

# Asymptomatic, acute or chronic infections:

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a twisted road from genotype to phenotype  
in Papillomaviruses



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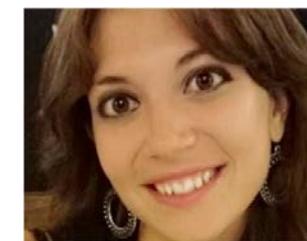
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# **When do we understand a disease?**

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- when we have an explanation of mechanisms

**AND**

- when we have an evolutionary explanation about how/why the organism is vulnerable to disease despite natural selection

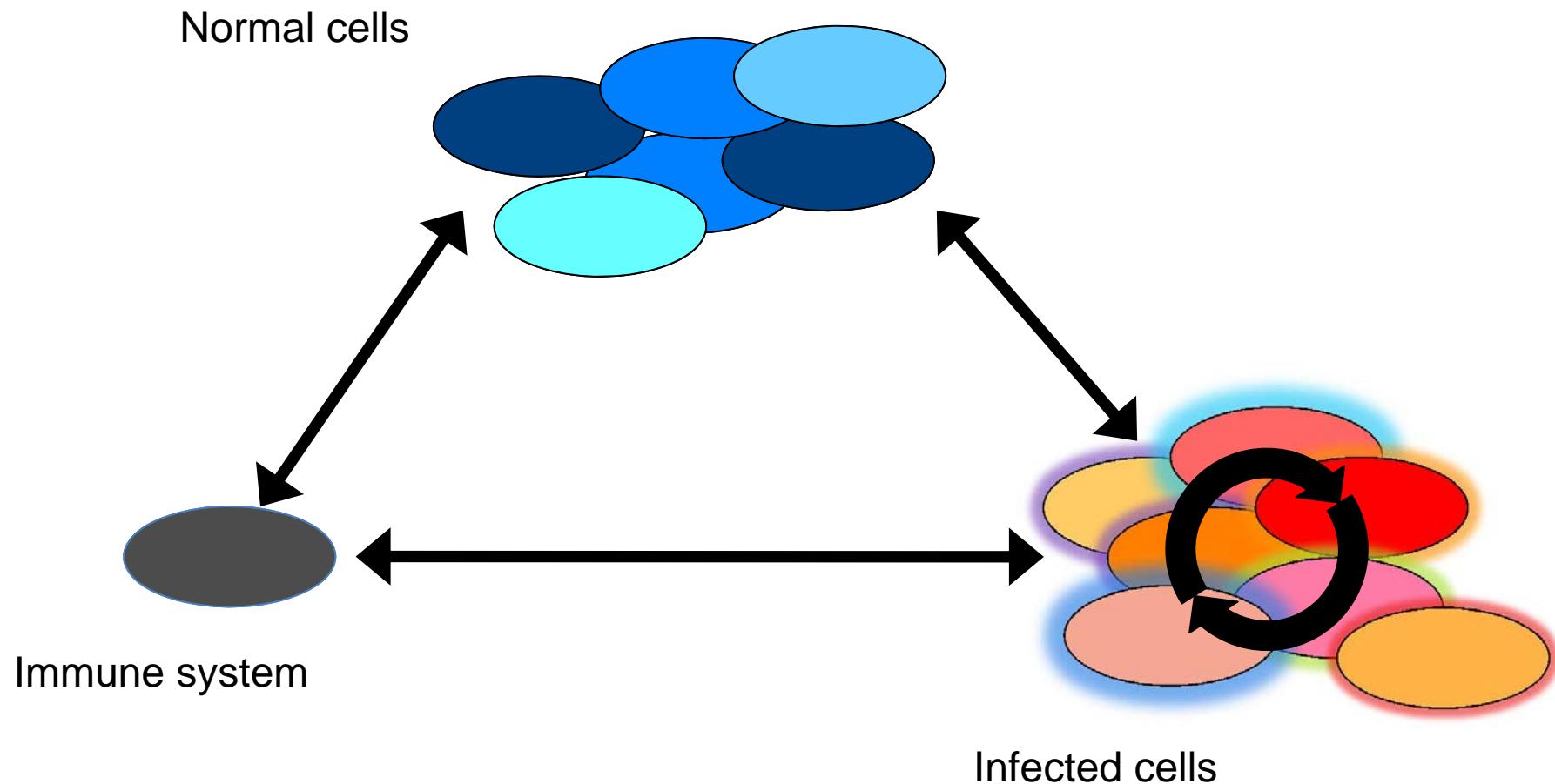
# Tinbergen's four categories of questions and explanations

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		<i>historic perspective</i> <b>ontogeny   plasticity</b> the changes in genotype expression in an individual	<i>contemporary perspective</i> <b>mechanism</b> the way a structure works
<b>How</b> does an individual work?	<i>proximate explanation</i>		
<b>Why</b> has a species evolved to be so?	<i>ultimate explanation</i>	<b>phylogeny</b> the history of changes in the species through generations resulting in this structure	<b>function   adaptation</b> the problem a structure currently solves and the advantage this structure provides with

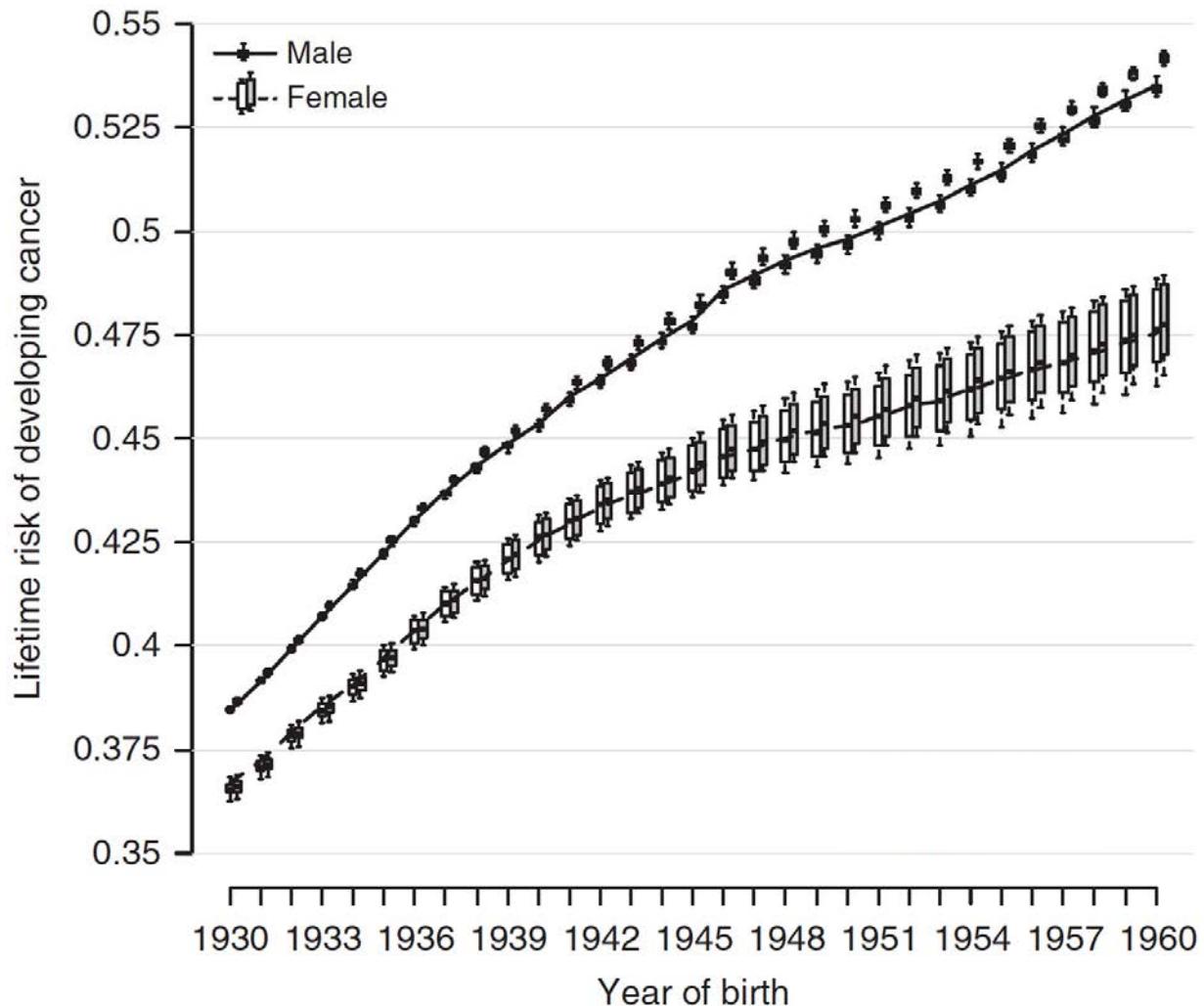
# Cancers are eco-evolutionary processes

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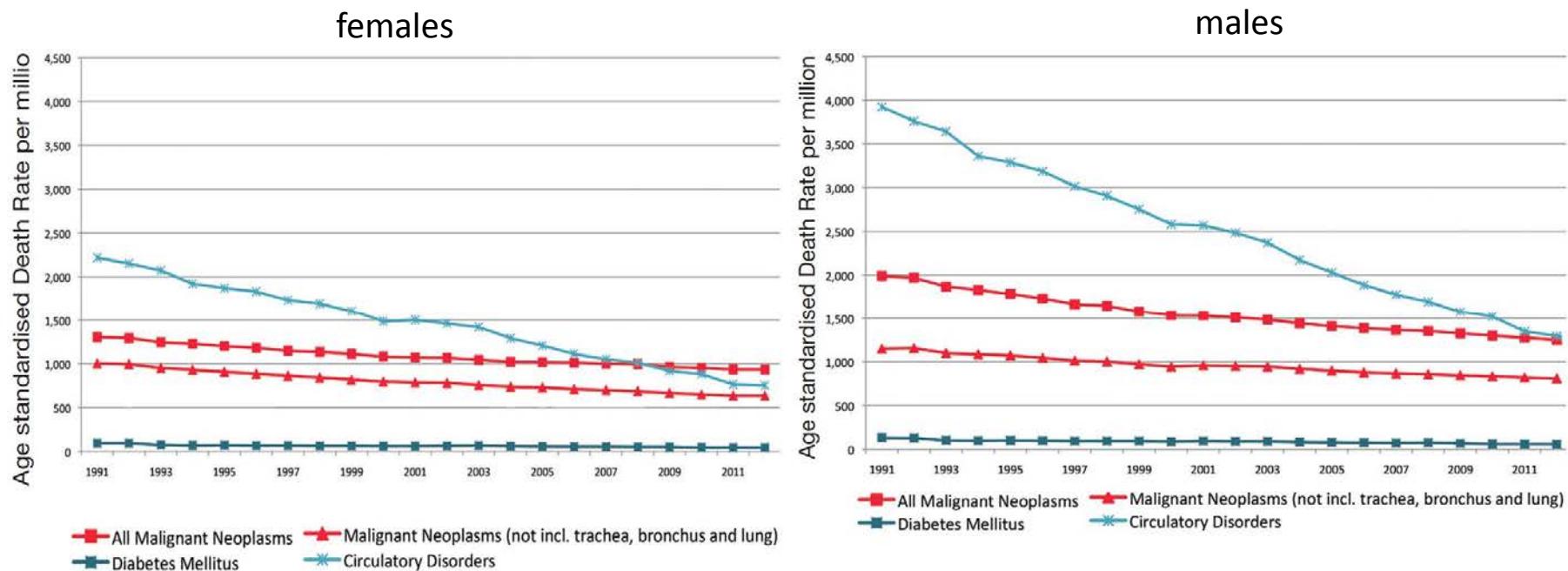
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Age standardised death rates for selected causes



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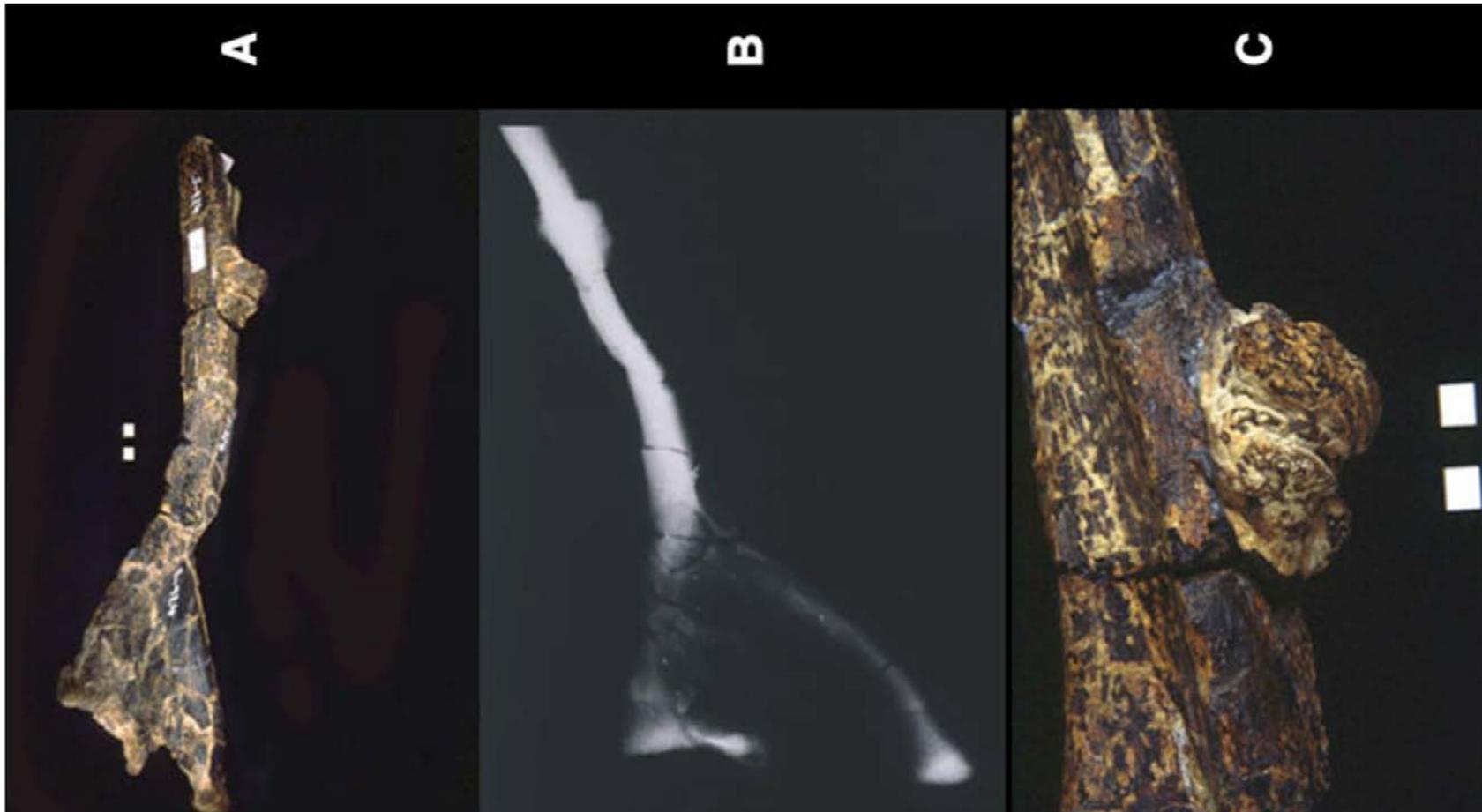
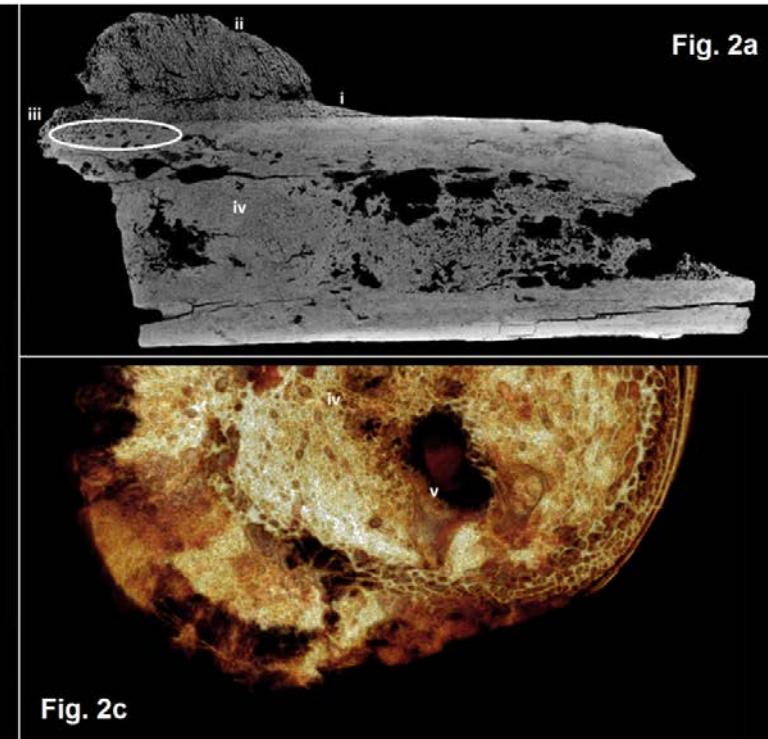
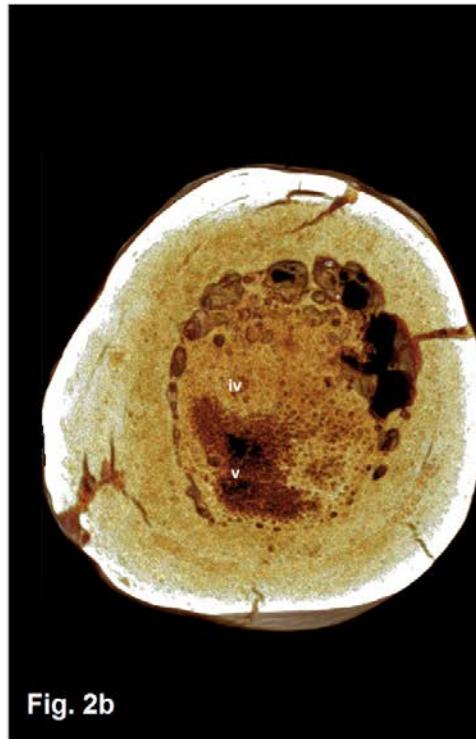


FIGURE 1 – Fragment of a right rib of a large dinosaur, *Apatosaurus* sp. (a), which presents a sub-rounded mass with multilobulated surface (c), and high radiographic density (b) (Jurassic, Wyoming, USA; sample 323 of the University Museum, Chieti).

# Cancers are ancient diseases



Osteosarcoma of the femur in a native Peruvian dating to ca. 800 BP



Earliest (recorded) hominin cancer: 1.7-million-year old osteosarcoma. (i) reactive new bone formation (ii) ossified exophytic (cauliflower-like) (iii) invasion by the mass into the cortex, (iv) remodelled bone infill

# Cancer is an eco-evolutionary process

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- clonal diversification model

