## Supplementary information

## State aggregation for fast likelihood computations in molecular evolution

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Dataset	Sequence length	Number of sequences	$\omega_0$	κ	Codon frequencies	Tree length	Number of sequences
wvar kvar	300 300	18 18	$ \sim Beta(2,5) \\ 0.3$	$ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \sim Unif(1/2, 10) \end{array} $	1/61 1/61	4 4	200 200
alen	100-5000	18	0.3	2	1/61	4	200
nseq tlen	300 300	8–50 18	0.3	2	1/61 1/61	$ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 10^p \\ p \sim Unif(-4,4) \end{array} $	200 200
cfreq	300	18	0.3	2	$\sim Direchlet(\alpha)$ $\alpha \sim 10^{Unif(-1/2,1)}$	4	200

Table S1: List of simulated datasets for M0 model.

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Parameter	Distribution			
$\kappa$	1 + Exponential(1)			
$\omega_0$	Beta(2,5)			
$\omega_2$	1 + Gamma(10, 2), (= 1 for H0)			
$p_0 + p_1$	Beta(10,1)			
$\frac{p_0}{p_0+p_1}$	Beta(10,1)			
Tree length	Gamma(2,2)			
Number of codons	Unif(100, 1000)			
Number of sequences	Unif(8,30)			

## В

Parameter	Distribution
$\alpha$ (Beta distribution parameter, negative selection) $\beta$ (Beta distribution parameter)	Gamma(5,1)  Gamma(8,1)
$Mean(\omega_2)$ (mean of the $Gamma$ distribution, positive selection)	1 + Gamma(10, 2), ( $\omega_2 = 1 \text{ for H0}$ )
$Var(\omega_2)$ (variance of the $Gamma$ distribution) $\alpha$ (shape of the $Gamma$ distribution for the site rate variation)	$ \begin{array}{l} \text{Beta}(20,50) \cdot Mean(\omega_2) \\ \frac{1}{2} + Exponential(\frac{1}{4}) \end{array} $

Table S2: Model parameter distribution the simulated datasets A) branch-site model; B) extra parameters for the extended branch-site model.

A	A Selection detected (aggregated)			В		Selection detected (aggregated)		
		_	+			_	+	
Selection detected	_	79140	5	Selection detected	_	79054	24	
(normal)	+	7	13	(normal)	+	27	60	

Table S3: Statistical performance of FastCodeML on the Primates dataset. Detected selection in normal and aggregated modes of FastCodeML. Numbers in the cells correspond to the number of performed tests. Every non-terminal branch was tested. A) After correction for multiple hypothesis testing, FDR (false discovery rate) cutoff=0.05; B) FDR cutoff=0.4.

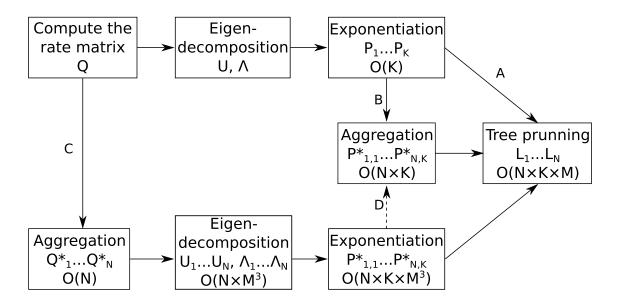


Figure S1: Schematic representation of the tree likelihood computation: A) full likelihood; B) post-exponentiation aggregation; C) pre-exponentiation aggregation; D) pre- and post-exponentiation aggregation. Rough algorithm complexity indicated for steps dependent on alignment length (N), internal nodes count (K) and dimensionality of aggregated Markov chain (M).

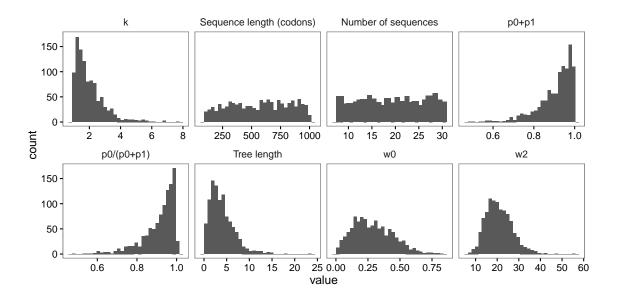


Figure S2: Parameter distribution for branch-site model simulations.

