

Generalizing Bayesian phylogenetics to infer shared evolutionary events

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The last 5 years



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- ▶ My vision for a position at the LIB



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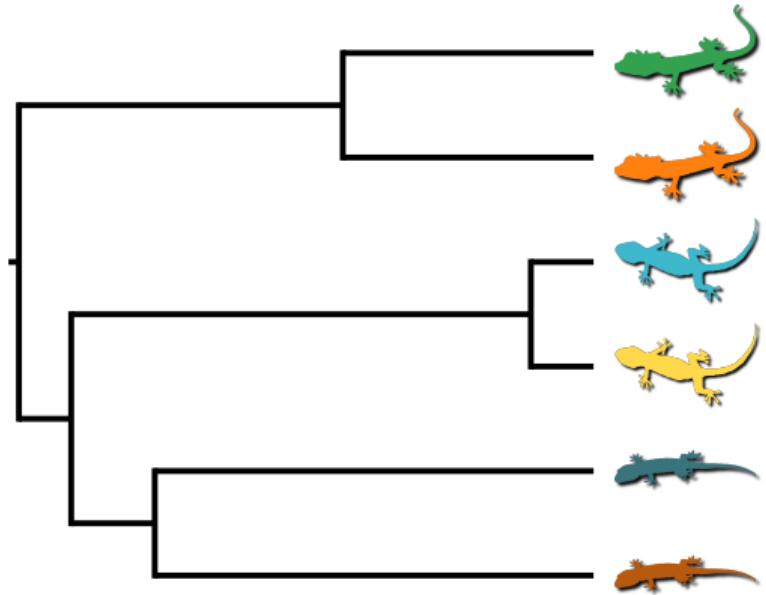
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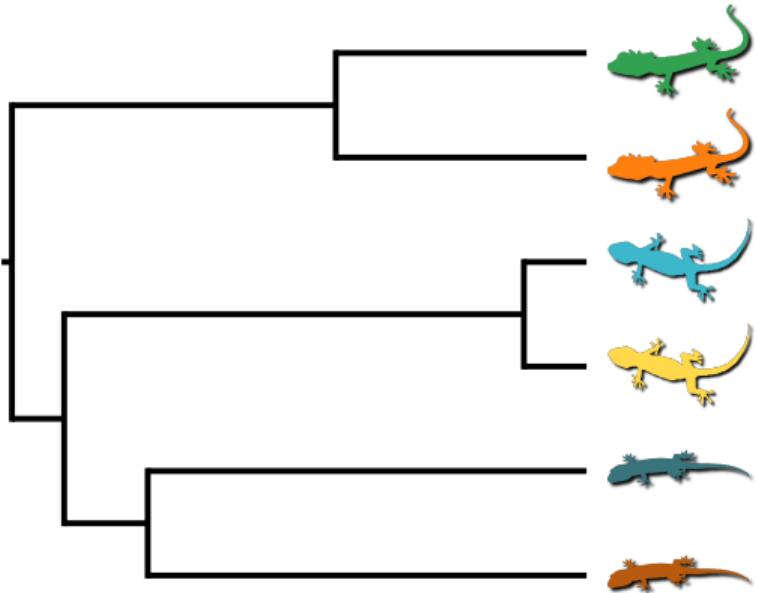
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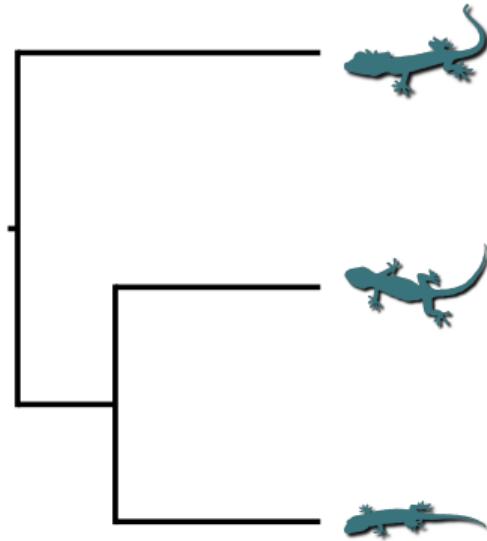


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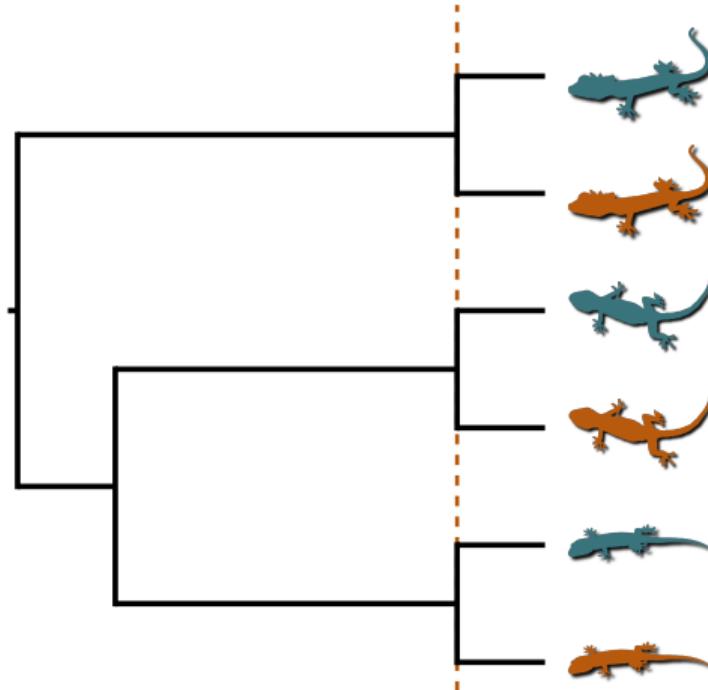


- ▶ **Assumption:** All processes of diversification affect each lineage independently and only cause bifurcating divergences.

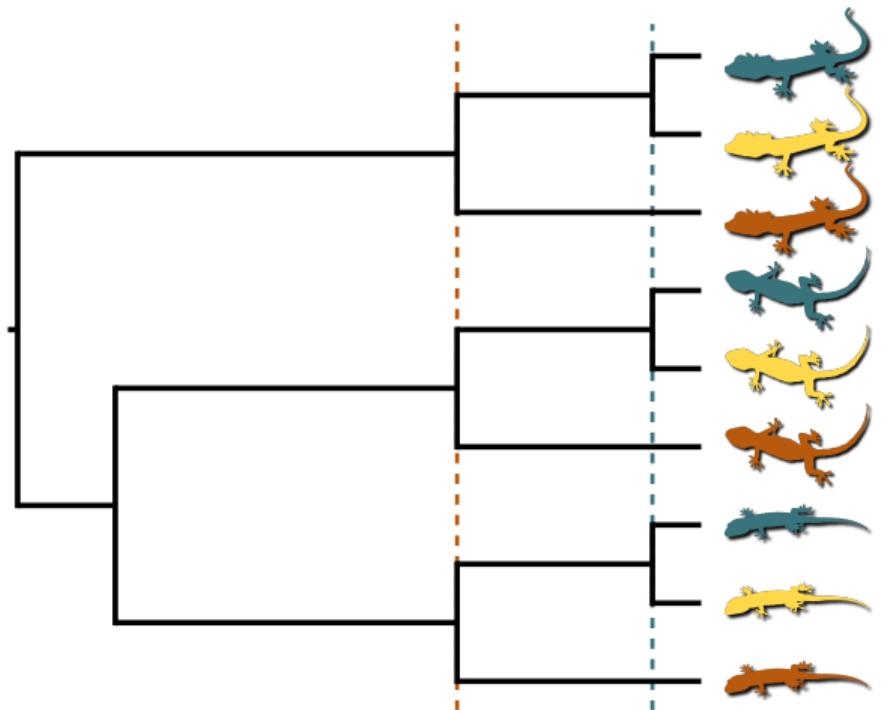




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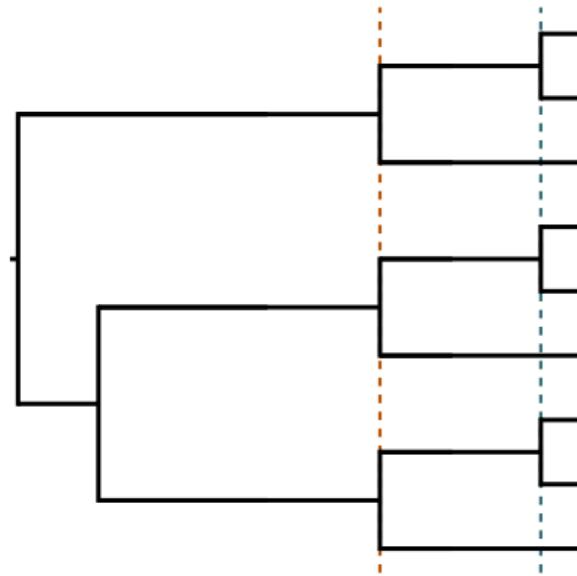


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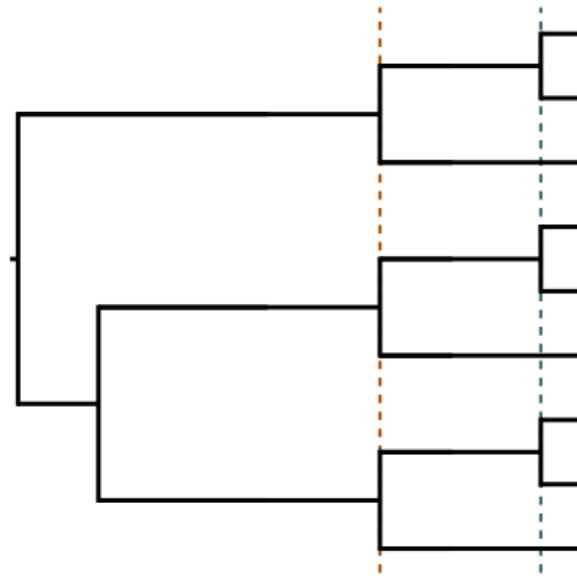


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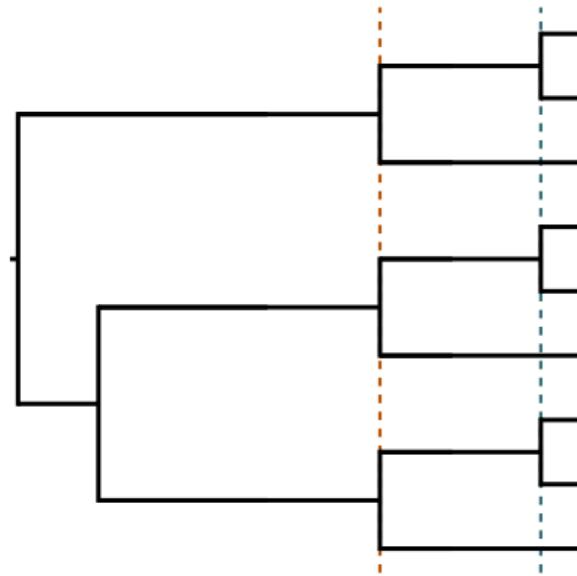
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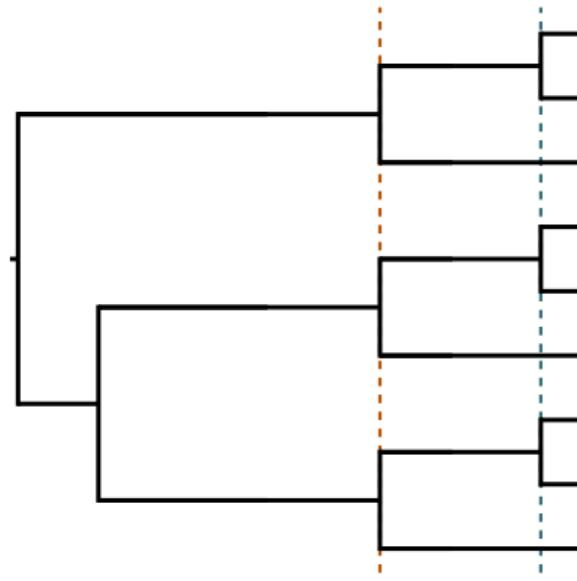
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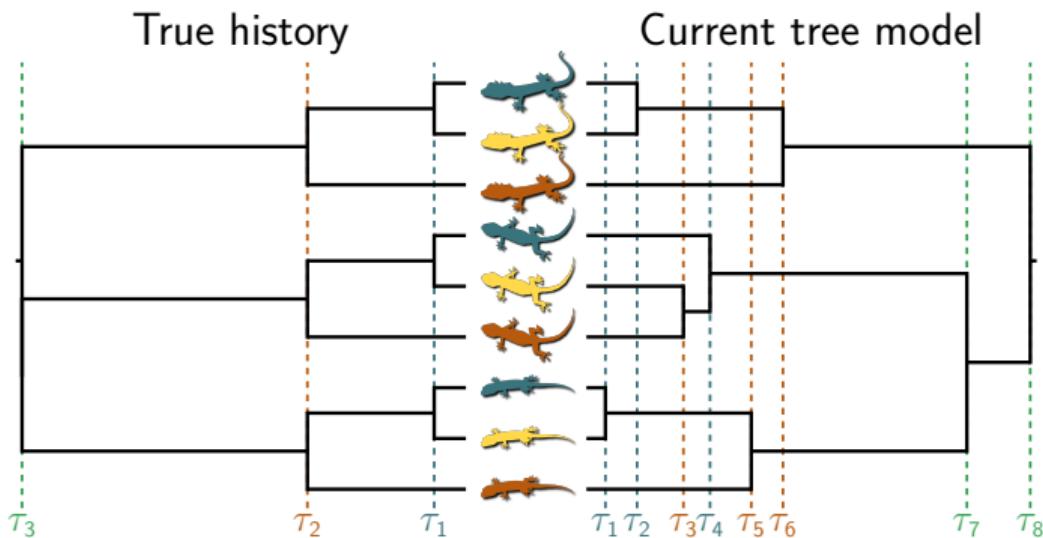
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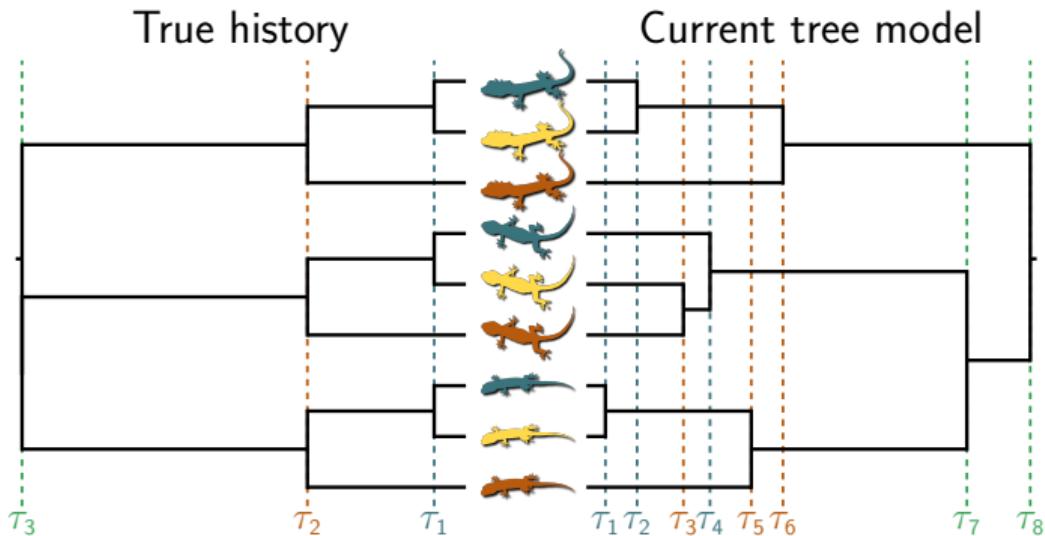
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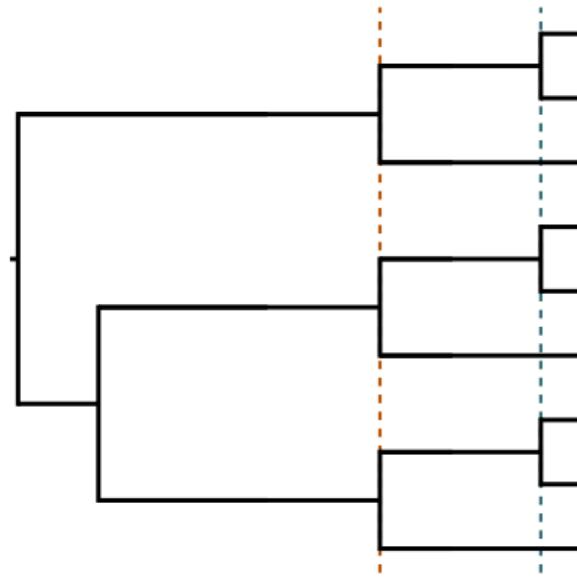
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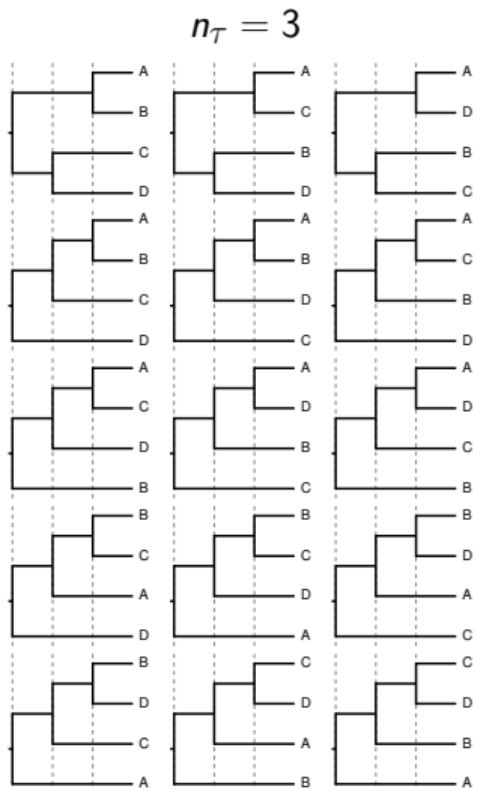
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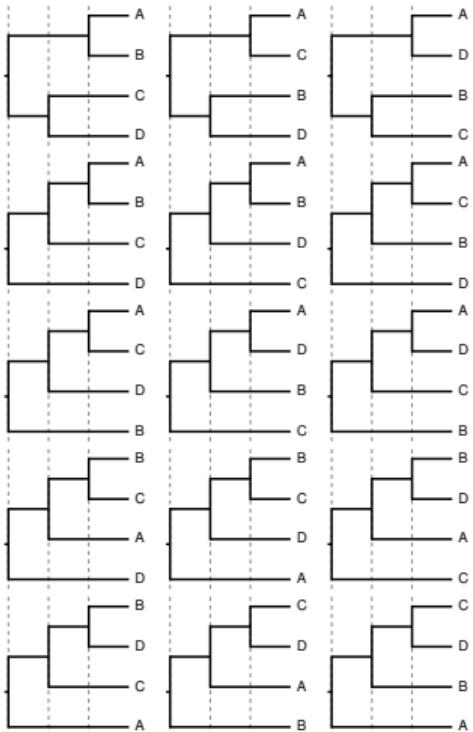
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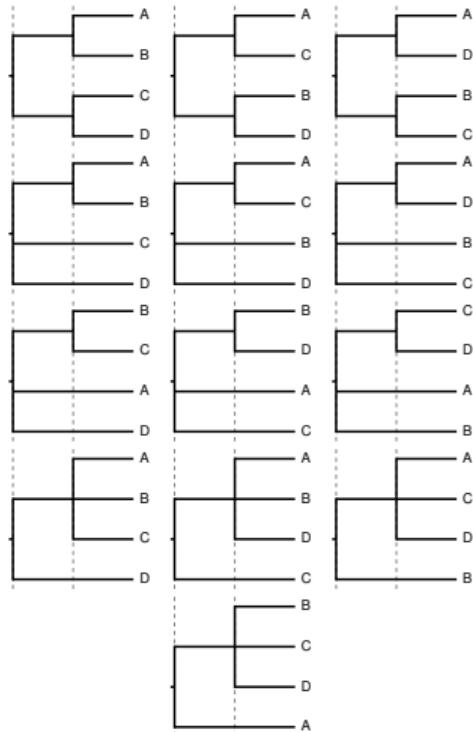


