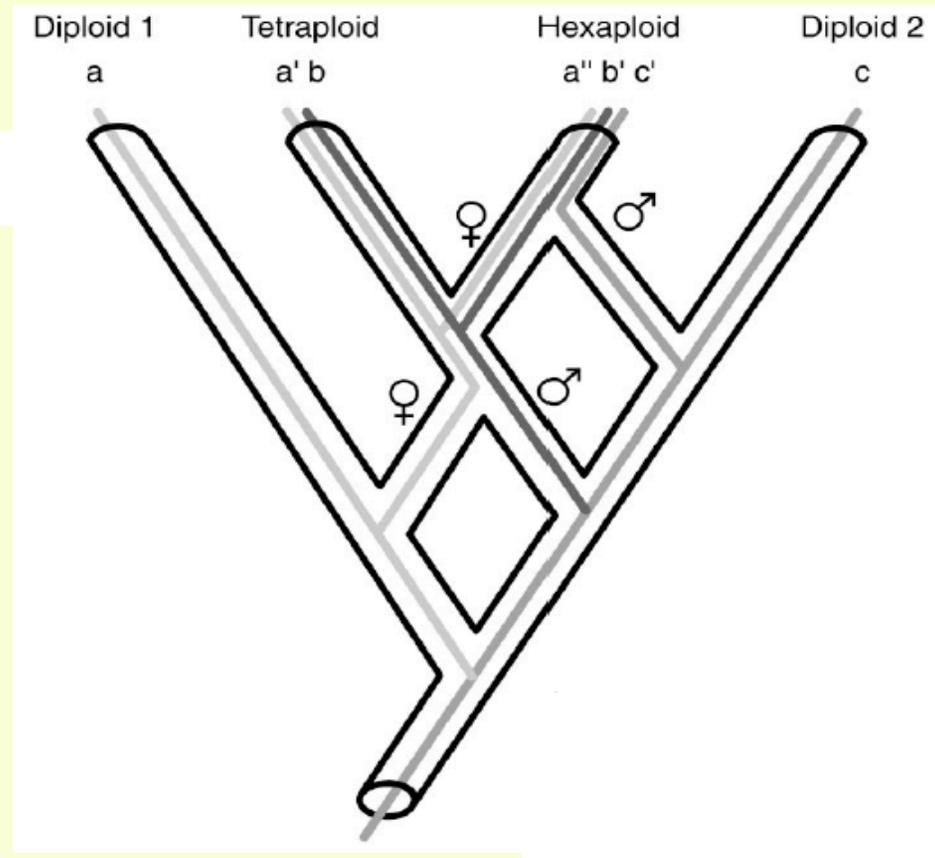


# The complexity of deriving multi-trees from sets of bipartitions

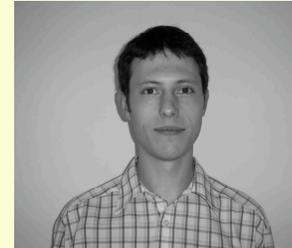


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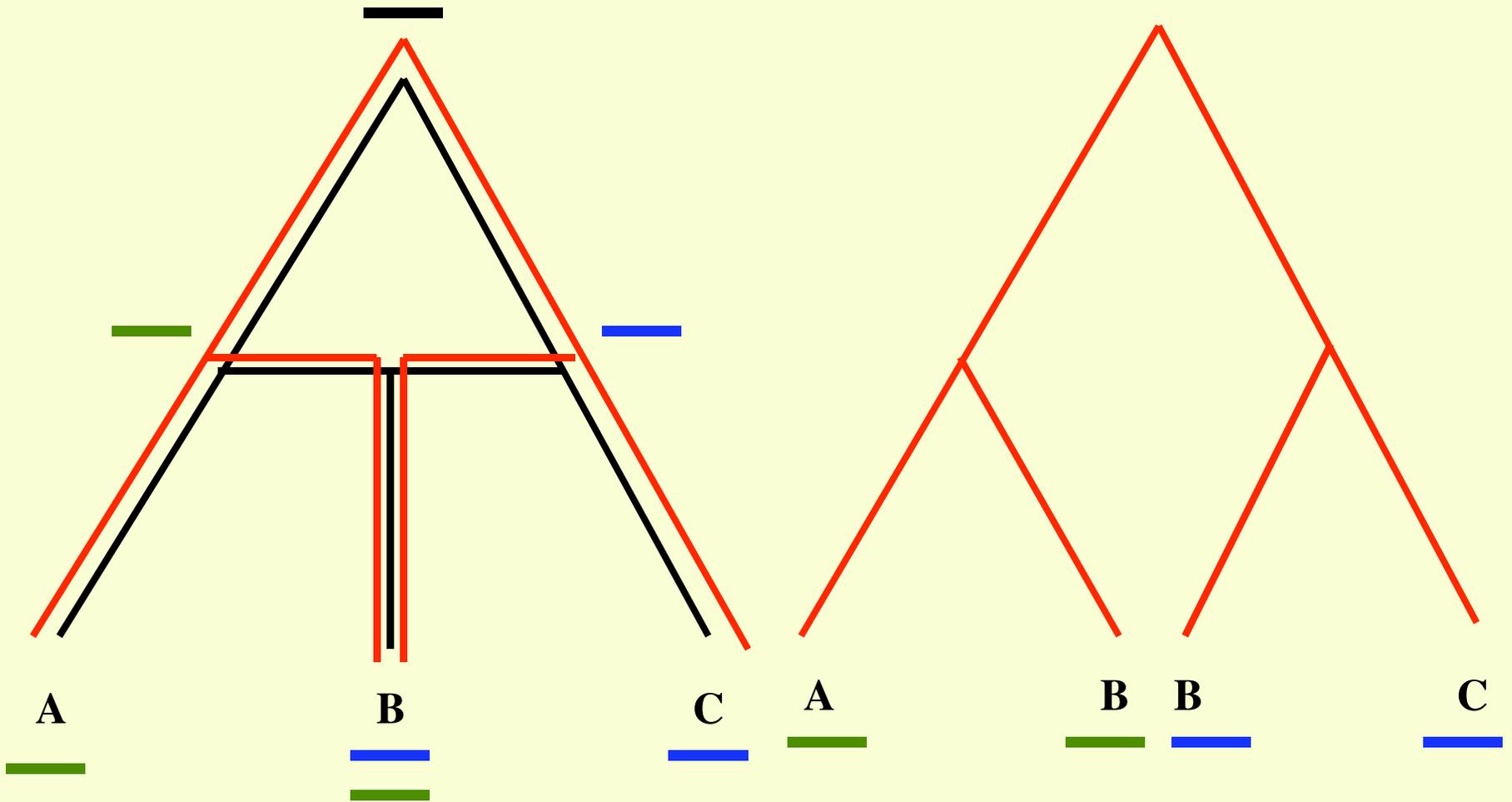


