

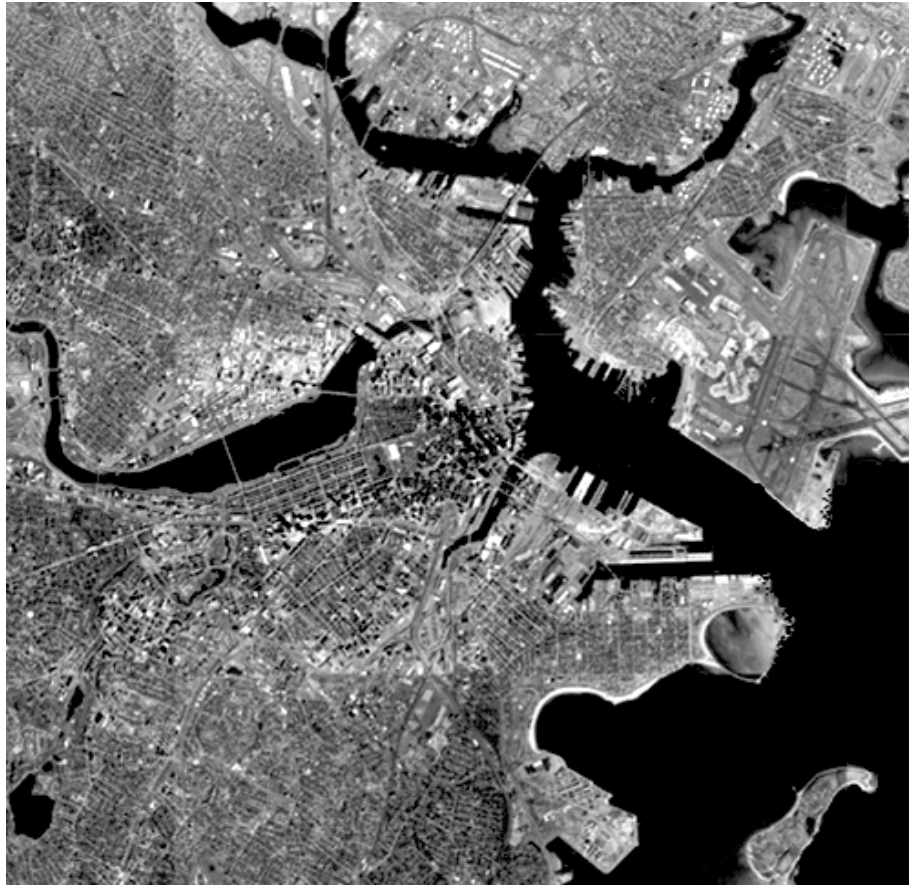
# A very *practical* MBTA subway map



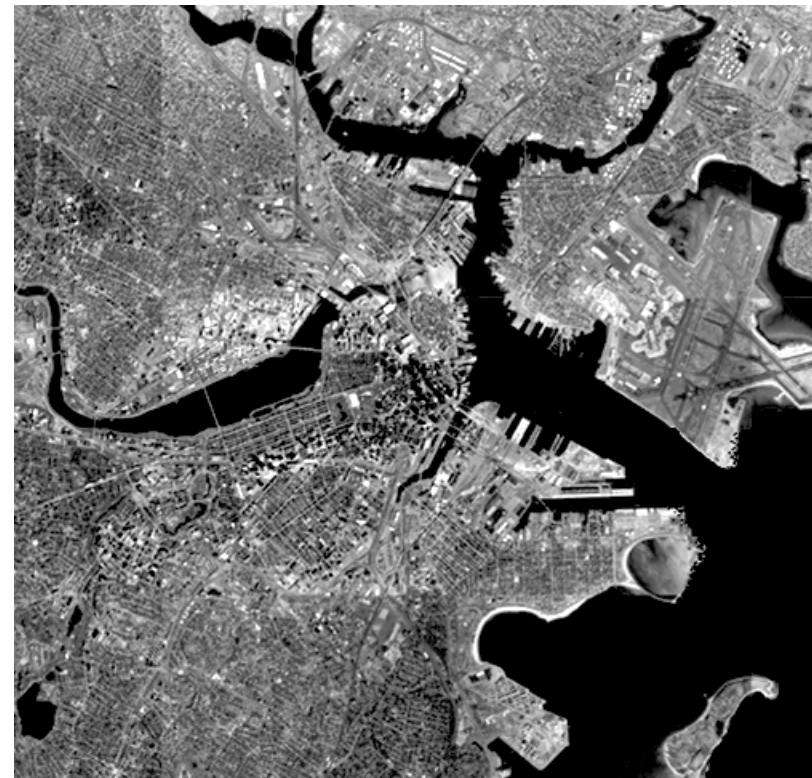
**T...The Alternate Route.**



# A very *realistic* MBTA subway map



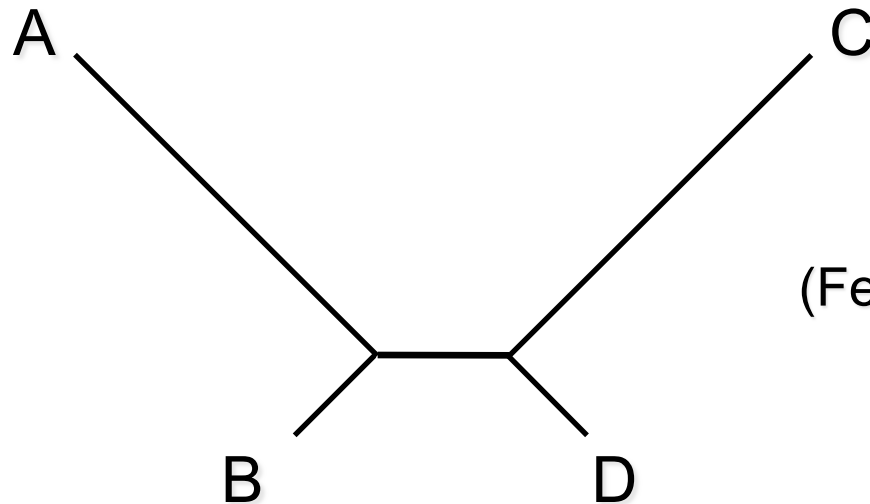
Which is more useful when you are trying to figure out how many stops there are between you and your destination?



