



# Why rarity is common

The evolution of eco-  
evolutionary rarity in plants

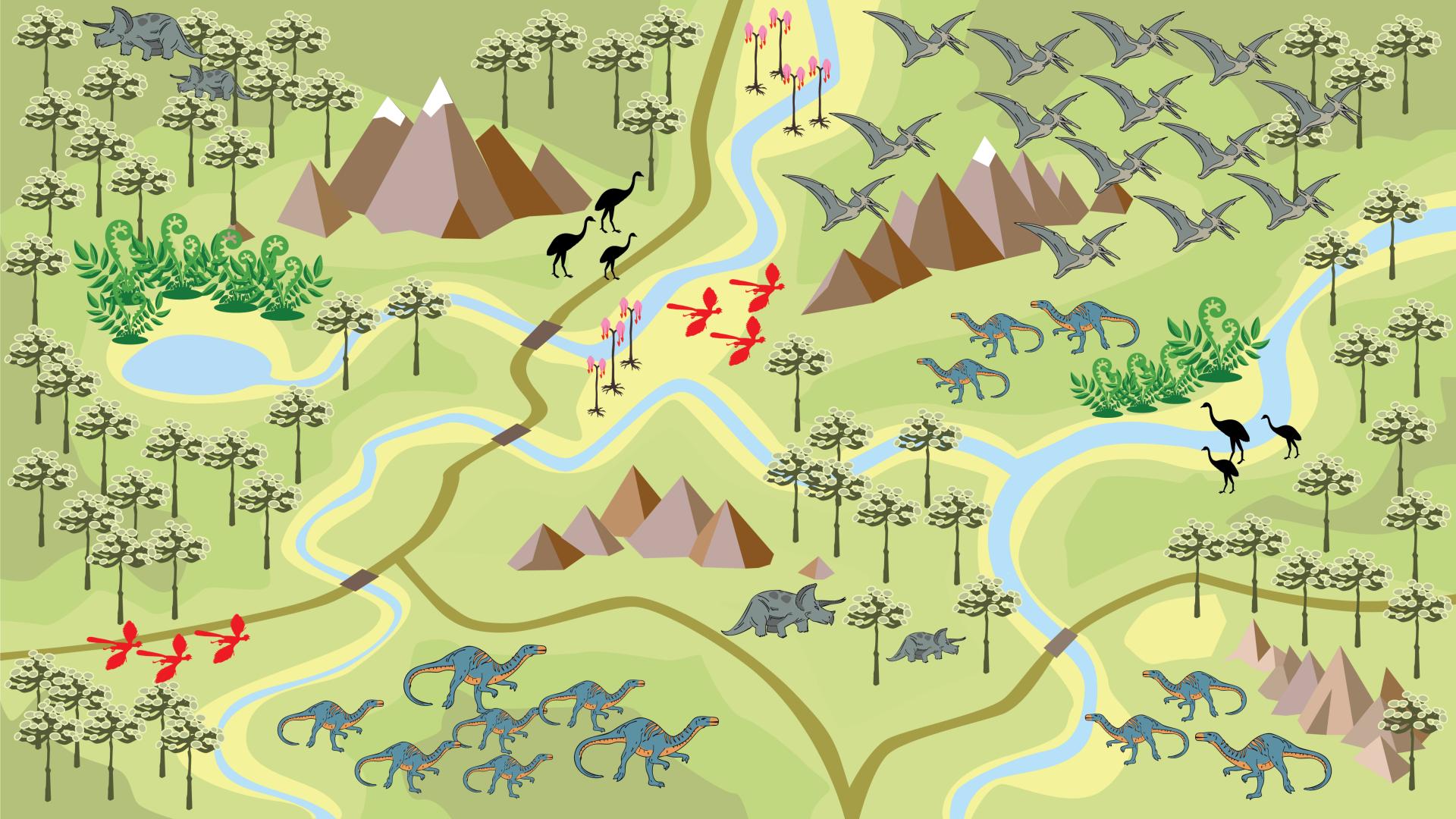
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# Exploring the evolution of rarity

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Where?

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How?

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## Where?

Where does rarity come from?

2

## How?

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Where?

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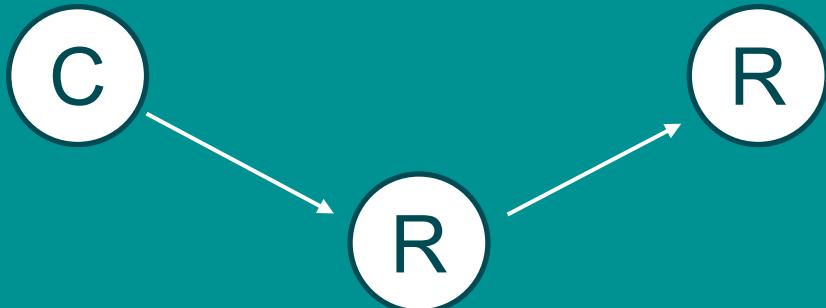
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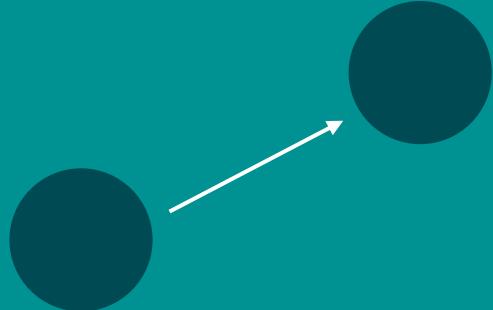
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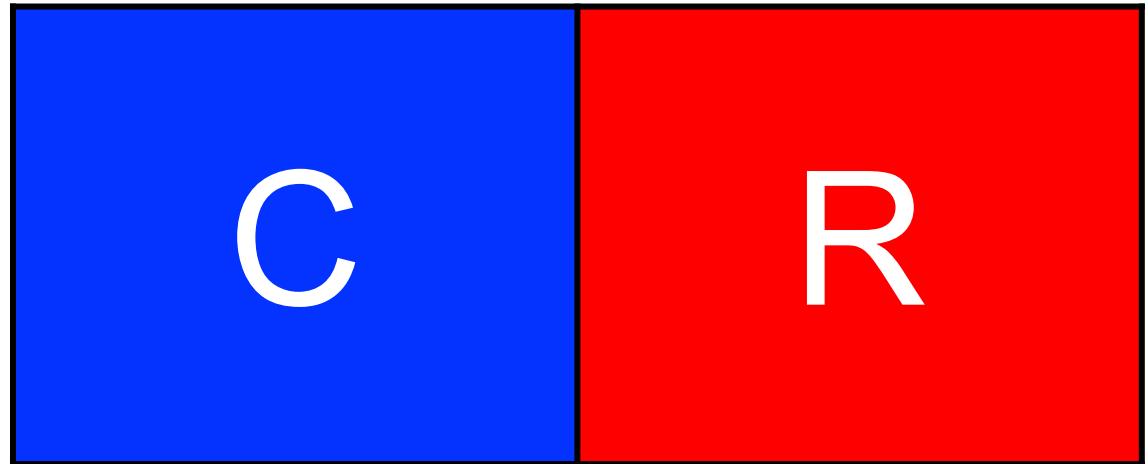
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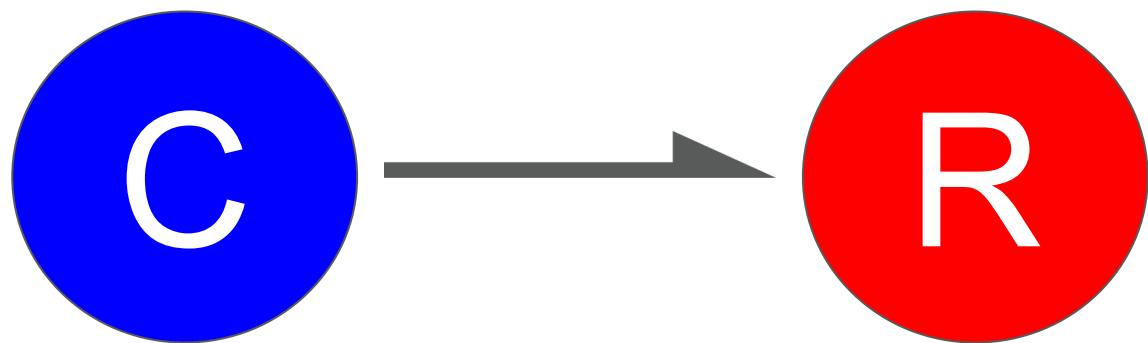
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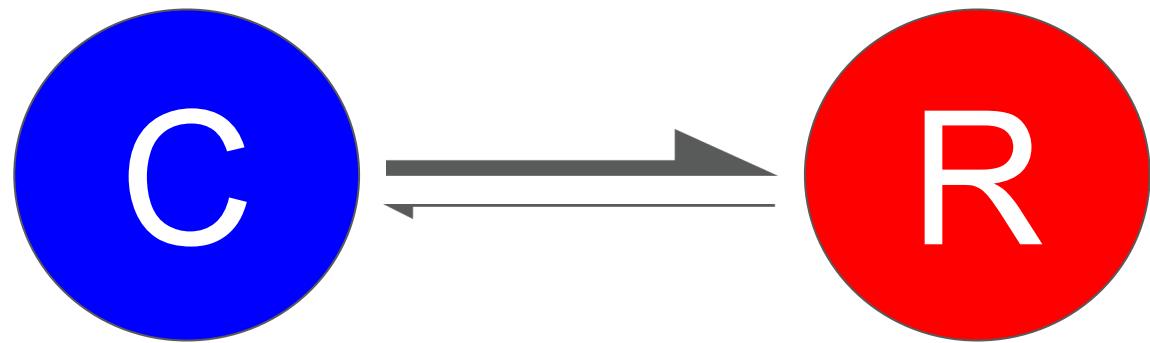
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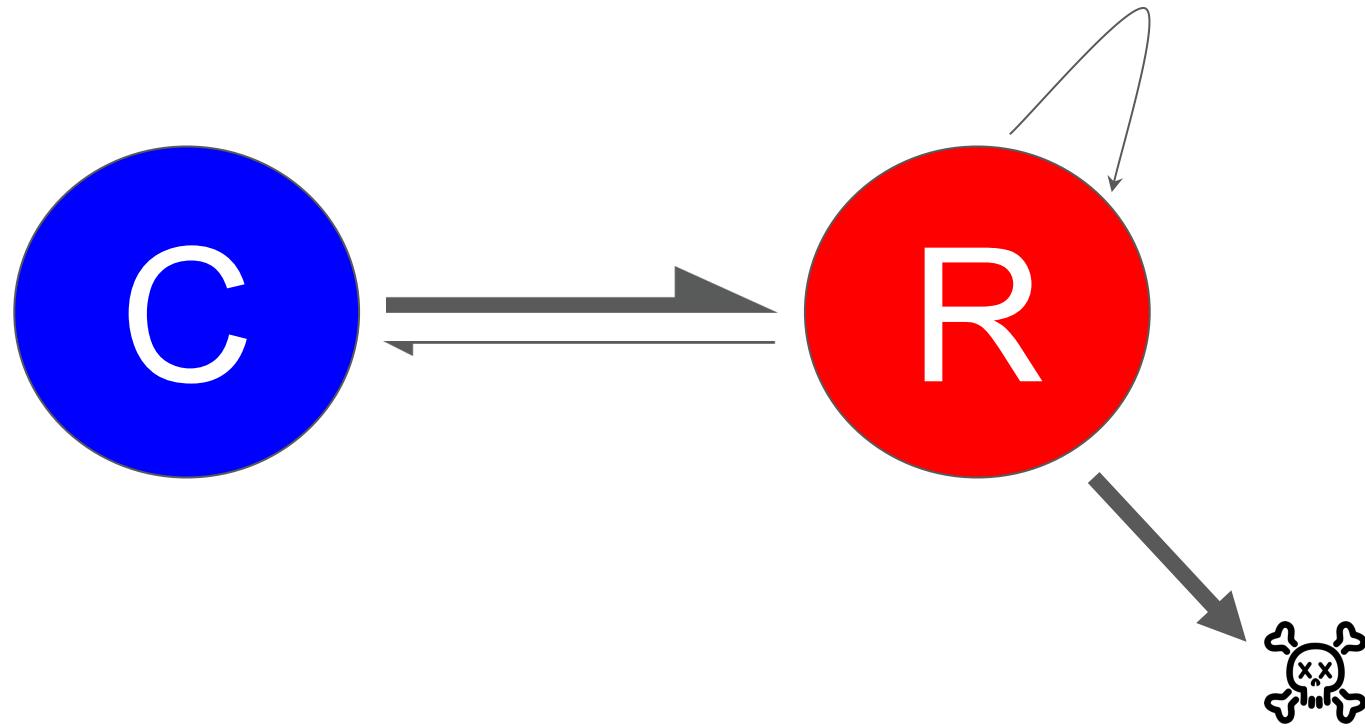
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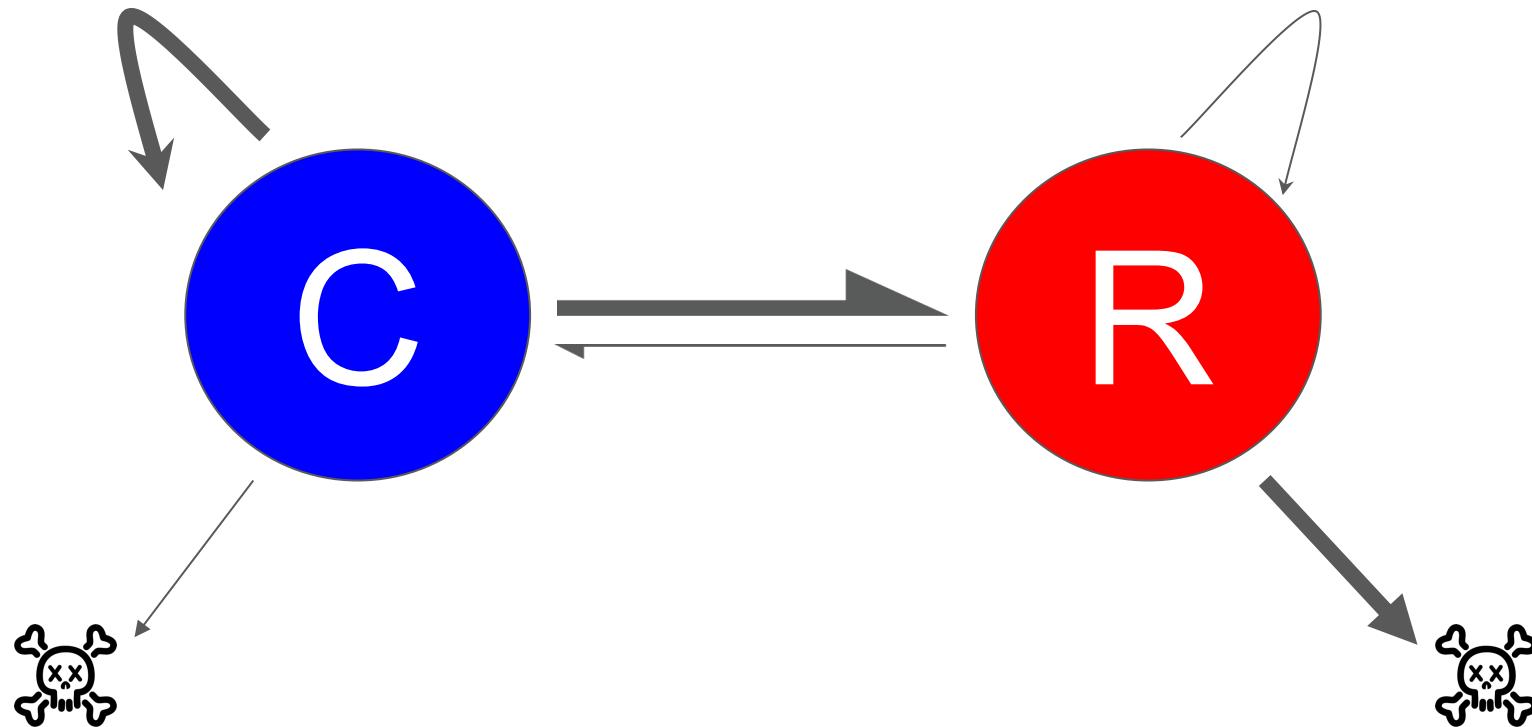
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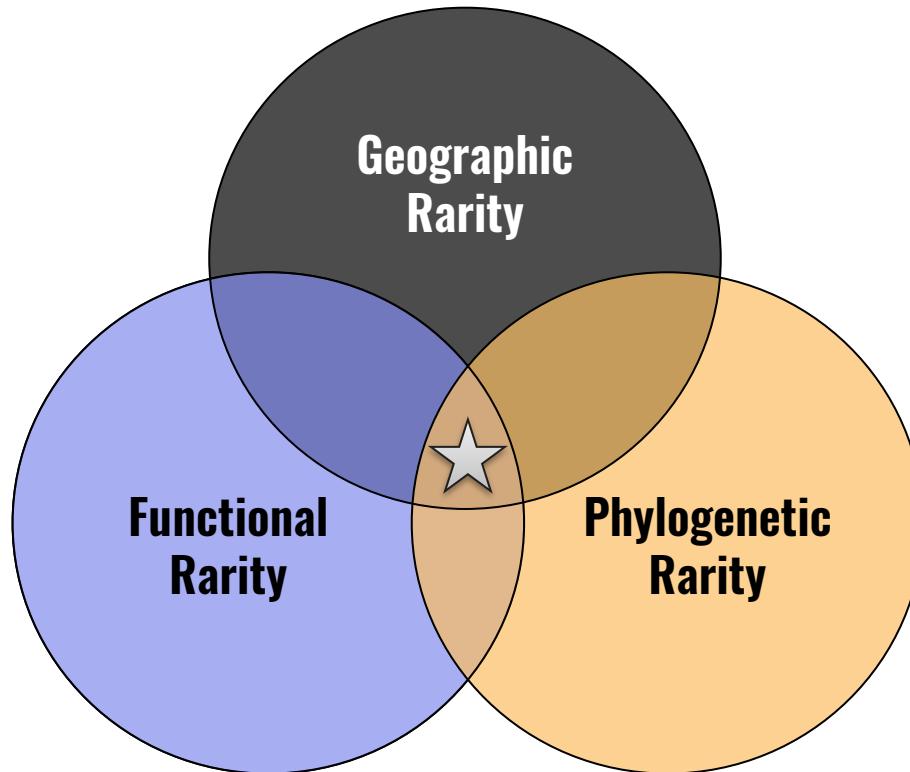












