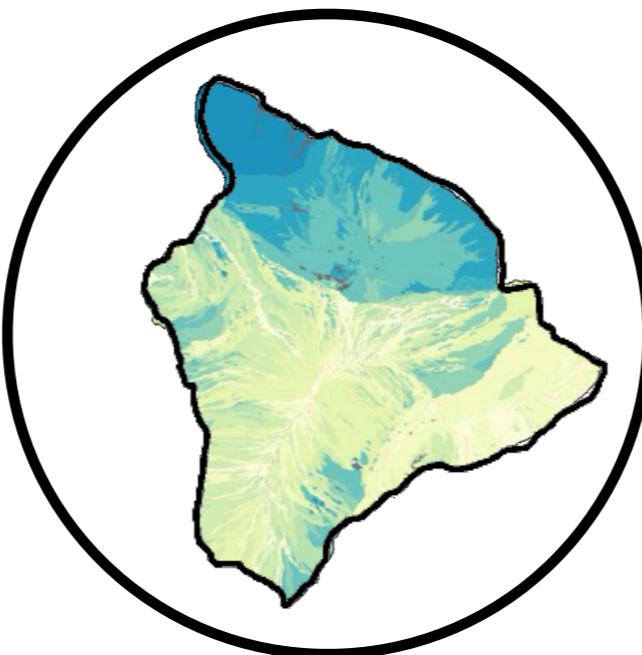
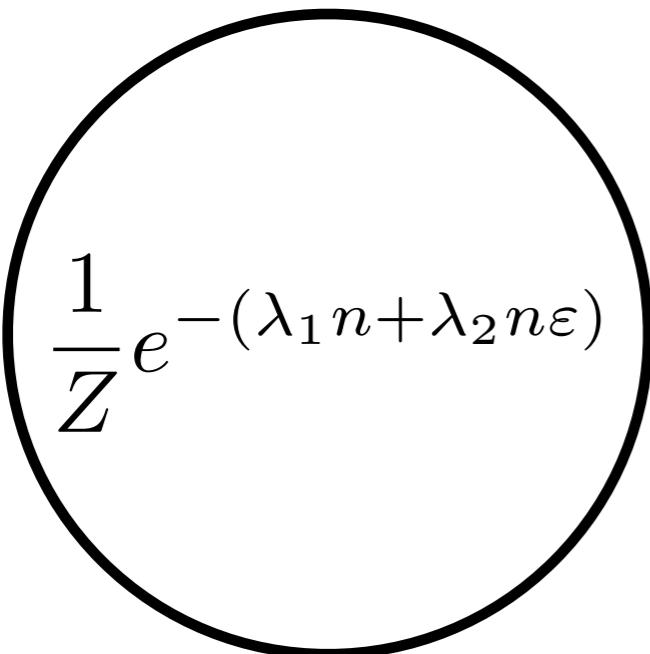


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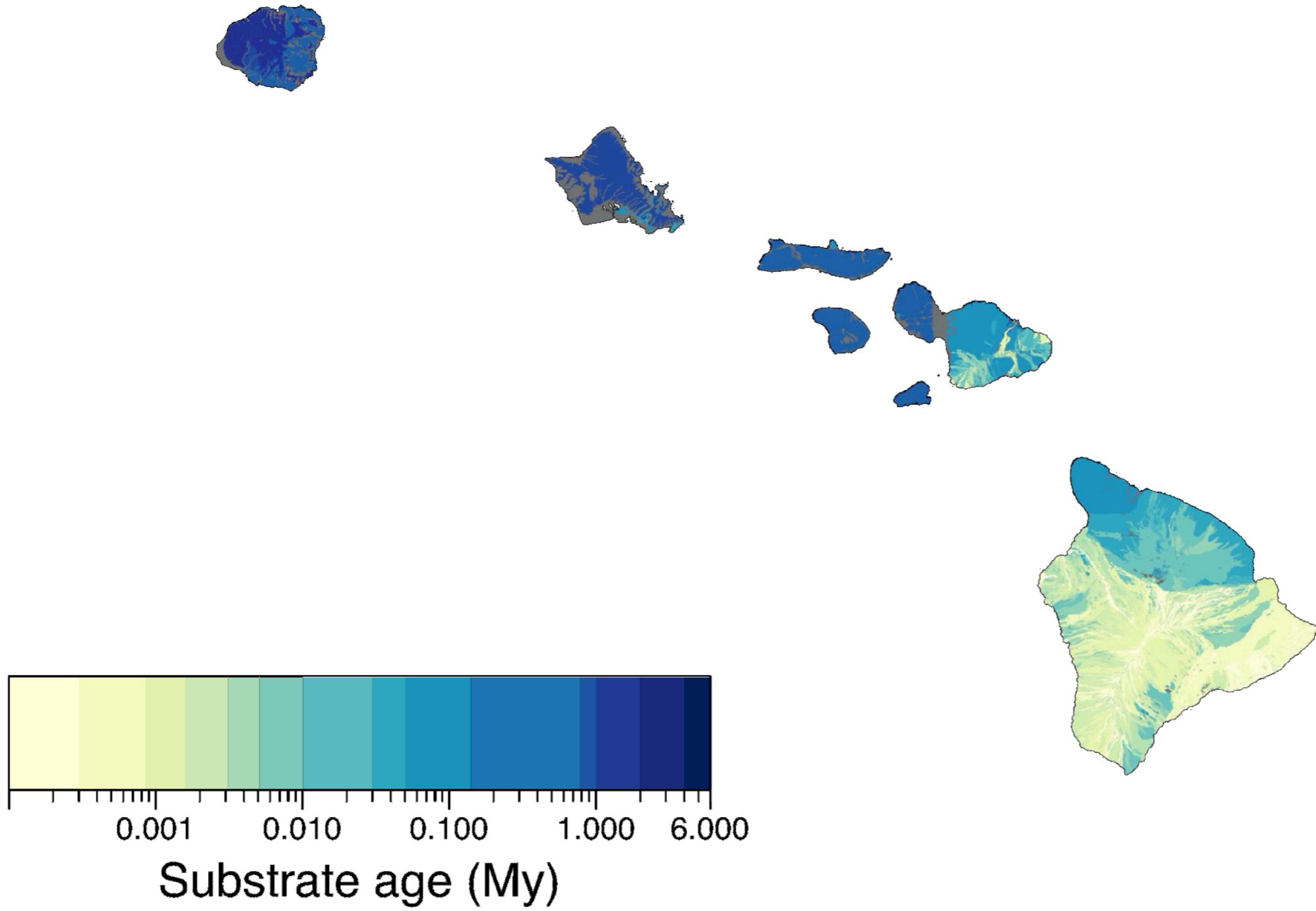


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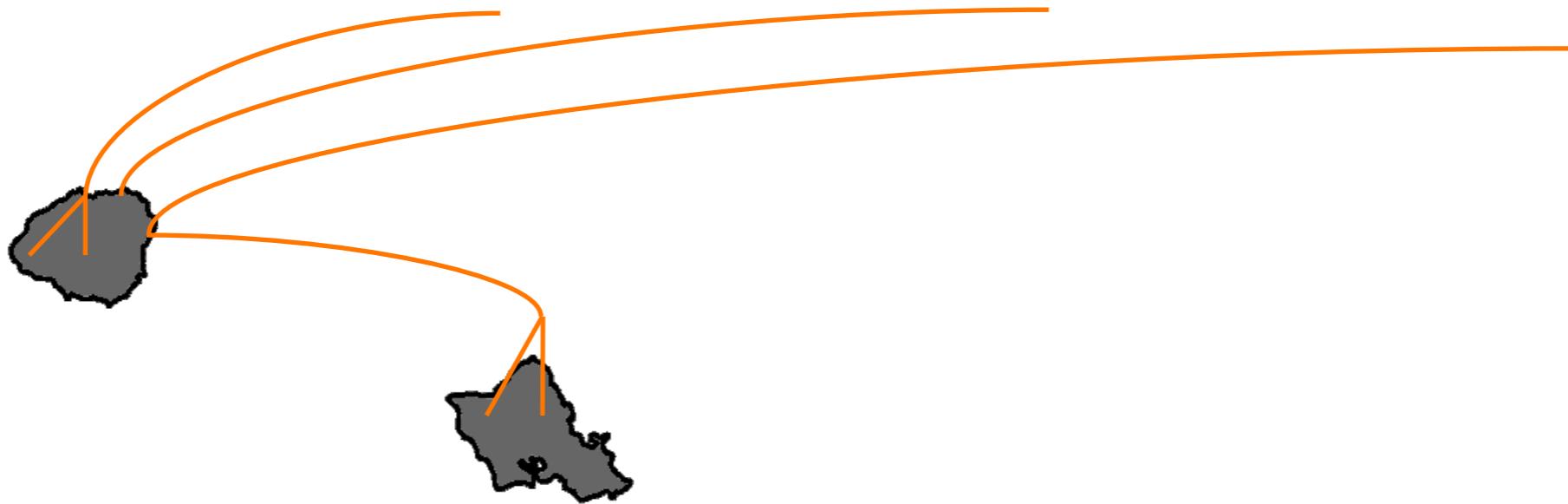
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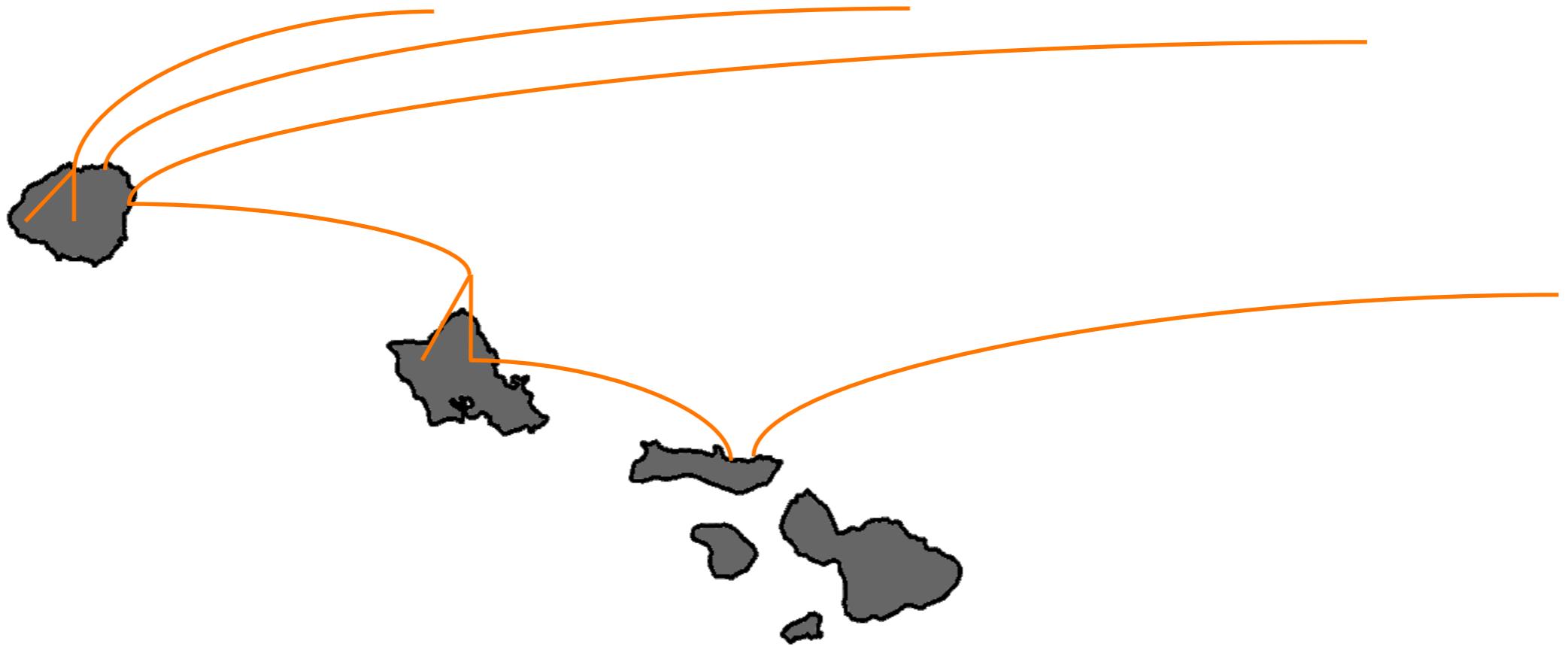
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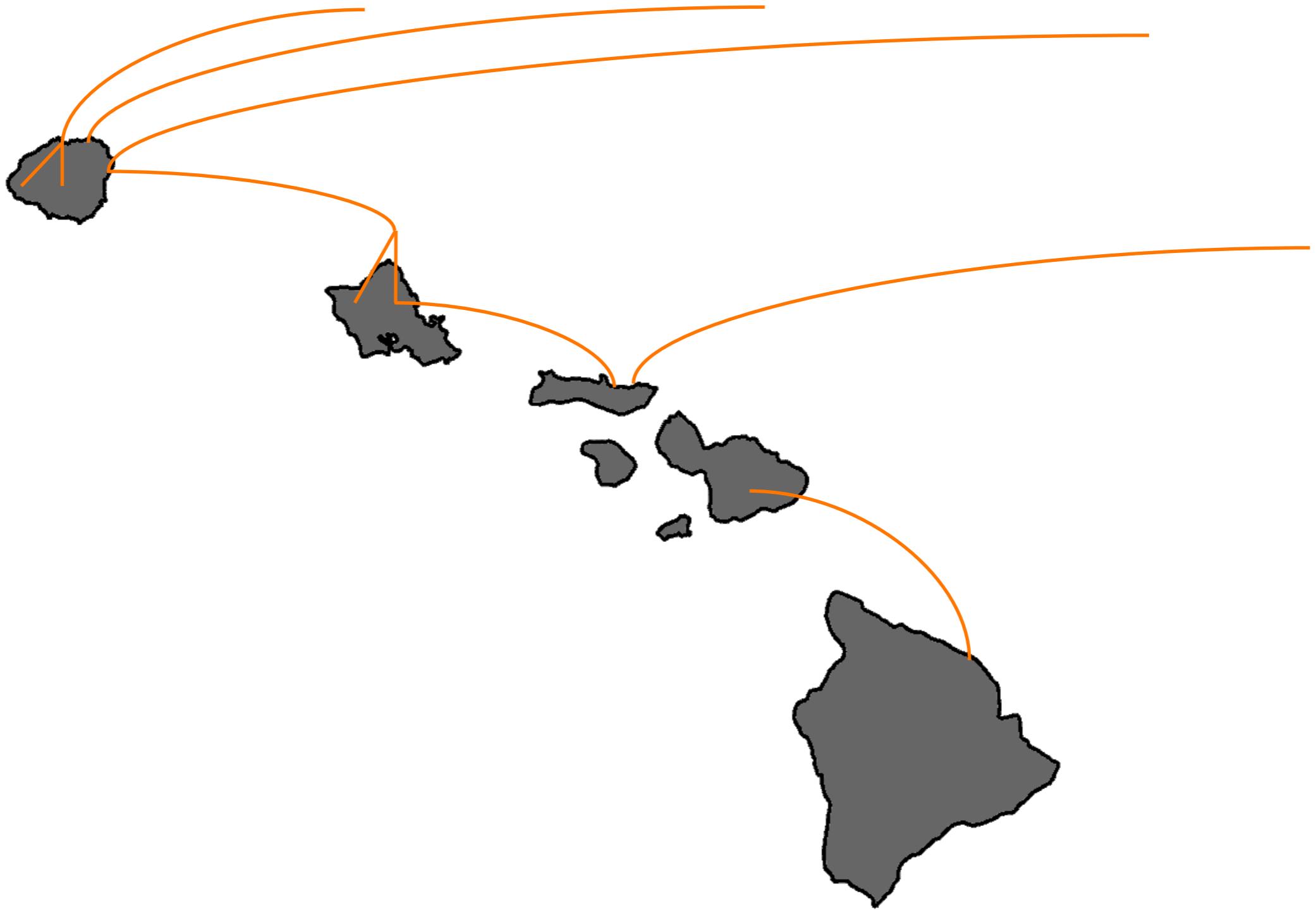








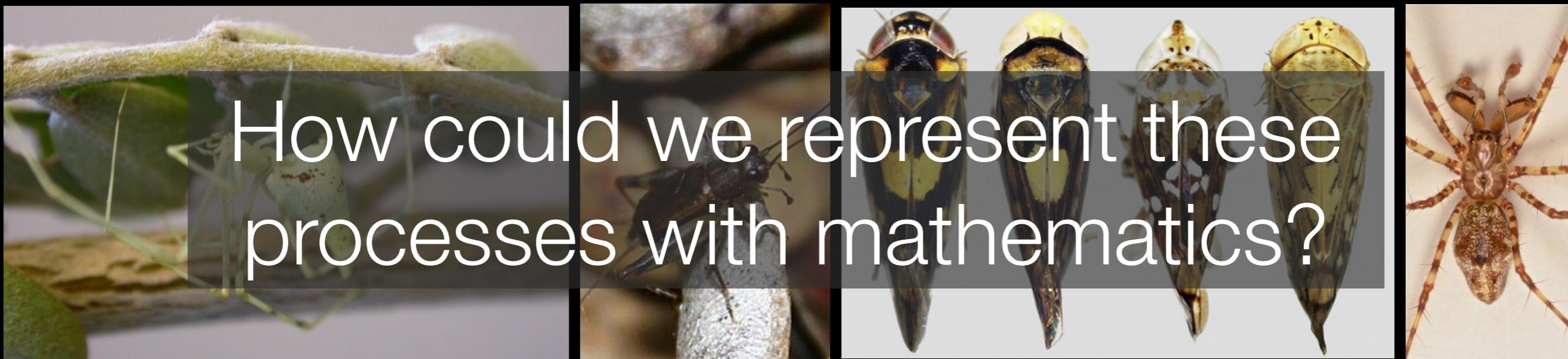






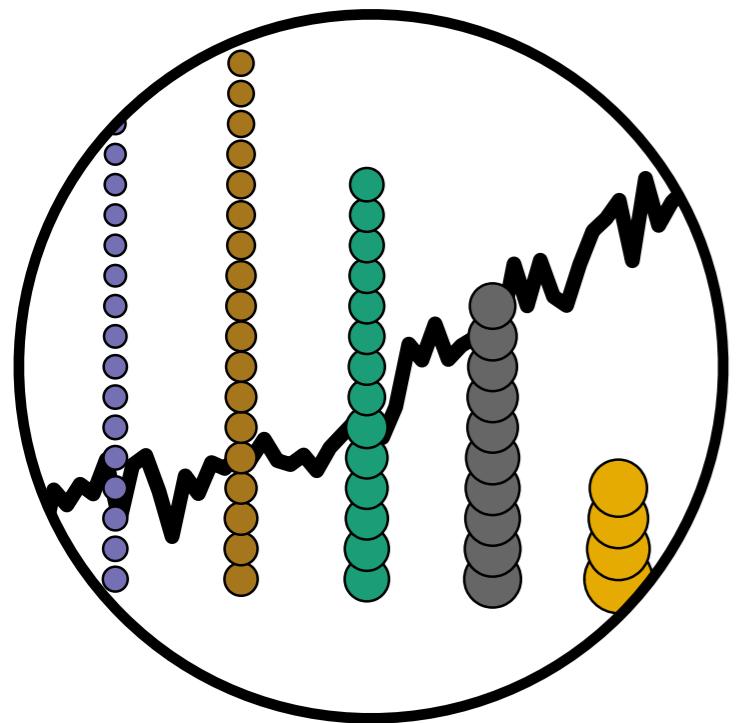


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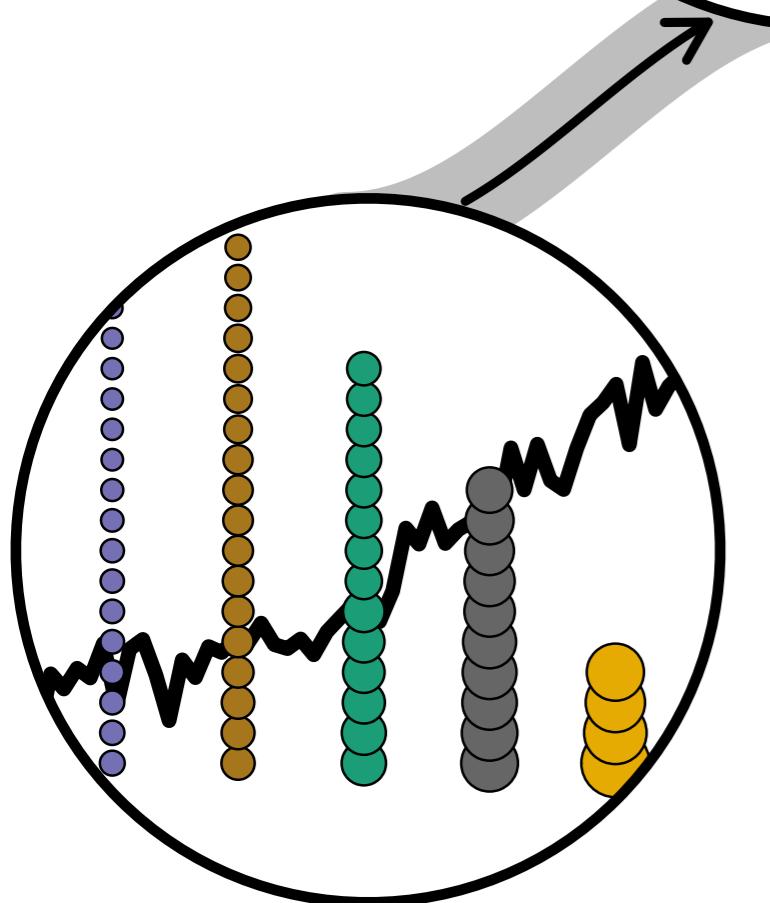
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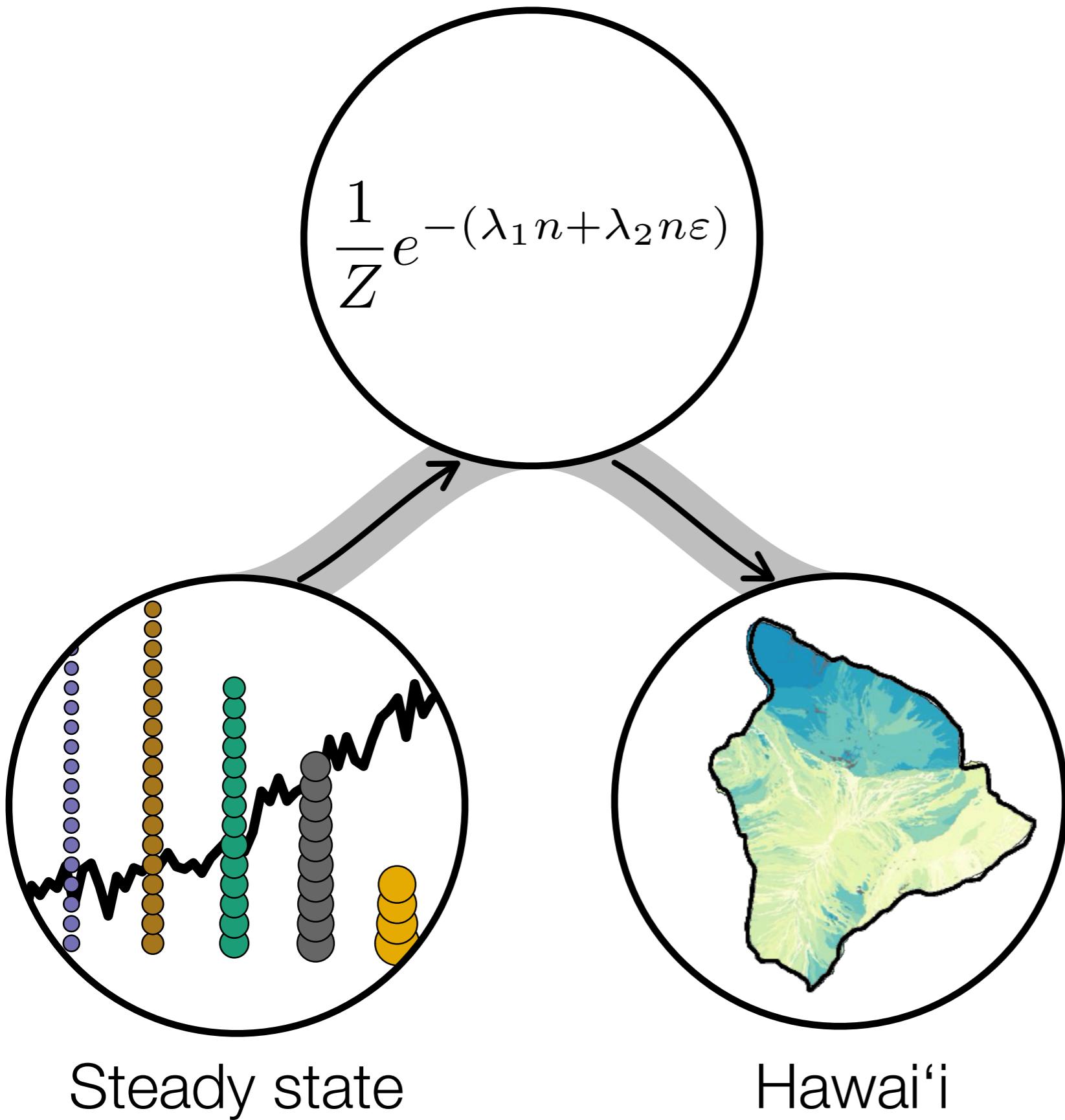
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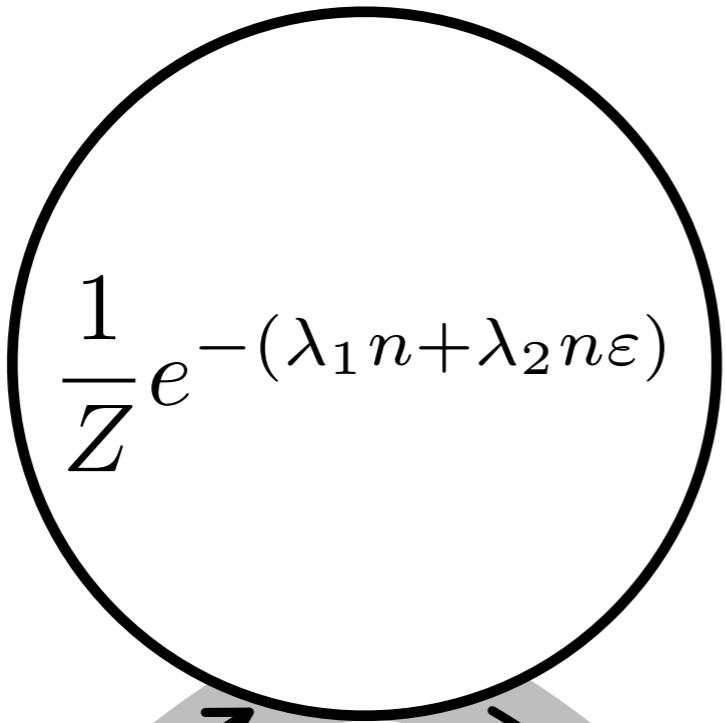


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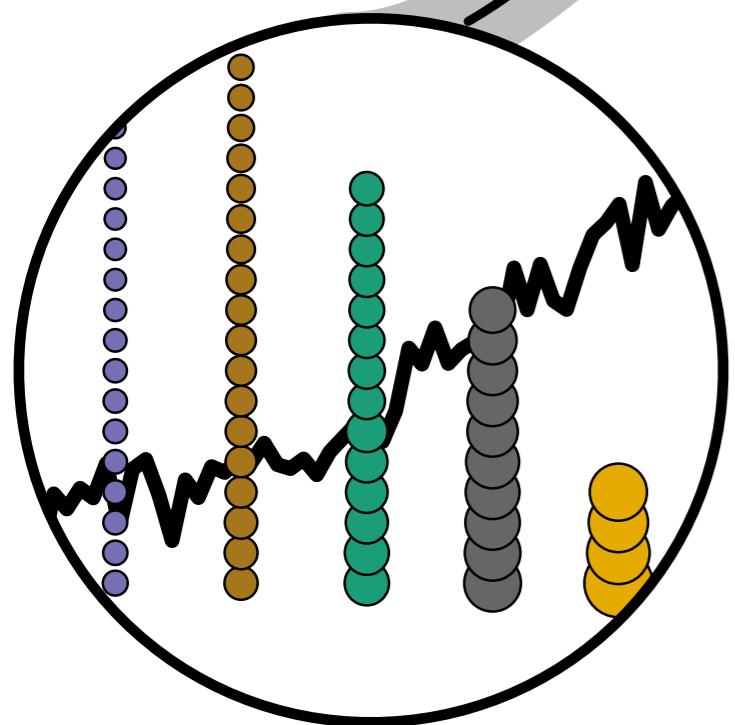
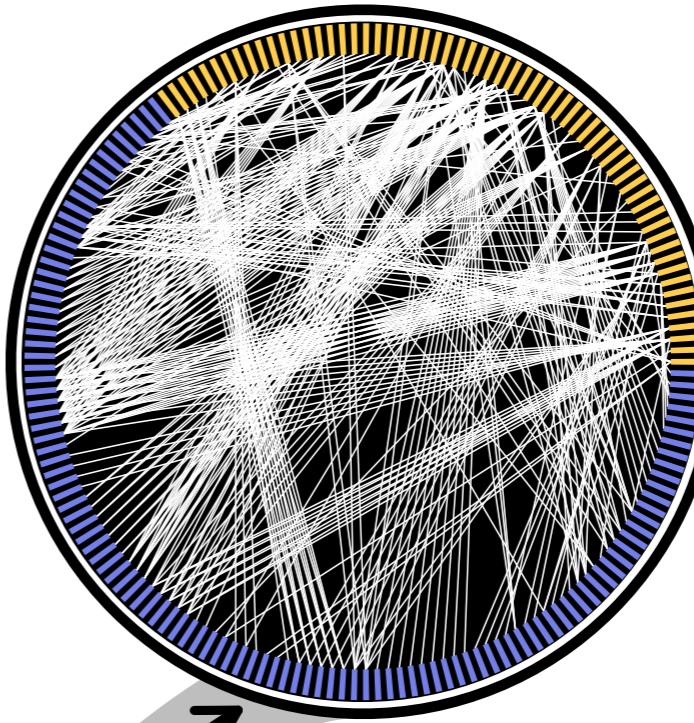
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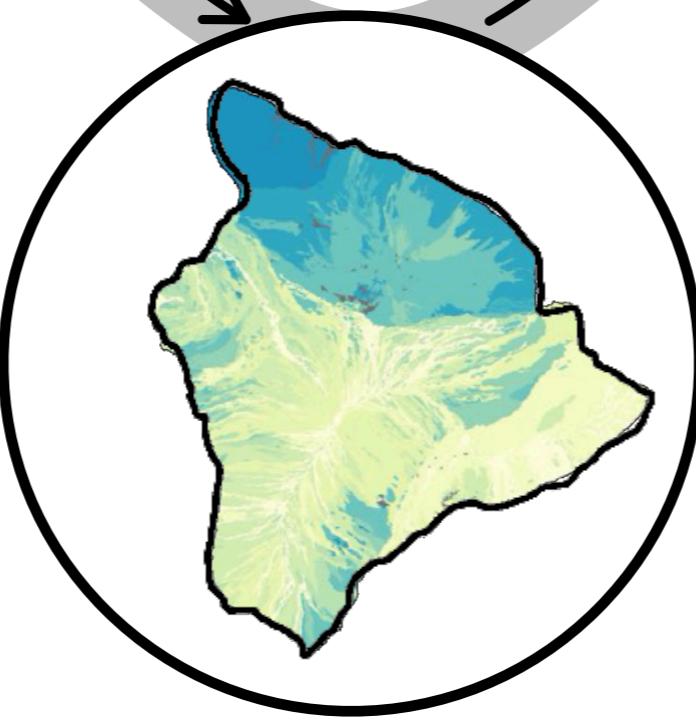
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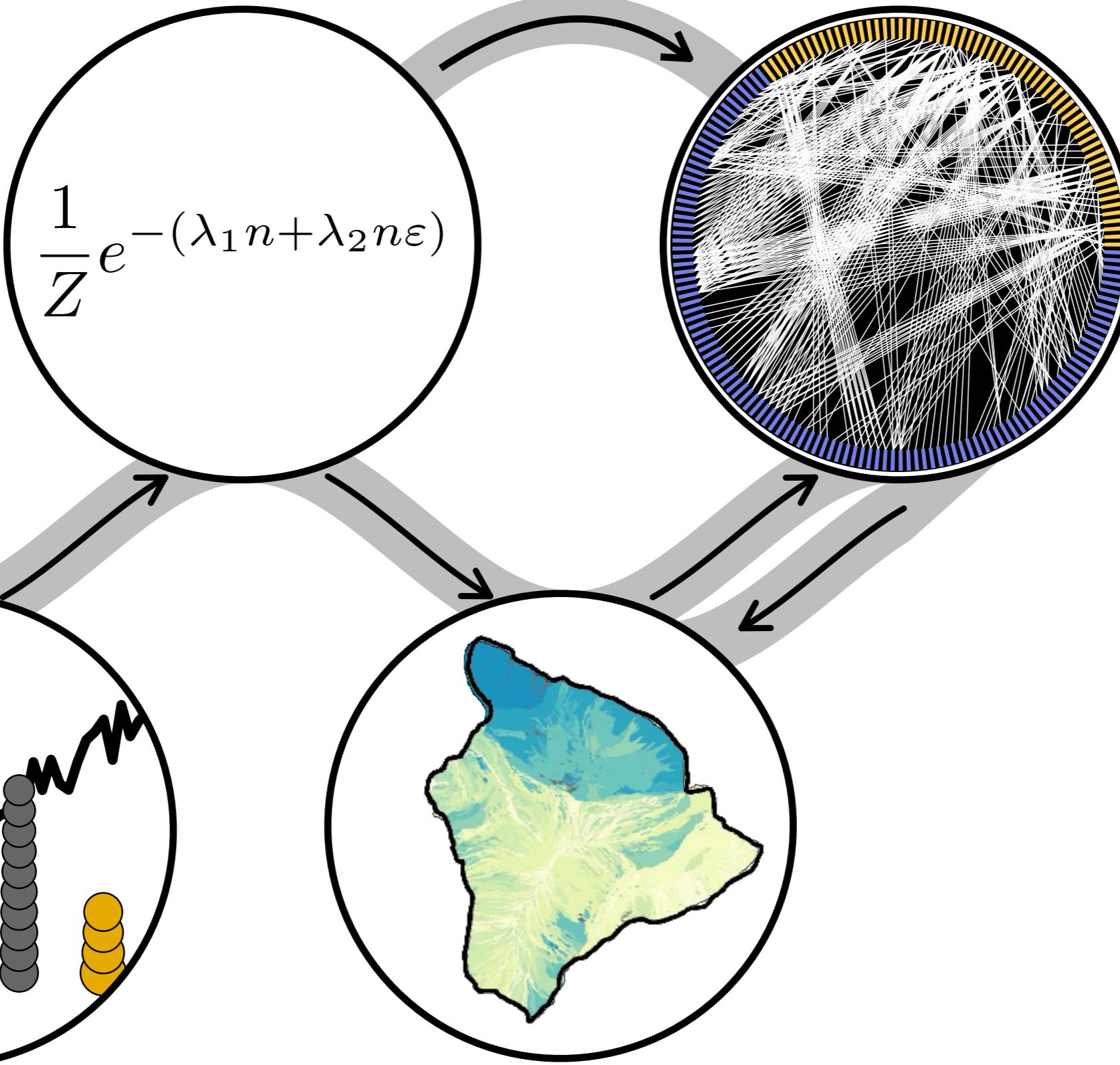
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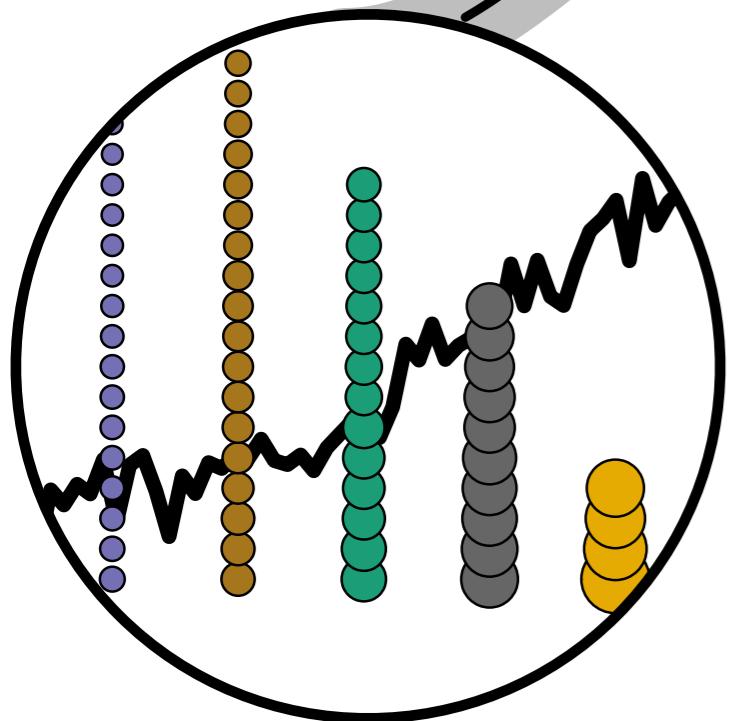
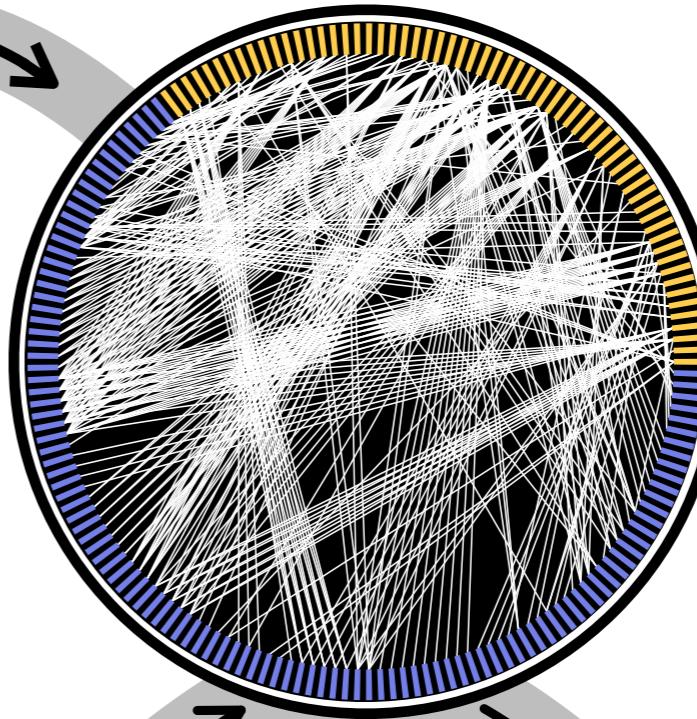
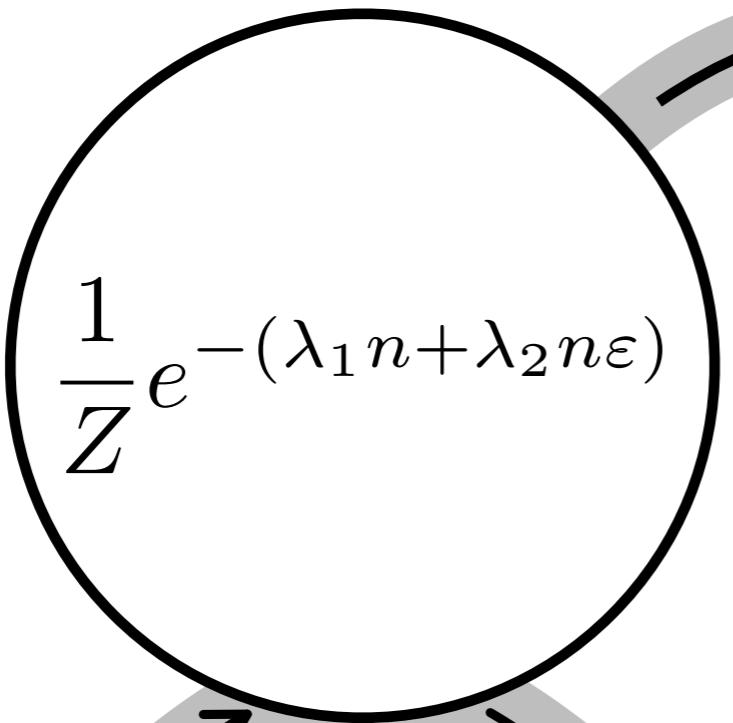


