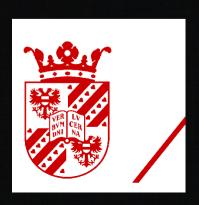
Ignoring incipient species

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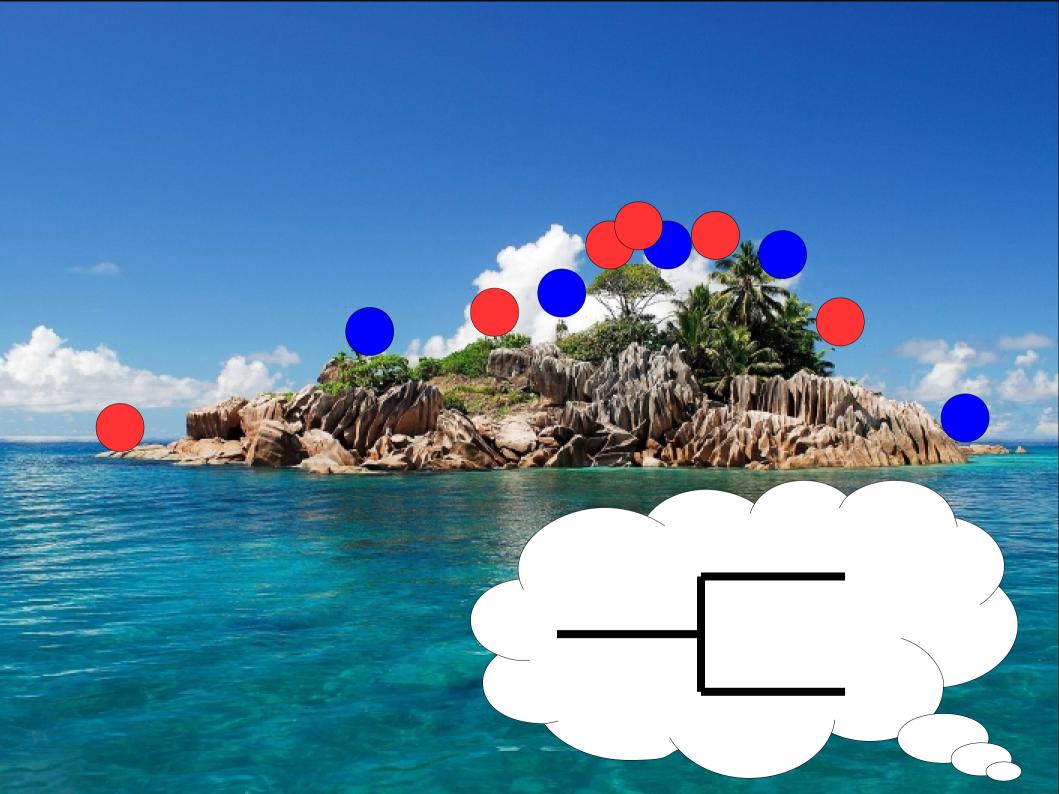














