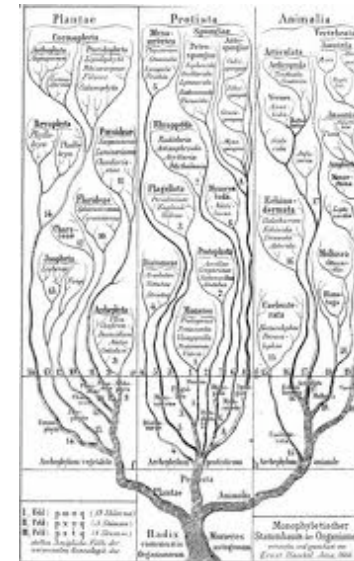


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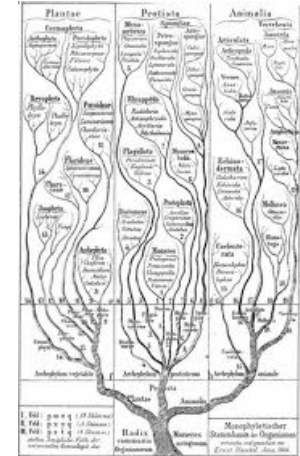


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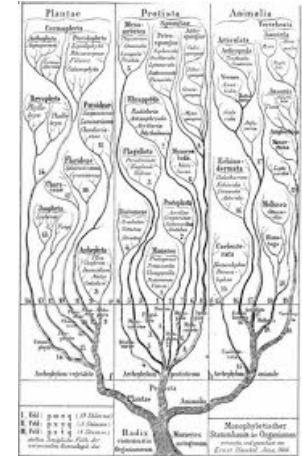
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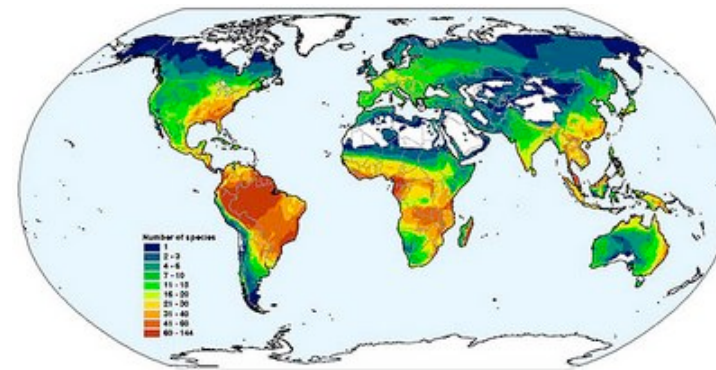
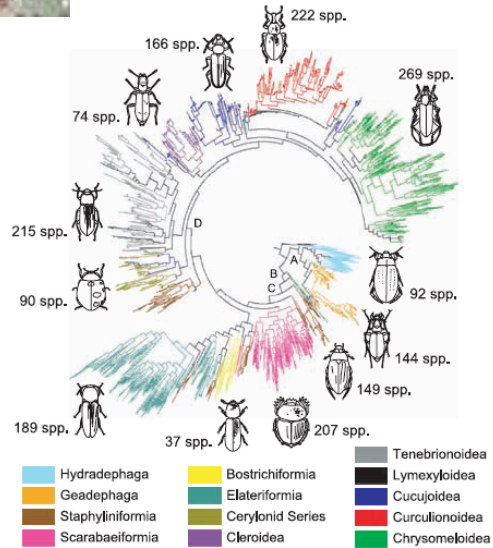


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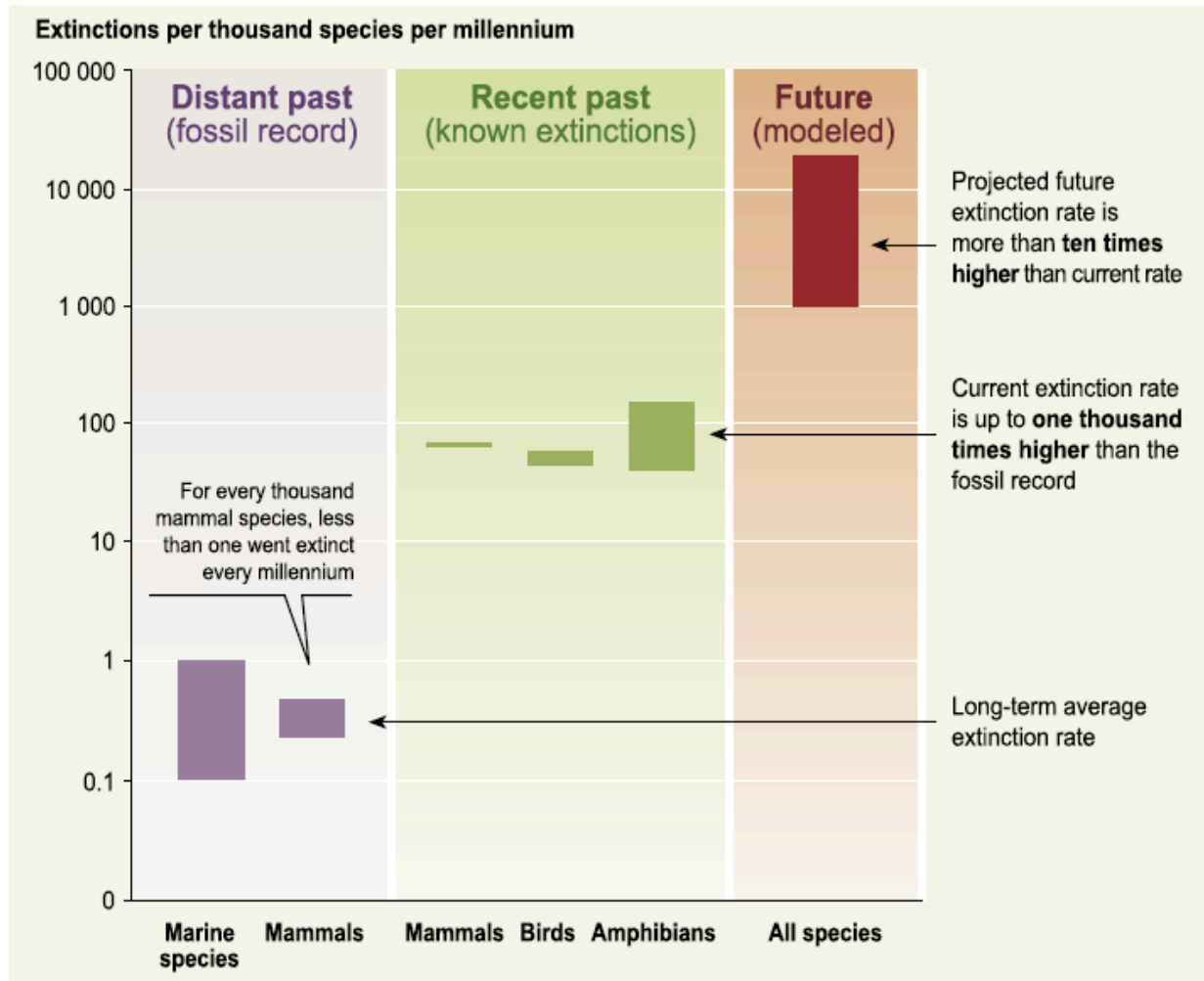
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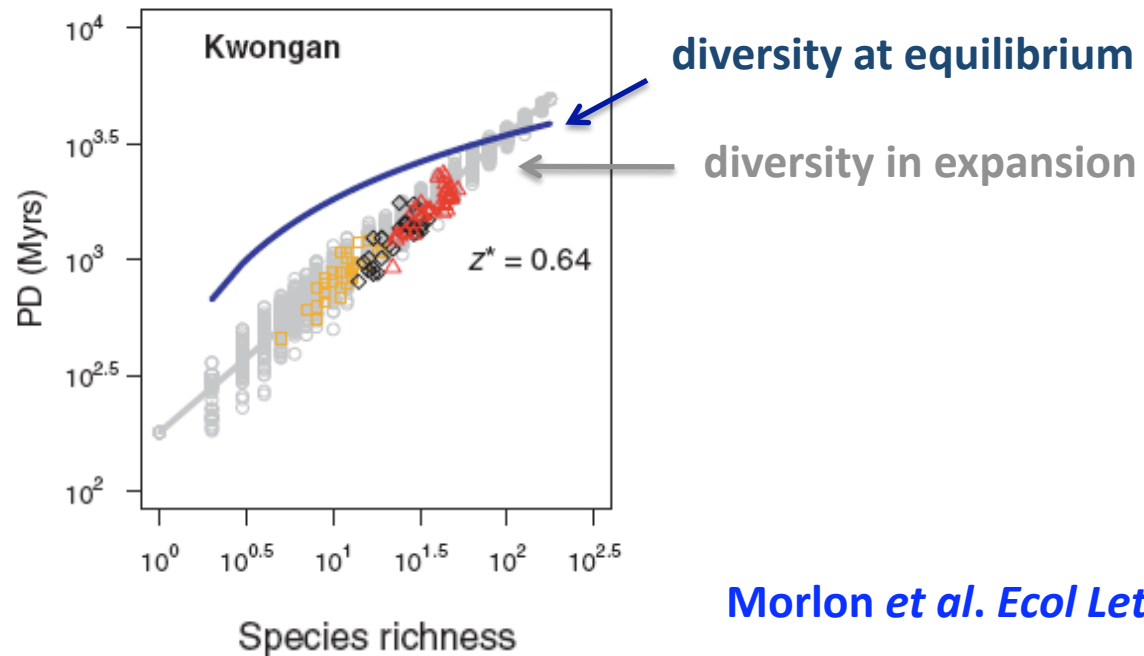