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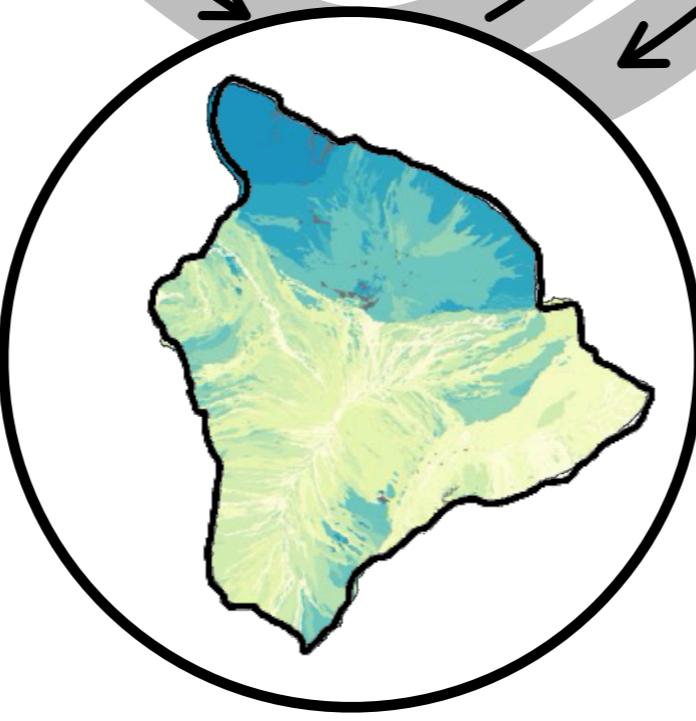
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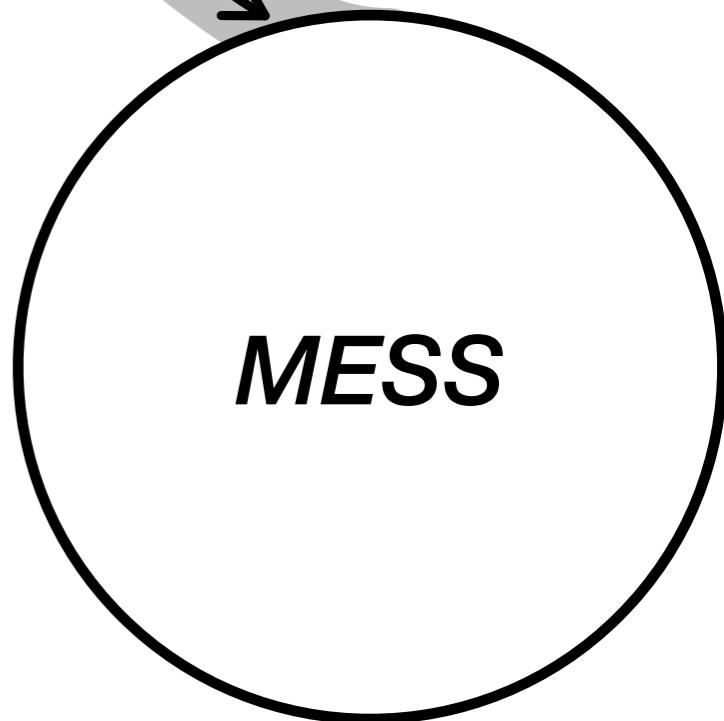
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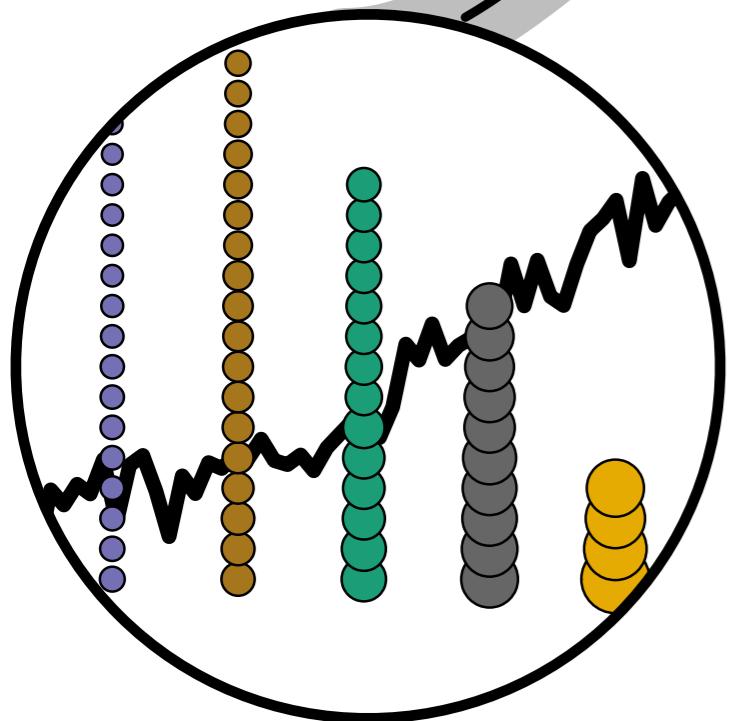
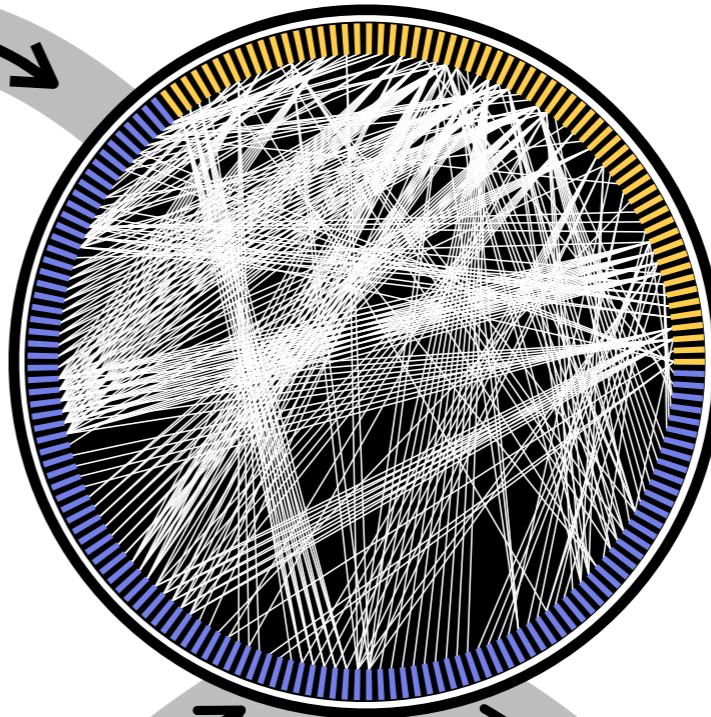
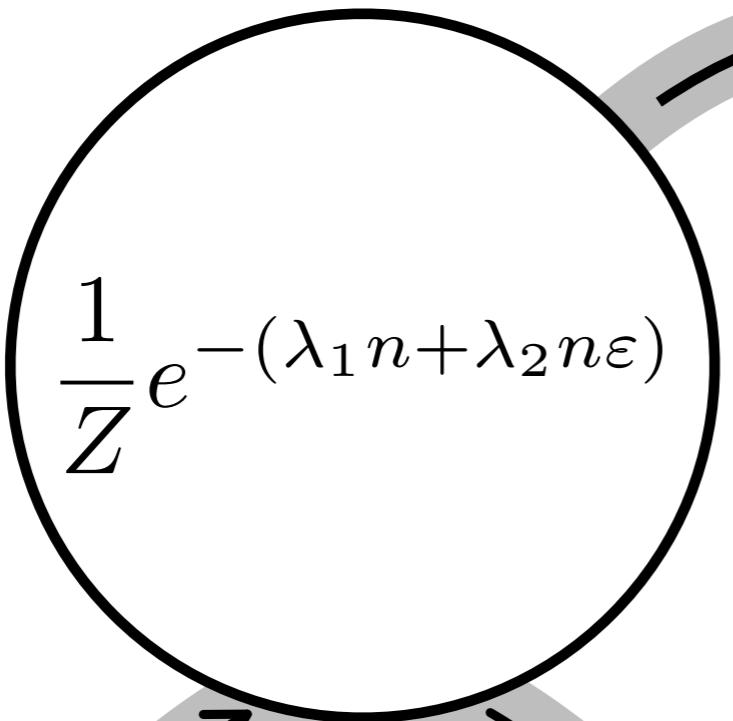
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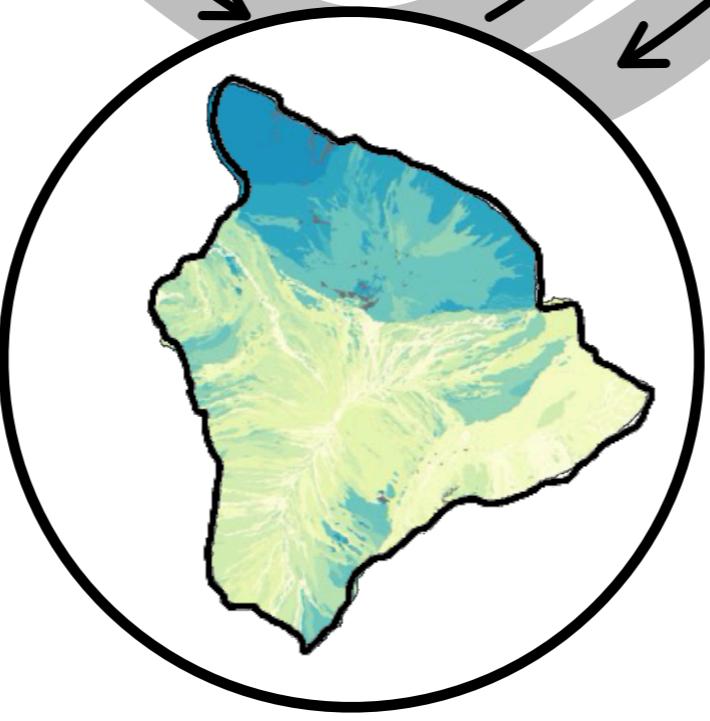
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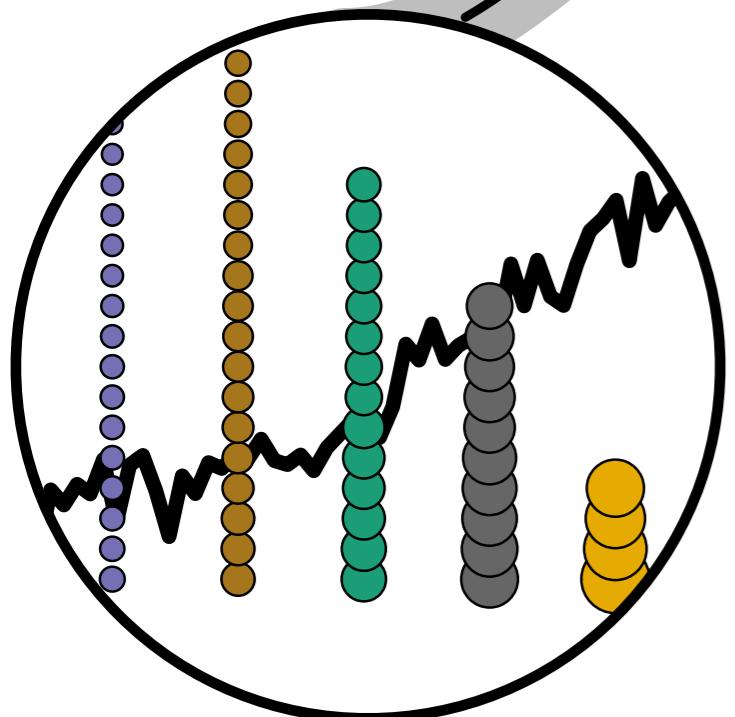
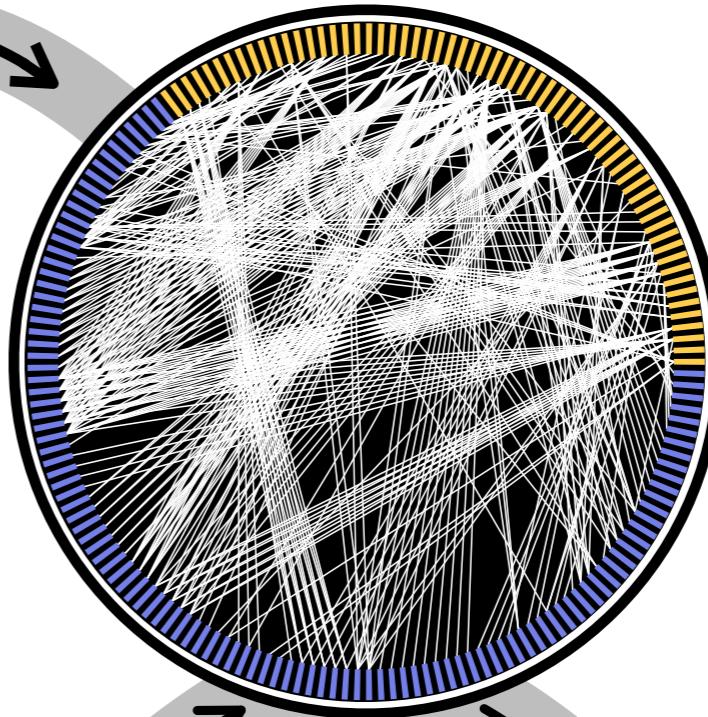
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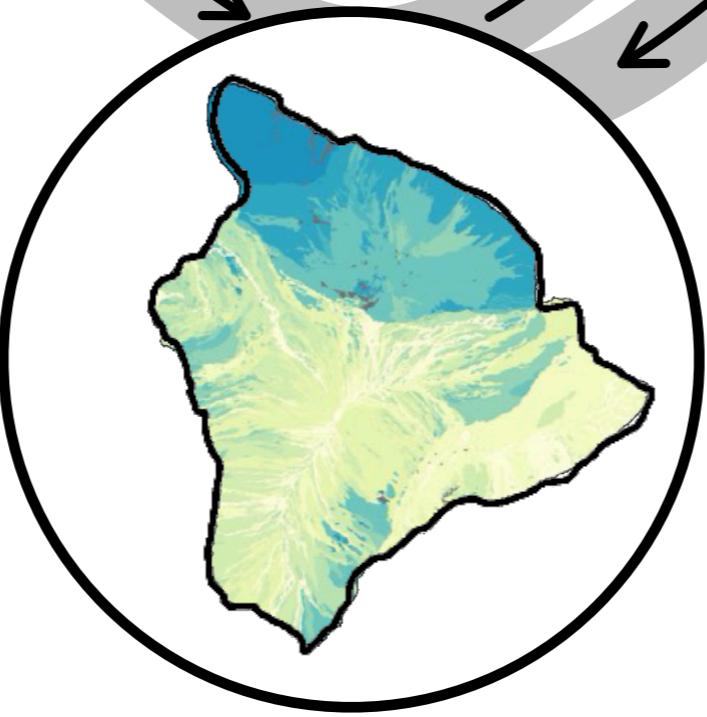
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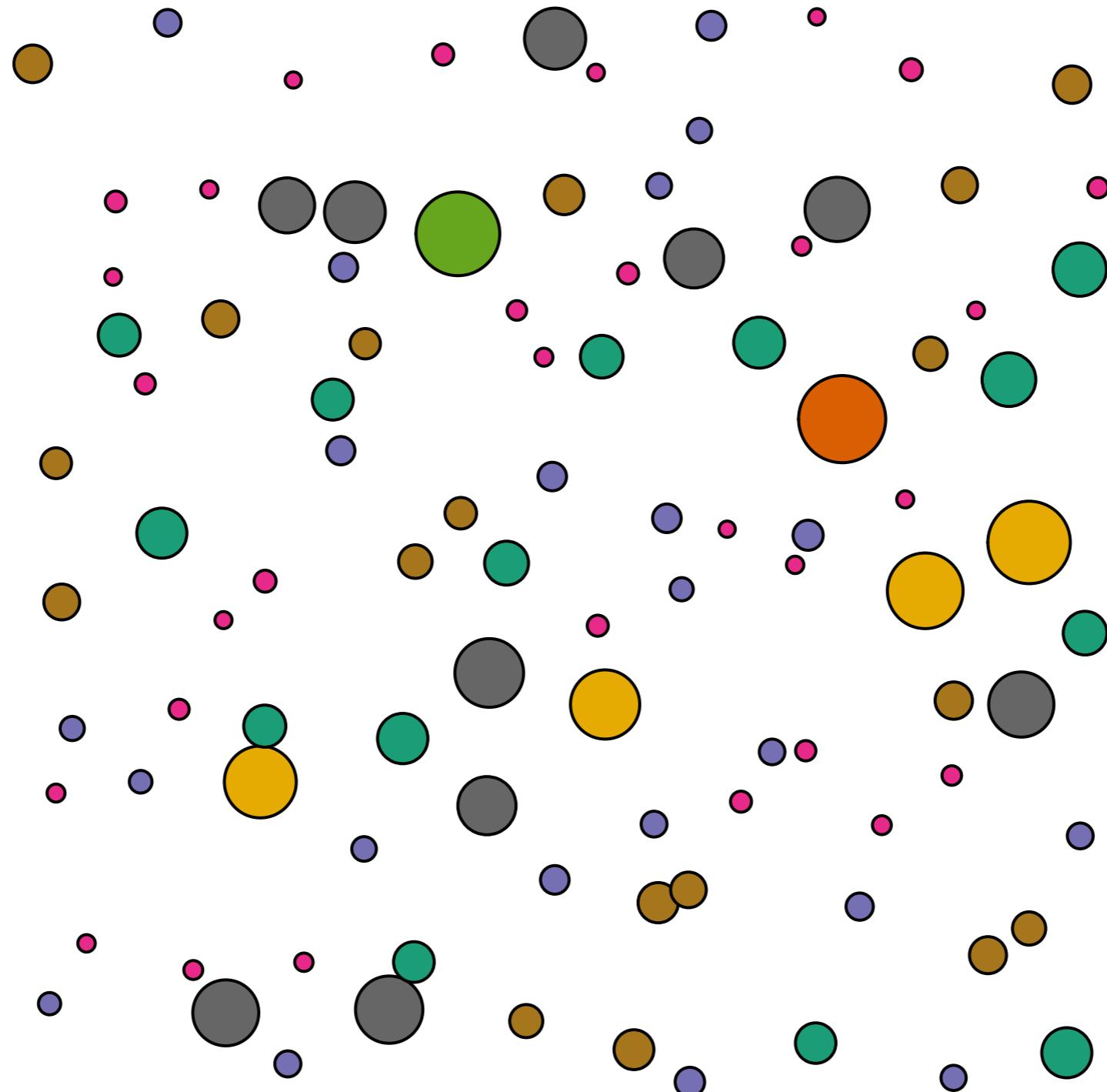
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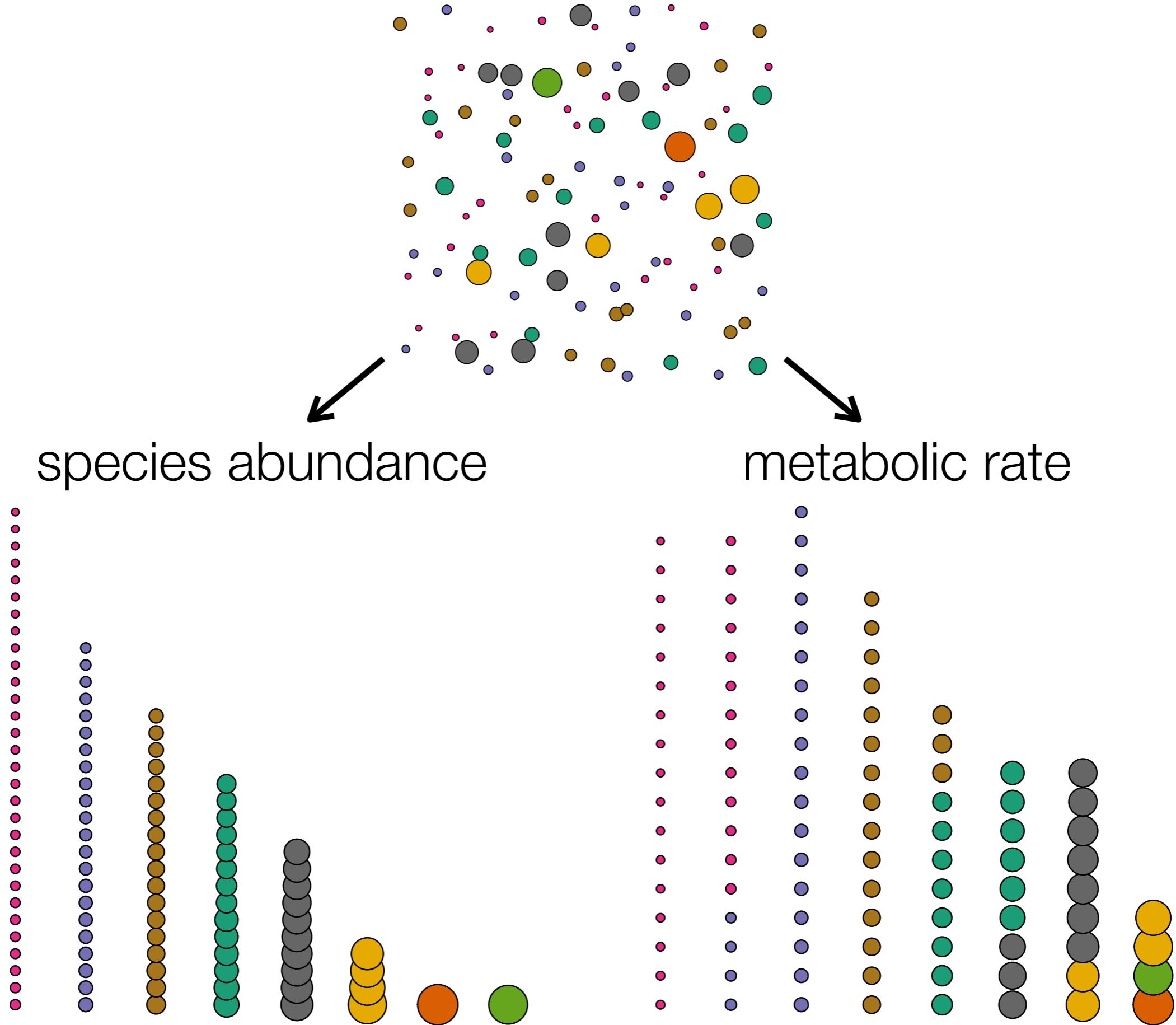
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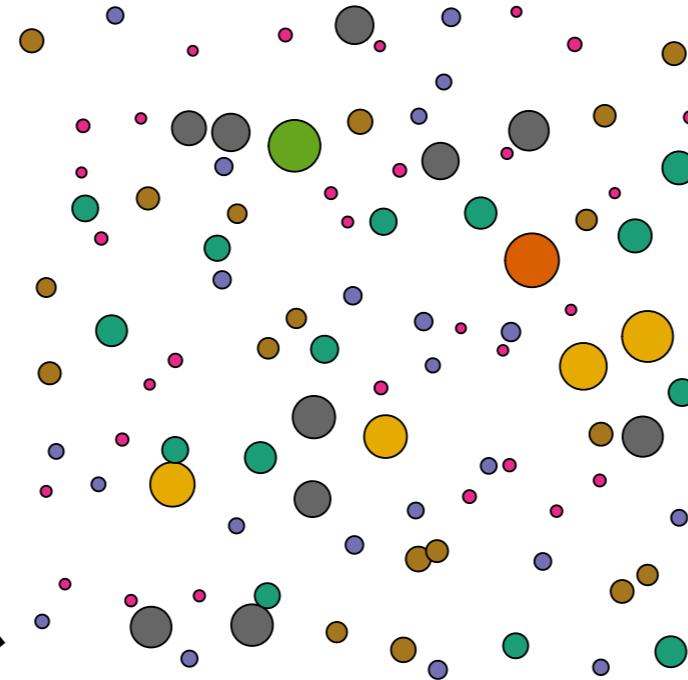
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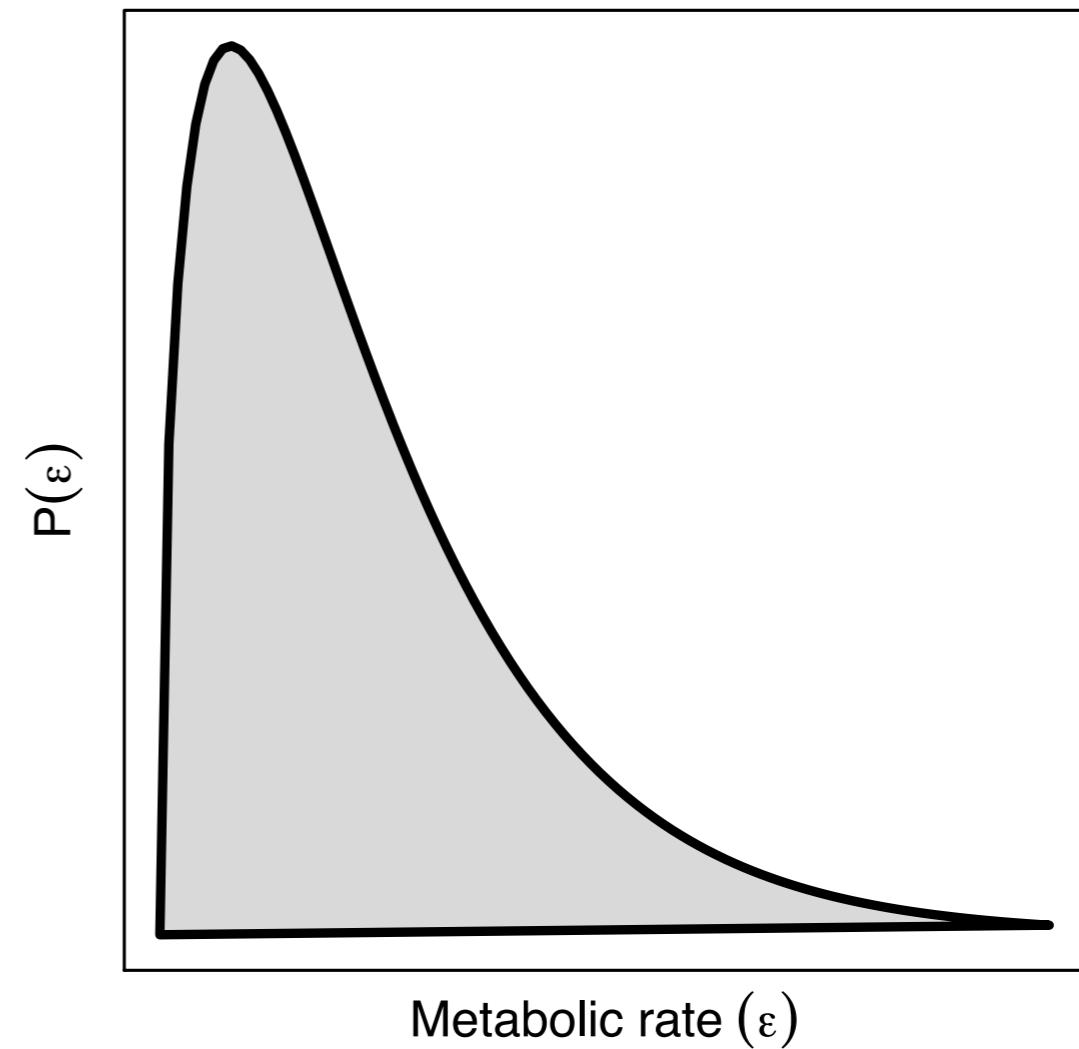
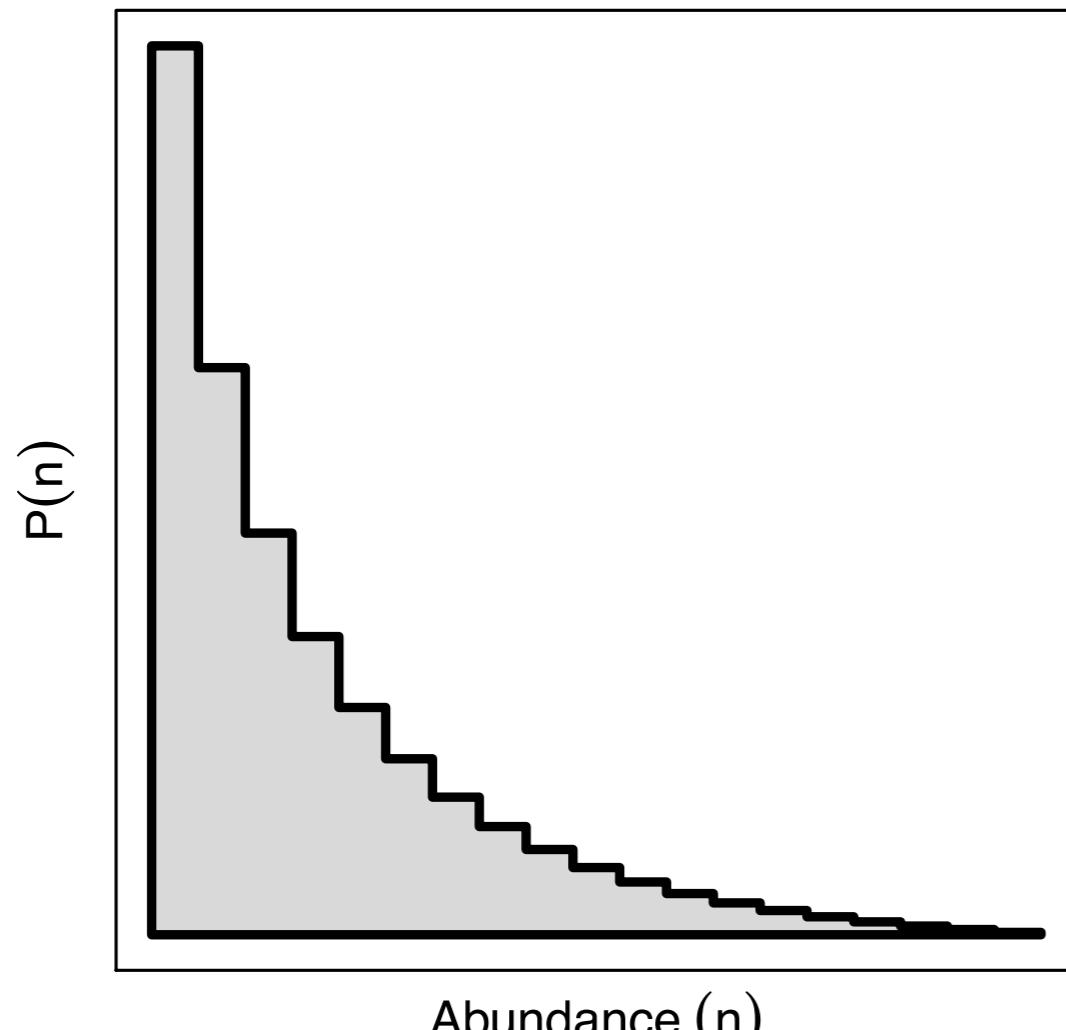
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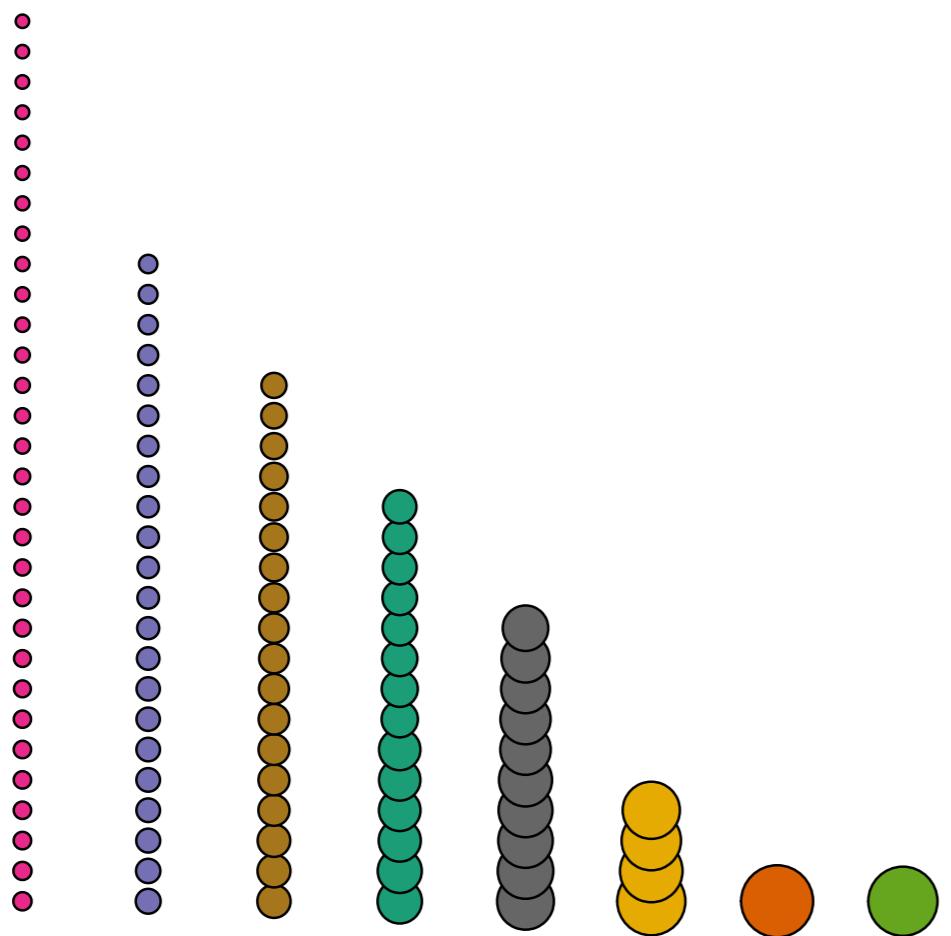
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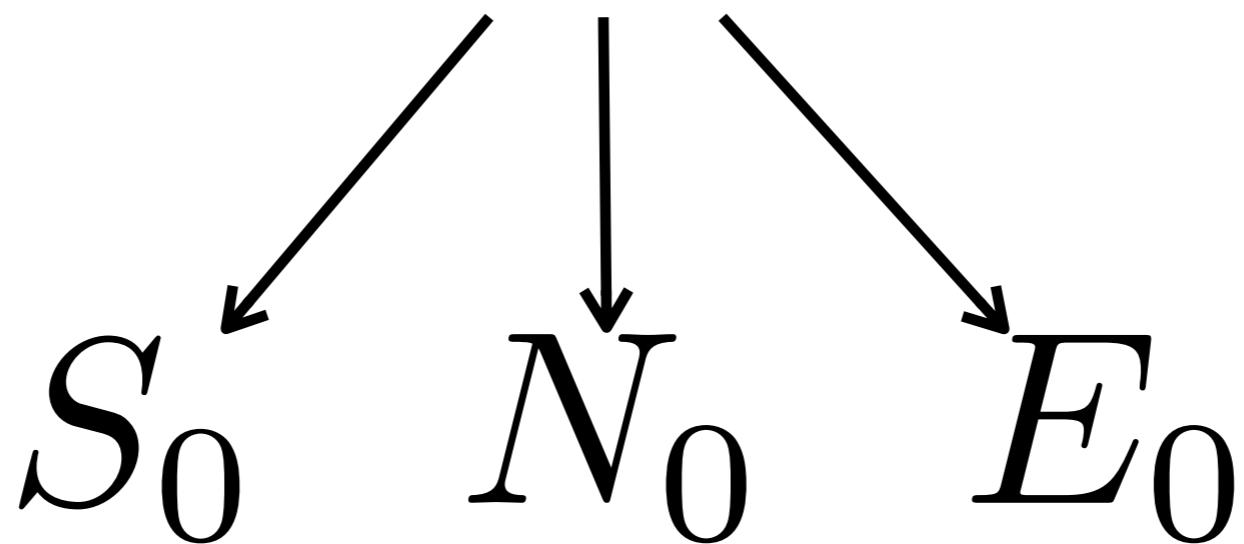
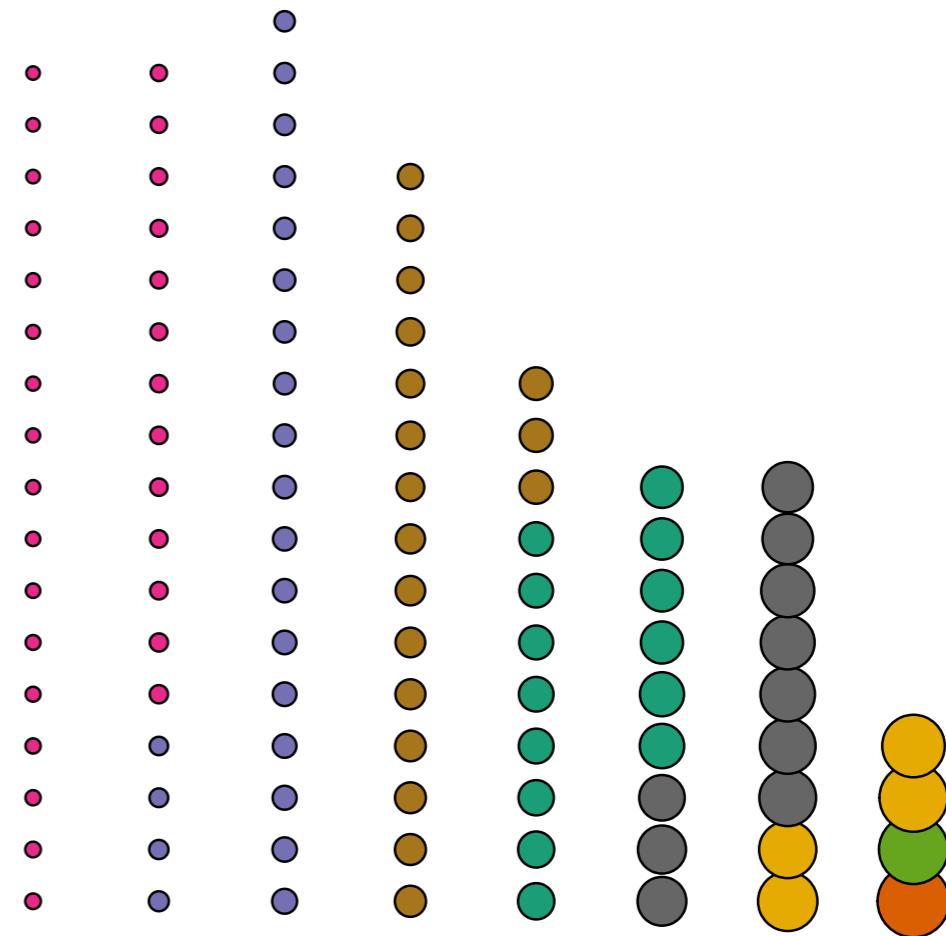
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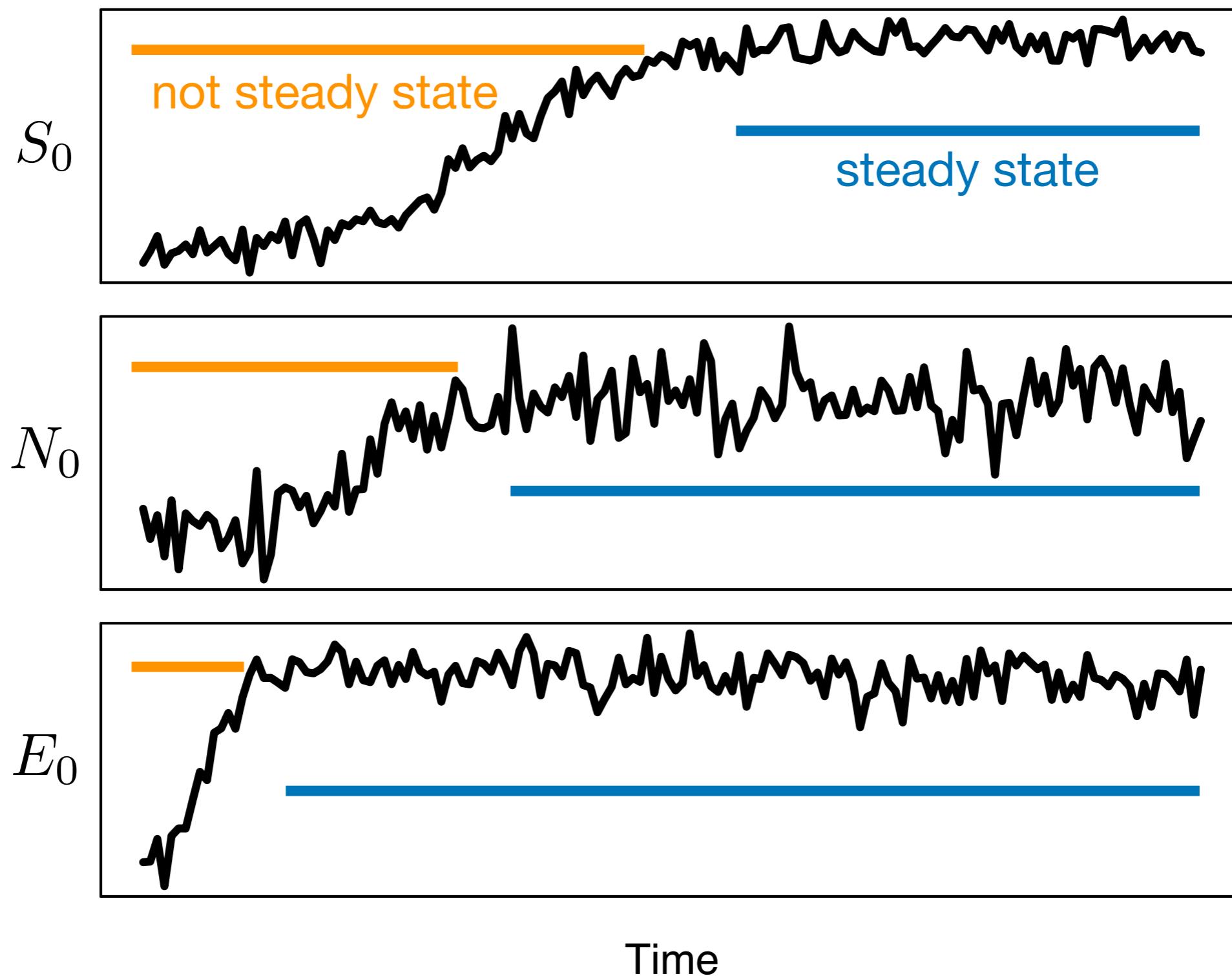


