

From genes to species: Universal Scaling?

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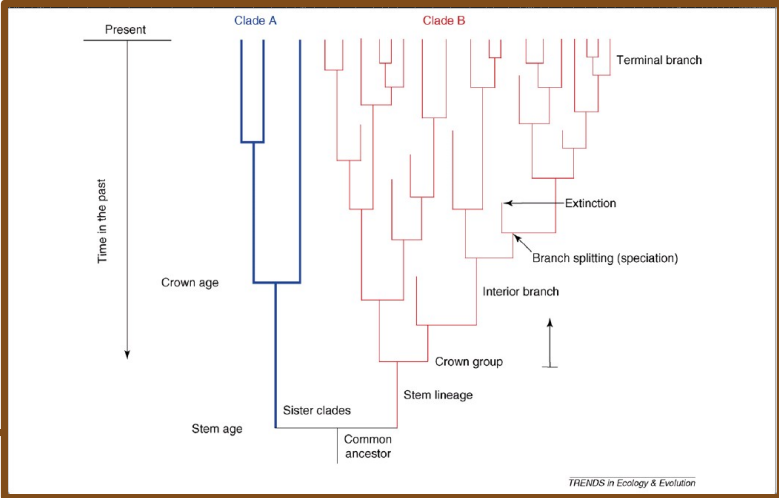


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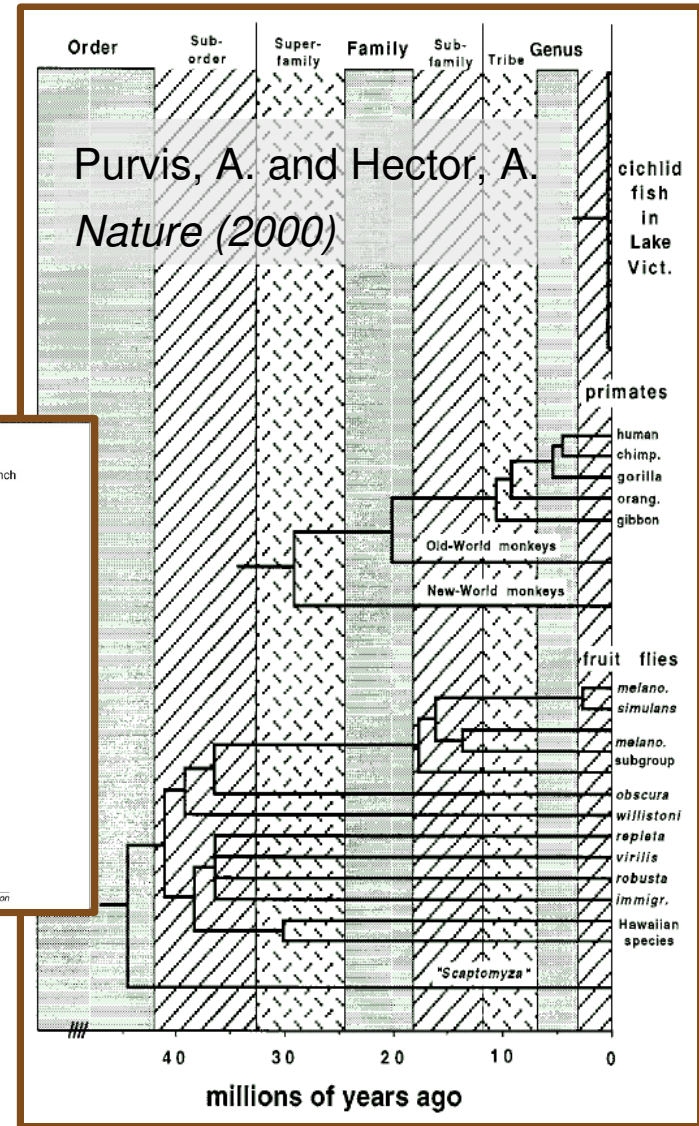
Estimating diversification rates from phylogenetic information

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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, conditions of the environment, and attributes of individuals and species. Diversity within clades also depends on age and thus the time available for accumulating species. Estimating rates of diversification is key to understanding how these factors have shaped patterns of species richness. Several approaches to calculating both relative and absolute rates of speciation and extinction within clades are based on phylogenetic reconstructions of evolutionary relationships. As the size and quality of phylogenies increases, these approaches will find broader application. However, phylogeny reconstruction fosters a perceptual bias of continual increase in species richness, and the analysis of primarily large clades produces a data selection bias. Recognizing these biases will encourage the development of more realistic models of diversification and the regulation of species richness.

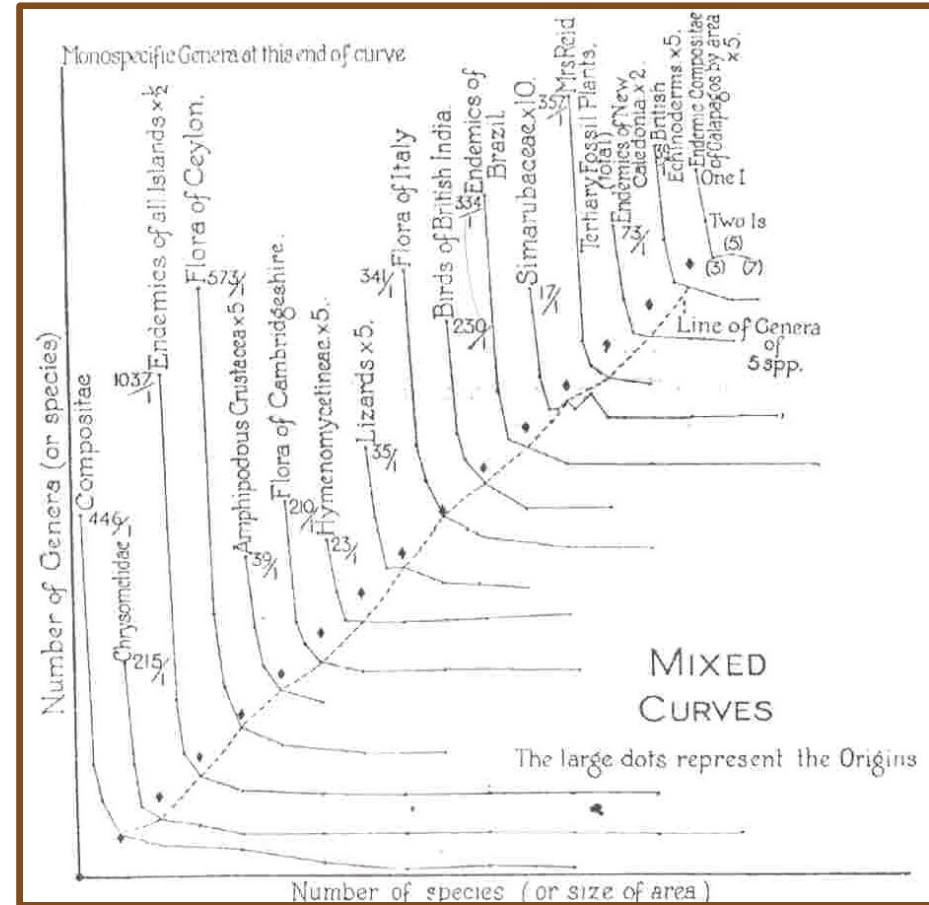
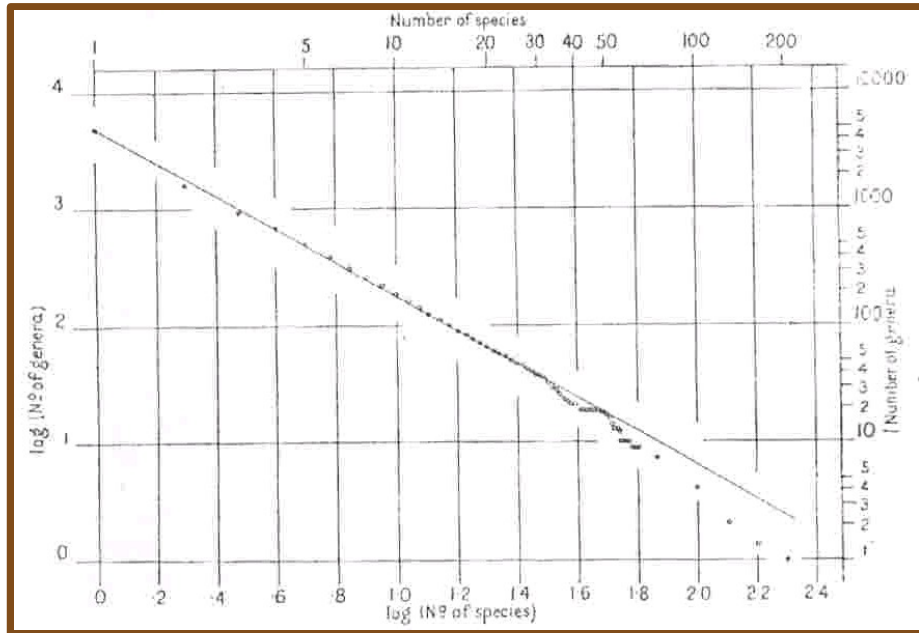


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Size (Frequency distribution) ...

Numbers of species in biological taxa
 Willis, J. C. and Yule, G. U. *Nature* (1922)



Darwin (1859)

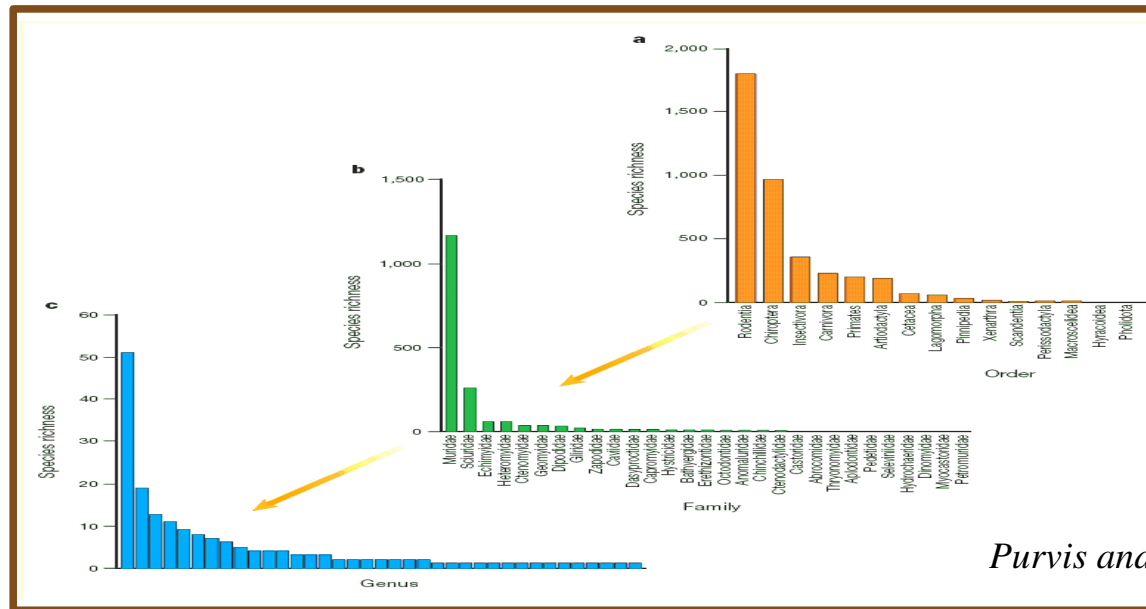
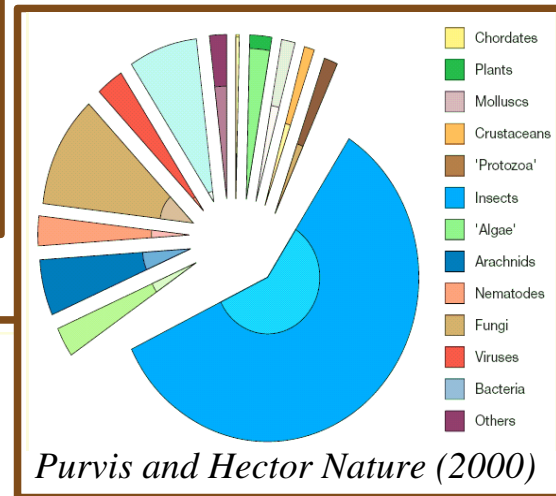
“Species in species-rich genera had more subspecific varieties.”