Fidler & Hart 1982; Greaves & Maley 2012

- cancer-stem cell model

Clarke & Fuller 2006

- hallmarks of cancer

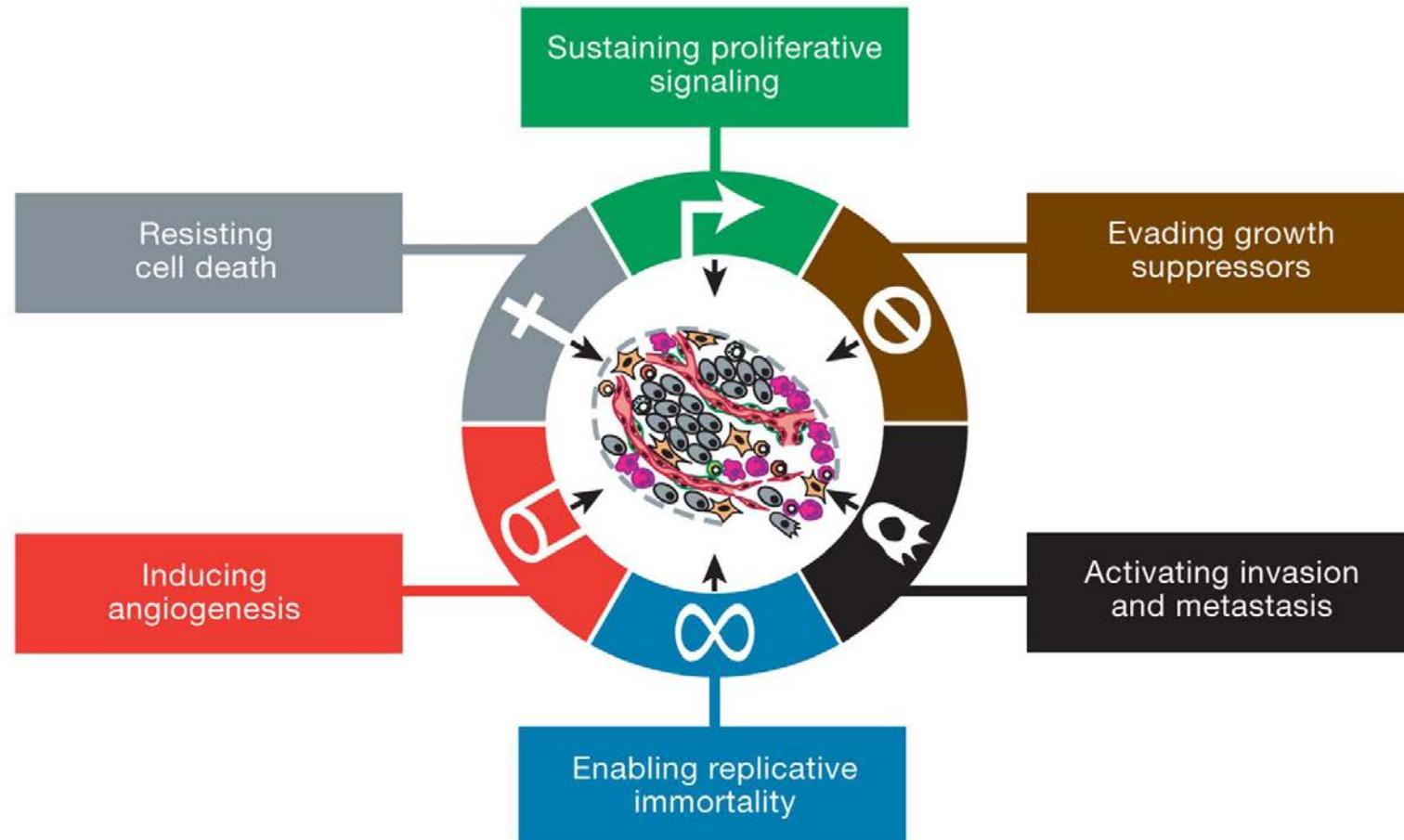
Hanahan & Weinberg 2000, 2010

- barrier model of cancer

Ewald & Swain Ewald 2012

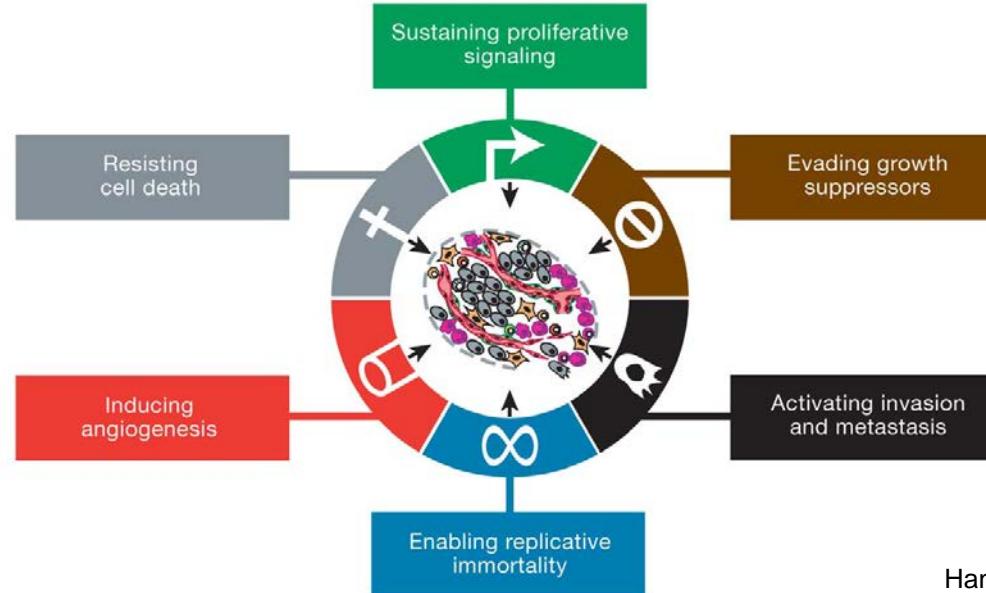


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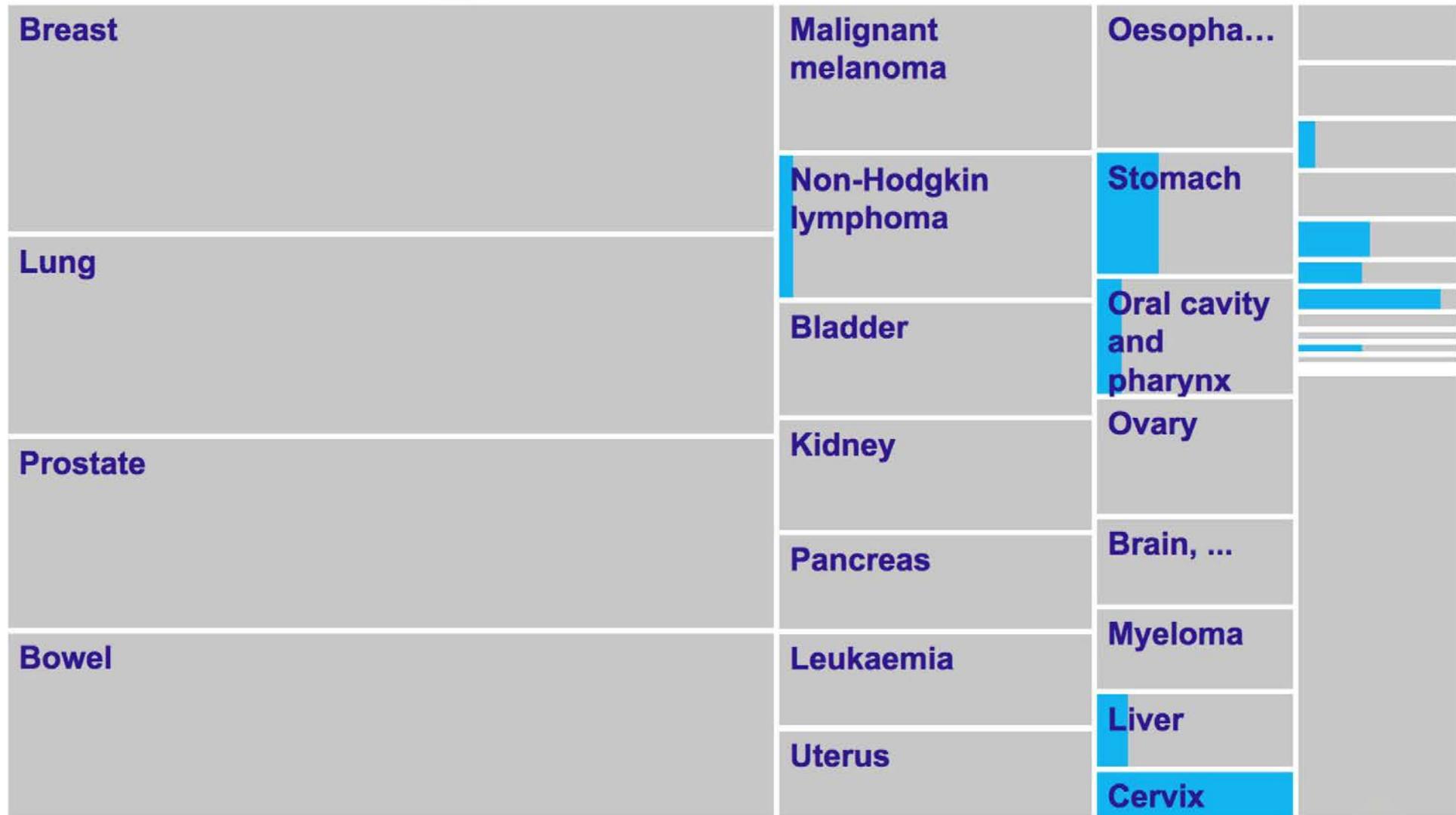
- Cell division rate
- Angiogenesis
- Microenvironment manipulation
- Metabolic shifts

Ewald&Swain Ewald (2012) *Evol App*

# Certain infections may cause cancer in humans

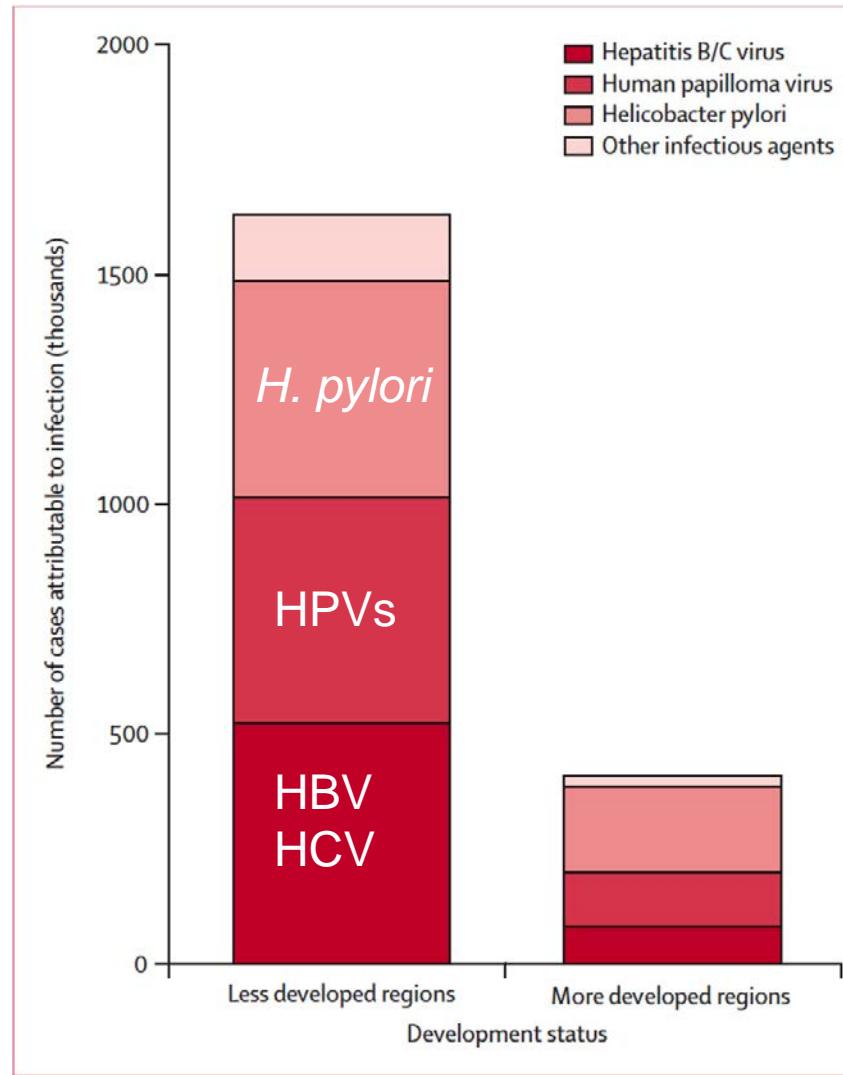


= Cases attributable to infections



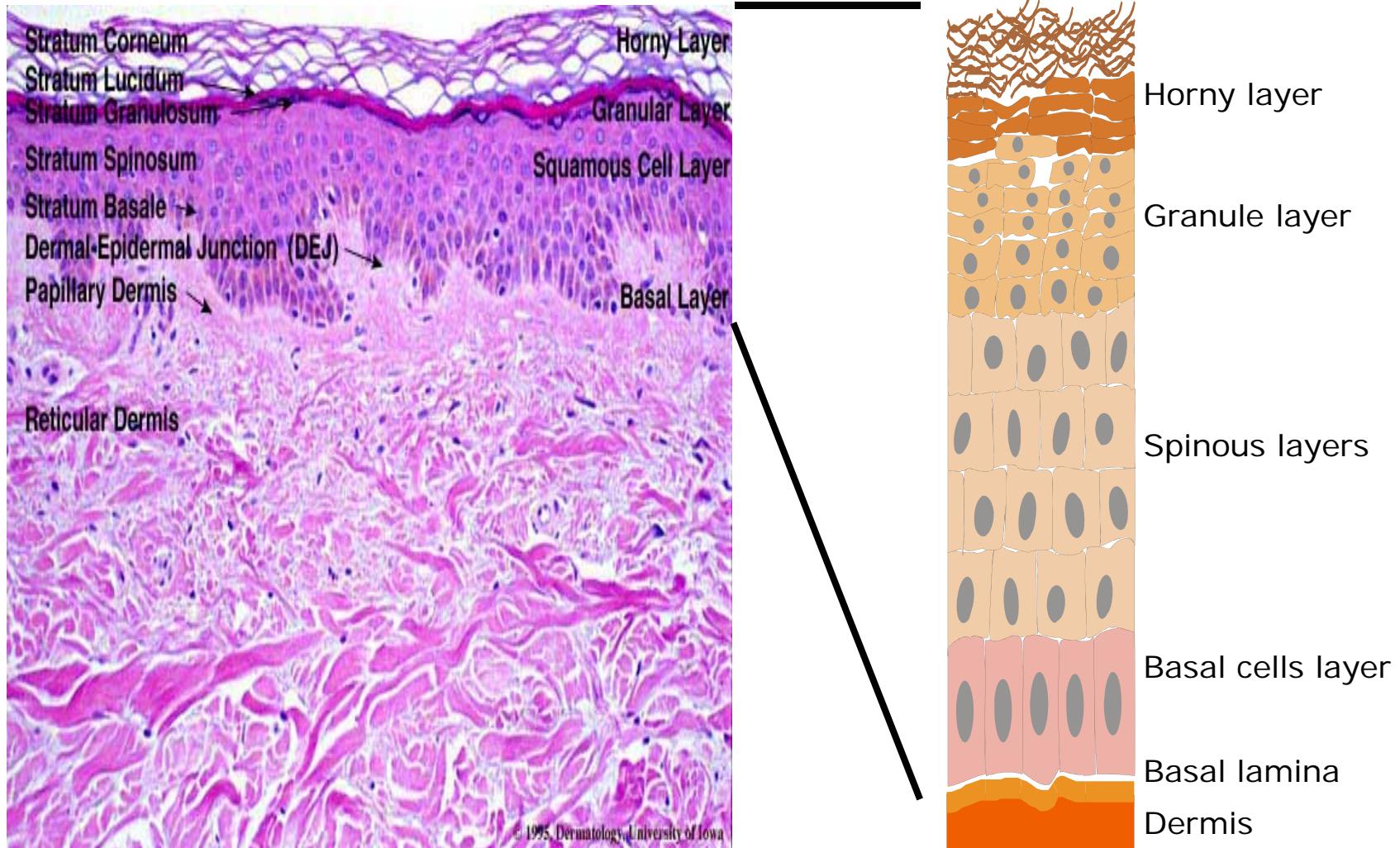
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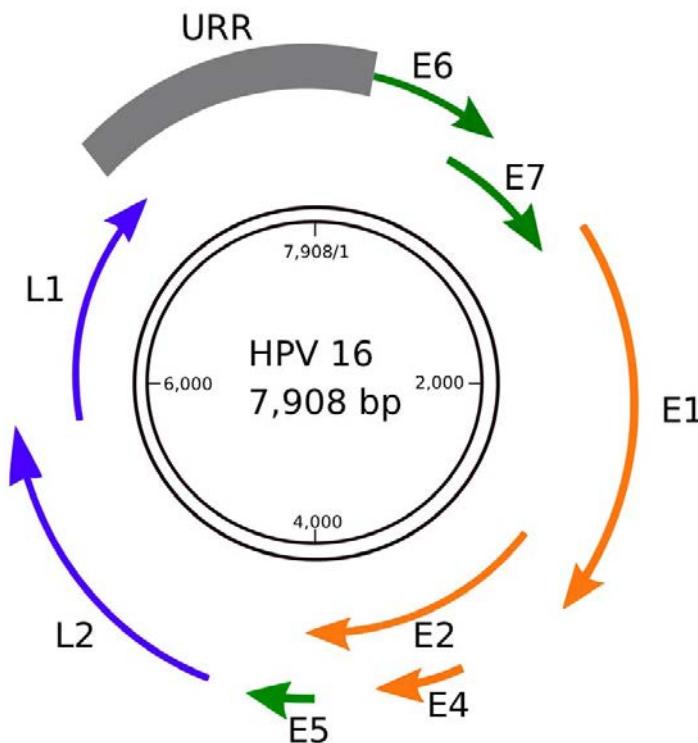


de Mantel (2010) *Lancet*

# Papillomaviruses infect epithelia

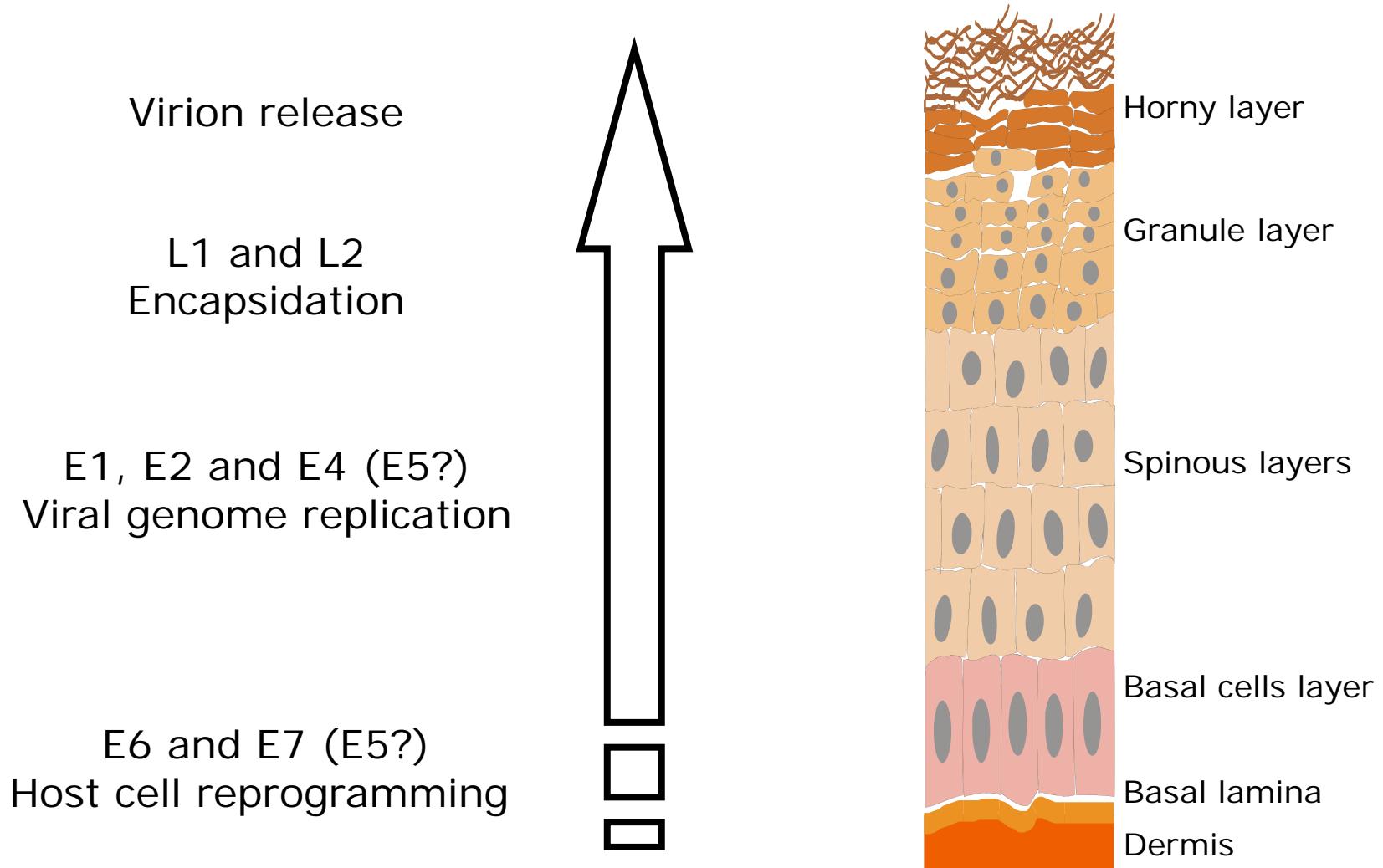


# Papillomaviruses are a simple study system



Locus	Function
URR	-Harbours transcription factor-binding sites -Controls gene expression
E6	-Promotes cellular immortalization by degradation of p53 -Modifies cell adhesion and differentiation by degradation of TAp63 and p73
E7	-Promotes pRb degradation, permitting cell progression to S-phase of cell cycle -Induces chromosomal instability
E5	-Induces cell proliferation -Contributes to evasion of apoptosis -Downregulates MHC expression
E1	-ATP-dependent DNA helicase activity -Role in viral DNA replication
E2	-Coactivator of viral DNA replication -Transcription repressor of HPV E6 and E7 -Regulates cell cycle and apoptosis -Interacts with chromatin for segregation of viral genome
E4	Binds cytoskeletal proteins and disrupts cytoskeletal structure of the G2 arrested cell
L2	-Minor capsid protein -Recruits L1 protein for virus assembly
L1	-Major capsid protein -Can autoassemble into VLPs

# Papillomaviruses life cycle follows keratinocyte differentiation



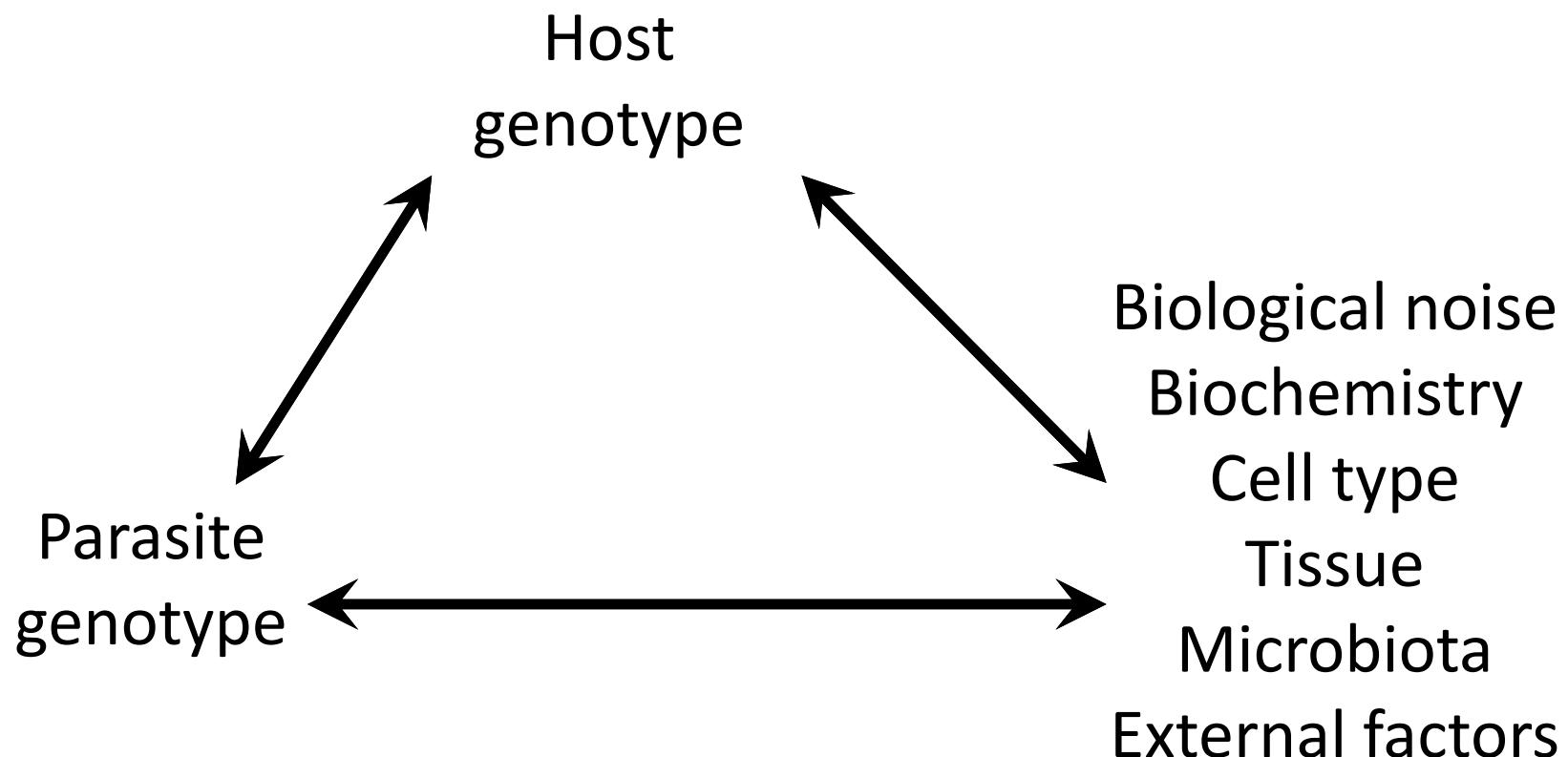
(virtually) All sexually active adults have  
been exposed to papillomaviruses

