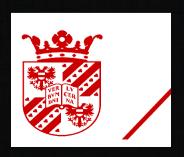
Ignoring incipient species

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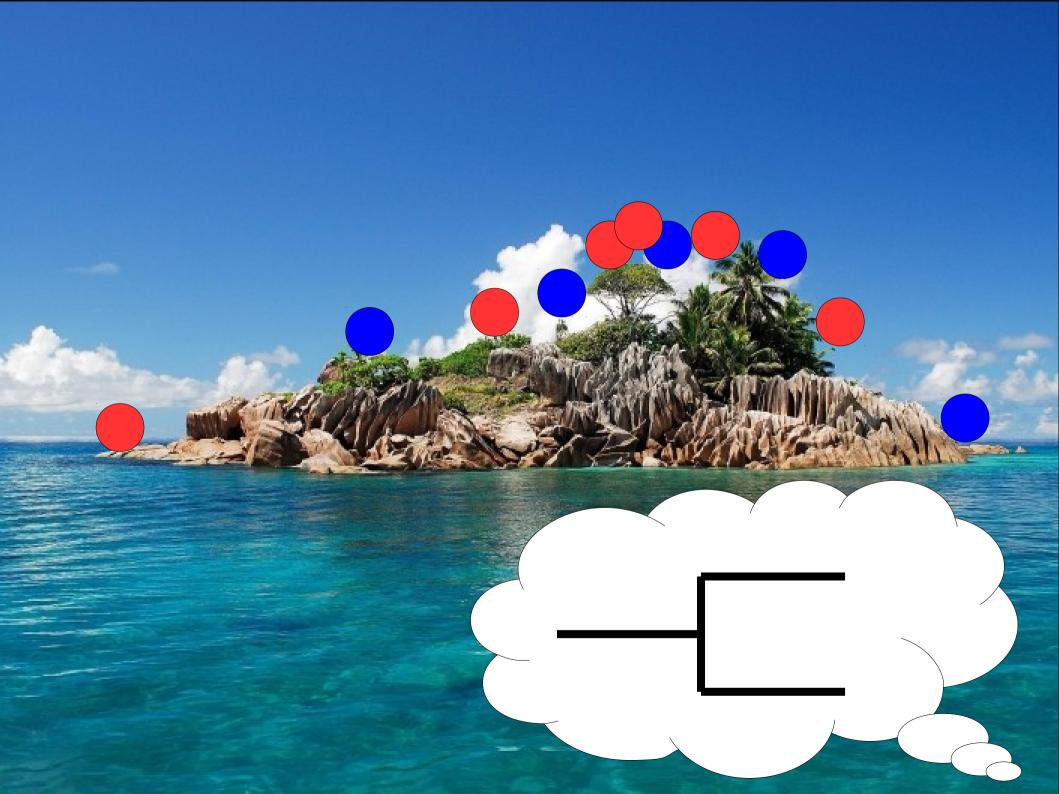






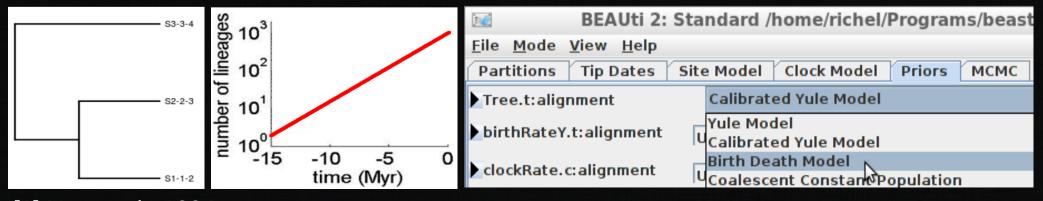






Birth Death model [1]

- All species are 'good' species
- Constant rate for speciation and extinction
- Number of species grows exponentially
- Widely used as prior in tools



