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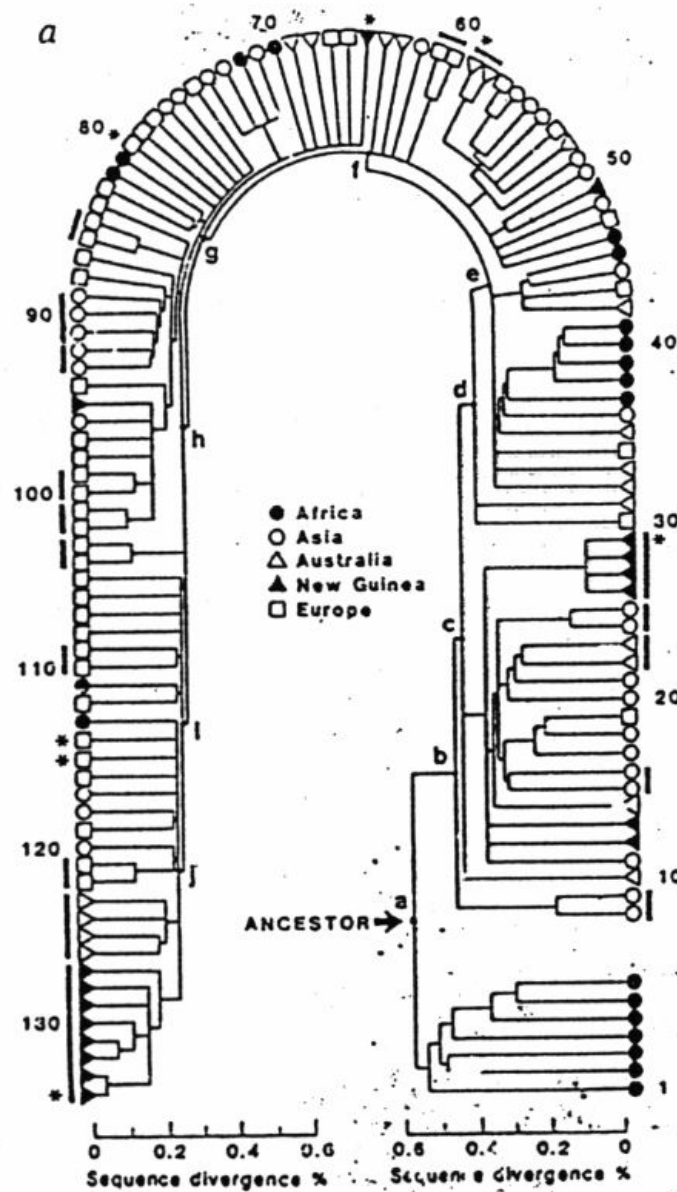
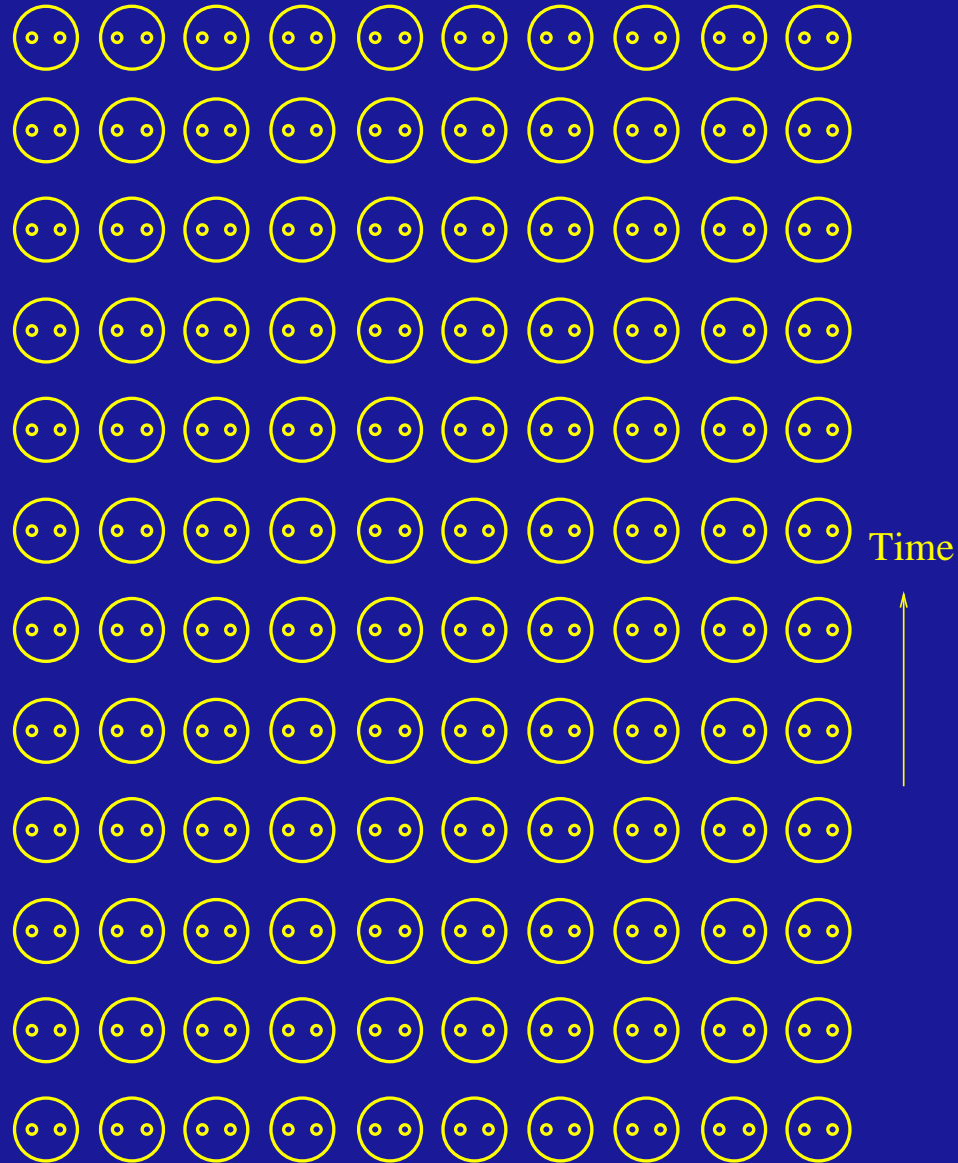
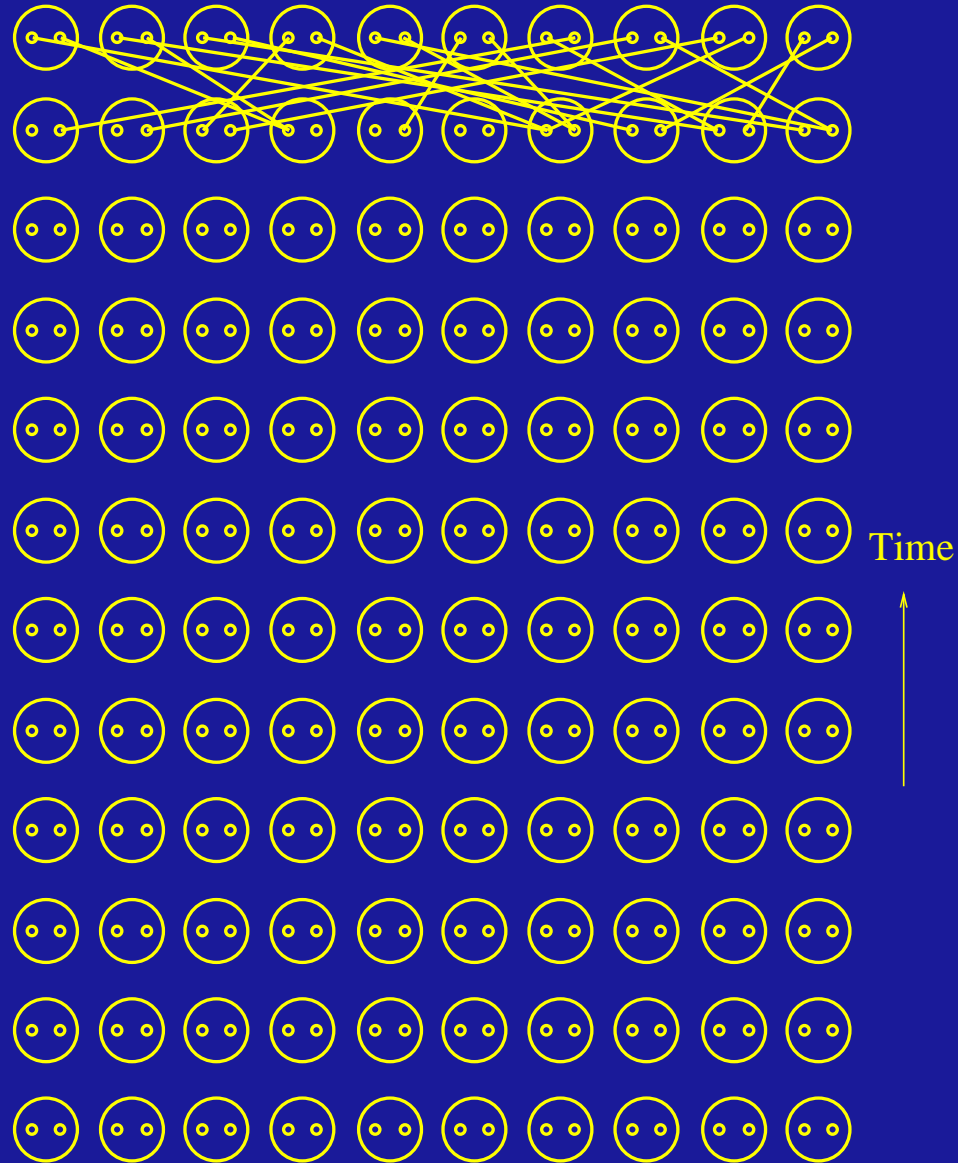


Fig. 3 a, Genealogical tree for 134 types of human mtDNA (133 restriction sites used). The tree accounts for the site differences observed between the following restriction sites: ...

