

Main Takeaways (interpreting results and making recommendations)

1. Multiple hypotheses supported
2. Support for wind pollination, early flowering, little for precip. at inter-specific.
3. At intraspecific level, good support for flowering, little for precip, more variation than expected for wind pollination.
4. How you define hysteresis really changes your results, so does the identities of species in your dataset esp with categorical data.
5. Given the above, and the data limitations (so much of it is qualitative), large scale analysis can only take us so far.
6. Continuous data is the most reliable, and it reveals important variation at the interspecific level.
7. There is considerable variation at the intraspecific level, which hasn't been well addressed in research, this is the next frontier.
8. Testing consequences of variation is critical, and this really hasn't been done.
9. with strong early flowering signal, should we abandon FLS as its own thing and think of it just in the context selection for early flowering. Not entirely.
10. Recommendations: Studies should be quantitative, designed to test multiple hypotheses at once, address mechanism and consequences of variation.
11. This will not only clarify hypotheses, but help us understand what we need to worry about with global change.

Sub-points

1. This wind pollination variation could either contribute variable fitness years, or be benign because it is bounded, ie variation between no leaves and tiny leaves doesn't significantly change pollen impact on vegetative structure.
2. interspecific studies should work on subsets of taxa, eg What drives hysteresis variation within wind-pollinated taxa?
3. Another early flowering/wind synthesis point I haven't mentioned yet- would expect community not just individual phenology to drive flowering time. Best pollen transfer happens before there are leaves in general not just on conspecifics.

4. Phylo-geography should be considered– might segregate with hypotheses.
Eg I predict biotic pollinated hysteroanthous species are going to be representative of mostly tropical clades.
5. The multiple hypothesis thing is expected and obvious. This is obvious because insect pollinated hysteroanthous exists. and even within wind pollinated continuous measures of hysteroanthous show strong intra and inter specific variation.