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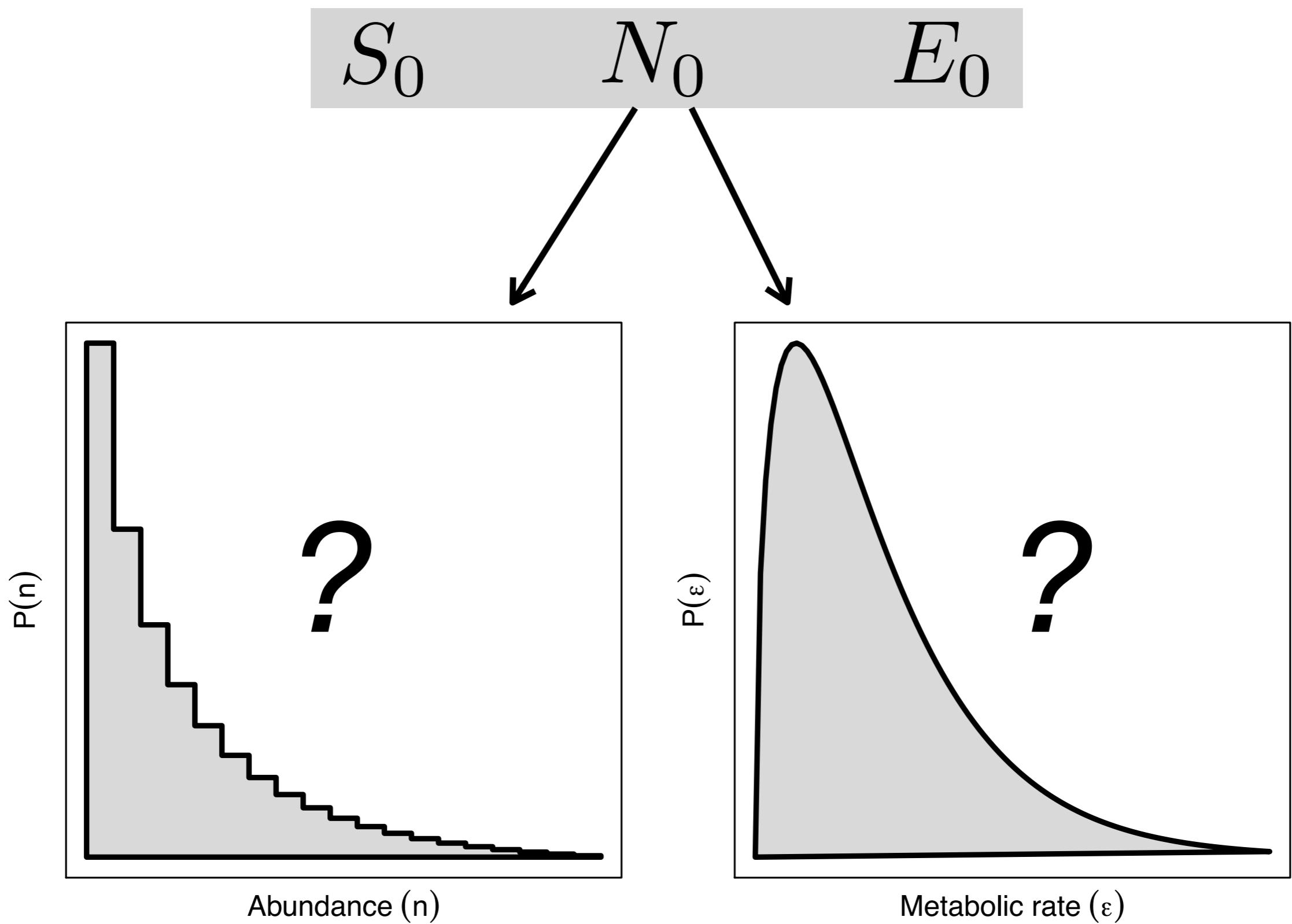


State Variables

# Steady state means stationary state variables



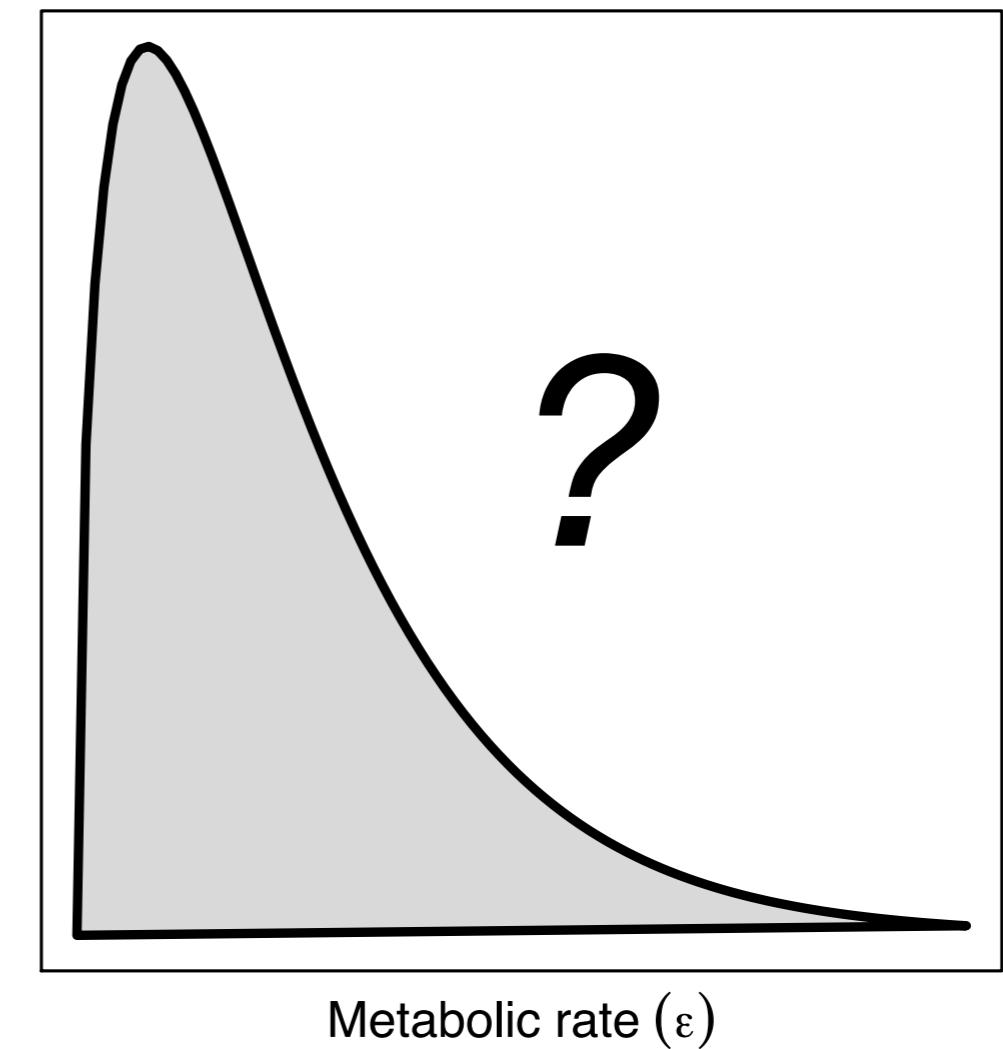
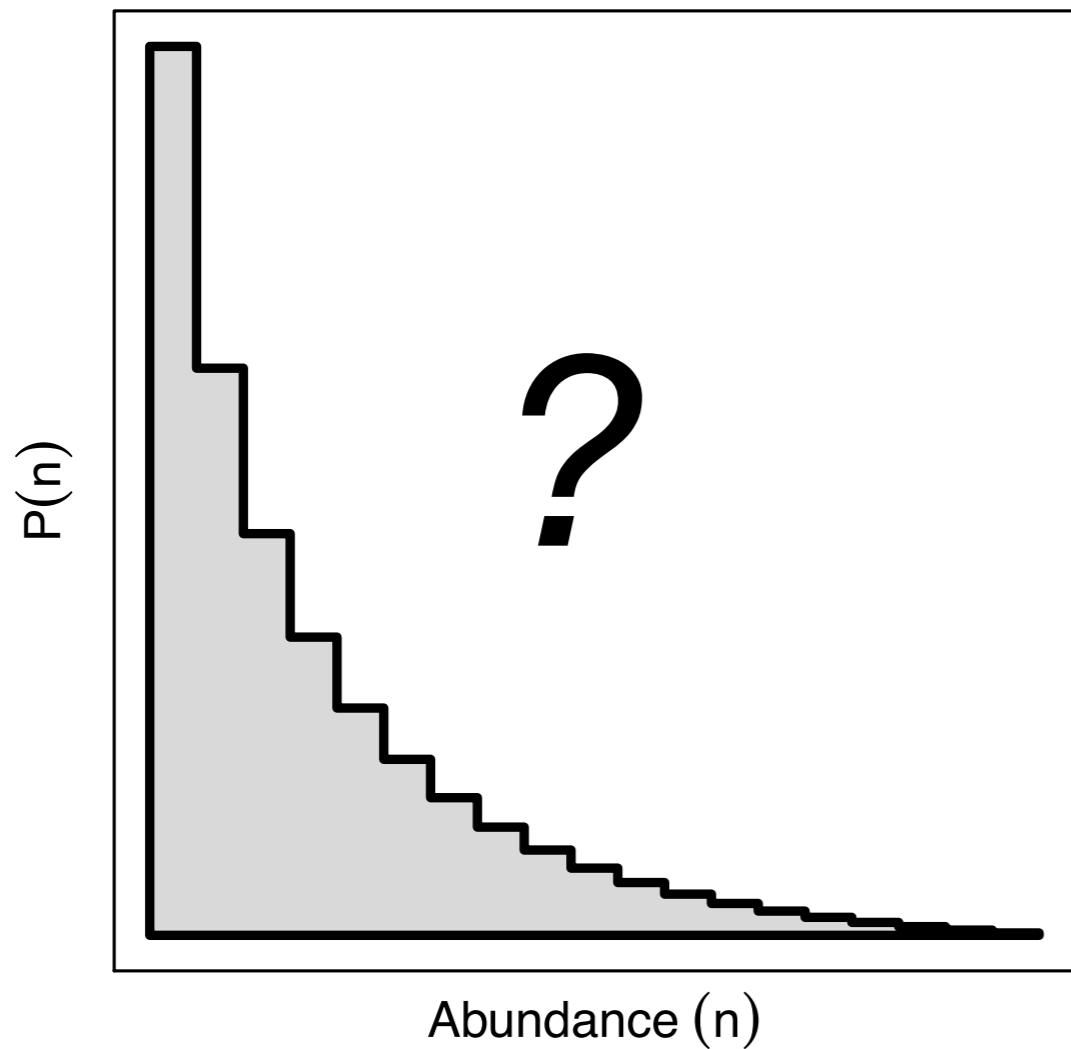
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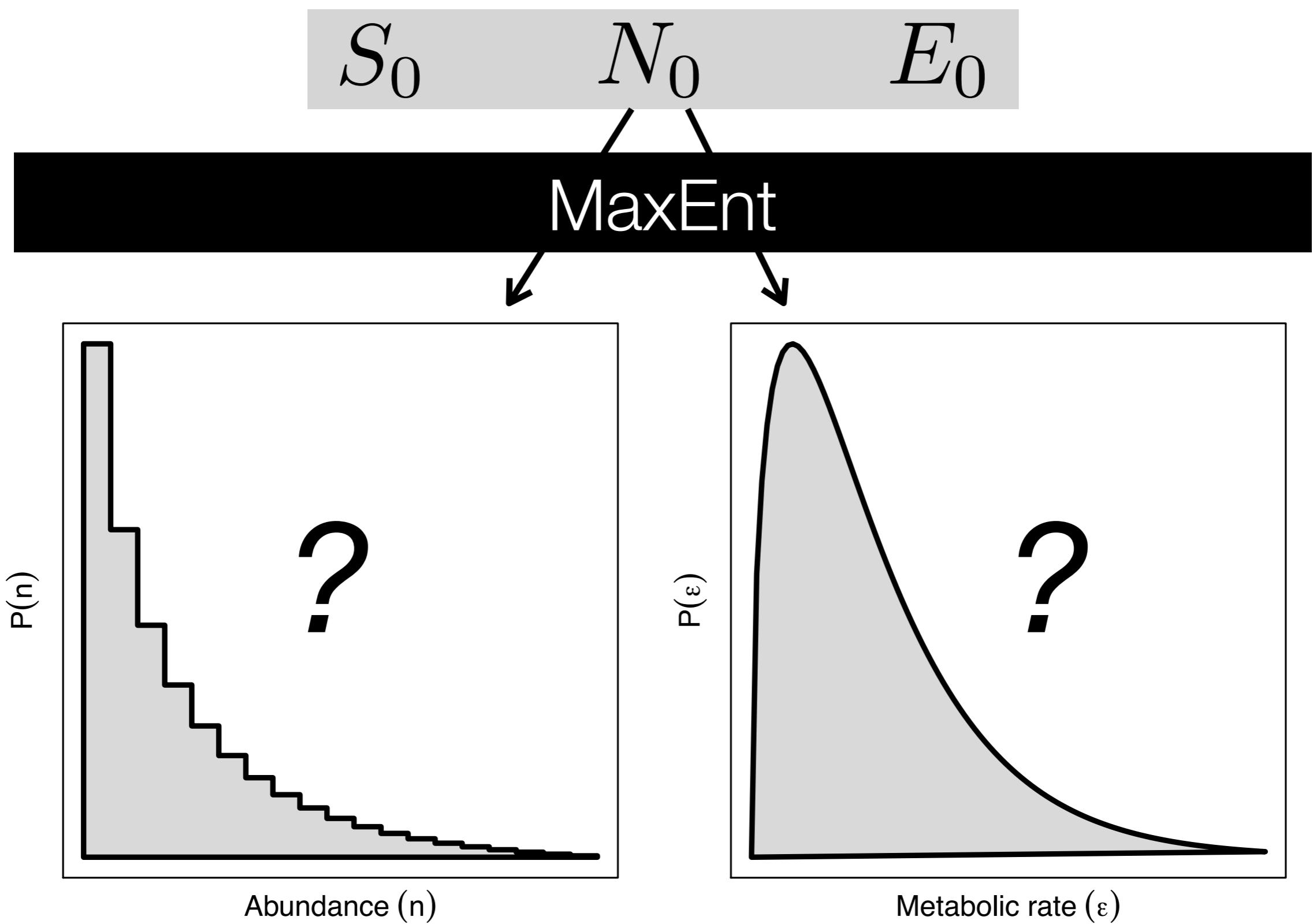
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Principle of Maximum Information Entropy



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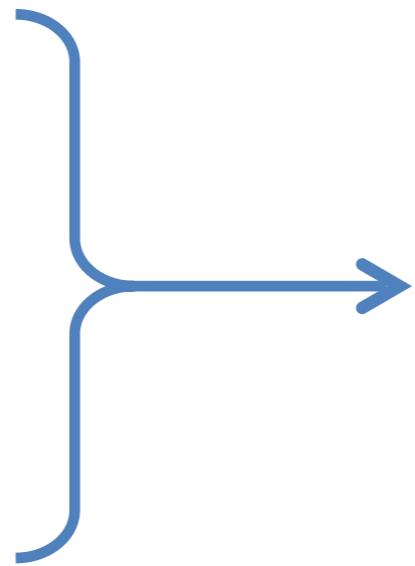


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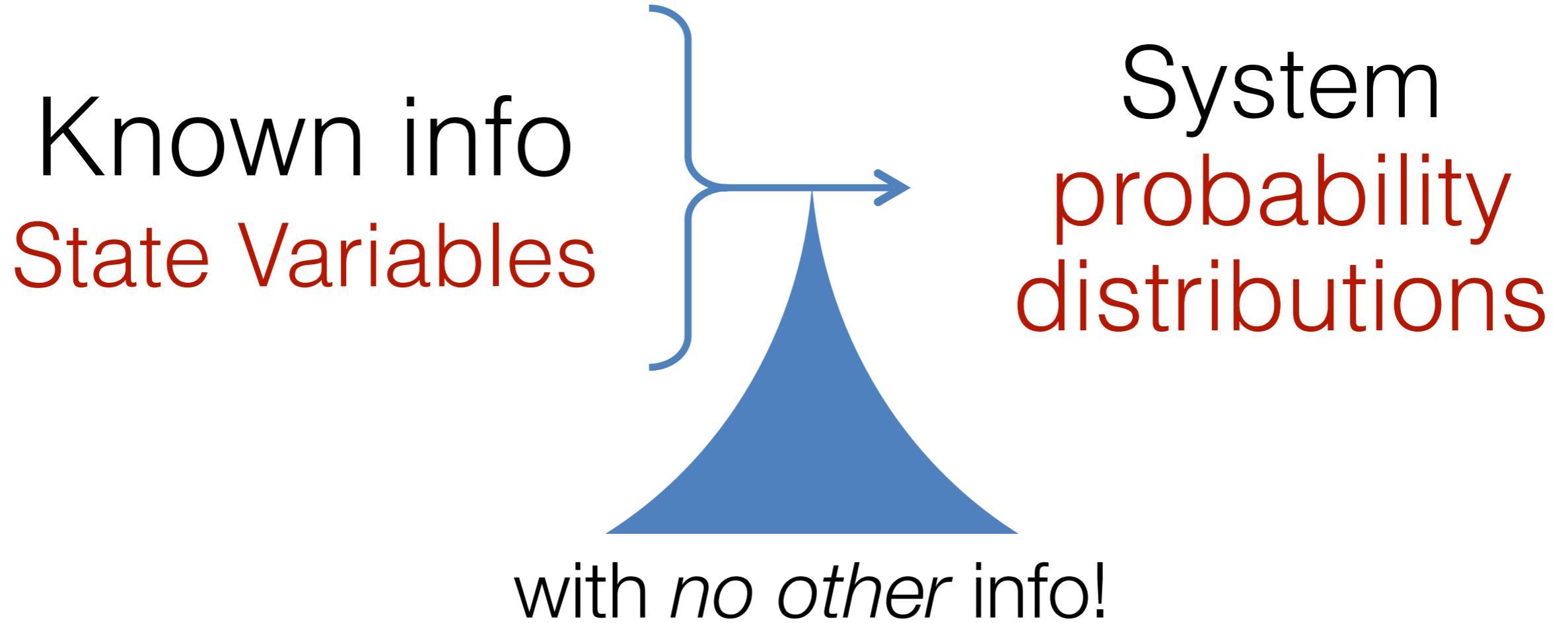
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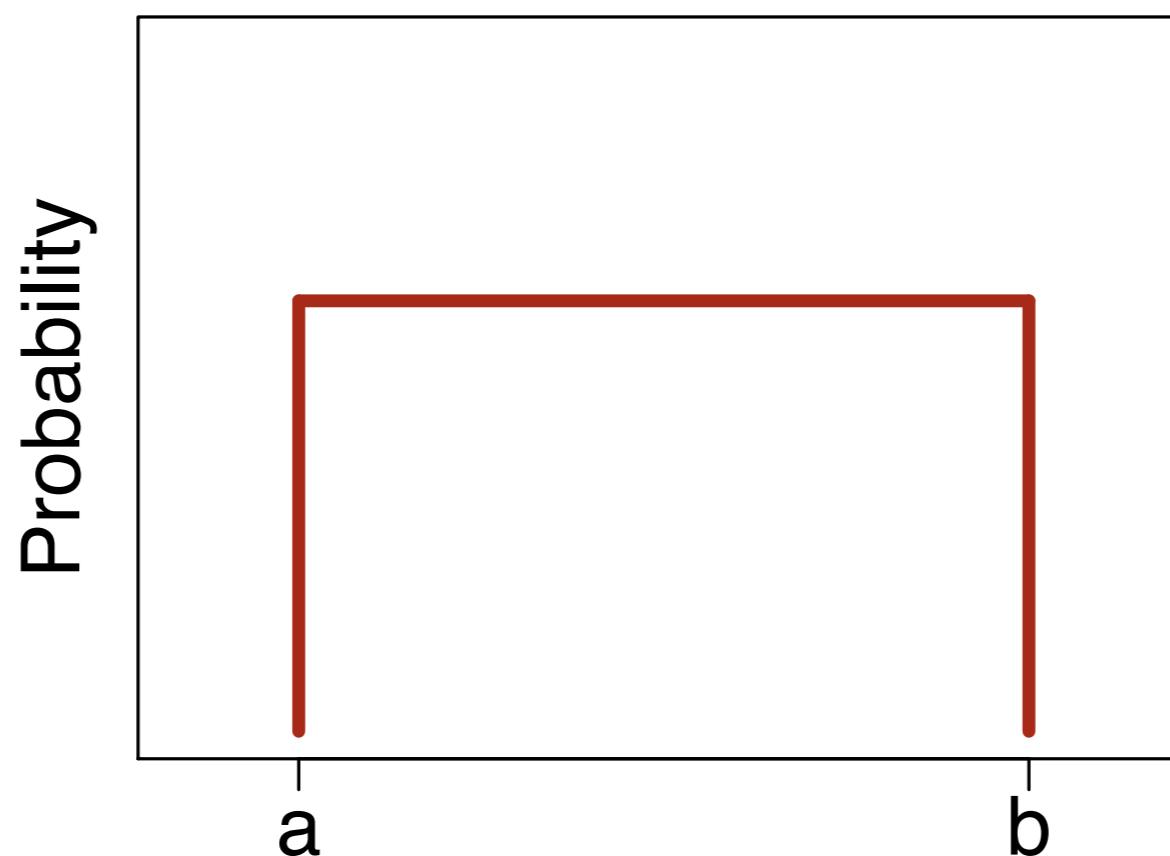
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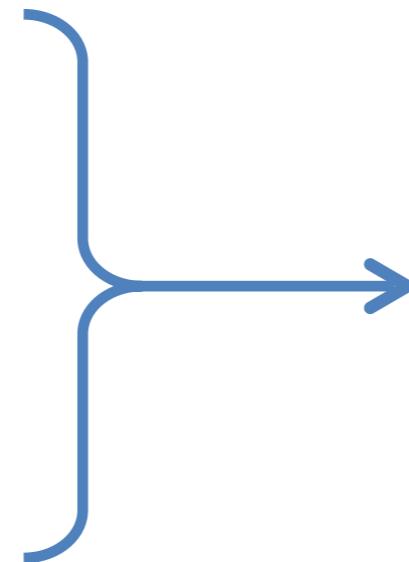
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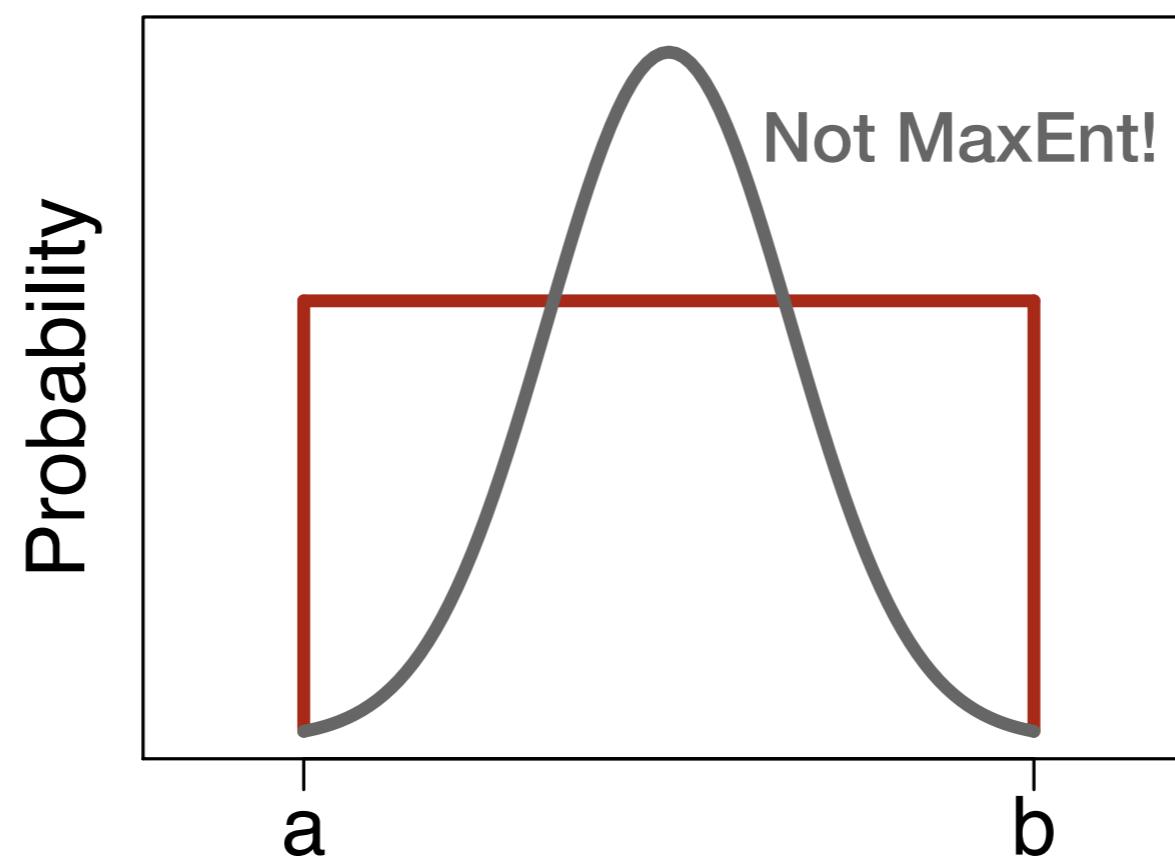


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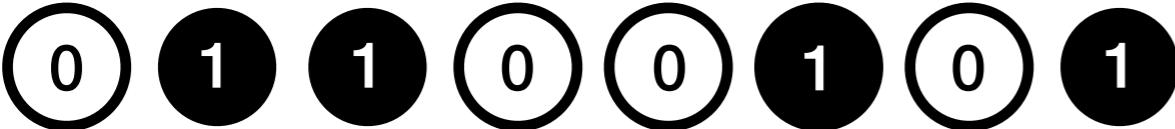
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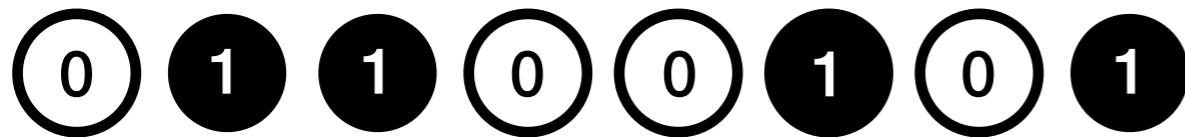
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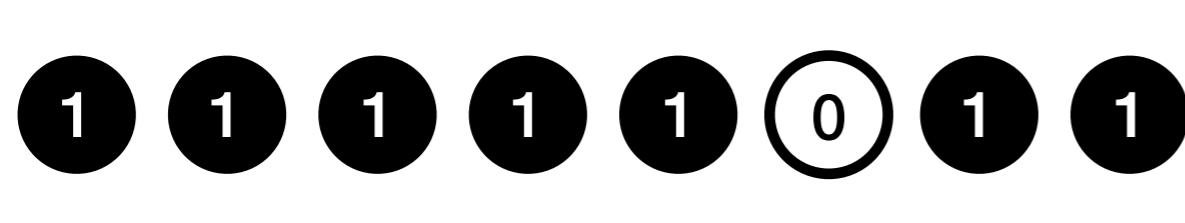
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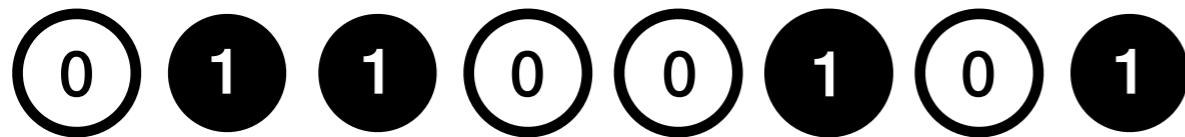
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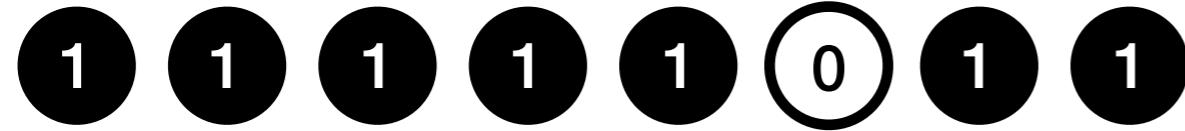
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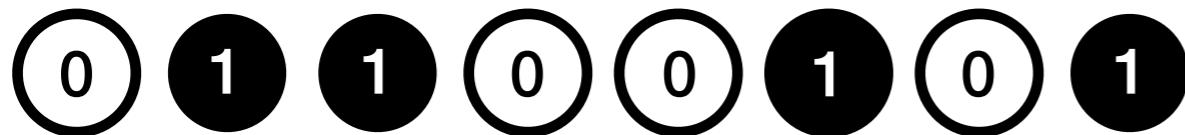
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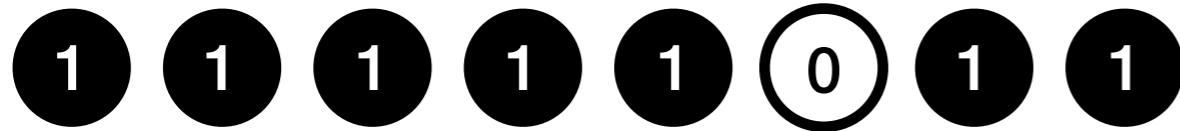
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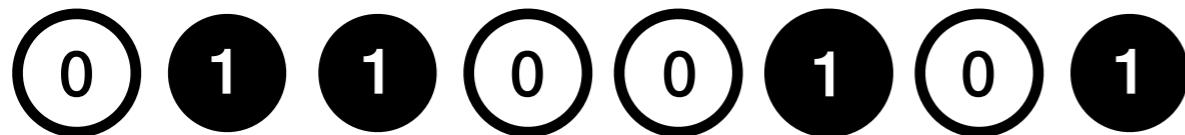
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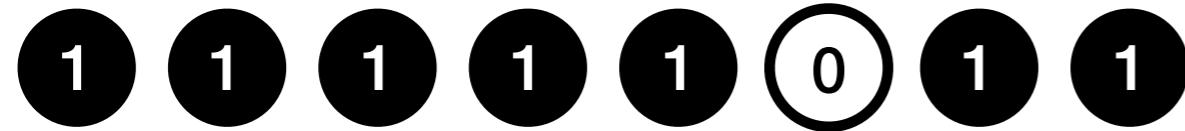
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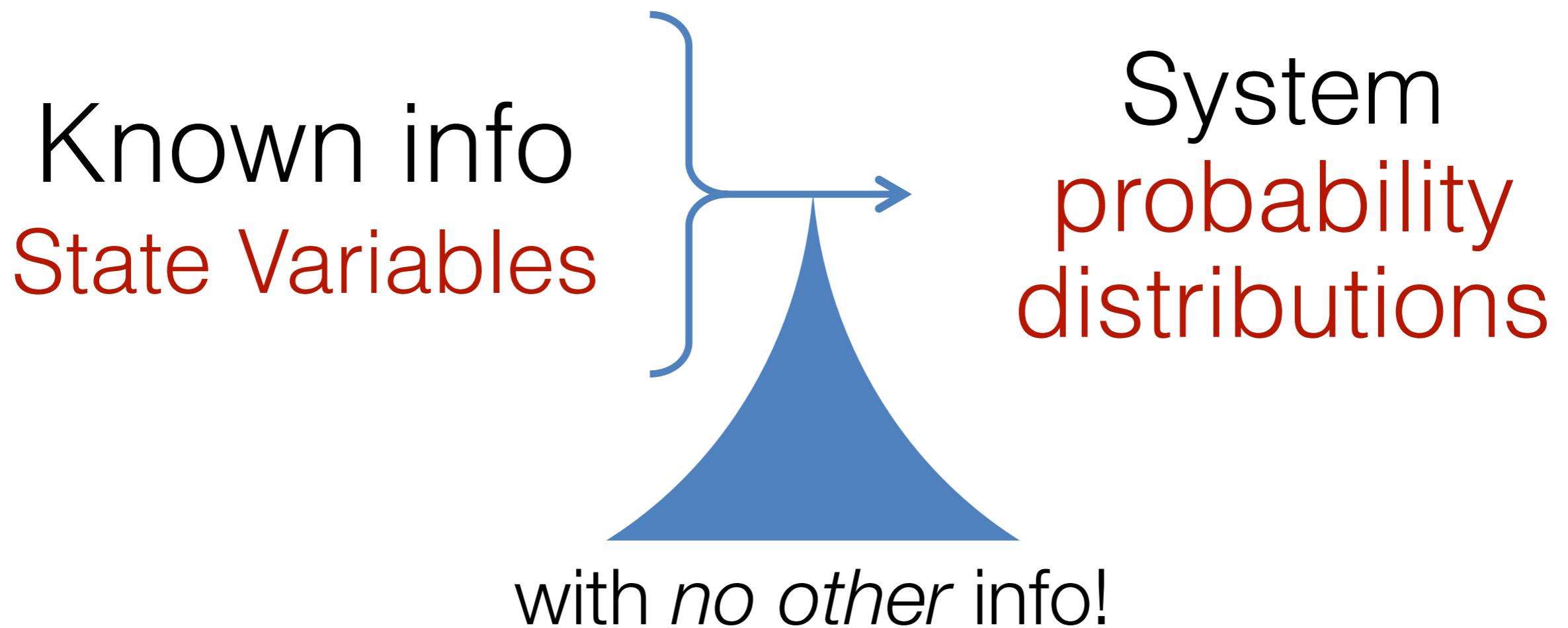
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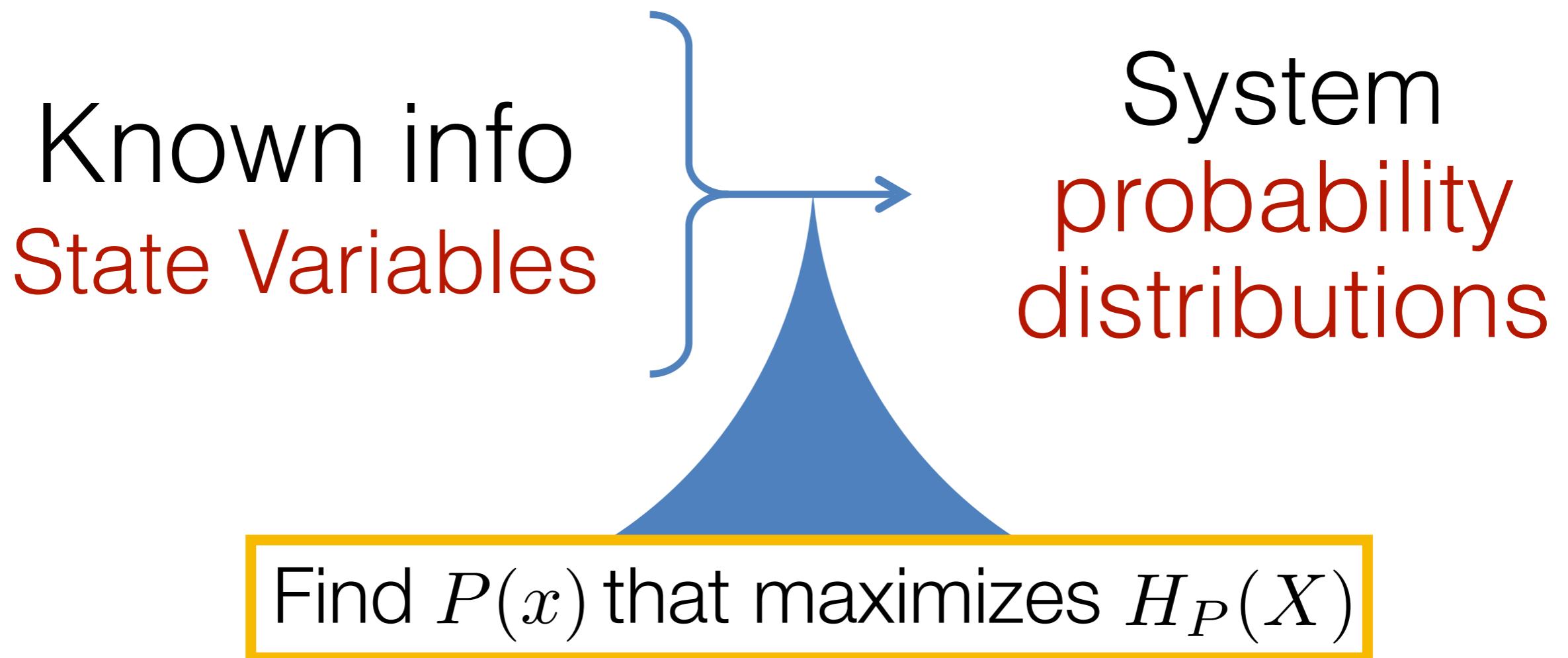
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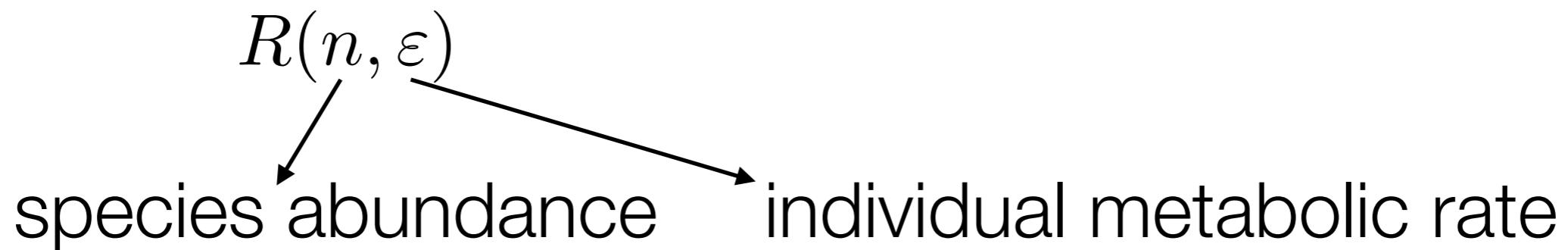
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Giving:  $\frac{N_0}{S_0} = \frac{1}{Z \lambda_2} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} e^{-n(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}$  and  $\lambda_2 = \frac{S_0}{E_0 - N_0}$

