



Comparative analyses of phenotypic sequences: a case study using cricket songs

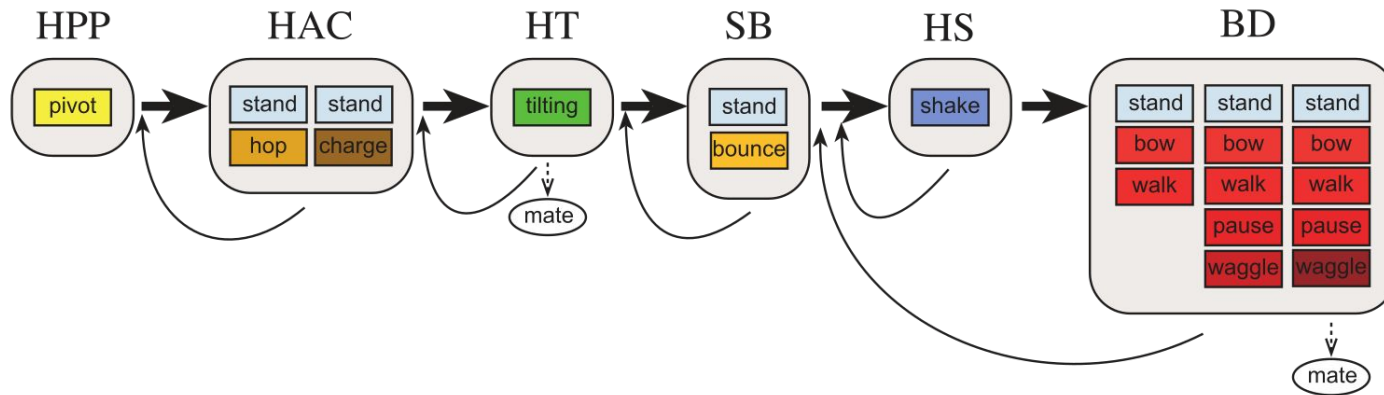
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What is a phenotypic sequence?



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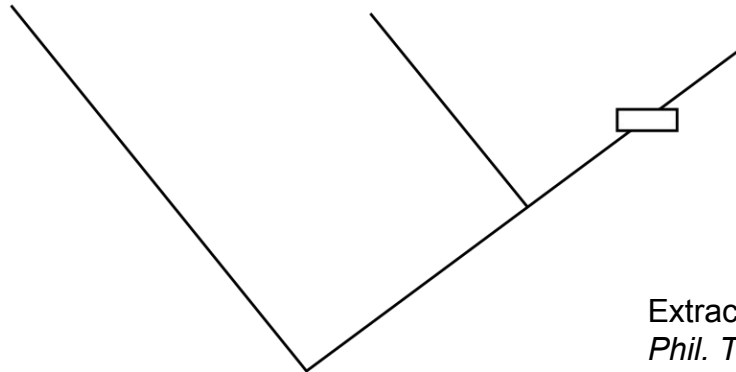
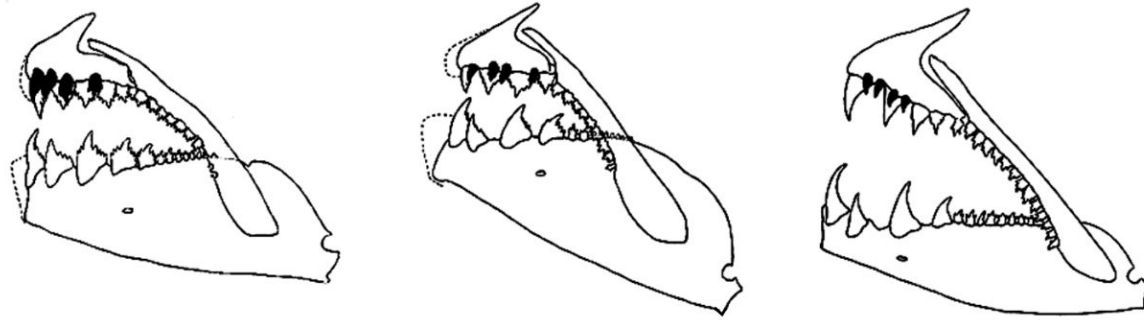
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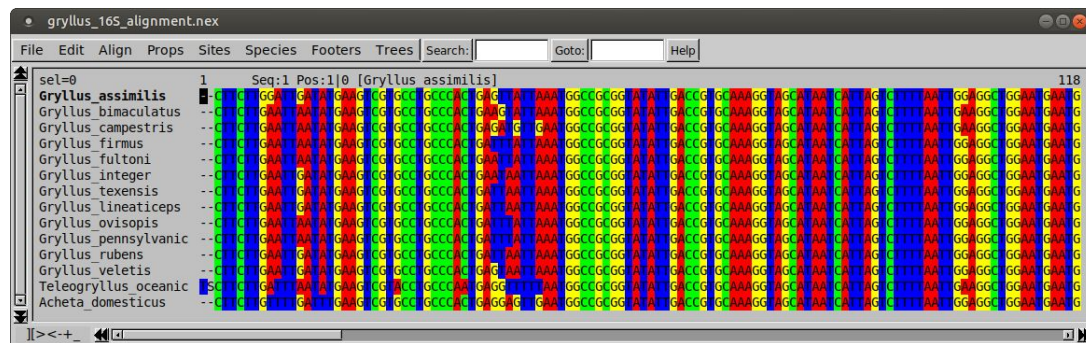
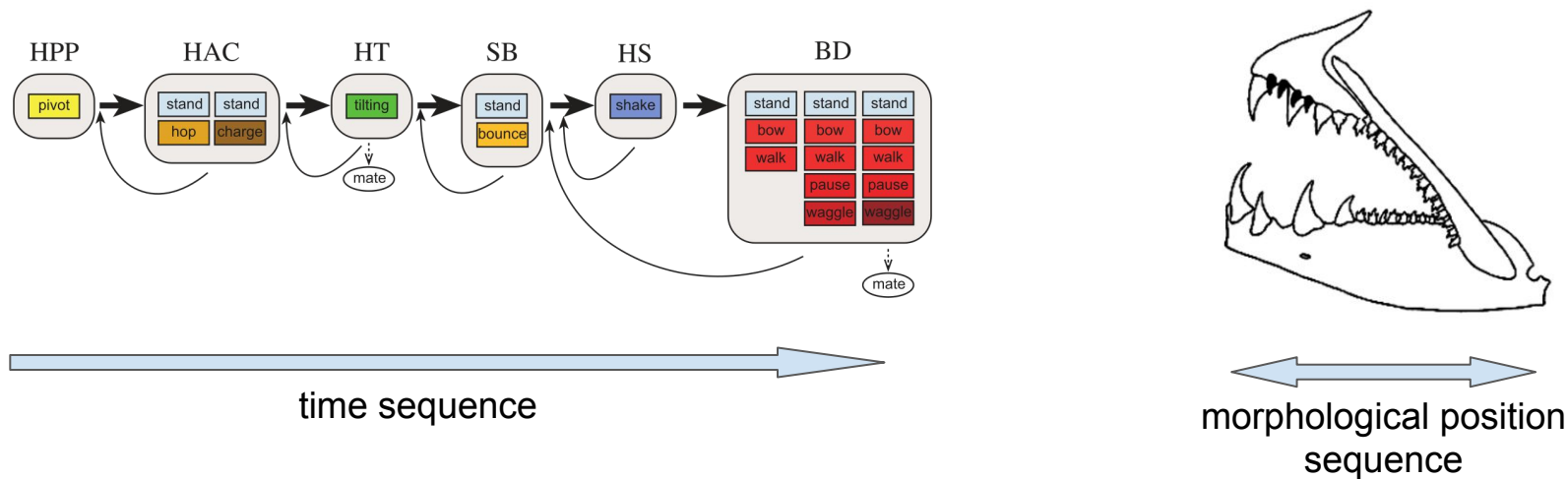
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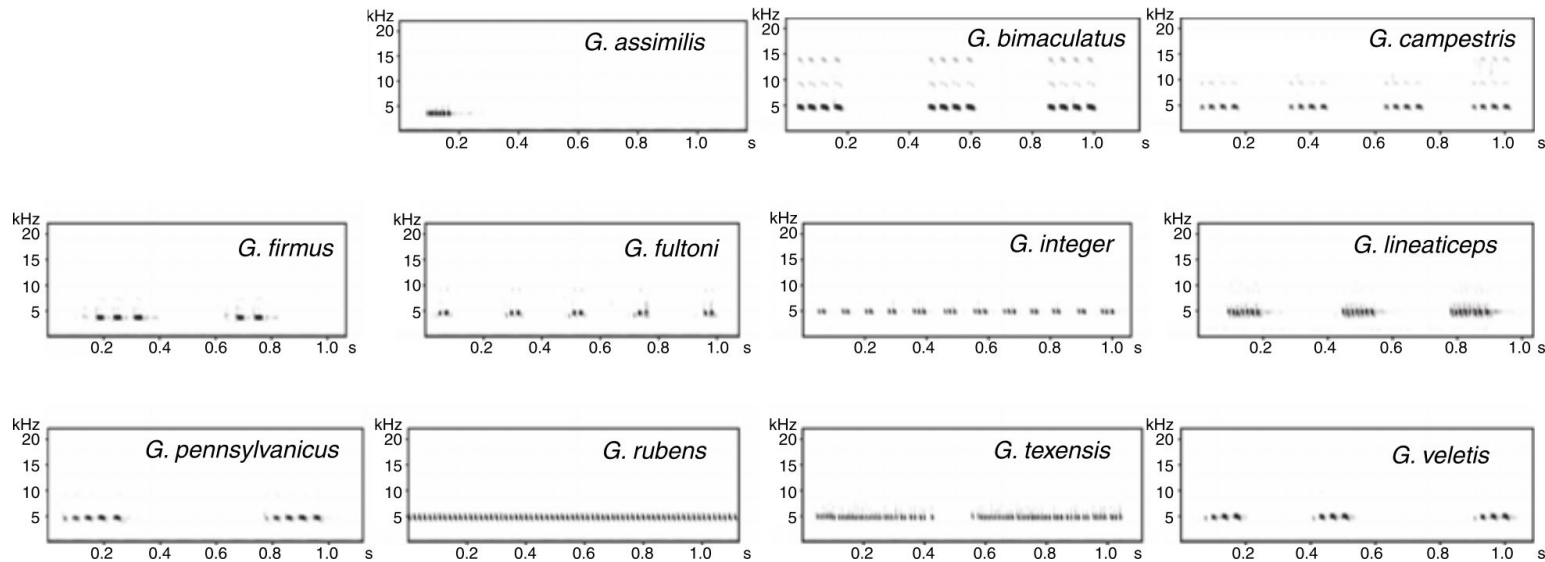
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molecular sequence