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**.

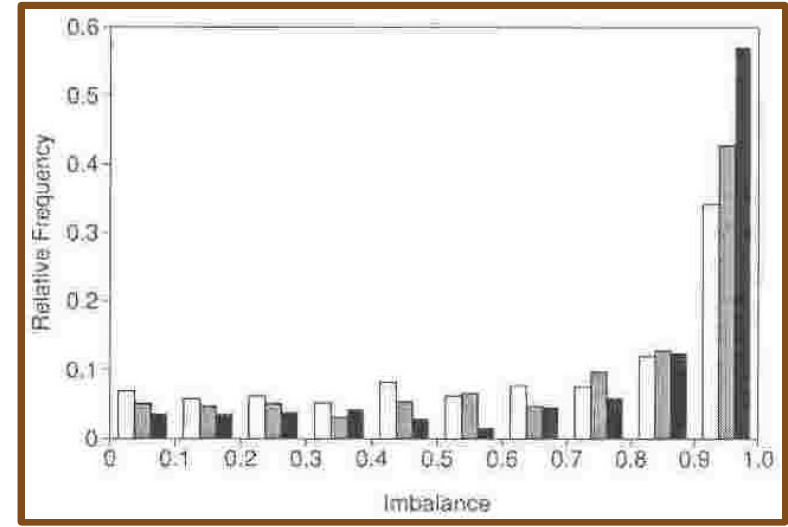
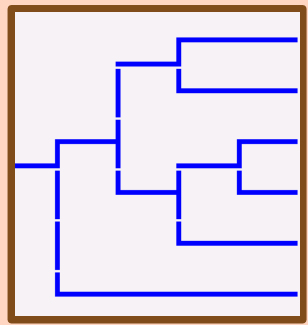


Purvis and Hector Nature (2000)

Shape (Frequency distribution) ...

Colless (1982). Colless index of imbalance I_c .

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



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

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

Measure	Formula	Reference
\bar{N}	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n N_i$	Shao and Sokal, 1990
σ_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	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{N_i}{2N}$	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

Size and form in efficient transportation networks

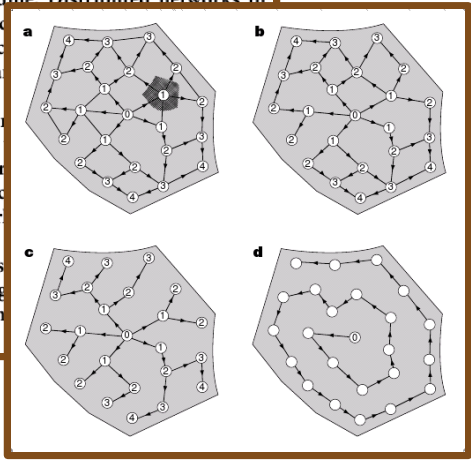
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Many biological processes, from cellular metabolism to population dynamics, are characterized by allometric scaling (power-law) relationships between size and rate^{1–10}. An outstanding question is whether typical allometric scaling relationships—the 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 networks^{1–8} and plant vascular anatomy⁹ and in inanimate systems such as the drainage basins¹². Here we derive a general theory of flow rates in arbitrary networks. This theory accounts in a general way for the scaling of living organisms^{1–10}, recent theoretical assumptions for particular network topologies¹¹, and scaling relations applicable to all networks, which we verify from observations on drainage basins. Allometric scaling emerges naturally from the general features of networks under minimal or geometric assumptions.



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

Universal scaling relations in food webs

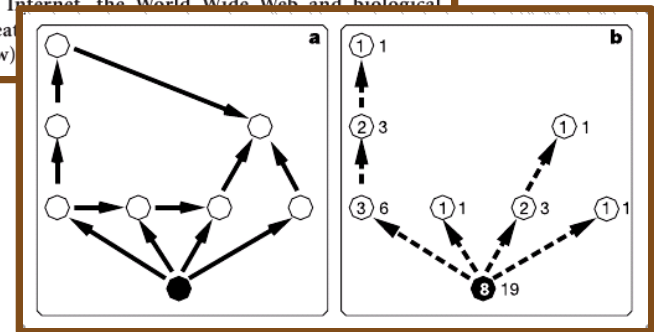
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The structure of ecological communities is usually represented by food webs^{1–3}. In these webs, we describe species by means of vertices connected by links representing the predations. We can therefore study different webs by considering the shape (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 characterized by power-law



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Allometric Scaling in Phylogenies...

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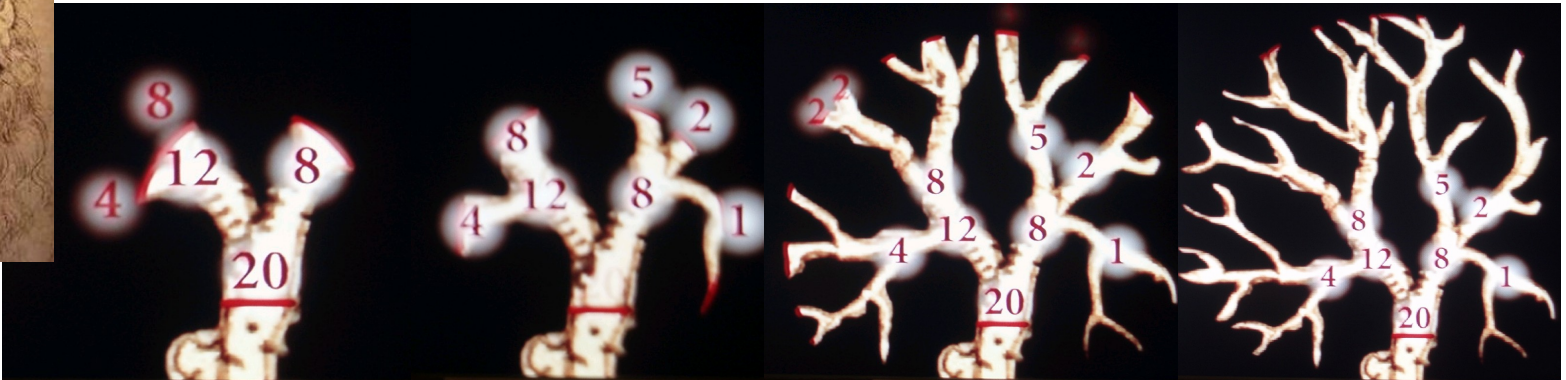
Y: Biological property

