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Presenting...

# MTG & Statistical Analysis



# Plant Growth/Branching

1. Encode

2. Manipulate

3. Reconstruct

4. Analyze



# **We will look at...**

- 1. MTG – Multiscale Tree Graph**
- 2. DTD – Digitized Tree Data**
- 3. Statistical Analysis of Structures**



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Introduction - What?

A model of plant topological structure.

- Decomposition of plant into elementary Constituents.
- Connection with each other.

A Multiscale Model of Plant Topological Structures –  
C. Godin, Y. Caraglio 1997



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Introduction - How?

A text file.

- A header section.
- A body section for the topological structure.



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Introduction - Multiscale?

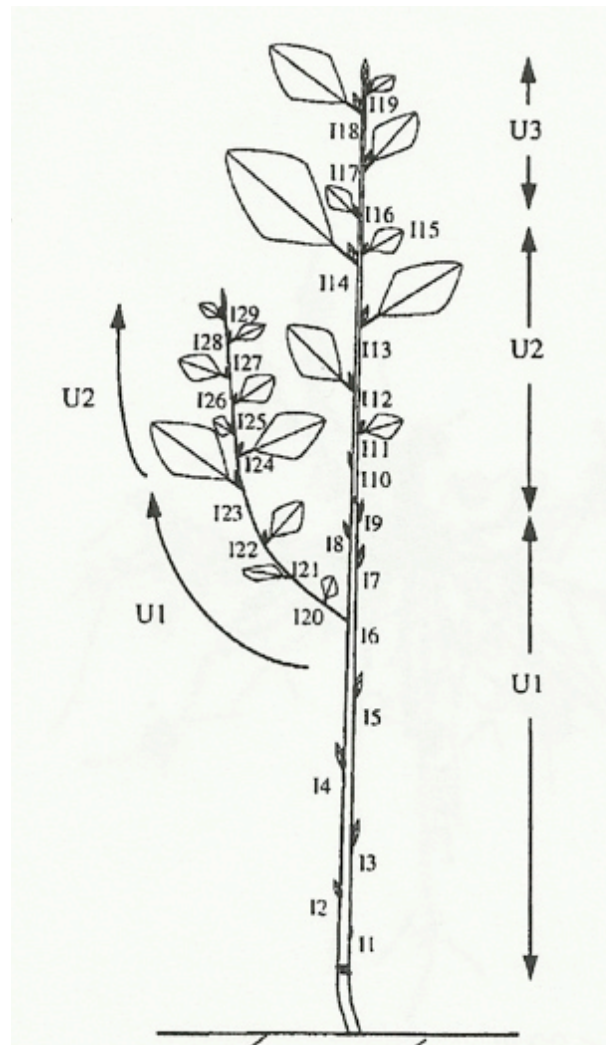
- Specification of topological elements from various spatial and/or temporal scales.
- E.g. Internodes and growth units.





# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Introduction – Multiscale?

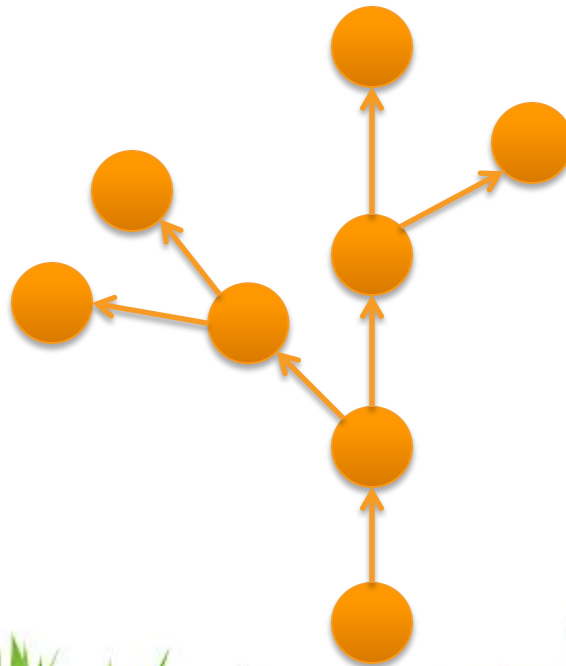


Picture from:  
Representing and  
encoding plant  
architecture: A Review  
- C.Godin, 2000

# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Introduction - Tree Graph?

- A *Tree/Graph* data structure.

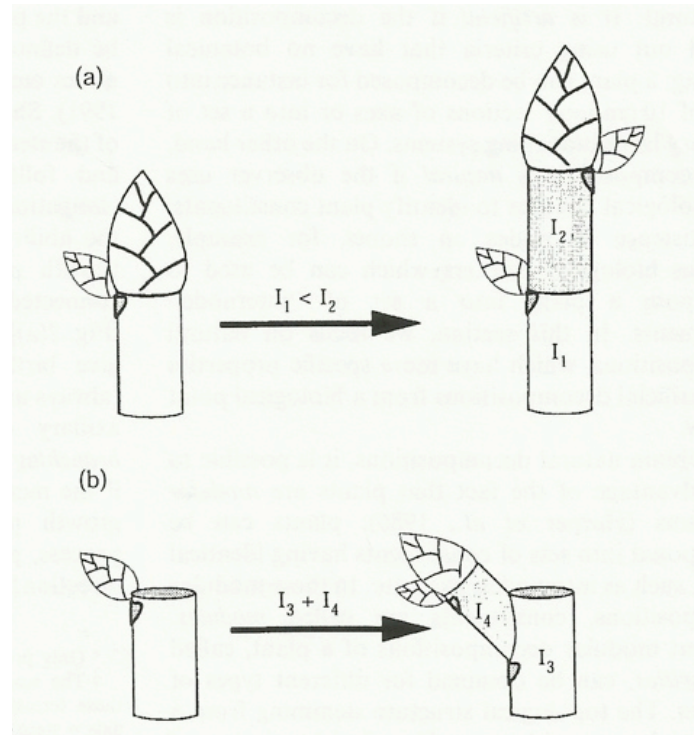




# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Introduction - Tree Graph?

