can yield strong, but erroneous, support for focal nodes

Assessing if a dataset has high QIPP such as the example in bichirs can illuminate lack of power. Testing if incongruence is driven by lack of power can be particularly informative in a Bayesian framework, providing guidance when faced with the potential pitfalls of the star-tree paradox<sup>10</sup>

Although high QIRP may not always yield high support values, high QIHP or QIPP values should be taken as indicators that analyses are predicted to be misled. These quantifications provide useful metrics for sorting out sources of incongruence, and should become a standard tool in the phylogenomicist's toolbox

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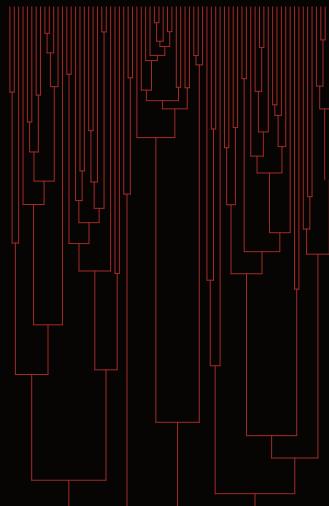
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## *Advanced visualizations*



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## Advanced visualizations

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The quantitative framework of quartet internode calculations lends itself wonderfully to the development of new ways to visualize information in a given dataset. This section highlights graphics from a few recent publications

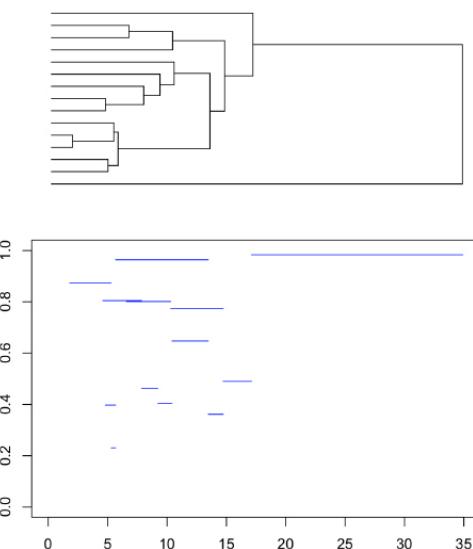
### GETTING STARTED

Hwang et al.<sup>1</sup> depicted QIRP across an entire tree by plotting the QIRP of a marker for each node simultaneously. This plot can be drawn by providing a tree, rate vector, and state space as in section 3. For this example, we will use a single tree from Near et al.<sup>2</sup> along with site rates from the same study

```
library(ape)
read.tree(system.file("extdata","polypterus_trees.
phy",package="PhyInforR"))->tree
as.matrix(rag1)->rate_vector
tree[[1]]->bichir_tree
```

Now that we have our tree we can

```
PlotTreeSI(bichir_tree,rate_vector,3)
```



Here the branch lengths (x axis, time) and the blue lines (y axis, QIRP) match up and we can see that a similar trend to the one at the end of the previous section: small recent internodes have low QIRP and are predicted to be impacted by homoplasy or contain little information

This approach to visualization can be quite handy when comparing markers

## Visualizing Phylogenetic Experimental Design

Say we are interested choosing a new marker to sequence for bichirs.

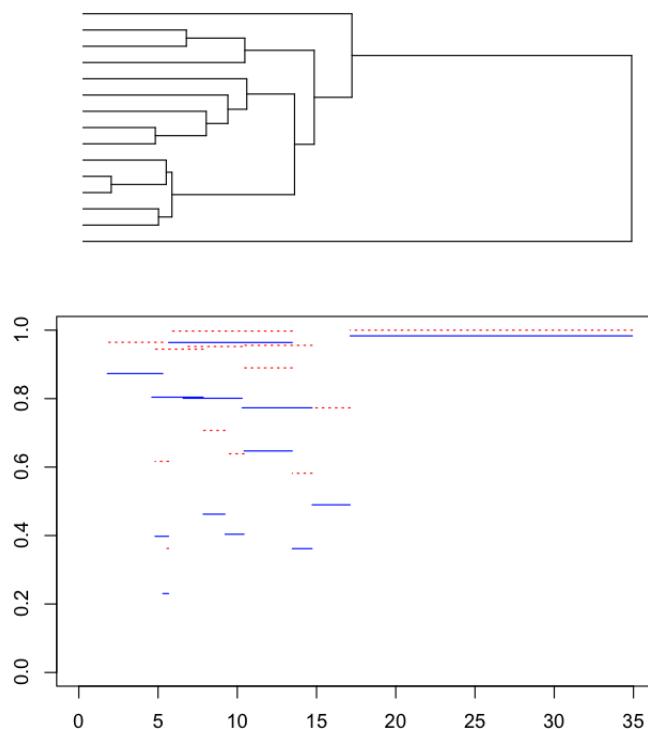
We can compare the predicted utility of rag1 to candidate markers using this plotting method. In this example we will compare rag1 with the first locus from Prum et al.<sup>3</sup>

