
National Academy of Sciences

Colloquium

On

"Genetics and the Origin of Species"

Revised Program



January 30 - February 1, 1997

Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center

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Name Badges will be required for all functions.

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Thursday, January 30

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Welcome Reception.

Friday, January 31

7:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast in Refectory.

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. SESSION I. Genetic Variation and Its Origins

9:00	<i>Introduction and Chairperson</i>	<i>Francisco J. Ayala (UC Irvine)</i>
9:10	Origin of Genes	<i>Walter Gilbert (Harvard)</i>
10:00	Transposable Elements as Sources of Variation in Animals and Plants	<i>Margaret G. Kidwell (U Arizona)</i>
10:50	Break	
11:10	Variation and Evolution of Influenza Viruses	<i>Walter M. Fitch (UC Irvine)</i>
12:00	Genes, Peoples, and Languages	<i>L.L. Cavalli-Sforza (Stanford)</i>

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch in Refectory.

2:00 - 6:00 p.m. SESSION II. Adaptation and Natural Selection

	<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Lee Ehrman (SUNY, Purchase)</i>
2:00	Superoxide Dismutase (SOD): An Unfolding Story of Natural Selection	<i>Richard R. Hudson (UC Irvine)</i>
2:50	Self-Incompatibility Alleles and Inferences from Shared Polymorphisms	<i>Andrew G. Clark (Penn State)</i>
3:40	Break	
4:00	Variation in the Regulation of an Allozyme Locus in <i>Drosophila</i>: Adaptation or Non-Darwinian Evolution?	<i>Rollin C. Richmond (SUNY, Stony Brook)</i>
4:50	Natural Selection and "Genetics and the Origin of Species"	<i>Wyatt W. Anderson (U Georgia)</i>

Friday Evening

6:00 p.m. Cocktails.

7:00 p.m. Dinner in the Atrium.

8:15 p.m. Introduction: John A. Moore (UC Riverside)

Banquet Lecture: Richard C. Lewontin (Harvard)

Is Population Genetics an Experimental Science?

Saturday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast in Refectory.

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. SESSION III. Population Differentiation and Speciation

Chairperson

Bruce Wallace (VA Polytechnic Inst.)

8:30 **Phylogenetics and the Origin of Species**

John C. Avise (U Georgia)

9:20 **Sperm and Ejaculate Differentiation**

and Reproductive Isolation

Therese Ann Markow (Arizona State)

10:10 **Break**

10:30 **Incipient Speciation in Salamanders**

David Wake (UC Berkeley)

11:20 **Genetics and the Origin of Bird Species**

Peter R. Grant (Princeton)

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch in Refectory.

1:30 - 5:30 p.m. SESSION IV: Patterns of Evolution

Chairperson

Walter M. Fitch (UC Irvine)

1:30 **Vagaries of the Molecular Clock**

Francisco J. Ayala (UC Irvine)

2:20 **Evolution of Codon Usage Bias in *Drosophila***

Jeffrey R. Powell (Yale)

3:10 **Break**

3:30 **Nuclear Gene Evolution in Plants**

Michael T. Clegg (UC Riverside)

4:20 **Variation and Evolution of MHC**

and Immunoglobulin Genes

Masatoshi Nei (Penn State)

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Beckman Center to Hyatt: from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Beckman Center to Hyatt: from 9:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

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<i>Wyatt W. Anderson</i>	<i>John C. Avise</i>
<i>Margaret G. Kidwell</i>	<i>Bruce Wallace</i>
	<i>Lee Ehrman</i>

NAS - Genetics + Origin of Species

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Francisco Ayala - Intro + Sales of Book

Wally Gilbert - Origin of Genes

Introns Early } says both sides use same data to boost their
Introns Late } argument

1. Phylogeny - bacteria no introns
 2. Homologous genes - intron position
 3. Correlation w/ 3D position
- } Data - but interpretation is up for grabs

Exon shuffling

- says introns should have "dramatic" impact of recombination rate - and allows mixing of different pieces.

- Exon theory of genes

- suggest that proteins are made up of "words" and it is easier to make a sentence out of words than random letters.