M: Mass of the organism

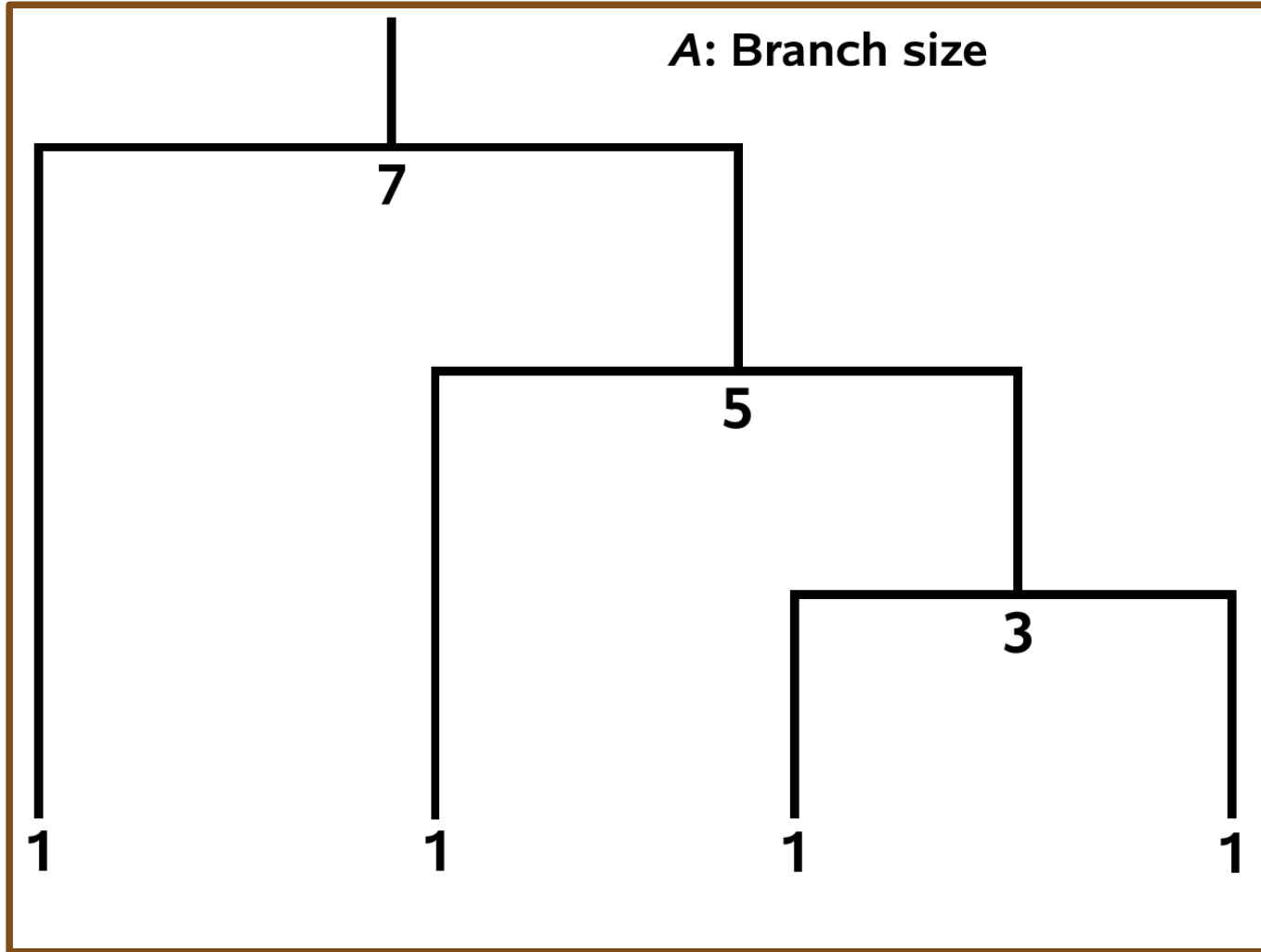
$$C \sim A^n$$

C: Phylogenetic tree shape

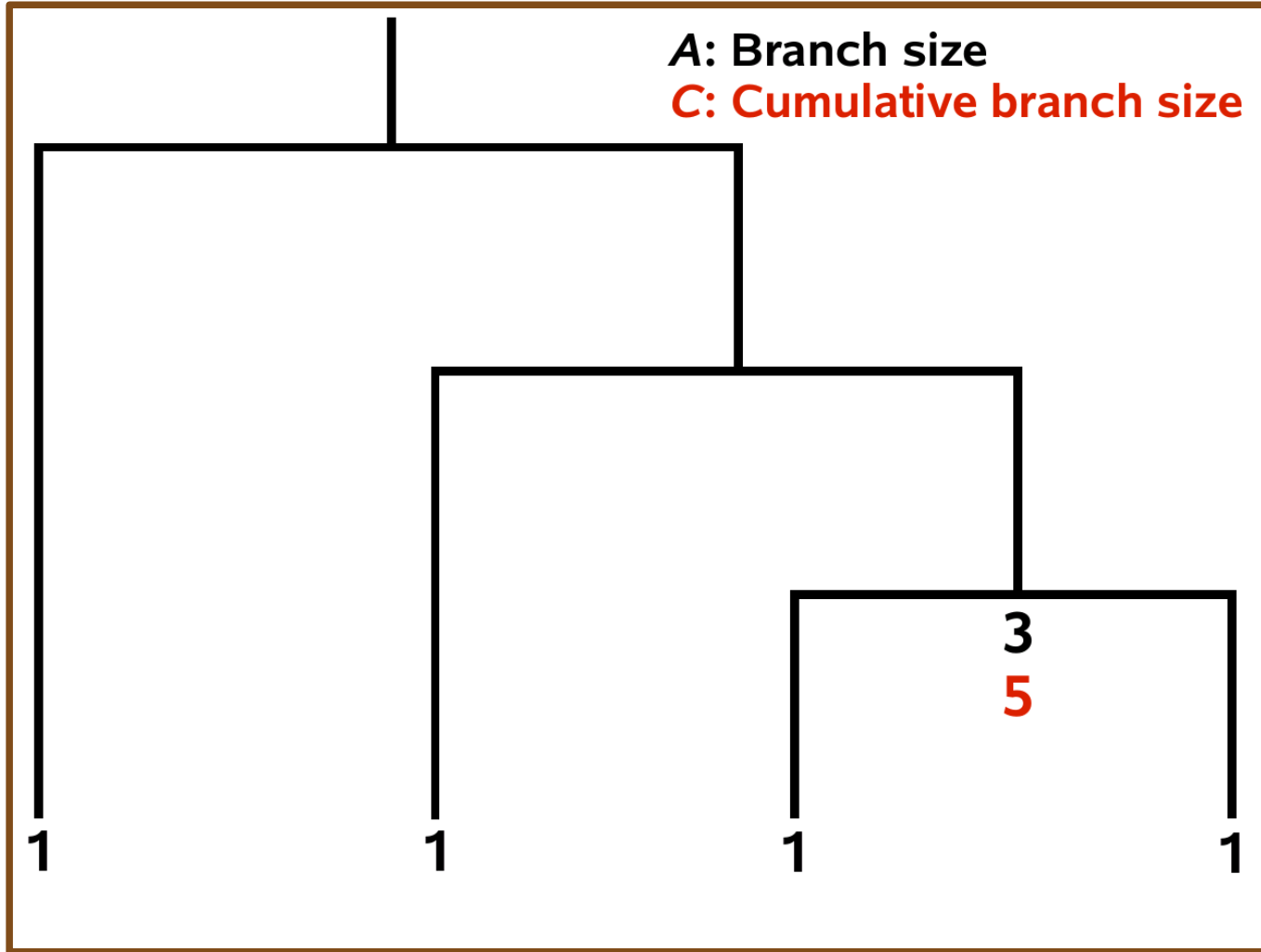
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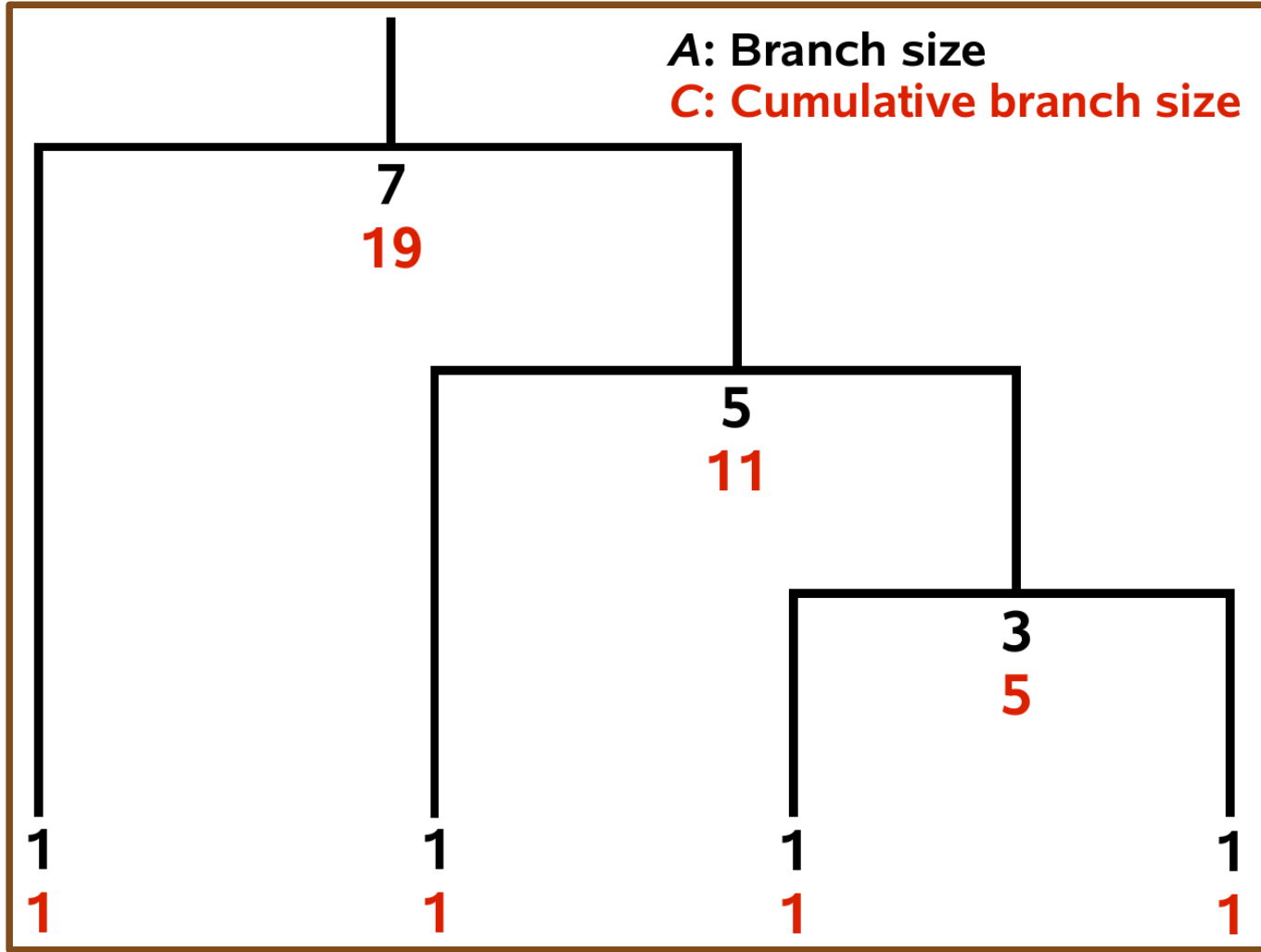
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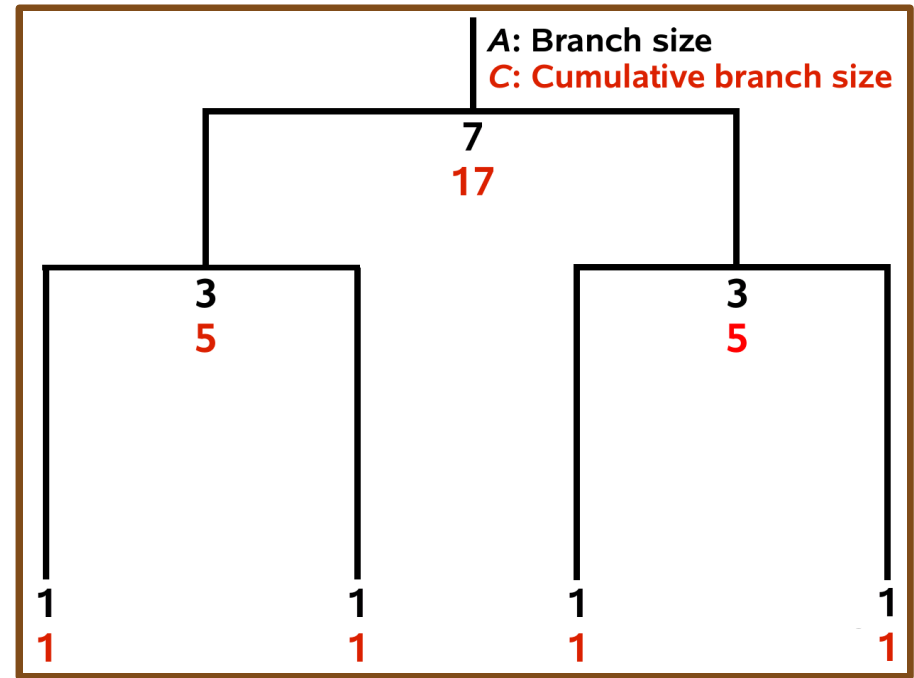
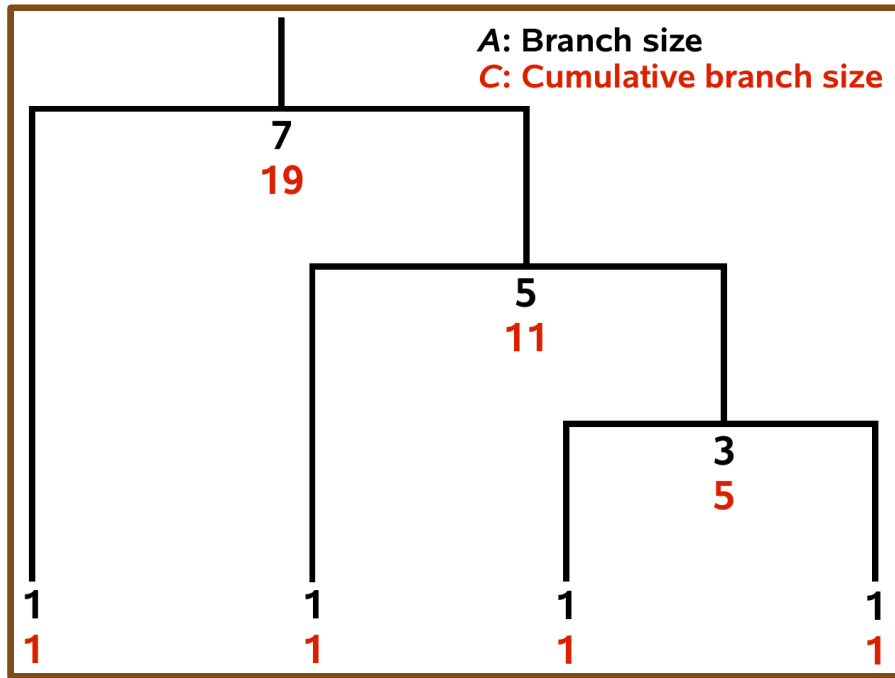
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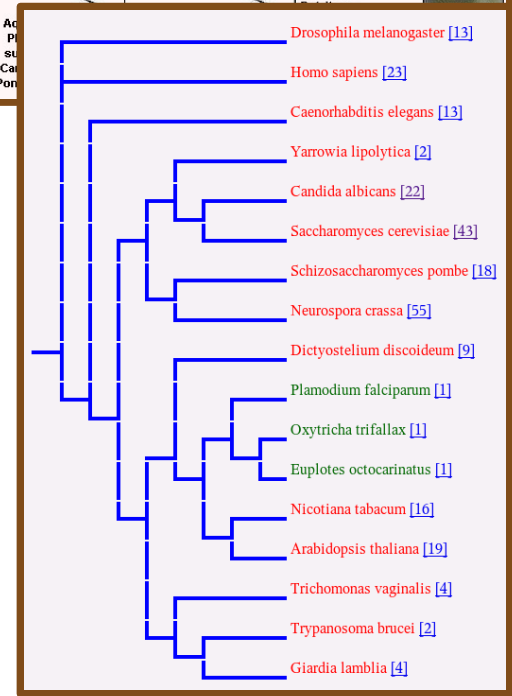
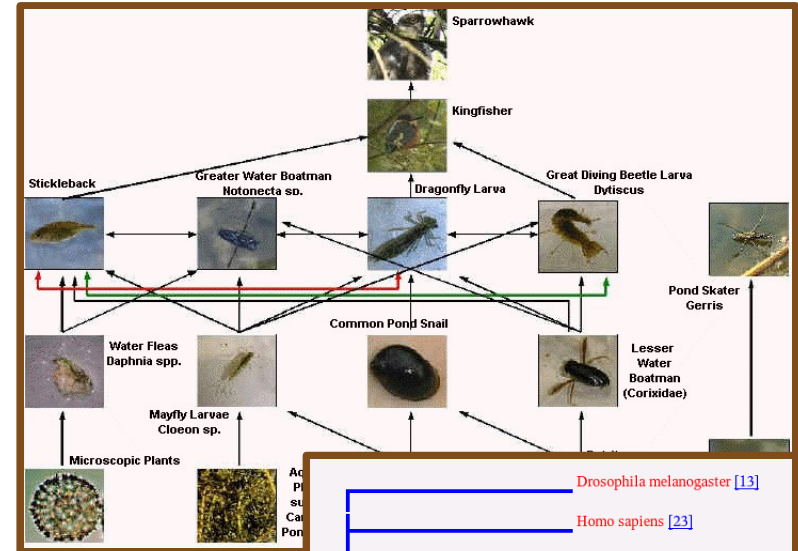
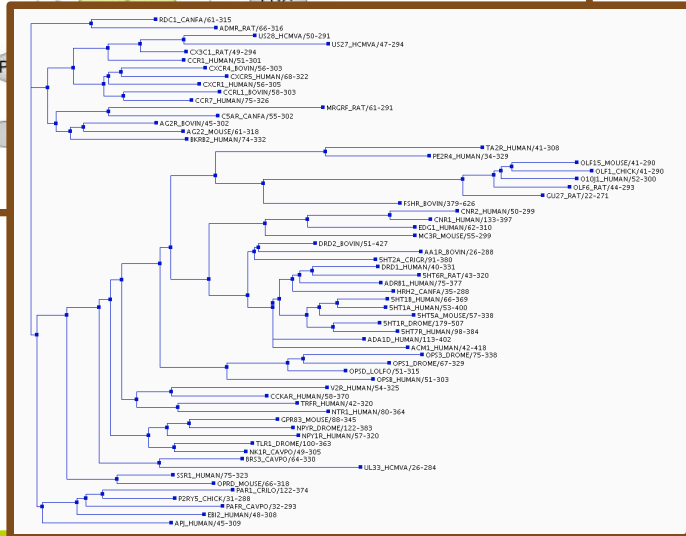
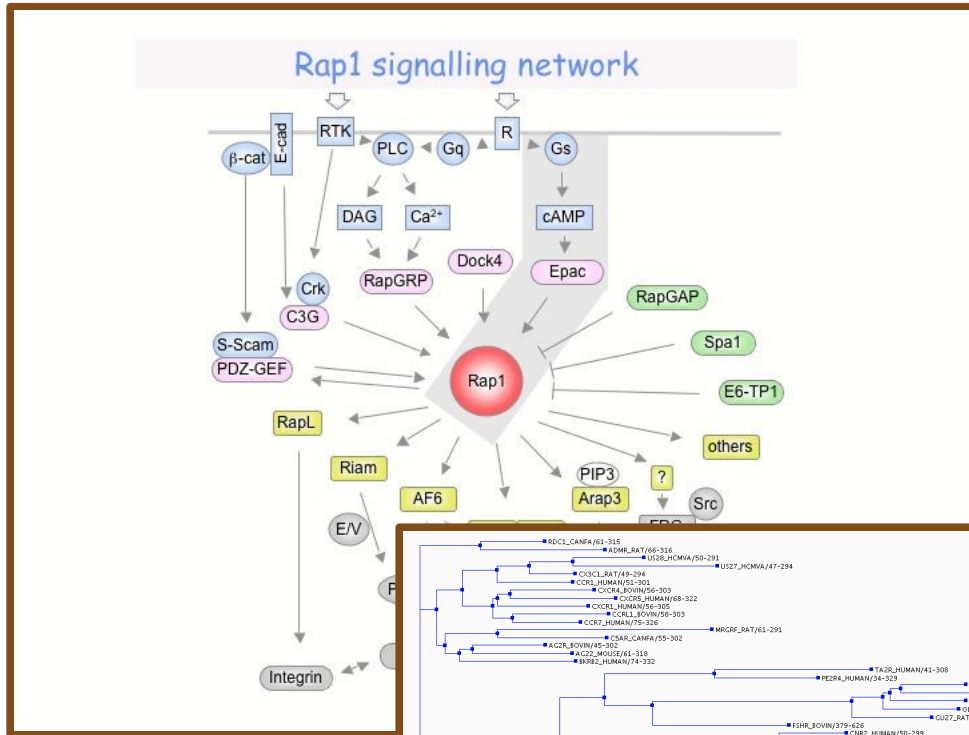
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Allometric scaling ($C \approx A^\eta$)

