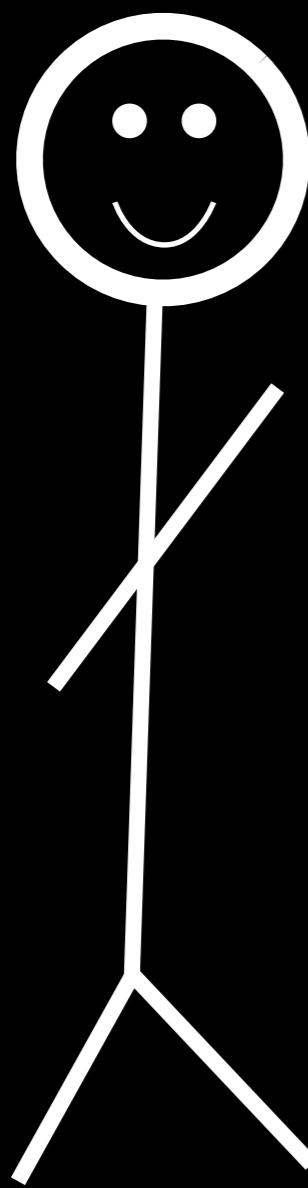
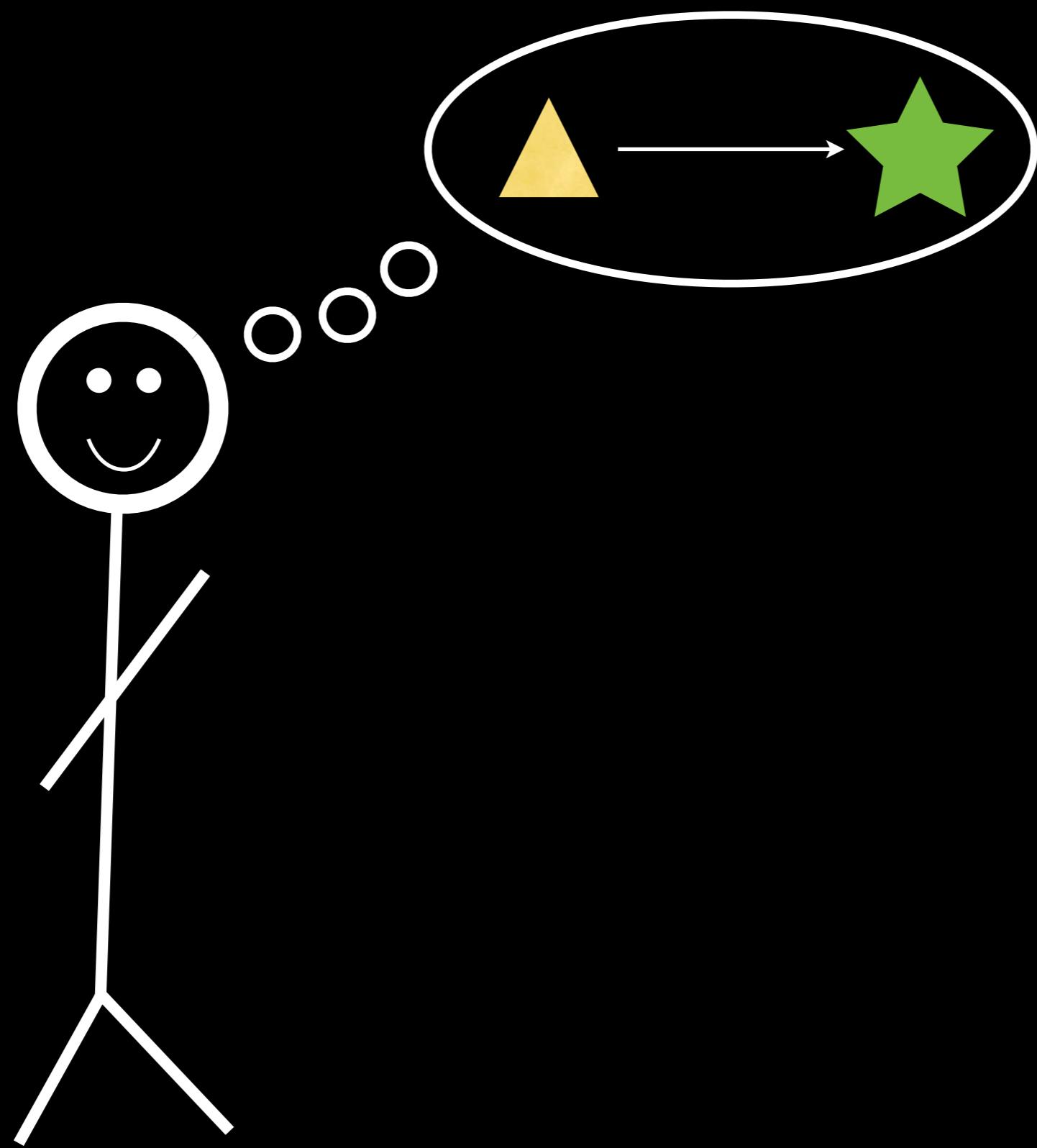


New frontiers for the comparative analysis of adaptive radiation

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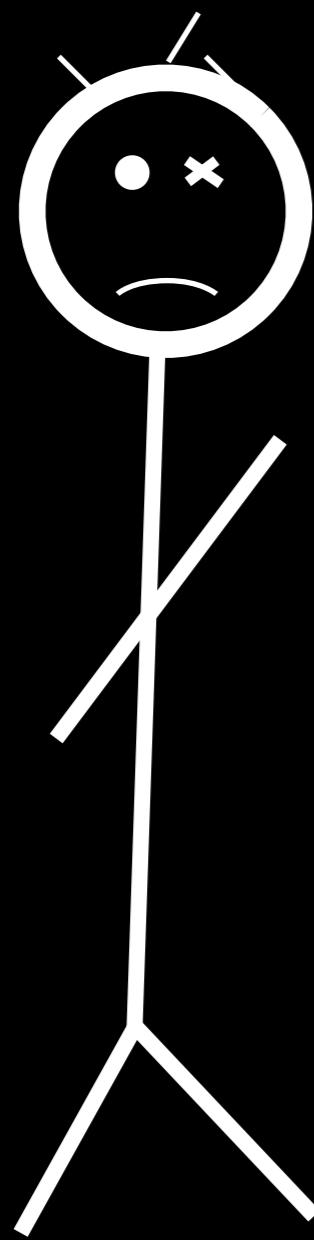


