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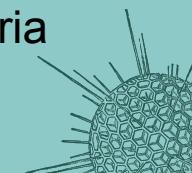


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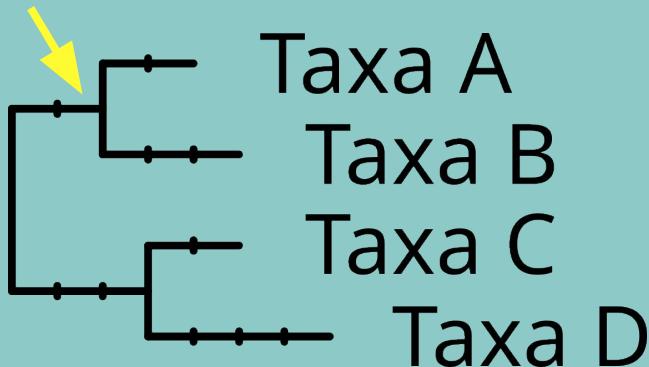
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- Introduction to molecular phylogenetics and tree thinking
- Introduction to the molecular clock concept and best practices calibrating Retaria
- Case study: Calibrating *Globigerinoides* (by Mattia)

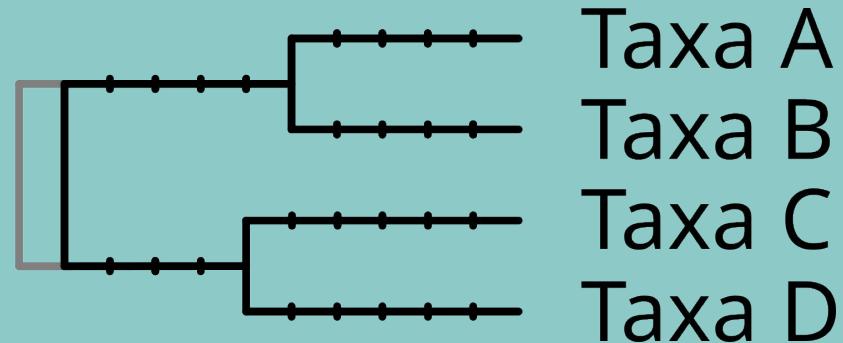


Molecular clock in a nutshell

5 time units



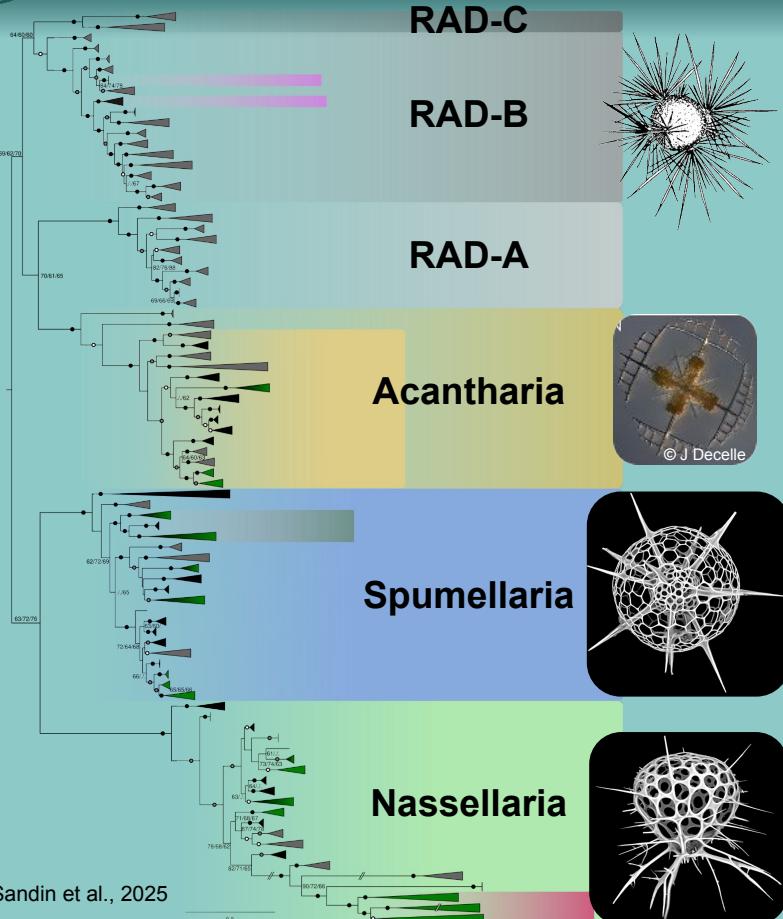
1 mutation unit



1 time unit

Under a **strict clock model**, times are proportional to distances

