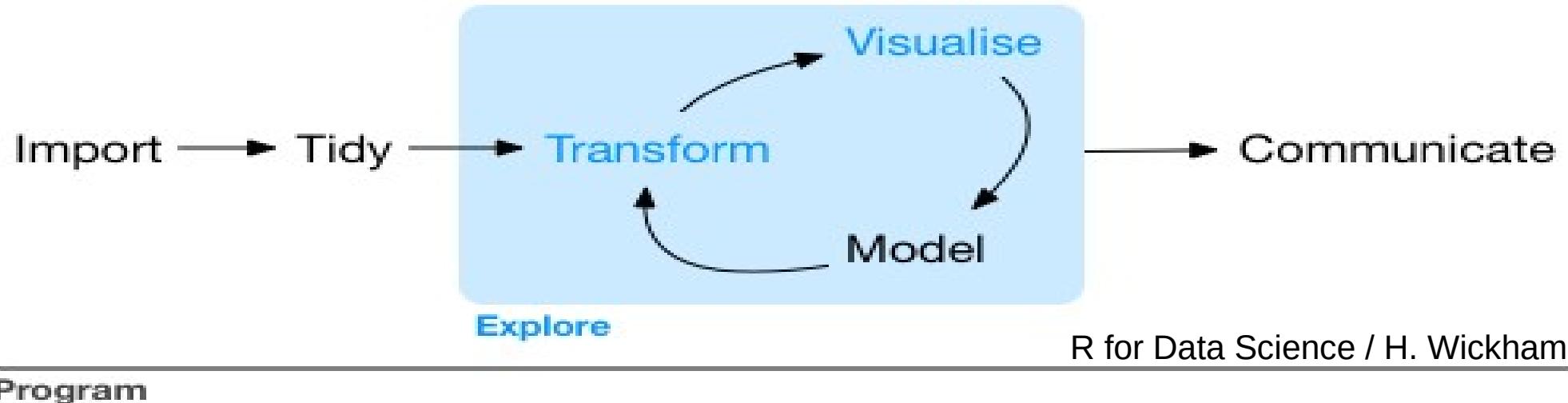
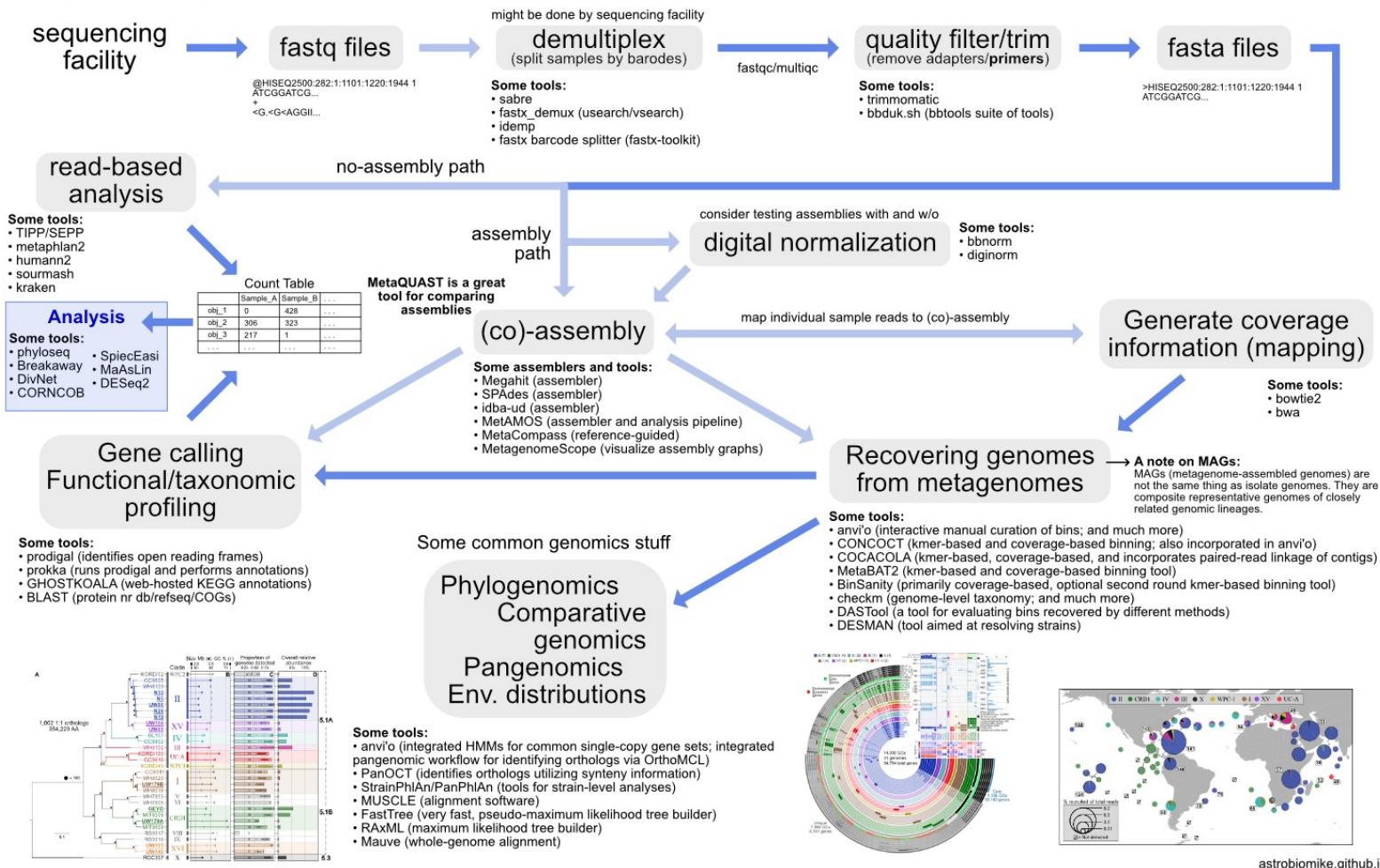


# Data science workflow



## Overview of generic\* metagenomics workflow

\*This is generic; specific workflows can vary on the order of steps here and how they are done.



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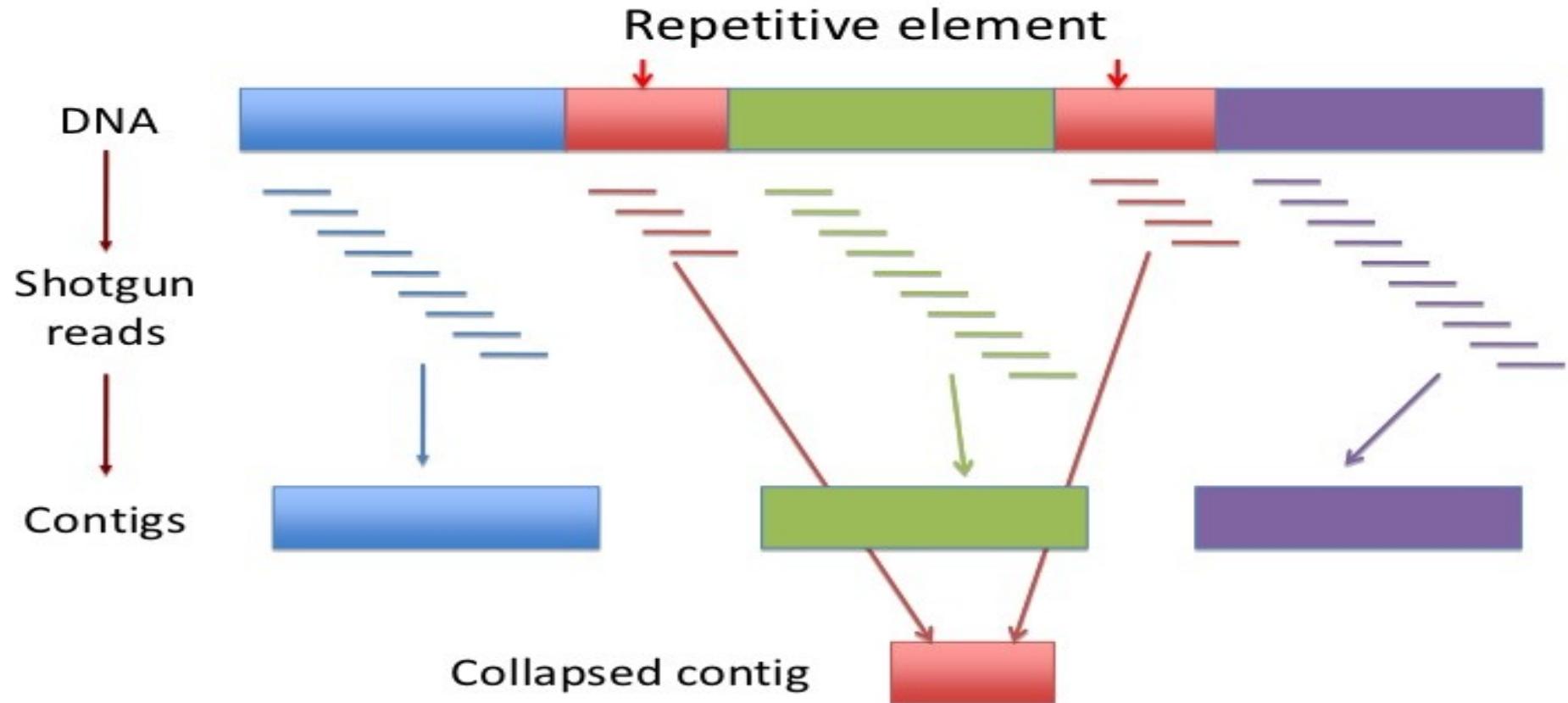
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# Application: contig clustering for metagenome assembly



# Binning metagenomic contigs by coverage and composition

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*Nature Methods* **11**, 1144–1146 (2014) | [Download Citation](#) 

Cluster contigs by co-occurrence and sequence composition in order to recover metagenomic species

CONCOCT

## Contig composition (4-bp strings)

Contig: TCGAAATTACGGTTCGA<sup>TCGA</sup>TTTTAAACTCGGTCTGGA...

k-mer content: “TCGA”

k=4: 136 tetramers (excl. palindromic sequences)

Each contig has a profile over the 136 tetramers



Cluster contigs by co-occurrence and sequence composition in order to recover metagenomic species

**Coverage**  
53 samples

**Composition**  
136 tetramers

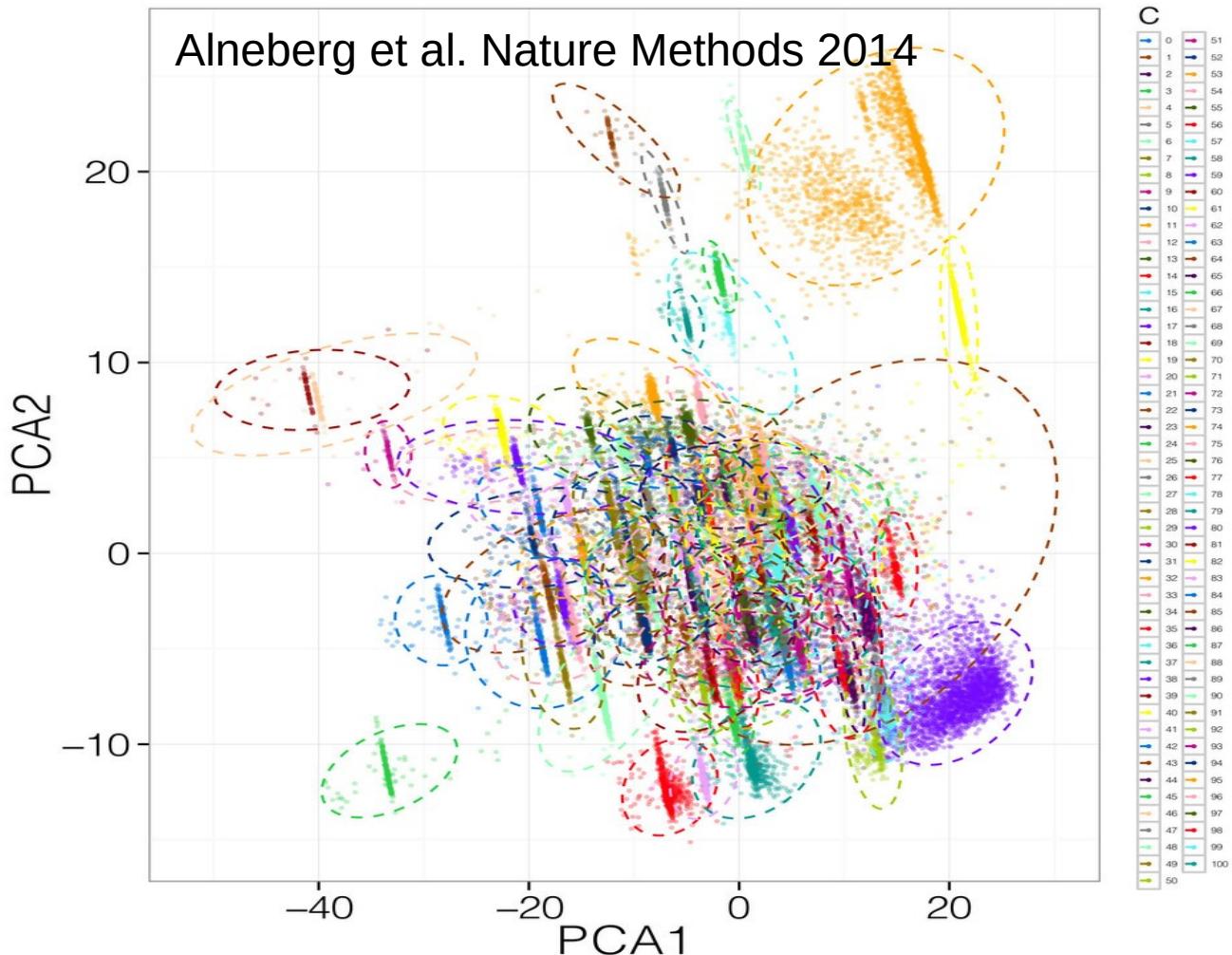


High-dimensional feature space (53 + 136)!

- drop dimensionality with PCA (d~20; 90%)
- multivariate gaussian clusters
- infer the cluster number automatically

# Clustering contigs by coverage and composition (CONCOCT)

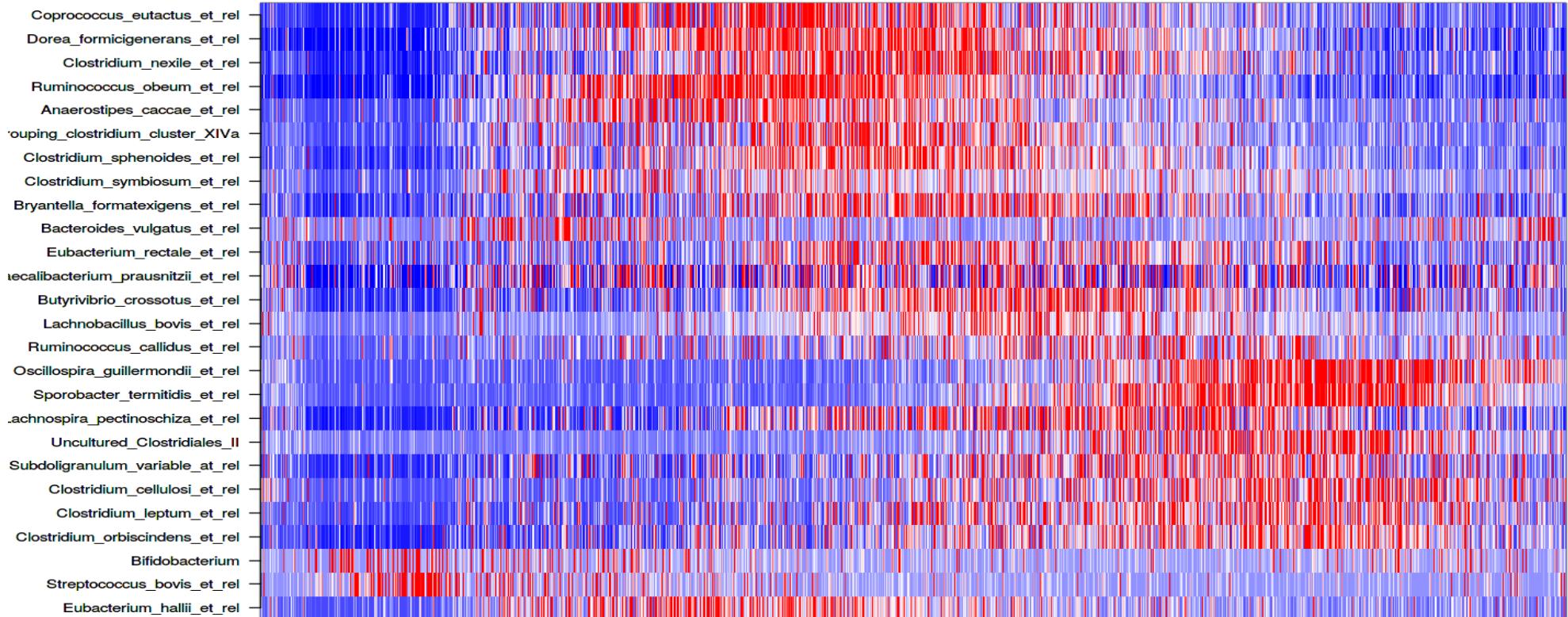
Variational Dirichlet Process multivariate mixture models work very well in practical applications with high-dimensional data



