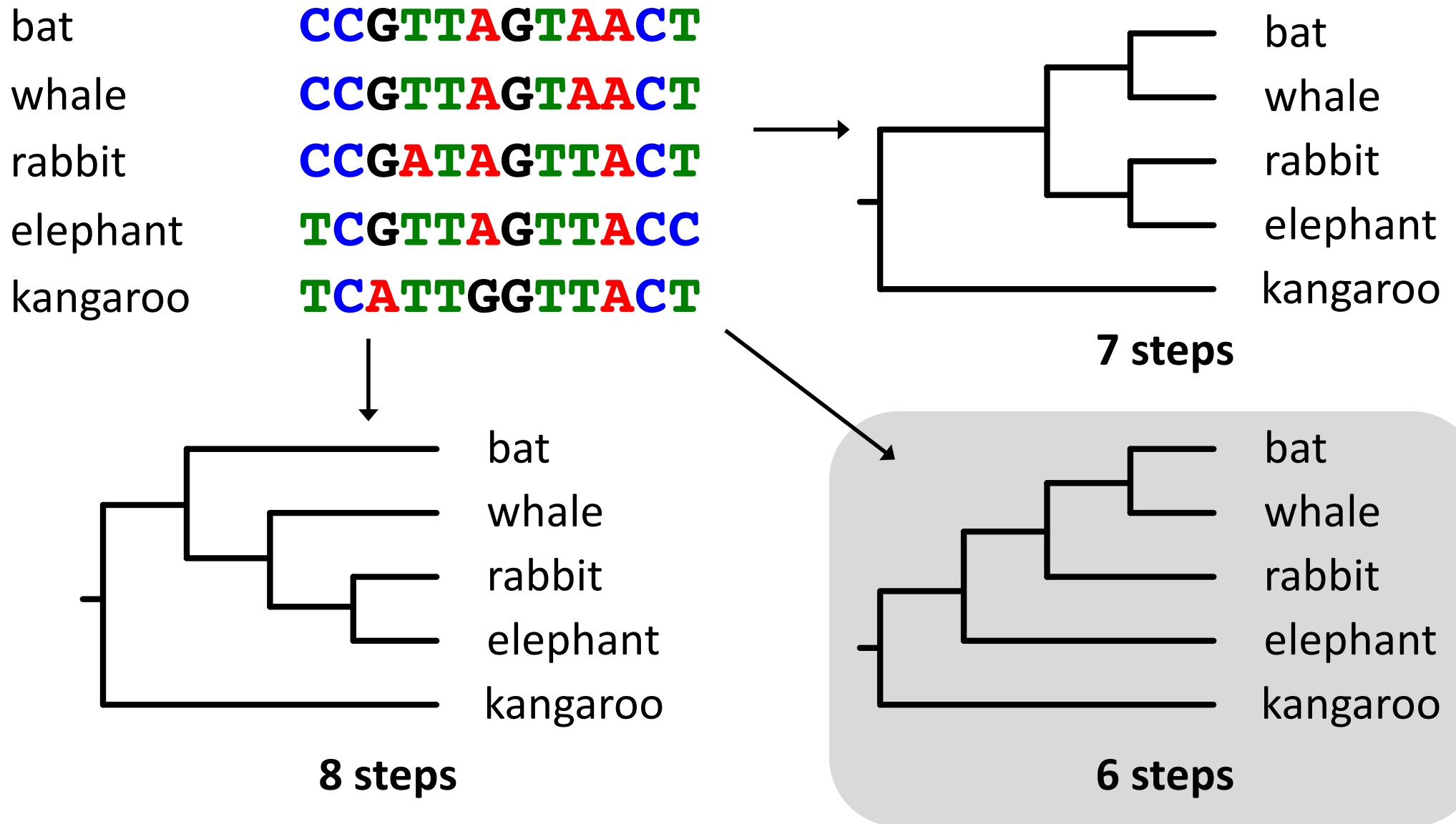

Lecture 1.4

Phylogenetic Methods

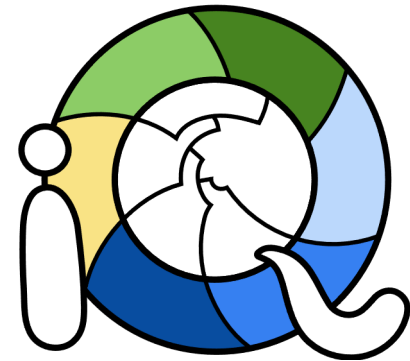
Maximum parsimony



Popular phylogenetic methods

1. Maximum parsimony
2. Distance-based methods
3. Maximum likelihood
4. Bayesian inference

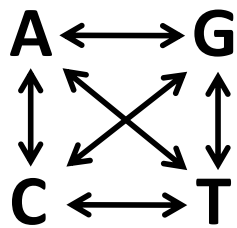
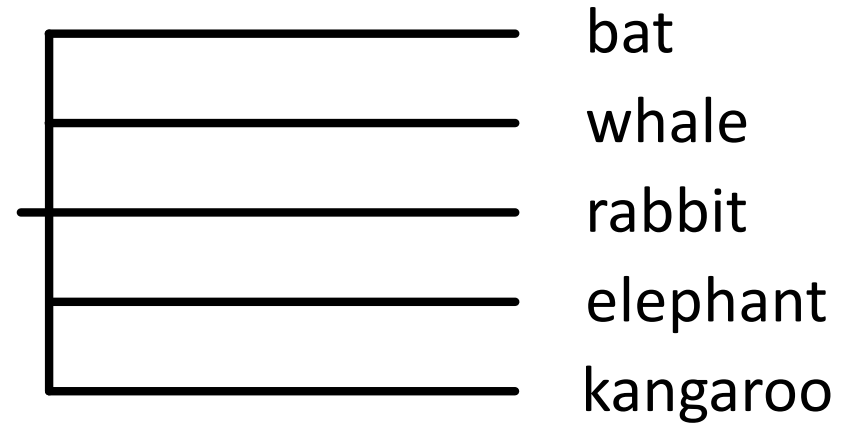
Model-based methods



Distance-Based Methods

Neighbour joining

bat	C C G T T A G T A A C T
whale	C C G T T A G T A A C T
rabbit	C C G A T A G T T A C T
elephant	T C G T T A G T T A C C
kangaroo	T C A T T G G T T A C T

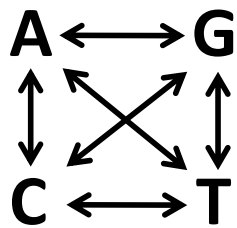
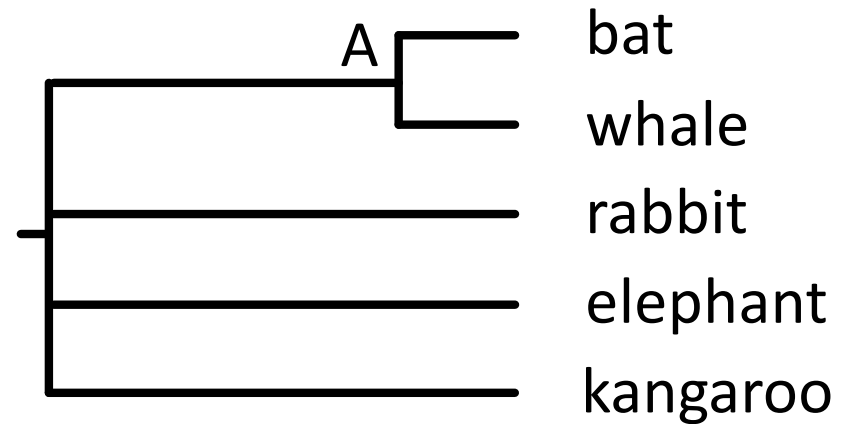


	bat	whale	rabbit	elephant	kangaroo
bat	–				
whale	.15	–			
rabbit	.20	.25	–		
elephant	.35	.40	.35	–	
kangaroo	.55	.60	.55	.55	–

**Clustering
algorithm**

Neighbour joining

bat	C C G T T A G T A A C T
whale	C C G T T A G T A A C T
rabbit	C C G A T A G T T A C T
elephant	T C G T T A G T T A C C
kangaroo	T C A T T G G T T A C T

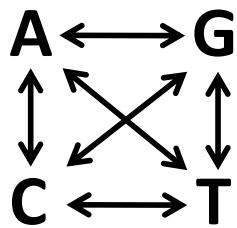
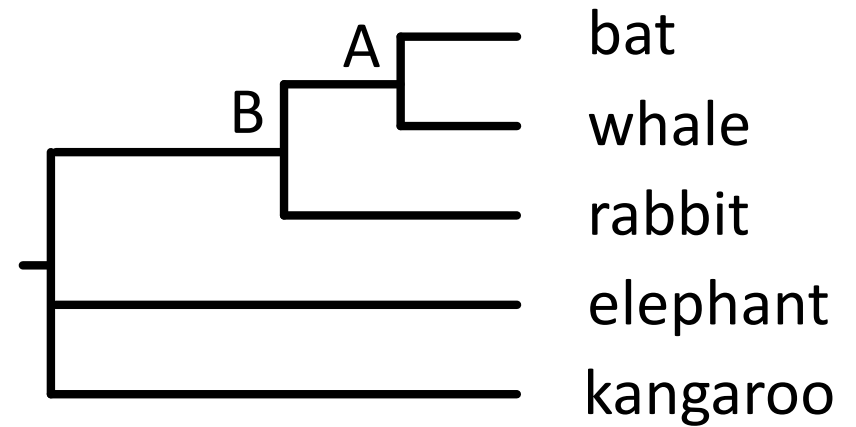


	bat	whale	rabbit	elephant	kangaroo
bat	–				
whale	.15	–			
rabbit	.20	.25	–		
elephant	.35	.40	.35	–	
kangaroo	.55	.60	.55	.55	–

**Clustering
algorithm**

Neighbour joining

bat **CCGTTAGTA**ACT
whale **CCGTTAGTA**ACT
rabbit **CCG****A****TAGTT**ACT
elephant **T****C****GTTAGTT**ACC
kangaroo **T****C****A****TTGGTT**ACT

