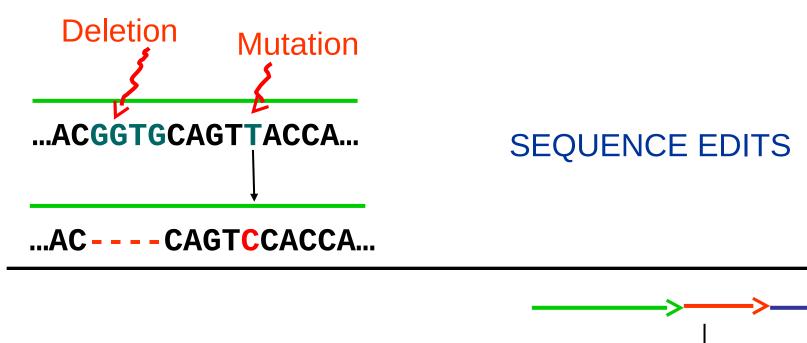
# Multiple Sequence Alignment





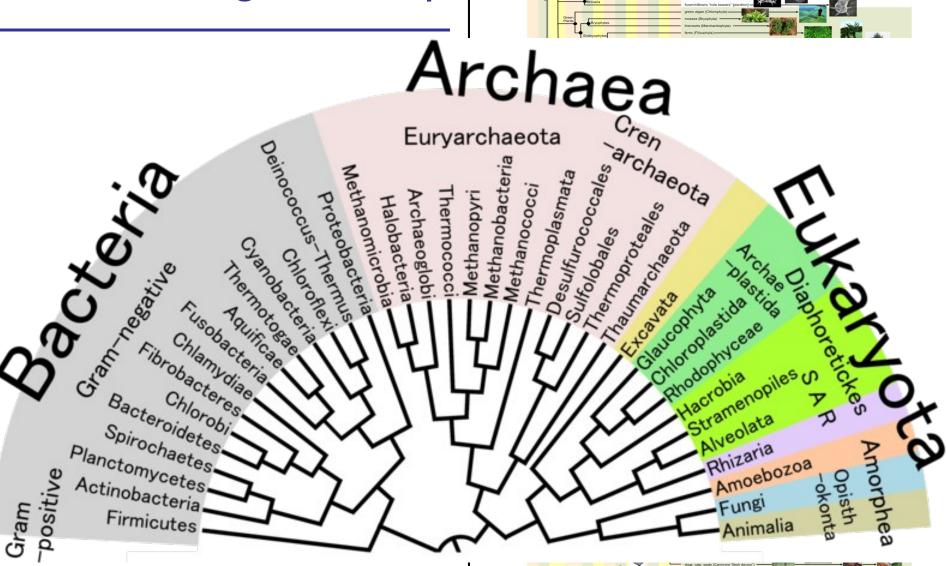
## **Evolution at the DNA level**





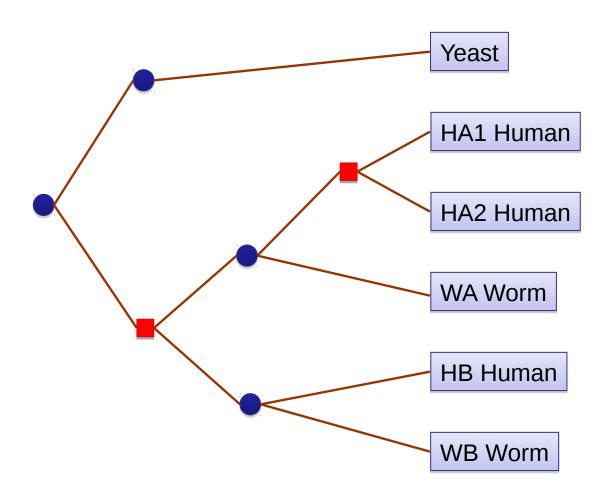
## All Homologous Sequ





# Orthology and Paralogy





Orthologs:
Derived by
speciation

**Paralogs**: Everything else

## Orthology, Paralogy, Inparalogs, Outparalogs



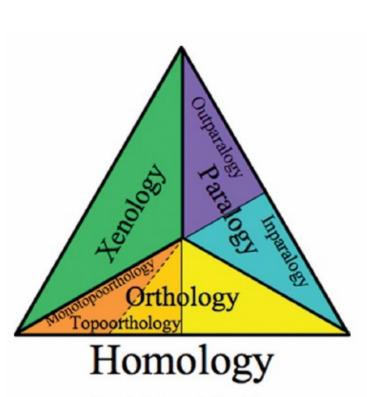


Figure 1. Refinements of homology.

