

Succession comprises a sequence of threshold-induced community assembly processes towards multidiversity

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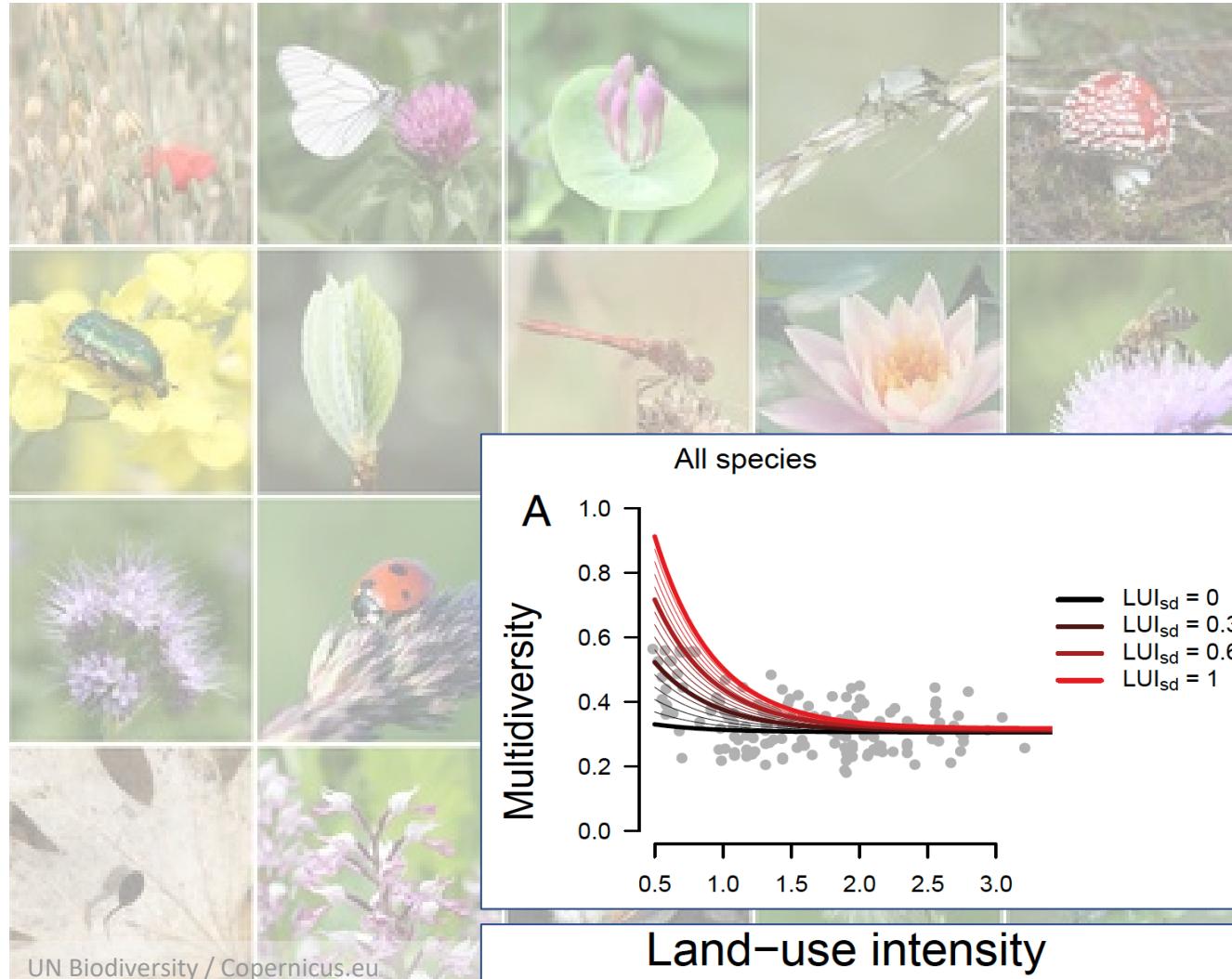