**Geographic Range**

Large

Small

**Habitat Specificity**

Wide

Narrow

Wide

Narrow

**Local Population Size**

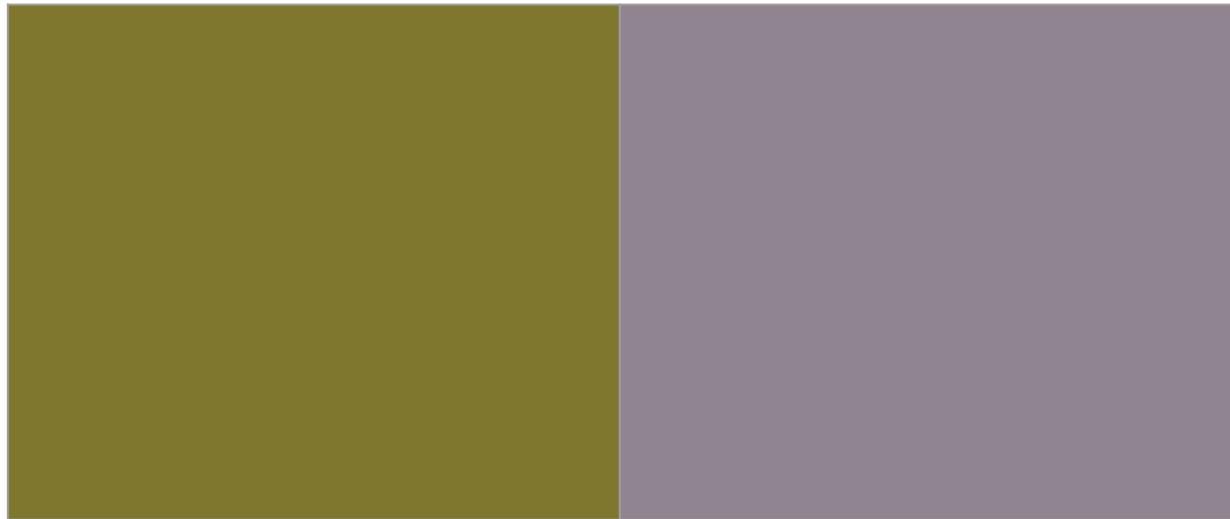
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## Range Size

Large

Small



**Range Size**

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**Functional  
Distinctiveness**

Distinct

Indistinct

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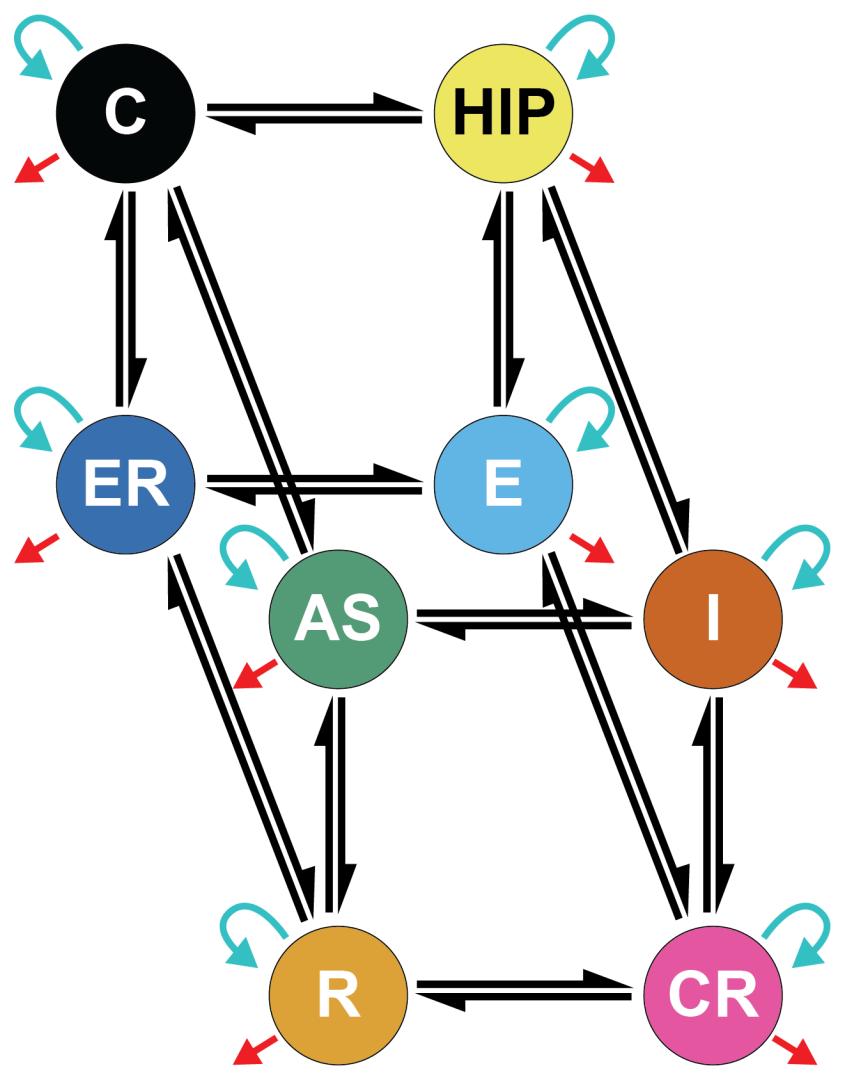