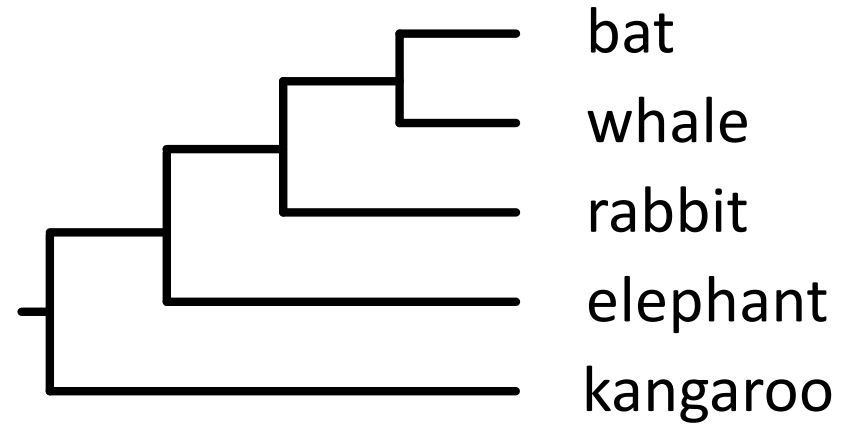


	A	rabbit	elephant	kangaroo
A	-			
rabbit	.15	-		
elephant	.30	.35	-	
kangaroo	.50	.55	.60	-

**Clustering
algorithm**

Neighbour joining

bat	CCGTTAGTAACT
whale	CCGTTAGTAACT
rabbit	CCGATAGTTACT
elephant	TCGTTAGTTACC
kangaroo	TCATTGGTTACT



Distance-based methods

- **Clustering algorithms**
 - Unweighted pair group method with arithmetic mean (UPGMA)
 - Neighbour joining
- **Tree searching using optimality criteria**
 - Minimum evolution
 - Least-squares inference

Strengths and weaknesses

- **Strengths**

- Very quick method
- Deals with multiple substitutions and long-branch attraction

- **Weaknesses**

- Does not use all information in alignment
- Loss of information in pairwise comparisons
- Unable to implement sophisticated evolutionary models

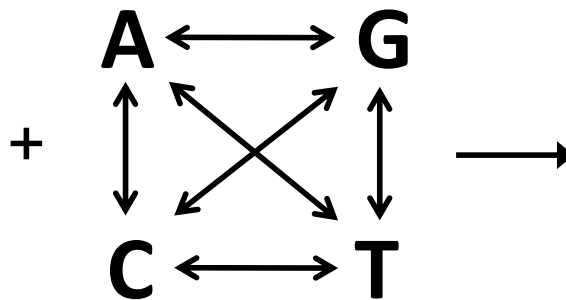
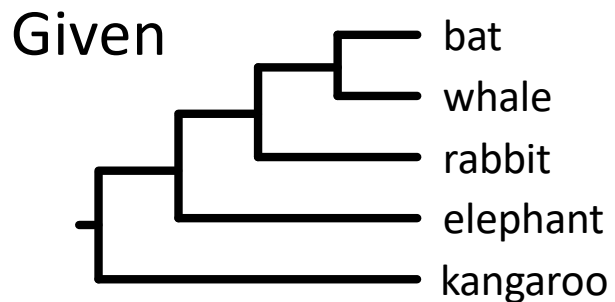
Maximum Likelihood

Maximum likelihood

Likelihood of hypothesis $H =$

$$P(D|H)$$

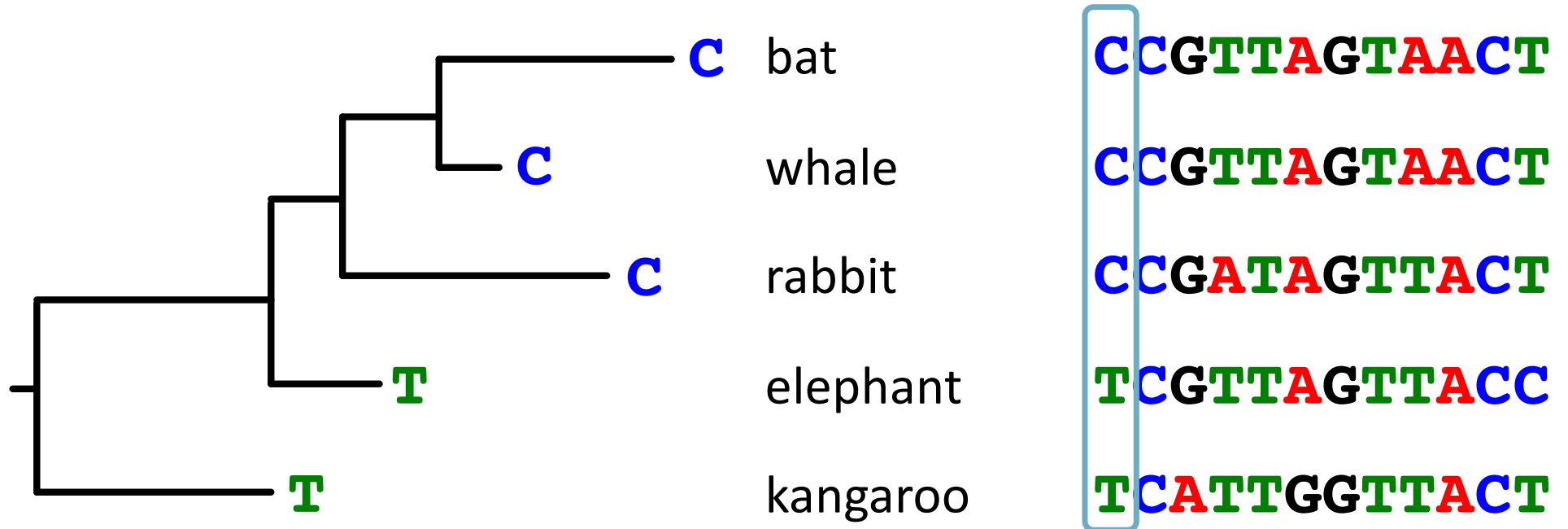
Probability of the data, given the hypothesis



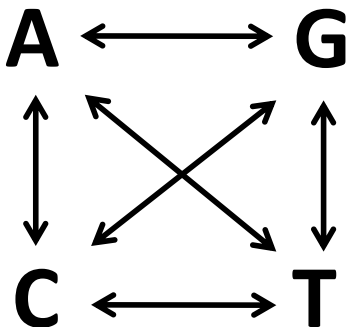
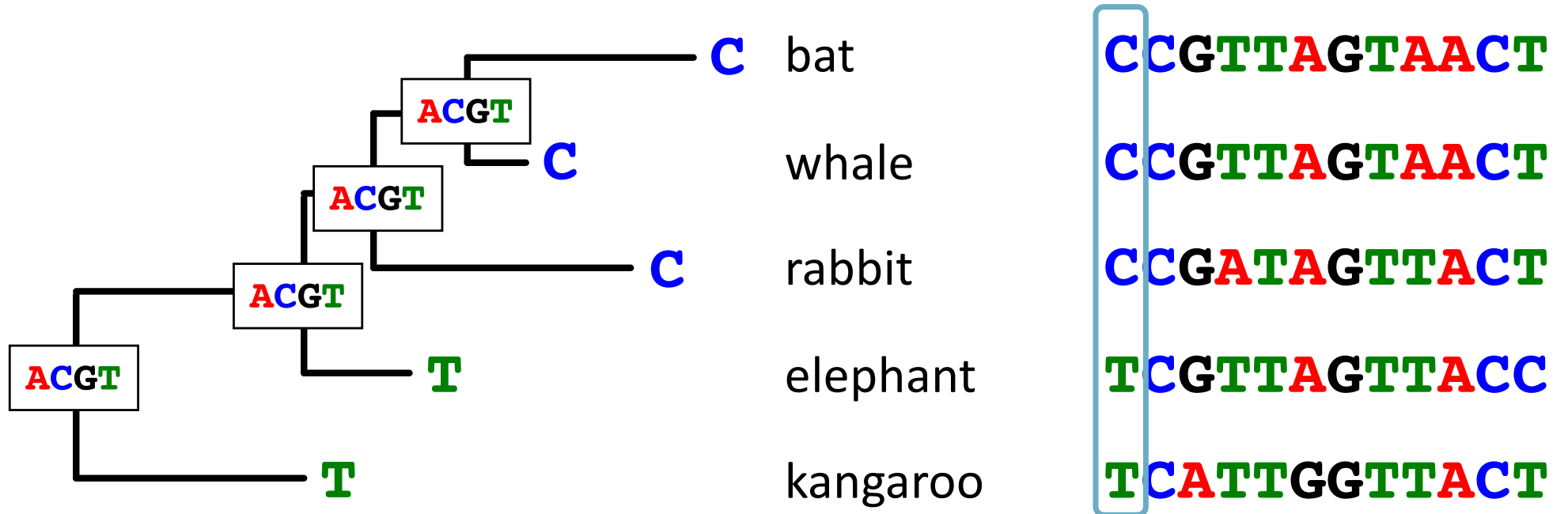
Probability of?

