The comparative biogeography of Philippine geckos challenges predictions from a paradigm of climate-driven vicariant diversification across an island archipelago

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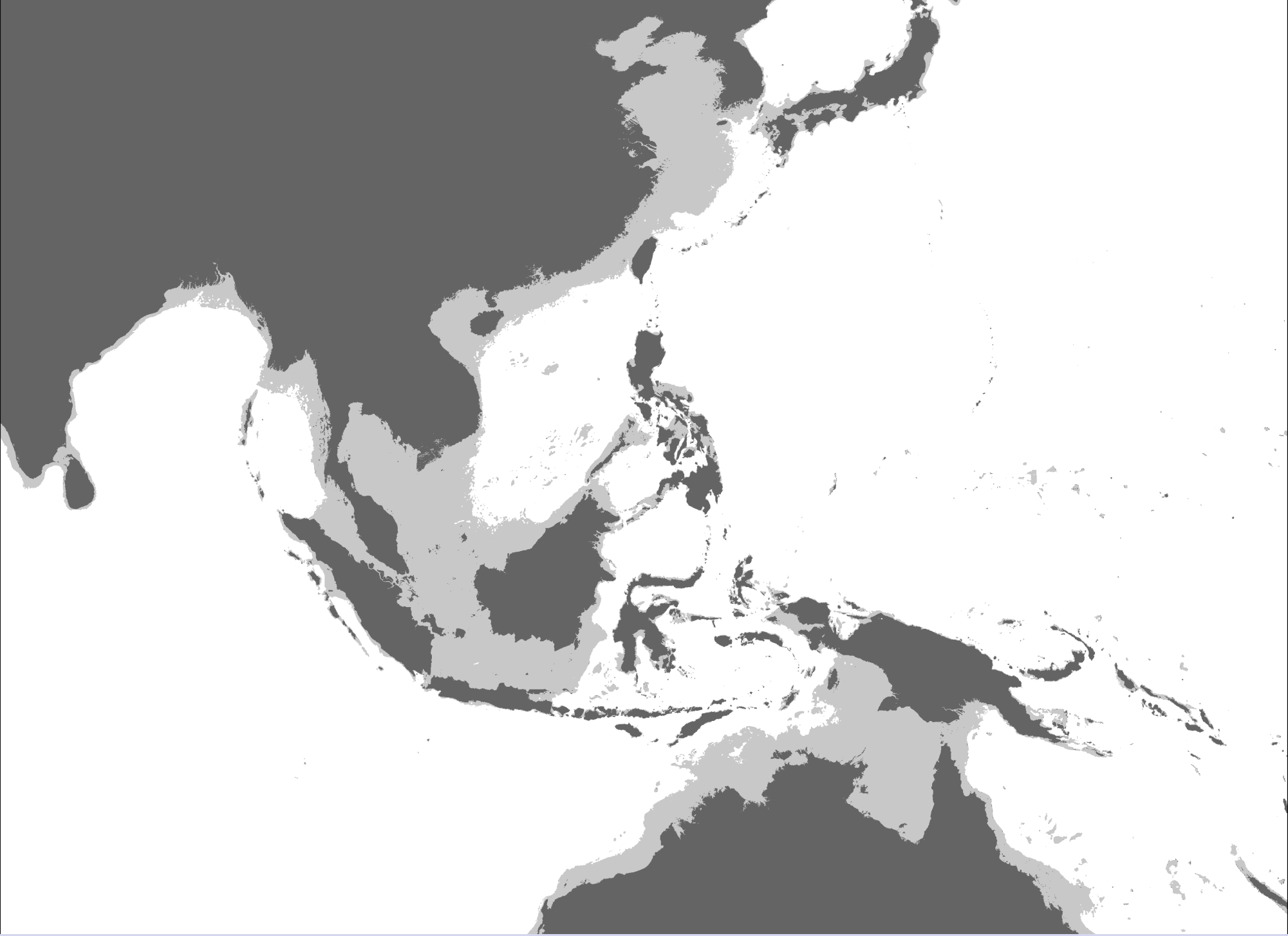

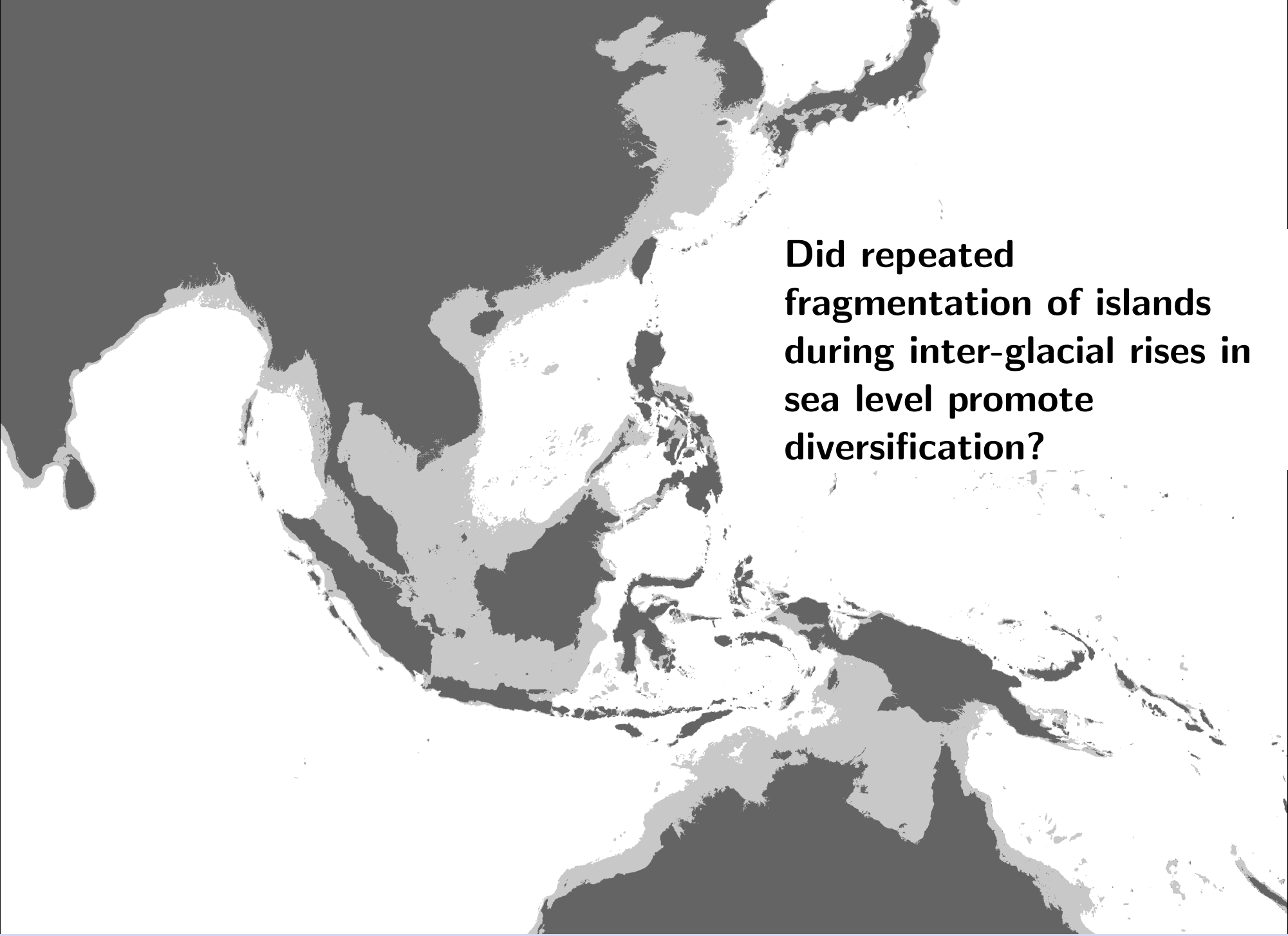

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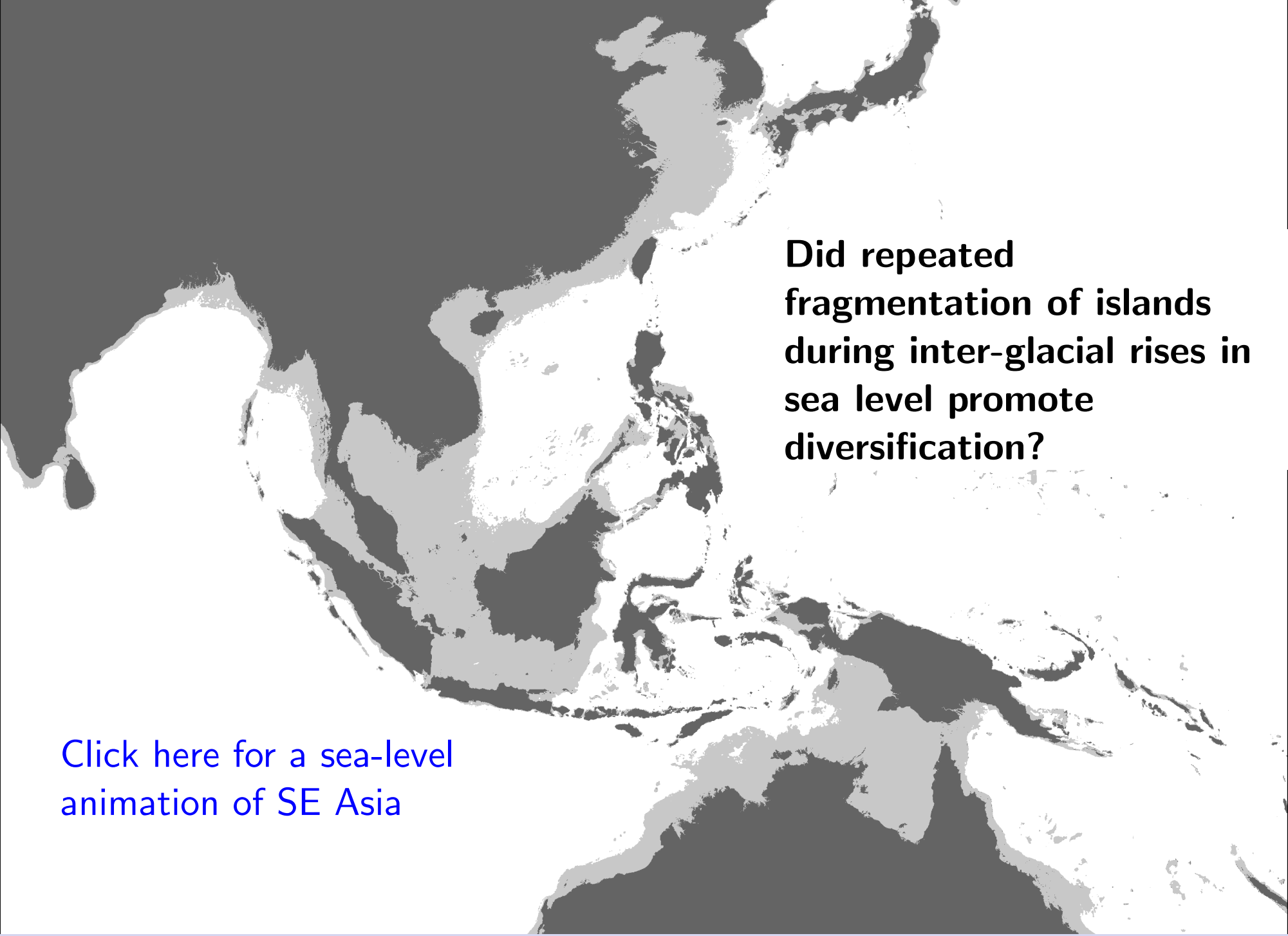

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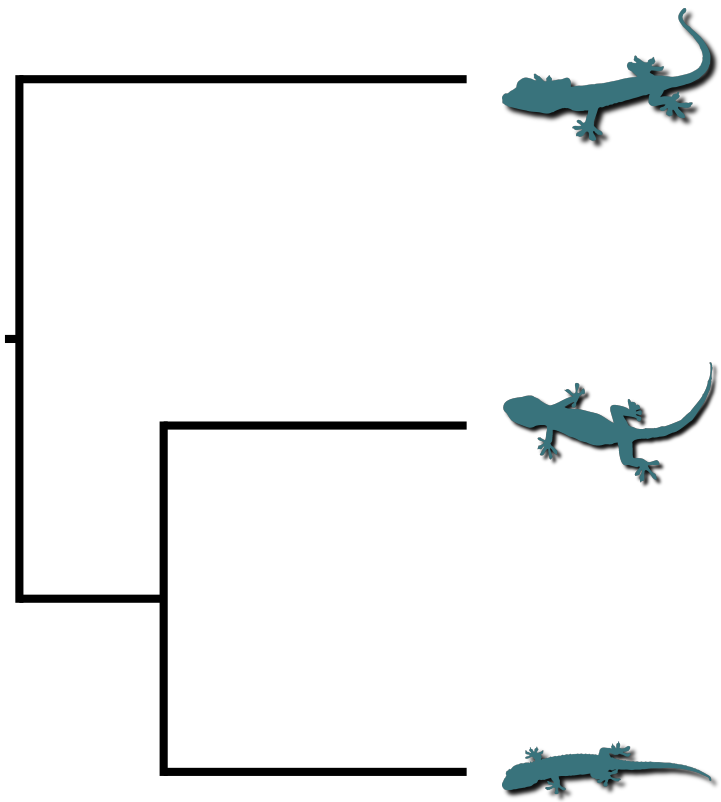
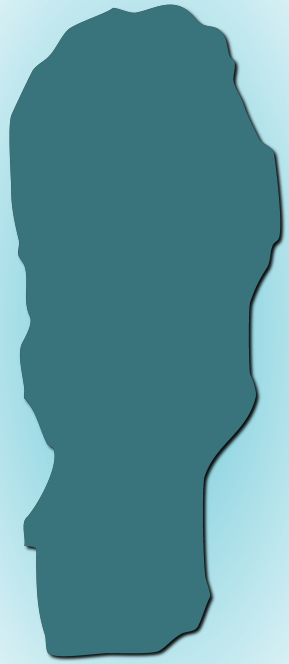
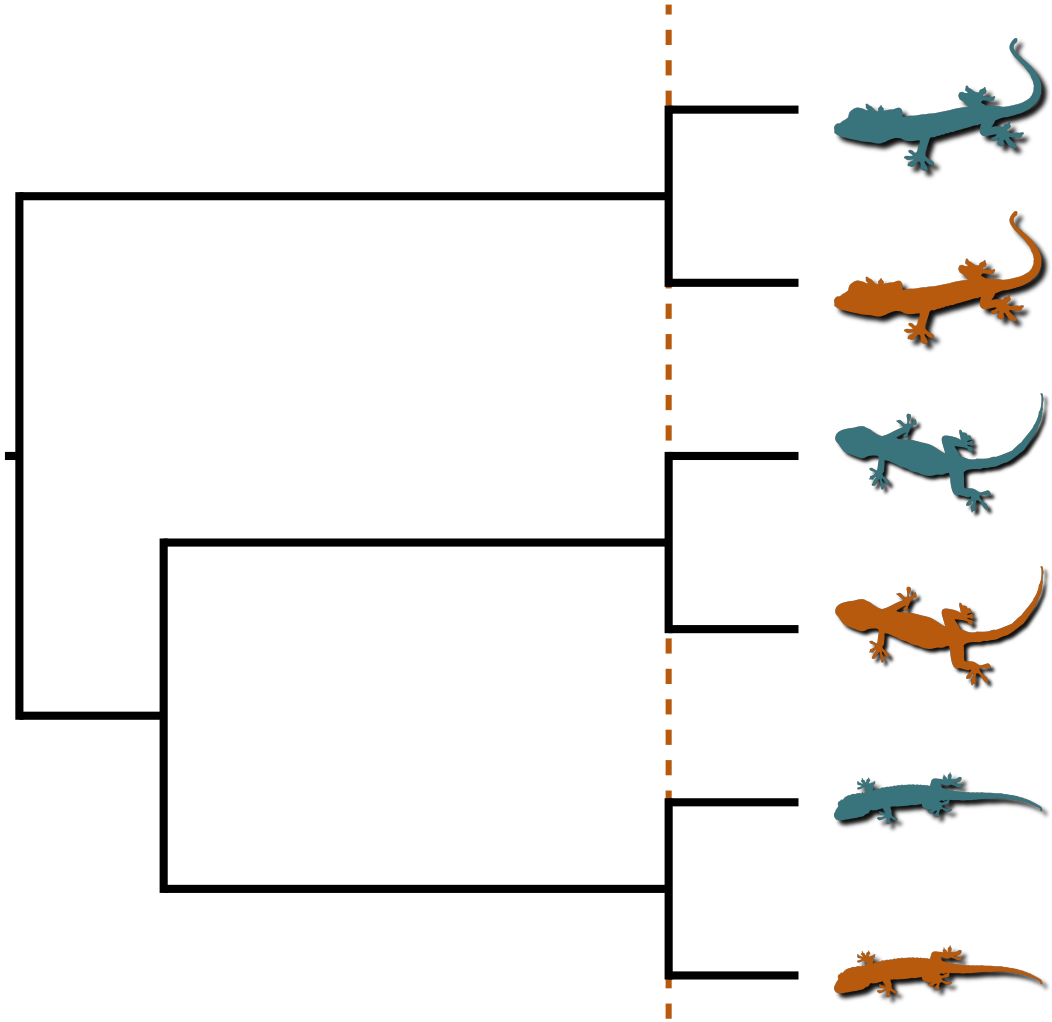
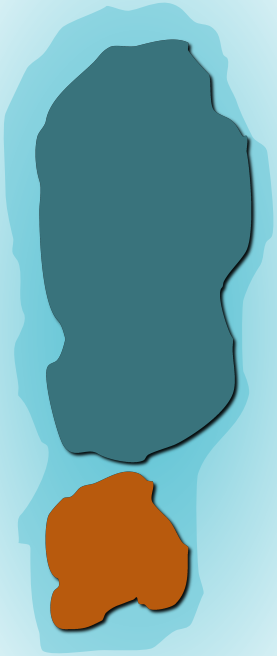
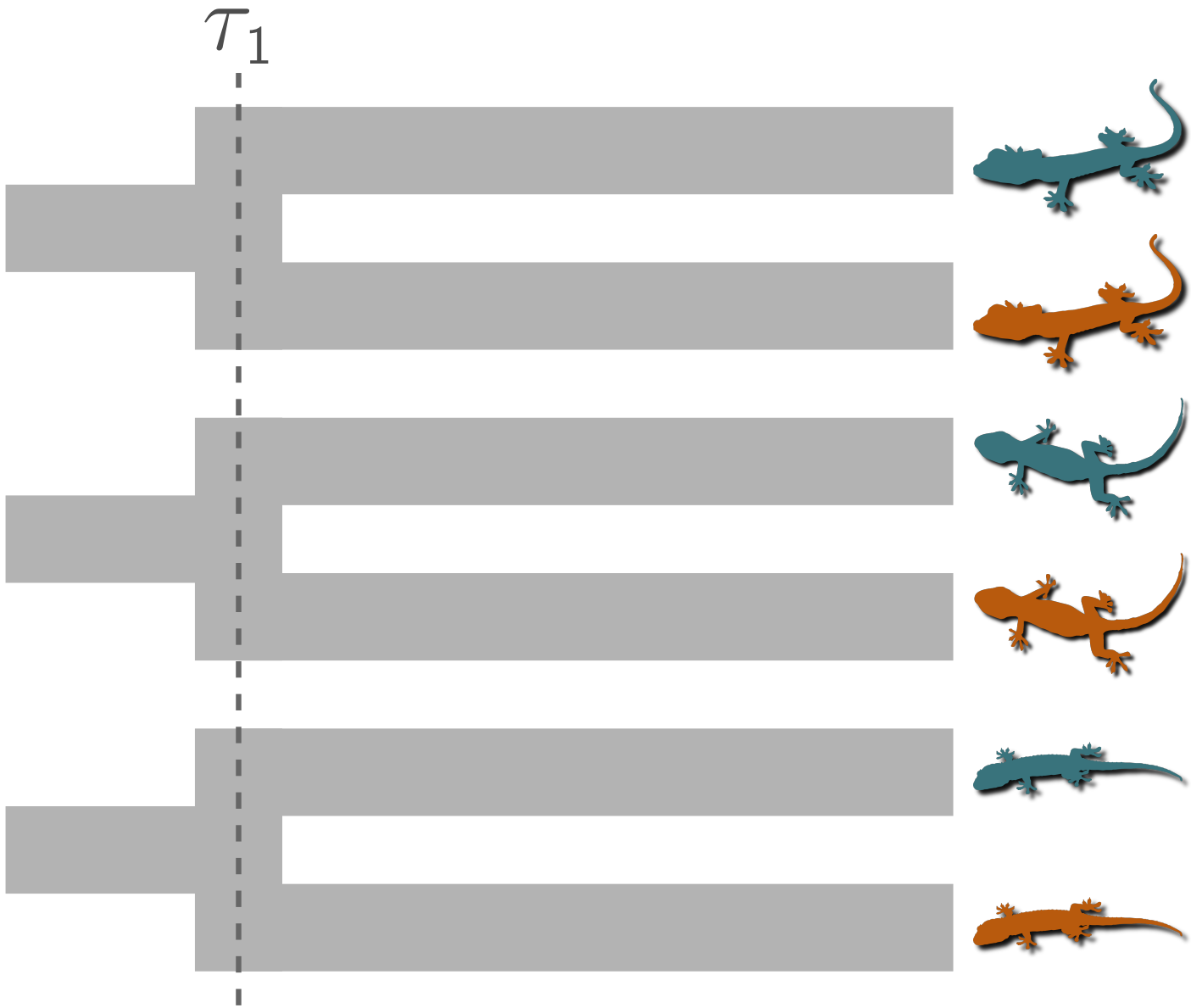
Prediction Taxa co-distributed across islands within the same Pleistocene aggregate island complex (PAIC) will have divergence times that tend to be clustered around times when sea levels fragmented the islands