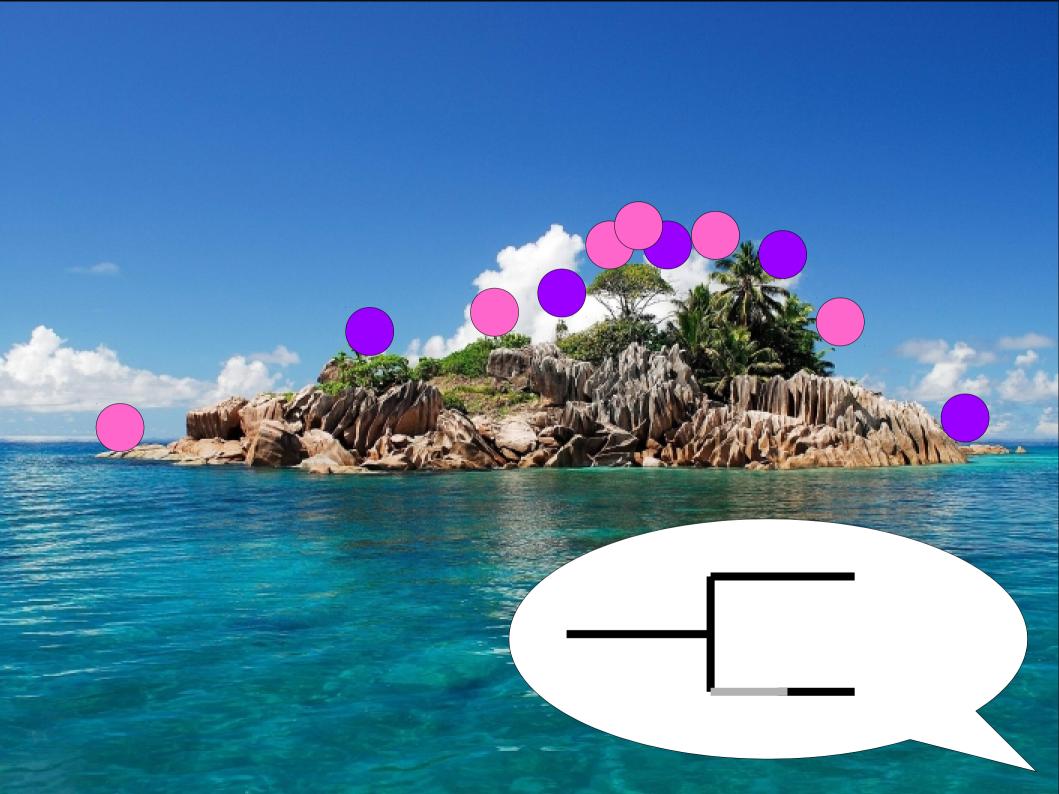


Research question

 What is the effect of ignoring the phase in which species are being formed?

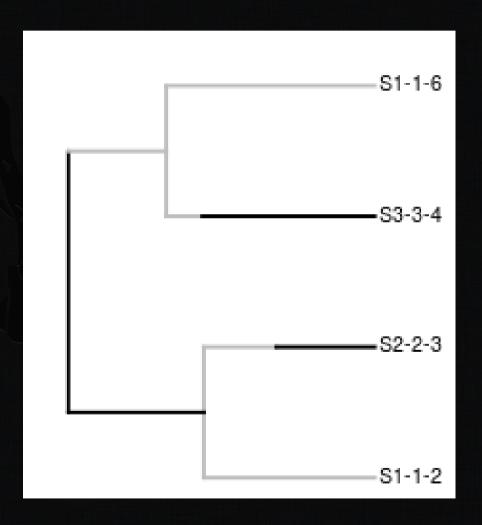
How long does that phase last?

Which species lived when?



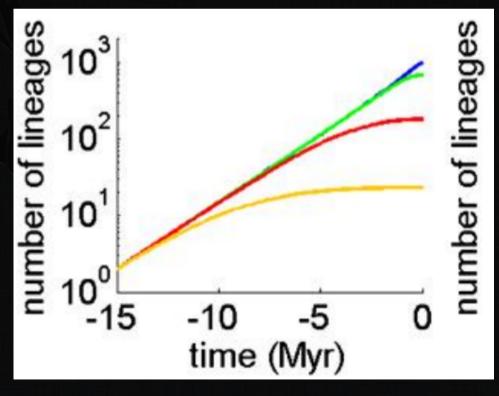
Protracted speciation [1]

- Extension of Birth-Death (BD) model [2]
- New species are incipient
- Speciation completion rate
 - Incipient → good
 - BD if infinite



Protracted speciation

- Number of lineages towards the present flattens of
- Difference between two (n)LTT plots: nLTT statistic
 [1]