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kangaroo	TCATTGGTTACT

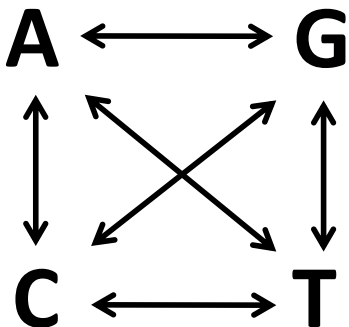
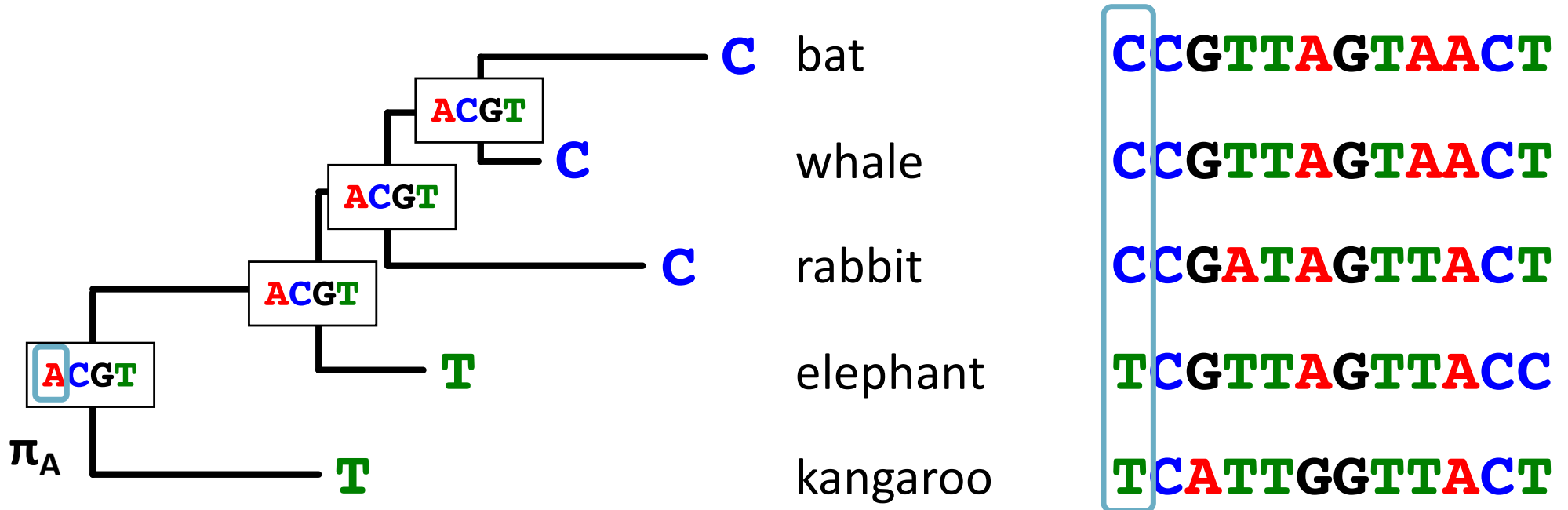
Maximum likelihood



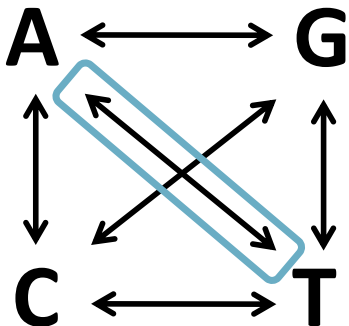
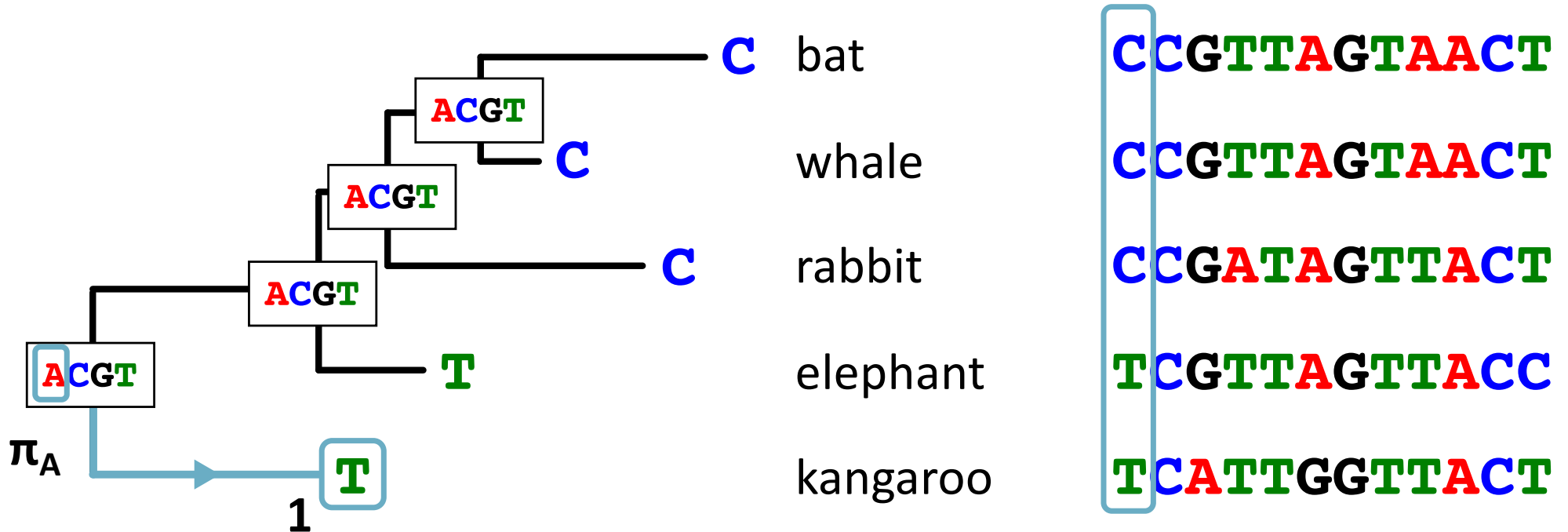
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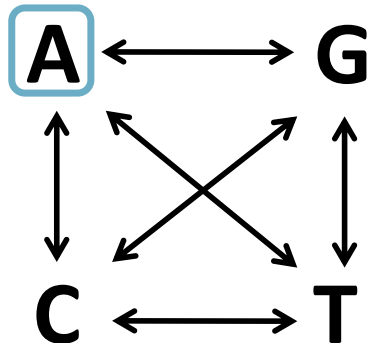
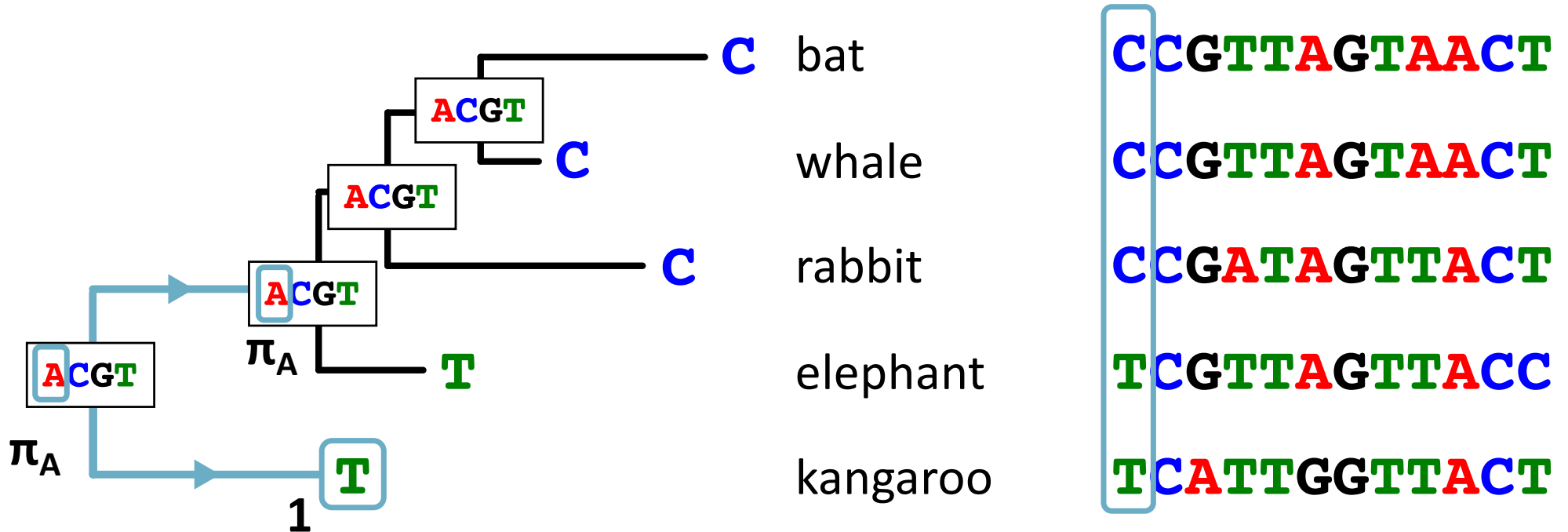
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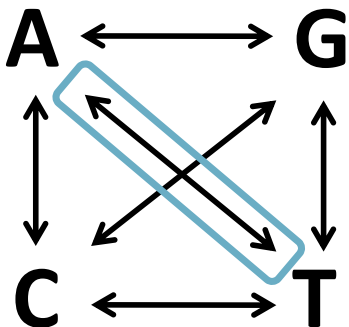
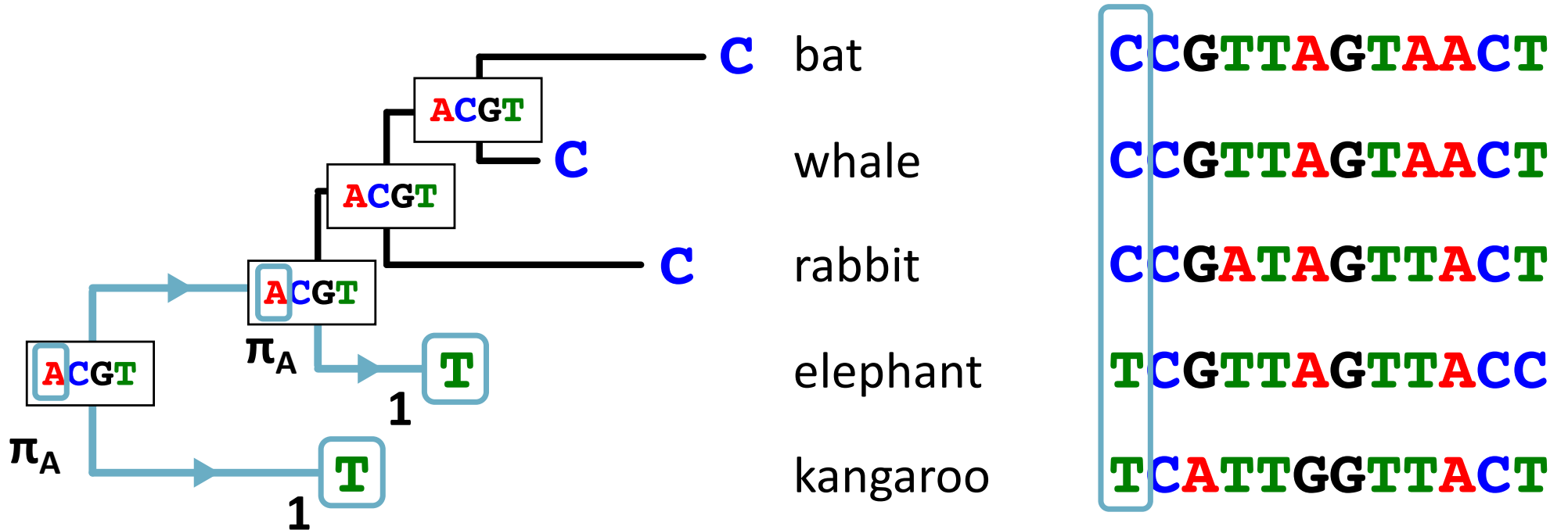
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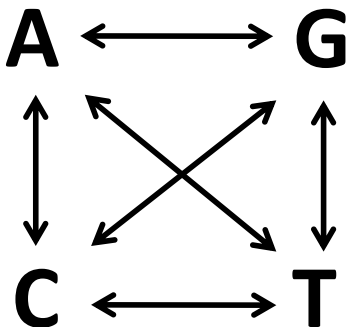
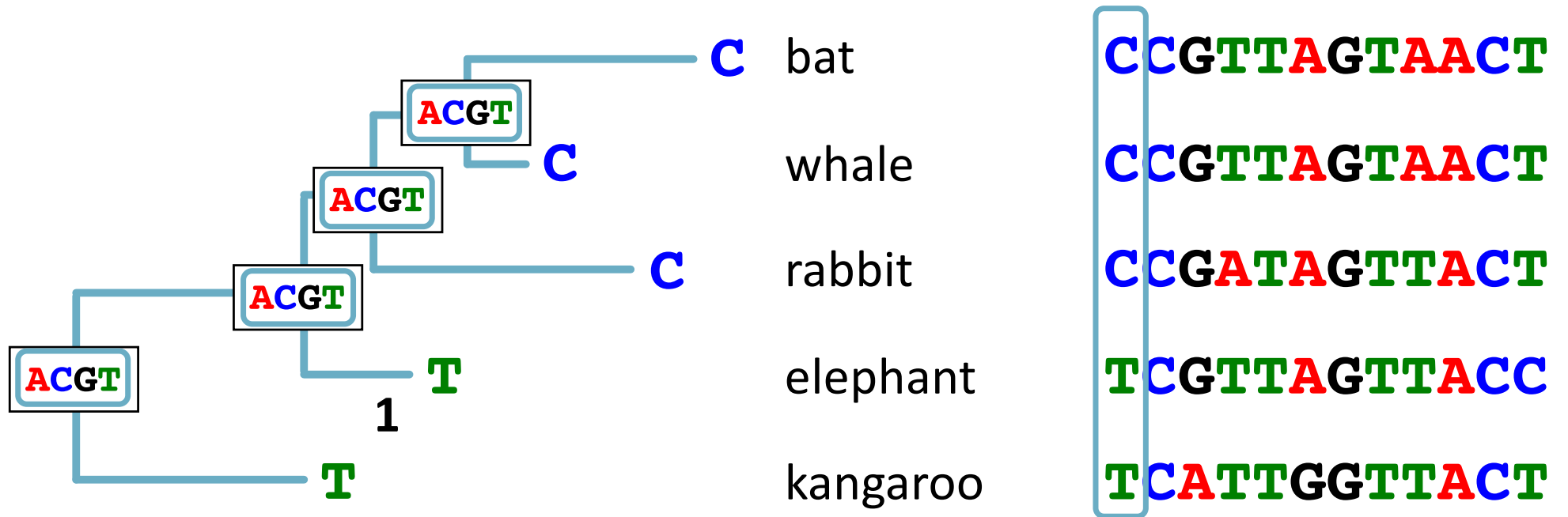
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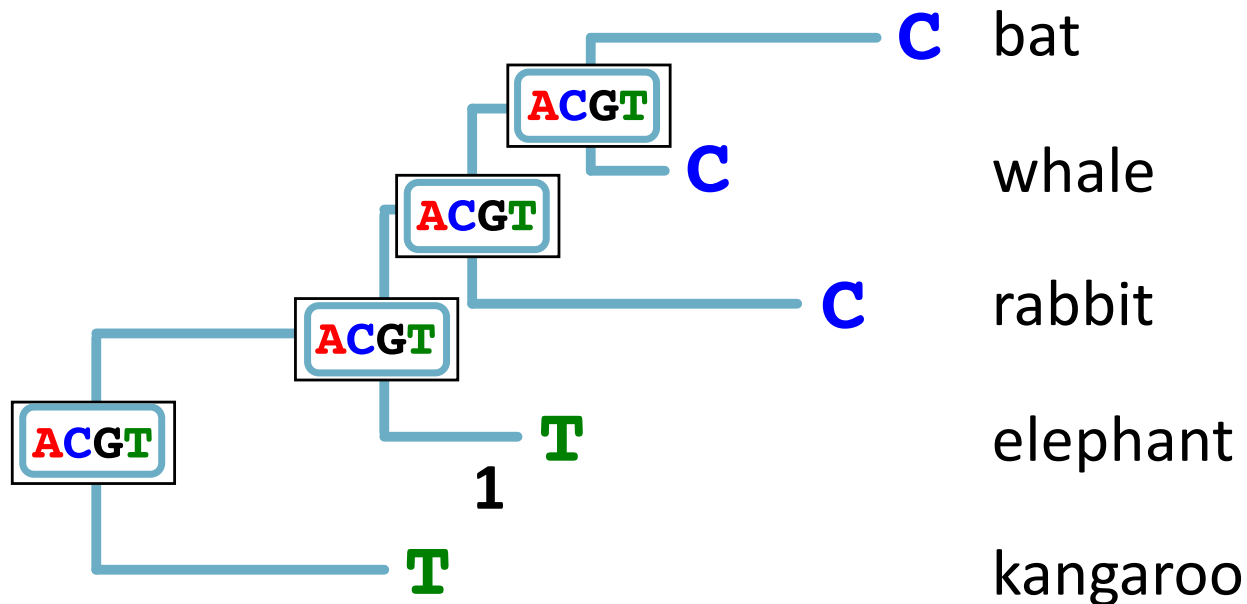