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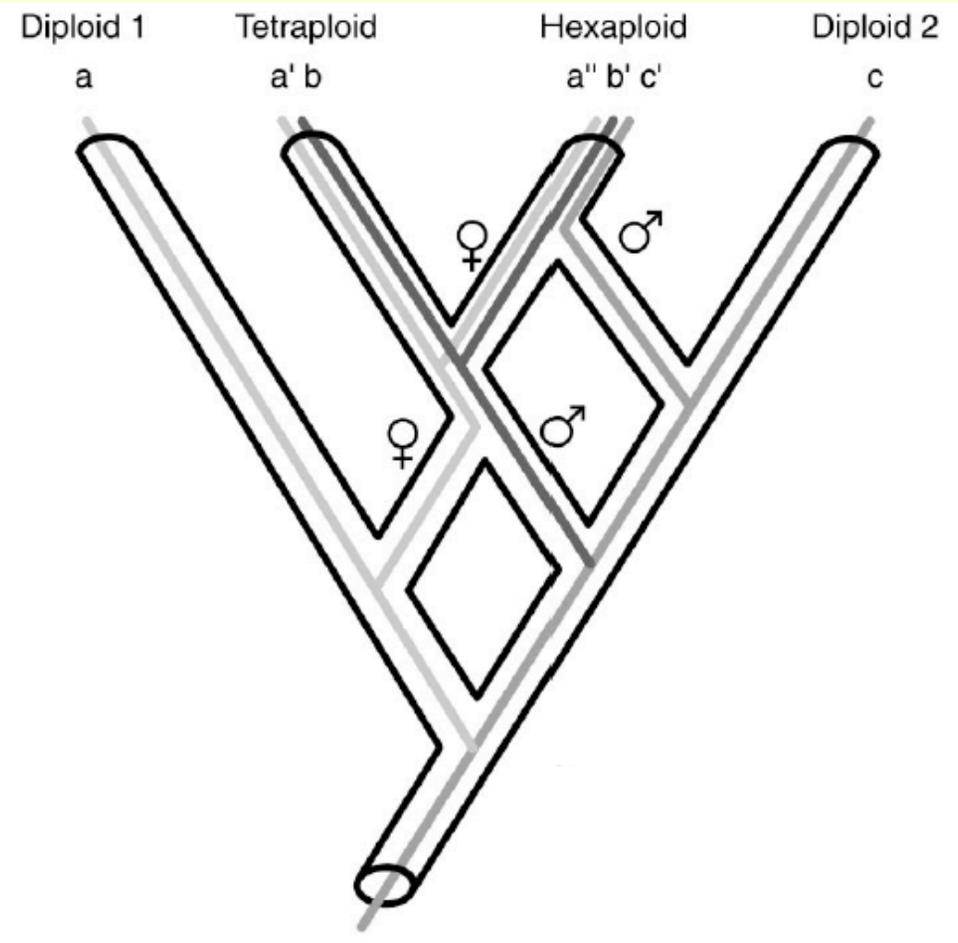
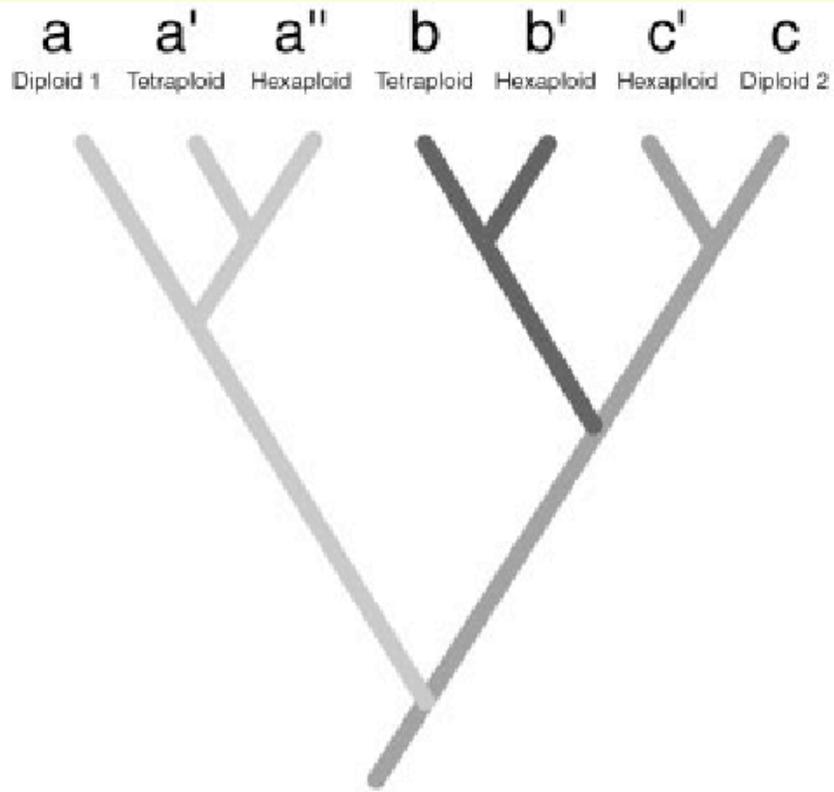
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# Modelling polyploidy (multi-trees from networks)