Calling songs of *Gryllus* crickets (data from Robillard et al. 2006 *Cladistics*)





Questions

How rates of evolution vary along the sequence trait?

Are rates autocorrelated?

Do silent and chirp regions show similar rates of evolution?

Methods

Estimate phylogeny **using molecular data**.

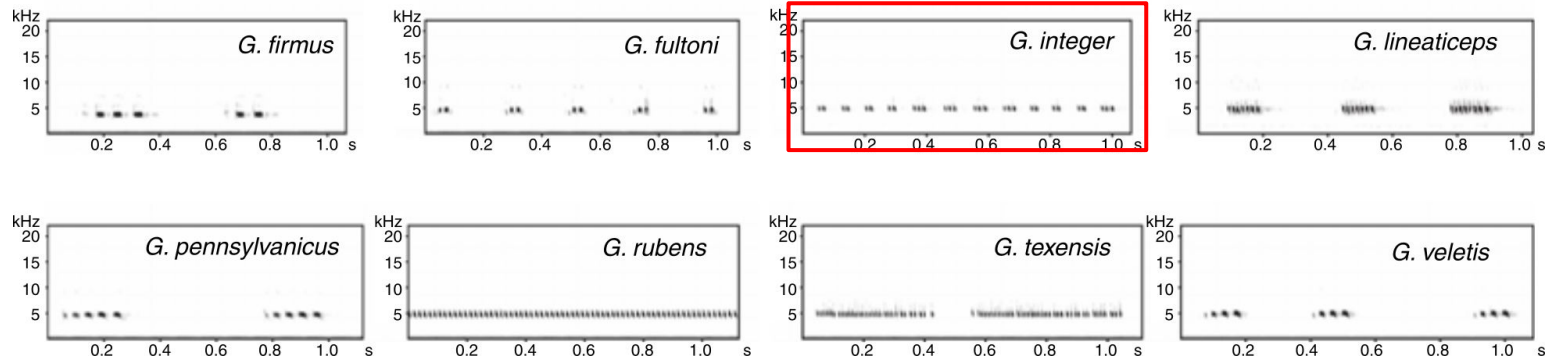
Estimate sequence alignment **conditioned on the phylogeny**.

Estimate rates of evolution along the sequence positions.

Contrast independent rates with autocorrelated rates.