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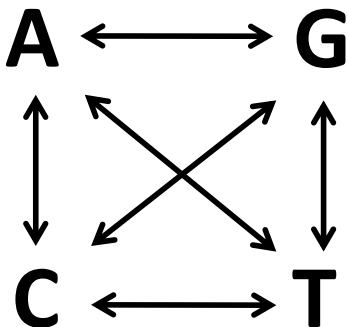


Likelihood is summed over all possibilities

Maximum likelihood



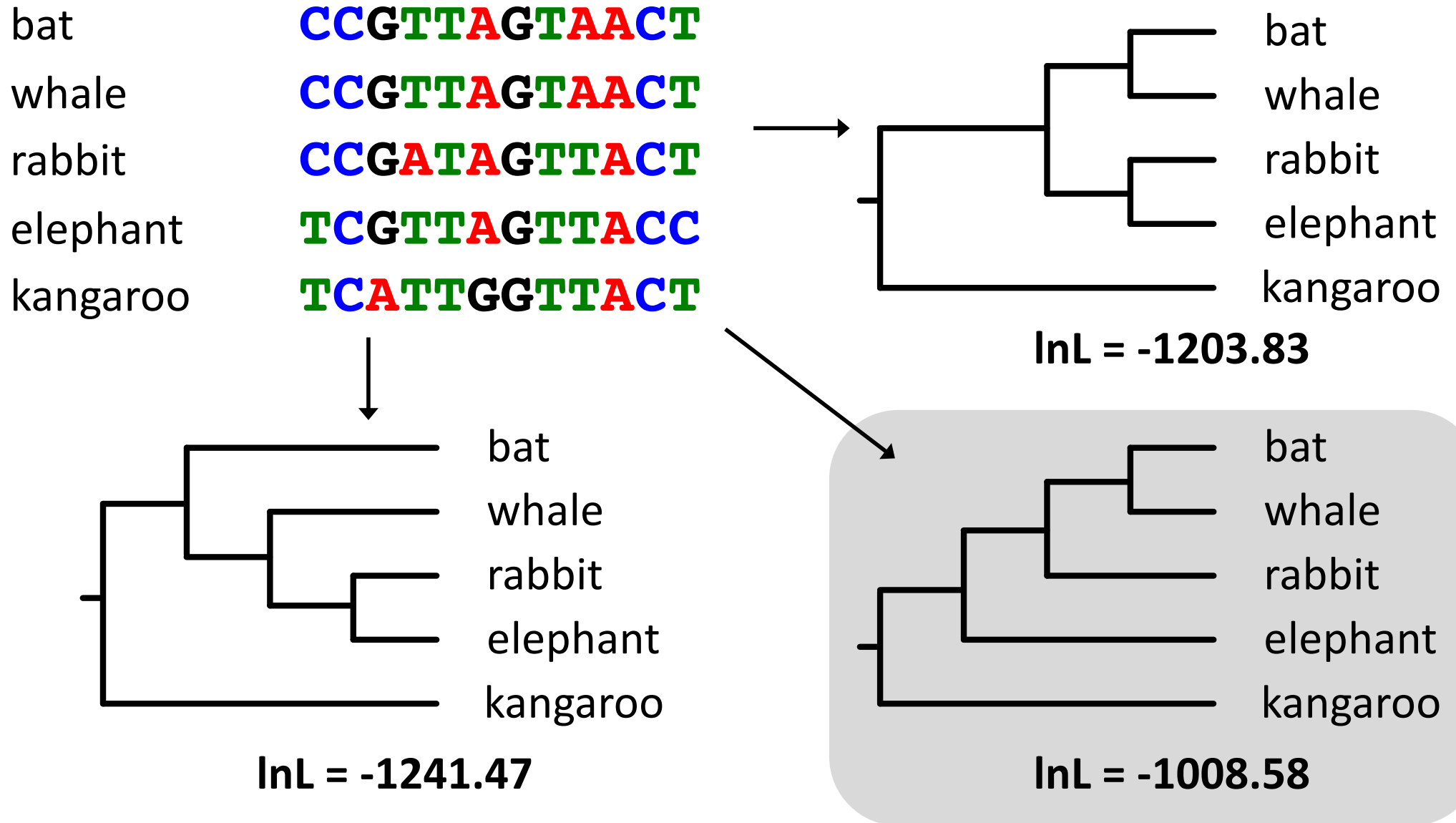
CCGTTAGTAACT
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CCGATAGTTACT
TCGTTAGTTACC
TCATTGGTTACT



