

Bayesian statistical approaches to inferring shared evolutionary events

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Generalizing Bayesian phylogenetics to infer patterns predicted by processes of diversification



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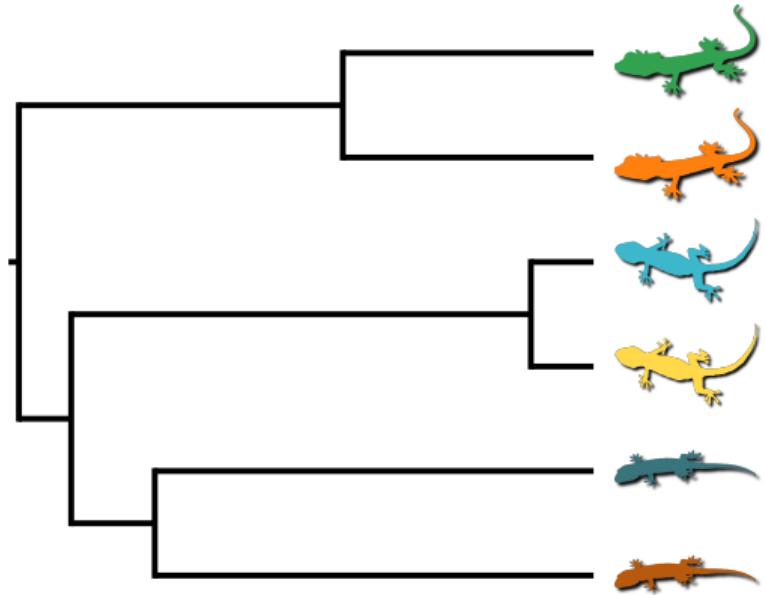


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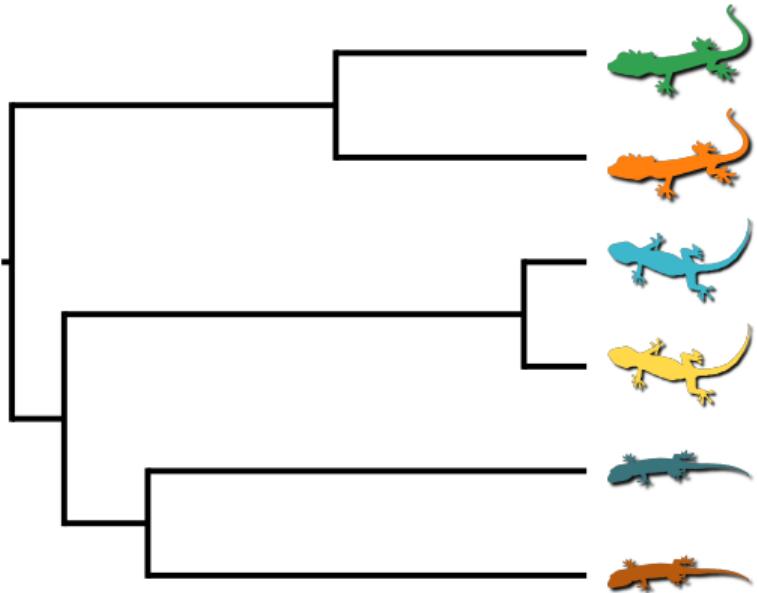
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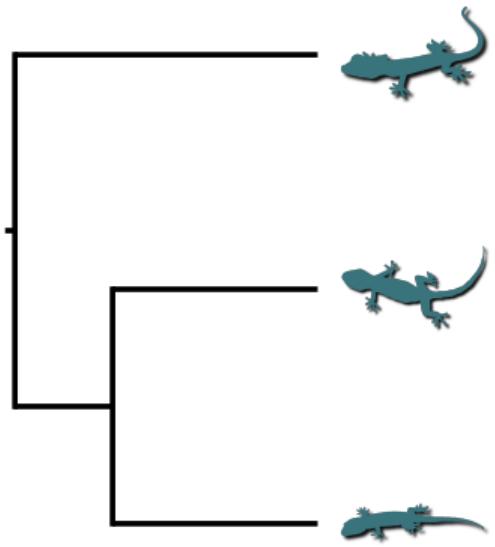


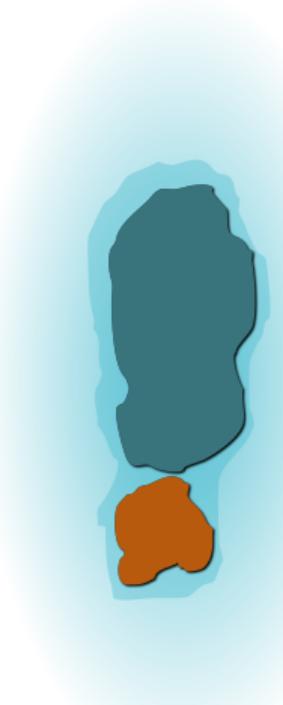
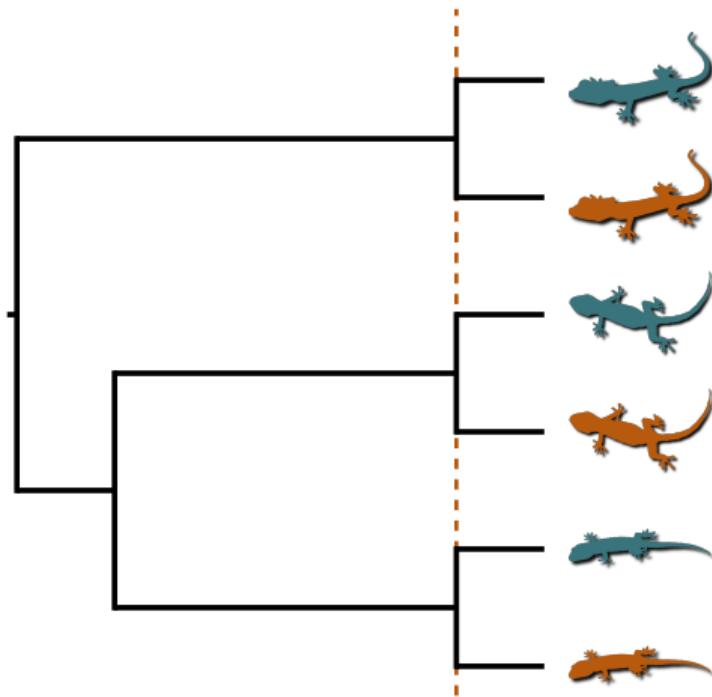
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- ▶ **Assumption:** All processes of diversification affect each lineage independently

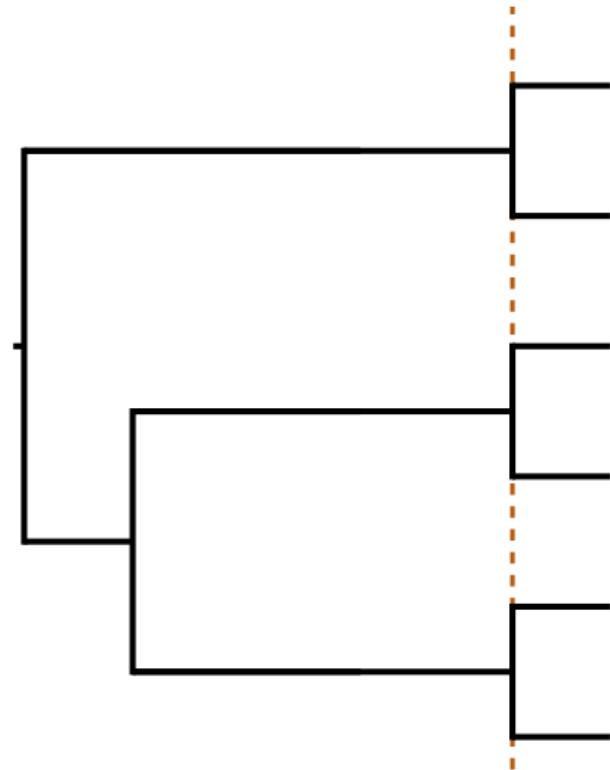






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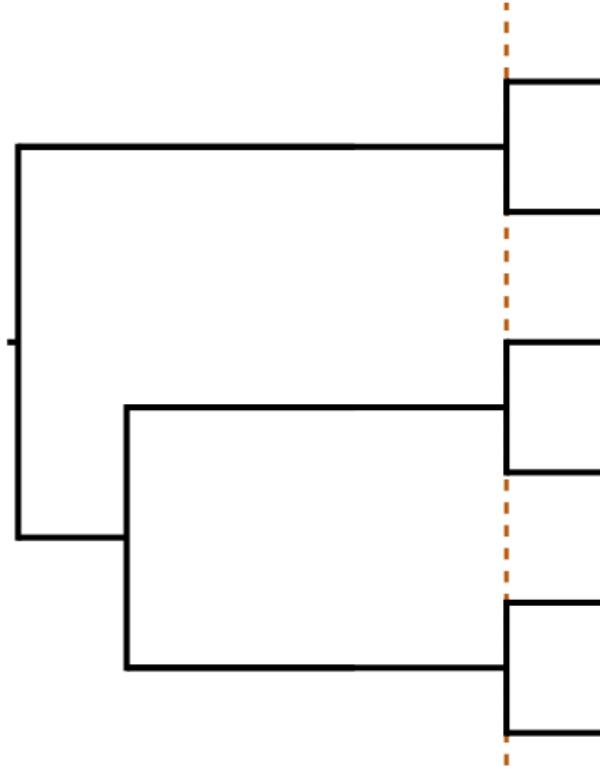


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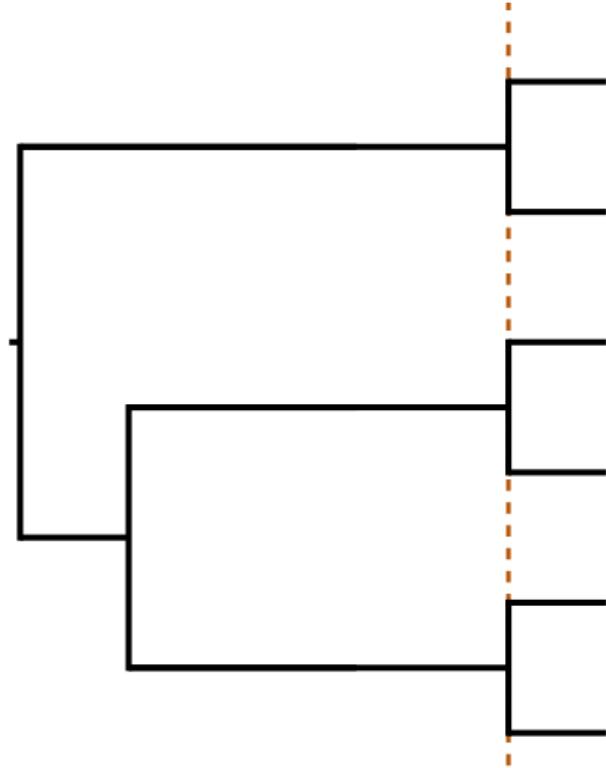
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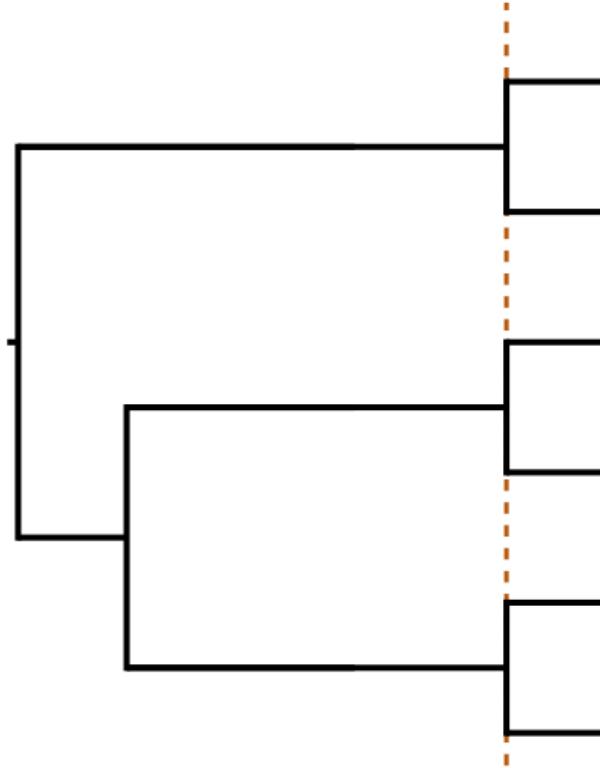
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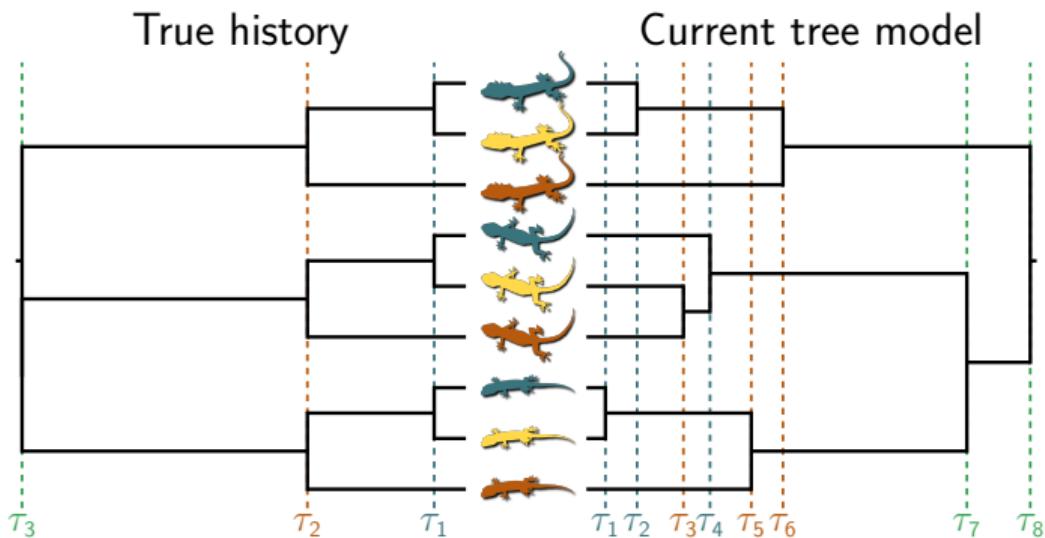
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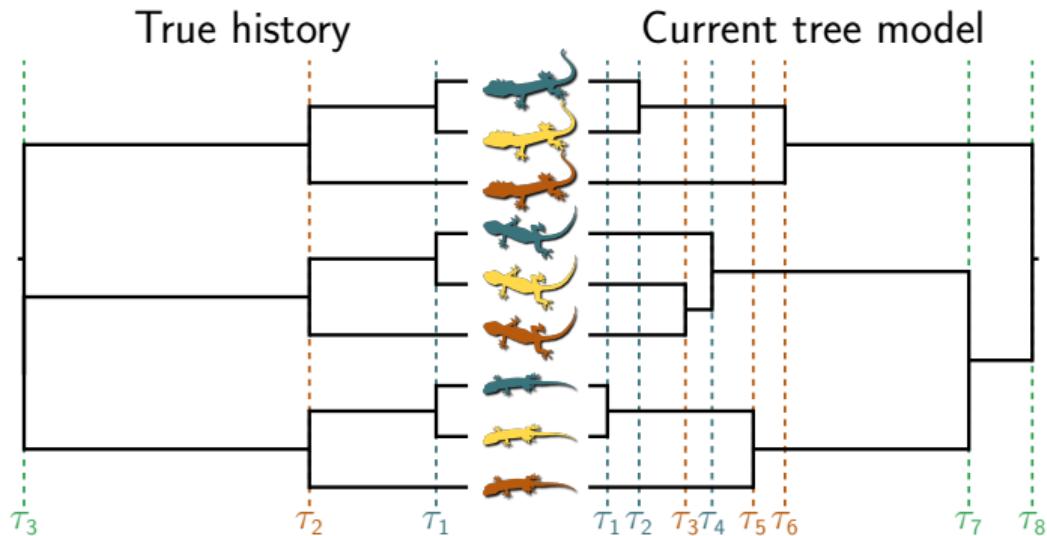
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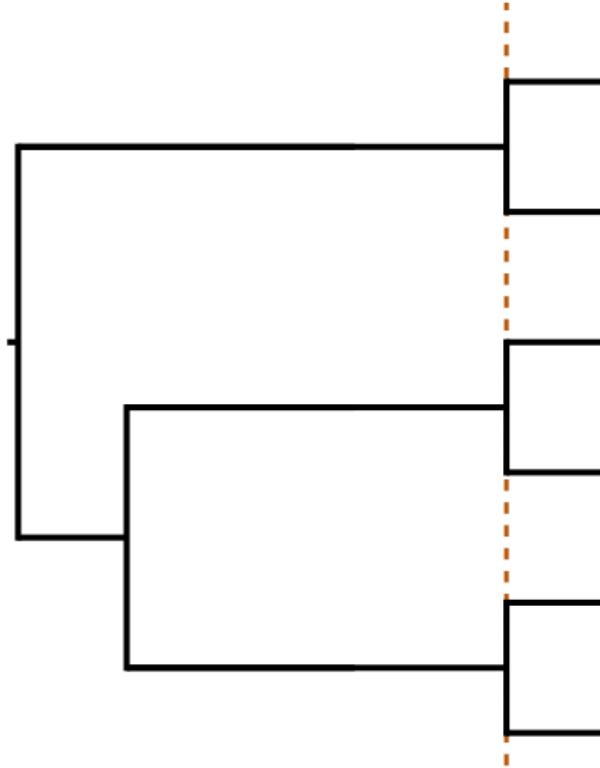
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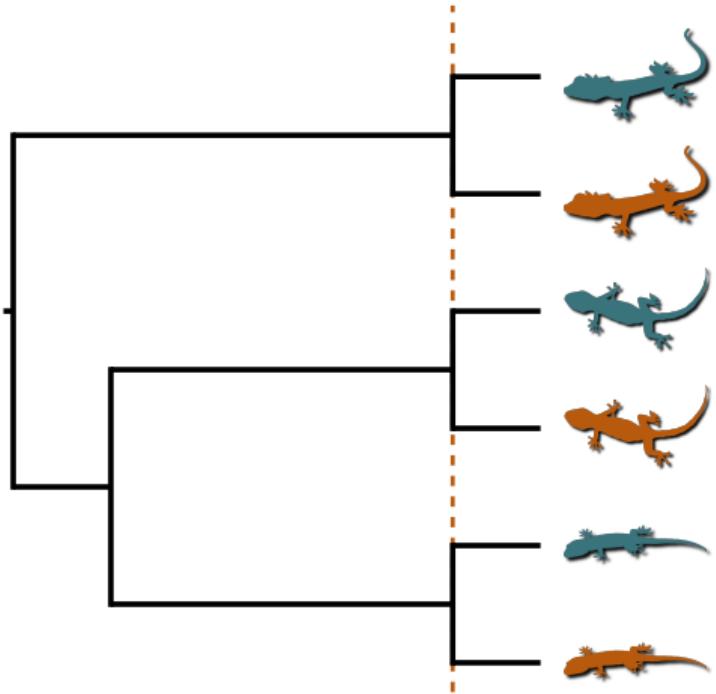


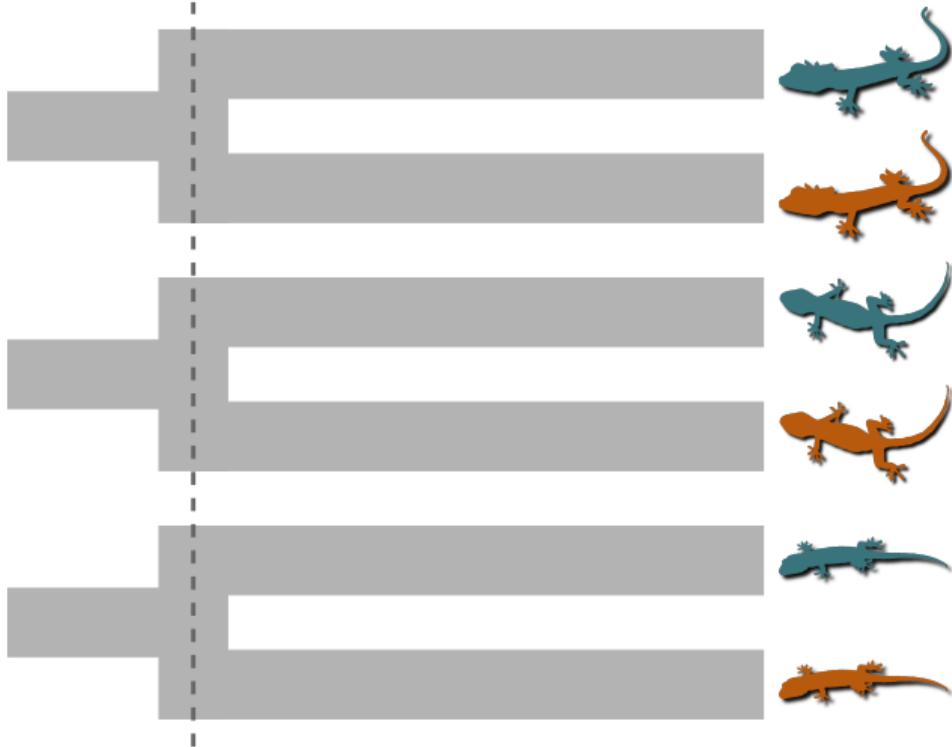
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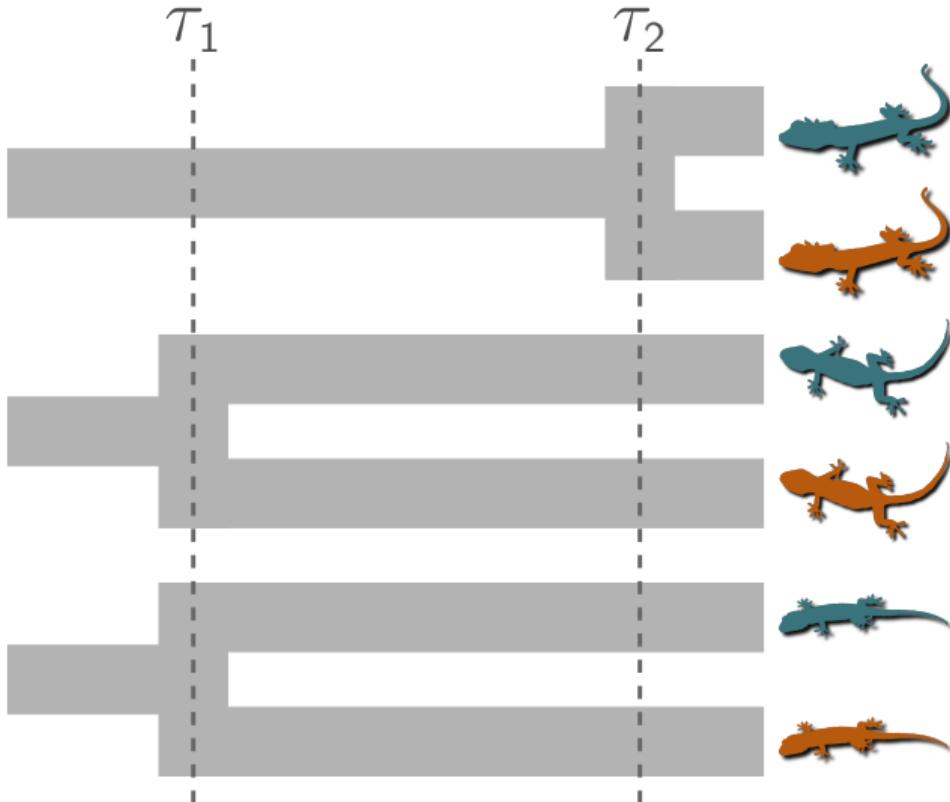


