

Social tolerance of the dominant female *Propithecus diadema* during feeding

Background: Foraging strategy affect social structure in primates.

- **Statistical question :**

What factors determine the tolerance of the dominant female during feeding?

- **Dynamical question:**

How does group abundance influence female lemur cortisol levels which can define aggressive behavior?



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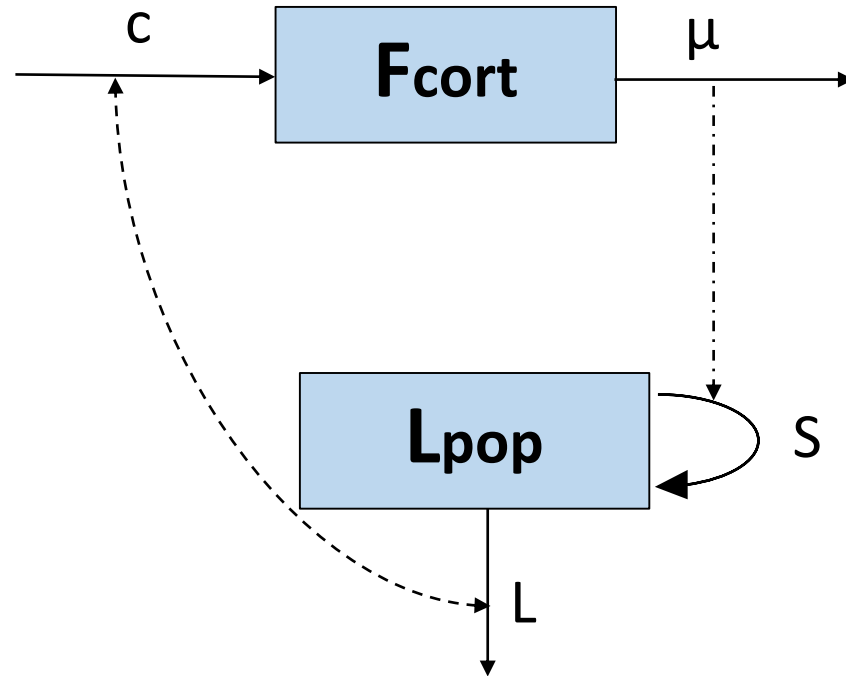
What factors determine the tolerance of the dominant female during feeding?

- ❖ Response variable: Tolerance (Yes/No) \approx (TOLERANCE \neq AGRESSION)
- ❖ Predictor variables: Crown Volume, Distance, Same Patch, Habitat Type, Group Size, Sex and Age
- ❖ Distribution: Binomial
- ❖ Link: Logit

❖ R Function:
`glmer(Tolerance~CrownVolume+Distance+SamePatch+HabitatType+GroupSize+Sex+Age(1|femaleID); family='binomial',data=lemur.dat)`

- ❖ **Hypothesis:** The crown volume influence the tolerance in dominant female of *Propithecus diadema*

How does group abundance influence female lemur cortisol levels which define aggressive behavior?



States

Fcort: Female cortisol level

Lpop: Population of lemur

Processes

c: consumption rate

μ : natural decreasing

S: stay rate

L: leave rate

$$\frac{dF_{cort}}{dt} = c F_{cort} L_{pop} - \mu F_{cort}$$

$$\frac{dL_{pop}}{dt} = S L_{pop} - L_{pop} F_{cort}$$

Next step

- ☐ More data collection
- ☐ Fecal samples of the dominant female before and after aggression
- ☐ Cortisol level analysis



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Next step

Mechanistic model

Data collection

Fecal samples of the dominant female before and after aggression

Analysing the cortisol level before and after aggression

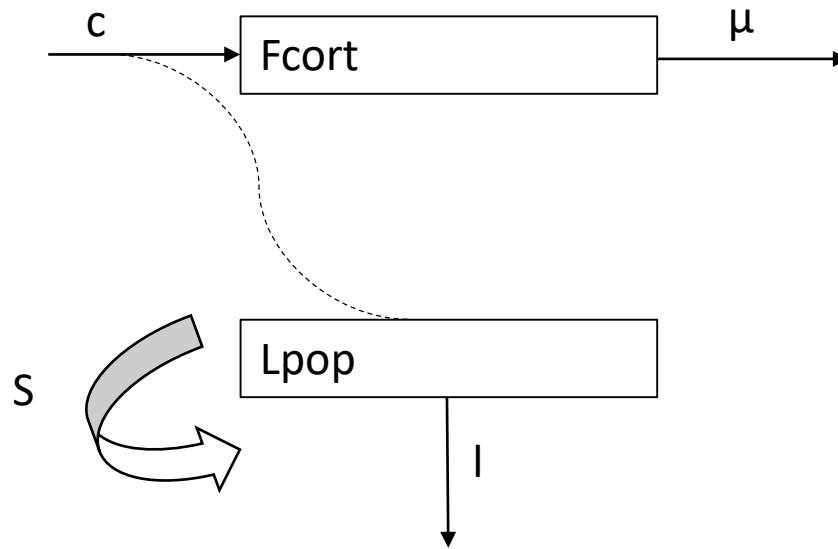
4. Slide 4 has:

a. Up to three next steps that will help answer your questions.

To help you prepare for Monday, please complete the following tasks on your own time:

Mechanistic model

How does group abundance influence female lemur cortisol levels which define aggressive behavior?



States

Fcort: Female cortisol level

Lpop: population of lemur (individual who fed with the dominant female)

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3. Slide 3 has:

a. Your dynamical model question

b. Your dynamical model diagram, with all states and processes defined.

This will be an edited extension of the first half of the assignment you brought to the “Model Telephone” activity on Wednesday.

Statistical model:

What factors determine the tolerance of the dominant female during feeding?|

Response variable: Tolerance (Yes/No)

Predictor variables: crown volume of the feeding tree, distance between the female dominant focal and the individual who fed with her, same patch feeding (yes/no), habitat type (fragmented/continuous), group size, sex and age of the individual who feed with her

Distribution: Binomial

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Hypothesis: crown volume of the feeding tree, distance between the female dominant focal and the individual who fed with her, same patch feeding (yes/no), habitat type (fragmented/continuous), age of the individual who feed with her can be related to the tolerance of the dominant female

Results

d. A graphical representation of your plan for data collection or analysis and/or a brief summary of the data you will use.

- Foraging strategy affect social structure in primates
- In Propithecus diadema, female dominant - Understanding feeding behavior related to social context of species who lived in fragmented and continuous forests the female dominant
- Statistical model : What factors determine the tolerance of the dominant female during feeding? |
- Dynamical model How does group abundance influence female lemur cortisol levels which define aggressive behavior?

: explain the cause of the level of cortisol in the female which can make her aggressive or not and may affect the lemur population (individuals within group member)