Likelihood is multiplied across all sites

Very low probability of observing
any particular alignment

Maximum likelihood



Likelihood optimisation

- Search through the space of possible trees (including branch lengths) and model parameter values
- Calculate the likelihood for these
- Find best tree and model parameter values
- Multivariate optimisation

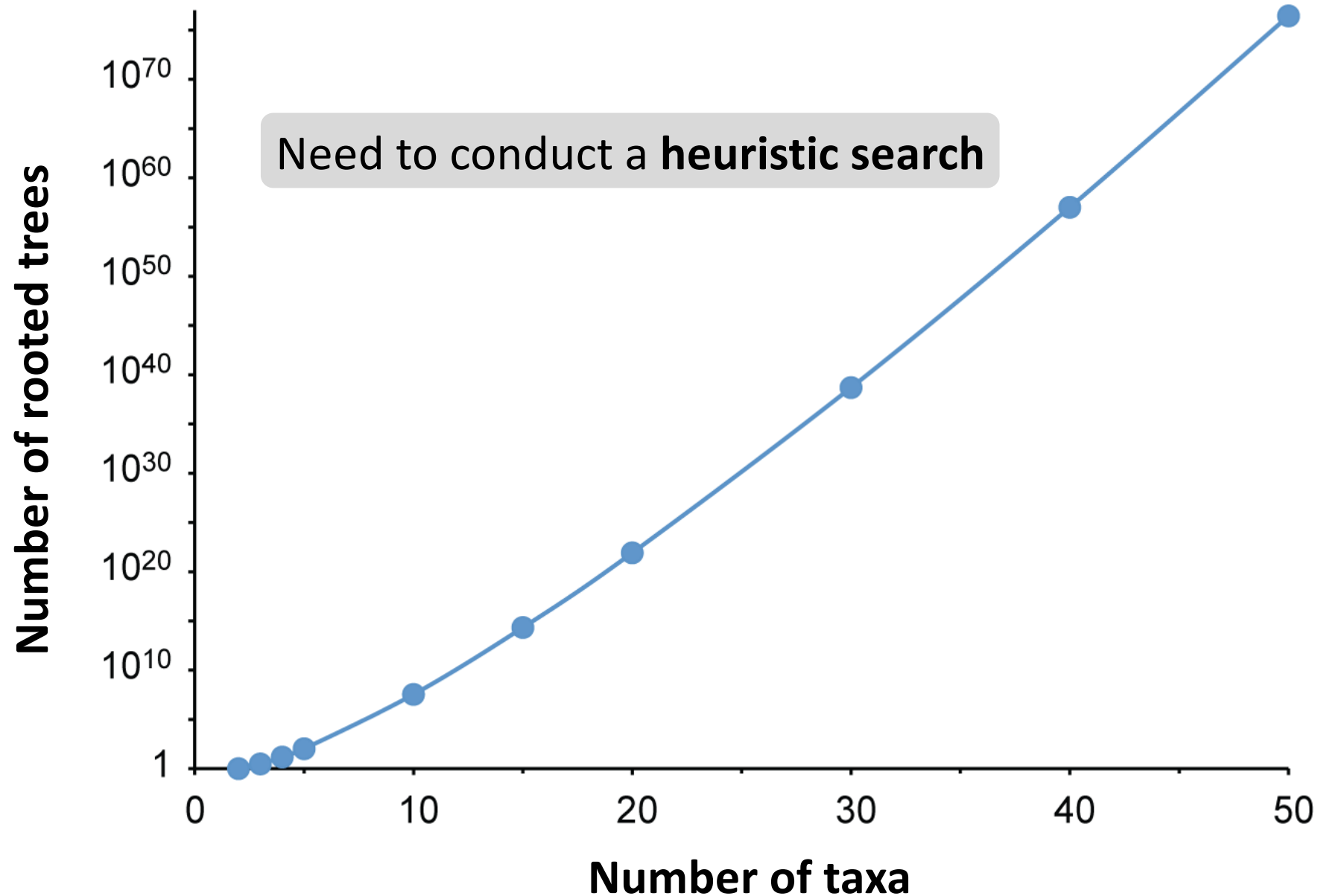
Finding the best tree

- For n taxa, the number of possible unrooted trees (B_n) is:

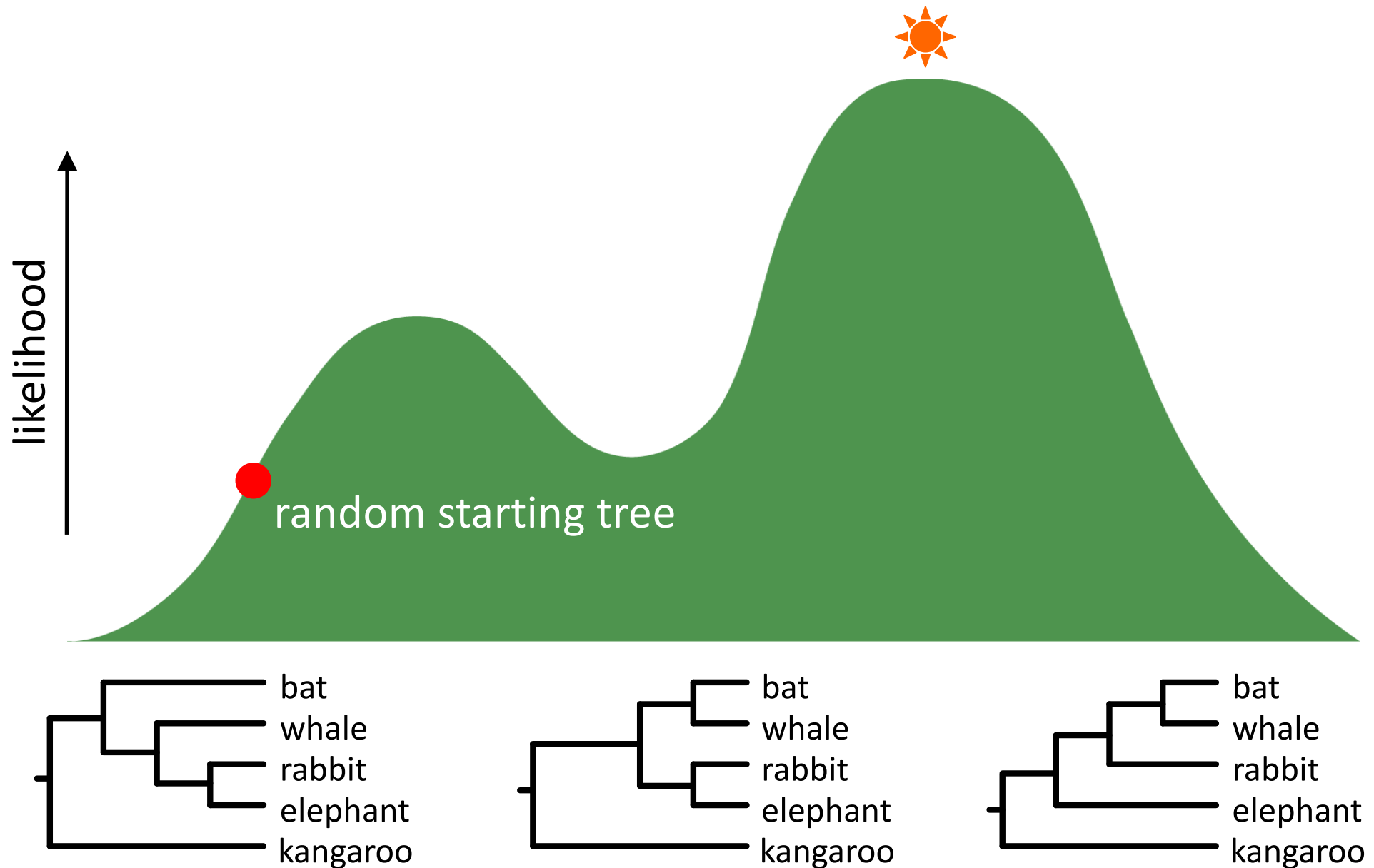
$$B_n = 1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots \times (2n - 5) = \prod_{i=3}^n (2i - 5)$$

- For example:
 - 4 taxa \rightarrow 3 trees
 - 5 taxa \rightarrow 15 trees
 - 10 taxa \rightarrow 2,027,025 trees