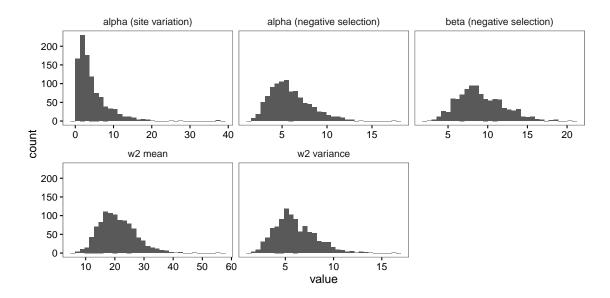


Figure S3: Parameter distribution for extended branch-site model simulations. See text for the parameter descriptions.

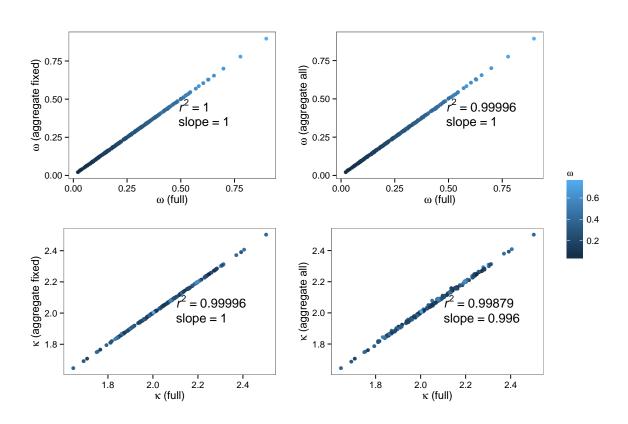


Figure S4: Correlation between estimated  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  values in normal and aggregated modes for varying simulated  $\omega$  value (wvar dataset, M0 model).

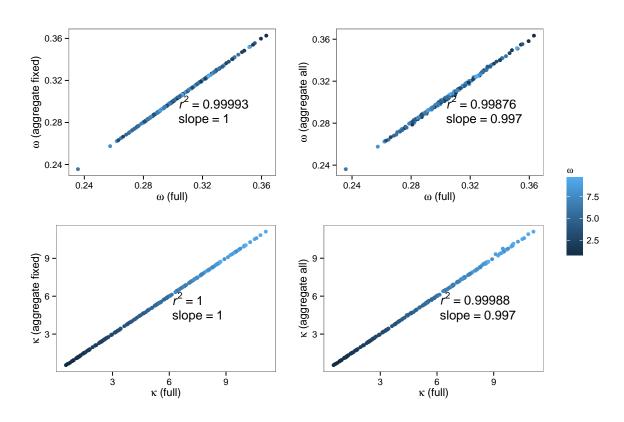


Figure S5: Correlation between estimated  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  values in normal and aggregated modes for varying simulated  $\kappa$  value (kvar dataset, M0 model).

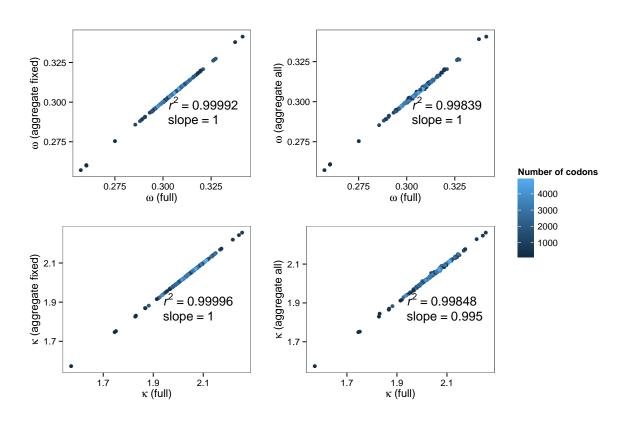


Figure S6: Correlation between estimated  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  values in normal and aggregated modes for varying simulated sequences length (alen dataset, M0 model).

