Connectivity using DNA – the basics

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WORKSHOP ON THE DESIGN OF "IMPACT REFERENCE ZONES" AND "PRESERVATION REFERENCE ZONES" IN DEEP-SEA MINING CONTRACT AREAS



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The word **Species matters**

- Estimates of species diversity/ biodiversity; Status of diagnosable populations; Understanding patterns of gene flow within these units= connectivity; Delineation of areas of endemism; Units to receive protection under local, national, or international legal instruments

Cracraft, J. "Species Concepts in Theoretical and Applied Biology: A Systematic Debate with Consequences." In Species Concepts: A Debate, ed. Q. D. Wheeler and R. Meier, 3-14. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000.

The plurality of species concepts= Dozens

- Agamospecies concept Biological species concept Cohesion species concept

- Cohesion species concept Cladistic species concept Composite species concept Ecological species concept Evolutionary significant unit concept Evolutionary species concept Genealogical concordance concept Genetic species concept

- Genetic species concept Genotypic cluster definition concept Hennigian species concept Internodal species concept

Morphological species concept Non-dimensional species concept Phenetic species concept Phylogenetic species concept Diagnosable version concept Monophyly version concept Diagnosable & monophyly version concept

- version concept Polythetic species concept Recognition species concept Reproductive competition species concept
- concept Successional species concept Taxonomic species concept

There is no clear universal answer except to say that there are **different** kinds of species in nature

The current system of nomenclature; we have to name species

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imalia	Animalia	Animalia
ollusca	Chordata	Chordata
istropoda	Reptilia	Mammalia
rsogastropoda	Ornithischia (Predentata)	Primates
praeidae	Ceratopsidae	Hominidae
praca	Triceratops	Homo
ris	horridus	sapiens
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These set guidelines and publish reports containing the rules of nomenclature

on Land and in the Ocean

http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=stats

Accepted named marine (animal) species = 198,355 (8-3-2017)

Current described land (animal) species ~1.8 million

How many more?

How many species are there?

Species	Earth			Ocean		
	Catalogued	Predicted	±SE	Catalogued	Predicted	±SE
Eukaryotes						
Animalia	953,434	7,770,000	958,000	171,082	2,150,000	145,000
Chromista	13,033	27,500	30,500	4,859	7,400	9,640
Fungi	43,271	611,000	297,000	1,097	5,320	11,100
Plantae	215,644	298,000	8,200	8,600	16,600	9,130
Protozoa	8,118	36,400	6,690	8,118	36,400	6,690
Total	1,233,500	8,740,000	1,300,000	193,756	2,210,000	182,000
Prokaryotes						
Archaea	502	455	160	1	1	0
Bacteria	10,358	9,680	3,470	652	1,320	436
Total	10,860	10,100	3,630	653	1,320	436
Grand Total	1,244,360	8,750,000	1,300,000	194,409	2,210,000	182,000

Predictions for prokaryotes represent a lower bound because they do not consider undescribed higher taxa. For protozoa, the ocean database was substantially mor complete than the database for the entire Earth so we only used the former to estimate the total number of species in this taxon. All predictions were rounded to thre ignificant digits. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1001127.t002

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Marine animal 'species' diversity

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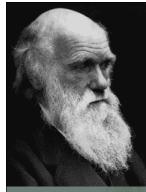
•"our results suggest that some 86% of existing species on Earth and 91% of species in the ocean still await description."

•if 198,355 known then ~2.2 million still to name

•Given how little we have sampled (especially deep sea) we have only guesses as how many species there are.

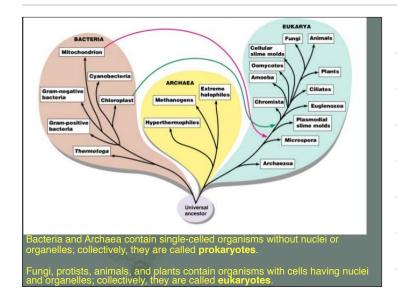
•Only a small fraction has actually been named!

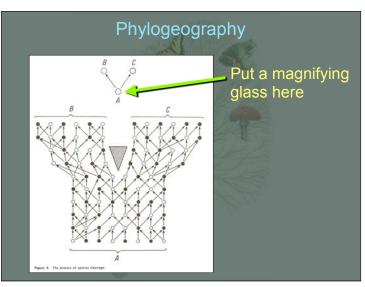
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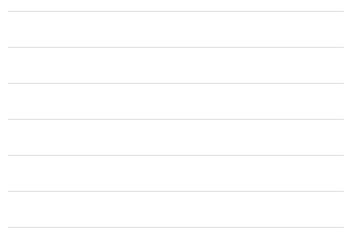


