

1 **Random Tanglegram Partitions (Random TaPas): An Alexandrian Approach to**
2 **the Cophylogenetic Gordian Knot**

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19 *Abstract.*— Symbiosis is a key driver of evolutionary novelty and ecological diversity,
20 but our understanding of how macroevolutionary processes originate extant symbiotic
21 associations is still very incomplete. Cophylogenetic tools are used to assess the
22 congruence between the phylogenies of two groups of organisms related by extant
23 associations. If phylogenetic congruence is higher than expected by chance, we
24 conclude that there is cophylogenetic signal in the system under study. However, how to
25 quantify cophylogenetic signal is still an open issue. We present a novel approach,
26 Random Tanglegram Partitions (Random TaPas) that applies a given global-fit method
27 to random partial tanglegrams of a fixed size to identify the associations, terminals and
28 nodes that maximize phylogenetic congruence. By means of simulations, we show that
29 the output value produced is inversely proportional to the number and proportion of
30 cospeciation events employed to build simulated tanglegrams. In addition, with time-
31 calibrated trees, Random TaPas is also efficient at distinguishing cospeciation from
32 pseudocospeciation. Random TaPas can handle large tanglegrams in affordable
33 computational time and incorporates phylogenetic uncertainty in the analyses. We
34 demonstrate its application with two real examples: Passerine birds and their feather
35 mites, and orchids and bee pollinators. In both systems, Random TaPas revealed low
36 cophylogenetic signal, but mapping its variation onto the tanglegram pointed to two
37 different coevolutionary processes. We suggest that the recursive partitioning of the
38 tanglegram buffers the effect of phylogenetic nonindependence occurring in current
39 global-fit methods and therefore Random TaPas is more reliable than regular global-fit
40 methods to identify host-symbiont associations that contribute most to cophylogenetic
41 signal. Random TaPas can be implemented in the public-domain statistical software R
42 with scripts provided herein. A User's Guide is also available at GitHub.

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44 Symbiosis is widespread throughout the tree of life and is considered as a key
45 driver of evolutionary novelty and ecological diversity (Moran 2006; Zook 2015).
46 Because organisms do not evolve in isolation, the evolutionary fate of symbiotic
47 partners is intertwined at ecological and evolutionary levels, but despite the centrality of
48 symbiosis in evolutionary biology, our understanding of how macroevolutionary
49 processes originate extant symbiotic associations is still very incomplete (Weber et al.
50 2017). However, the recent emergence of robust comparative phylogenetic methods has
51 expanded and facilitated research in this area (Hutchinson et al. 2017a). Cophylogeny,
52 in particular, provides a quantitative framework to evaluate the dependency of two
53 evolutionary histories (Hutchinson et al. 2017b). This approach involves some
54 assessment of the congruence between the phylogenies of two groups of species or taxa
55 related by extant associations, where congruence quantifies the degree of both
56 topological and branch-length similarity (Page 2003). If such congruence is higher than
57 expected by chance, it is concluded that there is cophylogenetic signal in the system
58 studied (Mendlová et al. 2012).

59 Although cophylogenetic signal was initially interpreted as evidence of high
60 level of cospeciation, it has been shown that other mechanisms can account for some
61 degree of topological congruence (Kahnt et al. 2019). Particularly, complete host-
62 switching events (i.e., colonization of a new host species followed by speciation) among
63 closely related hosts can result in symbiont diversification mimicking the tree topology
64 of the host, a process that has been termed preferential host-switching (Charleston and
65 Robertson 2002) or pseudocospeciation (de Vienne et al. 2013). In any case, even if its
66 causality cannot not be determined, quantifying cophylogenetic signal is highly relevant
67 because it implies that contemporary ecological associations among species have been
68 the product of a coupled evolutionary history.

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69 The wide range of cophylogenetic methods currently available can be roughly
70 categorized as either event-based or global-fit (Hutchinson et al. 2017a), but in our
71 opinion none of them quantifies cophylogenetic signal satisfactorily. Event-based
72 methods attempt to reconstruct the coevolutionary history of the organisms involved by
73 assigning costs to each type of event and heuristically search for the solution(s) that
74 minimize(s) the overall sum of costs (Charleston and Libeskind-Hadas 2014). The
75 problem is that cophylogenetic signal can be overestimated because the default cost of
76 cospeciation is assumed to be strictly less than the other events, which is often at odds
77 with empirical evidence (de Vienne et al. 2013). In addition, with large datasets, the
78 approach becomes computationally prohibitive and the influence of phylogenetic
79 uncertainty is not explicitly considered (i.e., the single input phylogenetic trees of host
80 and symbionts are assumed to represent the actual evolutionary relationships), which
81 may lead to erroneous conclusions if not all clades are well supported. Global-fit
82 methods, for their part, assess the degree of congruence between two phylogenies and
83 can also identify the specific interactions that contribute most to overall congruence
84 (Balbuena et al. 2013). They can handle large datasets economically in terms of
85 computational time, and the effect of phylogenetic uncertainty can be assessed (Pérez-
86 Escobar et al. 2016). However, current methods such as PACo (Balbuena et al. 2013) or
87 ParaFit (Legendre et al. 2002), provide statistical evidence of cophylogenetic signal, but
88 produce no clearly interpretable statistic as for its strength and no explicit links with
89 coevolutionary events are made.

90 Therefore, additional work remains to be done in this domain. Particularly, the
91 recent, spectacular expansion of DNA sequencing and phylogenetic reconstruction is
92 leading to increasingly common scenarios involving species-rich trees and complex host-
93 symbiont interactions (e.g., Hutchinson et al. 2017b). Envisaging these elaborate systems

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94 as evolutionary Gordian knots, we present herein an Alexandrian approach to
95 cophylogenetic signal assessment. Random Tanglegram Partitions (Random TaPas)
96 applies a given global-fit method to random partial tanglegrams of a fixed size to identify
97 the associations, terminals and nodes that maximize phylogenetic congruence. By means
98 of simulations, we show that the output value produced by Random TaPas is inversely
99 proportional to both the number and proportion of cospeciation events to the total number
100 of coevolutionary events employed to build the tanglegrams. In addition, with time-
101 calibrated trees, Random TaPas is also efficient at distinguishing cospeciation from
102 pseudocospeciation. The method is also useful to identify what host-symbiont
103 associations contribute most to phylogenetic congruence because the variation in
104 cophylogenetic signal can be mapped onto the tanglegram and phylogenetic uncertainty
105 can be incorporated in the analyses. We illustrate its application with two real datasets of
106 Passerine birds and their feather mites (Klimov et al. 2017) and Neotropical orchids and
107 their euglossine bee pollinators. R scripts (R Core Team 2018) to perform Random TaPas
108 and a User's Guide based on data from Lagrue et al. (2016) is also available at GitHub
109 (<https://github.com/Ligophorus/RandomTaPas>).

110 MATERIALS AND METHODS

111 *The Random-TaPas algorithm*

112 The starting point is a triple (H, S, \mathbf{A}) , where H and S represent the phylogenies
113 of hosts and symbionts, and \mathbf{A} is a binary matrix with rows and columns corresponding
114 to terminals in H and S , respectively, in which extant associations between each
115 terminal are coded as 1 and no associations as 0. The triple is often represented
116 graphically as a tanglegram (Fig. 1), in which H and S usually are displayed face to face
117 and their terminals are connected by lines reflecting the associations encapsulated in \mathbf{A} .
118 Figure 1 provides a complete overview of the Random TaPas algorithm. In short, for a

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119 large number of times (N), it selects n random unique one-to-one associations, so that
120 each taxon in H is associated to one, and only one, taxon in S , and vice versa. (Since the
121 aim is to find associations that maximize congruence, this is a condition to be met by
122 any perfect host-symbiont cospeciation scenario). Then a global-fit method is applied to
123 the partial tanglegram defined by the n associations and the statistic produced is saved.
124 Finally, a percentile p of the distribution of the N statistics generated is set and the
125 frequency of occurrence of each host-symbiont association of \mathbf{A} included in p is
126 computed.

127 The output of Random TaPas is a frequency distribution of host-symbiont
128 associations (Fig. 1). Initially each value is expected to reflect the contribution of
129 individual host-parasite associations to the global pattern of phylogenetic congruence.
130 However, since the sampling scheme of Random TaPas favors the selection of one-to-
131 one associations over multiple ones, it can lead to the former being overrepresented in
132 the overall frequency distribution and hence in the percentile p . So their relative
133 contribution to congruence could be overestimated, especially if the number of multiple
134 associations is high. This bias can be corrected by determining the frequency of each
135 host-symbiont association in the whole frequency distribution over the N runs (i.e., the
136 distribution depicted at Step 3, Fig. 1). Assuming a null model in which the occurrence
137 of each host-symbiont association is evenly distributed along the whole frequency
138 distribution, the expected frequency of link i in percentile p (E_{pi}), can be estimated as
139 $E_{pi} = n_i \cdot p$, where n_i is the number of occurrences of the i^{th} association in the whole
140 frequency distribution, and p is expressed as a decimal. Under the null model, the
141 observed frequency of link i in percentile p (O_{pi}) should equal E_{pi} , so the residual $R_{pi} =$
142 $O_{pi} - E_{pi}$ would indicate whether link i is represented more often than expected by
143 chance in p . Thus, in tanglegrams with a large portion of multiple host-symbiont

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144 associations, the distribution of residuals should be preferred as output over the initial
145 frequency distribution of host-symbiont associations.

146 The shape of distributions can be characterized by means of the Gini coefficient
147 (G), which is a common measure of inequality of a distribution (Ultsch and Lötsch
148 2017). When all distribution values are positive, the Gini coefficient is bounded
149 between 0 and 1, representing respectively minimal and maximal inequality of the
150 distribution. However, the inclusion of negative values, as it occurs in the distribution of
151 residuals produced by Random TaPas, can lead to coefficients outside that range.

152 Therefore, we resorted to measure dispersion of the distribution of residuals using the
153 normalized Gini coefficient (G^*) devised by Raffinetti et al. (2015) to keep the values
154 within the 0-1 interval. The computation of G^* is identical to that if the conventional
155 Gini coefficient except that the arithmetic mean of observations is replaced by a
156 normalized term to take account of the negative observations. Thus G^* can be expressed
157 as

$$158 G^* = \frac{1}{2\mu_Y^* N^2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N |y_i - y_j|$$

159 where N is the number of host-symbiont associations, y_i and y_j represent elements of the
160 vector of residuals $Y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N)$, and μ_Y^* is the normalized term computed as $\mu_Y^* =$
161 $(T_Y^+ + T_Y^-)/N$, where $T_Y^+ = \sum_{i=1}^N \max(0, y_i)$ and $T_Y^- = |\sum_{i=1}^N \min(0, y_i)|$ (i.e., the sum
162 of positive residuals and absolute sum of negative residuals, respectively) (Raffinetti et
163 al. 2015). Note that if all $y_i > 0$, $G^* = G$.