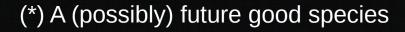


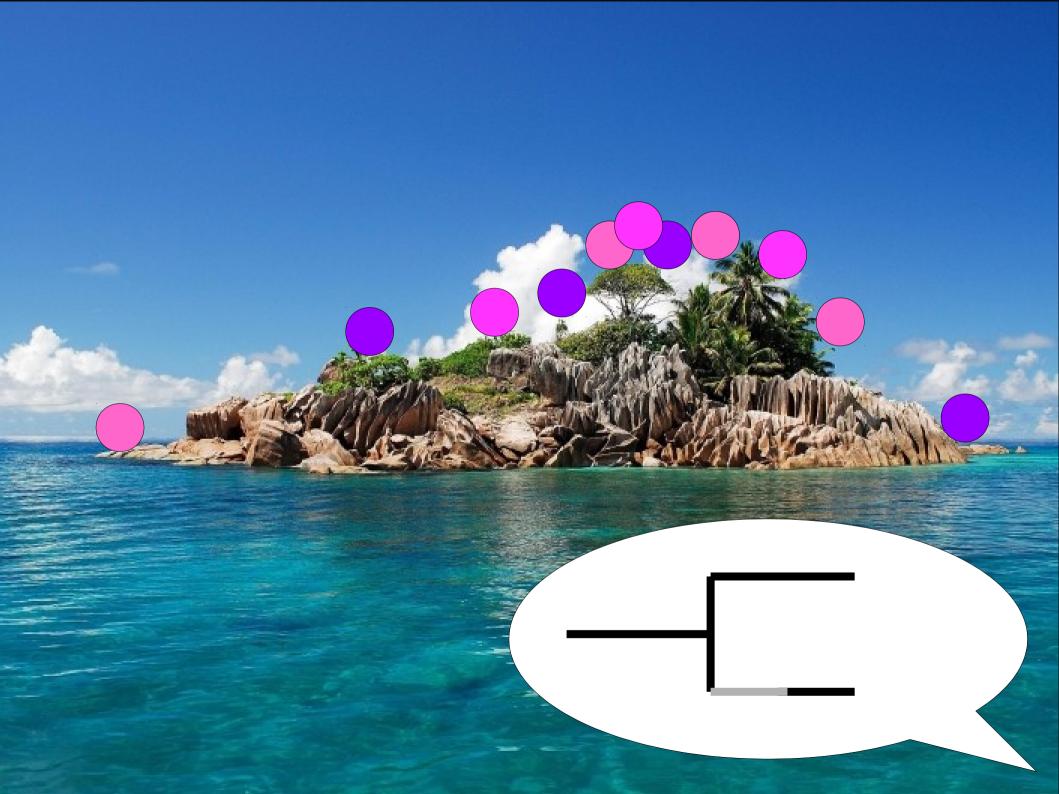




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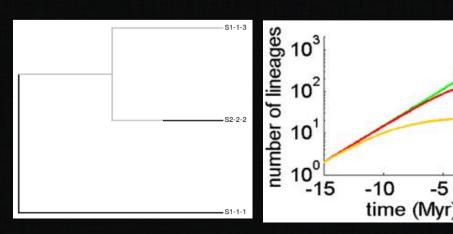
What is the effect of ignoring incipient* species?





Protracted speciation [1]

- Extension of BD model
- New species start as incipient
- Speciation completion rate
 - Incipient → good
 - Falls back to BD if SCR equals infinity
- Number of lineages towards the present flattens off