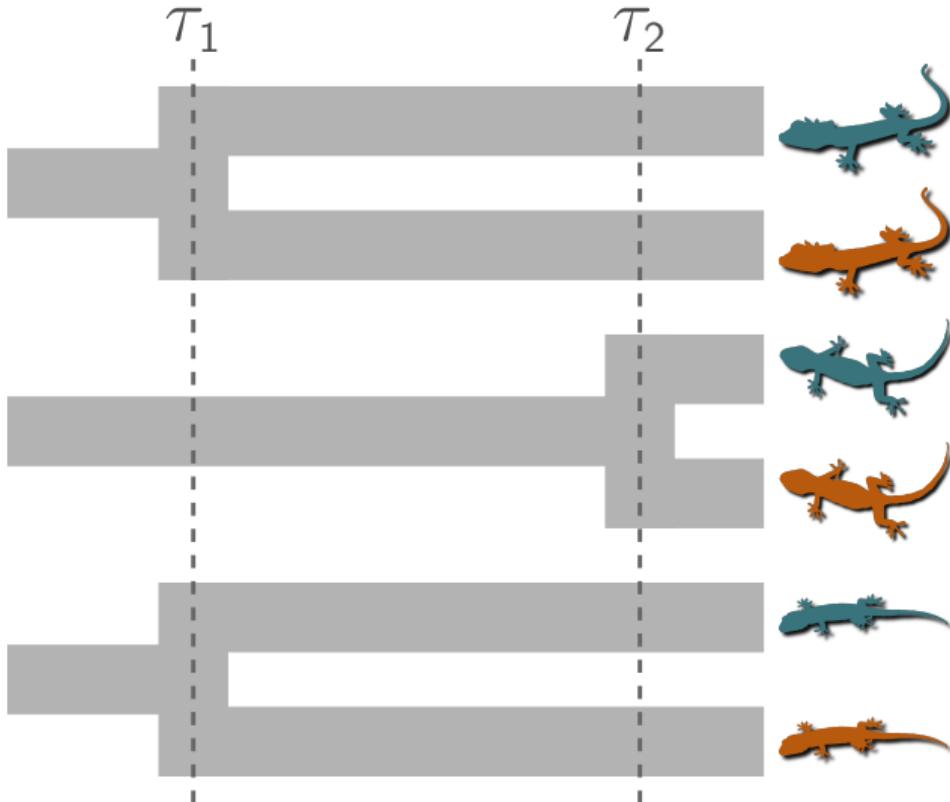
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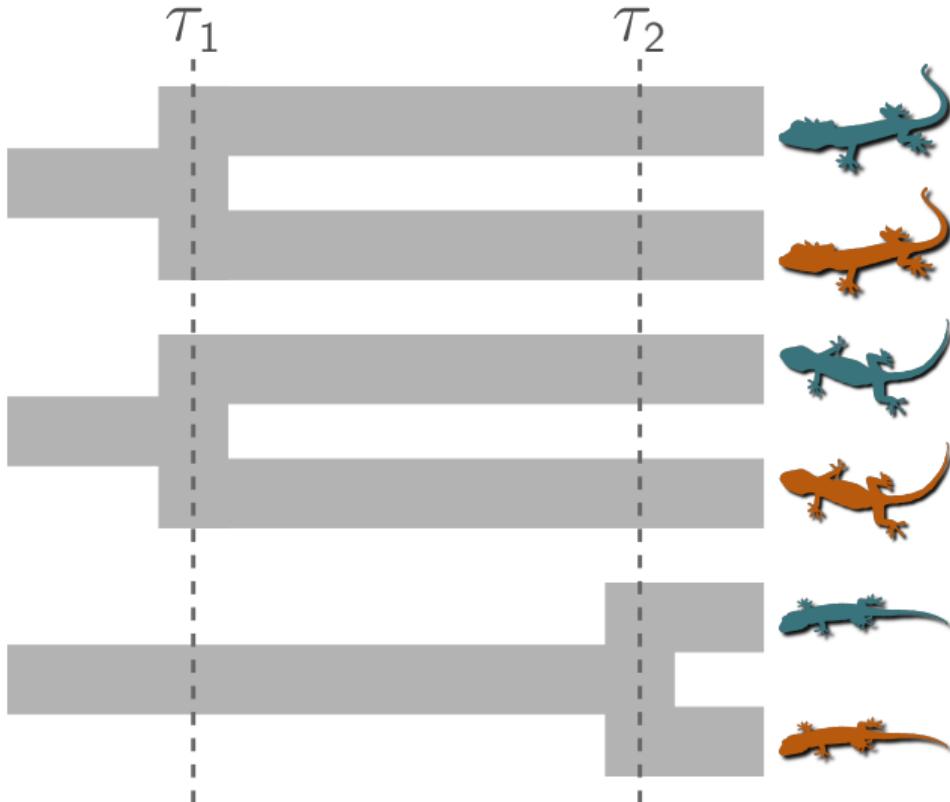


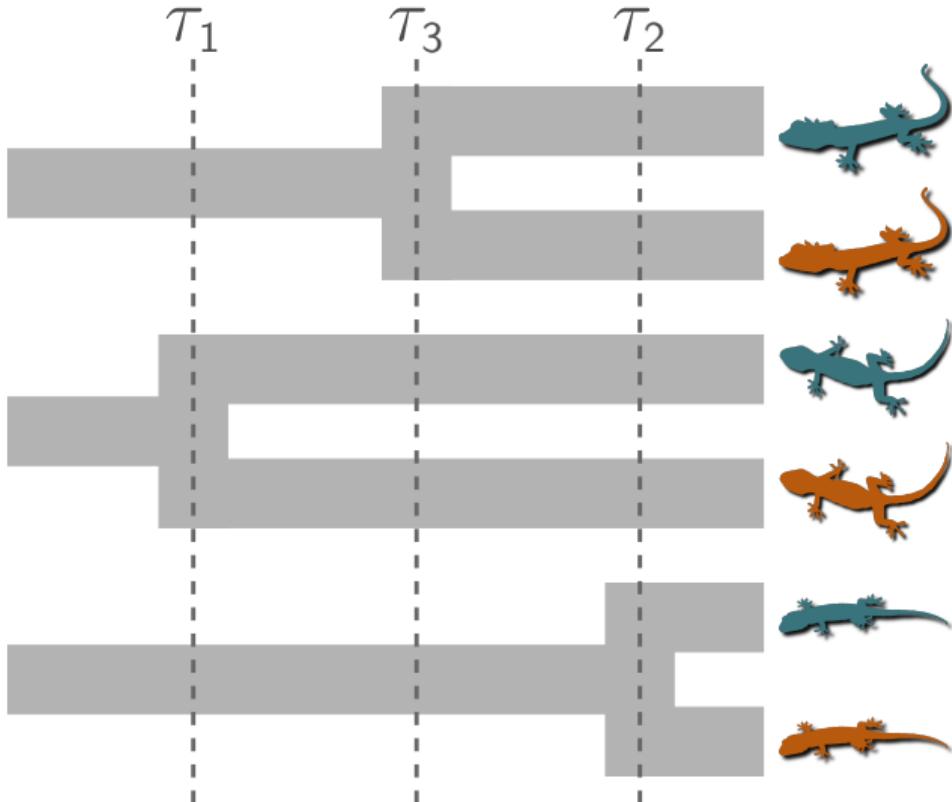


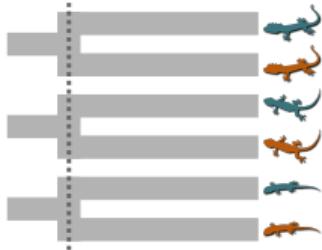
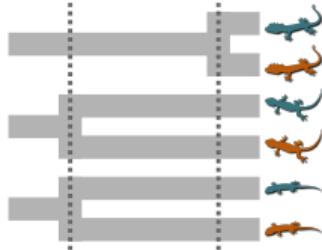
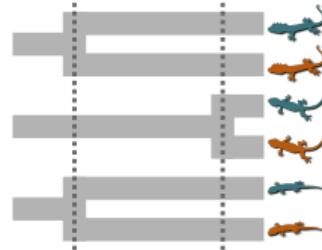
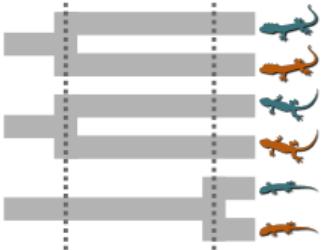
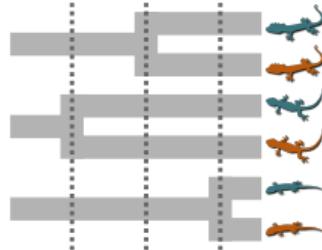
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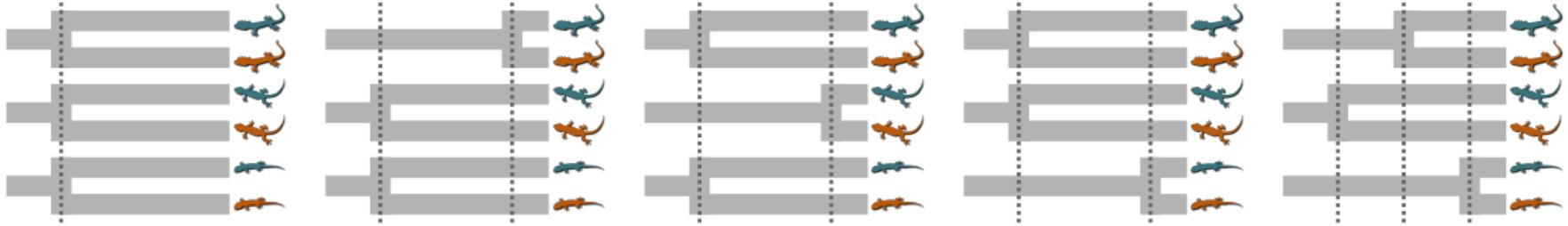








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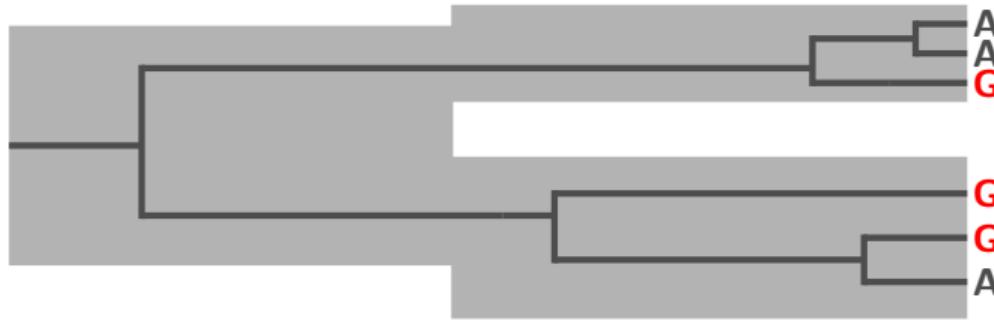
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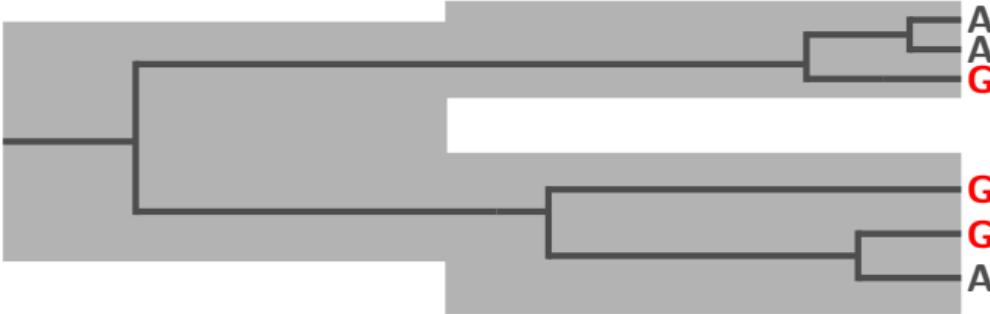
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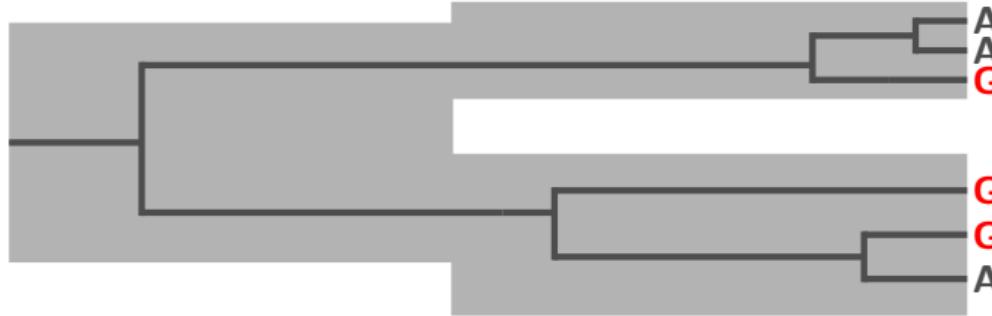
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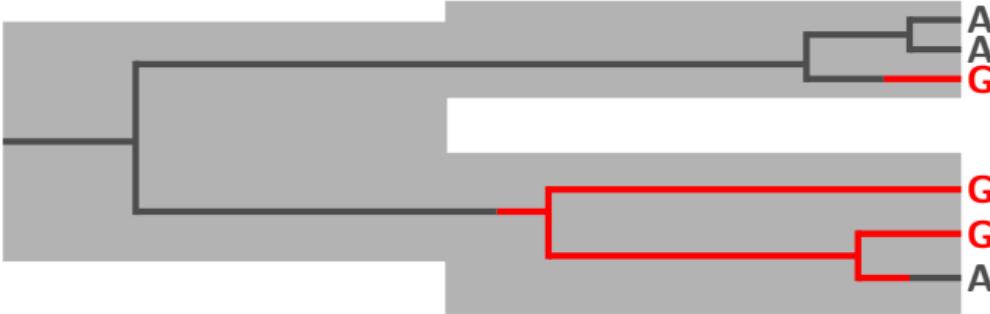
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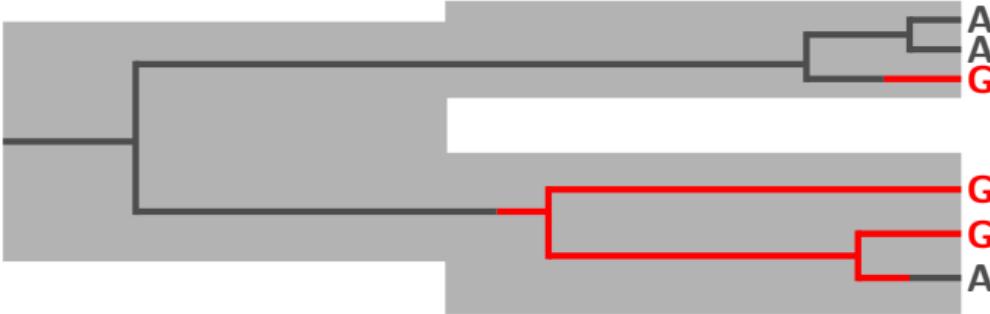
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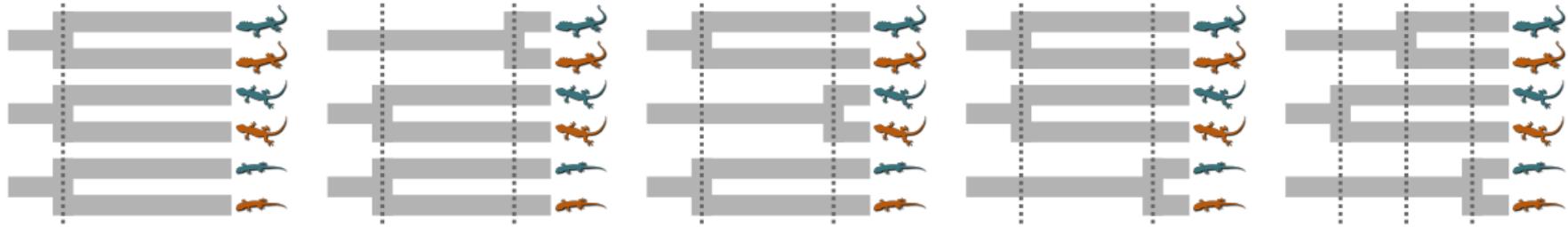
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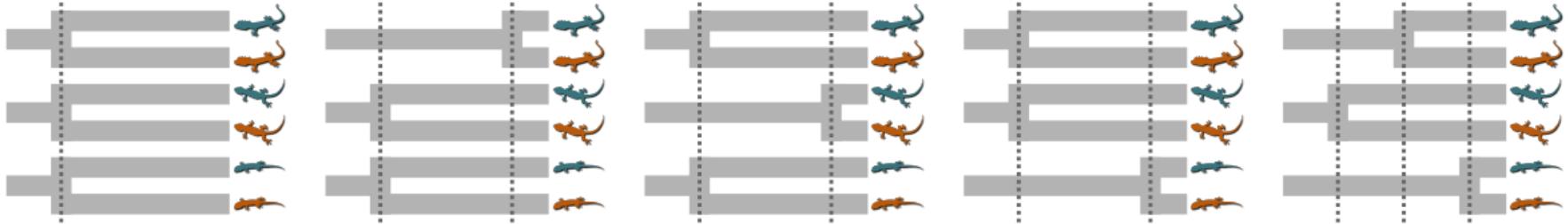
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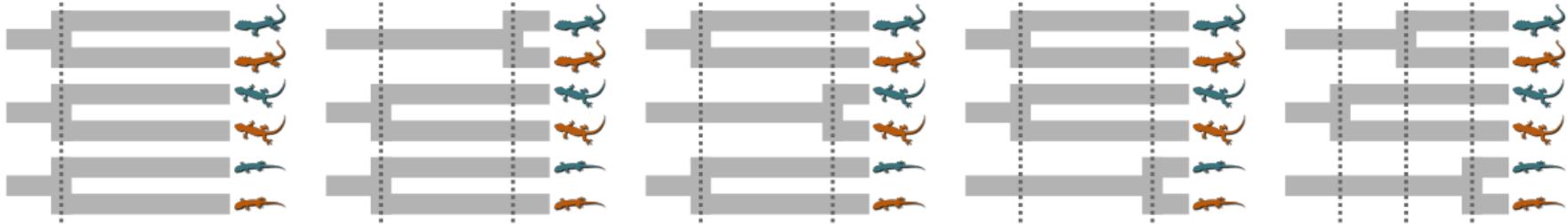
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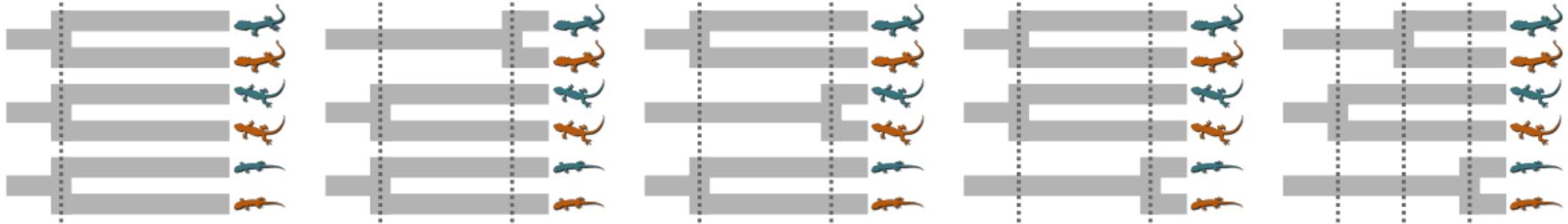
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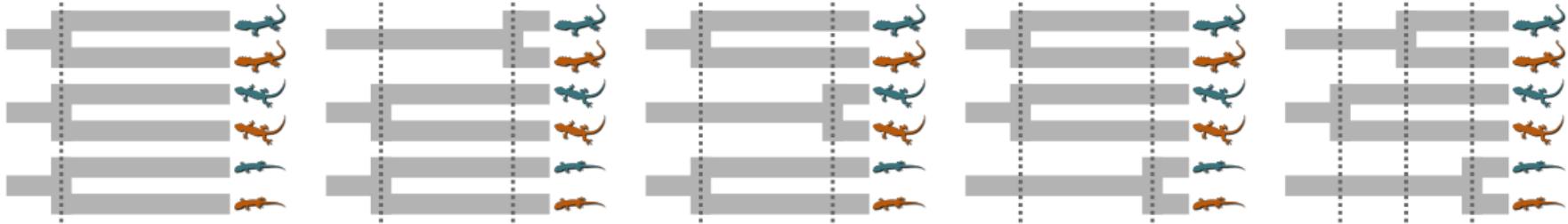
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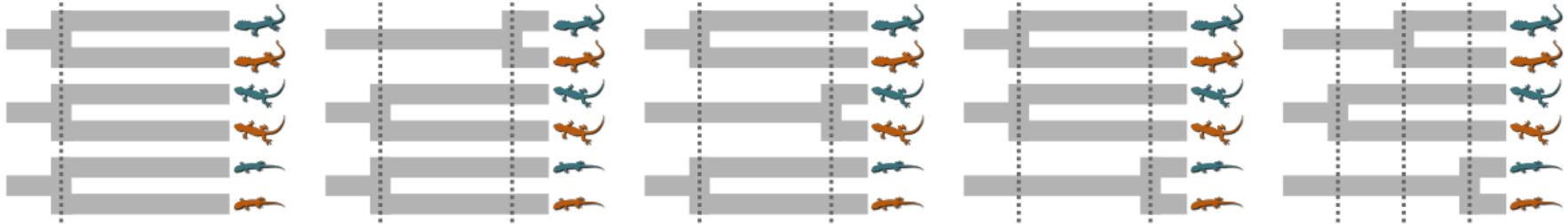
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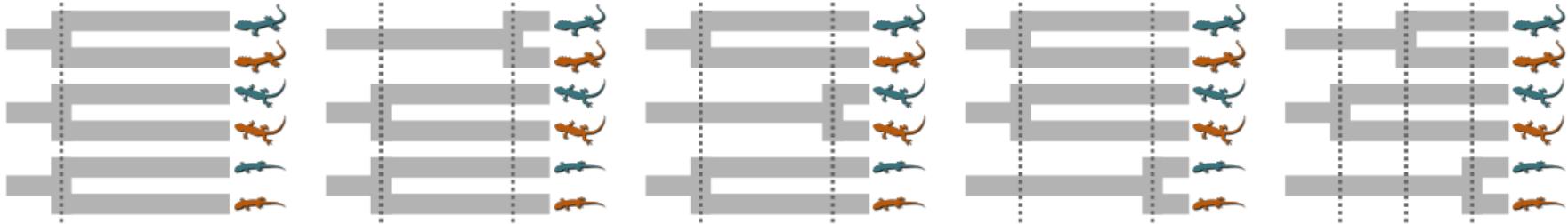
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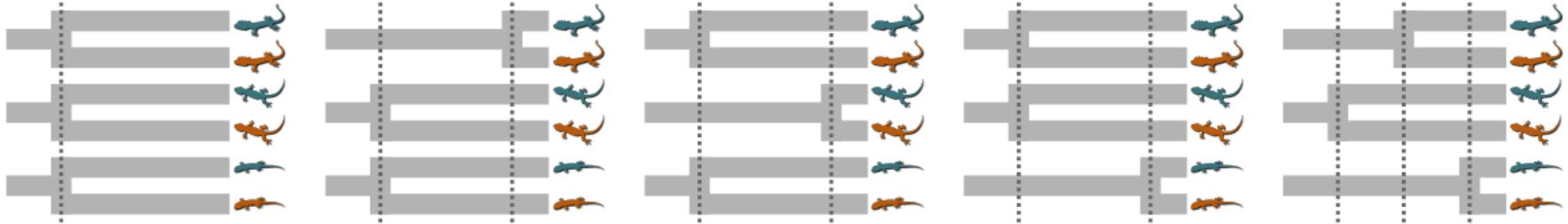
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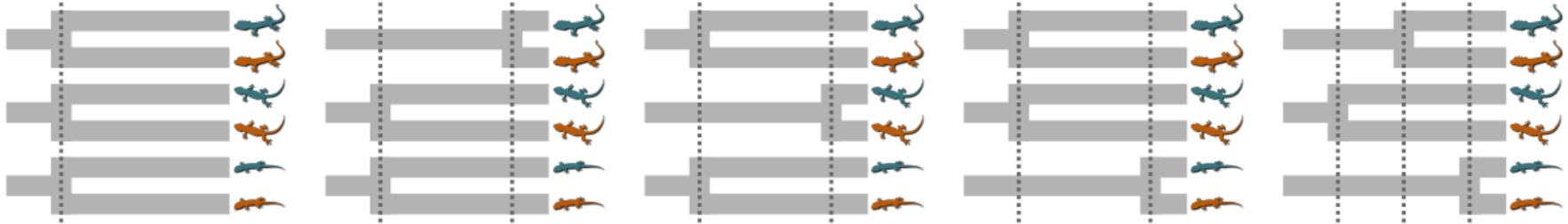
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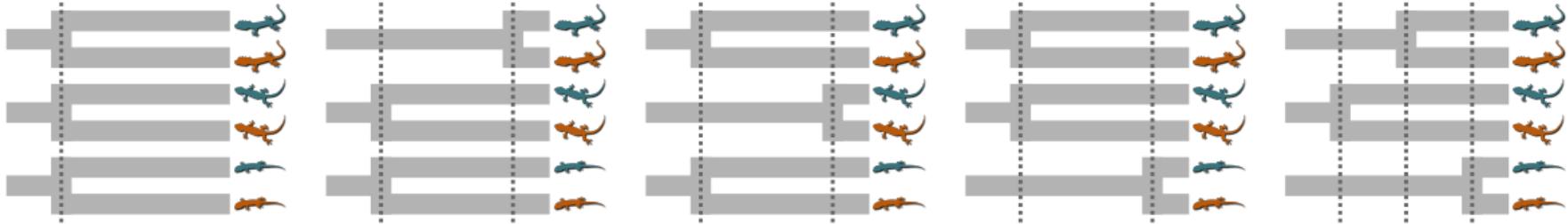
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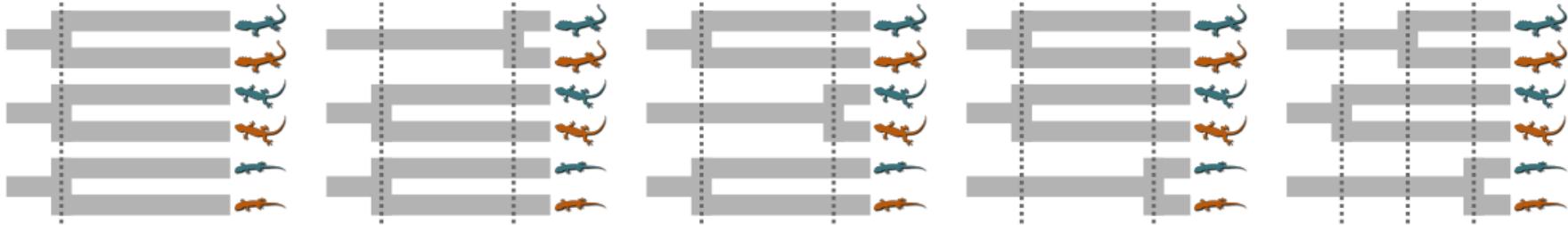
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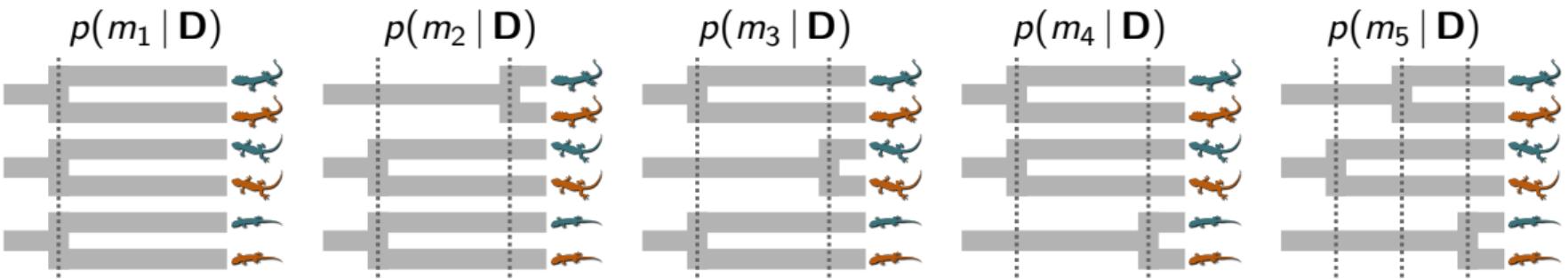
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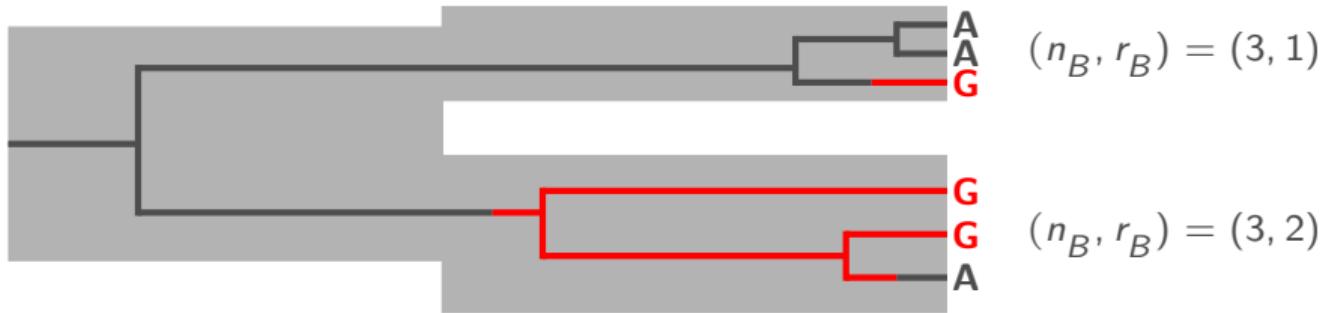