∴ would expect exons to correlate w/ structure

Intron Phase

- position of intron w/in codon
- suggests introns would not be in phase if introns inserted late.
- suggest separate exons should be in phase if exon shuffling important.
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Protein modules

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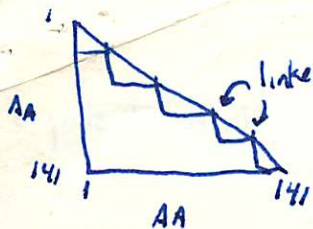
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linker regions - positions between groups of aa that are very close together.

So... data looks like there is a bias ... what else could

No sequence bias

No aa bias

No surface bias

No AGG or AGGT bias

} no obvious bias in regions near linkers.

"Ancient introns" ... conserved positions --> but if introns stay at same position must be some selection.

Linker regions

~15 aa 21A°

~22 aa 28A6

~30 aa 33A°

with your ancient introns must need some selection to keep them in position so why couldn't late insertion do this

So... why couldn't this selection have driven inserted introns to these positions.



Lewontin suggests we need to know more
information about splicing signals
to know if there is residual bias.

M. Perugini asked about whether splicing
failure could explain phase correlations.

Margaret Kidwell - TPN variation in animals + plants

Dobzhansky well aware of ionizing radiation as a mutagen but not aware of tpons role as mutagen.

- A. Intro
- B. Types of variation caused by TPN's
- C. Co-evolution of TEs + host

Transposons

Retros = Class I
DNA-DNA = Class II
Wesslers = Mites

} A

Autonomous vs. non-autonomous

Class I Autonomous - code a r.t.
Class II Autonomous - code a tpase

Maize



} most is retroelement DNA

Types of TE Induced Variation

1. Coding seq. altered
 2. Non-coding altered
 3. Mediation of molecular events (recombination)
 4. Quantitative variability
 5. Genome size
 6. Hybrid dysgenesis
1. Majority of TE induced mutations are deleterious
 - 2.
 3. Excisions can leave footprints
 4. Linkage of mutator + mutation

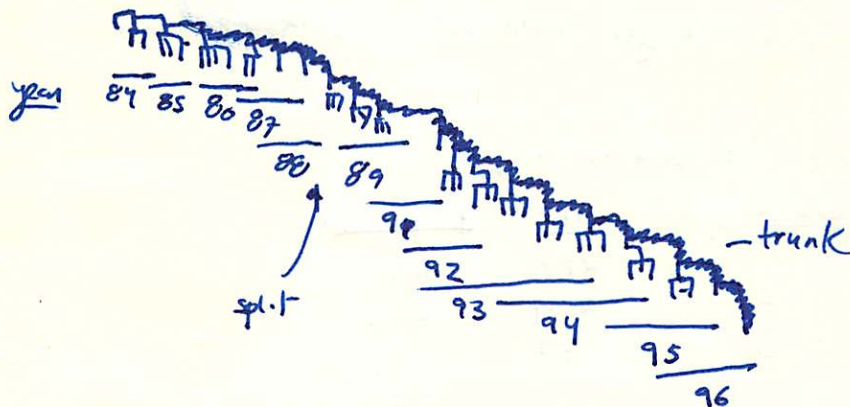
TE "Uses" in hosts

- ① new tissue specific expression
- ② regulation
- ③ new introns
- ④ telomeres (in *Drosophila*)
- ⑤ DSB repair
- ⑥

How many TPNs
are ancient and
how many are
new

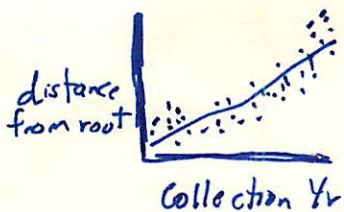
Walter Fitch - Influenzae - New Stuff

- 254 HA1 gene sequences
- isolated 1983-1996
- align w/ no gaps
- know dates of many, growth mechanism of 224

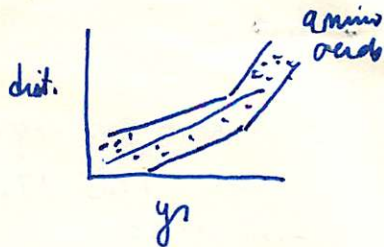


trunk = backbone
twigs = between
tips =

Should take equiv.
of total branch
length... for tips vs
trunk.



nucleotides



- Curves have an increased slope
- But thinks larger data set may explain

Replacement substitutions

<u>Codon position</u>	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Expected</u>
1	217	224
2	254	242
3	77	81.4

most proteins... Δ 's in pos. 1 usually in excess... prob. bec. Δ 's are less damaging.