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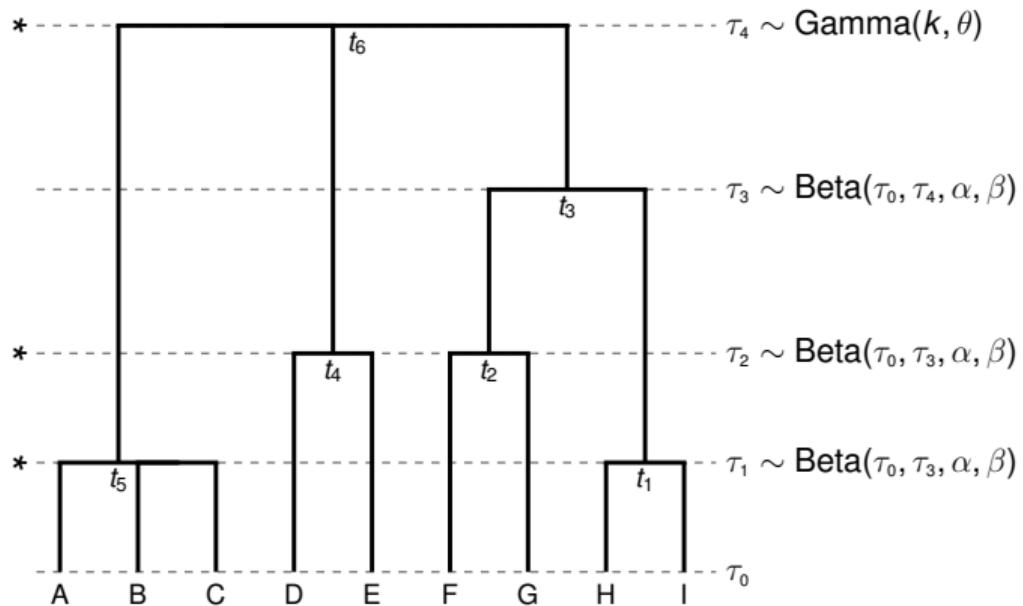


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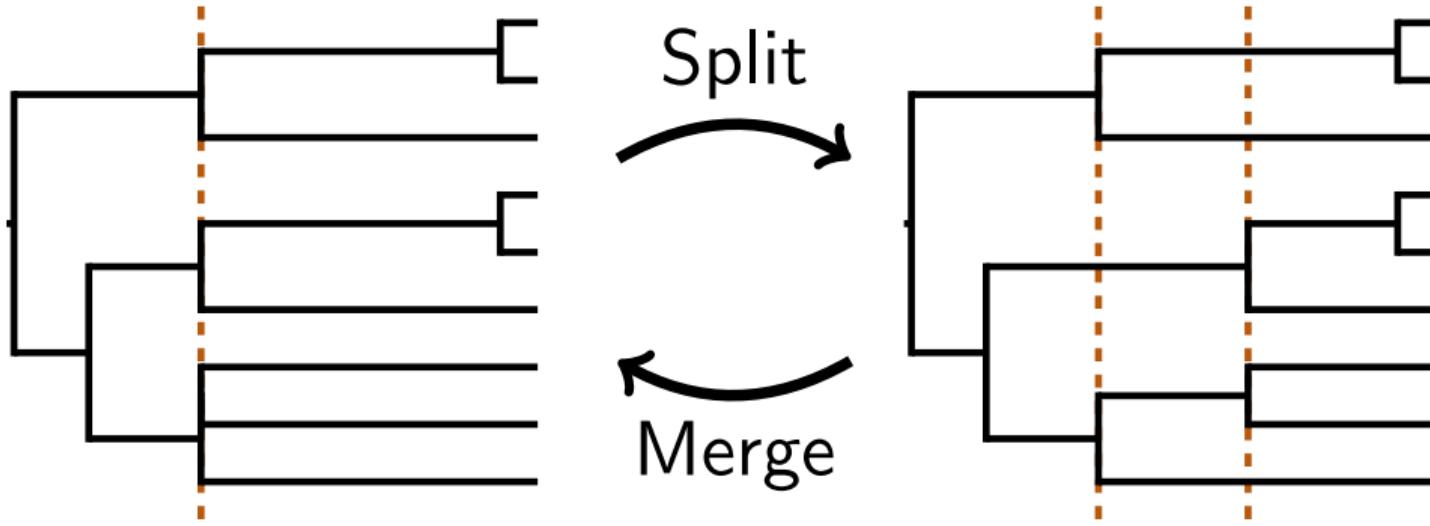


Generalized tree distribution

- ▶ All topologies equally probable
- ▶ Parametric distribution on age of root
- ▶ Beta distributions on other div times

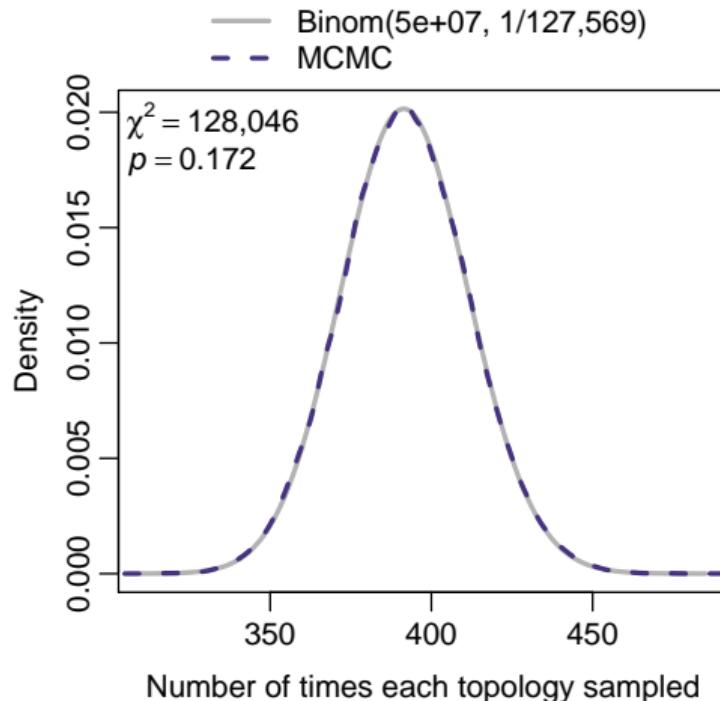


Inferring trees with shared divergences



Reversible-jump MCMC

Validating rjMCMC with 7-leaf tree



The rjMCMC algorithms sample the expected generalized tree distribution

PhycoEval

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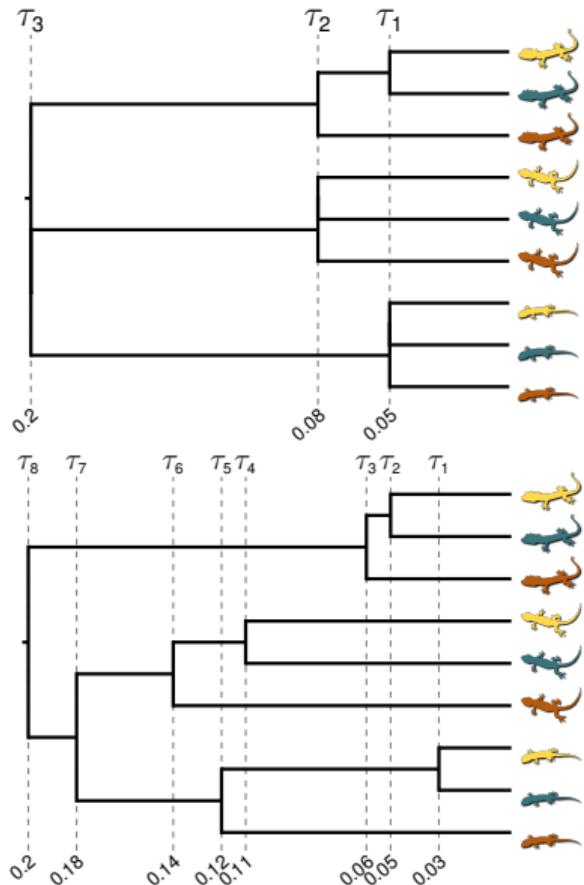
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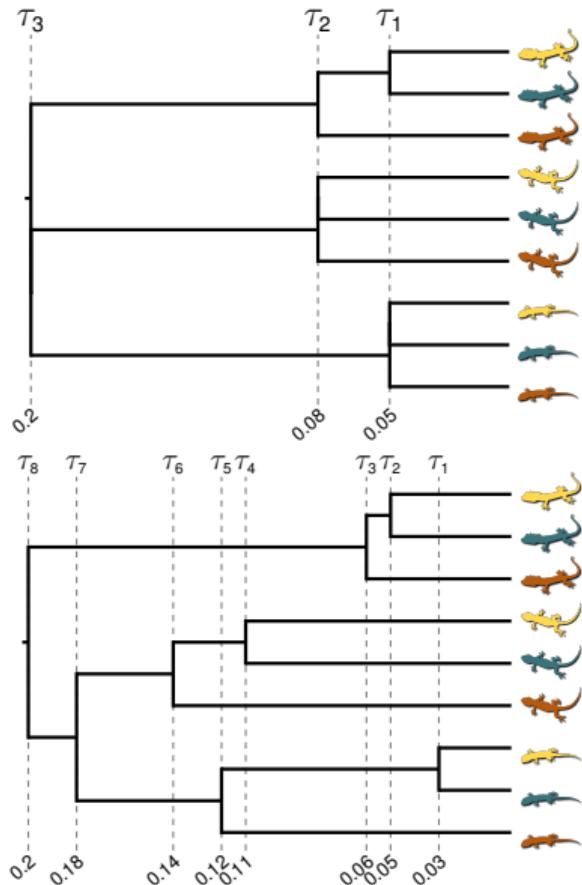
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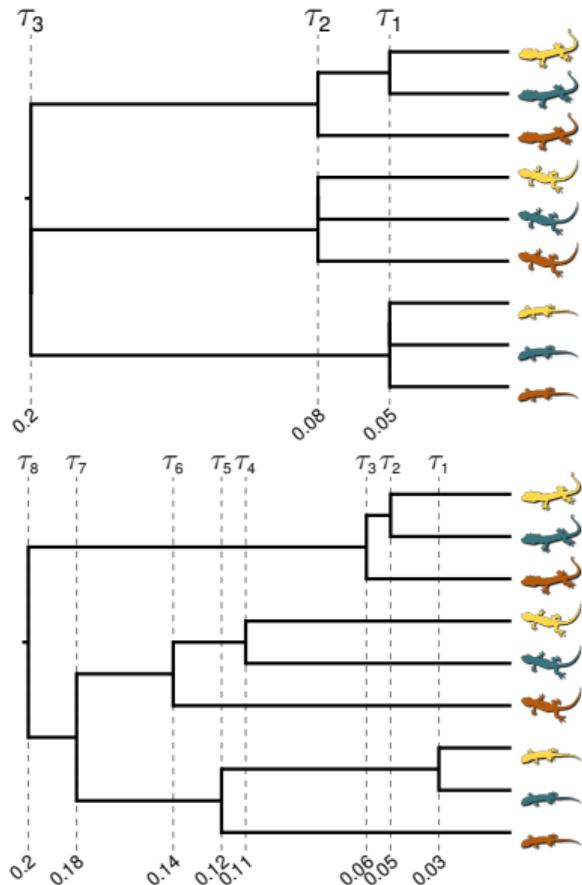
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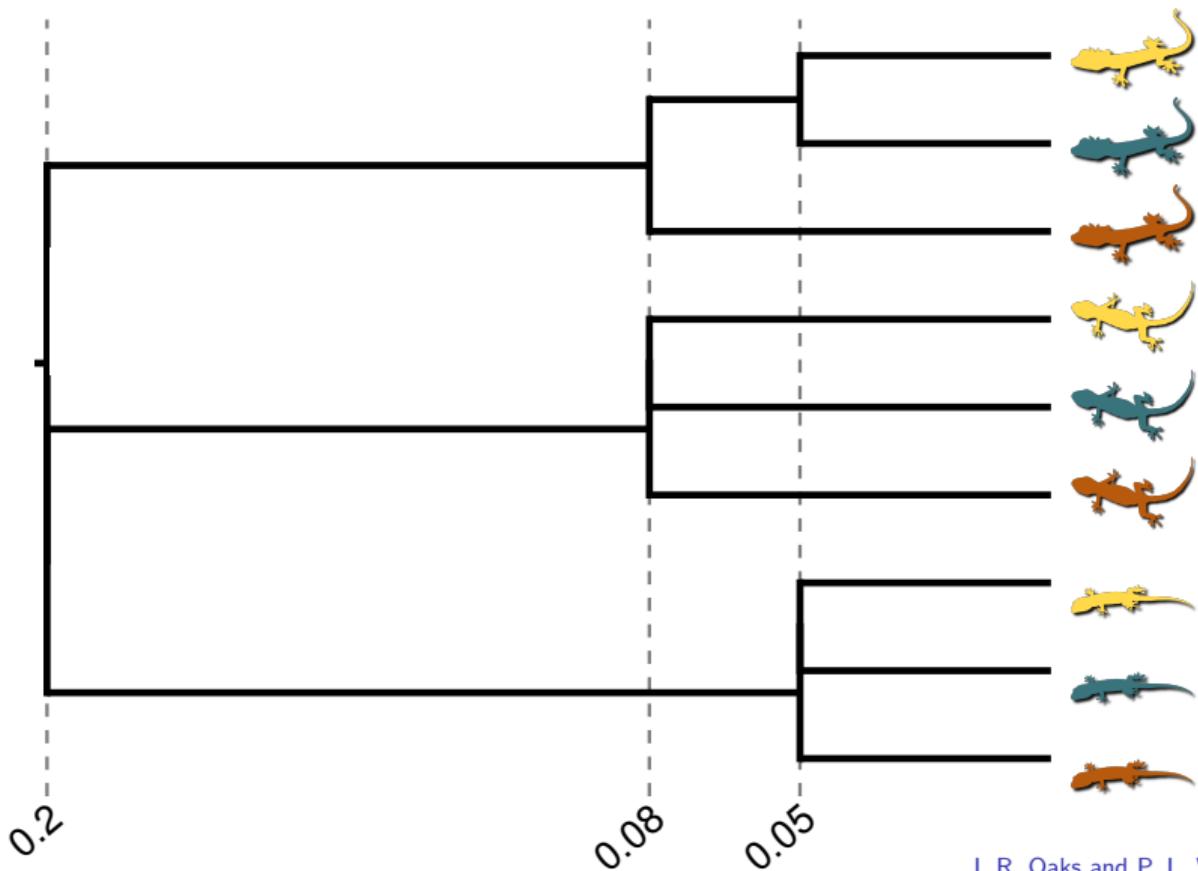
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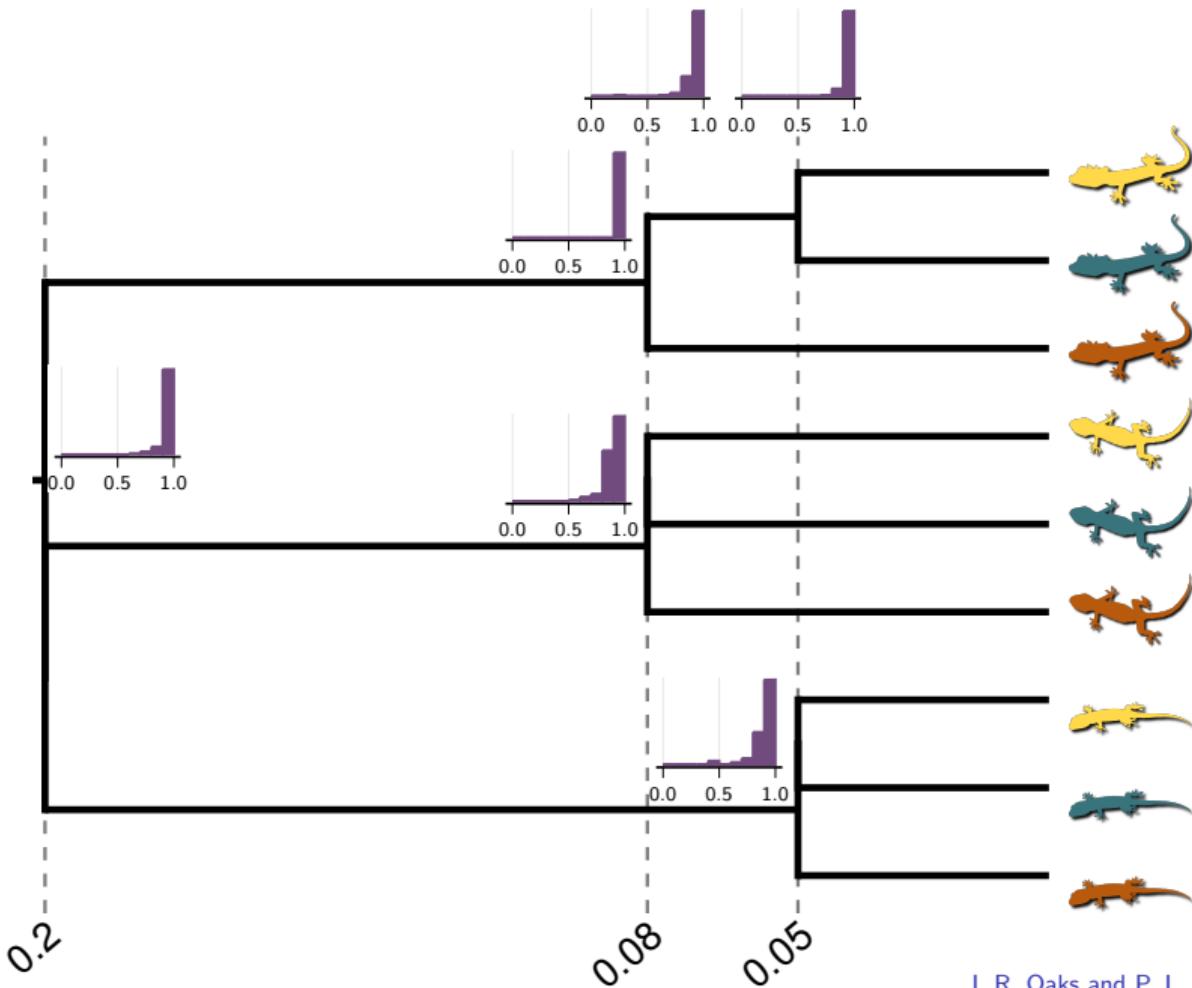


