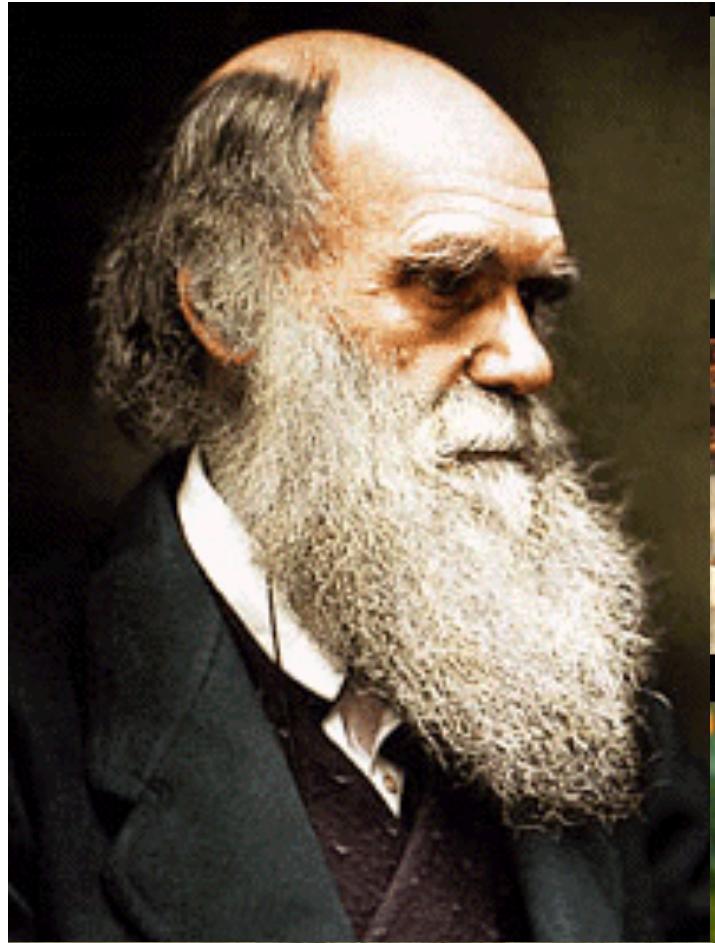


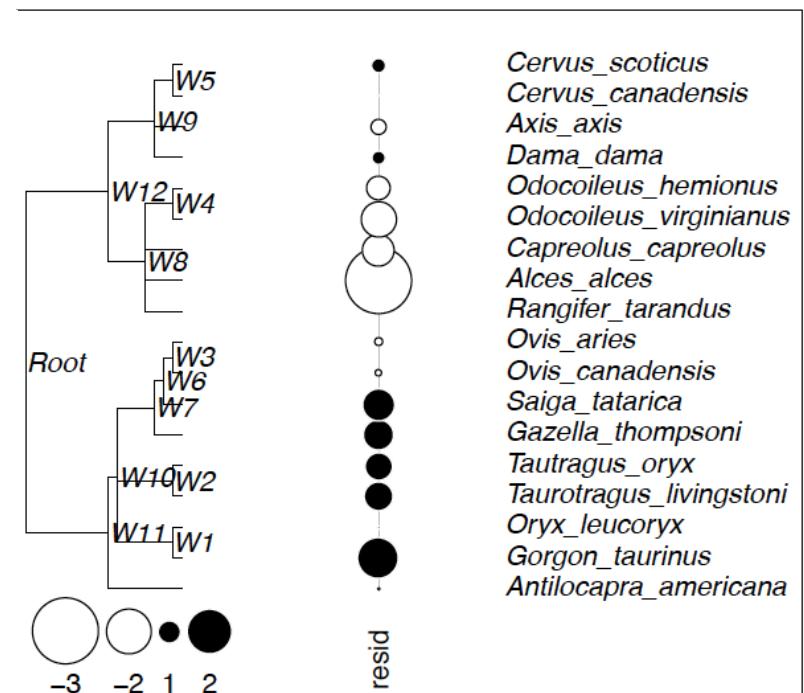
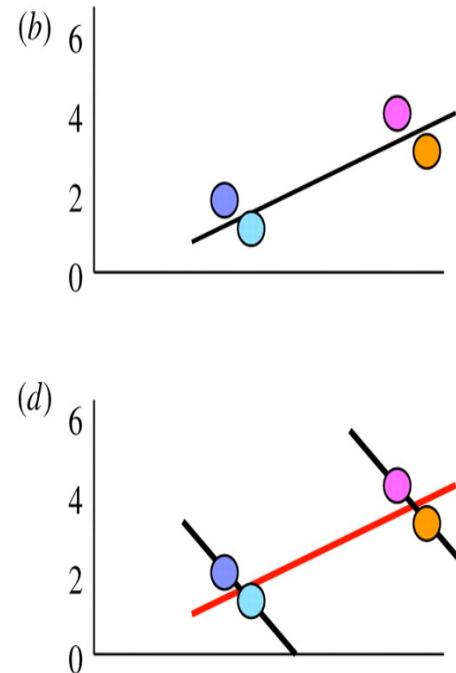
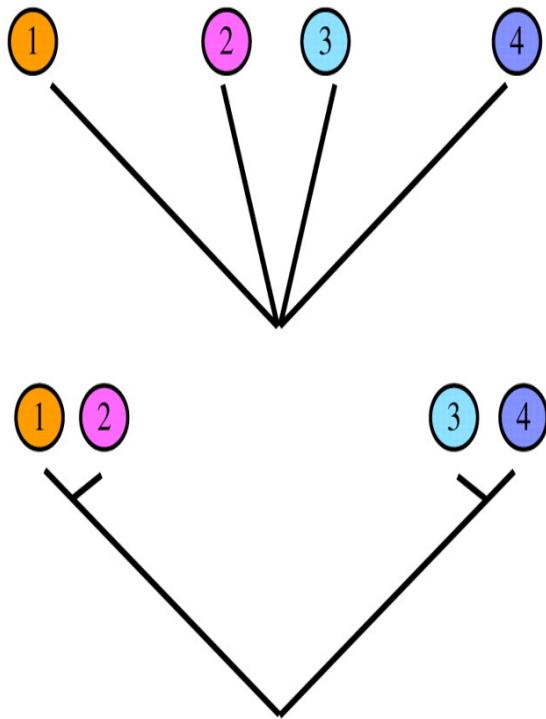
# Trait evolution and ancestral state reconstruction

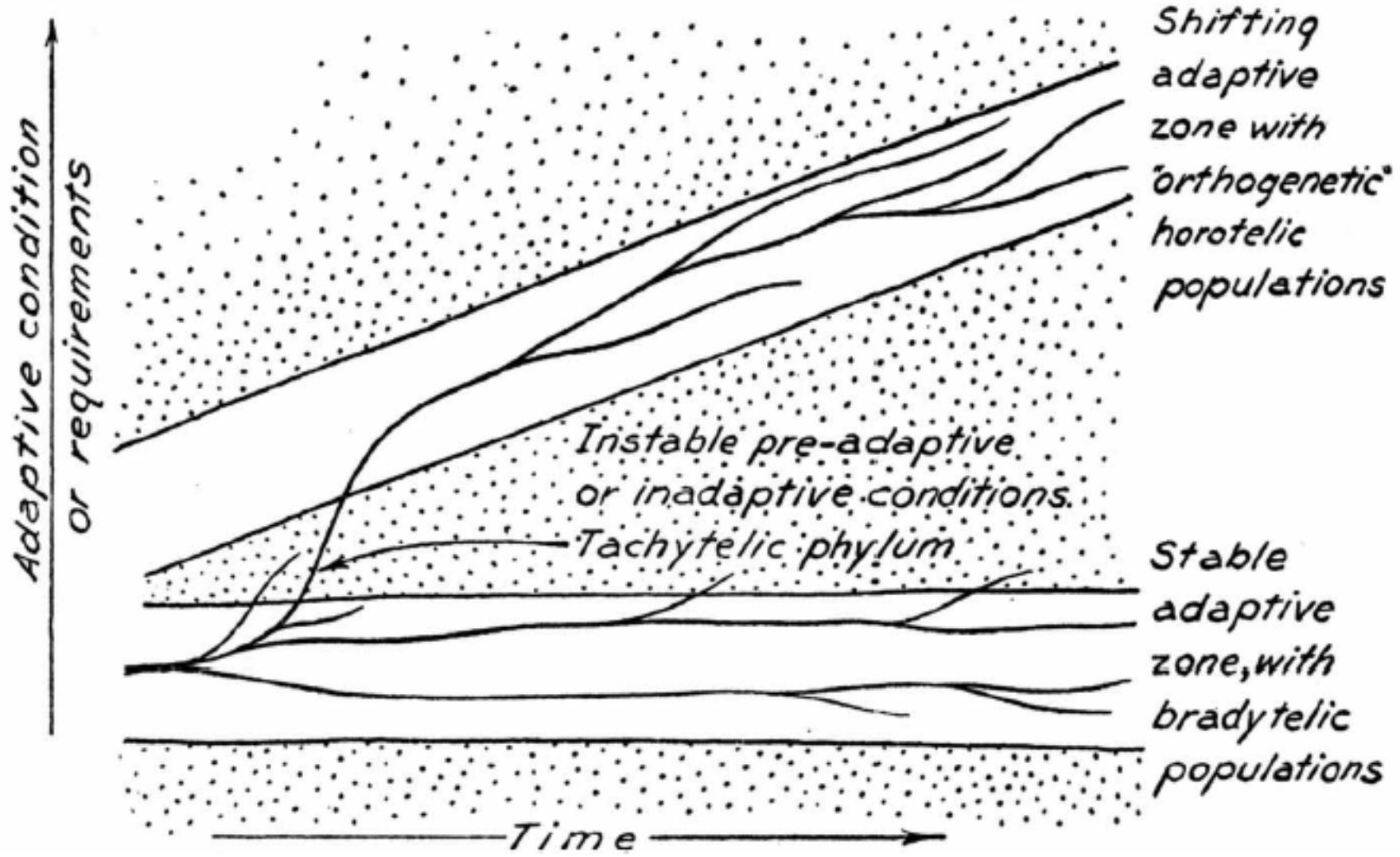
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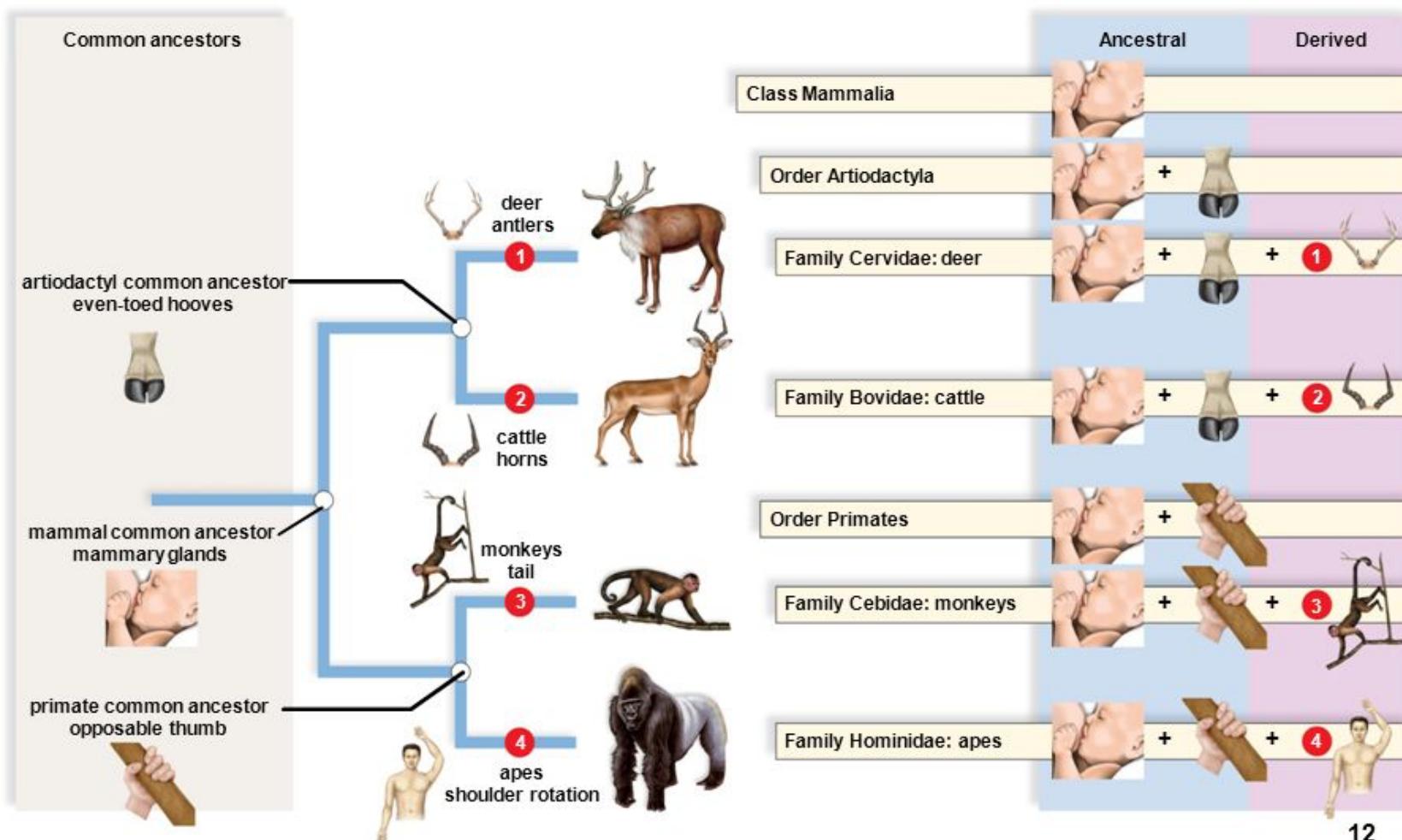
# Interspecific data are not independent





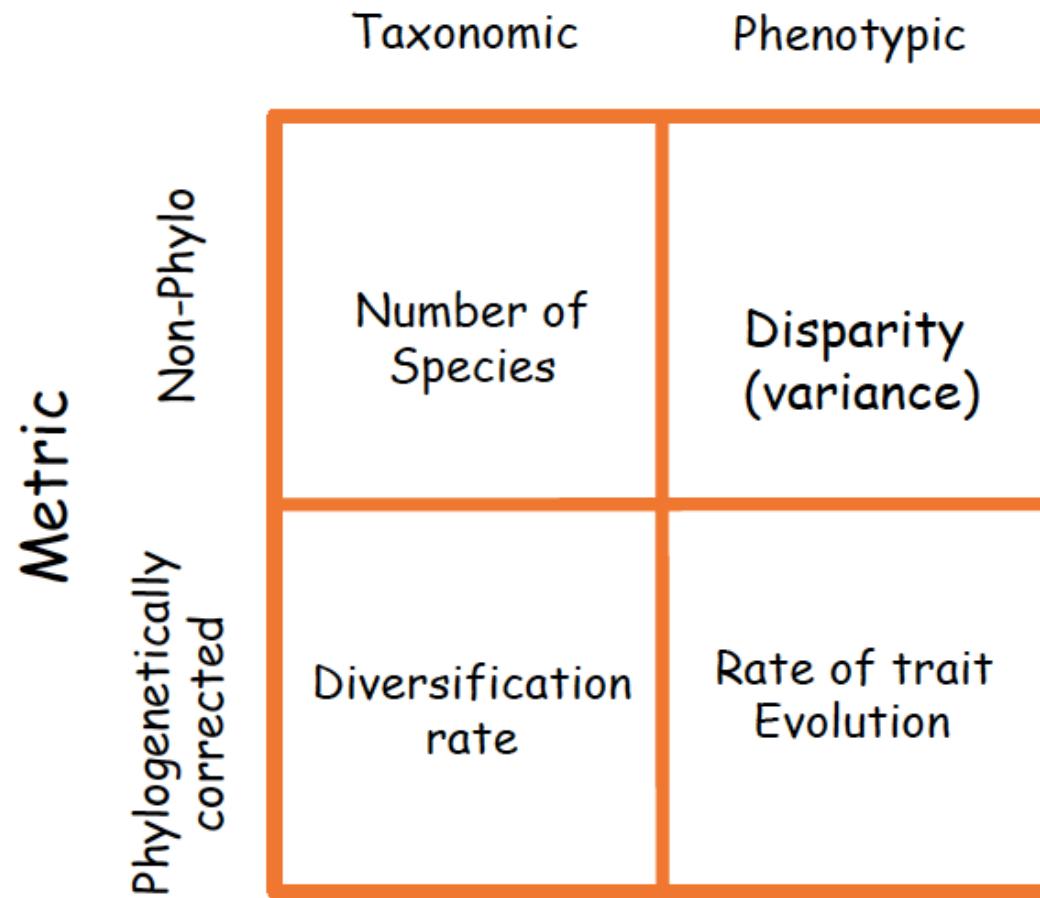
Simpson 1946

# The relationship between phylogeny, classification and traits

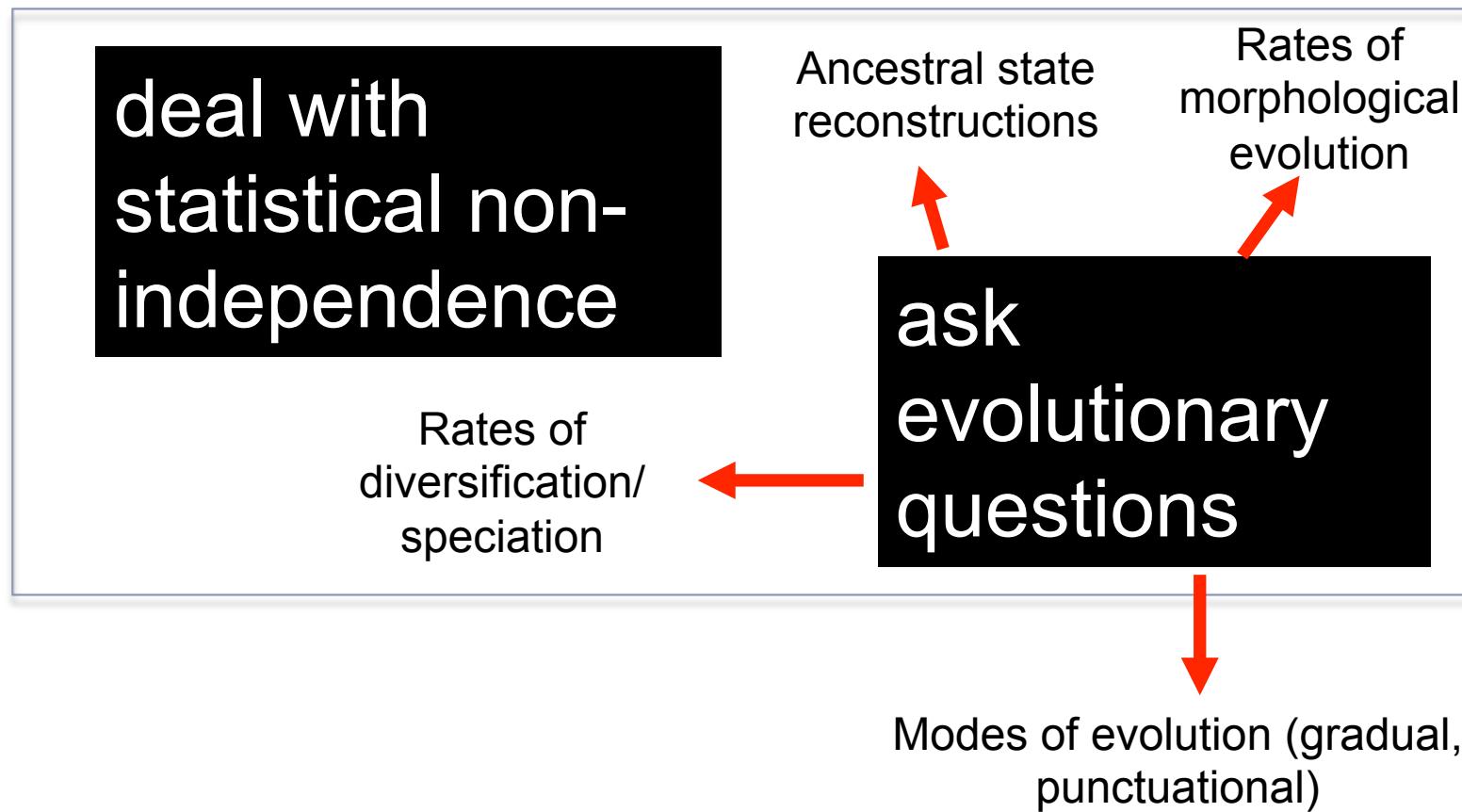


# Axis of biodiversity

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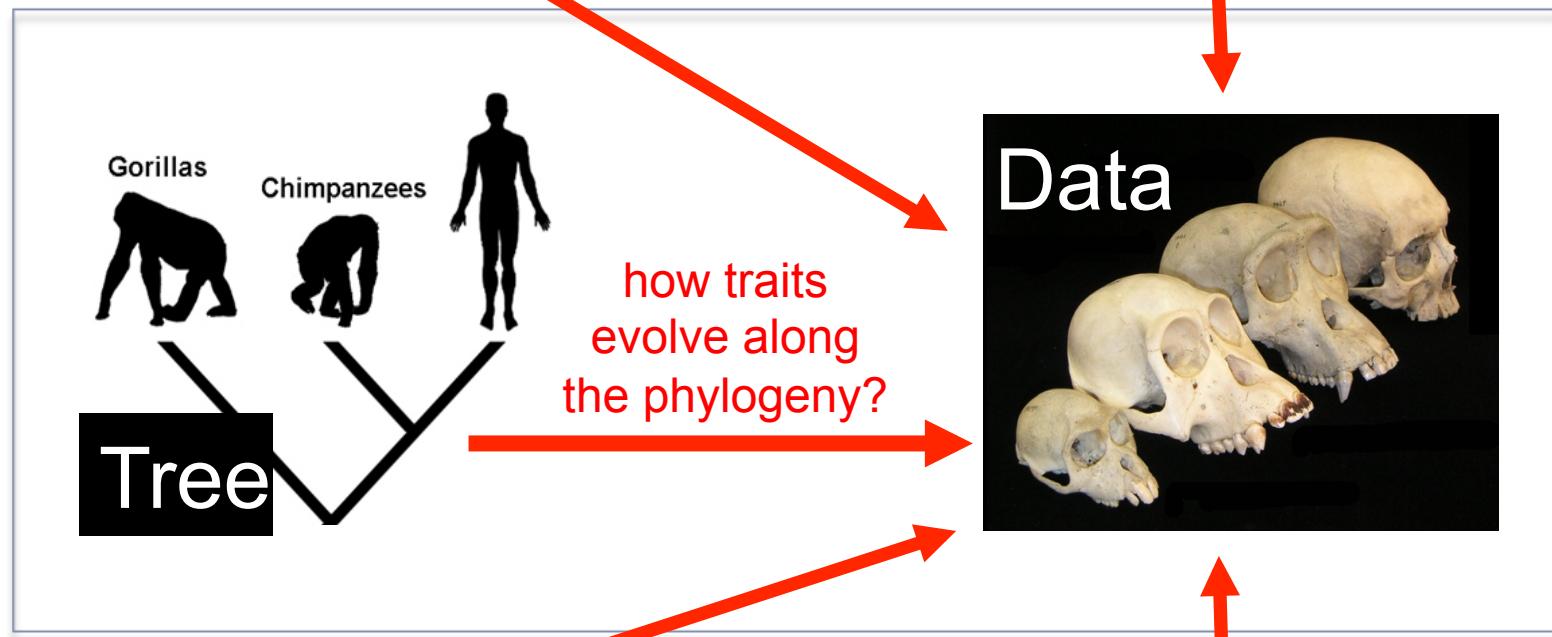


# Phylogenetic methods can be used to



Community

Life-history,  
physiology,  
behavior...



Geography

Environment

# Outline

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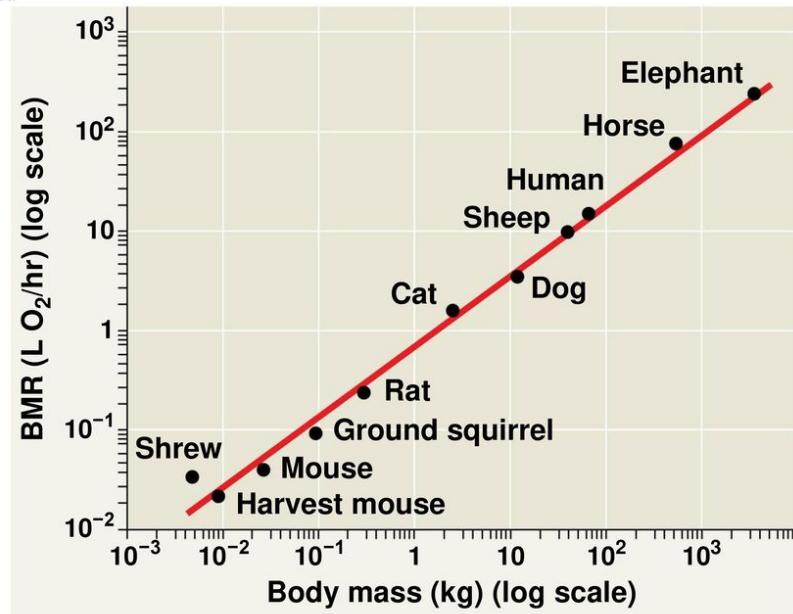
- ▶ Definitions and some assumptions
- ▶ Models of evolution
  - ▶ Continuous
    - ▶ Brownian, Early Burst, Ornstein-Uhlenbeck, Trend
  - ▶ Discrete
    - ▶ Mk model, extended Mk models (SYM,ARD), threshold model
    - ▶ Phylogenetic signal
- ▶ Ancestral-state reconstructions
  - ▶ Parsimony
  - ▶ Maximum-likelihood
  - ▶ Stochastic mapping



# Definitions: what is trait?

- ▶ Heritable and reliable species-specific characteristics
  - ▶ morphology
  - ▶ behavior
  - ▶ physiology
  - ▶ life-history
  - ▶ gene sequence
- ▶ Continuous vs. discrete

Figure 40.20a

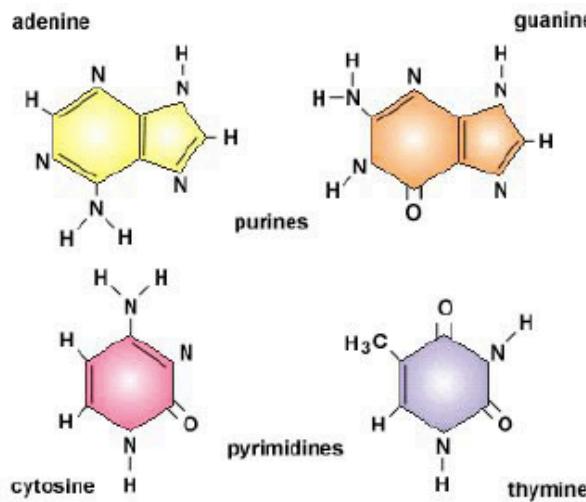


(a) Relationship of basal metabolic rate (BMR) to body size for various mammals

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# Definitions: what is trait?

- Discretely-coded traits
  - Intrinsically discrete traits



Wings



No wings



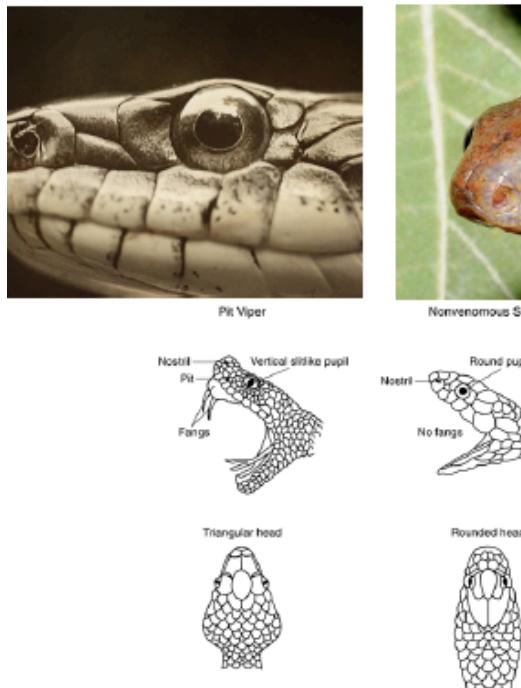
Aquatic



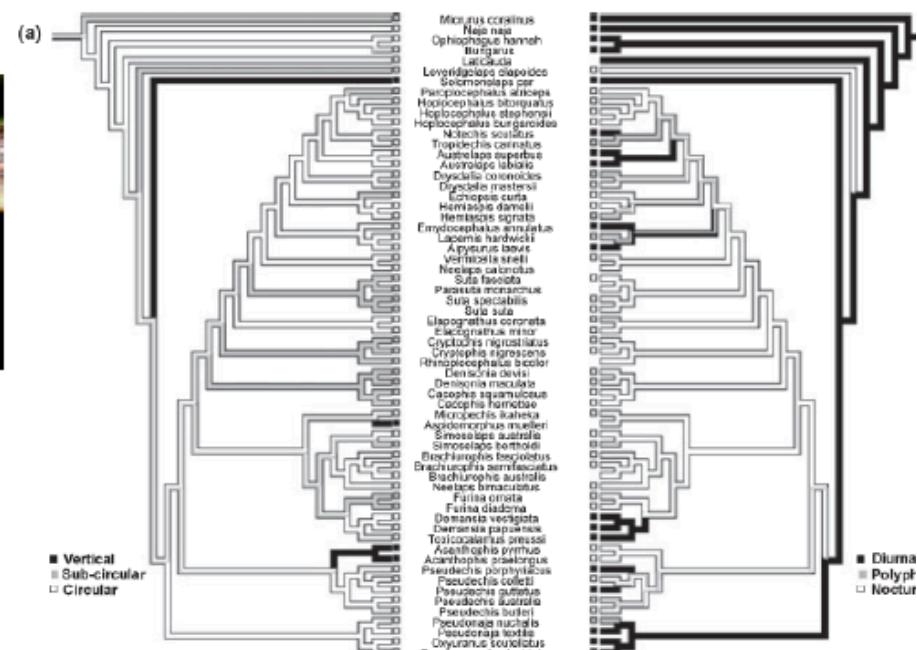
Terrestrial

# Definitions: what is trait?

- Discretely-coded traits
- Discretize continuous traits



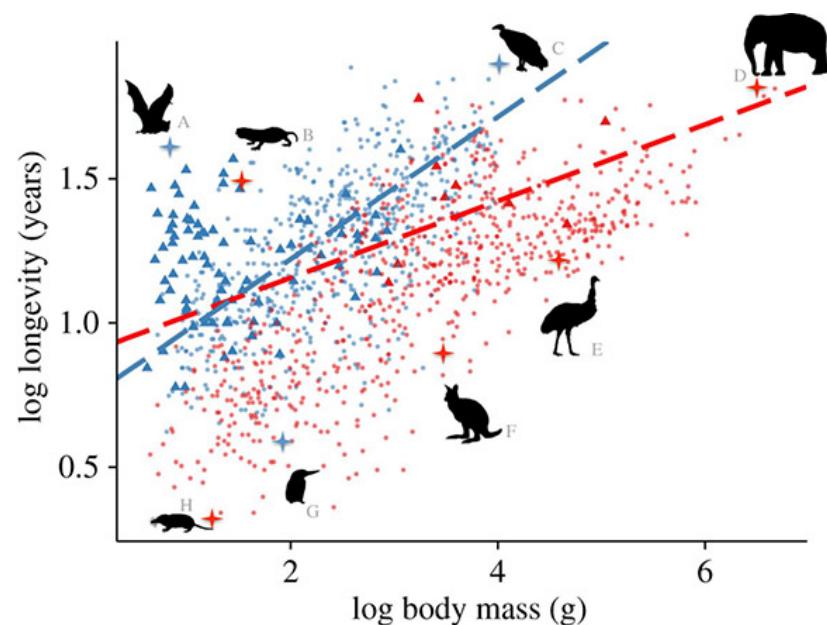
Pupil shape in snakes



Brischoux et al. 2010

# Definitions: what is trait?

- ▶ Continuous traits
  - ▶ Ordinal
  - ▶ Interval

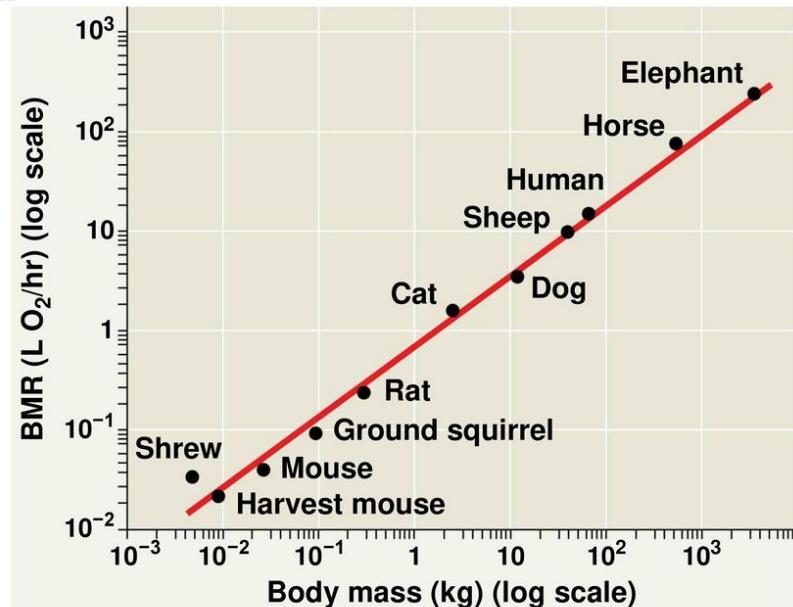


Parameter	Description	Score
Appearance (Also note if abdominal distention is present)	N: bright eyes; shiny, well-groomed hair coat Abn: Unkempt hair coat, dull fur Abn: Hunching, piloerection	2 1 0
Natural behavior	N: Active; interactive in environment Slight decrease in activity; less interactive Abn: Pronounced decrease in activity; isolated Abn: Possible selfmutilation; hyperactive or immobile	3 2 1 0
Provoked behavior	N: Quickly moves away Slow to move away or exaggerated response Abn: Moves away after short period of time Abn: Does not move or reacts with excessively exaggerated response	3 2 1 0
Body condition score	1, emaciated; 2, thin; 3, normal; 4, overweight; 5, obese	1–5
Total score		1–13

# Definitions: what is trait?

- ▶ Heritable and reliable species-specific characteristics
  - ▶ morphology
  - ▶ behavior
  - ▶ physiology
  - ▶ life-history
  - ▶ gene sequence
- ▶ Continuous vs. discrete
- ▶ Often measured with error
  - ▶ Within-species variance
  - ▶ Use of proxies
  - ▶ Apple / orange problem
- ▶ Original vs. log transformed scale

Figure 40.20a

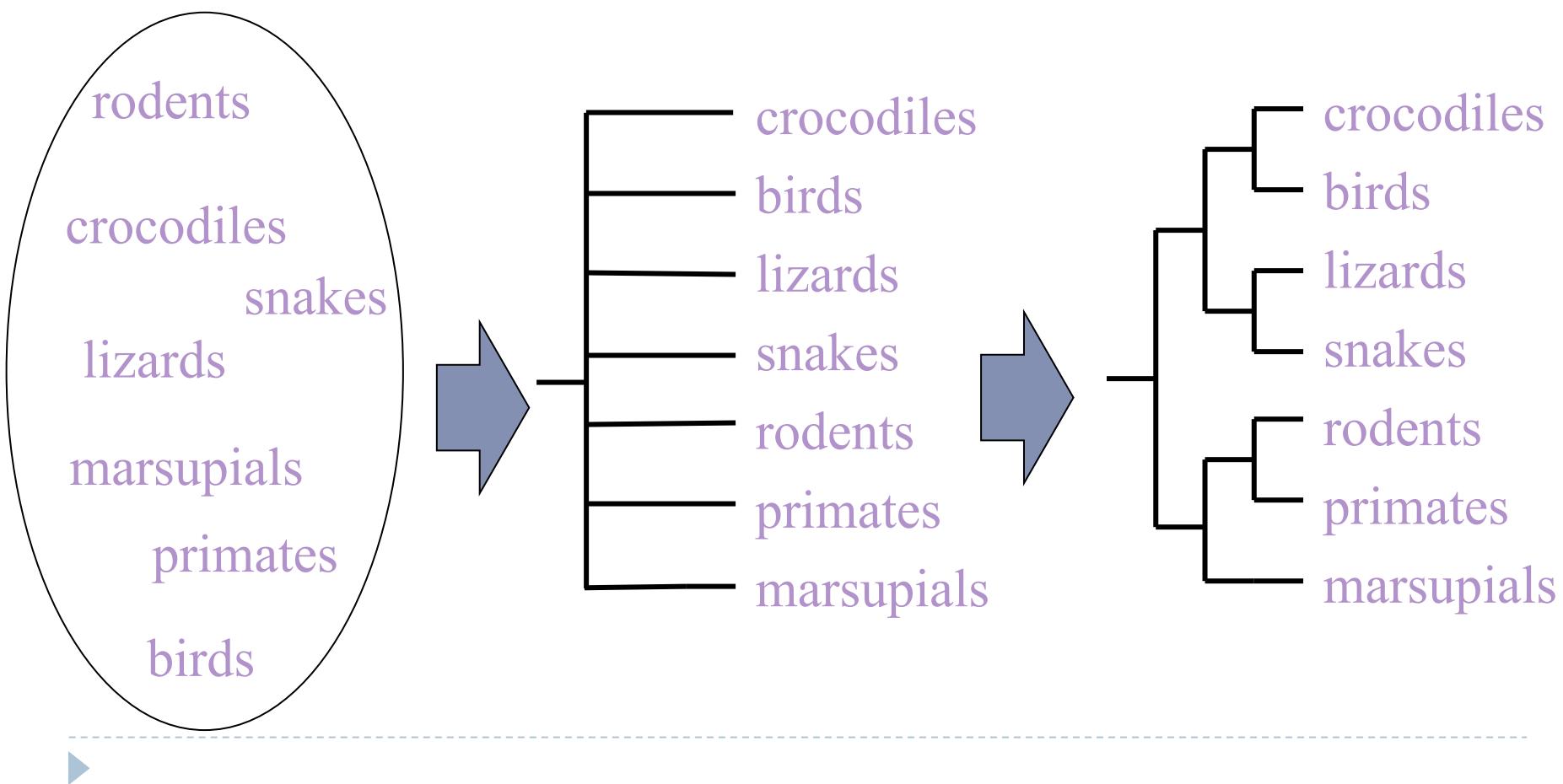


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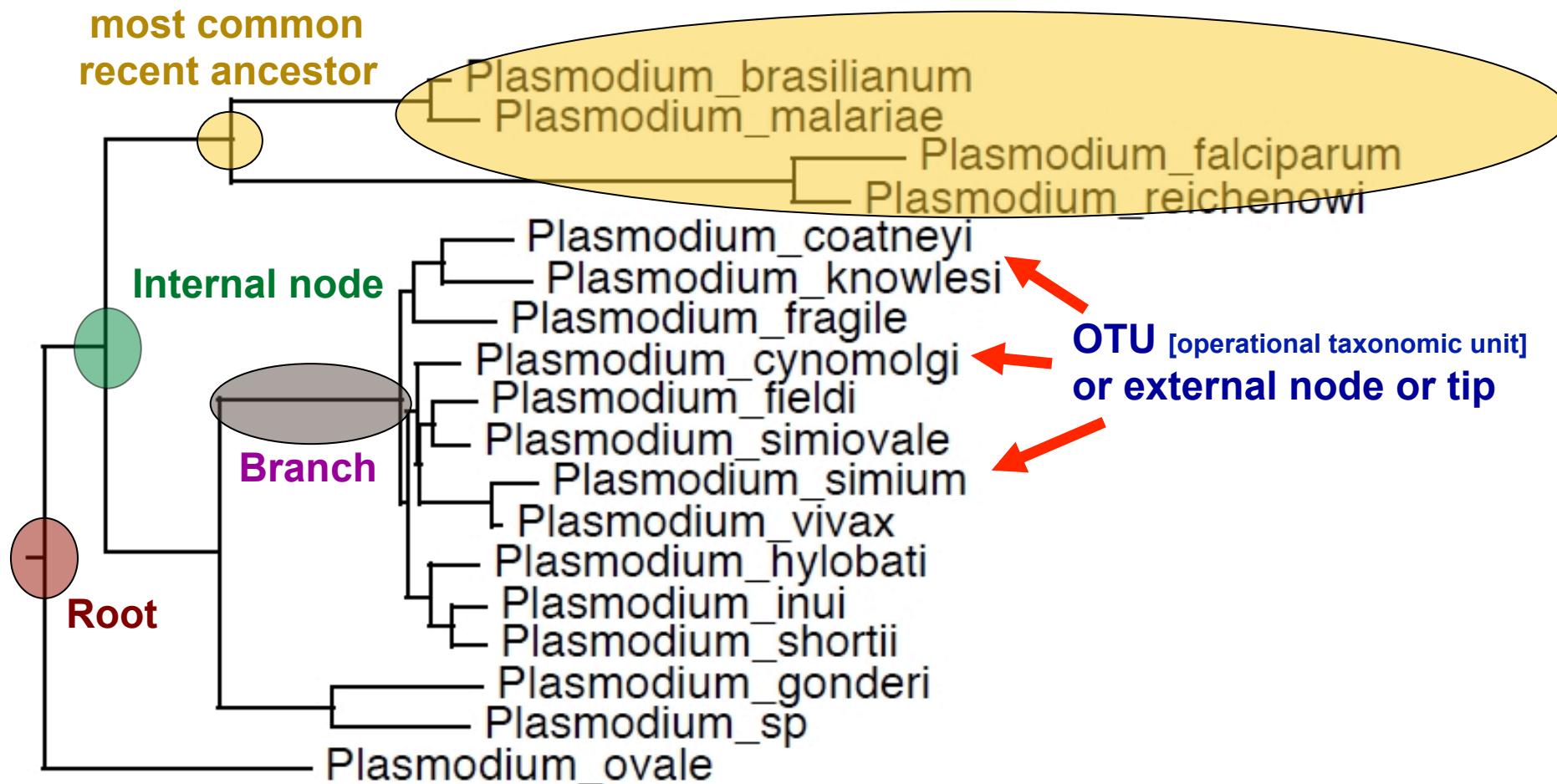
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# Definitions: what is tree?