# Estimating background extinction rates



# Estimating the loss of evolutionary history with extinctions or habitat loss

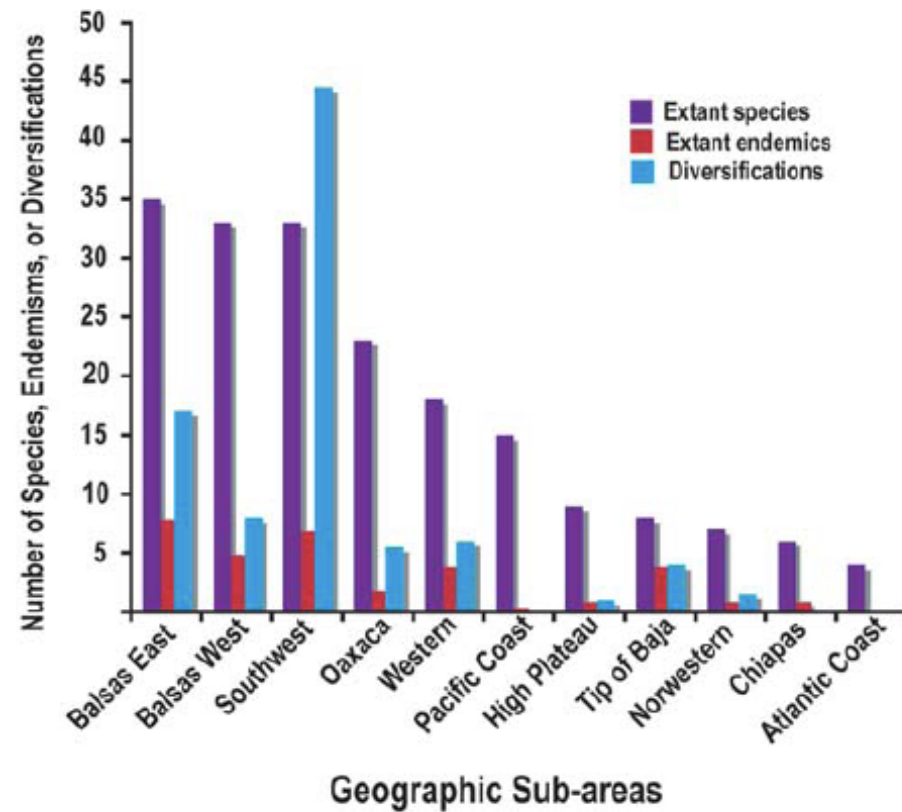


Morlon *et al. Ecol Lett* 2011

Long-term diversity dynamics influence tree shape and thus the amount of phylogenetic diversity lost by extinction

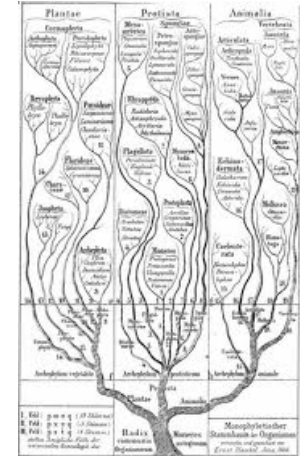
Nee & May *Science* 1997

# Identifying source and sink areas for diversification



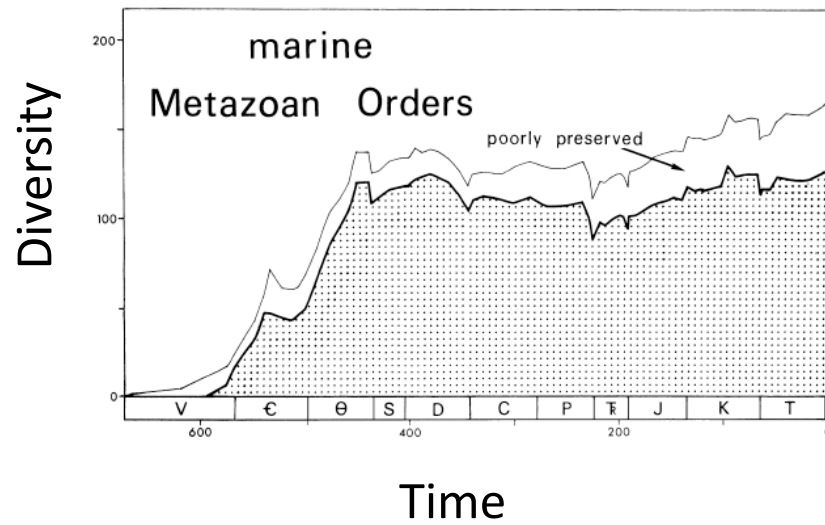


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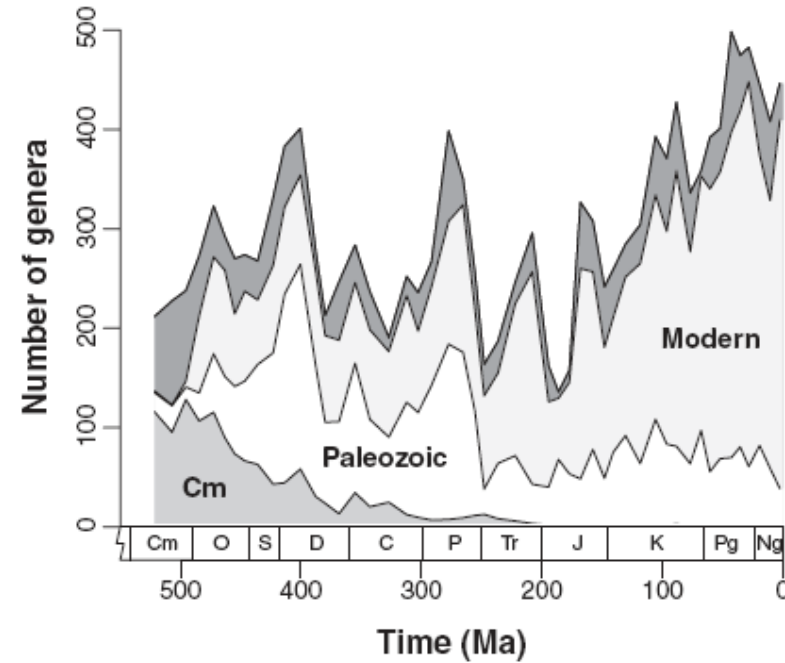


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# Diversity dynamics may be inferred using fossil data



Sepkoski *Paleobiology* 1978



Alroy *Science* 2010

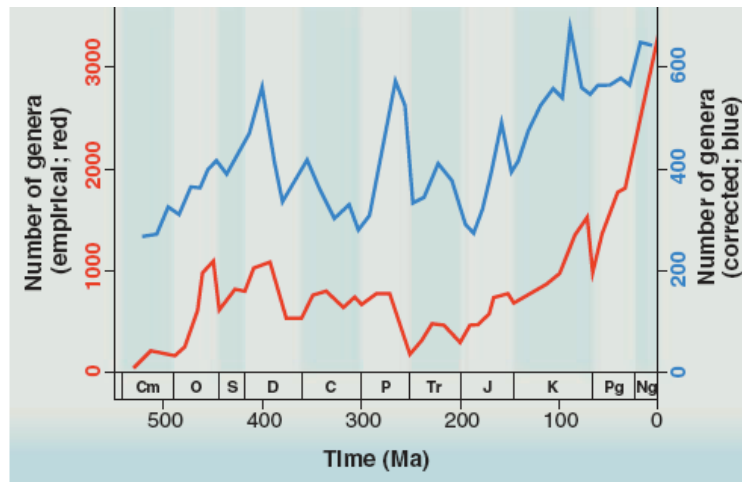


# Many groups lack fossil data



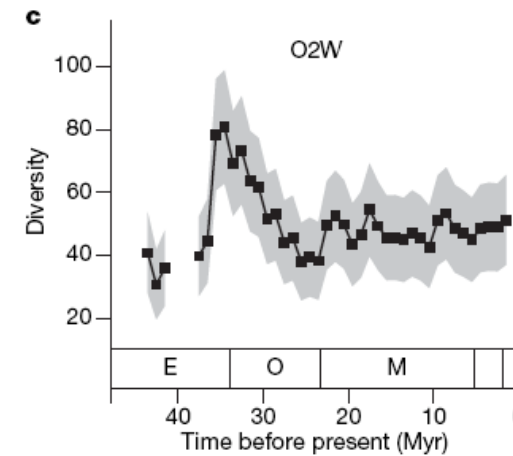
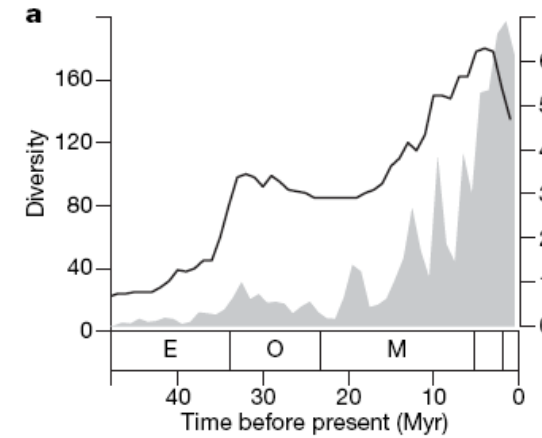
# Different methods to correct for the incompleteness of the fossil record yield contrasting results

## Marine invertebrates



Benton *Science* 2009

## Planktonic diatoms



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# Analyzing diversity dynamics using the molecular phylogenies of extant species: *the bases*

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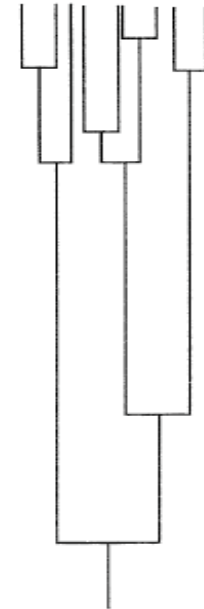
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actual lineages



apparent lineages

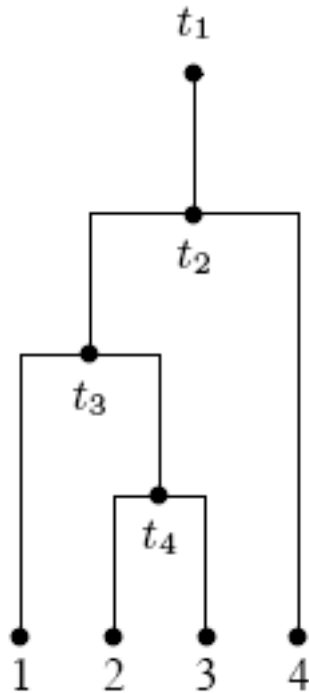


The reconstructed evolutionary process

SEAN NEE, ROBERT M. MAY AND PAUL H. HARVEY

*PTB 1994*

# Analyzing diversity dynamics using the molecular phylogenies of extant species: *the bases*



We assume that at time  $t_1$  in the past a single lineage starts to diversify according to a birth-death process: each lineage gives rise to a new lineage with rate  $\lambda$ , and go extinct with rate  $\mu$  ( $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are constant in time and across lineages)

