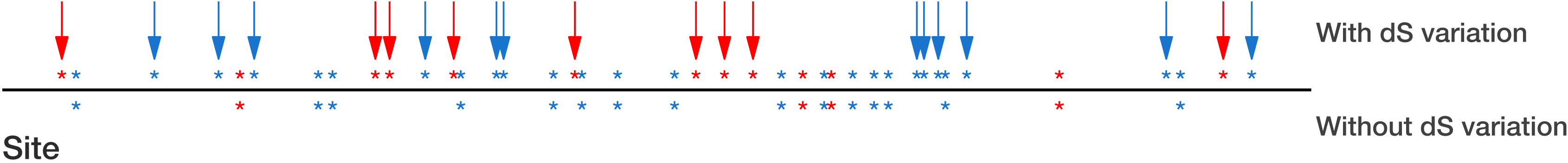
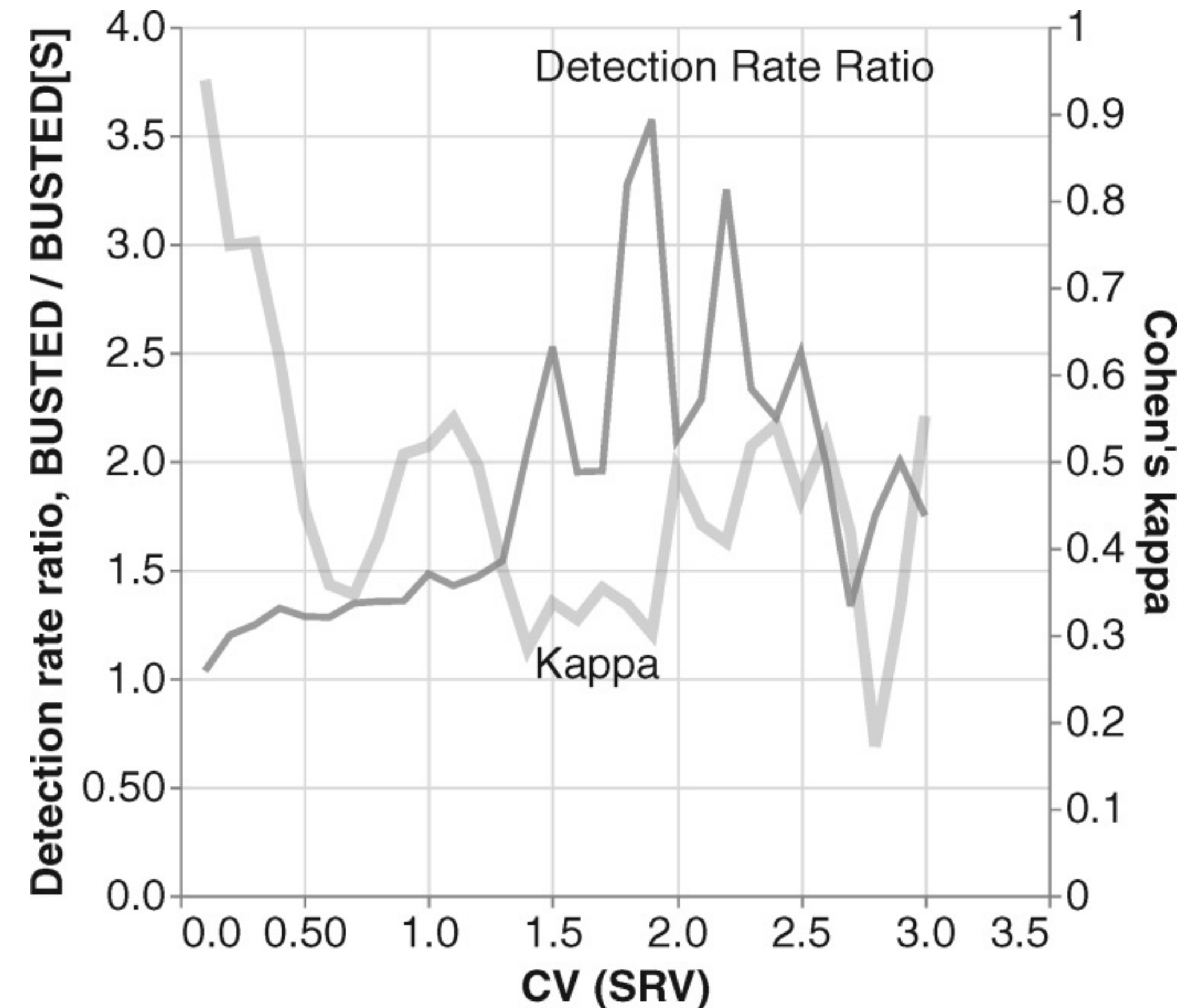


Sites detected by FEL with and without dS variation



# Synonymous rate variation

- **dS** = constant for all sites (assumed by many models); this assumption appears to be nearly universally violated in biological data, due to e.g. secondary structure, localized codon usage bias, overlapping reading frames, etc.
- This can lead to, e.g. incorrect identification of relaxed constraint as selection and high false positive rates
- Most of HyPhy methods provide support for including dS



## Synonymous Site-to-Site Substitution Rate Variation Dramatically Inflates False Positive Rates of Selection Analyses: Ignore at Your Own Peril

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