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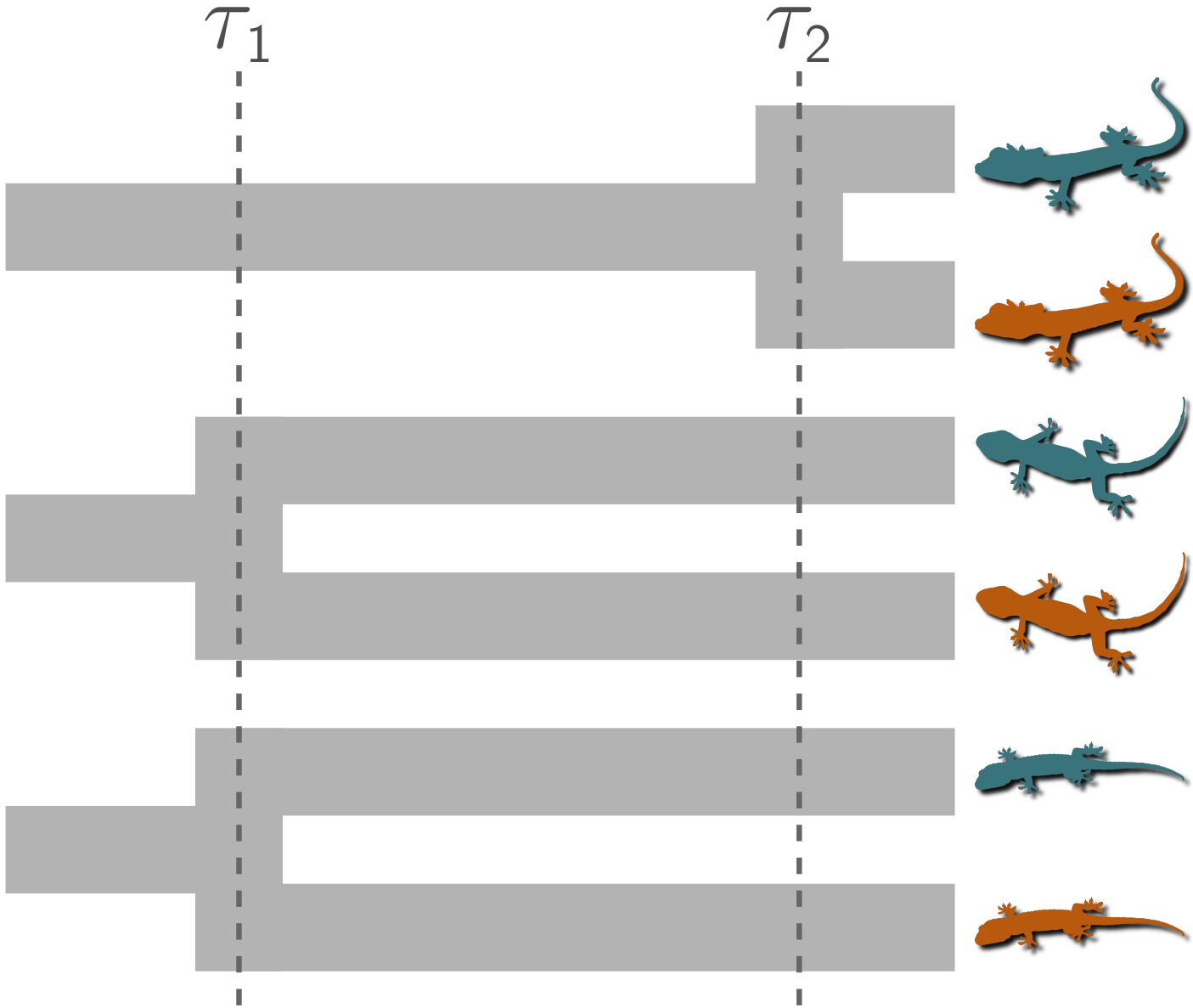
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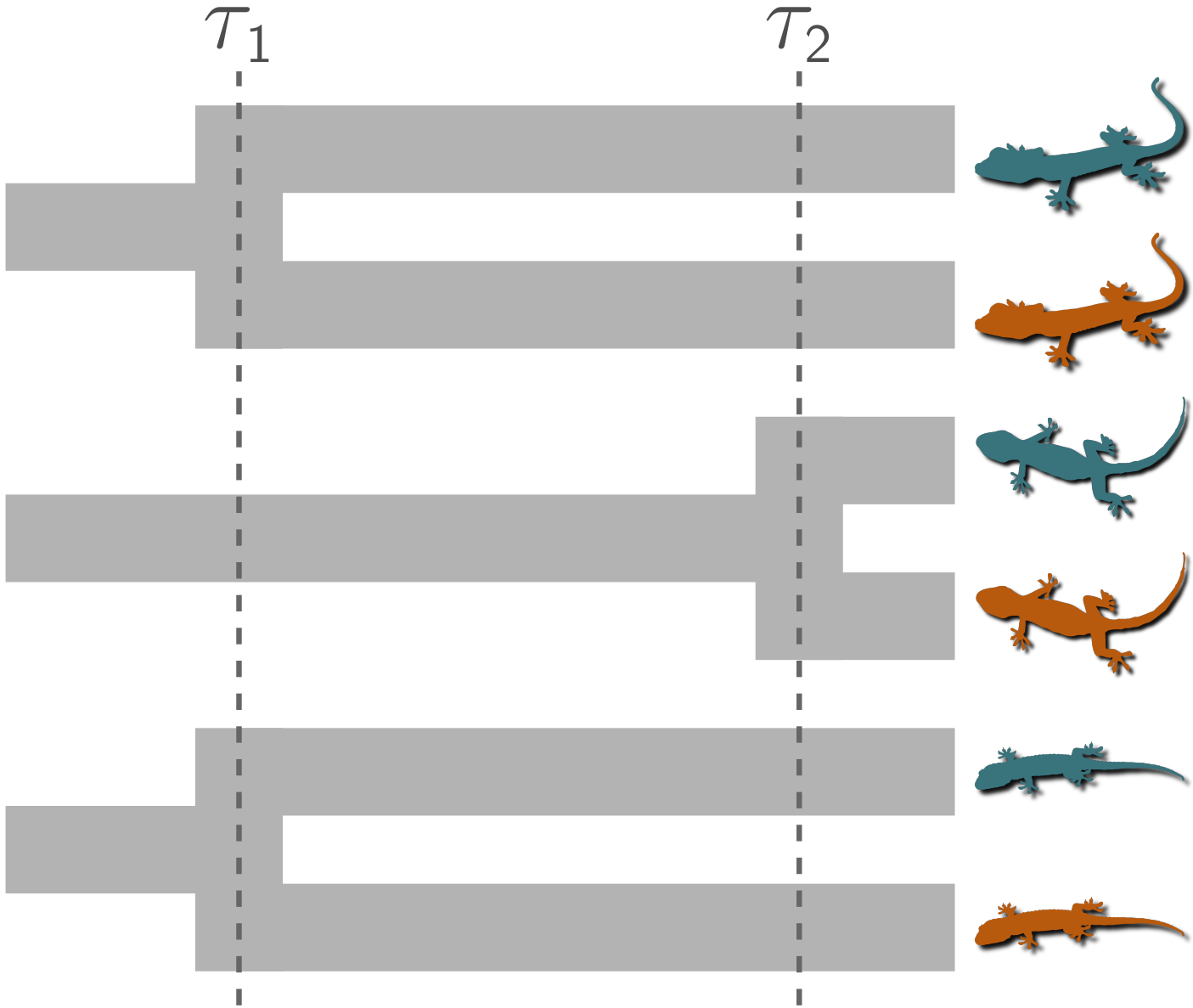
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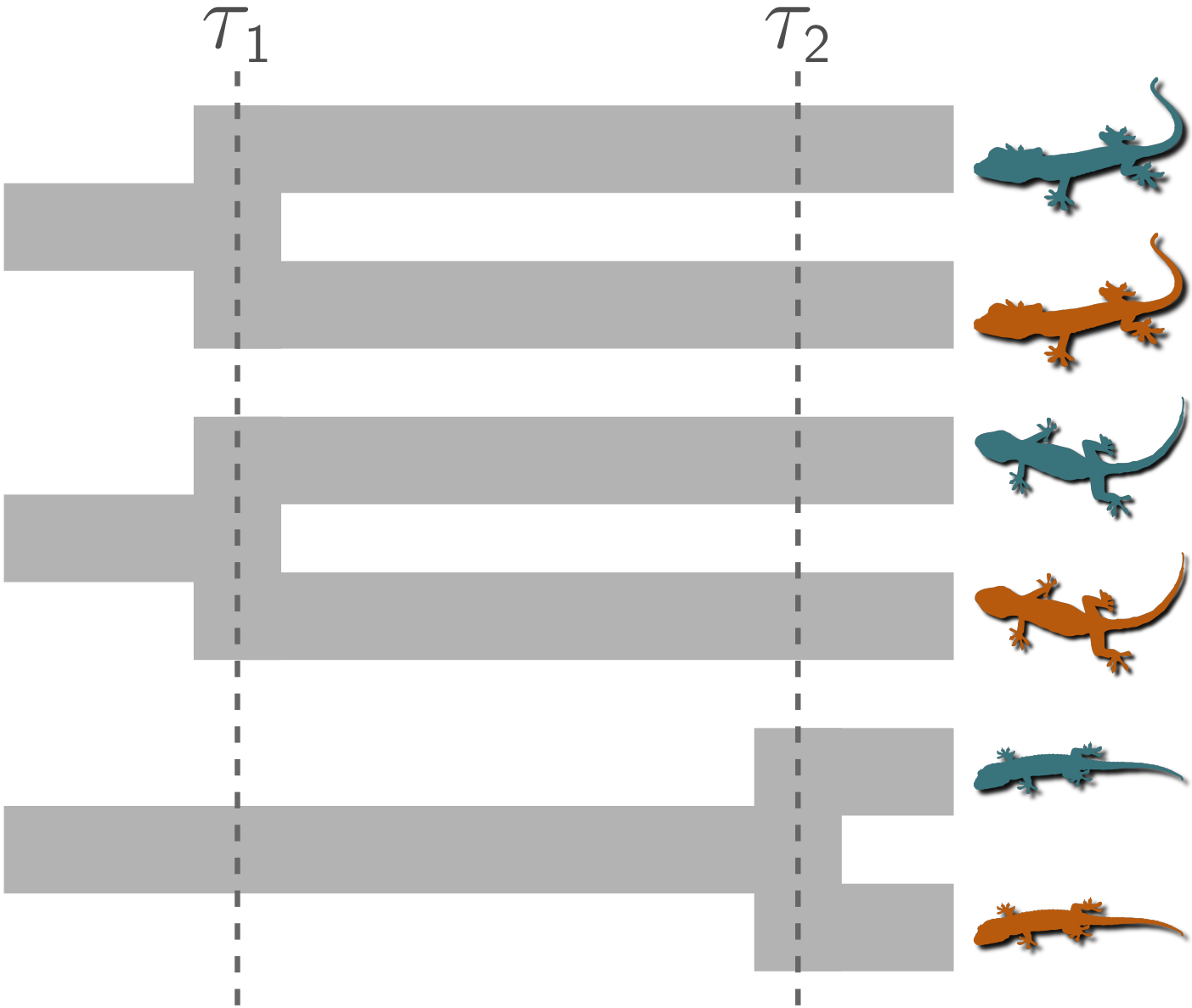
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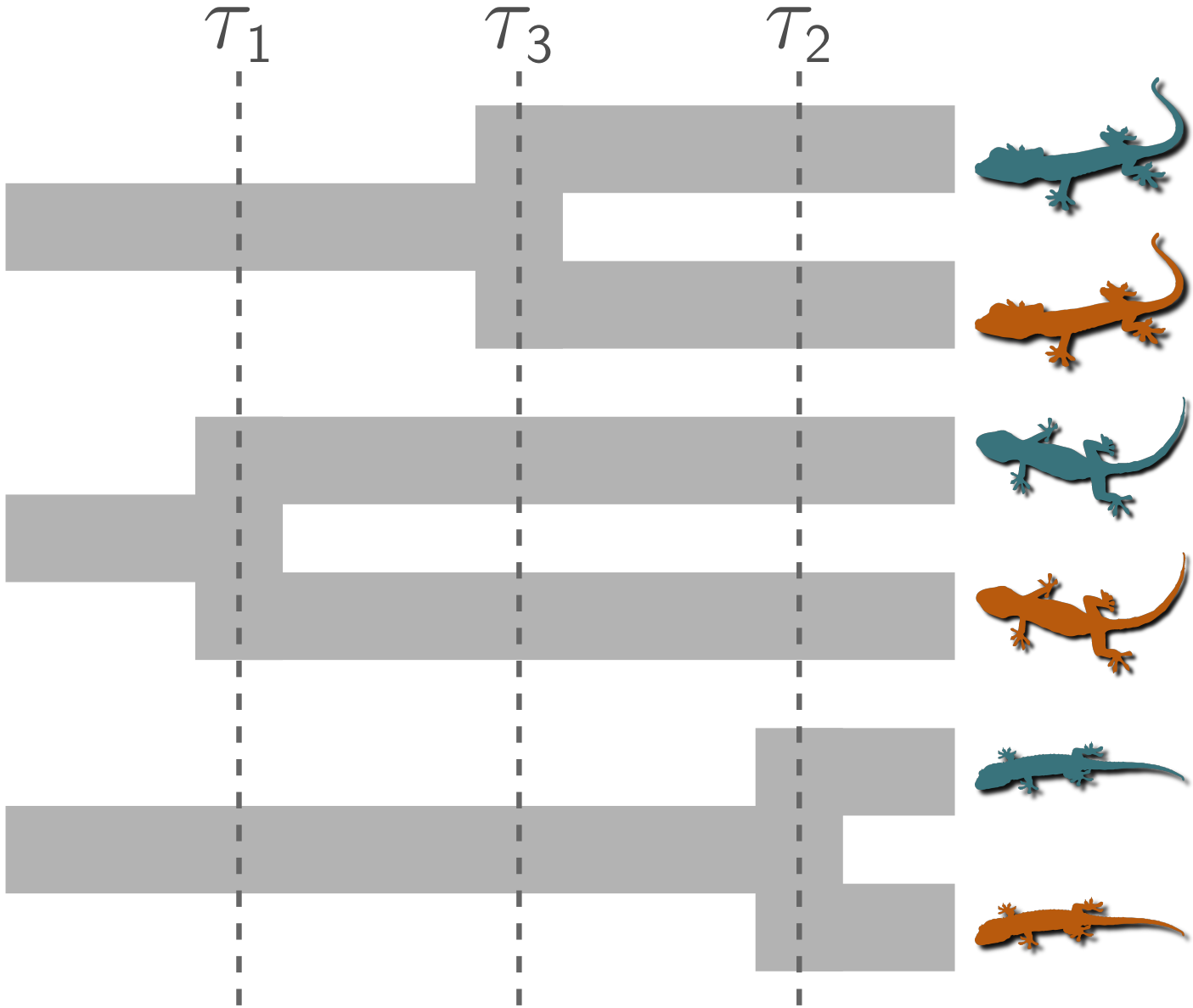
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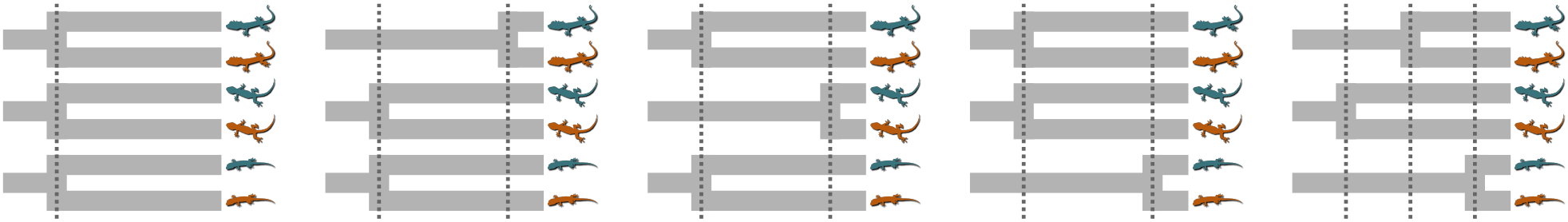

