

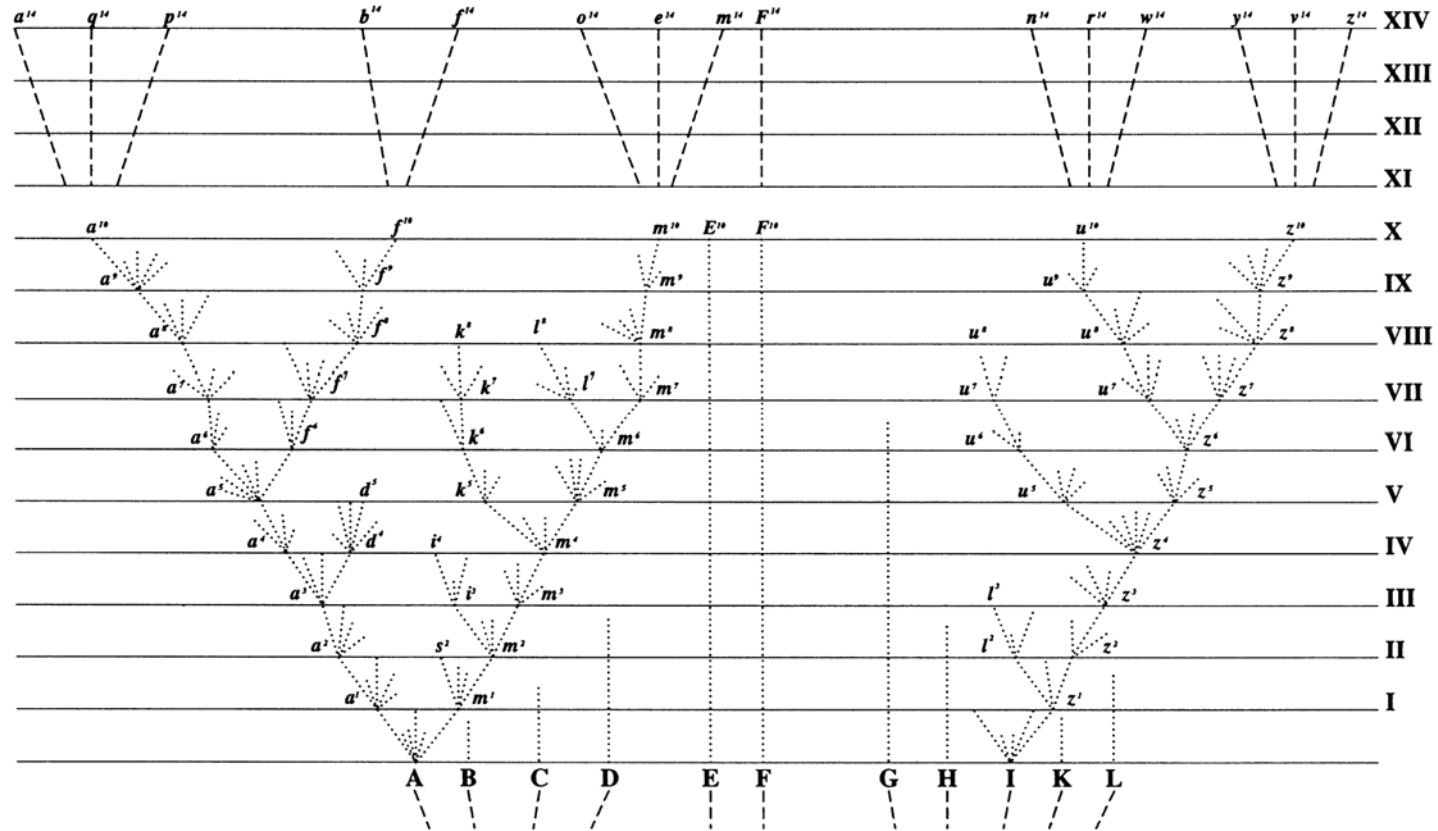


Universal branching in phylogenetic trees

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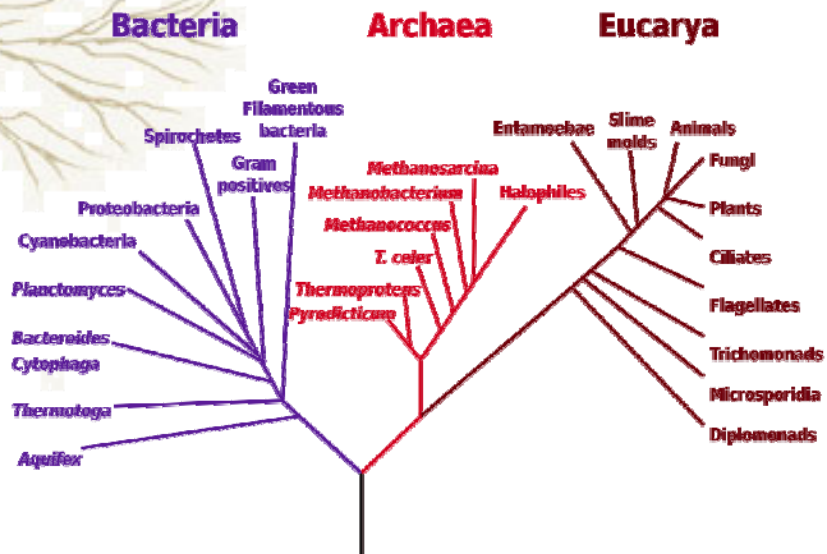
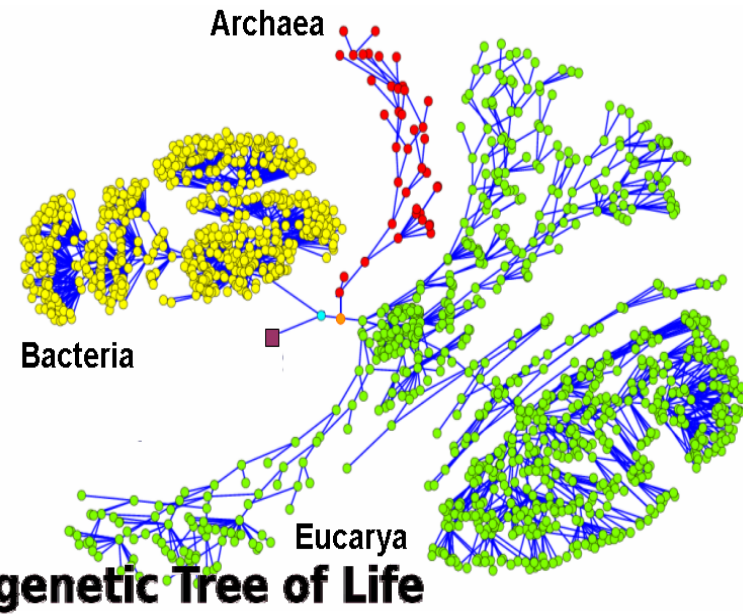
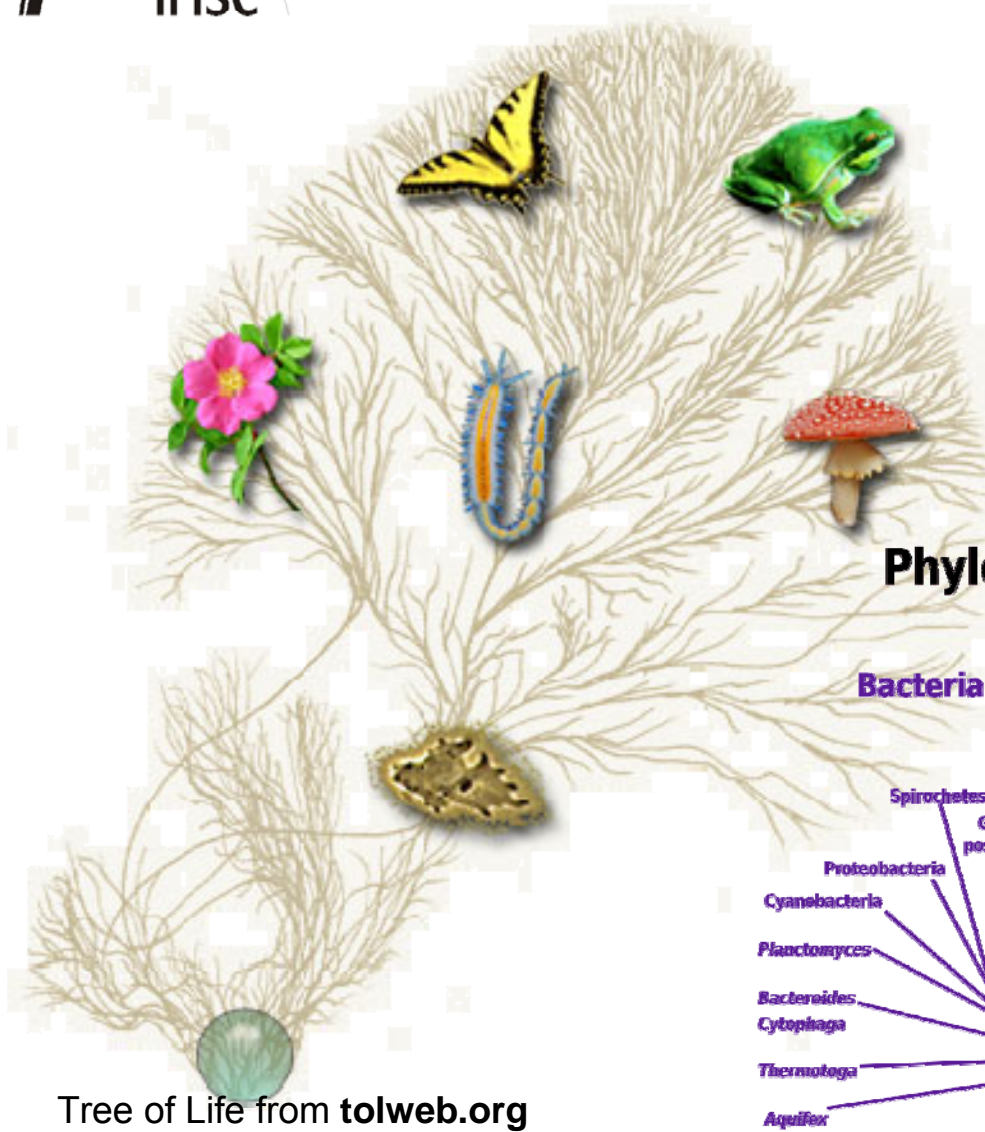
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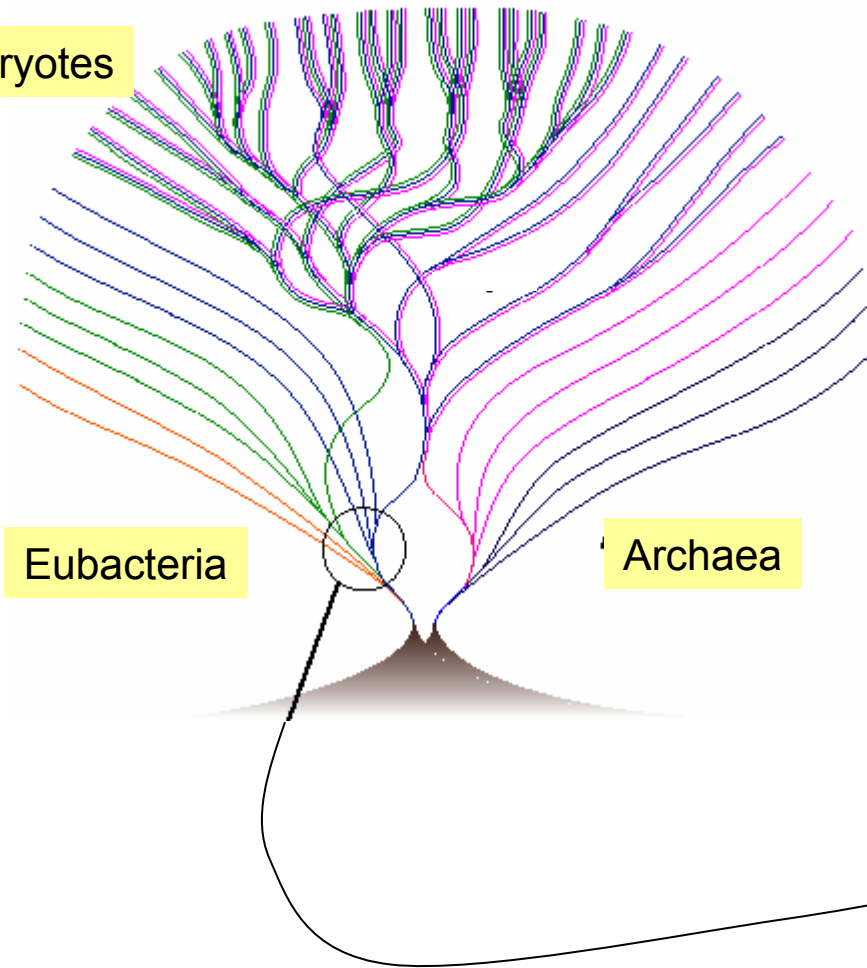