## Why do models matter?

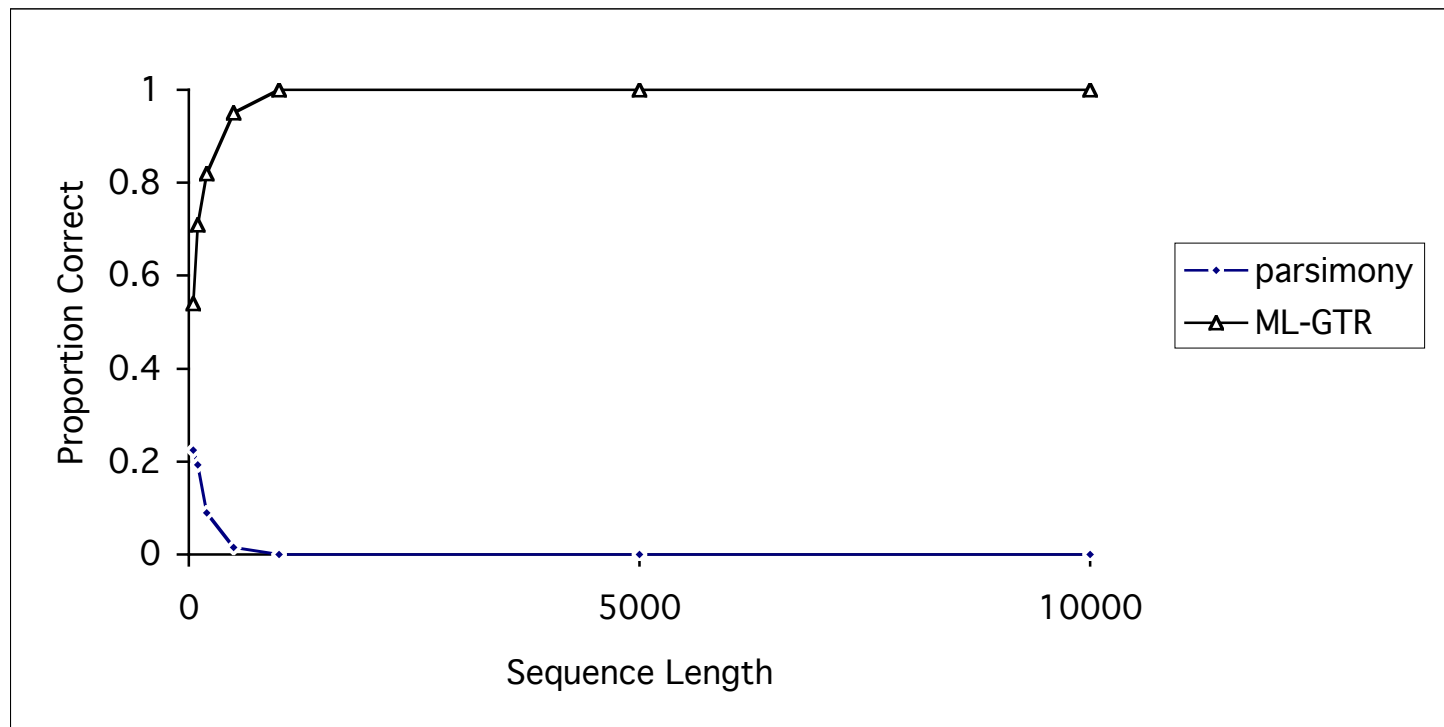
- Model-based methods including ML and Bayesian inference (typically) make a *consistent* estimate of the phylogeny (estimate converges to true tree as number of sites increases toward infinity)

... even when you're in the "Felsenstein Zone"



(Felsenstein, 1978)

# In the Felsenstein Zone



Simulation model = GTR

## Why do models matter (continued)?

- Parsimony is inconsistent in the Felsenstein zone (and other scenarios)
- Likelihood is consistent in any “zone” (when certain requirements are met)

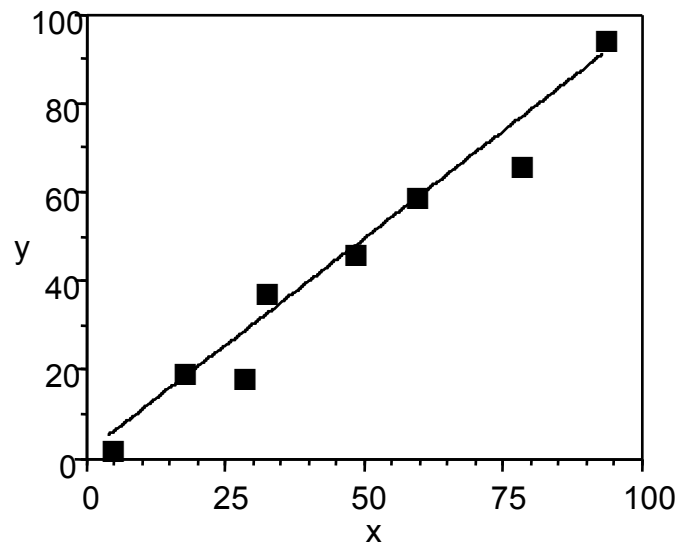
But this guarantee requires that the model be specified correctly!

Likelihood can also be inconsistent if the model is oversimplified

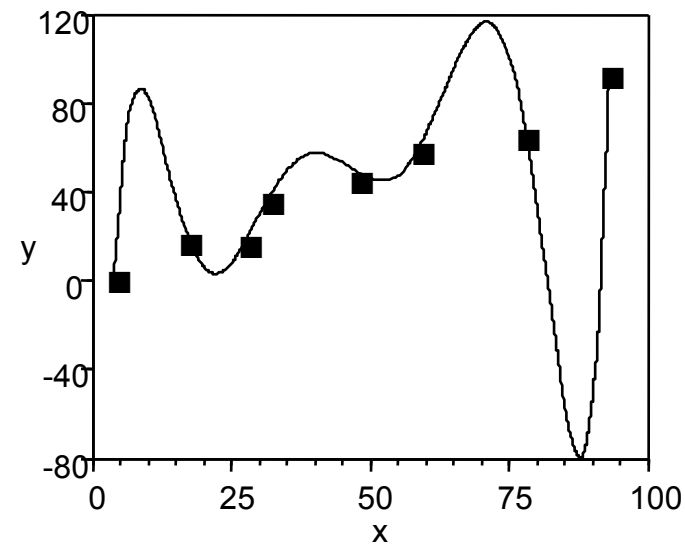
- Real data always evolve according to processes more complex than any computationally feasible model would permit, so we have to choose “good” rather than “correct” models

## What is a “good” model?

- A model that appropriately balances fit of the data with simplicity (parsimony, in a different sense)  
*i.e.*, if a simpler model fits the data almost as well as a more complex model, prefer the simpler one



$$y = 1.30 + 0.965x$$
$$(r^2 = 0.963)$$



$$y = -330 + 134x - 15.5x^2 + 0.816x^3$$
$$- 0.0225x^4 + 0.000335x^5$$
$$- 0.00000255x^6 + 0.00000000777x^7$$
$$(r^2 = 1.000)$$

# “The Principle of Parsimony” in the world of statistics

- **Burnham and Anderson (1998): Model Selection and Inference**
  - Parsimony lies between the evils of underfitting and overfitting. The concept of parsimony has a long history in the sciences. Often this has been expressed as “Occam’s razor”—shave away all that is not necessary. Parsimony in statistics represents a tradeoff between bias and variance as a function of the dimension of the model. A good model is a balance between under- and over-fitting.

