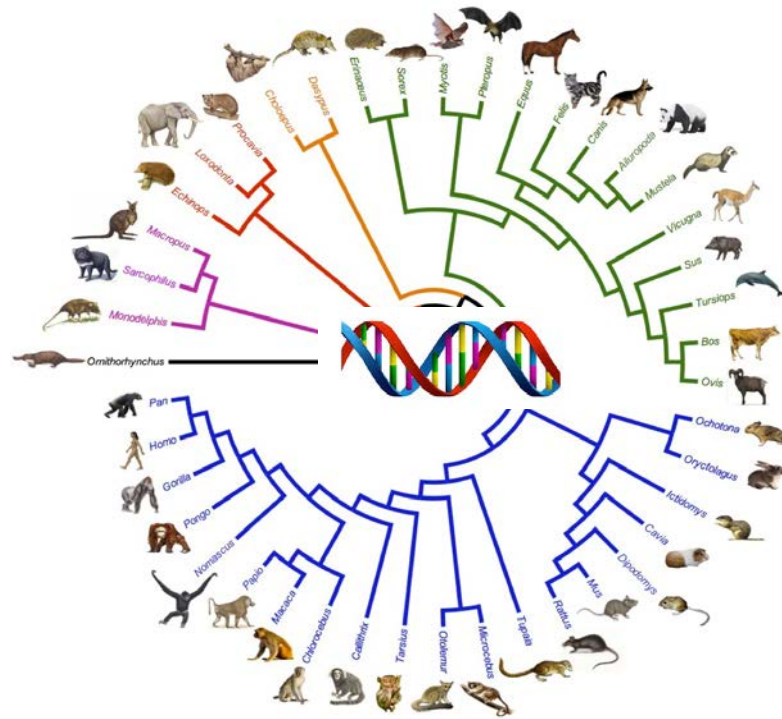


Pourquoi certains groupes d'espèces diversifient-ils plus ou moins rapidement que d'autres?

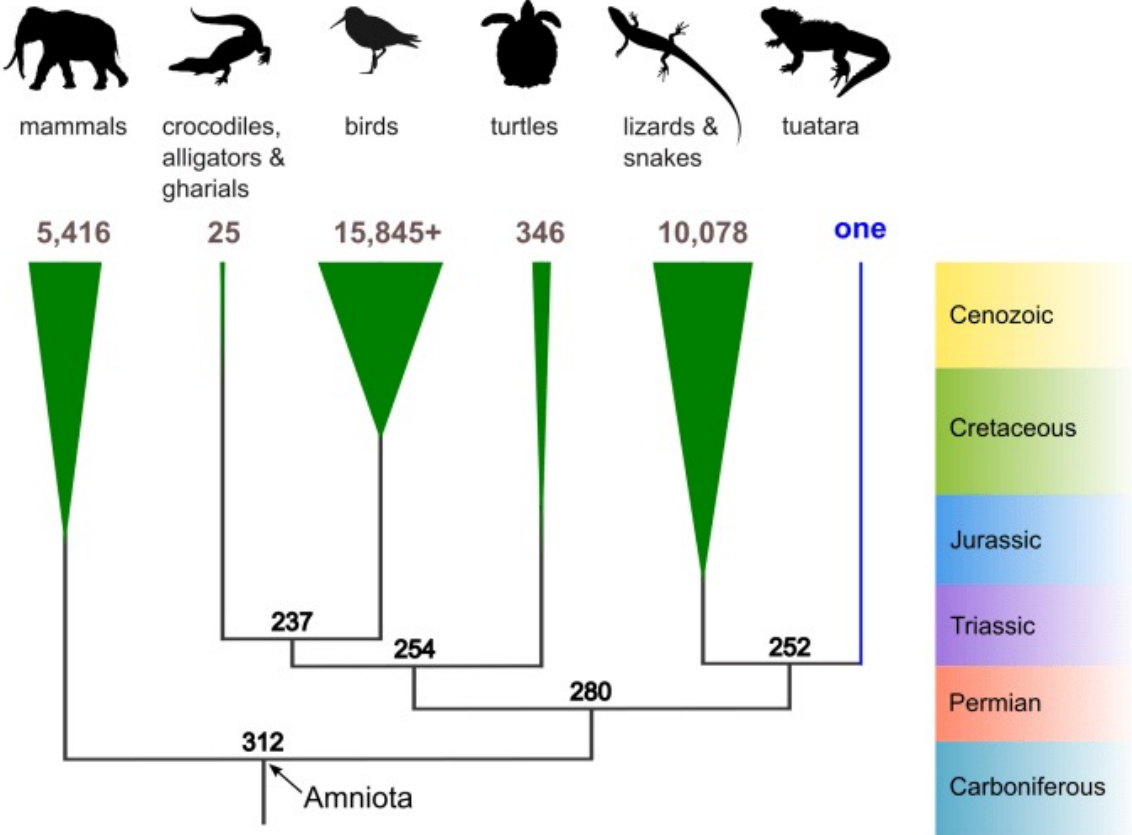


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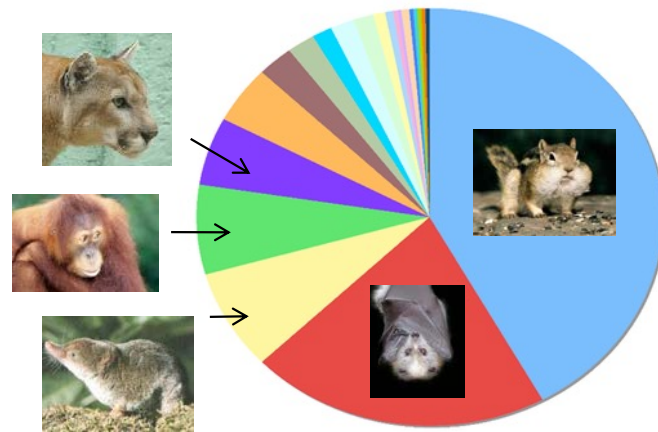


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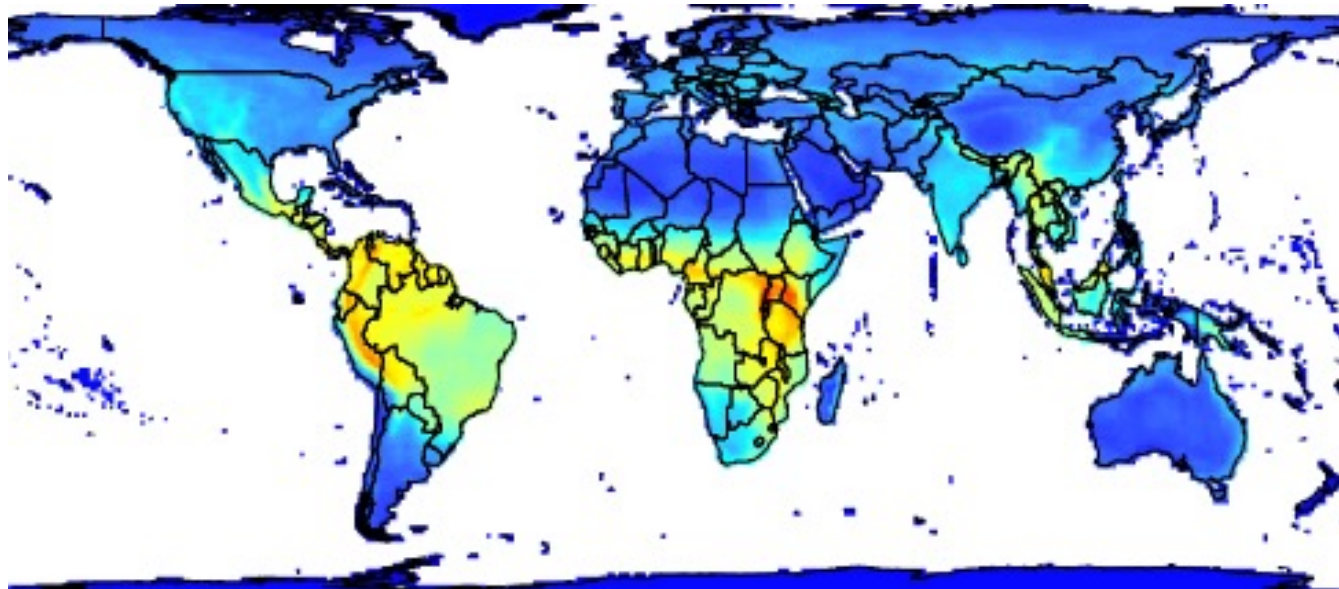
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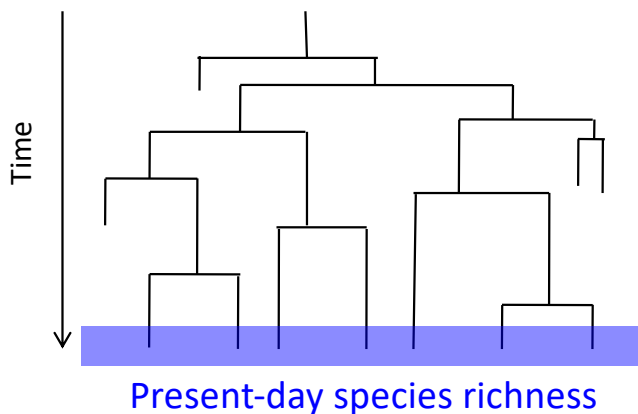
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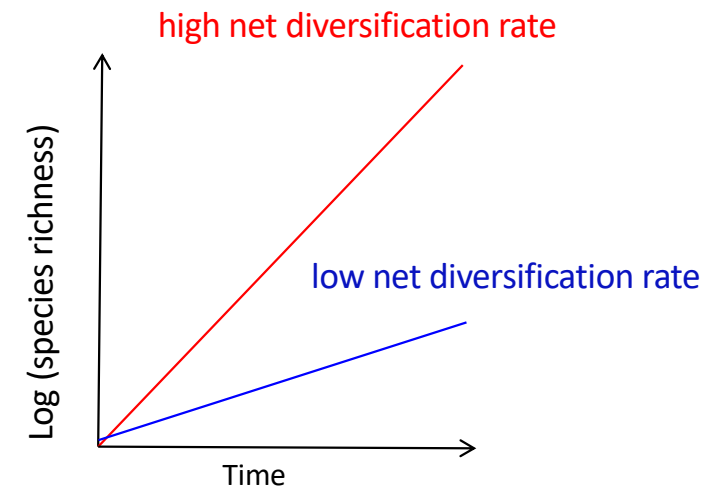
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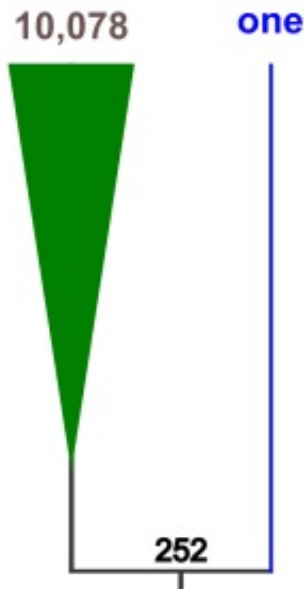
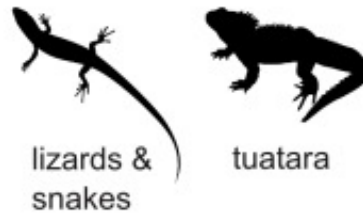
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Have species poor groups always been poor or are they the remnants of a diverse past?

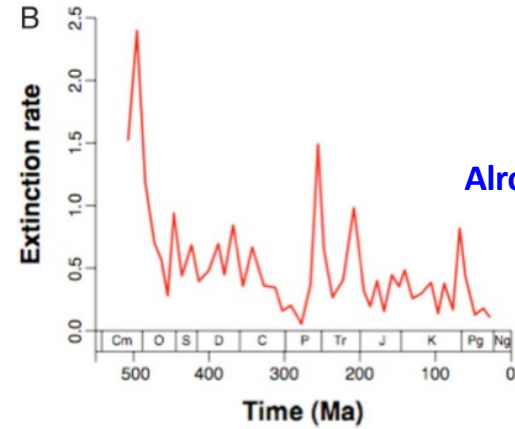
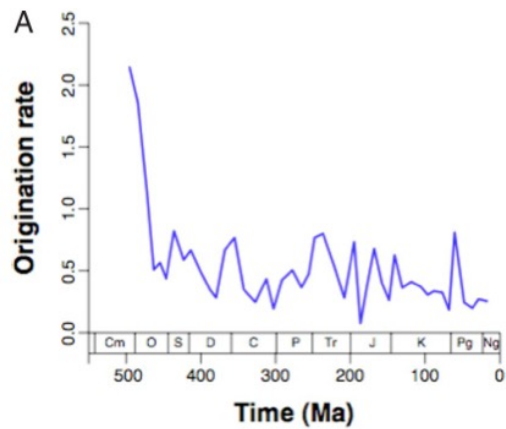


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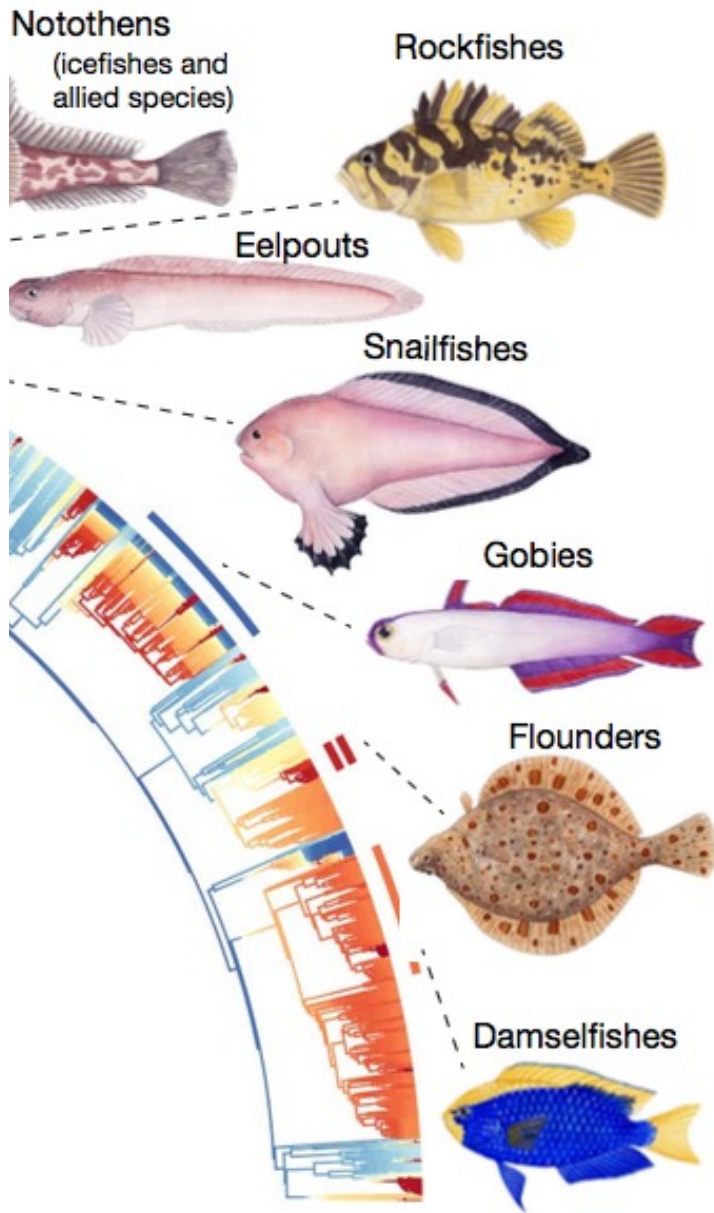
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Many extinction events?

Historically, processes of speciation and extinction have been studied through the fossil record

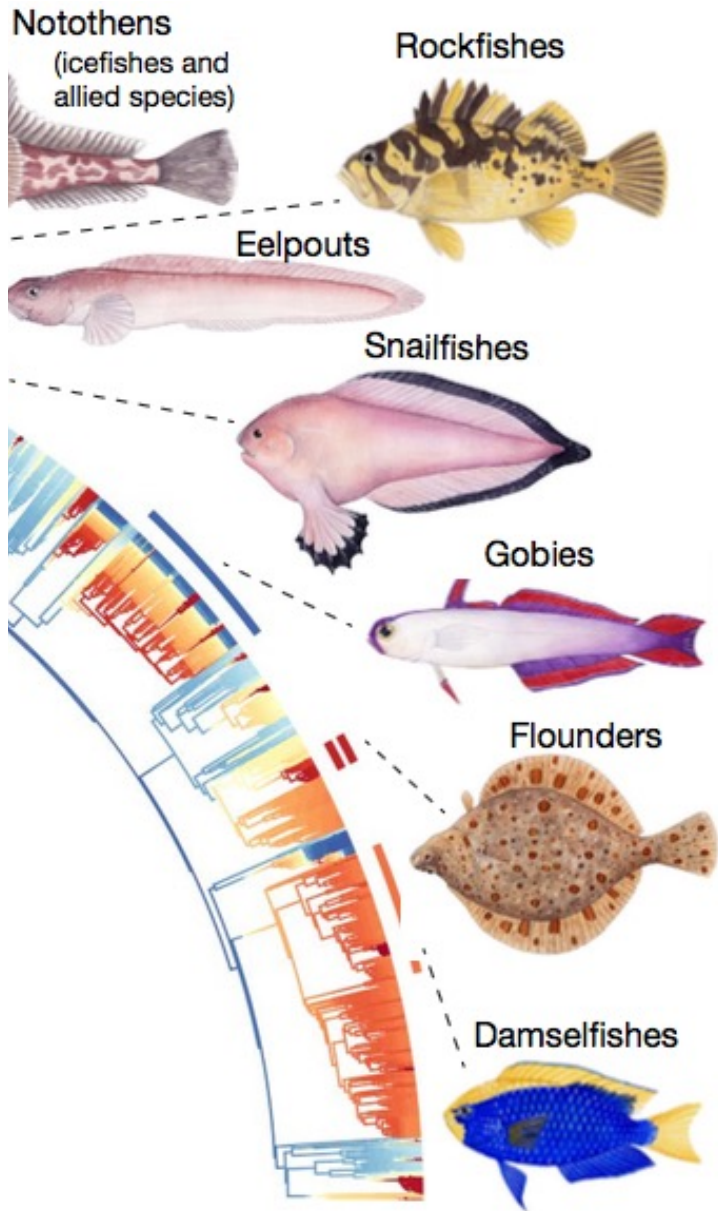


Alroy PNAS 2008

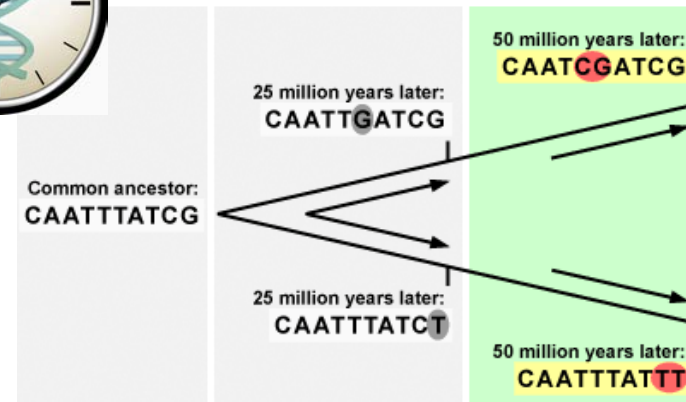


Phylogenies represent the order and timing of divergences between ancestral species that led to present-day species

Phylogenies are constructed from the genetic (and sometimes phenotypic) similarity between present-day species

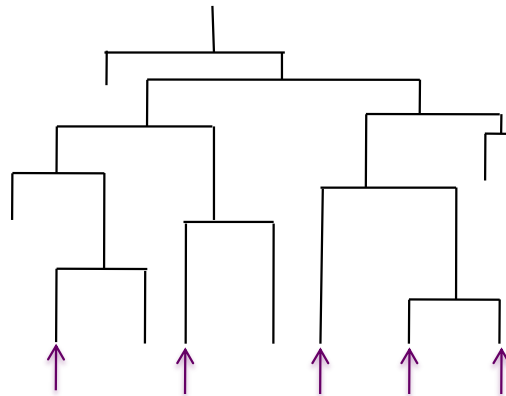


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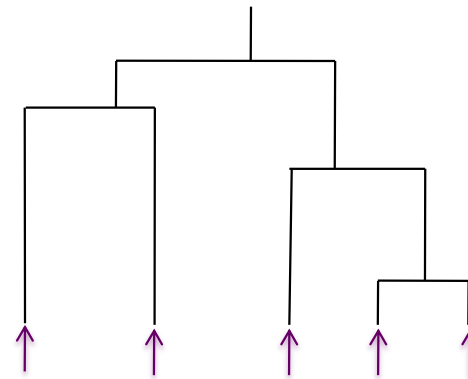


By fitting birth-death models of cladogenesis to phylogenies, we can estimate speciation and extinction rates and how they vary through time and species groups

Stochastic birth-death process



Reconstructed phylogeny



Nee et al. PTB 1994

Ecology Letters, (2014)

doi: 10.

