



Annotated Automatic Pruning in Miking CorePPL

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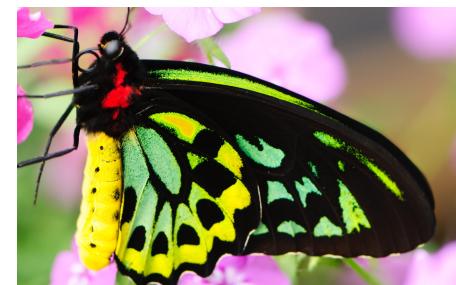
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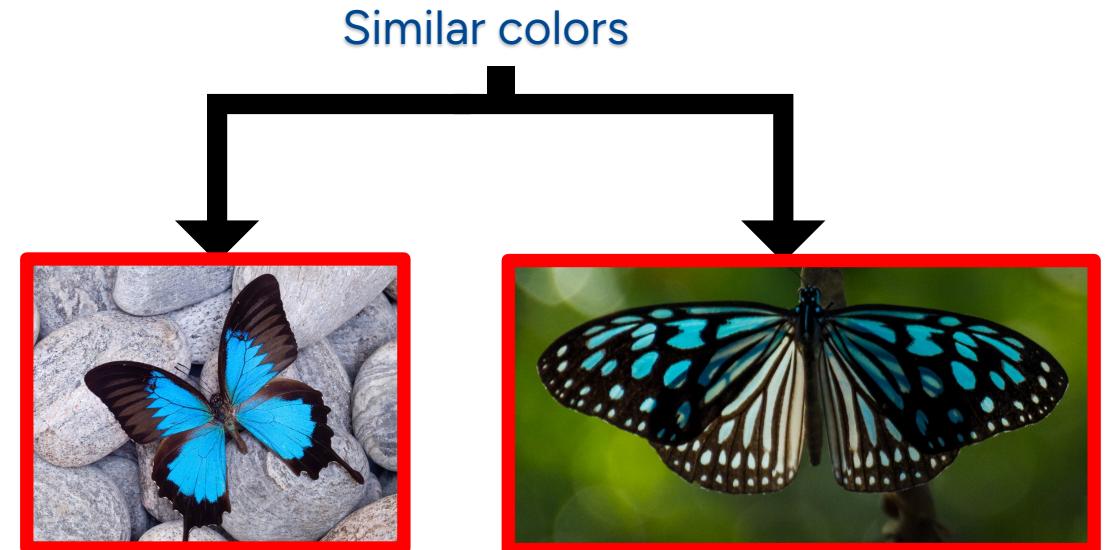
