

# SPhyR: Tumor Phylogeny Estimation from Single-Cell Sequencing Data under Loss and Error

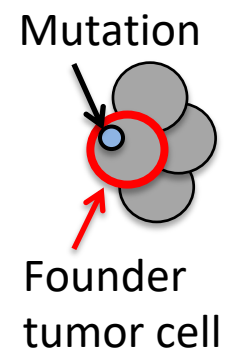
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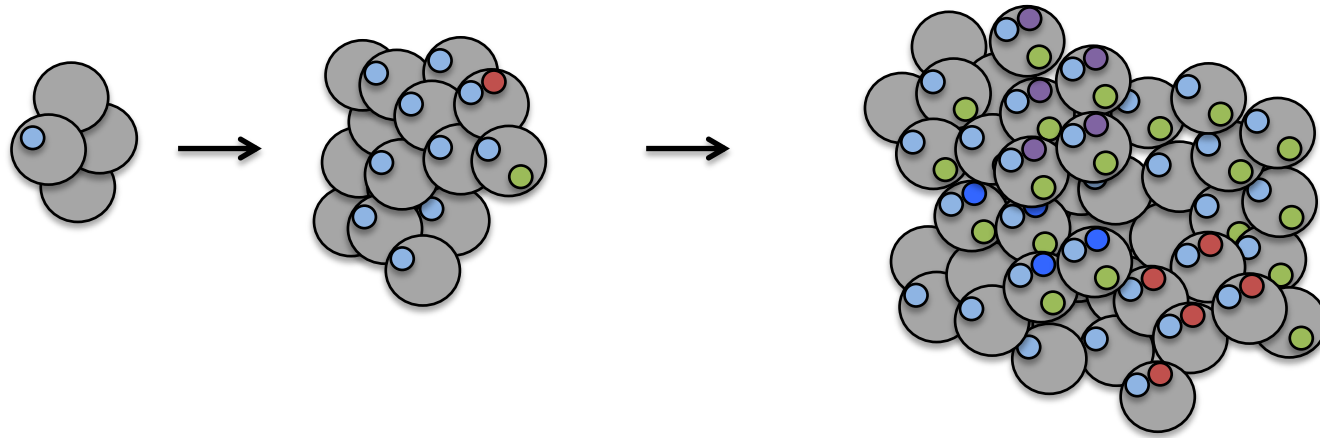
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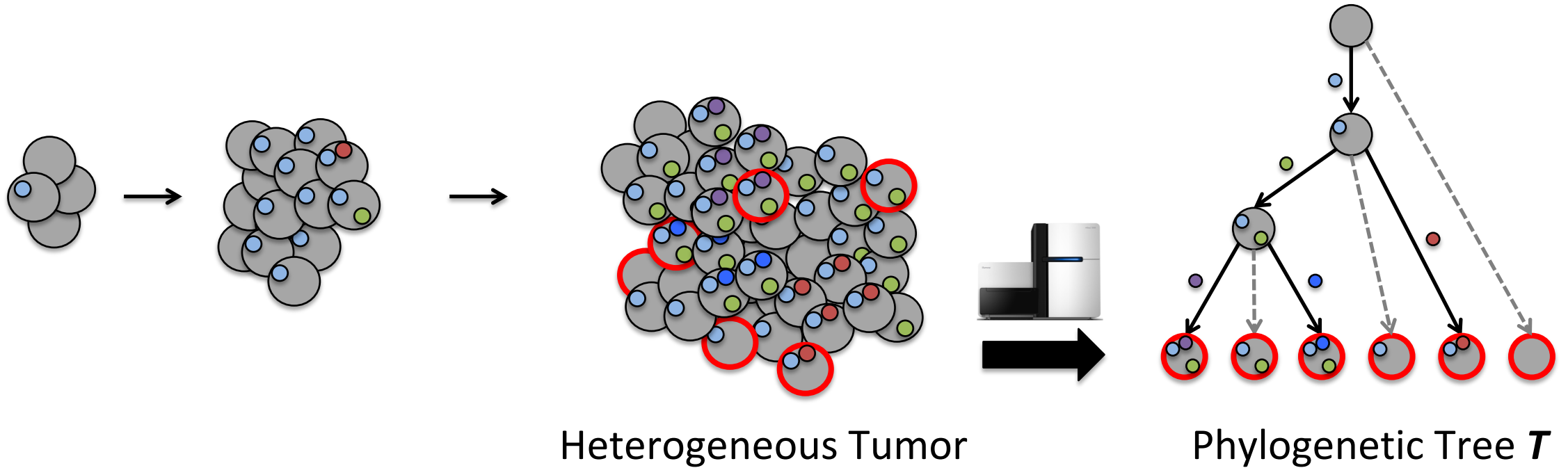
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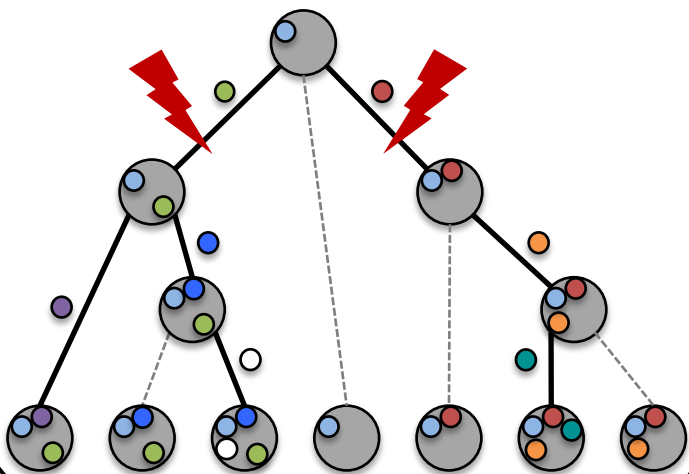
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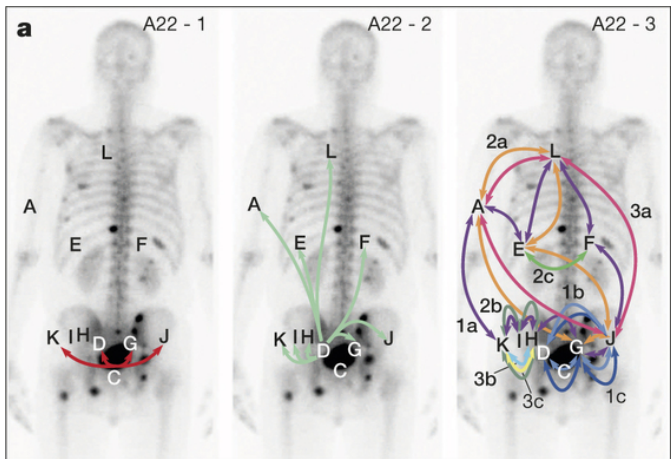


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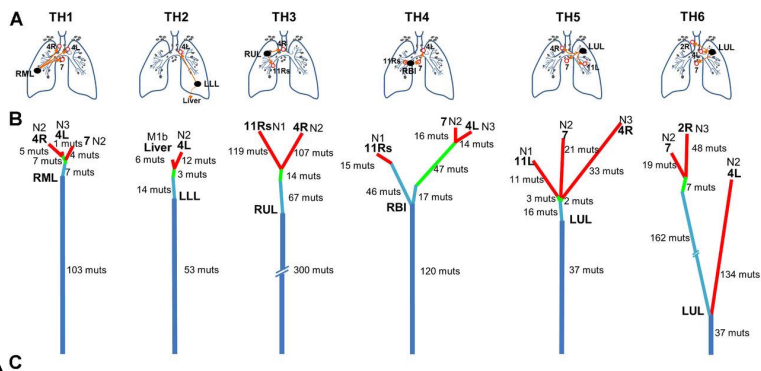
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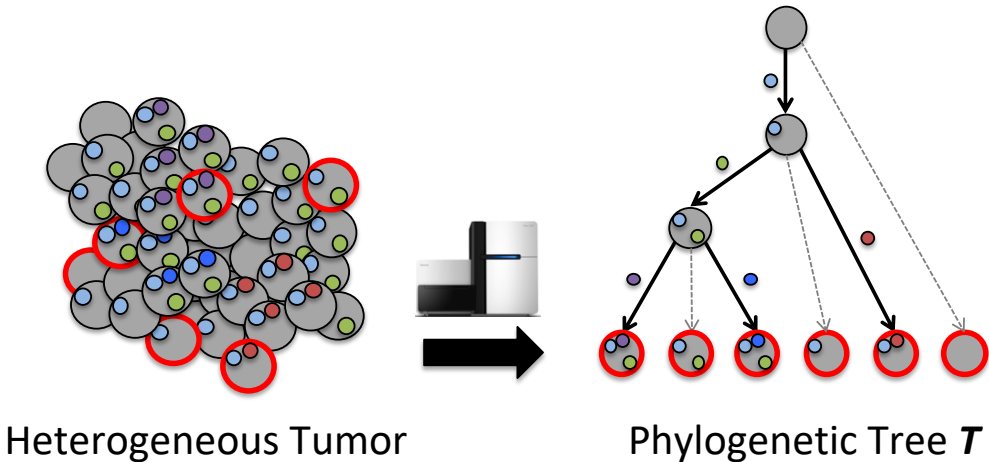
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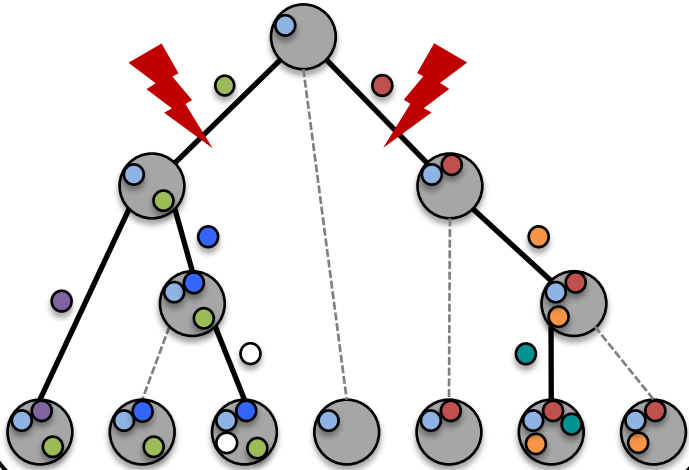