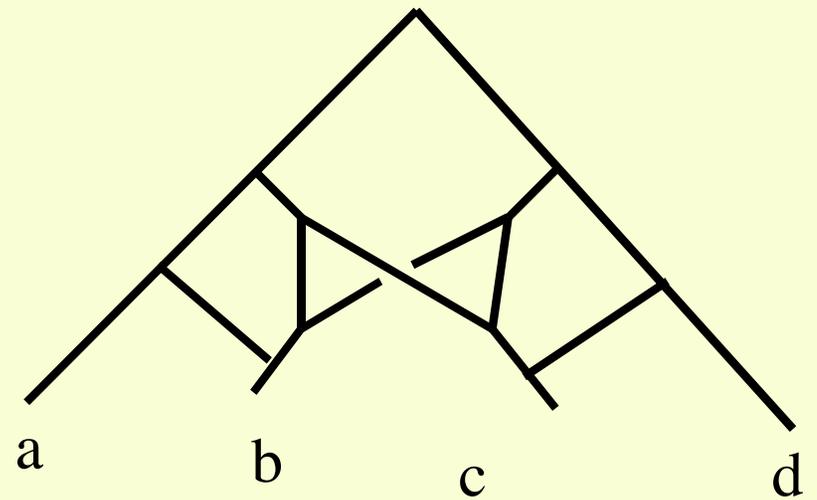
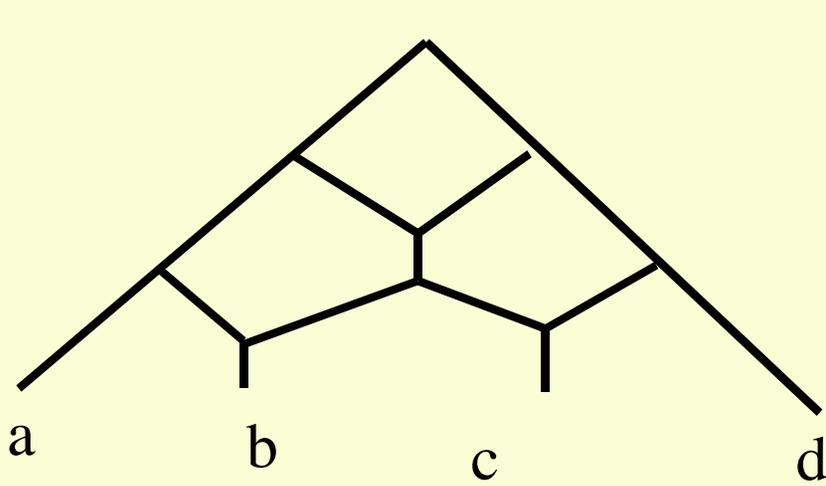
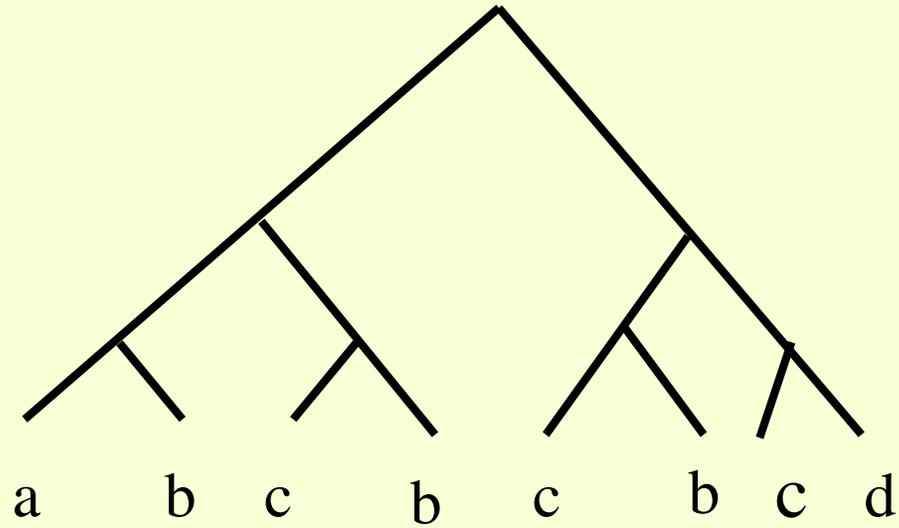