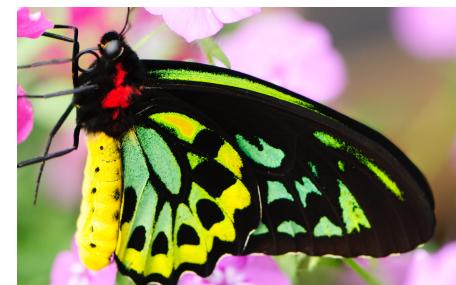
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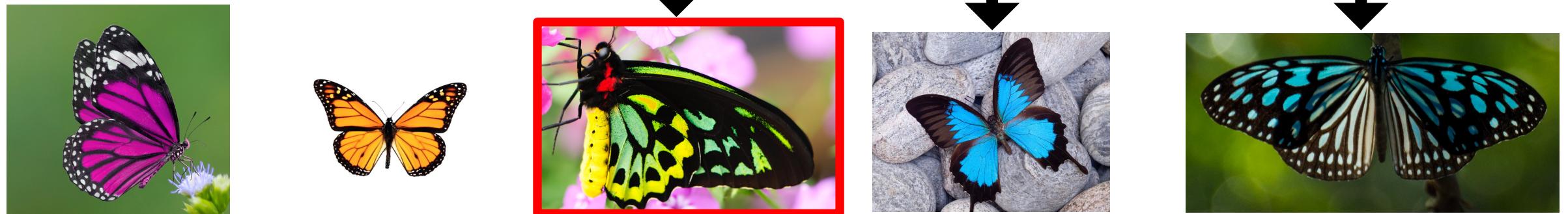
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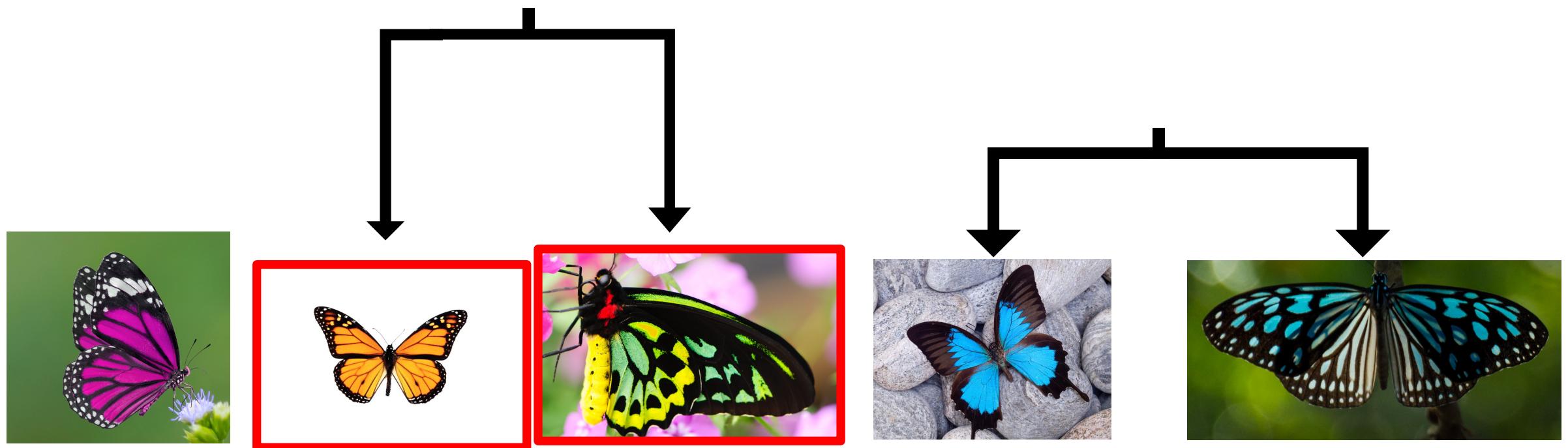