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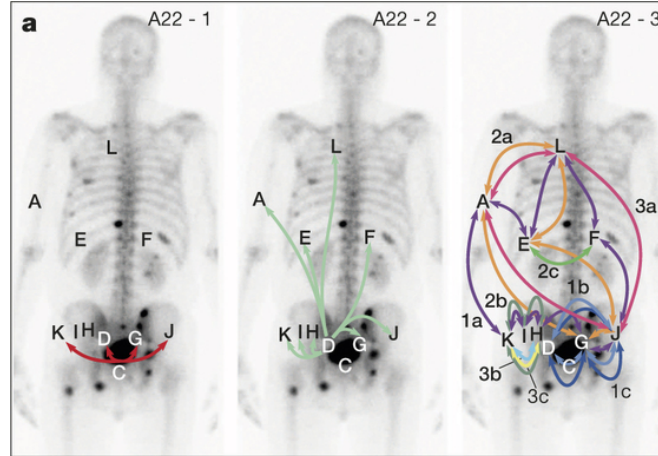
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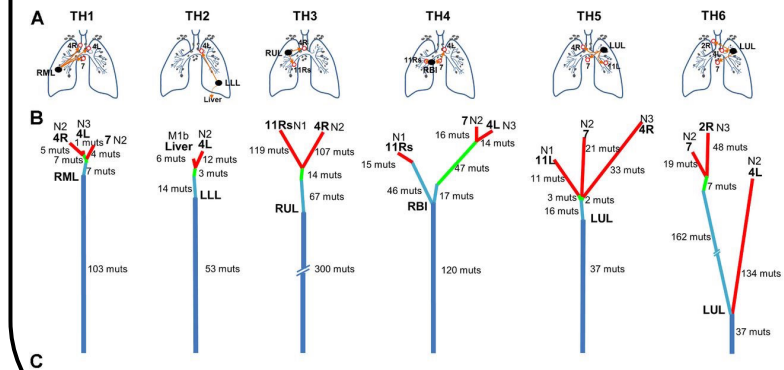
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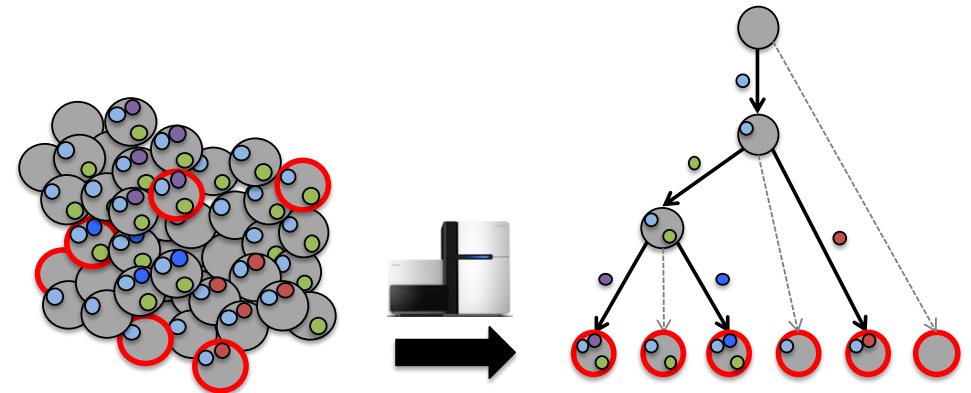
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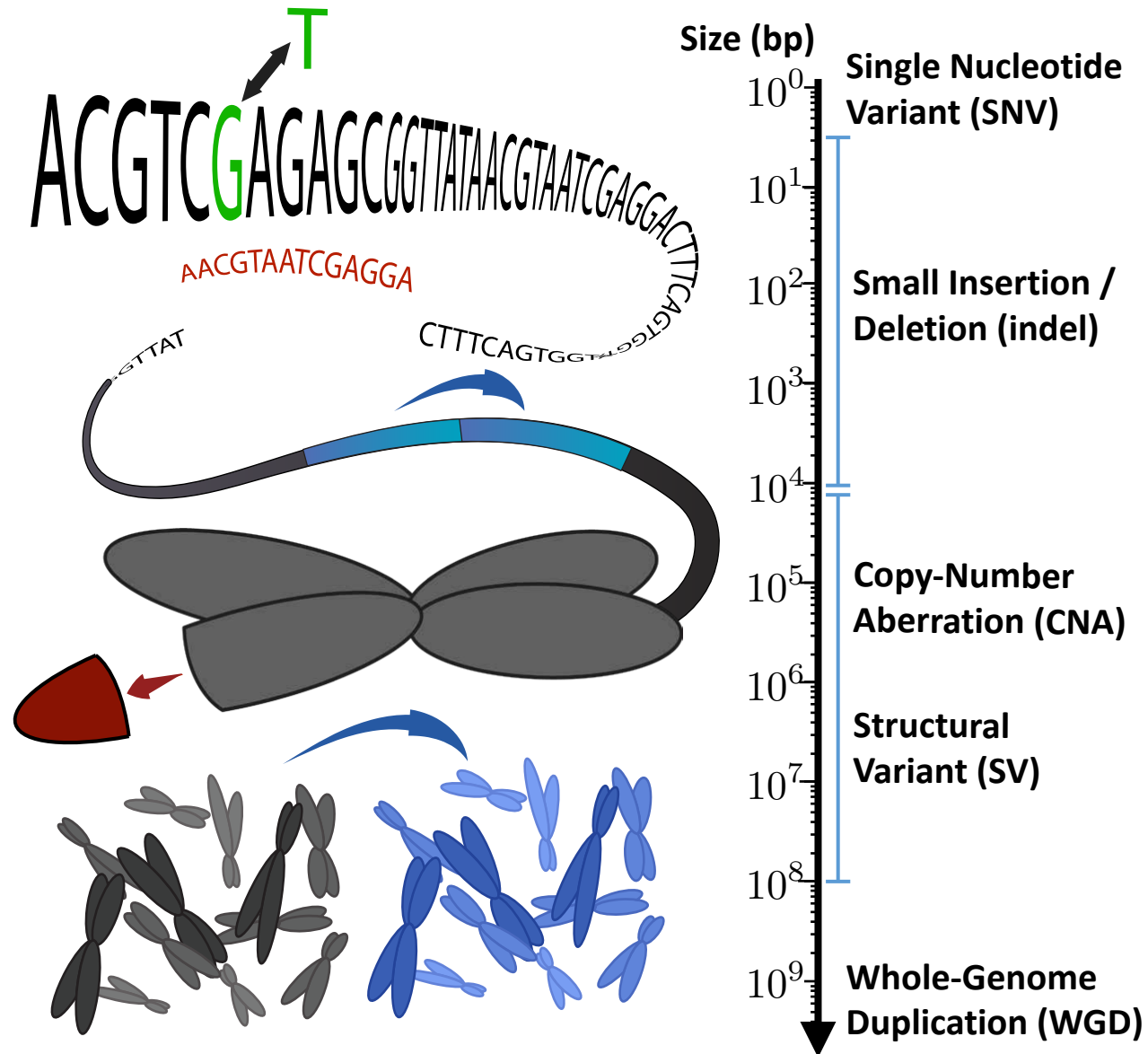
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# Somatic Mutations Occur at Different Genomic Scales



The diagram illustrates the scale of genomic variations on a logarithmic scale from 10<sup>0</sup> to 10<sup>9</sup> base pairs (bp). The variations are categorized as follows:

- Single Nucleotide Variant (SNV):** Represented by a single nucleotide change (e.g., A to G) in a DNA sequence.
- Small Insertion / Deletion (indel):** Represented by a small insertion or deletion in a DNA sequence.
- Copy-Number Aberration (CNA):** Represented by a chromosome with a missing or extra copy of a segment.
- Structural Variant (SV):** Represented by a large deletion or insertion in a chromosome.
- Whole-Genome Duplication (WGD):** Represented by a cell with two complete sets of chromosomes.

