

# Discrete trait models

Correlation of traits

# Correlating two discrete traits

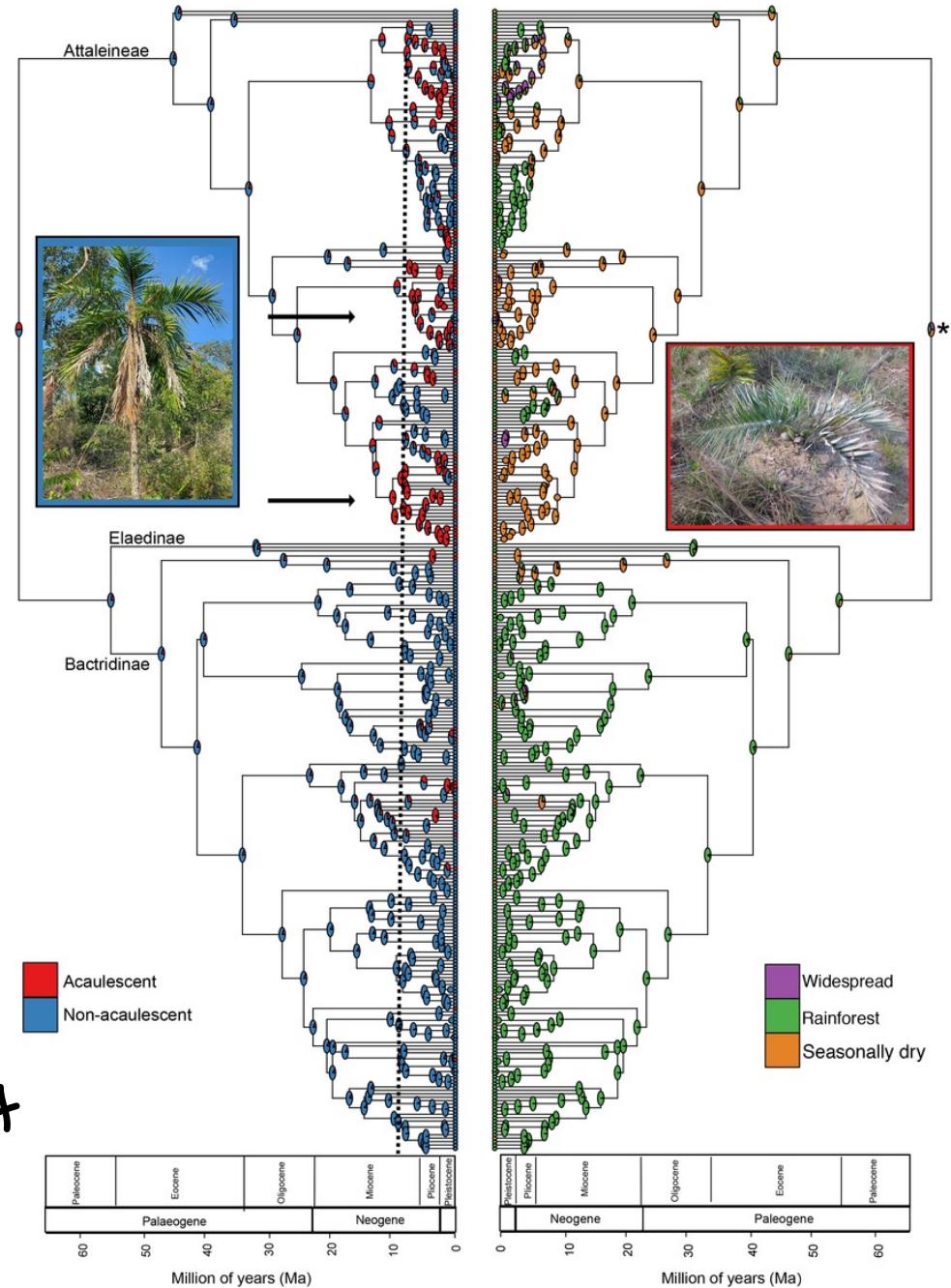
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Two traits