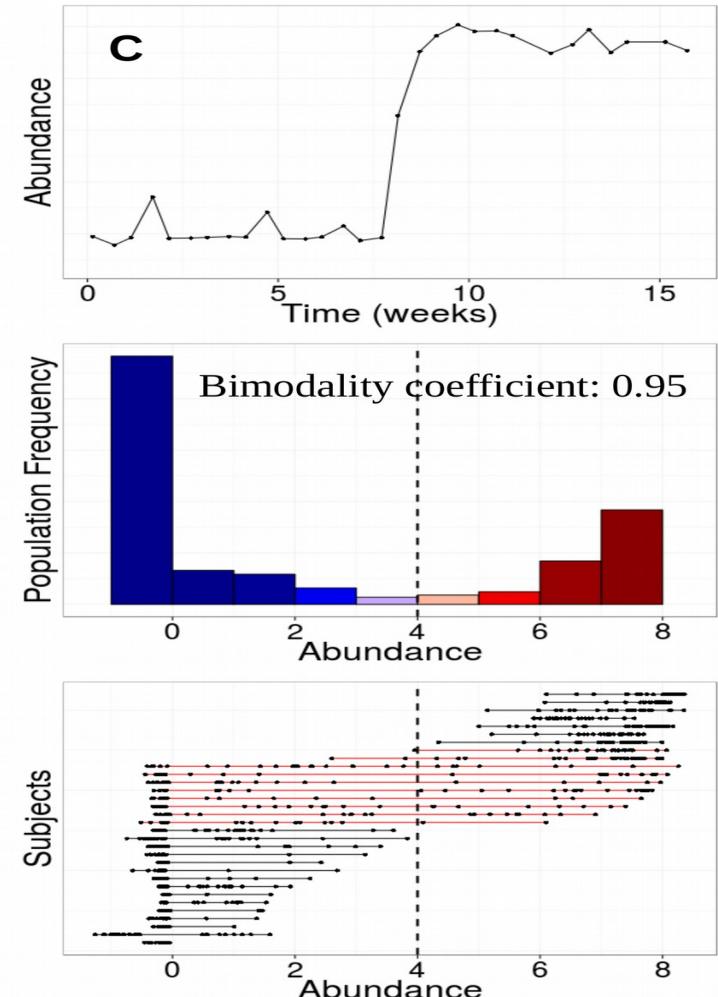
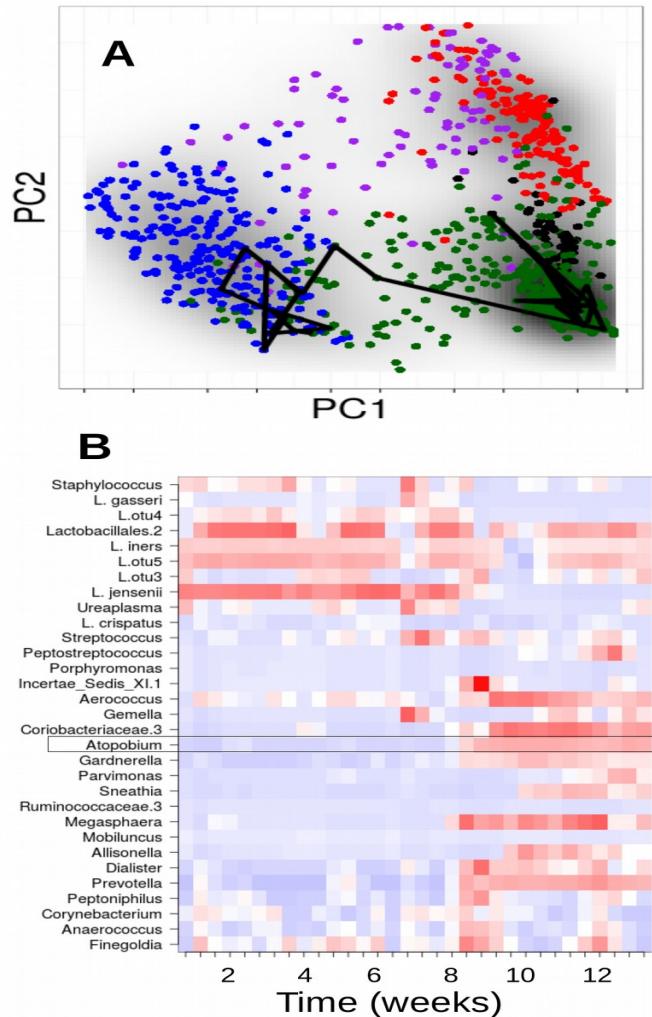
# Core microbiota variation (N = 5005)

Z-score across subjects: red – high abundance & blue – low abundance

Core microbiota shows remarkable variation across population.



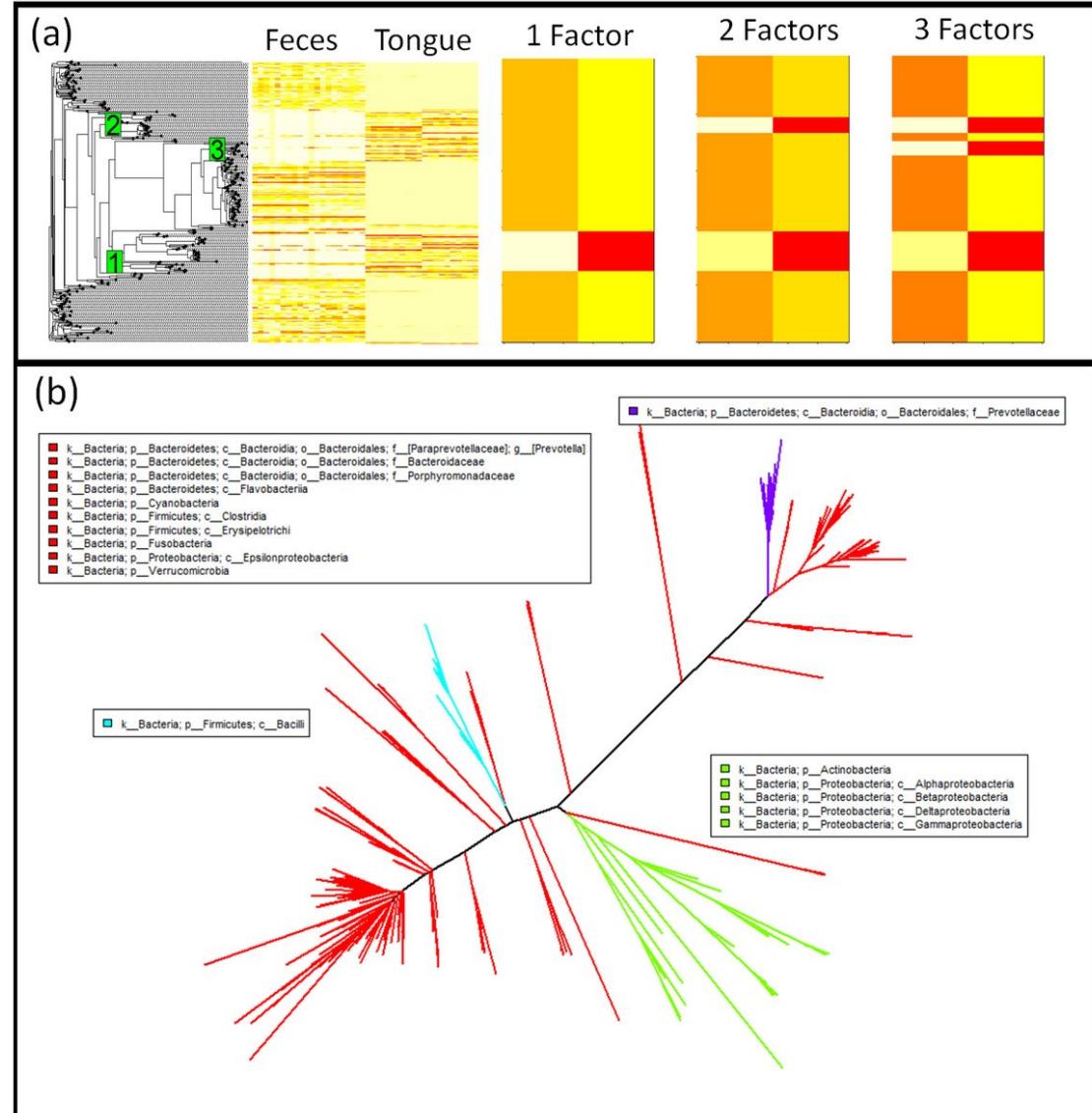
# Community states in vaginal microbiome of reproductive-age women



# Phylogenetic factorization of compositional data yields lineage-level associations in microbiome datasets

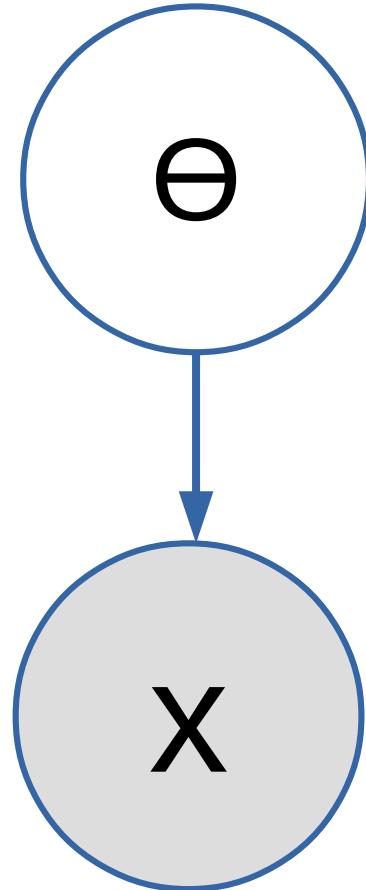
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Alex D. Washburne<sup>1</sup>, Justin D. Silverman<sup>2,3,4,5</sup>, Jonathan W. Leff<sup>6</sup>,  
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Model

Observations  
(Data)

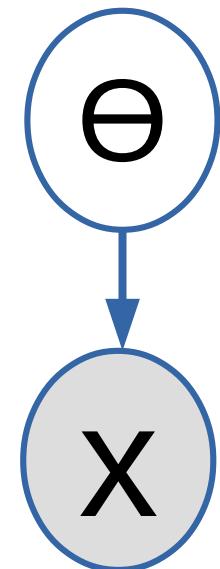


Posterior

Likelihood

Prior

$$P(\Theta|data) \propto P(data|\Theta) \times P(\Theta)$$



$$P(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Gaussian Likelihood

$$N(x|\mu, \sigma)$$

Likelihood

$$P(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$N(x|\mu, \sigma) \ N(\mu|\mu_0, \sigma_0)$$

Likelihood

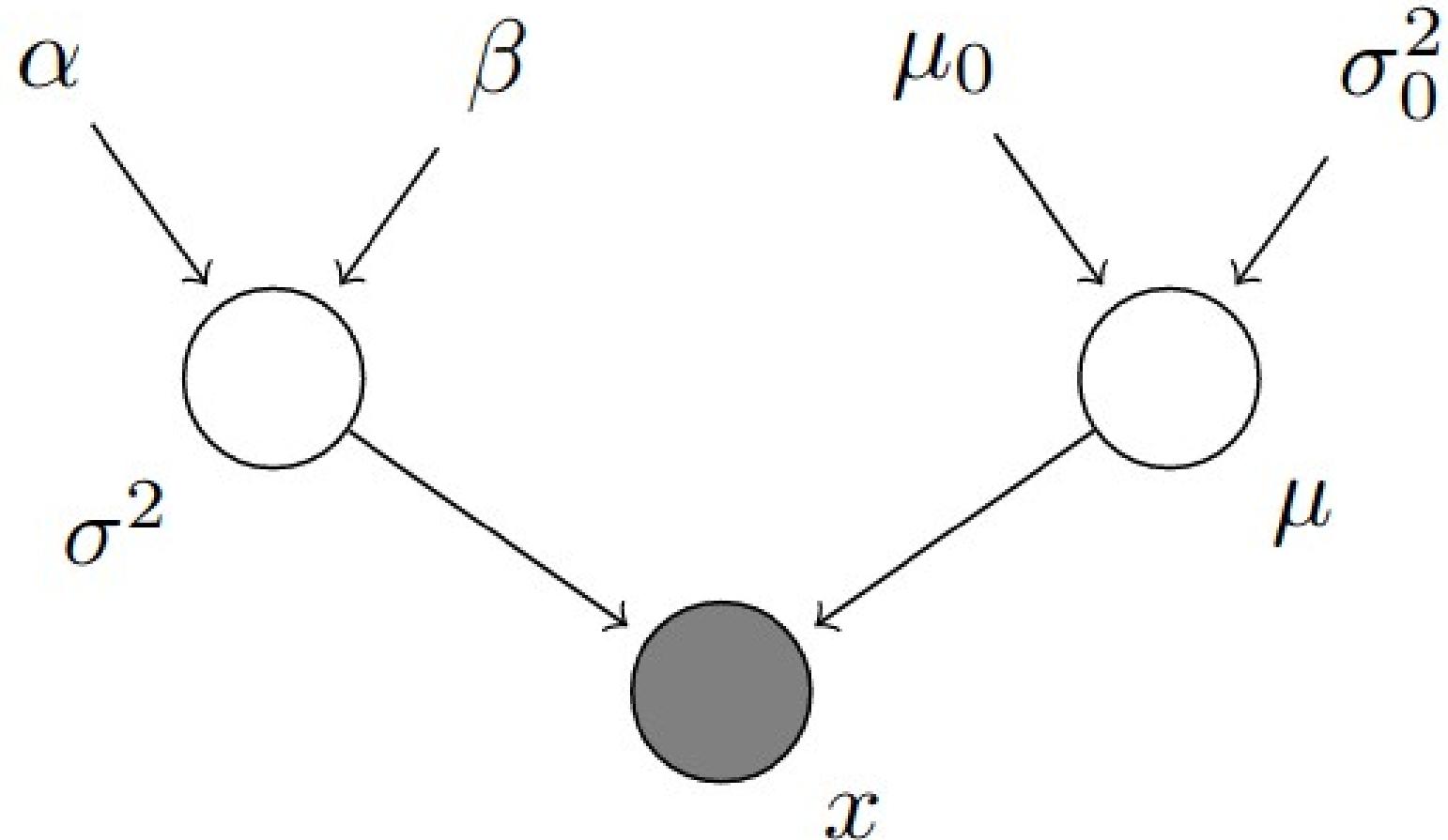
Prior

$$N(\theta|x) \sim N(x|\mu, \sigma) N(\mu|\mu_0, \sigma_0)$$

Posterior

Likelihood

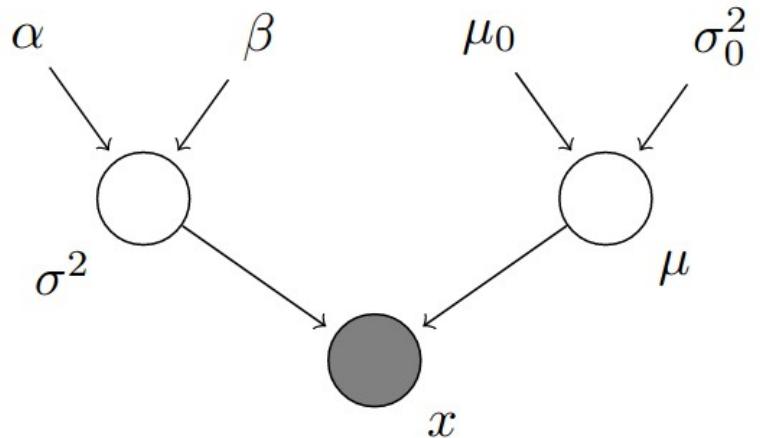
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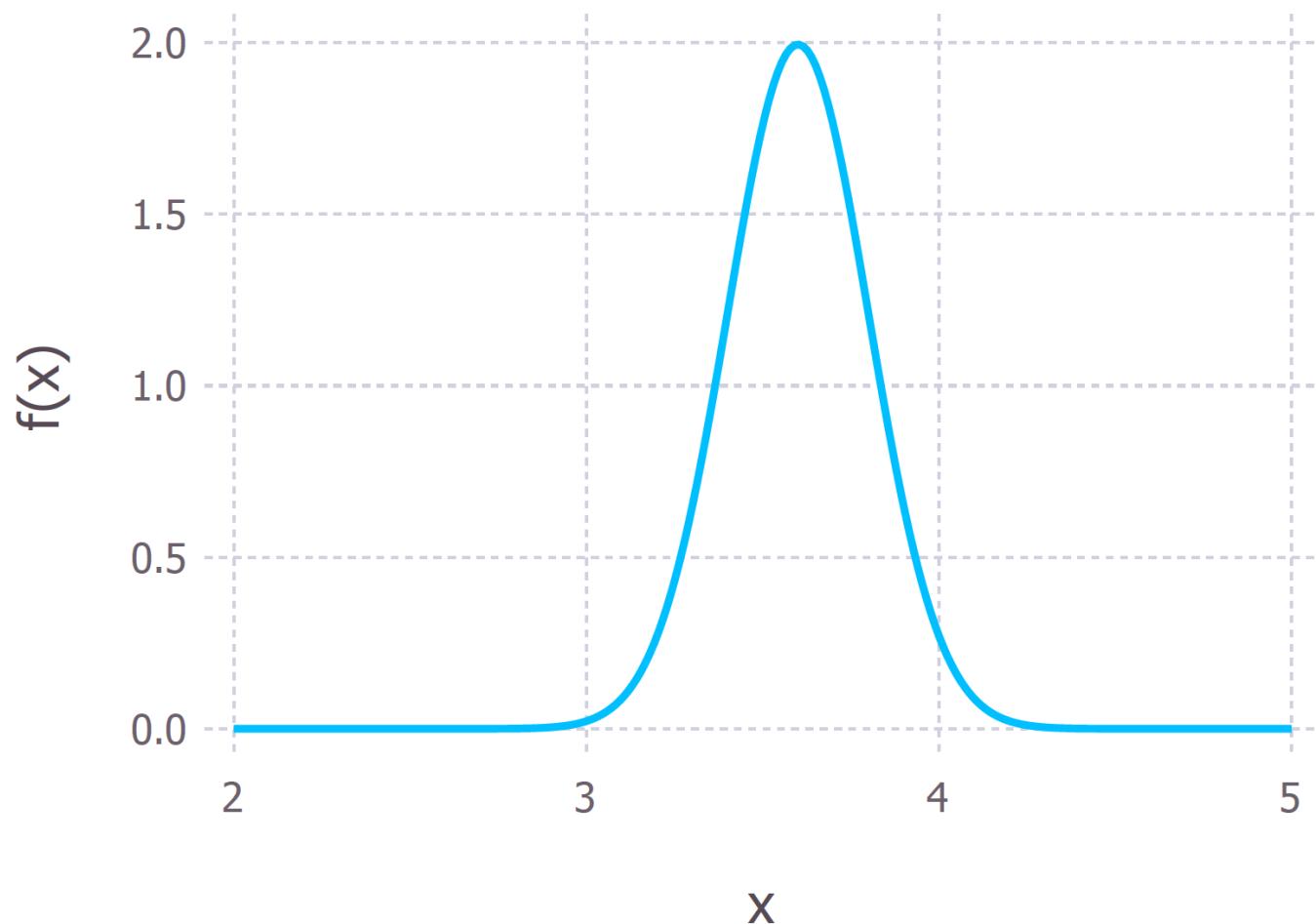
$$x_i \mid \mu, \tau \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \tau) \quad \text{i.i.d.}$$