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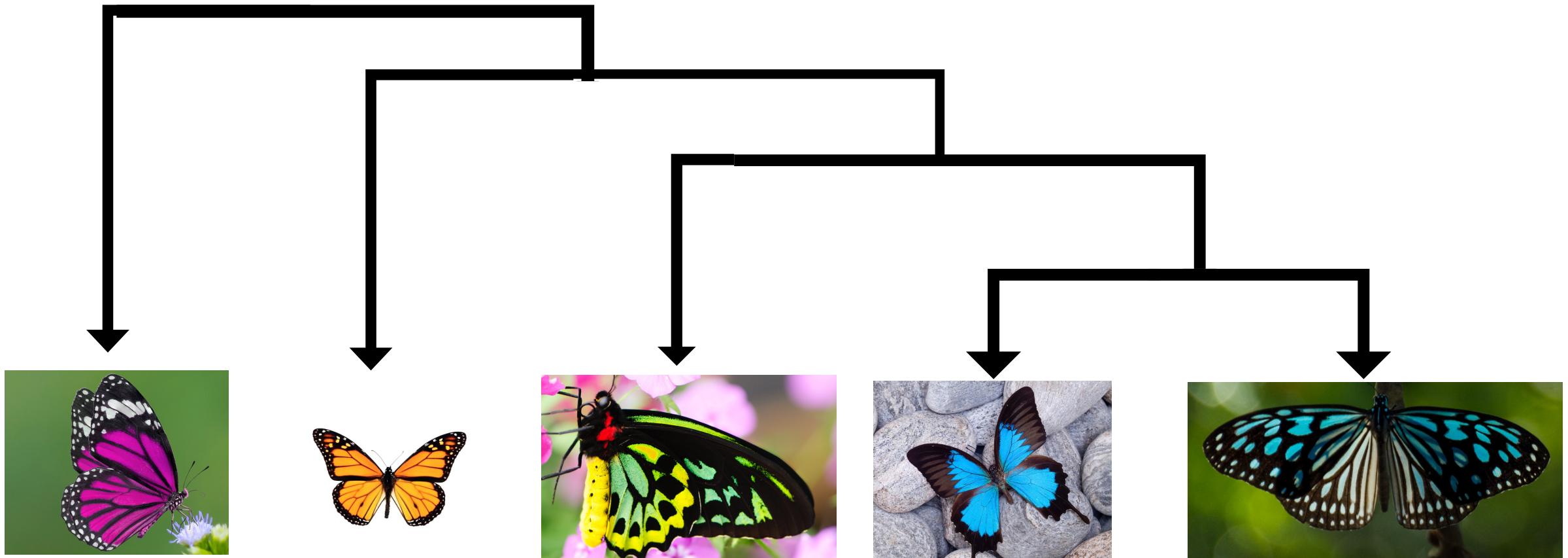
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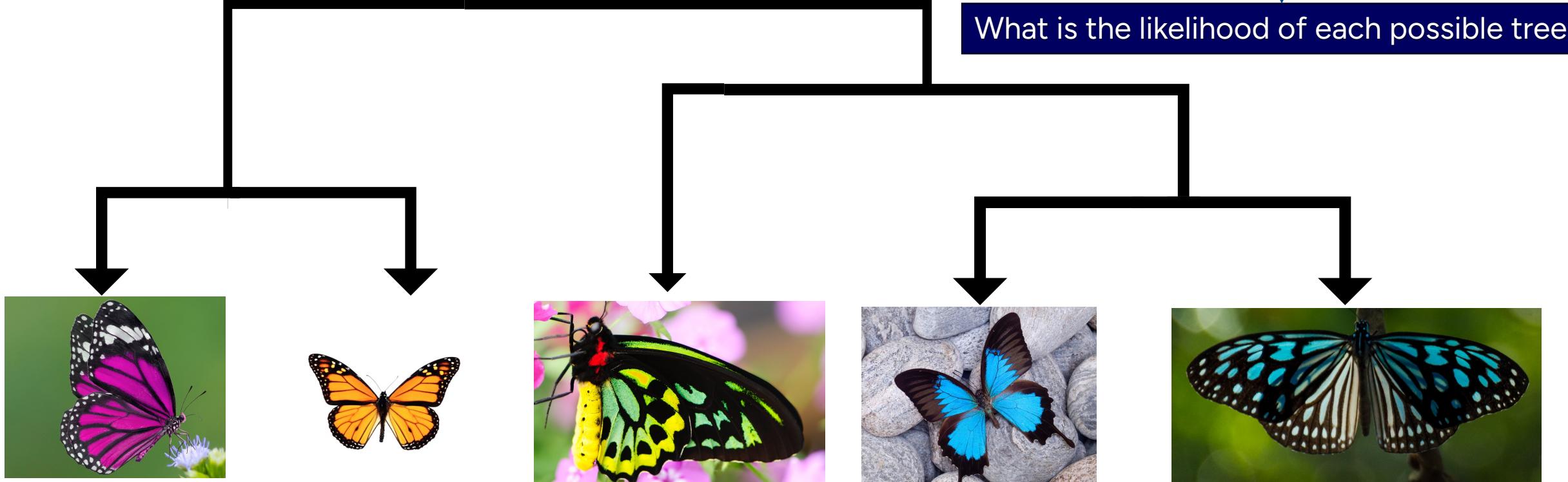