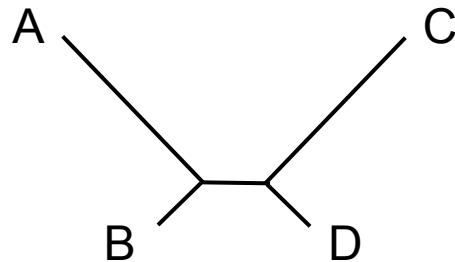


# Why models don't have to be perfect

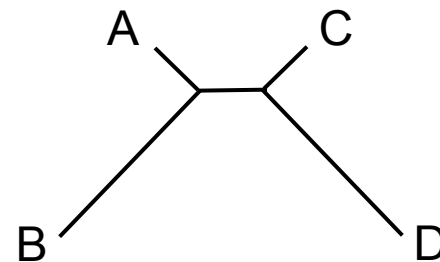
Assertion: In most situations, phylogenetic inference is relatively robust to model misspecification, *as long as critical factors influencing sequence evolution are accommodated*

**Caveat:** There are some kinds of model misspecification that are very difficult to overcome (e.g., “heterotachy”)

E.g.:



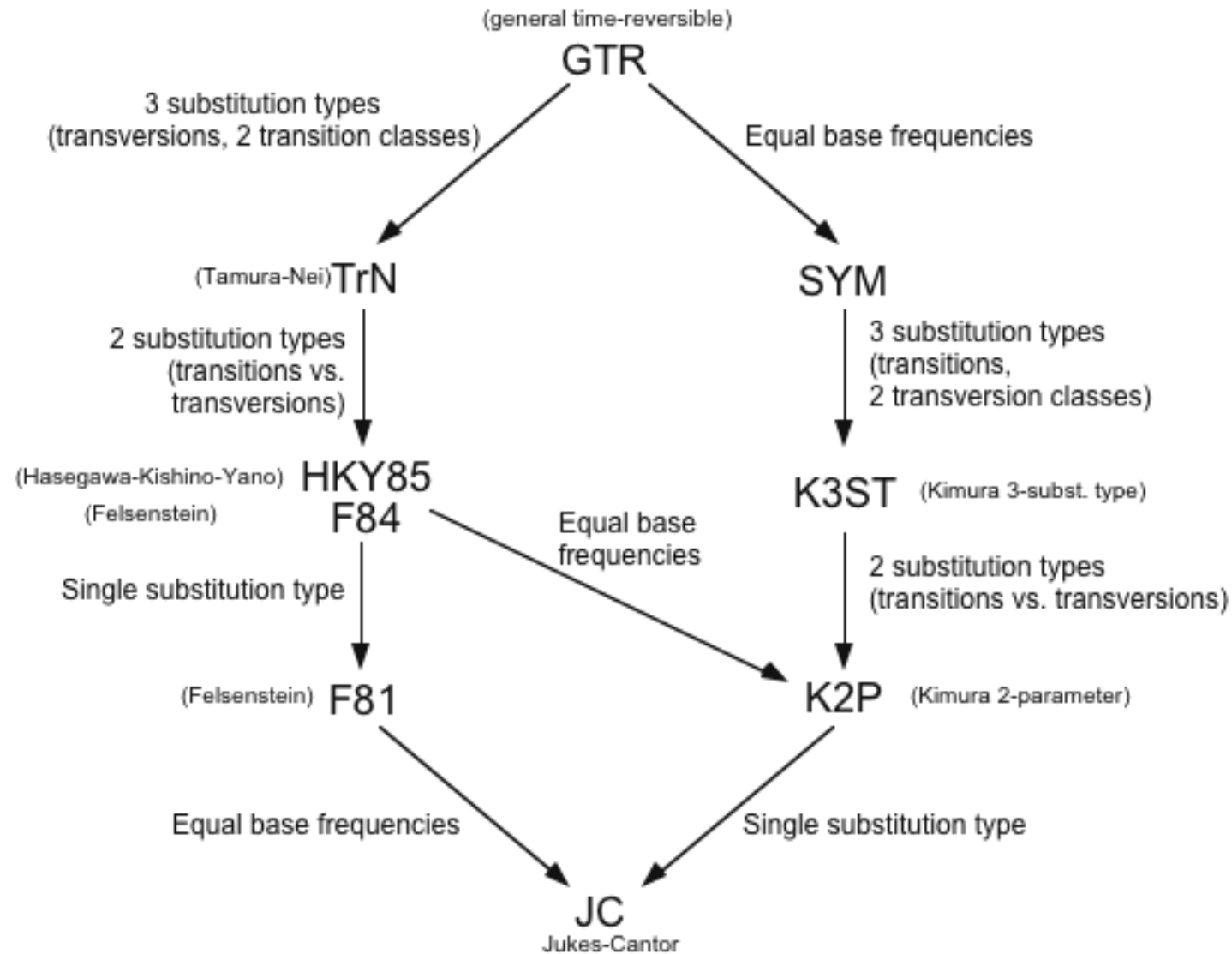
Half of sites



Other half

Likelihood can be consistent in Felsenstein zone, but will be inconsistent if a single set of branch lengths are assumed when there are actually two sets of branch lengths (Chang 1996)

# GTR Family of Reversible DNA Substitution Models



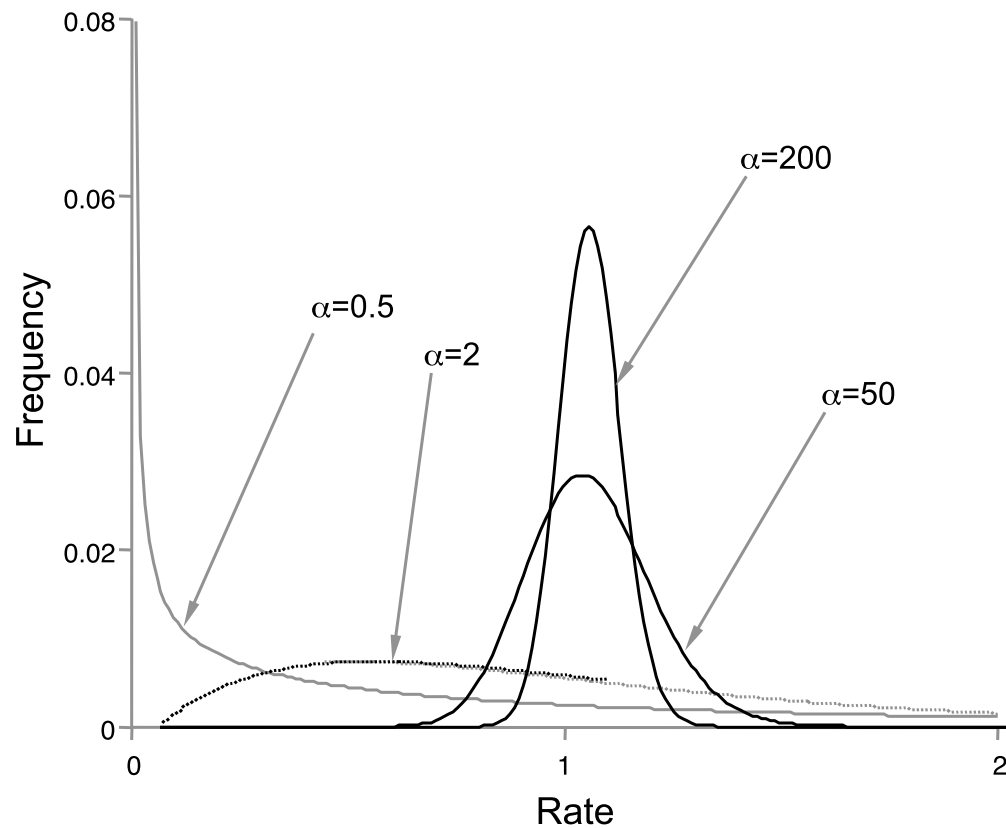
# Among site rate heterogeneity

equal rates? 