Charles Darwin in On the Origin of Species, 1859





Eukaryotes

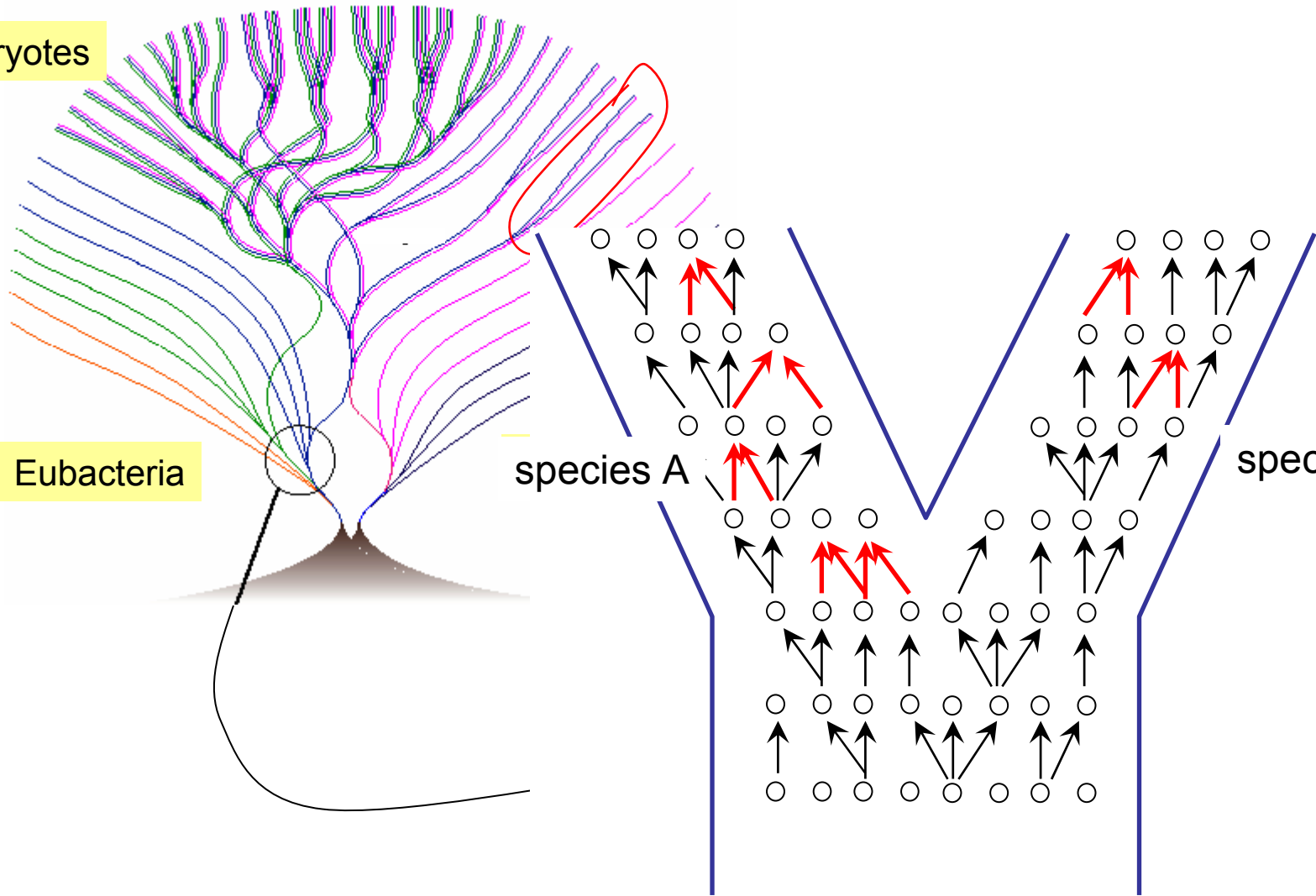


Eubacteria

Archaea

W. Martin, BioEssays 21.2, 1999

Eukaryotes

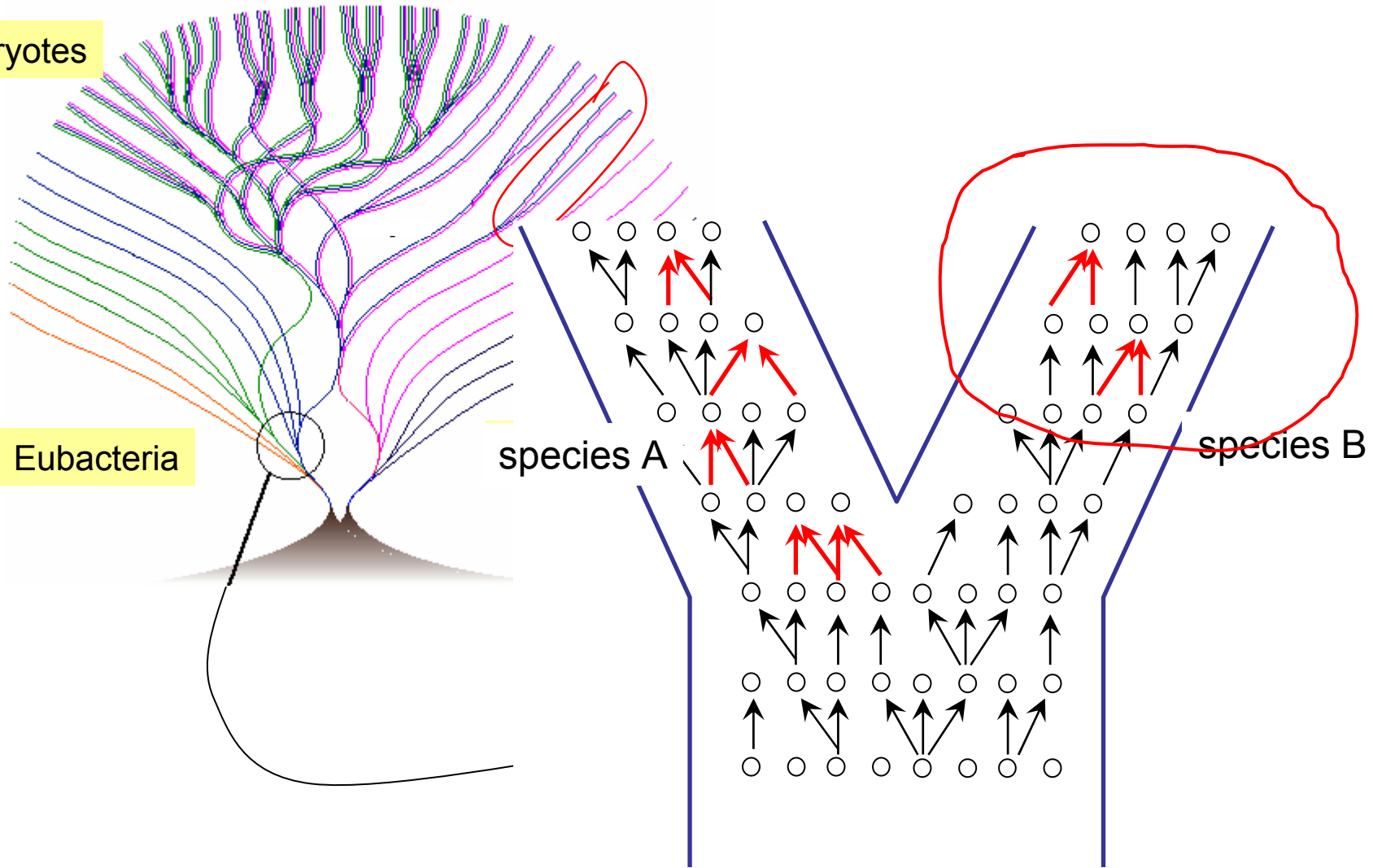


Eubacteria

species A

species B

Eukaryotes



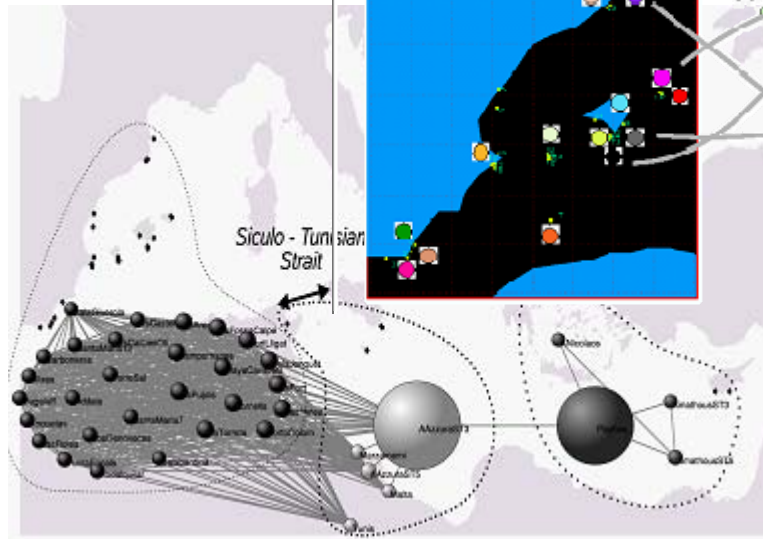
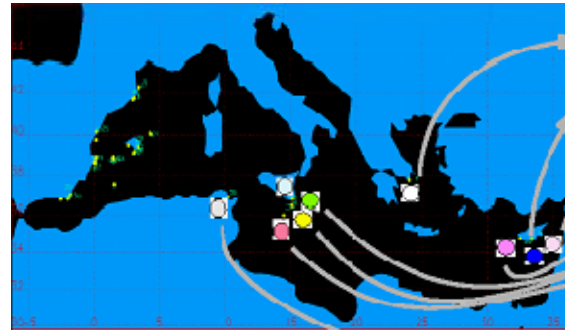
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GENETIC SIMILARITY NETWORKS

