Quantization of ecological interactions yields insights into community assembly and dynamics

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Introduction

Amazing words. The best words.

Results

Effects of engineers on community richness

Increasing the number of engineers (species with $m \leftrightarrow n$ interactions with their respective objects) at time t results in the potential for larger extinction cascades at time $t+1$, and this correlation increases with the number of engineers in the community. This positive correlation between the number of objects at time t and extinction cascade size at time $t+1$ results from the increasing interconnectedness that results from the higher number of objects relative to species in the system. Because the existence of a given object is tied to the species that makes them (one or multiple), the effects of primary extinctions are magnified.