Then it is possible to derive the likelihood of observing the splitting times  $\{t_i\}$  in the reconstructed phylogeny, and thus to estimate  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  by maximum likelihood

# Molecular phylogenies are widely used to infer diversity dynamics



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## Estimating diversification rates from phylogenetic information

Robert E. Ricklefs

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*TREE 2007*

When  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  vary over time

## EXPLOSIVE EVOLUTIONARY RADIATIONS: DECREASING SPECIATION OR INCREASING EXTINCTION THROUGH TIME?

Daniel L. Rabosky<sup>1,2,3</sup> and Irby J. Lovette<sup>1,3</sup>

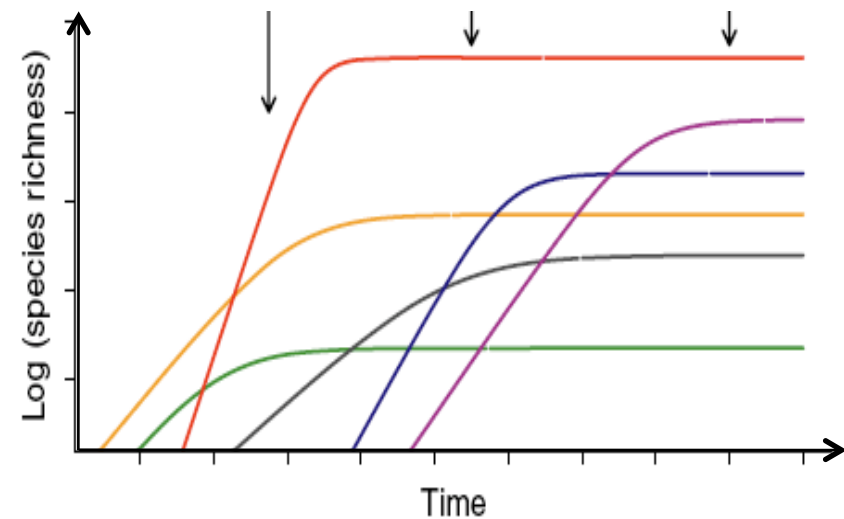
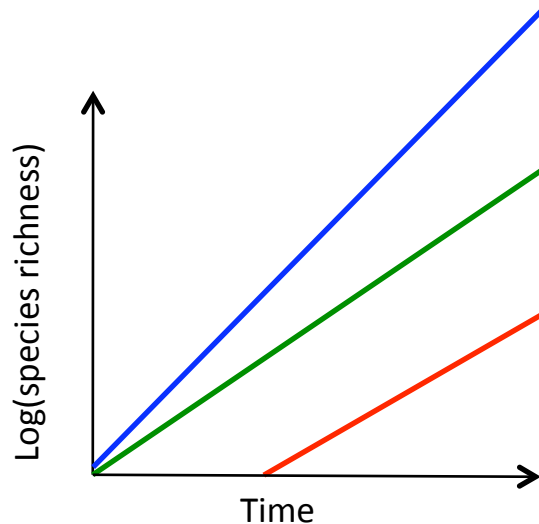
*Evolution 2008*



# Some limitations

What if phylogenies are incomplete?

How to test the hypothesis that diversity is at equilibrium?  
(we have assumed that diversity is expanding)



# Inferring the Dynamics of Diversification: A Coalescent Approach

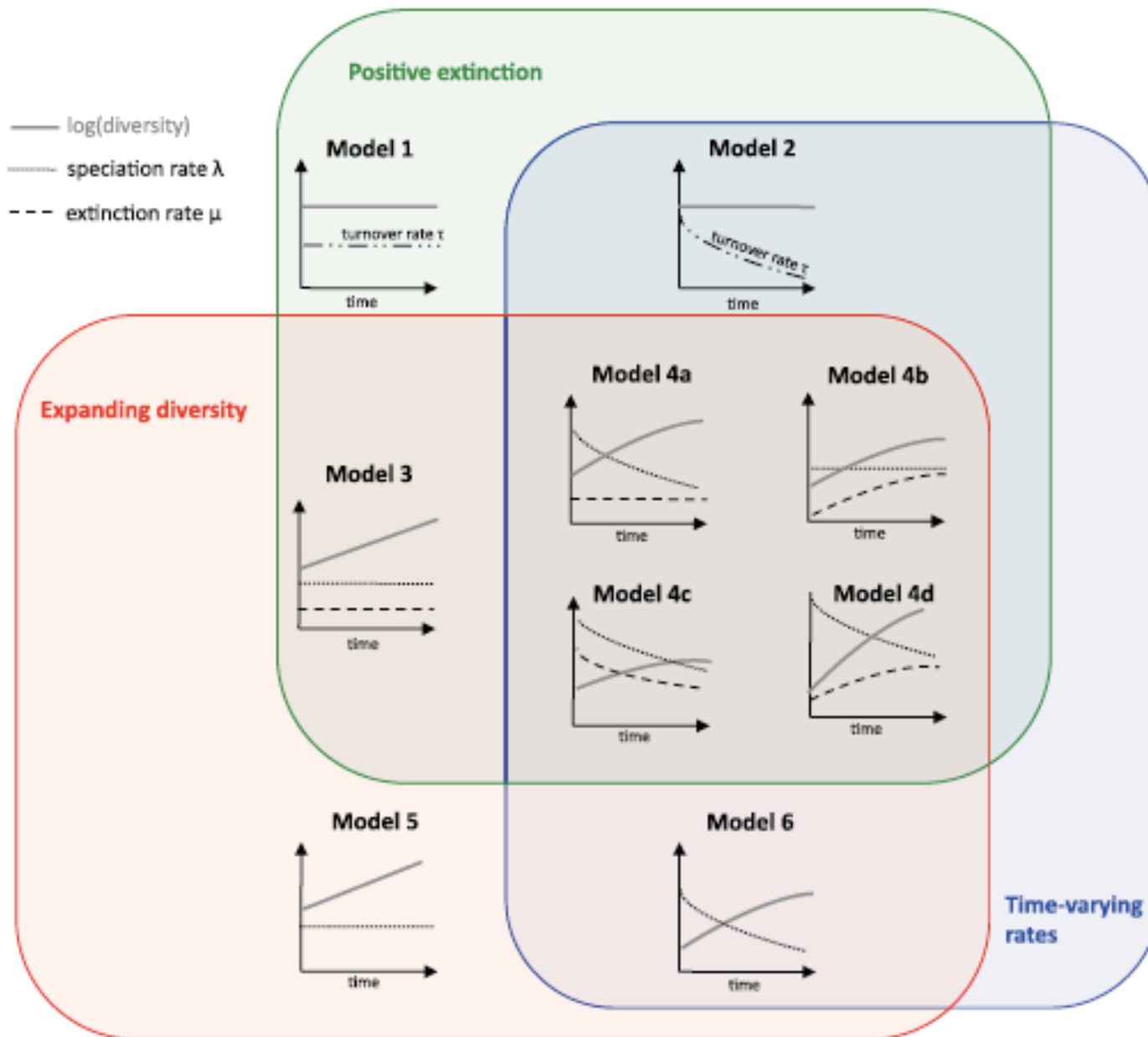
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*PloSB 2010*

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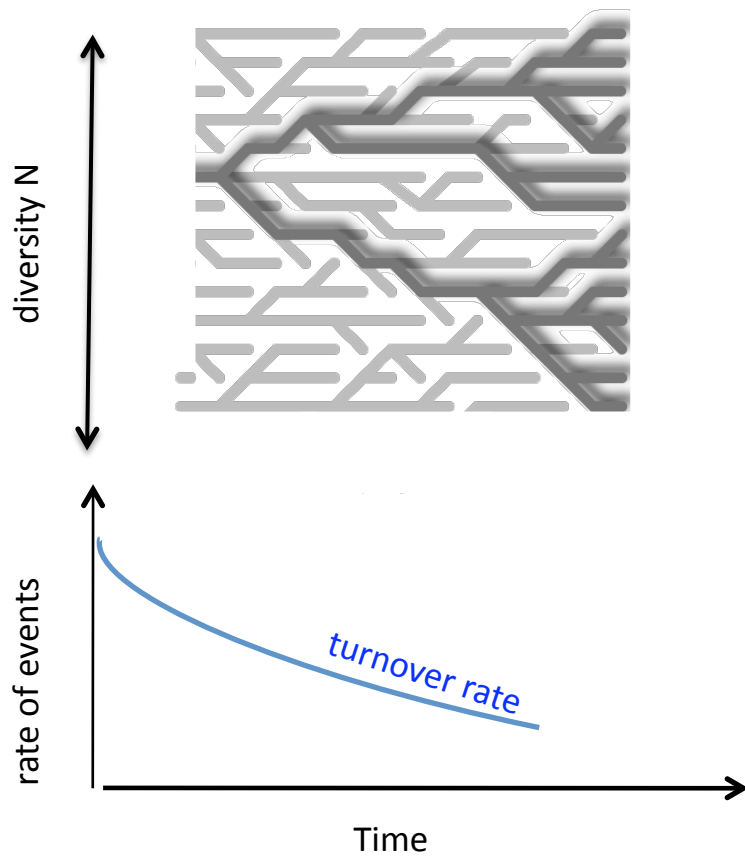
***2. testing the hypothesis that diversity is at equilibrium  
(while accomodating incomplete phylogenies  
and rate variation over time)***

# 9 diversification scenarios

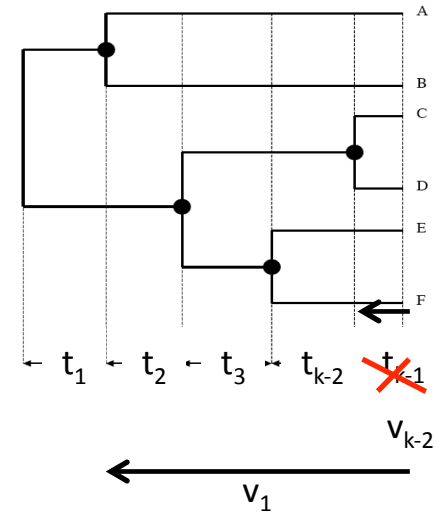


# Likelihood of a phylogeny under a given diversification scenario

## scenario Case of constant diversity



randomly sample  $k$  species out of  $N$



$$\Lambda(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{k-2}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-2} \log L(t_i)$$