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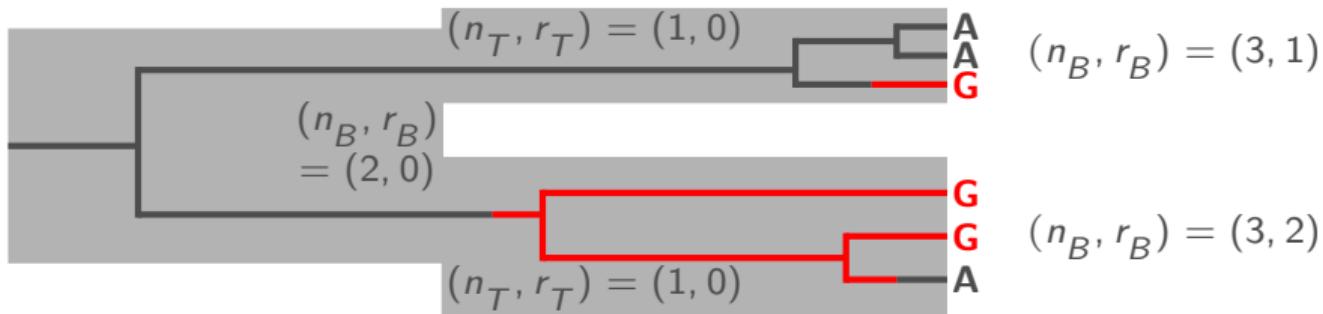
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Approximate Bayesian computation (ABC) methods do not perform well for this model-choice problem



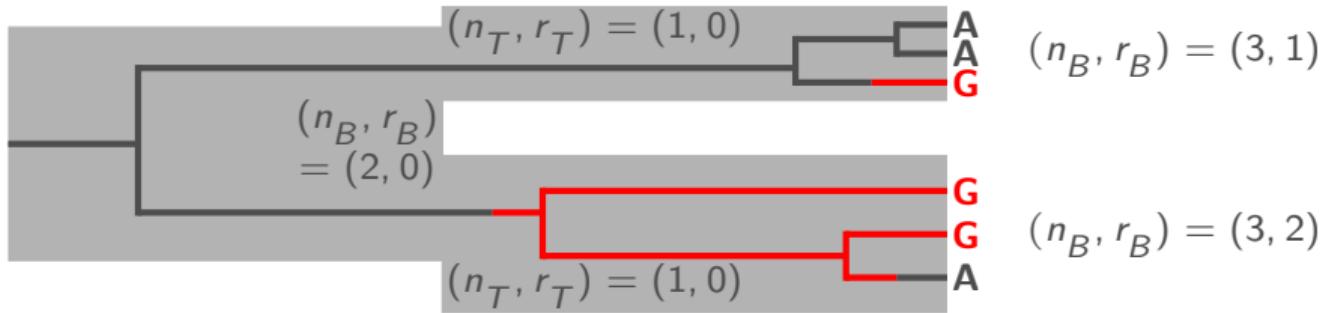
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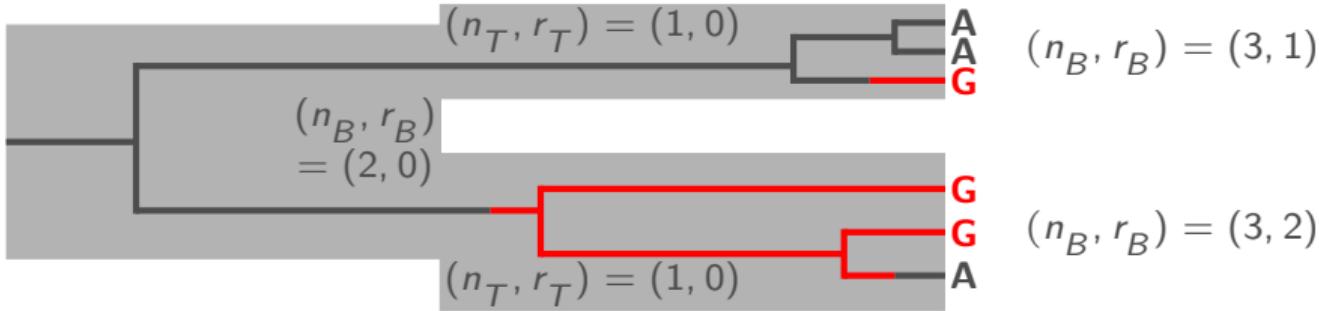
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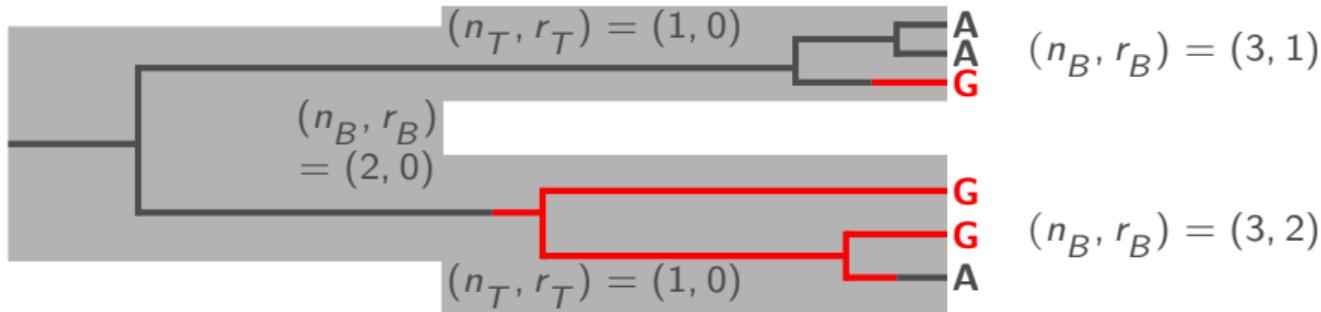
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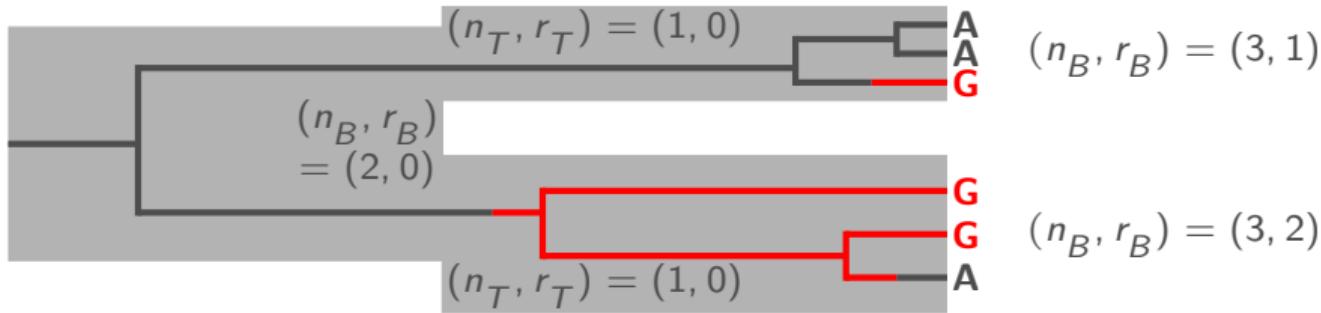


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- ▶ e^{Qt} to keep track of all conditional probabilities along each branch (Carathéodory-Fejér method¹)

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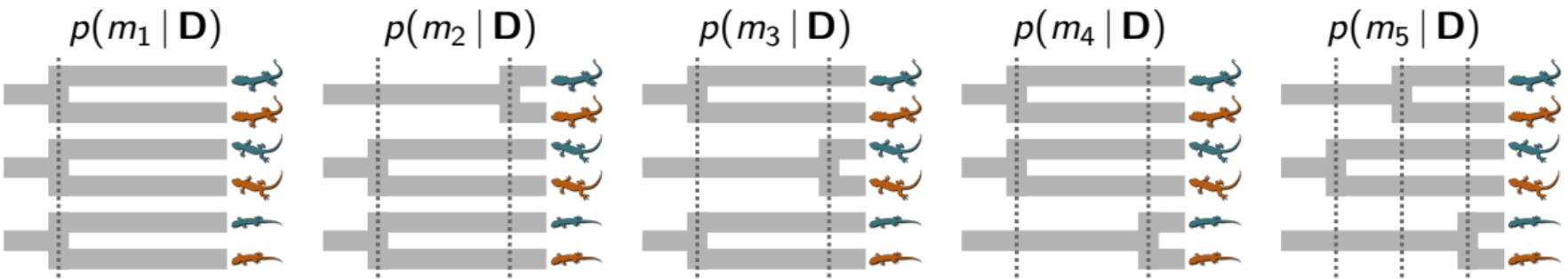


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We want to infer the model and divergence times given genetic data

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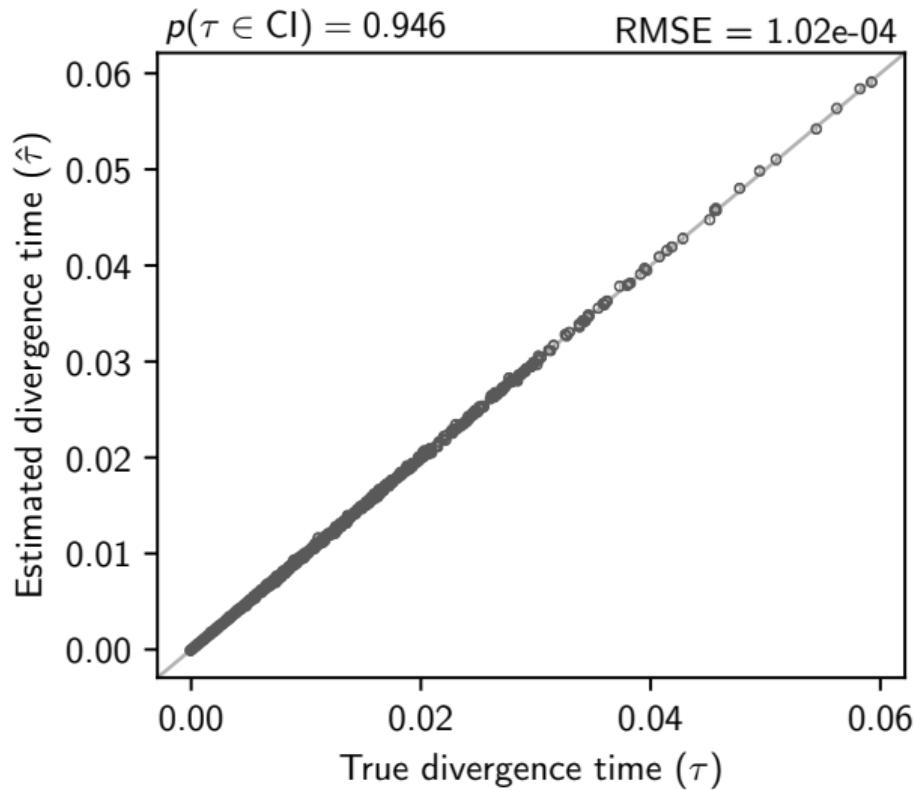
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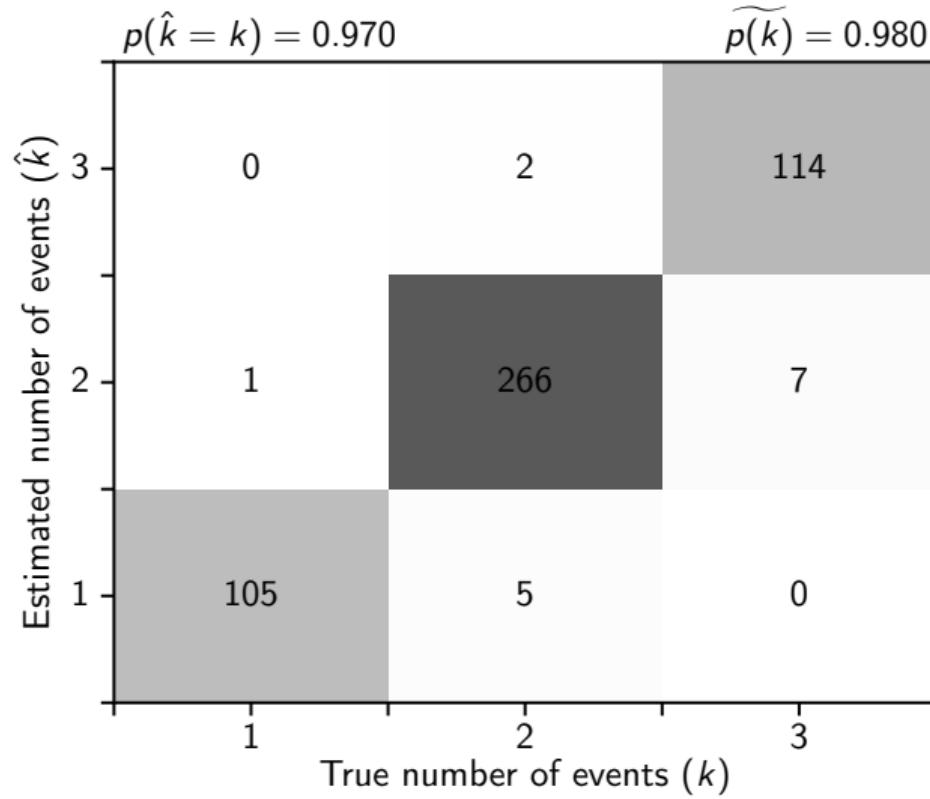
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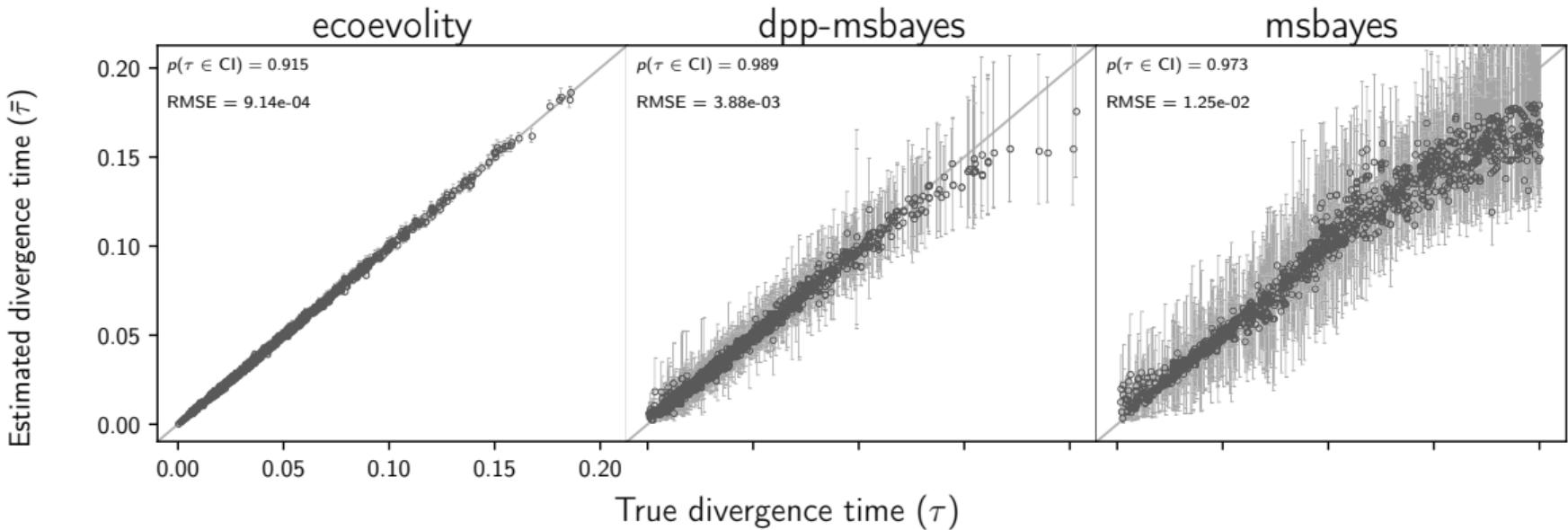
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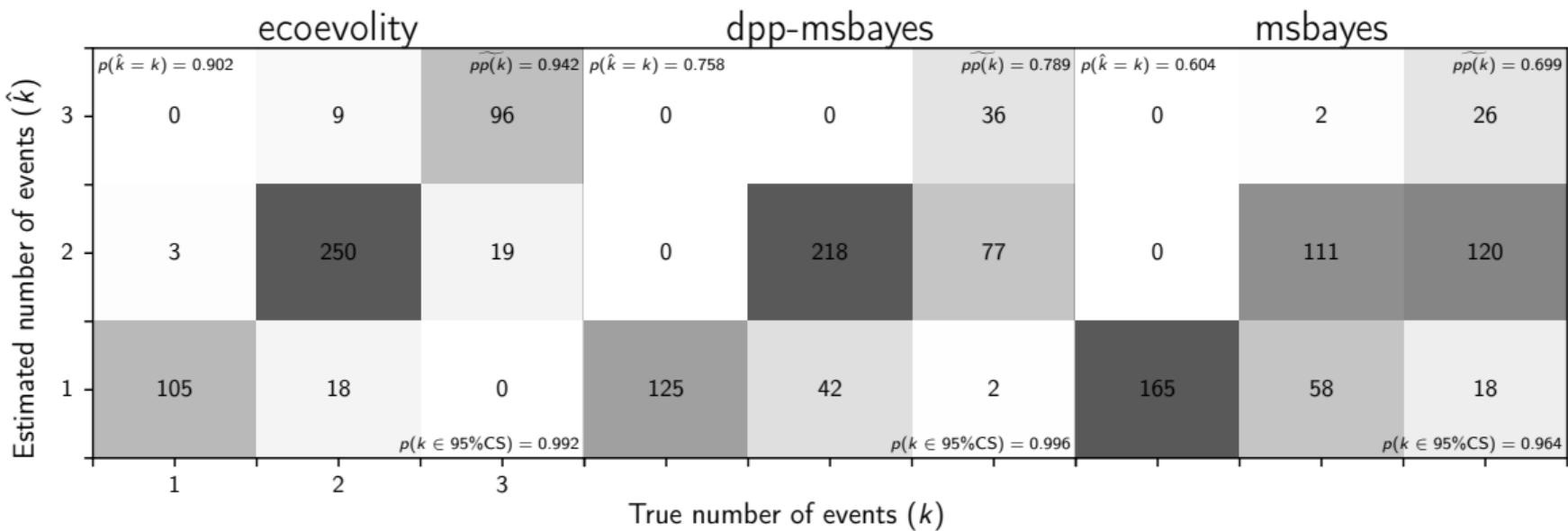
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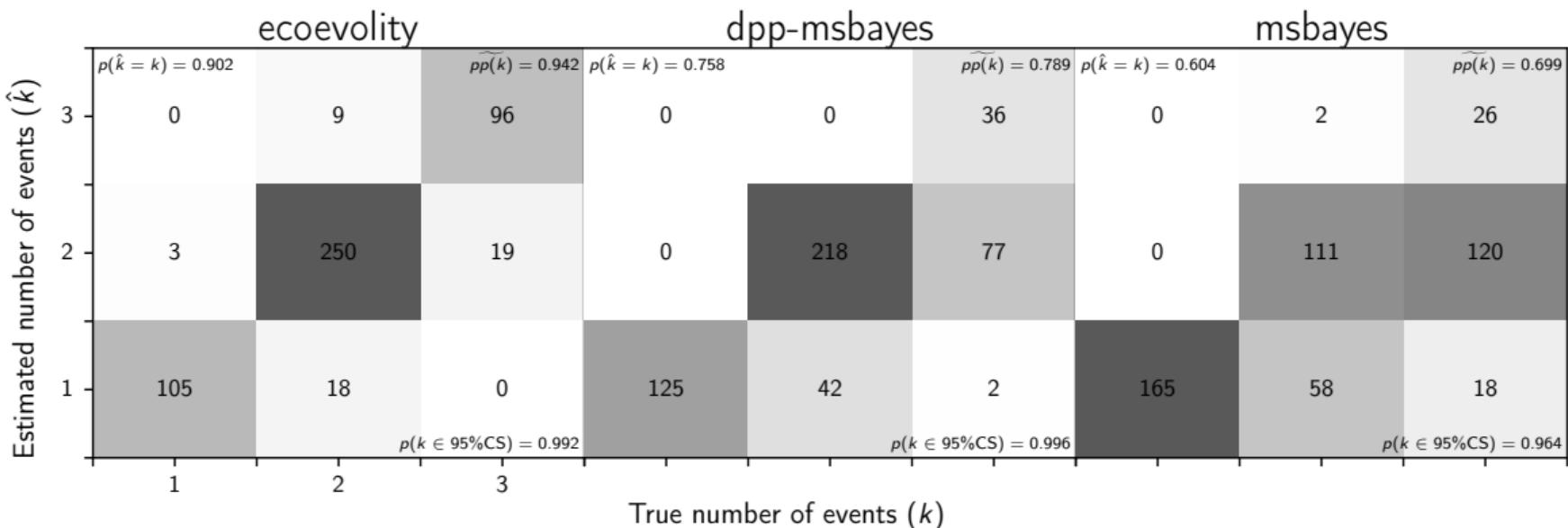
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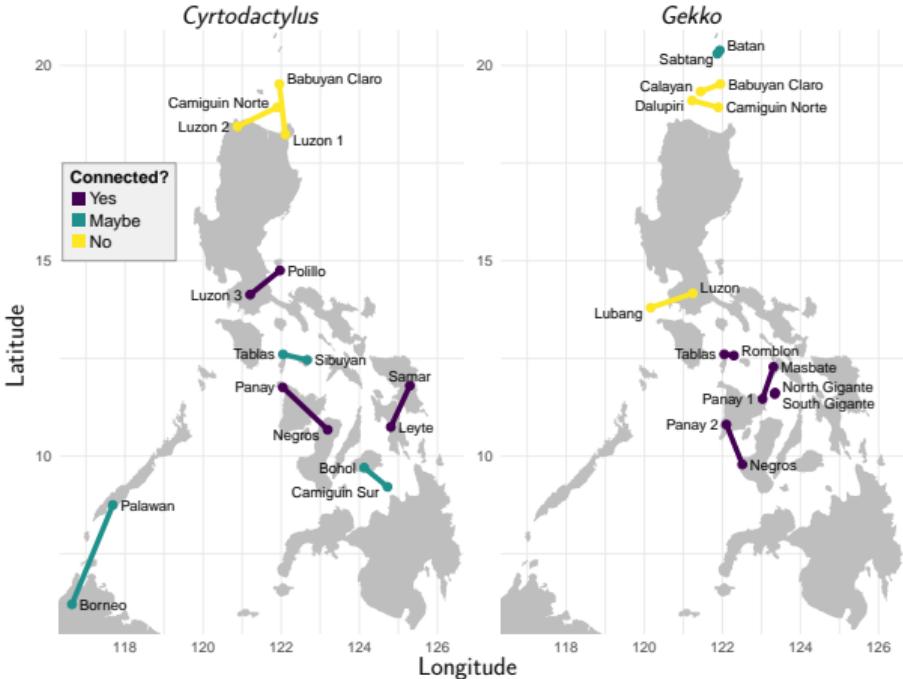