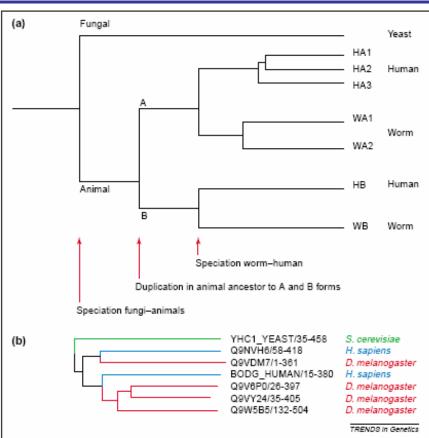
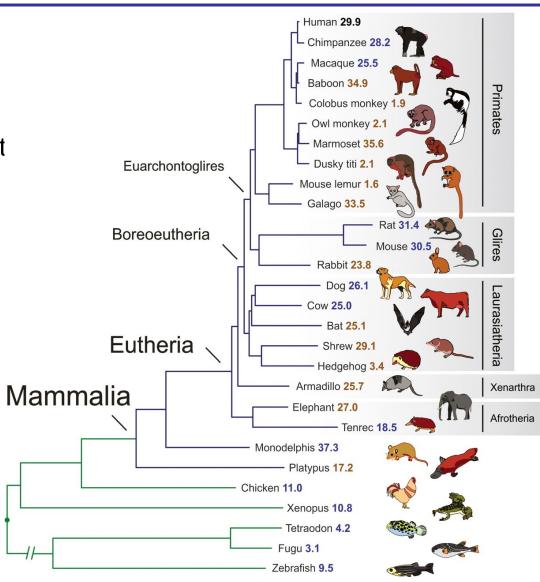


Fig. 1. The definition of inparalogs and outparalogs. (a) Consider an ancient gene inherited in the yeast, worm and human lineages. The gene was duplicated early in the animal lineage, before the human-worm split, into genes A and B. After the human-worm split, into genes A and B. After the human-worm split, the A form was in turn duplicated independently in the human and worm lineages. In this scenario, the yeast gene is orthologous to all worm and human genes, which are all co-orthologous to the yeast gene. When comparing the human and worm genes, all genes in the HA\* set are co-orthologous to all genes in the WA\* set. The genes HA\* are hence 'inparalogs' to each other when comparing human to worm. By contrast, the genes HB and HA\* are 'outparalogs' when comparing human with worm...However, HB and HA\*, and WB and WA\* are inparalogs when comparing with yeast, because the animal-yeast split pre-dates the HA\*-HB duplication. (b) Real-life example of inparalogs: p-butyrobetaine hydroxylases. The points of speciation and duplication are easily identifiable. The alignment is a subset of Pfam: PF03322 and the tree was generated by neighbor-joining in Belvu. All nodes have a bootstrap support exceeding 95%.

# Phylogenetic Trees

- Nodes: species
- Edges: time of independent evolution
- Edge length represents evolution time
  - AKA genetic distance
  - Not necessarily chronological time



# Inferring Phylogenetic Trees



Trees can be inferred by several criteria:

- Morphology of the organisms
  - Can lead to mistakes







Sequence comparison

#### **Example:**

Mouse: ACAGTGACGCCCCAAACGT

Rat: ACAGTGACGCTACAAACGT

Baboon: CCTGTGACGTAACAACGA

Chimp: CCTGTGACGTAGCAAACGA

Human: CCTGTGACGTAGCAAACGA

## Distance Between Two Sequences



#### **Basic principle:**

Distance proportional to degree of independent sequence evolution

Given sequences xi, xj,

d<sub>ii</sub> = distance between the two sequences

One possible definition:

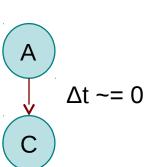
 $d_{ii}$  = fraction f of sites u where  $x^{i}[u] \neq x^{j}[u]$ 

Better scores are derived by modeling evolution as a continuous change process



#### Modeling sequence substitution:

Consider what happens at a position for time  $\Delta t$ ,

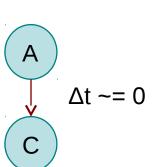


- P(t) = vector of probabilities of {A,C,G,T} at time t
- Given an alignment between two sequences, we can estimate P(t)
  - (Simplistic) Count non-match positions in the alignment
  - How do we estimate t from that information?



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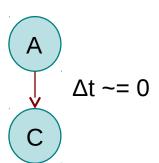


- P(t) = vector of probabilities of {A,C,G,T} at time t
- $\mu_{AC}$  = rate of transition from A to C per unit time
- $\mu_A = \mu_{AC} + \mu_{AG} + \mu_{AT}$  rate of transition out of A
- $p_A(t+\Delta t) = p_A(t) p_A(t) \mu_A \Delta t + p_C(t) \mu_{CA} \Delta t + p_G(t) \mu_{GA} \Delta t + p_T(t) \mu_{TA} \Delta t$



In matrix/vector notation, we get

$$P(t+\Delta t) = P(t) + Q P(t) \Delta t$$



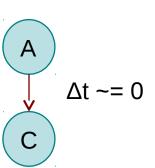
where Q is the substitution rate matrix

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu_A & \mu_{GA} & \mu_{CA} & \mu_{TA} \\ \mu_{AG} & -\mu_{G} & \mu_{CG} & \mu_{TG} \\ \mu_{AC} & \mu_{GC} & -\mu_{C} & \mu_{TC} \\ \mu_{AT} & \mu_{GT} & \mu_{CT} & -\mu_{T} \end{pmatrix}$$



This is a differential equation:

$$P'(t) = Q P(t)$$



• Q => prob. distribution over {A,C,G,T} at each position, stationary (equilibrium) frequencies  $\pi_A$ ,  $\pi_C$ ,  $\pi_G$ ,  $\pi_T$ 

- Each Q is an evolutionary model
  - Some work better than others

## **Evolutionary Models**



Jukes-Cantor

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} * & \frac{\mu}{4} & \frac{\mu}{4} & \frac{\mu}{4} \\ \frac{\mu}{4} & * & \frac{\mu}{4} & \frac{\mu}{4} \\ \frac{\mu}{4} & \frac{\mu}{4} & * & \frac{\mu}{4} \\ \frac{\mu}{4} & \frac{\mu}{4} & \frac{\mu}{4} & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Kimura

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} * & \kappa & 1 & 1 \\ \kappa & * & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & * & \kappa \\ 1 & 1 & \kappa & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Felsenstein

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} * & \pi_T & \pi_T & \pi_T \\ \pi_C & * & \pi_C & \pi_C \\ \pi_A & \pi_A & * & \pi_A \\ \pi_G & \pi_G & \pi_G & * \end{pmatrix}$$

HKY

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} * & \kappa \pi_T & \pi_T & \pi_T \\ \kappa \pi_C & * & \pi_C & \pi_C \\ \pi_A & \pi_A & * & \kappa \pi_A \\ \pi_G & \pi_G & \kappa \pi_G & * \end{pmatrix}$$



 Solve the differential equation and compute expected evolutionary time given sequences

$$P'(t) = Q P(t)$$

#### **Jukes-Cantor:**

Let 
$$P_{AA}(t) = P_{CC}(t) = P_{CC}(t) = P_{CC}(t) = r$$
  
 $P_{AC}(t) = \dots = P_{TG}(t) = s$ 

Then,

$$r'(t) = -\frac{3}{4} r(t) \mu + \frac{3}{4} s(t) \mu$$
  
 $s'(t) = -\frac{1}{4} s(t) \mu + \frac{1}{4} r(t) \mu$ 

Which is satisfied by

$$r(t) = \frac{1}{4} (1 + 3e^{-\mu t})$$
  
 $s(t) = \frac{1}{4} (1 - e^{-\mu t})$ 



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**Jukes-Cantor:** 

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t\mu} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}e^{-t\mu} \end{pmatrix}$$