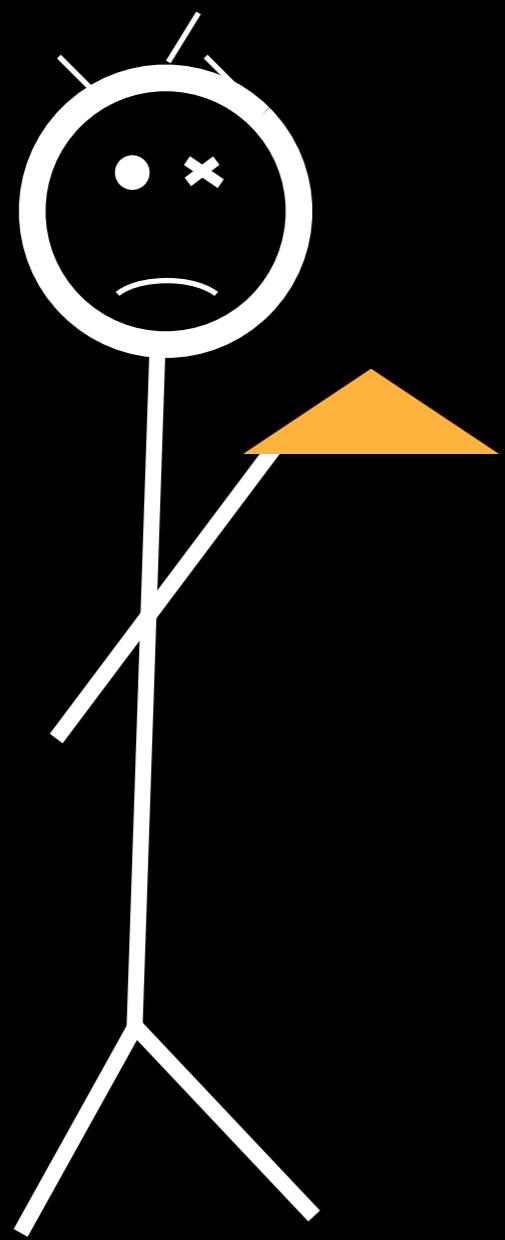


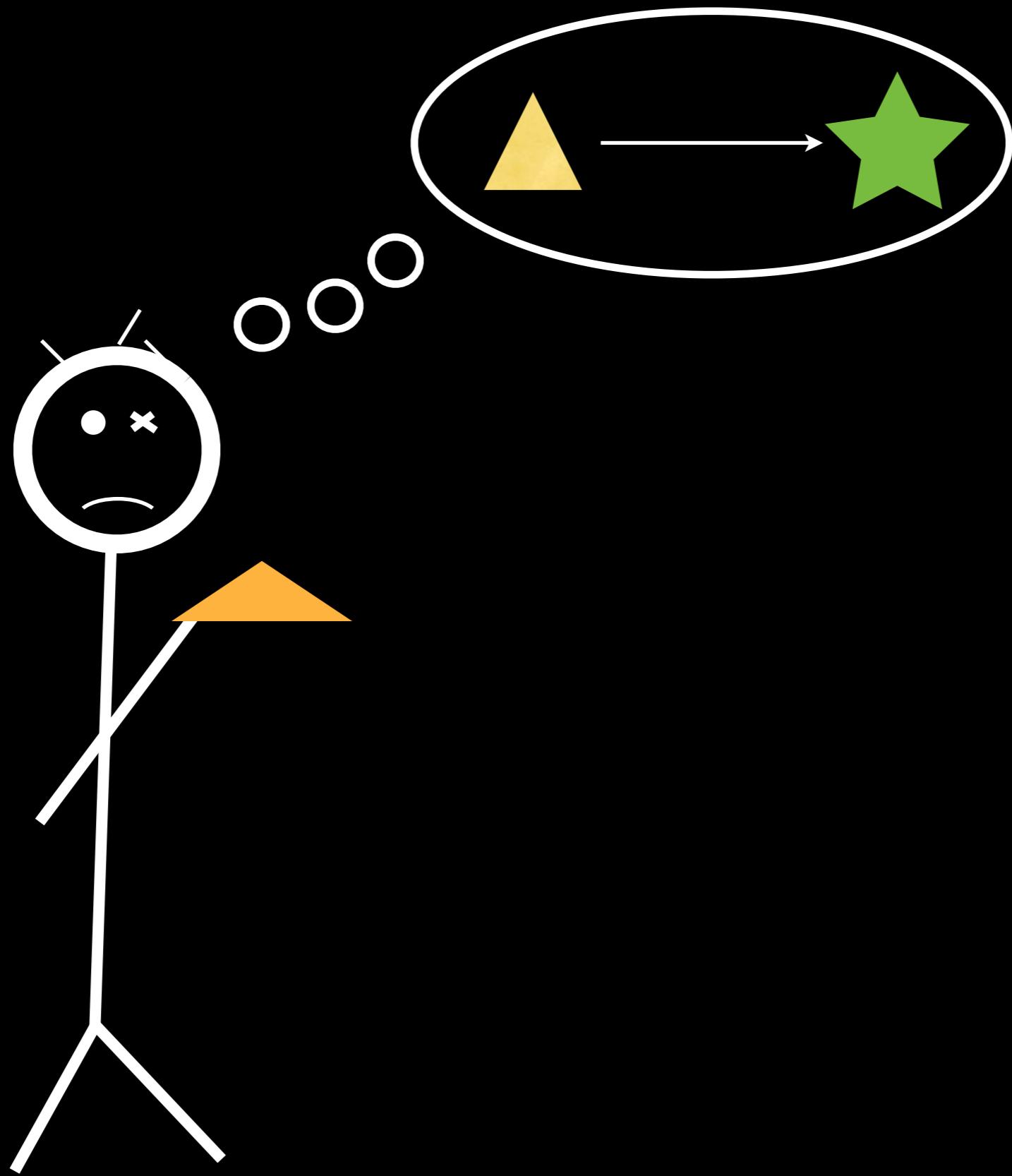




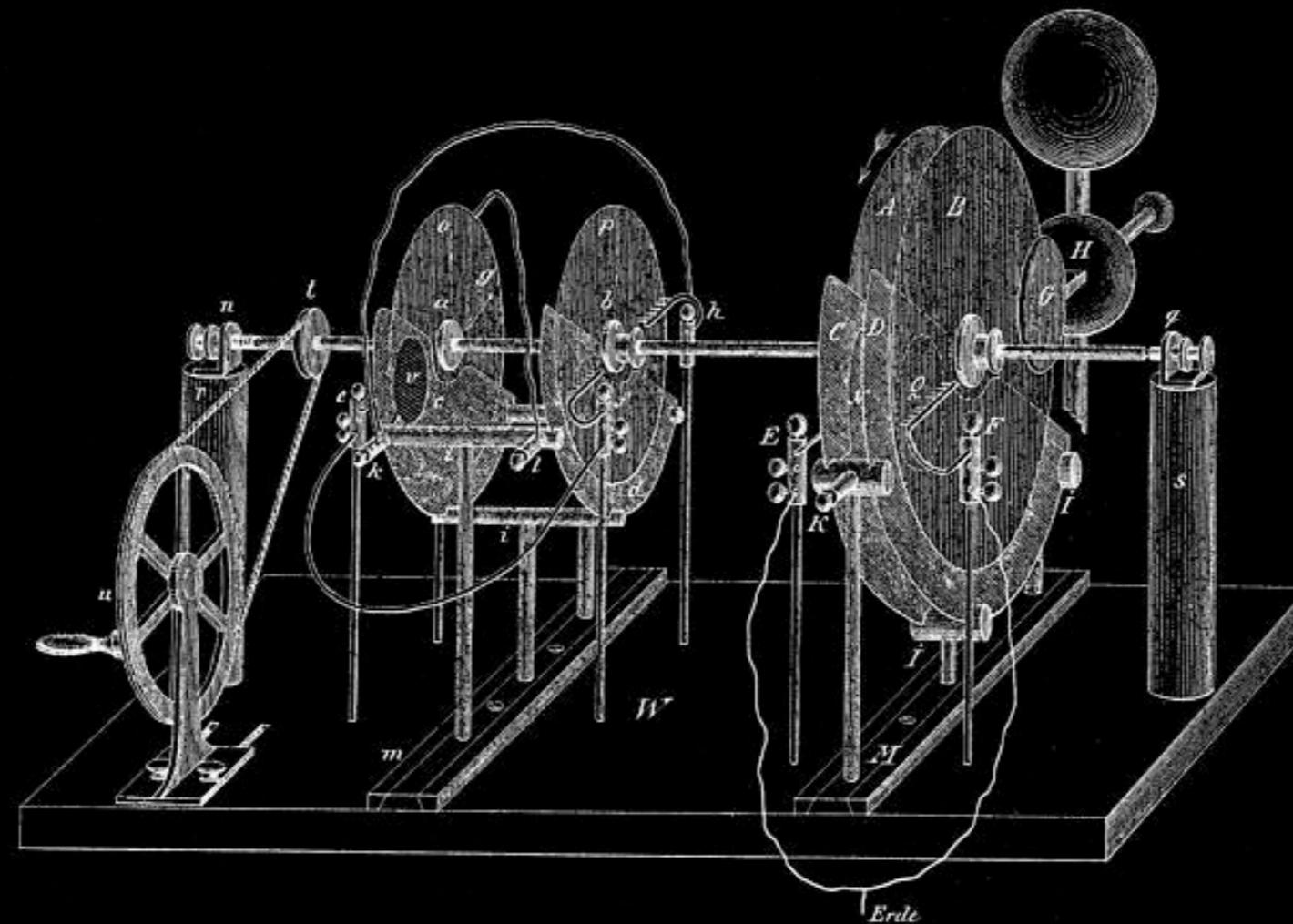




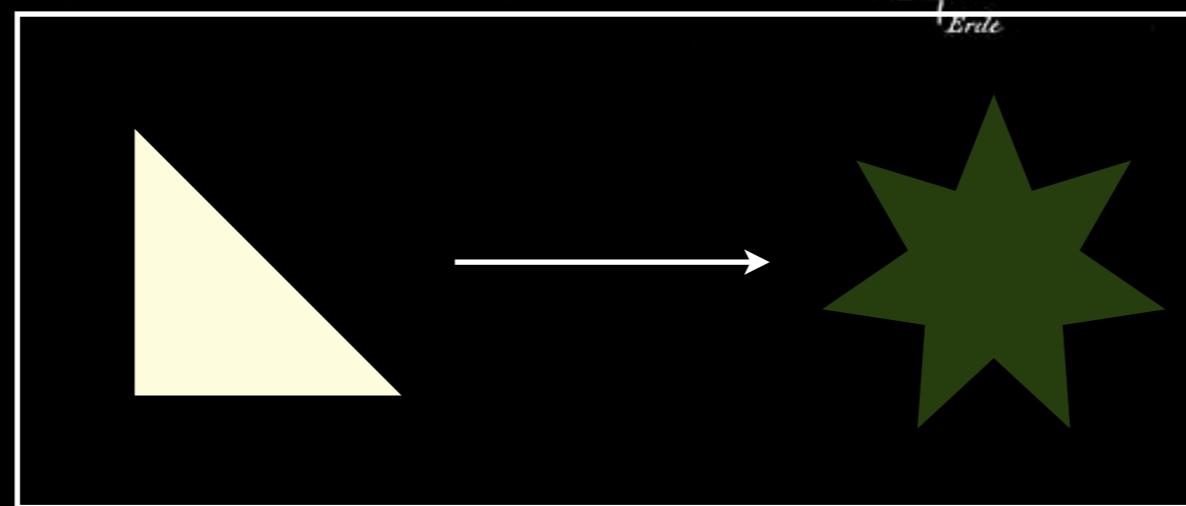
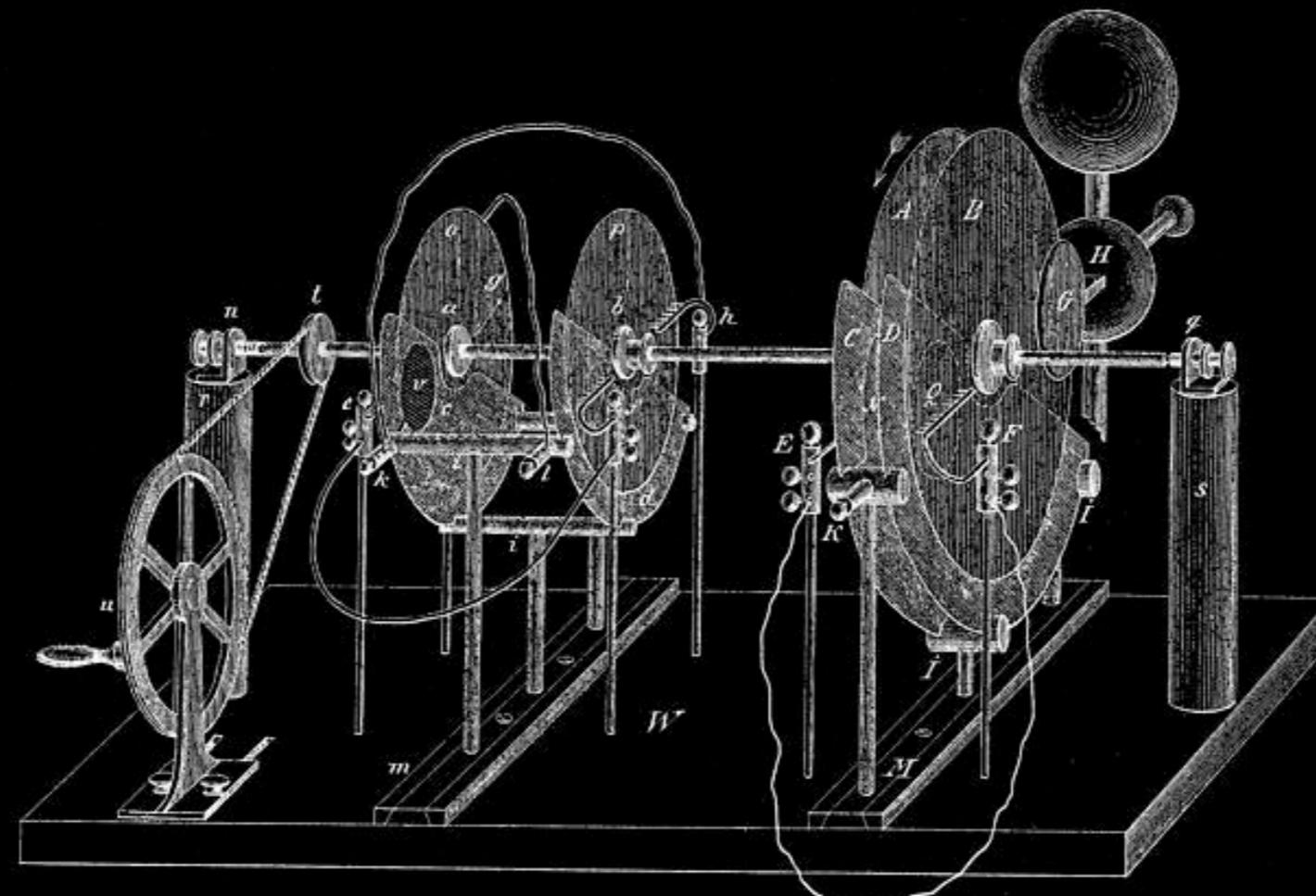




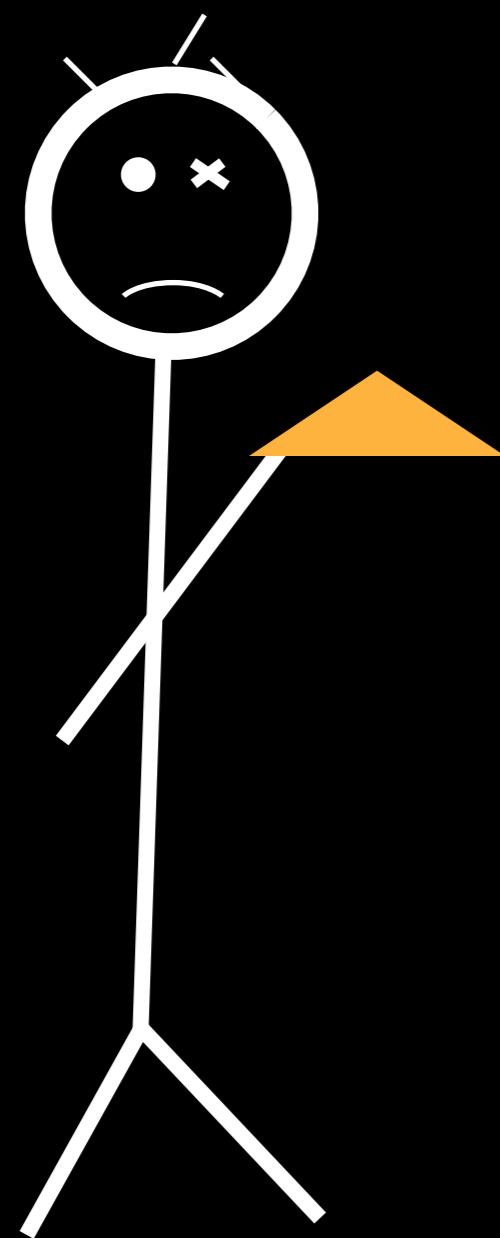
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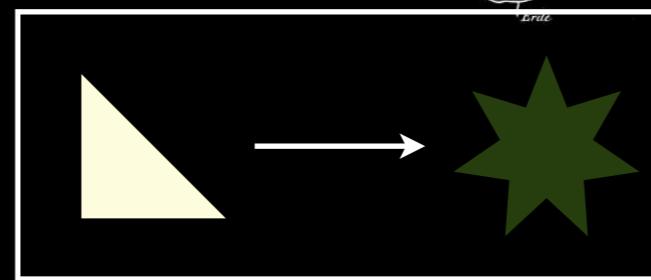
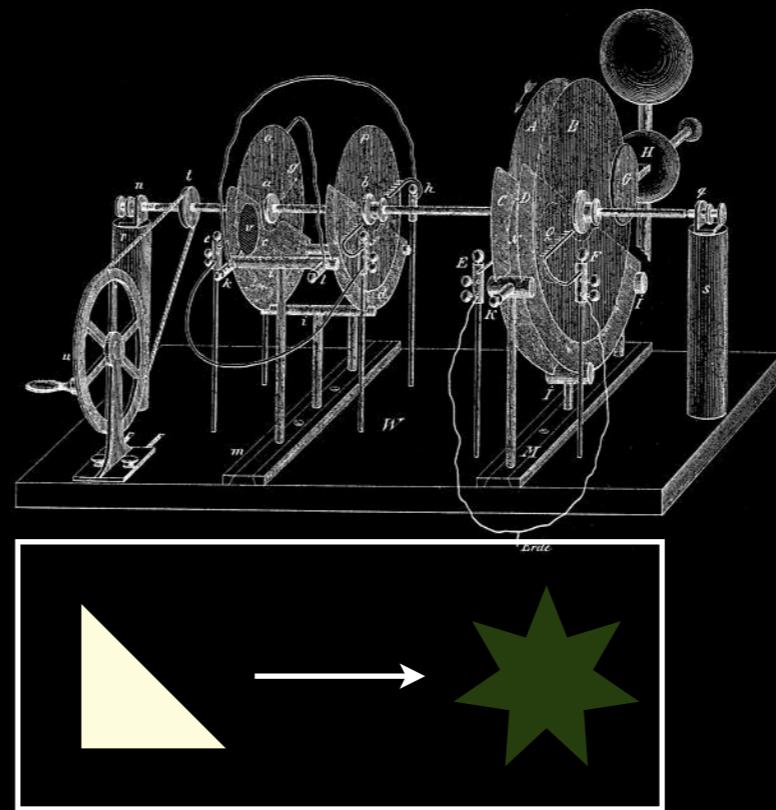
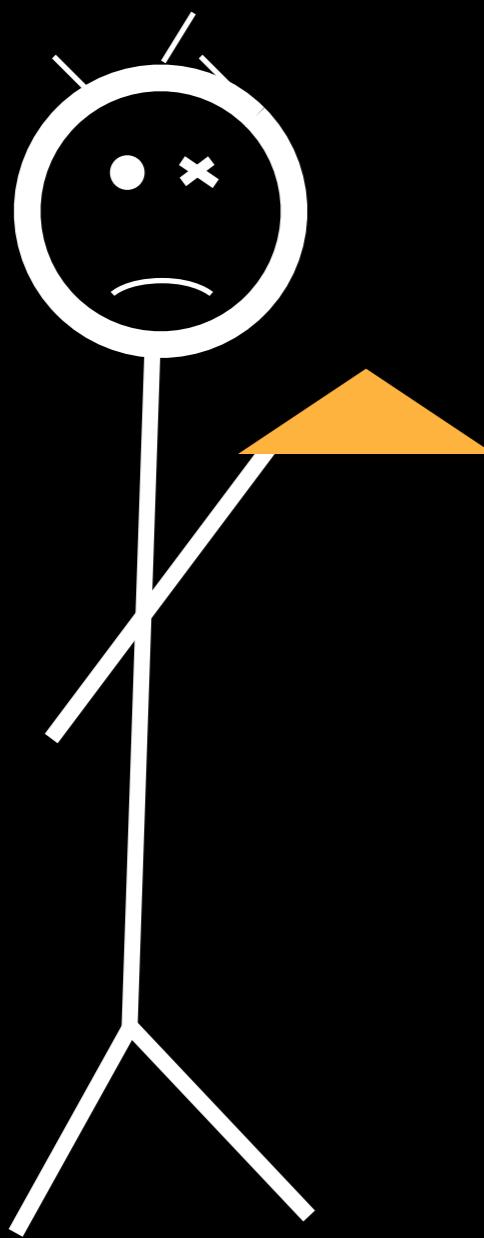
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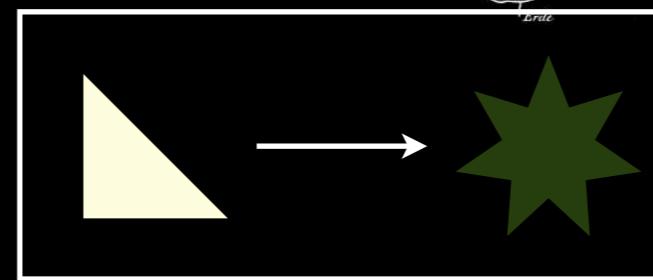
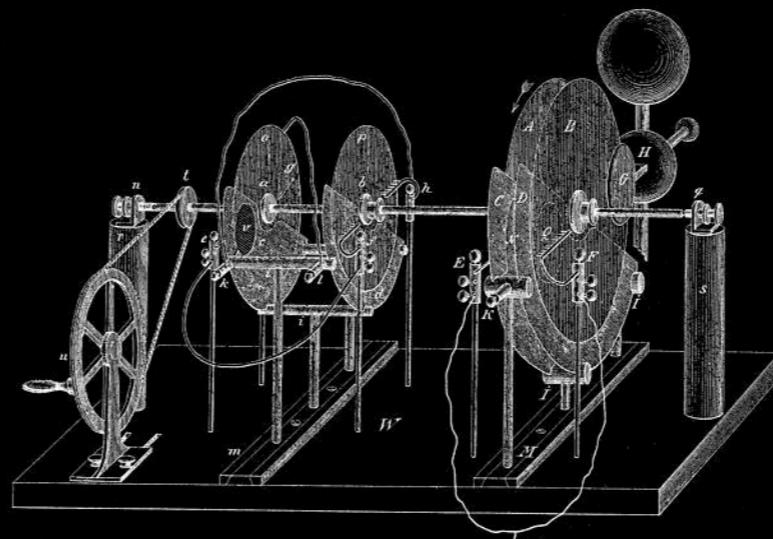
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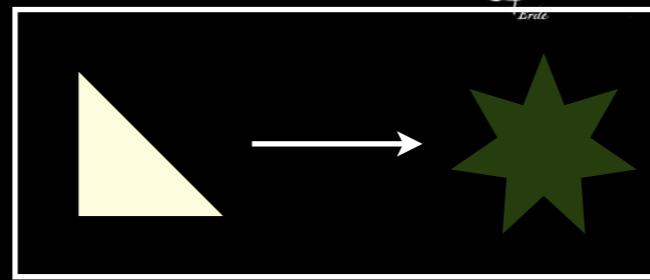
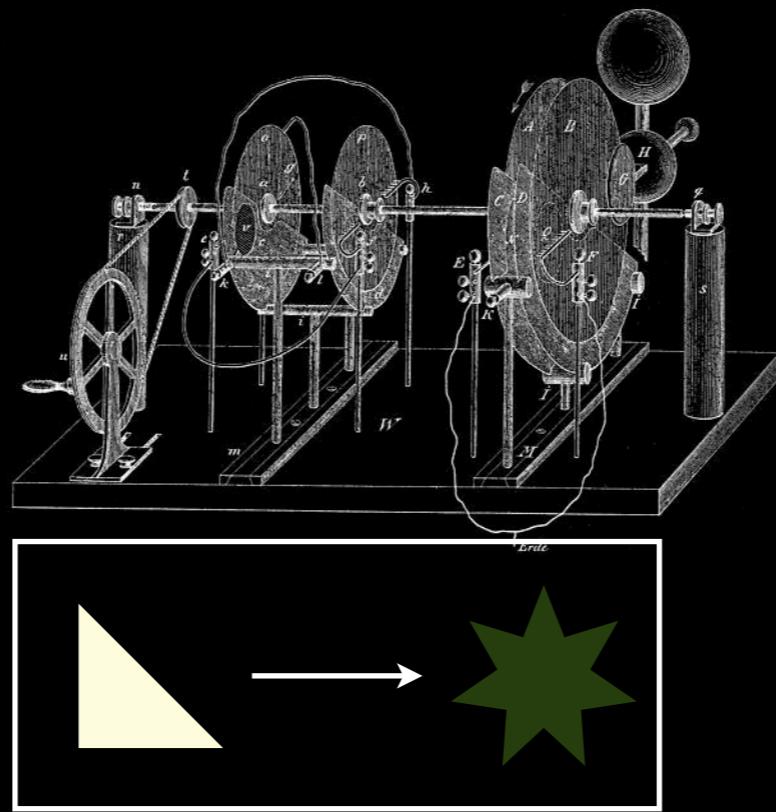
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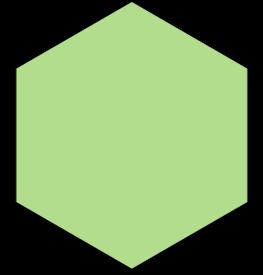
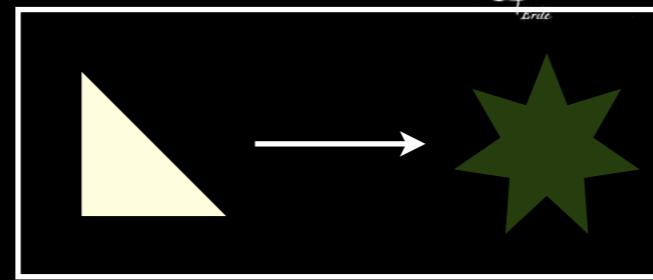
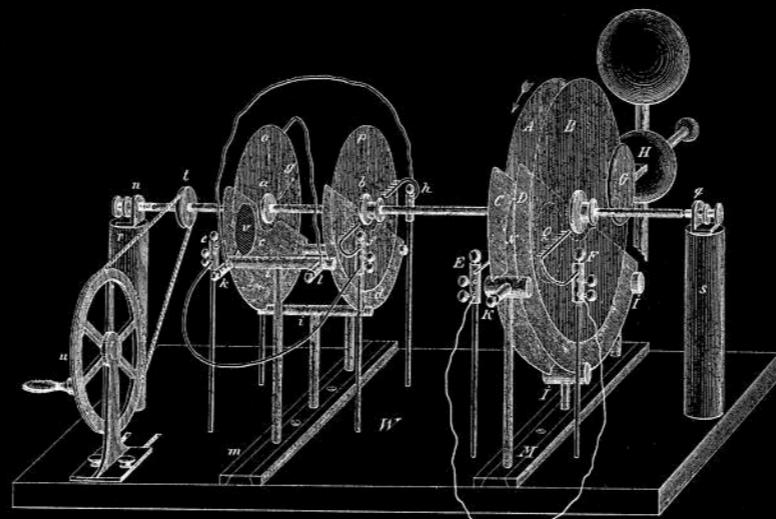
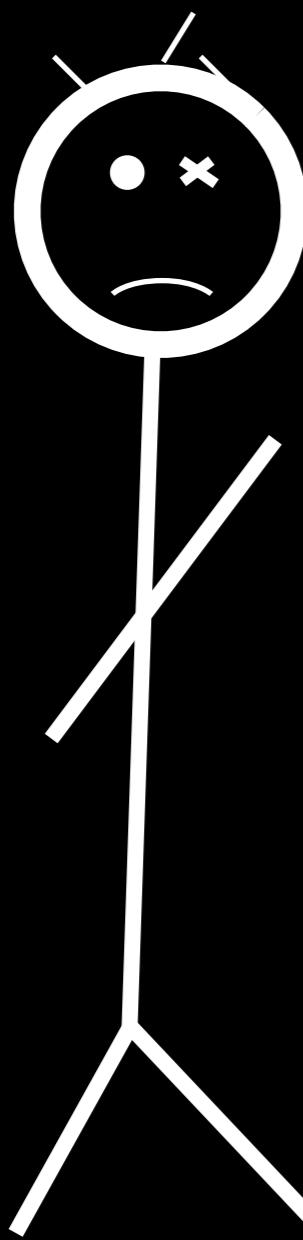
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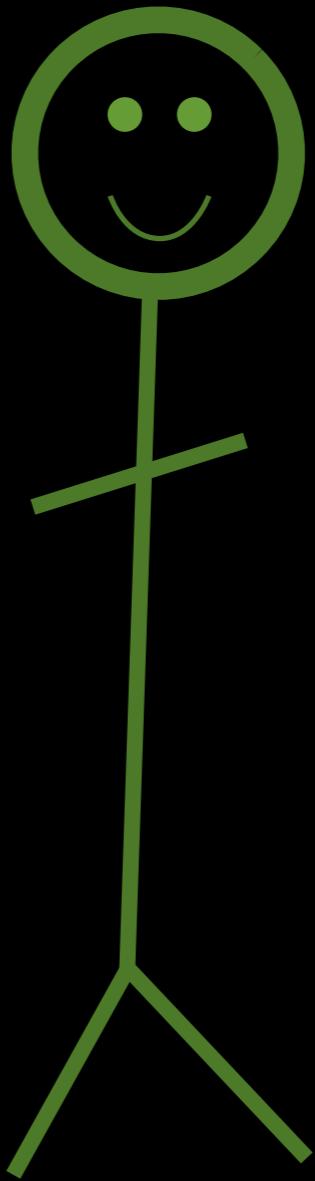


