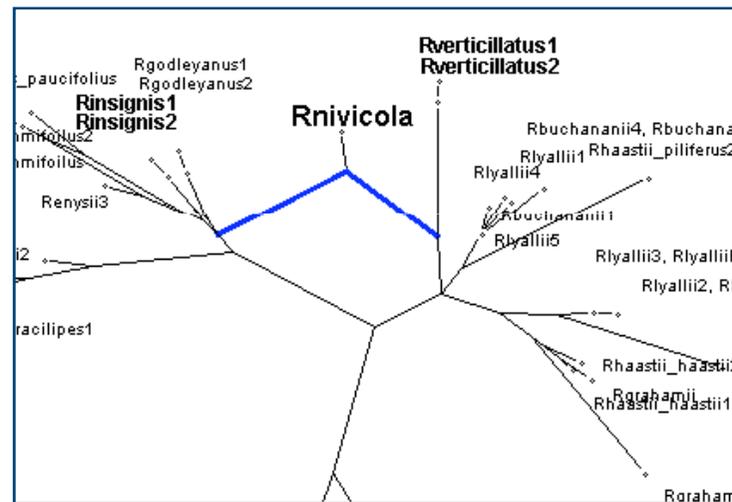




# Introduction to Phylogenetic Networks



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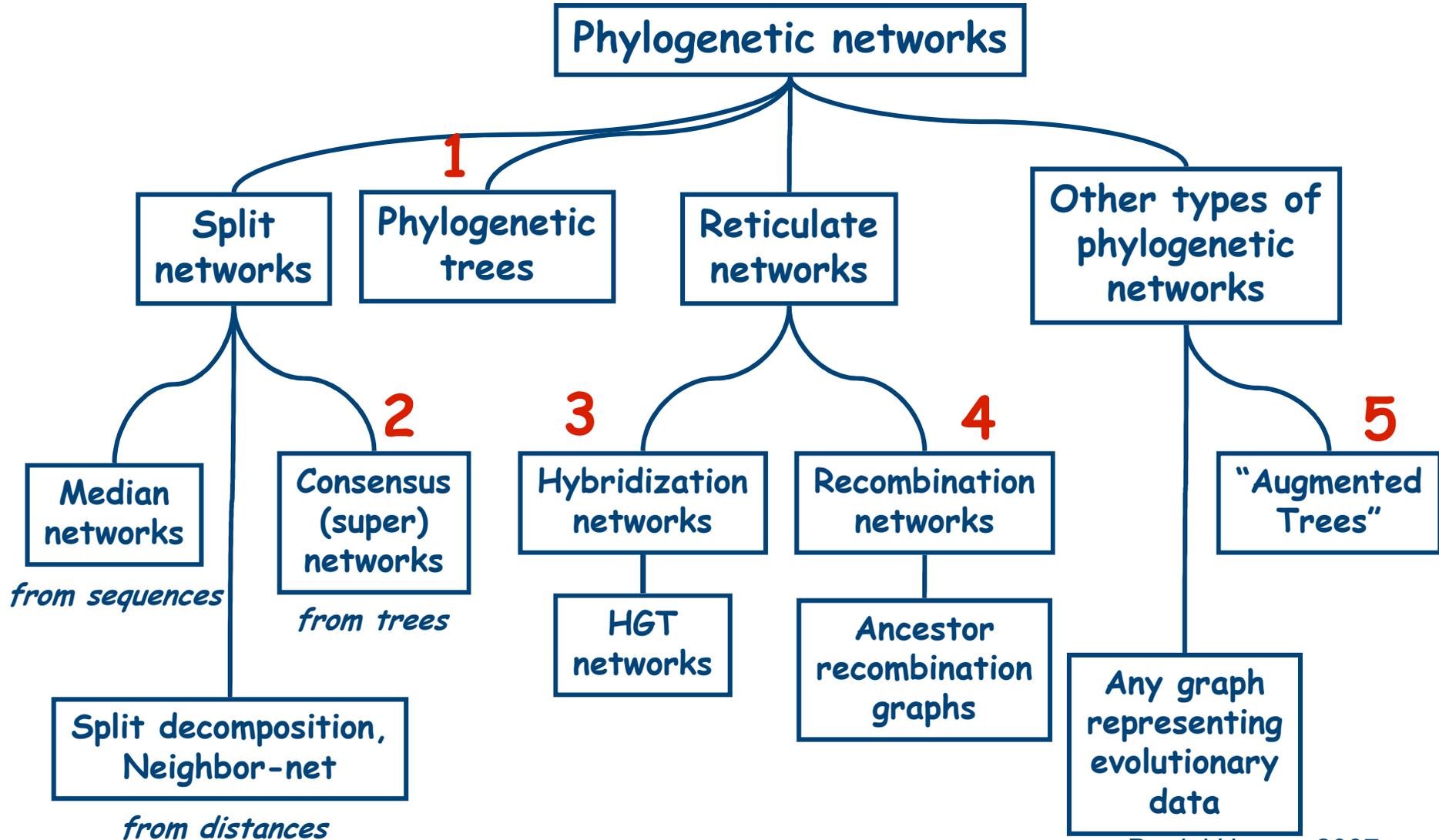
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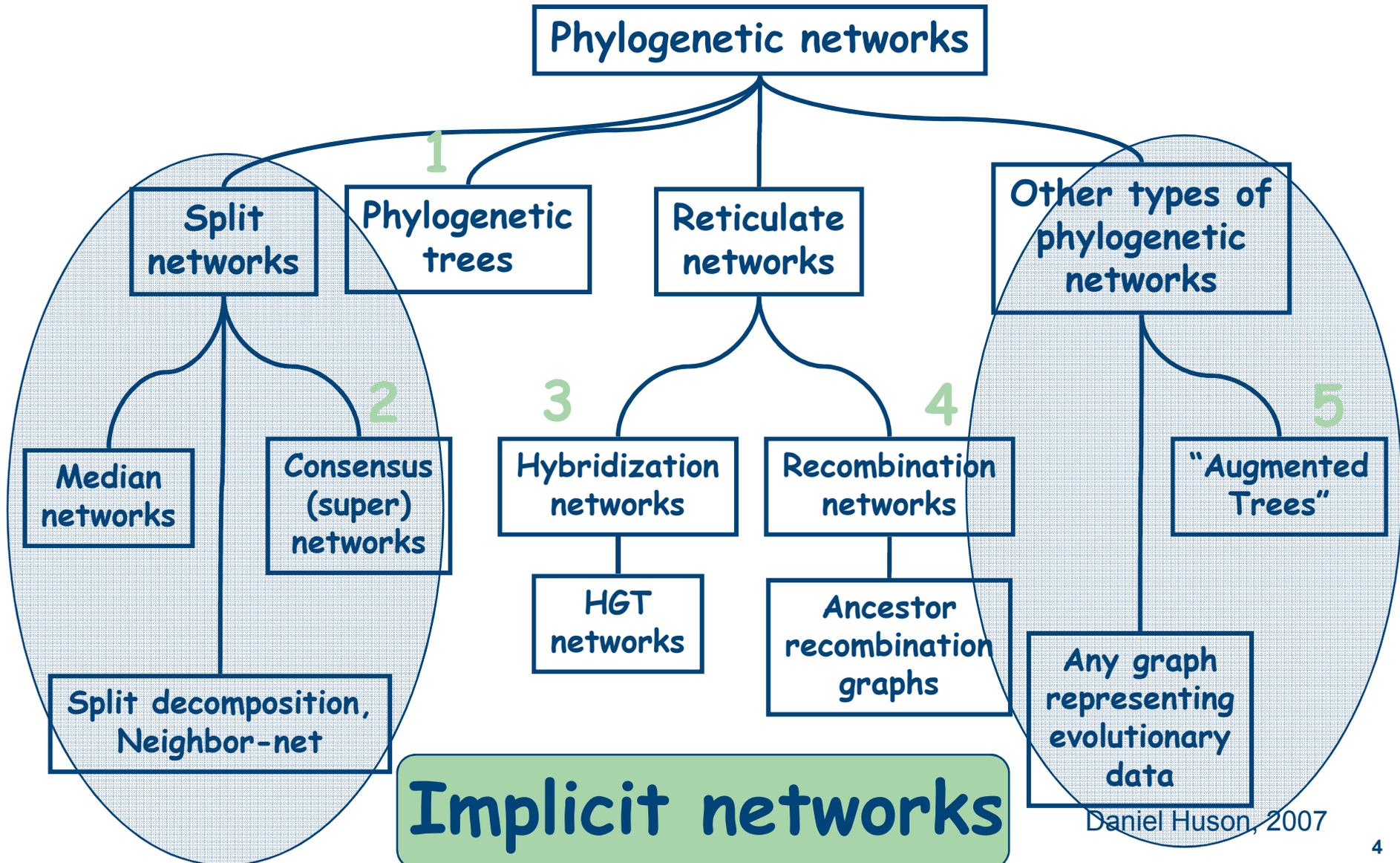
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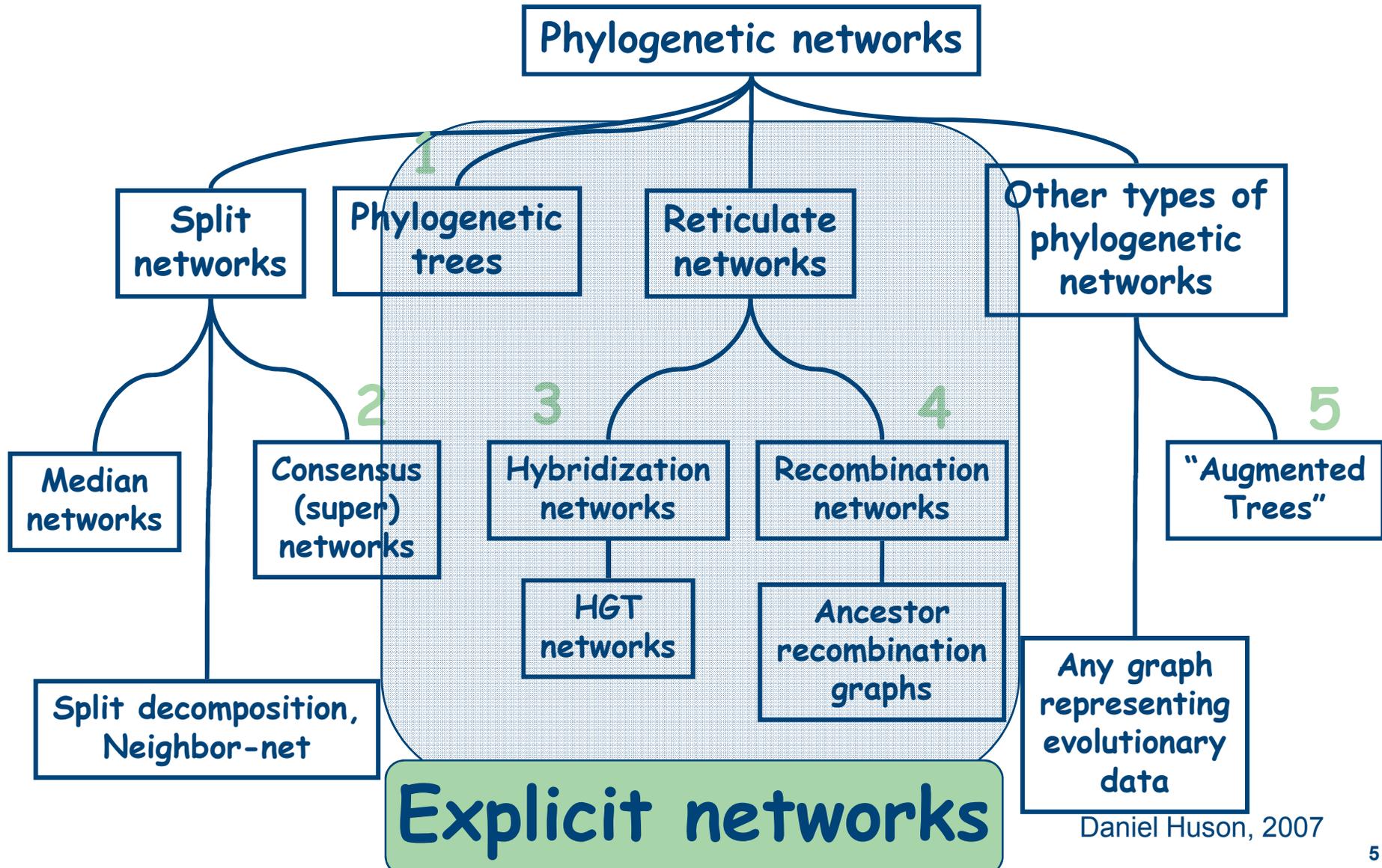
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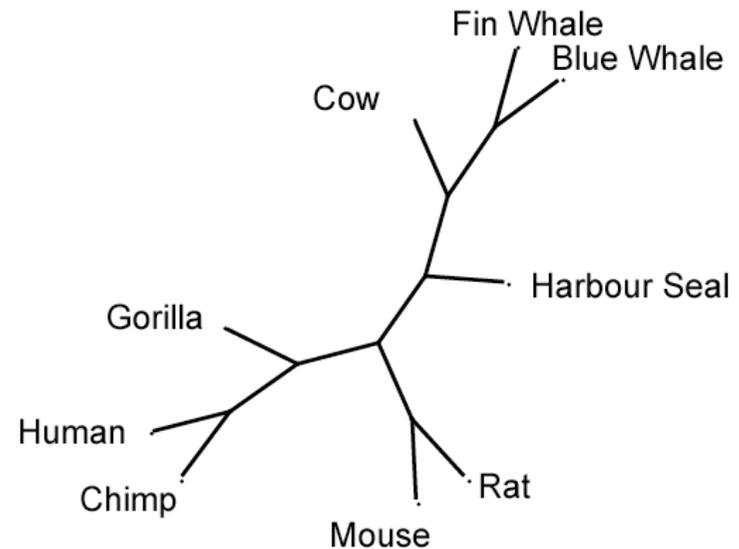
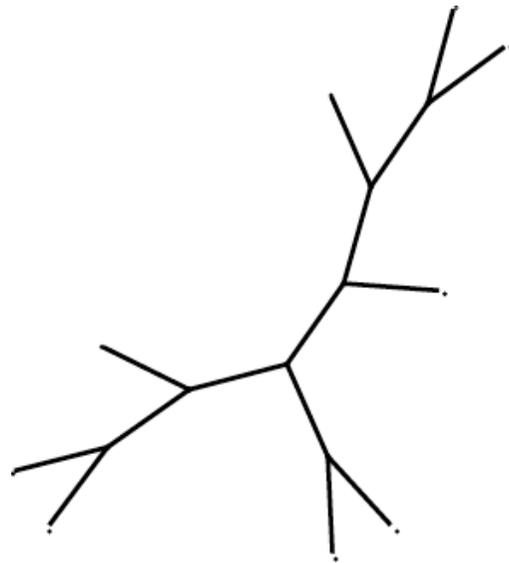
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# Phylogenetic Trees

- Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  denote a set of taxa.
- A *phylogenetic tree*  $T$  (or  $X$ -tree) is given by labeling the leaves of a tree by the set  $X$ :

Cow  
 Fin Whale  
 Blue Whale  
 Harbor Seal  
 Rat  
 Mouse  
 Chimp  
 Human  
 Gorilla



Taxa

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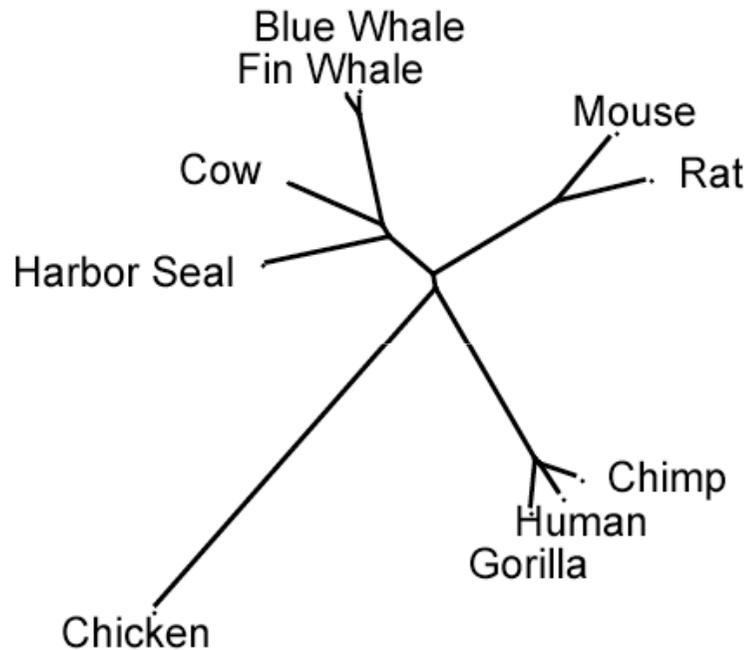
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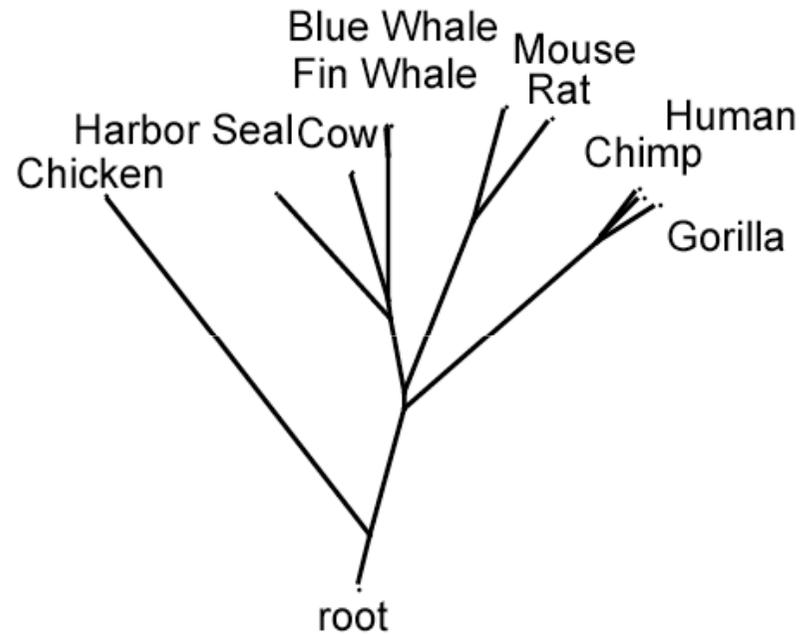
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# Unrooted vs Rooted Trees



Unrooted tree

Most popular methods produce unrooted trees

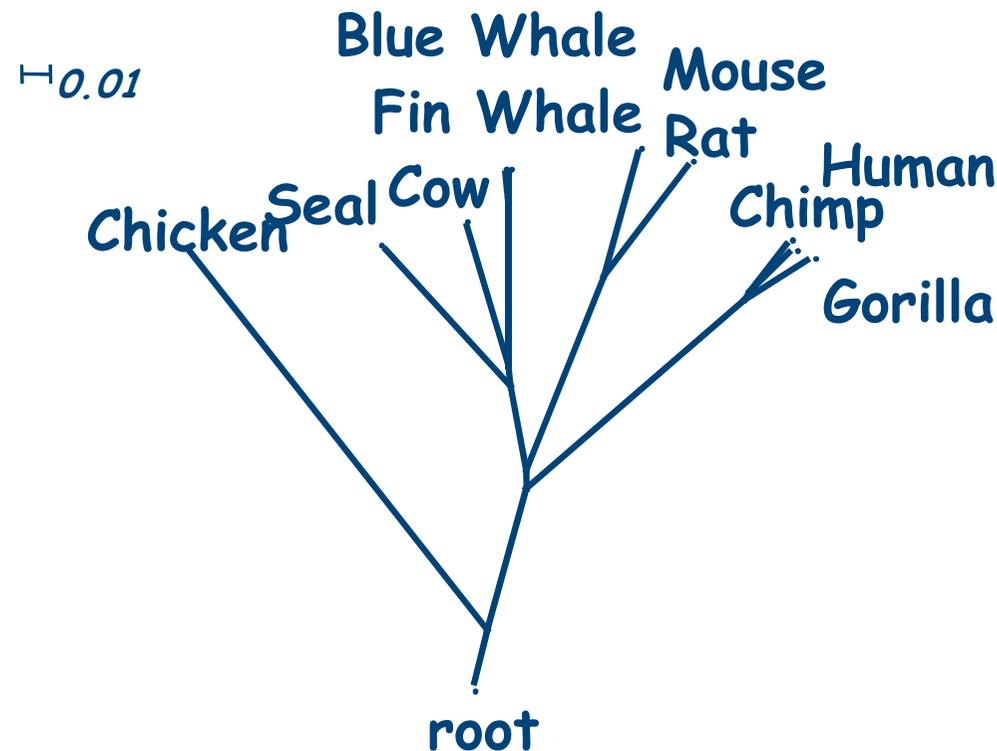


Rooted tree, rooted using Chicken as *outgroup*

Biologically relevant, defines clades of related taxa

# Branch Lengths

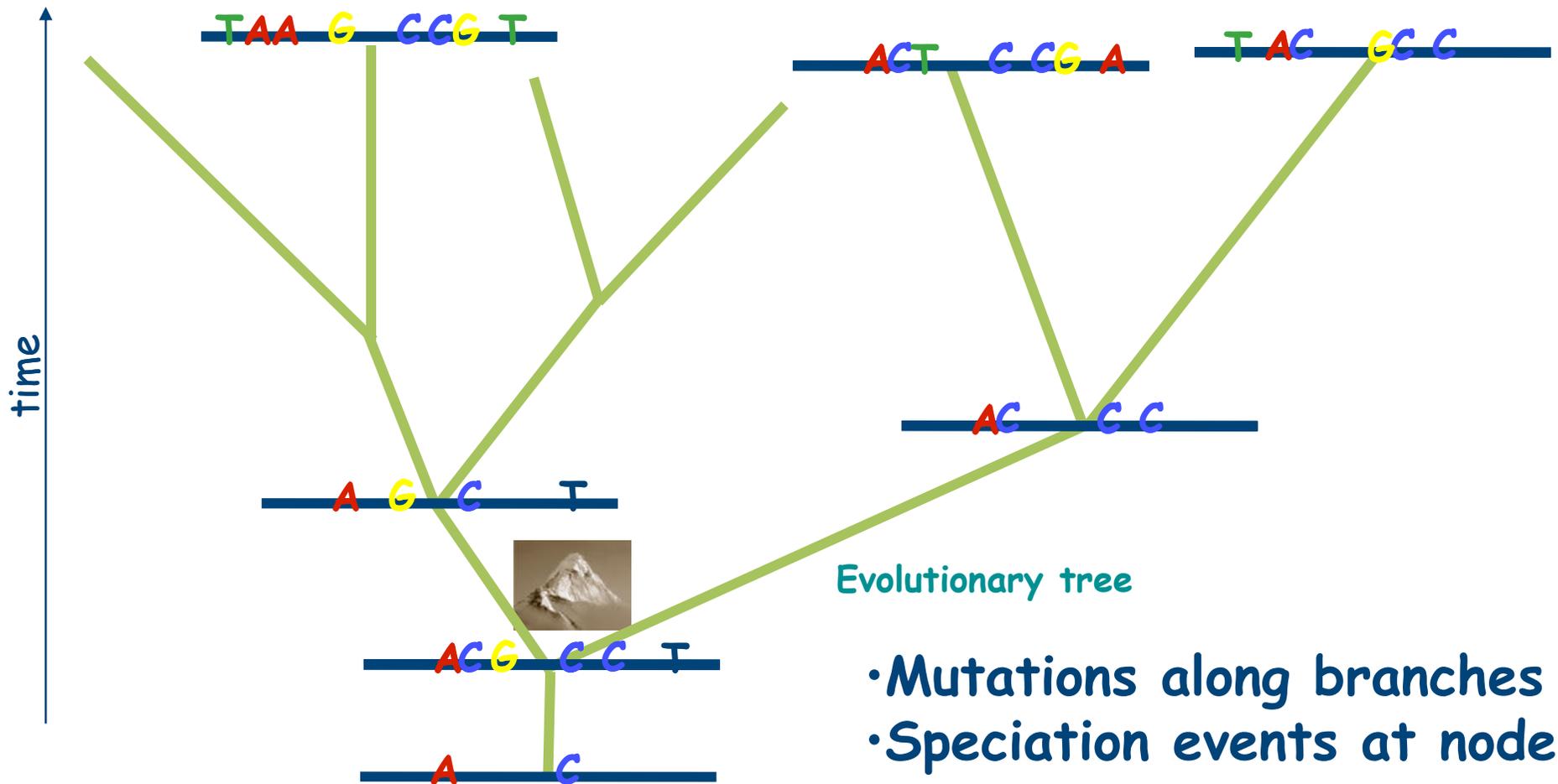
- Each branch  $e$  of a phylogenetic tree  $T$  may be scaled to represent  $r \times t$ , the *rate of evolution*  $r \times$  *time*  $t$  along  $e$ :



# A Simple Model of Evolution

- Sequences evolve along a given tree  $T$ , called the *evolutionary - , model -* or the *true tree*
- Two types of events:
  - mutations and
  - speciation events

# A Simple Model of Evolution

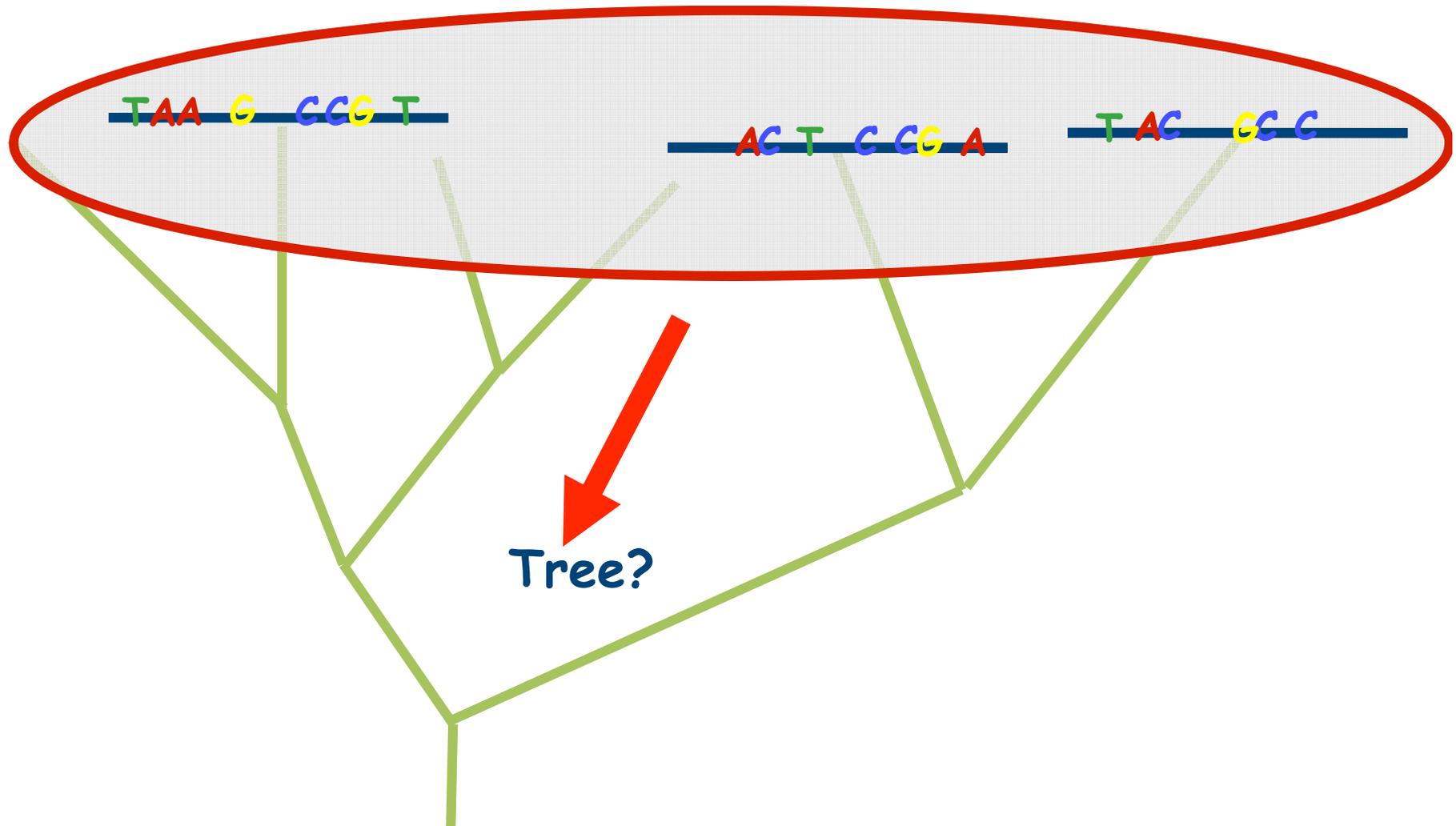


Sequence of common ancestor

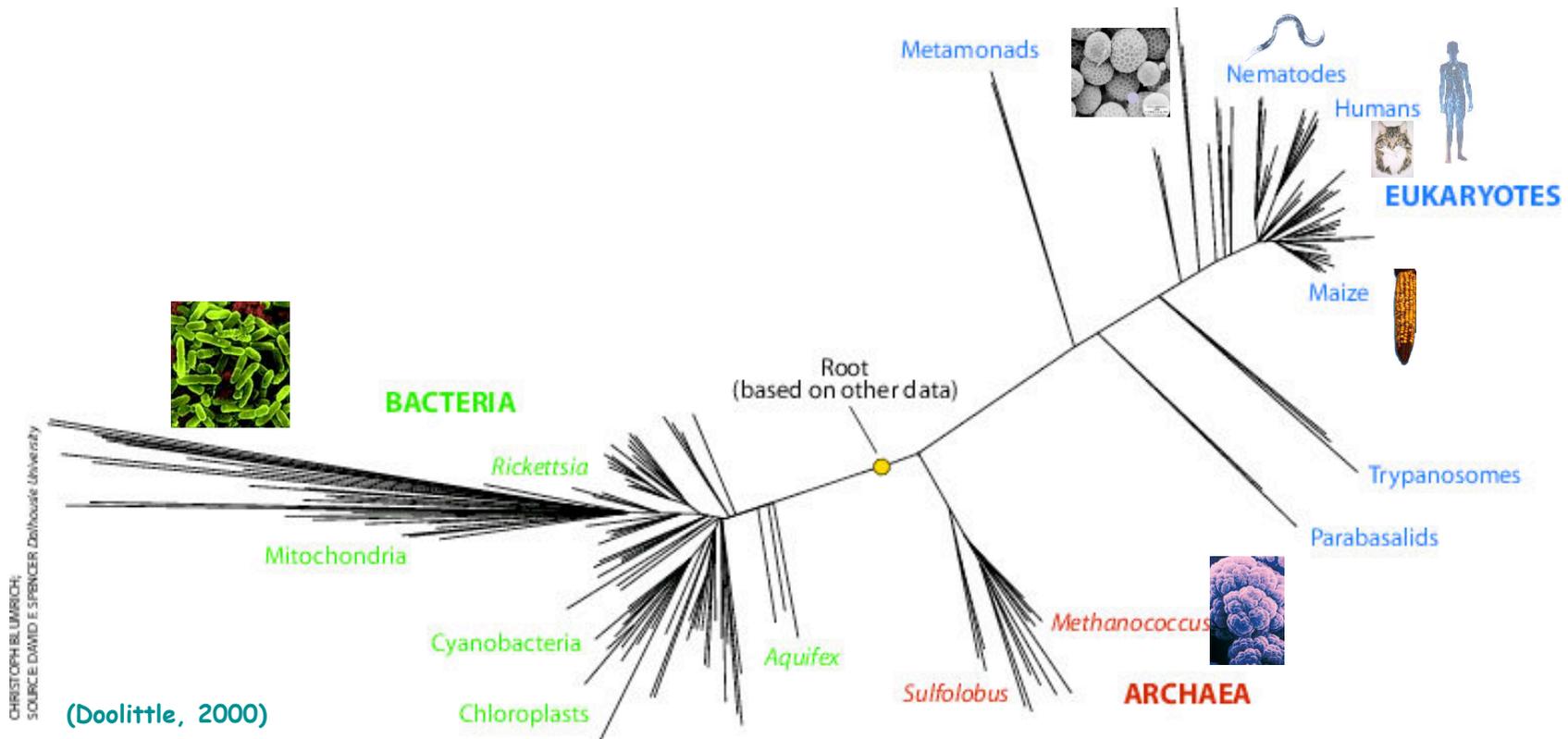
- Mutations along branches
- Speciation events at nodes



# Tree Reconstruction Problem



# Tree of Life Based on SSU rRNA



# Jukes-Cantor Model of Evolution

Let  $T_0$  be a rooted  $X$ -tree. In the Jukes-Cantor model:

1. The possible states for each site are  $A$ ,  $C$ ,  $G$  and  $T$ .
2. The **sequence length** is an input parameter and for each site the state at the root is drawn from a given distribution (typically uniform).
3. The sites evolve **identically and independently (i.i.d.)** along the branches from the root at a fixed rate  $\mu$ .
4. Each branch  $e$  has a duration  $t = \tau(e)$  and the **expected number of mutations per site** is  $\mu \times \tau(e)$ . The probabilities of change to each of the 3 remaining states are **equal**.

# Jukes-Cantor Model of Evolution

How does a sequence evolve along a branch  $e$  under the Jukes-Cantor model?

- A nucleotide change to one of the other three bases occurs at a fixed rate  $u$ .
- Thus, the probability of an *observable* change occurring at any given site in time  $t$  is:

$$\text{Prob}(\text{observable change} \mid t) = \frac{3}{4}(1 - (e^{-4/3ut}))$$

# Aligned Sequences

- A set of taxa  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  may be given as an alignment of molecular sequences, e.g.:

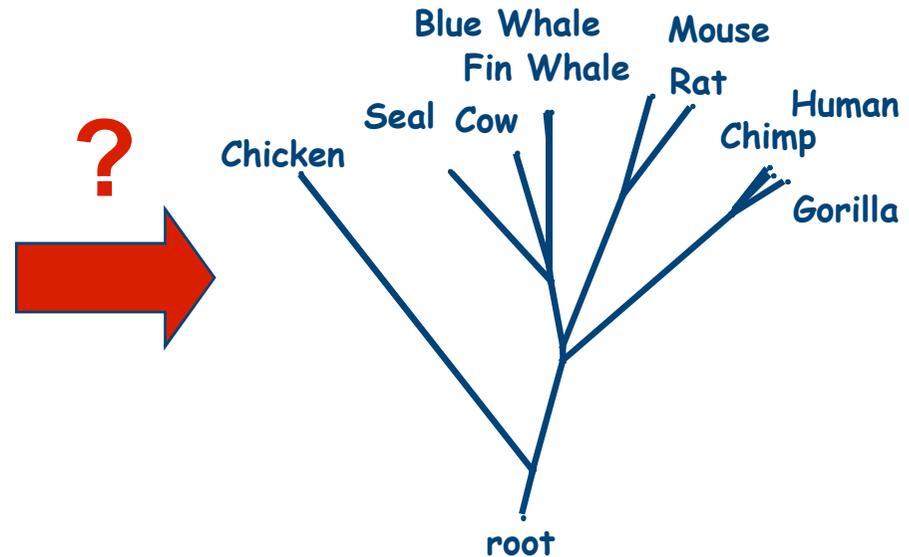
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Chimp   fqtpmiiifqaimgsatlaltliiftiiviltvhdtntavpttitpmlt
Gorilla lqtpmvii fqaimgsatlamtliiftvimiltvhetnttvptmiapmlt
H.Seal  fqlpmvii fqiiggatlalafitftiiifltvhdtstlimilsmilt
Cow     fqtpmvii fqiiggatlalalitftiiifmtvhdtstltmlsmflt
F.Whale lqtfmvii fqaimgettllalafitftiaifltvhdtstltilsmllt
B.Whale lqtfmvii fqaimgettllvaiitftiaifltvhdtstltilsmllt
Rat     fqismiif fqaimggatlvlaitftiilvfltvhdtstffitiissmat
Mouse   fqismiif fqaimggatlvlaitftiilifltvhdtstffitiissmit
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- Usually obtained from some gene or locus that all taxa have in common.

