

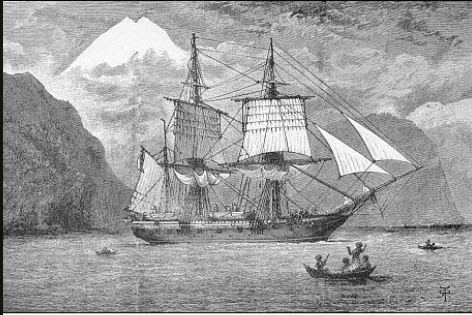
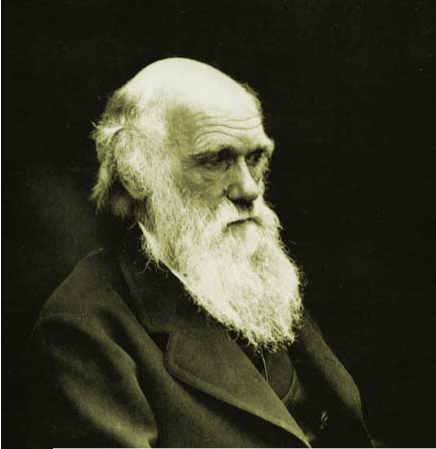
# Structure et dynamique des communautés écologiques

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Structure of interaction networks, indirect interactions and processes shaping networks

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H.M.S. Beagle in Straits of Magellan. Mt. Sarmiento in the distance.



*By the side of many of these nests a small flying-fish was placed; which, I suppose, had been brought by the male bird for its partner...quickly a large and active crab (Craspus), which inhabits the crevices of the rock, stole the fish from the side of the nest, as soon as we had disturbed the birds. Not a single plant, not even a lichen, grows on this island; yet it is inhabited by several insects and spiders. The following list completes, I believe, the terrestrial fauna: a species of Feronia and an acarus, which must have come here as parasites on the birds; a small brown moth, belonging to a genus that feeds on feathers; a staphylinus (Quedius) and a woodlouse from beneath the dung; and lastly, numerous spiders, which I suppose prey on these small attendants on, and scavengers of the waterfowl.*

Darwin, *The voyage of the Beagle*, 1839



# From species list to interaction networks

spiders

fly

acarus

moth

crab

gannet

terne

fish

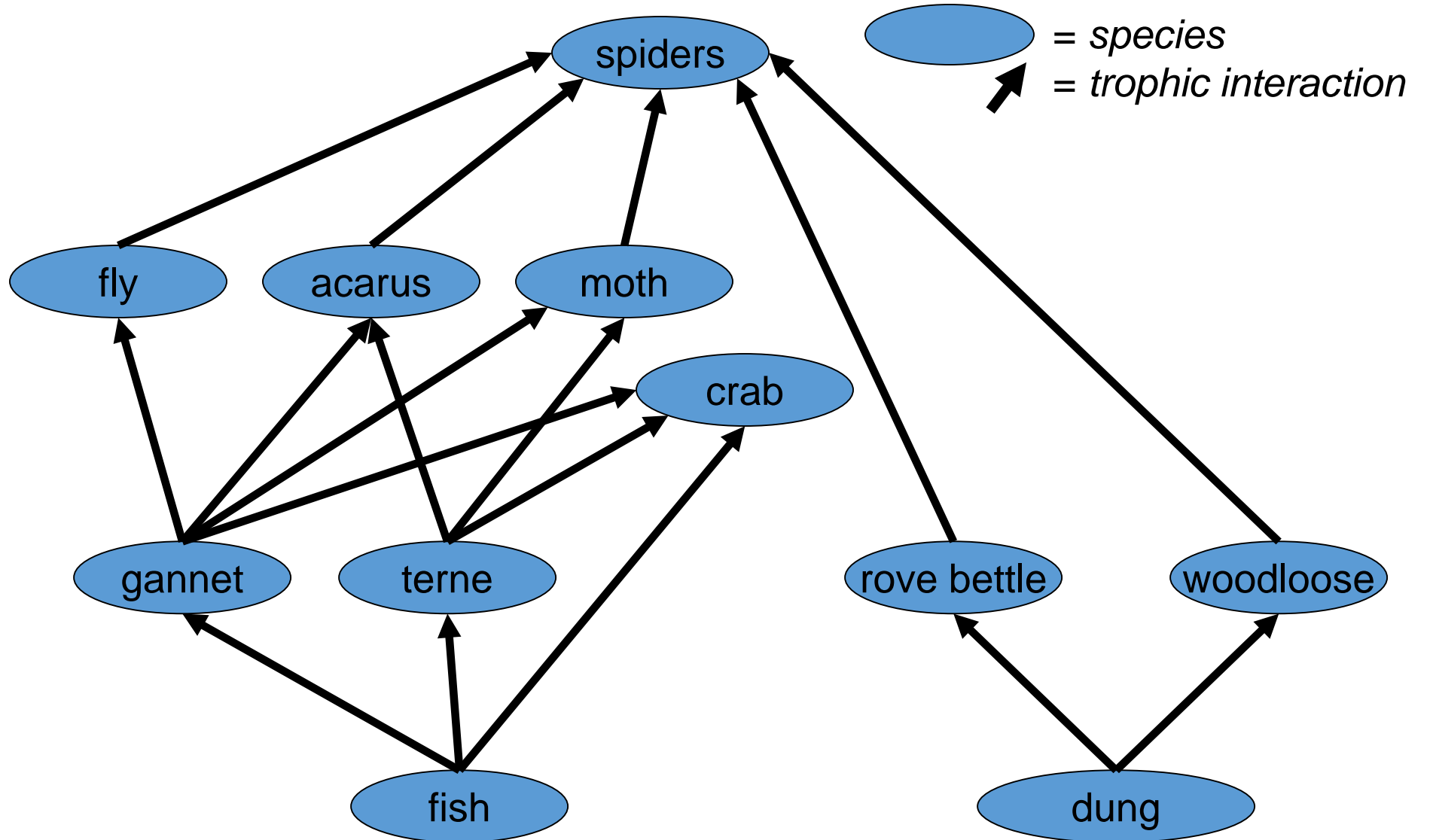
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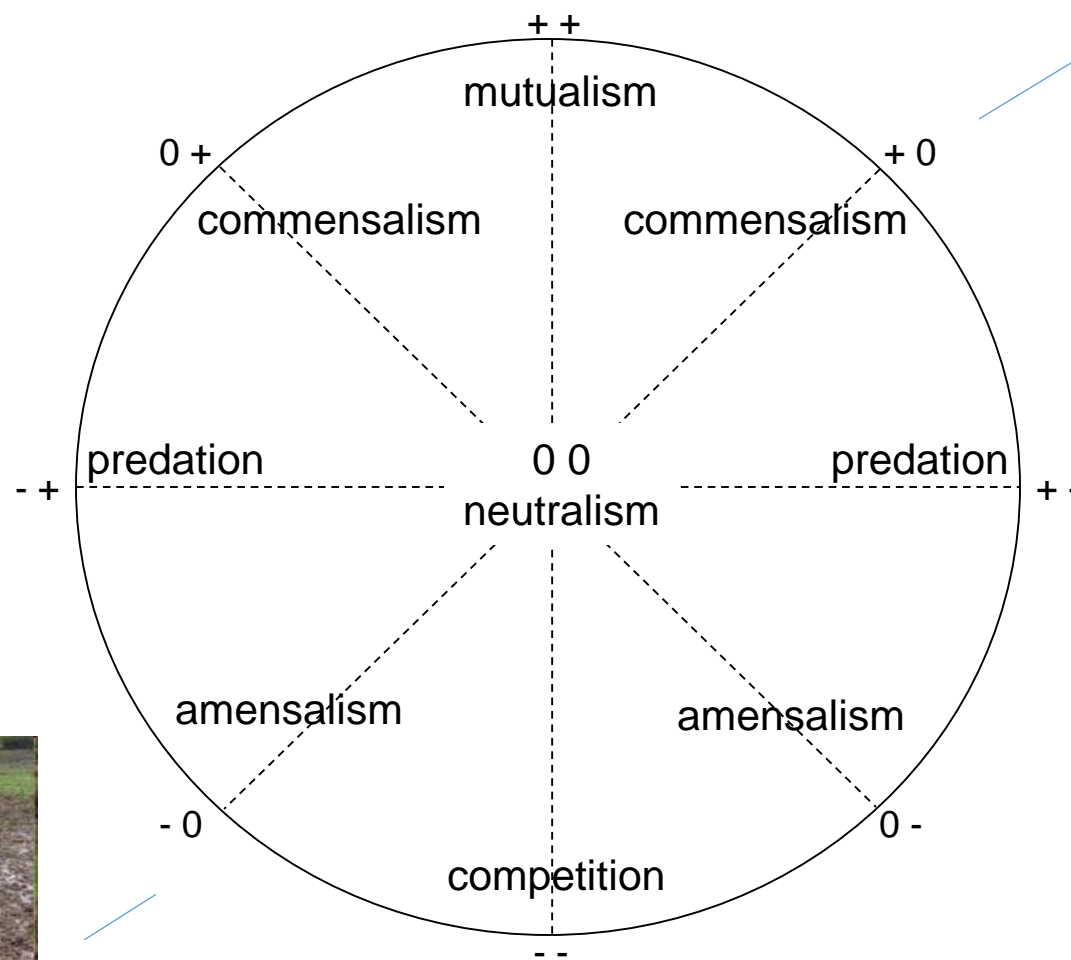
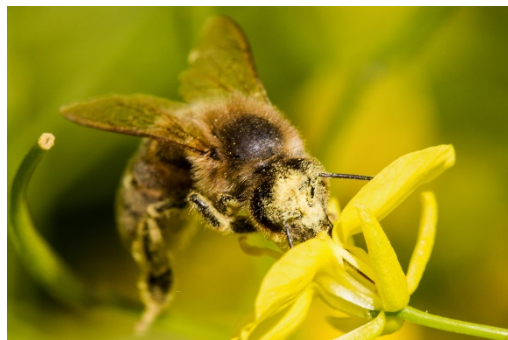
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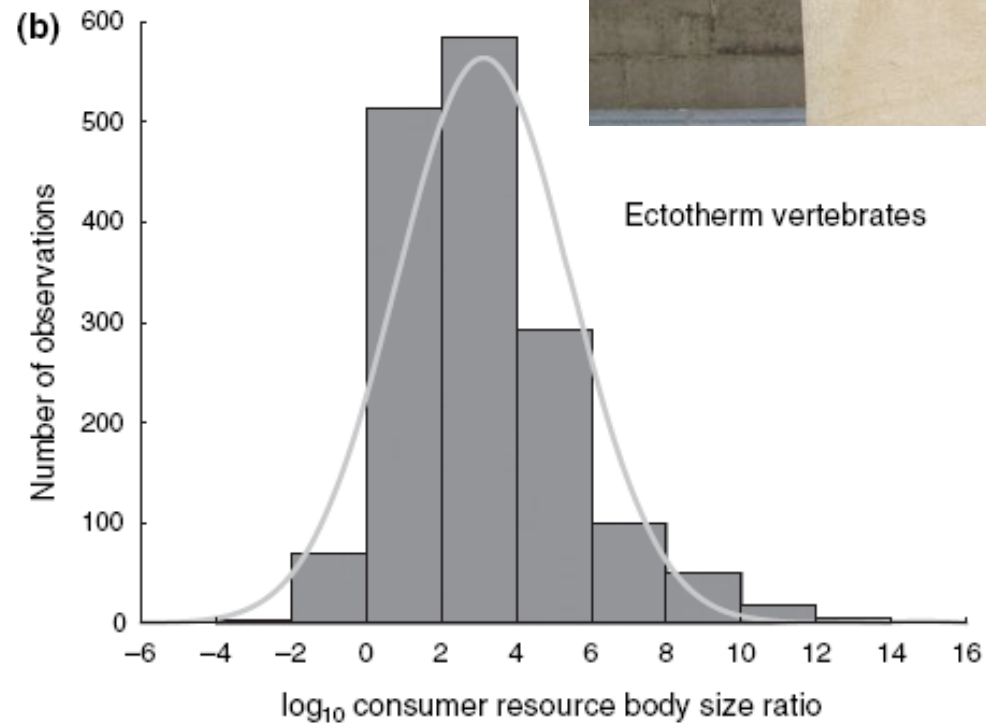
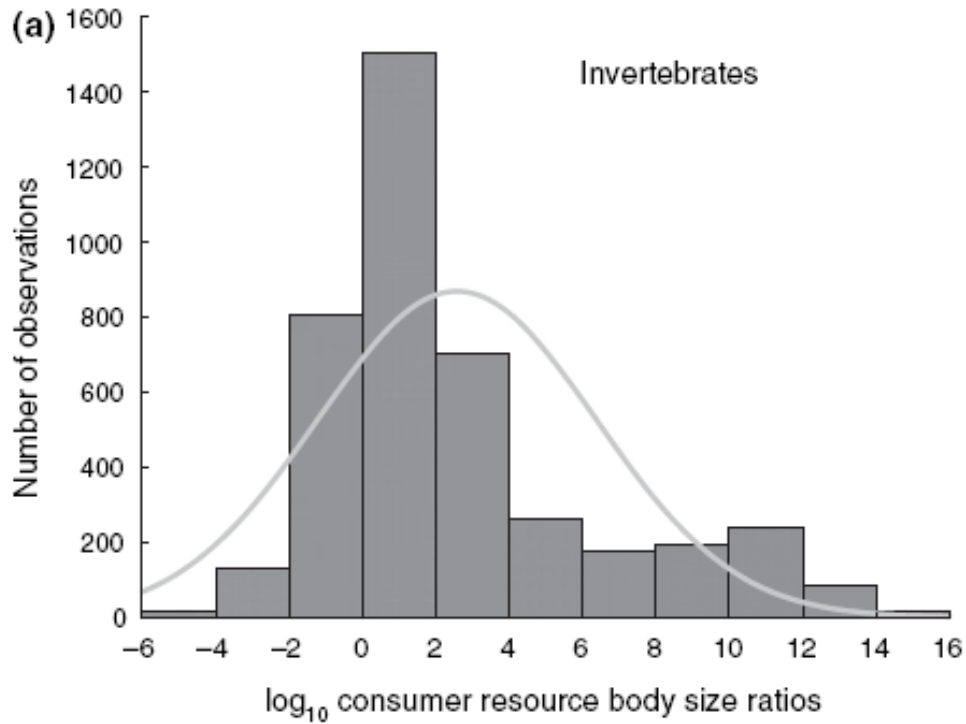
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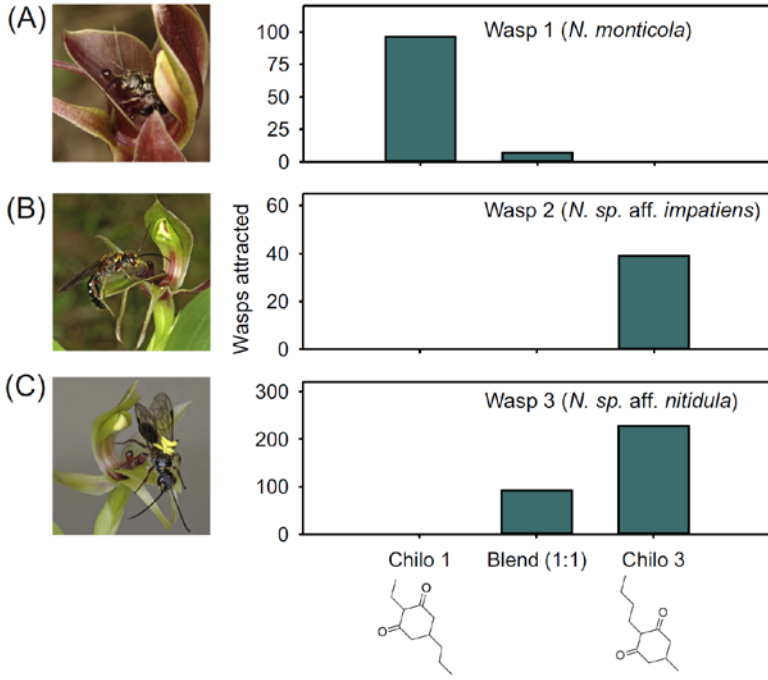


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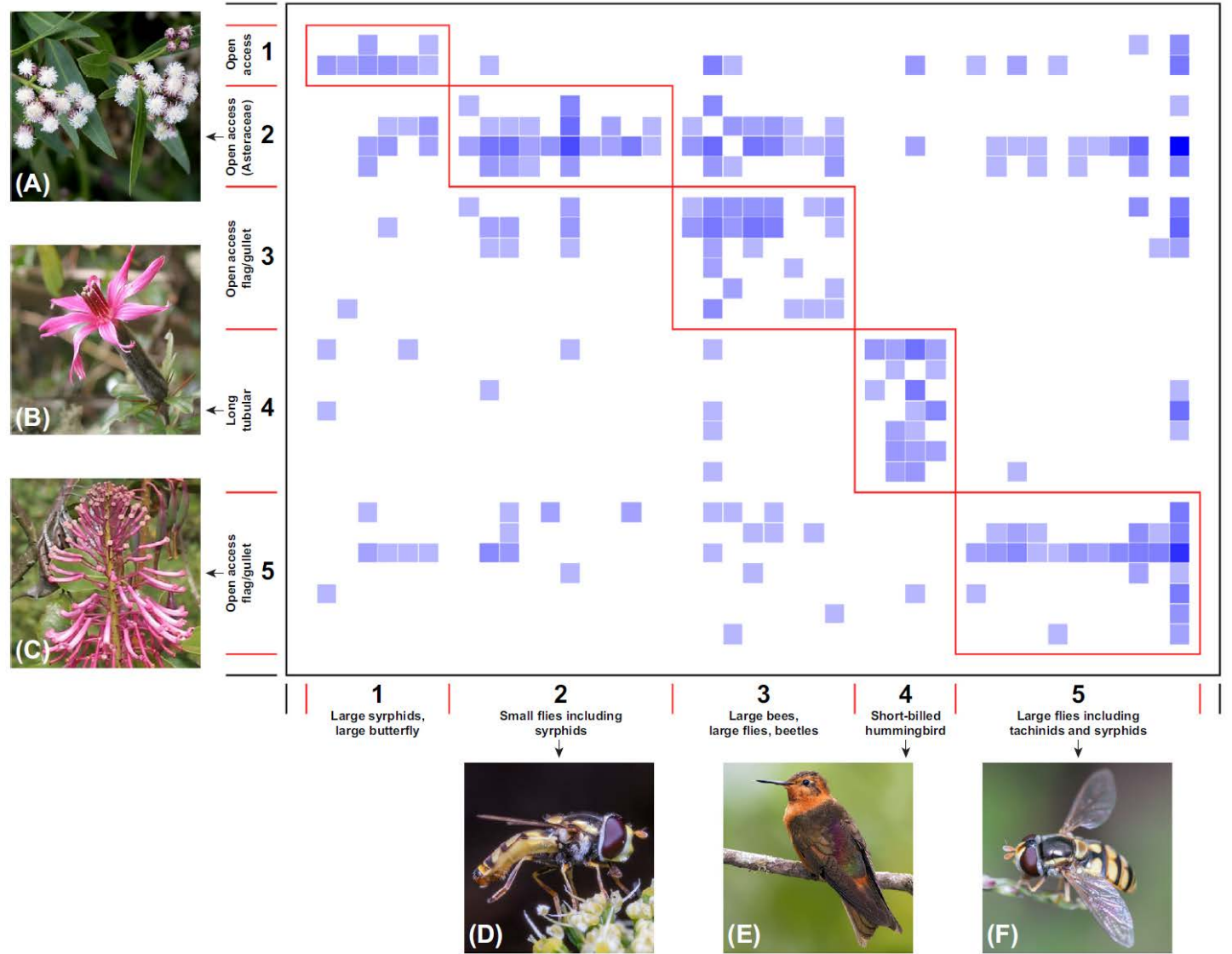
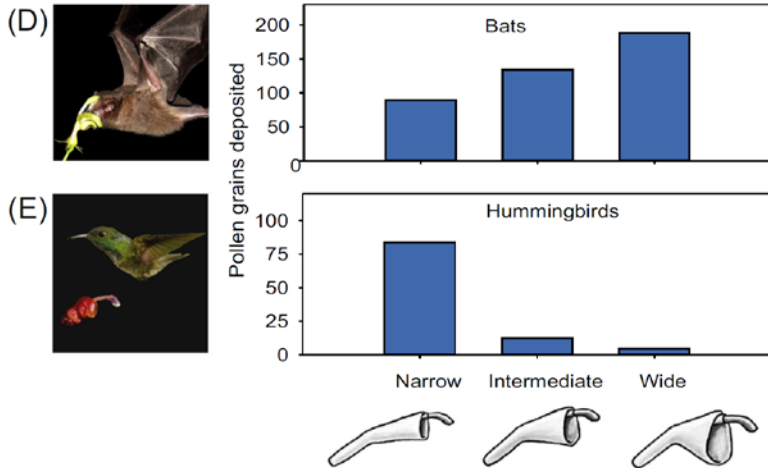