Basic growth processes:

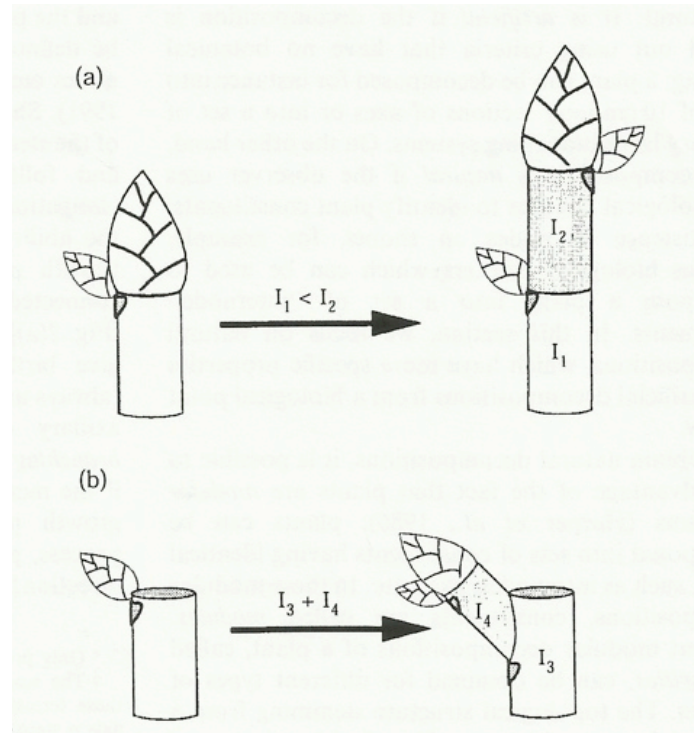
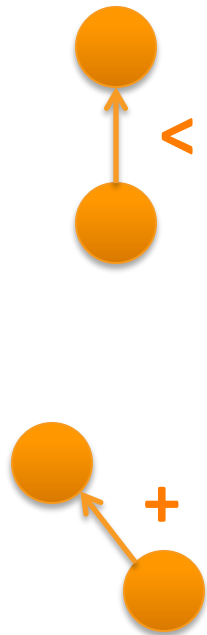


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# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Introduction - Tree Graph?

Basic growth processes:

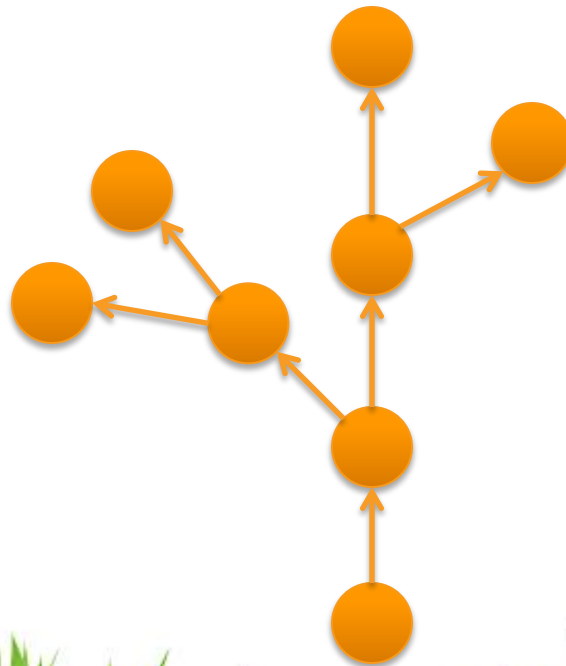


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# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Introduction - Tree Graph?

- A *Tree Graph* data structure naturally represents plant topology.



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

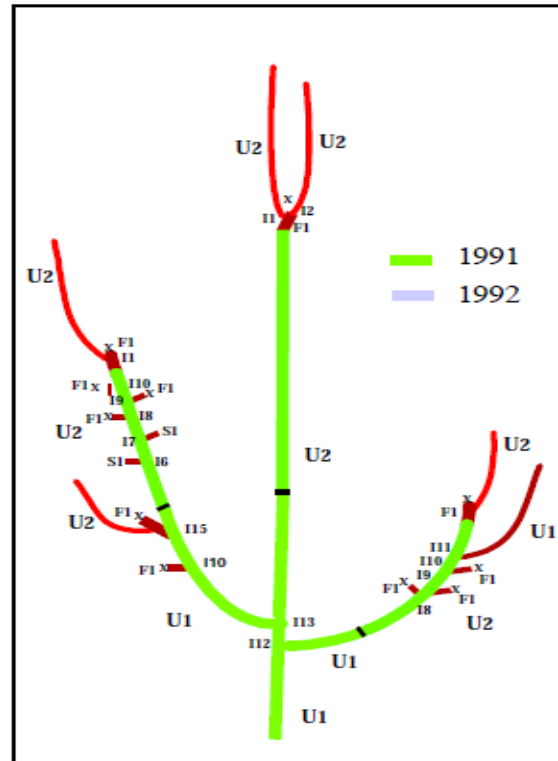
## Encoding - Process Overview

- Plants are broken down into components of different scales.
- Components are given labels that specify their types (E.g. U = growth unit, F = flowering site, S = short shoot, I = internode)



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding - Process Overview



Pictures from:  
<http://openalea.gforge.inria.fr/>, extracted 22 Feb 2012

# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding - Process Overview

- From the base of the trunk.
- Symbols representing each vertex and its relationship to its father recorded.





# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding

- A plant multiscale topology can be represented by a string of characters.
- The string is made up of a series of labels representing plant components.

**/I1<I2<I3<I4+I5<I6**





# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding

The components are related to each other by:

- ‘/’ - decomposition
- ‘<’ - successor
- ‘+’ - branching

**/I1<I2<I3<I4+I5<I6**



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding

The name of an entity is built by concatenating the consecutive entity labels encountered while moving along the plant structure from the plant basis to the considered entity.