Let p = probability a base is different between two sequences, Solve to find t

• Jukes-Cantor  $r(t) = 1 - p = \frac{1}{4} (1 + 3e^{-\mu t})$ 

$$p = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4} e^{-\mu t}$$
  
 $\frac{3}{4} - p = \frac{3}{4} e^{-\mu t}$   
 $\frac{1 - 4p}{3} = e^{-\mu t}$ 

Therefore,

$$\mu t = -\ln(1 - 4p/3)$$

Letting  $d = \frac{3}{4} \mu t$ , denoting substitutions per site,

$$d = -\frac{3}{4}\ln(1 - \frac{4}{3}p)$$



d: Branch length in terms of substitutions per site

Jukes-Cantor

$$d = -\frac{3}{4}\ln(1 - \frac{4}{3}p)$$

Kimura

$$d = -\frac{1}{2}\ln(1 - 2P - Q) - \frac{1}{4}\ln(1 - 2Q)$$

## A simple clustering method for building tree



UPGMA (unweighted pair group method using arithmetic averages)
Or the **Average Linkage Method** 

Given two disjoint clusters C<sub>i</sub>, C<sub>i</sub> of sequences,

$$d_{ij} = \frac{1}{|C_i| \times |C_i|} \sum_{\{p \in Ci, q \in Cj\}} d_{pq}$$

Claim that if  $C_k = C_i \cup C_j$ , then distance to another cluster  $C_i$  is:

$$d_{kl} = \frac{d_{il} |C_i| + d_{jl} |C_j|}{|C_i| + |C_j|}$$

# Algorithm: Average Linkage



#### **Initialization:**

Assign each  $x_i$  into its own cluster  $C_i$ Define one leaf per sequence, height 0

#### **Iteration:**

Find two clusters C<sub>i</sub>, C<sub>i</sub> s.t. d<sub>ii</sub> is min

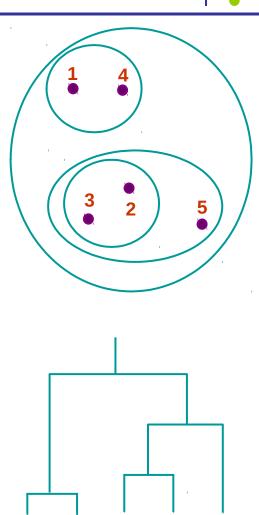
Let  $C_k = C_i \cup C_i$ 

Define node connecting  $C_i$ ,  $C_j$ , and place it at height  $d_{ii}/2$ 

Delete C<sub>i</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>

#### **Termination:**

When two clusters i, j remain, place root at height d<sub>ii</sub>/2



# Neighbor-Joining

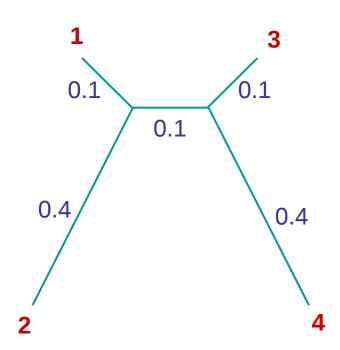


- Guaranteed to produce the correct tree if distance is additive
- May produce a good tree even when distance is not additive