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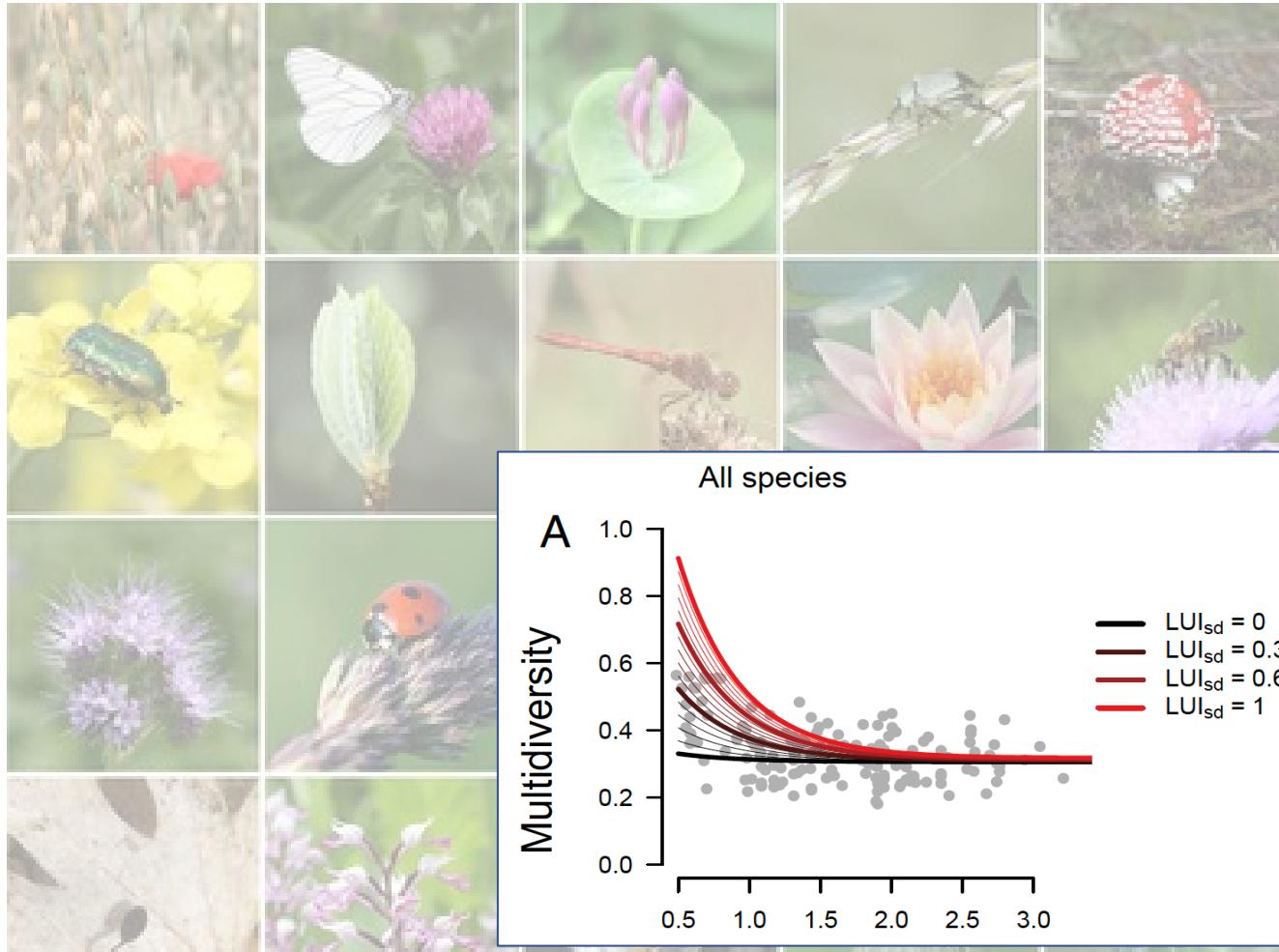


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We know how anthropogenic activities **reduce** multidiversity

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**biodiversity  
exploratories**  
functional biodiversity  
research

Little knowledge on the emergence  
of multidiversity in natural  
ecosystems!

# Multi-diversity

Alpine successions are ideal study systems to study the emergence of multidiversity and ecosystem complexity!