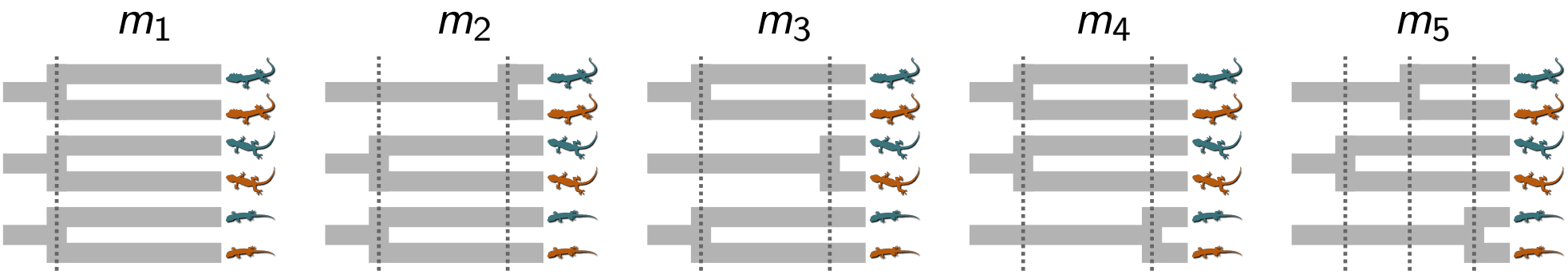

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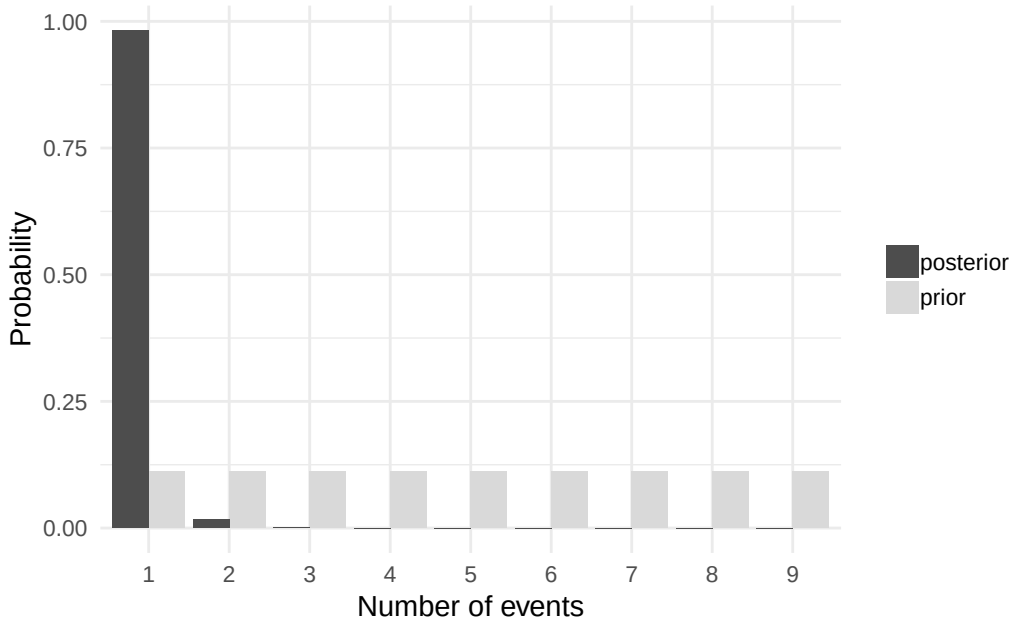

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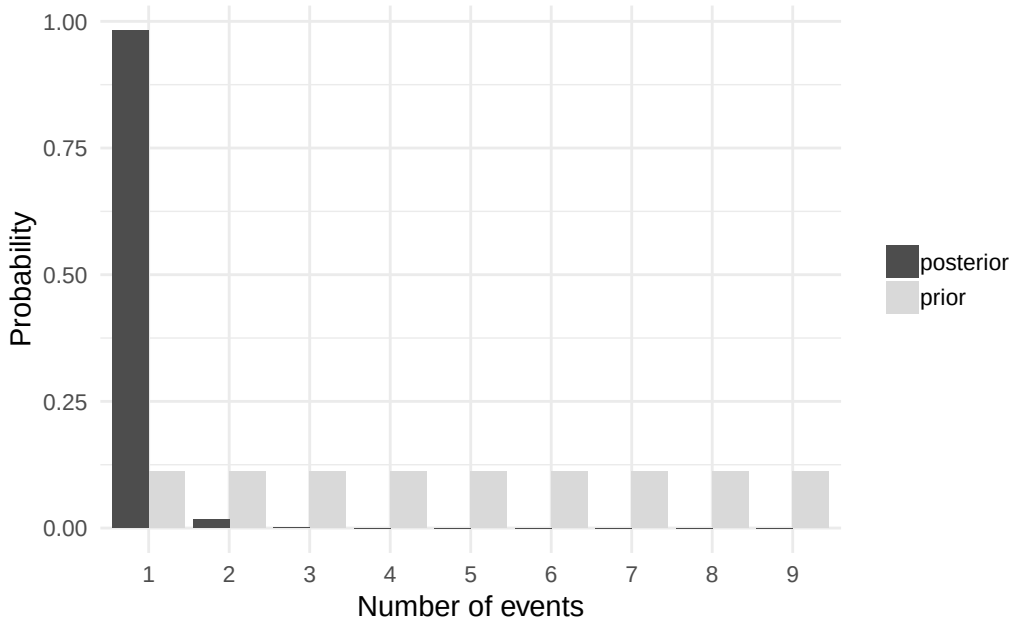

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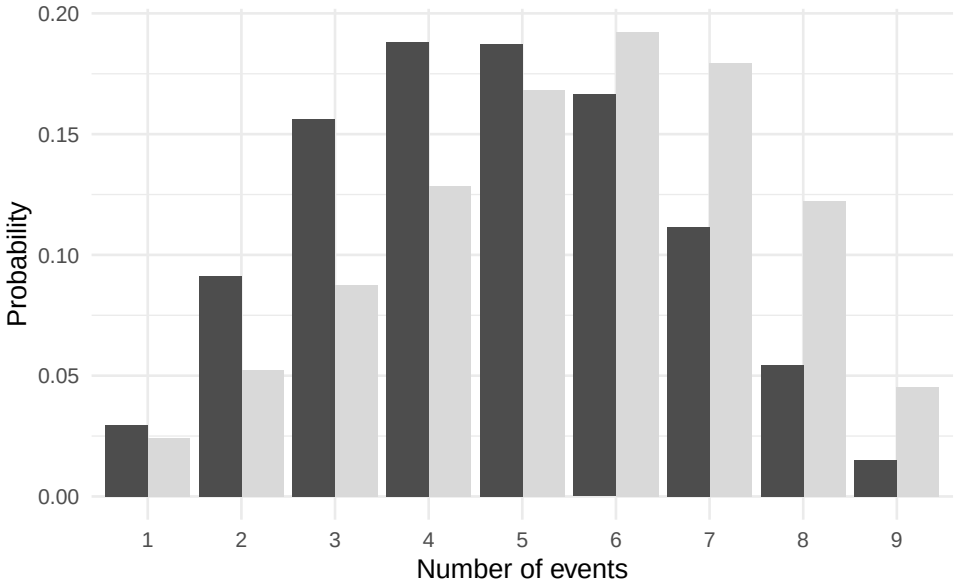

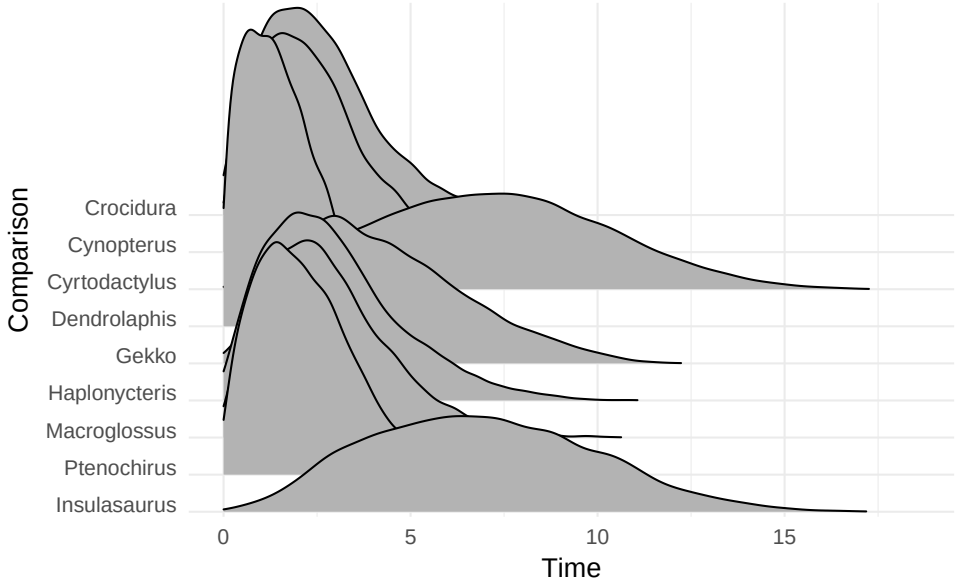

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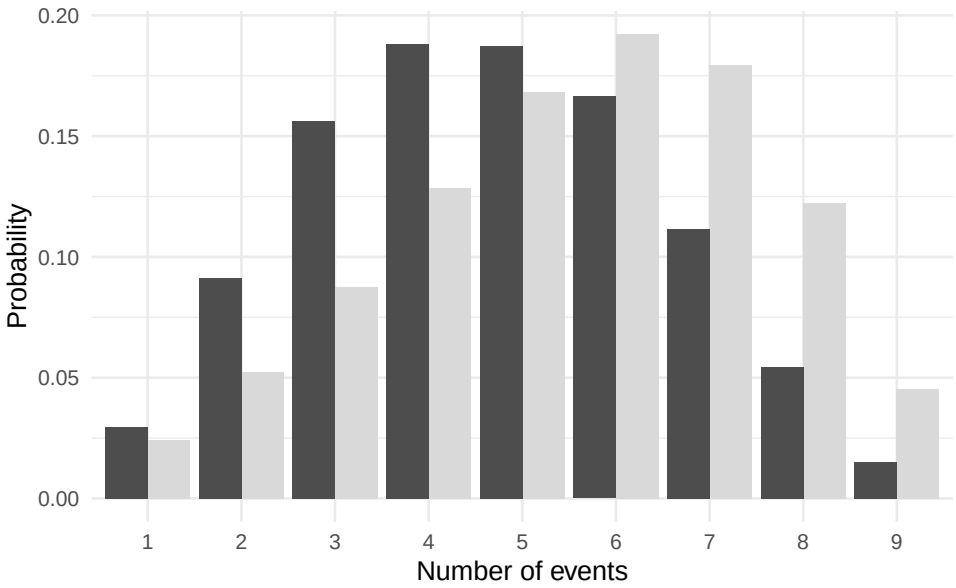

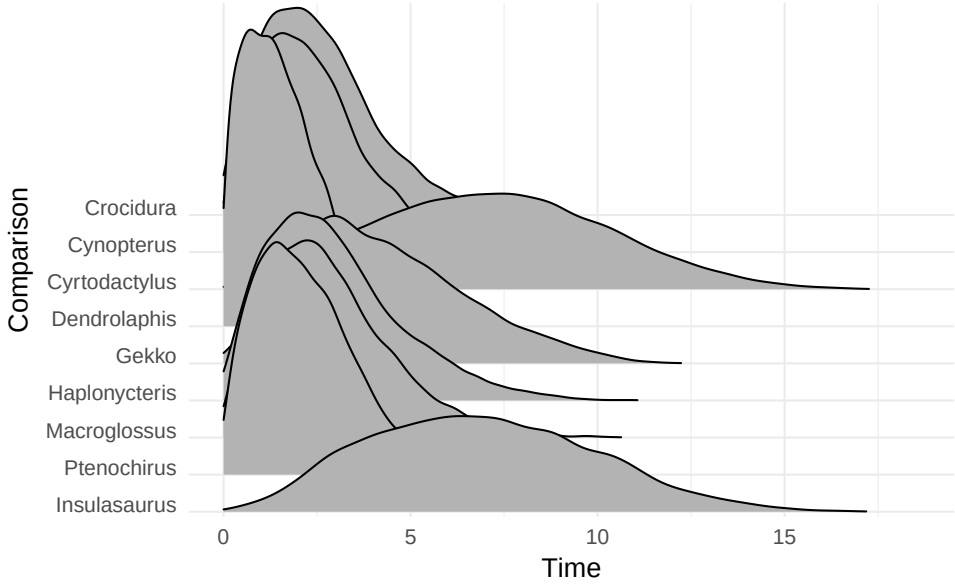

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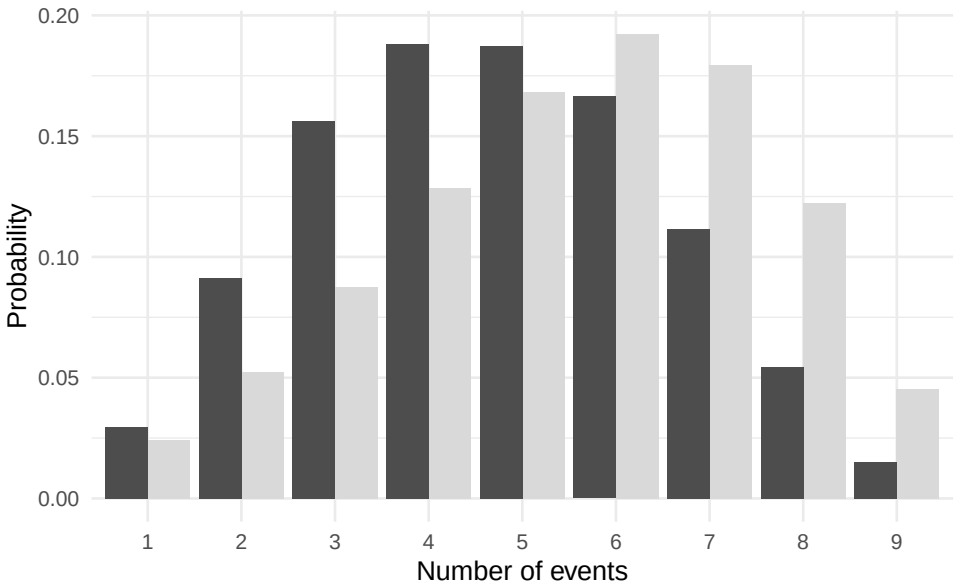