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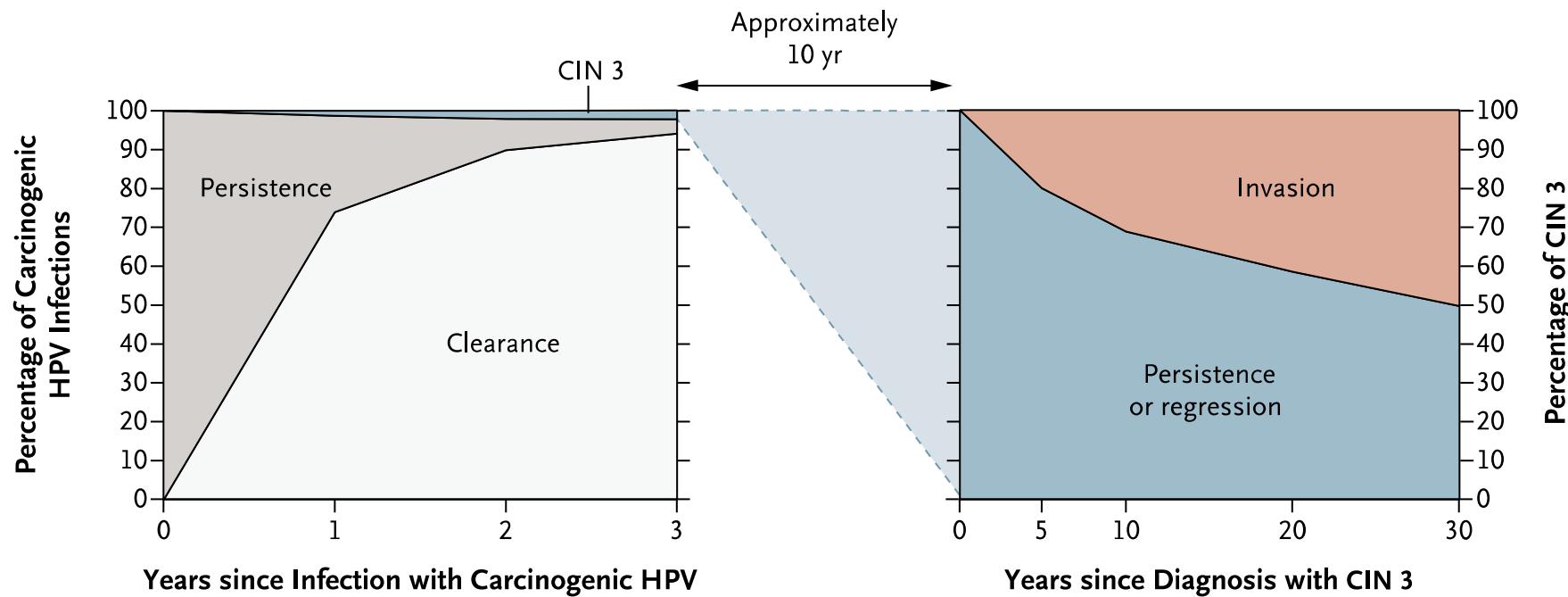
only a few develop  
infection-related cancers

# Genotype x Genotype x environment interactions

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# HPVs-driven cancers appear after years of persistent infection



# Cancer burden in France

Table 3: Cervical cancer incidence in France (estimates for 2012)

Indicator	France	Western Europe	World
Annual number of new cancer cases	2,862	9,824	527,624
Crude incidence rate <sup>a</sup>	8.8	10.2	15.1
Age-standardized incidence rate <sup>a</sup>	6.8	7.3	14.0
Cumulative risk (%) at 75 years old <sup>b</sup>	0.6	0.7	1.4

Data accessed on 15 Nov 2015.

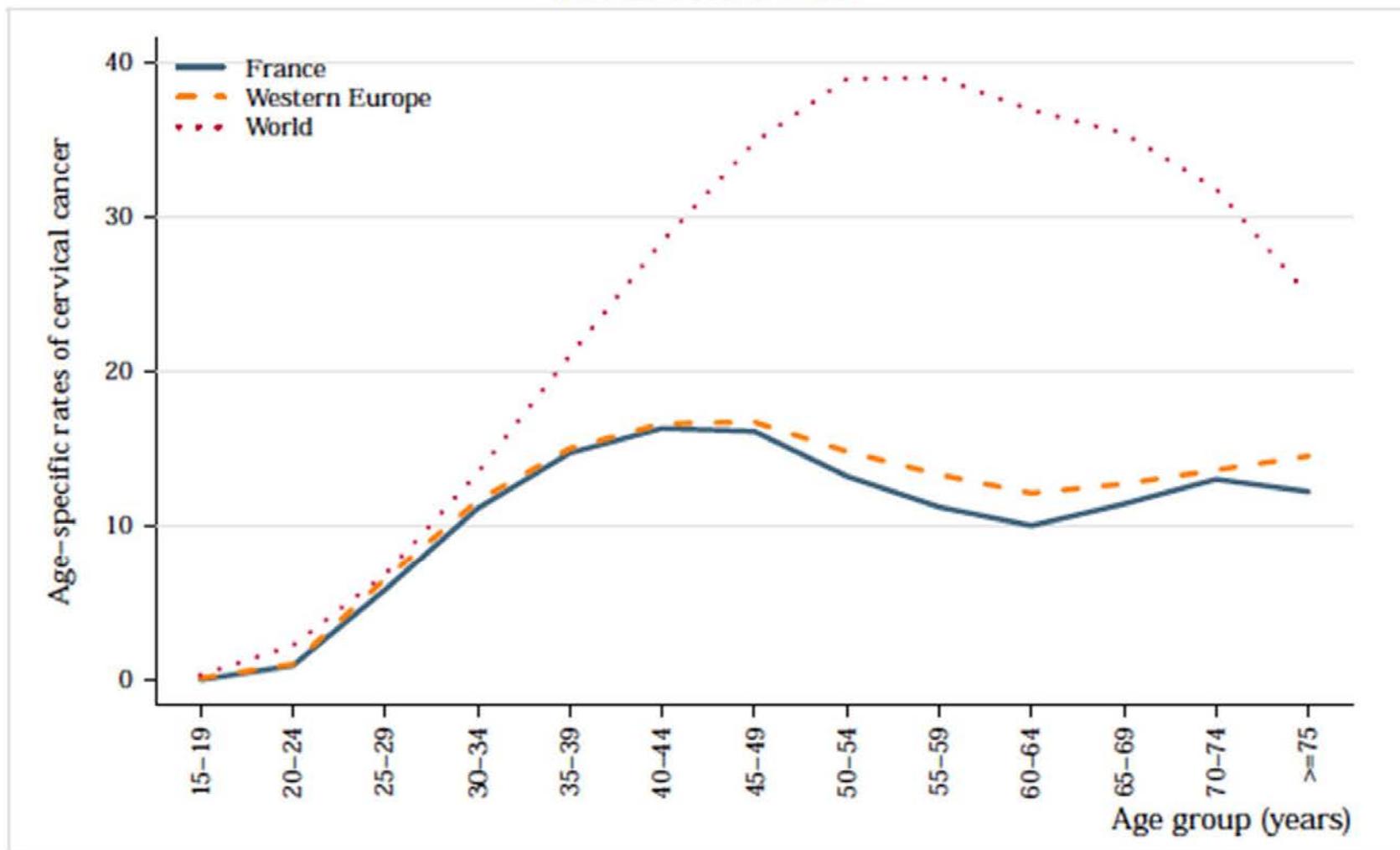
Table 6: Cervical cancer mortality in France (estimates for 2012)

Indicator	France	Western Europe	World
Annual number of deaths	1,167	3,479	265,672
Crude mortality rate <sup>a</sup>	3.6	3.6	7.6
Age-standardized mortality rate <sup>a</sup>	1.9	1.8	6.8
Cumulative risk (%) at 75 years old <sup>b</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.8

Data accessed on 15 Nov 2015.

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Figure 9: Comparison of age-specific cervical cancer incidence rates in France, within the region, and the rest of world

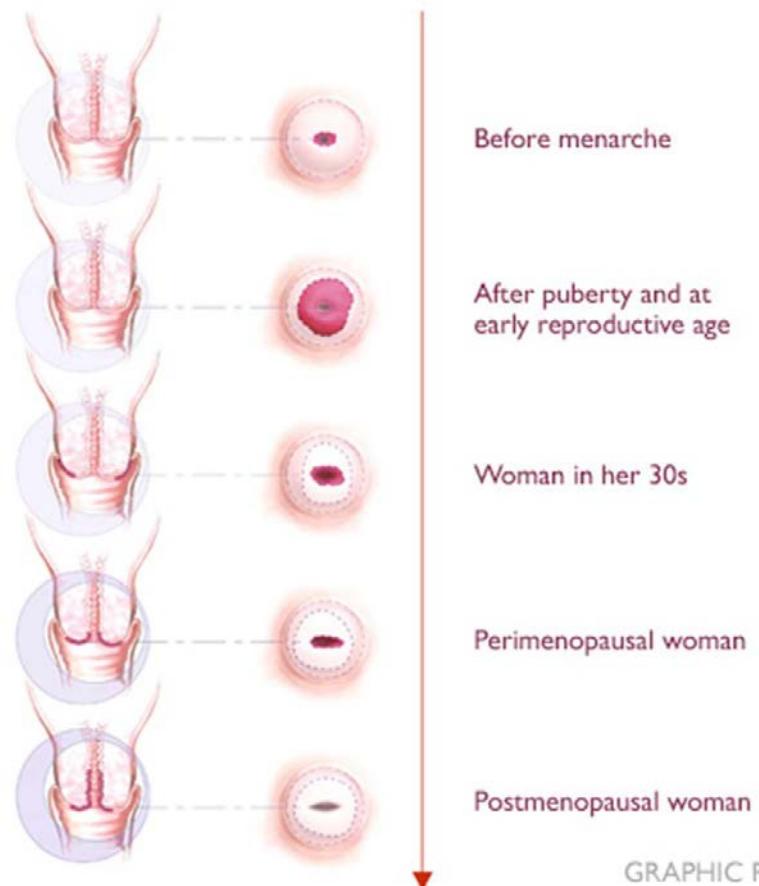


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HPV Information Centre (ICO)

# The cervix environment changes through life (and with it probably also propensity to infection and malignisation)

LOCATION OF THE SQUAMOCOLUMNAR JUNCTION (SC)  
AND TRANSFORMATION ZONE

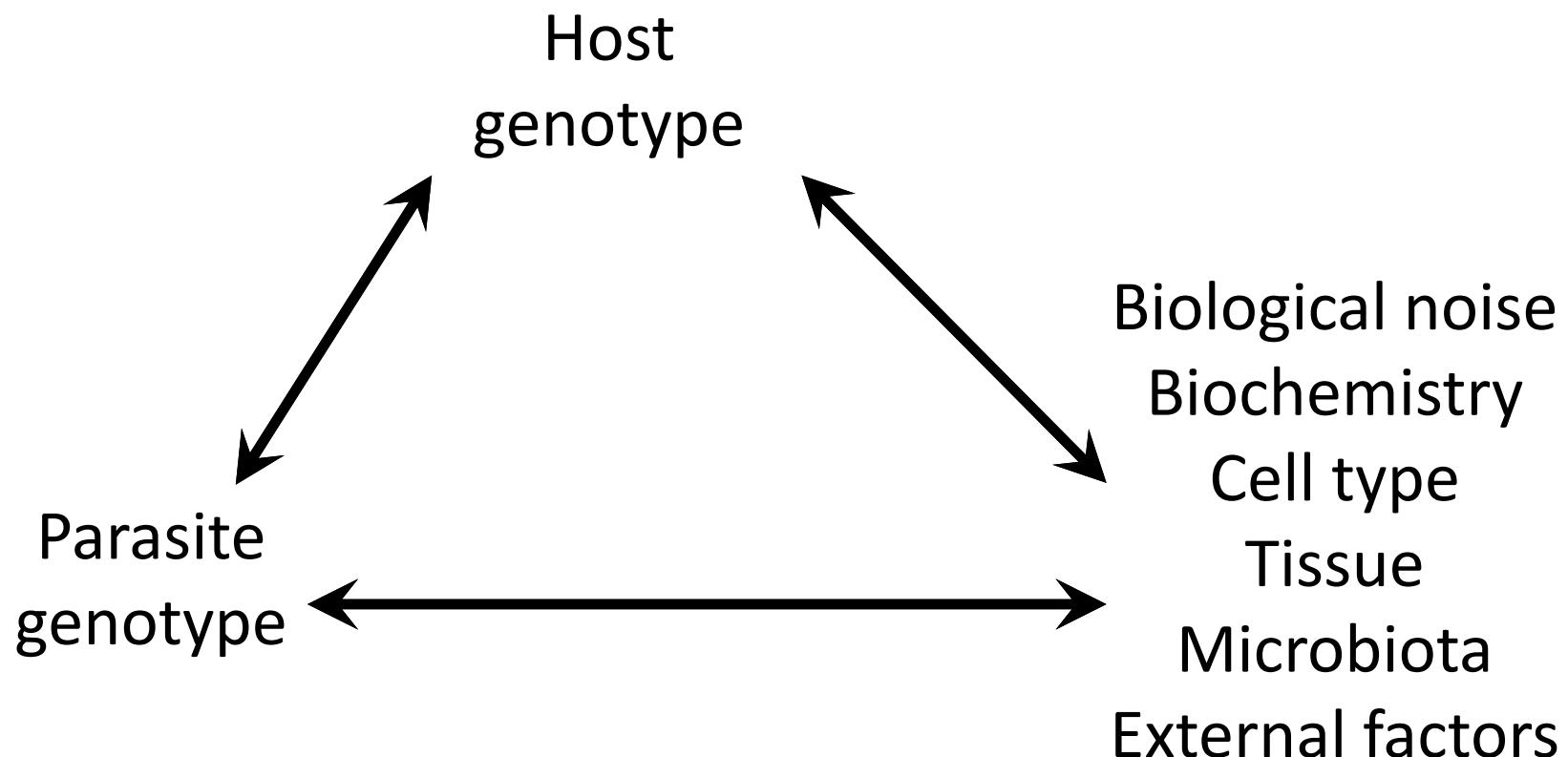


GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

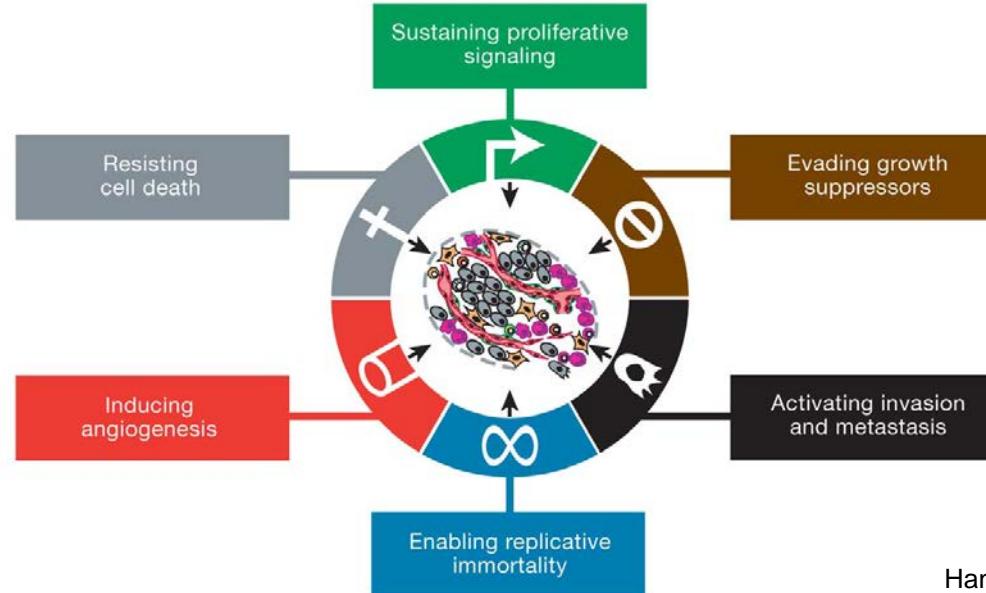
Ferlay et al. (2002) IARC CancerBase

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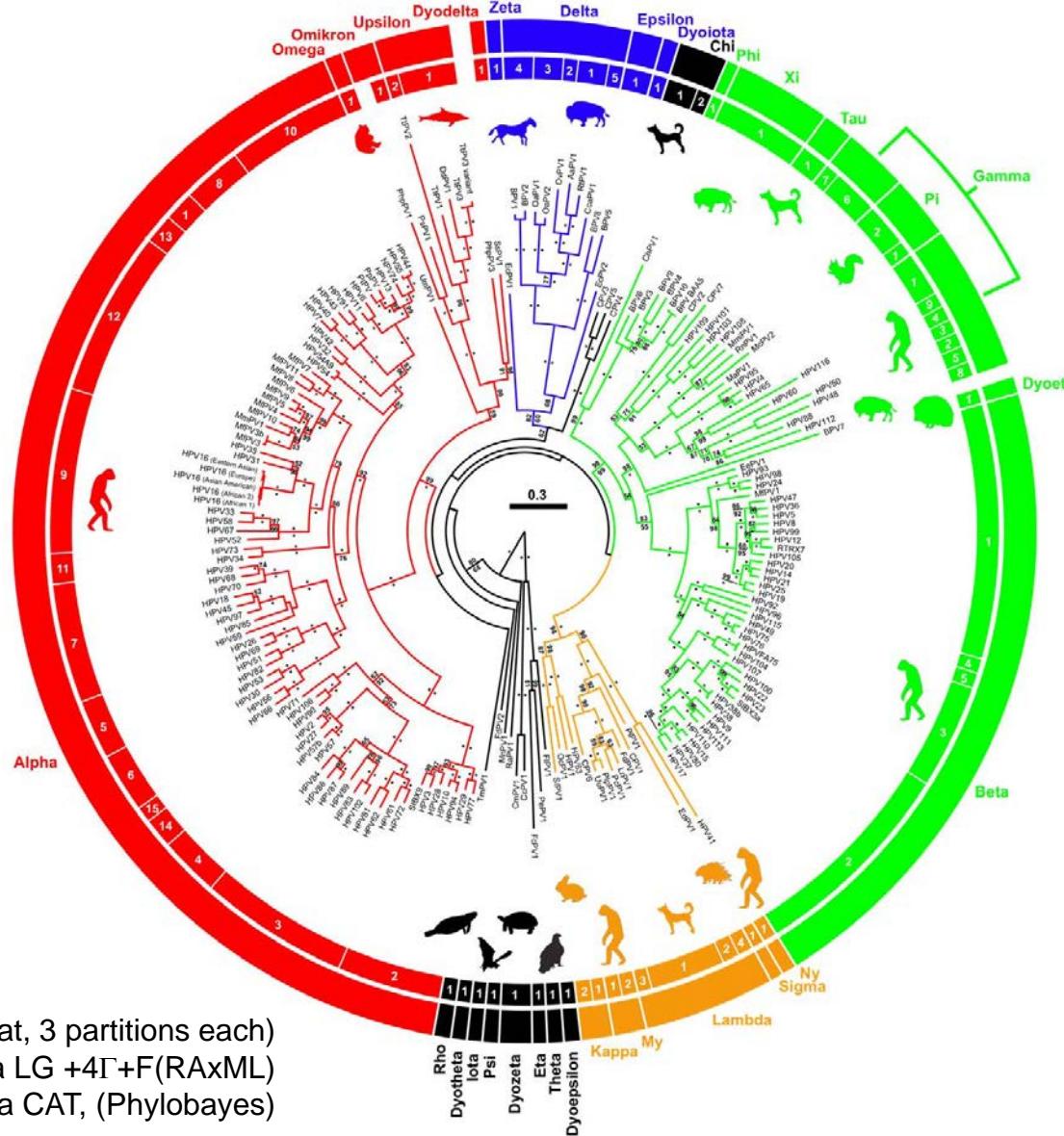
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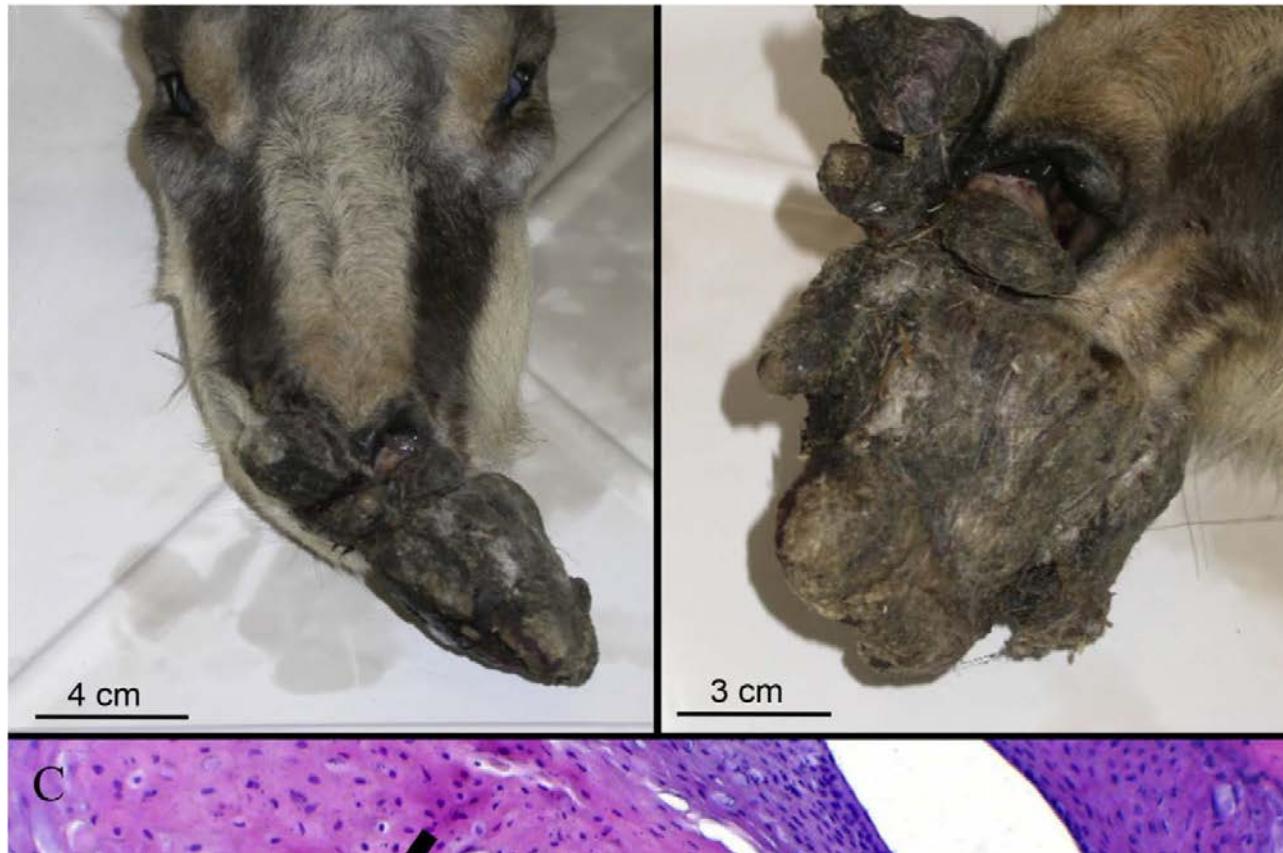


# Why can't we find cervical cancer outside humans?



Gottschling *et al.* (2011) Mol. Phyl. Evol.