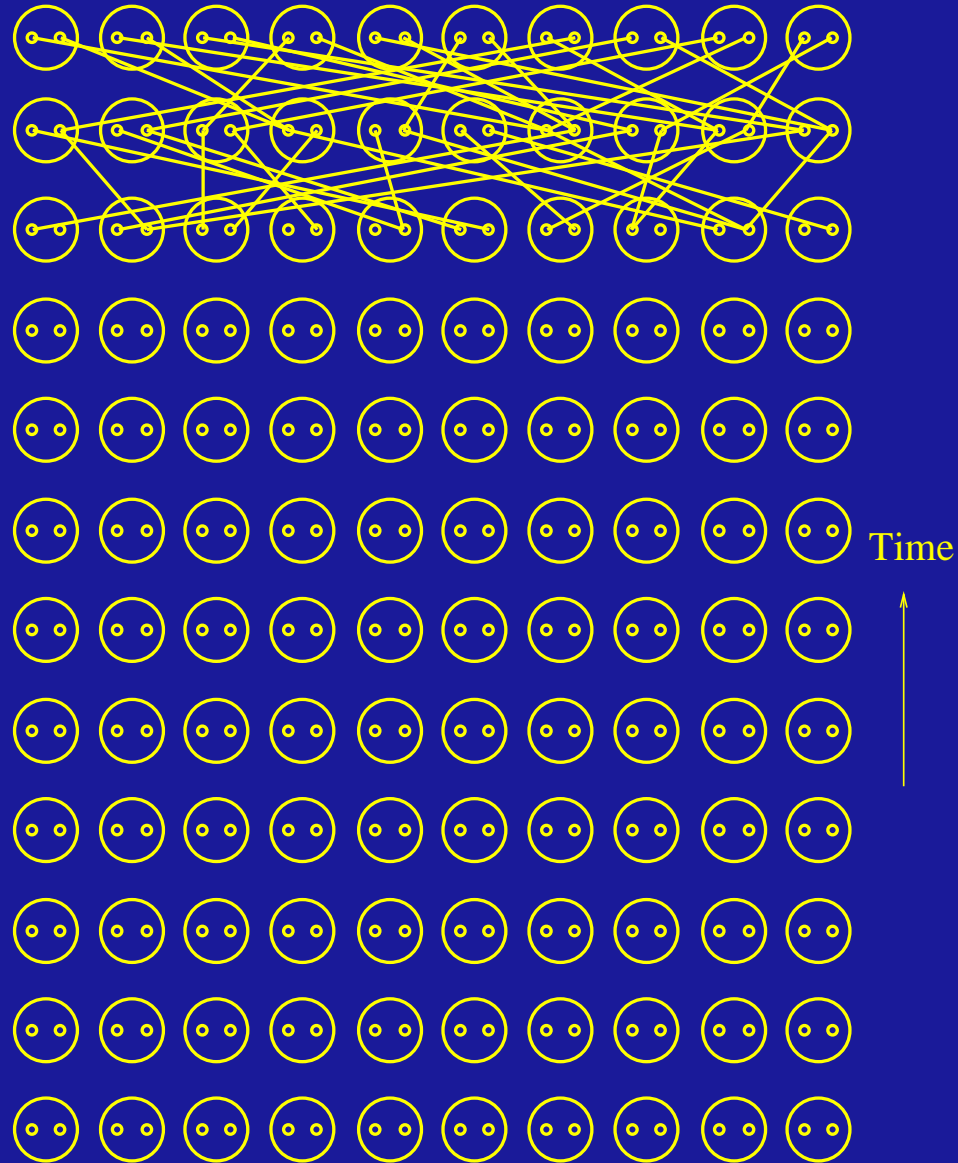
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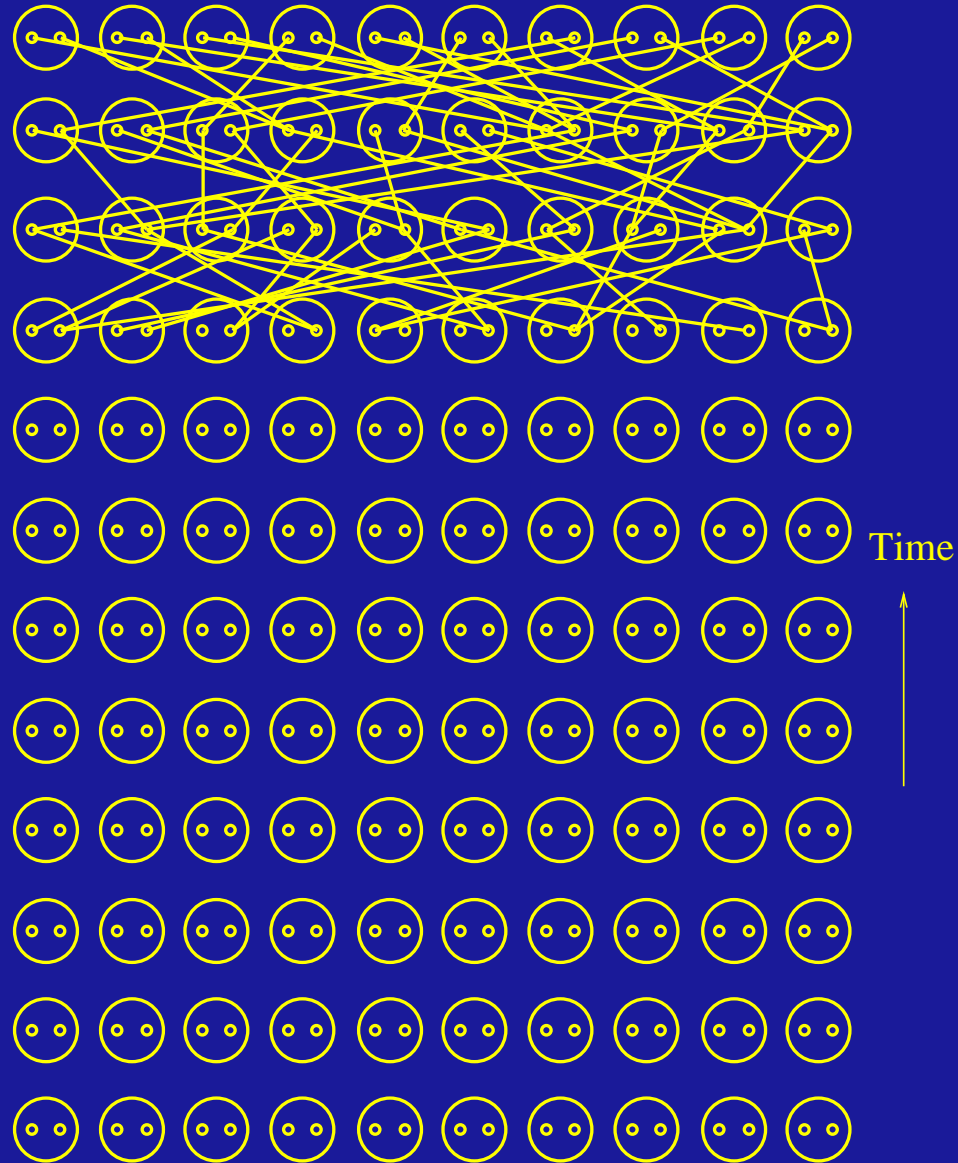
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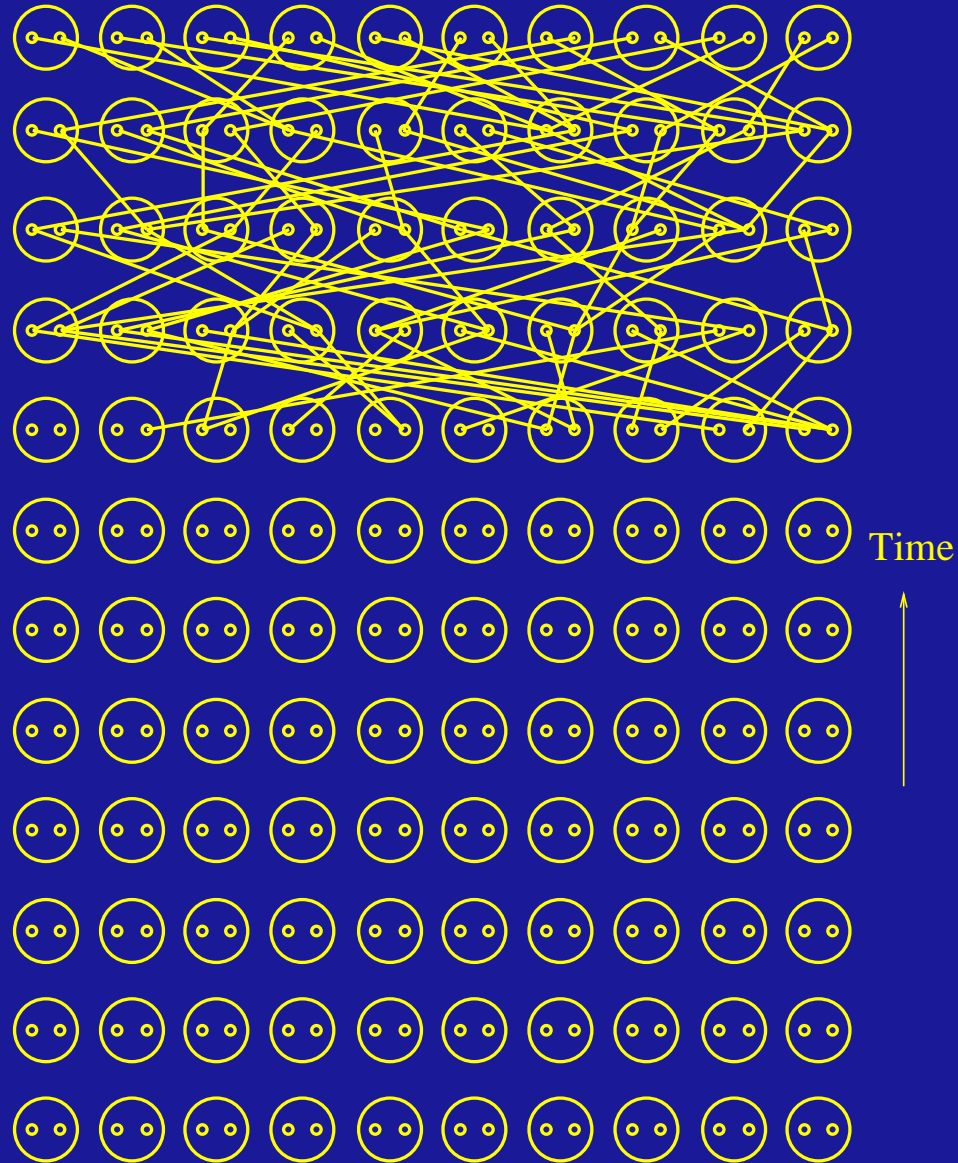
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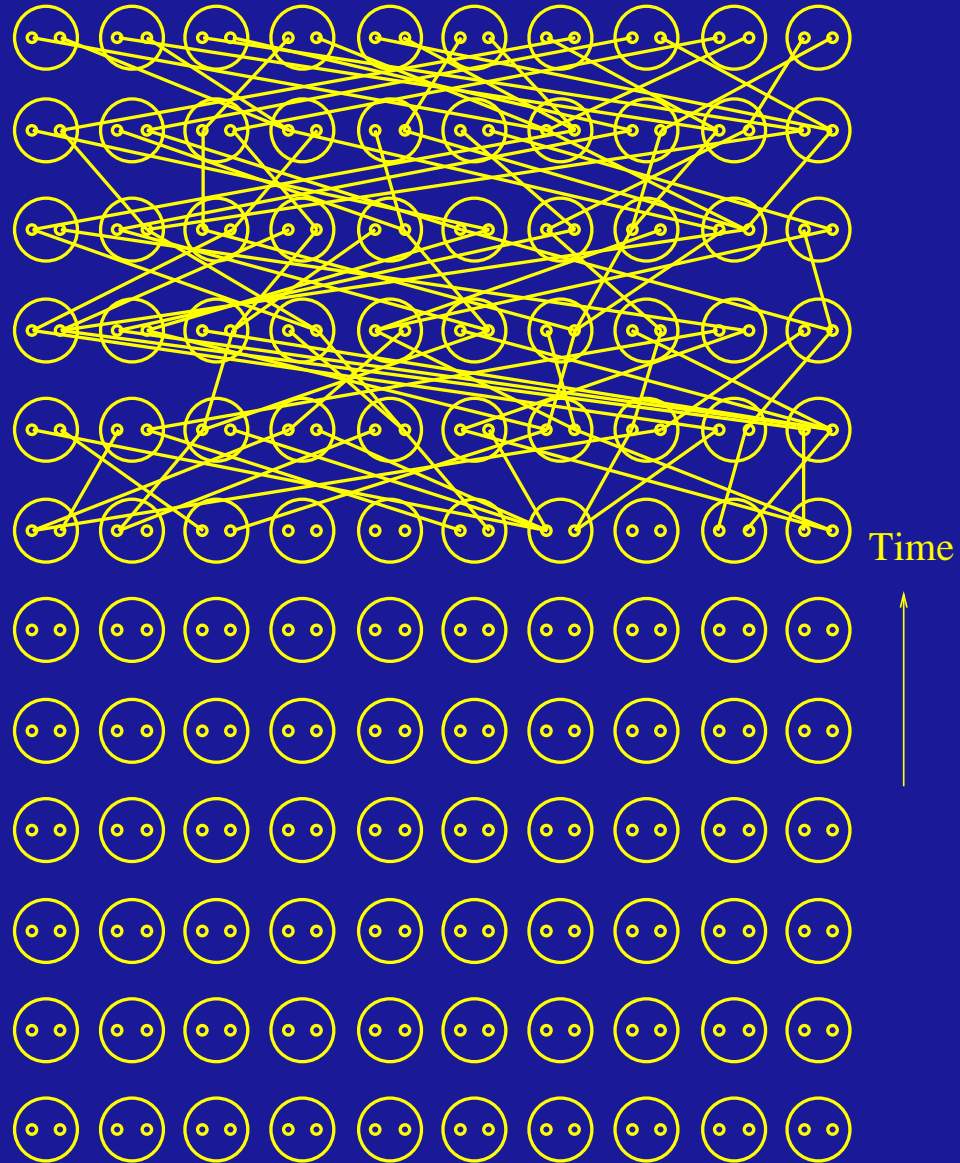
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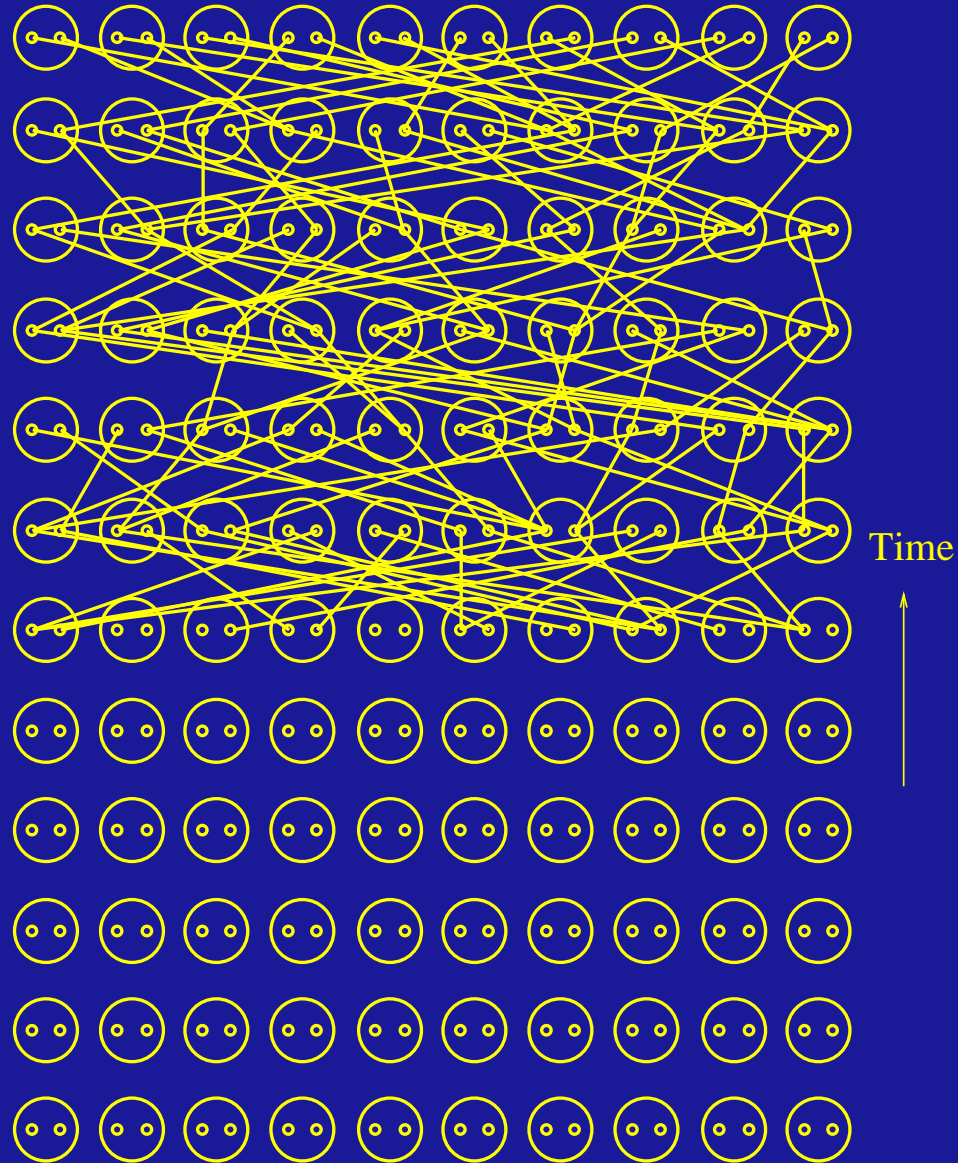