A phylogenetic tree is the hierarchical classification of taxa that reflects their evolutionary relationships



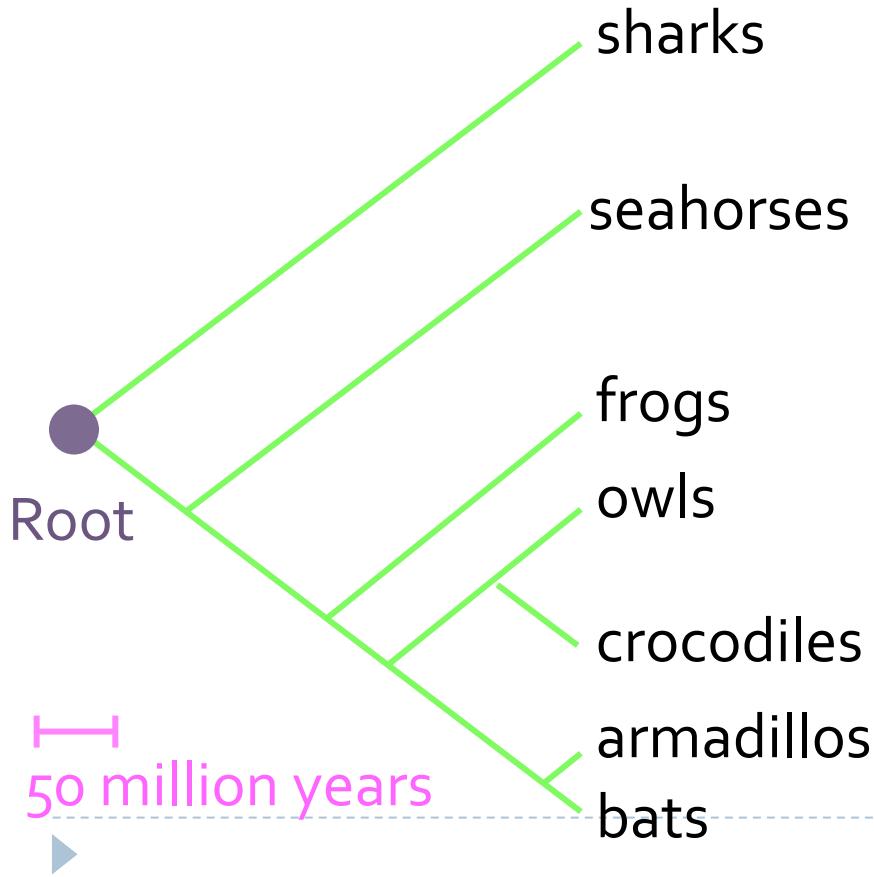
# Terminology



*Phylogram of primate-infecting malaria*

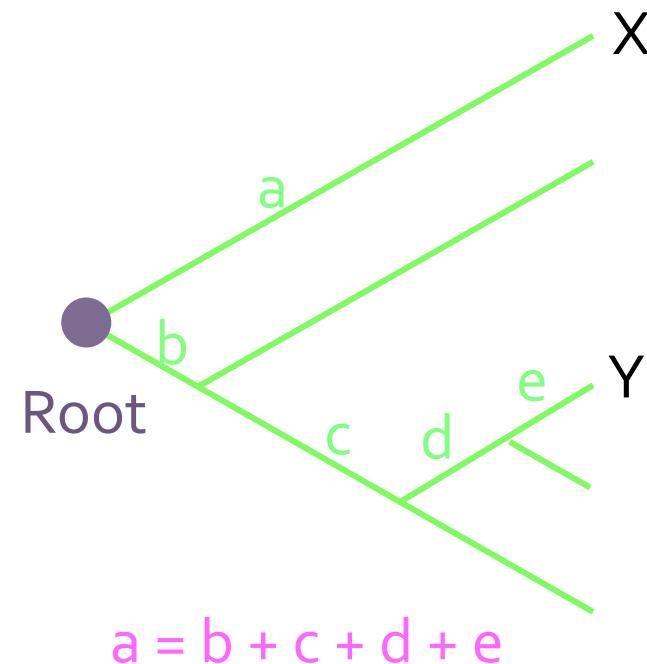
# Time scaled phylogenies are ultrametric

Evolutionary trees  
measure **time.**



**Ultrametricity**

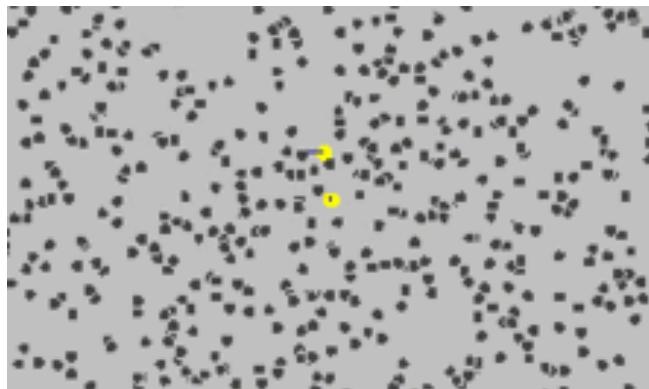
All tips are an equal distance from the root.





# Evolution of continuous traits

# Brownian motion



$$dX_{(t)} = \sigma^2 * t$$

$t$  = the step over which BM occurs

$\sigma^2$  = Brownian rate

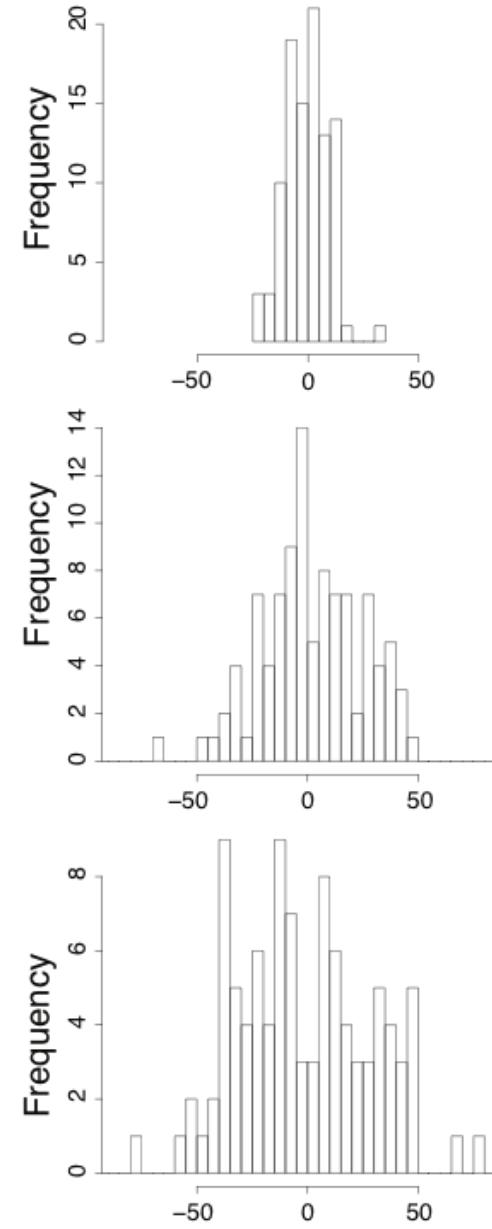
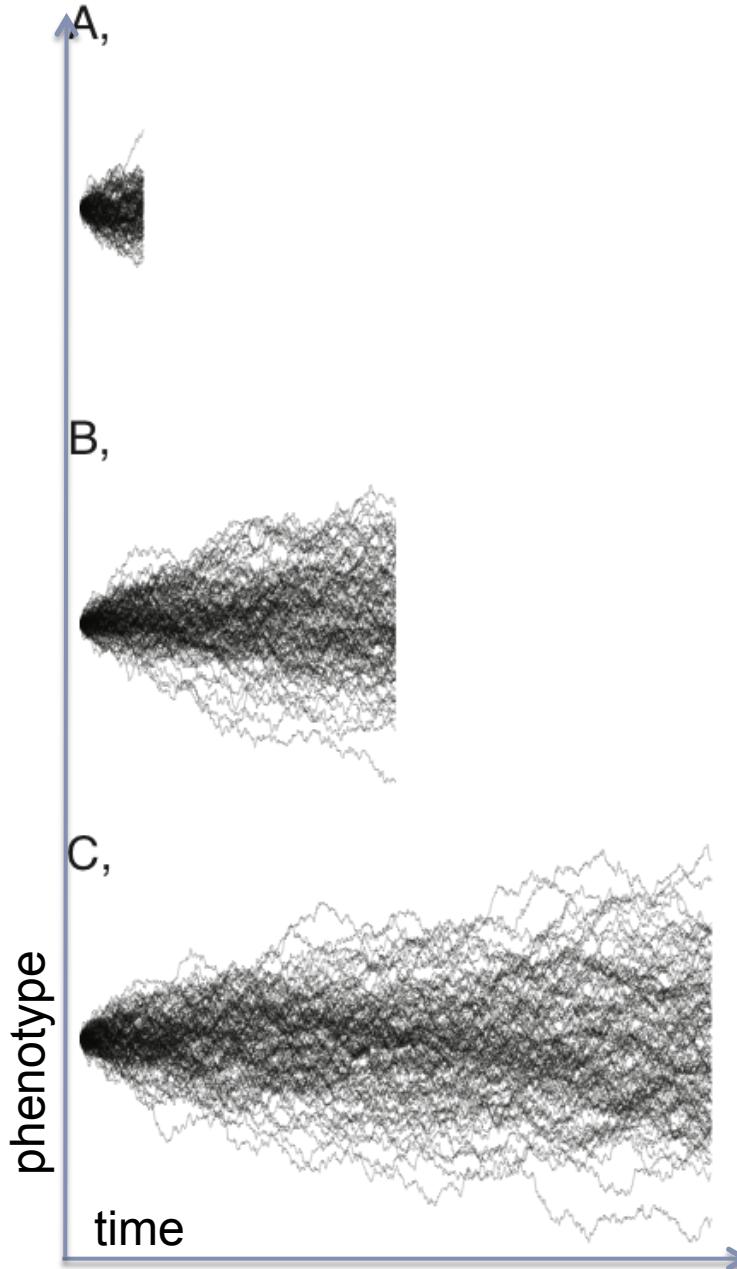
stochastic, “random walk”: changes of movements occur randomly and independently, in both direction and distance, at any time interval

$$E[\bar{z}(t)] = \bar{z}(0)$$

$$\bar{z}(t) \sim N(\bar{z}(0), \sigma^2 t)$$

- ▶ Robert Brown (1773 – 1858)

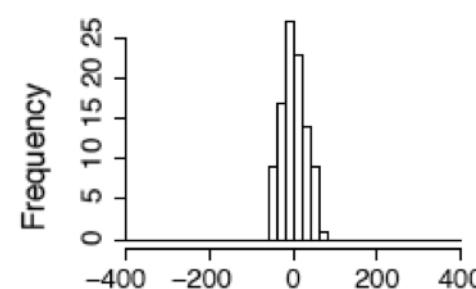
Effect of  
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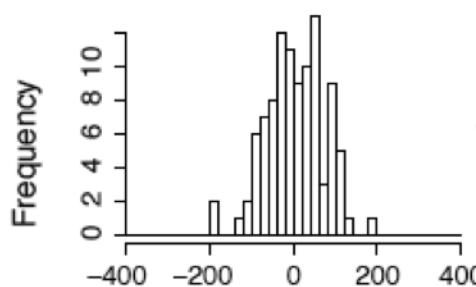
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Effect of  
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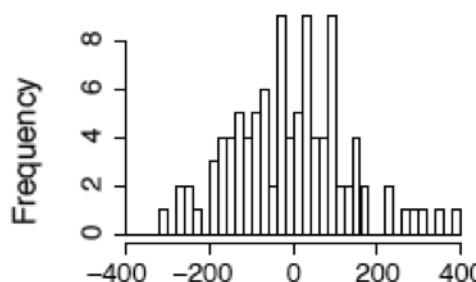
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B.



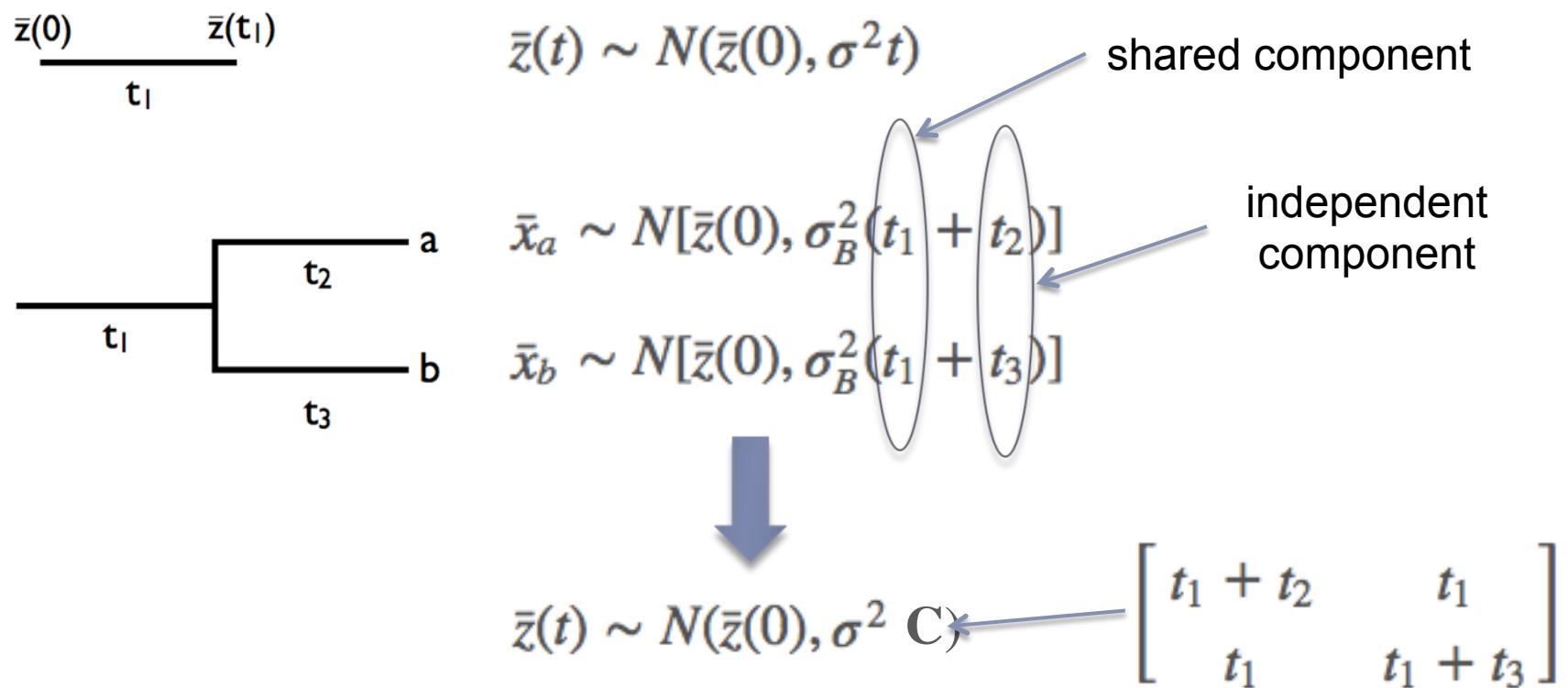
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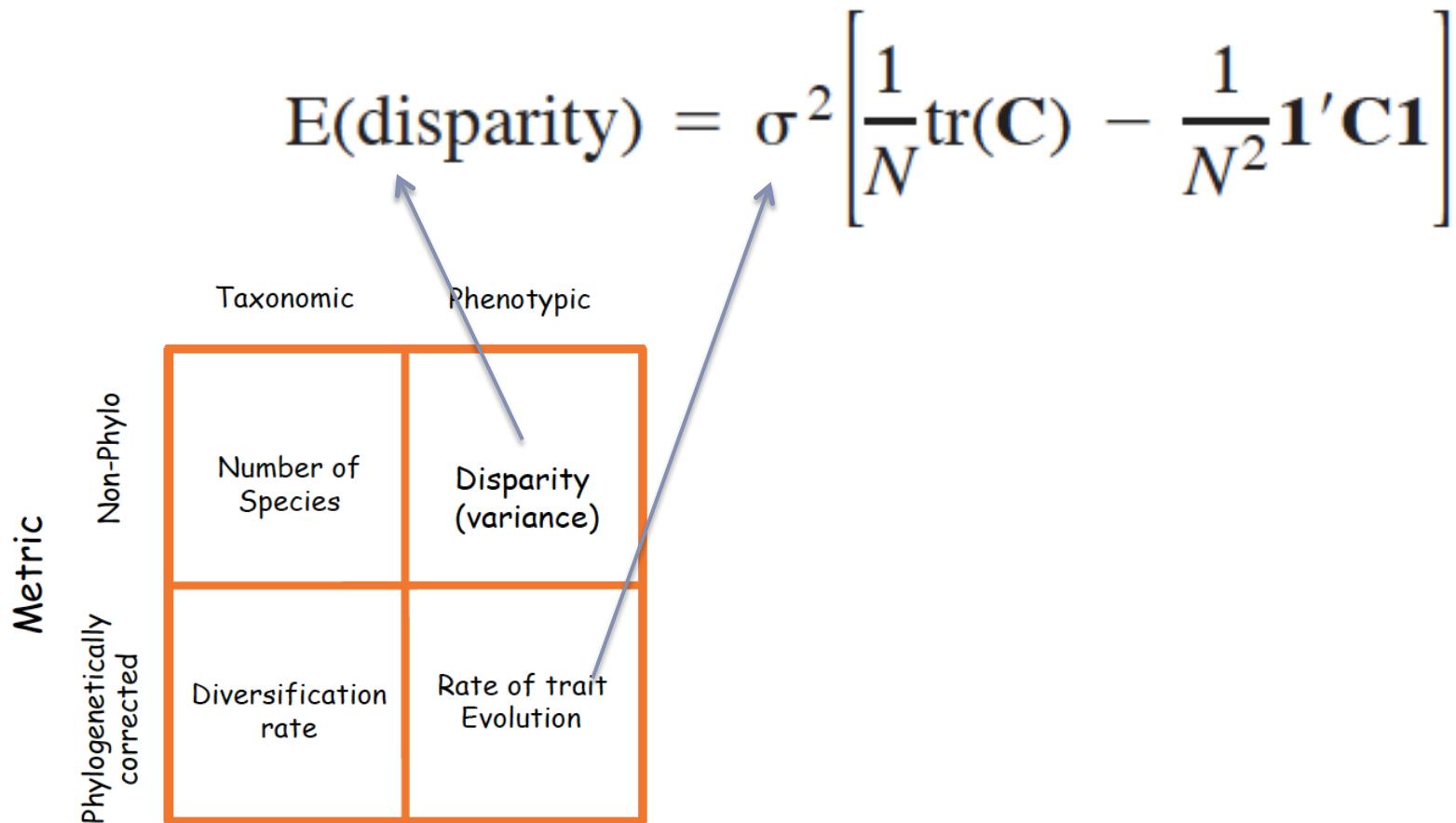
time



# Brownian motion on a phylogeny



# Brownian motion on a phylogeny



O'Meara et al. 2006

# Brownian motion on a phylogeny

$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[ \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$

rate of evolution

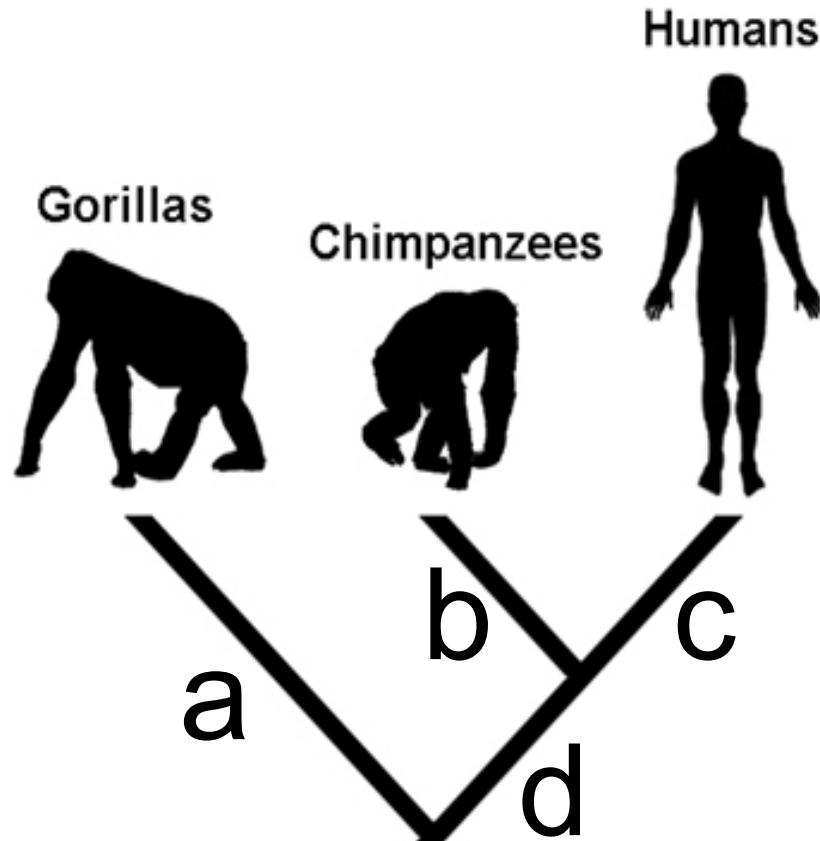
Expected trait variance under BM

mean total evolutionary history (average distance from tips to the root)

mean of **non-independent** evolutionary history (average amount of shared-distance)