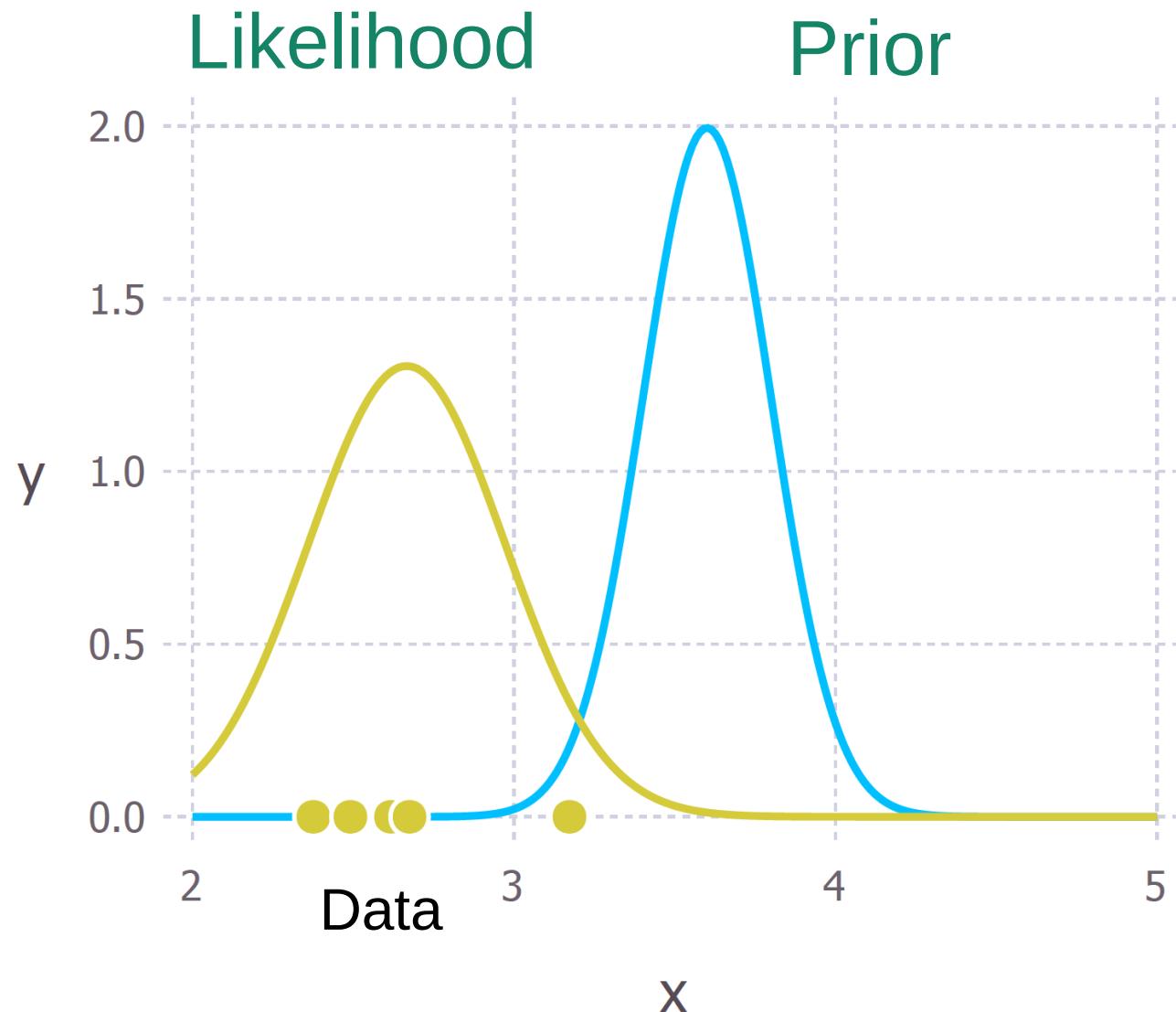
$$\mu \mid \tau \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, n_0 \tau)$$

$$\tau \sim \text{Ga}(\alpha, \beta)$$



# Prior

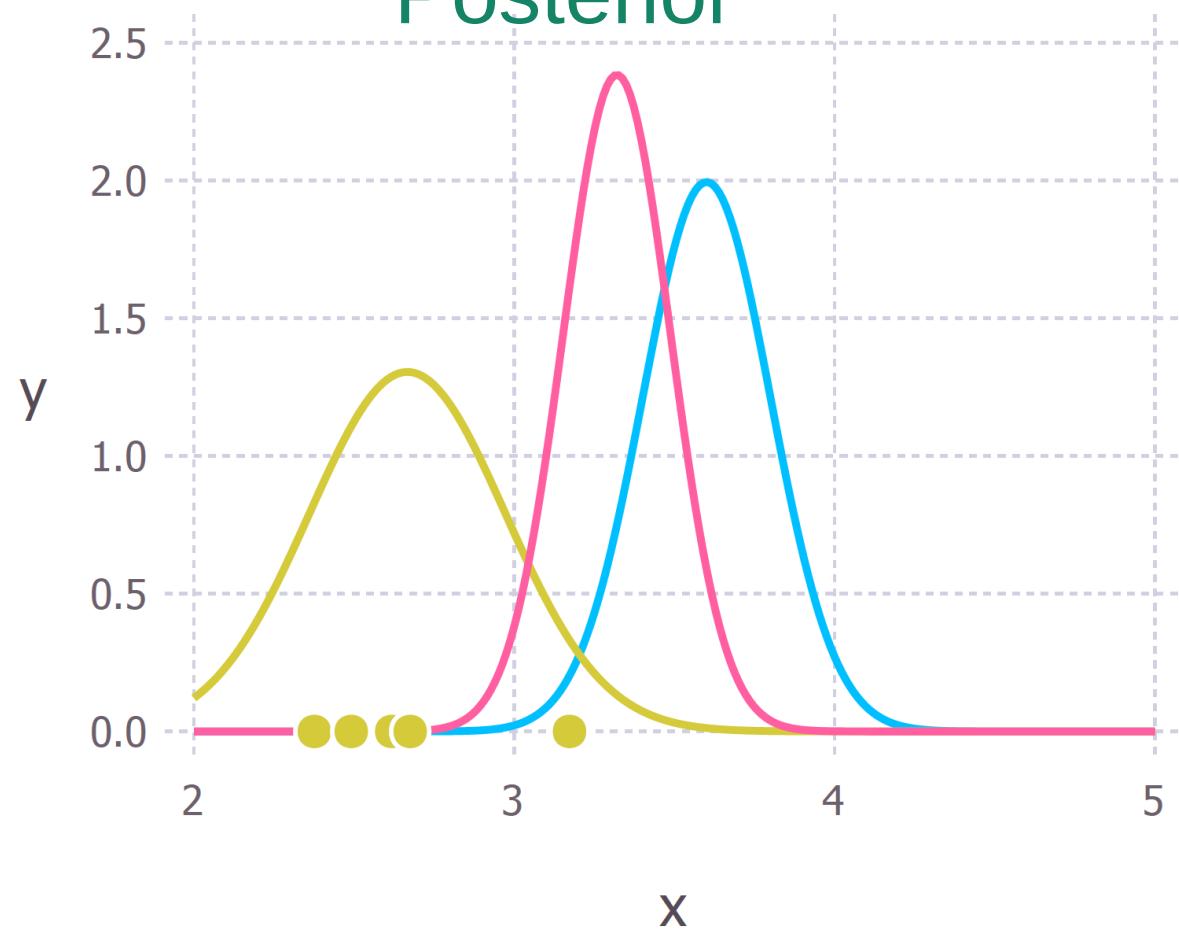


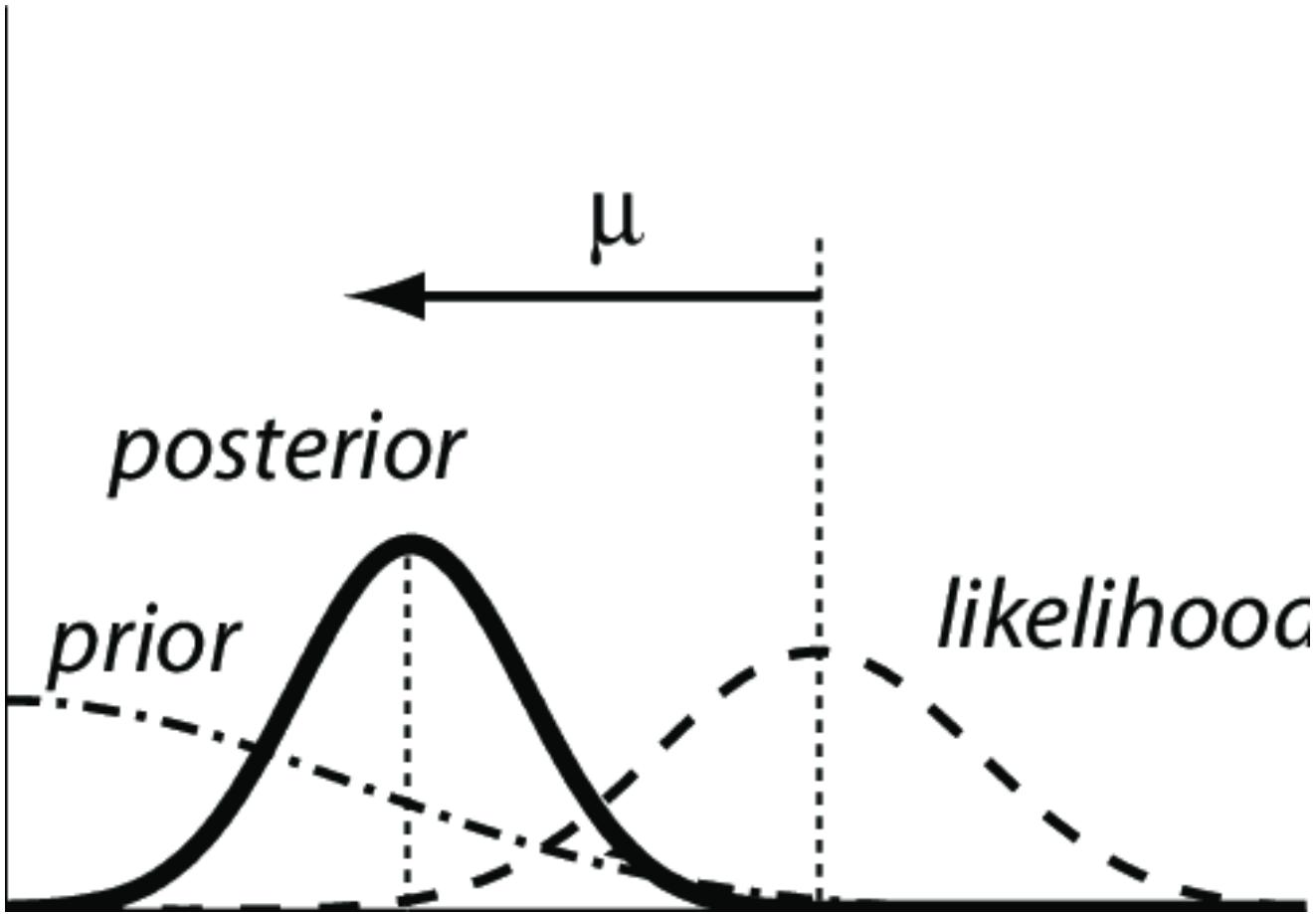


# Likelihood

# Prior

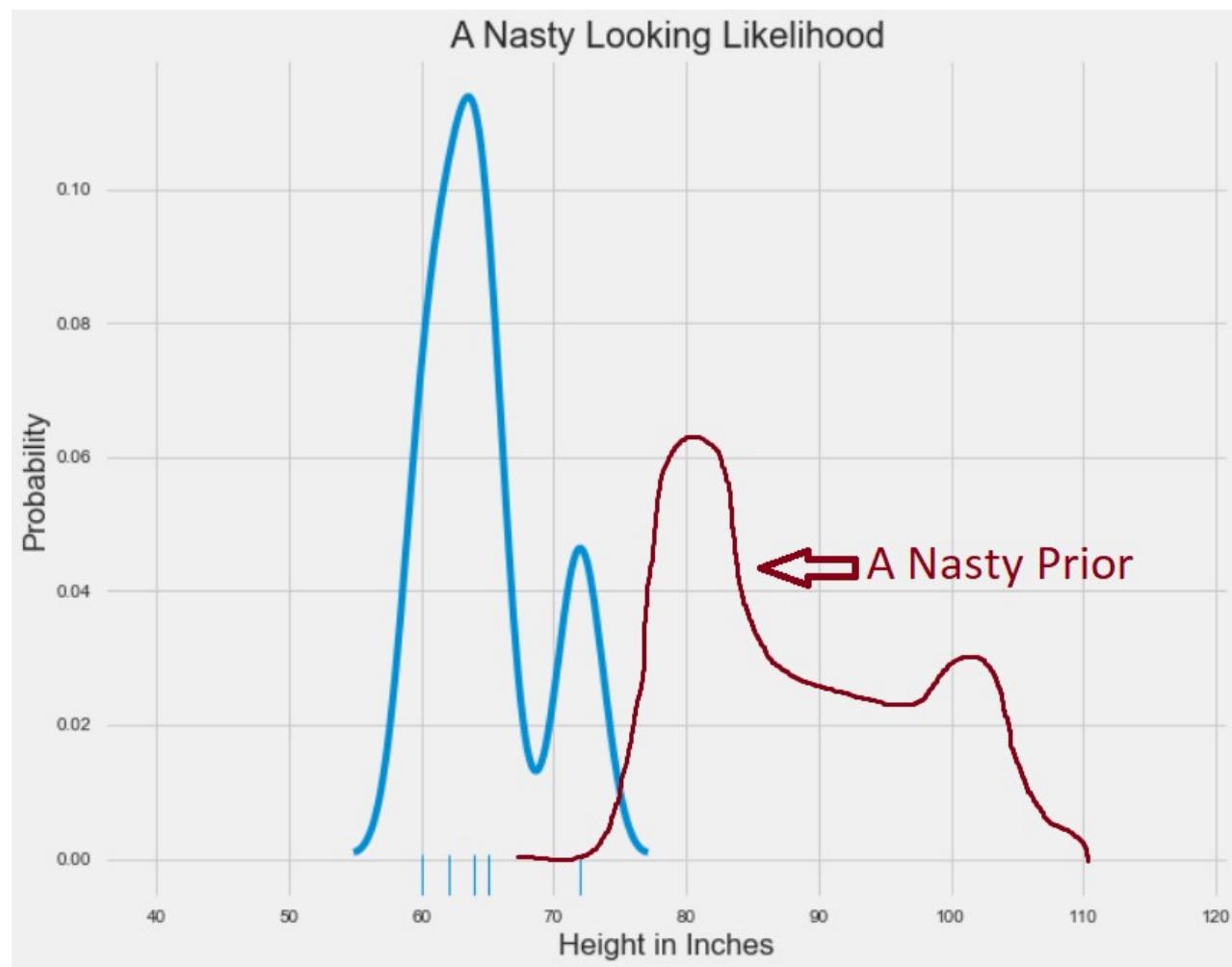
# Posterior





## Posterior for Gaussian mean

$$\mu | x, \tau \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \frac{n\tau}{n\tau + n_0\tau} \bar{x} + \frac{n_0\tau}{n\tau + n_0\tau} \mu_0 , \quad n\tau + n_0\tau \right)$$