# Why do we find so few oncogenic viruses outside humans?



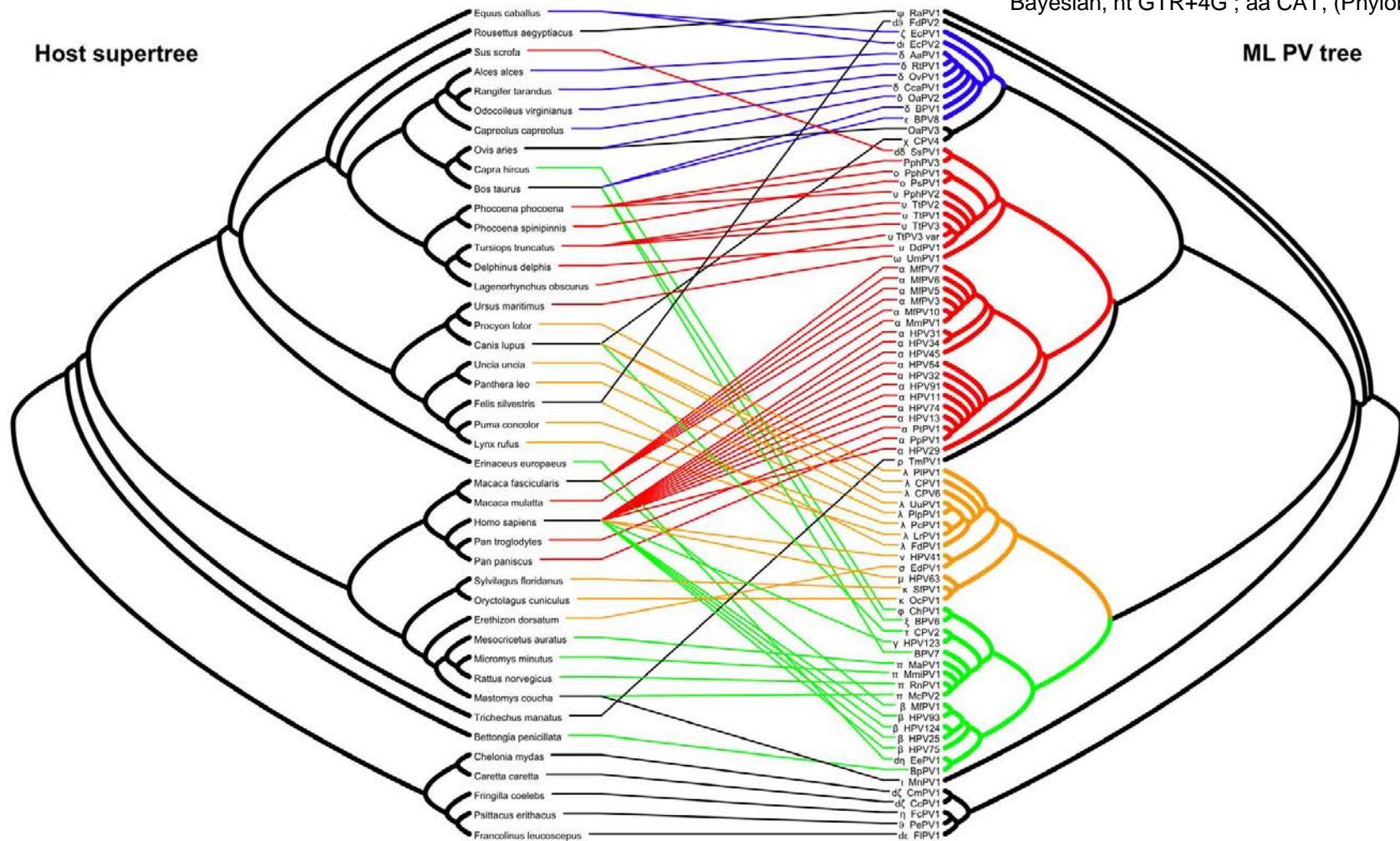
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35 genes (supermatrix)  
ML; aa LG +4G+F(RAxML)

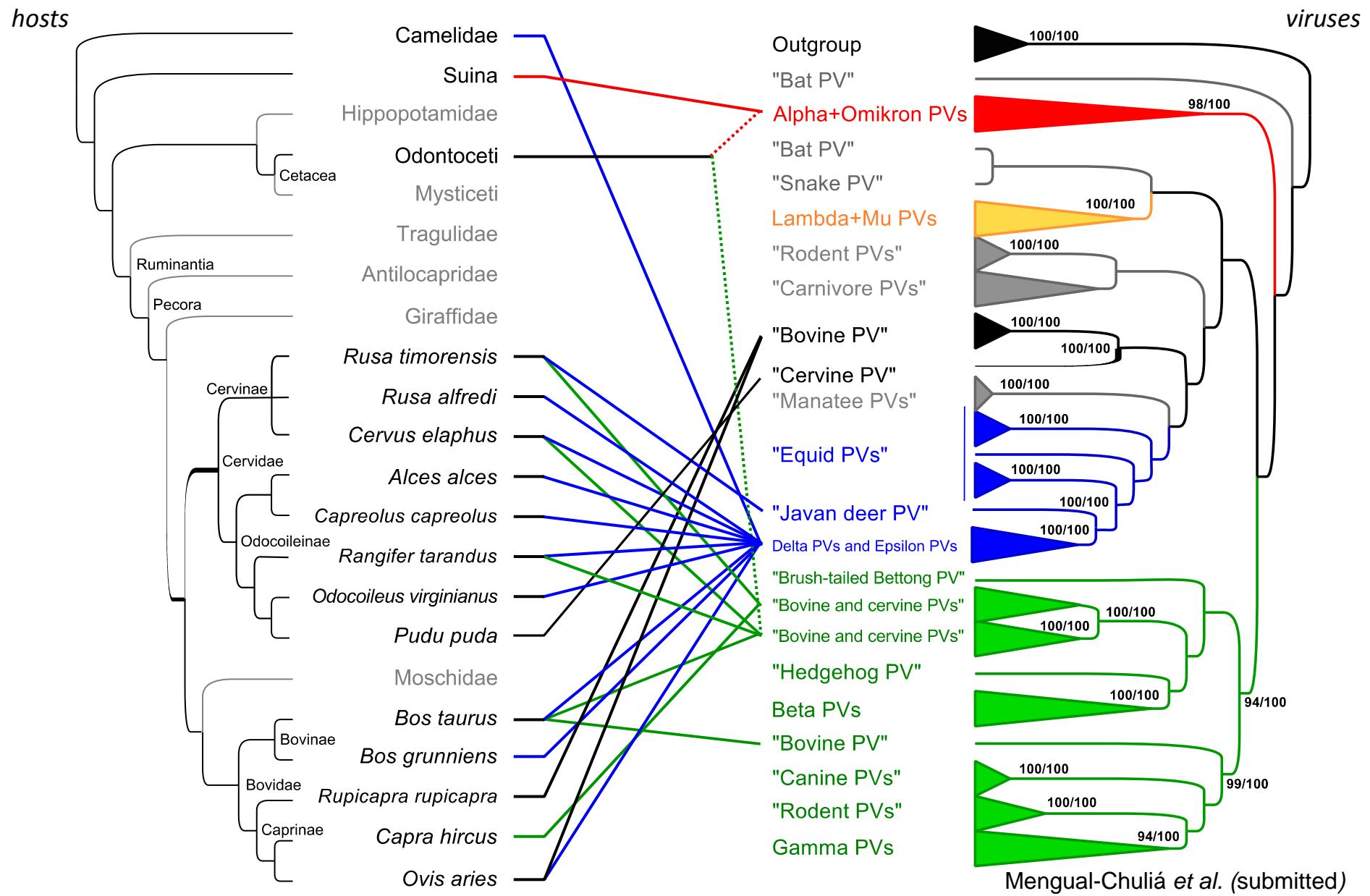
Host supertree

3 genes (concat, 3 partitions each)  
ML, nt GTR+4G ; aa LG +4G+F(RAxML)  
Bayesian, nt GTR+4G ; aa CAT, (Phylobayes)

ML PV tree

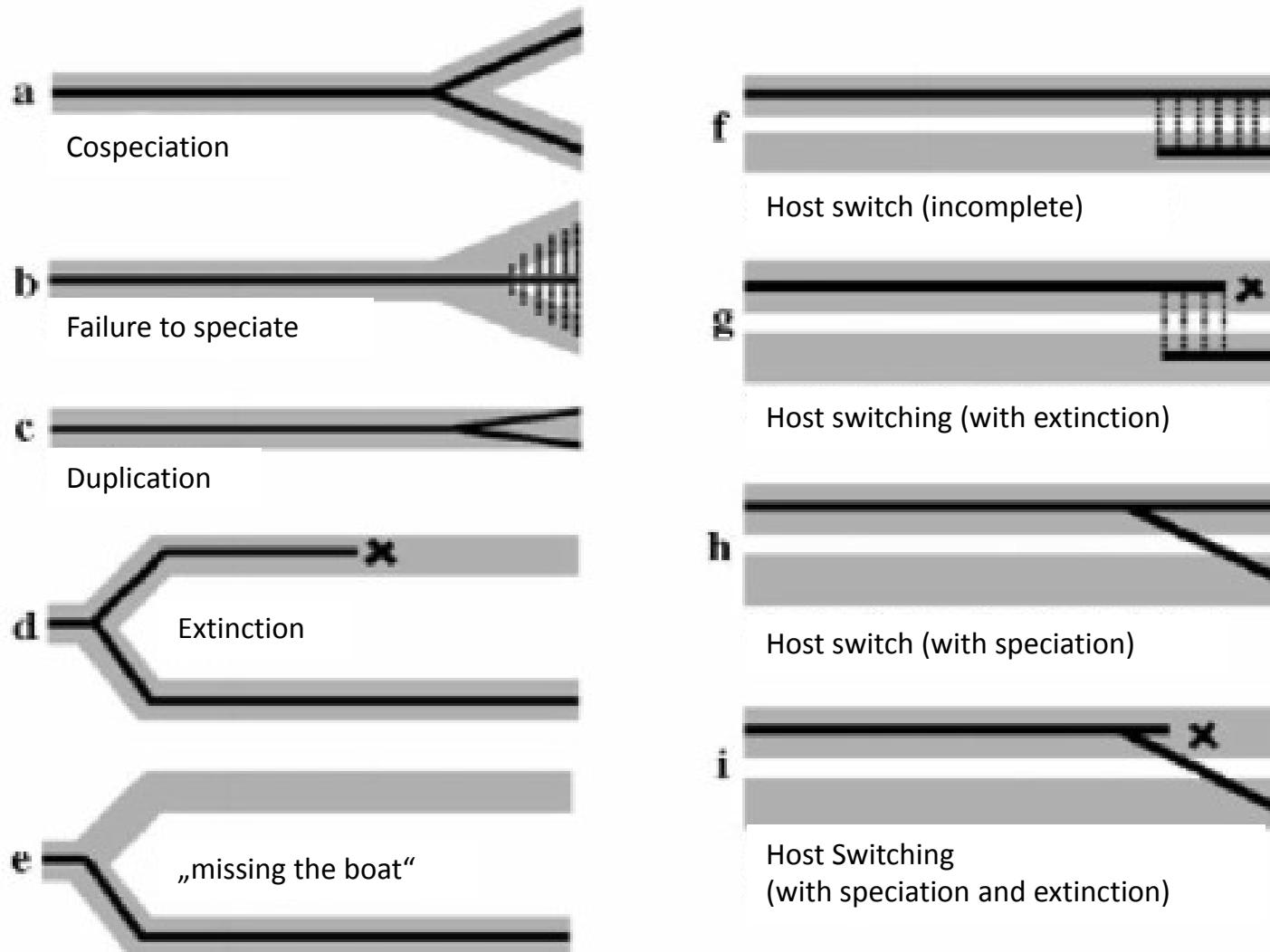


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# Multiple mechanisms may contribute to the virus-host evolutionary history

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# PVs interspecies transmission is not that rare

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- heterologous infection by BPV1 and BPV2



Van Dyk *et al.* (2009) *J. Virol. Methods*



Kidney *et al.* (2007) *ESDV*

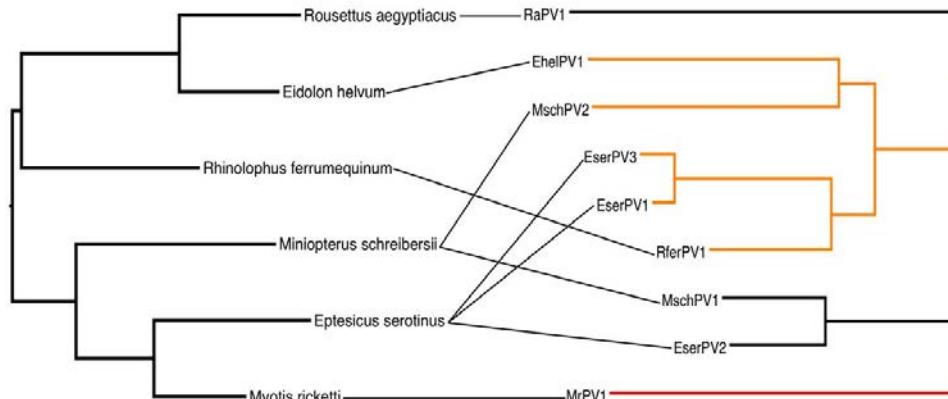
# PVs can be transmitted between species



*Eptesicus serotinus*



*Eptesicus isabellinus*



3 mitochondrial genes, 1 nuclear  
(concat)  
Bayesian, nt GTR+4Γ (BEAST)

4 genes (concat, 3 partitions each)  
ML, nt GTR+4Γ ; aa LG +4Γ+F(RAxML)  
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Short communication

## The detection of Bovine Papillomavirus type 1 DNA in flies

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- mucosotropic PVs in cetaceans



A



B



C



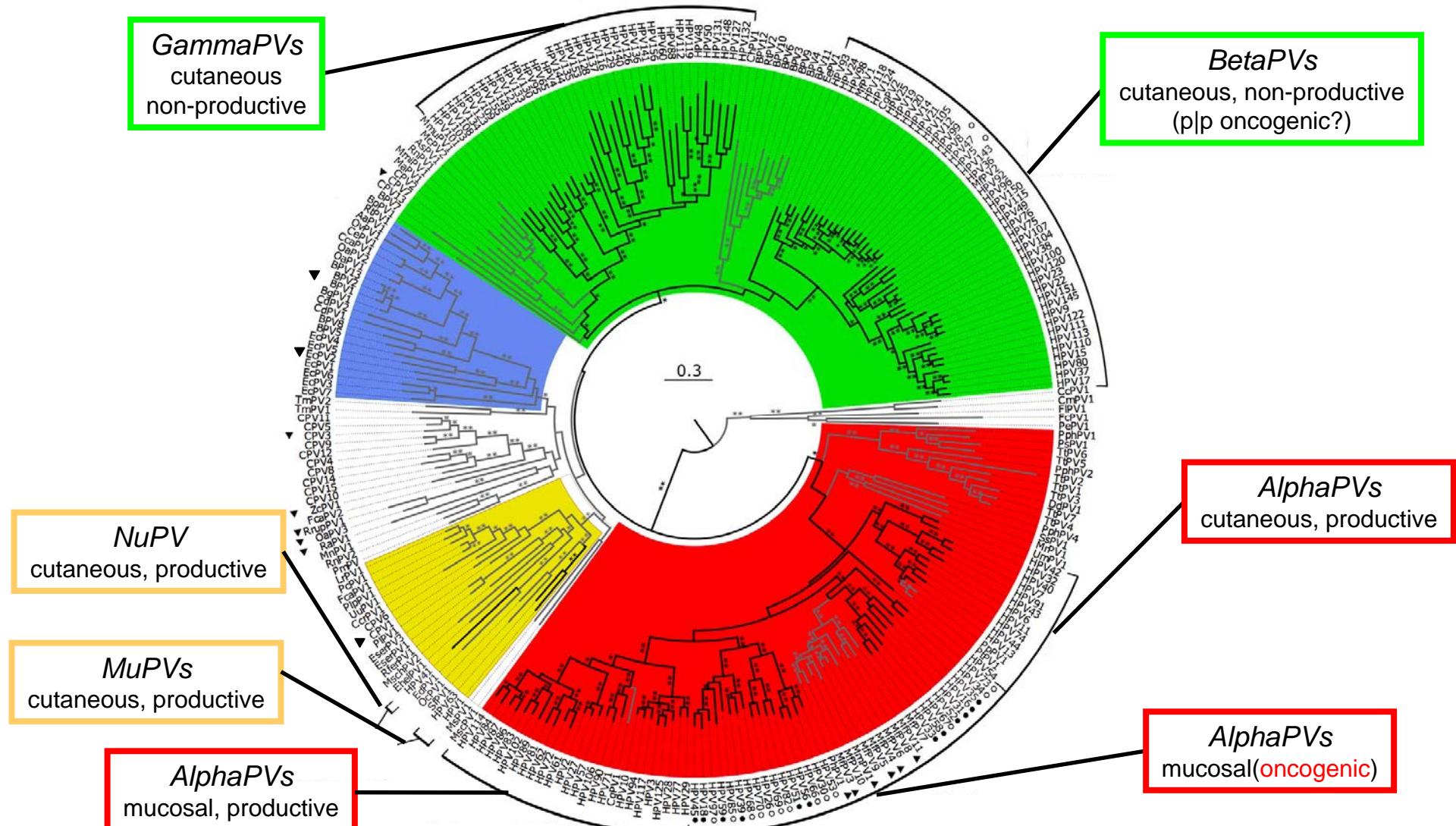
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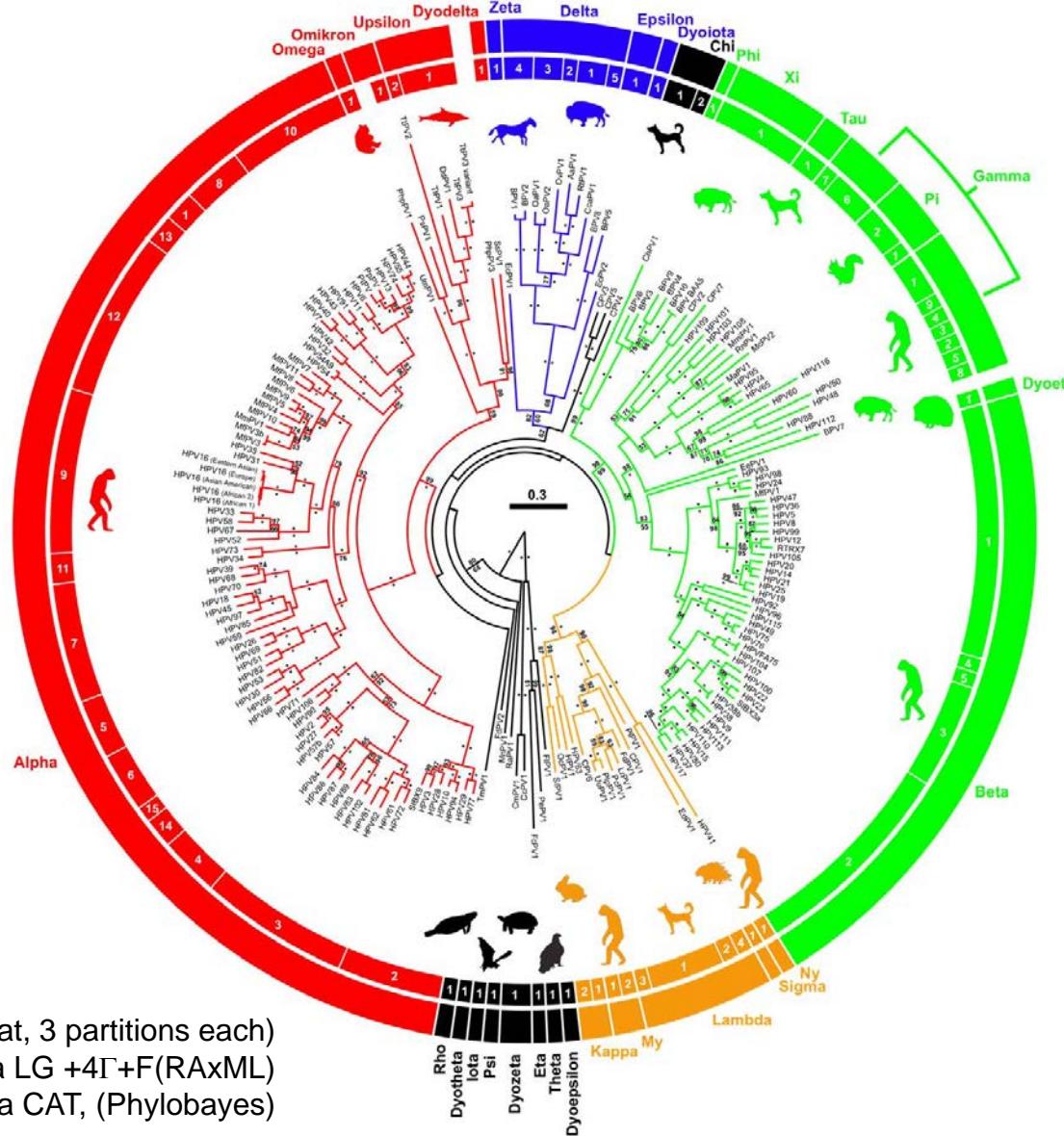
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Gottschling et al. (2011) *Mol. Phyl. Evol.*