# Networks from multi-trees?



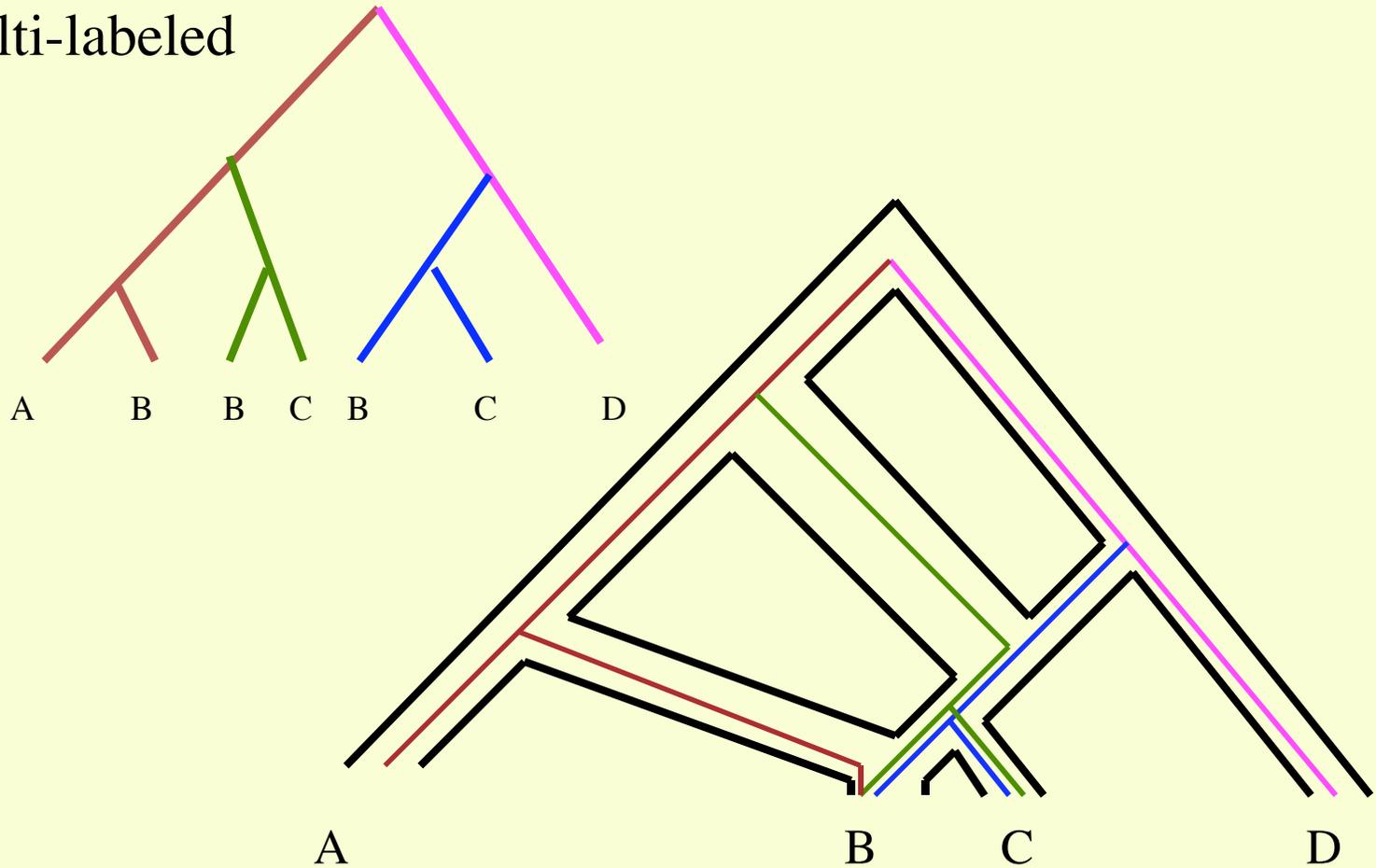
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# Multiple possibilities



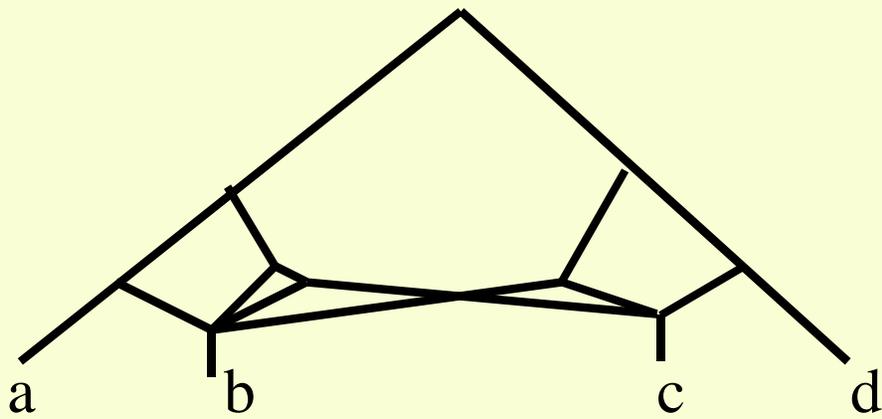
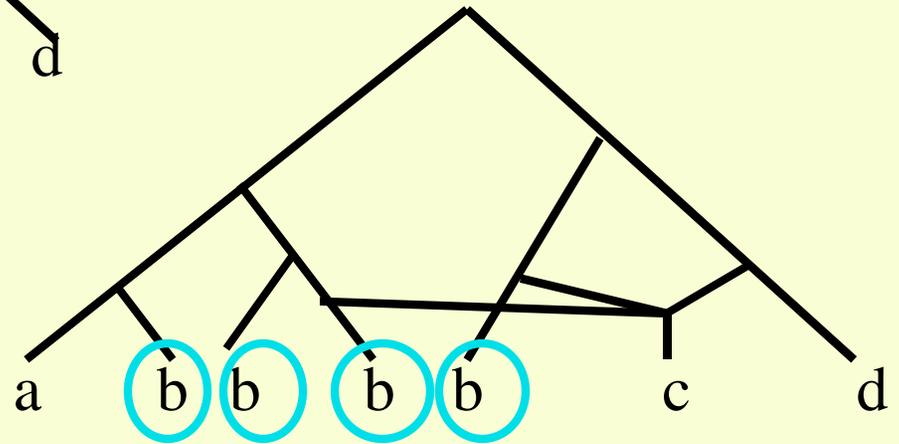
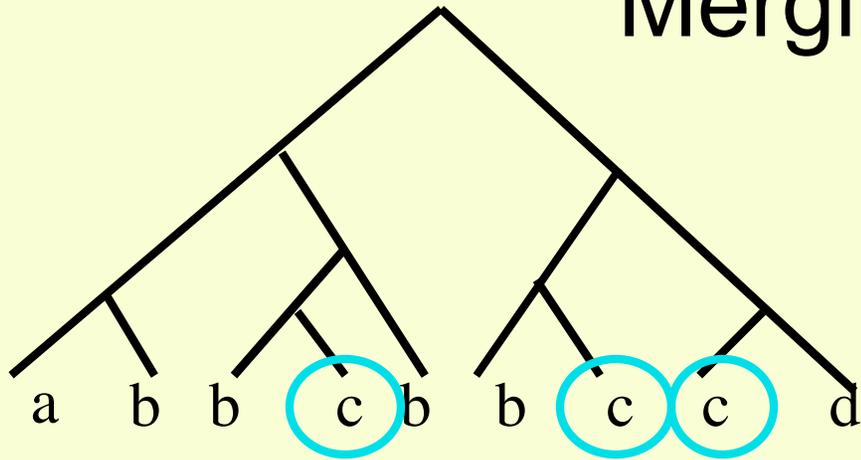
# Aim