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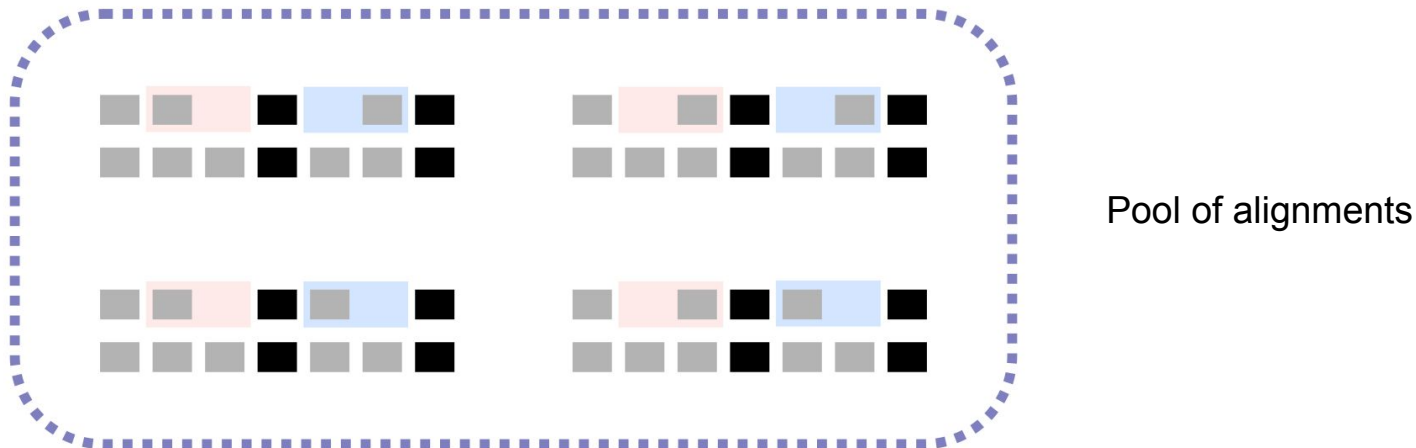
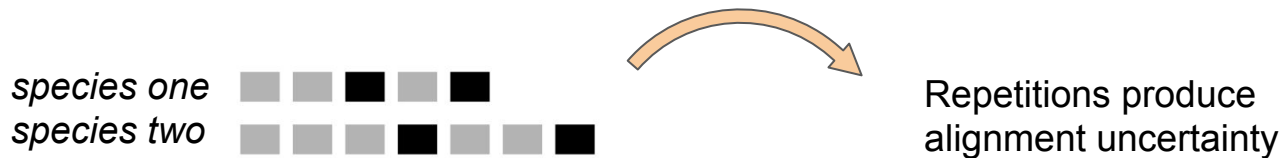
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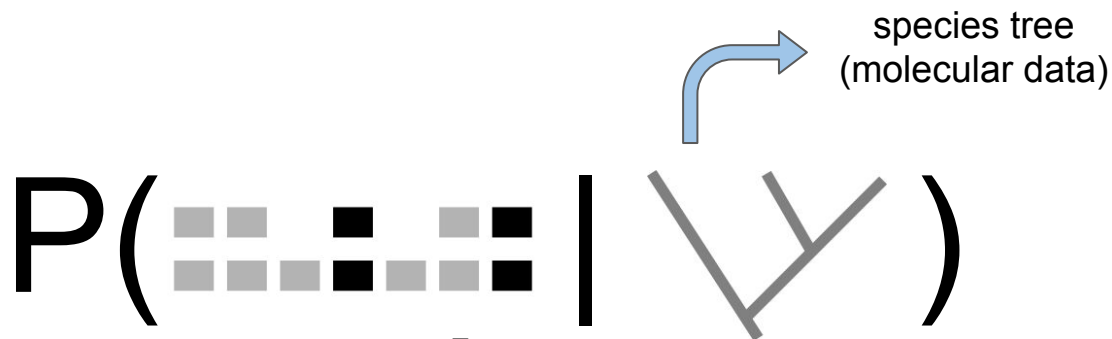


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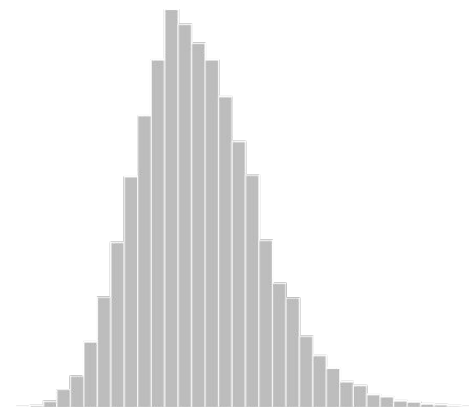
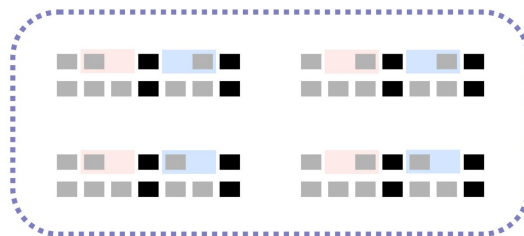


Alignment of non-molecular sequences





probability of
the alignment



posterior distribution
of alignments



Suchard and Redelings (2006)



Distance-based alignment with custom distance matrices

MAFFT

Katoh and Standley (2013)

MAFFT version 7

Multiple alignment program for amino acid or nucleotide sequences

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Non-biological sequences

Non-biological sequences, or texts consisting of printable characters, can be aligned in the `--text` mode.