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A strict clock model is too simplistic at broad taxonomic scales

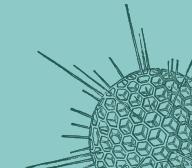
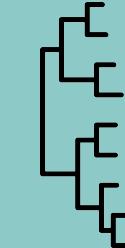
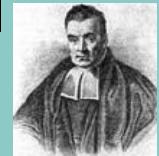
Relaxed clock models allow different rates at different lineages

Choosing the software

Scientific question
and dataset

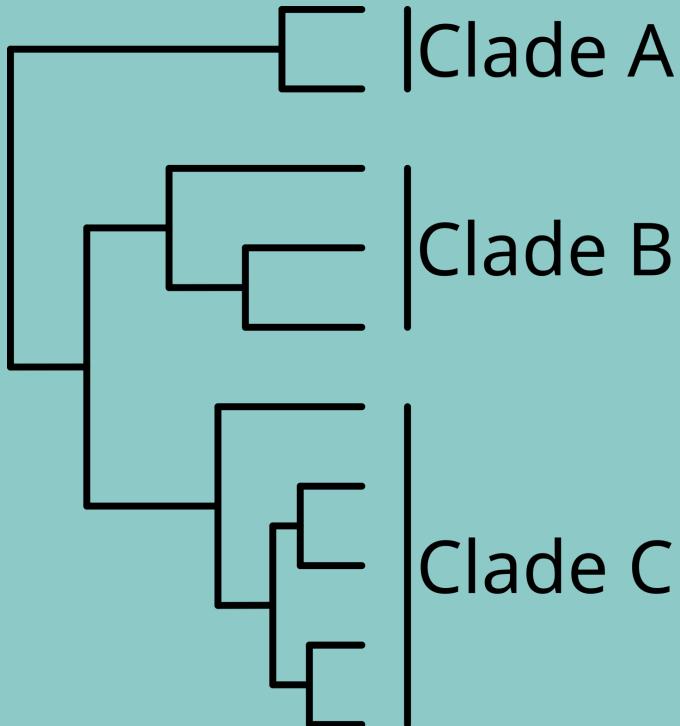
Uncertainty
Priors:
Speciation & fossil calibrations

Bayesian	BEAST/BEAST2	V
	MCMCTree	
Penalized likelihood	MrBayes	ACGATCCTGAG
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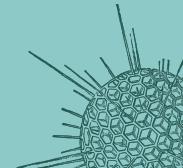