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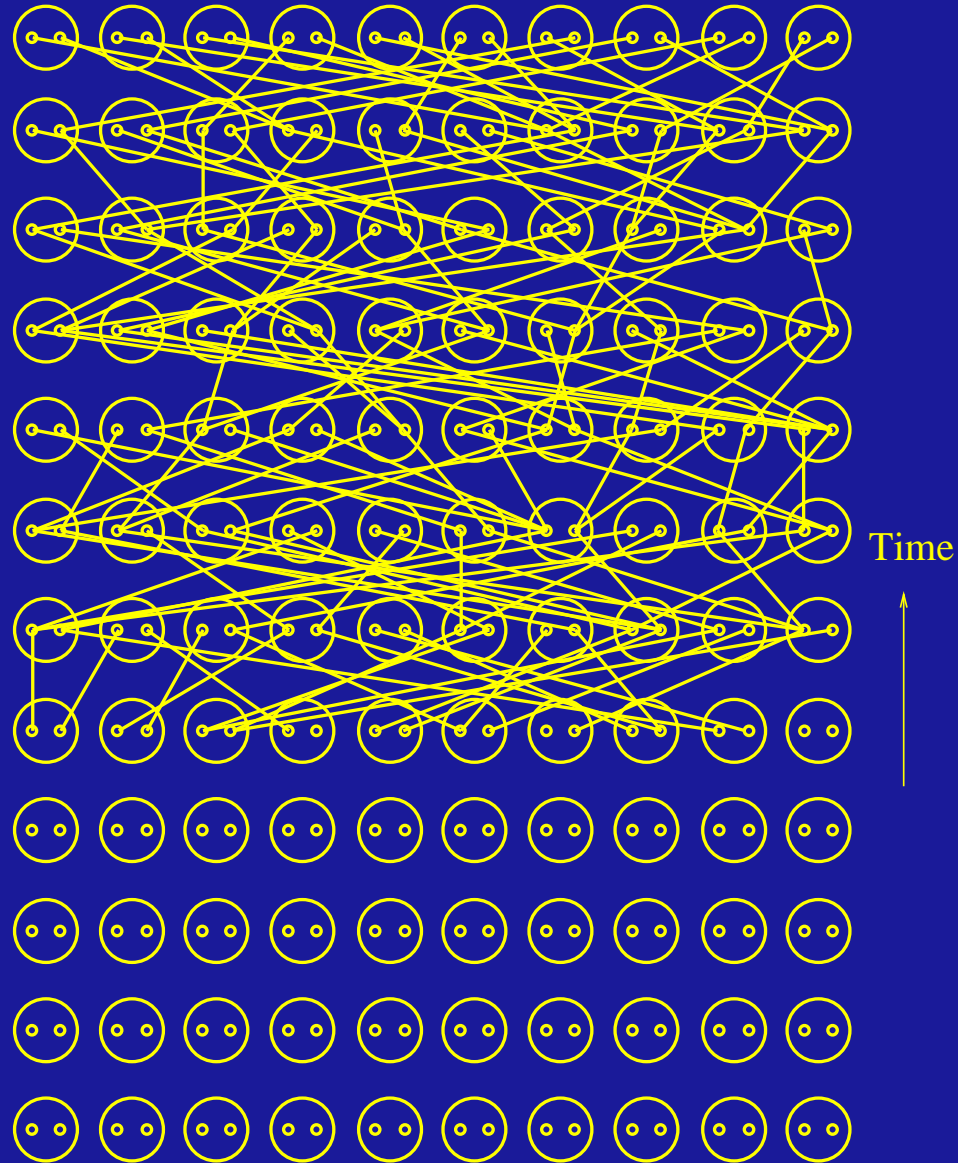
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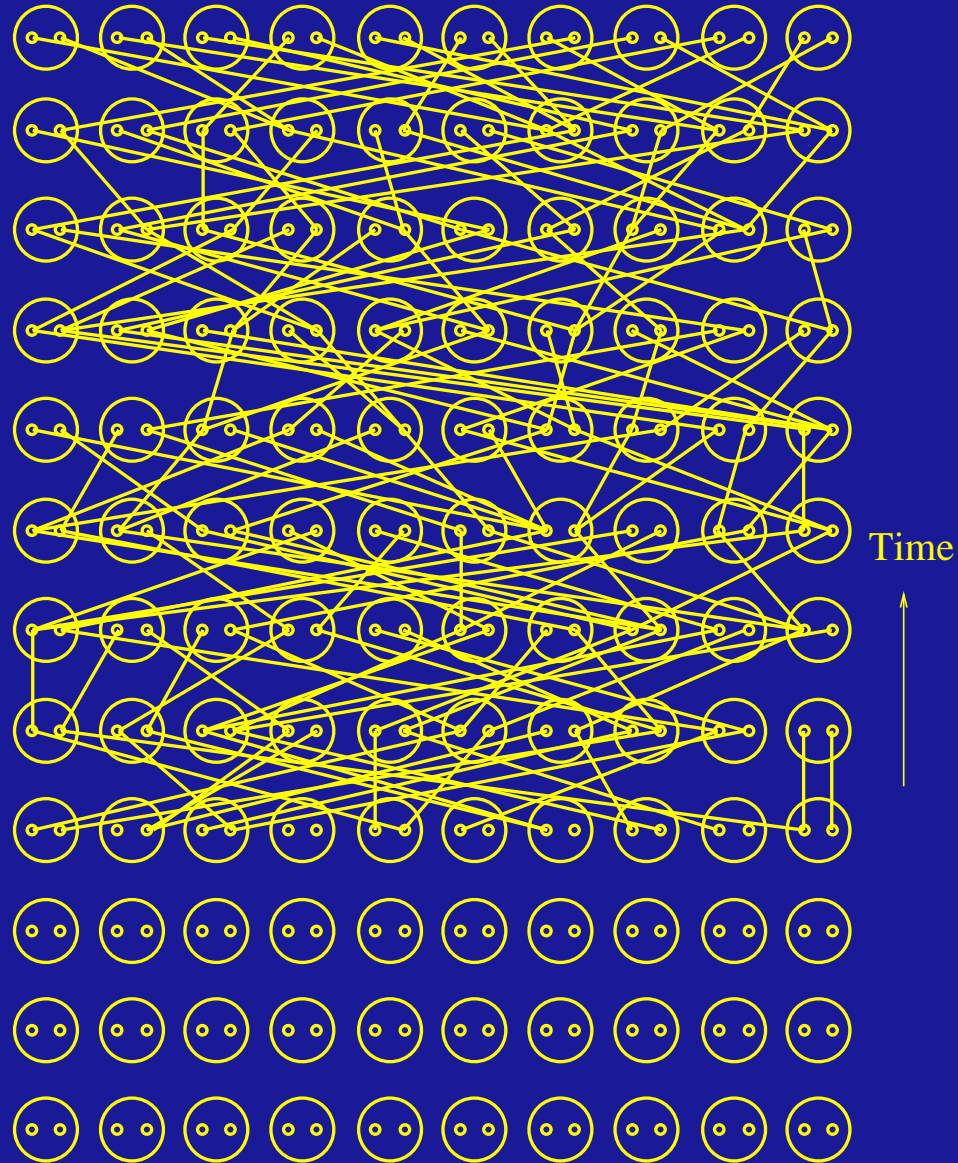
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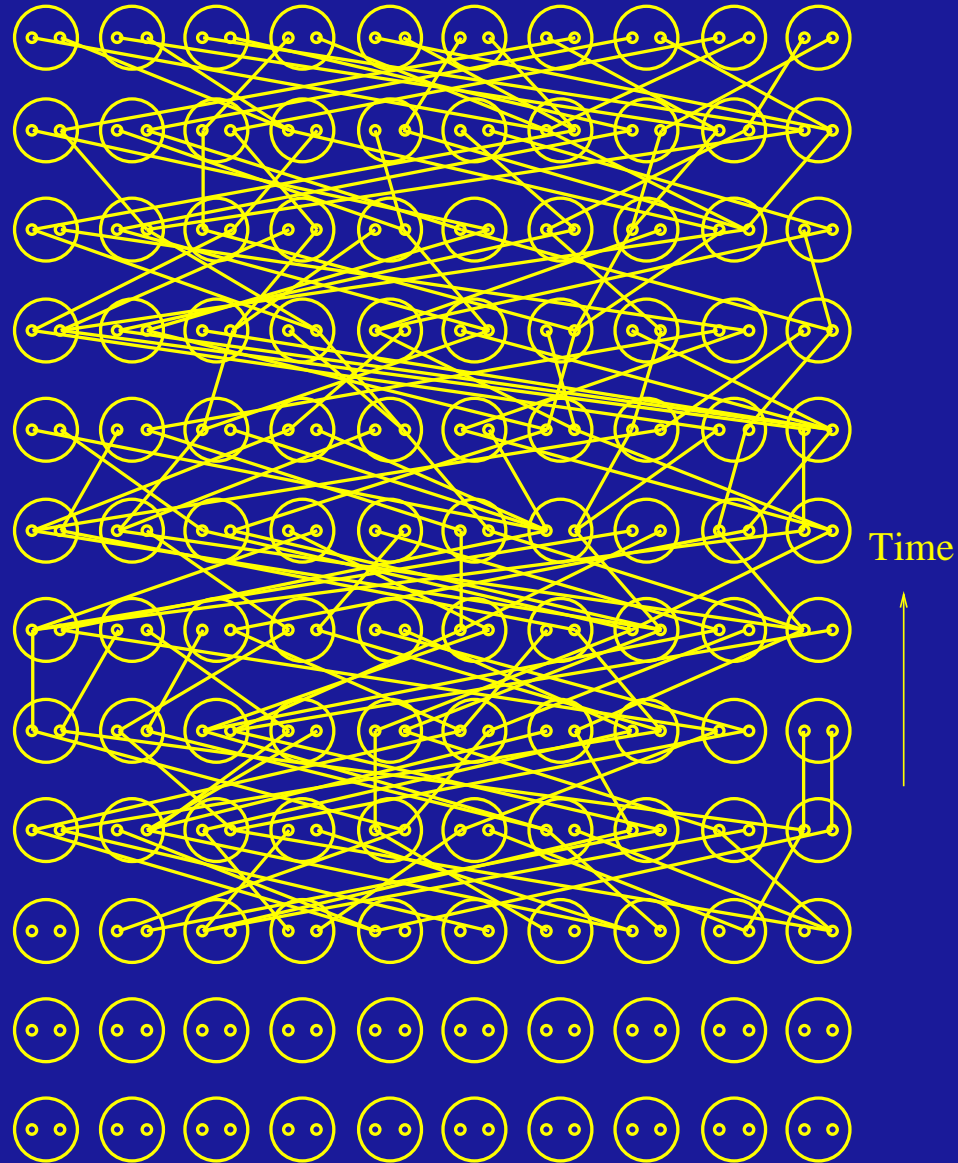
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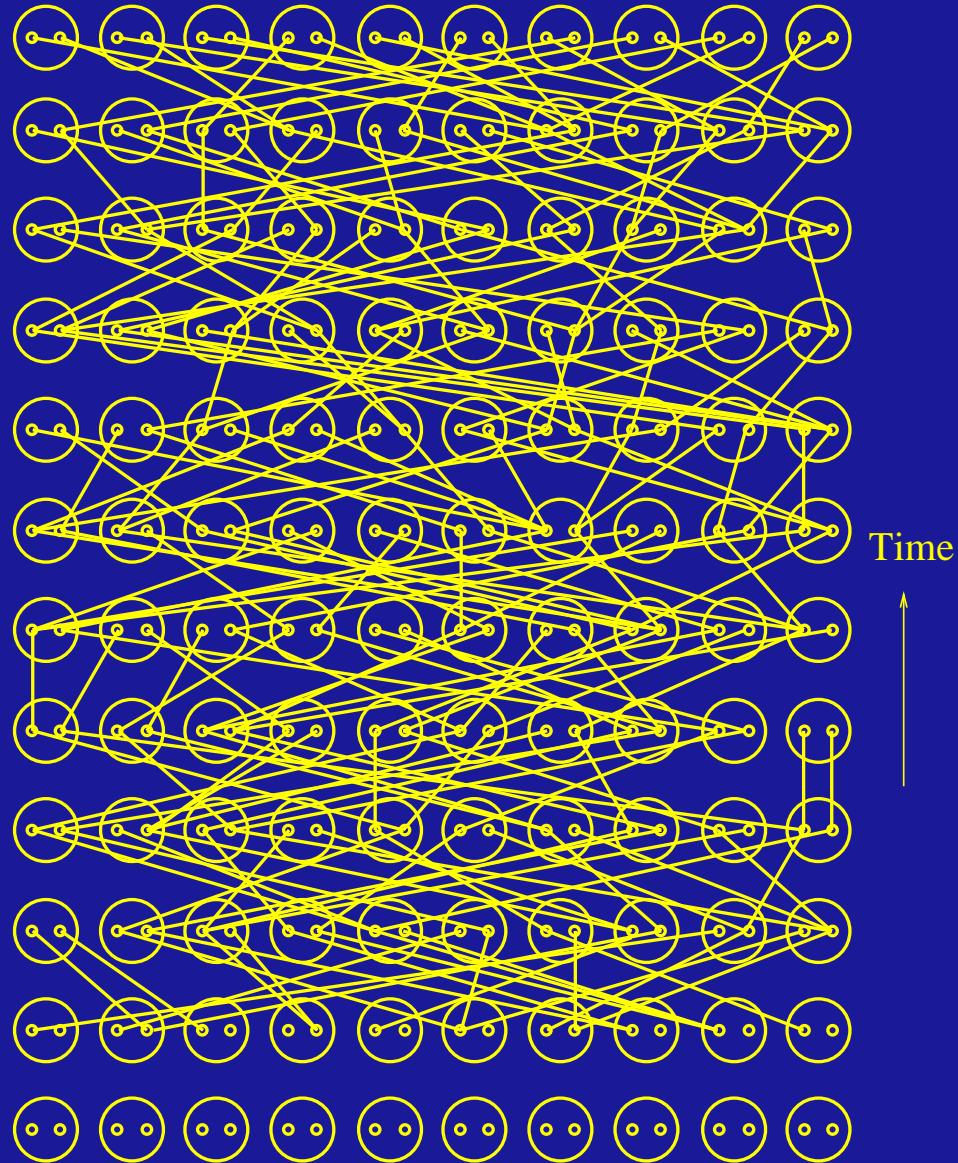