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populations
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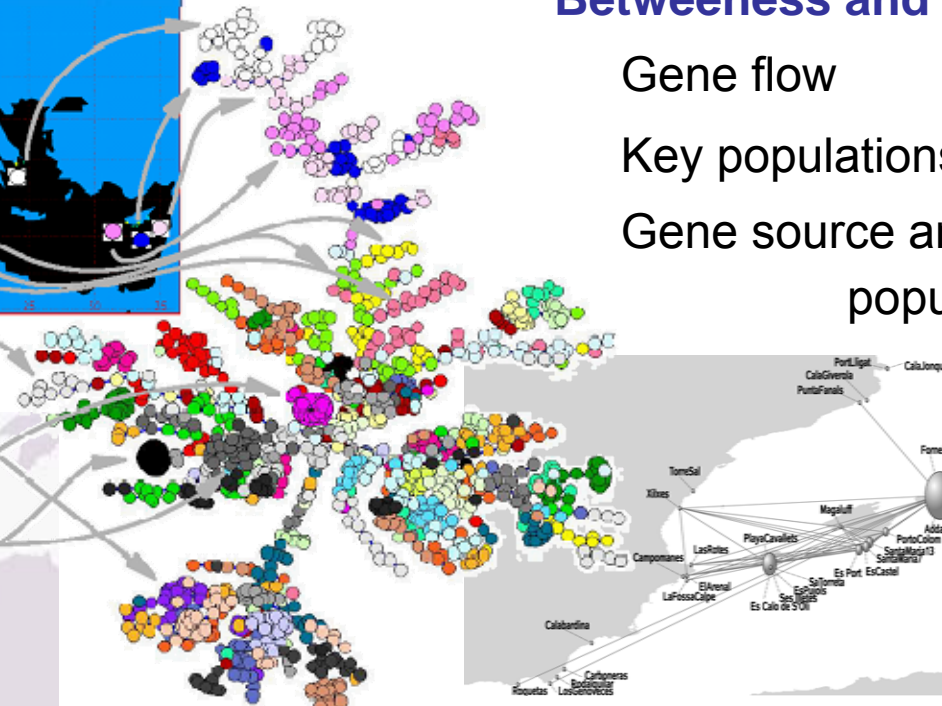


Betweenness and degree:

Gene flow

Key populations

Gene source and sink
populations



Rozenfeld et al., J. Roy. Soc. Interface (2007)
Hernandez-Garcia et al., AIP Conf. Proc. 913 (2007)
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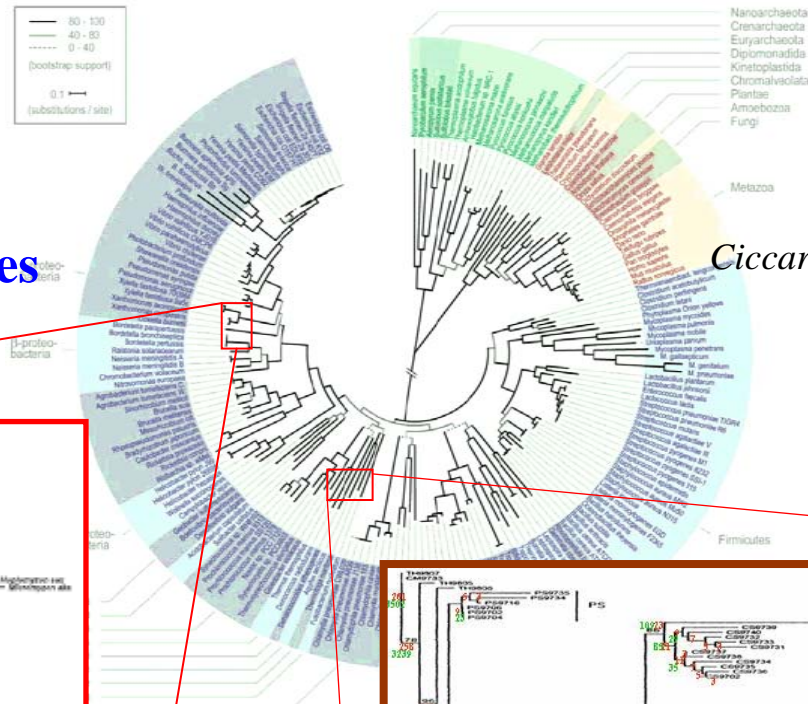
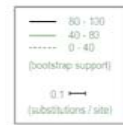
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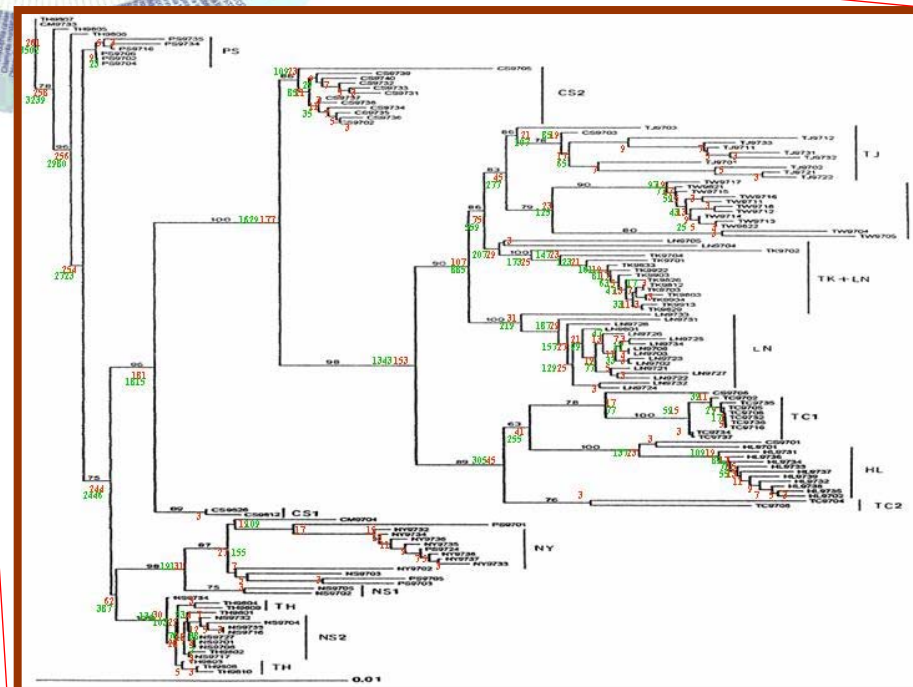


The "Tree of Life" and phylogenetic trees

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Ciccarelli, F. D. et al. Science (2006)



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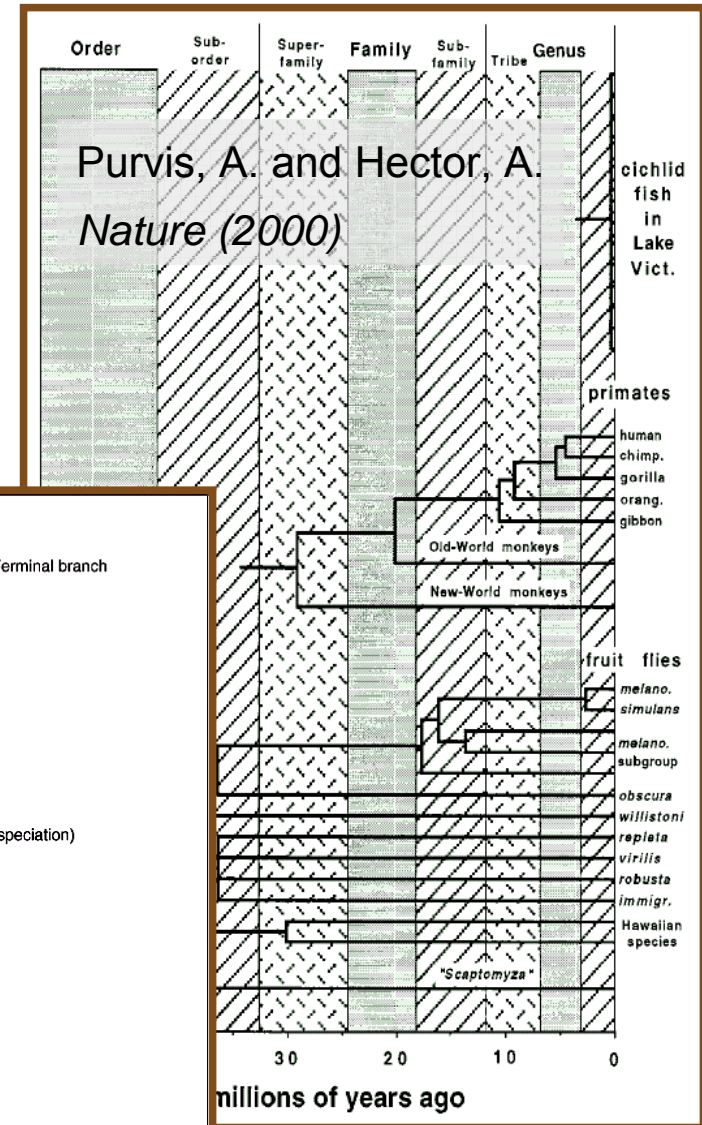
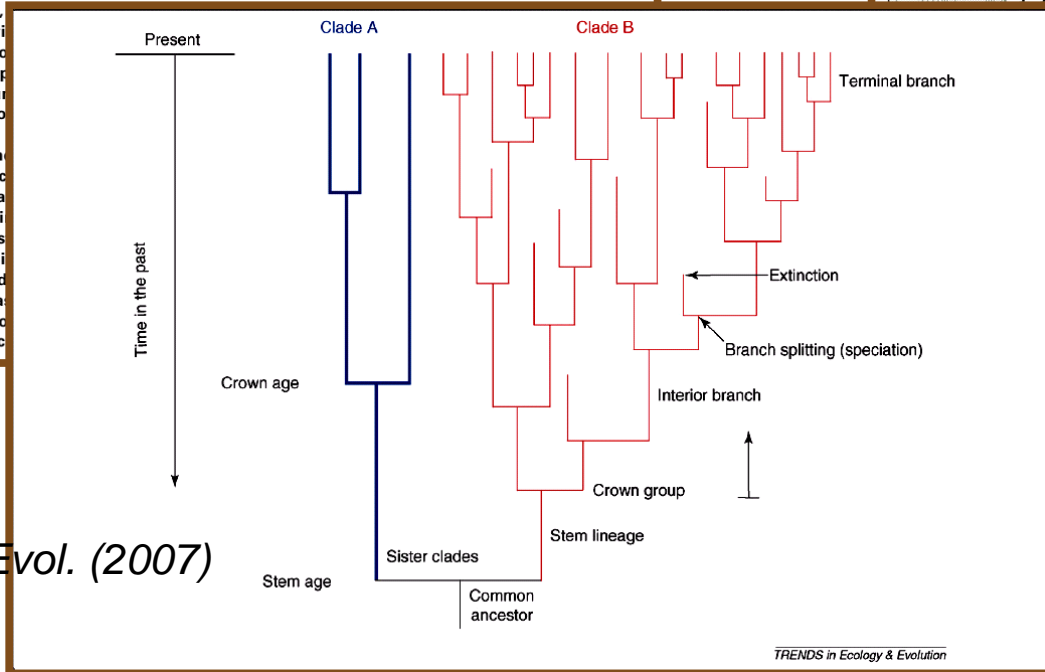
Estimating diversification rates from phylogenetic information

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Patterns of species richness reflect the balance between speciation and extinction over the evolutionary history of life. These processes are influenced by the size and geographical complexity of regions, environment, and attributes of individual species. Diversity within clades also depends on time available for accumulating species. Rates of diversification is key to understand how these factors have shaped patterns of species richness. Several approaches to calculating absolute rates of speciation and extinction are based on phylogenetic reconstruction of evolutionary relationships. As the size and quality of phylogenetic trees increases, these approaches will improve. However, phylogenetic reconstruction is subject to perceptual bias of continual increase in species richness and the analysis of primarily large clades can lead to selection bias. Recognizing these biases is the development of more realistic models of speciation and the regulation of species richness.