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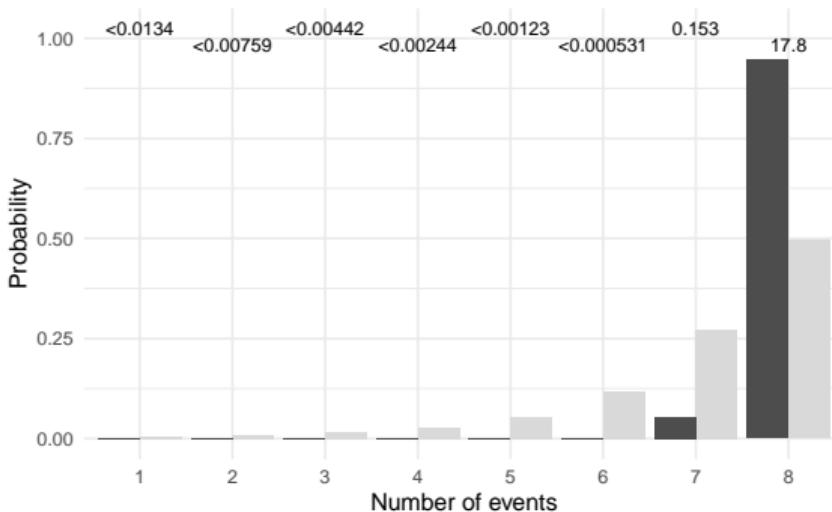
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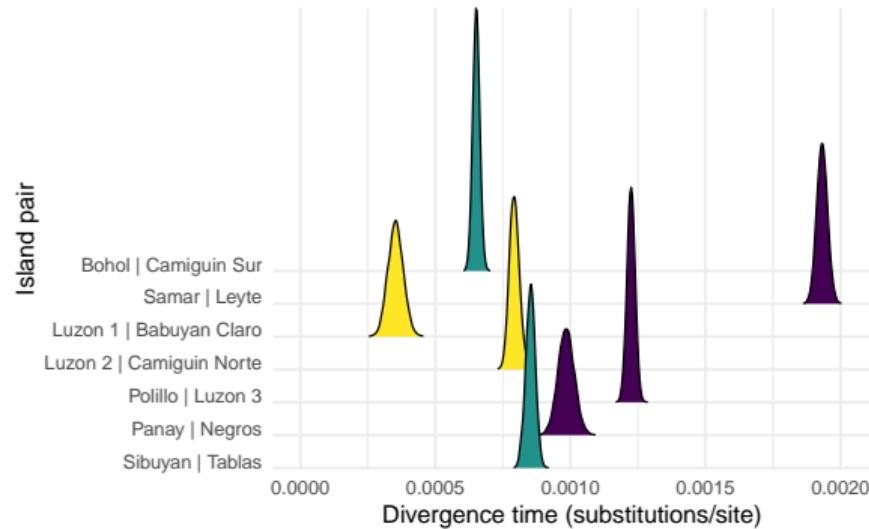
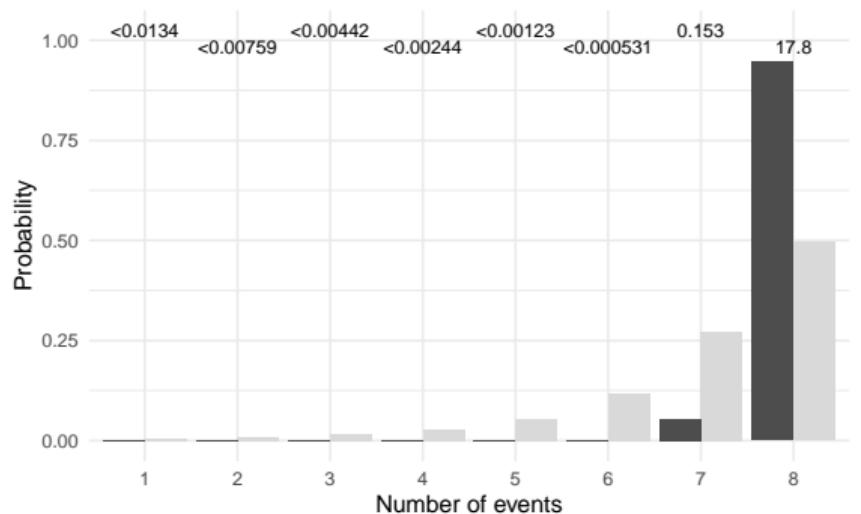


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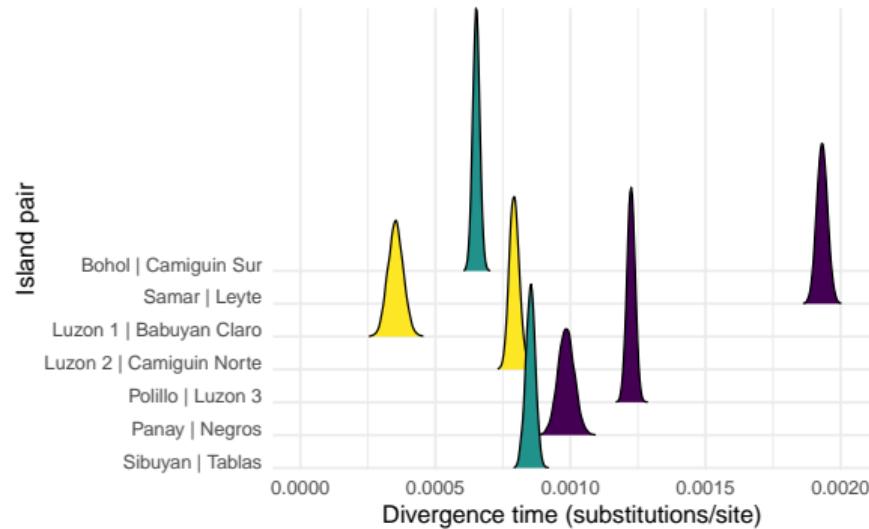
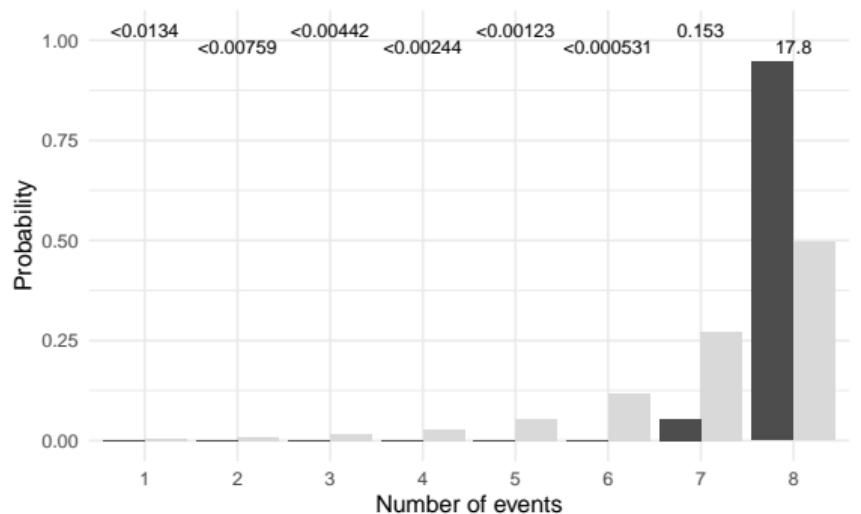
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Approaches to the problem

A pairwise approach (keep it “simple”)

A fully phylogenetic approach



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Biogeography

- ▶ Environmental changes that affect whole communities of species

Genome evolution

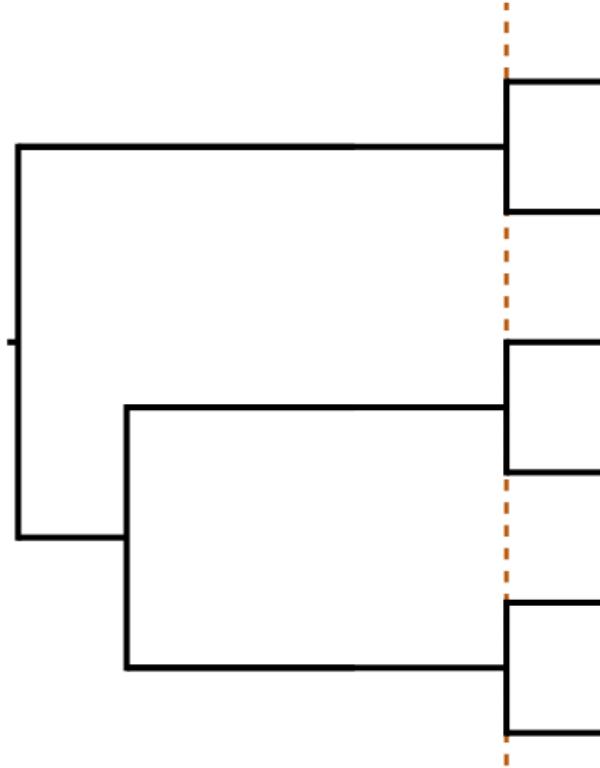
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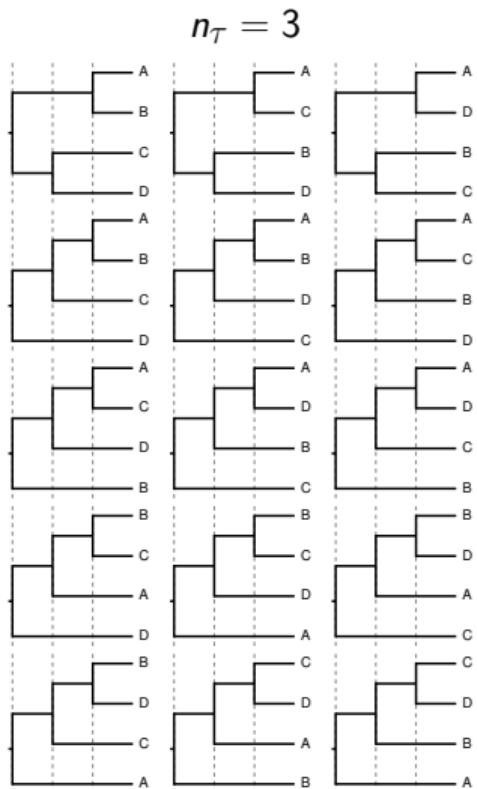
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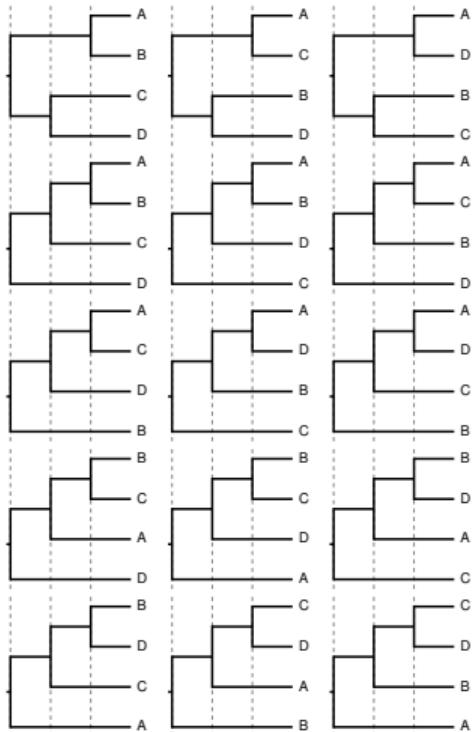
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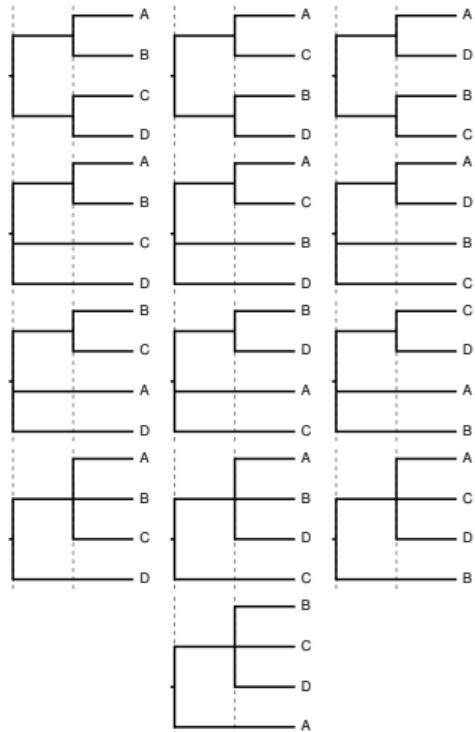


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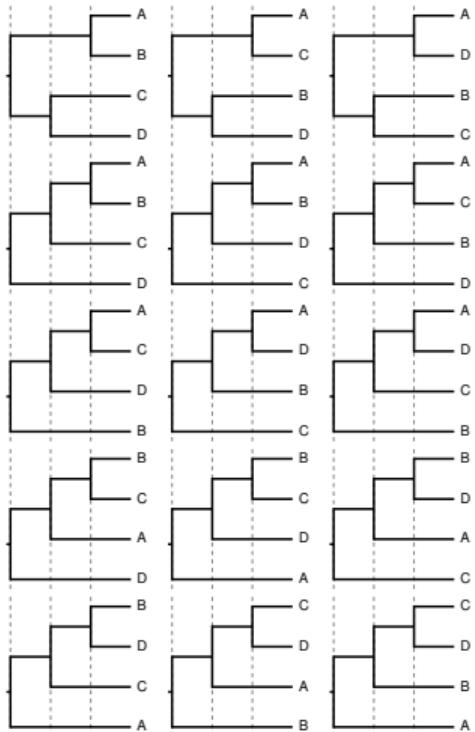


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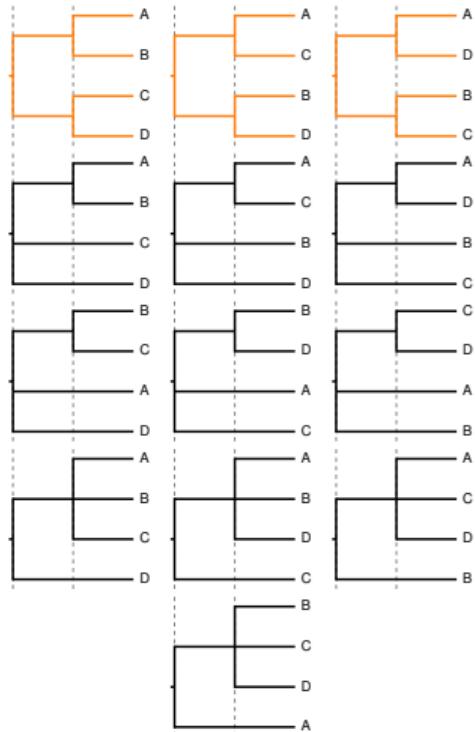


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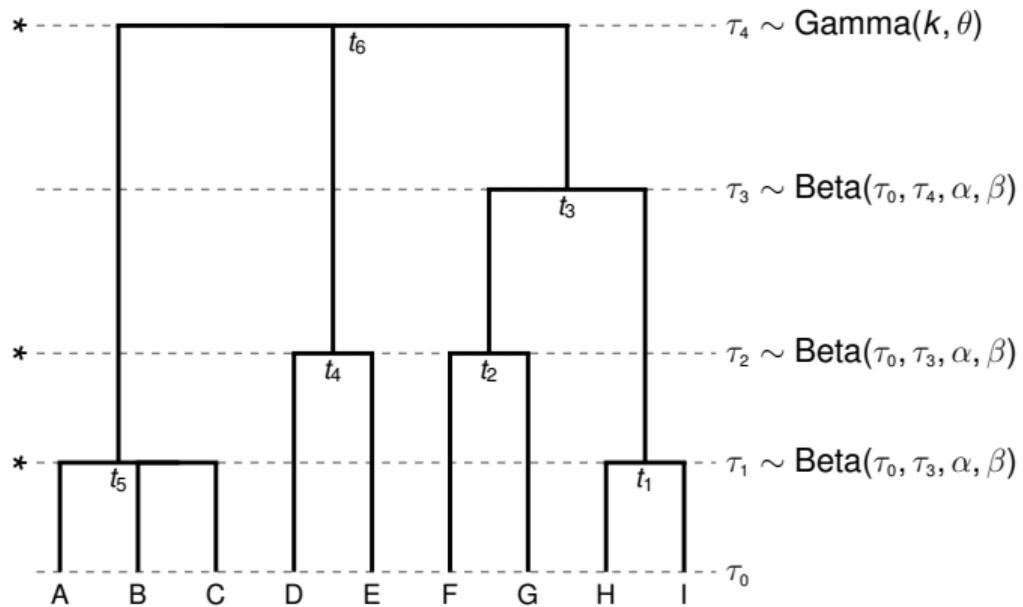


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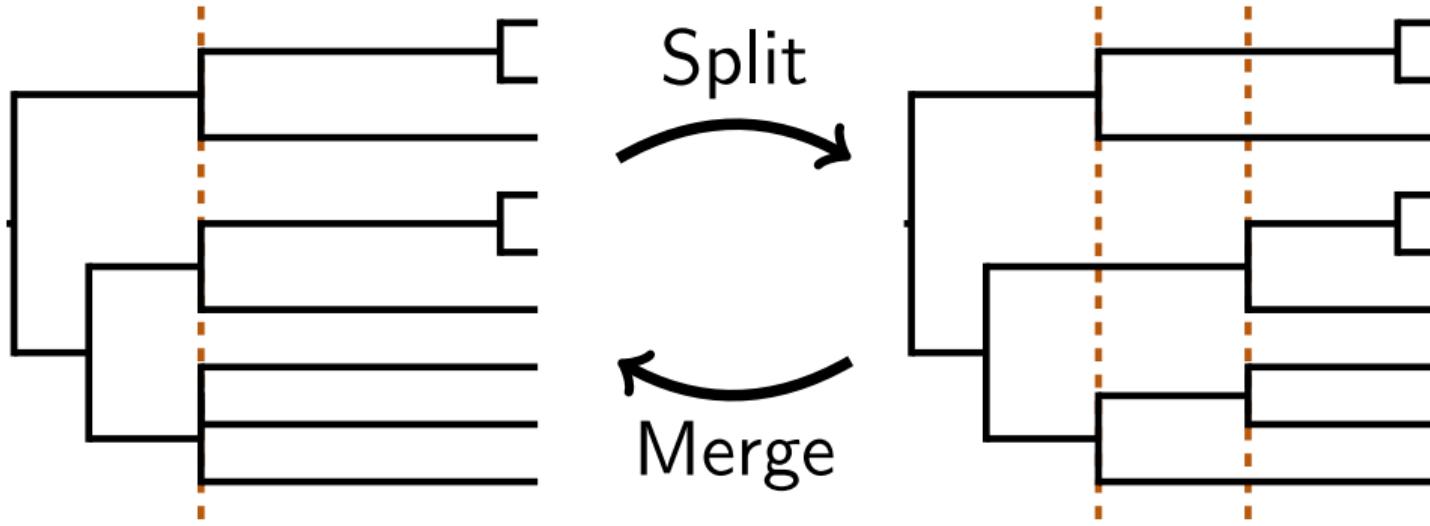


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- ▶ All topologies equally probable
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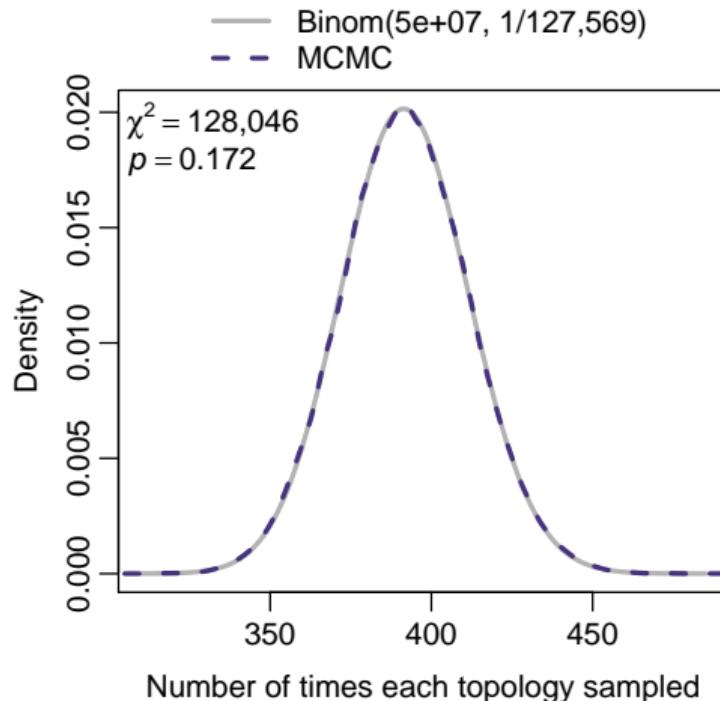