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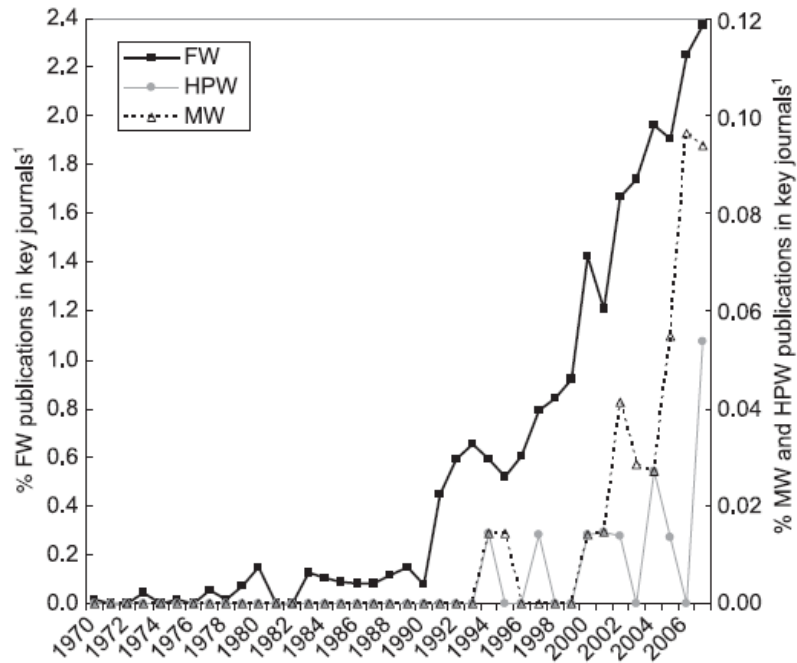
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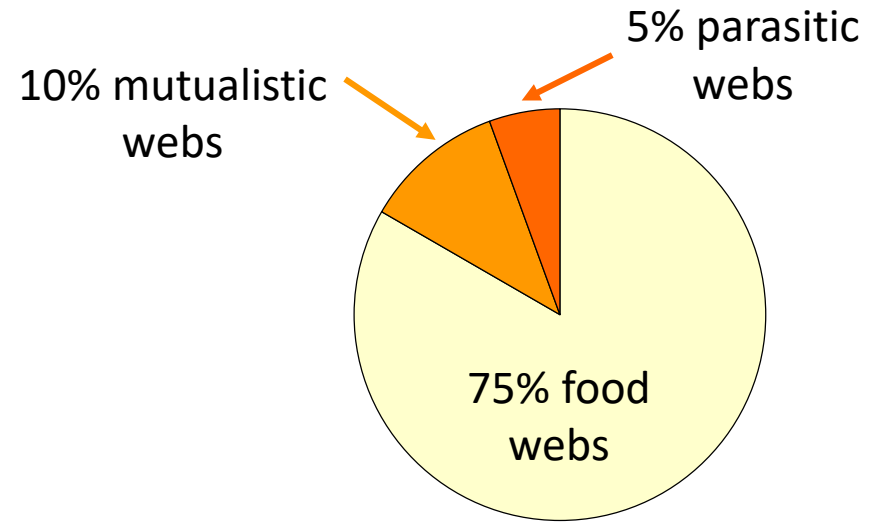
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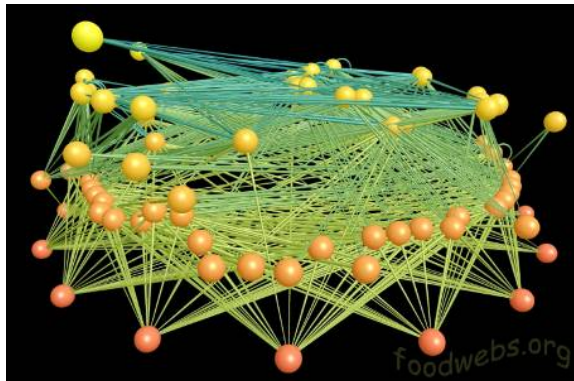
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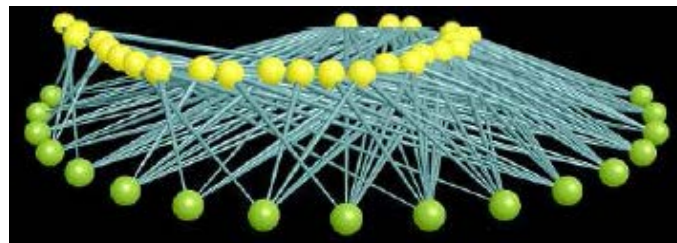
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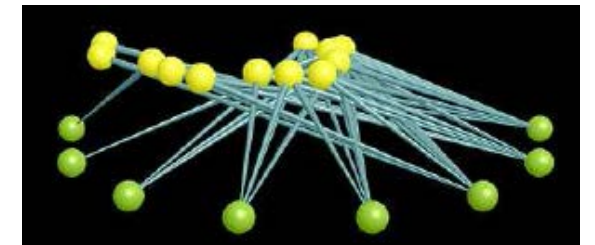
food web



mutualistic web



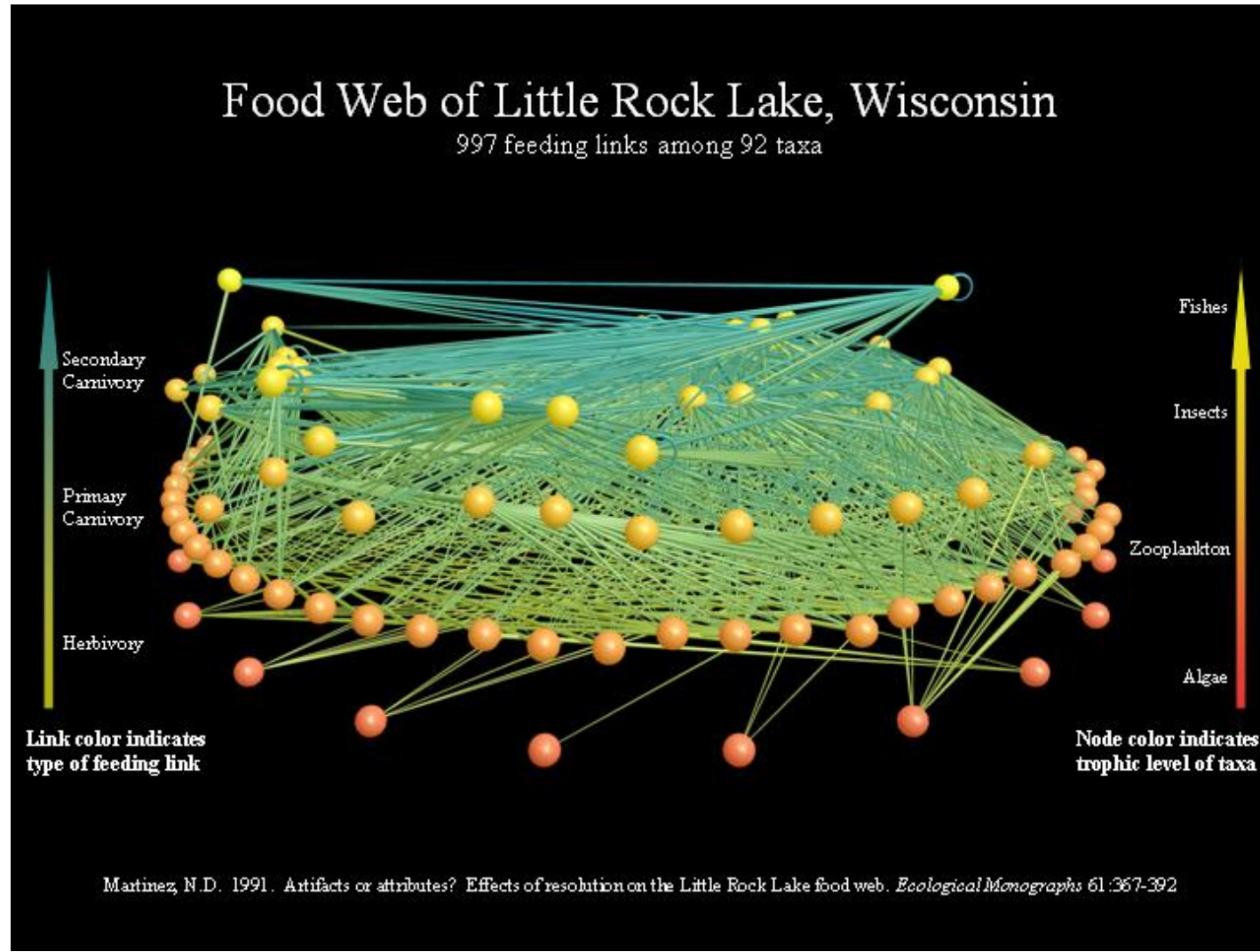
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## Structure of ecological networks

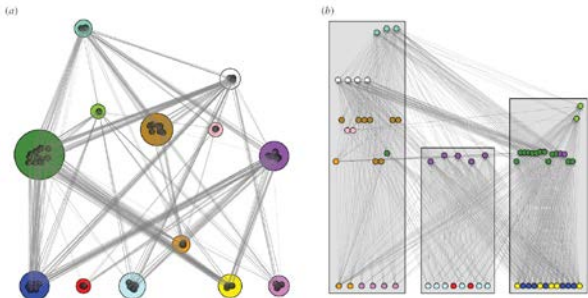


# Structure of trophic network and compartments

## Trophic groups and modules: two levels of group detection in food webs

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## Compartments and predation in an estuarine food web

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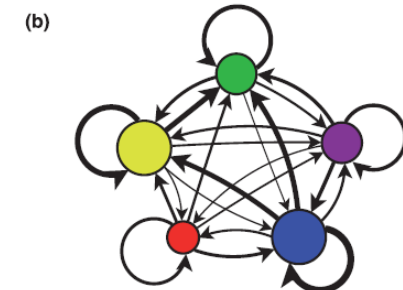
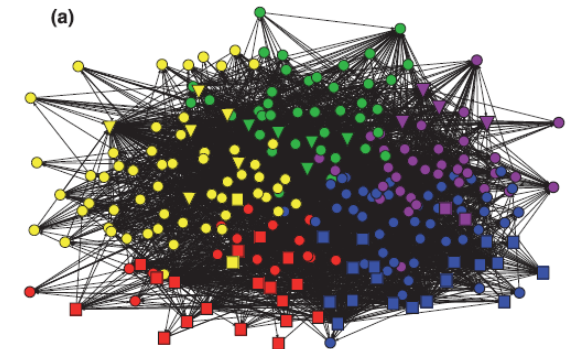
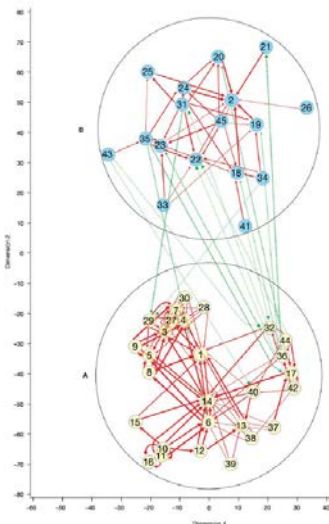
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## Compartments revealed in food-web structure

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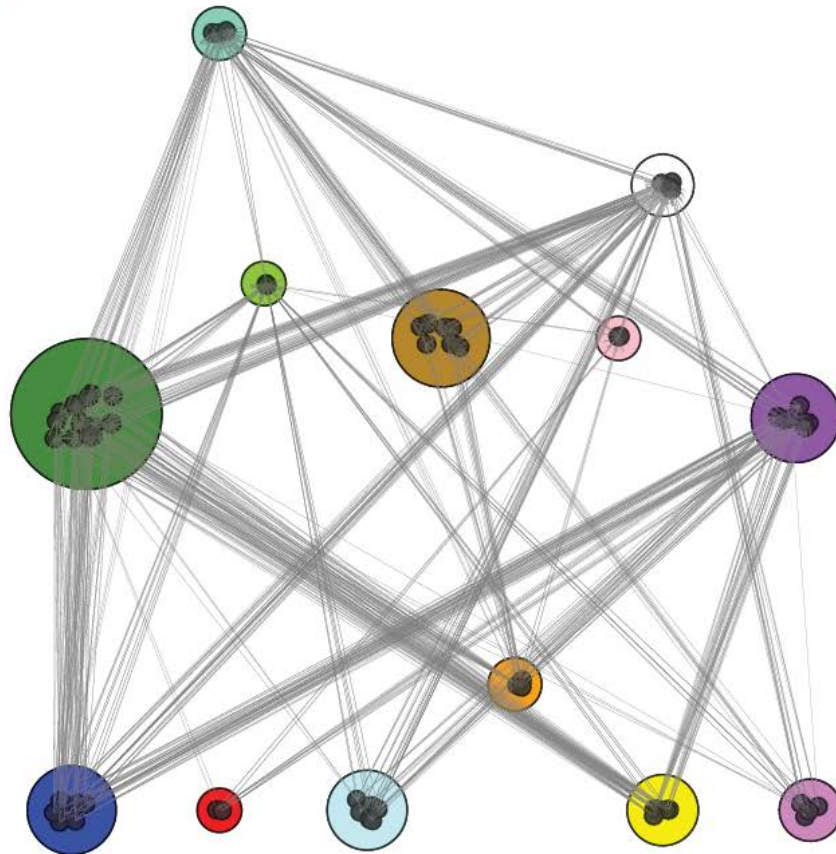
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# Different ways of making groups

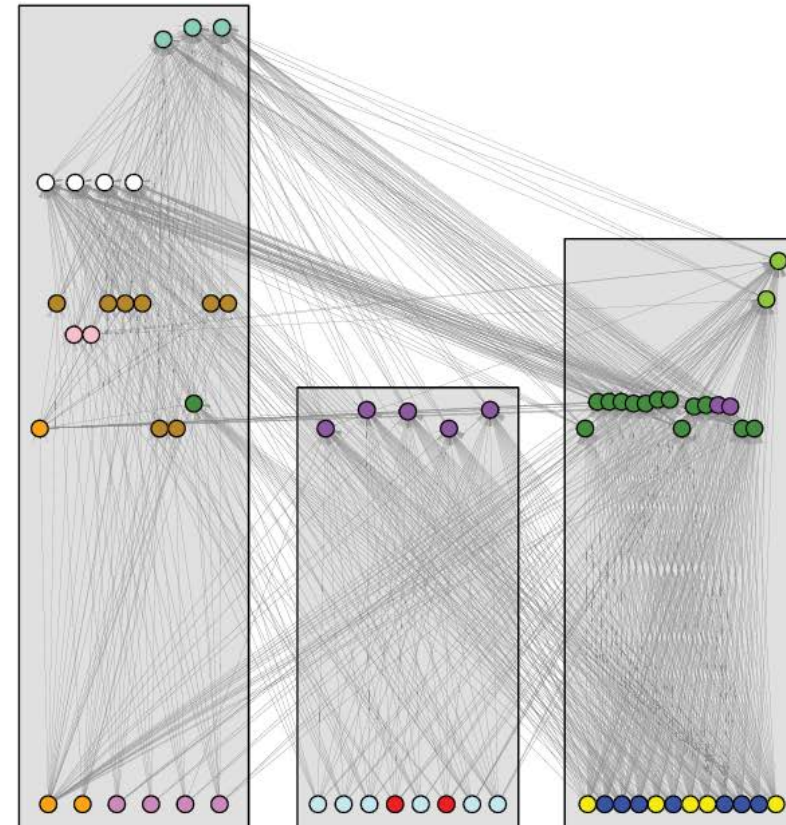
Trophic groups

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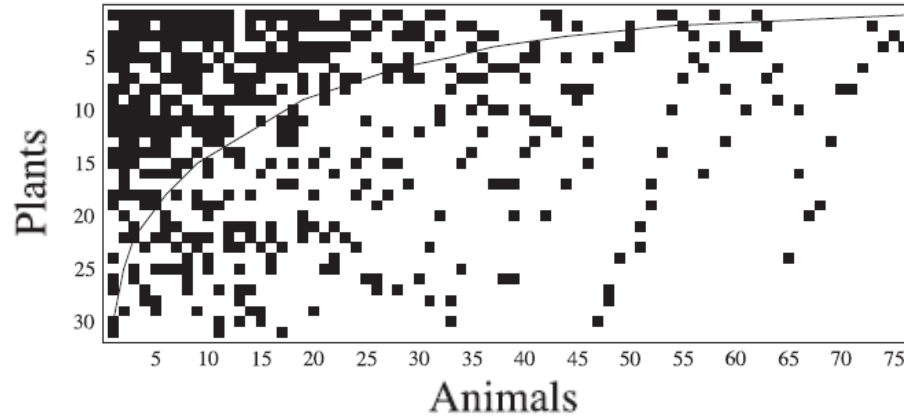