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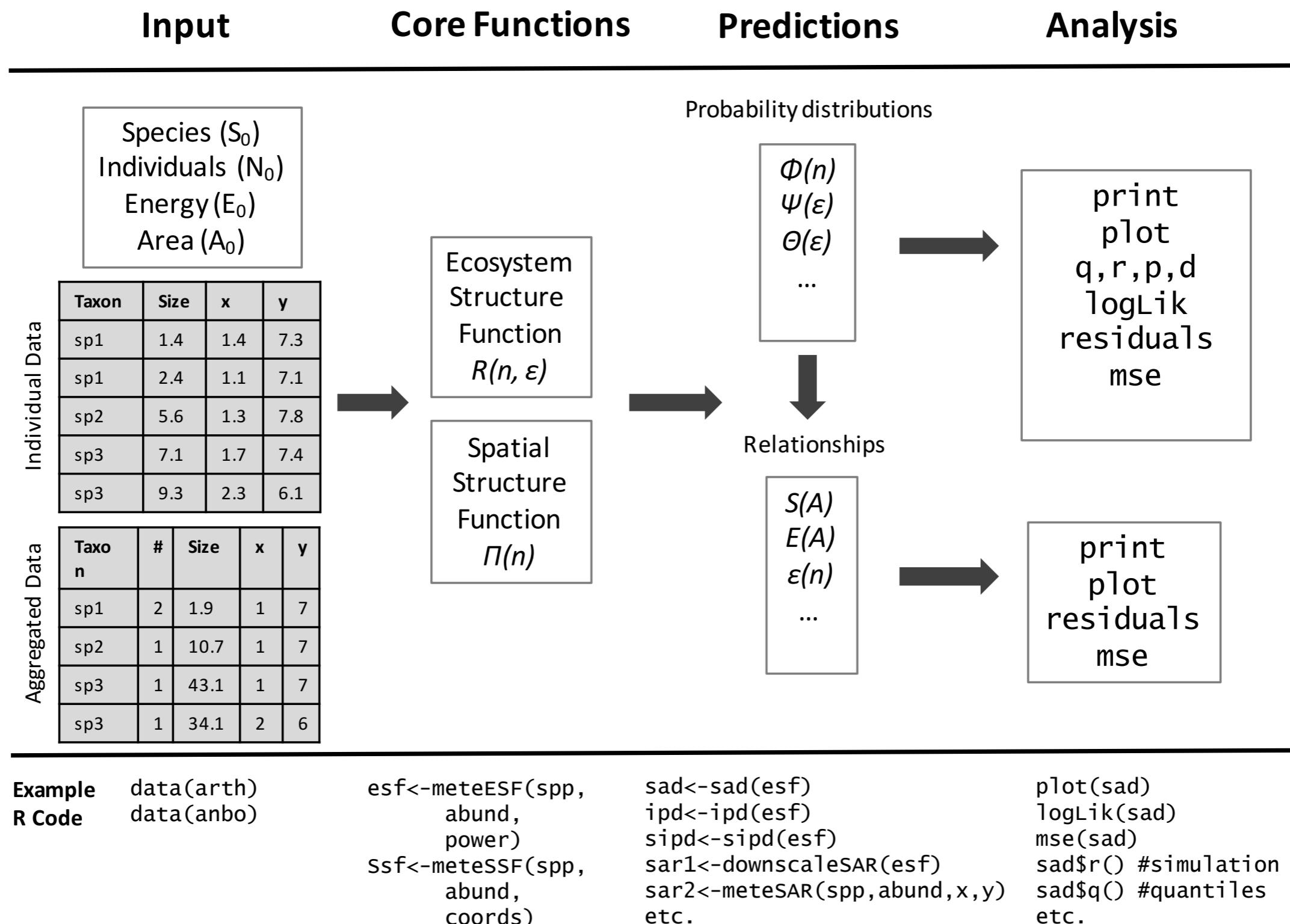
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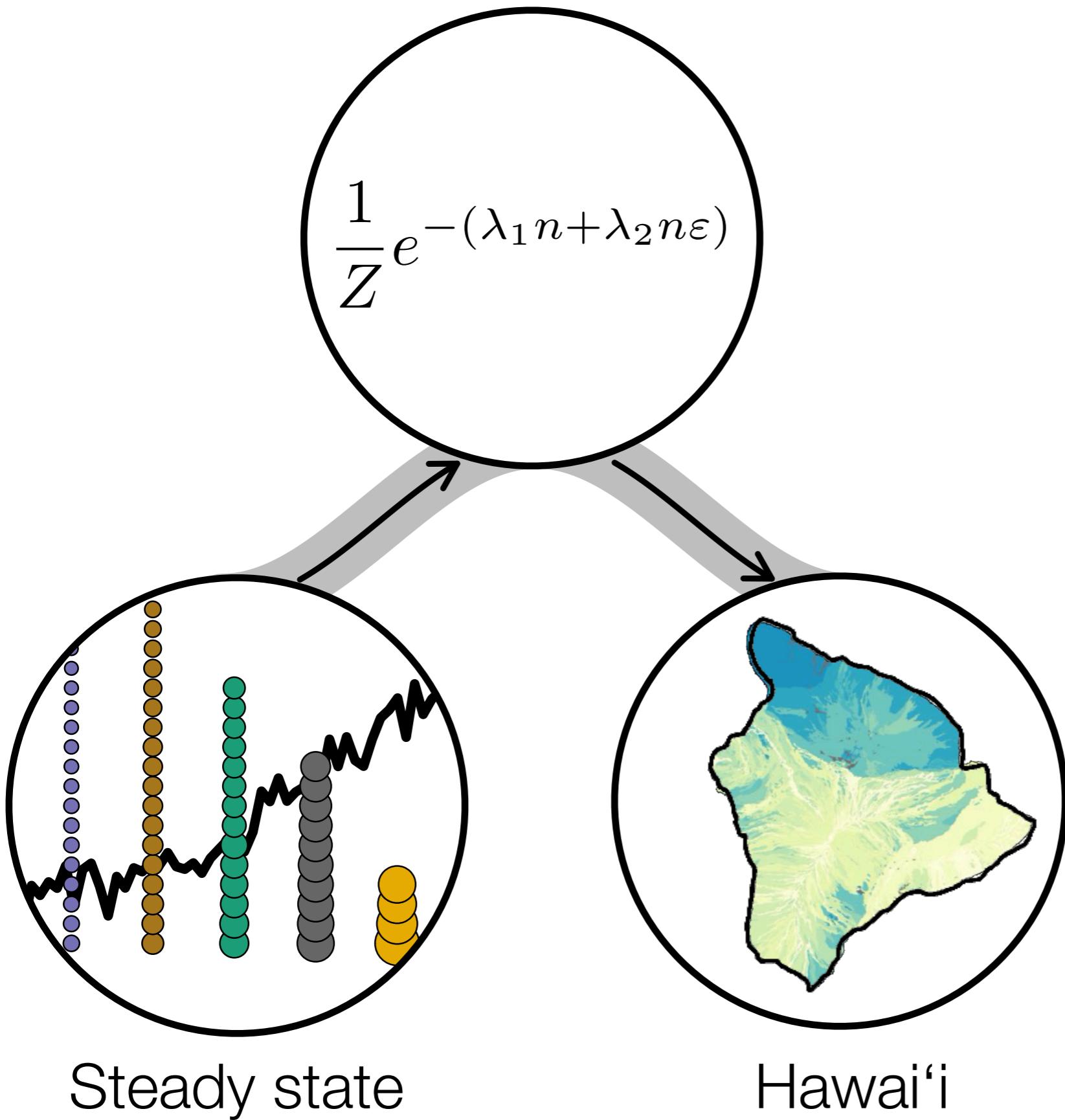
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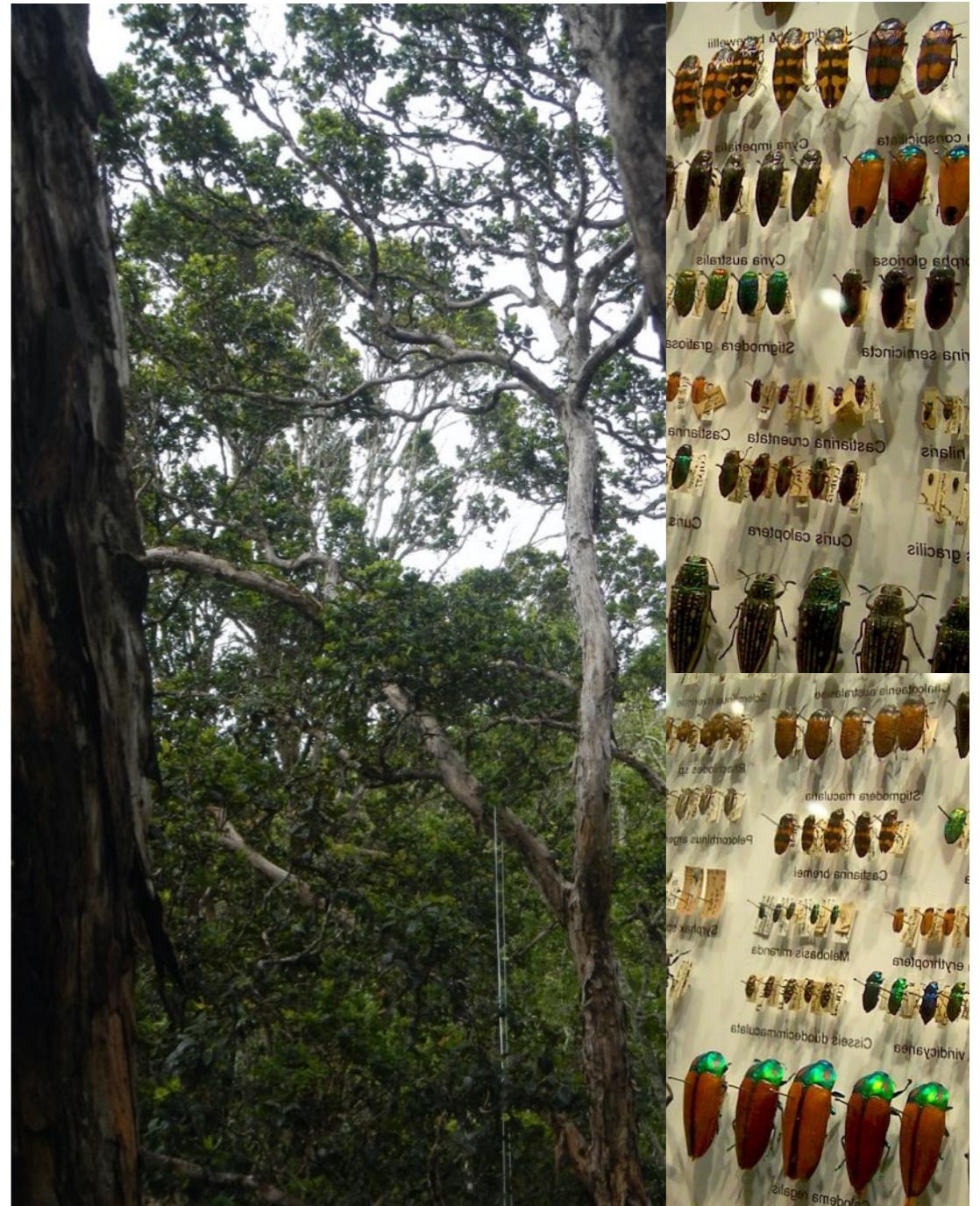
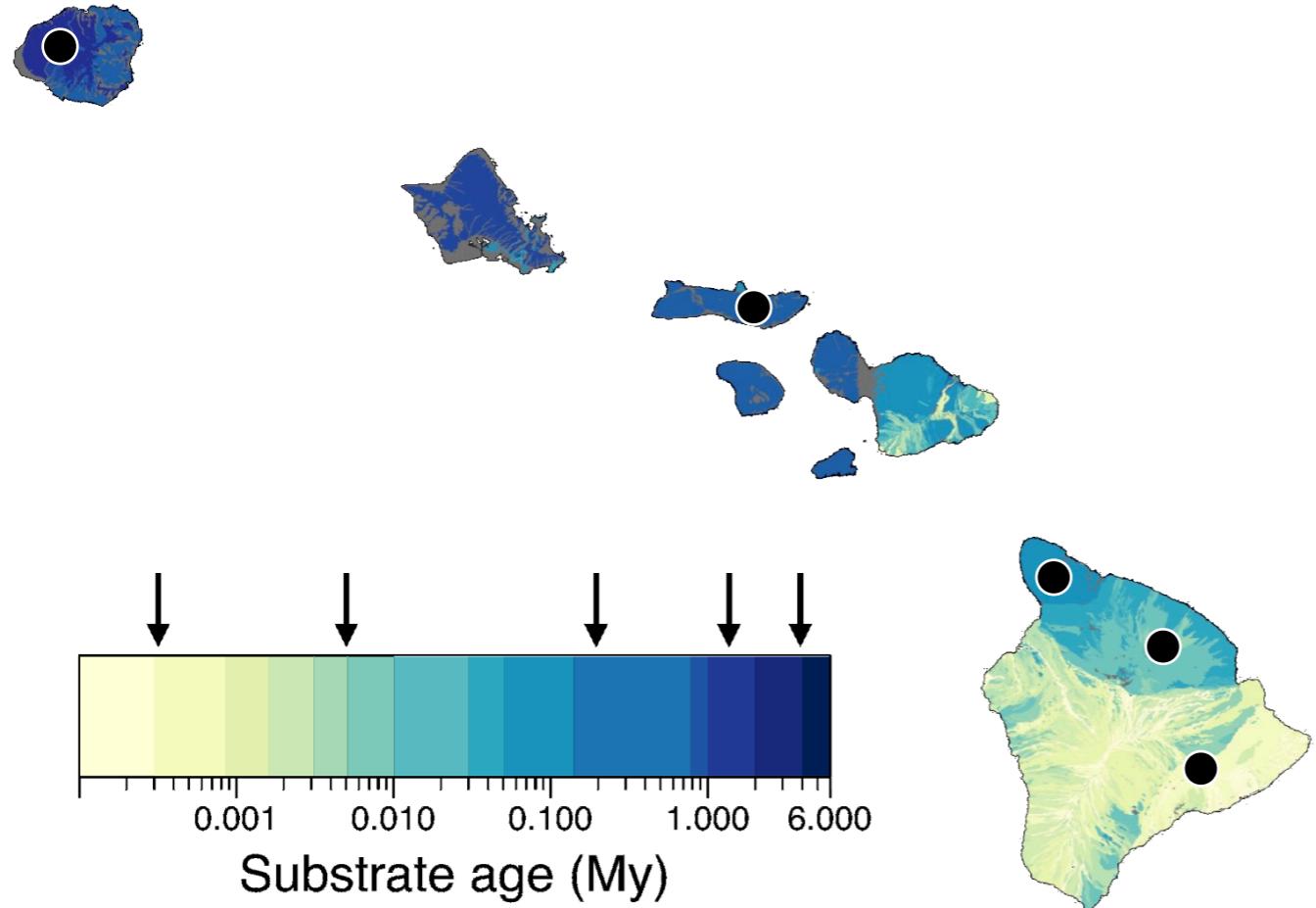
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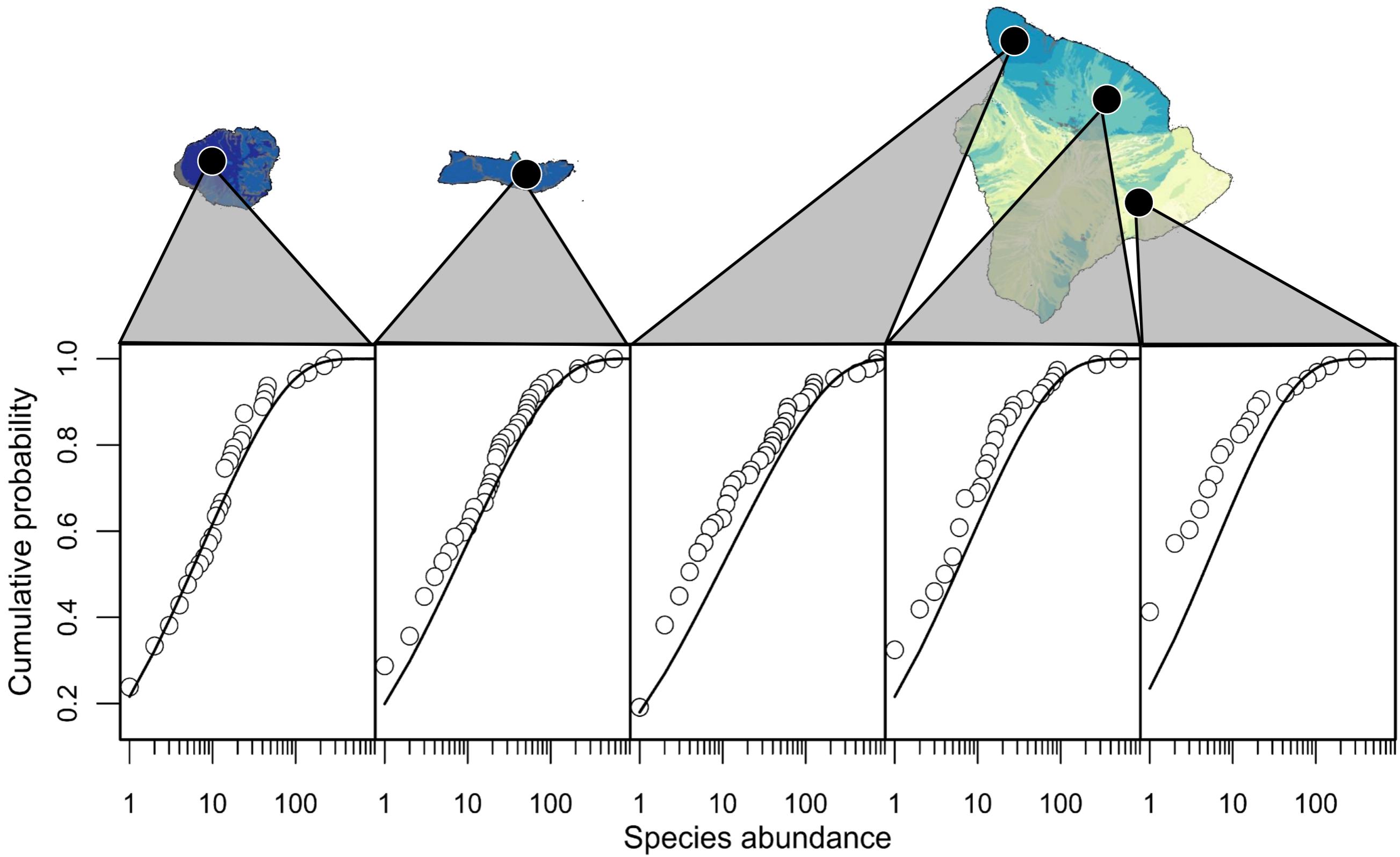
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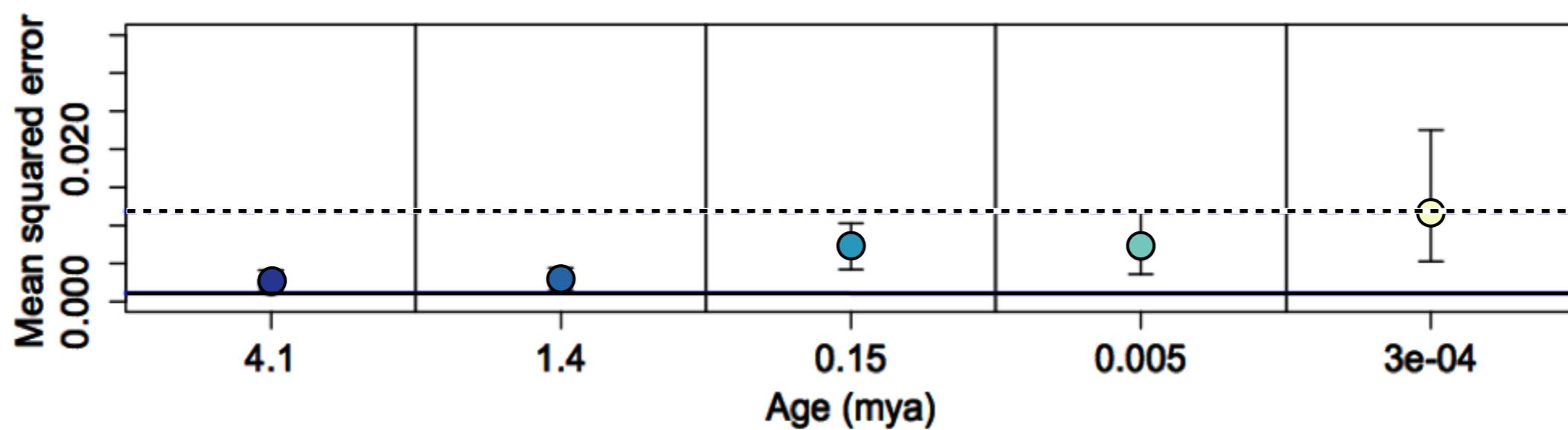
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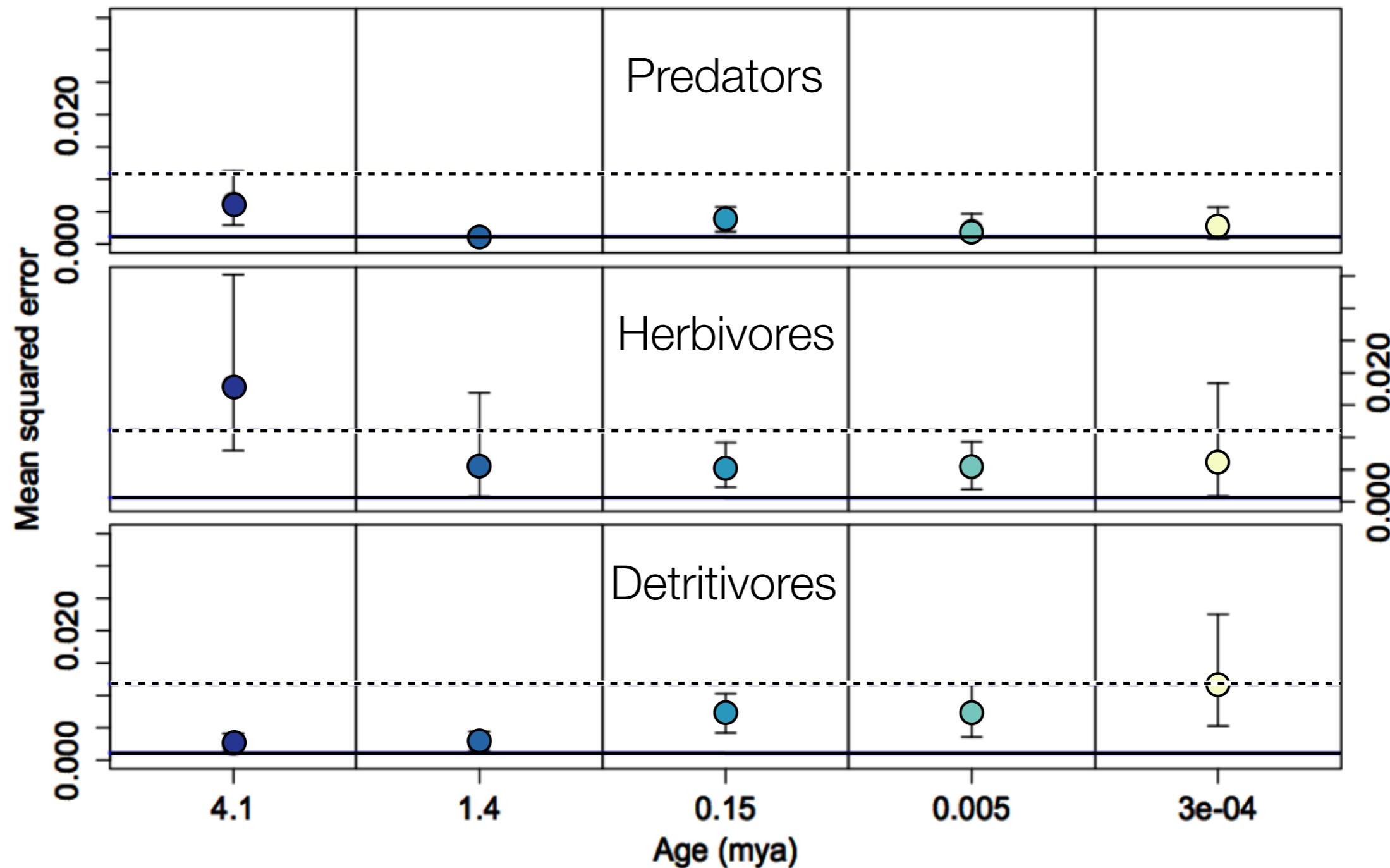
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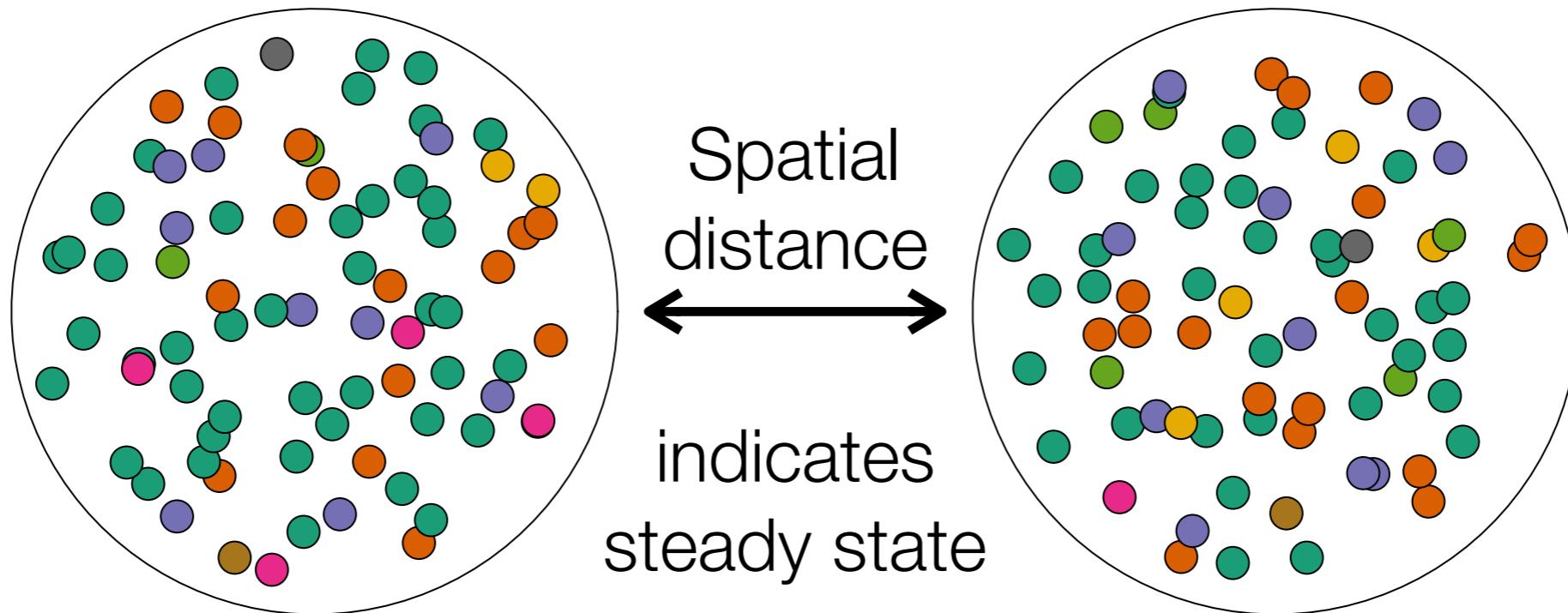
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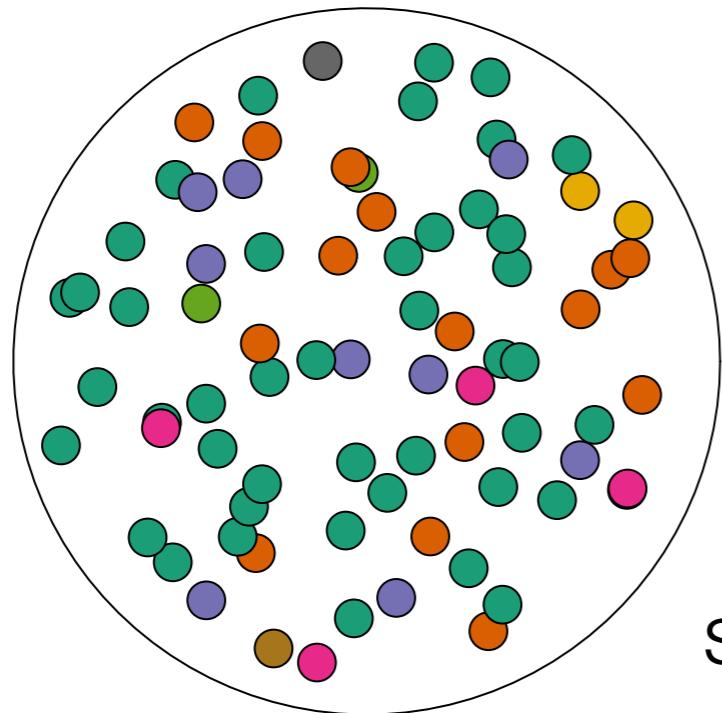
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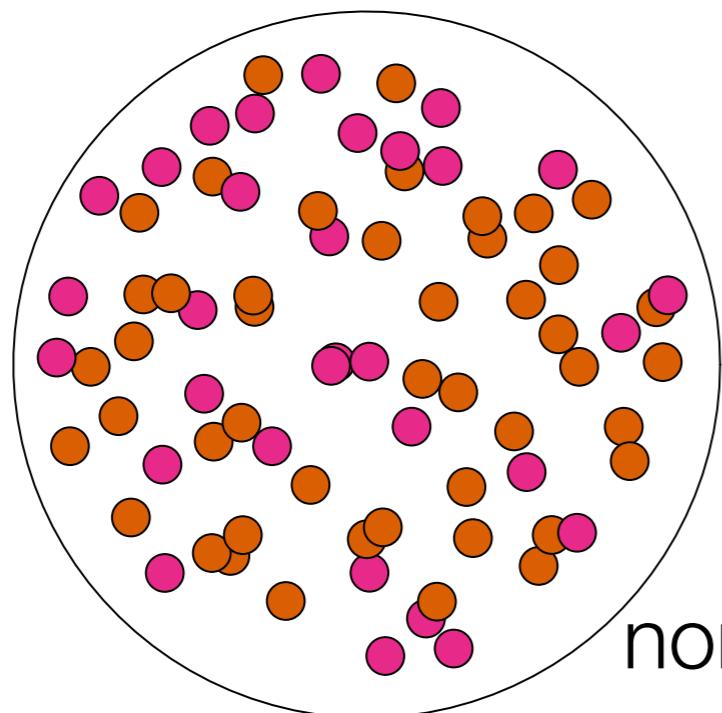
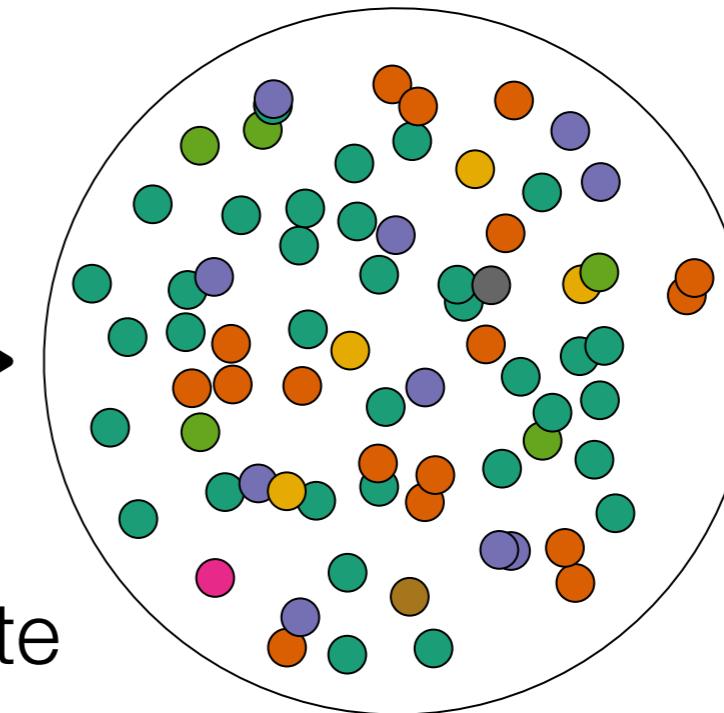
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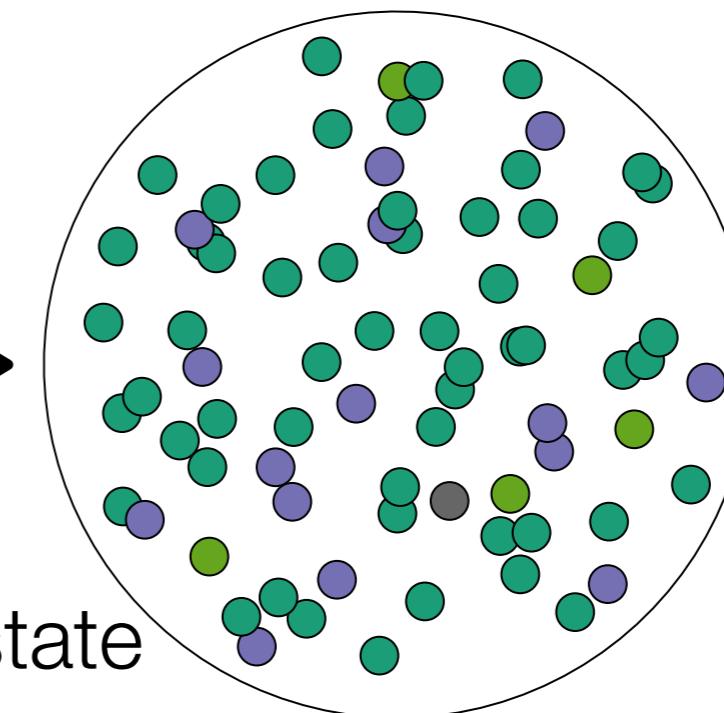
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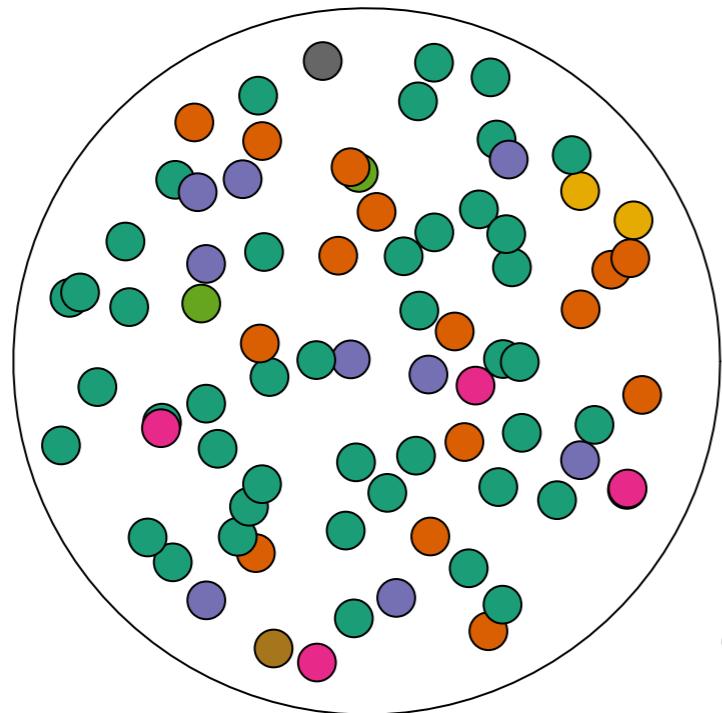
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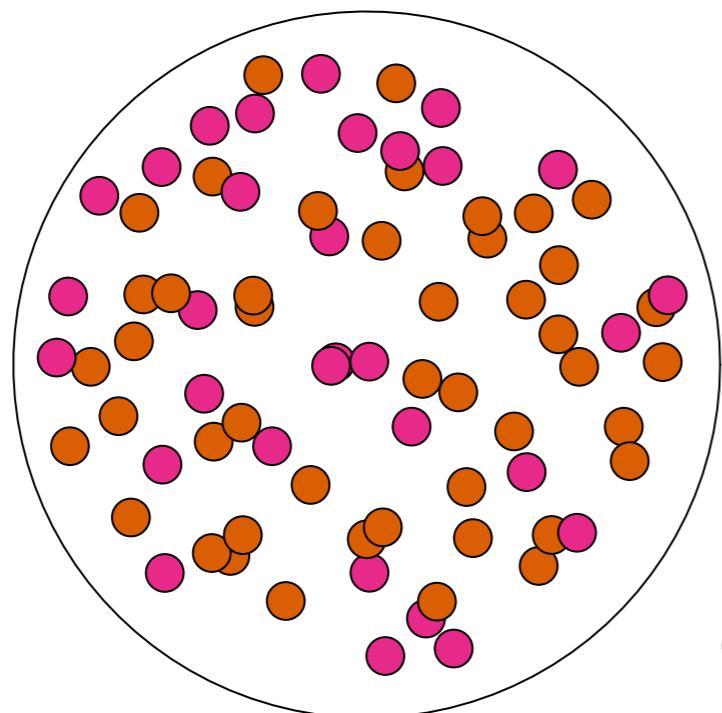
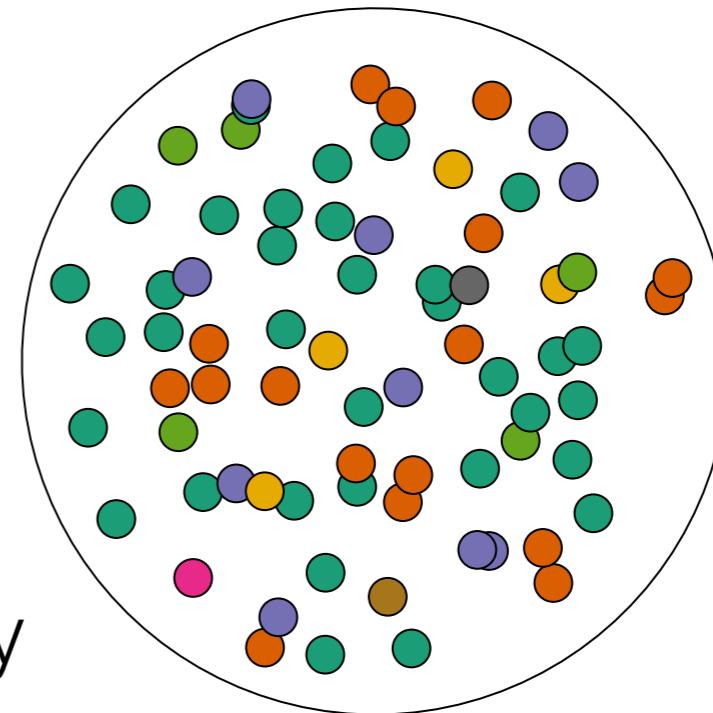
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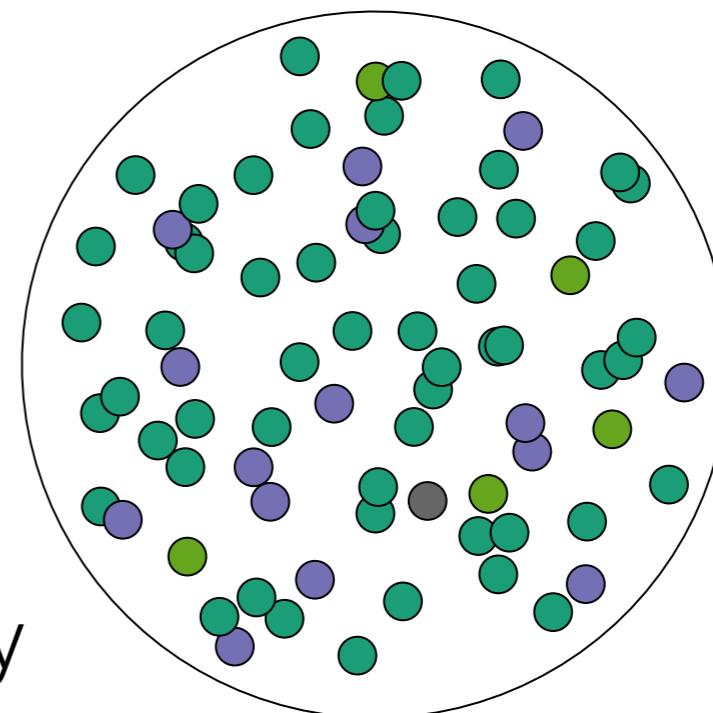
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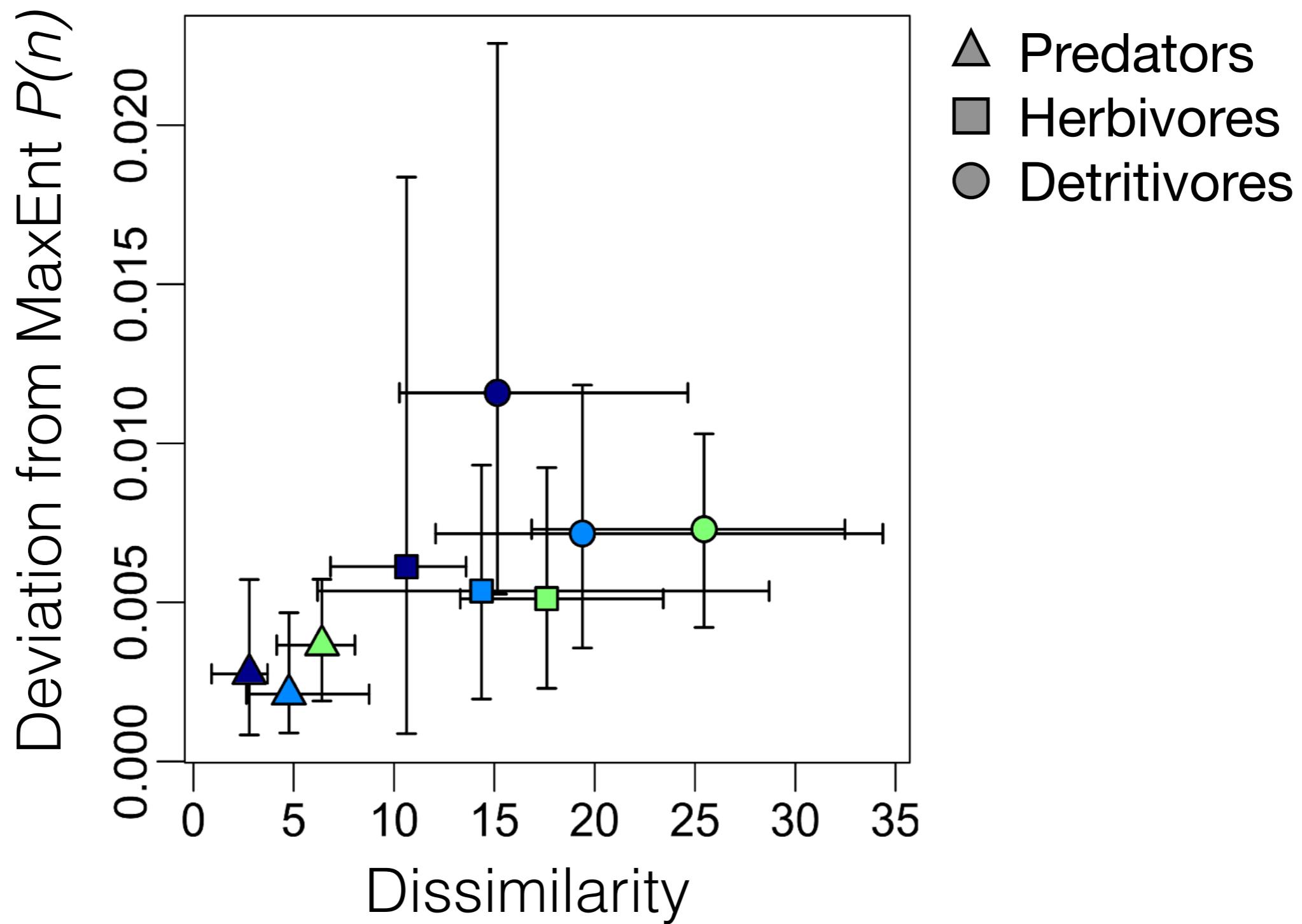


