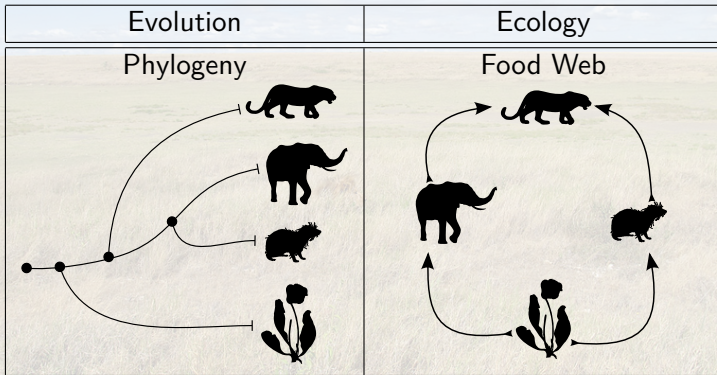


Stochasticity and Evolution in Food Webs

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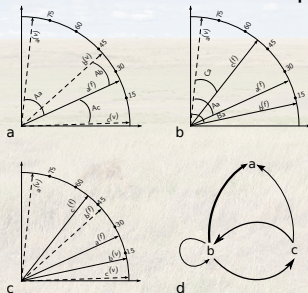
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[Two images: Serengeti and Weddell]

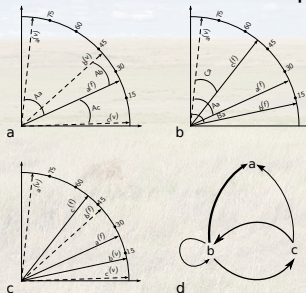
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Thanks!

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By the way, I'm looking for a postdoc.