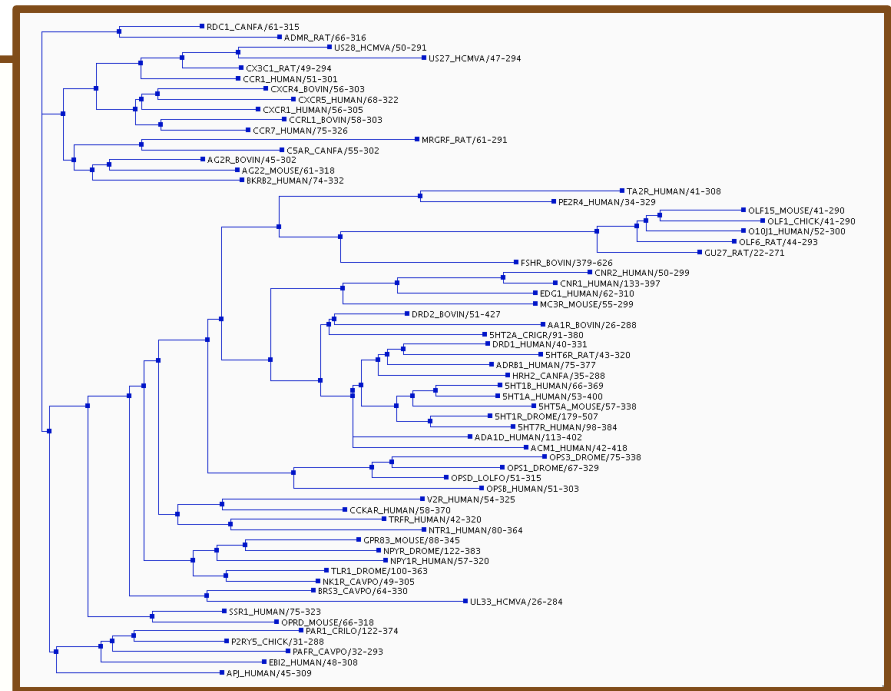
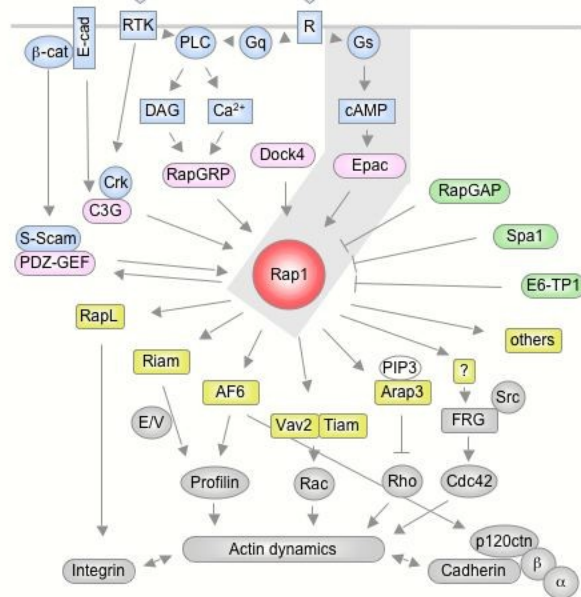