→ Ödenwinkel research platform

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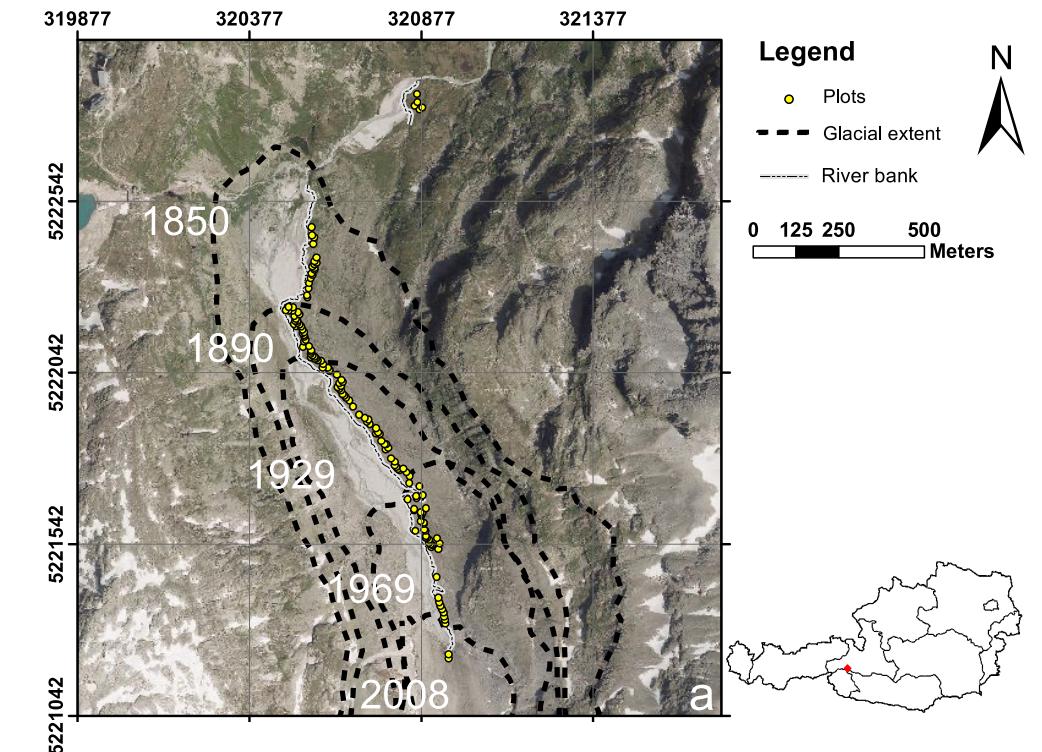
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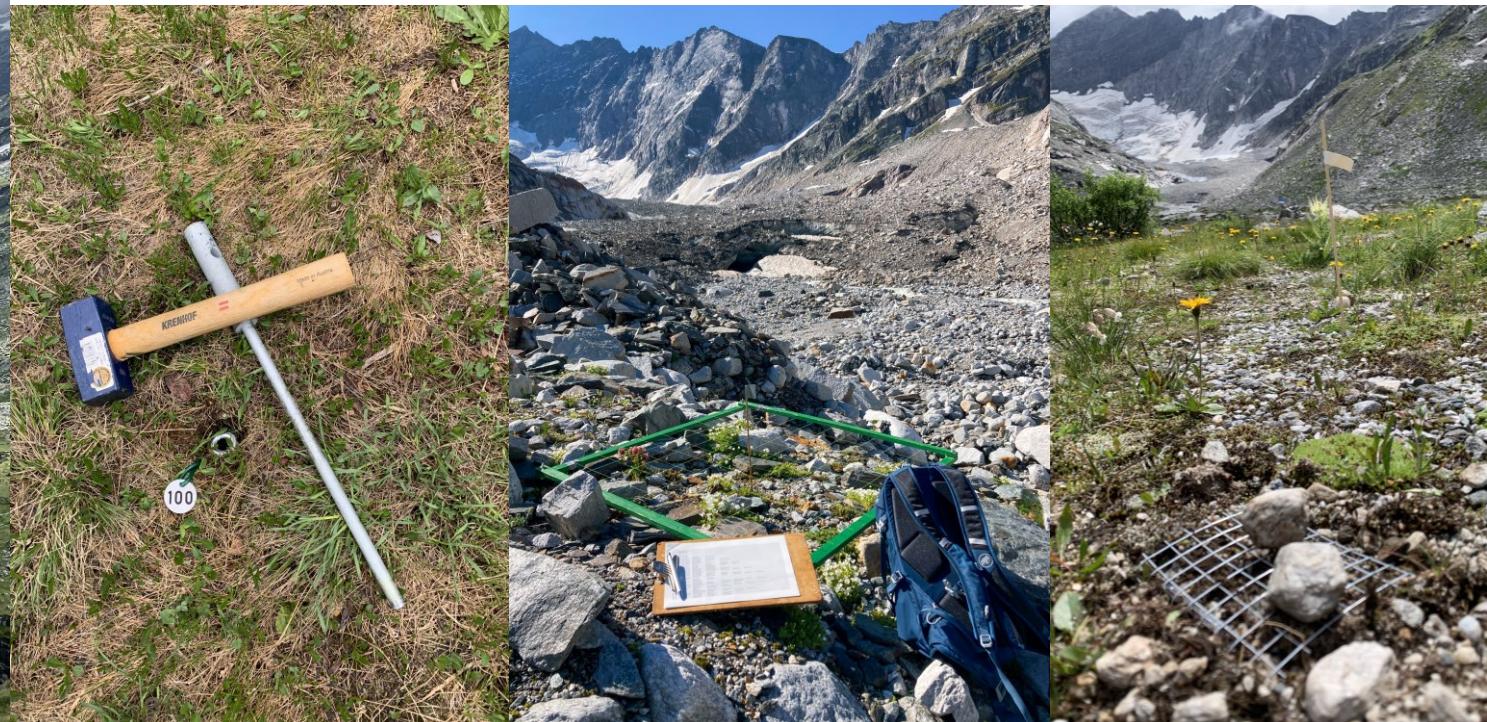
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# Multidiversity @ Ödenwinkel