Inferring trees with shared divergences



Reversible-jump MCMC

Validating rjMCMC with 7-leaf tree



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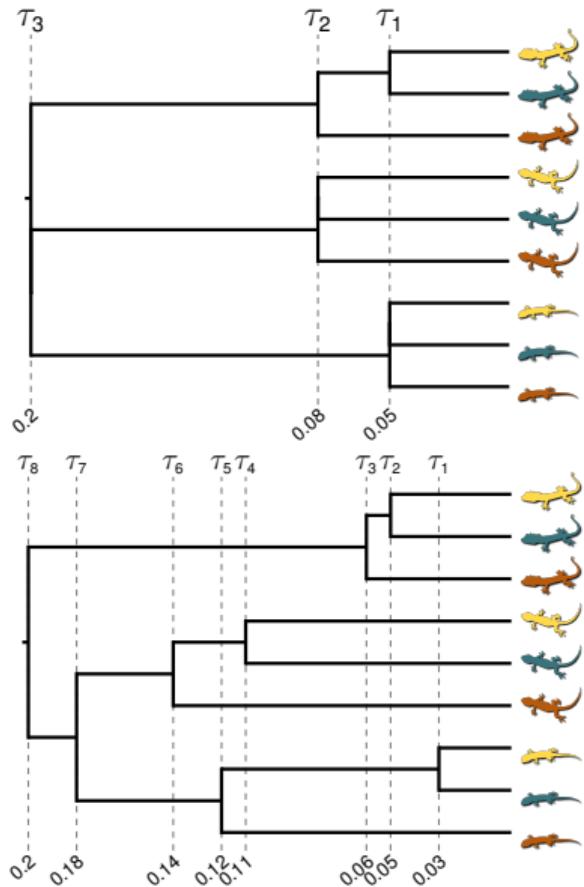
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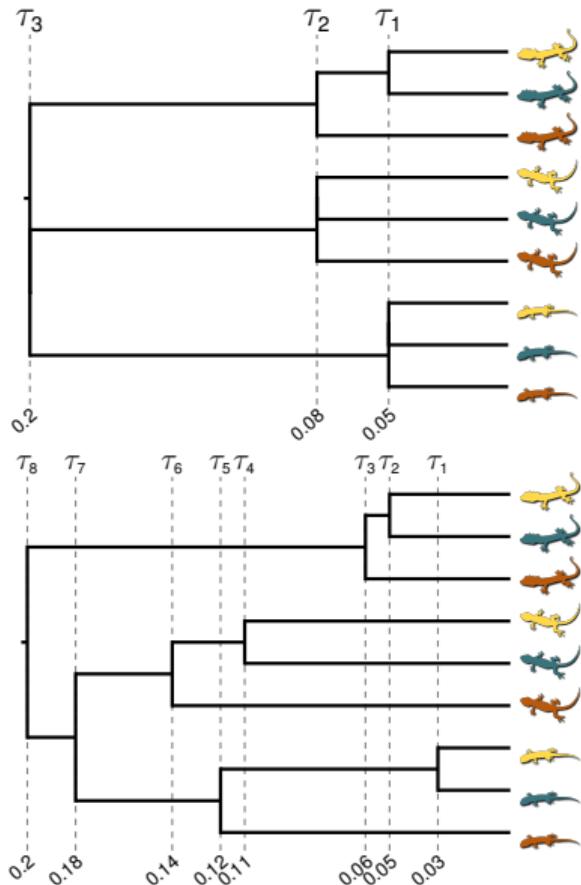
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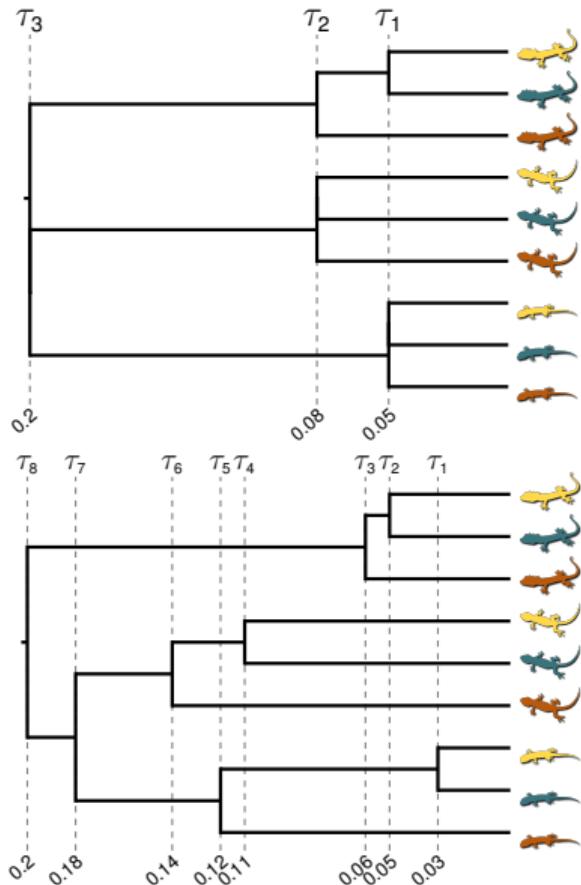
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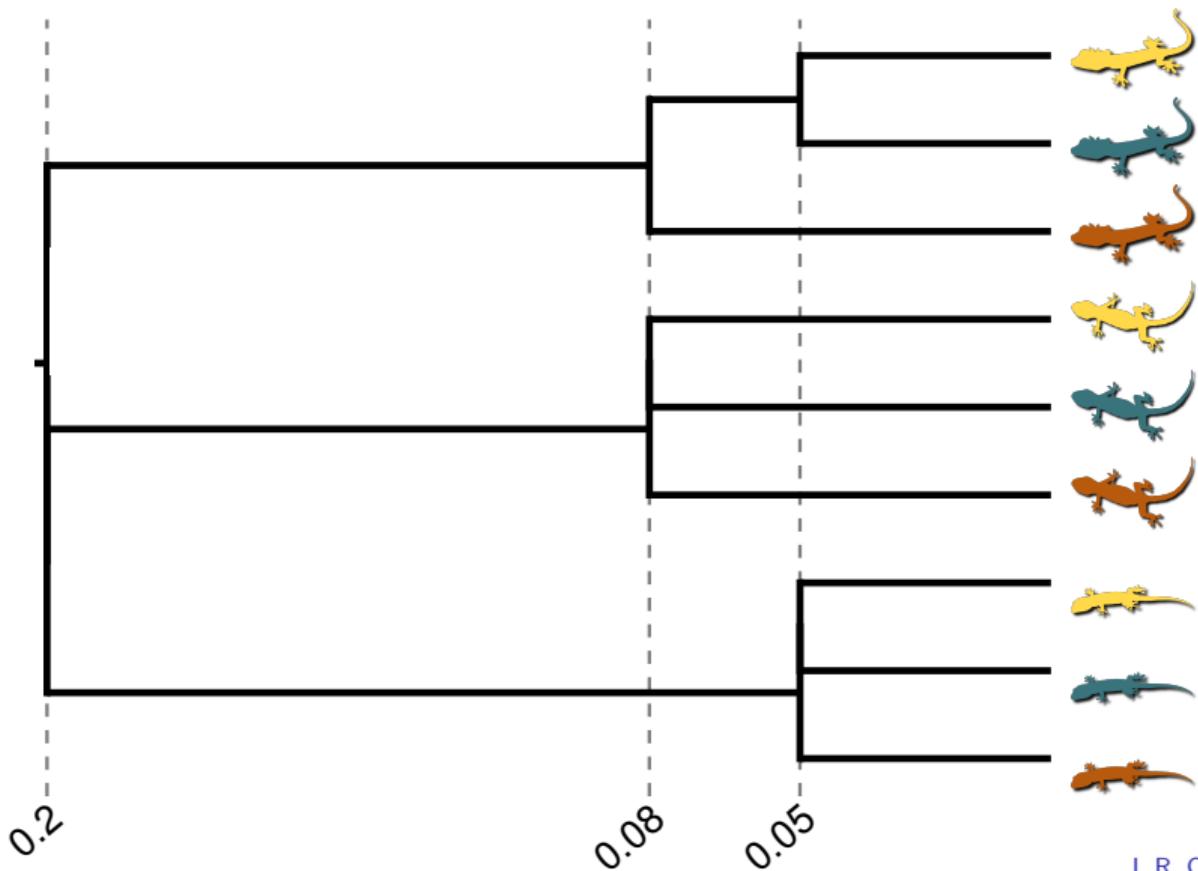
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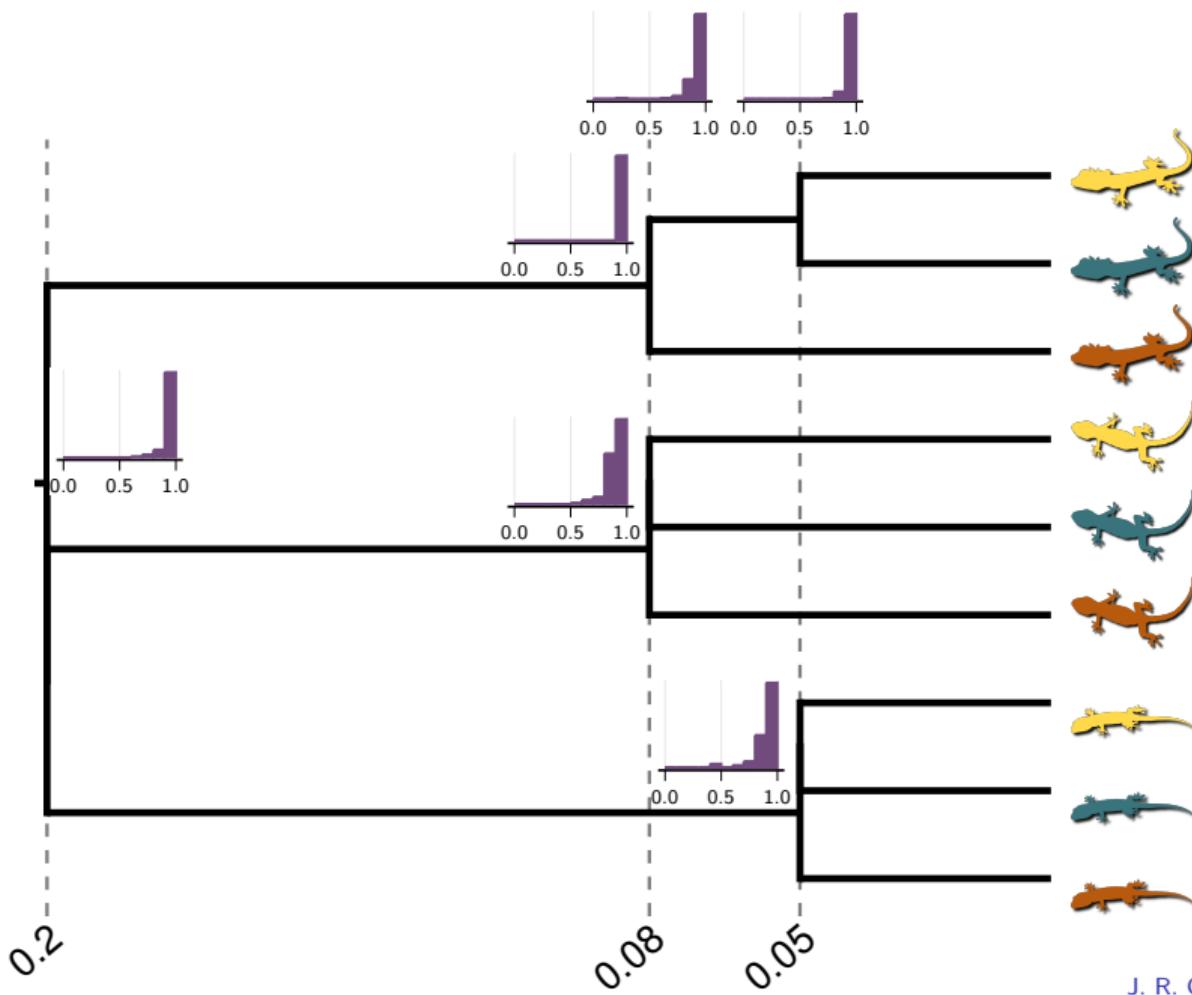


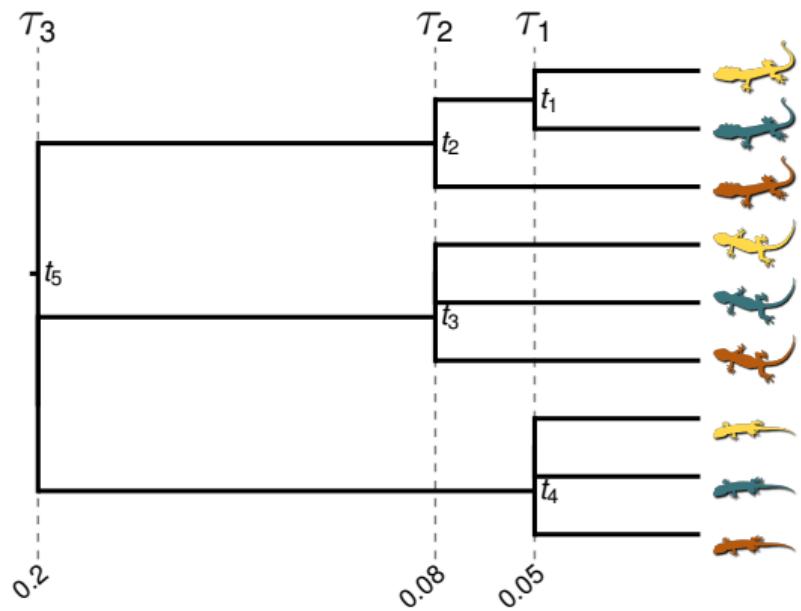
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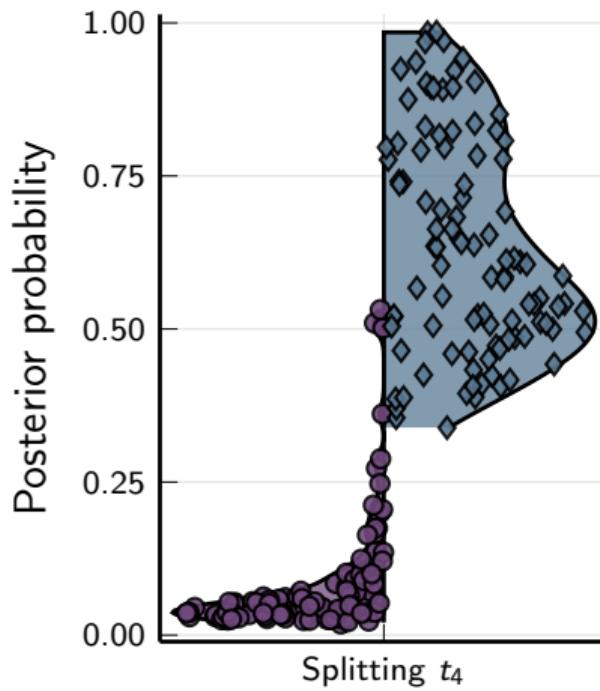
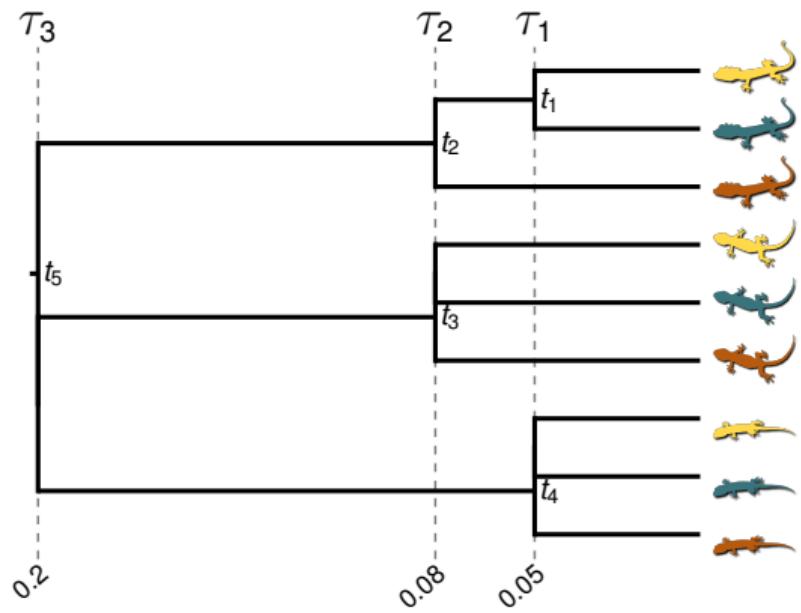






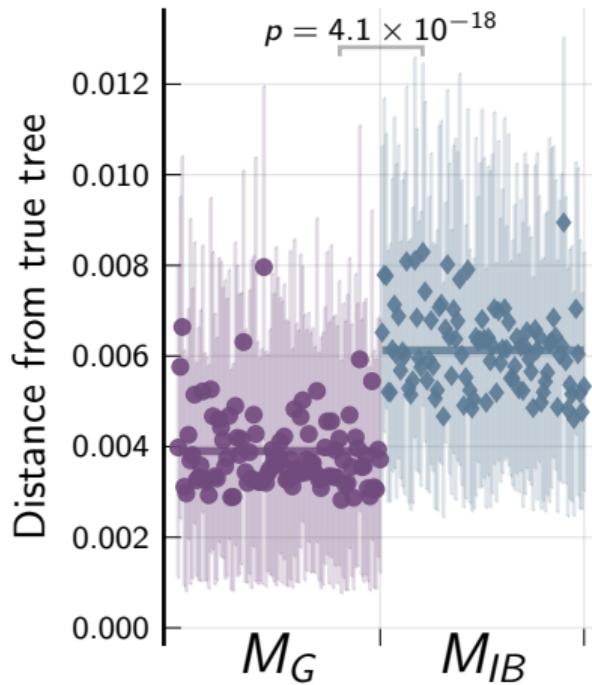
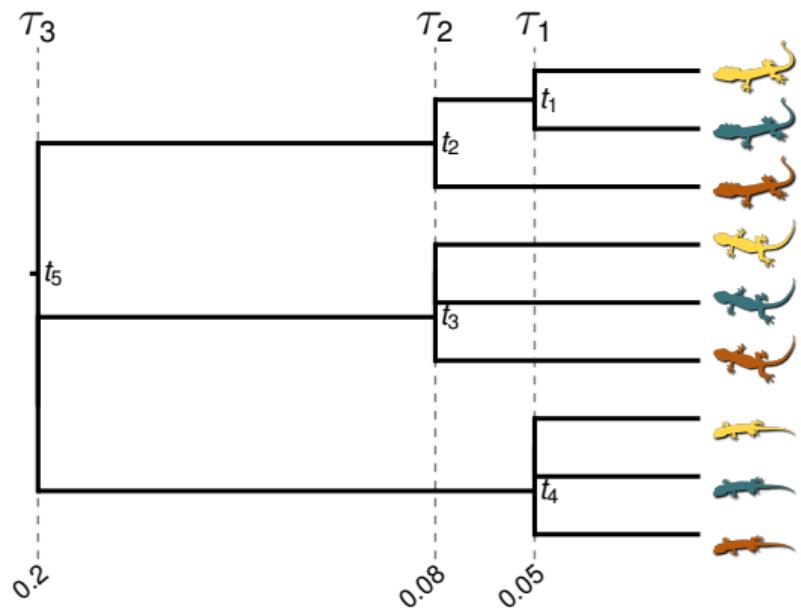
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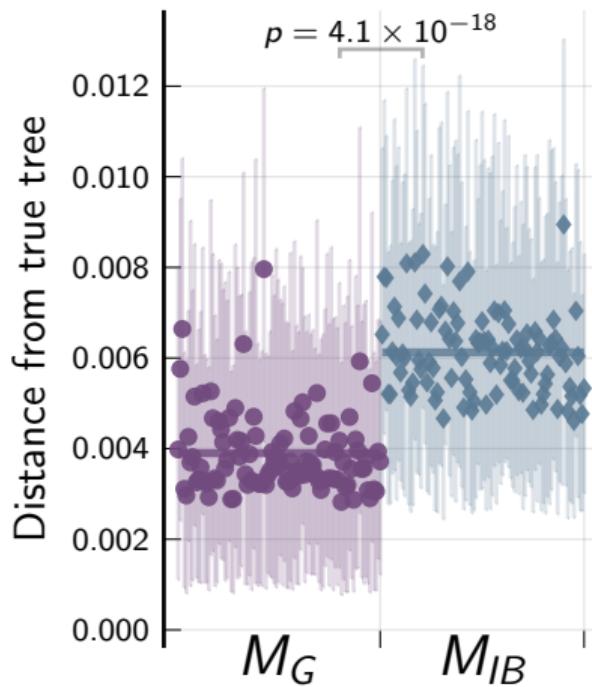
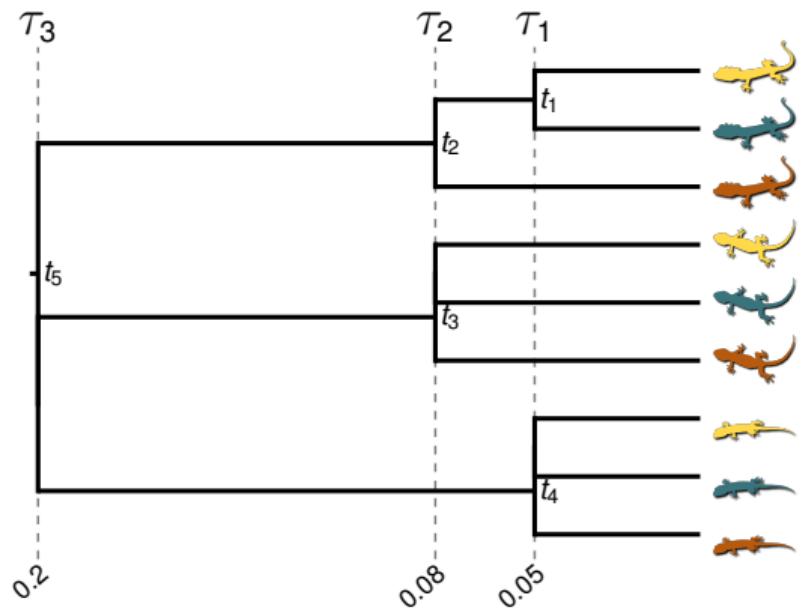
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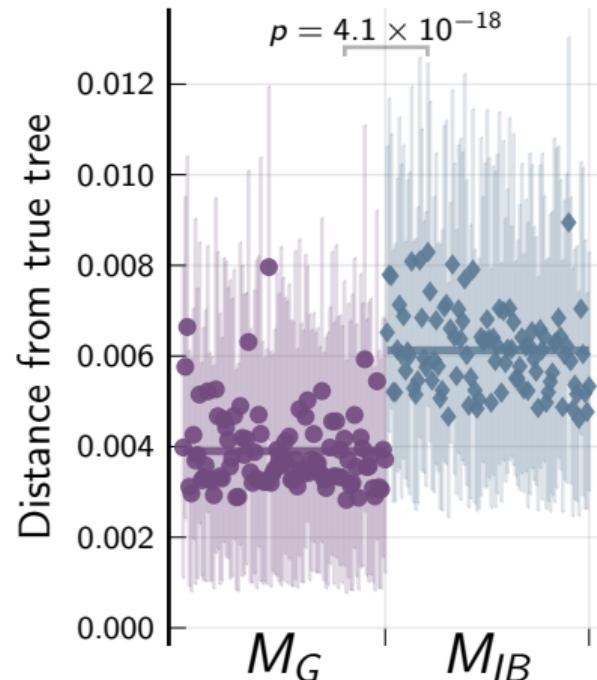
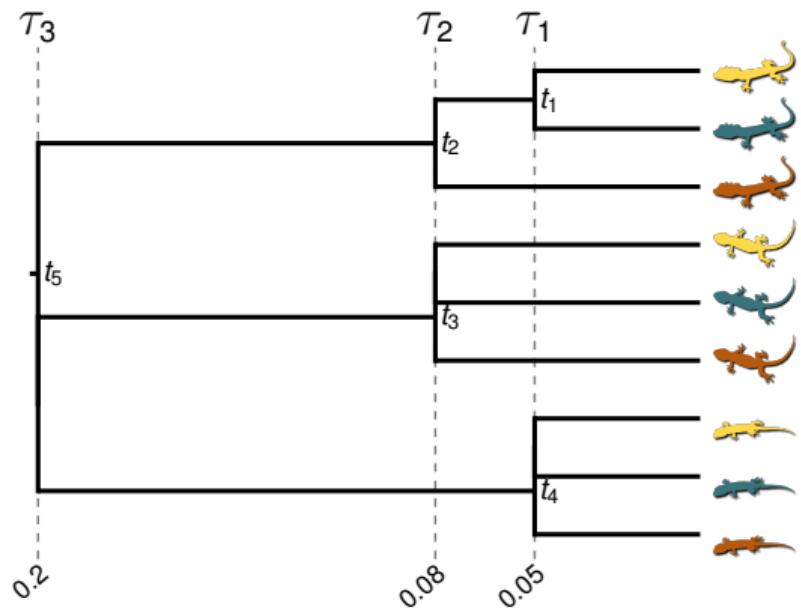
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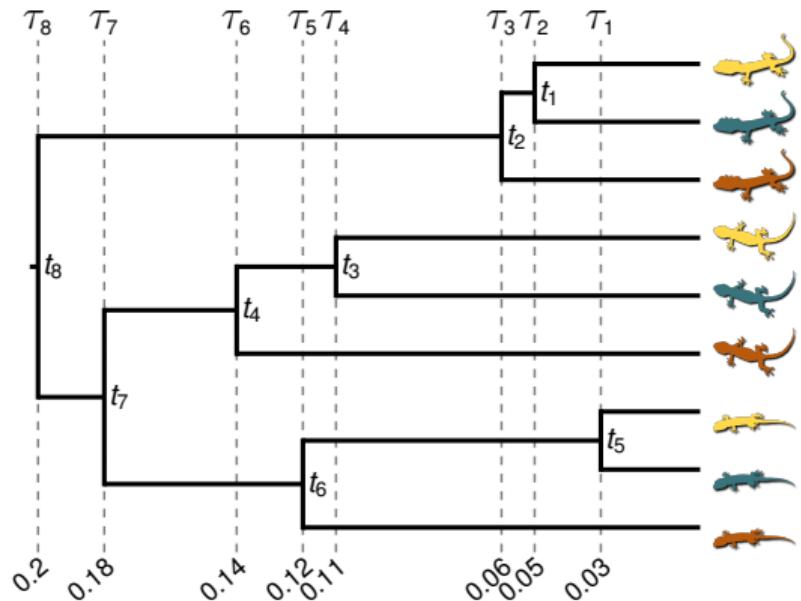
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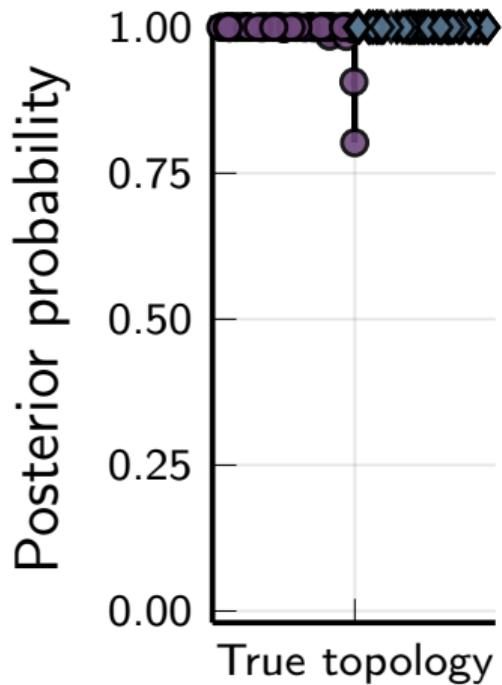
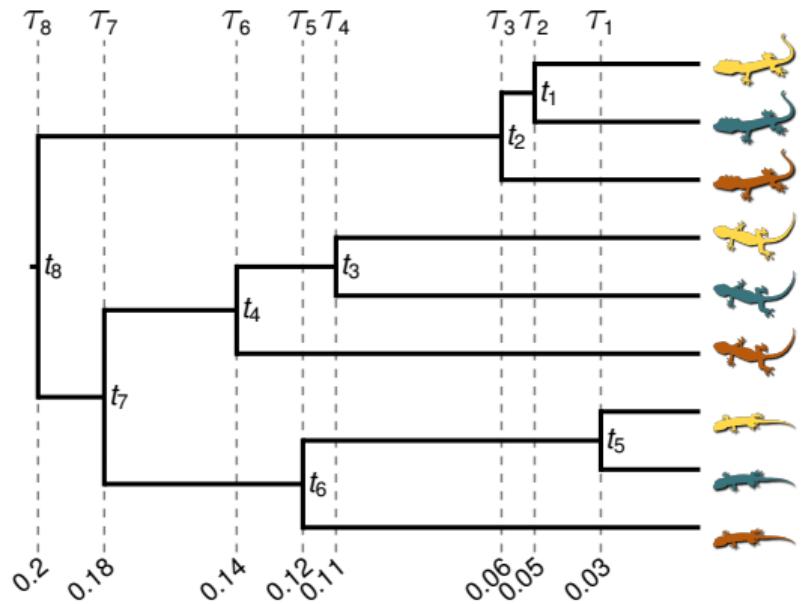
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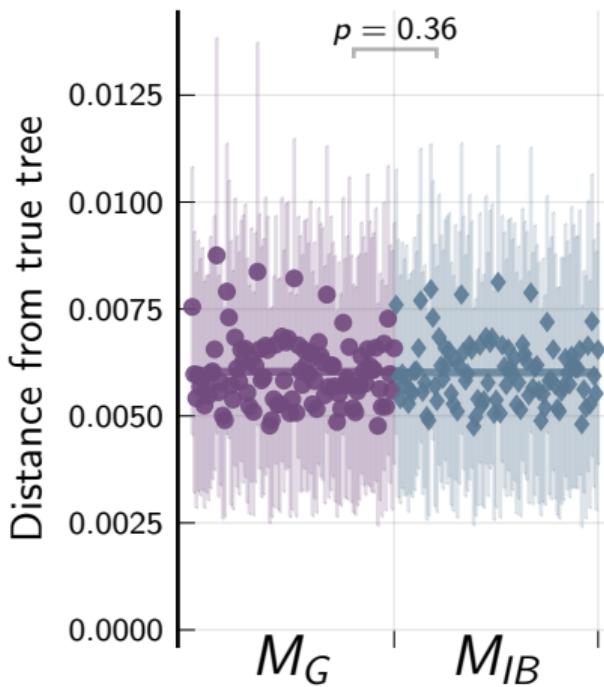
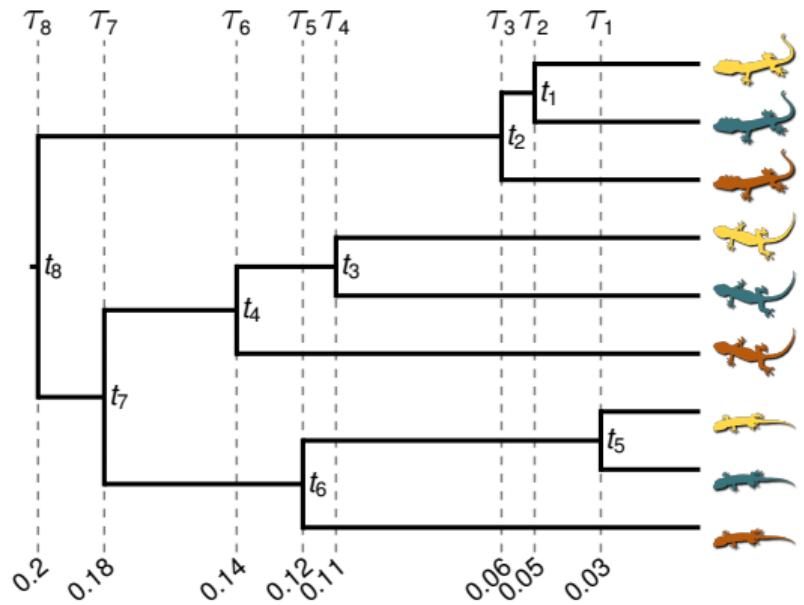
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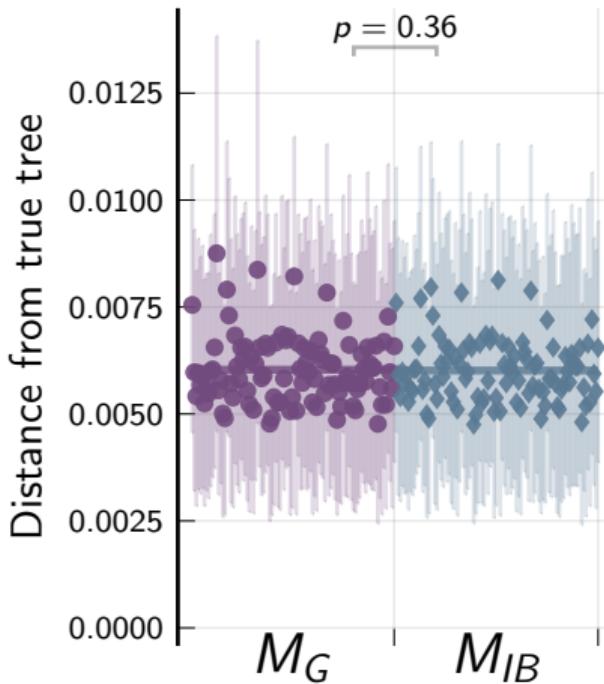
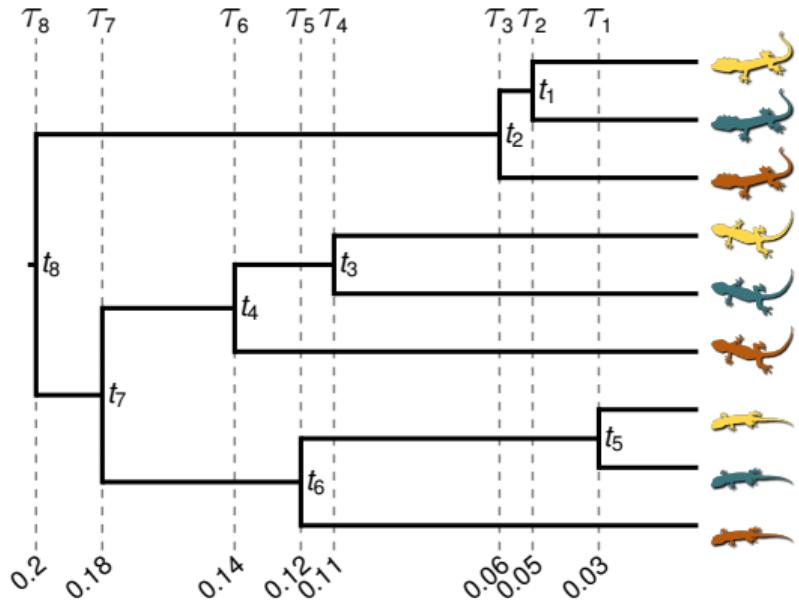
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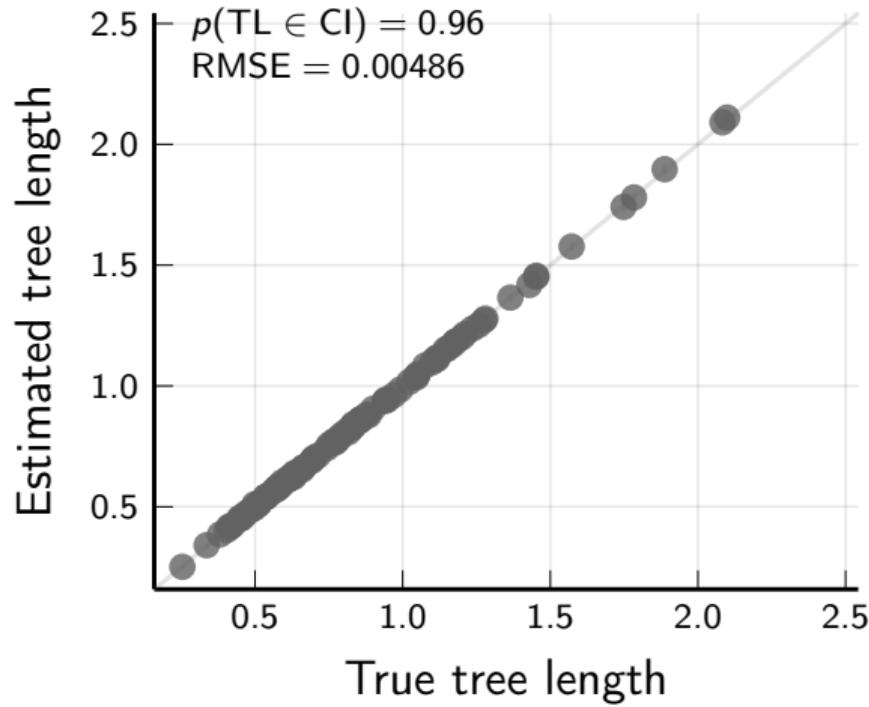
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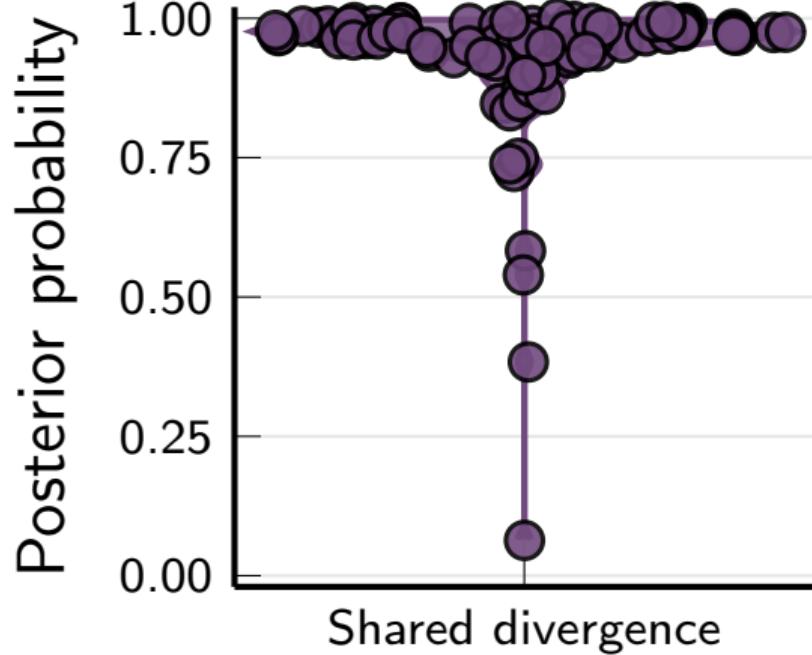
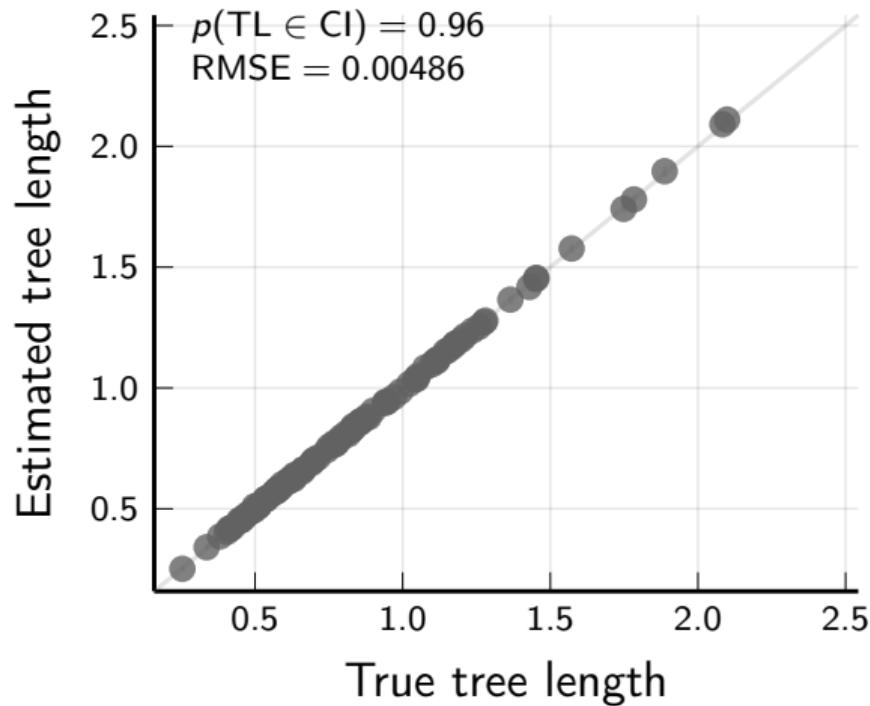