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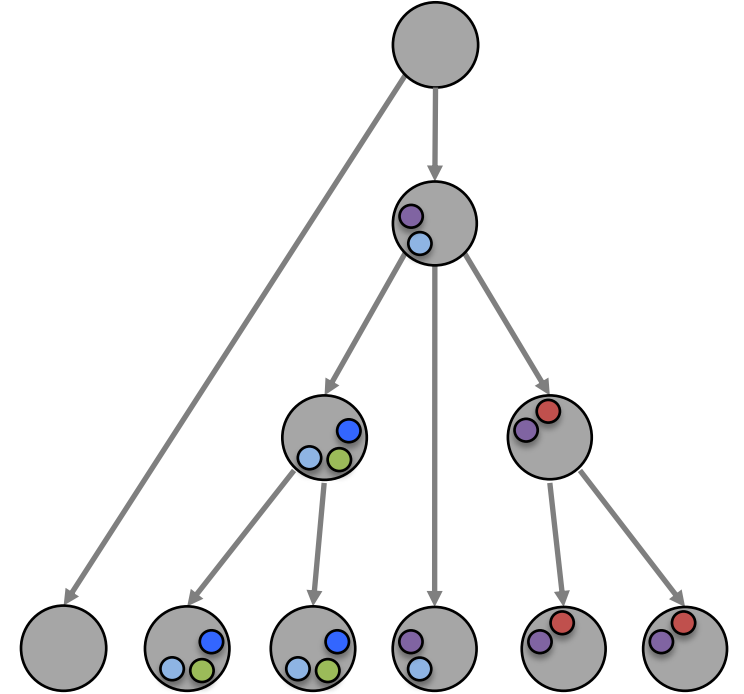
copy number loss

0  
1  
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- No parallel evolution of SNVs
- No loss of SNVs
- SCITE [Jahn et al. 2016]
- OncoNEM [Ross and Markowetz, 2016]

# Outline

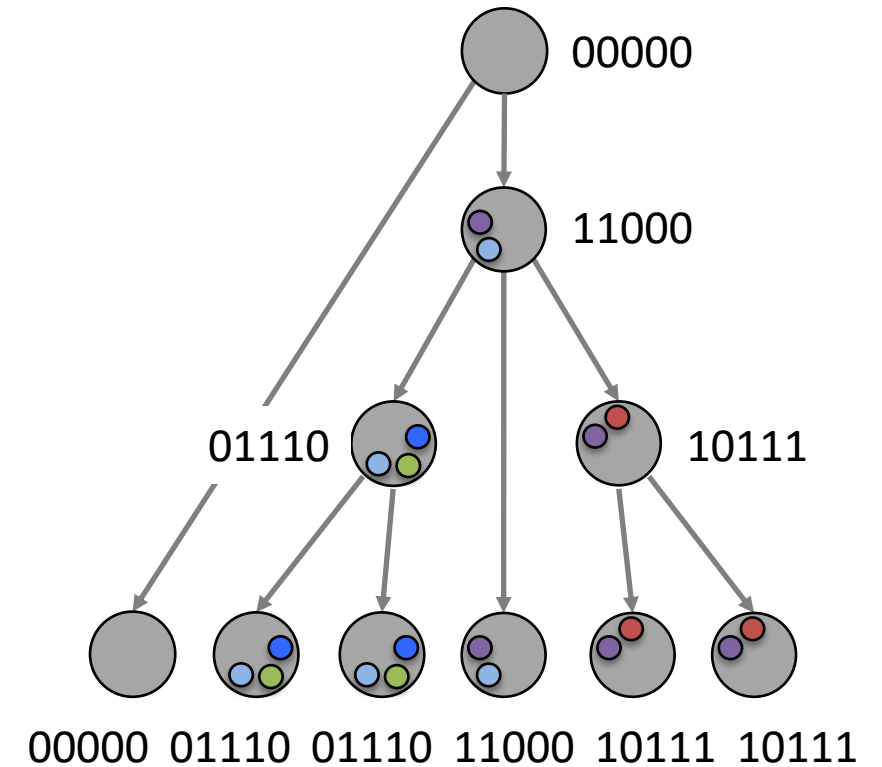
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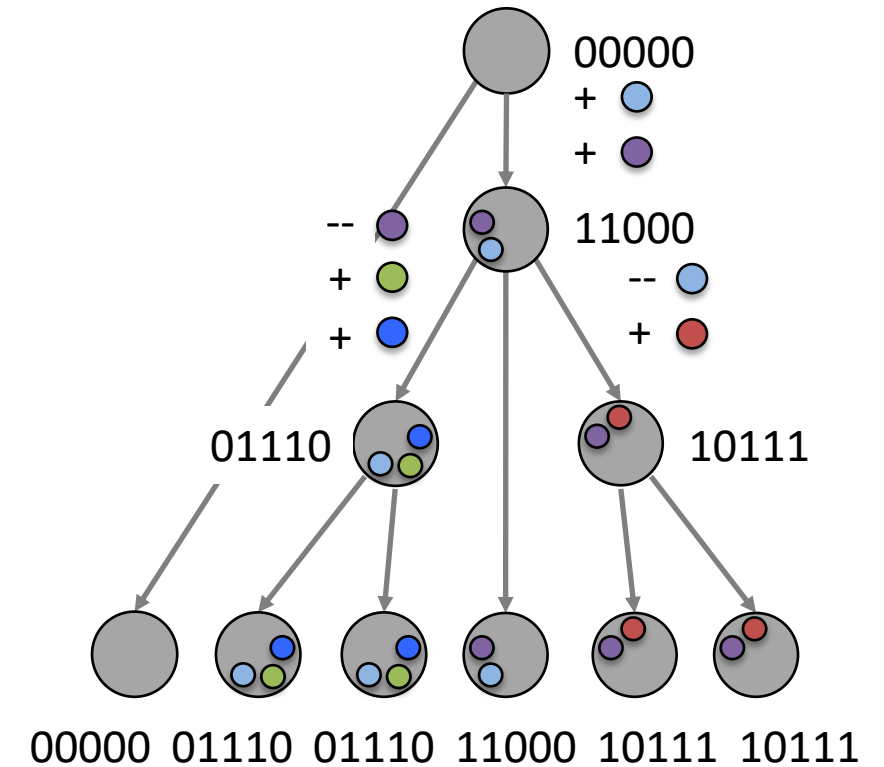
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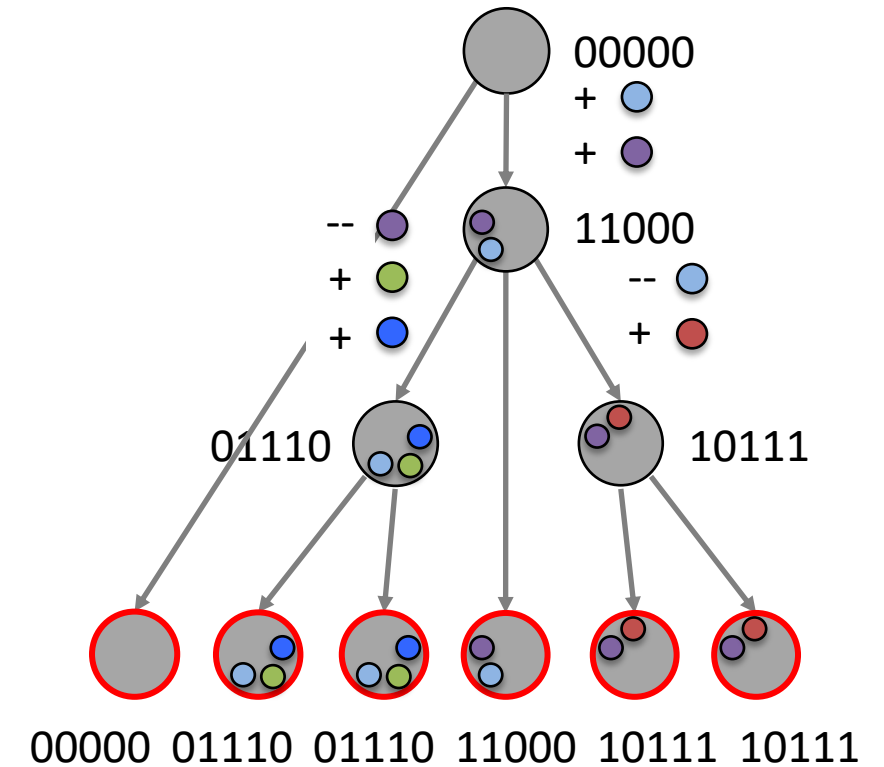




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**$k$ -Dollo Phylogeny problem ( $k$ -DP).** Given a binary matrix  $B \in \{0, 1\}^{m \times n}$  and parameter  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , determine whether there exists a  $k$ -Dollo phylogeny for  $B$ , and if so construct one.