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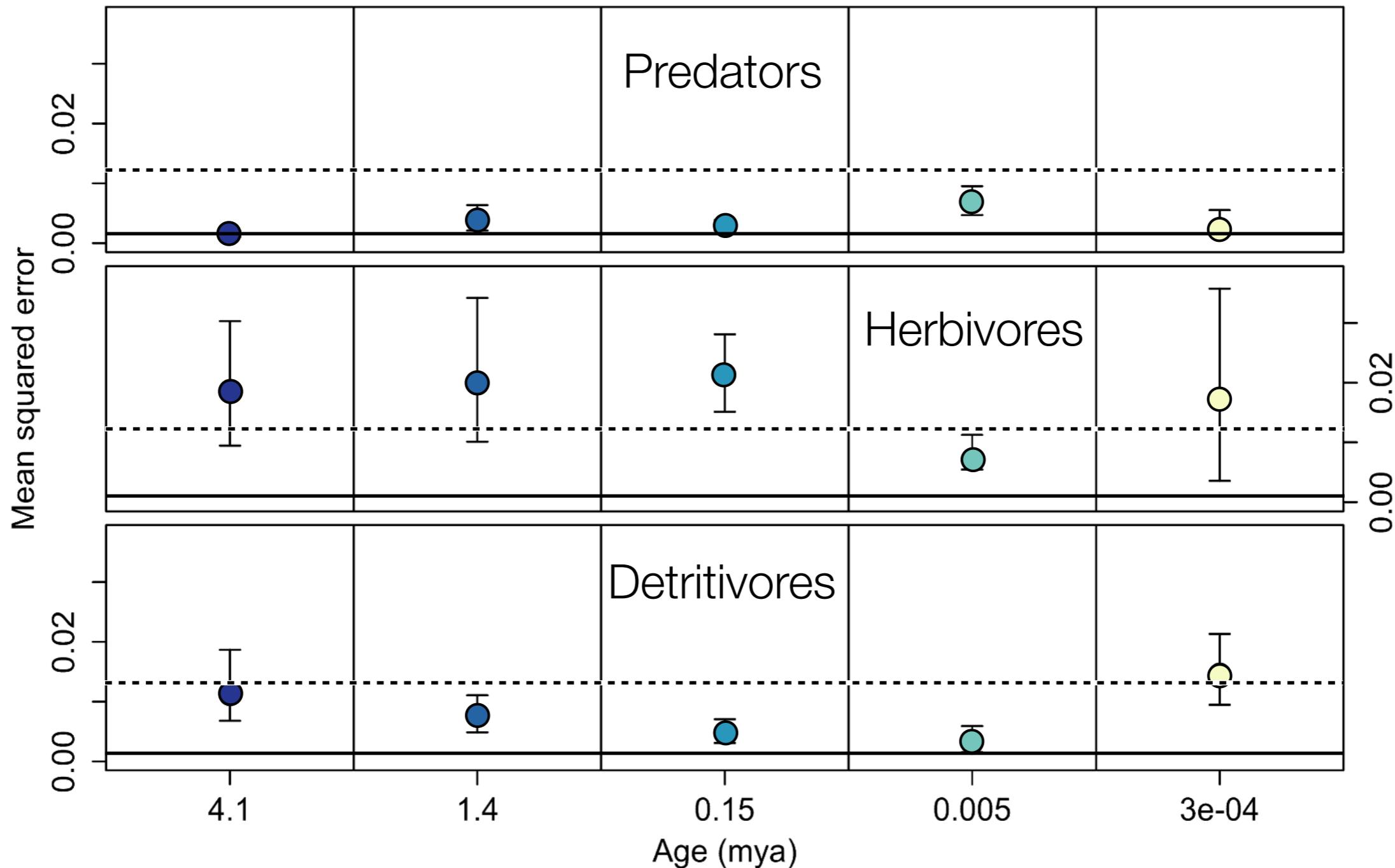


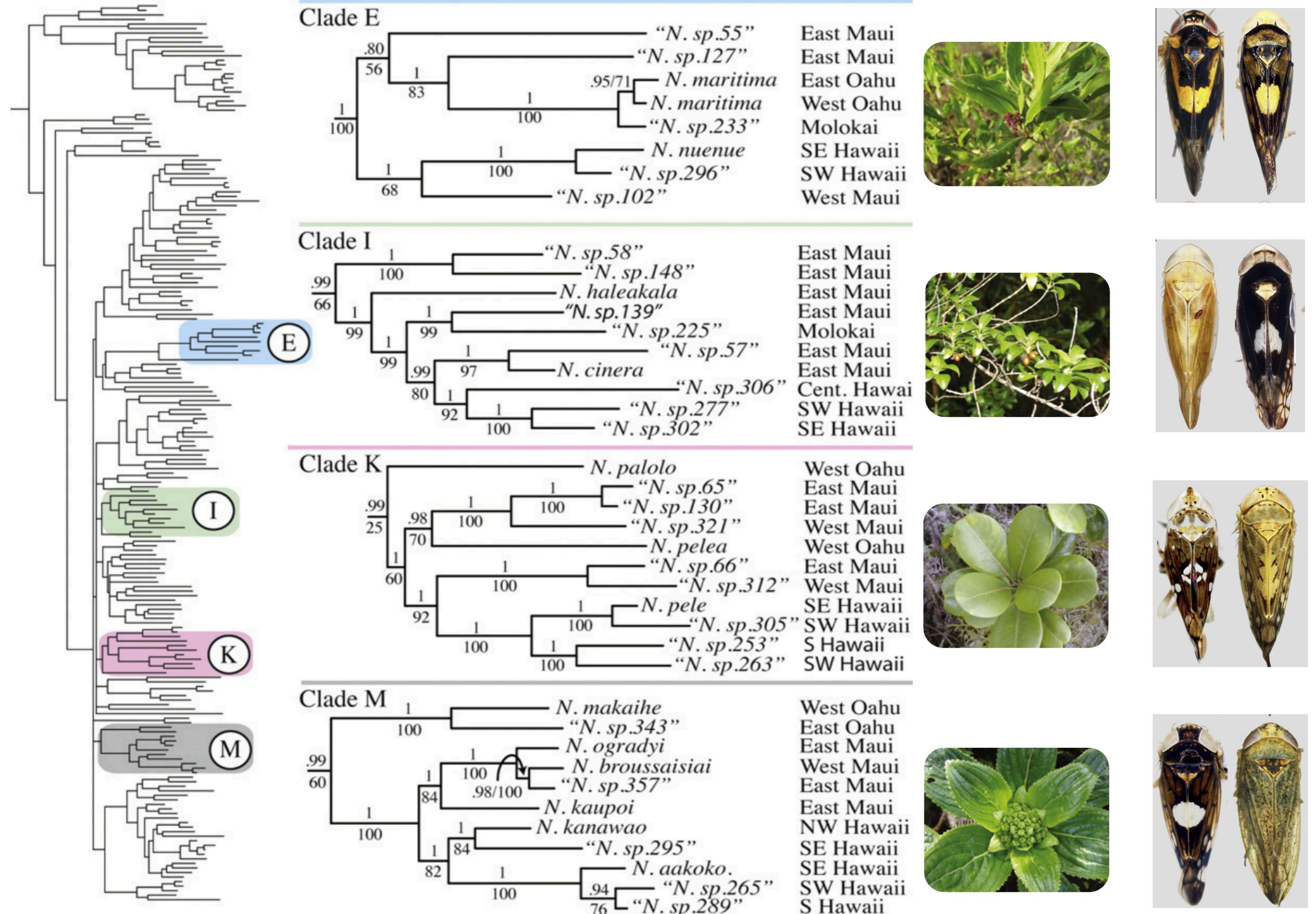
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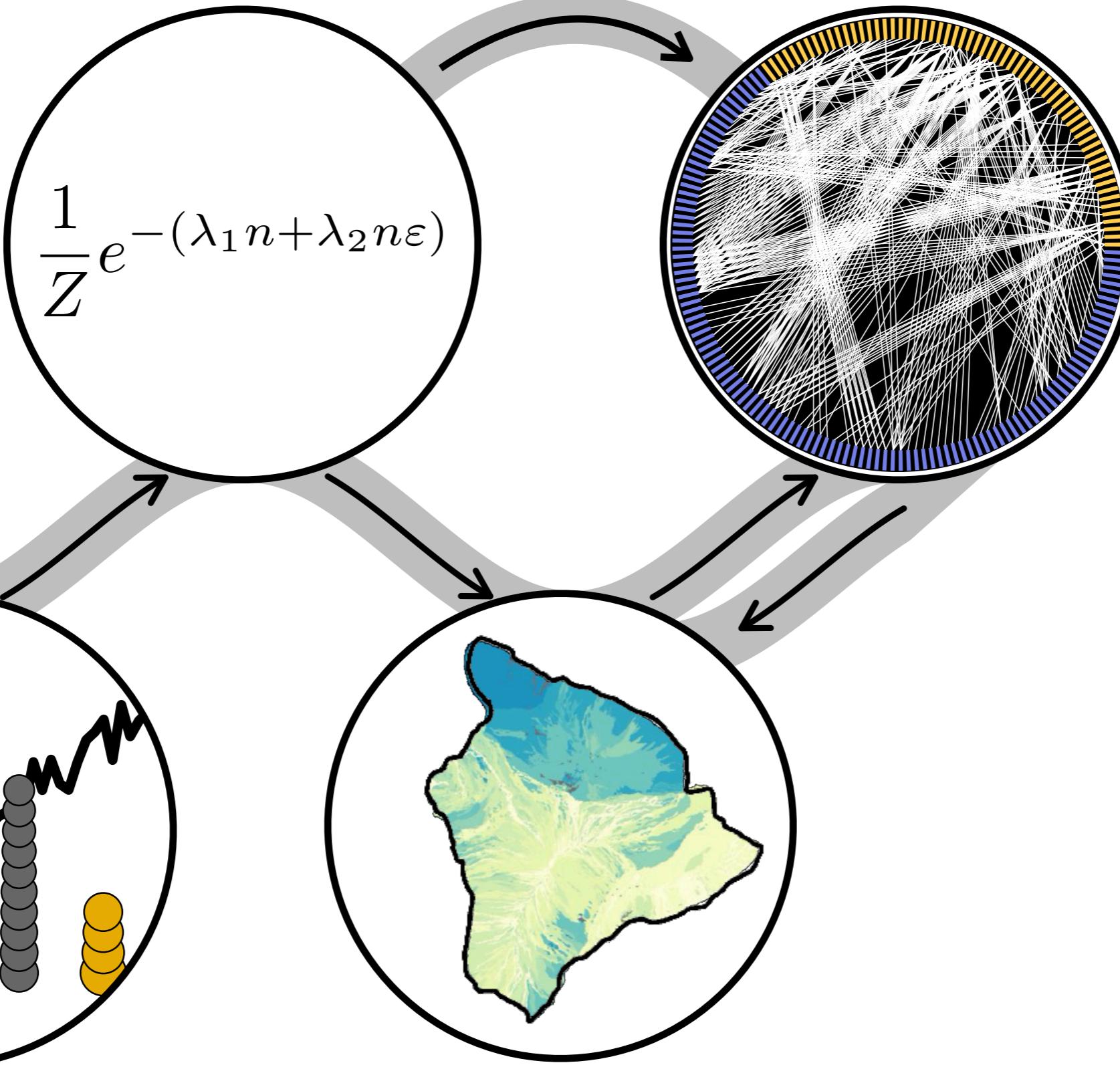
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MaxEnt

Networks



Steady state

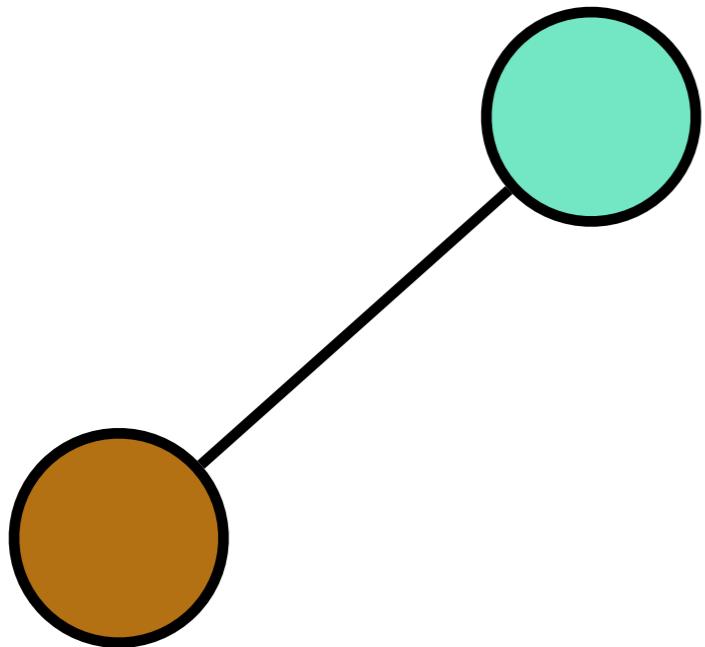
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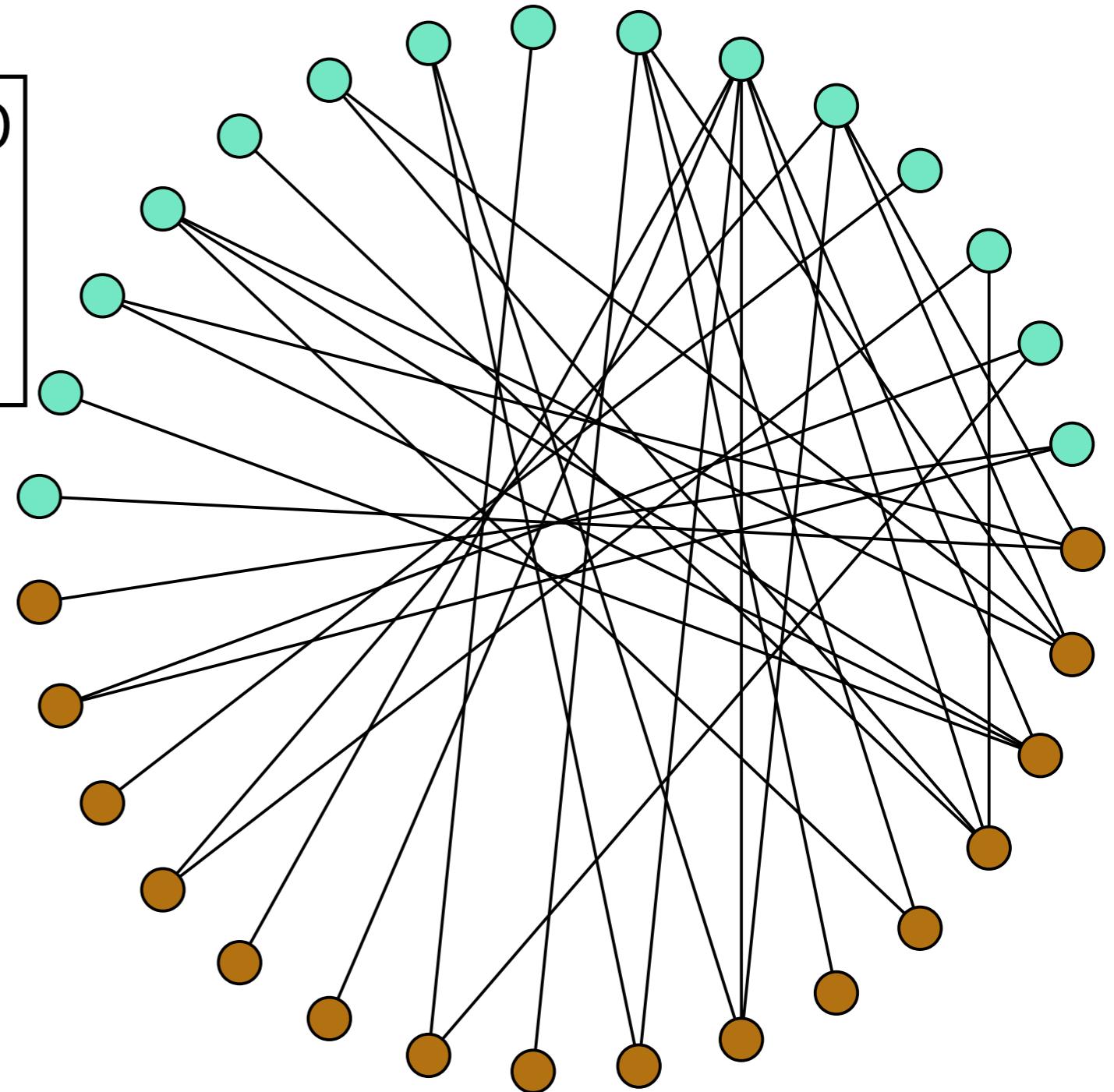
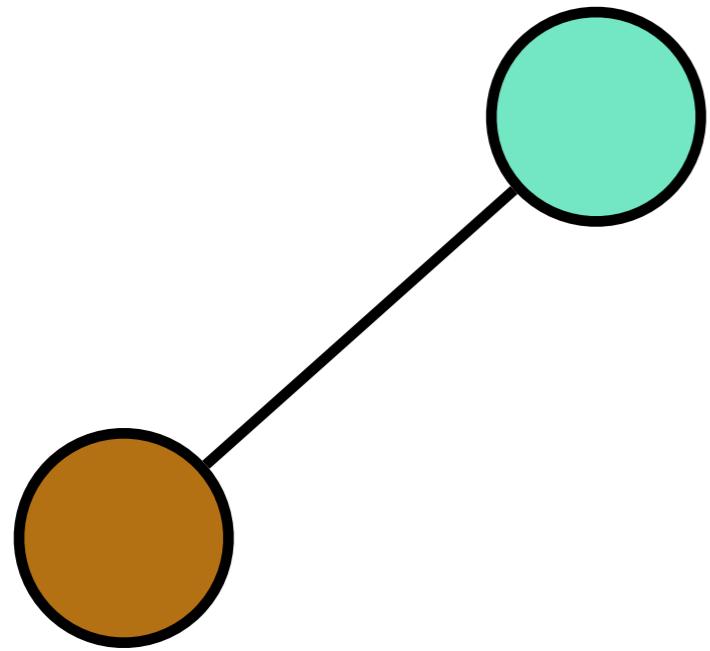
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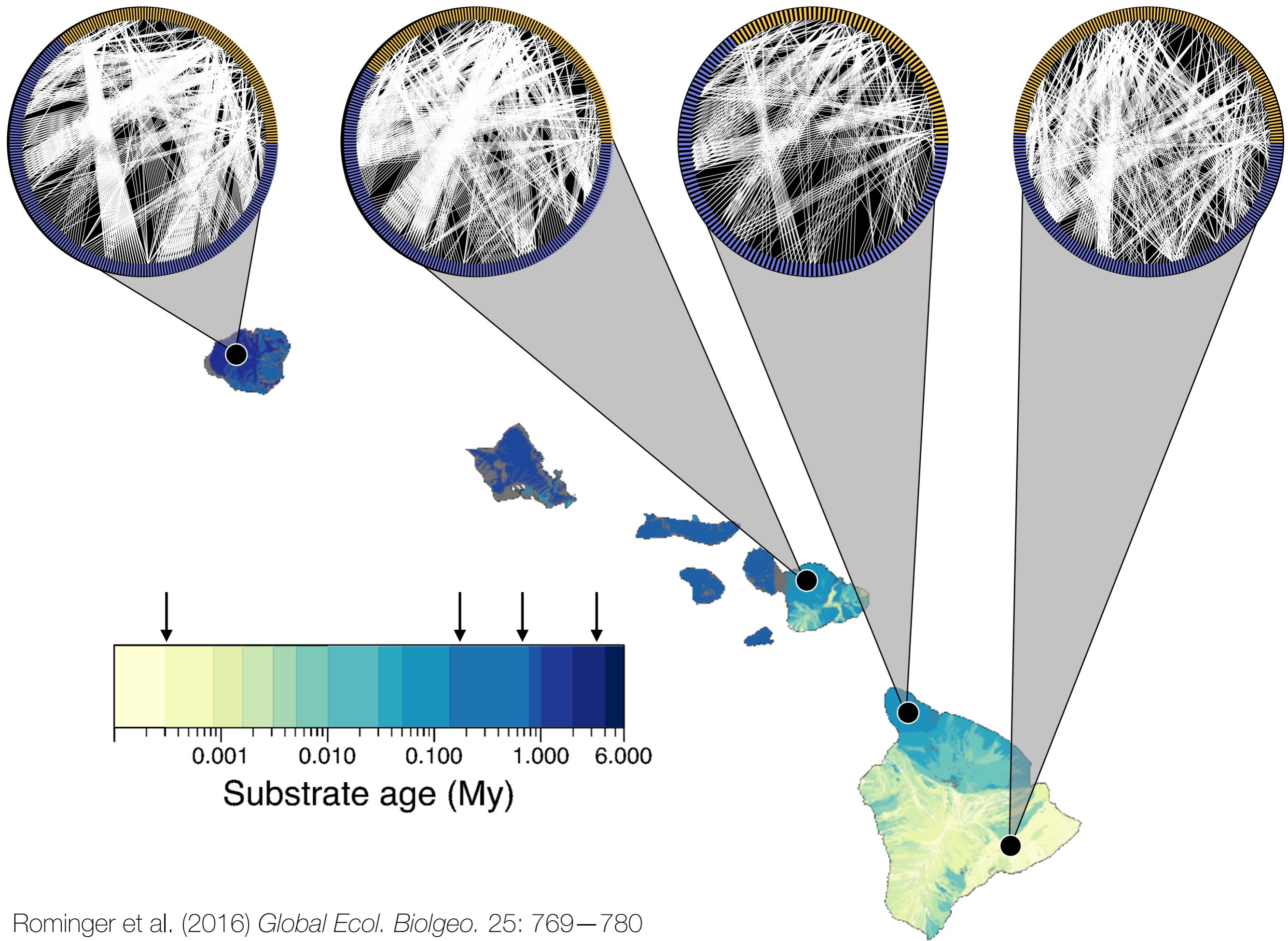
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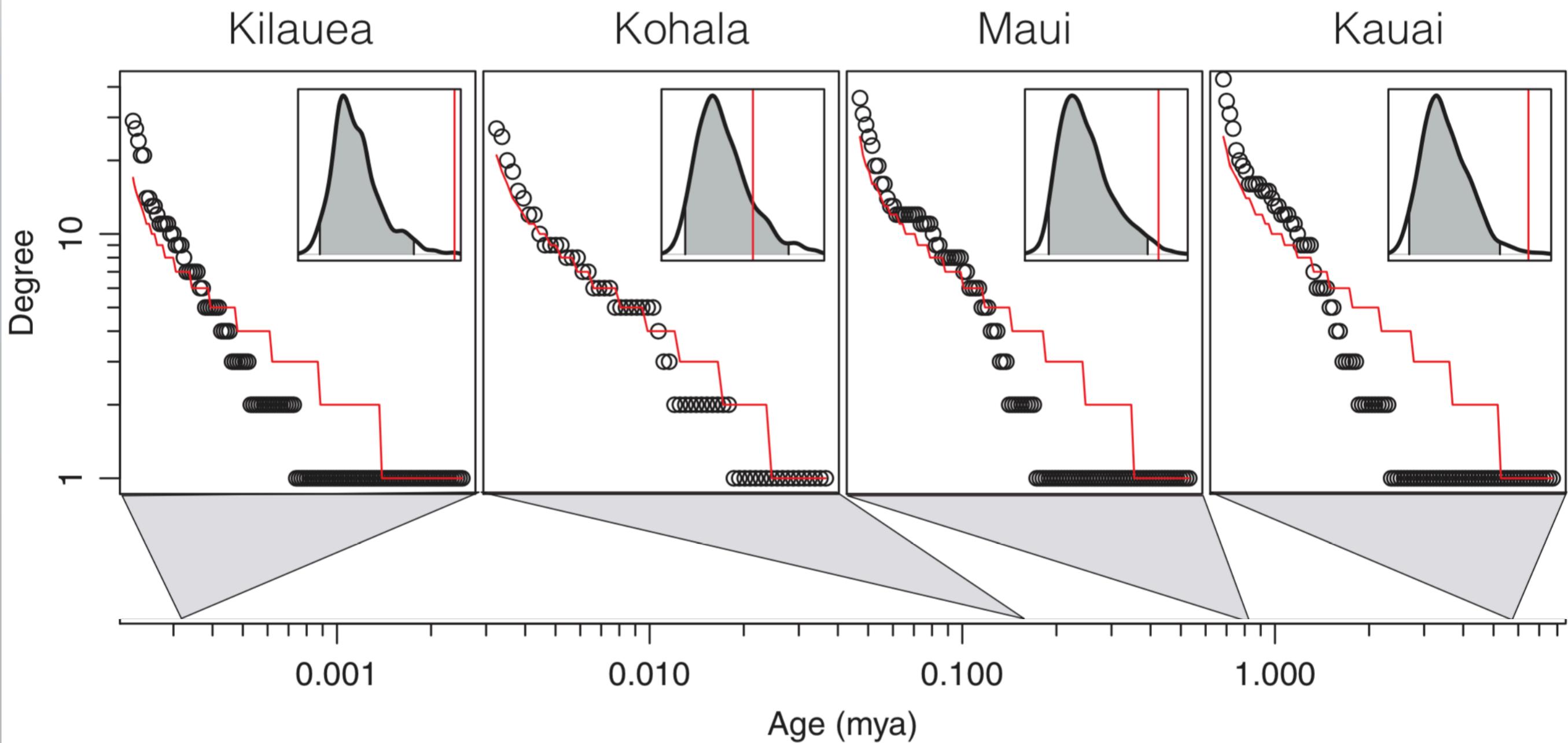
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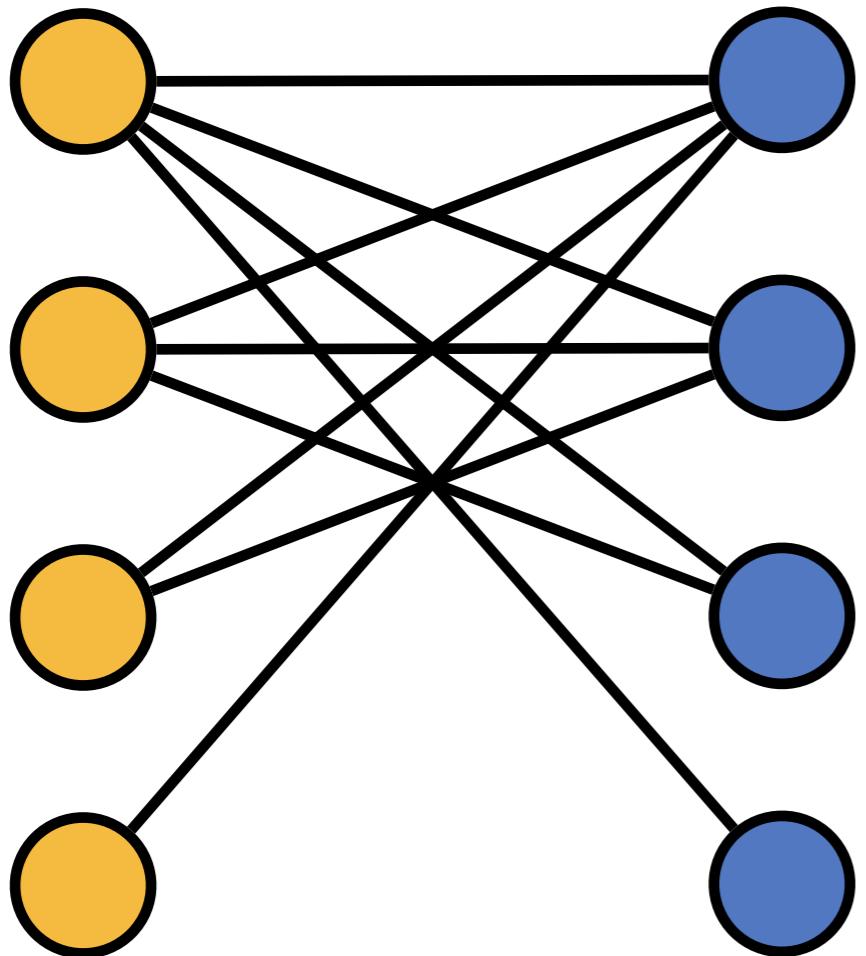
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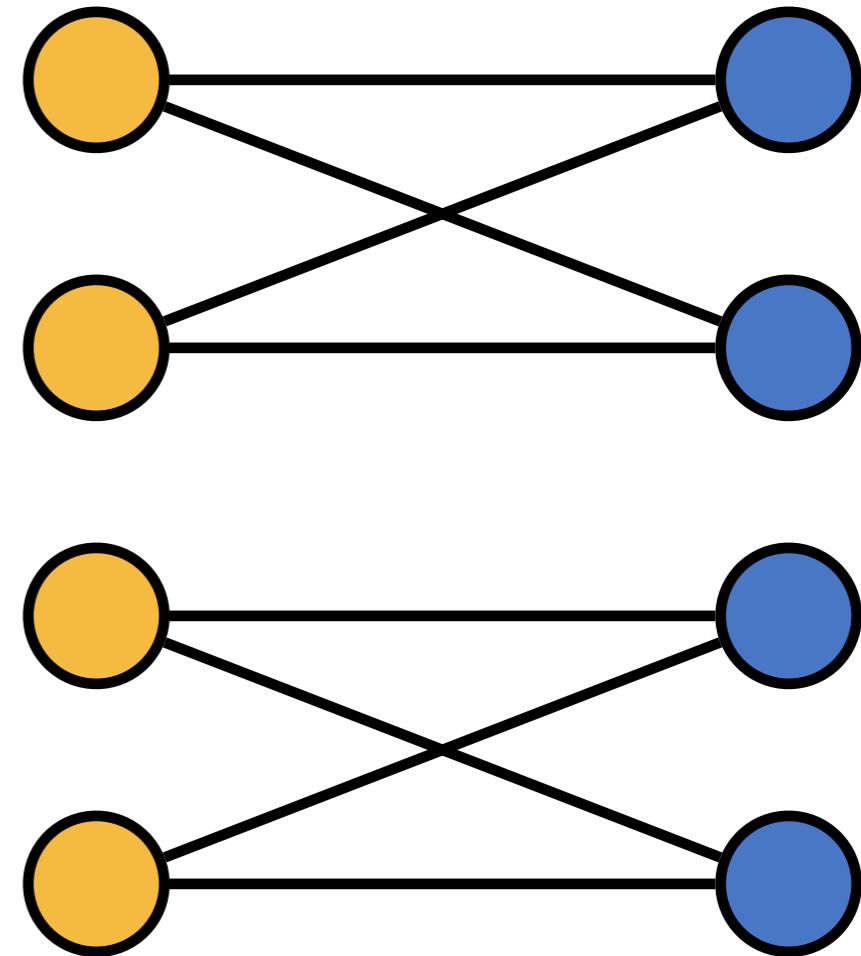
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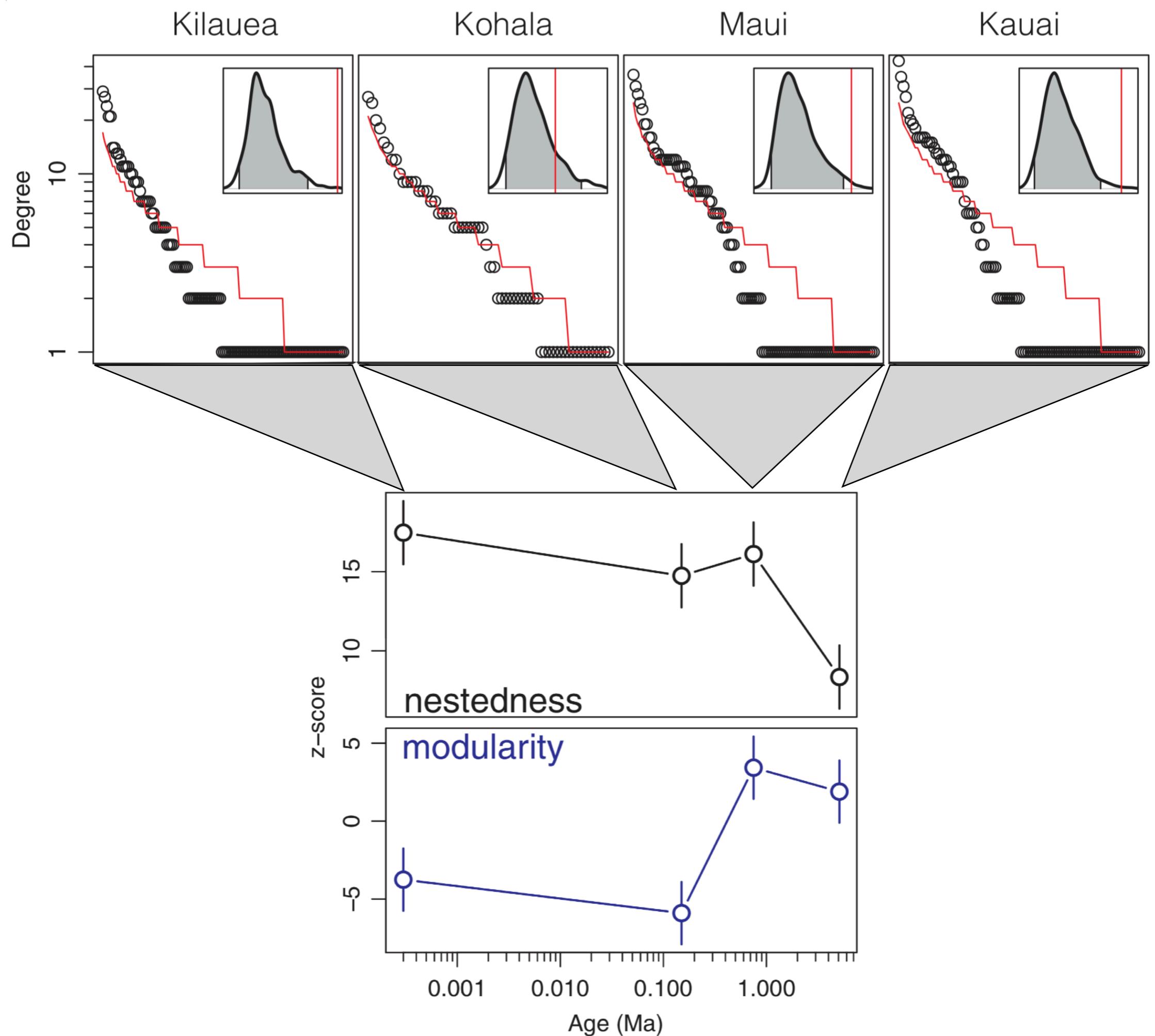