# C: Variance-covariance matrix

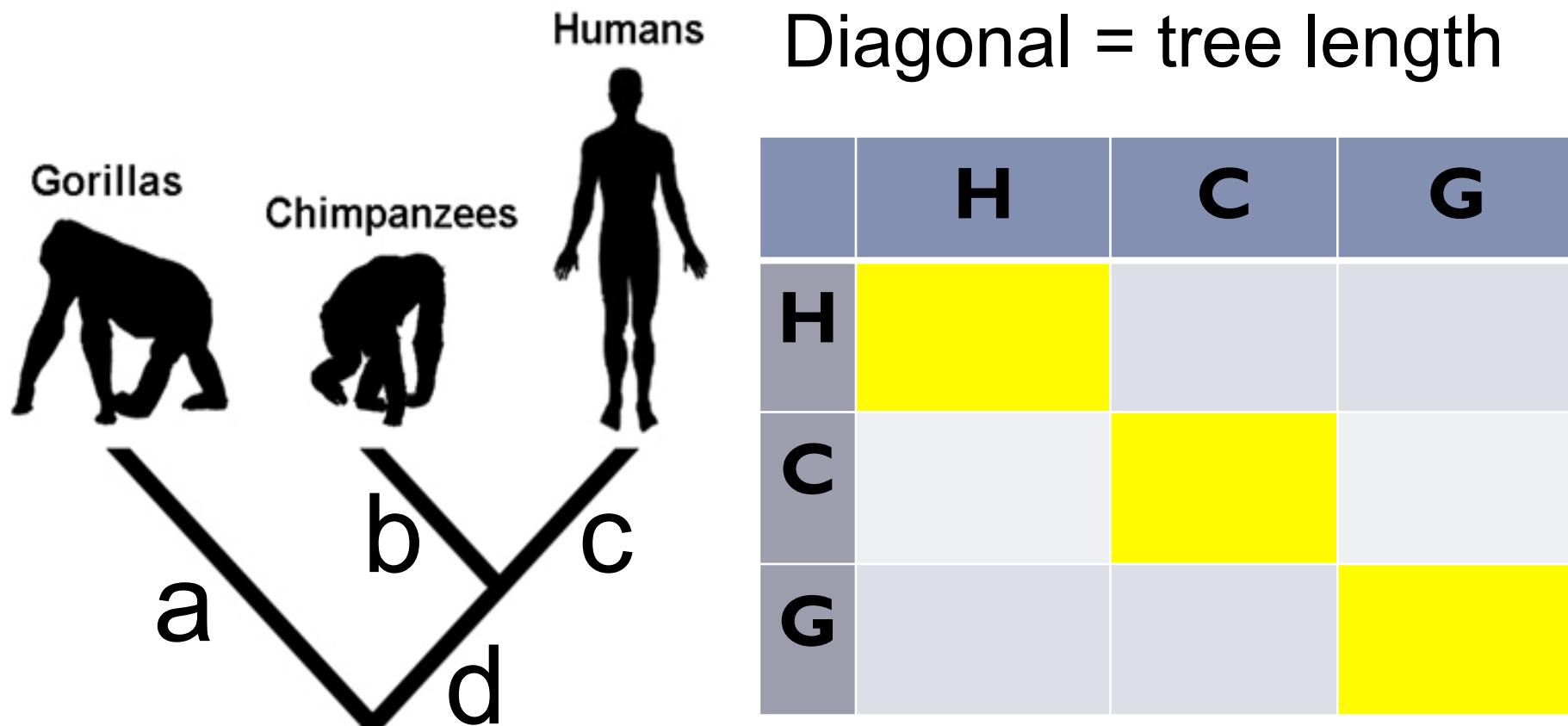


$$c = b$$

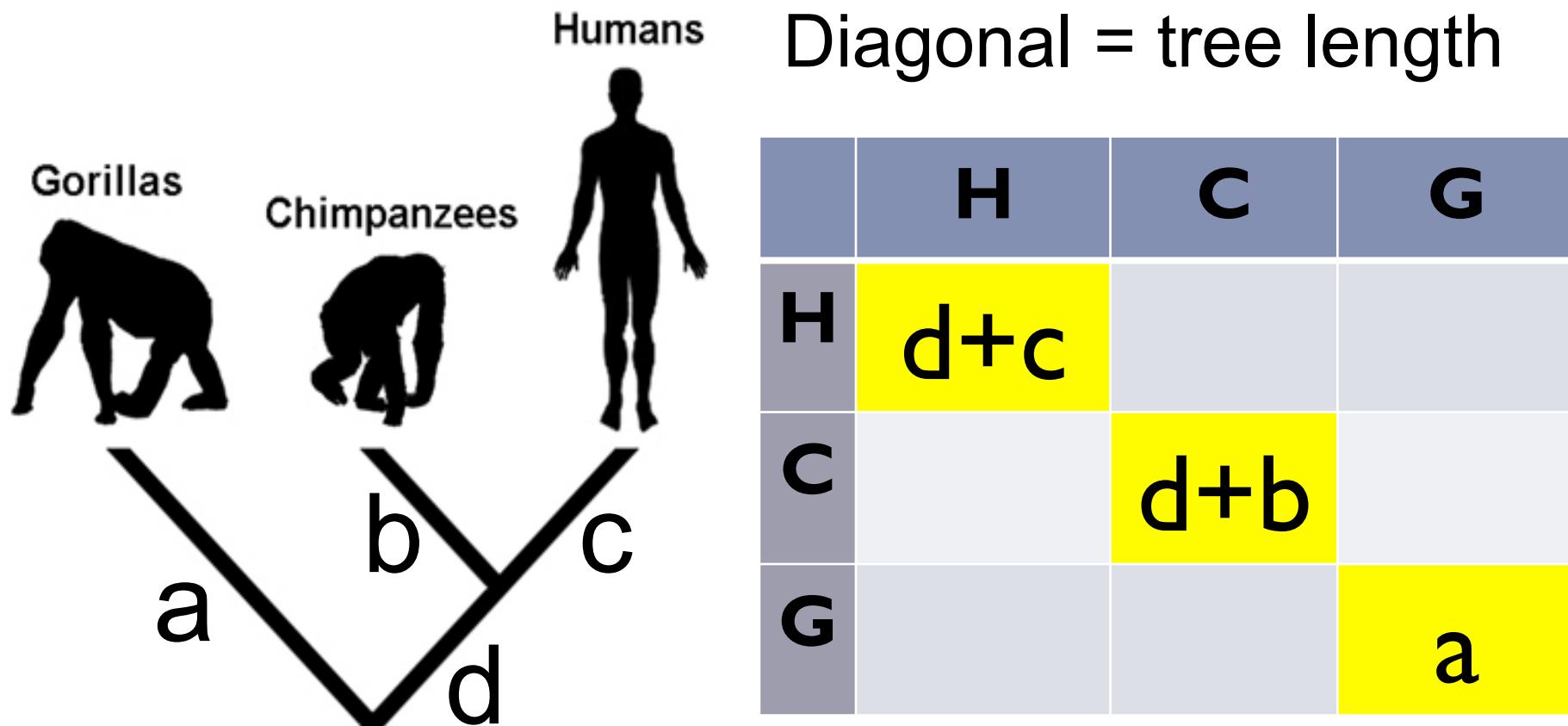
$$c+d = a$$

$$b+d = a$$

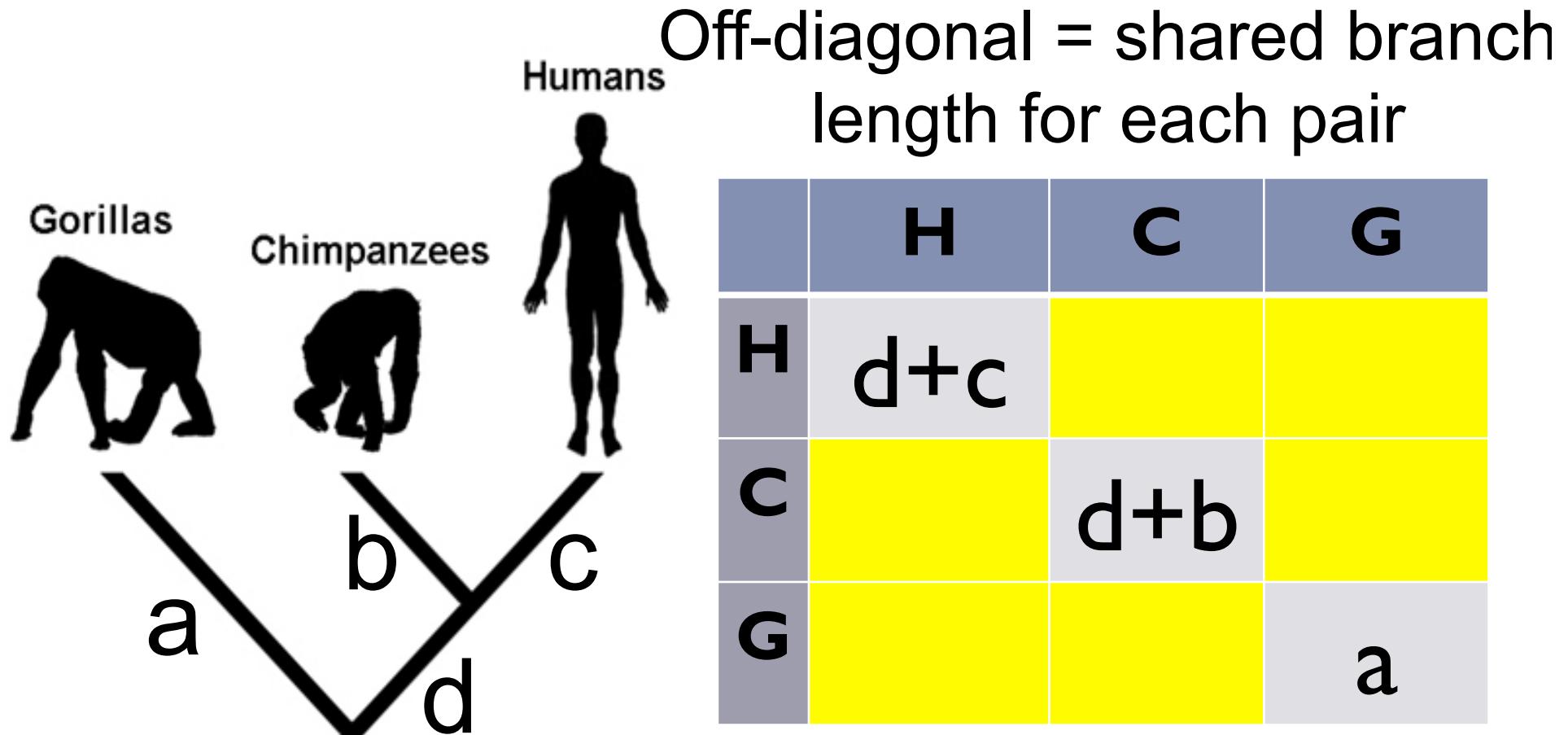
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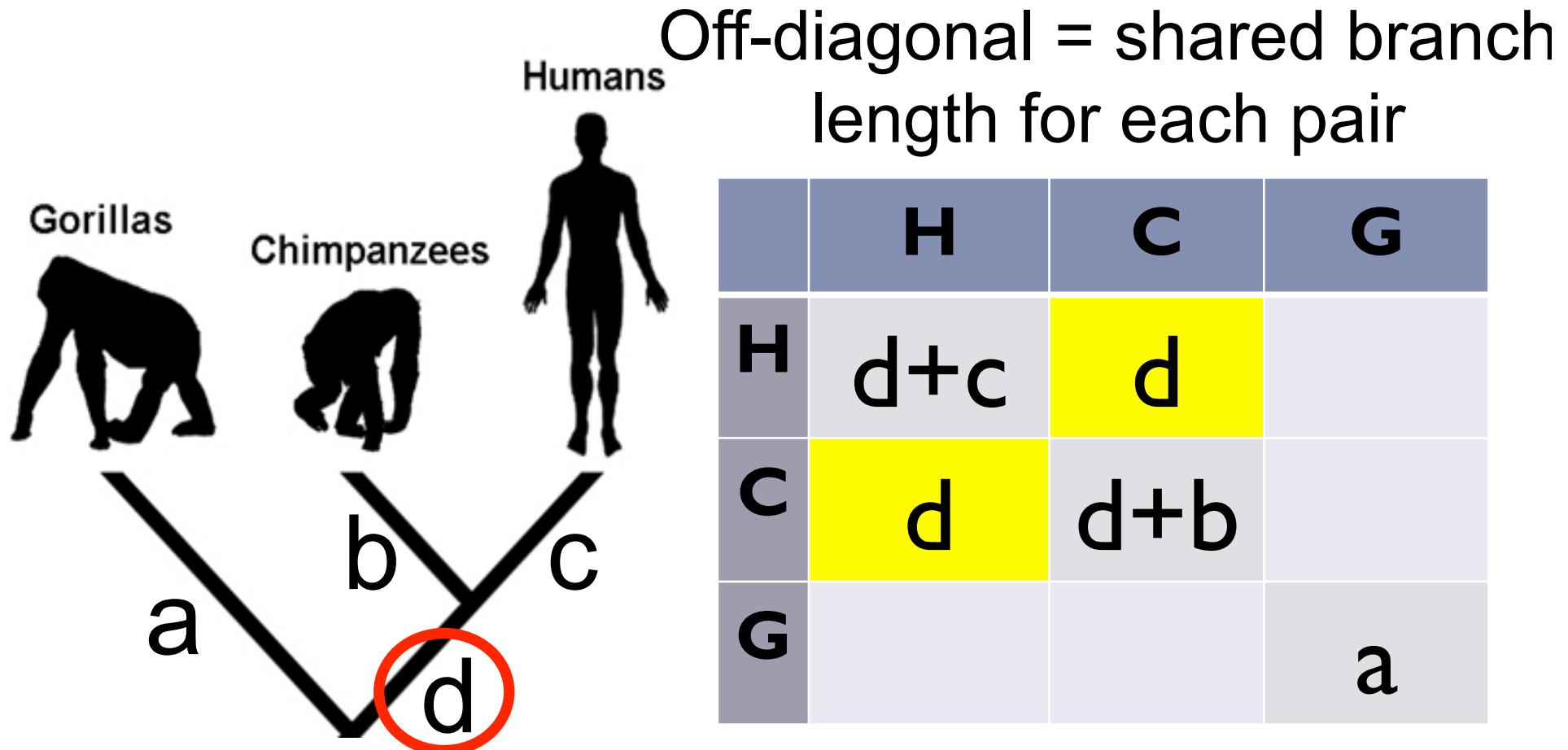
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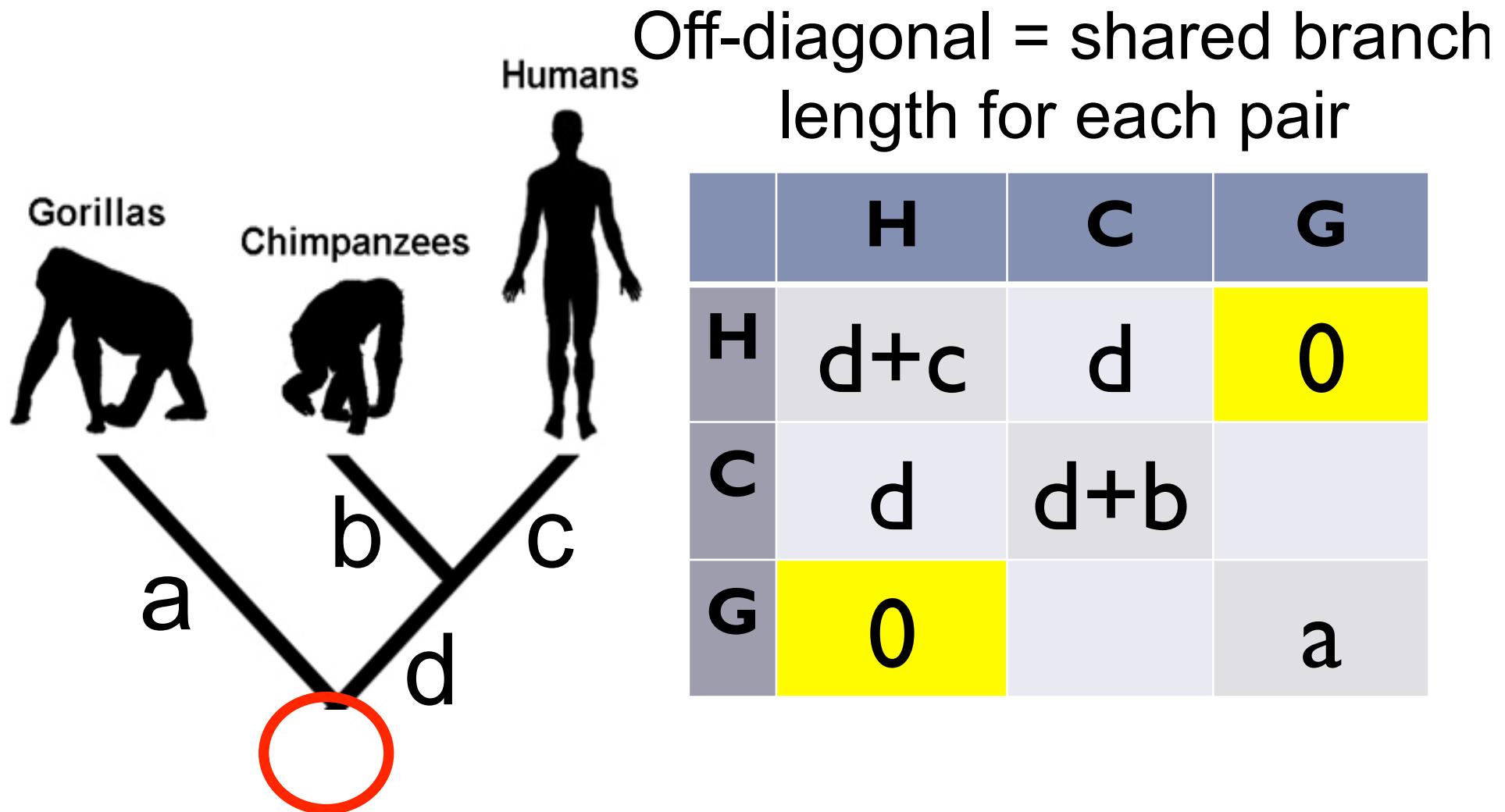
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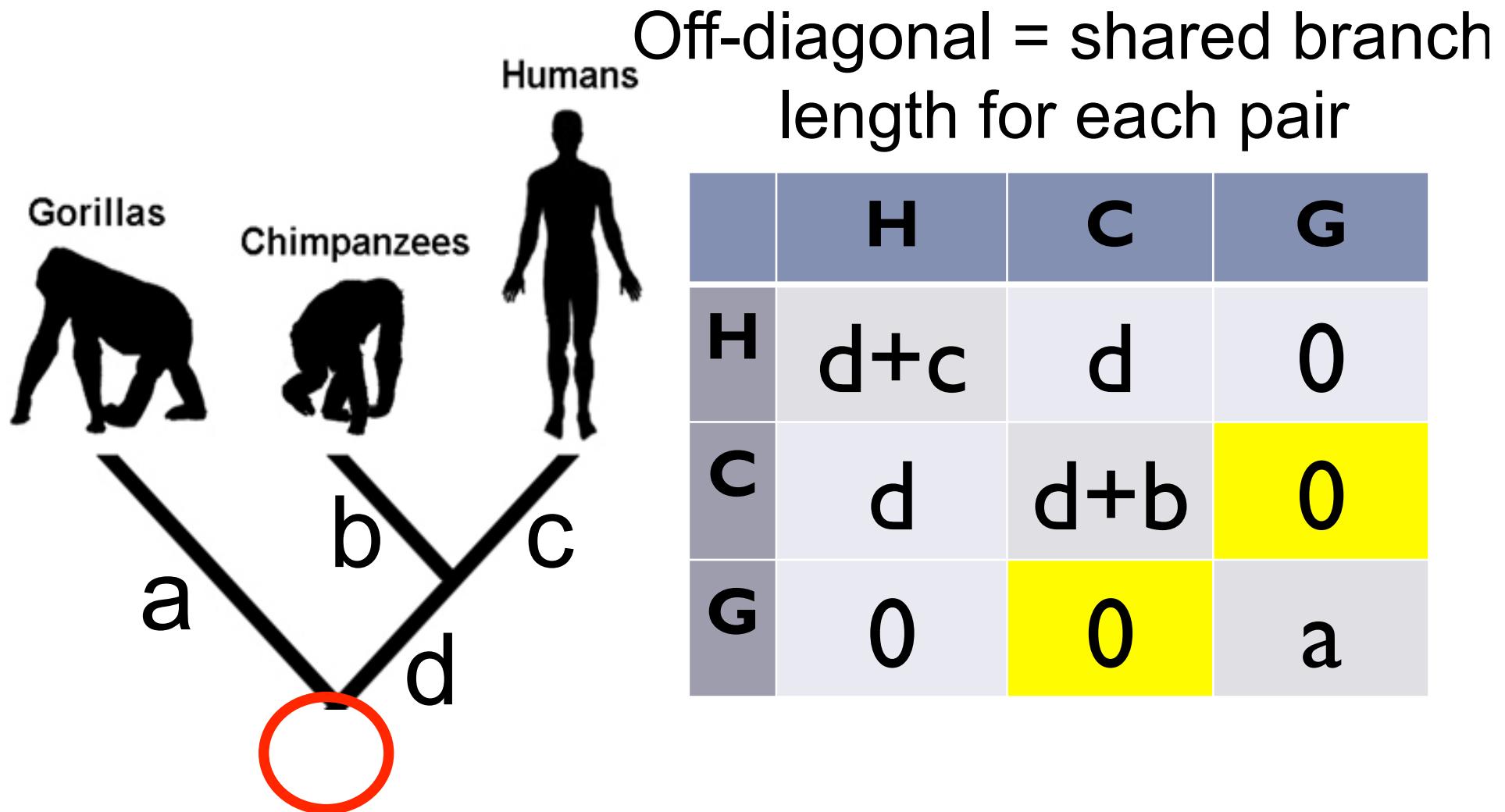
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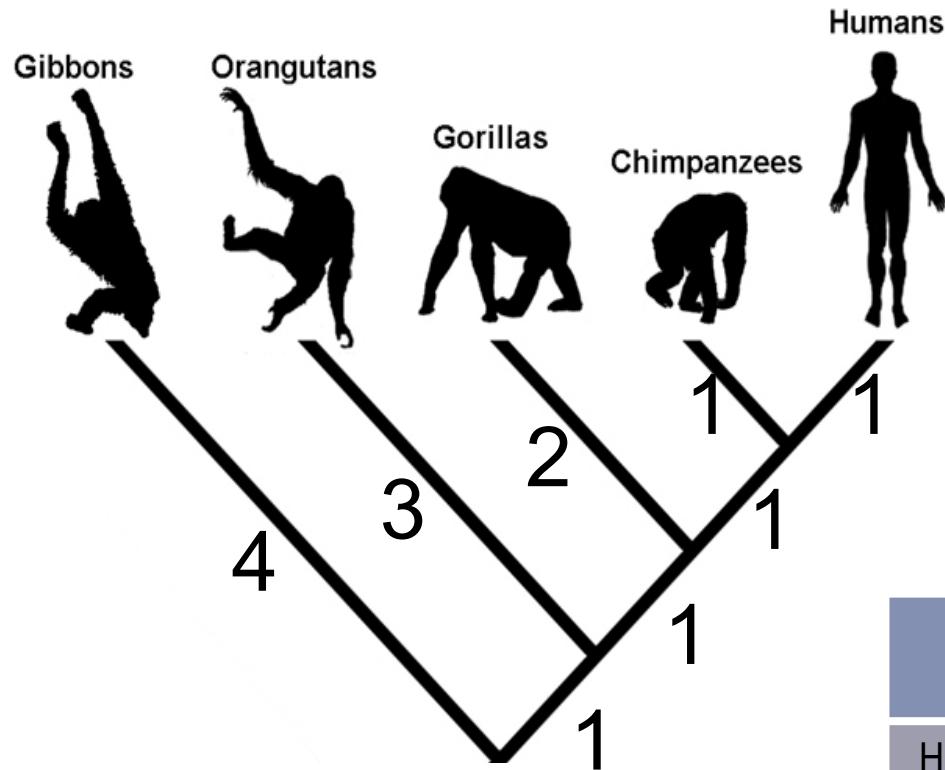


# C: Variance-covariance matrix



# C: Variance-covariance matrix





	Human	Pan	Gorilla	Pongo	Gibbon
Human	4	3	2	1	0
Pan	3	4	2	1	0
Gorilla	2	2	4	1	0
Pongo	1	1	1	4	0
Gibbon	0	0	0	0	4



$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[ \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$

[ 4 - ]

average  
distance from  
tips to the root  
(tree length)

	Human	Pan	Gorilla	Pongo	Gibbon
Human	4	3	2	1	0
Pan	3	4	2	1	0
Gorilla	2	2	4	1	0
Pongo	1	1	1	4	0
Gibbon	0	0	0	0	4



$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[ \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$

[ 4 - 1.6 ]

average amount  
of shared-  
distance  
(average entry  
of  $\mathbf{C}$ )

	Human	Pan	Gorilla	Pongo	Gibbon
Human	4	3	2	1	0
Pan	3	4	2	1	0
Gorilla	2	2	4	1	0
Pongo	1	1	1	4	0
Gibbon	0	0	0	0	4



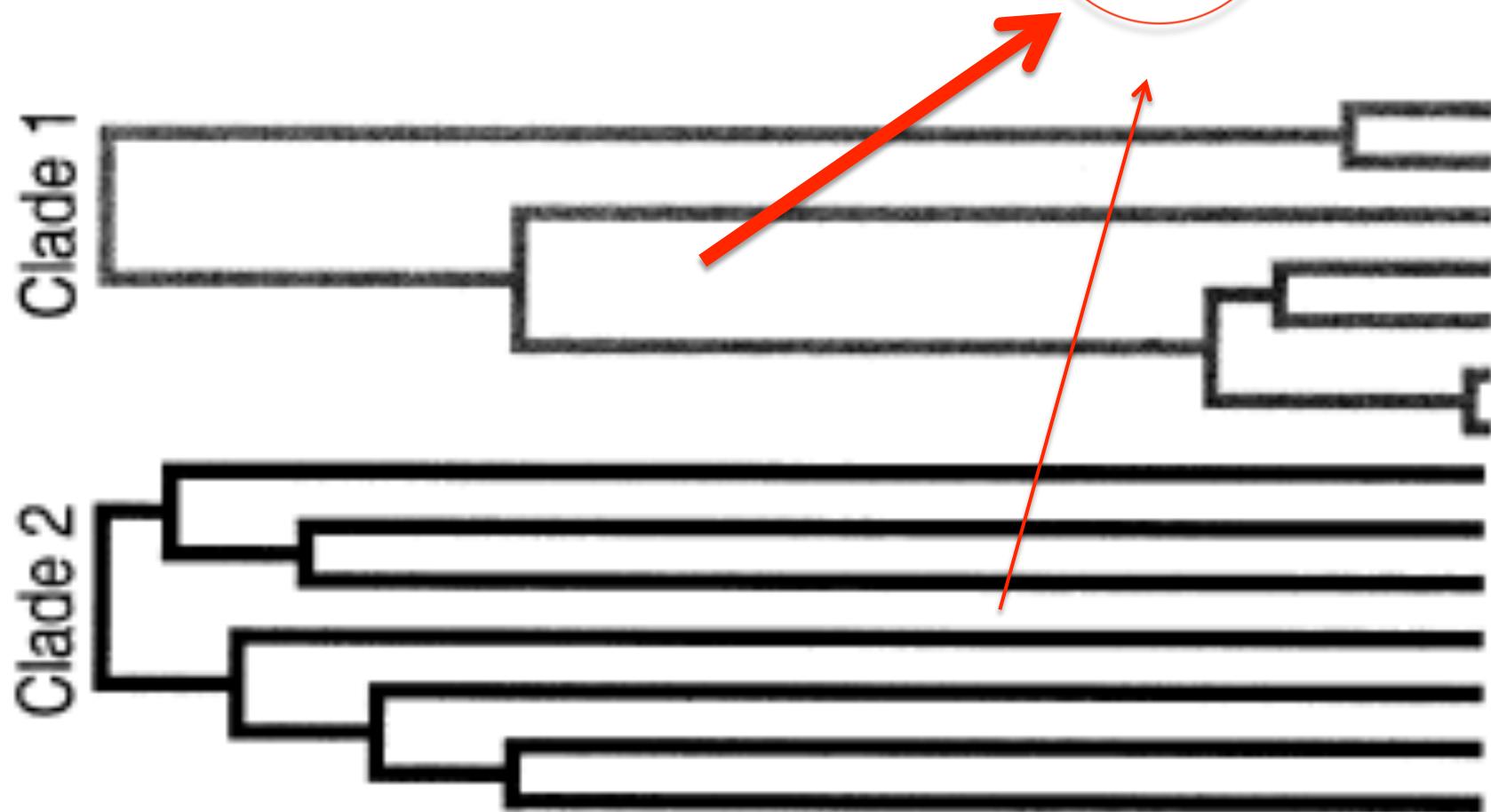
$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[ \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$

$$2.4 = [ \begin{array}{cc} 4 & -1.6 \end{array} ]$$

	Human	Pan	Gorilla	Pongo	Gibbon
Human	4	3	2	1	0
Pan	3	4	2	1	0
Gorilla	2	2	4	1	0
Pongo	1	1	1	4	0
Gibbon	0	0	0	0	4



$$E(\text{disparity}) = \sigma^2 \left[ \frac{1}{N} \text{tr}(\mathbf{C}) - \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{1}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{1} \right]$$



# Alternatives to Brownian motion

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- ▶ Variable rates over the tree
- ▶ Declining rates through time (Early Burst, EB/AC)
- ▶ Accelerating rates through time (Late Burst, LB/DC)
- ▶ A single stable adaptive peak (Ornstein-Uhlenbeck, OU)
- ▶ Variable adaptive peaks (Ornstein-Uhlenbeck, OU)
- ▶ Trends in the mean trait value (BM with a trend)
- ▶ Mixtures of the above, and more



# Alternatives to Brownian motion

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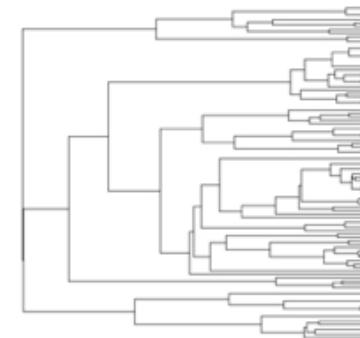
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# Tree transformations: altering rate of evolution

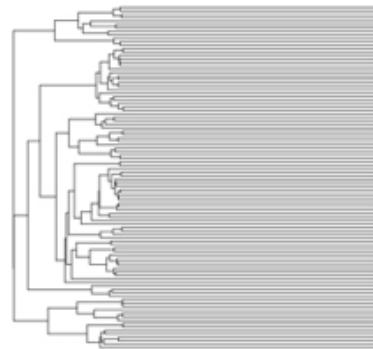
- ▶ Longer branches, higher rate
- ▶ Pagel's transformations
- ▶ Alteration of the **C** matrix

Starting tree

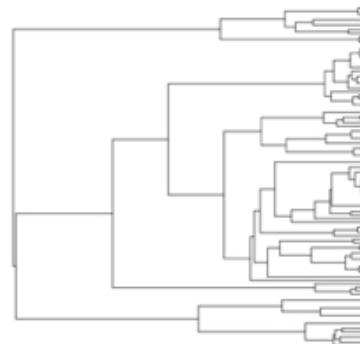


Tree Transformations

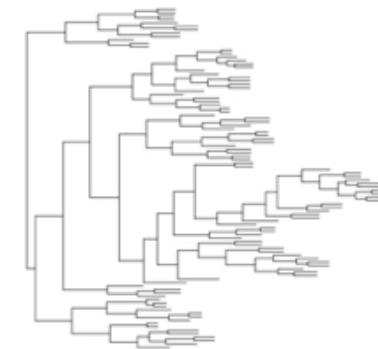
$\lambda = 0.3$



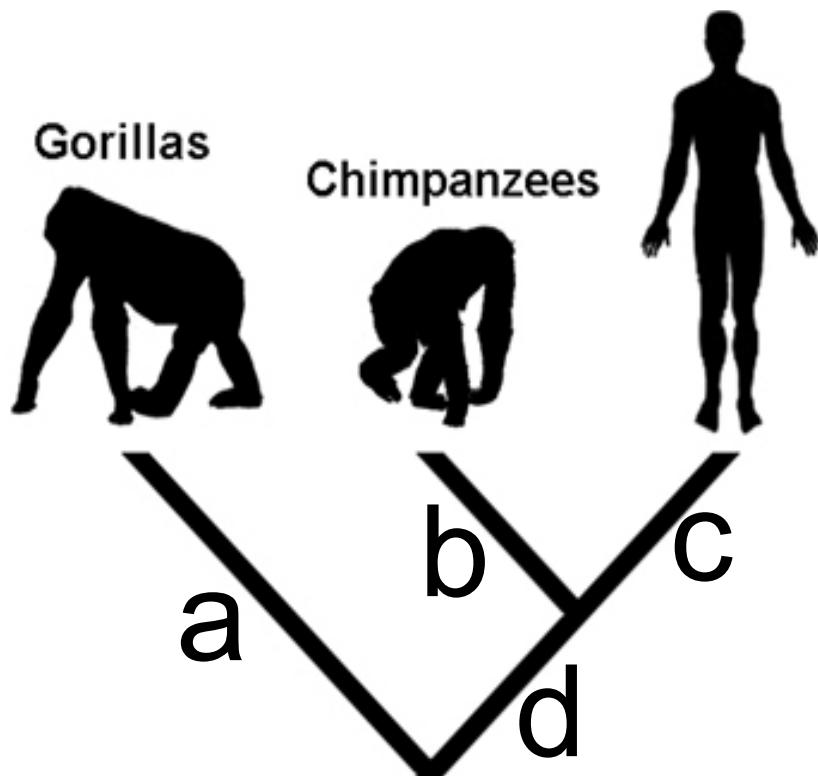
$\delta = 0.3$



$\kappa = 0.3$



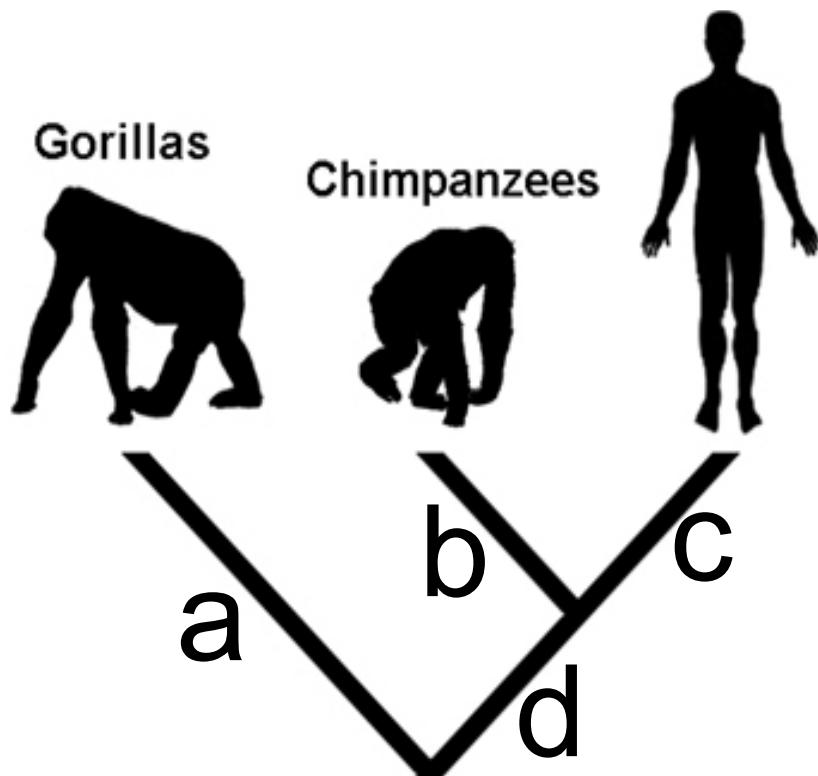
# Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



	H	C	G
H	$d+c$	d	0
C	d	$d+b$	0
G	0	0	a



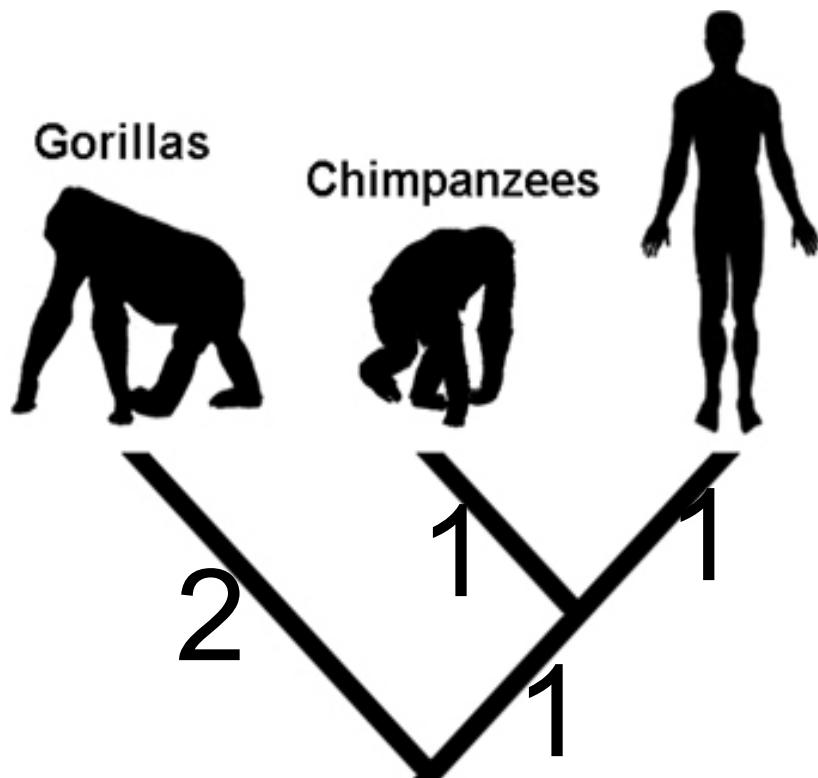
# Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



	H	C	G
H	$d+c$	$\lambda d$	$\lambda 0$
C	$\lambda d$	$d+b$	$\lambda 0$
G	$\lambda 0$	$\lambda 0$	a



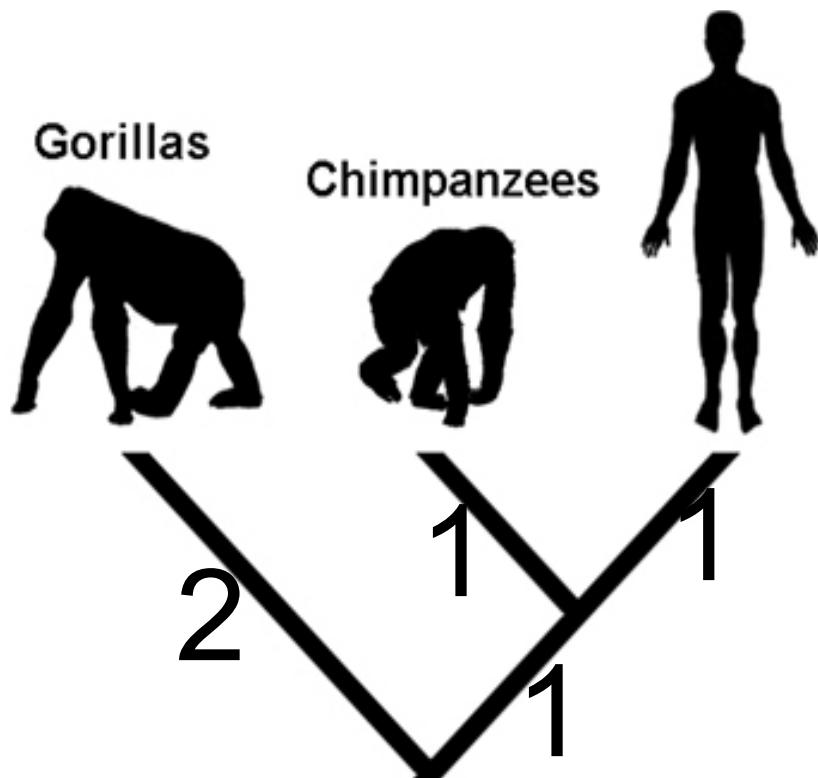
# Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



	H	C	G
H	2	$\lambda I$	$\lambda 0$
C	$\lambda I$	2	$\lambda 0$
G	$\lambda 0$	$\lambda 0$	2



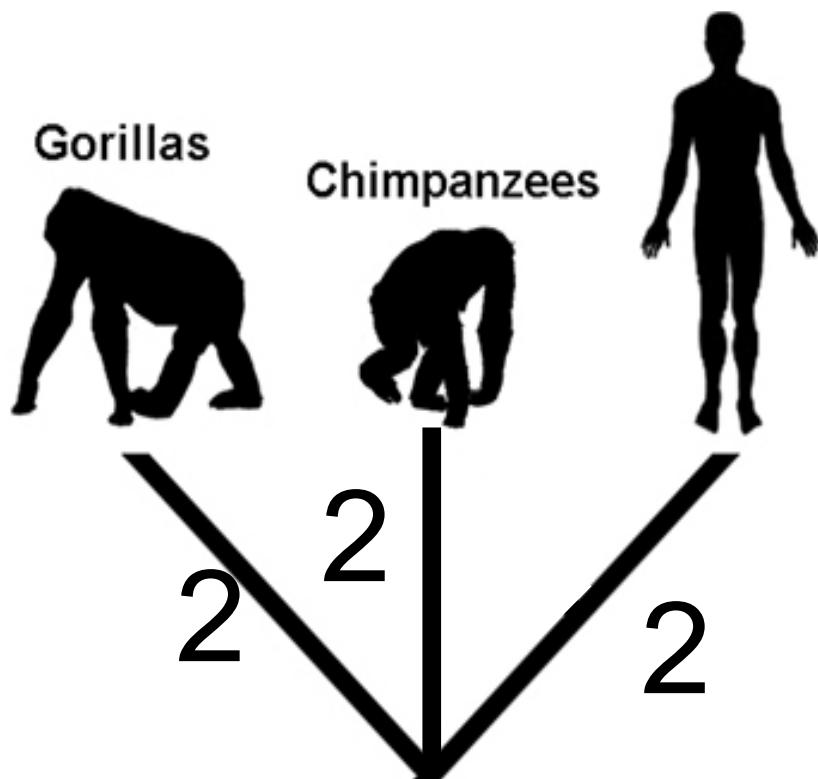
# Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



	H	C	G
H	2	$\lambda$	0
C	$\lambda$	2	0
G	0	0	2



# Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals

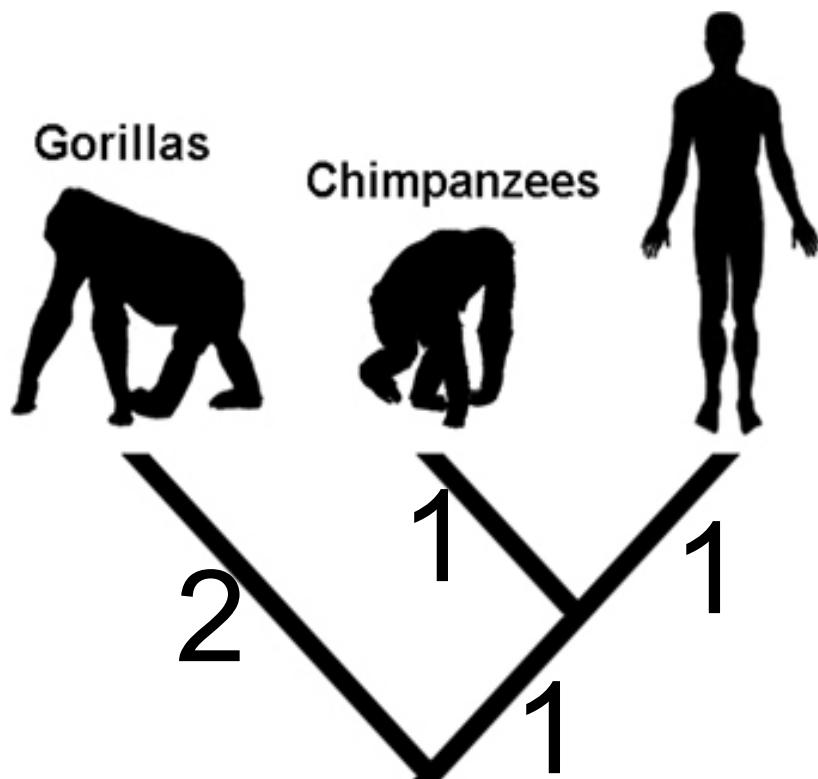


	H	C	G
H	2	0	0
C	0	2	0
G	0	0	2

$$\lambda = 0$$



# Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals

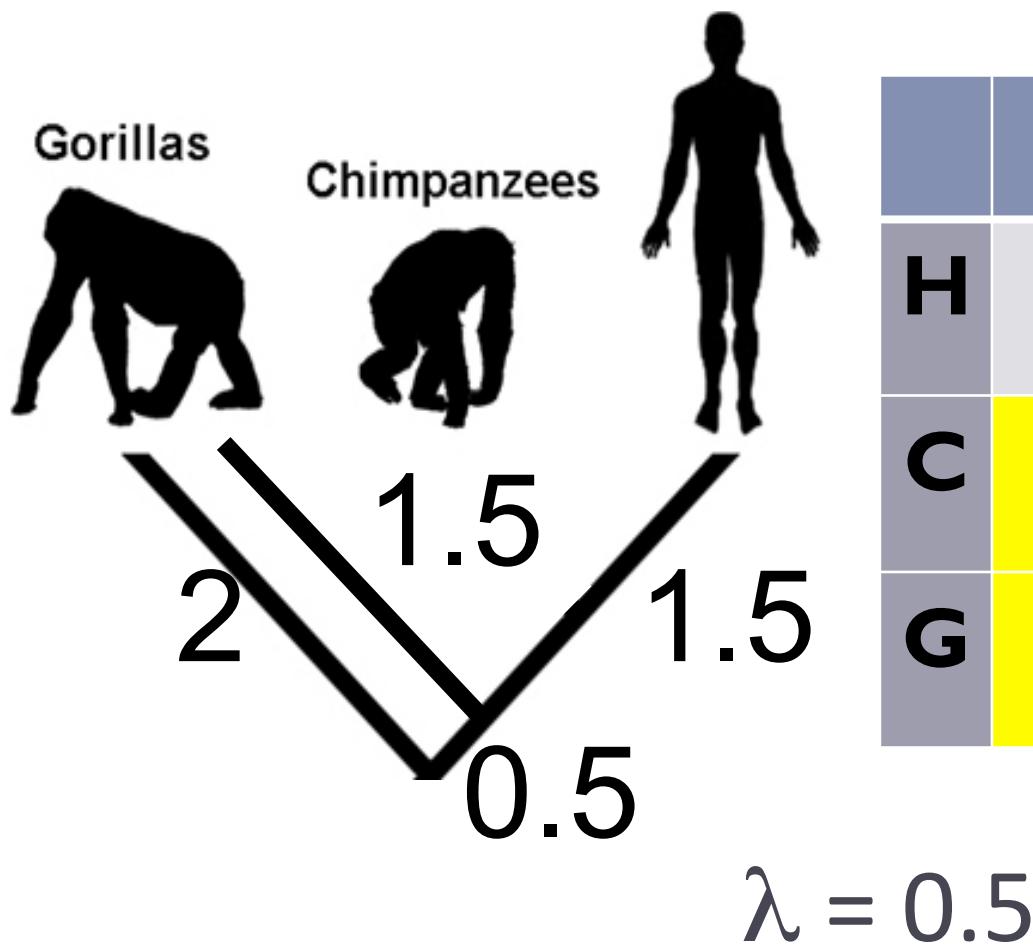


	H	C	G
H	2	I	0
C	I	2	0
G	0	0	2

$$\lambda = 1$$



# Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals



# Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals

Lambda = 0

*Avahi laniger*  
*Callicebus moloch*  
*Cebus apella*  
*Cebus albifrons*  
*Callithrix penicillata*  
*Callithrix jacchus*  
*Aotus trivirgatus*  
*Ateles paniscus*  
*Ateles geoffroyi*  
*Ateles fusciceps*  
*Ateles belzebuth*  
*Alouatta seniculus*  
*Alouatta pigra*