Choosing the calibration points

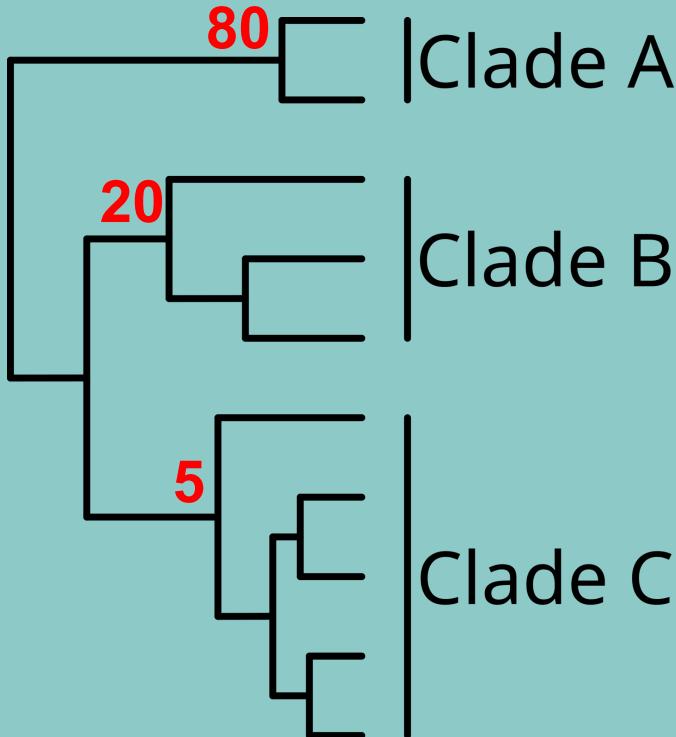


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and compare with your
fossil dates

Fossil calibrations
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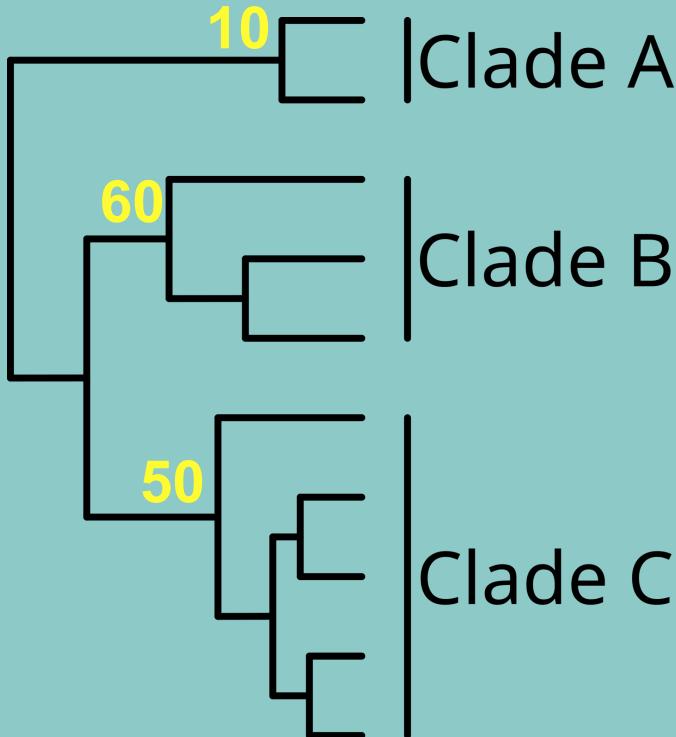
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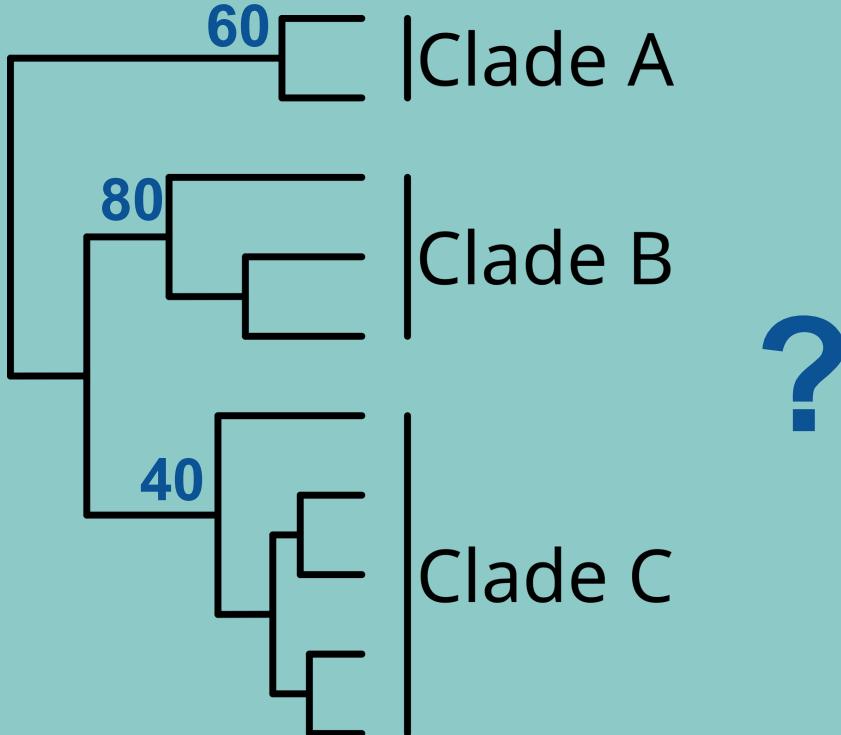
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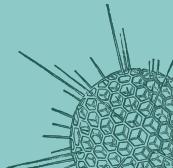