Compartments

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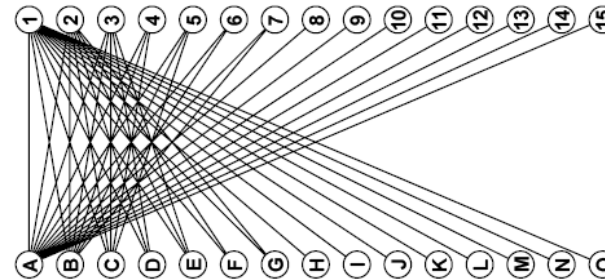
# Mutualistic networks and nestedness



Seed dispersal



pollination



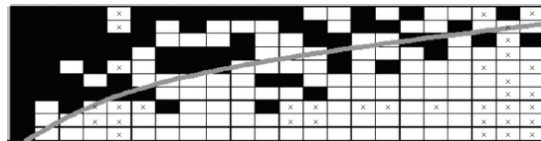
## Nested structure

- Continuum between specialist and generalist species
- Presence of a core of highly connected species
- Asymmetrical specialization

# Mutualistic networks and nestedness

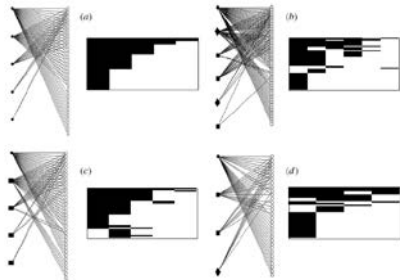
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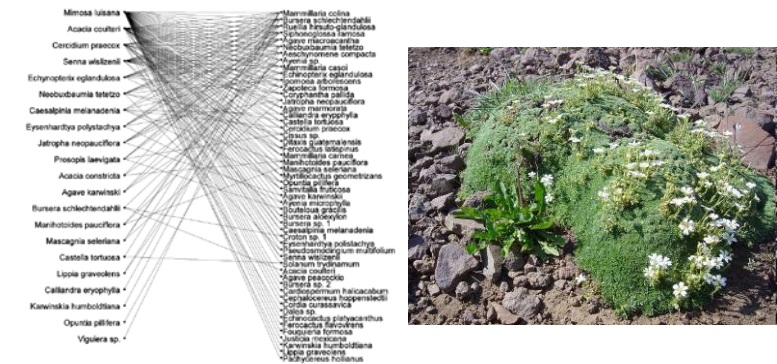
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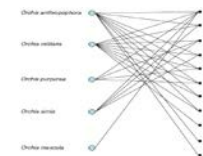
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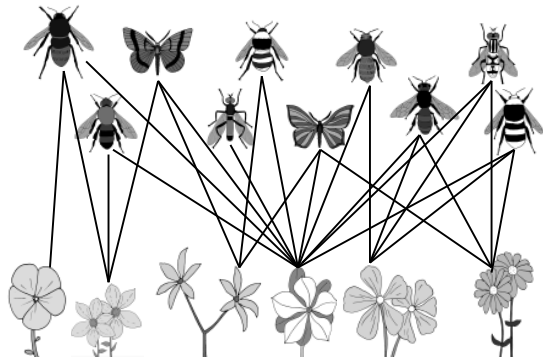
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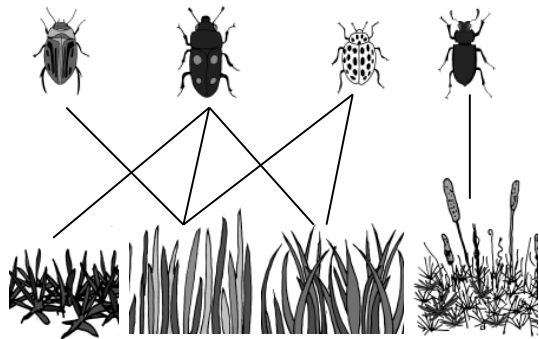
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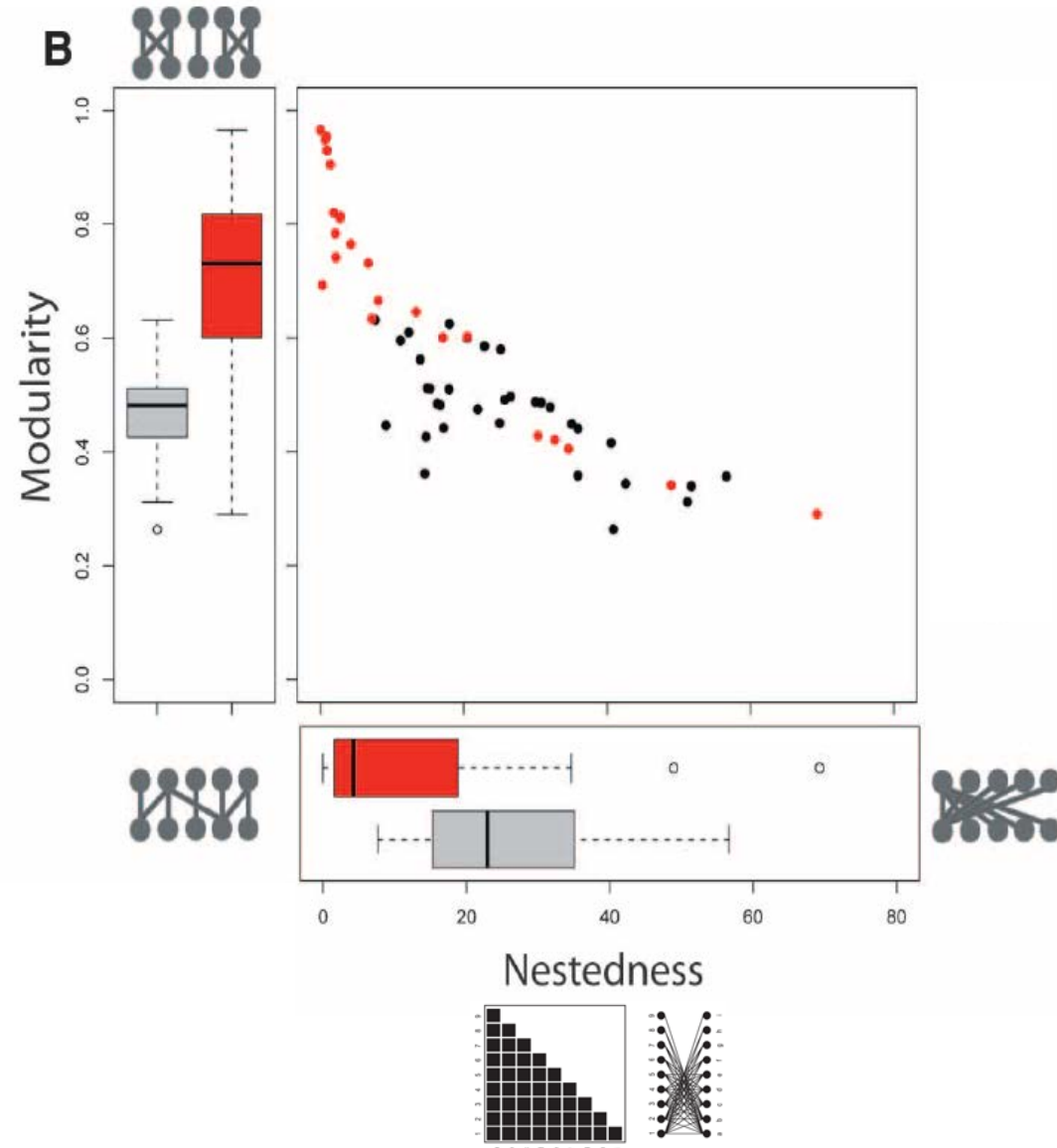
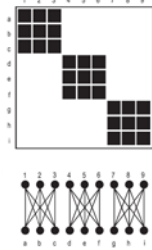


*34 plant-pollinator webs*

Antagonistic

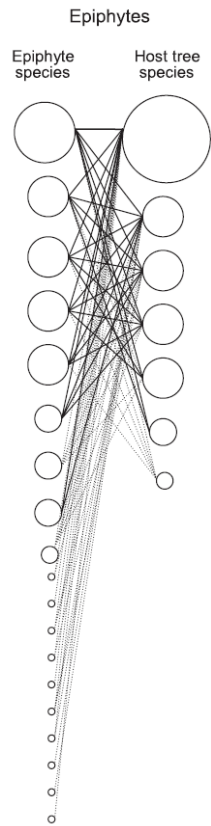


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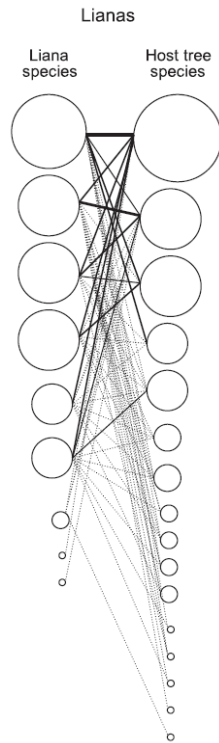


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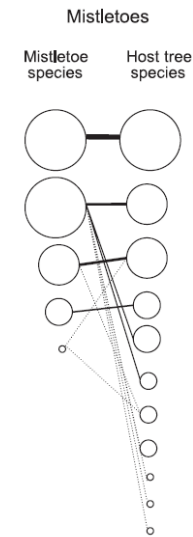
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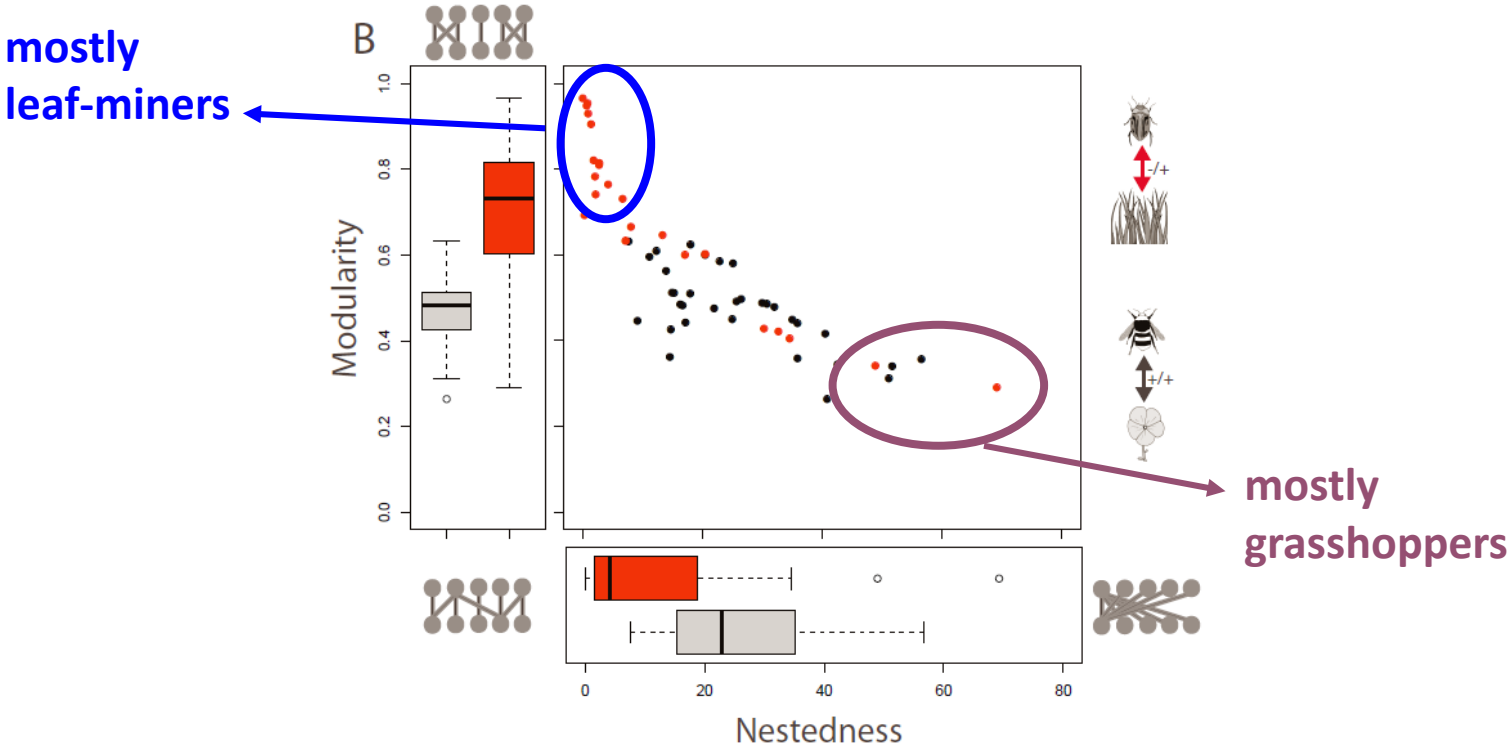
commensal/parasitic



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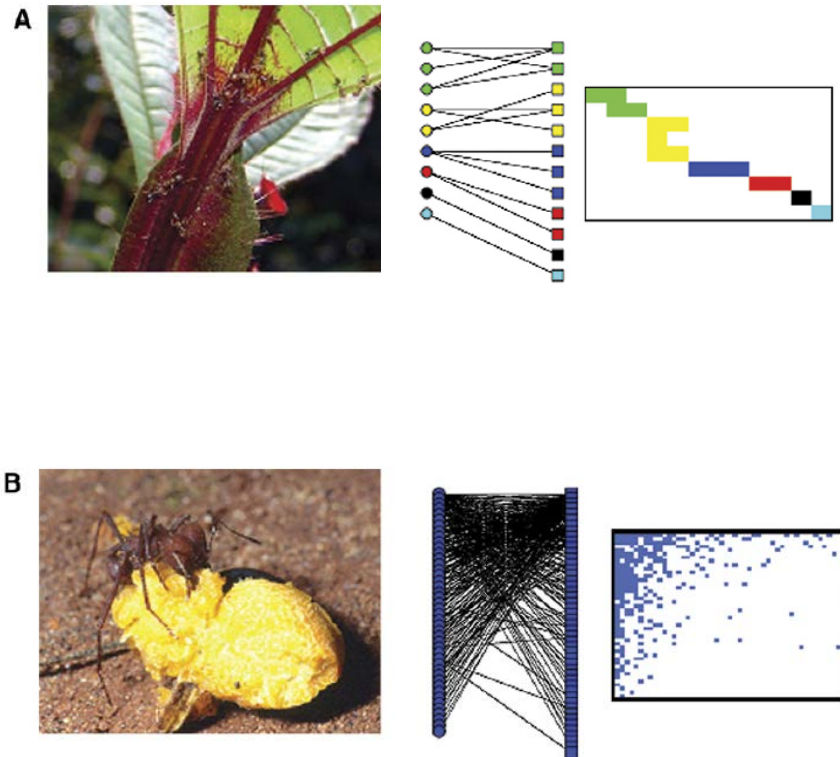


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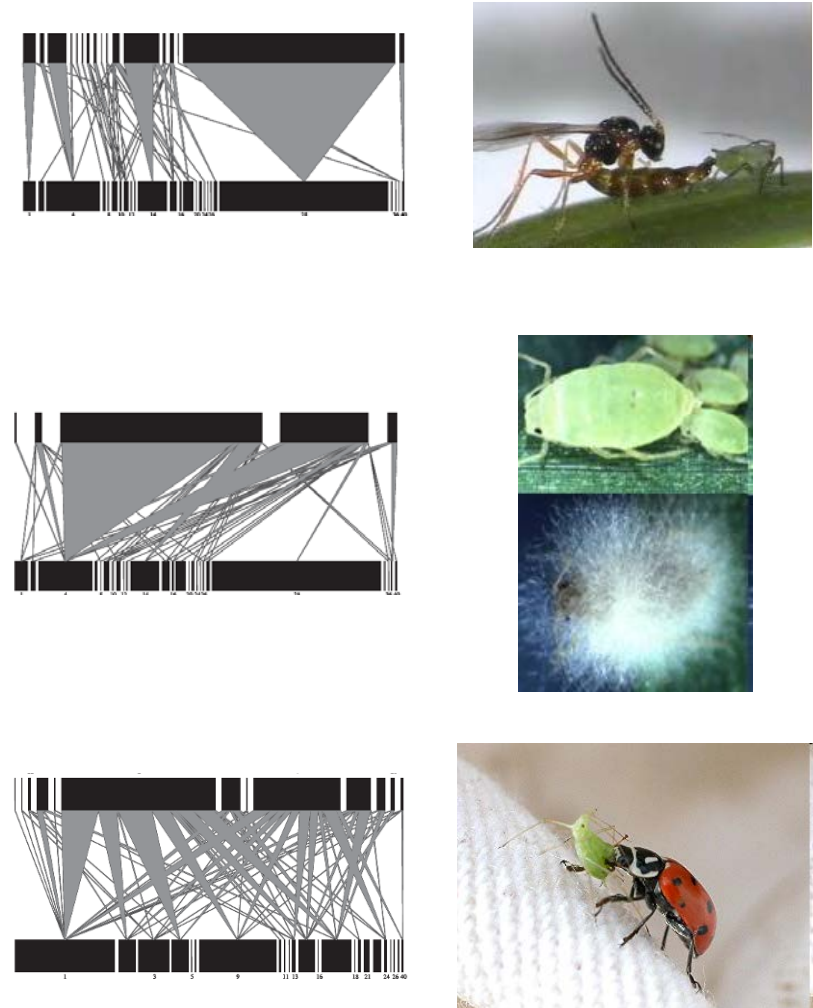
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## Mutualistic interactions



