

# Forecasting the spatio-temporal uncoupling of bumblebee-flower interaction networks

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**Purpose:** This template provides a series of scripts to render a markdown document into an interactive website and a series of PDFs.

**Motivation:** It makes collaborating on text with GitHub easier, and means that we never need to think about the output.

**Internals:** GitHub actions and a series of python scripts. The markdown is handled with pandoc.

# 1 Introduction

2 Earth's ecosystems are subject to rapid change due to both climate and land-use change (**cite?**). These  
3 sudden shifts in environment alter both the spatial and temporal distribution of species.

4 Ecosystems are composed of interactions between species.

5 Main idea here: we have interaction information for some subset of the species pool, and good SDMs for a  
6 different subset of the species pool. There is some overlap in these species pools. How do we combine this  
7 to predict: species interactions, uncertainty in interactions (which as increases indicates better use of  
8 sampling time).

9 Species interactions and climate change.

10 Two dimensions: spatial and temporal.

11 1) Elevation gradients.

- 12 • range shifts in latitude context
- 13 • apply this to elevation gradients
- 14 • dispersal capacity and range shifts

15 2) Phenological uncoupling (Olesen *et al.* 2011).

- 16 • Abundance is a function of time in the year

17 In this paper we... combine data from a variety of sources: field data from several sites, crowd-sourced  
18 data (GBIF), and remotely-sensed data. to produce a *spatially and temporally explicit* metaweb of  
19 bumblebee-flower interactions across Colorado. We then estimate the change in spatial and temporal  
20 overlap over time using the CMIP6 climate consensus forecast (Karger *et al.* 2017).

# 21 Methods

22 [Figure 1 about here.]

## 23 **Data**

24 This project involves assembly and integration of data from a variety of (both structured and unstructured)  
25 sources. This data can be divided into four categories: field data, GBIF data, remote-sensing data, and  
26 phylogenetic data.

### 27 **Field data**

28 The field data consists of: (1) a seven year data-set from Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, consisting  
29 of season-long interaction and phenology data six plots along an elevation gradient. (2) a similar six year  
30 data set from Elk Meadows, CO, and (3) a year across a large elevation gradient at Pikes Peak.

31 Additional in-situ environmental sensors.

32 The partitioning of this data into training, test, and validation sets is described in the *Models* section.

### 33 **GBIF data**

34 The data from Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) itself comes in two forms: (1) spatial  
35 records of bumblebee and flower records (2) sparsely available records of the plants a bee was observed on  
36 (TODO details from Julian).

### 37 **Remote-sensing data**

38 The remote-sensing data consists of 15-arcsecond elevation data(**GMTED2020?**, cite), and daily 1km  
39 resolution precipitation and temperature from CHELSA (Karger *et al.* 2021).

### 40 **Phylogenetic data**

41 The phylogenetic data consists of genomic barcodes available from NCBI GenBank.

## 42 **A spatiotemporally explicit predictive metaweb model**

43 What does it mean for it to be “spatiotemporally explicit?” Well the formal definition of a metaweb is total  
44 species pool and

45 We denote the predicted probability of two species,  $i$  and  $j$ , interacting a  $p_{ij}$ . The outcome is here is to  
 46 build a model  $f$ , or rather a set of candidate models, that take  $i$  and  $j$  and inputs, and which potentially  
 47 combine this with .features

$$p_{ij} = f(i, j)$$

## 48 **Candidate models**

49 **True Neutral:**  $f(i, j) = \frac{1}{\sum_i \sum_j 1} = 1/(P \cdot F)$

50 **Relative-abundance (interaction neutral):**  $f(i, j) = A_i A_j$  where  $A_x$  is the relative abundance of species  
 51  $x$ .

52 **Relative-abundance + environment-embedding:**  $f(i, j) = g(i, j, E_i, E_j)$

53 **Relative-abundance + phylogeny-embedding:** \$\$

54 **Relative-abundance + environment-embedding + phylogeny-embedding**

55 In gravel et al 2017

$$P(X_{iy}, X_{jy}, L_{ijy} | E_y) = P(X_{iy}, X_{jy}) P(L_{ijy} | X_{iy}, X_{jy}, E_y)$$

56 Then decompose probability of co-occurrence as

$$P(X_{iy}, X_{jy}) = P(X_{iy}) P(X_{jy})$$

## 57 **Model fitting and validation**

58 Models are implemented and fitted in Julia v1.6, using Turing.jl [cite]

## 59 **Training-test-validation split scheme**

60 How do this? Do we remove sites entirely? Years entirely? Perhaps pikes peak would be best as a  
 61 validation set as its only one year anyway and is a larger elevation gradient.

## 62 Results

63 After comparing different combinations of features/model structures and finding the ‘best’ performing  
64 model on validation data.

### 65 Figure one: spatial species pool and network prediction

66 Figure that is two panels: a map of total species richness and a map of network properties across Colorado.  
67 This model doesn’t consider time, only other predictors.