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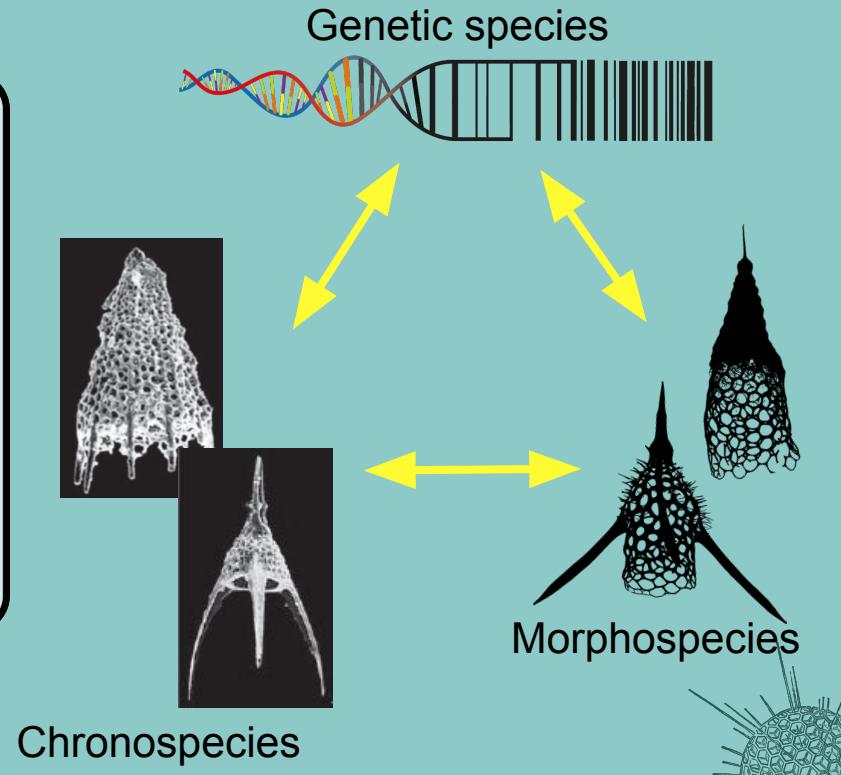
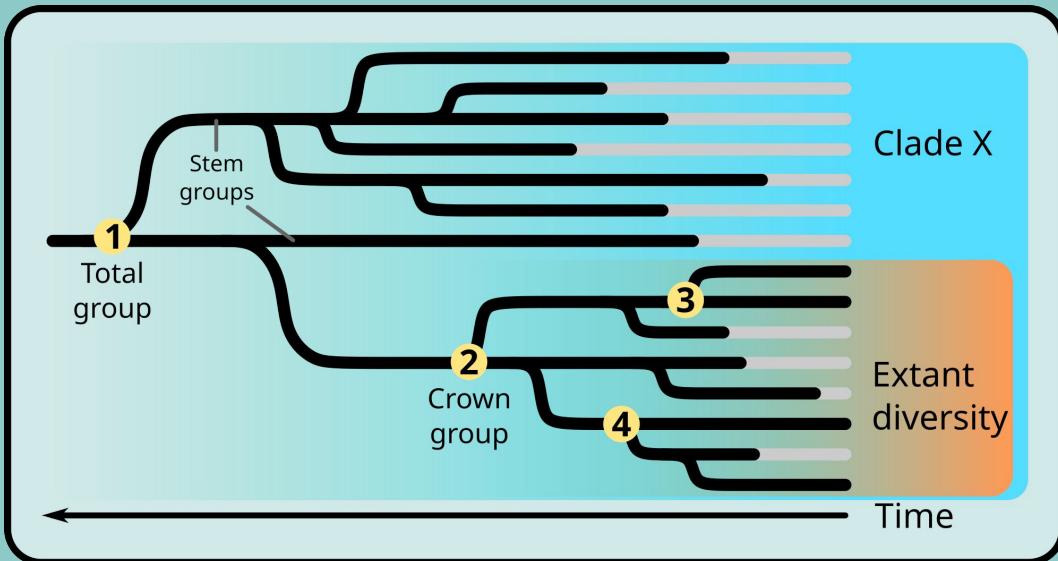
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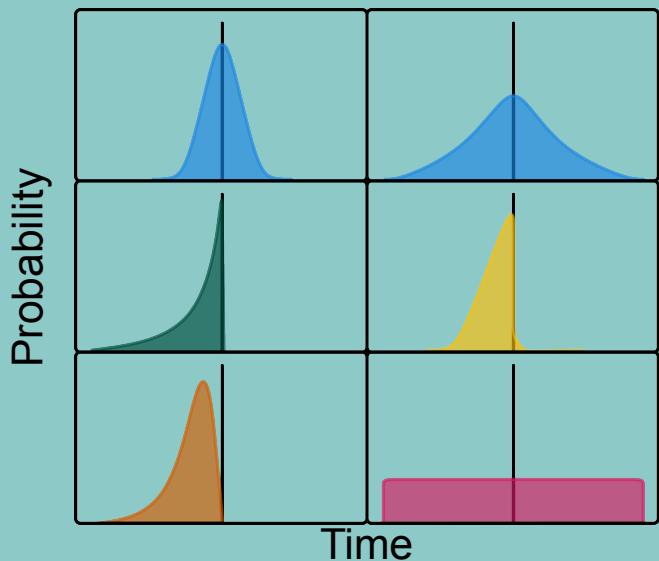
Choosing the calibration points