↙ turnover rate

$$L(t_i) = \frac{i(i+1)}{2} \frac{2\lambda(v_i)}{N} \exp \left[ -\frac{i(i+1)}{2} \int_{v_i - t_i}^{v_i} \frac{2\lambda(t)}{N} dt \right]$$

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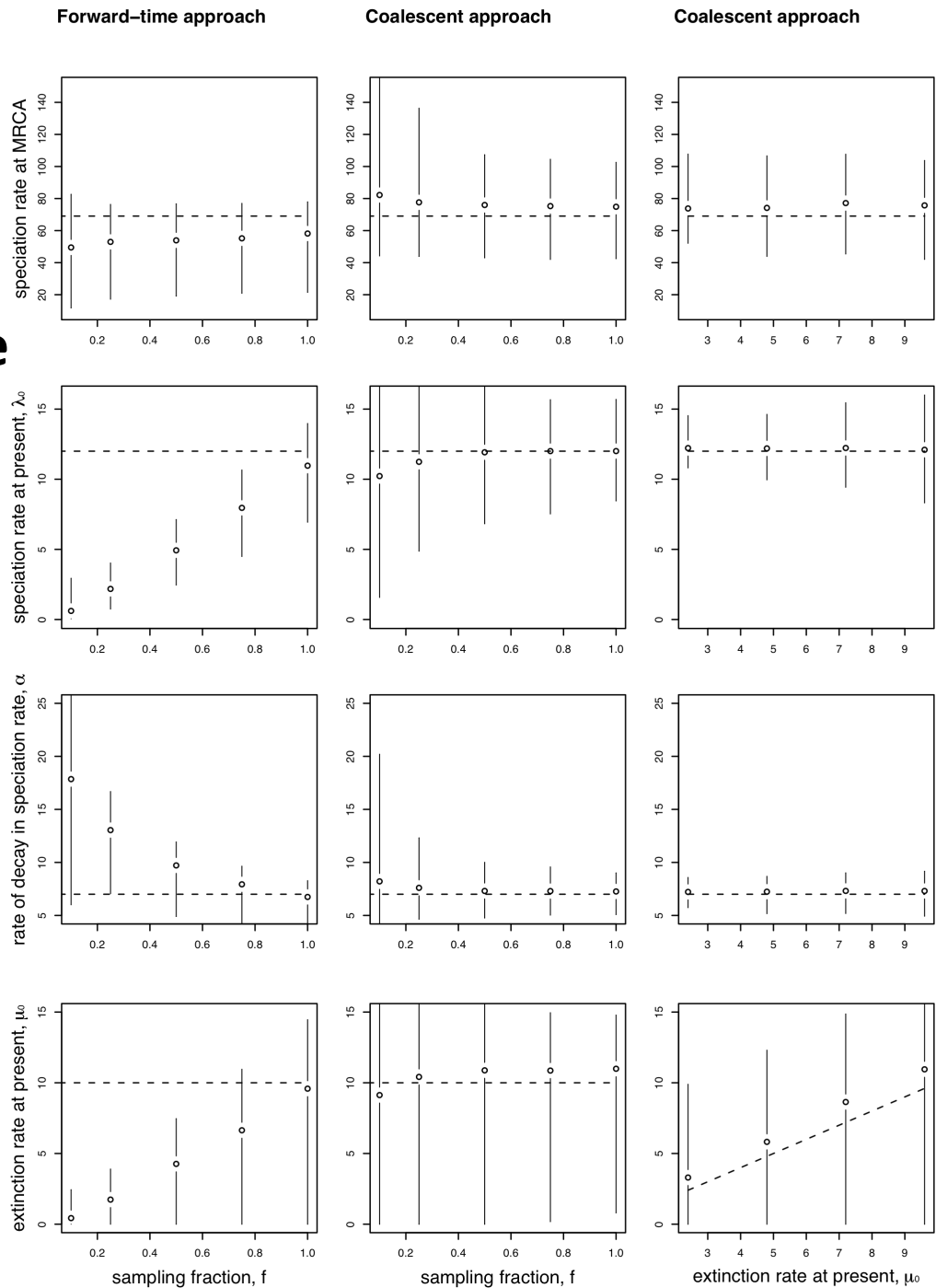
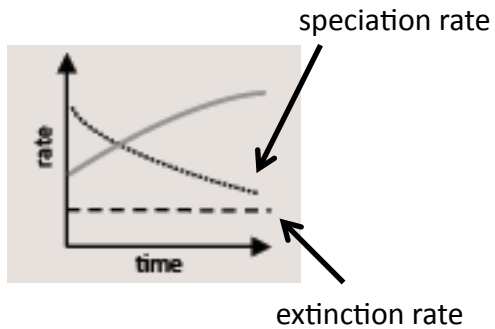
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**N is stochastic, but approximated by its deterministic expectation**



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The coalescent provides  
a robust approach  
for estimating  
diversification rates,  
even when phylogenies are  
only partially sampled



# Application : meta-analysis on 289 phylogenies

## McPeck's repository (*Am. Nat.* 2007 & 2008)

Phylogenies from the recent literature.

Include chordate, arthropod, mollusk, and magnoliophyte phylogenies

Minimum size: 4 species; maximal size: 116 species

Min fraction sampled: 36%; max fraction sampled: 100%

## Phillimore's bird phylogenies (*PloSB* 2008)

Molecular phylogenies, constructed using *BEAST*

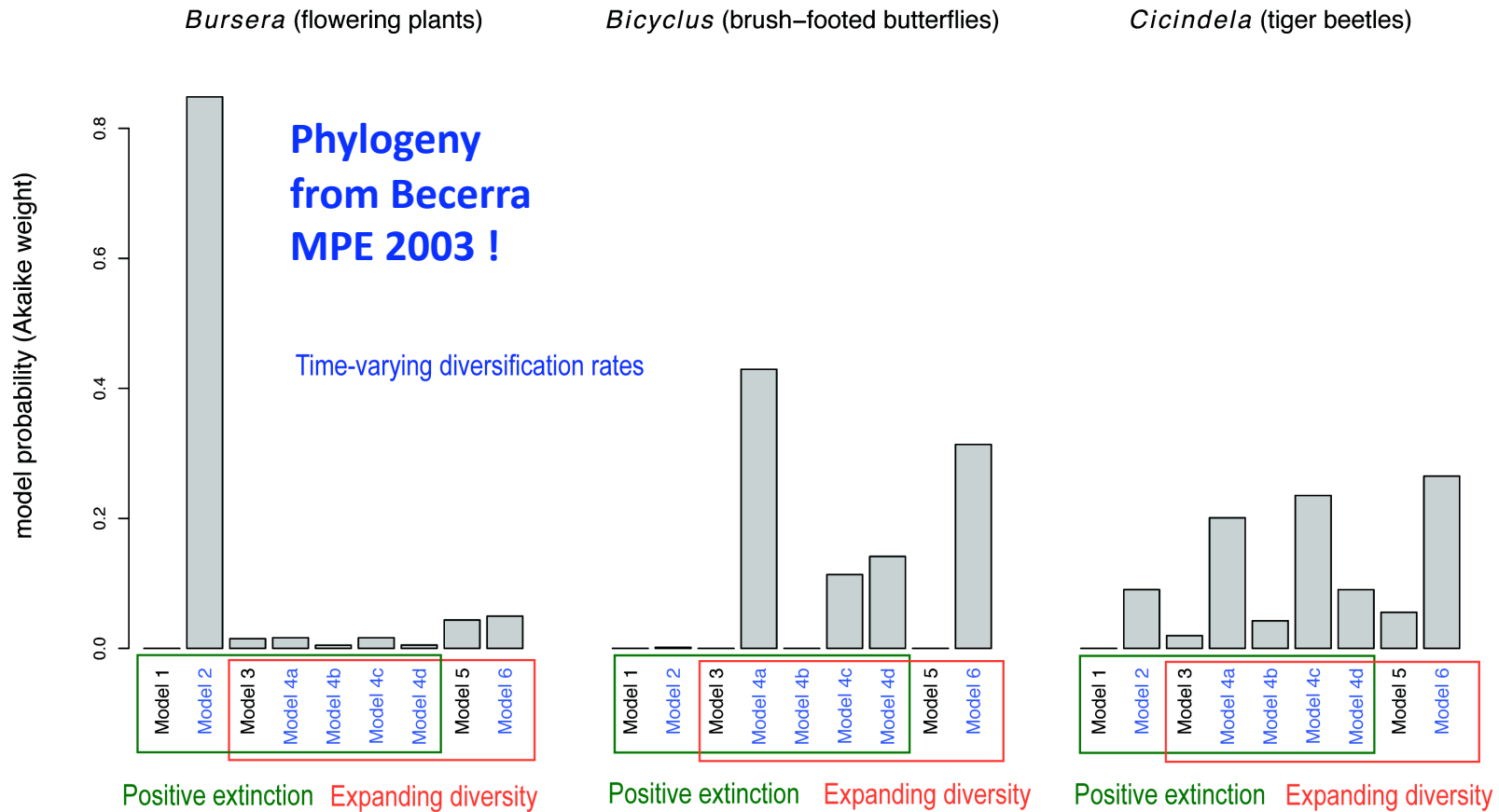
Minimum size: 7 species; maximal size: 59 species