**REVIEW AND
SYNTHESIS**

Phylogenetic approaches for studying diversification

Morlon Eco Lett 2014

Stadler JEB 2013

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Under the homogeneous constant rate birth-death process with speciation rate λ and extinction rate μ , extinction leaves a distinctive signal in reconstructed phylogenies even though extinct taxa are not observed

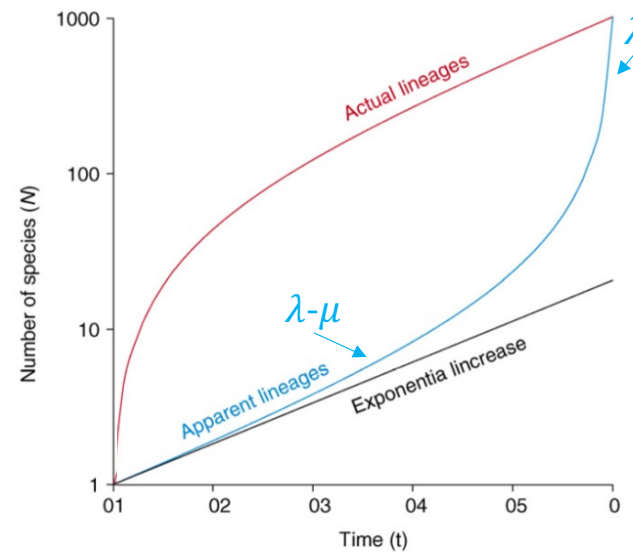
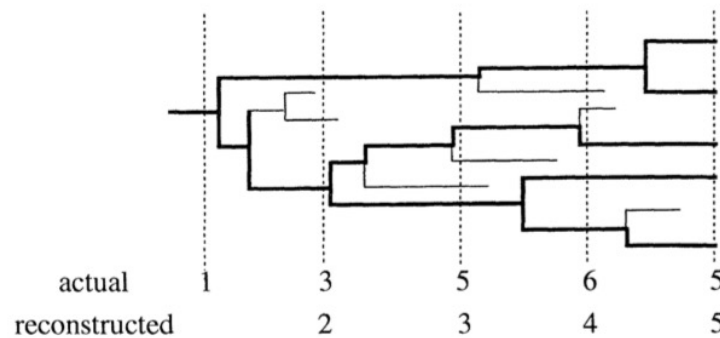


Figure from Ricklefs TREE 2007

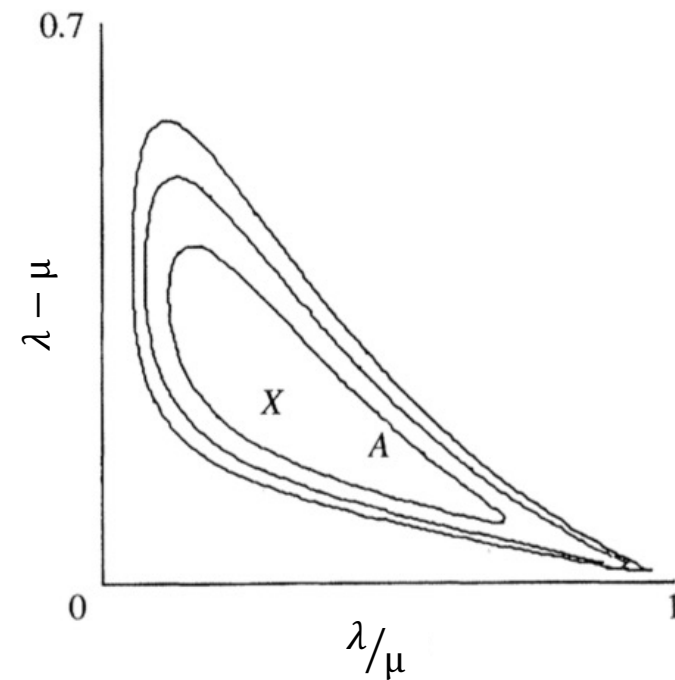
Given an empirical phylogeny, we can compare the statistical support of different diversification models, and estimate parameters of these models, i.e. λ and μ , using likelihood-based statistical inference

The likelihood is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_X(\theta) = f_\theta(x)$$

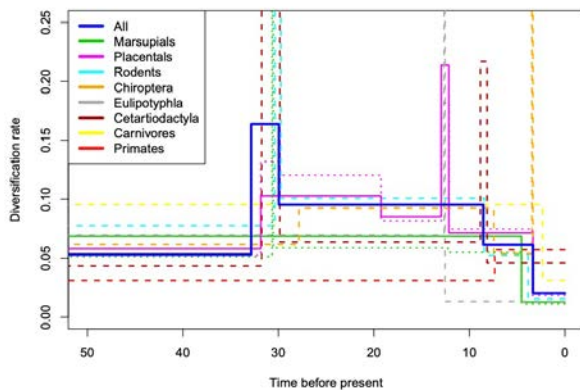
where $f_\theta(x)$ is the probability of observing X under the model for parameters θ

The ML estimate is the parameter θ that maximizes $\mathcal{L}_X(\theta)$



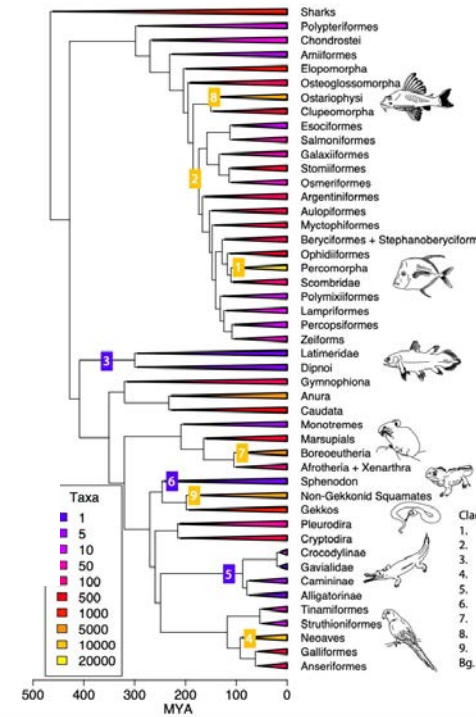
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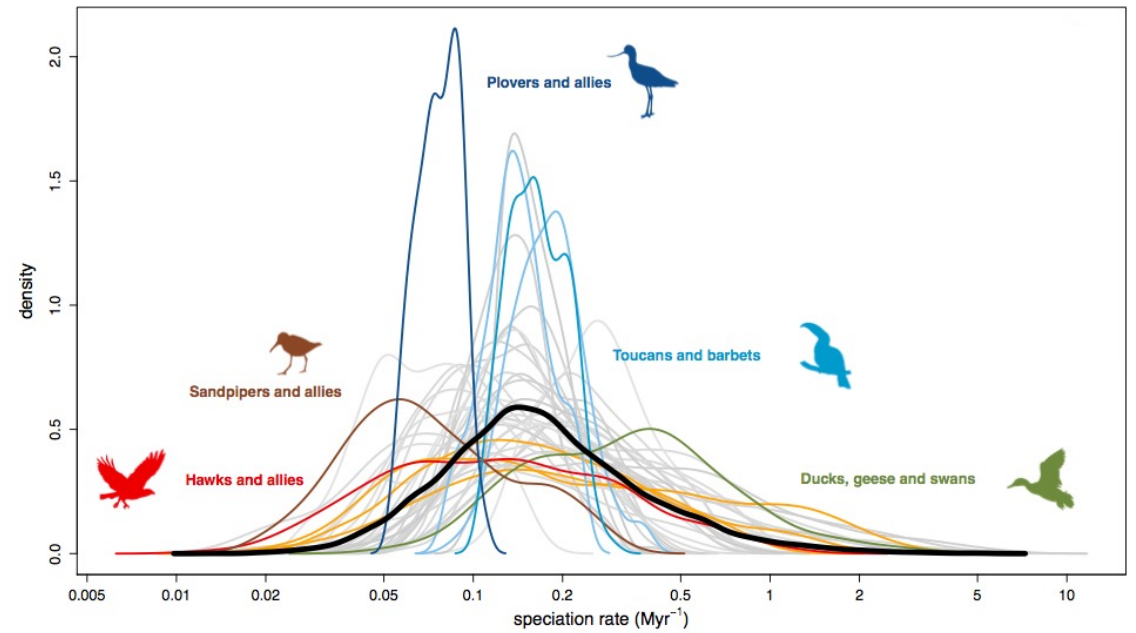
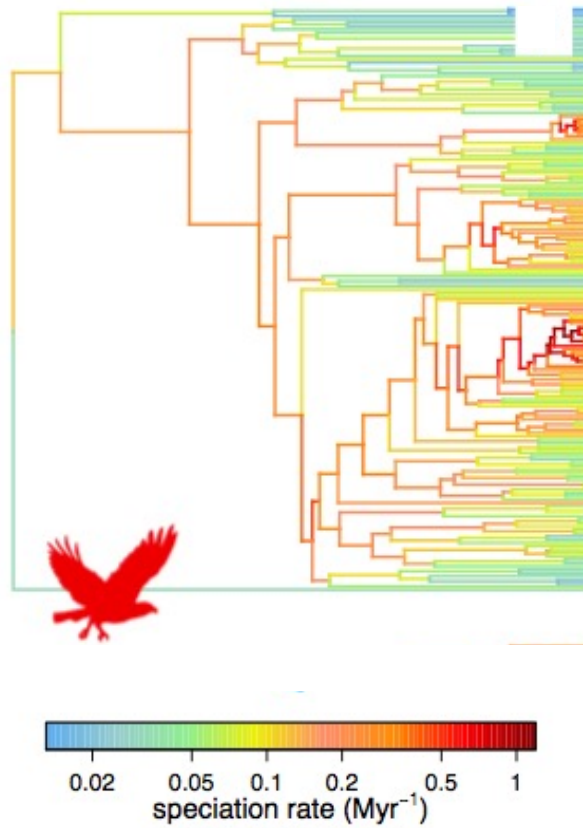
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May *et al.* MEE 2016, etc...

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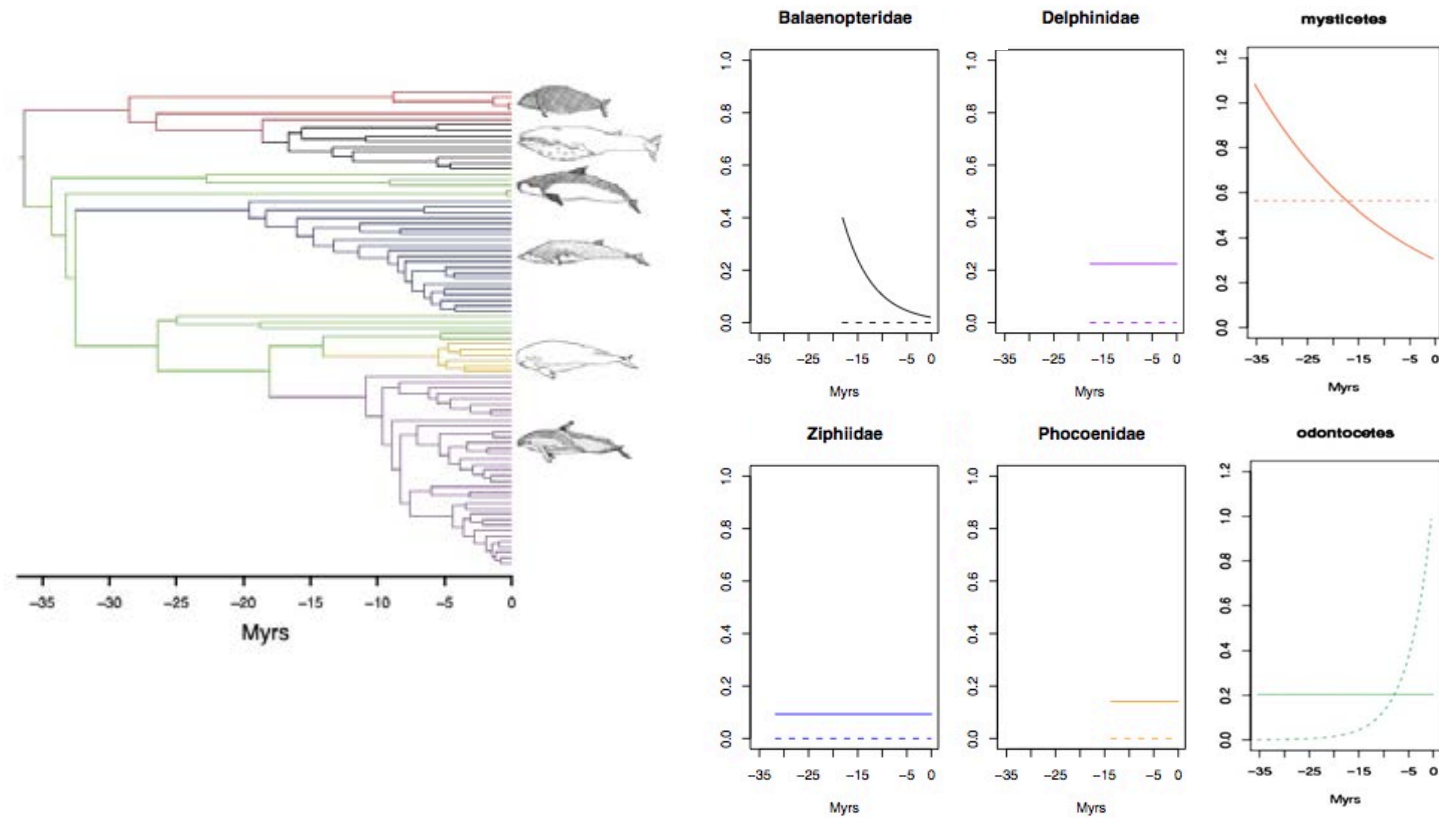
Alfaro *et al.* PNAS 2009,
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Speciation rates vary widely across lineages

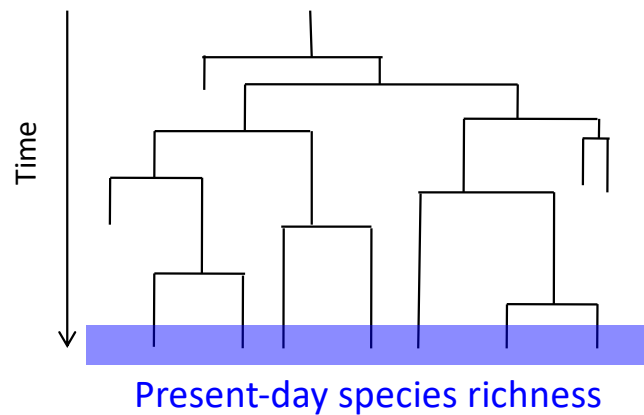


Maliet et al. Nature Ecol Evol 2019

Extinction rates are harder to estimate, but evidence suggests they can vary widely across lineages



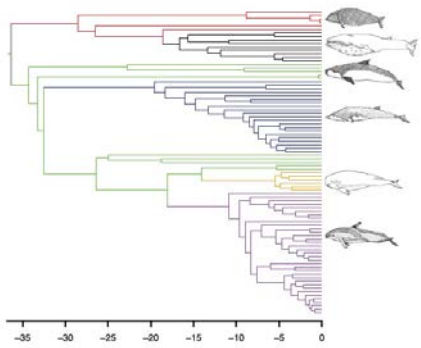
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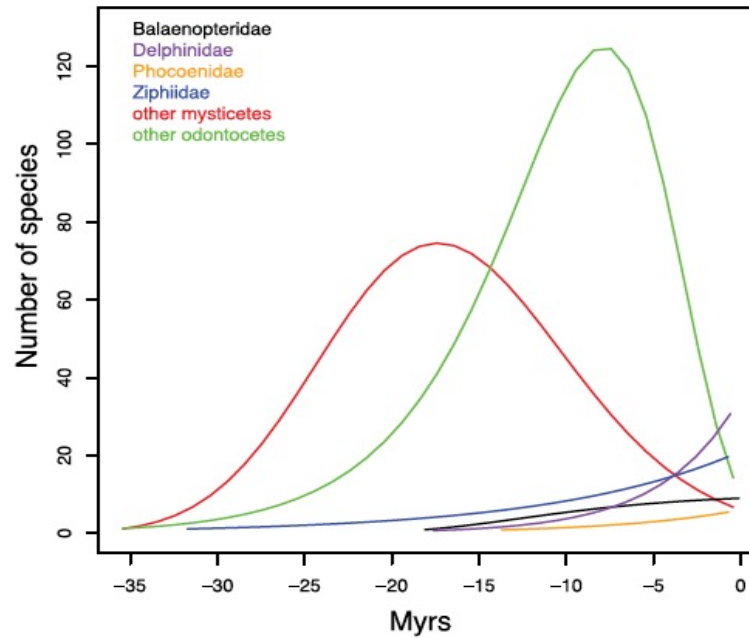
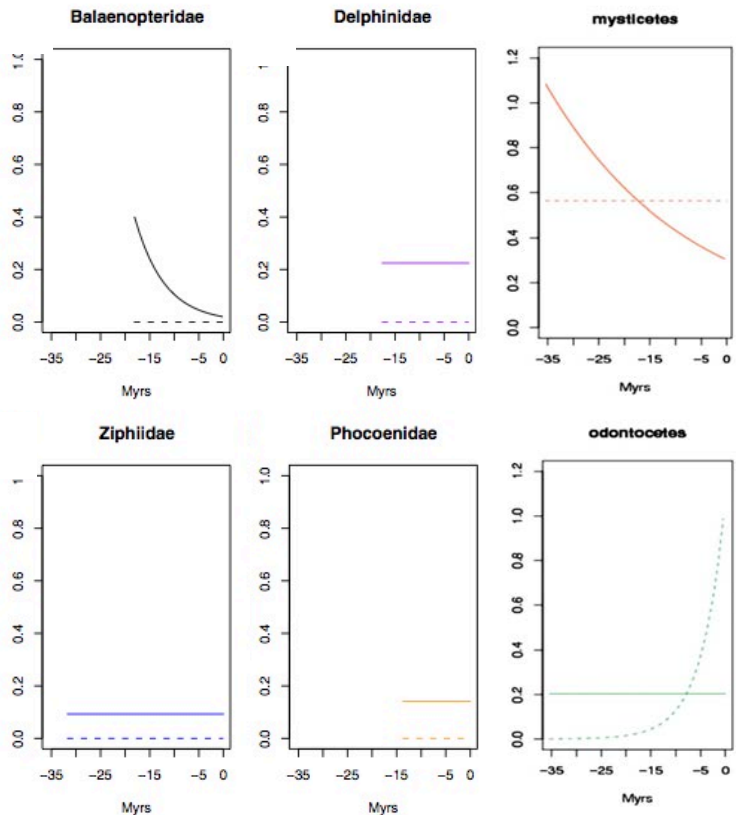
$$N(t) = N_0 e^{\int_0^t (-\lambda(s) + \bar{\mu}(s)) ds}$$

speciation rate extinction rate

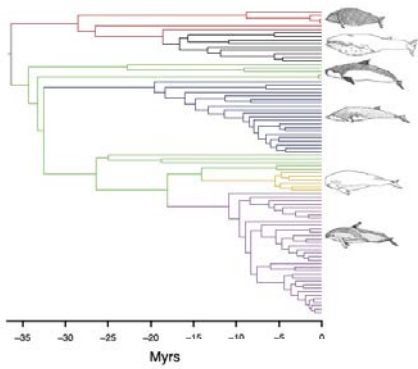
number of species today



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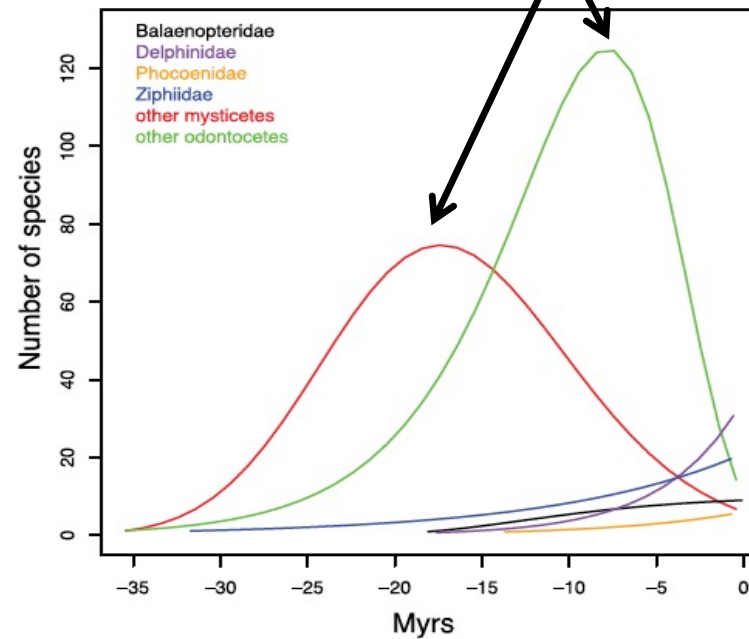
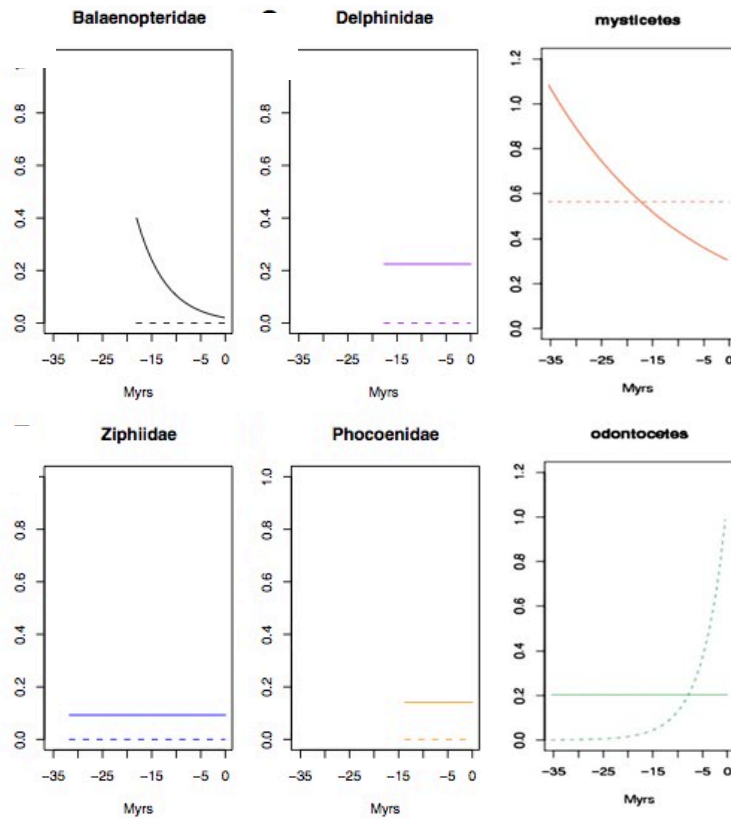


} difference in species richness due to difference in speciation rates



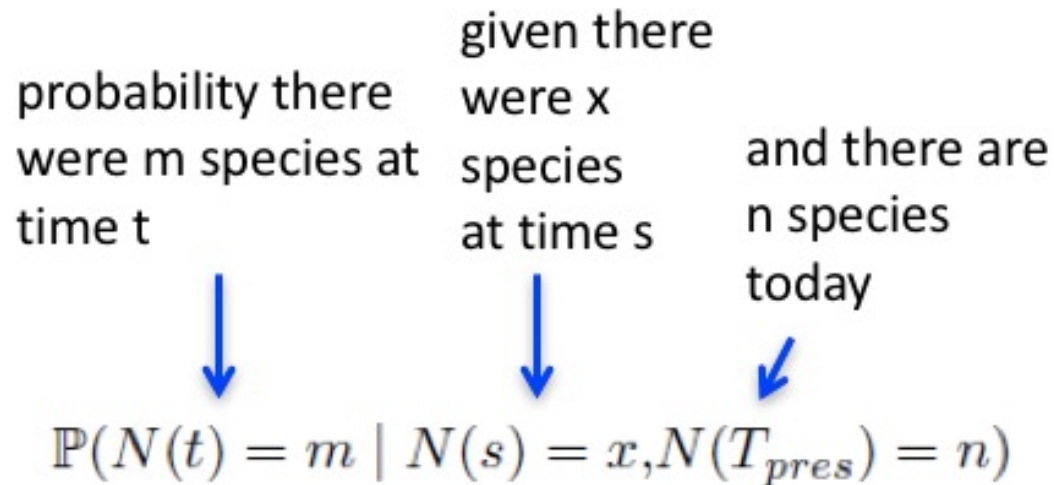
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extinction events play a major role in explaining present-day levels of species richness / species poor groups that are the remnants of a once diverse past