Understanding diversity



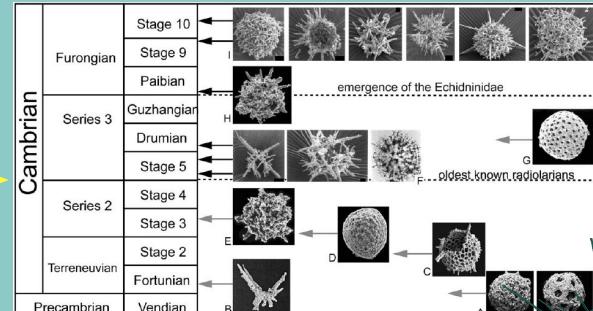
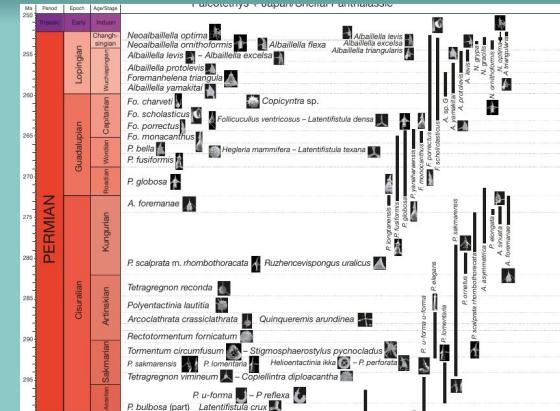
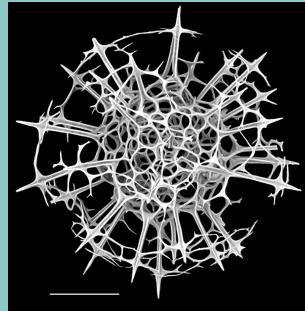
Choosing the prior distributions