**Step 1:** Finding neighboring leaves

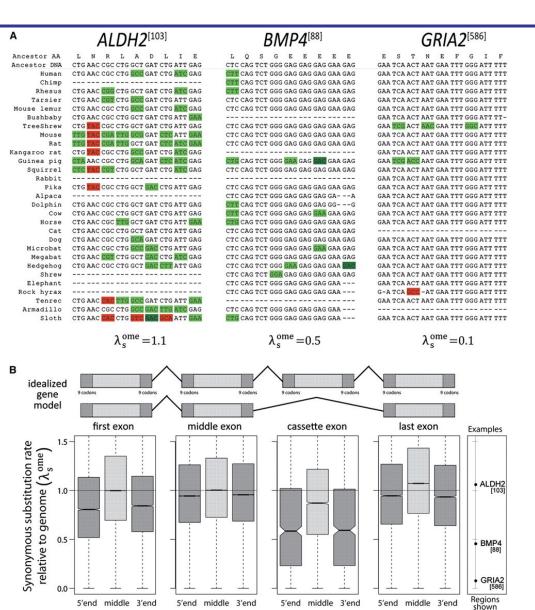
Define

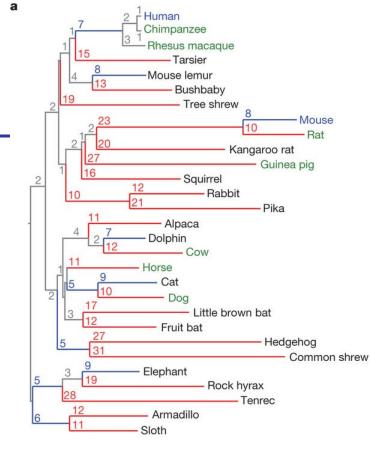
$$D_{ij} = (N-2) d_{ij} - \sum_{k \neq i} d_{ik} - \sum_{k \neq i} d_{jk}$$

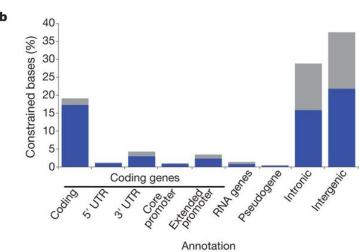


**Claim:** The above "magic trick" ensures that i, j are neighbors if  $D_{ij}$  is minimal

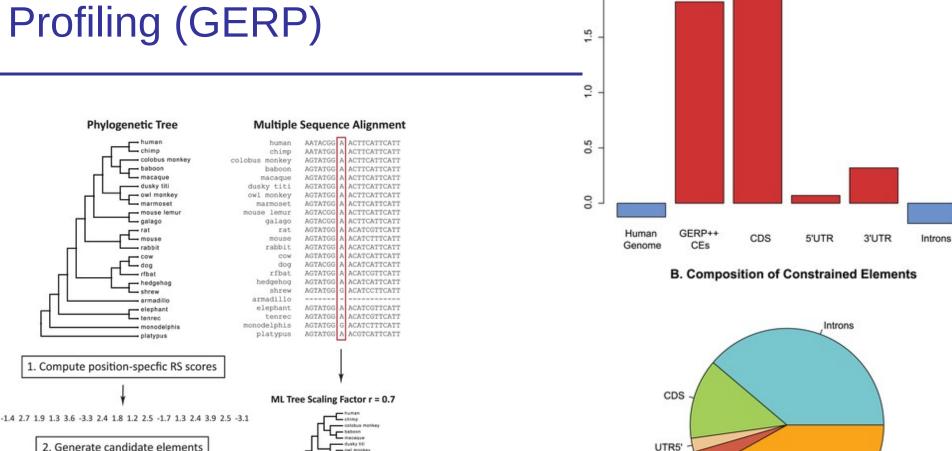
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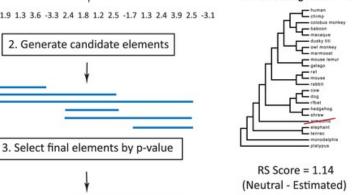


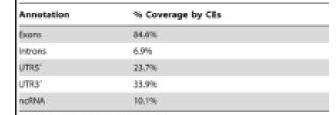




# Genome Evolutionary Rate Profiling (GERP)







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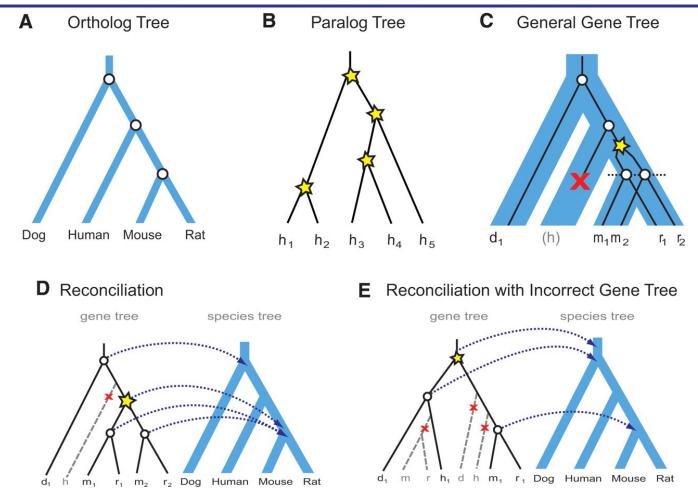
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## **Species Trees and Gene Trees**