Lemur	AAGCTTCATAG	TTGCATCATCCA	...TTACATCATCCA
Homo	AAGCTTCACCG	TTGCATCATCCA	...TTACATCCTCAT
Pan	AAGCTTCACCG	TTACGCCATCCA	...TTACATCCTCAT
Goril	AAGCTTCACCG	TTACGCCATCCA	...CCCACGGACTTA
Pongo	AAGCTTCACCG	TTACGCCATCCT	...GCAACCACCCTC
Hylo	AAGCTTTACAG	TTACATTATCCG	...TGCAACCGTCCT
Maca	AAGCTTTTCCG	TTACATTATCCG	...CGCAACCATCCT

- Proportion of invariable sites
  - Some sites extremely unlikely to change due to strong functional or structural constraint (Hasegawa et al., 1985)
- Gamma-distributed rates
  - Rate variation assumed to follow a gamma distribution with shape parameter  $\alpha$
- Site-specific rates (another way to model ASRV)
  - Different relative rates assumed for pre-assigned subsets of sites

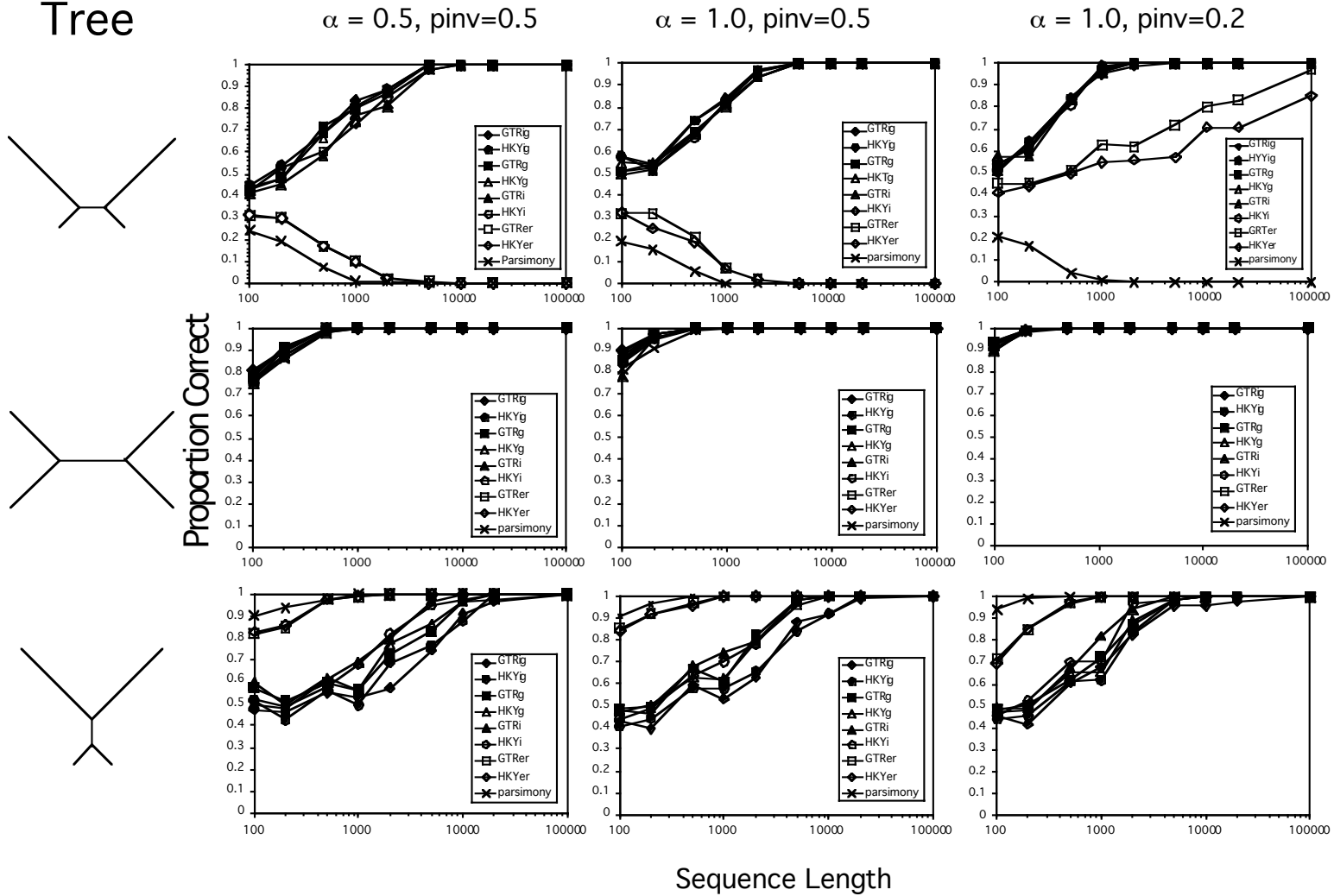
## Modeling ASRV with gamma distribution



...can also include a proportion of “invariable” sites ( $p_{\text{inv}}$ )

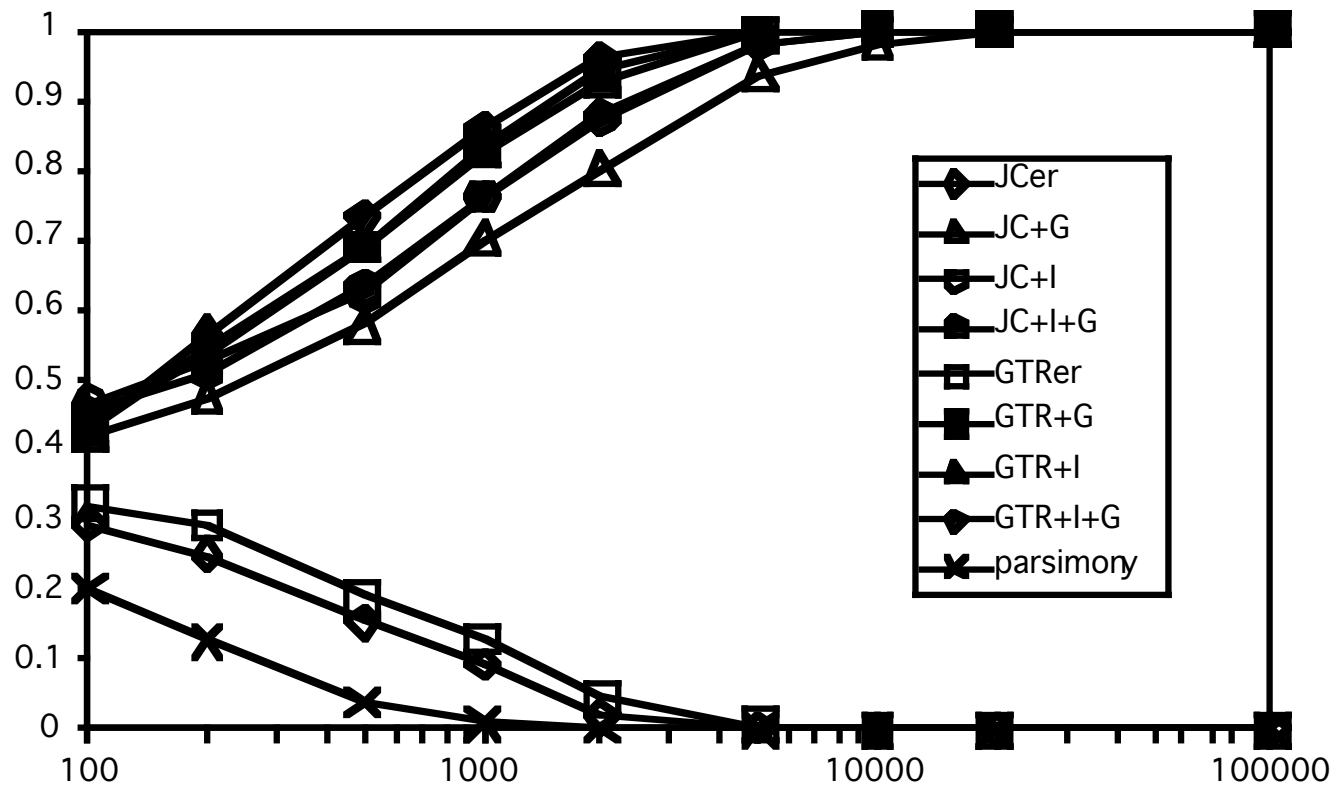
# Performance of ML when its model is violated

