



Ospree Range Update

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Justification

- Phenology is a major determinant of species ranges
- Phenological responses to multiple cues are integrated to interpret the optimum environment. eg chilling requirement prevents budbreak during a unseasonable warm December.
- Generally speaking, spring phenology is plastic (not locally adapted) therefore we expect cue integration to match the overall climate characteristics of a species range.
- Given this, and that there is high inter-specific variation in sensitivity to particular cues, we should be able to predict the strength of a cue response give the climate characteristics of species ranges.

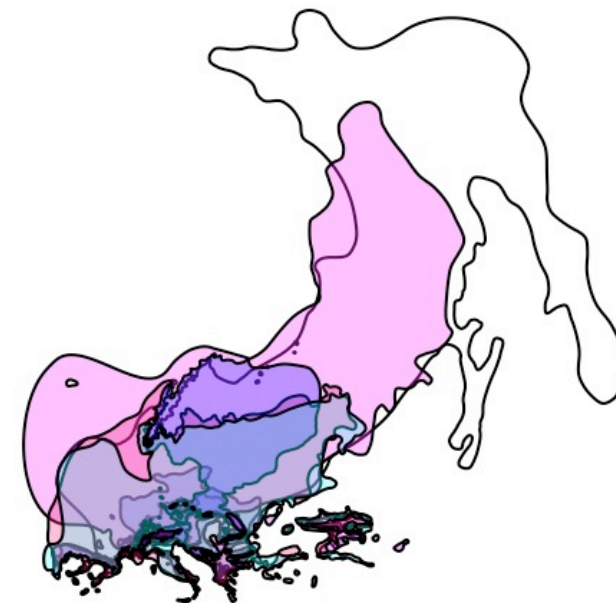
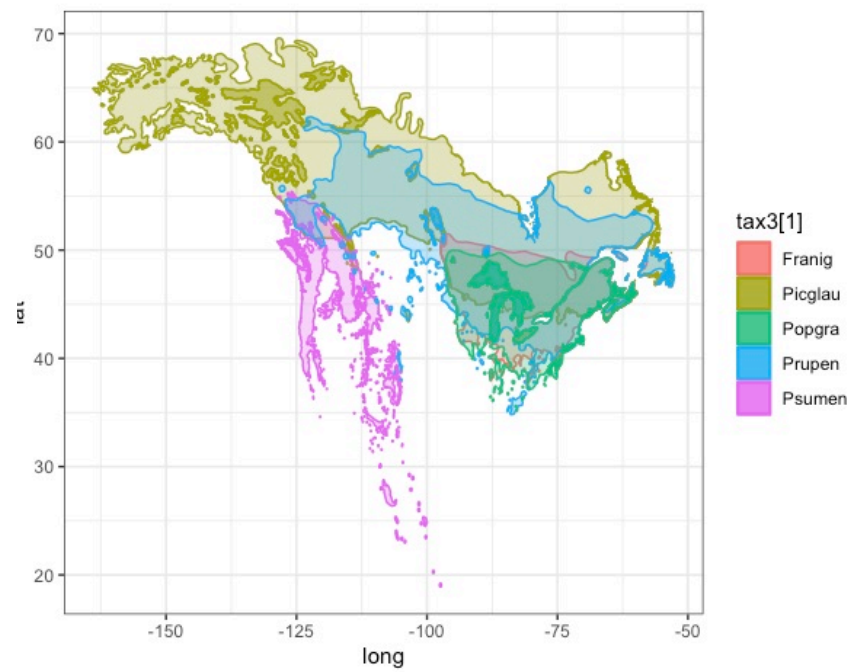
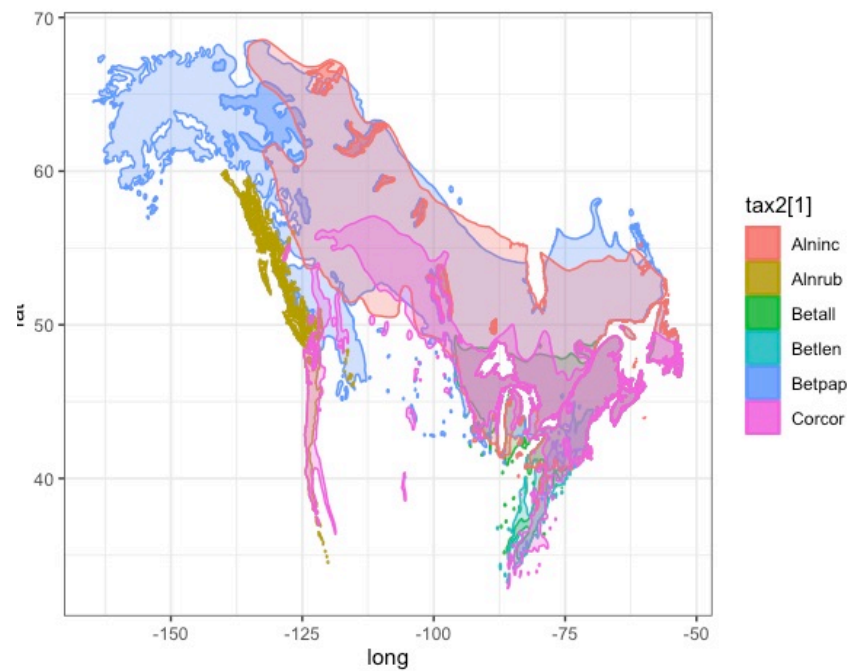
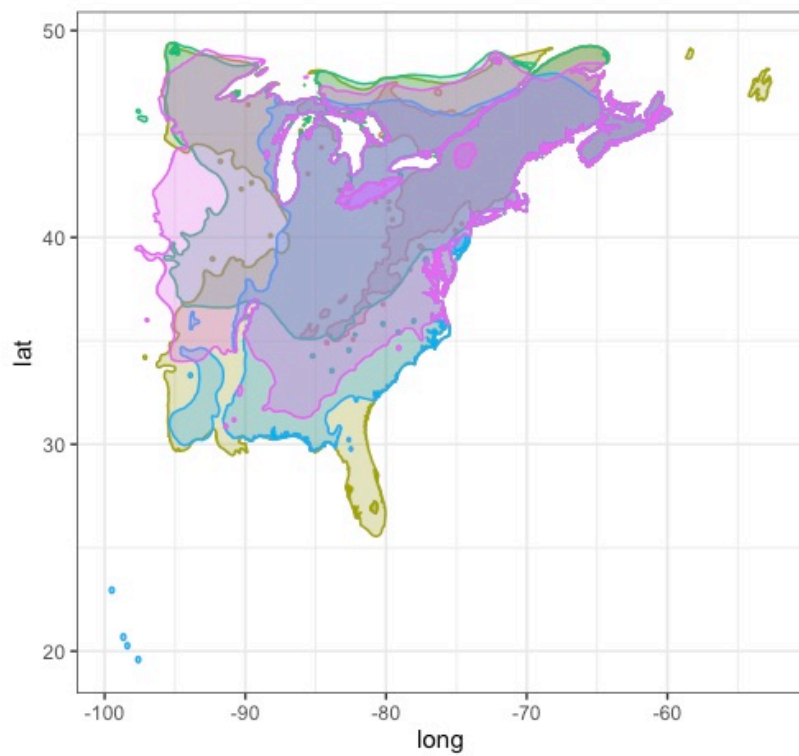
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- Thanks to OSPREE, we have estimates of species level sensitivity to the three main temperate phenological cues; forcing, chilling and photoperiod.
- We can also (semi-) readily obtain climate data for each species' range.
- Combining these, we can see how well the climate space of the a species range relates to our posterior estimates of cue sensitivity.