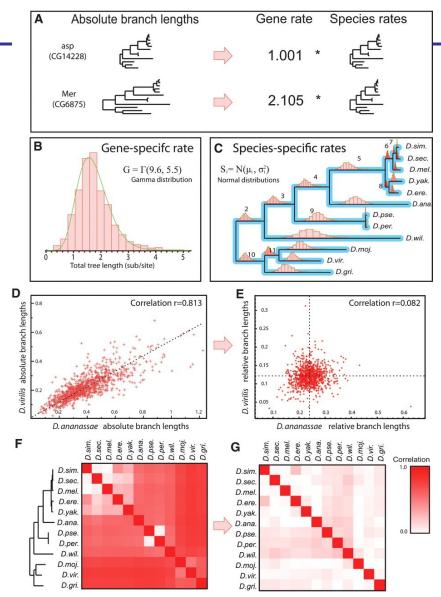






#### Evolutionary rates decoupled into gene-specific and species-specific components



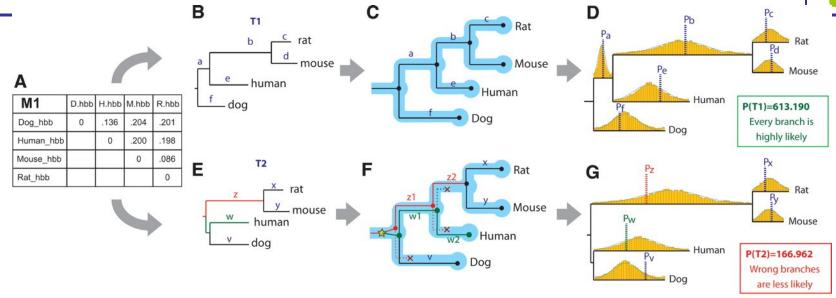




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#### Evaluating gene-tree likelihood using learned rate distributions.





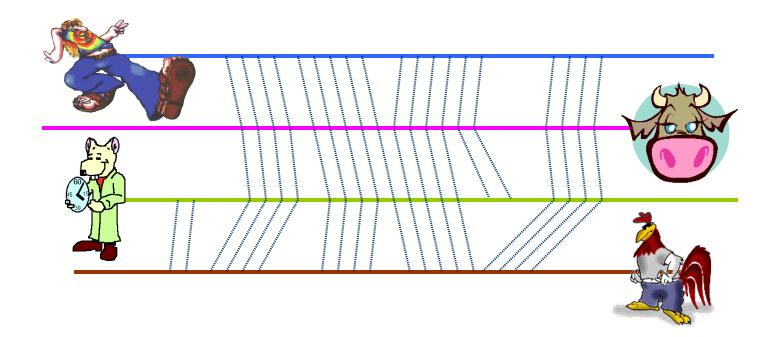
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Method	Topology chosen	Ratio	Result	T1	T2					
SPIDIR likelihood	T1	3.7	Correct	613.190	166.962					
Max likelihood	T2	119.9	Wrong	-1689.5	-1687.4					
Neighbor Joining	T2	8.0	Wrong	128	828					
Parsimony	T2	1.2	Wrong	307	300					

