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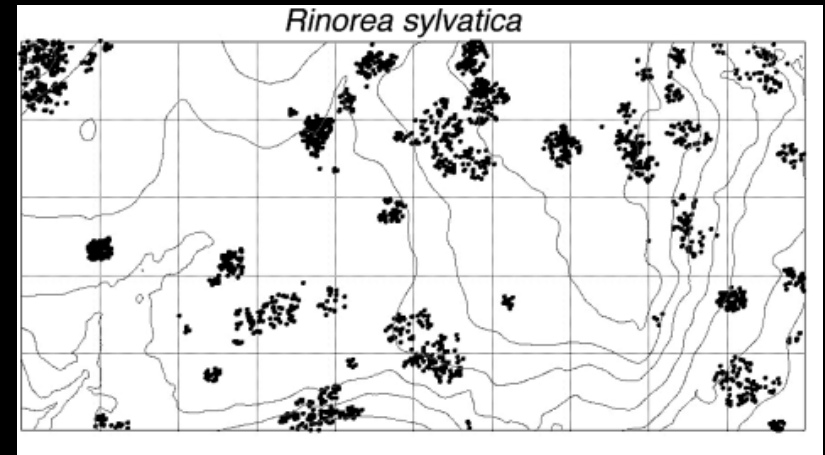
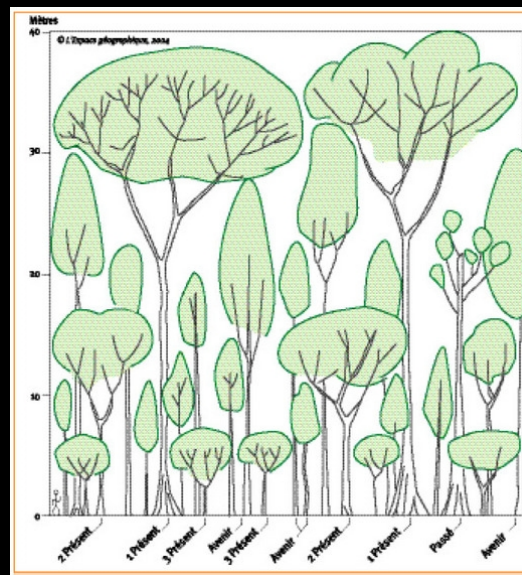
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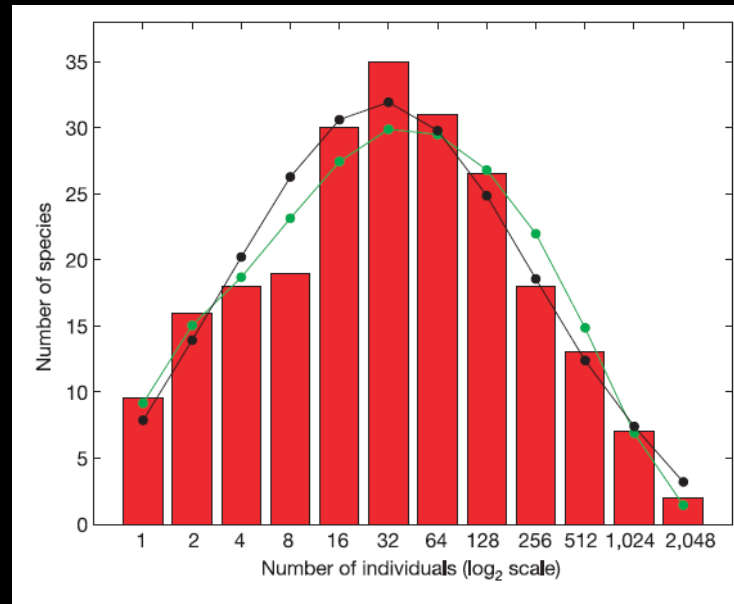
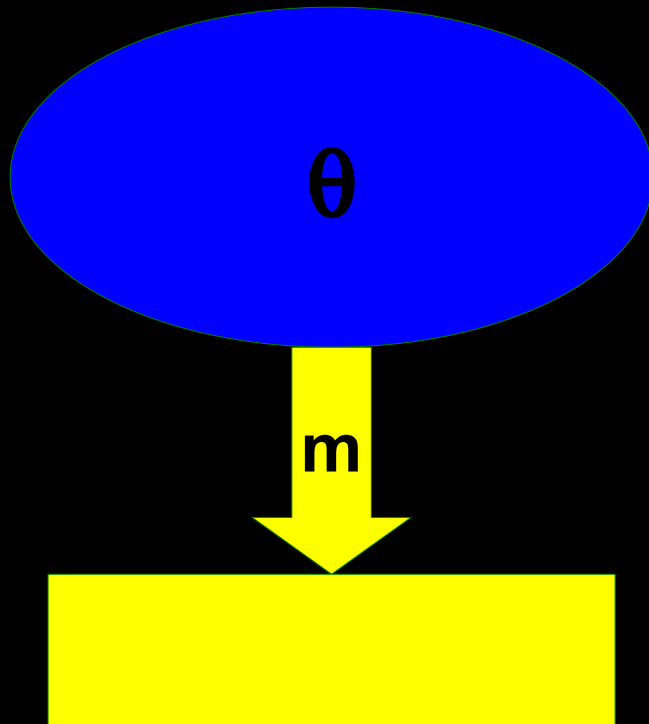
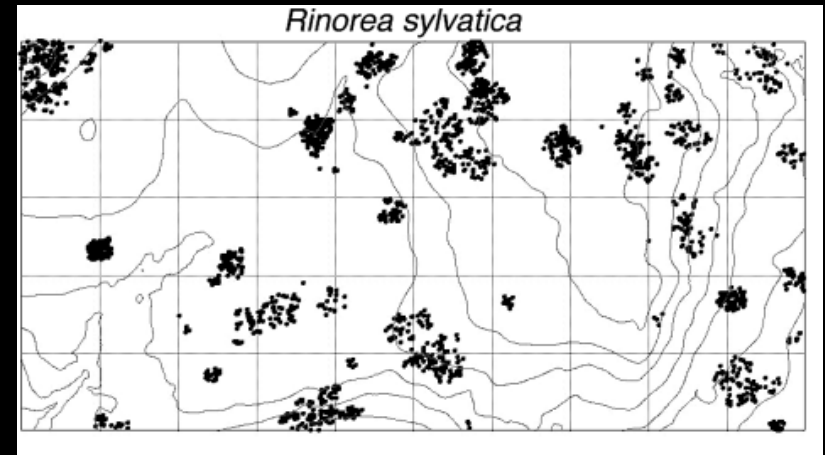
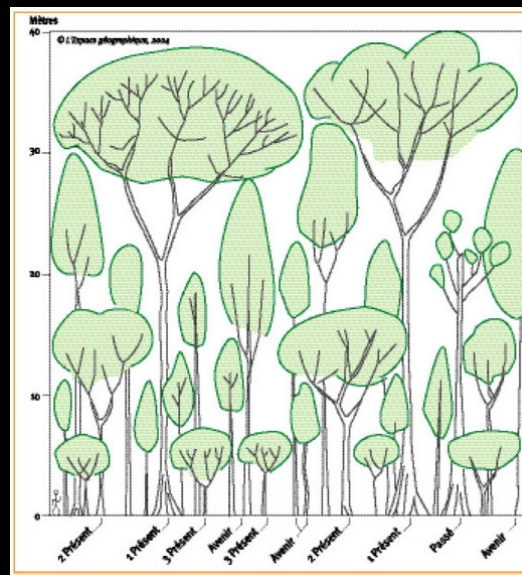
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Volkov et al. Nature 2003

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## Are plant populations seed-limited? A review of seed sowing experiments

Lindsay A. Turnbull, Michael J. Crawley and Mark Rees

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### LETTER

## Experimental evidence for extreme dispersal limitation in tropical forest birds

### Abstract

Movements of organisms between habitat remnants can affect metapopulation structure, community assembly dynamics, gene flow and conservation strategy. In the tropical landscapes that support the majority of global biodiversity and where forest fragmentation is accelerating, there is particular urgency to understand how dispersal across habitats mediates the demography, distribution and differentiation of organisms. By employing unique dispersal challenge experiments coupled with exhaustive inventories of birds in a Panamanian lacustrine archipelago, we show that the ability to fly even short distances (< 100 m) between habitat fragments varies dramatically and consistently among species of forest birds, and that this variation correlates strongly with species' extinction histories and current distributions across the archipelago. This extreme variation in flight capability indicates that species' persistence in isolated forest remnants will be differentially mediated by their respective dispersal abilities, and that corridors connecting such fragments will be essential for the maintenance of avian diversity in fragmented tropical landscapes.

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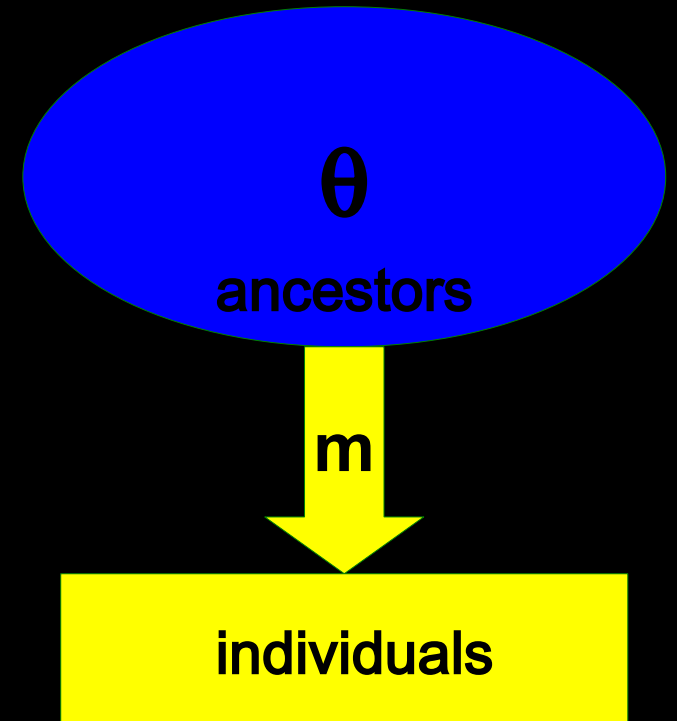
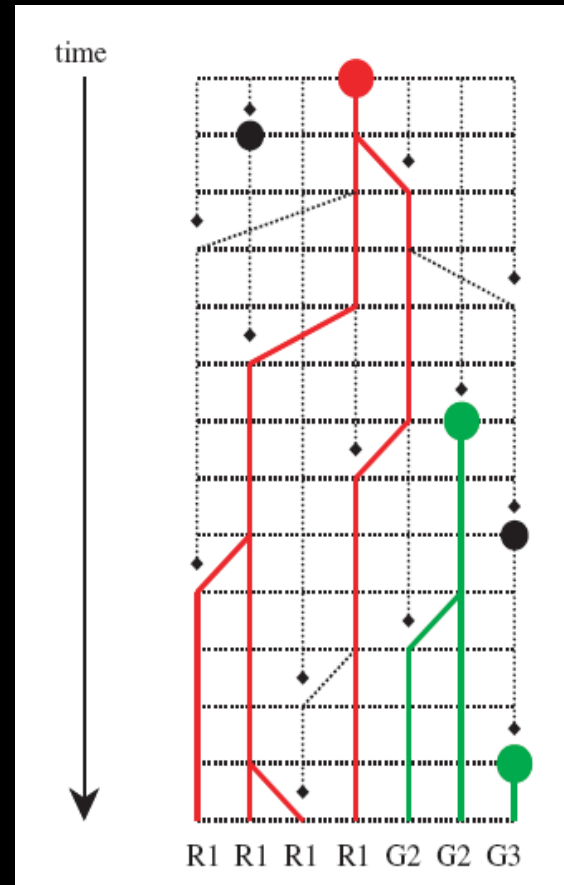