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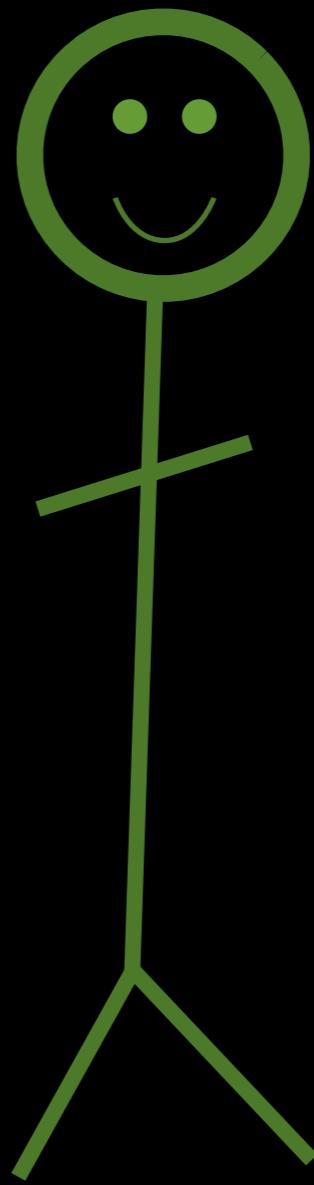
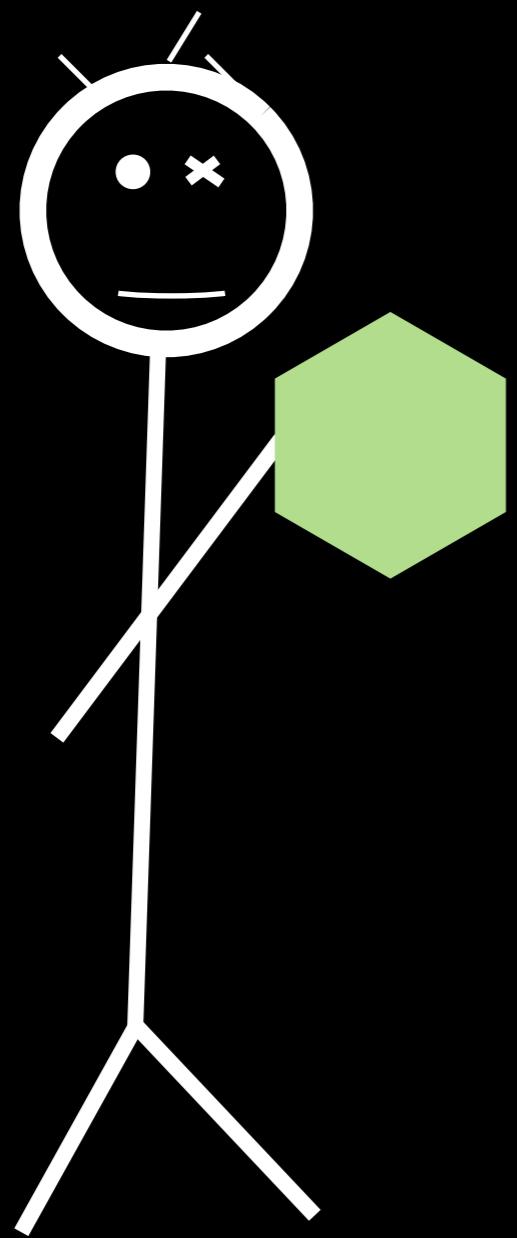


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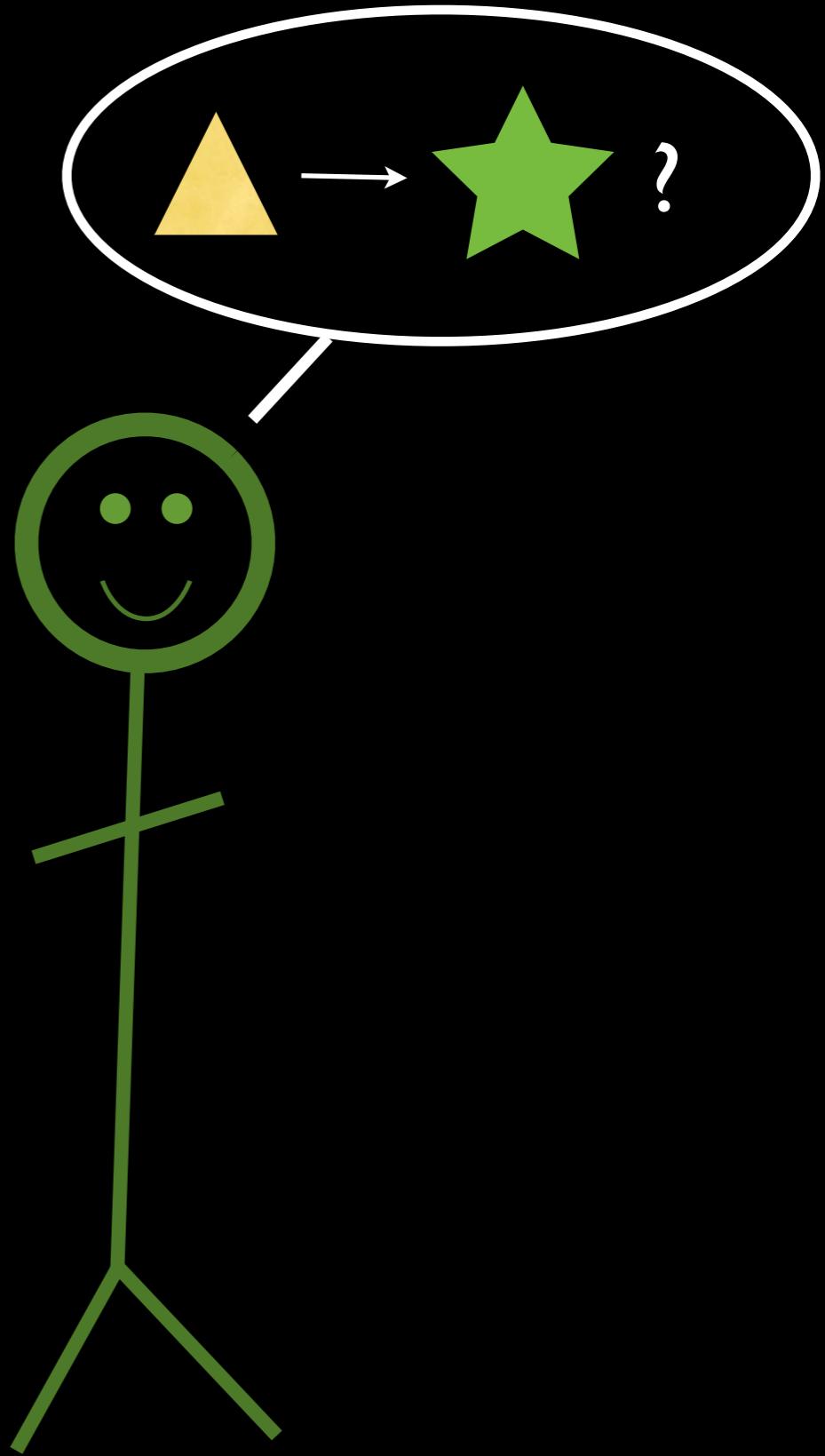
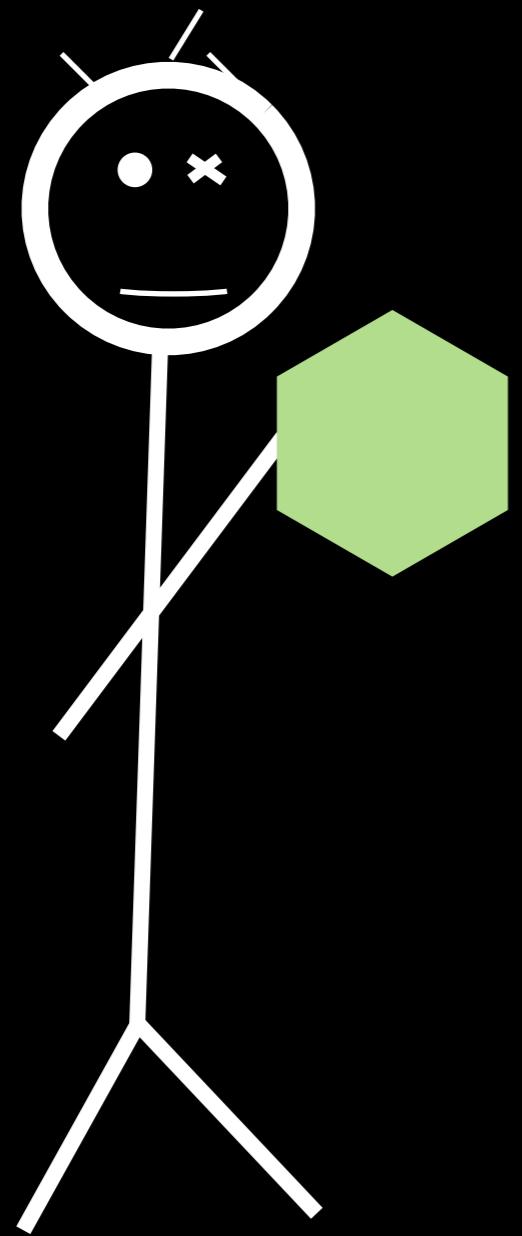




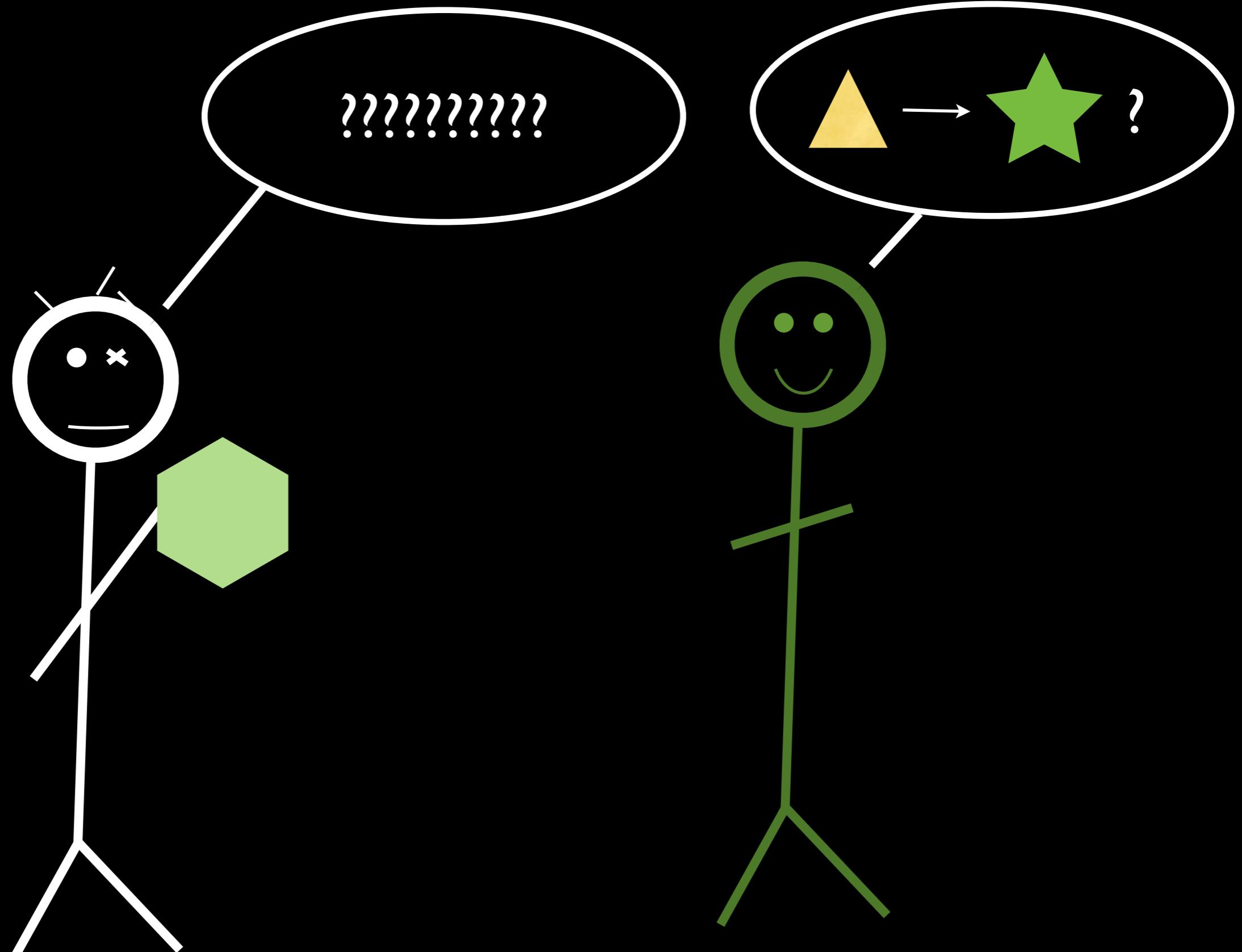
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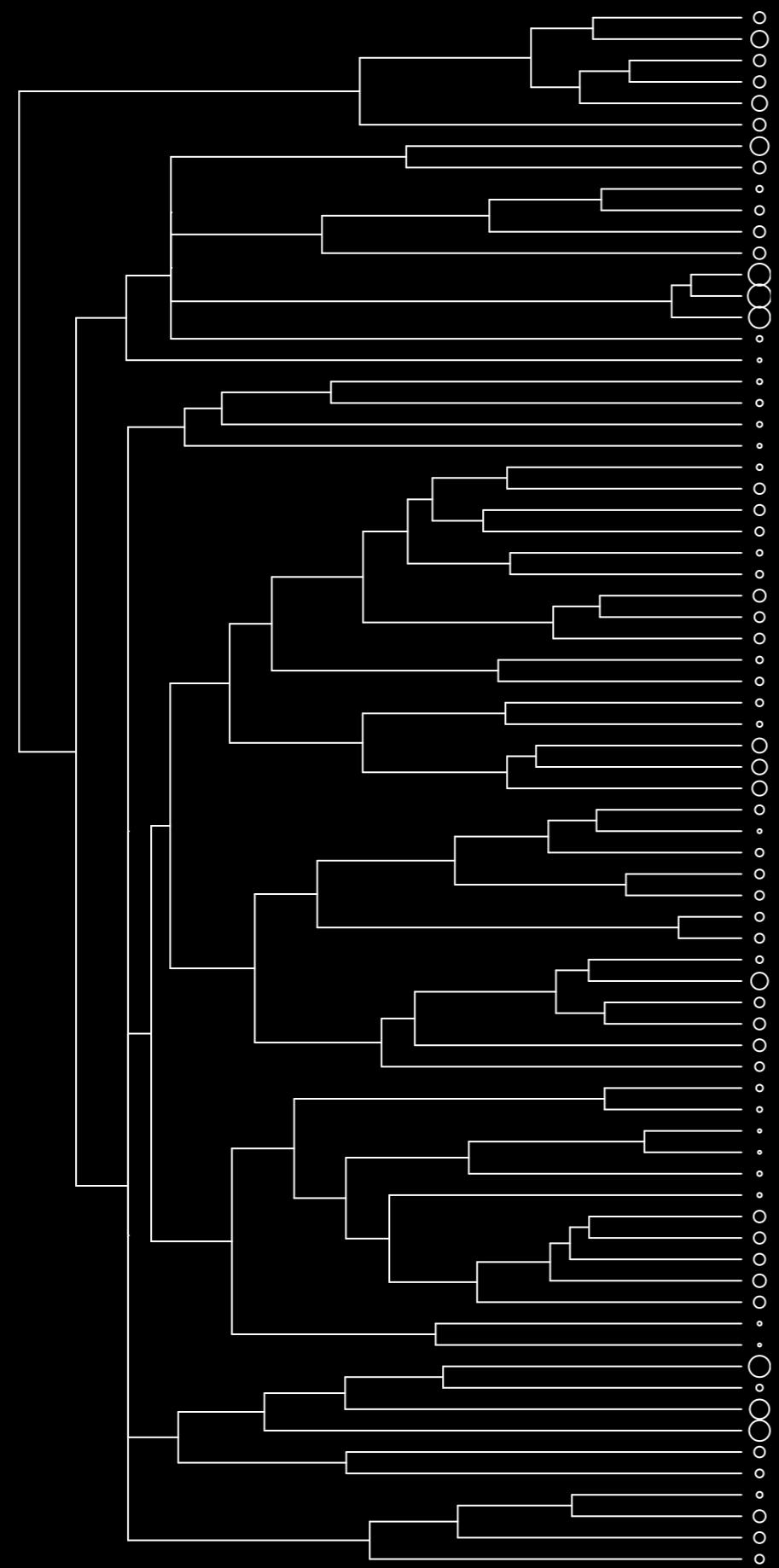