### 68 Figure two: Phenology

69 Same as figure one but consists of maps but at different times of the year (e.g. March, June, August) and  
70 uses both an interaction-predictor and distribution-predictor that incorporate time into predictions

### 71 Figure three: Climate

72 Much as climate change has shifted temperature gradients to get warmer toward the poles, it has also  
73 moved temperature gradients up in elevation.

74 We can get a CMIP6 forecast of temperature and precipitation, and then predict how many observed  
75 interactions in the field data will no longer have their composing species’ distributions overlap.

76 Decompose temporal component of overlap from spatial component.

## 77 Discussion

78 This predictive model should not be used as definitive prediction: instead it reveals gaps in our sampling  
79 (where we have little confidence in predictions—see uncertainty figure). Iterative forecasting (**Diteze?**):  
80 use this model to guide sampling in the future to validate and update the model, etc.

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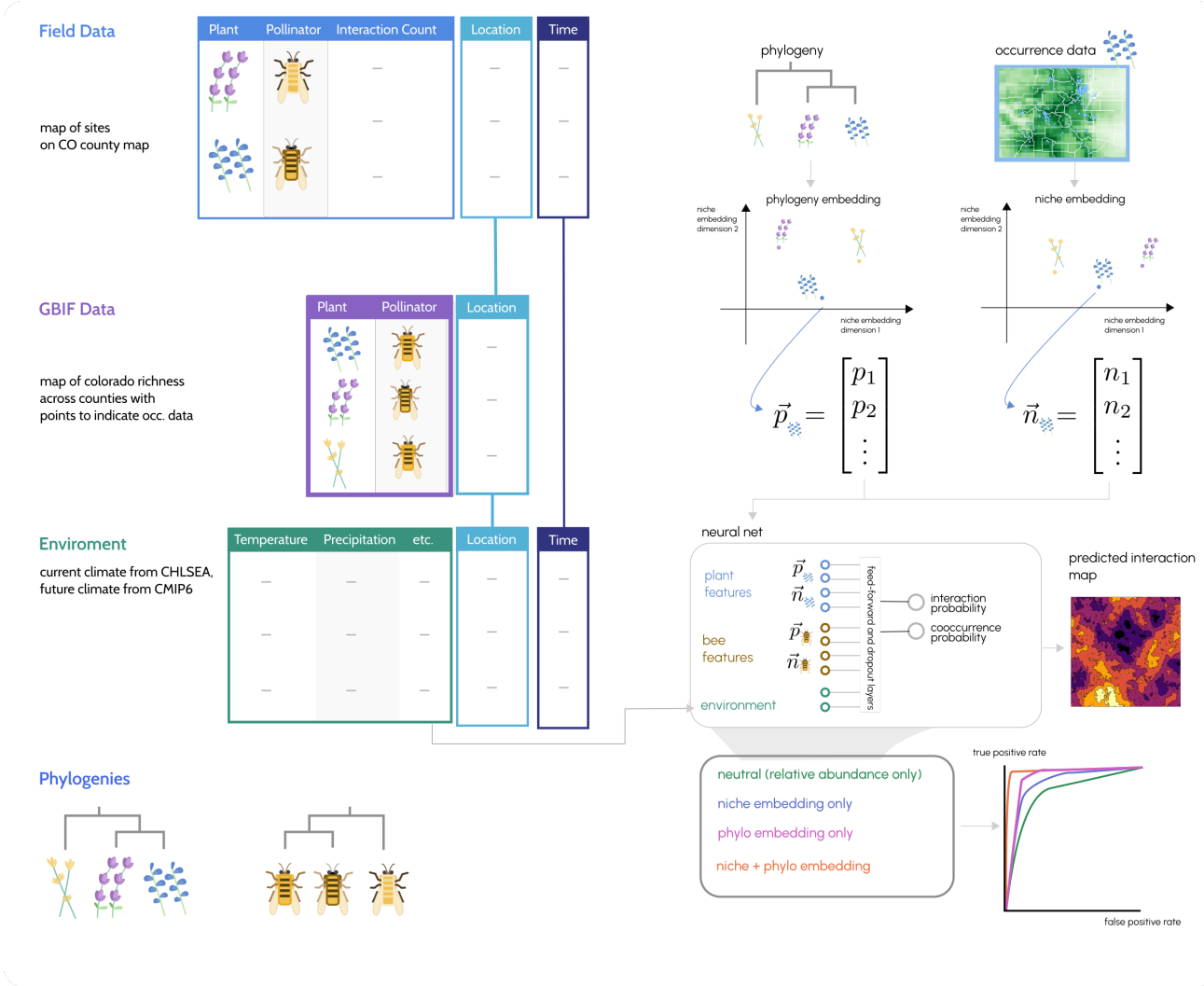


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