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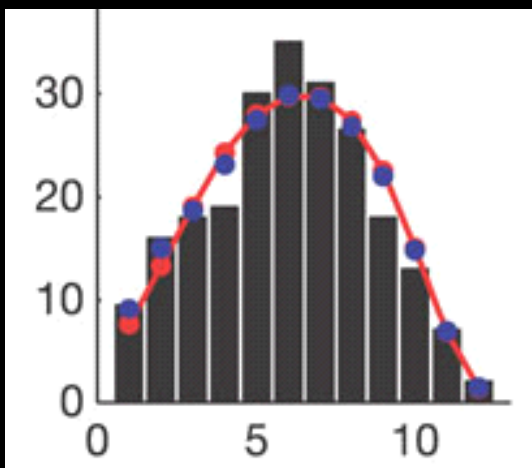


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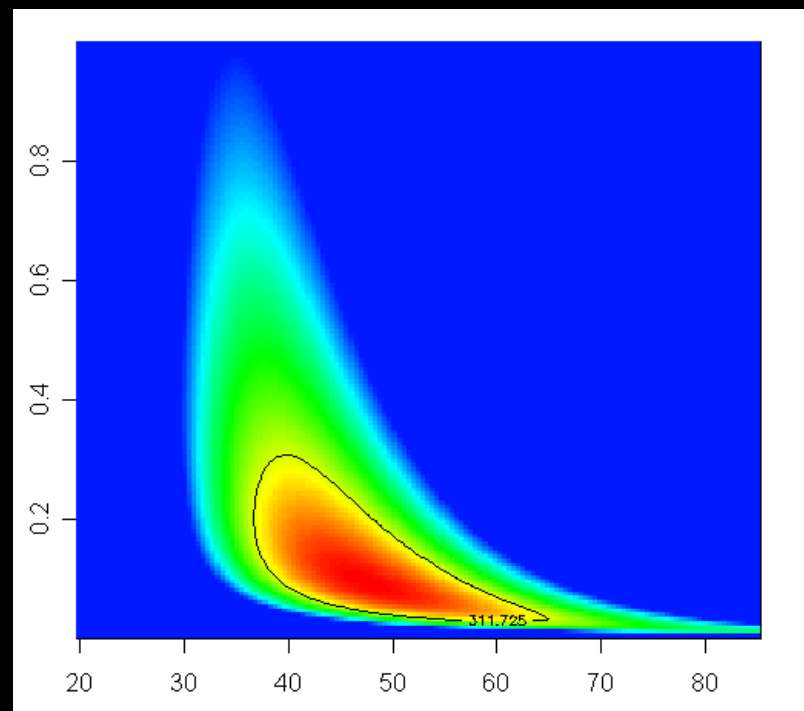


$$P[D|\theta, m, J] = \frac{J!}{\prod_{i=1}^S n_i \prod_{j=1}^J \Phi_j!} \frac{\theta^S}{(I)_J} \sum_{A=S}^J K(D, A) \frac{I^A}{(\theta)_A}$$

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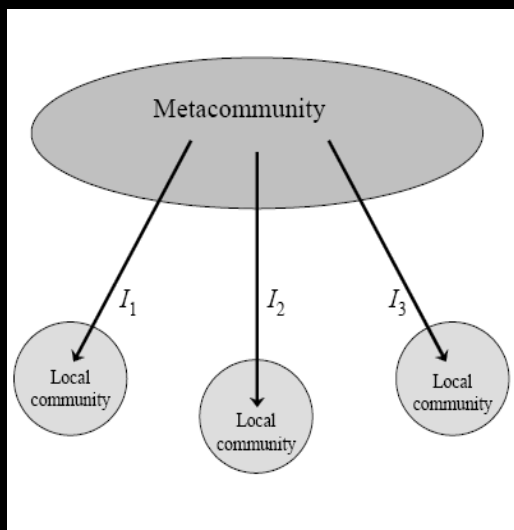


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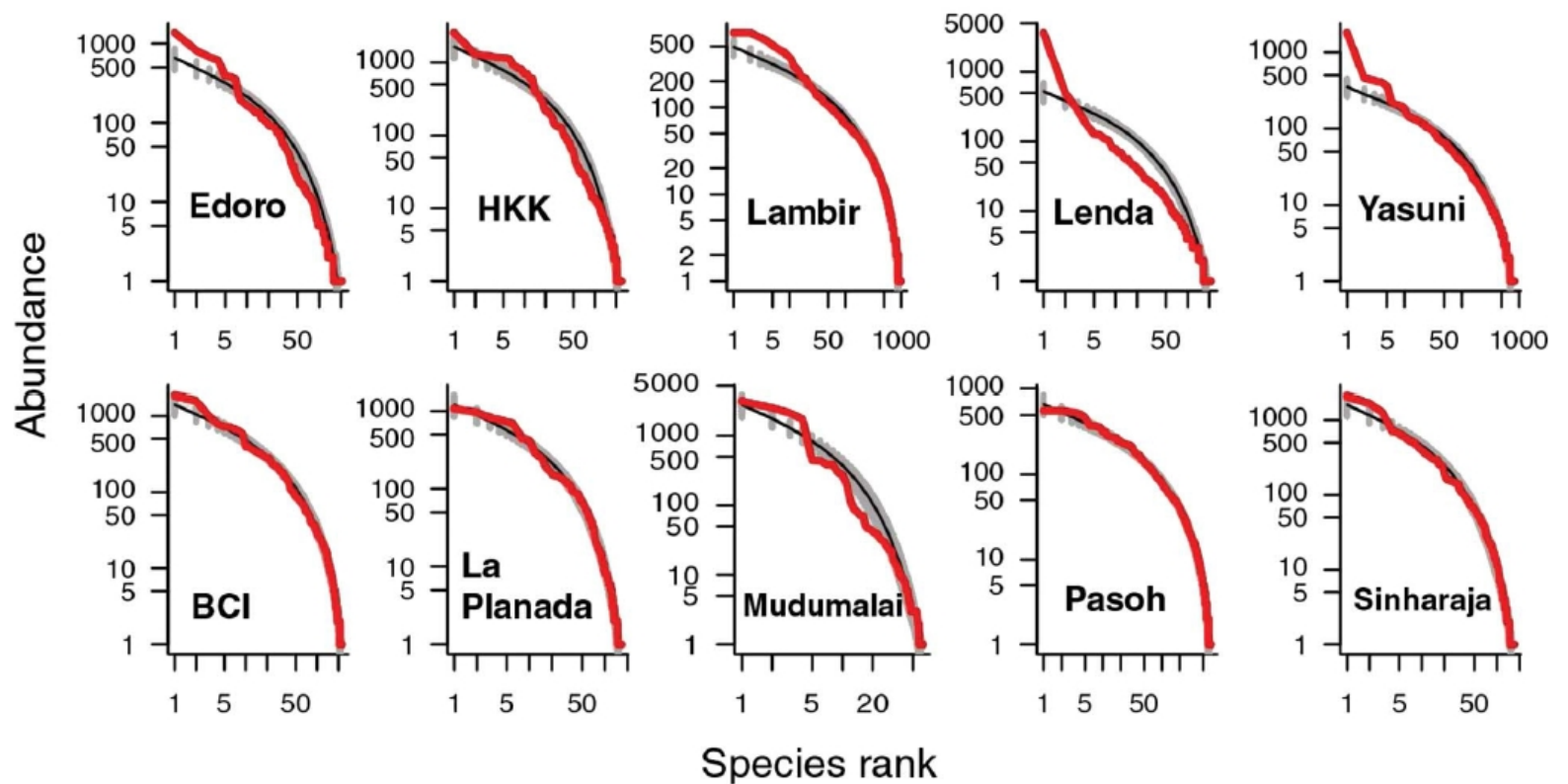
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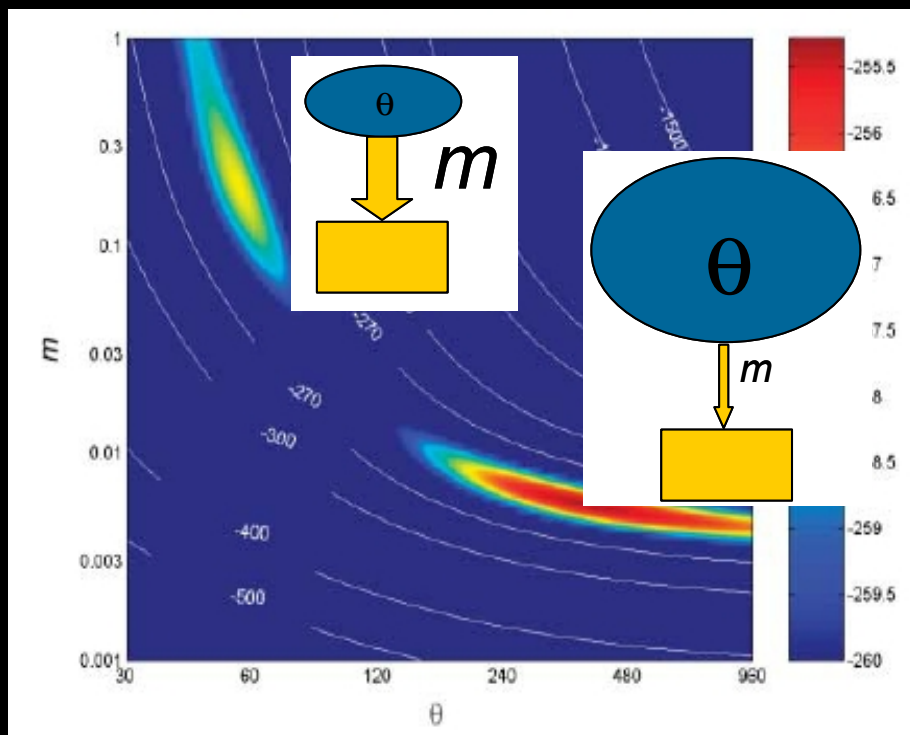
# Phylogenetic information and neutral parameter inference



**Science 2005**

**Neutral Ecological Theory Reveals Isolation and Rapid Speciation in a Biodiversity Hot Spot**

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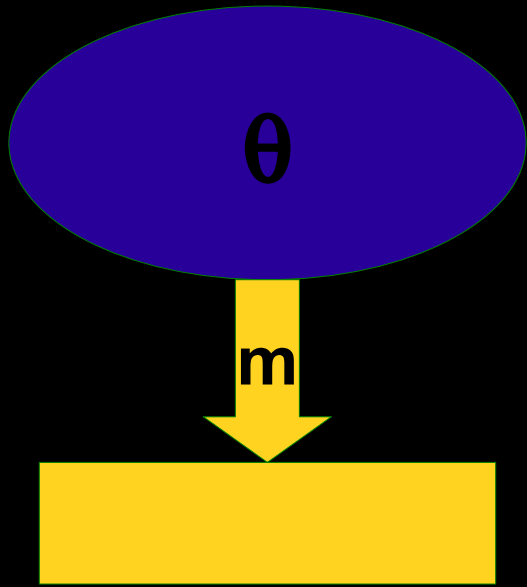