	#	observed Ds	expected
Trunk		42	< 61
Twig		119	< 210
T.p		<u>380</u>	>> 274

} Thinks excess in twigs may be due to growth in eggs.

But... literature says you should do this in kidney cells

Why so many Ds in tips

- ① passaging - new mutation
- ② parsimony bad (can't infer older changes)
- ③ passaging - selects
- ④ selection of strains to use biased (clearly is biased - only look at different ones)
- ⑤ unforeseen biology

Acctran... leads to Ds in deep branches

Deltran... leads to Ds in tips

of substitutions

- six codons are hypervariable
- most of codons on trunk are invariant
- most of tips are variable

Silent vs. non-silent

- calculate s.kint
- calculate non-silent } over whole gene
- then look at specific sites ... use overall rates to calculate expected # of changes and then compare to real values

Dick Hudson -

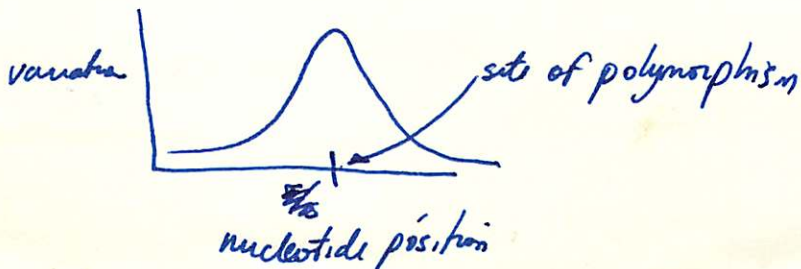
Models to explain nucleotide polymorphisms

- "mostly neutral" model
- or, ^{low} does selection at sparsely distributed sites affect polymorphisms at other sites

For balanced polymorphisms -

- selection will maintain alleles
- but linked loci to these sites could continue to diverge indefinitely

e.g. chromosome rearrangements



1st - Adh

avg.
protein
diff



Kreitman + Hudson '91

A selected loci
will drive
variation
down

Candidate Loci

SOD - many known polymorphisms

+ slow vs. fast allele

- all slow = 4 sequences

- many fast alleles

suggests



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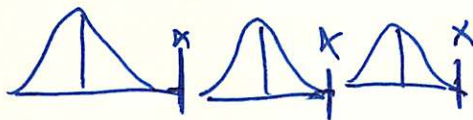
Andy Clark

Shared polymorphisms

= at highly variable sites ... between species comparisons should have high # polymorphic sites even by chance.



tested probs. that get 18 shared sites below. these two species ... but chose only one that is extreme



What is prob. that 1 sample ~~for~~ three samples of normal curves is outside normal?

Wyatt Anderson

Dick Lewontin - Is Pop. Gen an Experimental Science
Intro by John Moor (it is if you are a graduate student)

- When he was invited he told Ayala he wasn't sure NAS still in business... but he went to library and found their magazine.

Says pop-gen doesn't work by hypothesis. It collects data and then later pretends there are the interesting questions.

- Seasonal Δ 's in chrom. inversions in *D. pseudoobscura* & others

- So -- how do experiment?

- put in cages and measure Δ 's

- but had to work to find γ in cages

that Δ 's occurred -- 18=no, 21=no, 25=lab

Says that finding this to is NOT an experiment but is an example of how you can get results LIKE field.

consistently
takes glucose
on + off

So... how do this in Nature?

- need to measure fitness

3 pieces of literature that had big influence

① chromosomal inversions

② isozyme polymorphisms

- but when done carefully in the lab don't get large, consistent results

- or, in ADH in flies... it works, but may not relate to nature.