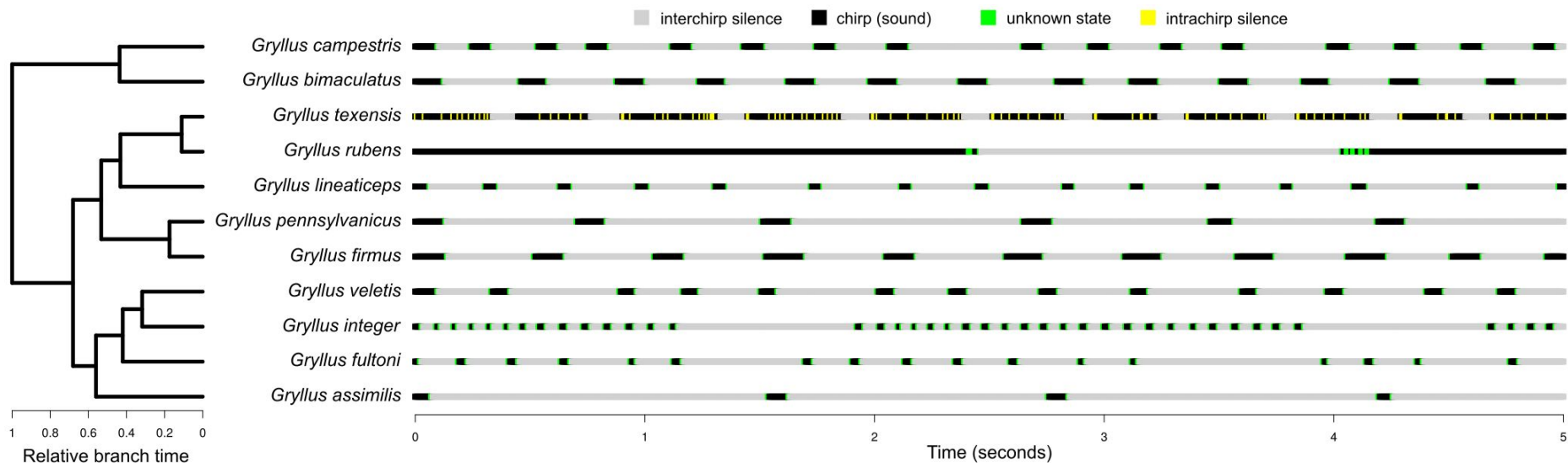
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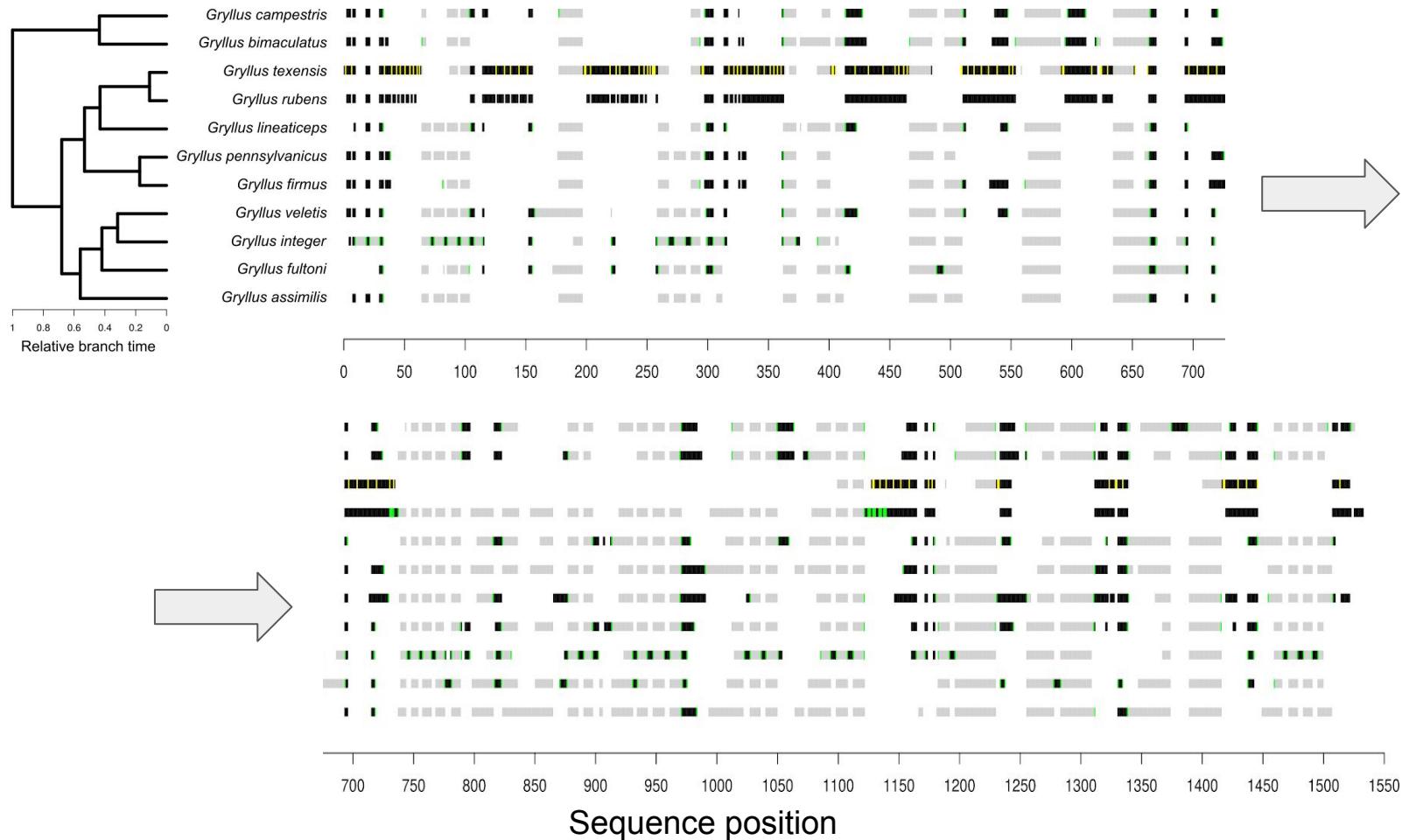
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> text 2
2005~Katoh~Kuma~MIYATA~Toh
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- Minus (`-`) is used to represent a gap in the output. If the input data has `-s`, they are removed.
- Spaces in the input data are also removed. They have to be converted to another symbol (`~` in the