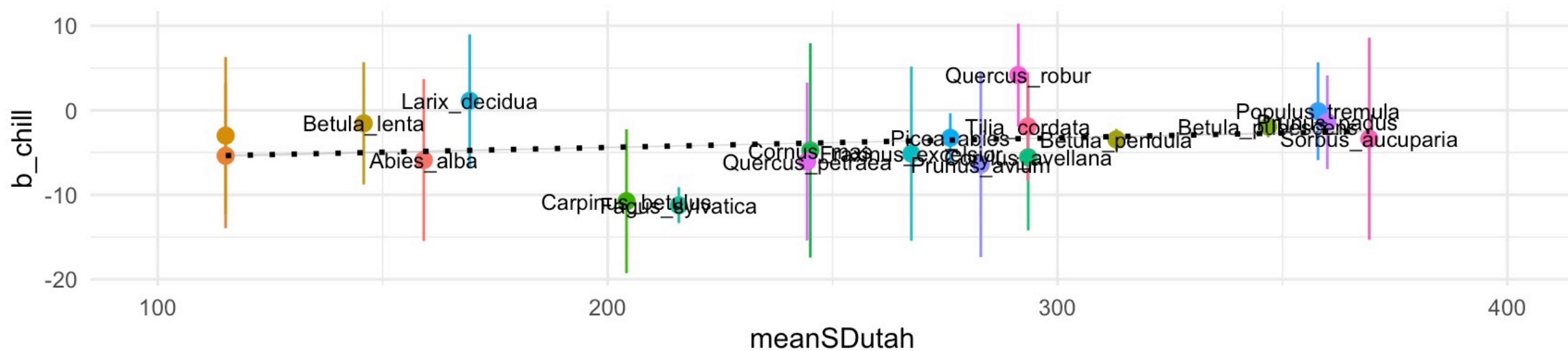
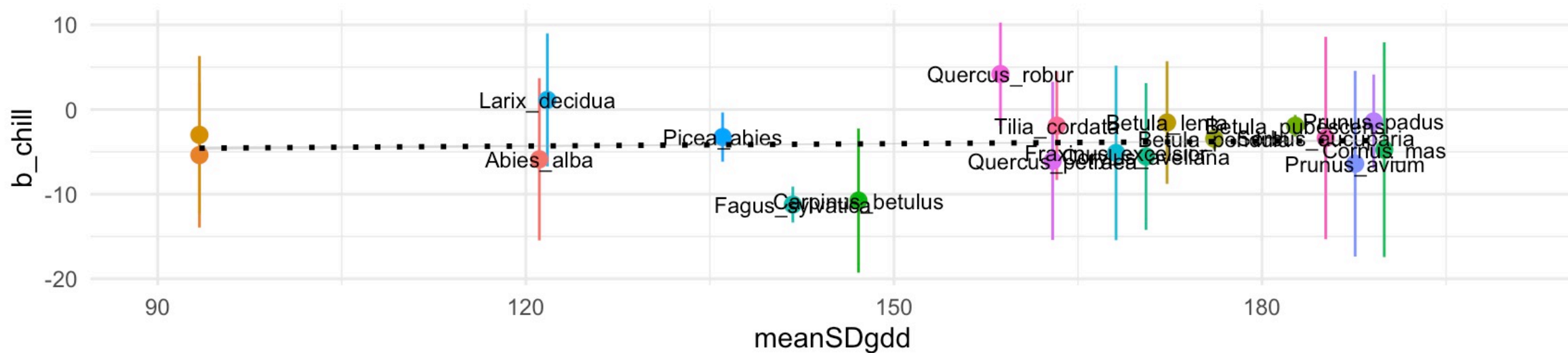
Hypotheses (from github)

- Chilling
 - High inter-annual variability in chilling across much of range then expect high chilling (low variability should be low chilling)*