# Tree Reconstruction Problem

Given an alignment that evolved along some evolutionary tree  $T$ , can we reconstruct the tree?

Human	f q t p m v i i l q a i m g s a t l a m t l i i f t
Chimp	f q t p m i i i f q a i m g s a t l a l t l i i f t
Gorilla	l q t p m v i i f q a i m g s a t l a m t l i i f t
Seal	f q l p m v i i f q a i i g g a t l a l a f i t f t
Cow	f q t p m v i i f q a i i g g a t l a l a l i t f t
Fin Whale	l q t f m v i i f q a i m g e t t l a l a f i t f t
Blue Whale	l q t f m v i i f q a i m g e t t l v l a i i t f t
Rat	f q i s m i i i f q a i m g g a t l v l a t i t f i
Mouse	f q i s m i i i f q a i m g g a t l v l a t i t f i
Chicken	p q i s m i a f f q a i m g g a t l f a a t i t f i



## Challenges:

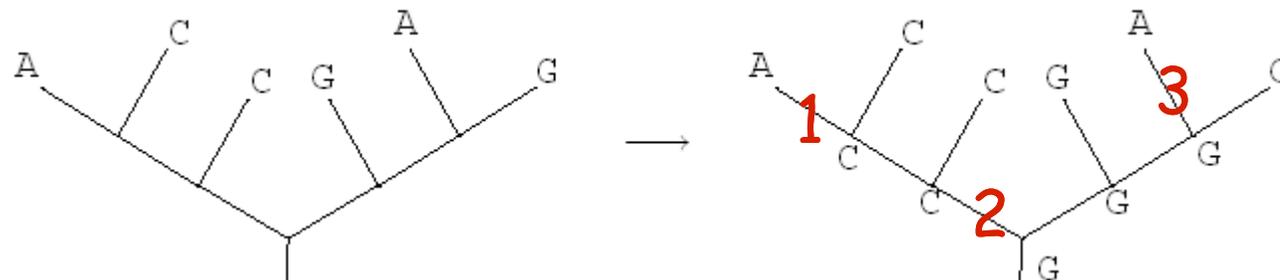
1. Determine the unrooted topology of  $T$ .
2. Estimate the branch lengths of  $T$ .
3. Infer the position of the root in  $T$ .

# Tree Reconstruction Methods

- **Sequence-based methods** search for a tree that optimally explains the given sequence data:
  - Maximum Parsimony,
  - Maximum Likelihood, and
  - Bayesian Inference.
- **Distance-based methods** infer a distance matrix and construct a tree from it:
  - UPGMA,
  - Neighbor-Joining, Bio-NJ and Weighbor.
- **Tree-based methods** infer a tree from a set of trees
  - Consensus tree (e.g. strict, majority, loose)
  - Super tree (if trees are defined on overlapping subsets of taxa)

## Maximum Parsimony Tree Reconstruction

- These methods search for a tree  $T$  that explains an alignment  $A$  of sequences using a minimum number of evolutionary events.
- For any fixed tree  $T$ , a most parsimonious explanation of any column of the alignment  $A$  is easily computed:



- However, *all possible* trees on  $X$  must be considered to find the optimal tree!

## Maximum-Likelihood & Bayesian Methods

Maximum-Likelihood and Bayesian methods are based on an explicit model of evolution, such as the Jukes-Cantor model.

- In a Maximum-Likelihood approach, one computes the likelihood  $P(A | T)$  that the true tree is  $T$ , given the alignment  $A$ . The method returns:

$$T_{ML} = \operatorname{argmax}_T P(A | T)$$

- More desirable may be the most probable tree  $T$ , given the alignment  $A$  (computed using Bayes' Theorem):

$$T_{\text{Bayesian}} = \operatorname{argmax}_T P(T | A).$$

'MCMC' methods are used to address this.

- Both approaches are computationally expensive.

# Distance Estimation

- Compute a distance matrix  $D$  from  $A$ . One approach for DNA is to use the uncorrected-P (or Hamming) distance, the proportion of observed differences:

- Example:

$a_1$	C	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	A	A	A	A	A
$a_2$	T	A	A	T	T	T	-	C	A	A	A	A	A
$a_3$	C	G	G	T	T	-	-	A	A	A	A	A	A

↑

- Distances:

- $\text{Ham}(a_1, a_2) = 4/12 \approx 0.33$
- $\text{Ham}(a_1, a_3) = 5/11 \approx 0.45$
- $\text{Ham}(a_2, a_3) = 3/11 \approx 0.27$

# Distance Corrections

- The uncorrected-P distance often *under-estimates* the true evolutionary distance, as back mutations and multiple hits are not counted.
- Only suitable for closely related sequences.
- In general, correction formula based on some model of evolution are used.
- For example, under the Jukes-Cantor model, the correction is:

$$JC(a, b) = -\frac{3}{4} \ln(1 - \frac{4}{3} \text{Ham}(a, b))$$

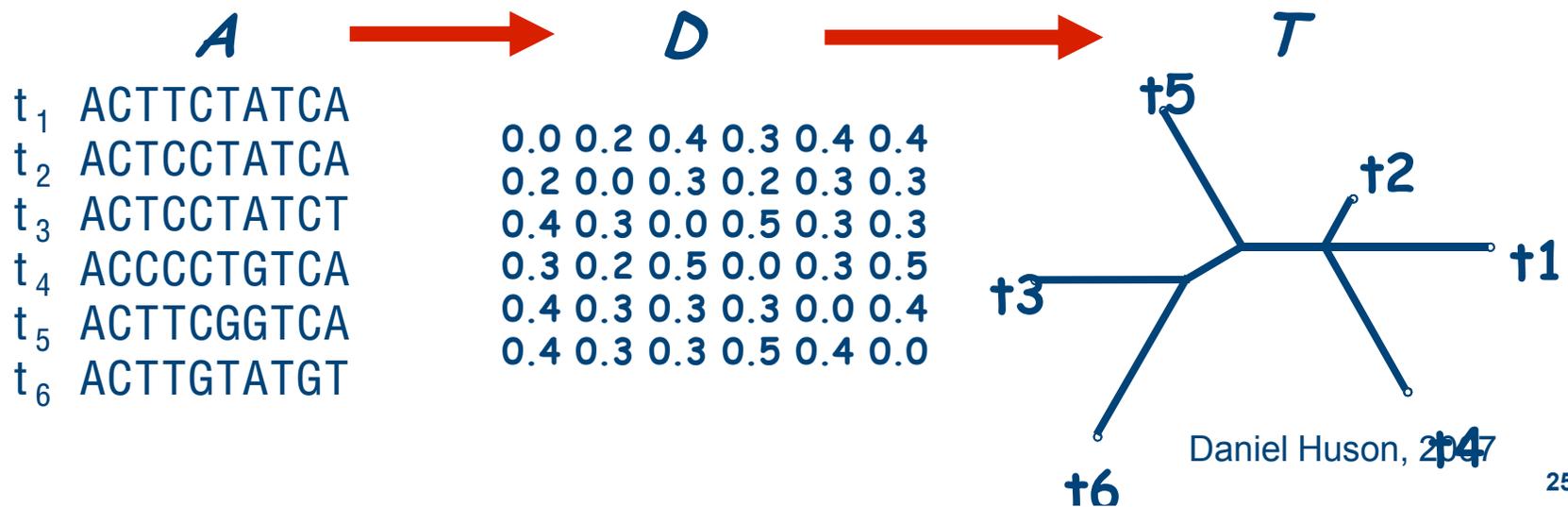
(Inverse of expression discussed earlier)

## Distance-Based Methods

- Let  $D$  be a distance matrix for taxa  $X$  obtained from an alignment  $A$ .
- The goal is a phylogenetic tree  $T$  such that the distances between taxa in  $T$  approximate the distances in  $D$ .
- The most popular methods are UPGMA and Neighbor-Joining (NJ).

# UPGMA and NJ

- UPGMA and NJ are fast algorithms that use a hierarchical clustering approach.
- UPGMA is most suitable when the sequences evolved under the assumption of a molecular clock.
- NJ and its variants are more widely applicable and are popular due to their speed.



# Software

Selection of programs that build phylogenetic trees:

- **PAUP\***, a program for performing phylogenetic analysis using parsimony, maximum likelihood and other methods,
- **Phylip**, a package for phylogenetic inference,
- **MrBayes**, a program for Bayesian inference of trees,
- **Mesquite**, a modular system for evolutionary analysis,
- **PAL**, an object-oriented programming library for molecular evolution and phylogenetics, and
- **SplitsTree4**, an integrated program for estimating phylogenetic trees and networks.

# Part II

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# Overview

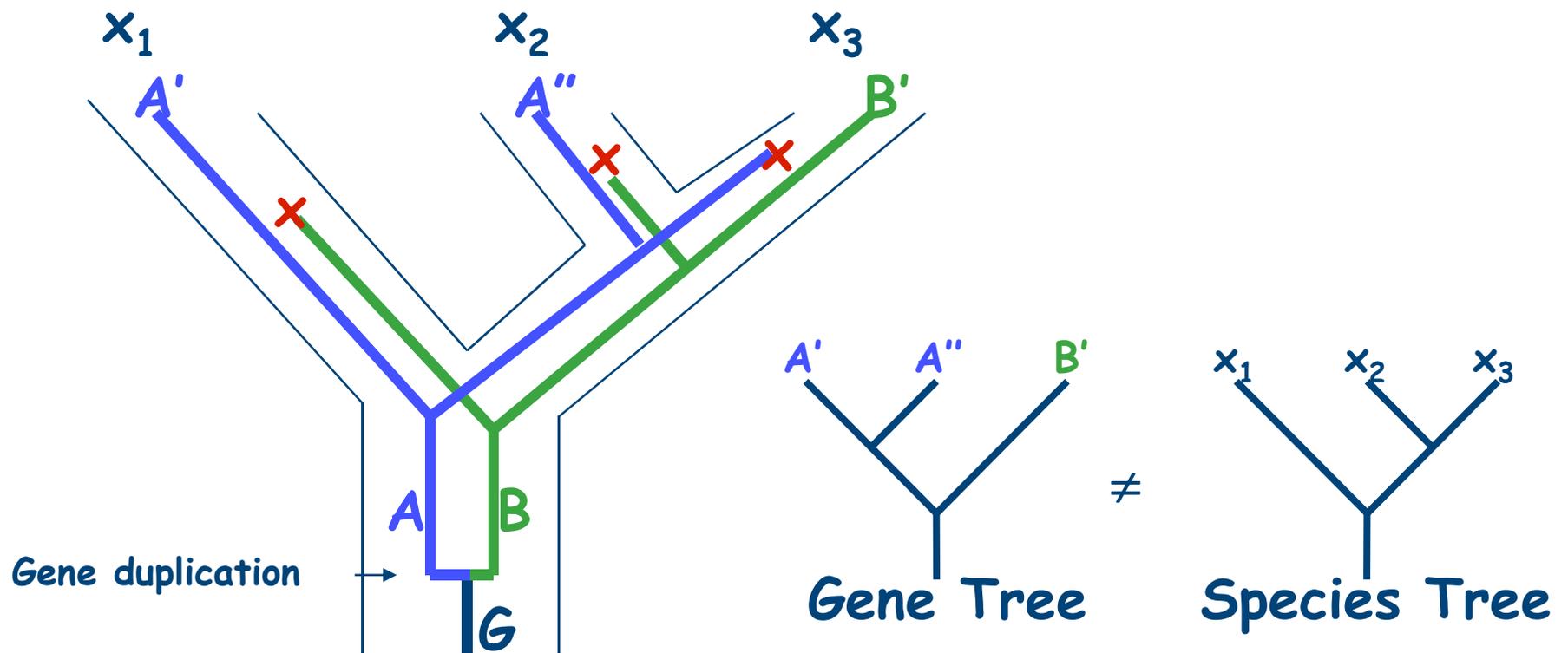
- Will include additional evolutionary events that are not considered in simple tree models.
- Fundamental observation:  
**gene trees differ.**
- How to represent conflicting signals using a **consensus network** or **super network**.
- Some other methods that use a network to represent conflicting signals.

# Additional Evolutionary Events

- Models as discussed above represent the evolution of a single gene.
- When studying more than one gene simultaneously, one should also consider that:
  - individual genes may be born, duplicated or lost.
- Moreover, biological mechanisms such as
  - recombination, hybridization, or horizontal gene transfer may be involved.
- But even when the data evolved on a tree, networks can help to understand problems due to sampling or model-specification error

# Gene Trees Can Differ

- Consider a model in which the sequence of a gene evolves via mutations, but we also allow gene duplication and loss:





# Gene Trees vs Species Trees

Differing gene trees give rise to "mosaic sequences"

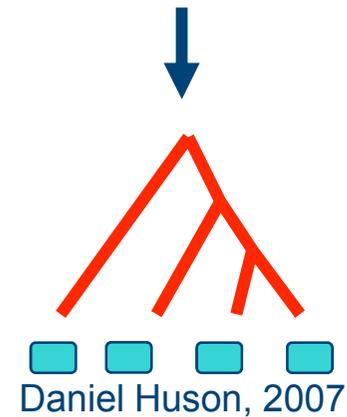
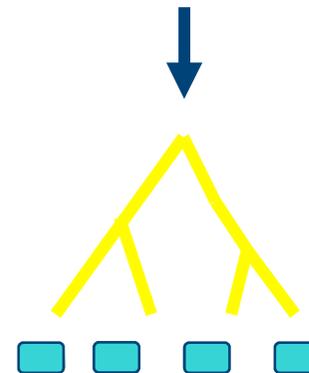
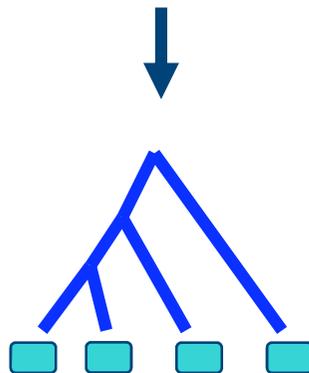
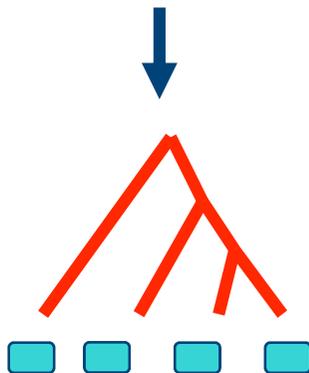


Gene A

Gene B

Gene C

Gene D



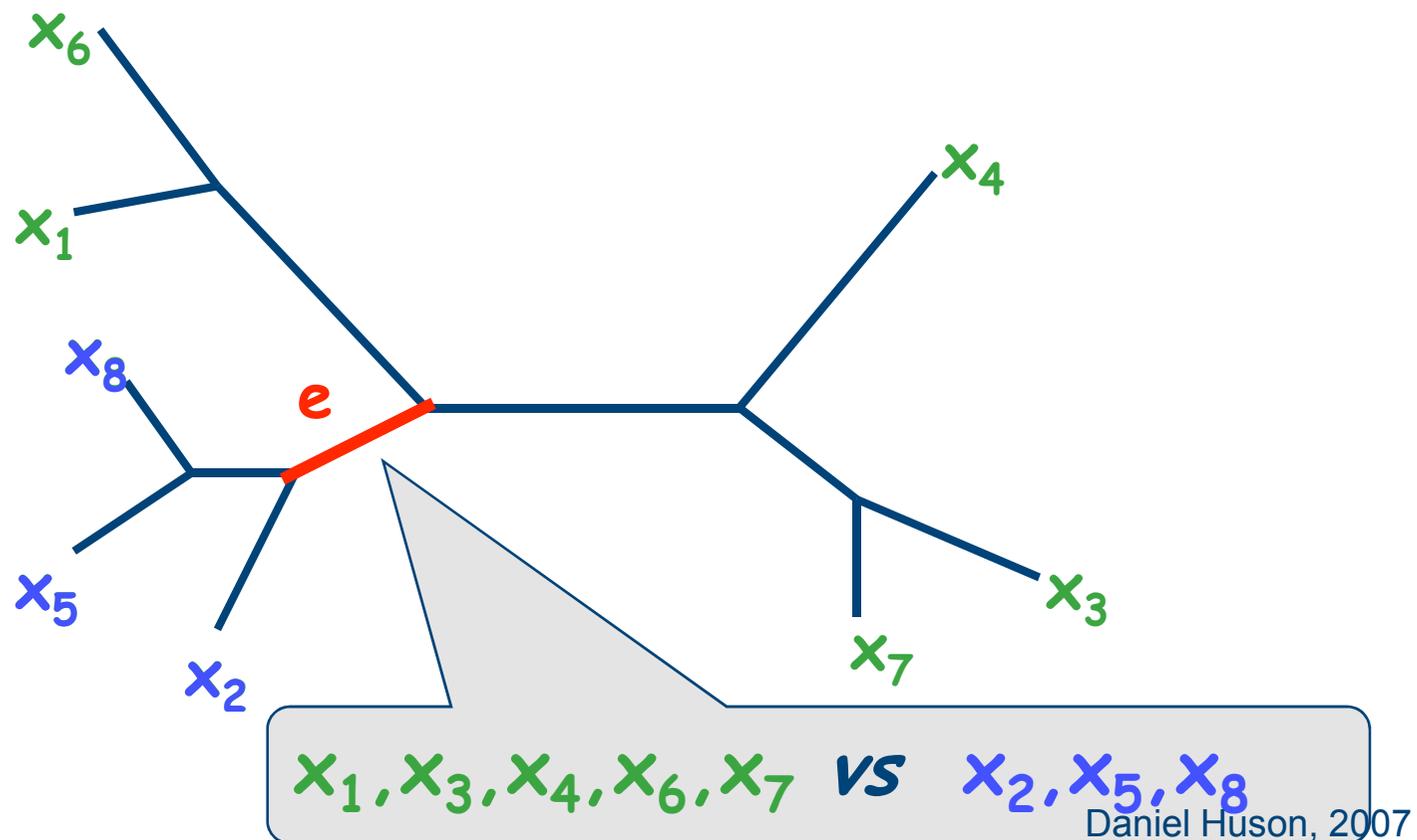
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## The Consensus of Different Gene Trees

- For a given set of species, we can build evolutionary trees based on different genes
- How to form a consensus of the trees?
  - Consensus trees
  - Consensus networks
  - Consensus super networks

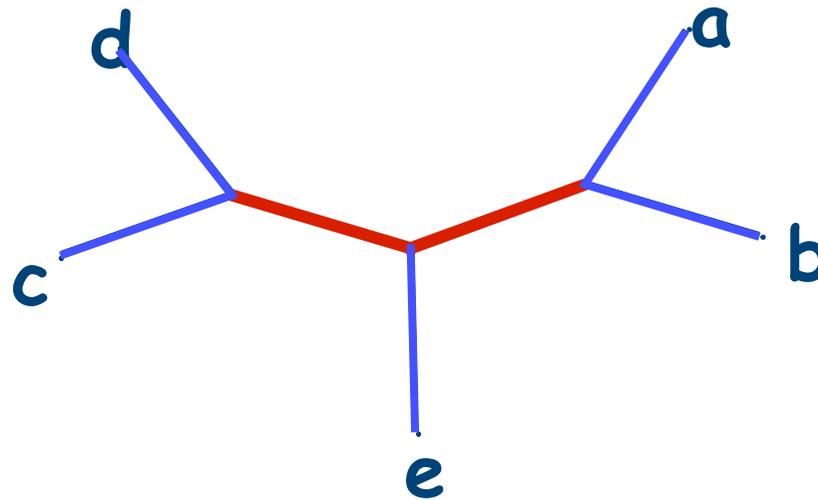
# The Splits of a Tree

- Every edge of a tree defines a split of the taxon set  $X$ :



# The Split Encoding of a Tree

Tree  $\mathcal{T}$ :



Split encoding  $\Sigma(\mathcal{T})$ :

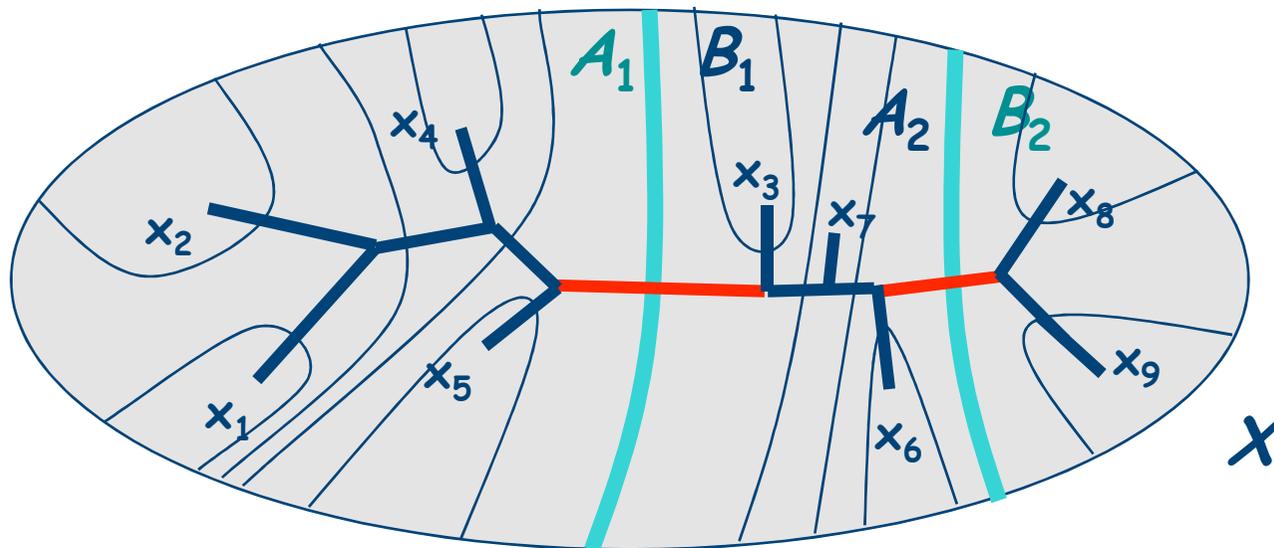
5 trivial splits:  $\frac{\{a\}}{\{b, c, d, e\}}$ ,  $\frac{\{b\}}{\{a, c, d, e\}}$ ,  $\frac{\{c\}}{\{a, b, d, e\}}$ ,  $\frac{\{d\}}{\{a, b, c, e\}}$  and  $\frac{\{e\}}{\{a, b, c, d\}}$ ,

2 non-trivial splits:  $\frac{\{a, b, e\}}{\{c, d\}}$  and  $\frac{\{a, b\}}{\{c, d, e\}}$ .

# Compatibility

- Two splits  $A_1|B_1$  and  $A_2|B_2$  of  $X$  are *compatible*,  
if  $\emptyset \in \{A_1 \cap A_2, A_1 \cap B_2, B_1 \cap A_2, B_1 \cap B_2\}$

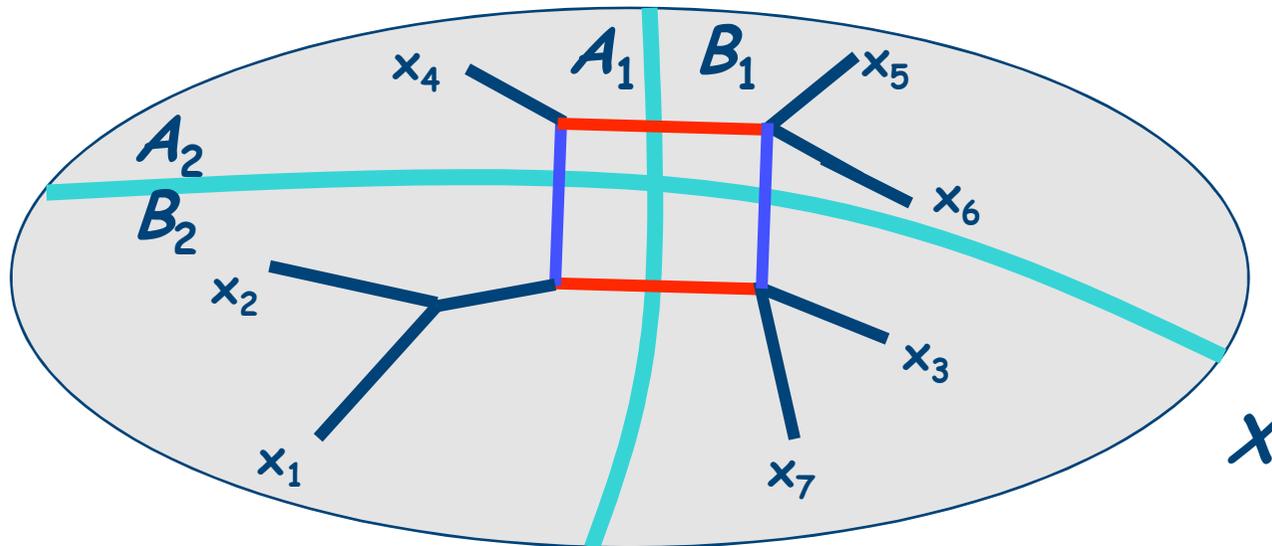
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Two incompatible splits:



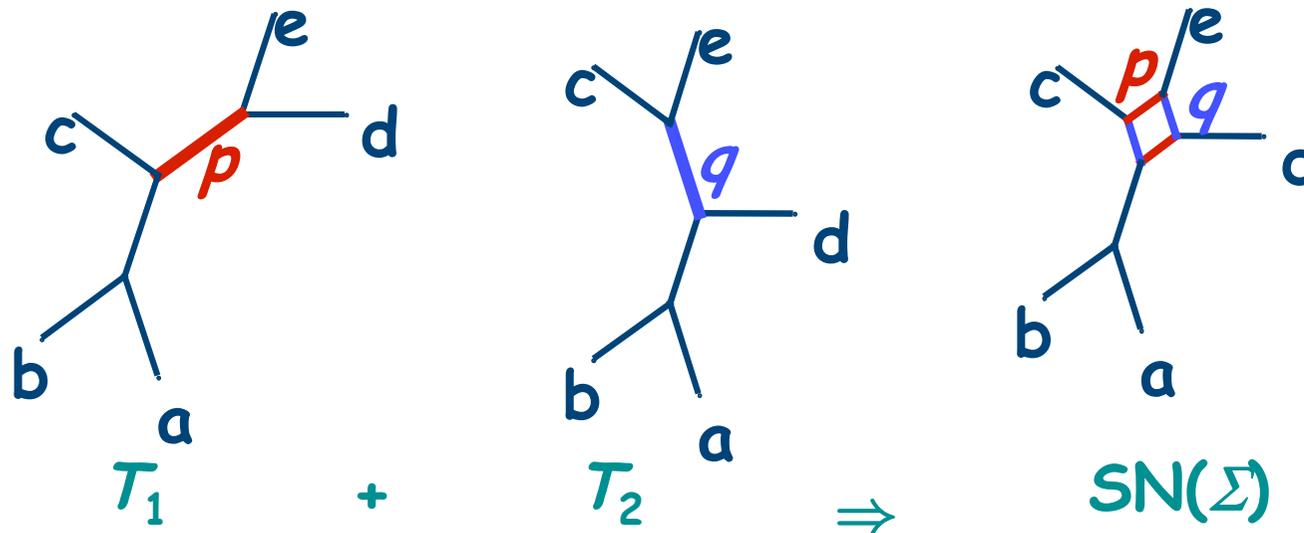
# Compatibility Theorem

A set of splits  $\Sigma$  corresponds to a (unique) tree  $\mathcal{T}$ , if and only if all pairs of splits in  $\Sigma$  are compatible.

# Representing Incompatible Trees

- Consider the following two trees  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , for which the splits are incompatible:

$$S_p = \frac{\{a,b,c\}}{\{d,e\}} \in \Sigma(T_1) \text{ and } S_q = \frac{\{a,b,d\}}{\{c,e\}} \in \Sigma(T_2)$$



- The split network  $SN(\Sigma)$  represents the incompatible set of splits  $\Sigma := \Sigma(T_1) \cup \Sigma(T_2)$ , using bands of parallel edges for incompatible splits.

# Consensus of Trees

For trees  $T_1, \dots, T_k$  define

$$\Sigma(p) := \{ S : |\{i : S \in \Sigma(T_i)\}| > pk \}$$

- **Majority consensus:**

$$\Sigma_{\text{maj}} = \Sigma(1/2)$$

- **Strict consensus:**

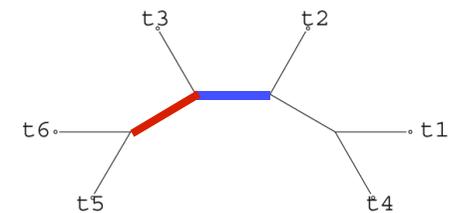
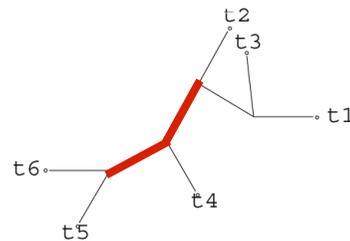
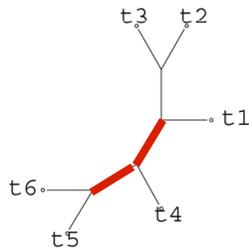
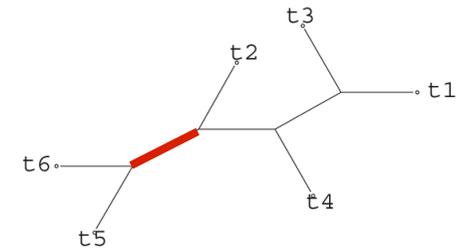
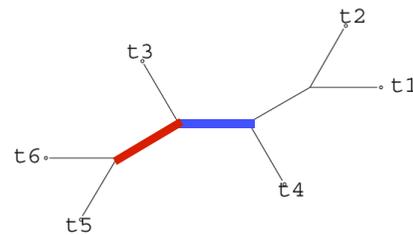
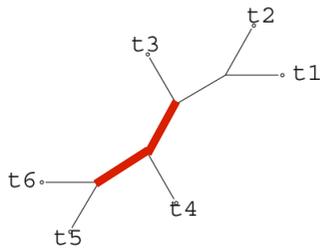
$$\Sigma_{\text{strict}} = \Sigma^*(1/1)$$

- In general,  $\Sigma(1/(d+1))$  defines a set of consensus splits for  $d \geq 1$

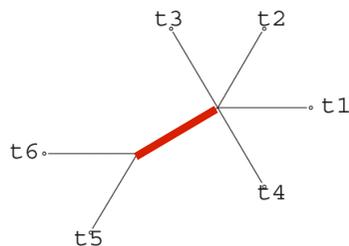


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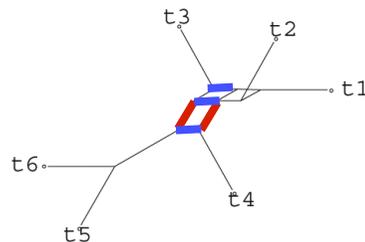
Six gene trees:



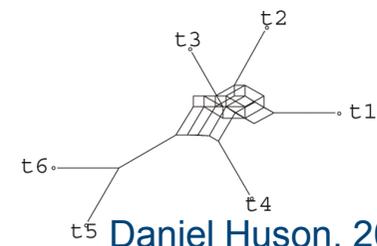
$\Sigma(1/2)$ : majority consensus:  
splits contained in more than 50% of trees



$\Sigma(1/6)$ : splits contained in more than one tree



$\Sigma(0)$ : splits contained in at least one tree



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# Consensus Networks

- A consensus network is obtained by computing the consensus splits  $\Sigma(1/(d+1))$  for some value  $d \geq 1$ .
- The parameter  $d$  determines the maximum dimensionality of the corresponding network:
  - for  $d = 1$  the network will be 1-dimensional, a tree,
  - for  $d = 2$  the network may contain parallelograms, &
  - in general it may contain cubes of dimension  $\leq d$ .

# Consensus of Partial Gene Trees

- For a given set of species, we may build evolutionary trees based on many different genes
- **But:** not every species has every gene, or some sequences may be unavailable
- How to deal with *partial trees*, i.e. trees that do not mention all species?
- **Answer:** Compute a *super-network*

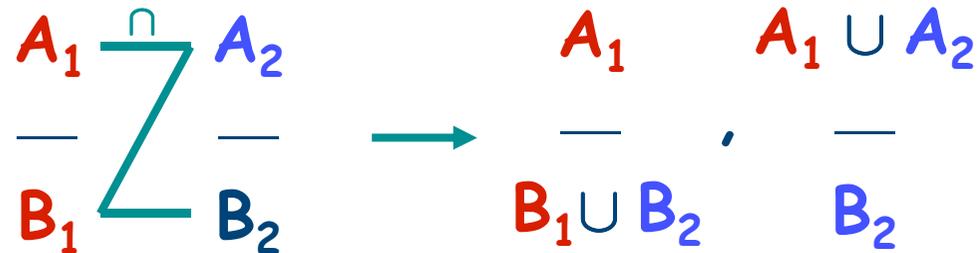




# Z-Closure Method

- Idea: Extend partial splits.

- Z-rule:

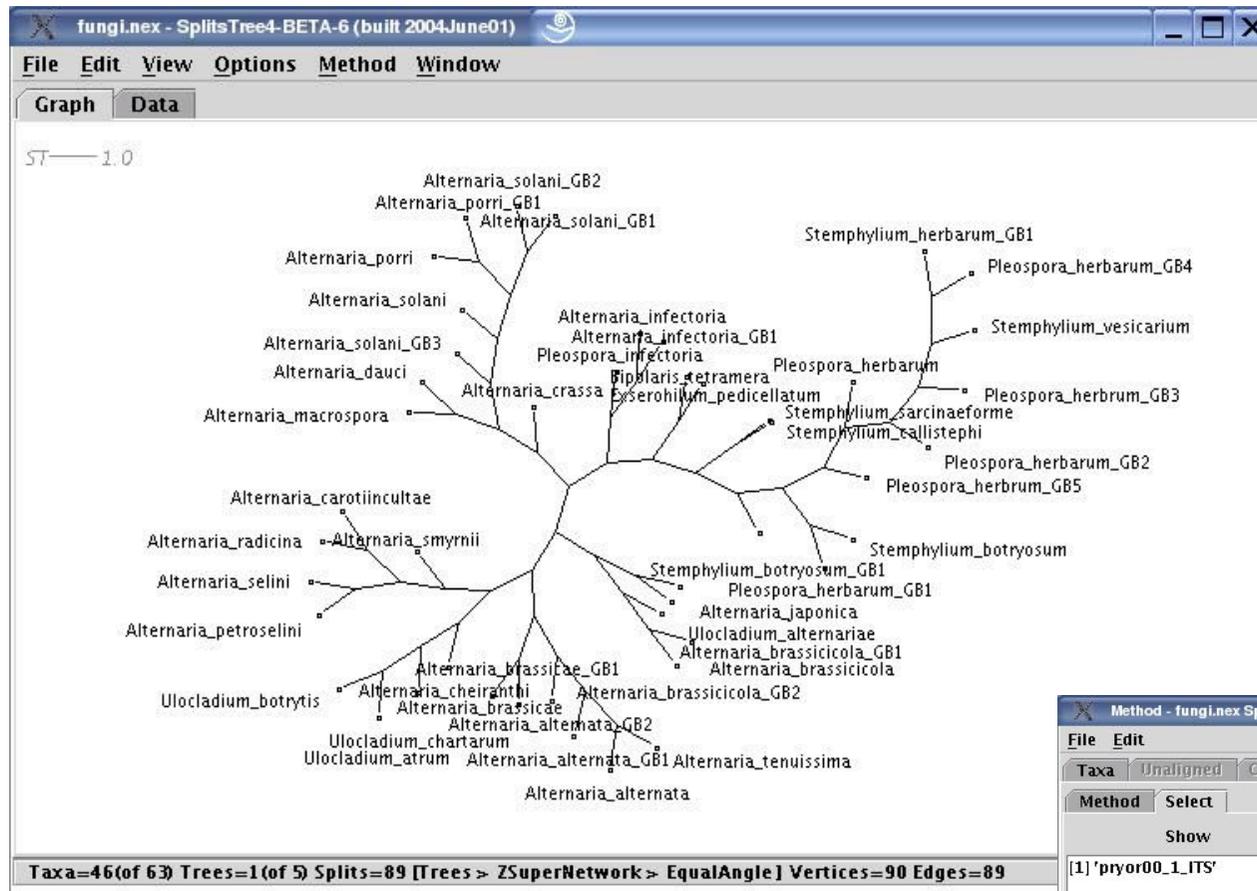


- Repeatedly apply to completion.
- Return all full splits.