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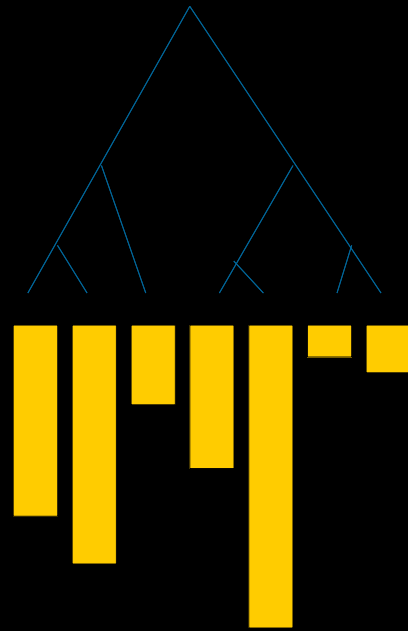
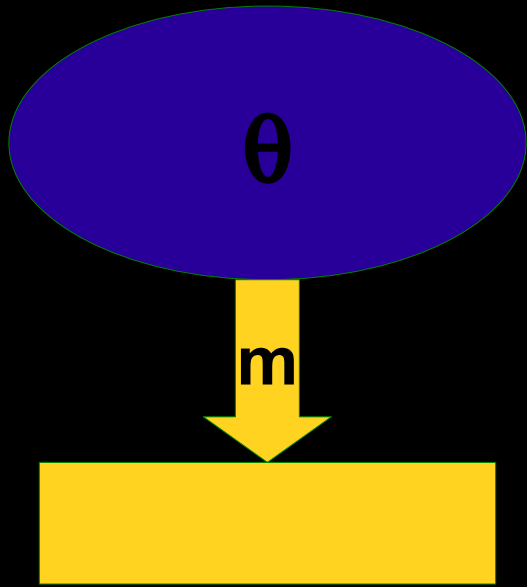


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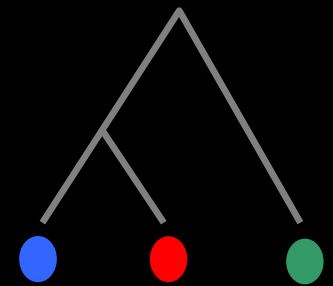
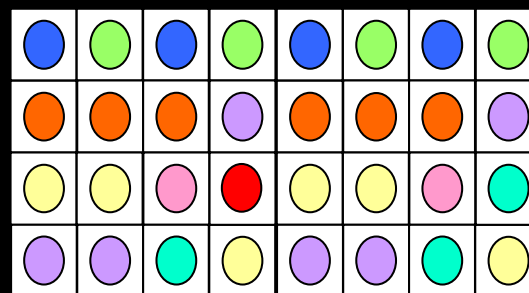
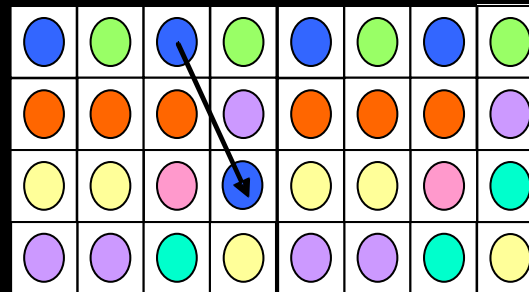
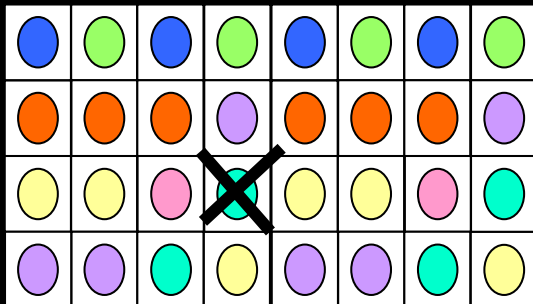


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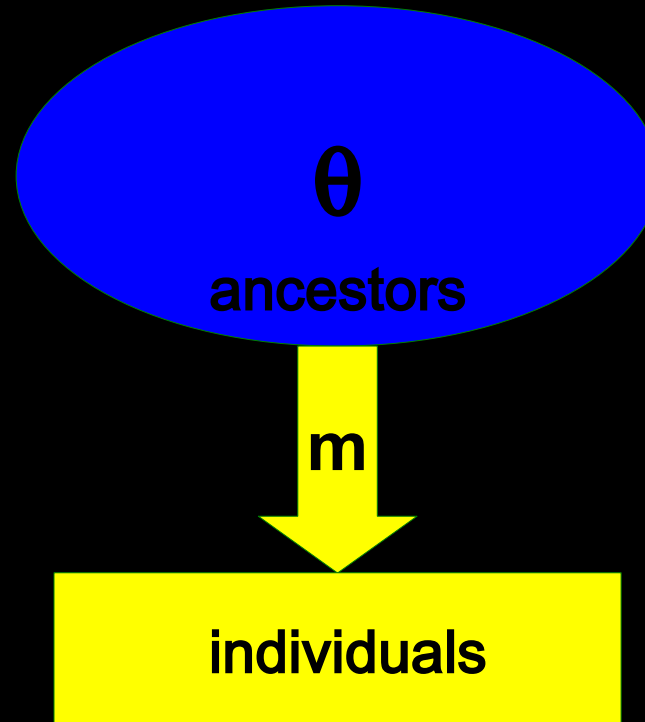
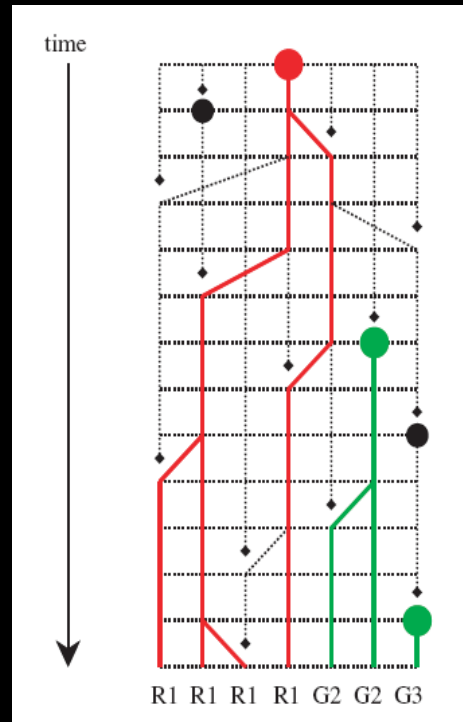


Species Abundance Distribution (SAD)