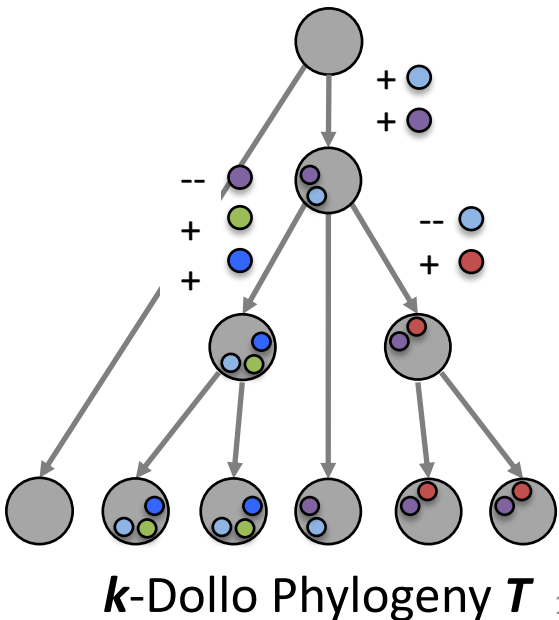
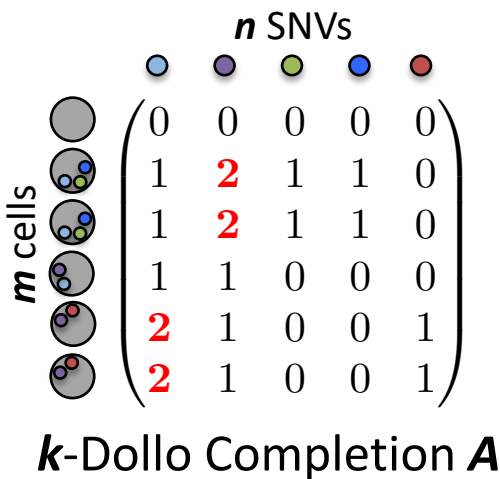
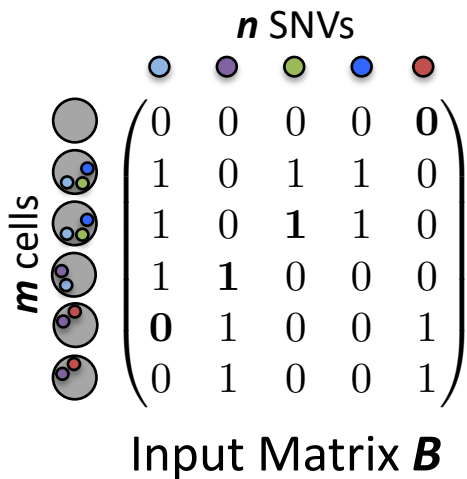
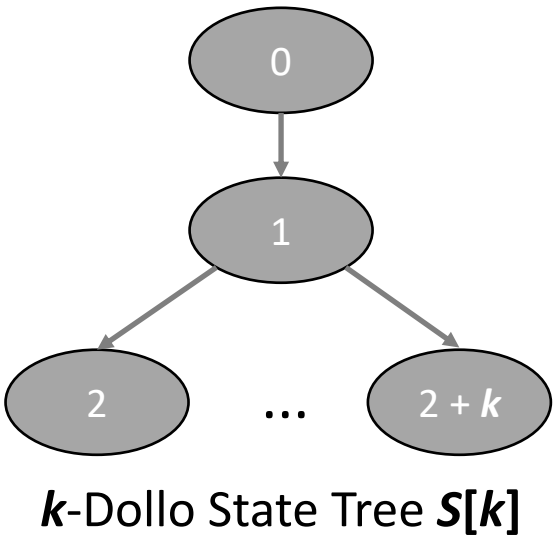
$$B = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{blue} & \text{purple} & \text{green} & \text{blue} & \text{red} \end{matrix} & \\ & \begin{matrix} \text{0} & \text{0} & \text{0} & \text{0} & \text{0} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{red circle} \\ \text{red circle} \\ \text{red circle} \\ \text{red circle} \\ \text{red circle} \\ \text{red circle} \end{matrix} \\ & \begin{matrix} m \text{ cells} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$



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# Forbidden Submatrices in Solutions $A$ to $k$ -DP

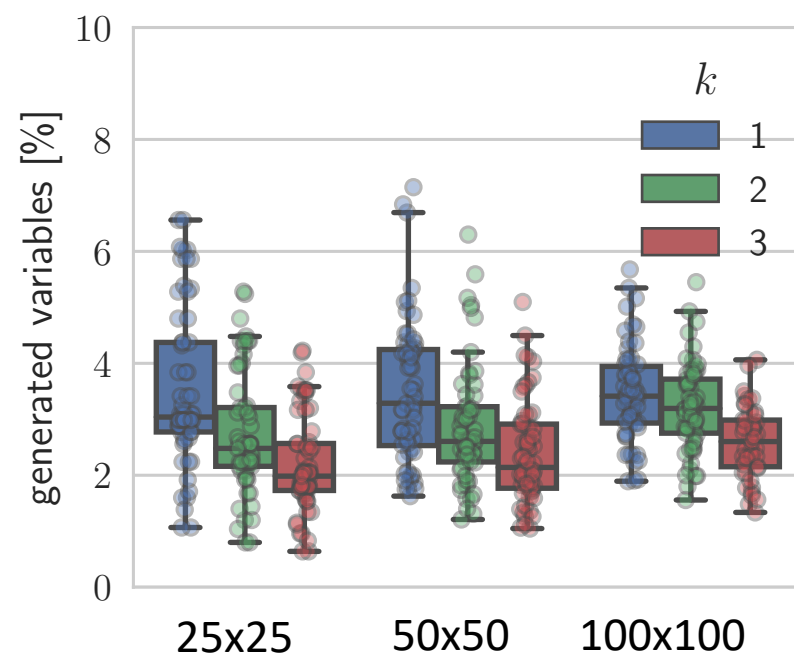
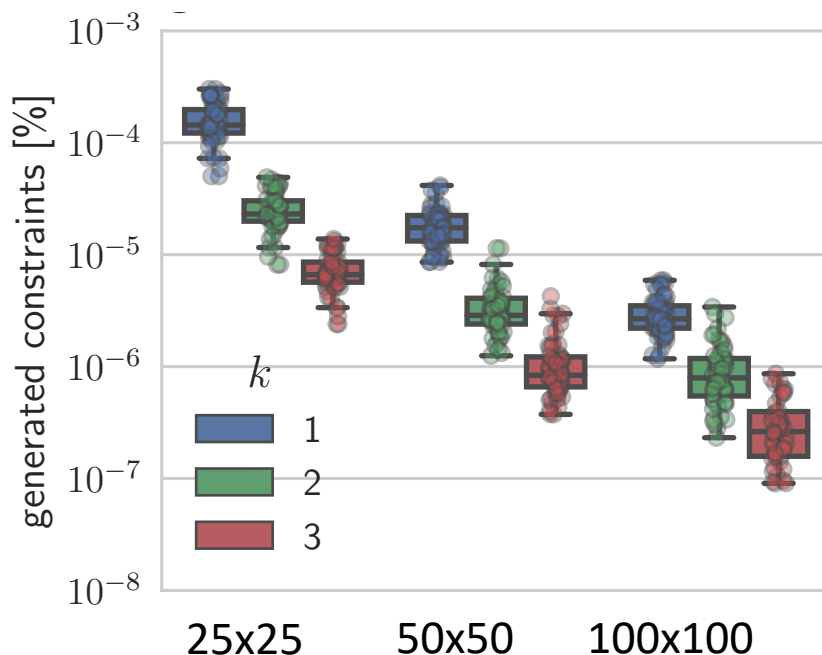
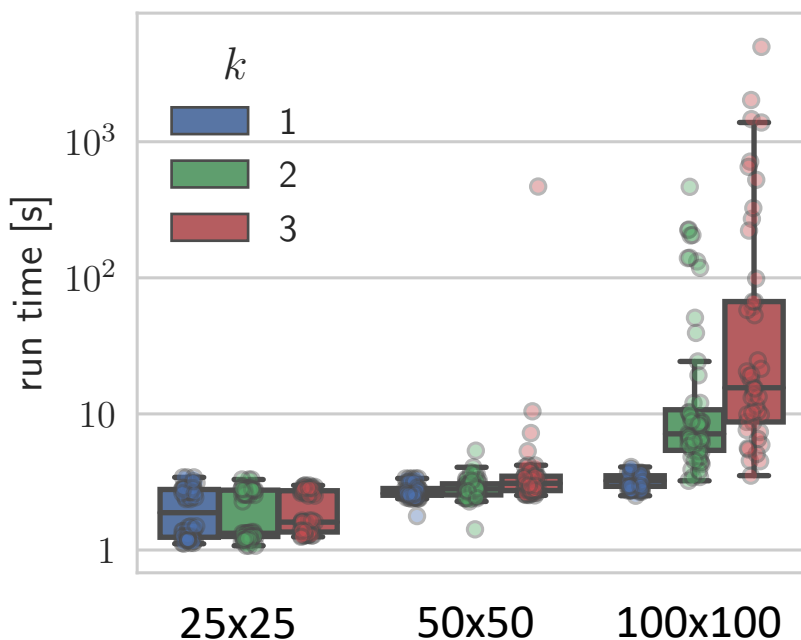
$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 k = 0
 \end{array}
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 \end{array}$$