Choosing the right distribution

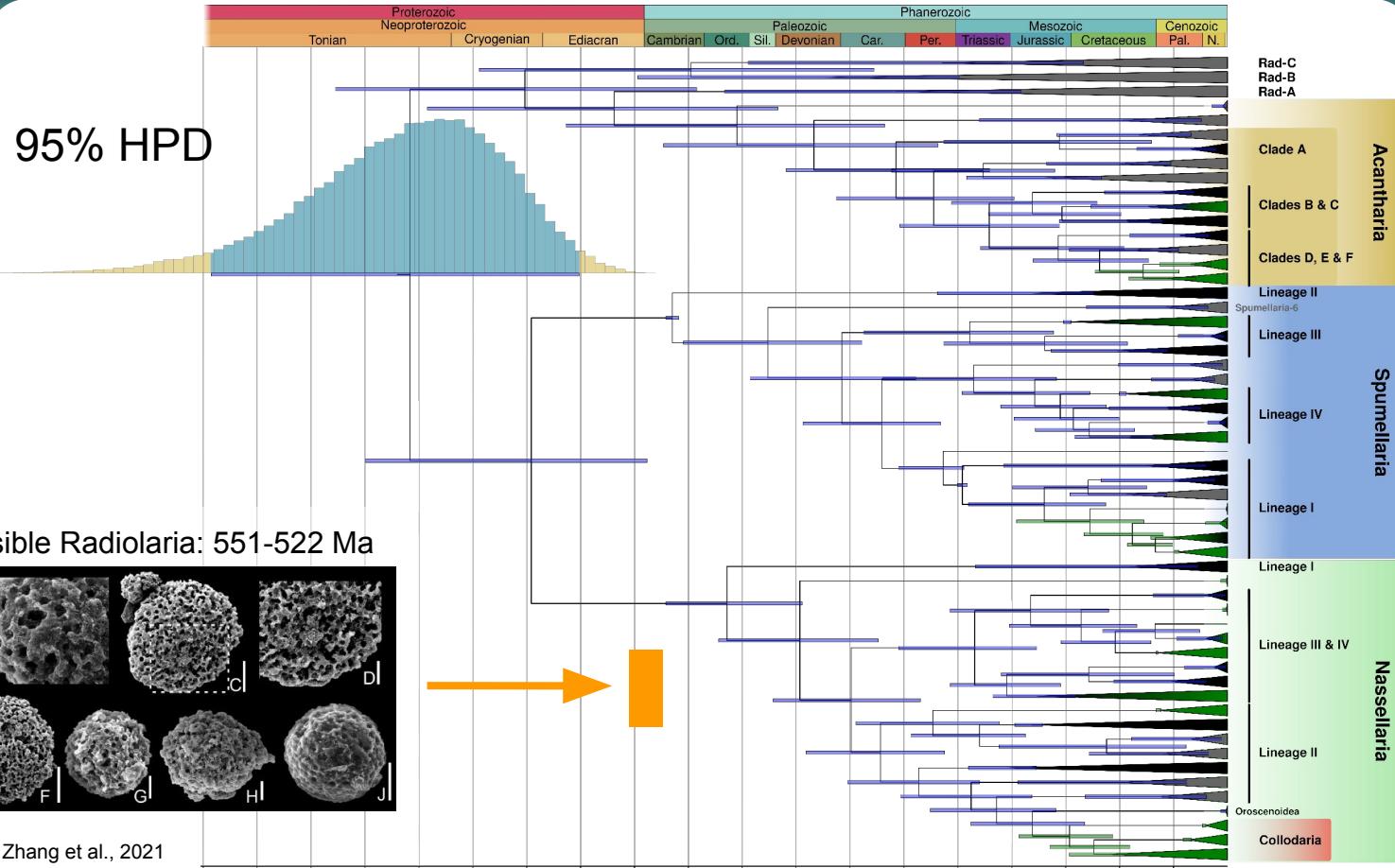


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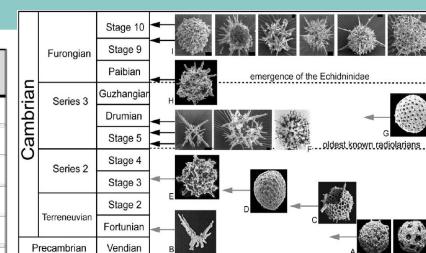
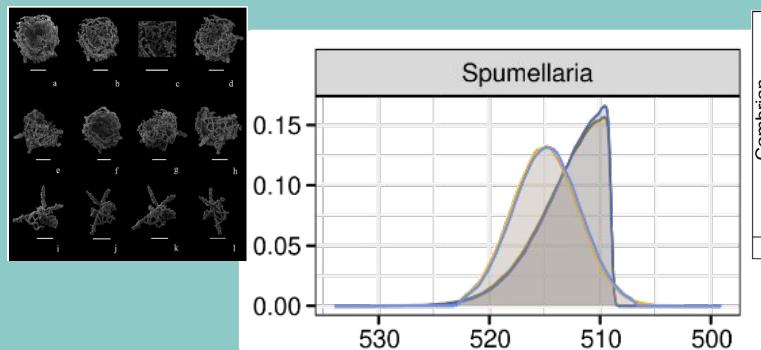
