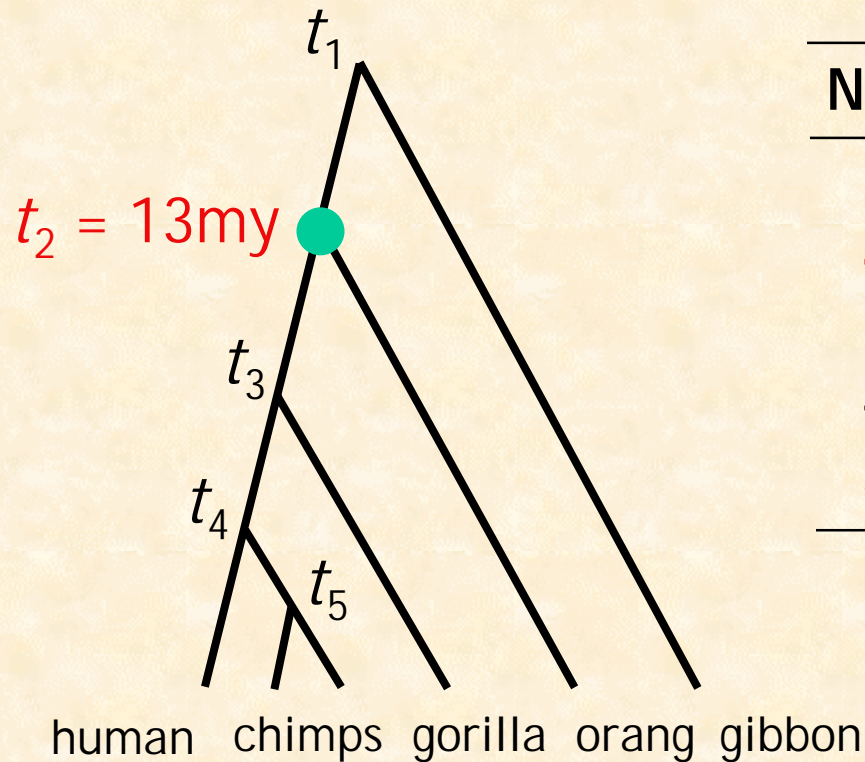


# **Estimation of species divergence dates with a sloppy molecular clock**

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# Date estimation with a clock is easy.

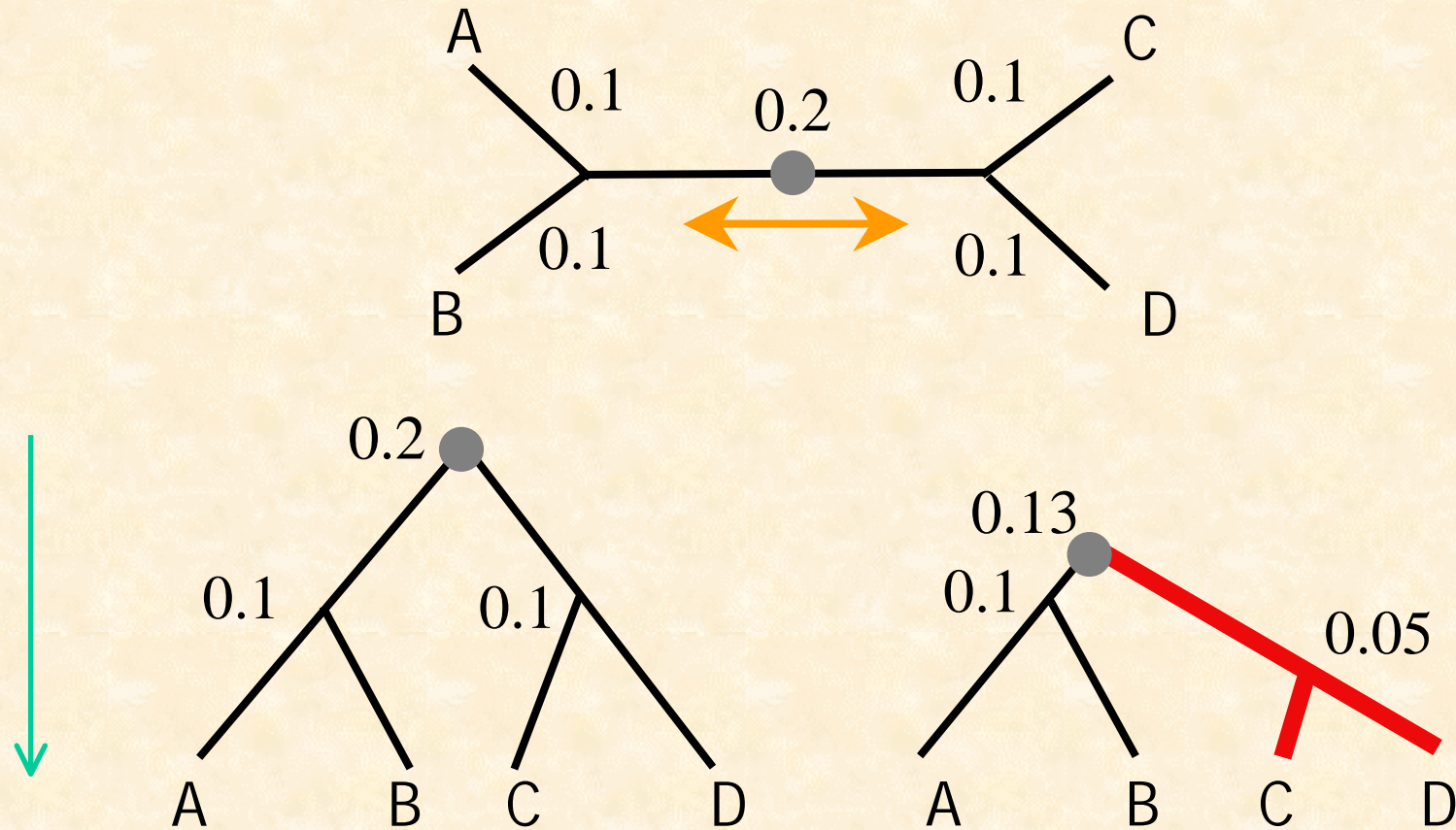


| Node | Distance | Time(MY)       |
|------|----------|----------------|
| 1    | 0.0627   | $15.8 \pm 1.5$ |
| 2    | 0.0517   | 13             |
| 3    | 0.0307   | $7.7 \pm 1.0$  |
| 4    | 0.0201   | $5.0 \pm 0.9$  |
| 5    | 0.0093   | $2.4 \pm 0.6$  |

(Mutation rate =  $0.0517/13$ )

(From Yang 1996 *TREE* 11:367-372; Horai et al. data)

# Date estimation without clock is tricky.





# How do we estimate dates when the clock is violated?

- Remove species or sites so that the clock looks reasonable and then use the clock.
- Account for rate variation when estimating dates.