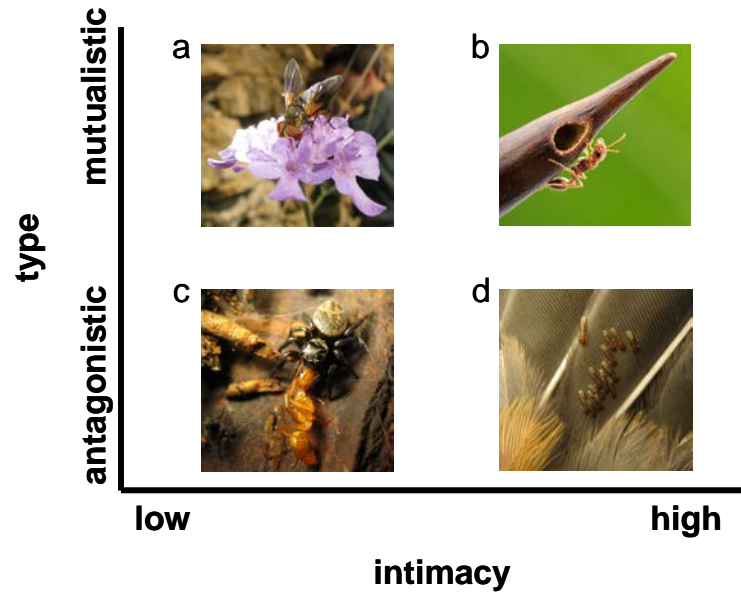
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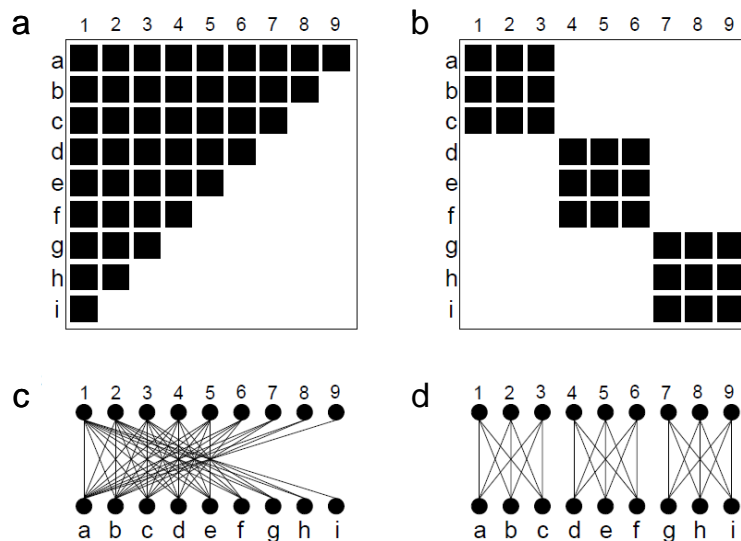


# Interaction type and interaction intimacy

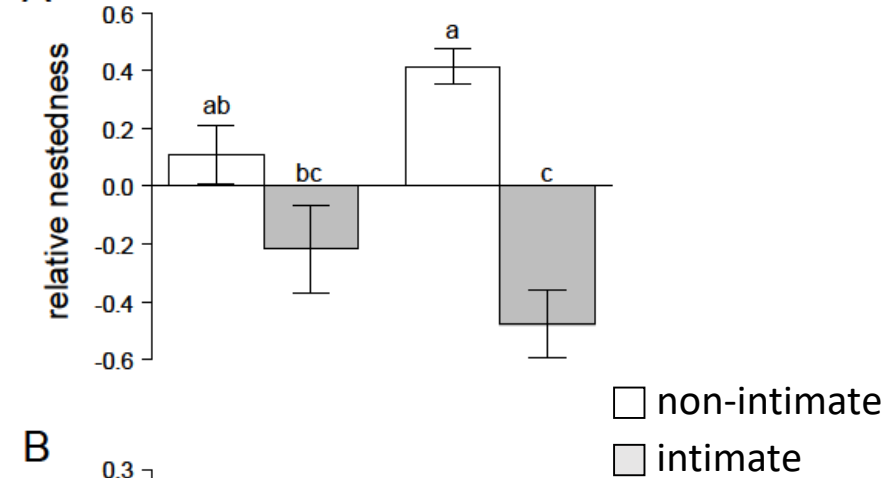
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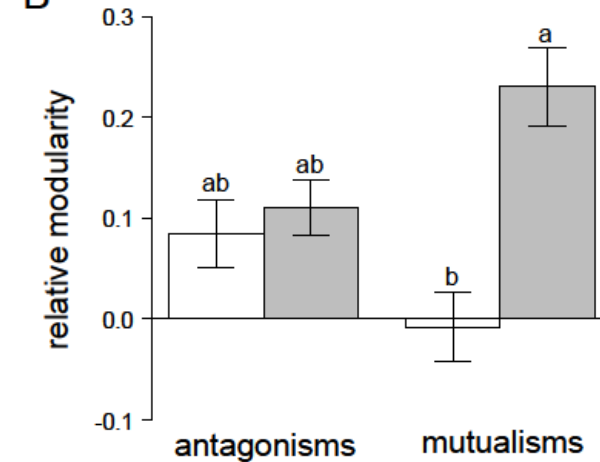
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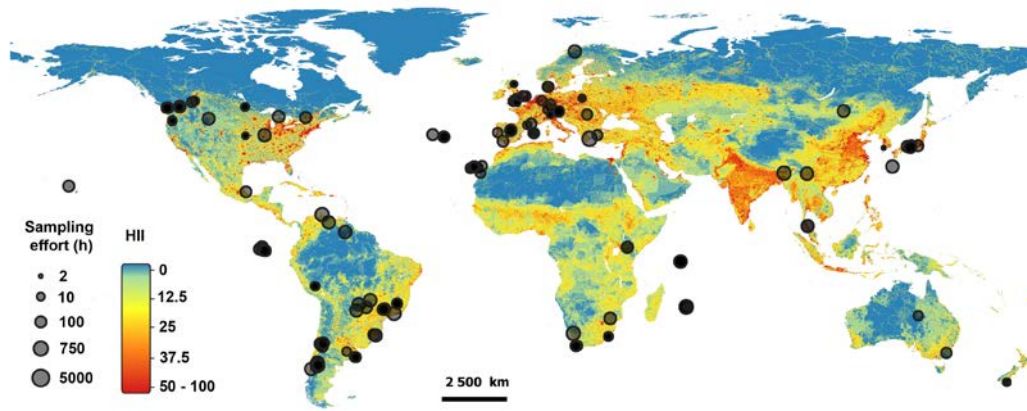
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Stronger effect of interaction intimacy on mutualistic web

# On the importance of sampling effects when analysing numerous networks from various origins

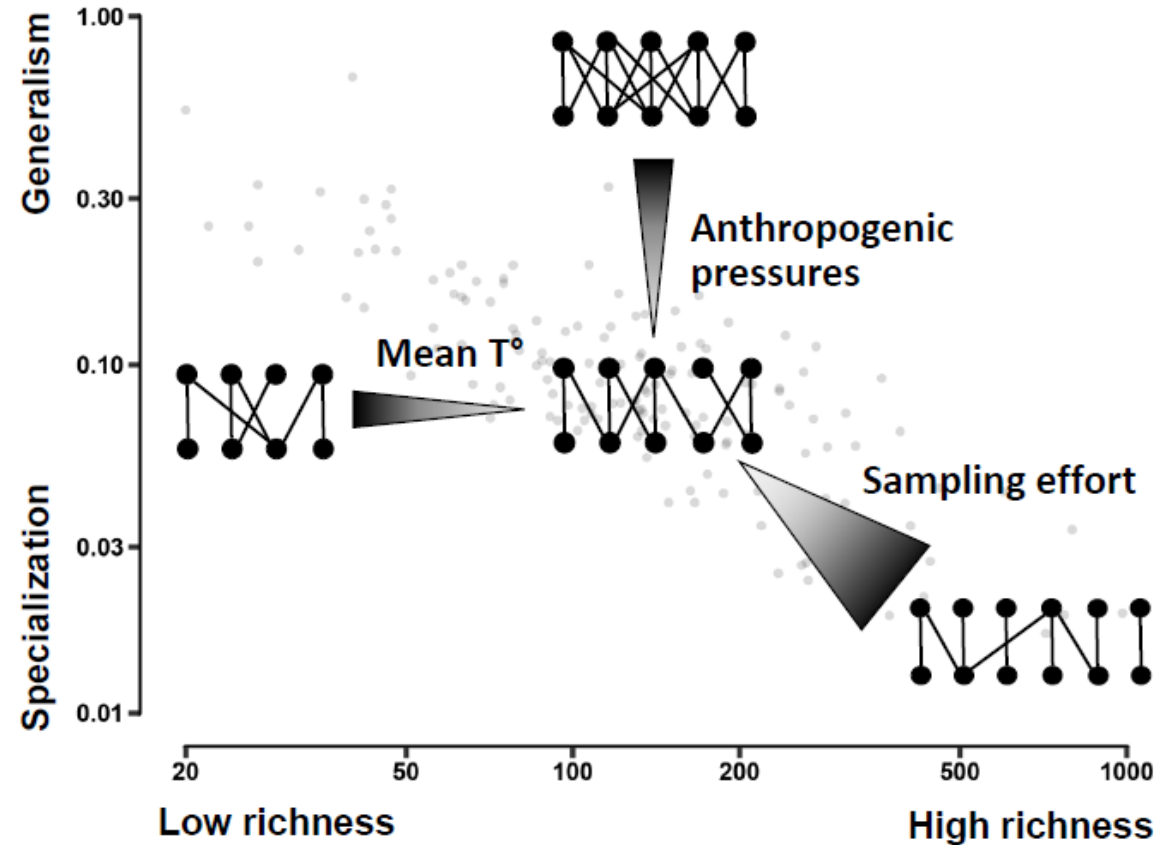
A database of 295 pollination networks



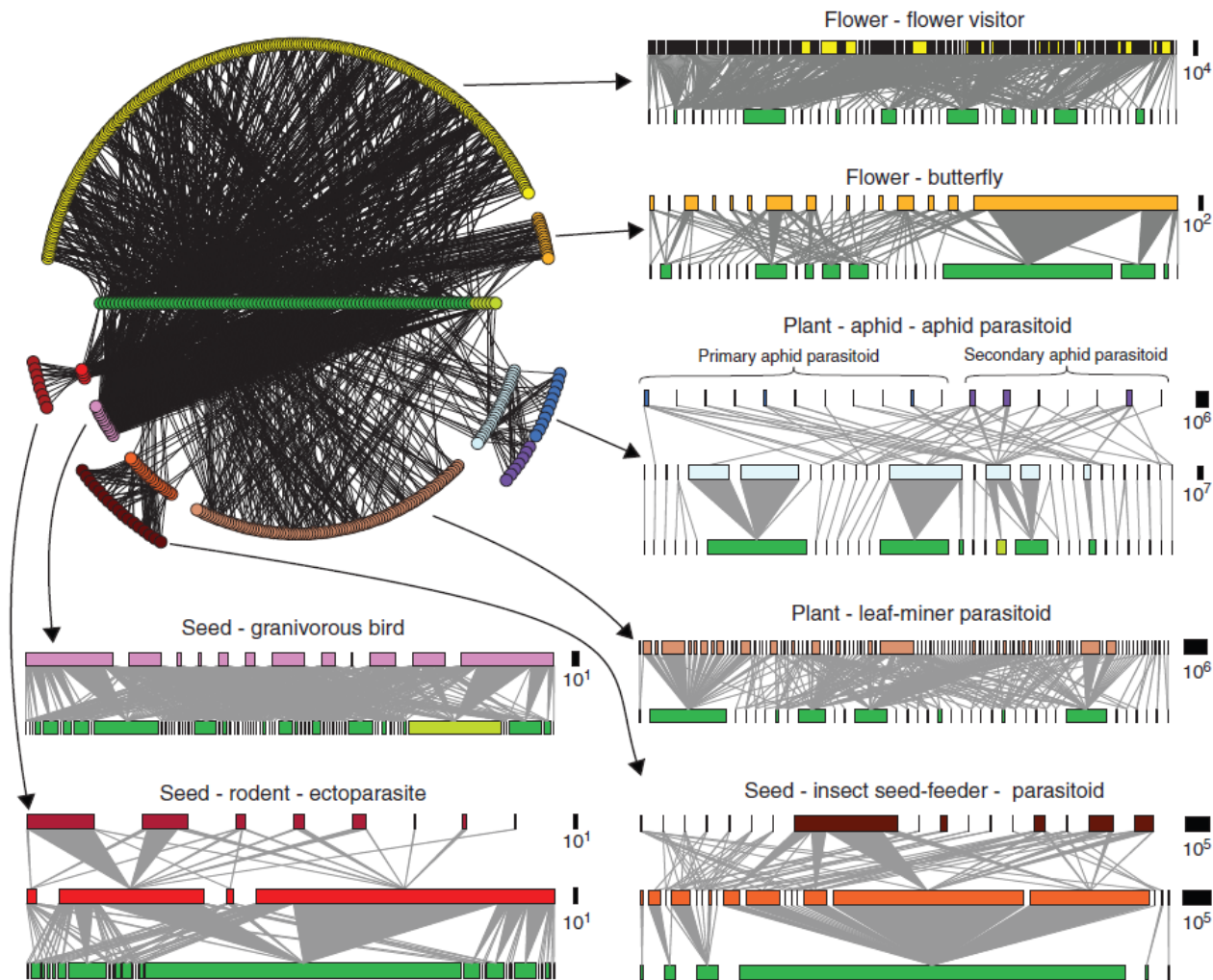
Looking for effects of:

- Anthropogenic disturbances
- Climate
- Sampling effort and protocol

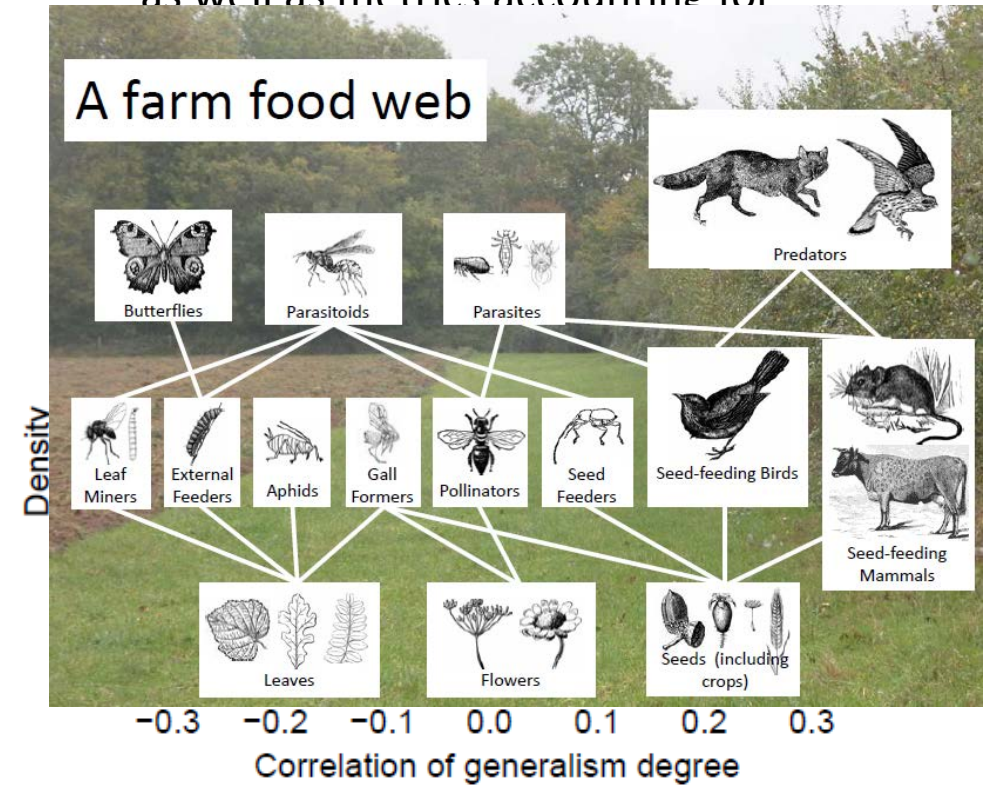
on network richness and species generalism



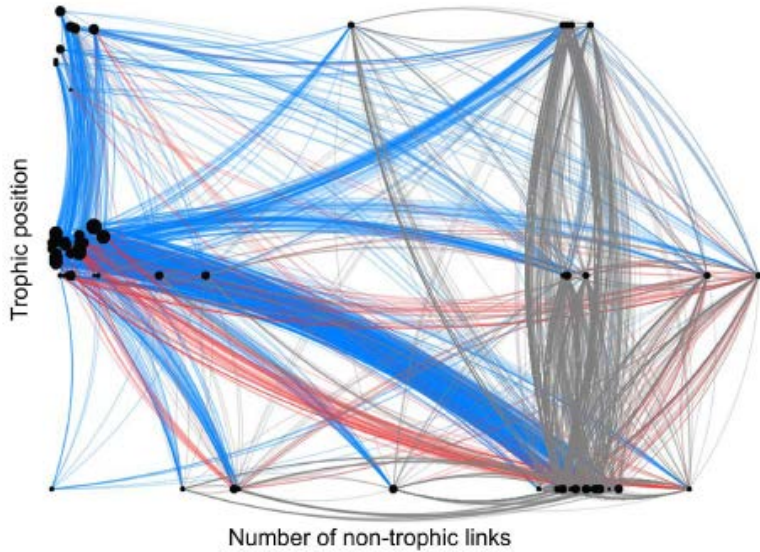
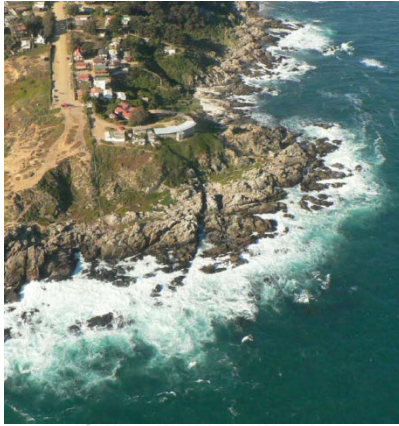
# Networks combining multiple interaction types