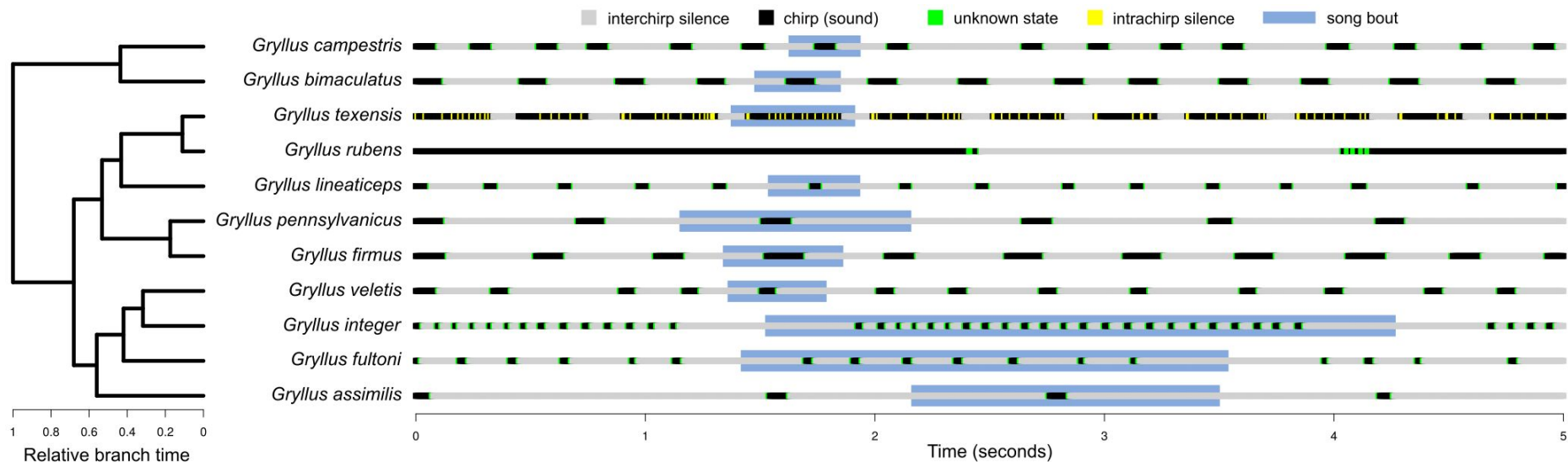
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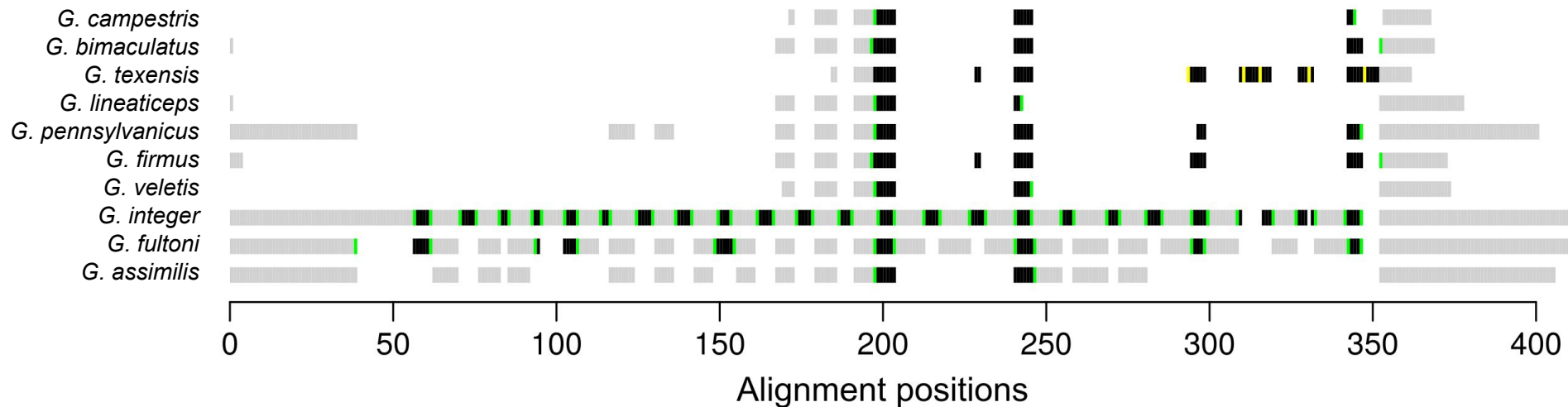


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Alignment of song bout sequences

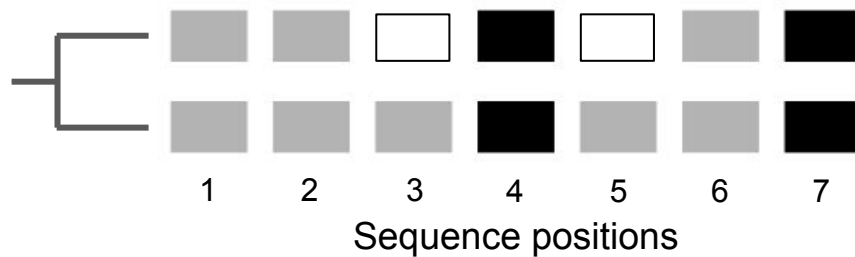
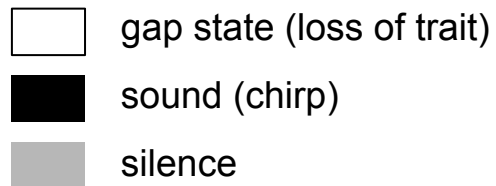




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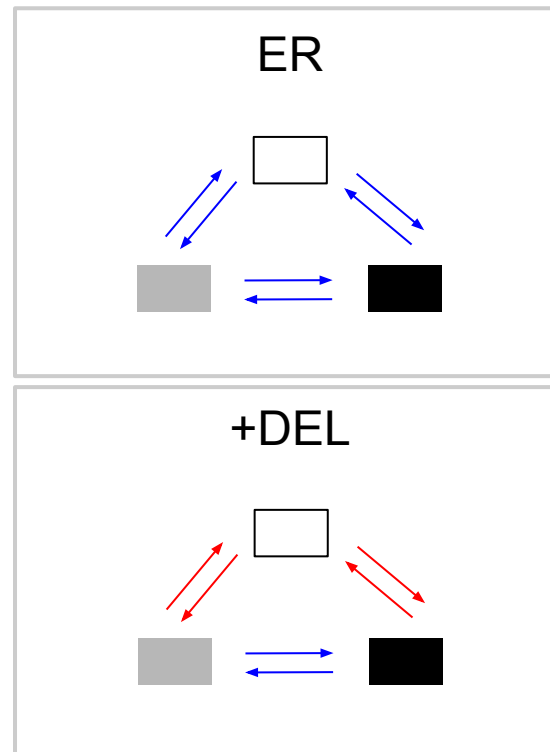
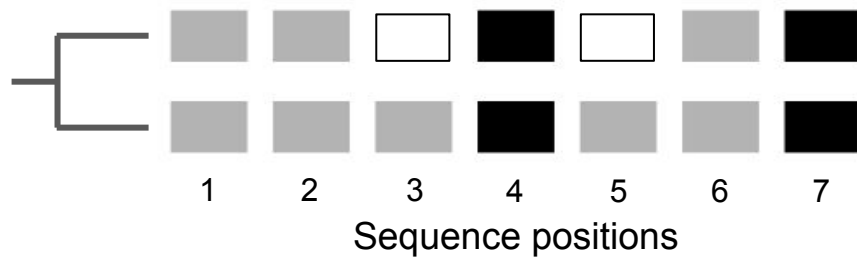
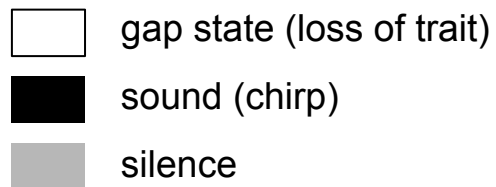