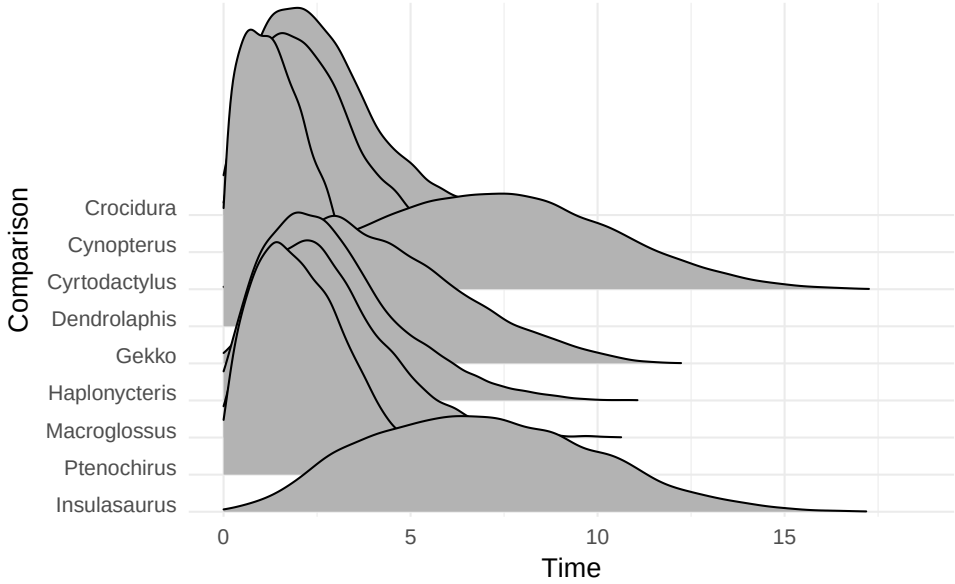

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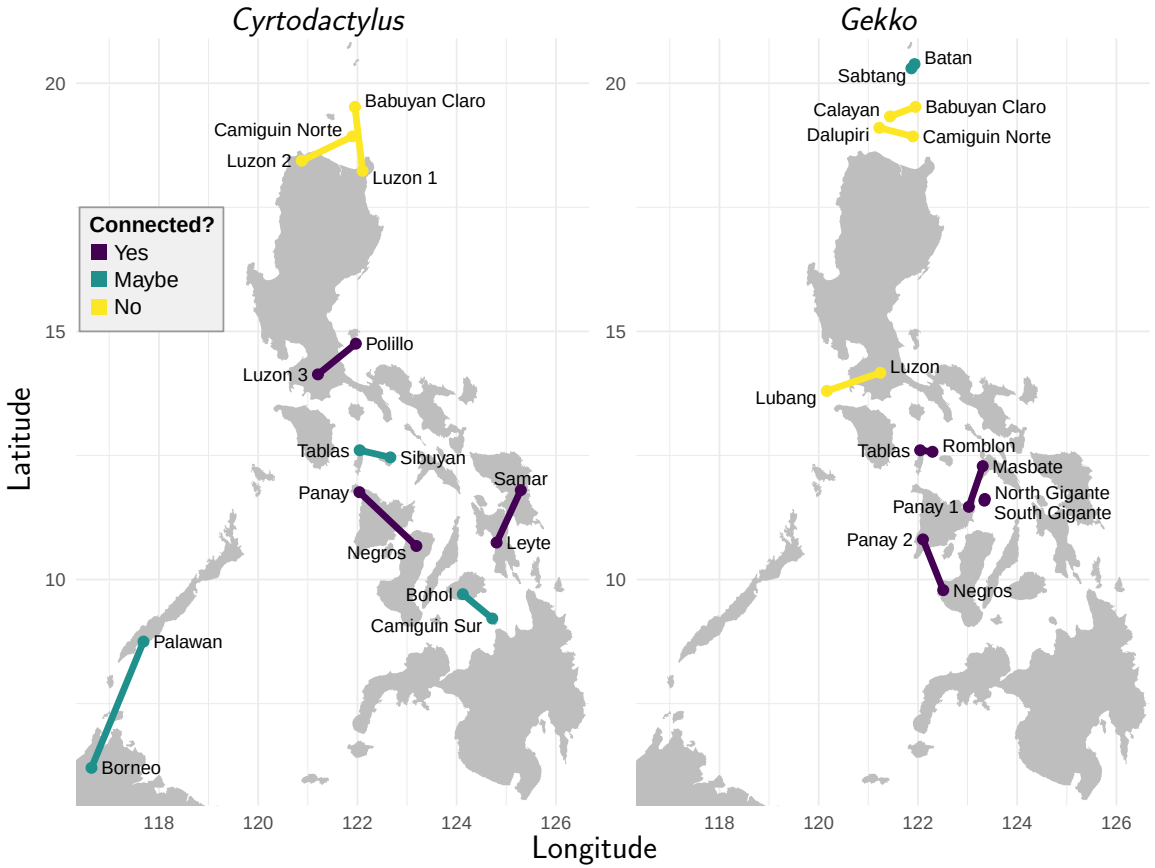
Cyrtodactylus (Gekkonidae)

- 265+ species across Asia
- 10+ species across Philippines
- Nocturnal, scansorial lizards that eat terrestrial invertebrates
- Specialized bent toes for climbing

Gekko (Gekkonidae)

- 60+ species across Southeast Asia
- 14+ species across Philippines
- Nocturnal, scansorial lizards that eat terrestrial invertebrates
- Subdigital lamellae for climbing

Methods



- Sampled individuals from 8 pairs of populations for both *Cyrtodactylus* and *Gekko*
  - Sampled 2–5 individuals per population
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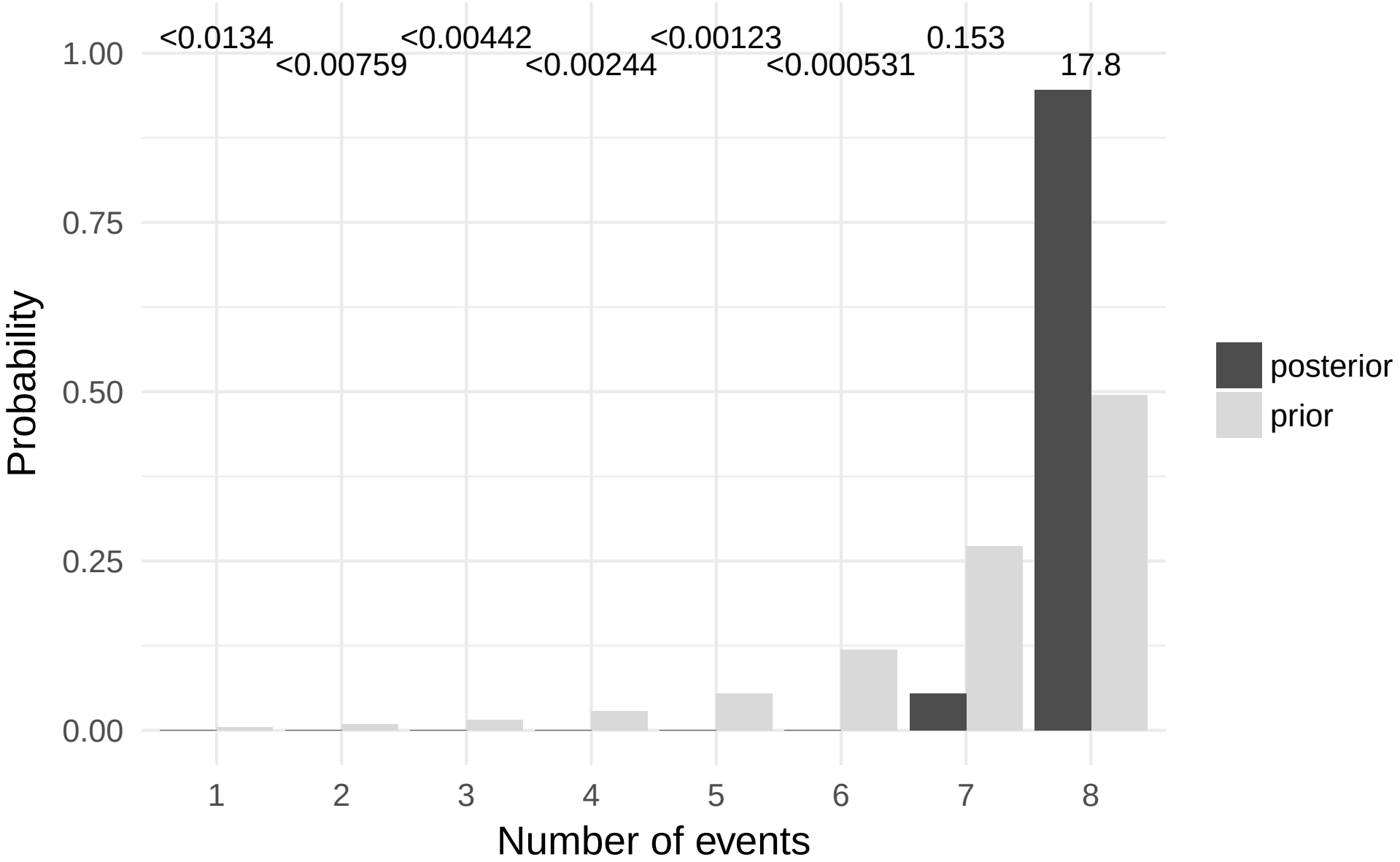

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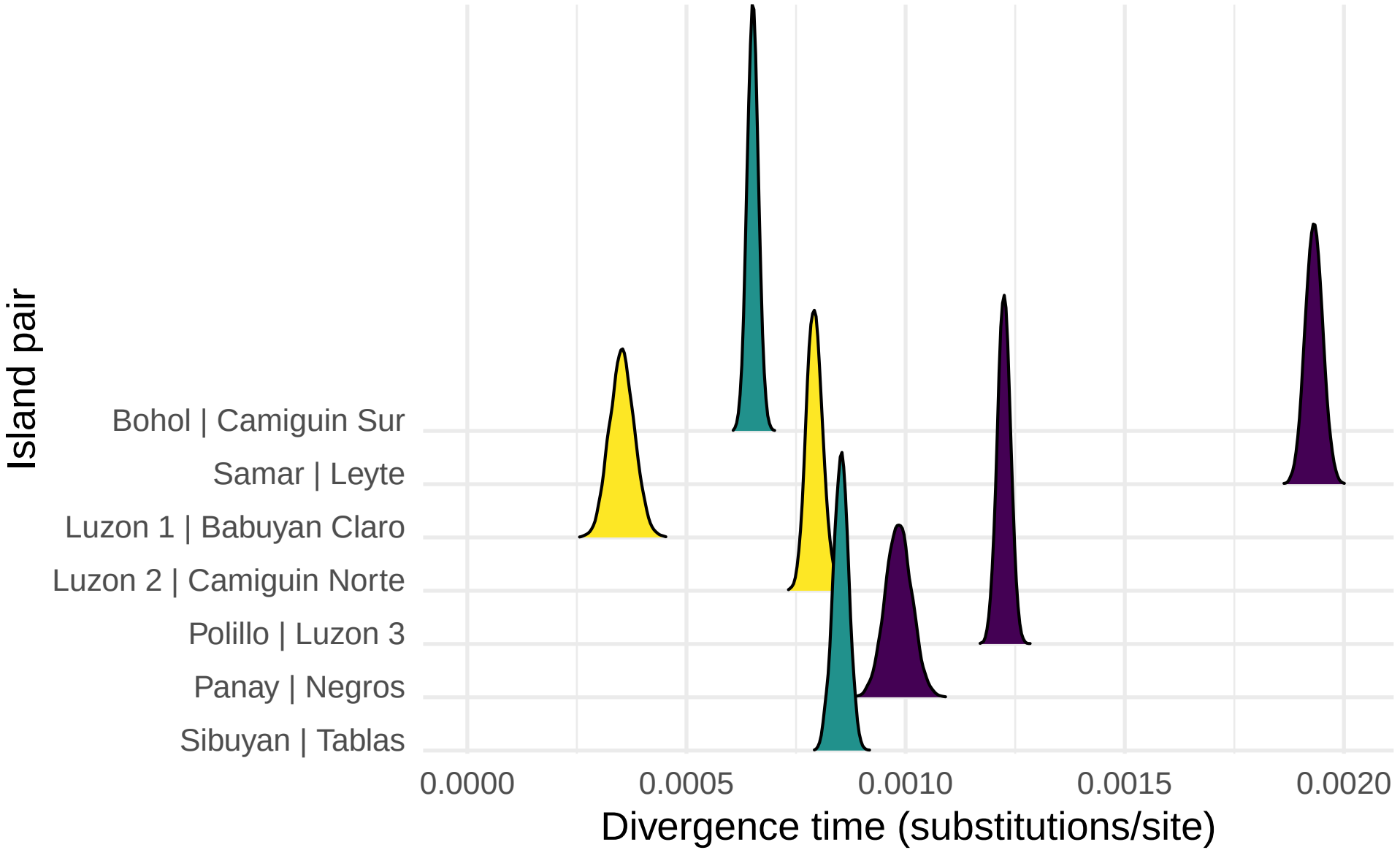

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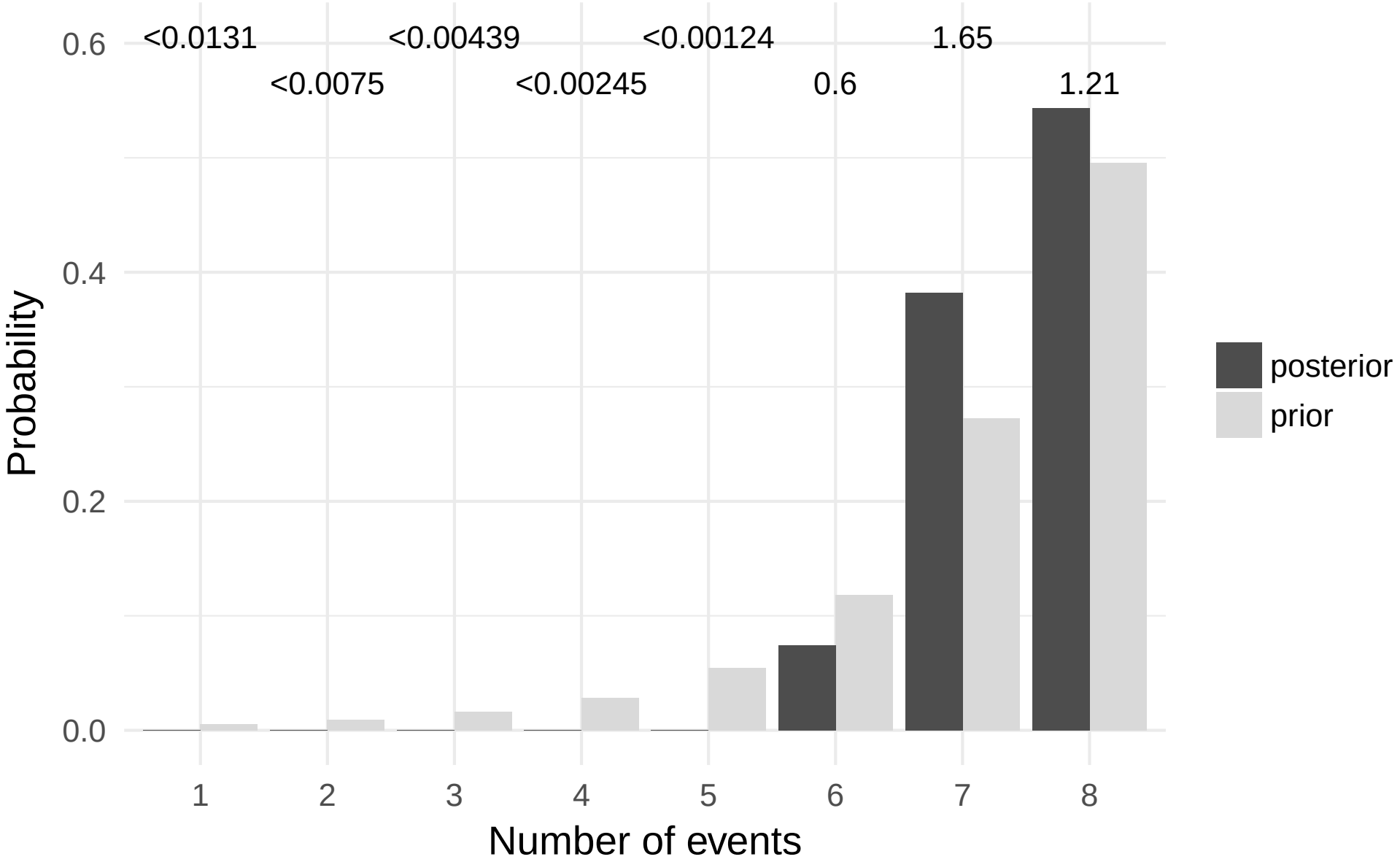

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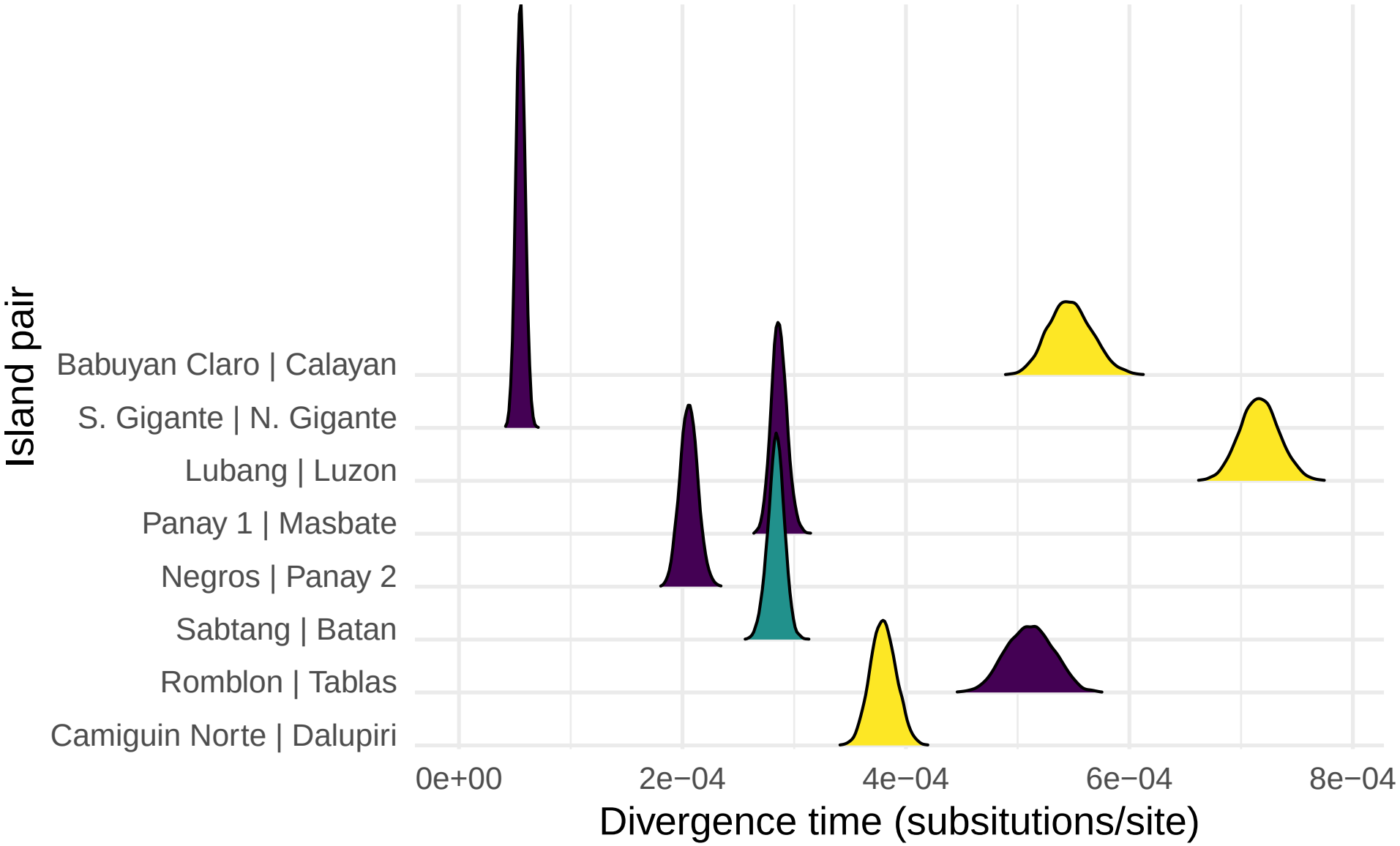

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Everything is on GitHub...

