Evolution of Type-1 Clones

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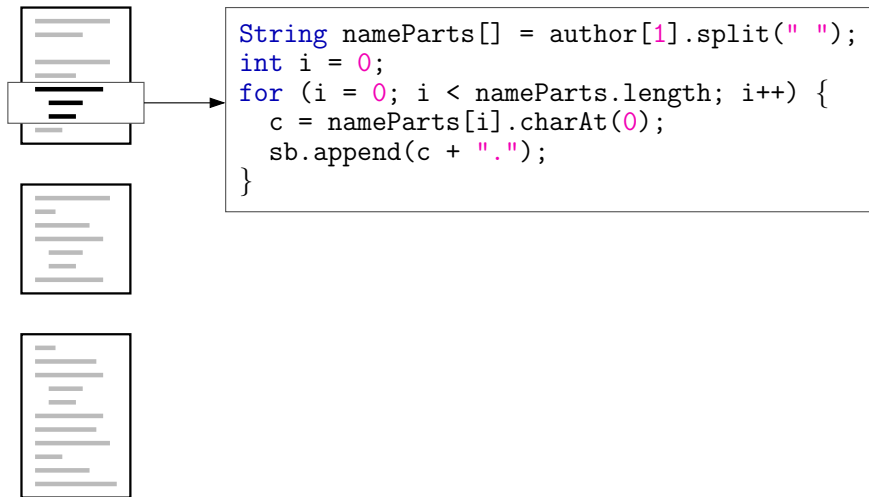
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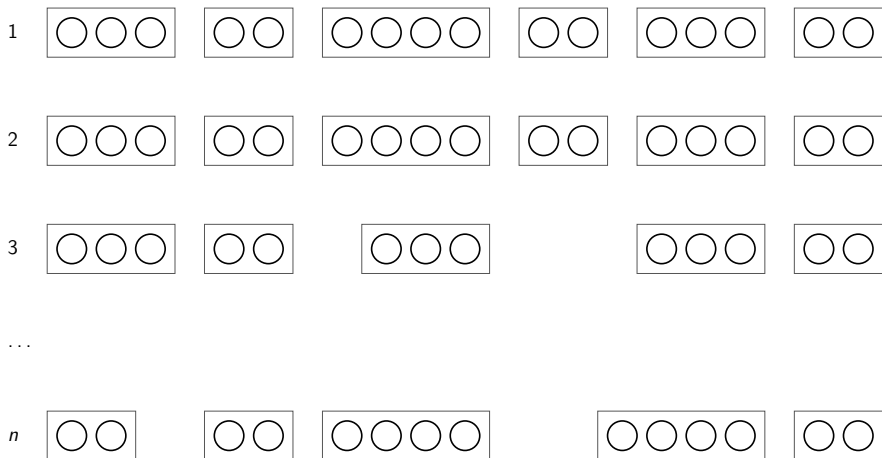
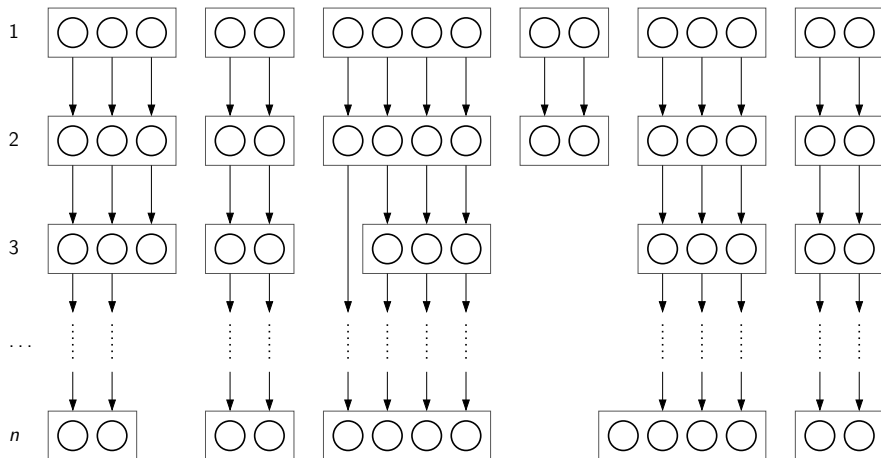► Reduce computational effort