Min fraction sampled: 50%; max fraction sampled: 100%

# Dynamics of diversification in example phylogenies

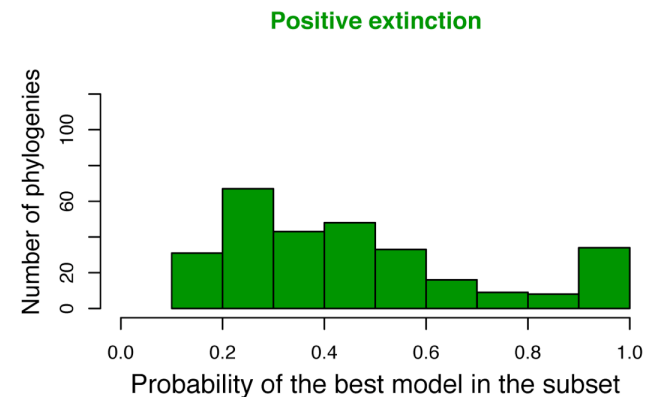
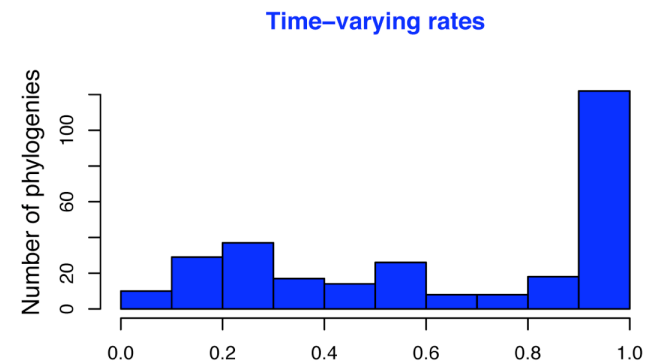
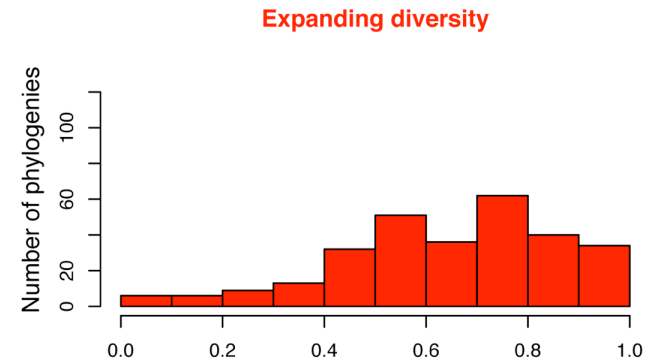
$$\text{Akaike weight} = \frac{\exp(-\Delta_i/2)}{\sum_{j=1}^R \exp(-\Delta_j/2)}$$

« probability that a model is the best among the whole set of candidate models »



# Most phylogenies are consistent with the hypothesis that diversity is expanding with time- varying diversification rates

Suggest the preponderance of adaptive radiations and ecological limits on diversification







**Dustin Brisson**  
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## **Density-dependent cladogenesis in a bacterial species group**

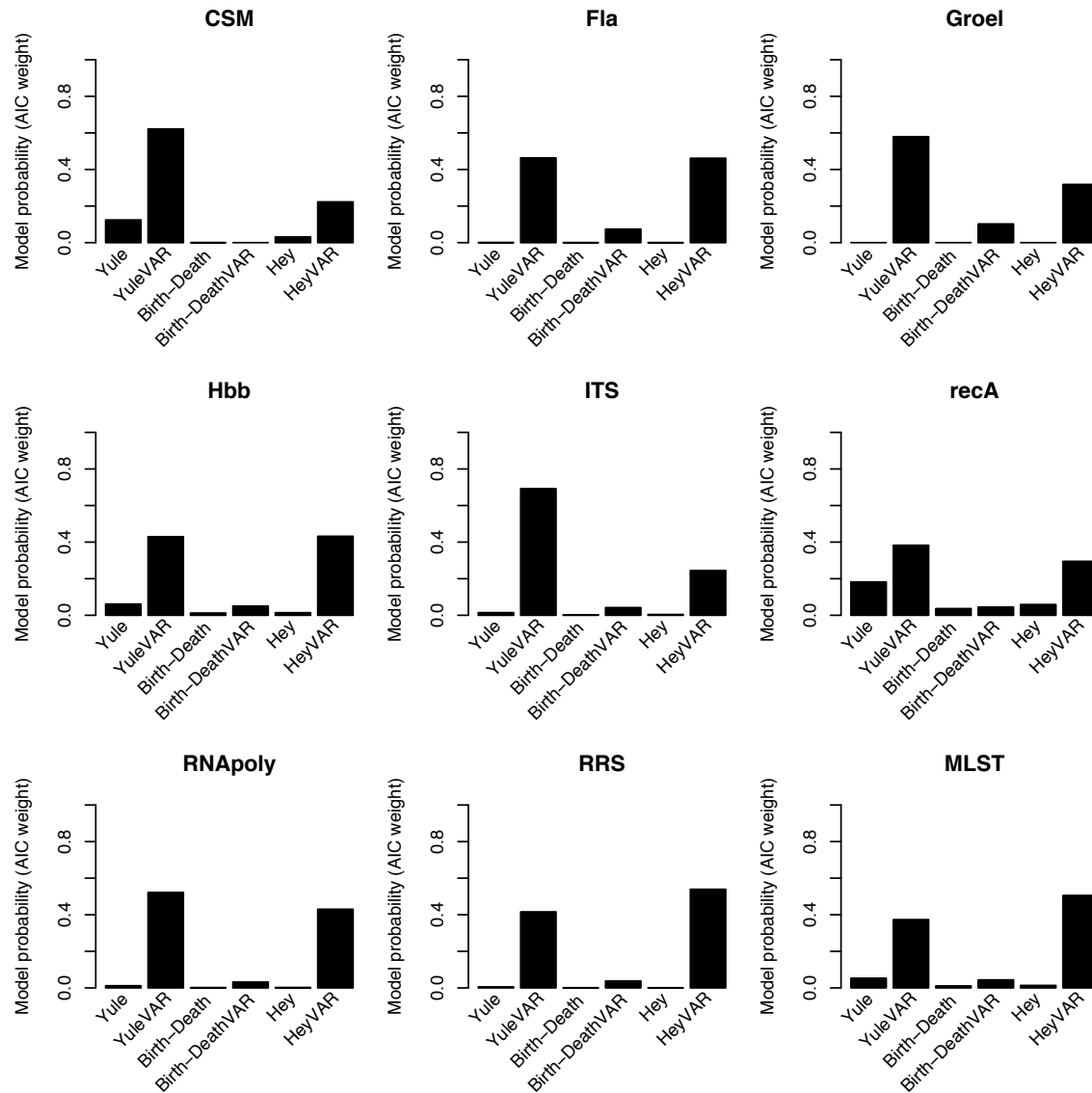
Rate variation through time, which has been interpreted as a signal of density-dependent cladogenesis and adaptive radiation, has been widely reported for macroorganisms. What about microorganisms?

# Density-dependent cladogenesis in a bacterial species group

***Borrelia burgdorferi***: obligate parasite with ~15 recognized phylotypes, vectored among vertebrate hosts by ticks. 3 of them can cause human Lyme disease

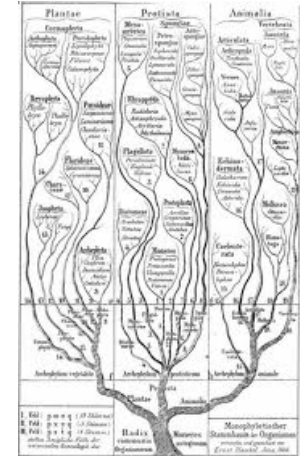
***Phylogenies***: constructed from partial genome sequence data, 6 different loci, and the loci combined

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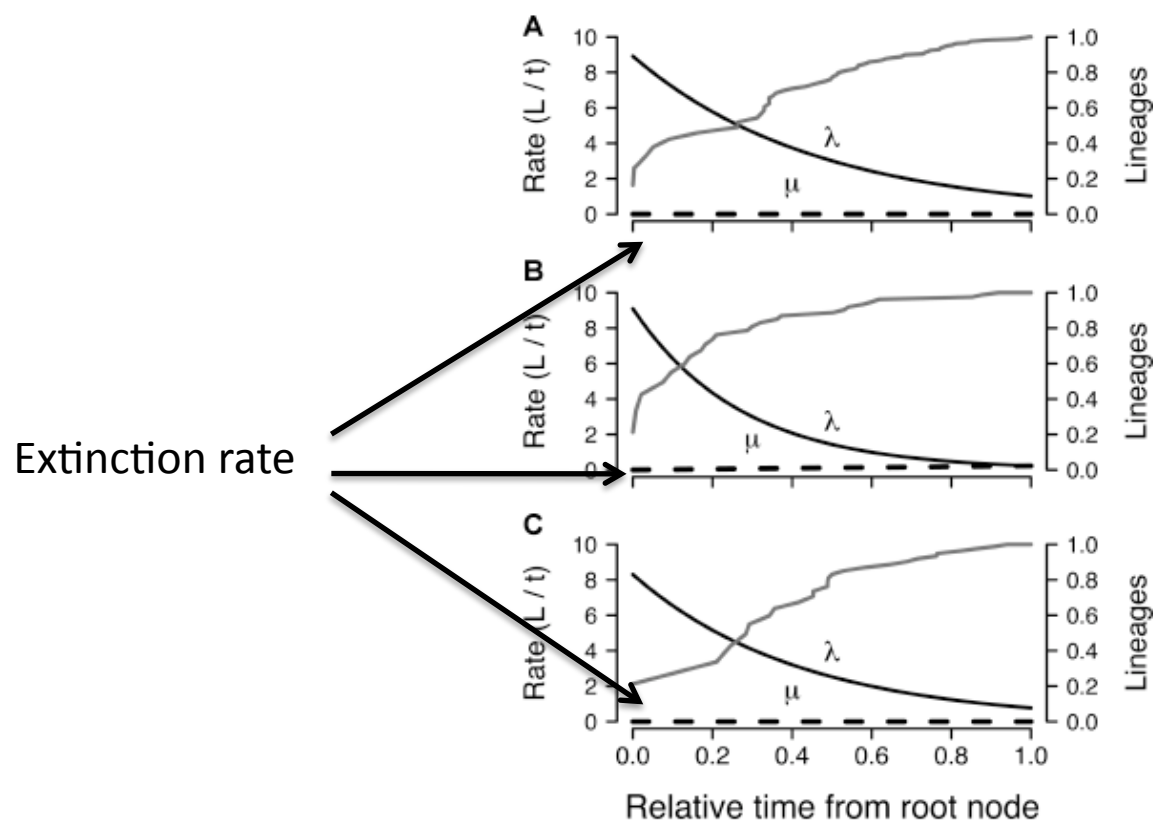