Comparisons of species richness among sister clades enable one to test hypotheses about the influence of species attributes and environmental conditions, such as climate

Ricklefs, R. E.
Trends Ecol. Evol. (2007)



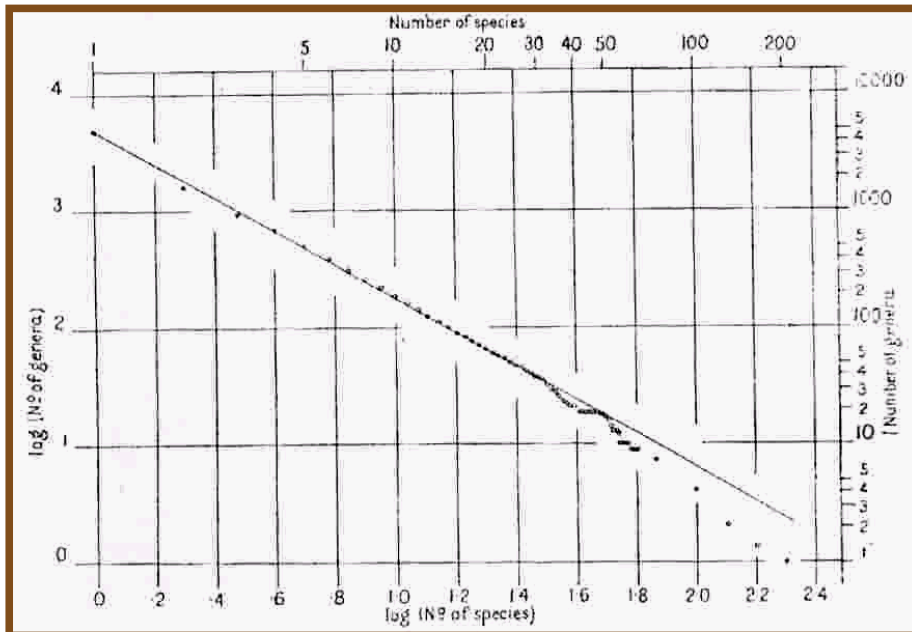
CLASSICAL STUDIES OF PHYLOGENETIC BIODIVERSITY

- Distributions of species within genera (or of subtaxons within taxons)
- Symmetry of the branching: balance vs unbalance

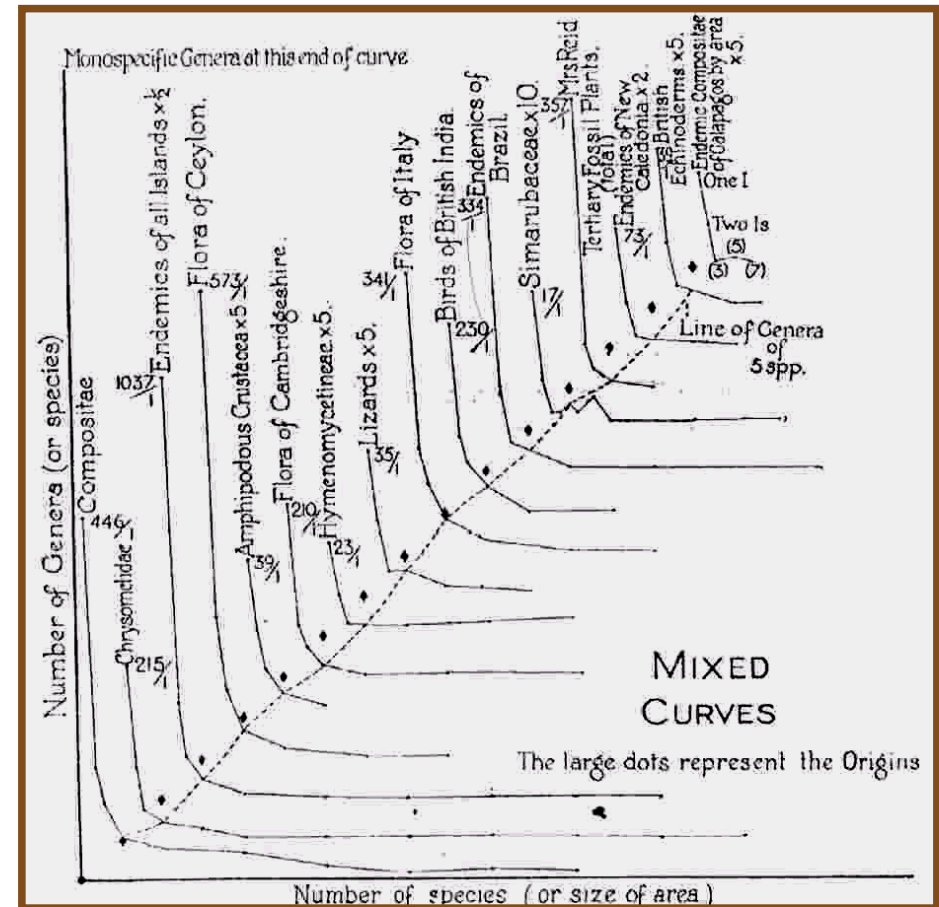
Size (Frequency distribution) ...

Numbers of species in biological taxa

Willis, J. C. and Yule, G. U. *Nature* (1922)



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$$n_g(n_s) \sim n_s^\gamma, \quad \gamma \approx 1.5-2$$

Darwin (1859)

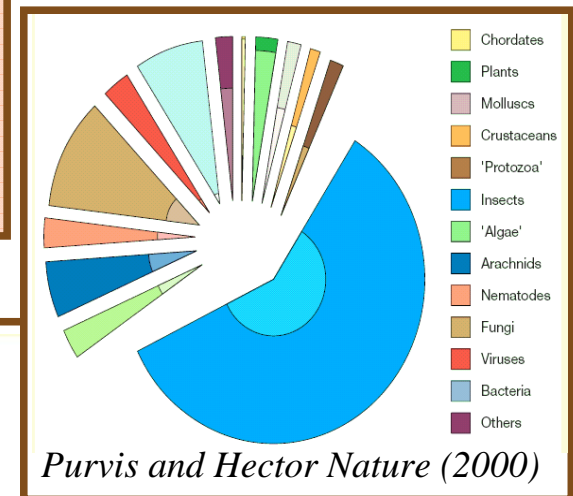
“Species in species-rich genera had more subspecific varieties.”

Willis (1922), Corbet (1942), Anderson (1975).

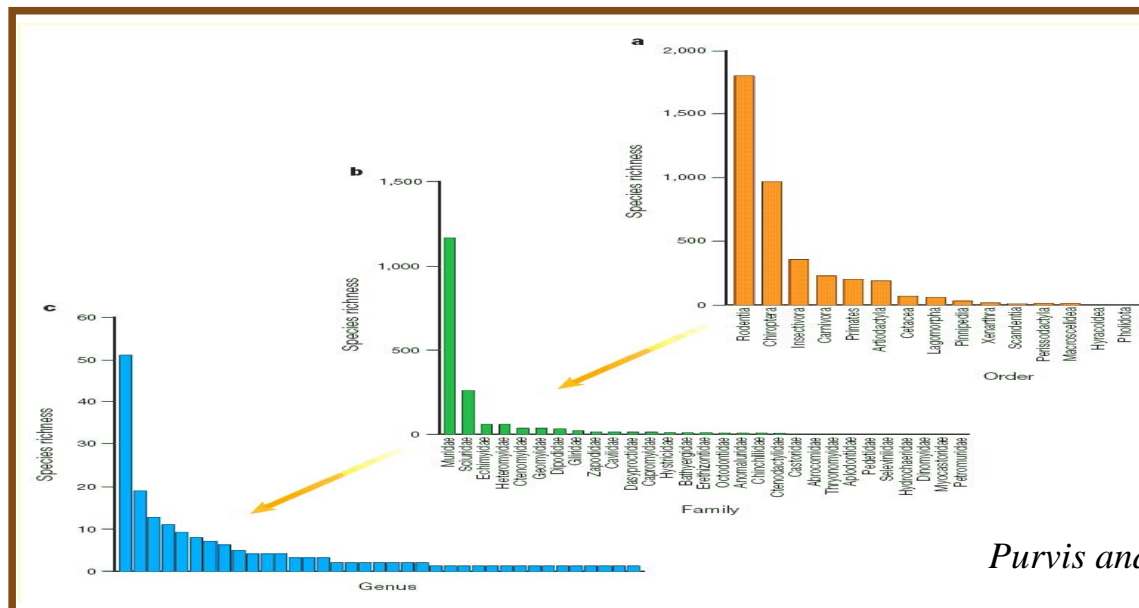
Subtaxa within taxa are often distributed unevenly.

Burlando (1990, 1993), Minelli (1991), Nee (1992).

Described the uneven distribution in terms of **fractal geometry**.



Purvis and Hector Nature (2000)



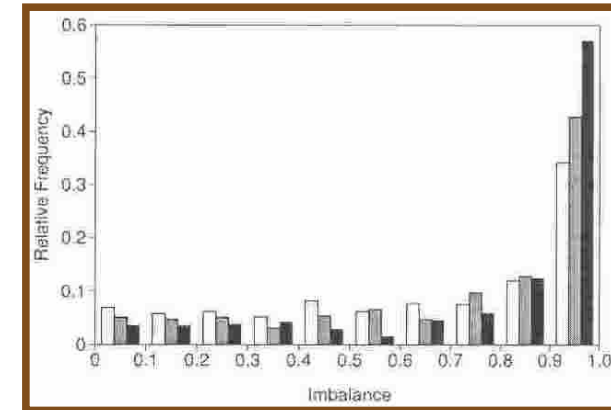
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Holman, E. W. *Sys. Biol.* (2005)

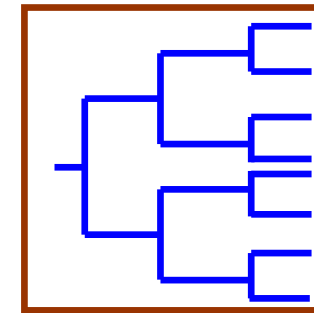
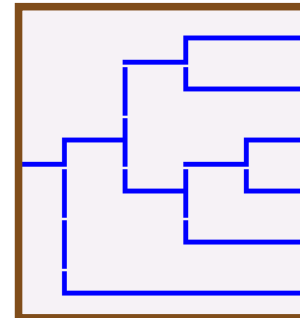
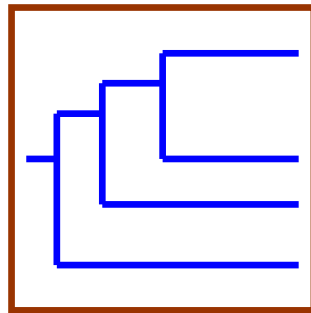
Tree shape ...

Colless (1982). Colless index of imbalance

Savage (1983). Patterns in the frequencies of all possible tree topologies.