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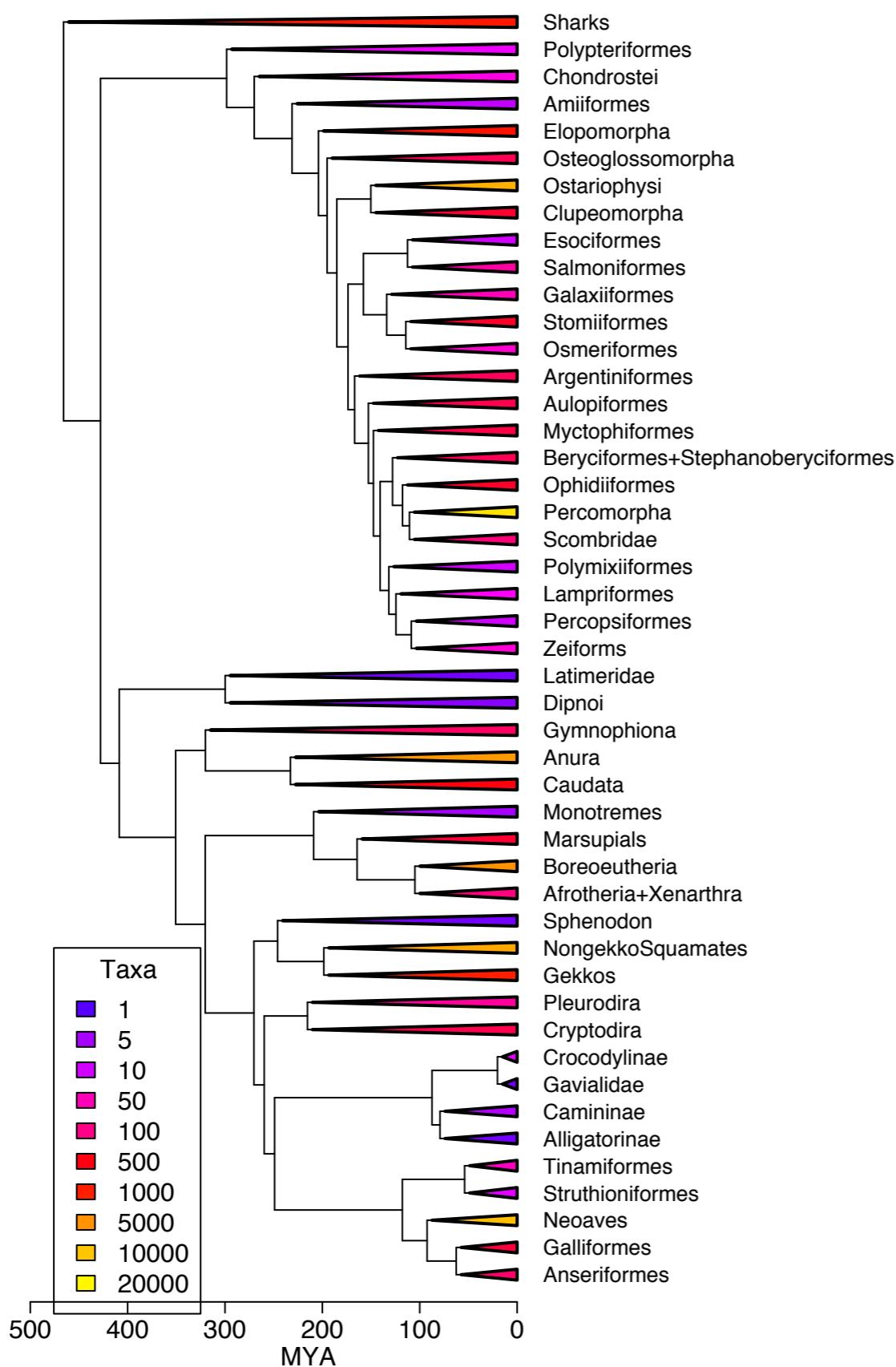
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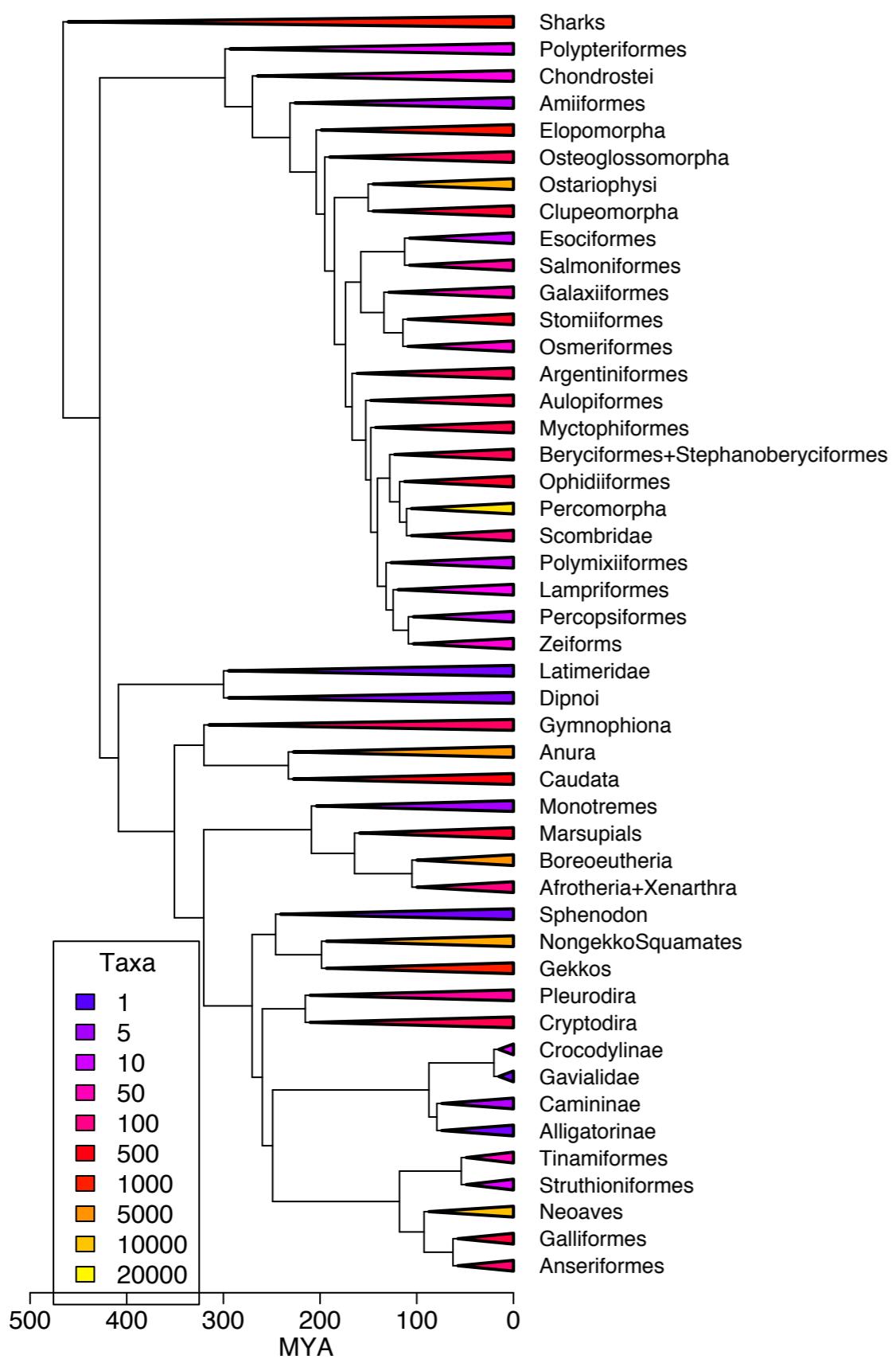


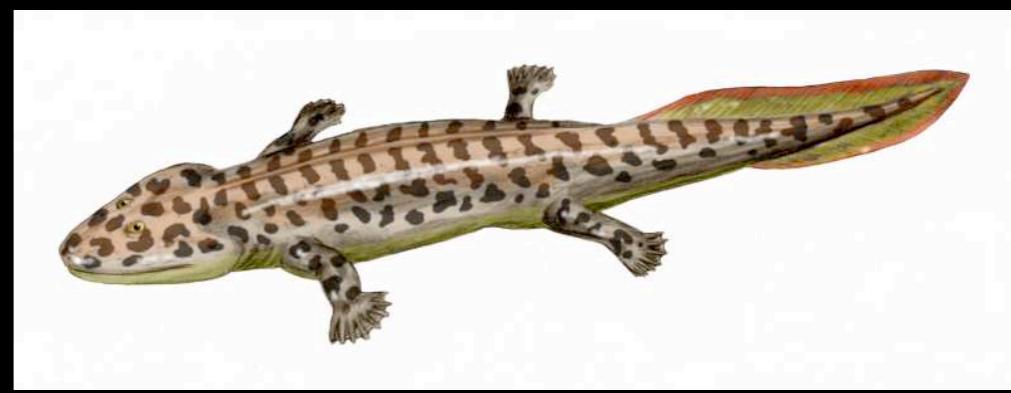
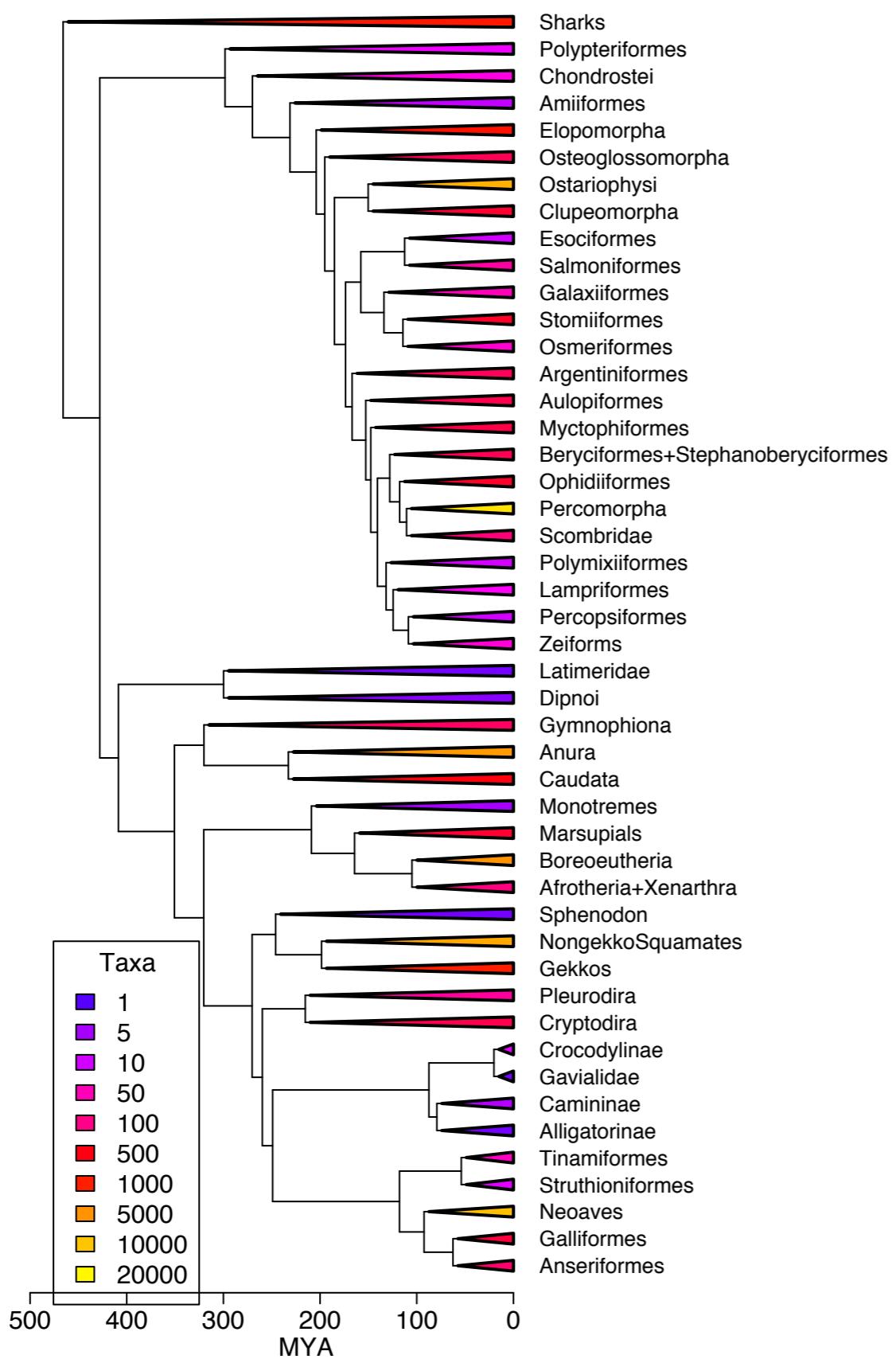
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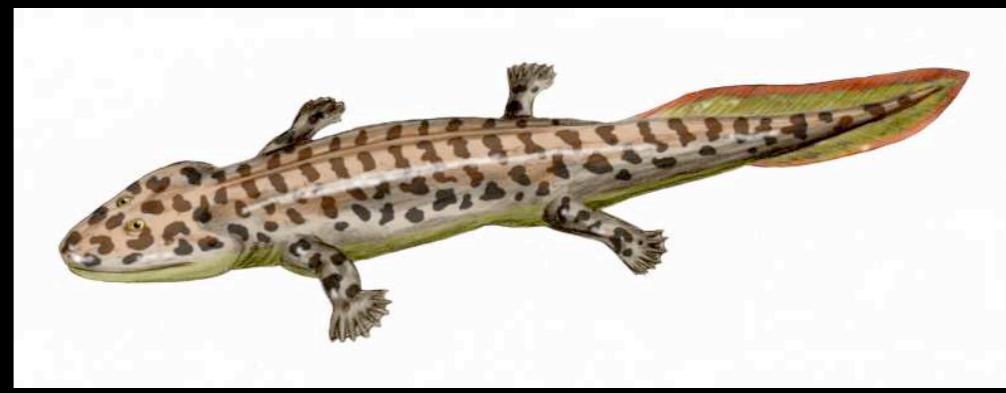
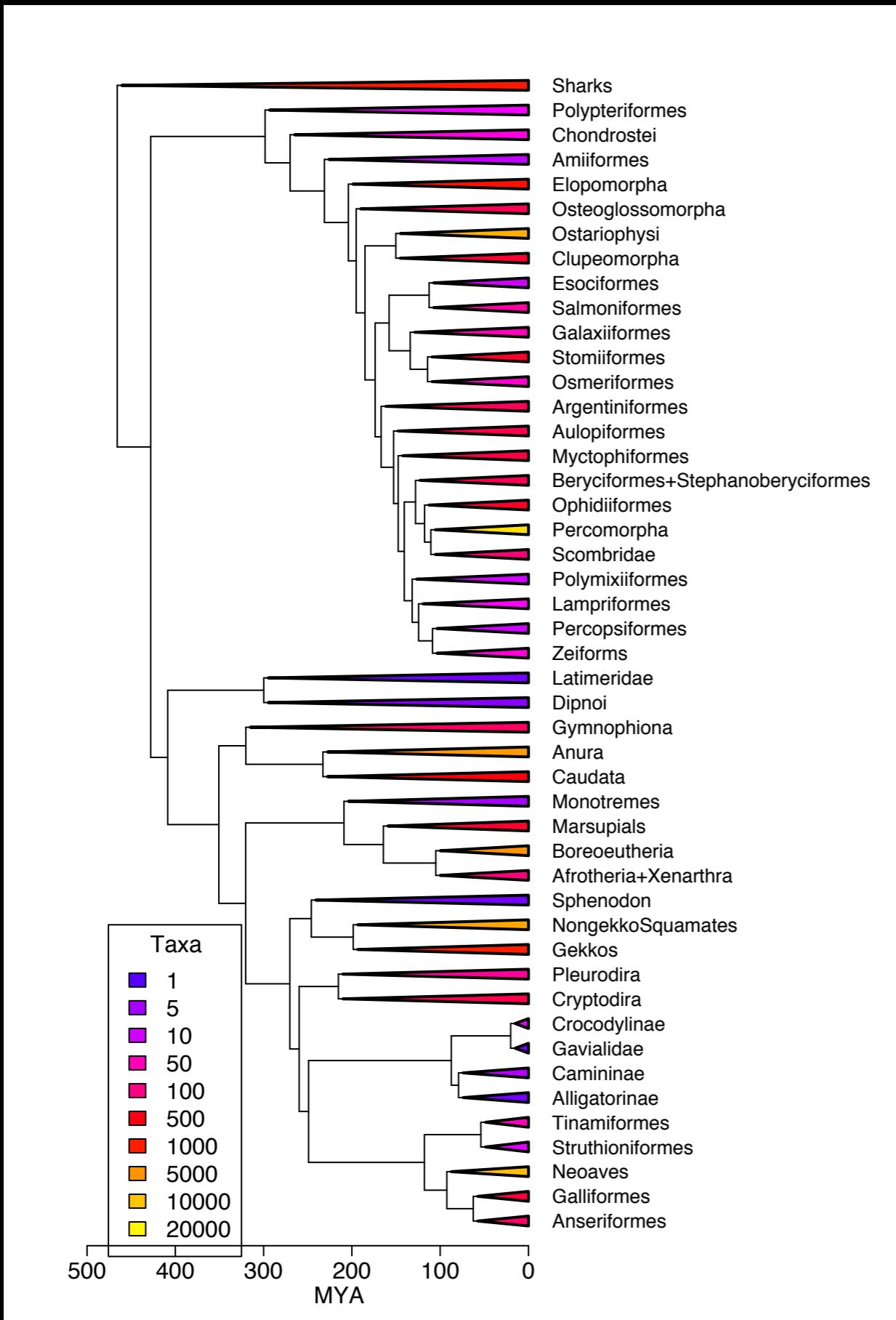