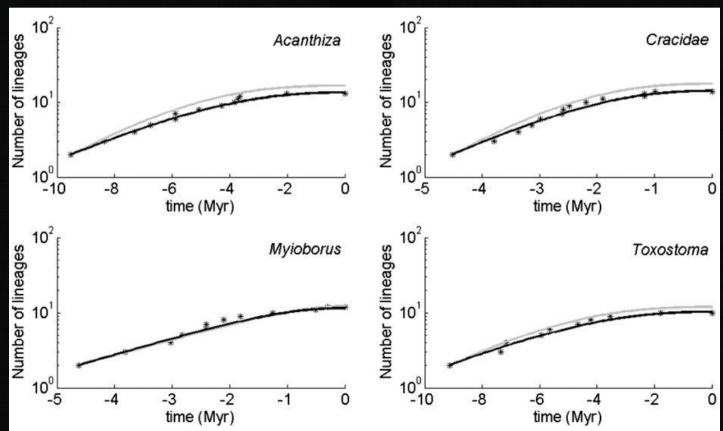
PBD in nature

Acanthiza nana, Yellow Thornbill





Myioborus torquatus, Collared Whitestart



Crax daubentoni, Yellowknobbed Curassow





Toxostoma rufum,
Brown
Thrasher

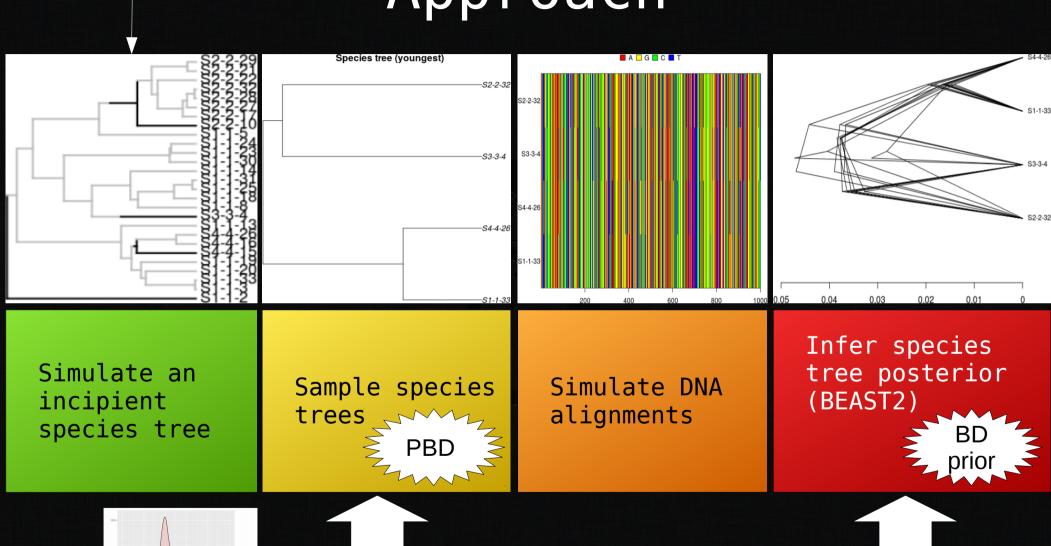
Etienne & Rosindell, 2012

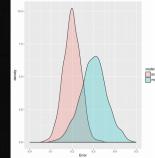
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What if a BD model is assumed to make inferences about a PBD reality?