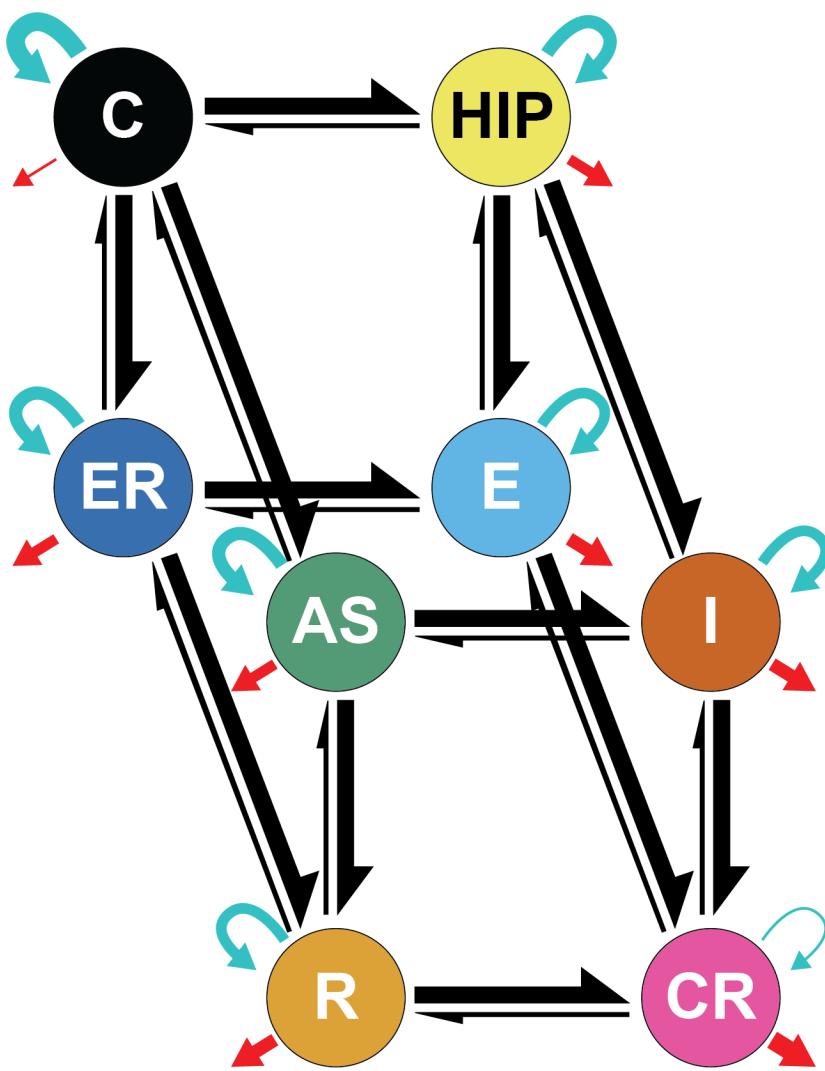
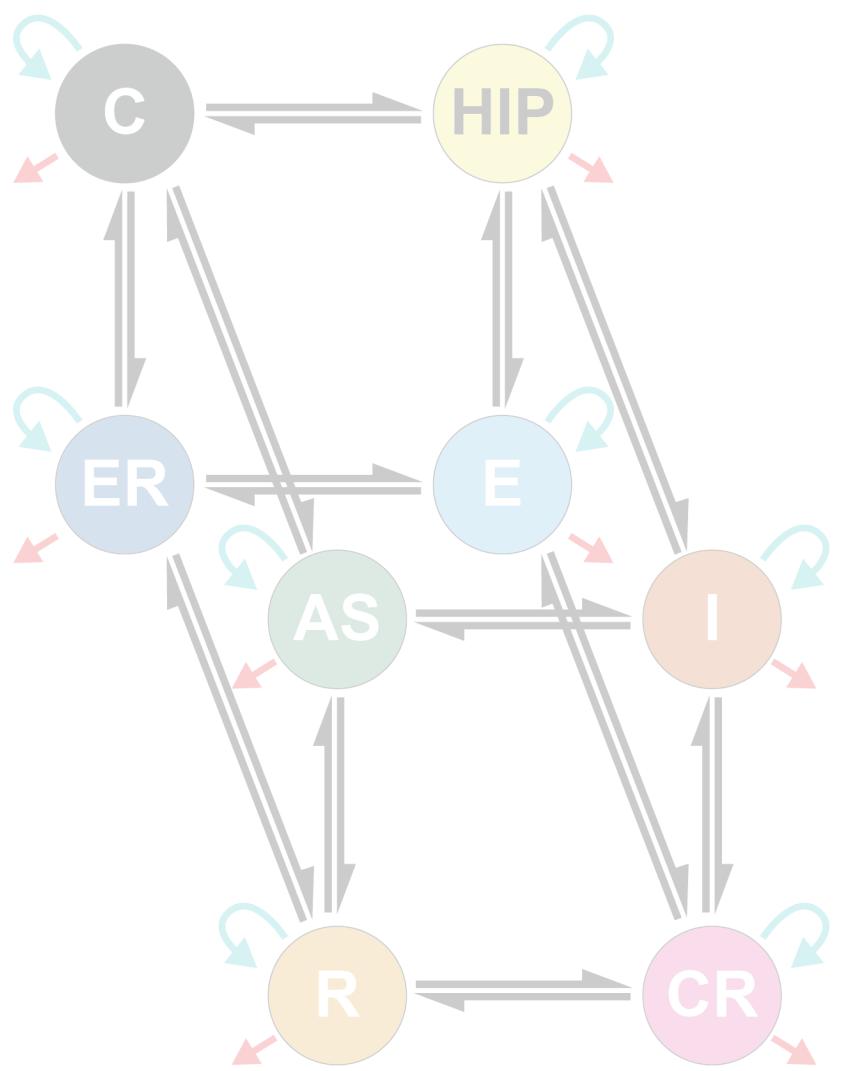
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Indistinct				

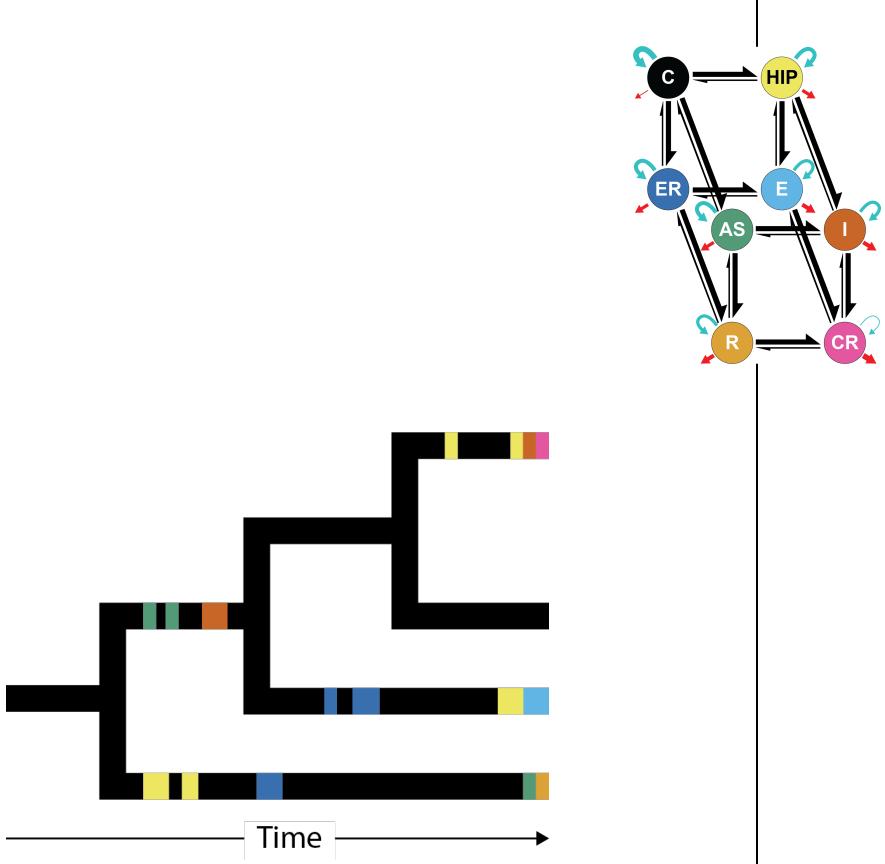
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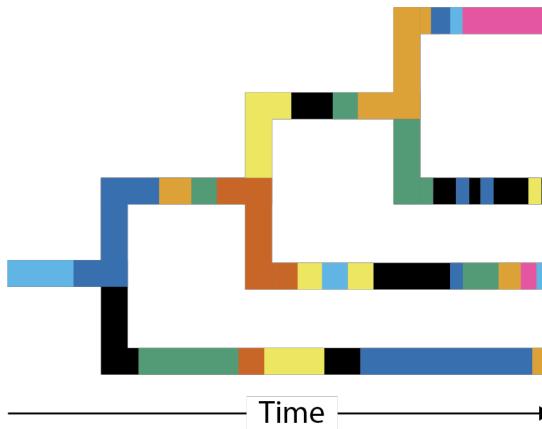
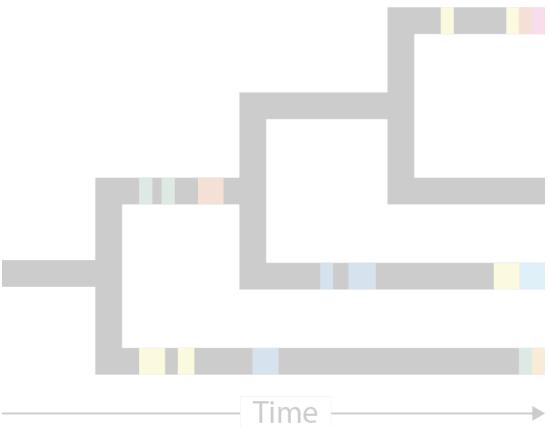
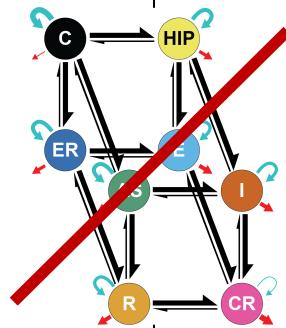
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- Middle-right (Functional Distinctiveness: Indistinct, Evolutionary Distinctiveness: Indistinct): Yellow
- Bottom-left (Functional Distinctiveness: Indistinct, Evolutionary Distinctiveness: Distinct): Black
- Bottom-right (Functional Distinctiveness: Indistinct, Evolutionary Distinctiveness: Indistinct): Dark Blue
- Bottom-middle (Functional Distinctiveness: Indistinct, Evolutionary Distinctiveness: Indistinct): Light Blue

Range Size	Large		Small	
Functional Distinctiveness	Distinct	Indistinct	Distinct	Indistinct
Evolutionary Distinctiveness	Distinct	Adaptable Survivor	Classically Rare	Relict
Indistinct	High Invasive Potential	Common	Endemic	Environmentally Rare









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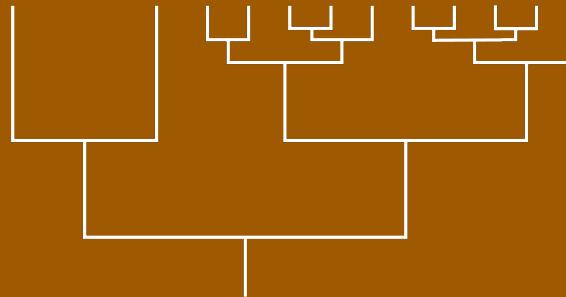
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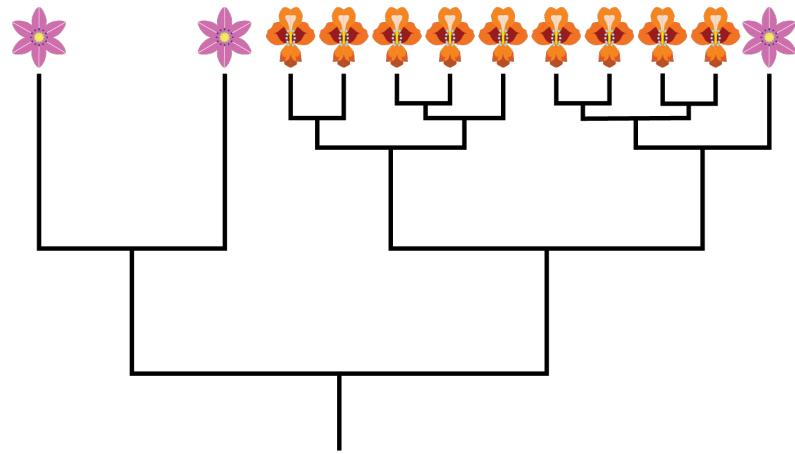
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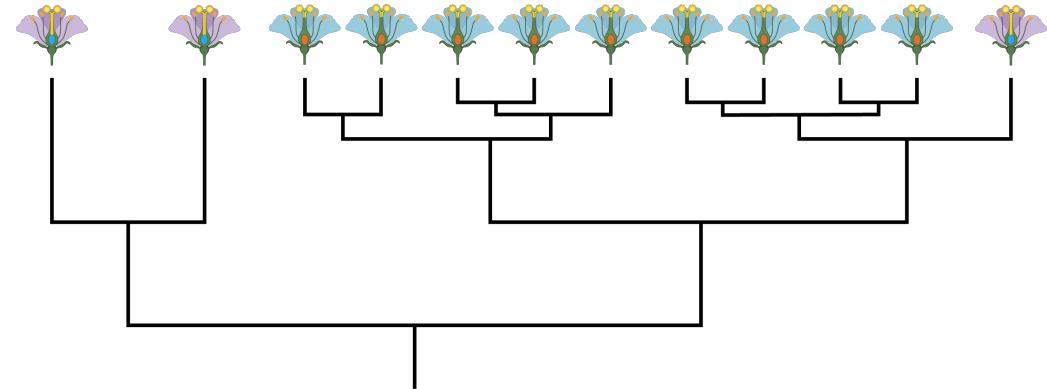
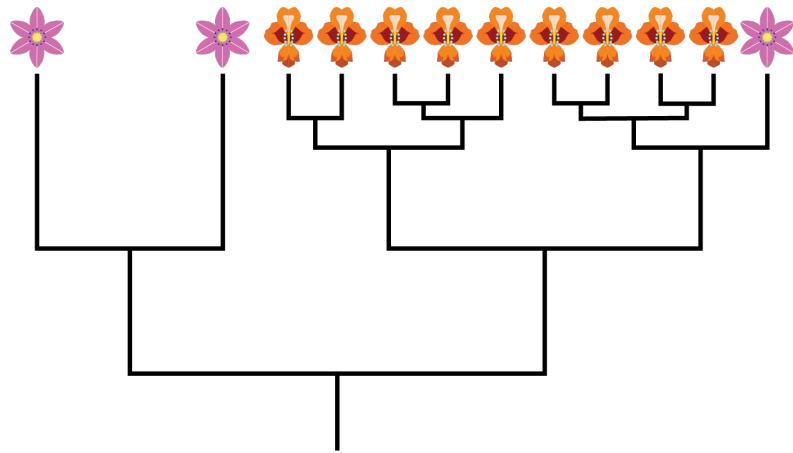
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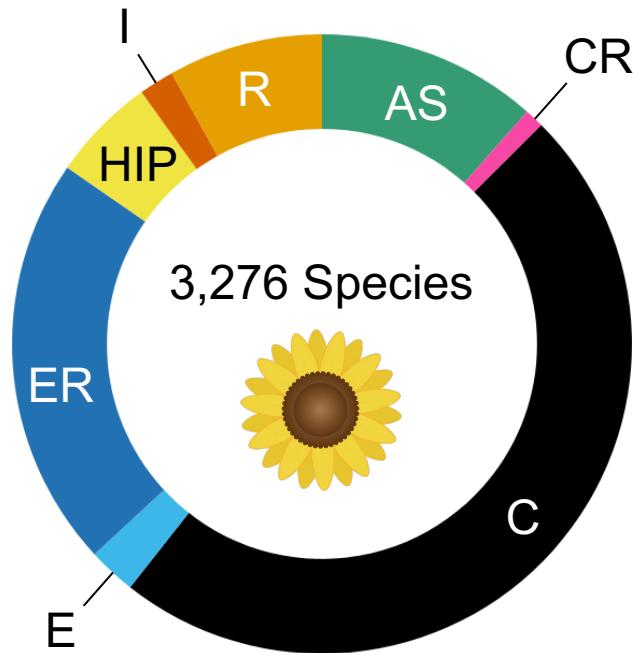
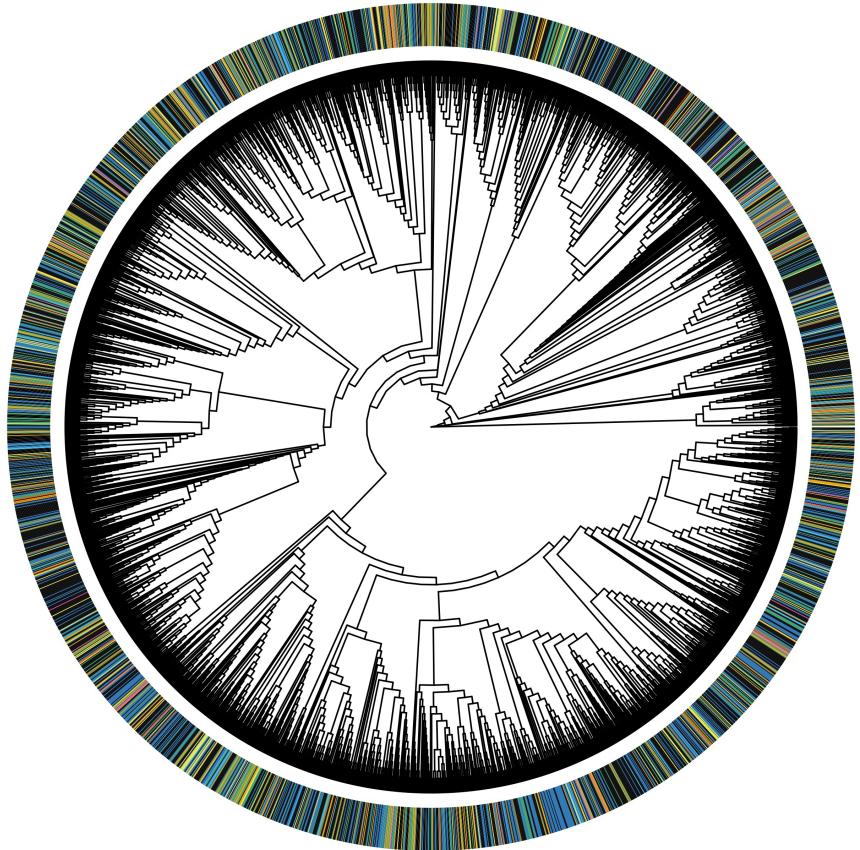
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Is rarity correlated with differential diversification?