Number of forbidden submatrices is  $4k^4 + 8k^3 + 8k^2 + 4k + 1$

**Open question:** Hardness of deciding whether  $B$  admits a  $k$ -Dollo completion  $A$

# Results for $k$ -DP

- Naive ILP does not scale and has  $O(mnk)$  variables and  $O(m^3n^2k^4)$  constraints
- Column and cutting plane generation
  - Introduce variables and constraints only when needed
- Simulations with 60 instances for each  $m, n$  and  $k$

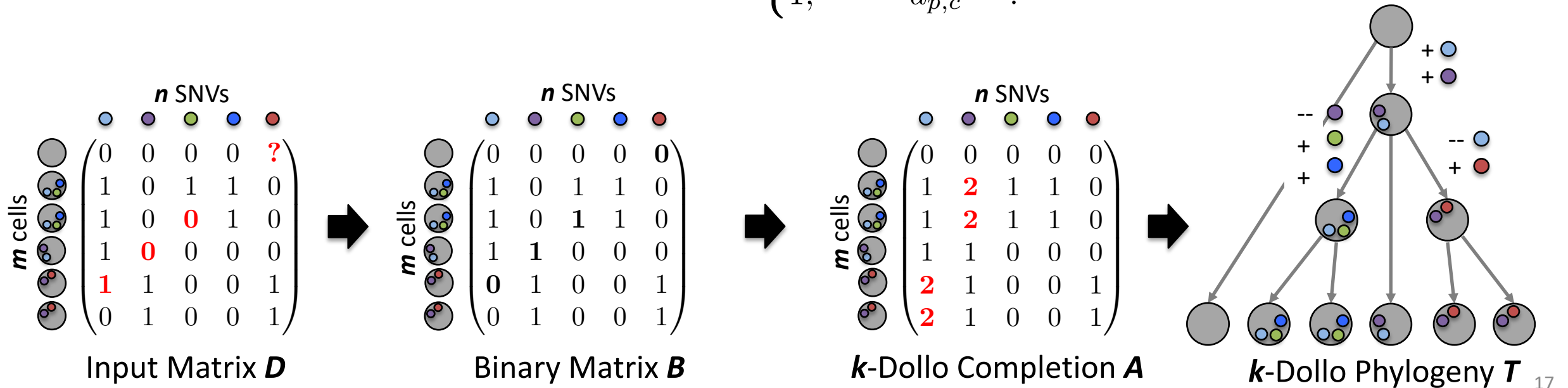


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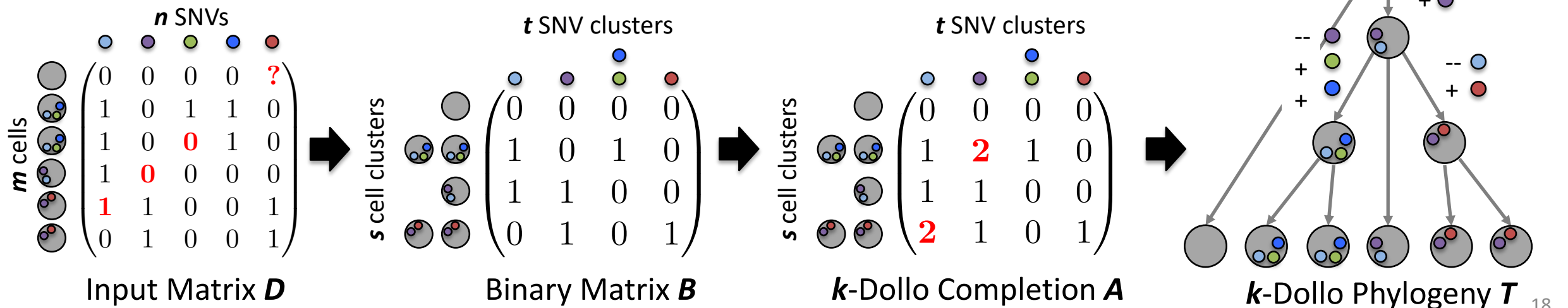
**$k$ -Dollo Phylogeny Flip and Cluster ( $k$ -DPFC) problem.** Given matrix  $D \in \{0, 1, ?\}^{m \times n}$ , error rates  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$ , integers  $k, s, t \in \mathbb{N}$ , find matrix  $B \in \{0, 1\}^{m \times n}$  and tree  $T$  such that: (1)  $B$  has at most  $s$  unique rows and at most  $t$  unique columns; (2)  $\Pr(D \mid B, \alpha, \beta)$  is maximum; and (3)  $T$  is a  $k$ -Dollo phylogeny for  $B$ .

$$\Pr(D \mid B, \alpha, \beta) = \prod_{p=1}^m \prod_{c=1}^n \begin{cases} \alpha, & d_{p,c} = 1 \text{ and } b_{p,c} = 0 \\ 1 - \alpha, & d_{p,c} = 1 \text{ and } b_{p,c} = 1, \\ \beta, & d_{p,c} = 0 \text{ and } b_{p,c} = 1, \\ 1 - \beta, & d_{p,c} = 0 \text{ and } b_{p,c} = 0, \\ 1, & d_{p,c} = ? \end{cases}$$

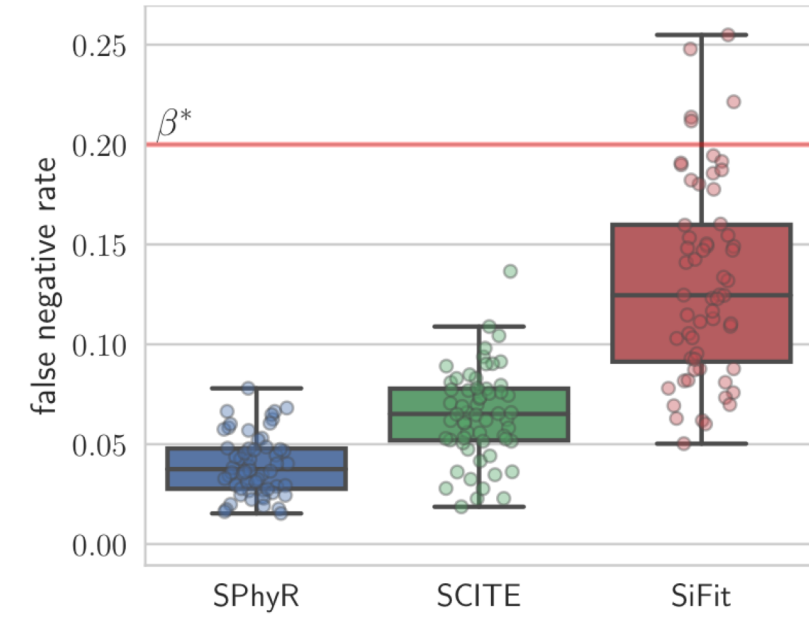
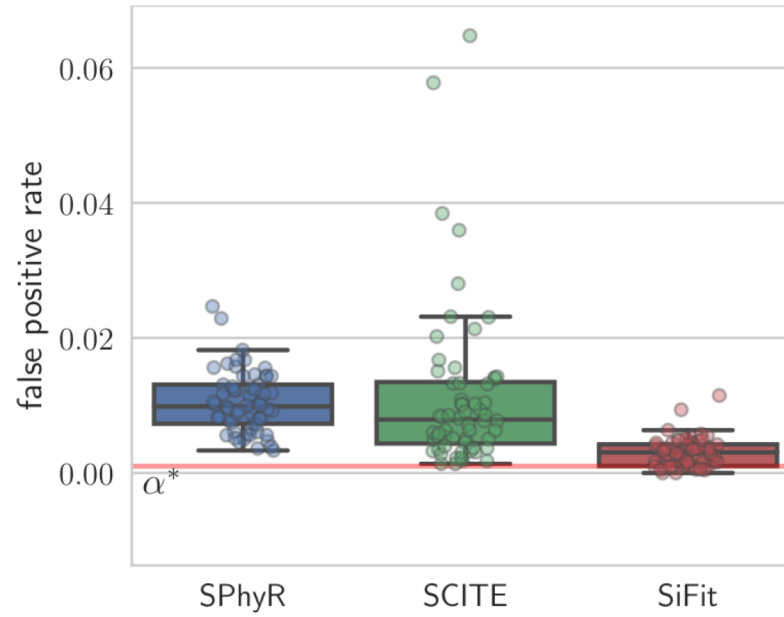
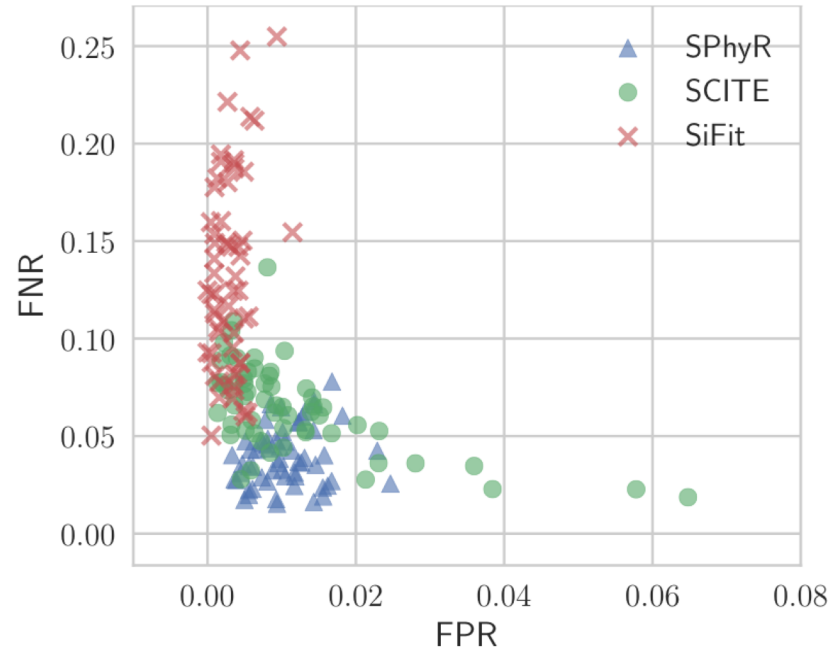