# Dealing with evolving evolutionary rates

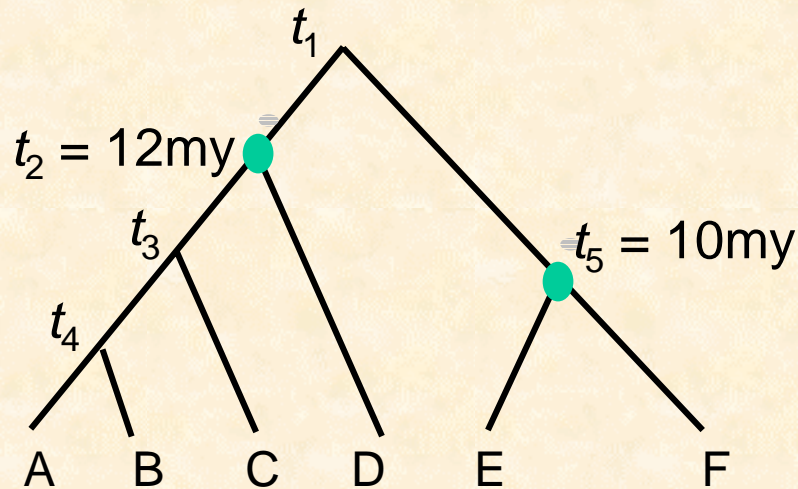
- Use multiple calibration points
- Combine multiple genes in one analysis
- Use good models of rate evolution and good statistical methodology

# Outline

- Likelihood local clock models
- Bayes models of stochastic rate evolution
- Dating divergences in Malagasy mouse lemurs



# ML: global clock model with multiple calibrations



$((((A, B), C), D), (E, F));$

$((((A, B), C), D) @0.12, (E, F) @0.1);$

$((((A, B), C), D) >0.08 < 0.15, (E, F) @0.1);$

Model with fixed dates:

$r$  (rate),  $t_1, t_3, t_4$

$(t_2 = 0.12, t_5 = 0.1)$

Model not implemented:

$r, t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4$

$(0.08 < t_2 < 0.15, t_5 = 0.1)$

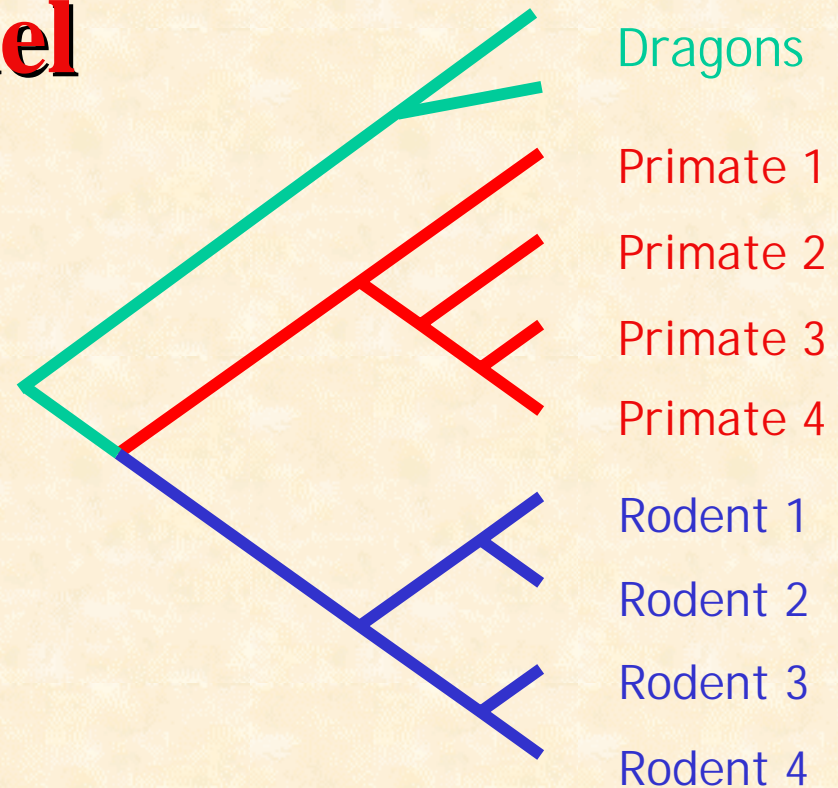
# ML: local clock model

assigns rate parameters for pre-specified branches

$$r_0 = 1$$

$$r_P = 1.41421$$

$$r_R = 3.14159$$



Kishino & Hasegawa 1990 *Methods Enzymol.* 183:550-570

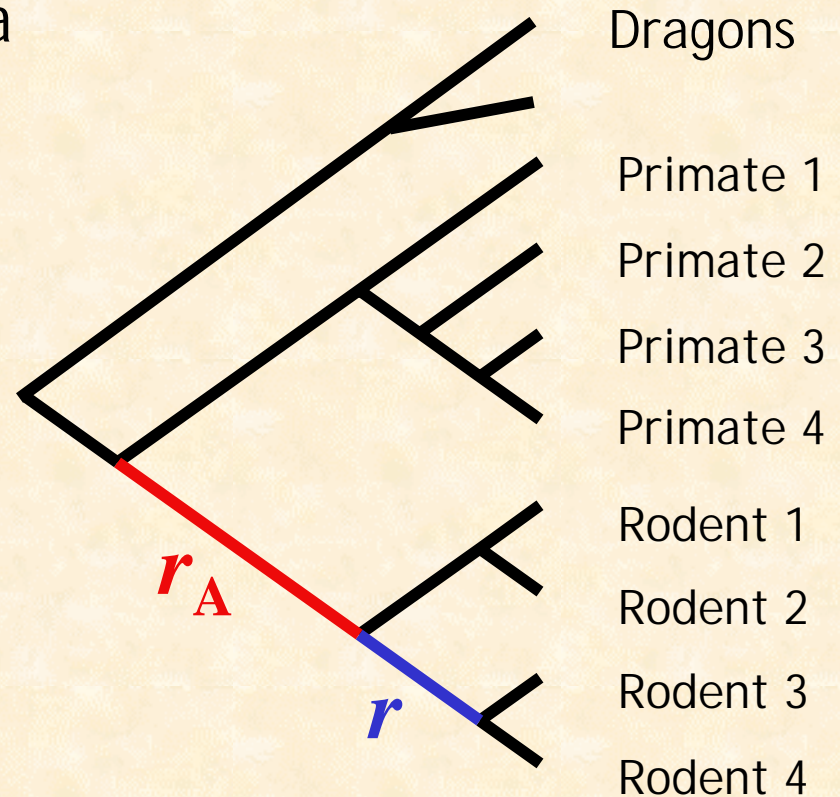
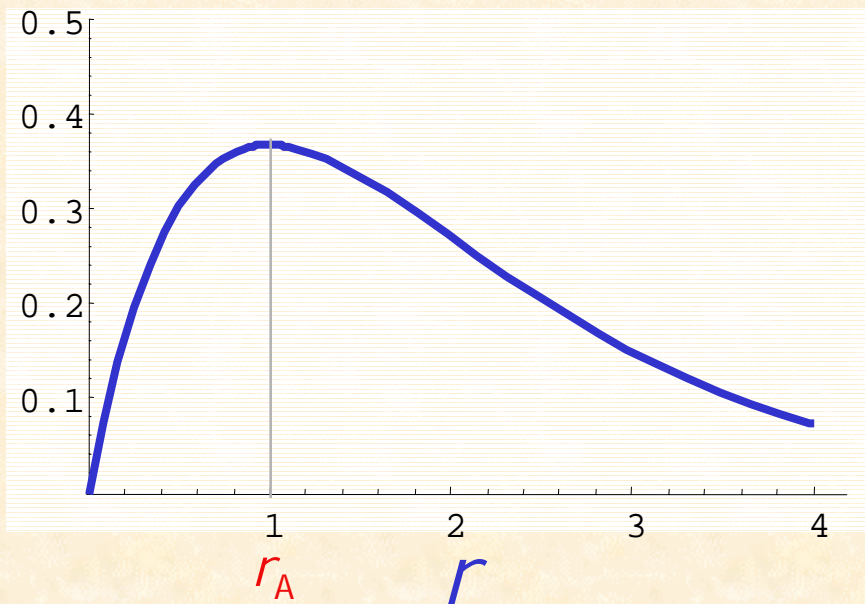
Rambaut & Bromham 1998 *Molecular Biology and Evolution* 15:442-448

Yoder & Yang 2000 *Molecular Biology and Evolution* 17:1081-1090



# Stochastic model of rate change

The rate  $r$  of a branch (node) is a random variable centred around the ancestral rate  $r_A$



Thorne & Kishino 2002 *Systematic Biology* 51:689-702

Thorne et al. 1998 *Molecular Biology and Evolution* 15:1647-1657

Kishino et al. 2001 *Molecular Biology and Evolution* 18:352-361

## Bayes MCMC algorithm for date estimation

$$f(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{r}, \theta | D) = \frac{f(D | \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r} | \theta, \mathbf{t}) f(\mathbf{t} | \theta) f(\theta)}{f(D)}$$

$\mathbf{t}$ : times

$\mathbf{r}$ : rates

$\theta$ : parameters

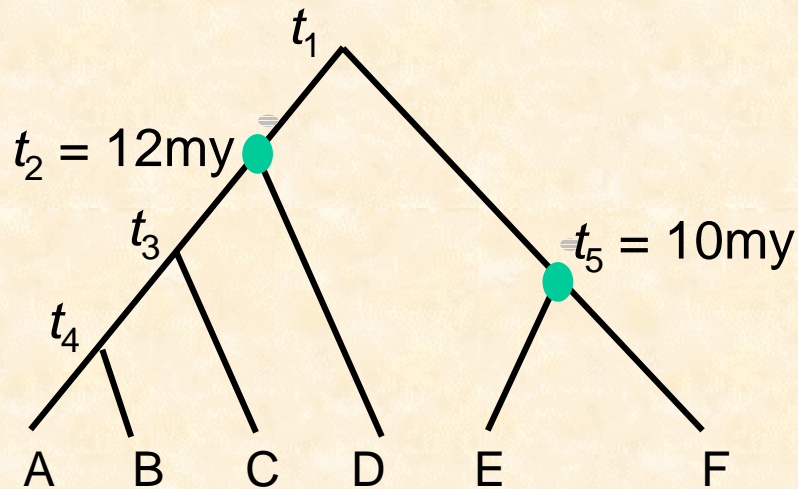
$D$ : data

## **Details in Thorne's implementation changed**

- Likelihood calculation is approximate
- Gamma prior for rate at root
- Gamma prior for age of rate
- Hard bounds for fossil calibration nodes



# Prior for times $f(t)$ from the birth-death process with species sampling



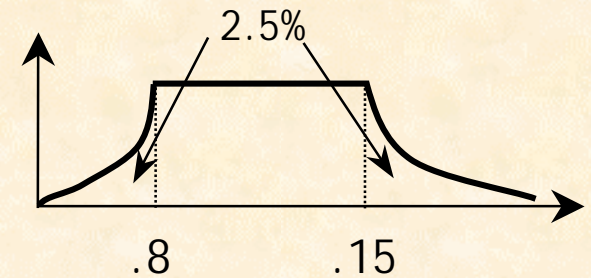
$\mathbf{t}_C = \{t_2, t_5\}$  calibration nodes

$\mathbf{t}_{\bar{C}} = \{t_1, t_3, t_4\}$  all other nodes

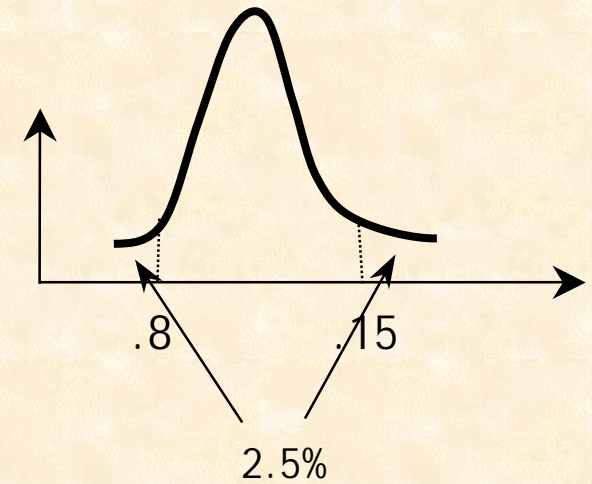
$$f(\mathbf{t}_C, \mathbf{t}_{\bar{C}}) = f_{\text{BD}}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{C}} | \mathbf{t}_C) f(\mathbf{t}_C)$$