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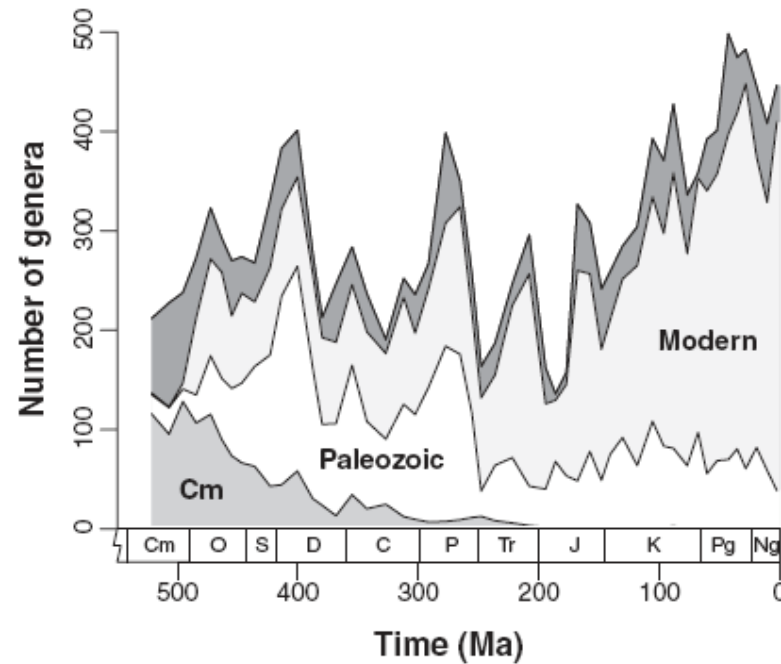


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# Extinction rates estimated from phylogenies are typically too low to be realistic



**Many extant clades should be in decline,  
but phylogenetic inference does not detect this**



# Direct comparison of phylogenetic inference with fossil data show inconsistencies

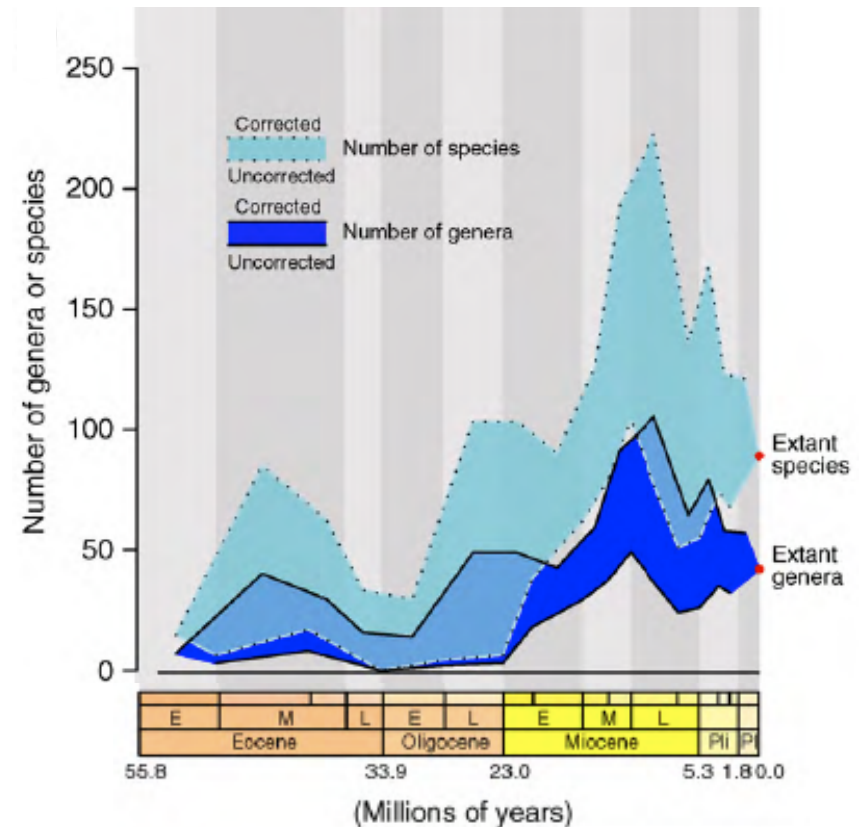
*phylogenetic inference*

Model	Background <sup>b</sup>	Elevated <sup>c</sup>
Pure birth	0.1	—
Birth-death (constant rate)	0.1	—
Density dependent, linear <sup>d</sup>	—	—
Density dependent, exponential <sup>e</sup>	—	—
Ocean restructuring <sup>f</sup>	0.09	0.14
35–31 Ma only <sup>g</sup>	0.1	0.21
13–4 Ma only <sup>h</sup>	0.09	0.13

← ↑  
net diversification rates

Steeman et al.  
Syst. Biol. 2010

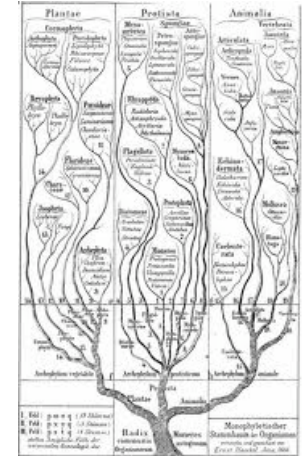
*fossil record*



Quental & Marshall TREE 2010



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speciation rate
extinction rate
sampling fraction

$$f^{n+1} \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda(t_i) \Psi(s_{i,l}, t_i) \Psi(s_{i,r}, t_i).$$

The net diversification rate can take negative values

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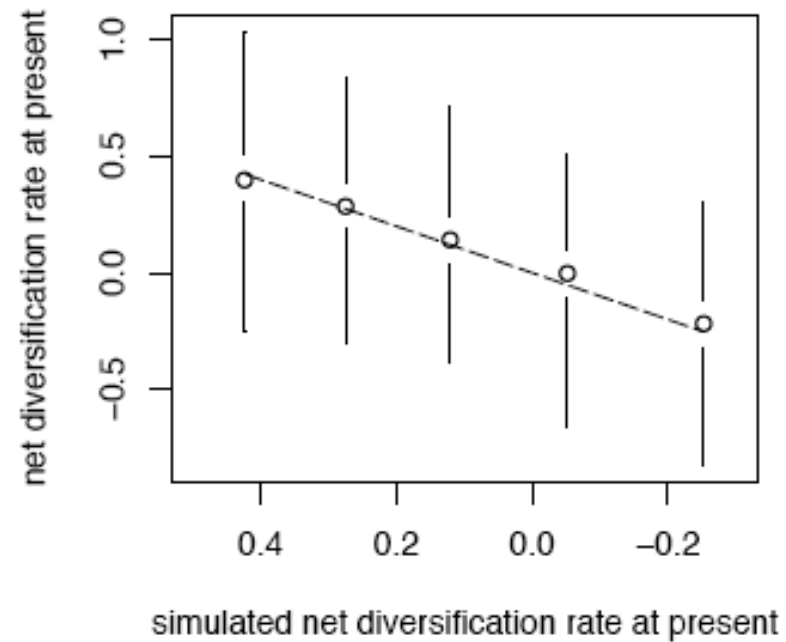
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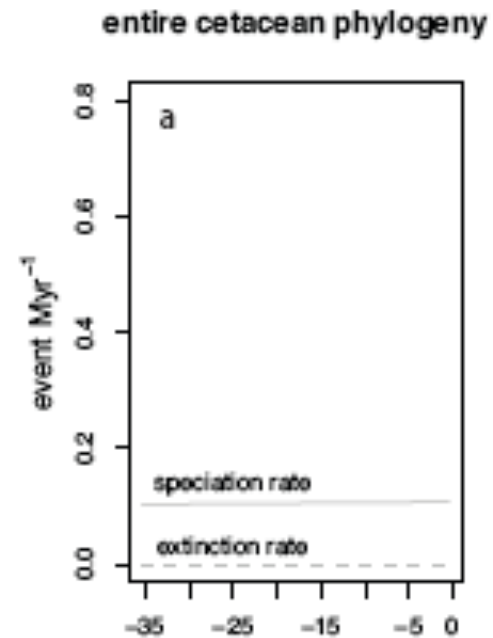
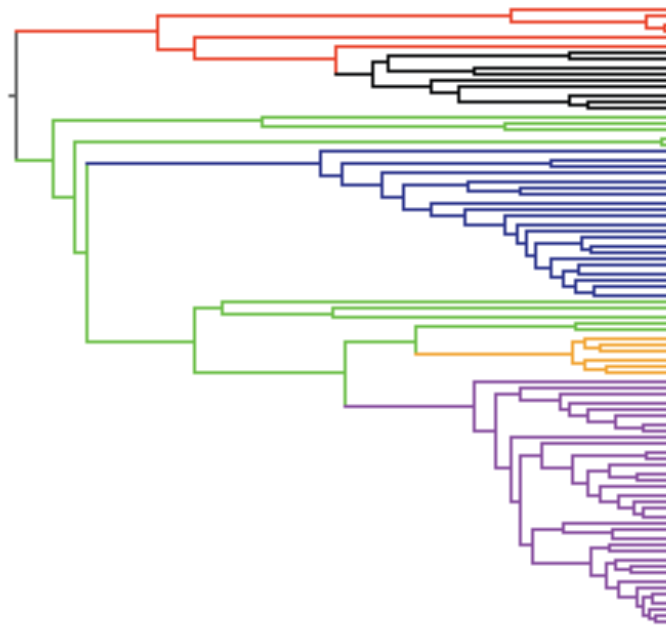
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# Declining clades can be detected in simulated phylogenies

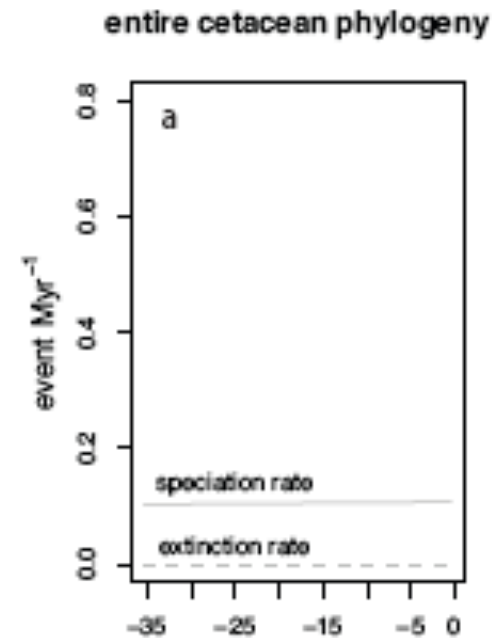
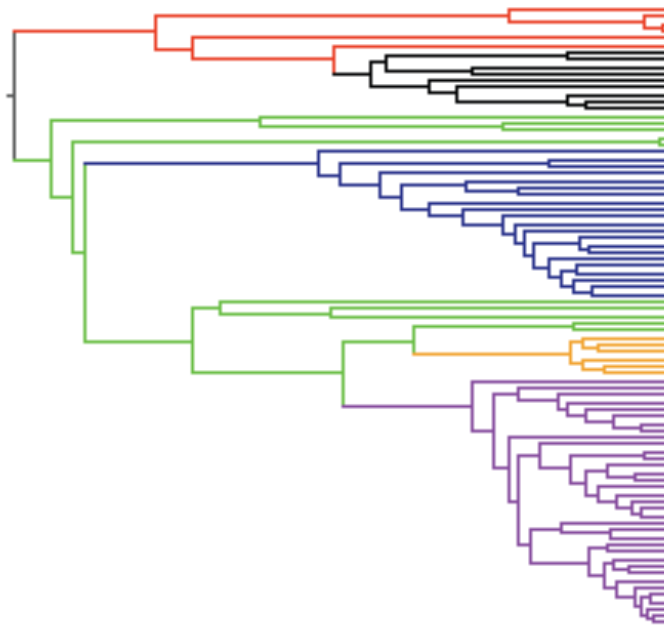