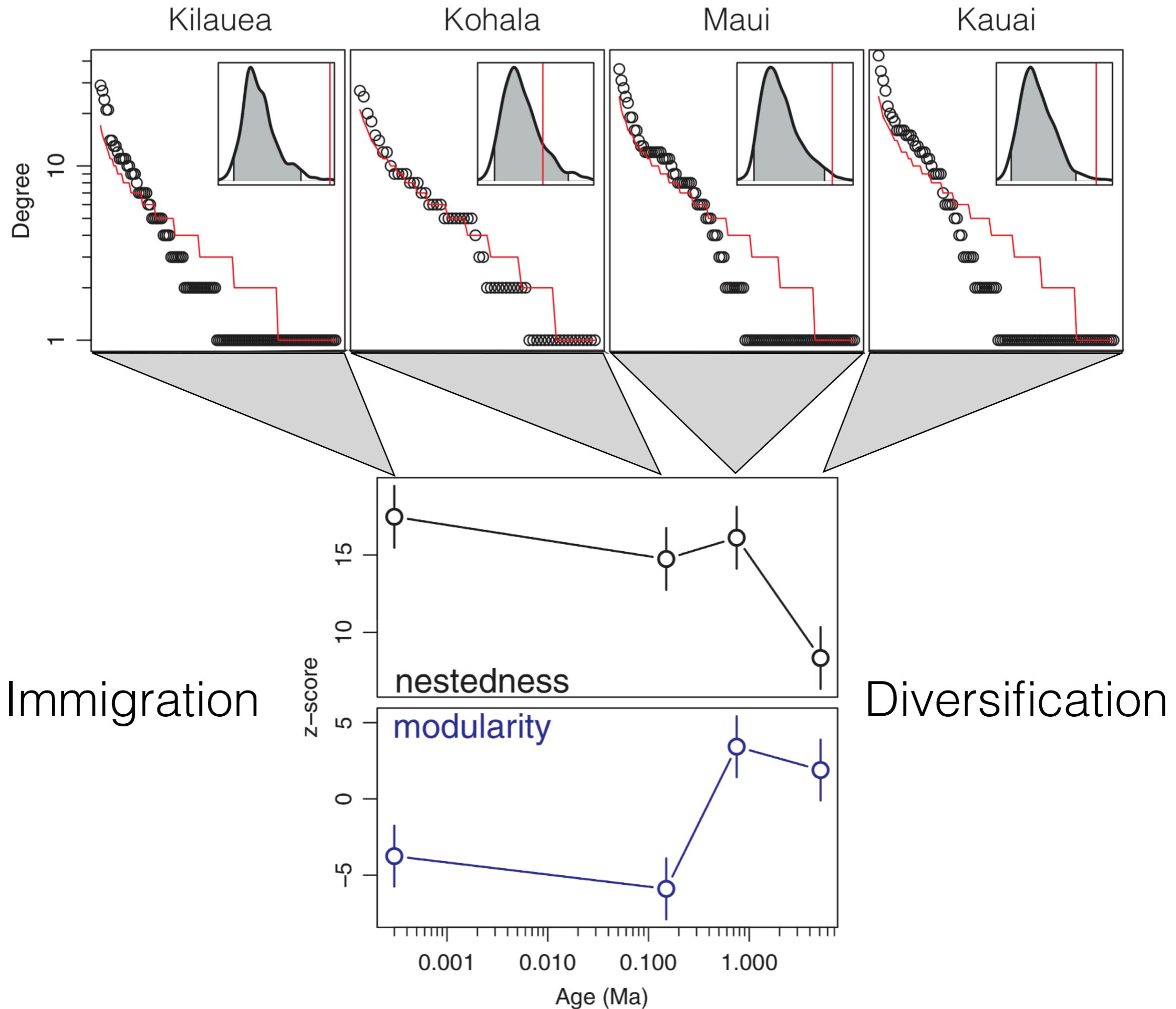
Nestedness



Modularity







# New opportunities

Student project ideas:

- Exploring different constraints

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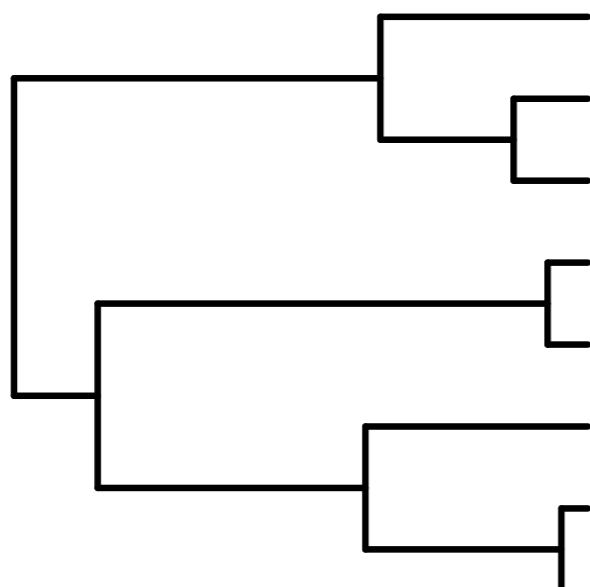
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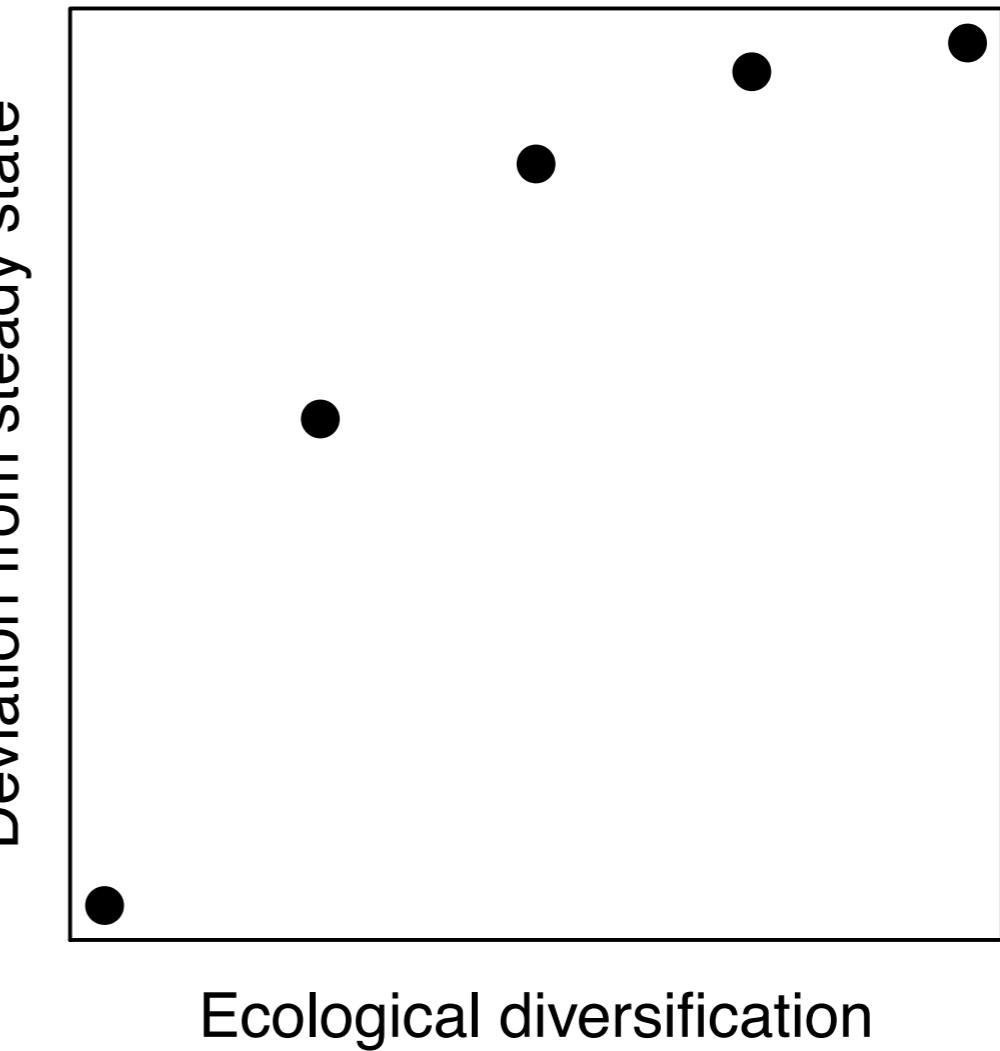
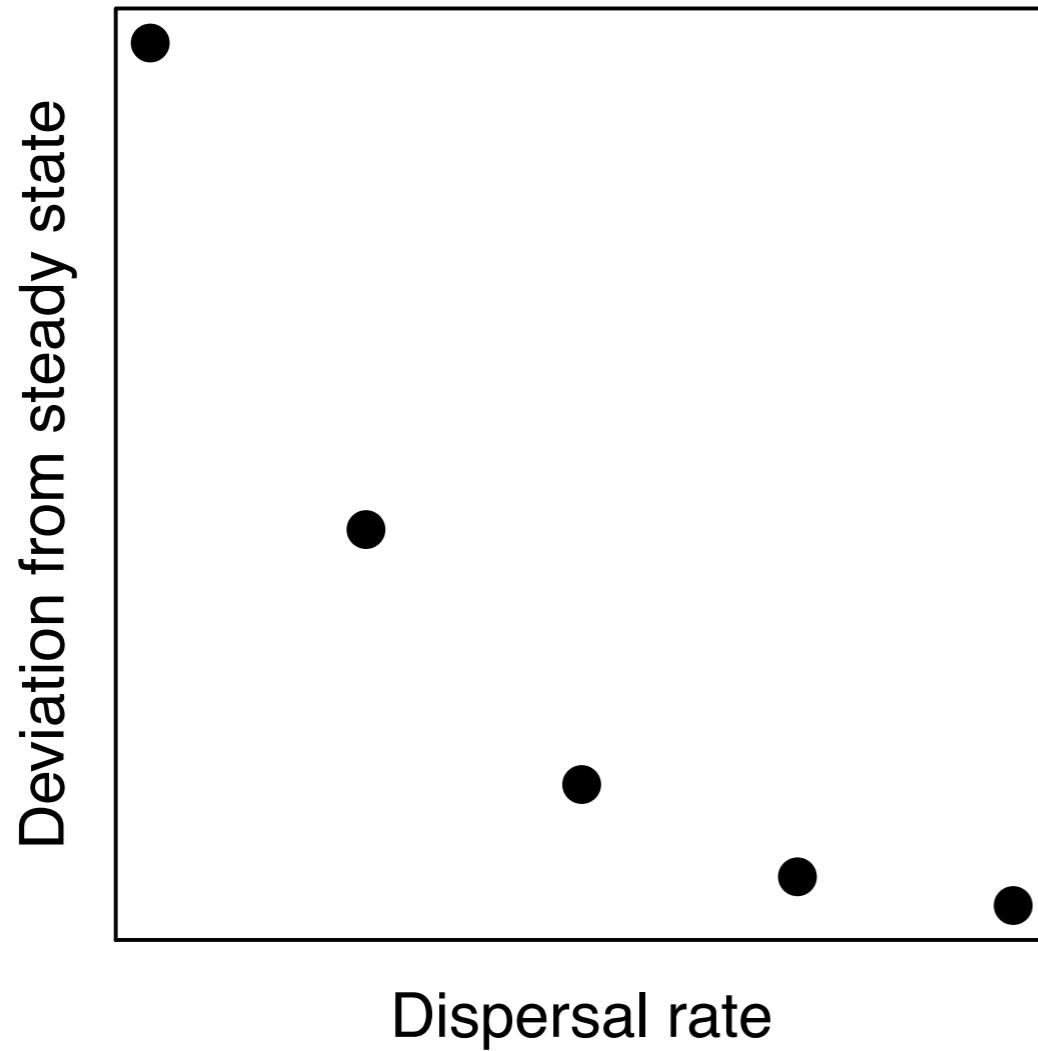
Student project ideas:

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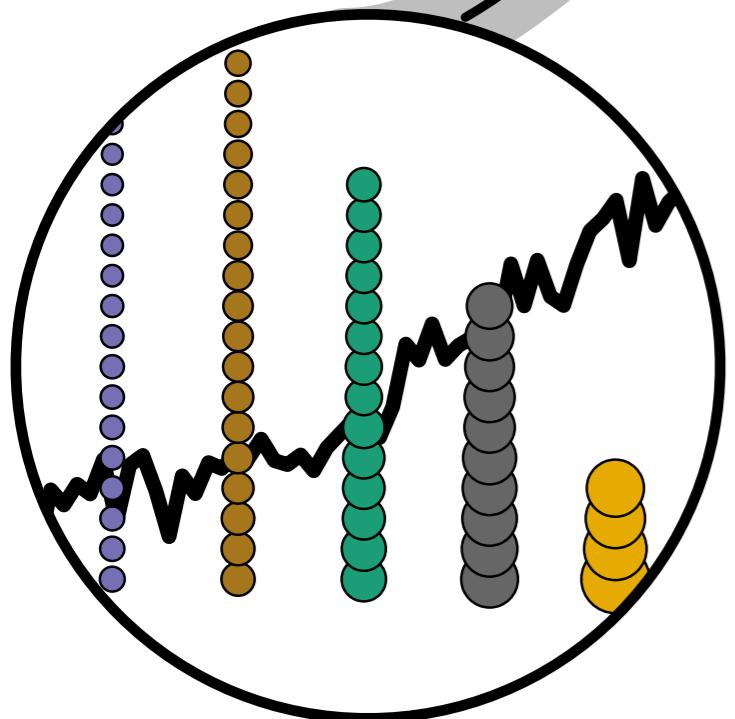
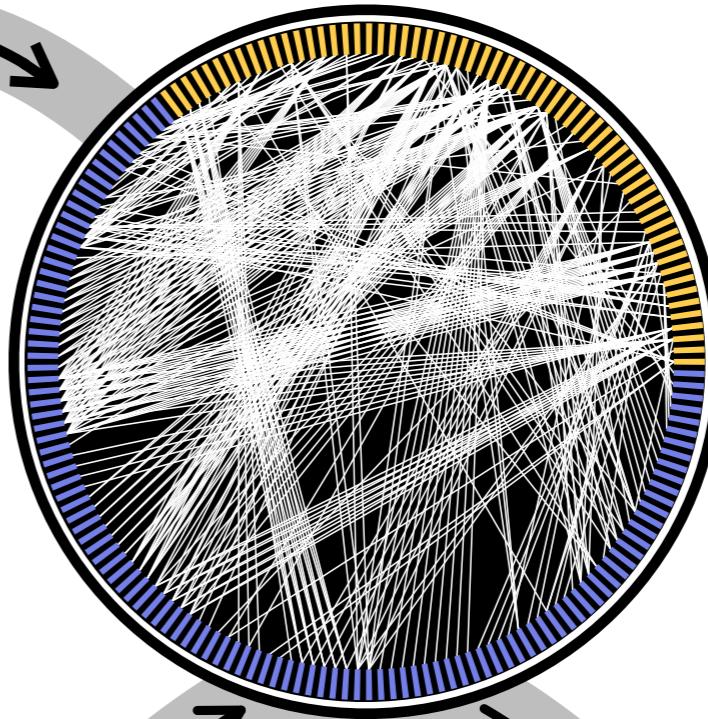
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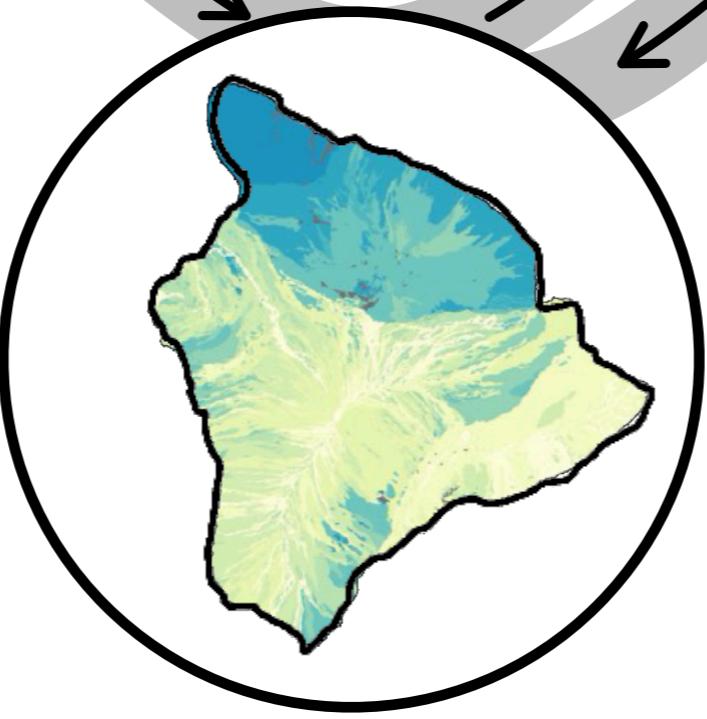
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Steady state



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Mechanism

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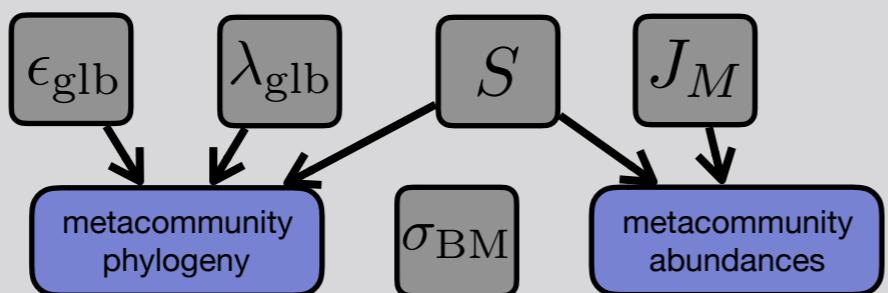
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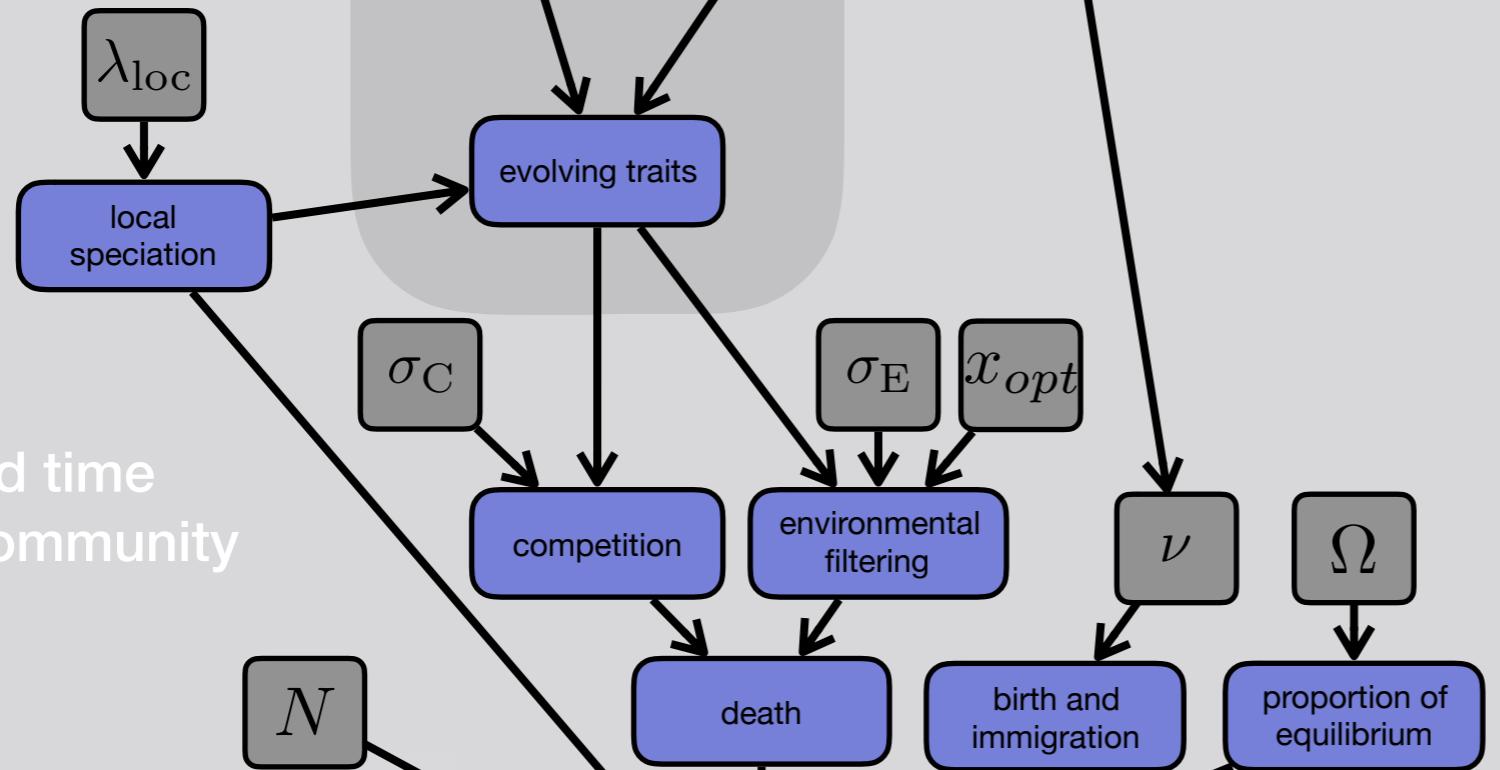
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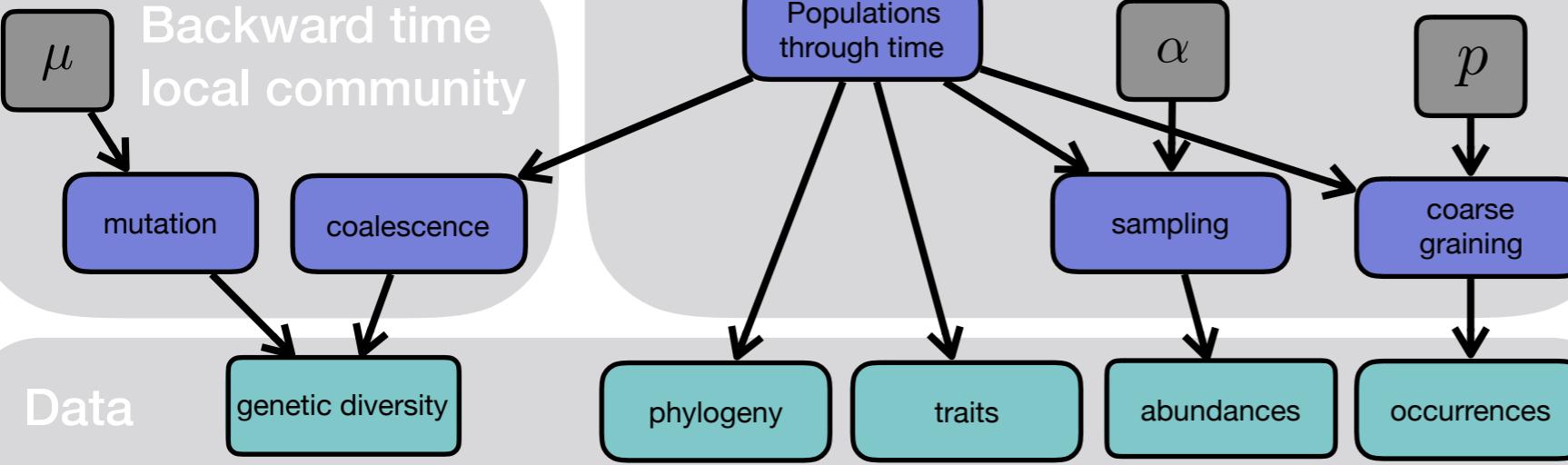
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## Forward time local community



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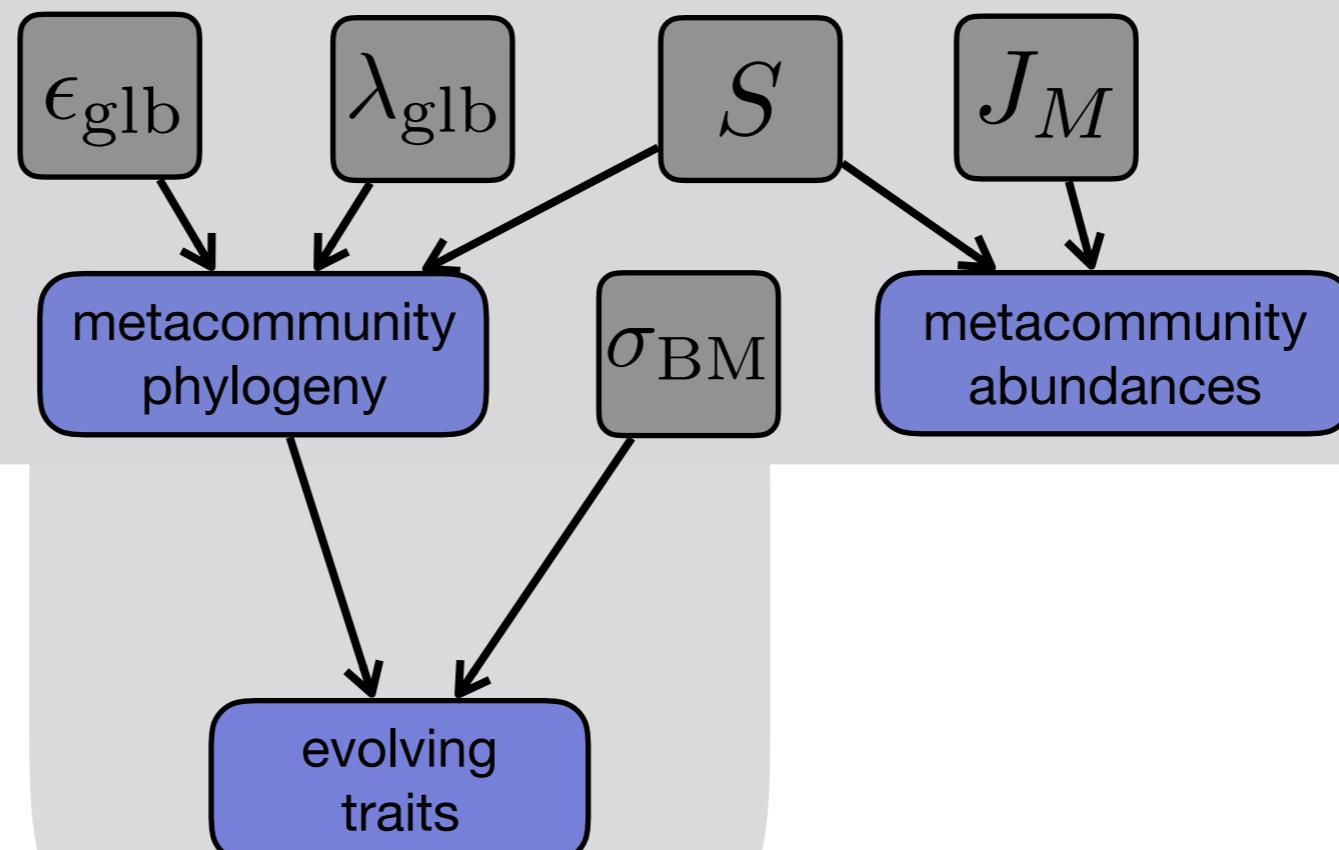


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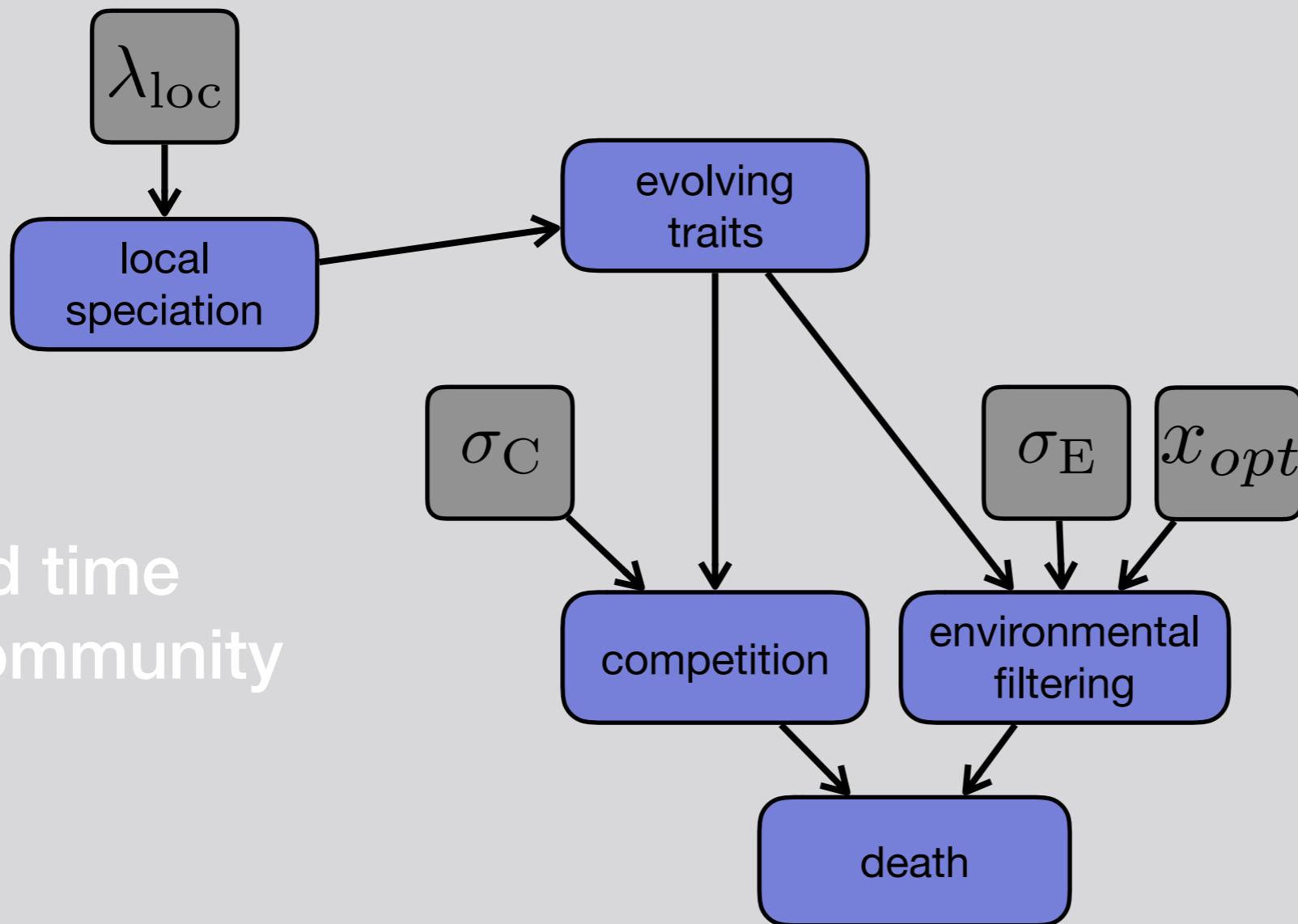
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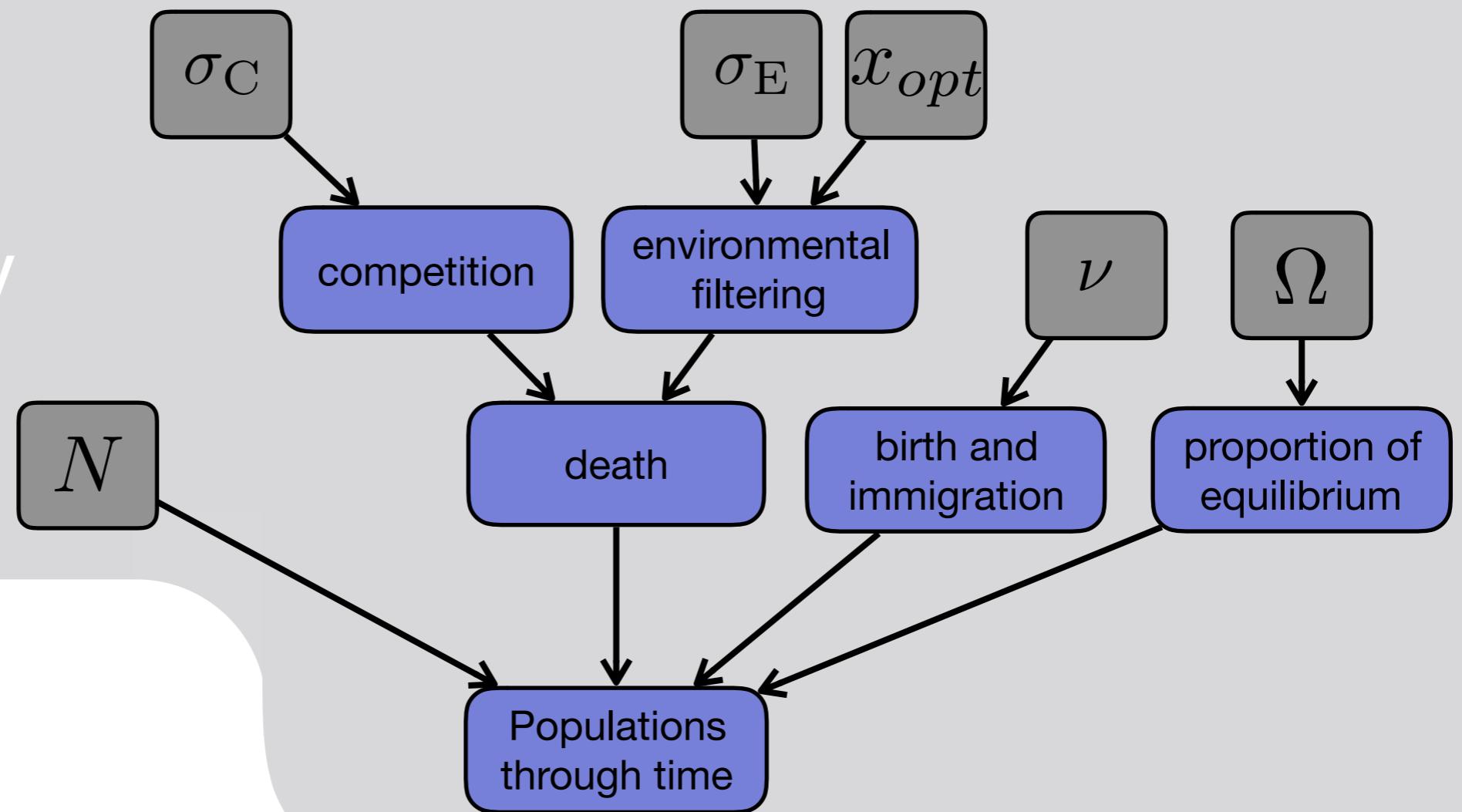