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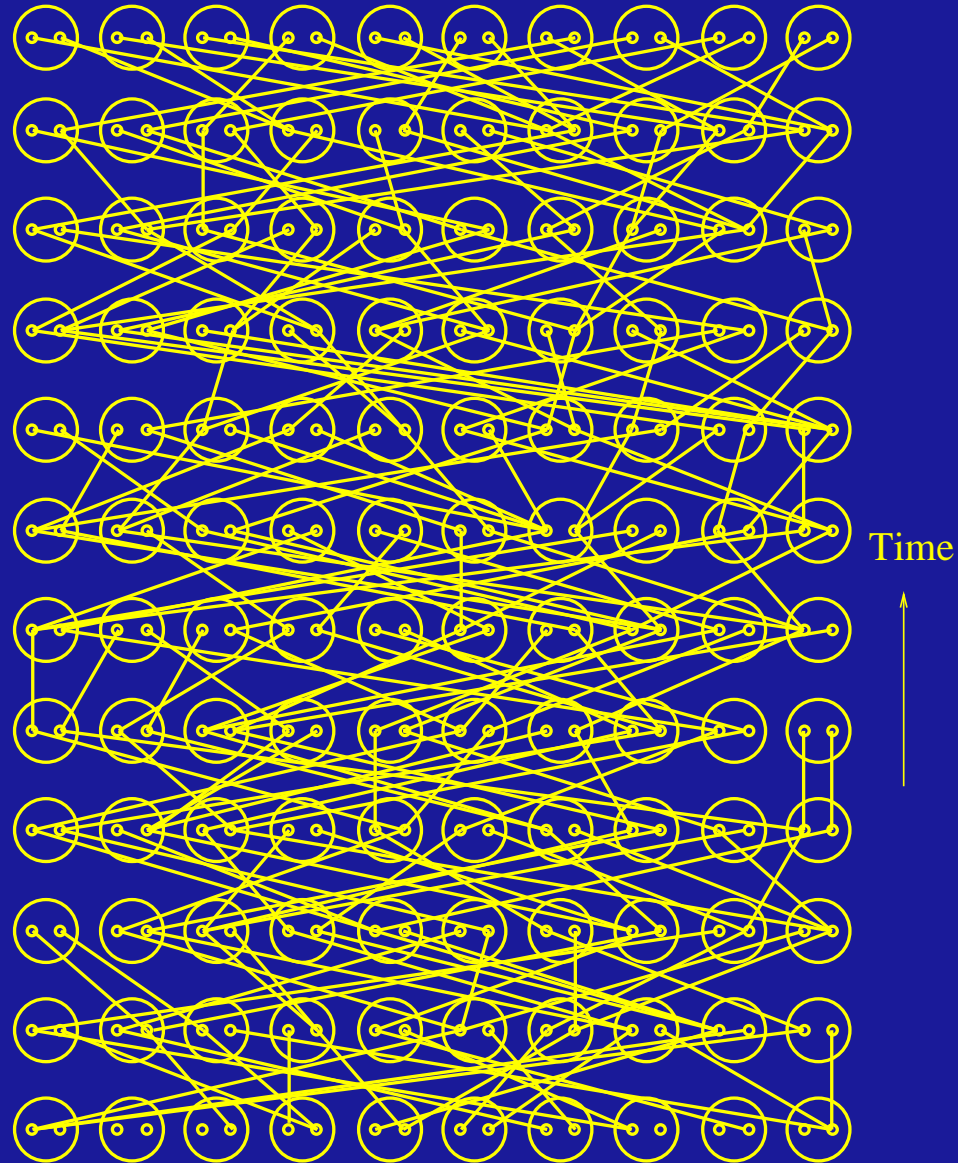
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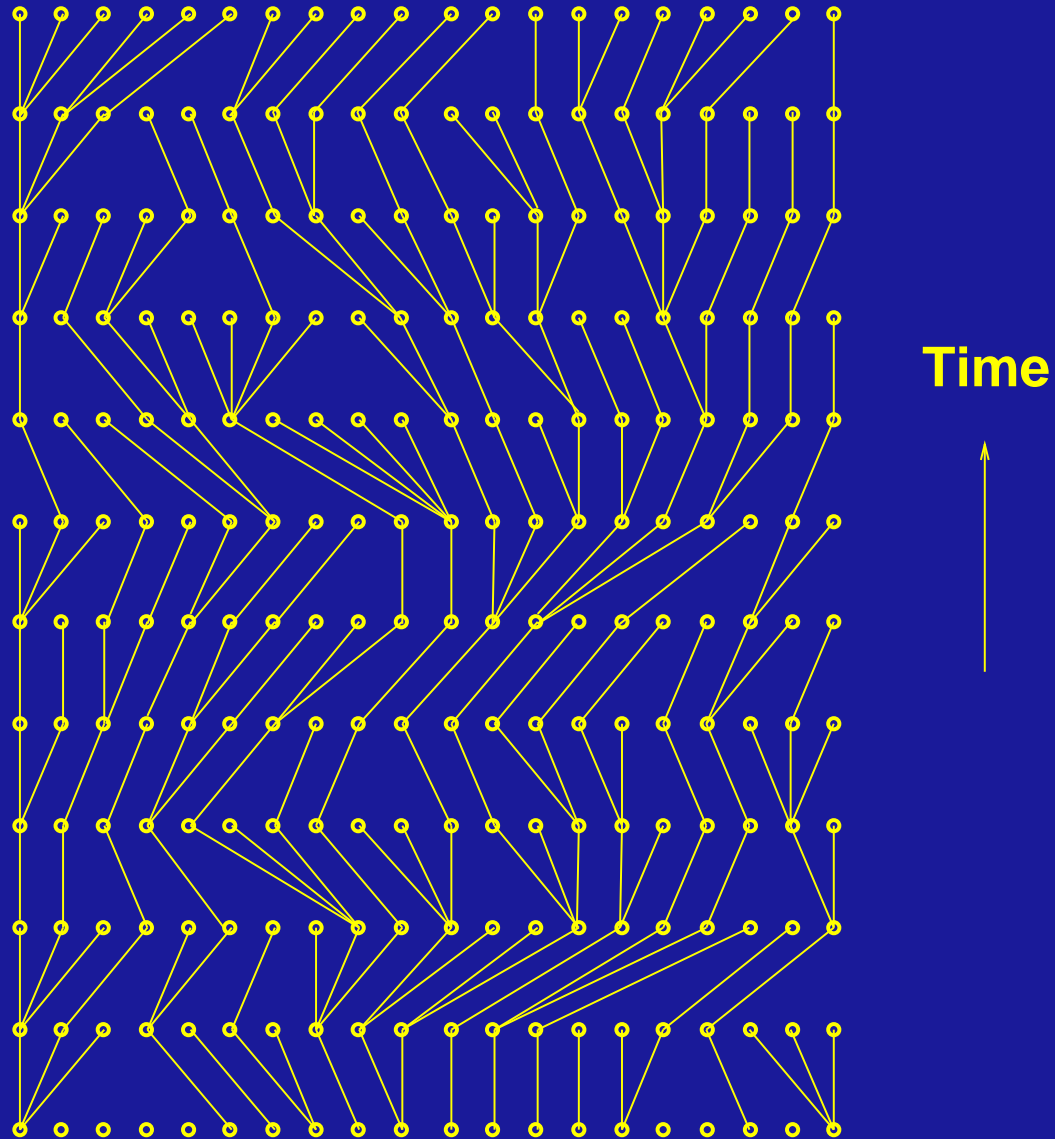
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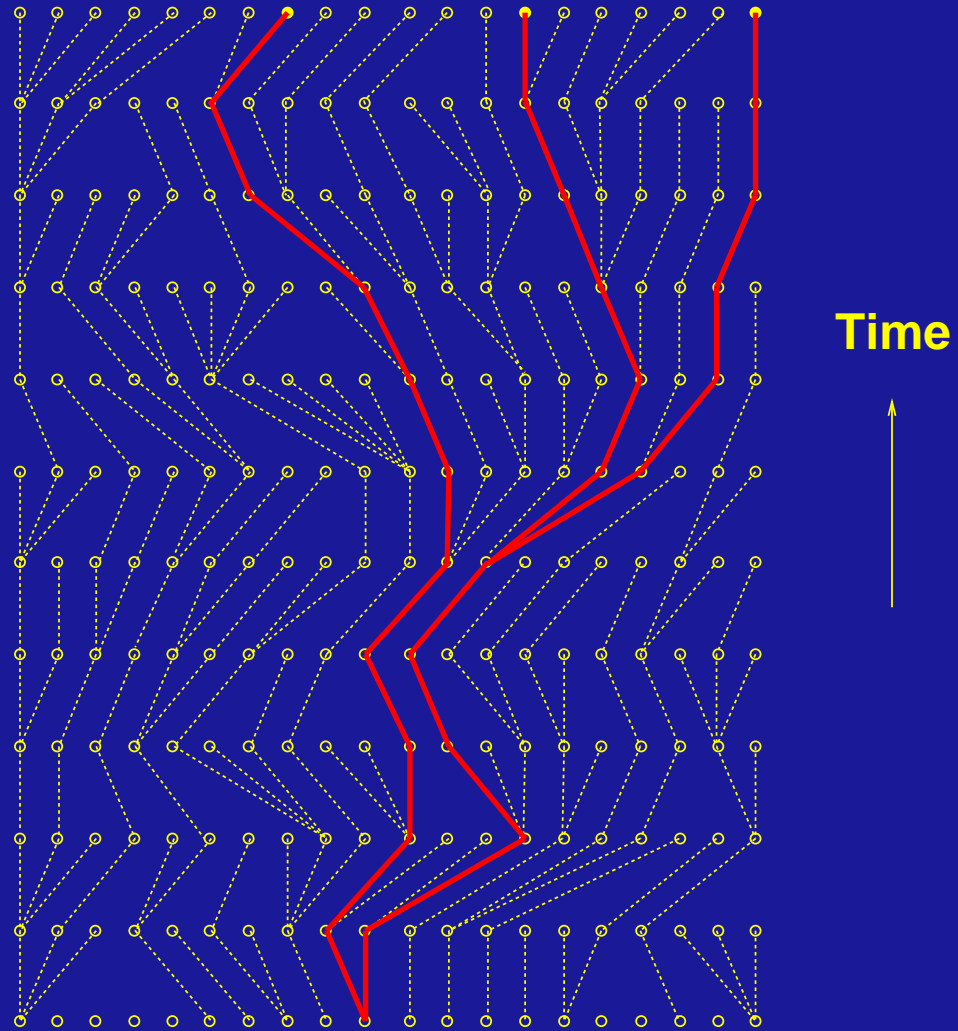
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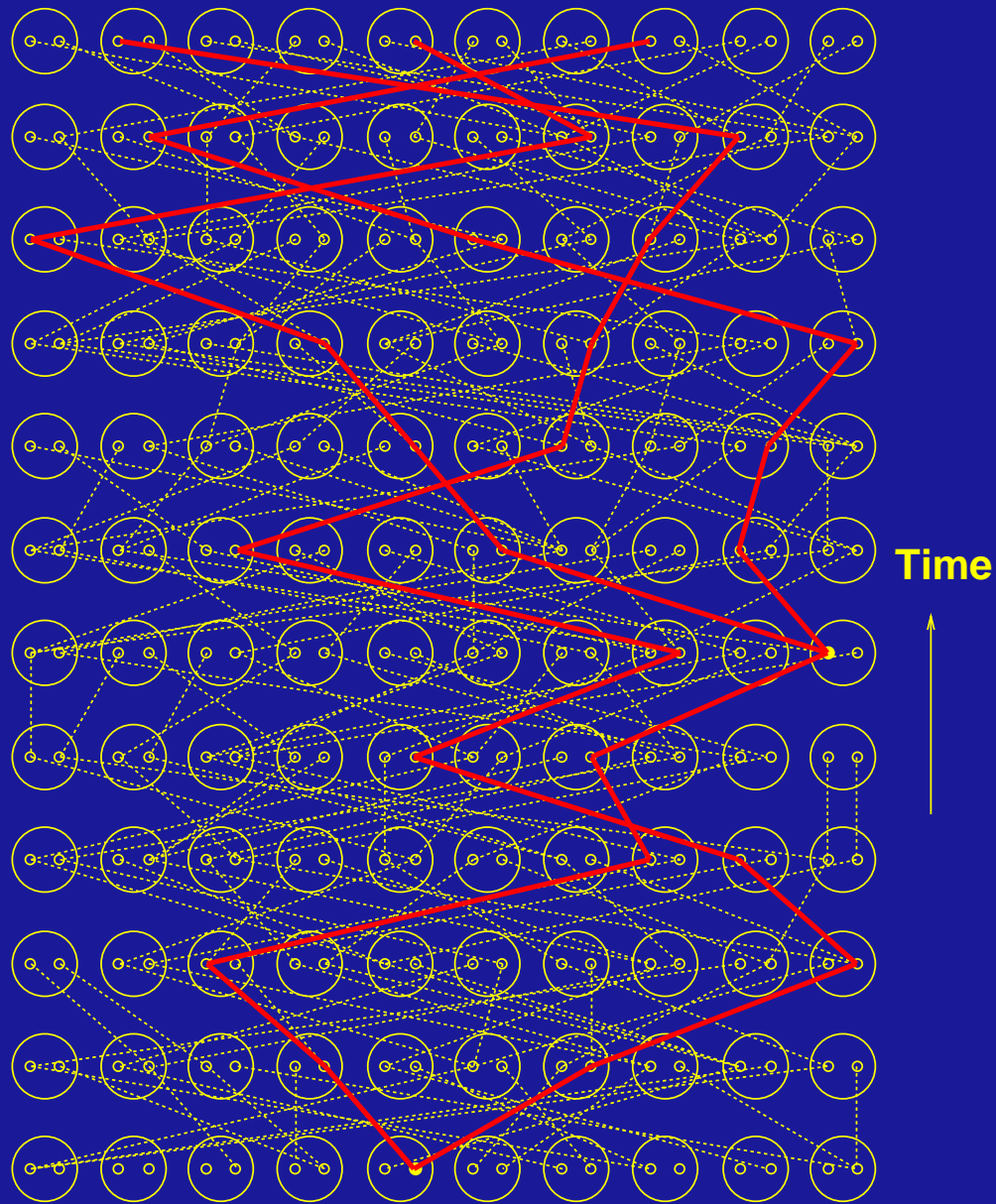