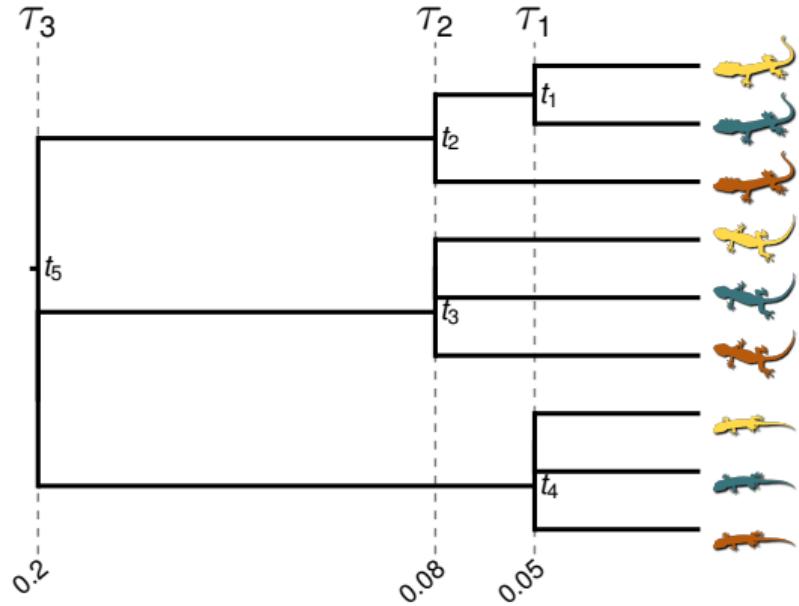
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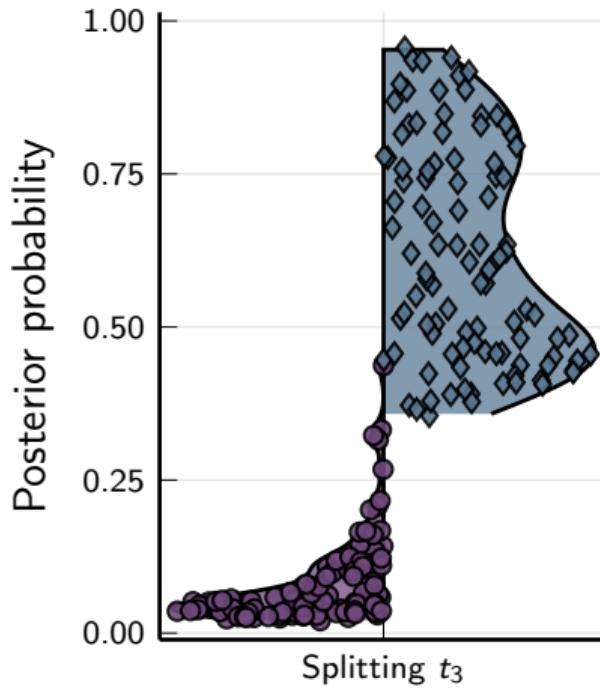
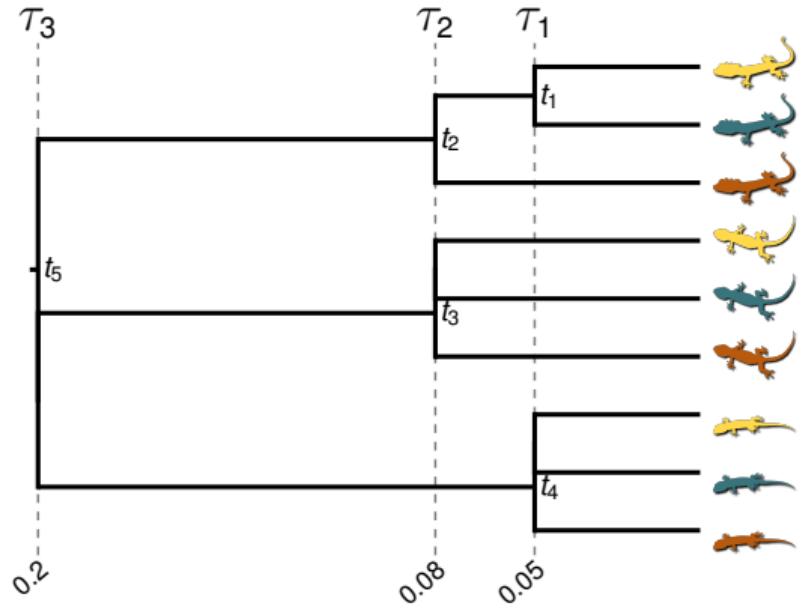






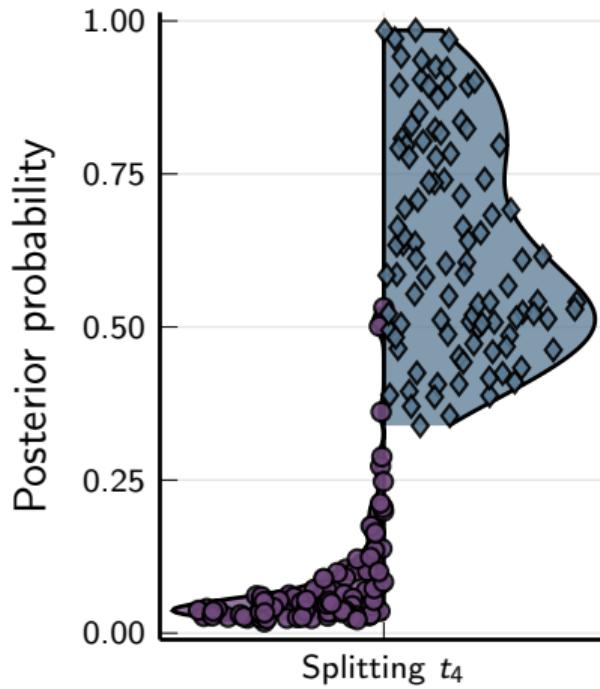
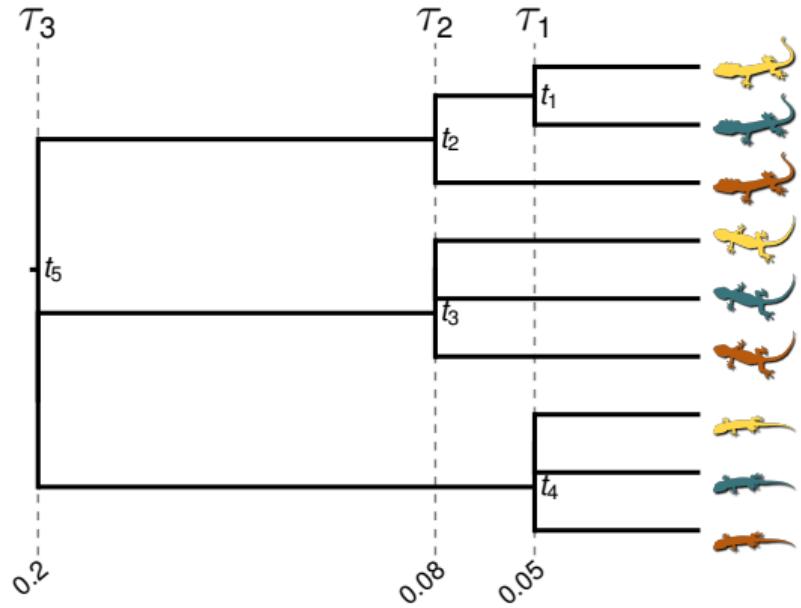
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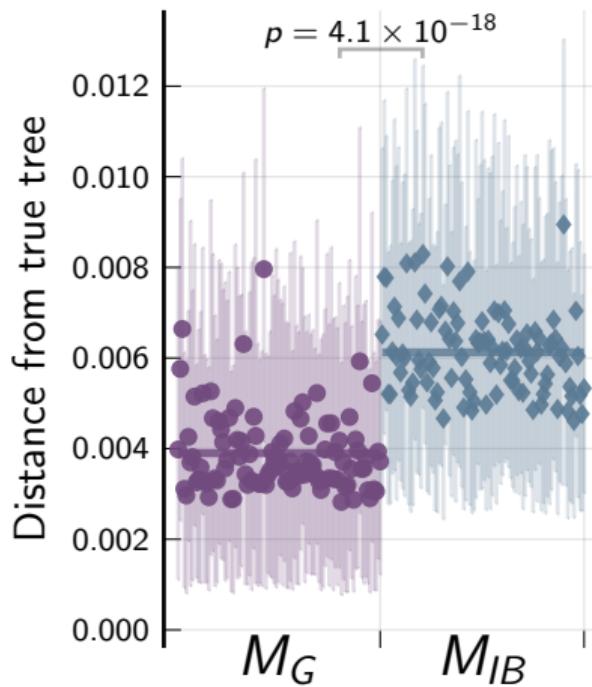
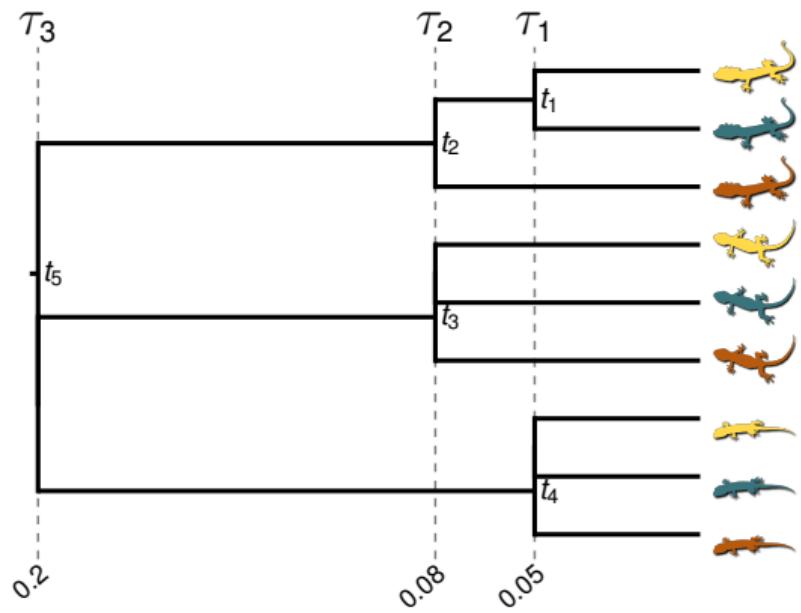
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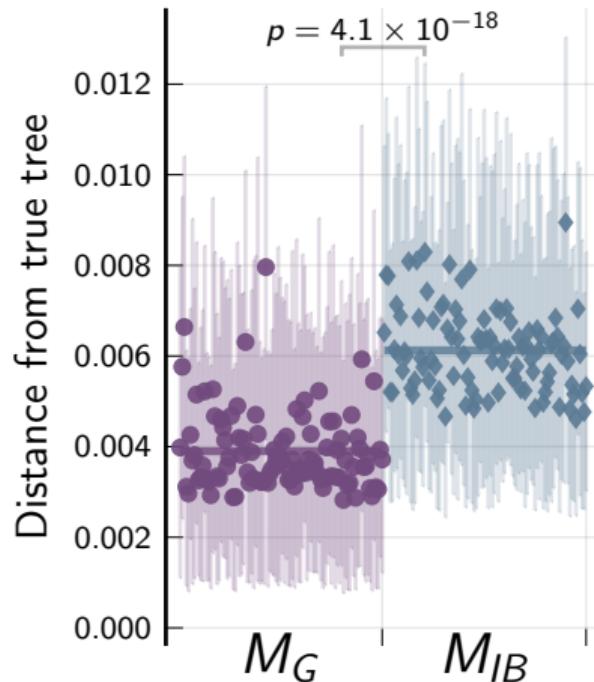
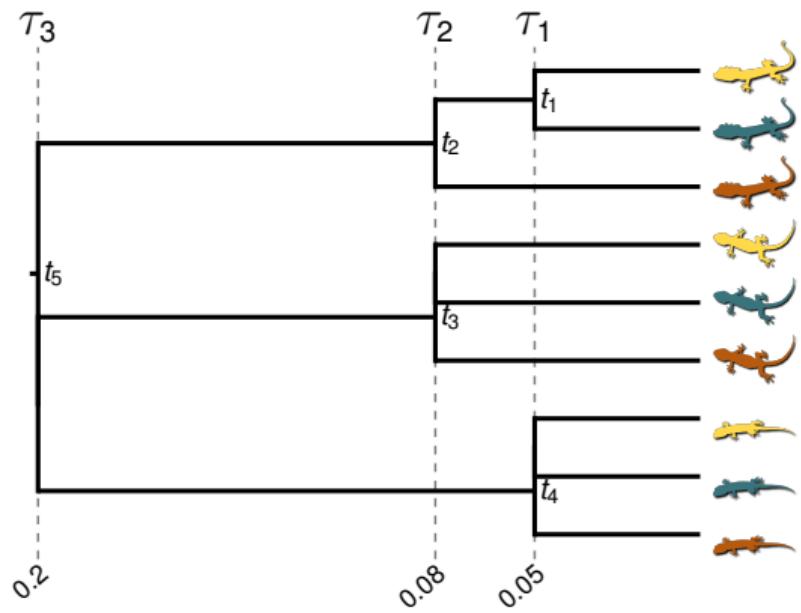
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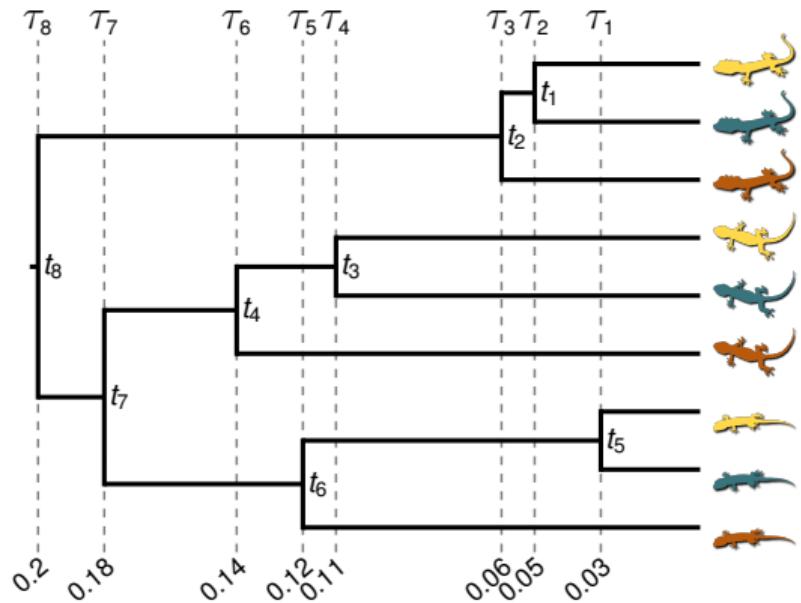
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M_G significantly better at inferring trees with shared divergences