**/A1**

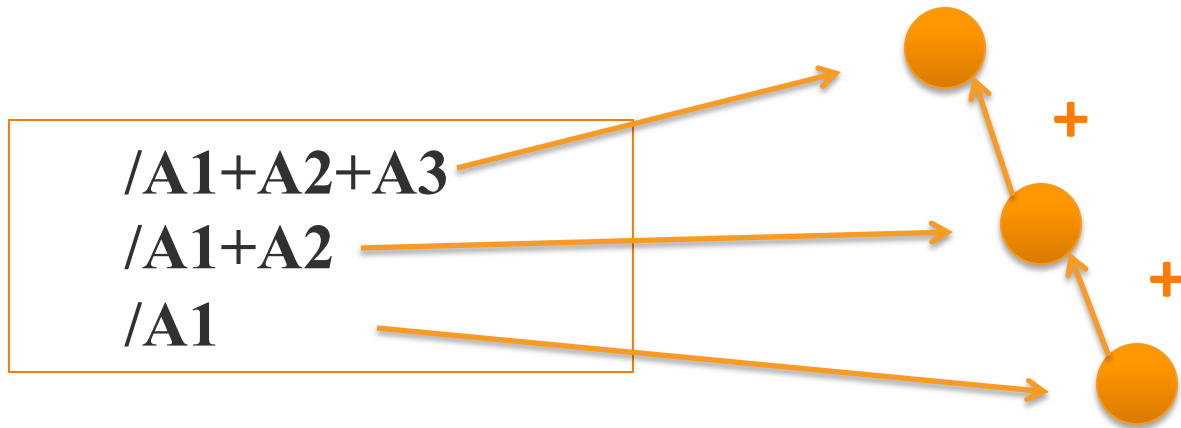
**/A1+A2**

**/A1+A2+A3**



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding - Bifurcation

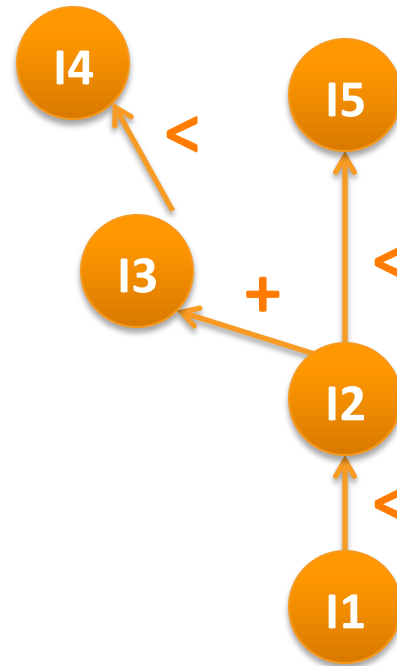
- A square bracket is used when a bifurcation point is encountered.
- A square bracket is closed each time a terminal vertex has been visited.
- The process is then back-tracked to the last bifurcation point.

**$/I1<I2<[+I3<I4]<I5$**

# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding - Bifurcation

$/I1 < I2 < [+I3 < I4] < I5$



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding - Decomposition

Use of the decomposition symbol is best demonstrated with an example.

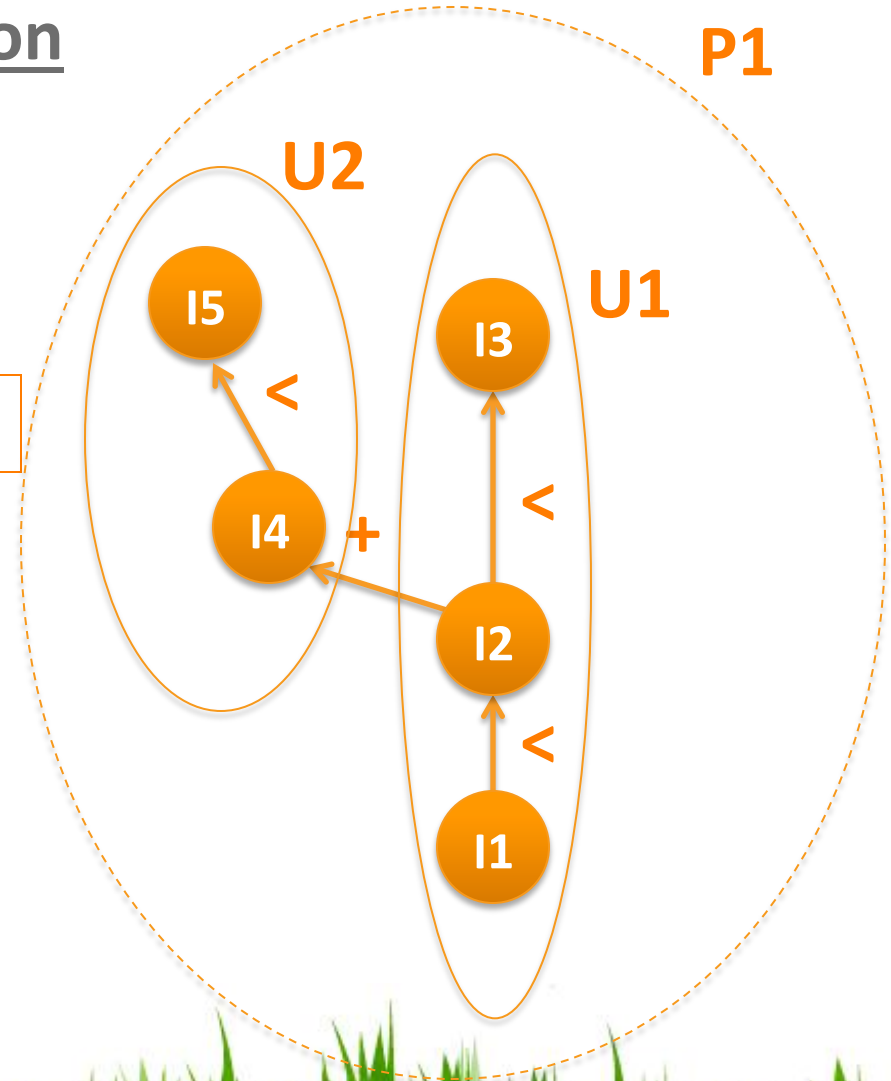
***/P1/U1/I1<I2[+U2/I4<I5]<I3***



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding - Decomposition

/P1/U1/I1<I2[+U2/I4<I5]<I3





# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding - Readability

- Long sequences of strings = difficult to read.
- Each square bracket is replaced by a new line plus an indentation level corresponding to the nested level of the square bracket.



```
/P1/U1/I1<I2[+U2/I4<I5]<I3
```

```
/P1/U1/I1<I2  
  +U2/I4<I5  
  <I3
```

# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding – Feature values

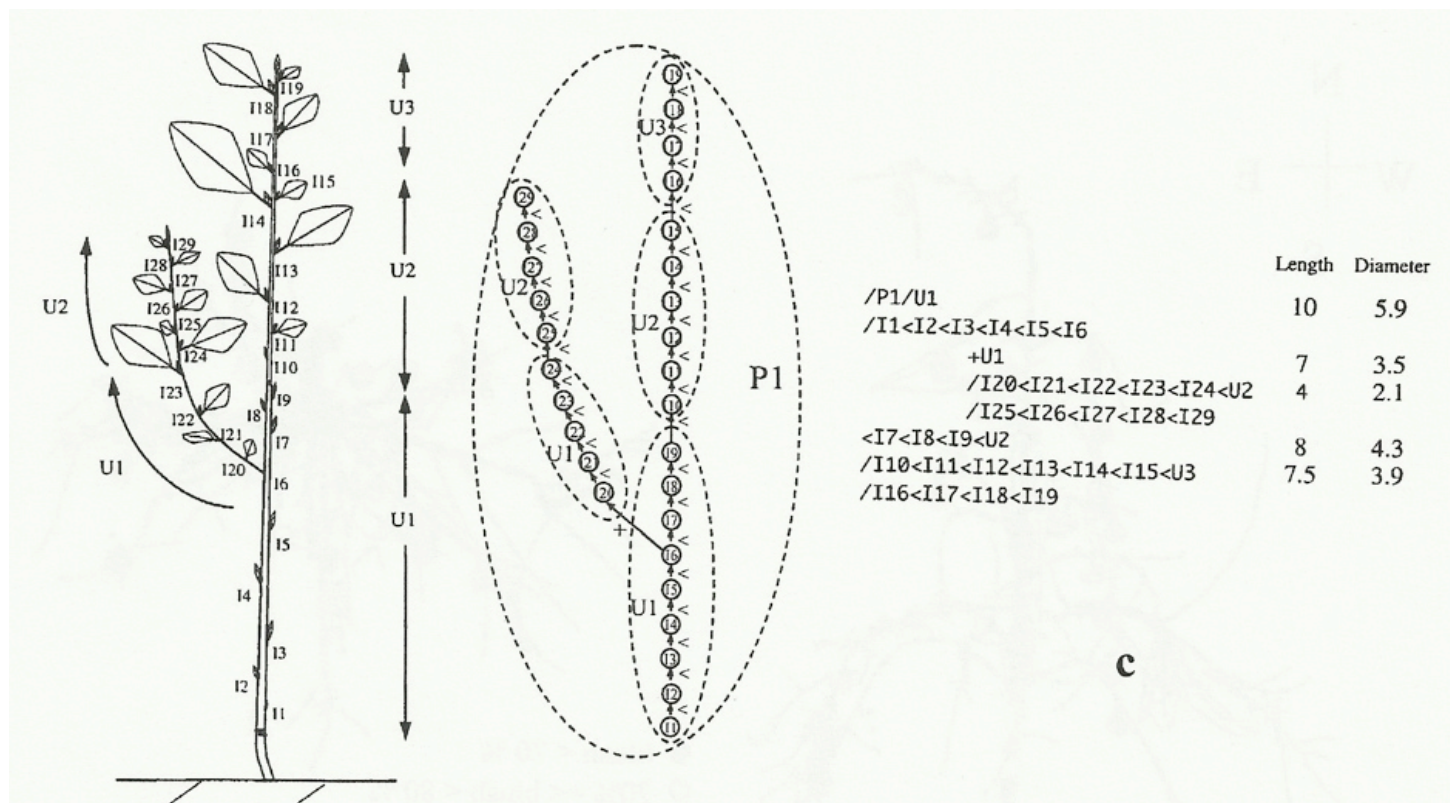
- Similarly, a new line is used when feature values are assigned to the entity.

	<b>Length</b>	<b>Diameter</b>
<b>/P1/U1/I1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>/P1/U1/I1&lt;I2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>+U2/I4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>+U2/I4&lt;I5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>&lt;I3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Encoding – Results



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- C.Godin, 2000

# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

What about the file?



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## File Header

CODE: FORM-A



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## File Header

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CLASSES

SYMBOL	SCALE	DECOMPOSITION	INDEXATION	DEFINITION
\$	0	FREE	FREE	IMPLICIT
P	1	CONNECTED	FREE	IMPLICIT
U	2	<-LINEAR	FREE	EXPLICIT
I	2	<-LINEAR	FREE	EXPLICIT
E	3	NONE	FREE	IMPLICIT



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## File Header

DESCRIPTION:

LEFT	RIGHT	RELTYPE	MAX
U	U,I	+	?
U	U,I	<	1
I	I	+	?
E	E	<	1
E	E	+	1





# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## File Header

FEATURES:

NAME TYPE

Alias	STRING
Date	DD/MM
State	STRING
len	INT
TopDiameter	REAL
geom	GEOMETRY geom1.geom
appear	APPEARANCE material.app



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## File Body

MTG:

TOPO

#column1 #column2 #column3 #column4 #column5

/P1/A1

  /U1<U2

    +S1

    +S2

    +A1/U1<U2+S1

  <U3

    +A2/U1<U2<U3



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## Importing MTG in GroIMP

- GroIMP reads the MTG file and stores the information in 2 types of nodes:
  - MTG root node (de.grogra.mtg.nodes.MTGRoot)
  - MTG node (de.grogra.mtg.MTGNode)



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## GroIMP MTG Root Node

- The Root Node contains information of:
  - What is in the file header
- The Root Node also contains:
  - Basic functions



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

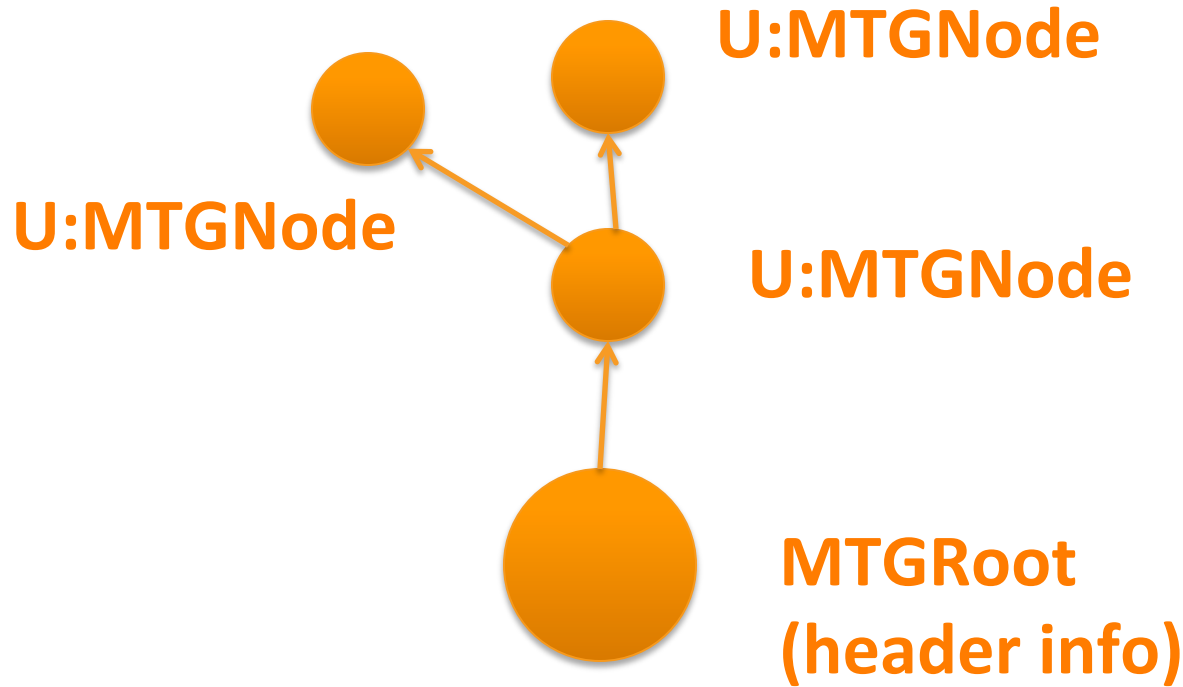
## GroIMP MTG Node

- The Node = element in MTG structure.
- The Node contains - attribute values of the MTG element.
- Contrary to the original implementation, memory is not allocated to attribute values not in the file.



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## GroIMP MTG representation



# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

## GroIMP – MTG features

- On-going work to implement more functionality and visualization features of MTG.
- See MTG graph and visualization in GroIMP...





# 1. Multiscale Tree Graph (MTG)

- Details at:

[http://openalea.gforge.inria.fr/doc/vplants/newmtg/doc/build/html/user/quick\\_start.html](http://openalea.gforge.inria.fr/doc/vplants/newmtg/doc/build/html/user/quick_start.html)



## 2. Digitized Tree Data (DTD)

- Standard ASCII text file format.
- Each Growth Unit is described in a separate line.

Information and pictures in this section from:  
Shoot Growth and Branching of young Spruce Trees as a function of  
The two predictors “Shading” und “Growth Density”:  
Data Processing and Analysis with GROGRA (in German)  
– W.Kurth, G.A.Jürgenson, 1997



## 2. Digitized Tree Data (DTD)

- Each line begins with an identifier.
- Identifier consists of alpha-numeric characters.
- Each identifier is unique.

**C1** L80 #a A25 – W50 D1.1



## 2. Digitized Tree Data (DTD)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> specifies length.
- No units specified but normally in mm.
- Begins with 'L'.

C1 **L80** #a A25 – W50 D1.1



## 2. Digitized Tree Data (DTD)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> specifies the identifier of the parent Growth Unit.
- Begins with '#’.