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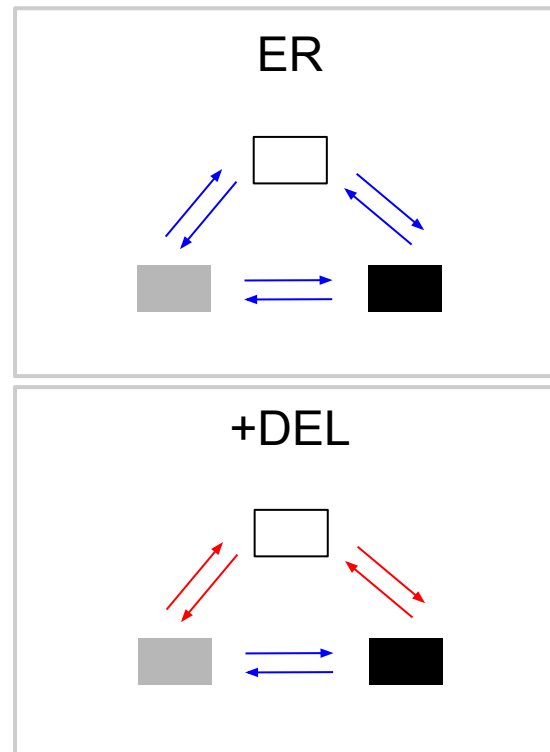
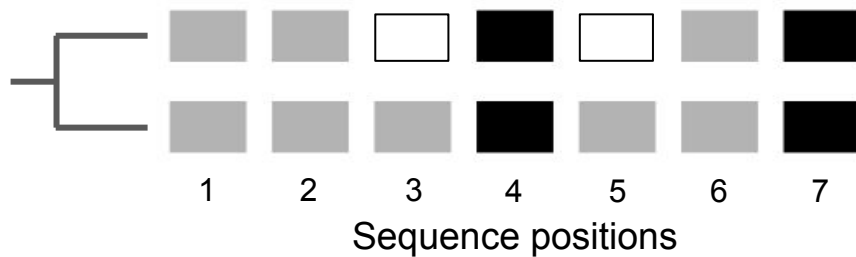
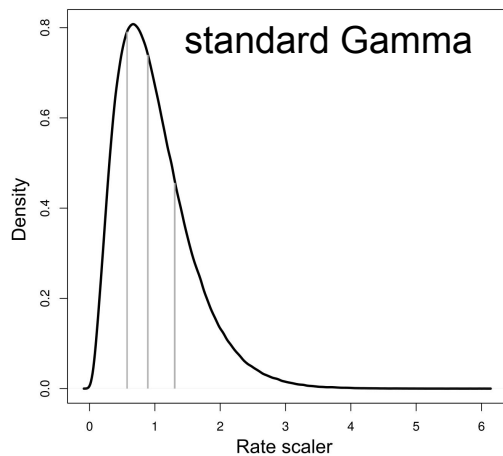


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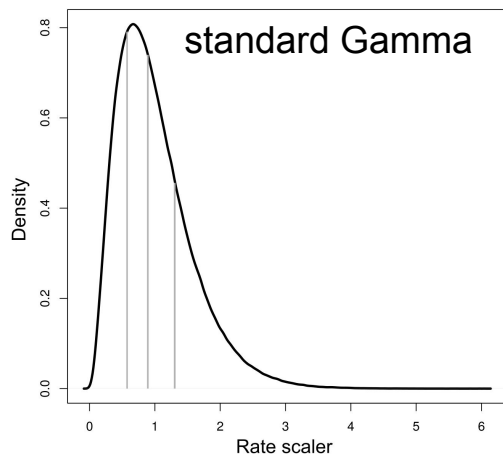


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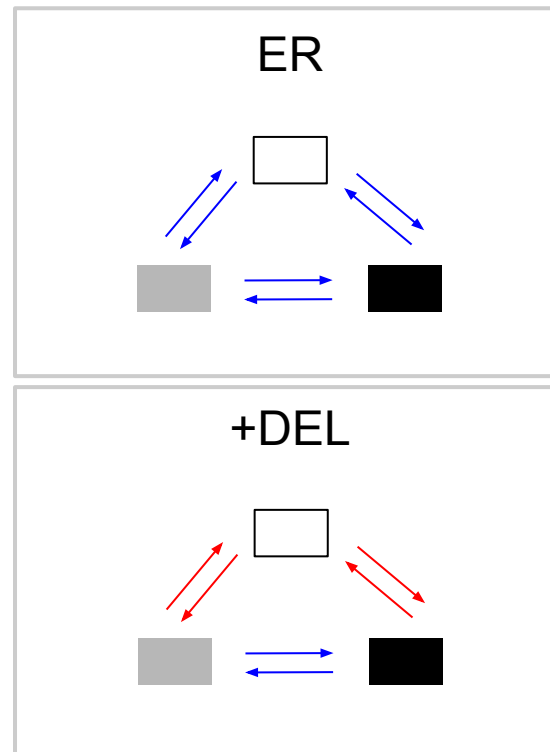
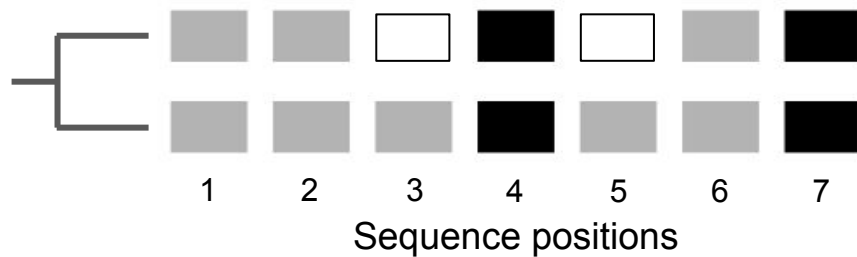


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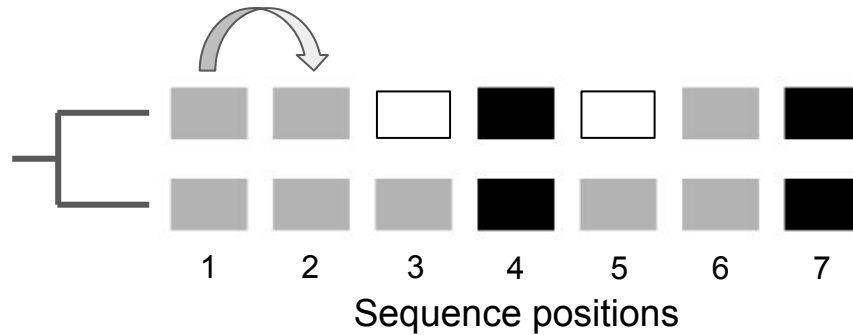
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Yang (1994)