Regional dynamics



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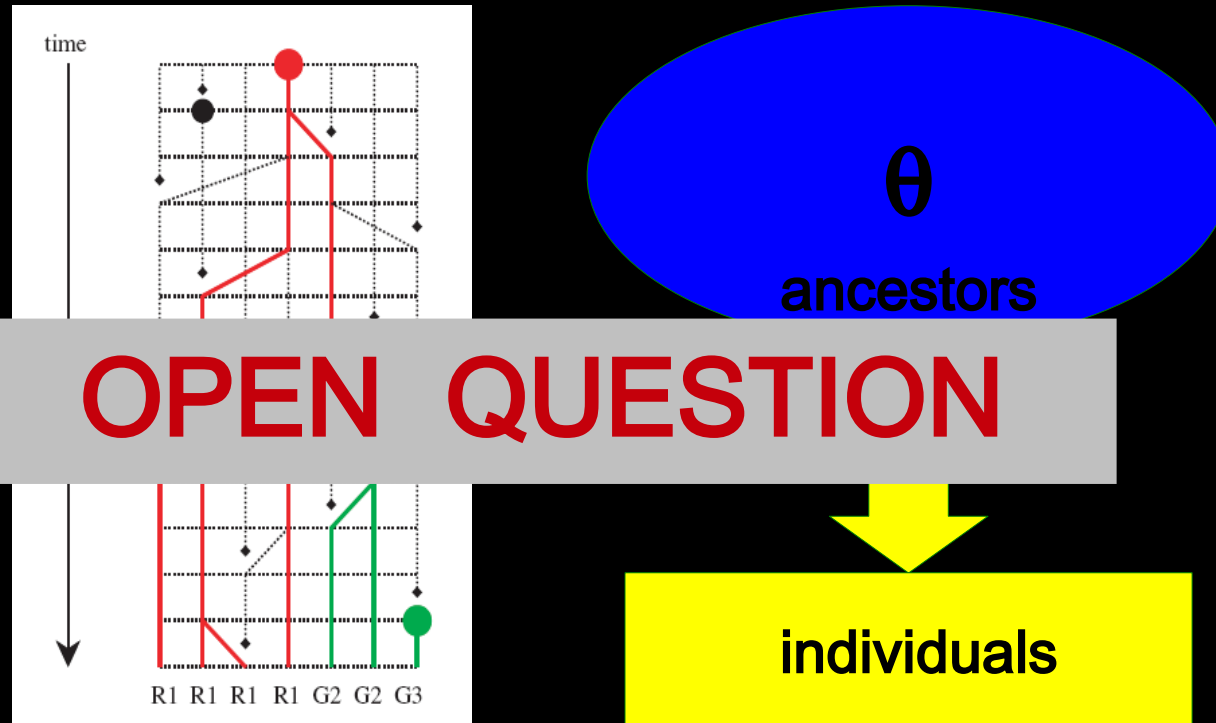
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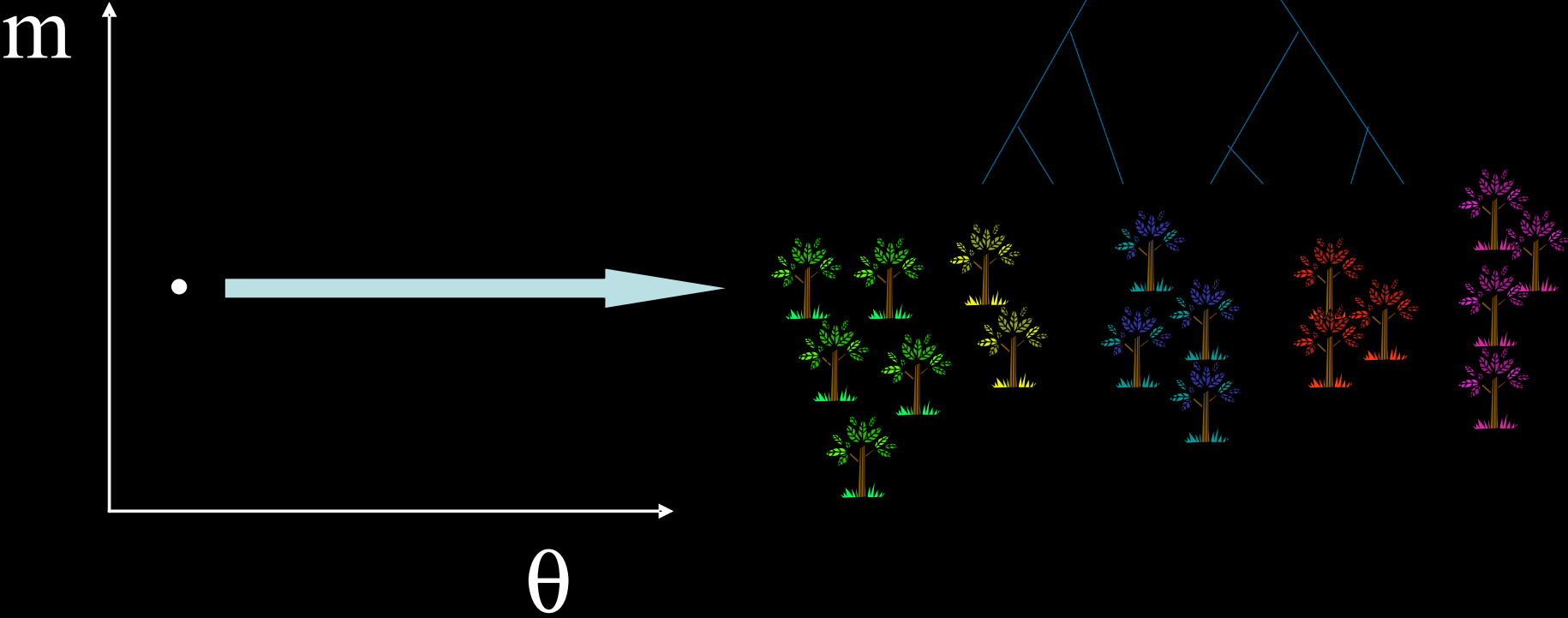
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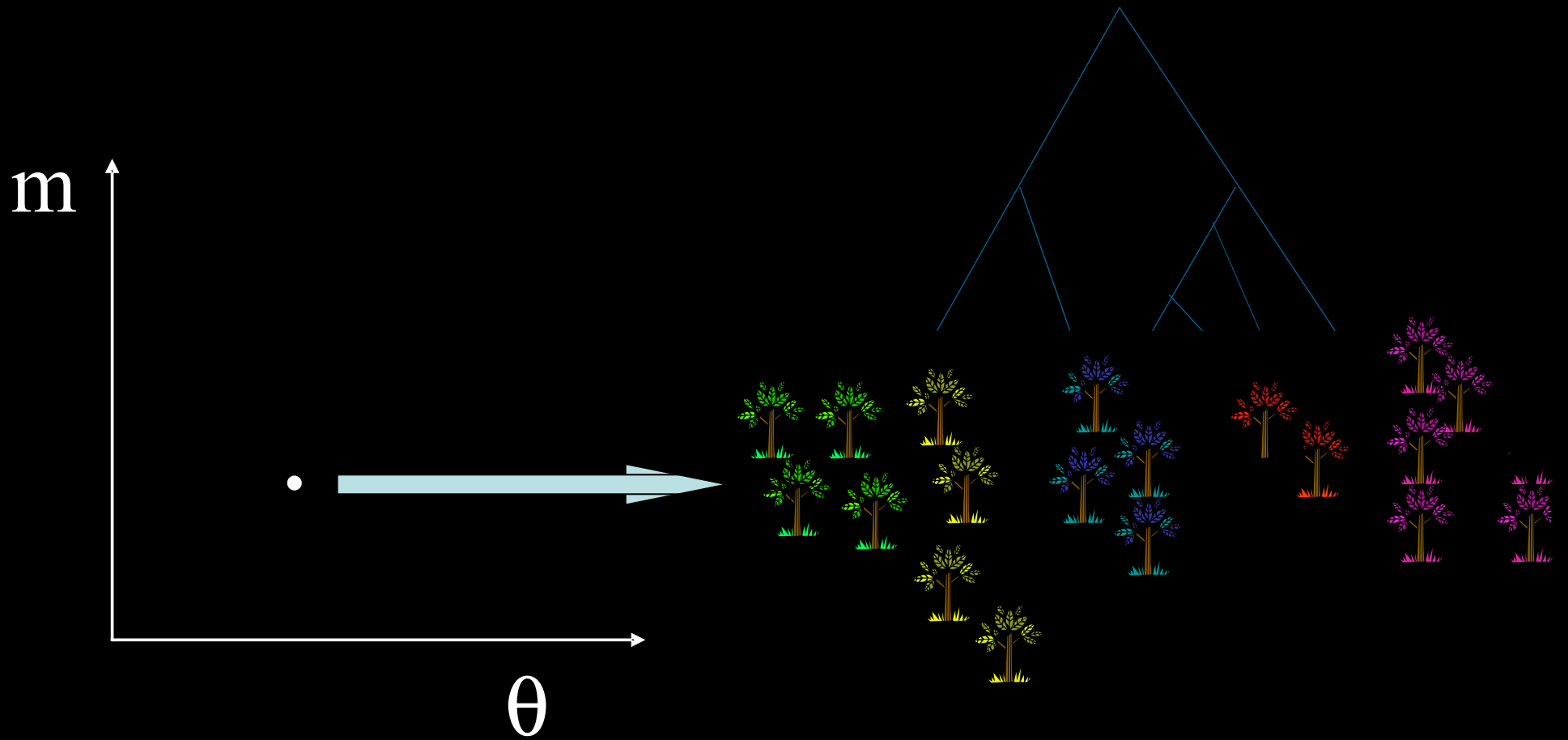
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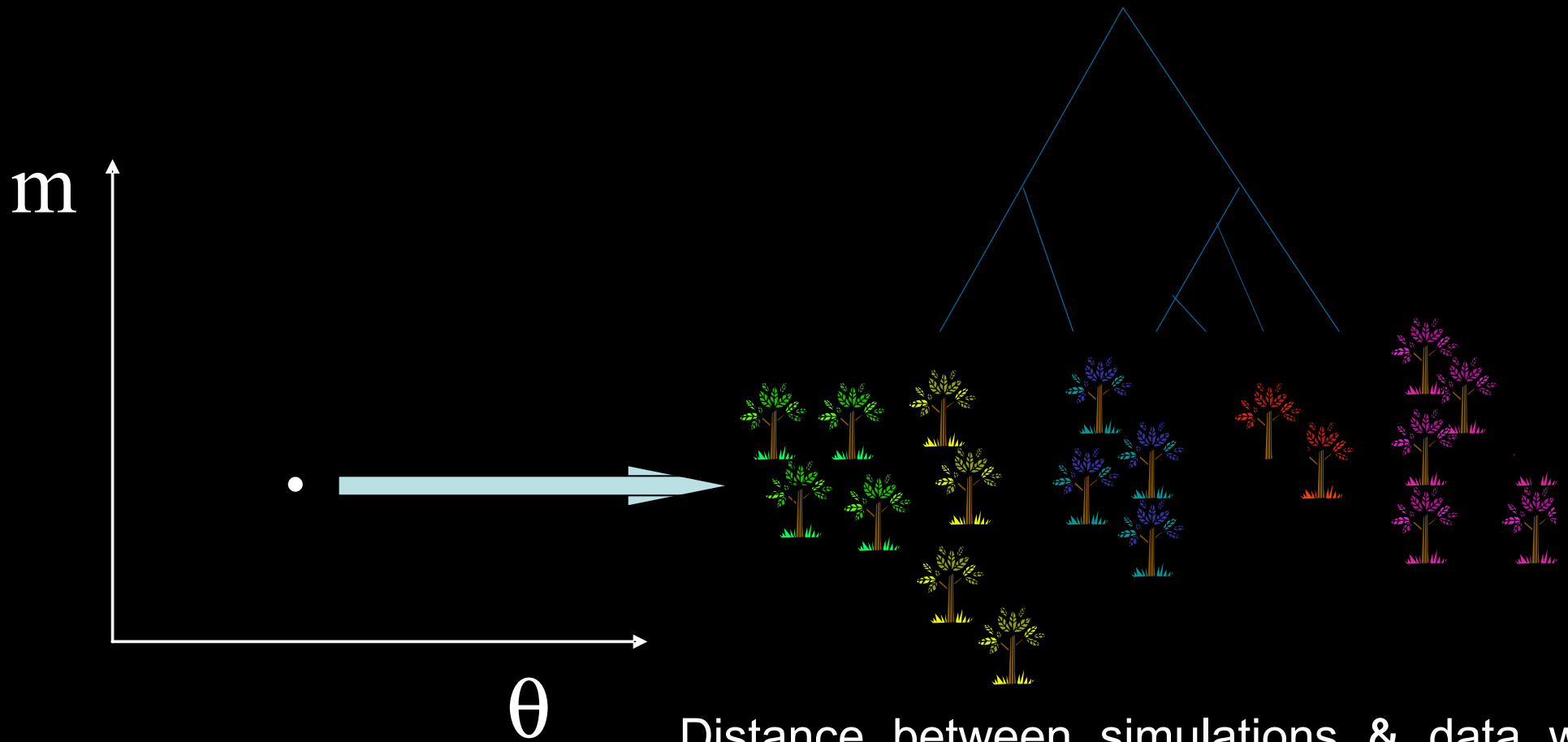
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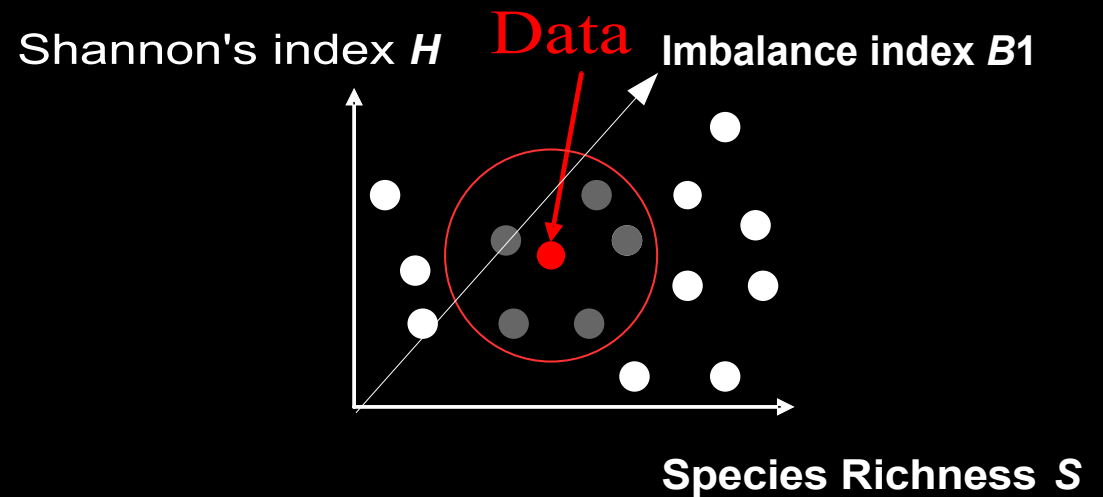
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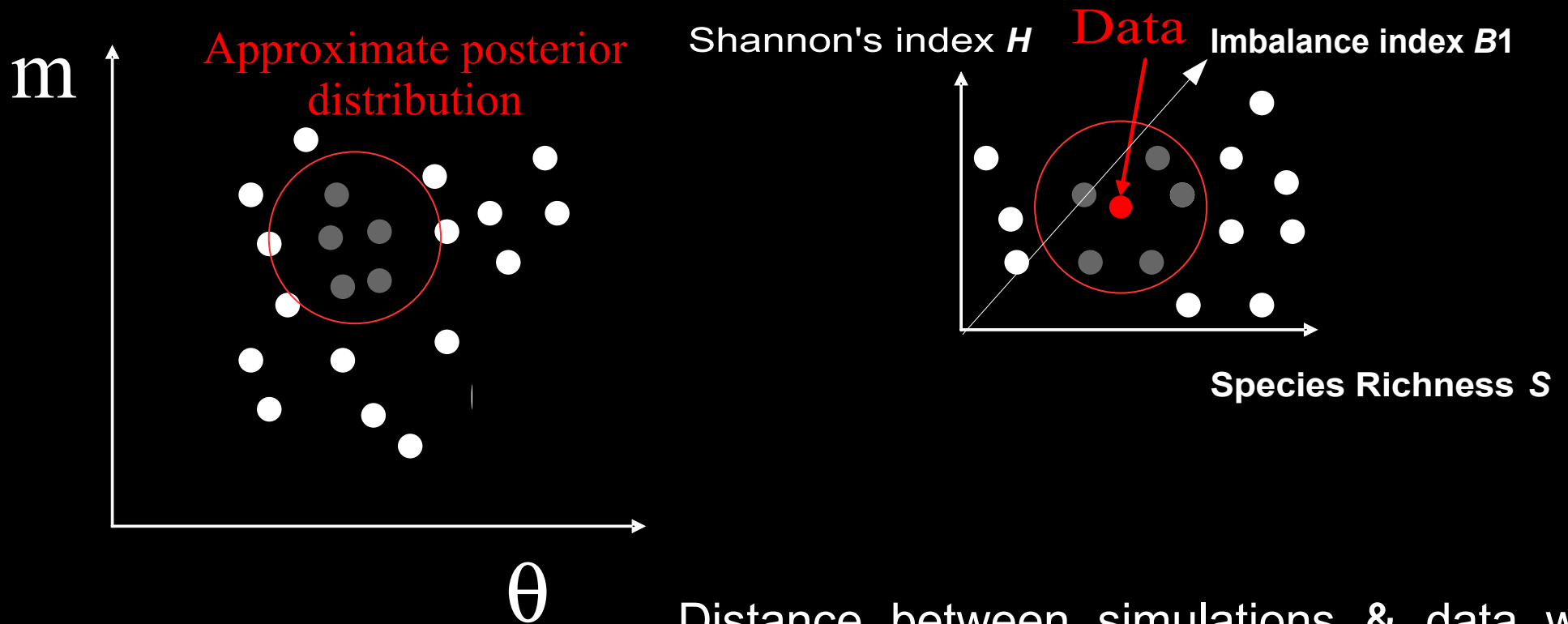
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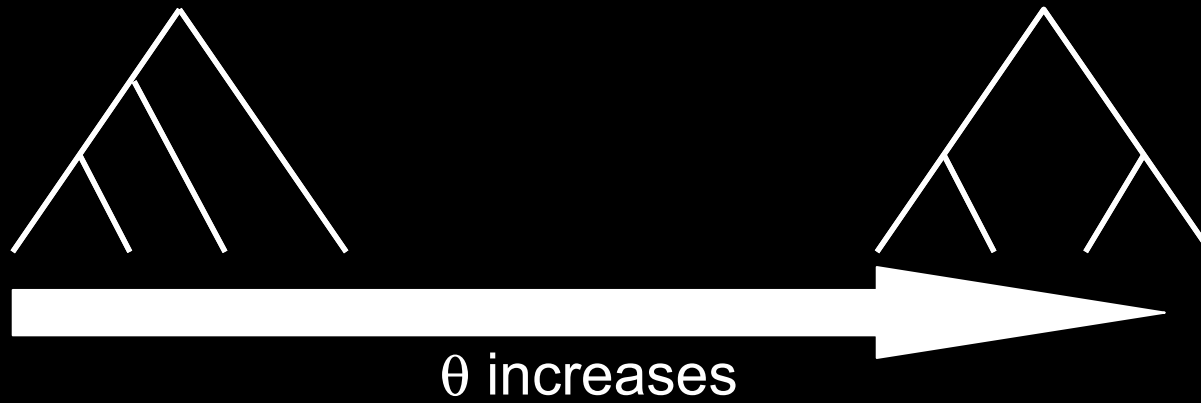