Software:

- Ecoevolity: https://github.com/phyletica/ecoevolity

Open-Science Notebook:

- Gecko RADseq: https://github.com/phyletica/gekgo

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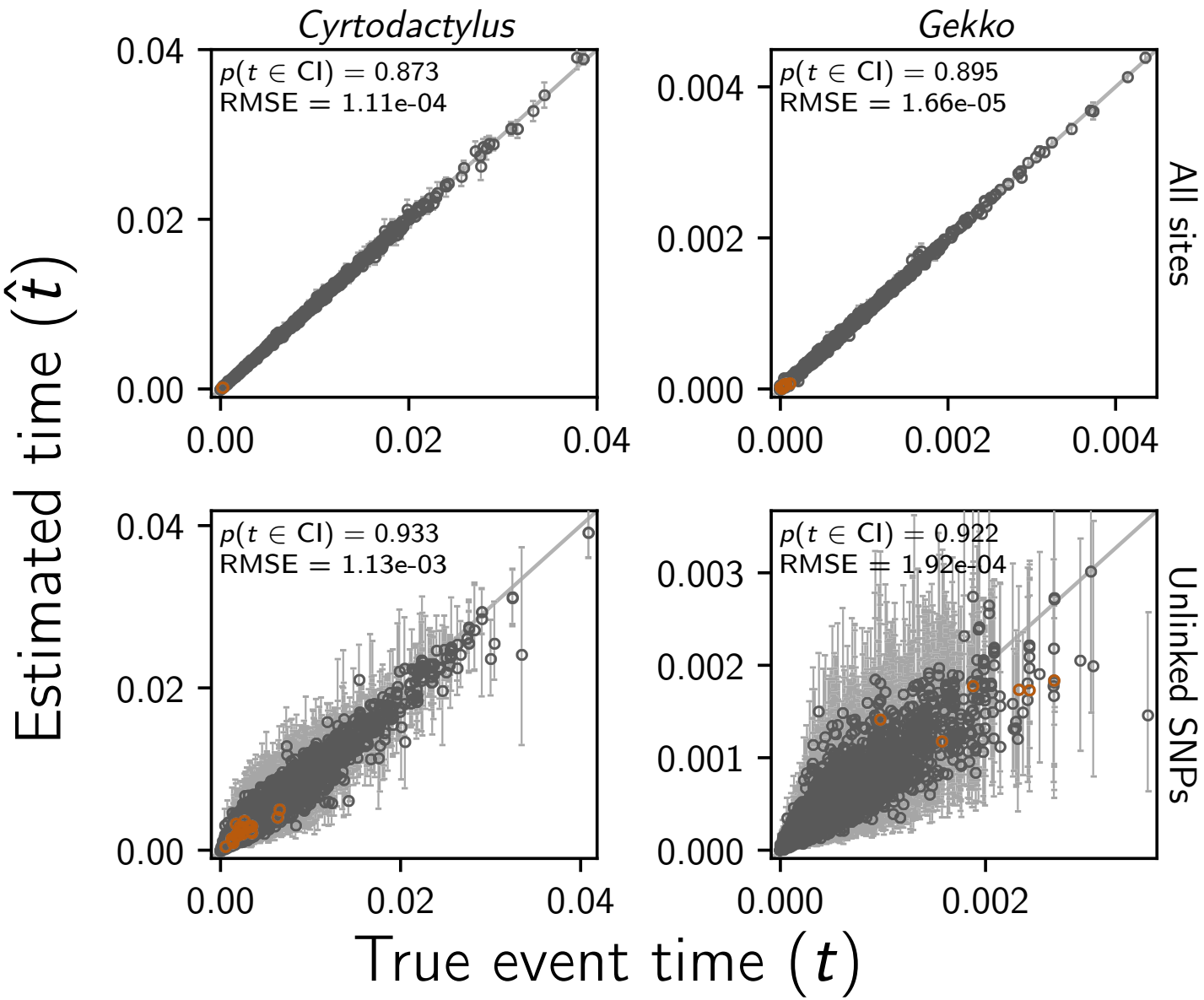
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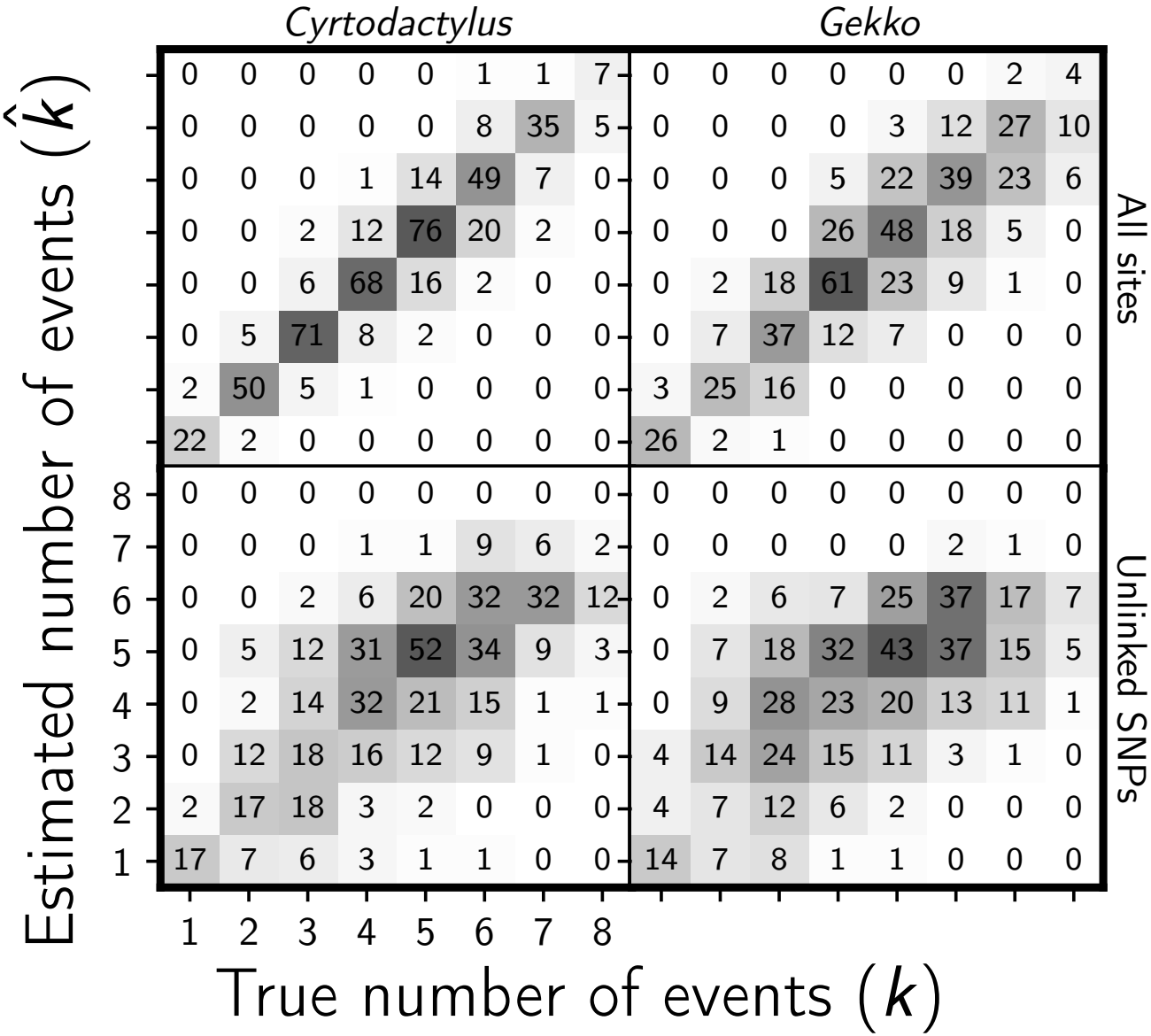
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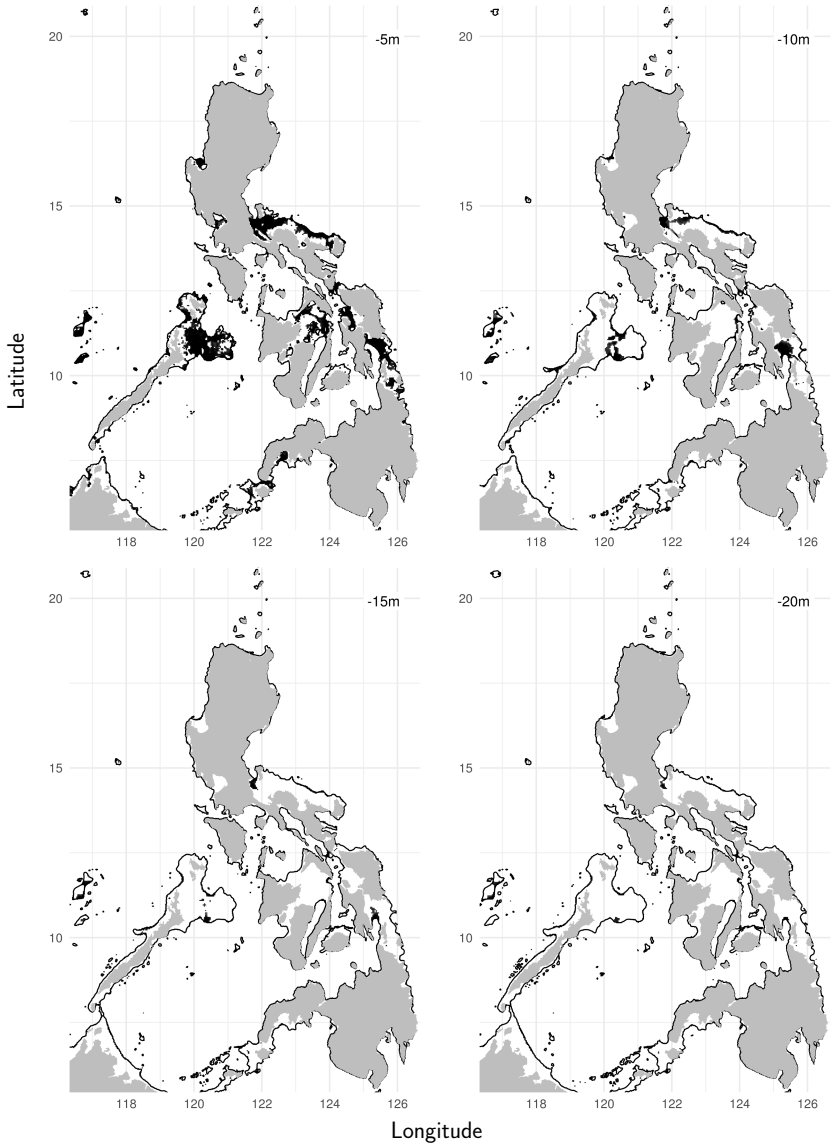

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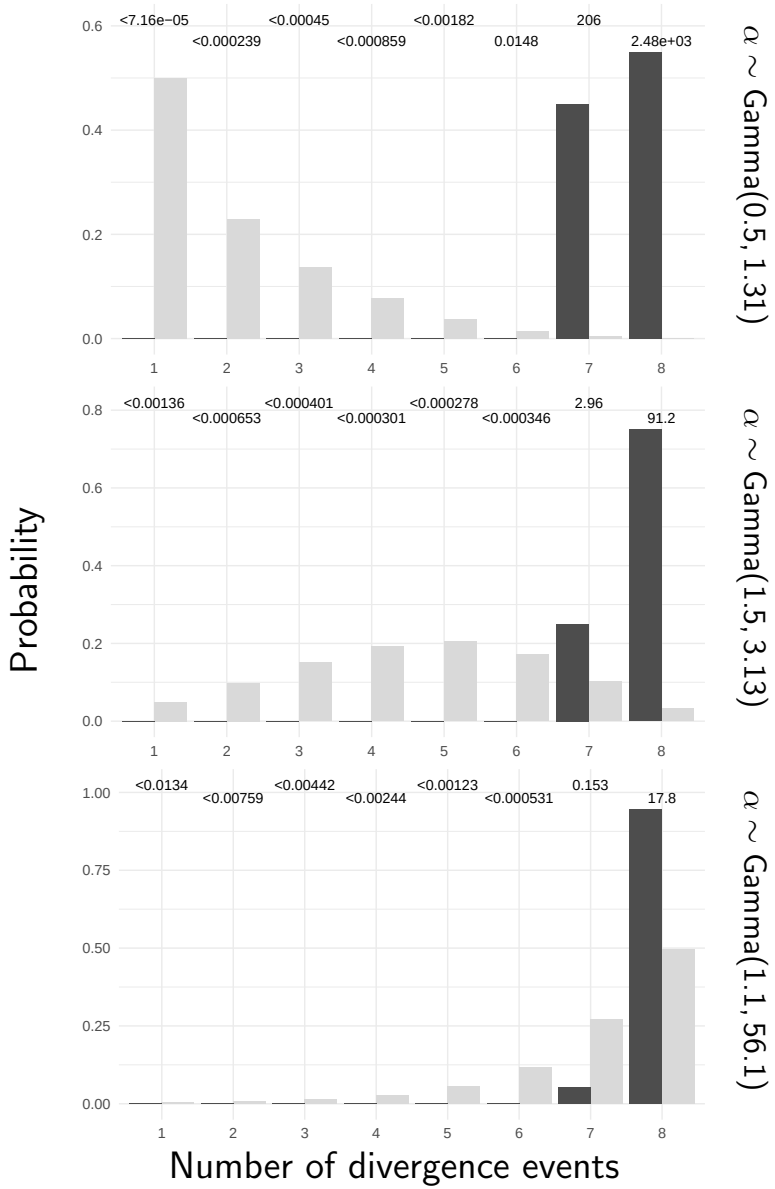
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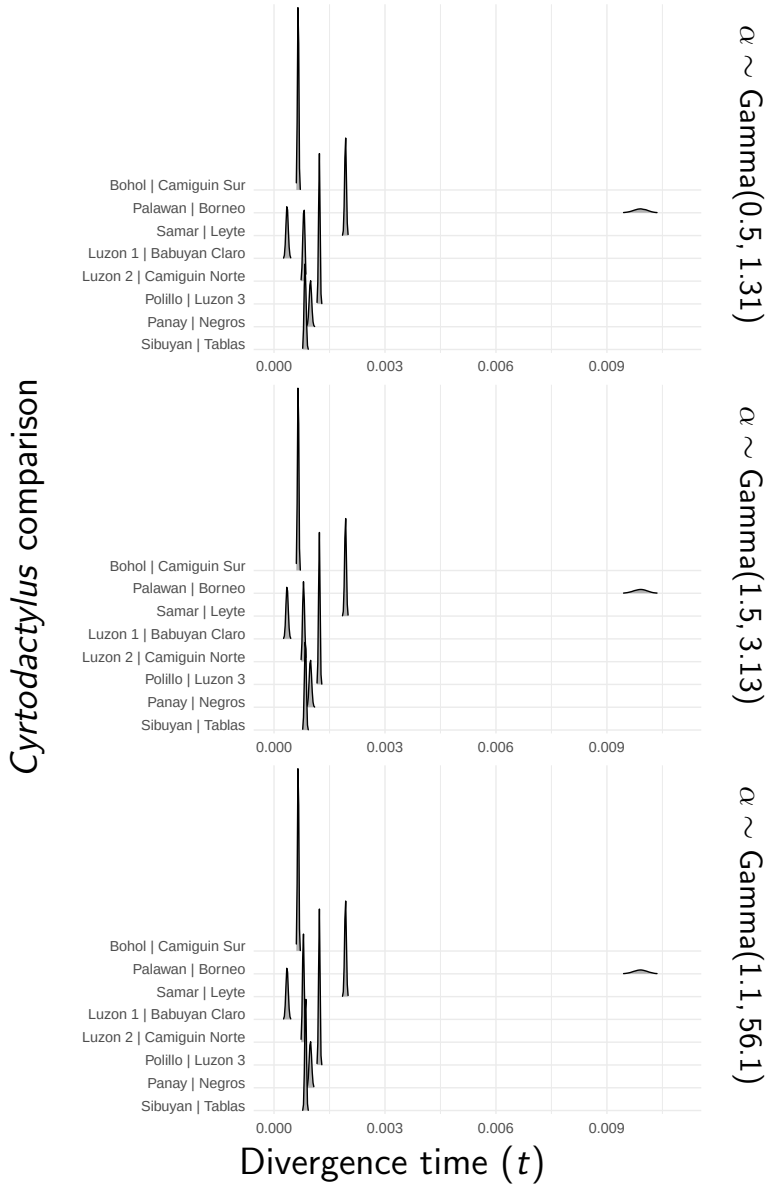
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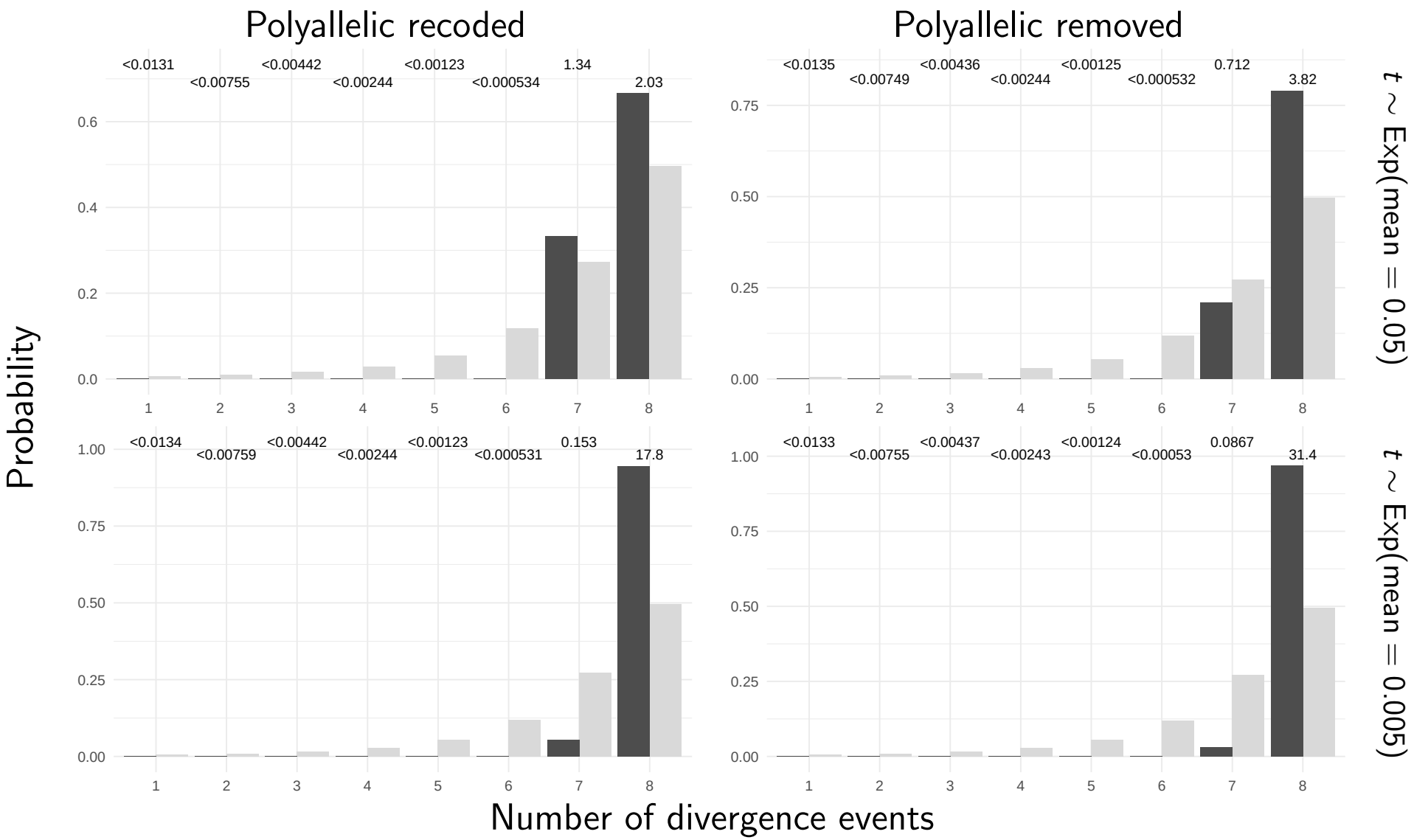
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<0.00244
<0.00125
<0.000532
0.712
3.82
<0.0134
<0.00759
<0.00442
<0.00244
<0.00123
<0.000531
0.153
17.8
<0.0133
<0.00755
<0.00437
<0.00243
<0.00124
<0.00053
0.0867
31.4