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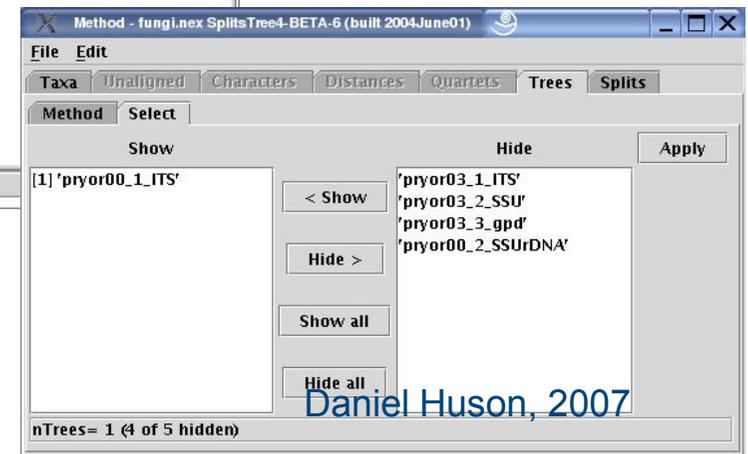
- Five fungal trees from (Pryor 2000) and (Pryor 2003)
- Trees:
  - ITS (two trees)
  - SSU (two trees)
  - Gpd (one tree)
- Numbers of taxa differ: "partial trees"

# Individual Gene Trees



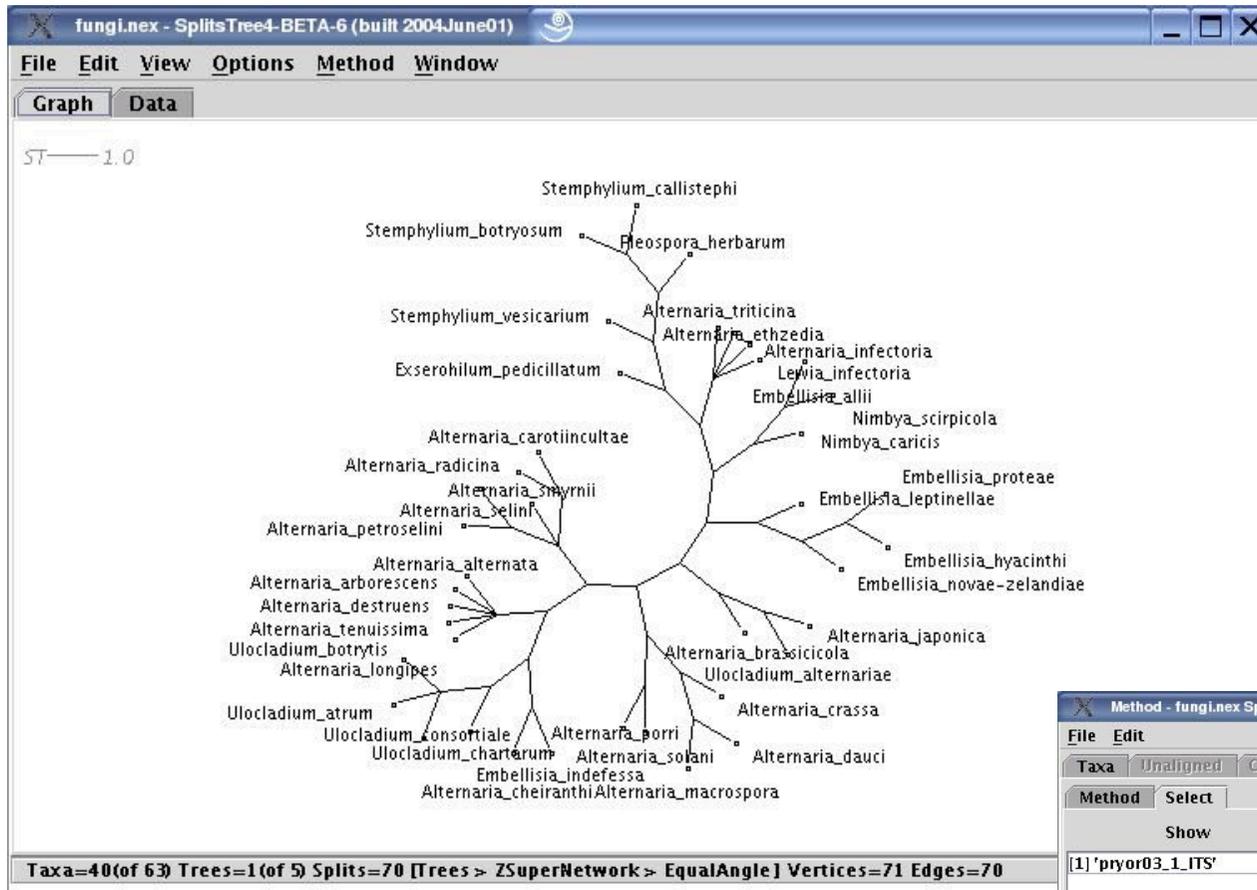
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ITS00



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# Individual Gene Trees



ITS03

40 taxa

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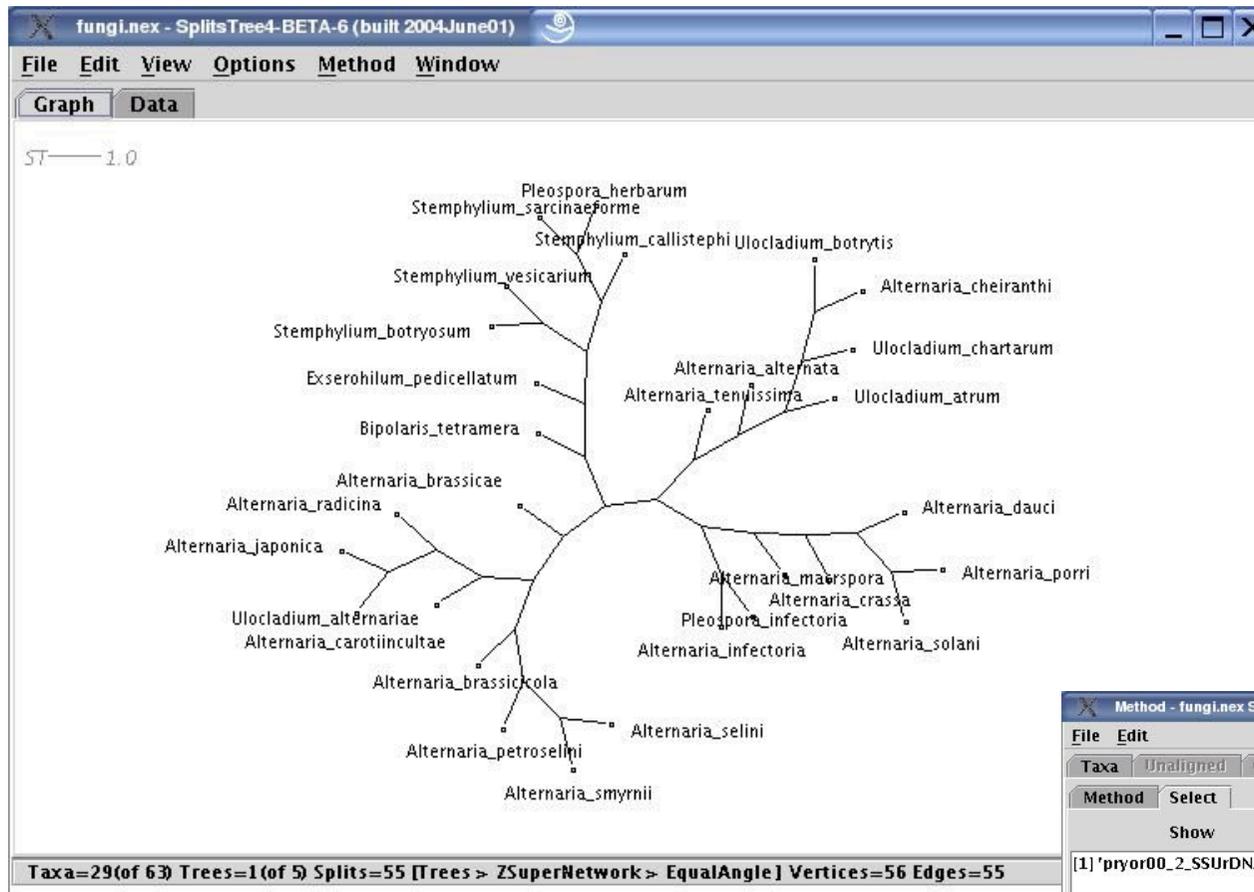
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# Individual Gene Trees



SSU00

29 taxa

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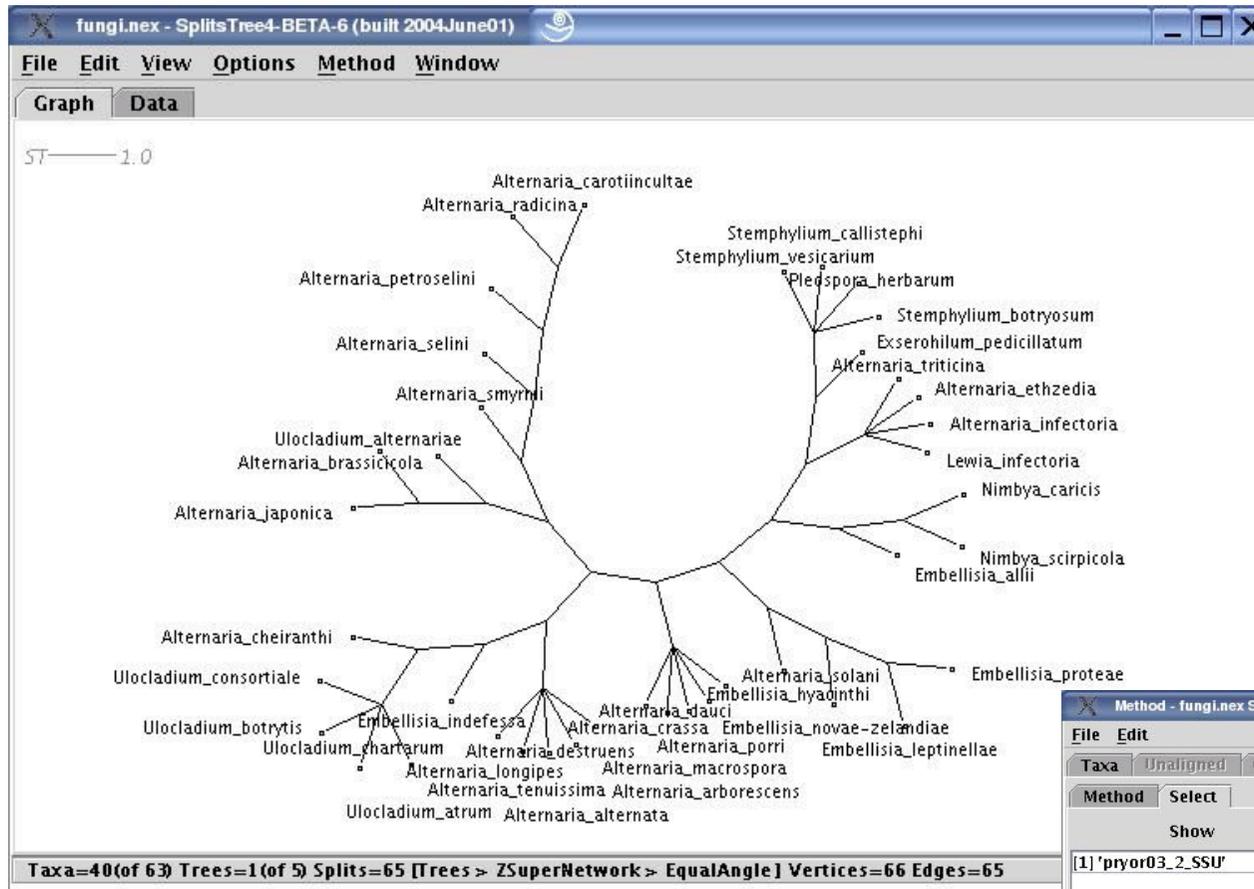
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# Individual Gene Trees



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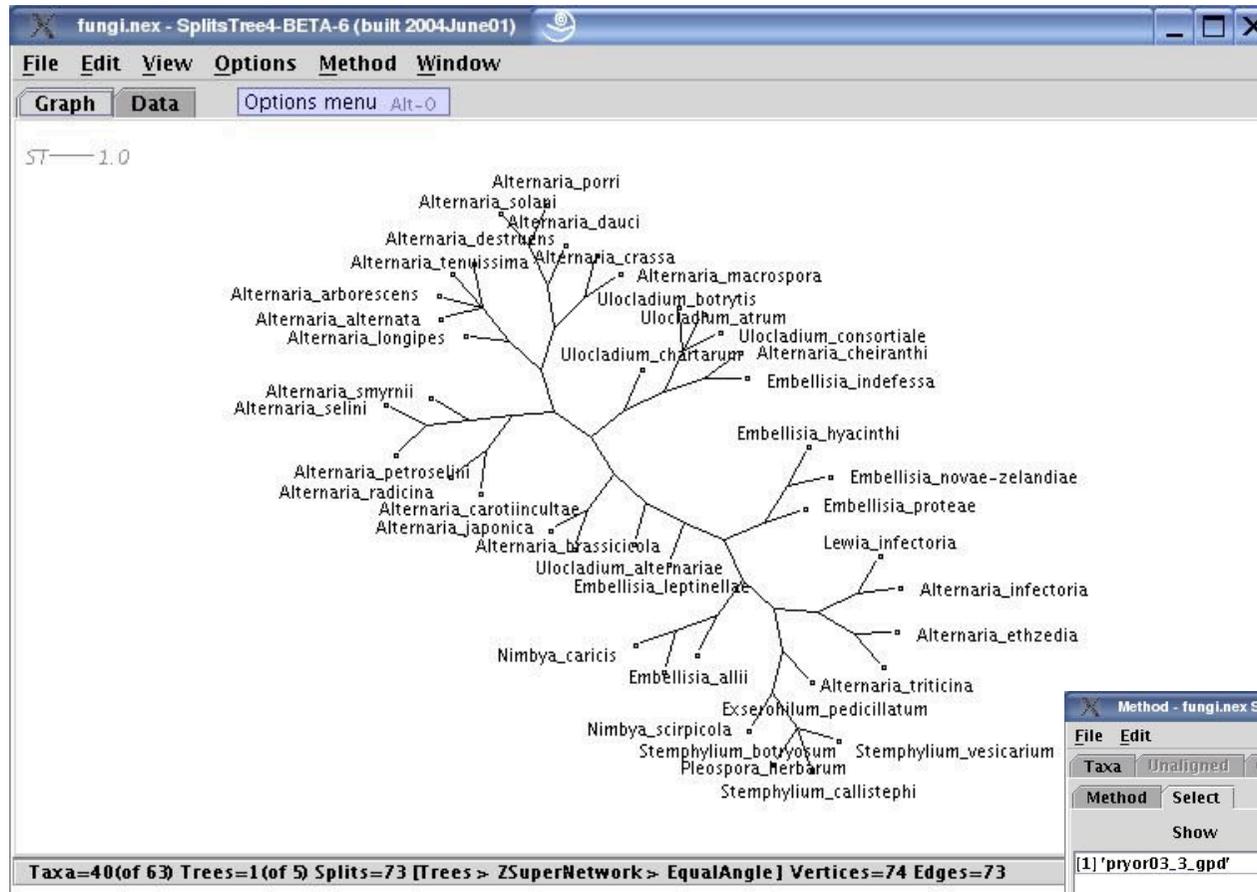
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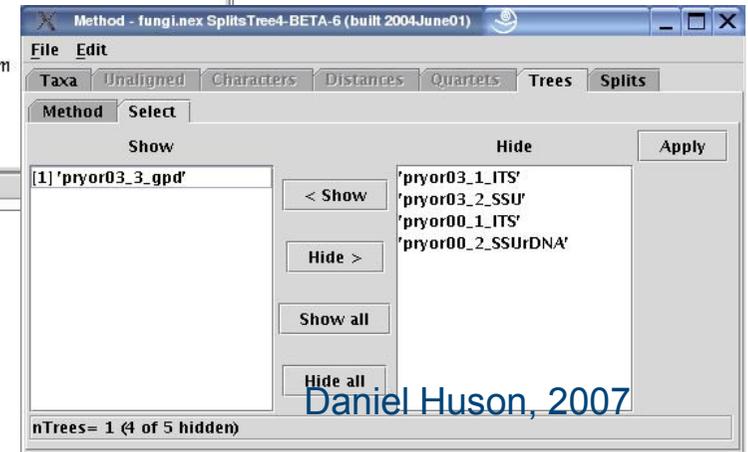
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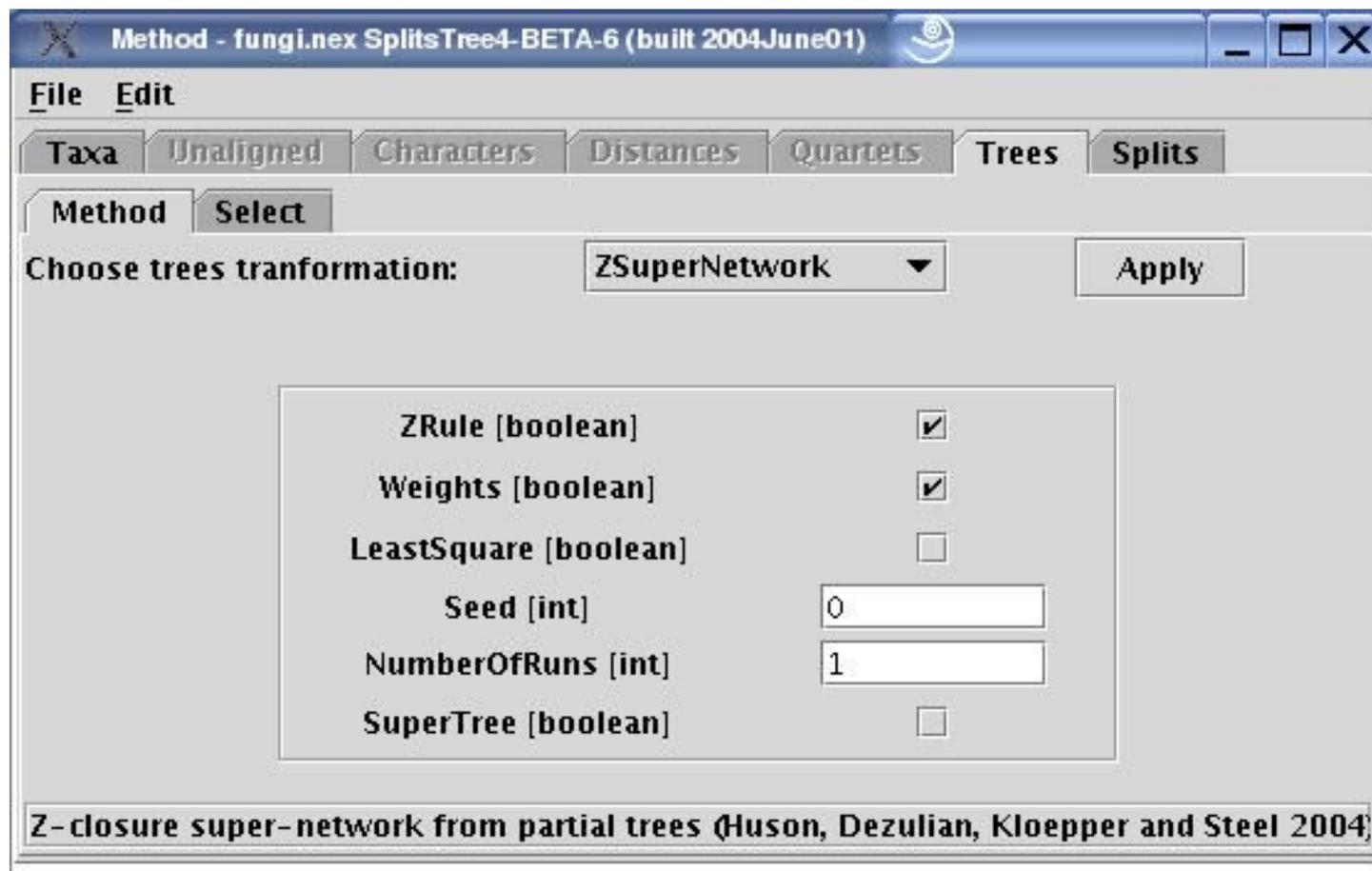
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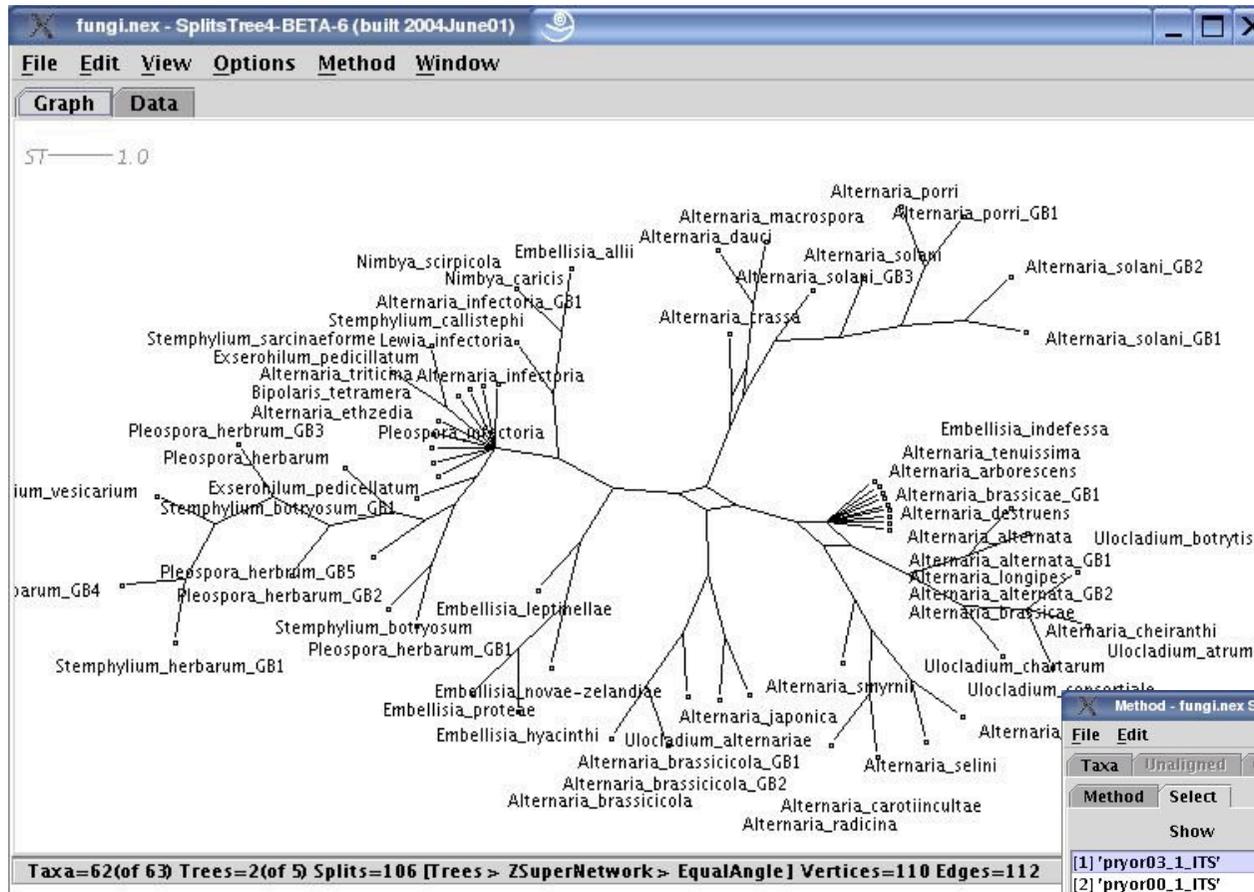
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# Gene Trees as Super Network



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# Gene Trees as Super Network

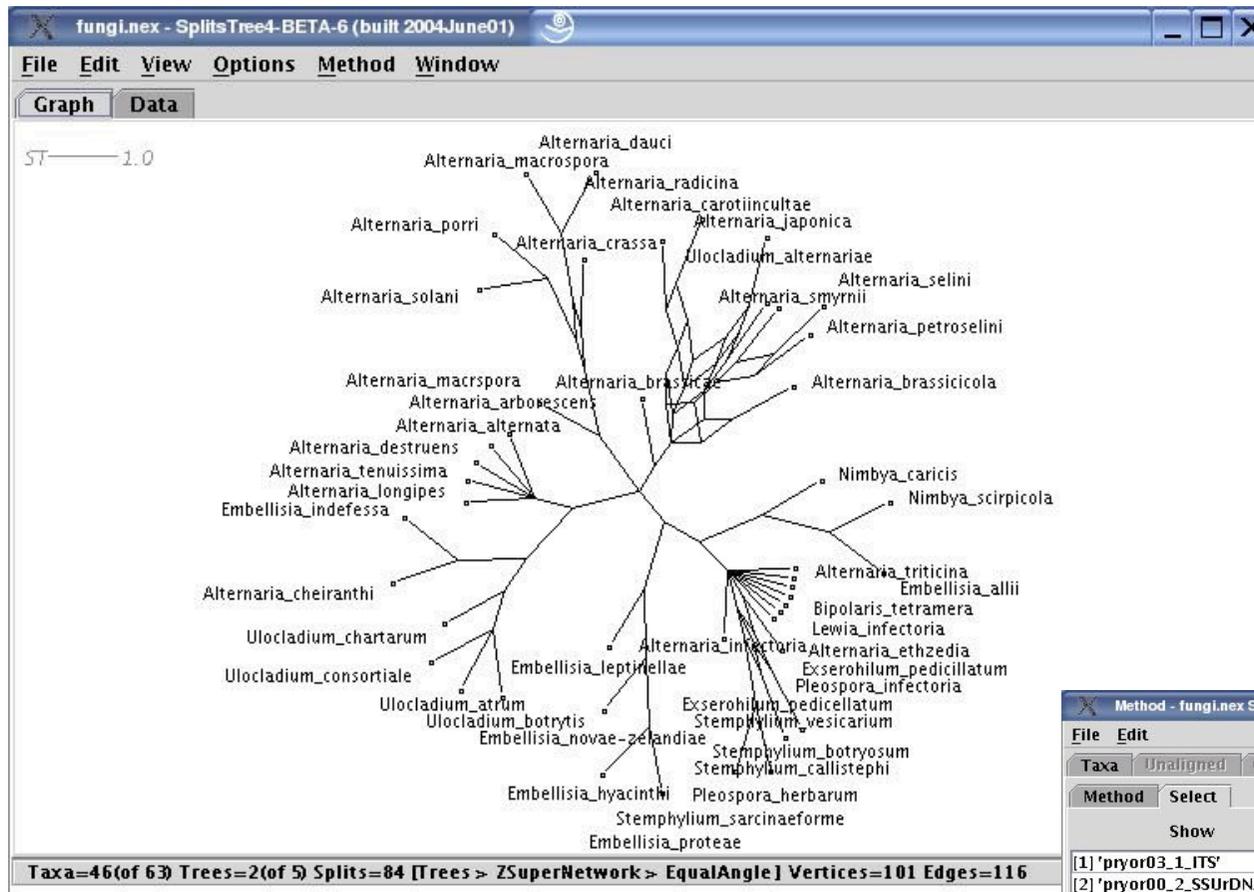


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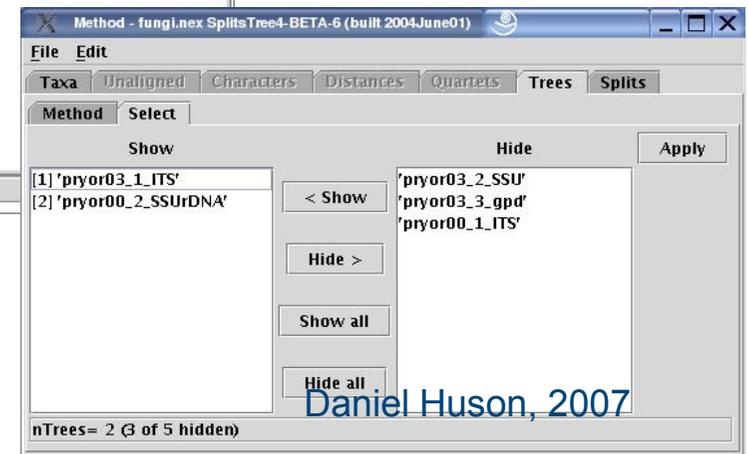
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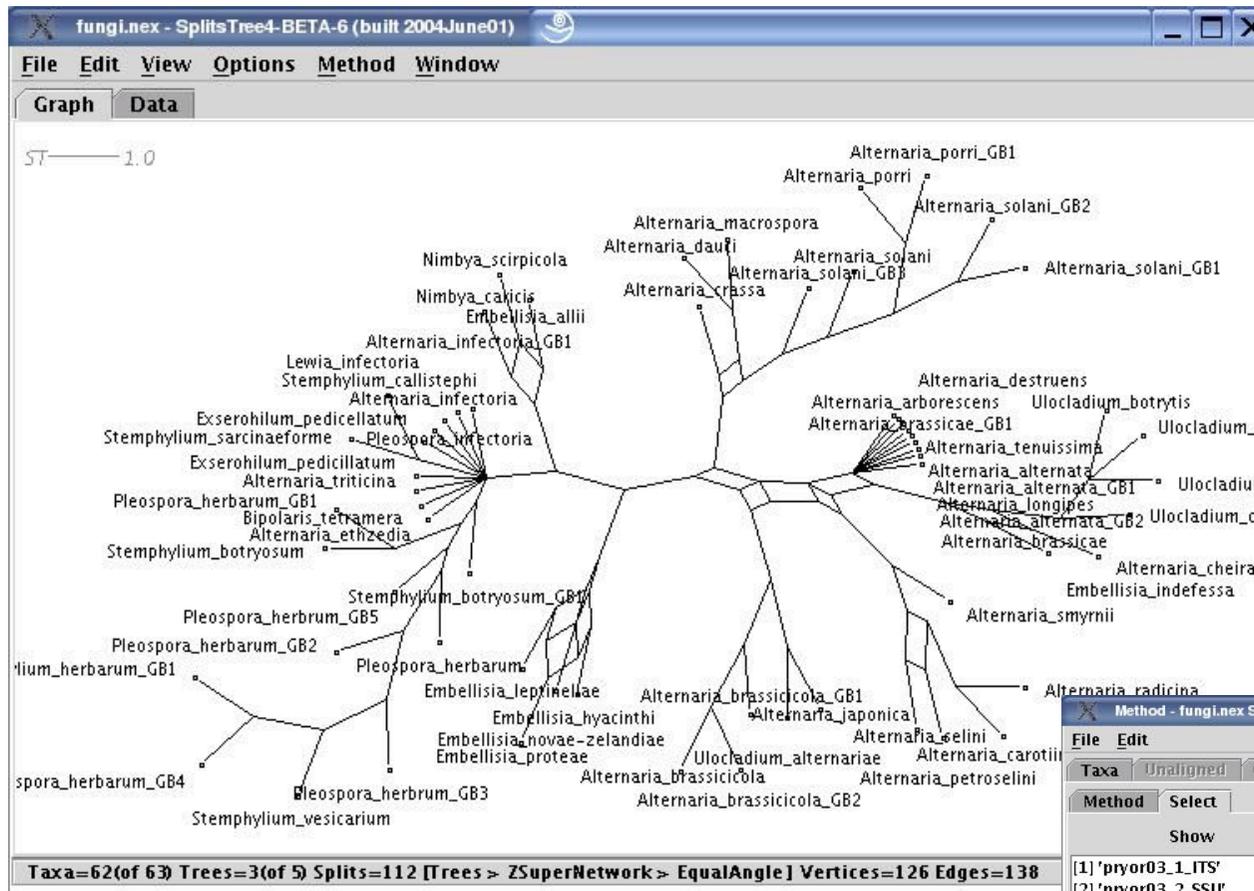
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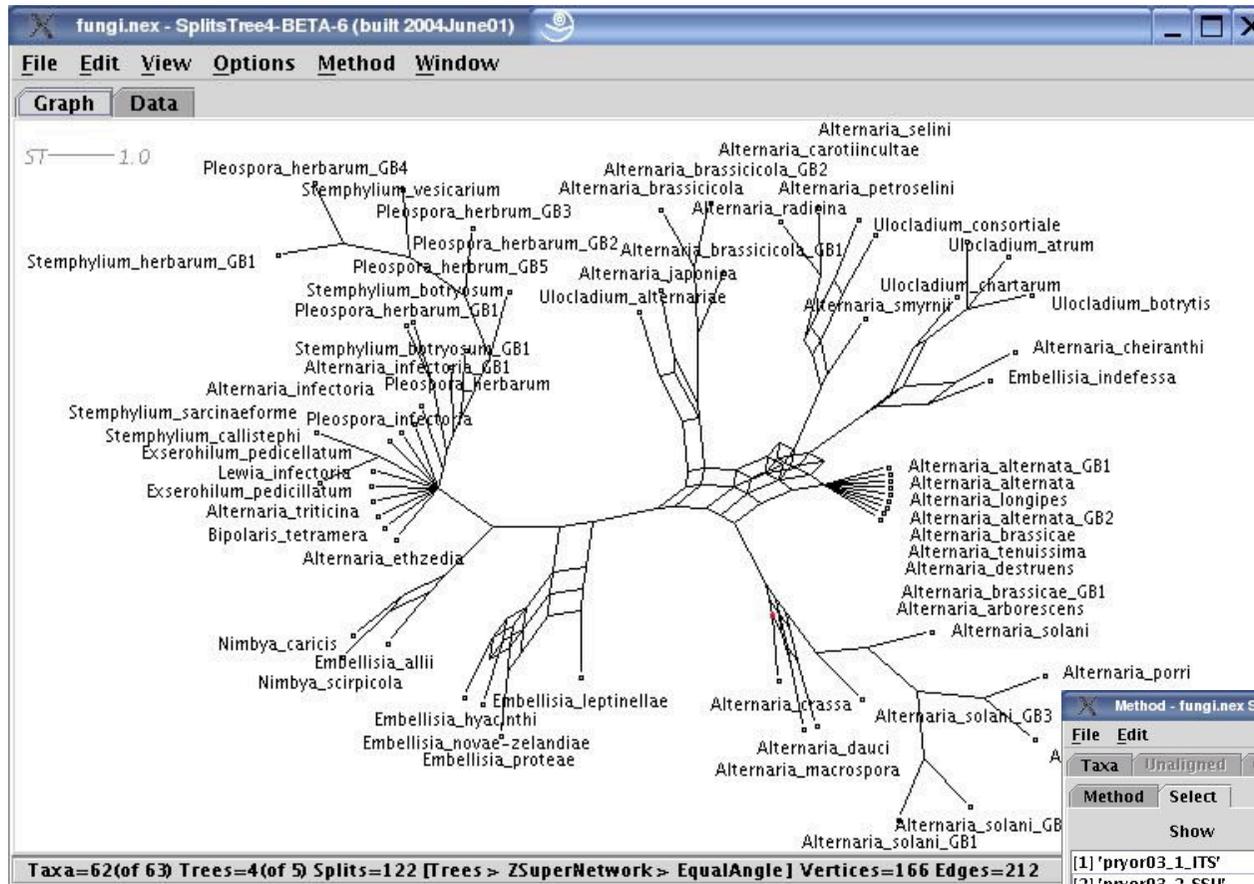