# Papillomaviruses show multiple lifestyles

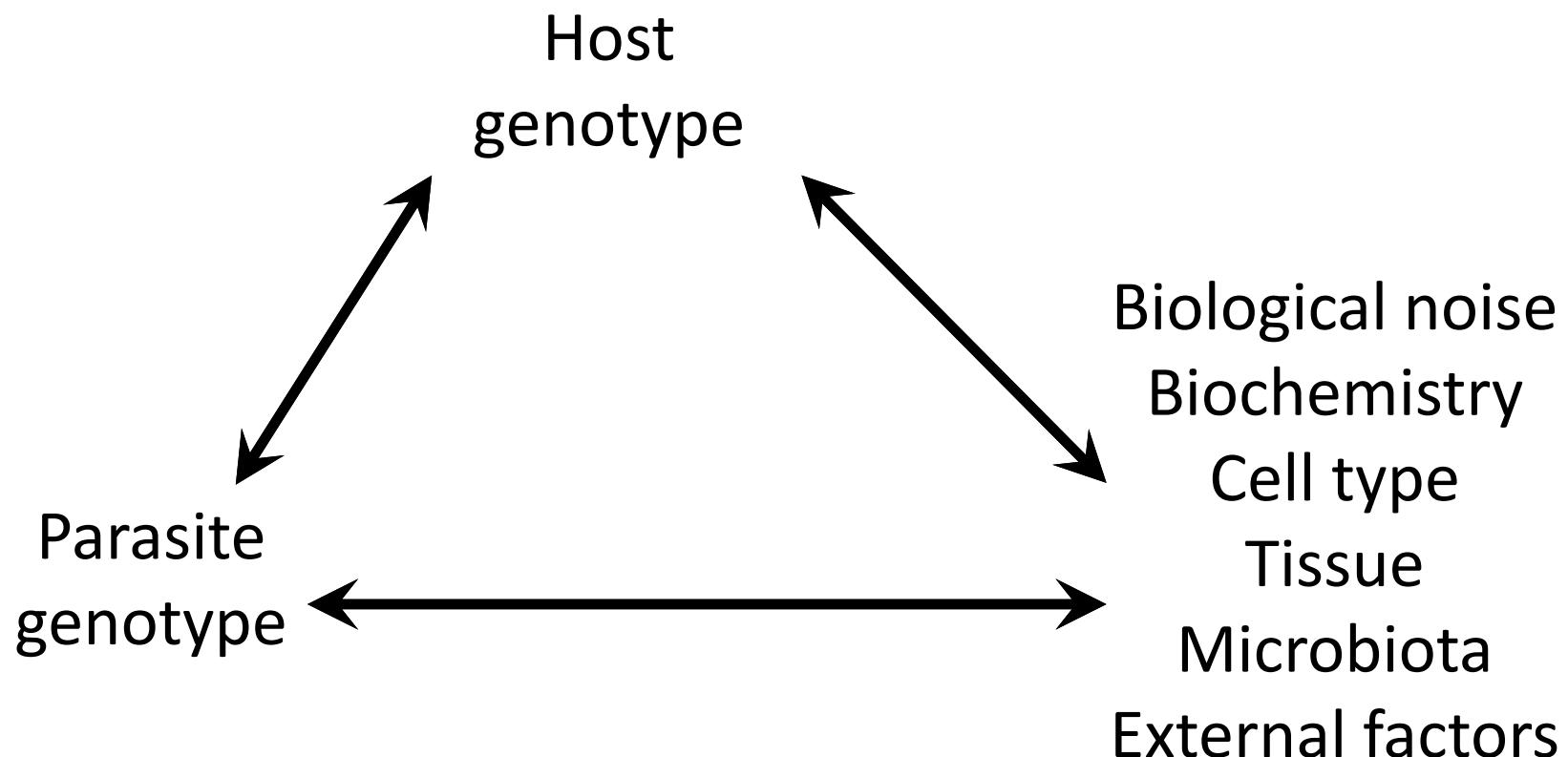


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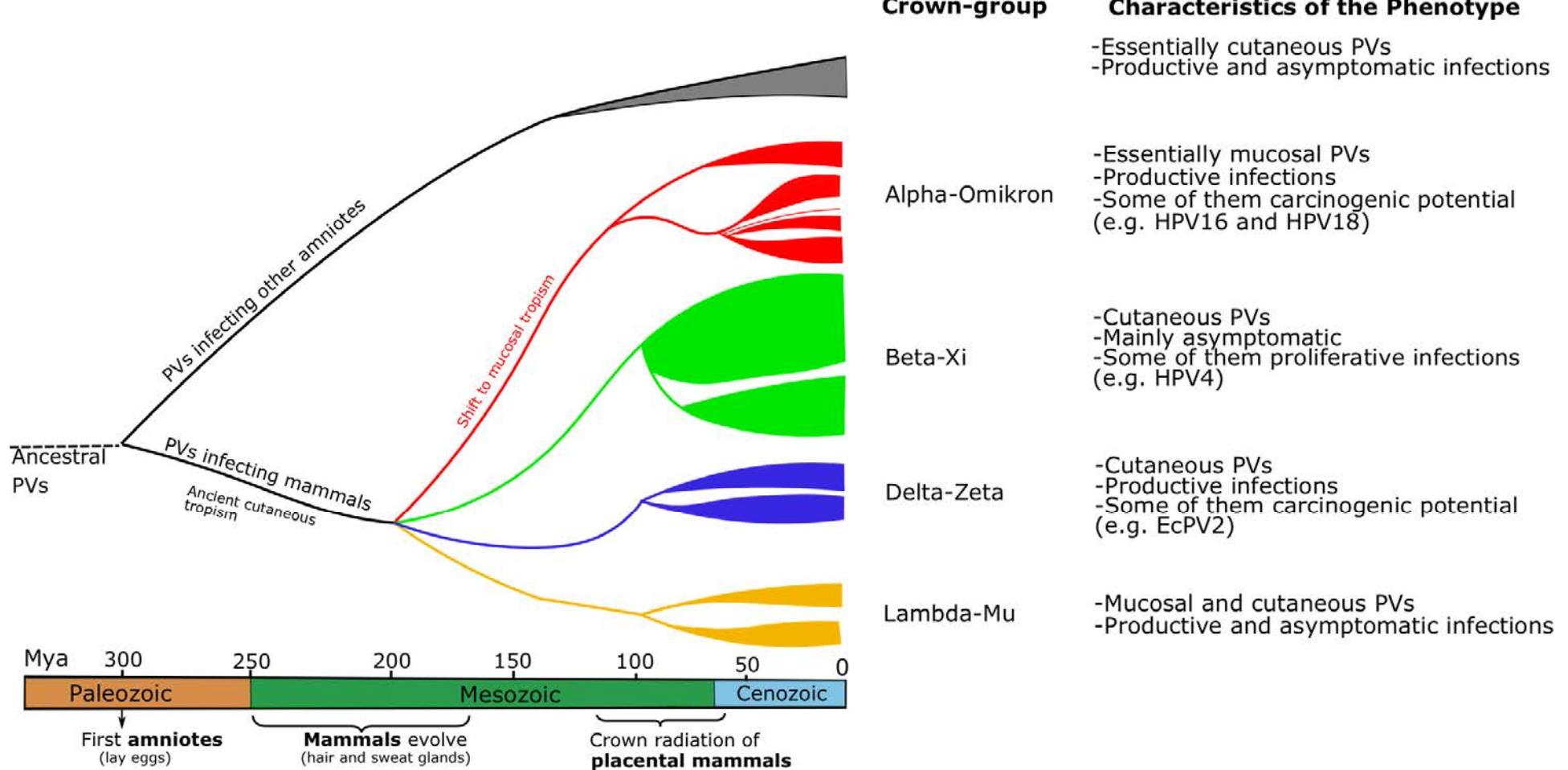


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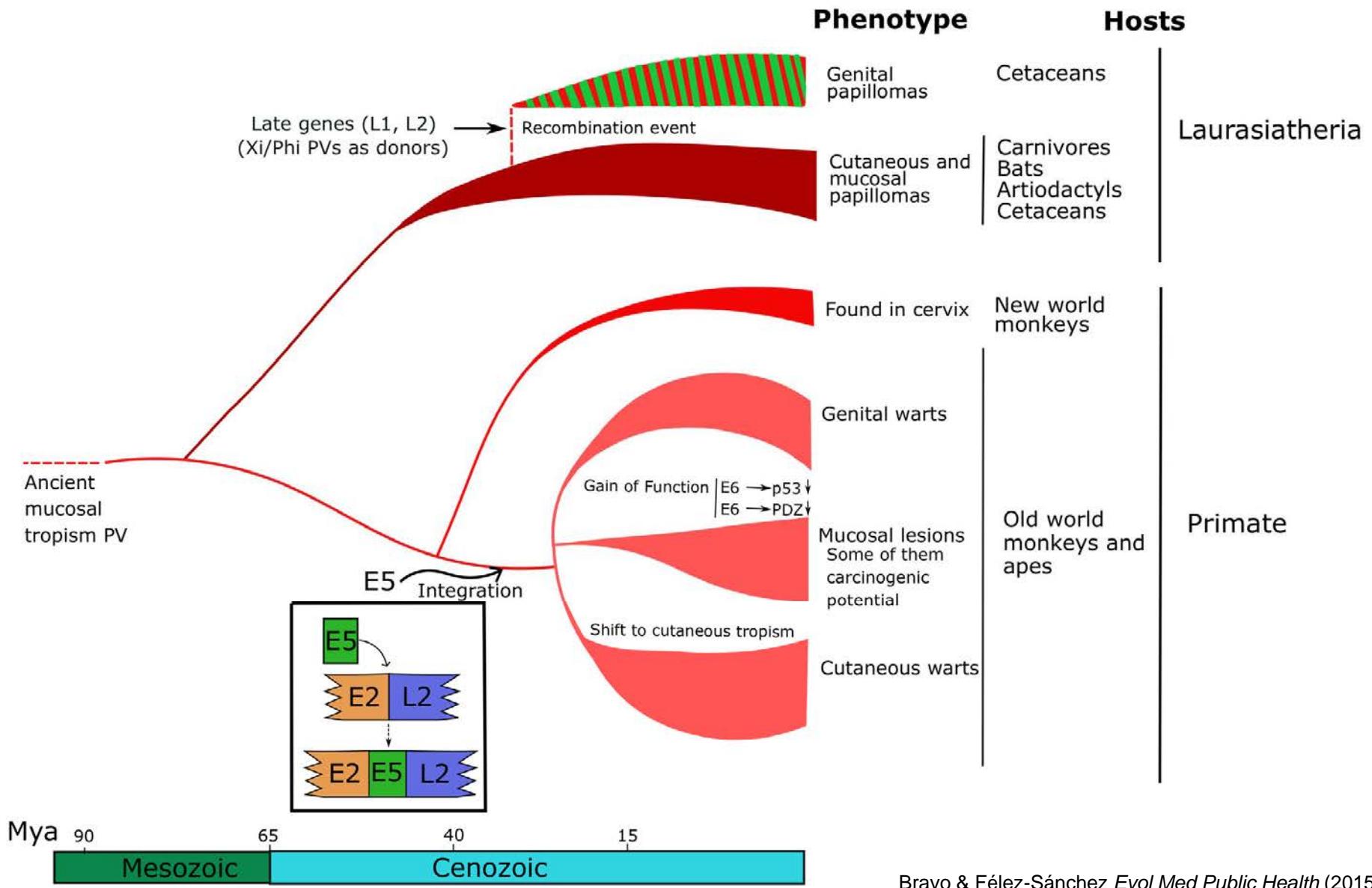
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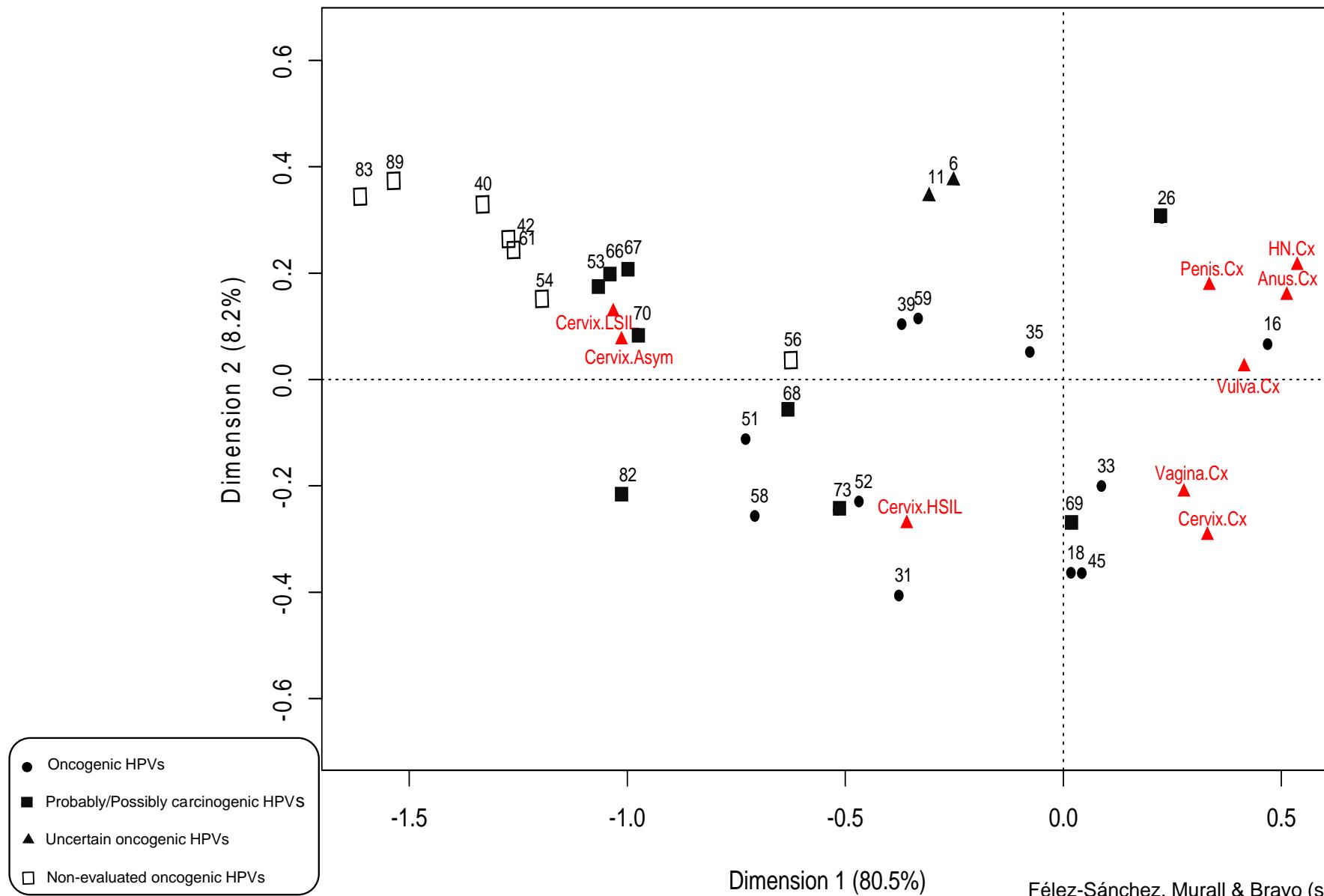
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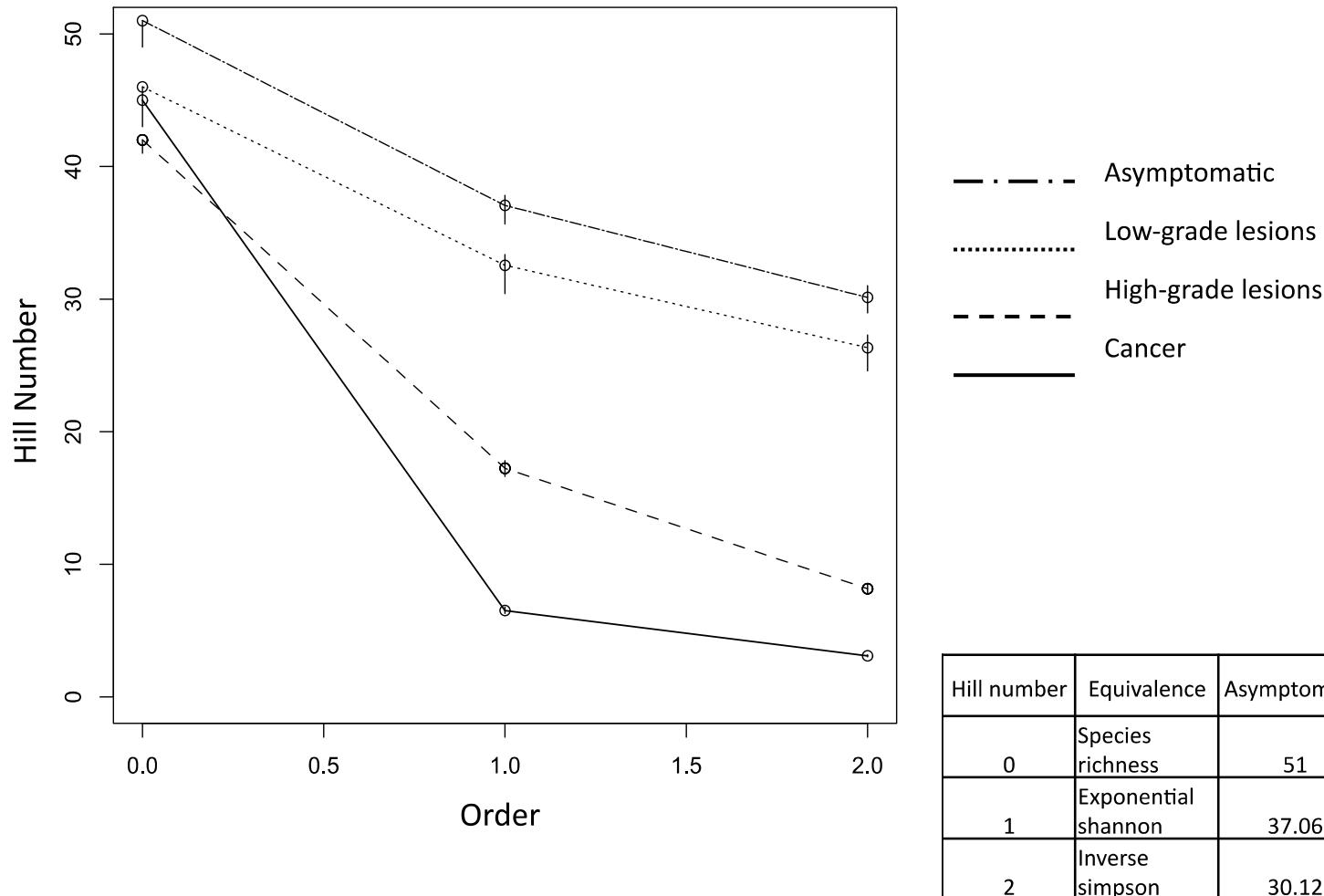
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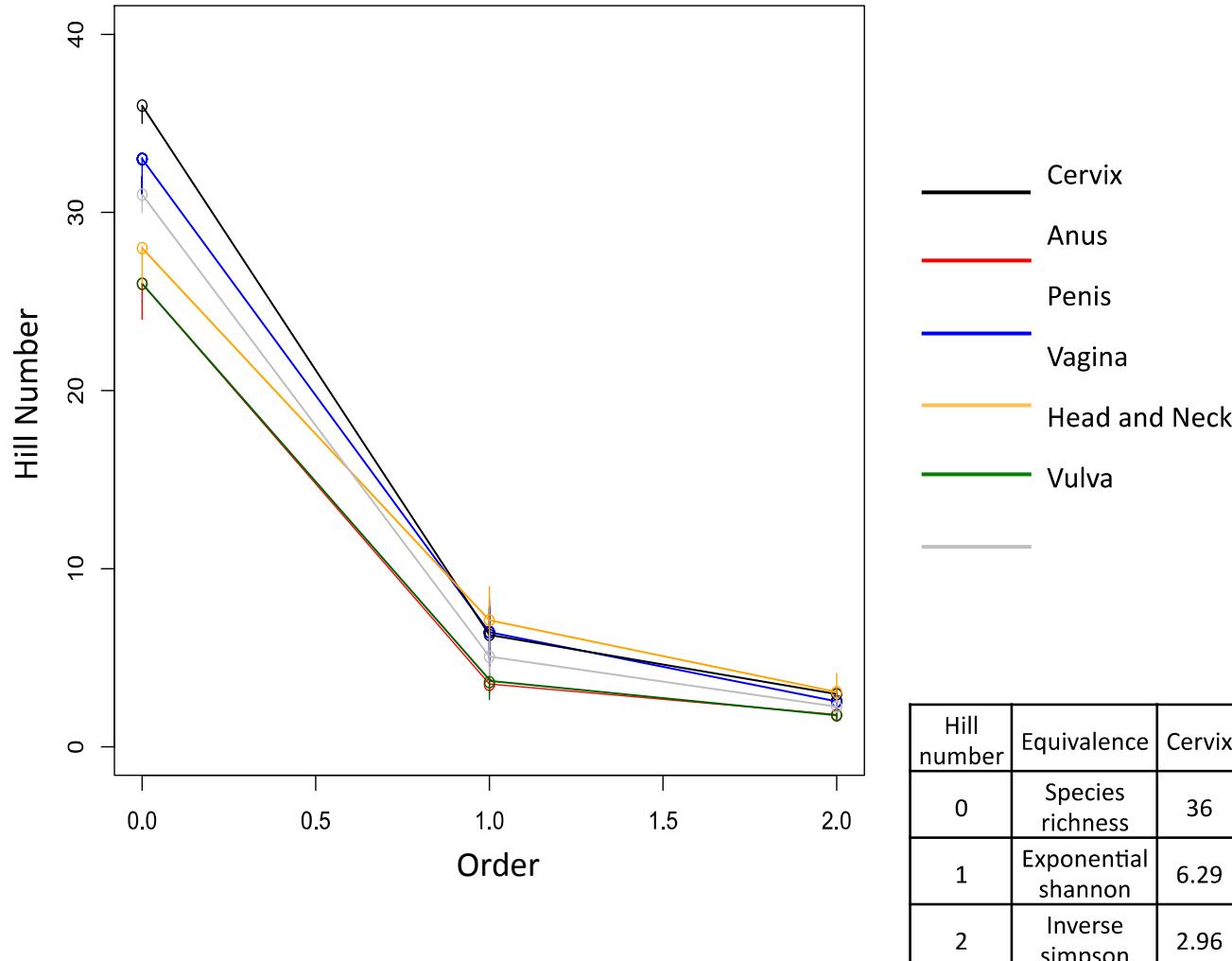
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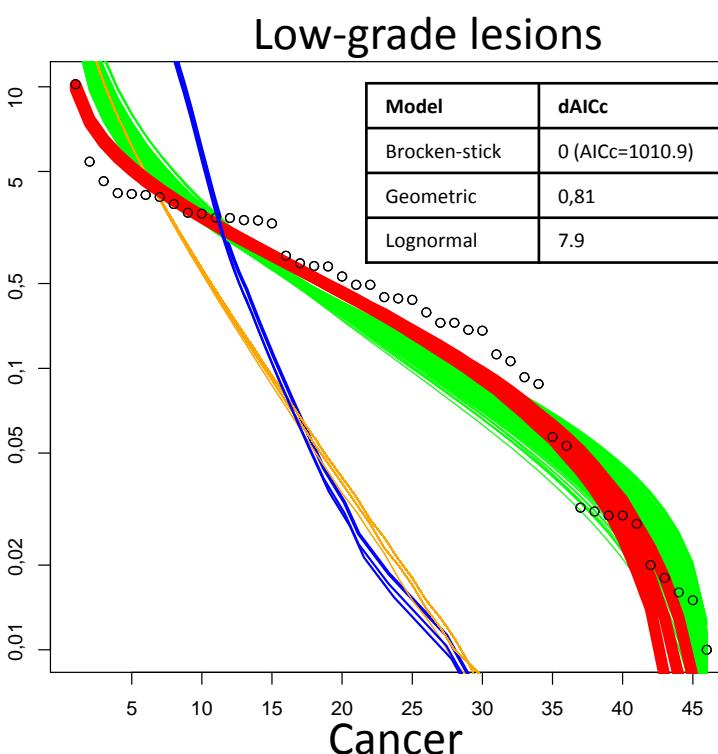
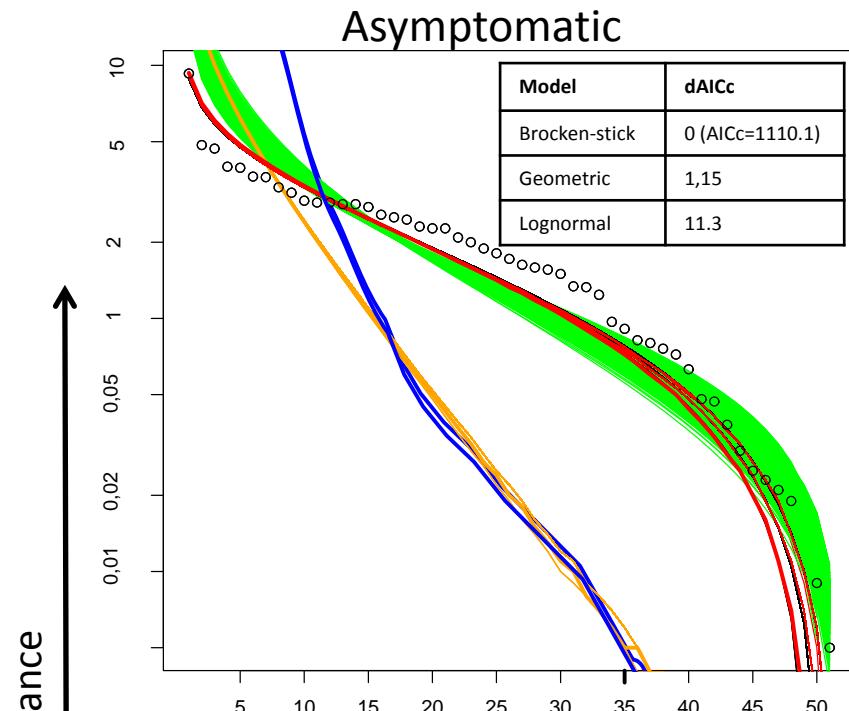