Figure S6

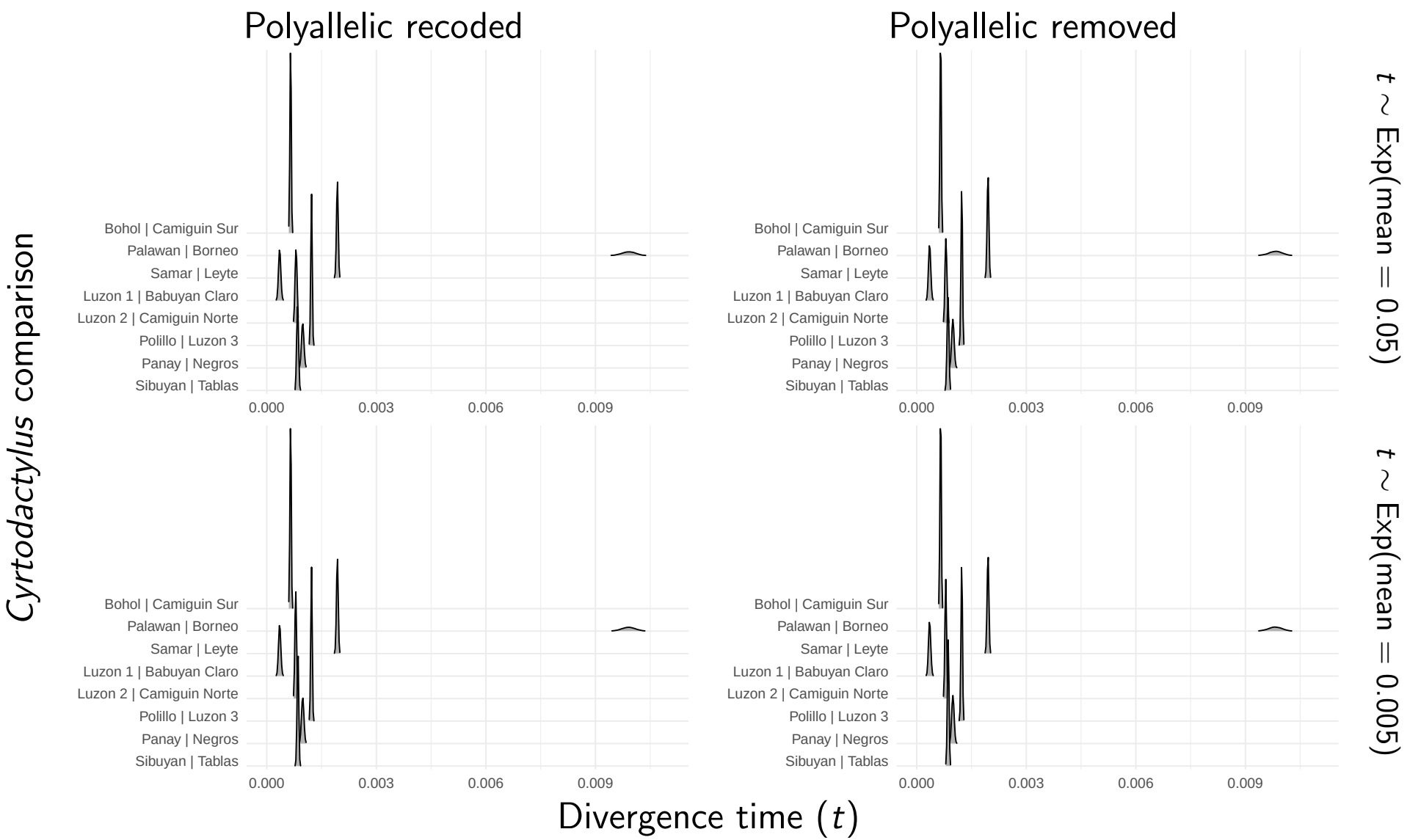

Polyallelic recoded
Polyallelic removed
Cyrtodactylus comparison
Bohol | Camiguin Sur
Palawan | Borneo
Samar | Leyte
Luzon 1 | Babuyan Claro
Luzon 2 | Camiguin Norte
Polillo | Luzon 3
Panay | Negros
Sibuyan | Tablas
0.000
0.003
0.006
0.009
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.05)
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.005)
Divergence time (t)

Figure S7

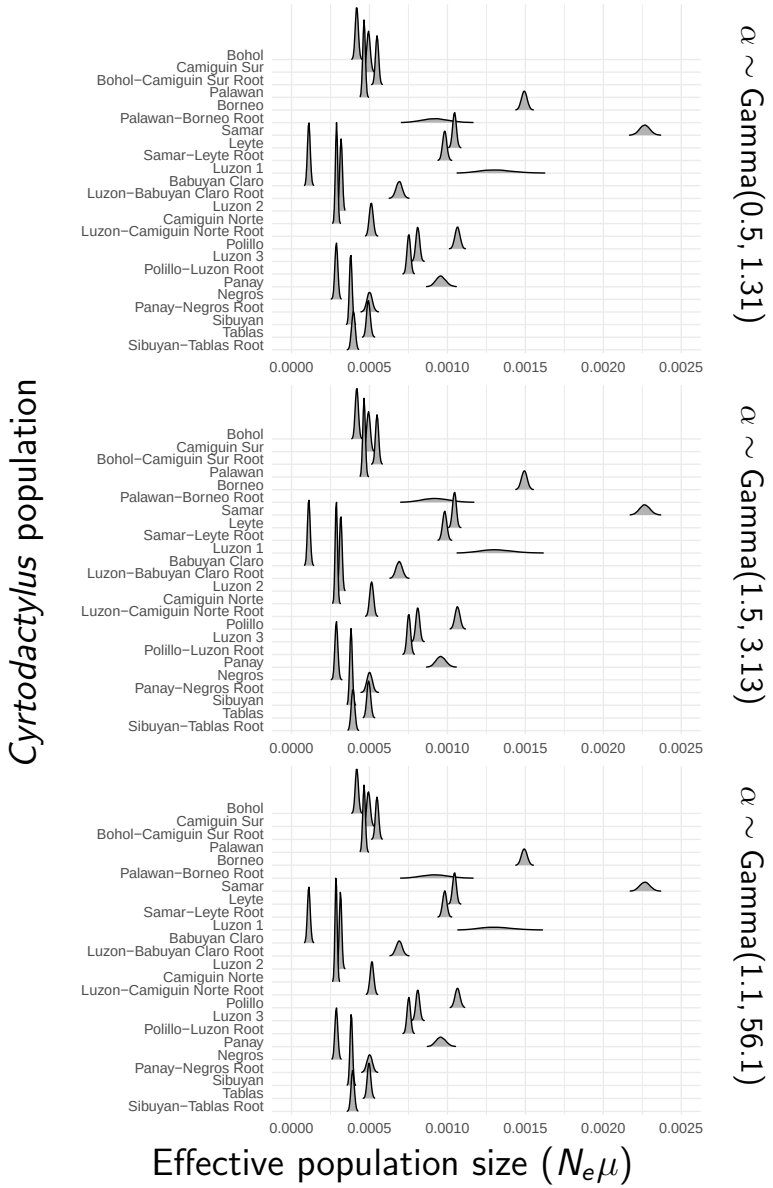

Cyrtodactylus population
Bohol
Camiguin Sur
Bohol−Camiguin Sur Root
Palawan
Borneo
Palawan−Borneo Root
Samar
Leyte
Samar−Leyte Root
Luzon 1
Babuyan Claro
Luzon−Babuyan Claro Root
Luzon 2
Camiguin Norte
Luzon−Camiguin Norte Root
Polillo
Luzon 3
Polillo−Luzon Root
Panay
Negros
Panay−Negros Root
Sibuyan
Tablas
Sibuyan−Tablas Root
0.0000
0.0005
0.0010
0.0015
0.0020
0.0025
α ∼ Gamma(0.5, 1.31)
α ∼ Gamma(1.5, 3.13)
α ∼ Gamma(1.1, 56.1)
Effective population size (NeμN_e\muNeμ)

Figure S8

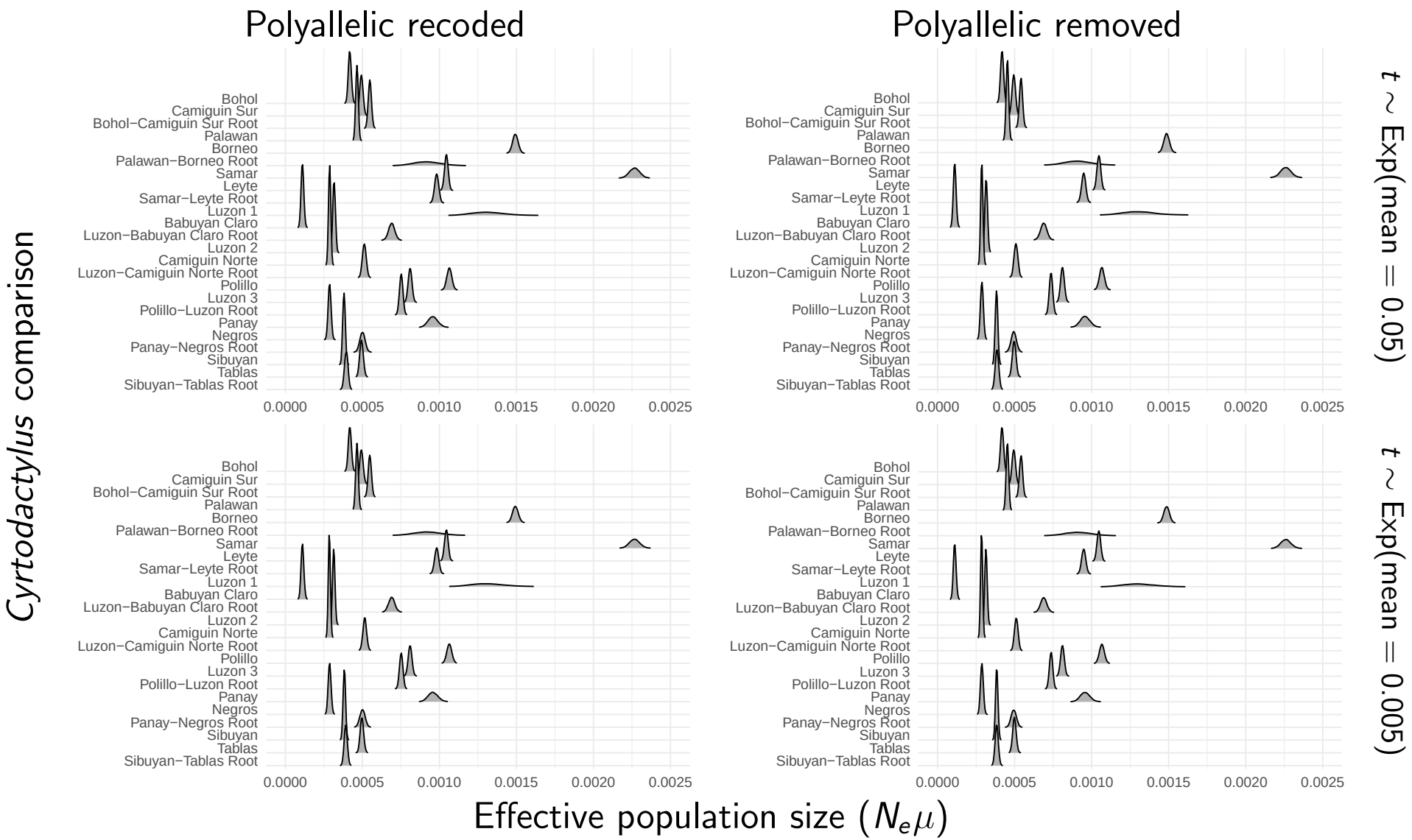

Polyallelic recoded
Polyallelic removed
Cyrtodactylus comparison
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.05)
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.005)
Bohol
Camiguin Sur
Bohol−Camiguin Sur Root
Palawan
Borneo
Palawan−Borneo Root
Samar
Leyte
Samar−Leyte Root
Luzon 1
Babuyan Claro
Luzon−Babuyan Claro Root
Luzon 2
Camiguin Norte
Luzon−Camiguin Norte Root
Polillo
Luzon 3
Polillo−Luzon Root
Panay
Negros
Panay−Negros Root
Sibuyan
Tablas
Sibuyan−Tablas Root
0.0000
0.0005
0.0010
0.0015
0.0020
0.0025
Effective population size ($N_e\mu$)