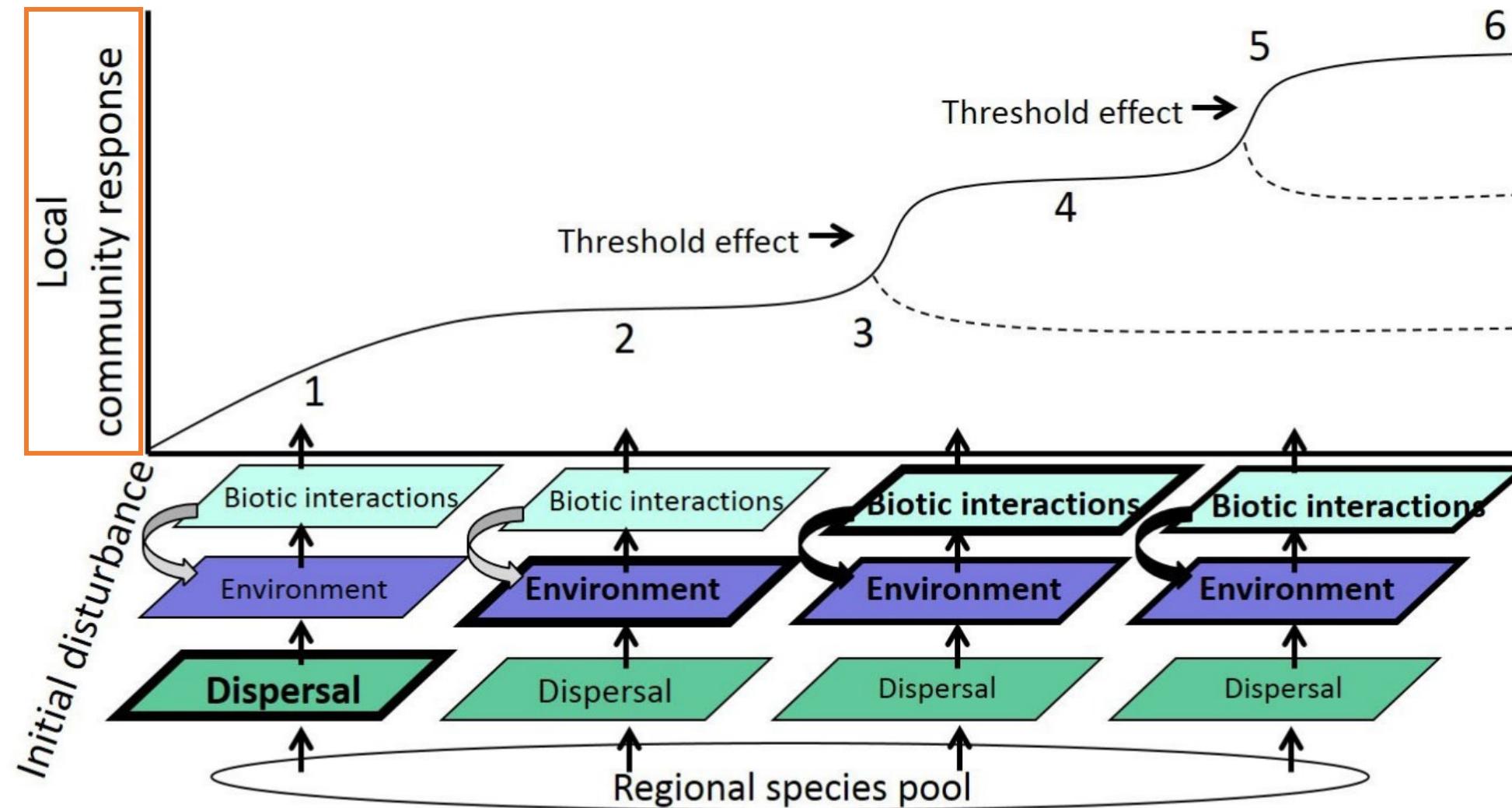


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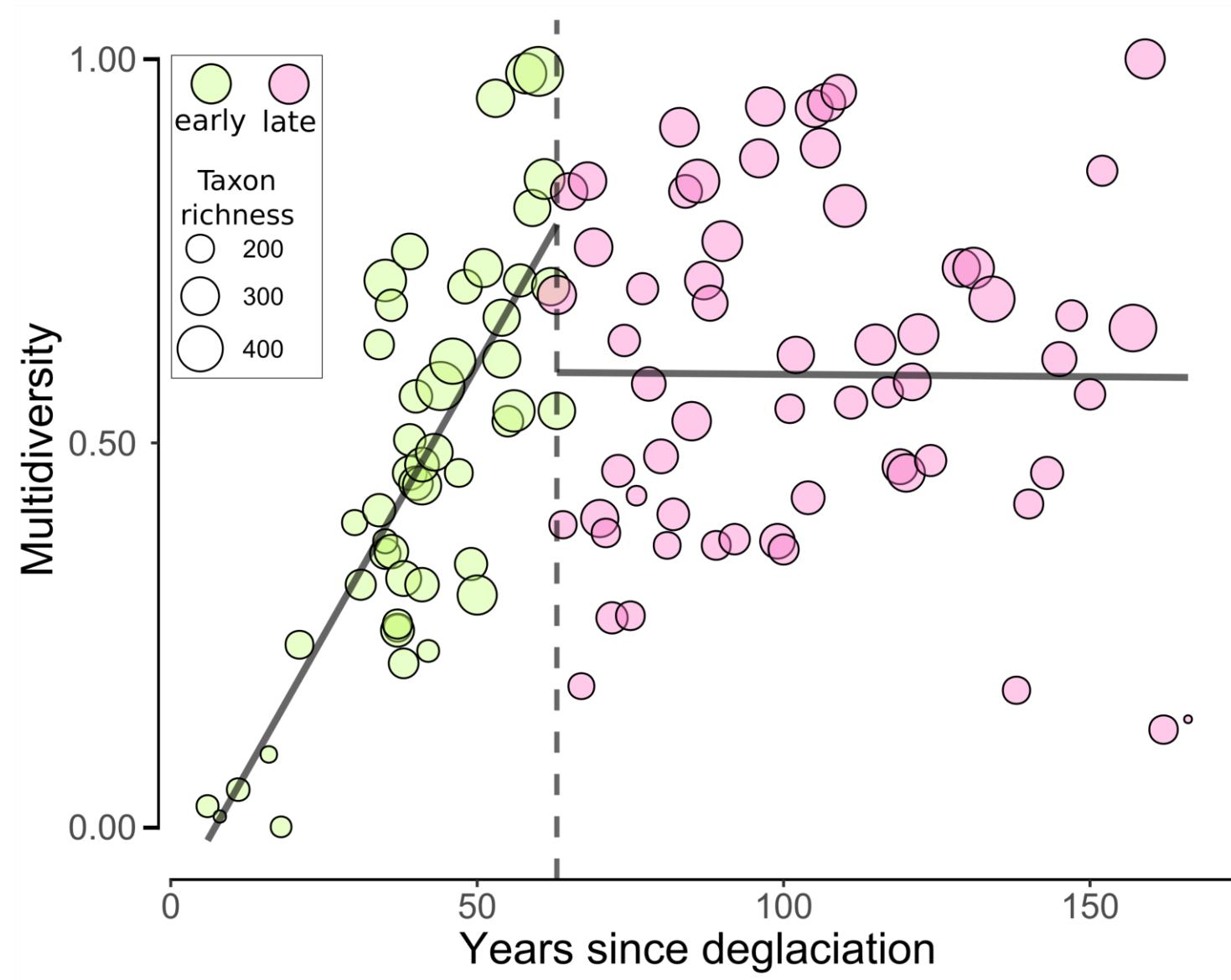
The diagram illustrates the concept of multidiversity (mD). It shows various symbols representing different components of biodiversity: a flower, a plant, an insect, a microorganism, and a fruiting body. These are combined using plus signs to form the symbol for multidiversity, represented by a circle containing the letters 'mD'.