We'll start by isolating the locus

```
as.matrix(prumetalrates[1:1594])>candidate.locus
```

Now we can compare to the above plot as follows

```
Plot.Another.TreeSI(bichir_tree, candidate.locus,3,col="red",type=3)
```



In the above plot QIRP is on the Y axis and time is on the X axis. Blue lines correspond to the QIRP values of the tree internodes for rag1 while red lines correspond to our candidate locus. This visualization reveals that the candidate marker is predicted to be of higher utility for resolving every node in the bichir tree. This sort of visualization can be a great heuristic for choosing probe sets or primers for cost and time effective sequencing of markers. Please note that this function builds on the previous PlotTreeSI function, so leave your graphic window open

This form of visualization also displays overall trends of markers over time, and can help disentangle sources of error in tree inference. However, the above method requires a fixed internode length. Prum et al<sup>3</sup> provided an alternative visualization that accommodates for uncertainty in internode length

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## Predicted Phylogenetic Utility Heatmaps

For this example we will use the files from Prum et al.<sup>3</sup>, which are available on Zenodo (DOI 10.5281) <https://zenodo.org/record/28343#.WCNweGQrJFQ> though you could also substitute site rates from your own markers here

Download the above files and open `prumetal_heatmap_rosetta.r` that is available in the `PhyInforR` guthub: [https://github.com/carolinafishes/PhyInforR/tree/master/extra\\_download\\_files](https://github.com/carolinafishes/PhyInforR/tree/master/extra_download_files)

Navigate to the "Phylogenetic\_Informativeness" part of the downloaded Zenodo directory

Change the `setwd()` function at the top of the rosetta file to the directory path, `save`, then source

```
setwd("~/yourpath/Zenodo/Phylogenetic_Informativeness")
source("~/yourpathoffile/prumetal_heatmap_rosetta.r")
```

This file translates the rates into locus specific rate matrices for you to explore. For this tutorial we will sort some loci by length to ask whether size of the locus is associated with increased information content. We are going to visualize a random subset of loci for the sake of keeping the tutorial manageable, though feel free to explore the full data further!

```
length(L216)->leL216
length(L182)->leL182
length(L149)->leL149
length(L213)->leL213
length(L184)->leL184
length(L223)->leL223
length(L305)->leL305
length(L8)->leL8
length(L203)->leL203
length(L95)->leL95
length(L41)->leL41
length(L295)->leL295
length(L107)->leL107
length(L163)->leL163
length(L21)->leL21
length(L2)->leL2
length(L325)->leL325
length(L80)->leL80
length(L28)->leL28
c(leL216,leL182,leL149,leL213,leL184,leL223,leL305,leL8,leL203,leL95,
leL41,leL295,leL107,leL163,leL21,leL2,leL325,leL80,leL28)->ll
names(ll)<-c("leL216","leL182","leL149","leL213","leL184","leL223","leL
305","leL8","leL203","leL95","leL41","leL295","leL107","leL163","leL21",
"leL2","leL325","leL80","leL28")
sort(ll)
```

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The guide tree from Prum et al.<sup>3</sup> used relative rates (root height=1), so we are going to look at resolving Neoaves with a crown at .30. We begin by calculating the signal for different internode lengths. Note that the loci were already formatted as matrices in the Prum et al.<sup>3</sup> script.