164 We posit that the value of G^* in the present context is biologically informative
165 because it is expected to be inversely proportional to cophylogenetic signal. In a perfect
166 cospeciation scenario (maximal cophylogenetic signal), each host-symbiont association
167 contributes equally to the global fit rendering $G^* = 0$. In contrast, extremely unequal

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168 contributions of the host-symbiont associations would yield highly skewed frequency
169 distributions of residuals, in which G^* would approach one and cophylogenetic signal
170 would be very small. It is also of interest to consider the scenario in which each host-
171 symbiont association has equal chance to be associated with any residual value within
172 the observed range. This can be modelled with a random uniform continuous
173 distribution for which the expected value of the conventional Gini coefficient is 1/3
174 (Ultsch and Lötsch 2017). For G^* , if we assume that the expected distribution of
175 residuals under the null model is centered at zero it can be proved that the expected
176 value is $\frac{2}{3}$ (See proof in Supplementary Material). So, $\frac{2}{3}$ (or $\frac{1}{3}$ in one-to-one- host-
177 symbiont associations) can be initially taken as a threshold to determine whether a given
178 tanglegram exhibits higher or lower cophylogenetic signal than expected by chance.

179 *Global-fit methods*

180 Random TaPas can be applied in conjunction with any global-fit method. For the
181 sake of demonstration, we chose here two very different approaches: Procrustes
182 Approach to Cophylogeny (PACo) (Balbuena et al. 2013) and geodesic distances (GD)
183 in tree space (Schardl et al. 2008). PACo uses Procrustean superimposition of Euclidean
184 embeddings of the phylogenetic trees to assess phylogenetic congruence. The second
185 method entails computing pairwise GDs between the partial phylogenies defined by the
186 n associations. Most global-fit methods translate matrices of evolutionary distances into
187 Euclidean space whose dimensionality is higher than that of tree space (Holmes 2005).
188 So the advantage of this approach is that it skips the potential effect of this dimensional
189 mismatch. In both methods, the value of the statistic produced is inversely proportional
190 to topological congruence between the trees evaluated.

191 PACo was performed with package `paco` (Hutchinson et al. 2017b) in R,
192 employing patristic distances as input. Its use with Random TaPas is aimed at finding

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193 the set of partial tanglegrams that minimize the square sum of residuals (m_{XY}^2) of the
194 Procrustes superposition of host and symbiont spatial configurations in p . GDs were
195 computed with function `dist.multiPhylo` of package `distory` in R (Chakerian and
196 Holmes 2010) in order to find the set of partial tanglegrams in p with minimal pairwise
197 distances in tree space between the host and symbiont partial phylogenies.

198 *Synthetic data*

199 The operation of Random TaPas depends on three parameters: N , n and p (Fig.
200 1). We assessed performance with different parameter combinations and the two
201 aforementioned global fit methods with 200 synthetic tanglegrams generated with
202 CoRe-Gen (Keller-Schmidt et al. 2011). For a given set of input parameters, the
203 program provides a pair of resulting ultrametric trees, a list of associations between the
204 terminals and the number of coevolutionary events (cospeciation, duplication, sorting,
205 and complete host-switching) involved in the construction of the tanglegram. Since it is
206 not possible to accurately control a priori the output based on the input parameters, we
207 first generated a library of 1,000 tanglegrams. The trees were built following a pure-
208 speciation (Yule) model, which has been shown to describe adequately empirical
209 phylogenetic trees (Hagen et al., 2015). For each host-symbiont pair, we specified a
210 different random combination of input parameters sampled from a uniform distribution.
211 The parameters and sampling ranges were: number of generations (100-200),
212 probability of cospeciation event (0.2-1.0), probability of host-switching event (0.2-0.8)
213 and probability of choosing a host for speciation instead of a parasite (0.7-1.0). Because
214 our method is intended for a wider range of settings than those considered by Keller-
215 Schmidt et al. (2011), the parameter ranges are broader than those used originally. Thus,
216 our resulting tanglegrams included scenarios where cospeciation events ranged from
217 very rare to very common. Since some combinations of parameters yielded trees with

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218 few terminals (≤ 15) or numbers of host parasite associations (≤ 20), we ran CoRe-Gen
219 1,274 times to obtain a set of 1,000 workable tanglegrams.

220 Given that Random TaPas is specially intended for large tanglegrams, we chose
221 for subsequent analyses two sets of 100 tanglegrams each involving approximately 50
222 (mean = 50.5, median = 51, range: 47-54) and 100 (mean = 99.7, median = 100, range:
223 93-107) host-symbiont associations, respectively. For convenience, these subsets will be
224 henceforth referred to as Set50 and Set100, respectively. Since some trees included
225 terminal polytomies and GD requires fully bifurcating trees, we added 0.01 arbitrary
226 units of time to all terminal branches. A limitation of CoRe-Gen is that it only generates
227 coevolutionary systems in which each symbiont can be associated with only a single
228 host. Given that many real-world scenarios do not conform to this scenario, we modeled
229 the occurrence of colonization (aka host-sharing) by a given symbiont of several hosts
230 following Drinkwater et al. (2016). For each triple, a rate of host sharing of 0%, 10% or
231 20% of the total available host species was set randomly. Then colonization was
232 simulated by selecting each terminal in S and allowing the corresponding symbiont to
233 colonize a random number x of additional hosts, $\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid 0 \leq x \leq R \times N_h\}$, where R
234 represents the rate of host sharing for the given tanglegram and N_h the total number of
235 host terminals.

236 Since additive trees (i.e., phylogenograms) estimated from molecular sequence data
237 are commonly used in cophylogenetic analyses, we ran the simulations with the original
238 ultrametric trees and phylogenograms derived from them. The transformation of the
239 ultrametric trees into phylogenograms was done by multiplying their branch lengths by
240 varying rates of molecular substitution (Brown and Yang 2011; Paradis 2014), sampled
241 from a log-normal distribution with mean 0.01 substitutions/site/time unit (Brown and
242 Yang 2011).

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243 *Relationship of G^* with coevolutionary events*

244 We applied Random TaPas to Set50 and Set100 (both additive and ultrametric
245 trees) using both PACo and GD with all combinations of the following parameter
246 values: $N=10^4$, $n= 5, 10$ and 20 (Set50), and $n=10, 20$ and 40 (Set100) (i.e., n
247 representing $\approx 10\%$, 20% and 40% of the total associations), and $p= 1\%$ and 5% . In
248 preliminary analyses, $N= 10^5$ was also tested with additive trees in combination with the
249 same arrays of n and p values but the results were similar to those obtained with $N=10^4$
250 (Supplementary Figs. S1 and S2 in Supplementary Material). Since the increased
251 computing time resulting from using a larger N did not result in a detectable
252 improvement in performance of the method, $N= 10^5$ was not further considered. In
253 simulations involving additive trees, prior to running PACo the patristic distances were
254 rendered Euclidean by taking the element-wise square root of each cell in order to
255 minimize geometric distortion and avoid negative eigenvalues (de Vienne et al. 2011).
256 The frequency distributions obtained from each simulation were converted into
257 distributions of residuals Rp_i (observed - expected frequencies) as explained above.

258 For each simulation, the normalized Gini coefficient (G^*) of the distribution of
259 residuals of host-symbiont associations produced by Random TaPas was computed with
260 function **Gini_RSV** of package **GiniWegNeg** in R (Raffinetti and Aimar 2016). We
261 assessed the relationship between G^* of each set of simulations, the number of
262 coevolutionary events (cospeciation, duplication, sorting, host-switching and
263 colonization) and the ratio of number of cospeciation events to the total number of
264 coevolutionary events taken to build each tanglegram using Pearson's correlation
265 coefficients.

266 *Pseudocospeciation experiment*

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267 In order to assess the ability of Random TaPas to distinguish between
268 cospeciation and pseudocospeciation (de Vienne et al. 2007), we selected a triple (#63)
269 in Set50 with high cophylogenetic signal. This simulated host-symbiont system resulted
270 from 50 cospeciations, 1 sorting, 2 duplications, 1 complete host-switching and 0
271 colonization events. We arbitrarily selected a clade of 17 terminals in the symbiont tree
272 to simulate rapid colonization and speciation (de Vienne et al. 2007). In both the
273 ultrametric and additive trees versions of the tanglegram, the branch lengths of the clade
274 were shortened to half their original length, whereas its basal branch was lengthened to
275 keep the original height of the clade. We applied Random TaPas to the original and
276 modified tanglegrams using GD and PACo, $N = 10^4$, $p = 1\%$, and $n = 5, 10$ and 20 . The
277 ability of Random TaPas to distinguish cospeciation from pseudocospeciation was
278 assessed by plotting as a heatmap on the tanglegram, the residual frequency of
279 occurrence of each host-symbiont link and the average residual frequency of occurrence
280 of each terminal in p .

281 *Mapping of congruent/incongruent associations*

282 We also used simulated tanglegrams to evaluate the capacity of Random TaPas
283 to map congruent and incongruent host-symbiont associations. We chose triple #84 in
284 Set50 characterized by low cophylogenetic signal as this system resulted from 9
285 cospeciation, 20 sorting, 24 duplication, 10 complete host-switching and 4 colonization
286 events. Then the same clade of 17 symbiont terminals used in the preceding
287 cospeciation experiment and its corresponding clade of 16 host terminals of triple #63 in
288 Set50 were inserted respectively in the host and symbiont trees of triple #84. The
289 inserted clades represented an almost perfect cospeciation pattern except from one
290 symbiont that for this simulation was associated randomly to a host (H5) of triple #84.
291 We performed three different types of simulations in which clade insertions were

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292 implemented (1) at the base, (2) at central nodes (29 and 59 of the host and symbiont
293 trees, respectively), and (3) at upper nodes (31 and 86, respectively) of the
294 corresponding #84 ultrametric and additive trees. We applied Random TaPas using GD
295 and PACo, $N = 10^4$, $p = 1\%$, and $n = 7$ and 14 (which represented about 5% and 10% of
296 the total number of tanglegram associations). The residual frequency of occurrence was
297 plotted as a heatmap on the tanglegram, of each host-symbiont association and the
298 average residual frequency of occurrence of each terminal in p . In addition, taking the
299 latter as a continuous trait, fast maximum likelihood estimators of ancestral states were
300 computed with `fastAnc` of package `phytools` in R (Revell 2012), and their values
301 were displayed on the nodes of the phylogeny based on the same heatmap scale. We
302 adopted this approach only to assess different levels of cophylogenetic signal across the
303 tanglegram and by no means imply that we consider these estimators to reflect actual
304 ancestral states of host-symbiont associations.