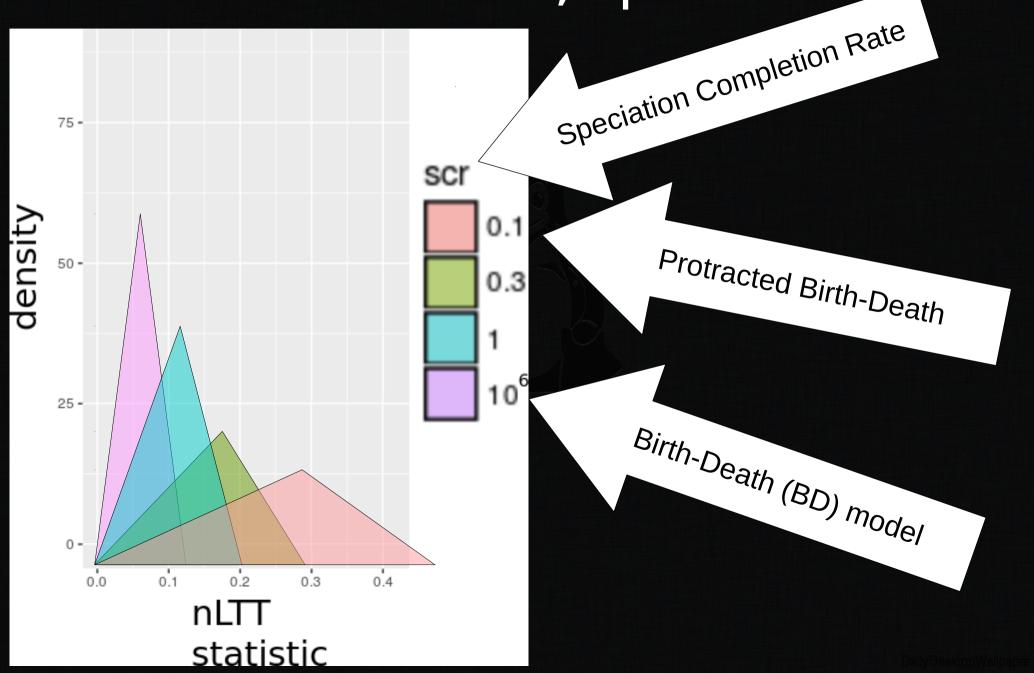
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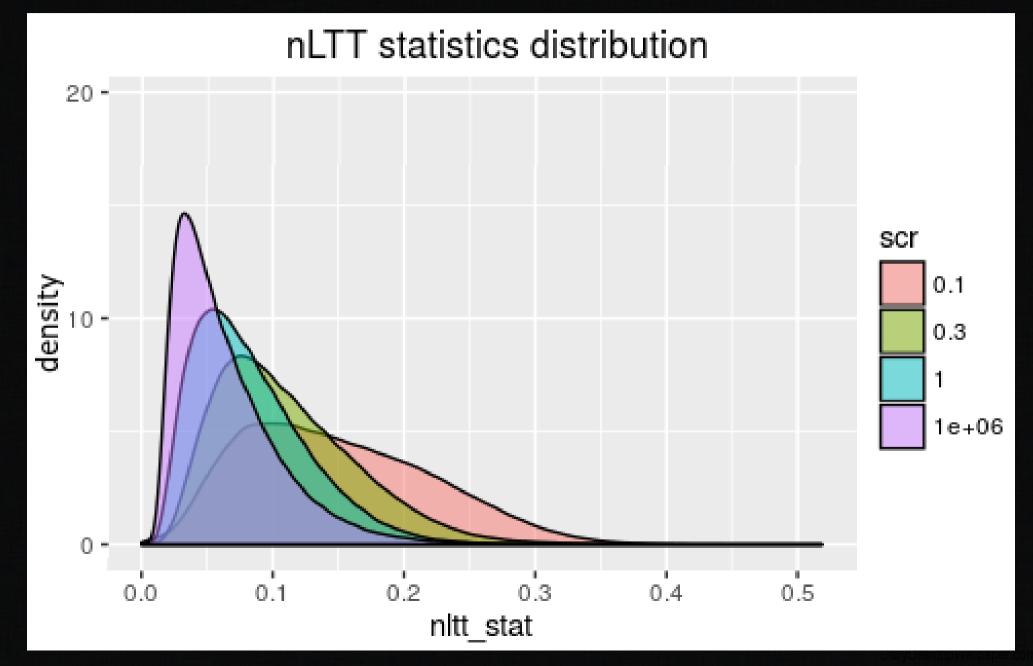


Measure difference/error (nLTT statistic)

Effect of SCR, prediction



Effect of SCR, measured

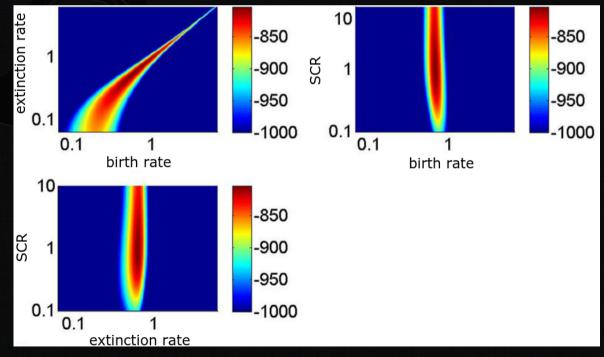


SCRs in nature

• Birds: 0.04-0.89

• Primates: around 1

Data set	λ_2 (Myr $^{-1}$)
Acanthiza	0.07
Cracidae	0.16
Myiborus	0.39
Toxostoma	0.06



