

Stochasticity and Evolution in Food Webs

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ONE tree of life	ONE network of interactions
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phylogeny	Food Web
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Evolution in/of Ecology

Evolution shaped the stochastic backbones of Food Webs
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Food Webs embedded

Random Dot Product Graphs

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Phylogenetic vs. Observed traits

$\text{vcv}(X_e | \text{evolutionary model}) \sim \text{vcv}(X)$

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- ▶ Spoiler 2: An ecological informed model of species evolution maybe it's (almost) there.

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