# Threshold in succession

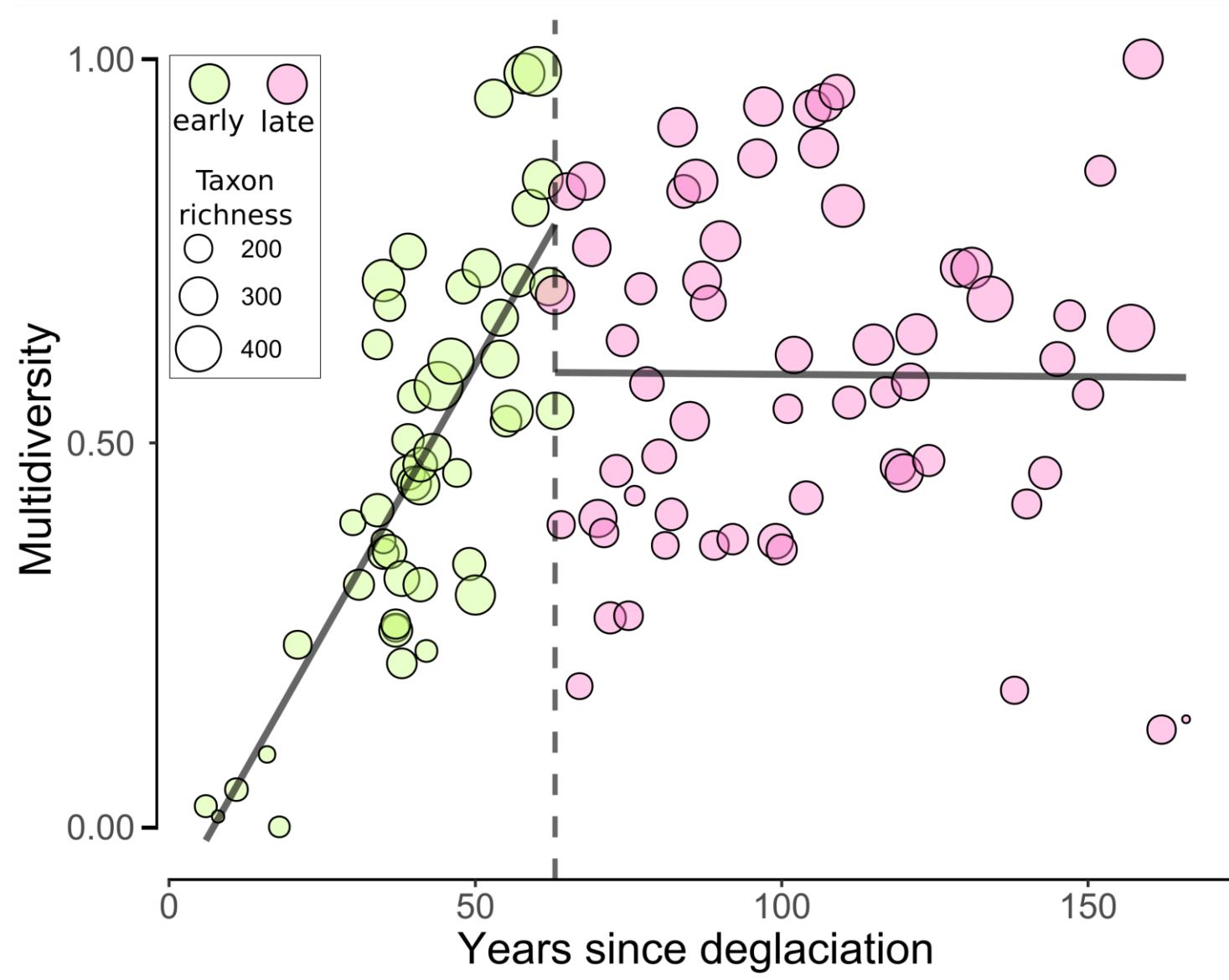
## Multidiversity



# Breaking point