Adapted from Etienne & Rosindell, 2012

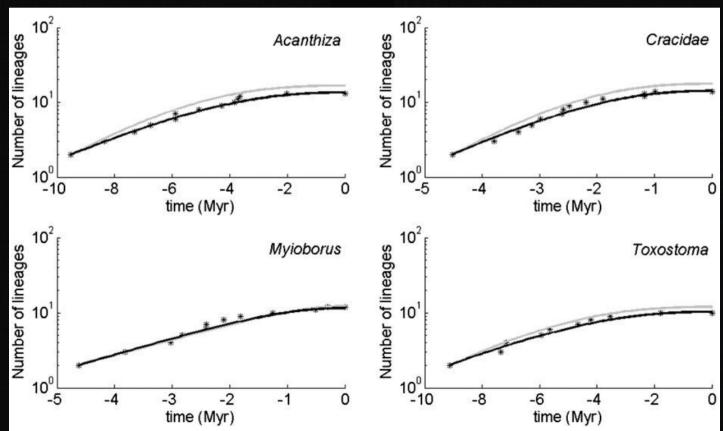
PBD in nature

Acanthiza nana, Yellow Thornbill





Myioborus torquatus, Collared Whitestart



Crax daubentoni, Yellowknobbed Curassow

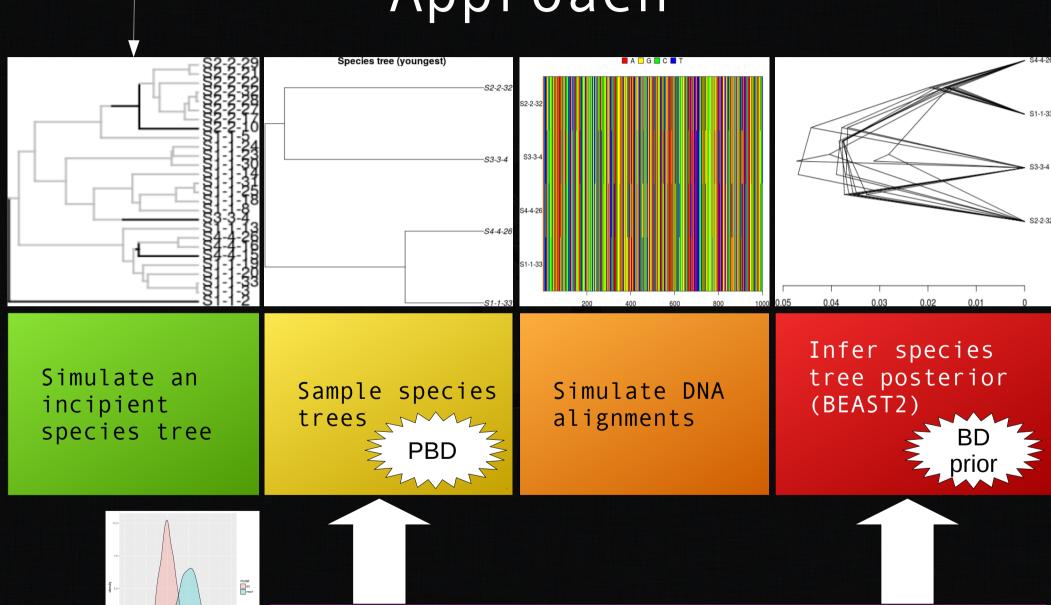




Toxostoma rufum,
Brown
Thrasher

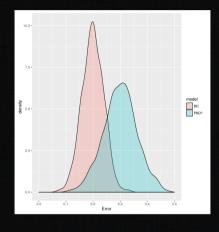
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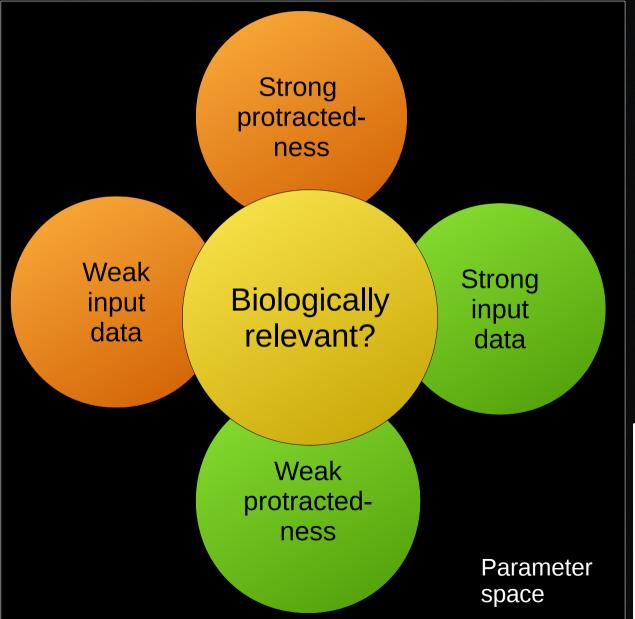
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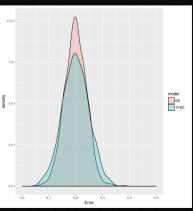