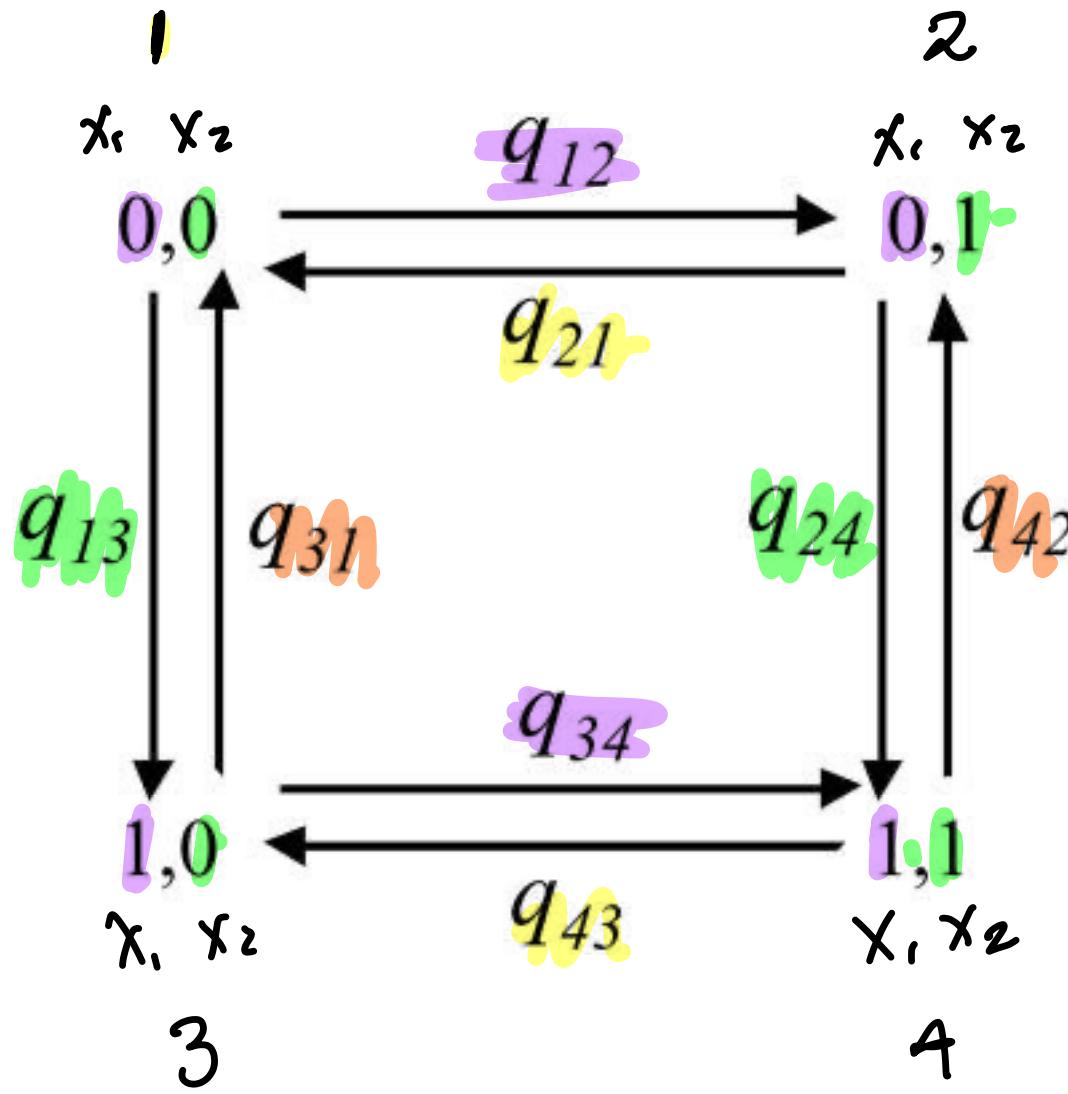
Acaulescent:  $X_1 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{- non acaulescent} \\ 1 & \text{- acaulescent} \end{cases}$

Water Availability:  $X_2 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{- dry} \\ 1 & \text{- Rainforest} \end{cases}$