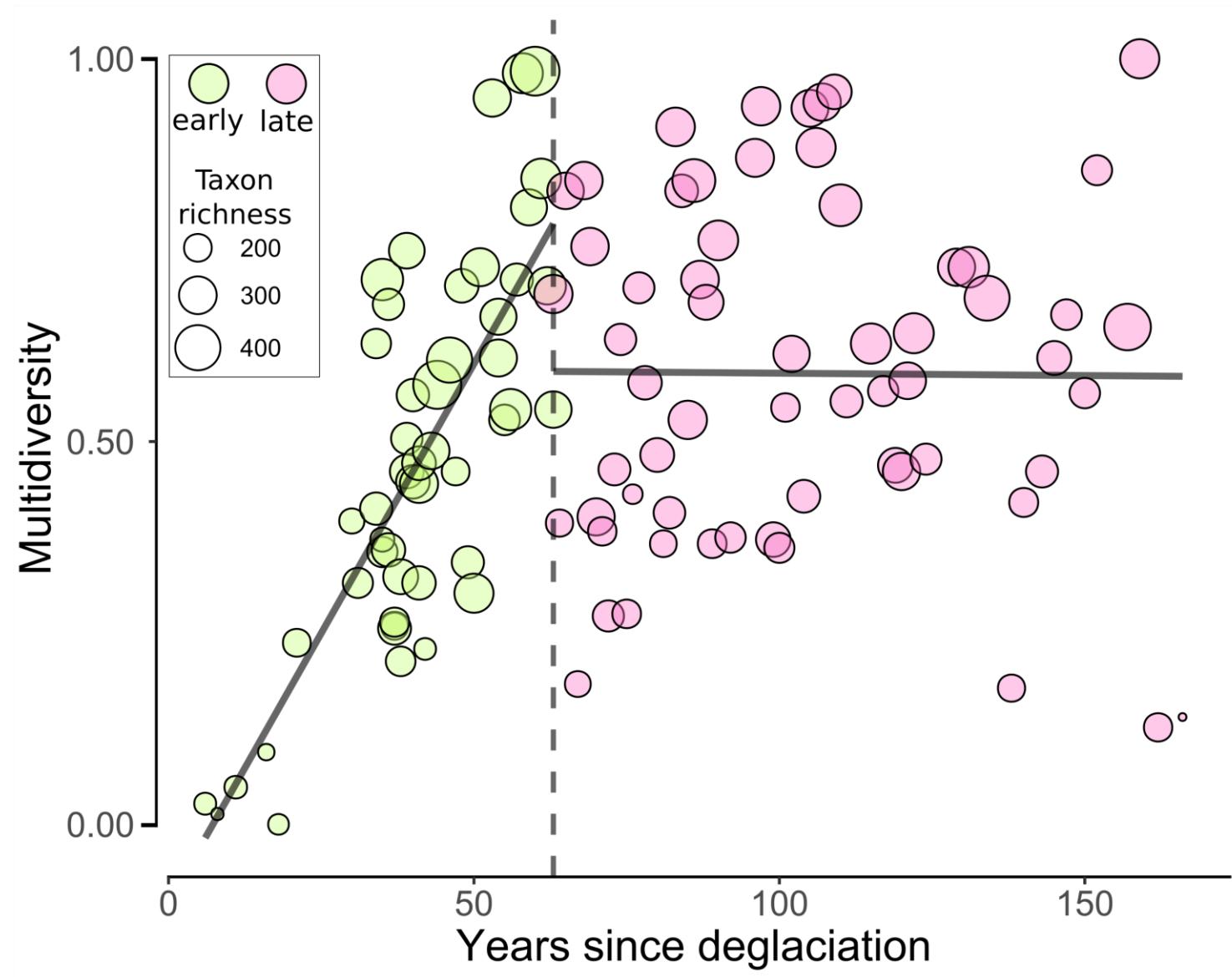
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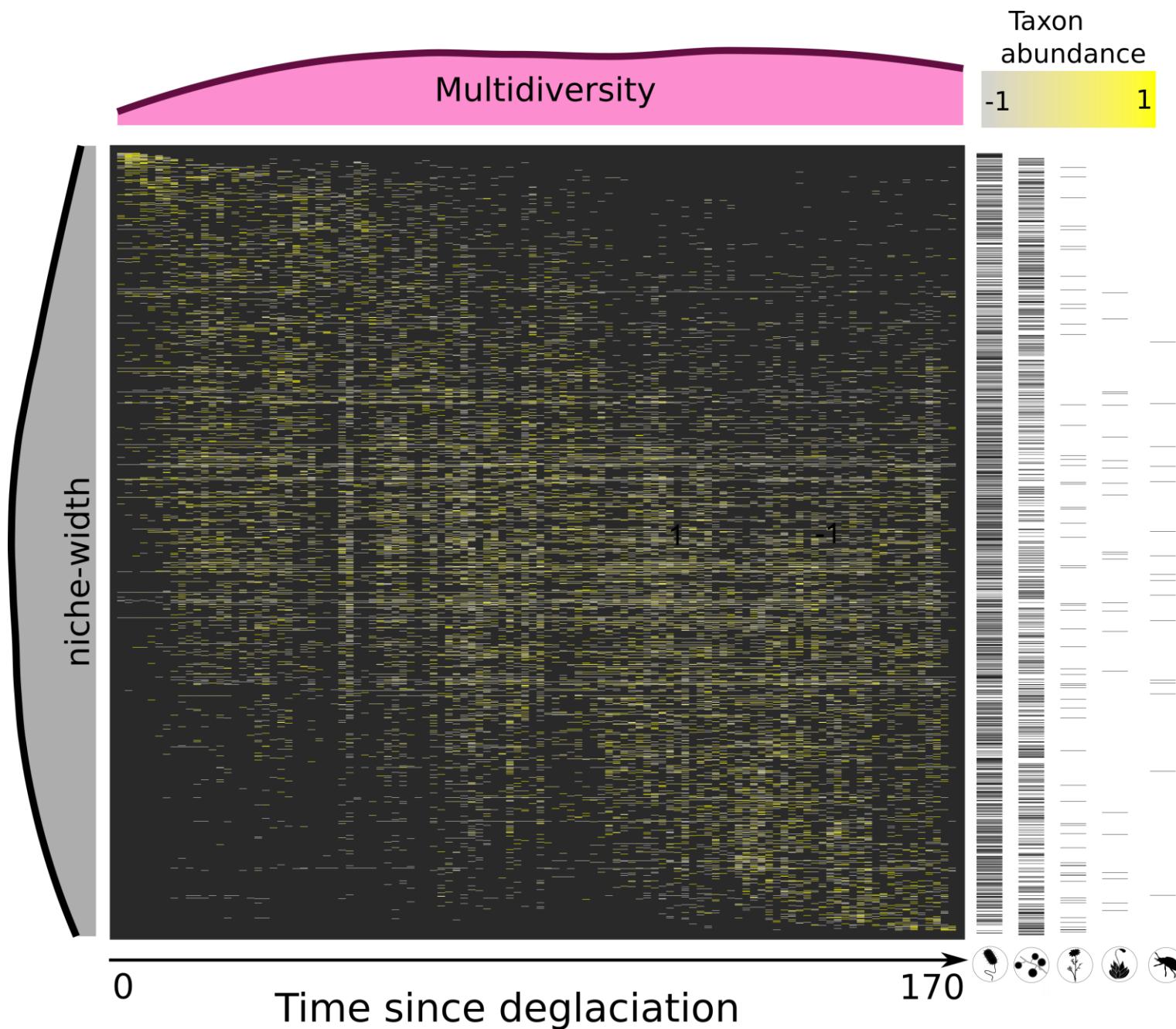