③ nucleotide polymorphism

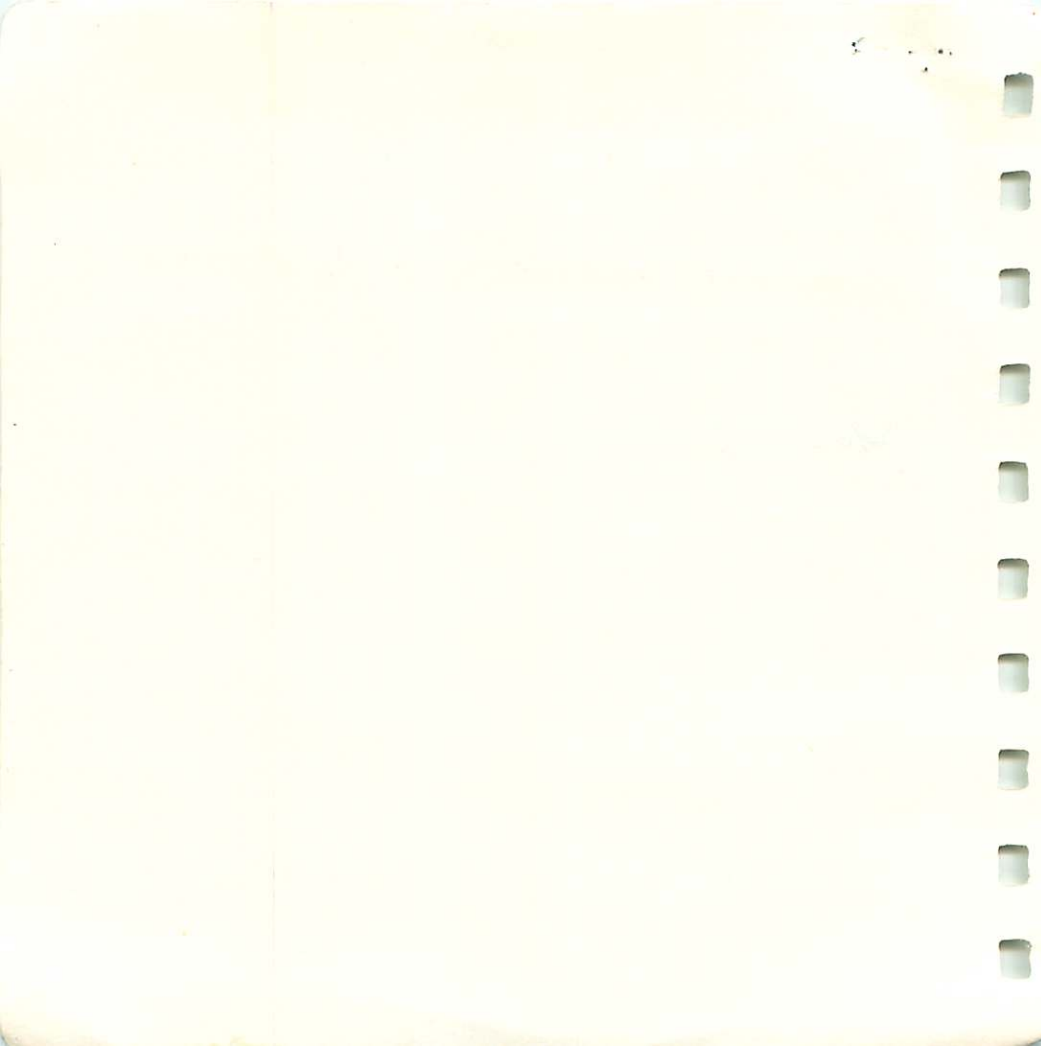
- e.g. ADH in *Drosophila*... many silent Δ 's but almost no aa Δ 's

But how can all these Δ 's be selected against?

Statistics

Dodzhansky said statistics is a way to make bad Data look good.

Custom Usage



John Avise - Species Concept

Biological Species Concept - focus on reproduction isolation

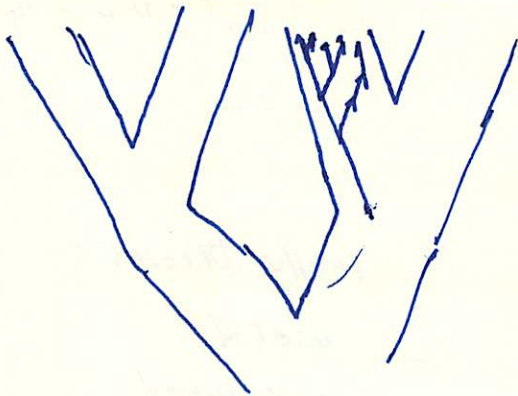
Phylogenetic Species Concept - focus on clades/classification