UNBALANCED



BALANCED

Measure	Formula	Reference
\bar{N}	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n N_i$	Shao and Sokal, 1990
$\sigma_{\bar{N}}^2$	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (N_i - \bar{N})^2$	Shao and Sokal, 1990
I_c	$\frac{2}{(n-1)(n-2)} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (r_i - s_i)$	Colless, 1982; corrected by Heard, 1992
B_1	$\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \frac{1}{M_i}$	Shao and Sokal, 1990
B_2	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{N_i}{2N_i}$	Shao and Sokal, 1990
I'	$\frac{(B-m)}{(M-m)}$	Fusco and Cronk, 1995; corrected by Purvis et al., 2002
$\Sigma I'$		this paper
Mean I'		Purvis et al., 2002
Mean I'_{10}		this paper

Agapow, P.-M. and Purvis, A. *Sys. Biol.* (2002)

Size and form in efficient transportation networks

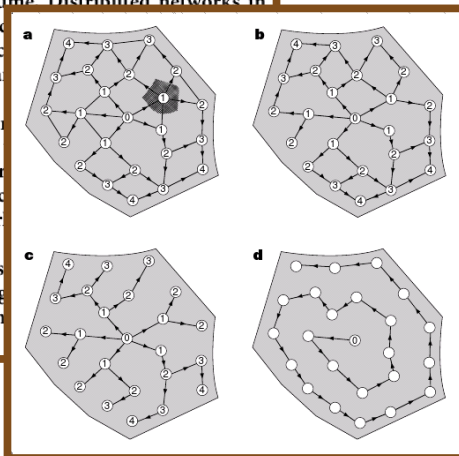
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Many biological processes, from cellular metabolism to population dynamics, are characterized by allometric scaling (power-law) relationships between size and rate^{1–10}. An outstanding question is whether typical allometric scaling relationships—the power-law dependence of a biological rate on body mass—can be understood by considering the general features of branching networks serving a particular volume. Distributed networks in nature stem from the need for efficiency both in biological systems such as circulatory and plant vascular networks^{1–8} and plant vascular and inanimate systems such as the drainage basins¹². Here we derive a general theory for flow rates in arbitrary networks. This theory accounts in a general way for the scaling of living organisms^{1–10}, recent assumptions for particular network scaling relations applicable to all networks, which we verify from observations of drainage basins. Allometric scaling emerges naturally from the general features of branching networks, independent of dynamical or geometric assumptions.



Banavar, J. R., Maritan, A. and Rinaldo, A.
Nature (1999)

Universal scaling relations in food webs

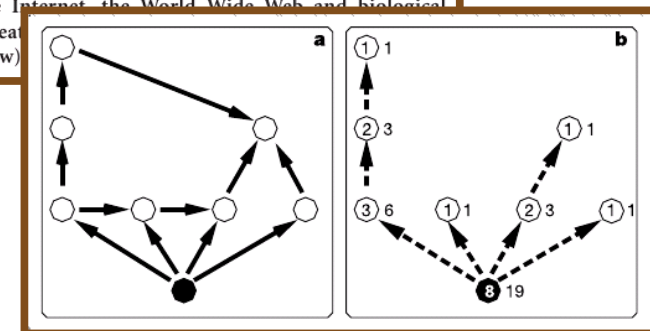
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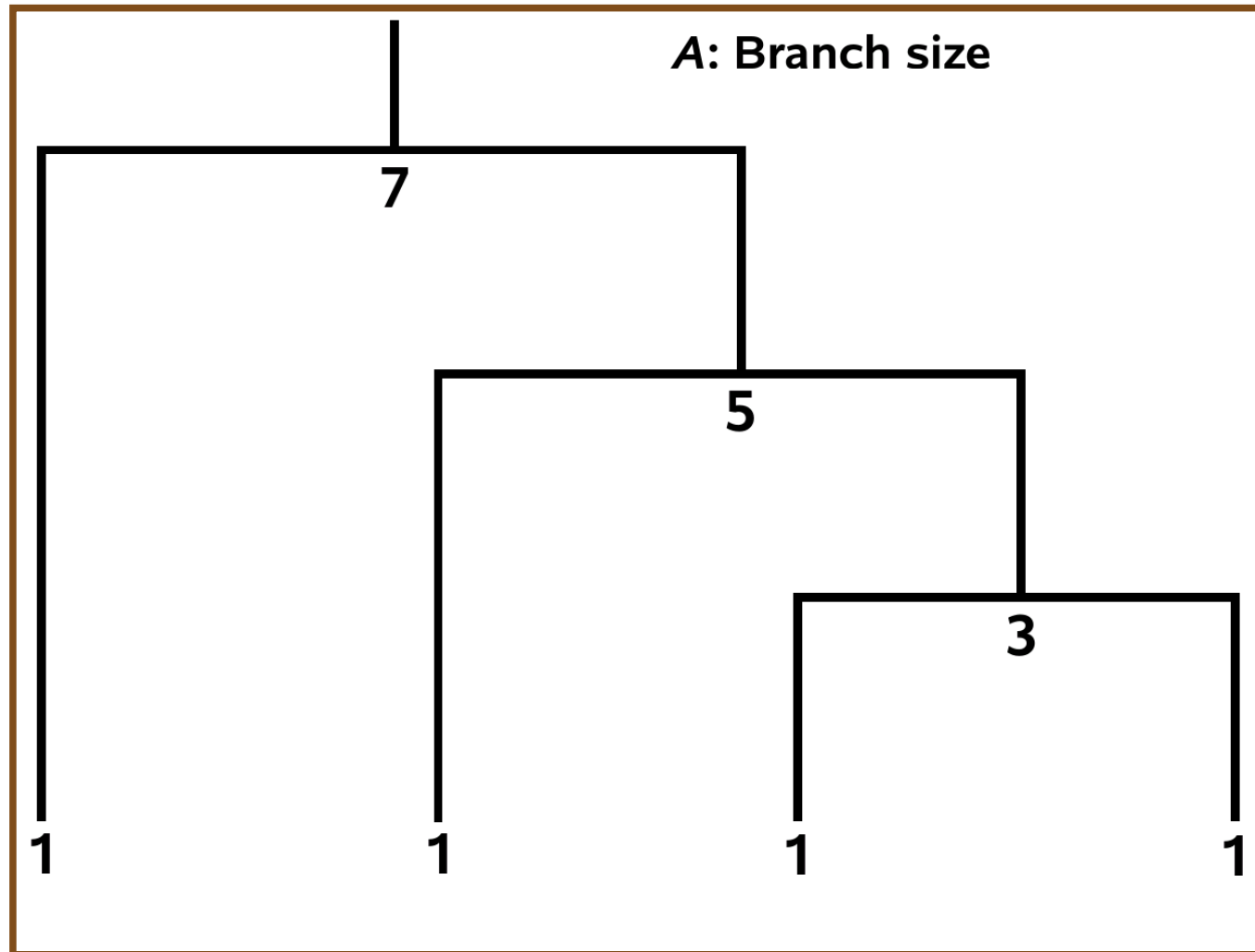
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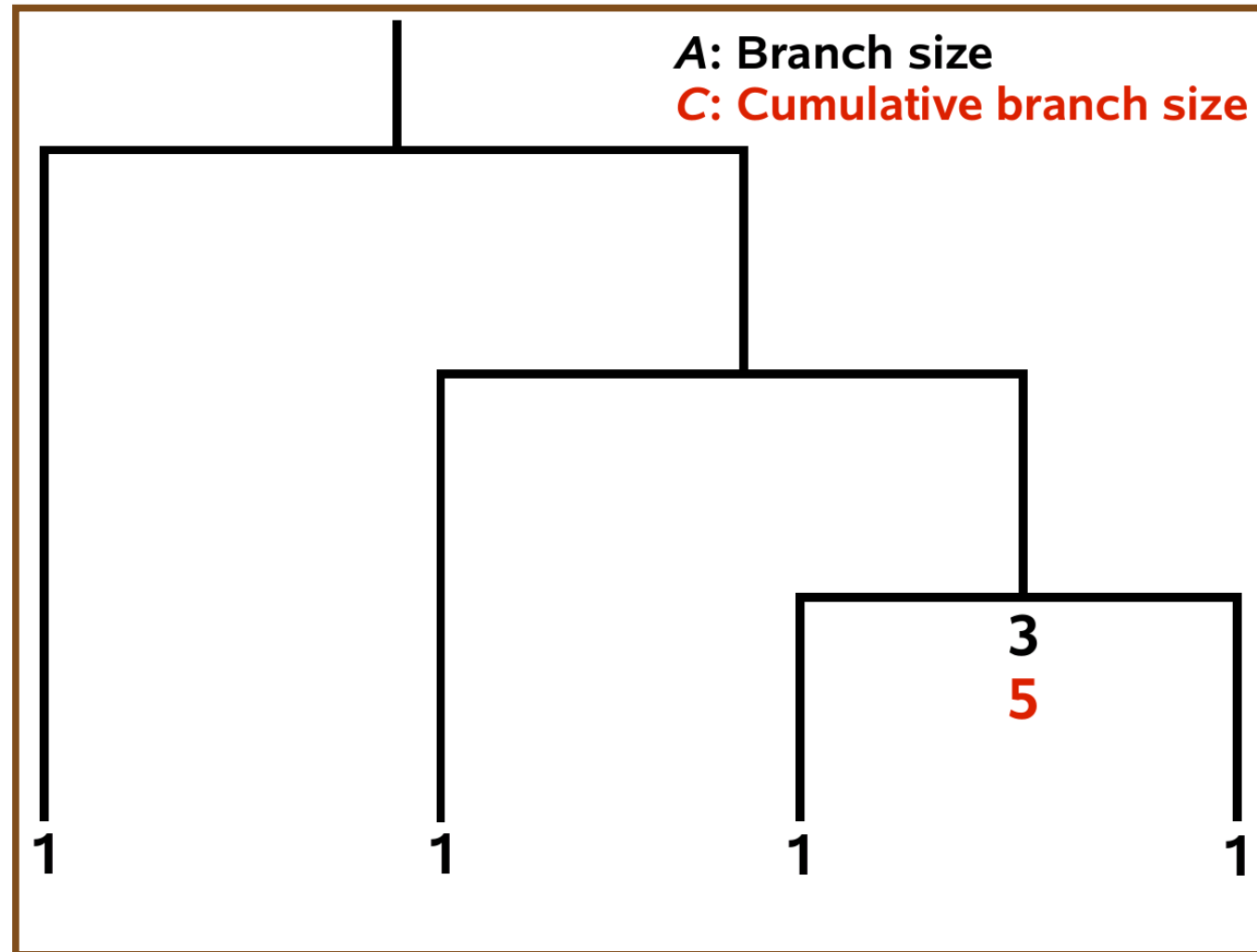
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The structure of ecological communities is usually represented by food webs^{1–3}. In these webs, we describe species by means of vertices connected by links representing the predations. We can therefore study different webs by considering the shape (topology) of these networks^{4,5}. Comparing food webs by searching for regularities is of fundamental importance, because universal patterns would reveal common principles underlying the organization of different ecosystems. However, features observed in small food webs^{1–3,6} are different from those found in large ones^{7–15}. Furthermore, food webs (except in isolated cases^{16,17}) do not share^{18,19} general features with other types of network (including the Internet, the World Wide Web, and biological webs). These features are universal and free (power-law)