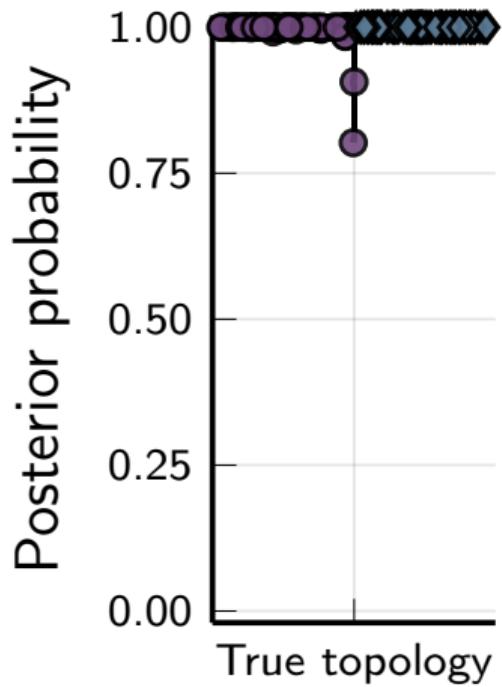
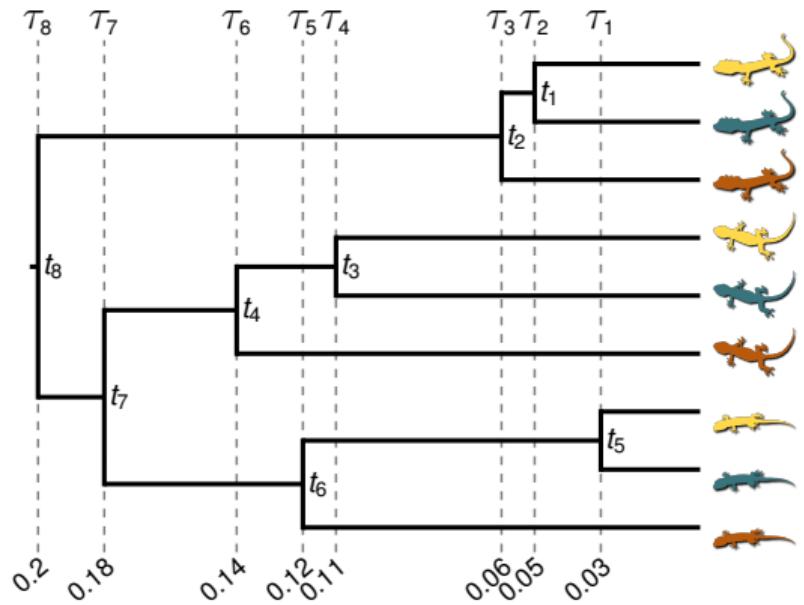
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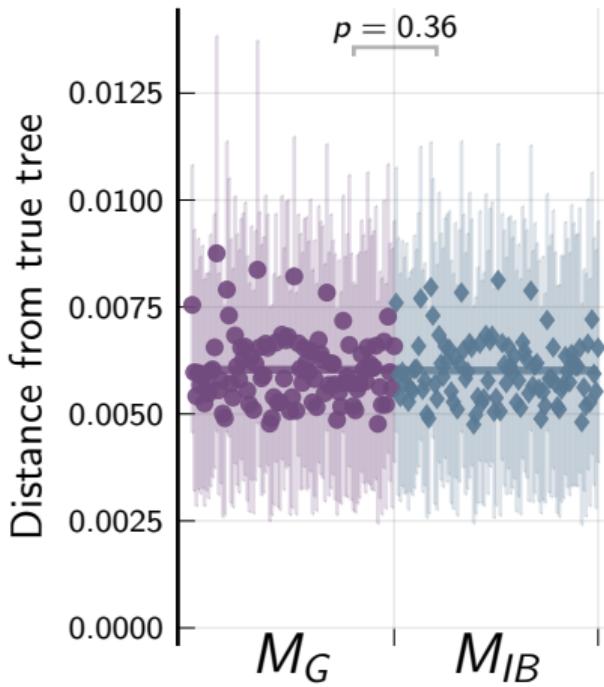
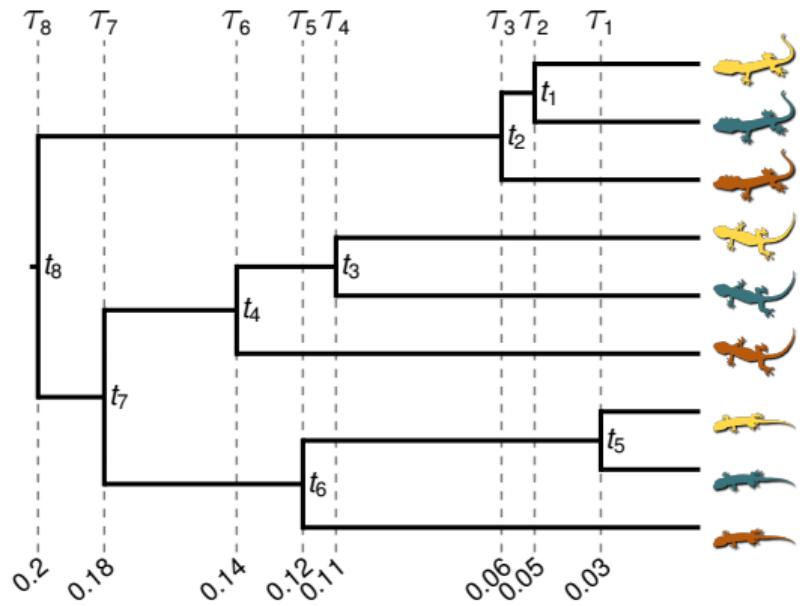
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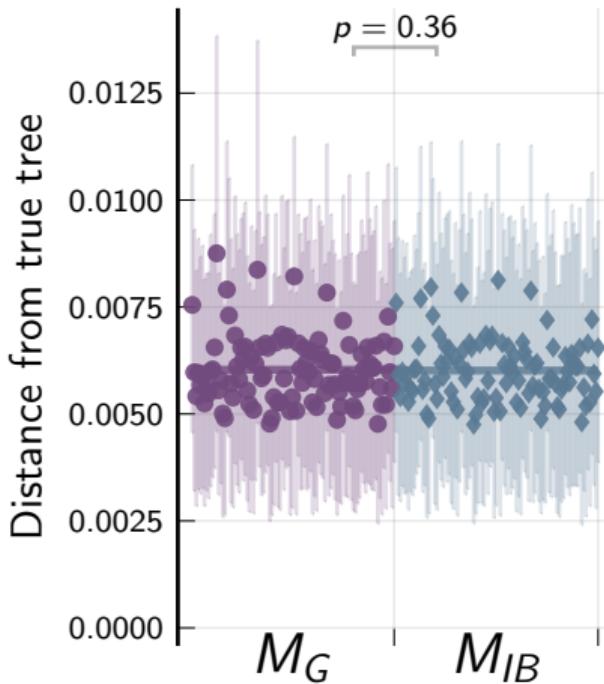
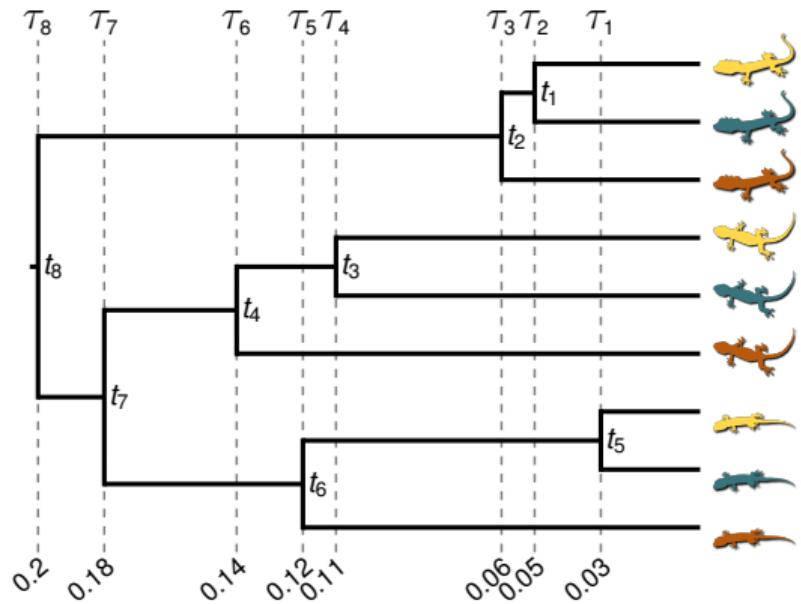
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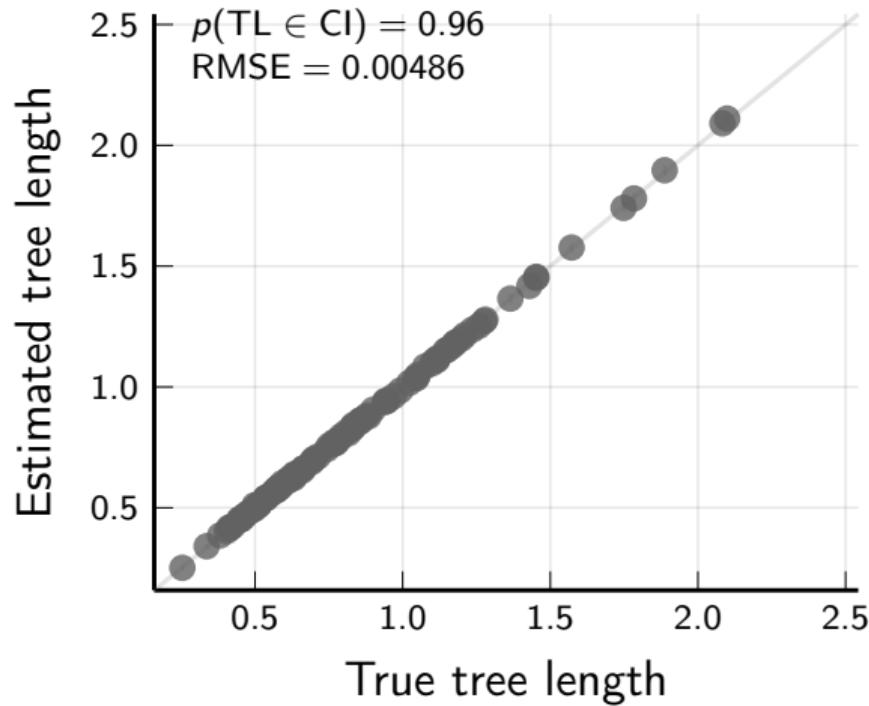
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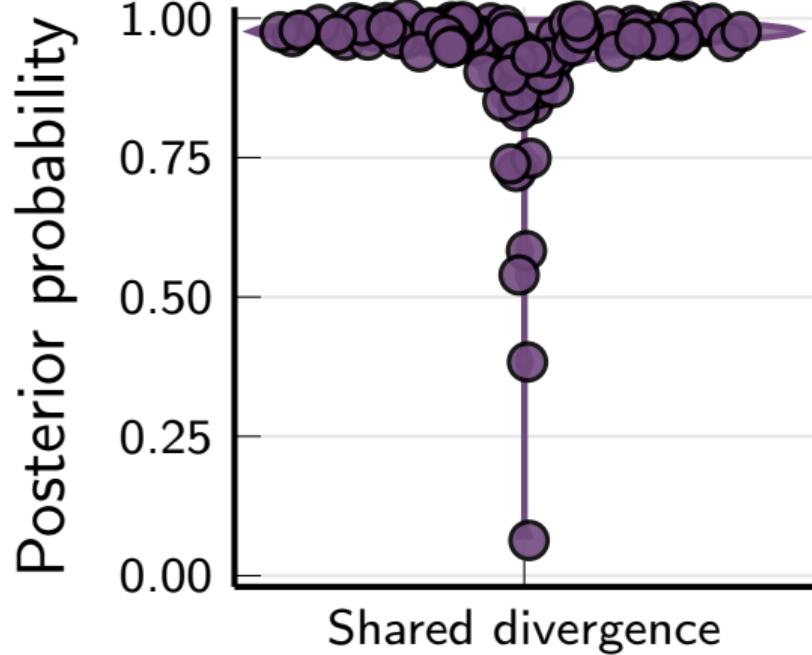
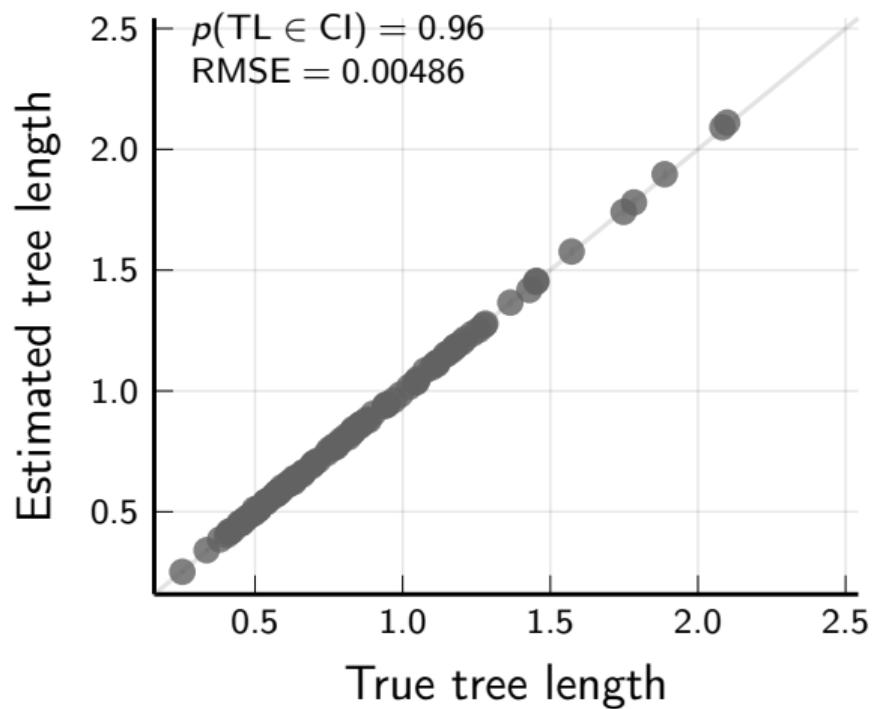


M_G performs as well as true model when divergences are independent

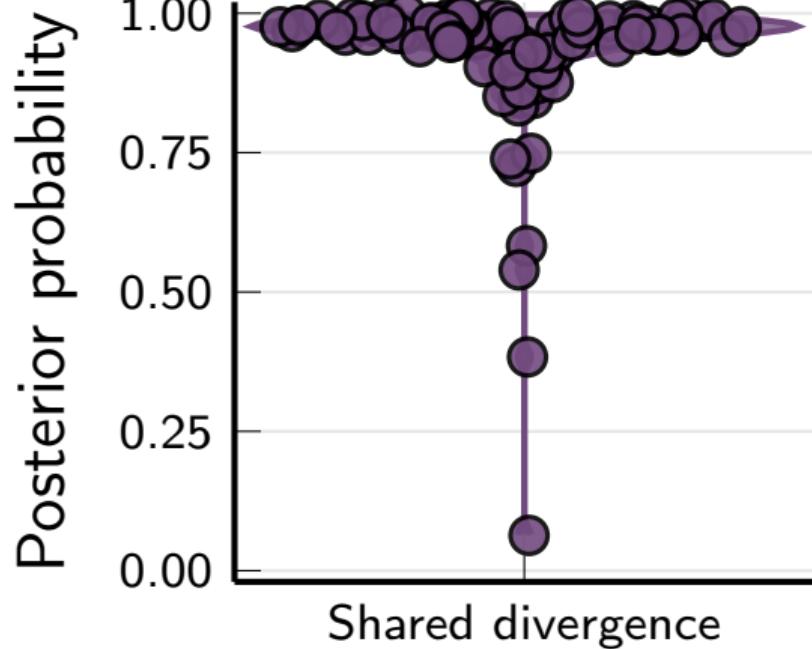
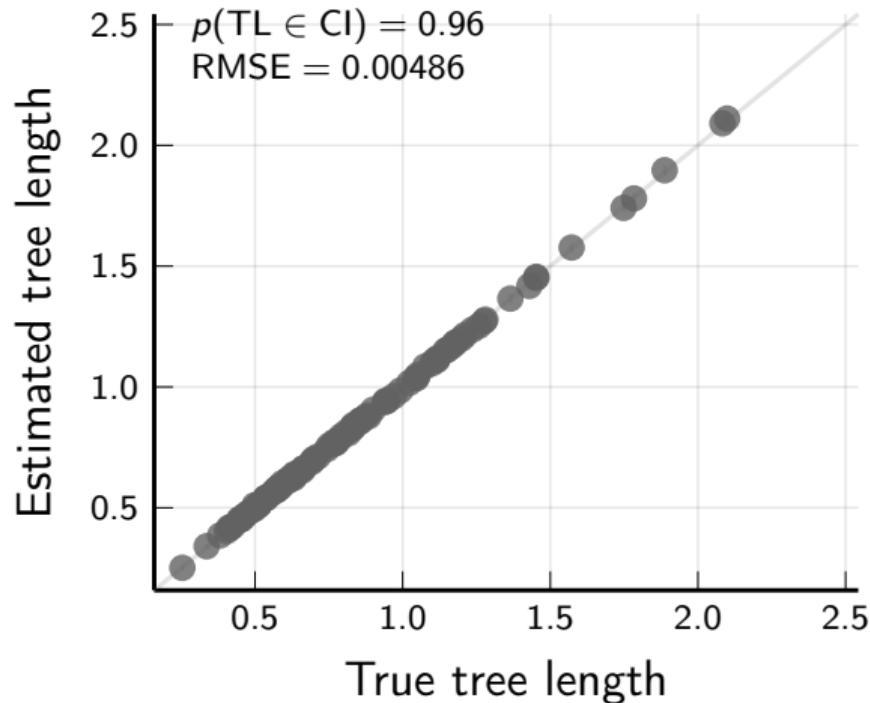
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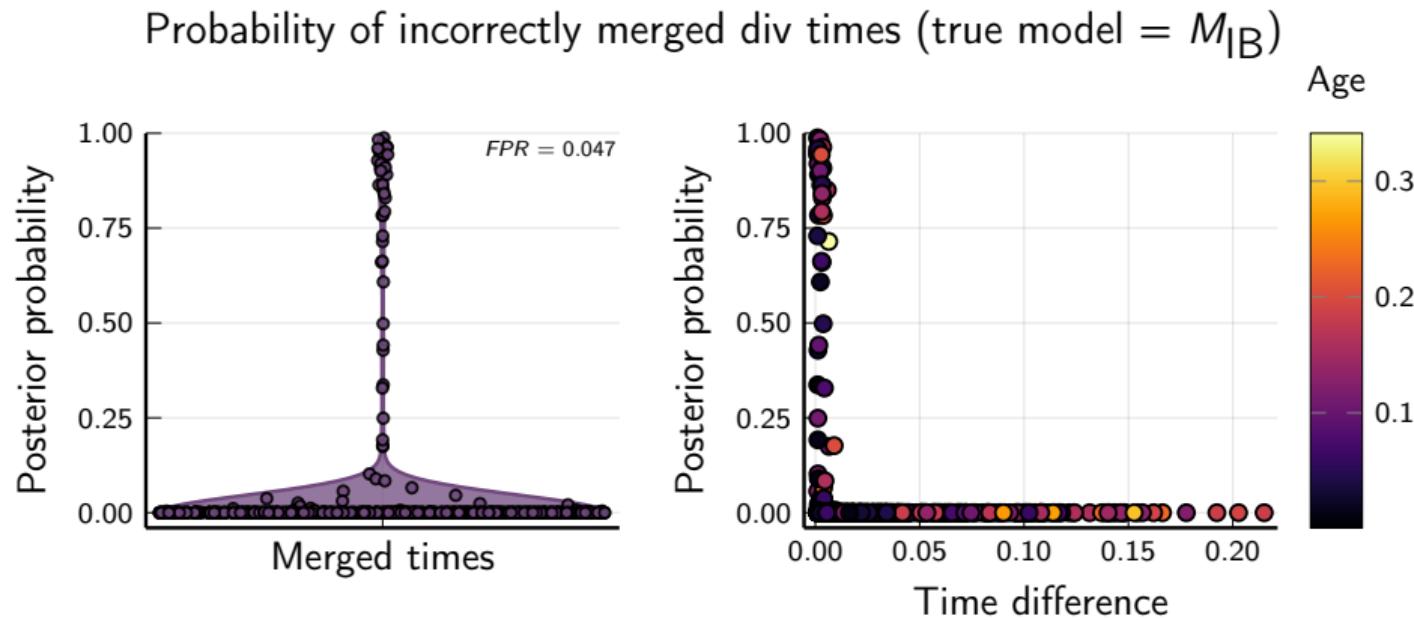


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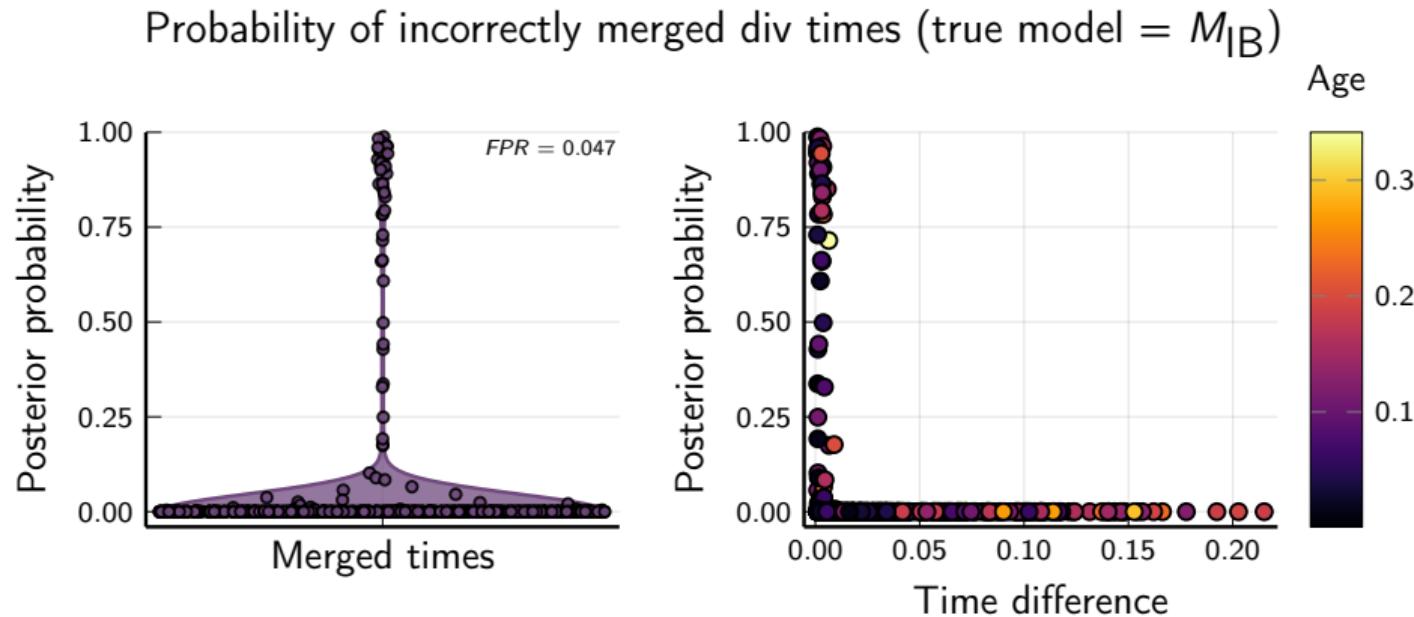


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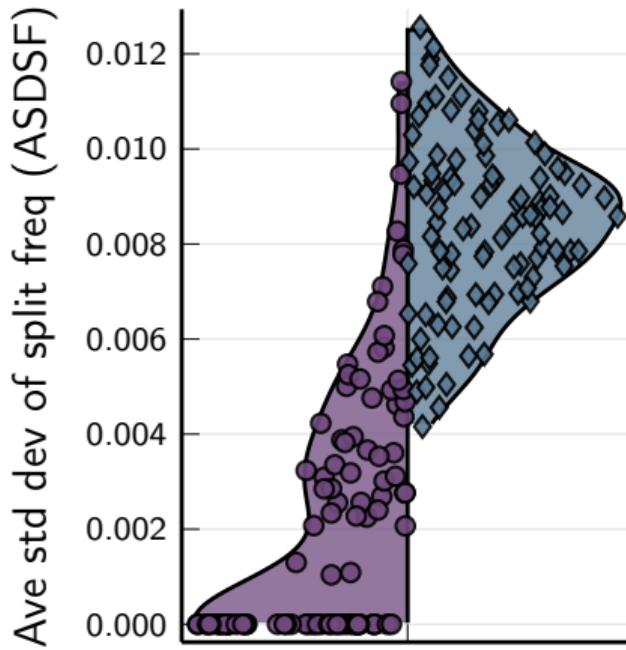
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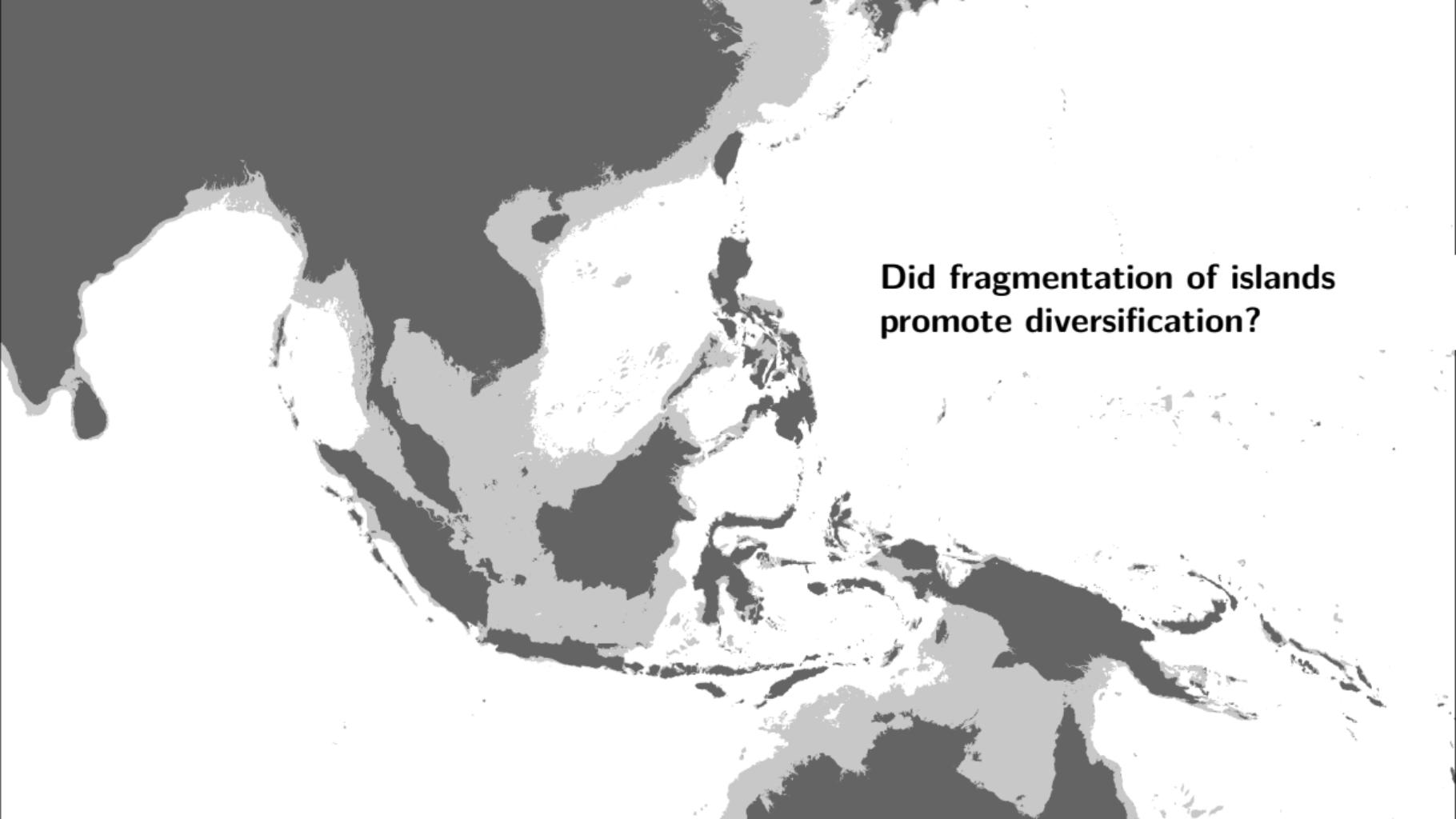
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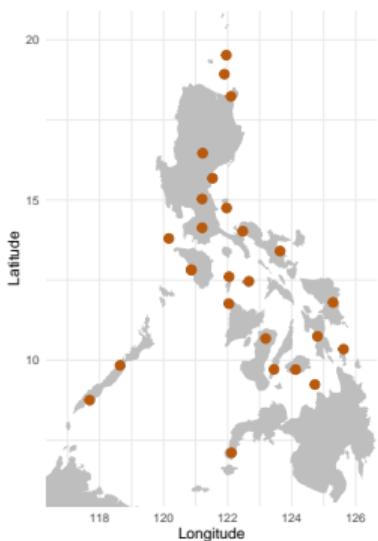