Measure difference/error (nLTT statistic)

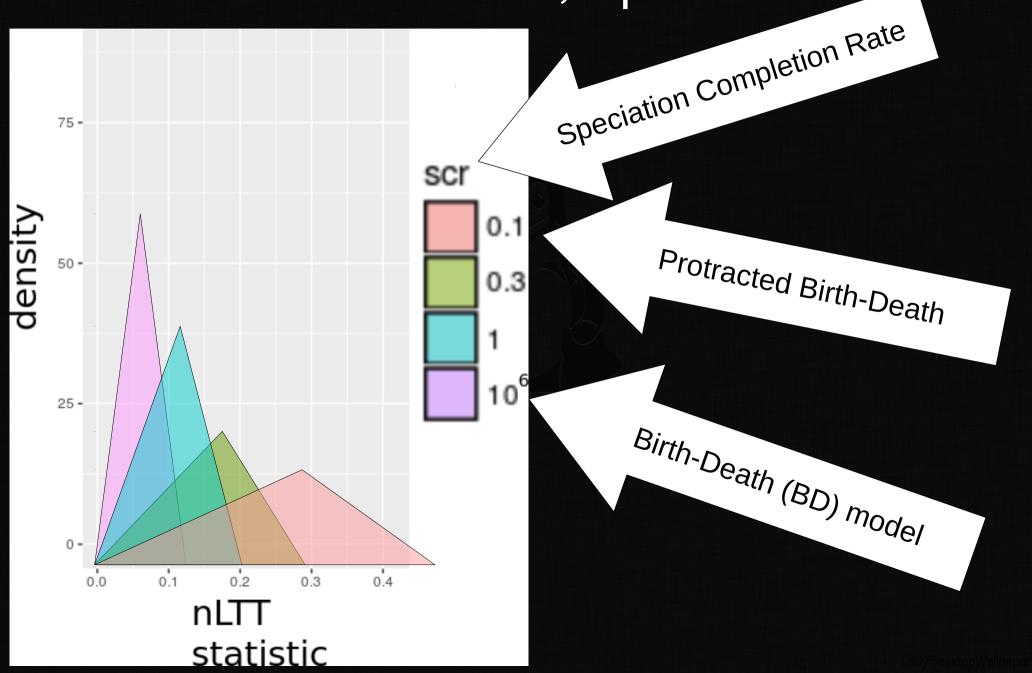
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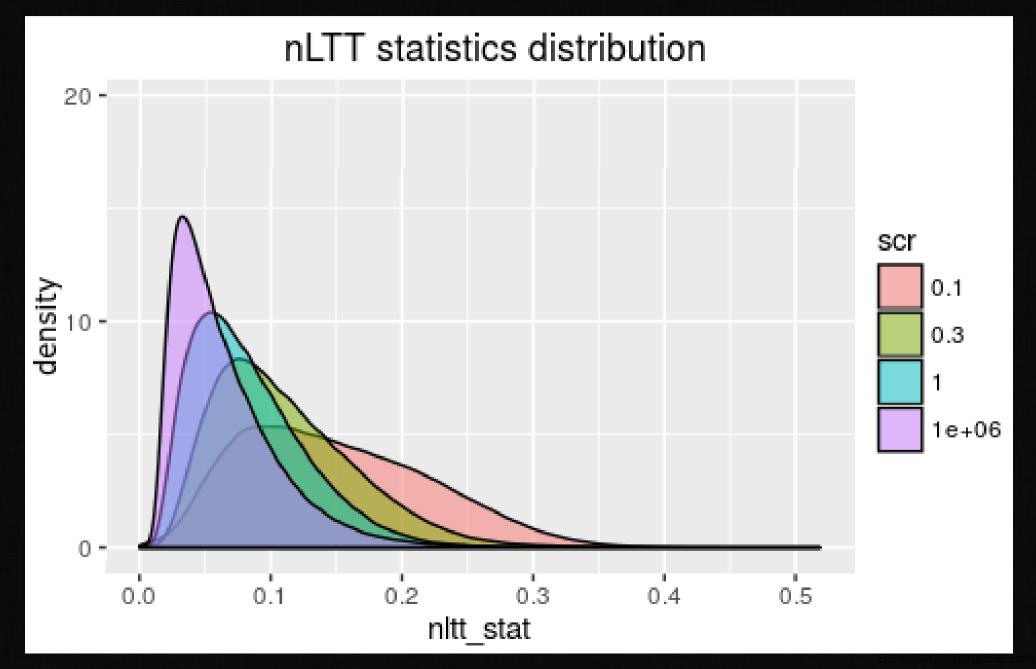