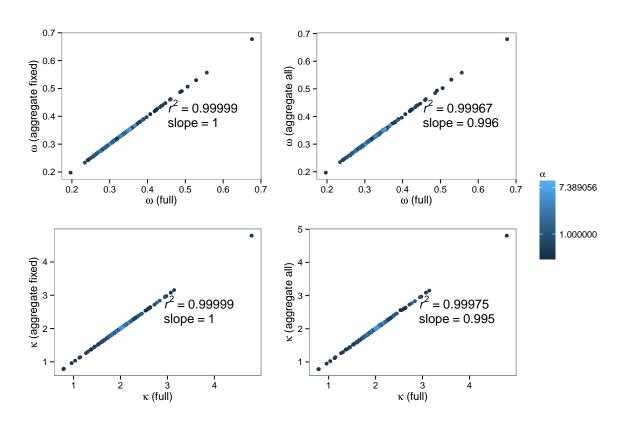


Figure S7: Correlation between estimated  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  values in normal and aggregated modes for varying codon frequencies Dirichlet distribution  $\alpha$  parameter value (cfreq dataset, M0 model).

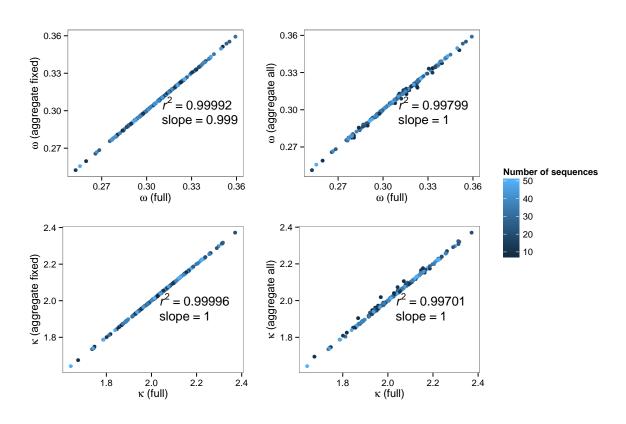


Figure S8: Correlation between estimated  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  values in normal and aggregated modes for varying number of simulated sequences (nseq dataset, M0 model).

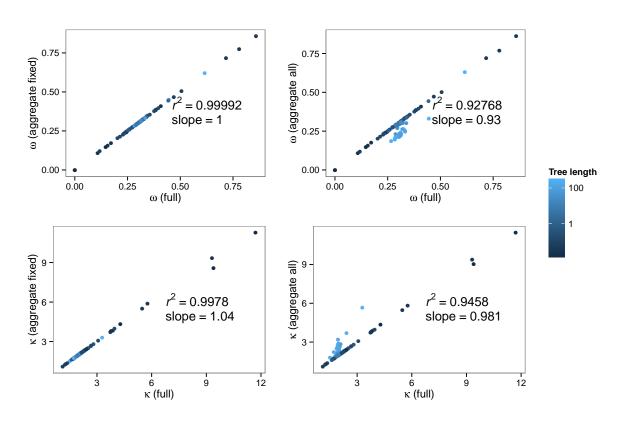


Figure S9: Correlation between estimated  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  values in normal and aggregated modes for varying tree length (tlen dataset, M0 model). Tree length limited to the range [0.01; 300], see text.

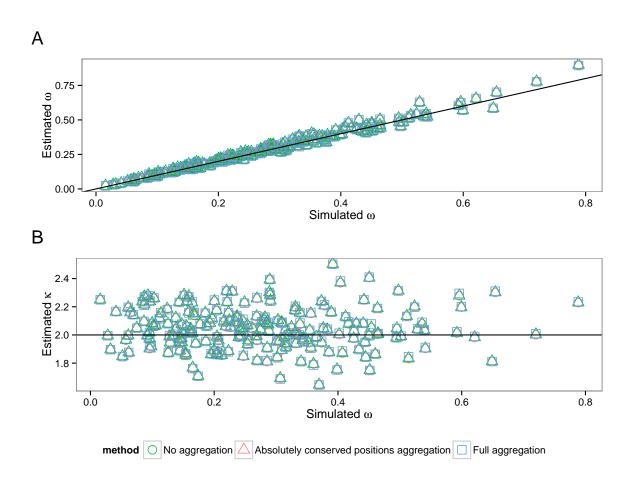


Figure S10: Estimated  $\omega$  (A) and  $\kappa$  (B) values versus simulated  $\omega$  value for the wvar dataset, M0 model. Lines correspond to the simulation parameter values.