### A Nasty Looking Likelihood

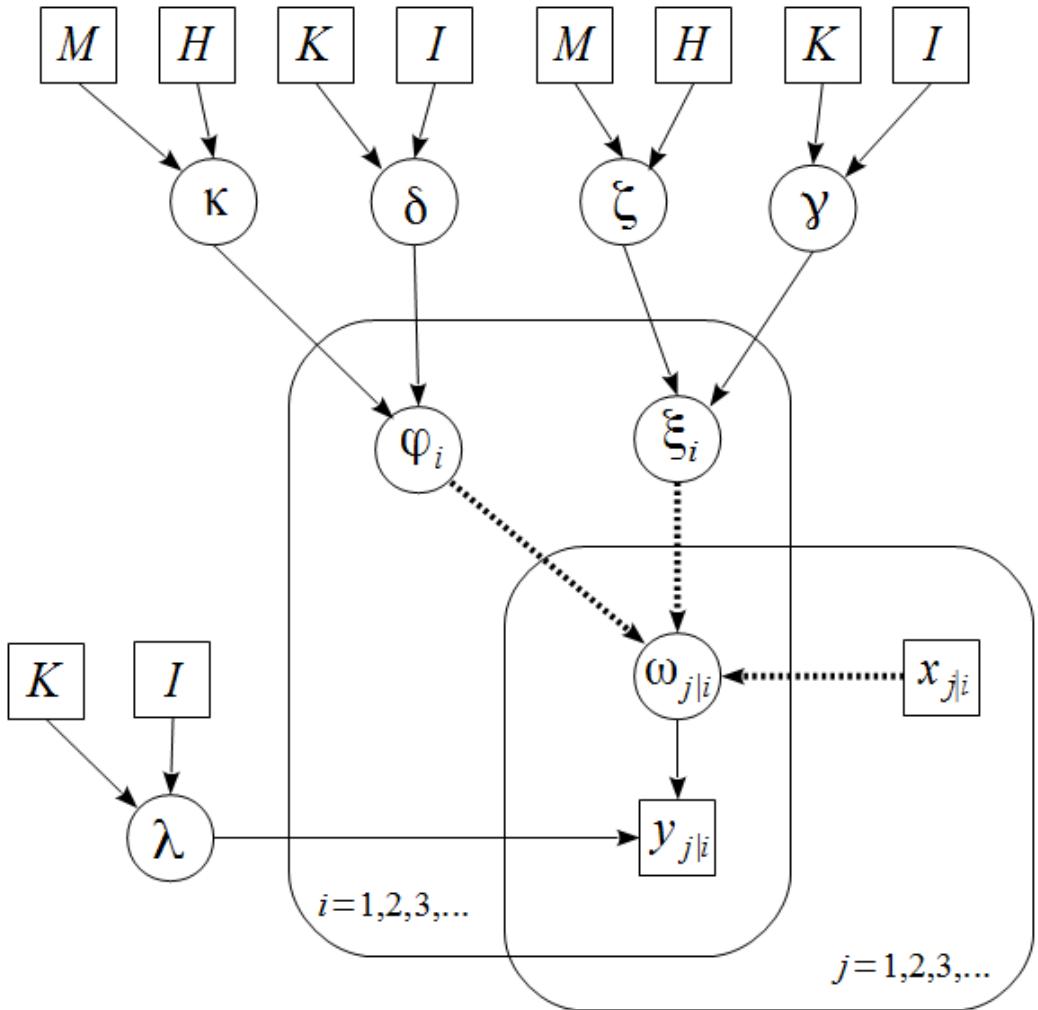
Probability

0.10  
0.08  
0.06  
0.04  
0.02  
0.00

40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120

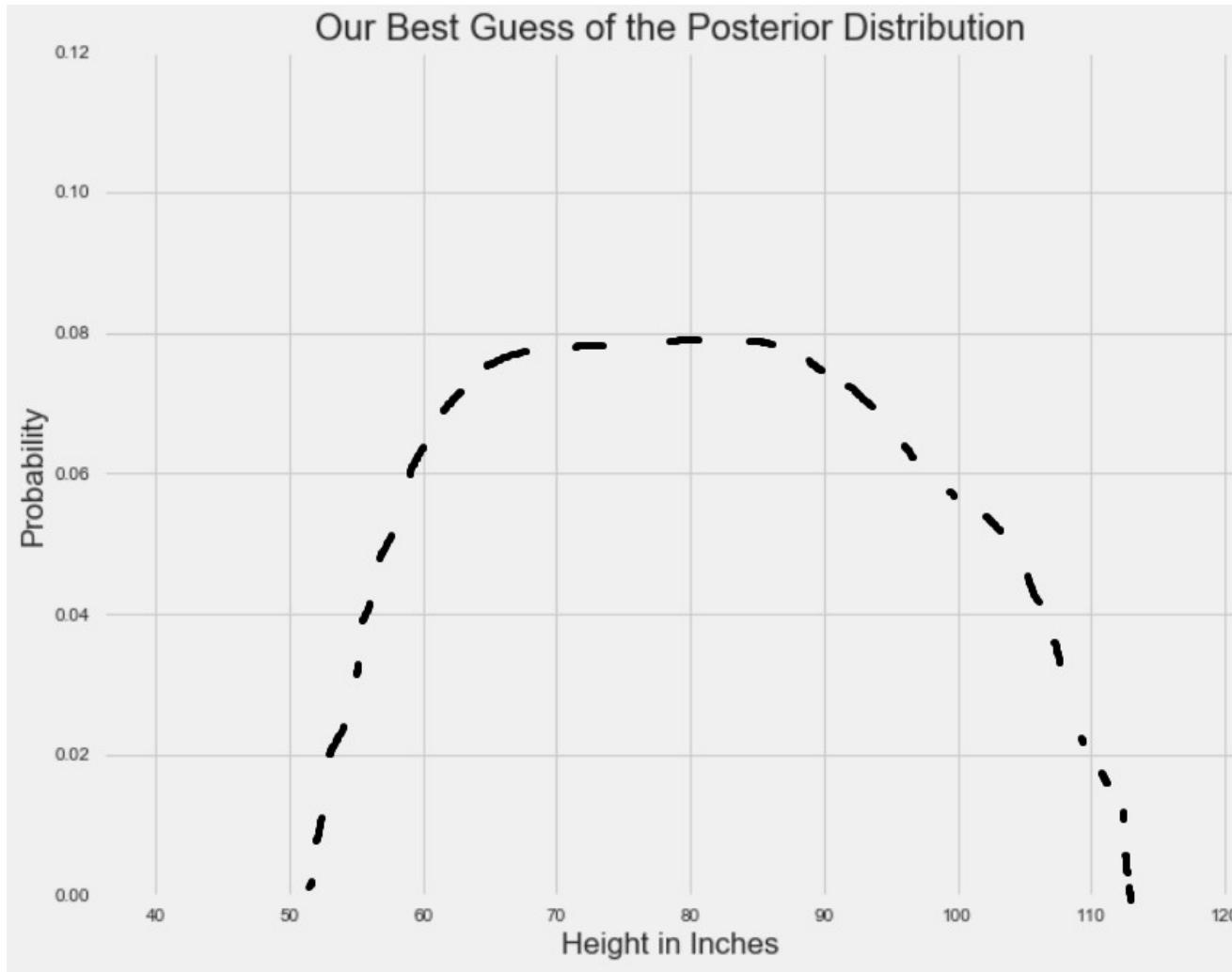
Height in Inches

← A Nasty Prior

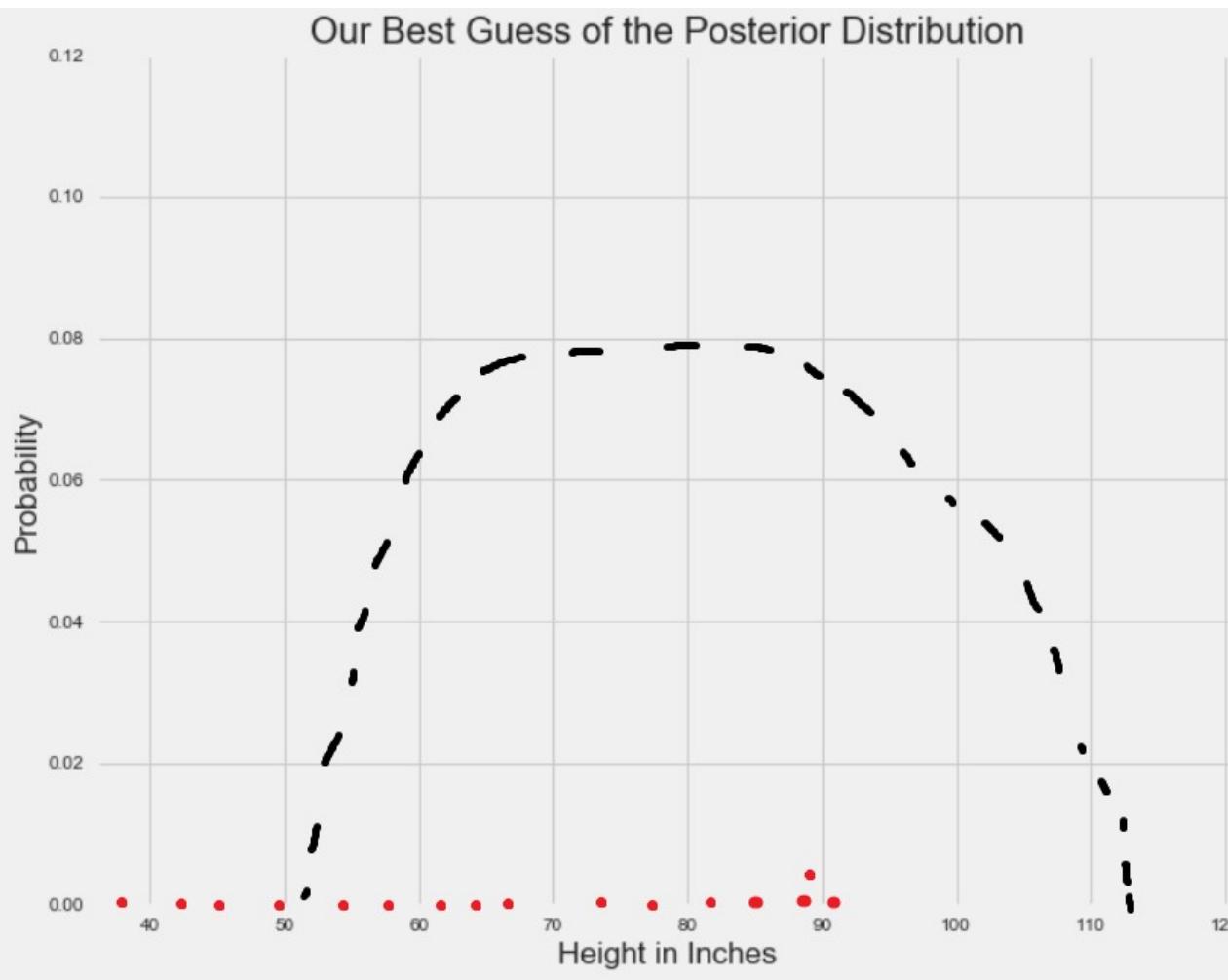


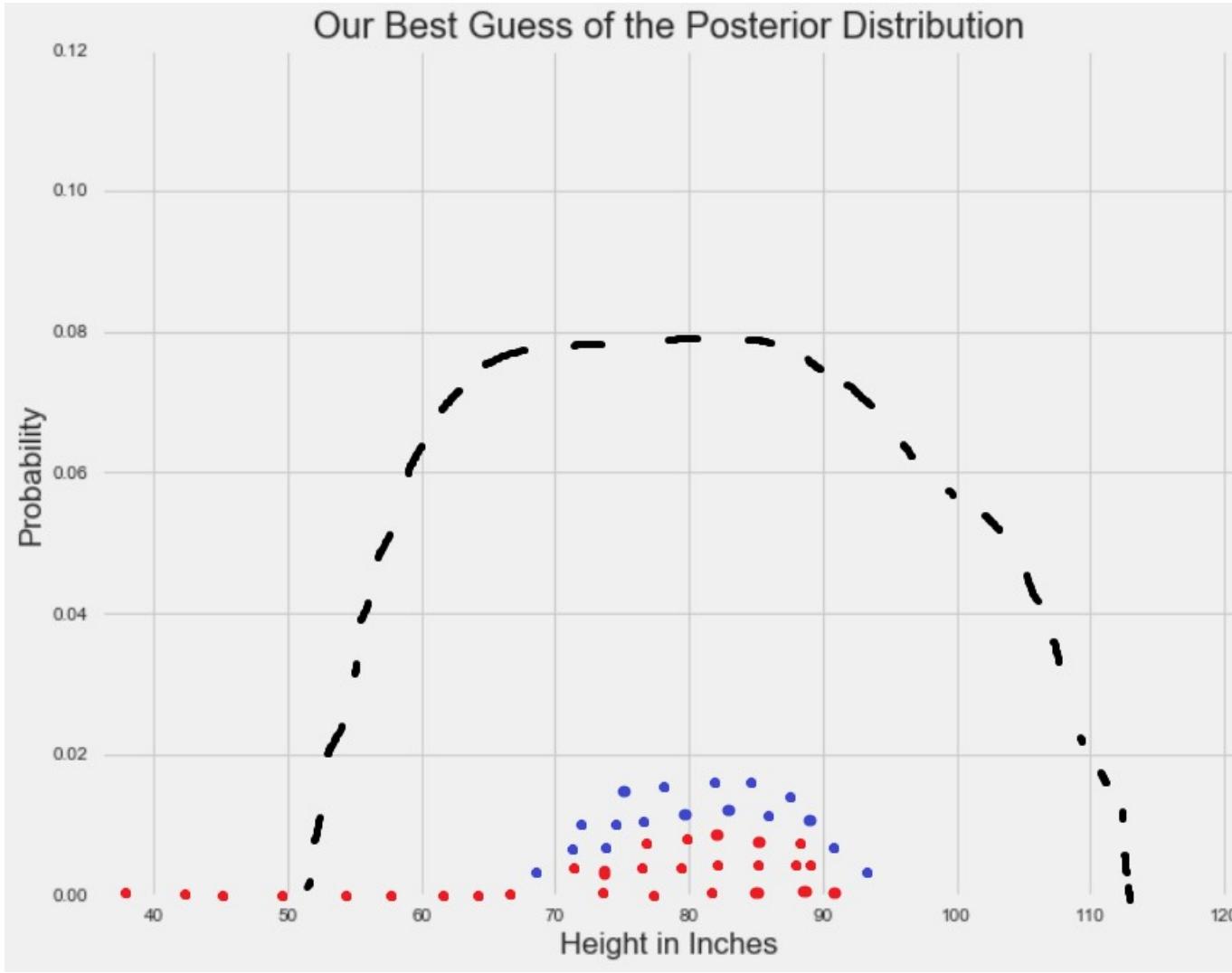
# Estimating the posterior?

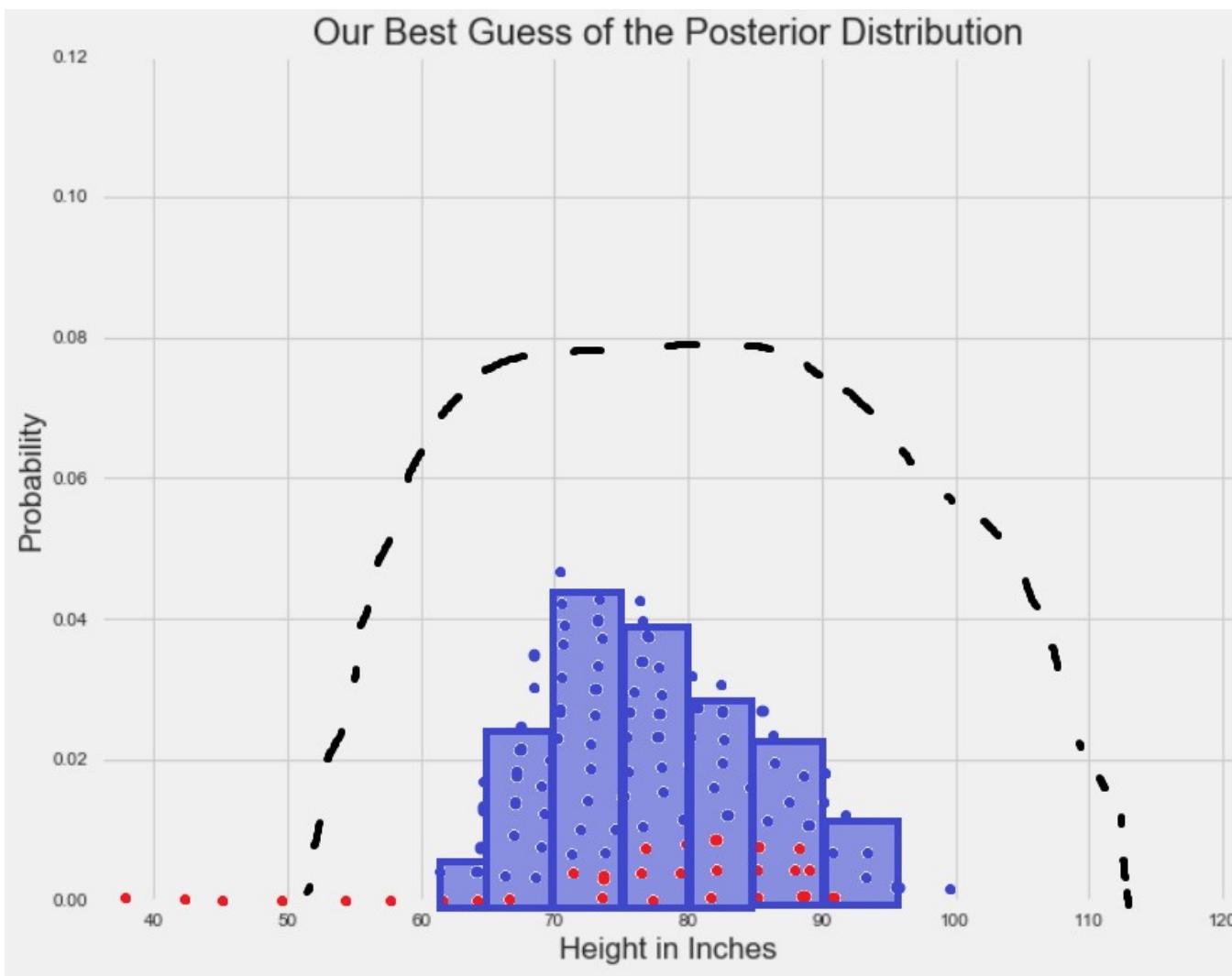
- Analytical solution..
- Gibbs sampling, Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- Variational Inference (VI)
- Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (HMC)
- Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)
- ...

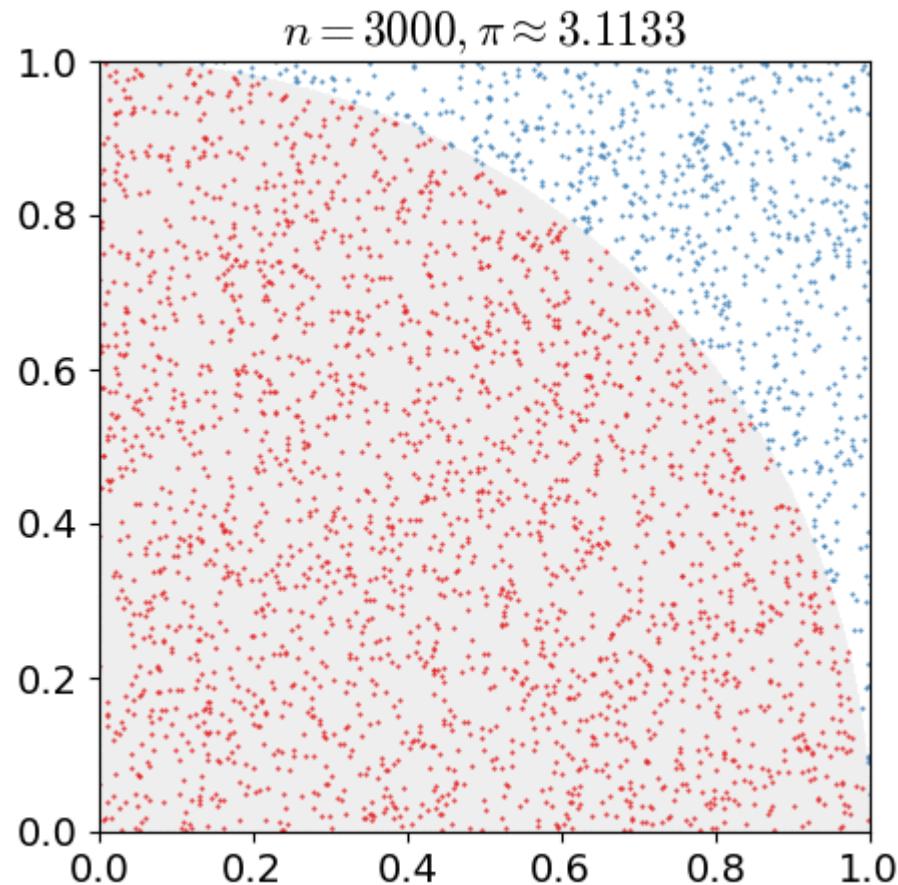


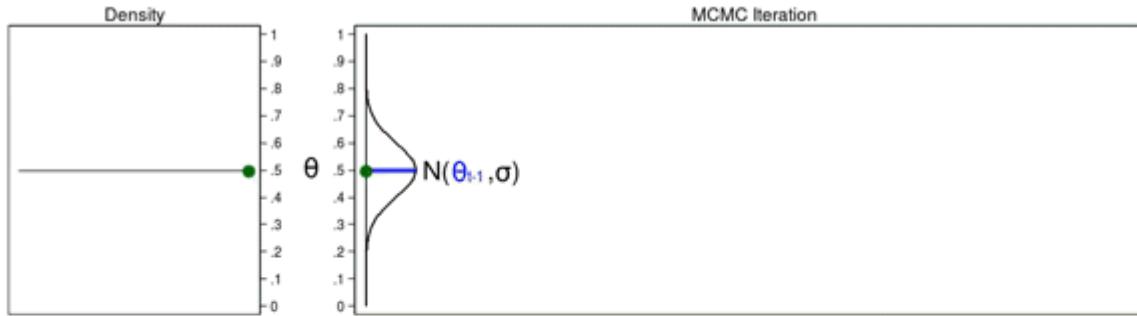
## Our Best Guess of the Posterior Distribution