Effect of SCR, prediction



Effect of SCR, measured



Extinction rates

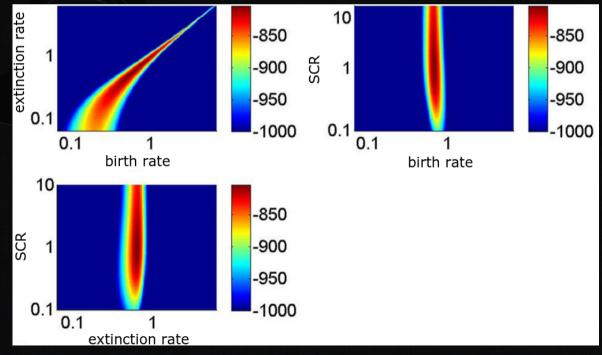


SCRs in nature

• 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

- An increased level of protractedness increases the error made in inference
- For primates a BD prior works fine
- For birds, a BD prior may not be sufficient

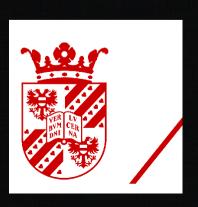
Discussion

- Only one speciation initiation rate investigated
- Bigger phylogenies (>5000 taxa)
 were not analysed

- Run my research:
 - www.gGitHub.com/richelbilderbeek
 - wiritttes: simulation
 - wiritttea: analysis