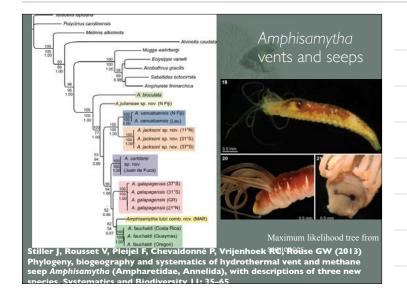
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From 'Origin of Species' 1859



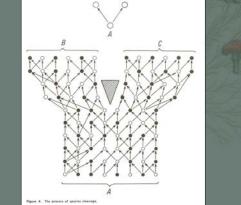


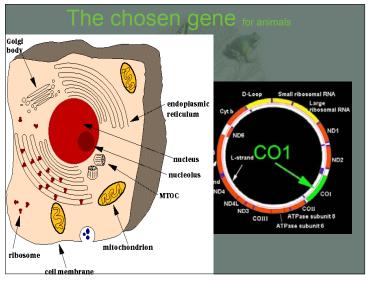




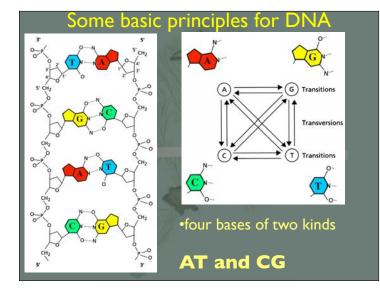
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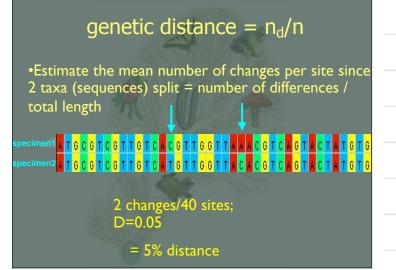
Telling 'species' apart











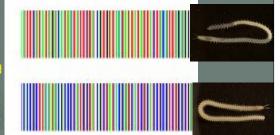
DNA Barcoding

Identify samples to 'species' based on a short standard DNA sequence

Identifies

Short, quick

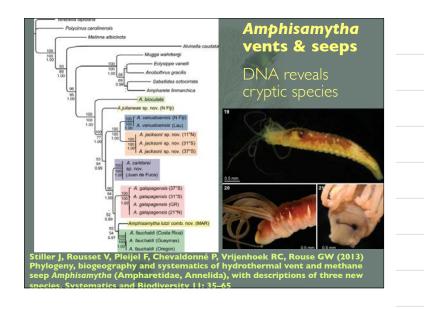
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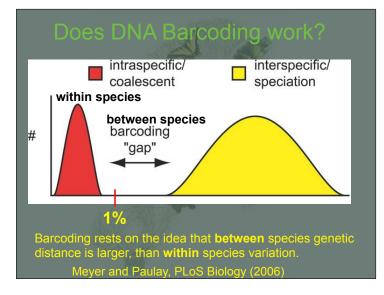


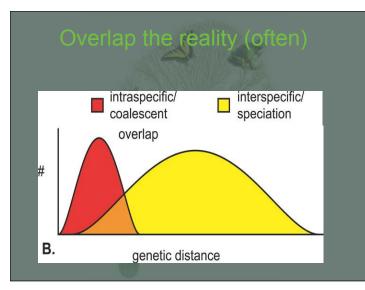
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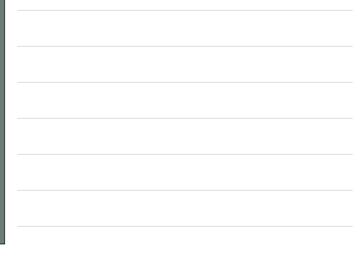
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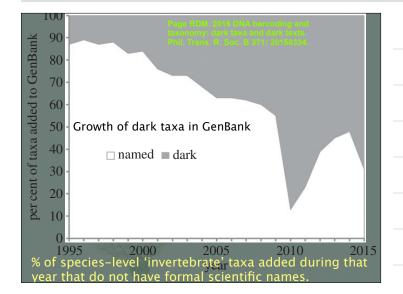






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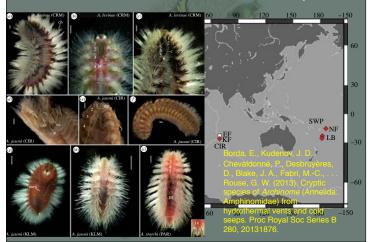
Historical Biogeography

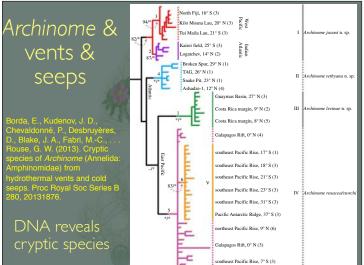
- Long time scales (many millions of years)
- Large spatial scales (e.g. continents, oceans)
- Historical explanations (e.g. geological events)