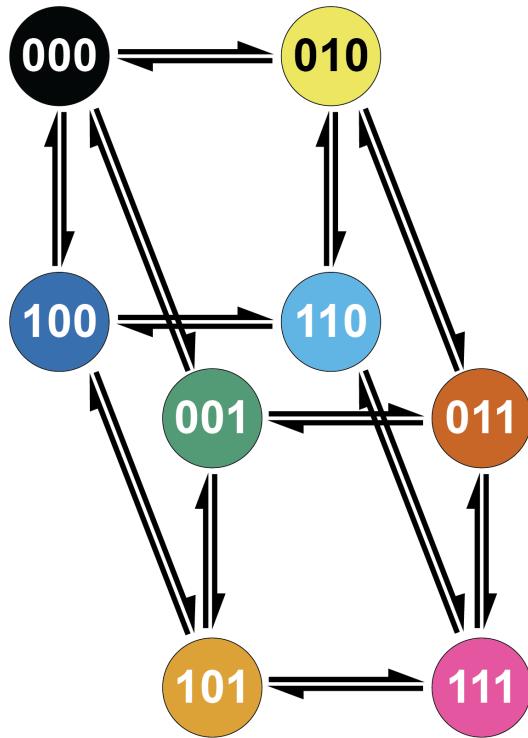






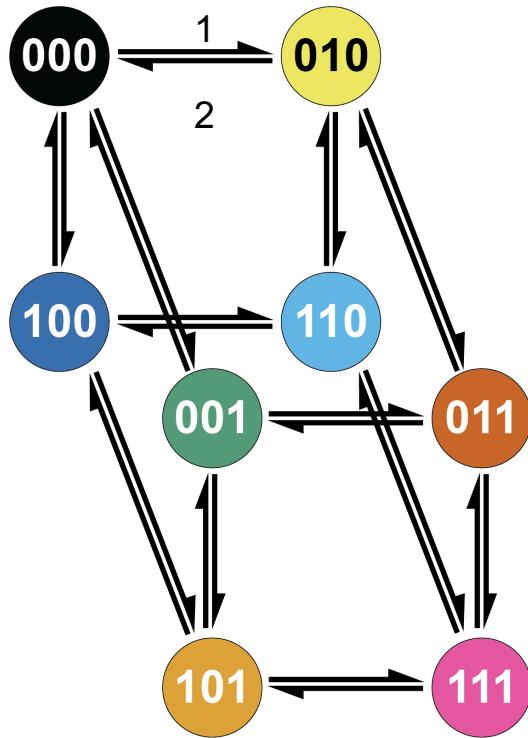
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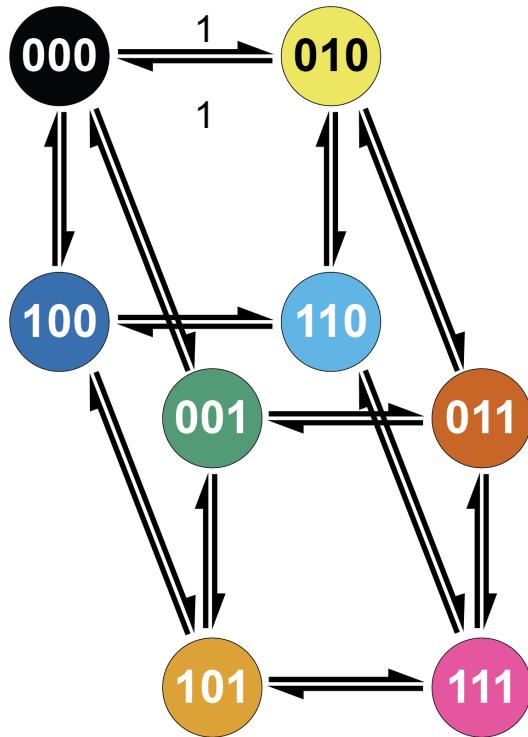
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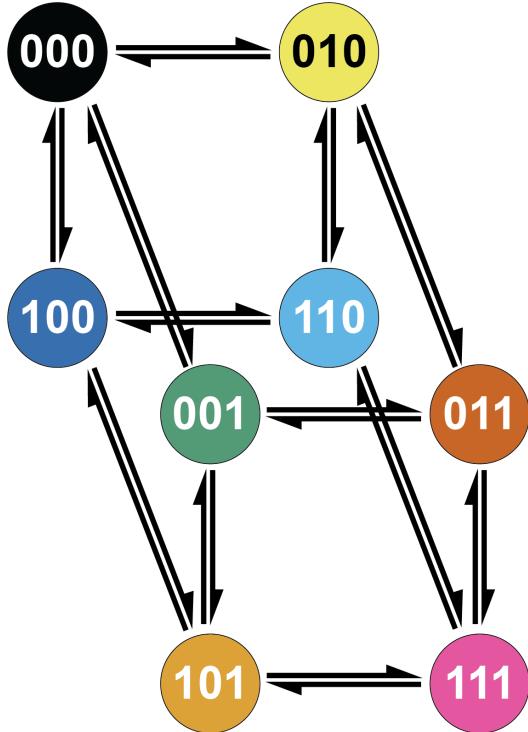
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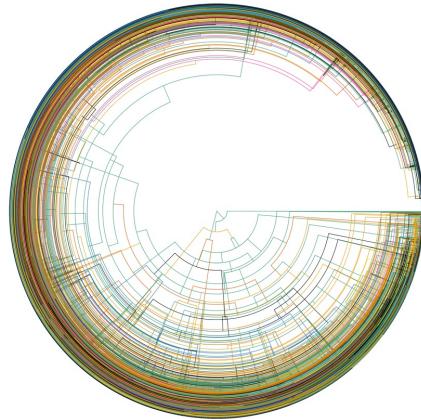
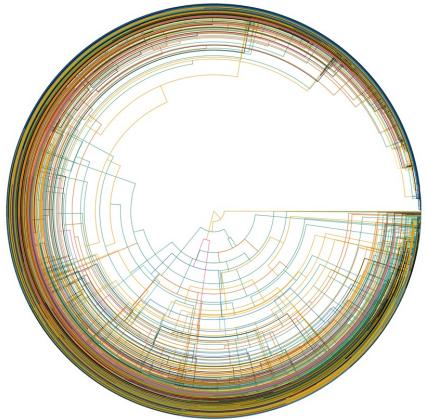


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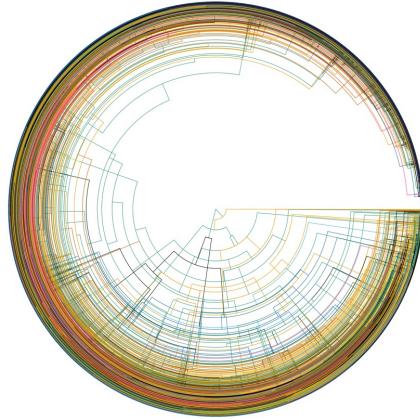
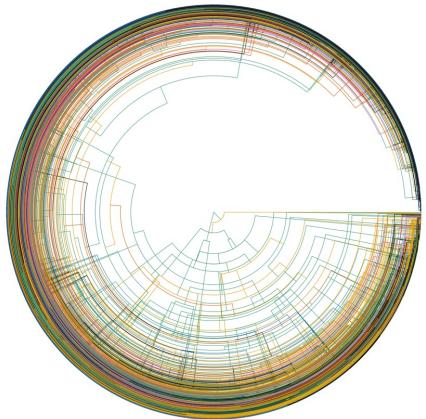
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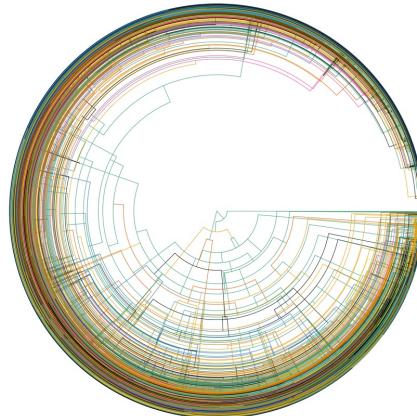
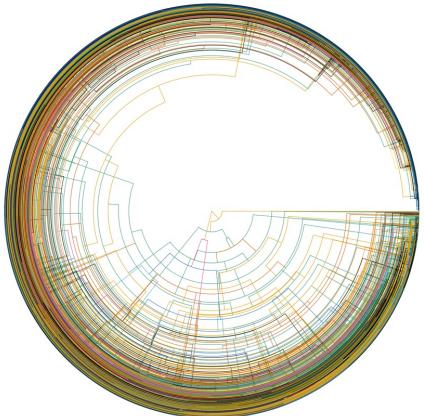
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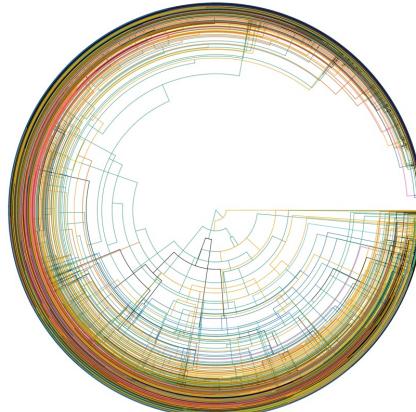
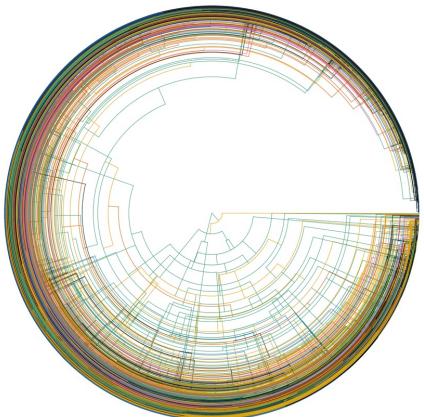
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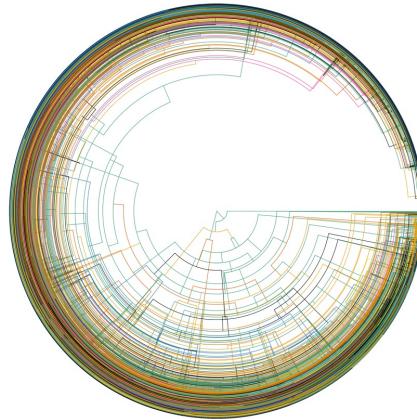
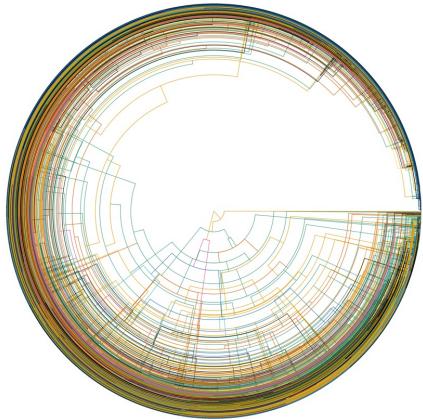