C1 L80 **#a** A25 – W50 D1.1



## 2. Digitized Tree Data (DTD)

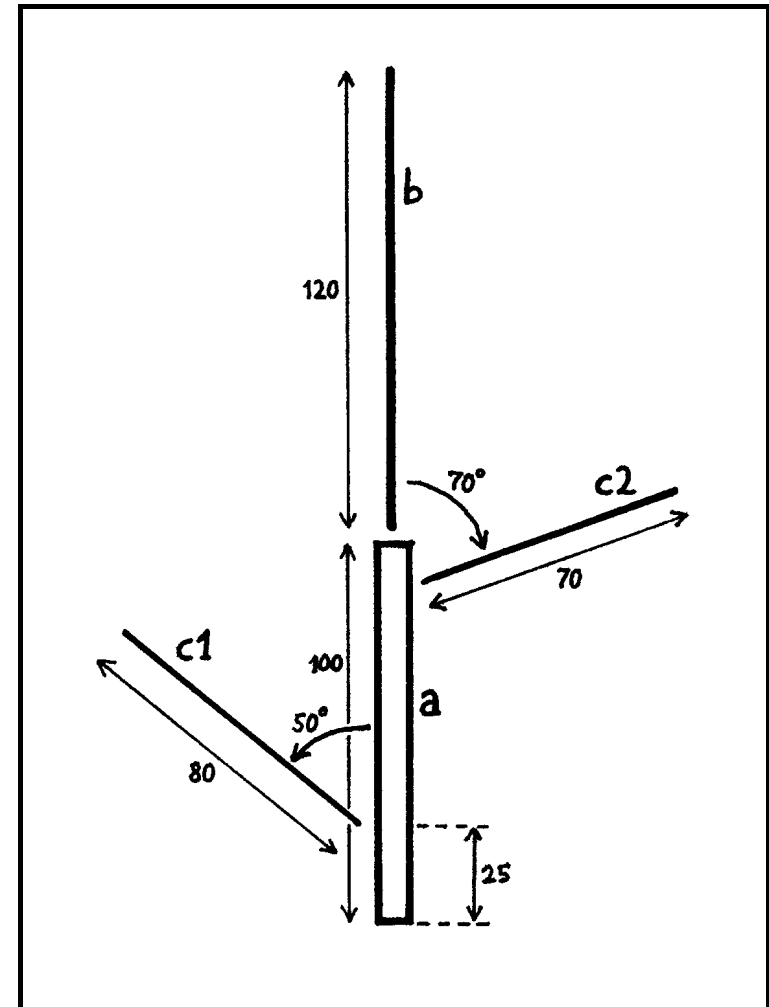
- Followed by optional specifications, e.g.:
  - A : Distance from base of mother unit.
  - B : Number of leaves.
  - C : Color index
  - D : Diameter
  - W : Branching angle
  - etc.

**C1 L80 #a A25 – W50 D1.1**



## 2. Digitized Tree Data (DTD)

<b>a</b>	<b>L100 ##</b>	<b>D2.5</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>L120 #a V</b>	<b>D1.2</b>
<b>c1</b>	<b>L80 #a A25 – W50</b>	<b>D1.1</b>
<b>c2</b>	<b>L70 #a A90 + W70</b>	<b>D1.0</b>





## 2. Digitized Tree Data (DTD)

- Differences with MTG:
  - Each line is independent of previous.
  - Attribute set is fixed.



## 2. Digitized Tree Data (DTD)

- Details at:

[http://wwwuser.gwdg.de/~groimp/grogra.de/  
documentation/dtd\\_code.pdf](http://wwwuser.gwdg.de/~groimp/grogra.de/documentation/dtd_code.pdf)



# 3. Statistical Analysis



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Example file:

- Found at:

[http://openalea.gforge.inria.fr/doc/vplants/newmtg/doc/build/html/\\_downloads/agraf.mtg](http://openalea.gforge.inria.fr/doc/vplants/newmtg/doc/build/html/_downloads/agraf.mtg)



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branch Length - Computation

- In XL console:

```
import de.grogra.mtg.nodes.MTGRoot;  
import de.grogra.mtg.MTGKeys;
```

```
[a:MTGRoot ::> a.plantFrame(3,400);]
```



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branch Length – Computation



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branch Length - Mean and Std. Deviation

- In XL console:

```
import de.grogra.mtg.nodes.E;
```

```
statistics((  
  (* a:E, (a.getObject(MTGKeys.ATT_LENGTH)!=null)*),  
  ((Float)a.getObject(MTGKeys.ATT_LENGTH)).floatValue()  
));
```





# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branch Length - Analysis

- In XL console:

**2935 values in [0.0, 248.68669] :**  
**sum=40246.887,**  
**mean=13.712738,**  
**deviation=11.0813265(80.810455%),**  
**skewness=5.2317533**




# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branch Length – Frequency Distribution

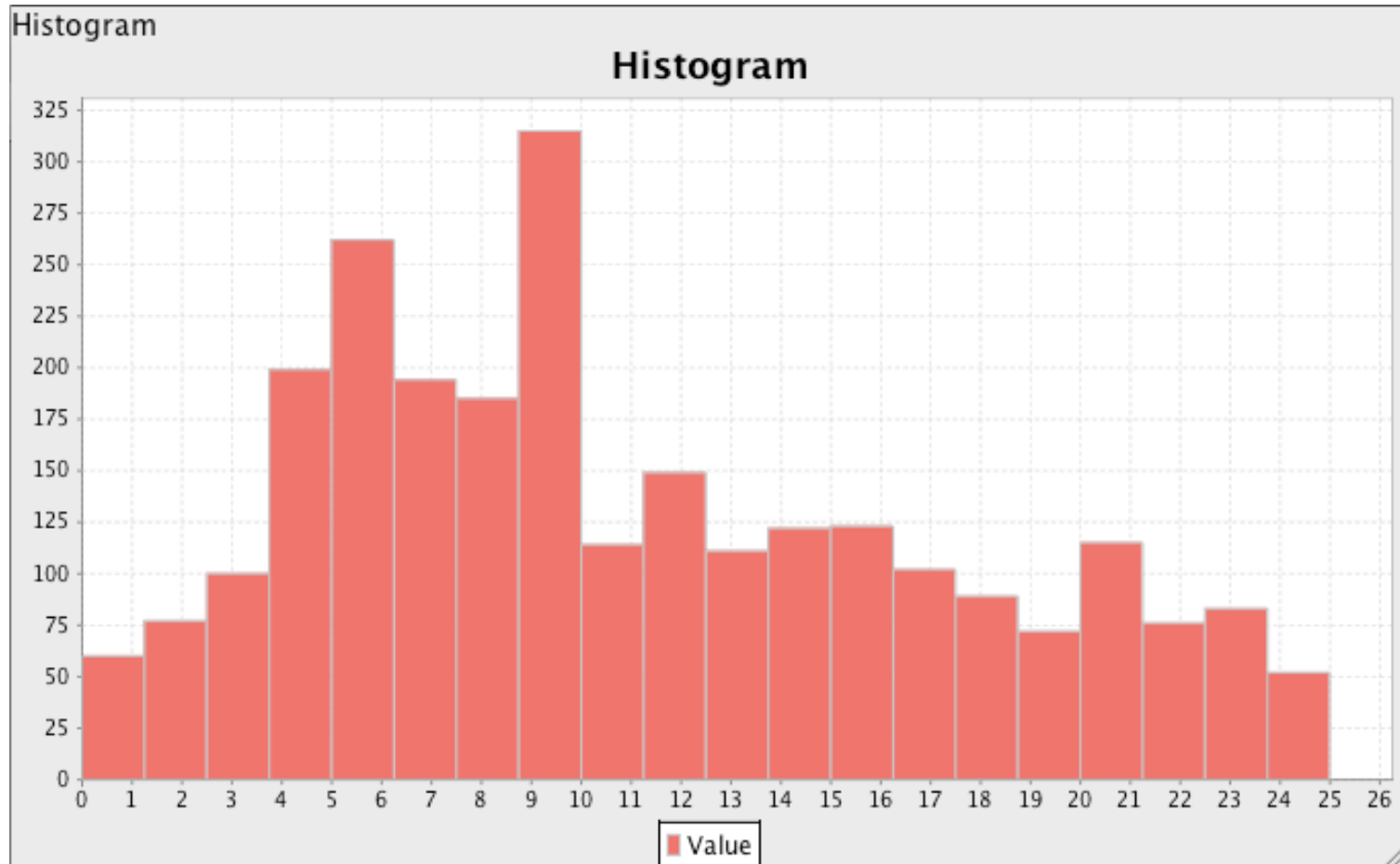
- In XL console:

```
import de.grogra.pf.data.DatasetRef;  
import de.grogra.pf.ui.ChartPanel;  
DatasetRef myChartHISTO = new DatasetRef("Histogram");  
myChartHISTO.clear().setColumnKey(0,"Value");  
myChartHISTO.setHistogramBins(0, 0, 25, 20);  
//int col, double min, double max, int count  
myChartHISTO << (*E*).getLength();  
chart(myChartHISTO, HISTOGRAM);
```