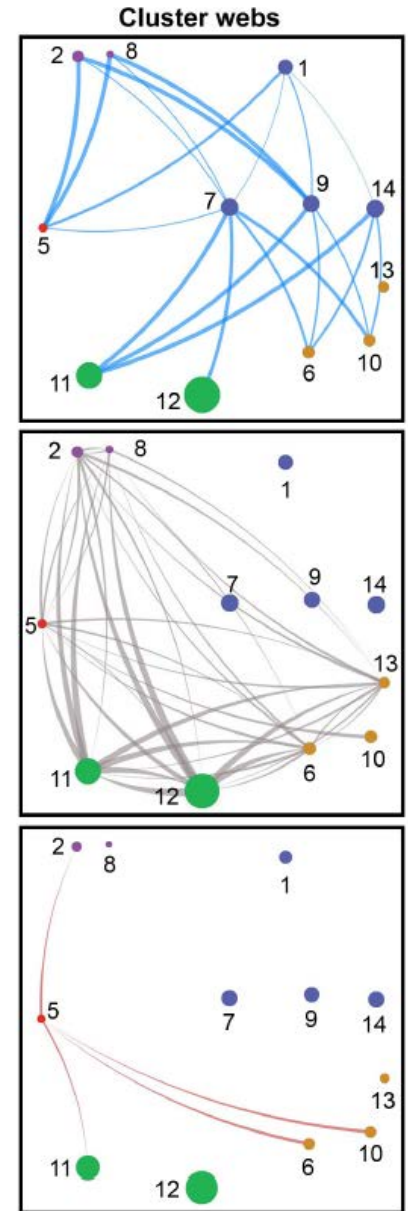
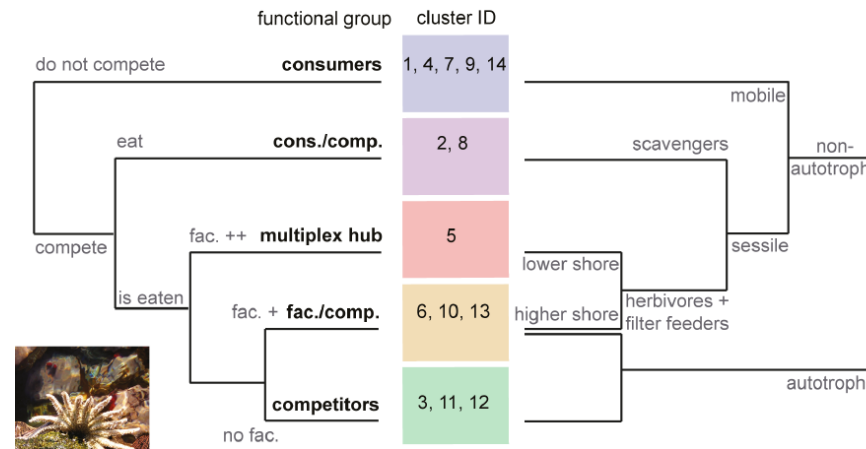
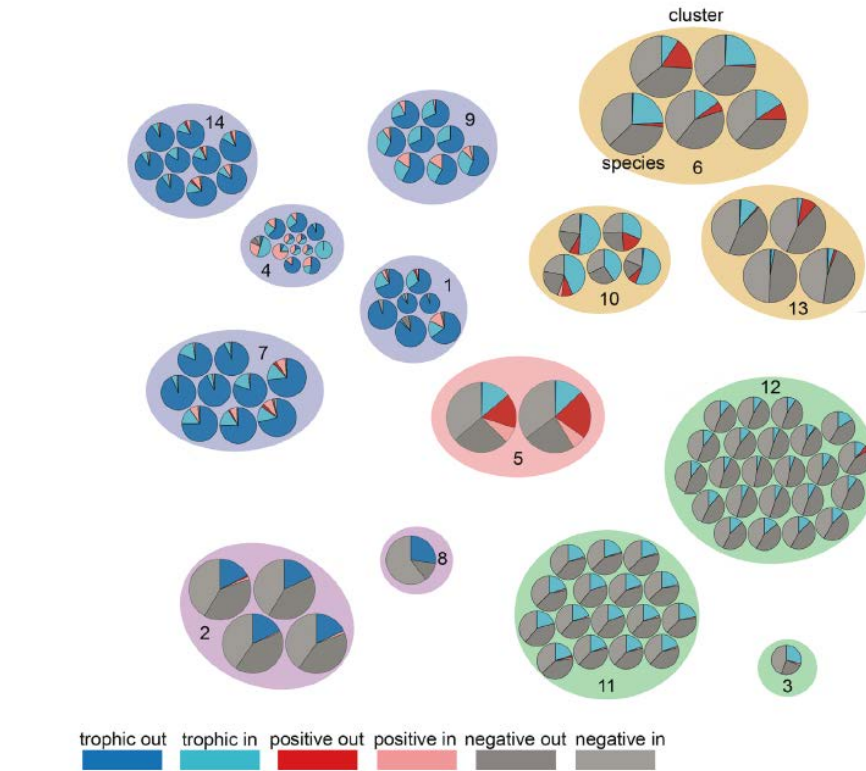
Need for new sampling methods  
as well as metrics accounting for



# Networks combining multiple interaction types



- Species
  - Trophic links
  - Neg. non trophic links
  - Pos. non trophic links
- 106 species  
1362 trophic links  
3089 interference/competition for space links  
172 habitat/refuge provisioning links



Pairwise interactions are governed by species traits

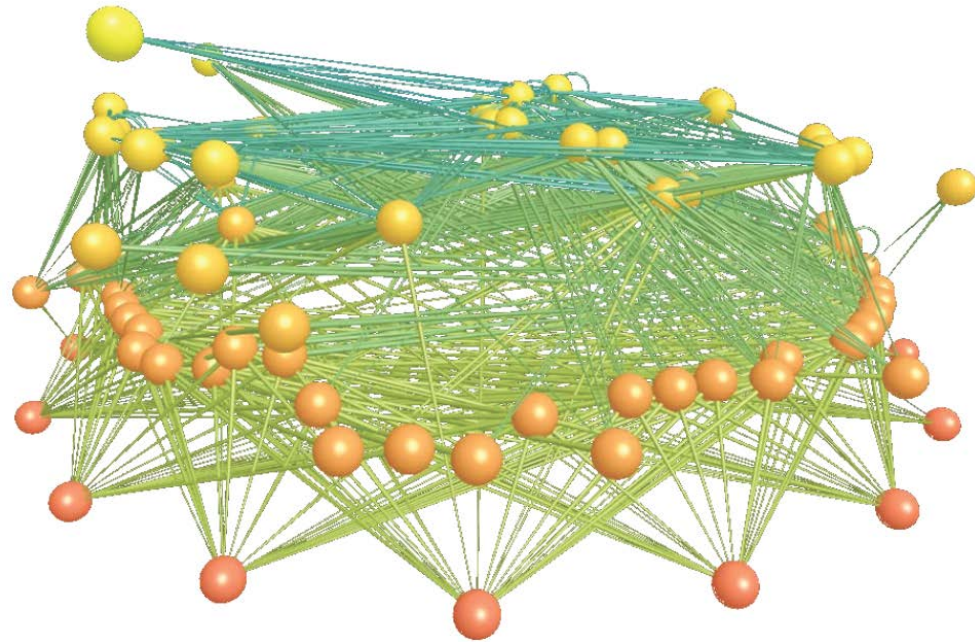
The structure of ecological networks varies depending on the type of interaction (mutualistic vs antagonistic; intimate vs non-intimate)

Comparing the structure among networks needs to account for sampling heterogeneity

Integrating several interaction types within networks is in its infancy and require new datasets and metrics

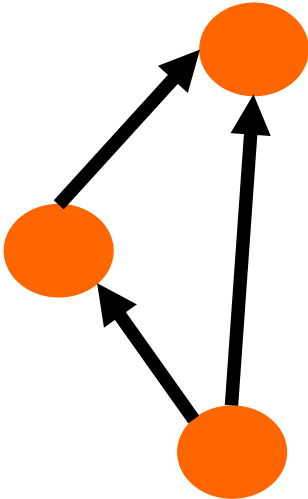
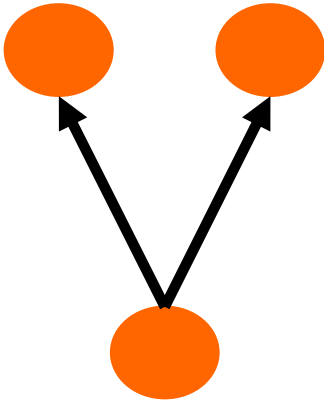
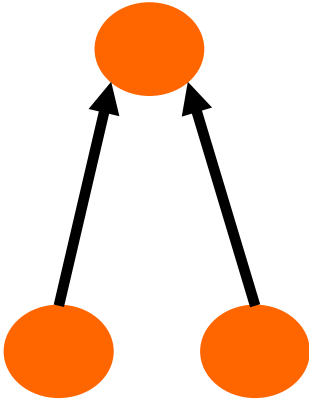
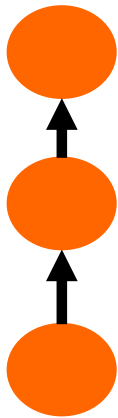
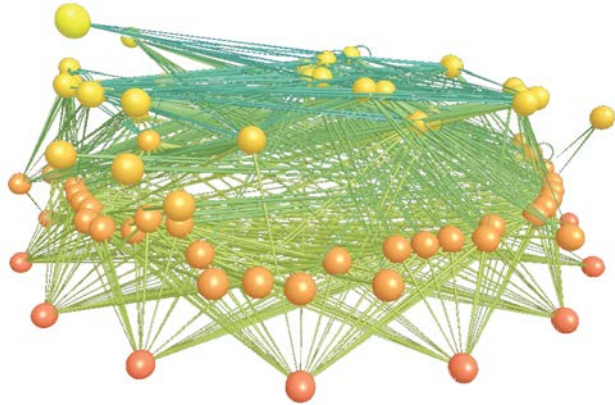
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## Indirect interactions and community dynamic



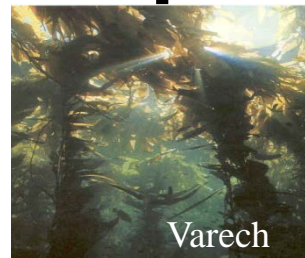
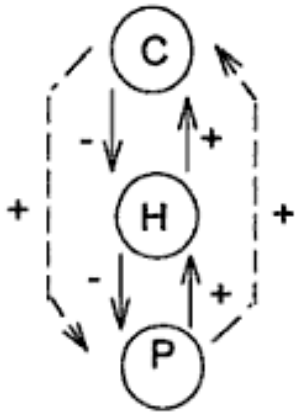


# Foodwebs, network motifs and indirect interactions





# Foodwebs, trophic chains and trophic cascades



Otter extinction



See urchin explosion

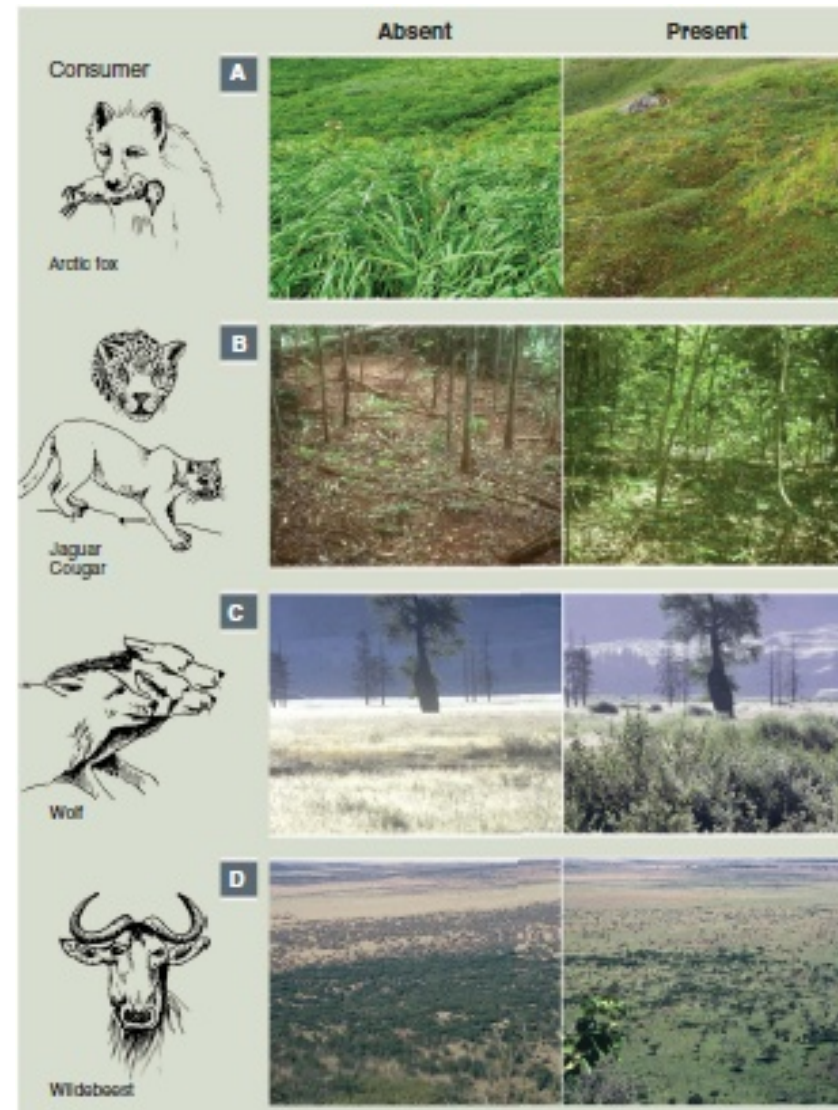
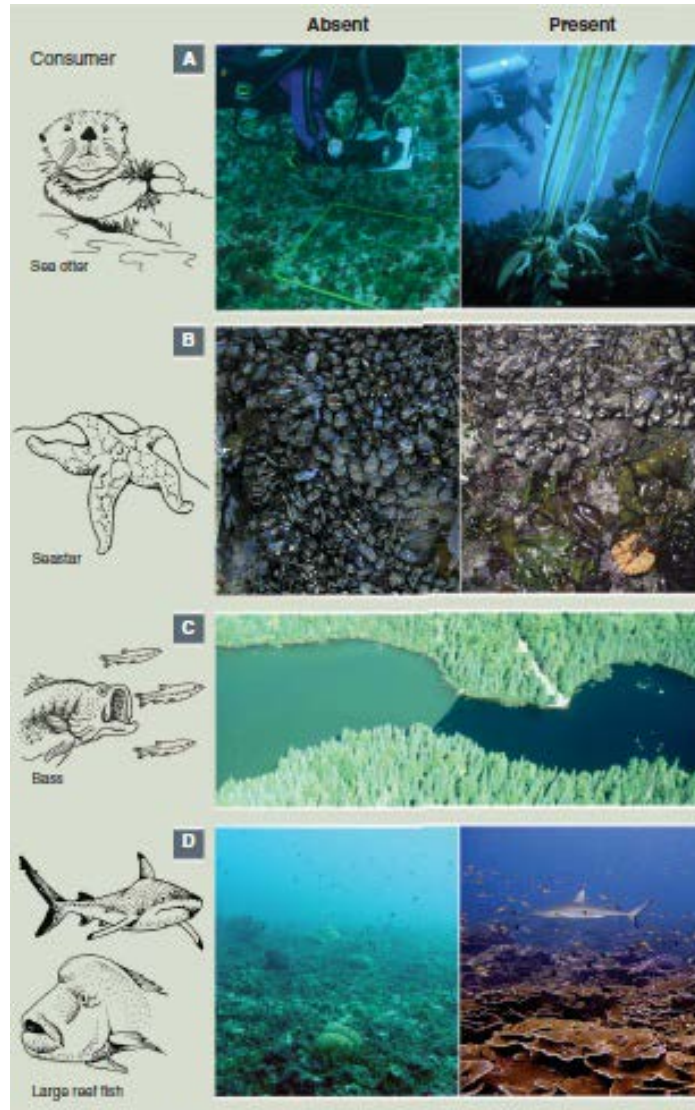


Over-consumption of kelp

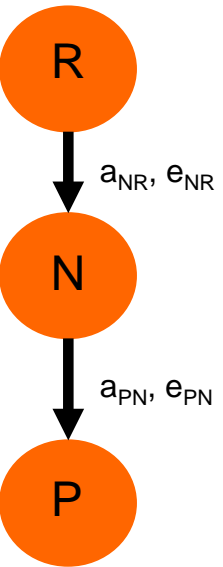


Extinction of species inhabiting  
kelp forests

# Foodwebs, trophic chains and trophic cascades



# Foodwebs, trophic chains and trophic cascades



$$\frac{dR}{dt} = R(r(1 - R/K) - a_{NR}N)$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = N(e_{NR}a_{NR}R - d_N - a_{PN}P)$$

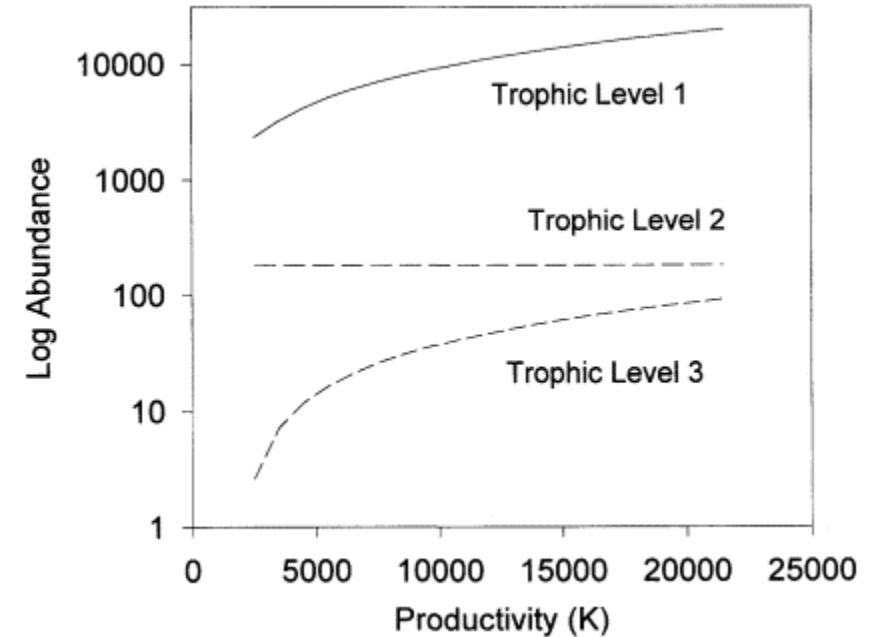
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P(e_{PN}a_{PN}N - d_P)$$