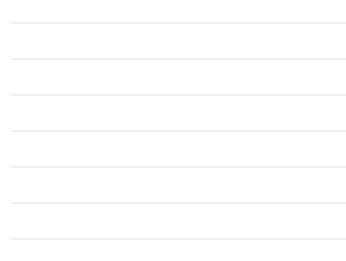
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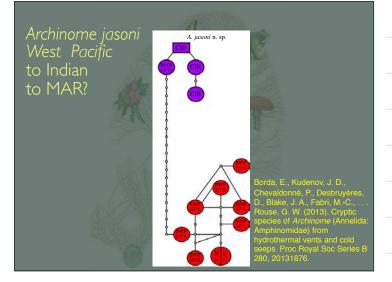
- DNA population studies
- Species ranges, connectivity of populations
- Intermediate time scales
- migrations, glaciations, bottlenecks

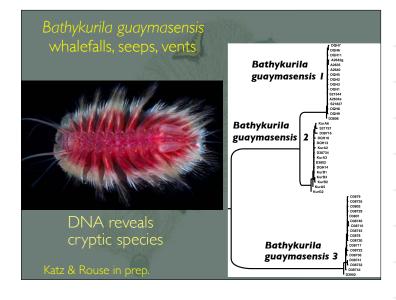
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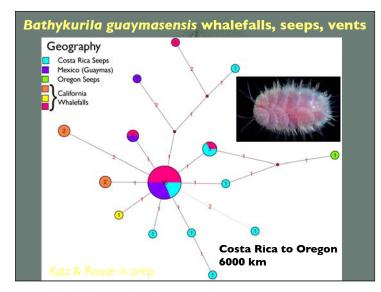


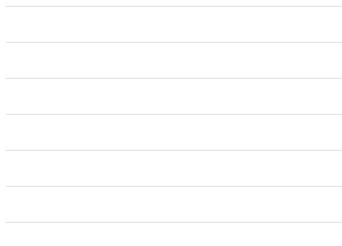


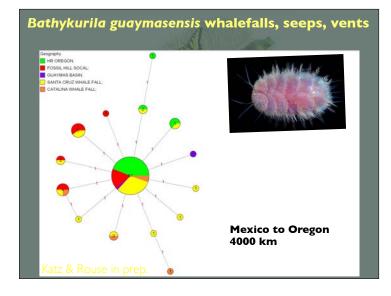


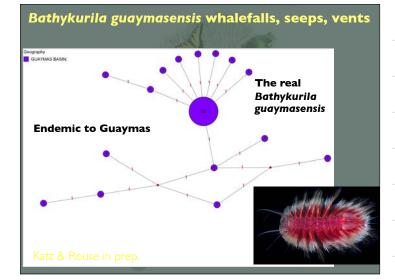












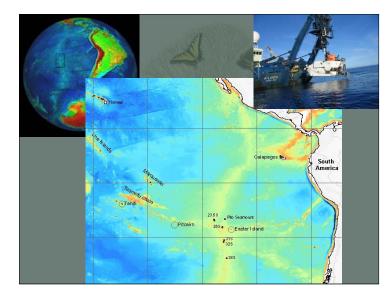
Comparative phylogeography

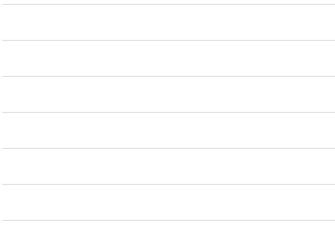
Hydrothermal vent fields located along the East Pacific Rise (EPR) and Galapagos Rift (GAR), where hundreds to thousands of kilometers can separate island-like populations.

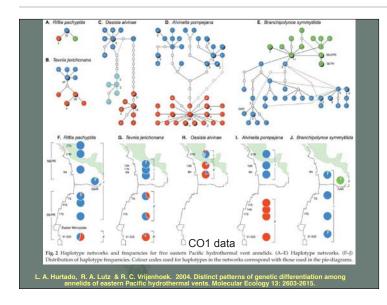
Long-distance dispersal occurs via larval stages, but larval life histories differ among these taxa.

Hydrothermal vent annelids provide insights into dispersal modes and barriers to gene flow.









Conclusions

DNA data provides a cost-effective tool for monitoring biodiversity

Soon more 'species' will be known from DNA data than have been named

Nevertheless, DNA data can identify 'species' and also allow insights into connectivity of populations within a given 'species'

A baseline reference dataset, across proposed mining areas, linking DNA to morphology where possible, is fundamental to monitoring

Scaling up the data acquisition beyond DNA barcodes? New technology will also make this cost effective.

