#### Parallel Inference of Phylogenetic Stands with Gentrius

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#### Introduction

**General Pipeline** Input **Binary Species Tree Inference** MSA tree

## **Standard Approach**

- The MSA is a single gene or locus (genome region)

Taxon1: –AACGACGTAACTGGACC–CAAGA Taxon2: TCACGACGTAAC–GGACC–CAAGA Taxon3: TAAC–ACGTAACTCGACCGCAAGA Taxon4: TAAC–ACGTTACTCGACCGCAAGA

- Tree Inference: Maximum Likelihood (ML) or Bayesian Inference
- **Assumption**: This gene/locus constitutes a valid proxy for the entire evolutionary history of the species.

# **Problems of Standard Approach**

- **Different genes** might have evolved under **different models** and parameters
- Tree inferences conducted on distinct genes often yield incongruent tree topologies

# **Alternative Approach**

- The MSA comprises multiple genes/loci (multi-partitioned)

	Gene 1	Gene 2	Gene 3
Taxon1:	-AACGACGTCTGGACC-CA	GC-ACGAACTGGACCTCAAGA	AATTCGAACTGGA-
Taxon2:	TCACGACGTC-GGACC-CA	GCCTCGAAC-GGACC-CAAGT	AATTCGA-TTGGA-
Taxon3:	TAAC-ACGTCTCGACCGCA	GC-ACGA-CTCGACTGCACGA	AATCCGA-CTGGAT
Taxon4:	TAAC-ACGACTCGACCGCA	GC-ACGT-CTCGACT-CAAGT	A-TCCAA-TTGGCT

- The **information** derived from multiple genes is **summarized** into a **single species tree**
- Multiple species tree inference approaches (Supermatrix, Supertree etc).

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Presence - Absence Matrix (PAM)

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Stand



## **Equivalent problem**



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PAM

Complete Species Tree

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 $\mathbf{G}_{1}$ 

 $\mathbf{G}_2$ 

G,

G₄

15



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<u>Equivalent Phrases:</u> T displays  $T_i$ , T is reduced to  $T_i$ ,  $T_i$  is induced by T (or is an induced subtree)



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#### **How Gentrius Works**

- **Deterministic**, Branch and bound algorithm
- **One tree** serves as the initial tree (**agile tree**).
- The whole stand is generated by **stepwise taxon insertion**. Missing taxa are sequentially inserted into the agile tree
- Missing taxa are inserted into **admissible branches** on the agile tree
- Admissible branches are determined mathematically from the **double-edged mappings** (see Chernomor *et al.*)

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- Build **common subtree** between **T** and **T**<sub>1</sub>



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- Map backwards ( take the intersection )



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t<sub>6</sub>

- One admissible branch, add t,

¢<sub>1</sub>

T<sub>1</sub>

t<sub>5</sub>





Missing Taxa: **t<sub>7</sub>**, **t<sub>8</sub>** 

Missing Taxa: X, t<sub>8</sub>

- **t**<sub>8</sub> is present on constraint tree **T**<sub>3</sub>





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#### **Types of States**

**State = agile tree + constraint trees** 

- If the agile tree is incomplete but no more taxa can be inserted, because compatibility is violated: ---- dead end



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- **Dynamic taxon insertion** heuristic
- Every time, the **taxon with the smallest number of admissible branches** is selected for insertion

# **Stopping Rules**

- In the **worst-case scenario**, the **number of trees on a stand** can be **exponentially many**
- To prevent excessive runtimes, Gentrius employs **three stopping rules**:
  - when the algorithm counts **more than N stand trees** (default  $N=10^{6}$ )
  - when more than M intermediate states have been visited (default M=10<sup>8</sup>)
  - when the execution requires more than T hours (default T=168h)

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## Why care about stands?