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- Photoperiod
 - Species with large north-south ranges (span a lot of latitude) should have higher photoperiod response

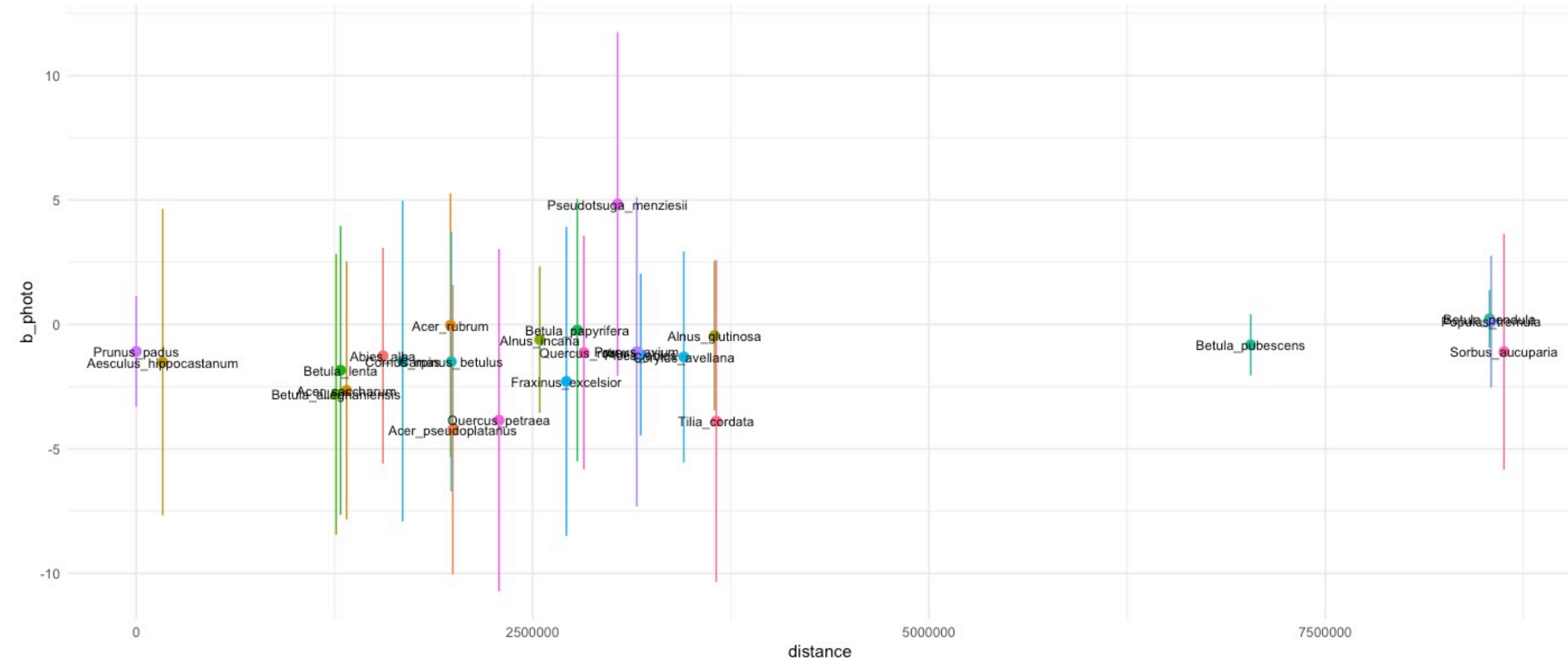
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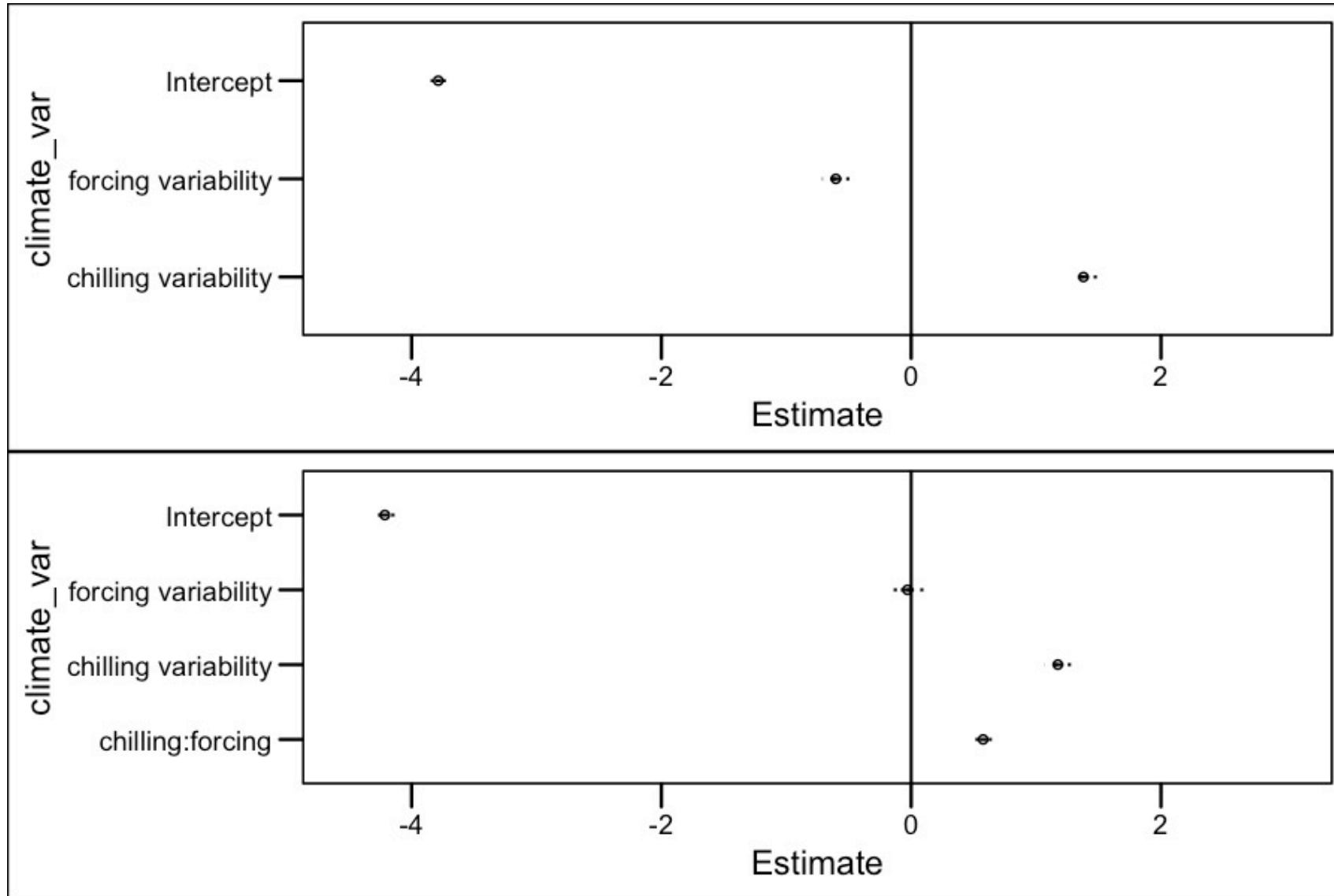