Morlon *et al.* PNAS 2011

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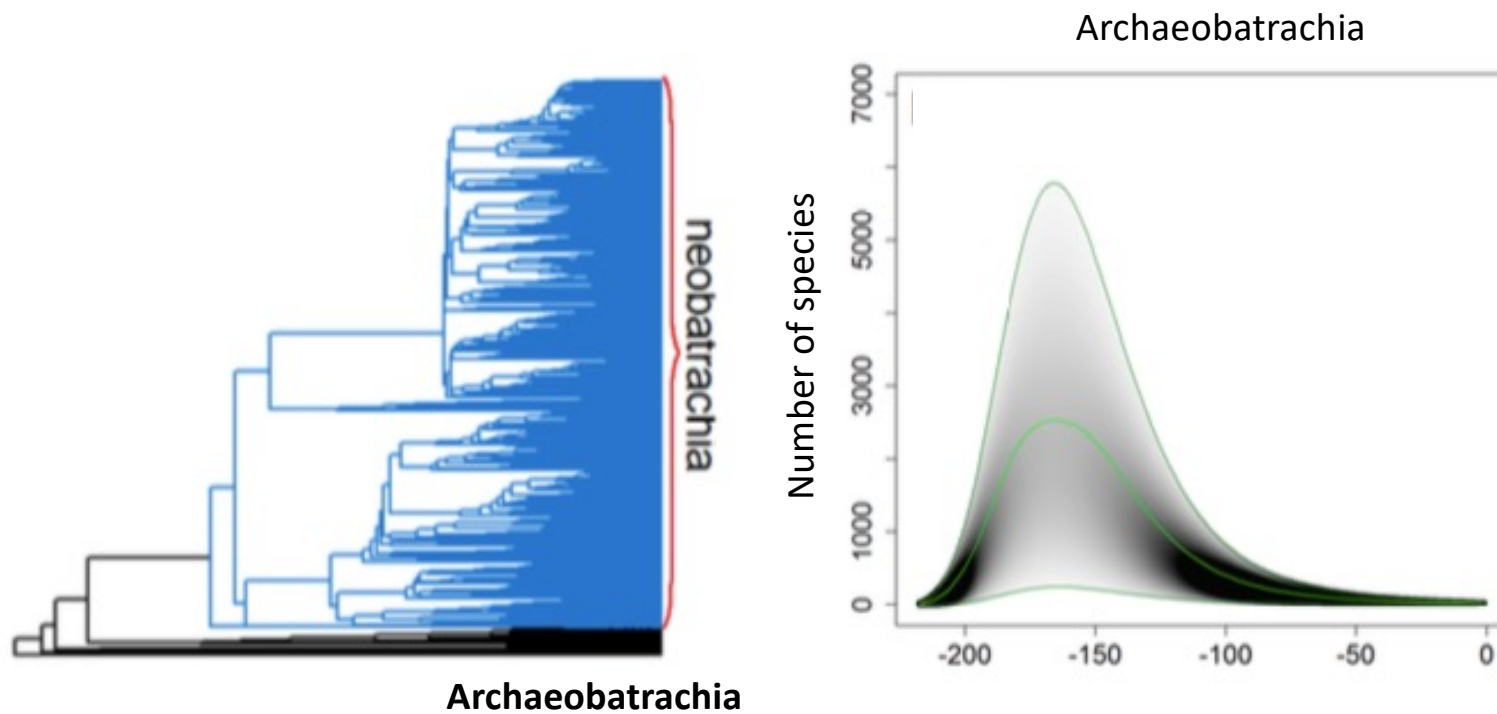


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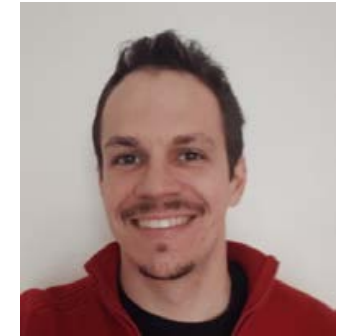
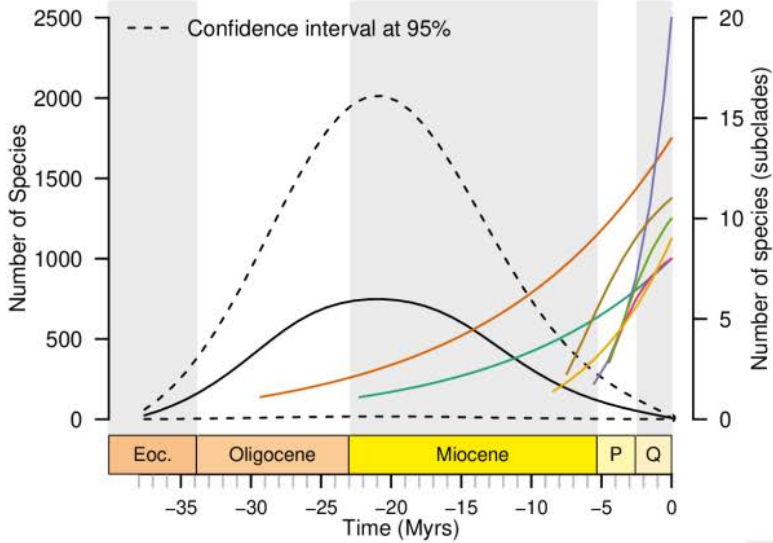


Todd Parsons

Old and poor frog families are the remnant of a diverse past



Other examples of old and poor groups that are the remnant of a diverse past



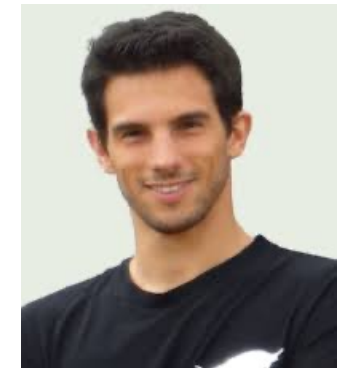
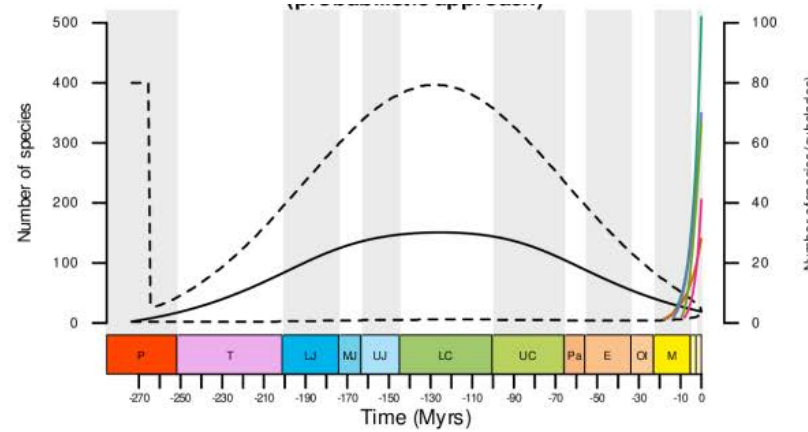
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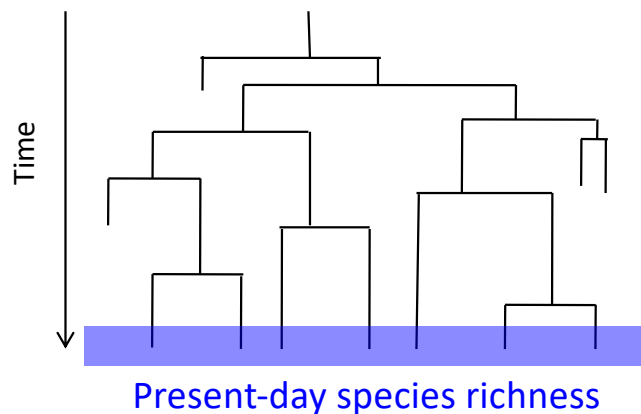


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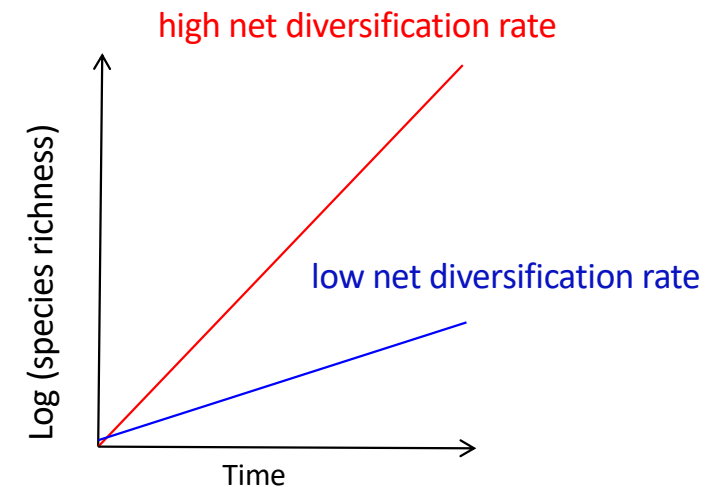
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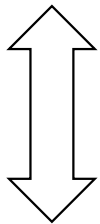
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The Court Jester

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geological context

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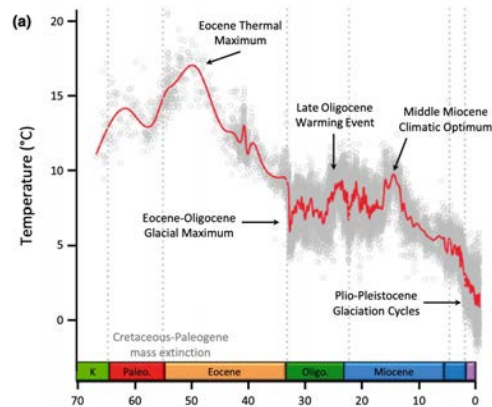
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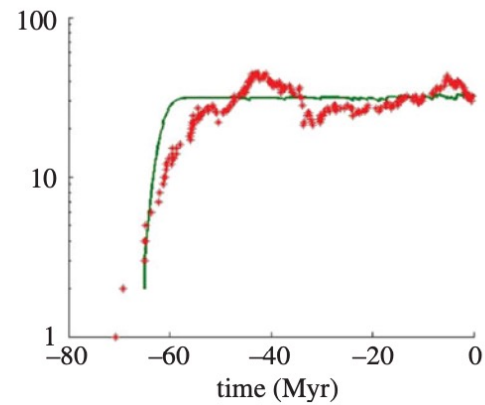
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Species-specific traits
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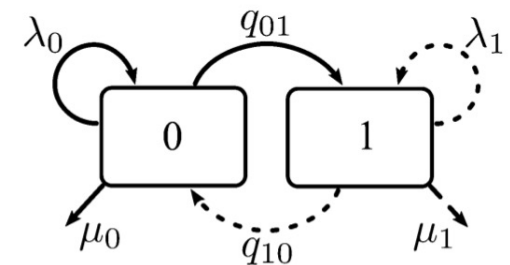
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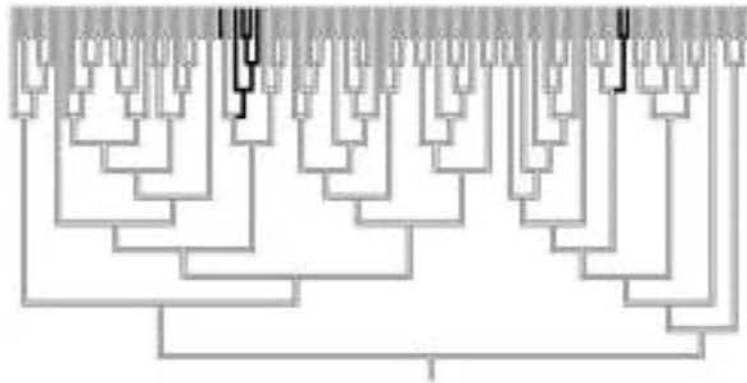
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clonal species
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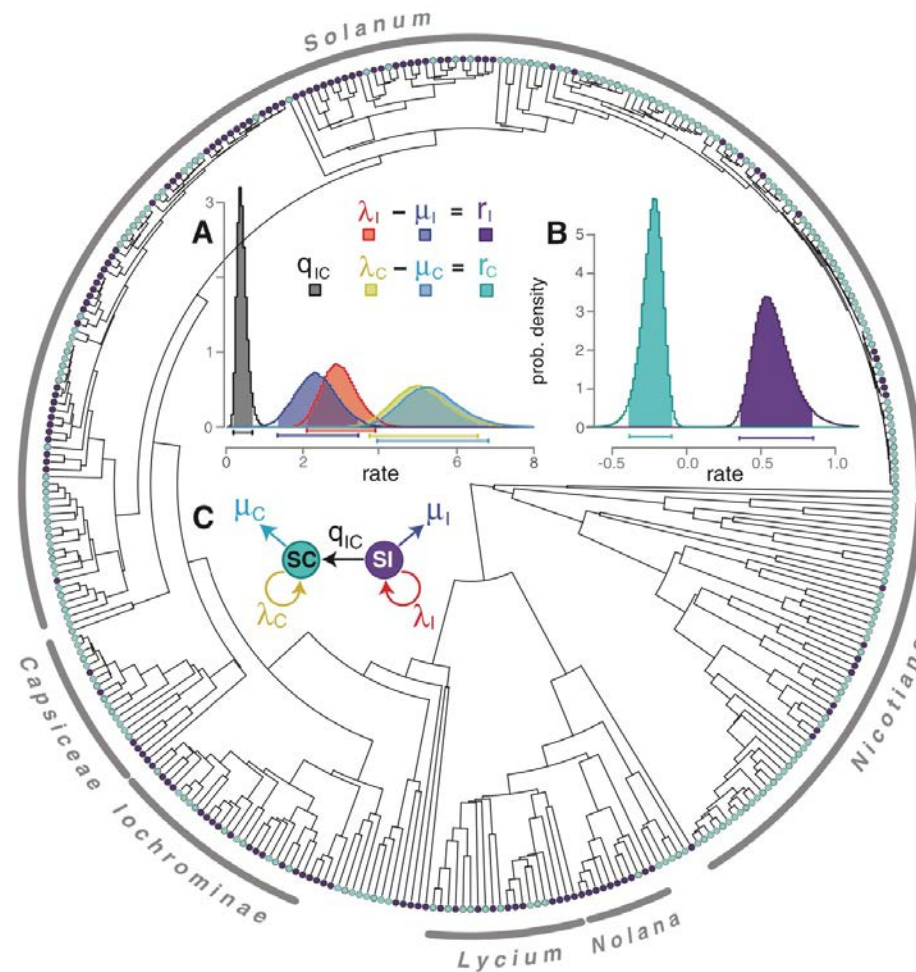


de Vienne et al. 2013 PLoS One

Gouyon & Giraud 2009 Aux origines de la sexualité. Fayard

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Settling down of seasonal migrants promotes bird diversification

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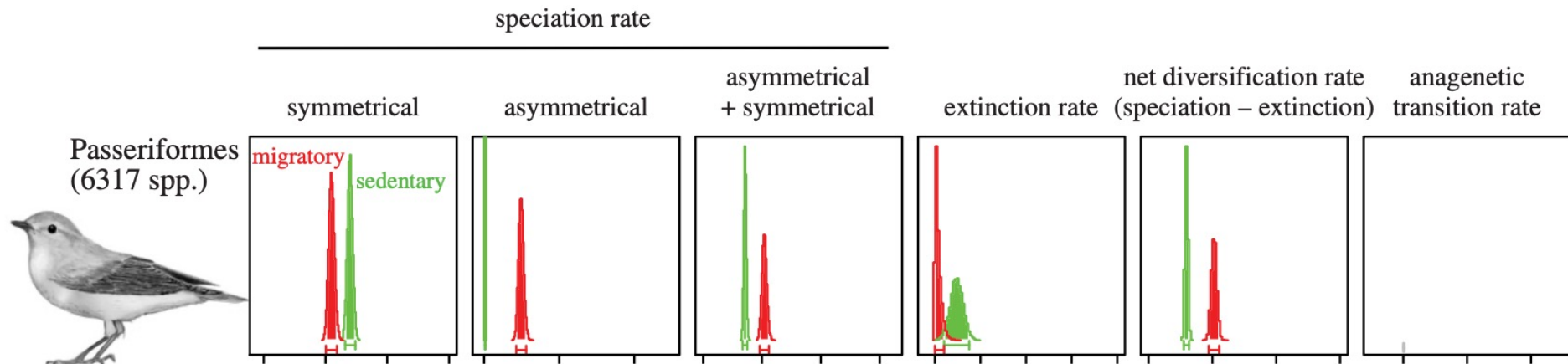
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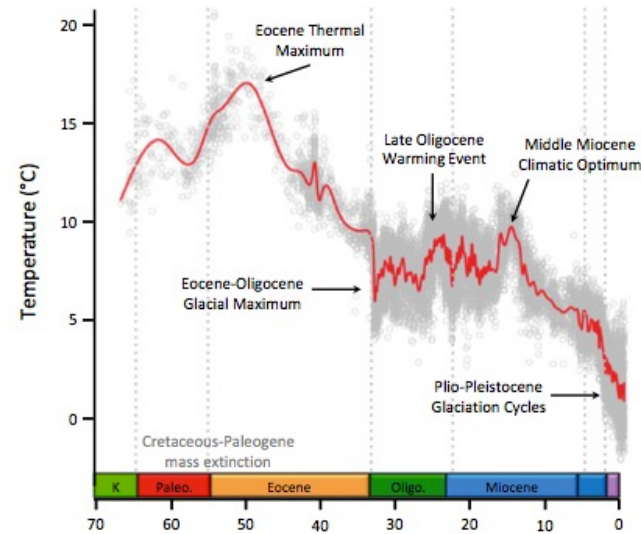
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Abiotic factors, such as climatic changes, can influence speciation and extinction rates



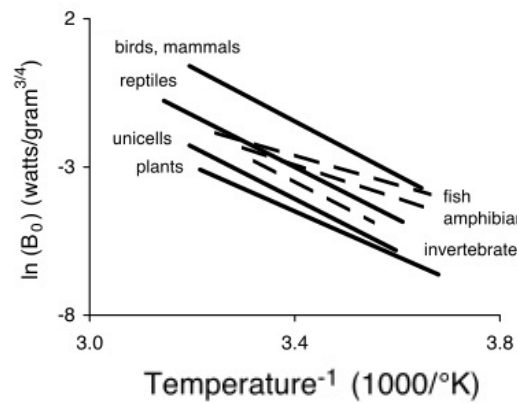
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Temperature affects major aspects of biology through its effect on metabolic rates, body-size, and productivity

Kleiber's law

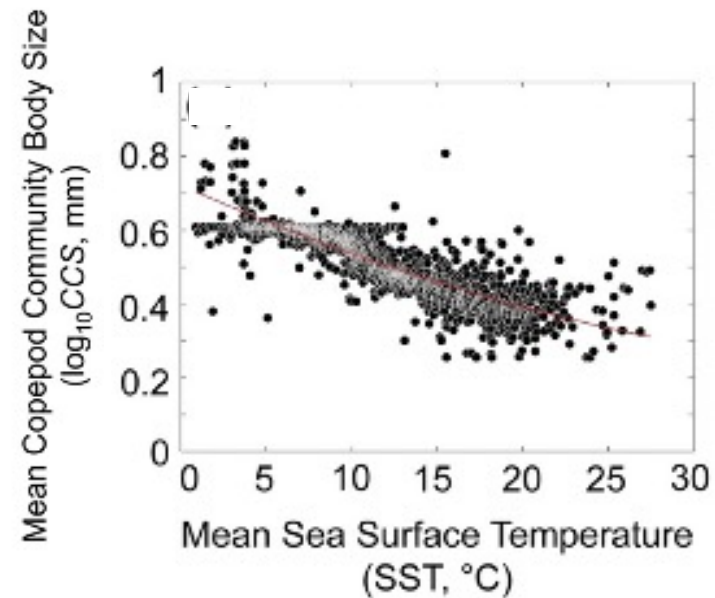
$$B \sim M^{3/4} e^{-E_a/kT}$$

metabolic rate (points to B)
 body-size (points to M)
 activation energy (points to E_a)
 Boltzmann's constant (points to k)