Lambda = 0.5

*Avahi laniger*  
  |  
  |   *Callicebus moloch*  
  |   |  
  |   |   *Cebus apella*  
  |   |   |  
  |   |   |   *Cebus albifrons*  
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  |   |   |   |   *Callithrix penicillata*  
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  |   |   |   |   |   *Callithrix jacchus*  
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Lambda = 1 (default)

*Avahi laniger*  
  |  
  |   *Callicebus moloch*  
  |   |  
  |   |   *Cebus apella*  
  |   |   |  
  |   |   |   *Cebus albifrons*  
  |   |   |   |  
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  |   |   |   |   |   *Callithrix jacchus*  
  |   |   |   |   |   |  
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## Lambda: multiplying off-diagonals

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- ▶ Shortens the internal branches relative to the tips
- ▶  $\lambda = 0$ : no relationship between trait and phylogeny = star phylogeny
- ▶  $\lambda = 1$ : trait values are as expected under Brownian motion = phylogeny is unchanged
- ▶ Measure of PHYLOGENETIC SIGNAL



# Phylogenetic signal

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statistical non-independence among species trait values due to their phylogenetic relatedness OR

the tendency for related species to resemble each other more than expected by chance

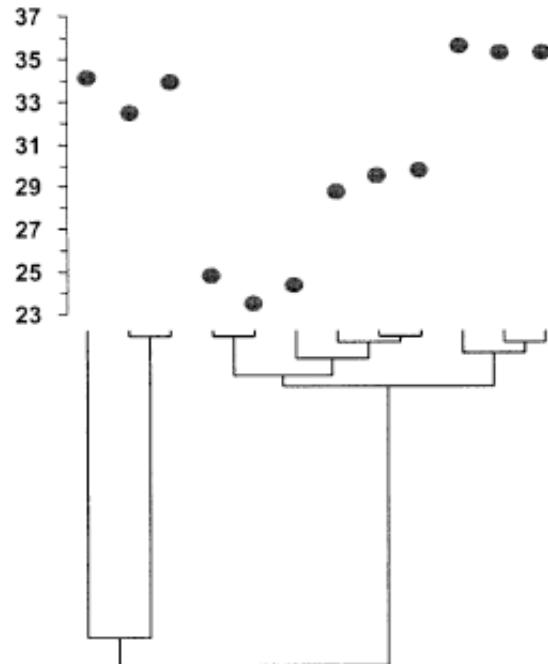
Note this is a pattern not a process

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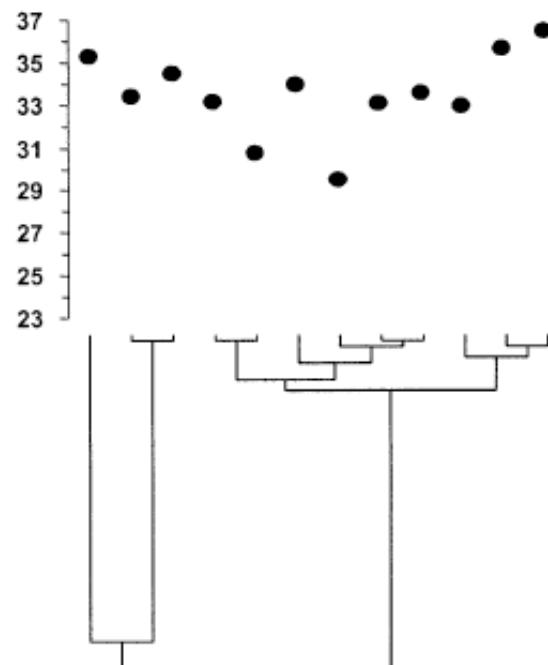


# Phylogenetic signal

- ▶ Theory vs. real world > phylogenetic signal is an empirical issue
  - ▶ Convergent evolution (distantly related species are similar)
  - ▶ Character displacement (closely related species are dissimilar)
- ▶ Phylogenetic signal in the data can be lower than expected

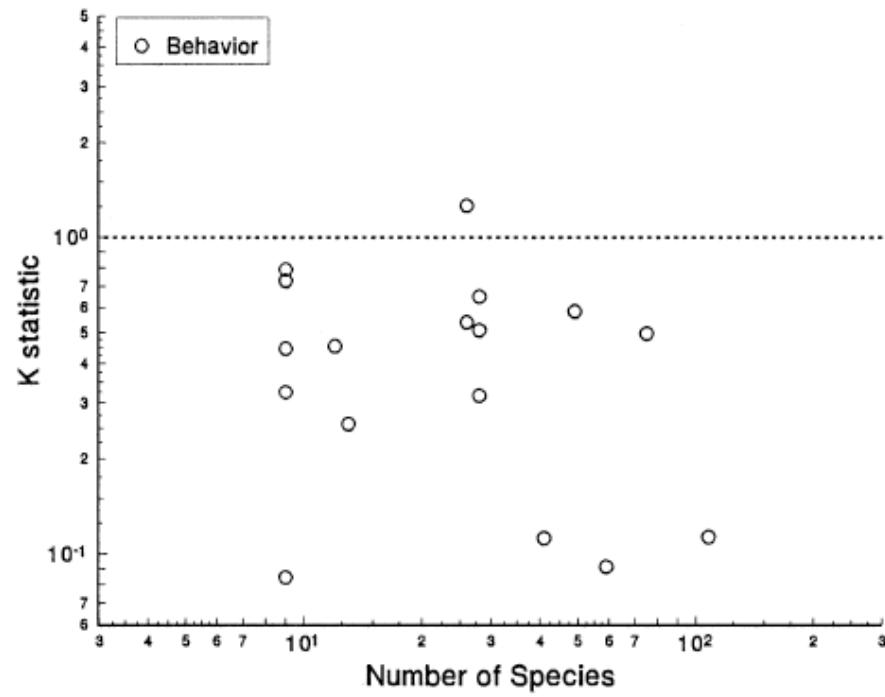


Randomization Test for Phylogenetic Signal,  $P < 0.001$   
 $K = 0.453$



Randomization Test for Phylogenetic Signal,  $P = 0.167$   
 $K = 0.101$

# Quantifying phylogenetic signal



# Phylogenetic signal

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Many measures have been suggested.  
The two most popular are:

- 1) Pagel's  $\lambda$
- 2) Blomberg's  $K$  ( $K$  not kappa)



# Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's $K$

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$$K = \text{observed } \frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}} / \text{expected } \frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}}$$

(Very simply)  $\text{MSE} = \text{mean squared error}$   
 $= \text{variance in trait}$



# Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's $K$

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Variance of the tip data relative  
to phylogenetic mean

$$\frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}}$$

= LARGE

Variance of the tip data  
relative to phylogeny

LOW – if tree  
explains variation  
in the data well



# Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's $K$

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Variance of the tip data relative  
to phylogenetic mean

$$\frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}} = \text{SMALL}$$

Variance of the tip data  
relative to phylogeny

HIGH – if tree doesn't  
explain variation in the  
data well



# Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's $K$

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$$\frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}}$$

is different for every tree (it depends on tree size and shape)

Therefore we divide observed value by the expected value under Brownian motion so we can compare trees

$$K = \text{observed } \frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}} / \text{expected } \frac{\text{MSE}_0}{\text{MSE}}$$



# Phylogenetic signal: Blomberg's $K$

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- $K = 1$ : trait values are as expected under BM ( $= \lambda = 1$ )
- $K > 1$ : trait values more similar than expected under BM
- $K = 0$ : no relationship between phylogeny and trait ( $= \lambda = 0$ )



# Blomberg's $K$ : Summary

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- 1) Ratio of variance in trait relative to phylogenetic mean and variance in trait relative to phylogeny
- 2)  $K = 0$ : no relationship between trait and phylogeny
- 3)  $K = 1$ : trait values are as expected under Brownian motion
- 4)  $K > 1$ : trait values more similar than expected under Brownian motion



# Phylogenetic signal: $\lambda$ versus $K^*$

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- 1. Ranges from 0 to just above 1 (though most functions in R fix lambda to be  $\leq 1$ )
  - 2. The maximum possible value is set by the tree in question
- 1. Ranges from 0 to some trait dependent maximum
  - 2. Useful for looking at phylogenetic signal in traits showing a lot of conservatism (PNC: see Losos 2008, Cooper et al 2010)



# Other methods

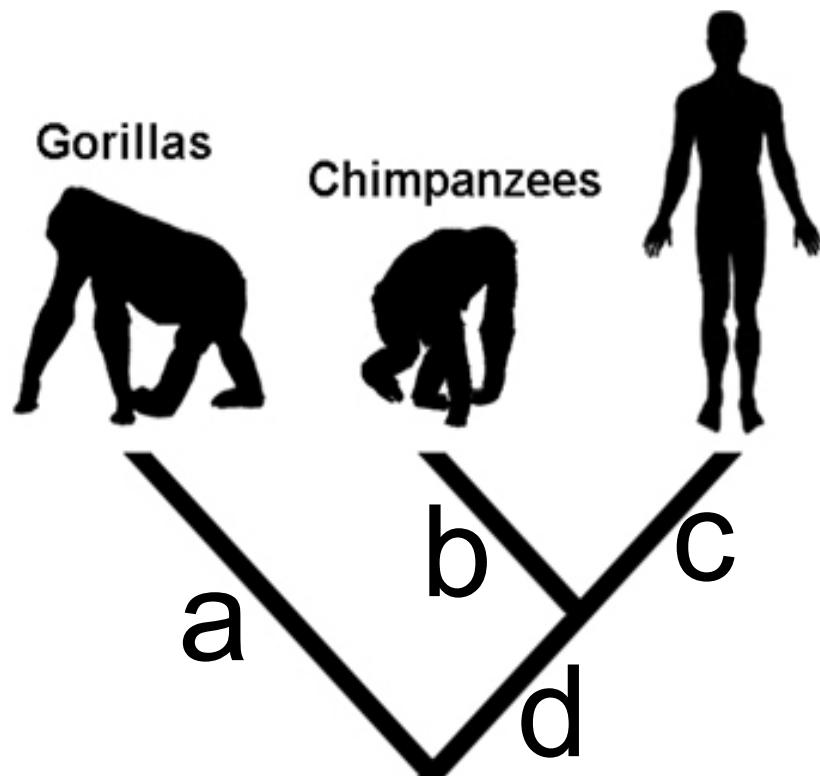
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- ▶ Nested analysis of variance (Harvey & Pagel 1991)
- ▶ Autocorrelation coefficient ( $\rho$ ) (Cheverud et al. 1985,  
Gittleman & Kot 1990  
see also Grafen 1990)
- ▶  $R^2$  (Cheverud et al. 1985,  
(Gittleman & Kot 1990)
- ▶ Moran's  $I$  (Gittleman & Kot 1990)
- ▶ Randomization for discrete characters (Maddison & Slatkin 1991)
- ▶ Quantitative convergence index (QCI) (Ackerly & Donoghue 1998)
- ▶ Fritz and Purvis' D (Fitz & Purvis 2010)
- ▶ ...



Delta: elements are raised to a power  $\delta$

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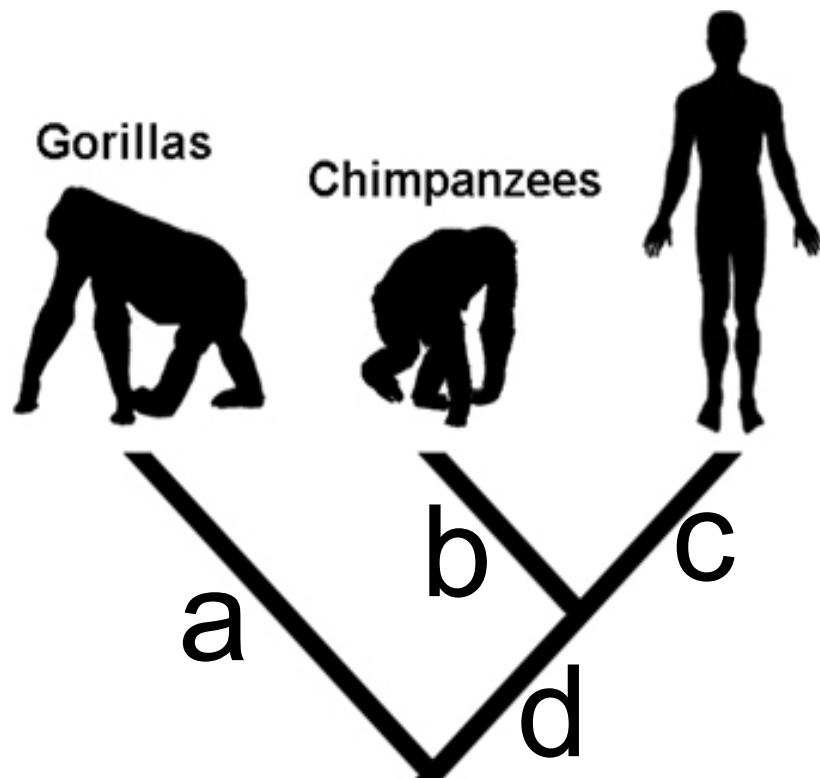


	H	C	G
H	$d+c$	$d$	0
C	$d$	$d+b$	0
G	0	0	a



# Delta: elements are raised to a power $\delta$

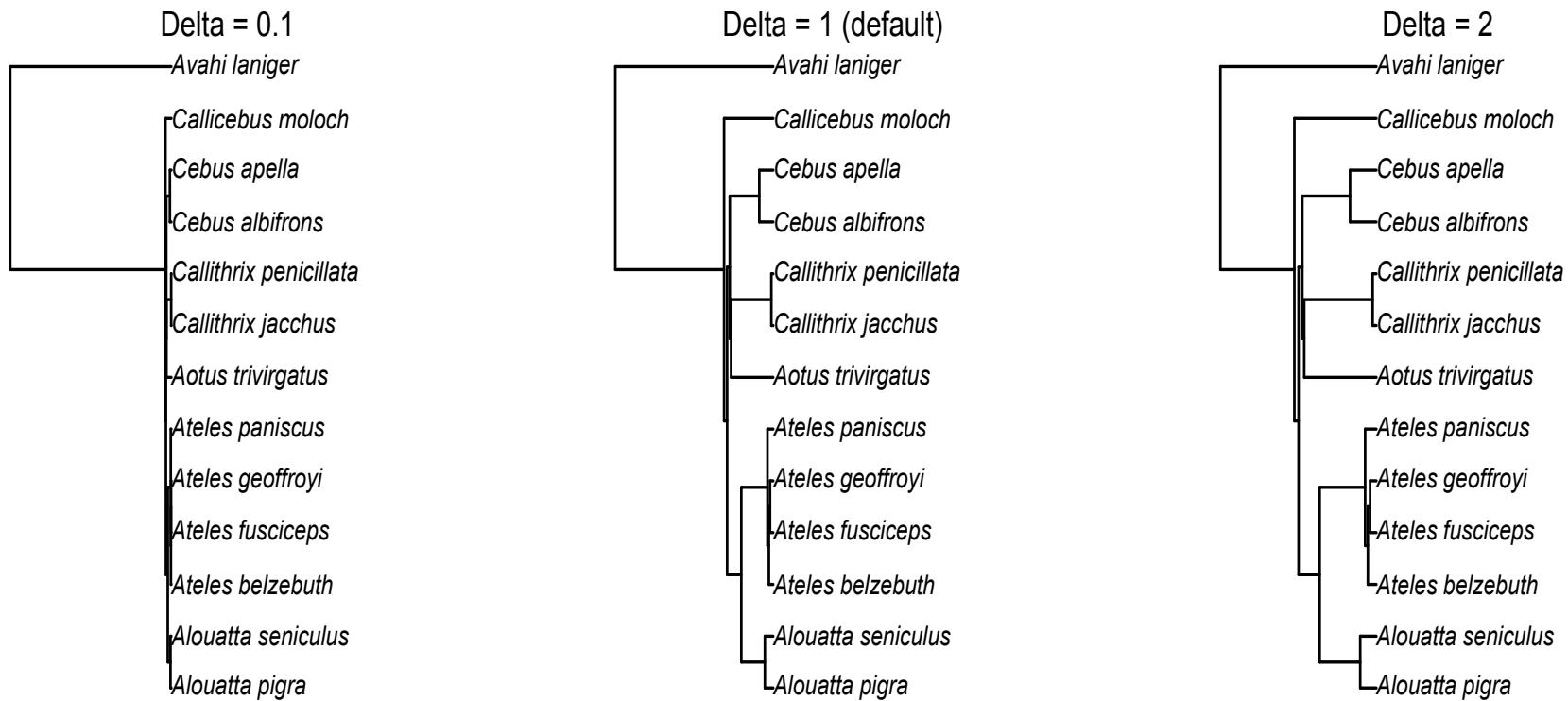
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H	H	C	G
H	$(d+c)^\delta$	$(d)^\delta$	$(0)^\delta$
C	$(d)^\delta$	$(d+b)^\delta$	$(0)^\delta$
G	$(0)^\delta$	$(0)^\delta$	$(a)^\delta$

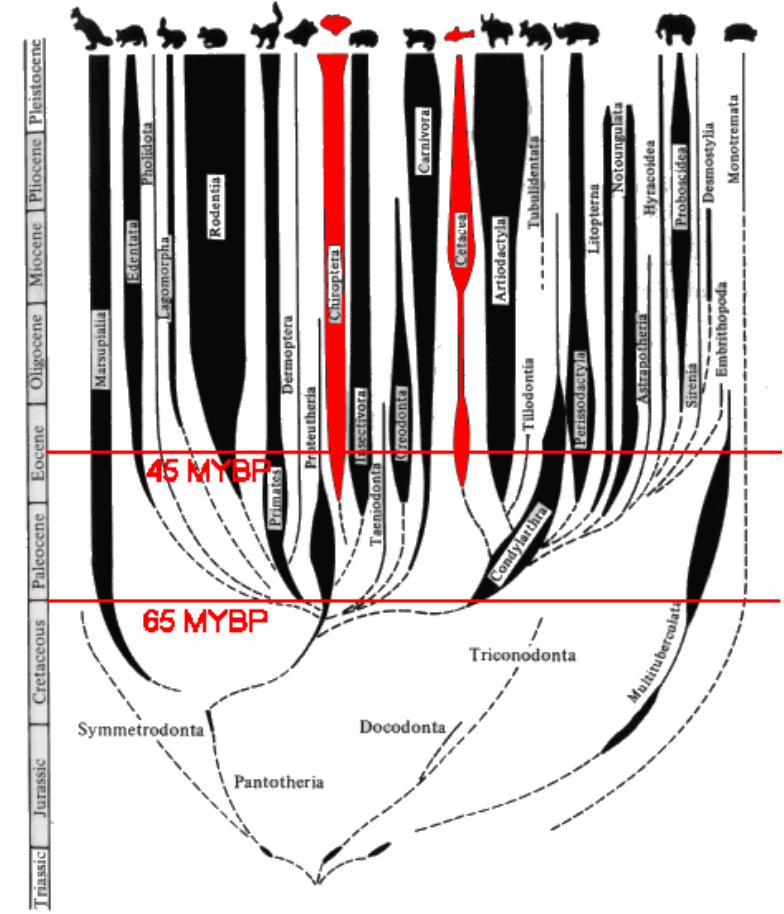


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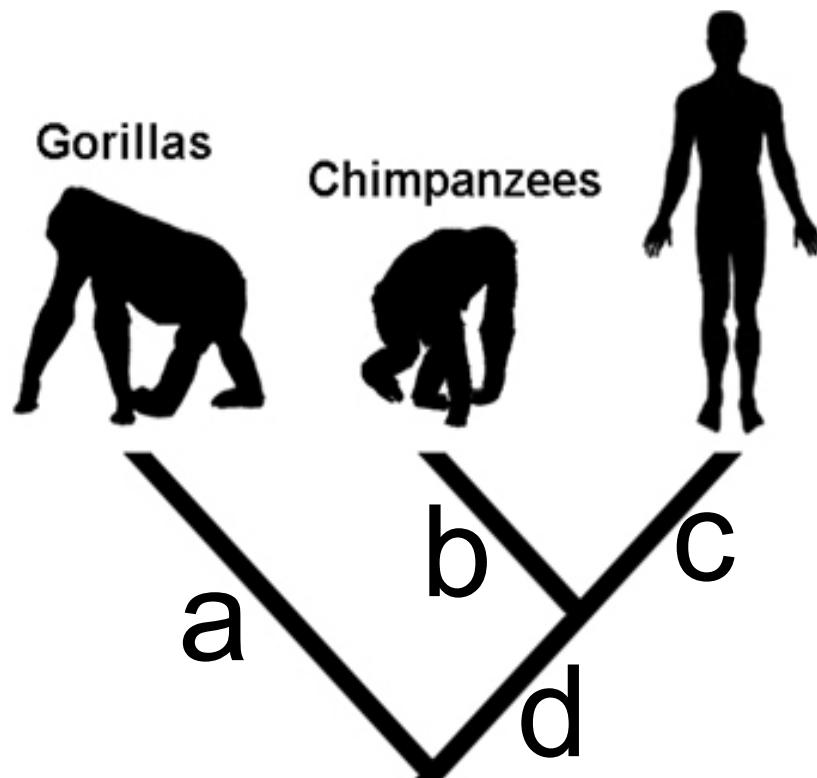
# Delta: elements are raised to a power $\delta$

- ▶ Scales overall path lengths in the phylogeny (node height)
- ▶ Can be used to test for accelerated evolution versus adaptive radiation
  - ▶  $\delta < 1$  shorter paths (earlier evolution in the phylogeny) contribute disproportionately to trait evolution (adaptive radiation)
  - ▶  $\delta > 1$  longer paths contribute more to trait evolution (accelerated evolution)
- ▶ Delta is a parameter that detects differential rates of evolution over time and re-scales the phylogeny to a basis in which the rate of evolution is constant



Kappa: branch length are raised to a power  $\kappa$

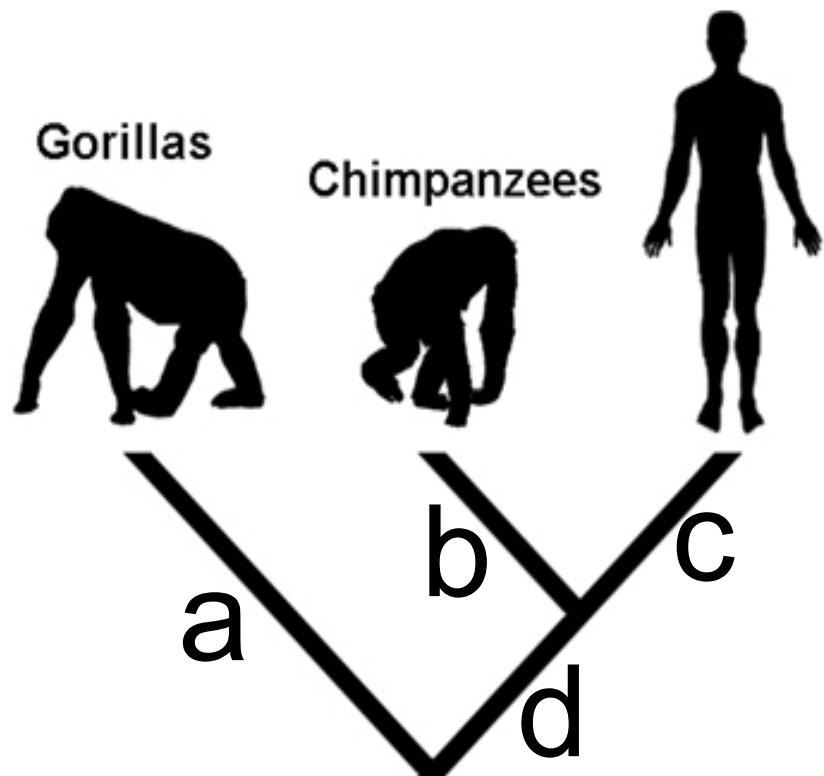
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G	0	0	a



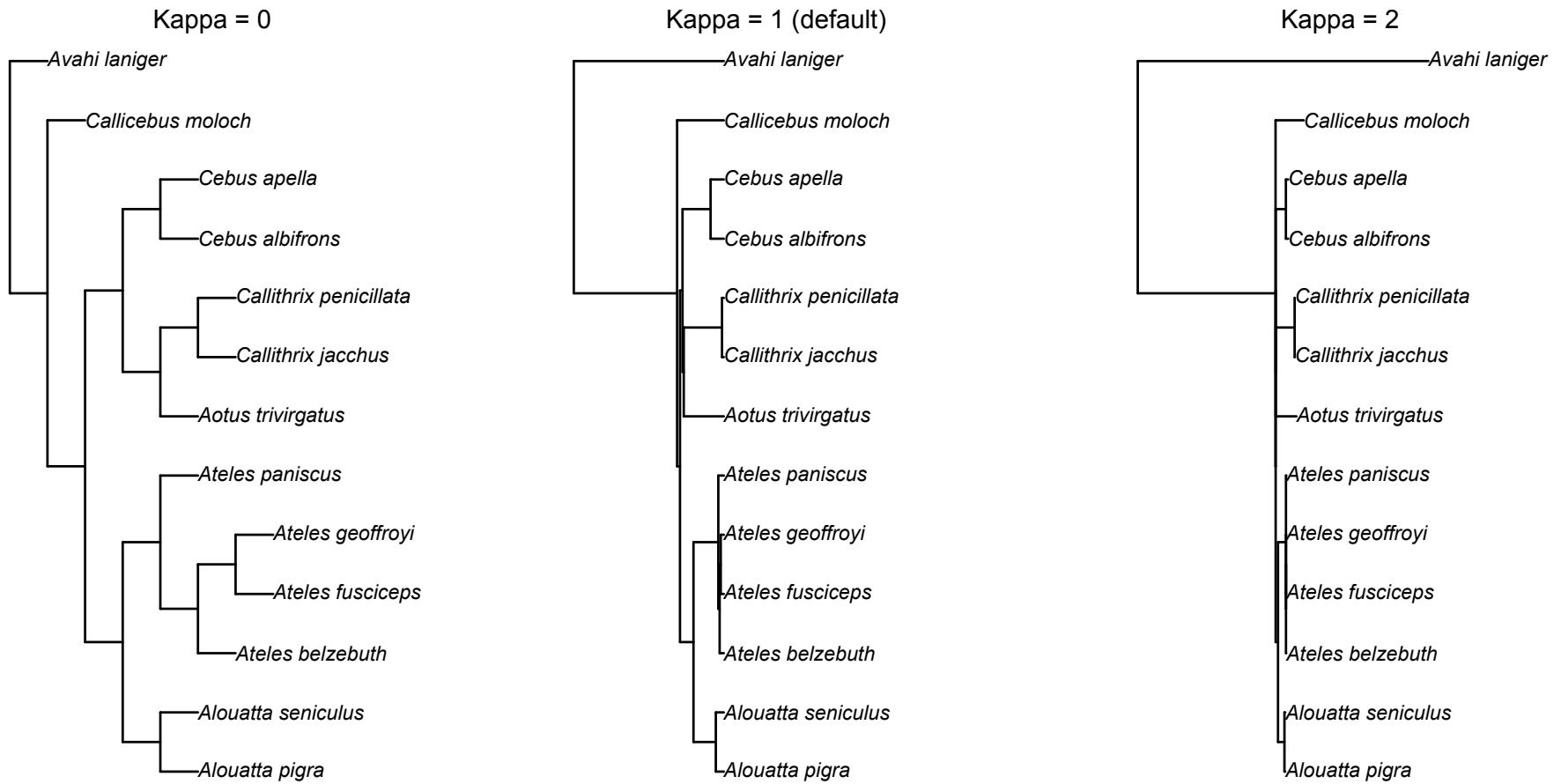
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H	H	C	G
H	$d^\kappa + c^\kappa$	$d^\kappa$	$0^\kappa$
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G	$0^\kappa$	$0^\kappa$	$a^\kappa$



# Kappa: branch length are raised to a power $\kappa$



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- ▶ Differentially stretches or compresses individual phylogenetic branch lengths
- ▶ Can be used to test for a punctuational versus gradual mode of trait evolution
  - ▶  $\kappa < 1$  compresses longer branches more than shorter ones
  - ▶  $\kappa > 1$  stretches longer branches more than shorter ones
  - ▶  $\kappa \sim 0$  evolution is independent on branch length (punctuational evolution)
  - ▶  $\kappa \sim 1$  gradual evolution
- ▶ Captures patterns of “speciational” change in tree
  - ▶ character change is more or less concentrated at speciation events



# Alternatives to Brownian motion

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- ▶ Variable rates over the tree
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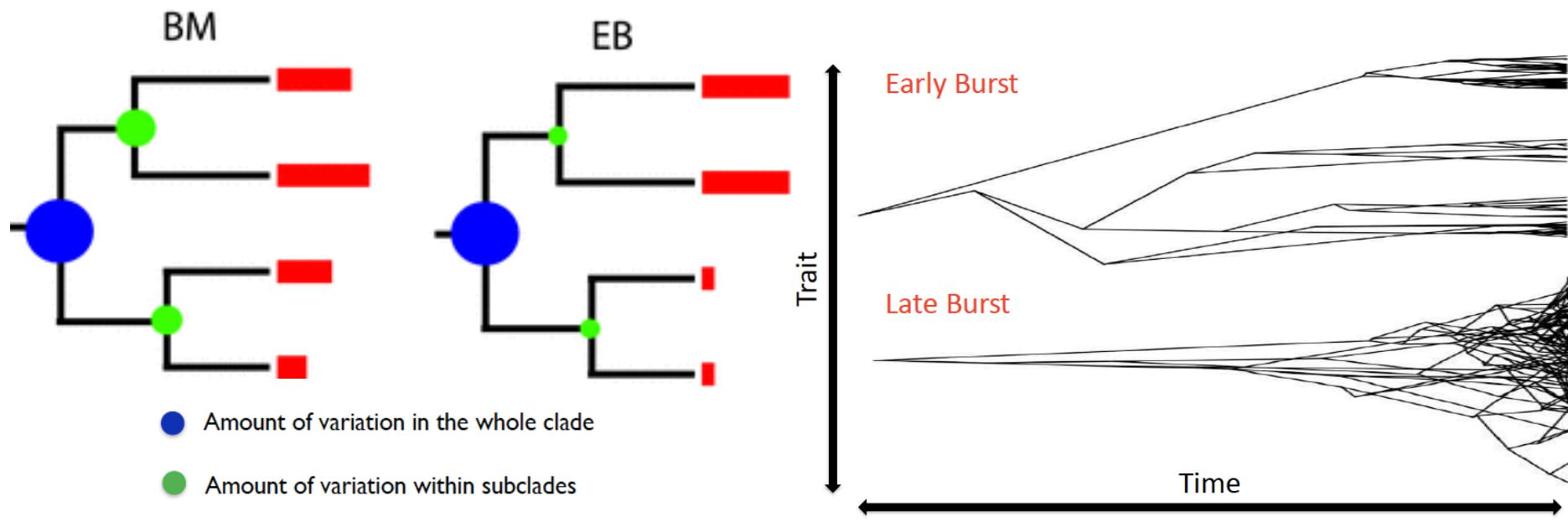
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- ▶ A single rate (OU)
- ▶ Variable rates (OU)
- ▶ Trends (OU)
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# Early Burst (EB/AC) - Late Burst (LB/DC)

- ▶ EB: BM with a declining rate parameter, most of the phenotypic divergence occurs early in the phylogeny
- ▶ LB: BM with an accelerating rate parameter, most of the phenotypic divergence occurs late in the phylogeny

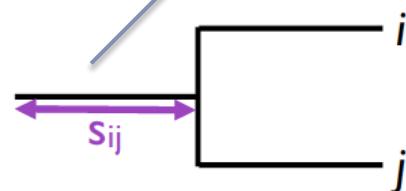


# Early Burst (EB/AC) - Late Burst (LB/DC)

starting parameter

$$\mu_i(t) = \bar{z}_0$$

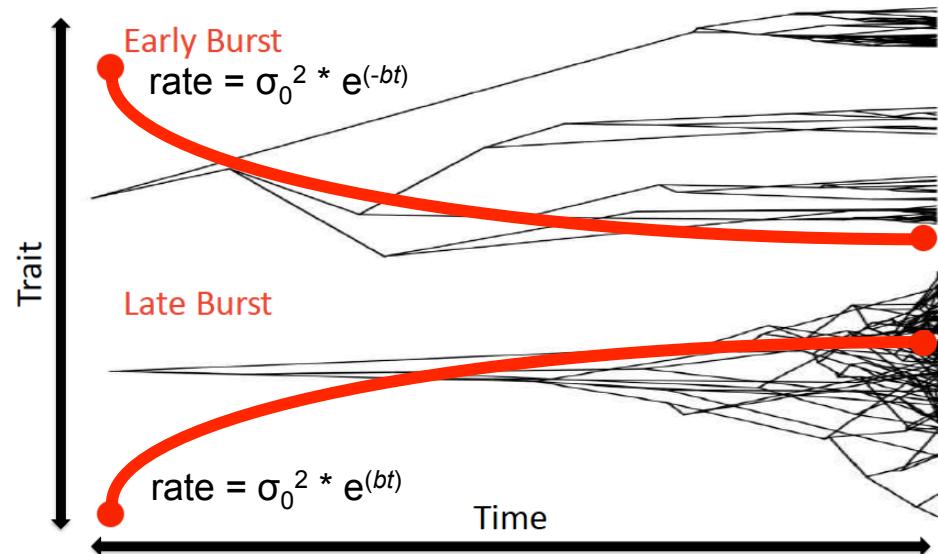
$$V_{ij}(t) = \sigma_0^2 \frac{e^{bs_{ij}} - 1}{b}$$



$$\sigma^2(t) = \sigma_0^2 e^{bt}$$

initial value for the net rate parameter

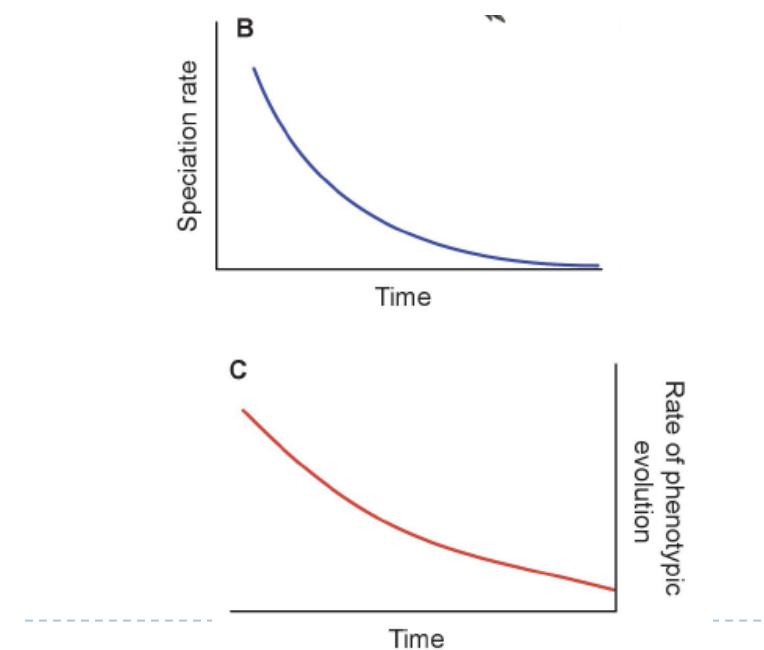
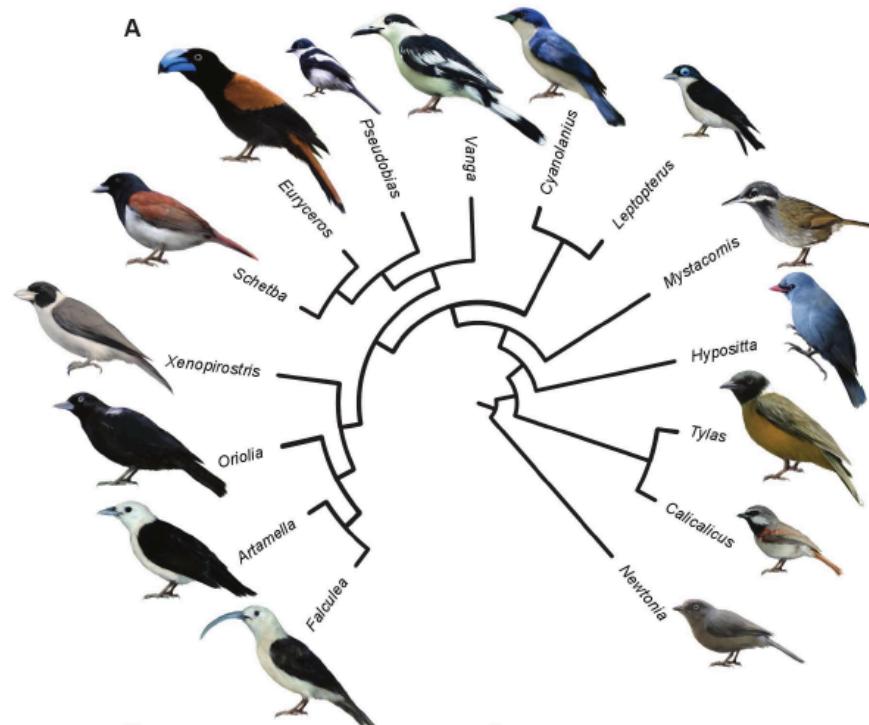
parameter describing the pattern of rate change through time