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branch Length – Frequency Distribution



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Length-Diameter Correlation

- In XL console:

```
DatasetRef myChartXY = new DatasetRef("Scatter");  
myChartXY.clear().setColumnKey(0,"Value");
```

```
[c:E,(c.getObject(MTGKeys.ATT_TOPDIA)!=null) ::>  
myChartXY.addRow().
```

```
(set(0, c.getLength().floatValue(),  
((Integer)(c.getObject(MTGKeys.ATT_TOPDIA))).  
floatValue()));]
```

```
chart(myChartXY, SCATTER_PLOT);
```

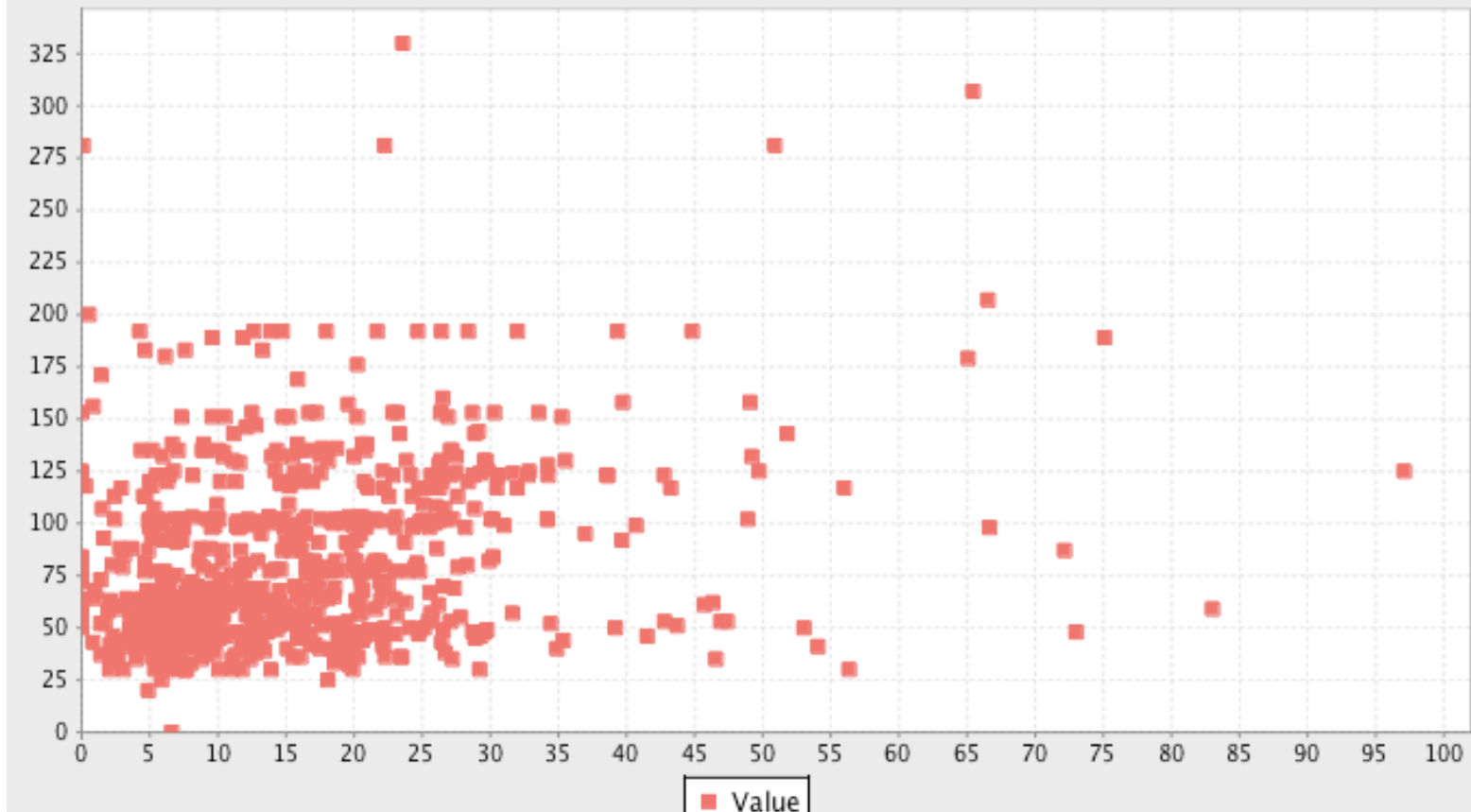


# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Length-Diameter Correlation