**Did fragmentation of islands
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Cyrtodactylus



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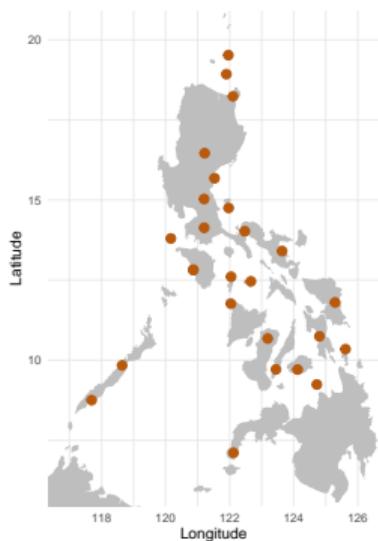
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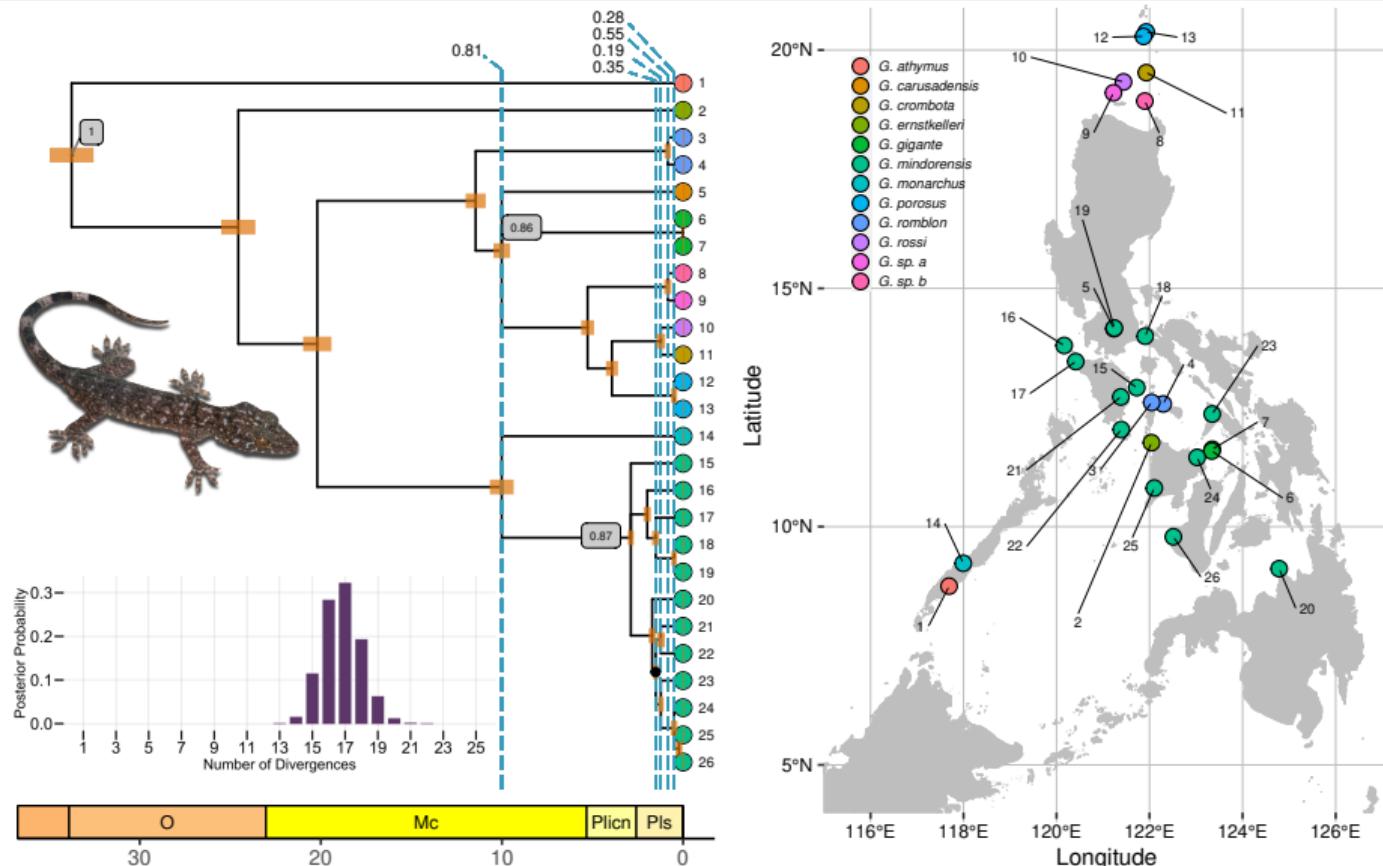
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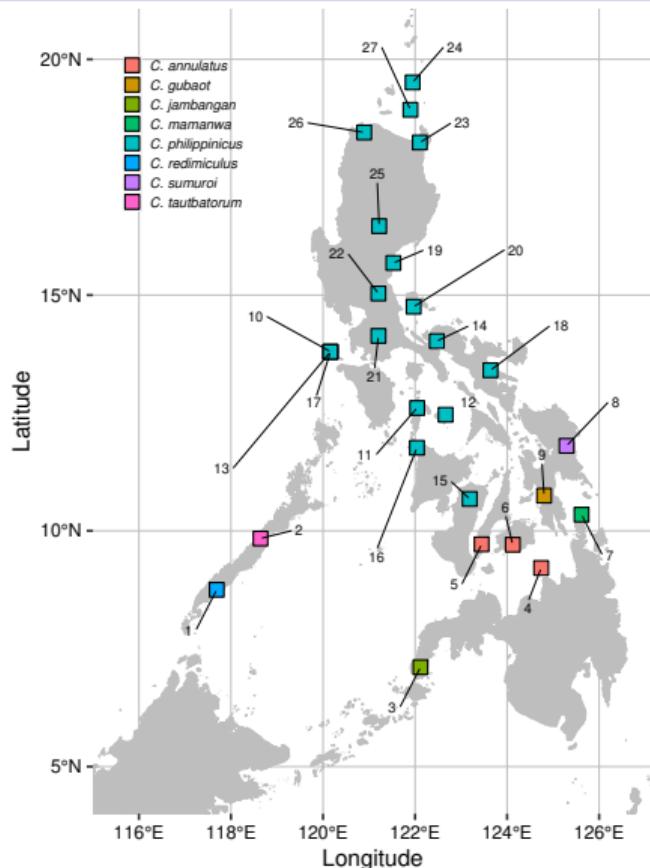
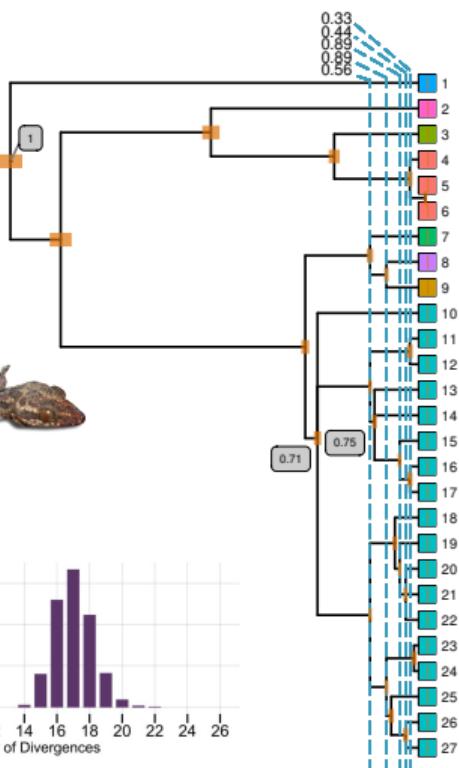
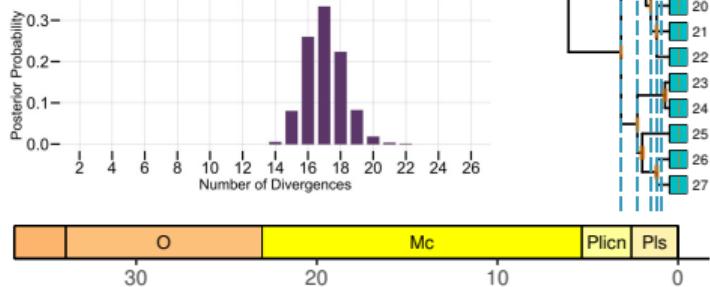
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Open science: everything is available...

Software:

- ▶ Phycoeval:
<https://github.com/phyletica/ecoevolity>
(release coming soon)

Open-Science Notebooks:

- ▶ Phycoeval analyses: <https://github.com/phyletica/phycoeval-experiments>
- ▶ Gecko RADseq:
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Vision for LIB position

Phylogenetic theory/methods

- ▶ Develop process-based and trait-dependent distributions over the space of generalized trees

Empirical work

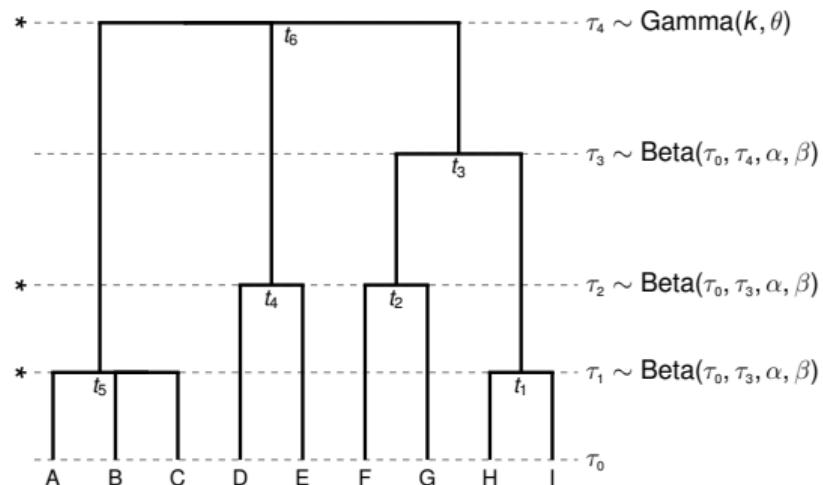
- ▶ Did the evolution of habitat preference affect the diversification of bent-toed geckos?
- ▶ Epidemiological dynamics of “super-spreading” events during the COVID-19 pandemic

Teaching

- ▶ Coding to learn evolution

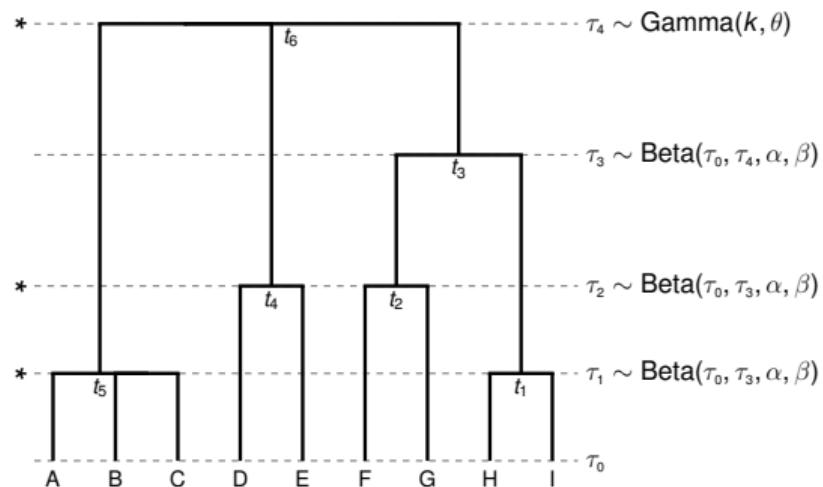
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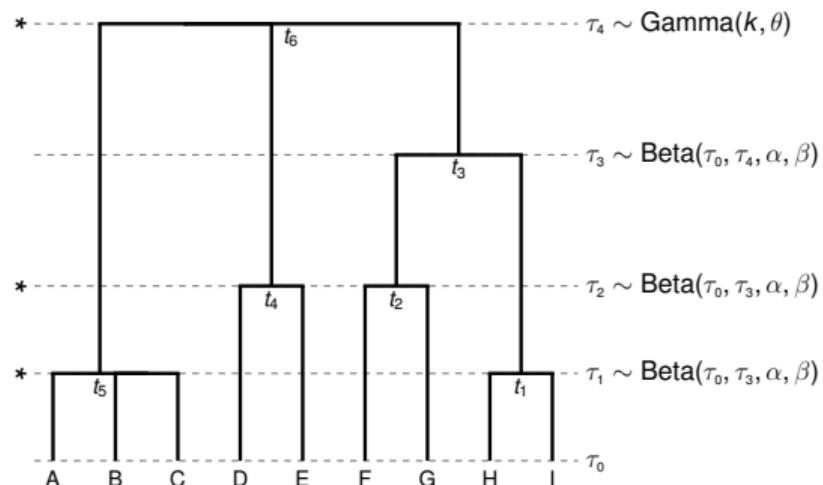
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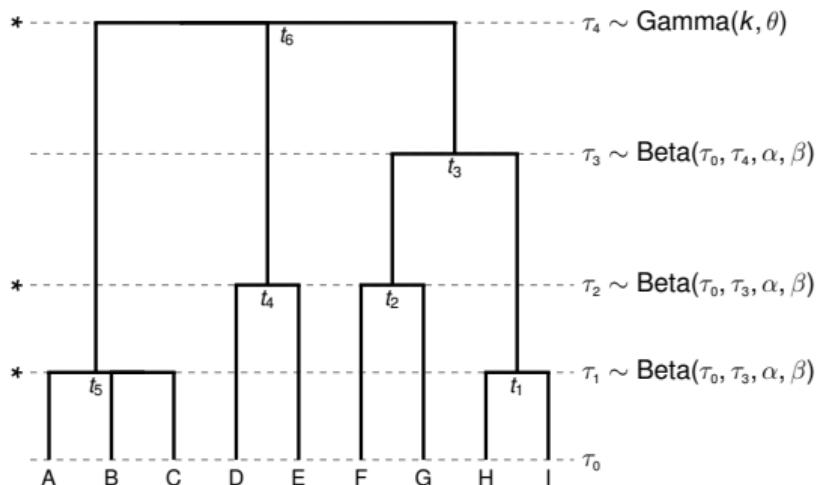


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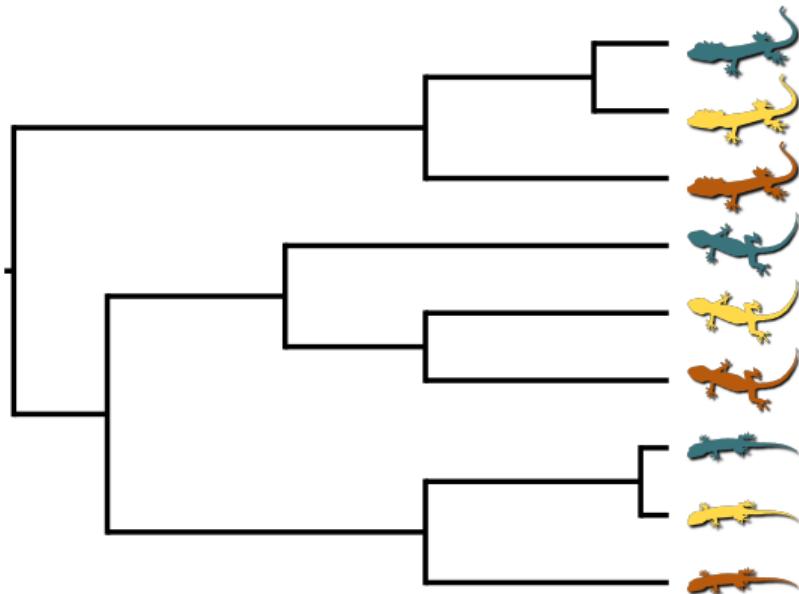


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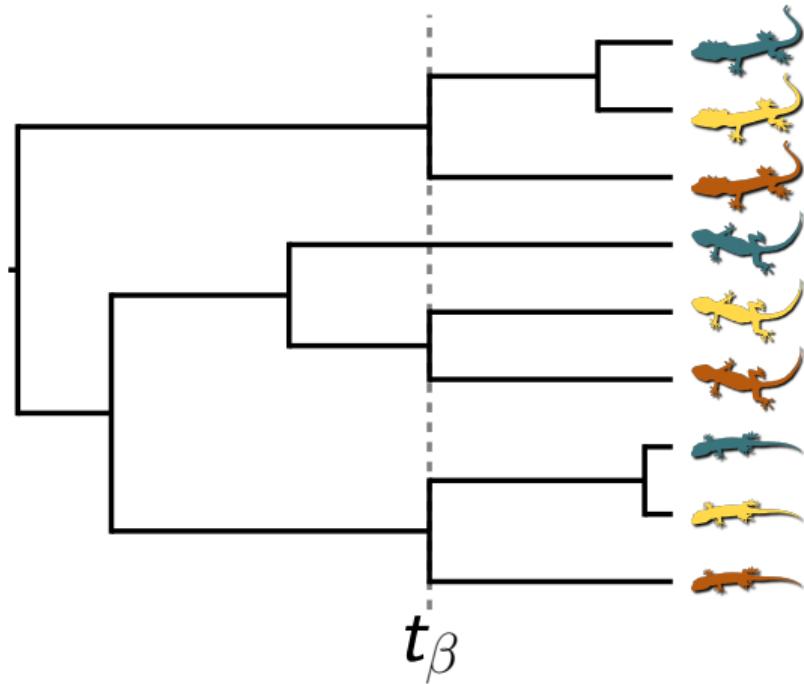
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“Birth-death-burst” (BDB) process:

- ▶ Include “burst events” that occur at rate λ_β
- ▶ Each lineage diverges with probability β