Proportion of Time Spent  
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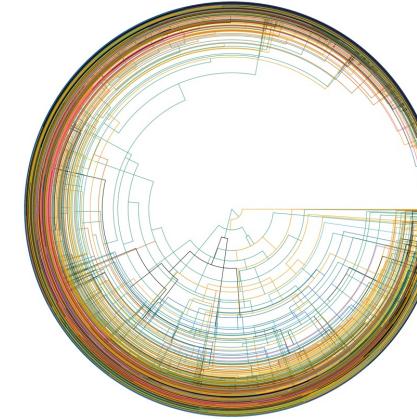
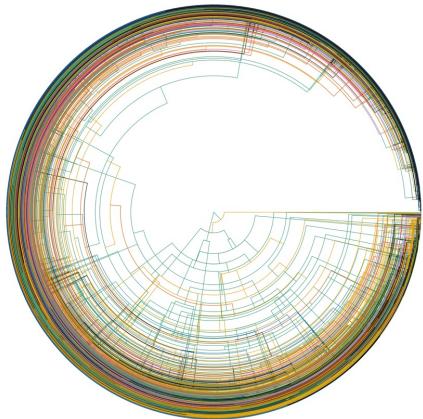


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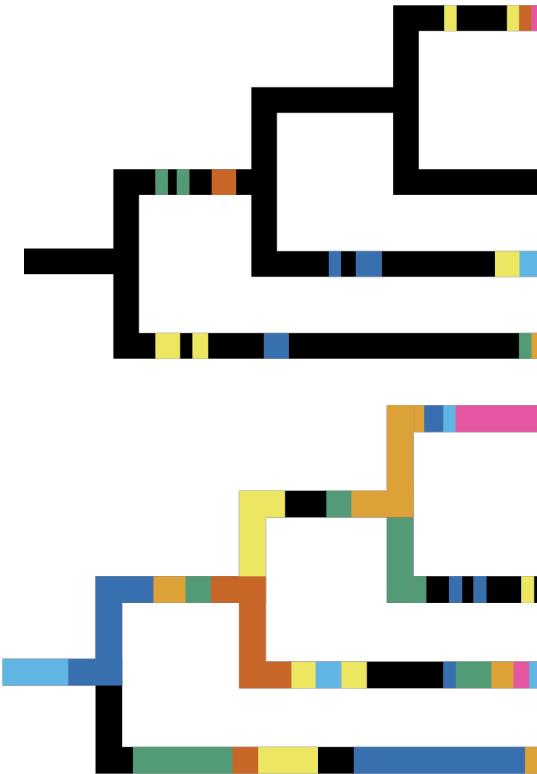




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# Model Selection & Caveats

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## Discrete Character Evolution

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## Speciation and Extinction

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Diversification

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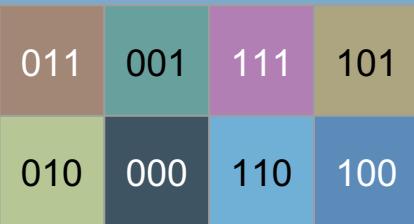
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Selection

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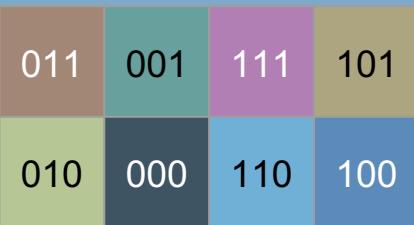
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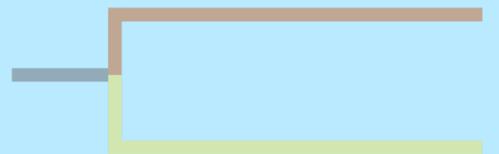
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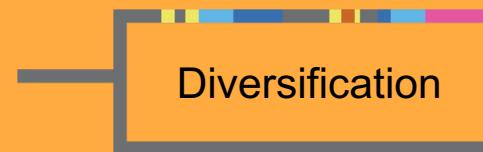
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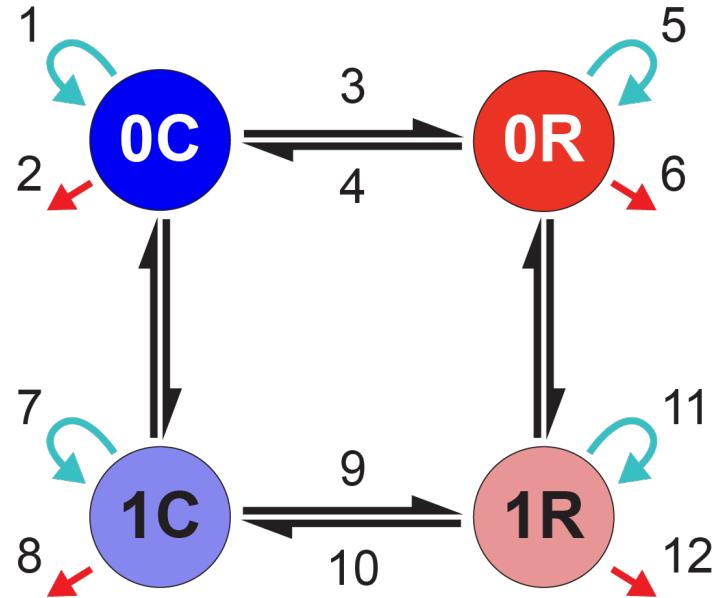


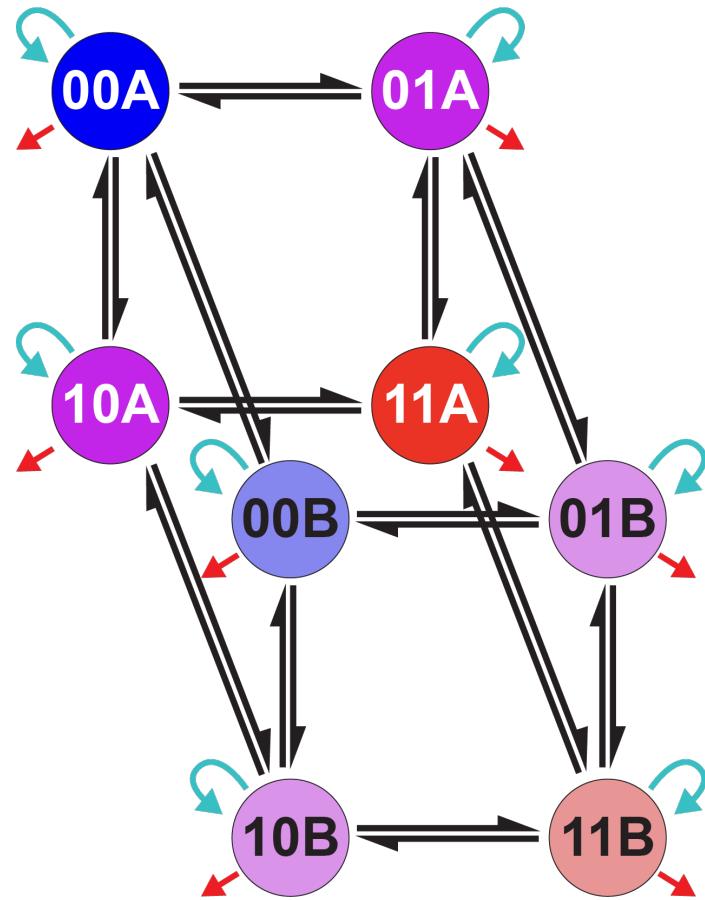
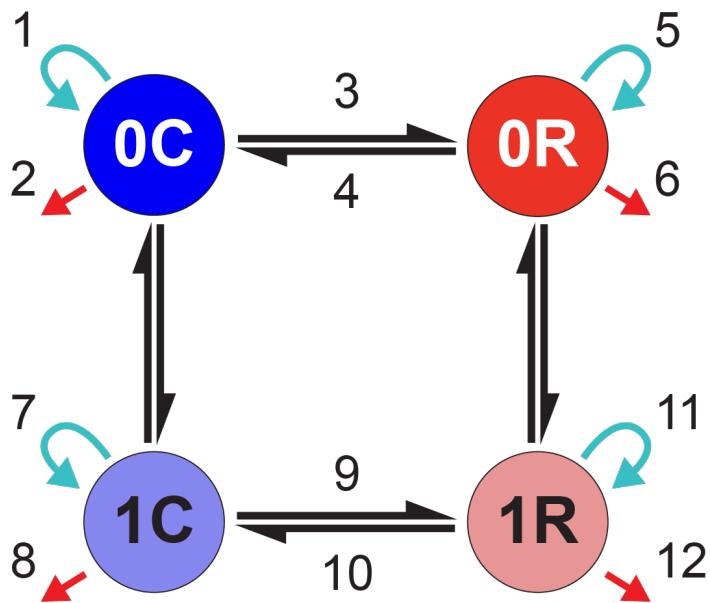
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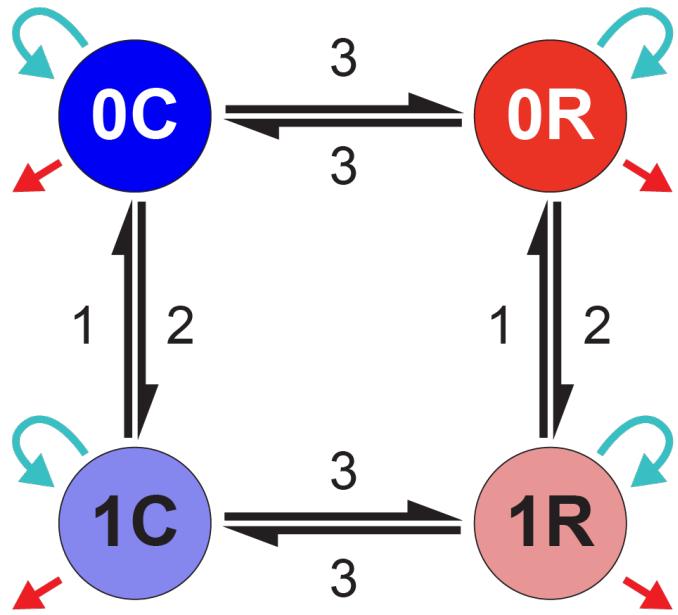
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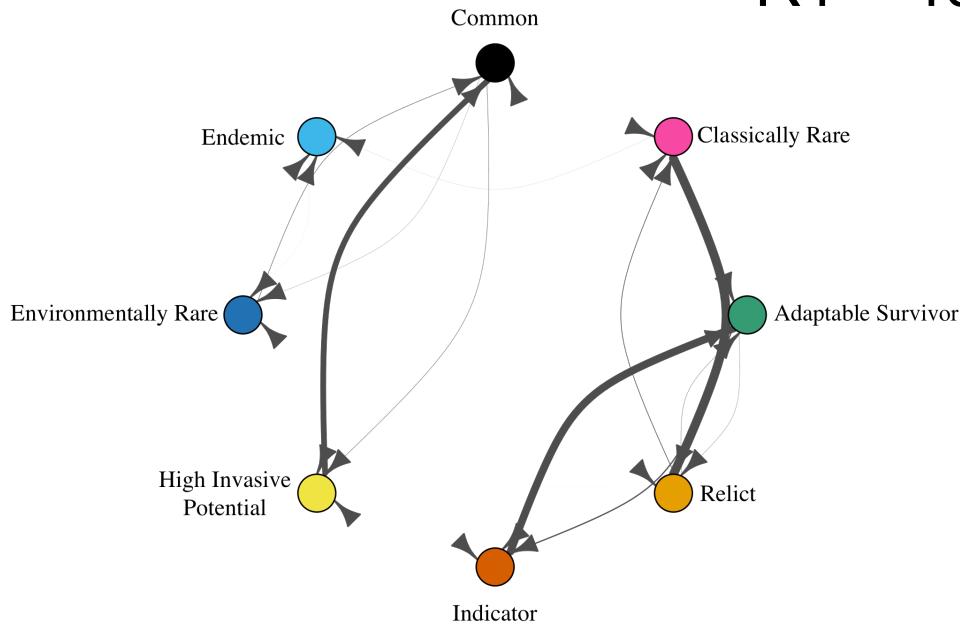