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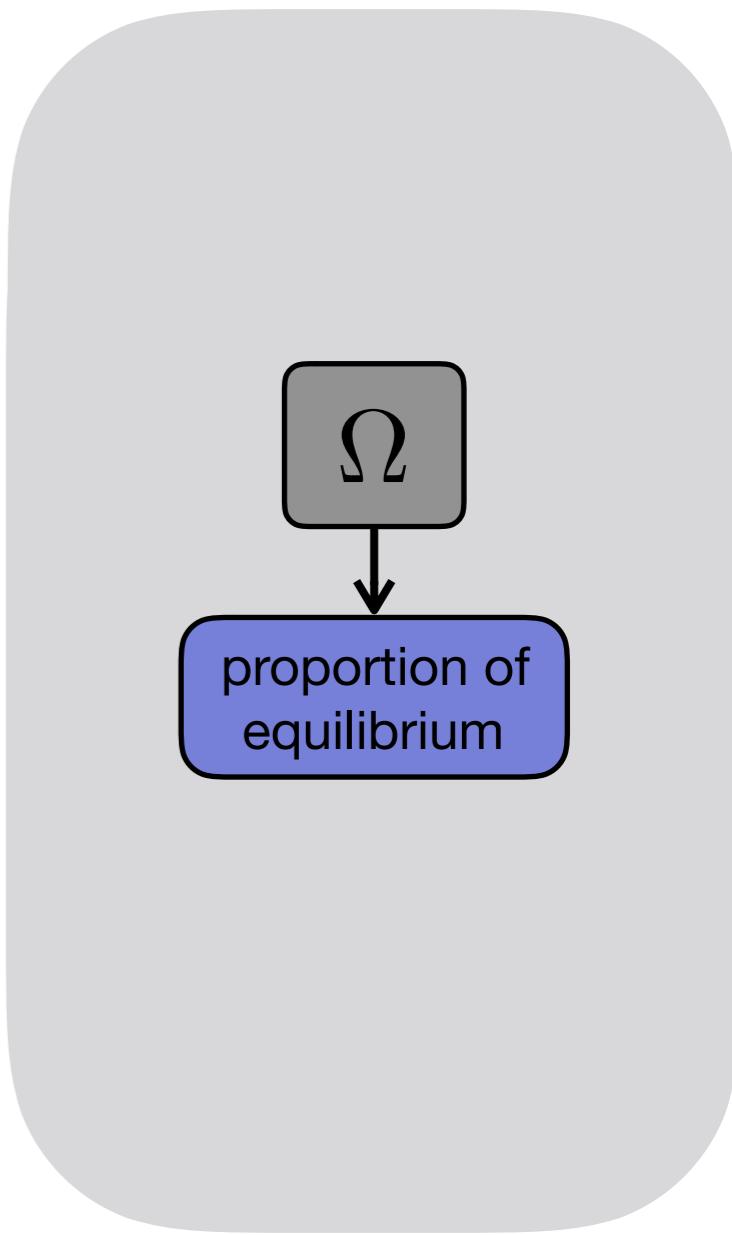


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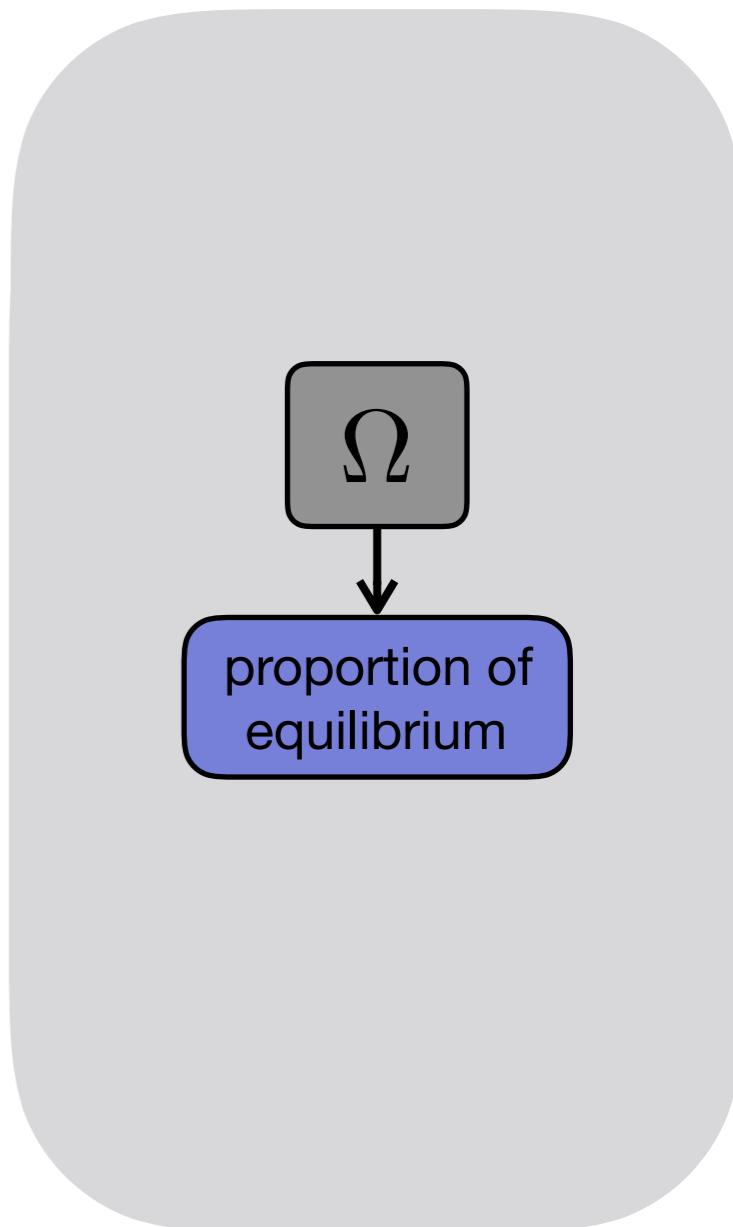
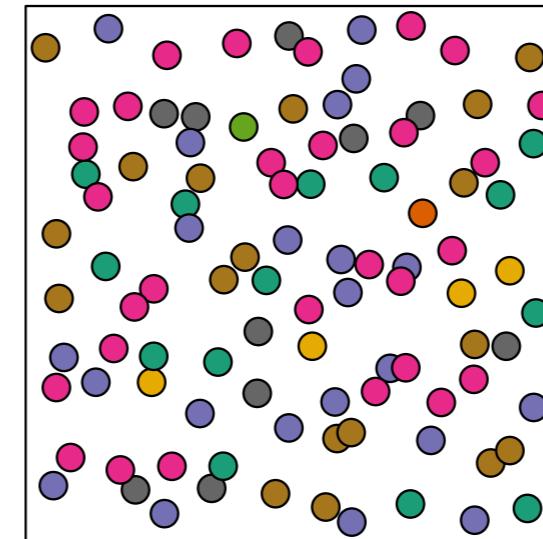
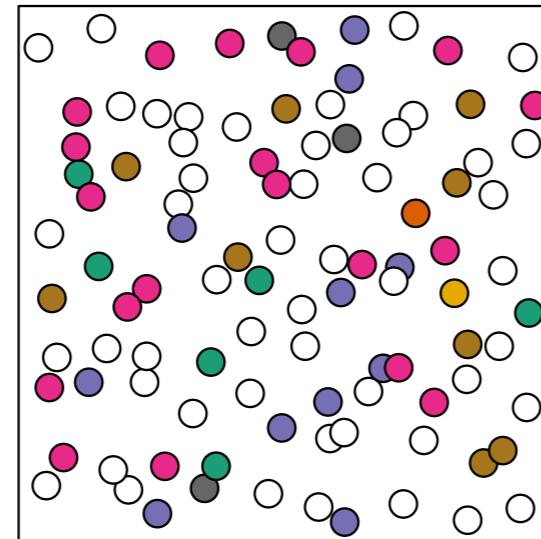
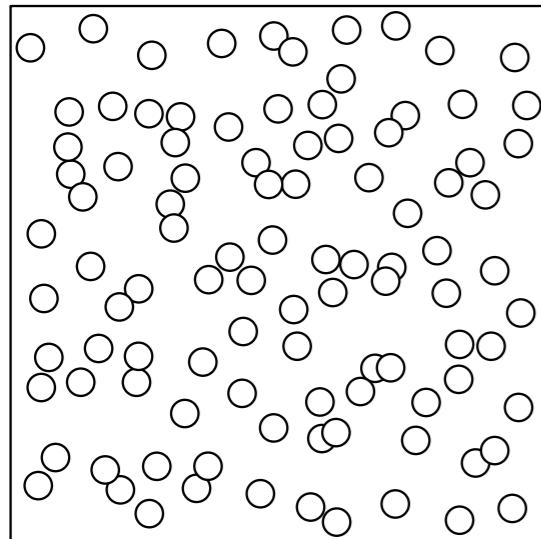


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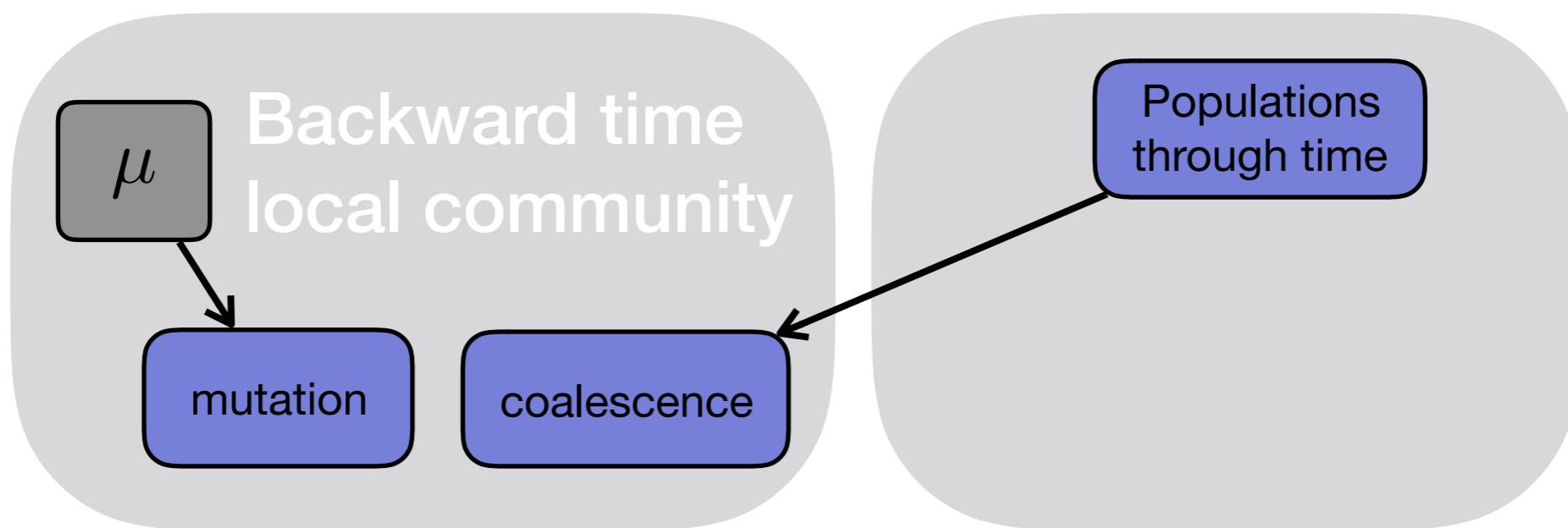