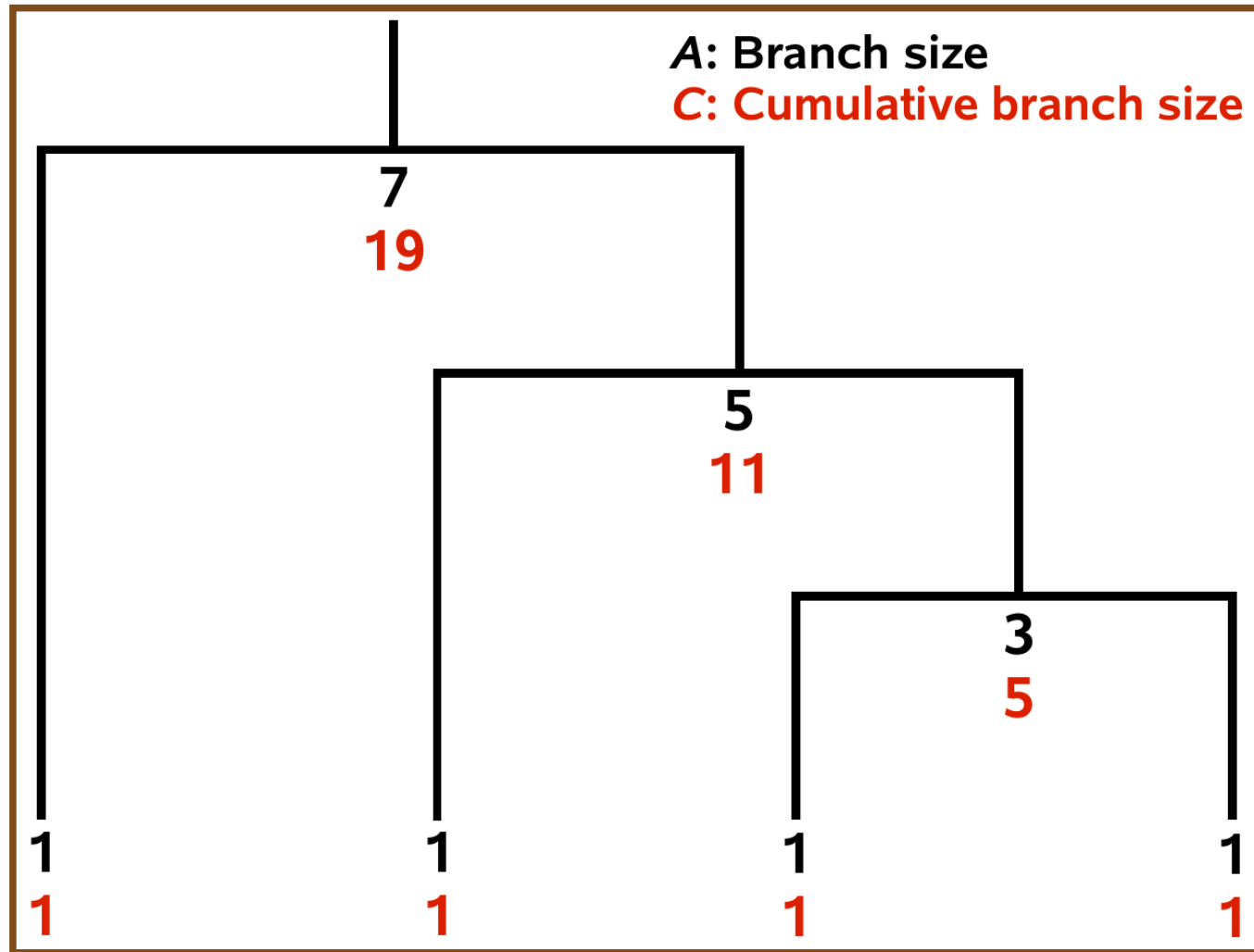


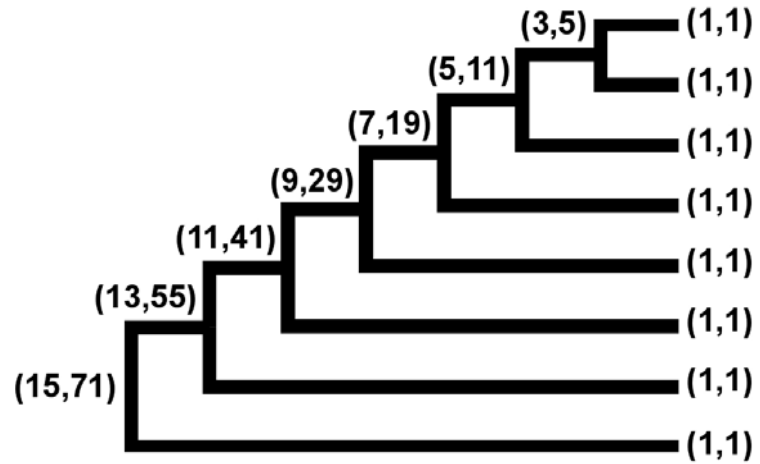
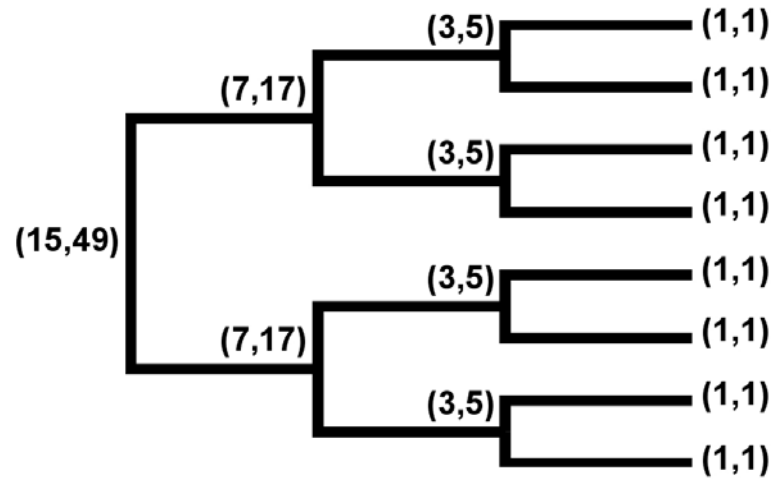
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Branch size (A)

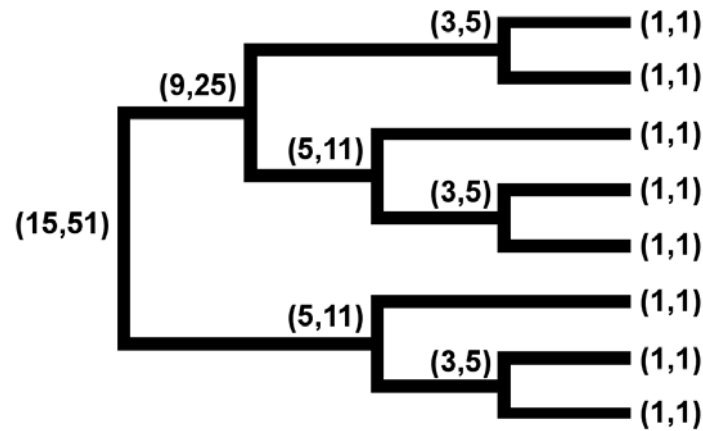
Cumulative branch size (C)

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(A_i, C_i)

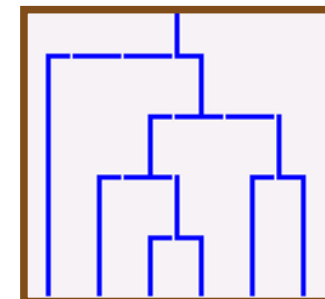


portion of a catfish filogeny

Branch size A , cumulative branch size, C , and classical quantifiers

- $P(A) \sim A^{-\tau_A}$ *branch size distribution: related to subtaxa within taxa* . $P(C) \sim A^{-\tau_C}$
- C_i/A_i mean distance of leaves to node i : mean depth (Sackin's index). Related to Coless index of unbalance.
- $C_i \sim A_i^\eta$ *allometric scaling: shape vs size. Related to efficiency measures.*

FULLY UNBALANCED: $\eta = 2,$ $\tau_A = 0,$ $\tau_C = 0.5$
 SIMMETRIC (and random!): $\eta = 1 (+\log),$ $\tau_A = \tau_C = 2$





AIM:

To explore interesting objects from the point of view of network science, *but also*:

To use this topological characterization of phylogenies to compare **macroevolutionary** processes (leading to speciation) with **microevolution** (leading to population differentiation within the same species)



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TreeBASE@30June2007: 5212 trees of interspecific phylogenetic relationships



TreeBASE

A Database of Phylogenetic Knowledge

Intro TreeBASE is a relational database of phylogenetic information hosted by the [University at Buffalo](#). In previous years the database has been hosted by [Harvard University Herbaria](#), [Leiden University EEW](#), and the [University of California, Davis](#). TreeBASE stores phylogenetic trees and the data matrices used to generate them from published research papers. We encourage biologists to [submit](#) phylogenetic data that are either published or in press, especially if these data were not fully presented in the publication due to space limitations.

Why? TreeBASE accepts all types of phylogenetic data (e.g., trees of species, trees of populations, trees of genes) representing all biotic taxa. For more information, see an [introduction](#) to TreeBASE, information on searching, the database schema, and a graphic presentation of the web site's internal structure. Also, check out some ideas on [why](#) you might want to use TreeBASE.

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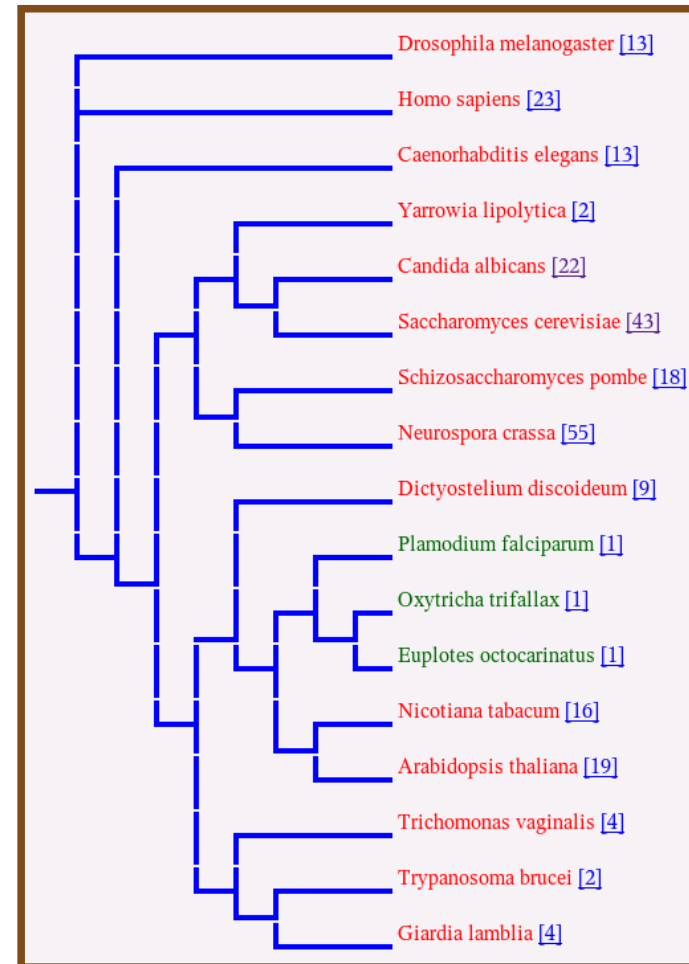
Referee TreeBASE is now a participant in [CIPRes](#), the NSF-sponsored Cyberinfrastructure for Phylogenetic Research project. As such, it is being redesigned from the ground up through collaborative research among Computer Scientists, Biologists, and Programmers. Presently TreeBASE is being [mirrored](#) at the [San Diego Supercomputer Center](#) at UCSD. Eventually, the redesigned, new and improved CIPRes version of TreeBASE will take over. **In the meantime, please send us suggestions of what kinds of features or functions you like designed into the new database?** Are there new or unusual data types, queries, and functions that are not already offered by the current version of TreeBASE? Please send your suggestions [here](#).

URL API

The WWW implementation of TreeBASE requires a forms-capable and frames-capable browser. We would be very grateful for any [feedback](#) on TreeBASE, including suggestions for improvement. In particular, if you encounter any errors please let us know.