# Prior for fossil calibration dates

$>0.8 < 0.15$  Soft bounds between (0.8, 0.15)



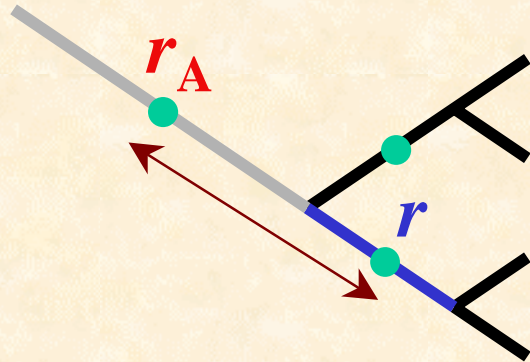
$>0.8 = 0.12 < 0.15$  gamma density with peak at 0.12



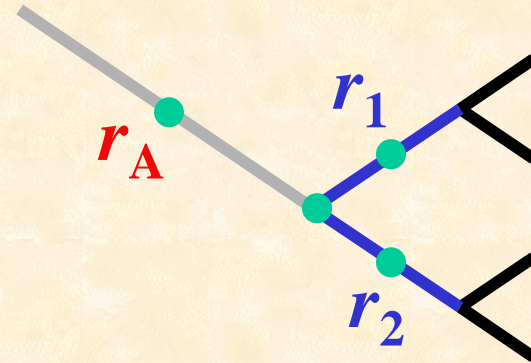
$< 0.8$  Uniform for  $t < 0.8$ , power decay for  $t > 0.8$

$> 0.8$  Power decay to 0 when  $t < 0.8$ , uniform improper when  $t > 0.8$

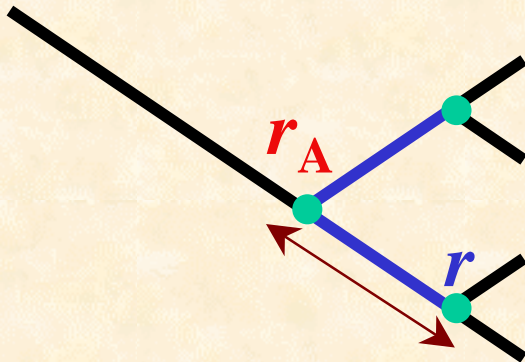
# Models of rate change



Rates for branches (Thorne et al. 1998)



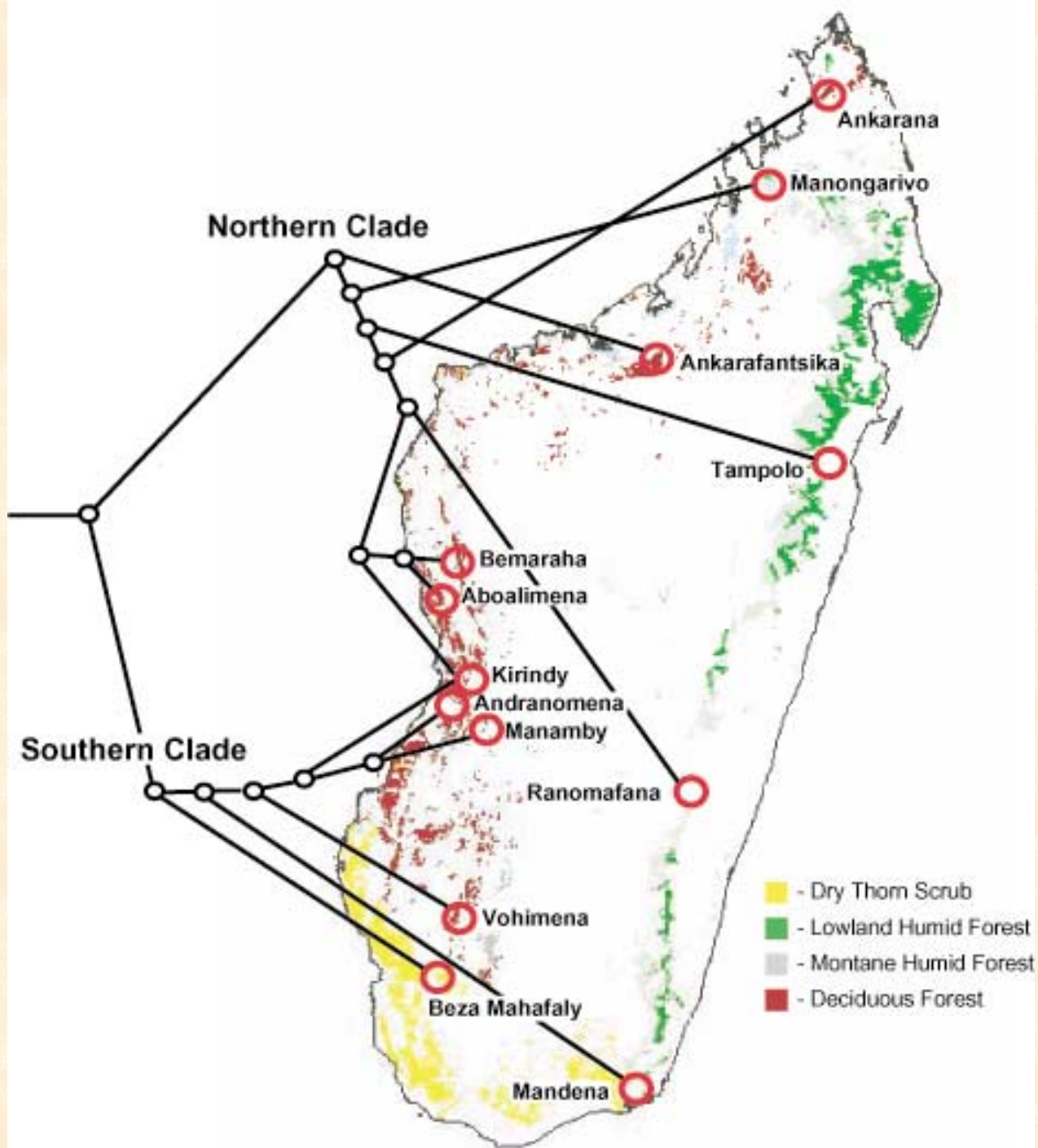
Rates for branches derived from rates for nodes



Rates for nodes (Kishino et al. 2001)



# **Dating mouse lemur divergences**



1795: *Microcebus murinus*

1970s: 2 species  
 (*murinus*, long-eared grey west; *rufus*, short-eared reddish east)