# Early Burst (EB/AC) - Late Burst (LB/DC)

- ▶ Consistent with the adaptive radiation hypothesis
  - ▶ Clades entering into new niches should diversify quickly
  - ▶ Rates slow down as the niches fill

The adaptive radiation of the bird clade *Vanginae*



Moen & Morlon 2014

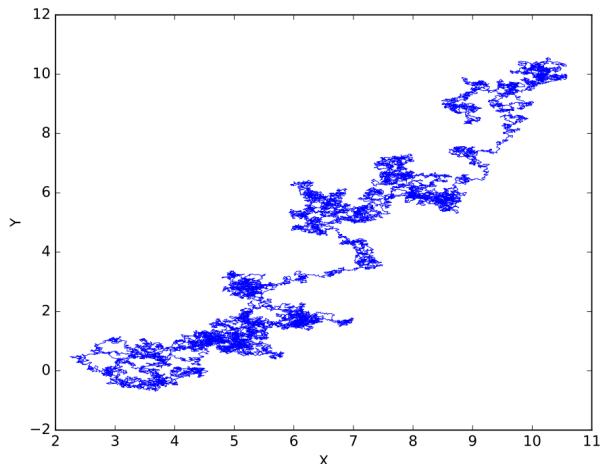
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# The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process



$$dX_{(t)} = \alpha [\Theta - X_{(t)}]dt + \sigma dB_{(t)}$$

$X(t)$ : current  
body size

$dX(t)$ : change in  
body size

$dB(t)$ : random  
variation

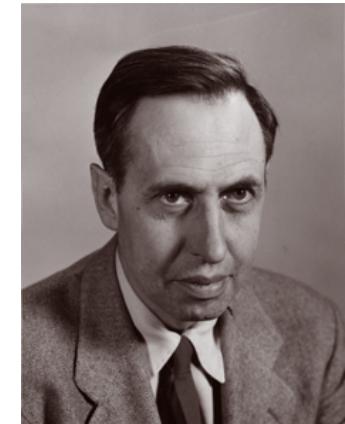
**$\Theta$ : body size  
optimum**

**$\alpha$ : strength of  
selection**

**$\sigma$ : intensity of  
random drift**



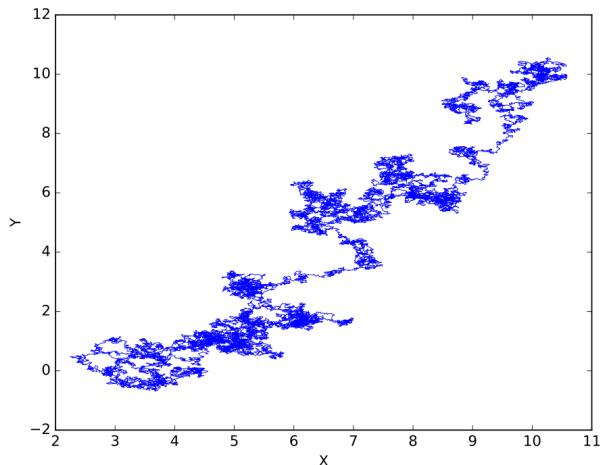
Bayesian walk under the  
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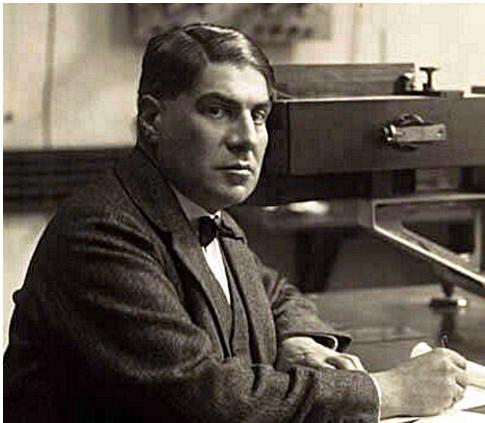
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change towards an optimum

Brownian motion



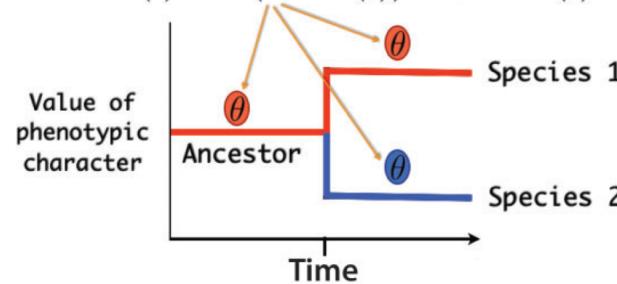
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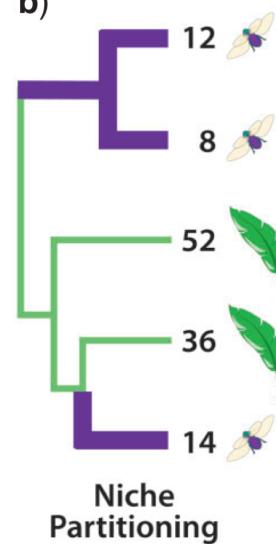
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a)  $dX(t) = \alpha(\theta - X(t)) dt + \sigma dB(t)$

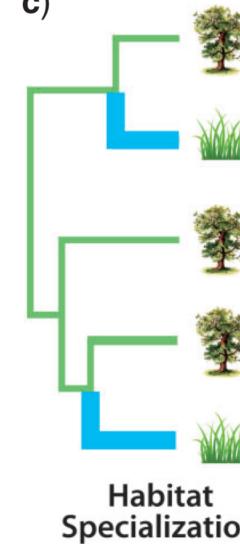


b)



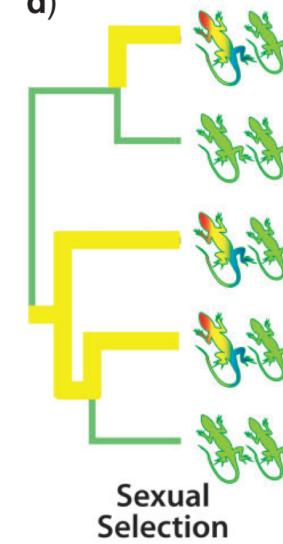
Niche  
Partitioning

c)



Habitat  
Specialization

d)



Sexual  
Selection

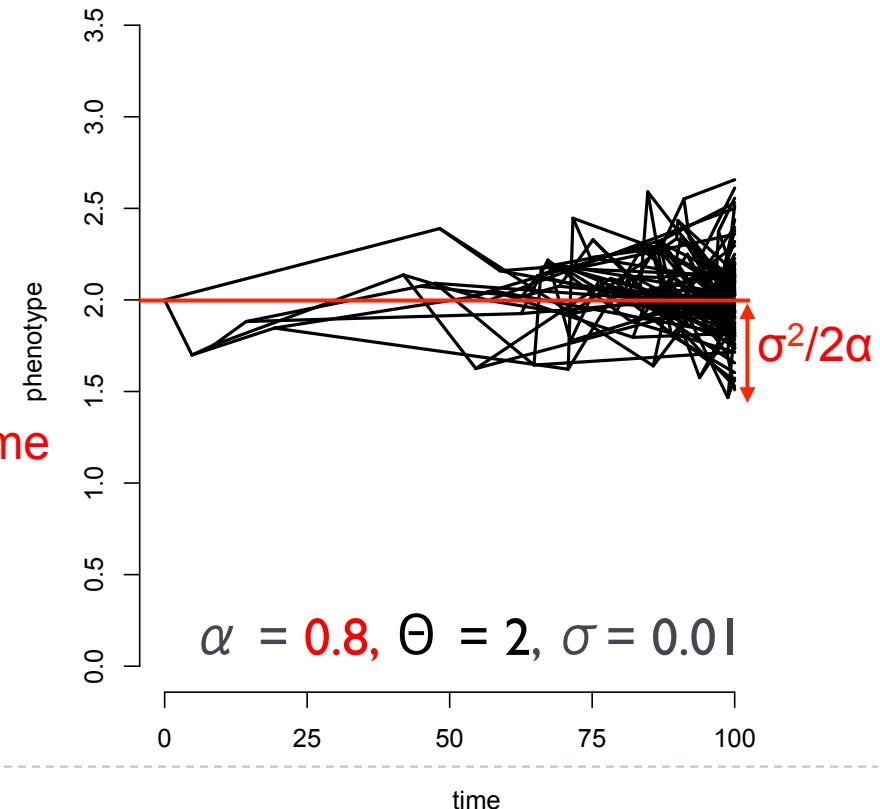
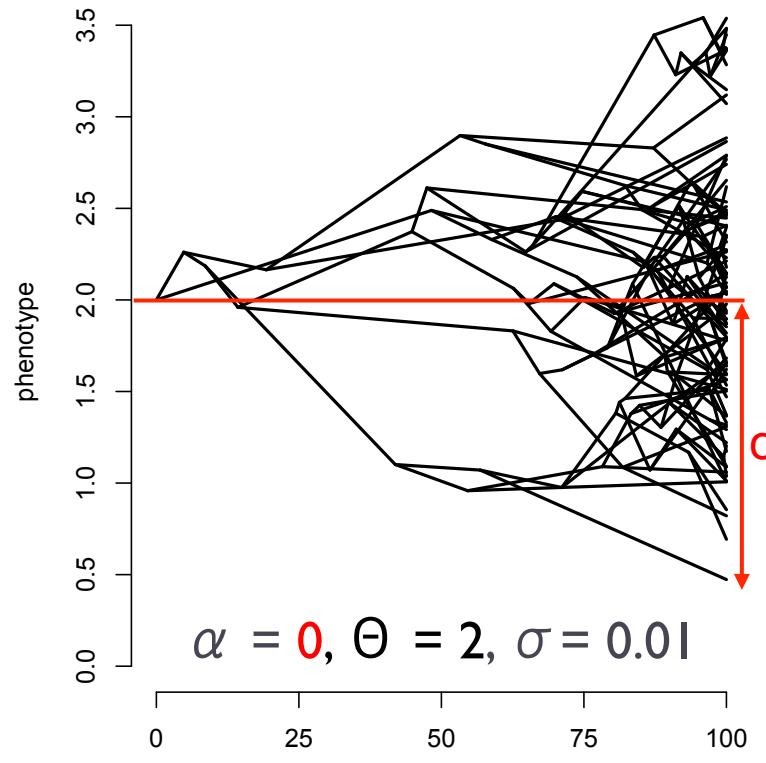
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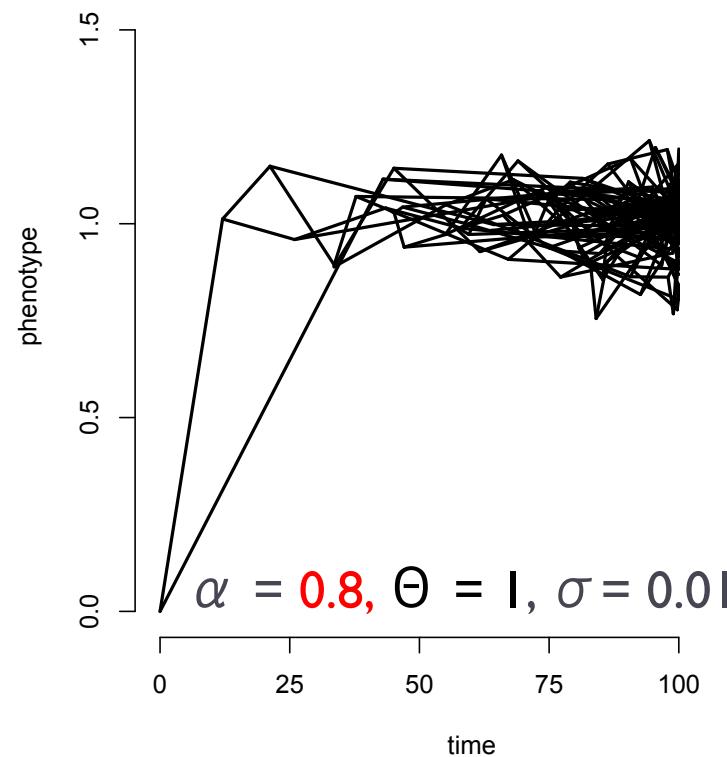
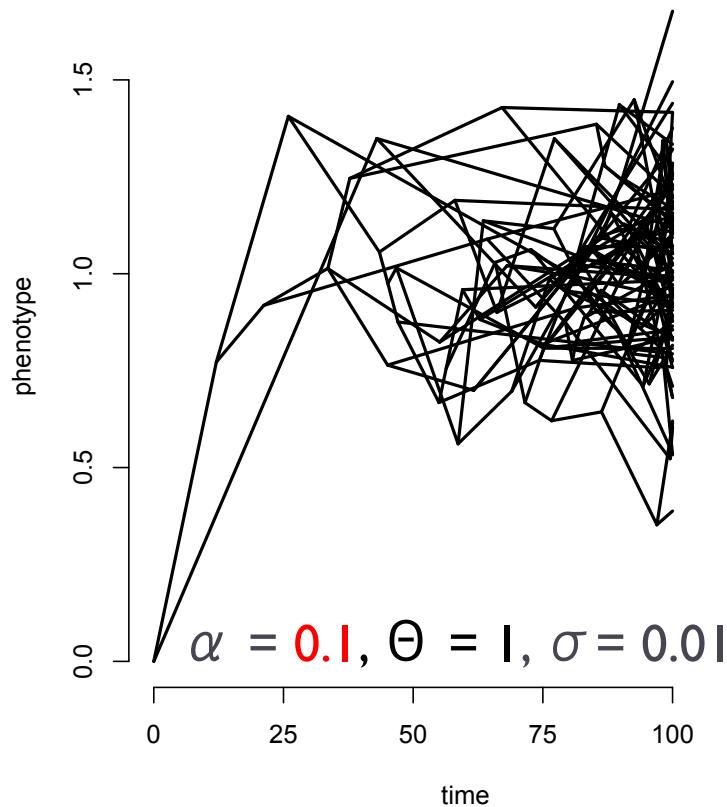
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if  $\alpha = 0$ , it defines a diversifying process (BM), if  $\alpha > 0$  it becomes an equilibrium process (OU)



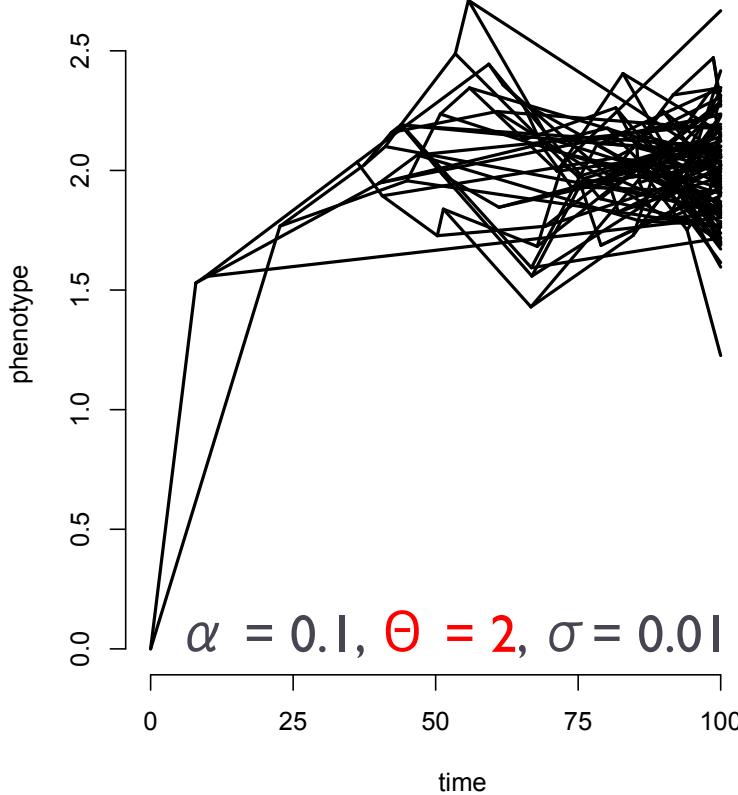
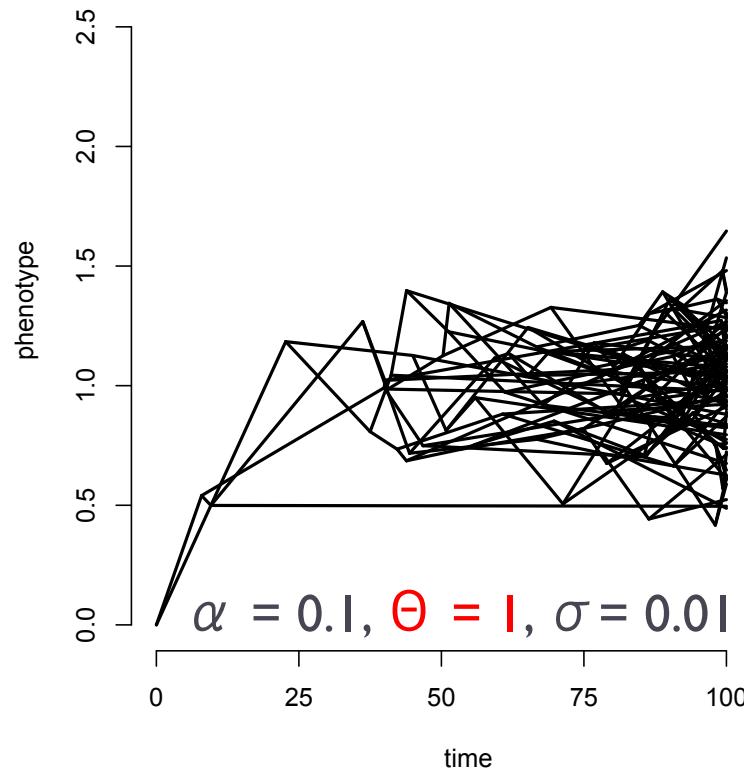
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The higher the attraction parameter  $\alpha$  the more quickly the optima is reached and the lower the variance



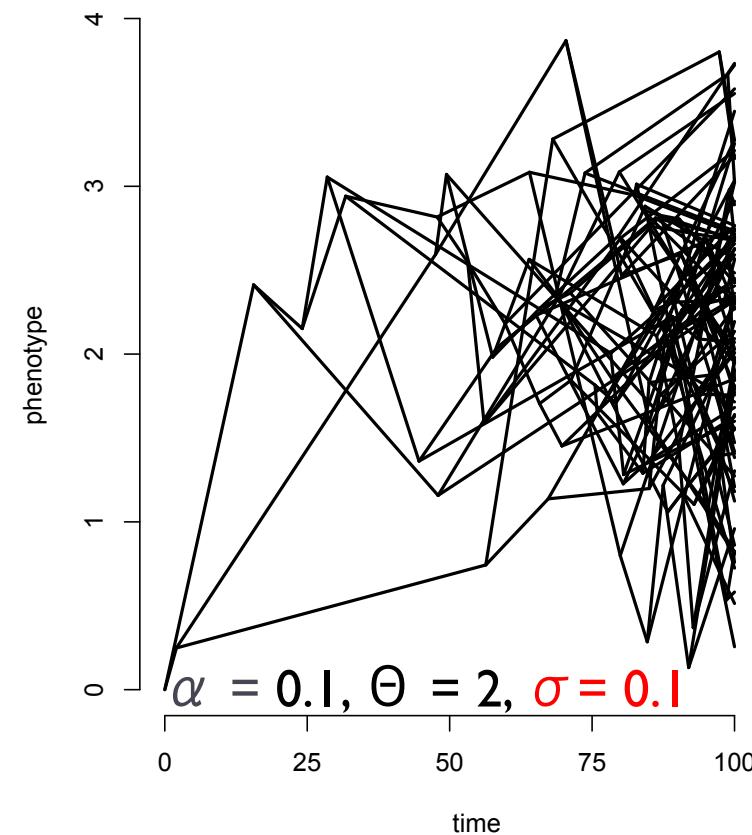
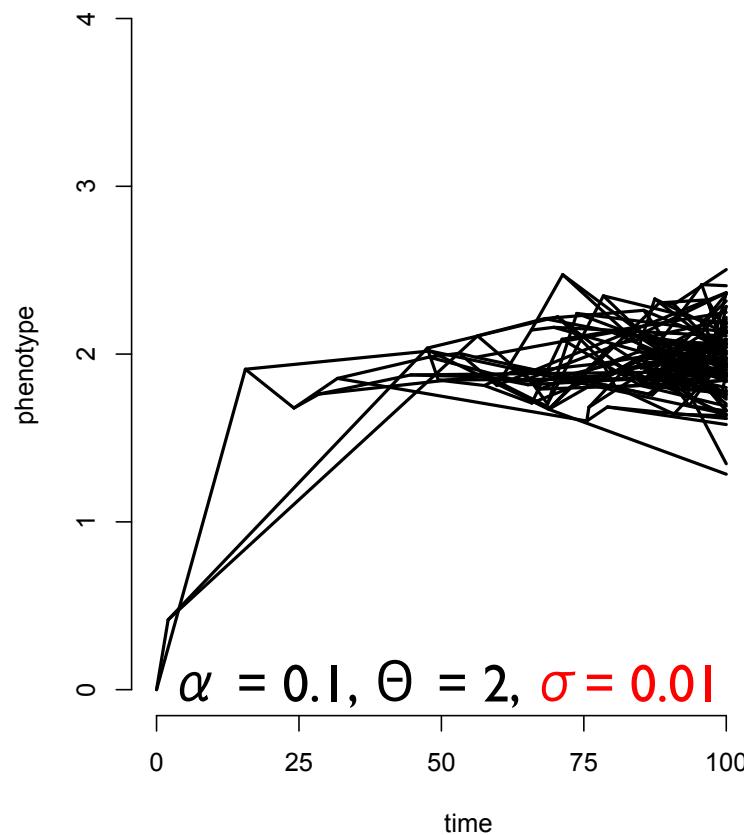
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The higher the optimal value  $\Theta$  the greater the trait value

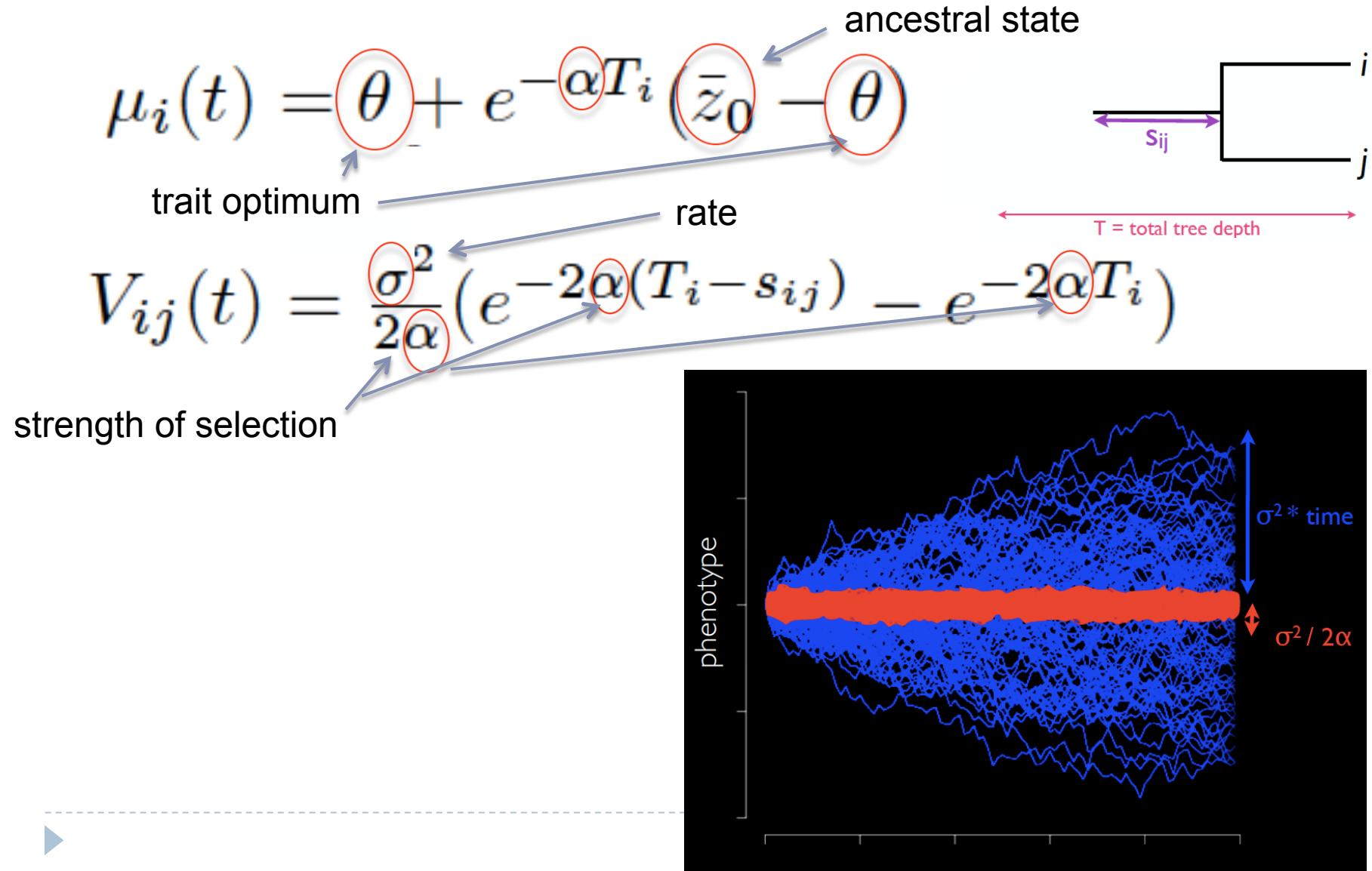


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The higher the rate parameter  $\sigma$   
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# The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process



# Alternatives to Brownian motion

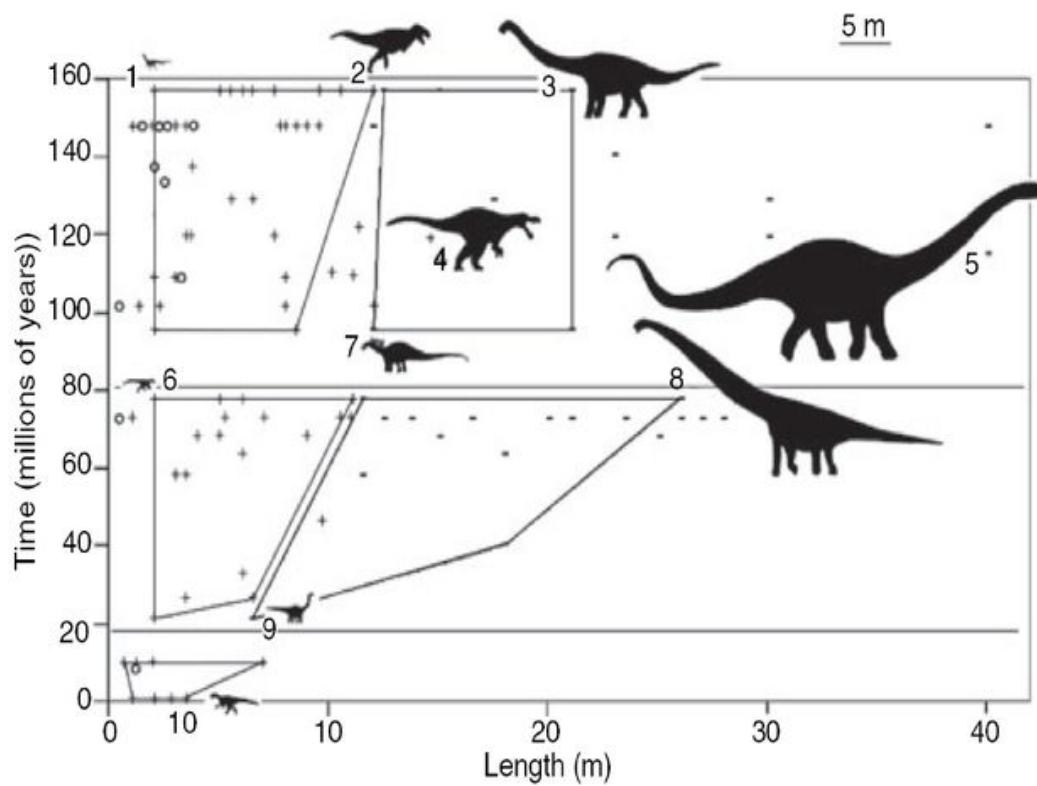
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# BM with trend

## Cope's rule



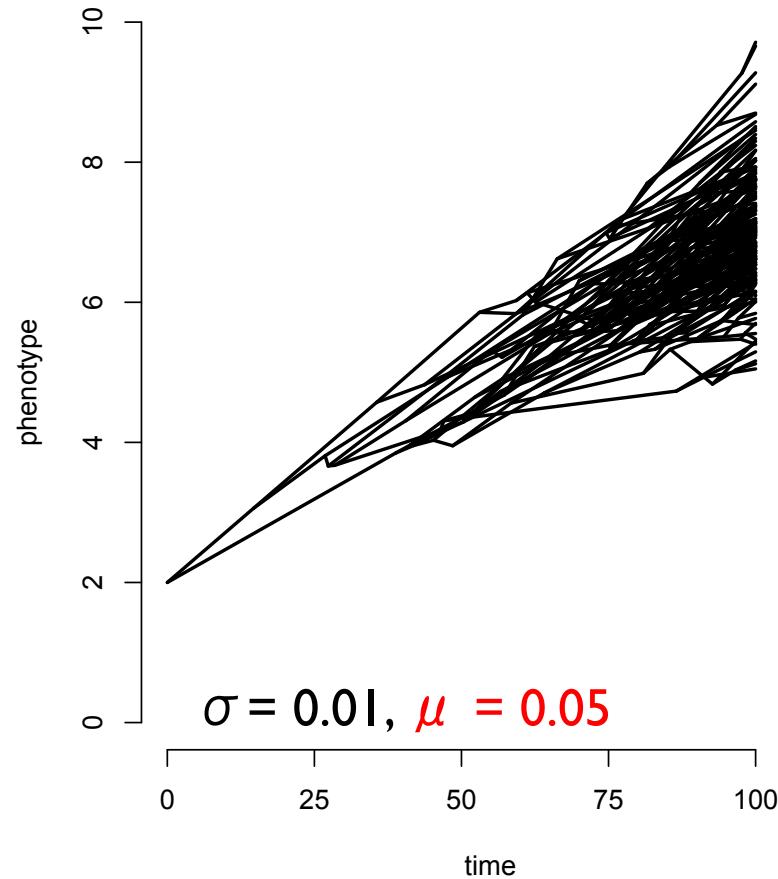
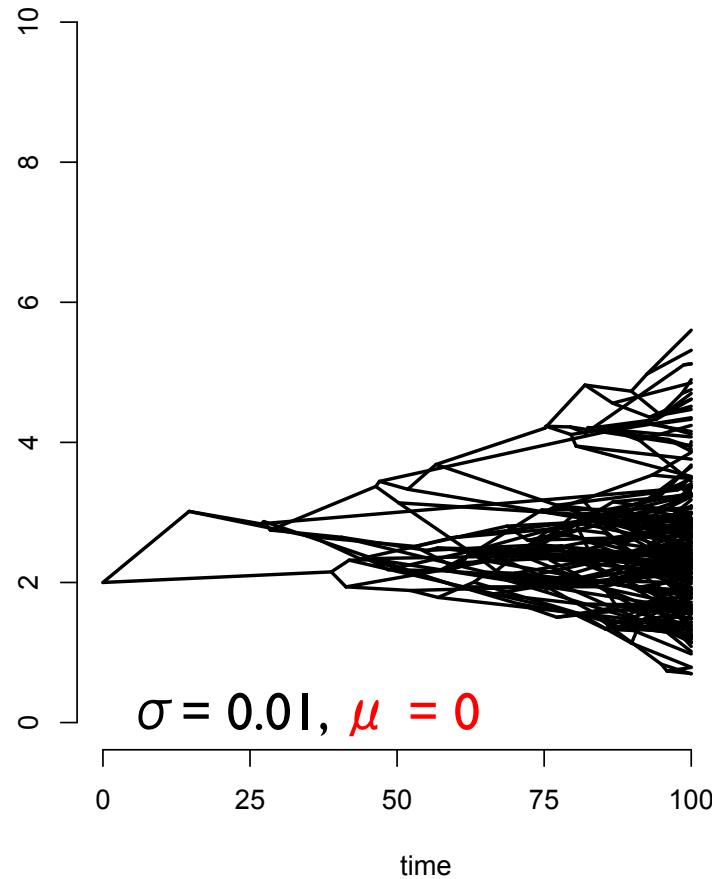
$$dX_{(t)} = \sigma dB_{(t)}$$

↑  
rate

normal distribution  
where mean =  $t * \mu$   
 $\mu > 0$  : increase  
 $\mu < 0$  : decrease  
 $\mu = 0$  : BM without trend

► Hone et al. 2005

$$dX_{(t)} = \sigma dB_{(t)}$$



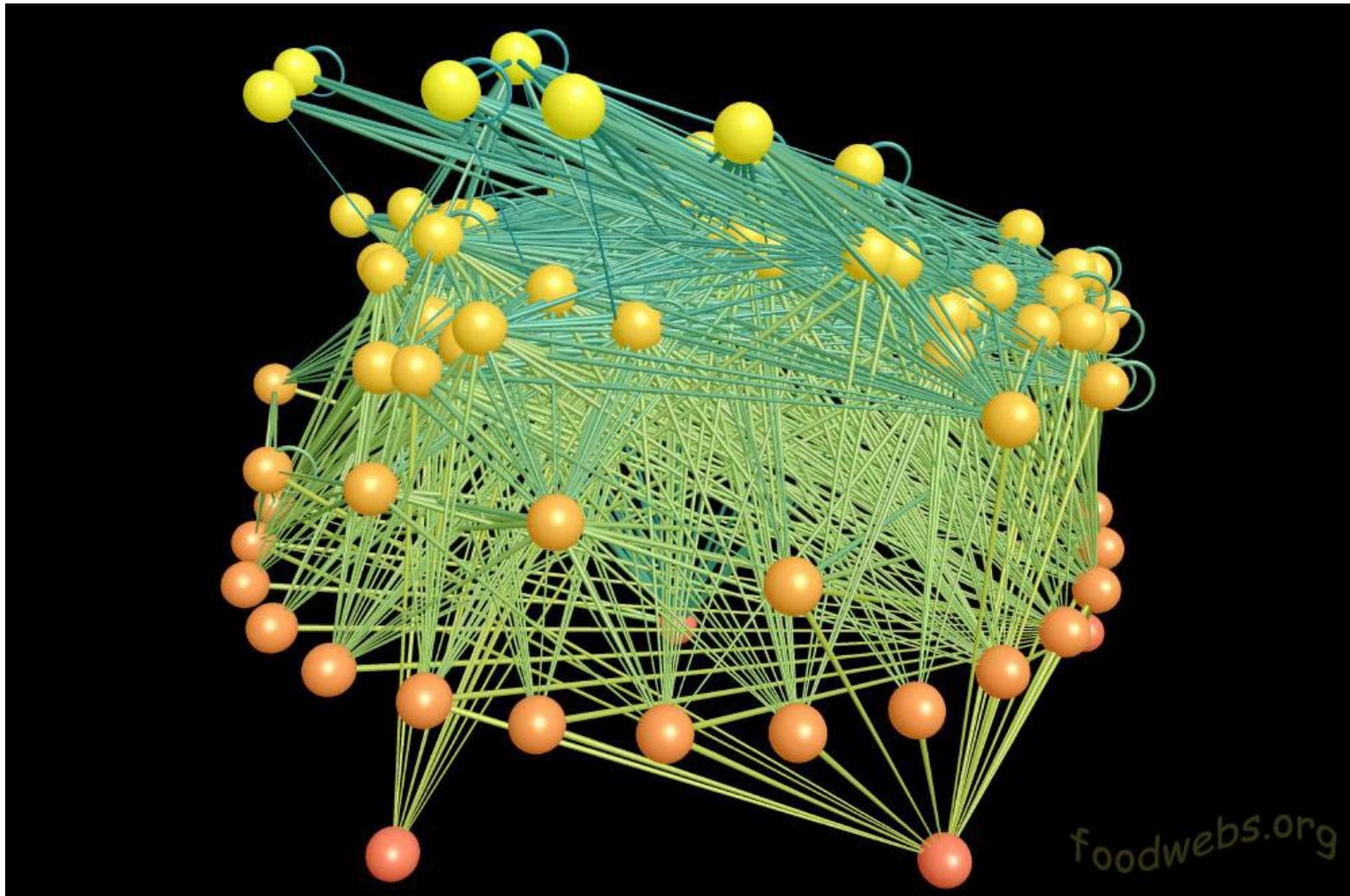
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# How to choose from so many models?