Questions

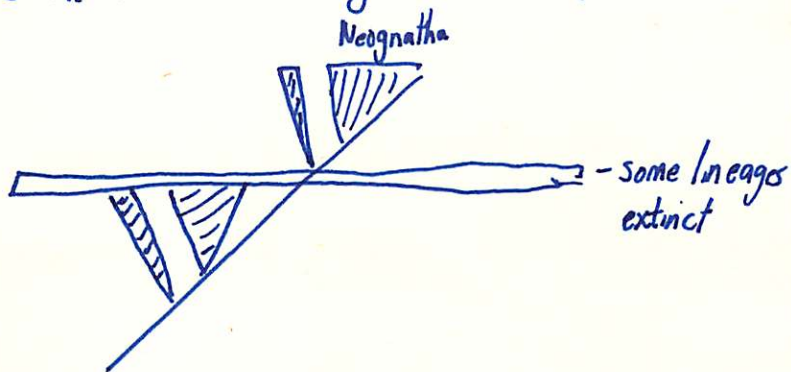
1. Are they really different?
2. Is PSC useful
3. Can they be combined

Allelic genealogies

- allele = length of DNA that has not undergone recombination in the ecological history of taxa under consideration



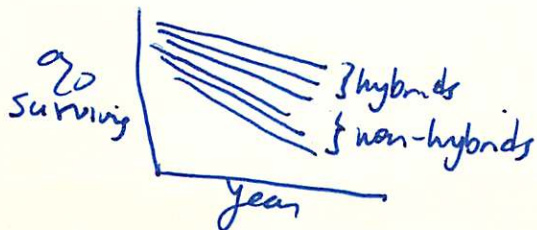
Peter Grant: Genetics + Origin of Bird Species



Dobzhansky + speciation

- ① takes long time
- ② begins w/ genetic diff. of allopatrics
- ③ Post-zygotic isolation

Darwin's Finches



Not much stat. sign. but clearly no less survival in hybrids.



F. Ayala

Sequence evolution

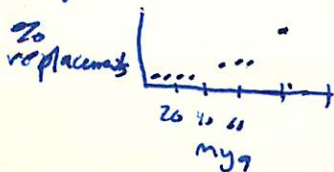
GAPDH } substitution rates
SOD }

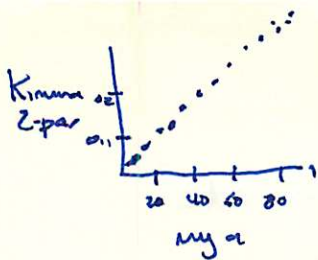
Molecular Clock

- first formalized by Zuckerkandl + Pauling 1965
- 1st real test was Fitch + Margolish 1967
- Kimura 1968 -
 - if neutral theory is correct, substitutions should be poisson process - $\therefore$
mean $\cong$ variance
- This is what Ayala is trying to test

GAPDH

- sequenced gene in many species





Rates of aa subst.

1. within *Drosophila*

Jeff Powell

King + Jukes 1968 "As far as is known, synonymous mutations are truly neutral with respect to natural selection."

Codon Usage Bias

- deviation from random at degenerate sites
- phylogenetic ~~persistence~~ persistence
 - can be specific for certain genes

How measure?

Effective # of codons = highly biased genes have low ENC

When a gene is biased in one species... it tends to be in other species too.

4 fold sites... correlate codon usage bias
w/ nt in wobble position

flies [as genes become more biased... C tends
to be more in wobble position

in
bacteria [T is correlated w/ degree of
codon bias

Most aa contribute to codon usage bias...
exception is Asp

Causes of Codon Usage Bias

① Mutation bias

- e.g. isochores in warm blooded mammals
- Genes in A/T isochores use A/T in wobbles
- Genes in C/G isochores use G/C in wobbles
- but in *Drosophila* ... doesn't think mutation bias causes codon bias in *Drosophila*
 - if mutation bias did these -- he thinks it should affect all aa
 - suggests mutation bias in *Drosophila* is A/T biased
- level of codon usage bias incr. w/
incr. recombination (regions of high
recomb. should have more specific
selection).

③ selection

- in bacteria - so accepting tRNAs are at diff. abundance.

- this would incr. speed + accuracy of translation

Highly expressed genes tend to be most biased

Shorter genes tend to be ~~be~~ more biased.

- suggests that in shorter genes effects on single tRNA "problems" have a larger effect than in longer genes

Suggests Hiroshi's study showing Accuracy is important could be due to speed affects because slower translation should be more inaccurate.