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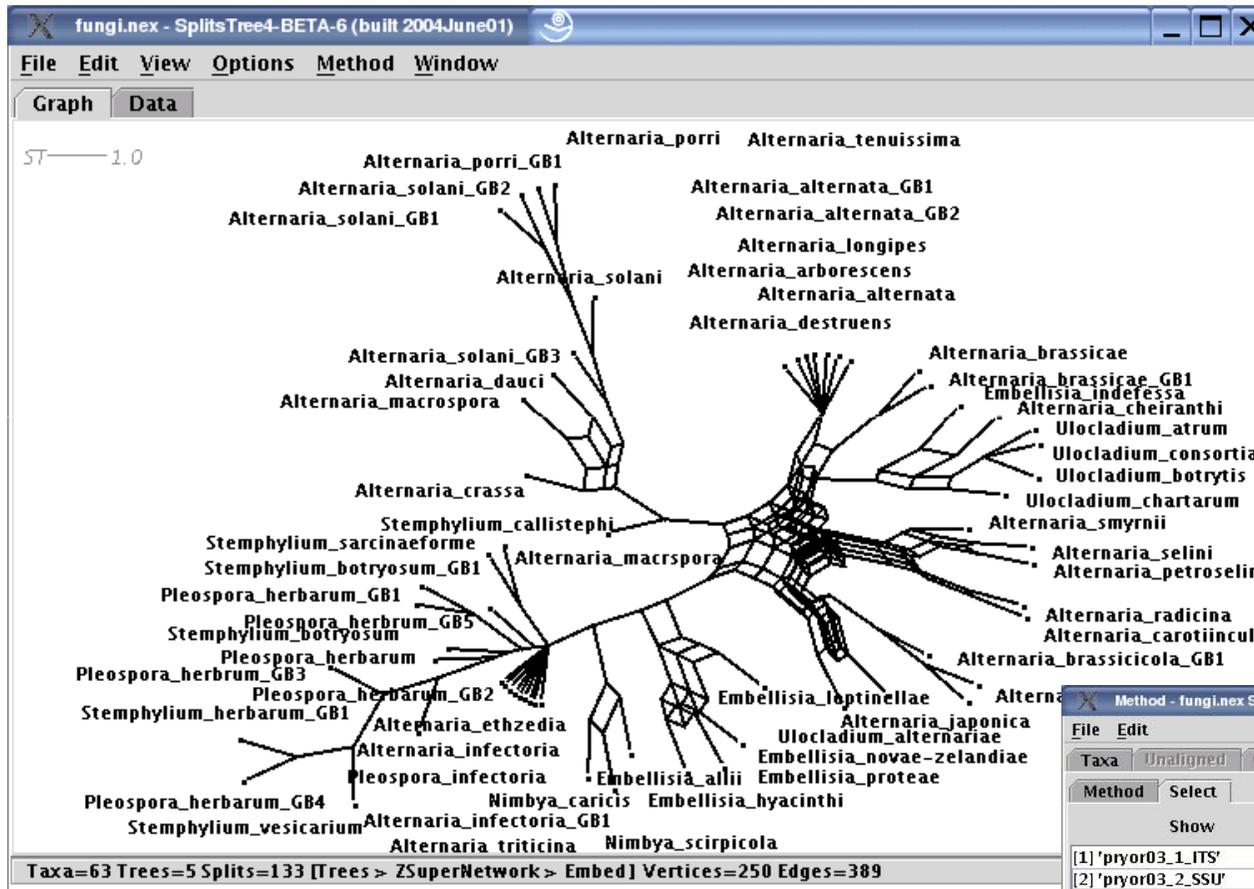
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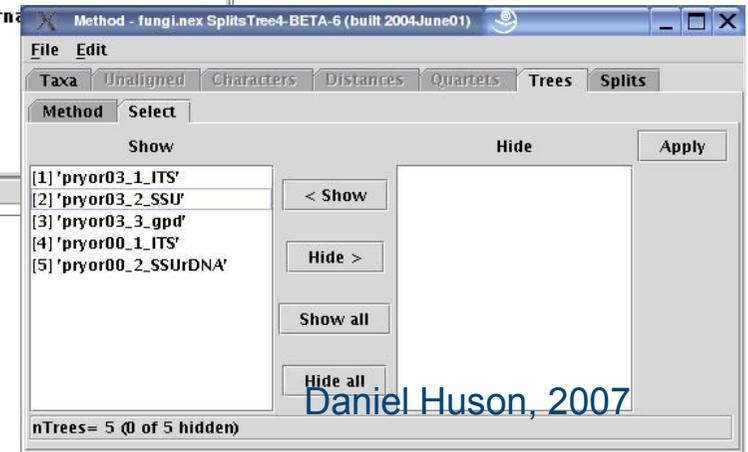


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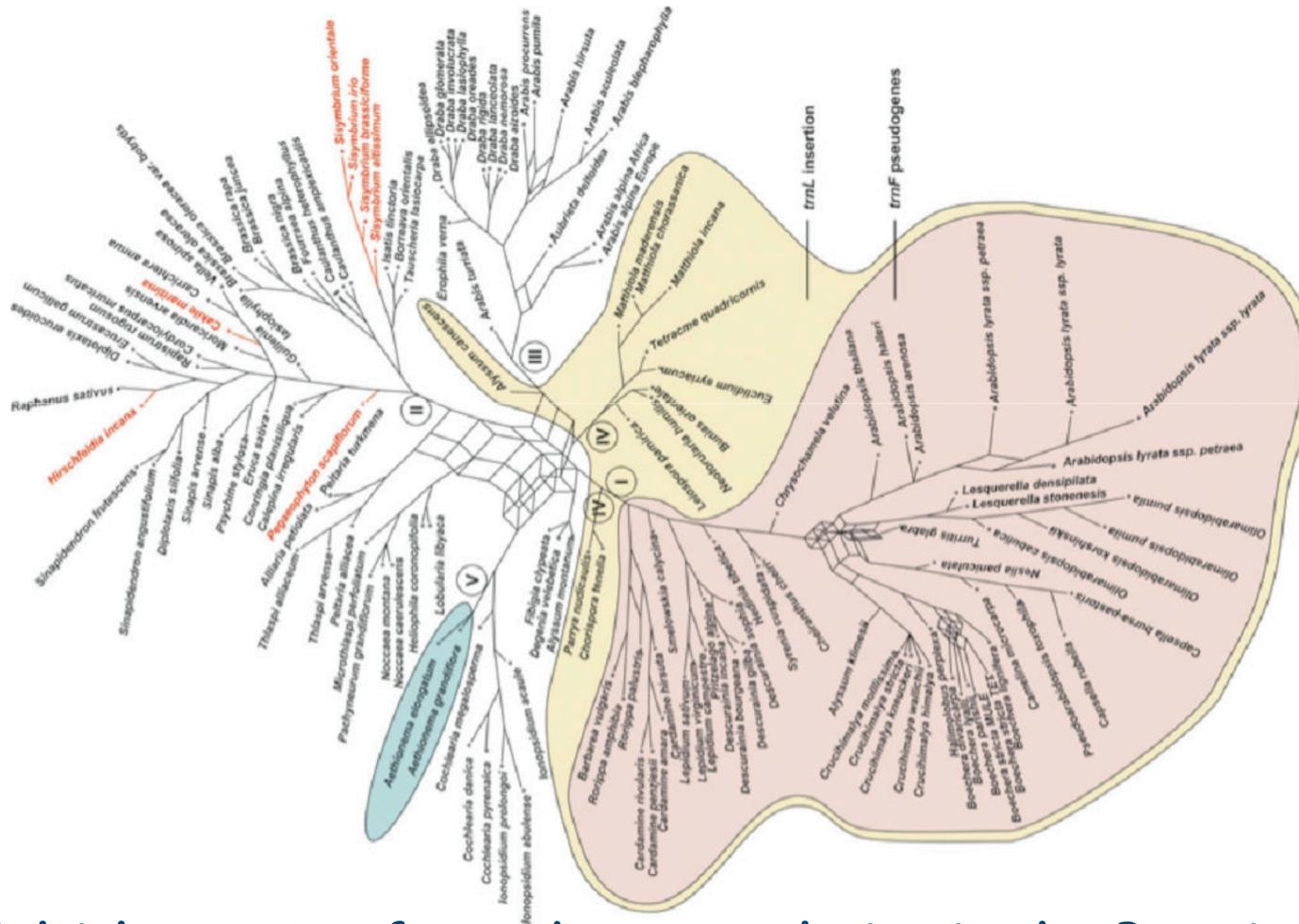
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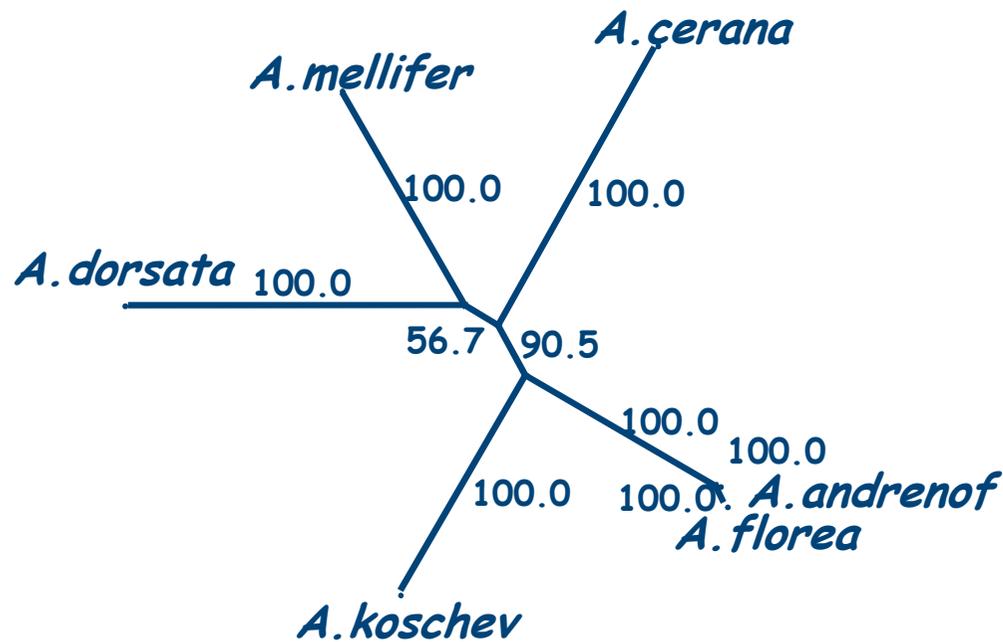


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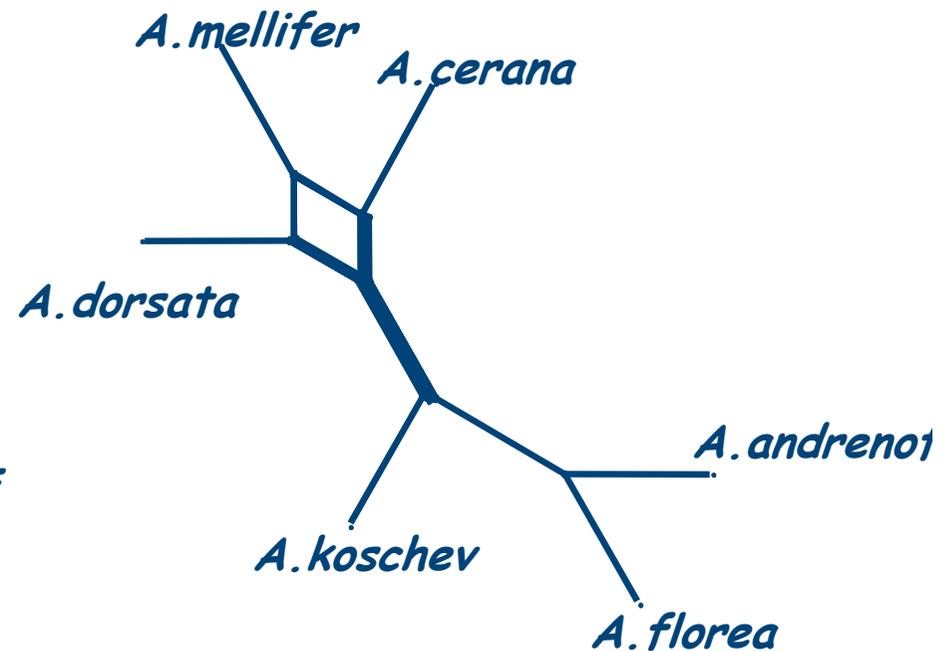


Multiple events of pseudogene evolution in the Brassicaceae, obtained from 4 gene trees (Koch *et al.* 2007)

# Related: Bootstrap Network



Bootstrapping tests robustness of tree with respect to sampling

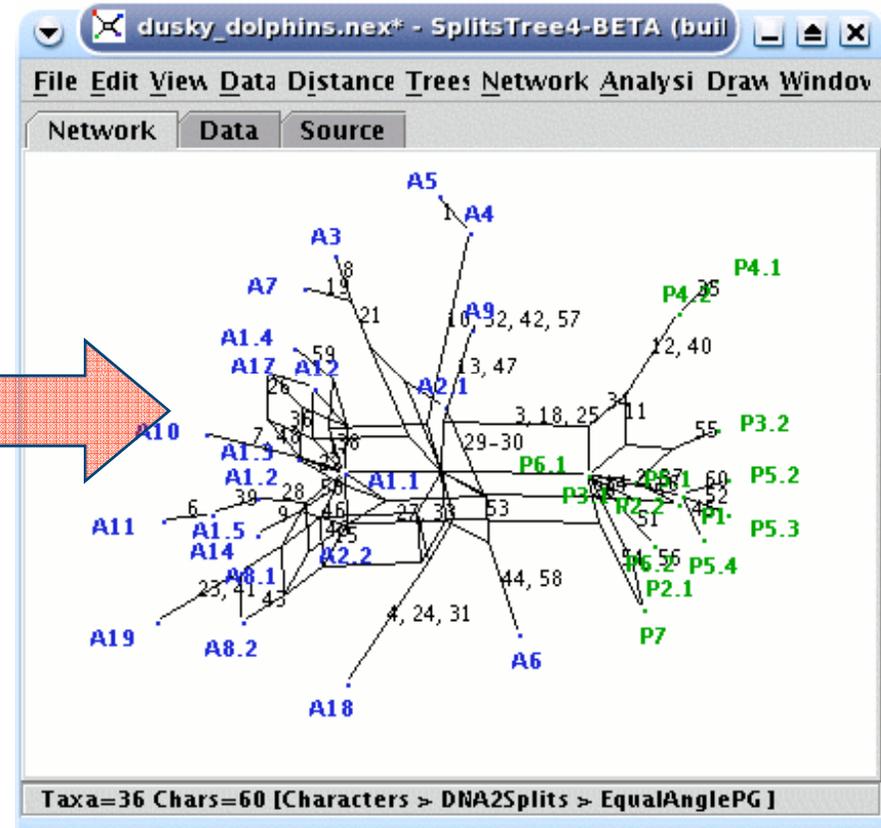
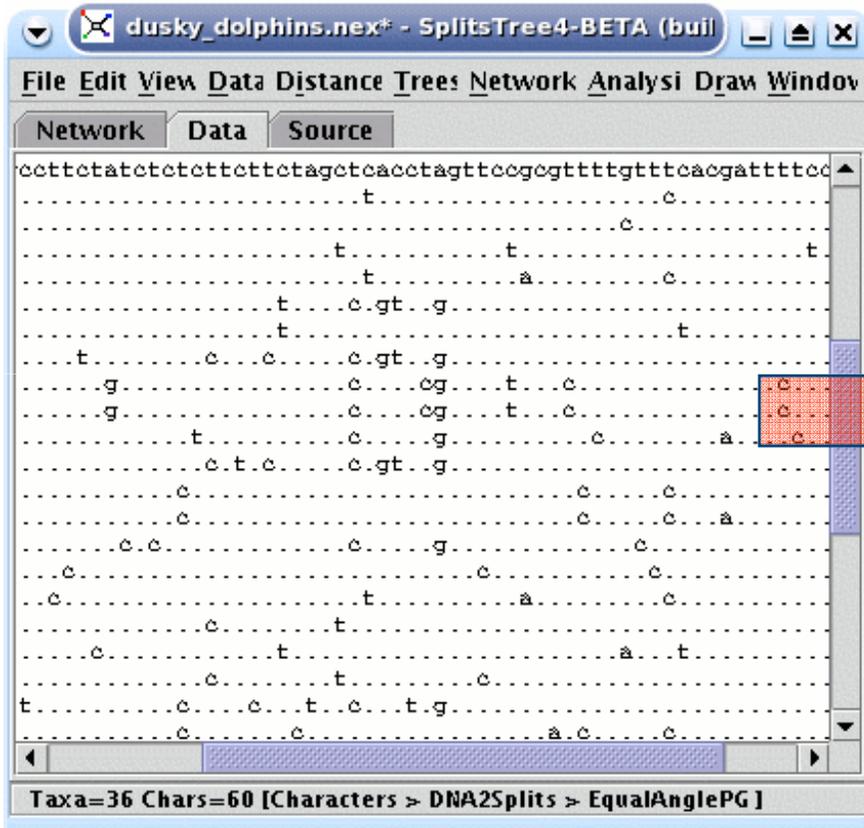


Bootstrap network displays competing signals

## Sequence & Distance-Based Split Networks

- So, incompatible splits arise naturally in the context of multiple trees.
- There also exist a number of methods that generate incompatible splits directly from
  - characters (a multiple sequence alignment), or
  - a distance matrix.

# Sequences to Split Network



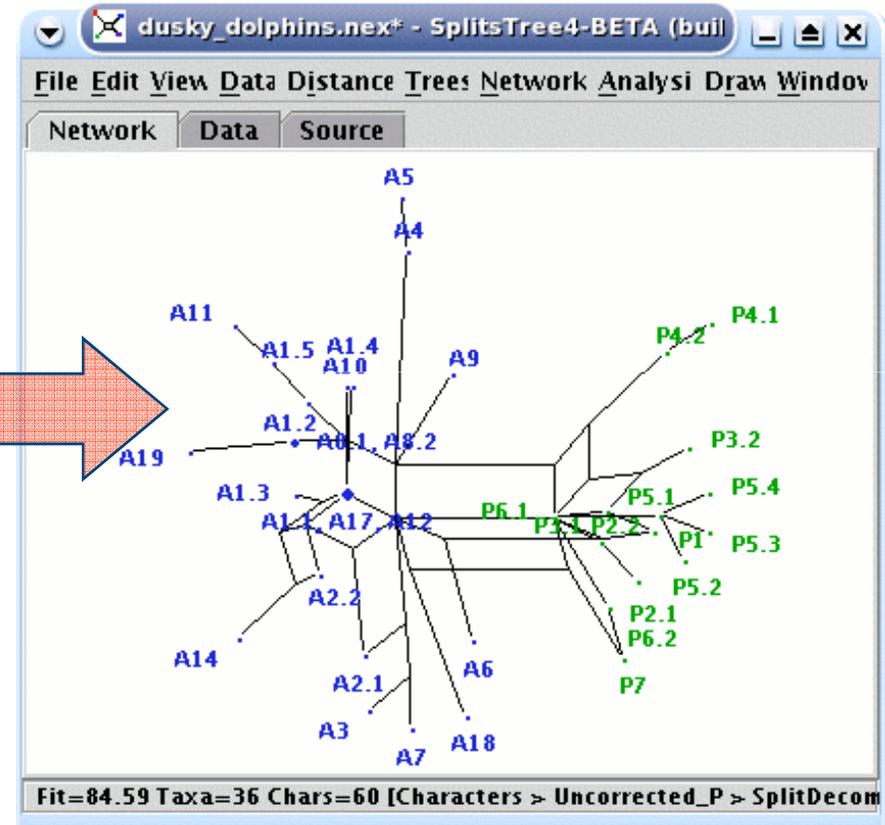
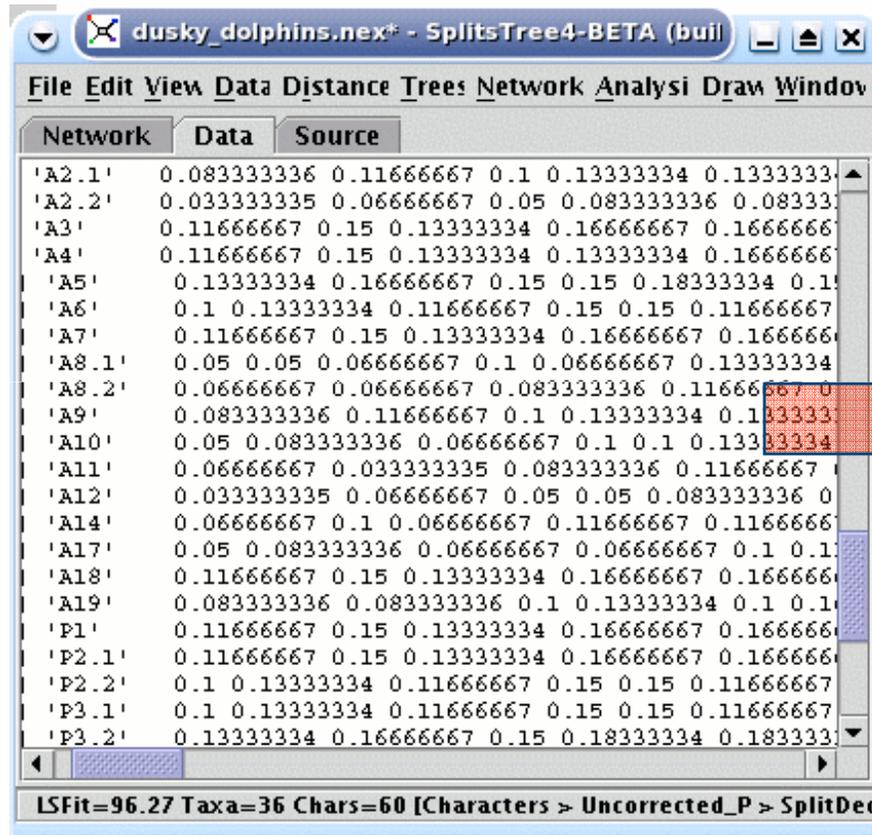
Data: Dusky dolphins (Cassens *et al.*, 2003)

If characters have only 2 states and not too conflicting: interpret columns as splits and draw full split network (median network)

# Split Decomposition

- The **Split Decomposition** method computes a set of weighted  $X$ -splits  $\Sigma_{\text{decomp}}$  such that the sum of weights of all splits that separate two taxa  $x, y \in X$  approximates the distance  $D(x, y)$ .
- It produces a *tree*, whenever the distance matrix fits a tree, and else produces a *network* that displays different and incompatible signals.

# Distances to Split Network



Split Decomposition or Neighbor-Net produces network from distances

# Distance Methods

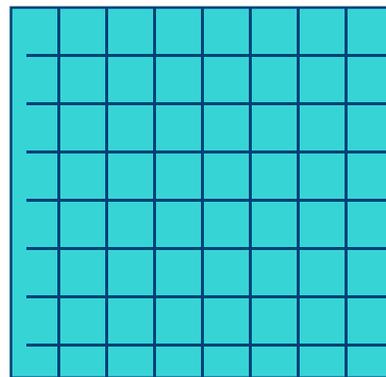
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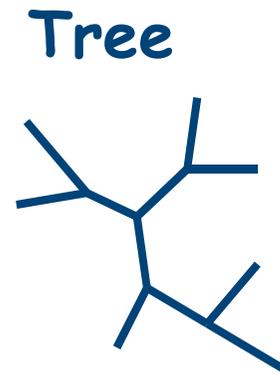
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Distance transformation



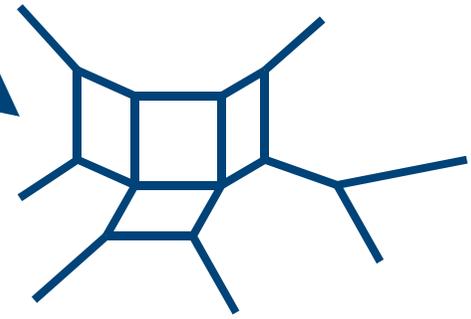
Distance matrix

Tree-building method,  
e.g. Neighbor-Joining



Tree

Network method,  
e.g. Split Decomposition

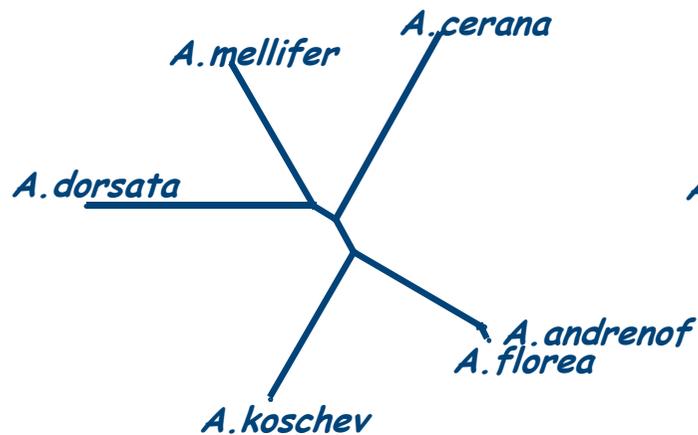


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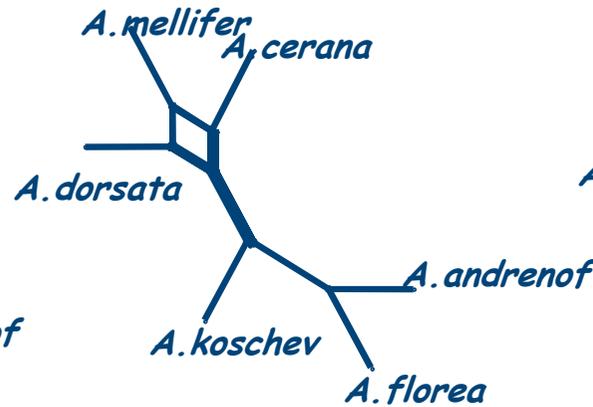


# Split Decomposition

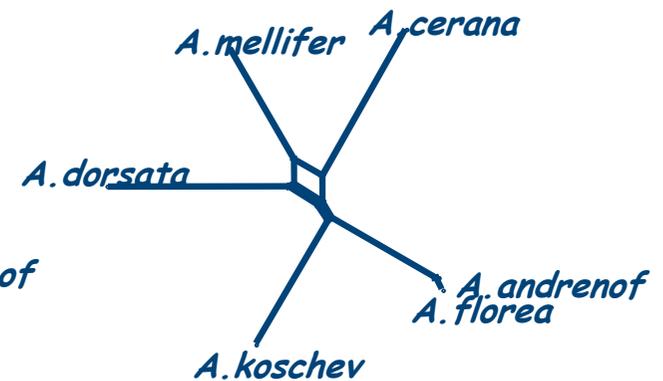
- Compare the result of Split Decomposition with an NJ tree and bootstrap network:



Bio-NJ tree



Bootstrap network

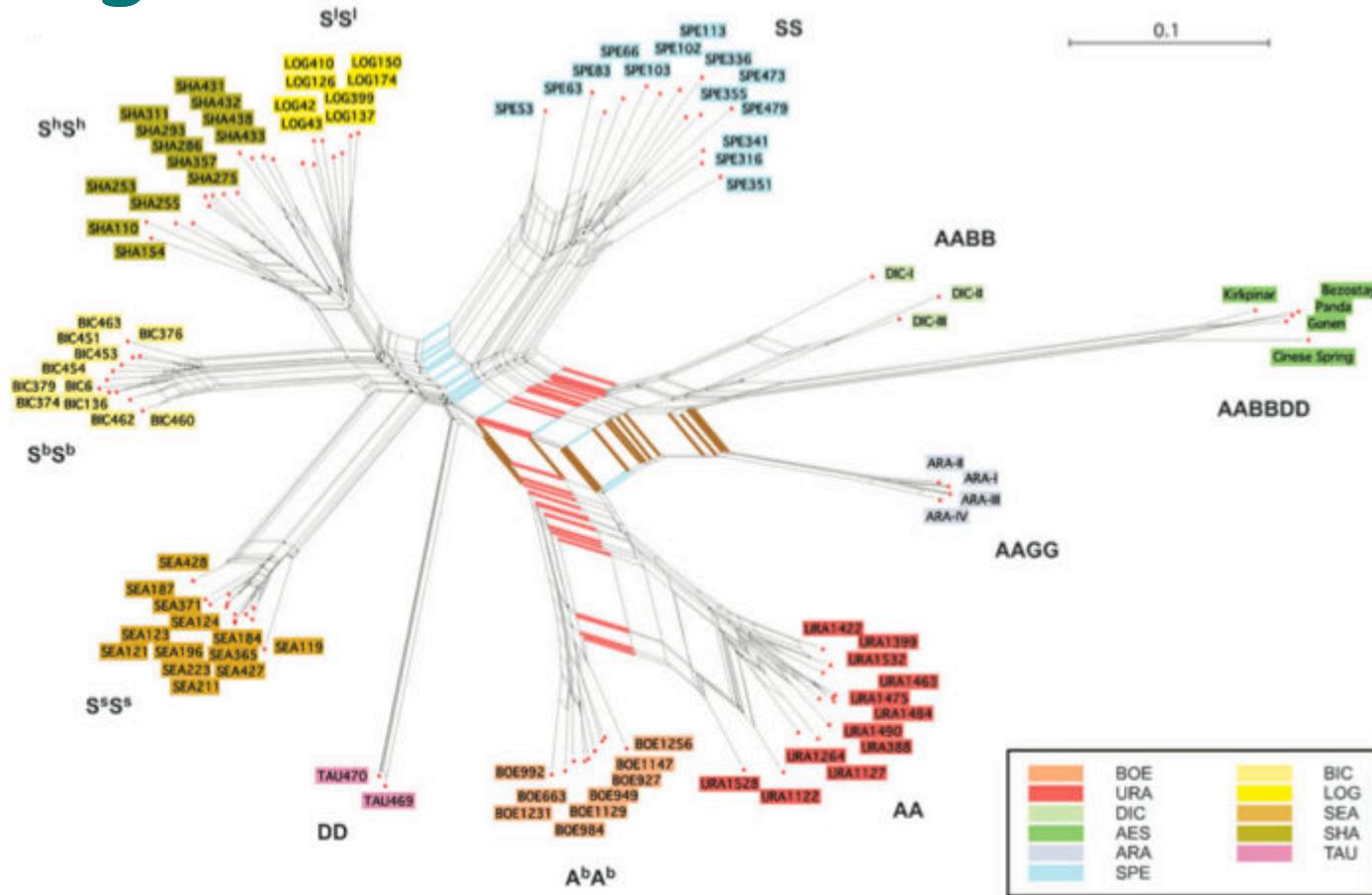


Split network obtained via the Split Decomposition

# Neighbor-Net

- Split Decomposition is useful for visualizing conflicting signals in a data set. However, it is sensitive to noise and only has good resolution for small or clean data sets.
- The **Neighbor-Net** method is a hybrid of Neighbor-Joining and Split Decomposition. It is applicable to data sets containing hundreds of taxa. However, it tends to produce spider-webs.

# Neighbor-Net



Split network computed via Neighbor-net from distances from AFLP markers (Kilian *et al* 2007) Daniel Huson, 2007

# Software

- **SplitsTree4** provides implementations of *all* methods described in this chapter, including a number of different algorithms for constructing networks from splits.
- **SpectroNet** provides an algorithm for constructing a split network (a special case, namely the median network) and some related methods

# Implicit vs Explicit Networks

Two fundamentally different types of phylogenetic networks:

- **Implicit** networks aim at displaying incompatible signals
  - Example: split networks
- **Explicit** networks aim at providing an explicit model of "reticulate evolution"
  - Example: hybridization and recombination networks

# Part III

1. Phylogenetic trees
2. Consensus networks and super networks
- 3. Hybridization and reticulate networks**
4. Recombination networks
5. Other

# Overview

- Hybrid speciation.
- A simple model of evolution that incorporates gene trees and reticulation events.
- Reticulate networks and some approaches for inferring them from gene trees.
- Software.

# Hybridization

- Occurs when two organisms from different species interbreed and combine their chromosomes



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**Hybrid**

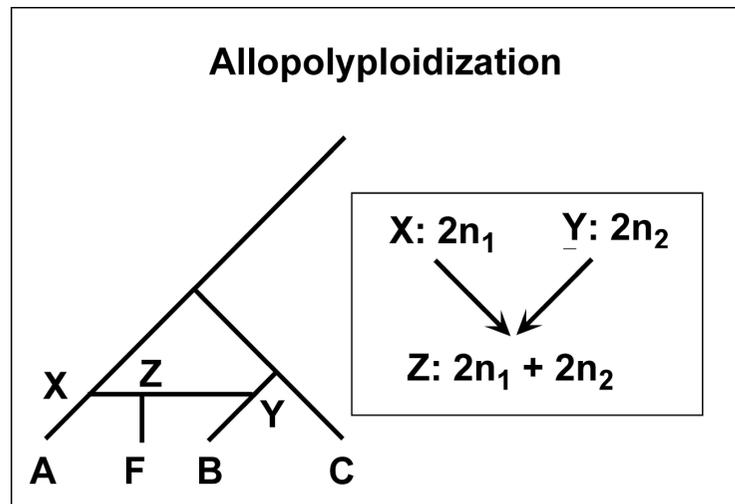


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**Pigs weed**

# Speciation by Hybridization 1

- In allopolyploidization, two different lineages produce a new species that has the complete nuclear genomes of both parental species:



C.R. Linder, B.M.E. Moret, L. Nakhleh, and T. Warnow (2004)

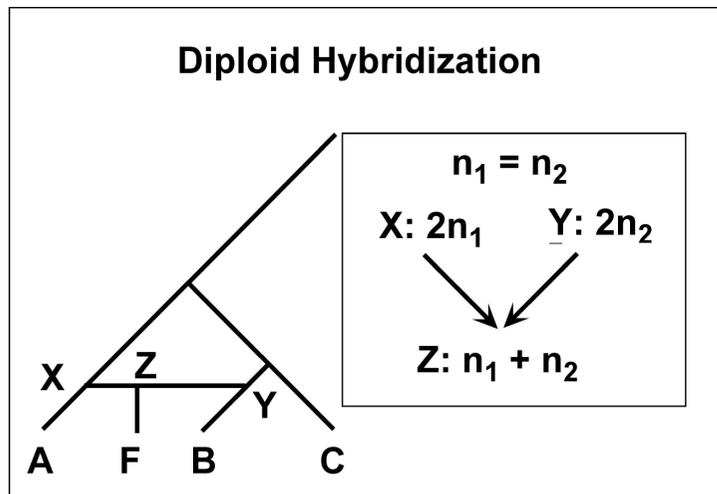


# Speciation by Hybridization 1

- Two parents  $X$  and  $Y$  each pass on their whole diploid genomes, with  $2n_1$  and  $2n_2$  chromosomes, respectively, to produce a polyploid offspring  $Z$  with  $(2n_1+2n_2)$  chromosomes.
- Subsequently, it can happen that the genome reduces to half its size and is then a mosaic of genes from both ancestors.