# SPhyR: Single-cell Phylogeny Reconstruction

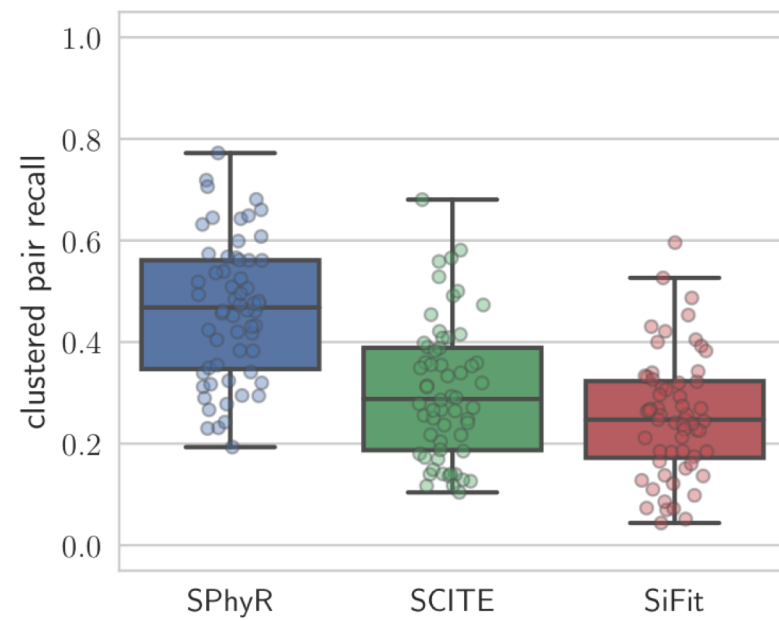
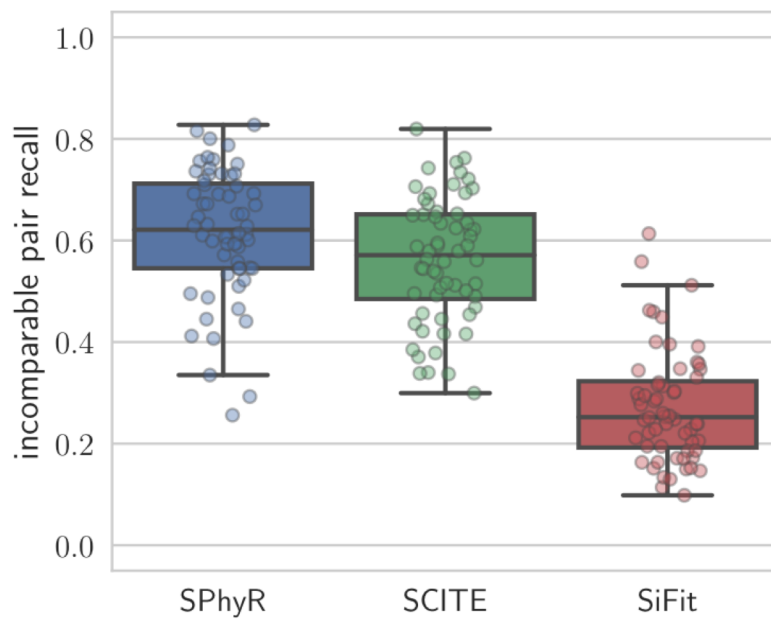
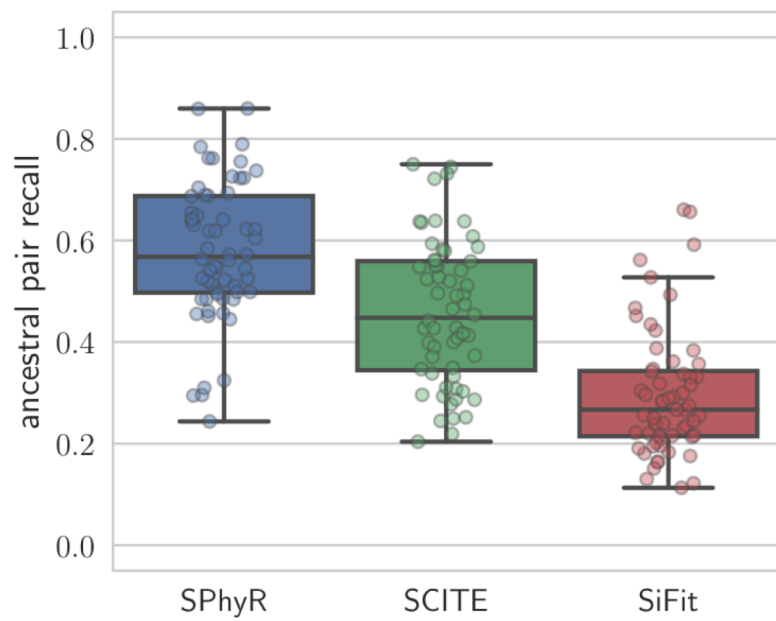
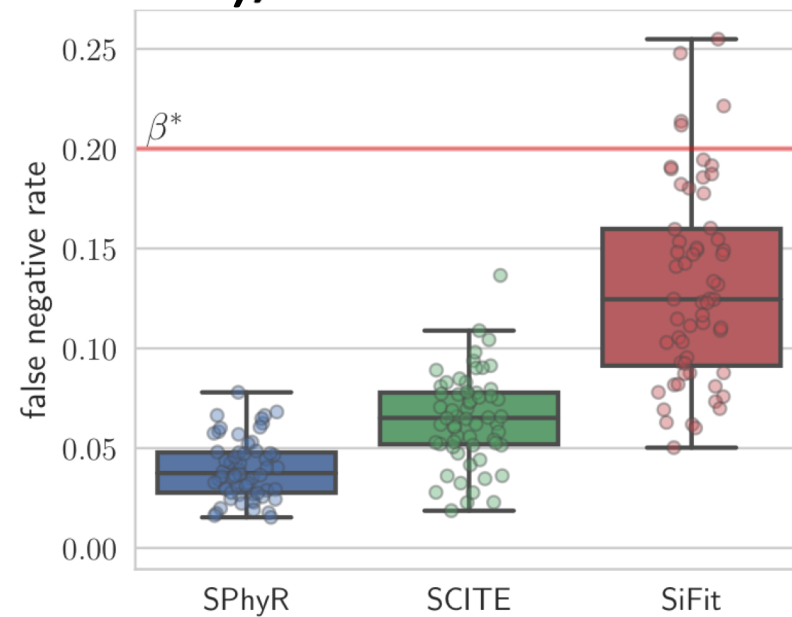
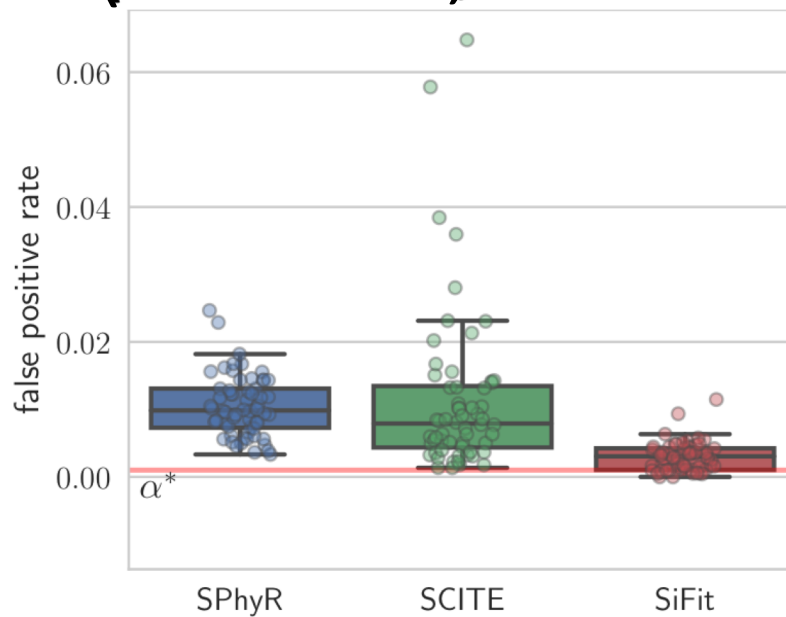
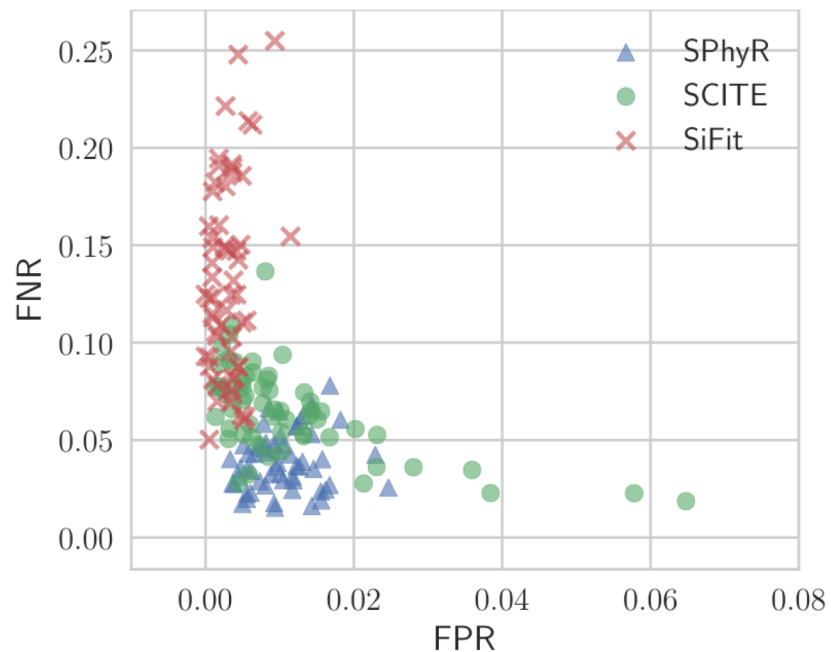
- Coordinate ascent:
  1. k-Means with random seed to obtain cell clustering  $\pi$  and SNV clustering  $\psi$
  2. ILP to obtain maximum likelihood  $k$ -Dollo completion  $\mathbf{A}$  given  $\mathbf{D}$ ,  $\pi$  and  $\psi$
  3. Identify maximum likelihood  $\pi$  given  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\psi$
  4. Identify maximum likelihood  $\psi$  given  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\pi$
  5. Repeat until convergence
- Available on Github: <https://github.com/elkebir-group/SPhyR>