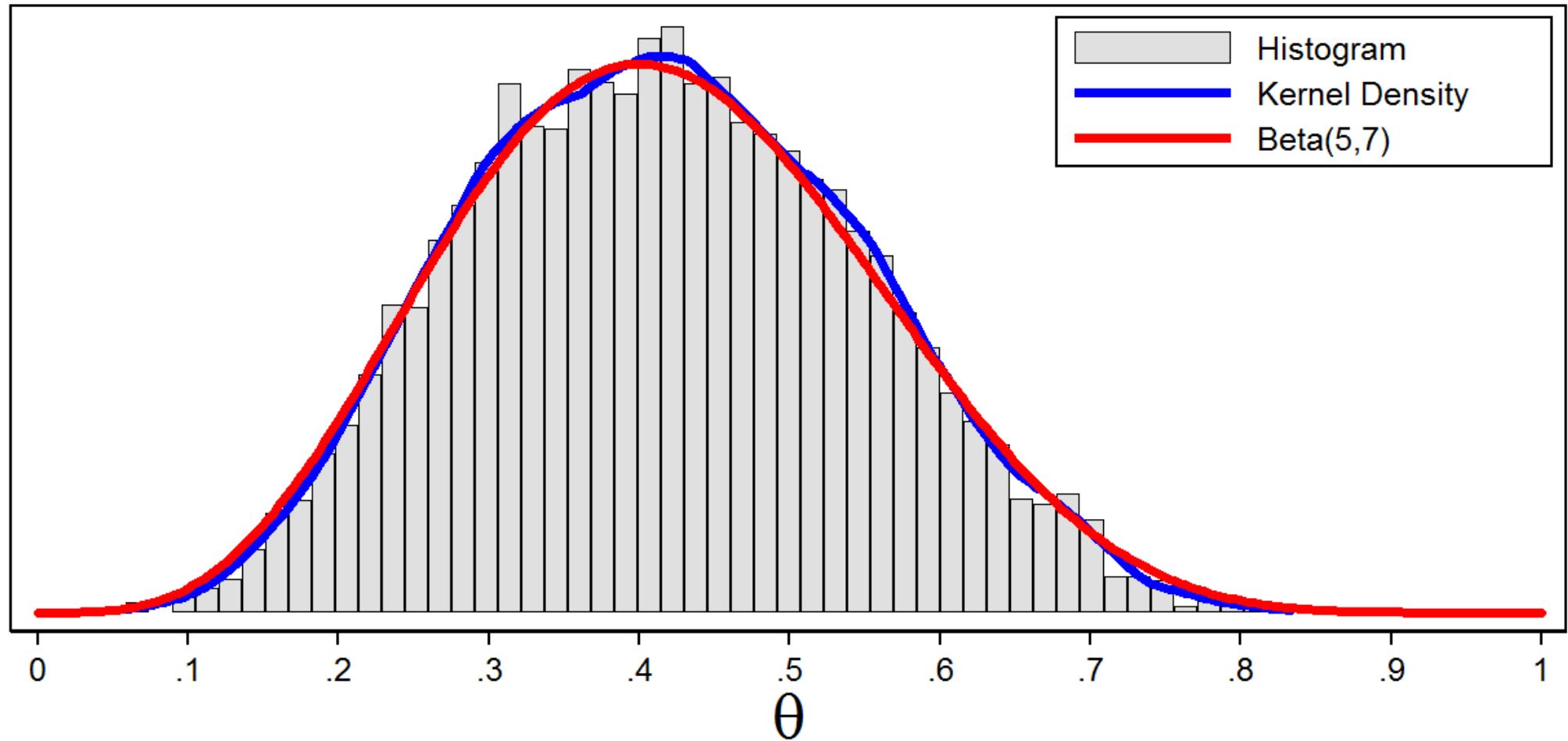




Draw  $\theta_t \sim \text{Normal}(\theta_{t-1}, \sigma)$

$\text{Normal}(0.500, \sigma) = 0.497$

## Comparison of the MCMC sample and the theoretical posterior density

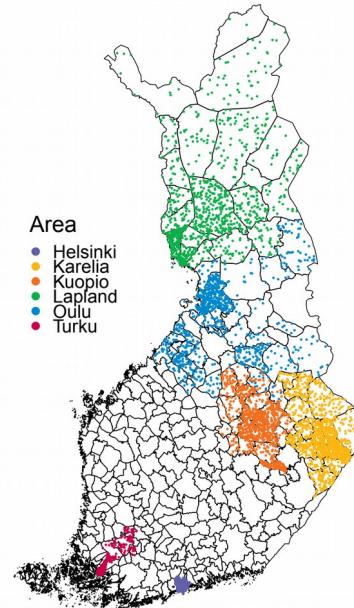


# 15 year prospective view (Finland / FINRISK2002)

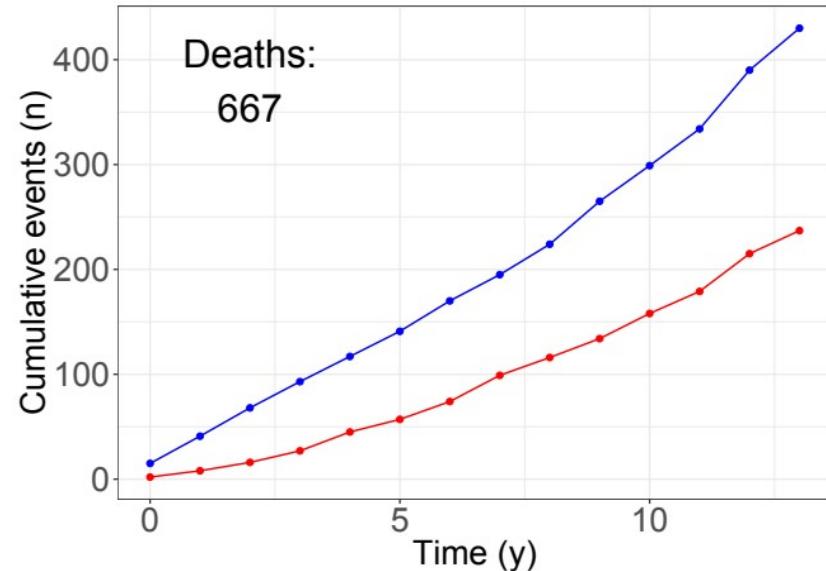
2002 ~7000+ stool samples: omics and clinical measurements.

2017 comprehensive health information from Finnish registers

N=7231



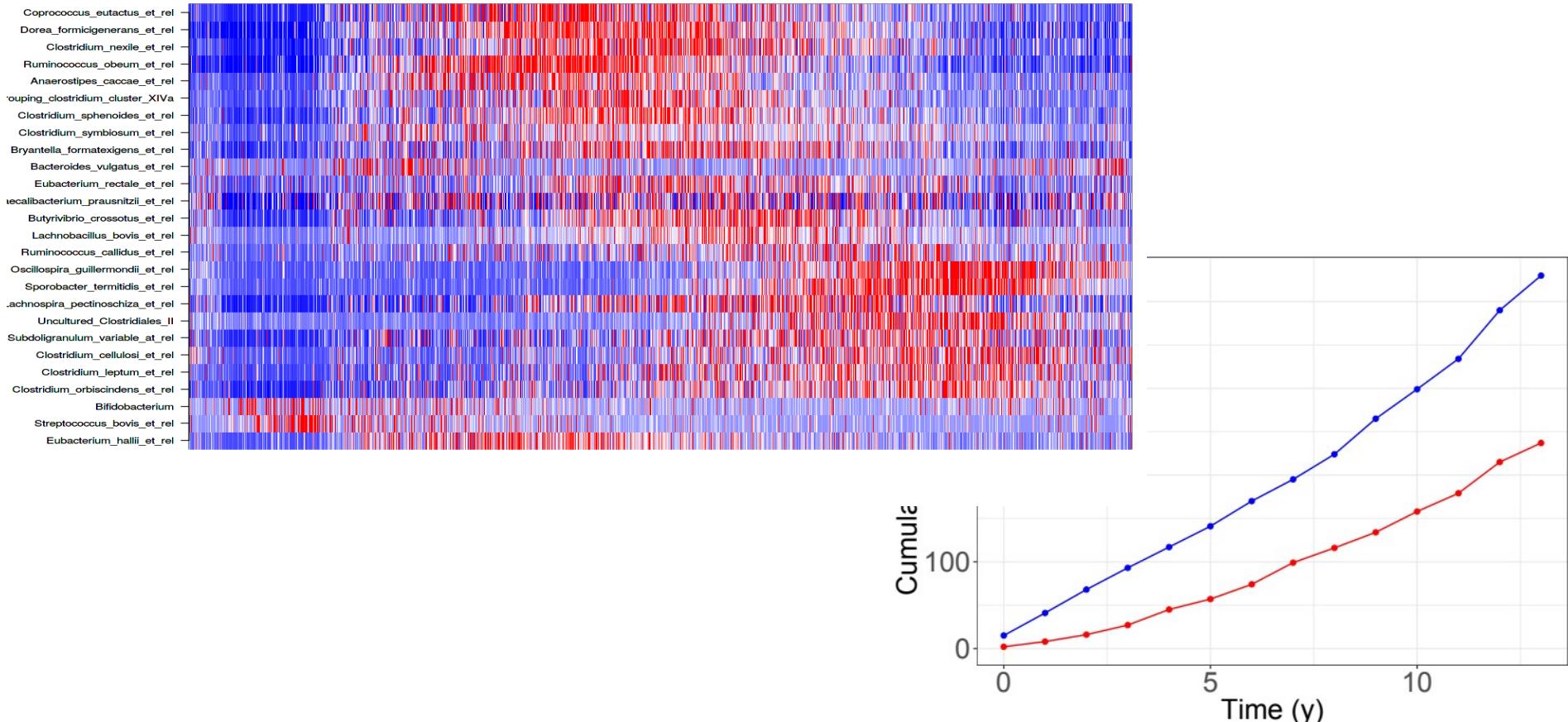
15+ year follow up



With: Teemu Niiranen, Veikko Salomaa, Rob Knight, Mohit Jain, Mike Inouye, Aaro Saloensaa, Ville Laitinen, and others

# Taxonomic profiles (N = 5005)

Z-score across subjects: red – high abundance & blue – low abundance - HITChip Atlas



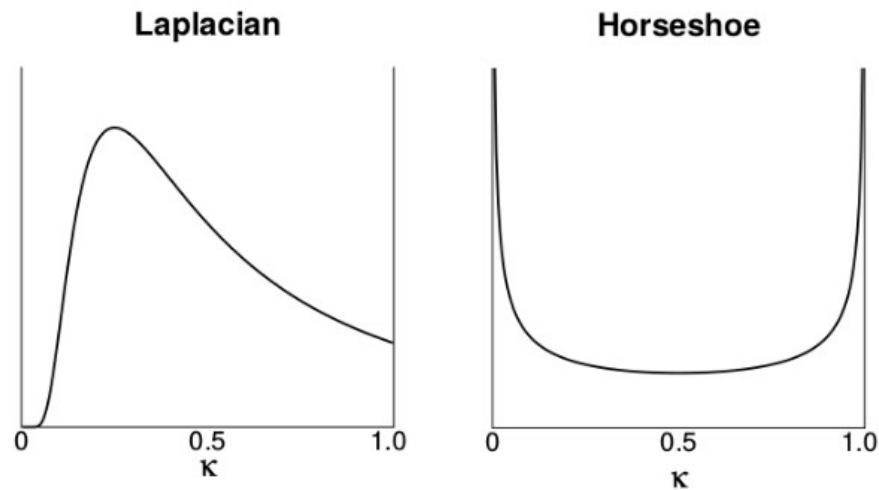
# Cox proportional hazards

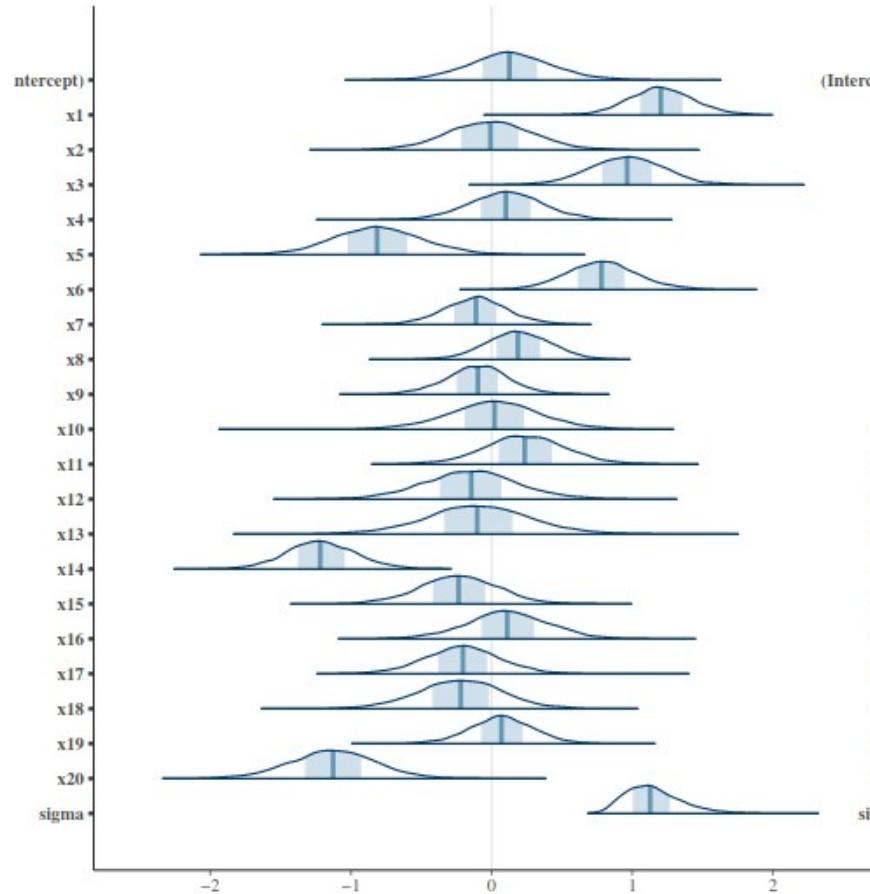
Hazard function	Baseline hazard	Data	Coefficients
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$$\lambda(t) = \lambda_0(t) \exp(\mathbf{x}\beta).$$

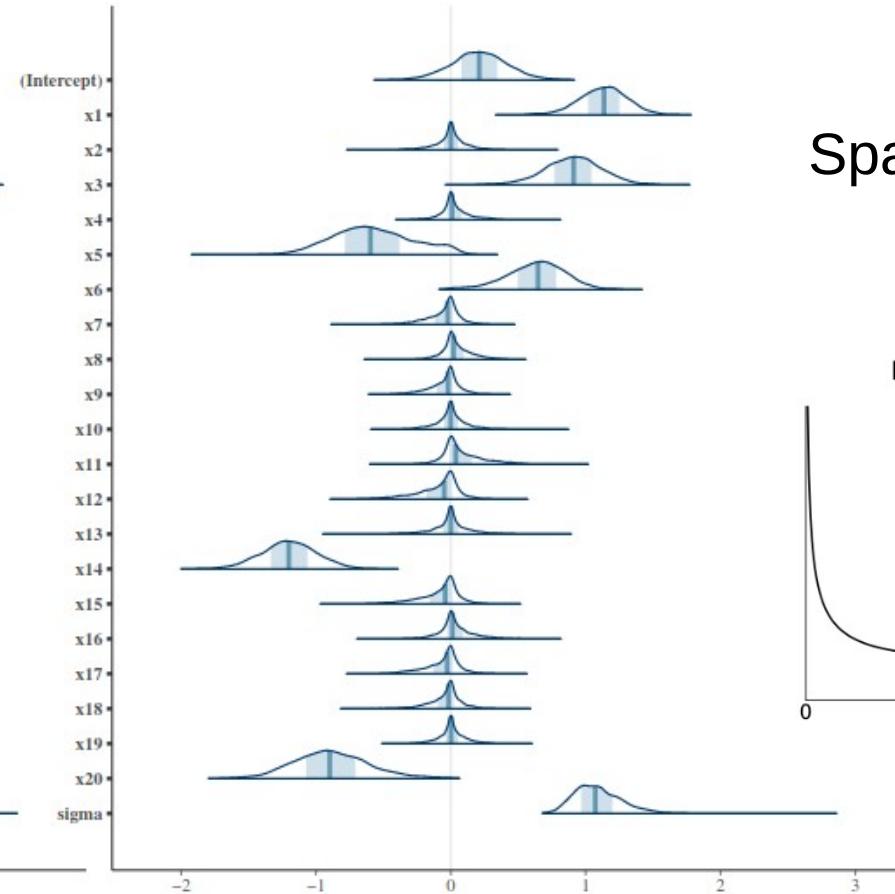
$$\lambda(t) = \lambda_0(t) \exp(\mathbf{x}\beta).$$