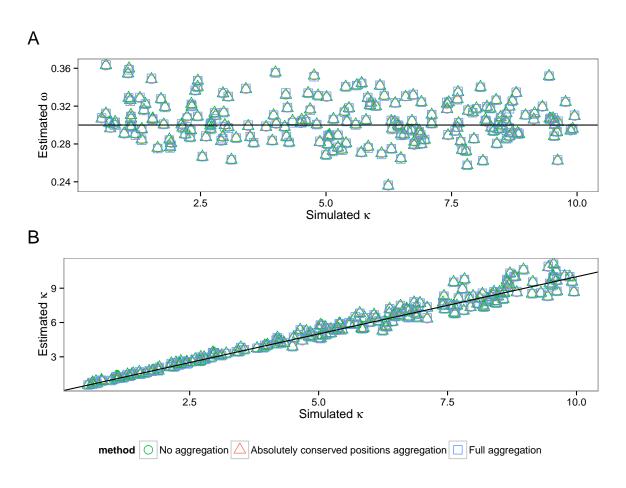


Figure S11: Estimated  $\omega$  (A) and  $\kappa$  (B) values versus simulated  $\kappa$  value for the kvar dataset, M0 model. Lines correspond to the simulation parameter values.

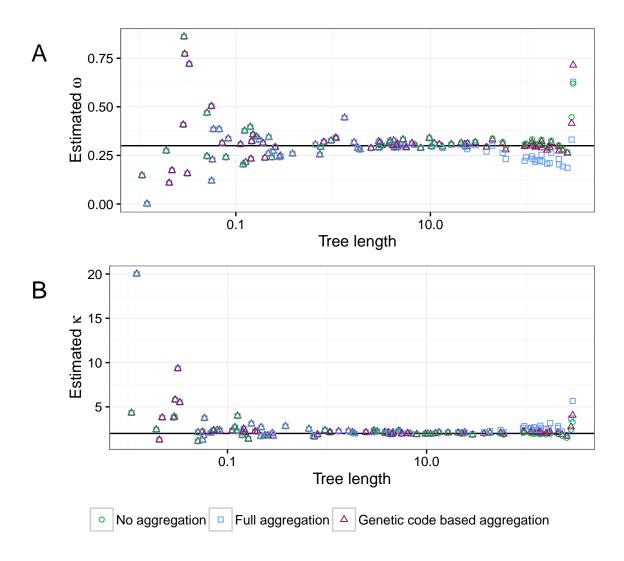


Figure S12: Estimated  $\omega$  (A) and  $\kappa$  (B) values versus simulated tree length for the tlen dataset, M0 model. Lines correspond to the simulation parameter values. Tree length limited to the range [0.01; 300], see text. Optimization with a variable number of iterations using the Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno algorithm variant (L-BFGS-B).

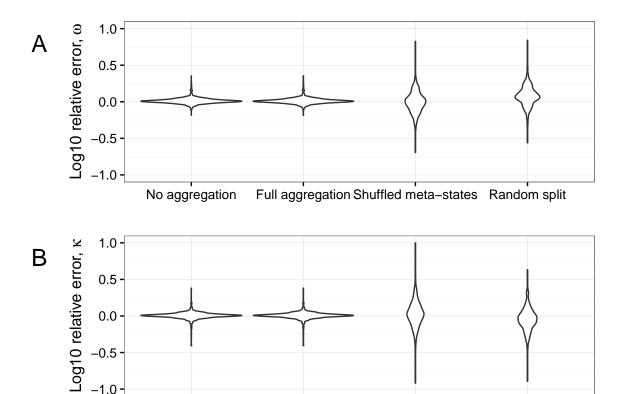


Figure S13: Relative error (maximum likelihood estimate divided by the true value) of  $\omega$  (A) and  $\kappa$  (B) estimation using various aggregation strategies. All the M0 datasets except for tlen were used. Optimization was performed using the L-BFGS-B algorithm.

