Quantitative Tools for Assessing the Correlated Evolution of Genes and Phenotypes: Application to Birds' Color Patterns (Q-T-Birds) Viktor Senderov, Amaury Lambert, Marie Manceau, Carole Desmarquet, Caitlyn Jean-Baptiste, Ingrid Lafontaine, Hélène Morlon



# We use probabilistic programming languages (PPLs) to uncover the phylogenomic basis of bird color pattern complexity





#### Each bird species follows a general schema for pattern formation



• Model comparison • Inference of unobserved parameters • Sampling

### Universal PPLs offer a holistic approach to statistical modeling



In the QT-Birds model we assume three rates ( $\lambda$  - phenotype change,  $\mu$  - molecular change,  $\nu$  - simultaneous change) to be unknown. We infer the rates using phenotypic, genomic, and phylogenetic data. We have a discrete phenotypic character and a genomic locus of length N.

Algorithm sketch Q - rate matrices; P - prob. matrices Branch of length t Evolve each nucleotide *i*:  $u \leftarrow \frac{-}{N}$  $n_i \sim \text{Poisson}(u\nu t)$  $P_{\mu}(t) = P_{\mu}^{n_i} \exp(\mu t Q_{\mu})$ Evolve phenotype:

 $n_s \leftarrow \Sigma_{i=1}^N n_i$  $P_{\lambda}(t) = P_{\lambda}^{n_s} \exp(Q_{\lambda} \lambda t)$ 



#### var data =

[false, false, true, false, false, true, true, false, true]

var model = function() { var  $p = sample(Beta(\{a: 1, b: 1\}))$ 

map(function(d) { observe(Bernoulli({p: p}), d) }, data)

return p

var dist = Infer({method: 'SMC', model: model, particles: 1000}) dist



#### Proposed coevolution model

#### Is this a fair coin?



Data simulated under the QT-Birds model under a regime of independent evolution and correlated evolution forms different patterns.

Inferring back the evolutionary rates correctly recovers high v,  $\mu$ , low  $\lambda$  for correlated low evolution, and low v, high  $\mu$ , high  $\lambda$  for independent evolution.

Simplicity Designed to meet the needs of computational biologists

Phylogenetic Data Supports natively the PhyJSON format for evolutoinary trees

Offers state-of-the art diversification models as templates

Powerful Statistical Inference Sequential Monte-Carlo (SMC) and Markov-chain Monte-Carlo (MCMC) inference

#### Experiments on simulated data

## **TreePPL** - a Probabilistic Programming Language for Statistical Phylogenetics



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To learn more about QT-Birds and TreePPL Find us online or talk to to me during the conference or see my talk: Thursday, July 27th, 15:40-16:00, Pasteur Auditorium



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