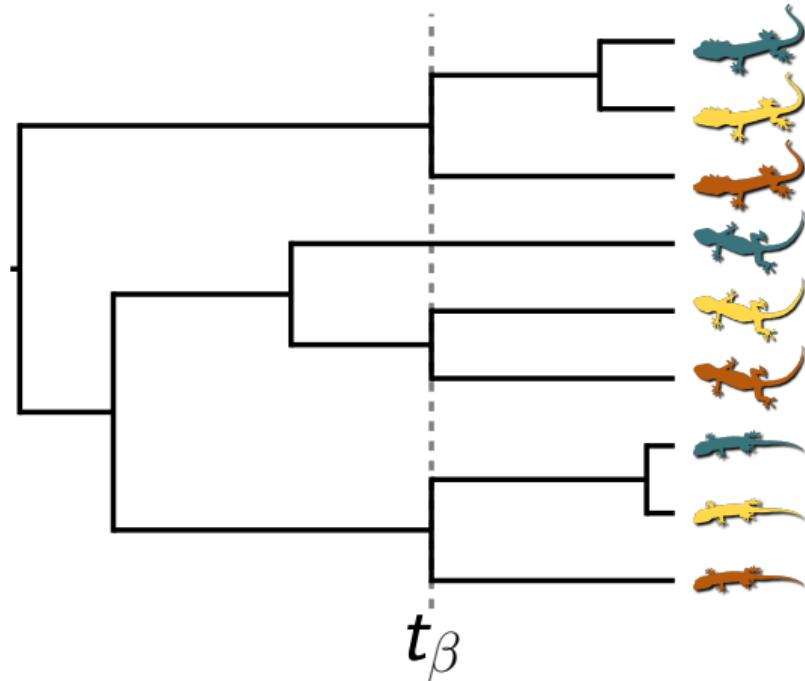
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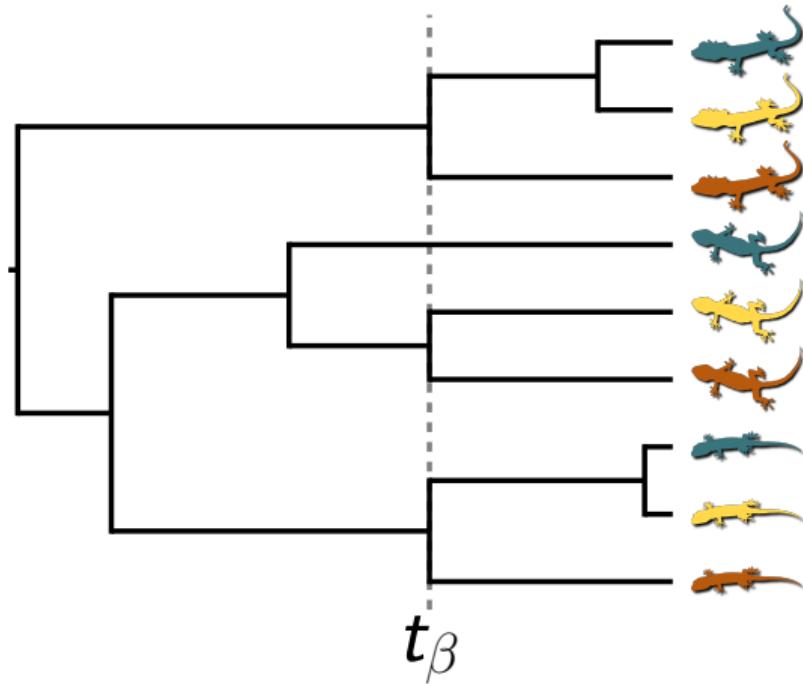
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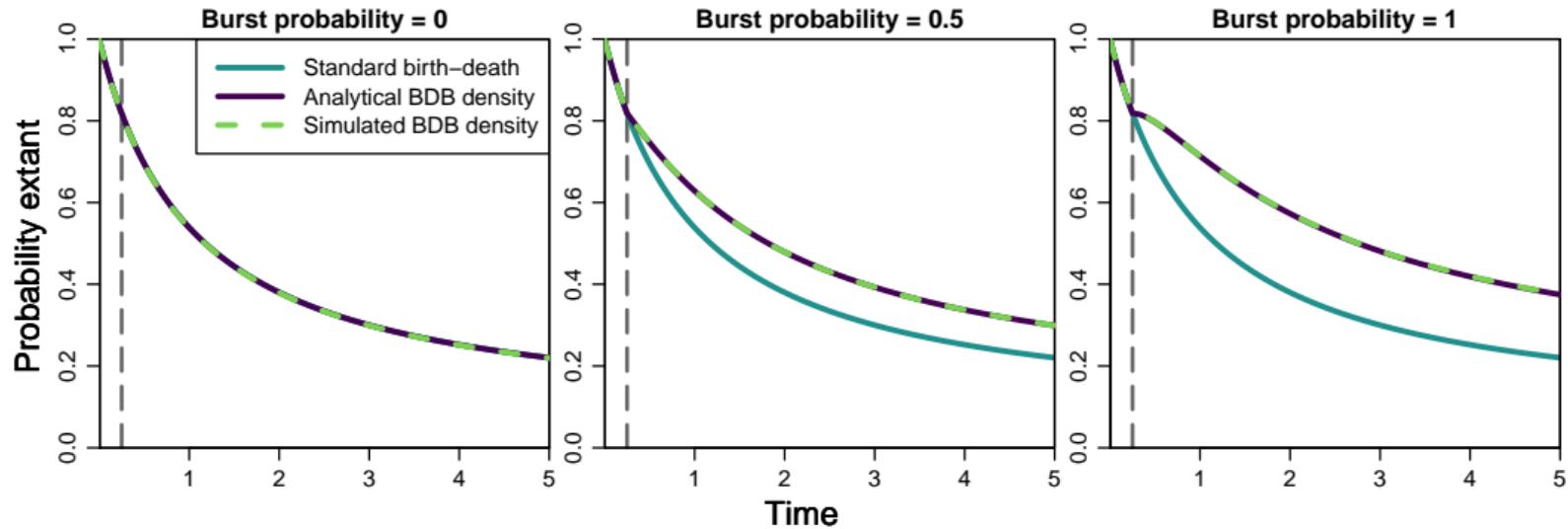
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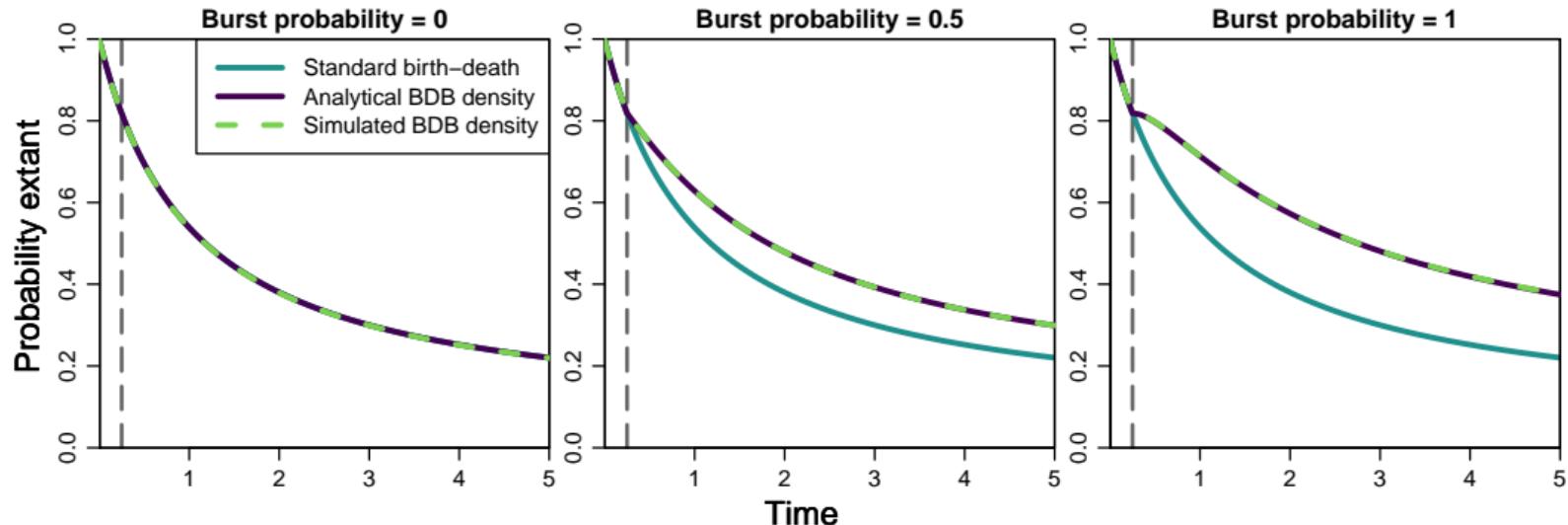
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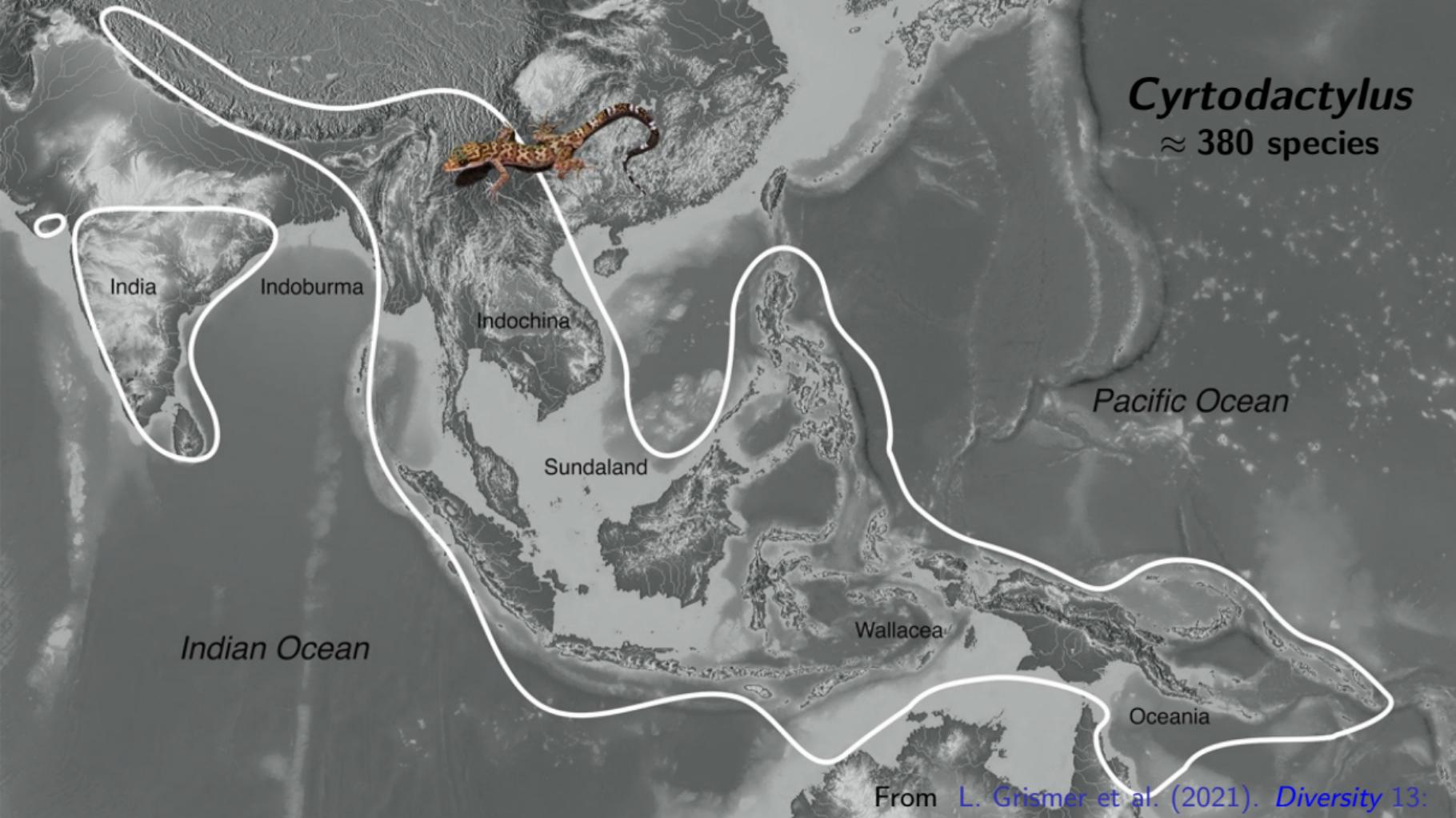


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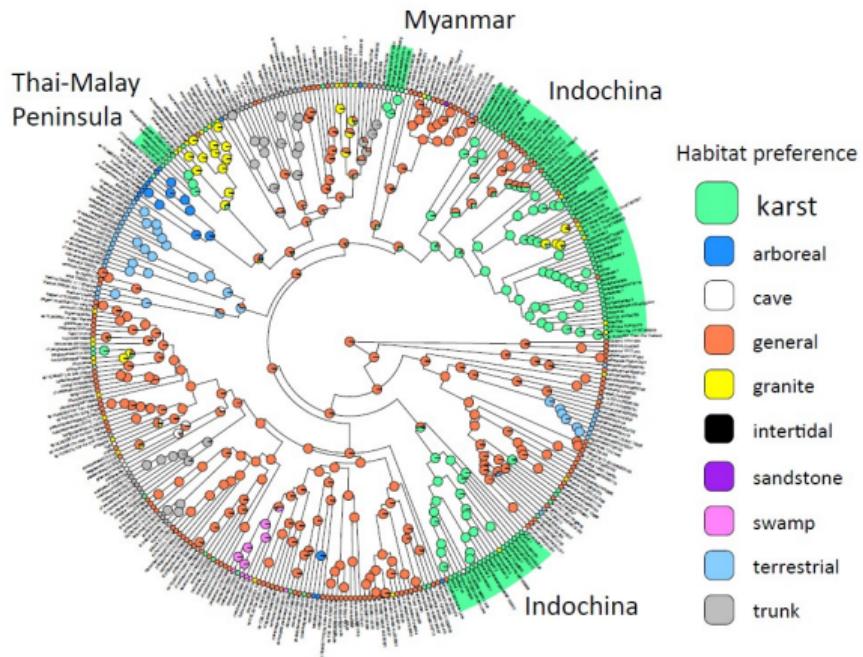
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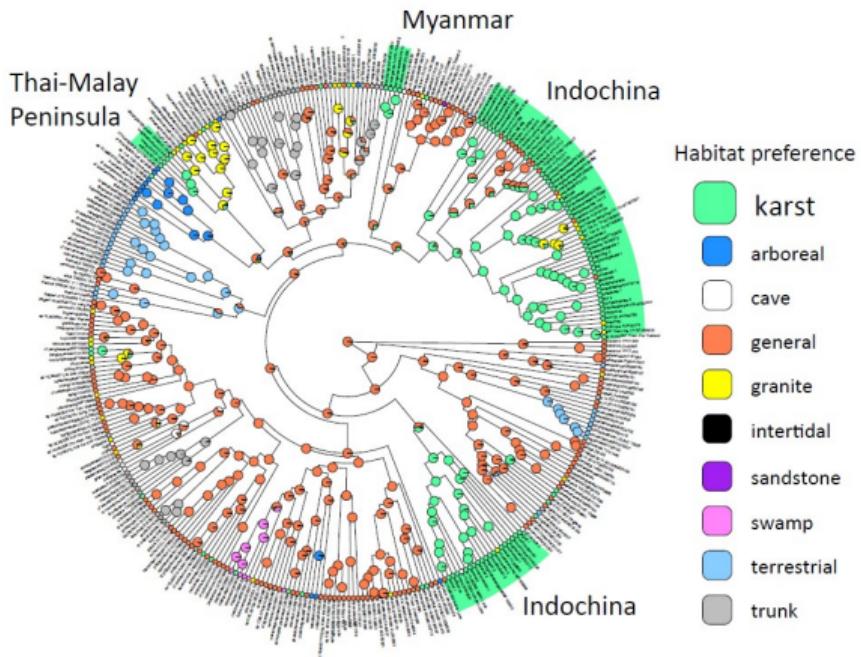
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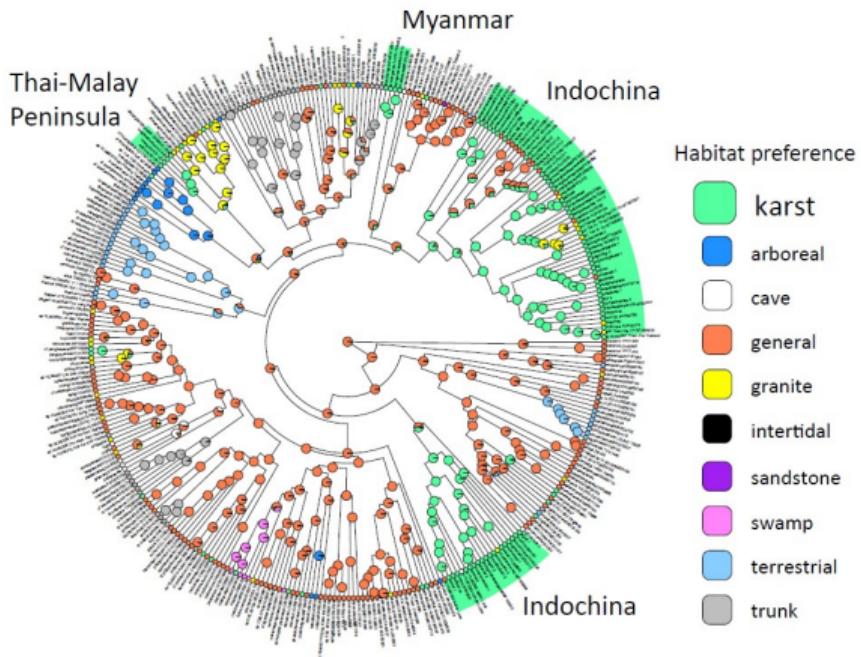
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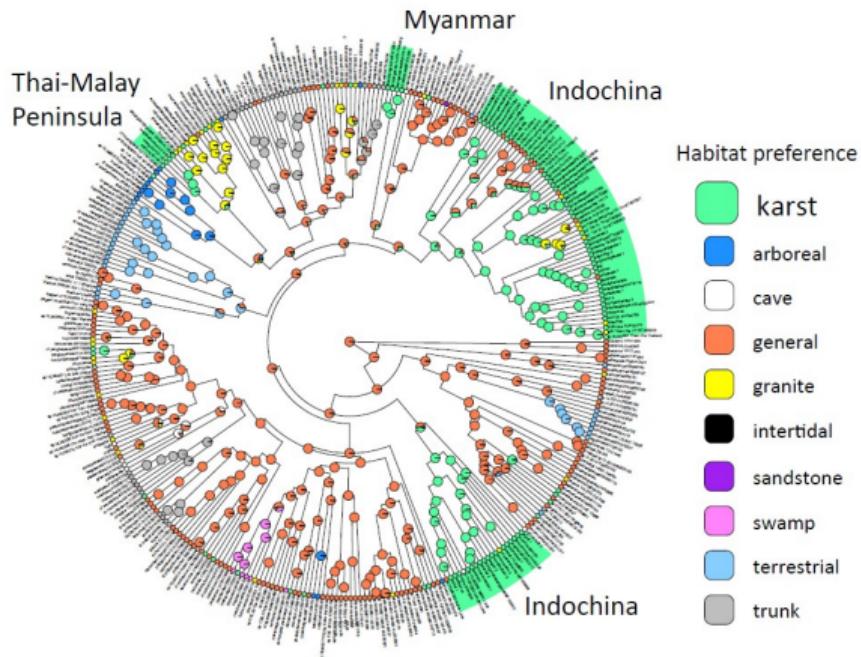
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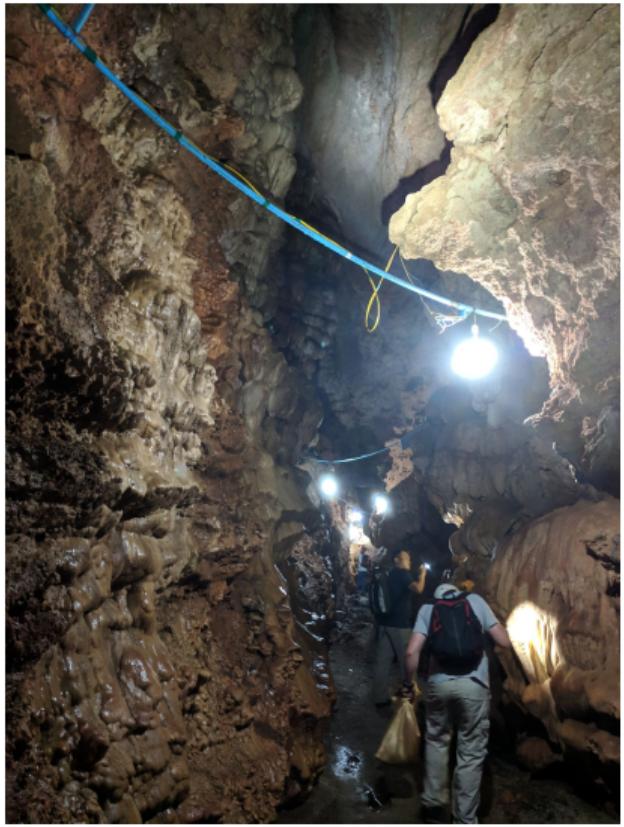
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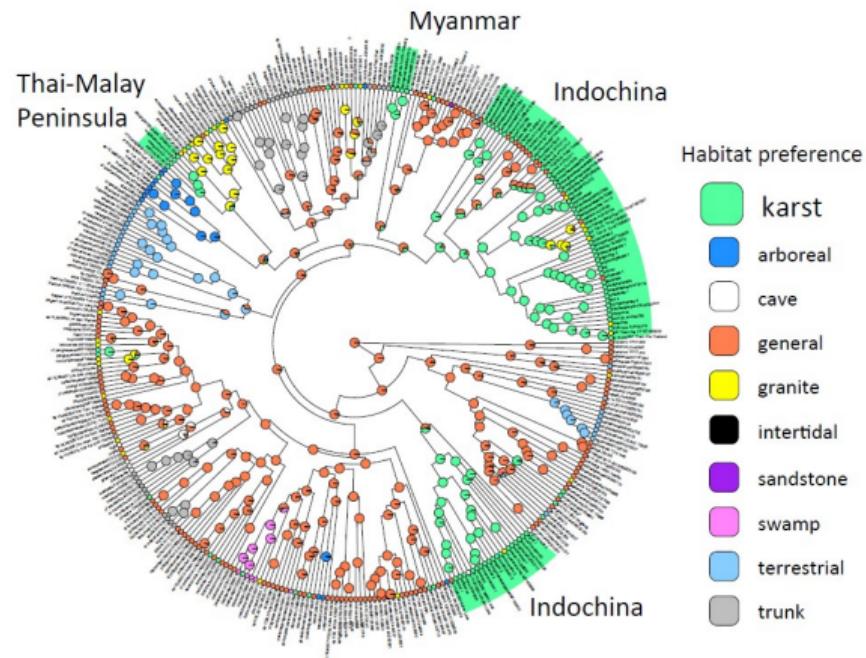