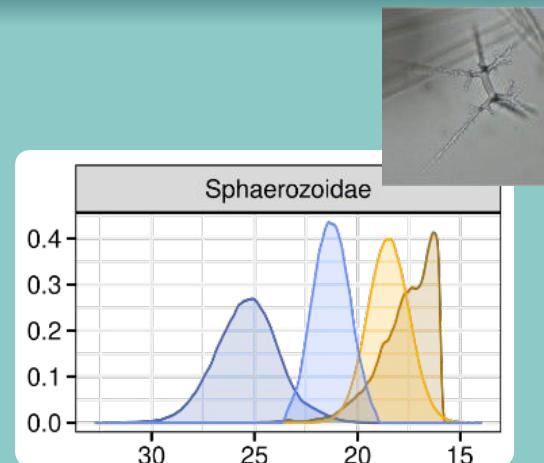
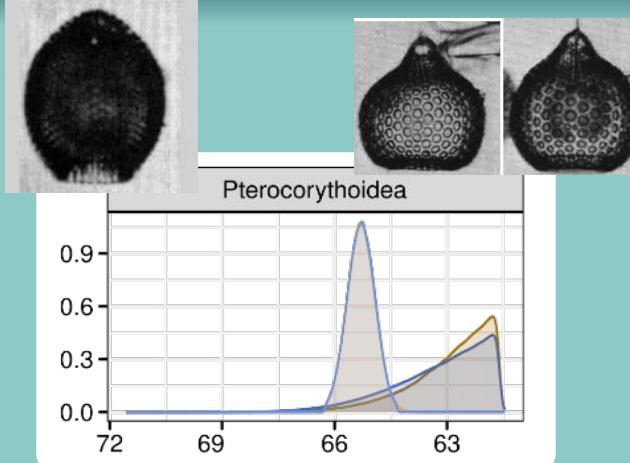
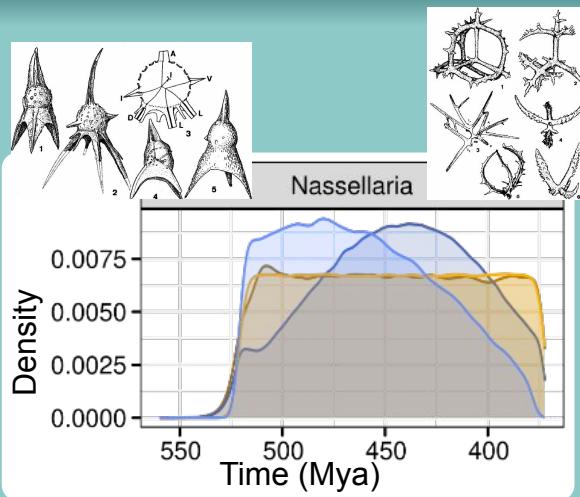
- Fossil interpretation
- Fossil confidence
- Phylogenetic diversity
- ...