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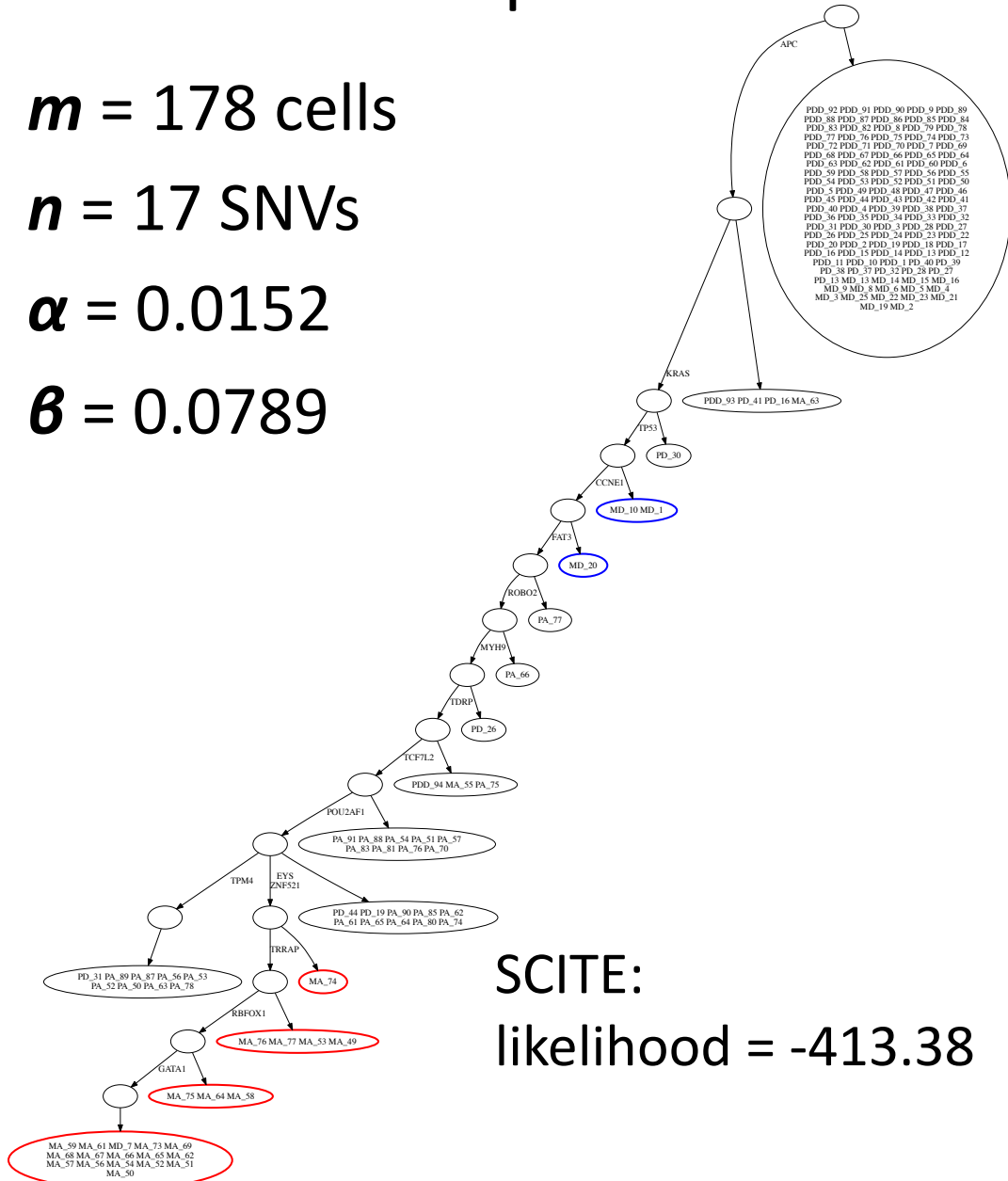