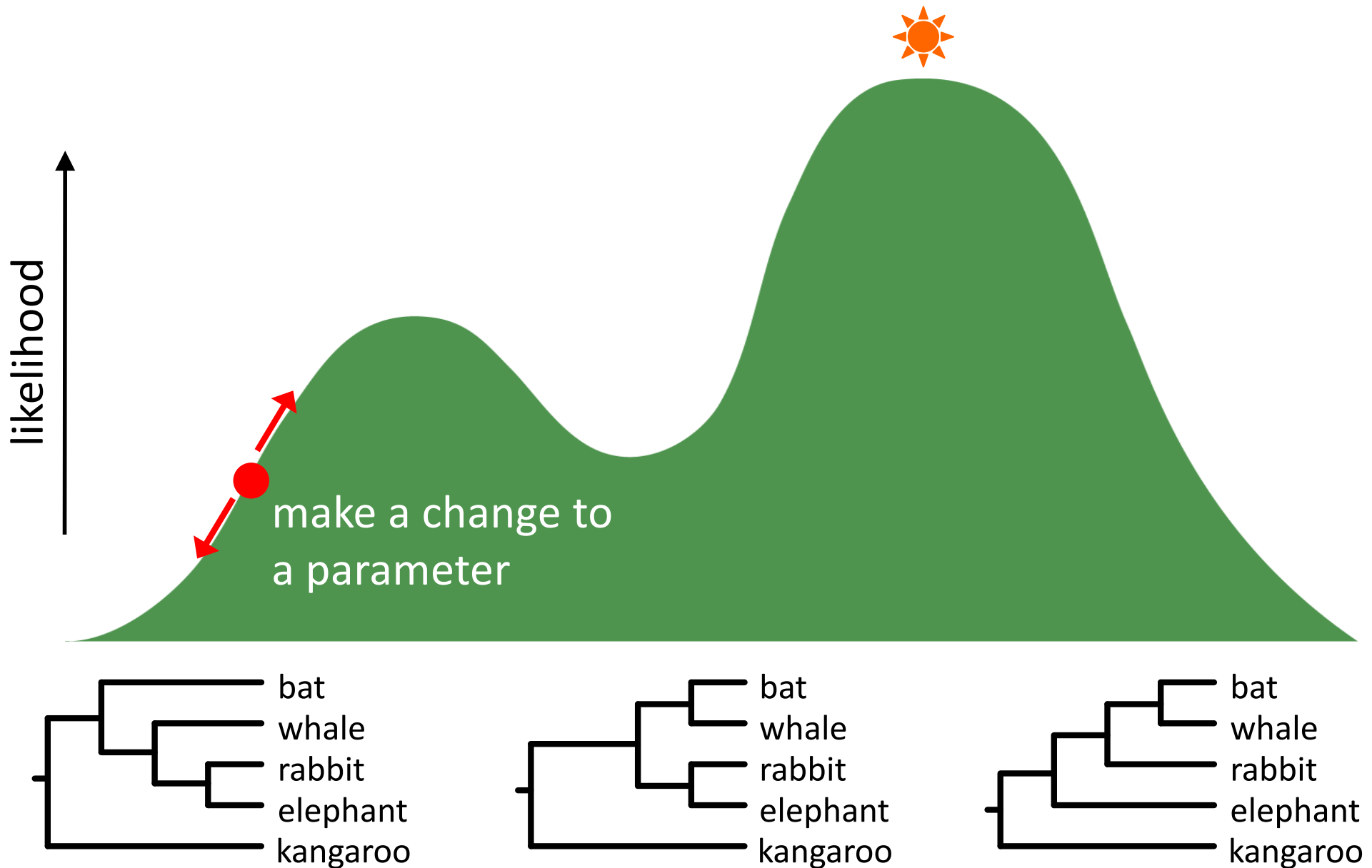
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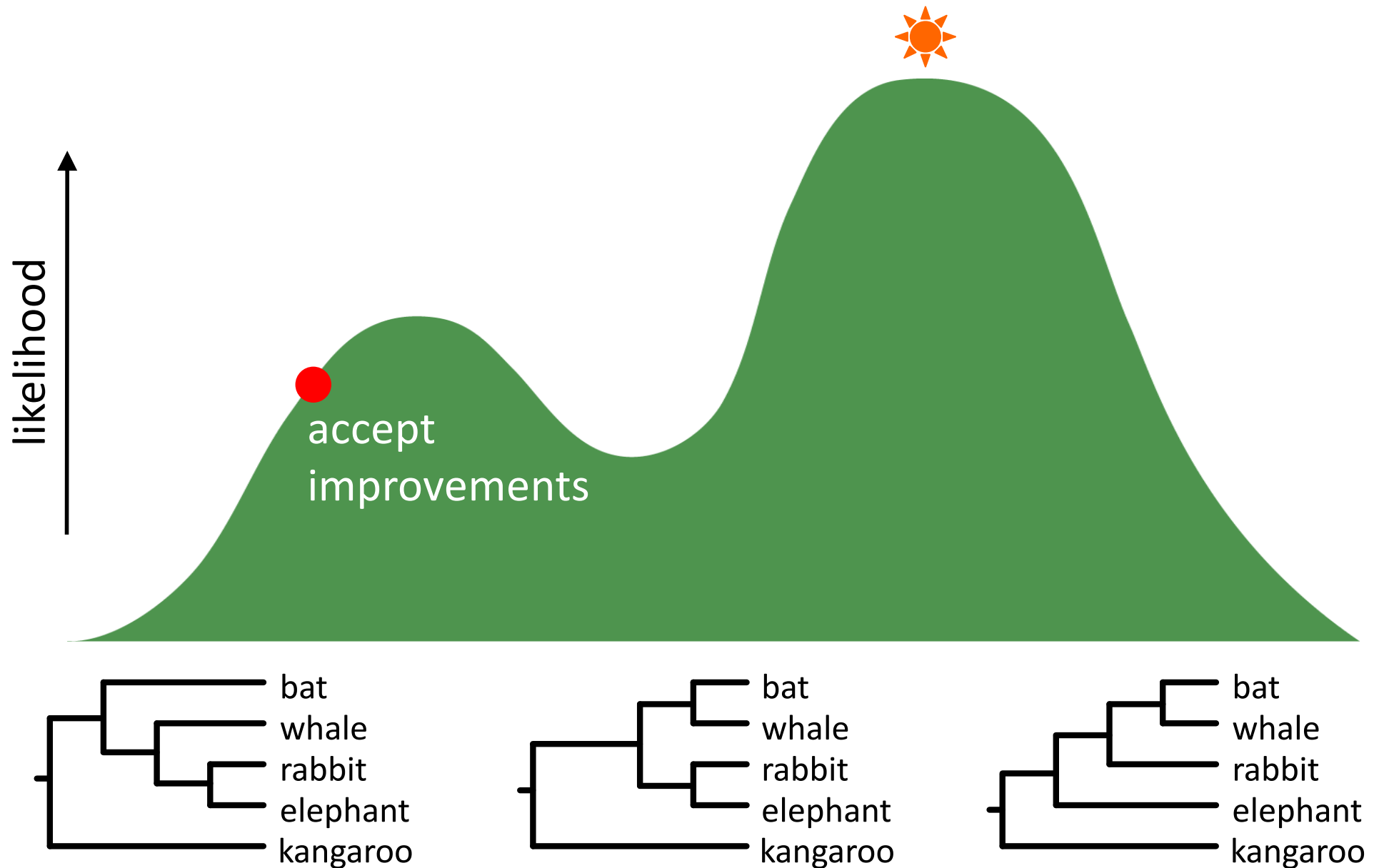
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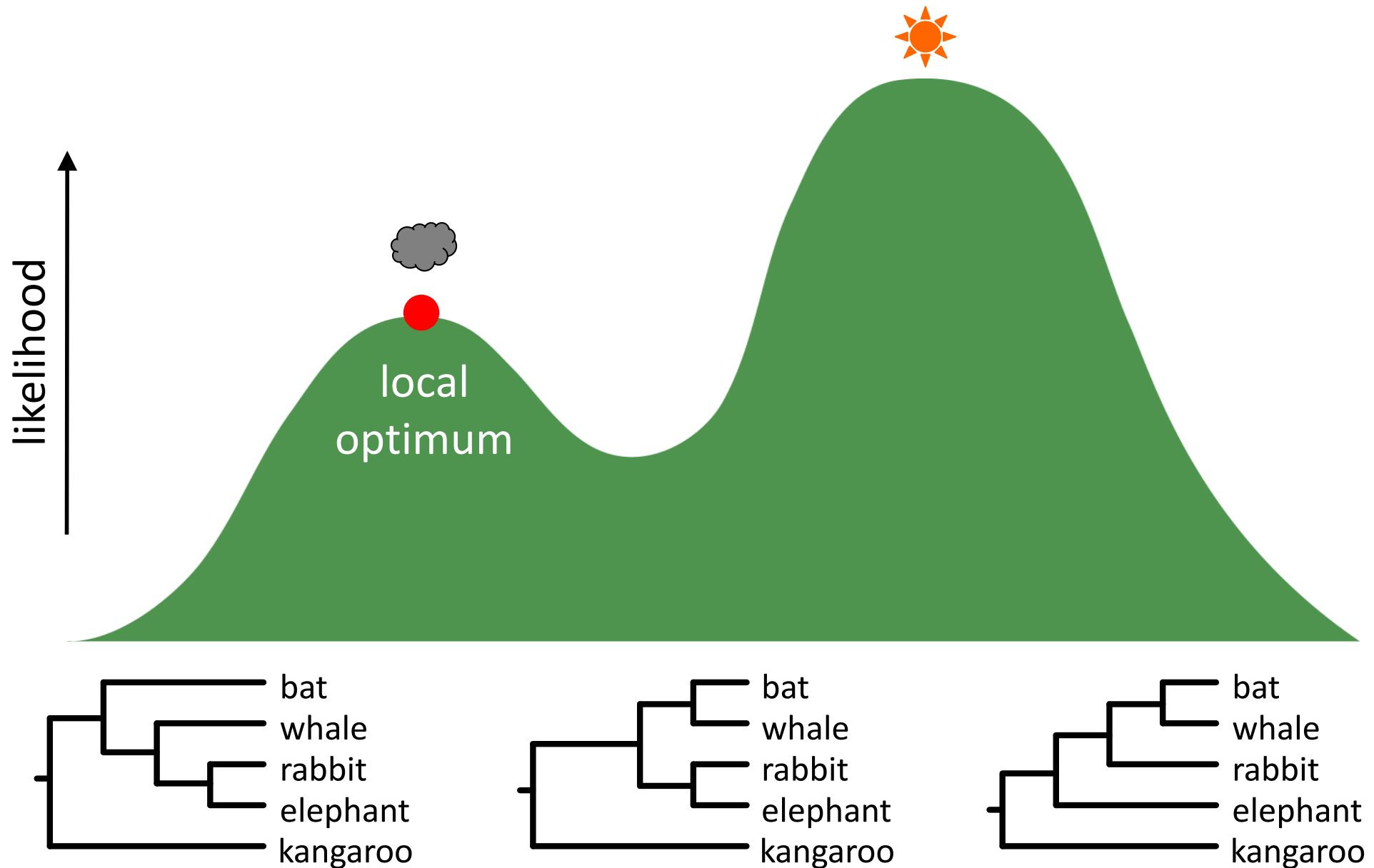
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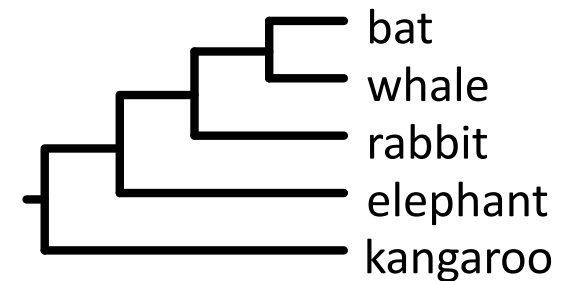
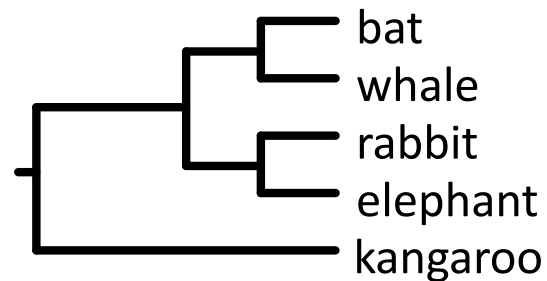
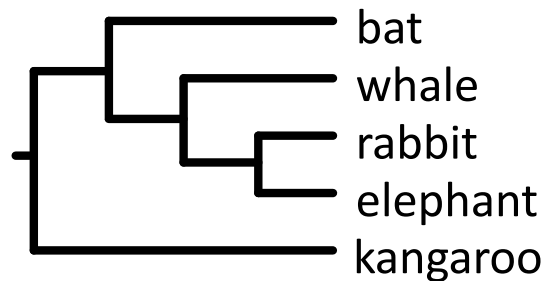
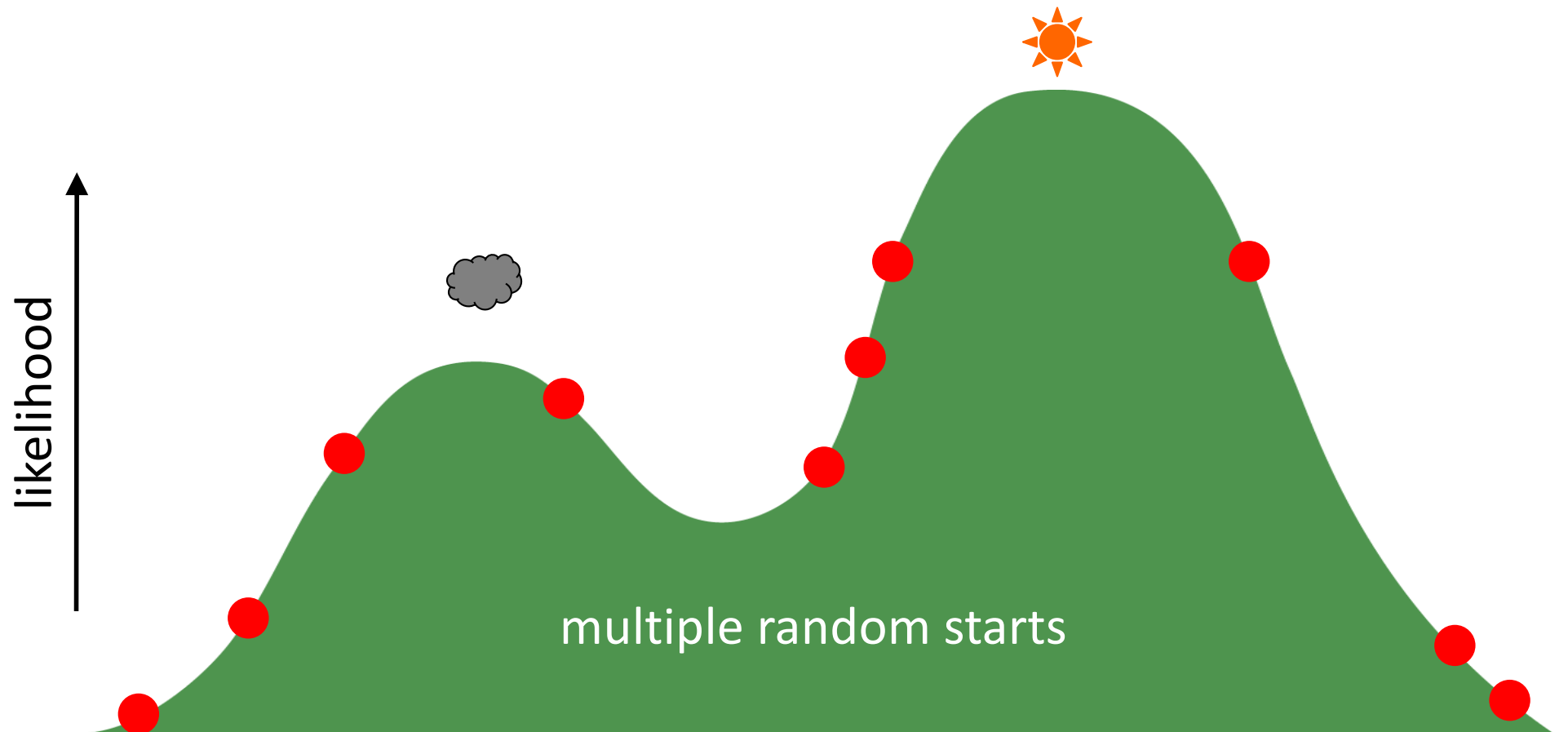
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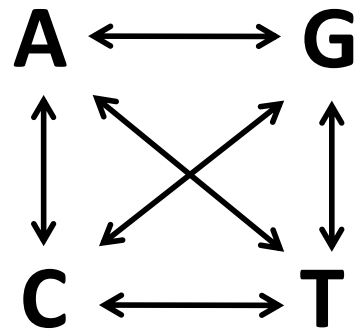