If an equilibrium exist with three species, then:

$$R^* = K \left( 1 - \frac{a_{NR}}{r} N^* \right)$$

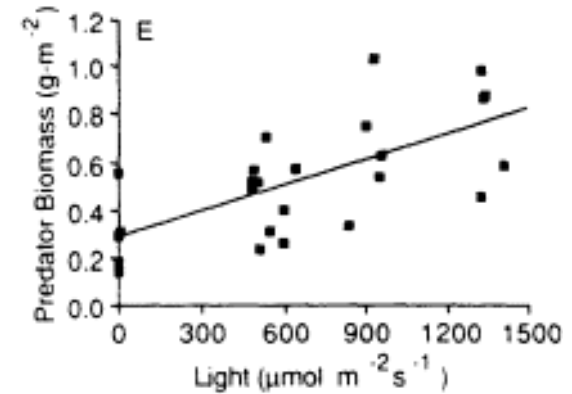
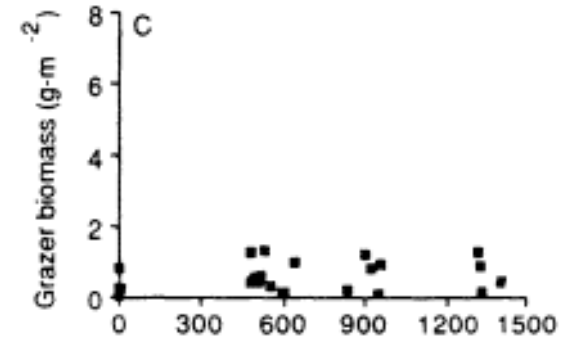
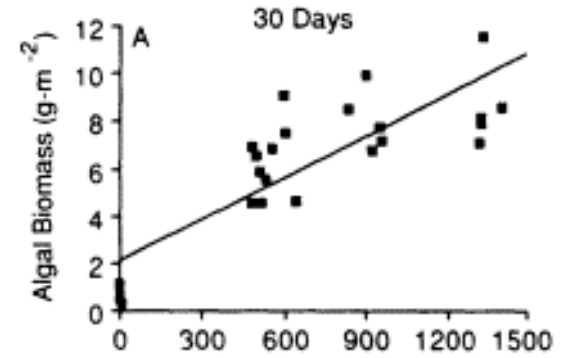
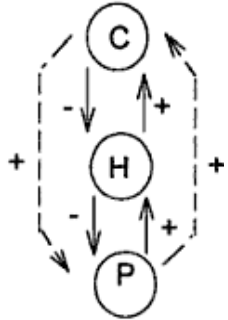
$$N^* = \frac{d_P}{e_{PN}a_{PN}}$$

$$P^* = \frac{1}{a_{PN}} (e_{NR}a_{NR}R^* - d_N)$$



- $r$  = intrinsic growth rate of R
- $K$  = carrying capacity of R
- $a_{NR}$  et  $a_{PN}$  are attack rates
- $e_{NR}$  et  $e_{PN}$  are conversion efficacies
- $d_N$  et  $d_P$  are mortality rates

# Foodwebs, trophic chains and trophic cascades



# Trophic chains: bottom-up and top-down effects

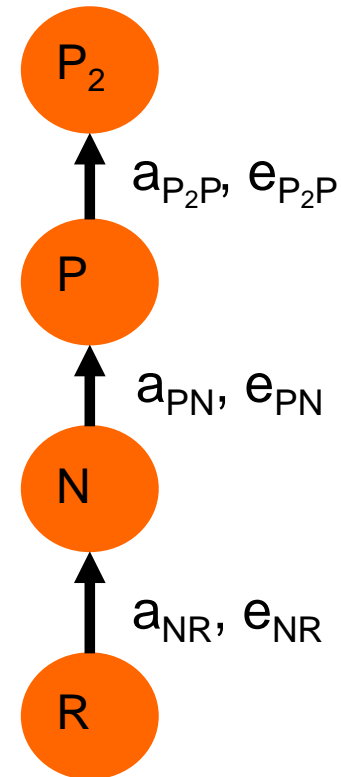
- Trophic chain with four levels:

$$P_2^* = \frac{1}{a_{P_2P}} (e_{PN} a_{PN} N^* - d_P)$$

$$P^* = \frac{d_{P_2}}{e_{P_2P} a_{P_2P}}$$

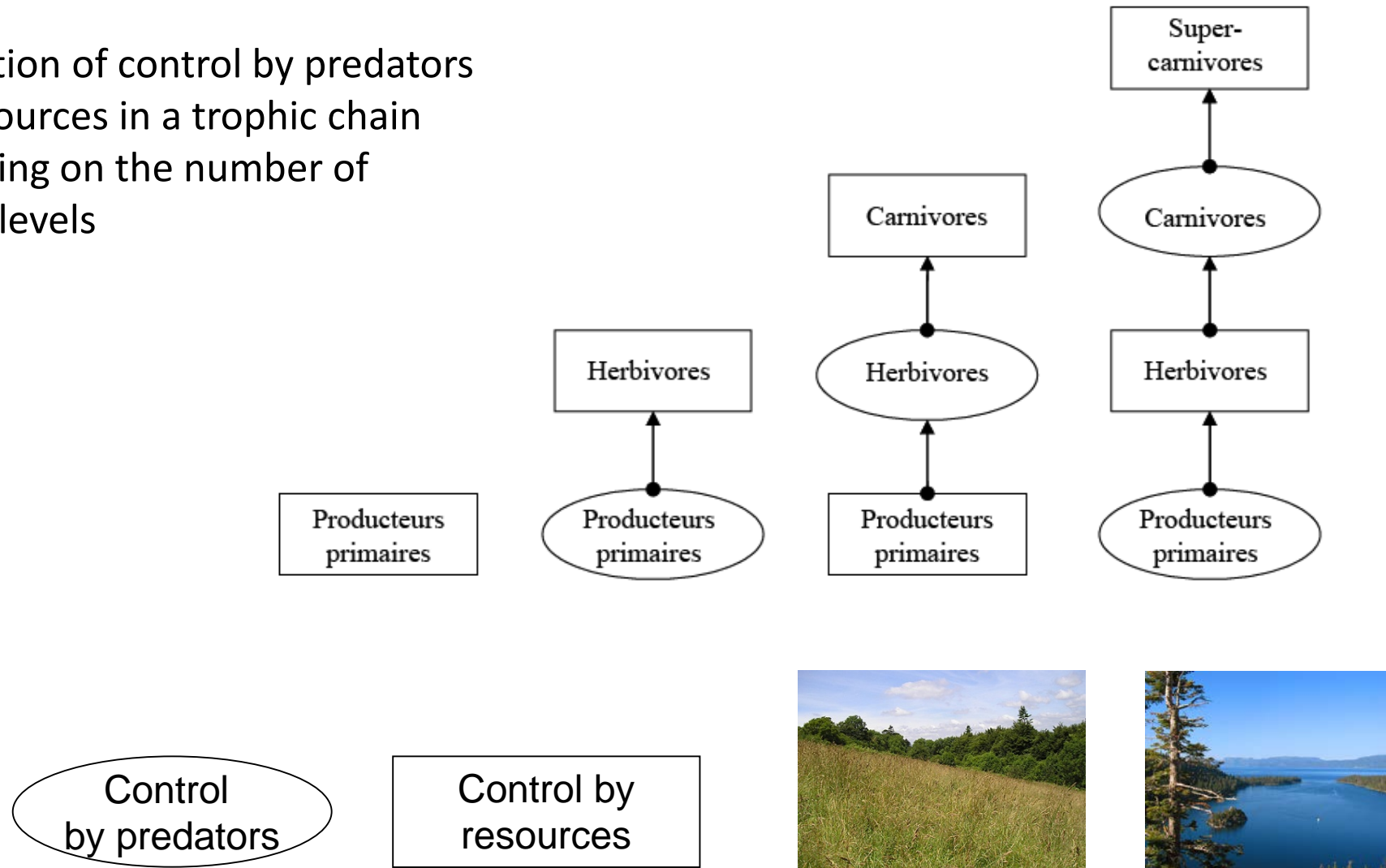
$$N^* = \frac{1}{a_{NR}} \left( 1 - \frac{R^*}{K} \right)$$

$$R^* = \frac{d_N + a_{PN} P^*}{e_{NR} a_{NR}}$$



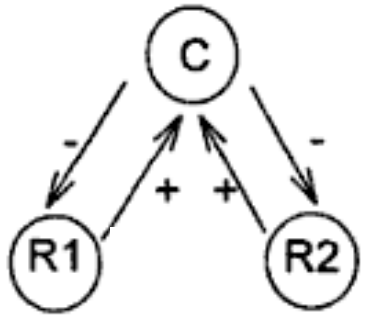
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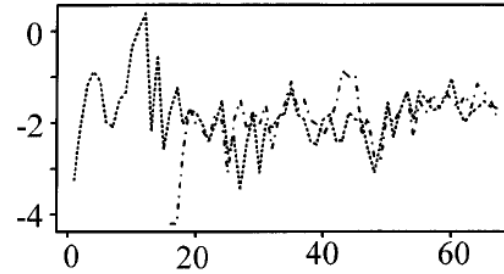




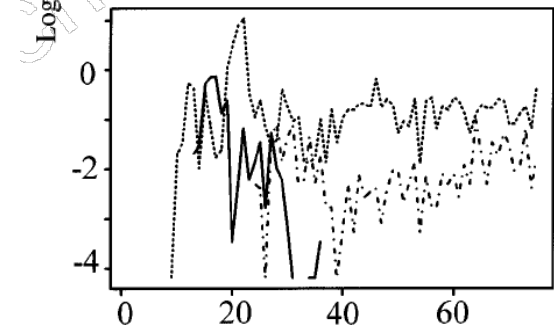
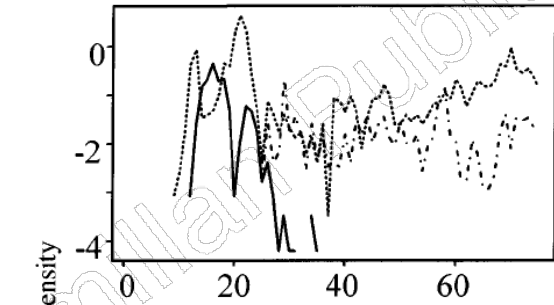
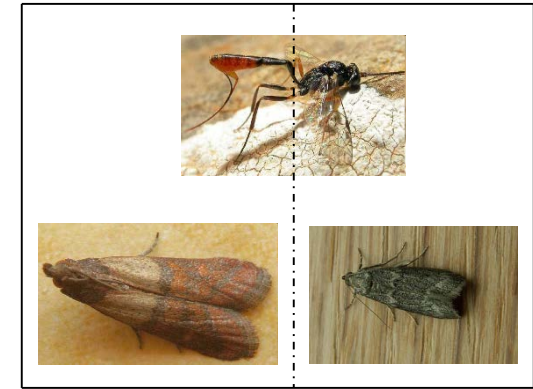
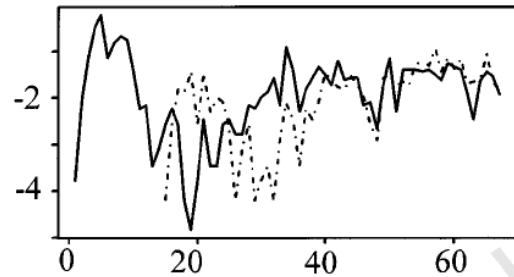
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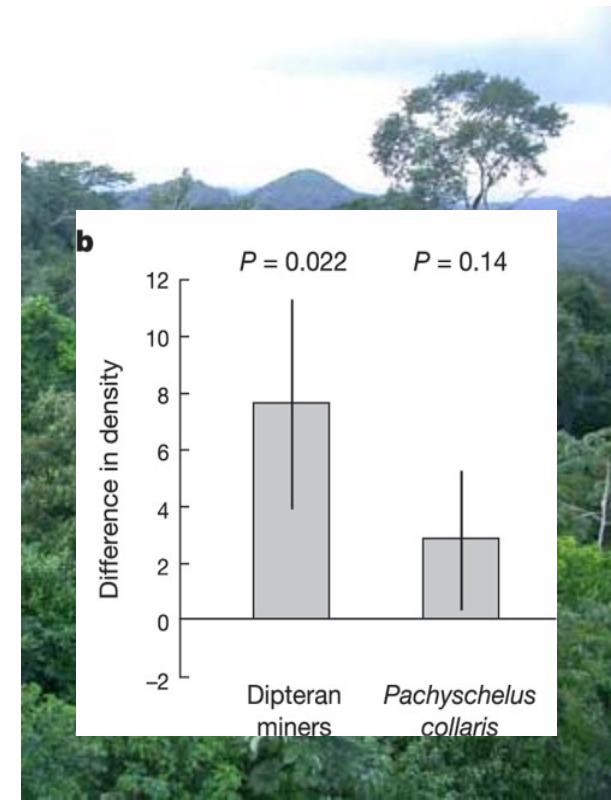
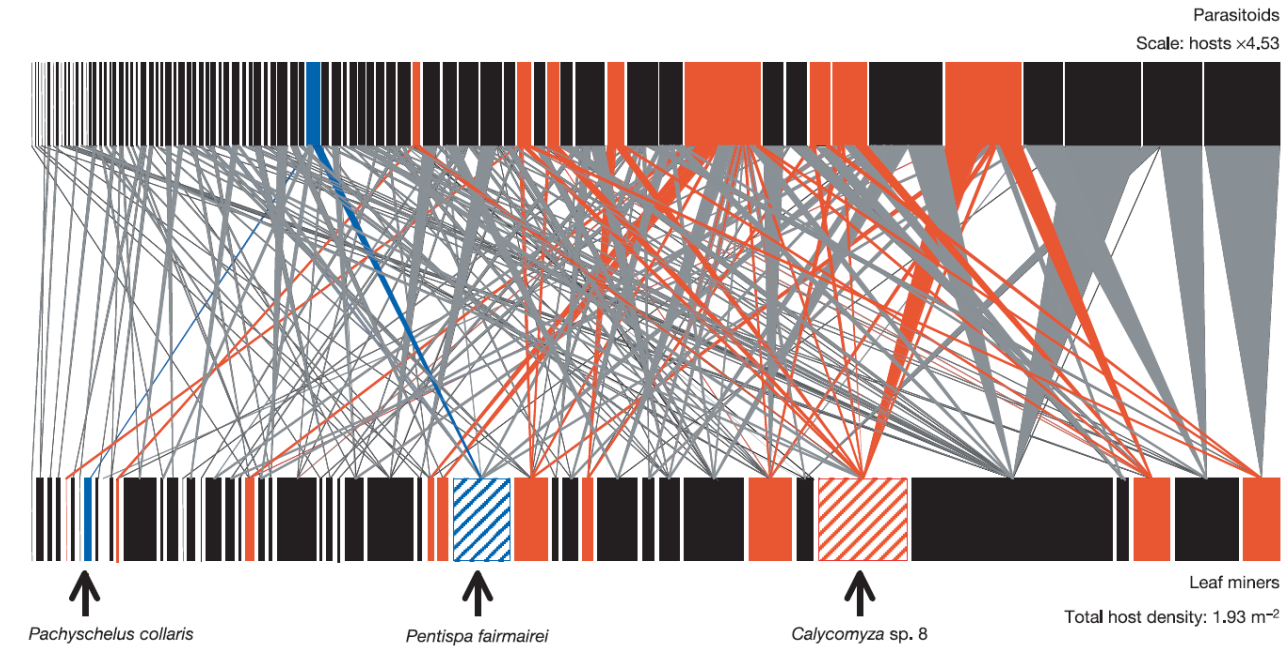
*Plodia interpunctella* *Venturia canescens*



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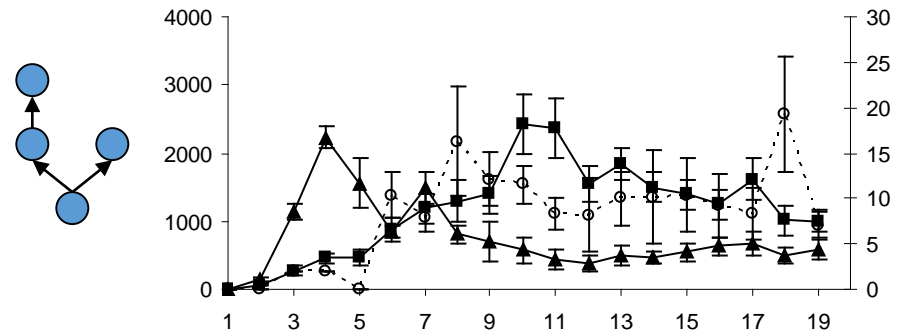
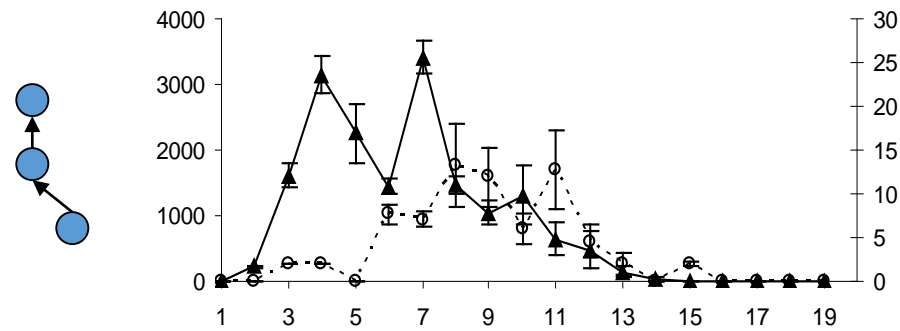
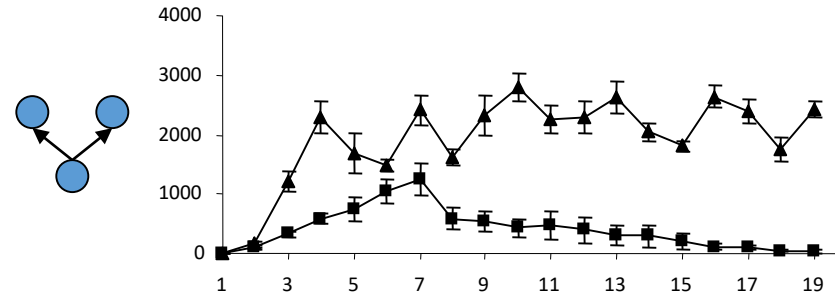
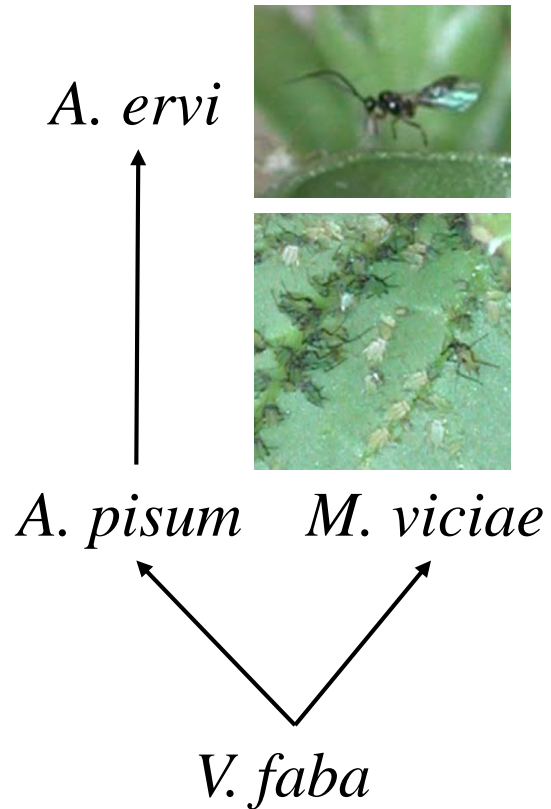