Full aggregation Shuffled meta-states Random split

method

-1.0

No aggregation

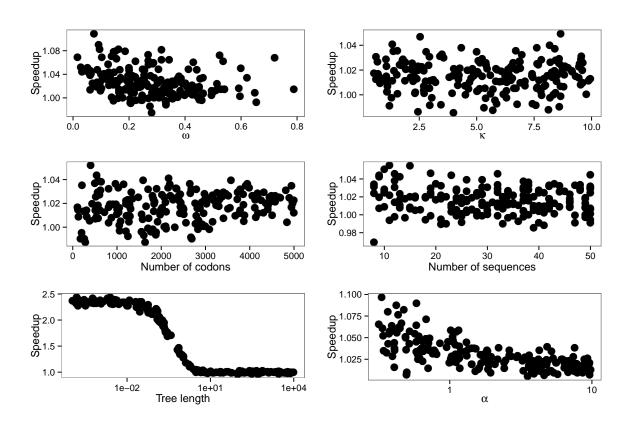


Figure S14: Speedup for fixed-positions only aggregation, M0 model.

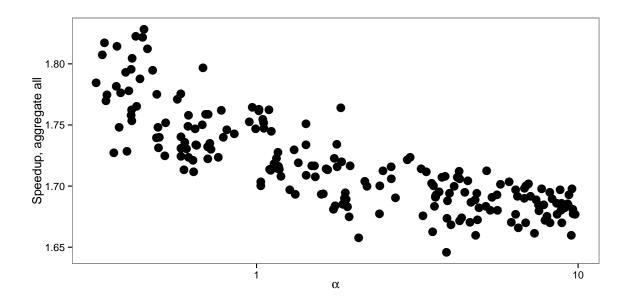


Figure S15: Speedup versus the  $\alpha$  parameter of the codon frequencies Dirichlet distribution, M0 model, cfreq dataset.

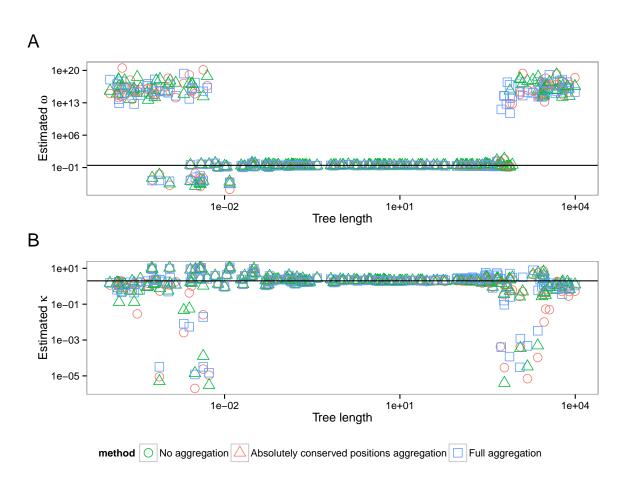


Figure S16: Estimated  $\omega$  (A) and  $\kappa$  (B) values versus simulated tree length for the tlen dataset, M0 model. Lines correspond to the simulation parameter values.