## Speciation by Hybridization 2

- In diploid (or homoploid) hybrid speciation, each of the parents produces normal gametes (haploid) to produce a normal diploid hybrid:



C.R. Linder, B.M.E. Moret, L. Nakhleh, and T. Warnow (2004)



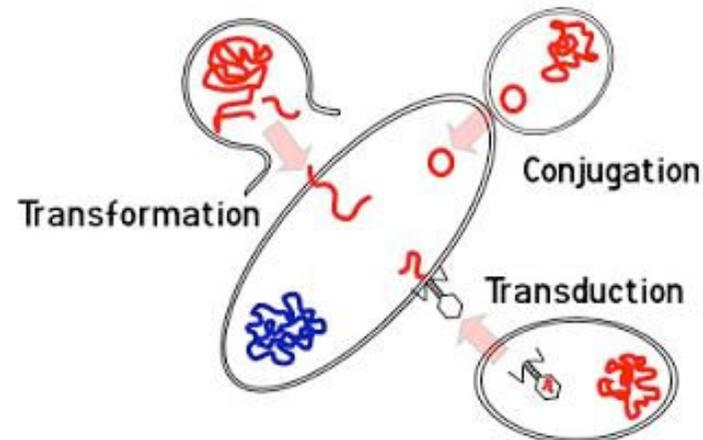
## Speciation by Hybridization 2

- Although diploid hybridization is more common, the ability of the hybrid to backcross with the parent species usually prevents that a new species will arise.
- Although less common, allopolyploidization is believed to produce more new species.
- Hybridization is usually restricted to plants, frogs and fish.

# Horizontal Gene Transfer

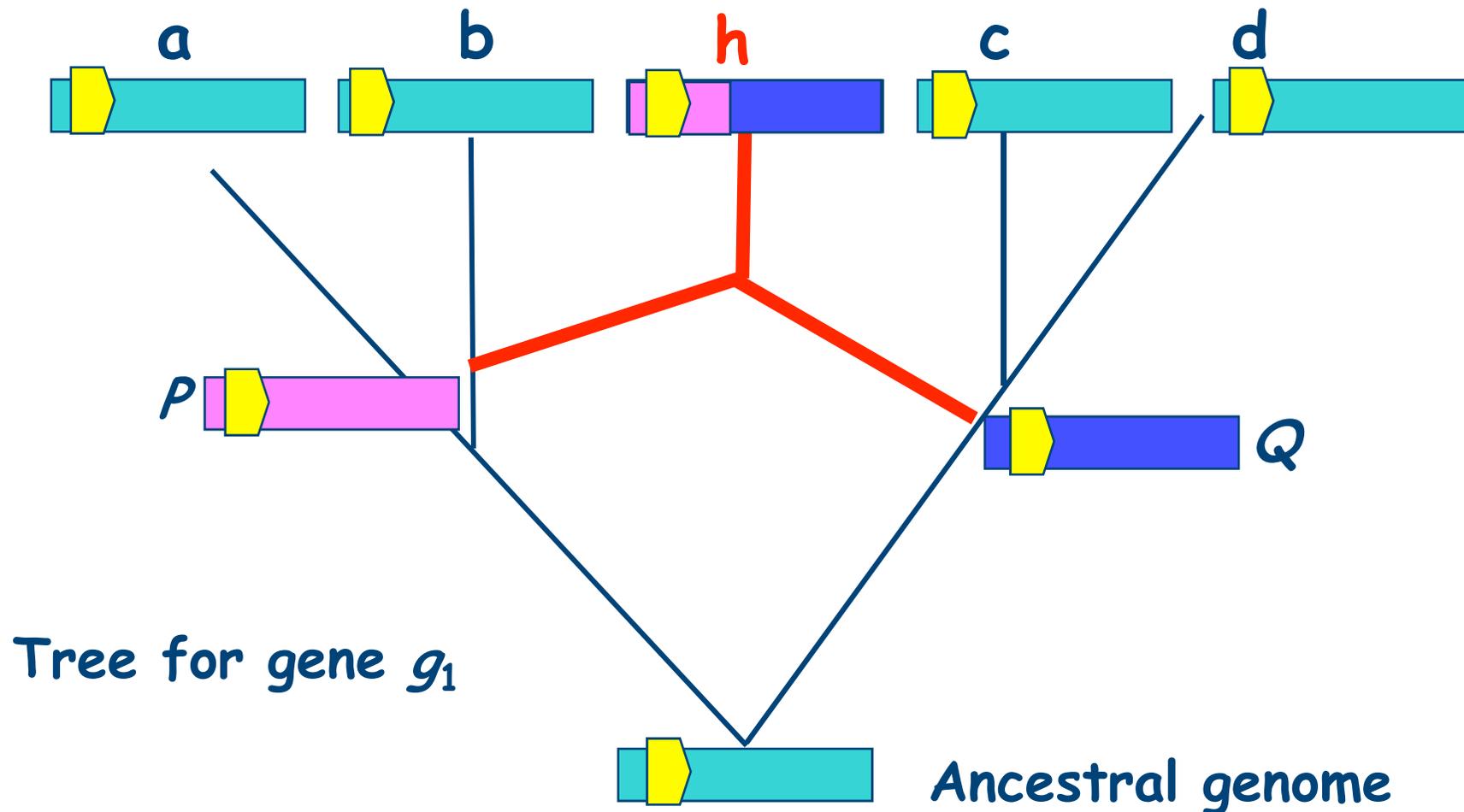
- There are a number of known mechanisms by which bacteria can exchange genes
  - Transformation
  - Conjugation
  - transduction

Mechanisms of Gene Exchange

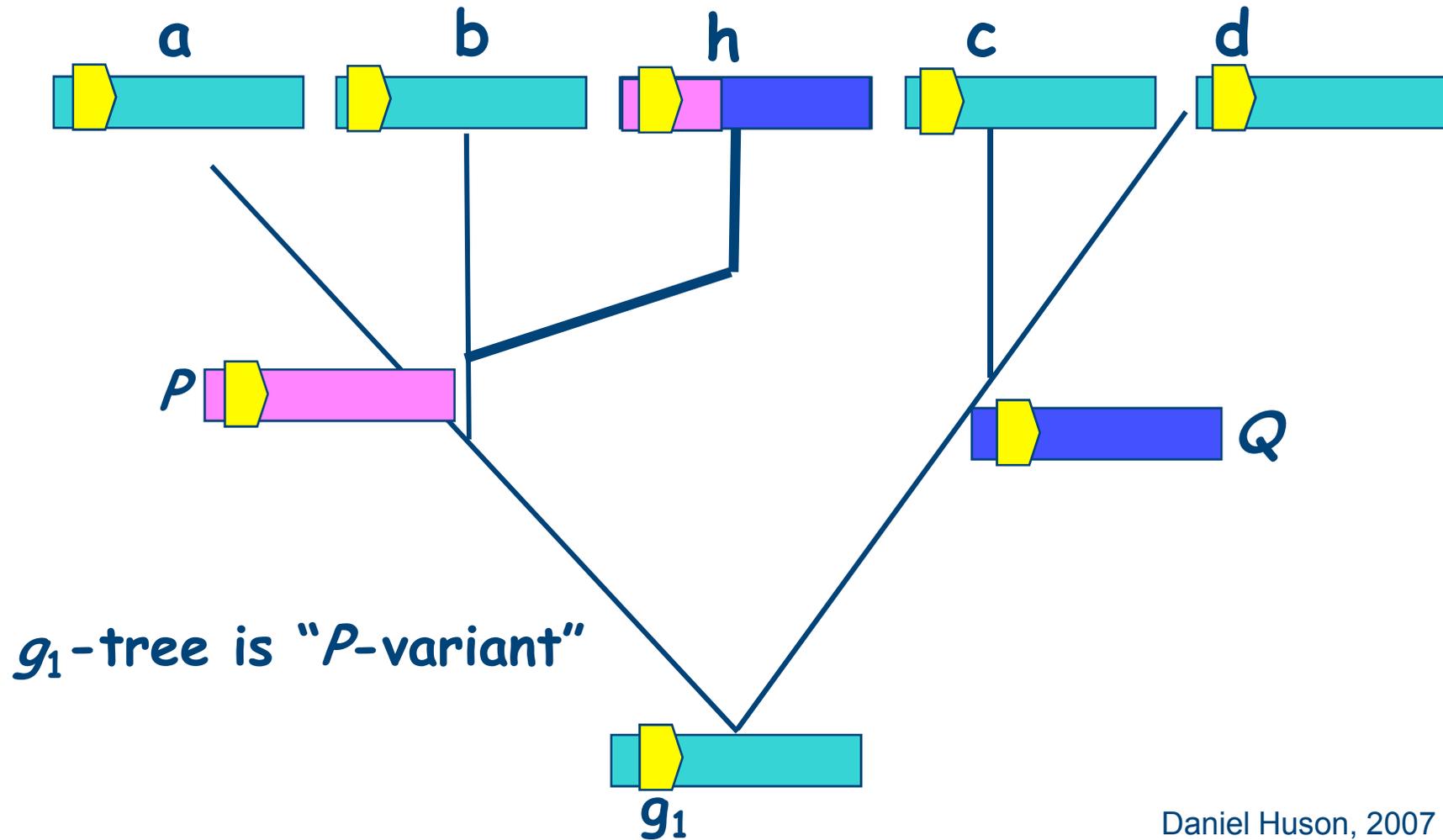


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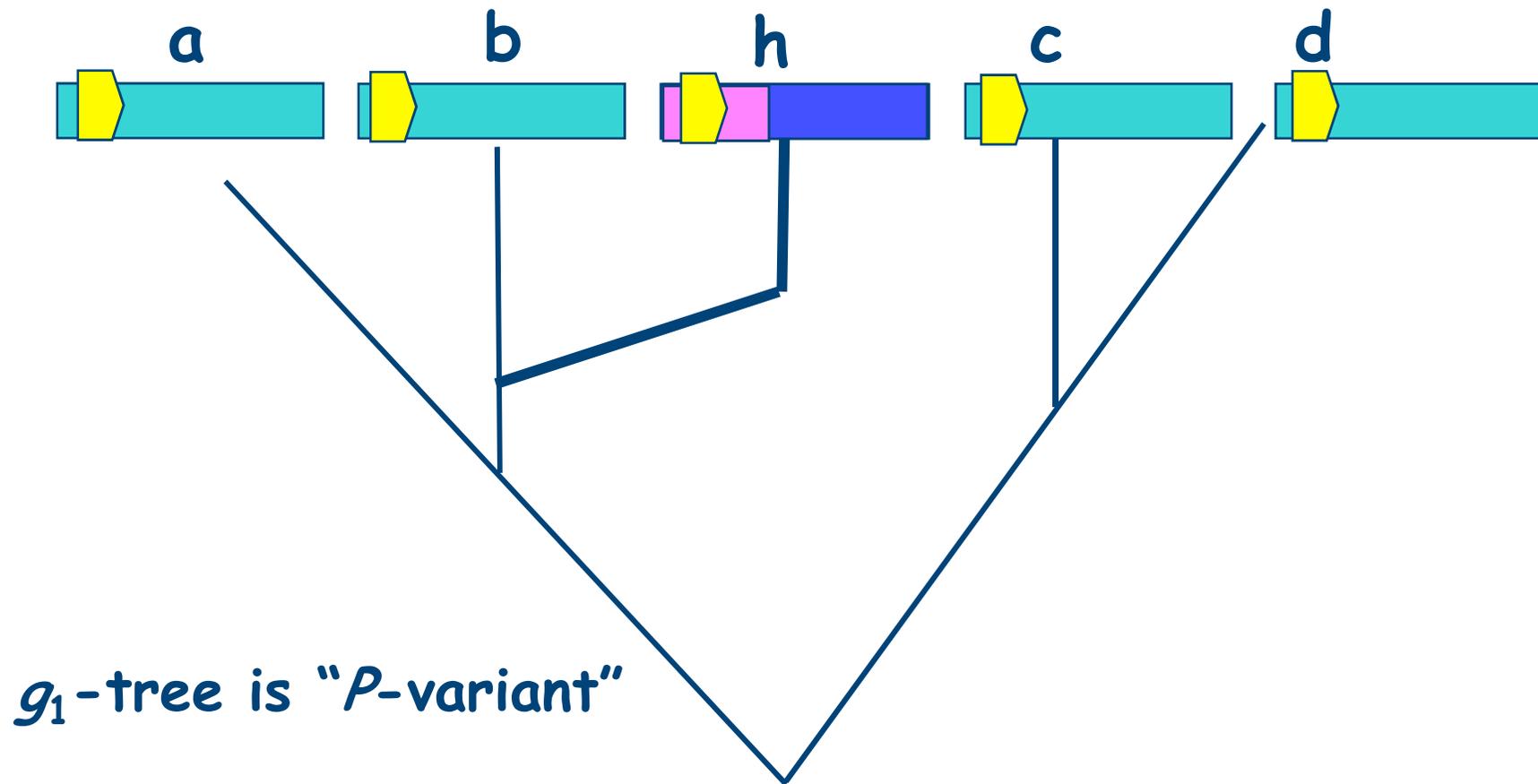
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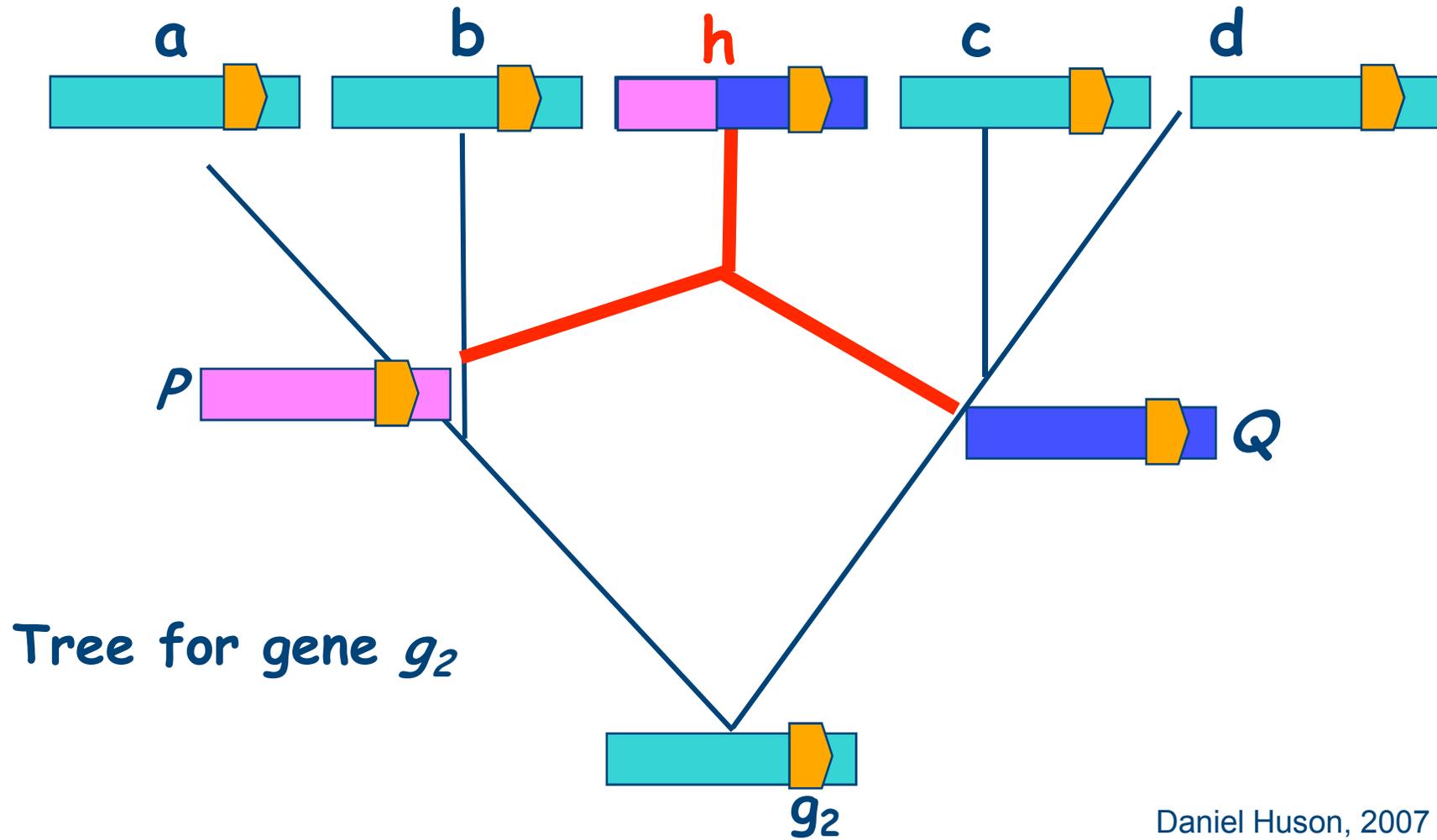
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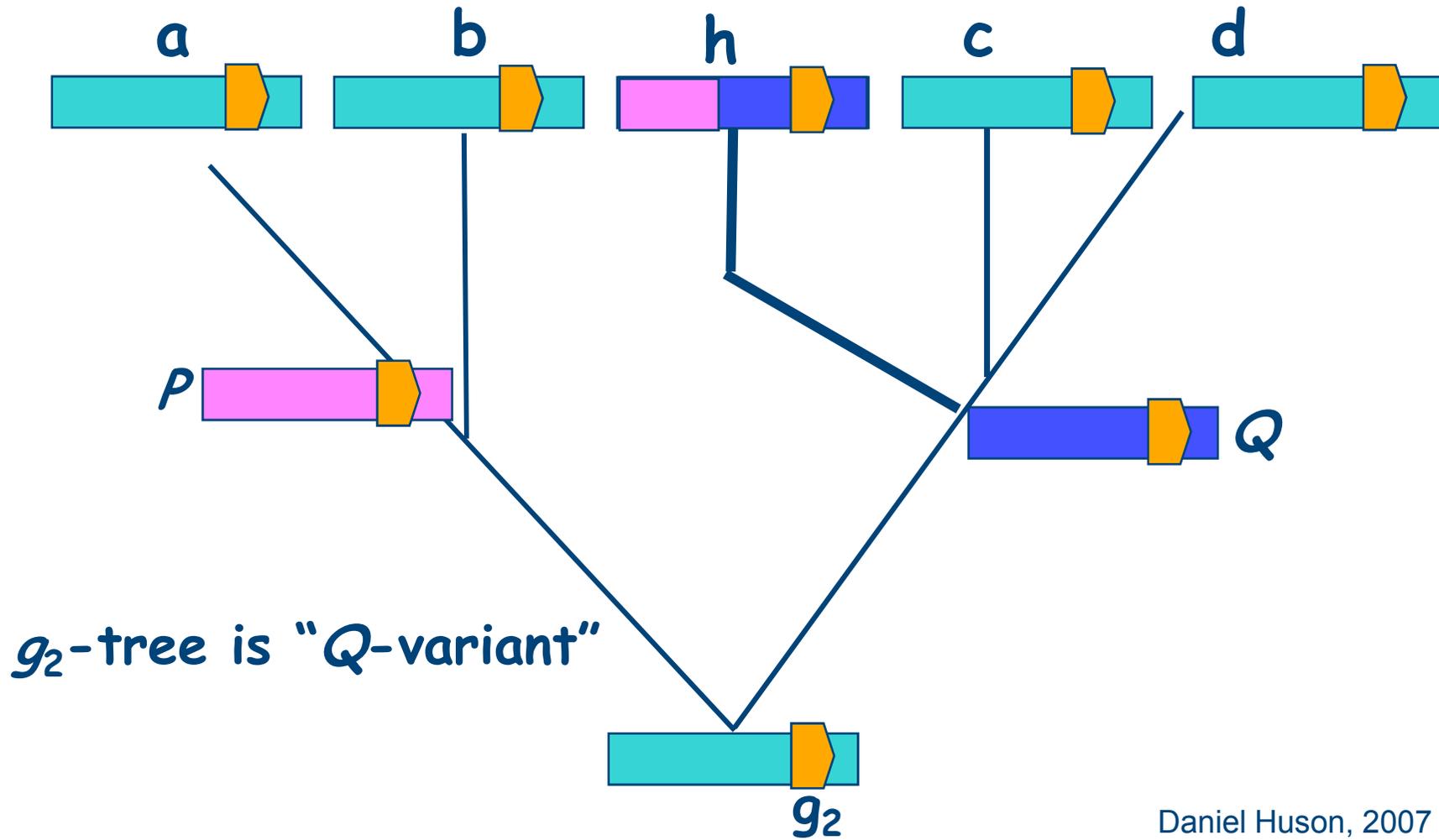
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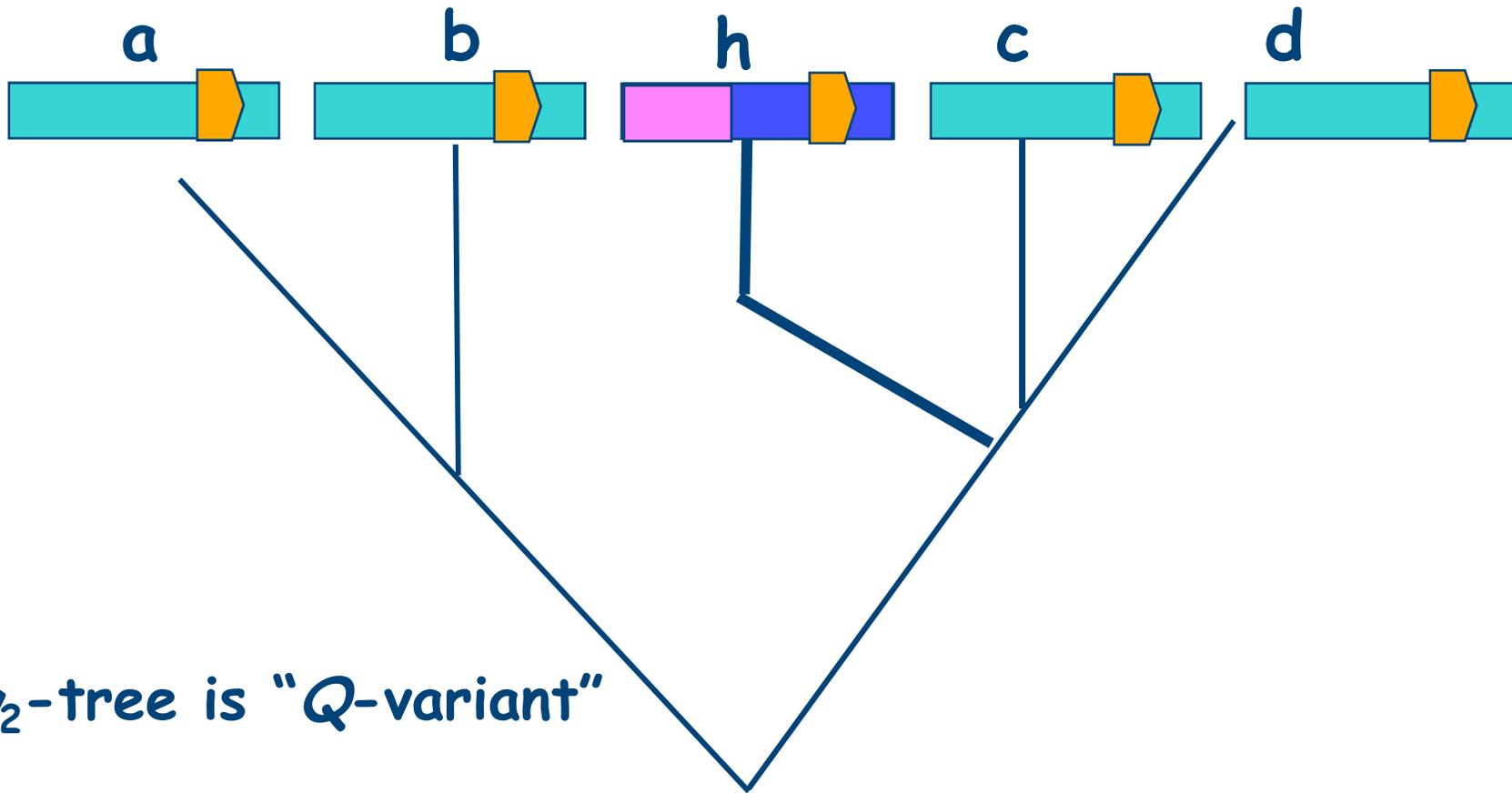
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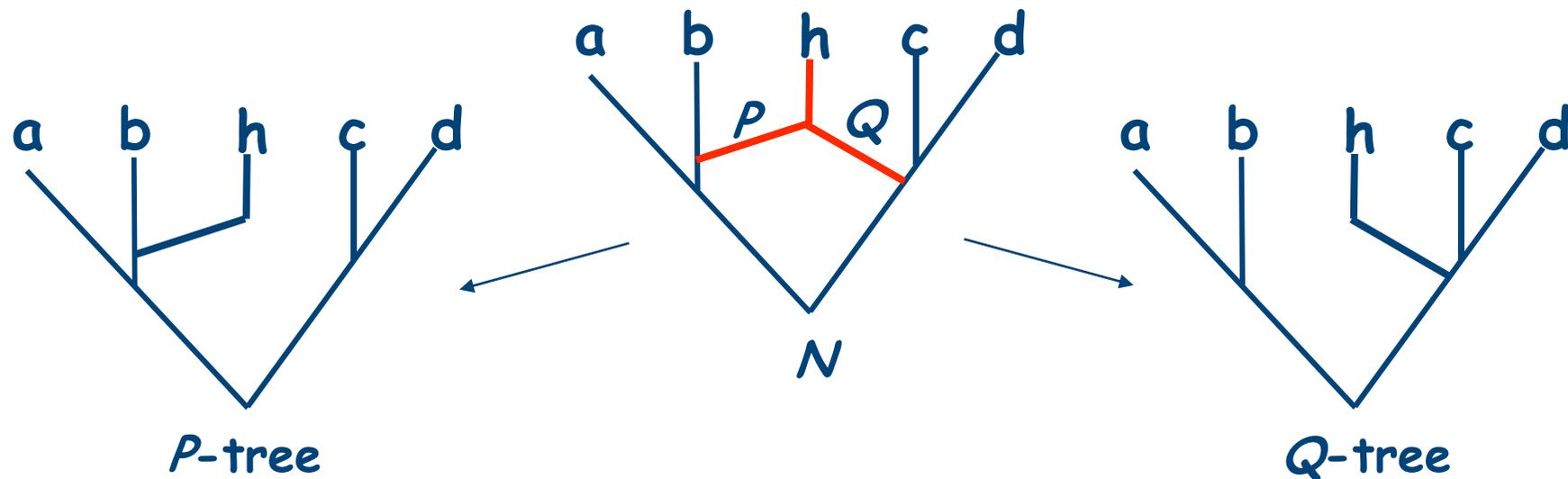


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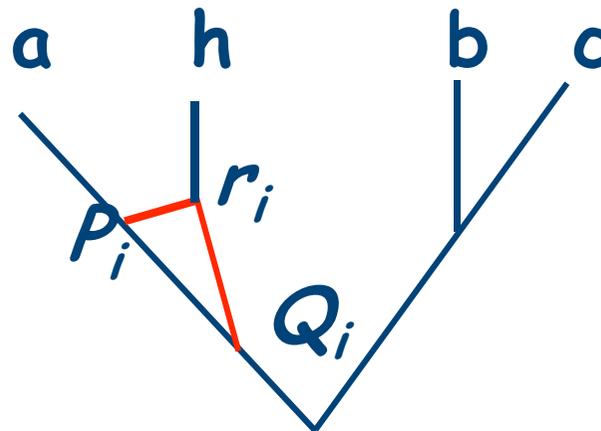
# Reticulate Networks and Trees

- The evolutionary history associated with any given gene is a **tree**
- A network  $N$  with  $k$  reticulations gives rise to  $2^k$  different gene trees



# Reticulate Networks and Trees

- Note, however that the two choices  $P_i$  and  $Q_i$  can lead to the same tree topology:



- Here, both induced trees are of the form:  $((a, h), (b, c))$ .

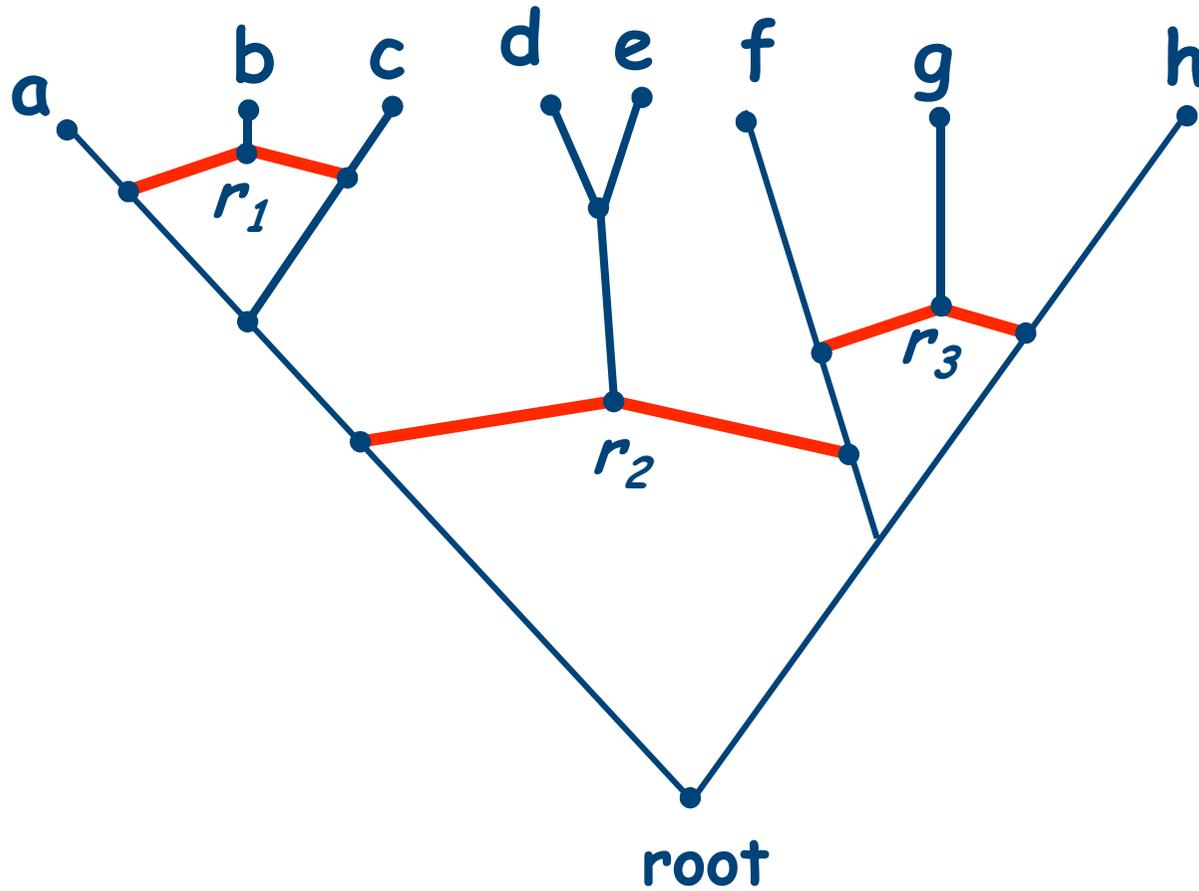
# Rooted Reticulate Network

**Definition** Let  $X$  be a set of taxa. A rooted *reticulate network*  $N$  on  $X$  is a connected, directed acyclic graph with:

- precisely one node of indegree 0, the *root*,
- all other nodes are *tree nodes* of indegree 1, or *reticulation nodes* of indegree 2,
- every edge is a *tree edge* joining two tree nodes, or a *reticulation edge* from a tree node to a reticulation node, and
- the set of leaves consists of tree nodes and is labeled by  $X$ .



# Rooted Reticulate Network



# Reconstruction of Reticulate Networks

- Given a set of trees  $\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, \dots, T_m\}$ , want to determine the reticulate network  $N$  from which the trees were sampled with  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(N)$ .
- This form of the problem is not always solvable, e.g. if some of the  $2^k$  possible trees are missing.
- Thus we consider the following:

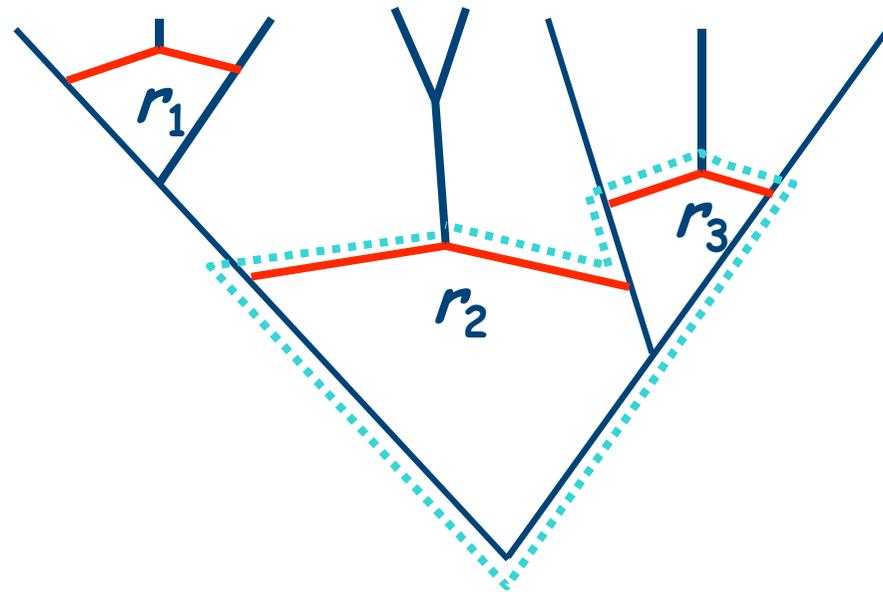
# Reconstruction of Reticulate Networks

**Most Parsimonious Network Problem:** Given a set of trees  $\mathcal{T}$ , determine a reticulate network  $N$  such that  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}(N)$  and  $N$  contains a minimum number of reticulation nodes.

- In fully generality, this is known to be a computationally hard problem.
- We now discuss a special case that can be solved efficiently.

# Independent Reticulations

- Two reticulation nodes  $r_1, r_2$  in  $N$  are *independent* of each other, if they are not contained in any common simple cycle.