More common to have incomplete trees where tips represent unsampled clades

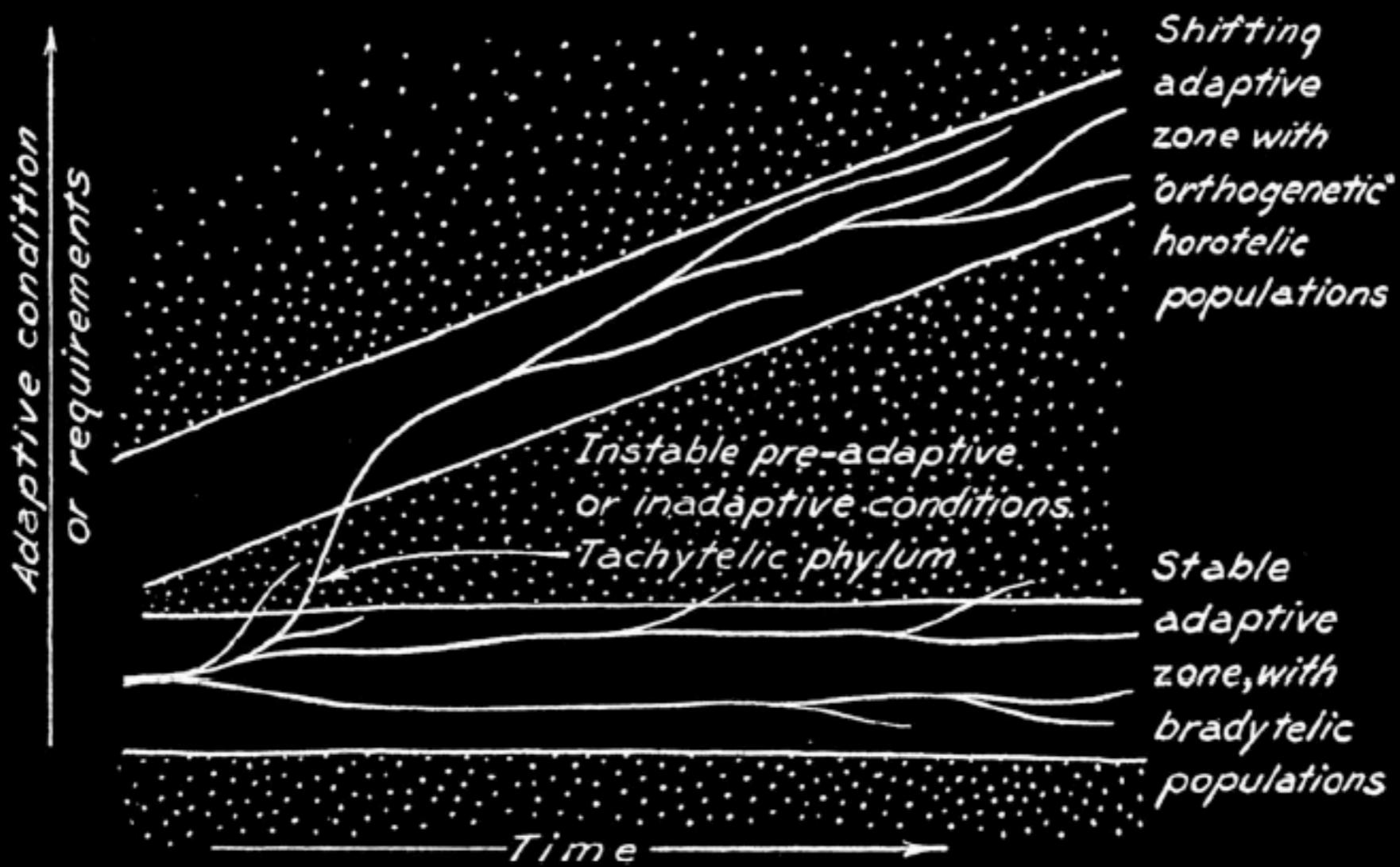






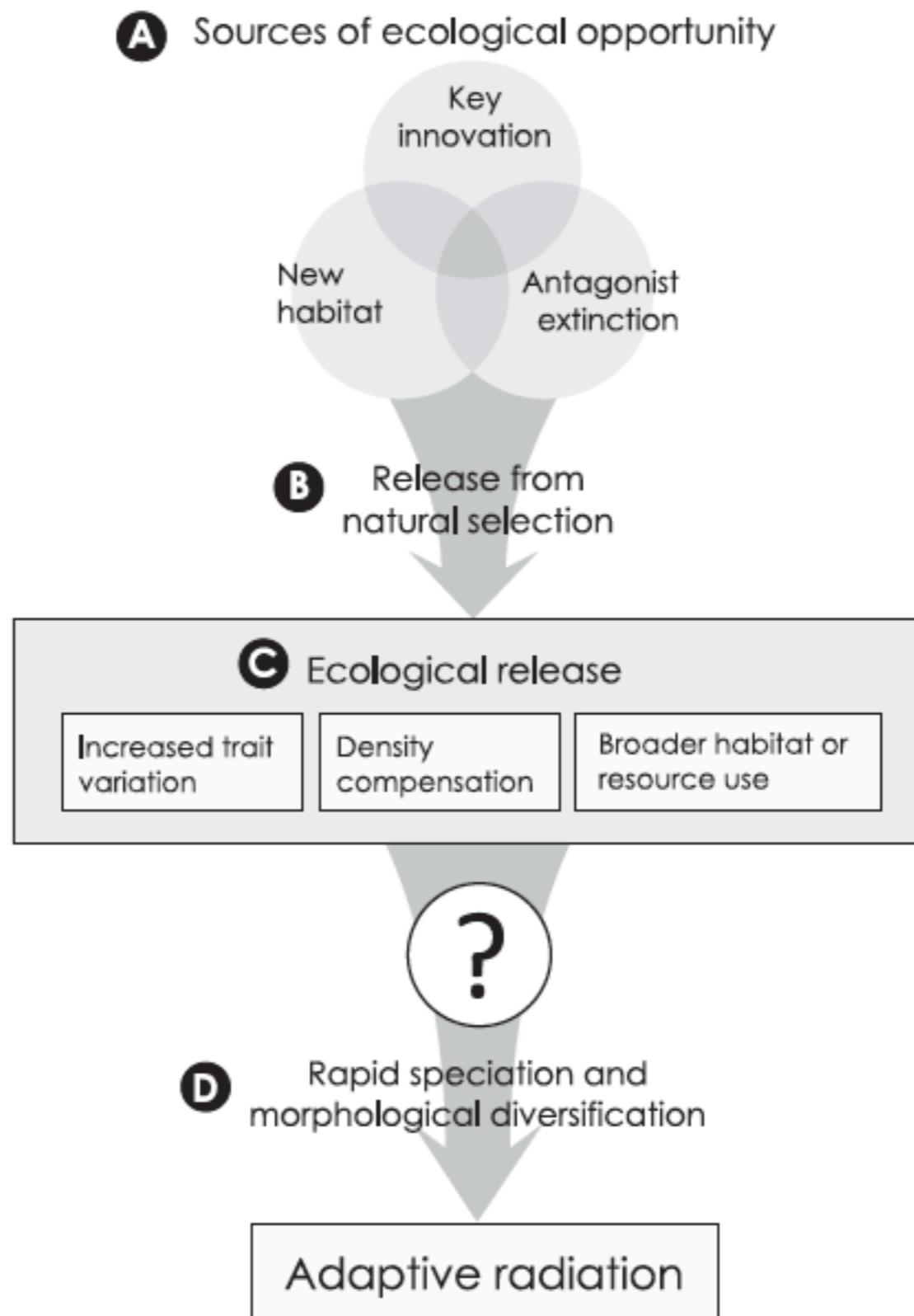
What do people really want to know?

Adaptive Radiation



Simpson 1953

Yoder et al. 2010

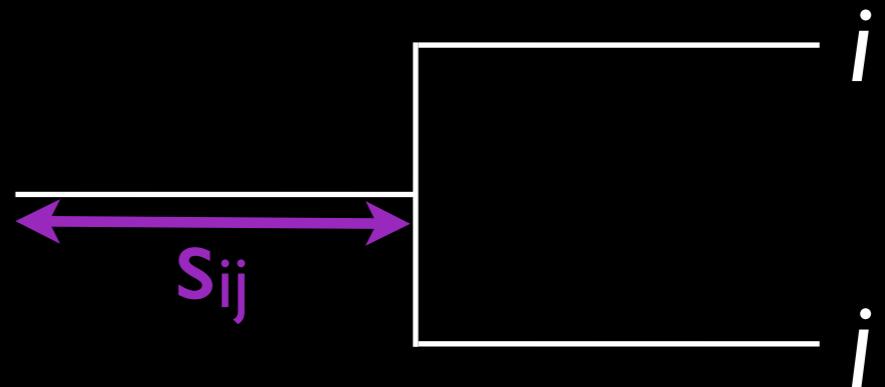


Brownian motion

- Two parameters: starting value (μ) and rate (σ^2)

$$dX(t) = \sigma dB(t)$$

$$V_{ij} = \sigma^2 s_{ij}$$



No current comparative methods
look very much like Simpson's vision!

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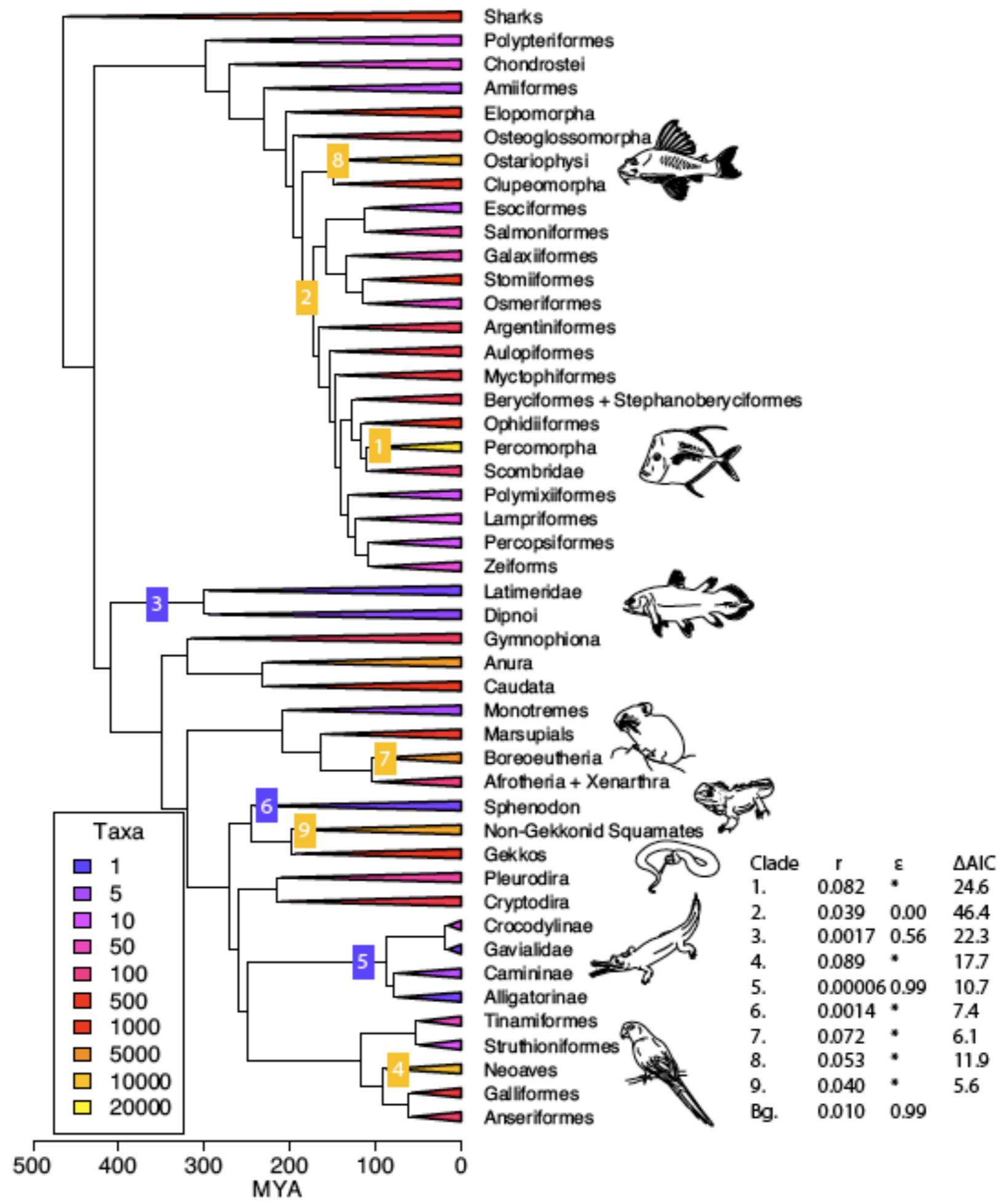
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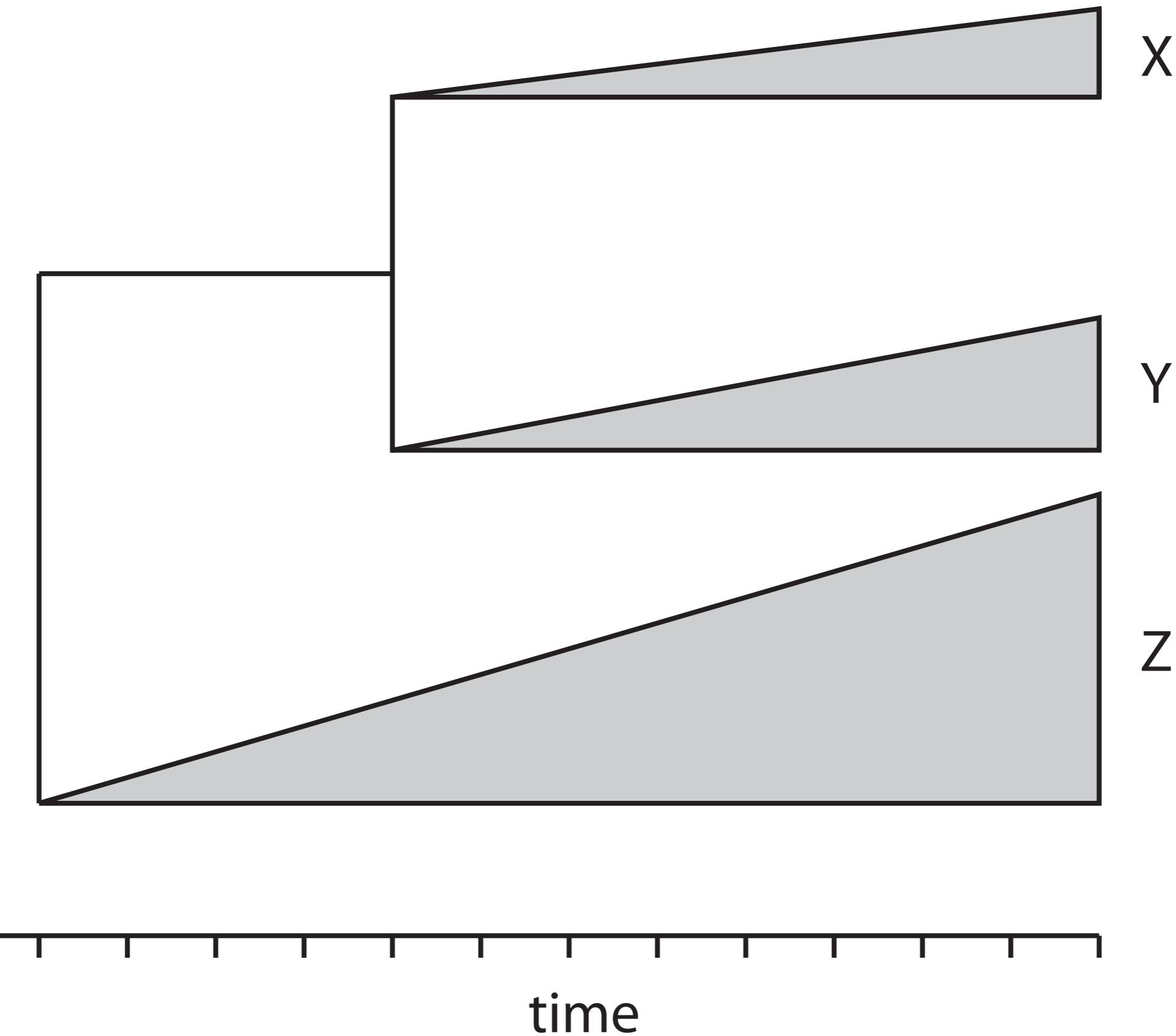
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The uneven distribution of species richness is a fundamental and unexplained pattern of vertebrate biodiversity. Although species richness in groups like mammals, birds, or teleost fishes is often attributed to accelerated cladogenesis, we lack a quantitative conceptual framework for identifying and comparing the exceptional changes of tempo in vertebrate evolutionary history. We develop MEDUSA, a stepwise approach based upon the Akaike information criterion for detecting multiple shifts in birth and death rates on an incompletely resolved phylogeny. We apply MEDUSA incompletely to a diversity tree summarizing both evolutionary relationships and species richness of 44 major clades of jawed vertebrates. We identify 9 major changes in the tempo of gnathostome diversification; the most significant of these lies at