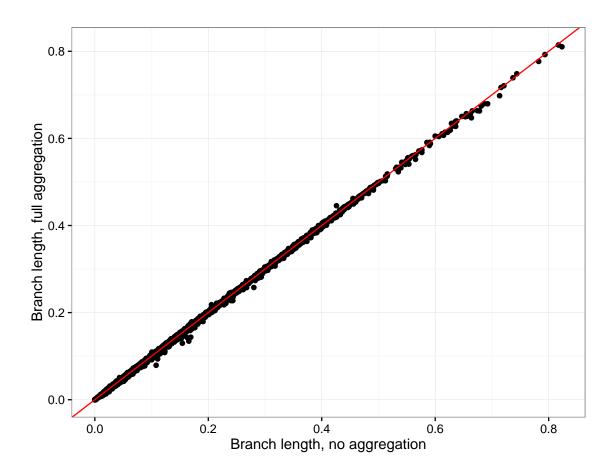


Figure S17: Branch lengths estimated with and without aggregation, M0 model. Each data point represents an individual branch from a single tree. This plot includes all the M0 datasets except for the varying tree length dataset (tlen). The red line indicates equal values. Optimization performed using the L-BFGS-B algorithm.

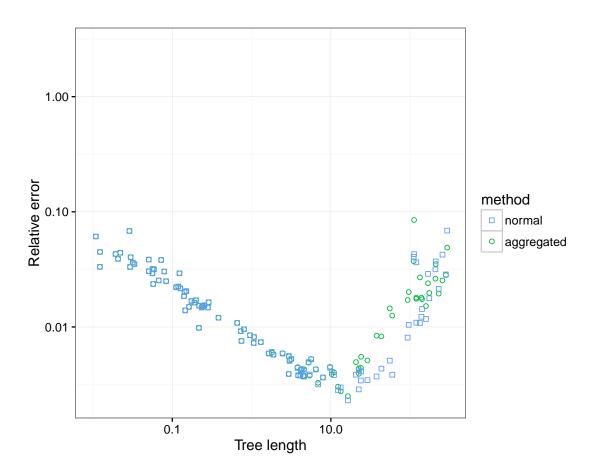


Figure S18: Branch length estimation error versus total tree length for the tlen dataset, M0 model. Both axes are log-scale. Relative error (E) for a given tree is defined as  $E = \frac{\sum |t_{estimated}^i - t_{true}^i|}{N} / \sum t_{true}^i$ , where  $t_{estimated}^i$  is an estimated length for branch i,  $t_{true}^i$  is a true length and N is a number of branches in a tree. For tree lengths below 10 symbols are overlapping demonstrating almost perfect match. Optimization performed using the L-BFGS-B algorithm. Tree length limited to the range [0.01;300], see text.

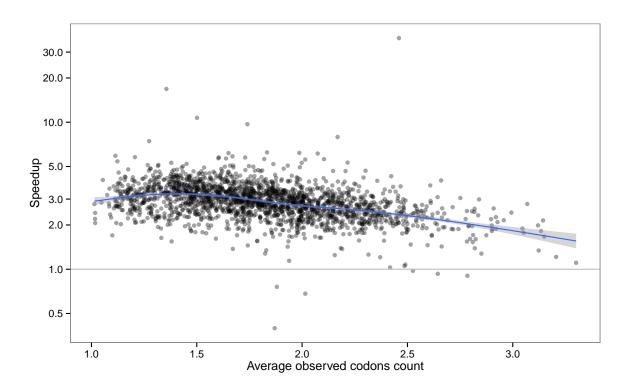


Figure S19: Speedup versus average codon count for the branch-site model. Each point represents one simulated alignment.

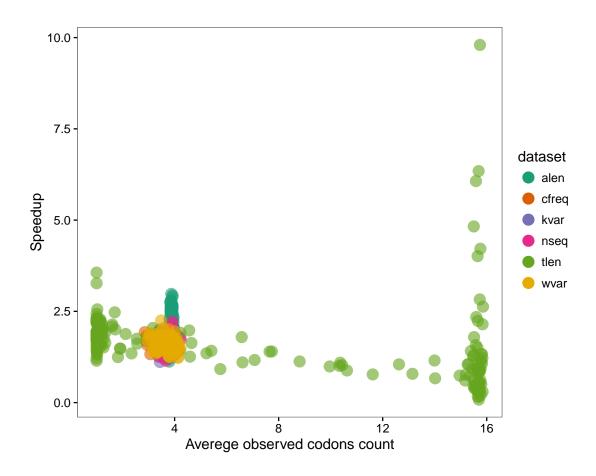


Figure S20: Speedup versus average codon count for M0 model. Optimization performed using the L-BFGS-B algorithm. Branch lengths,  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  were optimized.