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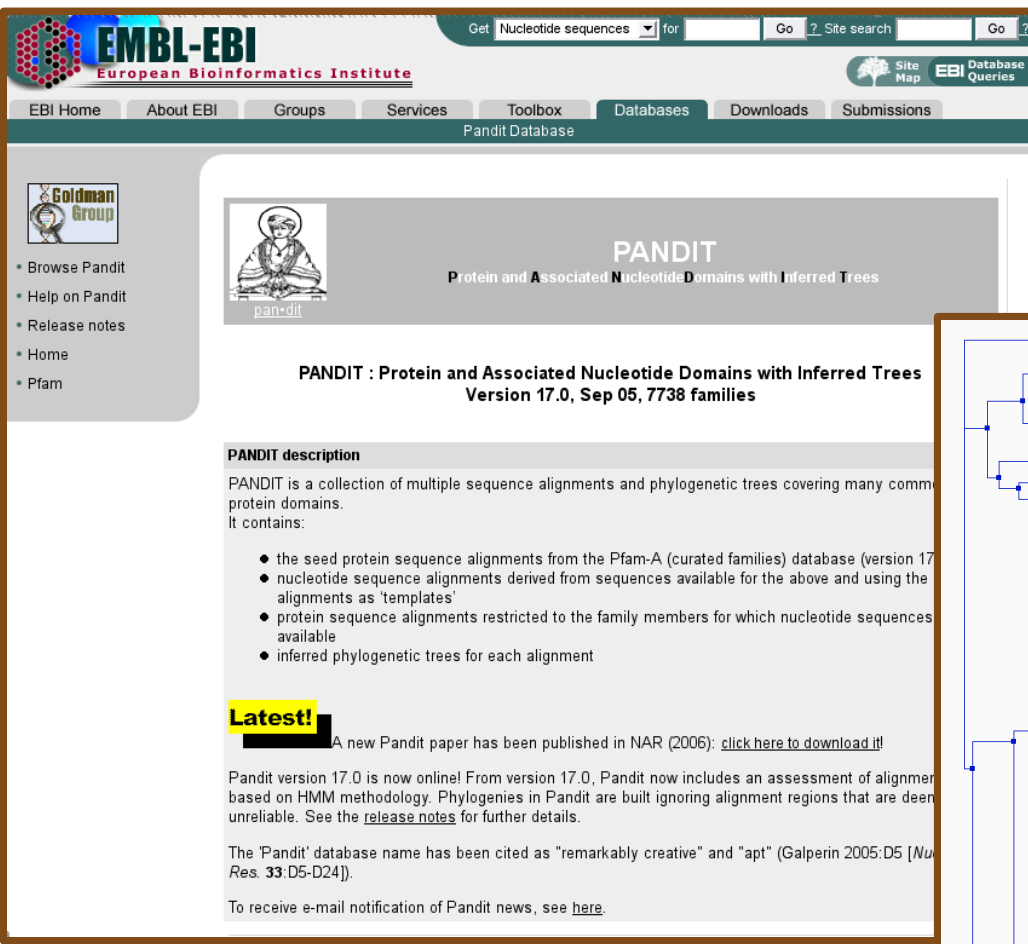


Protein phylogenies

Rap1 signalling network



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PANDIT description

PANDIT is a collection of multiple sequence alignments and phylogenetic trees covering many common protein domains. It contains:

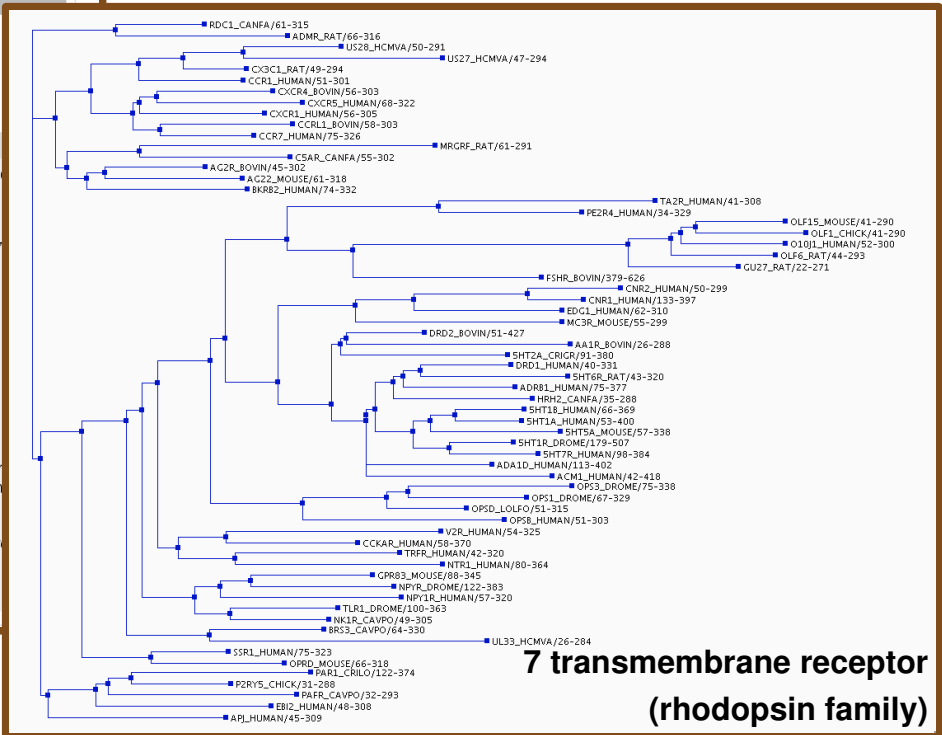
- the seed protein sequence alignments from the Pfam-A (curated families) database (version 17)
- nucleotide sequence alignments derived from sequences available for the above and using the alignments as 'templates'
- protein sequence alignments restricted to the family members for which nucleotide sequences are available
- inferred phylogenetic trees for each alignment

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Pandit version 17.0 is now online! From version 17.0, Pandit now includes an assessment of alignment based on HMM methodology. Phylogenies in Pandit are built ignoring alignment regions that are deemed unreliable. See the [release notes](#) for further details.

The 'Pandit' database name has been cited as "remarkably creative" and "apt" (Galperin 2005:D5 [Nucl. Res. 33:D5-D24]).