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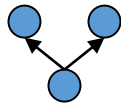


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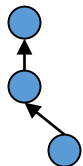
Lotka-Volterra competition model



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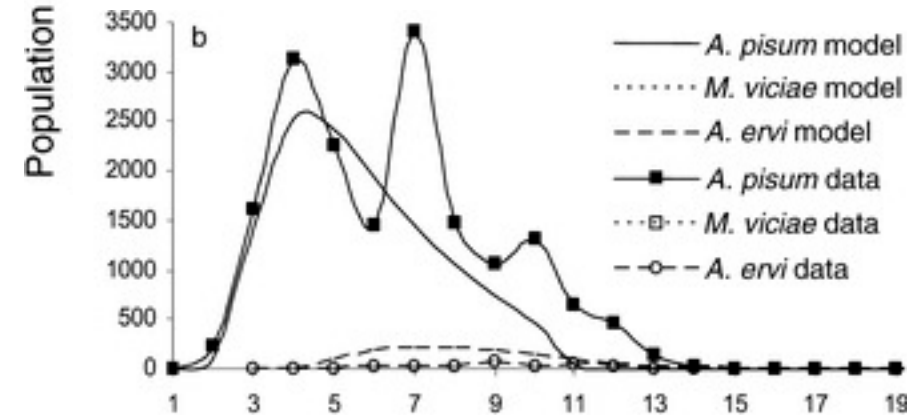
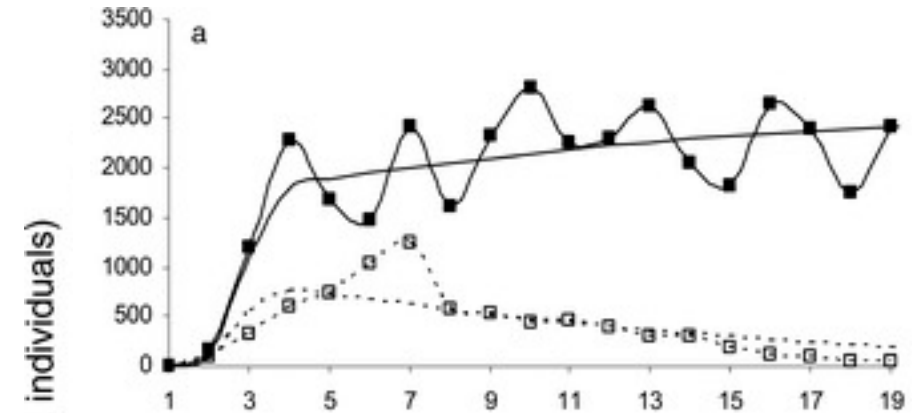
Lotka-Volterra predator-prey model



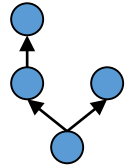
$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = r_1 N_1 (1 - \alpha_{11} N_1) - N_1 \frac{\alpha_{1P} P}{1 + bN_1}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = N_1 \frac{\alpha_{1P} P}{1 + bN_1 + cP} - \mu P$$

- (i) Intra and interspecific competition for hosts
- (ii) hyperbolic (Type II) functional response
- (iii) density dependent parasitoid recruitment



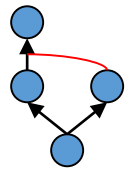
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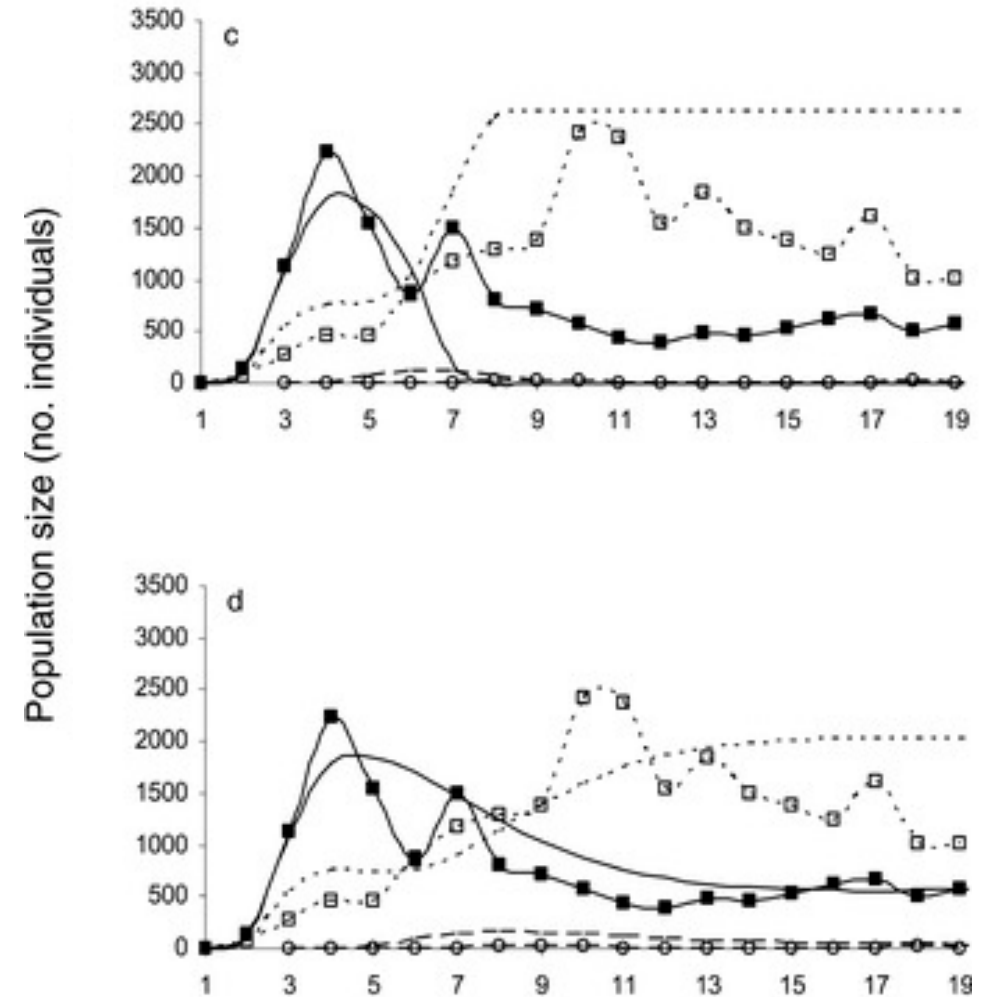


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Trait mediated indirect effect: Interference of *M. viciae* with searching behaviour of the parasitoid.

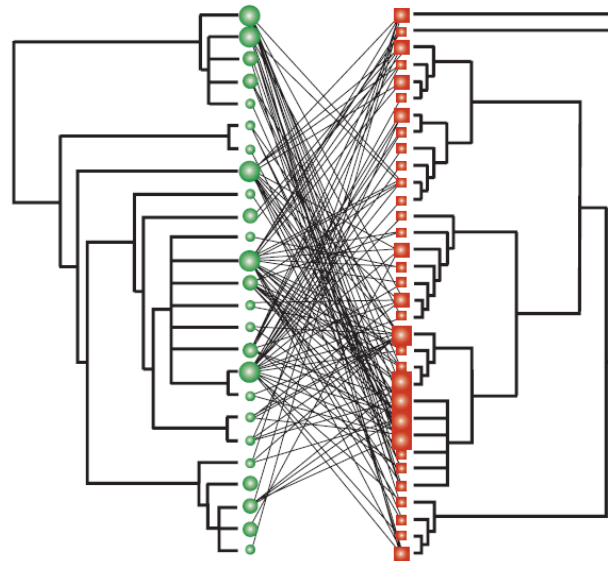


Indirect interactions have strong effects on species abundances and coexistence

Network approaches allow understanding cascading effects within communities which are pervasive

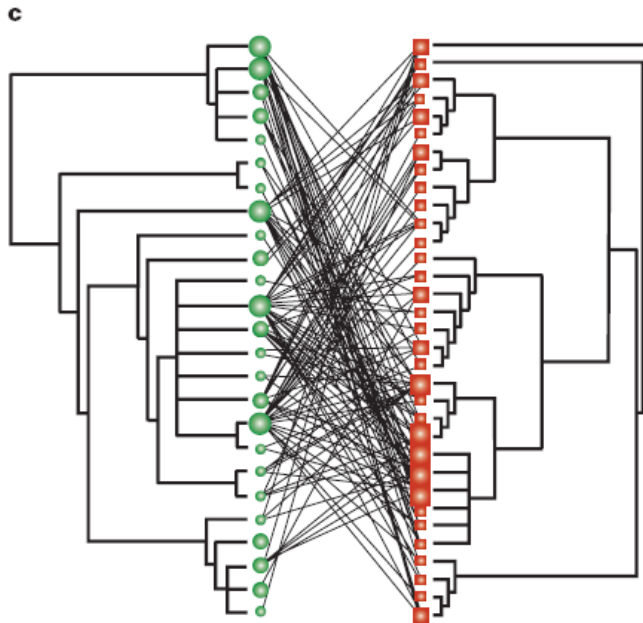
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## Processes shaping the network architecture of a multilevel antagonistic network



# What are the processes shaping network architecture?

## Phylogenetic constraints

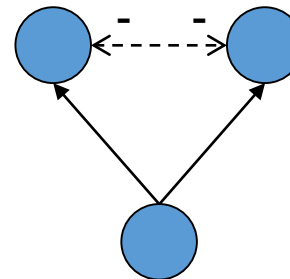


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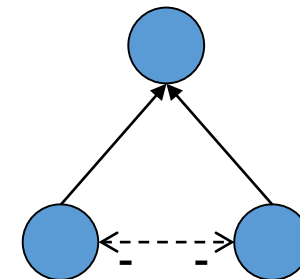
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## Indirect interactions

From the consumer side:  
**exploitative competition**



From the resource side:  
**apparent competition**



Species should interact with different partner to minimise competition

# The Rush Meadow dataset

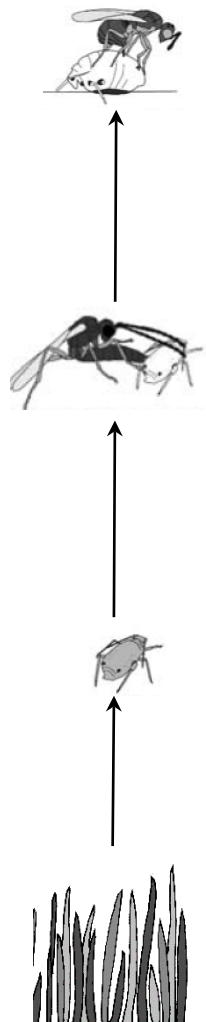


Sampling along transects every fortnight between 1994 and 2003

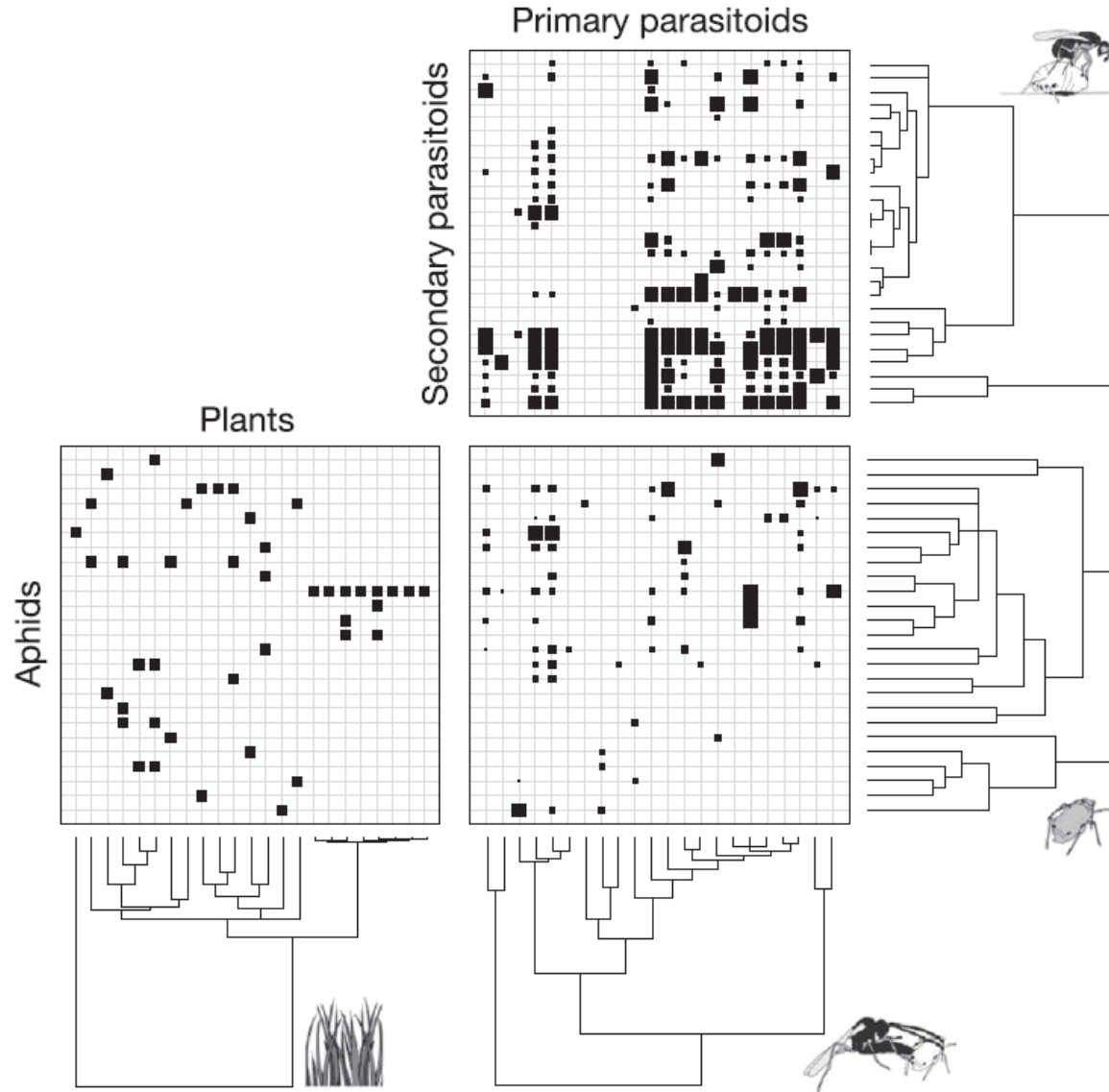
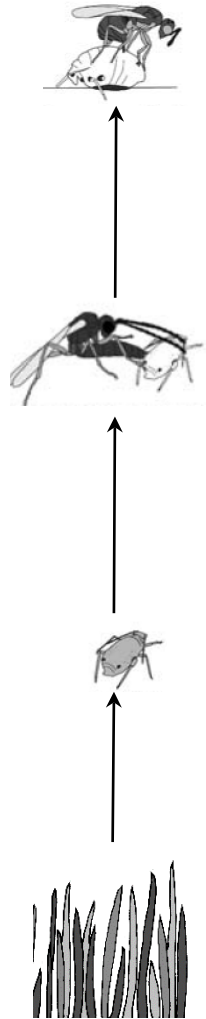
For each date:

- Nb of plant units/m<sup>2</sup>
- Nb of aphids and mummies
- Mummies reared in the lab for identification

**The number of individuals of each species per m<sup>2</sup>**  
**Who eats whom in what numbers**



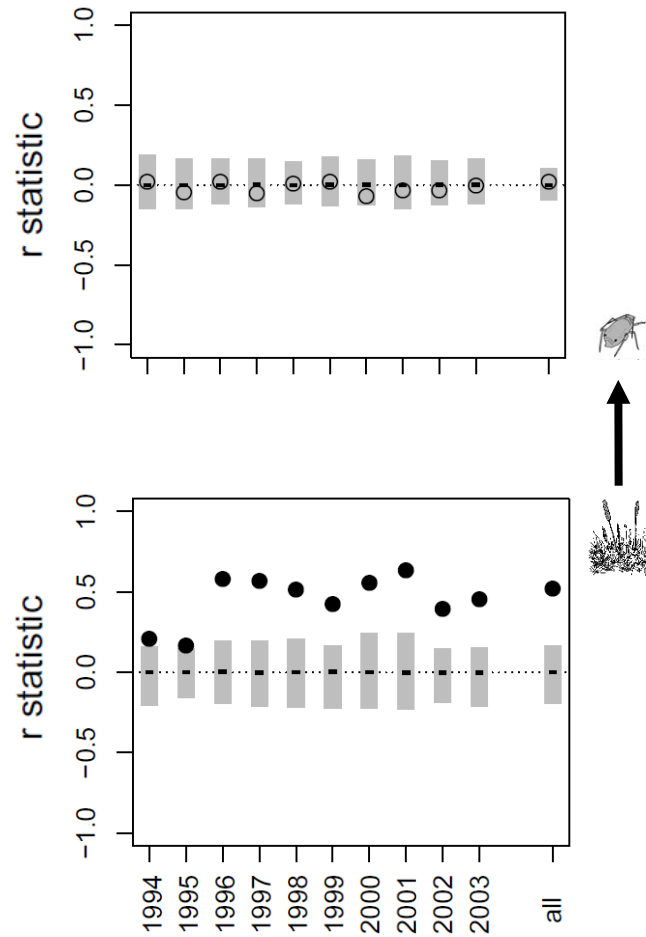
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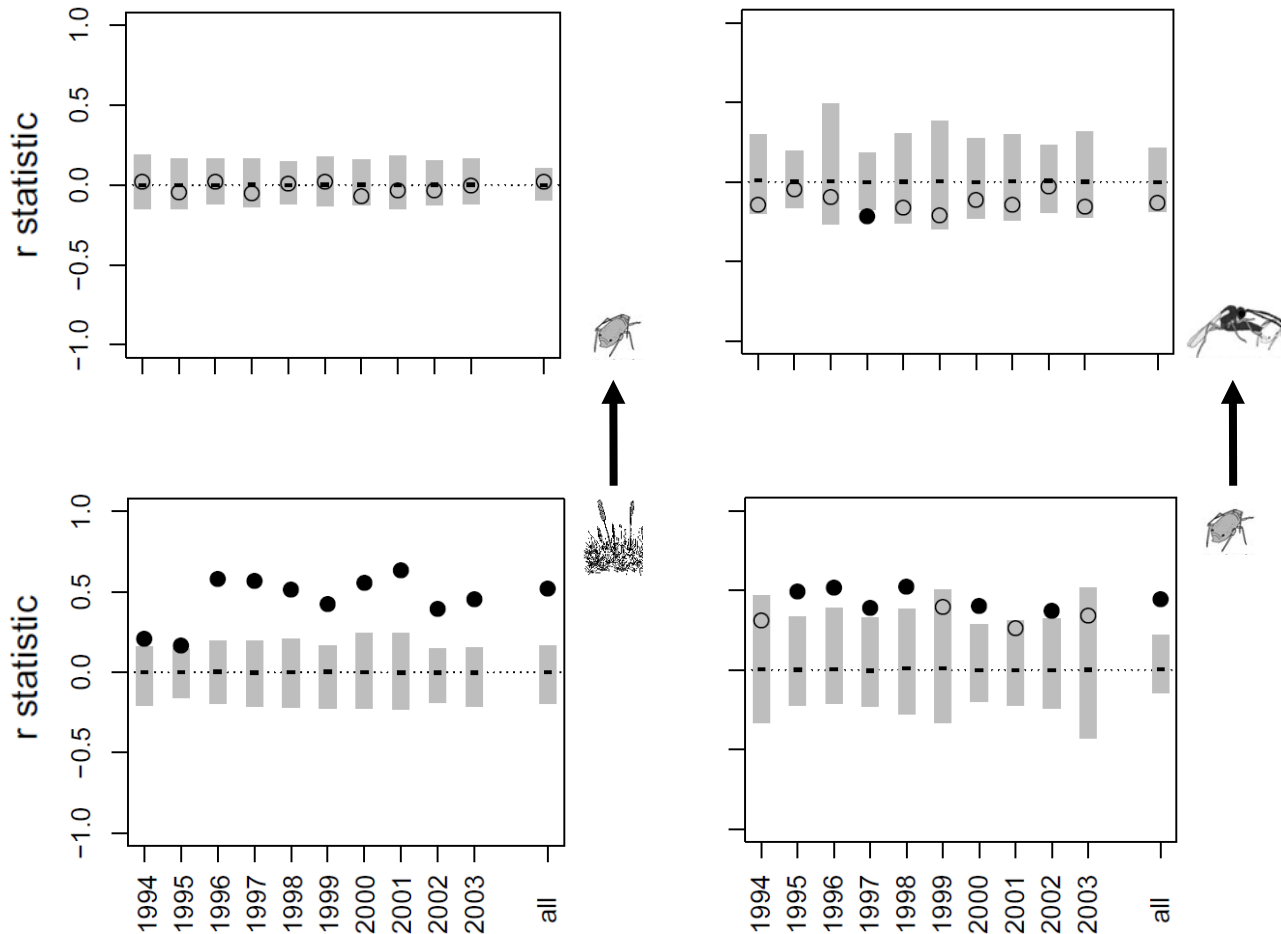
Phylogenetic signal estimated as the correlation between ecological and phylogenetic distances