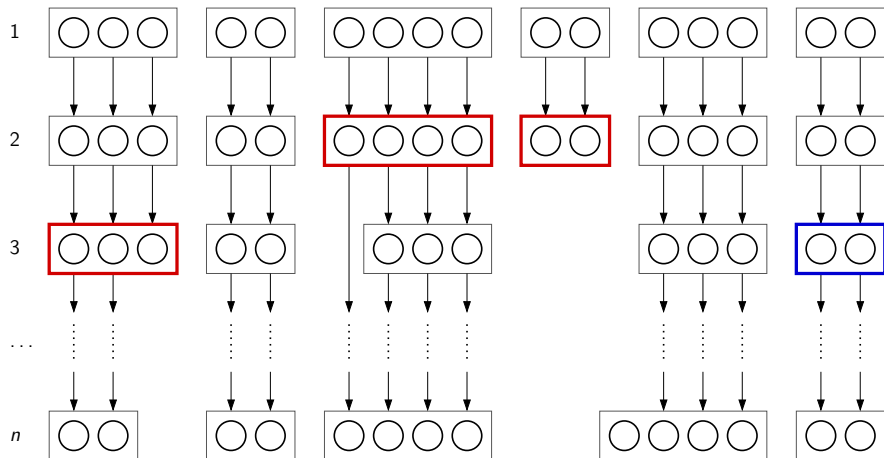# Clone Evolution Model

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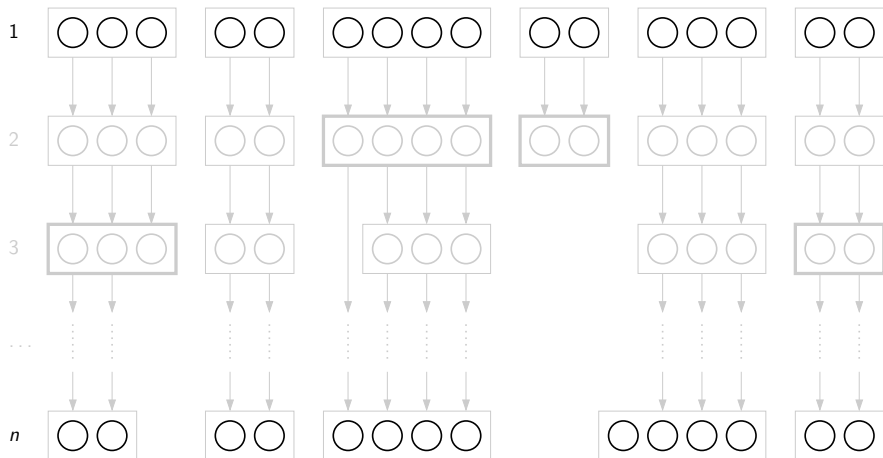$\rightarrow$ 200 versions each ($\approx$ 4 years)

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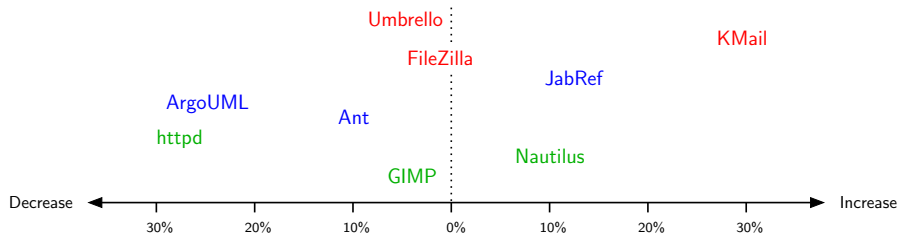*"[. . .] the overall ratio of function clones remains stable [. . .]"*