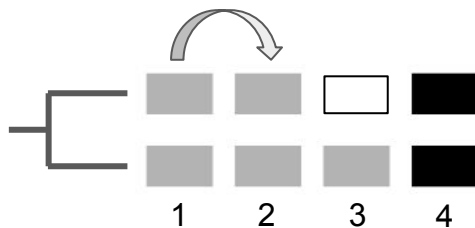
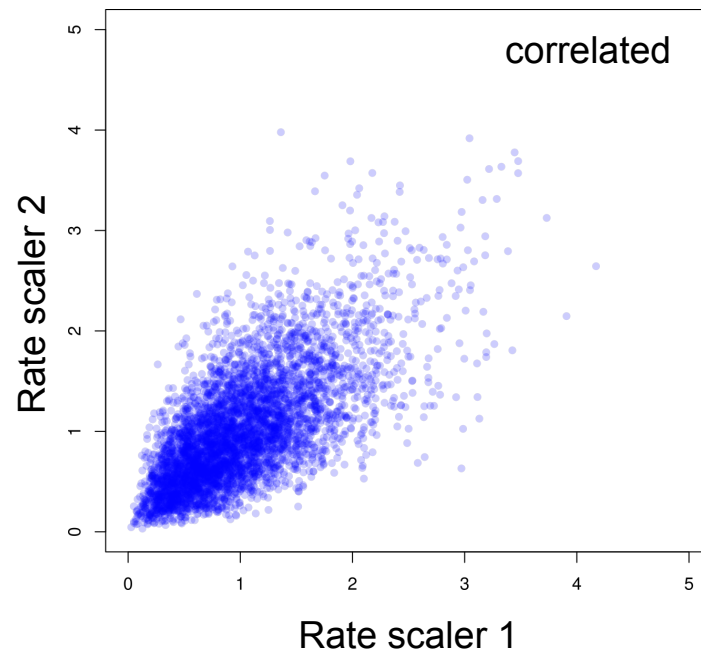
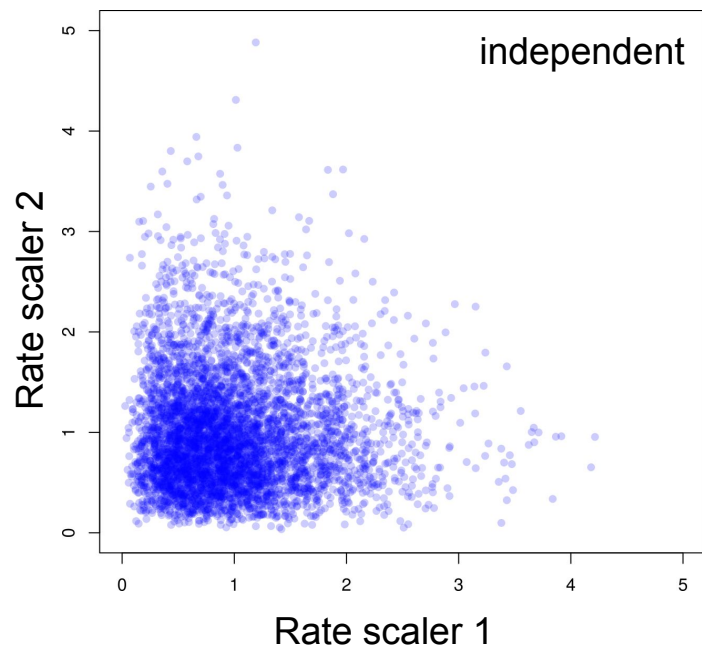


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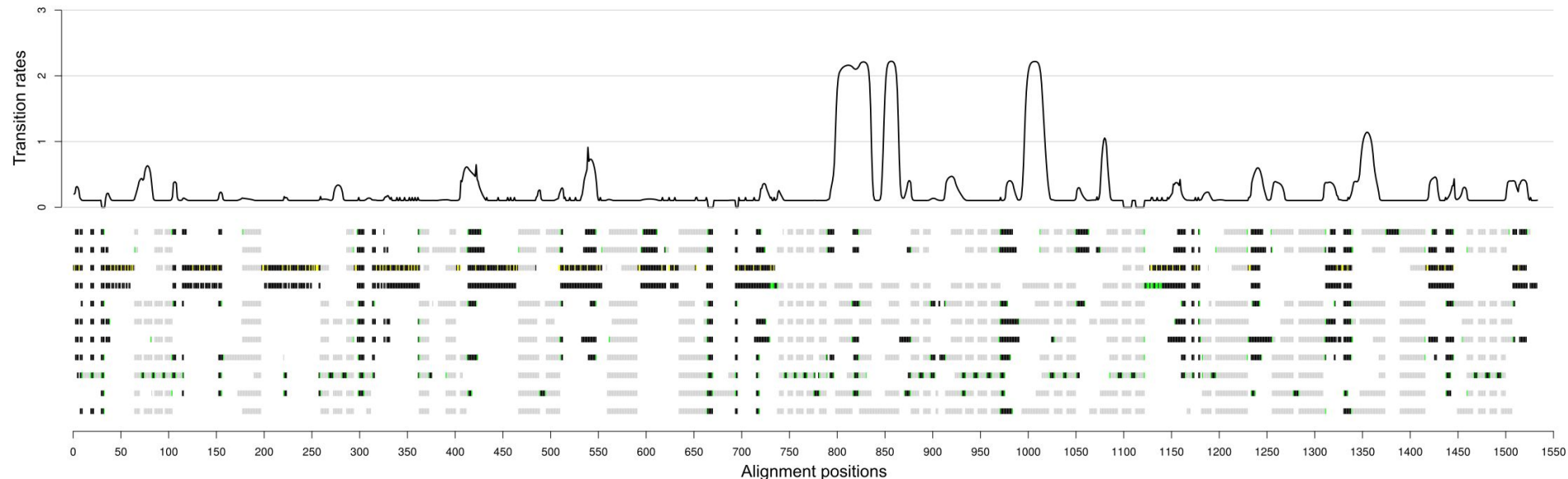