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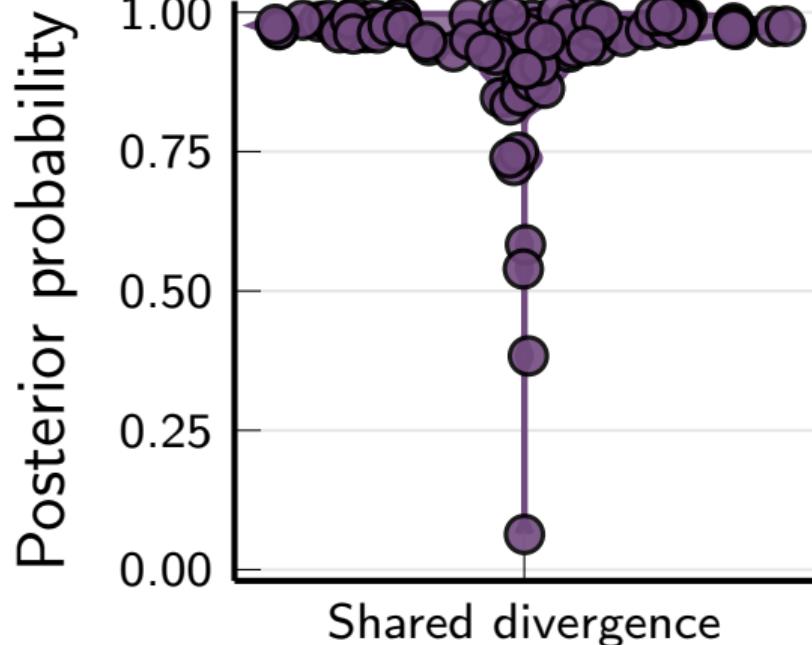
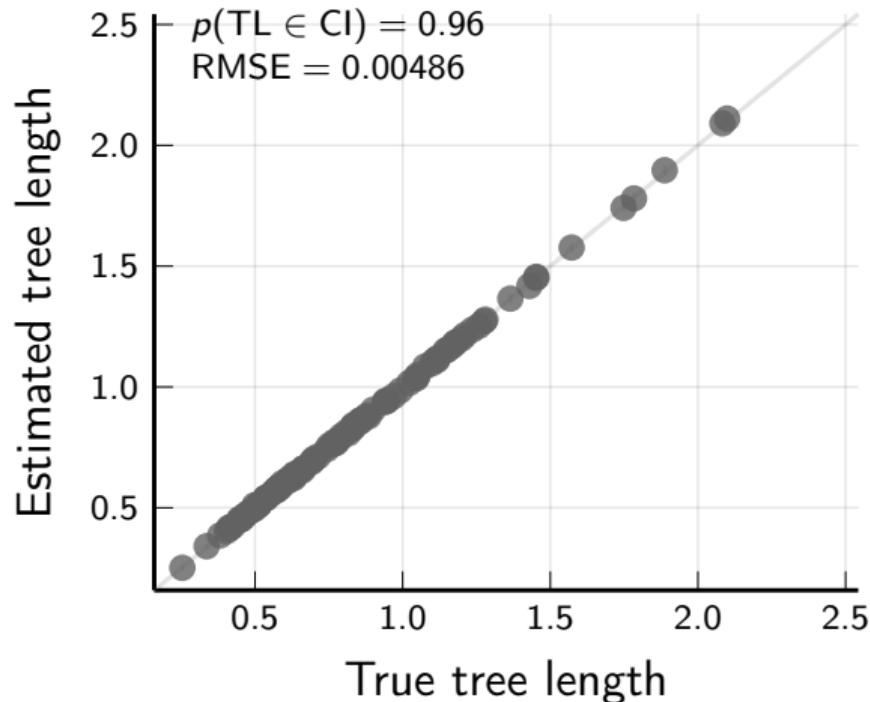
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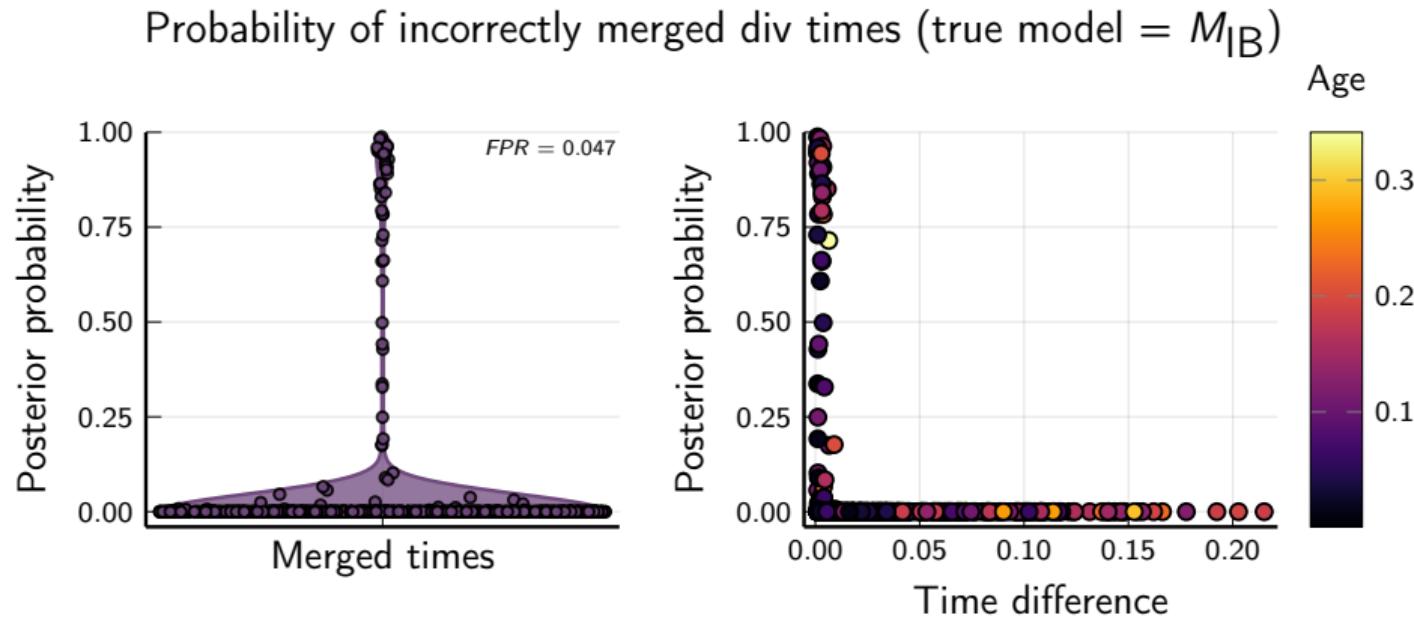


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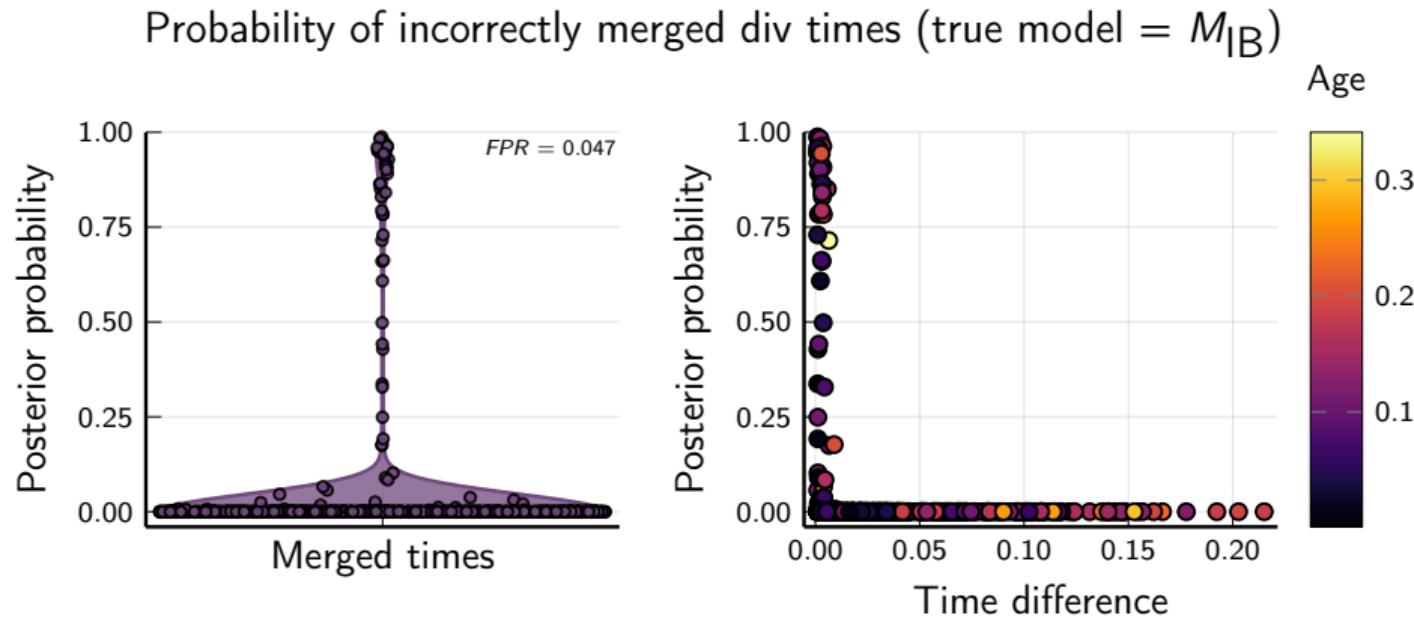