305 *Case Study Examples*

306 To gain further insight on its performance and provide further guidance to
307 prospective users, we demonstrate the application of Random TaPas to two real-world
308 examples.

309 *Example 1: Passerine birds and feather mites.*— We examined cophylogenetic patterns
310 between passerine birds and proctophyllodid feather mites based on a published dated
311 phylogeny of proctophyllodid feather mites and 200 Bayesian chronograms of their
312 passerine hosts (Klimov et al. 2017).

313 Random TaPas was run with GD and PACo, $N = 10^4$, $n = 20$ and $p = 1\%$ to
314 evaluate the agreement between the passerine and mite evolutionary histories. The n
315 chosen it is close to the 20% of the number of associations (98), which based on results
316 of the preceding simulations seems to represent a good compromise between assessing

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317 cophylogenetic signal and detecting congruent host-symbiont associations. For each
318 host tree, a separate analysis was carried out with each global-fit method and then the
319 average residual frequency per bird-mite association of the 200 runs was mapped on the
320 tanglegram. (We randomly chose a host chronogram to plot the tanglegram). In
321 addition, the average residual frequency of occurrence of each terminal occurring in p ,
322 and ancestral states were estimated and mapped on the tanglegram as per the preceding
323 experiment.

324 *Example 2: Neotropical orchids and their euglossine bee pollinators.*— In addition to
325 the analysis of cophylogenetic relationships between hosts and symbionts, we
326 demonstrate in this example how to assess the influence of phylogenetic uncertainty in
327 the analyses. To this end, we used the association data and published chronograms of
328 pollinated orchids and their corresponding bee pollinators (Ramírez et al. 2011), and the
329 posterior probability trees used to build the respective consensus trees, which were
330 kindly supplied by Santiago Ramírez, University of California Davis.

331 Random TaPas was run with GD and PACo, $N = 10^4$, $n = 26$ (i.e., about 20% of
332 the 129 bee-orchid associations) and $p = 1\%$. In order to account for phylogenetic
333 uncertainty, we computed 95% confidence intervals of the host-symbiont residual
334 frequencies of each association using a random sample (excluding the burn-in set) of
335 1,000 pairs of the posterior-probability trees used to build the consensus trees of
336 euglossine bees and orchids. Random TaPas was run for each tree pair as specified
337 above and the 95% confidence interval of each host-symbiont association residual
338 frequency were computed empirically based on the 1,000 runs.

339 We also assessed the different contribution of each host-symbiont association to
340 the global cophylogenetic signal by displaying as a heatmap on the tanglegram their
341 residual frequency of occurrence and the average residual frequency of occurrence of

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342 each terminal occurring in p , and estimators of ancestral states as described in Mapping
343 of congruent/incongruent associations above.

344 RESULTS

345 *Relationship of G^* with coevolutionary events*

346 Not all simulations could be run because, in some triples, the number of possible
347 unique one-to-one associations between terminals was less than the number n set in
348 simulations. So the number of triples produced in Set50 with $n = 20$, was 79; and those
349 in Set100 with $n=20$ and $n=40$ was 99 and 63, respectively.

350 Forty-eight types of simulations were produced to analyze the relationship
351 between the normalized Gini coefficients (G^*) of host-symbiont residual frequency
352 distributions and the number of evolutionary events of tanglegrams involving the
353 additive and the original ultrametric trees with all combinations of n and p and global-fit
354 method employed. The mean G^* s of each simulation tended to be smaller in simulations
355 involving ultrametric trees (range 0.605-0.719) than those obtained with additive trees
356 (range 0.693-0.732) (Table S1 in Supplementary Material). Most notably the ranges of
357 G^* s in the latter were smaller than those obtained in simulations with ultrametric trees.
358 This occurred because the lowest-range values were higher in simulations performed
359 with additive trees, whereas the highest-range values were similar in both types of
360 simulations, as shown in Figure 2 for simulations performed with GD. (The
361 corresponding simulations with PACo yielded very similar results and are displayed in
362 Fig. S3, Supplementary Material.) Triple size had a slight effect on the values of G^* ,
363 since the means were slightly larger and the ranges slightly smaller in simulations
364 involving Set100 (Table S1).

365 The correlation of G^* with the number of cospeciation events was significant (P
366 < 0.05) in all except two simulations involving Set100, additive trees, and GD as global-

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367 fit method (Fig. 3). The G^* s of the distribution frequency of residuals and the
368 proportion of cospeciation events with respect to the total number of coevolutionary
369 events was always significantly correlated and tended to be higher (in absolute value)
370 than those involving the number of cospeciation events (Table 1). In both cases, the
371 correlations with coevolutionary events and with the proportion of cospeciation events
372 was stronger in tanglegrams based on ultrametric trees and in those of Set50. In
373 addition, the highest absolute correlation values between G^* and the number and
374 proportion of cospeciation events were observed with $p = 1\%$ and n representing about
375 5% of the total number of host-symbiont associations (Fig. 3, Table 1). This pattern was
376 also observed when the number of three events causing incongruence, sorting,
377 duplication and host-switching were considered. In contrast, the number of colonization
378 events was usually weakly or not correlated with G^* (Fig. 3).

379 *Pseudocospeciation experiment*

380 Figures 4 and 5 show the results of the cospeciation experiments performed with
381 GD. In the additive trees, host-symbiont associations involving the modified clade were
382 marked with a similar level of congruence to those of the original tanglegram,
383 independently of the n value chosen. In contrast, the counterpart associations in the
384 ultrametric trees were marked as incongruent with $n = 5$ and 10, and partly (basal
385 branches of the modified clade) with $n = 20$. A similar pattern was observed in the
386 corresponding experiments carried out with PACo (Figs. S4, S5 in Supplementary
387 Material):

388 *Mapping of congruent/incongruent associations*

389 Random TaPas was efficient at tagging the associations between the terminals of
390 the inserted clades as relatively more congruent than those of the receptor tanglegram.
391 This was particularly so with ultrametric trees and $n = 14$ (Figs. 6, 7 for GD and Figs.

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392 S6, S7 in Supplementary Material with PACo). With additive trees, some associations
393 within the inserted clades were marked as incongruent, the degree of which seemed to
394 be mostly determined by the absolute differences between branch lengths of the host
395 and symbiont terminals involved (Fig. 6, Fig. S6).

396 *Example 1: Passerine birds and feather mites*

397 Random TaPas applied to the 200 bird and 1 mite chronogram yielded 200
398 residual (observed – expected frequency) distributions for each of the comparisons
399 performed with GD and PACo. Figure 9 displays boxplots of the G^* s associated to
400 each distribution. The G^* values produced with GD and PACo were larger than the $\frac{2}{3}$
401 threshold proposed to indicate random contributions of congruence by the host-
402 symbiont associations.

403 The frequencies of residuals produced by Random TaPas with GD mapped on
404 the tanglegram indicated higher congruence between the Passeroidea and their
405 associated mite lineages than between the other clades of birds and mites (Fig. 9).
406 Similar results were obtained applying Random TaPas with PACo (Fig. S8,
407 Supplementary Material).

408 *Example 2: Neotropical orchids and their euglossine pollinators*

409 The distributions of residuals (observed – expected frequencies) of the
410 pollinator-orchid associations produced by Random TaPas with GD and PACo and their
411 95% confidence intervals derived from the comparison of 1,000 pairs of posterior
412 probability trees are presented in Figure 10. Only in 12 and 35 of a total of 129 host-
413 symbiont associations evaluated with GD and PACo, respectively, the 95% confidence
414 intervals included only positive values. The G^* s of these frequencies obtained with the
415 consensus trees were 0.768 and 0.751 for Random TaPas run with GD and PACo,
416 respectively. These values were within the range of G^* s obtained with the 1,000 pairs of

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417 posterior probability trees (Fig. 10c). All values of G^* produced with GD and PACo
418 were larger than the $\frac{2}{3}$ threshold proposed to indicate random contributions of
419 congruence by the host-symbiont associations. The frequencies of residuals produced
420 with GD mapped on the tanglegram indicated no clear pattern of congruent associations
421 being associated with particular clades and only association of the early divergent
422 euglossine *Exaerete* sp. with a representative of *Gongora* stands out as extremely
423 incongruent (Fig. 11). (Very similar results were obtained with PACo as shown in
424 Figure S9, Supplementary Material.)

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426 DISCUSSION

427 Herein we have developed Random TaPas that uses a given global-fit method
428 for analysis of large tanglegrams and produces a normalized Gini coefficient (G^*)
429 whose ability to quantify cophylogenetic signal has been assessed by means of
430 simulated data. Some simulations could not be run because the number of unique host-
431 symbiont associations was less than the n set to perform Random TaPas (as defined in
432 Fig.1). This indicates that the maximum number of unique host-symbiont associations is
433 constrained by the nature of the joint evolutionary history. Since such unique
434 associations are potentially related to cospeciation, the maximum number that can be
435 retrieved in a given triple can provide a first estimate of the amount of cophylogenetic
436 signal in the system. (In the User's Guide at GitHub, we include a function to determine
437 the maximum n possible for a given triple and illustrate a strategy to set n optimally).

438 The simulation results indicated that G^* is a reasonable proxy for
439 cophylogenetic signal given its negative correlation with both the number and
440 proportion of cospeciation events, and the positive correlation with the number of
441 coevolutionary events promoting topological incongruence. This was consistently

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442 shown with most parameter combinations and with both global-fit methods used. A
443 noticeable exception concerned the low correlation of G^* with number of colonization
444 events. Perhaps this is due to the way colonization events were simulated, by spreading
445 the associations at the terminals of the host's tree, rather than through the internal nodes
446 as in the other events. In any case, the simulations suggest that the relationship between
447 G^* and cophylogenetic signal is stronger in ultrametric trees and decreases with the size
448 of the triple. Based on the simulation results, we recommend setting n at around 10% of
449 the total number of associations and $p = 1\%$ to estimate cophylogenetic signal.
450 However, to map congruent and incongruent associations in a given triple $n \approx 20\%$ and
451 $p = 1\%$ seem to show better performance to correctly identify congruent terminals,
452 especially those at basal positions (Figs. 6 and 7).