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- Understanding the relation between species
- Tree inference is a fundamental problem

Which tree is more likely?

What is the likelihood of each possible tree?

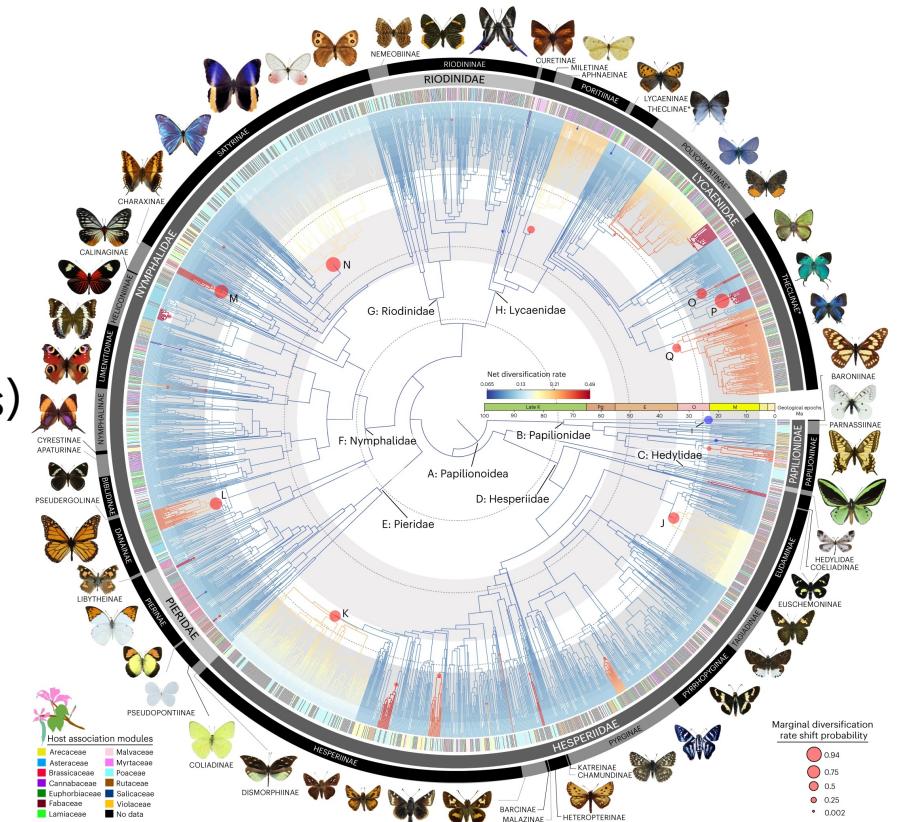


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- Understanding the relation between species
- Tree inference is a fundamental problem
- Using genetic data makes the problem harder