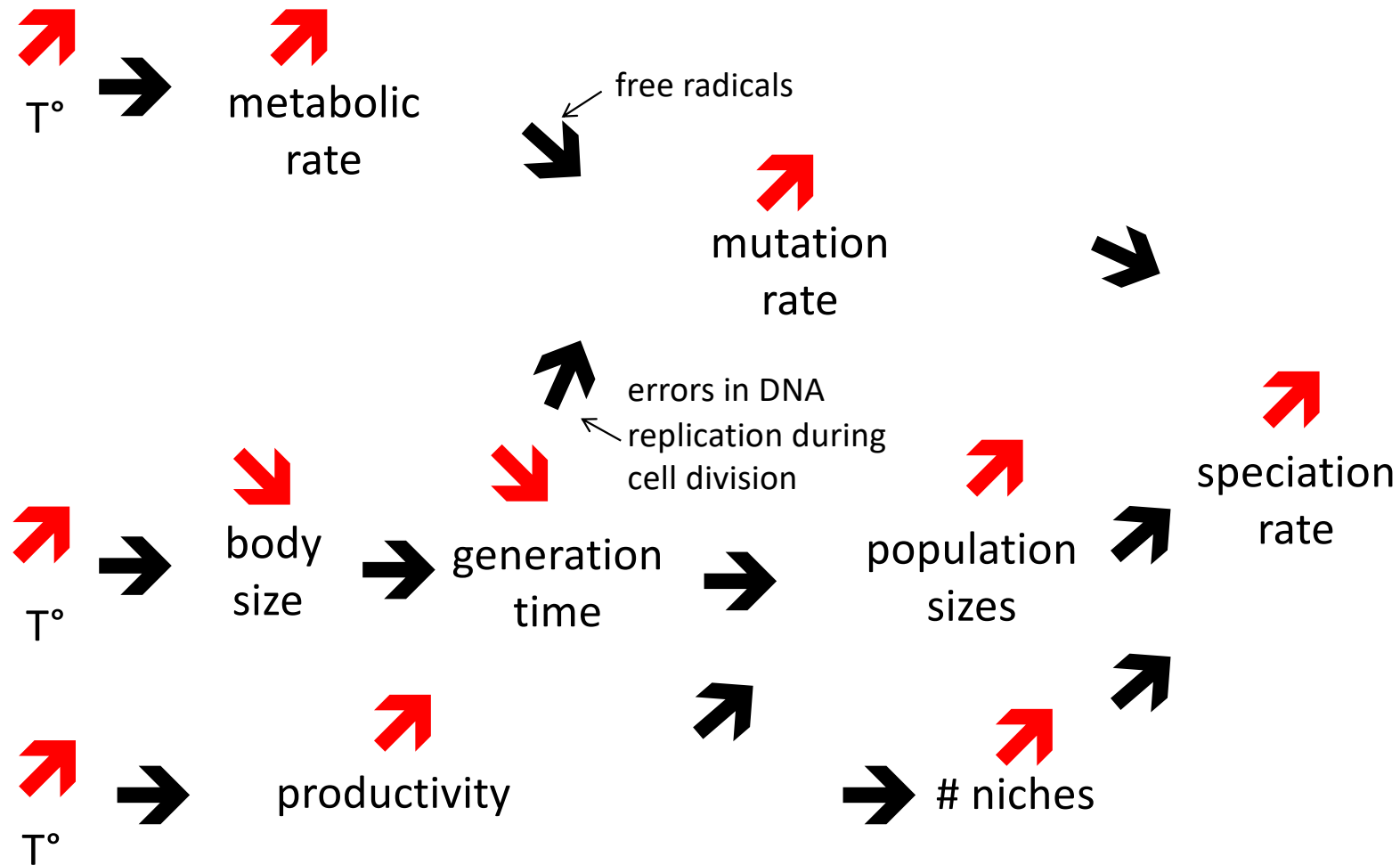
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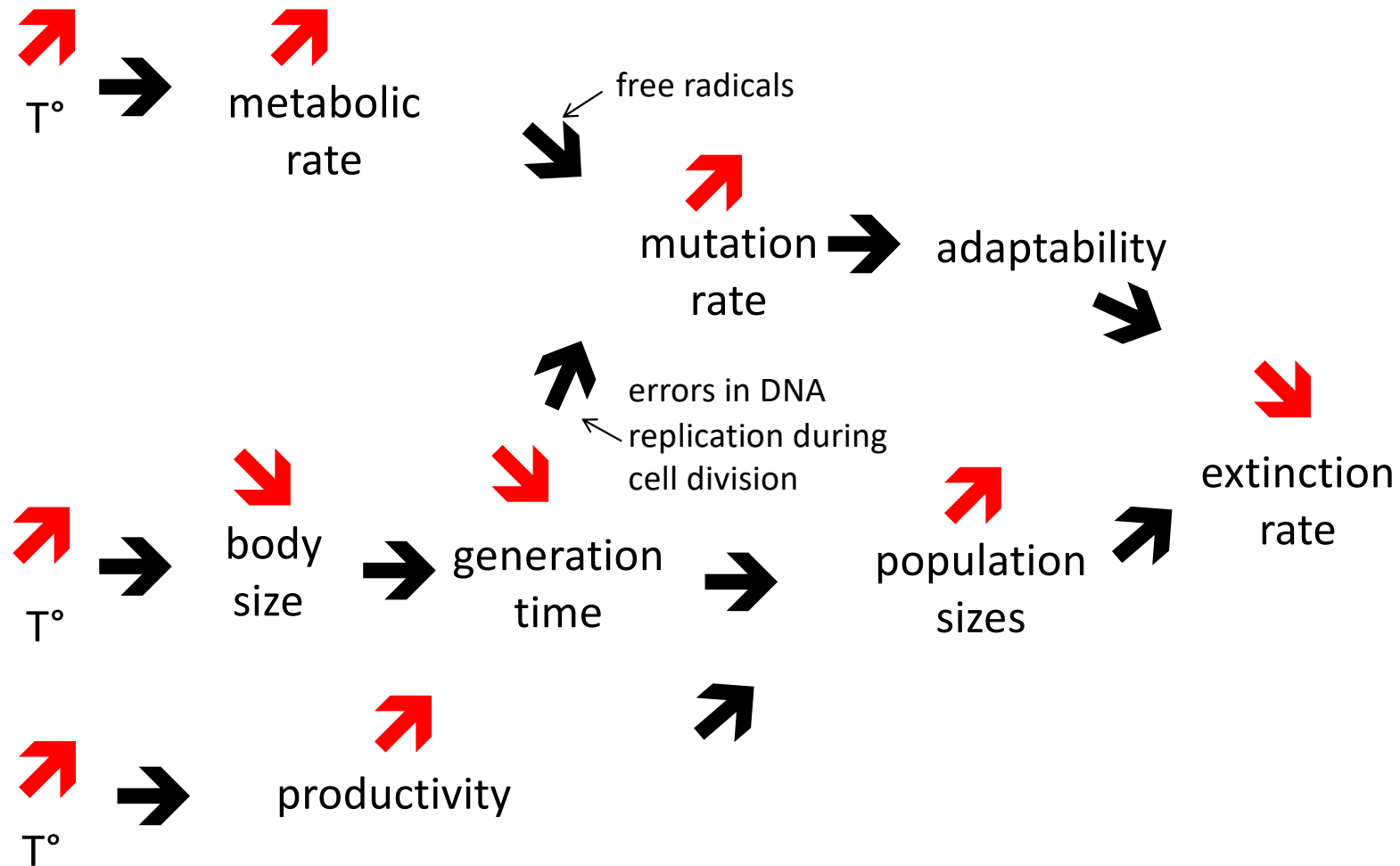


Evans *et al. Ecography* 2019

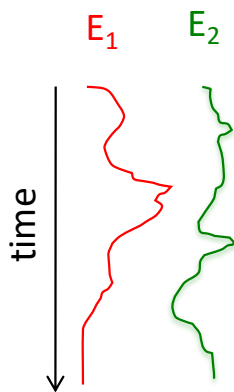
Based on the metabolic, body-size and productivity hypotheses, temperature should (positively) affect speciation rates



Based on the metabolic, body-size and productivity hypotheses, temperature should (negatively) affect extinction rates



Models of diversification with rates that depend on measured (a)biotic variables



$$\tilde{\lambda}(t) = \lambda(t, E_1(t), E_2(t), \dots, E_k(t))$$

$$\tilde{\mu}(t) = \mu(t, E_1(t), E_2(t), \dots, E_k(t))$$



Condamine et al. *Eco Lett* 2013

Lewitus et al. *Syst Bio* 2017

A meta-analysis of the effect of environmental changes on diversification



212 phylogenies across tetrapods



Comparison of 21 models including constant rate diversification models, models with time-varying rates, diversity-dependent models, and temperature-dependent models

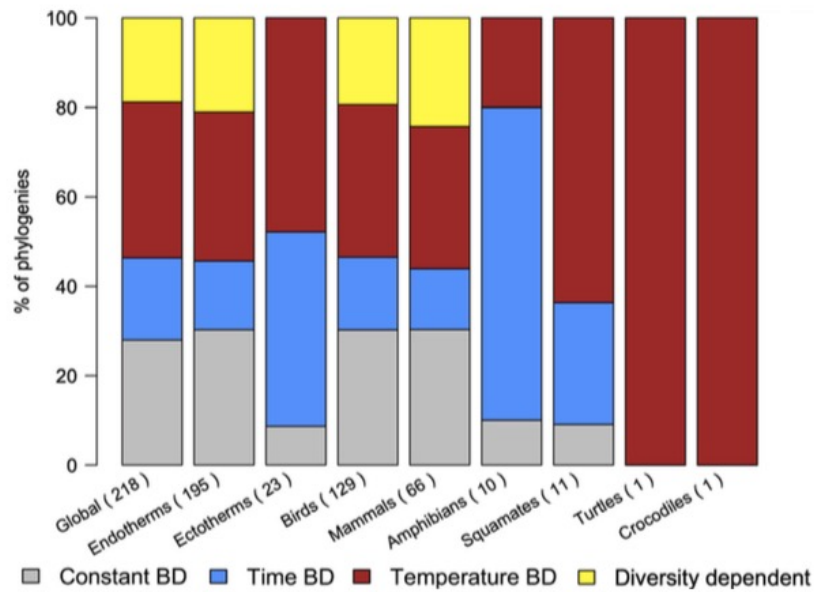
Temperature-dependent models:

exponential dependence: $\tilde{\lambda}(t) = \lambda_0 \times e^{\alpha T(t)}$

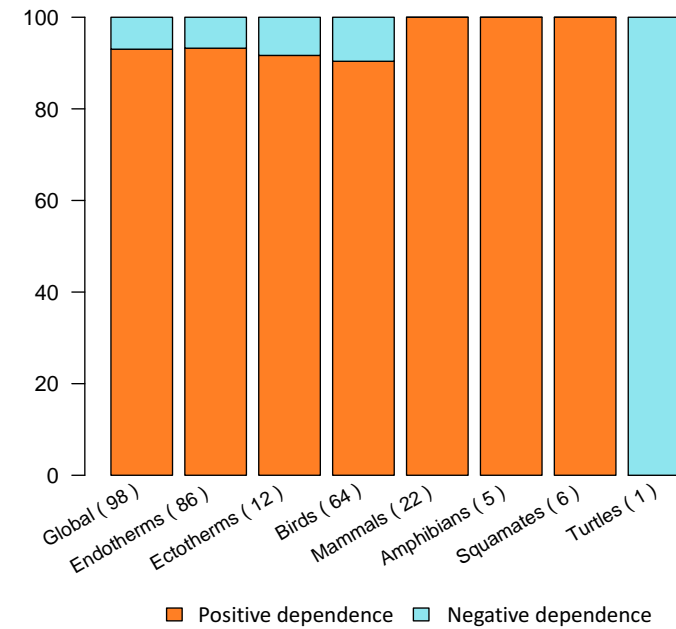
linear dependence: $\tilde{\lambda}(t) = \lambda_0 + \alpha T(t)$

metabolic predictions : $\tilde{\lambda}(t) = \lambda_0 \times e^{\frac{\alpha}{T(t)}}$

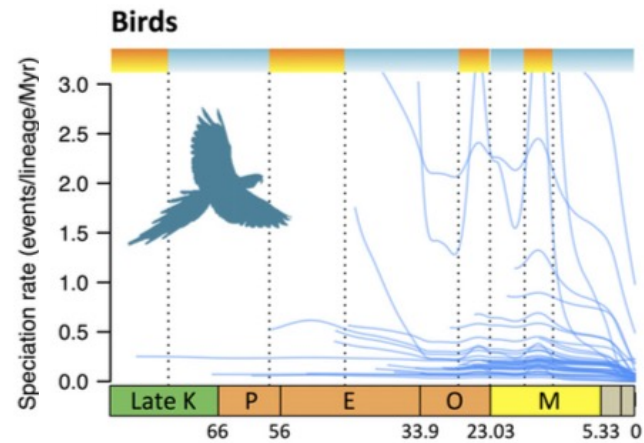
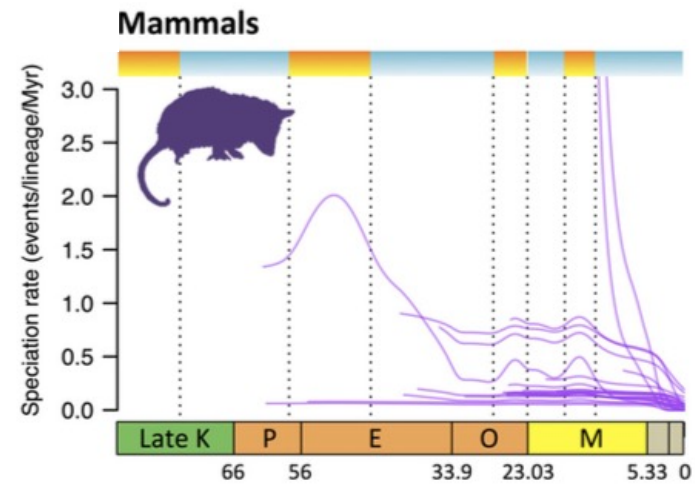
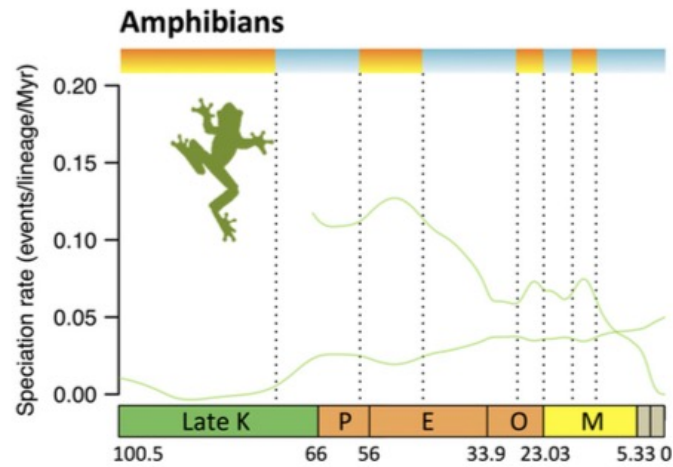
Speciation rates often vary with temperature



Speciation rates are higher during warm geological periods

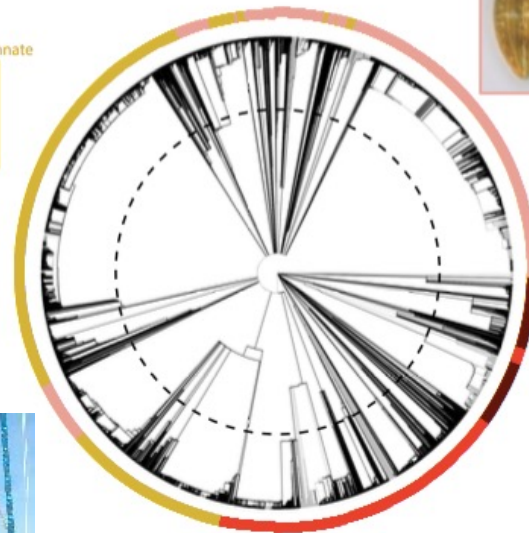
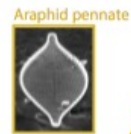


Climate cooling during the Cenozoic results in a slowdown in diversification

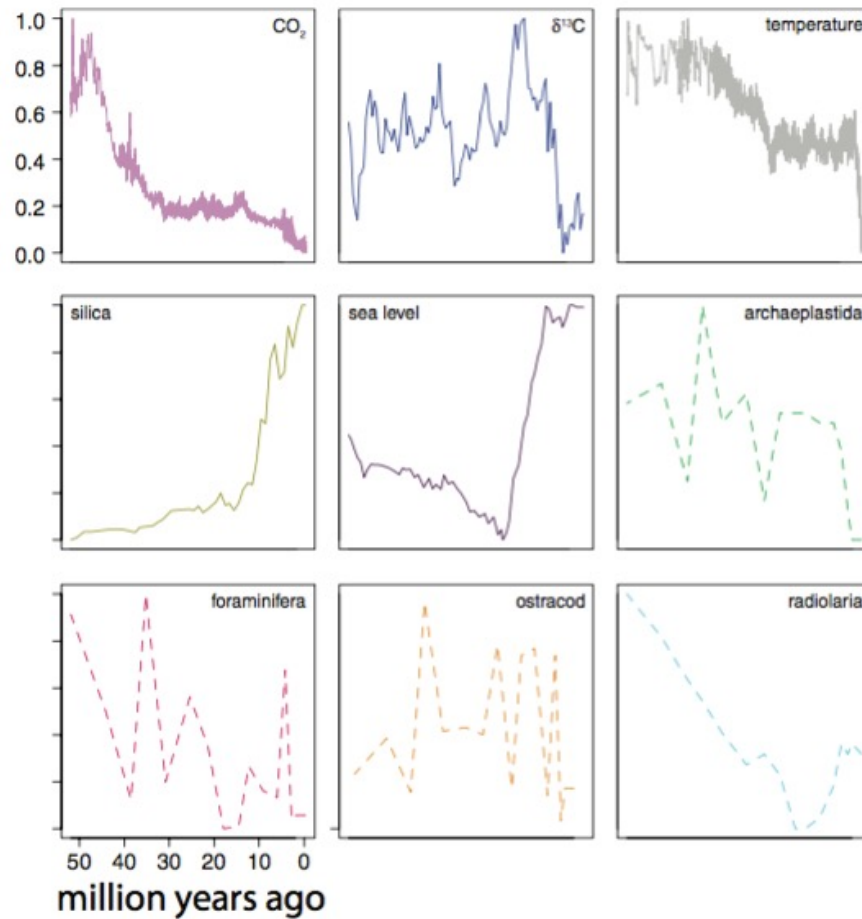


What are the environmental factors that shaped the diversification of diatoms?

« Thoroughly » sampled phylogeny of diatoms (~20,000 OTUs) obtained by grafting metabarcoding data from the *Tara* oceans expedition onto a robust phylogeny of reference sequences

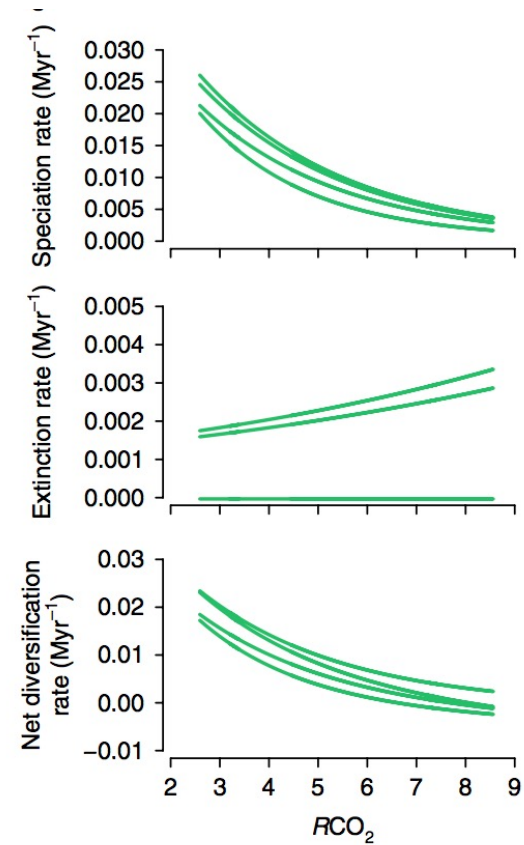
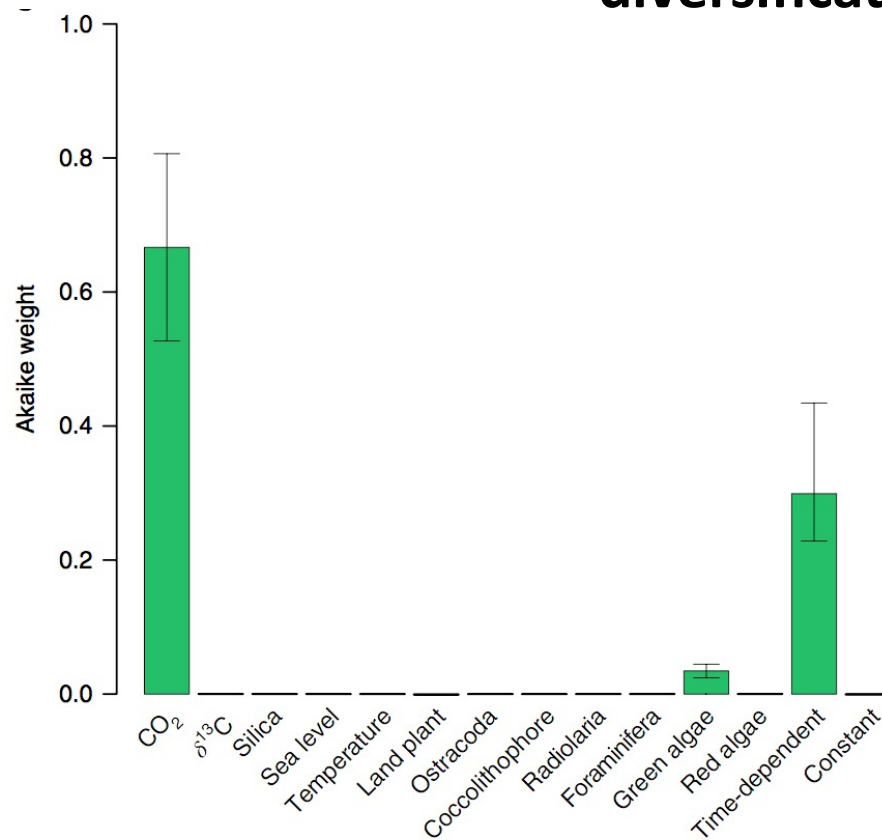


How did past environmental conditions shape the diversification of diatoms?

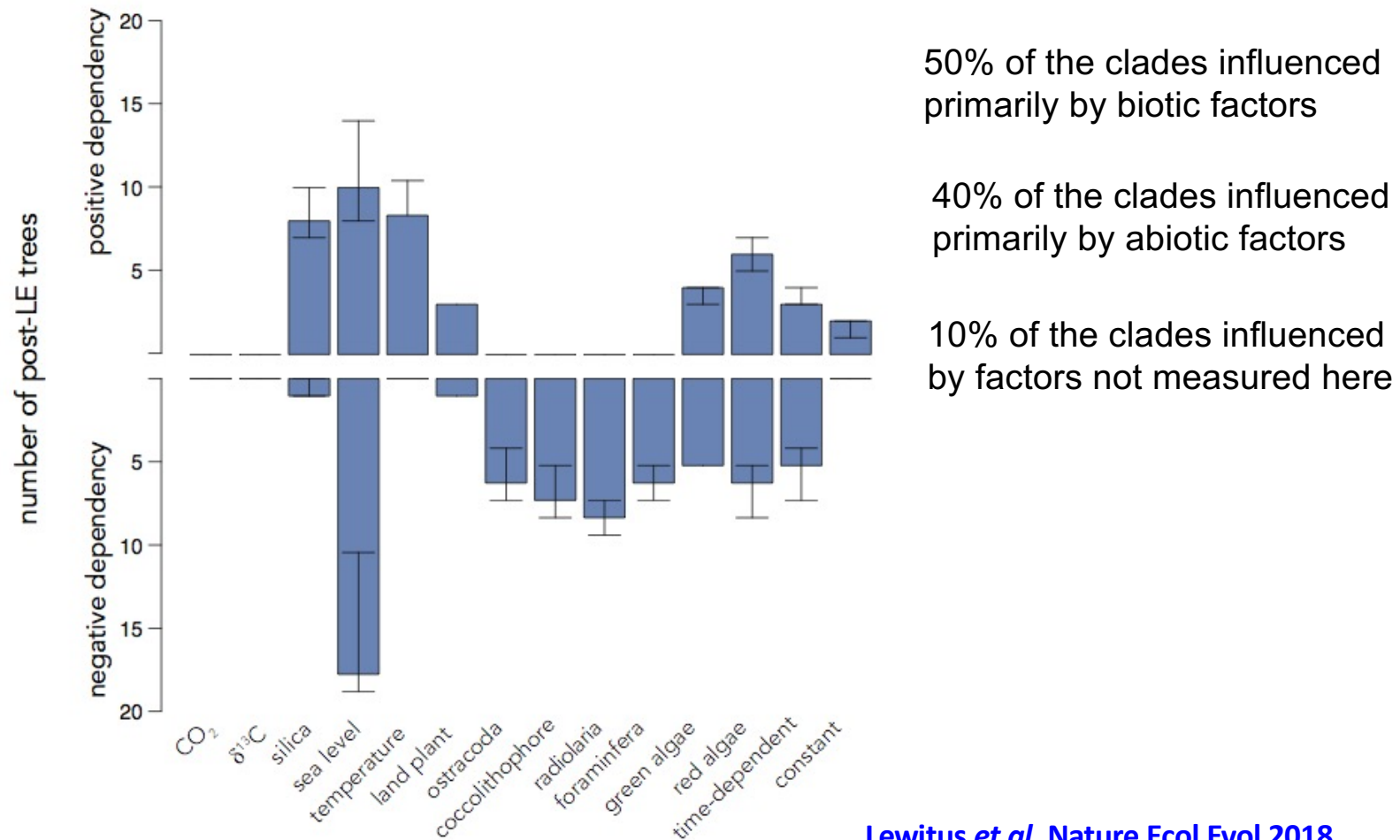


5 abiotic and 4 biotic variables

Pre-LE, pCO₂ is the most important driver, with a positive relationship between decreasing CO₂ and diatoms diversification