Genealogy of gene copies, after reordering the copies



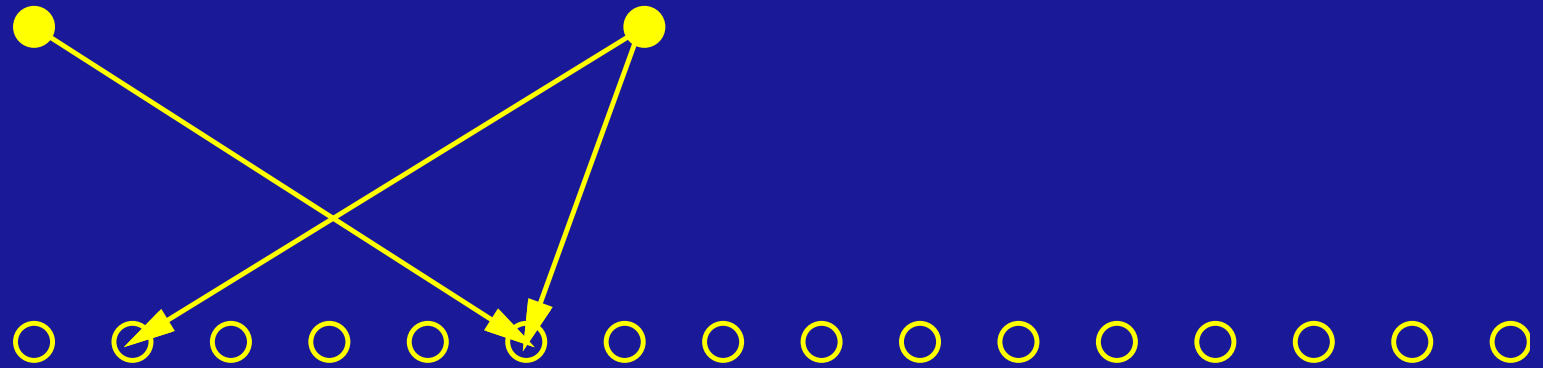
Genealogy of a small sample of genes from the population