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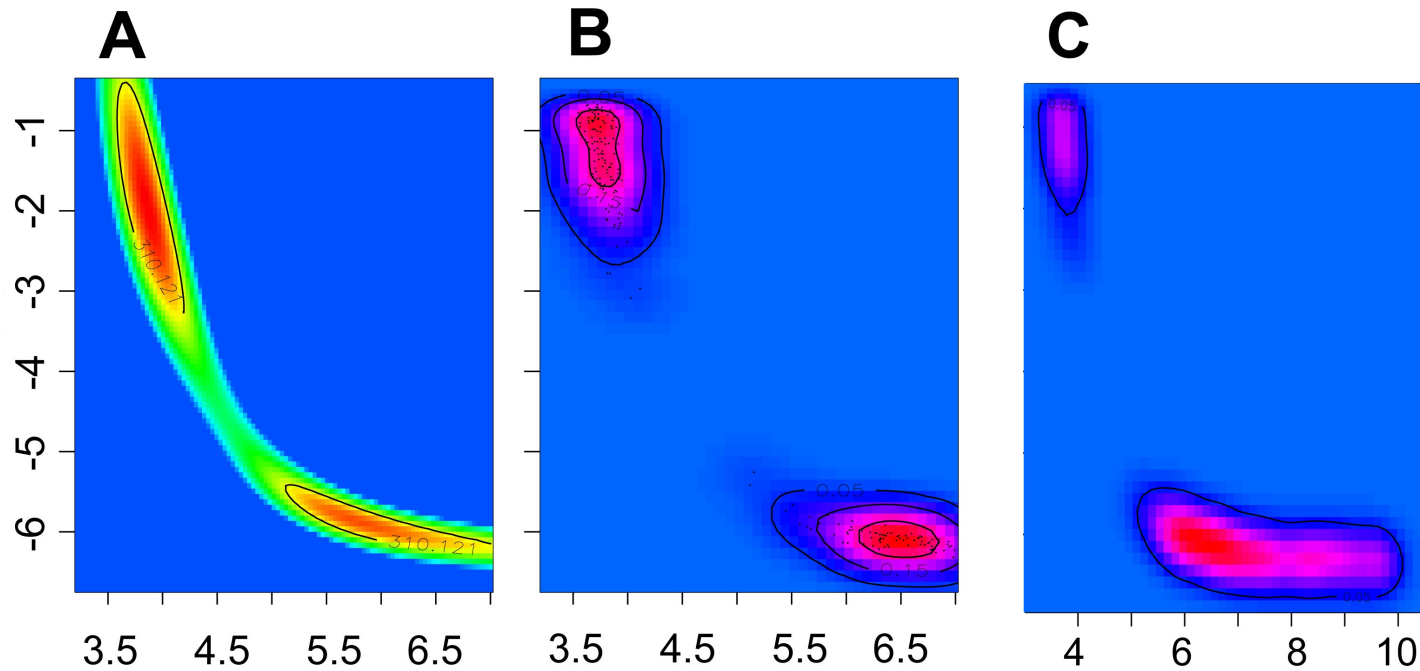
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Why  $B_1$  ?



Data: BCI tropical forest tree plot

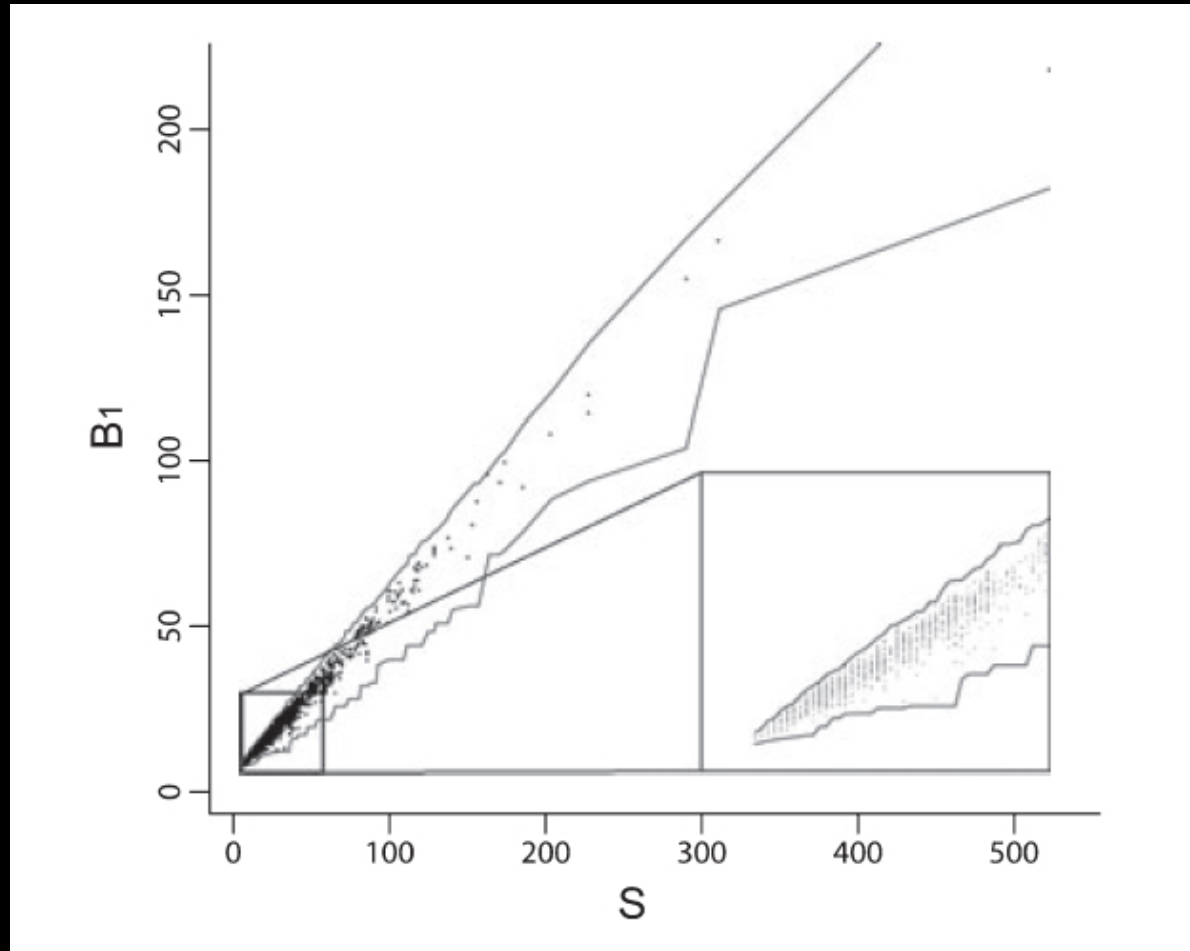
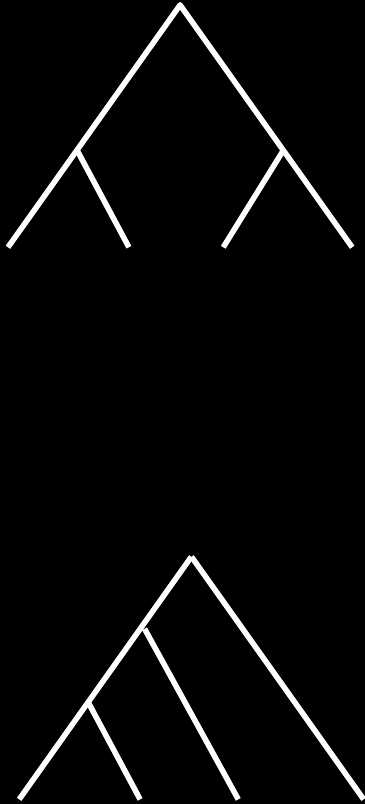


Exact likelihood  
based on SAD

Approximate likelihood  
based on S & H

Approximate likelihood  
based on S, H & B1

Data: 2000 published phylogenetic trees  
Source: [www.treebase.org](http://www.treebase.org)



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Idea:

species having similar traits  
should have similar ecologies

Examples:

Small seeds → ruderal strategies

Thick and waxy leaves → drought tolerant  
(Grime 2001, Westoby et al. 2002)