Tree

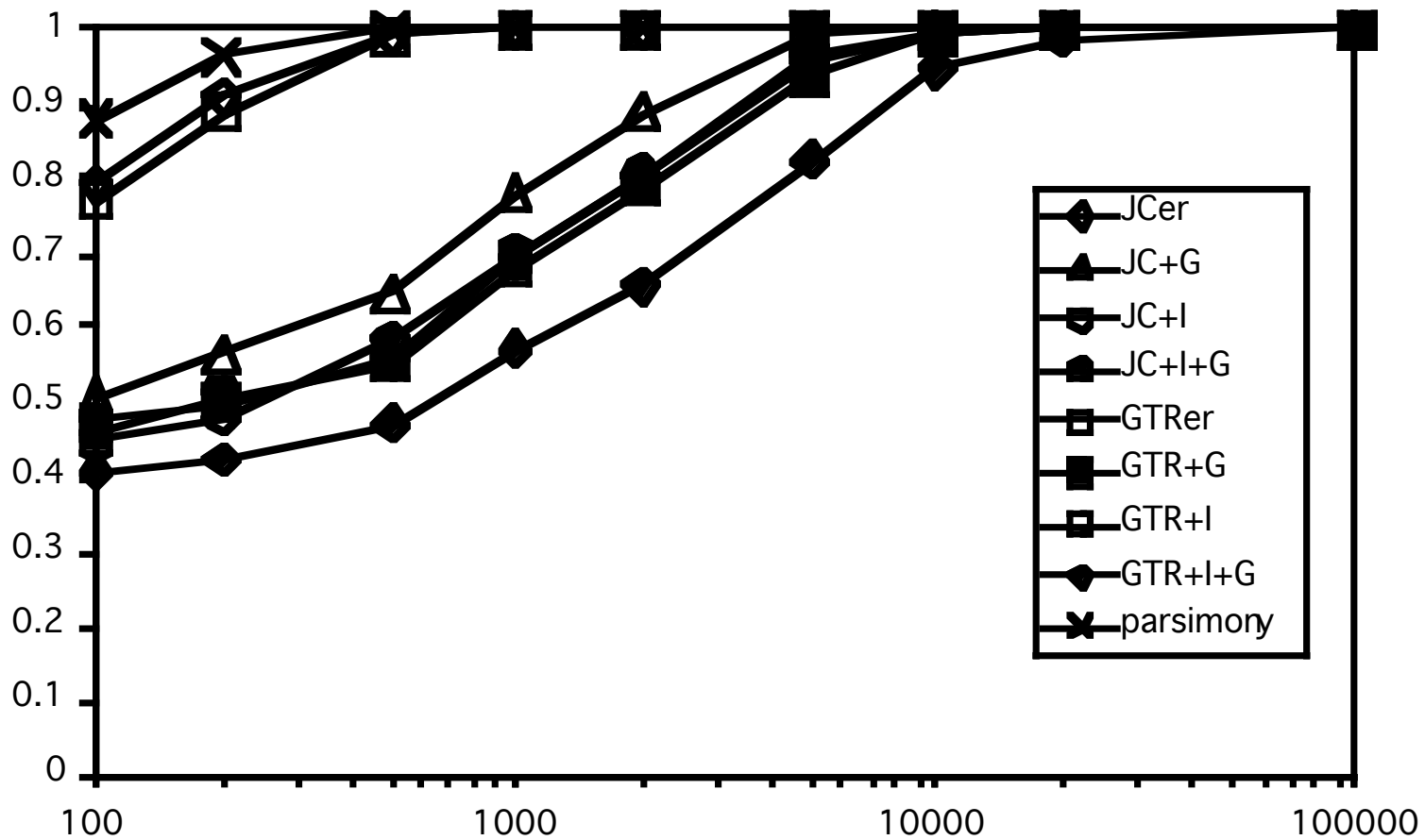


# “MODERATE”–Felsenstein zone

$$\alpha = 1.0, p_{\text{inv}}=0.5$$



# “MODERATE”–Inverse-Felsenstein zone



## Model selection criteria

- Likelihood ratio tests

$$\delta = -2(\ln L_0 - \ln L_1)$$

If model  $L_0$  is nested within model  $L_1$ ,  $\delta$  is distributed as  $\chi^2$  with degrees-of-freedom equal to difference in number of free parameters

- Akaike information criterion (AIC)