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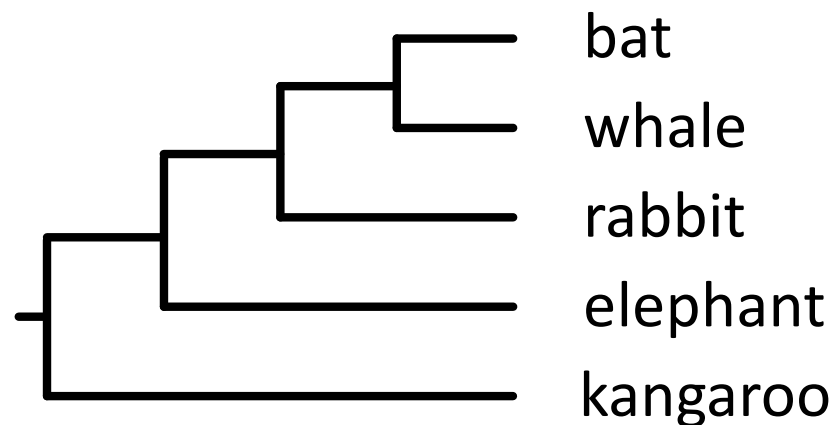


Maximum-likelihood estimates

A single set of maximum-likelihood estimates of model parameters



A single maximum-likelihood tree



Strengths and weaknesses

- **Strengths**

- Rigorous statistical method
- Deals with multiple substitutions and long-branch attraction
- Robust to violations of assumptions

- **Weaknesses**

- Generally not feasible to implement very parameter-rich models
- Searching tree space can be difficult

Software

RAxML



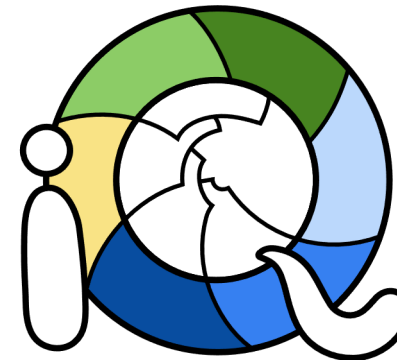
PhyML



MEGA



PAML



IQ-TREE

Bootstrapping

Nonparametric bootstrap

- Uncertainty in the estimate of the tree is inferred indirectly using **bootstrapping analysis**
- “pull oneself up by one's bootstraps”
- Bootstrapping analysis can be used in various phylogenetic methods:
 - Maximum parsimony
 - Distance-based methods
 - Maximum likelihood



Bootstrapping

bat	CCG T TAGTAACT
whale	CCG T TAGTAACT
rabbit	CCG A TAGTTACT
elephant	TCG T TAGTTACC
kangaroo	TC A TTGGTTACT