under the Wright–Fisher model

each gene comes from a random copy
in the previous generation



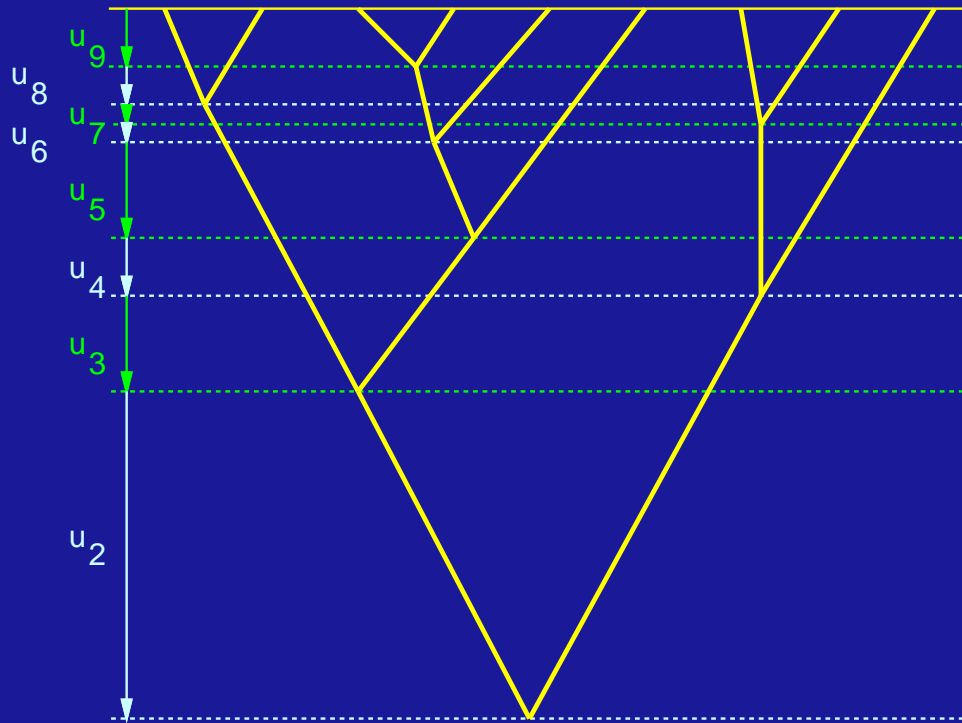
a chance of 1 out of $2N$ that another
one comes from the same copy

hence it takes about $2N$ generations for
two lineages to coalesce

Coalescent trees of gene copies within species (Kingman, 1982)

Random collision of lineages as go back in time (sans recombination)

Collision is faster the smaller the effective population size



In a diploid population of effective population size N_e

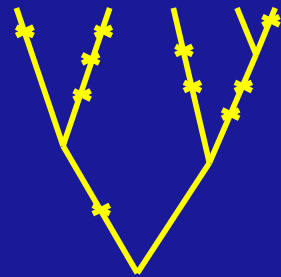
$$\text{Average time for } k \text{ copies to coalesce to } k-1 = \frac{4N_e}{k(k-1)}$$

$$\text{Average time for two copies to coalesce} = 2N_e \text{ generations}$$

$$\text{Average time for } n \text{ copies to coalesce} = 4N_e \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ generations}$$

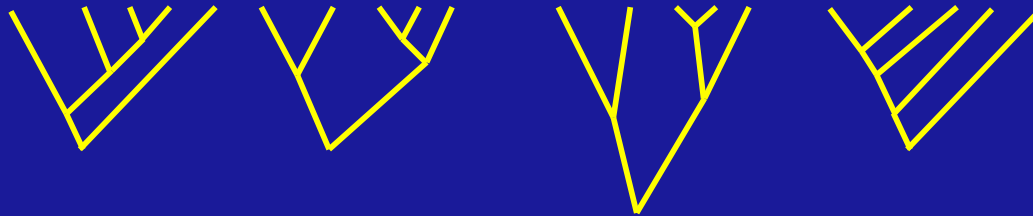
Two levels of variability

(1) Randomness of mutation



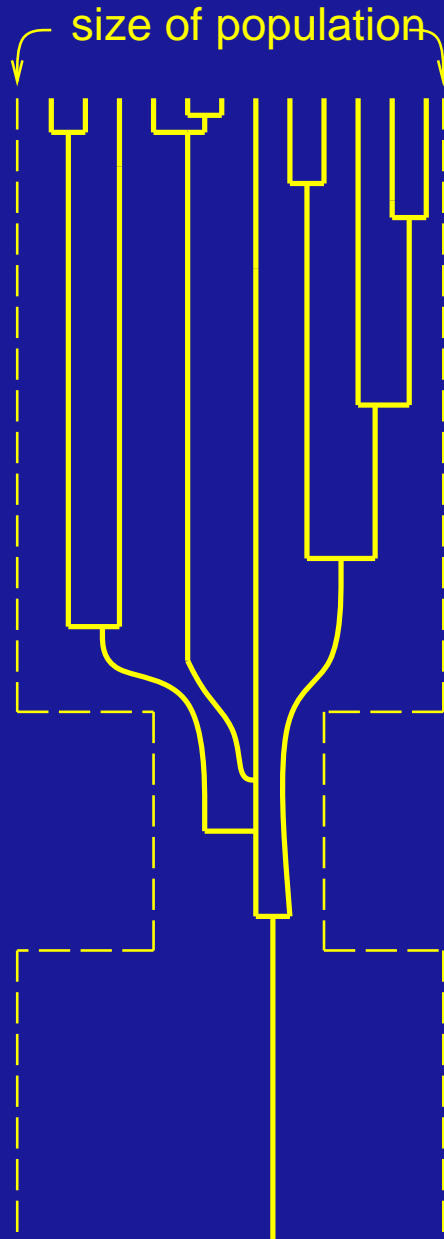
affected by the mutation rate u
can reduce variance of
number of mutations per site per
branch by examining more sites

(2) Randomness of coalescence of lineages



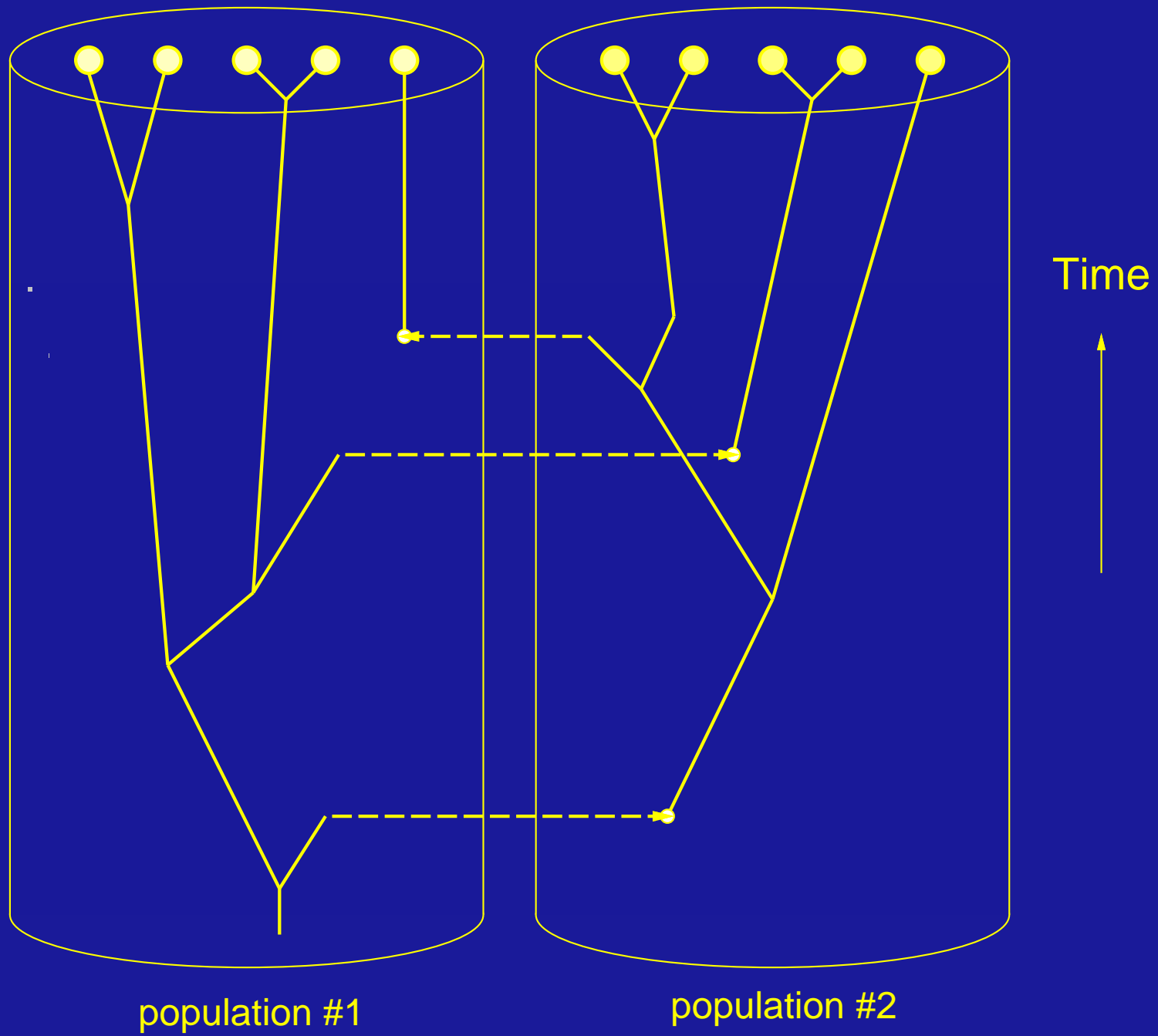
affected by effective population size N_e
coalescence times allow estimation of N_e
can reduce variability by looking at
(i) more gene copies, or
(ii) more loci

Coalescent with population size changing through time



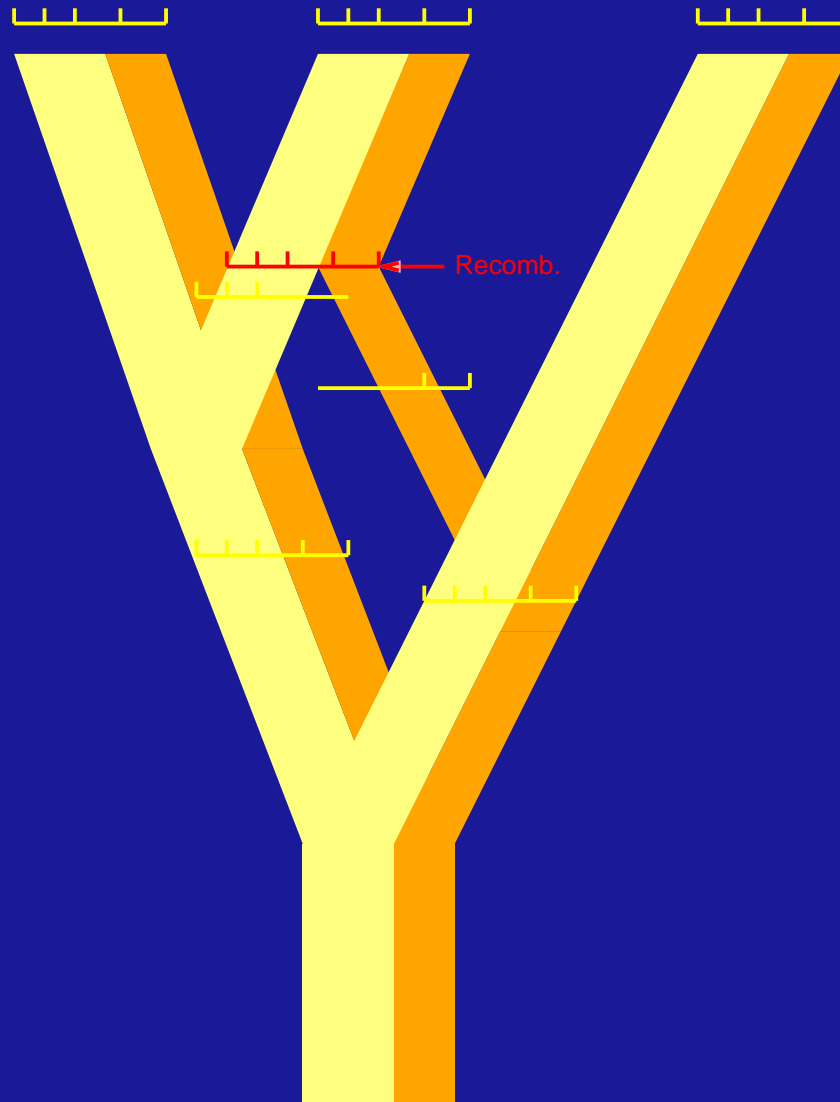
During a population bottleneck there is expected to be a burst of coalescence