# Model selection methods

## Empirical

Adjusted R-squared  
Bootstrap  
Cross-validation  
Generalized cross-validation  
k-fold crossvalidation  
leave-one-out crossvalidation  
Jackknife  
Linear regression  
Shibata's model selector  
signal-to-noise ratio  
test set validation



## Theoretical

Akaike information criterion (AIC, AICc, QAIC)  
Bayesian information criterion (BIC)  
CP (Mallow's Cp)  
Deviance information criterion (DIC)  
Focused Information criterion (FIC)  
Final prediction error (FPE)  
Geweke and Meese criterion  
Generalized prediction error (GPE)  
Hannan and Quinn criterion (HQ)  
Kullback information criterion (KIC, KICc)  
Minimum description length (MDL)  
Minimum message length (MML)  
Predicted squared error (PSE)  
Predicted Residual Sum of Squares criterion  
Schwarz information criterion (SIC)  
Structural risk minimization (SRM)  
Takeuchi's information criterion (TIC)  
VC-dimension

# Model selection methods

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## ➤ Model comparison

- ▶ evaluate multiple hypotheses in competition with one another
- ▶ nested models
  - likelihood ratio tests (“old tool”)
- ▶ non-nested models
  - model comparison based on information theory (IT)



# Likelihood, Maximum likelihood and likelihood ratio

- ▶ Likelihood: probability of obtaining the observed data under a given hypothesis (model and its parameters)
    - ▶  $\Pr(D|H)$  (but not  $\Pr(H_0|D)!!$ )
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tip values

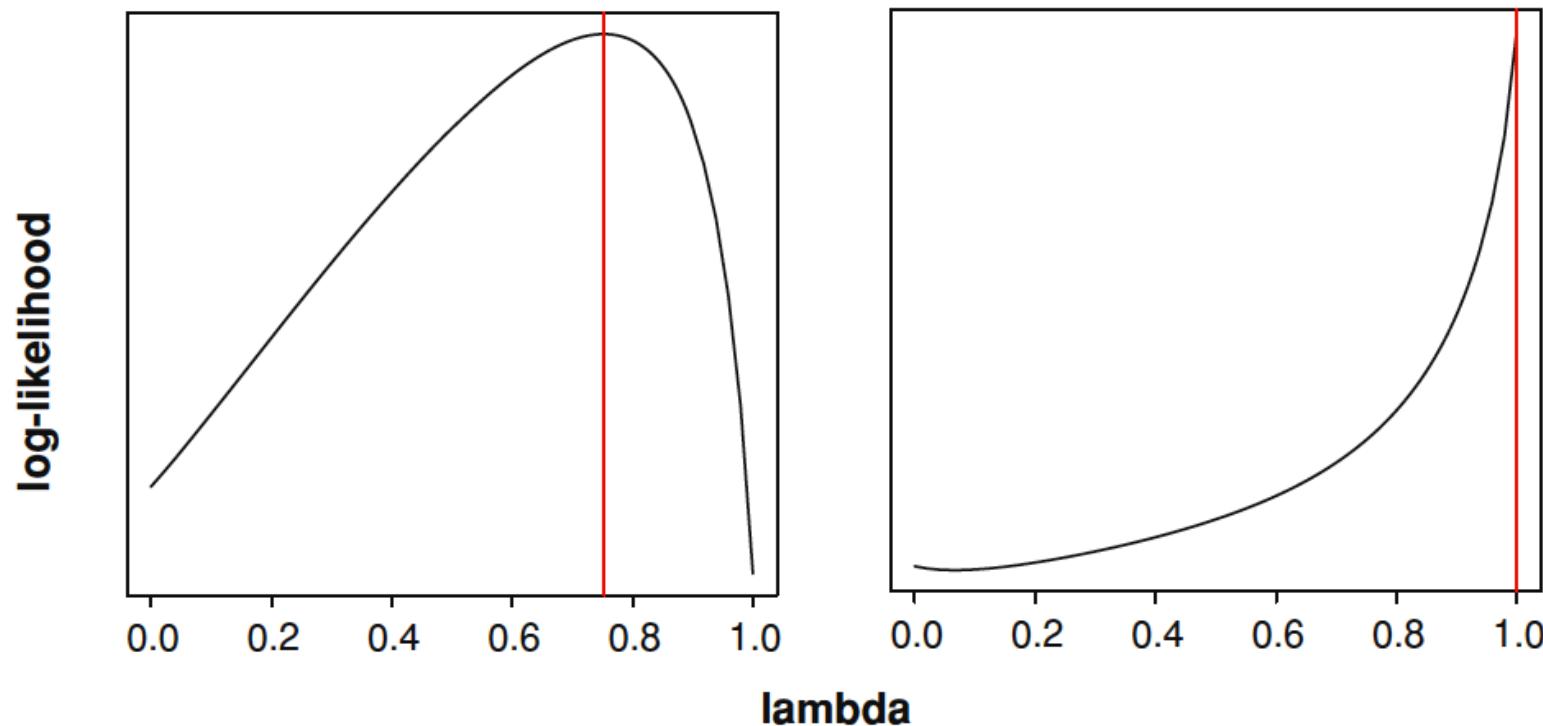
expected tip values

rate-scaled C

# Likelihood, Maximum likelihood and likelihood ratio

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- ▶ Maximum likelihood: the value of one or more parameters for a given model, which maximizes the likelihood



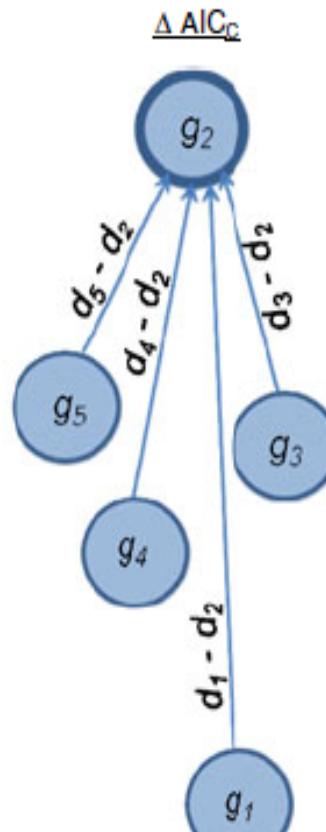
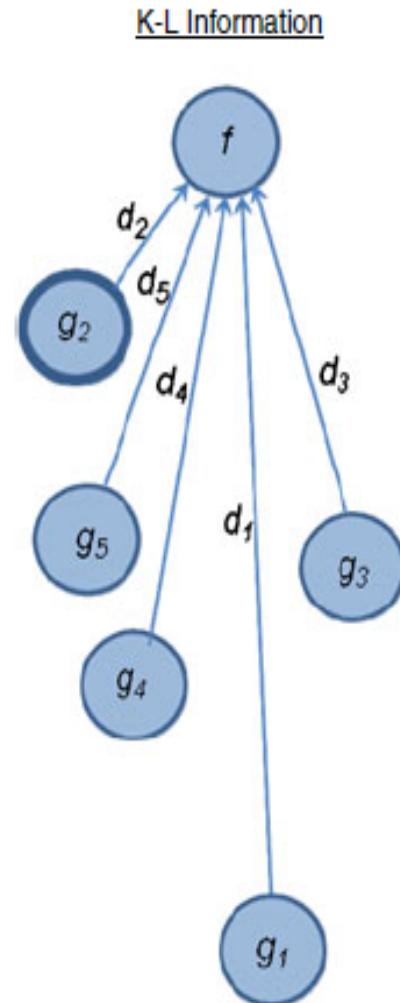
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- ▶ Likelihood ratio: model fit of one model relative to another
- ▶ Likelihood ratio test (LRT): a statistical test of the goodness-of-fit between two models
  - ▶  $LRT = 2 * [ \ln(L_1) - \ln(L_2) ]$
  - ▶ approximates a chi-square distribution
  - ▶ with  $df = \text{nr. of parameters differing between models}$



# Information theoretic approach



fit  
(likelihood)

parsimony  
(nr. of parameters)

$$\text{AIC} = -2 \ln(L) + 2k$$

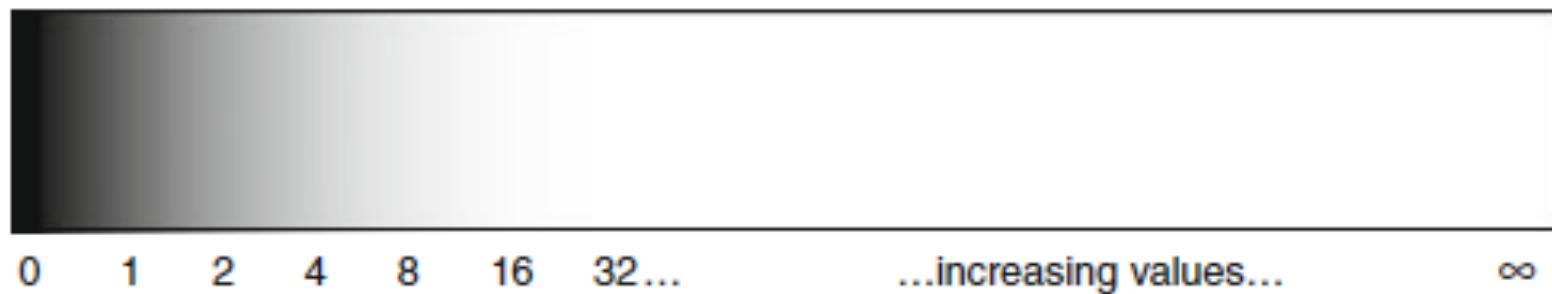
Akaike's Information Criterion

$$\text{AICc} = \text{AIC} + (2K(K+1))/(n-K-1).$$

Akaike 1974

# Information theoretic approach

Candidate models	AIC	$\Delta AIC$	Akaike weight
BM	-51.49	0.00	0.867
BM with $\kappa = 0$	-47.72	3.77	0.132
BM with trend	-37.59	13.90	0.001
EB	-32.95	18.54	0.000
OU	-32.06	19.43	0.000



$\Delta AICc$



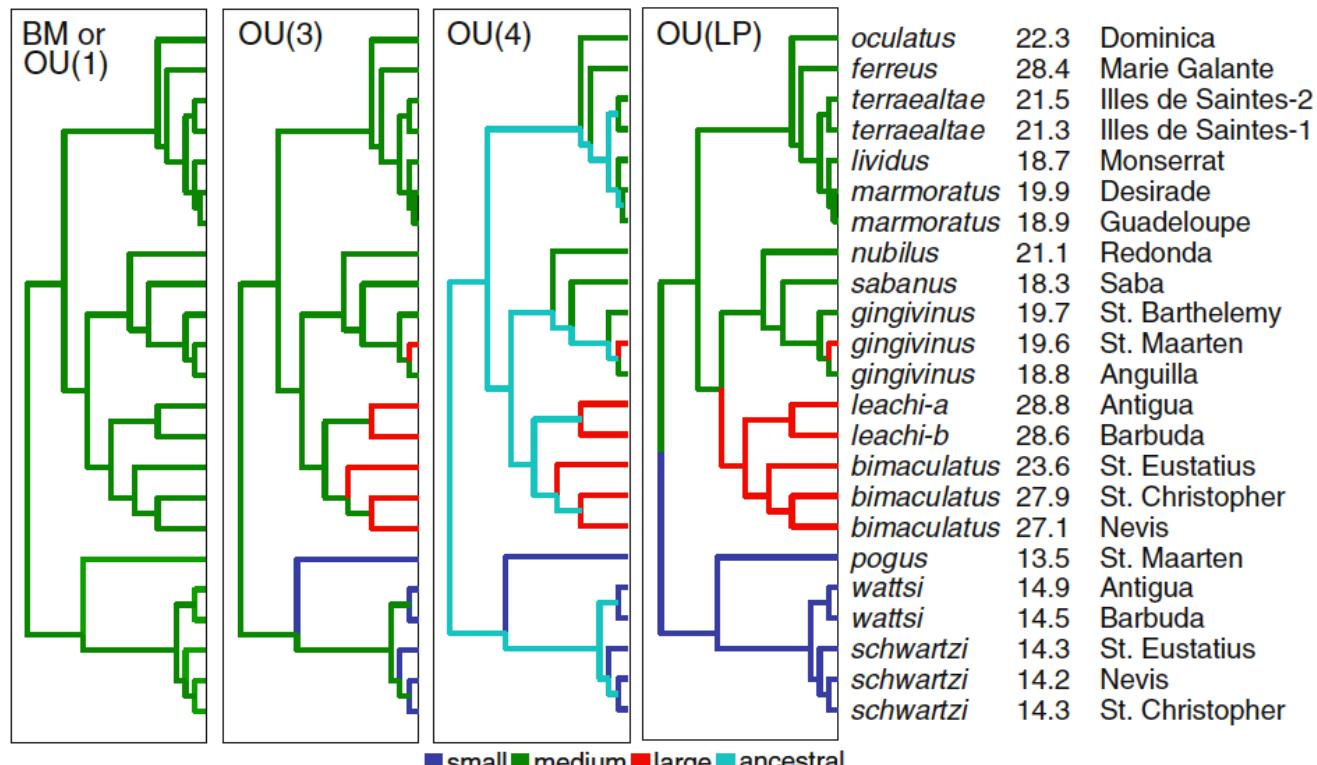
# Information theoretic approach

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- ▶ More than one models are selected
- ▶  $\Delta$  values, model likelihoods, model weights and evidence ratios (instead of  $P$  values)
  - ▶ *hypothesis  $H_4$  is 22 times more likely than  $H_2$*
  - ▶ *the probability of  $H_4$  is 0.78, while the probability of  $H_2$  is 0.015*
  - ▶ ~~significant, strong, robust....~~
- ▶ Model averaging
- ▶ Uncertainty is inherent to biological data



# Evolution of body size in *Anolis* lizards



	<b>BM</b>	<b>OU(1)</b>	<b>OU(3)</b>	<b>OU(4)</b>	<b>OU(LP)</b>
$-2\ln\mathcal{L}$	-34.66	-34.66	-40.21	-47.22	-49.69
AIC	-30.66	-26.66	-28.21	-33.22	-37.69
LR		0	5.55	12.56	15.03
P		1	0.24	0.028	0.0046



Butler and King 2004



# Evolution of discrete traits

# Discrete trait models

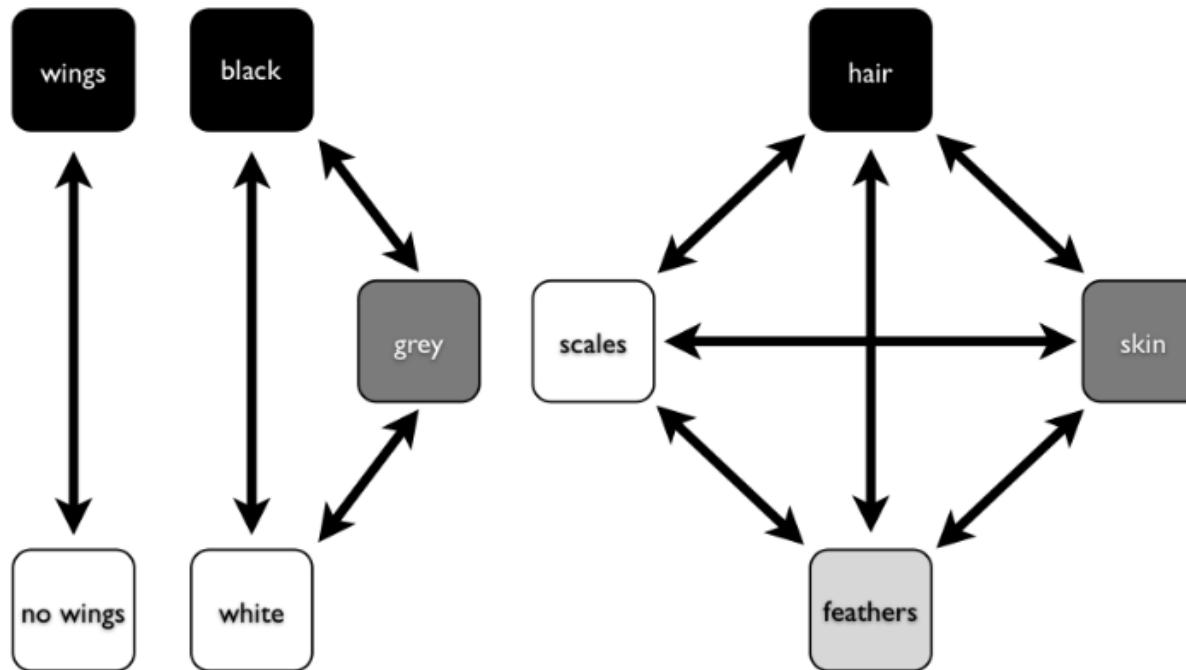
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- ▶ The  $M_k$  model
- ▶ The extended  $M_k$  model
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# The $Mk$ model

- ▶ Evolutionary changes between  $k > 1$  states of a character
- ▶ Markov process: change depends on current state only
- ▶ Every state is equally likely

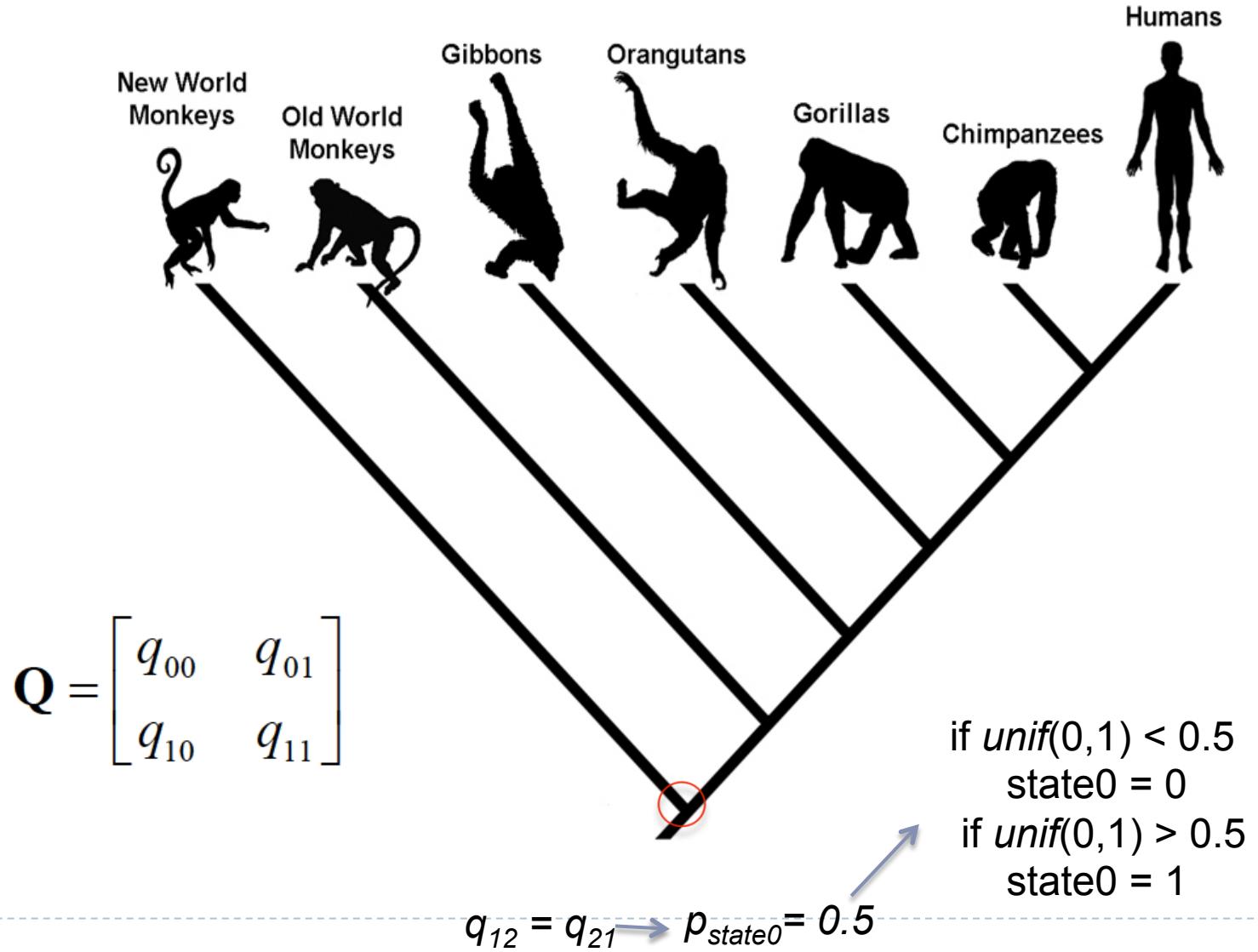


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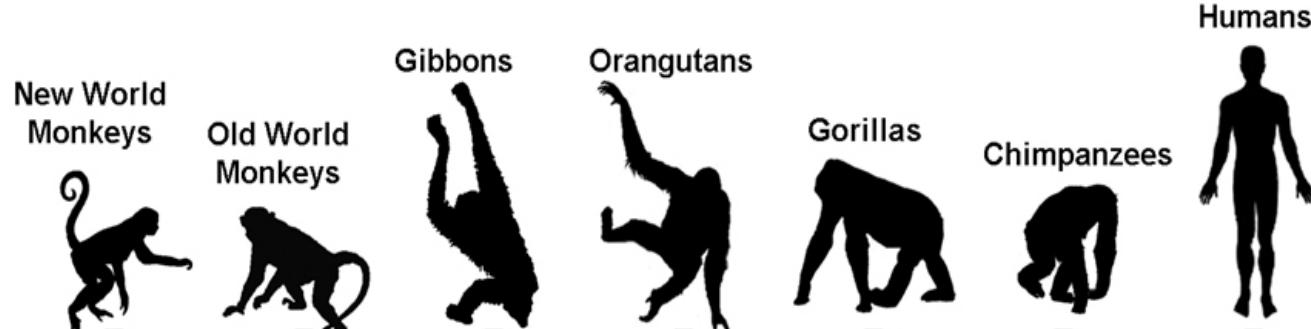
# The $Mk$ model

- ▶ Instantaneous rate of change parameter:  $q$ 
  - ▶ number of changes of character over  $t$  when  $t \sim 0$
  - ▶  $q_{12} = q_{21}, q_{12} = q_{13} \dots$
- ▶ Transition matrix,  $\mathbf{Q}$ 
$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{00} & q_{01} \\ q_{10} & q_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} -d_1 & q_{12} & \dots & q_{1k} \\ q_{21} & -d_2 & \dots & q_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ q_{k1} & q_{k2} & \dots & -d_k \end{bmatrix}$$
$$0 \rightarrow d_1 = \sum_{i=2}^k q_{1i}$$
- ▶ Probability distributions of traits after  $t$ 
  - ▶  $P(t) = e^{Qt}$

# The $Mk$ model



# The $Mk$ model

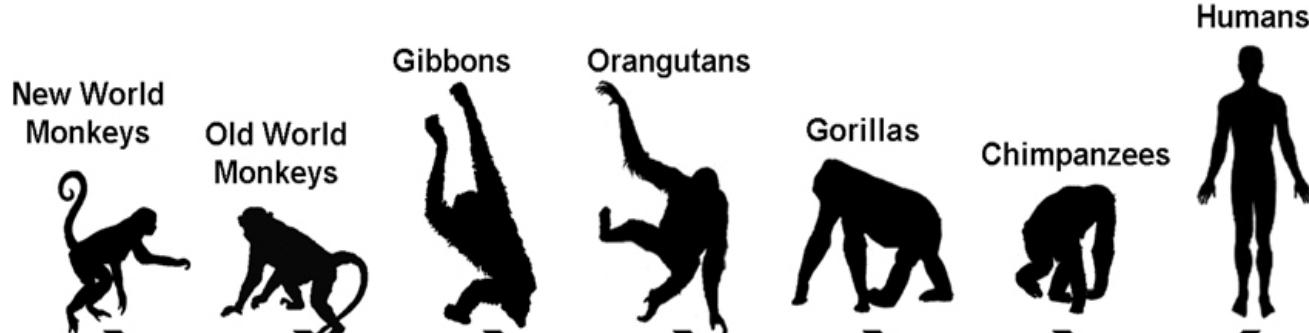


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$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.525 & 0.475 \\ 0.475 & 0.525 \end{bmatrix}$$

if state0 = 0  
and  $\text{unif}(0,1) < 0.525$   
state1 = 0  
and  $\text{unif}(0,1) > 0.525$   
state1 = 1



# The $Mk$ model

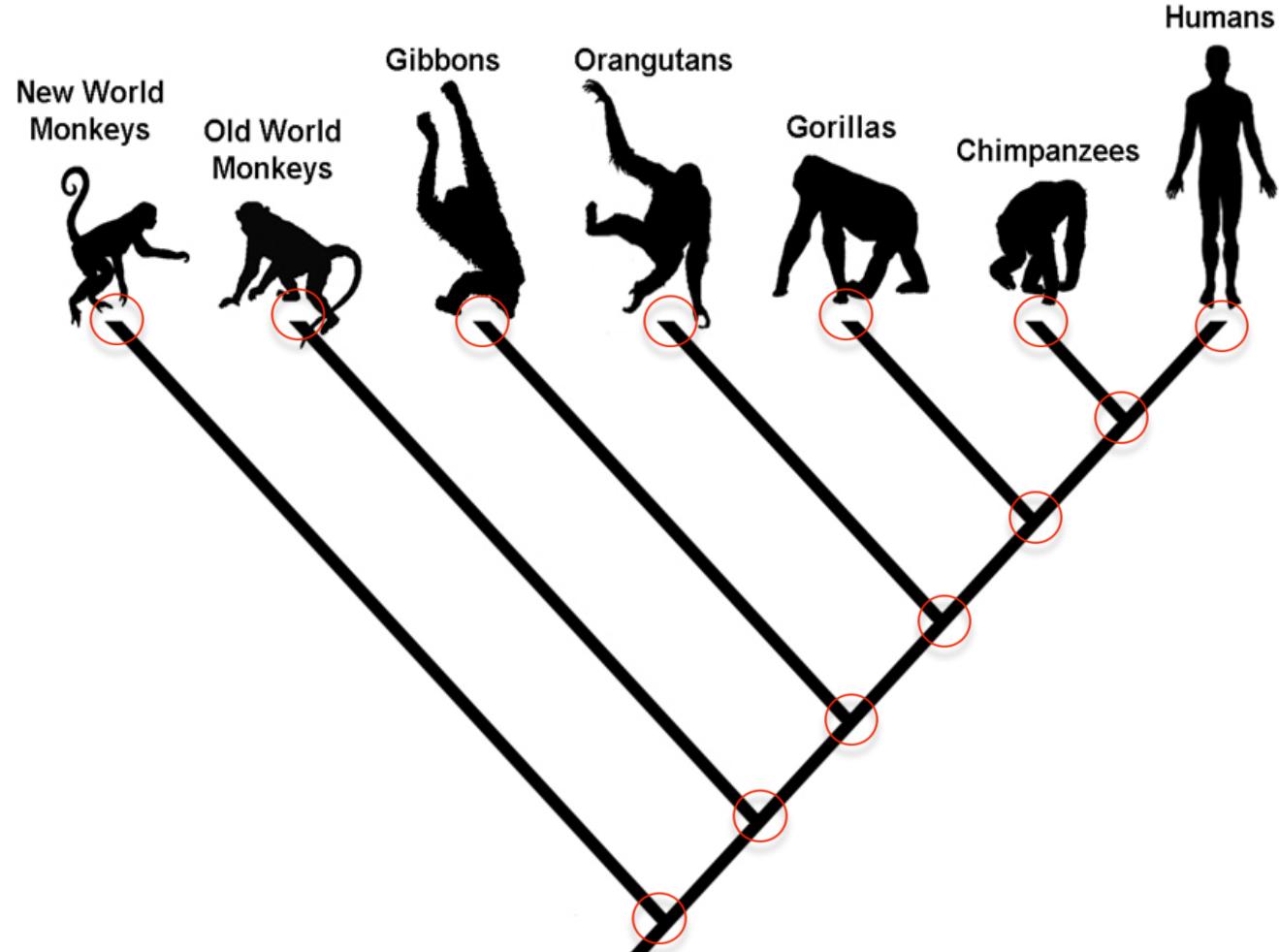


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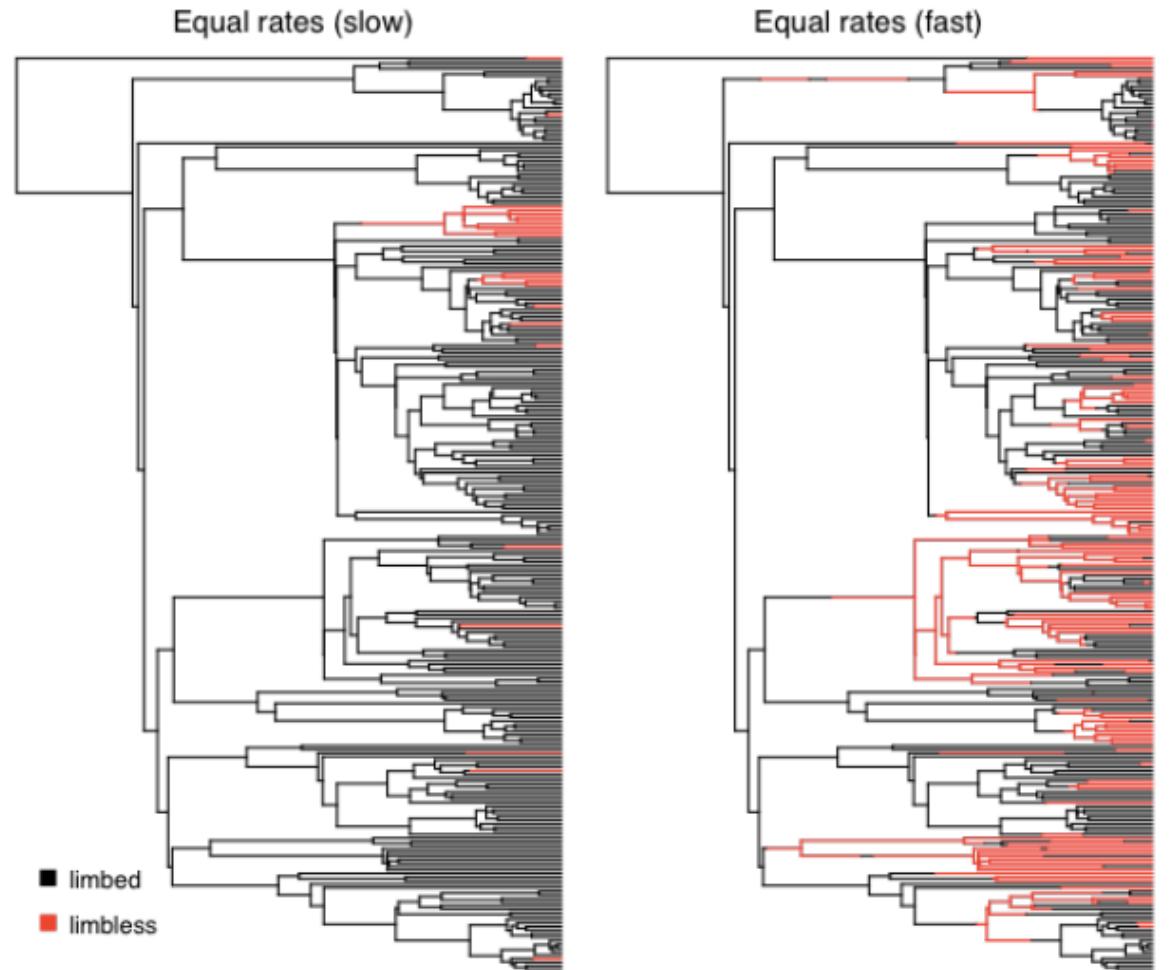
if state0 = 1  
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# The *Mk* model



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  - ▶ ARD
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# The extended $M_k$ model

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- ▶ The  $M_k$  model assumes:  $q_{12} = q_{21}, q_{12} = q_{13} \dots$ 
  - ▶ Memoryless: a character that changes state from 0  $\rightarrow$  1 has an equal probability of reverting back
  - ▶ Homogeneous: same rate among all states
- ▶ SYM only assumes:  $q_{12} = q_{21}$
- ▶ ARD: all rates can be different

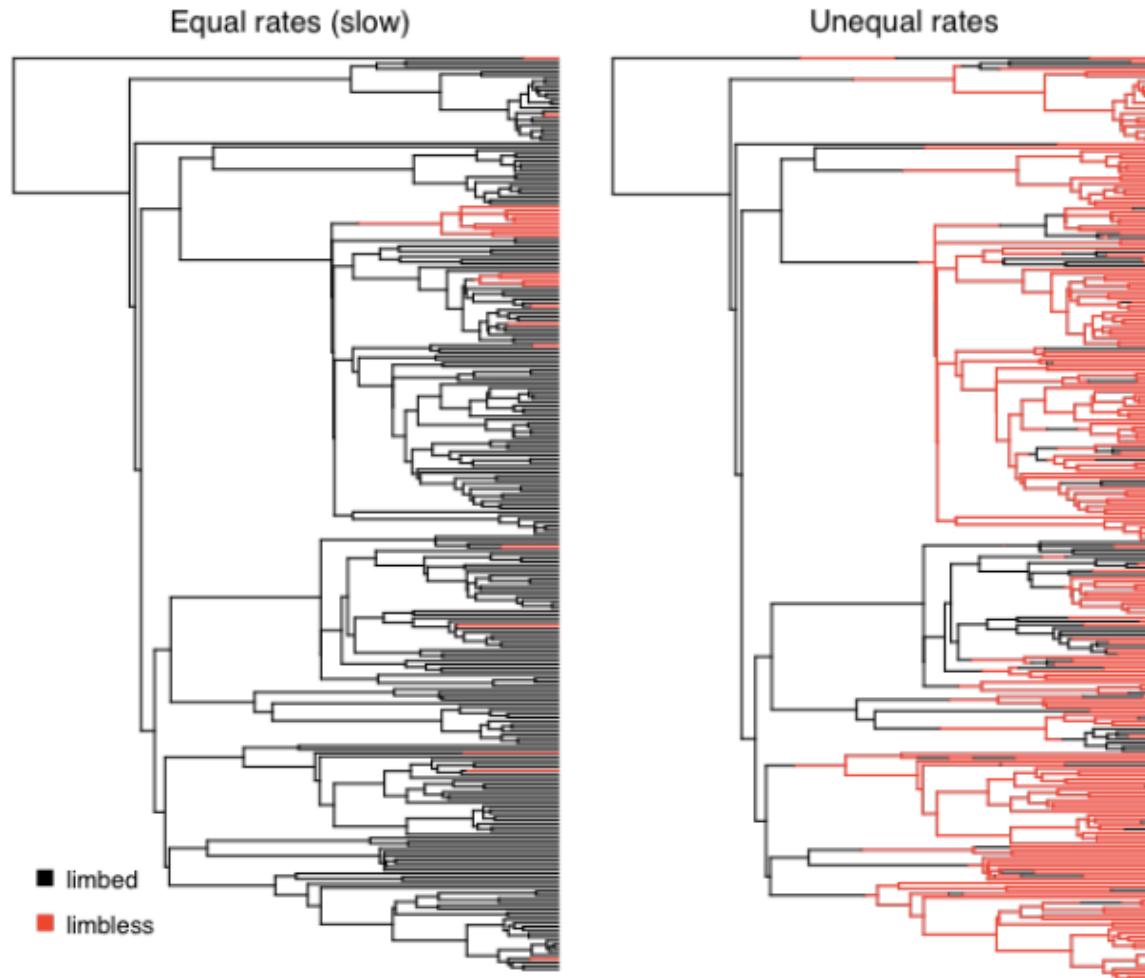
$$\begin{bmatrix} -q & q \\ q & -q \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ more parameters
- ▶ **Q** and **P(t)** matrices can be redefined
- ▶ can lead to different states at the nodes and the tips

$$\begin{bmatrix} -q_1 & q_1 \\ q_2 & -q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



# The extended $M_k$ model



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# Discrete trait models

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- ▶ Models accommodating changes in the rate of evolution
  - ▶  $M_k$  is more suitable for sequence data (protein, DNA)
    - ▶ extensions exists (e.g. adding heterogeneity across sites)
    - ▶ incorporate characters evolving under a shared model
  - ▶ Morphological character evolution
    - ▶ shared model across characters is unjustified
    - ▶ each character require specific parameters
- ▶ The threshold model

# Discrete trait models

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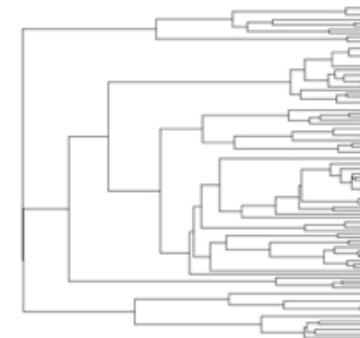
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# Tree transformations: altering rate of evolution

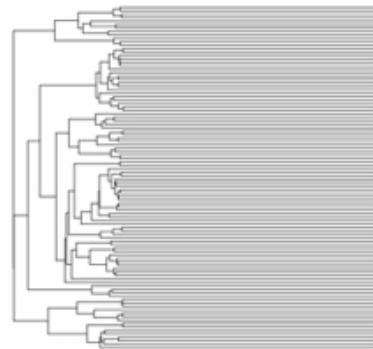
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- ▶ Pagel's transformations
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Starting tree