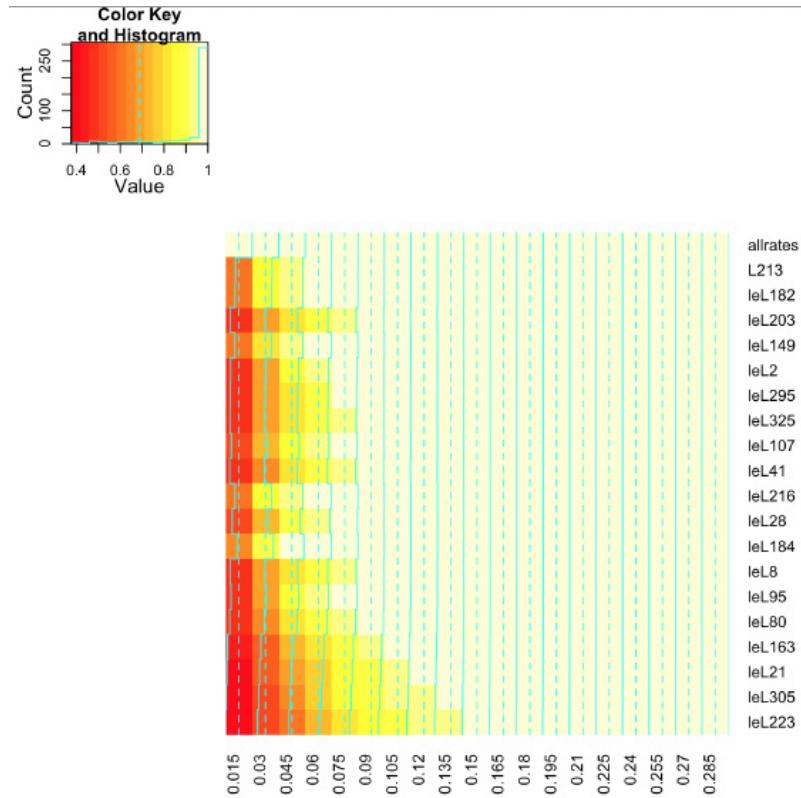
```
space.maker(allrates,.30,3)->a1
space.maker(L213,.30,3)->a2
space.maker(L182,.30,3)->a3
space.maker(L203,.30,3)->a4
space.maker(L149,.30,3)->a5
space.maker(L2,.30,3)->a6
space.maker(L295,.30,3)->a7
space.maker(L325,.30,3)->a8
space.maker(L107,.30,3)->a9
space.maker(L41,.30,3)->a10
space.maker(L216,.30,3)->a11
space.maker(L28,.30,3)->a12
space.maker(L184,.30,3)->a13
space.maker(L8,.30,3)->a14
space.maker(L95,.30,3)->a15
space.maker(L80,.30,3)->a16
space.maker(L163,.30,3)->a17
space.maker(L21,.30,3)->a18
space.maker(L305,.30,3)->a19
space.maker(L223,.30,3)->a20
```

We now take this output and assemble our heatmaps.

```
rbind(a1,a2,a3,a4,a5,a6,a7,a8,a9,a10,a11,a12,a13,a14,a15,a16,a17,a18,a19,a20)->demo
as.matrix(demo)->demo2
row.names(demo2)<-
c("allrates","L213","leL182","leL203","leL149","leL2","leL295","leL325","leL107","leL41",
"leL216","leL28","leL184","leL8","leL95","leL80","leL163","leL21","leL305","leL223")
.30/20->by.this
seq(by.this,0.30-0.0001,by=by.this)->llts
colnames(demo2)<-llts
heatmap.2(demo2, Colv=F,Rowv=F, scale='none')
```

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This heatmap shows us the probability of correct resolution for increasingly small internodes. This map can be generated for other loci and the internode distances can be zoomed in on using the [space.maker.narrow](#) function

## Utility and Suggestions

Phylogenomic scale datasets offer a wealth of information that collectively promise to unlock some of the oldest standing questions in biology. However, the scale of these datasets requires that in addition to the bioinformatics challenges inherent to sorting through data on the order of millions of base pairs, visualizing trends across sorted datasets cannot utilize many conventional visualization methods developed over the last two decades. This problem of scale presents a fundamental challenge to effective scientific discourse and discovery.

The quantitative theory developed to predict quartet internode resolution probabilities offers a means which we hope will catalyze a new class of phylogenomic visualizations. The equations developed in this framework offer ways to directly quantify a relationship between substitution rate, time, and predicted utility for phylogenetic inference that can be applied to any node or nodes across the tree of life and easily catered to individual questions. We hope users fully harness this potential for innovative new visualization and develop new visuals that will enable both scrutiny and discovery of patterns within genome-scale data.

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