- **Stands** are **associated** with the concept of **terraces**
- We say that trees inferred from multi-partitioned MSAs with missing data lie on a terrace when they have equal analytical score (ML score, quartet-consistency score)
- Under **certain criteria**, stand trees are also terrace trees
- Identifying stands is a quantification of the uncertainty of the tree inference under certain methods

#### **Gentrius preprint**

Title: Identifying equally scoring trees in phylogenomics with incomplete data using Gentrius

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Abstract: Phylogenetic trees are routinely built from huge and yet incomplete multi-locus datasets often leading to multiple equally scoring trees under many common criteria. As typical tree inference software output only a single tree, identifying all trees with identical score challenges phylogenomics. Here, we introduce Gentrius – an efficient algorithm that tackles this problem. We showed on simulated and biological datasets that Gentrius generates millions of trees within seconds. Depending on the distribution of missing data across species and loci and the inferred phylogeny, the number of equally good trees varies tremendously. The strict consensus tree computed from them displays all the branches unaffected by the pattern of missing data. Thus, Gentrius provides an important systematic assessment of phylogenetic trees inferred from incomplete data.

**One-Sentence Summary:** Gentrius - the algorithm to generate a complete stand, i.e. all binary unrooted trees compatible with the same set of subtrees.

#### **Parallelization**

#### **Preliminares**

- The **workflow graph**, i.e. the graph of states of the algorithm, has a **treelike structure**
- From now on, the trees in this presentation will represent the workflow graph (tree of states), not phylogenetic trees












## **Alternative Parallelization Scheme**

- When the **number of threads** used is **greater** than the **number of admissible branches** on the state of initial split



## Problem

- The workflow tree is often highly unbalanced
- We **cannot know** *a priori* **its structure**, since we cannot know a priori the admissible branches for each taxon



## Solution

- We use a **thread pooling** approach
- We introduce a **taskqueue**
- Active (working) threads create and push new tasks into the queue
- Inactive threads (those that finished their jobs) remain in busy-wait mode until a new task becomes available in the queue.

## Example

TaskQueue

Initial state  $\longrightarrow$  O

## Example































Task 2 pushed on queue





















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## Thresholds

- 1. To avoid **task overflow**, we set a **threshold** into the **number of tasks** that the queue can concurrently hold.
- 2. We also set a **threshold** in **task creation**. If an **active thread** is in a **state with less than 3 remaining taxa**, this thread **cannot create** and push **tasks**

## Results

Empirical data RAxML Grove database

> Simulated data Chernomor *et al.*



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## **Empirical data**



Fig. 7: Per thread speedups on empirical data, the mean speedup values are depicted by a dashed line (s.e.t. stands for 'serial execution time'). Speedups were calculated for: (a) 162 datasets with more than 1 second s.e.t. (b), 116 with more than 10 seconds s.e.t. (c), 86 with more than 50 seconds s.e.t.

## **Simulated data**



Fig. 6: Per thread speedup distributions on simulated data. The mean speedups are depicted by a dashed line (s.e.t. stands for 'serial execution time'). Speedup rates were calculated for: (a) 443 datasets have more than 1 second of s.e.t. (b) 234 more than 10 seconds s.e.t. (c), 147 more than 50 seconds s.e.t.

# **Speedup variances**

- The following unbalanced structure in the workflow tree can either cause super-linear speedup or speedup plateau.



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Stopping rule for intermediate states is activated. The execution terminates.

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Threads 1 and 2 reach the state of initial split

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2 Threads

#### Split:

Thread 1 enters the left subtree with many intermediate states and dead ends Thread 2 enters the right subtree with 10<sup>6</sup> stand trees

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Stand trees	0	<b>10</b> <sup>6</sup>
Intermediate states	107	< 10 <sup>7</sup>
Time	100 s	10 s



#### 2 Threads

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### b) Speedup plateaus



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0 stand trees, many intermediate states + dead ends

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contribute much :(

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### Conclusion

### Summary

- Gentrius enumerates all trees on stand
- The size of stand is important, because it quantifies the uncertainty of phylogenetic inference
- We designed, implemented and tested a parallelization scheme for Gentrius algorithm
- To avoid difficulties, we used a **thread pooling** scheme
- We achieve **linear speedups** up to **16 threads**
- In some **rare cases**, we achieve **super-linear** speedups

# Availability

- Parallel Gentrius is available under GNU GPL:
  - <u>https://www.github.com/togkousa/iqtree2/tree/terragen</u>

- Manuscript (to be published):
  - Togkousidis, A., Chernomor, O., Stamatakis. A., (2023). Parallel Inference of Phylogenetic Stands with Gentrius. *IEEE Proceedings*

### Thank you