Given a multi-labeled  
tree  $T$  ....



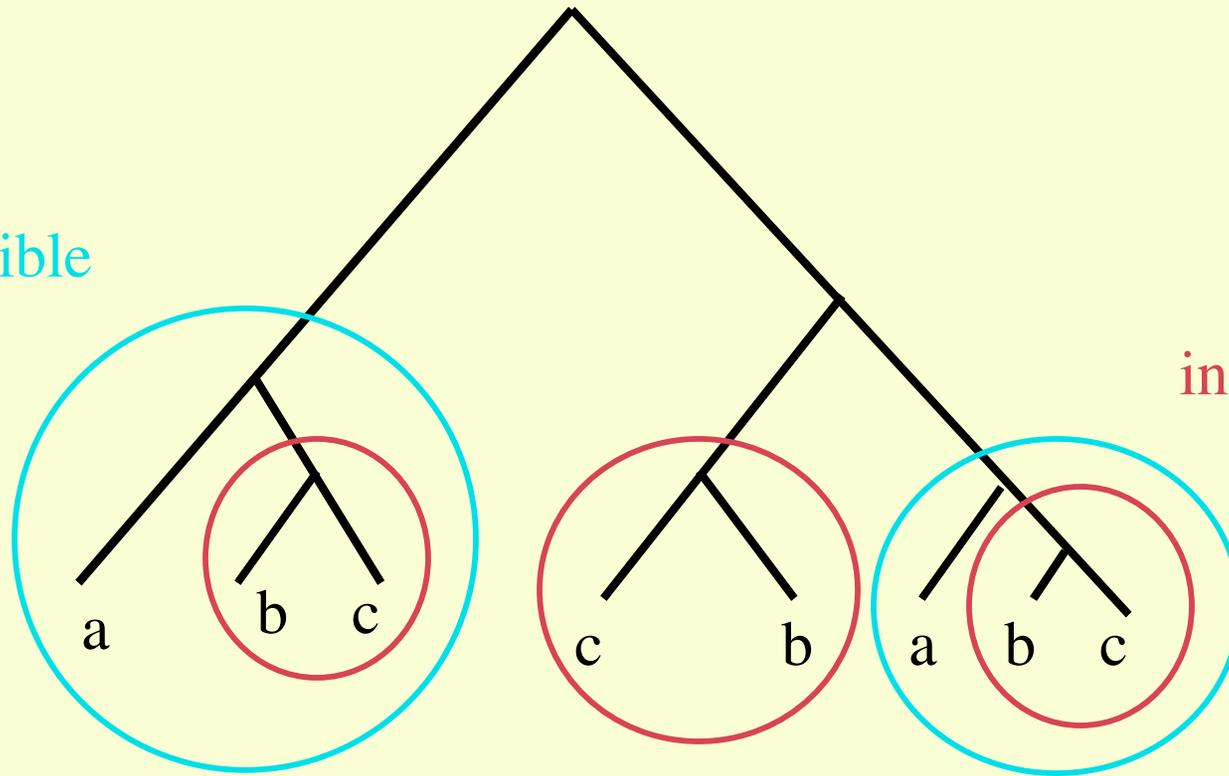
.... construct a “most parsimonious”  
reticulate network displaying  $T$