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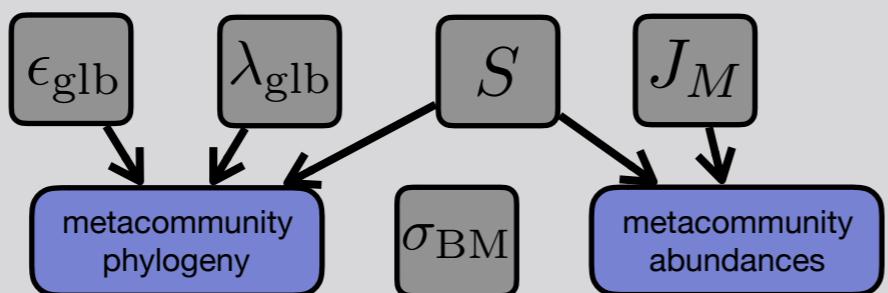
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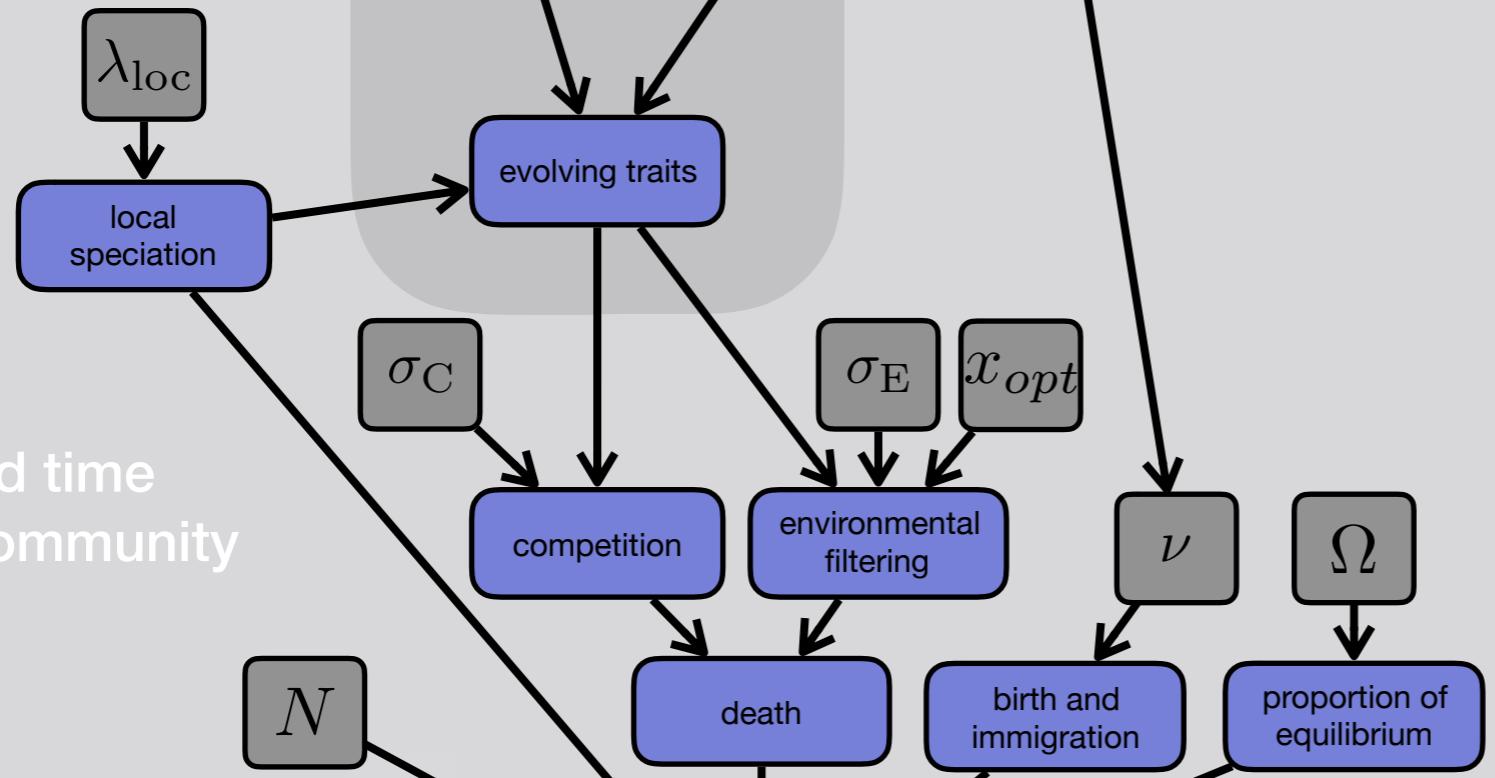
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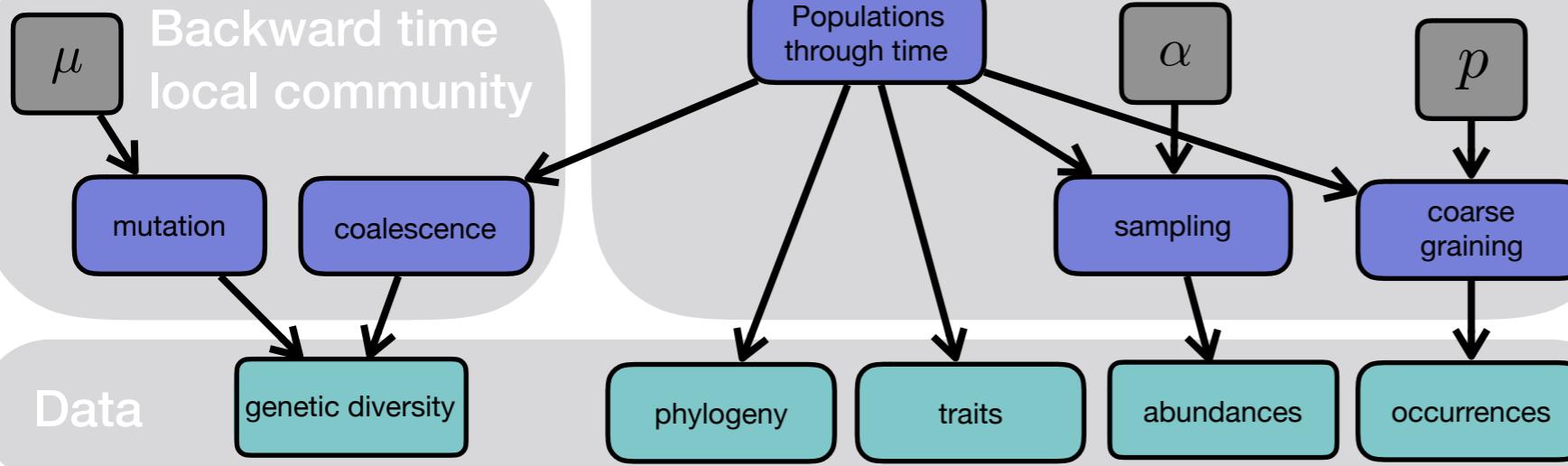
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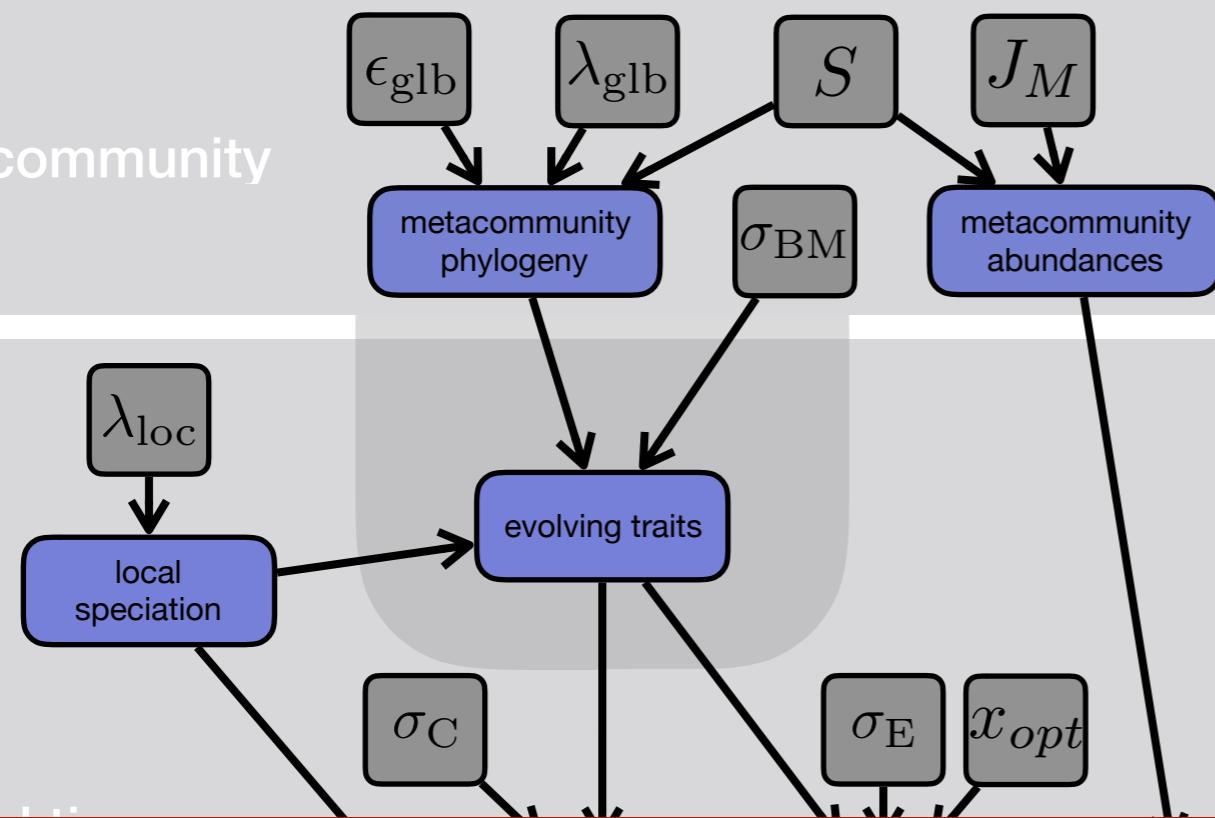
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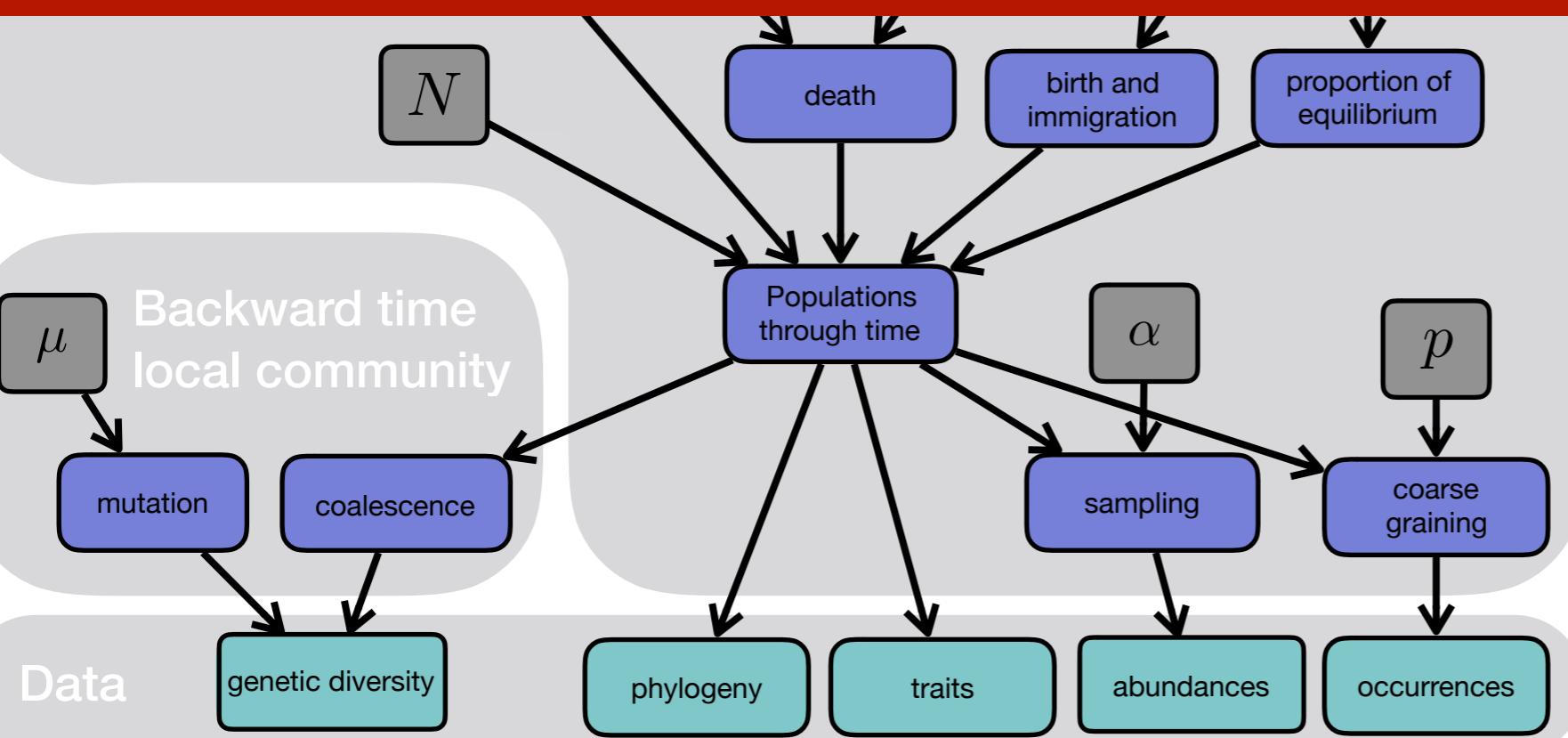
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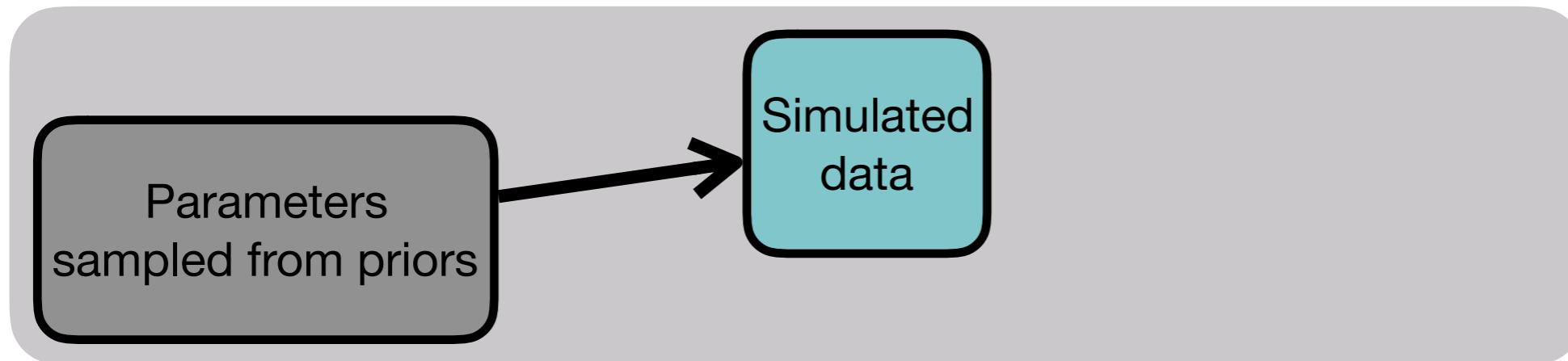
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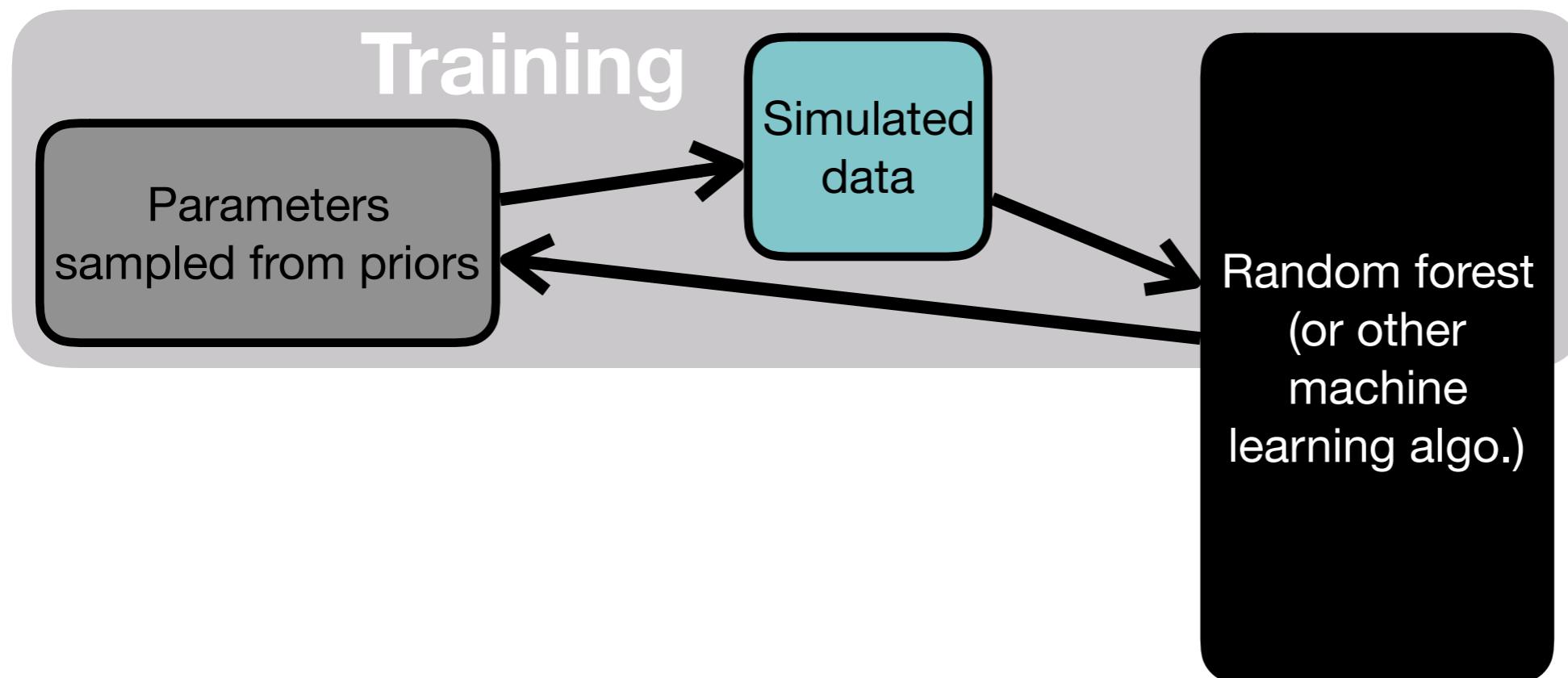
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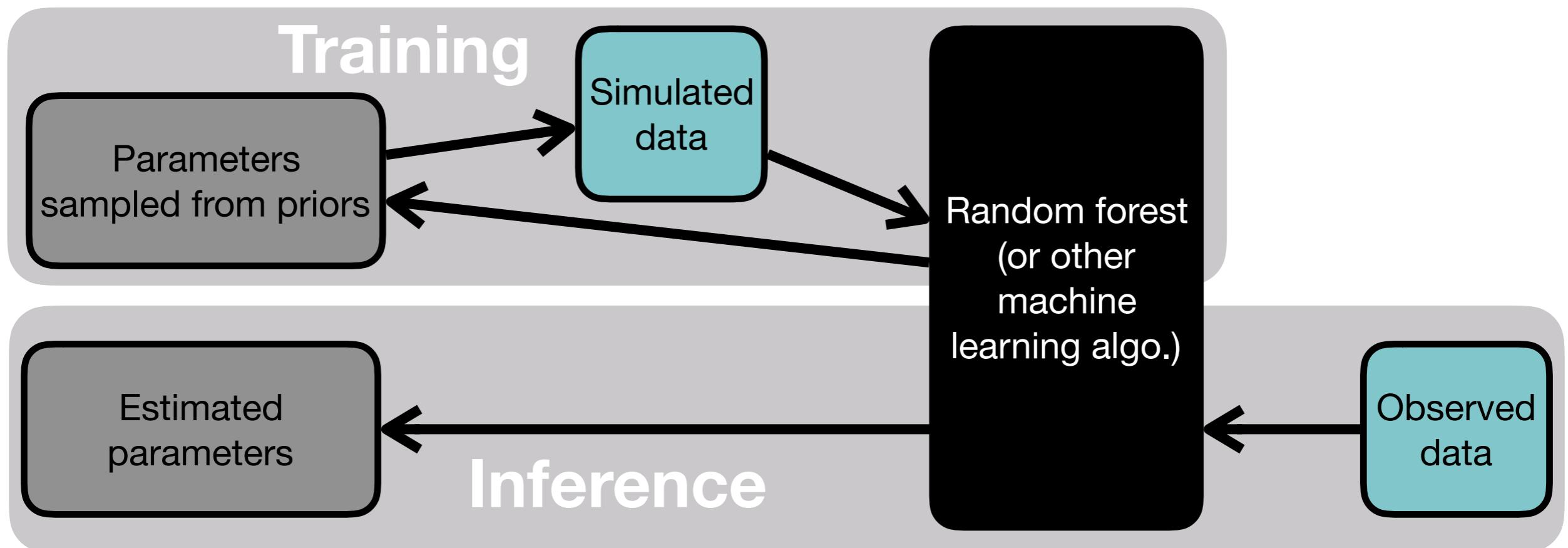
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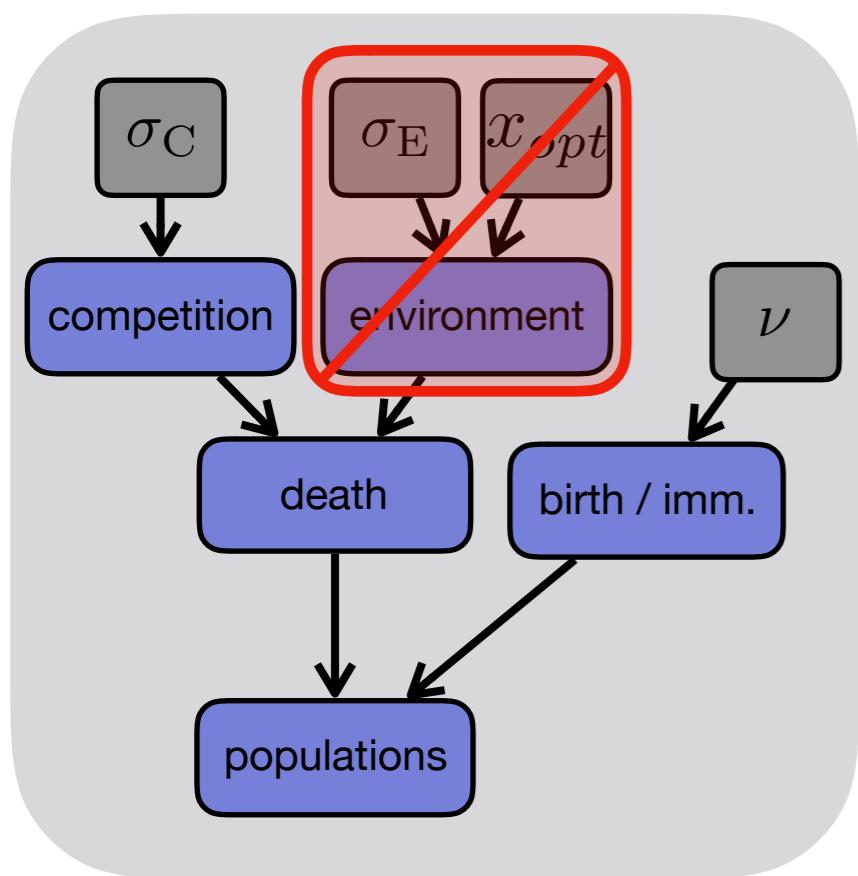
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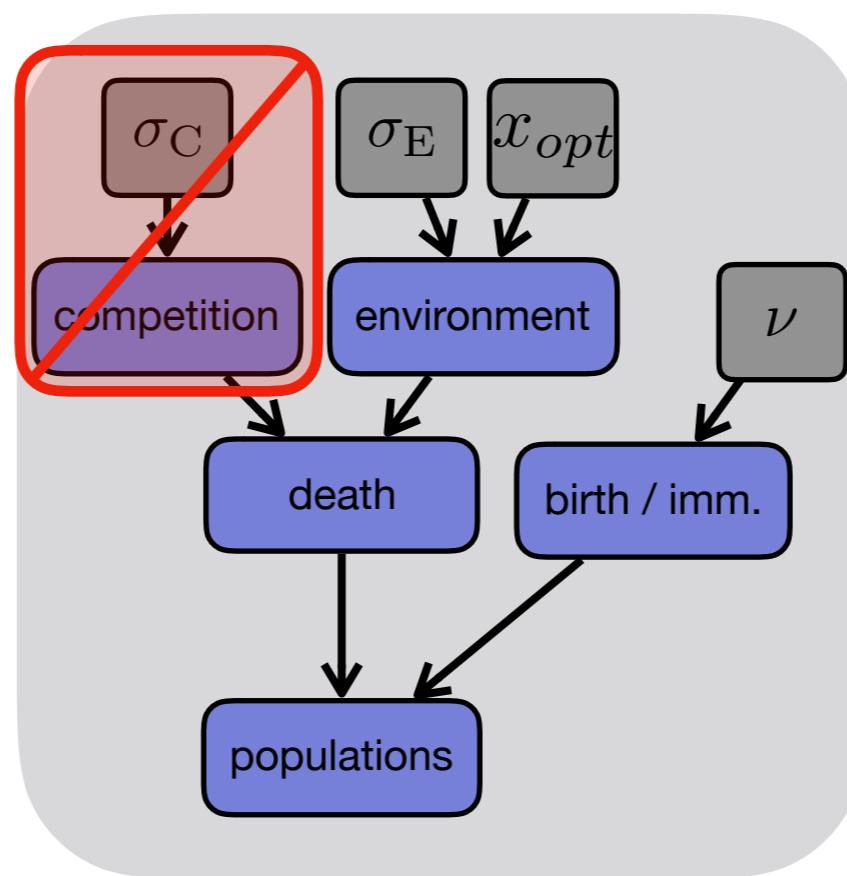
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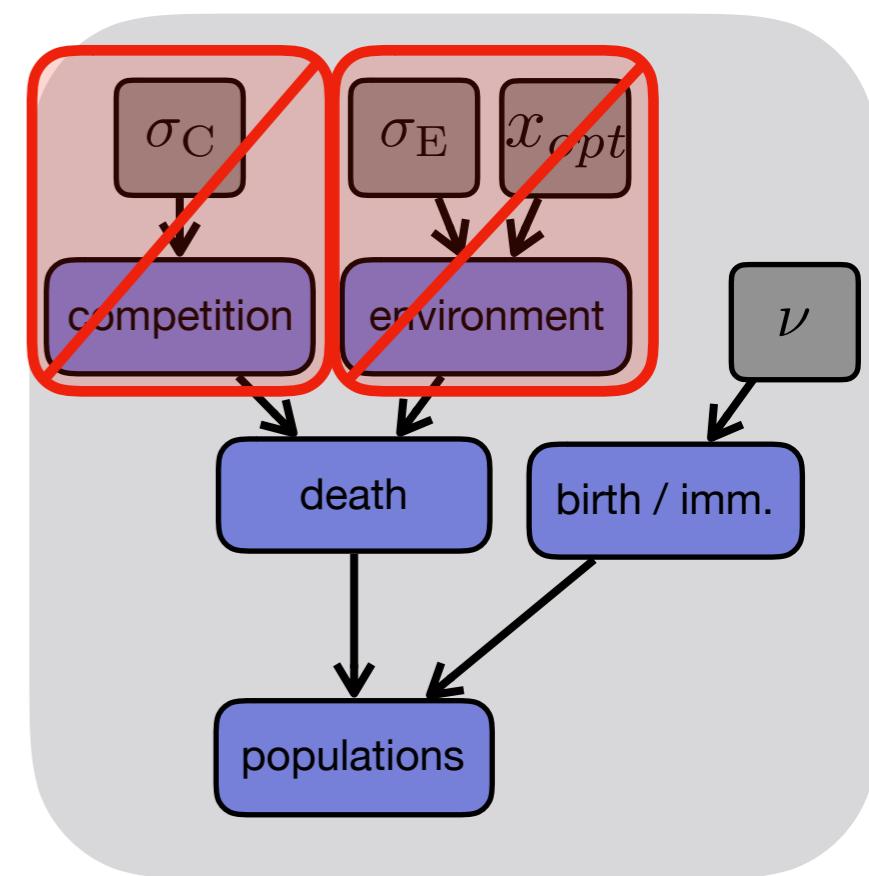
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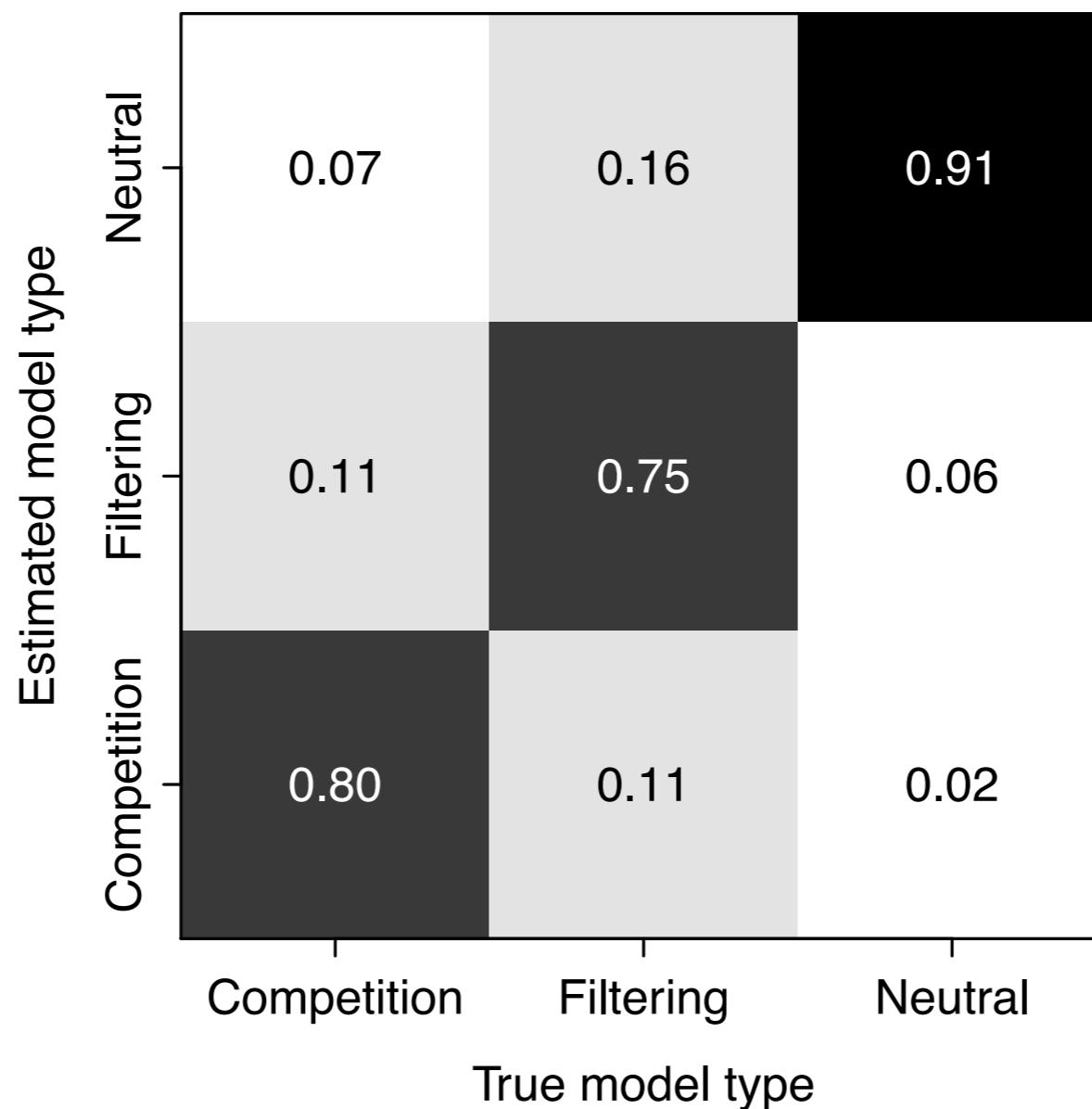
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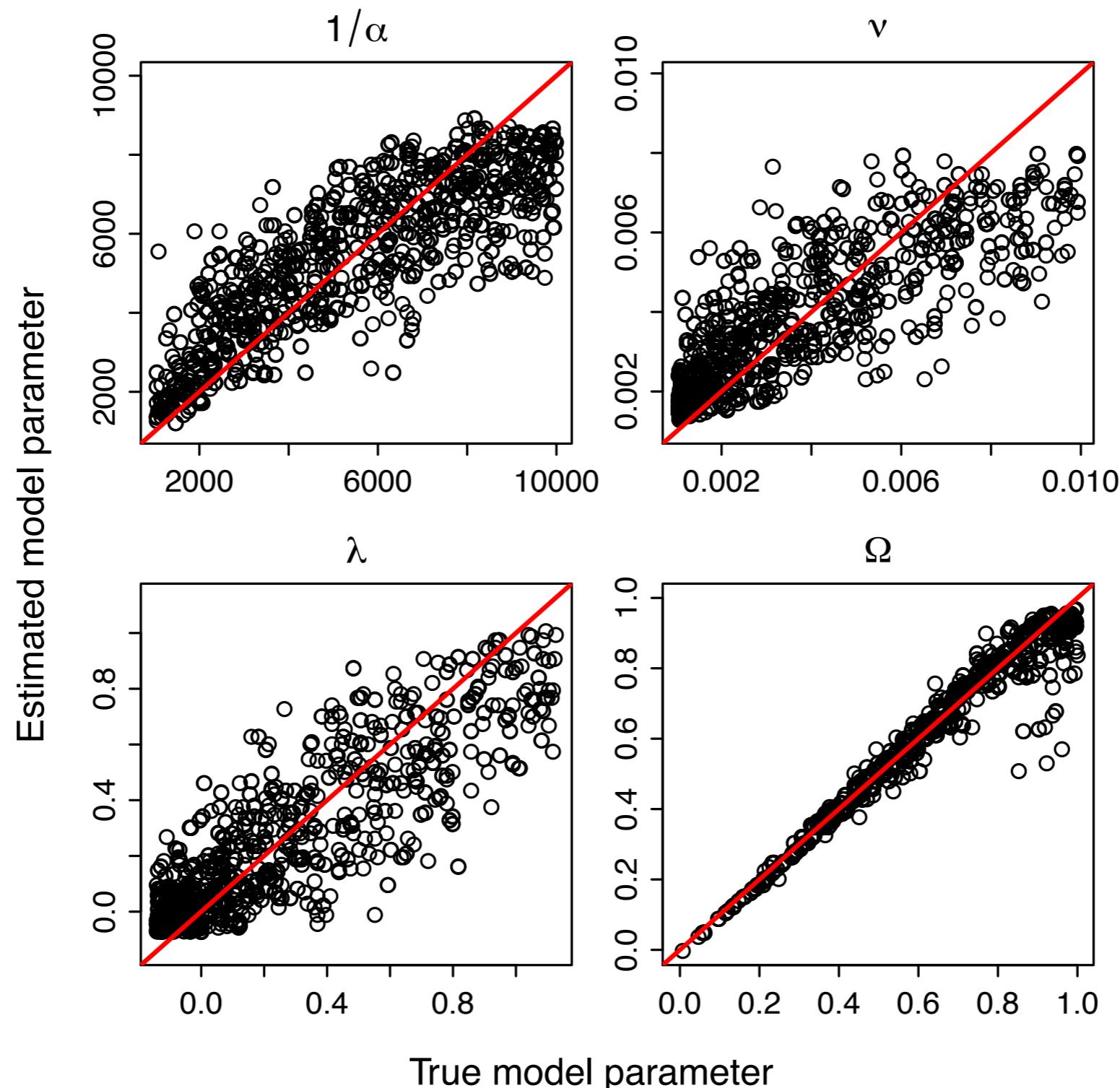
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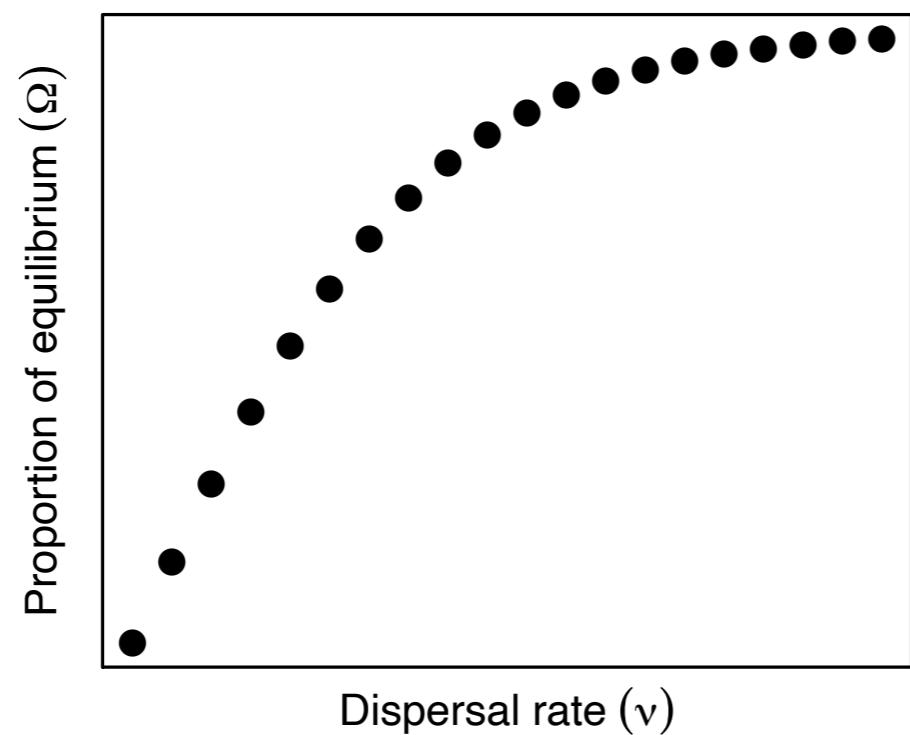
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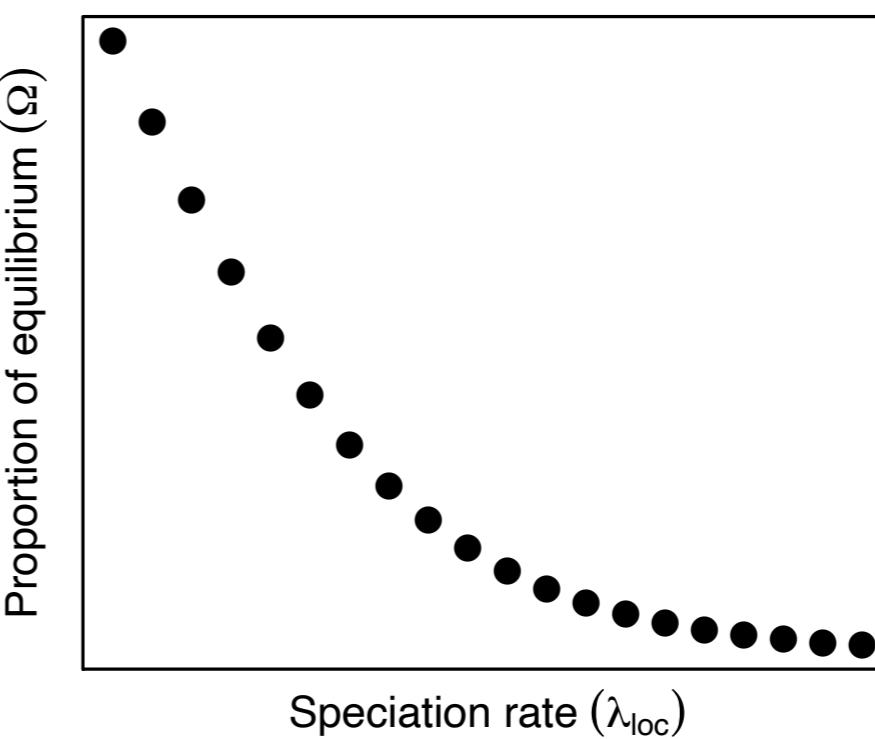
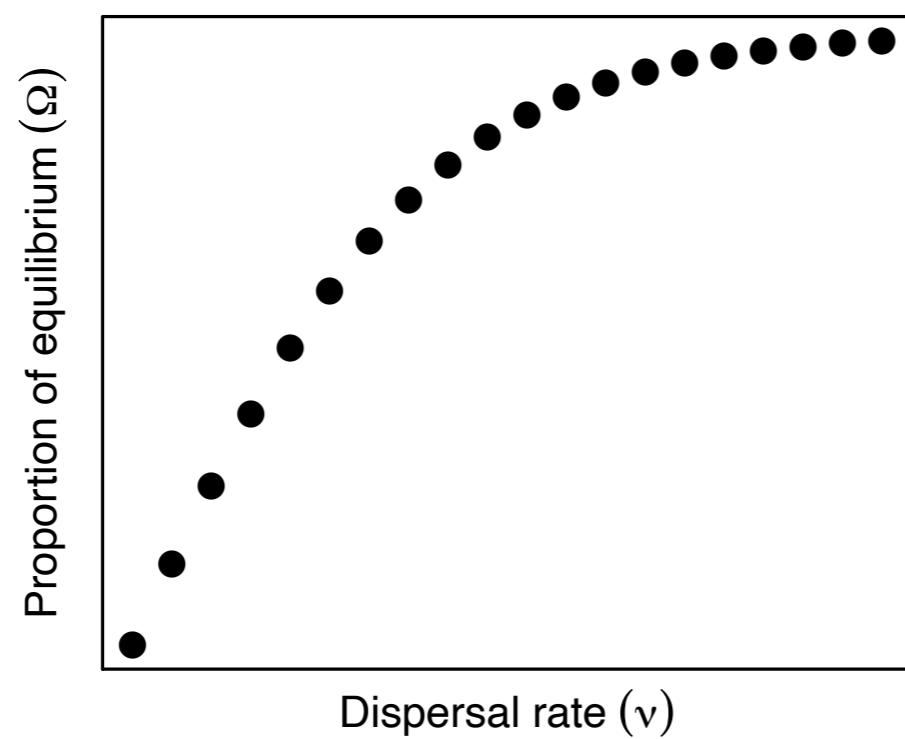
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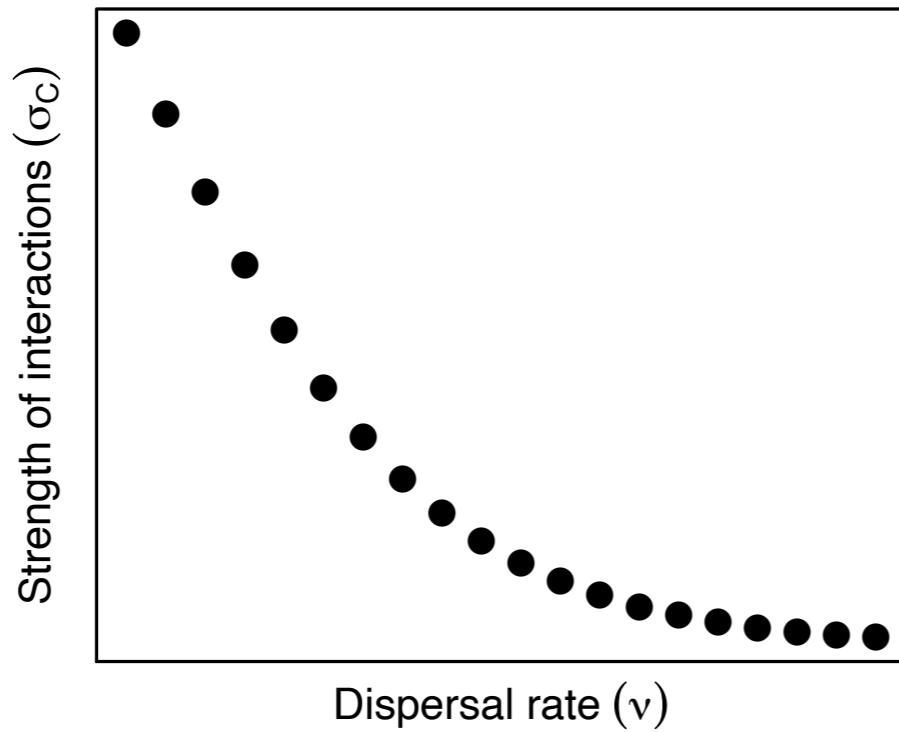
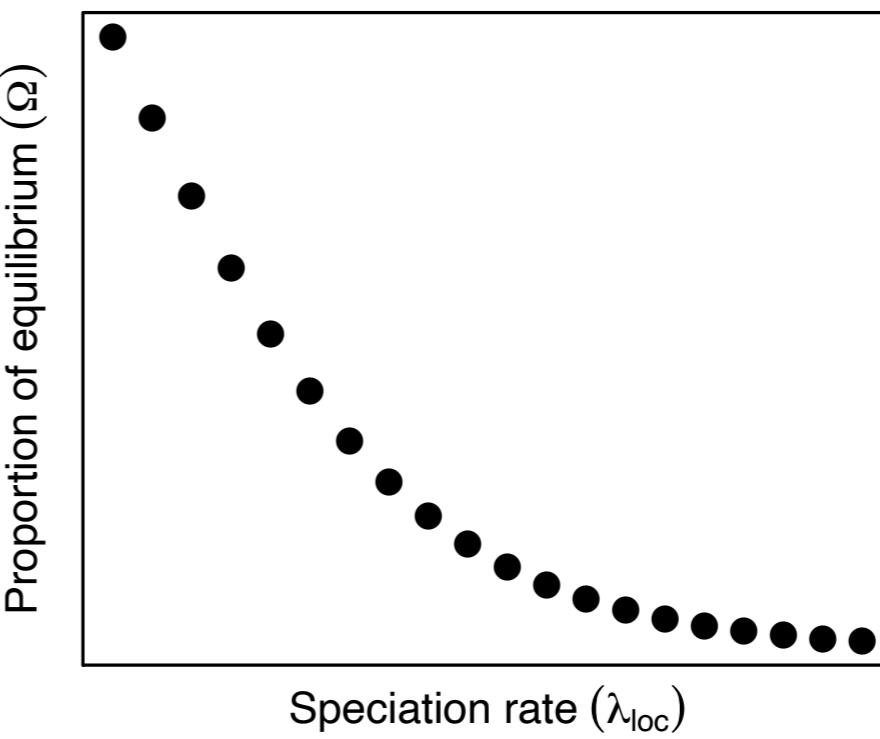
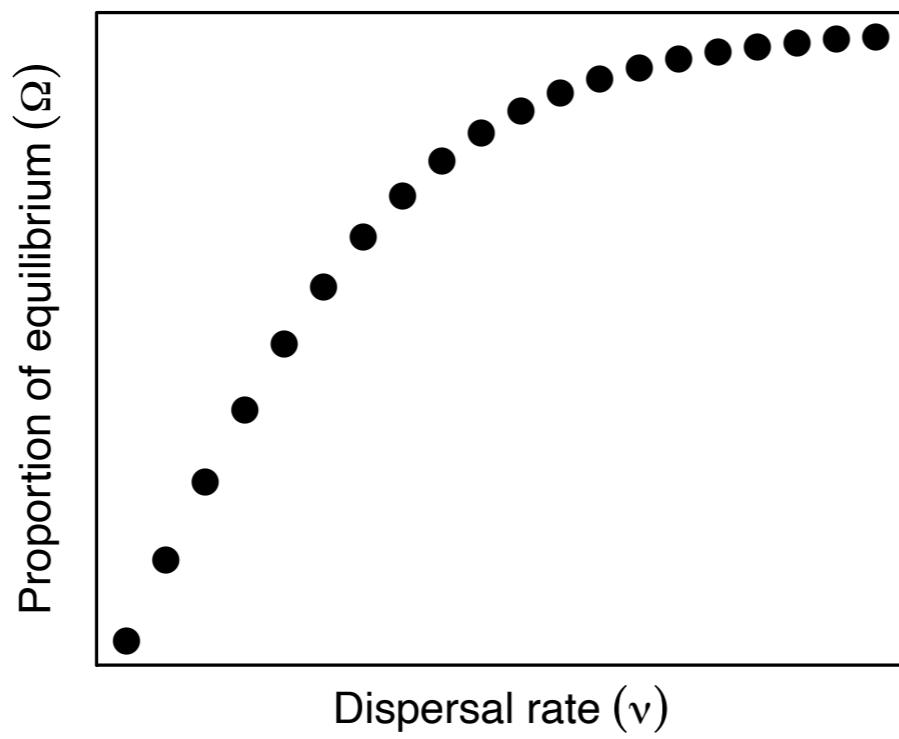
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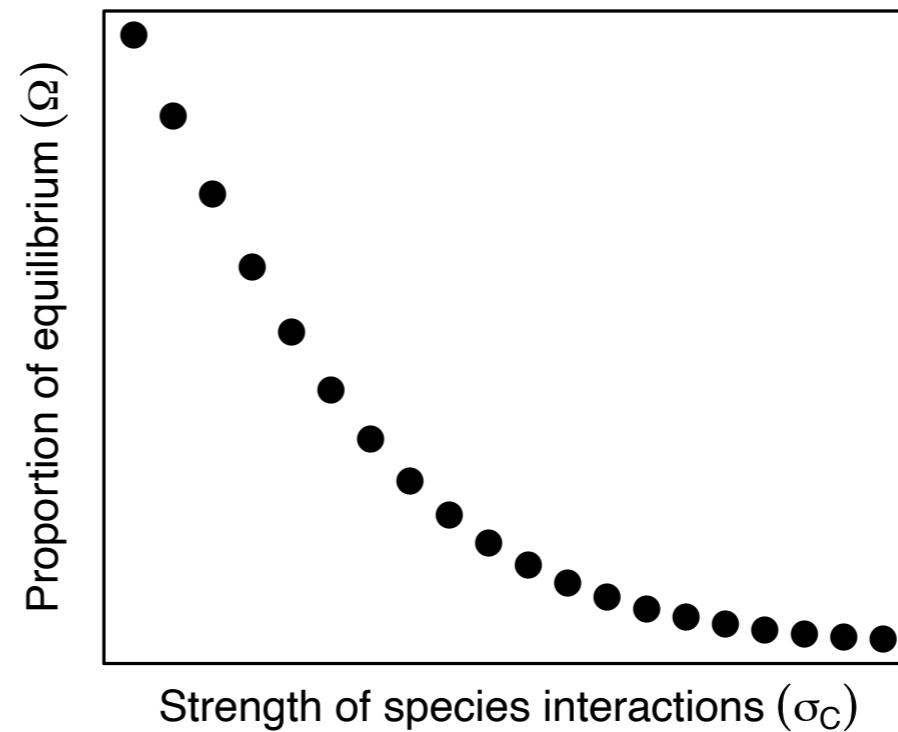
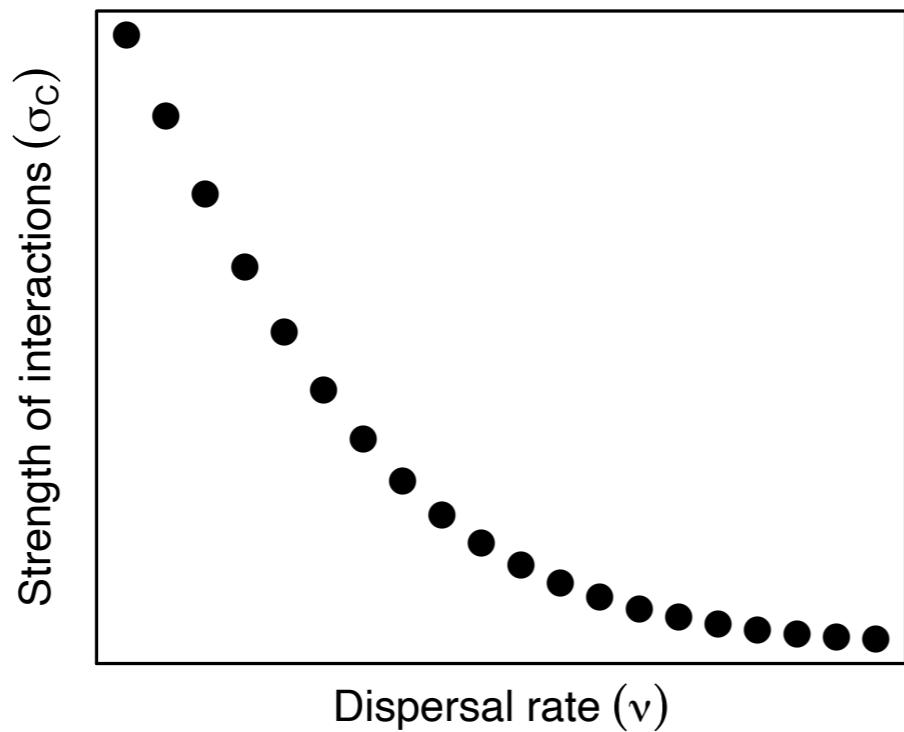
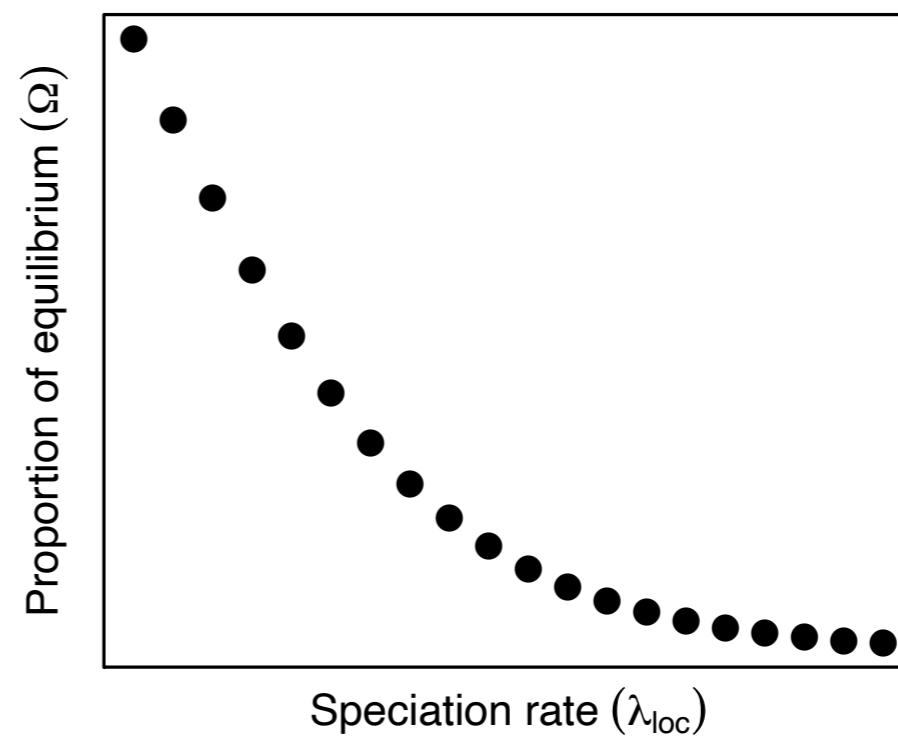
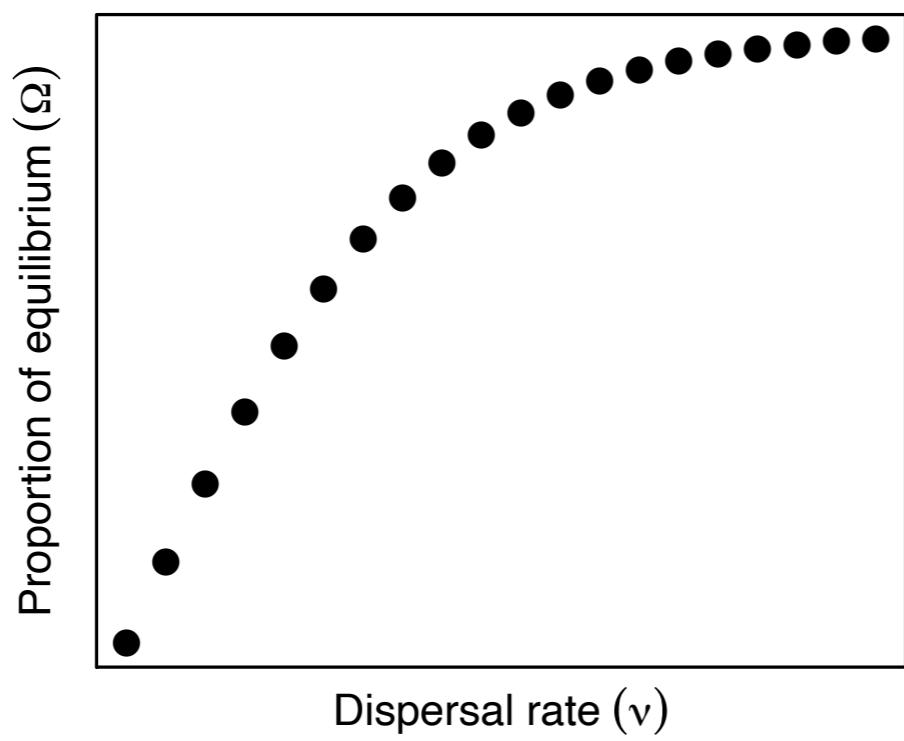
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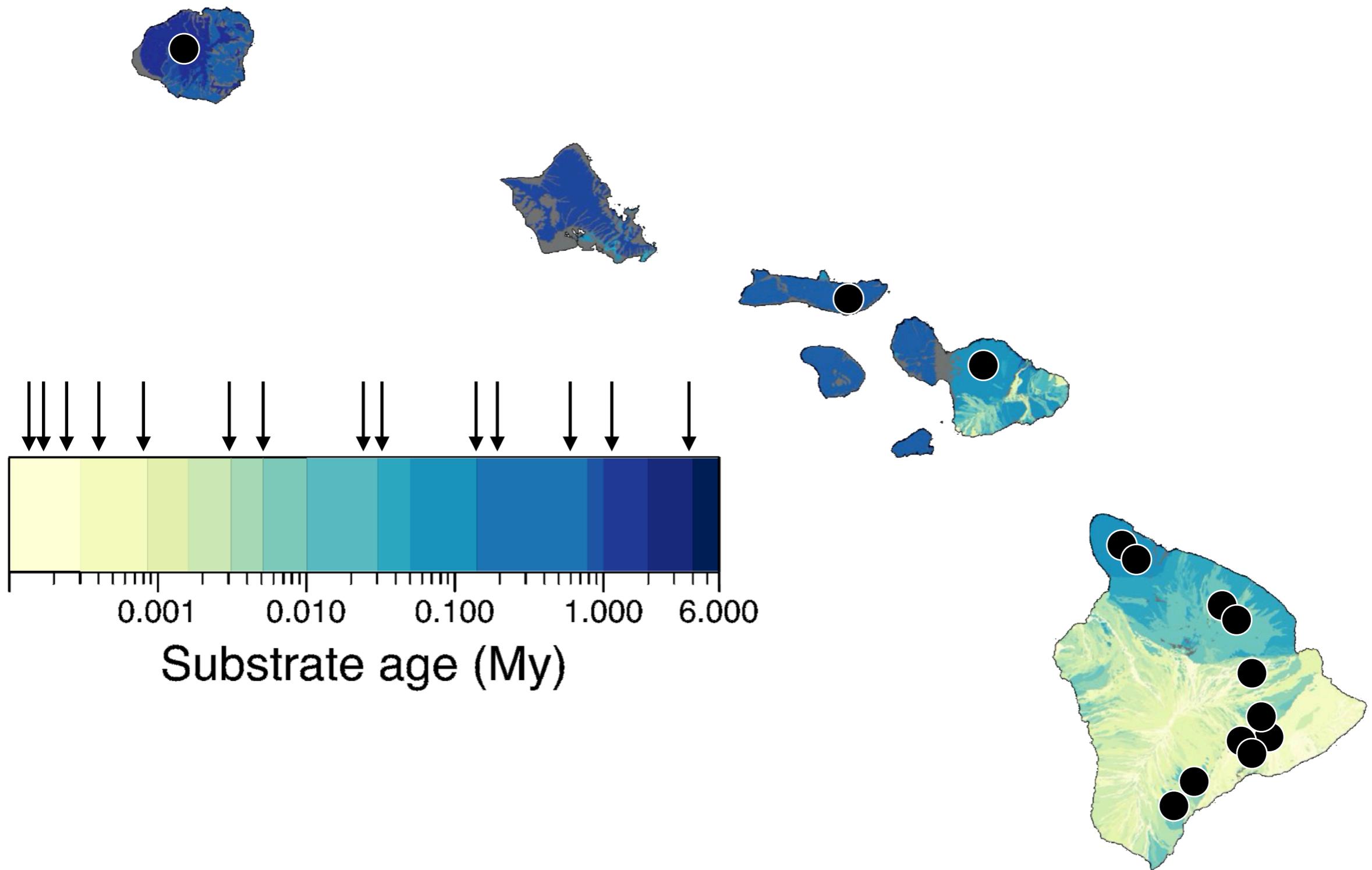
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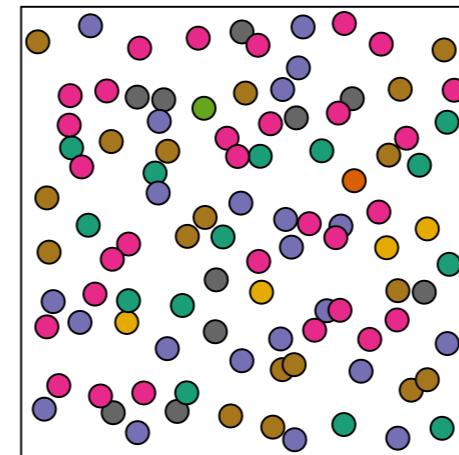
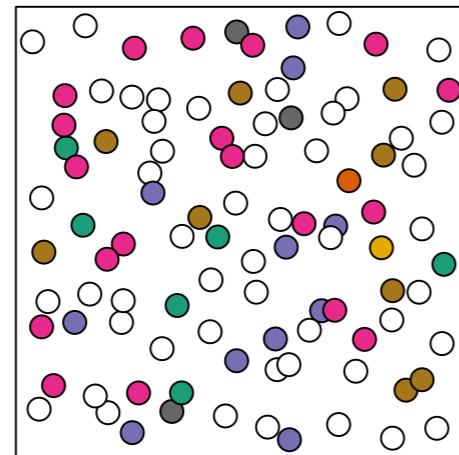
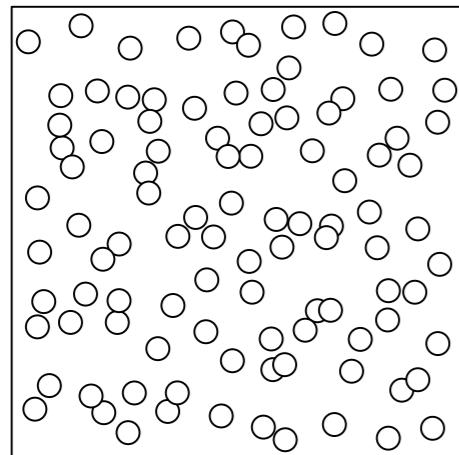
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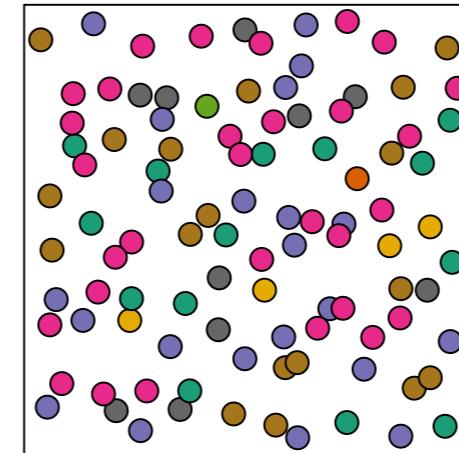
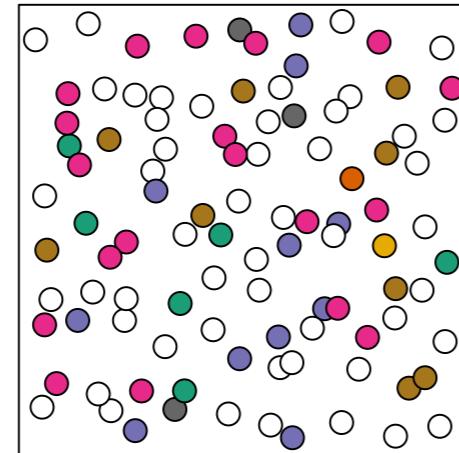
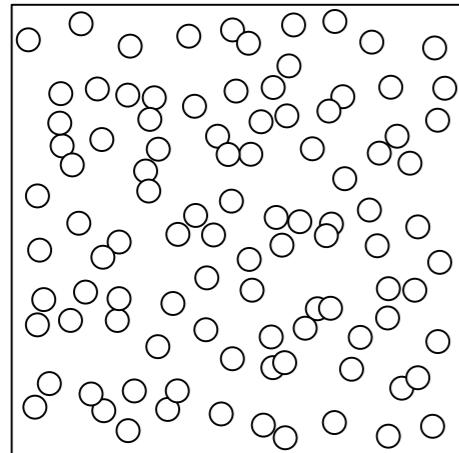
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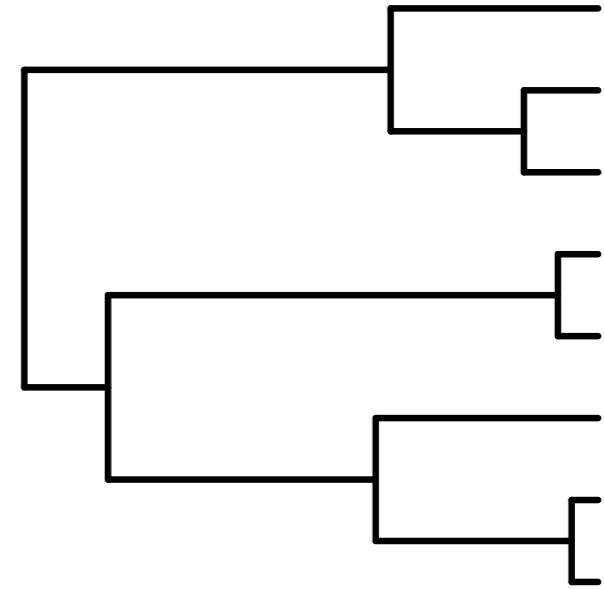
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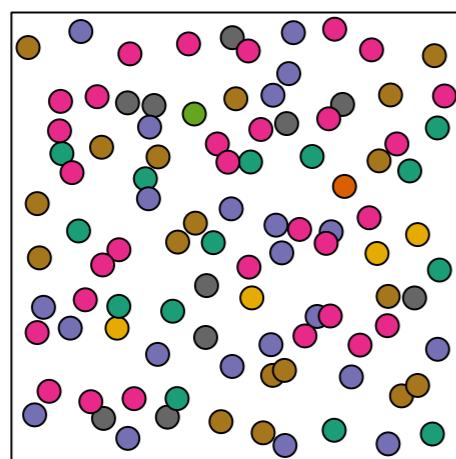
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$$\longleftrightarrow R(n, \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\lambda_1 n - \lambda_2 n \varepsilon}$$



# Mahalo!



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