453 We have shown that simulations produced by triples involving ultrametric trees
454 in which $G^* < \frac{2}{3}$ usually correspond to $G^* > \frac{2}{3}$ in their counterparts based in additive
455 trees. In fact, none of the latter yielded a $G^* < 0.599$ (Table S1 in Supplementary
456 Material). Interestingly, there was a good agreement in G^* values between simulations
457 with ultrametric trees rendering $G^* > \frac{2}{3}$ and the corresponding values obtained with
458 additive trees. All this evidence suggests that, when working with phylogenograms,
459 differences in branch lengths weight more in the G^* value as cophylogenetic signal
460 (mostly dictated by topological congruence) increases. This is also supported by the
461 pseudocspeciation experiment in which the triple chosen represented a scenario of high
462 cophylogenetic signal. The simulations with additive trees indicated that the degree of
463 incongruence of each host-symbiont association was mostly determined by the absolute
464 differences in branch lengths of the terminals involved (Fig. 4). This would explain why
465 associations between basal terminals tended to be marked as incongruent more often
466 than those between recently diverged terminals (Figs. 4, 6). (This effect is also observed

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467 with ultrametric trees (Figs. 5, 7) but it is weaker.) Furthermore, the noise added by
468 differences in branch lengths between the terminals of hosts and their symbionts could
469 account for the lower correlations within the same set of simulated triples between G^*
470 and number of coevolutionary events observed in simulations involving additive trees
471 compared to those based on ultrametric ones.

472 Although we noted differences in the ranges and mean G^* s between Set50 and
473 Set100, these were slight and thus G^* values do not seem to be critically affected by
474 triple size (Table S1). (At least for the sizes contemplated in the present study). So for
475 triples based on chronograms, we can propose a general framework to gauge the amount
476 of cophylogenetic signal in any given host-symbiont system: G^* s between 0 and $\frac{2}{3}$
477 would represent a gradient from high cophylogenetic signal, in which all host-symbiont
478 associations would contribute similarly to the global fit between the host and symbiont
479 phylogenies, to cophylogenetic randomness. So we predict that in systems in which G^*
480 $\approx \frac{2}{3}$ global fit tests would often indicate no significant relationship between the
481 evolutionary histories of hosts and symbionts. Finally, G^* s between $\frac{2}{3}$ and 1 would
482 define a gradient from random association to low cophylogenetic signal in which few
483 host-symbiont associations would contribute mostly to the congruence or incongruence
484 patterns observed.

485 However, this framework is not applicable to triples based on phylogenograms, since
486 only when G^* s is about larger than about 0.72 we could confidently conclude that
487 cophylogenetic signal is low (Fig. 2). However, Random TaPas is still useful as it has
488 proven to be efficient to map congruent/incongruent associations on tanglegrams (Fig.
489 6). Note also that the additive trees were generated by adding varying rates of molecular
490 substitution in the host tree independently from the corresponding symbiont tree,
491 whereas corresponding branches in real phylogenograms may show some degree of

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492 dependency in their diversification rates. This is particularly evident across the plant
493 kingdom, in which groups exhibiting very different life histories (e.g. holoparasitism,
494 epiphytism) are linked to having disparate rates of molecular evolution and thus
495 random, local molecular clocks explain better their mode of diversification (Bellot and
496 Renner 2014; Wicke et al. 2016; Dann et al. 2017). This calls for additional work to
497 account for differences in substitution rates when comparing gene trees. However,
498 assessing temporal congruence between the phylogenies is necessary to attain a high
499 level of confidence about the amount of cophylogenetic signal in a given system (de
500 Vienne et al. 2007).

501 The quantitative framework for dated trees proposed herein is particularly
502 valuable because current global-fit methods test for congruence between phylogenies,
503 but do not quantify in a meaningful way the strength of the relationship because the
504 statistics produced are not bounded and depend on the scale (branch units) of the
505 distances computed between the terminals. For instance, in Example 1, PACo and
506 ParaFit point to highly significant evidence for cophylogenetic signal between each of
507 the 200 bird trees and the mite phylogeny ($P < 0.001$ in all tests). Likewise, applying the
508 same analyses to Example 2 leads to a similar conclusion PACo ($m^2_{XY} = 9.35 \cdot 10^6$, $P <$
509 0.0001) and ParaFit (ParaFitGlobal = $5.14 \cdot 10^8$, $P < 0.017$). However, the mapping of
510 residual frequencies on both tanglegrams suggest very different coevolutionary histories
511 in each system. In addition, the G^* values in Example 1 were smaller and slightly above
512 the $\frac{1}{3}$ threshold, which would lead to conclude that cophylogenetic signal is low to
513 moderate. This agrees with the results of the event-based reconciliation analysis carried
514 out by Klimov et al. (2017) with the same dataset that yielded 52 cospeciation events
515 out of 194 coevolutionary events. In Example 2, the high G^* values point to low
516 cophylogenetic signal. After considering phylogenetic uncertainty, the confidence

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517 intervals of few residuals did not include zero, and congruent and incongruent
518 associations were scattered in the tanglegram, without showing a clear pattern. All this
519 evidence suggests that that cospeciation events were not the main driver accounting for
520 the coevolution of Neotropical orchids and their euglossine pollinator bees. This
521 conclusion is in line with the hypothesis that preexisting traits in the euglossine bees
522 (i.e., collection of aromatic compounds), rather than cospeciation, drove floral
523 adaptation and diversification in the euglossine bee pollinated orchids (Ramírez et al.
524 2011; Pérez-Escobar et al. 2017). In contrast, in Example 1, cophylogenetic signal was
525 unevenly distributed being stronger between the Passeroidea and their associated feather
526 mites. This topological agreement reflects well the synchronic diversification at about
527 20 Mya of two passeroid sister clades, the New World emberizoids and Old World
528 finches, with two corresponding sister clades of feather mites, the *Proctophyllodes*
529 *thraupis+quadratus* and *P. pinnatus+Joubertophyllodes* clades (Klimov et al. 2007)
530 (Fig. 10).

531 Random TaPas has been developed with two very different global-fit
532 approaches. As noted above a potential of GD over PACo, and most other global-fit
533 methods, is that it skips the potential effect of the dimensional mismatch between
534 Euclidean and tree spaces (Holmes 2005). However, GD performed only marginally
535 better than PACo in terms of relationship between G^* and number of cospeciation
536 events, and overall results were very similar. This evidence points to robustness of
537 Random TaPas to parameters and method utilized. In fact, the algorithm can be readily
538 adapted to other global-fit methods. In a preliminary analysis, we tried it with ParaFit
539 (Legendre et al. 2002) and some parameter combinations yielding very similar results to
540 those presented here in terms of relationship with the number of cospeciation events
541 (Table S2, Supplementary Material).

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542 A problem with global-fit methods is that they do not correct for phylogenetic
543 nonindependence, so that comparison of pairwise distance matrices derived from host
544 and symbiont phylogenies gives greater weight to pairs that include deeper most recent
545 common ancestors (MRCA) than those involving shallower ones (Schardl et al. 2008;
546 de Vienne et al. 2013). Without correction for nonindependence, phylogenetic
547 congruence between old MRCA is expected to be propagated towards the descendent
548 terminals. Thus associations between them would tend to be identified as congruent
549 even if the placement of their more recent MRCA is not. This results in distance-based
550 tests being anticonservative when evaluating the contribution of individual links to the
551 global fit. To deal with this issue, Schardl et al. (2008) proposed selecting a single
552 pairwise distance per MRCA prior to evaluation of congruence between two
553 phylogenies globally. However, this approach is not immediately applicable to assess
554 the contribution of individual host-symbiont associations to the global fit.

555 So although further work is needed, we suggest that, even though
556 nonindependence is not completely accounted for in the partial tanglegrams, the
557 evaluation of a limited set of associations over a large N seems to buffer the effect of
558 phylogenetic nonindependence. So Random TaPas would represent a better way to
559 determine which host-symbiont associations contribute most to cophylogenetic signal
560 than current global-fit methods. In any event, we find that the mapping of
561 cophylogenetic signal on the tanglegram is an extremely useful new tool for the analysis
562 of coevolutionary histories as it allows evaluating variation in cophylogenetic signal and
563 testing specific hypotheses.

564 Interpretation of the results produced by Random TaPas is not without some
565 issues. A known limitation of the Gini coefficient is that different patterns of inequality
566 can yield the same value of the coefficient (Ultsch and Löstch, 2017). So users may

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567 need to examine the Lorenz curves associated to each sample in order to discriminate
568 systems with similar G^* s. (Raffinetti et al. (2015) describe a procedure to derive a
569 generalized Lorenz curve from data including negative attributes.) Future studies would
570 also need to explore the performance of alternative metrics of inequality, such as the
571 Atkinson index or the Generalized Entropy index, but this requires modifications to
572 allow the incorporation of negative observations.

573 One should also bear in mind that host-symbiont associations are marked as
574 congruent or incongruent relative to the other associations in the triple. As indicated
575 above, this is more apparent when working with phylogenograms but the issue also affects
576 chronograms. Since Random TaPas is based on distance-based algorithms, the absolute
577 differences in branch lengths between pairs of host-symbiont associations influences the
578 estimation of the associated residual value. So, everything else being equal, a basal
579 host-symbiont association is more likely to have a lower residual than more distal ones.

580 By the same token, incongruent associations in upper branches can be scored as
581 congruent. In Example 1, for instance, the associations between *Emberiza* spp.,
582 embedded within the New World emberizoids, and the *P. pinnatus+Joubertophyllum*
583 clade is indicative of host-switches from finches, but despite this they were plotted as
584 congruent on the tanglegram (Figure 12). A possible way to tackle this problem could
585 be to run partial analyses with designated nodes, for instance, within the Passeroidea
586 and their mites in order to get a more detailed picture at a lower taxonomic level. Hoyal-
587 Cuthill and Charleston (2012, 2015) adopted a similar approach and we consider that its
588 potential integration with Random TaPas is worth exploring in the future.

589 A final word of caution is that the effects of cospeciation and
590 pseudocospeciation on cophylogenetic signal can be difficult to tease apart, even if the
591 trees are dated. However, one would expect pseudocospeciation to be more prevalent if

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592 host trees are clustered in few large clades and in those with rapid species turnover
593 (rapid adaptive radiations), particularly if symbionts are highly specific (Engelstädter
594 and Fortuna 2019). With dated trees, our results suggest that marked differences in
595 frequency of host-symbiont associations with varying n can give clues about the
596 presence of pseudocospeciation in the system.

597 In summary, Random TaPas represents a new tool for cophylogenetic analysis
598 that provides a framework to assess cophylogenetic signal in a given host-symbiont
599 system. In addition, it facilitates data interpretation by mapping the extent of
600 cophylogenetic signal on the tanglegram. The method can handle large tanglegrams in
601 affordable computational time, incorporates phylogenetic uncertainty, makes a more
602 explicit links with cospeciation and other coevolutionary events, and is more reliable to
603 identify host-symbiont associations that contribute most to cophylogenetic signal than
604 regular global-fit methods. For greater usability, Random TaPas is implemented in the
605 public-domain statistical software R.