# Merging leaves



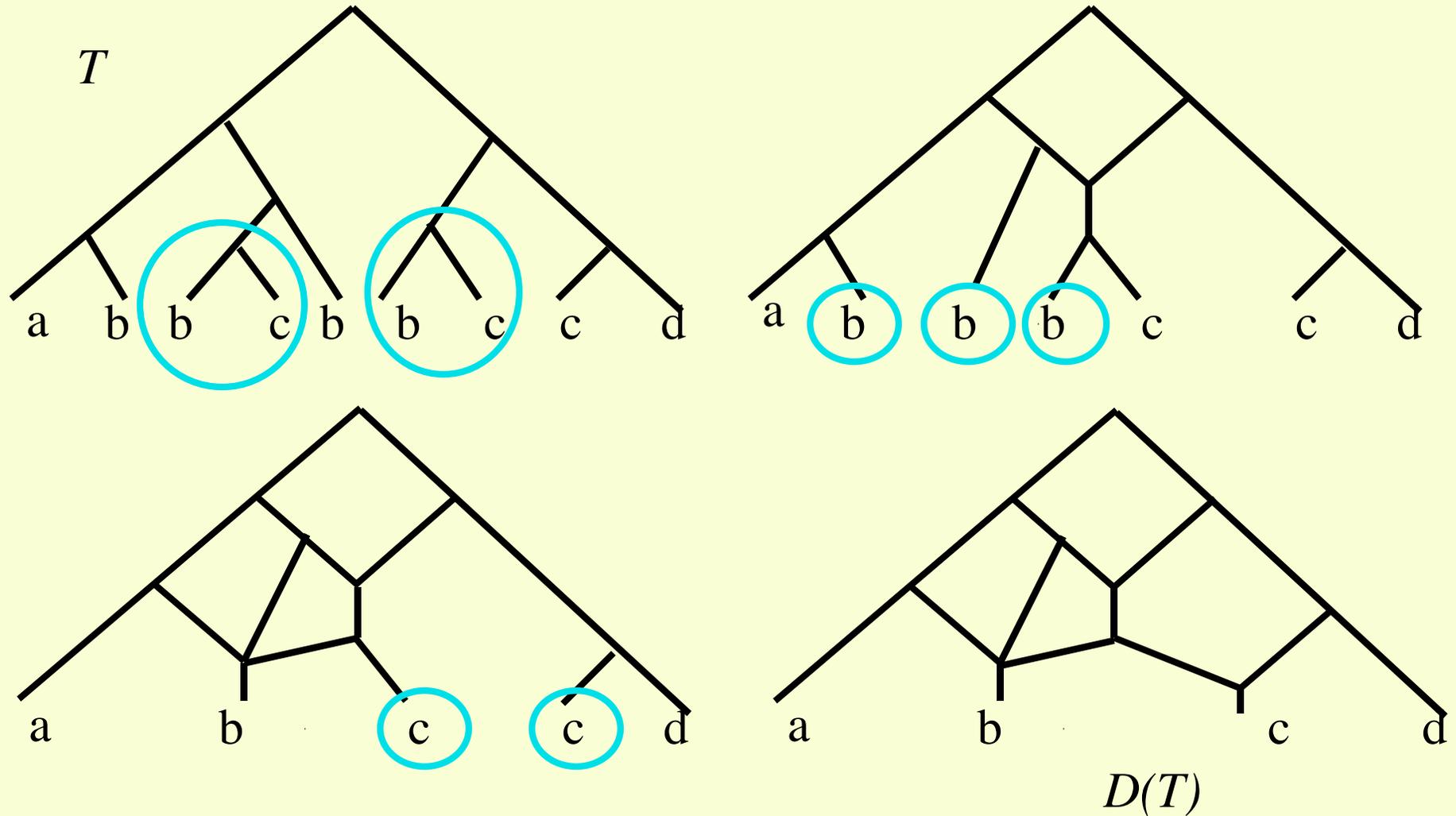
# Inextendible subtrees

maximal  
inextendible



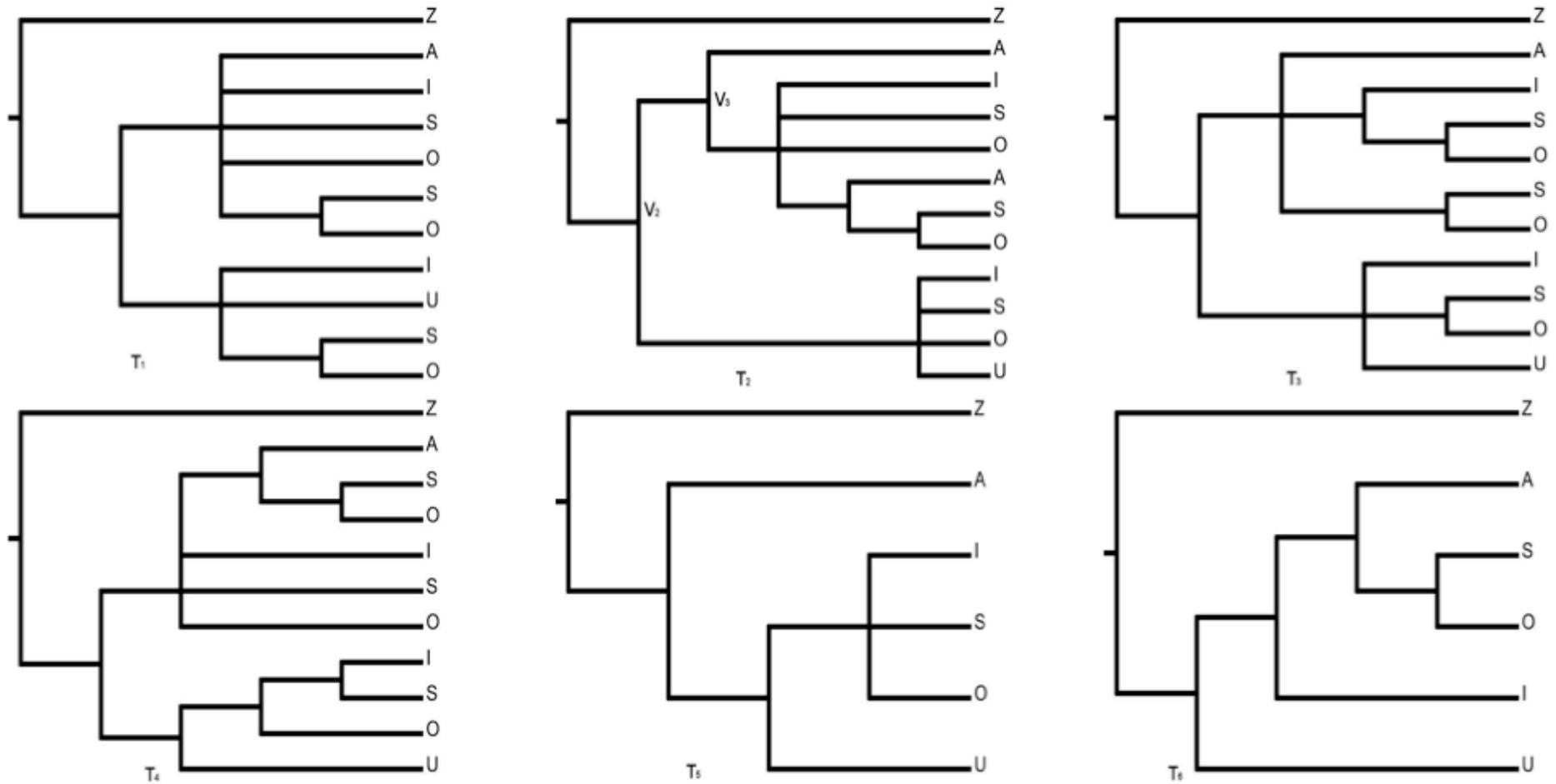
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# Construction