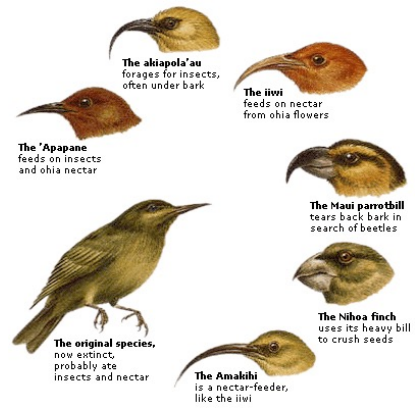
Post-LE, distinct diatom clades are influenced by different environmental factors, and not necessarily in the same way



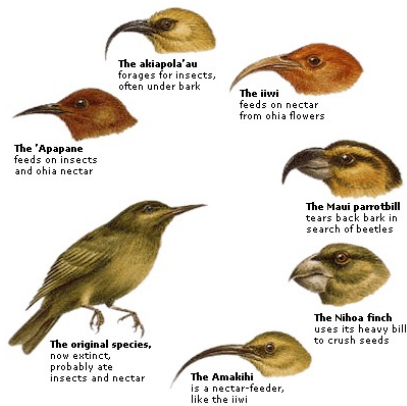


The Red Queen

Biotic factors, such as competition and mutualistic or antagonistic interactions, can influence speciation and extinction rates

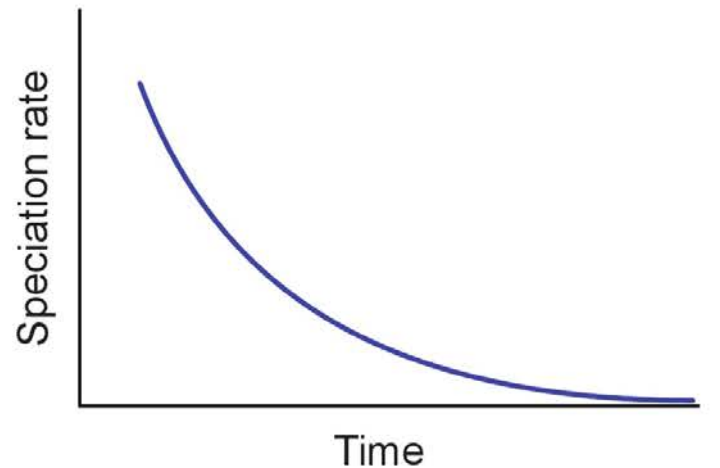


In verbal evolutionary theories, such as the theory of adaptive radiations, interspecific competition is thought to induce fast speciation followed by a diversification slowdown as species fill ecological niche space

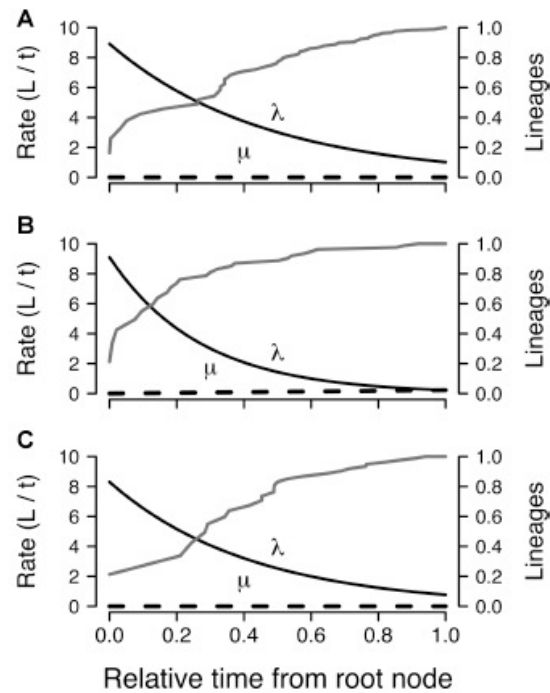
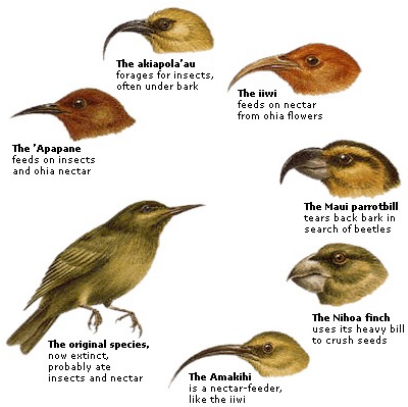


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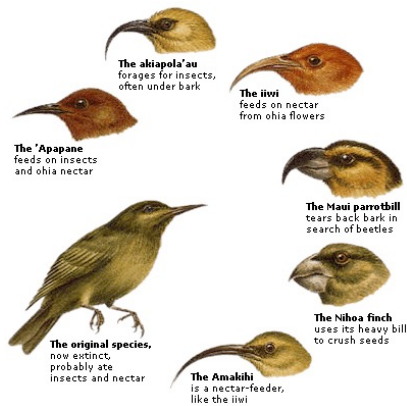
Harmon et al. Science 2003



The effect of competition has been tested by testing the support for models with declining speciation rates (“early burst” models)



The effect of competition has also been tested by testing the support for models with diversity-dependent diversification



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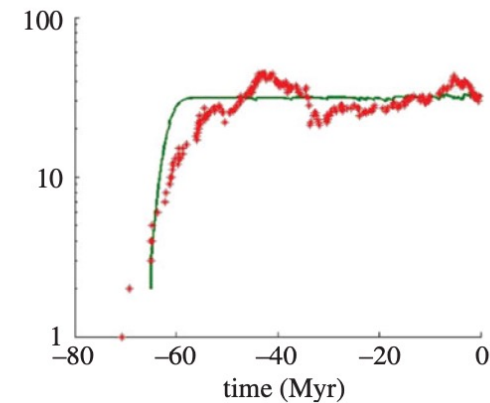
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Diversity-dependence brings molecular phylogenies closer to agreement with the fossil record

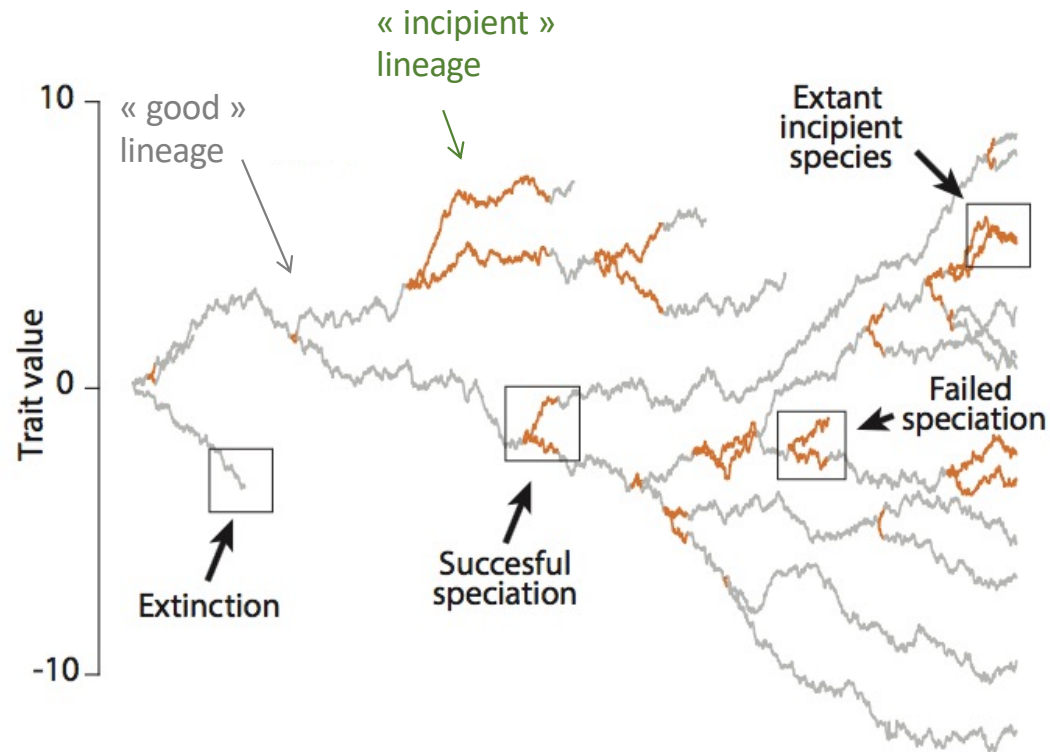
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Etienne *et al.* PRSB 2012

**Beyond verbal expectations:
a simulation model to assess under which conditions
we can actually expect competition to generate a
slowdown in diversification rates**



The matching competition birth-death model (MCBD)

2. Character displacement speeds up speciation

Protracted speciation model [Etienne & Rosindell Syst Bio 2012](#)

Speciation initiation: rate λ_1

Speciation completion: rate λ_2

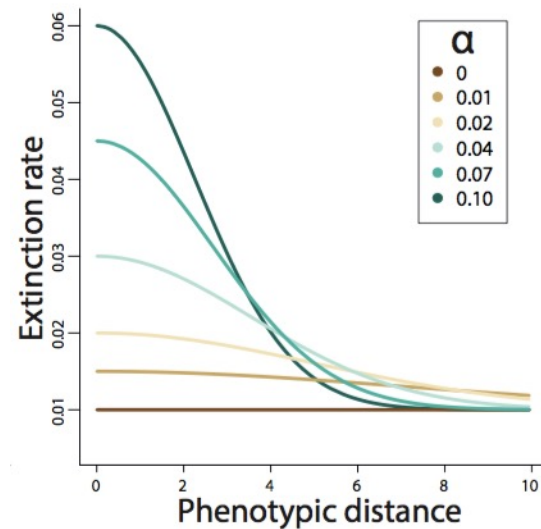
$$\lambda_{2i}(t) = \tau_0 e^{\beta(x_j(t) - x_k(t))^2}$$

[Aristide & Morlon Eco Lett 2019](#)

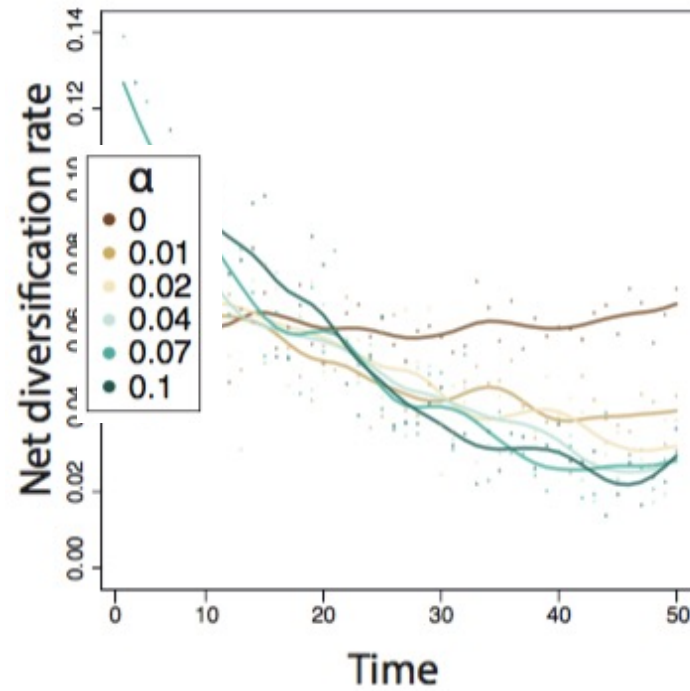
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3. Phenotypically similar species experience competitive exclusion

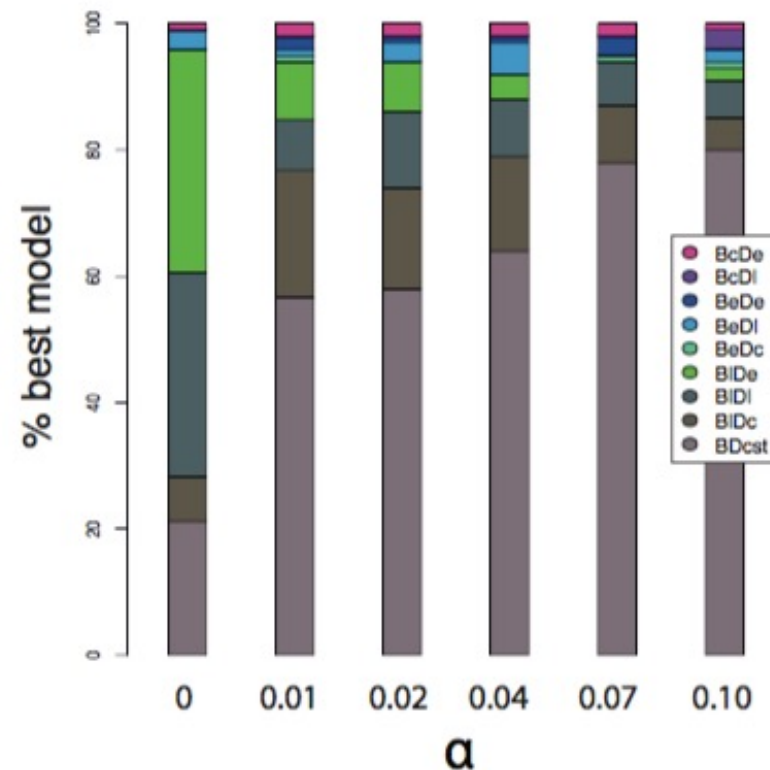
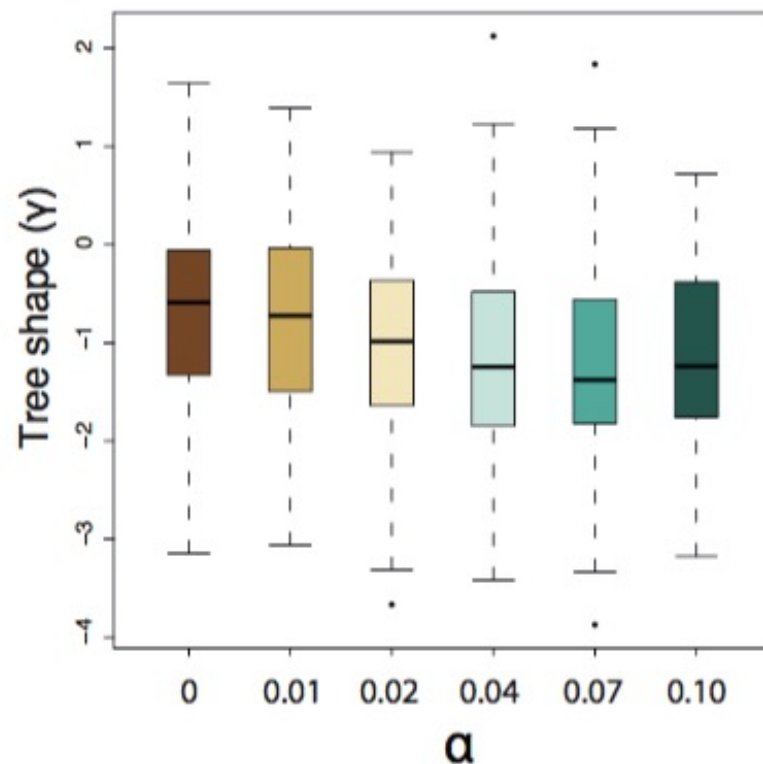
$$\mu_i = \alpha\mu_0 e^{-\alpha(\sum_{j \neq i} (x_i(t) - x_j(t))^2)} + \mu_{bg}$$



Competition produces declines in diversification rates, even if trait space is unbounded

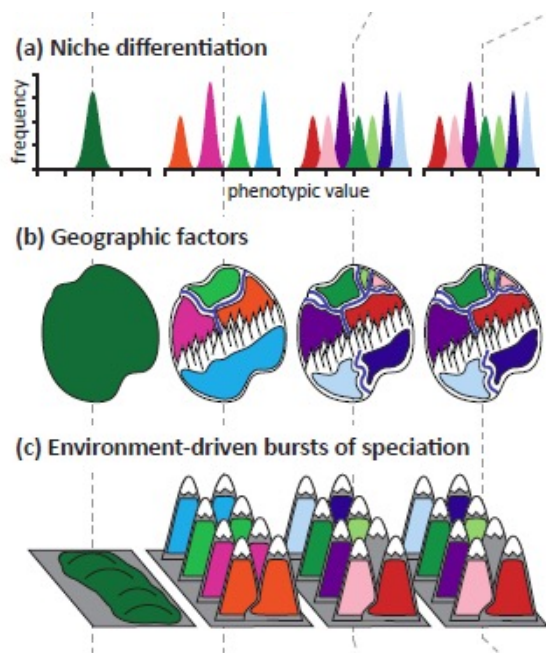


Declines in diversification rates do not leave a clear signal in reconstructed phylogenetic trees, at least not as detected by currently available models



Why does diversification slow down?

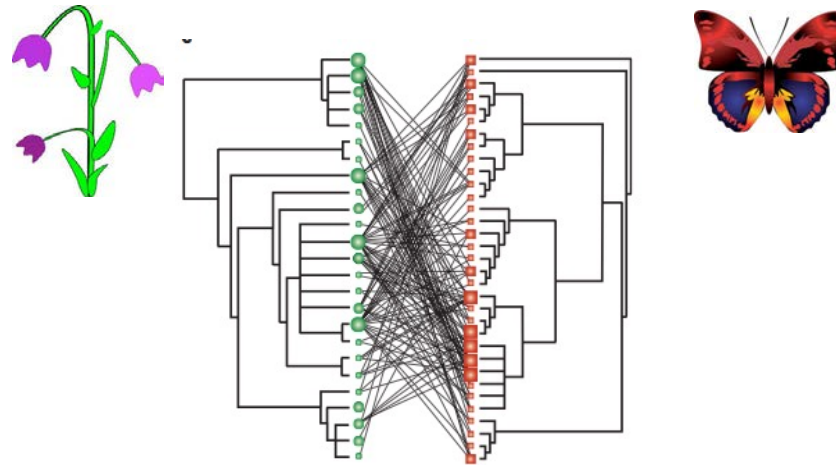
Daniel Moen and H el ene Morlon



Trends Ecol Evol 2014



Verbal evolutionary theories on the effect of mutualistic and antagonistic interactions on diversification rates remain poorly tested



Robustly testing such theories would require modeling the eco-evolutionary emergence of interaction networks and building associated inference tools to fit them to empirical data

Detecting the macroevolutionary signal of species interactions

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Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics

Ecological Interactions and Macroevolution: A New Field with Old Roots

David H. Hembry^{1,2} and Marjorie G. Weber³

Review

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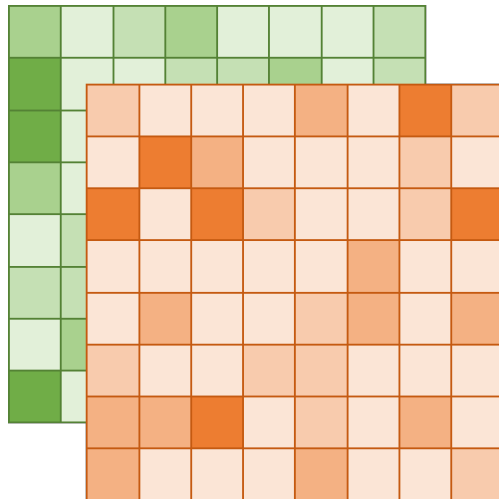
Evolution in a Community Context: On Integrating Ecological Interactions and Macroevolution

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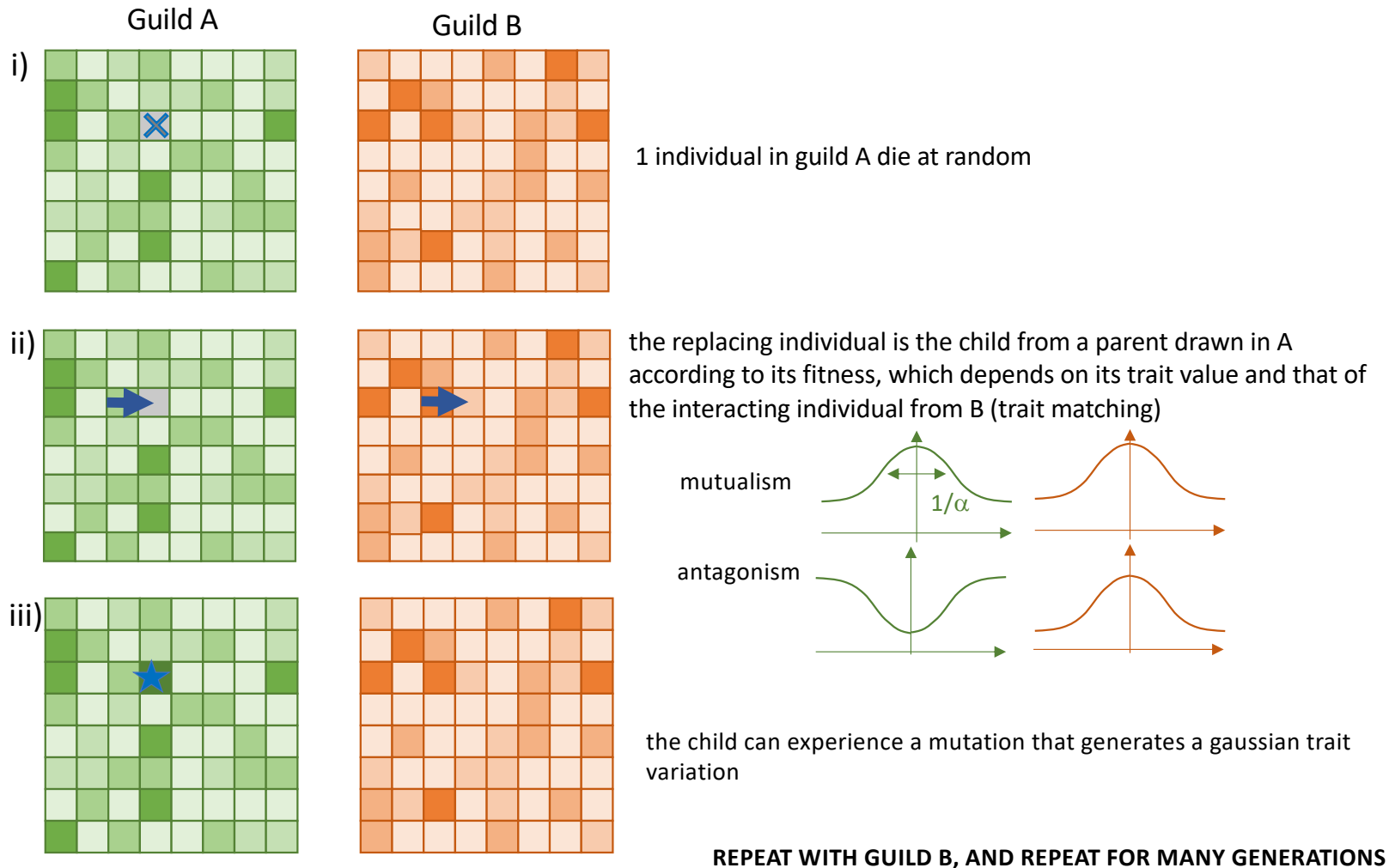


BipartiteEvol: An individual based model for the eco-evolutionary emergence of bipartite interaction networks

Individuals from 2 guilds A and B and characterized by a 3-dimensional trait evolve on a fixed grid