Scatter



Scatter



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branching Angle

```
statistics((( * c1:E [c2:E],  
((c1.getObject(MTGKeys.ATT_DIRECTION PRI)  
!=null)  
&&(c2.getObject(MTGKeys.ATT_DIRECTION PRI)  
!=null))*),  
((Vector3d)c1.getObject  
(MTGKeys.ATT_DIRECTION PRI)).angle(  
((Vector3d)c2.getObject  
(MTGKeys.ATT_DIRECTION PRI)))));
```



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branching Angle - Analysis

- In XL console:

443 values in [0.0, 3.1415927] :  
sum=550.99335,  
mean=1.2437773,  
deviation=0.755851(60.770603%),  
skewness=0.27995378





# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branching Angle – Frequency Distribution

- In XL console, clear previous data set:

```
myChartHISTO.clear().setColumnKey(0,"Value");  
myChartHISTO.setHistogramBins(0, 0, 3.1415927, 10);  
//int col, double min, double max, int count
```



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branching Angle – Frequency Distribution

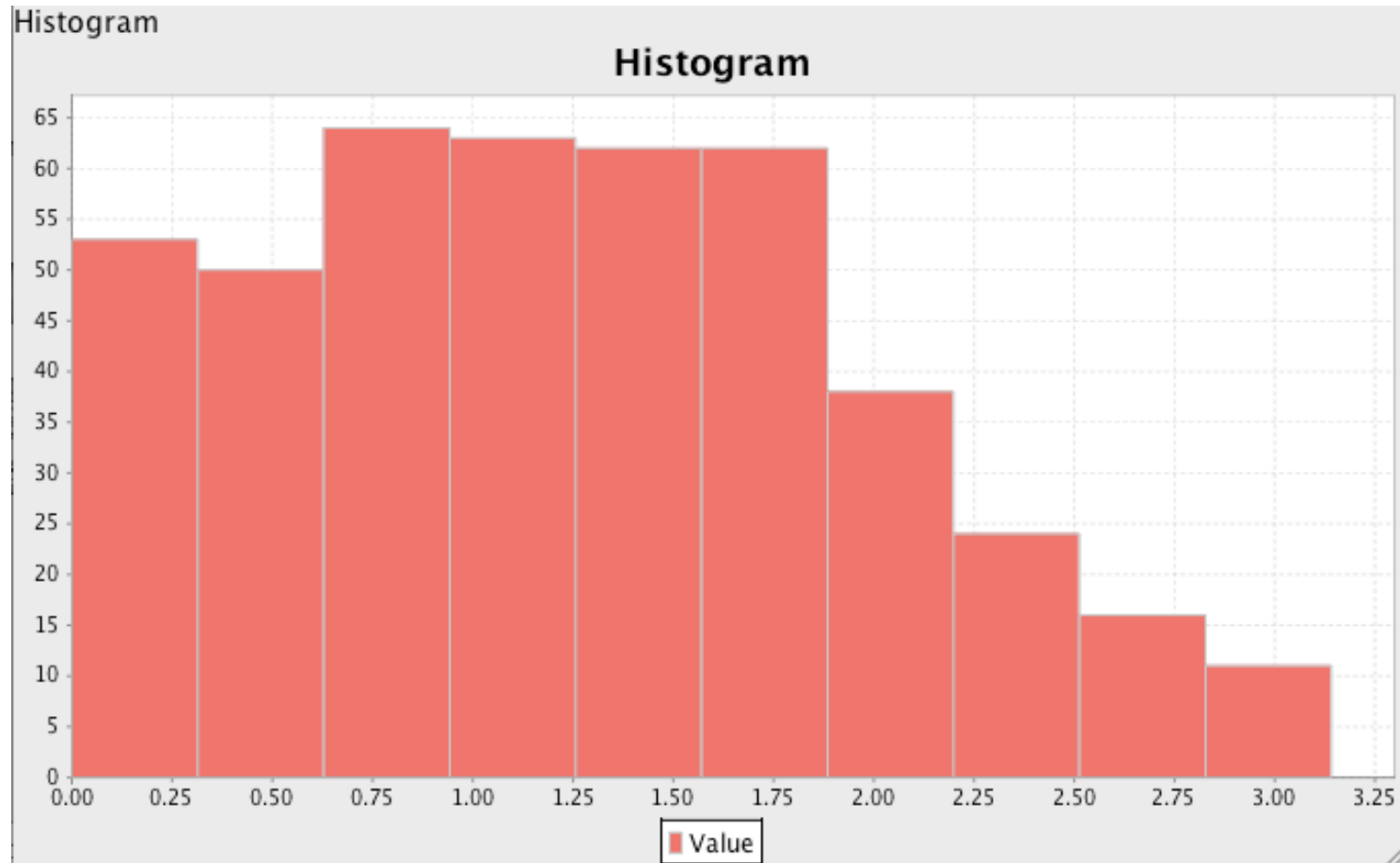
- In XL console, set angle in data set:

```
[c1:E [c2:E], ((c1.getObject(
MTGKeys.ATT_DIRECTION_PRI)!=null)
&&(c2.getObject(MTGKeys.ATT_DIRECTION_PRI)!=null))
::>
myChartHISTO.addRow().set(
0,((Vector3d)c1.getObject(
MTGKeys.ATT_DIRECTION_PRI)).angle(
((Vector3d)c2.getObject(
MTGKeys.ATT_DIRECTION_PRI))));]
```



# 3. Statistical Analysis

## Branching Angle – Frequency Distribution



# We have seen...

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# Thank you!

The End