2000 (Yoder et al.): 9 species









*M. tavaratra*

*M. ravelobensis*

*M. sambariensis*

*M. berthae*

*M. myoxinus*

*M. murinus*

*M. "rufus"*

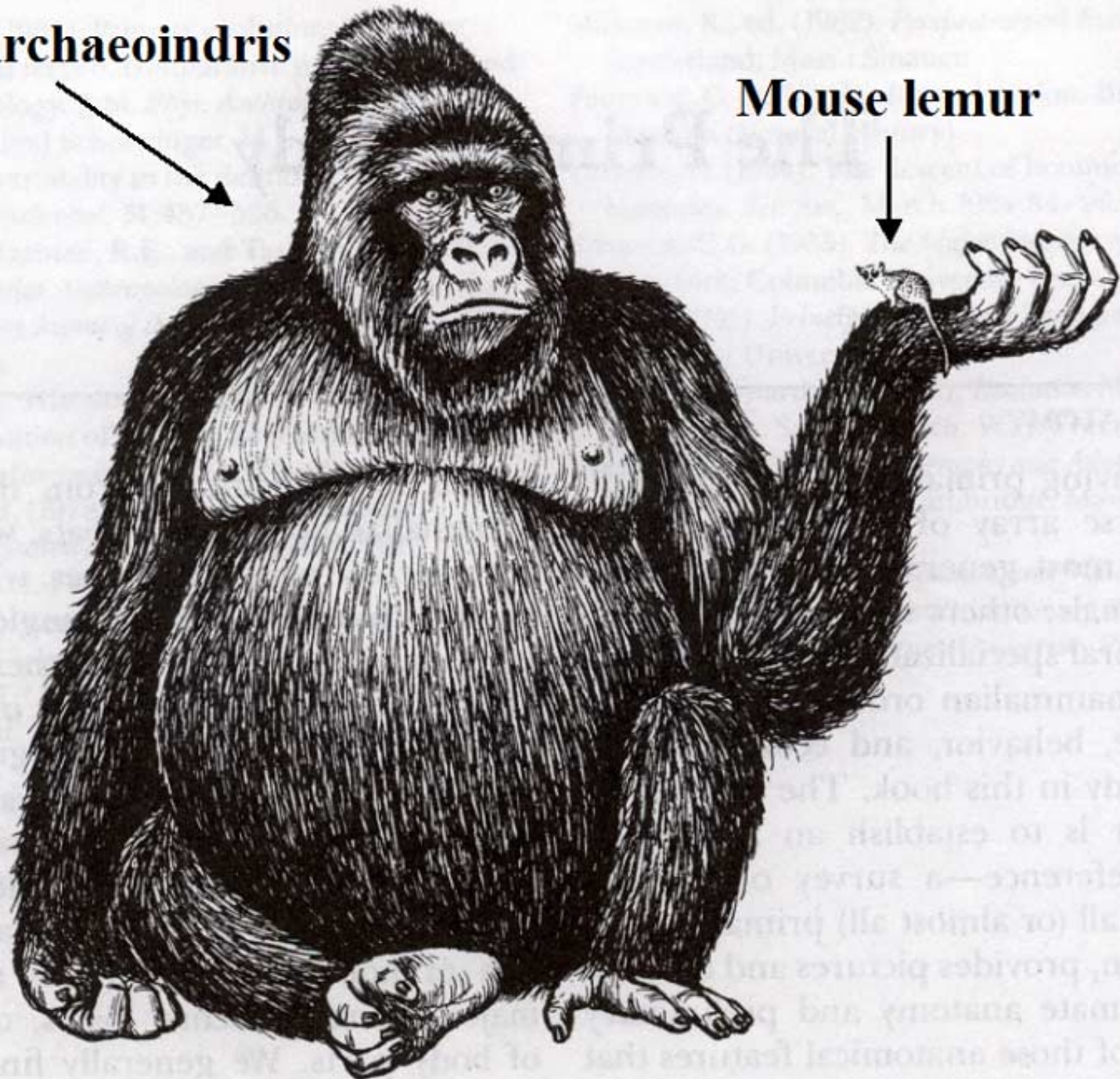
*M. griseorufus*