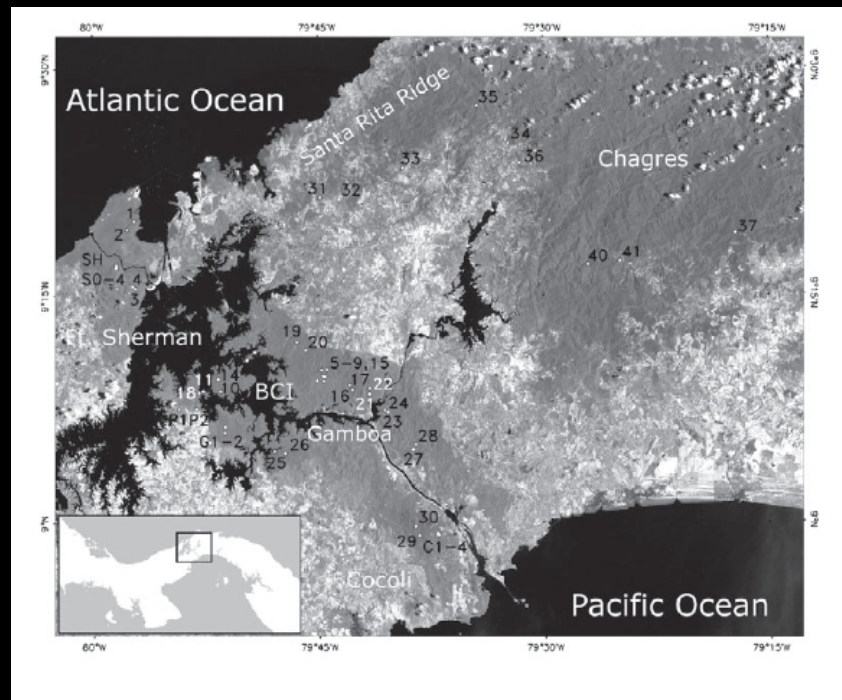




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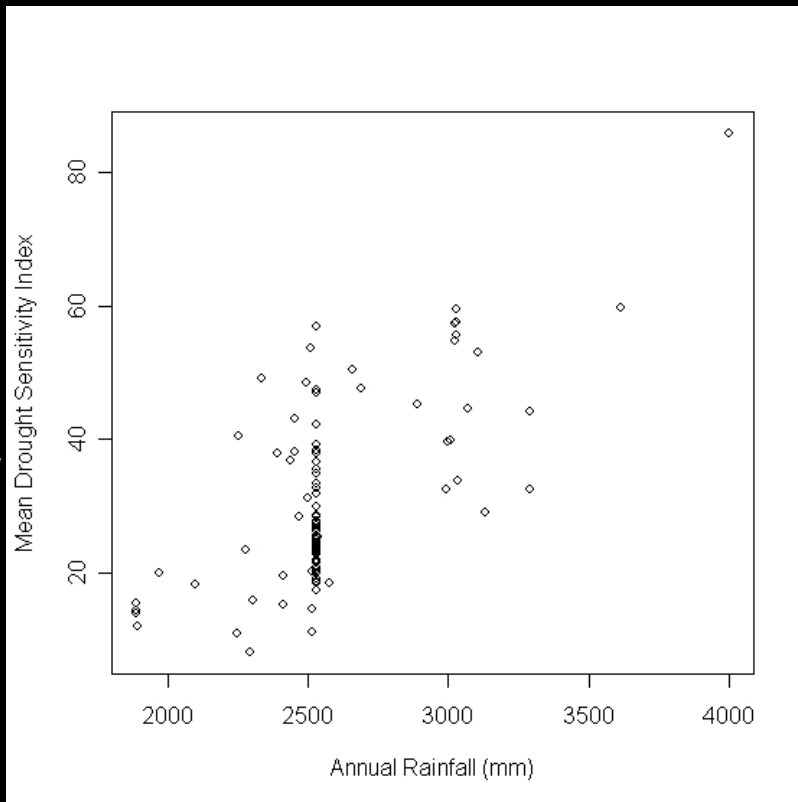


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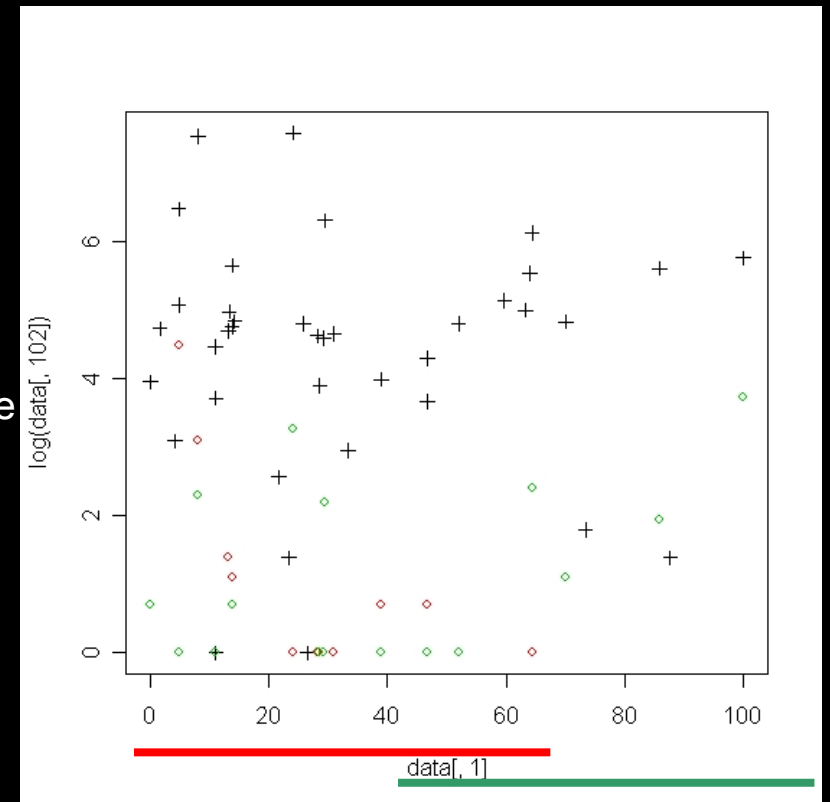
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Average  
Drought  
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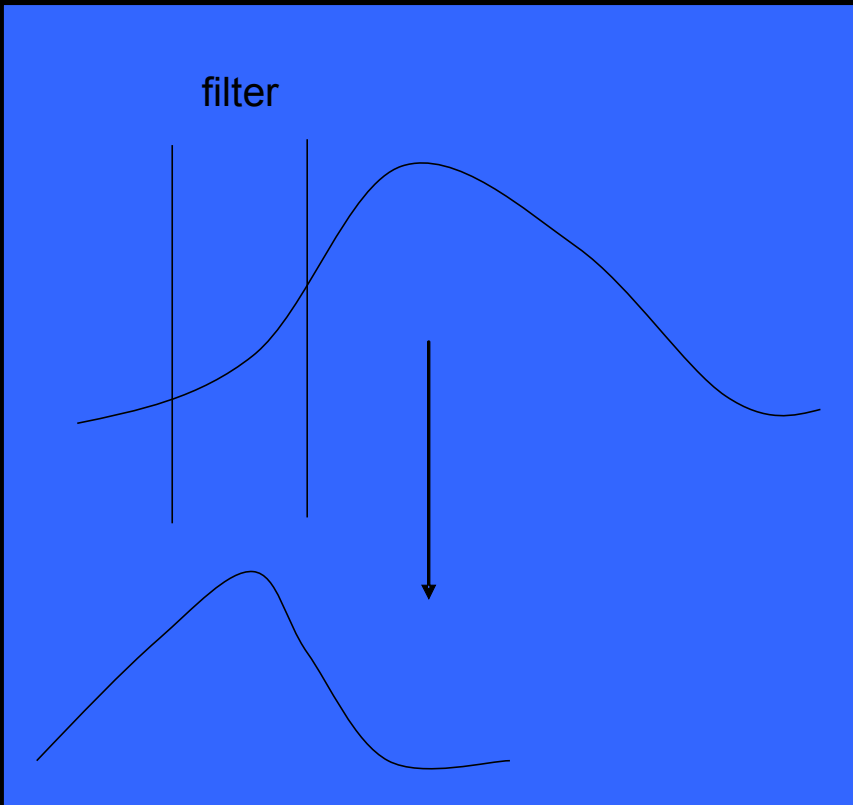
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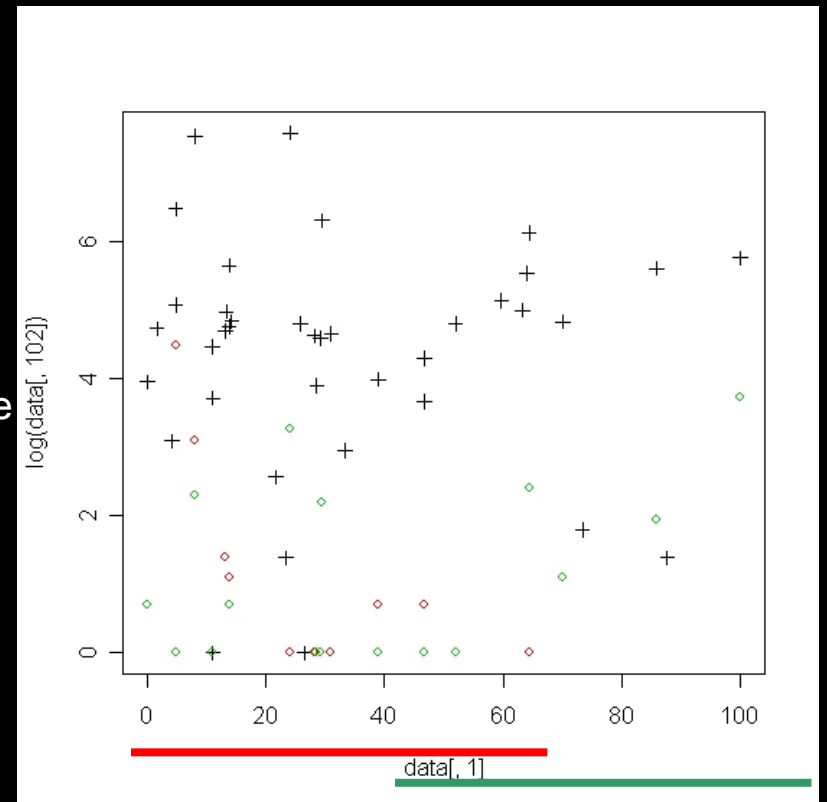
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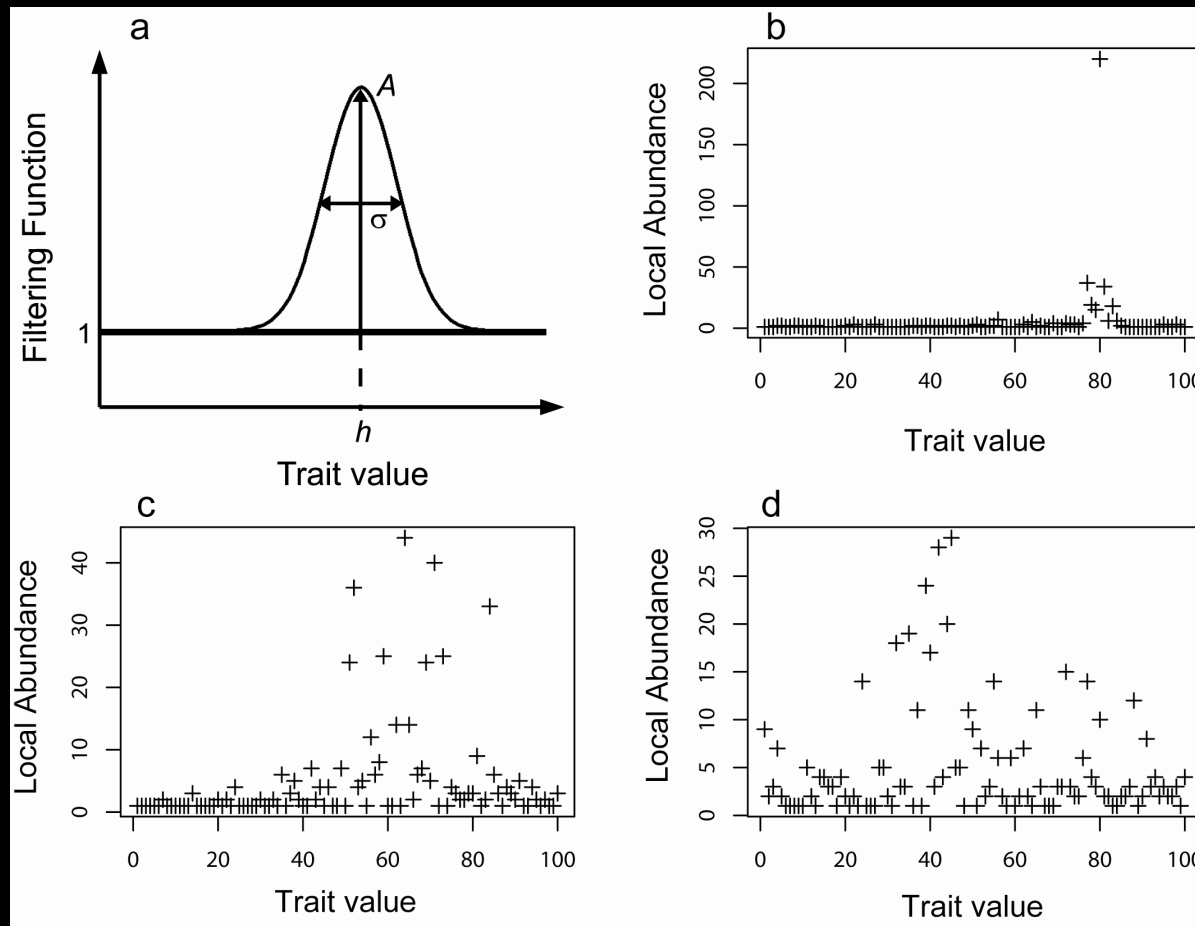