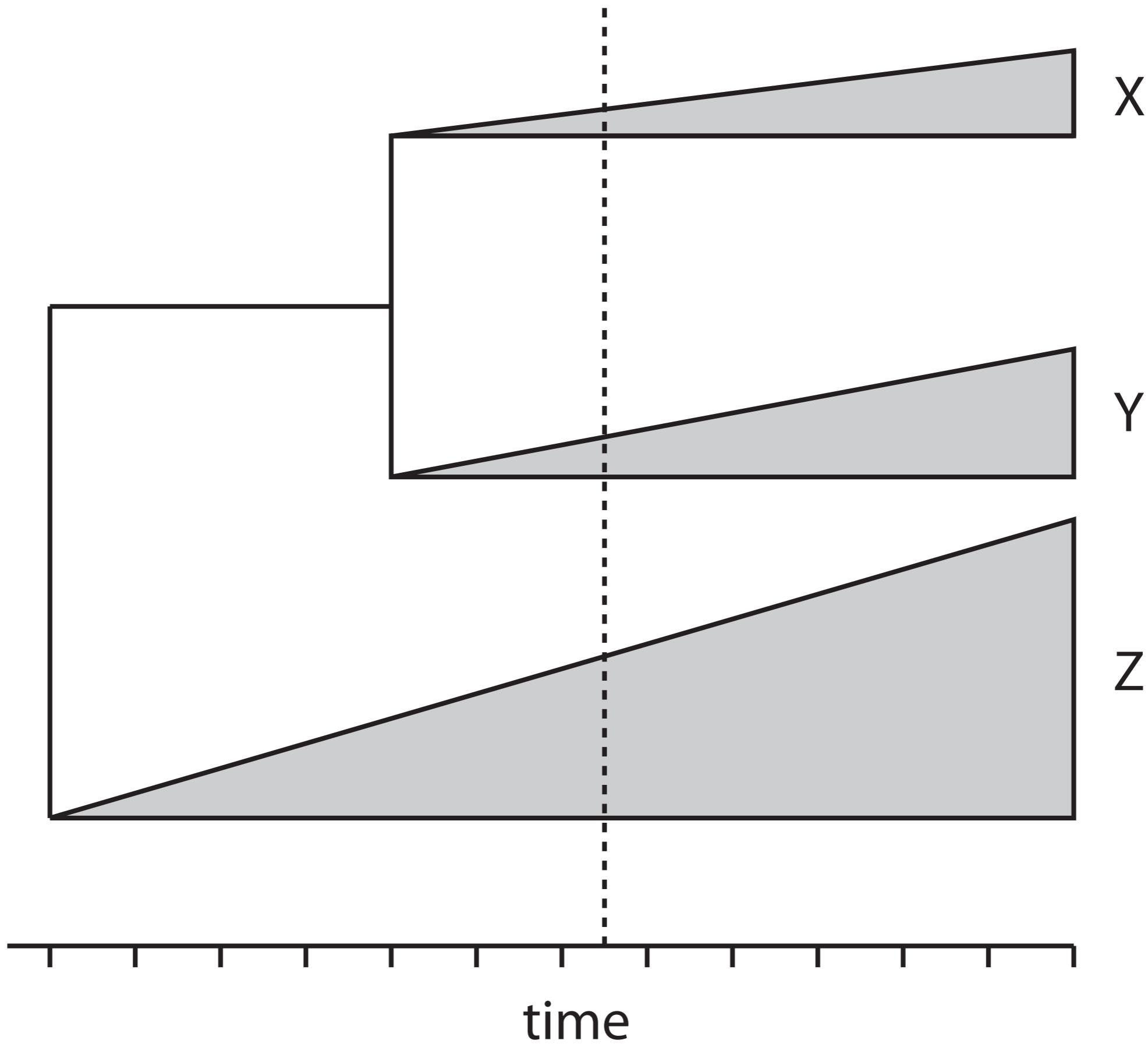
Comparative methods like SymmeTREE (10, 11) are an exception to some degree, because they can deal with missing taxa through random resolution of tip clades. However, this approach quickly becomes impractical as the number of unsampled taxa grows.

Here, we analyze a phylogenetic dataset with exemplars of 47 major vertebrate lineages using a comparative method that integrates both phylogenetic and taxonomic information to ask two general questions about the patterns of diversification across the vertebrate tree of life: (*i*) What is the background tempo of vertebrate diversification; and (*ii*) which, if any, vertebrate lineages have patterns of extant richness that are too species-rich or -poor to be outcomes of the background diversification rate?

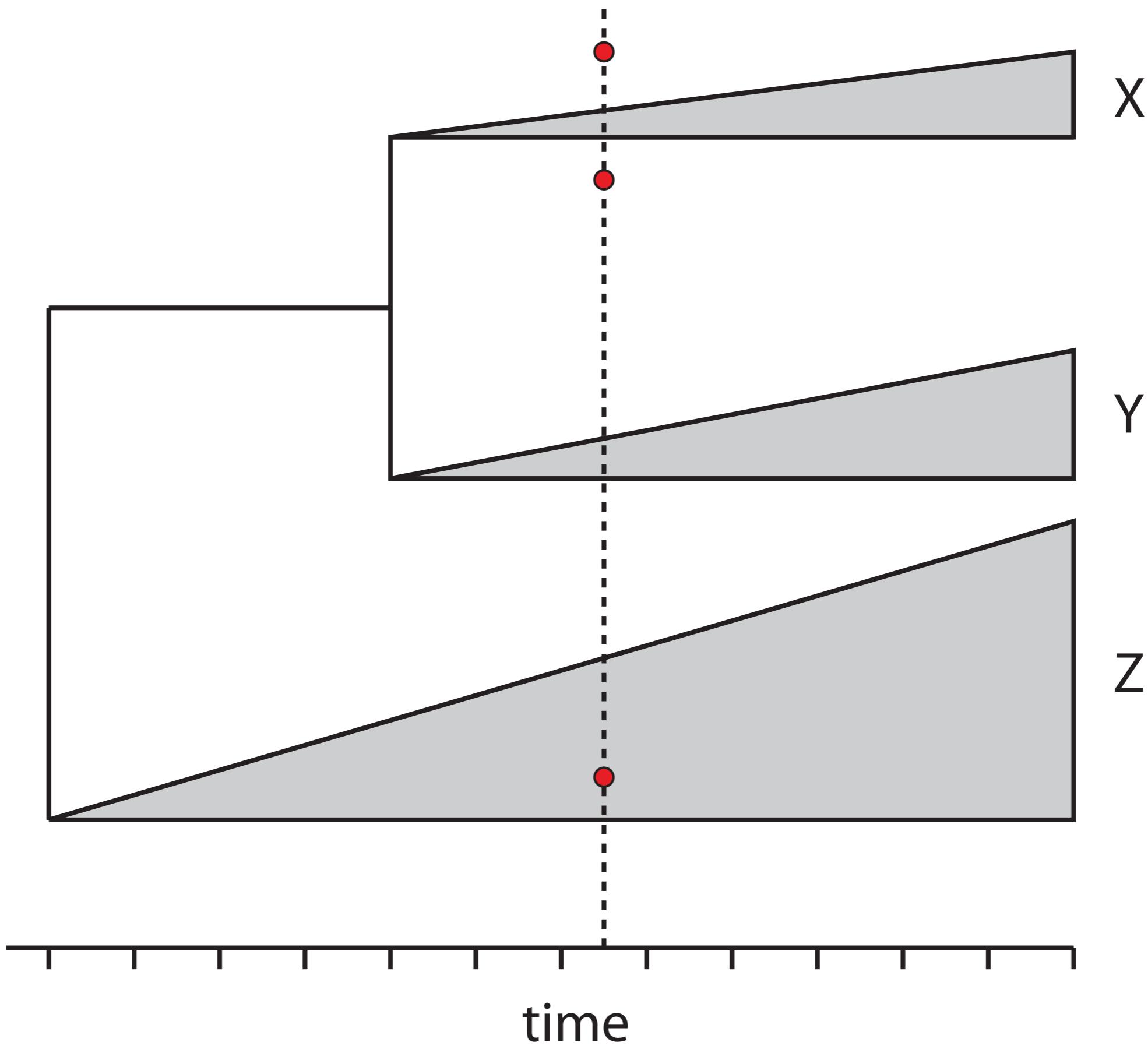




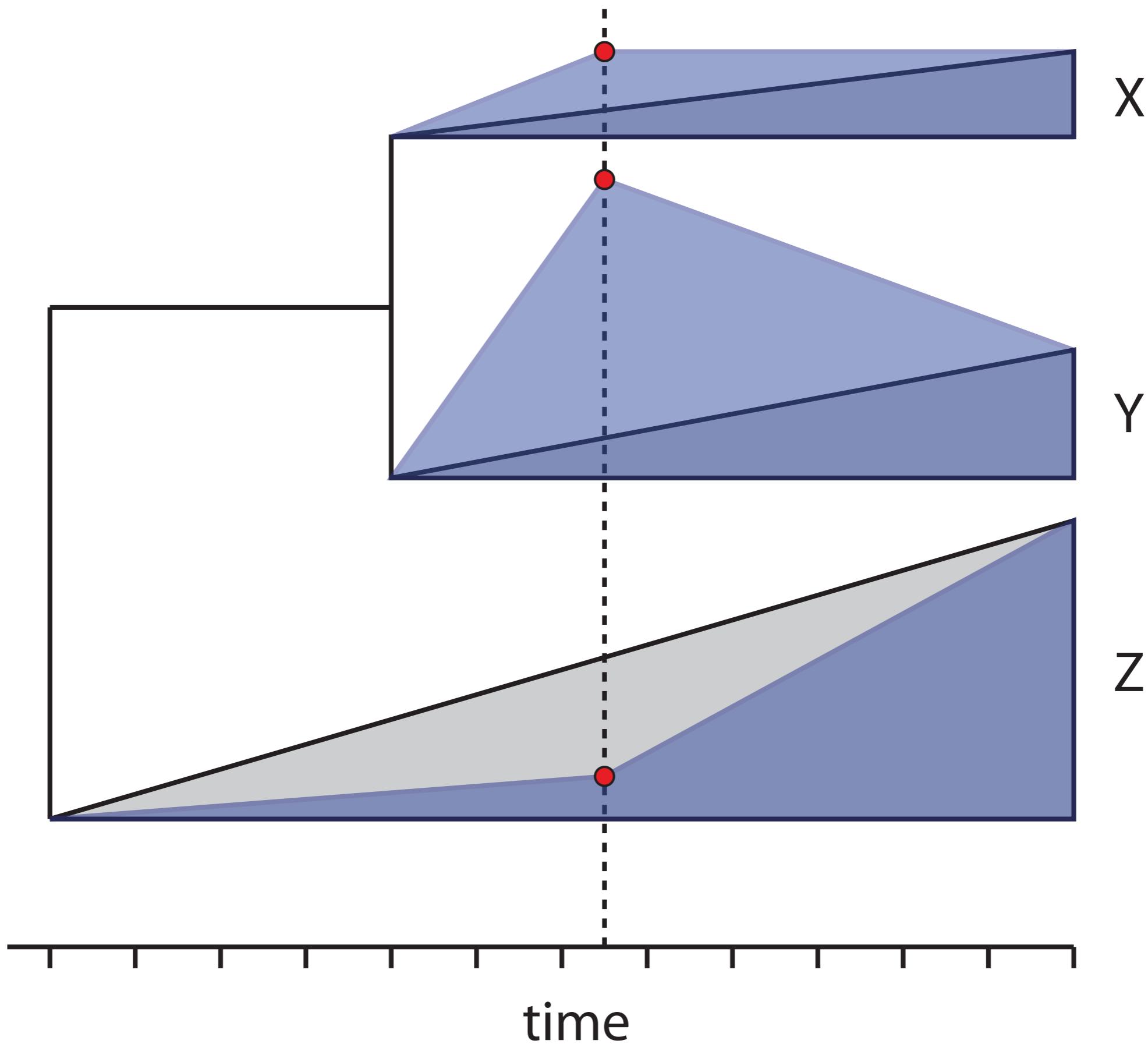
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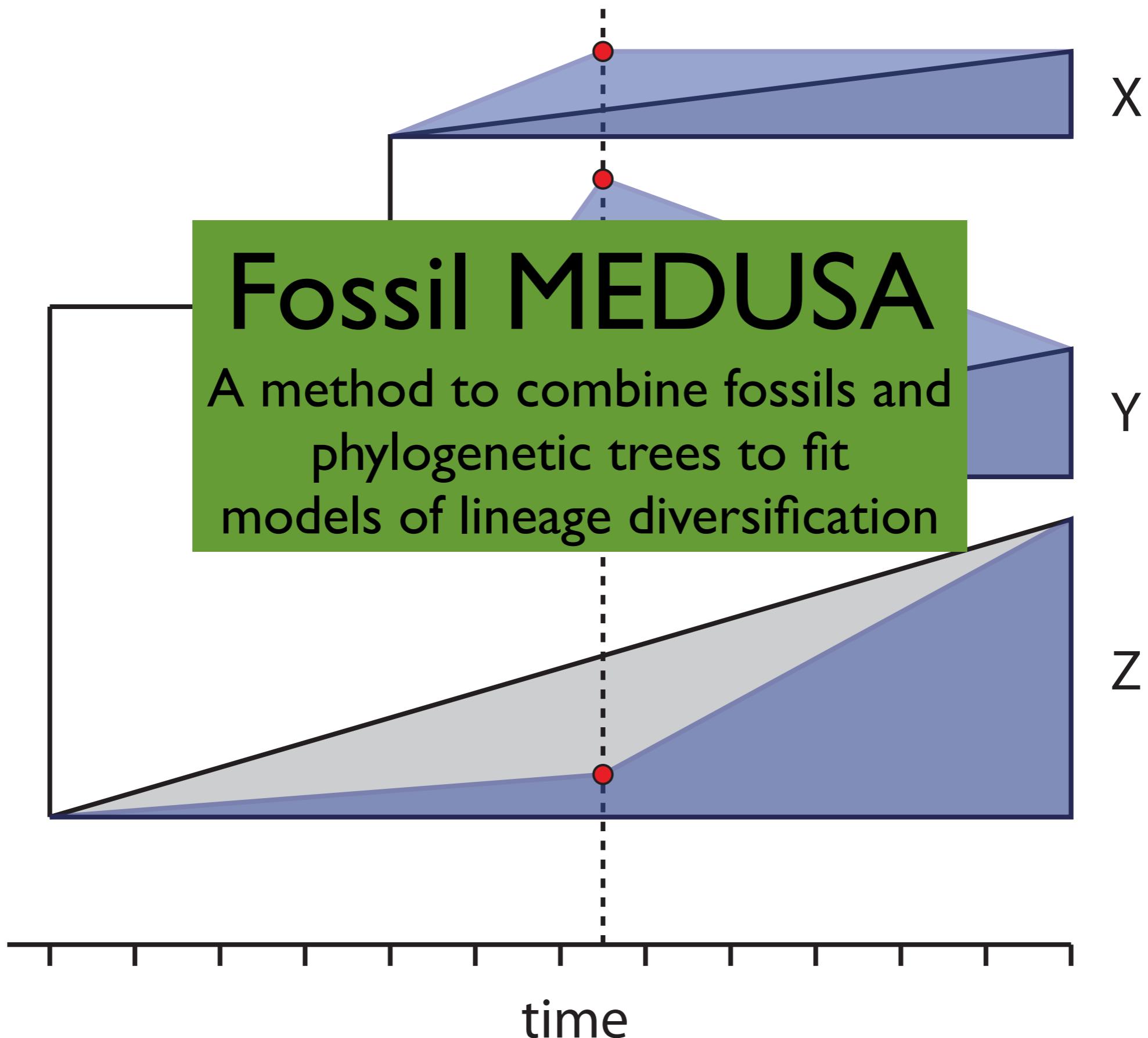
...of fossil richnesses...