Conclusion

- Low SCR increases the error made in inference by a BD prior
- For primates (SCR ≈ 1): good enough
- For birds (SCR < 1): maybe not

 Higher extinction rates reduces error (not shown)

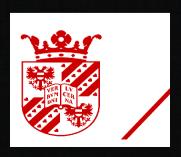
Discussion

- Factorial setup of all parameters failed for some combinations for unknown reasons
 - Only one speciation initiation rate
- Other summary statistics
 - gamma, Δr, NRBS

- Redo my research:
 - www. GitHub.com/richelbilderbeek
 - wiritttes: simulation
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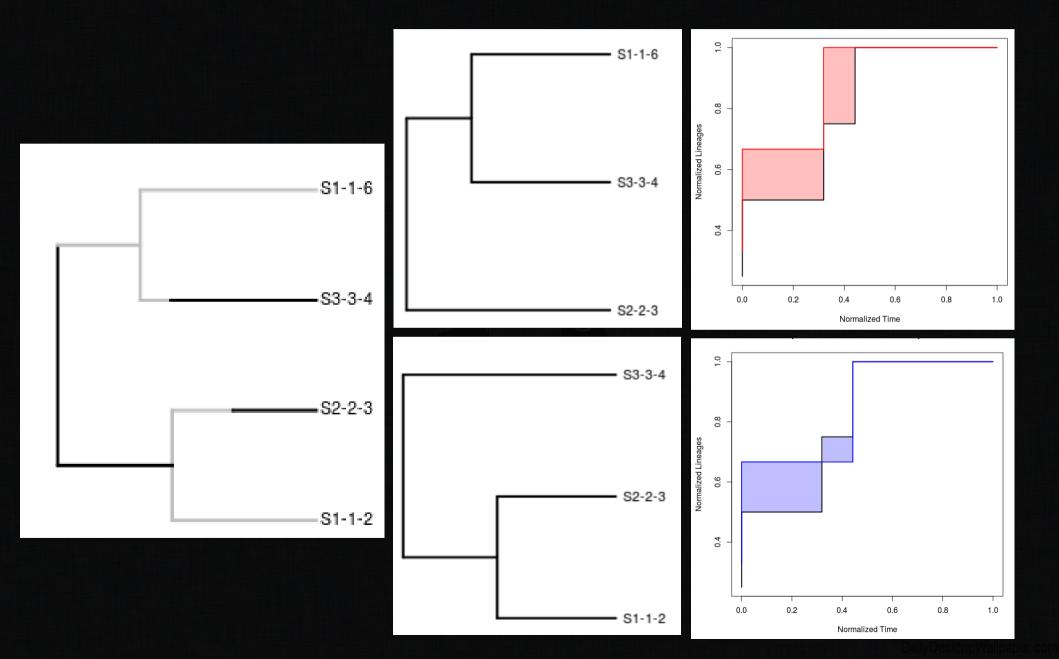






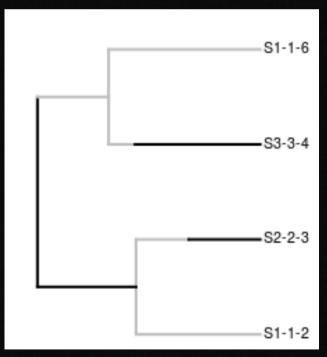


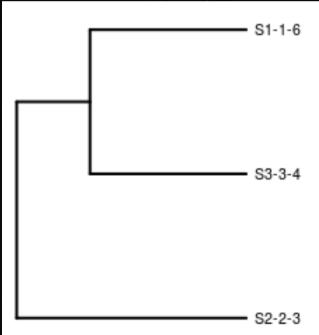
Simulated truth

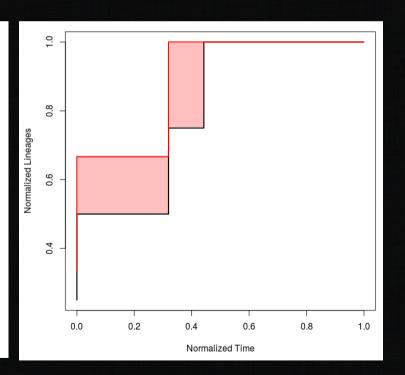


nLTT statistic [1]