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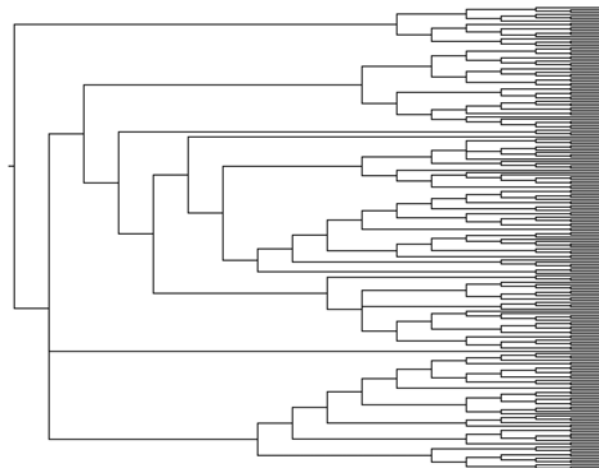


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TreeBASE: 5212 interspecific phylogenies

INTRAspecific set of 67 manually selected phylogenies.

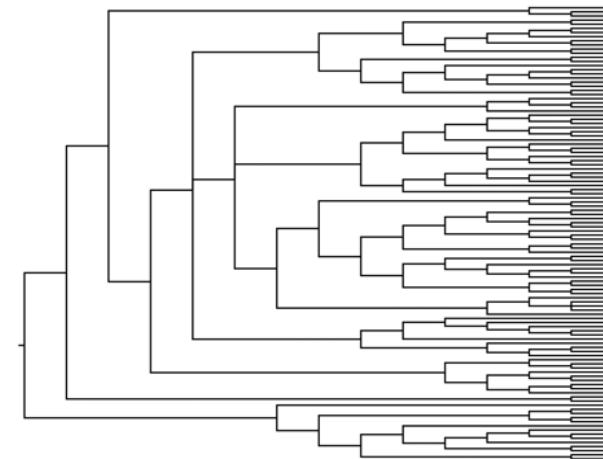
- from all kingdoms
- climatic regions (*terrestrial, marine, fresh water...*)
- environments (from polar to desertic)
and reconstruction methods (*neighbour joining, maximum parsimony and maximum likelihood*)



Vibrio vulnificus

Three data sets

INTERspecific set of 67 manually selected phylogenies (same criteria)



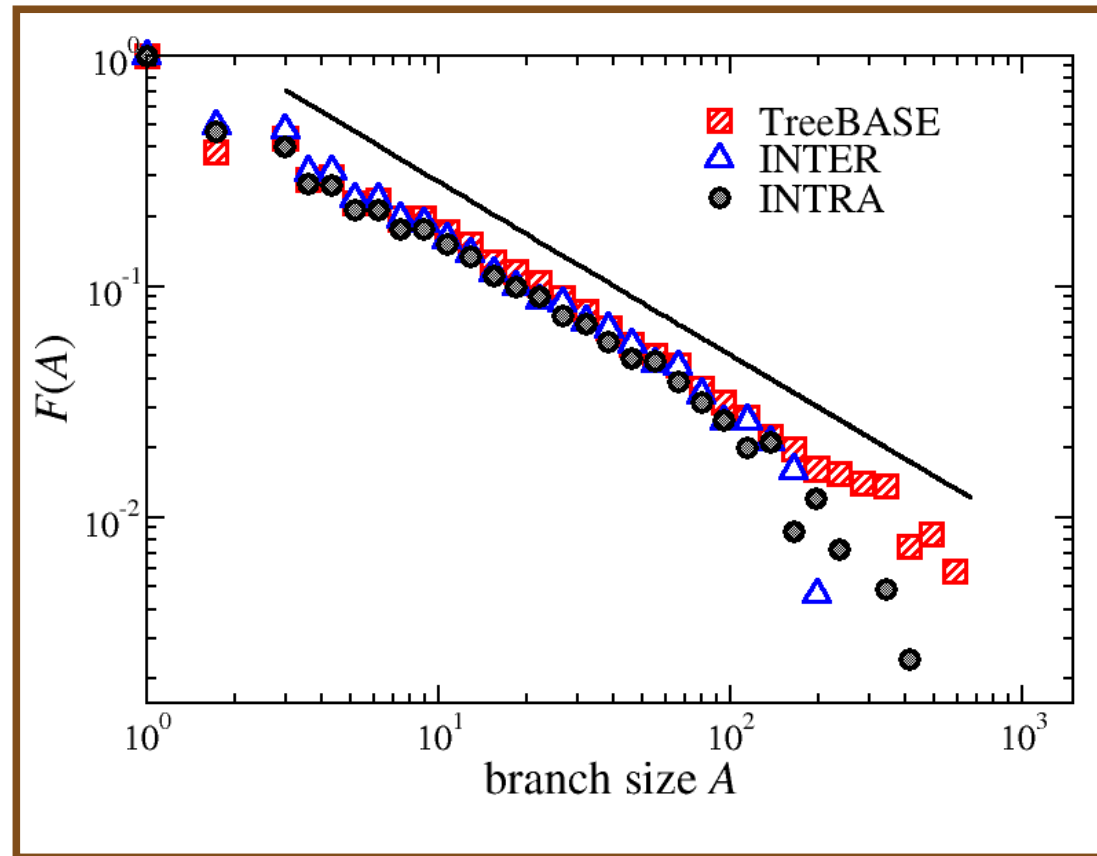
Catfishes

Branch Size distribution $F(A) = \text{prob}(A_i \geq A)$
 $F(A) \sim A^{1-\tau_A}$, $P(A) \sim A^{-\tau_A}$

τ_A

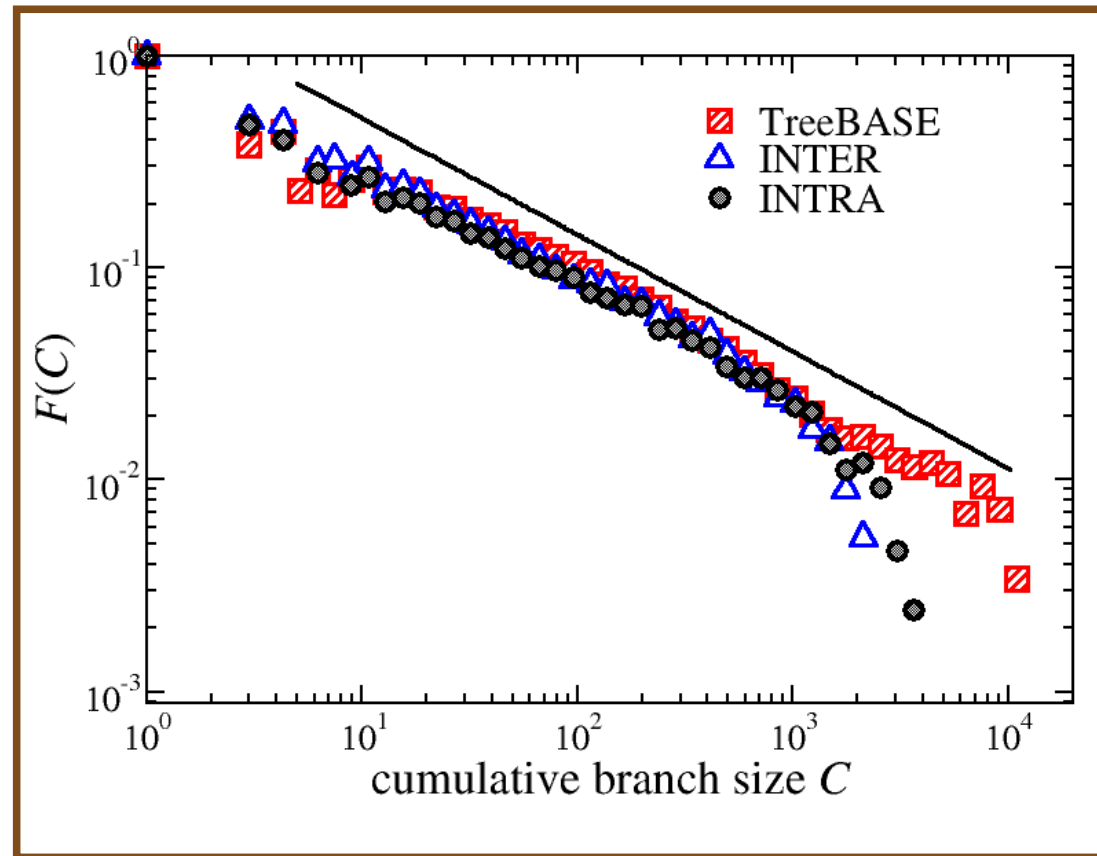
TreeBASE: 1.74
 INTER: 1.73
 INTRA: 1.73

Universality across
 evolutionary scales,
 kingdoms,
 geographic regions,
 ...



Cumulative Branch Size distribution $F(C) = \text{prob}(C_i \geq C)$
 $F(C) \sim A^{1-\tau_C}$, $P(C) \sim A^{-\tau_C}$

τ_C
 TreeBASE: 1.53
 INTER: 1.52
 INTRA: 1.51

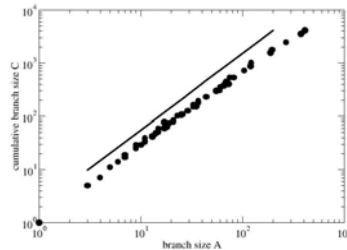


Allometric scaling ($C \approx A^\eta$)

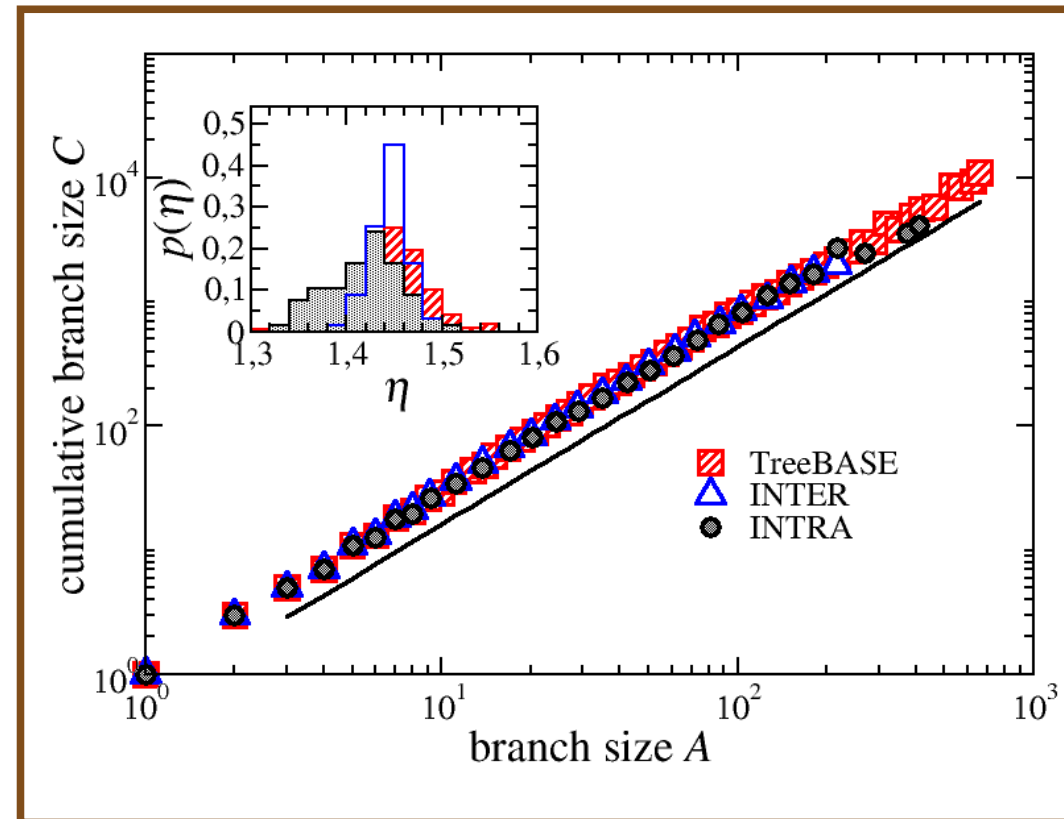
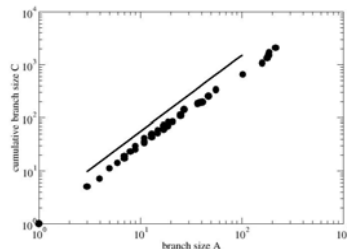
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vibrio



