Do interactions matter at biogeographical scale?

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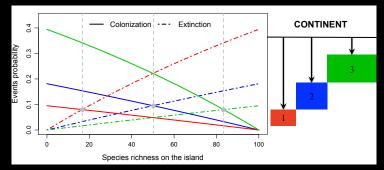
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- Markov chain!

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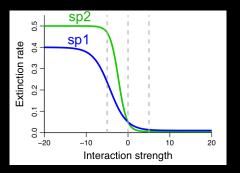
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- Generally applicable to n species.
- Probabilities of all communities at the equilibrium.

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• How interactions impact presence probabilities ? $(Interaction Strength)_t = BX_t$



• Without interaction, we get the classical model.

Simulations

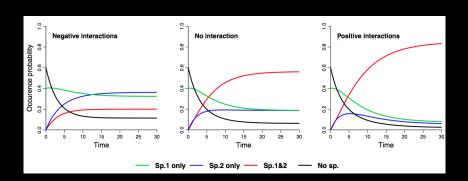
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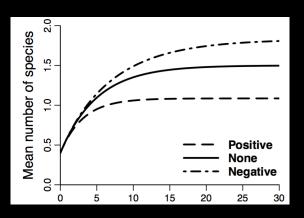
We get:

- Presence probabilities of all communities at equilibrium
- Any probability defined as a sum of the latter, e.g. the presence probability of any species

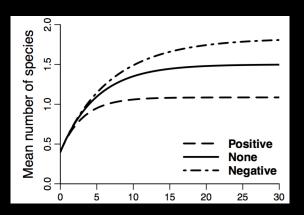
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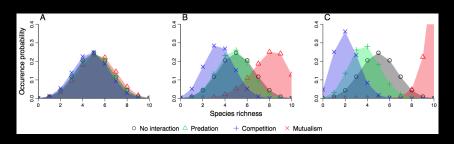
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Exploration for networks of 10 species (niche model).

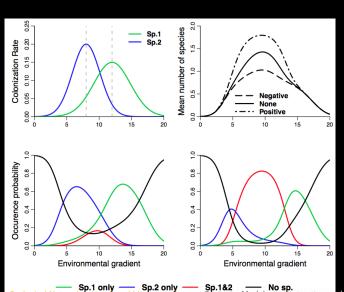
Interaction affects probability of assemblages

$$\mathbb{P}(S_{eq} = n) = \sum_{i \ | \ |S_i|^2 = n} \mathbb{P}(X_{eq} = S_i)$$

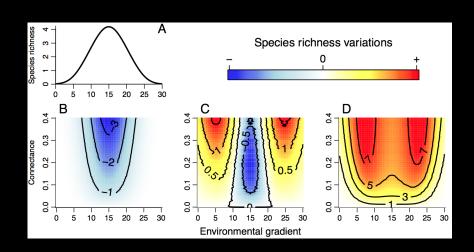


From A to C we increase the interaction strengths.

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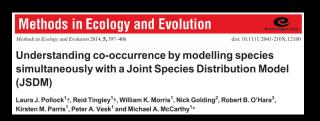
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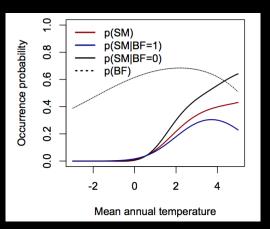
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- Are correlations sufficient to capture "signals" and conclude?

Conditional probabilities of occurrence along environmental gradients



BF = Balsam Fir, SM = Sugar Maple

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