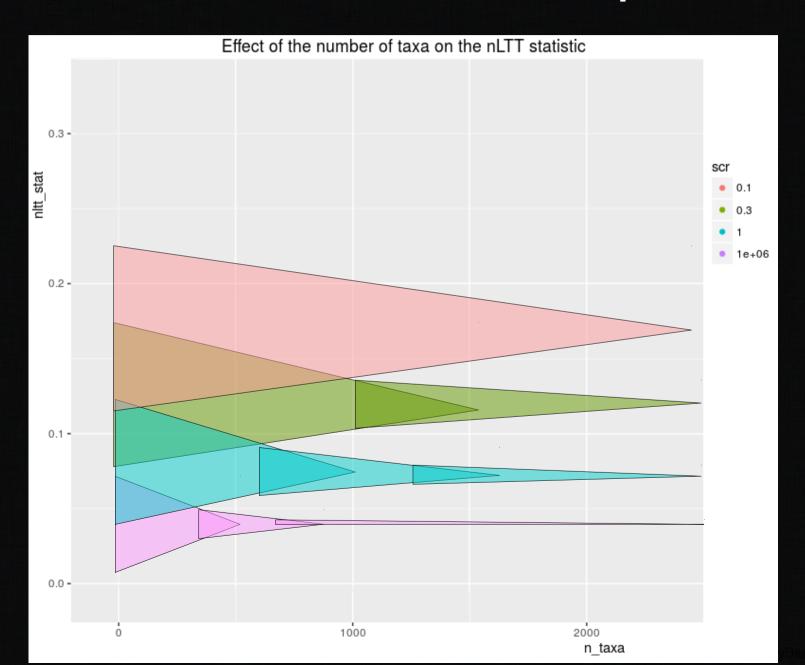
Quantify difference between two phylogenies



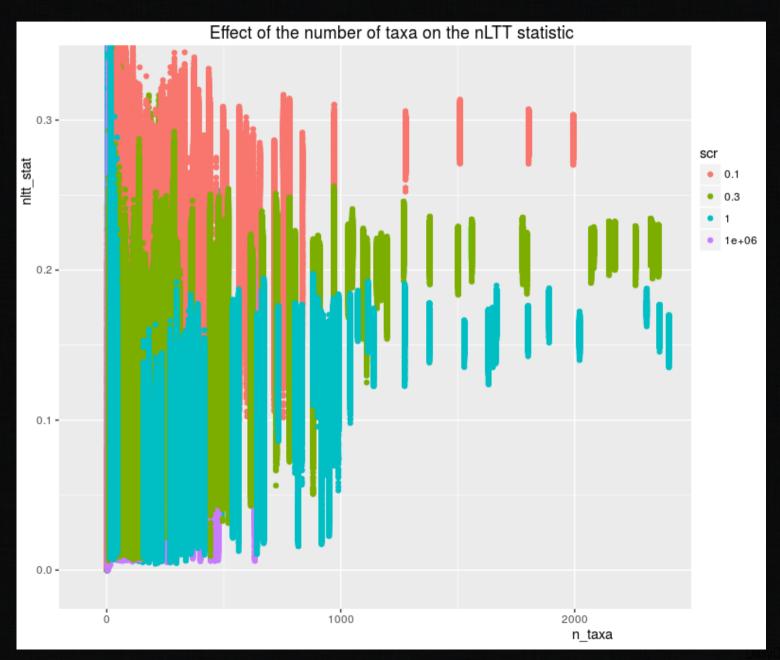




Effect of #taxa, expected



Effect of #taxa, measured



Extinction rates