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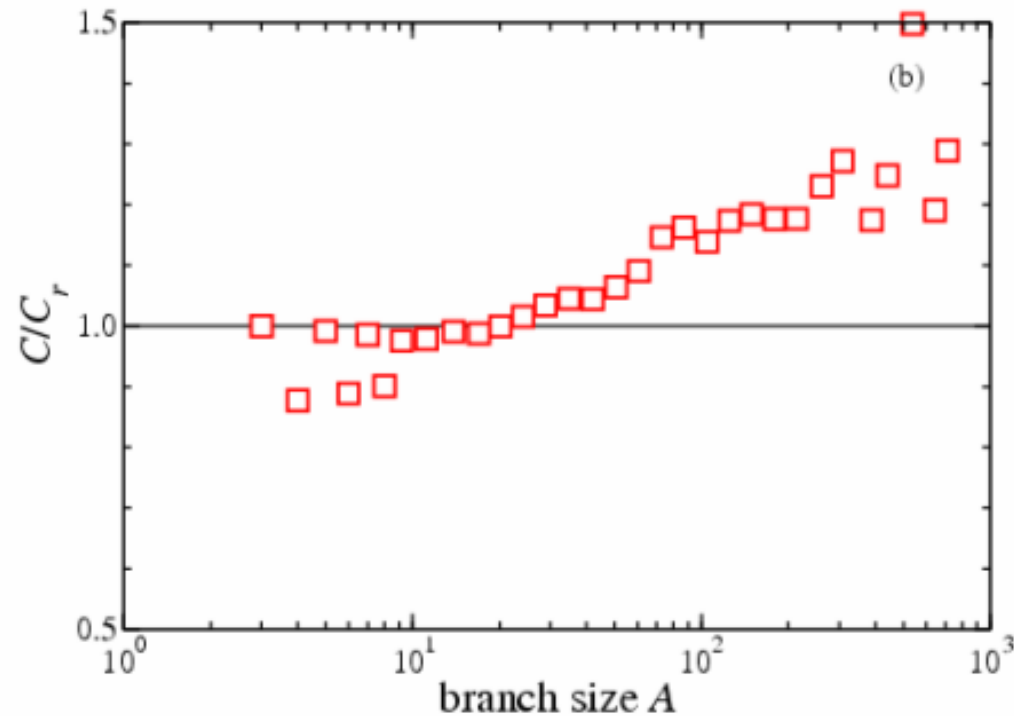


CAN THIS BE EXPLAINED BY RANDOM BRANCHING?

Equal-rates Markov (ERM) model (ERM model):

- ✓ The phylogenies are the product of random branching.
- ✓ The "effective speciation rate" (the difference between extinction and speciation rate) is equal for all species.
- ✓ The process is memoryless.

$$C_r \sim A \log A$$



TreeBASE data

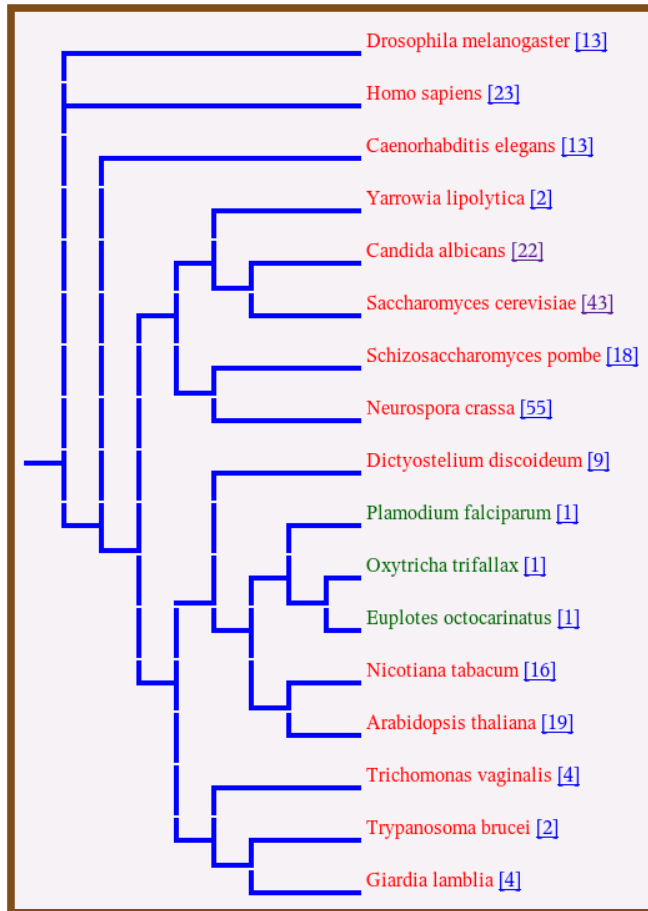
Random-like scaling ($\eta=1$, $\tau_A = 2$) is extremely robust: ERM, Yule, Cayley, Moran, coalescent, ... any model in which all nodes are equivalent at a given time

Alternatives:

Proportional-to-Distinguishable-Arrangements (PDA) model: Rose (1978)

Aldous beta model (2001)

Phylogenies vs Taxonomies



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 - Genus *Neotyphla*
 - Neotyphla guianensis*
 - Genus *Paraphelaria*
 - Order Boletales
 - Order Cantharellales
 - Order Ceratobasidiales
 - Order Cystoflobasidiales
 - Order Dacrymycetales
 - Order Filobasidiales
 - Order Hymenochaetales
 - Order Phallales
 - Order Polyporales
 - Order Russulales
 - Order Thelephorales
 - Order Tremellales
 - Order Tulasnellales
 - Not assigned to an order
 - Class Urediniomycetes
 - Class Ustilaginomycetes
 - Class Wallemiomycetes
 - Not assigned to a class
 - Phylum Chytridiomycota
 - Phylum Glomeromycota
 - Phylum Zygomycota
 - Not assigned to a phylum
- Plantae
- Protozoa
- Viruses

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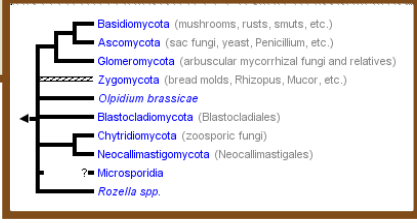
New article about the Tree of Life Web Project in Zootaxa...

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The Tree of Life Web Project (ToL) is a collaborative effort of biologists from around the world. On more than 9000 World Wide Web pages, the project provides information about the diversity of organisms on Earth, their evolutionary history (phylogeny), and characteristics.

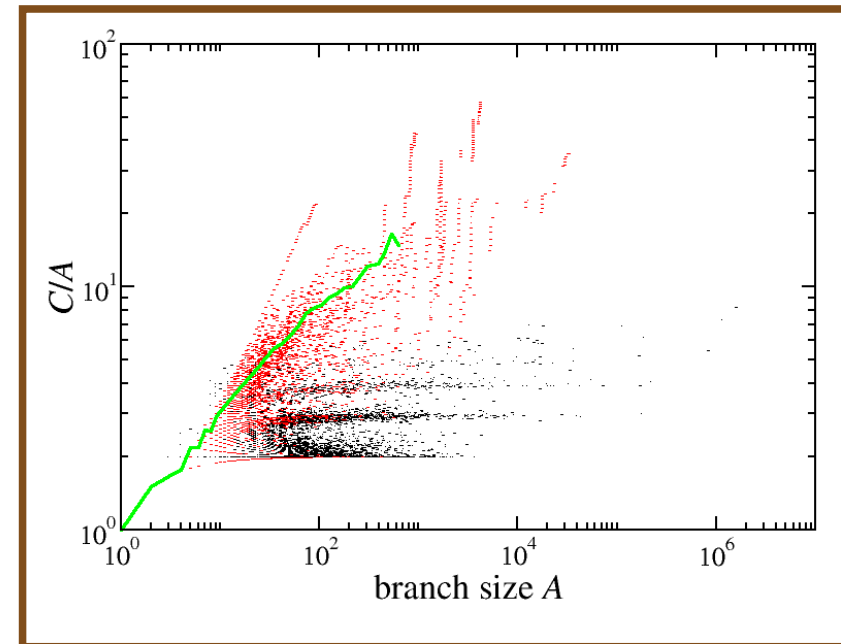
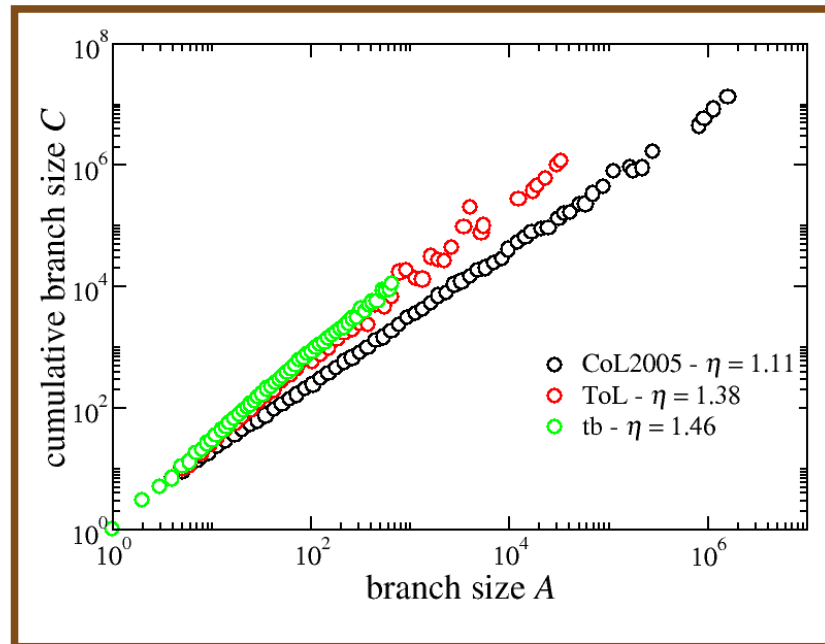
Each page contains information about a particular group of organisms (e.g., echinoderms, tyrannosaurs, phlox flowers, cephalopods, club fungi, or the salamanderfish of Western Australia). ToL pages are linked one to another hierarchically, in the form of the evolutionary tree of life. Starting with the root of all Life on Earth and moving out along the branches to the tips of the tree, the structure of the ToL project thus illustrates the diversity of life on Earth.

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Allometric scaling ($C \approx A^\eta$)



Catalog of life
ToLweb

TreeBASE

Conclusions...

- We have characterized large sets of phylogenies with **topological quantities** which combine previous approaches based on diversity statistics, unbalance, and efficiency of transportation networks.
- There is a striking **universality** across domains of life, environments, and scales of evolution of the **branching behavior** of the above topological indices. In particular we found the same branching patterns at the macroevolutionary scale (species formation) as at the microevolutionary/ecological scale (population differentiation).
- **Power-law distributions** and **allometric scaling** characterize the branching properties as a function of tree size (A).
- Simple **random branching models do not explain** the observed behavior. Memory of previous diversification history seems to be needed.
- **Taxonomical** classifications have rather different topological properties

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