Figure S9

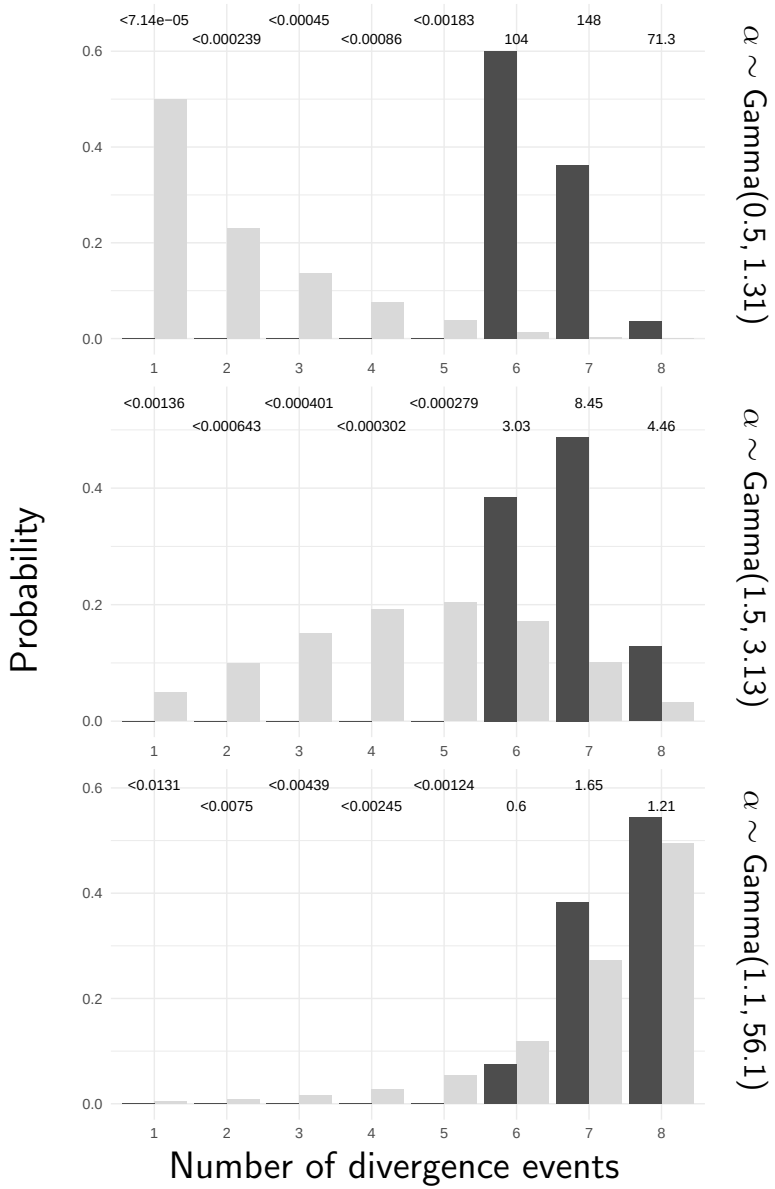

Probability
Number of divergence events
α ~ Gamma(0.5, 1.31)
α ~ Gamma(1.5, 3.13)
α ~ Gamma(1.1, 56.1)
<7.14e−05
<0.000239
<0.00045
<0.00086
<0.00183
104
148
71.3
<0.00136
<0.000643
<0.000401
<0.000302
<0.000279
3.03
8.45
4.46
<0.0131
<0.0075
<0.00439
<0.00245
<0.00124
0.6
1.65
1.21
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

Figure S10

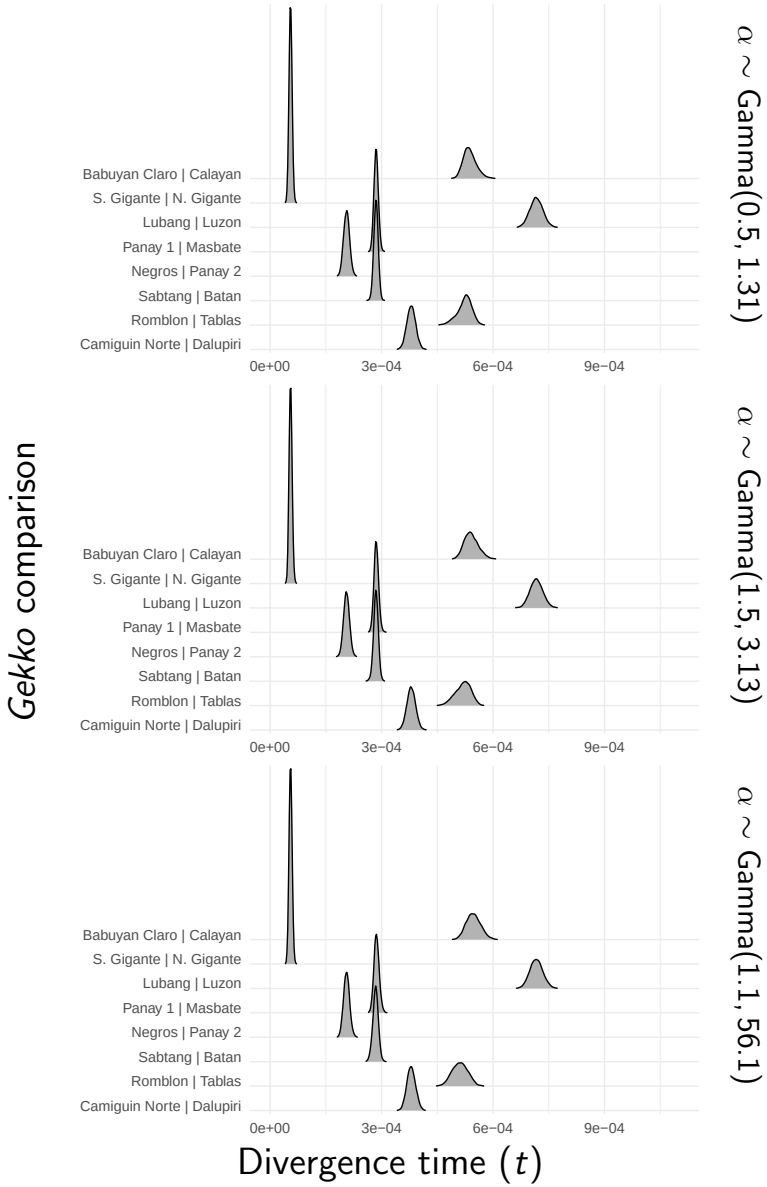

Gekko comparison
α ~ Gamma(0.5, 1.31)
α ~ Gamma(1.5, 3.13)
α ~ Gamma(1.1, 56.1)
Babuyan Claro | Calayan
S. Gigante | N. Gigante
Lubang | Luzon
Panay 1 | Masbate
Negros | Panay 2
Sabtang | Batan
Romblon | Tablas
Camiguin Norte | Dalupiri
0e+00
3e−04
6e−04
9e−04
Divergence time (t)

Figure S11

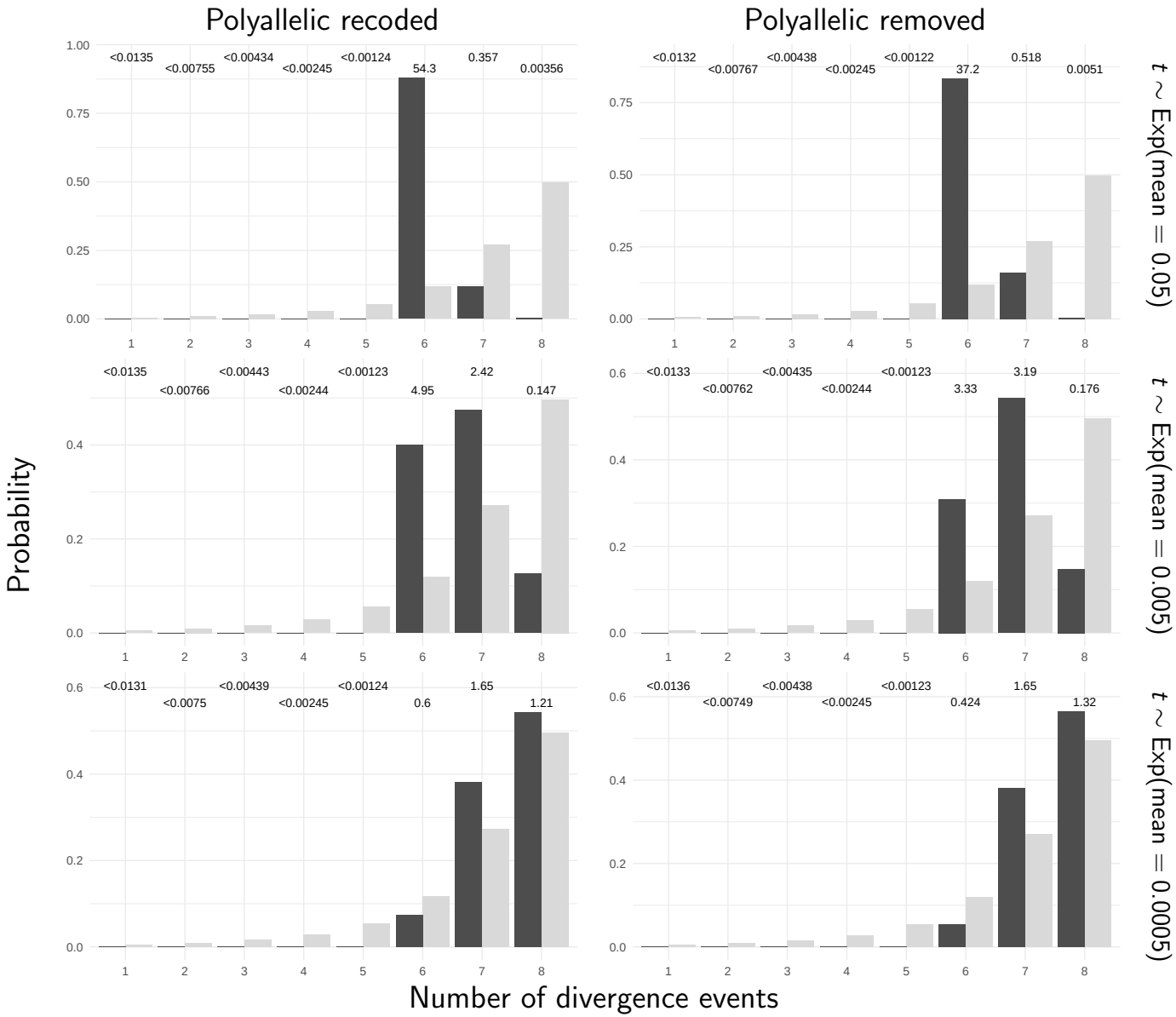

Polyallelic recoded
Polyallelic removed
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.05)
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.005)
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.0005)
Probability
Number of divergence events
<0.0135
<0.00755
<0.00434
<0.00245
<0.00124
54.3
0.357
0.00356
<0.0132
<0.00767
<0.00438
<0.00245
<0.00122
37.2
0.518
0.0051
<0.0135
<0.00766
<0.00443
<0.00244
<0.00123
4.95
2.42
0.147
<0.0133
<0.00762
<0.00435
<0.00244
<0.00123
3.33
3.19
0.176
<0.0131
<0.0075
<0.00439
<0.00245
<0.00124
0.6
1.65
1.21
<0.0136
<0.00749
<0.00438
<0.00245
<0.00123
0.424
1.65
1.32

Figure S12

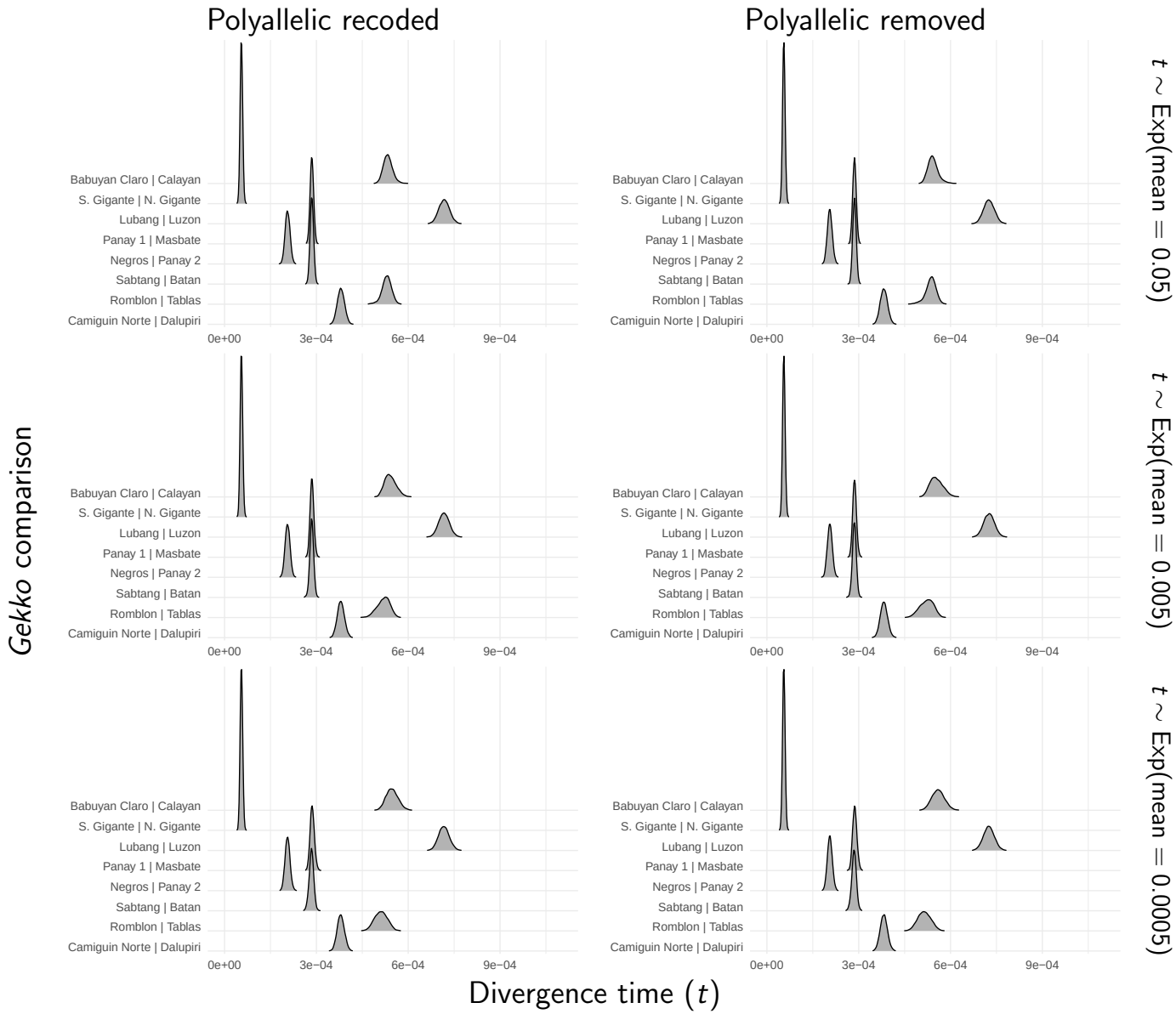

Polyallelic recoded
Polyallelic removed
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.05)
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.005)
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.0005)
Gekko comparison
Babuyan Claro | Calayan
S. Gigante | N. Gigante
Lubang | Luzon
Panay 1 | Masbate
Negros | Panay 2
Sabtang | Batan
Romblon | Tablas
Camiguin Norte | Dalupiri
0e+00
3e−04
6e−04
9e−04
Divergence time (t)

Figure S13

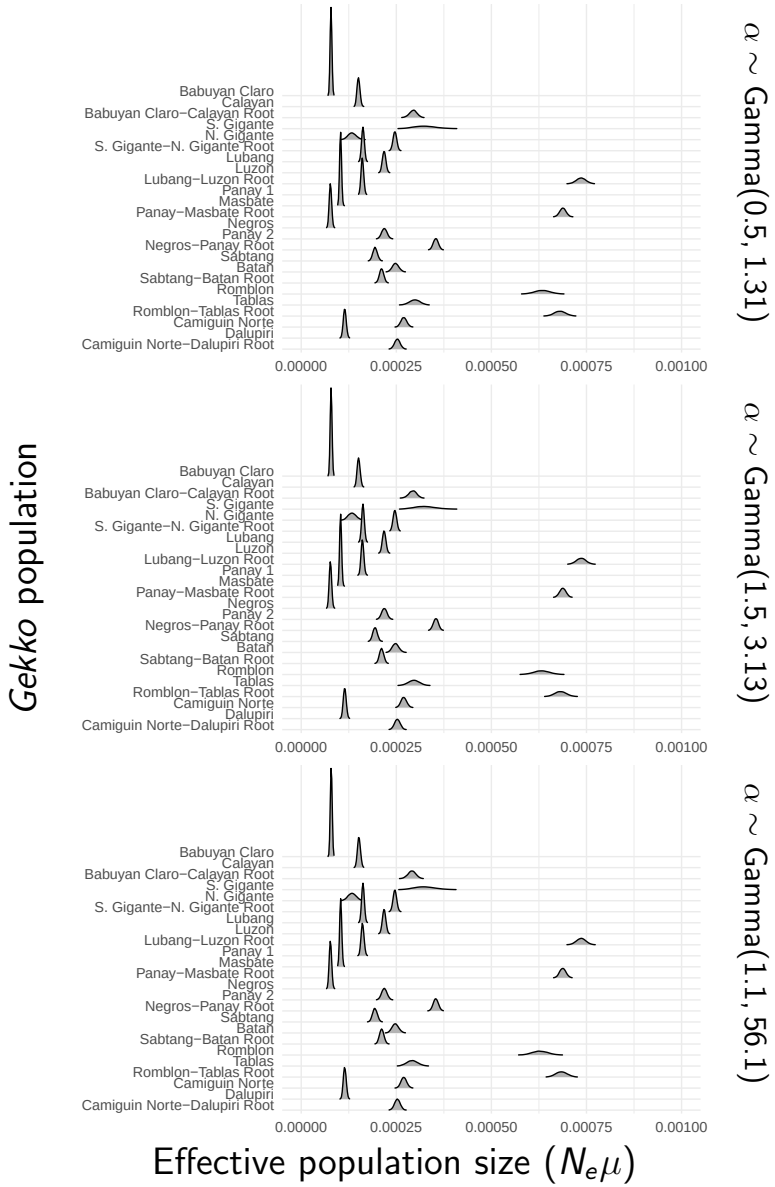

Gekko population
α ~ Gamma(0.5, 1.31)
α ~ Gamma(1.5, 3.13)
α ~ Gamma(1.1, 56.1)
Babuyan Claro
Calayan
Babuyan Claro−Calayan Root
S. Gigante
N. Gigante
S. Gigante−N. Gigante Root
Lubang
Luzon
Lubang−Luzon Root
Panay 1
Masbate
Panay−Masbate Root
Negros
Panay 2
Negros−Panay Root
Sabtang
Batan
Sabtang−Batan Root
Romblon
Tablas
Romblon−Tablas Root
Camiguin Norte
Dalupiri
Camiguin Norte−Dalupiri Root
0.00000
0.00025
0.00050
0.00075
0.00100
Effective population size ($N_e\mu$)