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FOSSIL MEDUSA



- Fit piecewise birth-death models:
 1. Without fossil information
 2. Assuming fossil richnesses as exact
 3. Treating fossil counts as minimum richnesses

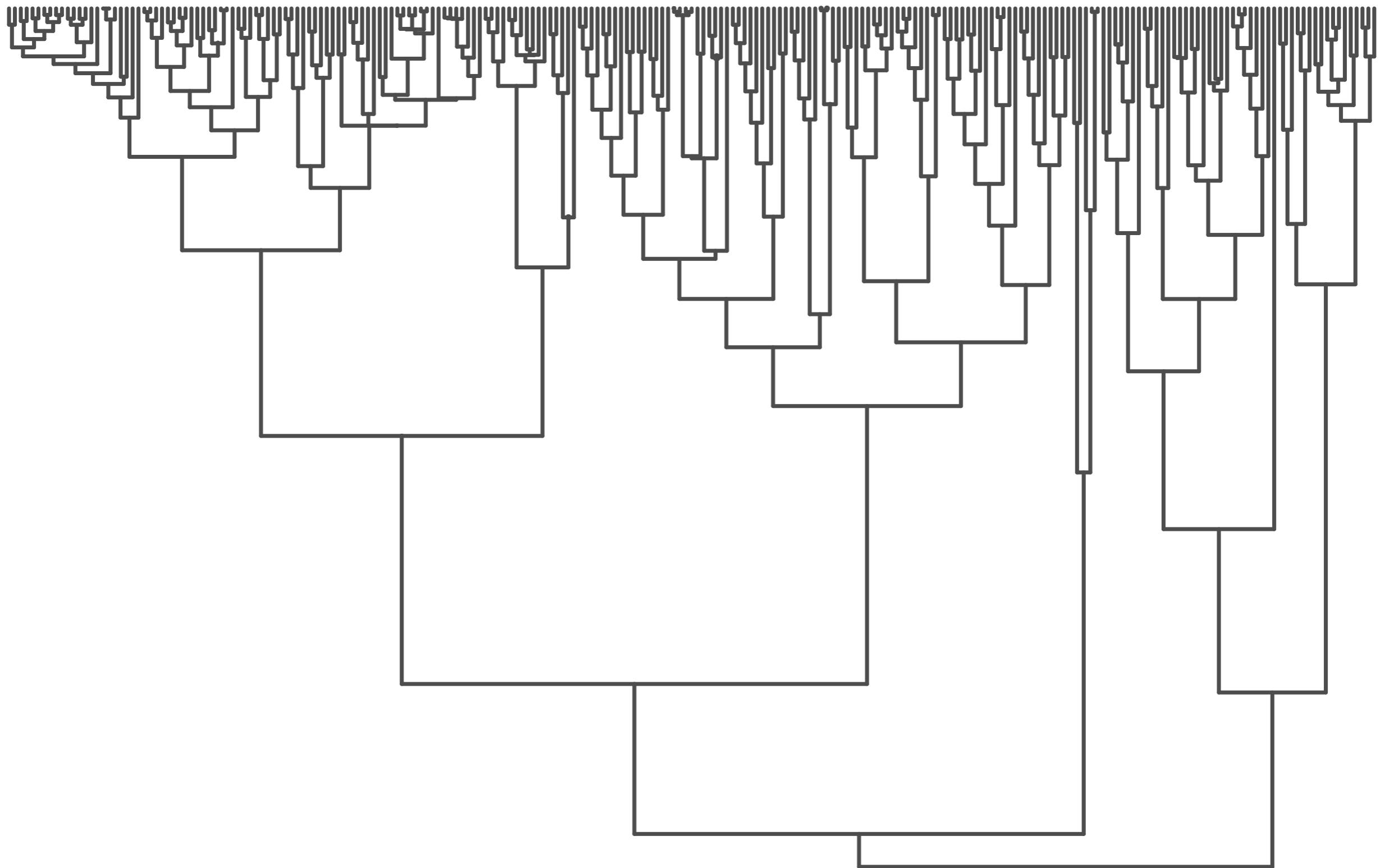
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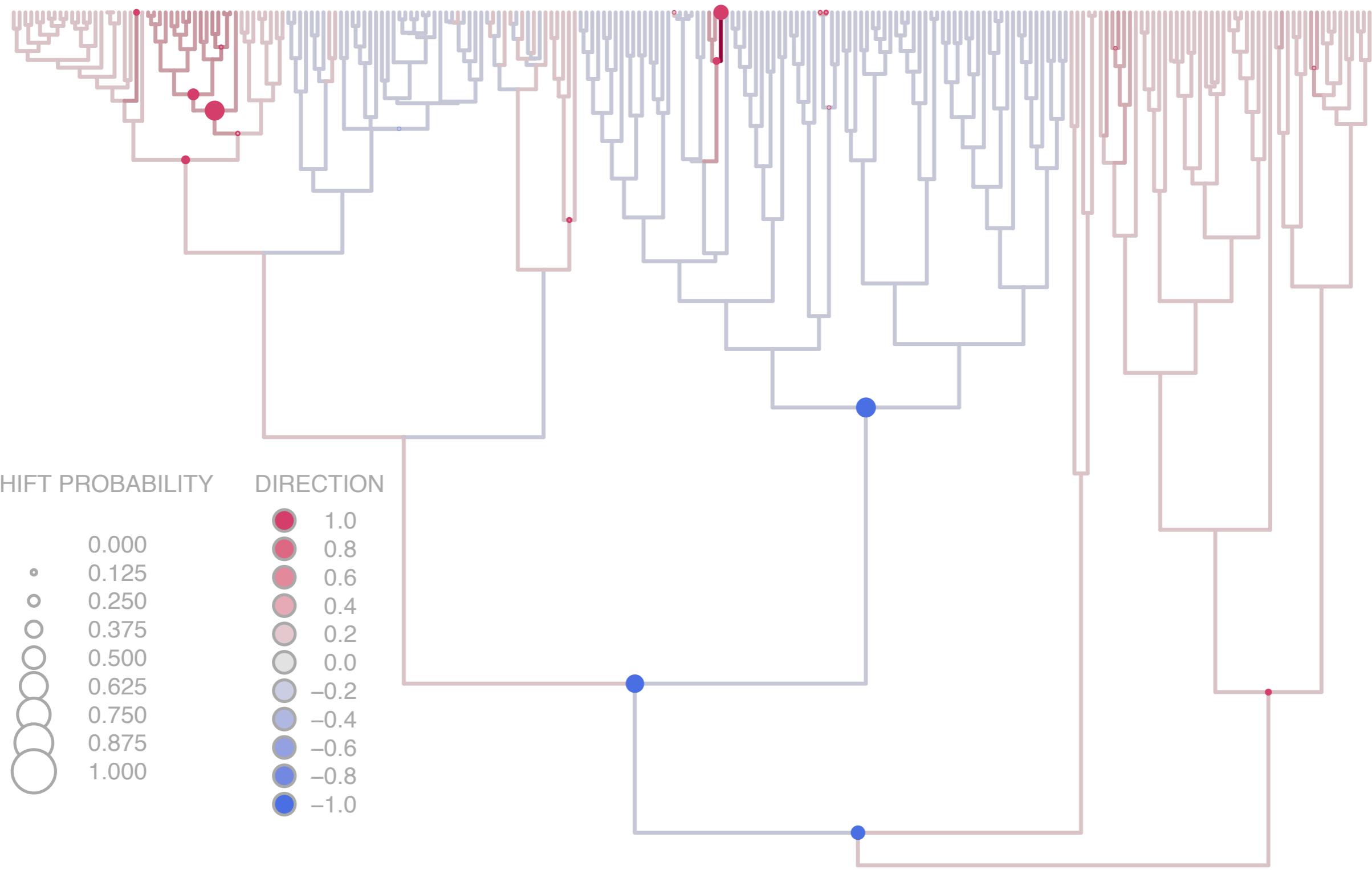


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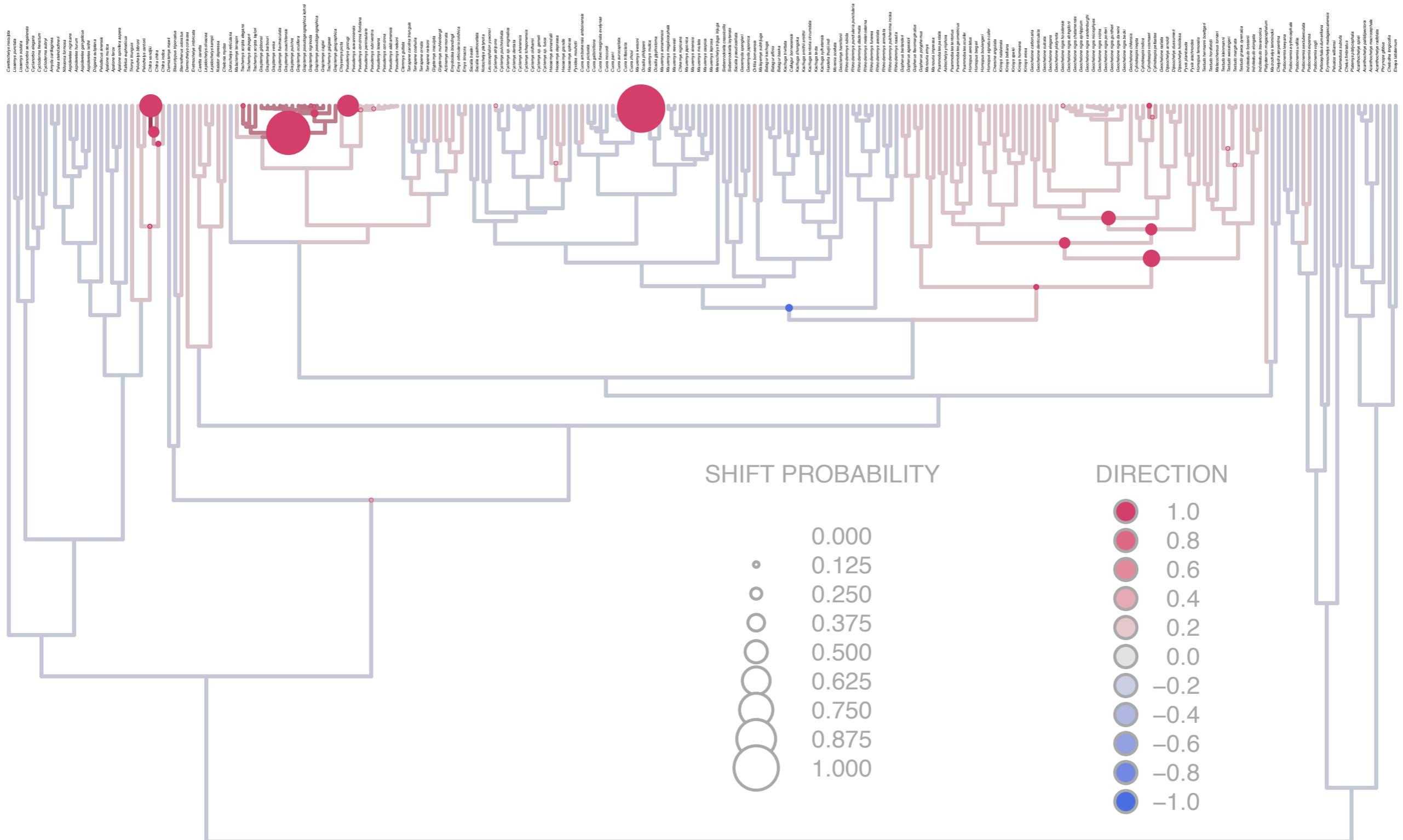
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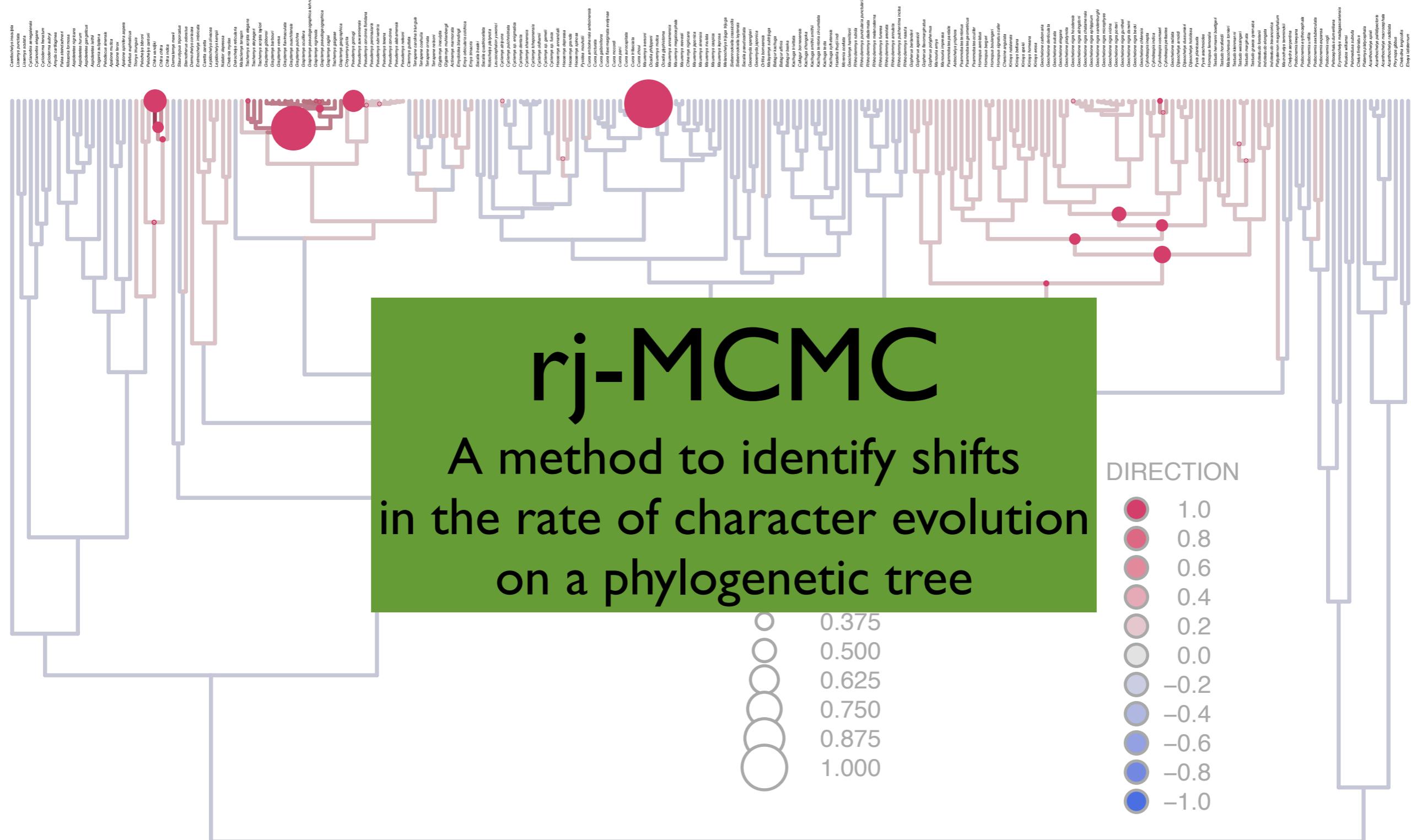
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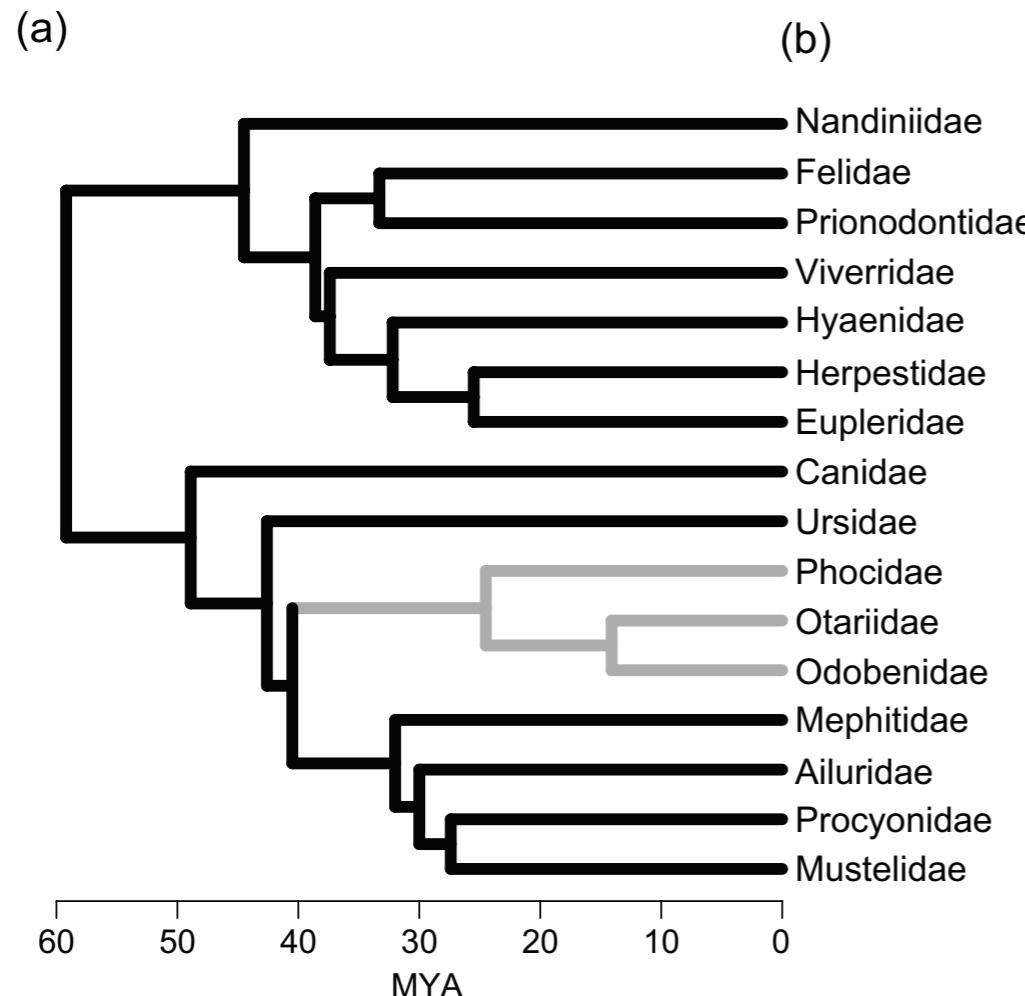
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Data on body size in carnivores