$$AIC_i = -2\ln L_i + 2K$$

where  $K$  is the number of free parameters estimated

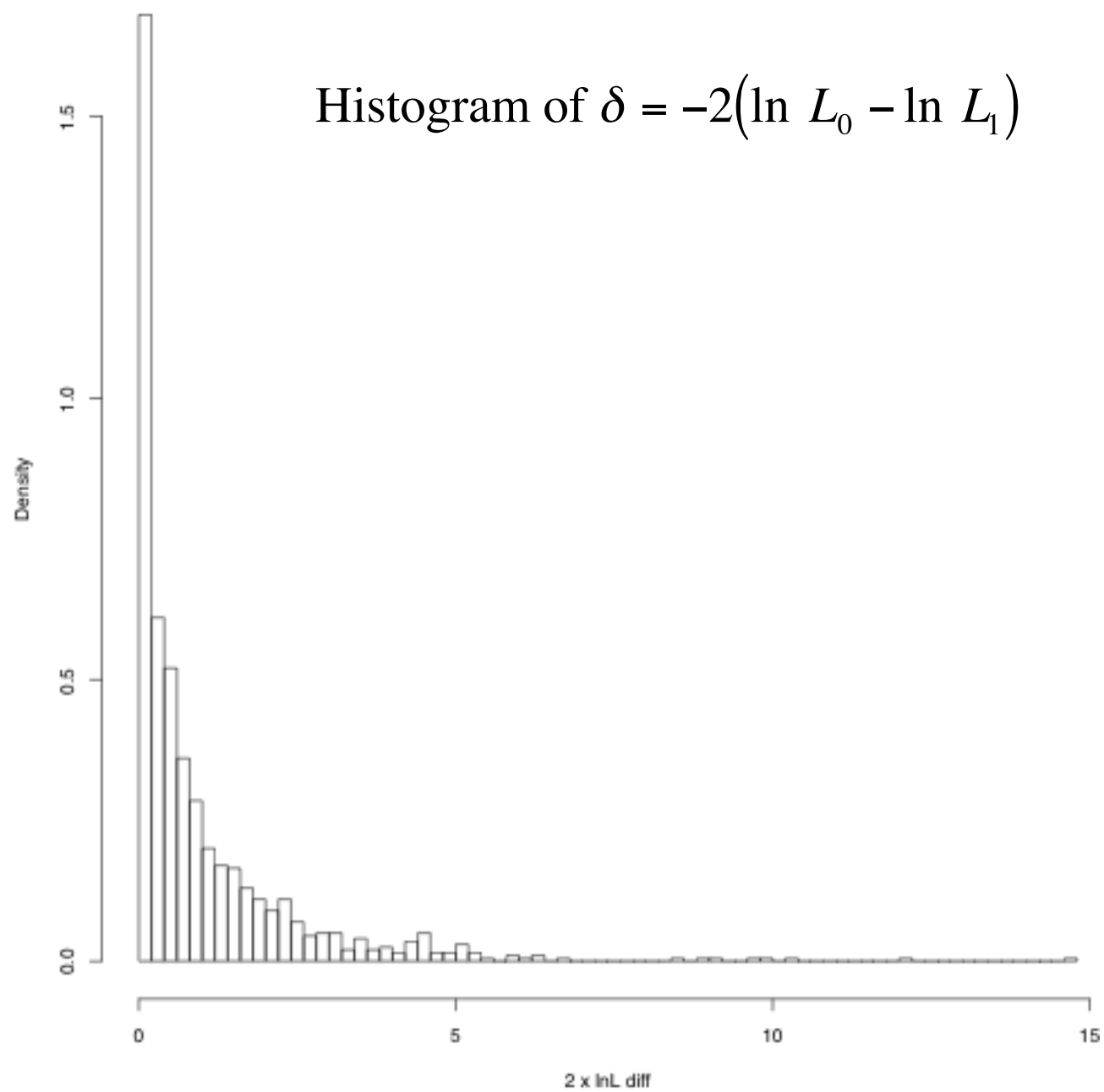
- Bayesian information criterion (BIC)

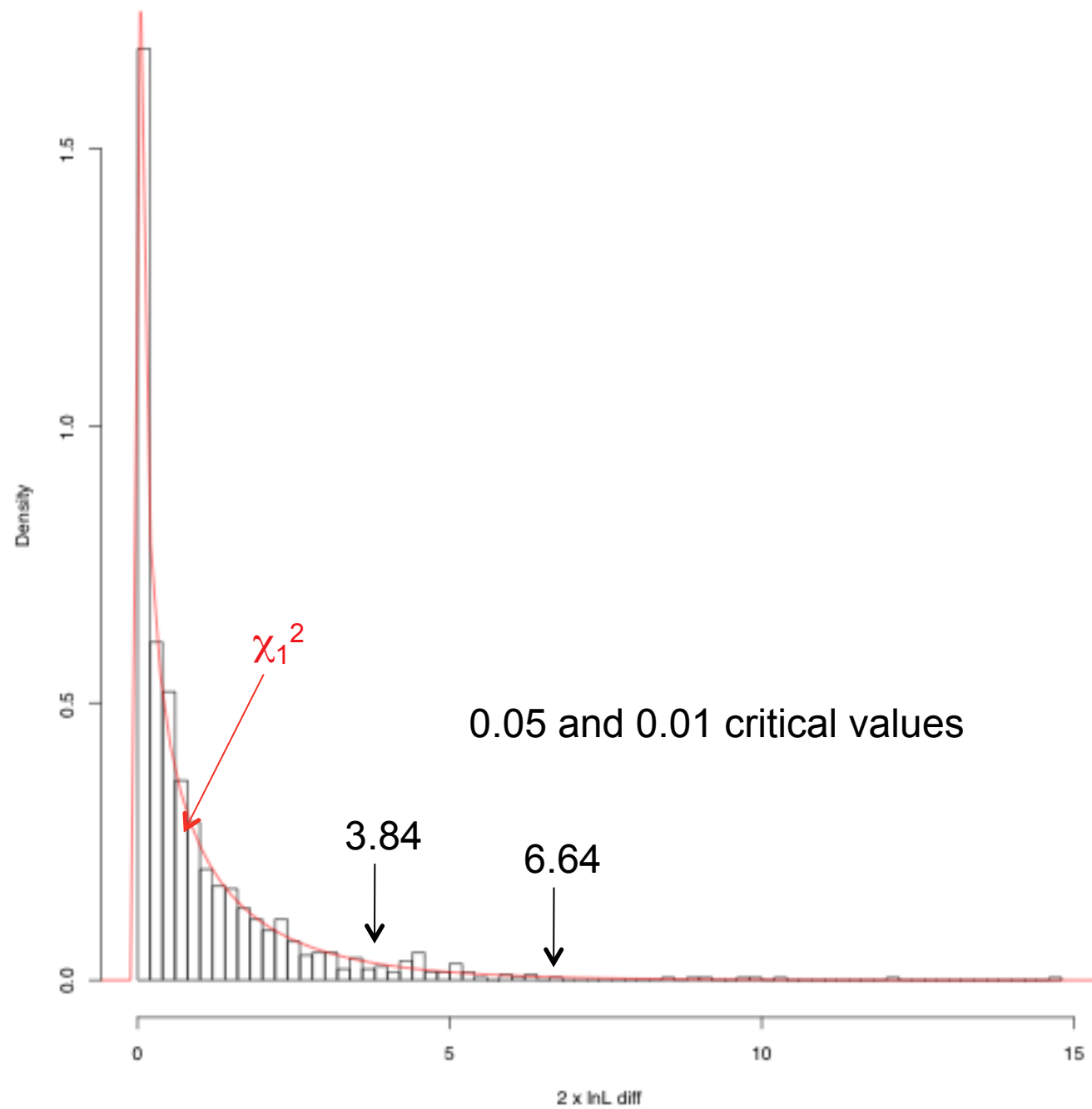
$$BIC_i = -2\ln L_i + K \ln n$$

where  $K$  is the number of free parameters estimated and  $n$  is the “sample size” (typically number of sites)



Histogram of  $\delta = -2(\ln L_0 - \ln L_1)$





# What is PAUP\*?

*A multipurpose program for phylogenetic analysis*

- Simple, intuitive interface
- Wide variety of analyses available in a single program (facilitates exploration)