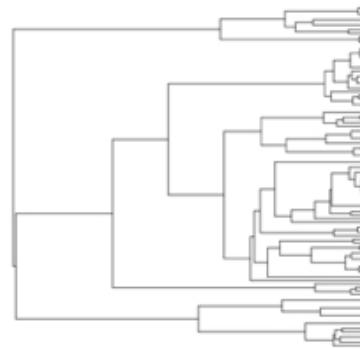


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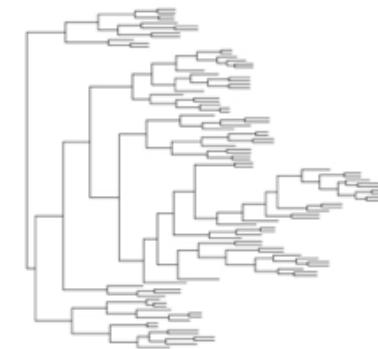
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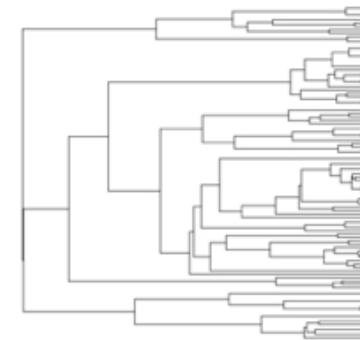
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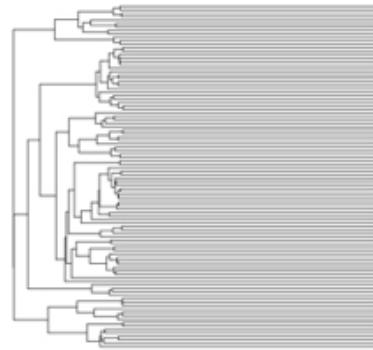
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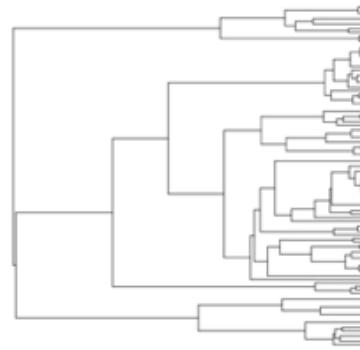


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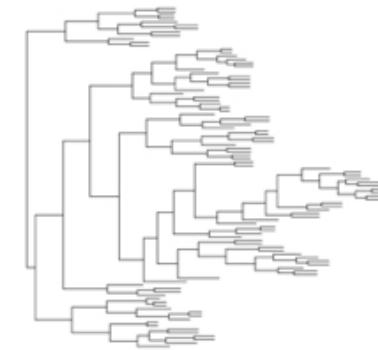
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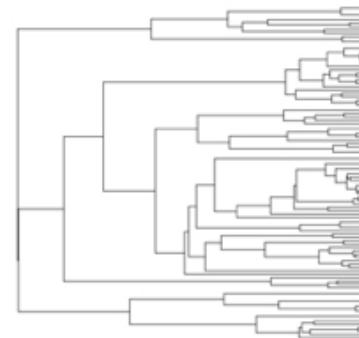
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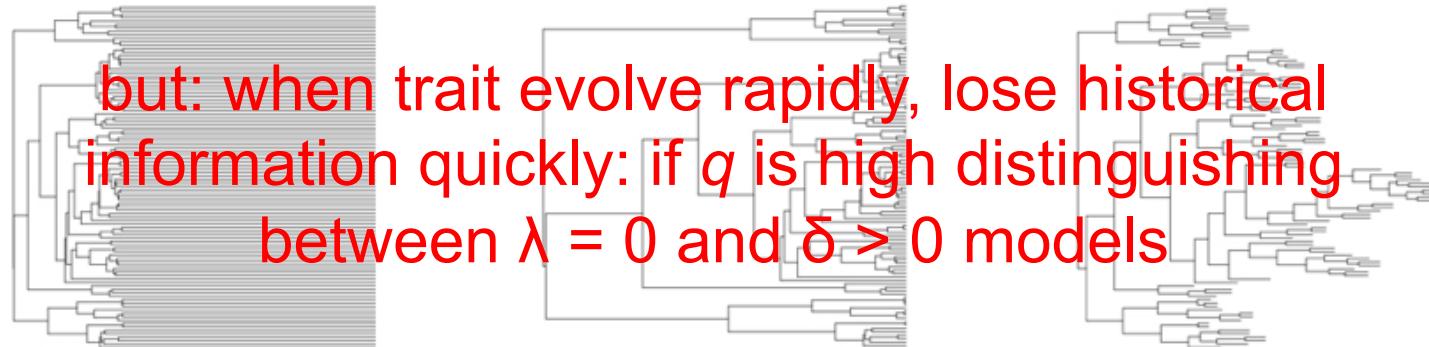


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  - ▶ Other  $M_k$  models that allows parameters vary across clades and/or time
    - ▶ rate of evolution varies between clades (multi-rate discrete models)
    - ▶ different **Q** matrix for different branches
  - ▶ rate parameters in **Q** varies with time

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- ▶ Models accommodating changes in the rate of evolution
- ▶ **The threshold model**
  - ▶ the effective rate of change depends on the amount of time that a lineage has been in that state (while  $Mk$  is memoryless)
  - ▶ more realistic for some biological characters
  - ▶ allows variation in transition rates without more parameters

# The threshold model

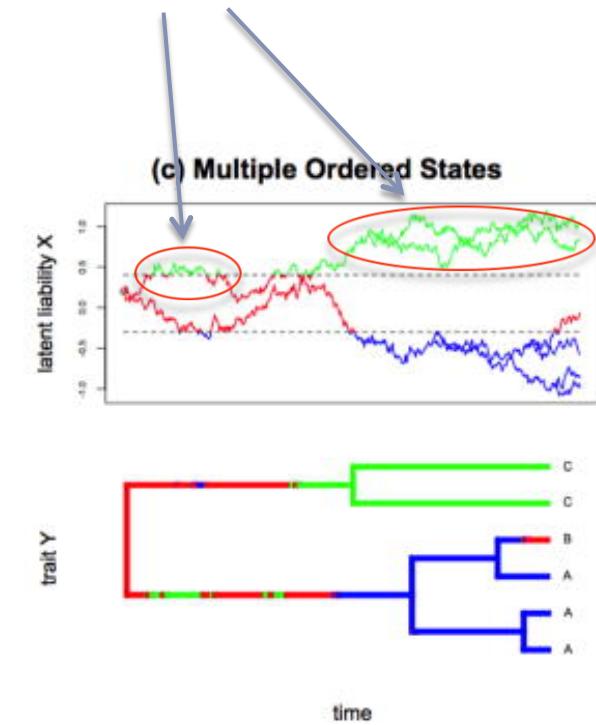
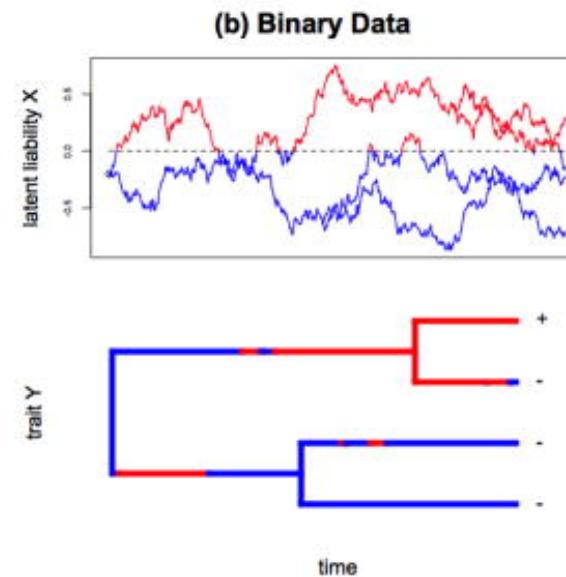
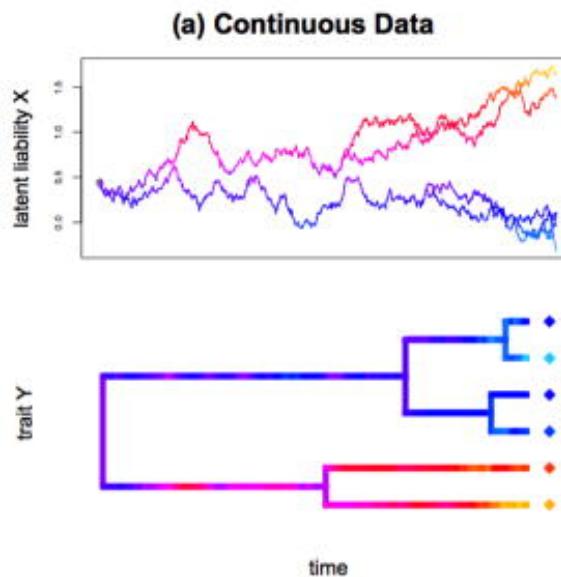
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- ▶ liability: the value of the discrete phenotype is determined by a latent continuous trait, if it crosses a fixed threshold value, the character changes state (Wright 1934)
- ▶ unobserved, unmeasured (e.g. hormone) with multivariate normal distribution
- ▶ can follow a BM (or OU) motion model of evolution (Felsenstein 2005, 2012)
- ▶ proxy for the complex, multilocus genetic changes that are likely to underlie a shift in a discretely measured ecological trait (Revell 2013).

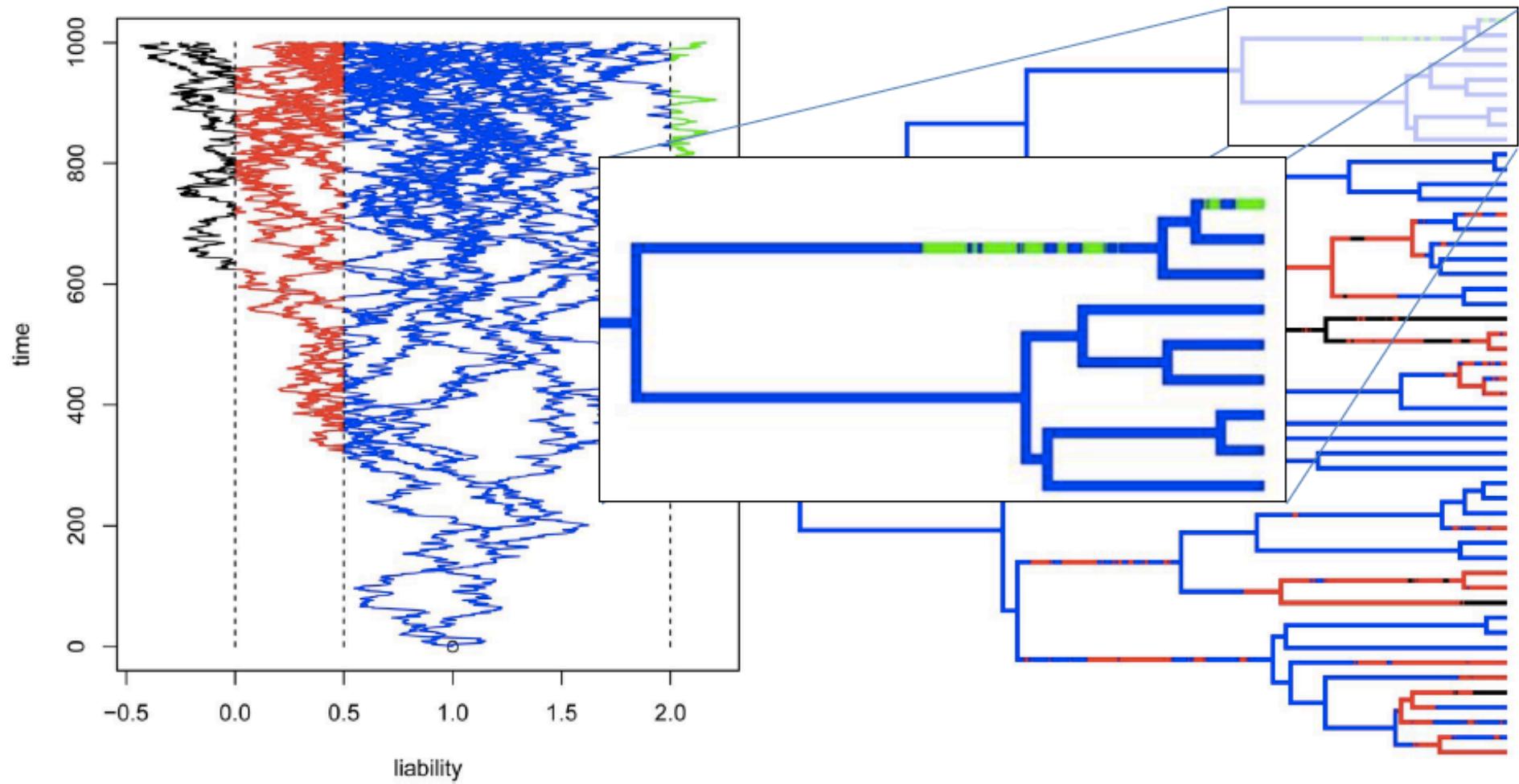


# The threshold model

if a character changed state recently from A  $\rightarrow$  C, it is much more likely to change back immediately (when near the threshold) than far in the future.



# The threshold model



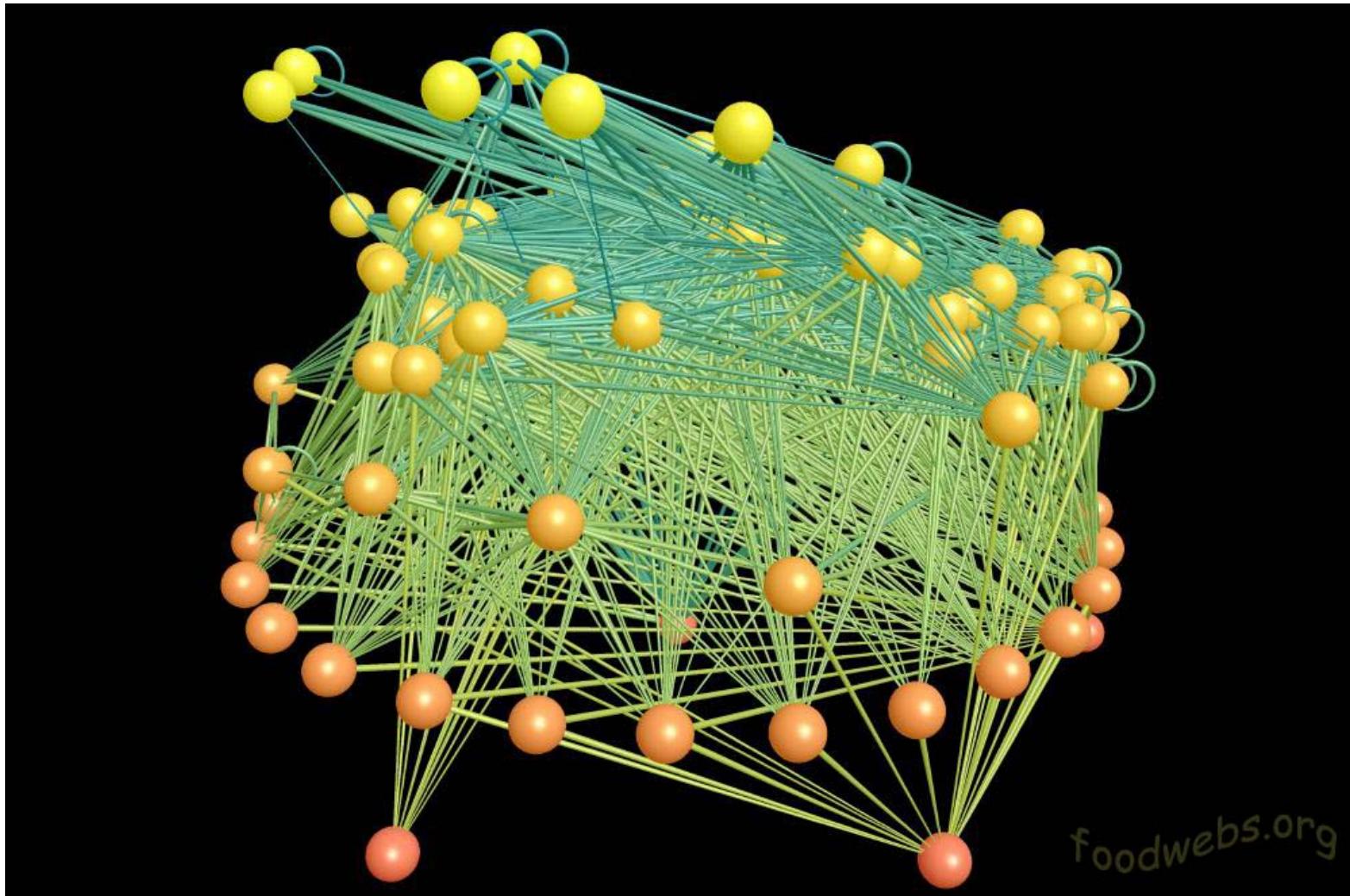
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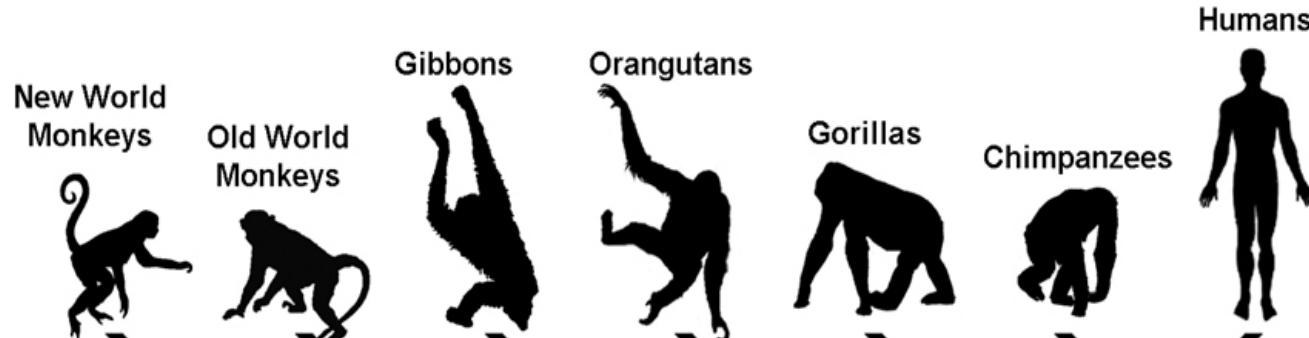
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# How to choose from so many models?



# What is the likelihood for a change 0->1?

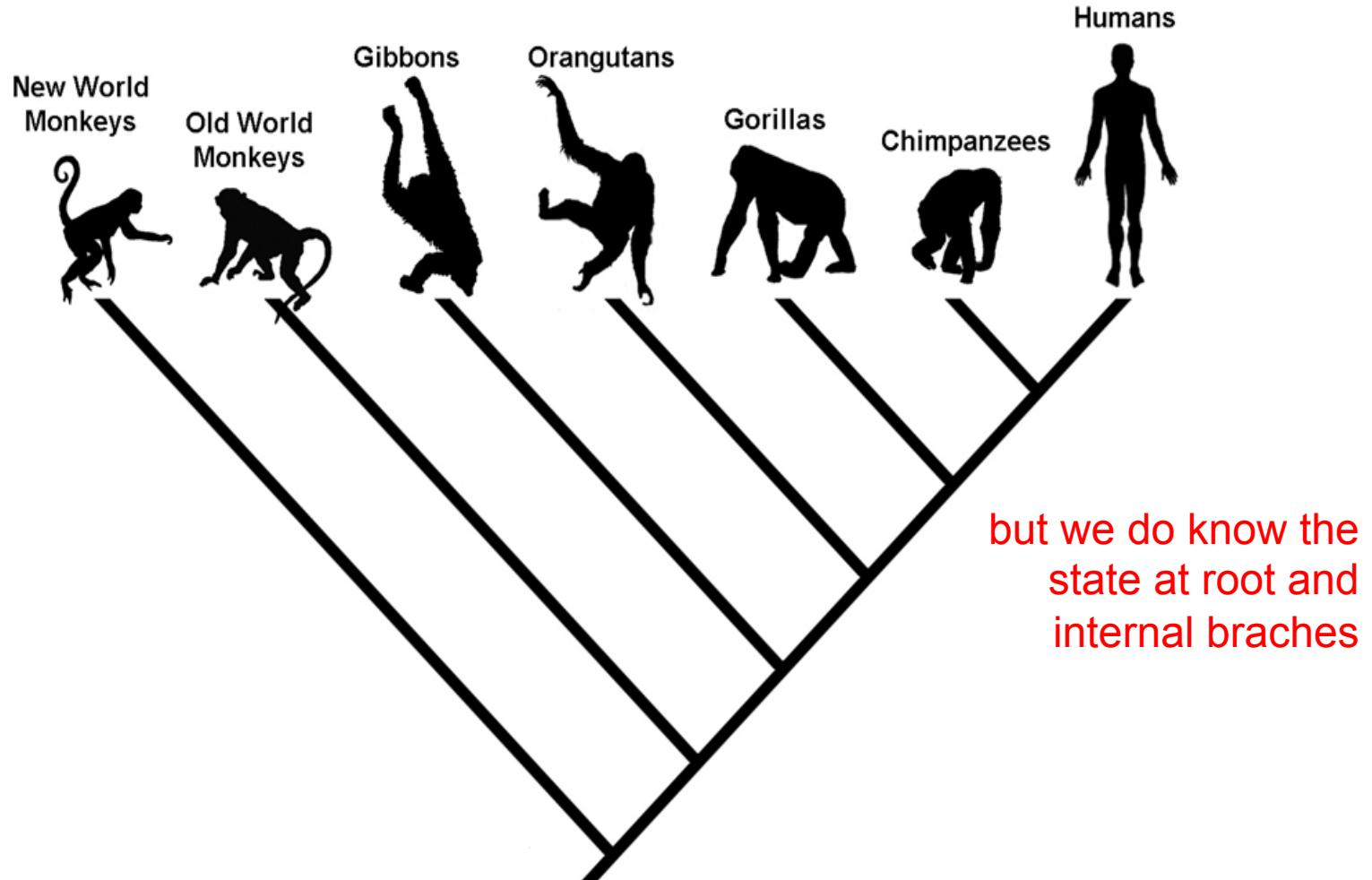


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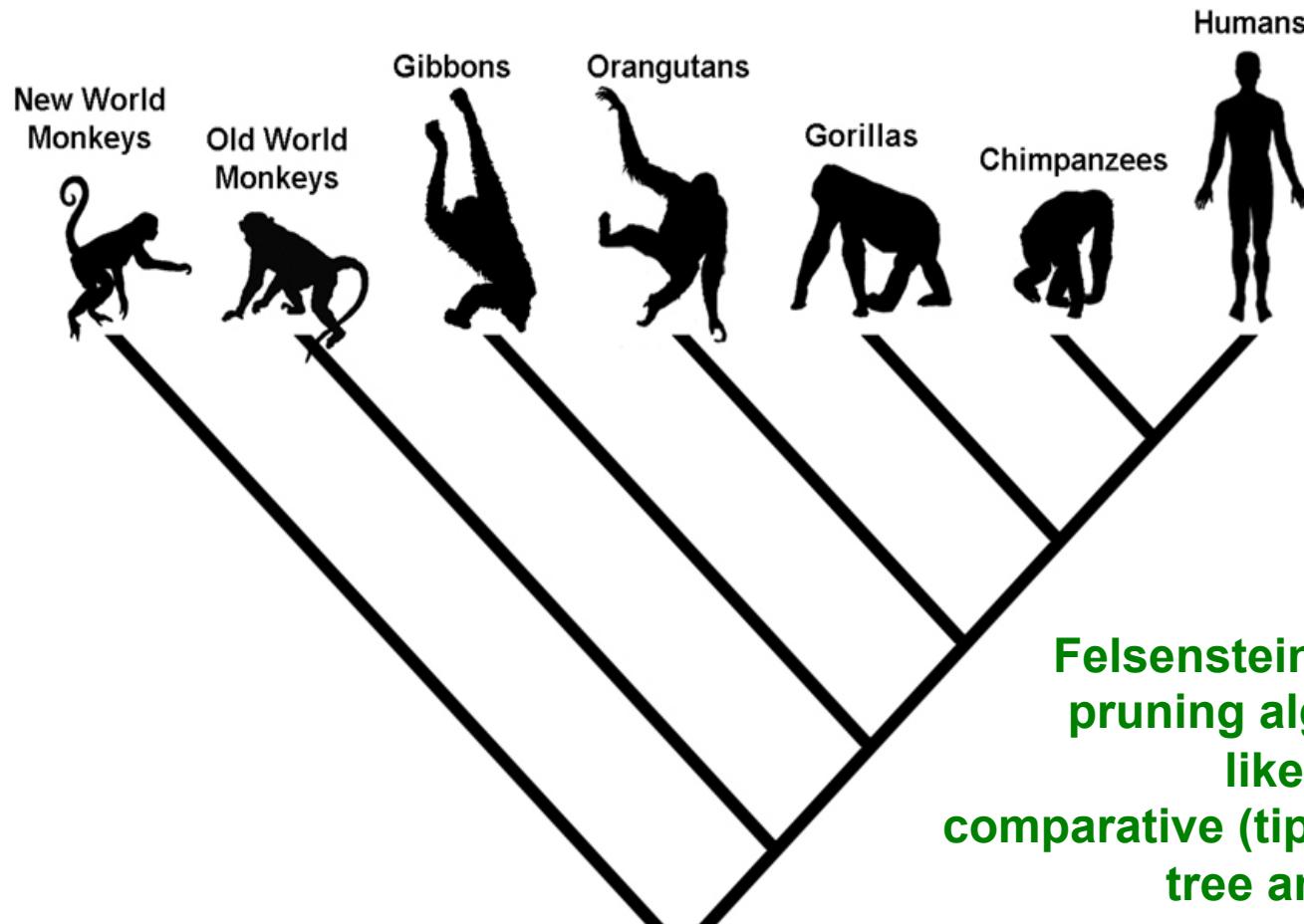
$$L = 0.475$$



# What is the likelihood for observed tip data given the tree and the model?

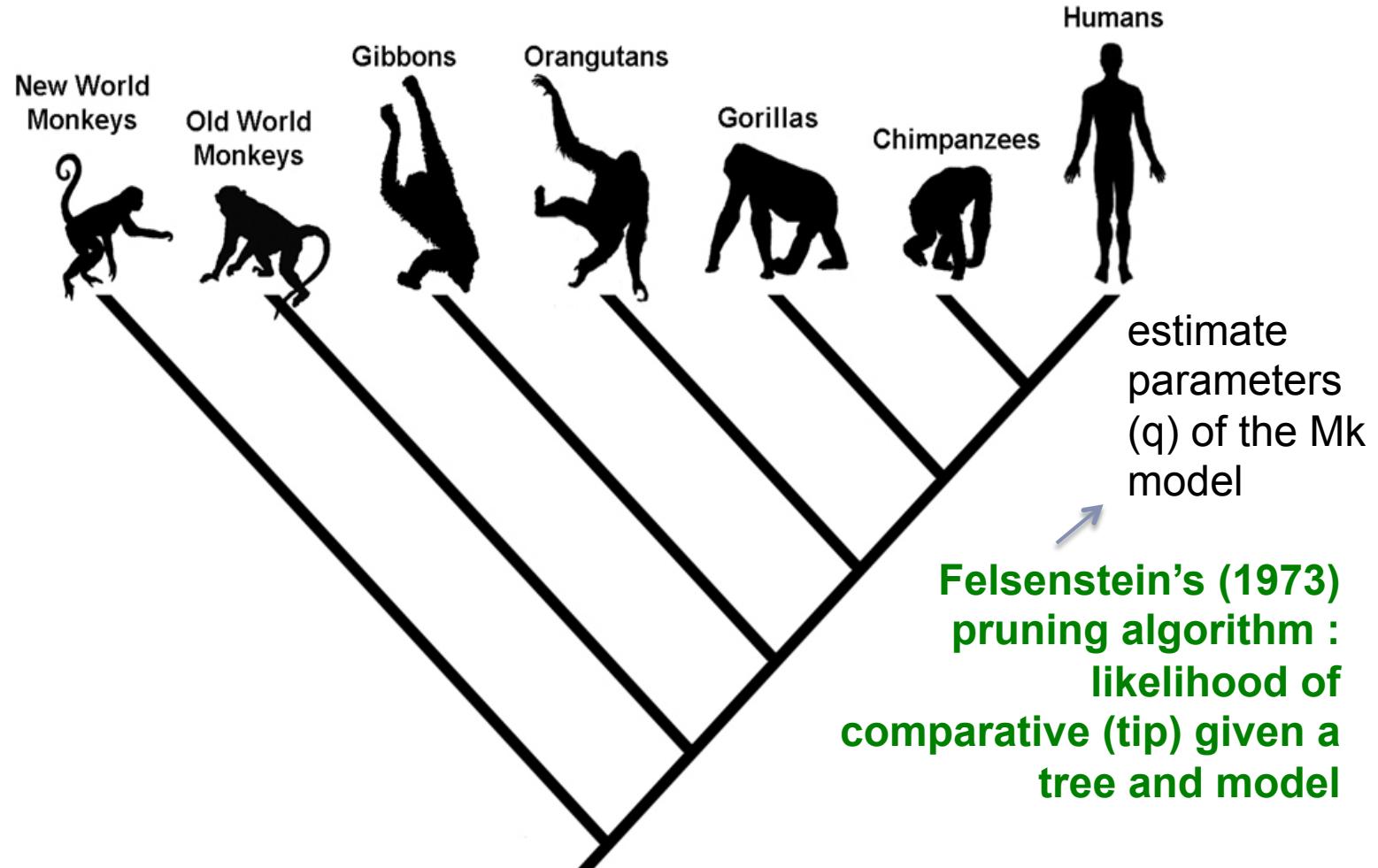


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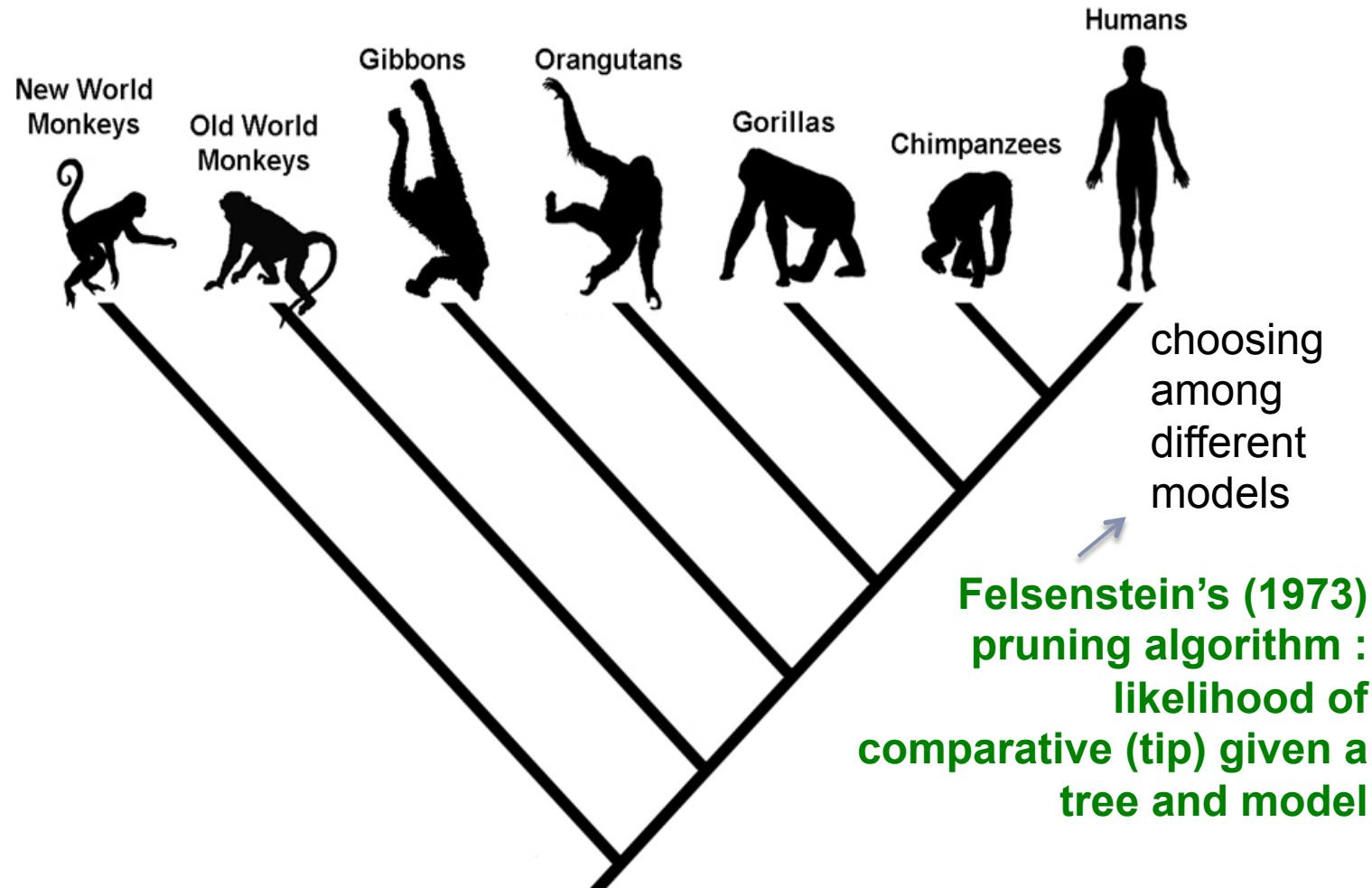


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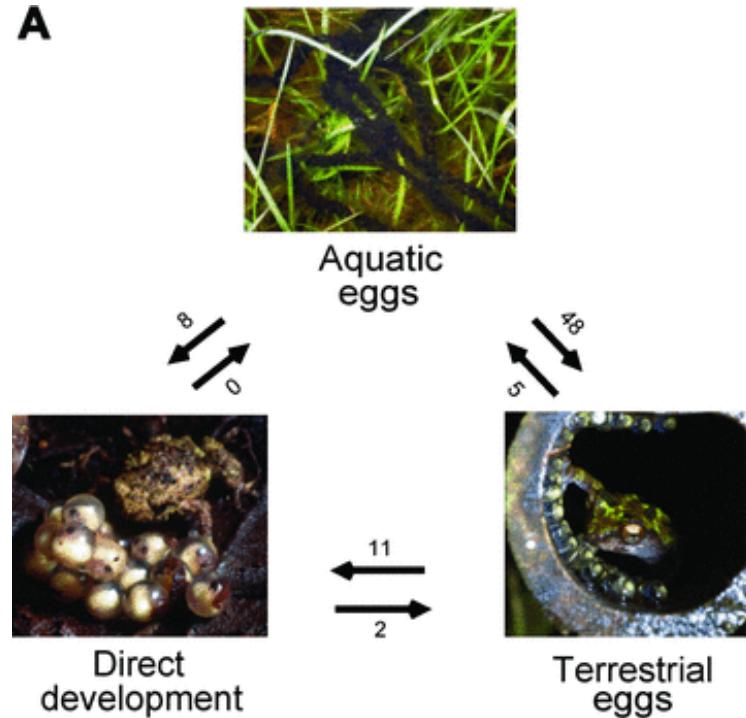


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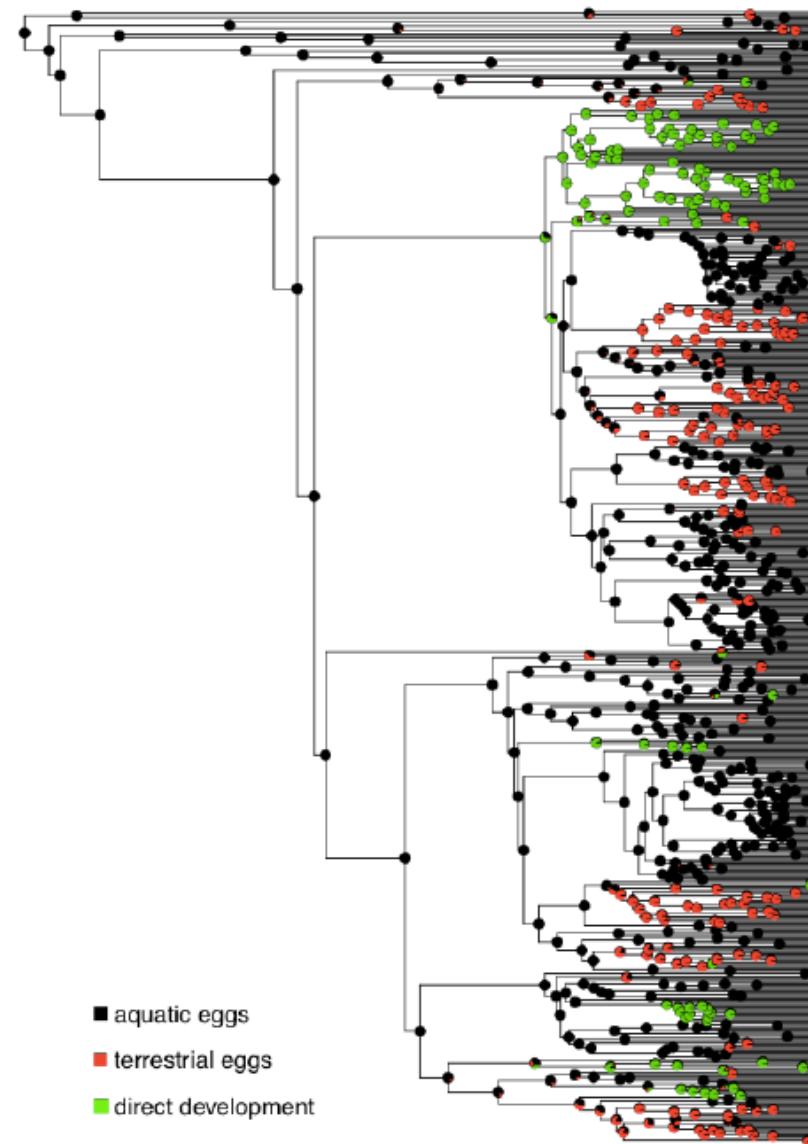


# Evolution of reproductive modes in frogs

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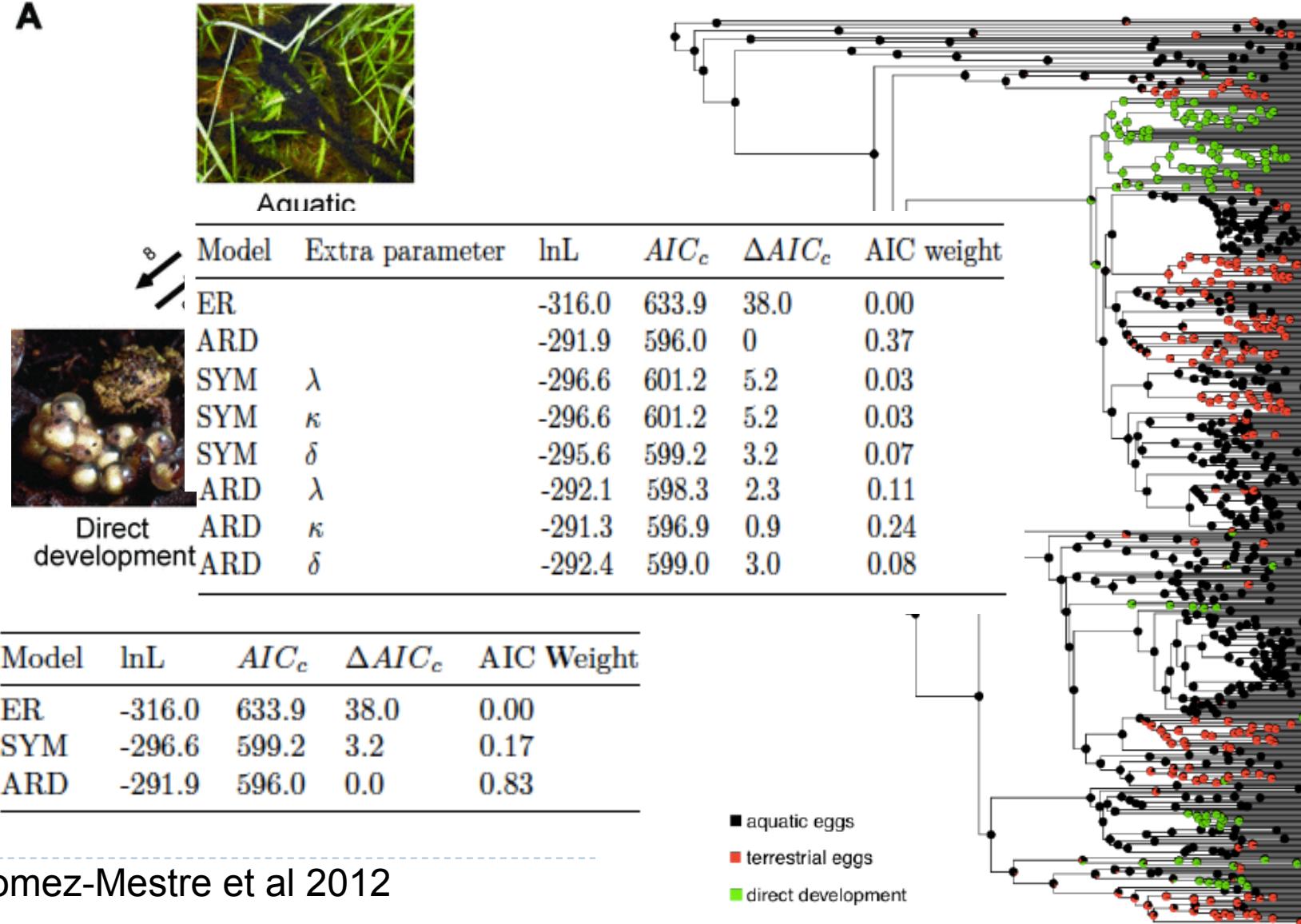
Model	lnL	$AIC_c$	$\Delta AIC_c$	AIC Weight
ER	-316.0	633.9	38.0	0.00
SYM	-296.6	599.2	3.2	0.17
ARD	-291.9	596.0	0.0	0.83



► Gomez-Mestre et al 2012

# Evolution of reproductive modes in frogs

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## Ancestral state reconstructions

# Ancestral state estimation

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- ▶ **Given**
  - ▶ the tree
  - ▶ the character (continuous vs. discrete)
  - ▶ the model of evolution
- ▶ one can provide estimates for character states at the nodes or along the branches of the phylogeny
- ▶ these are associated with uncertainty
- ▶ different approaches exists
  - ▶ provide very nice graphs, but hard to check if they are true
  - ▶ just to name some of them...