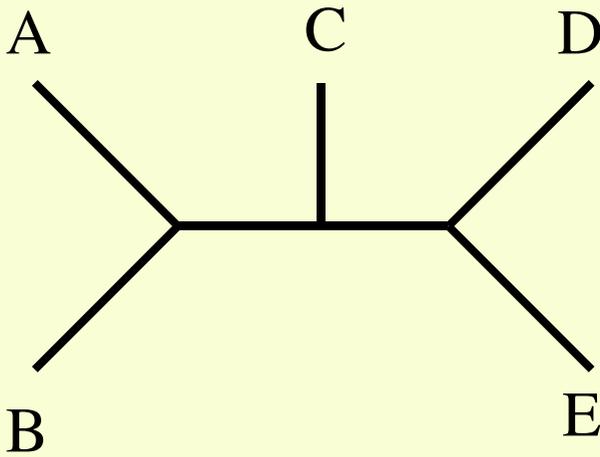


**Theorem** [Huber, Moulton, 2006]  $D(T)$  is “minimal” network displaying  $T$ .

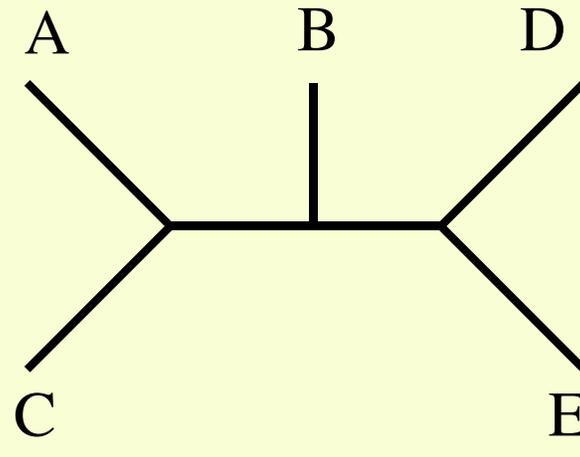
# Question: How do we get the multi-tree?



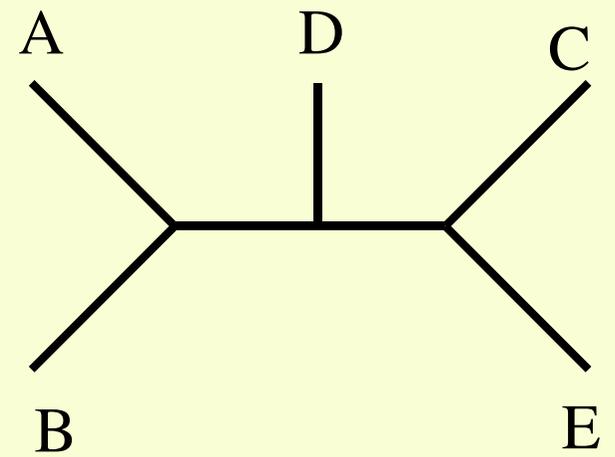
# Consensus trees



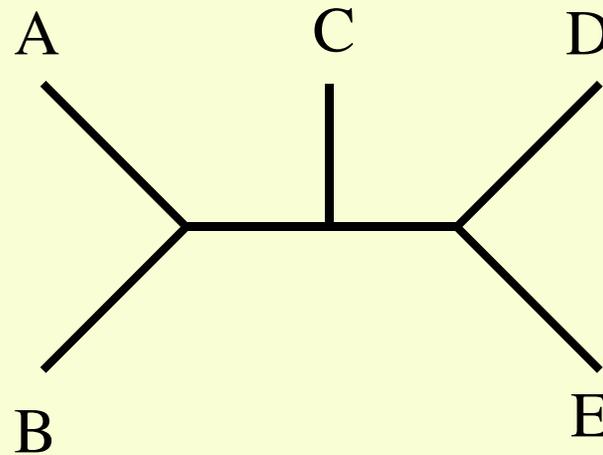
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# Problem!

## Theorem

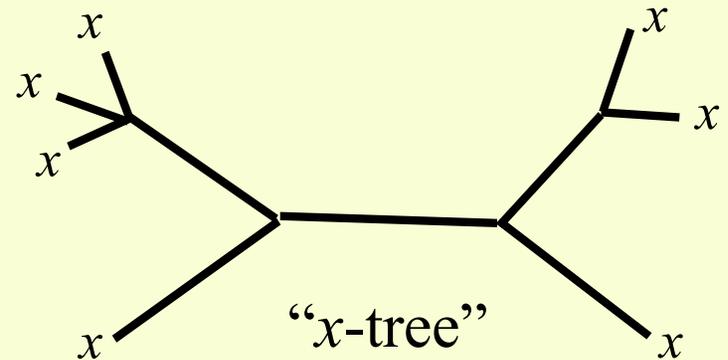
Given a set  $S$  of splits of a multi-set  $M$ , it is NP-hard to decide if  $S$  can be displayed by a multi-tree (even if the multiplicity of all elements in  $M$  is bounded by 3).

## Idea for why this is the case:

$$M = \{n x\}$$

$$S = \{n_1 x \mid (n-n_1)x, \dots, n_m x \mid (n-n_m) x\}$$

Deciding if we can display this set by a multi-tree is essentially equivalent to deciding if there is a subset of  $\{n_1, \dots, n_m\}$  that adds up to  $n/2$ .