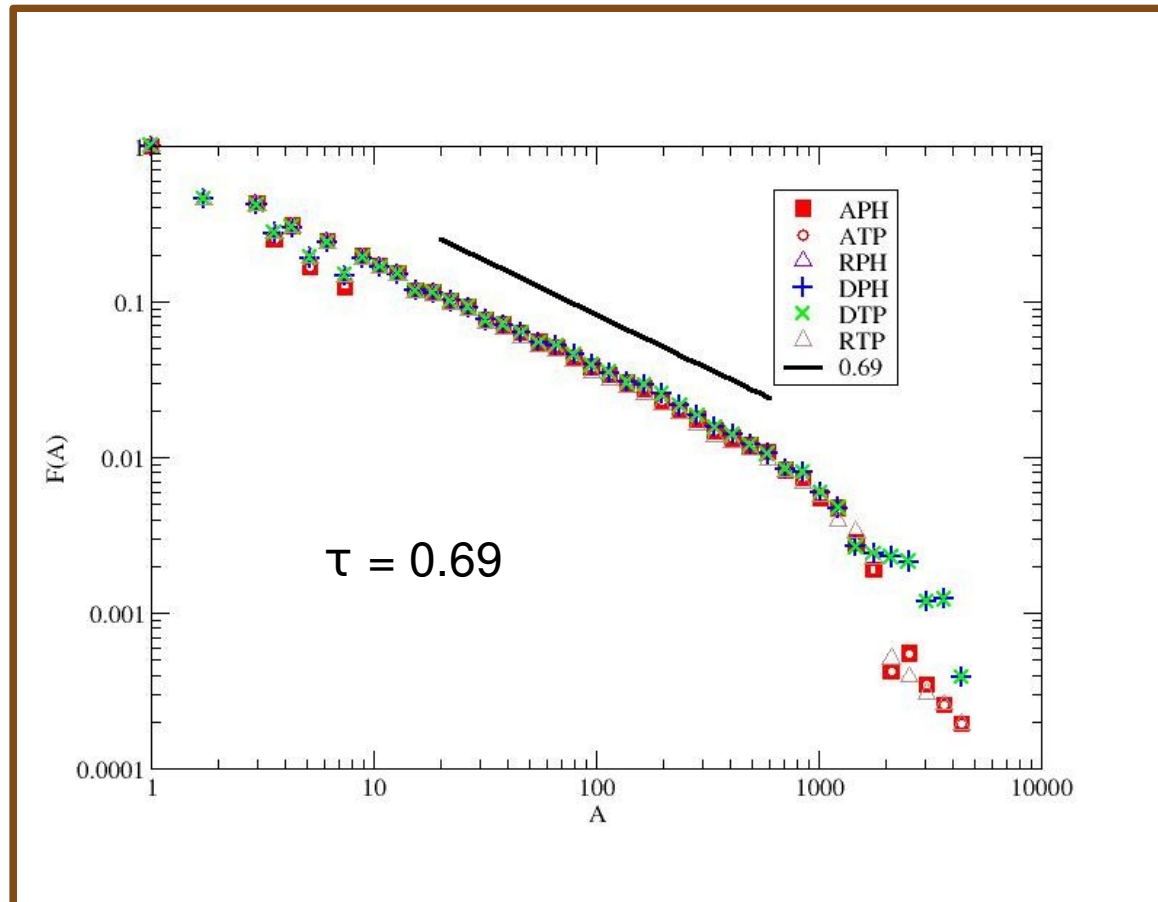
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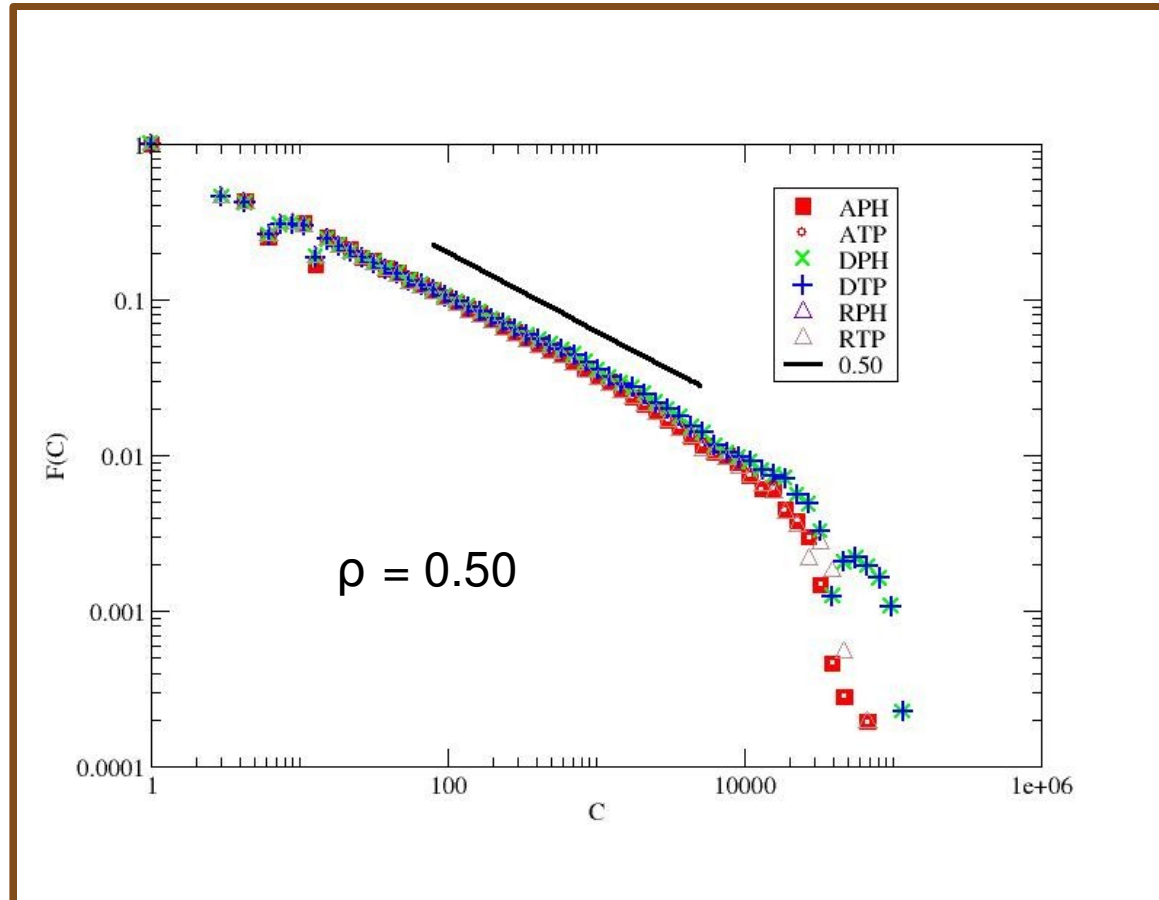
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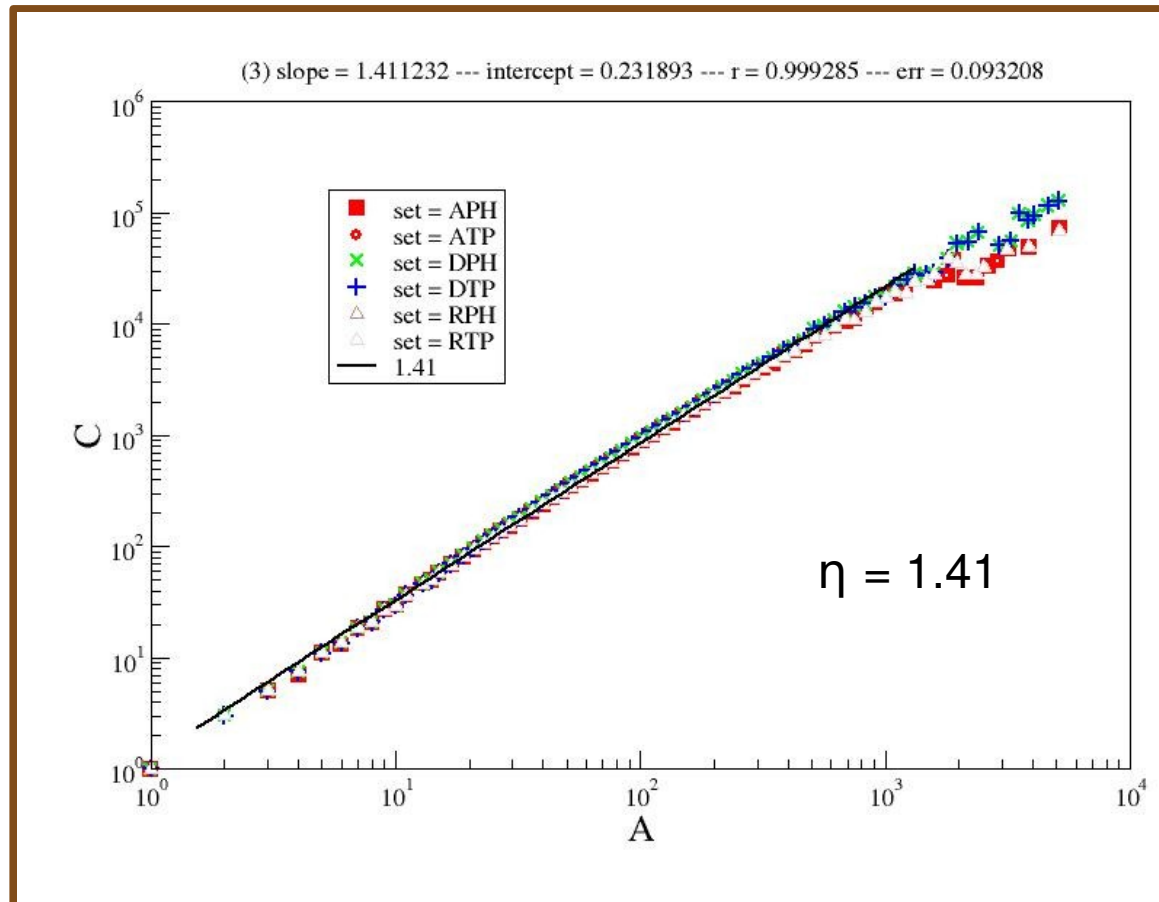


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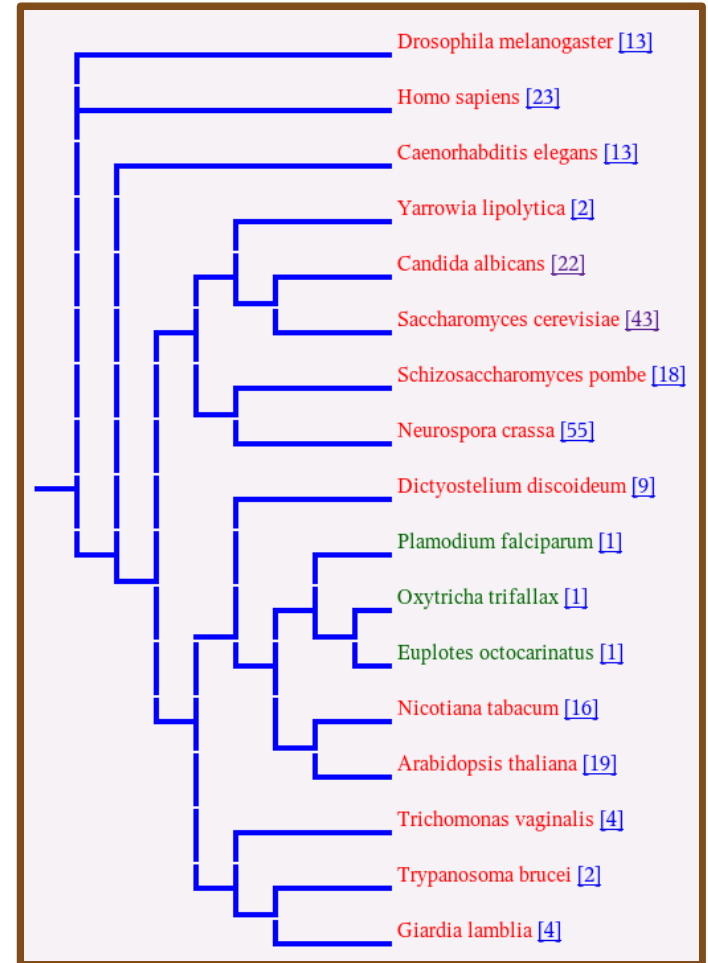
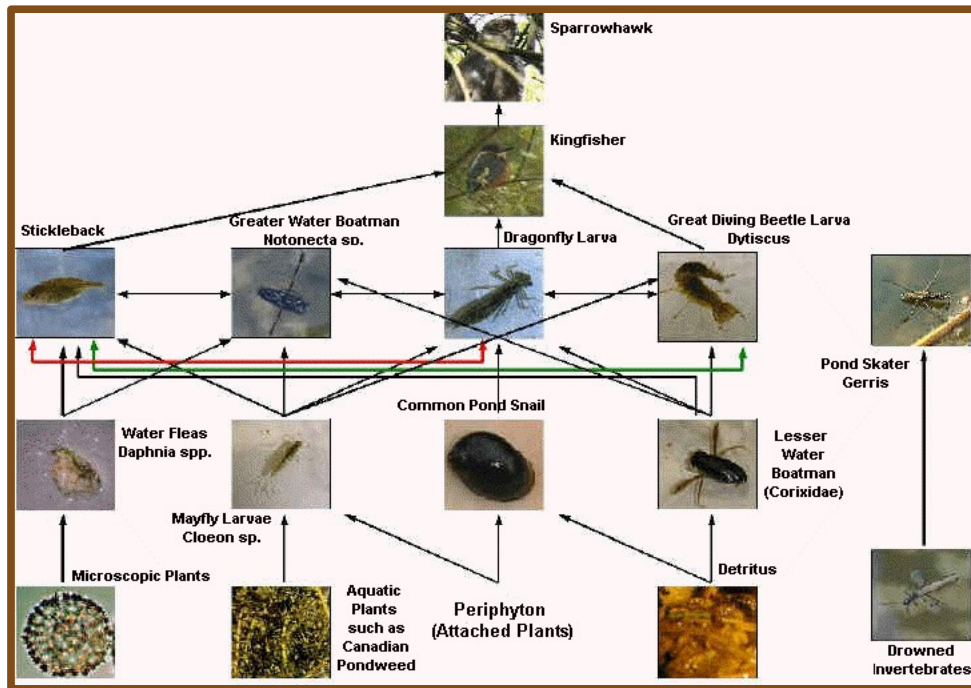
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Species phylogenies



TreeBASE: 4,020 phylogenetic trees



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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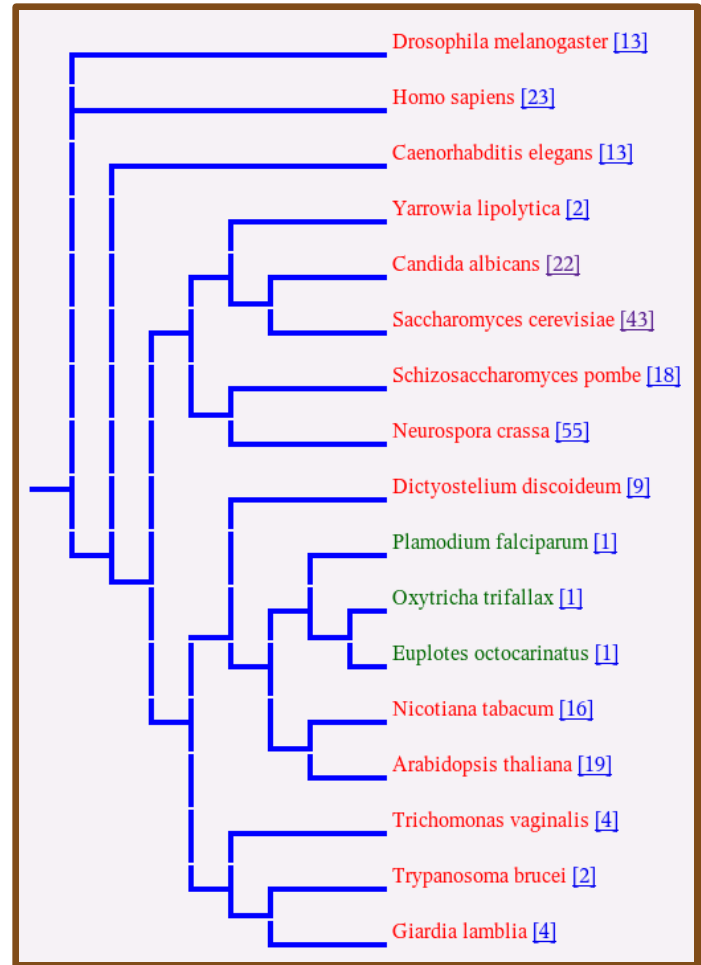
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Refere TreeBASE is now a participant in [CIPRes](#), the NSF-sponsored Cyberinfrastructure for Phylogenetic Research project. As such, it is being redesigned from the ground up through collaborative research among Computer Scientists, Biologists, and 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 would 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](#).