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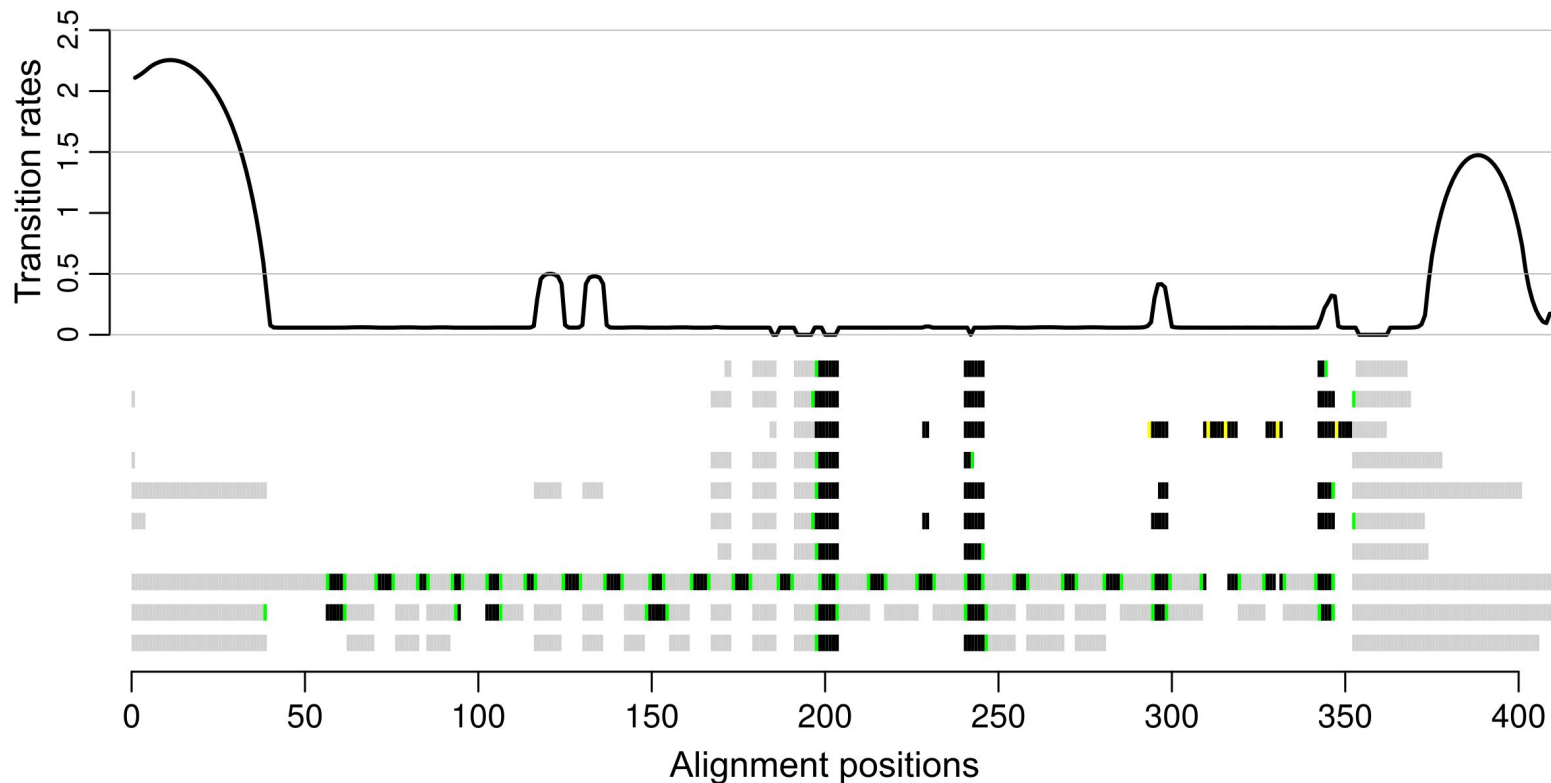


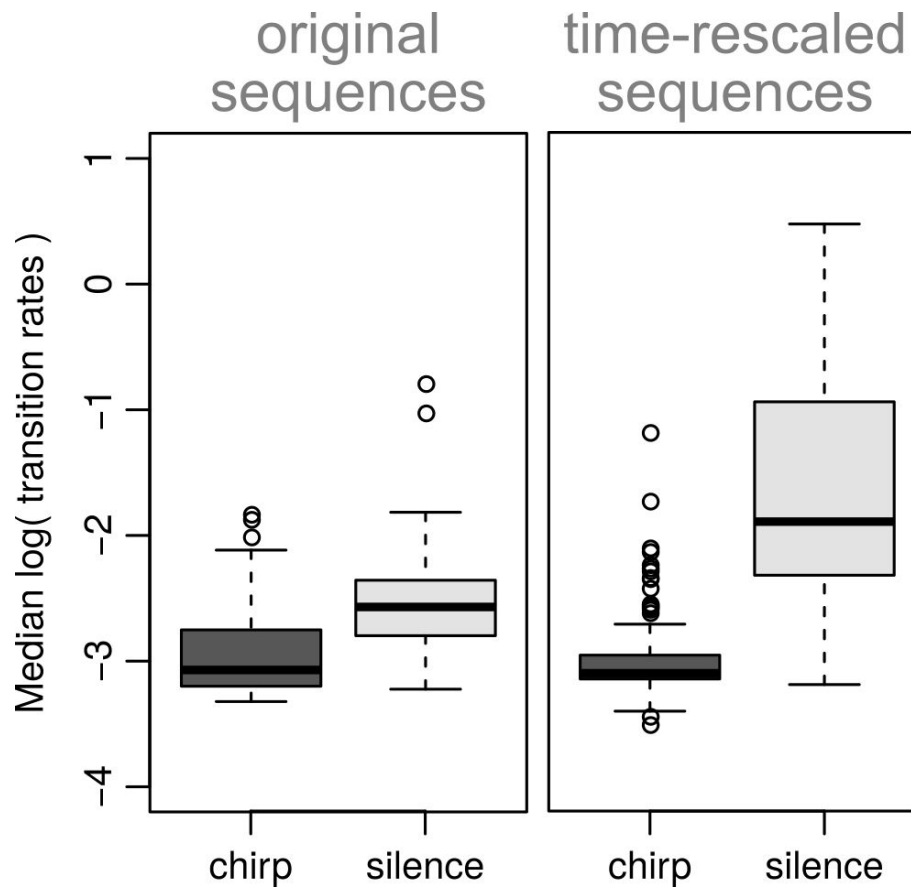
Evolution of temporal pattern is autocorrelated





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Wilcoxon
signed-rank test
($p < 0.001$)



Conclusion

Sequence organization allows for context-dependent evolution

An underexplored axis of variation of multivariate traits

Faster rates of evolution for silent region suggests less constraints associated with predation and parasitism



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