# Useful result and conjecture

Given multiset  $M = \{m(x) x\}_{x \text{ in } X}$ , let

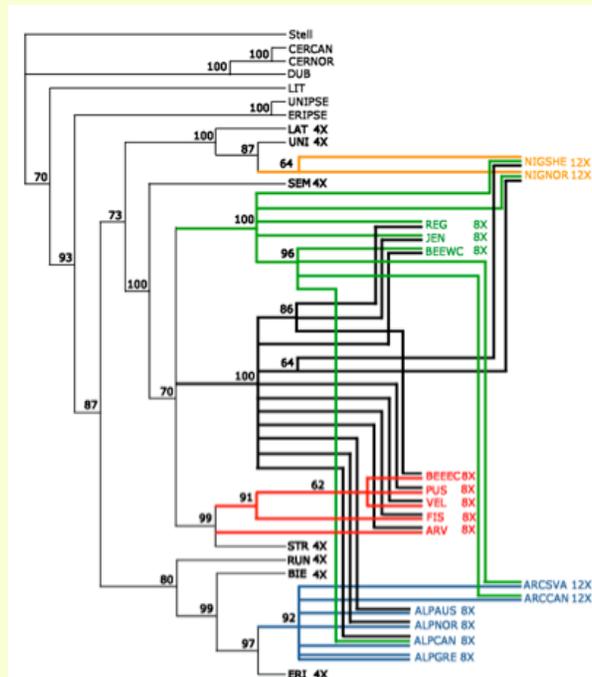
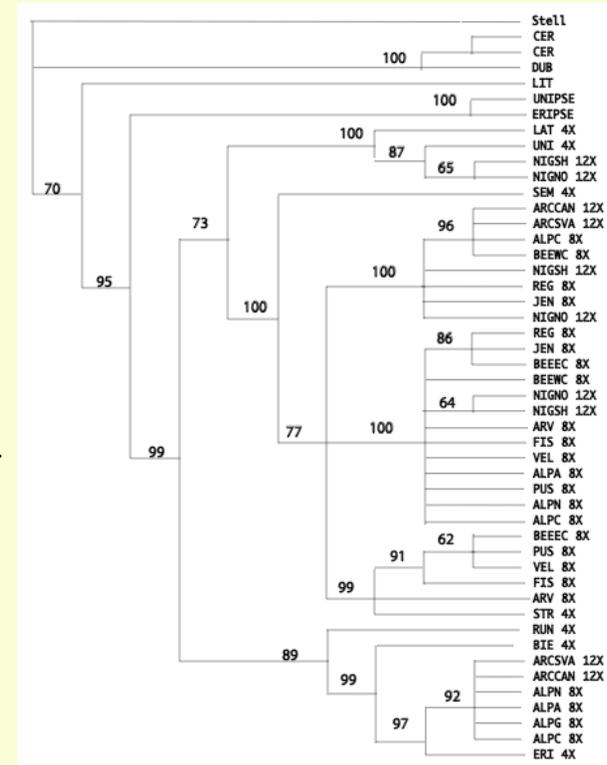
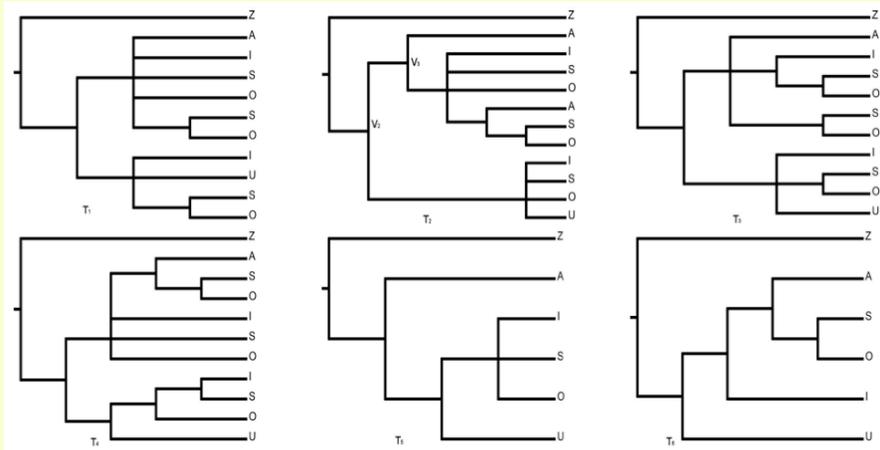
$$\Delta(M) = \sum_{x \text{ in } X} (m(x) - 1).$$

**Theorem** [Lott, Huber, Moulton, Spillner, in press]

If every submultiset of size at most  $m := \max\{2\Delta, \Delta+2\}$  of a multiset of splits of  $M$  can be displayed by a multi-tree, then so can the whole collection.

**Conjecture**  $m = \Delta+2$

# Work in progress...



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## Phylogenetics Software - PADRE

***PADRE: Package for Analyzing and Displaying Reticulate Evolution***

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PADRE is a Java software package allowing the computation and graphical representation of reticulate networks from Multi-Labelled (MuL) Trees. The network is constructed in stages which allows the user flexibility in choosing appropriate elements of the input tree for merging.

Input to the program takes the form of text files containing multi-labelled trees in Newick format as described by <http://evolution.genetics.washington.edu/phylip/newicktree.html>; see our [test files](#) for examples. The program is available as a compiled JAR file which is platform independent and suitable for running on Windows, Linux and MacOS. Images may be exported to EPS, PNG and JPEG format suitable for inclusion in articles and scientific papers. All graphical representations displayed are initially scaled to fit the screen and nodes (including optionally the sub-trees for which they are the root) may be moved and resized in any direction.

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