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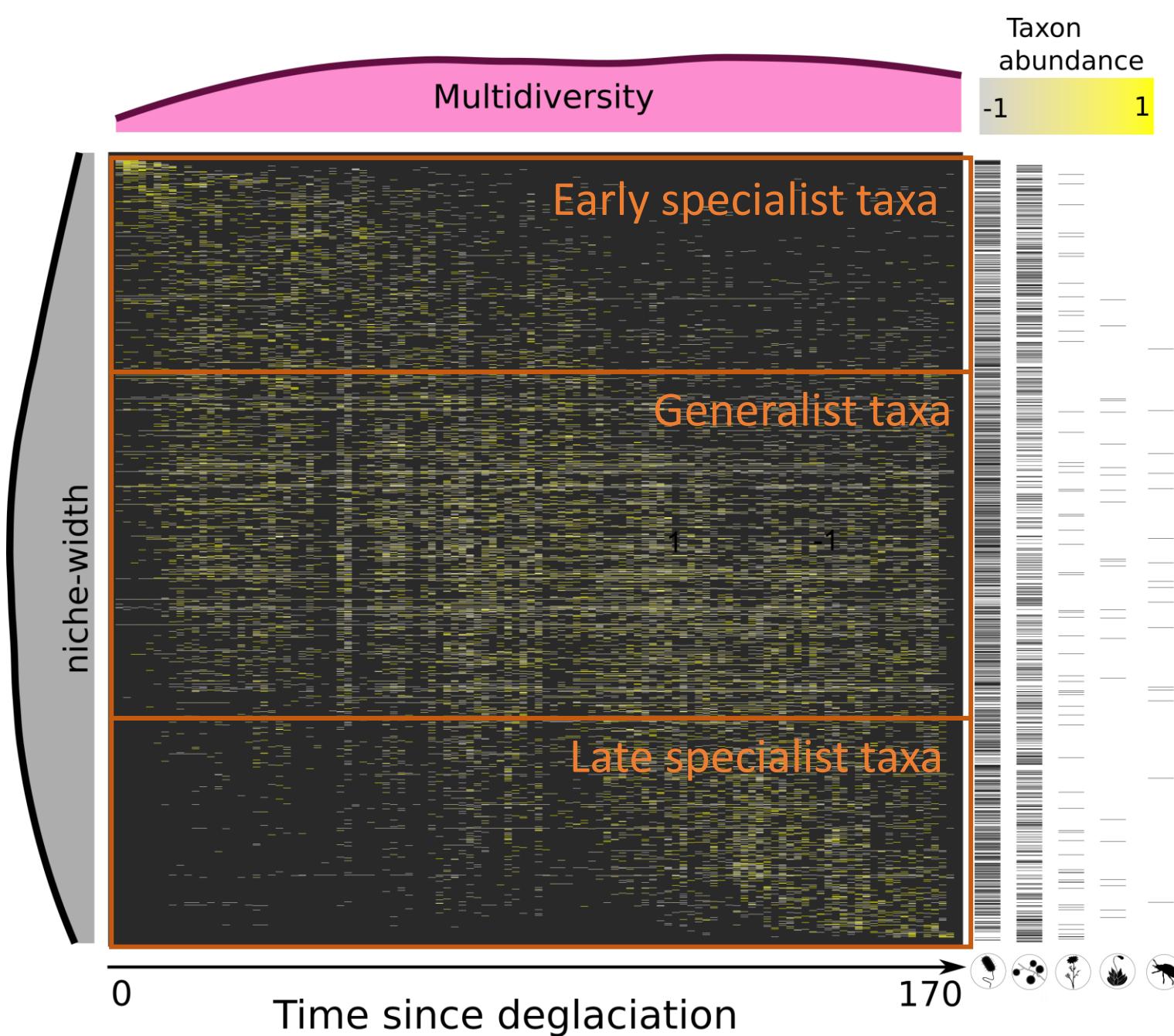
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Threshold passed after about **60 years** of succession