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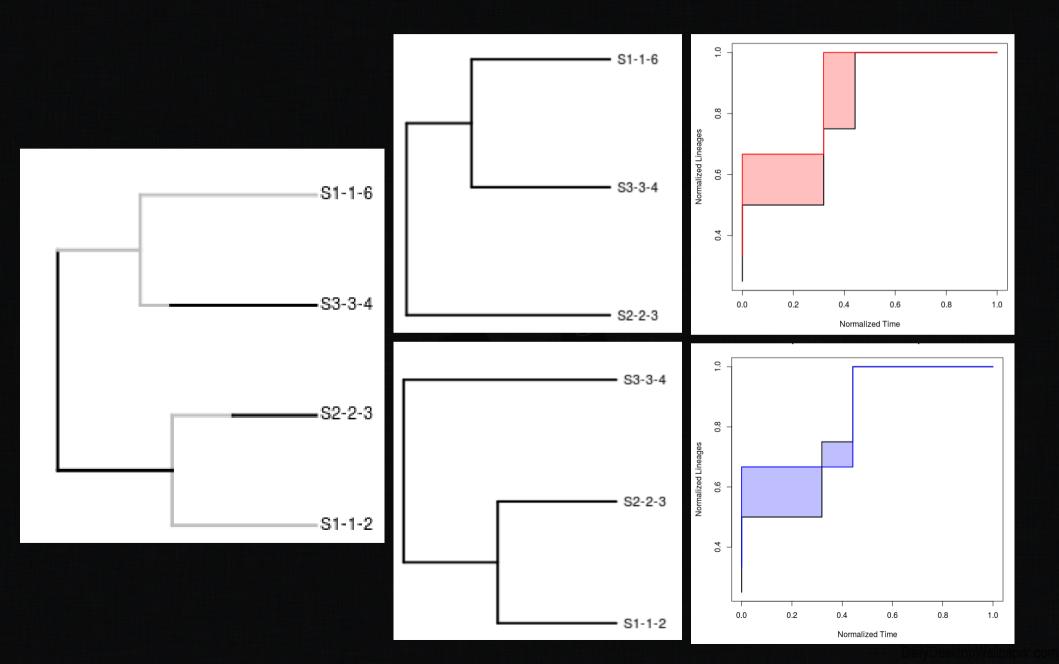
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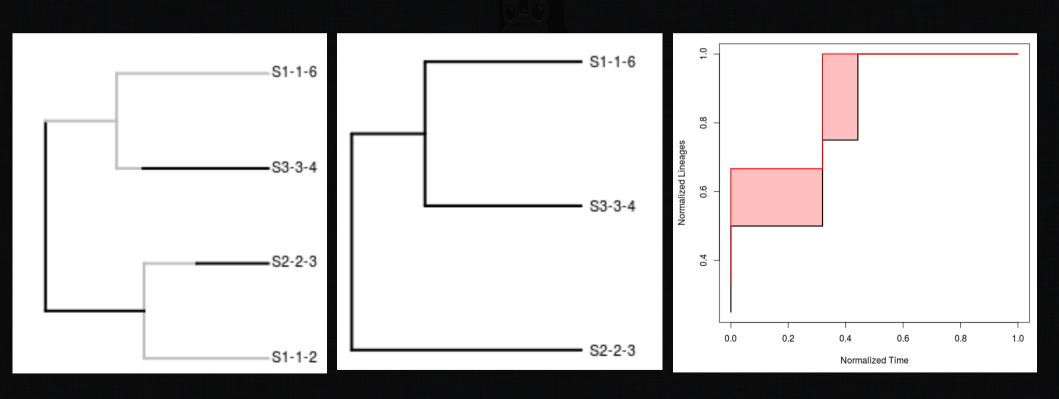


Simulated truth

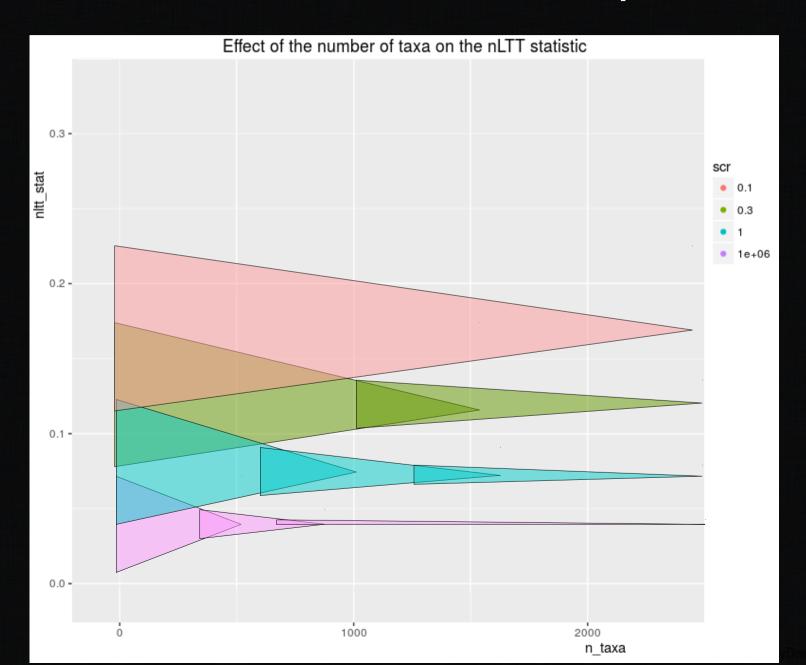


nLTT statistic [1]

Quantify difference between two phylogenies



Effect of #taxa, expected



Effect of #taxa, measured