Down near the root of the tree effects of population size become difficult to see

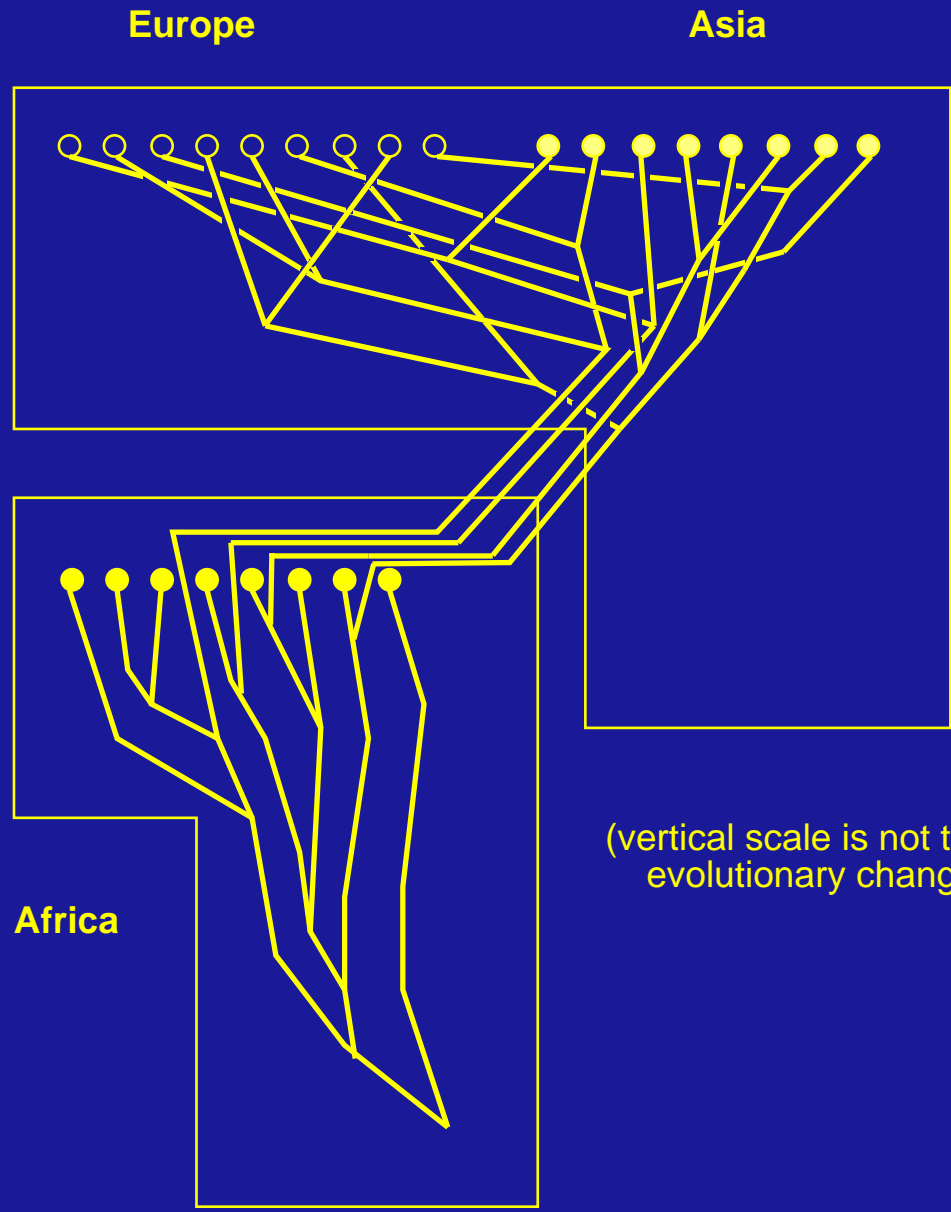


A recombining coalescent

Different markers have slightly different coalescent trees



"Out of Africa" hypothesis



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Asia

Africa

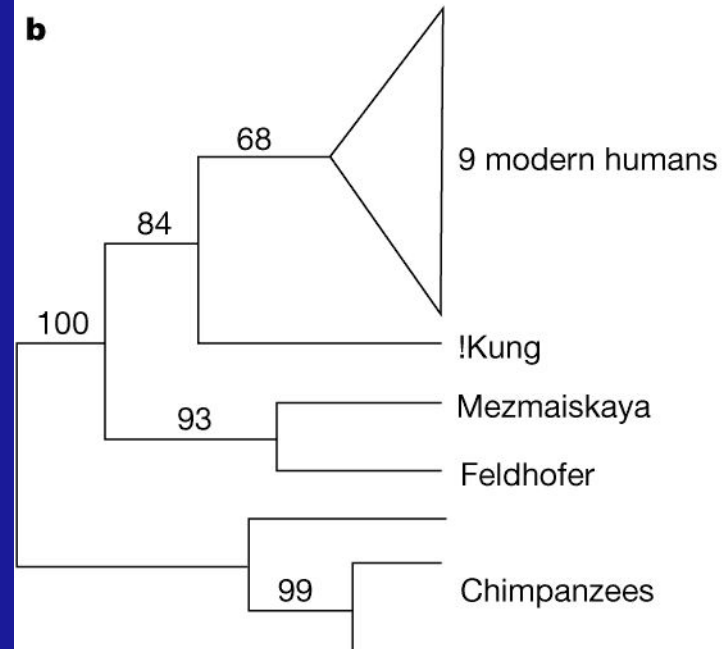
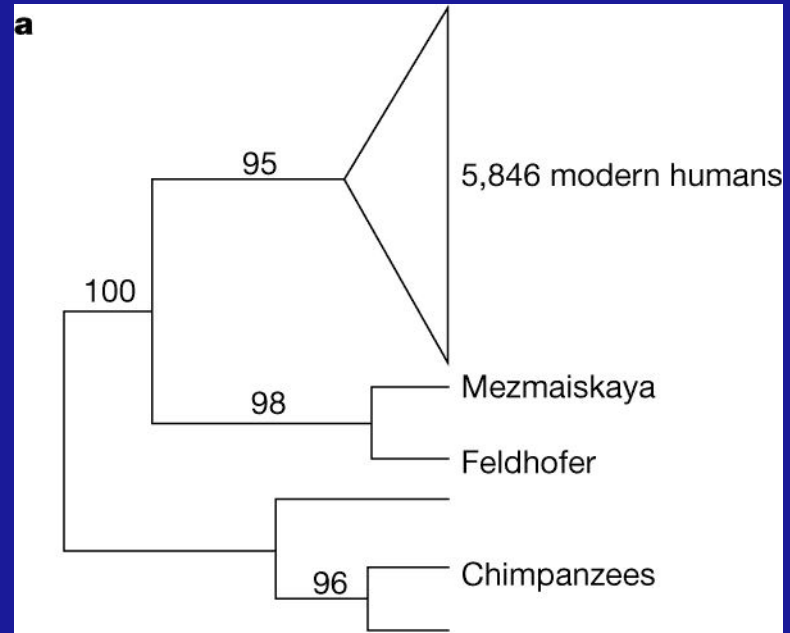
(vertical scale is not time or evolutionary change)