**Archaeoindris**

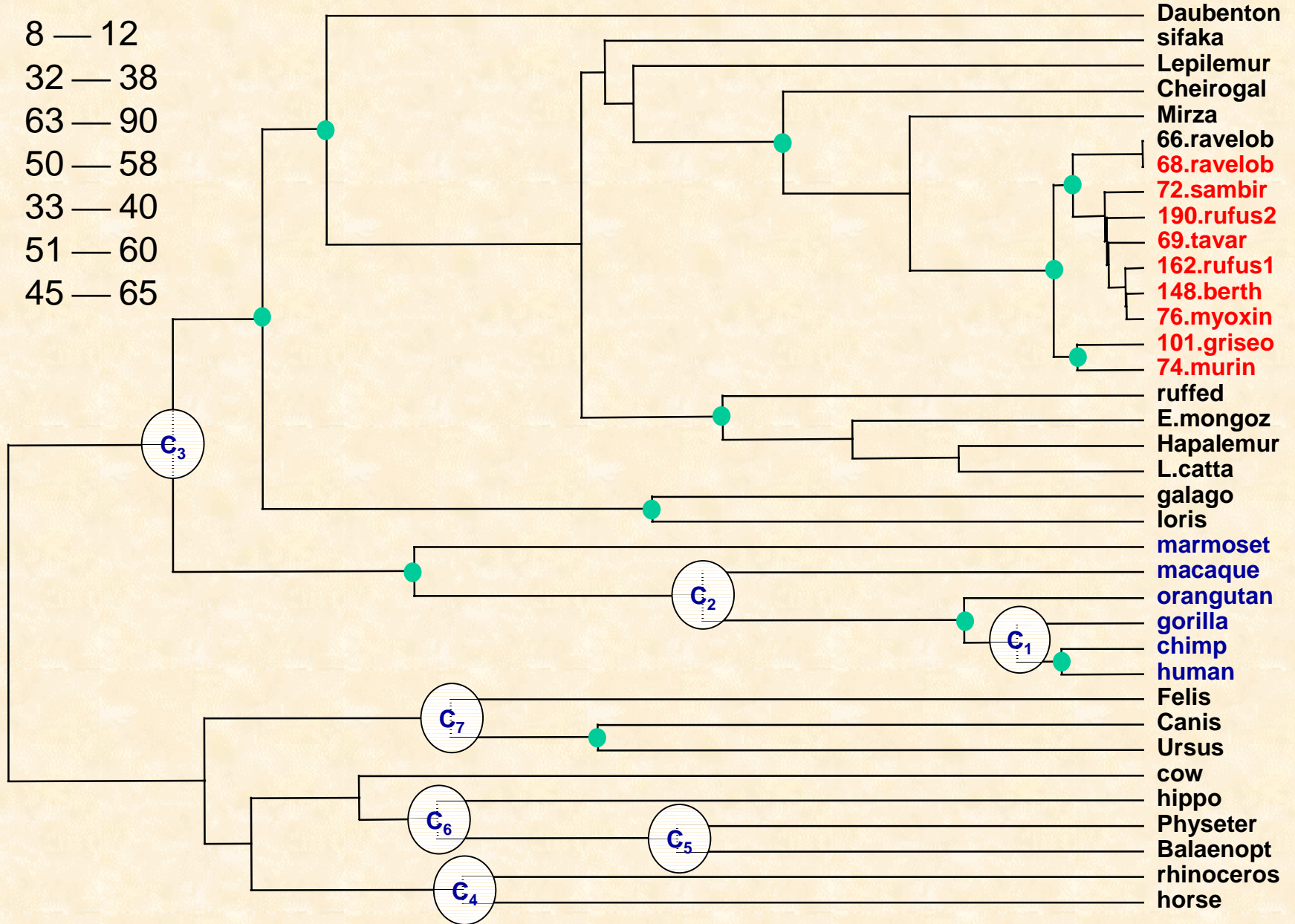


**Mouse lemur**



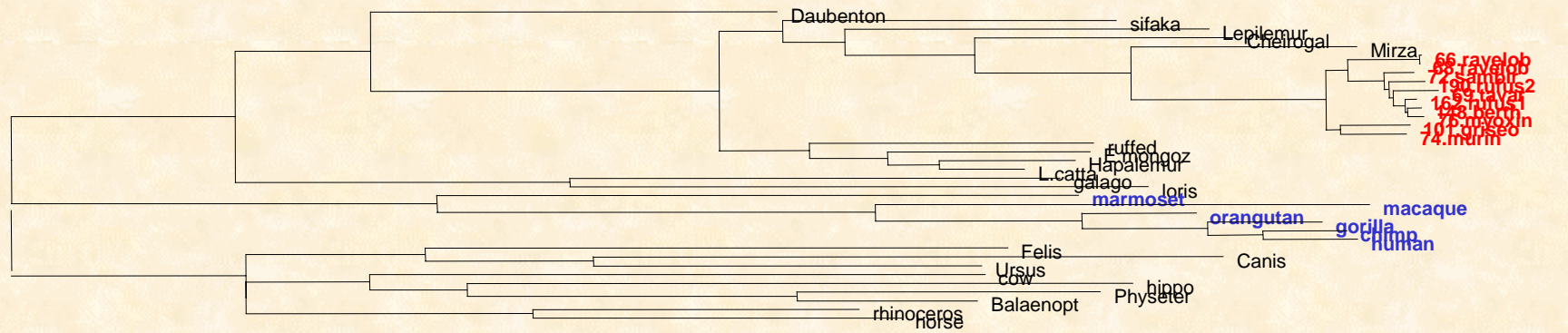
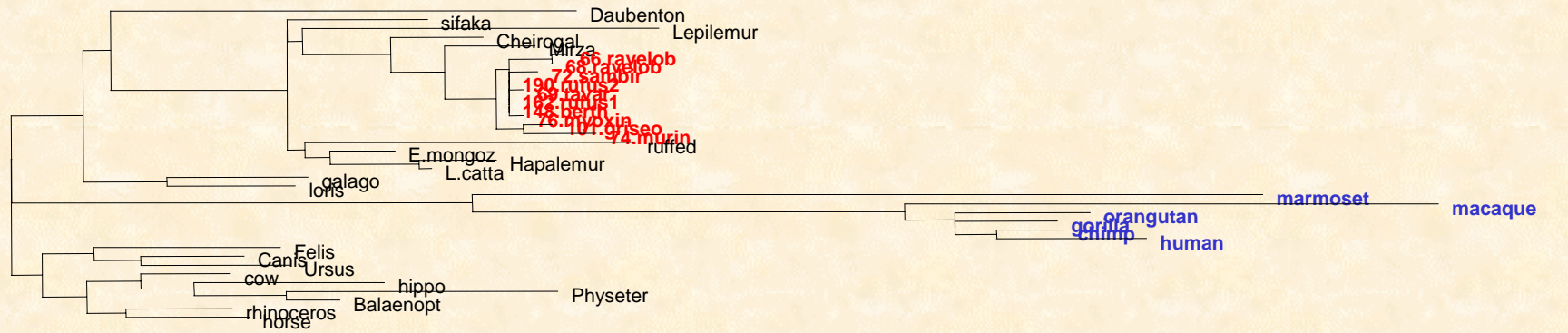
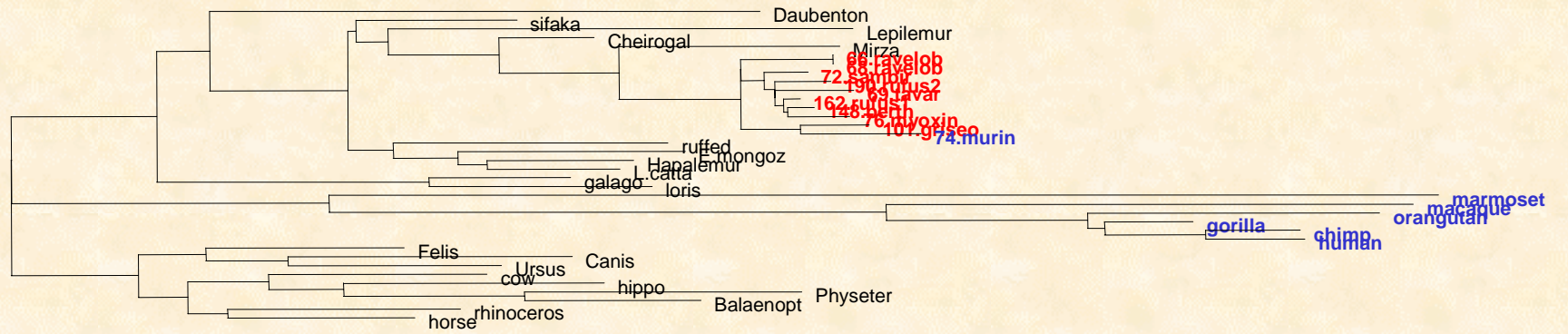