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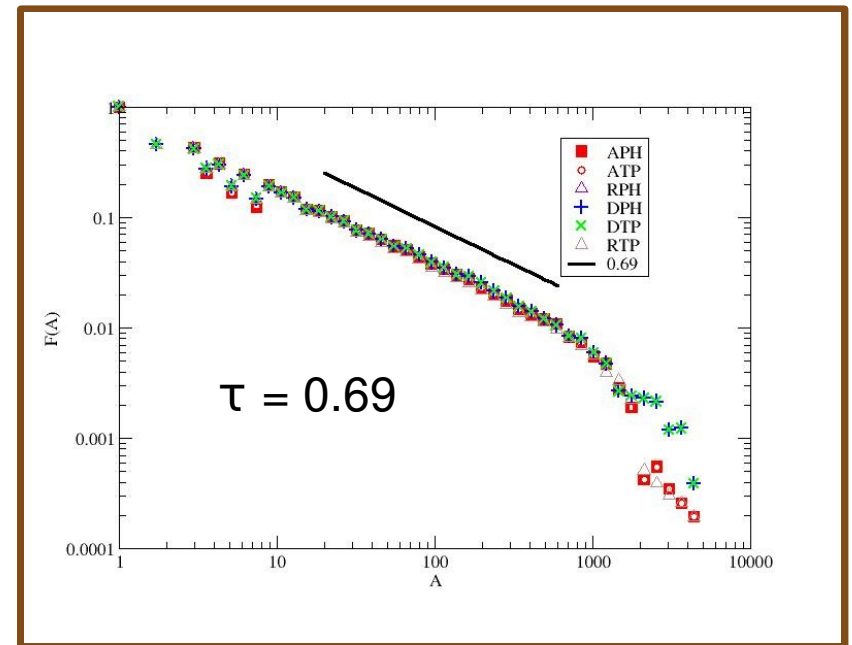
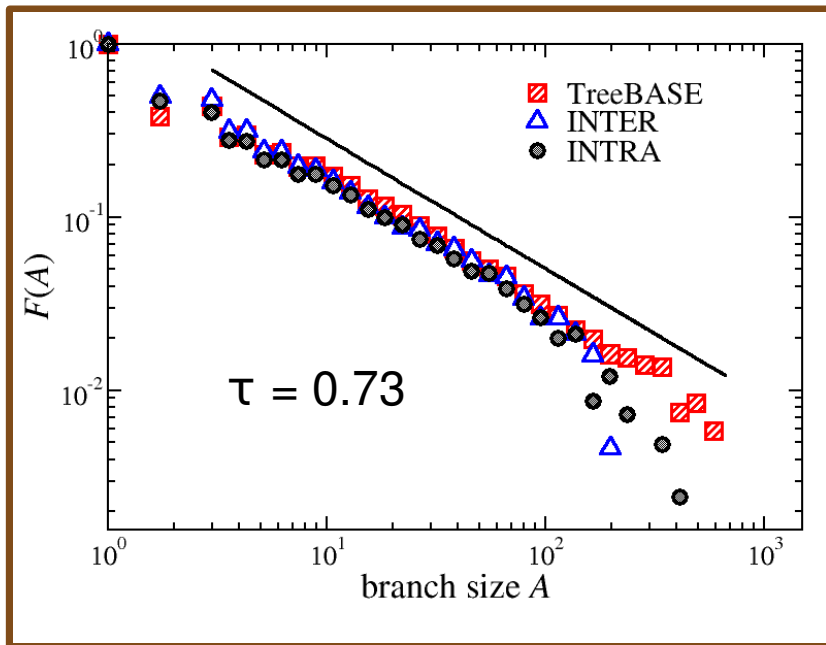
The WWW implementation of TreeBASE requires a forms-capable and frames-capable browser. We would be very grateful for any [feedback](#) on TreeBASE, including suggestions for improvement. In particular, if you encounter any errors please let us know.

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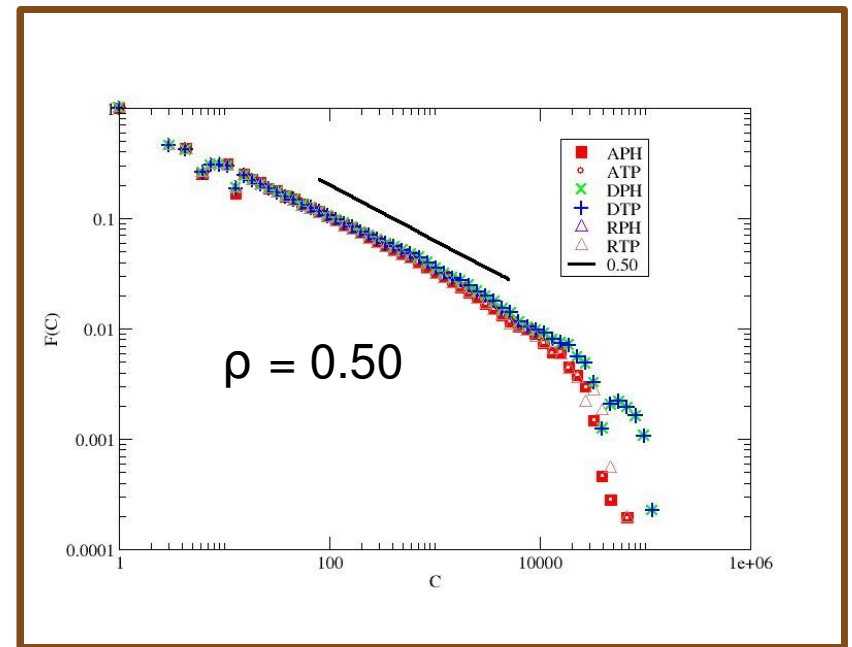
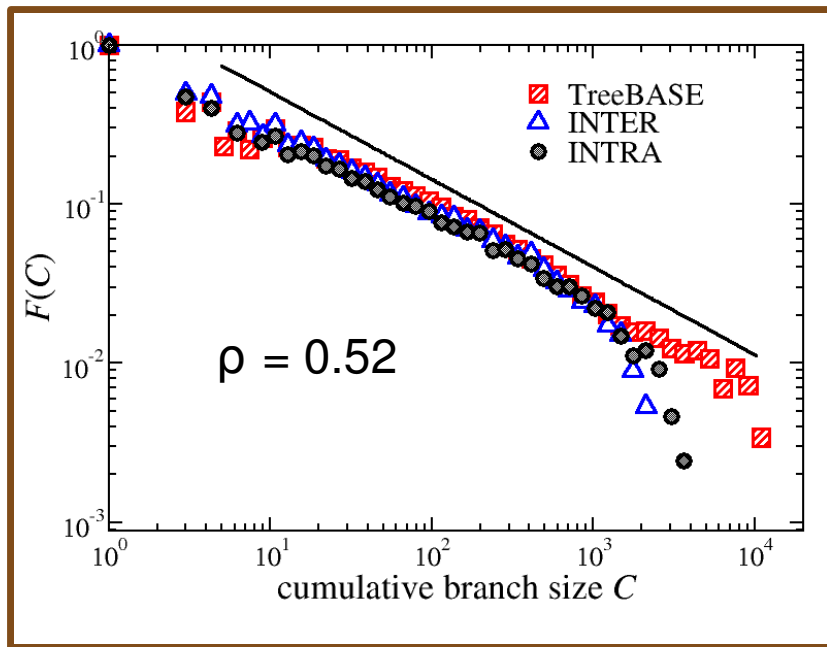
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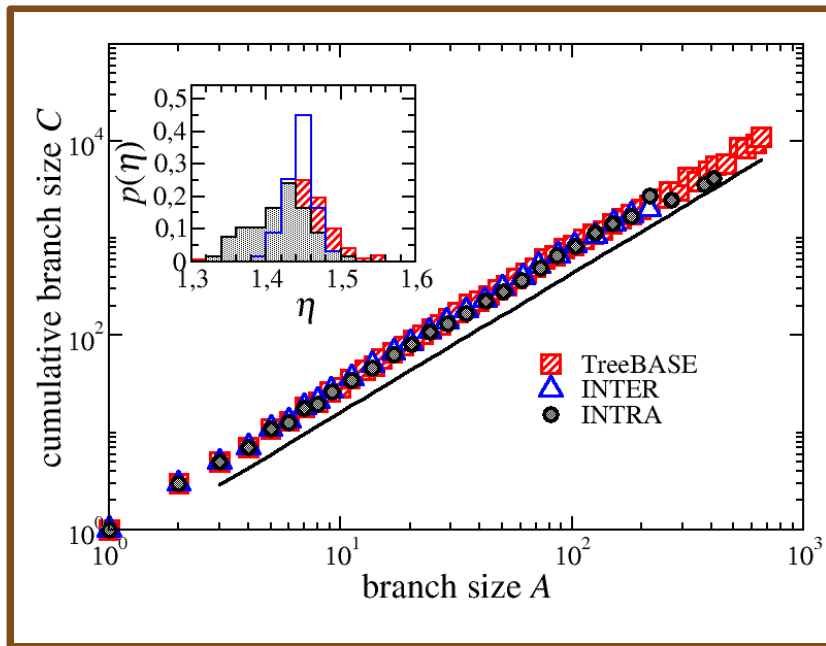
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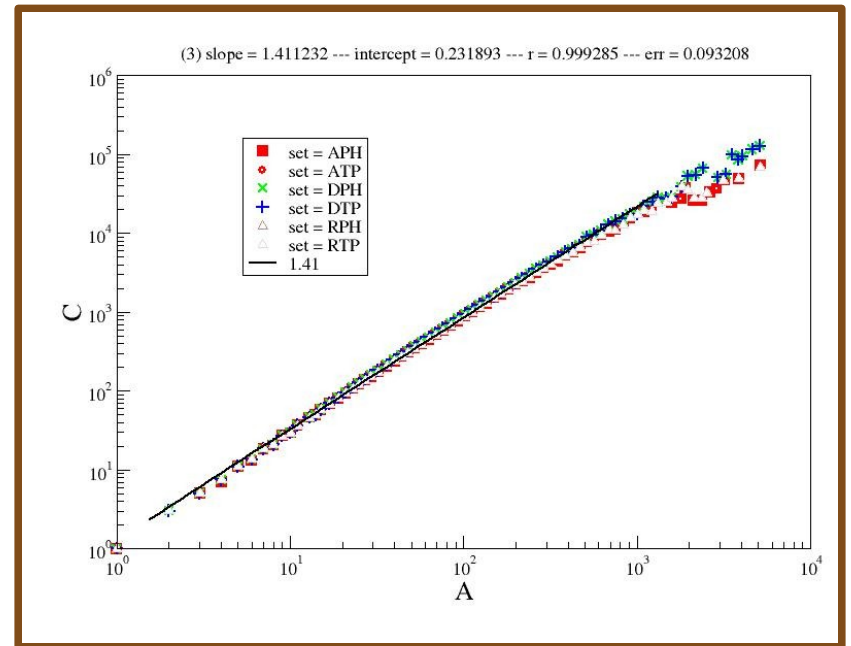