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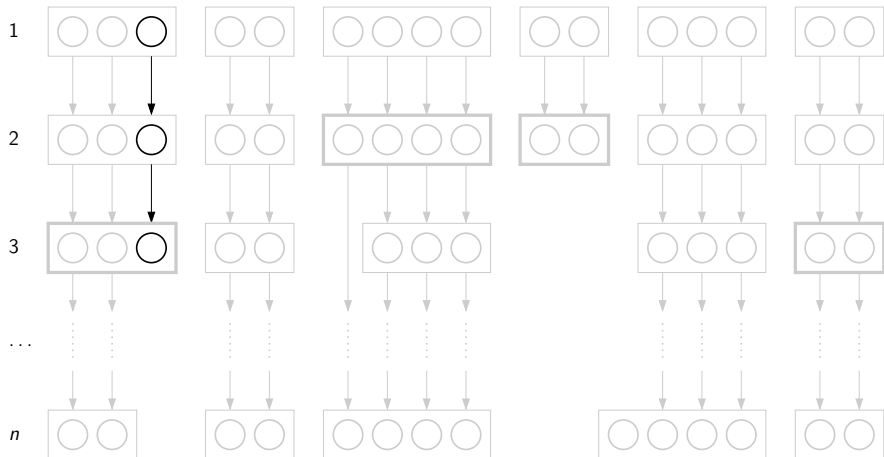
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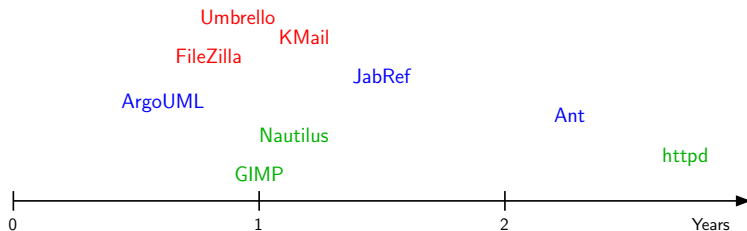## Mean Fragment Lifetime

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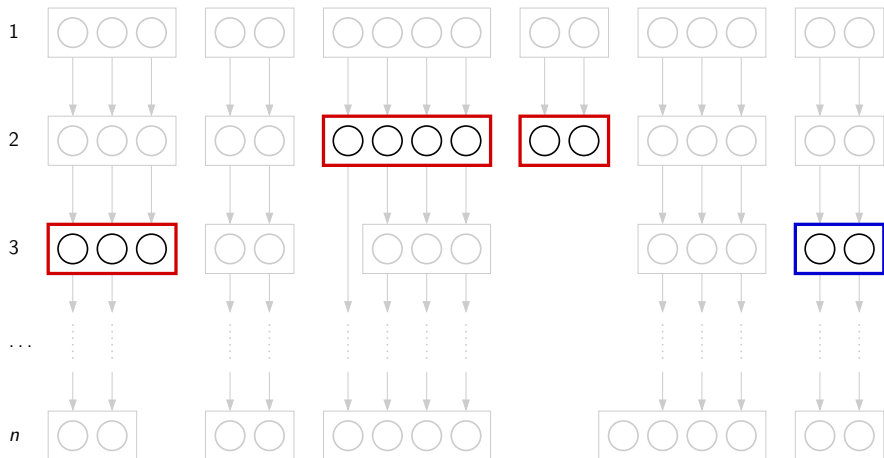
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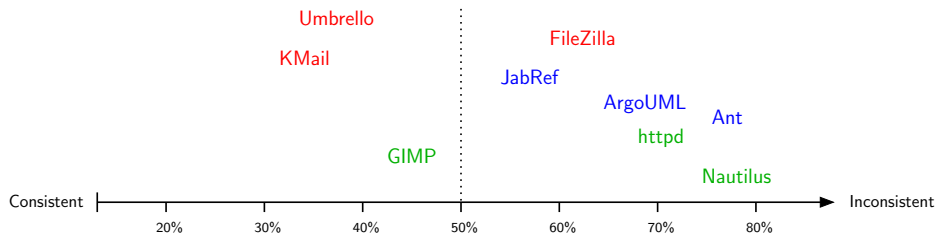
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