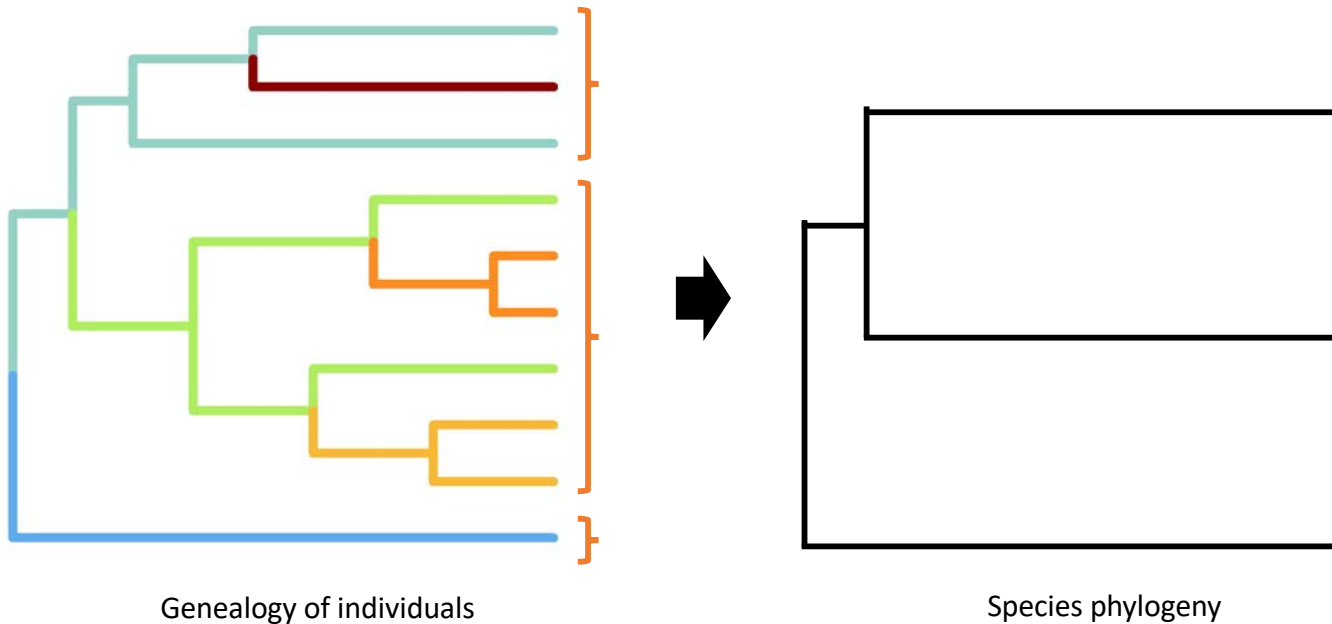


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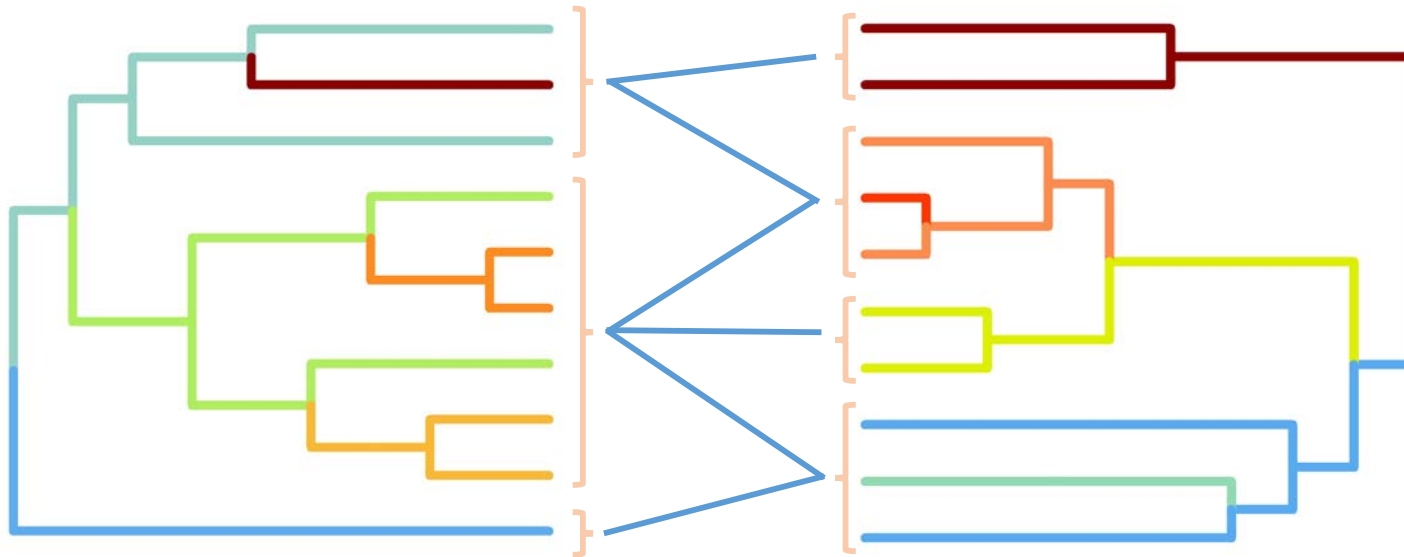
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We define species as “the smallest monophyletic group of individuals such that two individuals from different species are separated by at least s mutations”

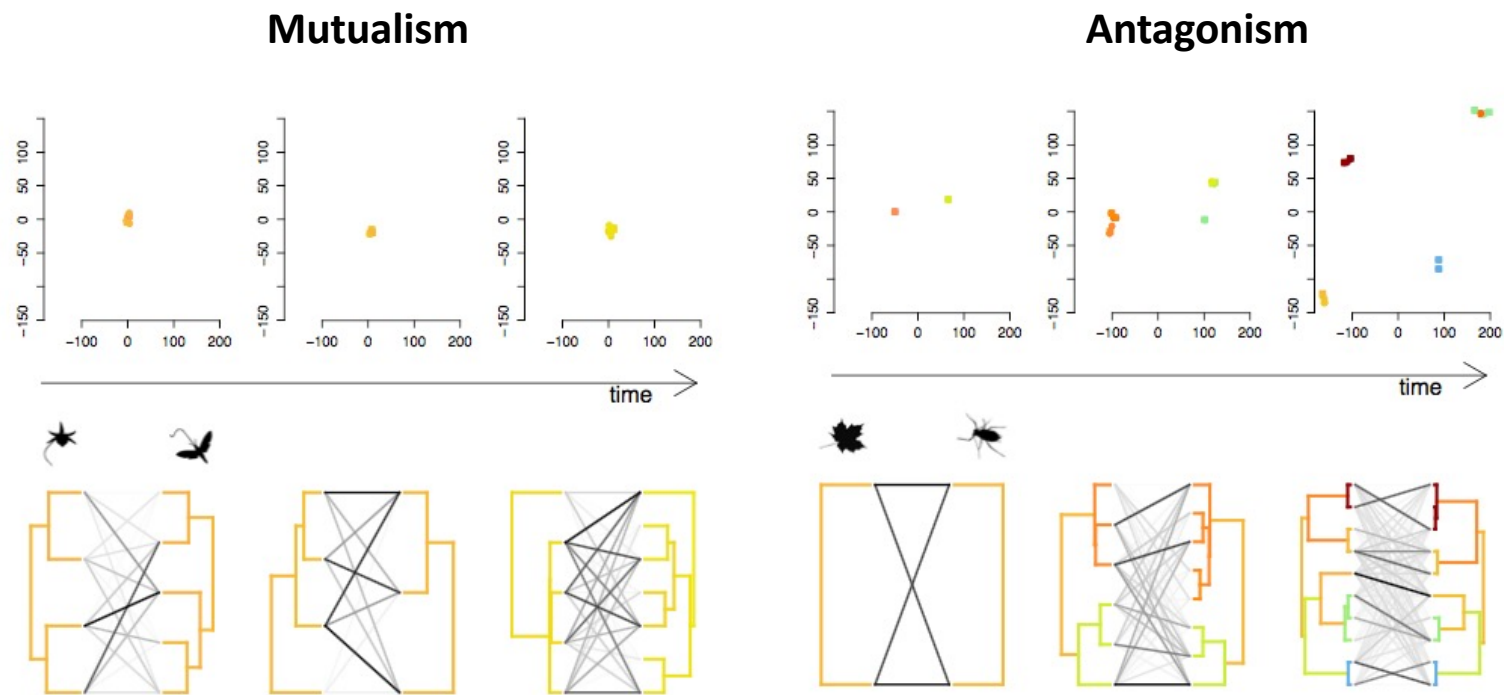


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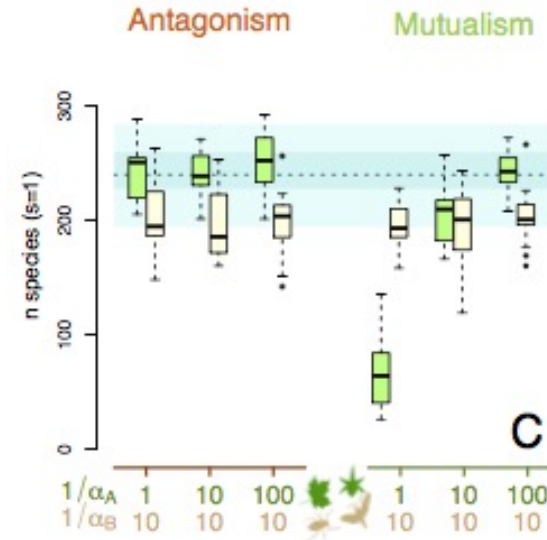
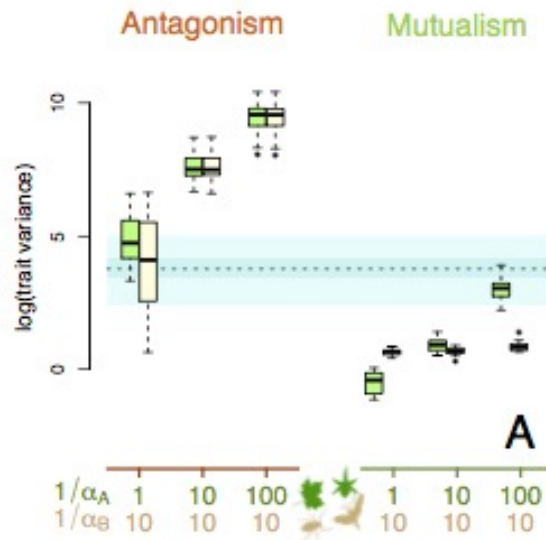
Two individuals interact if they are on the same grid cell
Two species interact if at least one individual from each species interact



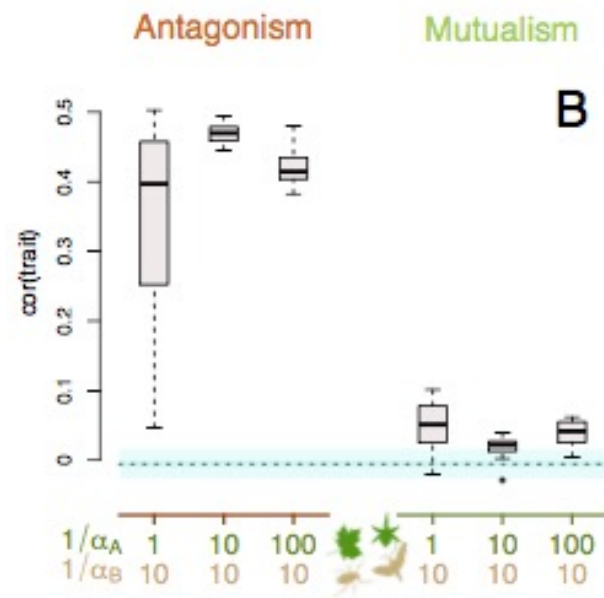
Mutualist and antagonist interactions lead to very different eco-evolutionary dynamics



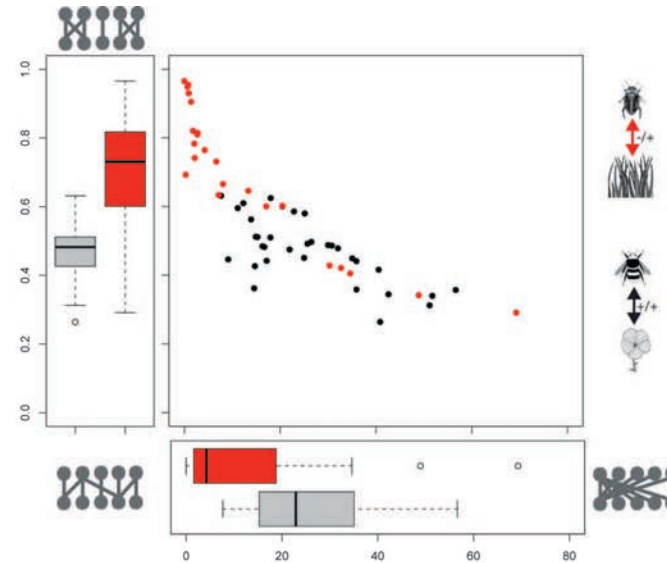
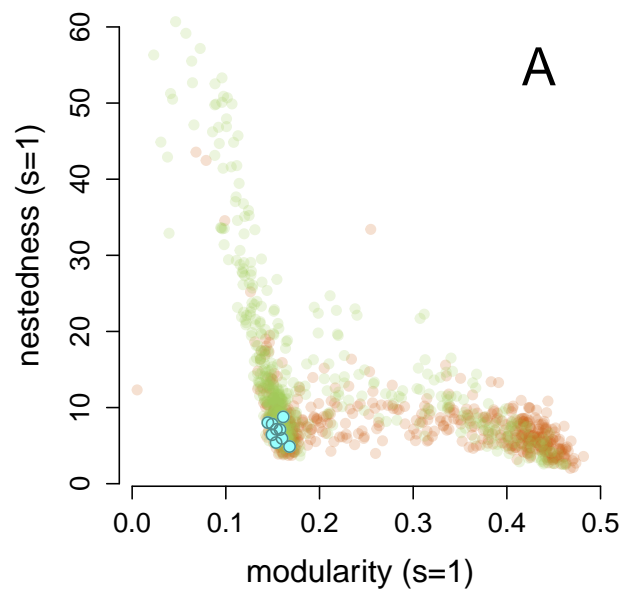
Antagonism fosters, while mutualism impedes, trait and species diversity



Co-evolution occurs in antagonistic, but not mutualistic networks



Mutualistic networks are nested, while antagonistic networks are modular, as observed in empirical communities



Maliet et al. *Ecology Letters* 2020

Thébault and Fontaine *Science* 2010

We did not yet develop the statistical tools to fit BipartiteEvol to empirical data

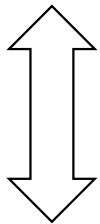
What are the factors that modulate speciation & extinction rates?



The Court Jester

Abiotic factors
climatic variation
geological context

EXTRINSIC



The Red Queen

Biotic factors
competition
mutualistic and antagonistic interactions

INTRINSIC

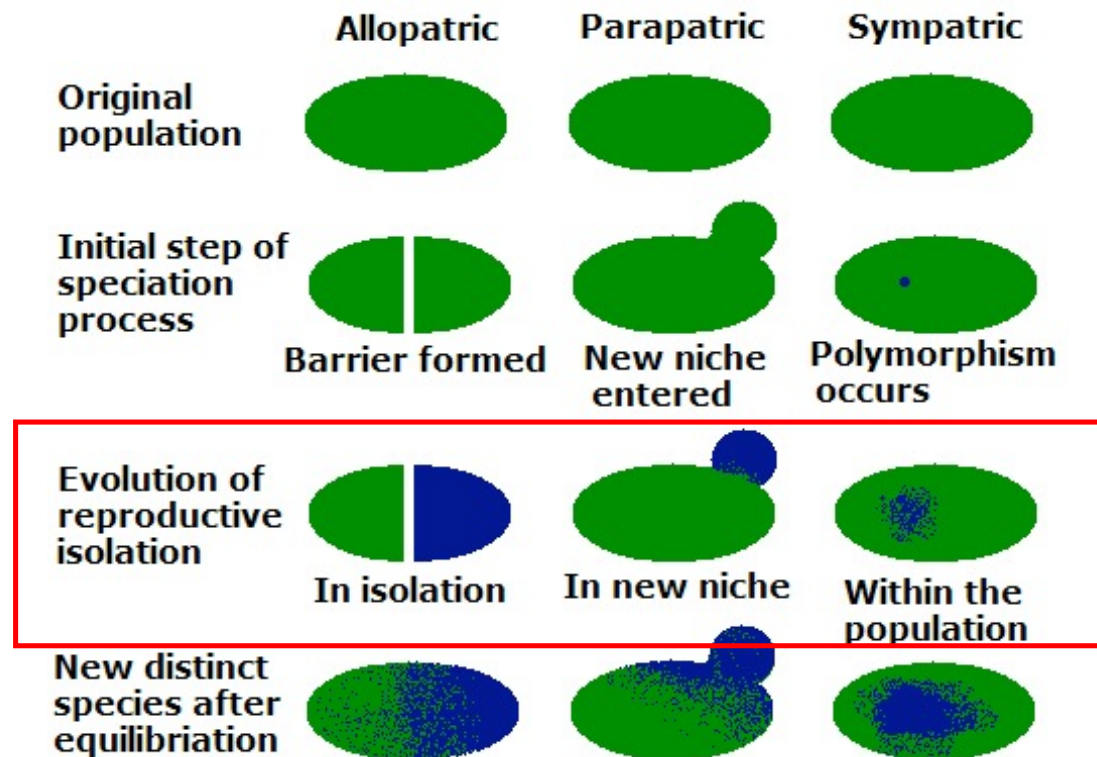
Species-specific traits
reproduction mode
life-history traits
dispersal capacity

By which processes do various factors modulate speciation and extinction rates?

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Abiotic and biotic factors, in combination with species-specific traits, must influence speciation rates by somehow influencing the speciation process



Mixed support for an association between reproductive isolation and speciation rates

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Macroevolutionary speciation rates are decoupled from the evolution of intrinsic reproductive isolation in *Drosophila* and birds

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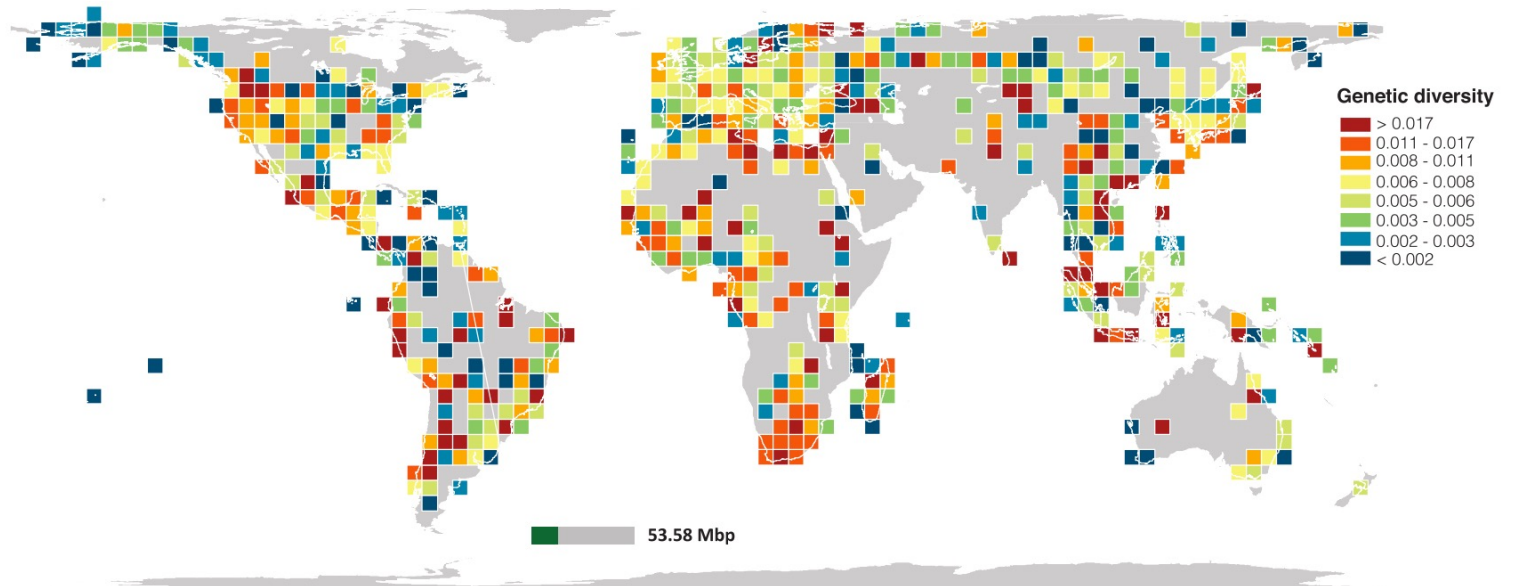
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Positive association between population genetic differentiation and speciation rates in New World birds

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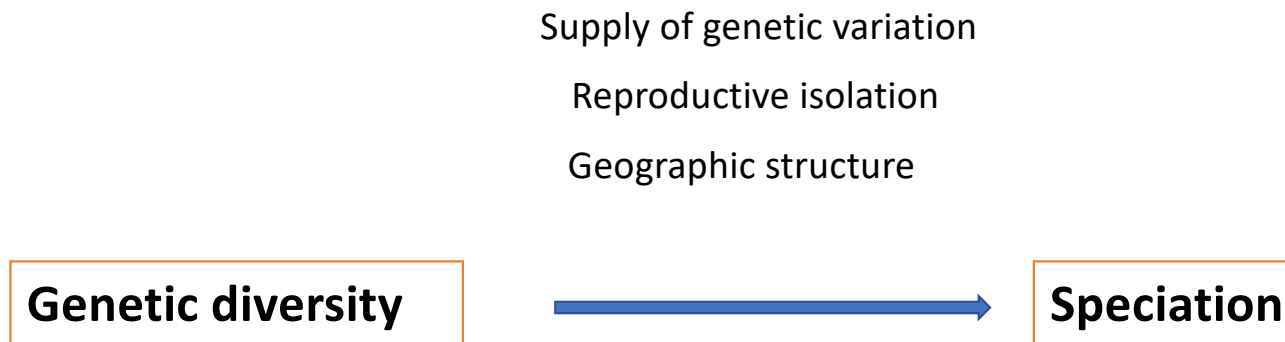
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Are genetic diversity and speciation rates coupled in mammals?



Silva et al. in prep.

Are genetic diversity and diversification rates coupled?