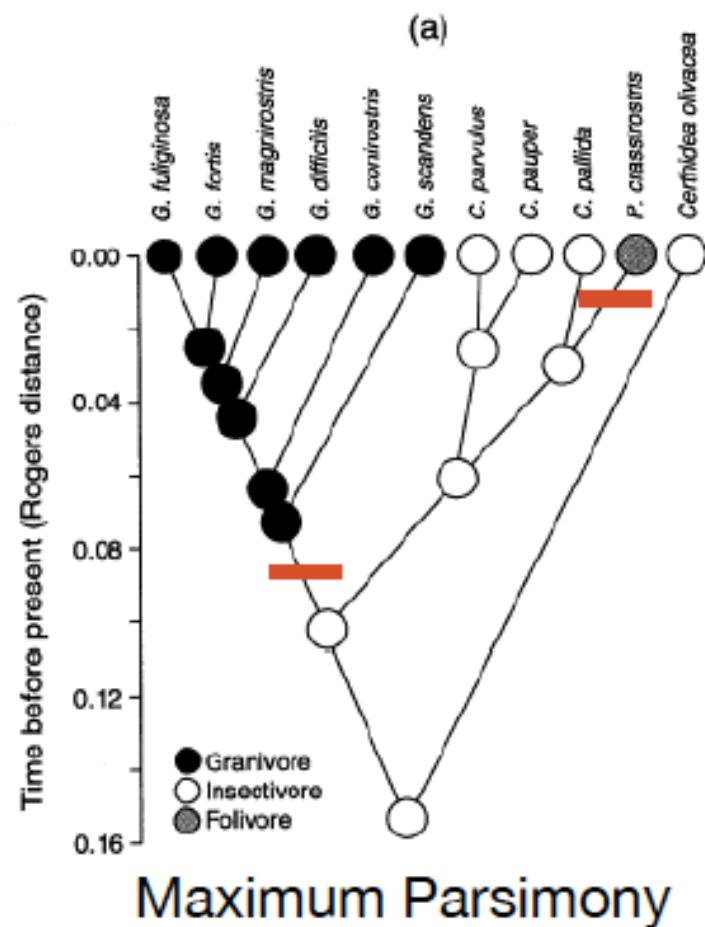


# Parsimony



"All things being equal, the simplest solution tends to be the best one."

William of Ockham



- Granivore
- Insectivore
- Folivore

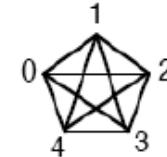
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# Parsimony

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- ▶ Unordered (Fitch)



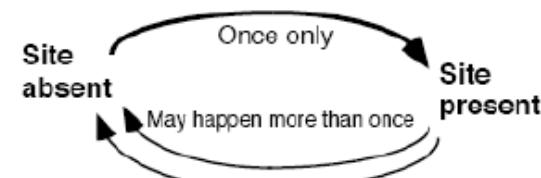
- ▶ Ordered (Wagner)

0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4

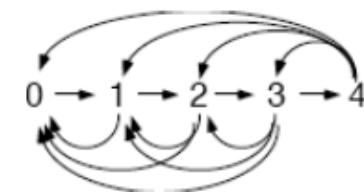
- ▶ Irreversible (Camin-Sokal)

0 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 4

- ▶ Dollo



- ▶ Step matrix



# Parsimony

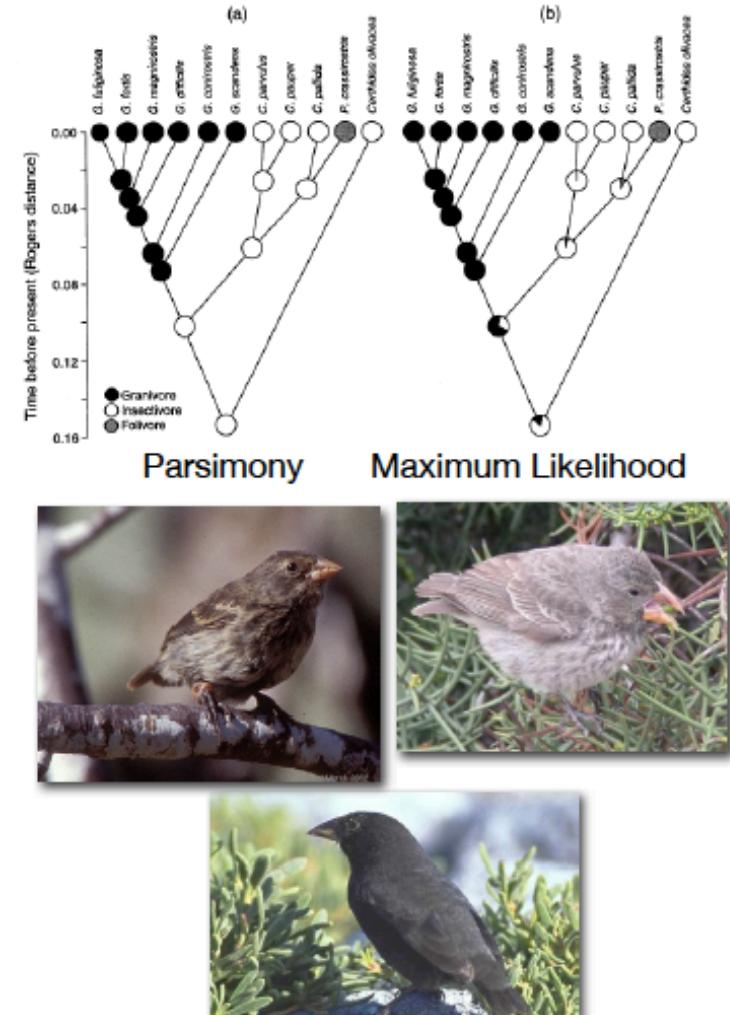
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- ▶ Limitations:
  - ▶ Does not care about branch lengths (one change per branch regardless of how long)
  - ▶ Performs poorly with rapidly evolving traits, favors divergence toward the tips of the tree
    - ▶ the parsimony reconstruction will only accurately reflect the evolutionary process for our character when **Q** is very small
  - ▶ Does not provide errors, and does not say anything about less supported models



# Maximum likelihood

- ▶ Uses the  $Mk$  model for evolution of discrete traits
- ▶ Uses maximum likelihood
  - ▶ to estimate rates
  - ▶ to reconstruct ancestral states in a form of probability
- ▶ Incorporate branch lengths
- ▶ Works well with fast rates
- ▶ Confidence/error around estimates
- ▶ It has its own limitations
  - ▶ requires a model
  - ▶ local optima problem for non-convex surfaces



# Felsenstein's (1973) pruning algorithm

nested sum of transition  
probabilities along the hierarchical  
structure of the tree

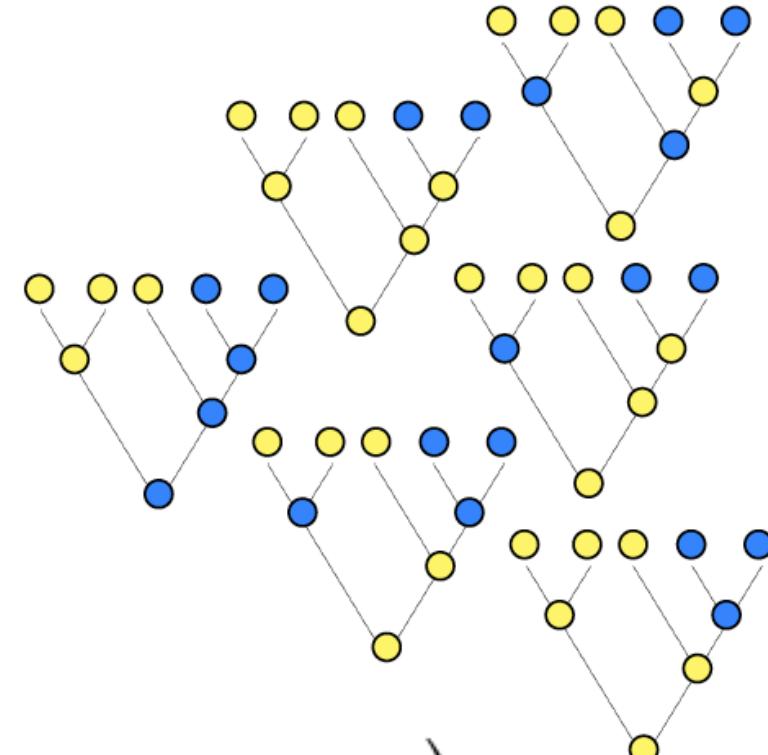
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character state at  
node x

branch length

possible character  
states



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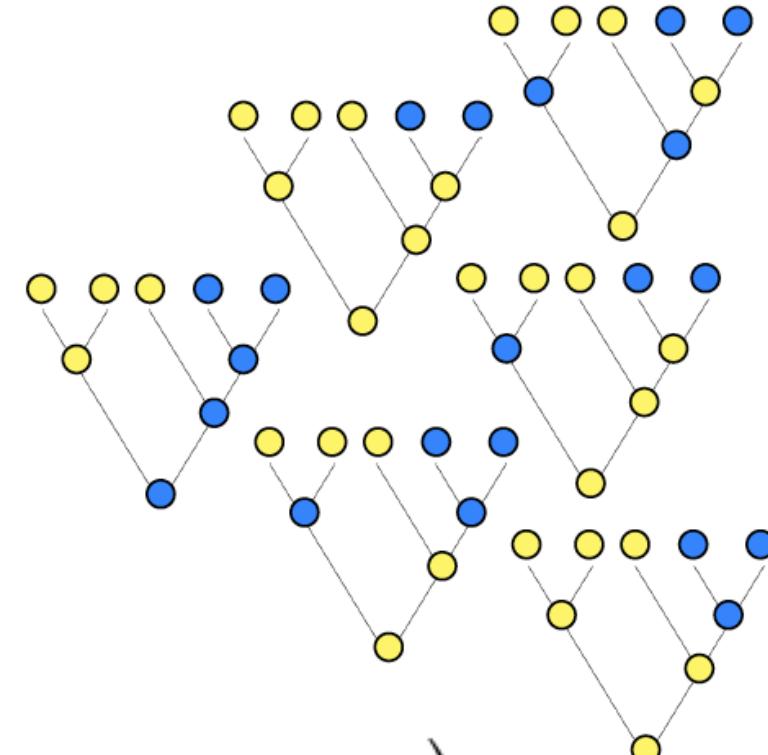
nested sum of transition  
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find the assignment to  $S_x$  for all  $x$  internal  
nodes that maximizes the likelihood of the  
observed data for a given tree.

likelihood of subtree  
rooted at node  $x$

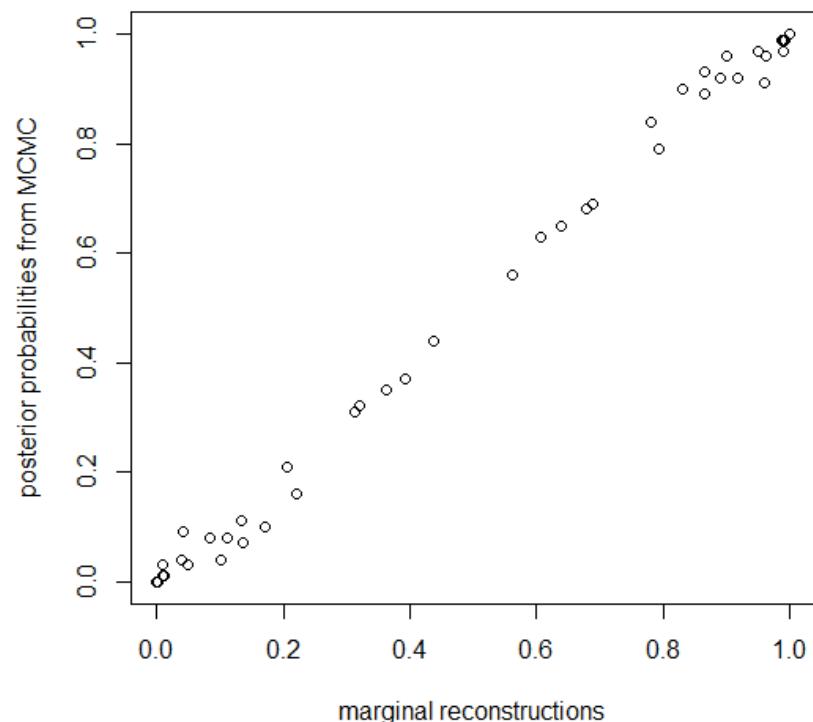
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character state at node  $x$       branch length      possible character states



# Maximum likelihood

- ▶ Joint reconstruction: finding the set of character states at all nodes that (jointly) maximize the likelihood
- ▶ Marginal reconstruction: finding the state at the current node that maximizes the likelihood independently of the reconstruction of all other ancestral states



- ▶ <http://blog.phytools.org/2015/05/about-how-acemarginaltrue-does-not.html>

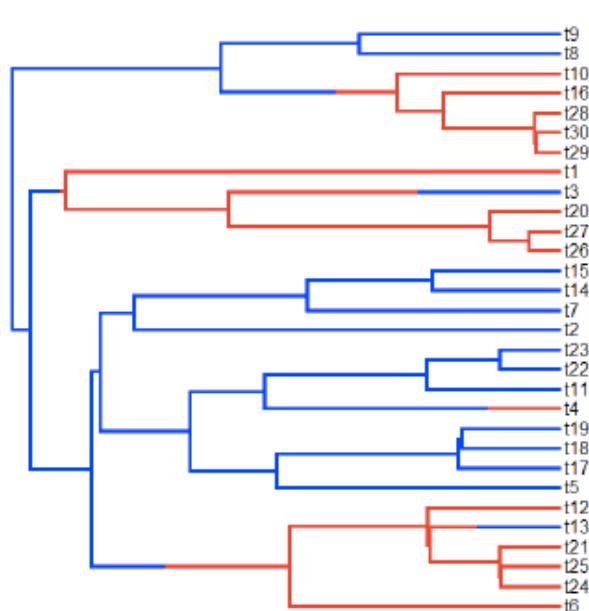
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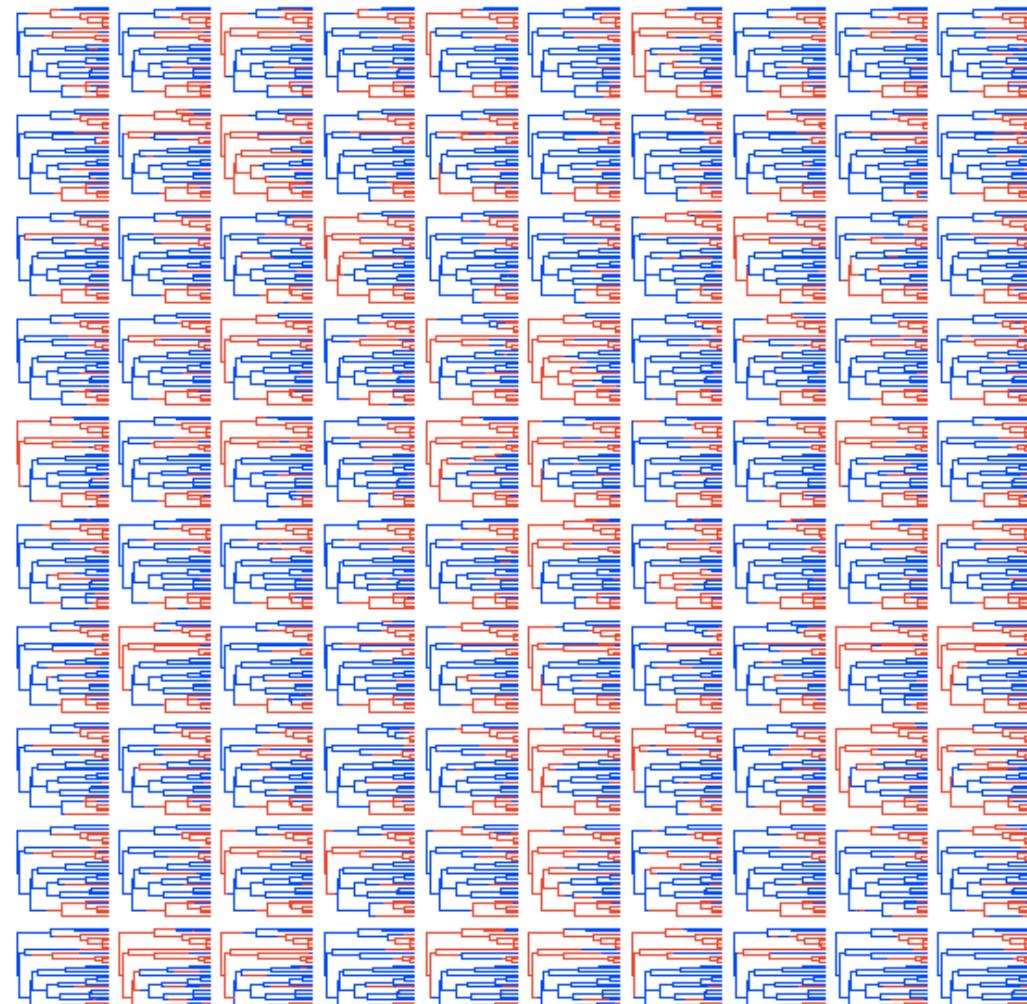
- ▶ Sampling character histories in direct proportion to their posterior probability under a model
  - ▶ sample a transition matrix  $Q$
  - ▶ sample ancestral states
  - ▶ simulate character histories along all the edges of the tree conditioned on  $Q$  and node states



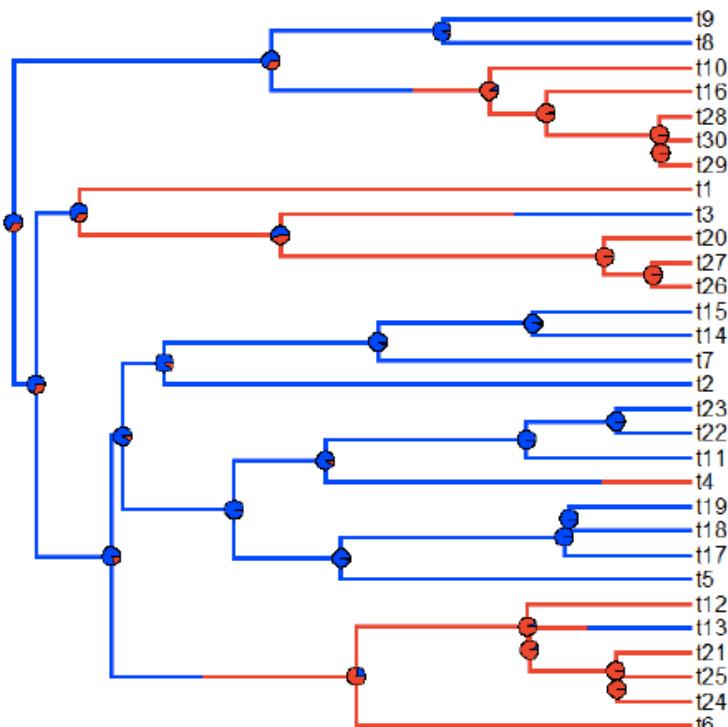
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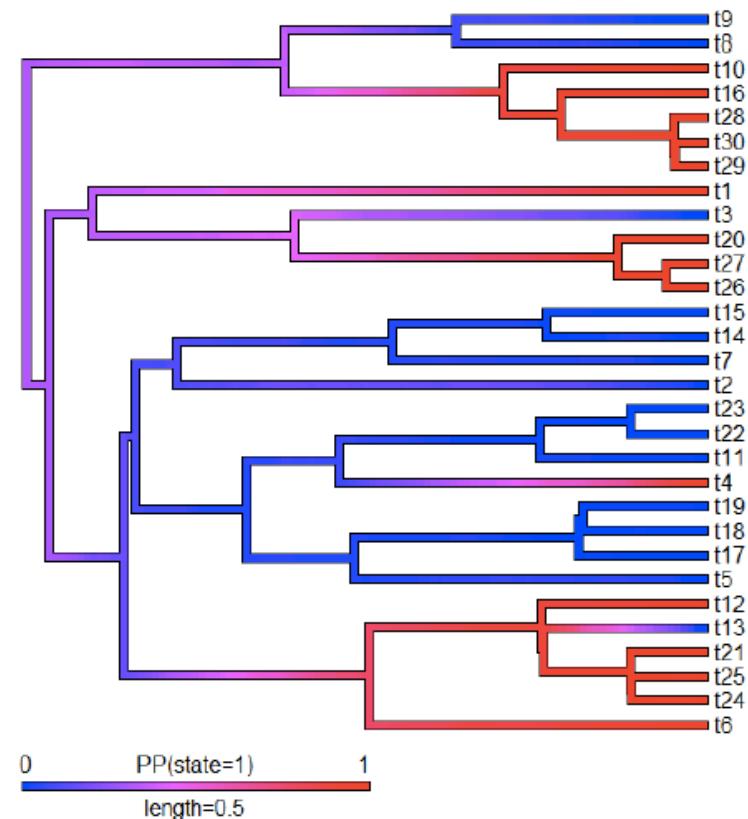
**Figure.** True history (above) & sample of stochastic character maps from the empirical Bayes posterior distribution (right).



# Stochastic character mapping



**Figure.** True history with posterior probabilities from stochastic mapping.



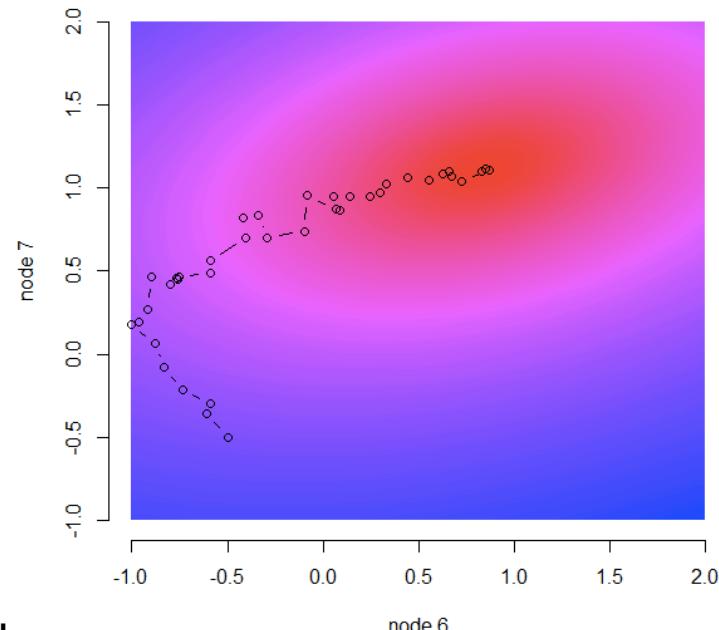
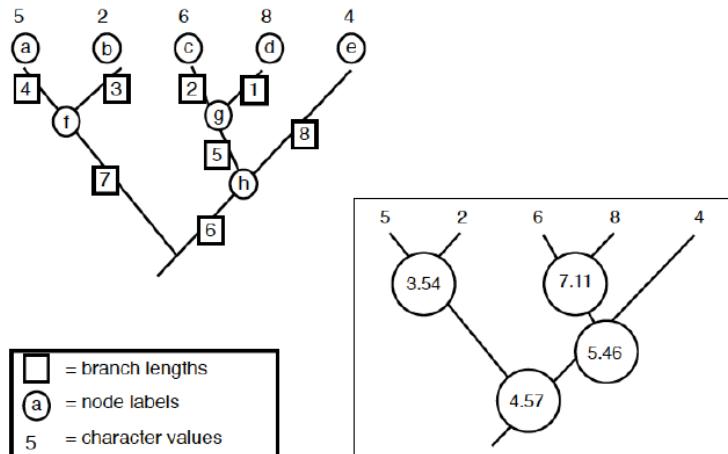
**Figure.** Posterior density map from stochastic mapping.



# Ancestral state estimation of continuous characters

- ▶ Maximum likelihood: need to find set of ancestral states that maximize the probability of data & tree

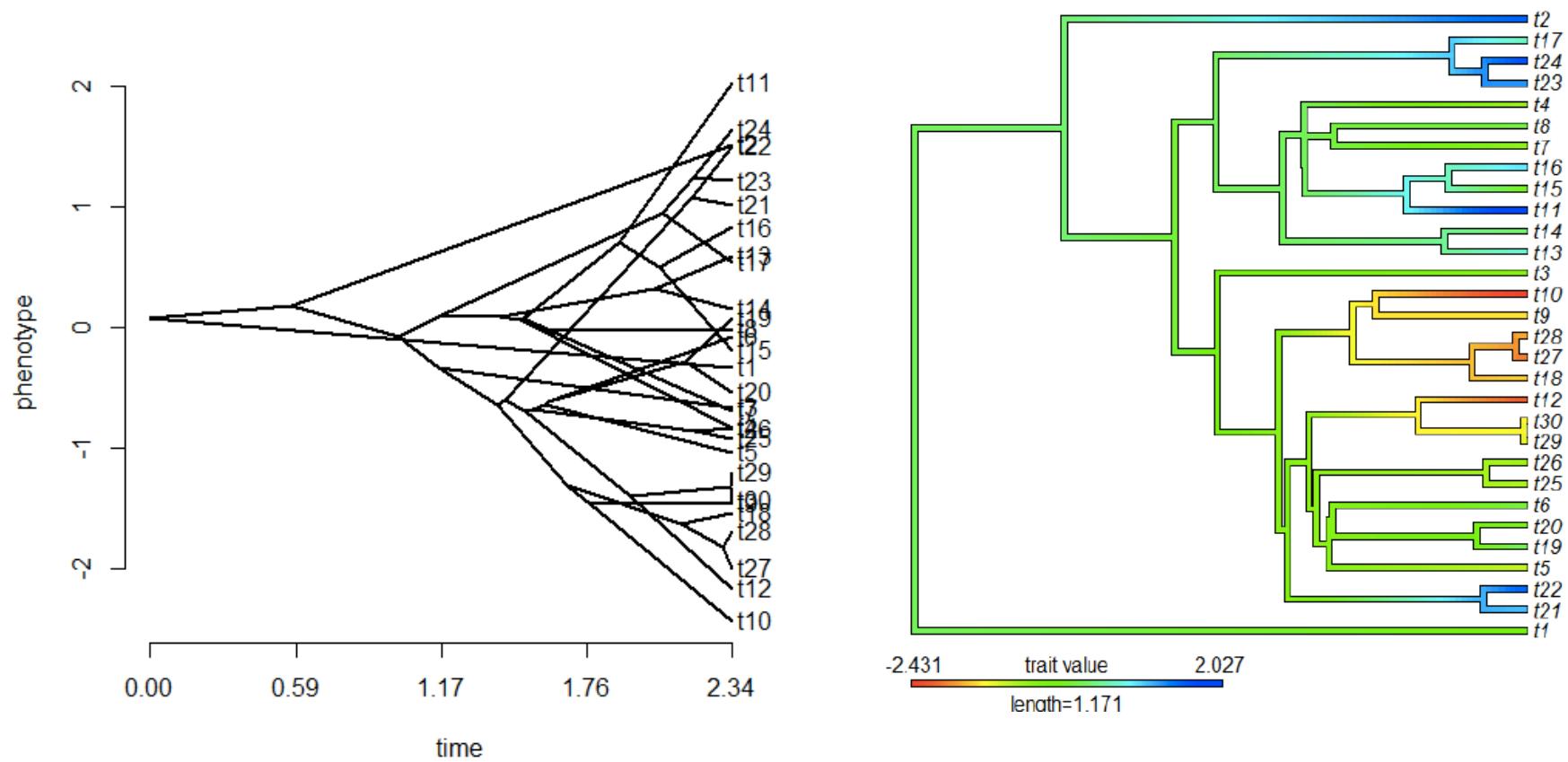
$$L(\mathbf{a}, a_0, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp[-\frac{1}{2}([\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}] - a_0 \mathbf{1})' (\sigma^2 \mathbf{T})^{-1} ([\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}] - a_0 \mathbf{1})]}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{n+m-1} |\sigma^2 \mathbf{T}|}}$$



- ▶ <http://www.phytools.org/eql2015/asr.html>

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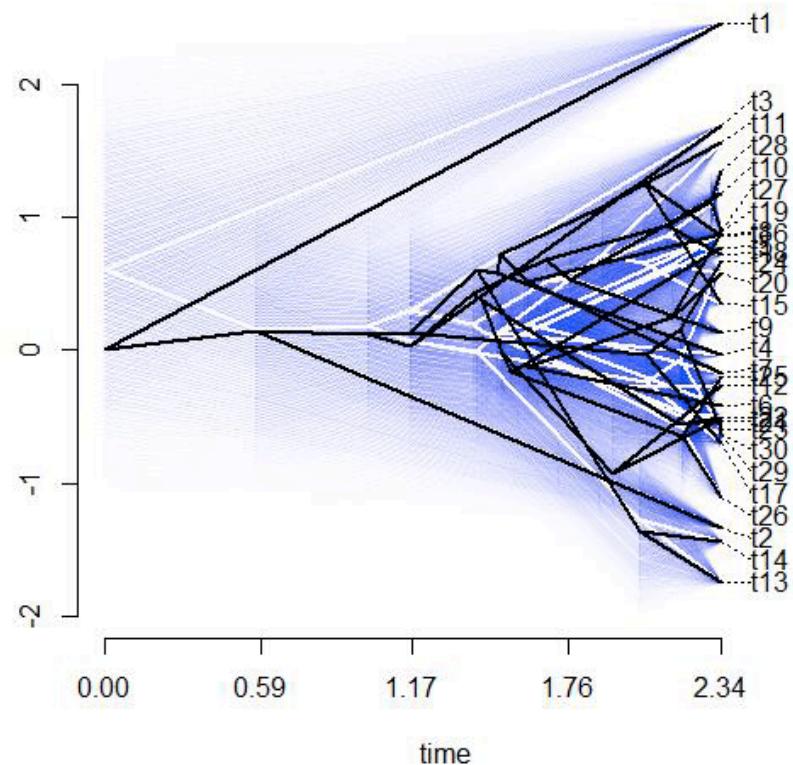


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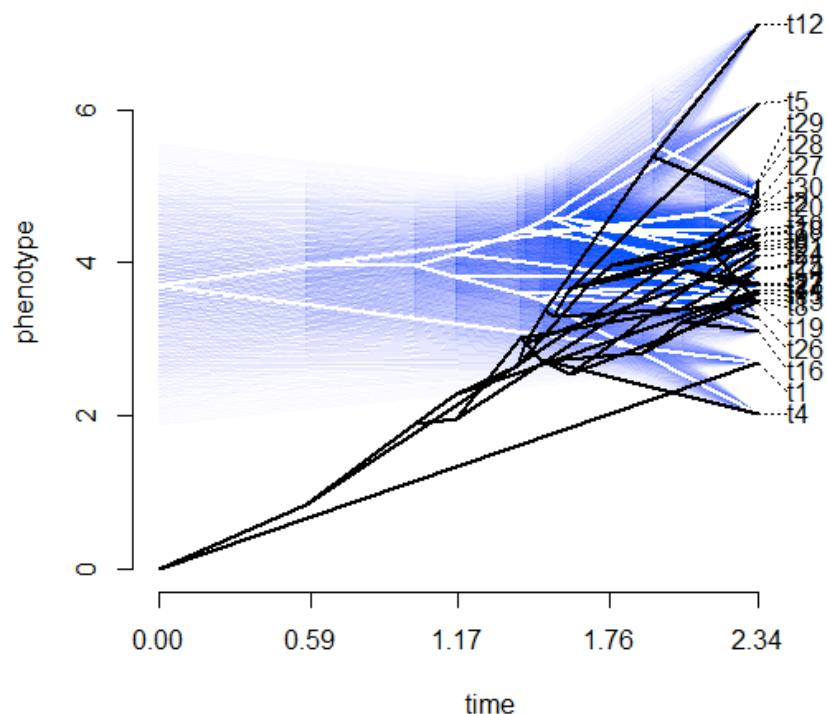
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## Uncertainty



## Bias



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