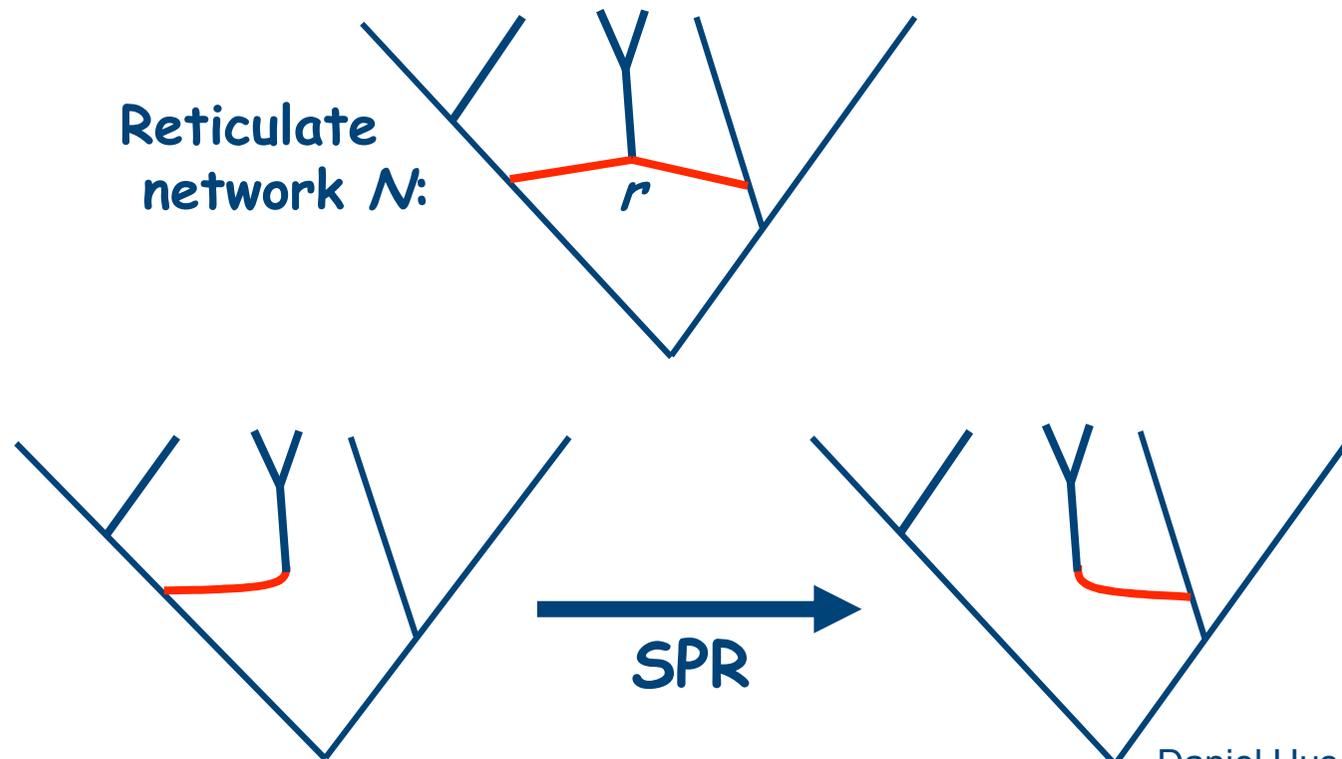
- Here,  $r_1$  is independent of  $r_2$  and  $r_3$ , whereas  $r_2$  and  $r_3$  are not independent of each other, as the highlighted cycle shows.

# Galled Trees

- A reticulation that is independent of all others is also called a *gall*.
- A network  $N$  in which all reticulations are galls is also called a *galled tree*.  
(Gusfield, 2003-2005)

# SPR's & Independent Reticulations

**Observation:** If  $N$  contains only a single reticulation  $r$ , then it corresponds to a "sub-tree prune and regraft" operation:



# SPR-Based Algorithm

- Given two bifurcating trees, compute their SPR distance
  - If the distance is 0, return the tree
  - If the distance is 1, return a network
  - Else, return fail
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- This approach has been generalized to networks with multiple independent reticulations

# Challenge

- Unfortunately, on real data, such algorithms will often return „fail“.
- **Please note:** All current approaches aim at solving a combinatorial puzzle:

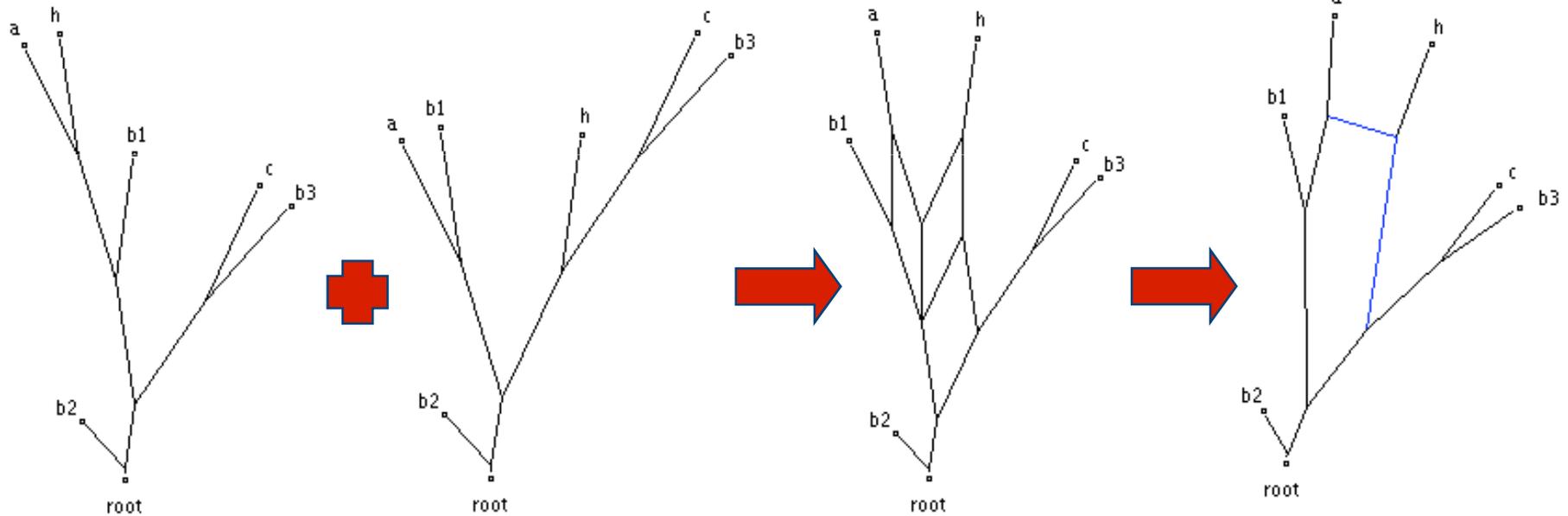
Does there exist a network that induces the given set of trees?

(Below: ... that induces the given alignment of binary sequences?)

- A main challenge is to produce useful output in the case of imperfect data.

# Splits-Based Approach

The splits-based approach:



gene tree1

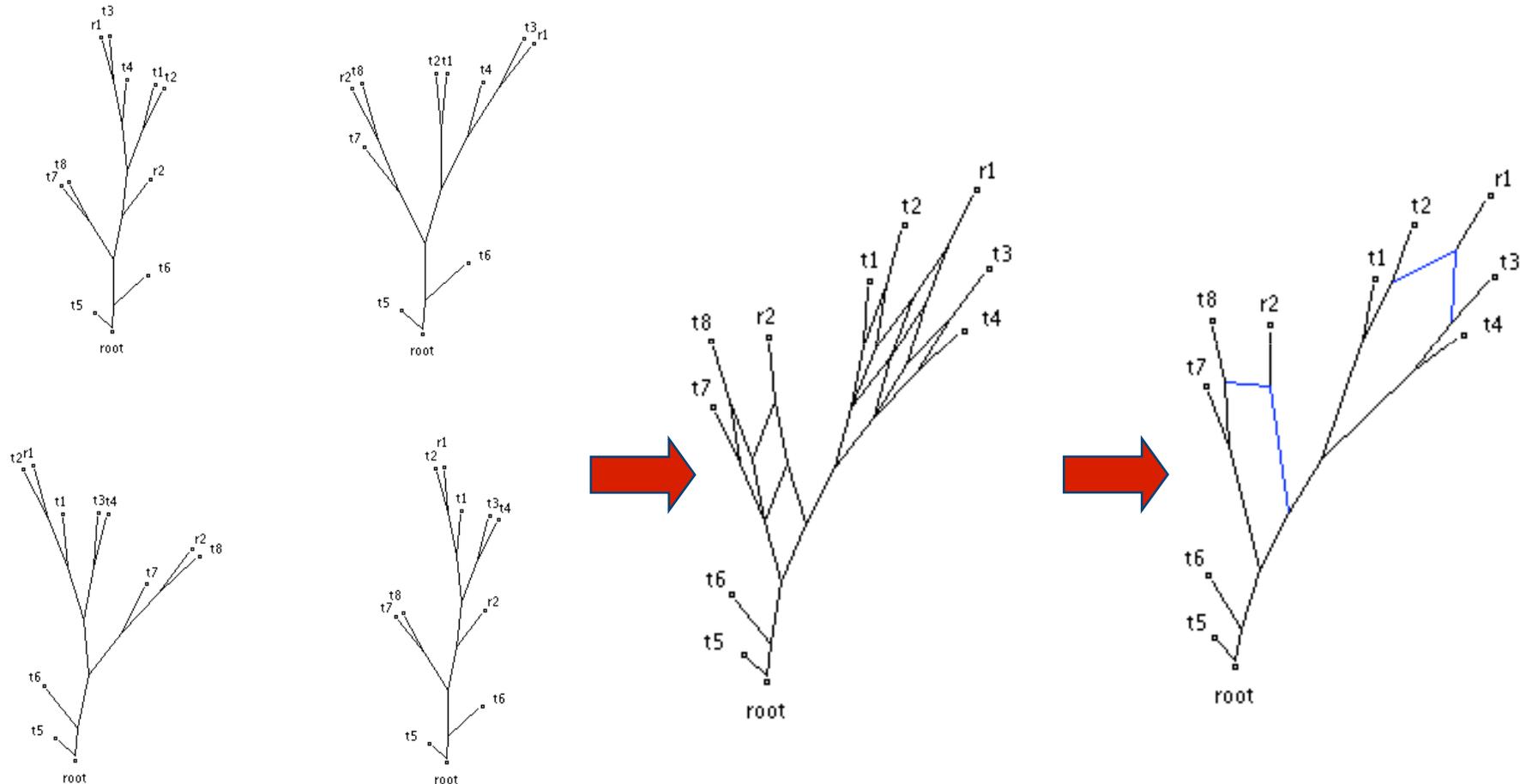
gene tree2

split network  
of all splits

reticulate  
network

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# Multiple Independent Reticulations



Two reticulations  $\Rightarrow$   
four different gene trees

all splits

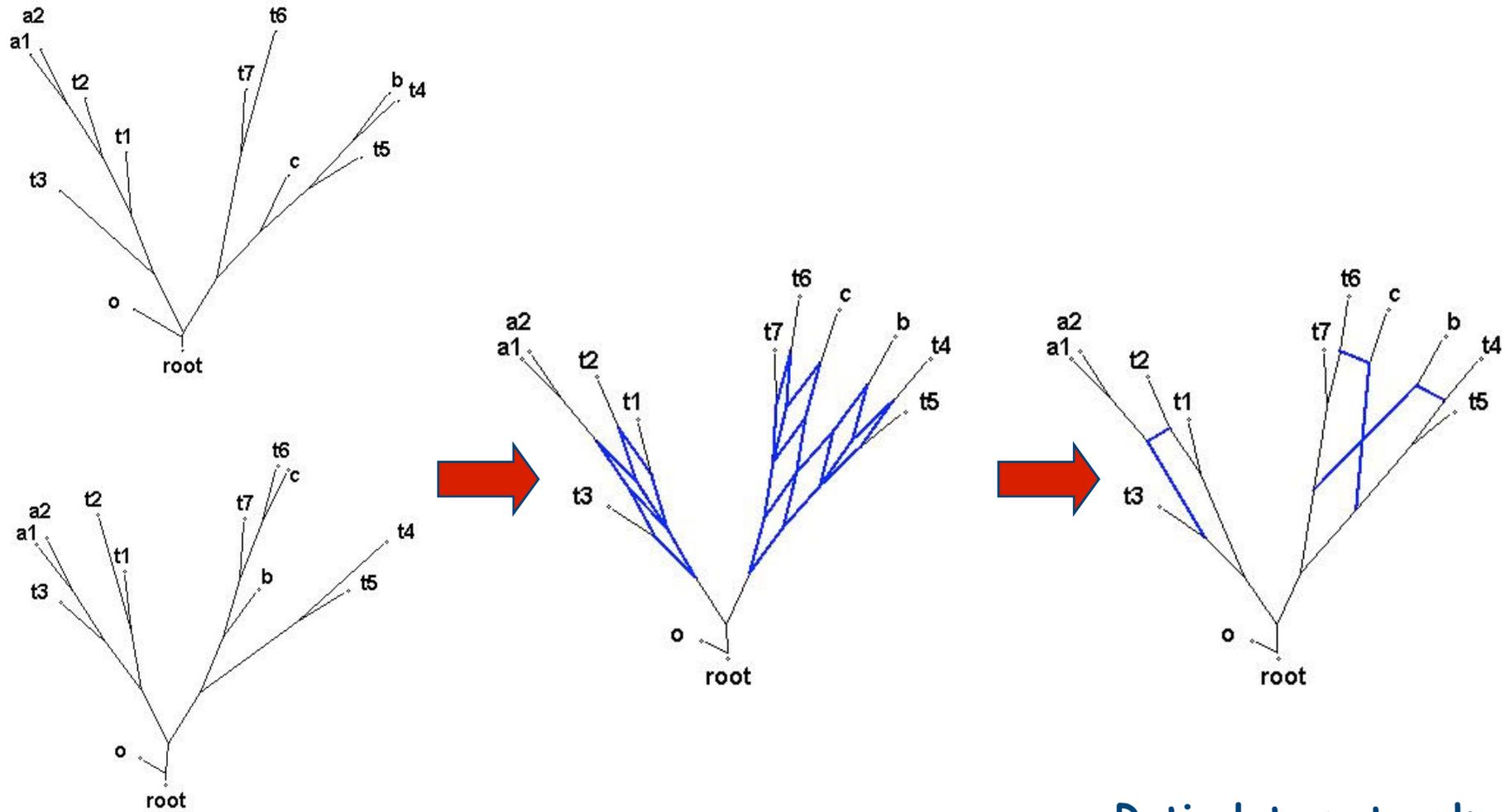
Reticulate network  
that induces all  
input trees

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# Overlapping Reticulations

- Current splits-based methods can resolve components in which the reticulation cycles overlap along a common tree:

# Multiple and Overlapping Reticulations



Input trees

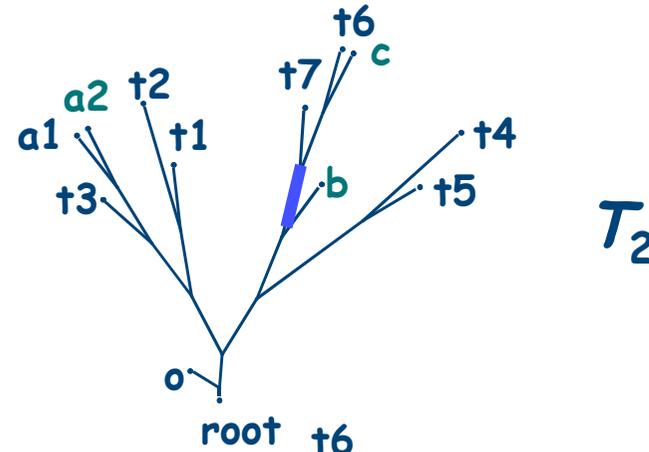
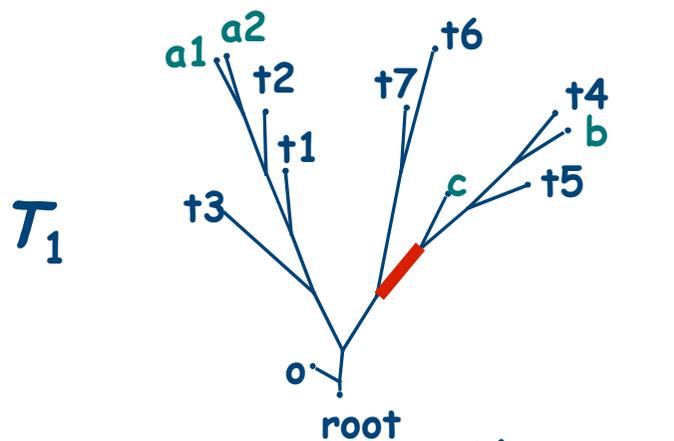
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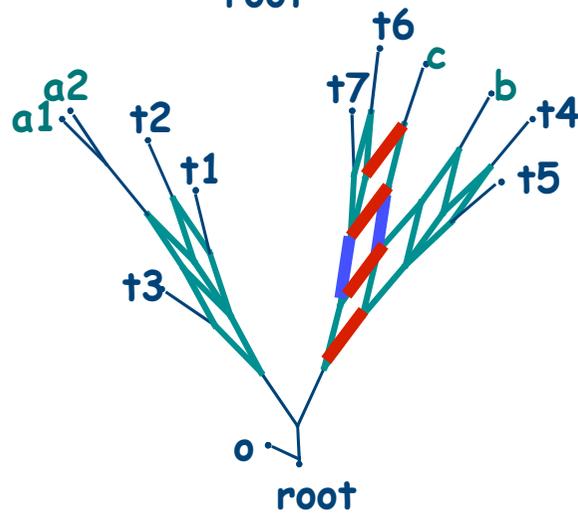
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# Reticulate Networks & Split Networks

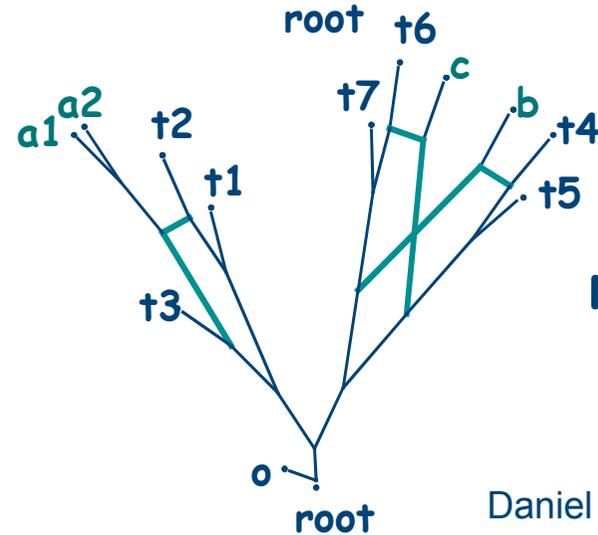
- There is a nice relationship between a reticulate network  $N$  and the network of all splits of trees sampled from  $N$ :



Rooted split network



Rooted reticulate network



# Decomposition Conjecture

- There exists a one-to-one correspondence between:
  - the connected components of the "incompatibility graph",
  - the "netted regions" of the split network and
  - the "tangles" of dependent reticulations of a "minimal" reticulate network
- Not true in general (Yun Song, unpublished)

# Splits-Based Algorithm

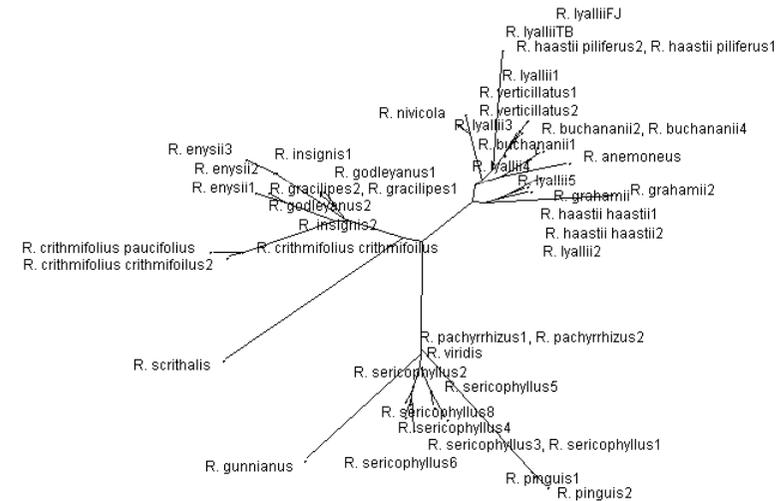
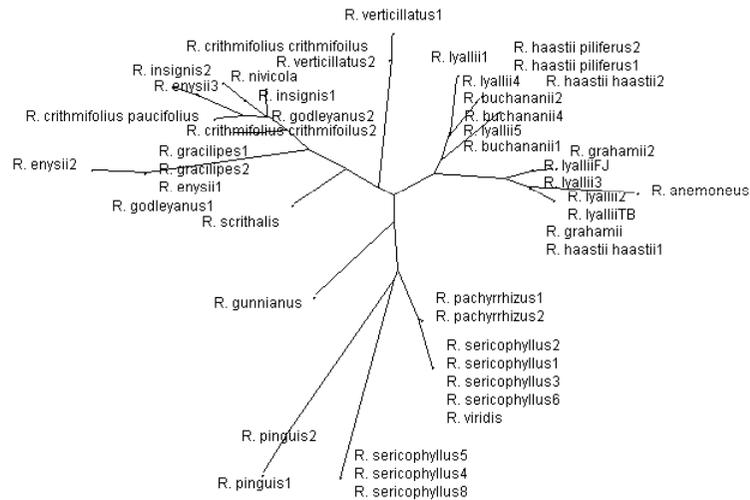
This leads to the following approach:

- Determine the set of all input splits
- Determine the connected components of the incompatibility graph or split network
- Analyze each component  $\mathcal{C}$  separately:
  - If  $\mathcal{C}$  can be explained by a reticulate network  $N(\mathcal{C})$ , then locally replace  $\mathcal{C}$  by  $N(\mathcal{C})$



# Application to Real Data

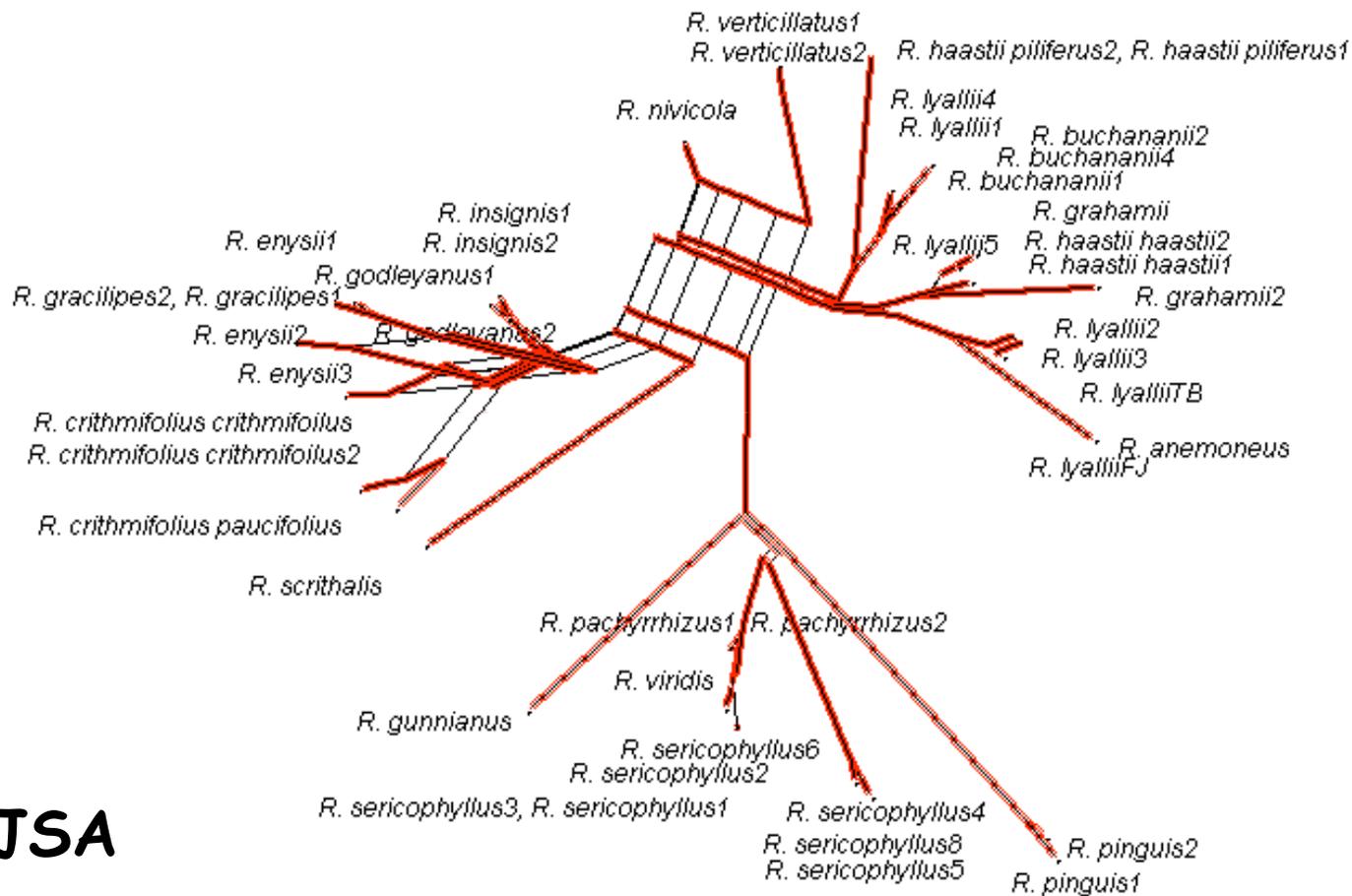
## New Zealand *Ranunculus* (buttercup) species



JSA region in chloroplast

ITS region in nuclear genome

# Application to Real Data



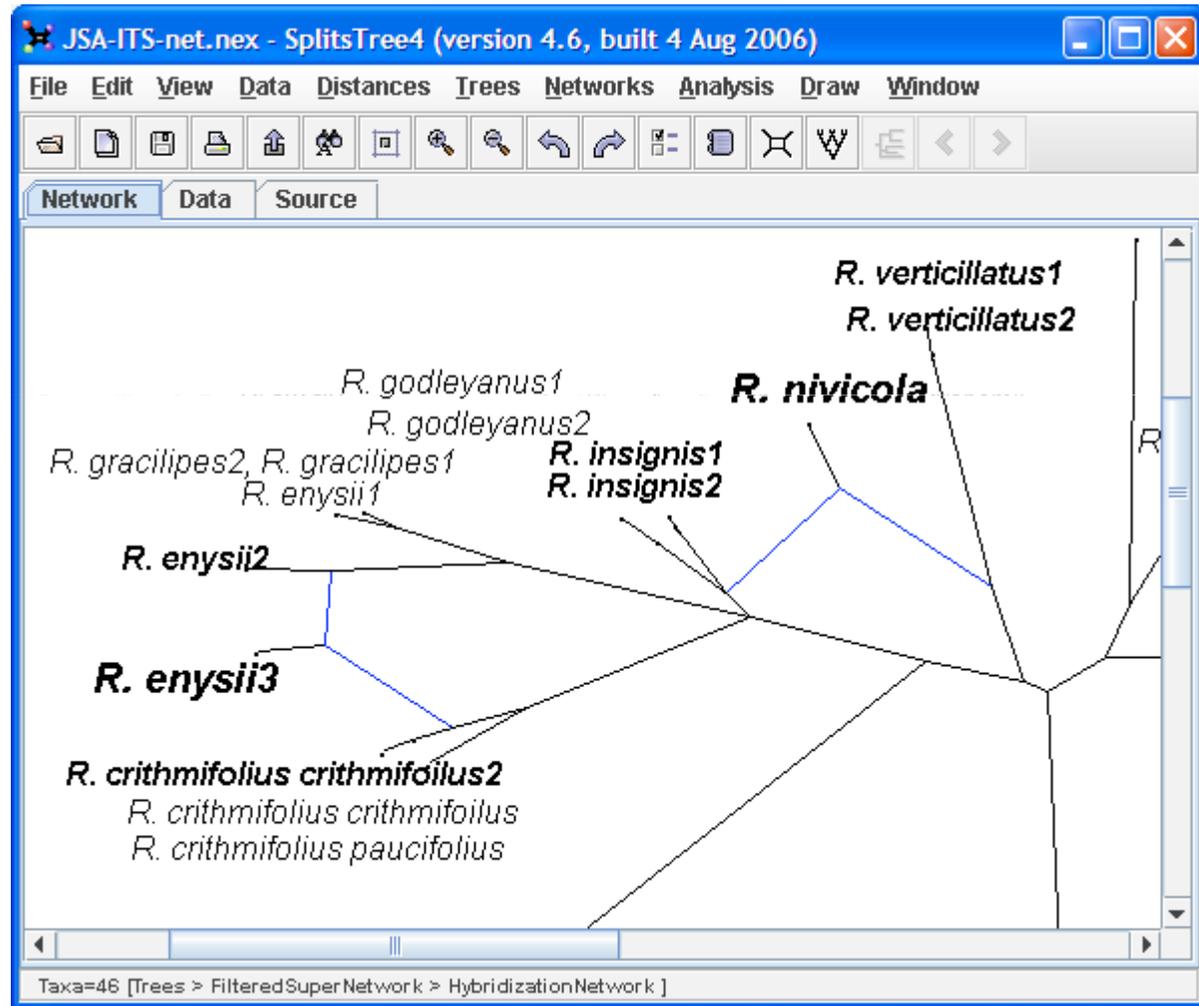
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Split network representing both trees simultaneously

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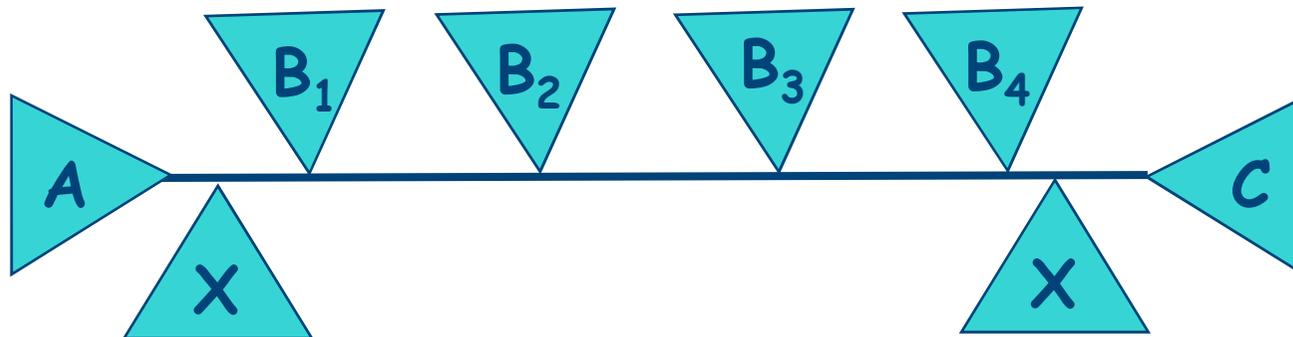
# Application to Real Data

- Split network for ITS & JSA trees
- „Filter splits“
- Hybridization network
- Two cases of hybridization



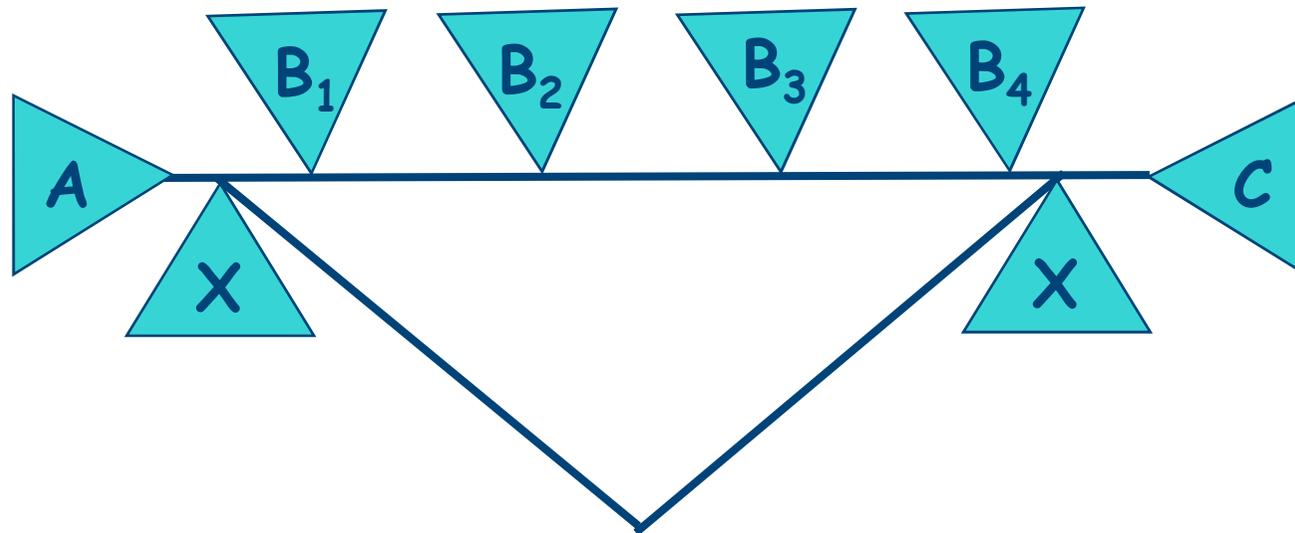
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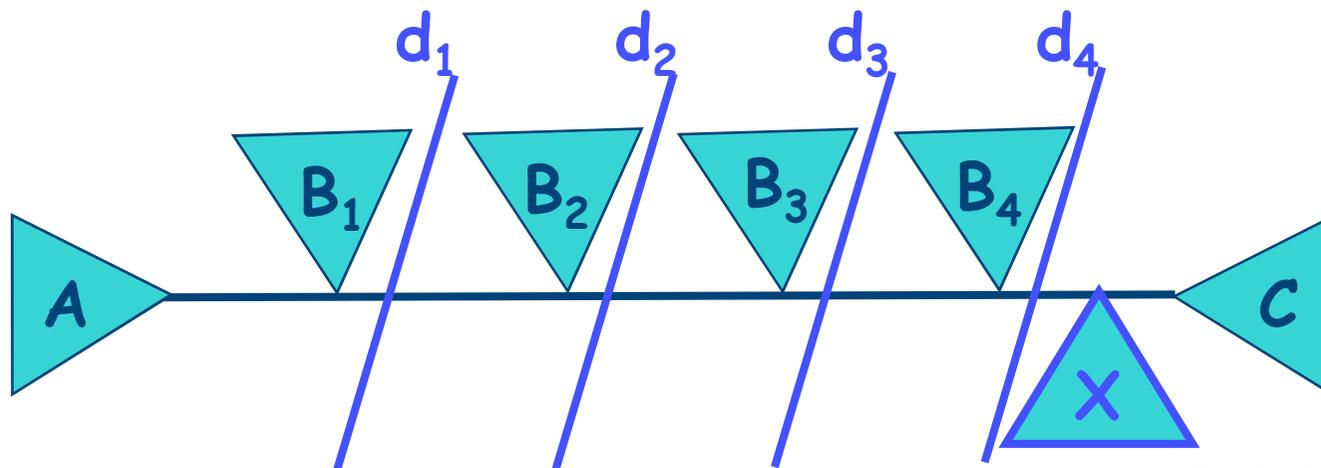
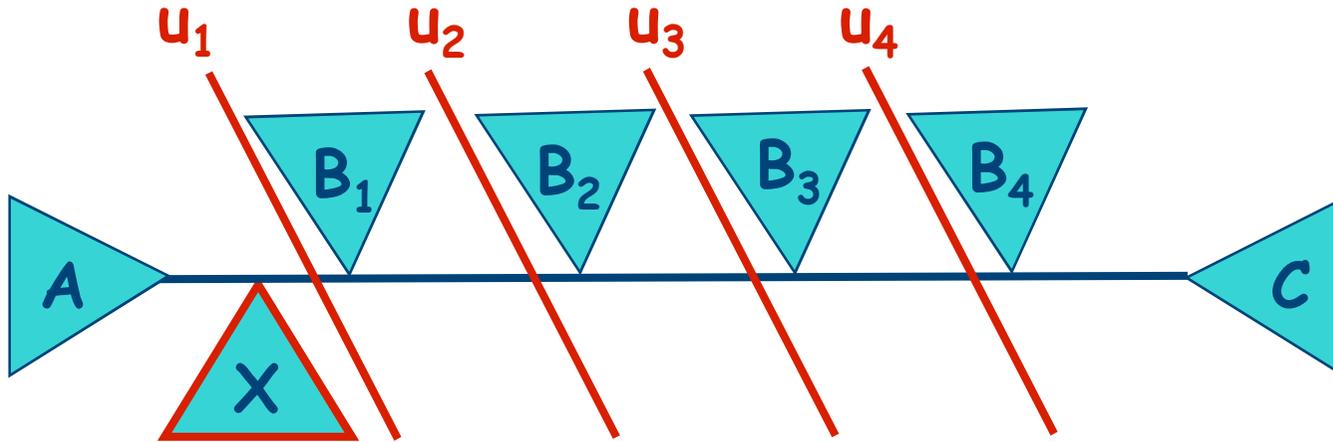