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726 **Table 1.** Correlation coefficients of normalized Gini coefficients of the frequency
727 distribution of residuals (observed - expected frequencies) of host-symbiont associations
728 produced by Random TaPas with the proportion of cospeciation events with respect the
729 total number of coevolutionary events in two sets of 100 simulated tanglegrams each
730 involving ≈ 50 and 100 host-symbiont associations, respectively, and both additive (A)
731 and ultrametric (U) trees applying Random TaPas with geodesic distances (GD) and
732 PACo with a varying number of host-symbiont associations (n) and two percentile
733 values (p). (See Fig. 1 for a definition of n and p).

| Tree | Set | p | n | GD | PACo |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| A | 50 | 1% | 5 | -0.65 | -0.50 |
| A | 50 | 5% | 5 | -0.60 | -0.57 |
| A | 50 | 1% | 10 | -0.49 | -0.50 |
| A | 50 | 5% | 10 | -0.47 | -0.43 |
| A | 50 | 1% | 20 | -0.38 | -0.47 |
| A | 50 | 5% | 20 | -0.38 | -0.40 |
| A | 100 | 1% | 10 | -0.44 | -0.35 |
| A | 100 | 5% | 10 | -0.31 | -0.33 |
| A | 100 | 1% | 20 | -0.26 | -0.40 |
| A | 100 | 5% | 20 | -0.26 | -0.38 |
| A | 100 | 1% | 40 | -0.34 | -0.51 |
| A | 100 | 5% | 40 | -0.44 | -0.57 |
| U | 50 | 1% | 5 | -0.89 | -0.70 |
| U | 50 | 5% | 5 | -0.86 | -0.78 |
| U | 50 | 1% | 10 | -0.79 | -0.73 |
| U | 50 | 5% | 10 | -0.76 | -0.73 |
| U | 50 | 1% | 20 | -0.69 | -0.65 |
| U | 50 | 5% | 20 | -0.60 | -0.59 |
| U | 100 | 1% | 10 | -0.50 | -0.45 |
| U | 100 | 5% | 10 | -0.50 | -0.47 |
| U | 100 | 1% | 20 | -0.48 | -0.45 |
| U | 100 | 5% | 20 | -0.47 | -0.45 |
| U | 100 | 1% | 40 | -0.52 | -0.49 |
| U | 100 | 5% | 40 | -0.43 | -0.40 |

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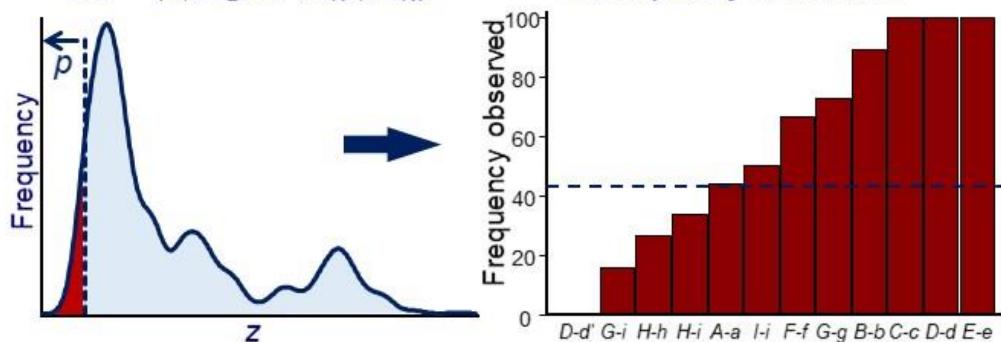
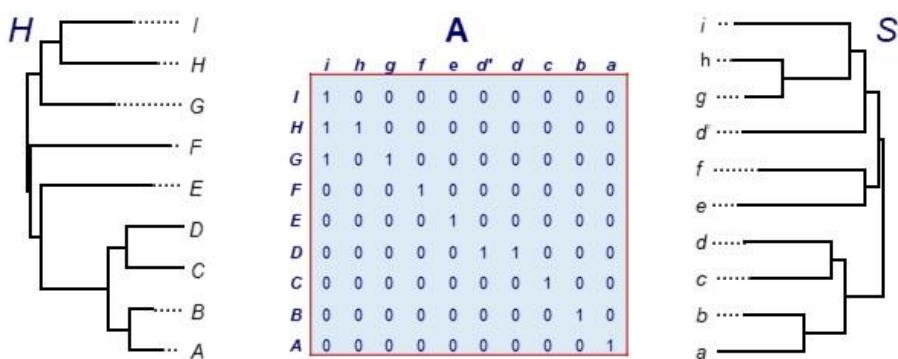


Figure 1. The Random TaPas algorithm. Given a triple (H, S, A) , where H and S represent the phylogenies of hosts and symbionts, and A is a binary matrix that codes the associations between terminals in H and S : **1.** Set a number n less than the total number of host-symbiont associations. **2.** For i from 1 to N times (where N is sufficiently large, typically $\geq 10^4$) do **2.1.** Randomly choose n unique associations in A , so that each terminal in H is associated to one, and only one, terminal in S , and vice versa. (This is a prerequisite for a perfect host-symbiont cospeciation scenario); **2.2.** Produce a partial tanglegram that includes only the n associations chosen at step 2.1 by trimming A and pruning H and S ; **2.3.** Run a global-fit test with the partial triple and **2.4.** Save the resulting statistic z_i and the set of n host-symbiont associations selected at 2.1. **3.** Render the frequency distribution of the z_i 's and set a small percentile p where the highest cophylogenetic congruence is expected. (In this example, z_i is expected to be inversely proportional to congruence). **4.** Determine how many times each host-symbiont associations occurs in p , and return their frequency distribution.

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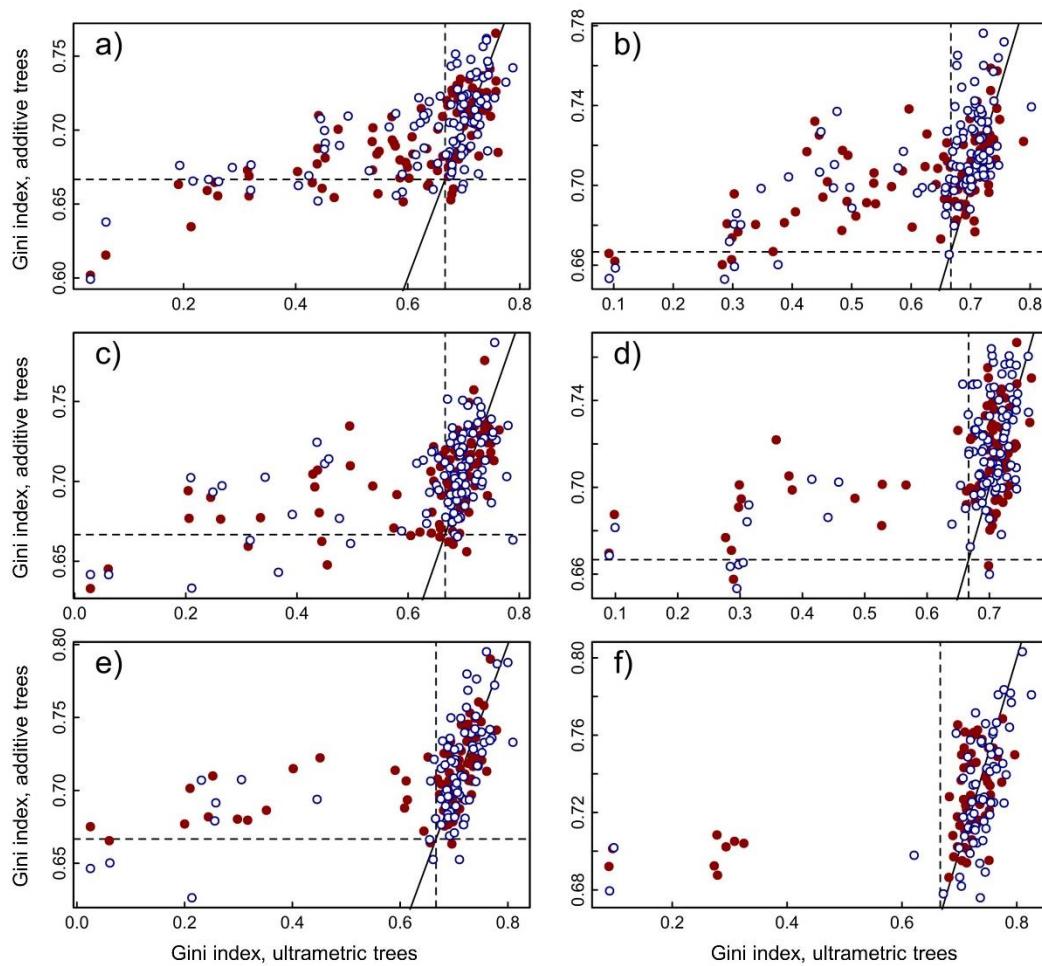


Figure 2. Comparison of the normalized Gini coefficient of the residual (observed - expected frequency) distribution of host-symbiont associations produced by Random TaPas using geodesic distances as global-fit method and ultrametric trees, with those based on additive trees. Parameter and test combinations: (a) Set50, $n = 5$; (b) Set100, $n = 10$; (c) Set50, $n = 10$; (d) Set100, $n = 20$; (e) Set50, $n = 20$; (f) Set100, $n = 40$. Filled red points, $p = 1\%$; empty blue points, $p = 5\%$. The dashed lines mark a theoretical threshold ($\frac{2}{3}$) between low and high cophylogenetic signal. The solid line represents $y = x$.