Acaulescent: No visible above-ground stem



# Correlated model



- No double transitions

$NO \quad 0,0 \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} 1,1$

- 8 rates

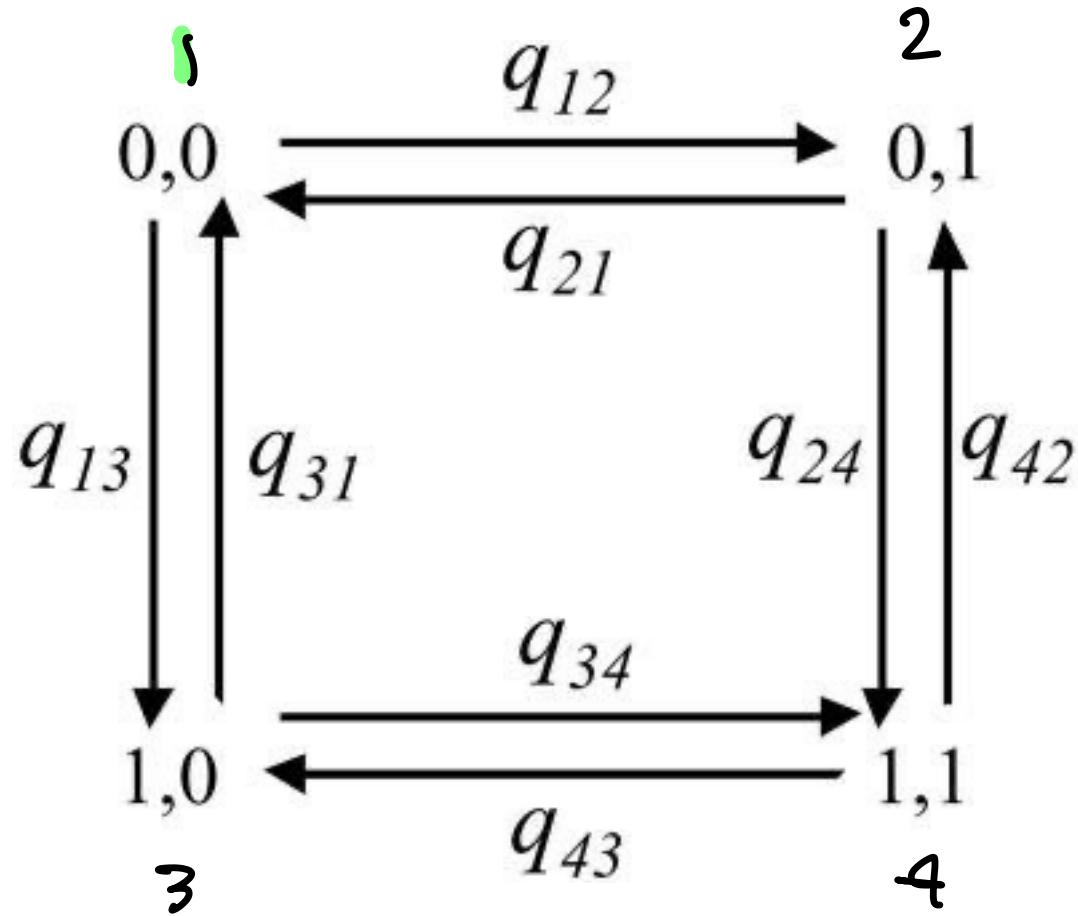
$$q_{12} \neq q_{21}$$

$$q_{12} \neq q_{34}$$

$$q_{31} \neq q_{42}$$

$$q_{21} \neq q_{13}$$

# Correlated model



$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & \left( \begin{matrix} q_{12} \\ q_{13} \end{matrix} \right) & q_{12} & q_{13} & 0 \\ 2 & q_{21} & - & 0 & q_{24} \\ 3 & q_{31} & 0 & - & q_{34} \\ 4 & 0 & q_{42} & q_{43} & - \end{pmatrix}$$

# Uncorrelated model

$$x_1 \quad \quad \quad x_2 \\ \alpha_1 = q_{12} = q_{31} = q_1 \quad q_{13} = q_{21} = \alpha_2 = q_3$$

$(\alpha, \beta)$  are from  
original page  
and Madison's  
approach

$$\beta_1 = q_{21} = q_{43} = q_2 \quad q_{31} = q_{42} = \beta_2 = q_1$$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ - & q_1 & q_3 & 0 \\ q_2 & - & 0 & q_3 \\ q_1 & 0 & - & q_1 \\ 0 & q_4 & q_2 & - \end{pmatrix}$$

# Comparing nested models

- Likelihood Ratio Test
- Null hypothesis:
- Test statistic:  $LRT = -2 \times \log\left(\frac{\text{Likelihood (Uncorrelated model)}}{\text{Likelihood (Correlated model)}}\right)$
- $LTR \sim \chi^2$  with degrees of freedom  $k = \# \text{parameters full model} - \# \text{parameters reduced model} = 8 - 4 = 4$

4 parameters  
8 parameters

A handwritten note on the right side of the slide provides a visual aid for the test statistic formula. It shows the fraction  $\frac{\text{Likelihood (Uncorrelated model)}}{\text{Likelihood (Correlated model)}}$ . An arrow points from the word "parameters" in the numerator to the number 4, indicating that the uncorrelated model has 4 parameters. Another arrow points from the word "parameters" in the denominator to the number 8, indicating that the correlated model has 8 parameters.