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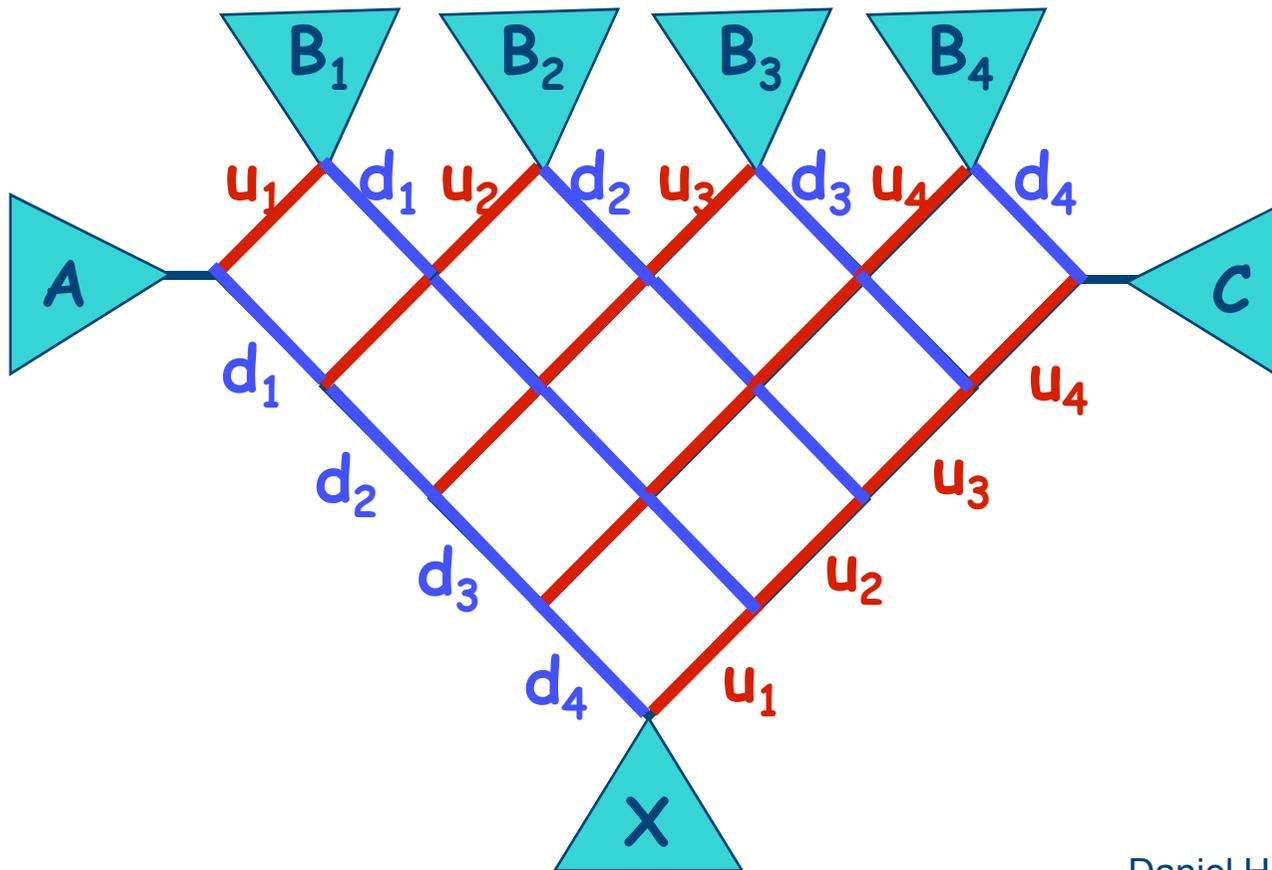


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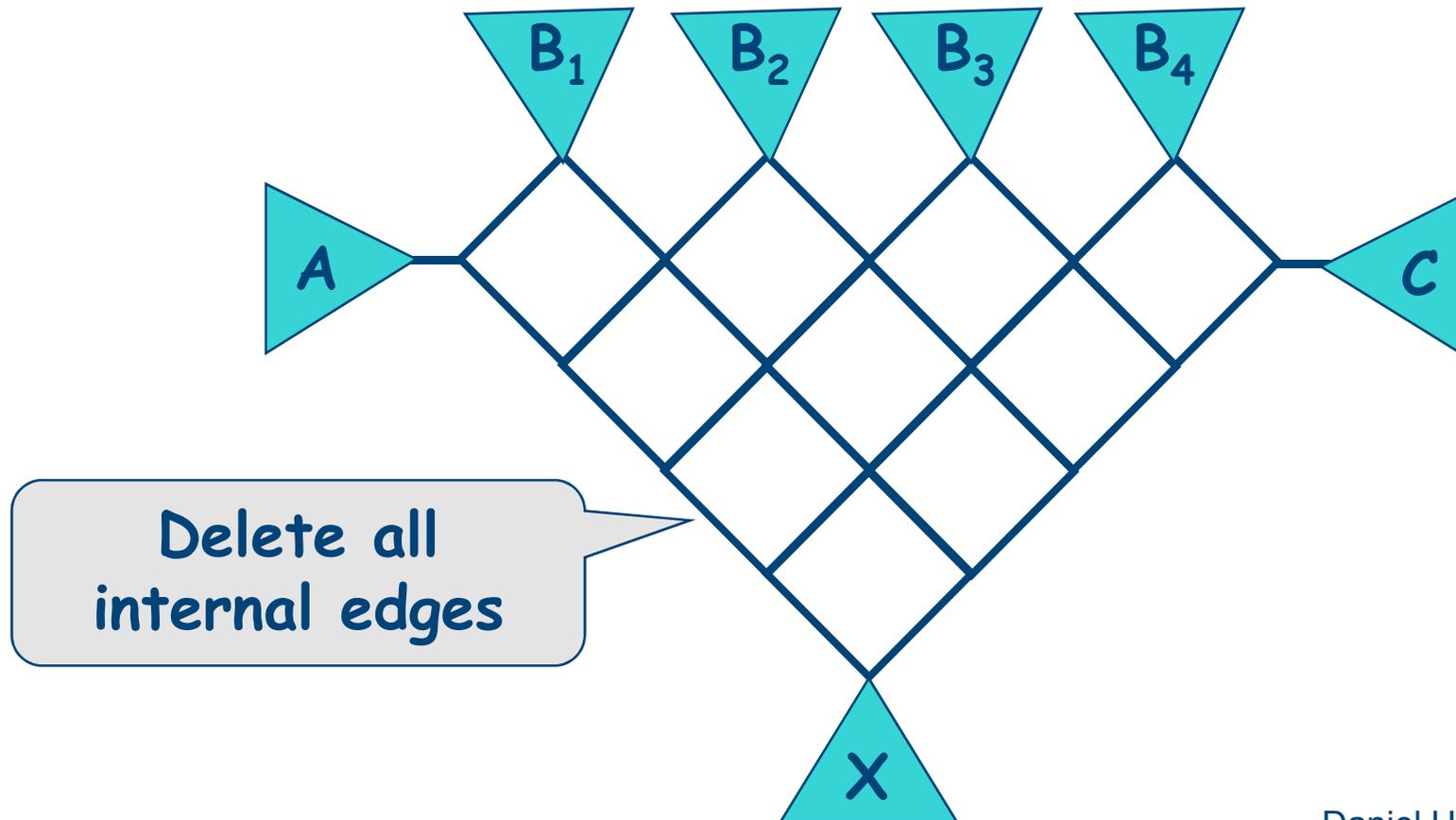
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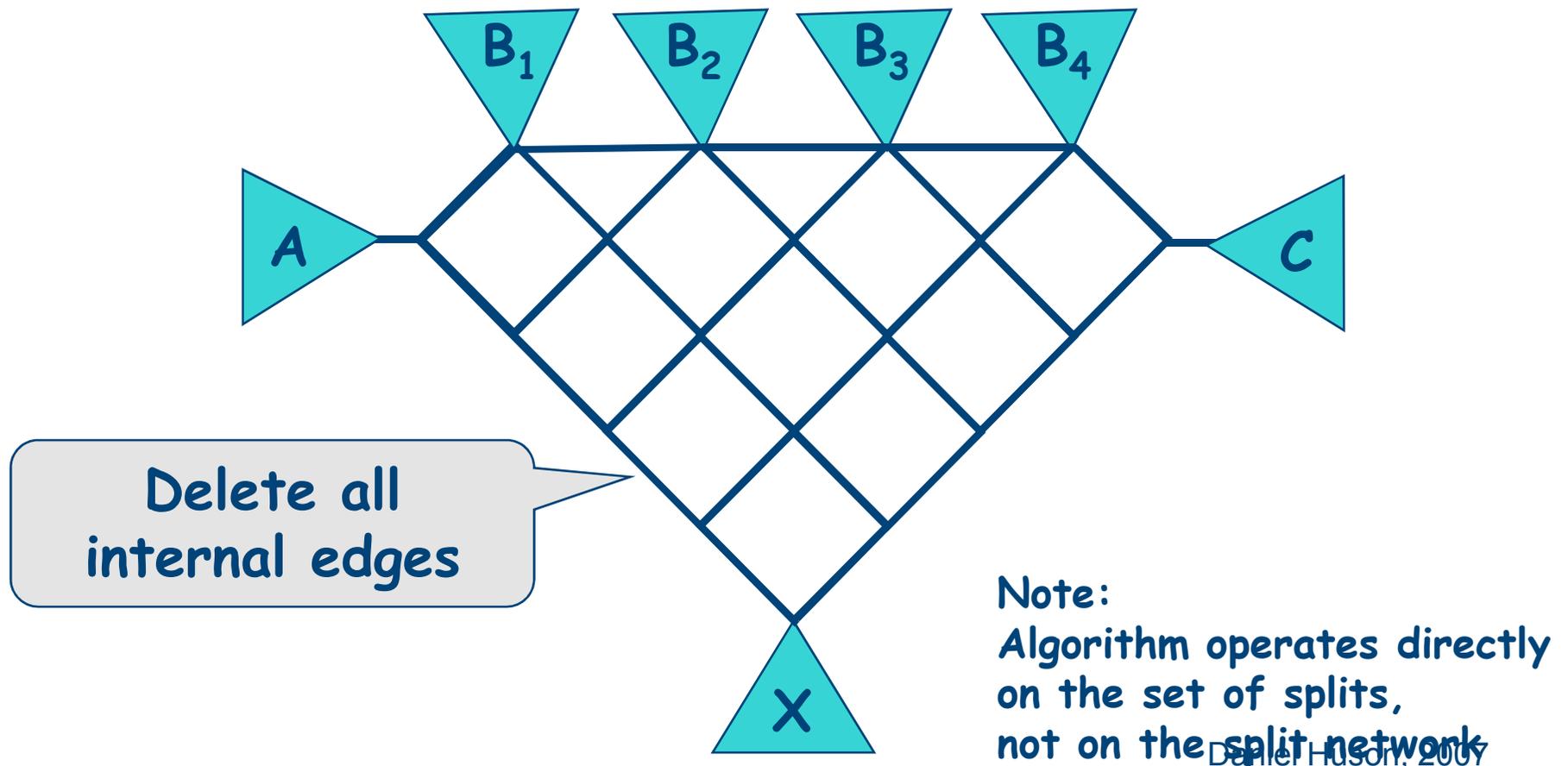
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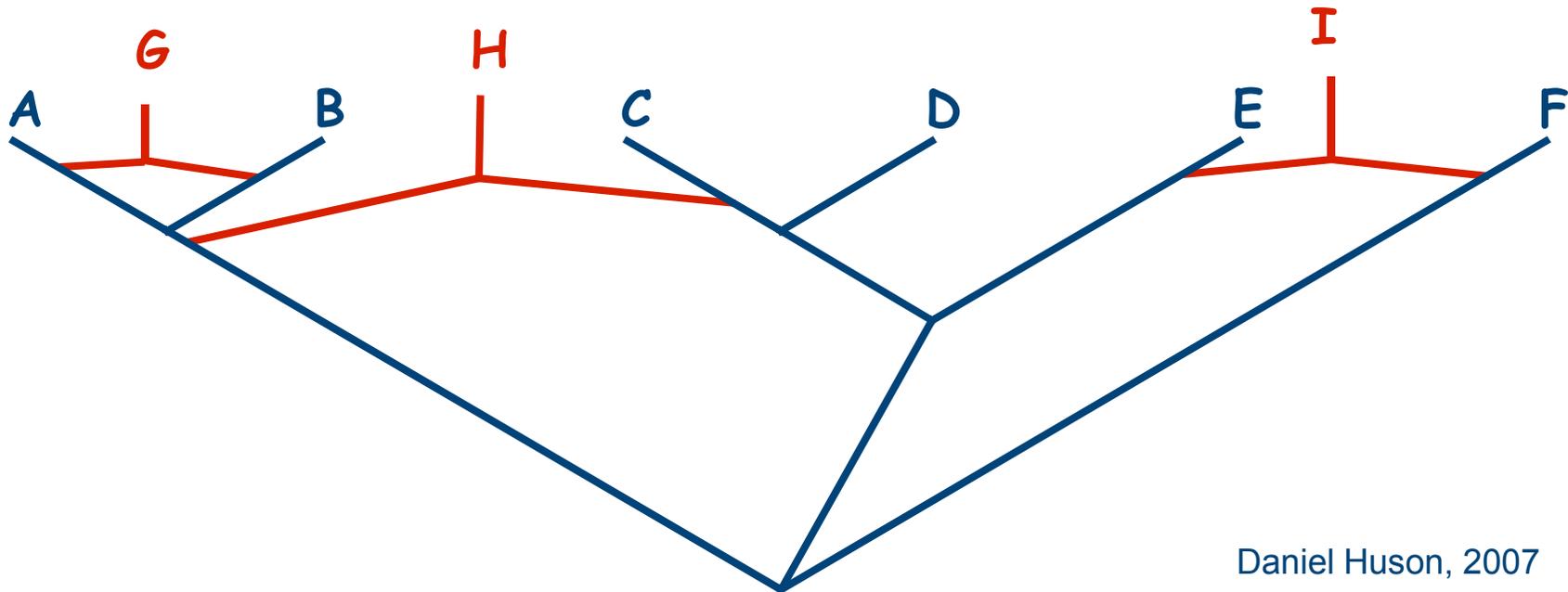
The associated split network & the reticulate network



# Algorithm for Overlapping Reticulations

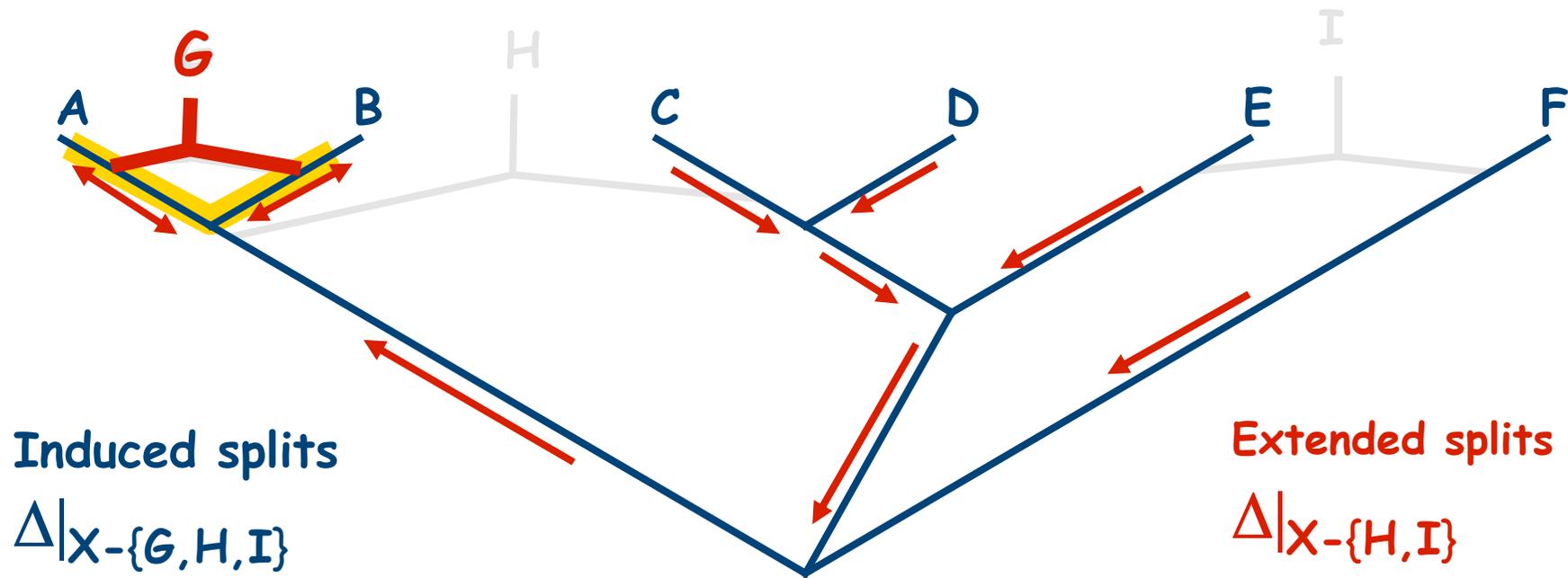
Input:

- Set of splits  $\Delta$  on  $X=\{A,B,\dots,I\}$  that comes from a network, either via trees or binary sequences, e.g.:



# Computing A Reticulate Network

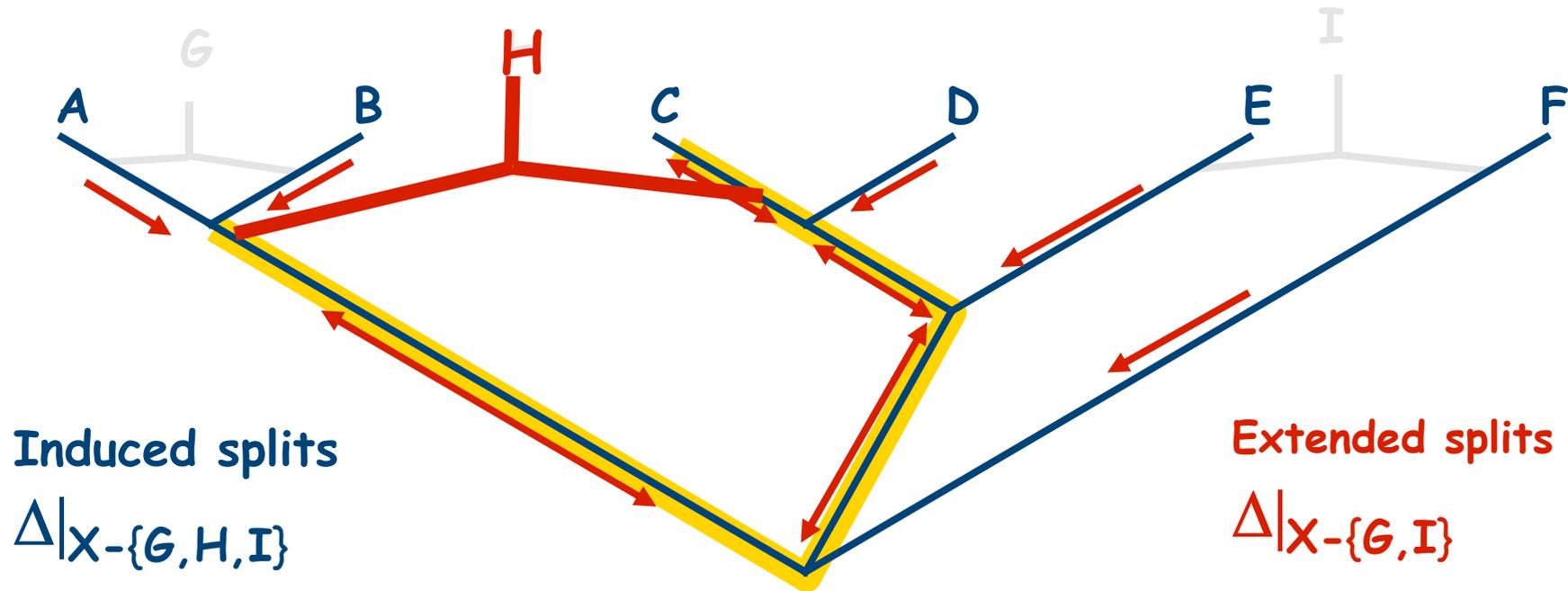
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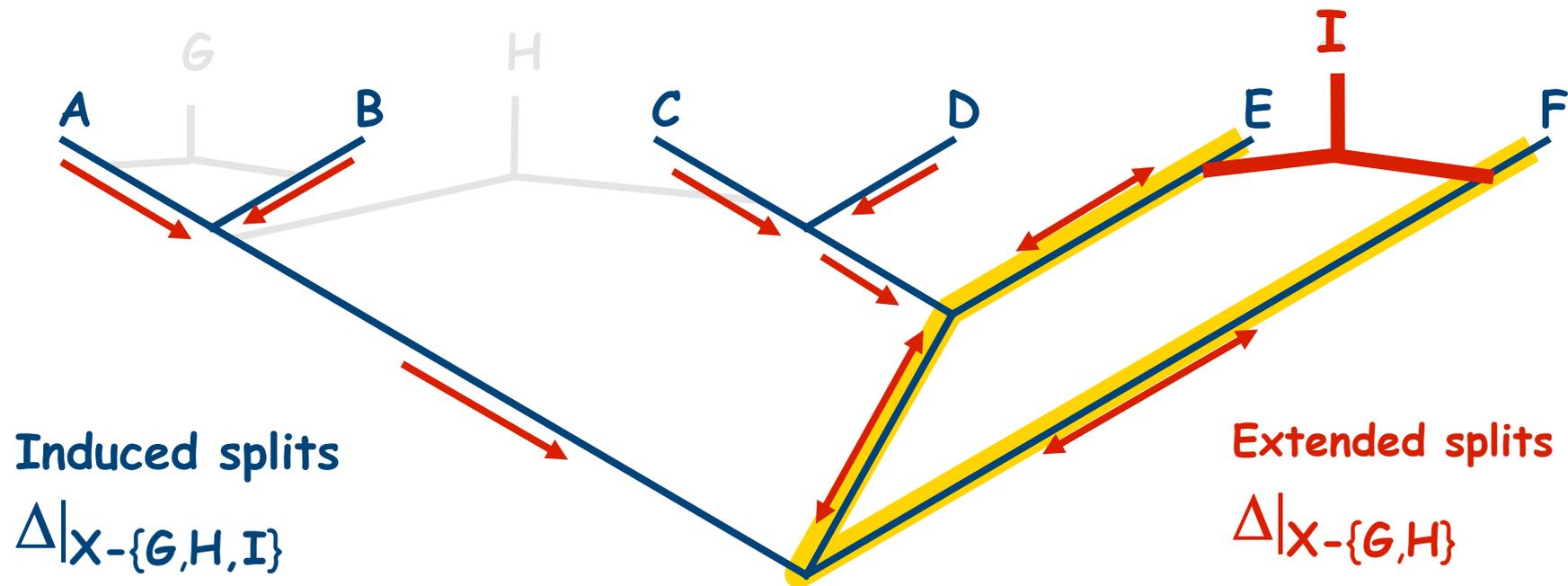
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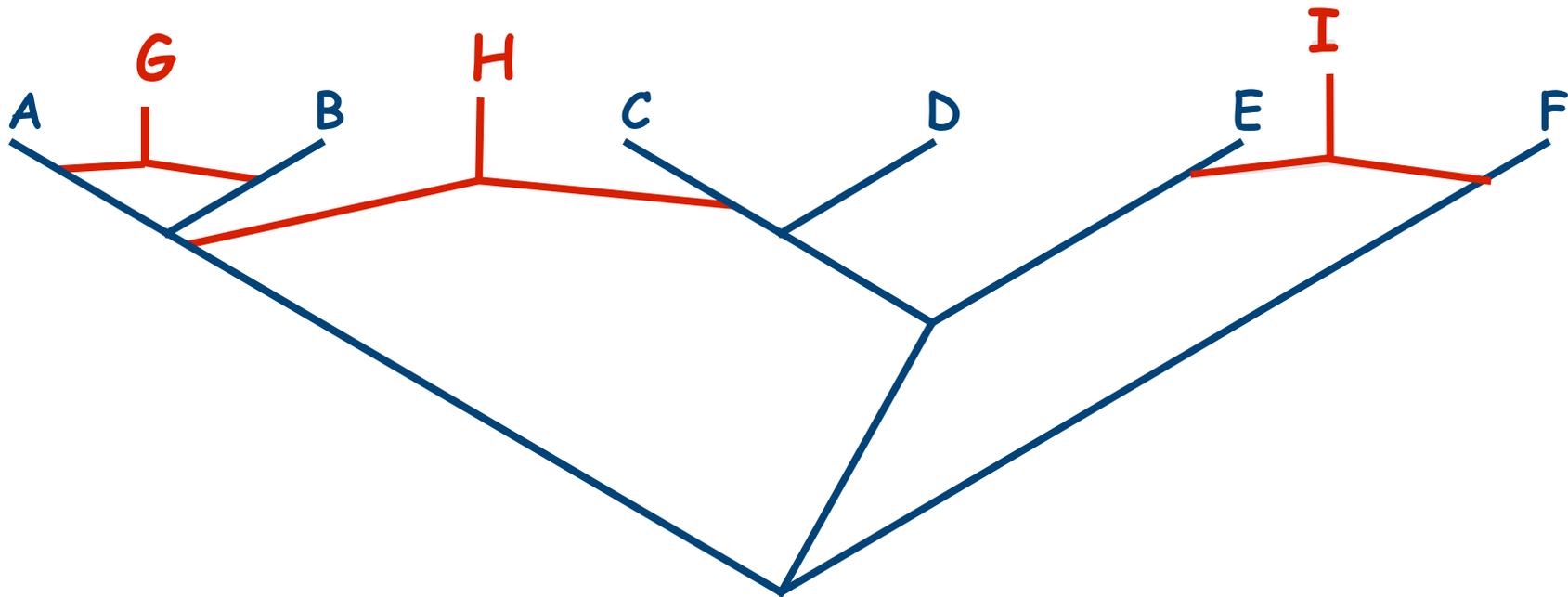
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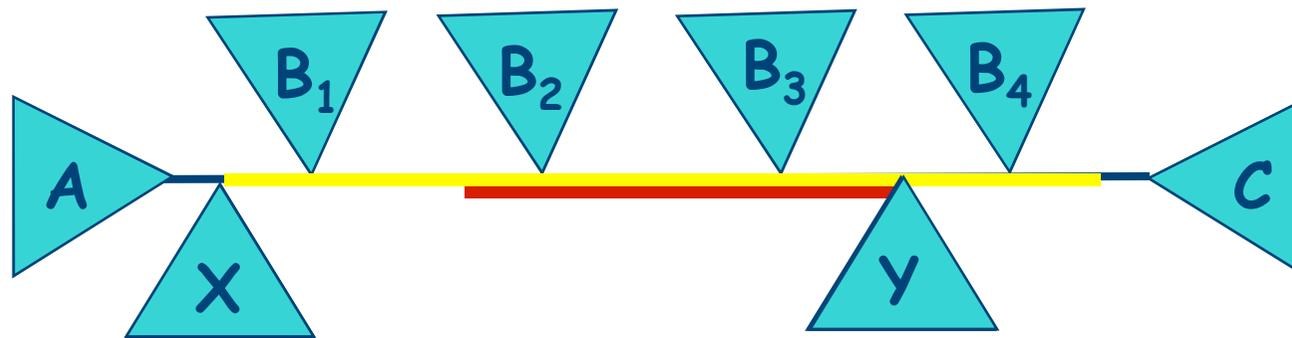
# Algorithm For Overlapping Reticulations

Input: Set of splits  $\Delta$  on  $X$ , parameter  $k$

- In increasing order of size  $\leq k$ :
- Consider a set of taxa  $R \subset X$
- If  $\Delta|_{X-R}$  is compatible:
- Attempt to attach each  $r \in R$  to  $T(\Delta|_{X-R})$
- If successful, construct network  $N$
- If  $\Delta \subseteq \Sigma(N)$ , return  $N$
- Return fail

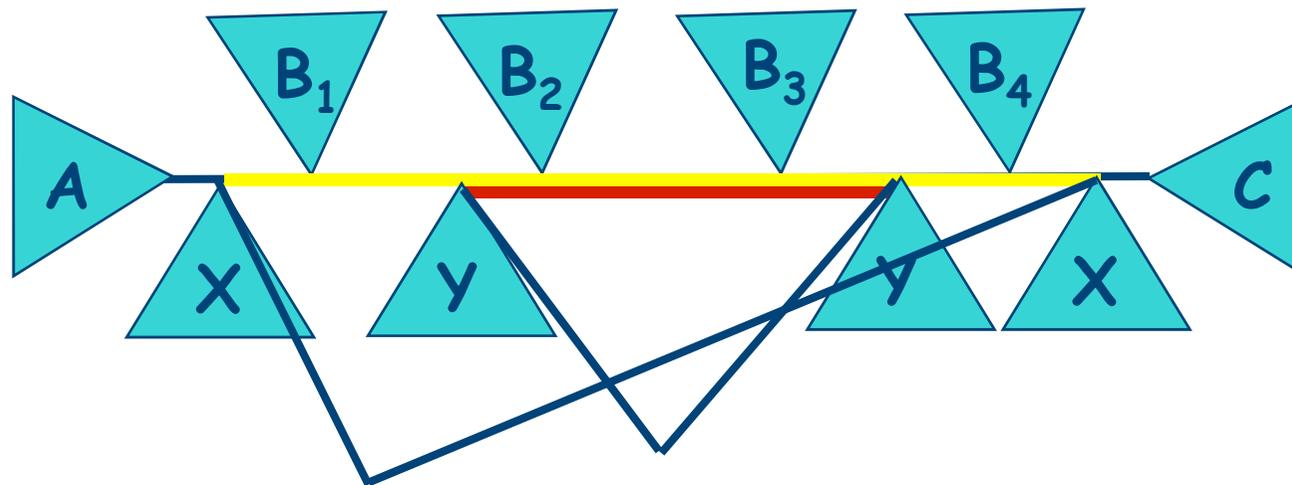
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# Software

- **SplitsTree4** contains an implementation of the splits-based algorithm that can handle overlapping reticulations.
- In a program **SPNet** is described for galled trees, but it is not available for download.

# Part IV

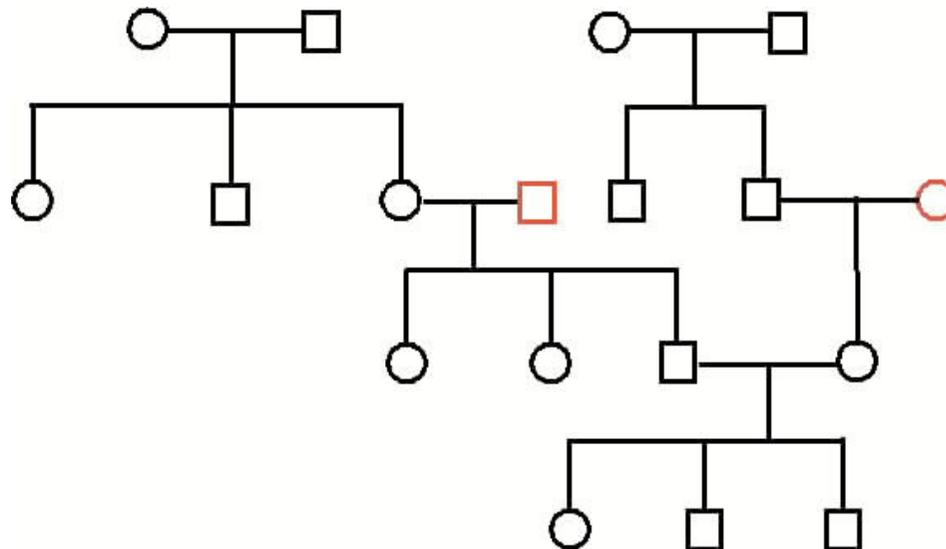
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- 4. Recombination networks**
5. Other

# Overview

- Consider an alignment of binary sequences that have evolved under a model of mutation-, speciation- and recombination events
- We will look at the problem of reconstructing the underlying reticulate network
- Software

# Recombination

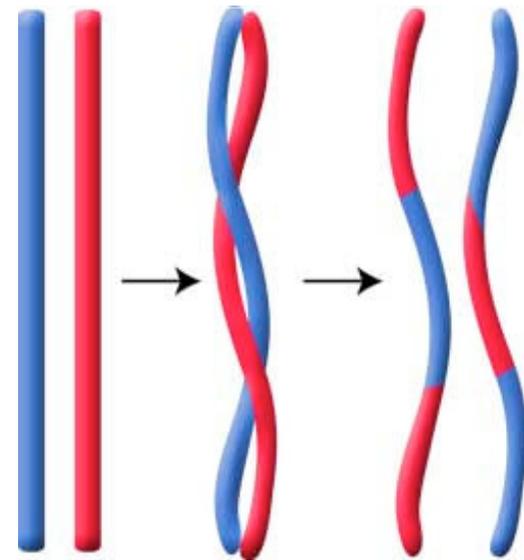
- (Sexual) recombination is studied in population genetics and there *ancestor recombination graphs* (ARGs) are used for statistical purposes.



# Chromosomal Recombination

- We will study the *combinatorial* aspects of chromosomal (meiotic) recombination and thus consider *recombination networks* rather than ARGs.

- Simplifying assumptions:
  - all sequences have a common ancestor, and
  - any position can mutate at most once.





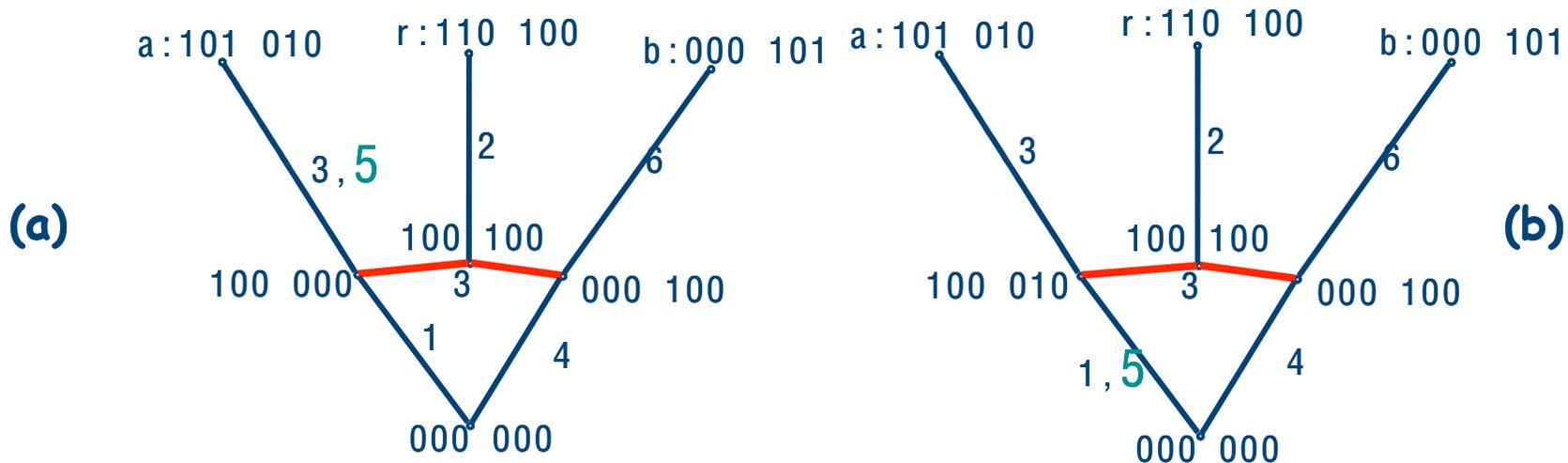
# Recombination Network

For an alignment  $A$  of binary sequences of length  $n$ , a *recombination network*  $R$  is a reticulate network  $N$ , together with:

- a labeling of all nodes by binary sequences of length  $n$ , such that the leaves of  $R$  are labeled by  $A$ ,
- a labeling of each tree edge  $e$  by the positions that mutate along  $e$ , and
- a labeling of each reticulation node  $r$  determining the recombination at  $r$ .