Species	Exped	ted		Topolog	y 1		Topolog	y 2	Likelihood
branch	Length	Stdev	Branch	Length	Likelihood	Branch	Length	Likelihood	comparison
mouse	0.079	0.065	d	0.083	6.133	У	0.074	6.132	1.00
rat	0.084	0.068	С	0.060	5.510	х	0.053	5.299	1.04
human	0.172	0.083	e	0.241	3.403				1.04
hmr+human	0.279	0.099				w	0.215	3.261	
dog	0.107	0.054				v	0.179	3.025	1.22
dog+hmr	0.215	0.107	a+f	0.199	3.684	0.50	VC00113047394	2,50.207.070.0	5.31 4.3040
mr	0.314	0.108	b	0.325	3.676				
hmr+mr	0.422	0.121	2000	8247499178		z	0.290	1.830	2.01
Family rate	alpha=1.31	b=4.95	rate=0.6	502	0.394	rate=0.6	575	0.285	1.38
Total					613.190			166.962	3.67





# Multiple Sequence Alignments

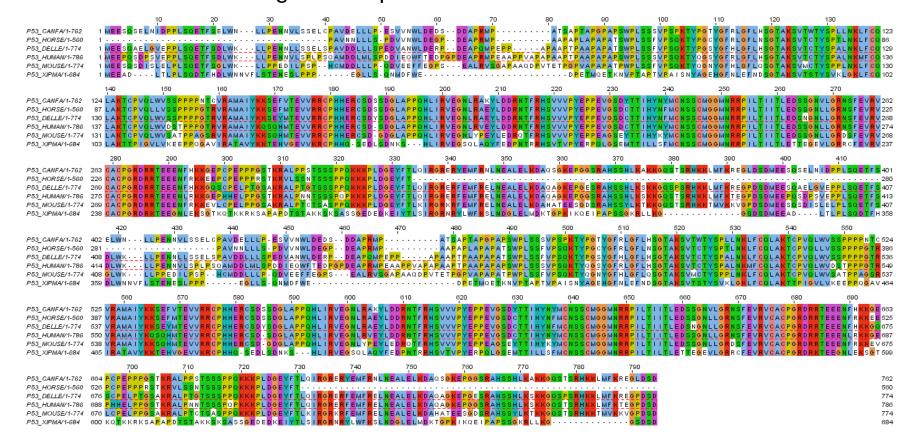


#### **Definition**



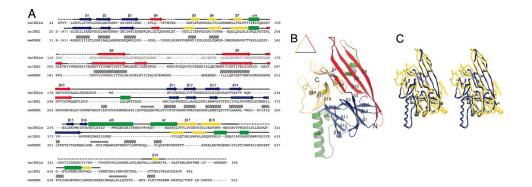
#### Given N sequences $x^1, x^2, ..., x^N$ :

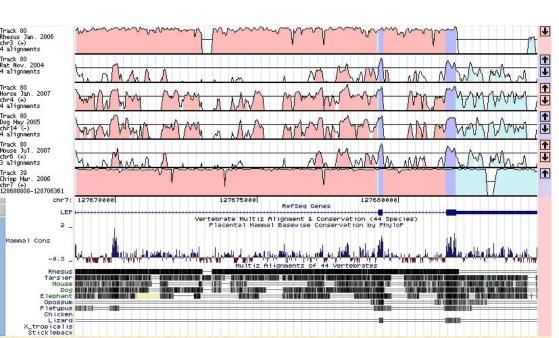
- Insert gaps (-) in each sequence x<sup>i</sup>, such that
  - All sequences have the same length L
  - Score of the global map is maximum

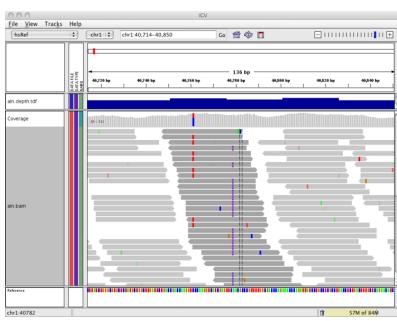


# **Applications**













#### **<u>Definition:</u>** Induced pairwise alignment

A pairwise alignment induced by the multiple alignment

#### Example:

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X: AC-GCGG-C
y: AC-GC-GAG
z: GCCGC-GAG
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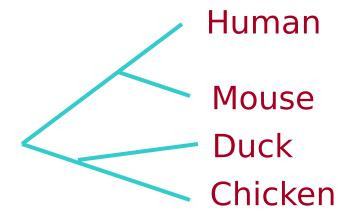
#### Induces:

```
x: ACGCGG-C; x: AC-GCGG-C; y: AC-GCGAG y: ACGC-GAC; z: GCCGC-GAG; z: GCCGCGAG
```