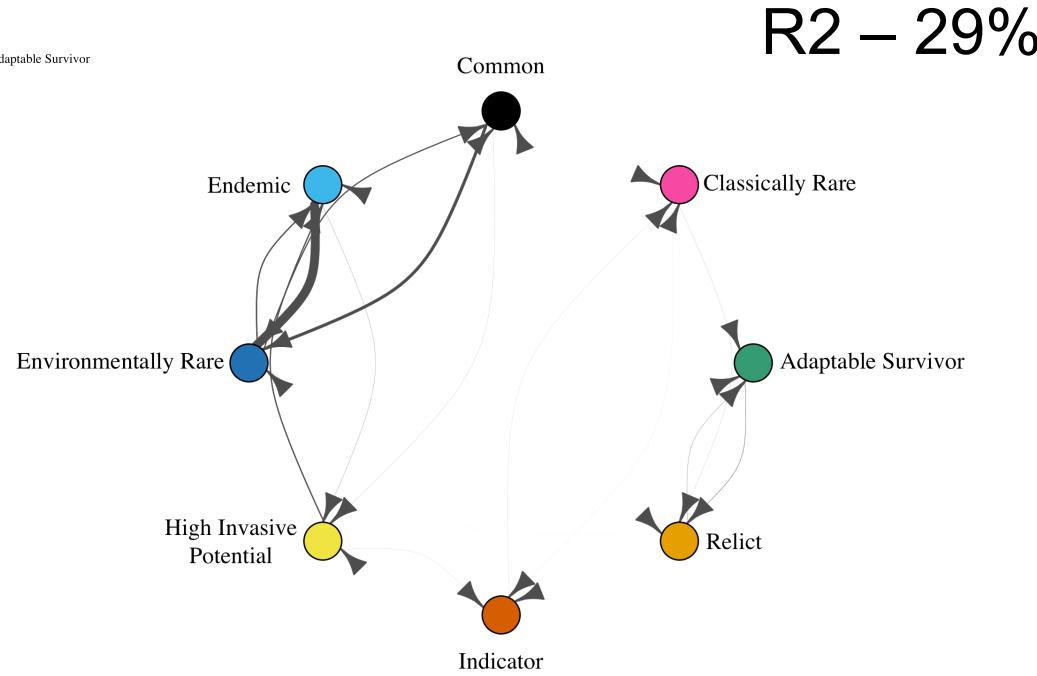
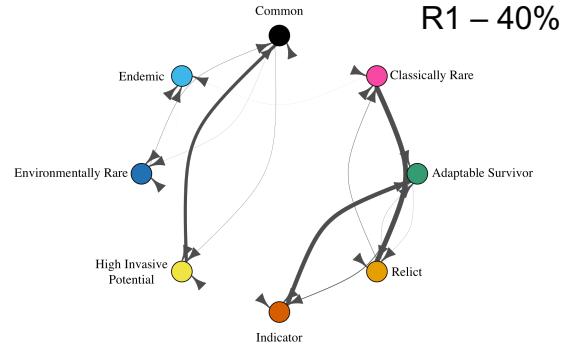
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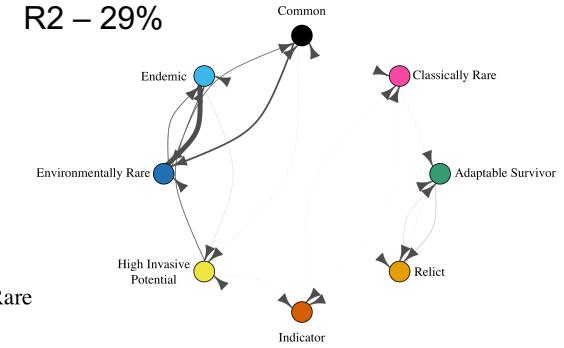
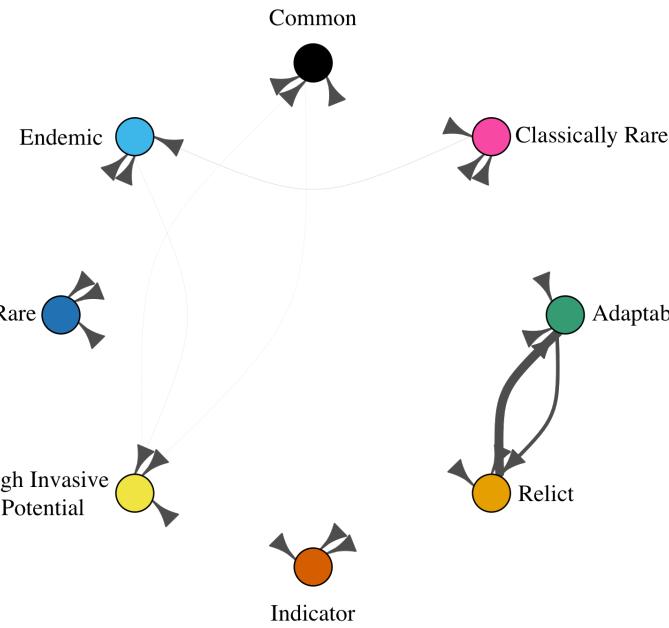
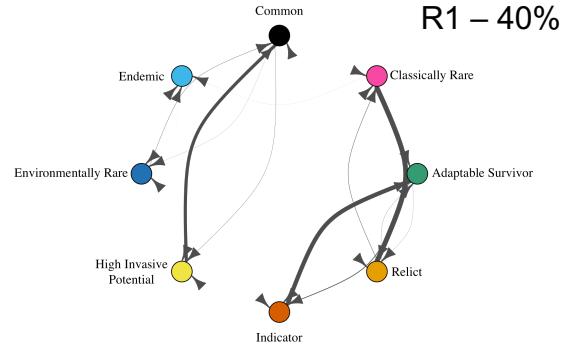
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ARD	24	1	0.29%	385
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ARD	50	2	0.08%	125
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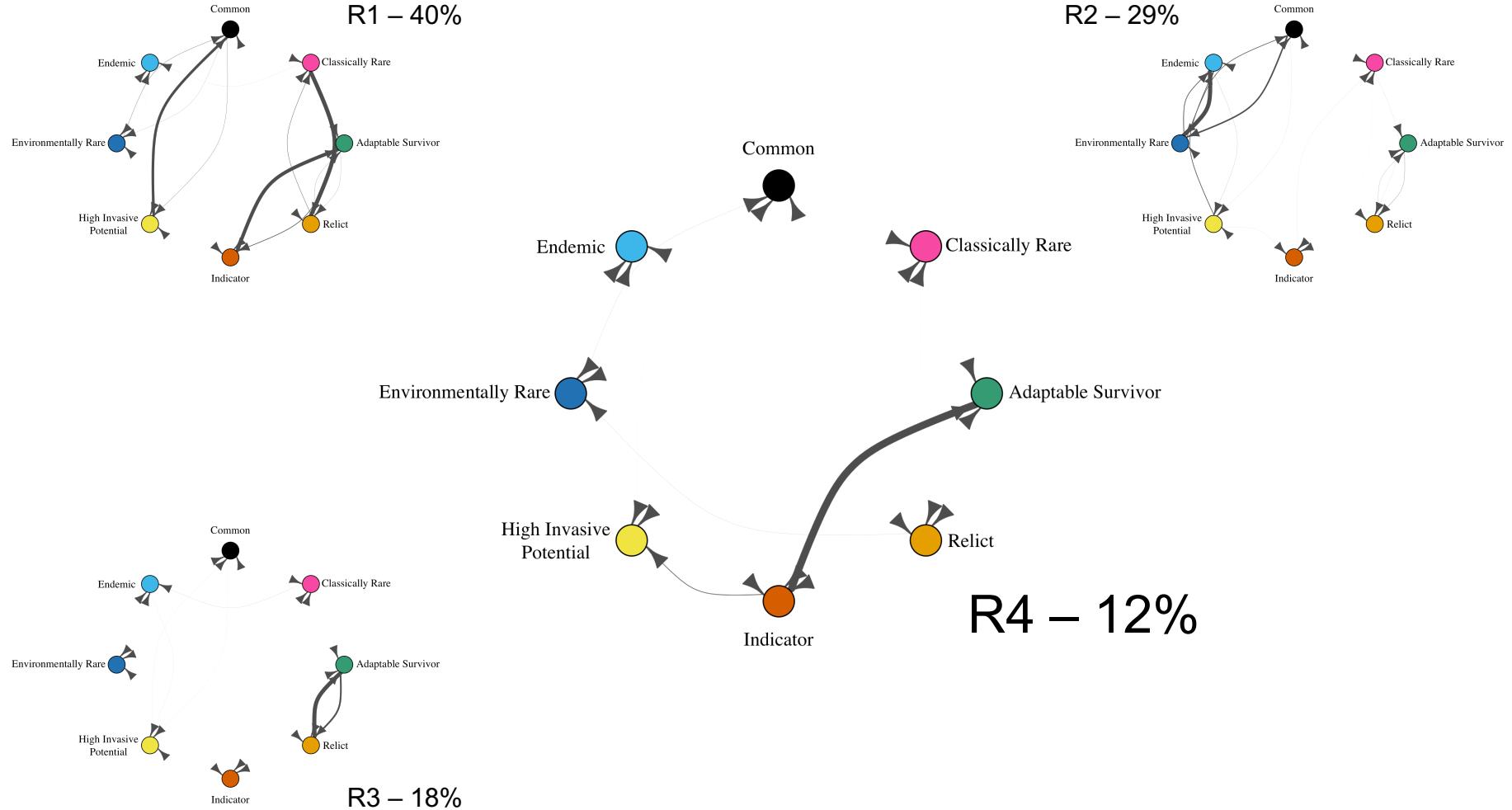
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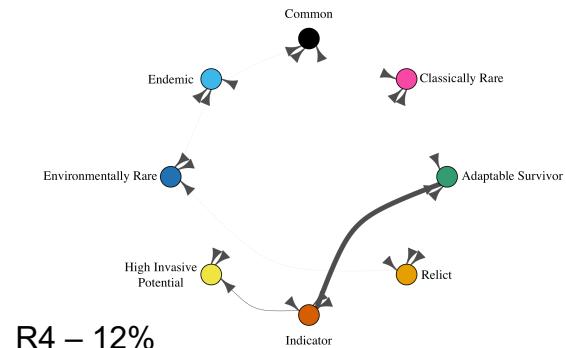
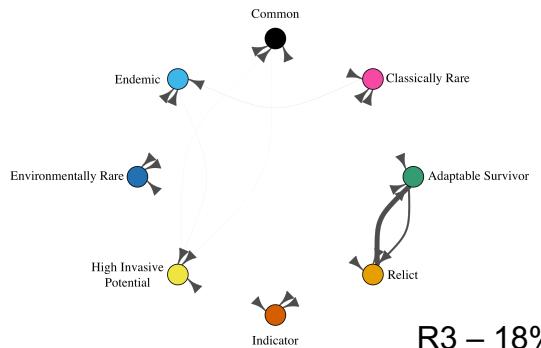
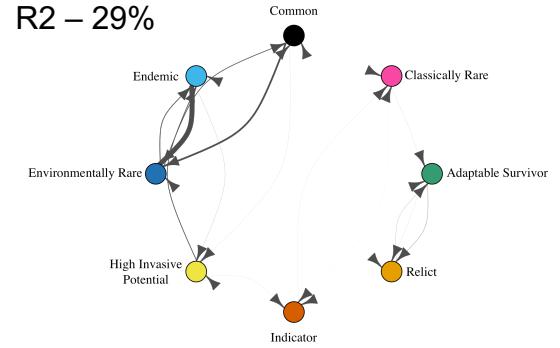
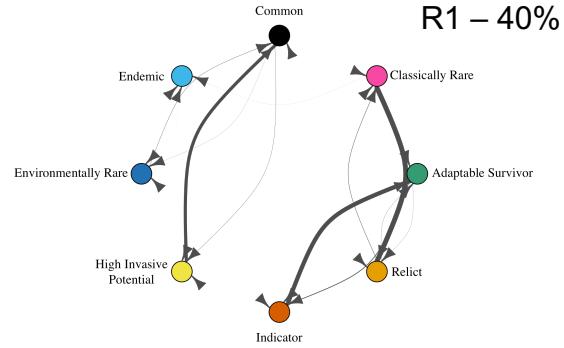