Alternative  
priors:  $P(\beta)$





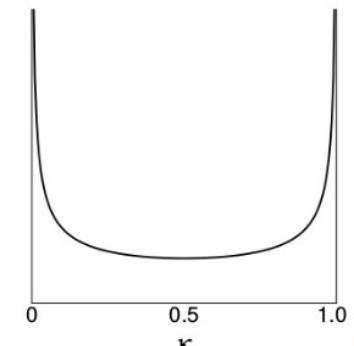
Gaussian prior



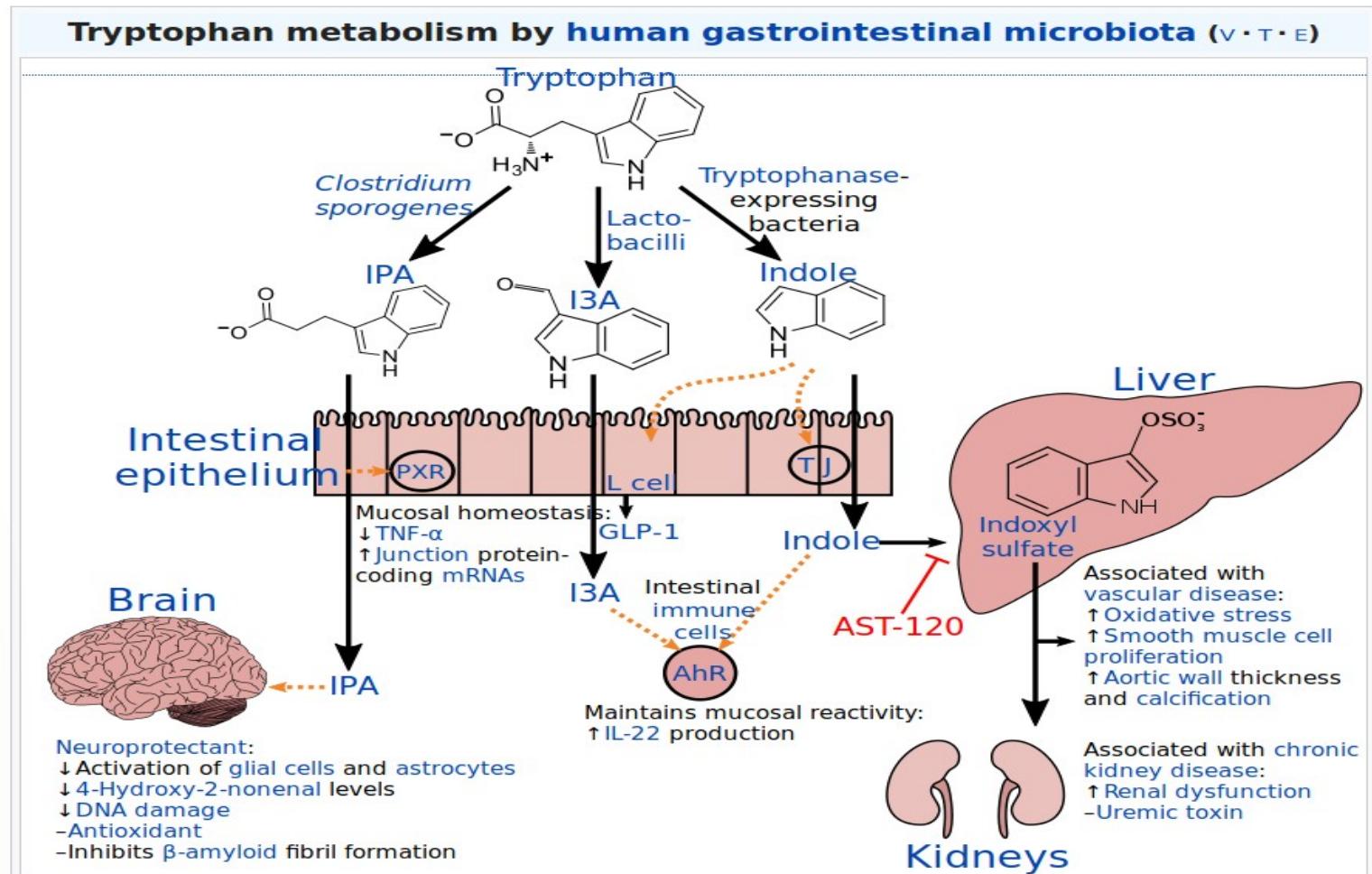
Horseshoe prior

Sparsity!

Horseshoe

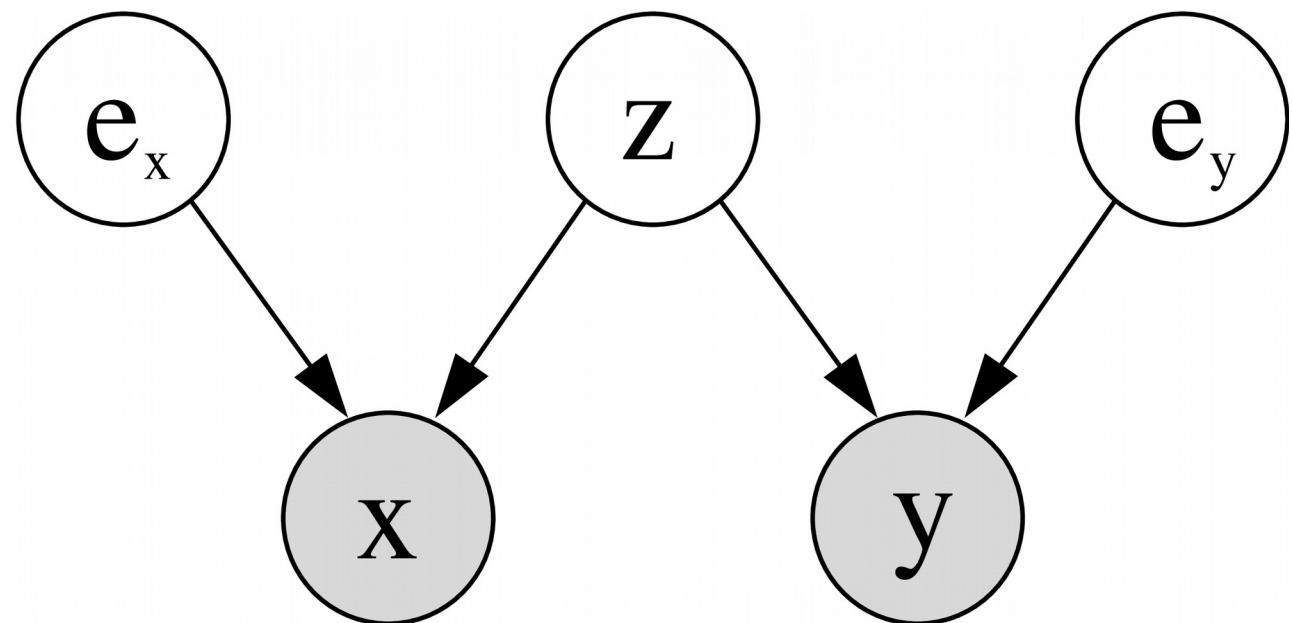


# Function, multi-omics, causality, mechanisms

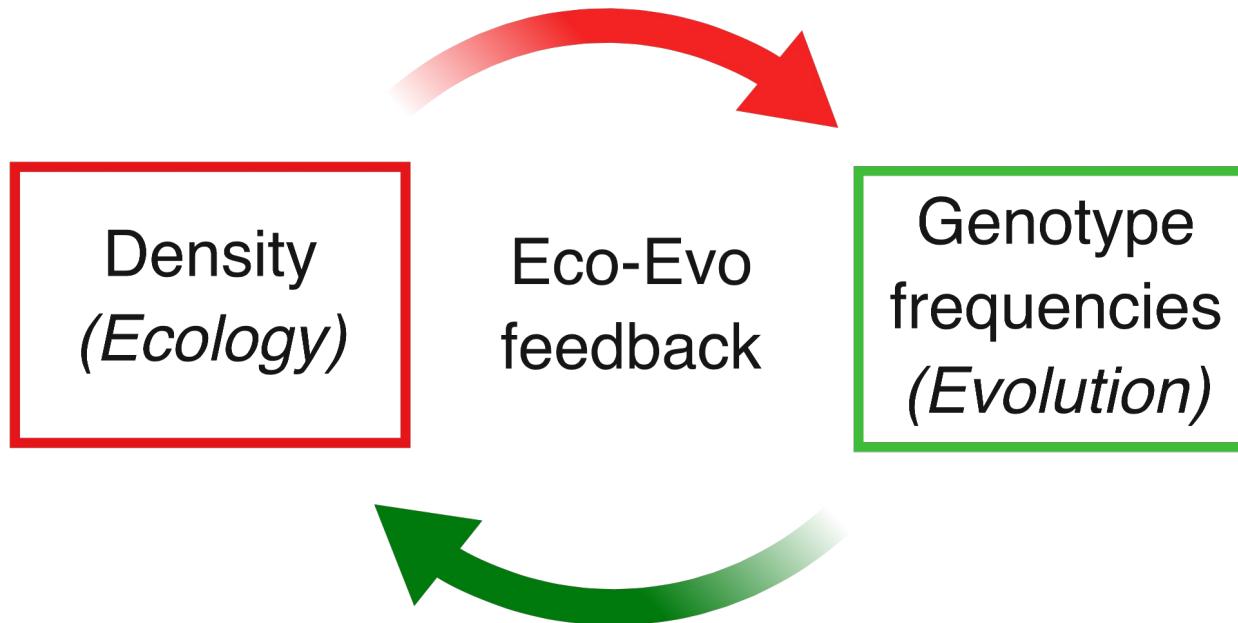


$$\begin{cases} X = W_x \mathbf{z} + \varepsilon_x \\ Y = W_y \mathbf{z} + \varepsilon_y \end{cases}$$

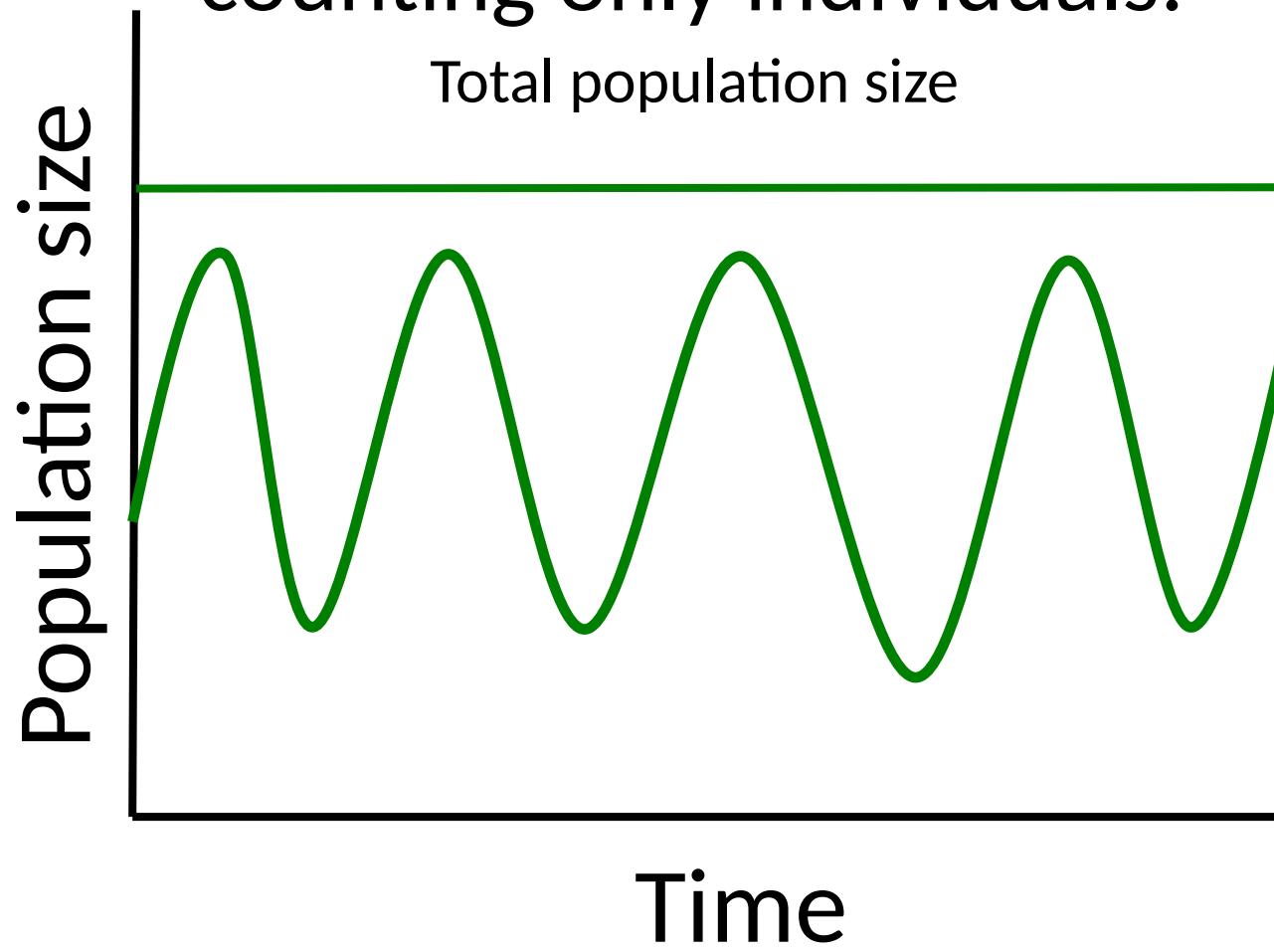
Multi-view learning



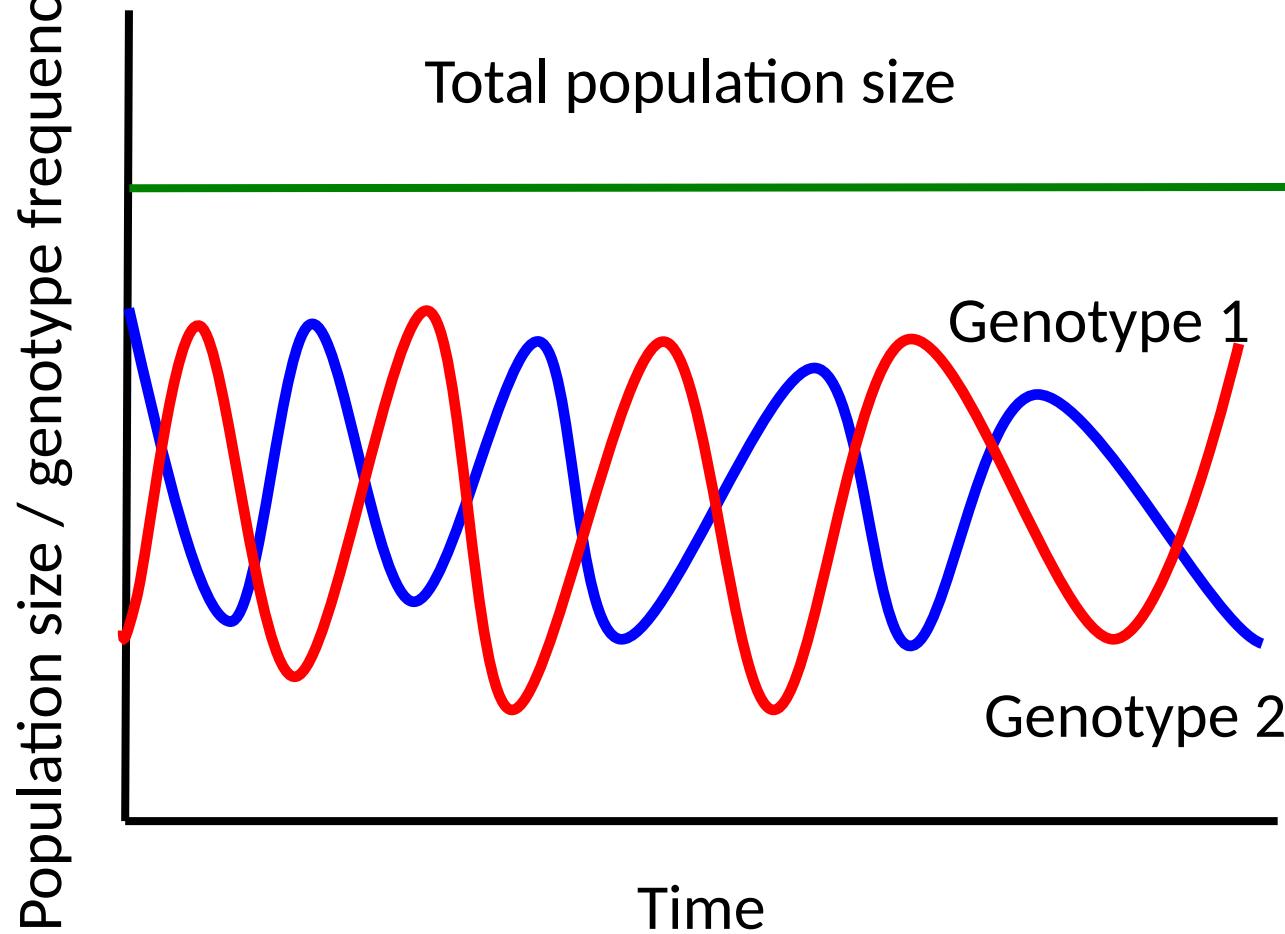
# Ecology and evolution are connected processes



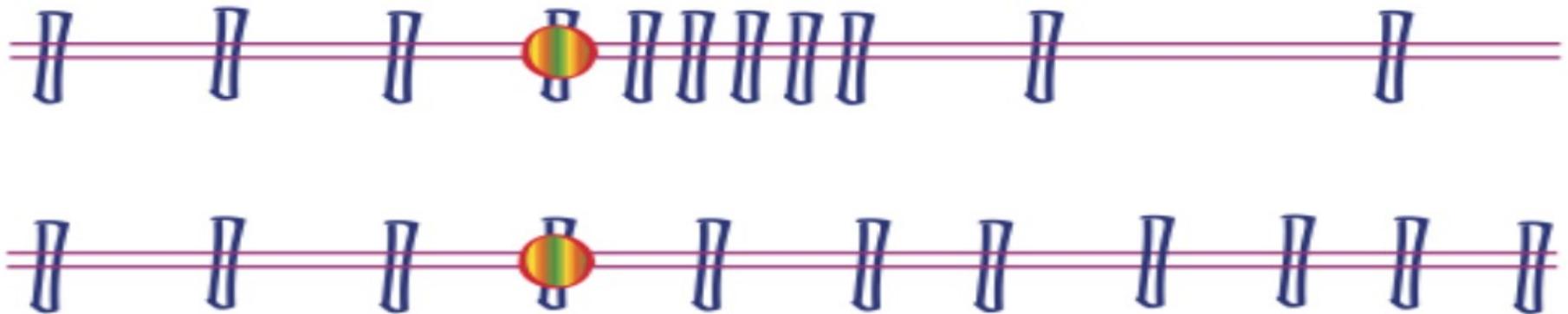
Traditional population level view when counting only individuals:

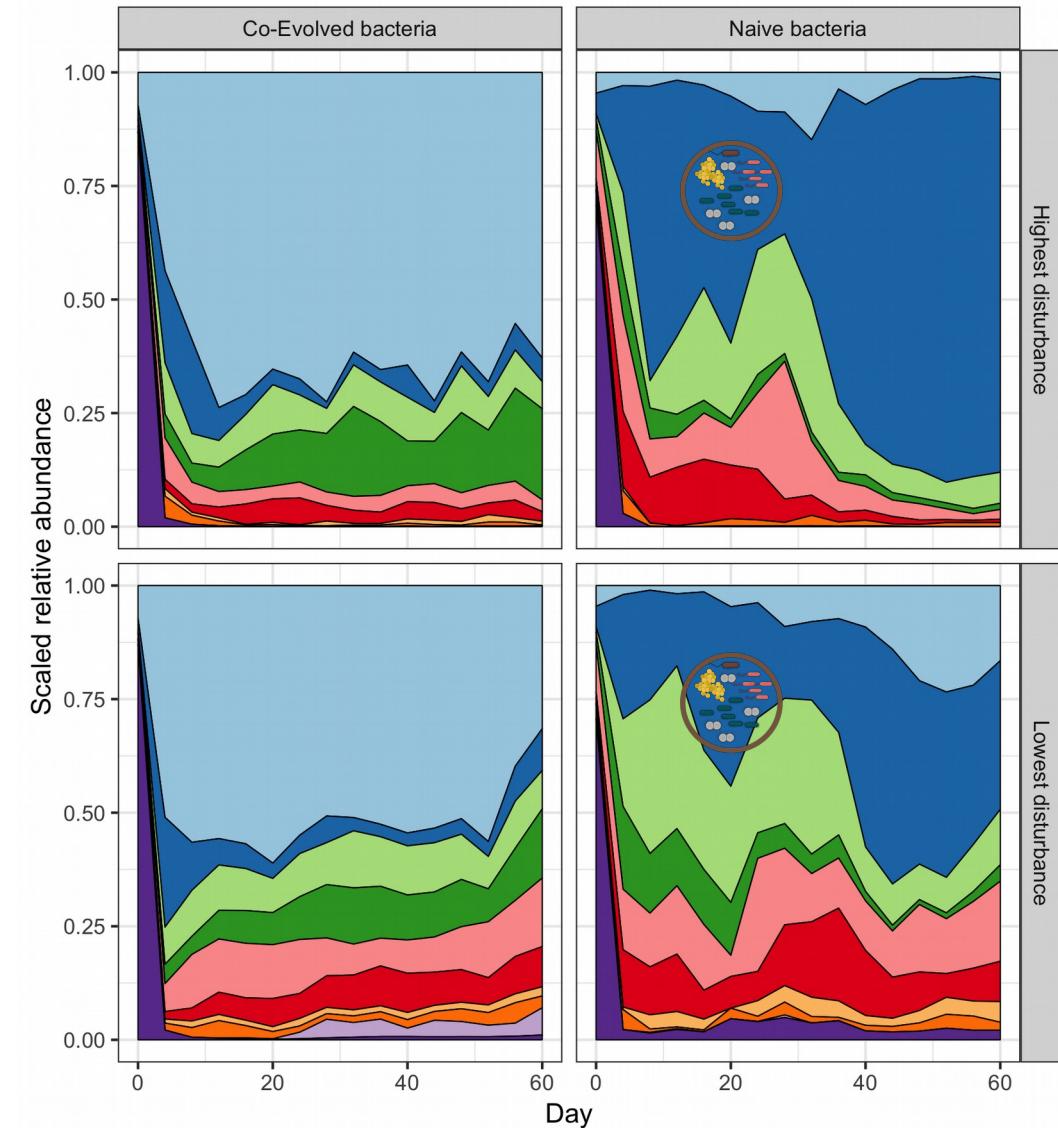


We need information about  
the underlying genotype dynamics as well



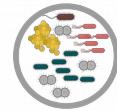
# Longitudinal Data Analyses



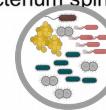


Strain

- Aeromonas caviae HAMBI-1972
- Citrobacter koseri HAMBI-1287
- Stenotrophomonas maltophilia HAMBI-2659
- Morganella morganii HAMBI-1292
- Myroides odoratus HAMBI-1923
- Pseudomonas chlororaphis HAMBI-1977
- Agrobacterium tumefaciens HAMBI-0105
- Comamonas testosteronei HAMBI-0403
- Sphingobacterium spiritivorum HAMBI-1896
- Other



High disturbance



Low disturbance

## The genomic basis of Red Queen dynamics during rapid reciprocal host-pathogen coevolution



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# Reconciling taxon senescence with the Red Queen's hypothesis

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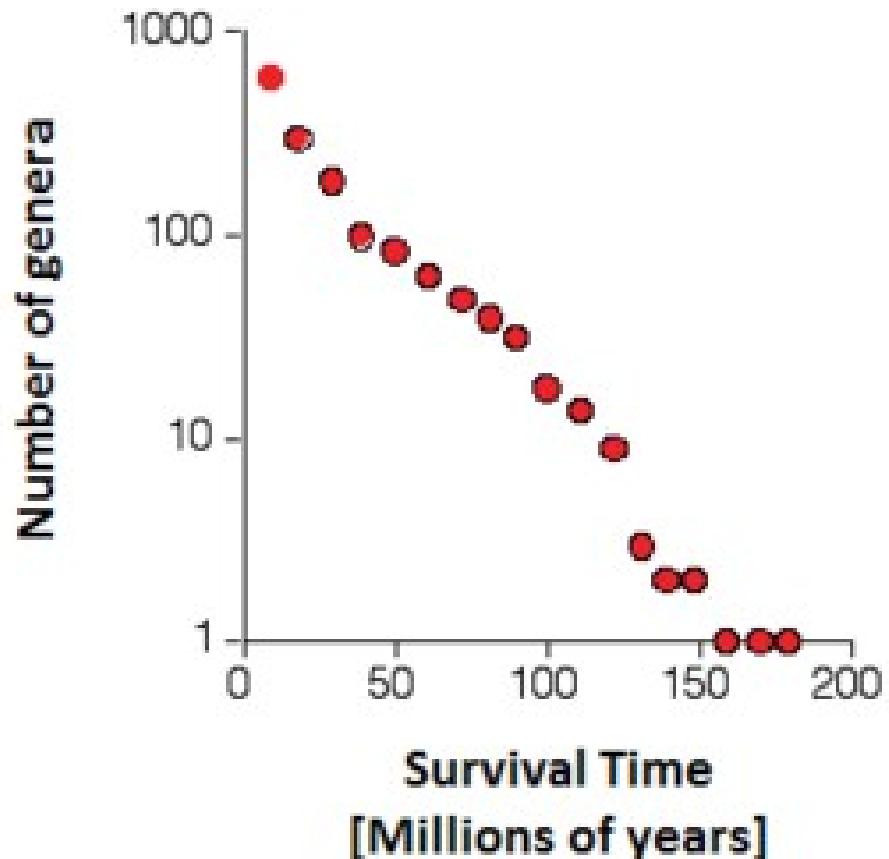


## Do species age?

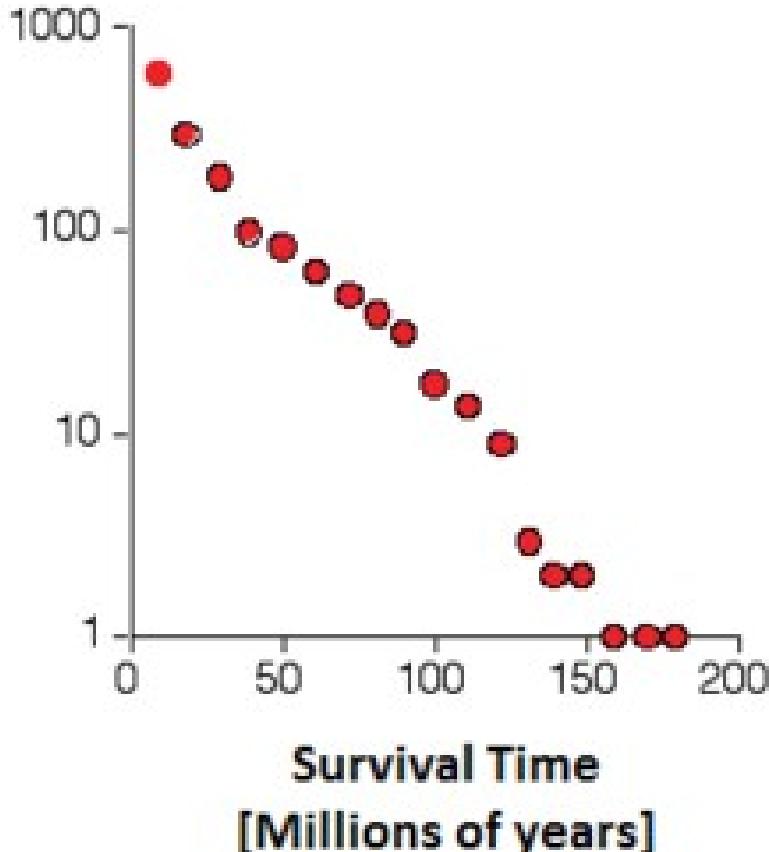
**Hypothesis:** the longer a species has been around, the more likely it will go extinct.

**Rejection:** Fossil data did not support this.

Old and young species have a similar probability to go extinct at any point.



(Leigh) Van Valen's Law of Extinction: Probability of extinction does not depend on the lifetime of the population / "Half-life of species"



#### A NEW EVOLUTIONARY LAW

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#### ABSTRACT:

All groups for which data exist go extinct at a rate that is constant for a given group. When this is recast in ecological form (the effective environment of any homogeneous group of organisms deteriorates at a stochastically constant rate), no definite exceptions exist although a few are possible. Extinction rates are similar within some very broad categories and vary regularly with size of area inhabited. A new unit of rates for discrete phenomena, the macarthur, is introduced. Laws are appropriate in evolutionary biology. Truth needs more than correct predictions. The Law of Extinction is evidence for ecological significance and comparability of taxa. A non-Markovian hypothesis to explain the law invokes mutually incompatible optima within an adaptive zone. A self-perpetuating fluctuation results which can be stated in terms of an unstudied aspect of zero-sum game theory. The hypothesis can be derived from a view that momentary fitness is the amount of control of resources, which remain constant in total amount. The hypothesis implies that long-term fitness has only two components and that events of mutualism are rare. The hypothesis largely explains the observed pattern of molecular evolution.

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Van Valen, Leigh (1973). "A new evolutionary law".  
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# Explanation?

**Red Queen Hypothesis:** organisms must constantly adapt, evolve, and proliferate in order to survive. A classic evolutionary theory (Van Valen, 1973).

A search for ‘**Red Queen**’ on Google Scholar gives over a million hits, reflecting the enormous influence this idea has had and continues to have in a wide sector of science.

Red Queen explains how her country differs from Alice's:

**“Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!”**



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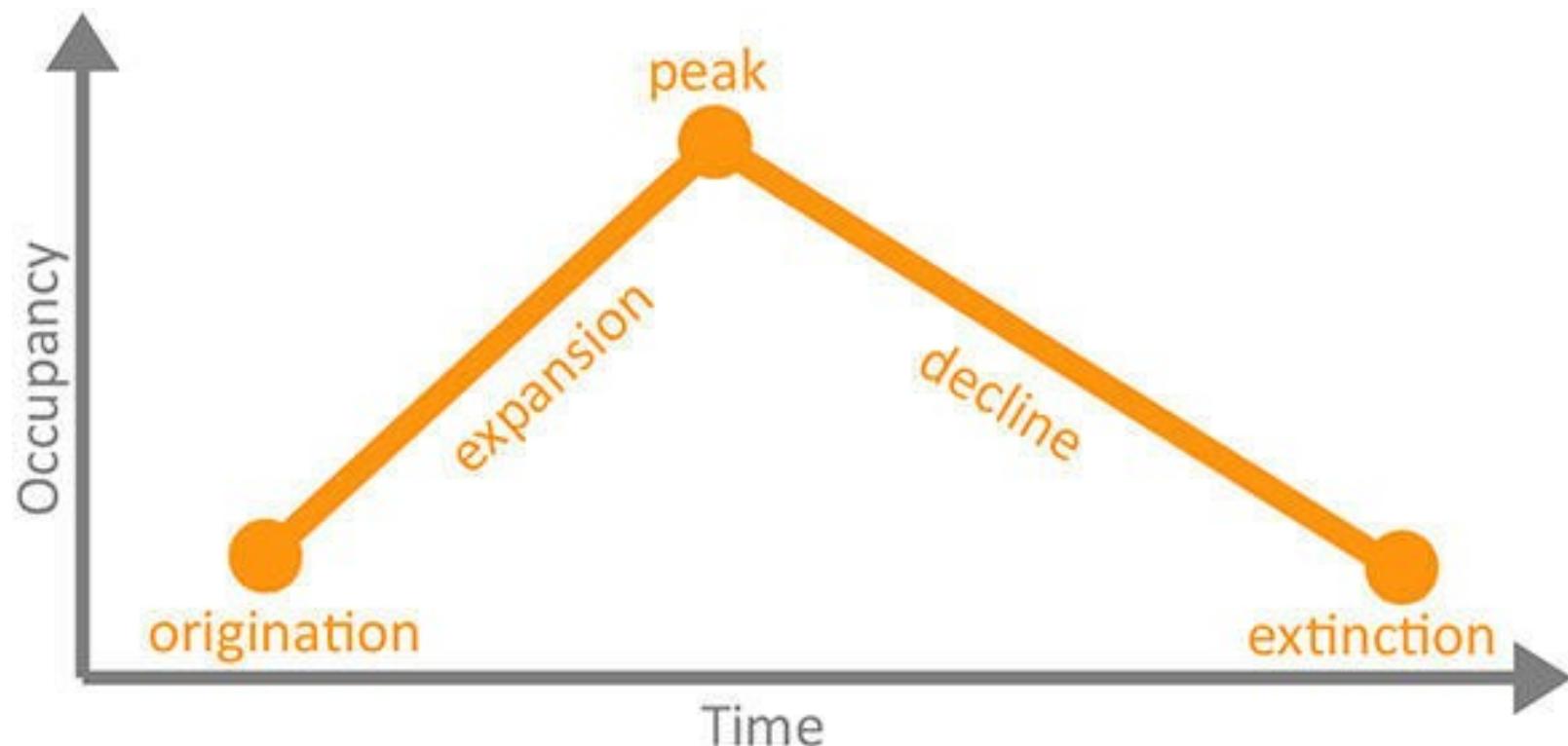
Stenseth: "The Red Queen's Hypothesis has fascinated me from the very beginning since it, as an evolutionary hypothesis, explicitly brings in ecological interactions to explain large scale evolutionary patterns, such as rate of extinctions."



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# Hat pattern

Contradiction! Jernvall & Fortelius (2004). Do species age or not?



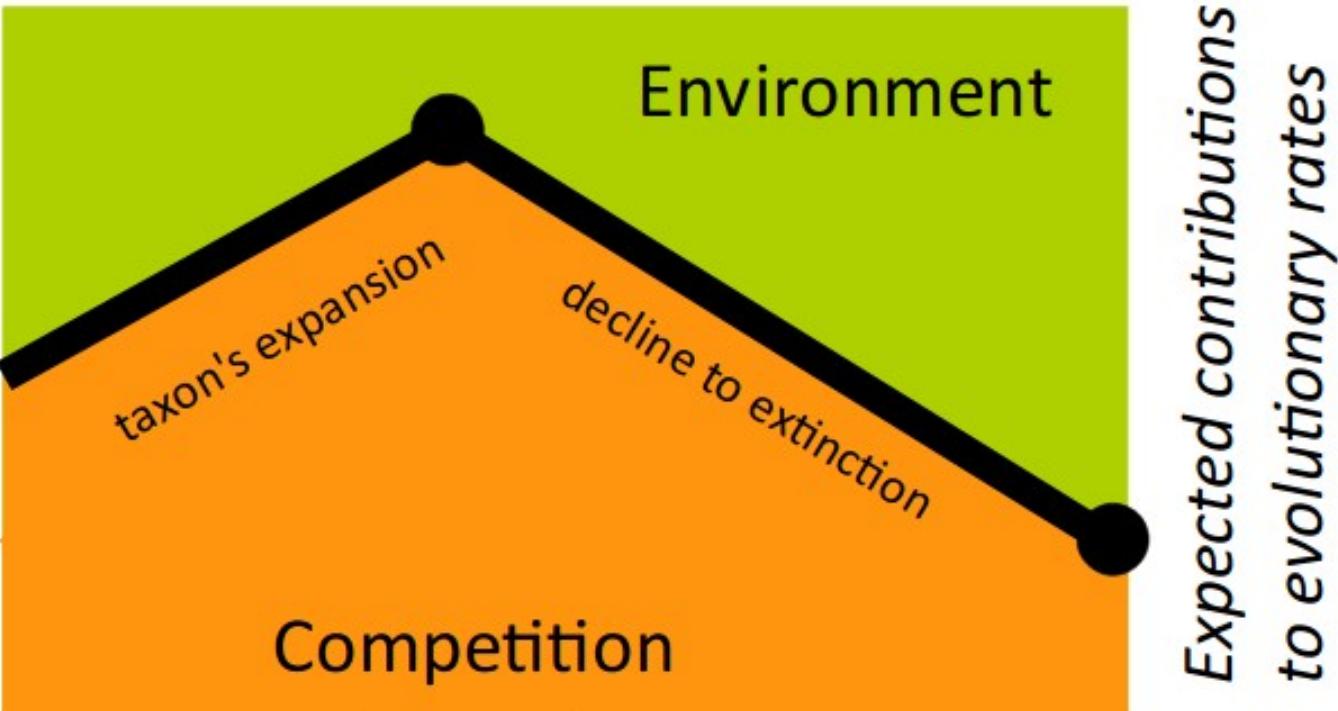
Originally reported in: Jernvall, J.&Fortelius, M. Maintenance of trophic structure in fossil mammal communities: site occupancy and taxon resilience. The American Naturalist 164, 614-624 (2004).