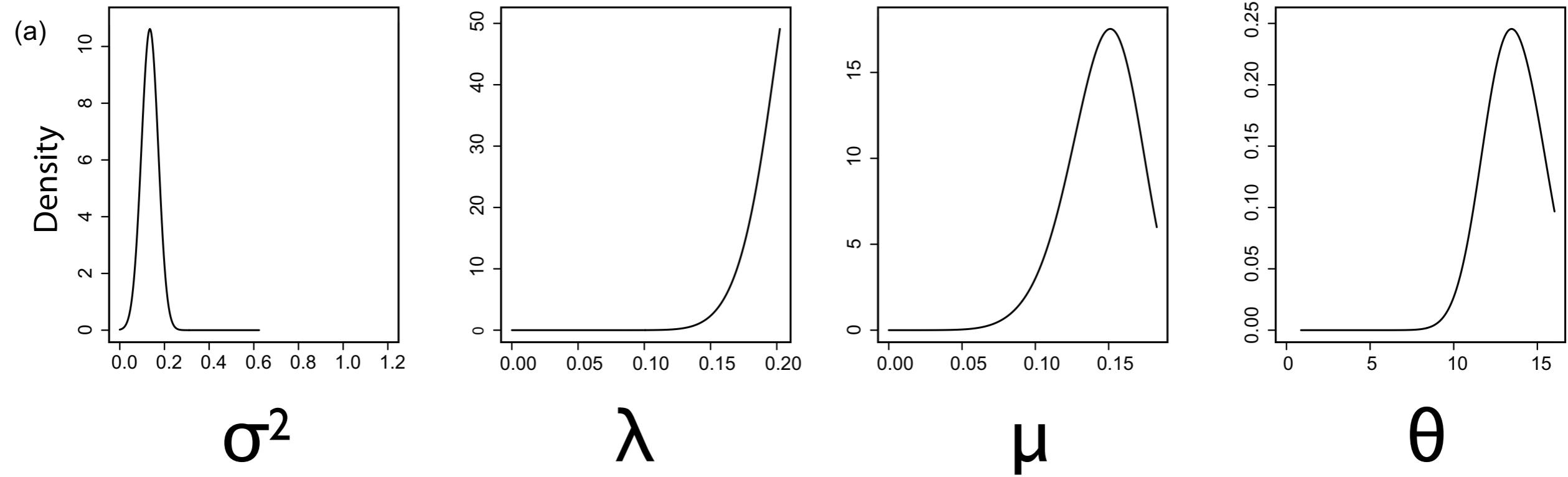
Family	richness	mean log(g)	variance	sample size
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Felidae	40	9.18	1.59	33
Prionodontidae	2	6.78	0.13	2
Viverridae	34	7.89	0.66	27
Hyaenidae	4	10.30	0.80	4
Herpestidae	33	7.18	0.48	29
Eupleridae	8	7.24	0.92	8
Canidae	35	8.58	0.68	32
Ursidae	8	11.75	0.30	8
Phocidae	19	12.24	0.75	19
Otariidae	16	11.69	0.38	14
Odobenidae	1	13.86	0	1
Mephitidae	12	7.26	0.57	10
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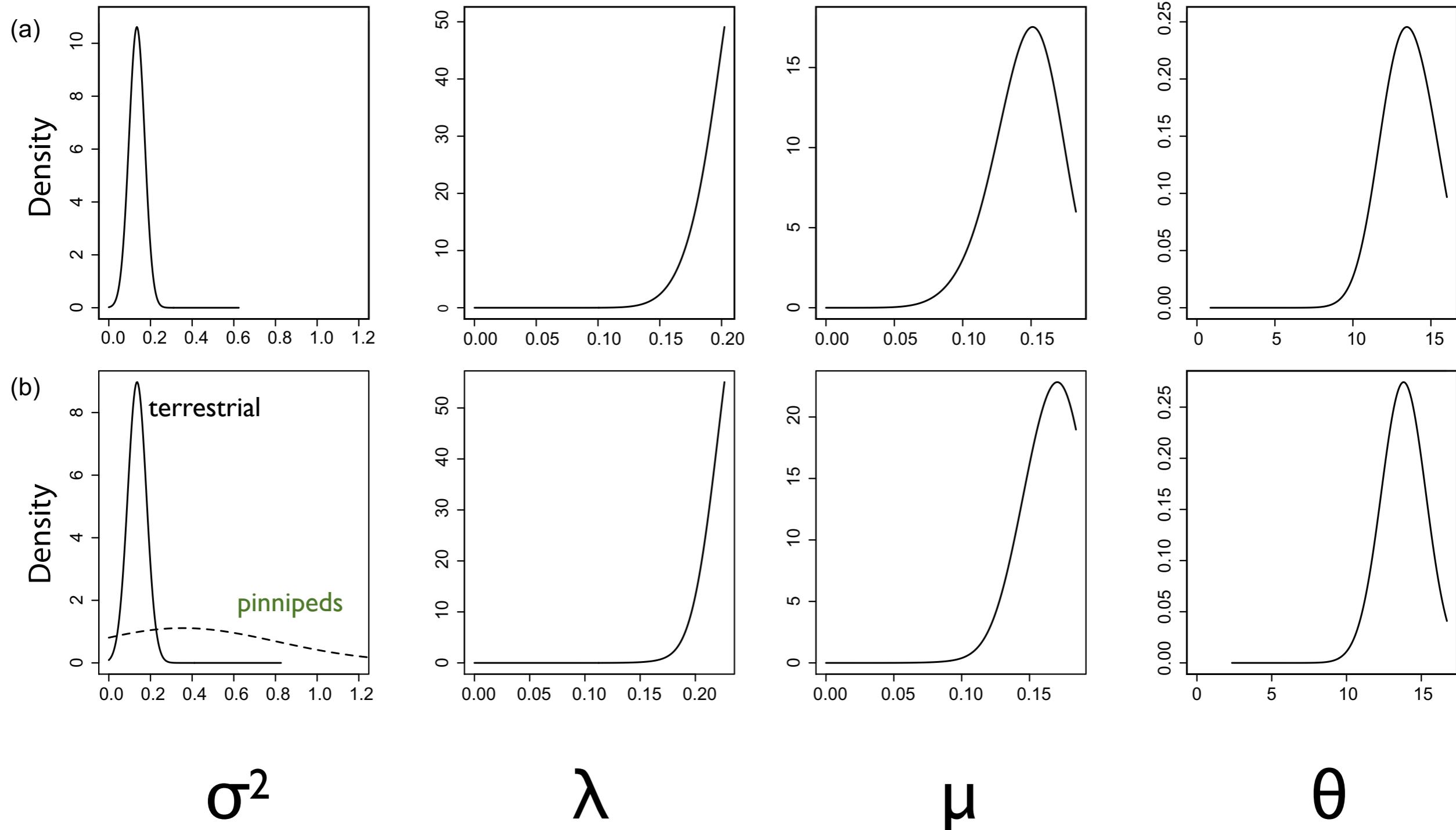
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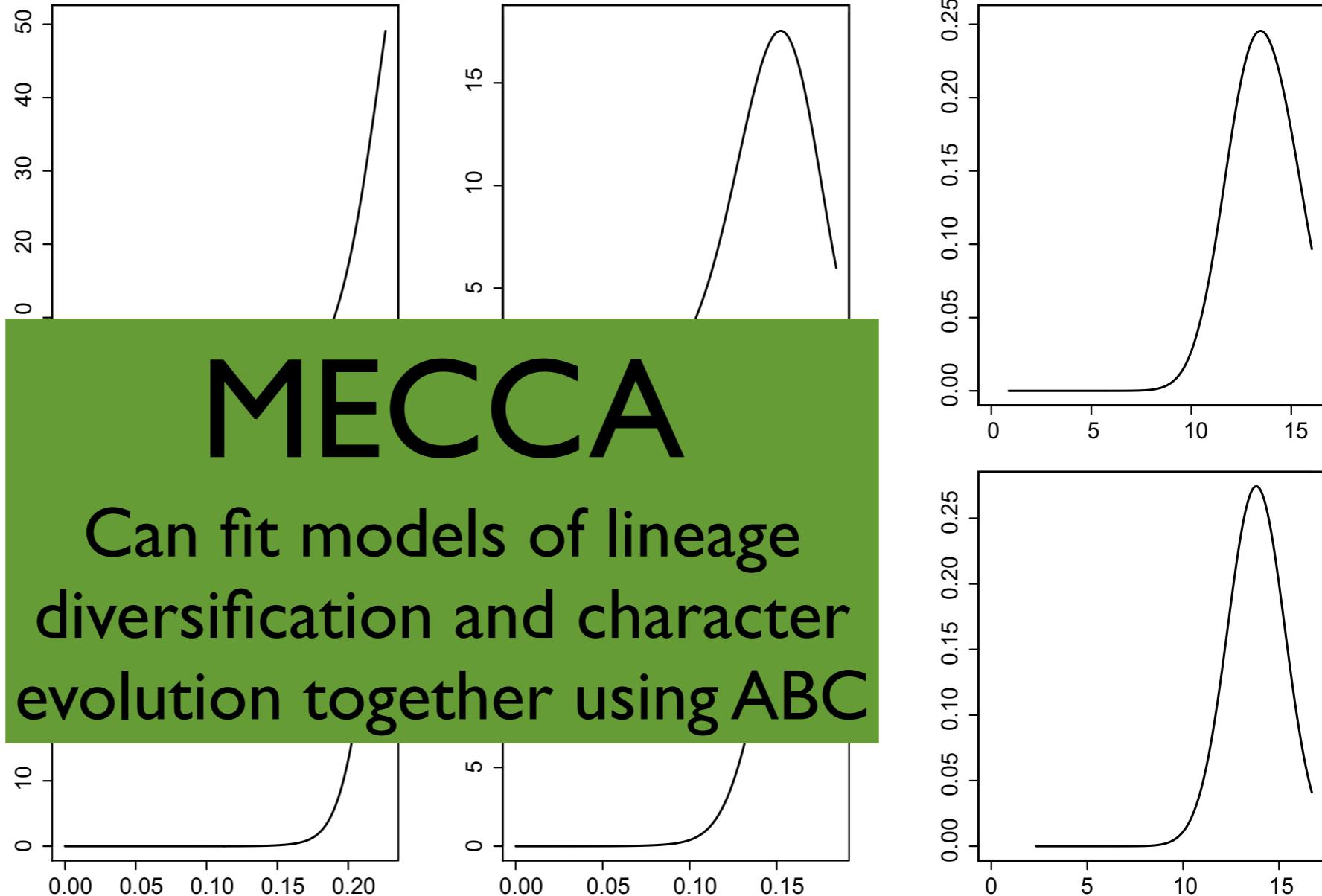
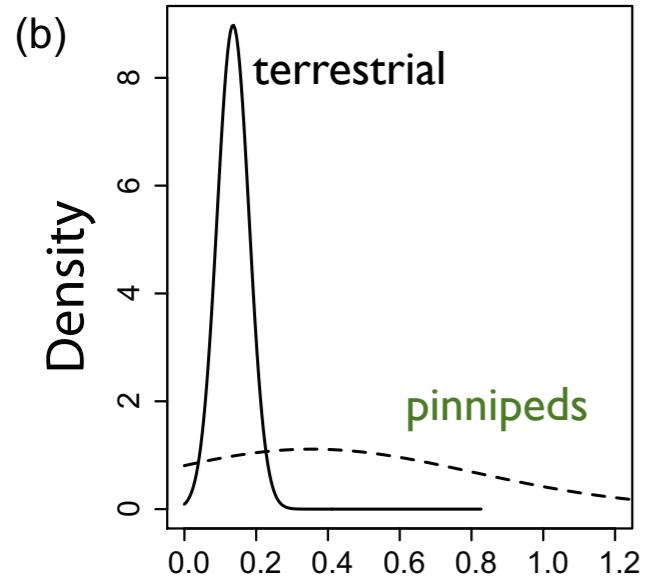
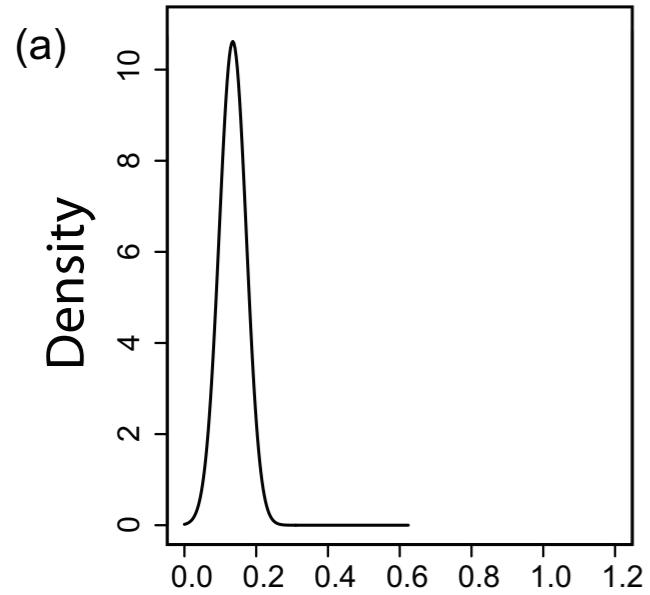
- Modeling evolution of continuous characters using ABC
- ABC = approximate Bayesian computation
- ABC is a method for calculating Bayesian posterior distributions **WITHOUT** likelihoods

MECCA

- We assume:
 - Trees grow under a birth-death model
(parameters: λ, μ)
 - Traits evolve by Brownian motion
(parameters: σ^2, θ)
 - Use ABC to calculate posterior distribution
of all four parameters given priors & the data







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