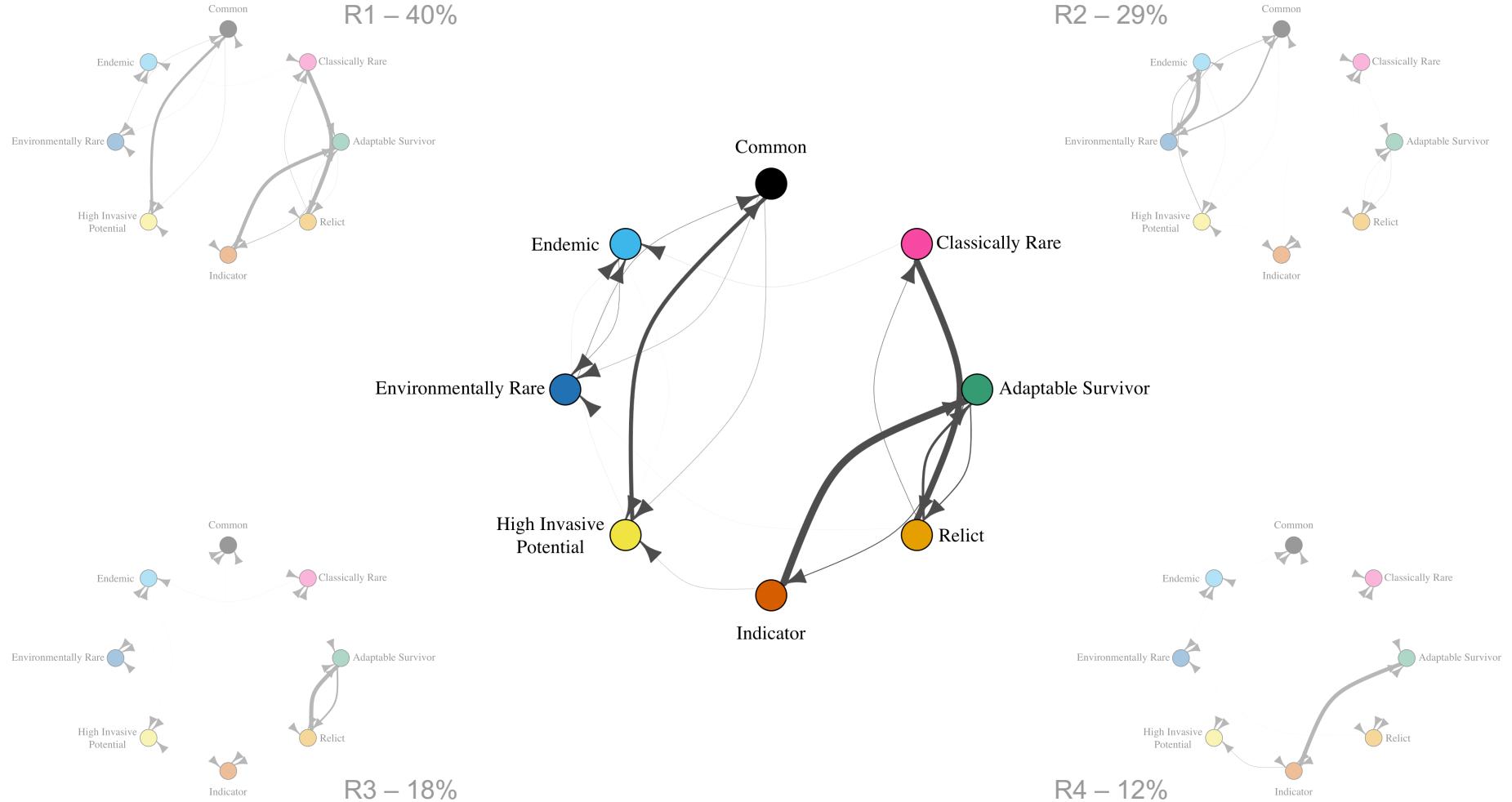


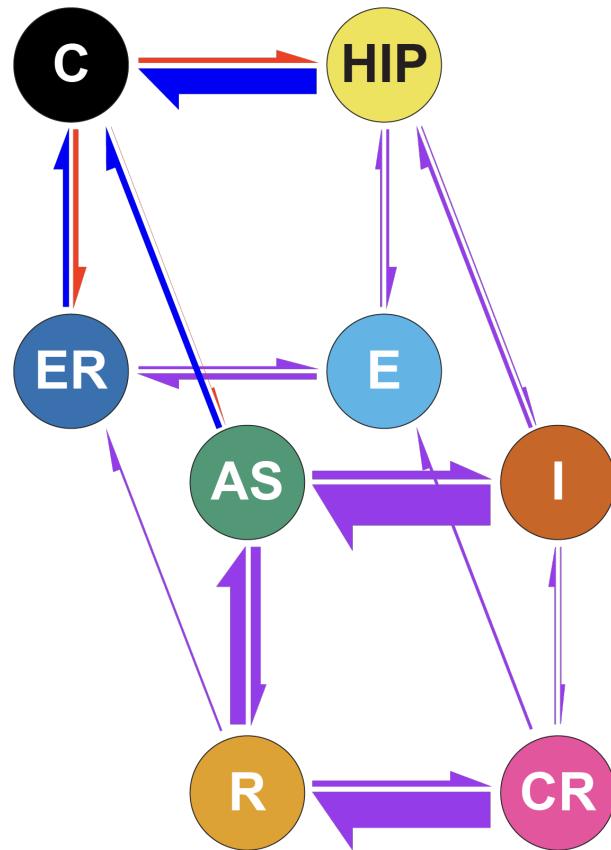
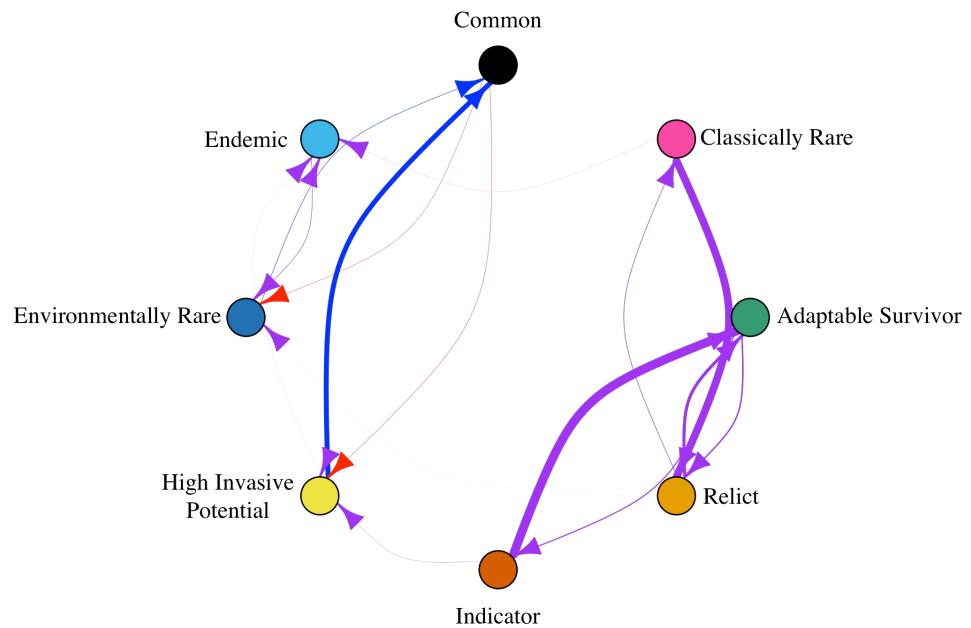


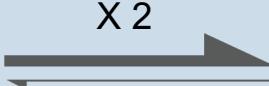
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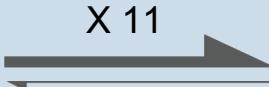




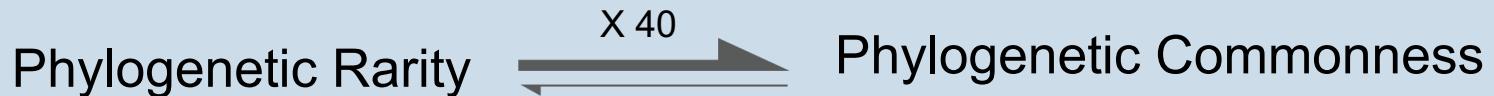
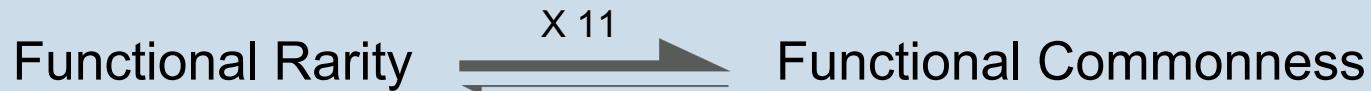
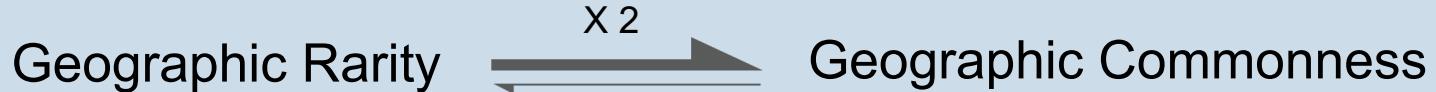




Geographic Rarity  Geographic Commonness

Functional Rarity  Functional Commonness

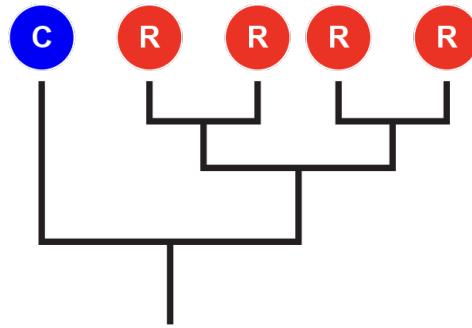
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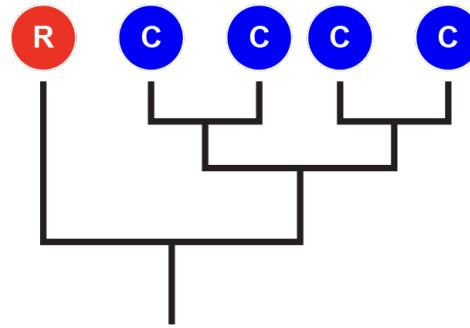
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Rarity is a **dominant** state characterized by many single step, **rapid transitions** between rarity types or to commonness