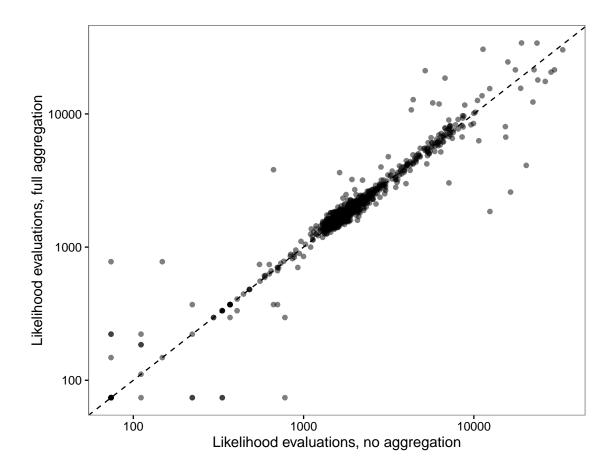


Figure S21: Number of Likelihood evaluations for M0 model with and without state aggregation. Optimization performed using the L-BFGS-B algorithm. Branch lengths,  $\omega$  and  $\kappa$  were optimized. Both axes are log-scale. Dashed line indicates the ideal match.

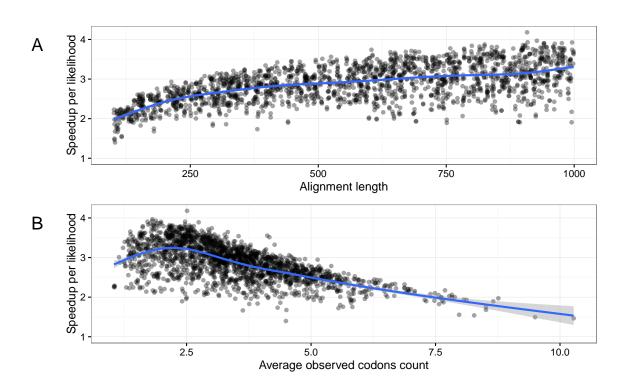


Figure S22: Average speedup per likelihood computation versus A) alignment length and B) average codon count for the branch-site model. Each point represents one simulated alignment.

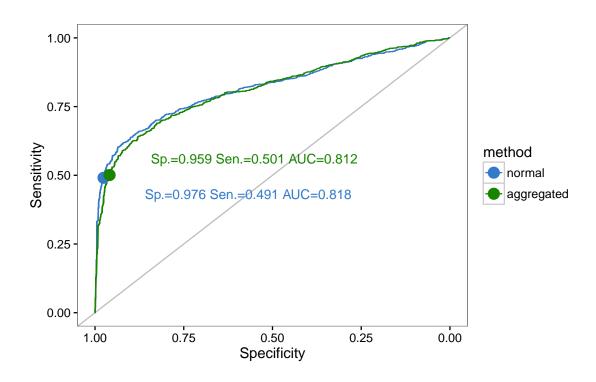


Figure S23: ROC curves for FastCodeML in full likelihood and aggregated likelihood modes for the extended branch-site model simulations. Specificity, sensitivity and AUC indicated.

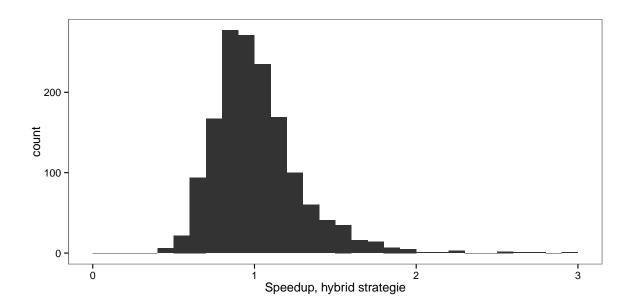


Figure S24: Speedup of hybrid strategy. Maximum likelihood estimation in aggregated mode is followed by full mode likelihood maximization (branch-site model).