Under geographic and ecological models of speciation, we expect a positive association between genetic diversity and speciation rate

**Testing the impact of effective population size on speciation rates
– a negative correlation or lack thereof in lichenized fungi**

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Estimating intraspecific genetic diversity

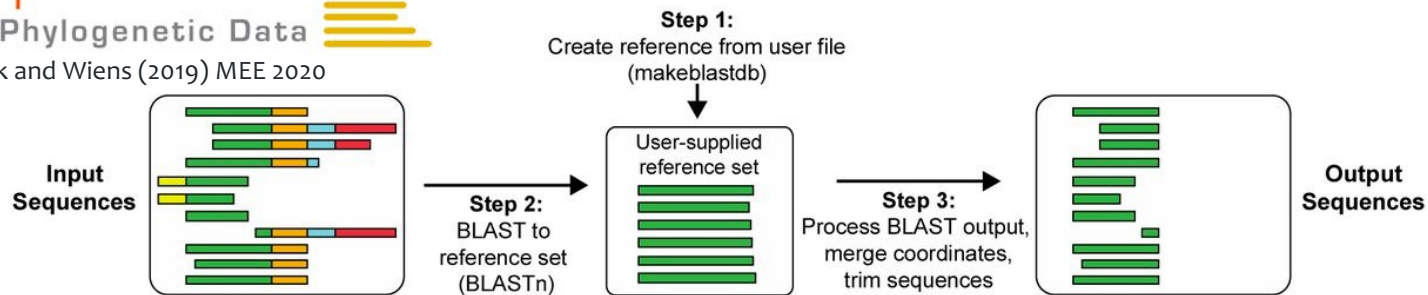
GenBank "Mammalia"[Organism] AND CYTB NOT "Homo sapiens"[Organism]



124,289 sequences of mammals Cytochrome b

Split into 138 families for better alignments

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For Phylogenetic Data
Portik and Wiens (2019) MEE 2020



3899 species



2004 species with at least 5 individuals

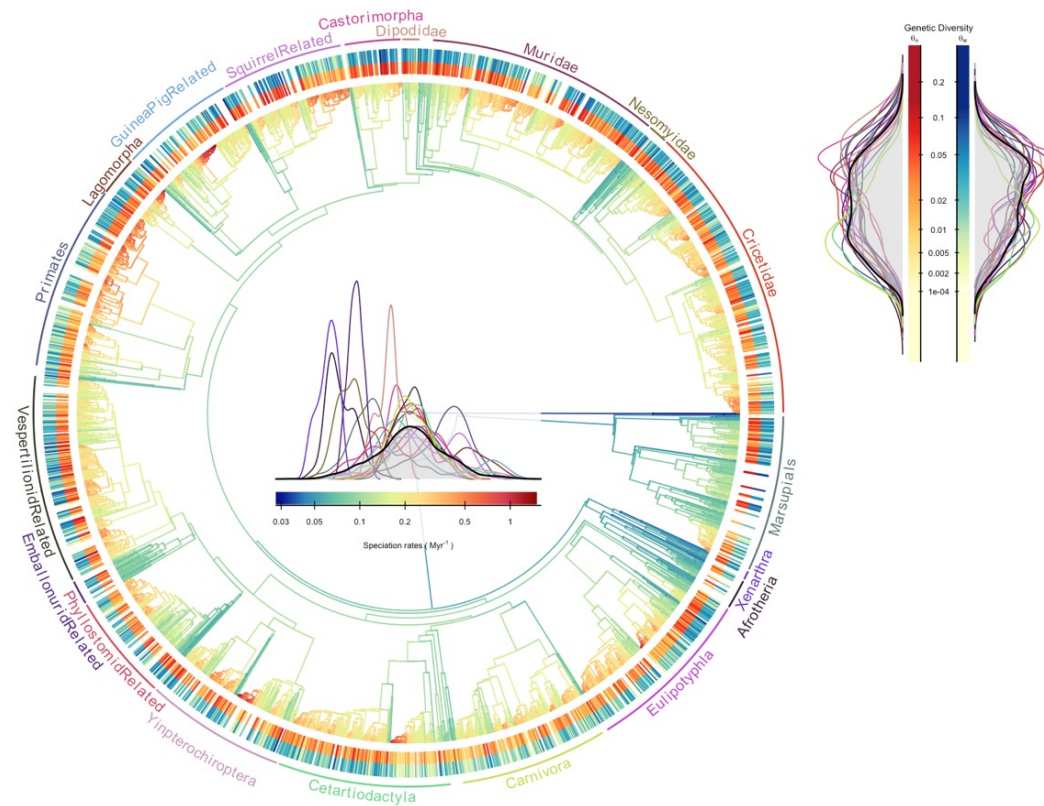


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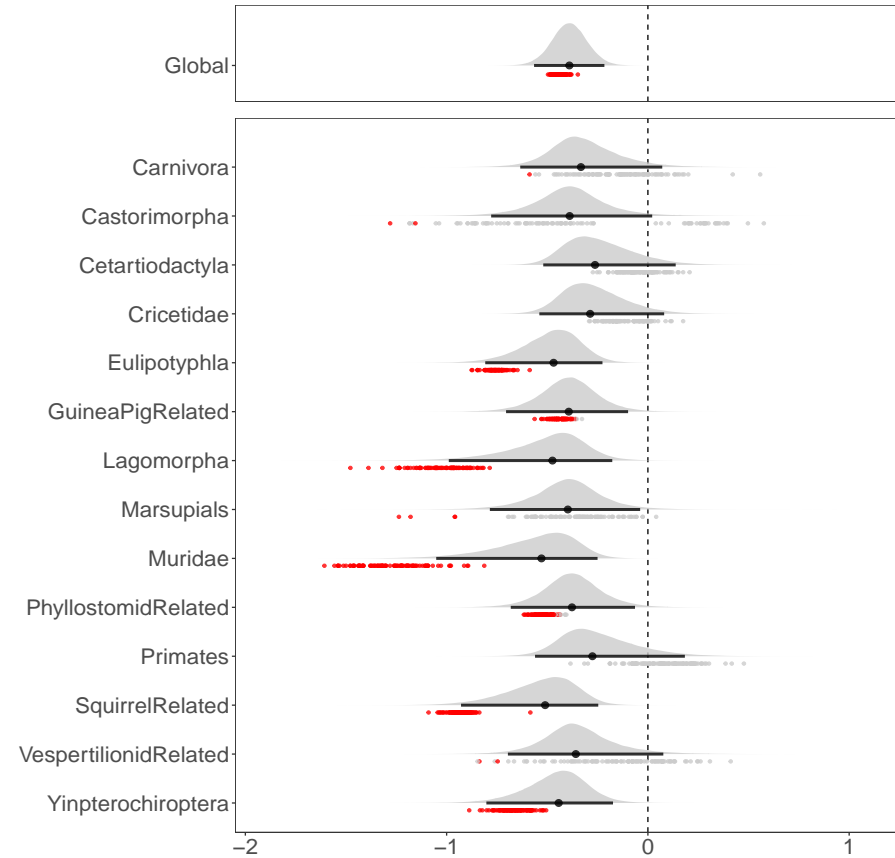
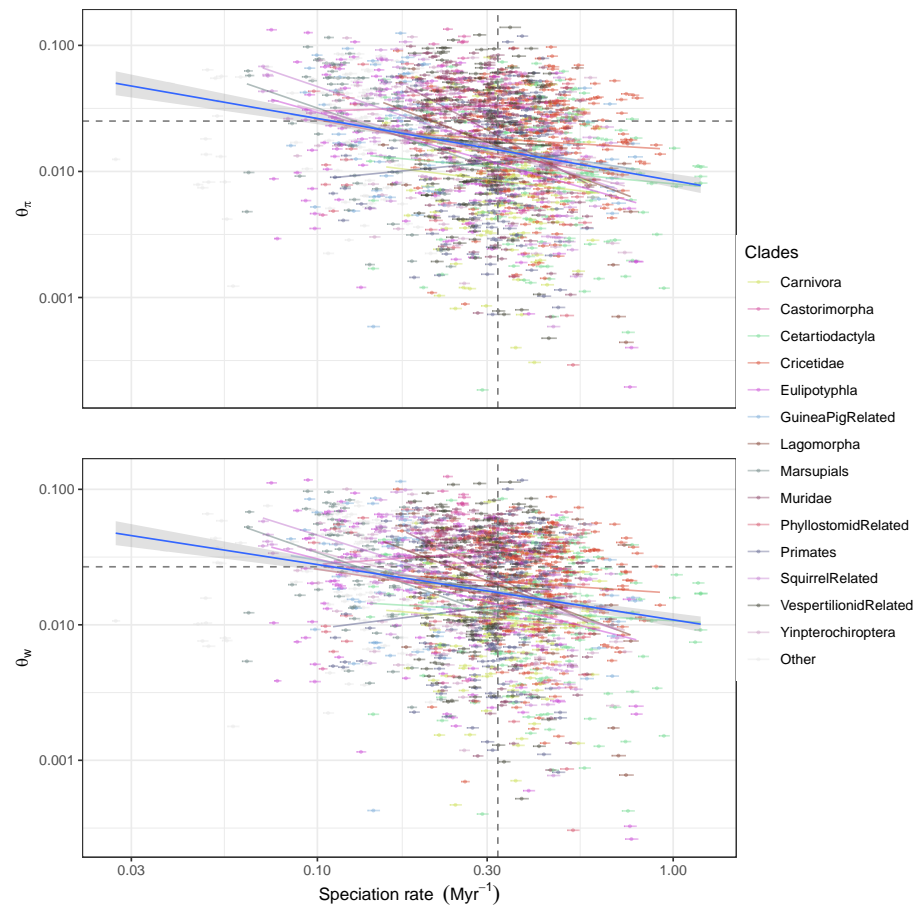
Estimating branch-specific speciation rates

- ClADS estimates on Upham's PLoS Biology 2019 mammals phylogeny



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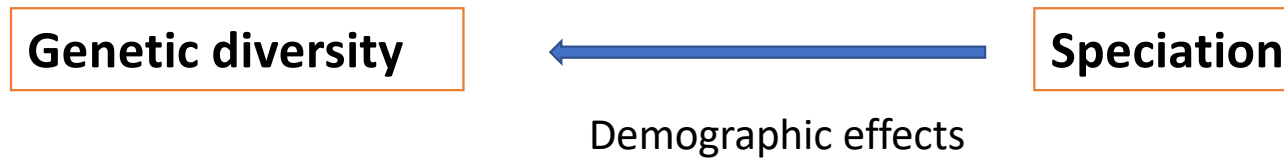
Negative correlation between genetic diversity and speciation rates



The negative correlation between genetic diversity and speciation rates is not linked to an indirect effect of life history traits

Term	$\theta_\pi \sim \text{Traits}$				$\lambda \sim \text{Traits}$				$\theta_\pi \sim \lambda + \text{Traits}$			
	PGLS		BLML		PGLS		BLML		PGLS		BLML	
	Estimate	SE	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	SE	Estimate	95% CI	Estimate	SE	Estimate	95% CI
λ												
Body Mass	-0.145	0.026	-0.147	[-0.202; -0.095]	0.007	0.010	0.007	[-0.012; 0.025]	-0.139	0.025	-0.143	[-0.198; -0.09]
Range area	0.137	0.014	0.137	[0.109; 0.166]	-0.005	0.003	-0.005	[-0.011; 0]	0.131	0.015	0.131	[0.103; 0.159]
Range mean temperature	0.330	0.087	0.329	[0.167; 0.501]	-0.021	0.018	-0.021	[-0.057; 0.014]	0.307	0.087	0.307	[0.125; 0.475]
Litter size	-0.420	0.091	-0.420	[-0.609; -0.231]	0.051	0.028	0.050	[-0.004; 0.105]	-0.400	0.089	-0.406	[-0.581; -0.234]
Generation length	-0.074	0.105	-0.072	[-0.266; 0.139]	-0.008	0.030	-0.010	[-0.067; 0.049]	-0.084	0.102	-0.082	[-0.283; 0.129]

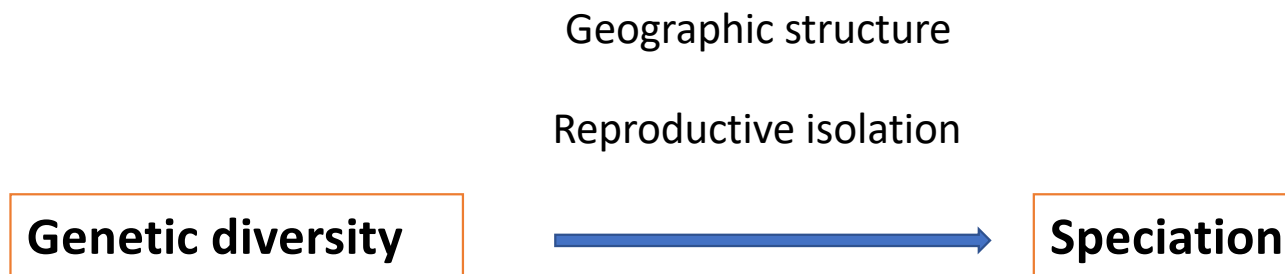
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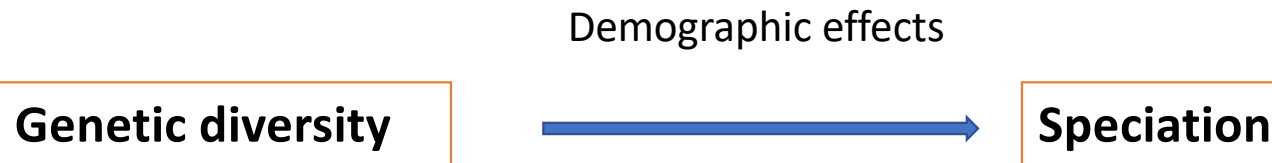
Rapid speciation limits the accumulation of genetic diversity

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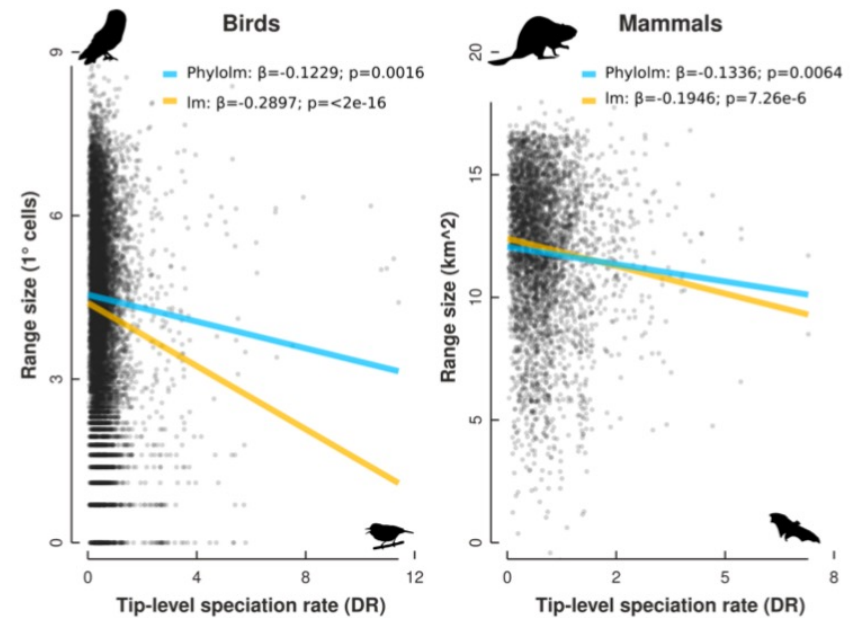


Hypothesis 2: Species that are highly geographically structured and with reproductively isolated populations indeed experience more frequent speciation events, but genetic diversity is inversely rather than positively correlated to geographic structure (Withlock 2004)

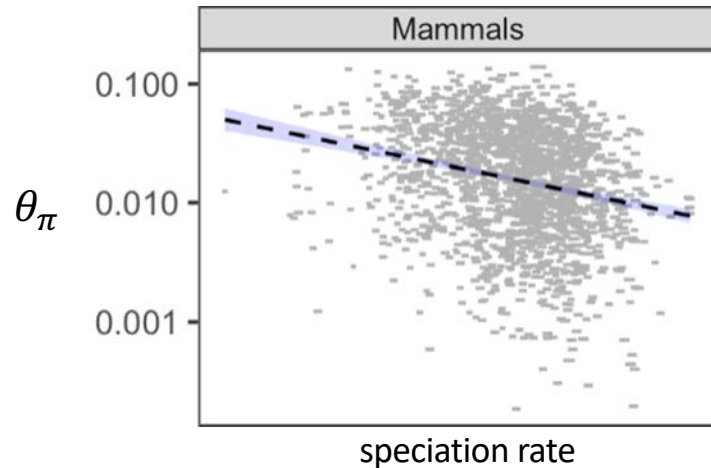
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Hypothesis 3: Under the demographic model of speciation, species with small rather than large effective population sizes accumulate reproductive incompatibilities faster because of a reduced efficiency of purifying selection (Maya-Lastra & Eaton 2021)



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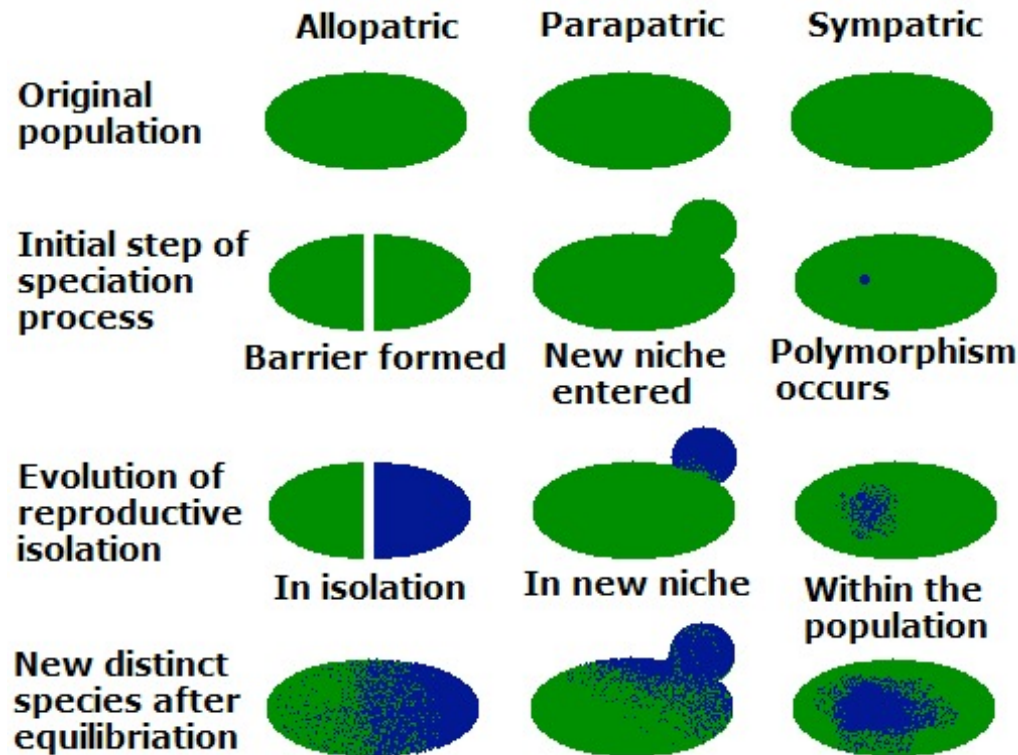
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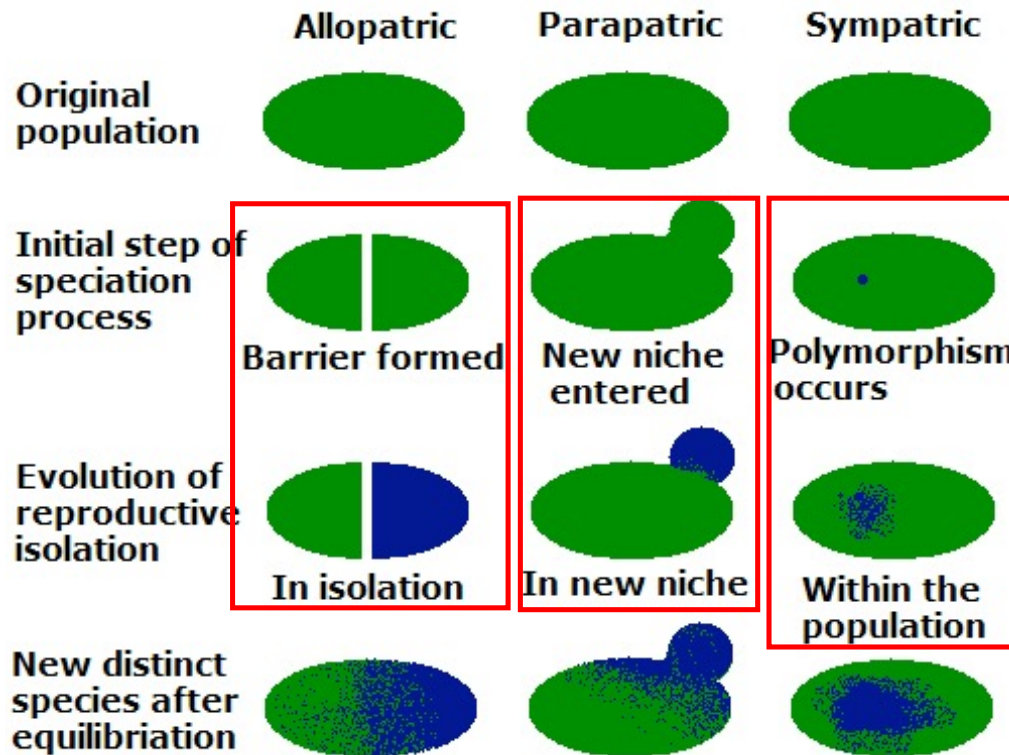
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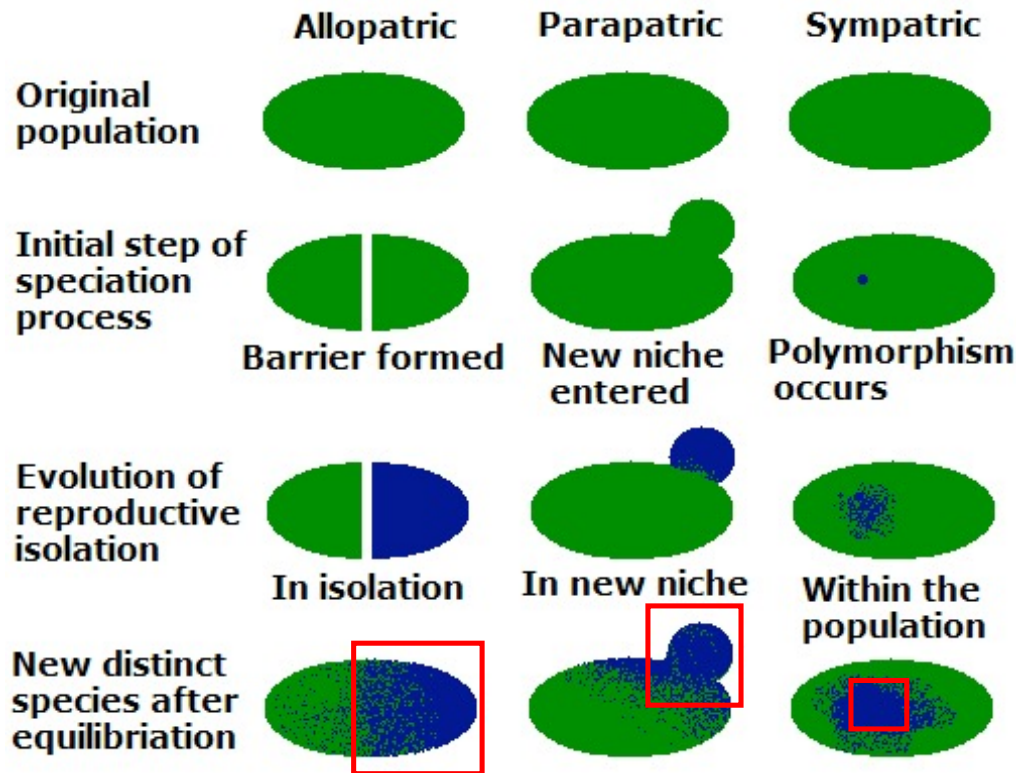
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High genetic diversity in the initial steps of speciation