# Phylogenetic signal and anti-signal within a network



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Strong **phylogenetic signal** for prey levels



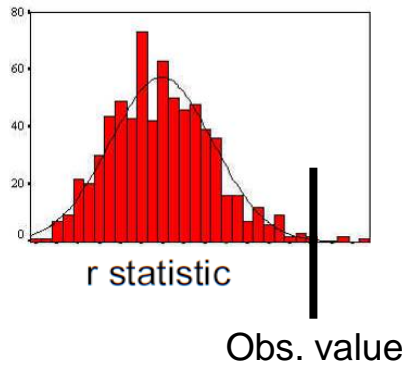
Vulnerability traits are **phylogenetically constrained**

**Phylogenetic anti-signal** for predator levels

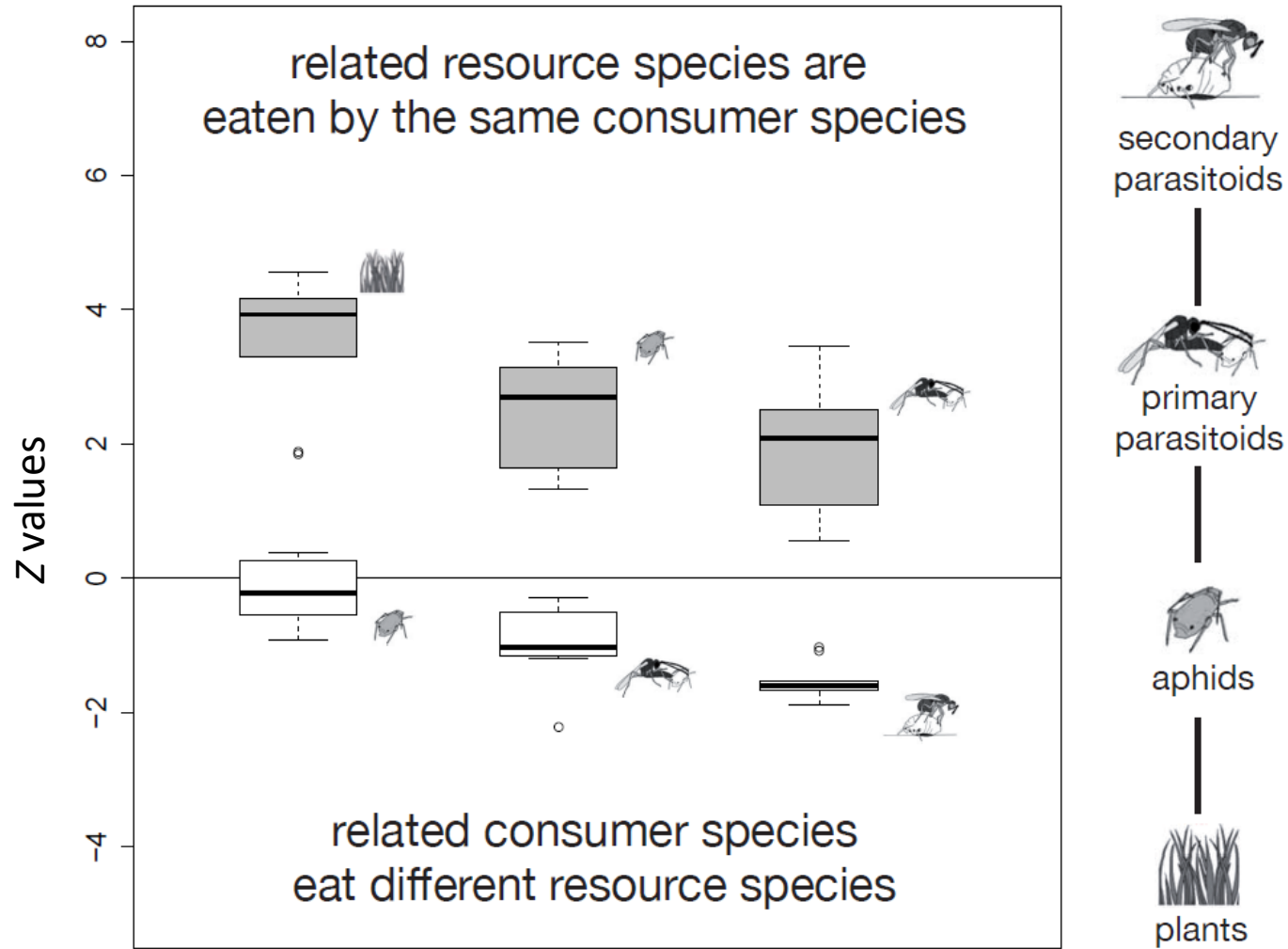


Foraging traits are phylogenetically labile and **ecologically constrained**

# Variation of signal strength with trophic levels



$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$



Lower phylogenetic signal with increasing trophic level for resource species

⇒ plant phylogeny and chemical cues ?

Stronger phylogenetic anti-signal with increasing trophic level for consumer species

⇒ biomass pyramid ?



# Phylogenetic signal and anti-signal within a network

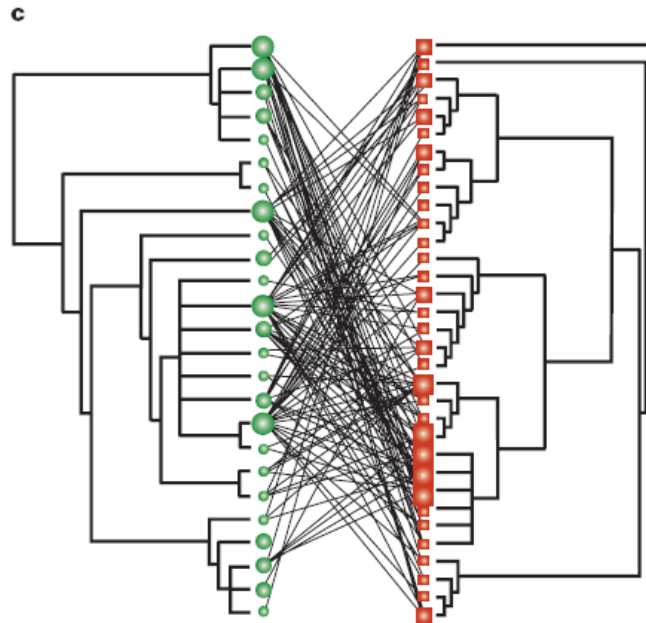
## Phylogenetic signal varies within network

Interaction as resources are phylogenetically constrained → evolutionary history of species  
Interaction as consumer are not → exploitative competition

	Interactions as consumer		Interaction as resource	
	<i>r</i> (S.E.)	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i> (S.E.)	<i>P</i>
Chesapeake Bay	0.231 (0.057)	<0.001	0.330 (0.092)	0.002
Coachella*	0.159 (0.057)	0.040	0.635 (0.036)	<0.001
Skipwith Pond*	0.101 (0.050)	0.077	0.459 (0.046)	<0.001
St-Martin Island	0.270 (0.067)	<0.001	0.131 (0.073)	0.051
Ythan estuary*	0.099 (0.027)	<0.001	0.206 (0.035)	<0.001

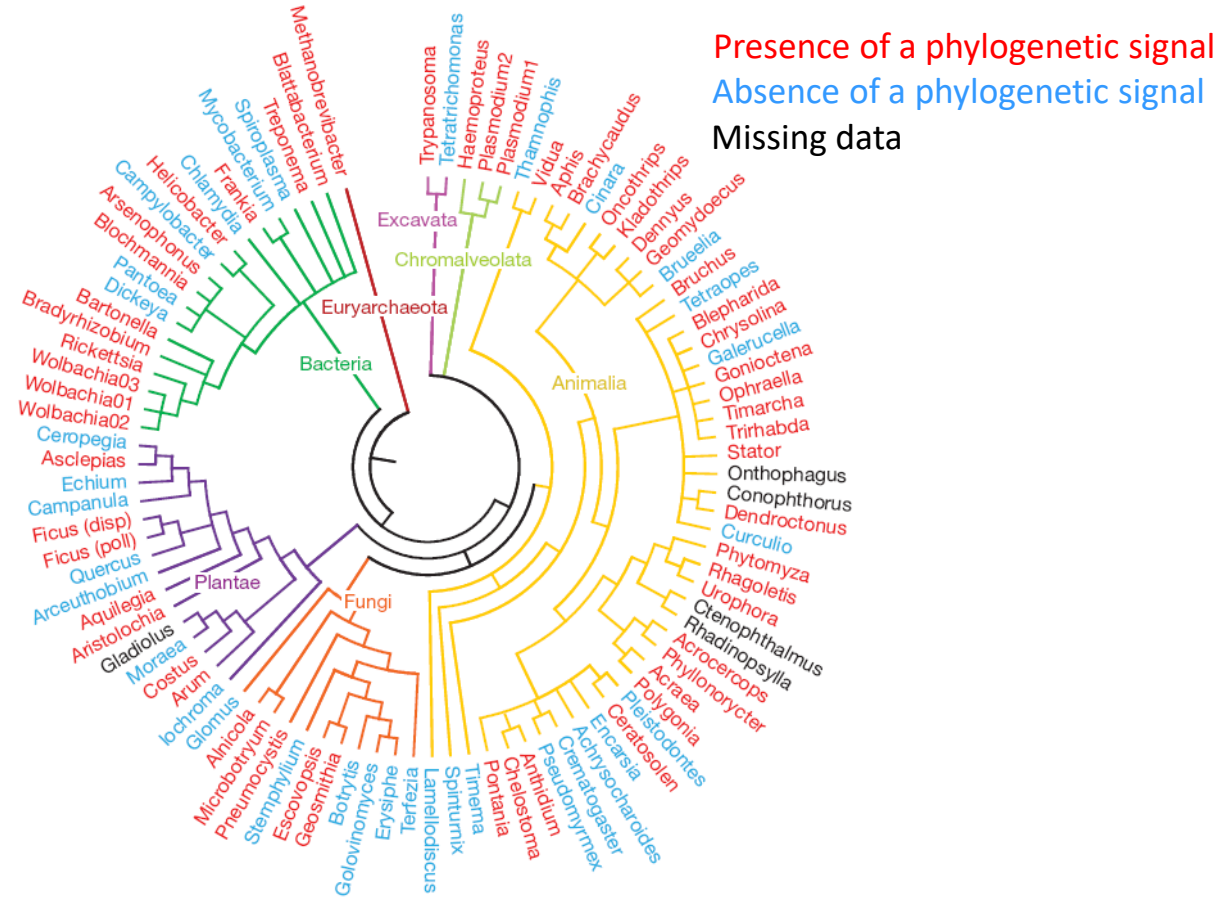
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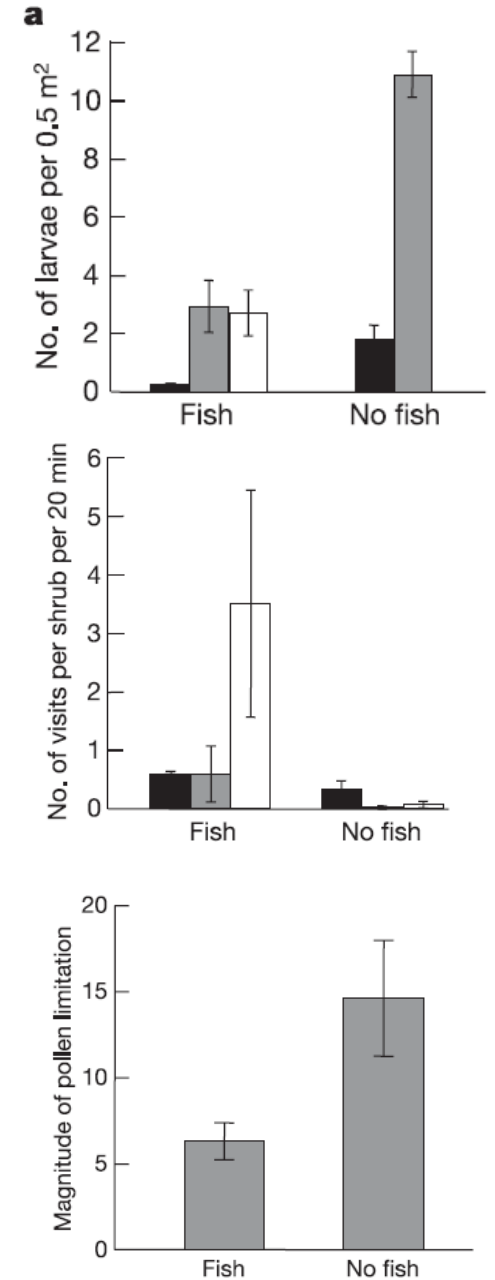
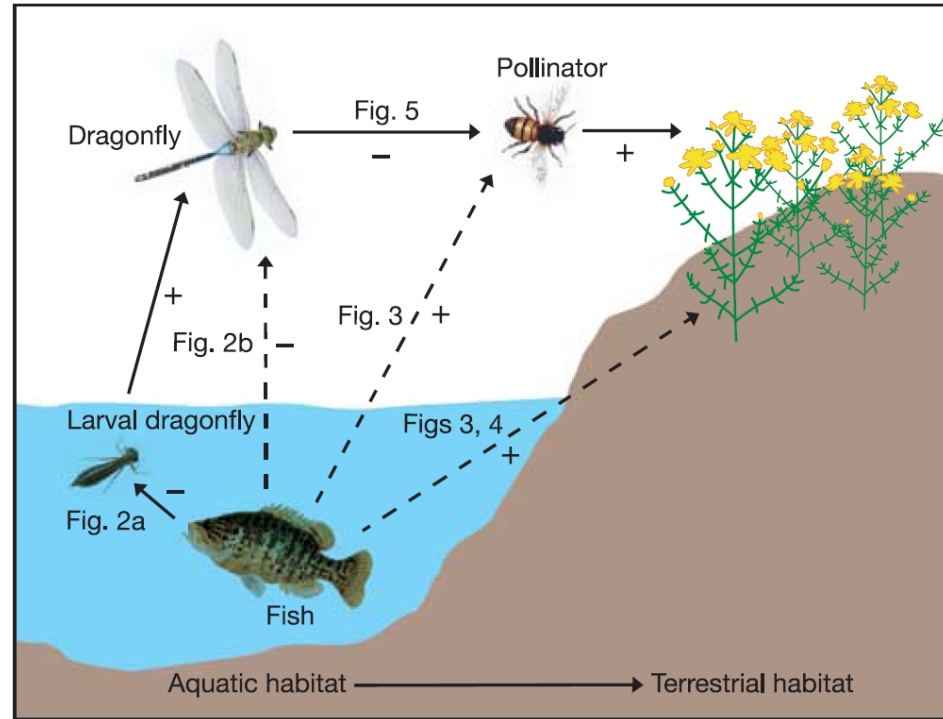
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70% of the 116 genus analysed present conserved interactions

# Indirect interactions and effect spread through antagonistic and mutualistic interactions



# Trophic chains: bottom-up and top-down effects

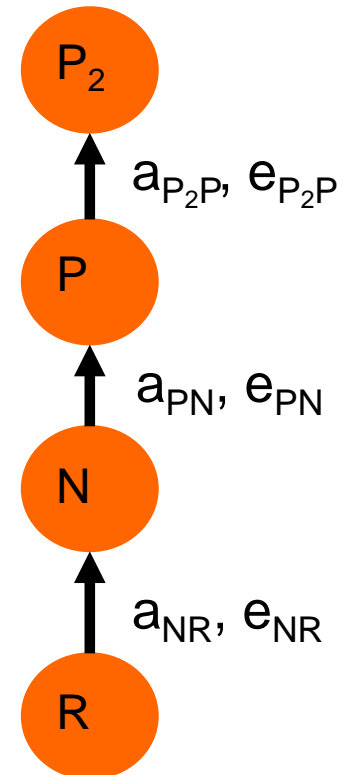
- Trophic chain with four levels:

$$P_2^* = \frac{1}{a_{P_2P}} (e_{PN} a_{PN} N^* - d_P)$$

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