Figure S14

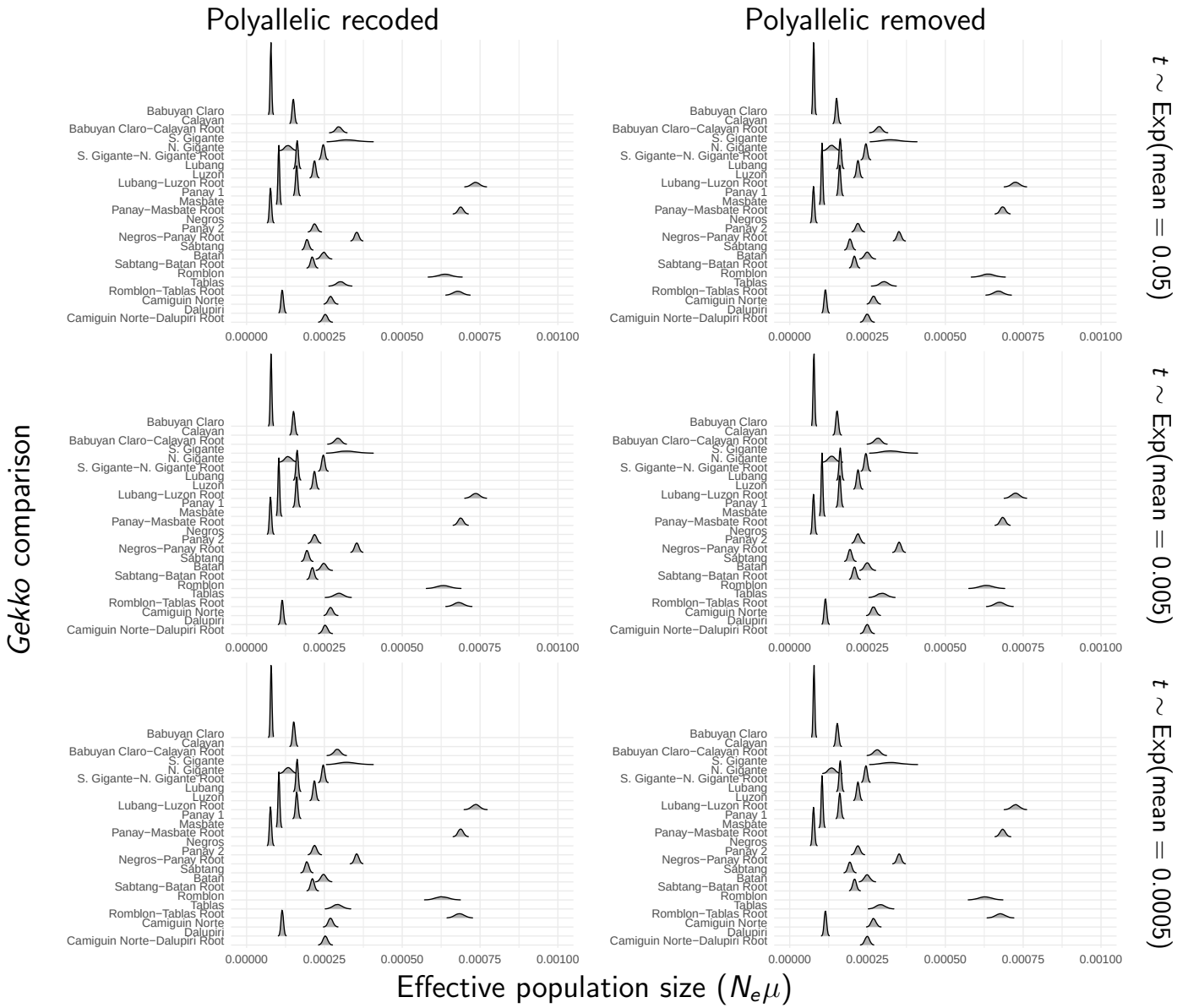

Polyallelic recoded
Polyallelic removed
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.05)
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.005)
t ~ Exp(mean = 0.0005)
Gekko comparison
Babuyan Claro
Calayan
Babuyan Claro−Calayan Root
S. Gigante
N. Gigante
S. Gigante−N. Gigante Root
Lubang
Luzon
Lubang−Luzon Root
Panay 1
Masbate
Panay−Masbate Root
Negros
Panay 2
Negros−Panay Root
Sabtang
Batan
Sabtang−Batan Root
Romblon
Tablas
Romblon−Tablas Root
Camiguin Norte
Dalupiri
Camiguin Norte−Dalupiri Root
0.00000
0.00025
0.00050
0.00075
0.00100
Effective population size ($N_e\mu$)

Figure S15

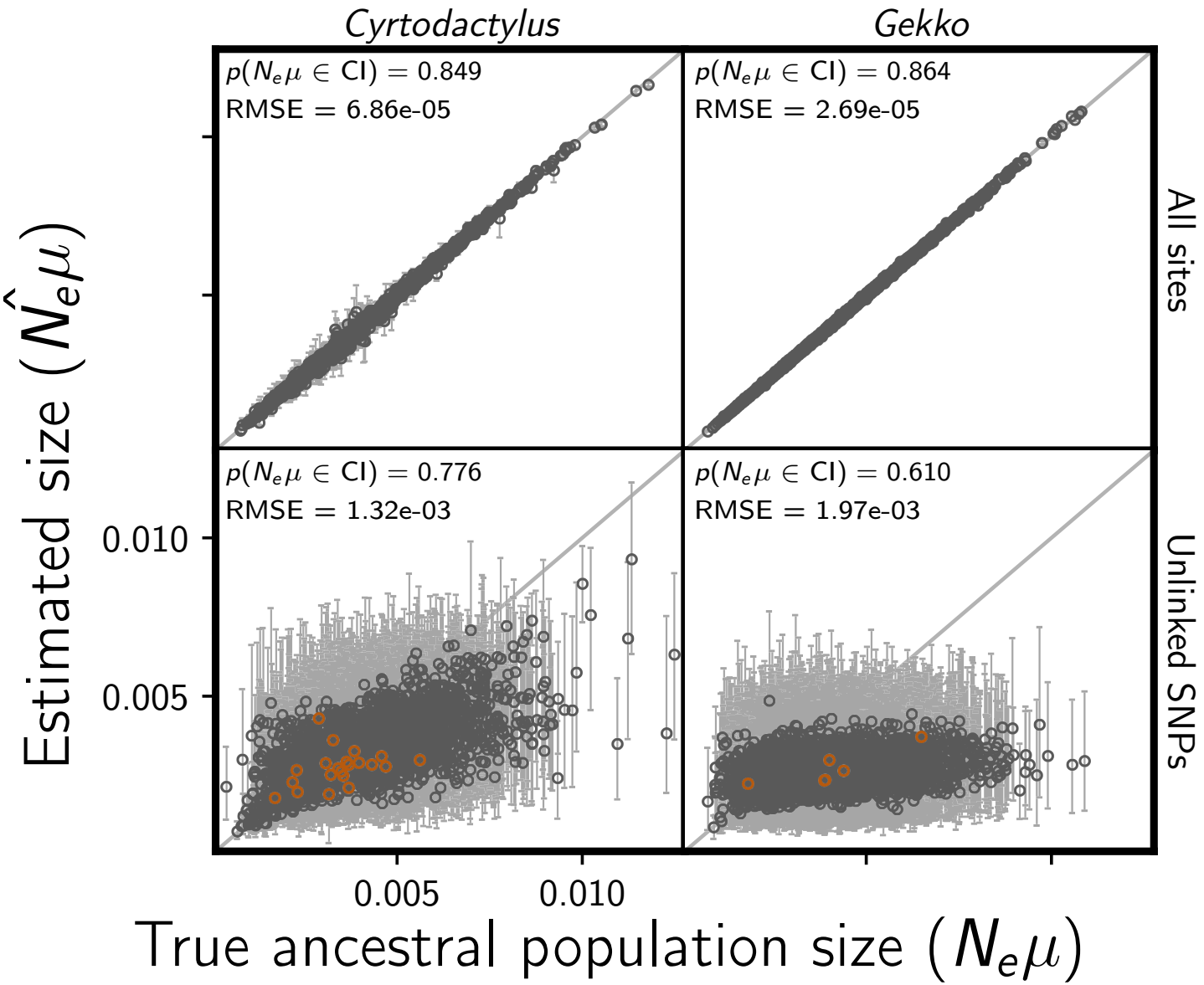

Cyrtodactylus
Gekko
$p(N_e\mu \in \text{CI}) = 0.849$
RMSE = 6.86e-05
$p(N_e\mu \in \text{CI}) = 0.864$
RMSE = 2.69e-05
$p(N_e\mu \in \text{CI}) = 0.776$
RMSE = 1.32e-03
$p(N_e\mu \in \text{CI}) = 0.610$
RMSE = 1.97e-03
All sites
Unlinked SNPs
Estimated size ($\hat{N_e\mu}$)
0.010
0.005
0.005
0.010
True ancestral population size ($N_e\mu$)

Figure S16

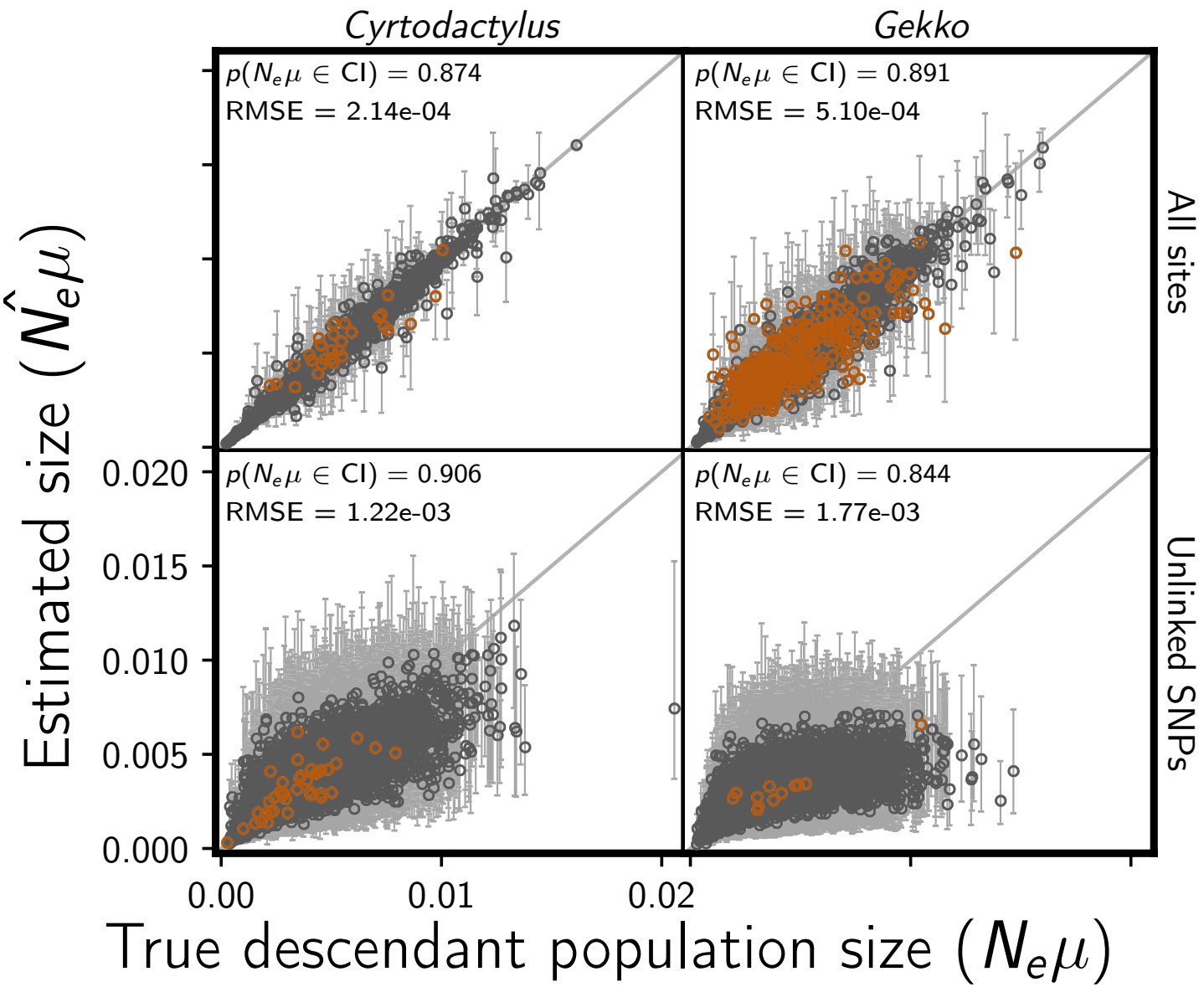
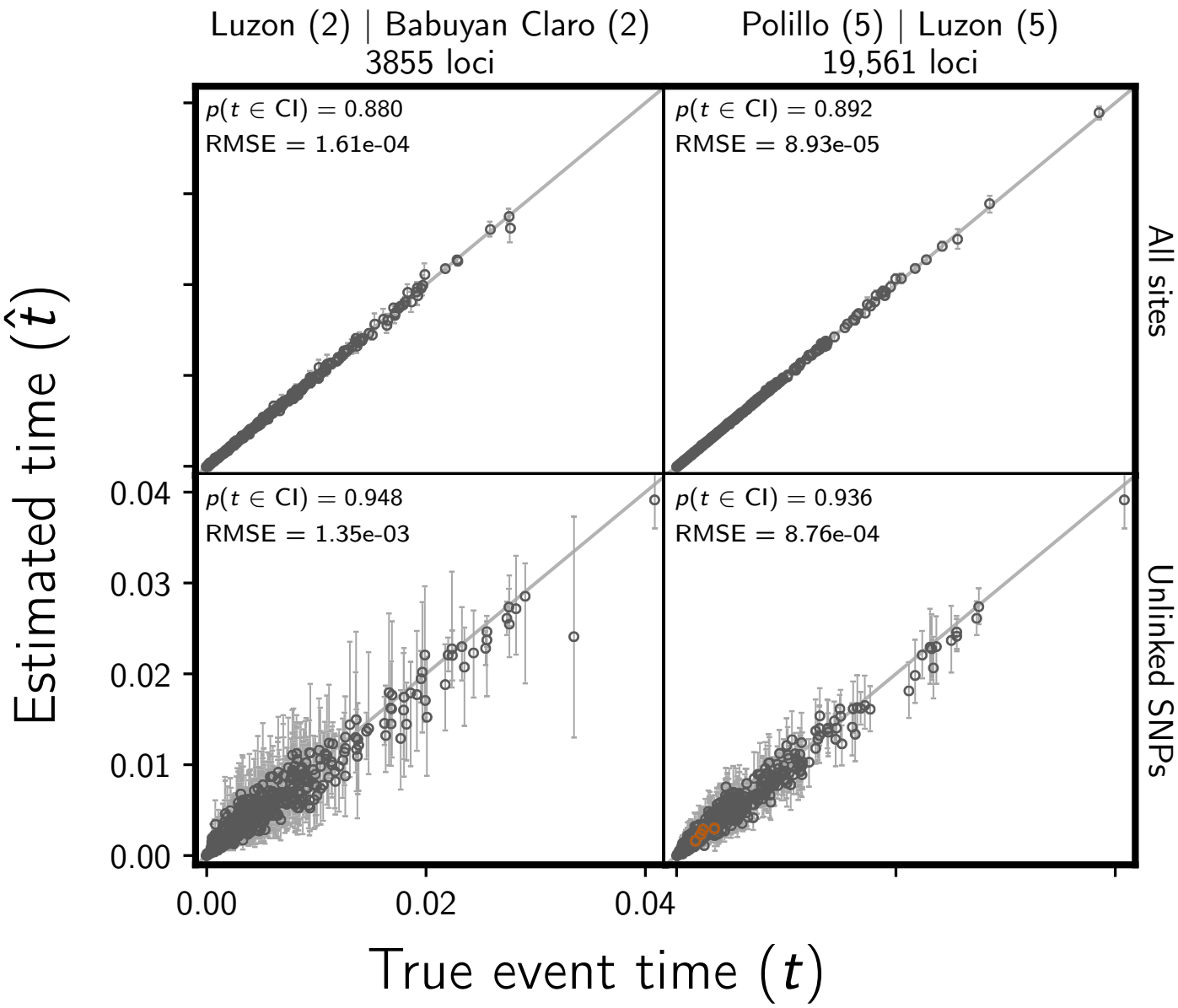

Cyrtodactylus
Gekko
$p(N_e\mu \in \text{CI}) = 0.874$
RMSE = 2.14e-04
$p(N_e\mu \in \text{CI}) = 0.891$
RMSE = 5.10e-04
$p(N_e\mu \in \text{CI}) = 0.906$
RMSE = 1.22e-03
$p(N_e\mu \in \text{CI}) = 0.844$
RMSE = 1.77e-03
All sites
Unlinked SNPs
Estimated size ($\hat{N_e\mu}$)
0.020
0.015
0.010
0.005
0.000
0.00
0.01
0.02
True descendant population size ($N_e\mu$)

Figure S17


Luzon (2) | Babuyan Claro (2)
3855 loci
Polillo (5) | Luzon (5)
19,561 loci
$p(t \in \text{CI}) = 0.880$
RMSE = 1.61e-04
$p(t \in \text{CI}) = 0.892$
RMSE = 8.93e-05
$p(t \in \text{CI}) = 0.948$
RMSE = 1.35e-03
$p(t \in \text{CI}) = 0.936$
RMSE = 8.76e-04
All sites
Unlinked SNPs
Estimated time ($\hat{t}$)
True event time (t)
0.00
0.01
0.02
0.03
0.04
0.00
0.02
0.04