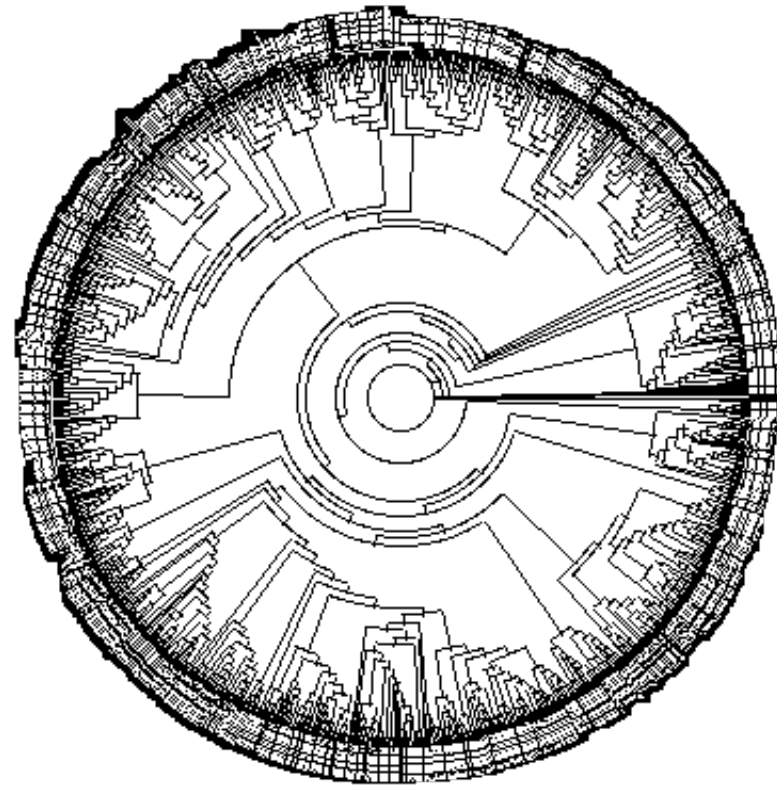
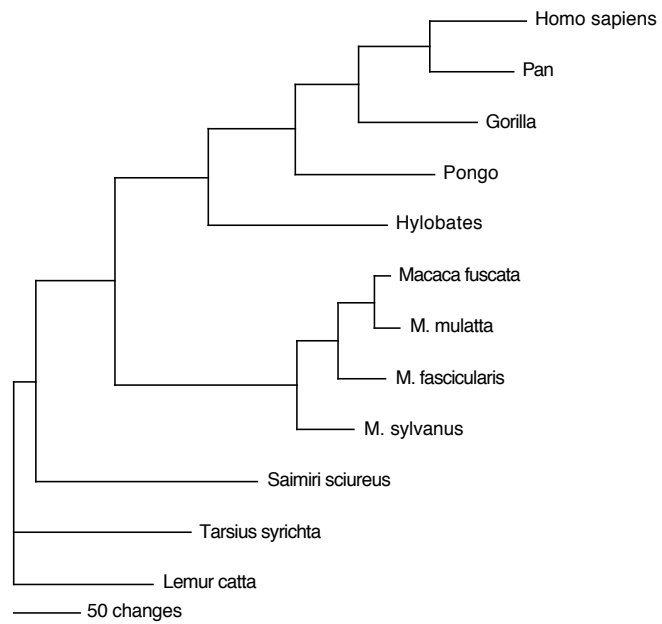
Searching for optimal evolutionary trees:

- Parsimony
- Distance
  - Minimum evolution
  - Least-squares
  - Weighted least squares (Fitch-Margoliash)
- Maximum likelihood (under a variety of models)

# Tree-search algorithms

- Exact
  - Branch and bound
  - Exhaustive search
- Heuristic (local search)
  - Nearest-neighbor interchange (NNI)
  - Subtree pruning-regrafting (SPR)
  - Tree bisection-reconnection (TBR)
  - Edge contract-refine (2-ECR)
  - Star decomposition
  - Quartet puzzling
- Clustering/algorithmic
  - Neighbor-joining (including BioNJ)
  - UPGMA

# Decent graphics



# Confidence and hypothesis testing

- Bootstrap
- Jackknife
- Kishino-Hasegawa test
- Shimodaira-Hasegawa test
- Shimodaira approximately unbiased test
- Nonparametric Templeton and winning-sites tests
- Permutation tests
- Partition homogeneity (ILD) test

# Models

- **DNA substitution models** (both for distance and ML)
  - Jukes-Cantor
  - Kimura 2-parameter and 3ST
  - HKY85 and Felsenstein84
  - General time reversible (including any arbitrary submodel)
- **Amino acid models** (new)
  - PAM
  - JTT
  - mtREV
  - WAG
  - Any user-specified rate matrix
  - GTR
- **Among-site rate variation**
  - Gamma-distributed
  - Proportion of invariable sites
  - Gamma +  $P_{inv}$
  - Site-specific

# Other analyses and functions

- **Summarizing agreement among trees**
  - Strict consensus
  - Majority-rule consensus
  - Adams consensus
  - Agreement subtrees
- **Filtering/sorting trees**
  - By compatibility with consensus
  - By tree score
- **Tree output and description**
  - Cladograms
  - Phylograms
  - Unrooted trees
- **Reconstruction of ancestral character states**
  - Parsimony
  - ML
- **Tree-to-tree distances** (RF, agreement metric, “ABC”)
- **Import/export of foreign formats** (PHYLIP, Mega, NBRF, Hennig/Nona/TNT)