Randomly sample sites (with replacement)

bat	T
whale	T
rabbit	A
elephant	T
kangaroo	T

Bootstrapping

bat	CCGTTAGTAACT
whale	CCGTTAGTAACT
rabbit	CCGATAGTTACT
elephant	TCGTTAGTTACC
kangaroo	TCATTGGTTACT

bat	TG
whale	TG
rabbit	AG
elephant	TG
kangaroo	TG

Bootstrapping

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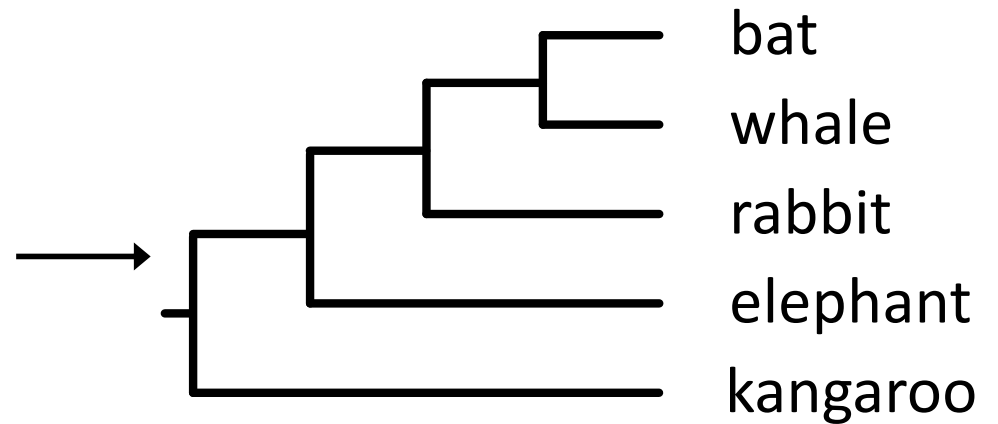
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rabbit	AGCCCATAGCAC
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kangaroo	TGCTCTTAACGT

Bootstrapping

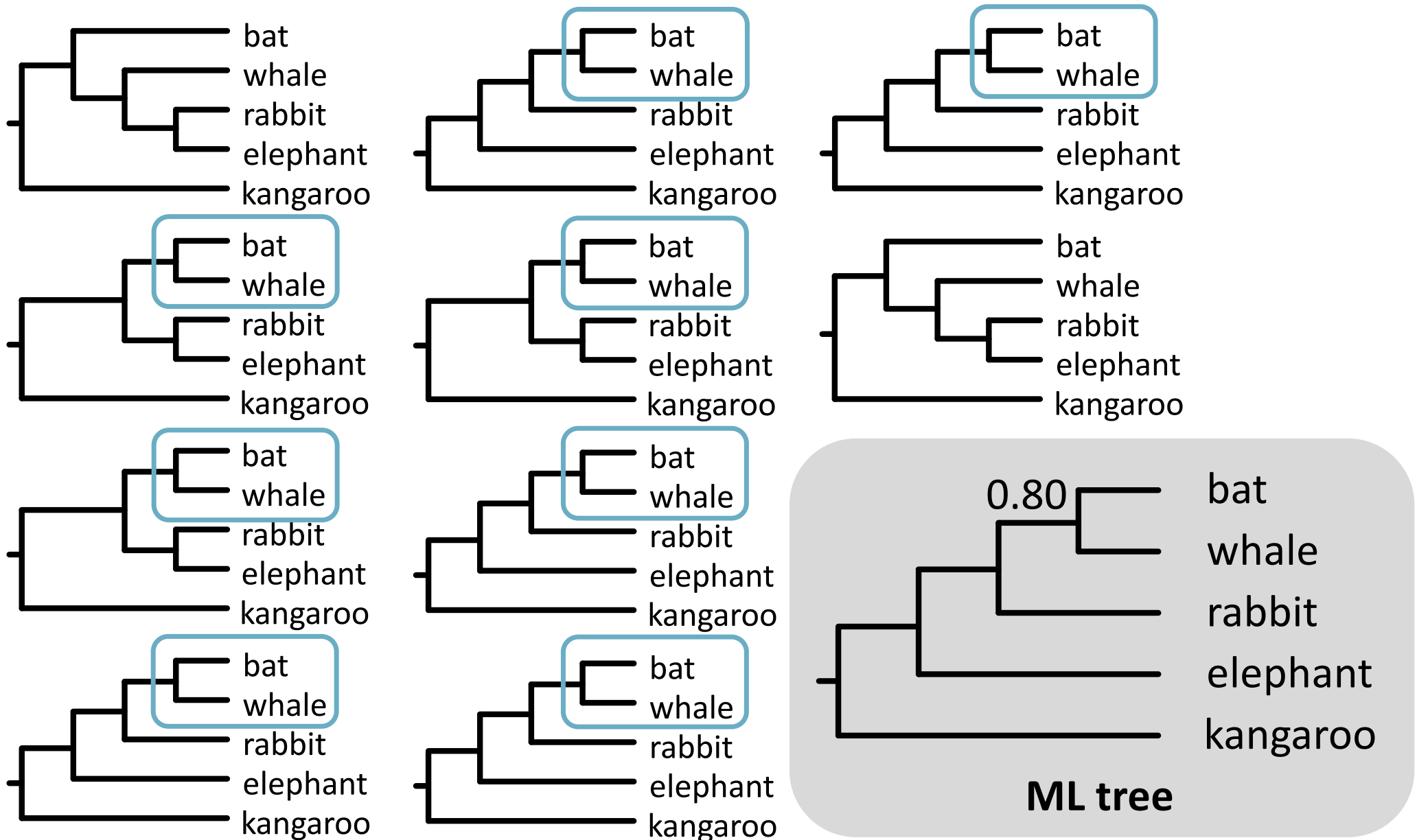
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Repeat 1,000 times

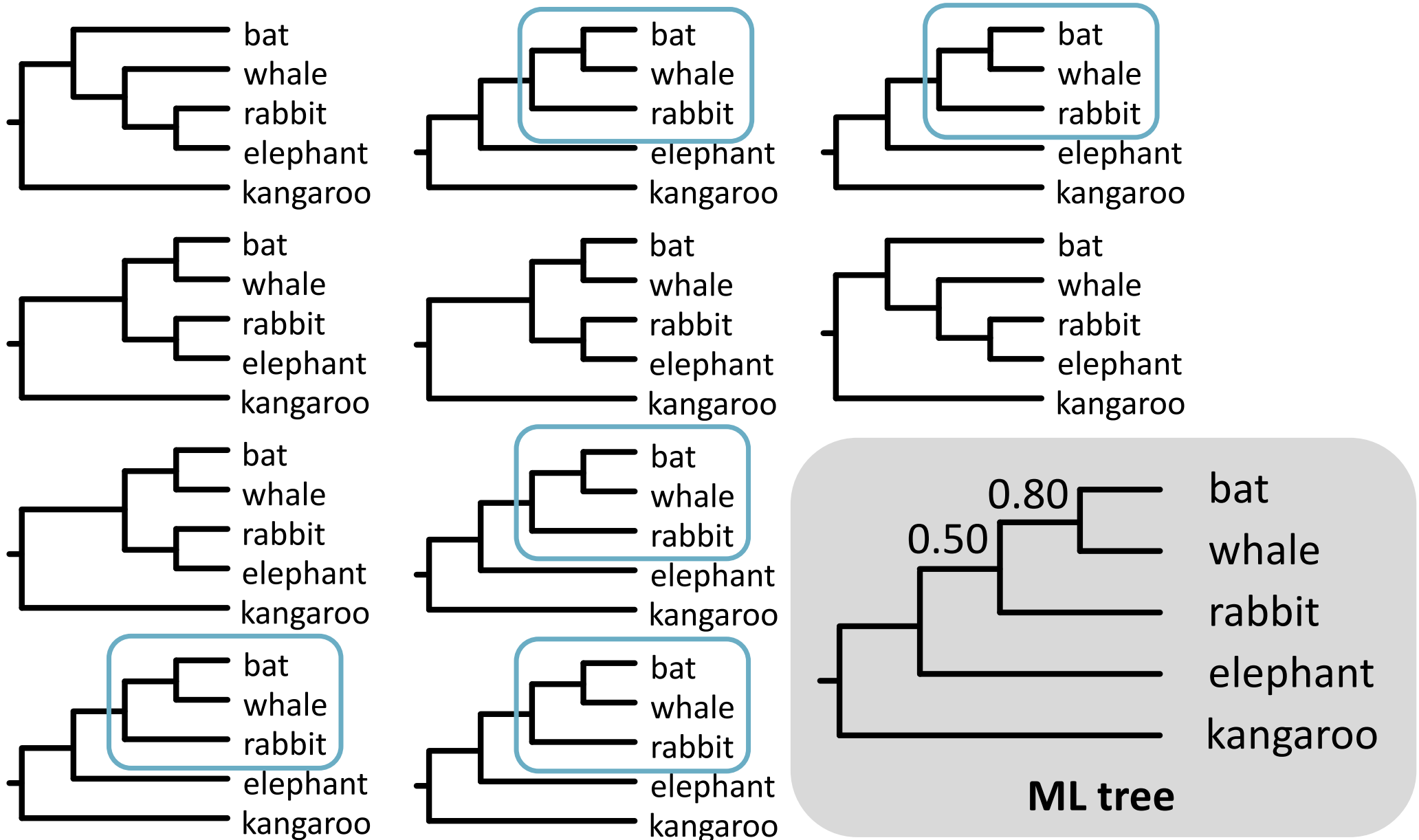
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Bootstrapping



Bootstrapping



Interpreting bootstrap values

- **Felsenstein (1985)**

bootstrapping provides a confidence interval that contains the *phylogeny that would be estimated from repeated sampling of many characters from the underlying set of all characters*

- Bootstrap values are **measures of repeatability**

- High when the data set is large
- Not meaningful when analysing genome-scale data

Methods in practice

- **Maximum parsimony**
 - Commonly used to analyse morphological data
 - Rarely used to analyse molecular data
- **Distance-based methods**
 - Popular in some fields of research
 - Used to analyse very large data sets with many taxa
- **Maximum likelihood**
 - Widely used, but has been losing ground to Bayesian methods

Useful references

- **Molecular phylogenetics: principles and practice**
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