The estimates of speciation and extinction are unbiased

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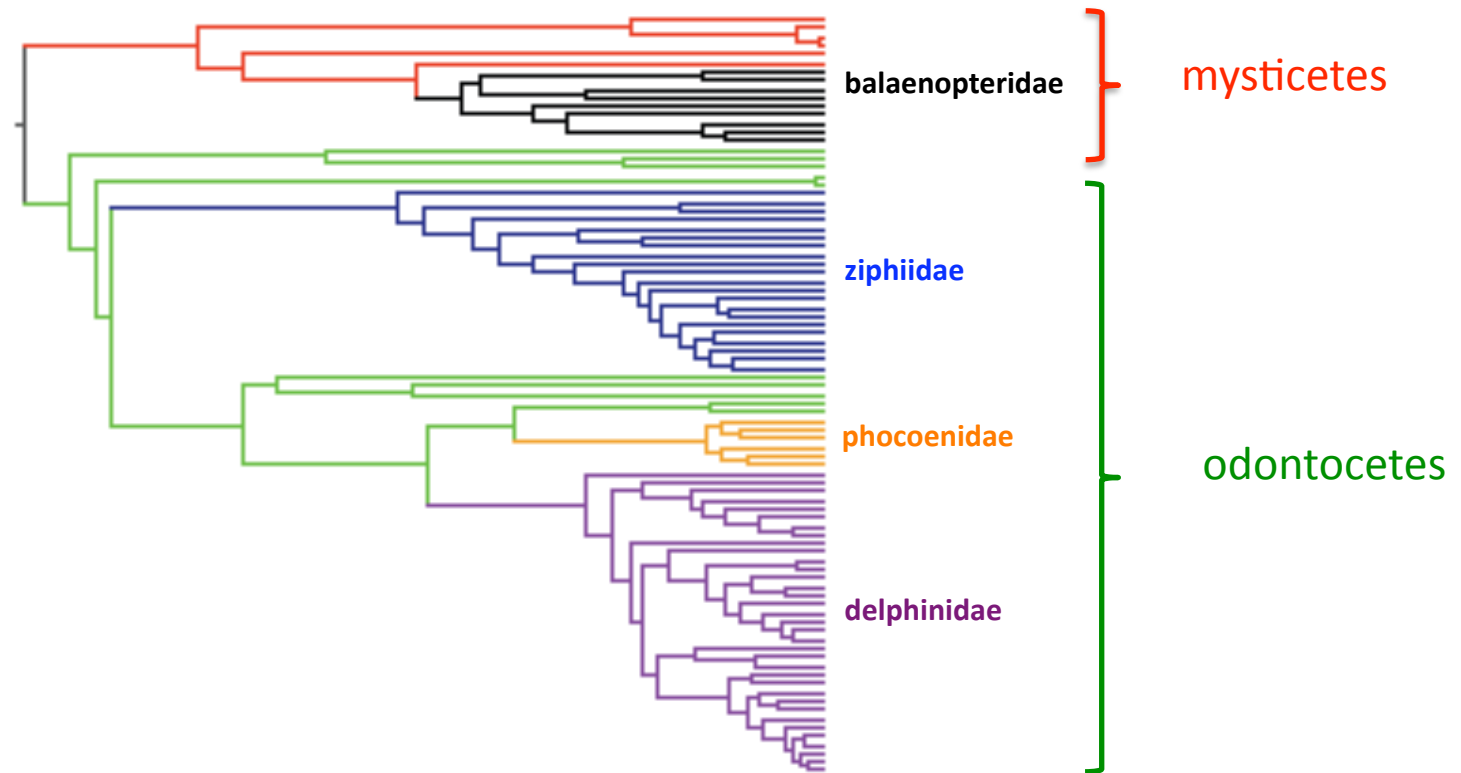


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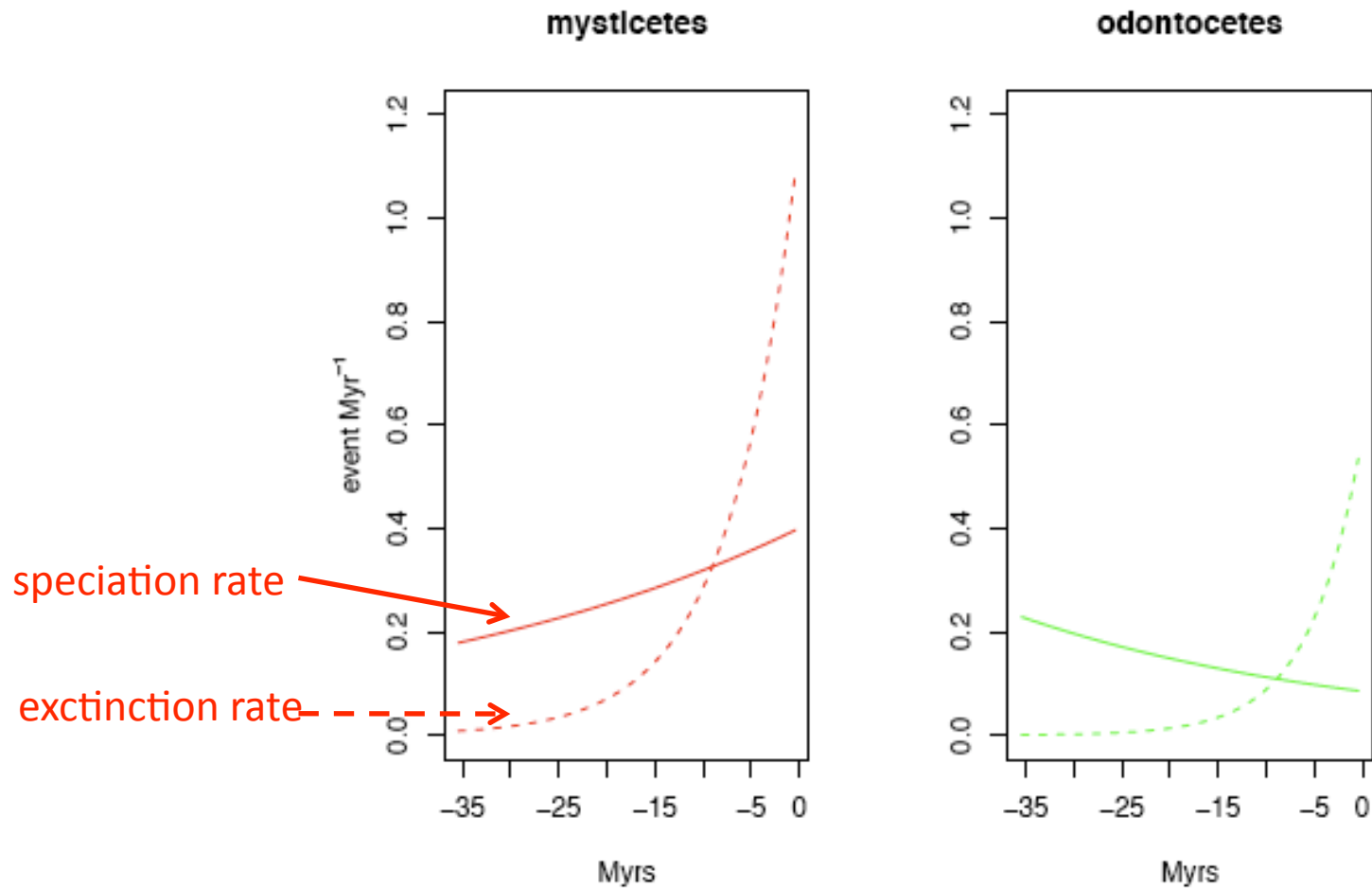


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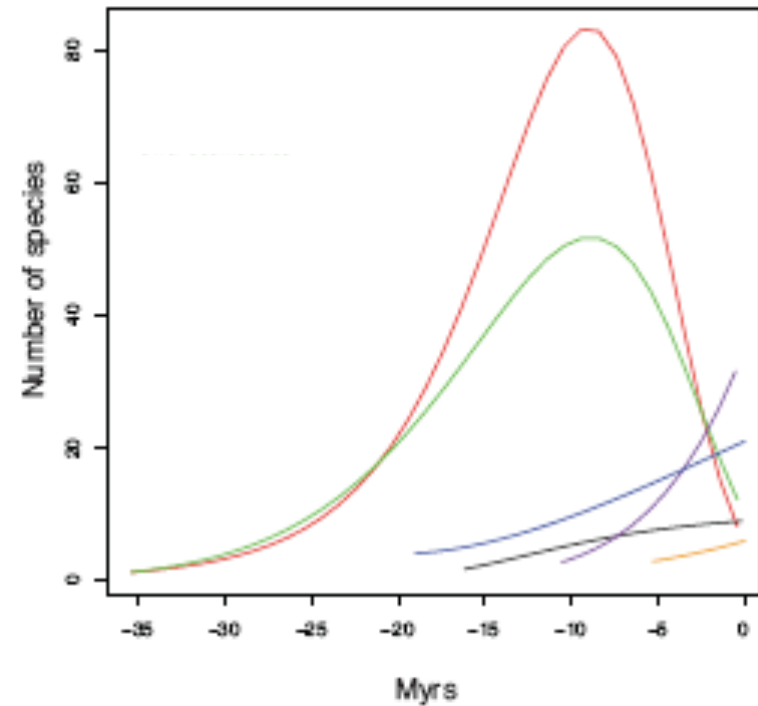
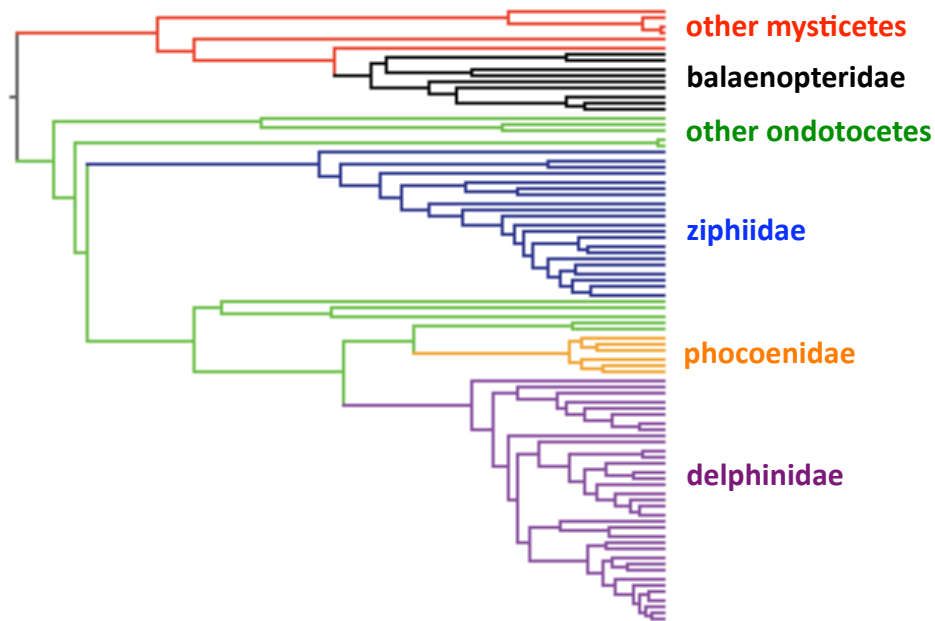
**Out of 14 families, only 4 contain more than 5 species**