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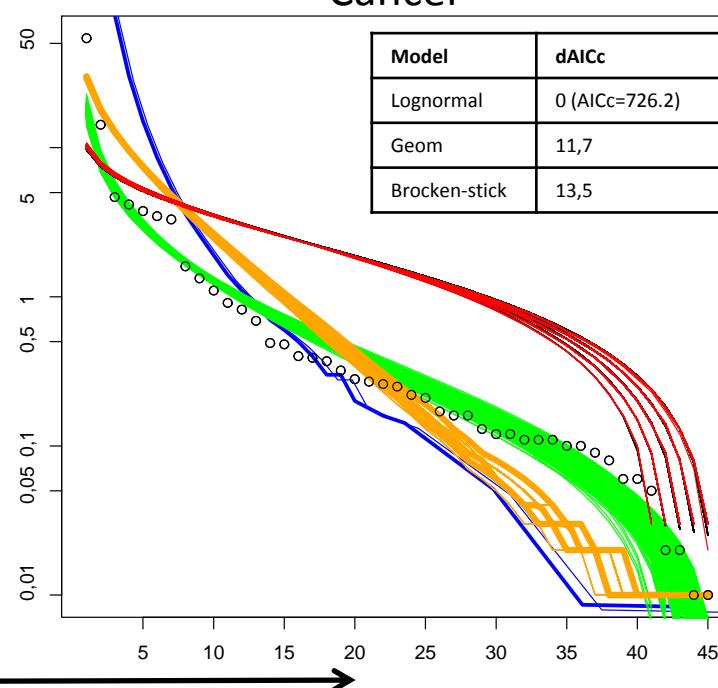
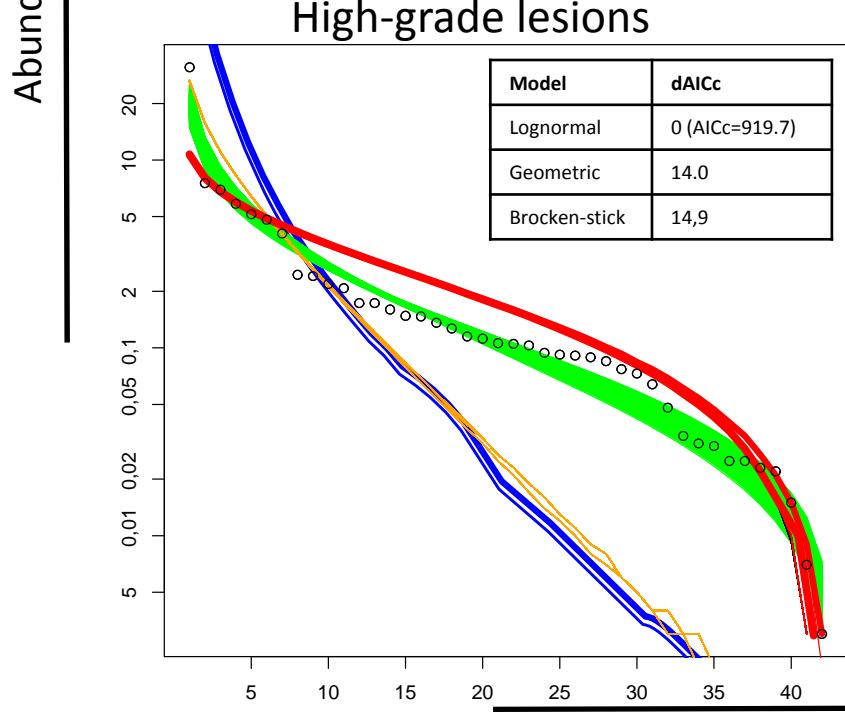


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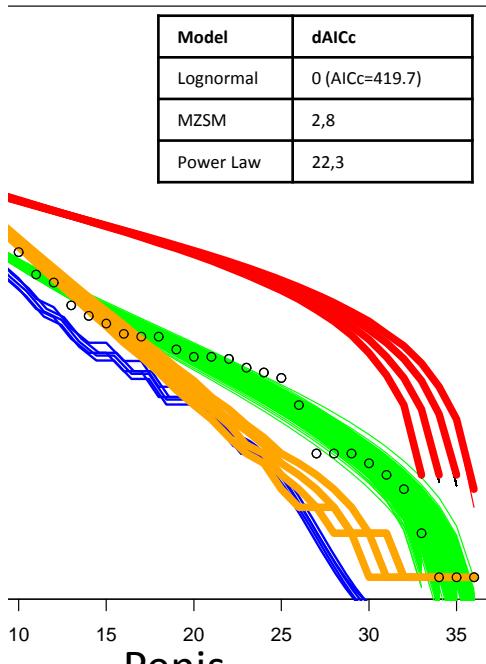




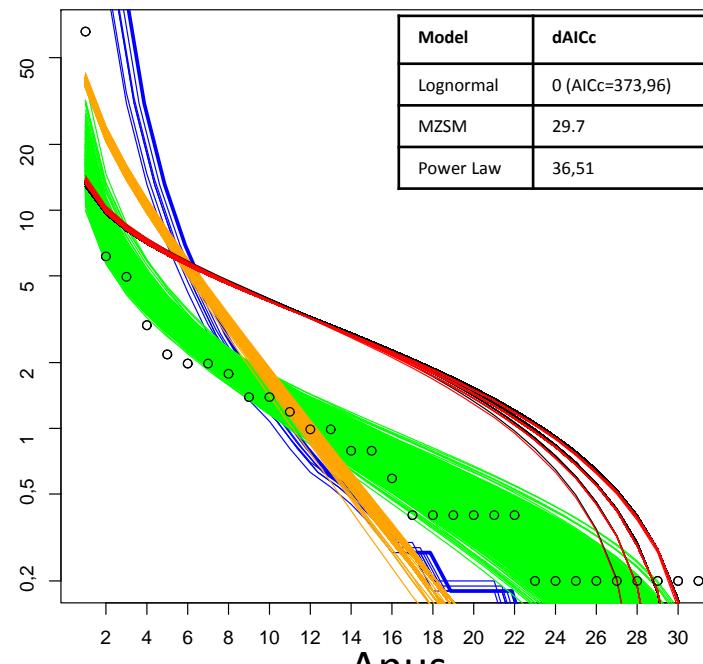
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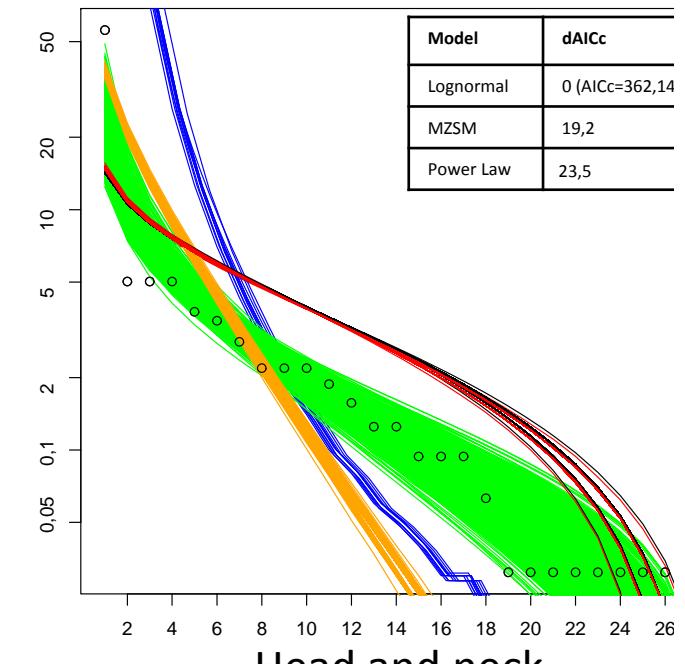
## Cervix



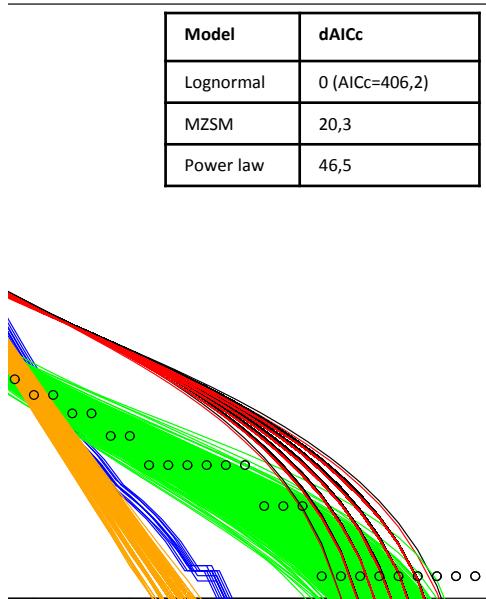
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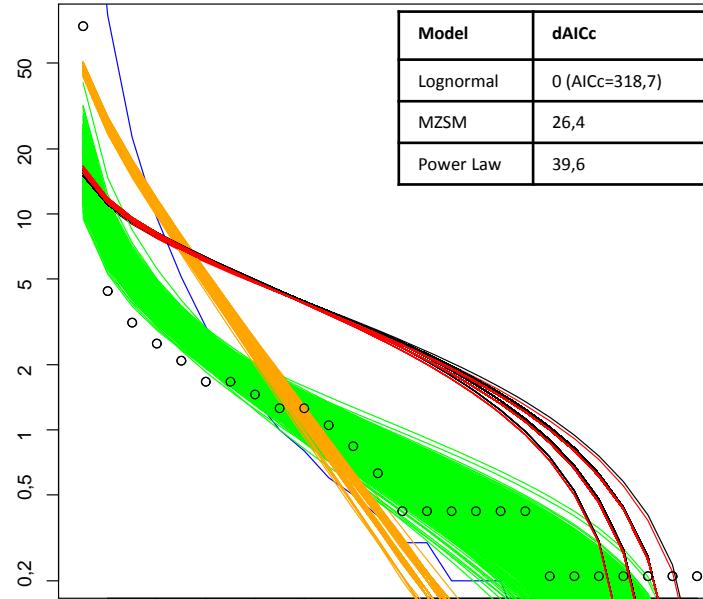
## Vagina