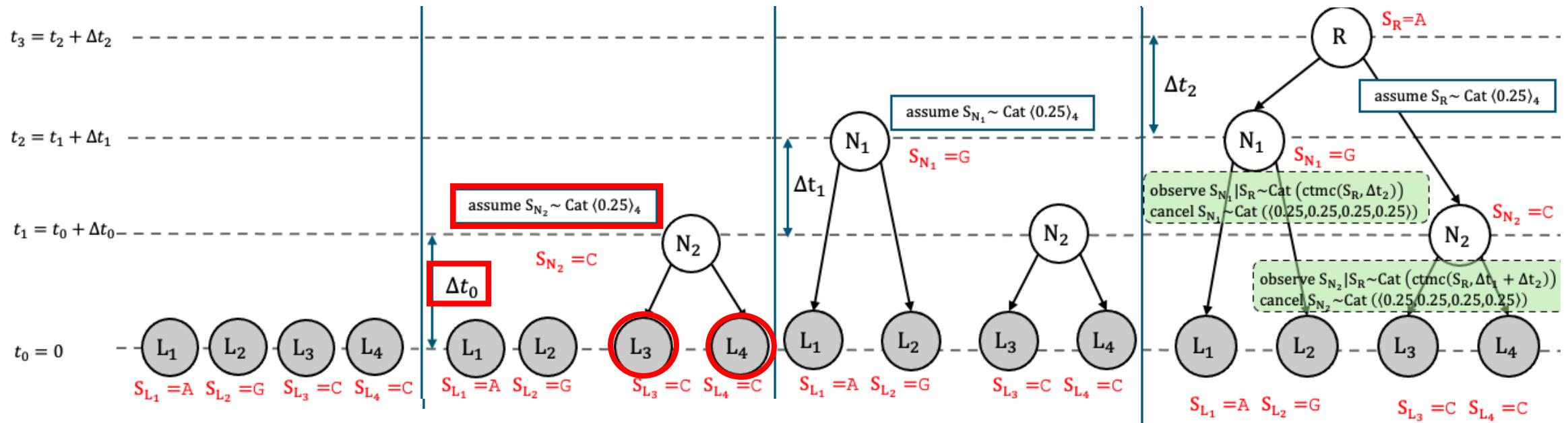


DNA may consist of billions of nucleotides (features)



The figure is retrieved from: Kawahara, A.Y., Storer, C., Carvalho, A.P.S. et al. A global phylogeny of butterflies reveals their evolutionary history, ancestral hosts and biogeographic origins. *Nat Ecol Evol* 7, 903–913 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-023-02041-9>

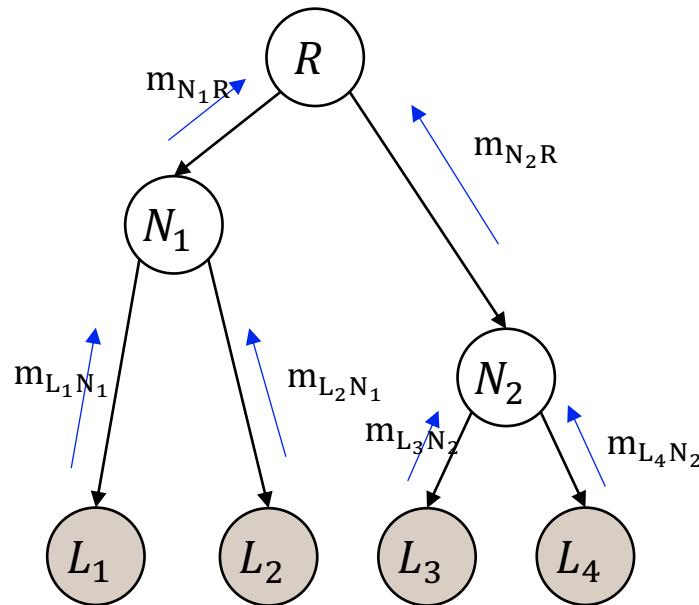
Naive Backward Tree Inference Problem



The likelihood of observing C at L_3 and L_4 given Δt_0 and the parent's genetic sequence

- Internal nodes are **latent** (unobserved)
- We **sample** them during inference