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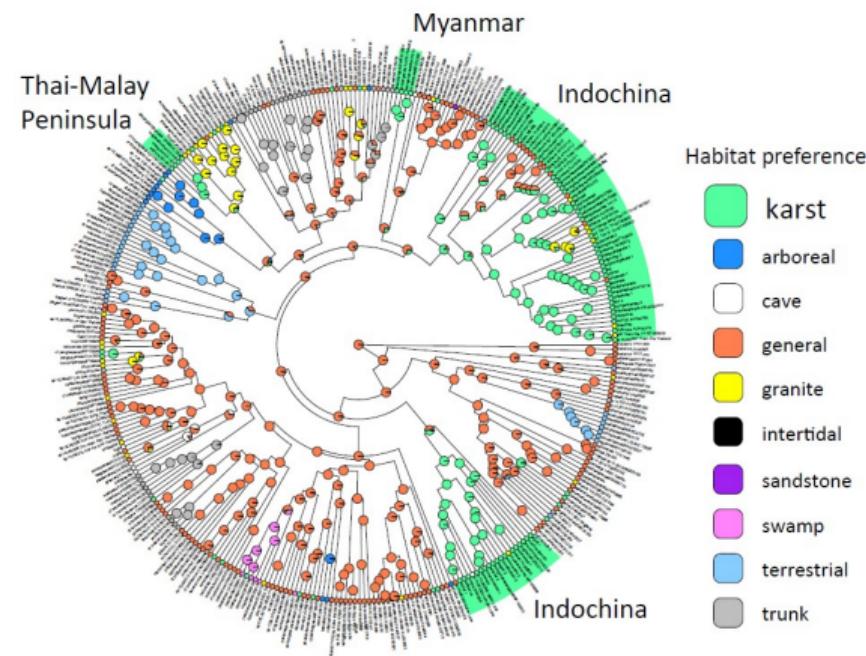
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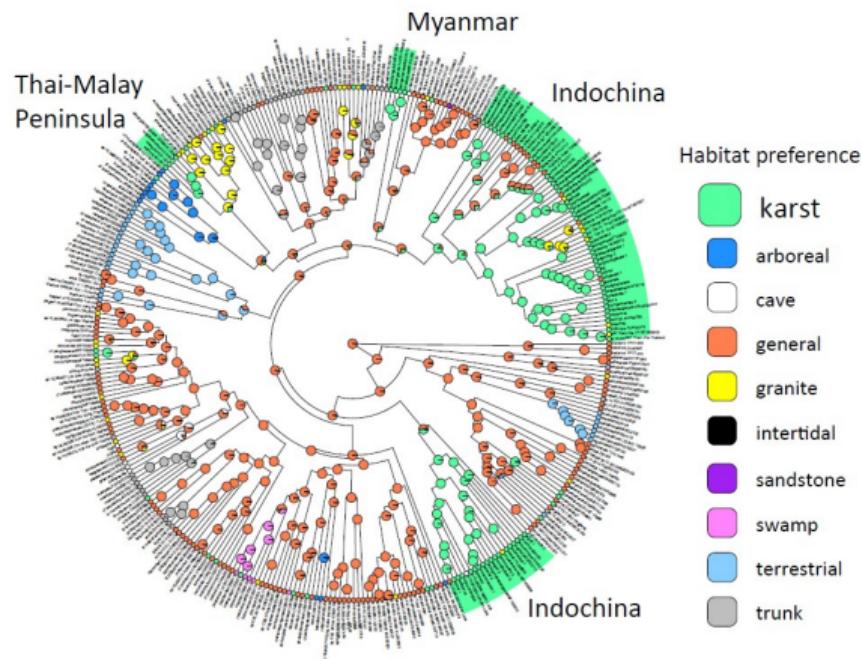
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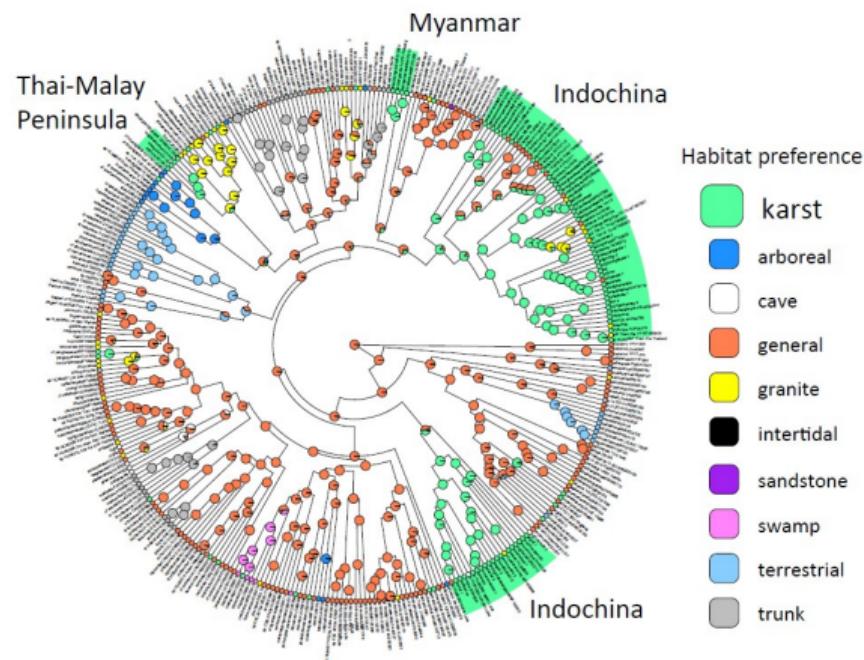
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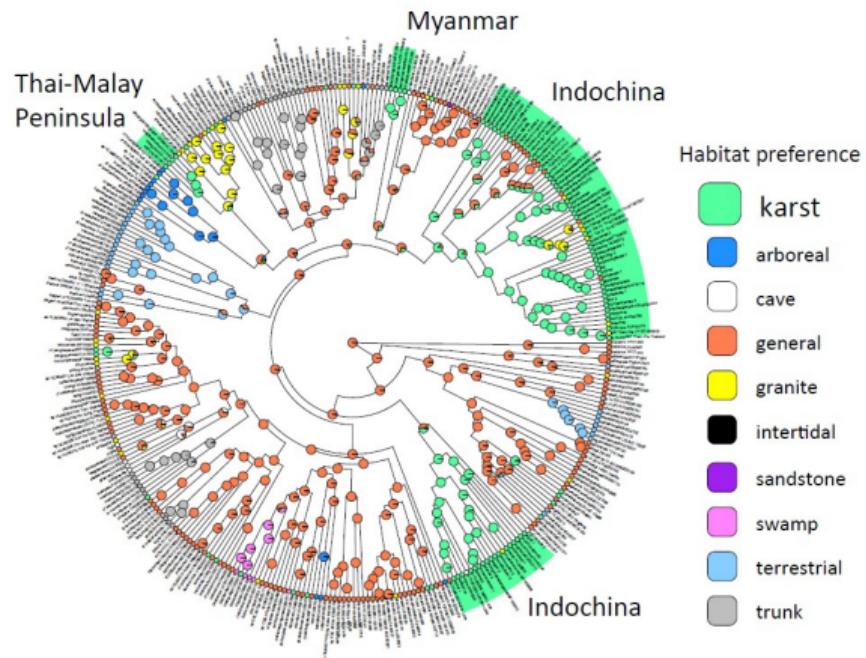
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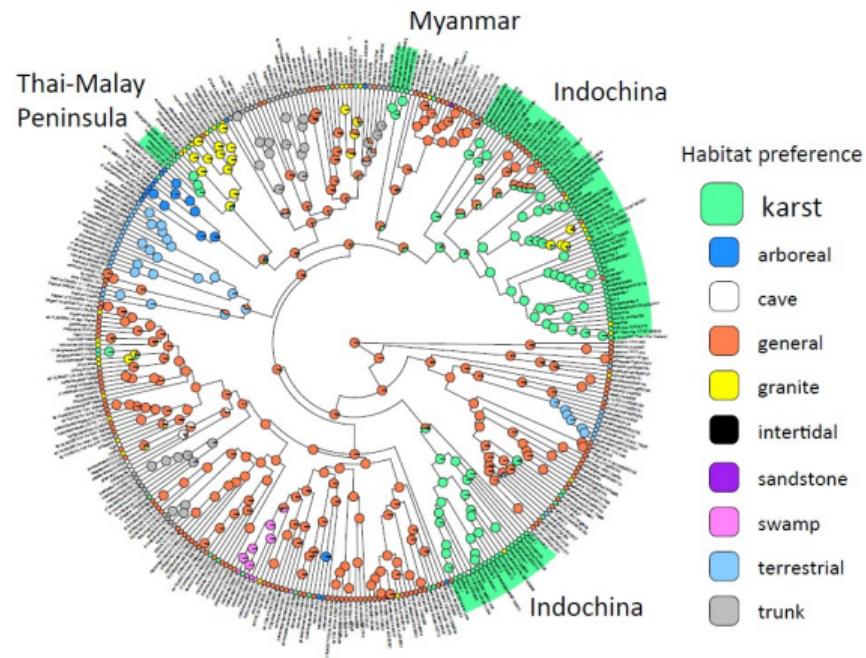
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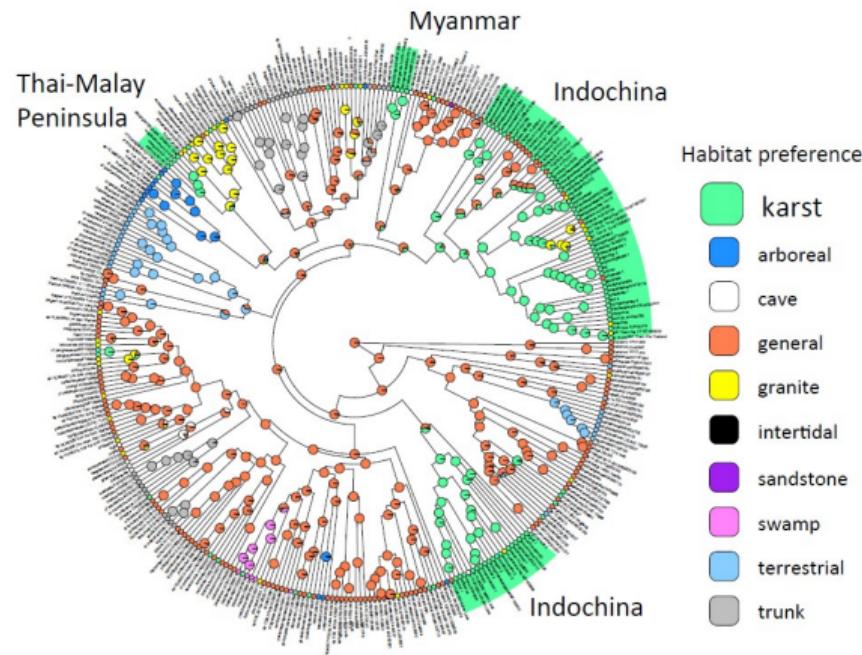
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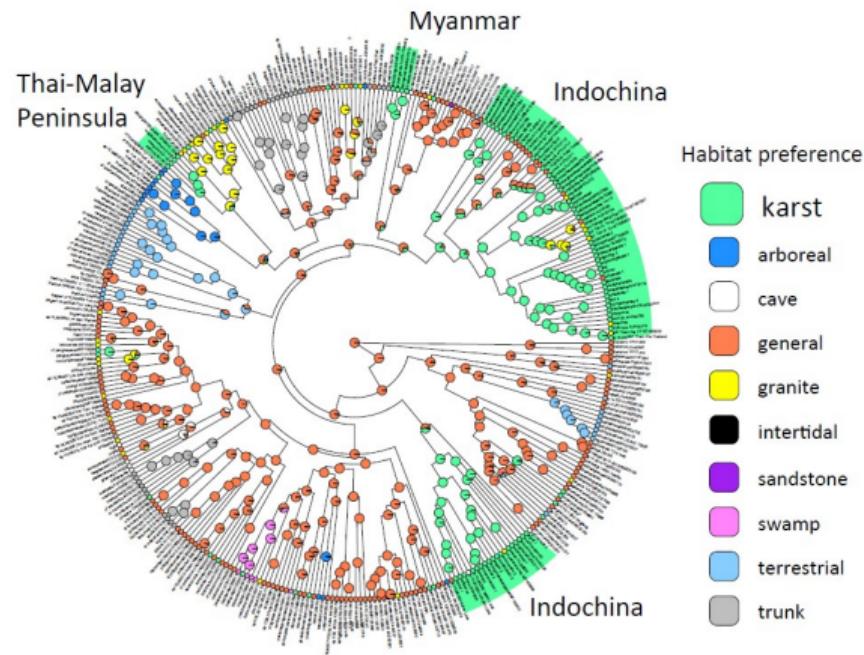
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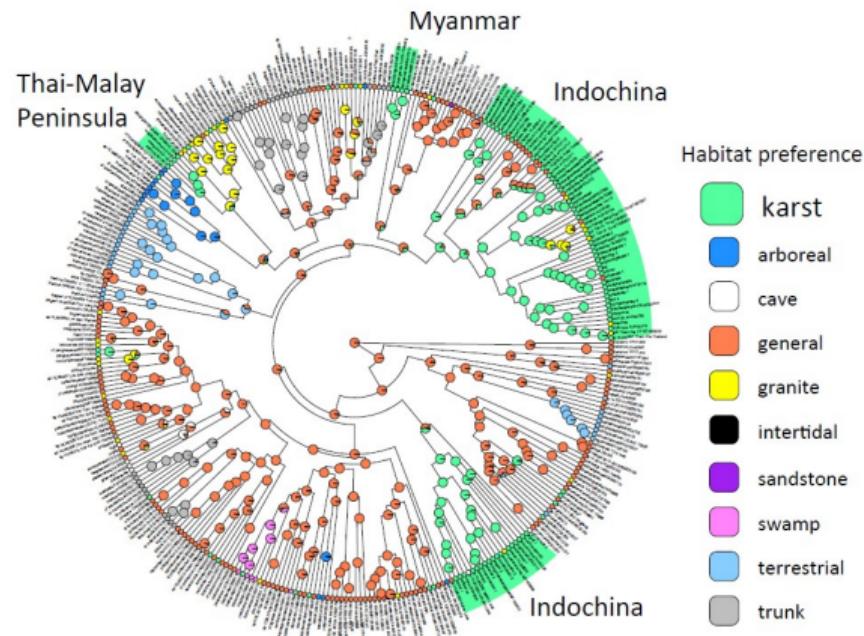
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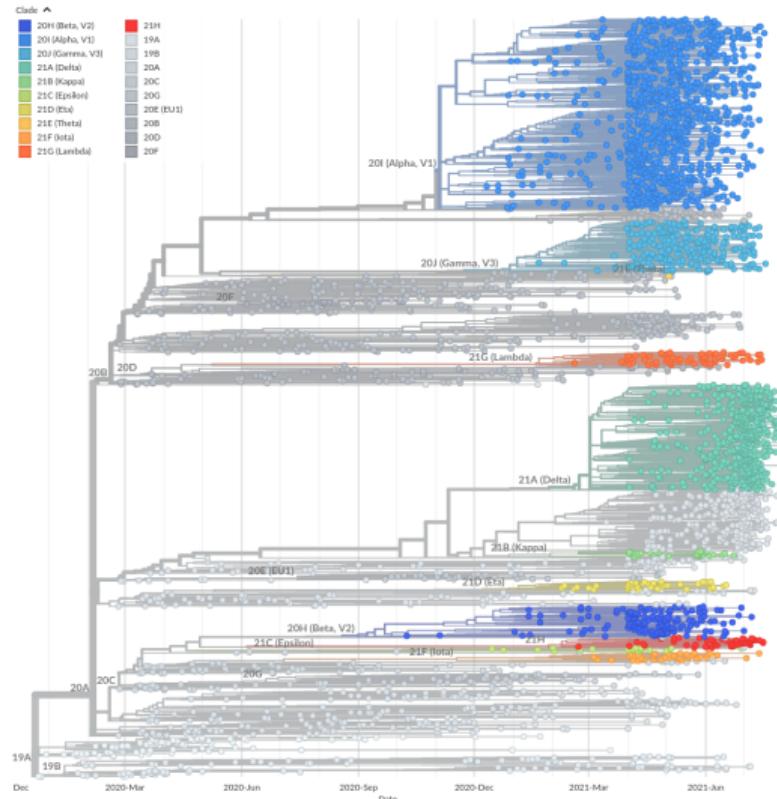