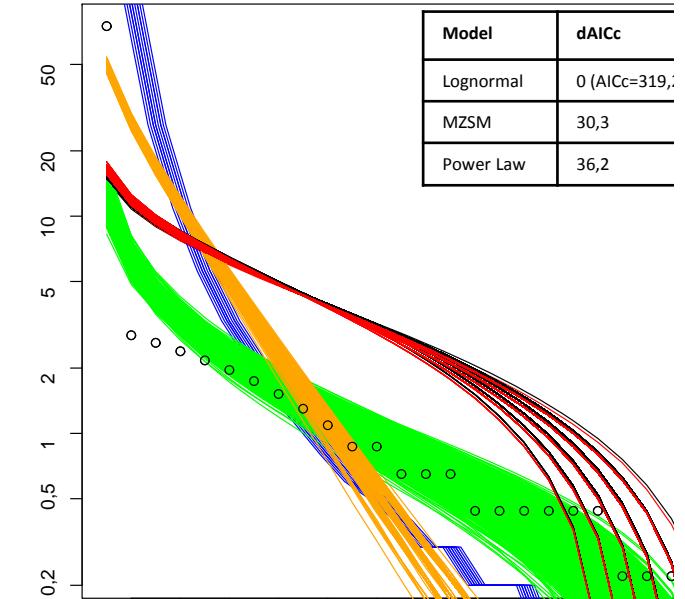
## Penis



## Anus



## Head and neck

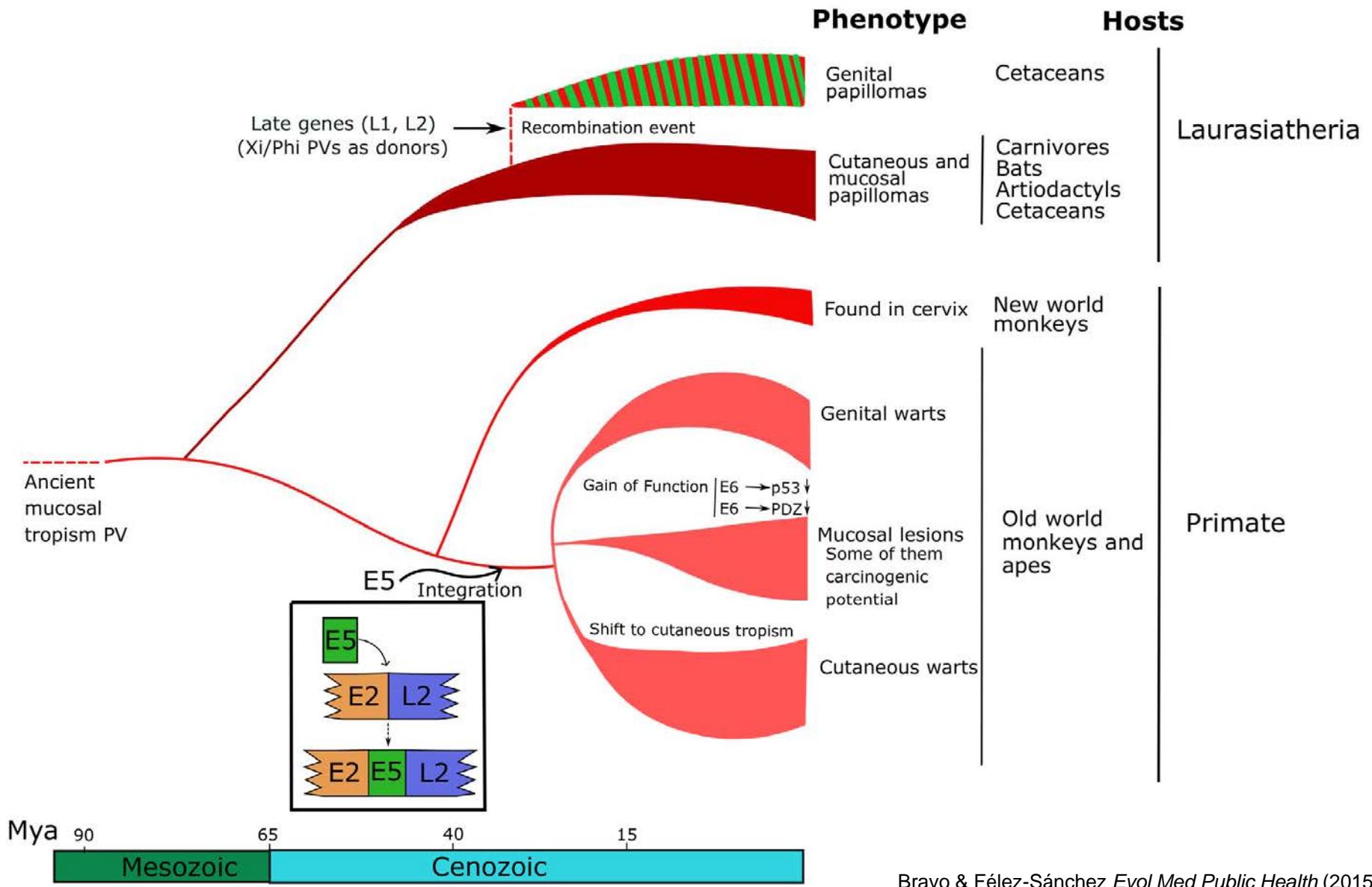


# HPV16 is the most oncogenic human PV

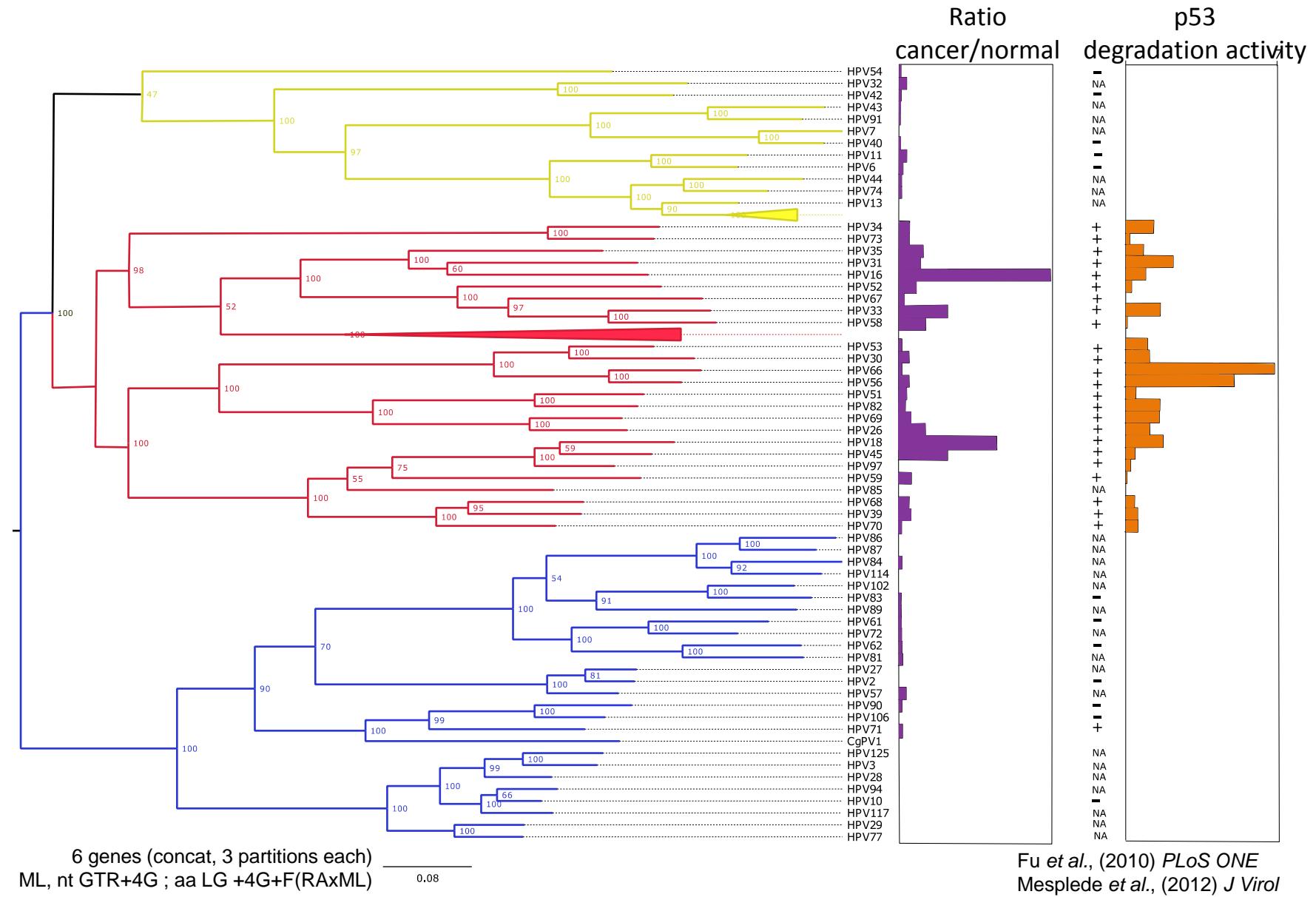
	Fraction attributable to HPVs	Fraction attributable to HPV16
Cervix	99-100%	61%
Vagina	70-80%	73%
Vulva	30-35%	58%
Anus	85-95%	81%
Penis	25-35%	69%
Oropharynx	15-20%	83%

Sanjose et al., (2010) *Lancet Oncol*  
Alemany et al., (2014) *Eur J Cancer*  
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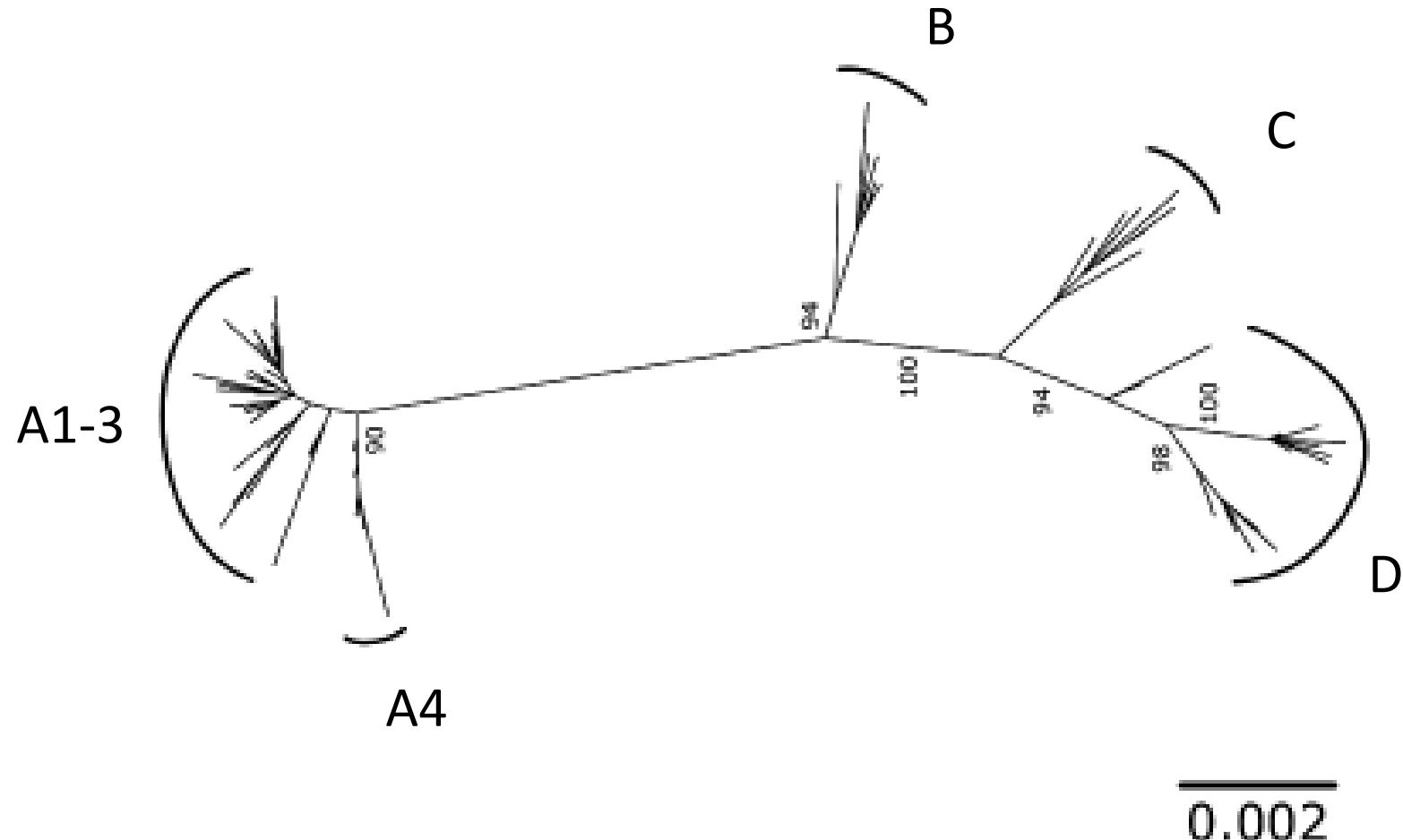
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# Phylogeny and biochemistry alone do not explain HPV16 differential oncogenic potential

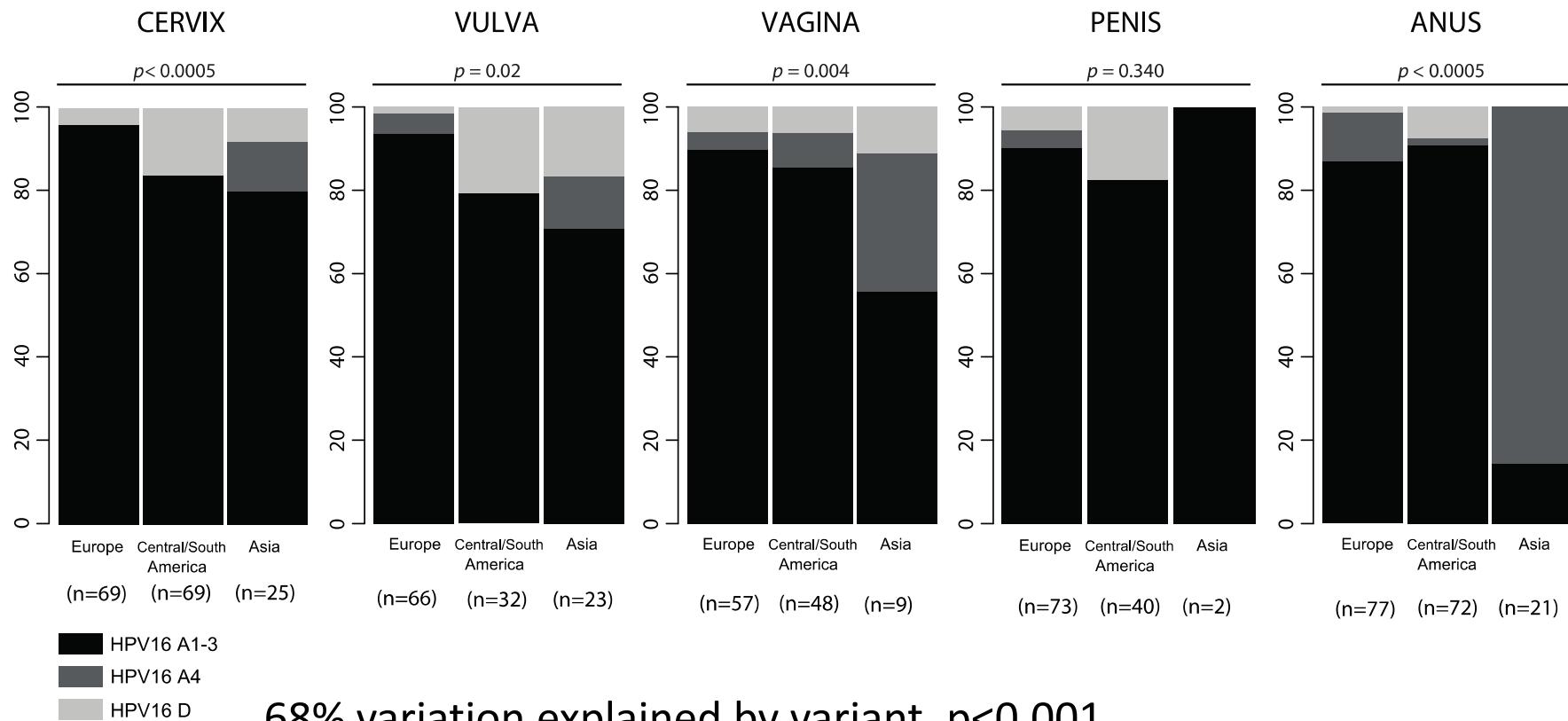


# There is ample standing variation in HPV16



Full genome, unpartitioned  
ML, nt GTR+4G

# Impact of geography and anatomical location on HPV16 lineage prevalence in squamous carcinomas

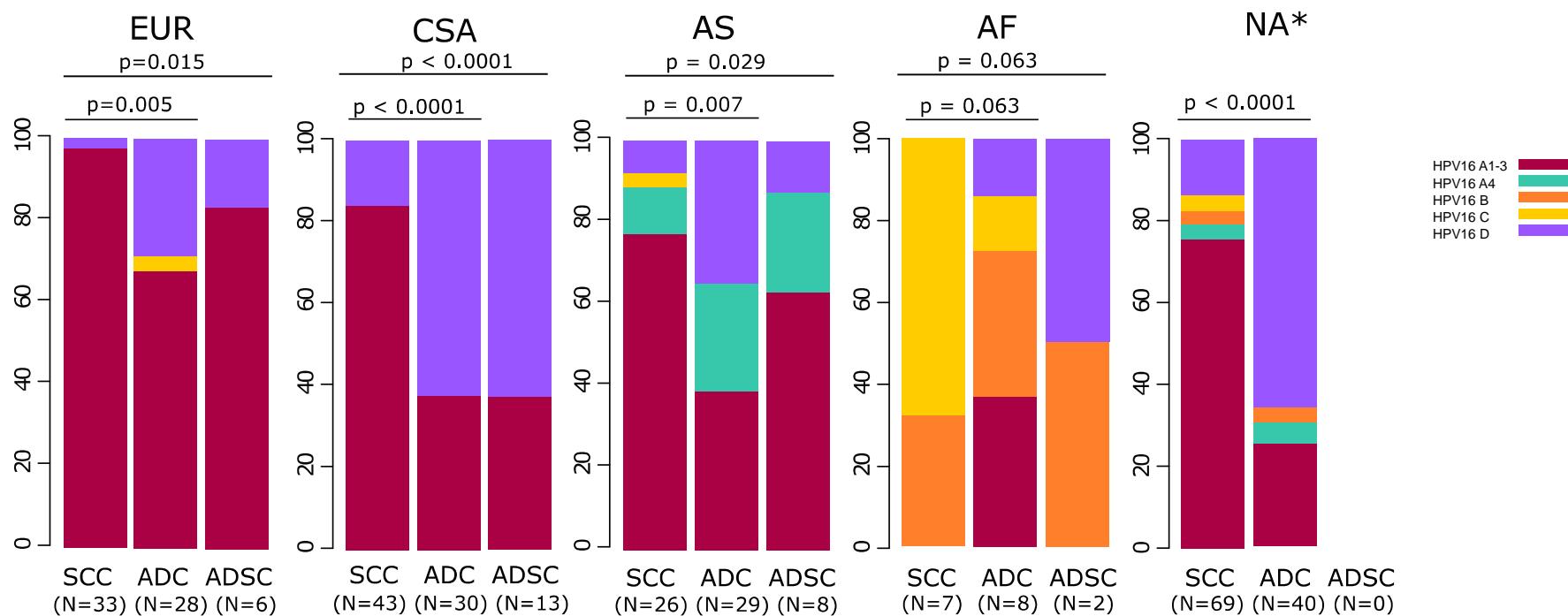


68% variation explained by variant,  $p < 0.001$

9% variation explained by variant-geography interaction,  $p < 0.001$

3% variation explained by variant-anatomy interaction,  $p < 0.001$

# Impact of geography and tissue tropism on HPV16 lineage prevalence in cervical carcinomas

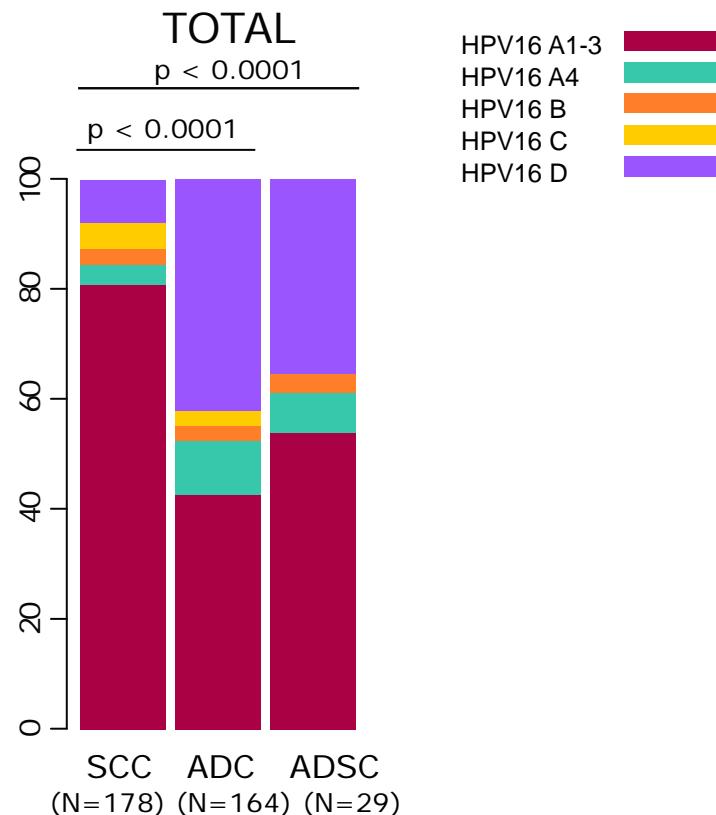


78% variation explained by variant,  $p < 0.0001$

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9% variation explained by variant-histology interaction,  $p < 0.0001$

# Large differences in phylogeography and prevalence among HPV16 lineages in cervical SCCs and ADCs

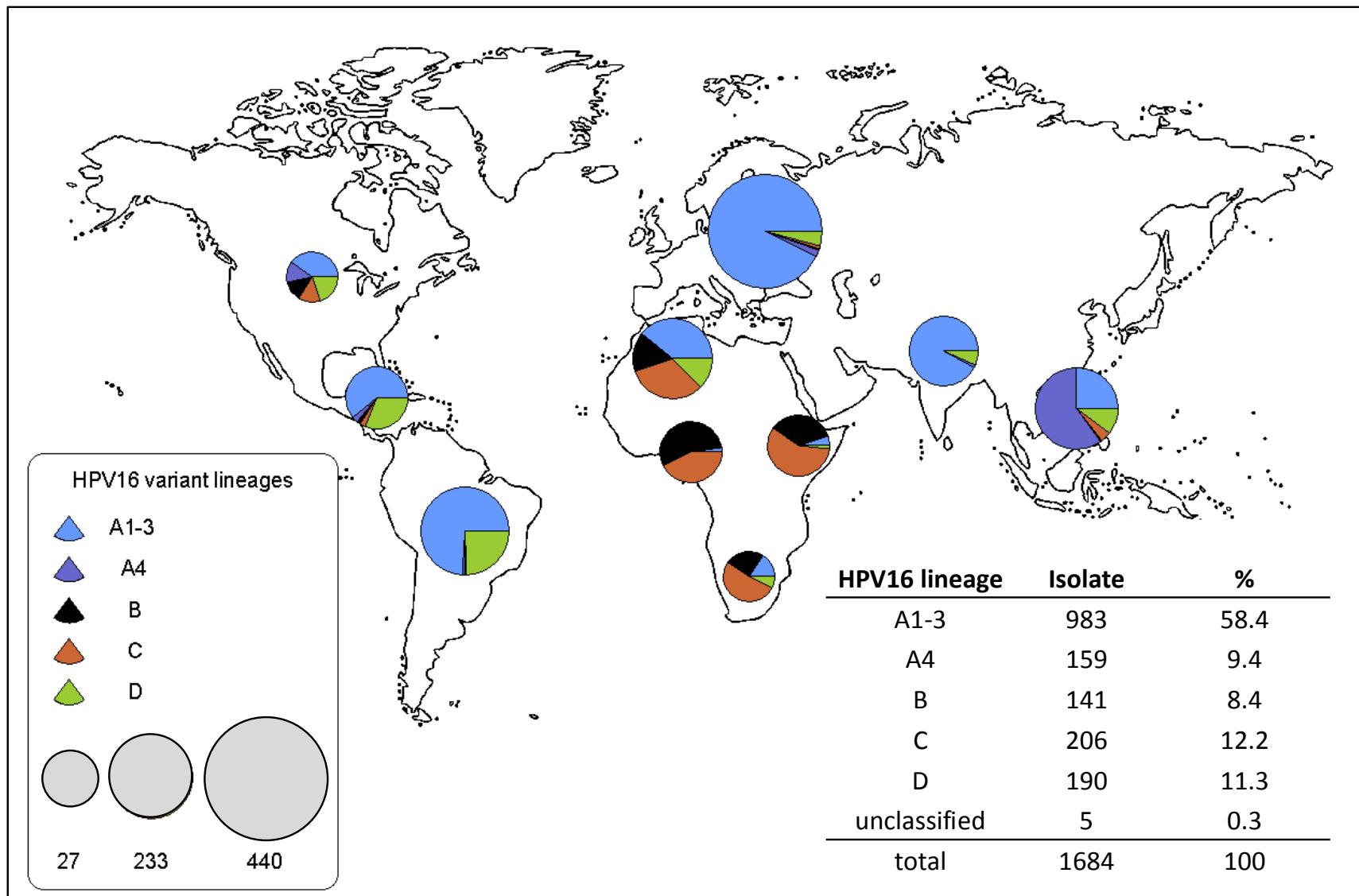


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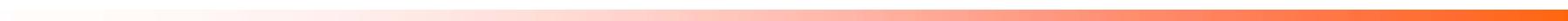
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# Assessment of HPV16 phylogeography

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- Two alternative scenarios explored:
  - Recent out of Africa expansion (ROOA)
  - Hominin-Host-Switch (HHS)
- Observational features:
  - Highest viral diversity in East Asia
  - Highest prevalence of HPV16A outside Sub-Saharan Africa
  - Distant relationship HPV16A vs HPV16BCD
  - Preference for HHS for rooting the HPV16 tree