# Sum Of Pairs (cont'd)



Heuristic way to incorporate evolution tree:



Weighted SOP:

$$S(m) = \Sigma_{k$$

## A Profile Representation



- Given a multiple alignment M = m<sub>1</sub>...m<sub>n</sub>
  - Replace each column m<sub>i</sub> with profile entry p<sub>i</sub>
    - Frequency of each letter in  $\Sigma$
    - # gaps
    - Optional: # gap openings, extensions, closings
  - Can think of this as a "likelihood" of each letter in each position



# Multiple Sequence Alignments

Algorithms



Generalization of Needleman-Wunsh:

$$S(m) = \sum_{i} S(m_i)$$

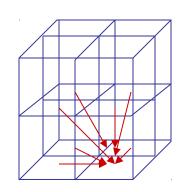
(sum of column scores)

$$F(i_1,i_2,...,i_N)$$
: Optimal alignment up to  $(i_1, ..., i_N)$ 

$$F(i_1, i_2, ..., i_N) = \max_{\text{(all neighbors of cube)}} (F(nbr) + S(nbr))$$



Example: in 3D (three sequences):



7 neighbors/cell



#### **Running Time:**

1. Size of matrix: L<sup>N</sup>;

Where L = length of each sequence N = number of sequences

2. Neighbors/cell:  $2^N - 1$ 





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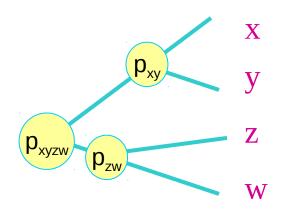
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## **Progressive Alignment**





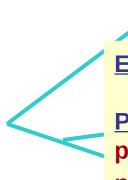
- When evolutionary tree is known:
  - Align closest first, in the order of the tree
  - In each step, align two sequences x, y, or profiles  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ , to generate a new alignment with associated profile  $p_{result}$

#### Weighted version:

- Tree edges have weights, proportional to the divergence in that edge
- New profile is a weighted average of two old profiles

## Progressive Alignment





#### **Example**

**<u>Profile:</u>** (A, C, G, T, -)  $\mathbf{p}_{x} = (0.8, 0.2, 0, 0, 0)$  $\mathbf{p}_{v} = (0.6, 0, 0, 0, 0.4)$ 

- When evolutionary tree is known:
  - Align closest first, in the order of
  - alignment with associated profile

$$s(p_x, p_y) = 0.8*0.6*s(A, A) + 0.2*0.6*s(C, A) + 0.8*0.4*s(A, -) + 0.2*0.4*s(C, -)$$

In each step, align two sequence Result:  $p_{xy} = (0.7, 0.1, 0, 0, 0.2)$ 

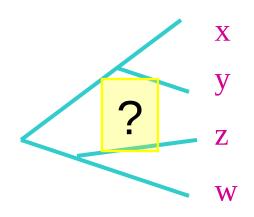
$$s(p_x, -) = 0.8*1.0*s(A, -) + 0.2*1.0*s(C, -)$$

#### Weighted version:

- Tree edges have weights, proportion Result:  $p_x = (0.4, 0.1, 0, 0, 0.5)$
- New profile is a weighted average of two old profiles

# Progressive Alignment





- When evolutionary tree is unknown:
  - Perform all pairwise alignments
  - Define distance matrix D, where D(x, y) is a measure of evolutionary distance, based on pairwise alignment
  - Construct a tree (UPGMA / Neighbor Joining / Other methods)
  - Align on the tree

## MUSCLE at a glance



- 1. Fast measurement of all
  - $\times$  D<sub>DRAFT</sub>(x, y) defined in t
- 2. Build tree T<sub>DRAFT</sub> based o
- 3. Progressive alignment o
- 4. Measure new Kimura-ba
- 5. Build tree T based on D
- 6. Progressive alignment of
- Iterative refinement; for r
  - Tree Partitioning: Split
  - ✓ If new alignment M' has