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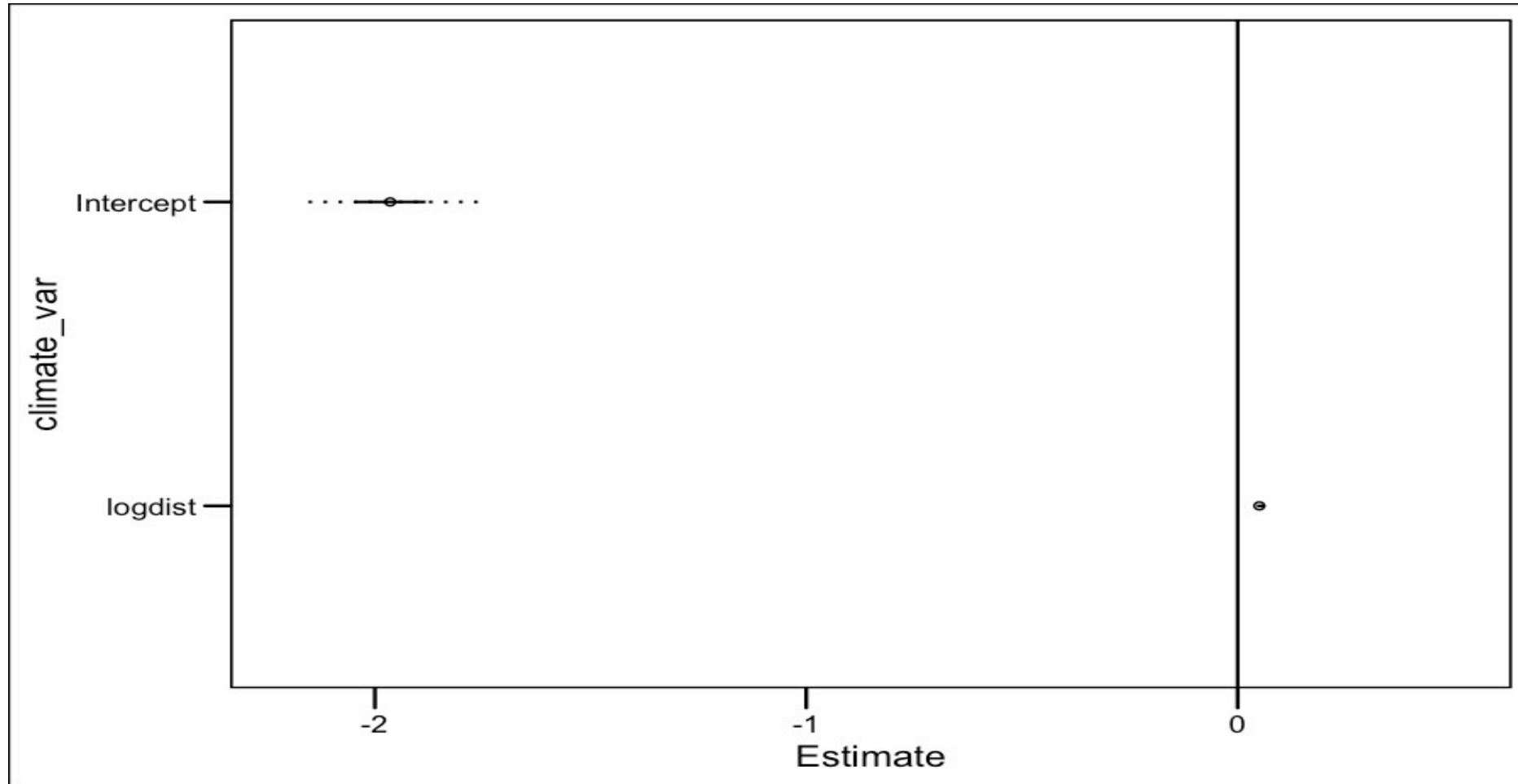
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Model I: $b_{\text{chill}} \sim \text{sdGDD} * \text{sdChill}$ (European species + *Betula lenta*)



Model II: $b_{\text{photo}} \sim \log(\text{range_extent})$ (All species – 4 European)



Next steps:

- Add North American species to climate variability models
- Trouble shoot photoperiod species
- Literature exploration about hypotheses
- Interpret results in light of the hypotheses
- New models?
- Other?