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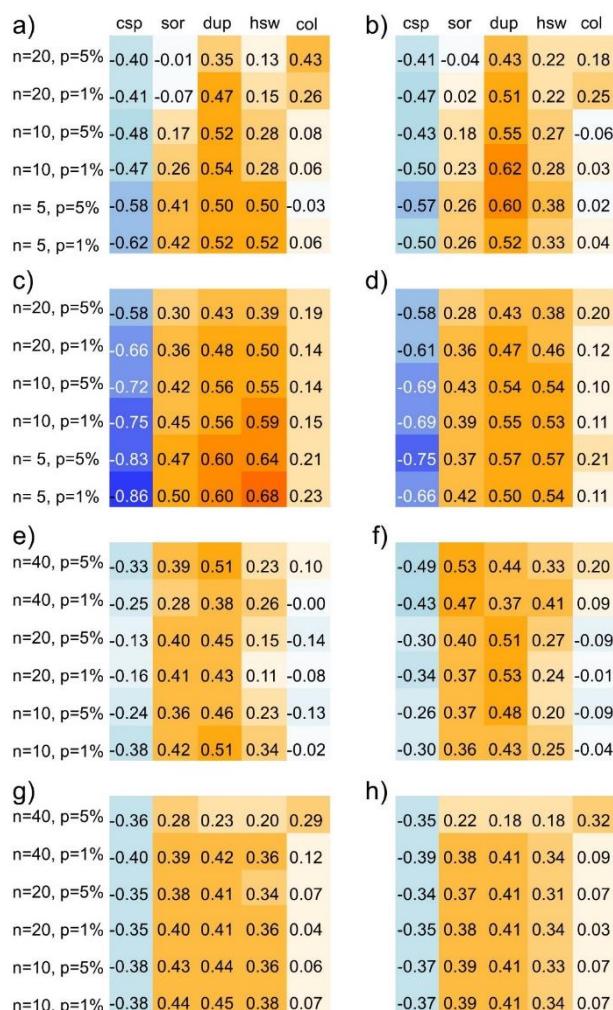


Figure 3. Correlation coefficients computed between the normalized Gini coefficients of the frequency distribution of residuals (observed - expected frequencies) of host-symbiont associations produced by Random TaPas and the number of cospeciation events in two sets of 100 simulated tanglegrams each involving approximately 50 (a-d) and 100 (e-h) host-symbiont associations, respectively. The tanglegrams were built with both additive (a, b, e, f) and ultrametric (c, d, g, h) trees and Random TaPas was applied with geodesic distances (a, c, e, g) and PACo (b, d, f, h) with a varying number of host-symbiont associations (n) and two percentile values (p). Event abbreviations: csp = cospeciation, sor = sorting, dup = duplication, hsw = complete host-switching, col = colonization of new host without speciation. Background colors indicate the strength of the correlation, ranging from blue ($r = -1$) to red ($r = +1$).

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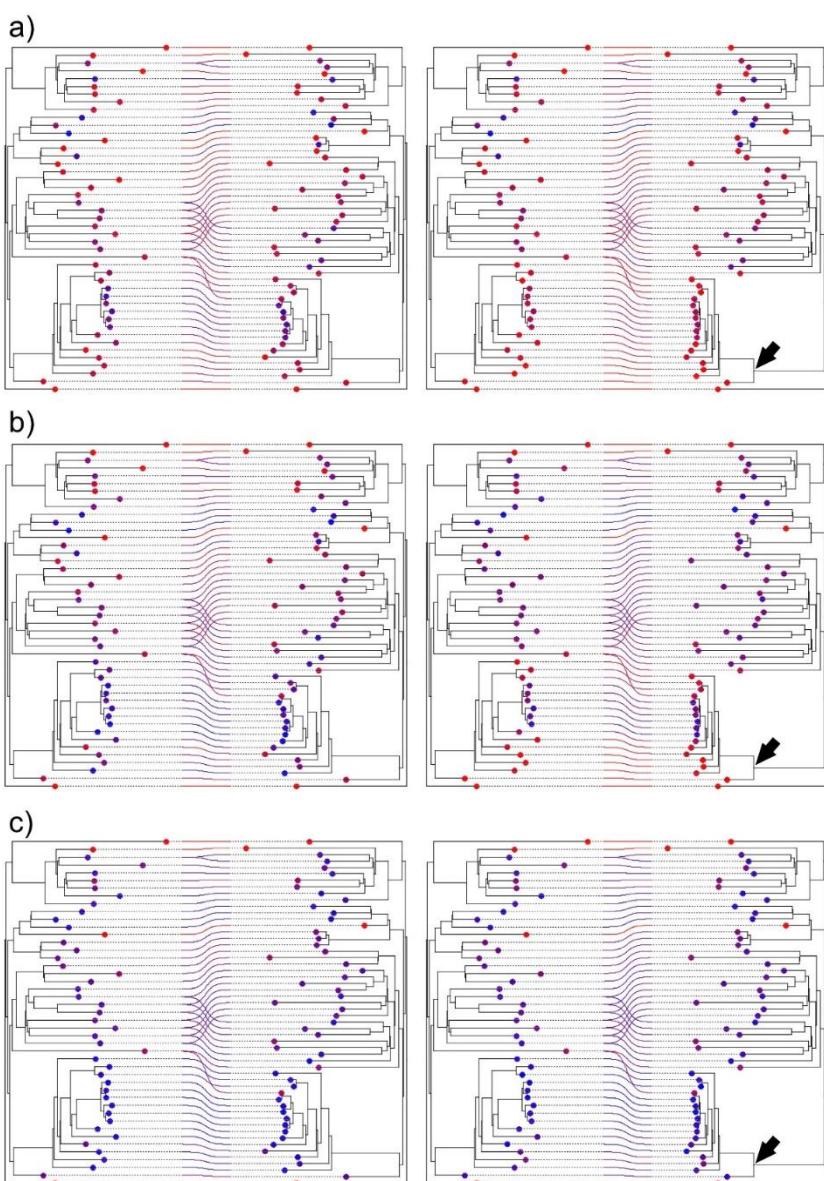


Figure 4. Pseudocospesiation experiment with one simulated tanglegram of ≈ 50 host-symbiont associations relating two additive trees. Random TaPas was applied with geodesic distances, $p = 1\%$ and $n = 5$ (a), $n = 10$ (b) and $n = 20$ (c) to the original (left) and modified (right) tanglegrams. In the latter, the branch lengths of one clade (arrow) were reduced to one half, whereas its basal branch was lengthened to keep the original height of the clade. The residual (difference between observed and expected frequency of occurrence of each host-symbiont association) in the percentile p retrieved by Random TaPas (see Fig. 1) is coded in a color scale, where red and blue denote low and high values, respectively. The points at terminals are also coded on the same scale and represent the average residual in which the terminal is involved.

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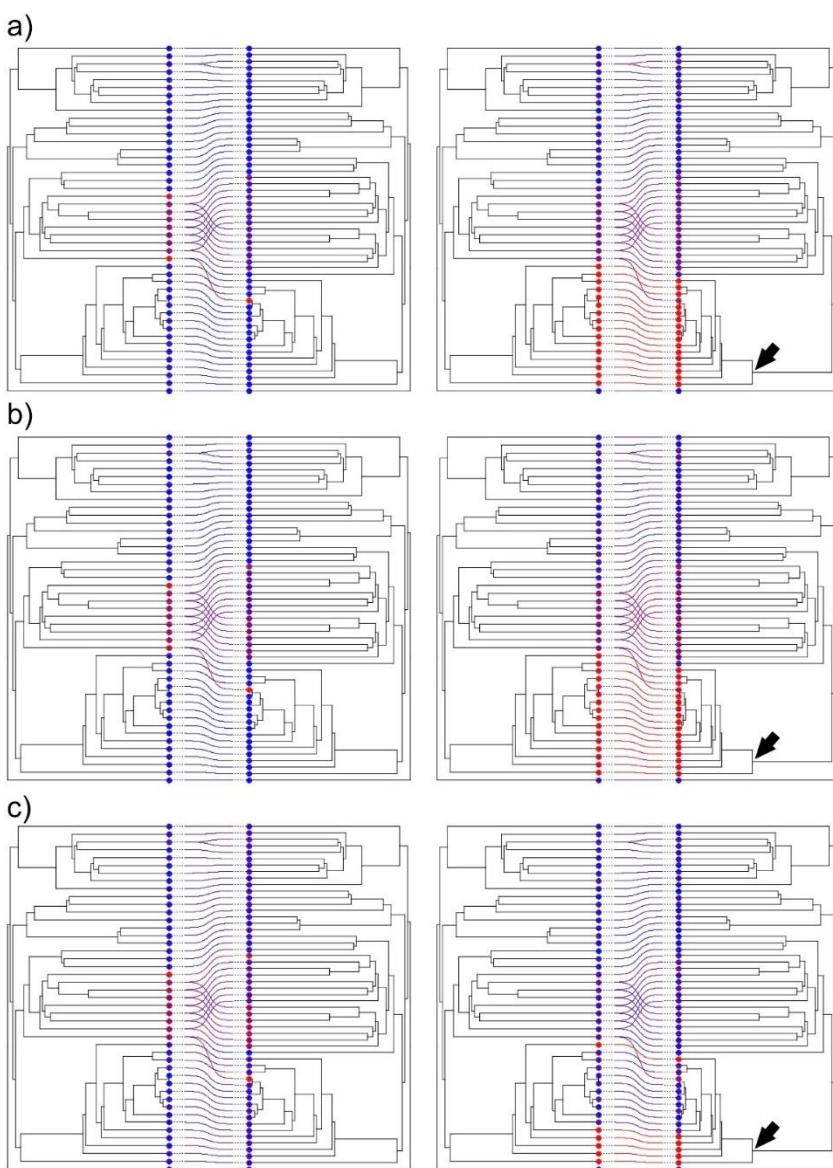


Figure 5. Pseudocospeciation experiment with one simulated tanglegram of ≈ 50 host-symbiont associations relating two ultrametric trees. Random TaPas was applied with geodesic distances, $p = 1\%$ and $n = 5$ (a), $n = 10$ (b) and $n = 20$ (c) to the original (left) and modified (right) tanglegrams. In the latter, the branch lengths of one clade (arrow) were reduced to one half, whereas its basal branch was lengthened to keep the original height of the clade. The residual (difference between observed and expected frequency of occurrence of each host-symbiont association) in the percentile p retrieved by Random TaPas (see Fig. 1) is coded in a color scale, where red and blue denote low and high values, respectively. The points at terminals are also coded on the same scale and represent the average residual in which the terminal is involved.