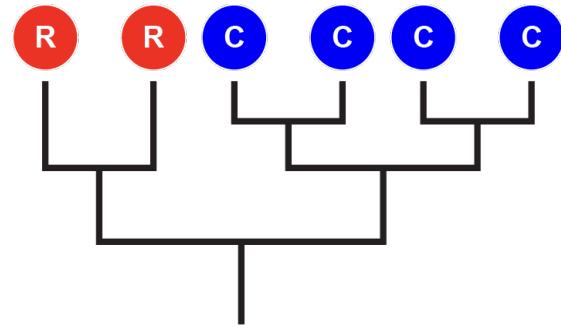
Geographic Rarity



Functional Rarity



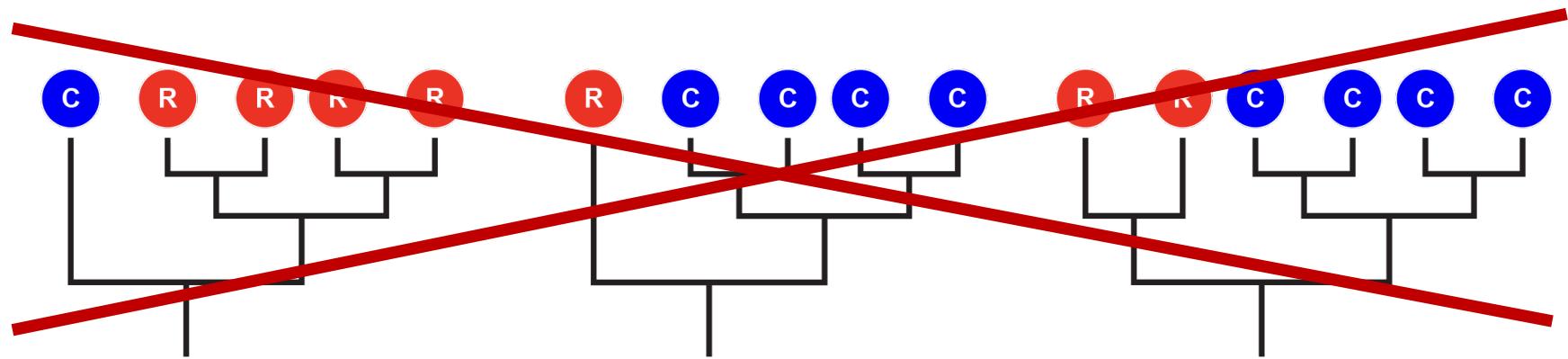
Phylogenetic Rarity



## Geographic Rarity

## Functional Rarity

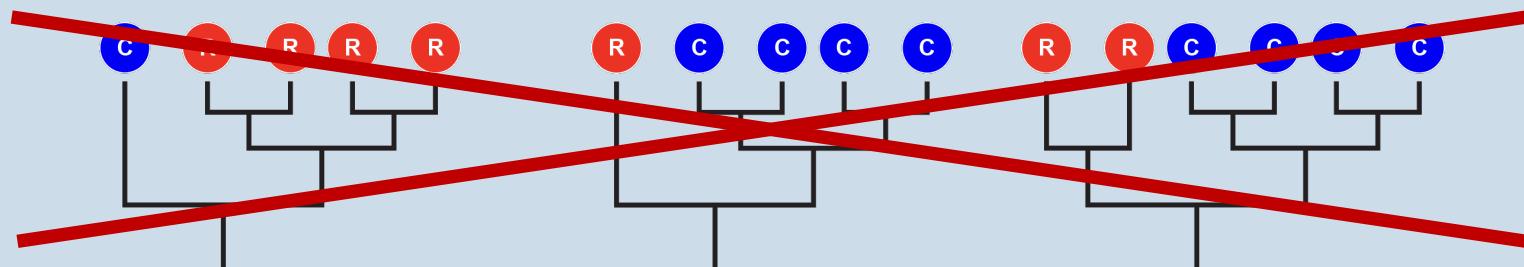
## Phylogenetic Rarity



Model	$\Delta\text{AICc}$
CID-4	0
SID-2	108

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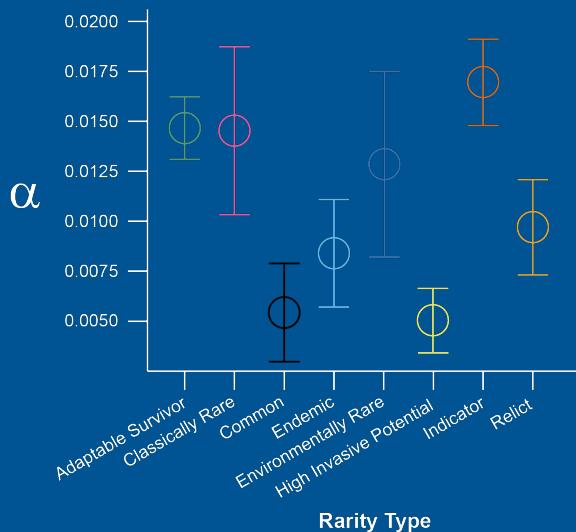
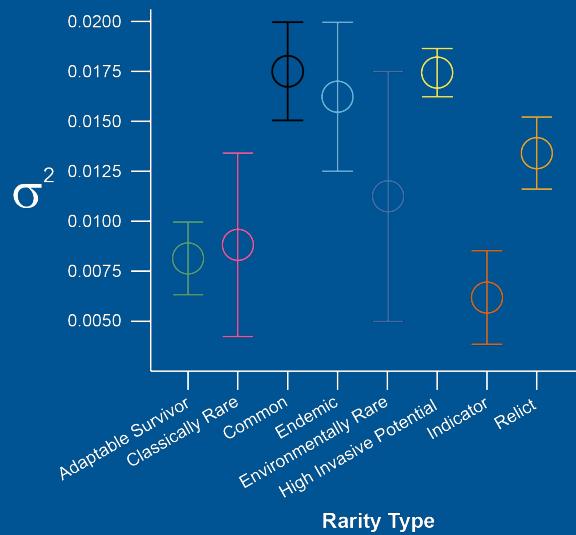
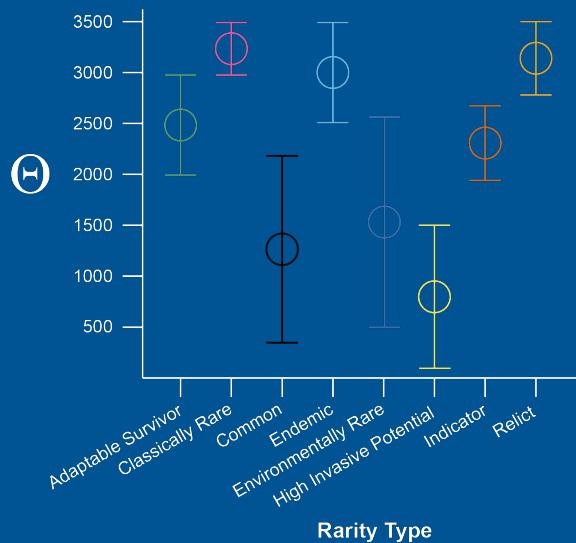
Rarity is **not** correlated with differential diversification.  
Rarity does **not** persist via increased speciation, but it is **not** correlated with increased extinction either.



Model	$\Delta AIC_c$
CID-4	0
SID-2	108

# Future Directions

## Example Output\*



\* Not based on real data

# In Summary

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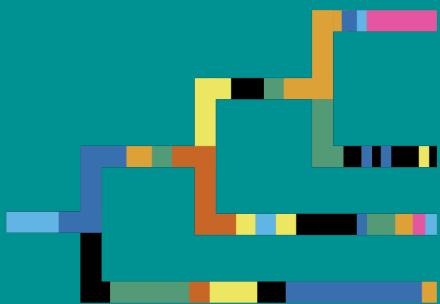
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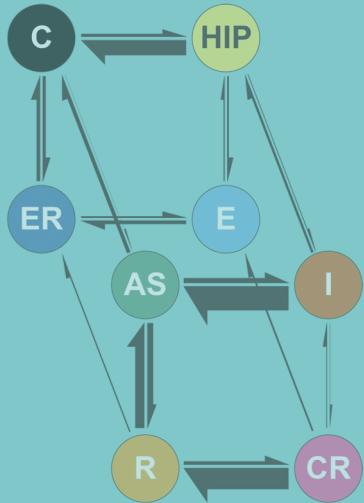
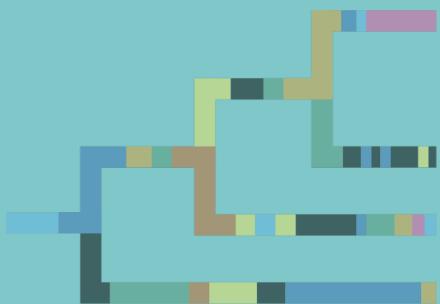


Rarity is a frequent state characterized by rapid transitions between rarity types

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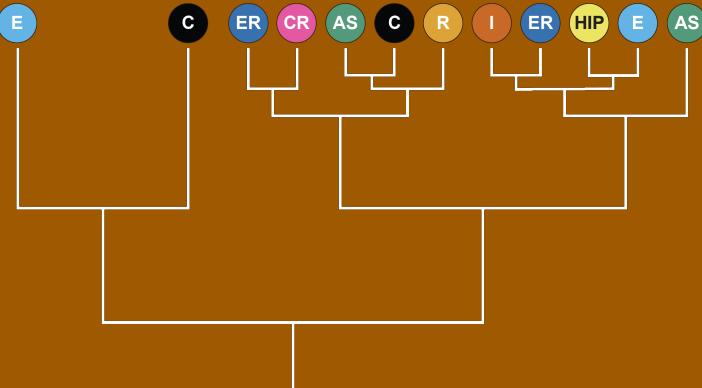
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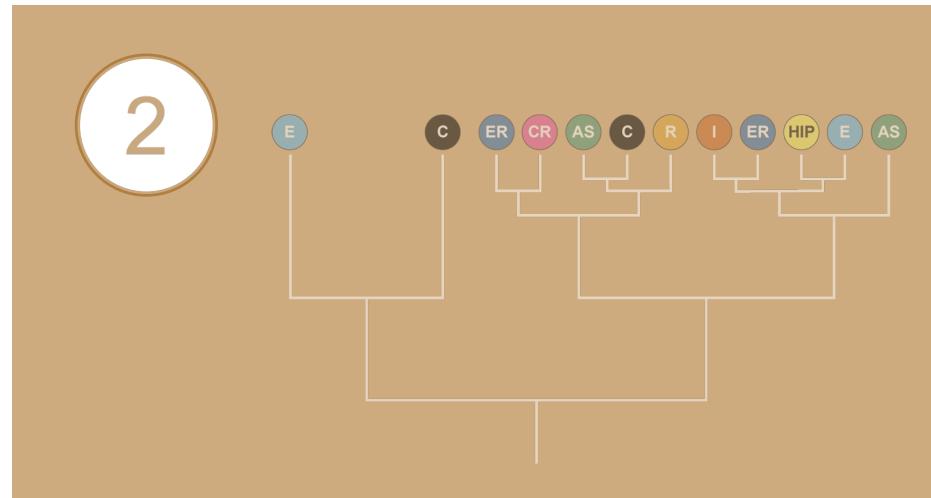
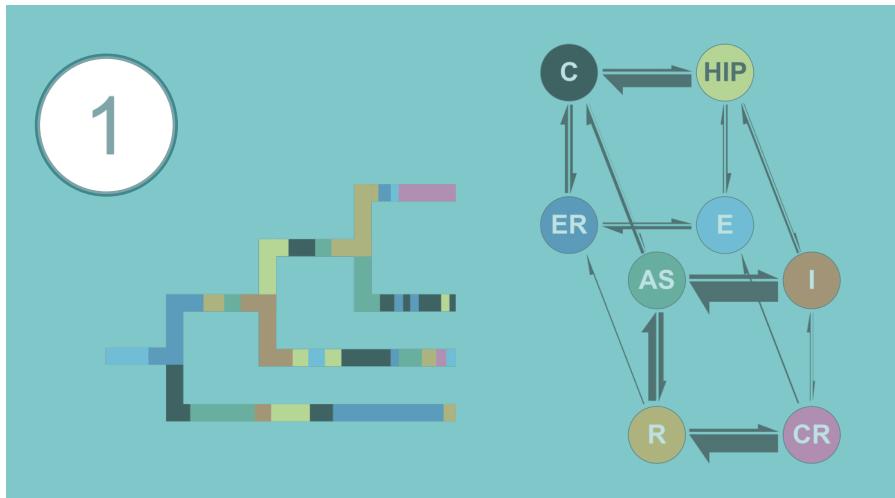
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Surprisingly, rarity is not correlated with differential diversification

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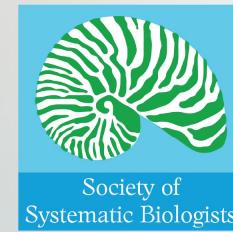
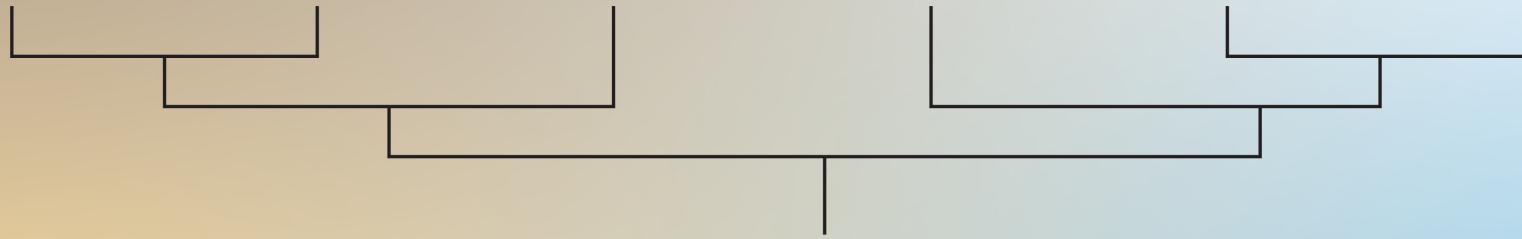
Rarity is not a static endpoint, nor a precursor to extinction, but rather a frequent and dynamic state

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*GeoFunPhy* R Package

A tool to classify the  
multidimensional rarity of species



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# Questions?



Rarity Type	Prop. of time	Prop. of tips
Adaptable Survivor	14.2%	11.5%
Classically Rare	11.8%	1%
Common	12.9%	48.1%
Endemic	14.9%	2.5%
Environmentally Rare	13.6%	21.5%
High Invasive Potential	11.8%	5.5%
Indicator	11.1%	1.8%
Relict	9.7%	8.1%

## Indicator

*Cornus alternifolia*



James C. Baugh, 2012

## Adaptable Survivor

*Acacia stricta*



M. Fagg, 2011

## Classically Rare

*Macrolobium angustifolium*



D. Sasaki, RBG KEW

## Relict

*Eucalyptus coccifera*



Tim Rudman, 2012

## High Invasive Potential

*Pinus pinaster*



José Angel Campos Sandoval, 2007

## Common

*Campanula sibirica*



Ed Stikvoort

## Endemic

*Cryptocarya alba*



M. F. Gardner, RBG Edinburgh

## Environmentally Rare

*Poa colensoi*



Jeremy R. Rolfe, 2016