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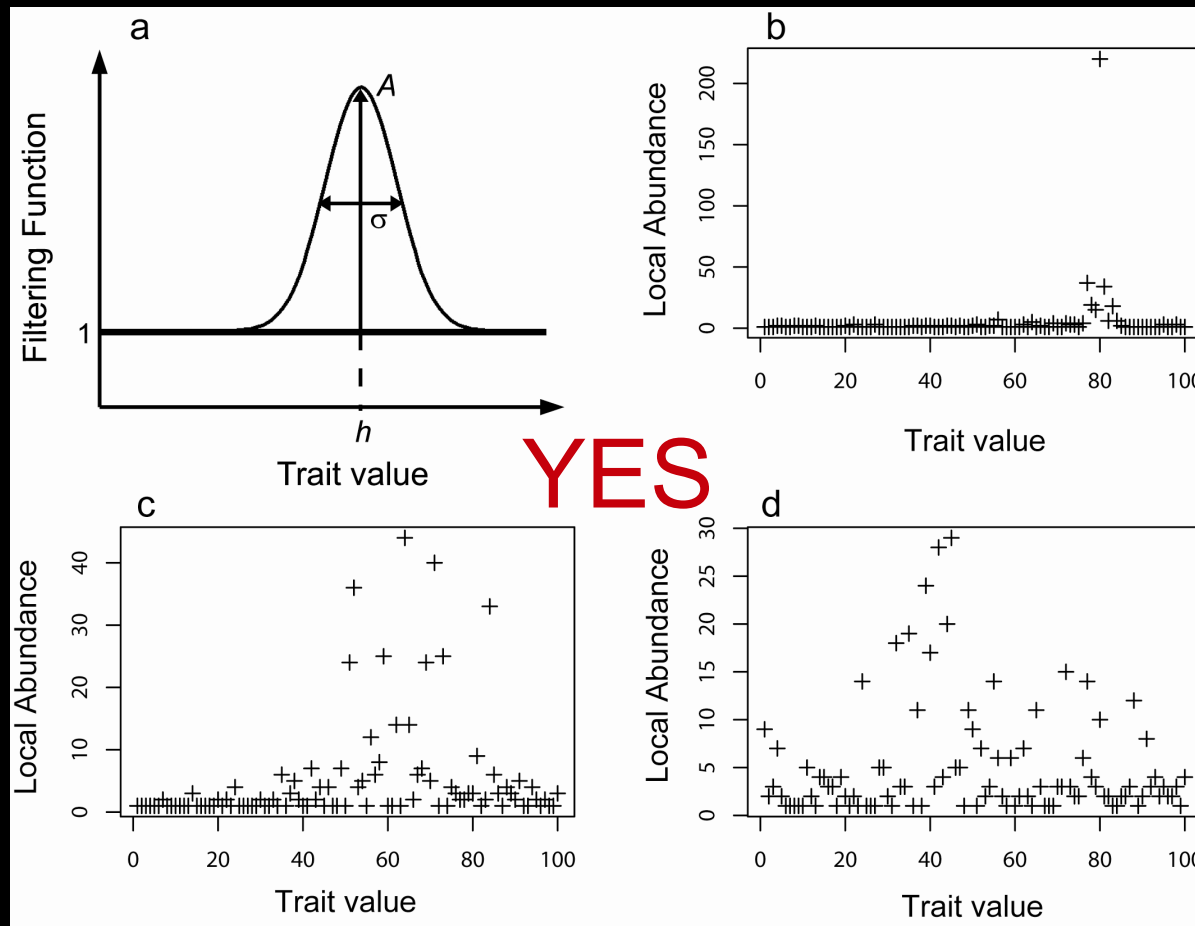
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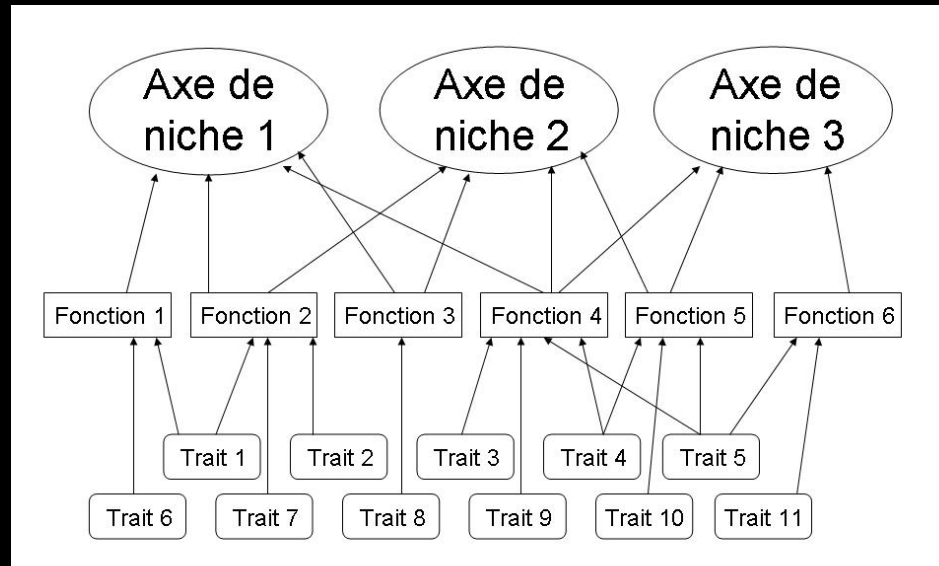
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**YES**

# Challenge: integrating multiple traits in ecologically-relevant measures



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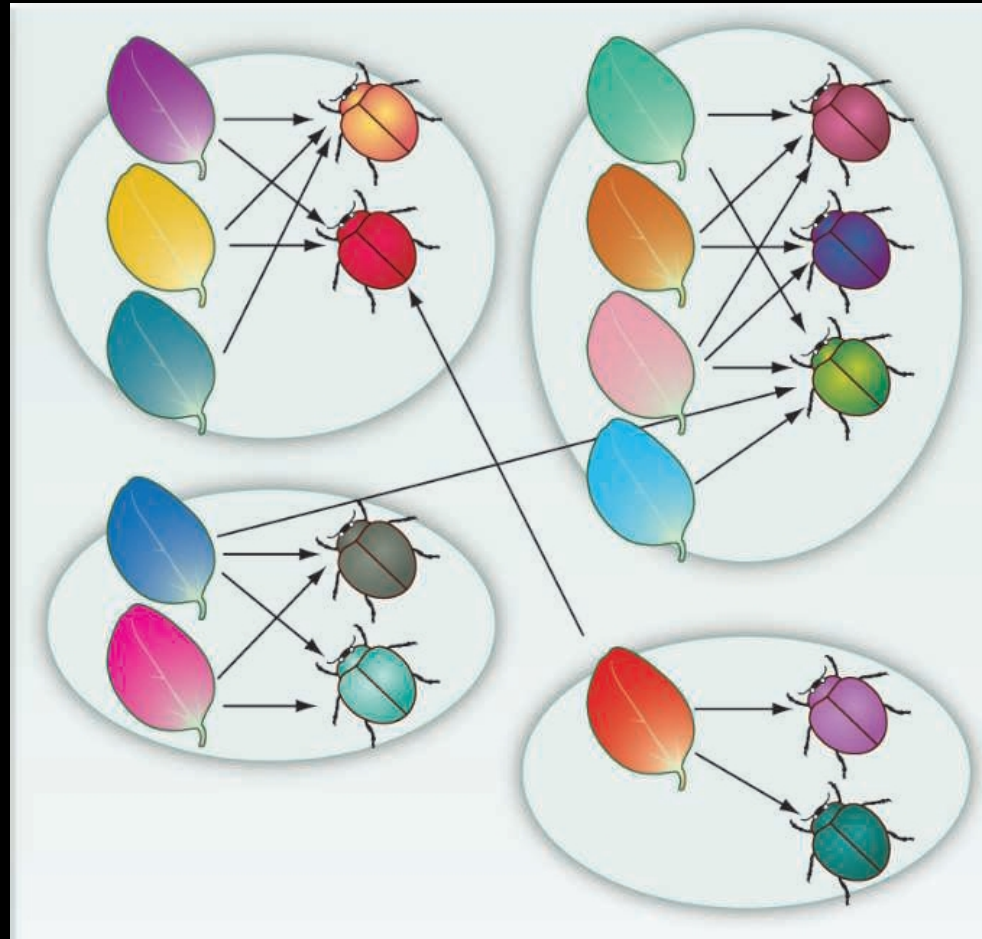
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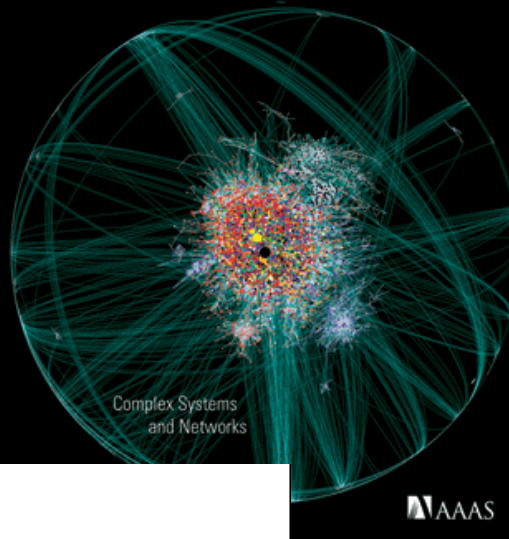
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## Plant-Animal Mutualistic Networks: The Architecture of Biodiversity

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## The nested assembly of plant-animal mutualistic networks

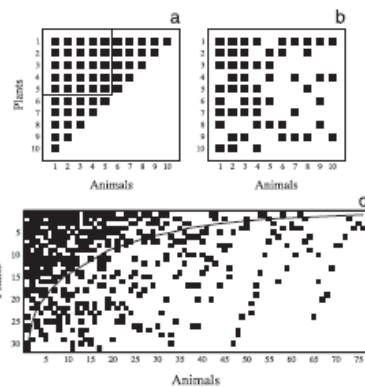
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Most studies of plant-animal mutualisms involve a small number of species. There is almost no information on the structural organization of species-rich mutualistic networks despite its potential importance for the maintenance of diversity. Here we analyze 52 mutualistic networks and show that they are highly nested; that is, the more specialist species interact only with proper subsets of those species interacting with the more generalists. This assembly pattern generates highly asymmetrical interactions and organizes the community cohesively around a central core of interactions. Thus, mutualistic networks are neither randomly assembled nor organized in compartments arising from tight, parallel specialization. Furthermore, nestedness increases with the complexity (number of interactions) of the network: for a given number of species, communities with more interactions are significantly more nested. Our results indicate a nonrandom pattern of community organization that may be relevant for our understanding of the organization and persistence of biodiversity.