Effects of Codon Bias

Between species

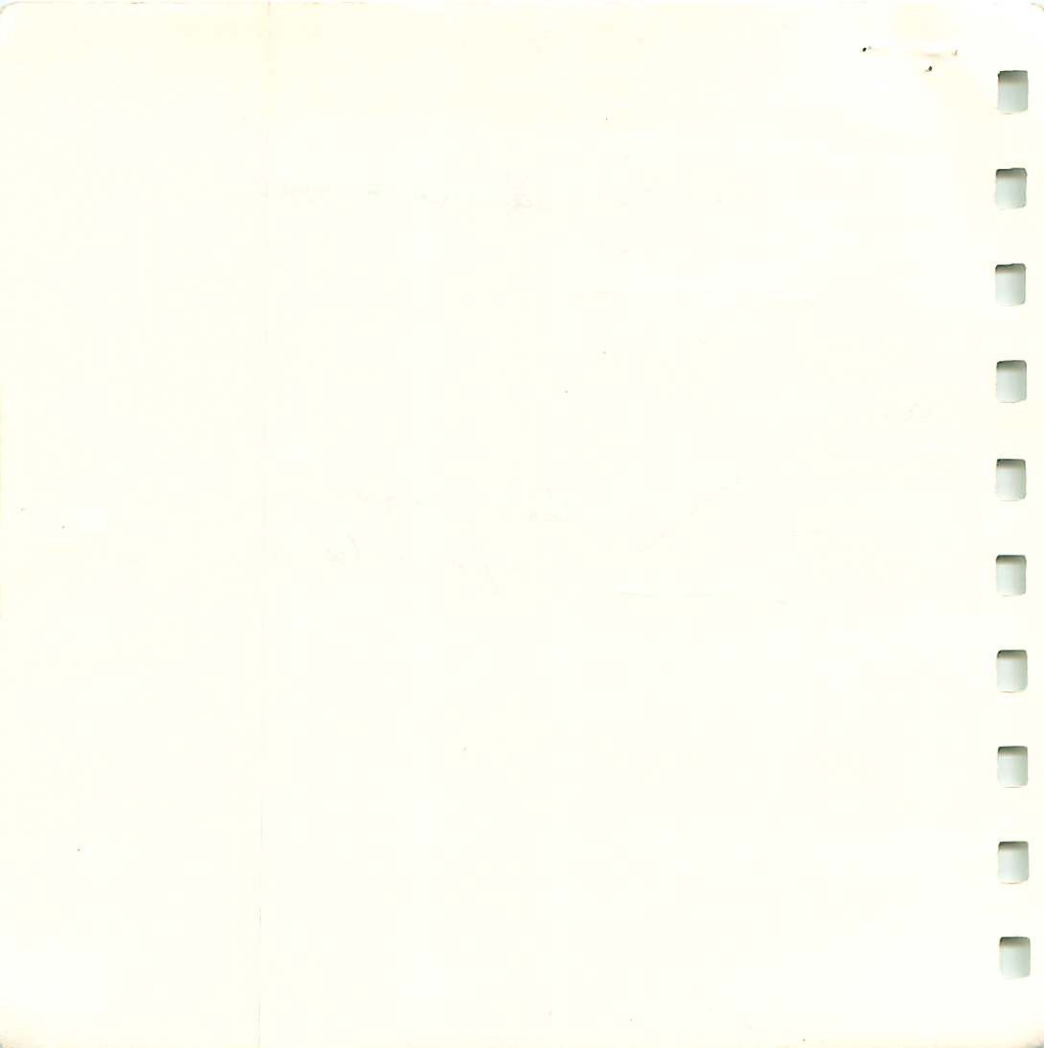


within species

Synonymous
polymorph



} this says higher biased genes have higher ratios of syn. subst.



Michael Clegg: Rubisco Evolution

5×10^{-9} subs/site/year = syn. rate in plant nucleus

1×10^{-7} " " " = " " " " chloroplast

Evolution of Plant Nuclear Genes

rbcS = small subunit

= 4-8 copies per species



M. Nei - Evolution by the birth-and-death processes.
immunoglobulin families of the vertebrate immune
system

1. Concerted evolution

- a. Genes producing large quant. of RNA or proteins
- b. MHC + Ig genes?

2. Birth + Death model

MHC loci:

- excessive # of polymorphisms - he argues
is due to selection (e.g. ds/dn) but
others argue gene conversion important