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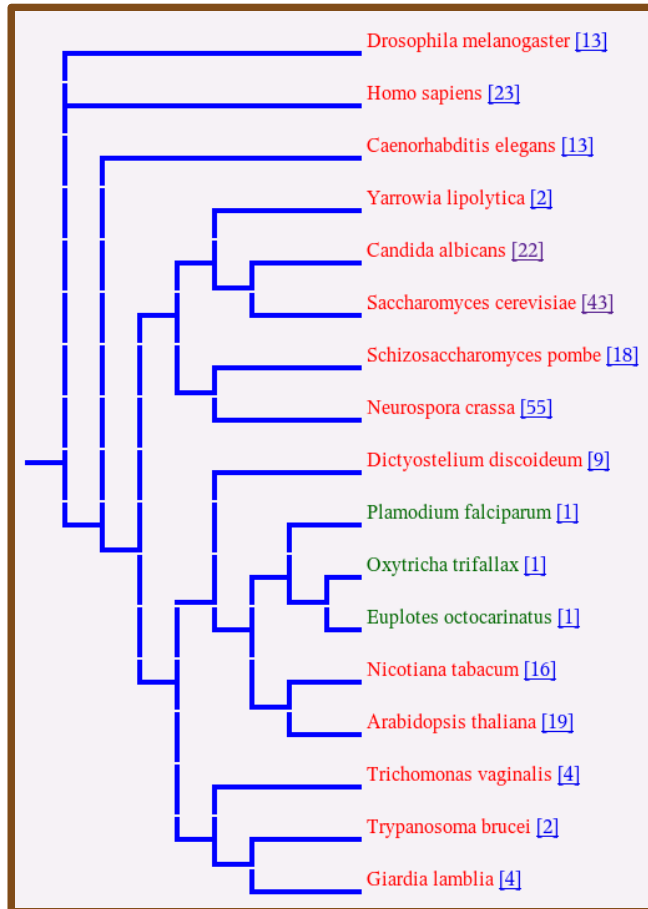
$\eta = 1.44$



$\eta = 1.41$



Phylogenies vs Taxonomies



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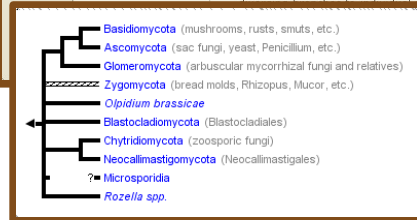
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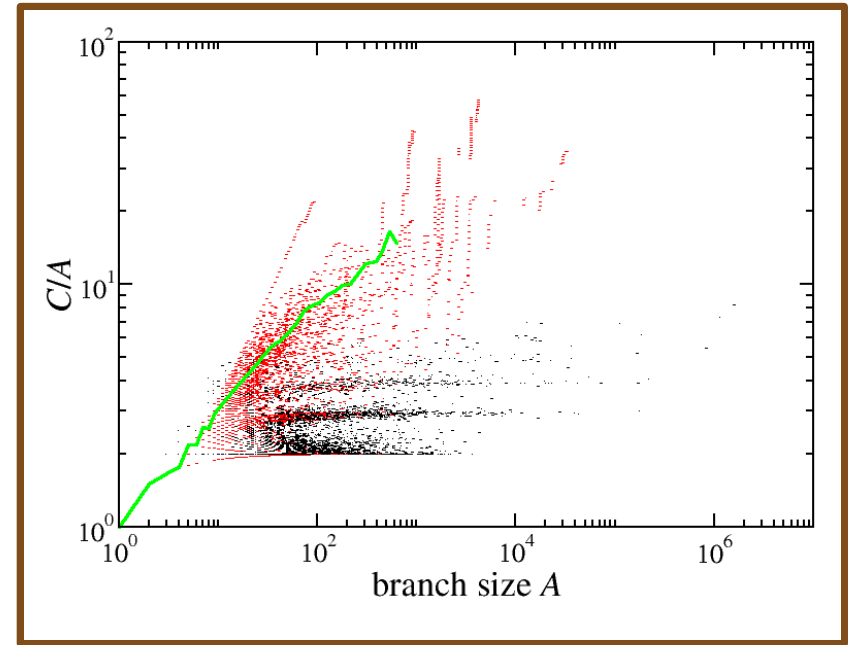
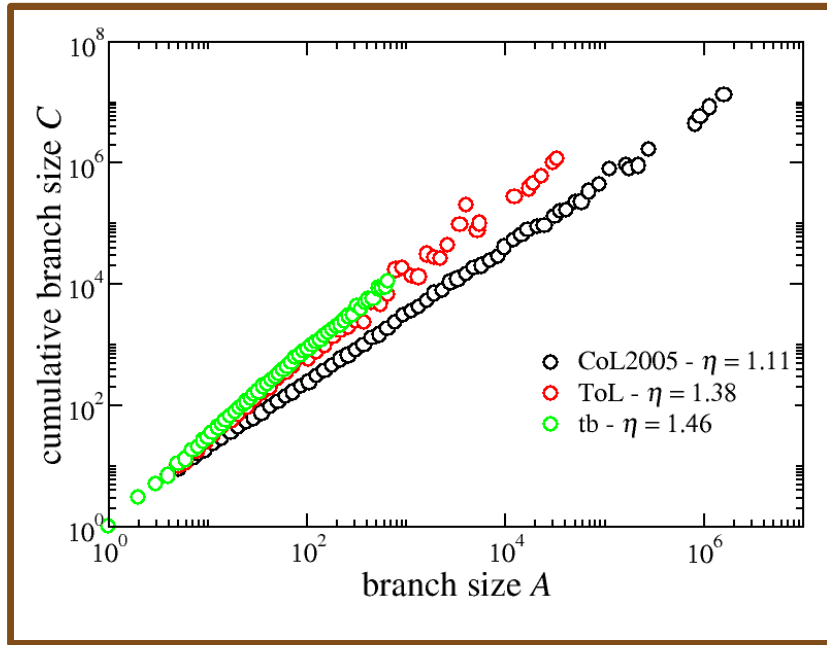
The Tree of Life Web Project (ToL) is a collaborative effort of biologists from around the world. On more than 9000 World Wide Web pages, the project provides information about the diversity of organisms on Earth, their evolutionary history (phylogeny), and characteristics.

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, the structure of the ToL project thus illustrates the diversity of living things. [read more about the Tree of Life Web Project...](#)

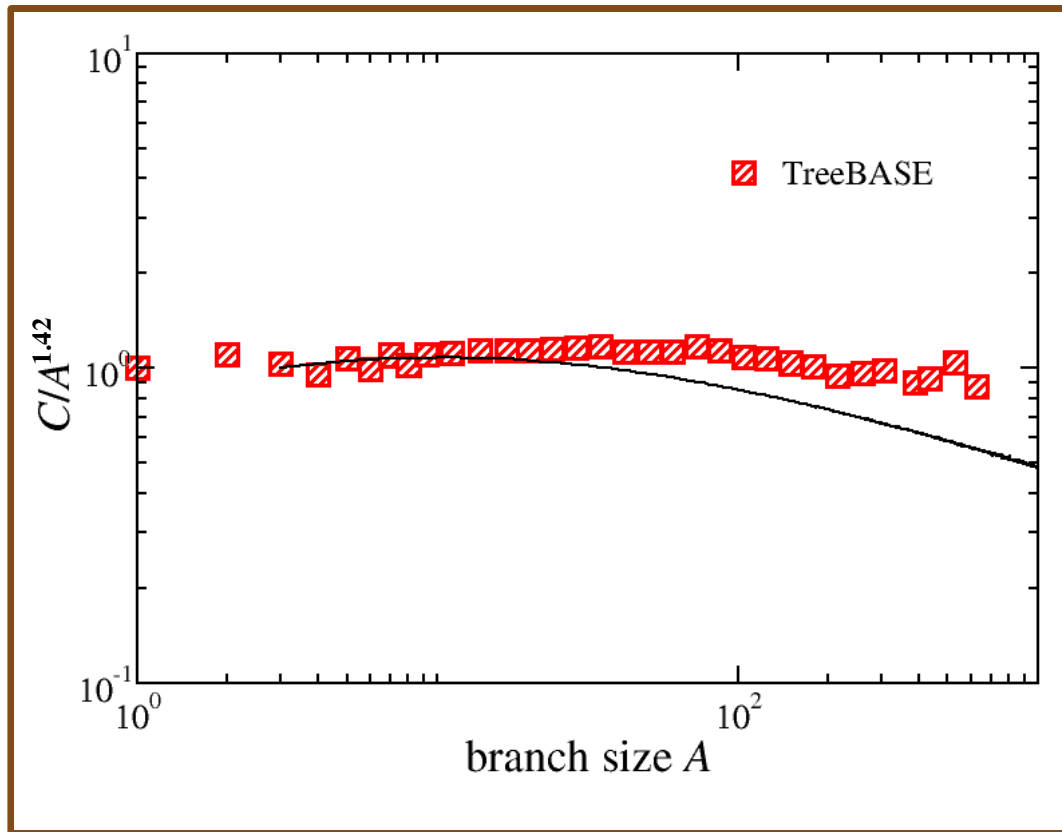


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Allometric scaling ($C \approx A^\eta$)



Equal-rates Markov (ERM) model



Conclusions...

- We have found a **power-law distribution** for the branch size (0.70-0.75), for the cumulative branch size (0.52-0.56), and for the C vs A scaling (1.41-1.44).
- We have found **striking similarities** between the power-law exponents for the protein families and for the species phylogenies, both in the branch size (A) and the cumulative branch size (C) distribution and in the C vs A scaling.
- The **ERM model does not fully explain** the C vs A scaling. The phylogenies display correlations not contained in the ERM model.
- The inclusion of a **memory-dependent process** in the null model could help us to explain the dynamics of the evolutionary events.