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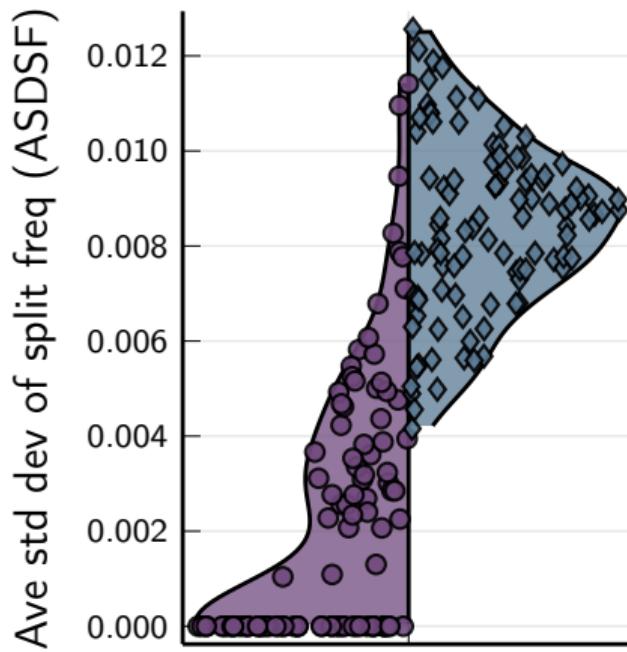
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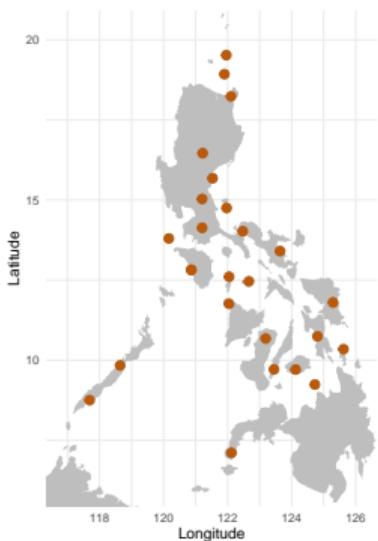
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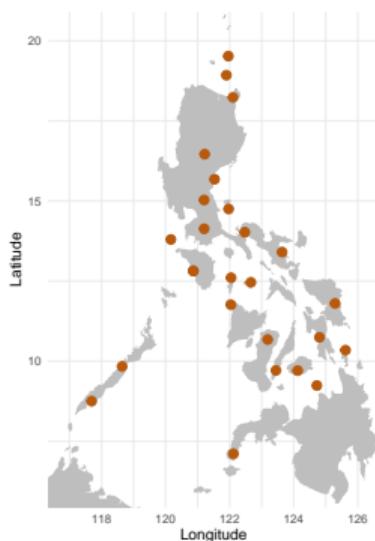
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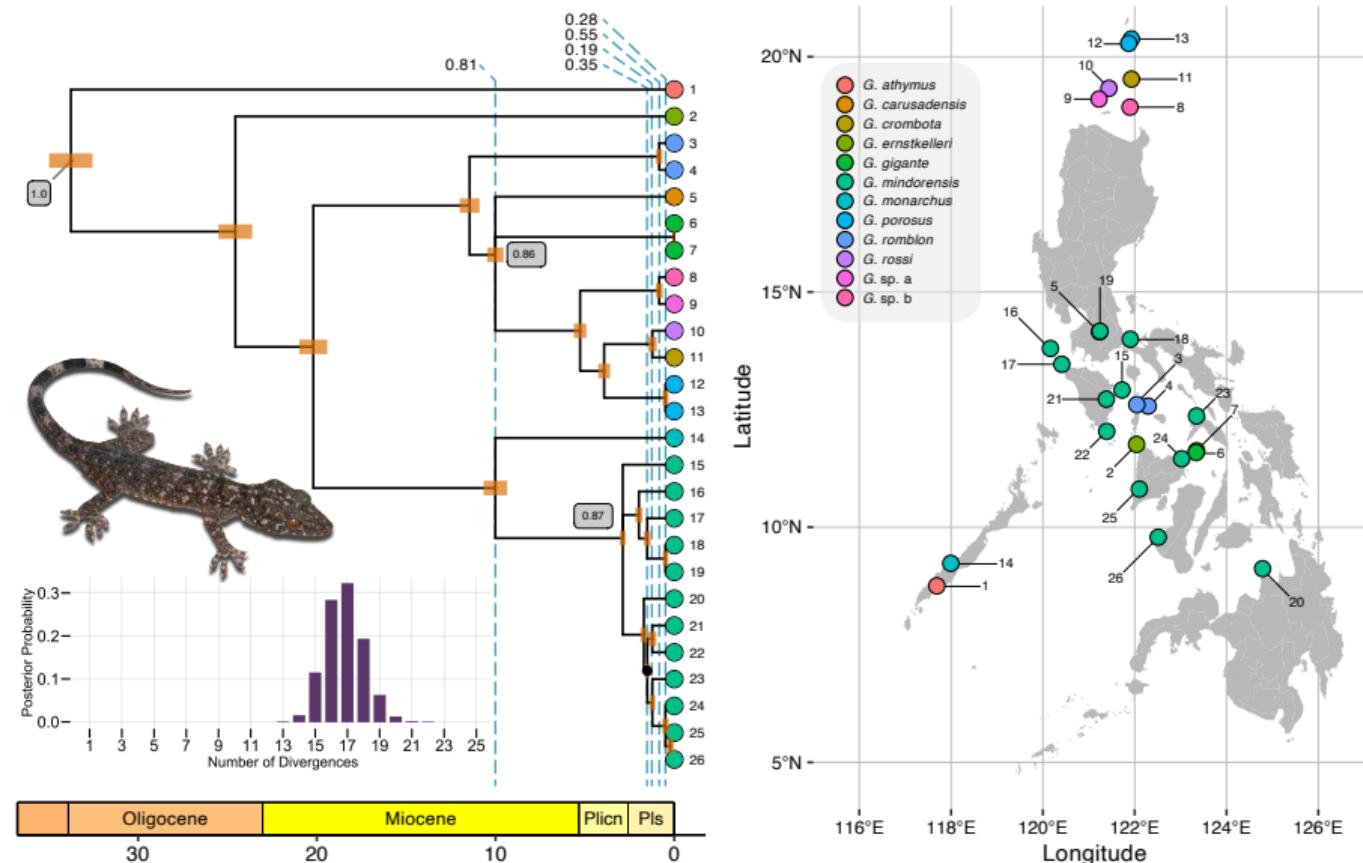
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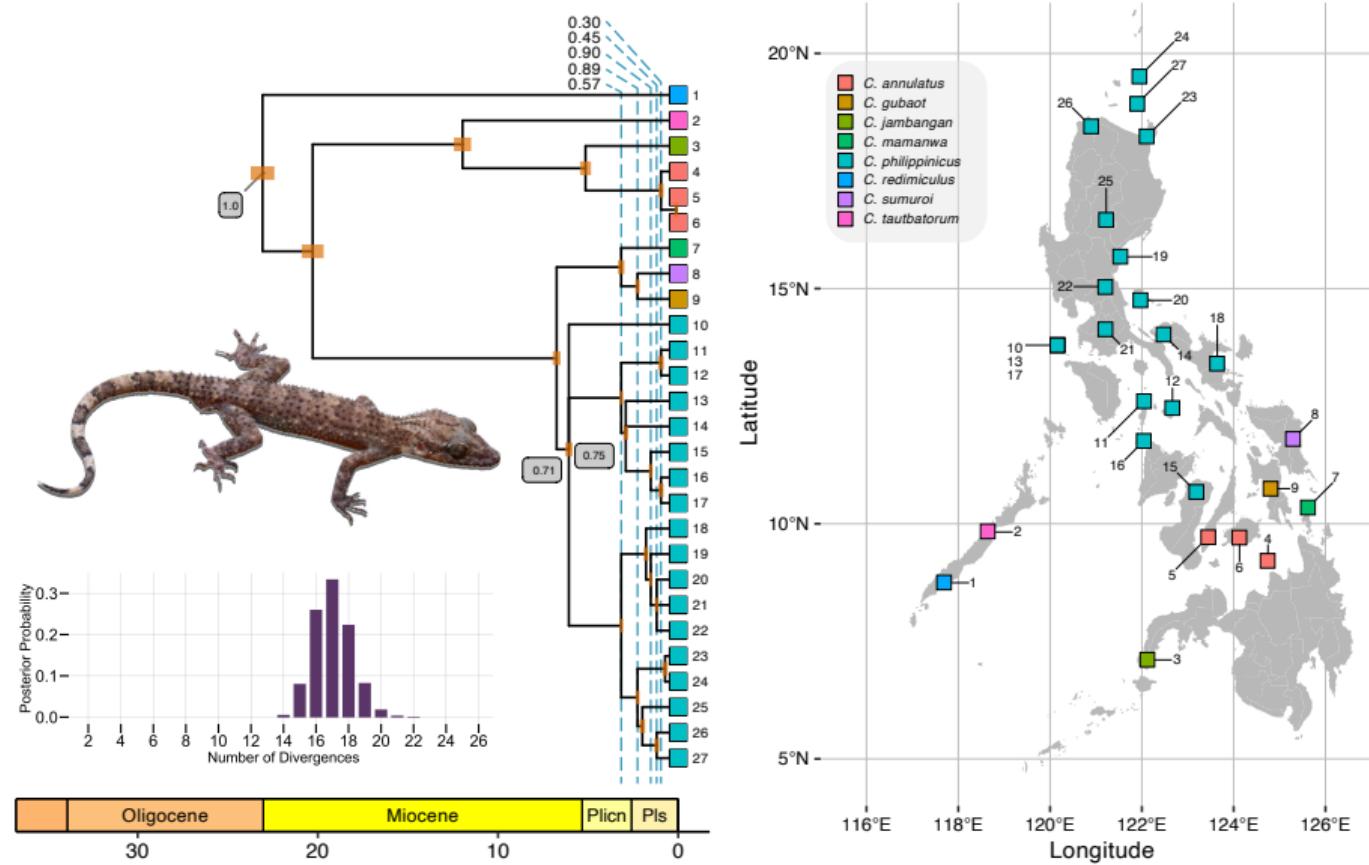
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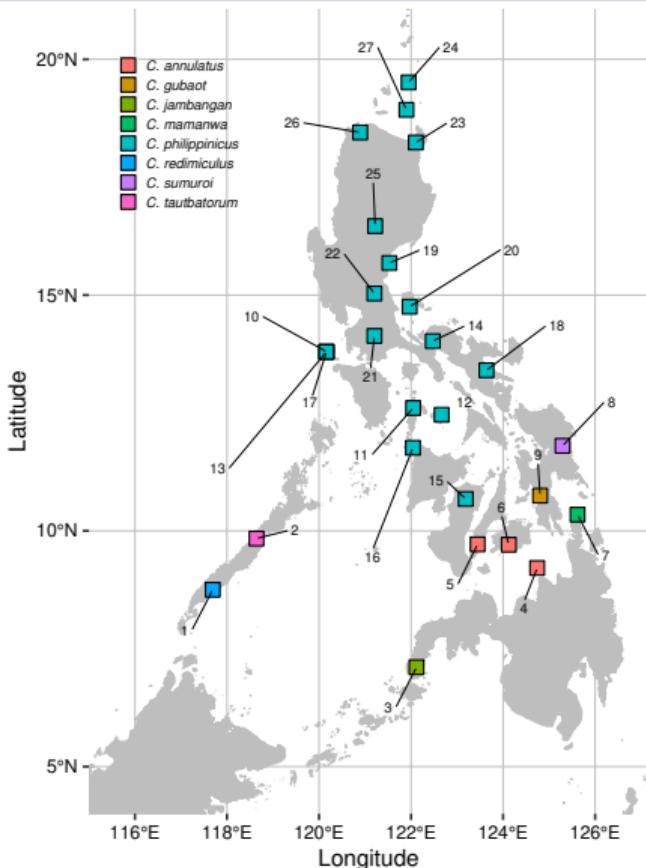
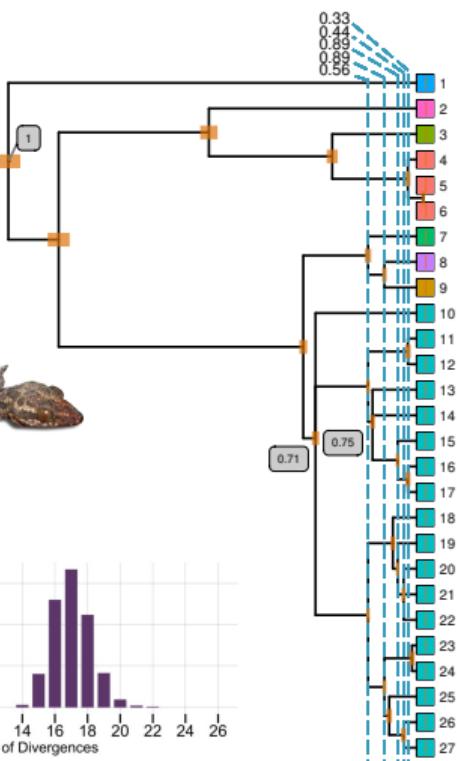
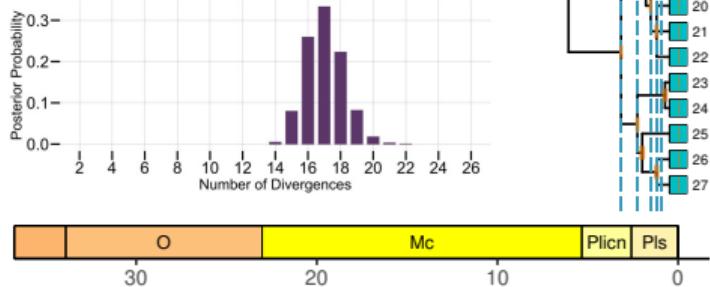
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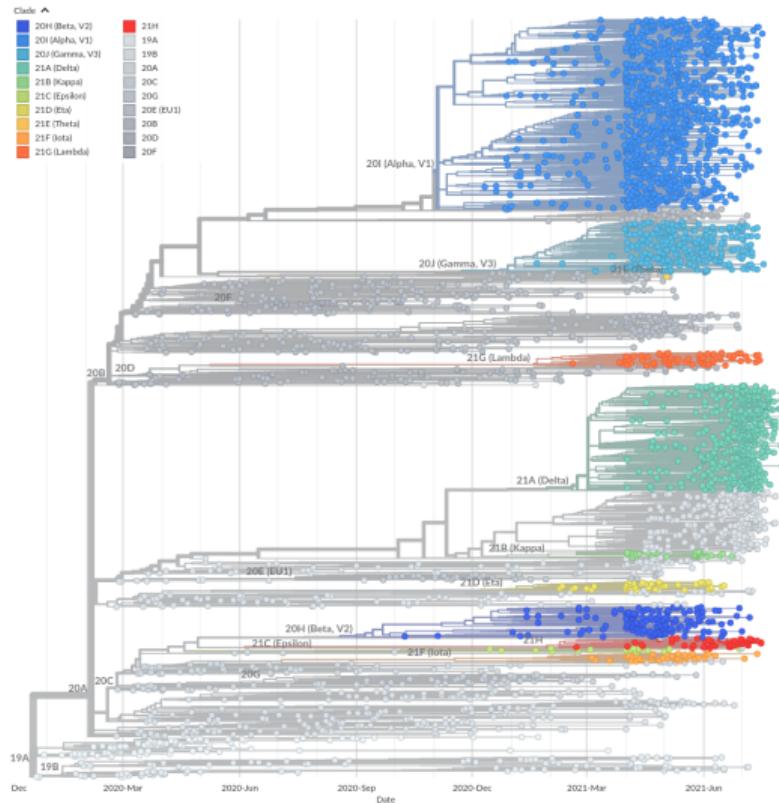
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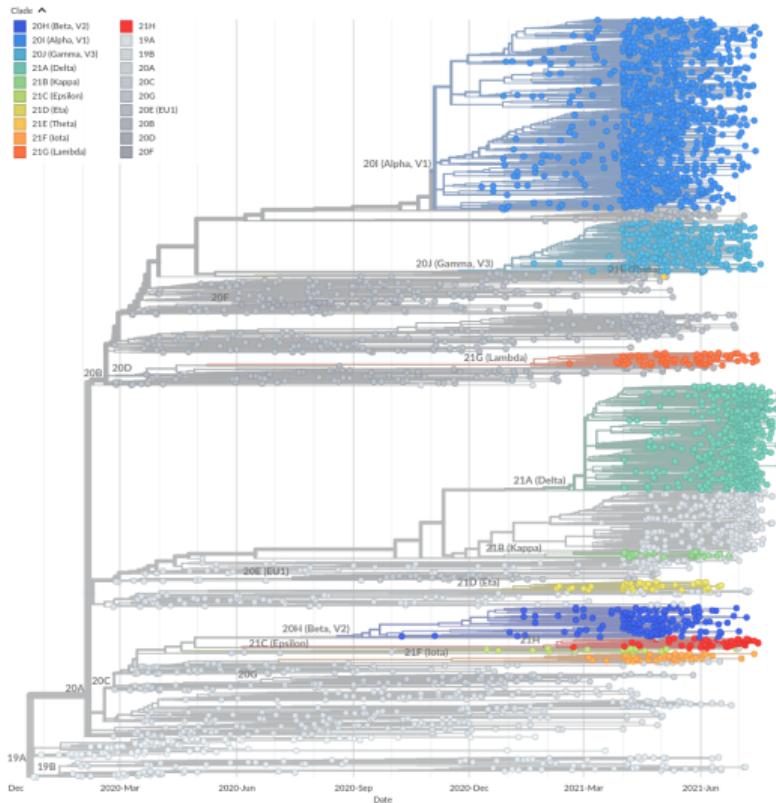
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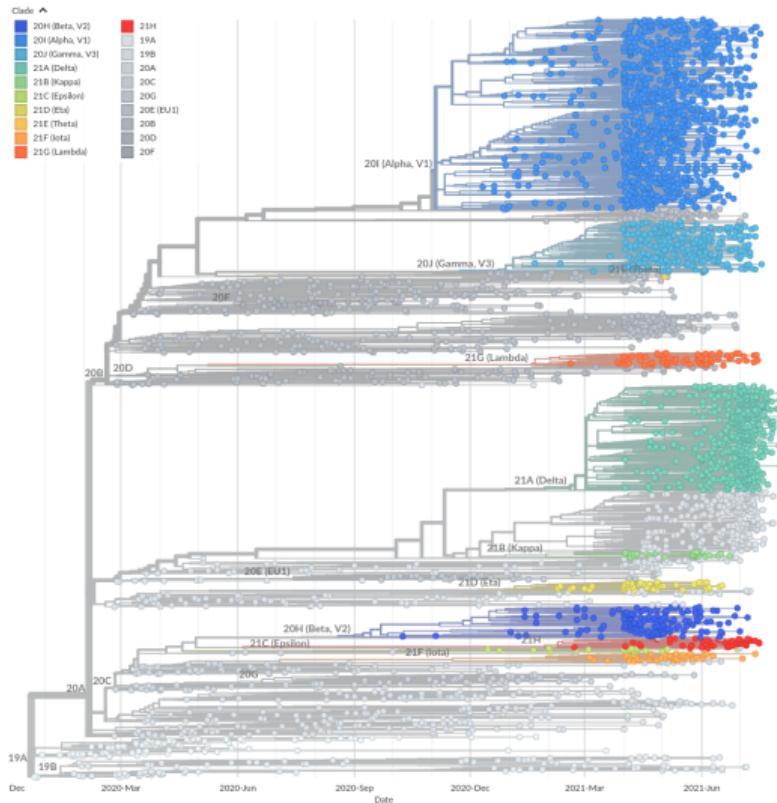
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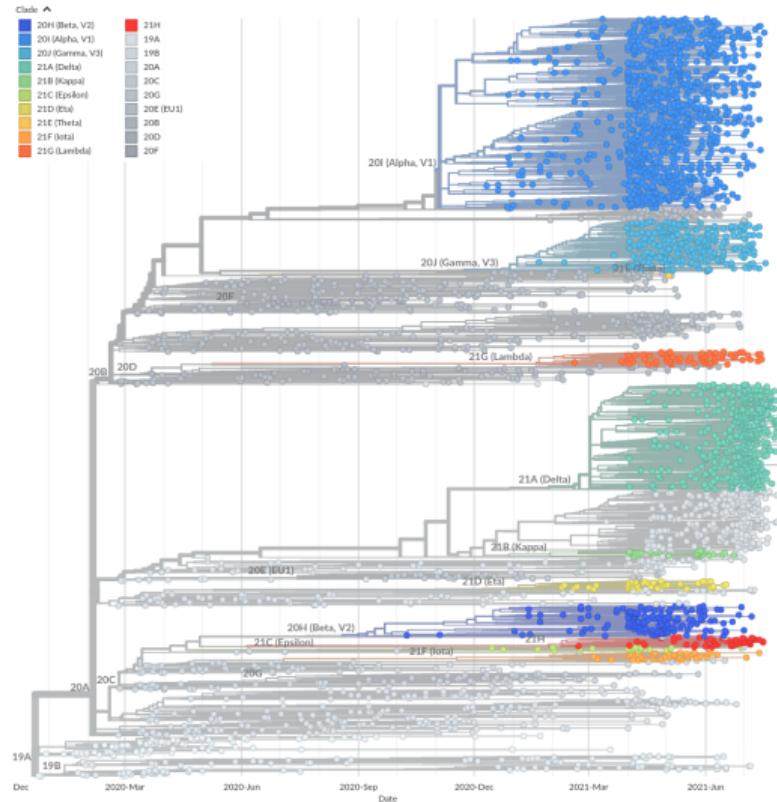
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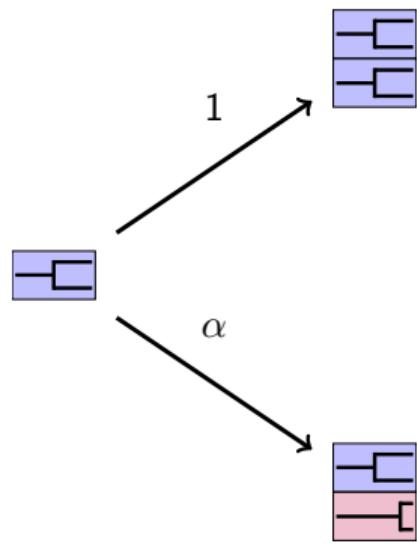
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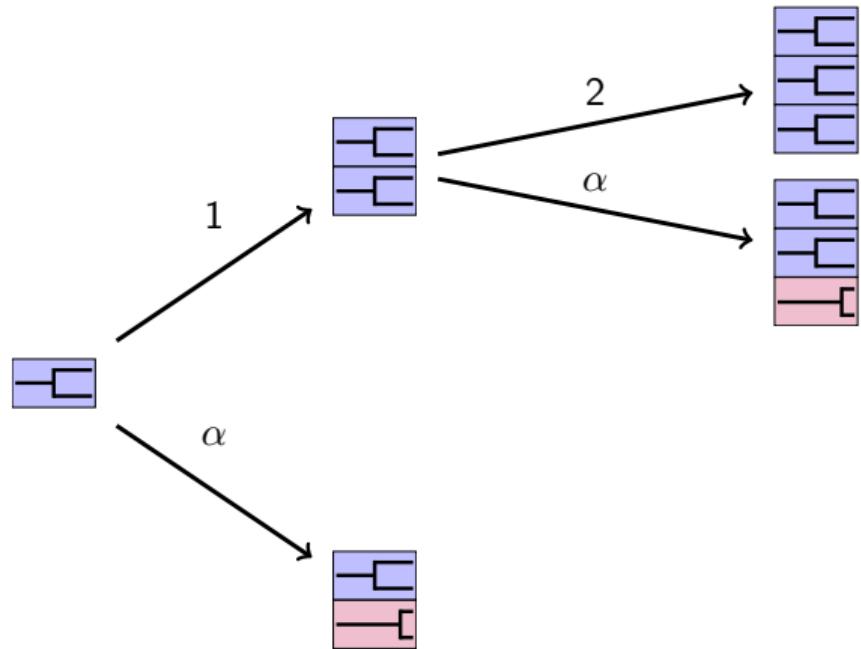
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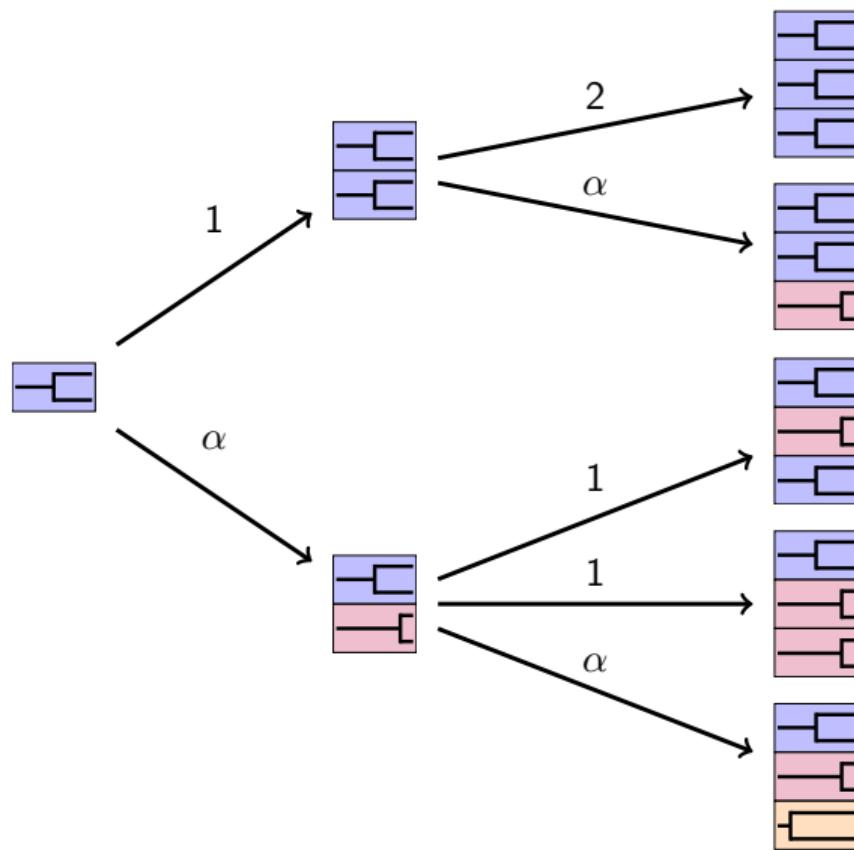


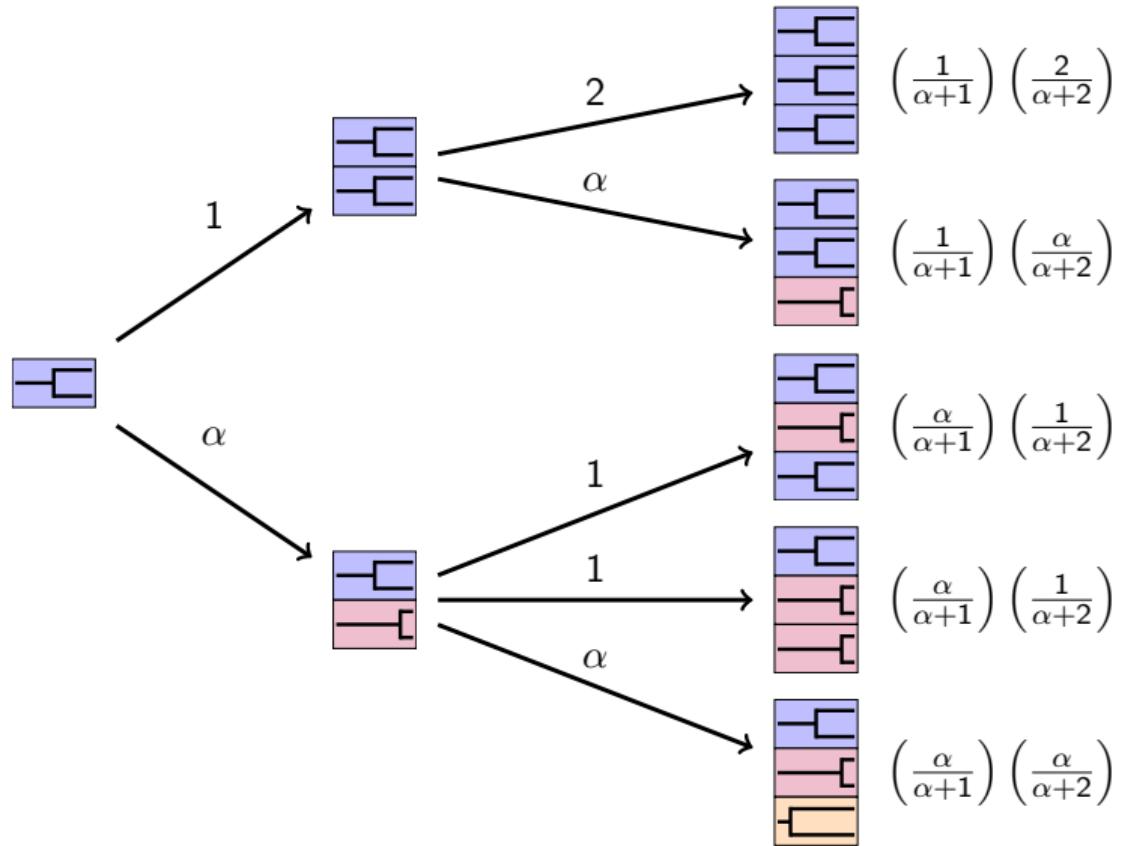
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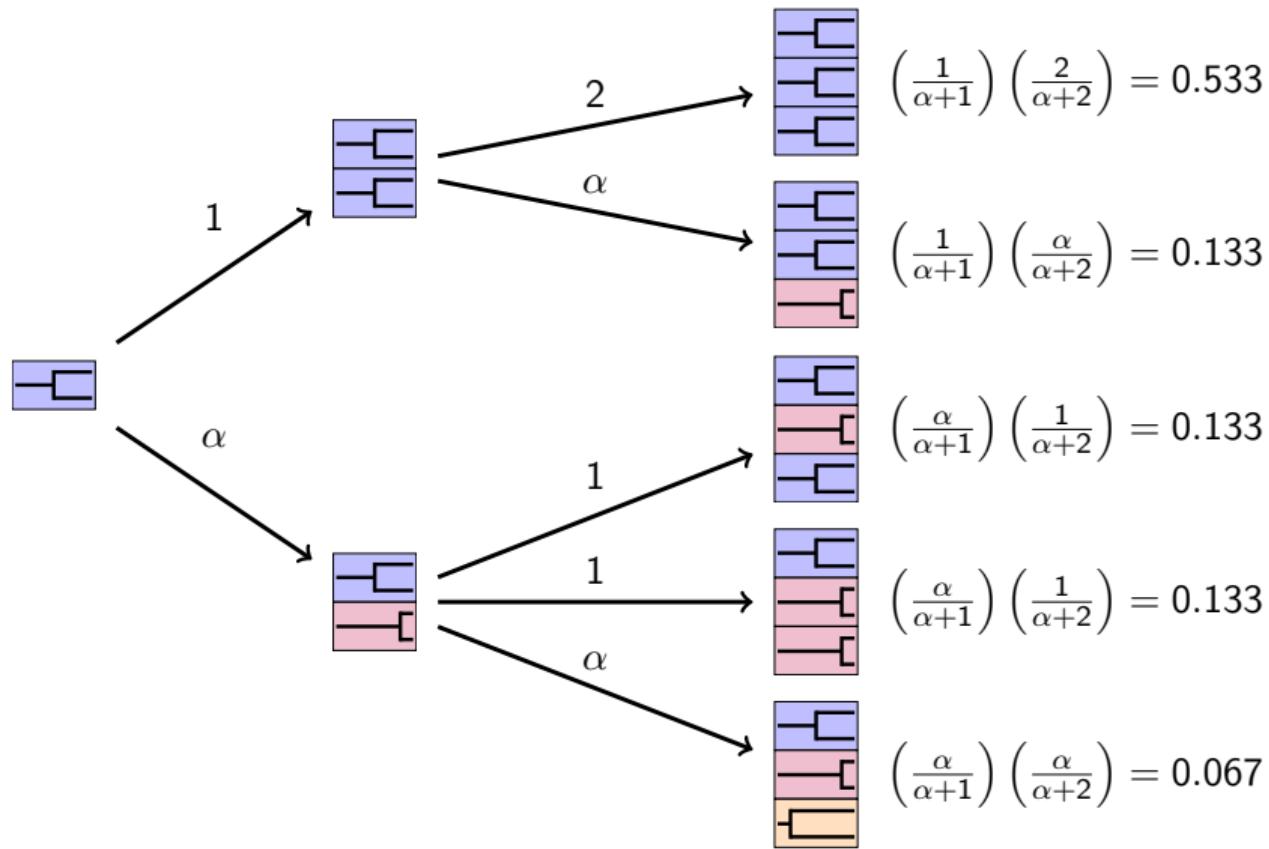