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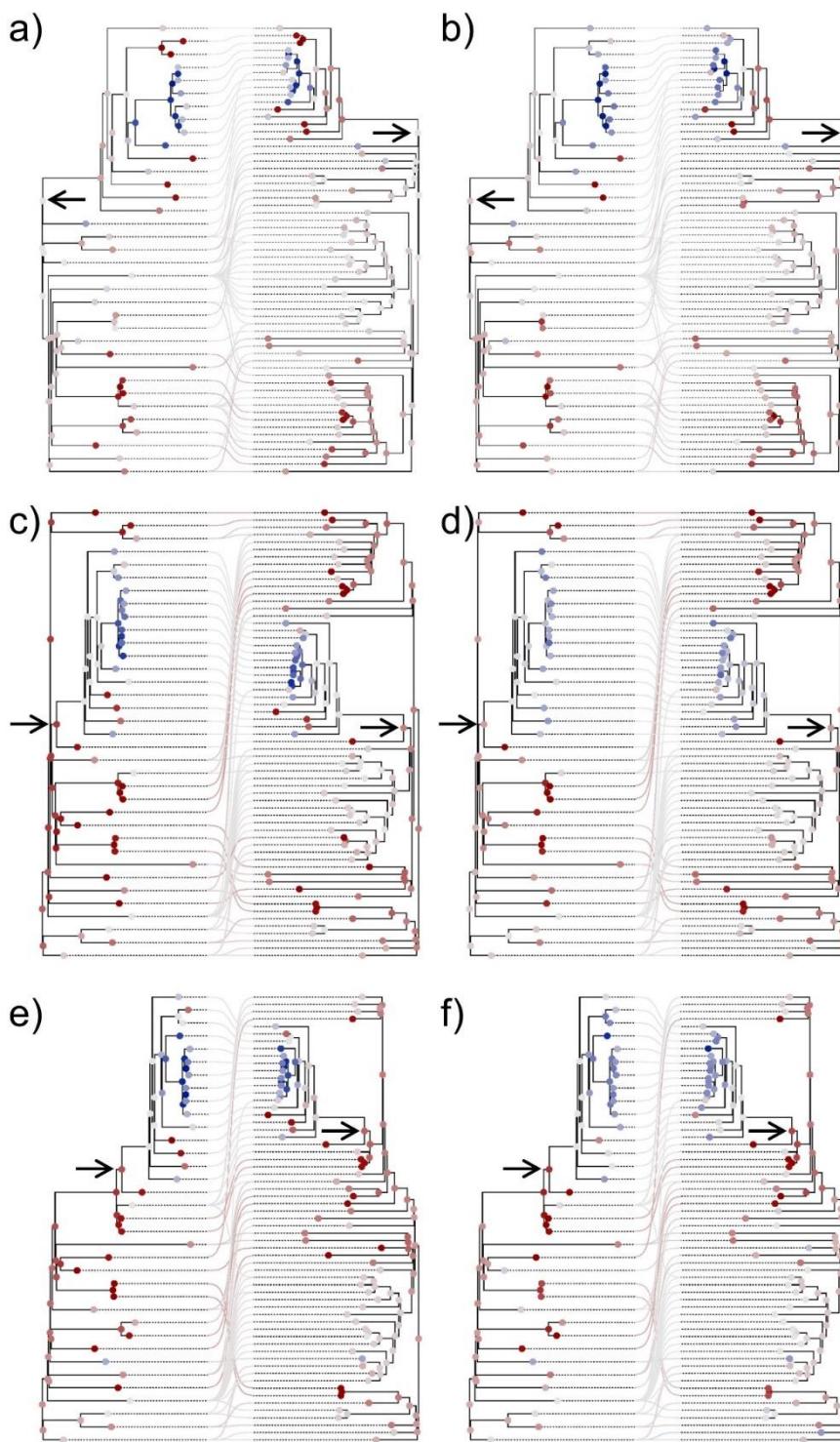


Figure 6. Simulated tanglegrams with additive trees in which a clade of host and symbionts (arrows) were inserted at different levels of the receptor tanglegram: at the root (a, b), and at middle (c, d) and upper (e, f) nodes. Random TaPas was applied with geodesic distances, $p = 1\%$ and $n = 7$ (a, c, e), $n = 14$ (b, d, f) to each tanglegram. The residual (difference between the observed and expected frequency of occurrence of each host-symbiont association) in the percentile p retrieved by Random TaPas (see Fig. 1) is mapped using a diverging color scale centered at zero (light gray) and ranging from dark red (maximum negative) to dark blue (maximum positive). The average observed-expectation frequency of each terminal and fast maximum likelihood estimators of ancestral states of each node are also mapped according to the same scale.

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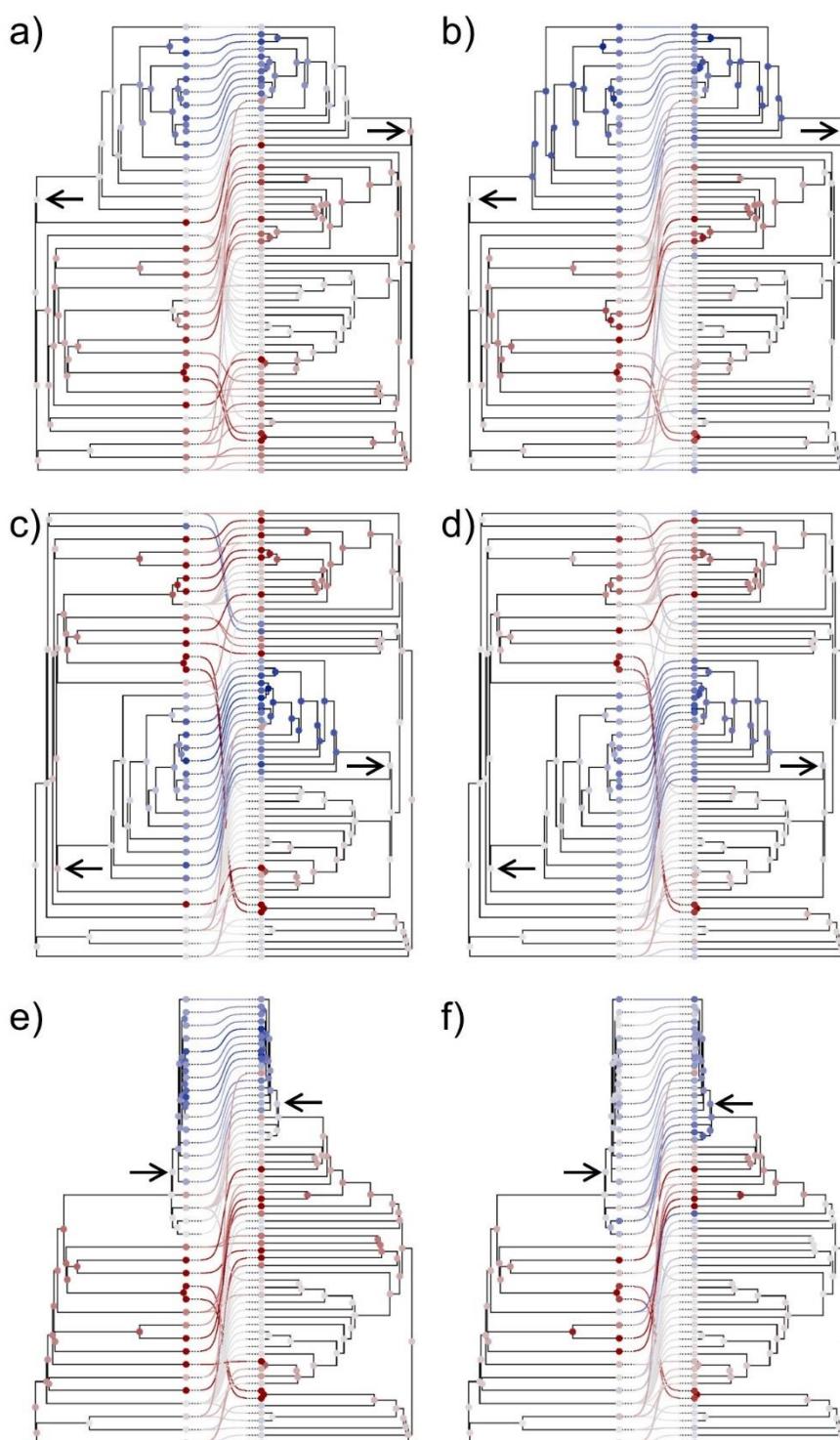


Figure 7. Simulated tanglegrams with ultrametric trees in which a clade of host and symbionts (arrows) were inserted at different levels of the receptor: at the root (a, b), and at middle (c, d) and upper (e,f) nodes. Random TaPas was applied with geodesic distances, $p = 1\%$ and $n = 7$ (a, c, e), $n = 14$ (b, d, f) to each tanglegram. The residual (difference between the observed and expected frequency of occurrence of each host-symbiont association) in the percentile p retrieved by Random TaPas (see Fig. 1) is mapped using a diverging color scale centered at zero (light gray) and ranging from dark red (maximum negative) to dark blue (maximum positive). The average observed-expectation frequency of each terminal and fast maximum likelihood estimators of ancestral states of each node are also mapped according to the same scale.

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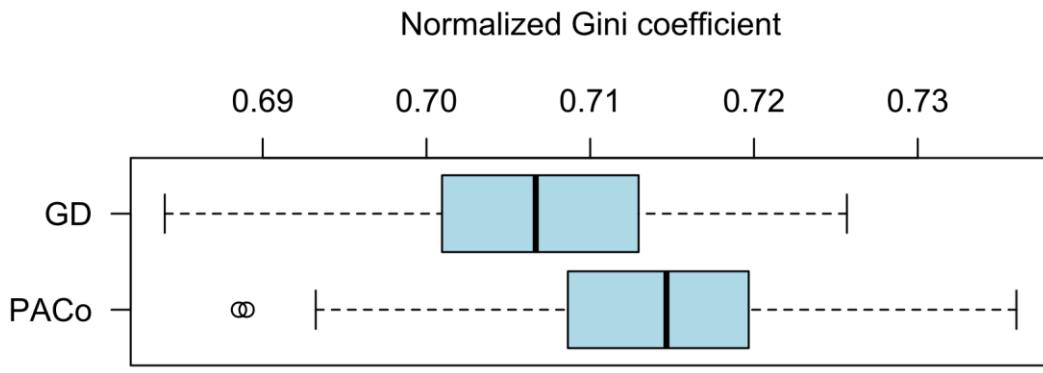


Figure 8. Boxplot summarizing the variation of 200 Normalized Gini coefficients of the respective residual frequency distributions produced with Random TaPas applied to pairs formed by 200 passerine bird chronograms and one proctophylloid mite chronogram using both GD and PACo as global fit methods.