- C<sub>1</sub> 8 — 12
- C<sub>2</sub> 32 — 38
- C<sub>3</sub> 63 — 90
- C<sub>4</sub> 50 — 58
- C<sub>5</sub> 33 — 40
- C<sub>6</sub> 51 — 60
- C<sub>7</sub> 45 — 65



# Parameter estimates (F84G) for COII and cytochrome b

| Position | $L$  | $\pi_T$ | $\pi_C$ | $\pi_A$ | $\pi_G$ | $\kappa$ | $\alpha$ | $S$  |
|----------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------|
| 1        | 606  | 0.23    | 0.26    | 0.29    | 0.22    | 3.5      | 0.29     | 3.4  |
| 2        | 606  | 0.40    | 0.25    | 0.22    | 0.13    | 2.7      | 0.17     | 1.2  |
| 3        | 606  | 0.21    | 0.34    | 0.40    | 0.04    | 19.0     | 1.17     | 55.3 |
| All      | 1818 | 0.28    | 0.28    | 0.31    | 0.13    | 4.4      | 0.29     | 10.8 |





## ML estimates, global clock (F84G)

| Node              | all  | pos1 | pos2 | pos3 | Comb |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 40 dog/bear       | 43.3 | 37.2 | 29.1 | 42.6 | 38.9 |
| 43 human/chimp    | 8.0  | 6.8  | 8.4  | 6.9  | 7.1  |
| 45 Hominoid       | 17.8 | 20.2 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 17.3 |
| 47 Anthropoi      | 61.7 | 65.4 | 60.5 | 58.1 | 62.0 |
| 48 Lorisiform     | 36.0 | 23.6 | 28.8 | 42.7 | 33.6 |
| 51 Lemuridae      | 31.0 | 34.3 | 35.7 | 23.6 | 28.0 |
| 59 mouse lemurs   | 13.1 | 13.8 | 10.0 | 7.2  | 8.5  |
| 61 Cheirogaleidae | 30.7 | 30.0 | 22.4 | 26.3 | 26.5 |
| 65 Lemuriform     | 59.0 | 59.5 | 63.9 | 53.7 | 57.8 |
| 66 Strepsirrhine  | 62.9 | 62.6 | 63.9 | 65.7 | 63.4 |

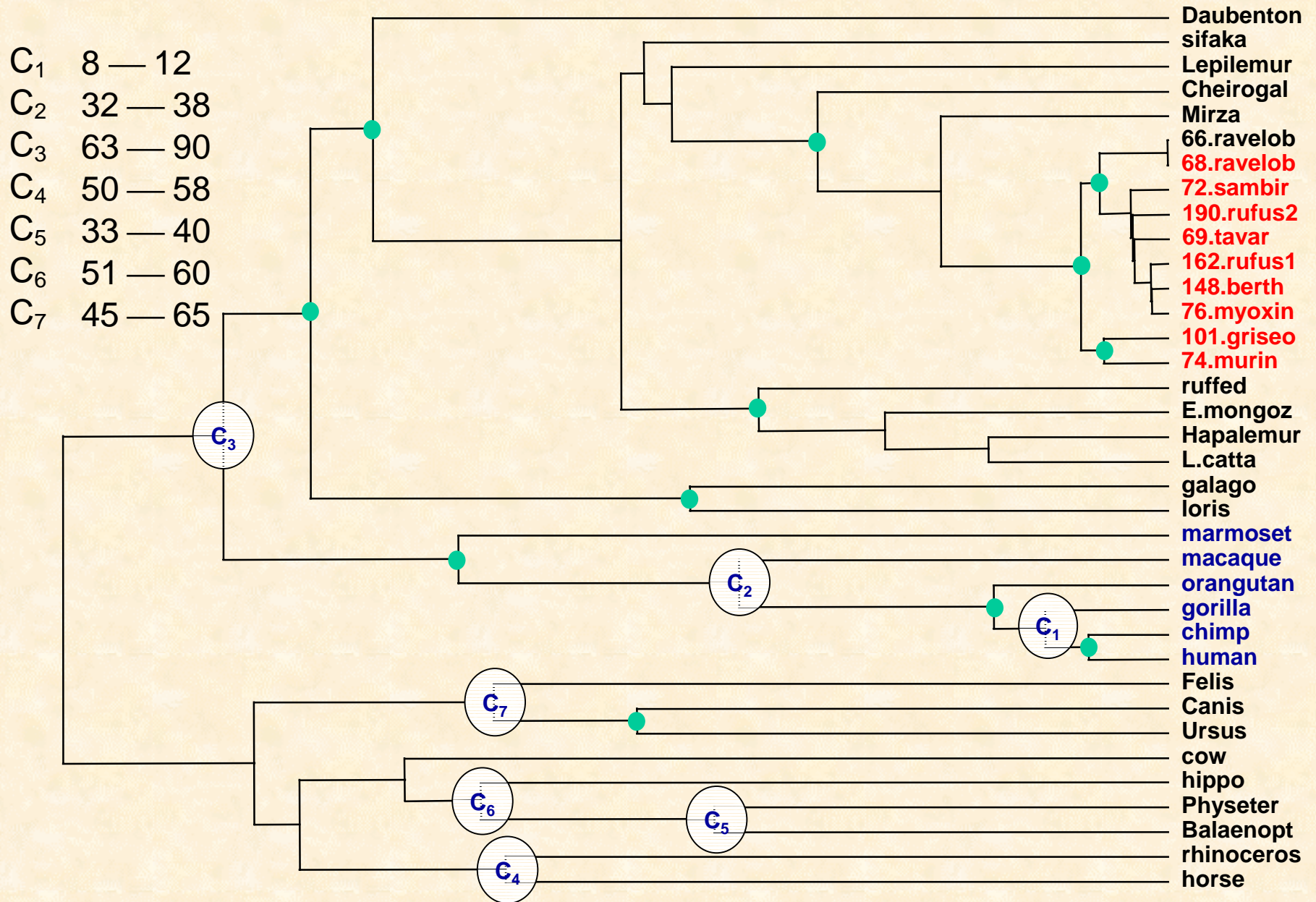
## ML estimates, local clock models (F84G)

| Node              | all  | pos1 | pos2 | pos3 | Comb |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 40 dog/bear       | 46.4 | 43.0 | 36.6 | 44.4 | 43.2 |
| 43 human/chimp    | 7.3  | 5.6  | 7.6  | 6.4  | 6.5  |
| 45 Hominoid       | 14.5 | 14.6 | 10.4 | 14.7 | 14.2 |
| 47 Anthropoid     | 58.2 | 61.9 | 55.1 | 54.8 | 57.8 |
| 48 Lorisiform     | 41.1 | 29.3 | 36.9 | 45.6 | 38.9 |
| 51 Lemuridae      | 36.3 | 43.8 | 46.2 | 25.8 | 33.3 |
| 59 mouse lemurs   | 9.1  | 11.4 | 9.3  | 4.5  | 7.2  |
| 61 Cheirogaleidae | 31.1 | 33.8 | 26.9 | 25.7 | 28.6 |
| 65 Lemuriform     | 64.7 | 69.0 | 71.7 | 56.7 | 64.8 |
| 66 Strepsirrhine  | 68.8 | 71.8 | 71.7 | 68.8 | 69.9 |

