# Fast and flexible inference of allopolyploid phylogenies

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### Multispecies network coalescent: multilocus inference

- Two-step (first gene trees, second species phylogeny) or joint
- Free recombination between loci, no recombination within loci
- **Deep coalescence** causes gene tree discordance, even absent reticulation
- Panmixia within each branch



# Searching for the optimal species network

- The number of possible **tree topologies** grows **hyper-exponentially** with the number of taxa
- The number of **network topologies** is **infinite** with **any** taxa
- Existing algorithms to search the space of topologies **mix poorly**
- Existing likelihood/scoring functions are slow



# The Problem of Allopolyploidy

- One type of hybrid speciation
- More common in plants
- Two copies are maintained of each chromosome from both parental species
- Multiple pathways exist that lead to allopolyploids

Species 1 Allotetraploid Species 2 2n = AA2*n* = <mark>BB</mark> n pollen n ovules + AA 2*n* pollen BB 2n ovules 2n = AABBTriploid bridge Hybrid bridge Somatic doubling One-step +(B)В Α AA B Α (BB (AA) 2n = AAB2n = AB2n = ABВ 2n = AABB2n = AABB2n = AABB2n = AABB

> Figure from Mason & Pires (2016), "Unreduced gametes: meiotic mishap or evolutionary mechanism?" *Trends in Genetics*

# Allopolyploidy and Recombination

- In allopolyploids, meiotic recombination may **not** occur between chromosomes derived from different parent species
- Sets of chromosomes from different parent species maintained as subgenomes



#### Allopolyploid meiotic recombination

Figure adapted from Lloyd & Bomblies (2015), "Meiosis in autopolyploid and allopolyploid Arabidopsis" *Current Opinion in Plant Biology* 

# We can take advantage of subgenome isolation!

- Only a **finite** number of valid networks (when ploidy is **known**)
- Transform to MUL tree and use **faster** tree **likelihood/scoring** functions



# AlloppNET (2013)

- Joint inference (Bayesian) of gene trees and network
- Uses \*BEAST to compute likelihood of MUL tree
- Exactly two diploid species and one tetraploid clade required
- Accounts for **some** kinds of incomplete sampling
- Mau, Newton & Larget (1999) move to alter tetraploid clade
- New move to alter "legs"

Jones, Sagitov & Oxelman (2013), "Statistical Inference of of Allopolyploid Species Networks in the Presence of Incomplete Lineage Sorting" *Systematic Biology* 

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# MPAllopp (2022)

- Two-step inference (gene trees as input)
- 100x faster than AlloppNET
- Scales to larger datasets
- Uses the maximum parsimony tree scoring function from Maddison (1997)
  Minimize Deep Coalescence
- Searches the space of networks using an SPR-like move
- **Fixed polyploid clade membership** (iterate over all possible combinations)
- Does not support "bubbles" (cycle with diameter = 2 edges)

Yan et al. (2022) "Maximum Parsimony Inference of Phylogenetic Networks in the Presence of Polyploid Complexes" *Systematic Biology* 

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# MP-SUGAR (now)

#### • Reimplemented in PhyNetPy

- A brand new, user-friendly, multi-method framework for inference of trees and networks
- <u>https://phylogenomics.rice.edu/html/phynetpy.html</u>
- 100x faster than MPAllopp
- 10,000x faster than AlloppNET
- New move that searches entire network space
- **No requirement** to sample diploid relatives

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# "Switch parentage" move

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to another edge with at most the expected ploidy

attach it at random to another edge with at most the **difference** between current and expected ploidy

# Scenario with neither parent lineage sampled

MP-SUGAR (correct)

MPAllopp (incorrect)

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# **Future directions**

- Simulation study with more complex scenarios
  - Ploidy greater than 4N
  - No diploid relatives
- Add support for autopolyploidy
- Continue to squash bugs

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