Interpreting the molecular clock timing



Assessing the priors



Distribution

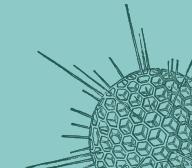
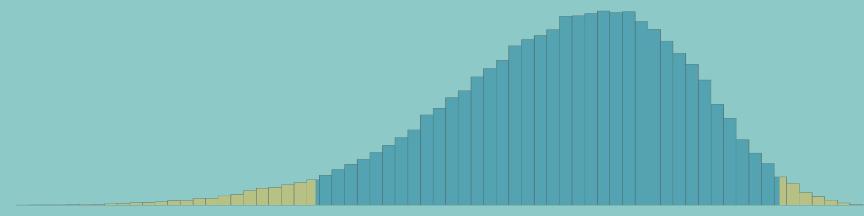
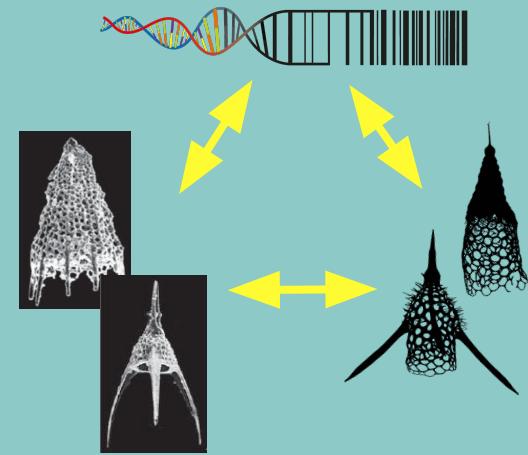
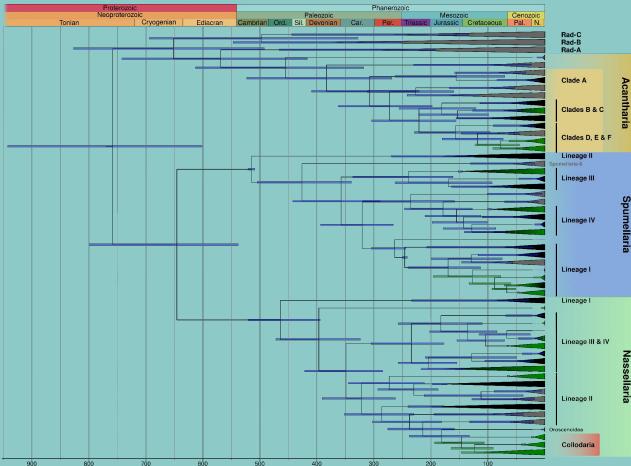
BEAST2 MCMCTree

Prior Posterior

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Molecular dating:

- Is an iterative process
- Has to be interpreted
- Best achieved in interdisciplinary collaborations



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A meeting to foster exchange among the Retaria community