# Non-Uniqueness of Mutations

- The placement of mutations on edges is not uniquely defined. Here, the mutation at position 5 can happen along two different edges:



- Current algorithms place such ambiguous mutations *outside* of the reticulation cycle, as in (a).

# Recombination Network

Tree-based approach for computing galled trees:

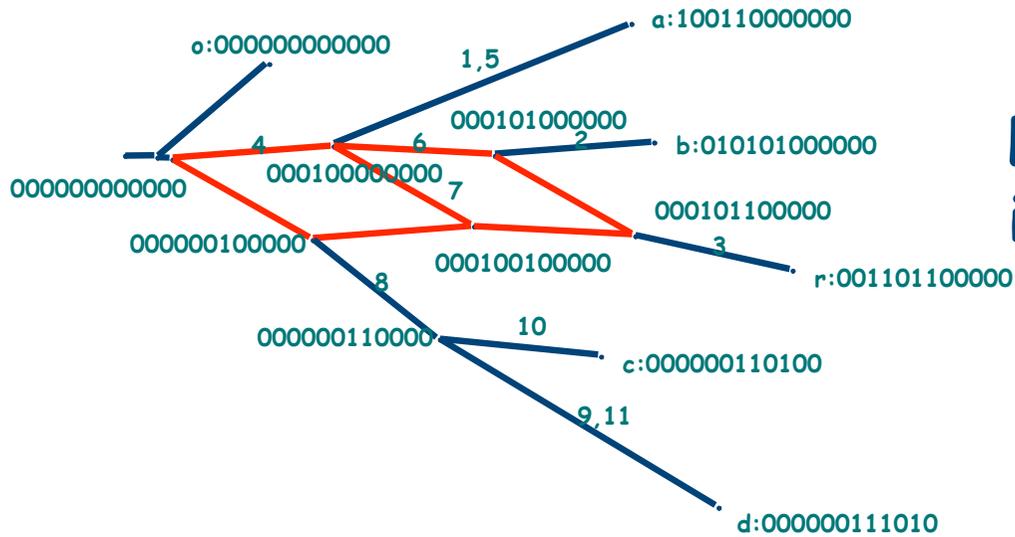
- Determine the components of the incompatibility graph
- For each component:
  - Determine restricted dataset
  - Determine whether removing one taxon produces a perfect phylogeny
  - If so, arrange taxa in gall
  - Return description of network

# Recombination Network

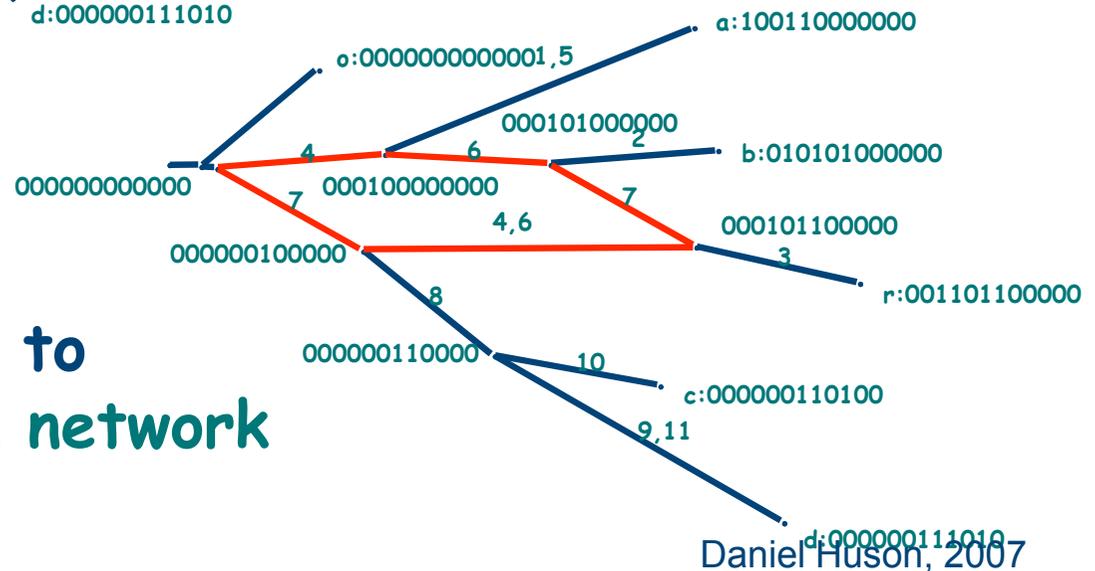
**Splits-based approach for computing overlapping networks:**

- Determine a reticulate network as described earlier.
- Compute the labeling of nodes and edges.

# Computing a Labelling



Labelling of split network is easy to compute



Copy labelling to recombination network

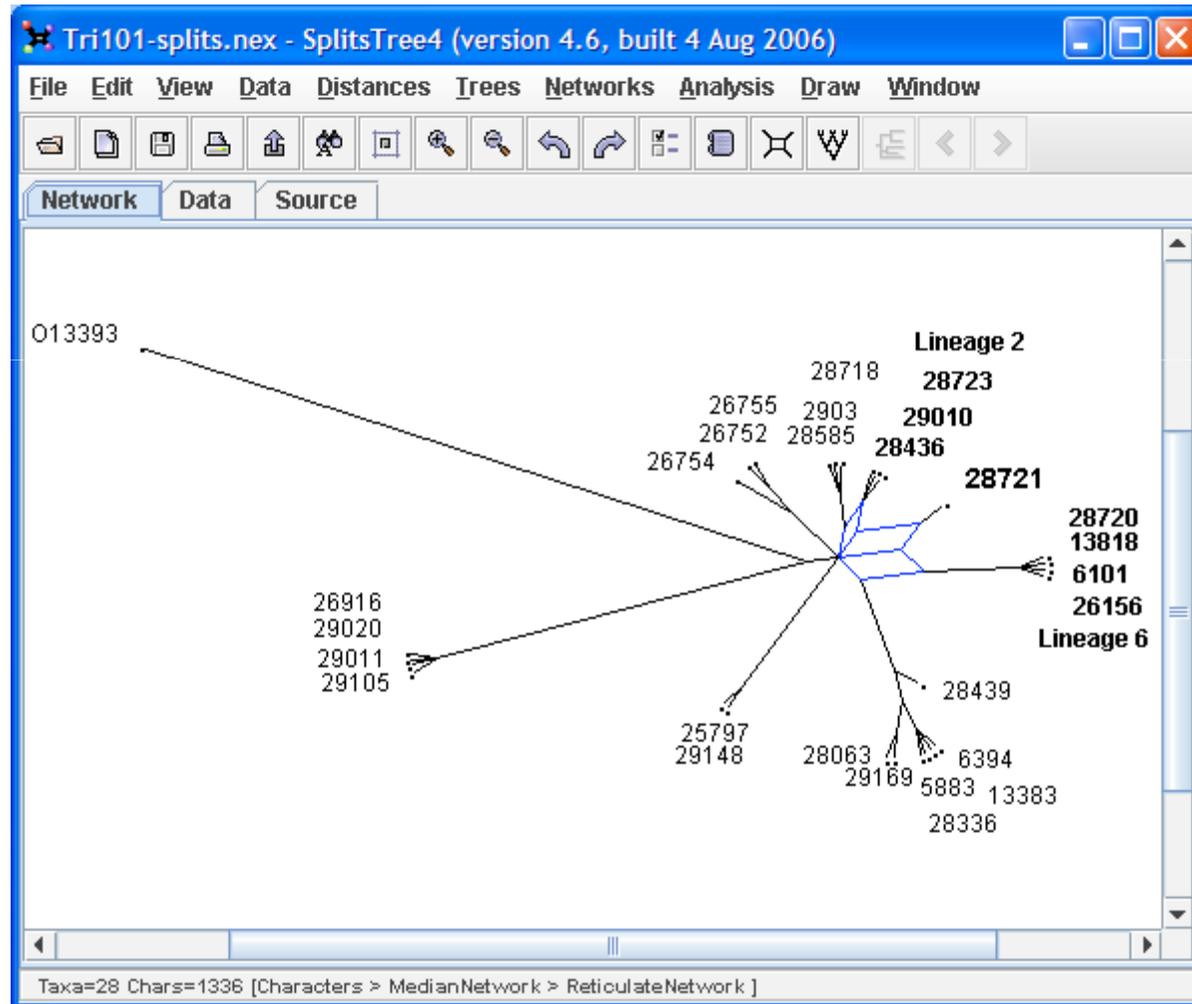


# Example 1, Data

- *Fungus fusarium*, 37 strains reported in (K.O'Donnell *et al.*, 2000)
- Locus TRI101 known to undergone intragenic recombination

Strain	Non-constant positions of alignment
28436	gaccatcacgatgtgggtgggctcctgaaccccccaactactttcagacccacctggttgtggcg
28723	.....
29010	.....
2903	...g....c.....
28585	...g....c.....
28718	...g....c.....
25797	t.t....t.c...a.....t.a.....
29148	t.t....t.c...a.....t.a.....a
29020	.g..g....c.....tt...a.....c.tt...tt..t...a.ca..
26916	.g..g....c.....tt...a.....c.tt...tt..t...a.ca..
29011	.g..g....c.....tt...a.....c.tt...tt..t...a.ca..
29105	.g..g....c.....tt...a.....c.tt...tt..t...a.ca..
26752	.....g..gc.....t.....t.....
26754	.....g..a.c.....t.....tc.....
26755	.....g..gc..a.....t.....t.....
6101	.....g..c....c...g.....a.....tt..c.....
13818	.....g..c....c...g.....a.....tt..c.....
26156	.....g..c....c...g.....a.....tt..c.....
28720	.....g..c....c...g.....a.....tt..c.....
28721	.....tt..c.....
5883	...t.....ca.....a.g.t...t.....t..c.....
6394	...t.....ca.....a.g.....t.....t..c.....
13383	...t.....ca.....a.g.....t...g.....t..c.....
28063	...t.....c.....a.g.....t.g.....t..c.....
28336	...t.....ca.....a.g.....t.....t..c.....
28439	.....c.....a.g.....t.....t..c.....
29169	...t.....c.....a.g.....t.g.....t..c.....
O13393	.....c.c.a.a...t.a.gg.t...g.tcggc.c..cggt.c.t...c.c.a.

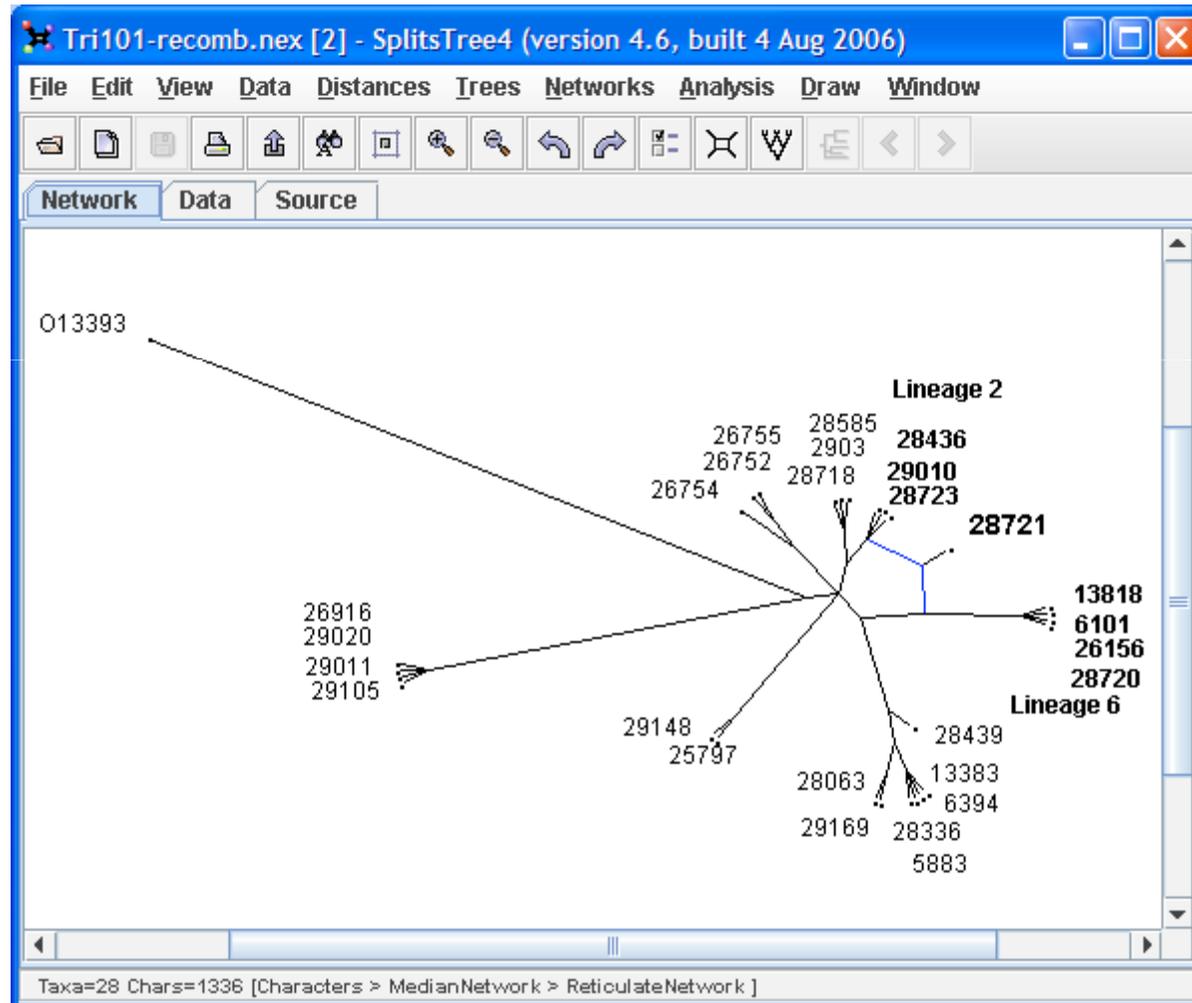
# Example 1, Split Network



Implicit network

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# Example 1, Recombination Network



Explicit network

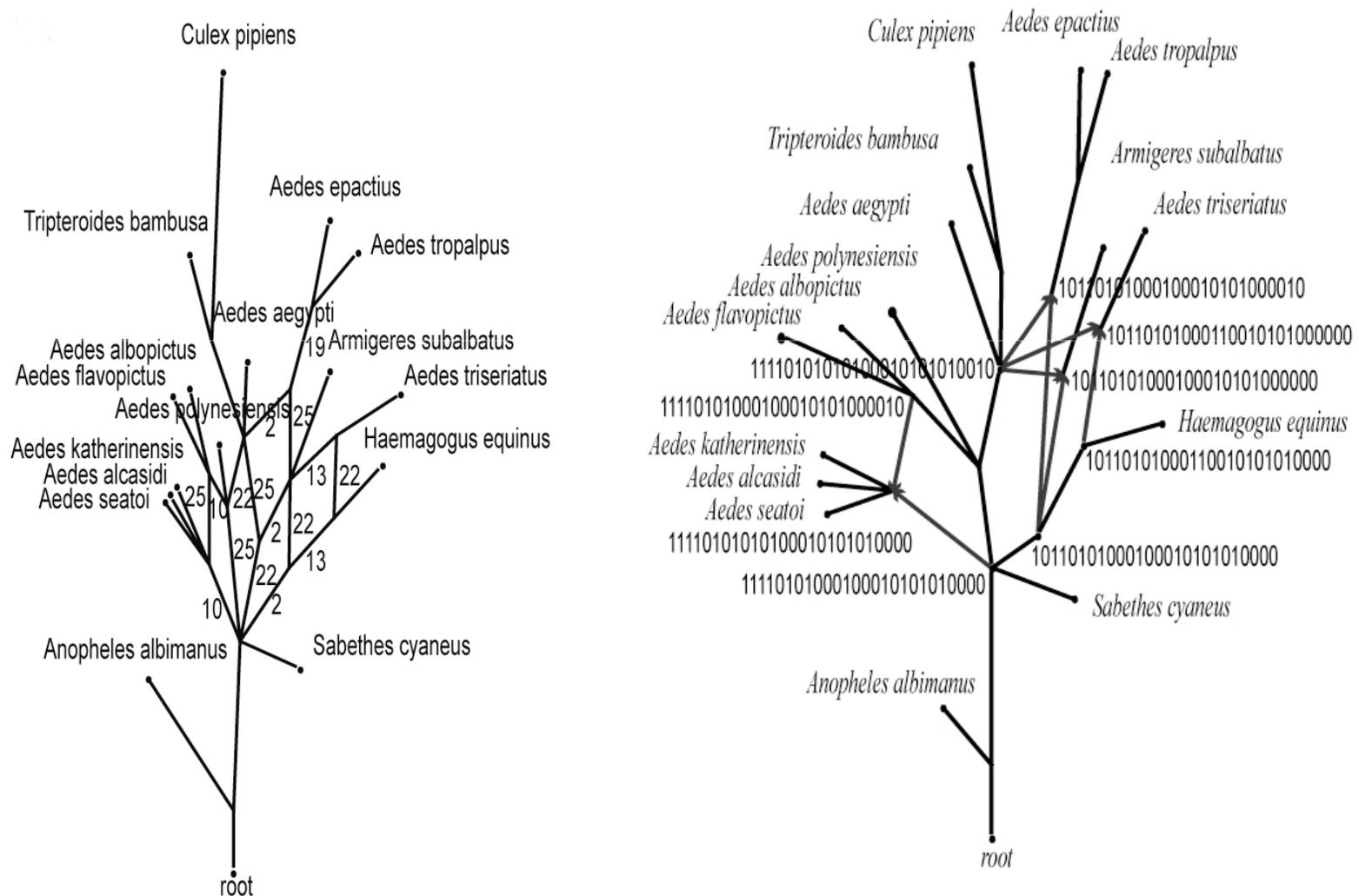
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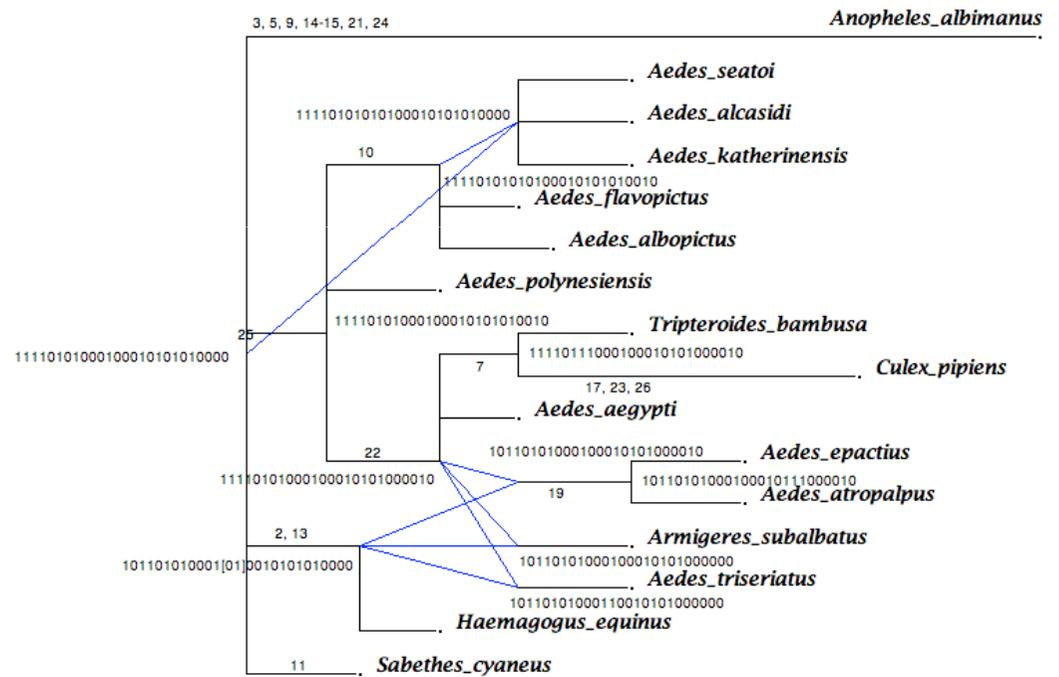
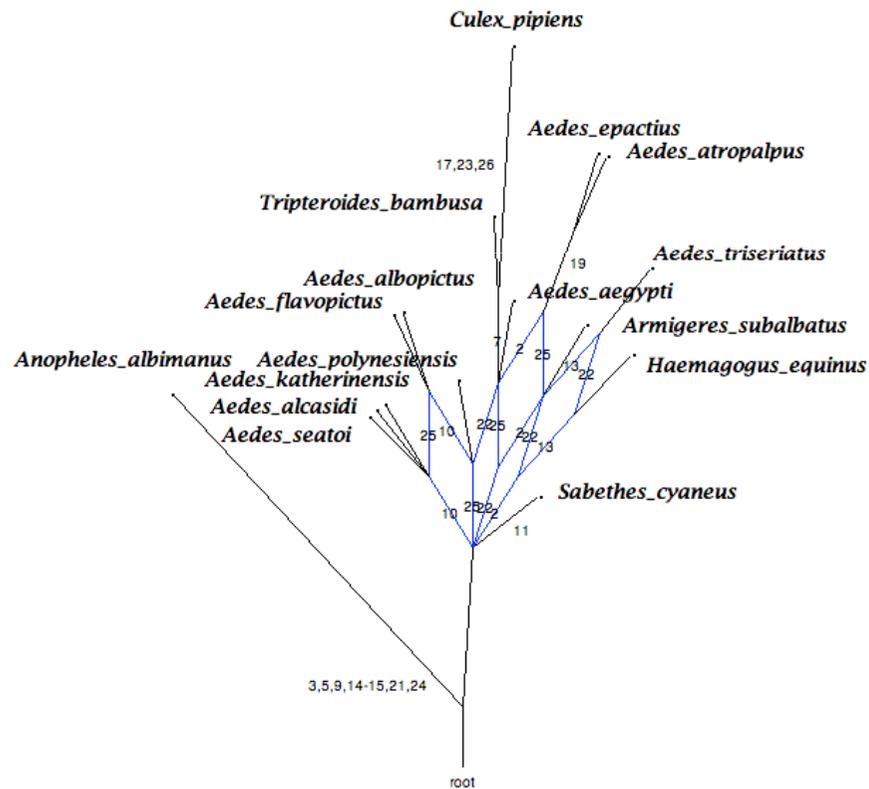
- **Input: Restriction maps of the rDNA cistron (length  $\approx$  10kb) of twelve species of mosquitoes using eight 6bp restriction enzymes:**

Aedes albopictus	11110101010100010101010010
Aedes aegypti	11110101000100010101000010
Aedes seatoi	11110101010100010101010000
Aedes avopictus	11110101010100010101010010
Aedes alcasidi	11110101010100010101010000
Aedes katherinensis	11110101010100010101010000
Aedes polynesiensis	11110101000100010101010010
Aedes triseriatus	10110101000110010101000000
Aedes atropalpus	10110101000100010111000010
Aedes epactius	10110101000100010111000010
Haemagogus equinus	10110101000110010101010000
Armigeres subalbatus	10110101000100010101000000
Culex pipiens	11110111000100011101001011
Tripteroides bambusa	11110111000100010101000010
Sabethes cyaneus	11110101001100010101010000
Anopheles albimanus	11011101100101110101110100

# Split Network & Recombination Network



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# Recombination Network

## Branch-and-bound approach

(Lyngso, Song and Hein, WABI 2005)

**Input:** data and limit number of recombinations

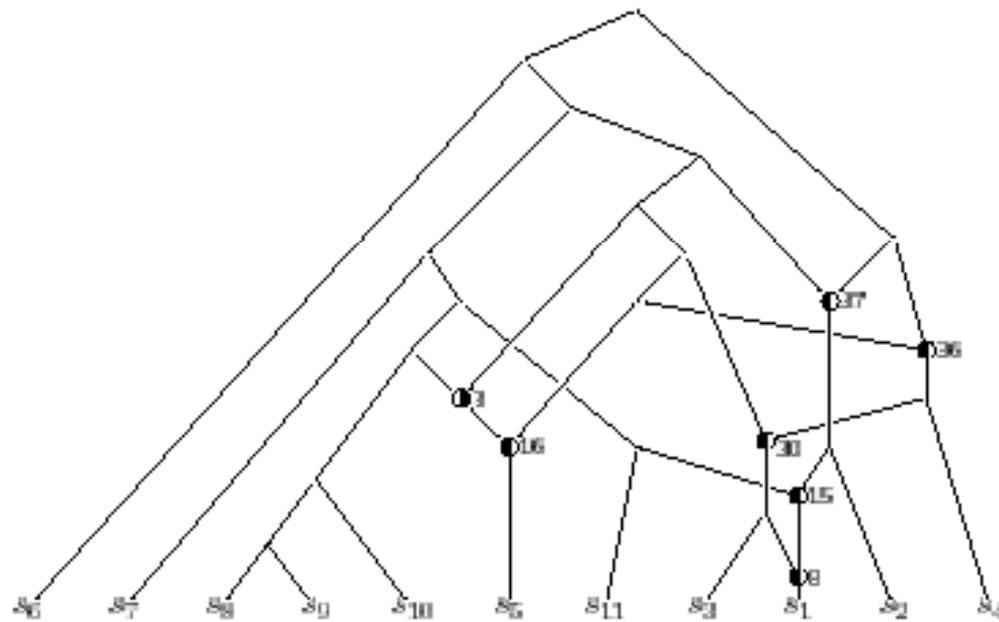
**Branch:** Starting from original data, consider all possible steps backward in time

**Bound:** If *recombinations used* plus a lower bound on *recombinations still needed* exceeds the prescribed limit, do not pursue current configuration

# Example 3

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a 0001000100000000
b 0100000100000000
c 0000000000000010
d 0000001000000010
e 0011111000000001
f 0100010001010111
g 0100010011111101
h 1111110011111101
i 1111010011111101
  
```



16 haplotyped sites of the alcohol dehydrogenase locus from 11 chromosomes of *D.melanogaster* (Kreitman 1985)

Recombination network with 7 events found using the branch-and-bound method

# Software

Software for computing a recombination network from binary sequences:

- Software implementing the approach of Dan Gusfield *et al.* for constructing galled trees is available from:  
[www.csif.cs.ucdavis.edu/~gusfield](http://www.csif.cs.ucdavis.edu/~gusfield)
- SplitsTree4 contains a method RecombinationNetwork for constructing galled trees and more general recombination networks [31, 30]. [www.splitstree.org](http://www.splitstree.org)
- Beagle uses branch-and-bound to compute network.  
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# Part V

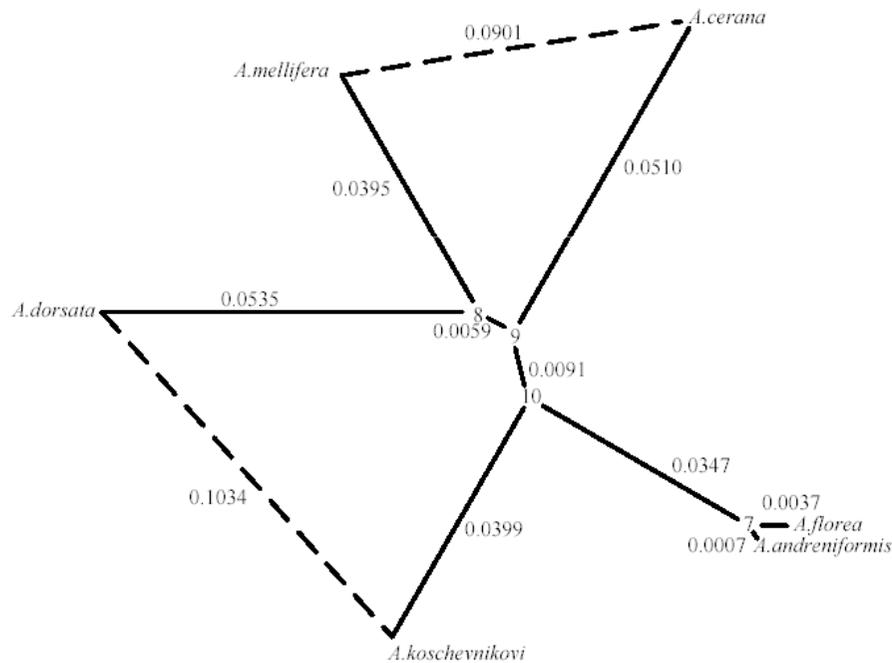
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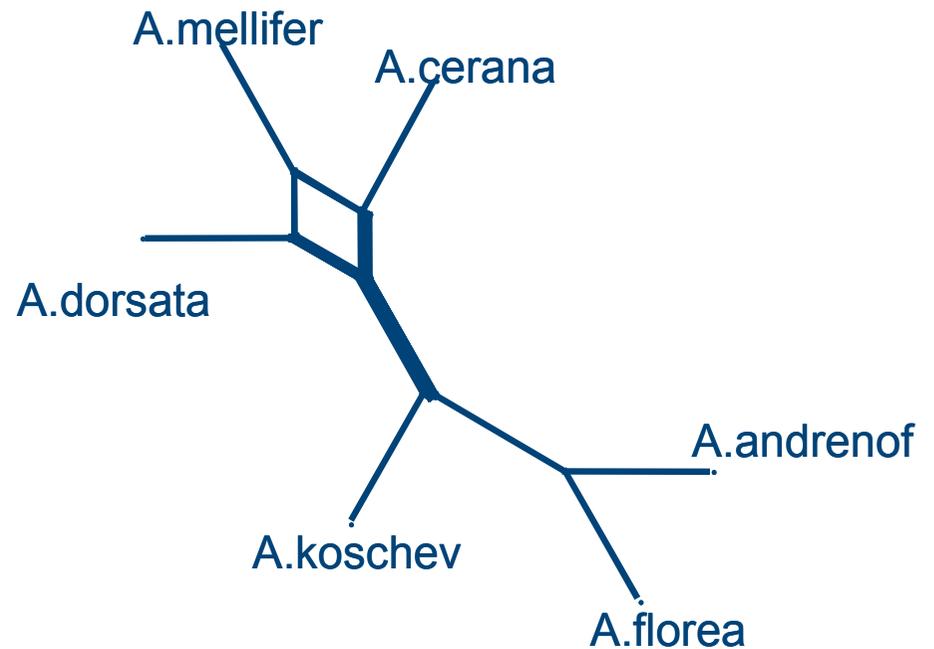
- A *reticulogram* is a tree with additional short-cut edges.
- It is obtained from a distance matrix by first building a tree and then repeatedly adding new edges so as to optimize the least square fit of the graph distances to the matrix.
- Implemented in the program T-Rex

# Augmented Trees: Reticulograms

Data: DNA sequences of 677 for honey bees.



Reticulogram produced using T-Rex



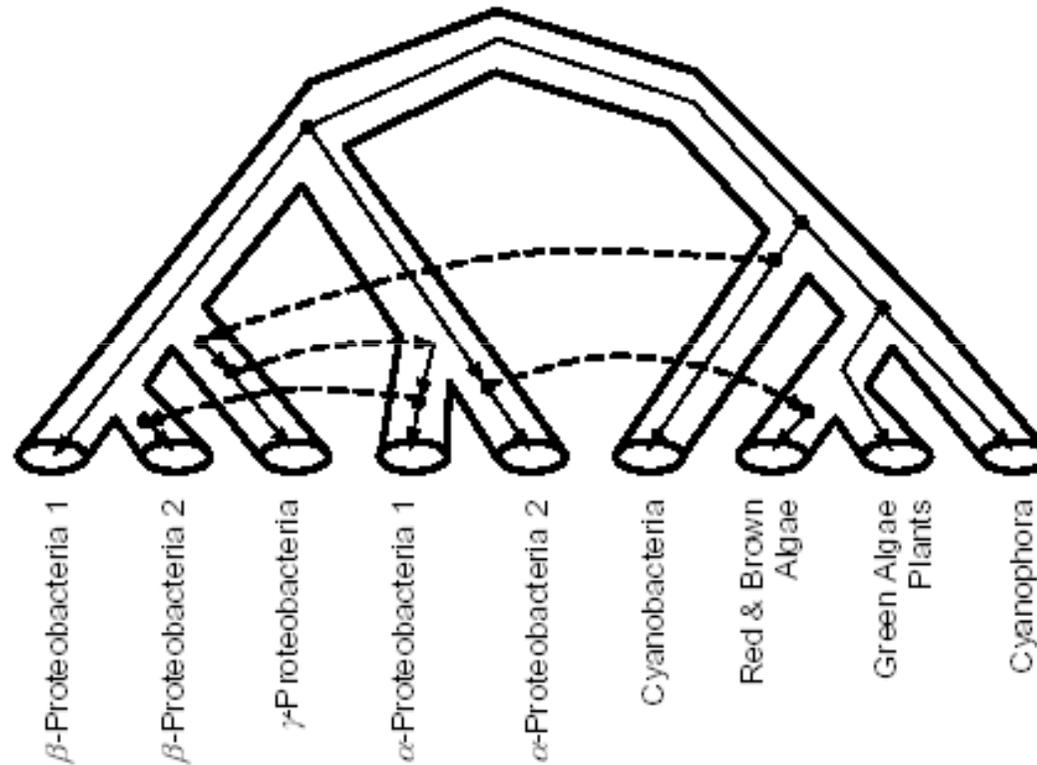
Bootstrap network displays competing signals

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## Augmenting Species Trees by Gene Trees

- The goal here is to map a set of gene trees on to a given species tree, thus postulating a set of horizontal gene transfer events
- Implemented in the program `lattrans`

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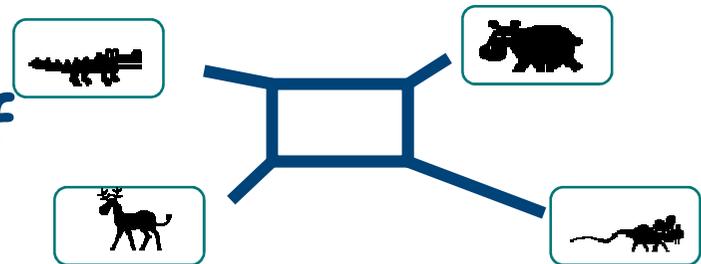
A horizontal gene transfer scenario for the *rbcL* gene presented in (Hallet and Lagergren, 2001)

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# Summary

- Implicit phylogenetic networks such as split networks robustly represent incompatible phylogenetic signals...

- ...while reticulate networks such as hybridization networks and recombination networks provide explicit models of reticulate evolution



- A wide range of tree and network construction methods are implemented in SplitsTree4 