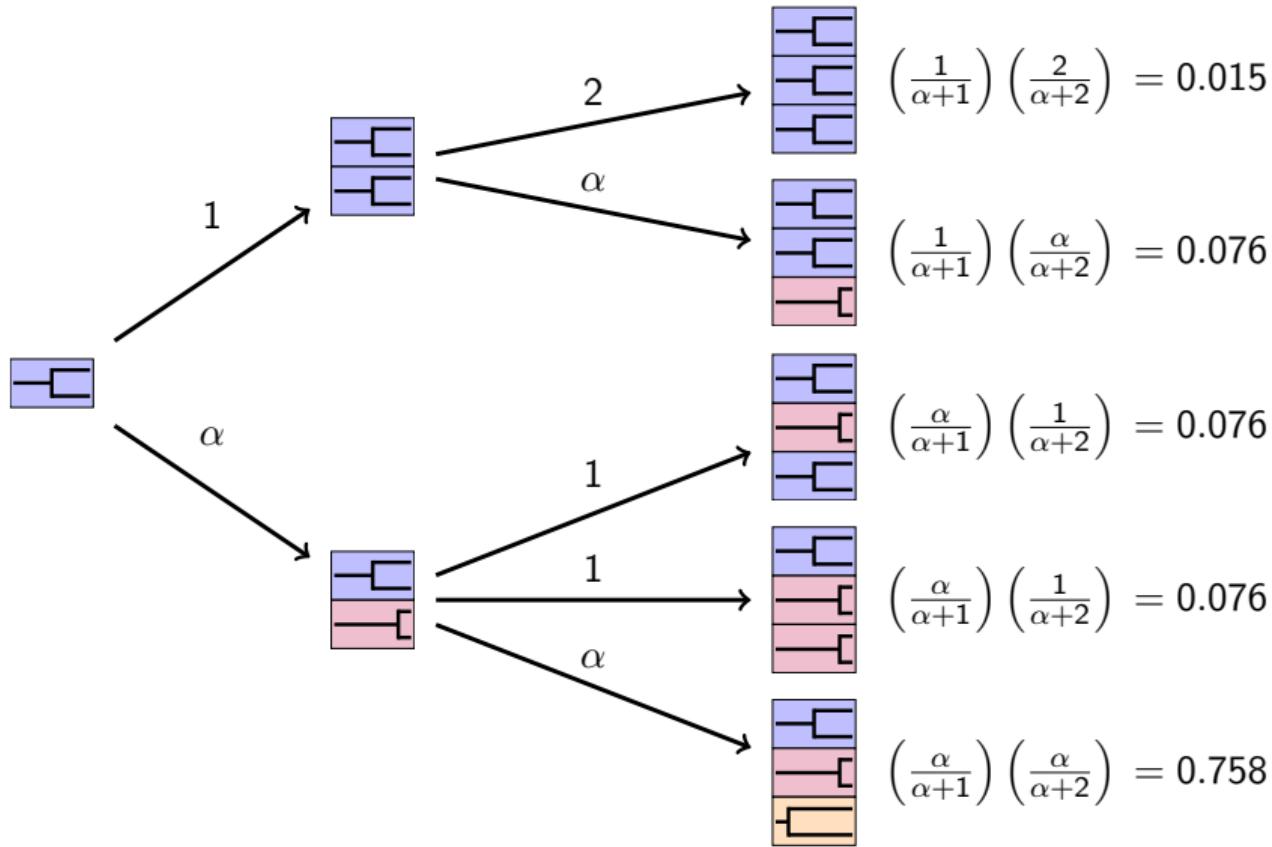




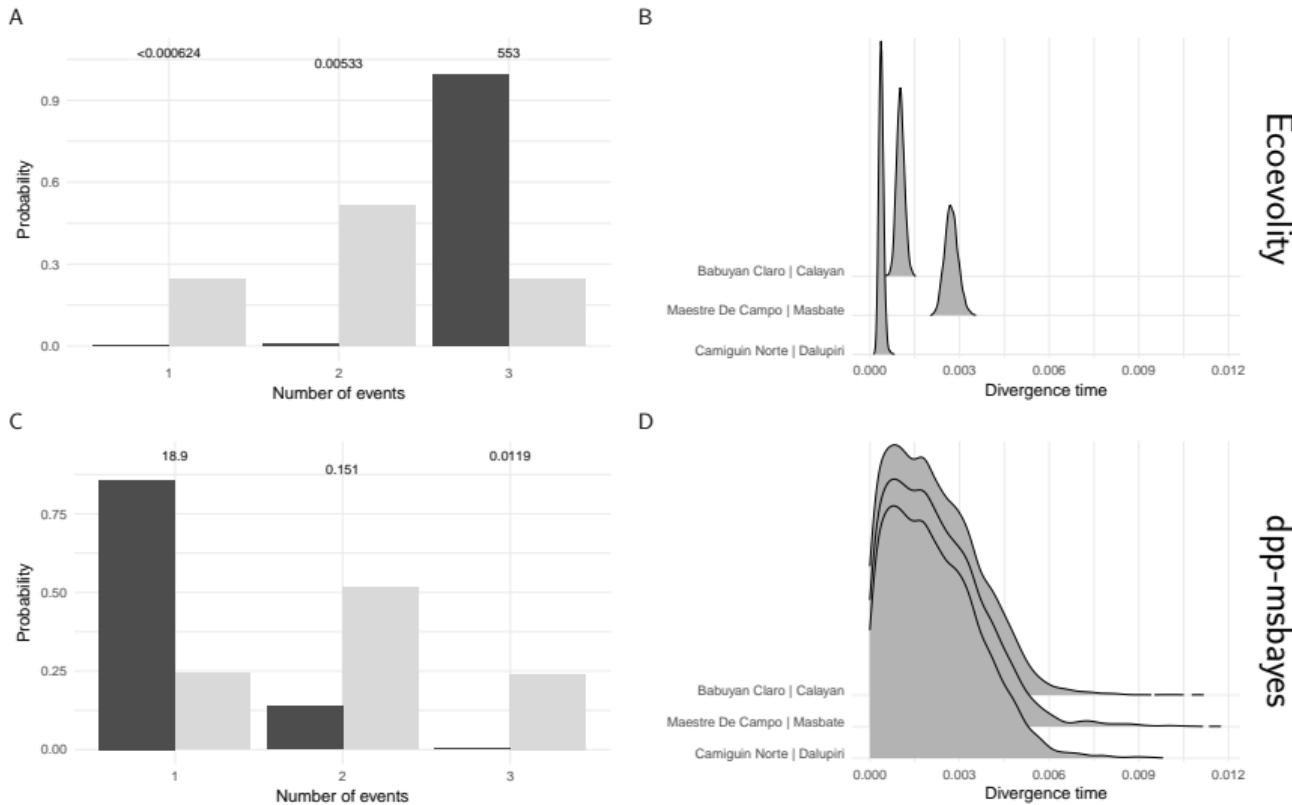
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ABC vs ecoevolity results



Why so different?



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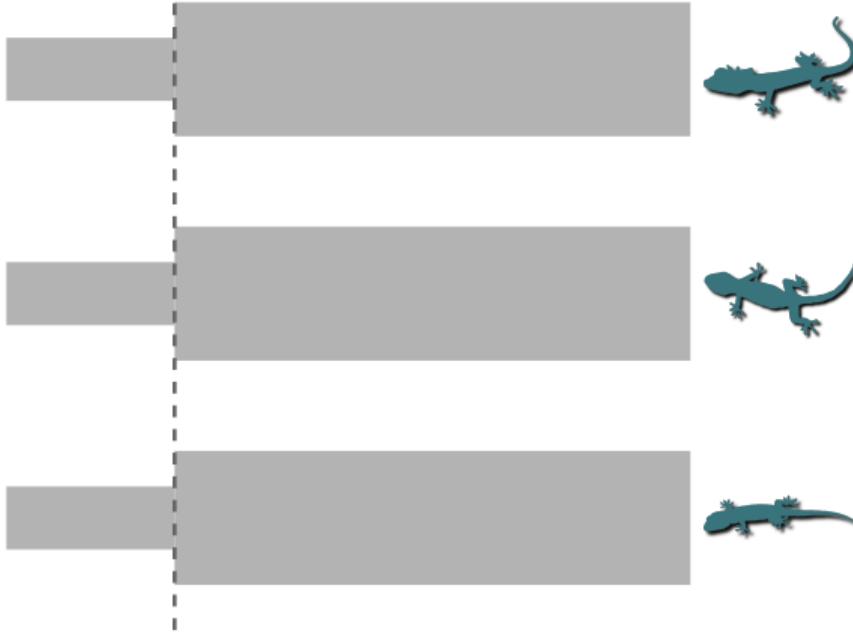
Interactive coin-flipping demo

tl;dr:

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An aside for a related problem with population demography

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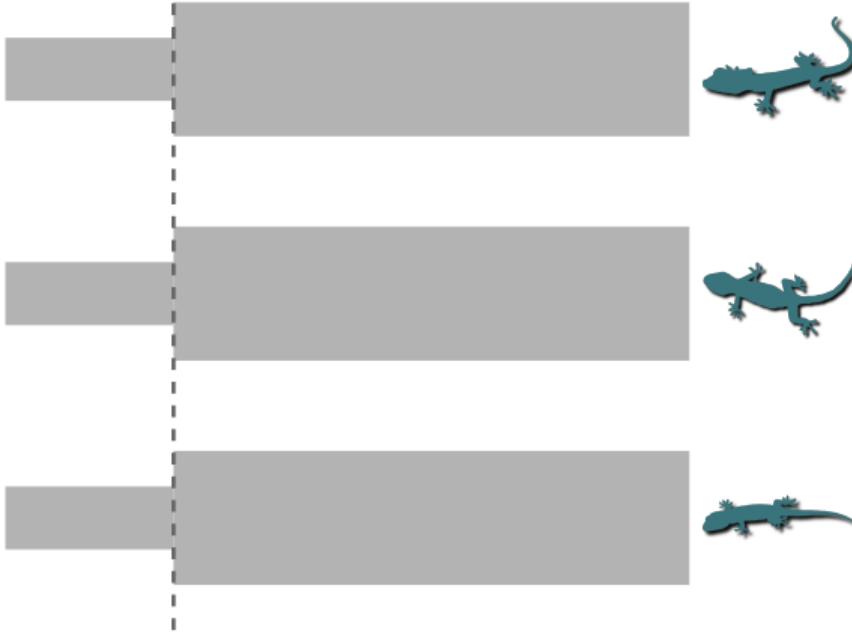
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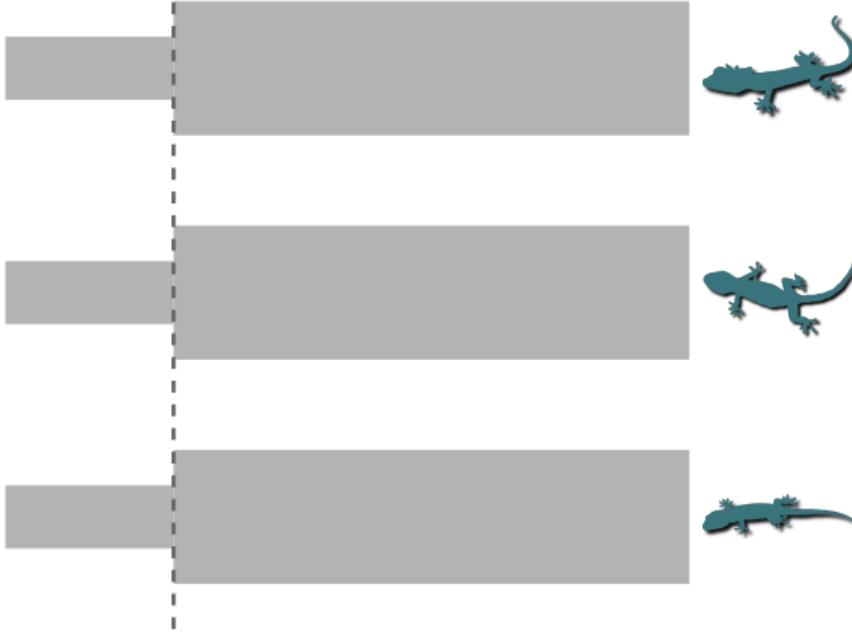
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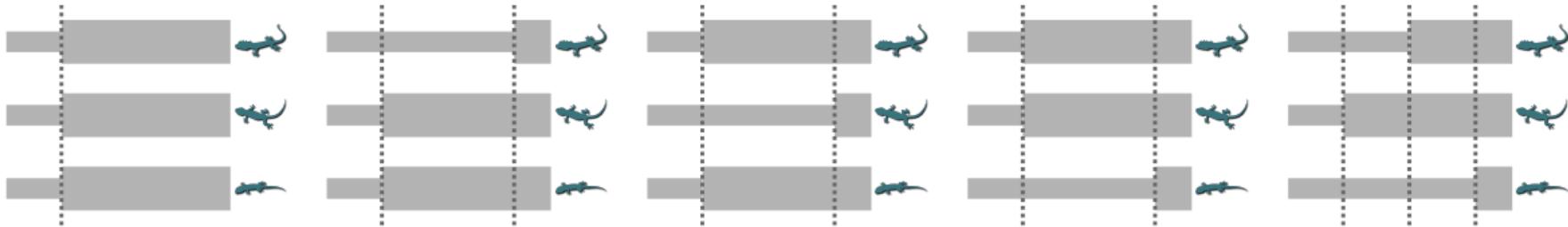
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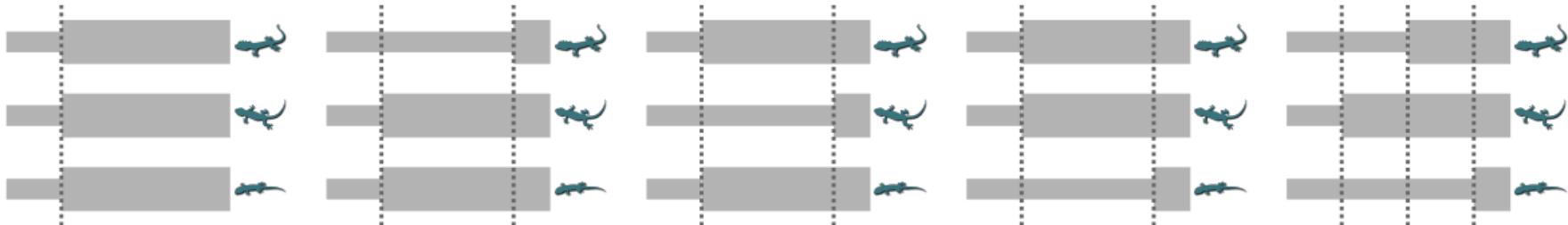
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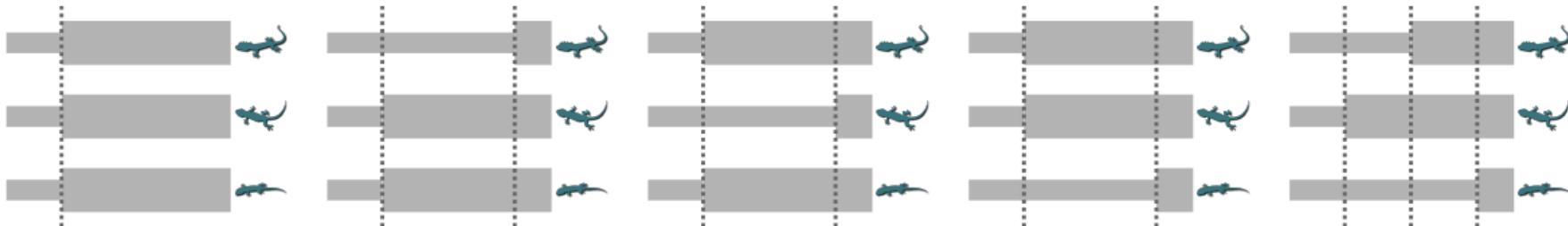
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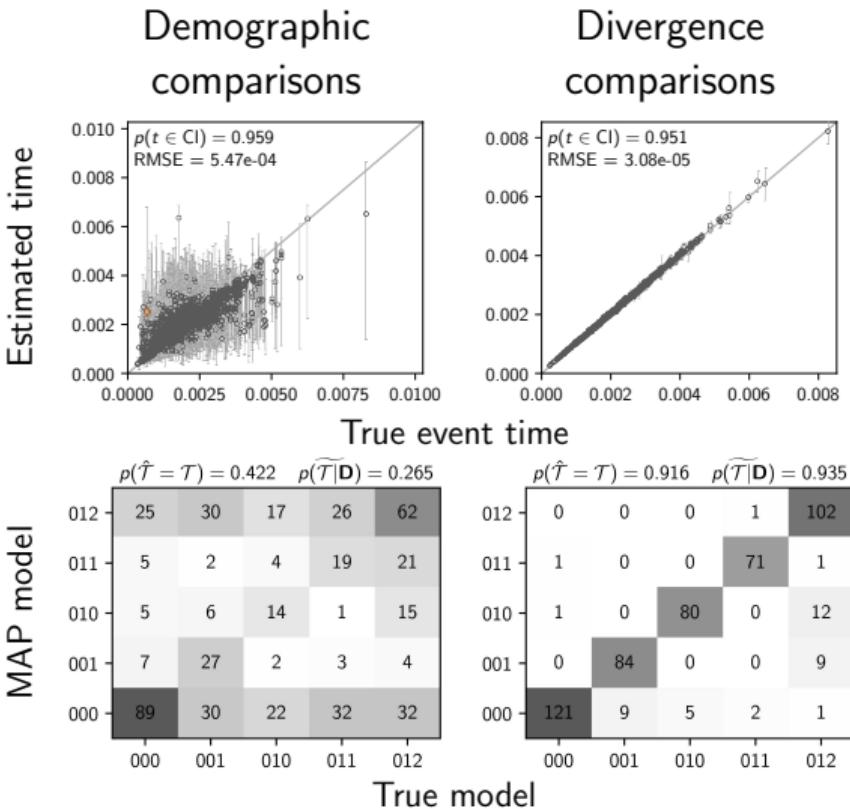


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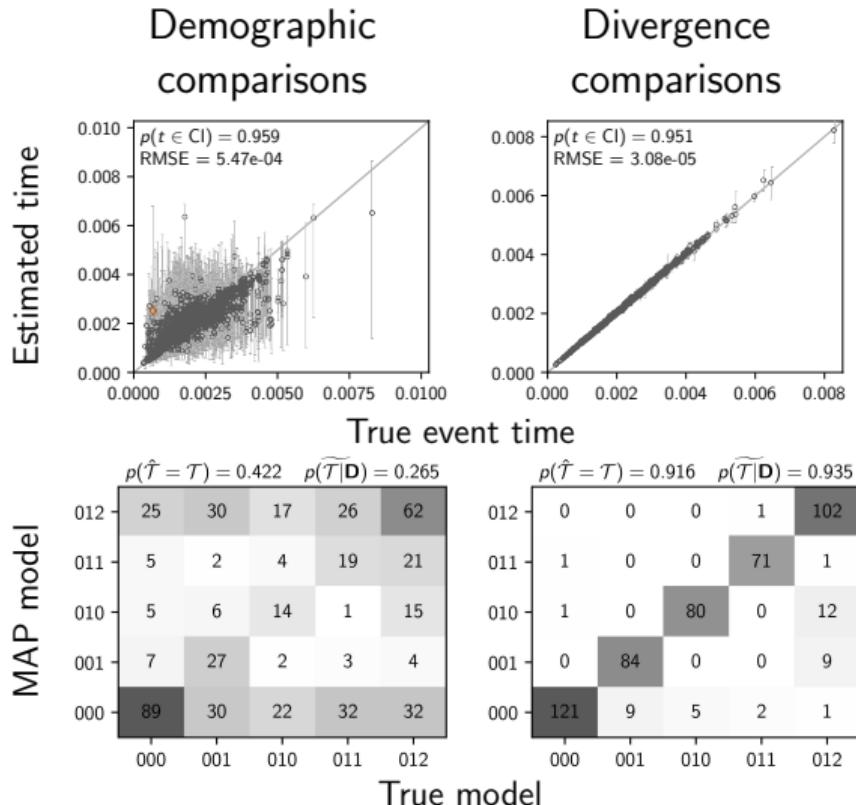
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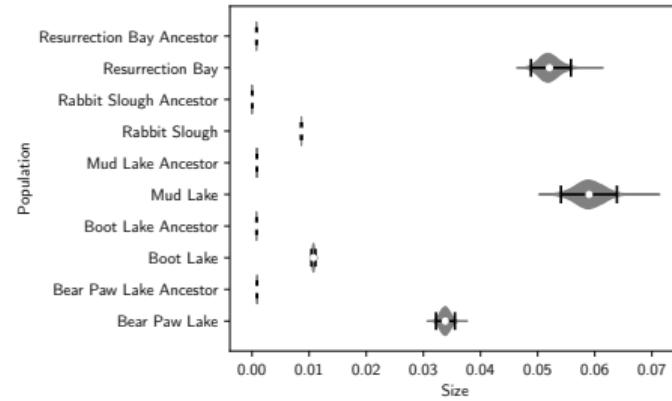
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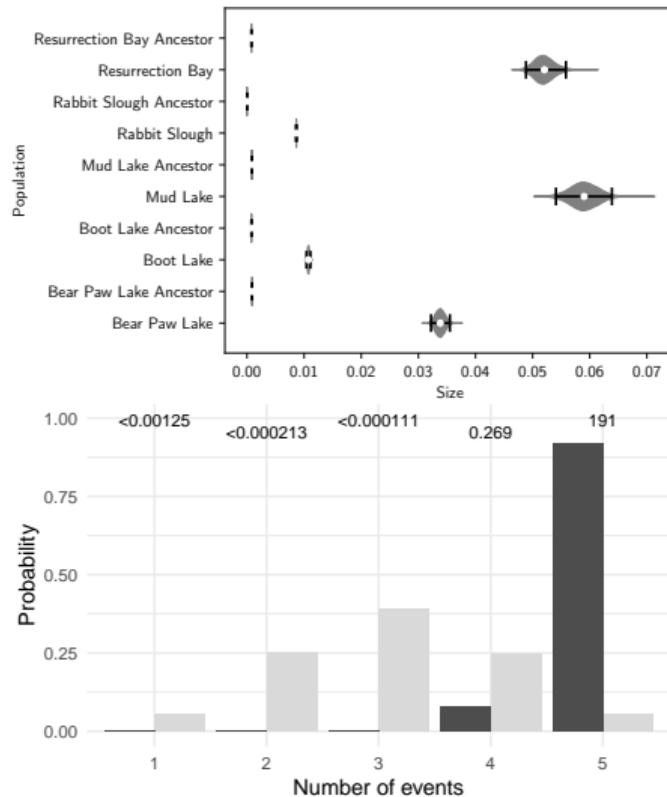
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Open science: everything is available...

Software:

- ▶ Ecoevolity: phyletica.org/ecoevolity

Open-Science Notebooks:

github.com/phyletica/ecoevolity-demog-experiments