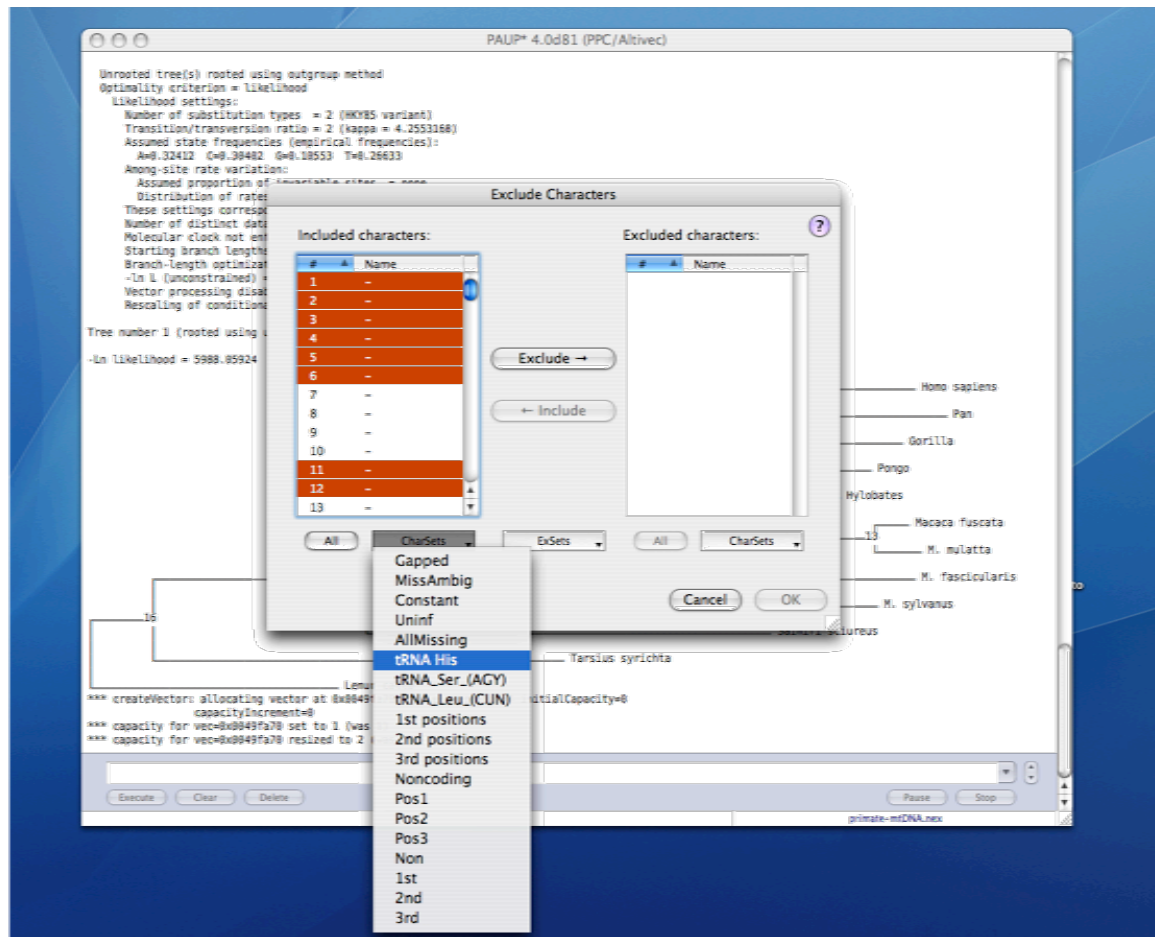


# Some new features

- Amino acid models
- Vectorized parsimony and likelihood calculations (Altivec, SSE)
- Multithreaded (pthreads, OpenMP) for multiprocessor and multicore machines
- Supertrees (MRP, strict consensus merger, others?)
- Soon...
  - Simple checkpointing
  - Parallel tree evaluation (MPI and PVM)
  - Improved tree-search heuristics (e.g., “ratchet”)

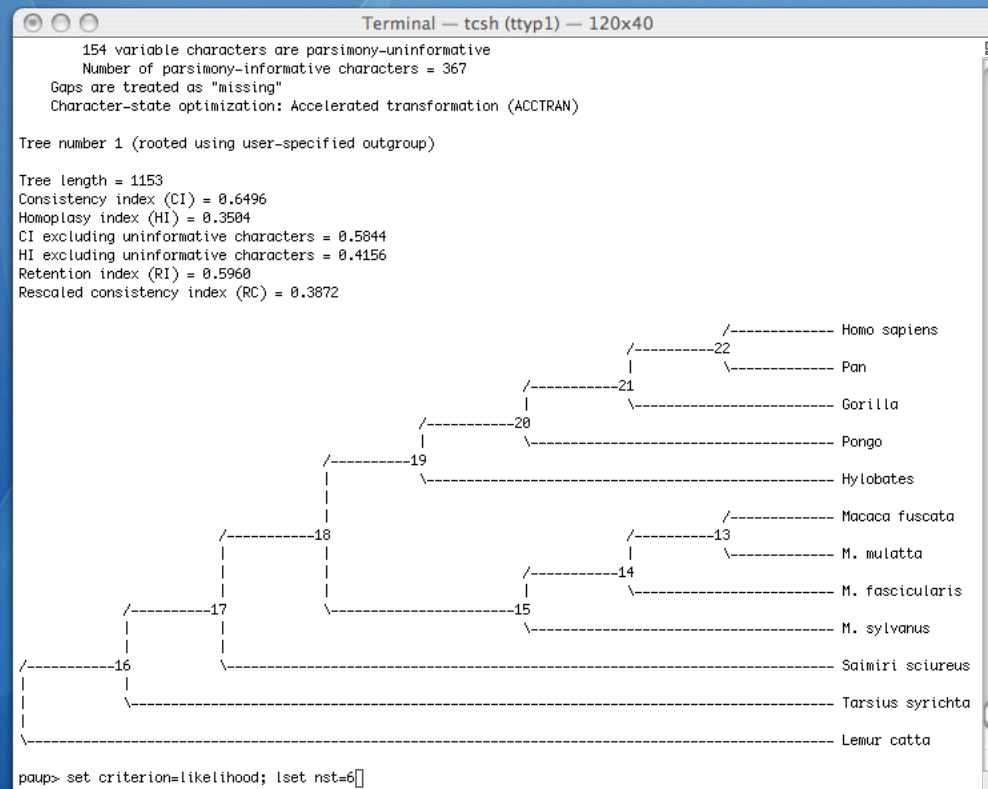
# PAUP\* 4.0 Platforms

OS X (native)



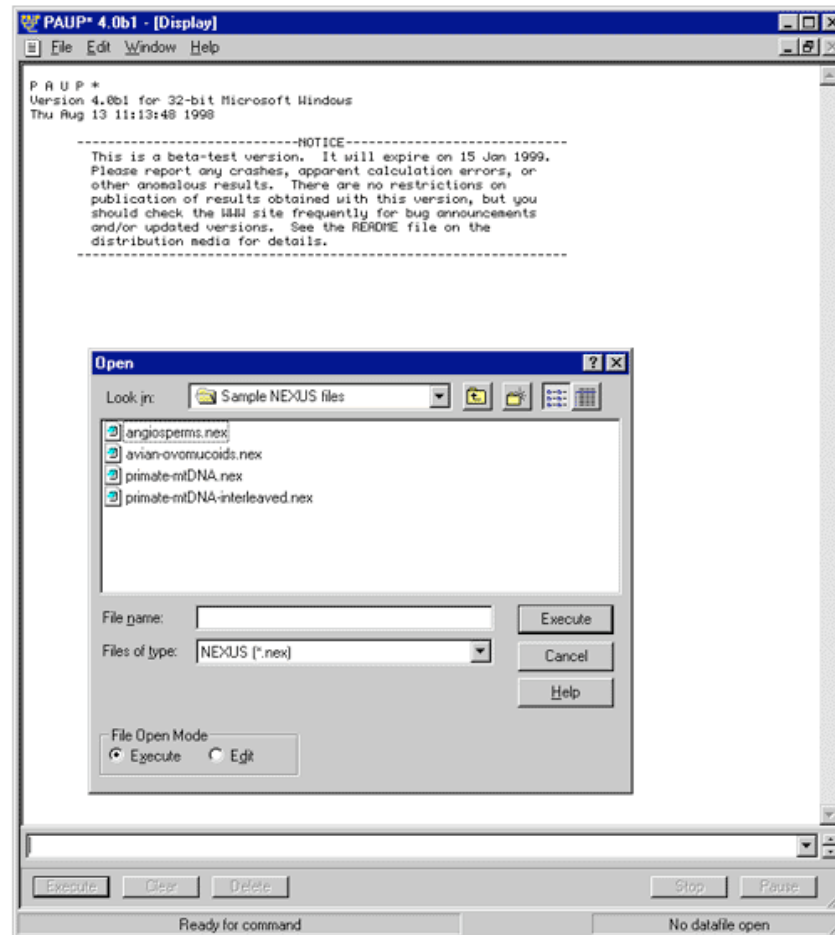
# PAUP\* 4.0 Platforms

## Linux/Unix/OS X Terminal



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Microsoft Windows (full GUI almost finished)



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