# Bayes estimates of divergence times (F84G)

| Node              | all  | pos1 | pos2 | pos3 | Comb              |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| 40 dog/bear       | 49.9 | 43.3 | 34.7 | 46.4 | 45.2 (34.9, 55.8) |
| 43 human/chimp    | 8.1  | 7.1  | 5.9  | 6.9  | 7.1 (5.1, 9.3)    |
| 45 Hominoid       | 16.2 | 15.6 | 19.2 | 15.2 | 15.2 (12.1, 18.6) |
| 47 Anthropoid     | 59.4 | 60.4 | 56.0 | 60.5 | 61.1 (50.1, 73.0) |
| 48 Lorisiform     | 41.7 | 29.9 | 40.4 | 45.1 | 40.5 (29.3, 53.0) |
| 51 Lemuridae      | 37.0 | 45.0 | 45.4 | 30.0 | 35.3 (26.2, 46.1) |
| 59 mouse lemurs   | 13.1 | 23.1 | 25.8 | 8.5  | 10.0 (6.4, 15.4)  |
| 61 Cheirogaleidae | 31.1 | 38.0 | 38.6 | 29.5 | 30.3 (21.9, 40.5) |
| 65 Lemuriform     | 65.4 | 66.8 | 63.7 | 60.5 | 66.9 (55.2, 78.3) |
| 66 Strepsirrhine  | 70.4 | 72.0 | 69.1 | 71.5 | 73.3 (62.2, 83.6) |





# Summary

- For the mouse lemur data,
  - Models (JC vs. F84G) have a big impact.
  - Codon positions are very different.
  - Likelihood local clock models and Bayes MCMC calculation produced similar estimates in combined analysis.
  - Bayes analysis was robust to prior parameters.
- It is advantageous to use multiple calibrations and multiple genes in a combined analysis.
- Date estimation without the clock remains tricky.

*"Remarkable species diversity in Malagasy mouse lemurs (primates, Microcebus)"*, Yoder *et al.* 2000. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **97**:11325-11330.



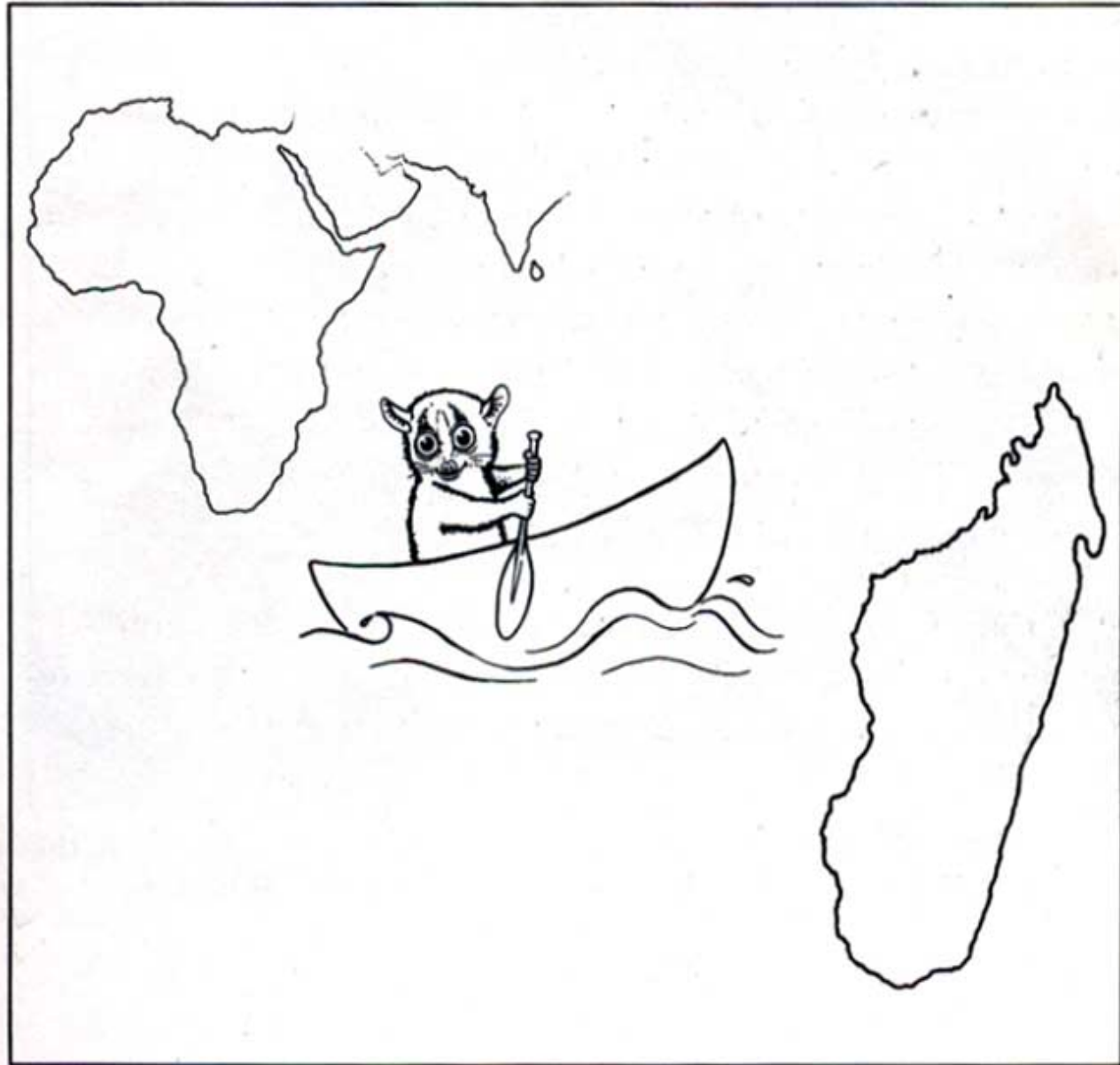


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**Fig. 2.2: An ancestral lemur makes its way across to Madagascar.**

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