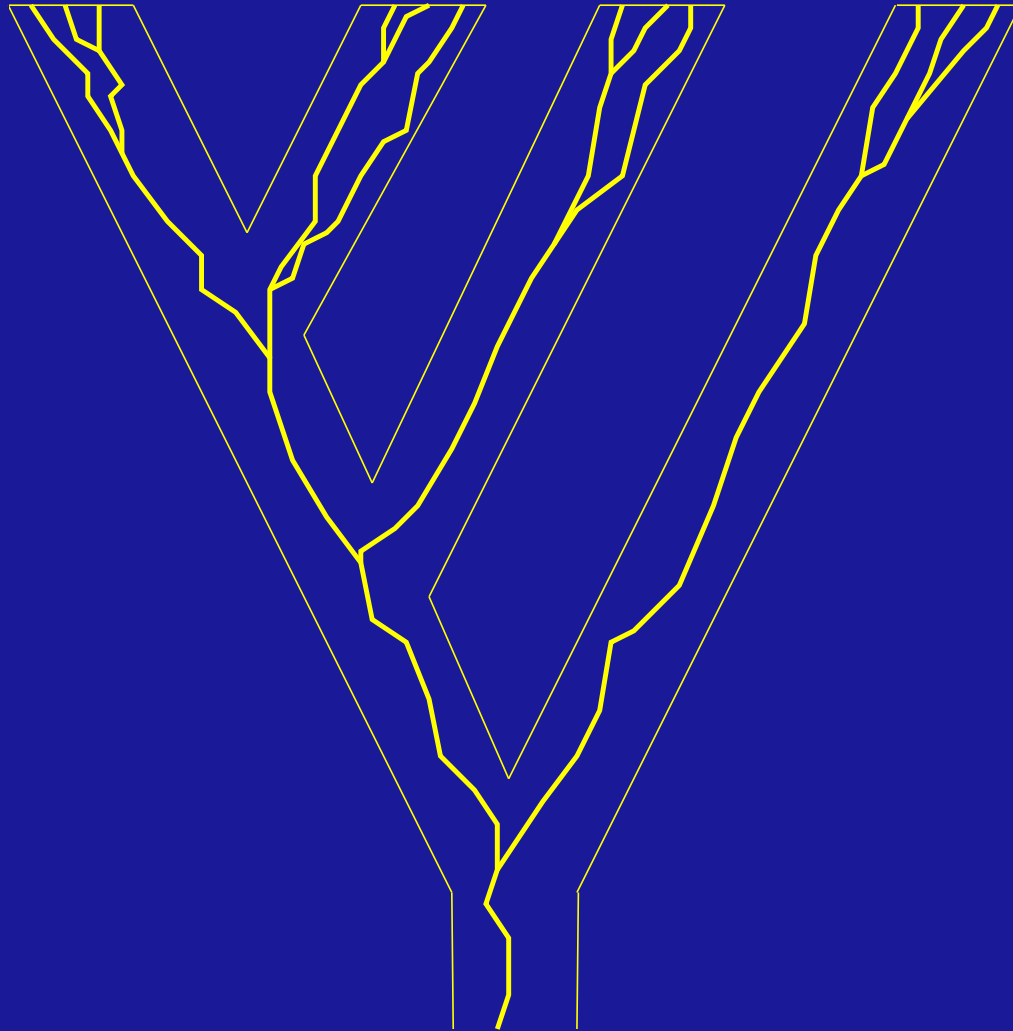
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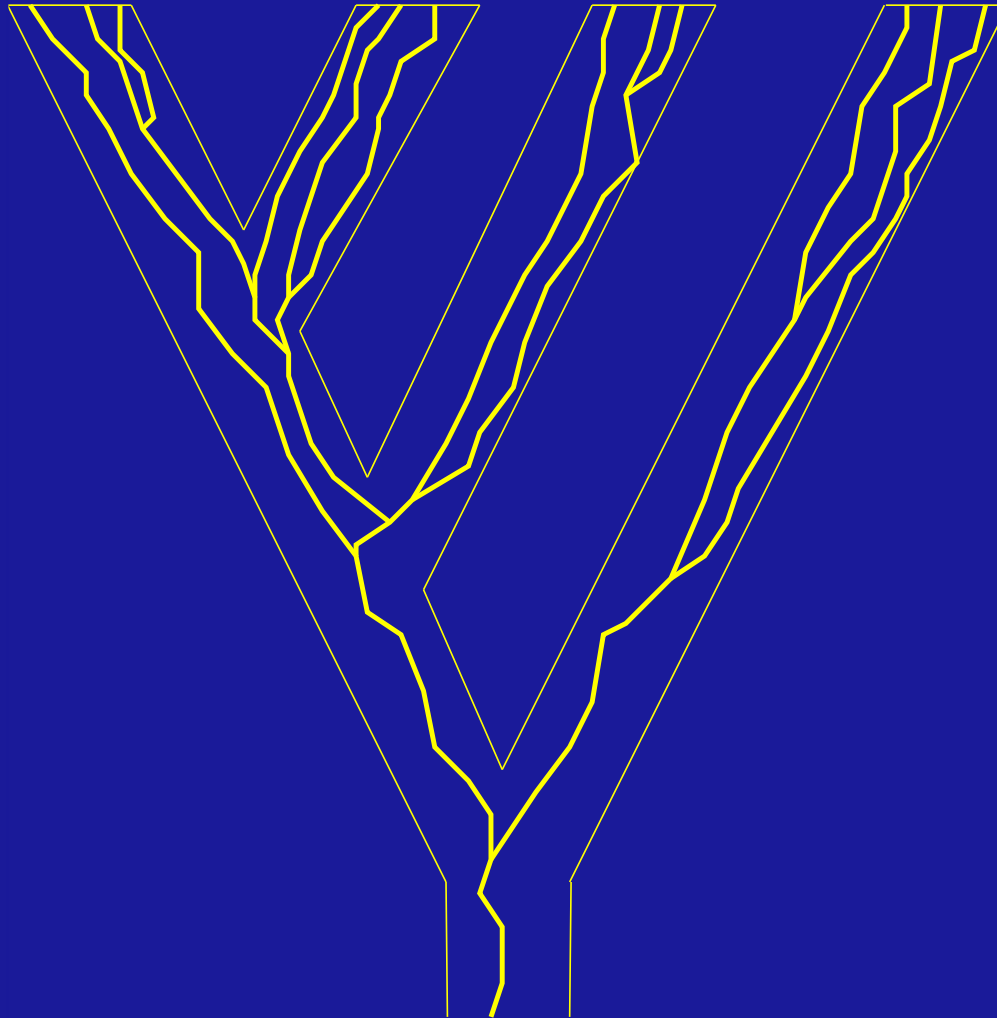


Tree of gene copies, compared with the phylogeny of the species
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compared to the number of generations between speciations

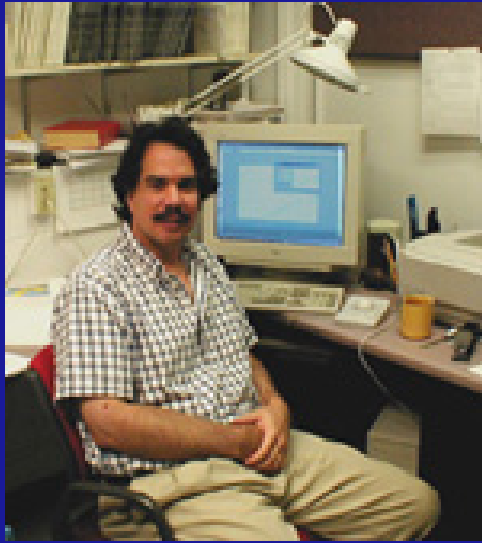


The tree of gene copies has topology consistent with the phylogeny

Tree of gene copies, compared with the phylogeny of the species
for the case in which effective population size is large
compared to the number of generations between speciations



The tree of gene copies has topology inconsistent with the phylogeny



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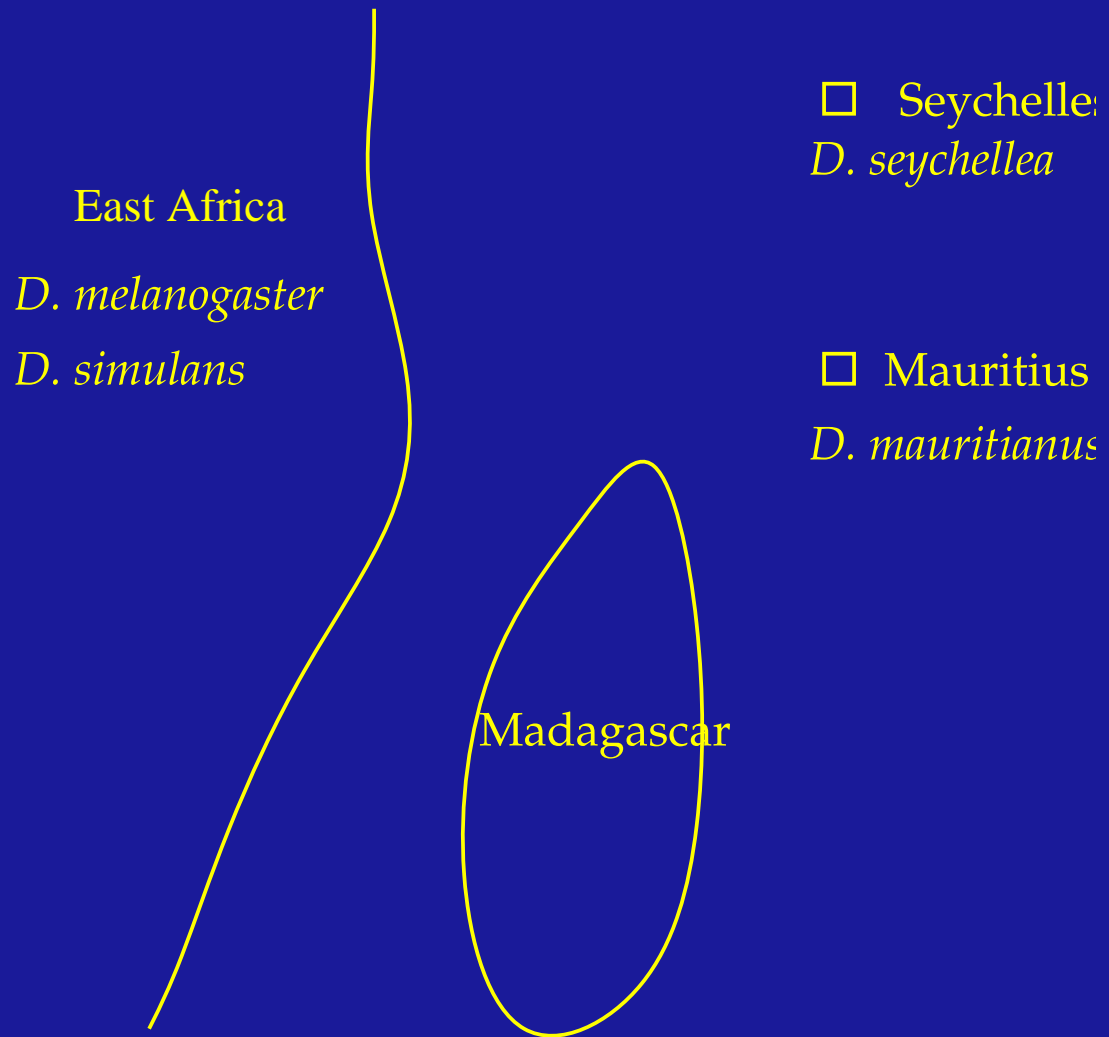


Rich Kliman and friend

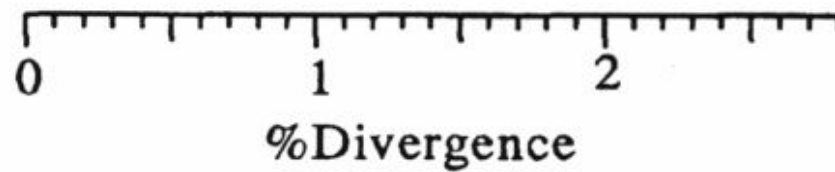
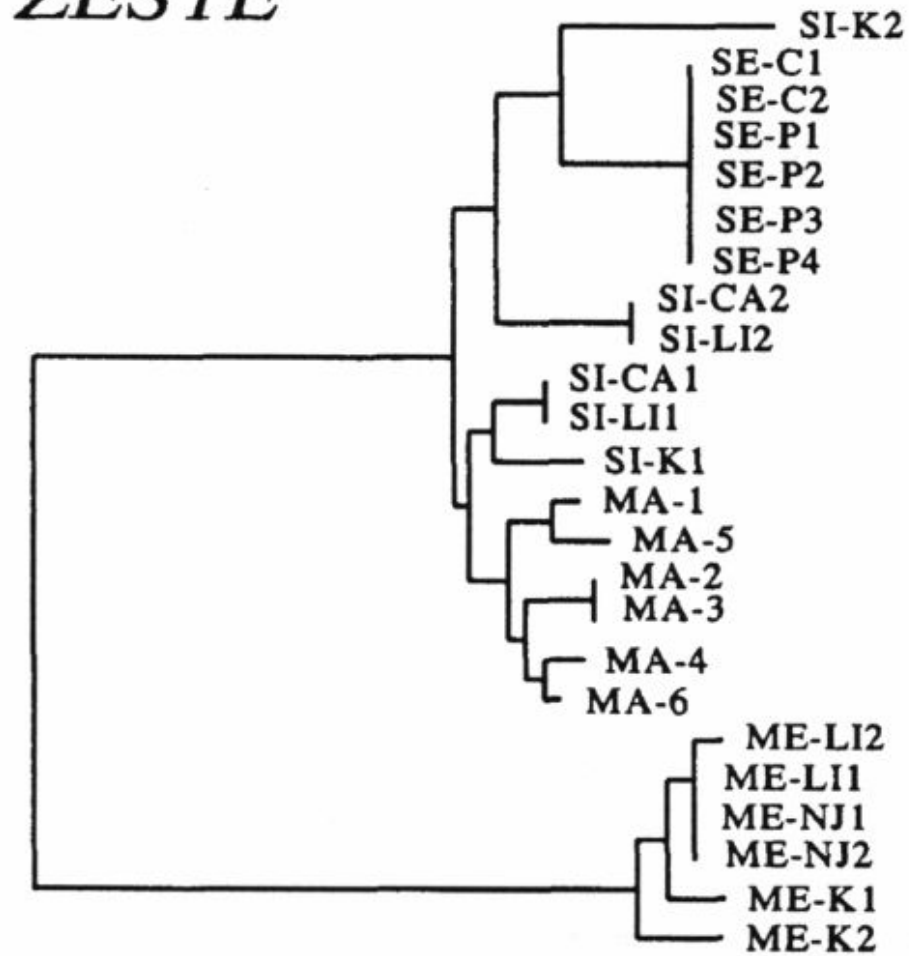
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East African species related to *D. melanogaster*



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