Studies of plant-animal mutualisms have traditionally focused on highly specific interactions among a few species, such as a plant and its pollinators or seed dispersers (1, 2). On the other hand, some systems seem to involve a much larger number of species, and some authors have used the term “diffuse coevolution” to describe the coevolutionary process in such communities (3–5). The approach of diffuse coevolution, however, has



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## Stability of Ecological Communities and the Architecture of Mutualistic and Trophic Networks

Elisa Thébaud<sup>1,2\*</sup> and Colin Fontaine<sup>1,3\*</sup>

Research on the relationship between the architecture of ecological networks and community stability has mainly focused on one type of interaction at a time, making difficult any comparison between different network types. We used a theoretical approach to show that the network architecture favoring stability fundamentally differs between trophic and mutualistic networks. A highly connected and nested architecture promotes community stability in mutualistic networks, whereas the stability of trophic networks is enhanced in compartmented and weakly connected architectures. These theoretical predictions are supported by a meta-analysis on the architecture of a large series of real pollination (mutualistic) and herbivory (trophic) networks. We conclude that strong variations in the stability of architectural patterns constrain ecological networks toward different architectures, depending on the type of interaction.

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OIKOS 112: 111–121, 2006

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## *Degree distribution in plant–animal mutualistic networks: forbidden links or random interactions?*

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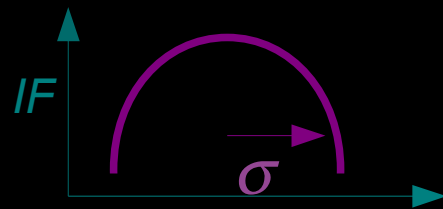


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Likelihood approach to network determinants  
(see also Vazquez et al. Ecology 2009)

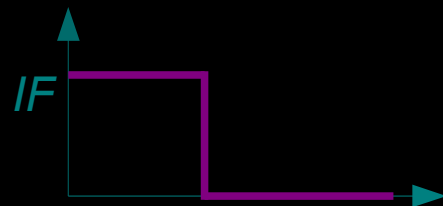
Interaction rules such as :

-matching rule ( $\sigma$ )



Corolla length

-threshold rule



Corolla length

$$P(\vec{n}_{ij}) = \prod_{i=1}^{S_{plants}} \prod_{j=1}^{S_{pollinators}} \left( \frac{x_j f_j(t_i^1, t_i^2, \dots, t_i^t)}{\sum_j x_j f_j(t_i^1, t_i^2, \dots, t_i^t)} \right)^{n_{ij}}$$

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Preliminary results:

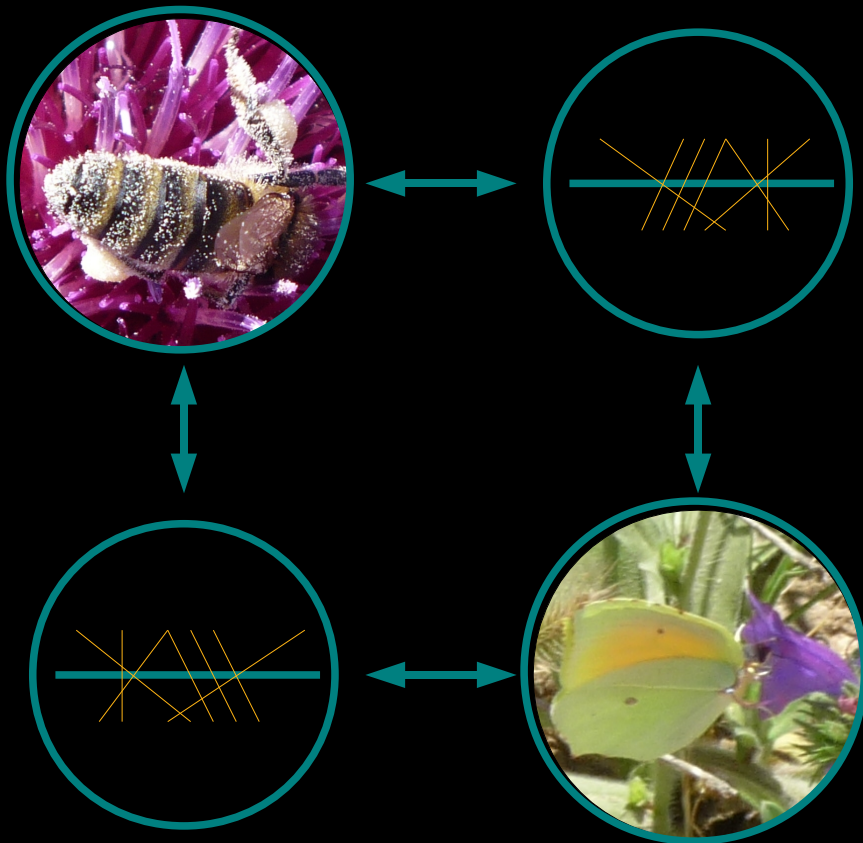
- missing links cannot be solely explained by random (non) sampling.
- trait-based rules explain a large part of missing links, but not all.
- This suggests that interactions (repulsion) among pollinators/seed dispersers act during network assembly.

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Open questions:

- consequences for community dynamics
- adding spatial component

Methods:

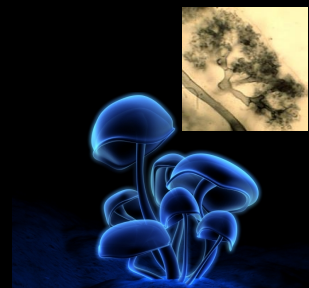


Part of the fitness dependent on the interactions

Neutral

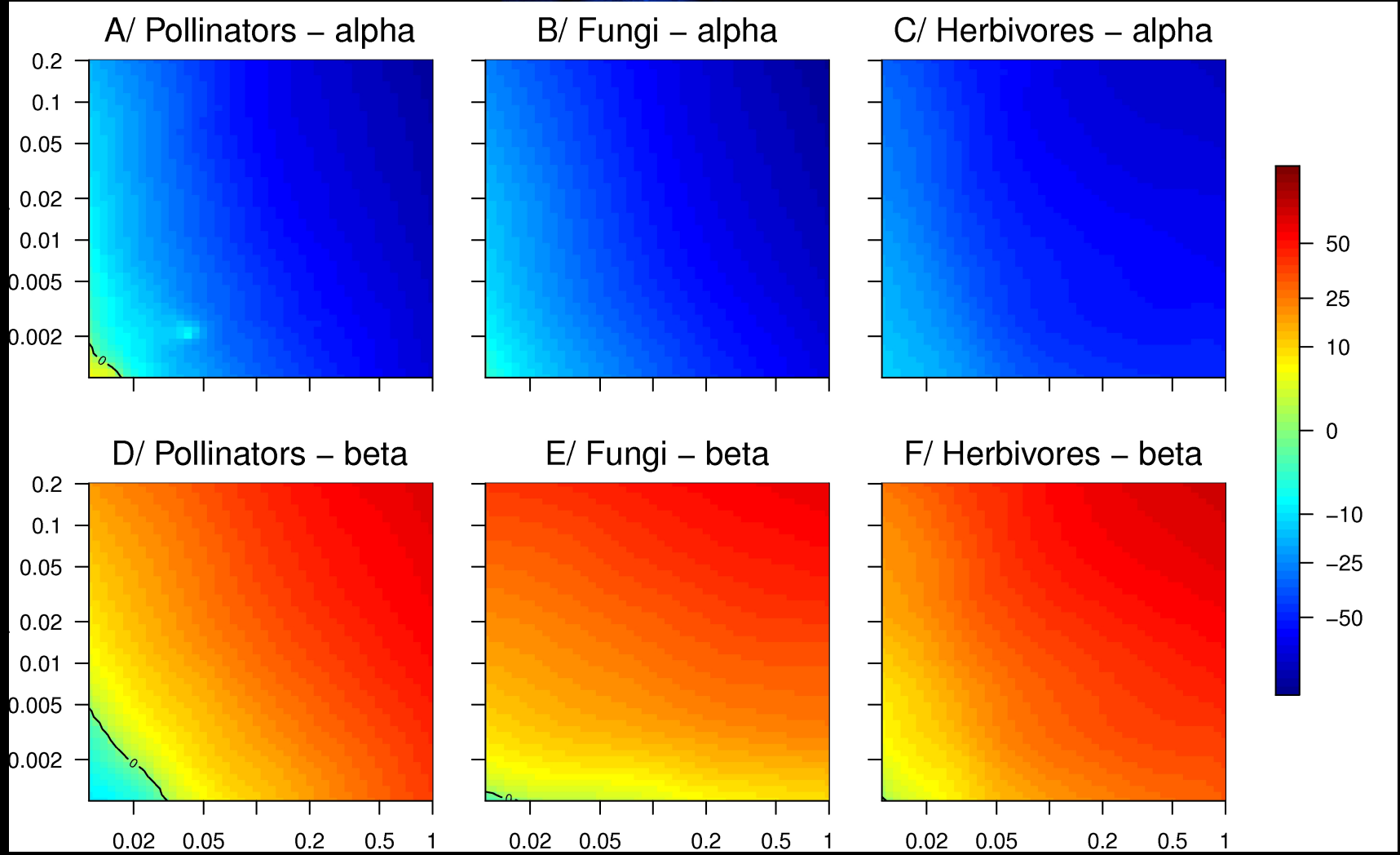
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plant migration rate

$m_p$



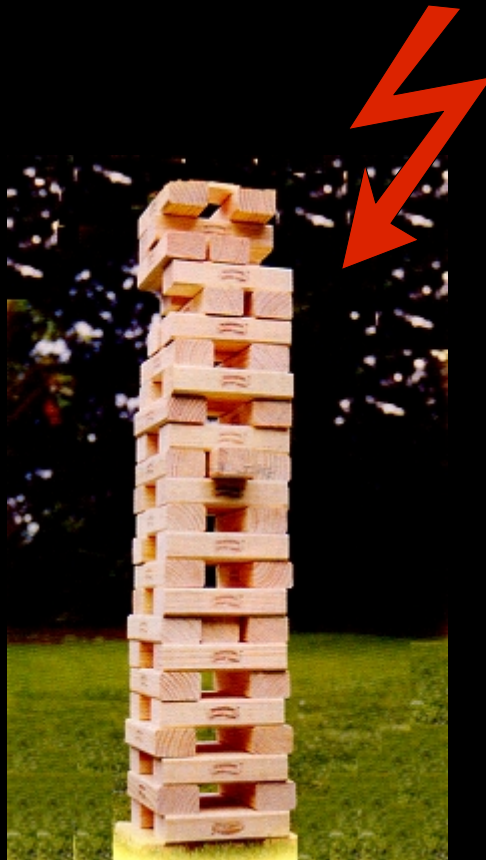
$c_p$  : proportion of plant fitness dependent on the interaction



## Others areas to explore with neutral approaches

- biogeography
- temporal dynamics
- conservation

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Merci !

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