Belief Propagation on Tree Inference Problem

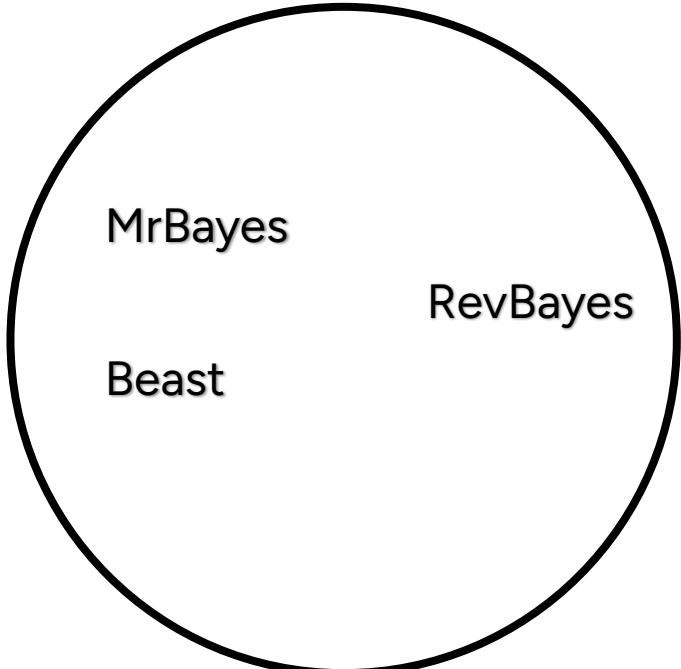


Propagate the messages to the root to calculate the likelihood of observations given the tree topology

Marginalize out the internal nodes:

Intuitively, we sum over all possible states that the internal node can take, weighted by their probabilities.

Phylogenetic tools

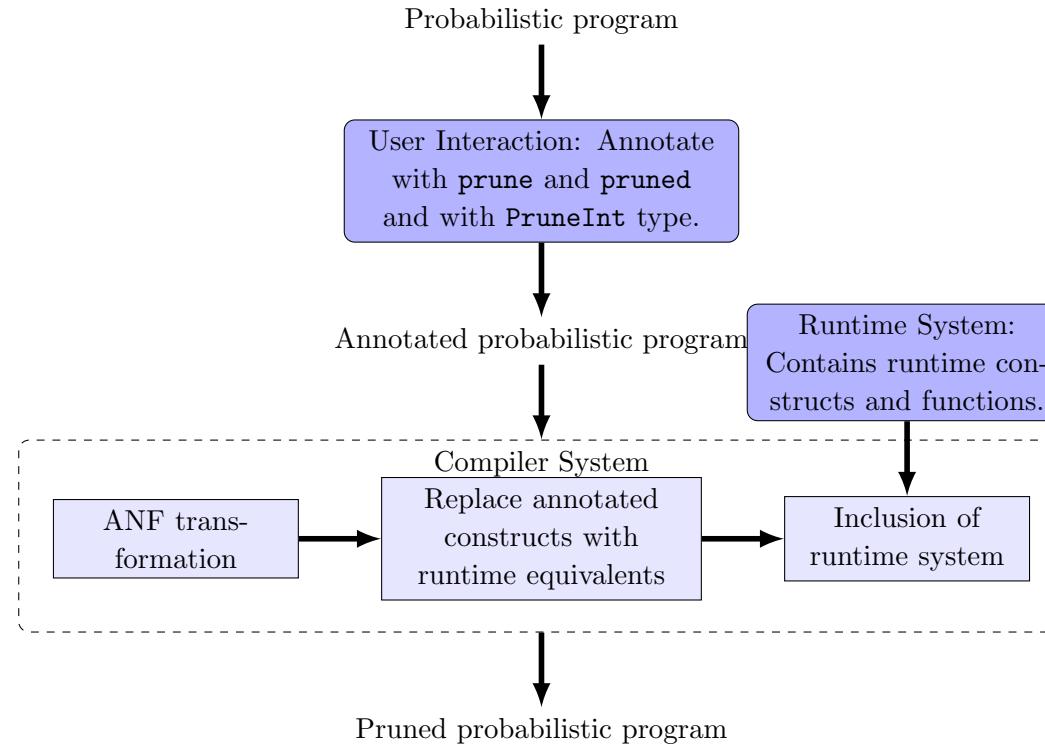


Efficient; however:

- Hardcoded into the model
- Restricted language

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(...)
con Node:{age: Float, seq: [PruneInt], left: Tree, right: Tree} -> Tree
con Leaf:{age: Float, seq: [Int]} -> Tree (...)

recursive let cluster = lam trees. lam maxAge. lam seqLen. (...)