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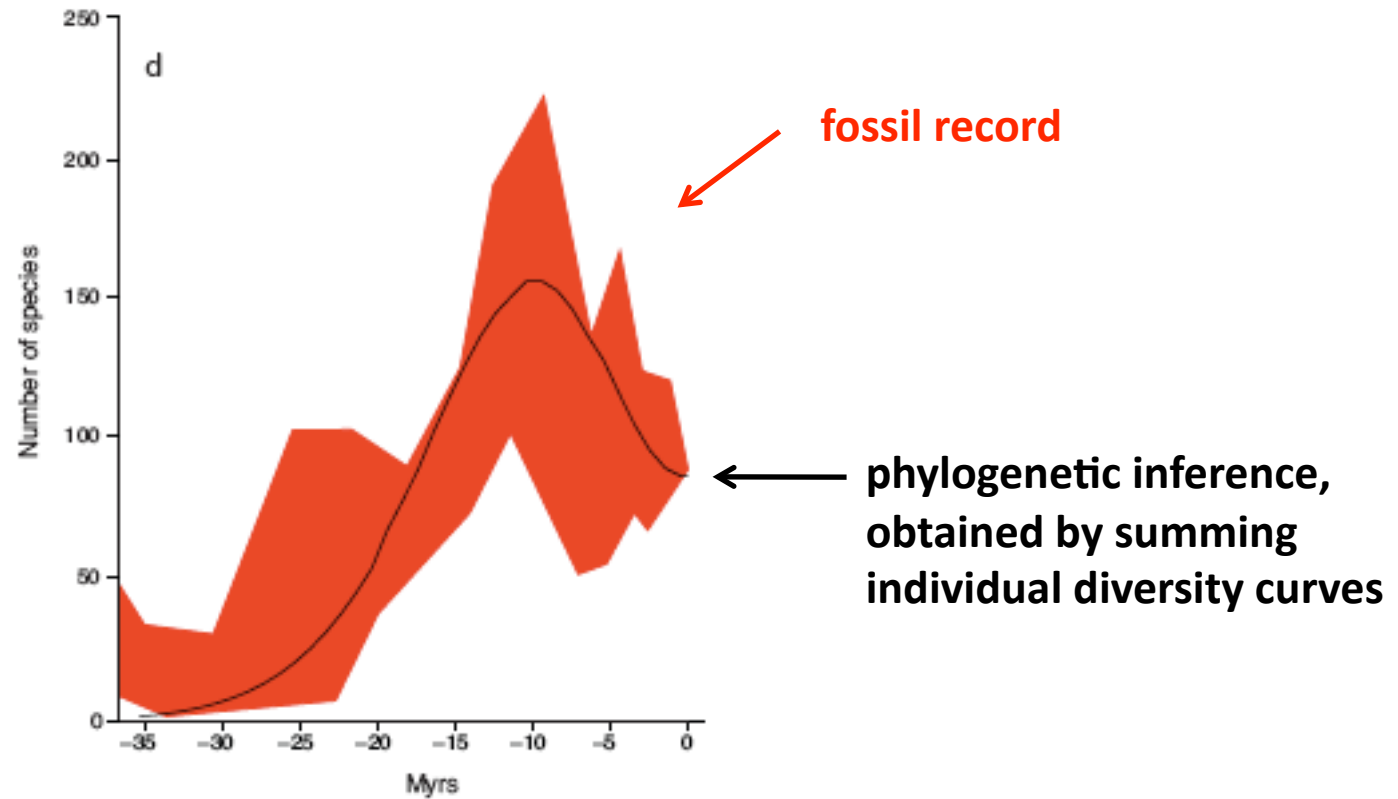


# When we isolate the 4 richest families, we infer boom-then-bust patterns of diversity in the remaining mysticetes and odontocetes





# The resulting diversity curve is strikingly consistent with the fossil record

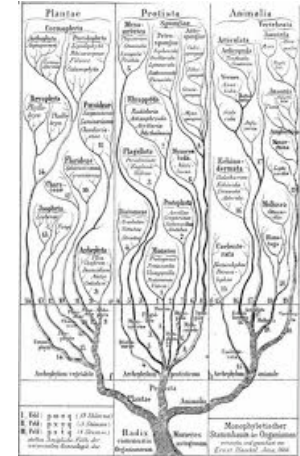


# Conclusions

- Our likelihood expression provides unbiased estimates of diversification rates, even for clades in decline
- Realistic extinction rates, and a diversity trajectory strikingly consistent with the fossil record, can be inferred from the cetacean phylogeny, but only if rate heterogeneity is accounted for
- This gives hope for our understanding of diversity dynamics in absence of fossil record
- The biggest challenge is to account for rate variation across lineages



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Are speciation rates higher in the tropics? « **cradle** »

Are extinction rates lower in the tropics? « **museum** »

Is the difference in diversity only due to the tropics being older?

Are there less ecological constraints in the tropics?

# Method

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## Estimating a Binary Character's Effect on Speciation and Extinction

WAYNE P. MADDISON,<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> PETER E. MIDFORD,<sup>1</sup> AND SARAH P. OTTO<sup>1,2</sup>

Suppose a species can be either in state 0 or in state 1. Each lineage gives rise to a new lineage with rate  $\lambda_0$  ( $\lambda_1$ ), and go extinct with rate  $\mu_0$  ( $\mu_1$ ) if it is in state 0 (1, respectively). A lineage in state 0 changes to state 1 with rate  $q_{01}$ , and a lineage in state 1 changes to state 0 with rate  $q_{10}$ .

There is no analytical solution for the likelihood of observing the data (phylogenetic branch-length and character state of extant species), but it is possible to obtain the likelihood numerically, by integration of a series of ODEs

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Spatial distribution of  
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**Brian Enquist, U Arizona**

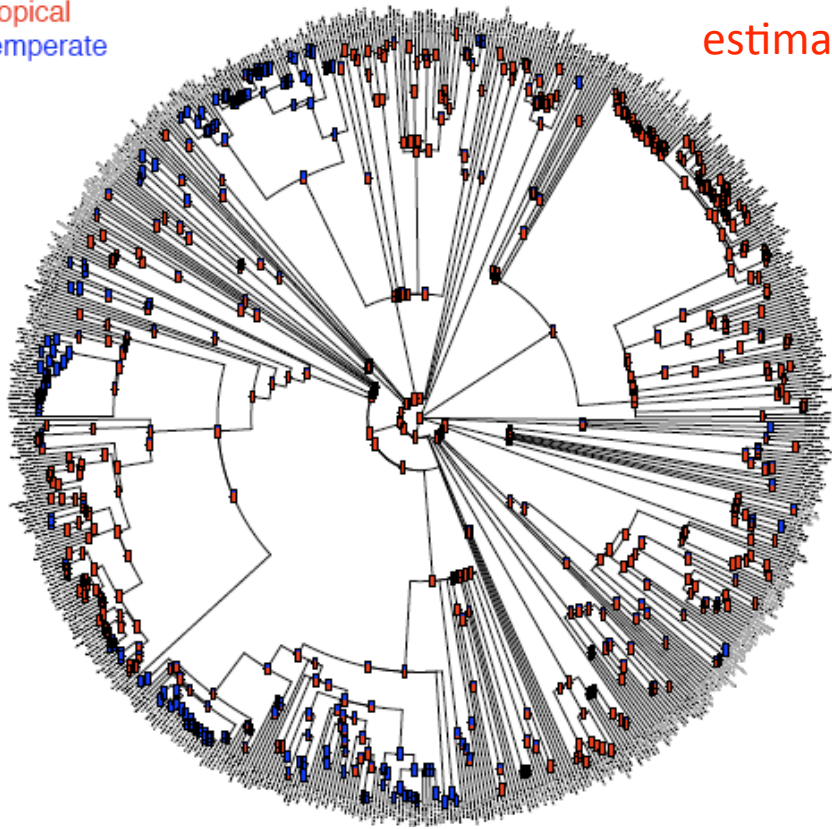


Large phylogeny of  
fabaceae

**Michael Sanderson  
U Arizona**

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tropical  
temperate



estimated speciation rate in the tropics (event yr<sup>-1</sup>): 5.91

estimated speciation rate in the temperate: 5.82

estimated extinction rate: 5.84

estimated rate of transition between biomes: 0.06

# Future directions

... as far as theory is concerned

- Accounting for rate variation across lineages
- Accounting for non-random sampling
- Modeling non-Markovian processes (e.g. the rates of speciation and extinction depend on the age of the lineage)
- Trait-dependent speciation/extinction: can we obtain analytical likelihoods? what if speciation and character change are not independent?
- Modeling co-evolution: are diversification rates in one clade dependent or independent of diversification rates in another clade?
- From processes at the individual level to processes at the level of lineages: the neutral theory of biodiversity



# THANK YOU!



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