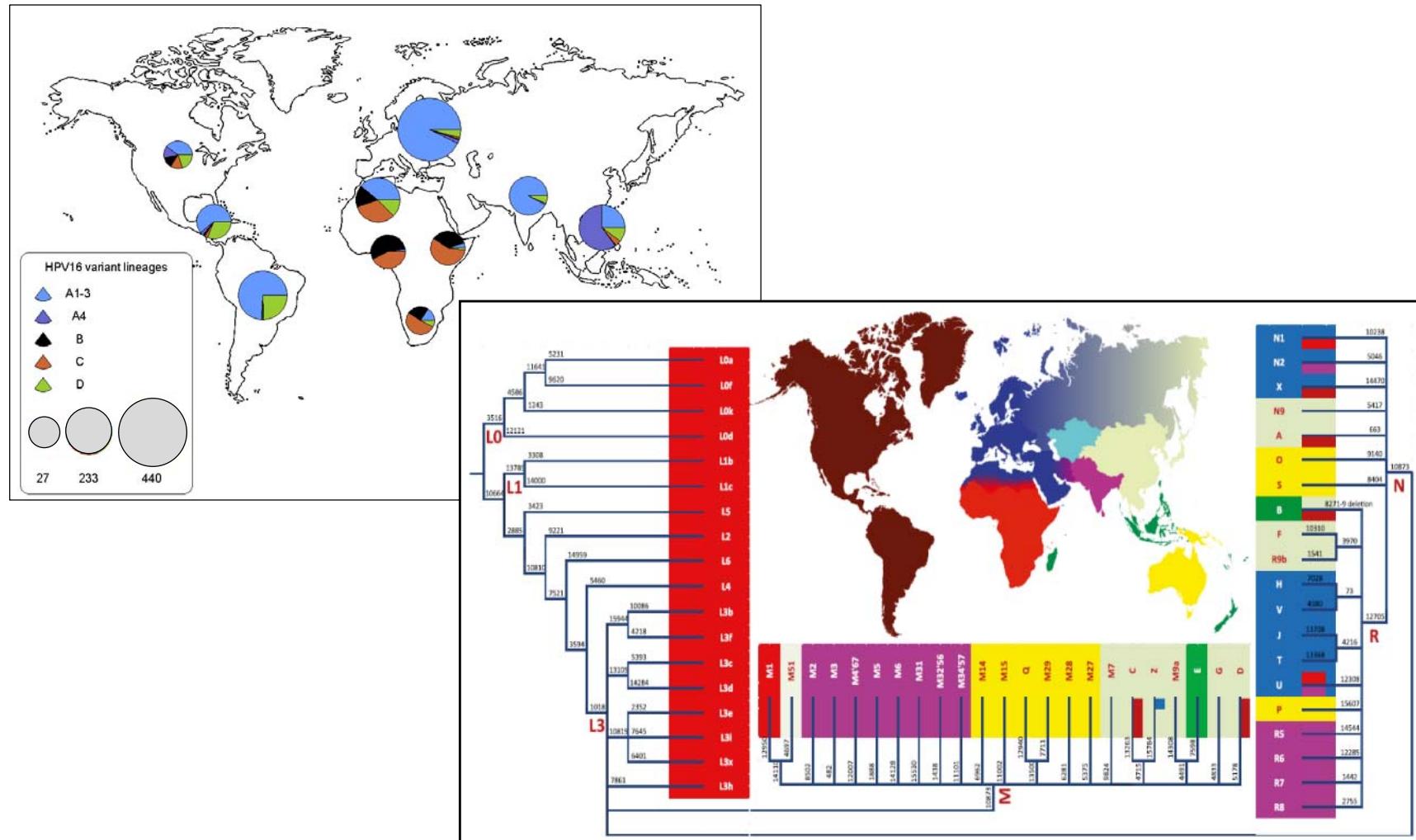


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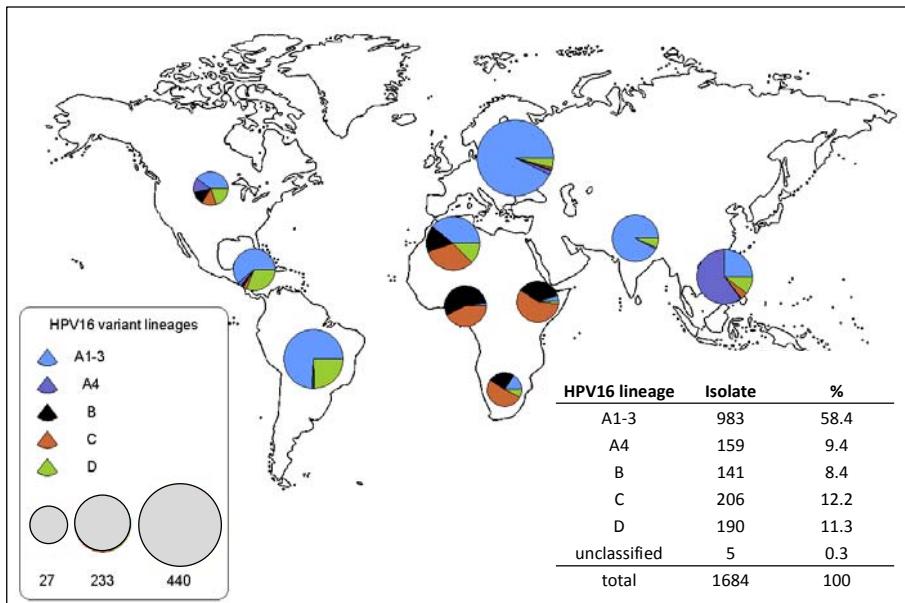
- Viral data: 140 HPV16 genomes + 1684 partial seqs
- Human genomic data (#938, 51 pops):
  - mtDNA (#875), Y-chrm (551), autosomal SNPs (12k Afr | 111k Eur)
- Accounting for selection in the HPV16 genome
  - Sites under selection: 26 diversifying, 115 purifying
- Different clock models and demographic models
  - Strict/relaxed clock uncorrelated log normal
  - Constant pop | exp growth | Bayesian skyline
- Different priors for evol rate
  - PVs gnm; Mammalian gnm; Human mitochondria; uninformative flat prior
- Calibrations
  - Sapiens out-of-Africa; mrca archaic | modern humans

# Human phylogeography explains only partially the distribution and prevalence of HPV16 lineages



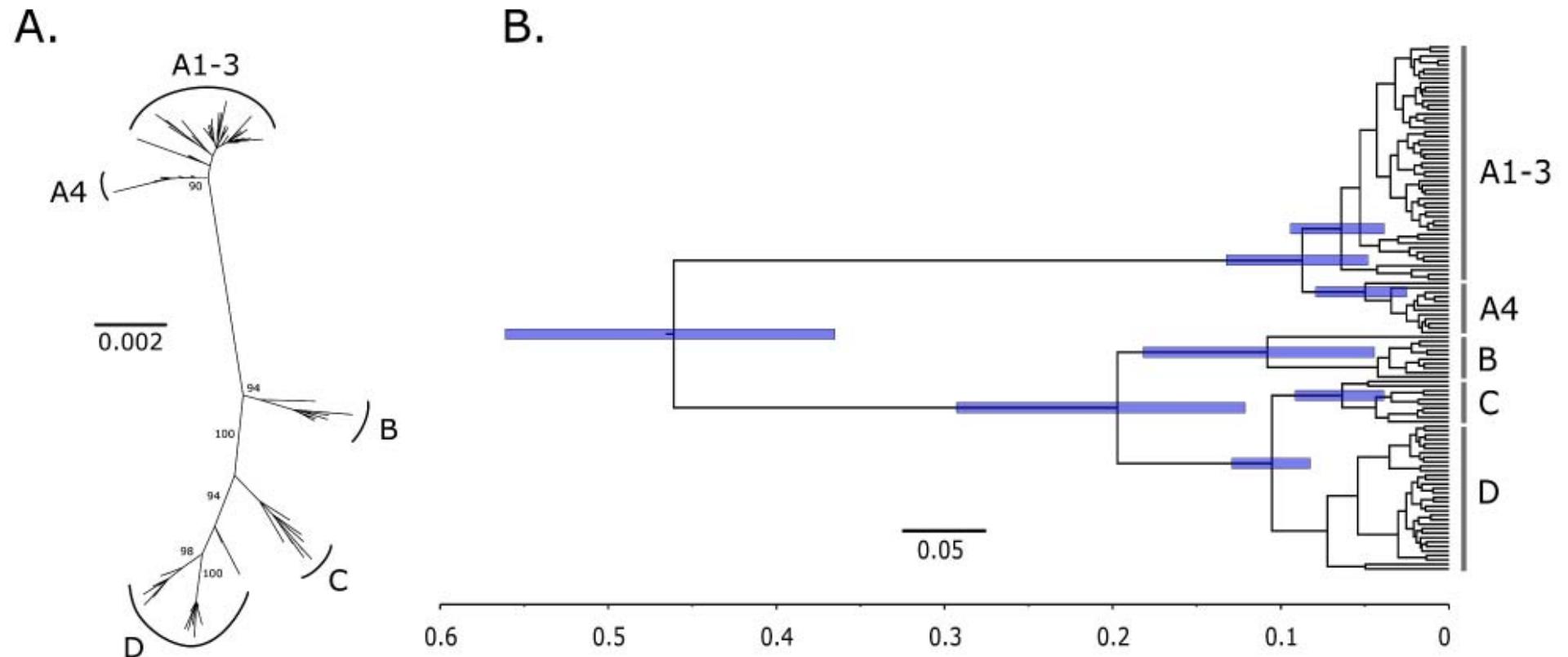
Kivisild (2015) *Invest. Genet.*

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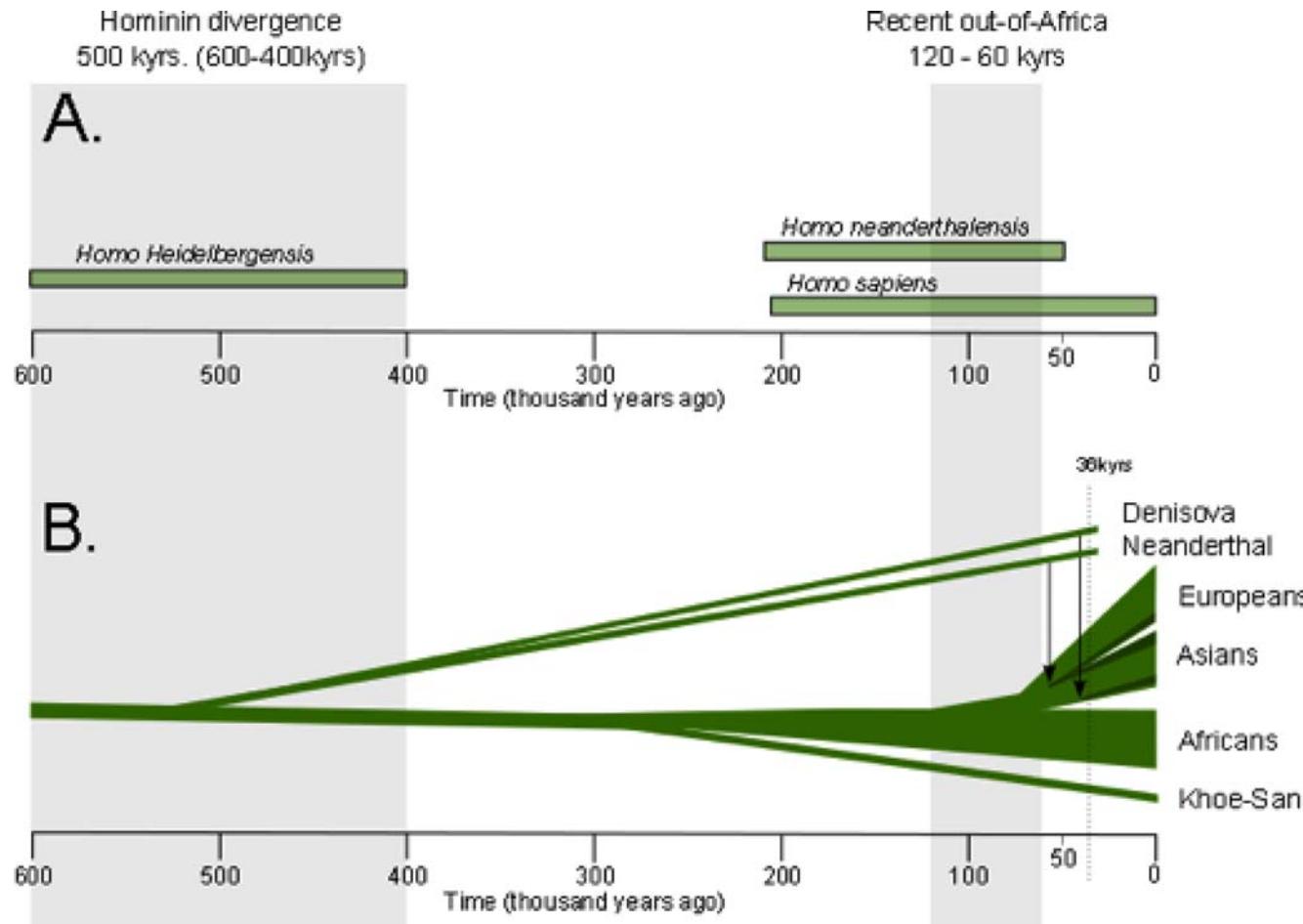
Taxa	loci	region	N	Selection-filtered		full HPV16 genome	
				Correlation (%) <sup>2</sup>	p-value <sup>3</sup>	Correlation (%) <sup>2</sup>	p-value <sup>3</sup>
mtDNA	1	16kb genome	875	12.4	0.037	15.8	0.026
NRY	1	5000kb	551	8.5	0.062	11.8	0.044
Chr1 <sup>4</sup>	6353	SNPs	773	8.8	0.062	12.7	0.033
Chr1 <sup>5</sup>	729	SNPs	773	15.5	0.024	19.5	0.016

# There is ample standing variation in HPV16



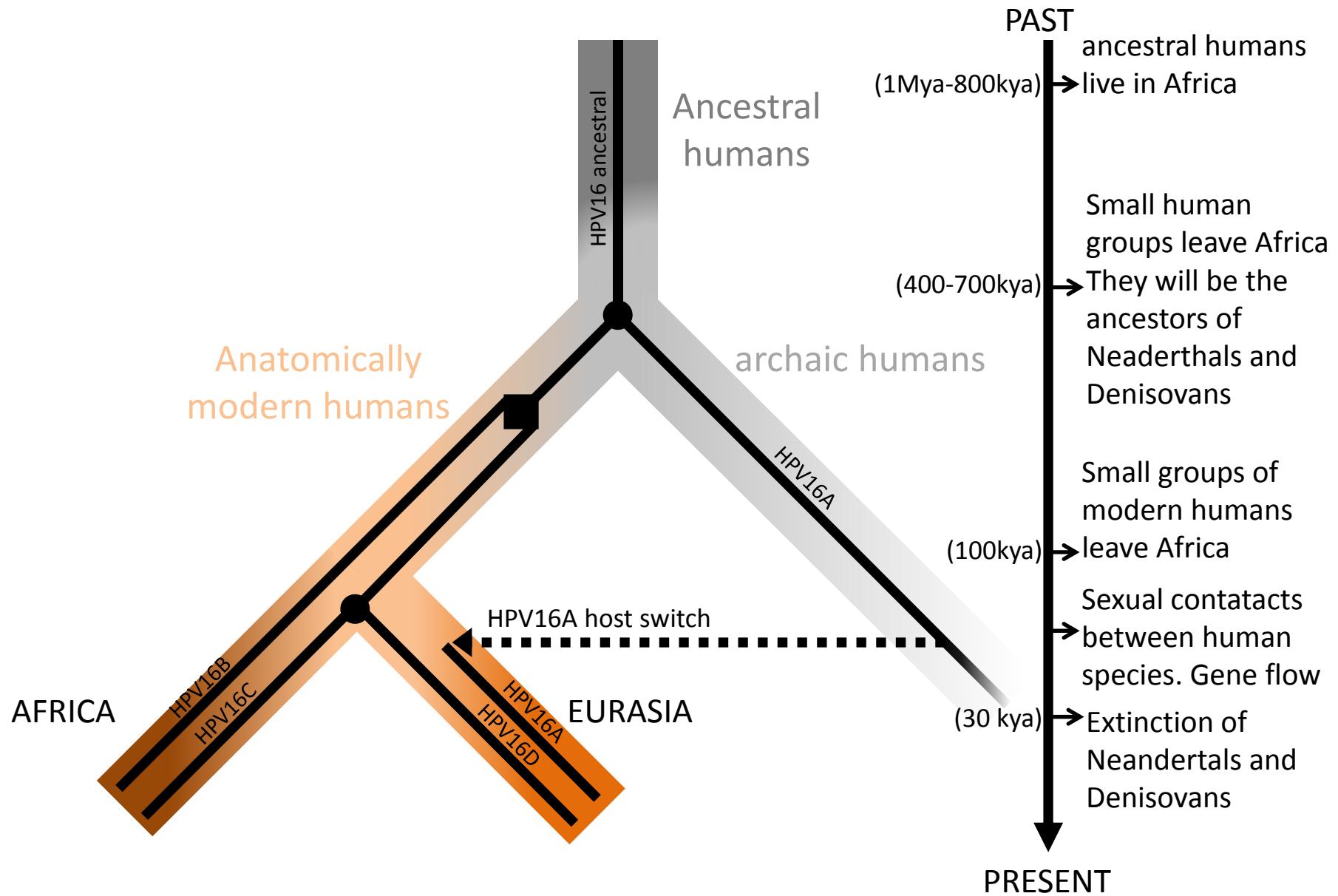
Full genome, unpartitioned  
ML, nt GTR+4G

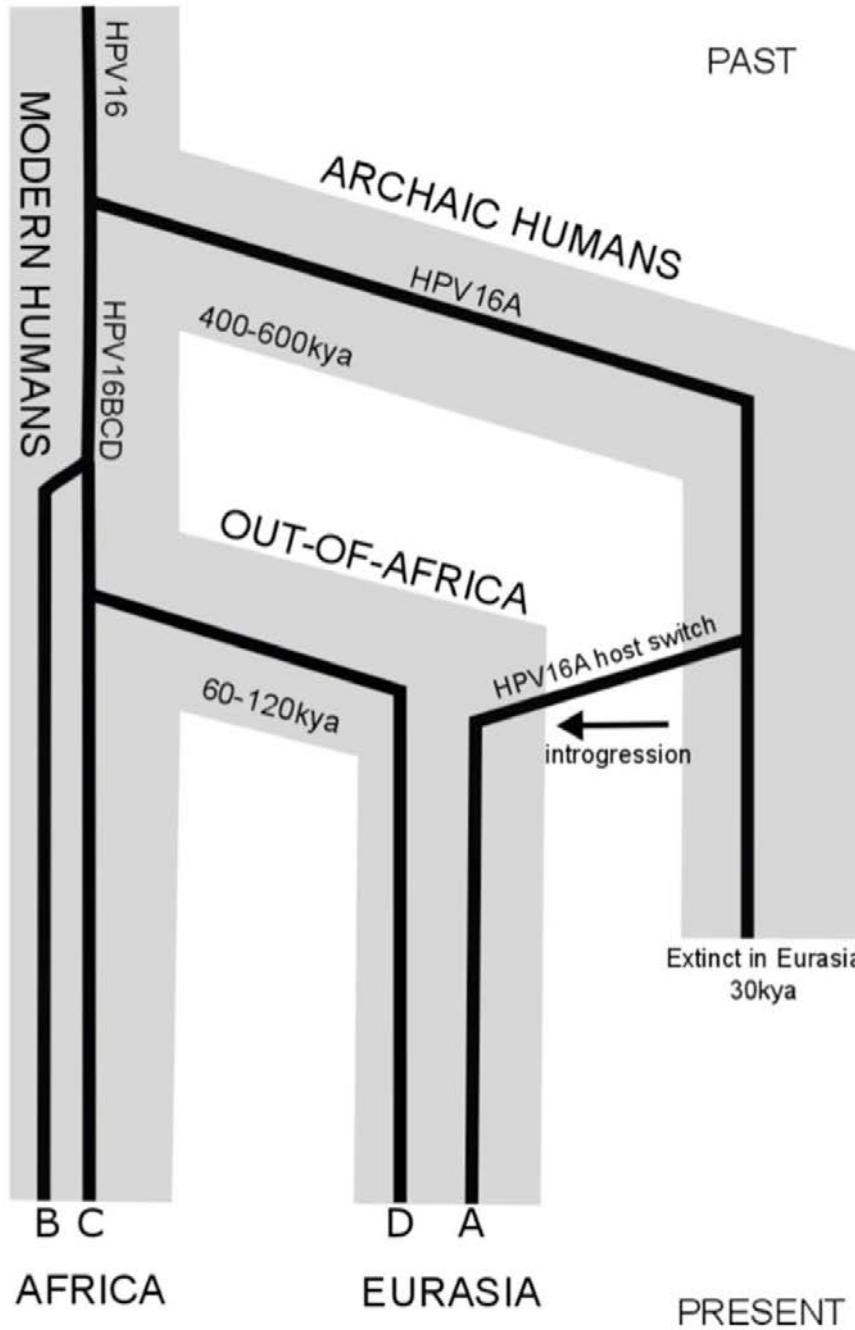
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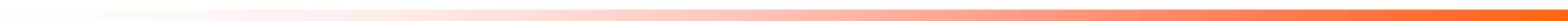
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# Introgressed archaic loci are enriched in immune and keratinocyte differentiation genes

Human papillomavirus 16A lineages	sub-Saharan Africa	West Eurasia	East Eurasia	Ref.
HPV16A1-3	< 5%	93%	25-91%	this study
HPV16A4	absent	~ 1%	60%	this study
Introgressed archaic alleles/haplotypes				
Neanderthal ancestry loci	absent	64%	62%	(Sankararaman et al. 2014)
Loci involved in keratinocyte differentiation	absent	40%-70%	40%-66%	(Vernot and Akey, 2014)
HLA I loci (innate immunity)	< 7%	52%-59%	72%-82%	(Abi-Rached et al. 2011)
Toll-like receptor loci (innate immunity)	absent	15%-39%	17%-51%	(Dannemann et al. 2015)
APOBEC3A deletion (innate immunity)	< 1%	7%	14-93%	(Kidd et al. 2007)

# Conclusions

- PV evolution is coupled to the apparition of novel niches during the evolution of mammalian skin
- The most prevalent HPV16 lineage outside Sub-Saharan Africa may have reached humans through interbreeding with ancestral populations (Neandertals and Denisovans)



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