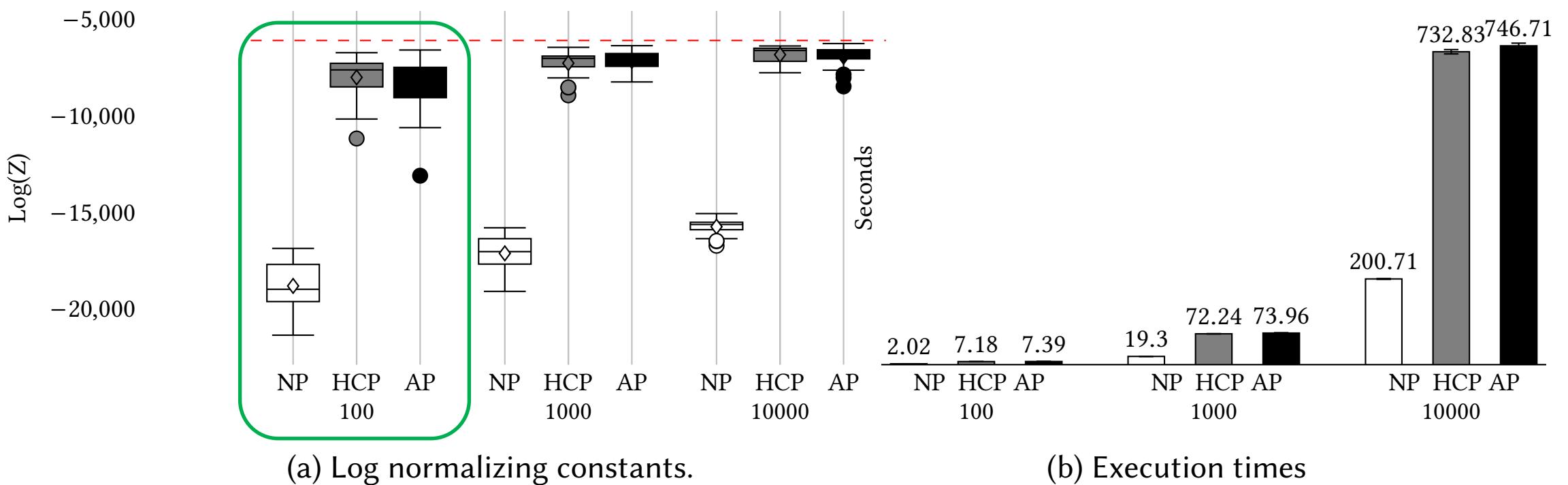
  let t = assume (Exponential 10.0) in
  let age = addf t maxAge in
  let parentSeq = iid (lam p. prune (Categorical p)) [0.25,0.25,0.25,0.25] seqLen in
  iteri (lam i:Int. lam site:PruneInt. iter (lam child.

    let deltaT = (subf age (getAge child)) in
    let p = ctmc (pruned site) deltaT in Where we marginalize out internal nodes
    match child with Node n then
      let s = get n.seq i in
      observe (pruned s) (Categorical p);
      cancel (observe (pruned s) (Categorical [0.25,0.25,0.25,0.25]))
    else match child with Leaf l in
      let s = get l.seq i in
      observe s (Categorical p);
      cancel (observe s (Categorical [0.25,0.25,0.25,0.25]))
  ) [leftChild, rightChild]) parentSeq;
  let parent = Node {age=age, seq=parentSeq, left=leftChild, right=rightChild} in(...)
```

Results

Generalized time reversible model– Primates data

■ No pruning (NP) ■ Hard-coded pruning (HCP) ■ Automated pruning (AP) - - - Baseline (MrBayes)





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