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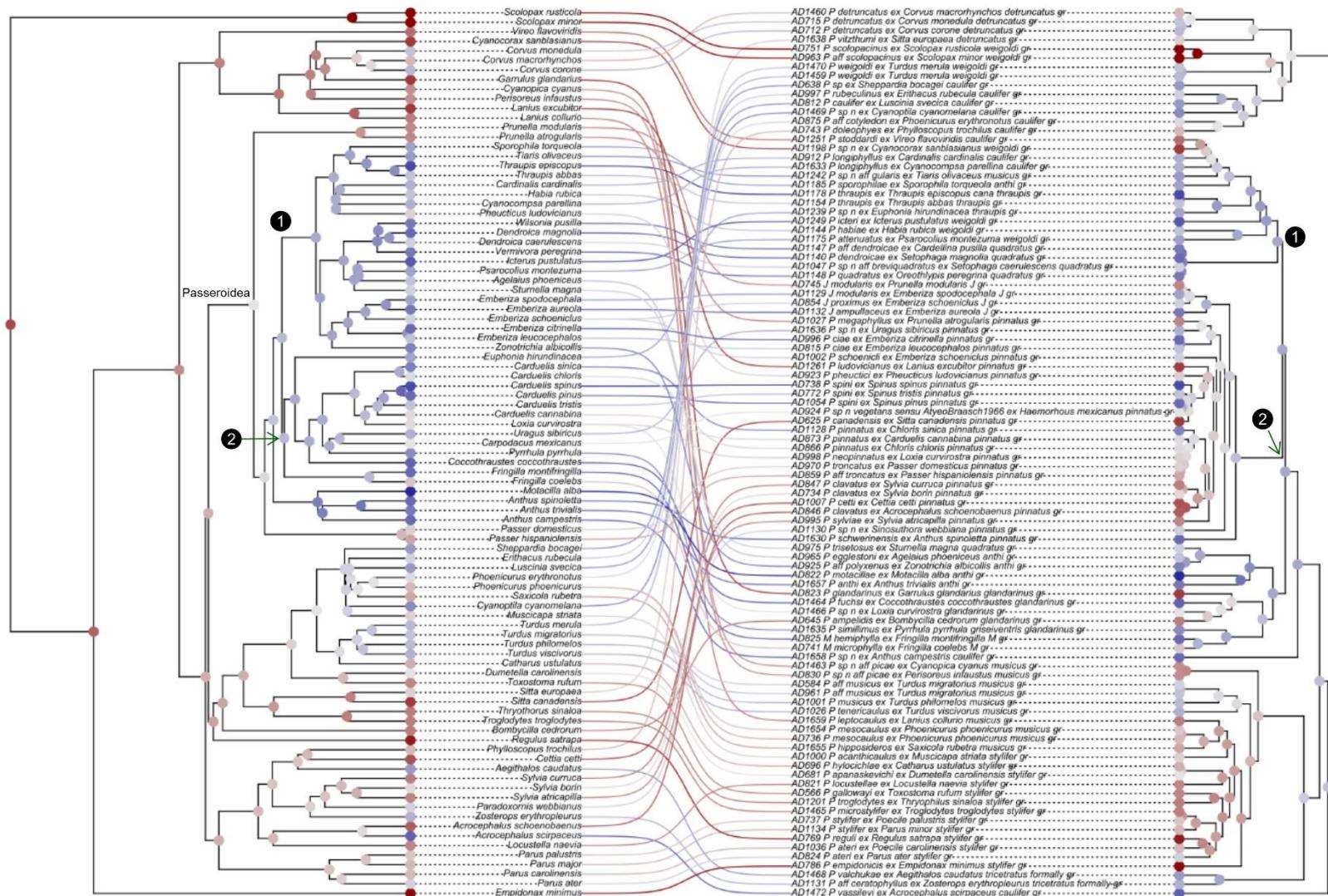


Figure 9. Tanglegram representing the association between passerine birds and their associated proctophyllodid feather mites. Random TaPas with GD was applied to 200 bird chronograms and one mite dated tree. For each host tree, a separate analysis was performed yielding a vector of residuals (observed-expected frequencies). The average residual over the 200 runs corresponding to each bird-mite association is mapped using a diverging color scale centered at zero (light gray) and ranging from dark red (maximum incongruence) to dark blue (maximum congruence). The average residual at each terminal and fast maximum likelihood estimators of ancestral states of each node are also mapped according to the same scale. Based on Klimov et al. (2017), two synchronic events are also indicated on the host and mite chronograms: (1) Diversifications of New World emberizoid Passerida and the *Proctophyllodes thraupis+quadratus* clade and (2) Origin of finches and diversification of the *P. pinnatus+Joubertophyllodes* clade.

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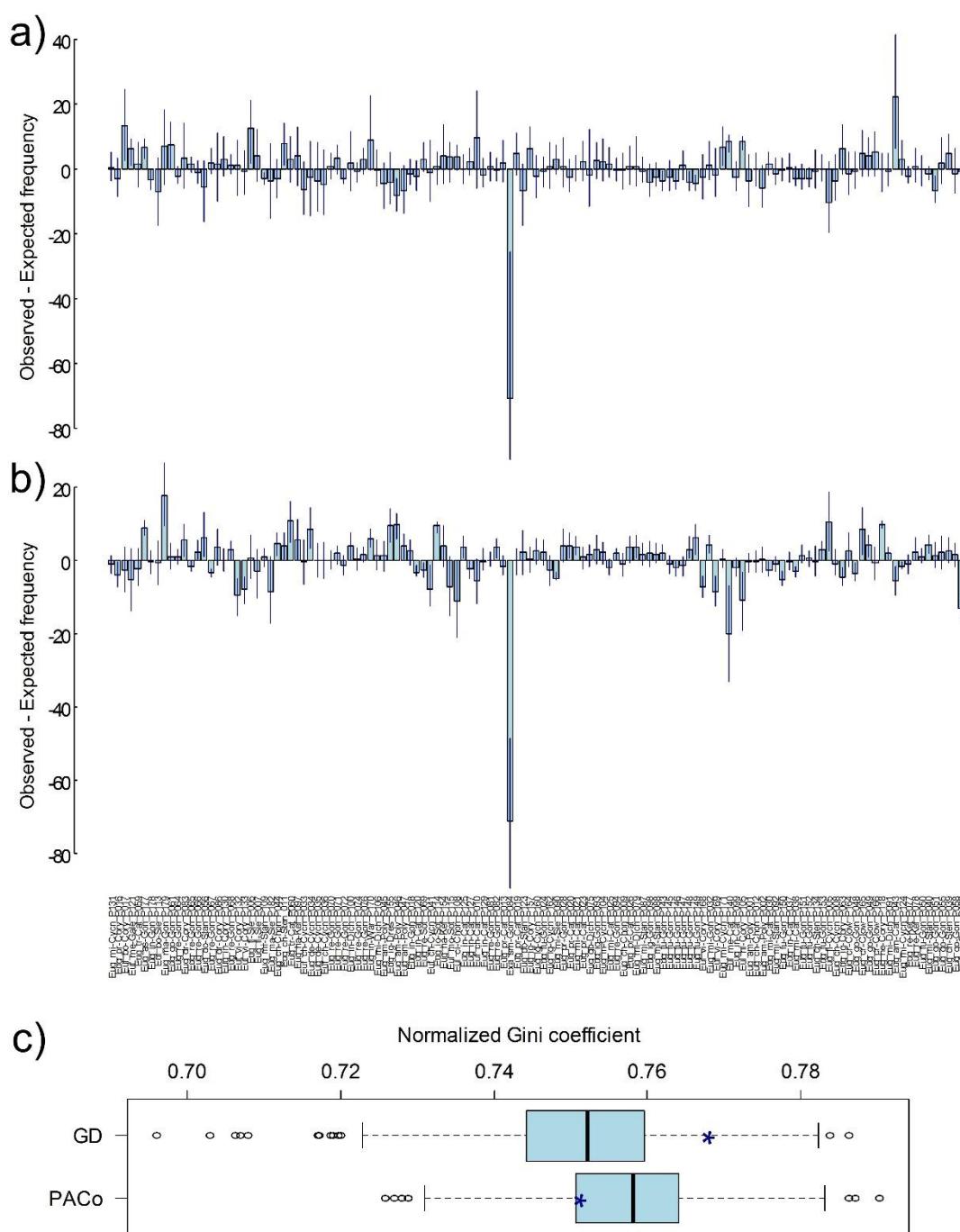


Figure 10. Random TaPas applied to data of Neotropical orchids and their euglossine bee pollinators. The distributions of observed – expected frequencies were obtained with $N = 10^4$, $n = 26$, and $p = 1\%$ with GD (a) and PACo (b). Vertical lines represent 95% confidence intervals of the frequencies computed with 1,000 randomly chosen pairs of posterior probability trees used to build the consensus trees of bees and orchids. (c) Normalized Gini coefficient of the respective frequency distributions (asterisks) and boxplots produced with the pairs of posterior probability trees generated with GD and PACo.

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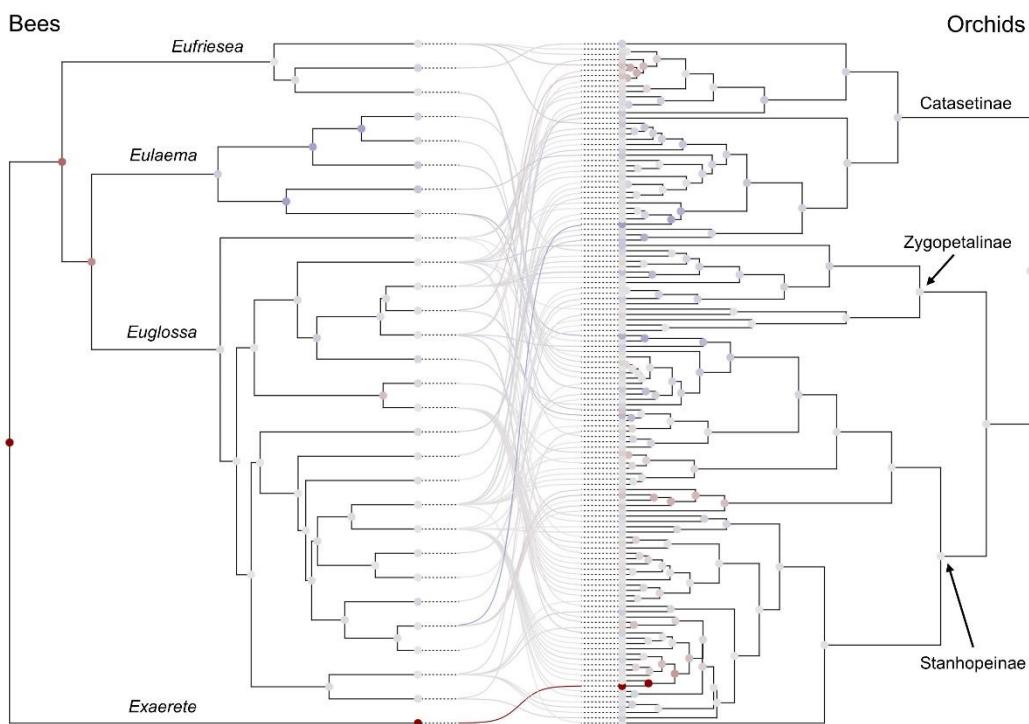


Figure 11. Tanglegram representing the association between Neotropical orchids and their euglossine bee pollinators. The observed-expectation frequencies corresponding to each pollinator-orchid association shown in Fig. 9 obtained applying Random TaPas with geodesic distances are mapped using a diverging color scale centered at zero (light gray) and ranging from dark red to dark blue. The average observed-expectation frequency of each terminal and fast maximum likelihood estimators of ancestral states of each node are also mapped according to the same scale.

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