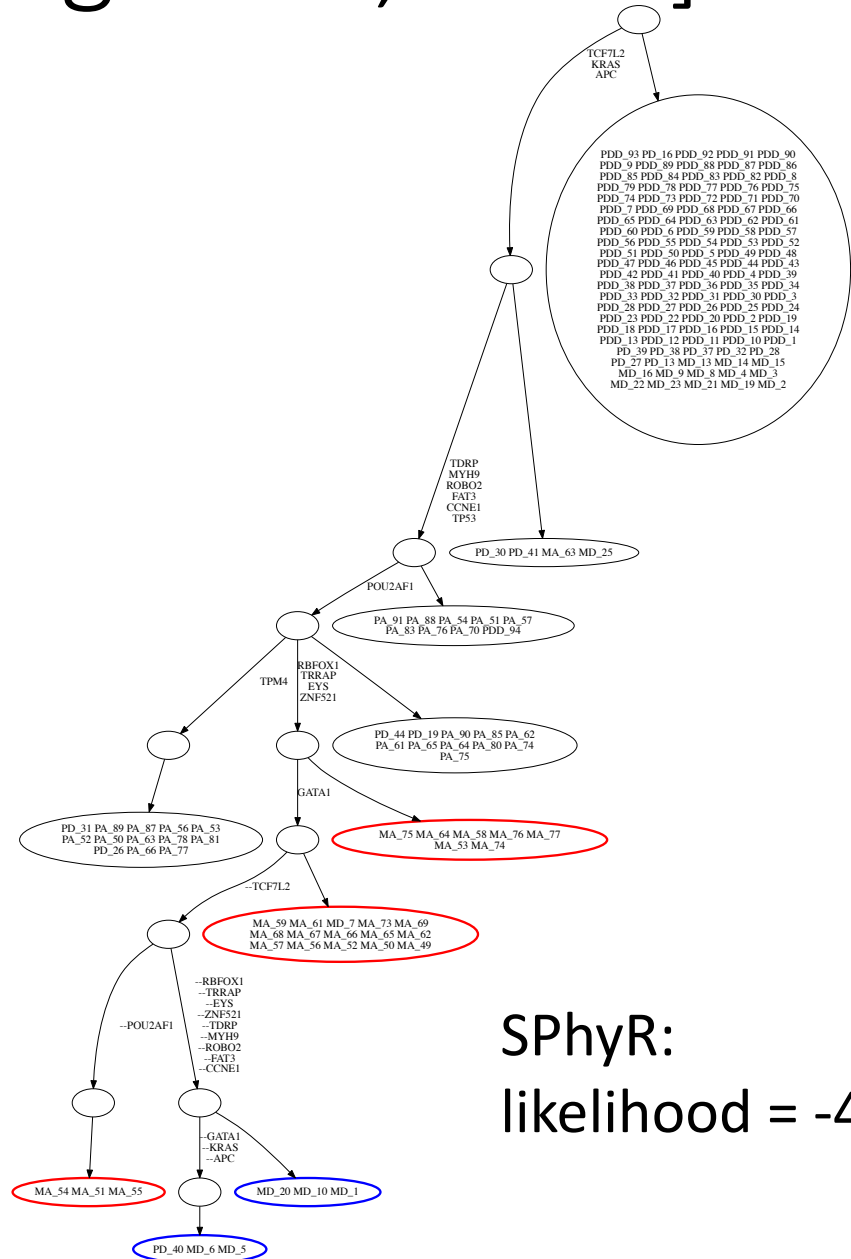
# Colorectal patient CRC1 [Leung et al., 2017]

***m* = 178 cells**

**$n = 17$  SNVs**

$$\alpha = 0.0152$$
$$\theta = 0.0789$$


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likelihood = -413.38



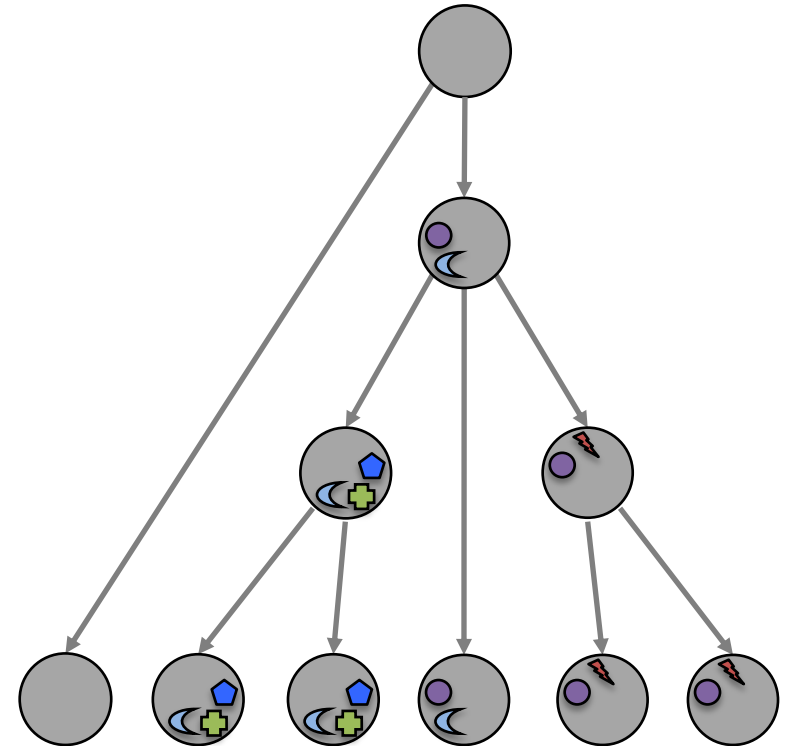
SPhyR:  
likelihood = -450.70

# Conclusions

- $k$ -Dollo parsimony model strikes a balance between realistic and yet sufficiently constrained
- Solutions are integer matrix completions
- SPhyR outperformed existing methods

## Future work:

- Include  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  into optimization
- Model selection for  $s$ ,  $t$  and  $k$
- Hardness is open



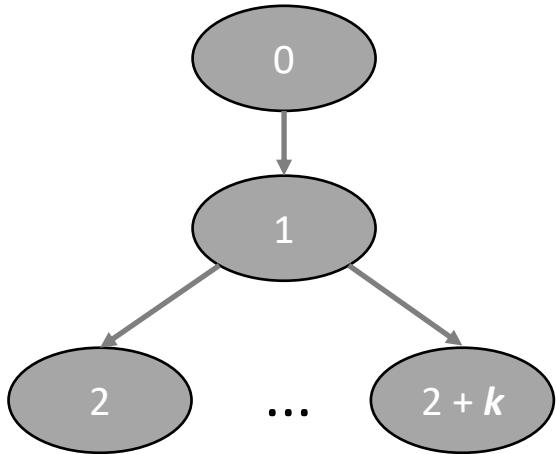
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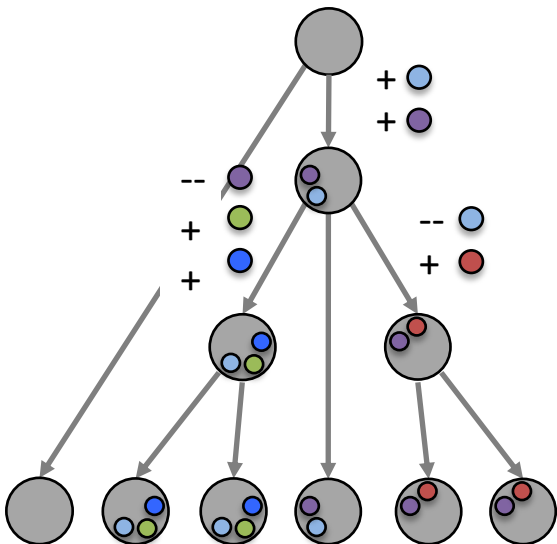
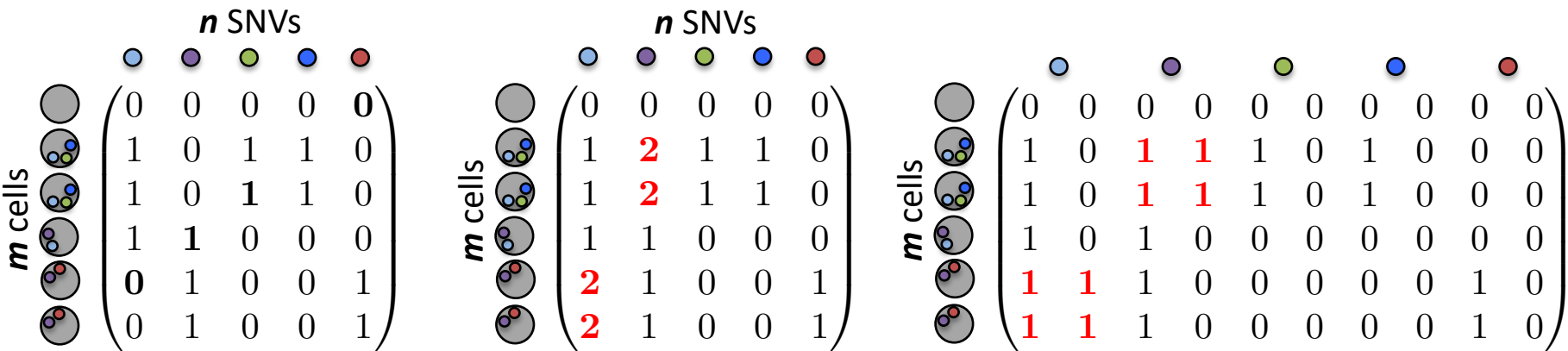
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$k$ -Dollo State Tree  $\mathcal{S}[k]$



$k$ -Dollo Phylogeny  $T$  25