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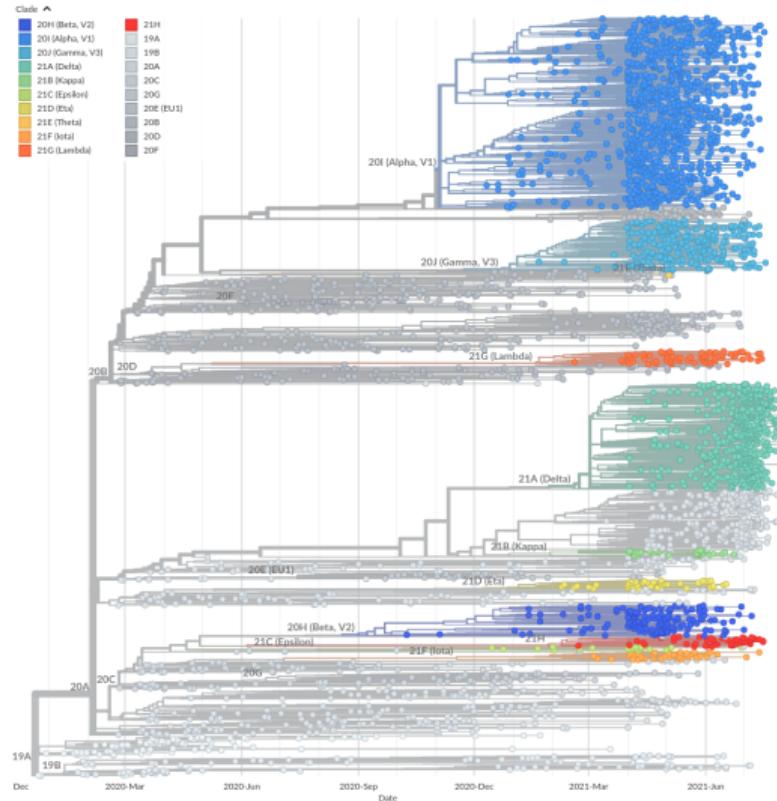
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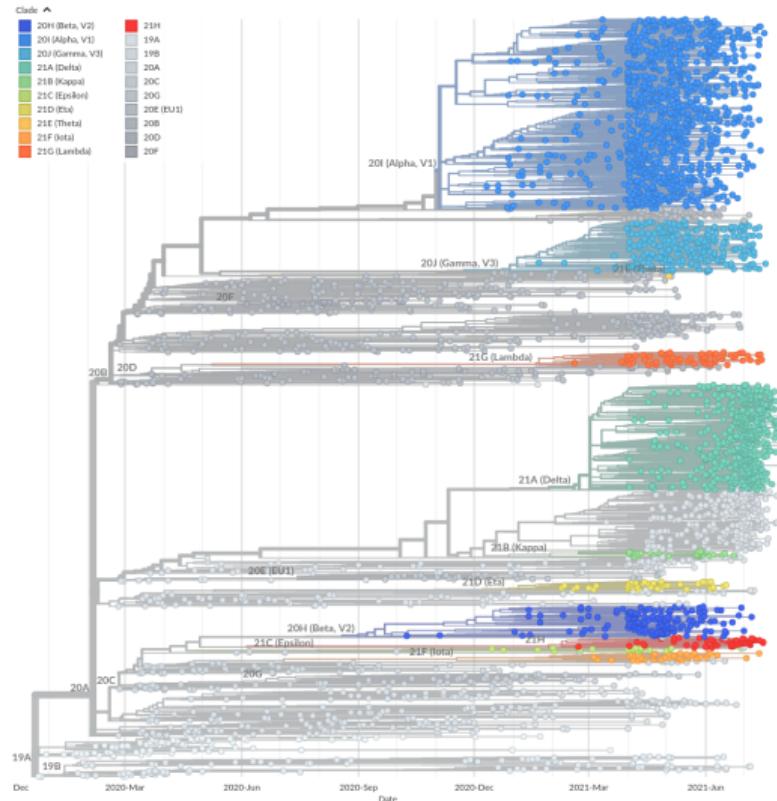
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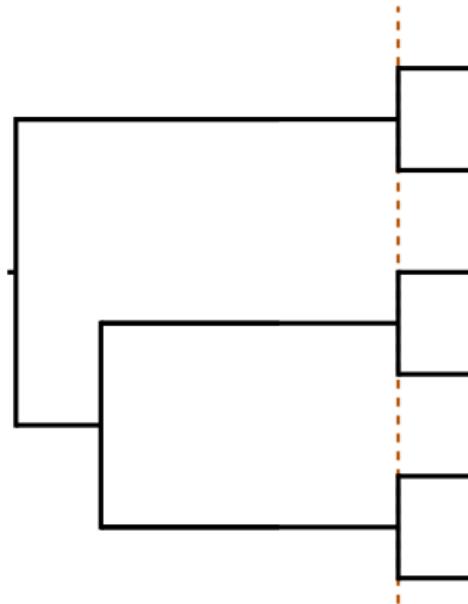
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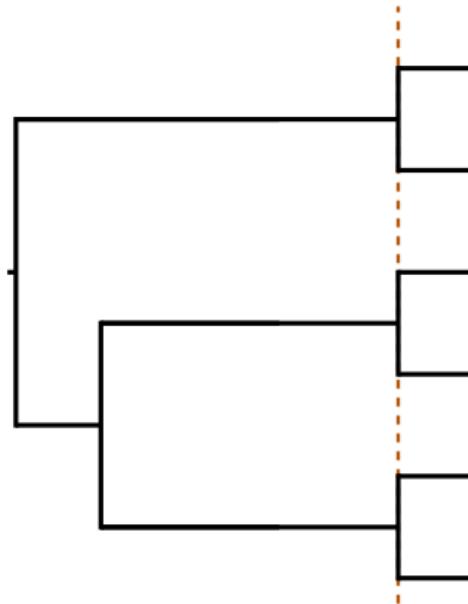
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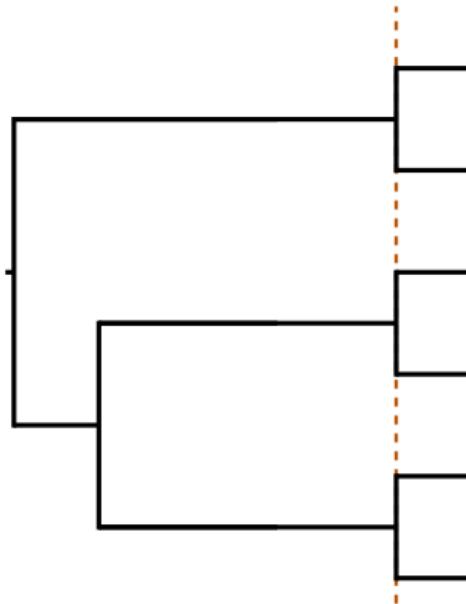
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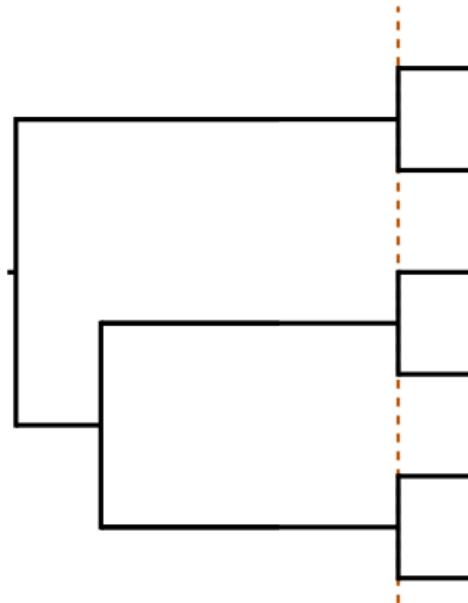


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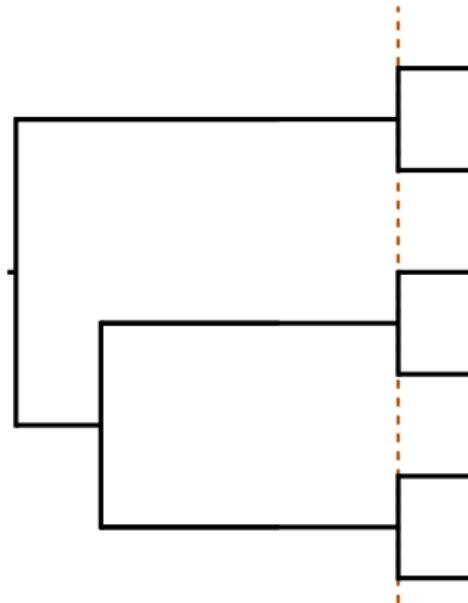


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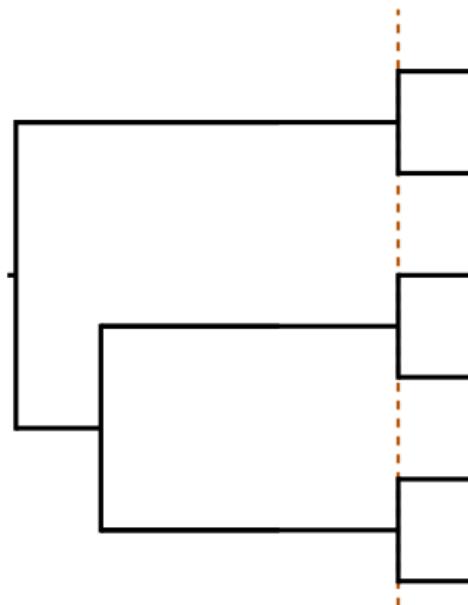


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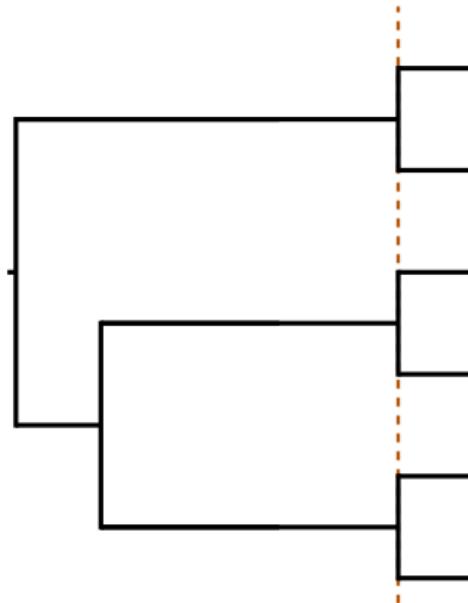


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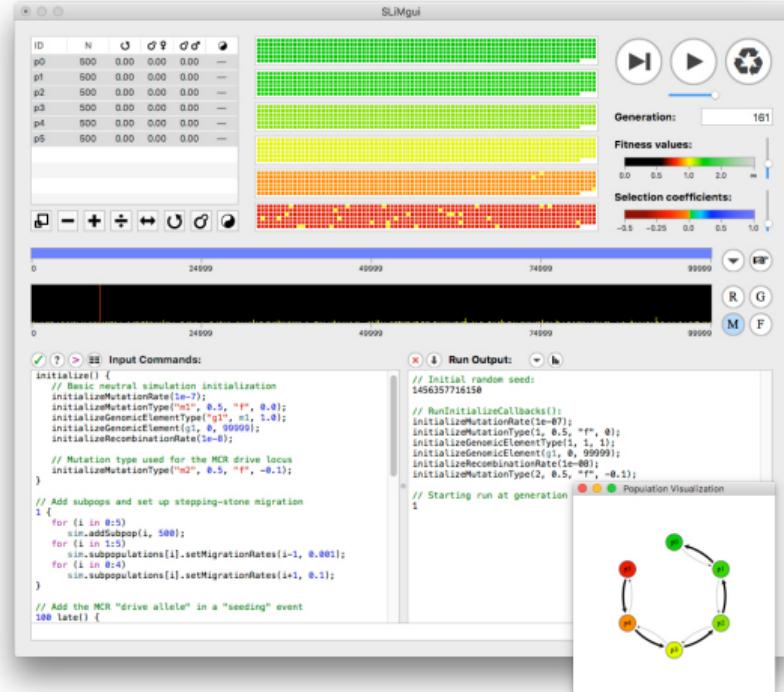
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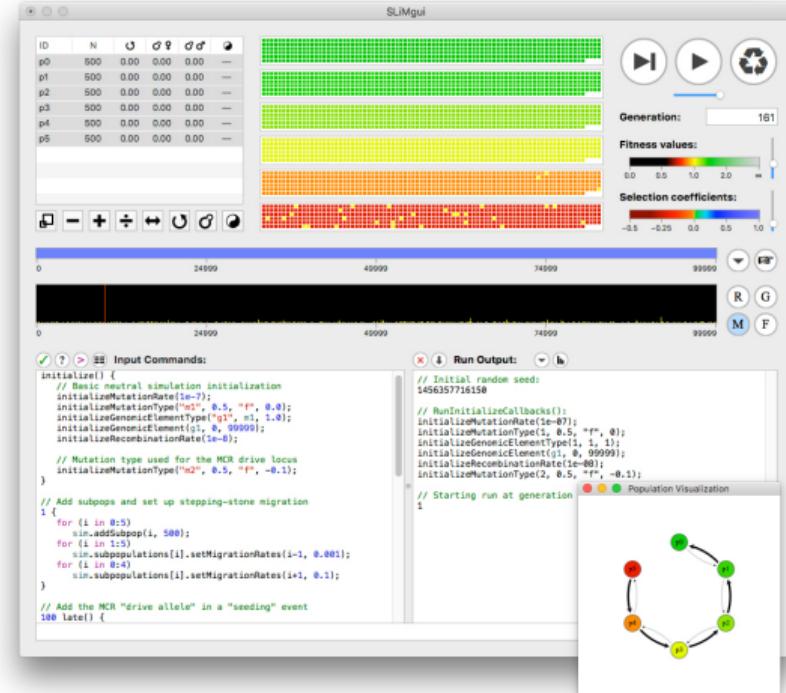
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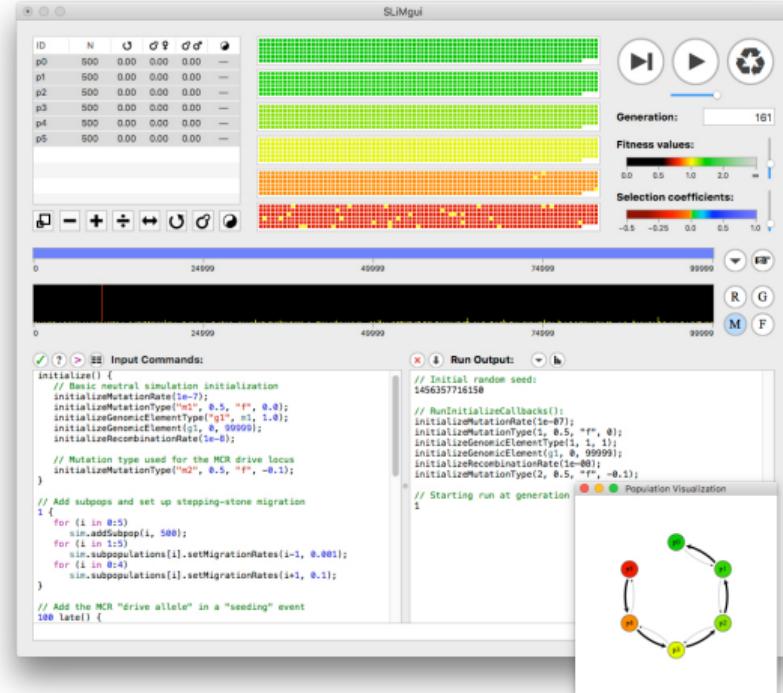
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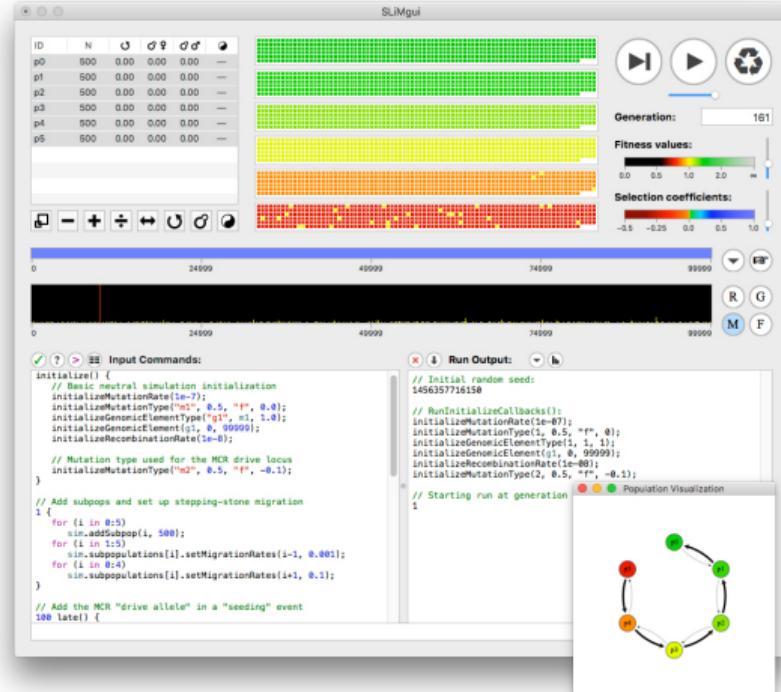
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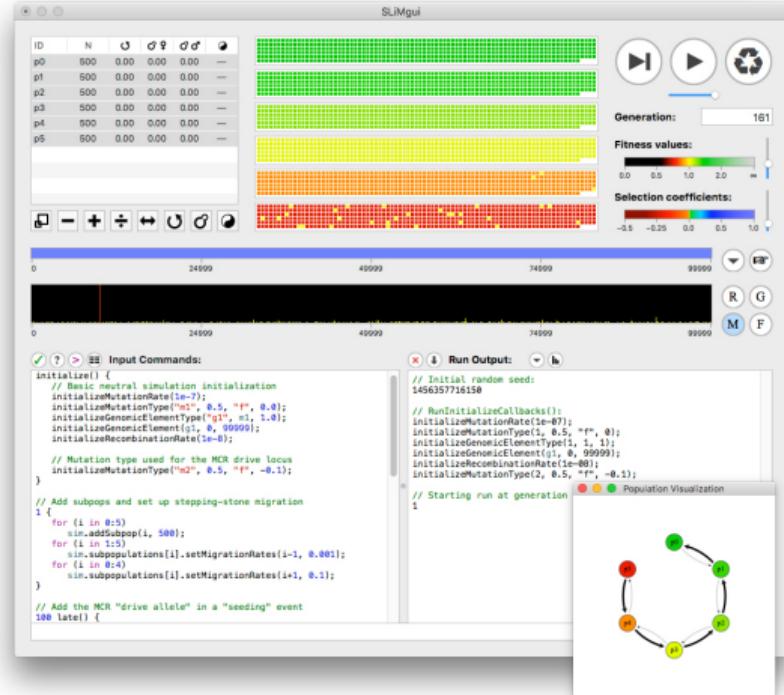
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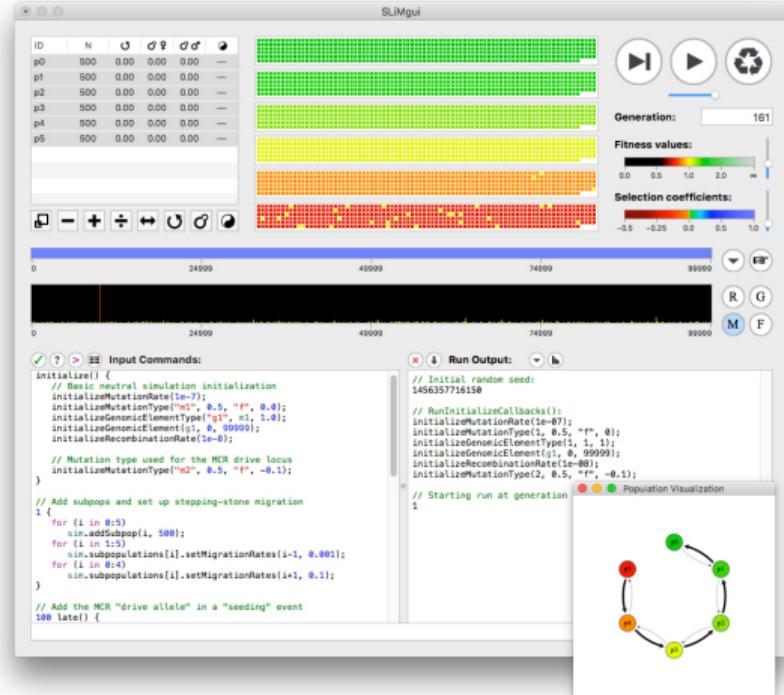
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