Increasing effect of Environmental change



*Expansion,  
stabilization, decline*

*"It takes all the running  
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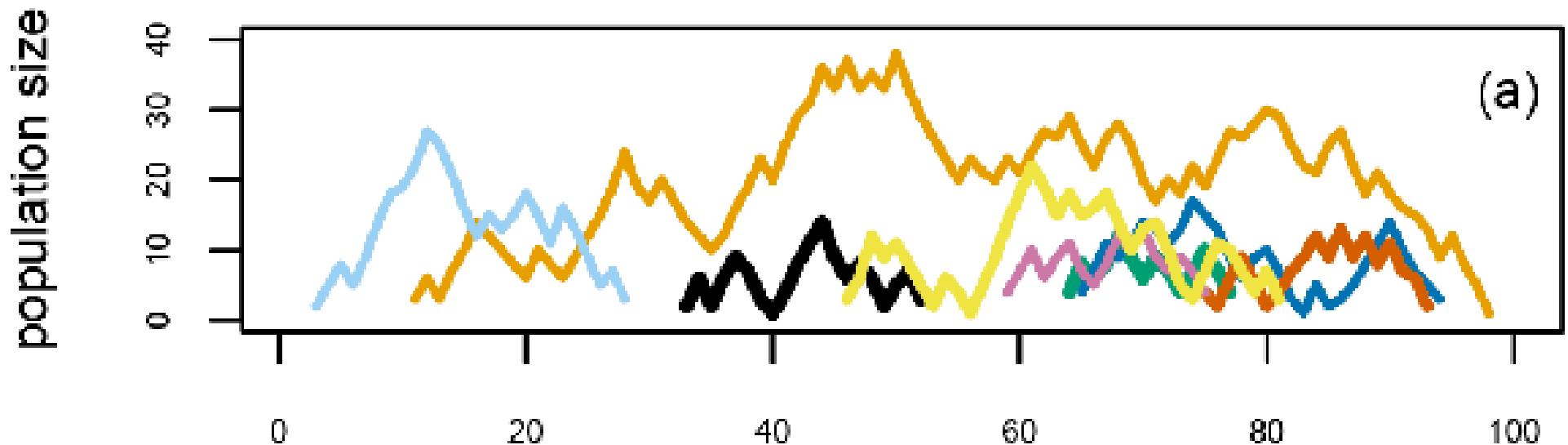


Increasing effect of Competition

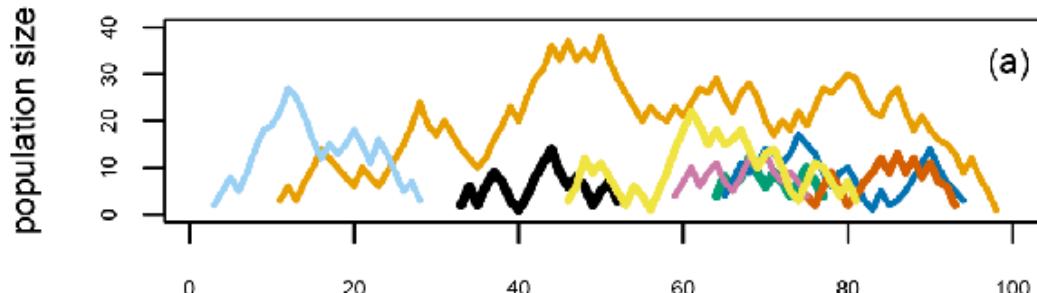
It is likely that a species will get extinct by random chance in the long run.

More than three peaks are very seldom observed in real data.

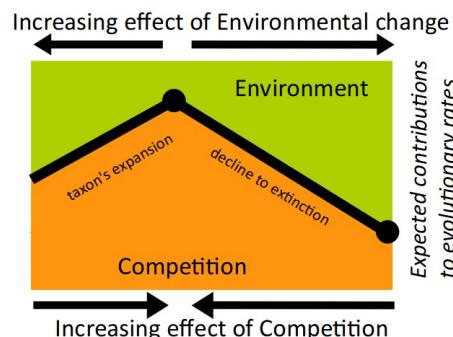
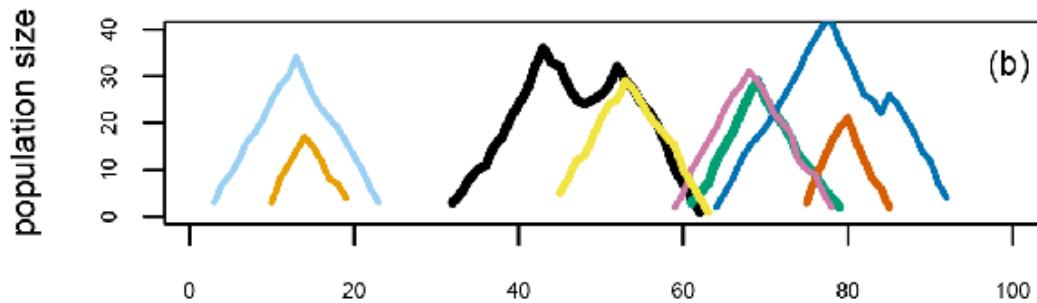
## Plain random walk



Plain random walk

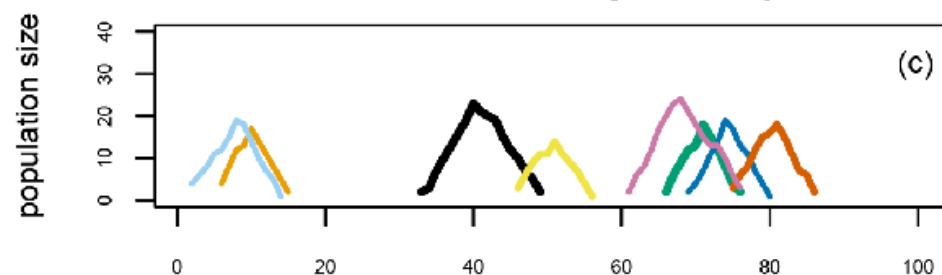


Random walk with memory (correlated random walk)

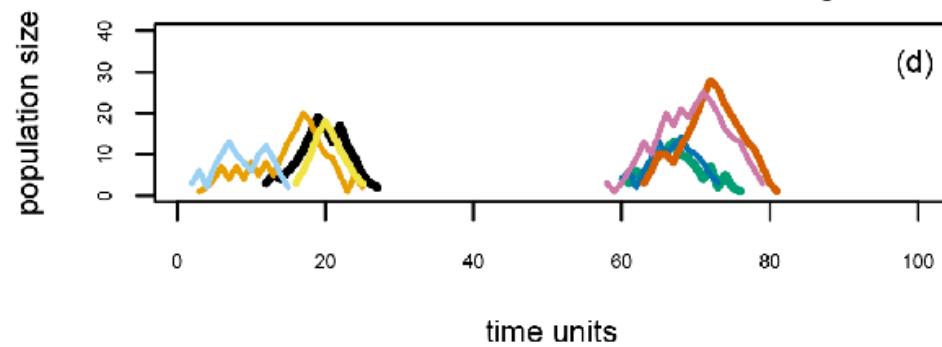


Memory effects emphasize the Red Queen effect.

Random walk with memory and competition

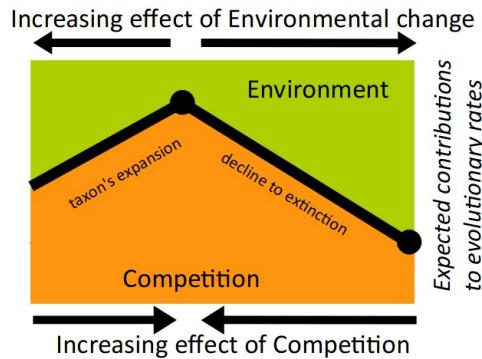


Random walk with environmental change

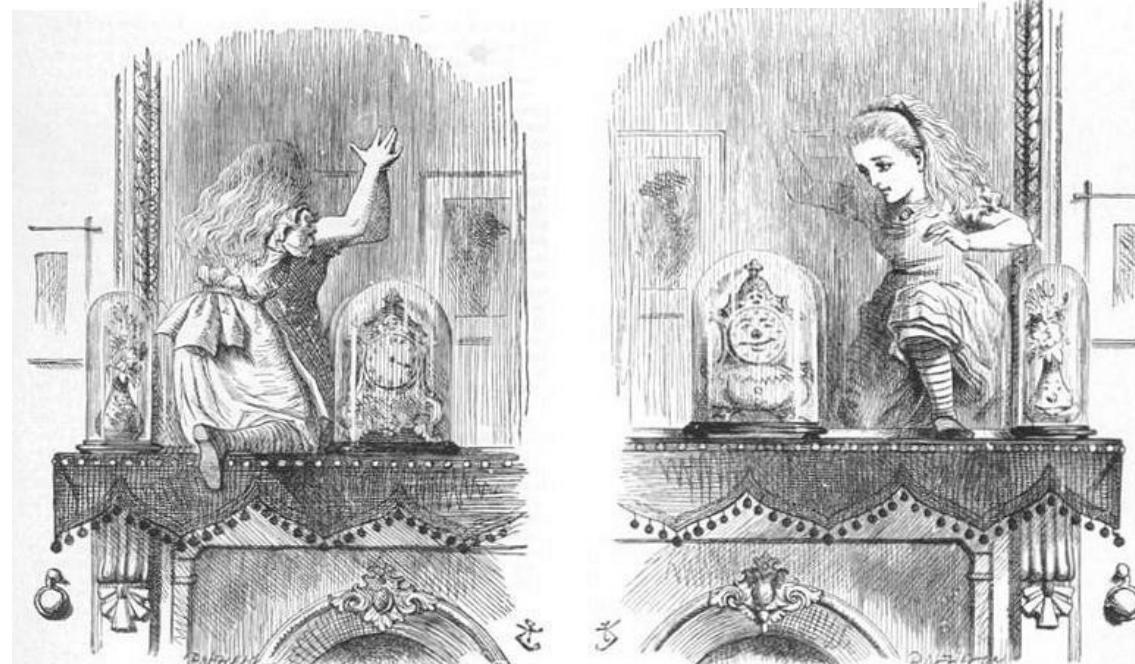


**Resolution:** Hat Pattern *is* compatible with the Law of Constant Extinction, and predicted by the Red Queen's Hypothesis.

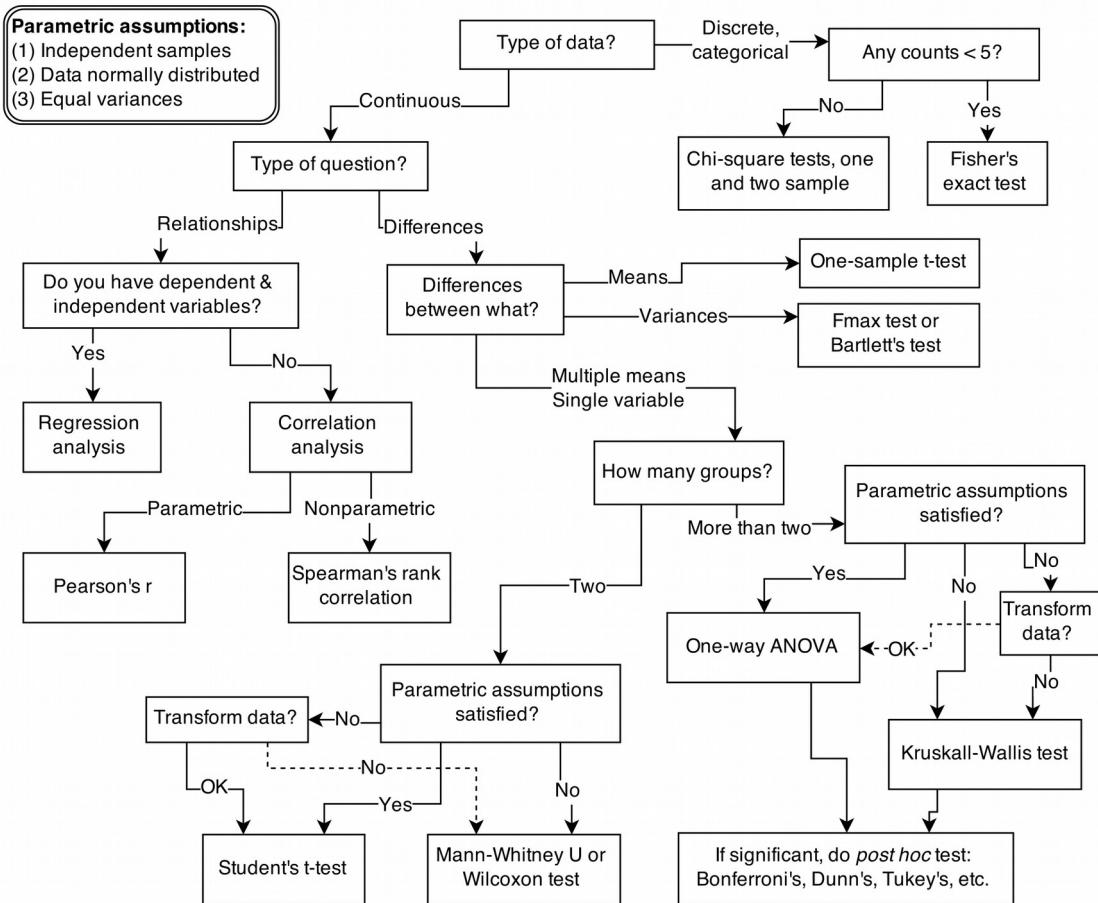
But the fact is that they didn't. In the end it took the fresh perspective of an outsider to realise that the two theories were connected and actually parts of the same puzzle. Zliobaite, with a background in computer science and credit analysis, who knew that a cessation of growth may signal the impending failure of businesses.



Through the Looking-Glass,  
and What Alice Found  
There (Lewis Carroll, 1871)



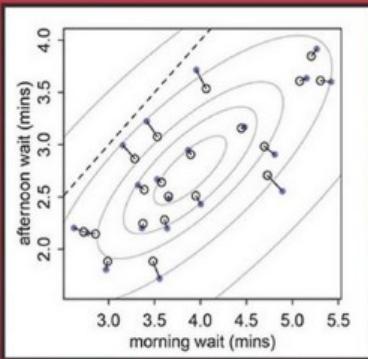
# How to choose a correct model?



Texts in Statistical Science

# Statistical Rethinking

A Bayesian Course with  
Examples in R and Stan

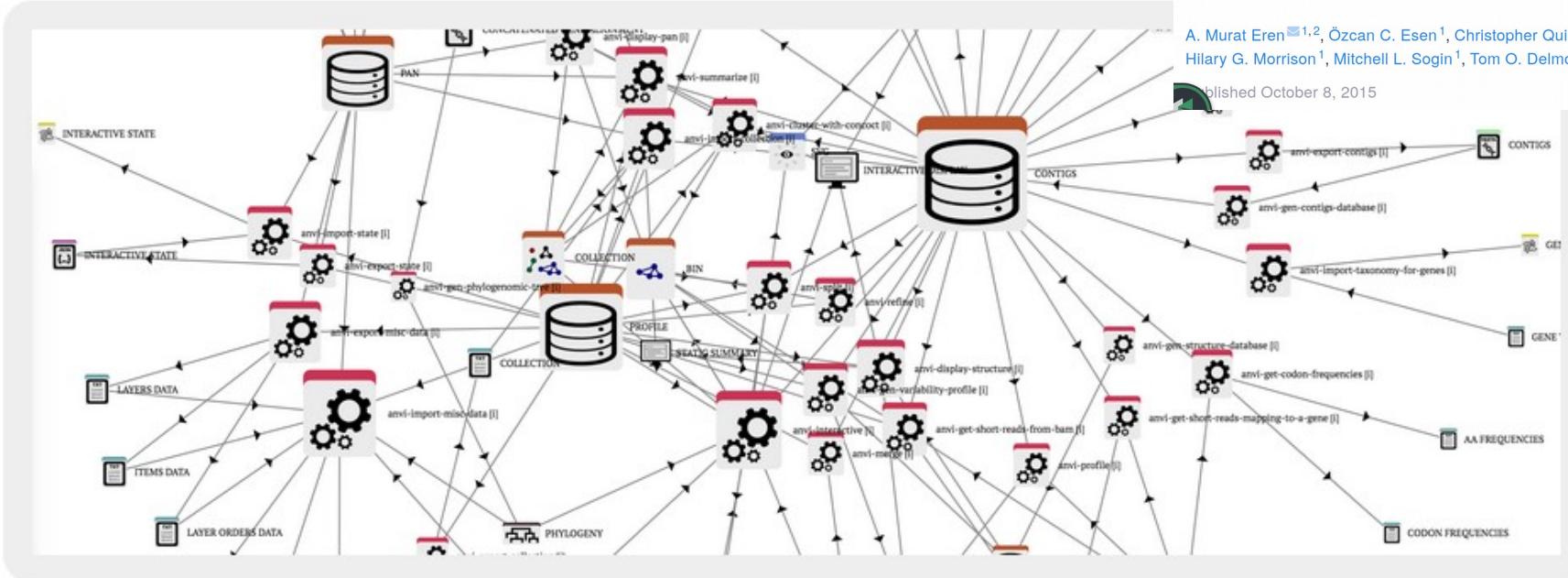


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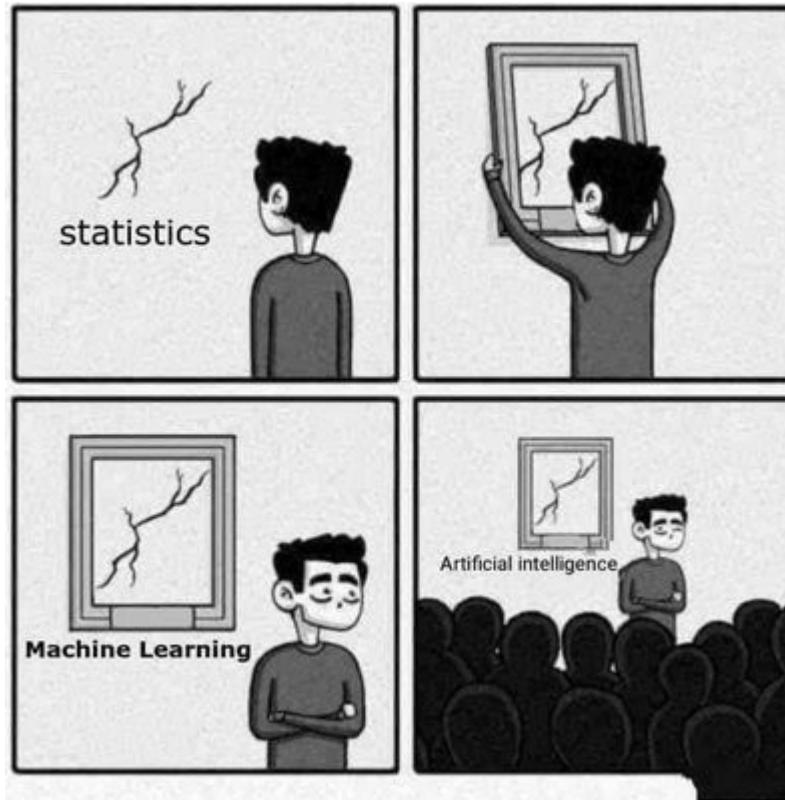
# Summary & Conclusions

## Statistical aspects

- supervised / unsupervised
- exploration / modeling
- mechanistic / non-mechanistic
- parametric / non-parametric
- deterministic / stochastic

# Learning goals

- Statistical thinking in microbiome studies
- The concept of open and reproducible research
- Familiarity with standard tools in amplicon profiling
- Looking at your own research problems in new ways
- Networking & collaboration!



WHEN YOU SEE A CLAIM THAT A  
COMMON DRUG OR VITAMIN "KILLS  
CANCER CELLS IN A PETRI DISH,"

KEEP IN MIND:



SO DOES A HANDGUN.

TO PROVE YOU'RE A HUMAN,  
CLICK ON ALL THE PHOTOS  
THAT SHOW PLACES YOU  
WOULD RUN FOR SHELTER  
DURING A ROBOT UPRISING.