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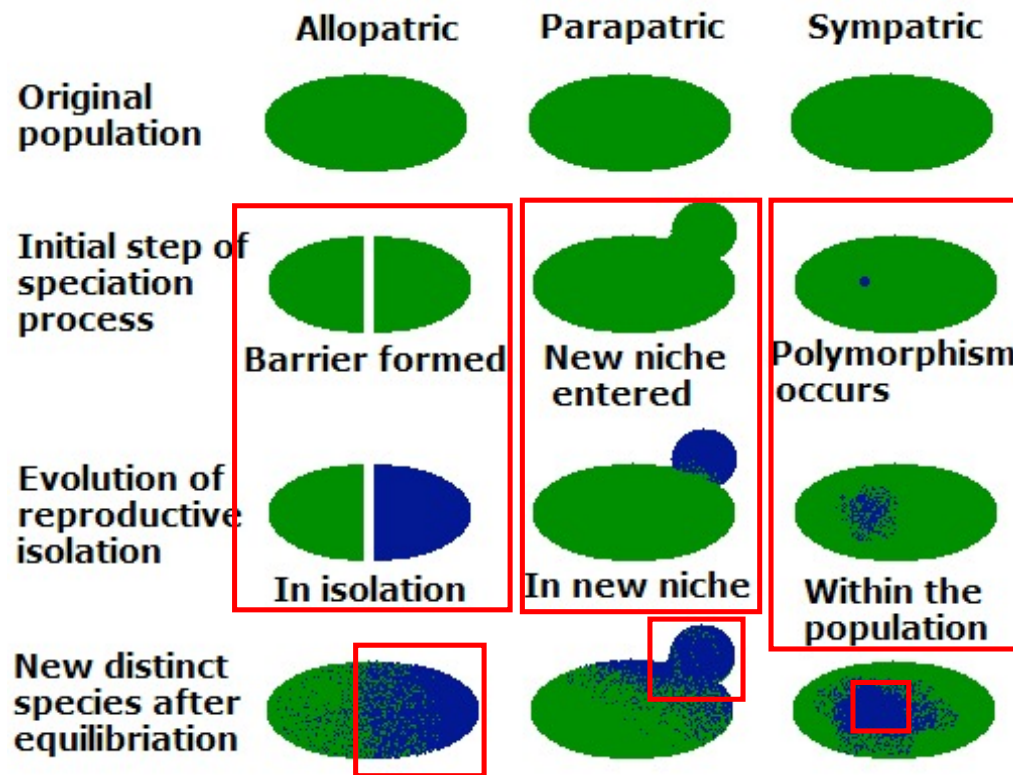
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Low genetic diversity in newly formed species

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The reciprocal effect of speciation on microevolutionary (intraspecific) measures of differentiation complicates the interpretation of correlations



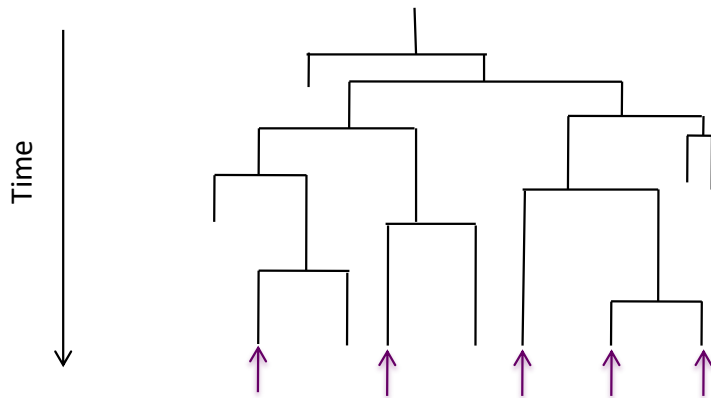
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What are we actually measuring when we measure speciation rate using comparative methods?

Stochastic birth-death process

speciation rate λ

extinction rate μ



Speciation is considered to be an instantaneous event by which two populations of the same ancestral species give rise to two distinct descendant species

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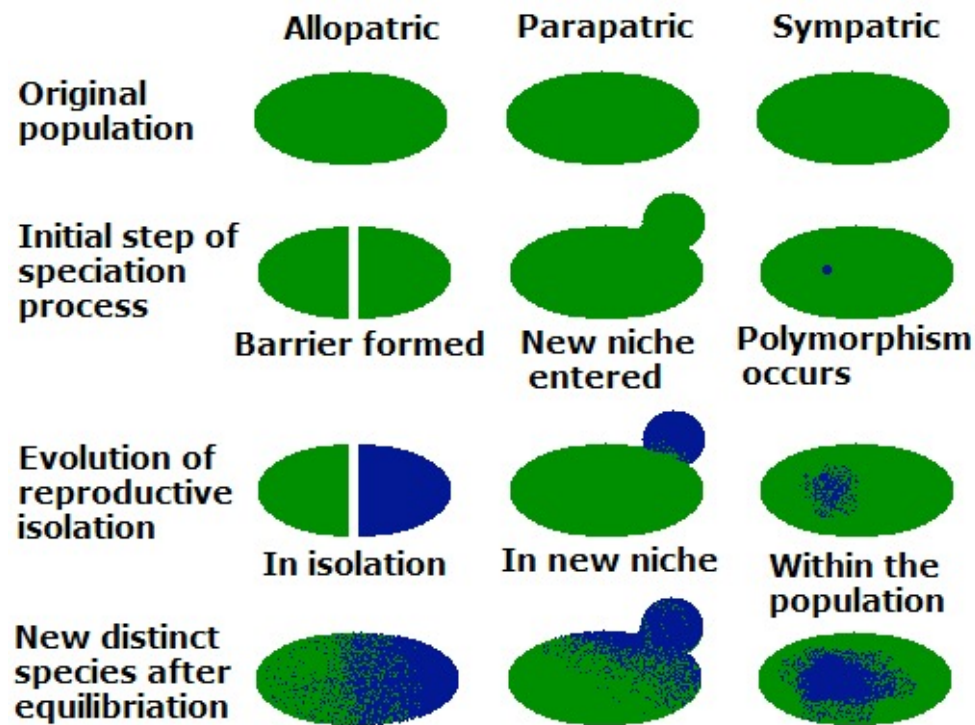
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speciation initiation

+ evolution of reproductive isolation

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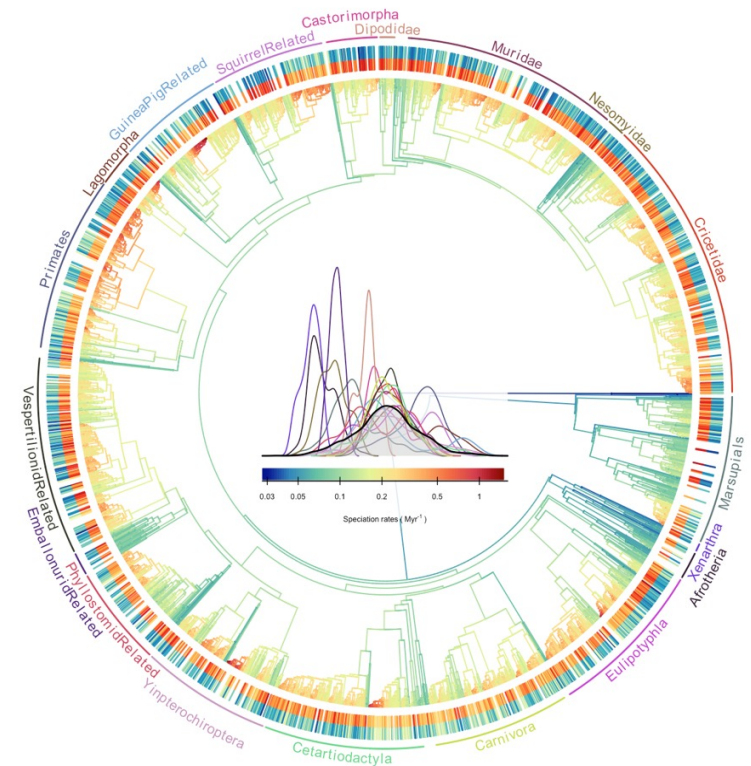
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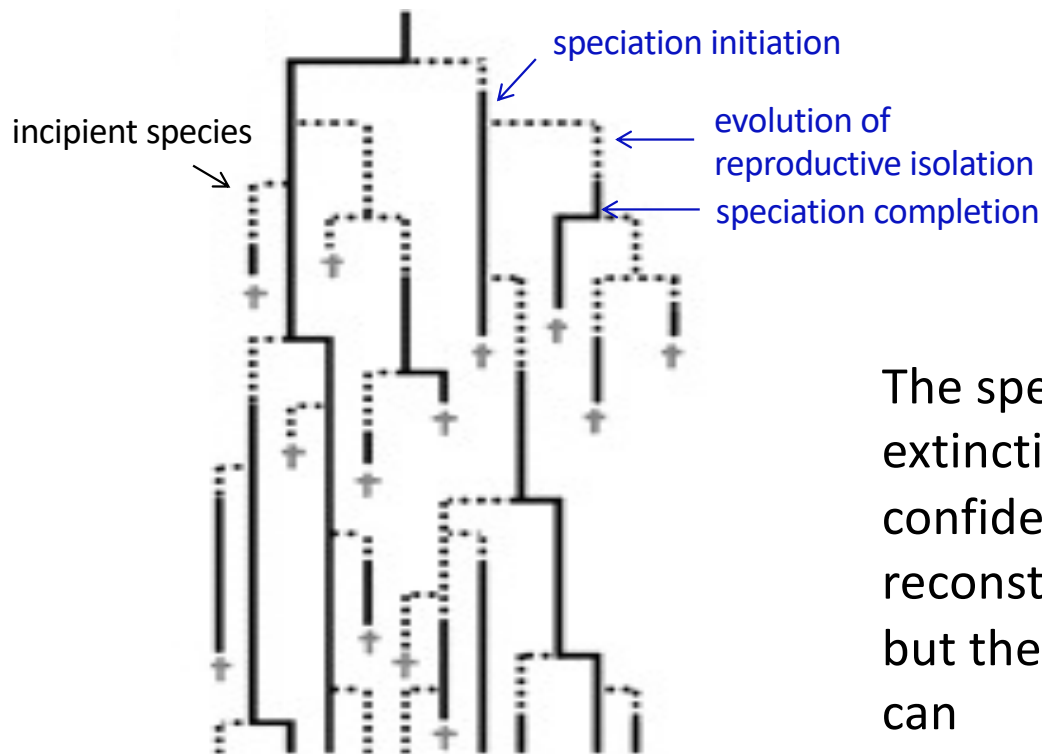
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which of these 3 major aspects of speciation drive variation in speciation rates?



The protracted speciation model as a way to bridge micro and macroevolutionary speciation research?

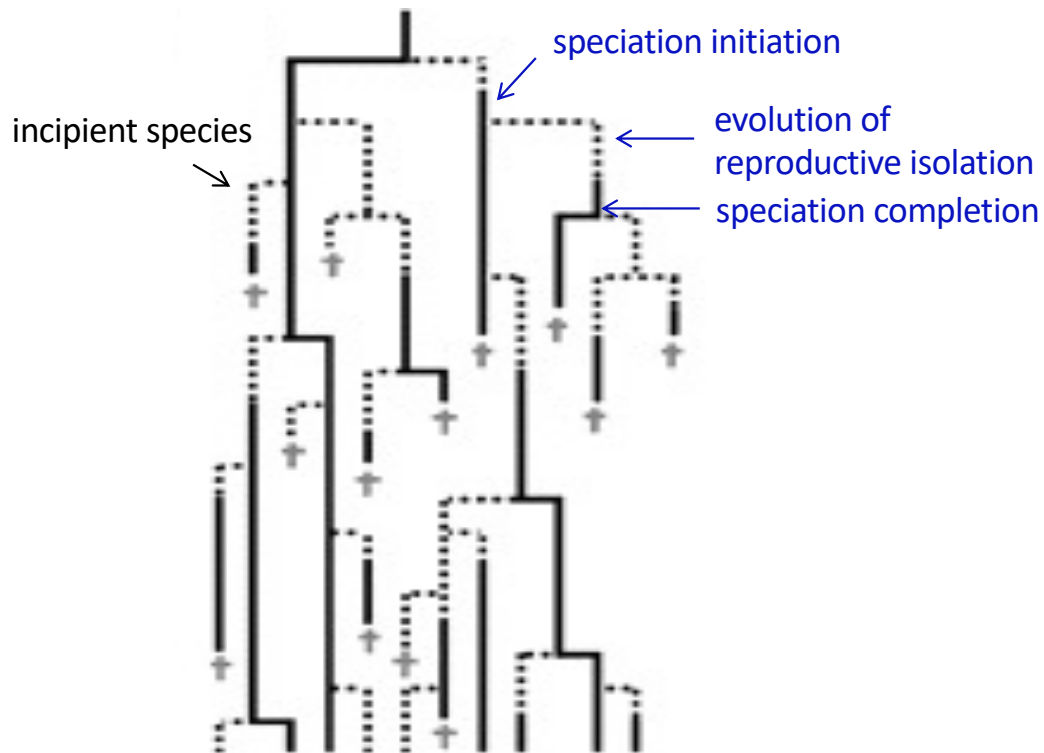


The speciation-initiation and extinction rates cannot be confidently estimated from reconstructed phylogenies, but the duration of speciation can

Could we estimate the speciation initiation and extinction rates with intraspecific genetic data?

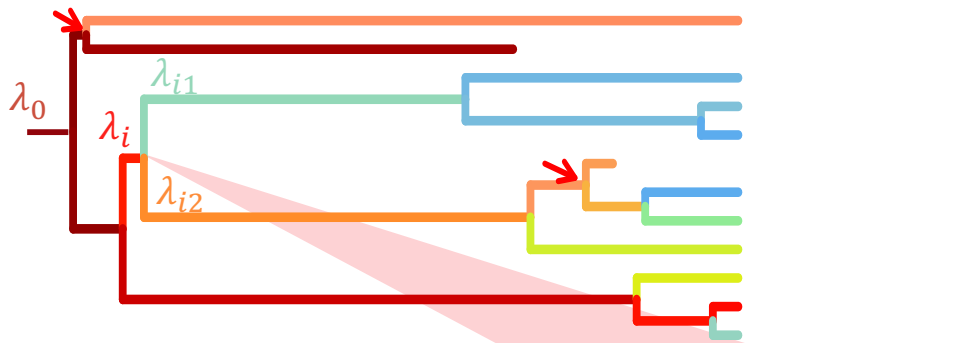
Could we estimate species-specific rates?

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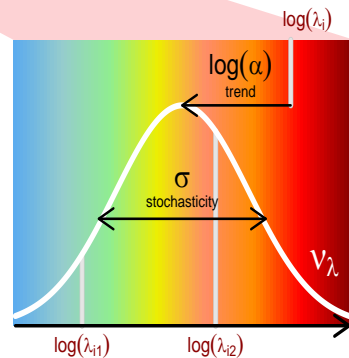
The protracted speciation model remains phenomenological, with no account of the interplay between speciation and demography / intraspecific genetic differentiation

Towards macroevolutionary models accounting for the interplay between speciation and demography / intraspecific genetic differentiation



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- λ_0 initial speciation rate
- α deterministic trend
- σ^2 stochastic variation



+ Demographic process



each species follows density-dependent population dynamics

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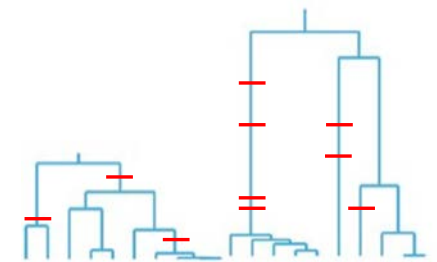
growth rate evolves as a Brownian

random split of individuals at speciation

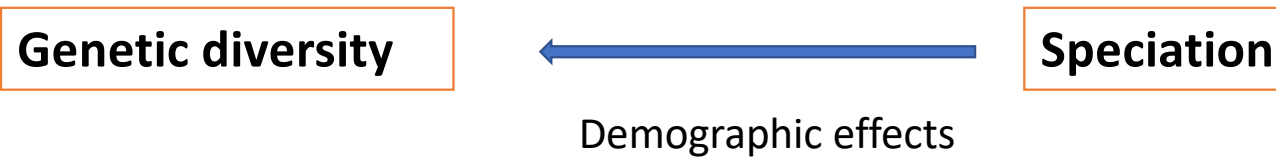
Extinction naturally proceeds from the death of all individuals in a given species

+ Population genetics

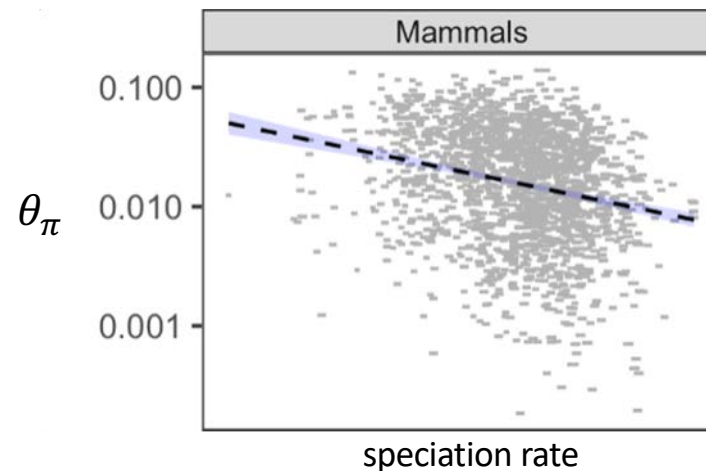
demography controls N_e



The model predicts either a positive or negative association between speciation rate and genetic diversity depending of the relative pace of speciation and accumulation of genetic diversity



Rapid speciation can limit the accumulation of genetic diversity



The model can be fitted to data using machine learning techniques

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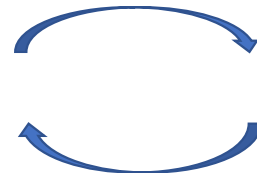


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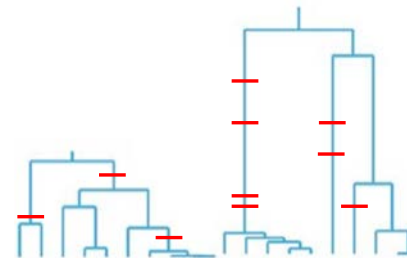
+ evolution of
reproductive isolation

+ speciation completion



Demographic process

Population genetics



Conclusions

Speciation and extinction rates vary widely across lineages, explaining why some species groups are much more species rich than others

Differences in speciation and extinction rates can be linked to species specific traits as well as abiotic and biotic factors

We have well developed models to assess the effect of species-specific traits and abiotic factors on speciation and extinction rates; testing the effect of interspecific interactions remains challenging

Understanding which microevolutionary processes act a rate-limiting step in speciation (and therefore drive present day species richness patterns) also remains a major research frontier



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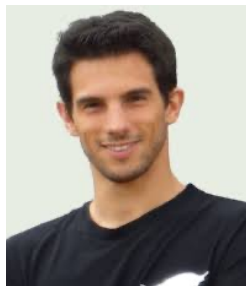
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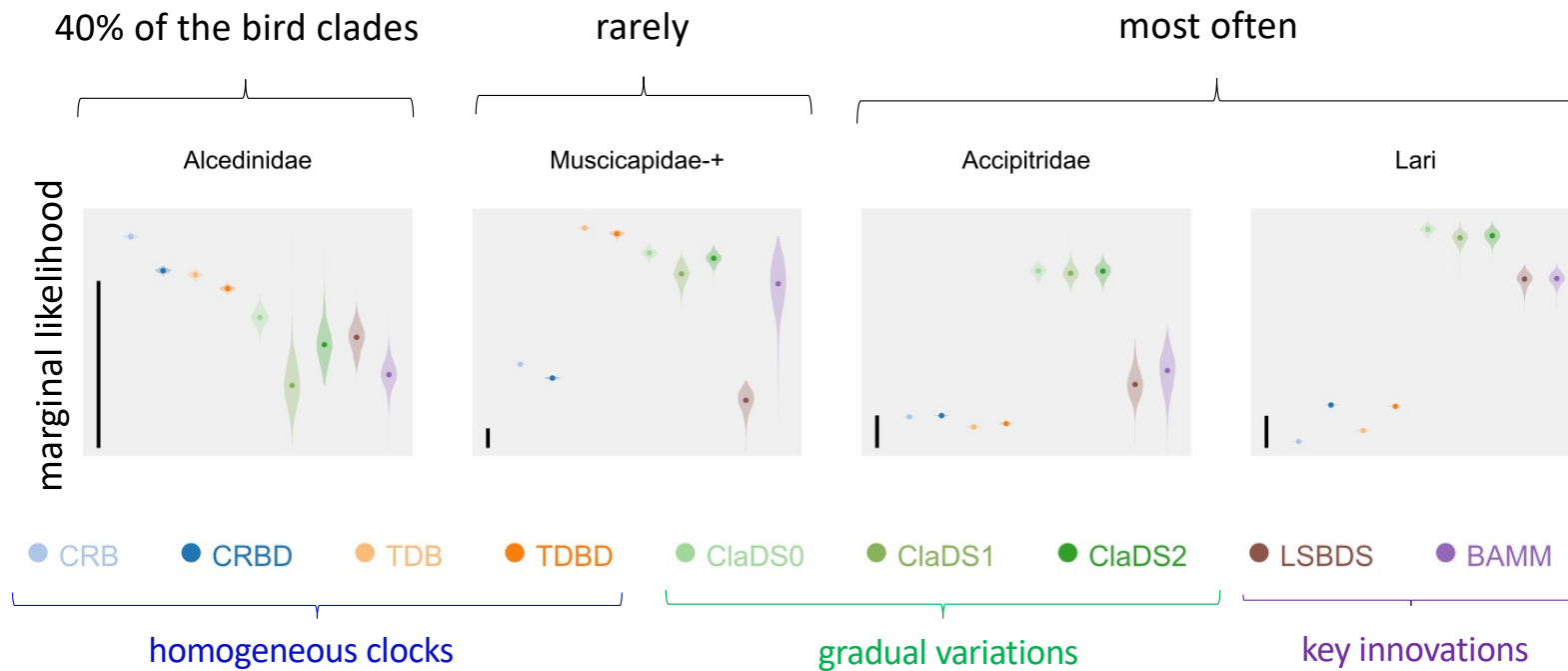
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What is the role of key innovations in the diversification of life?



Both mutation rates and N_e are negatively correlated to speciation rates