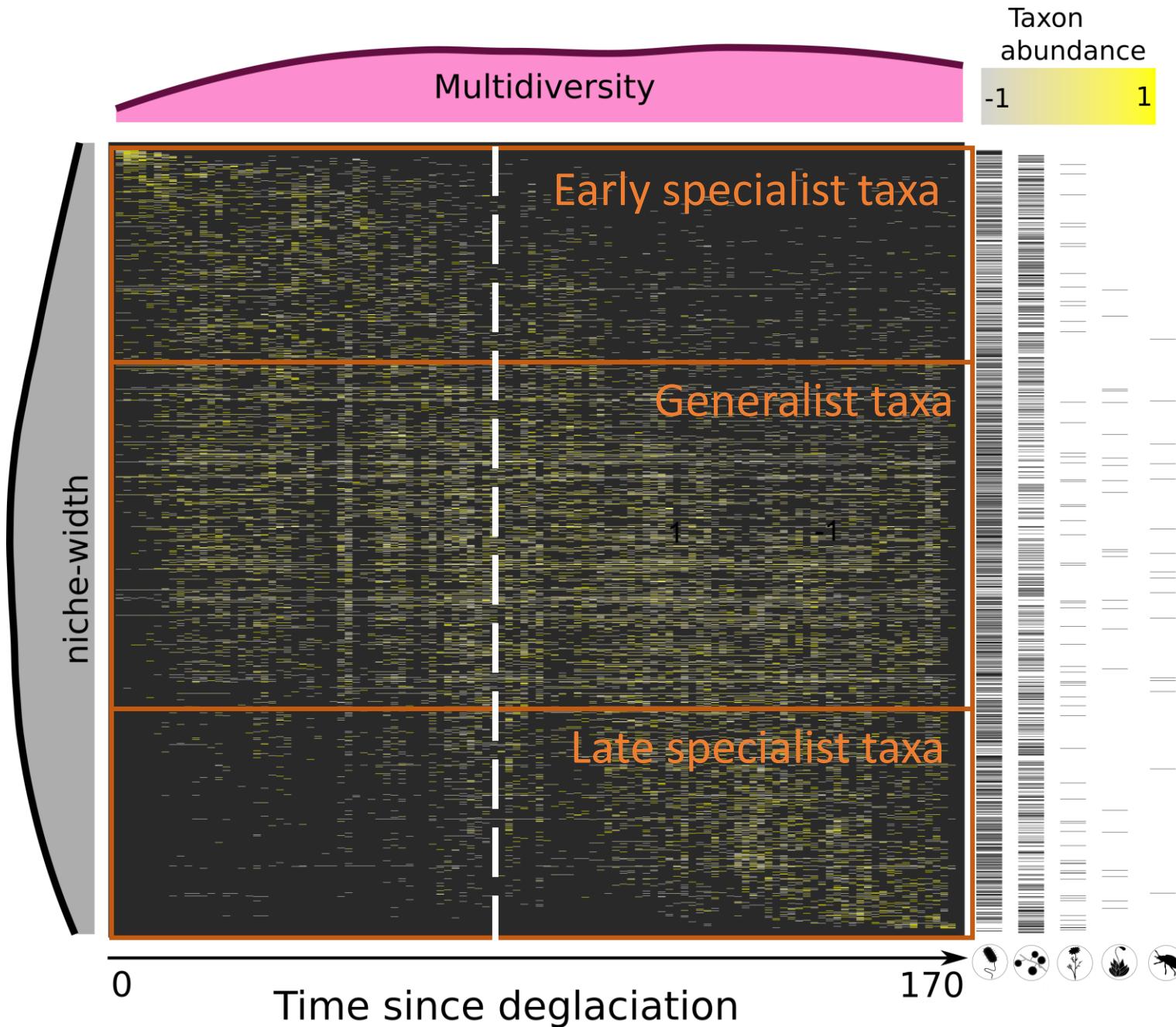
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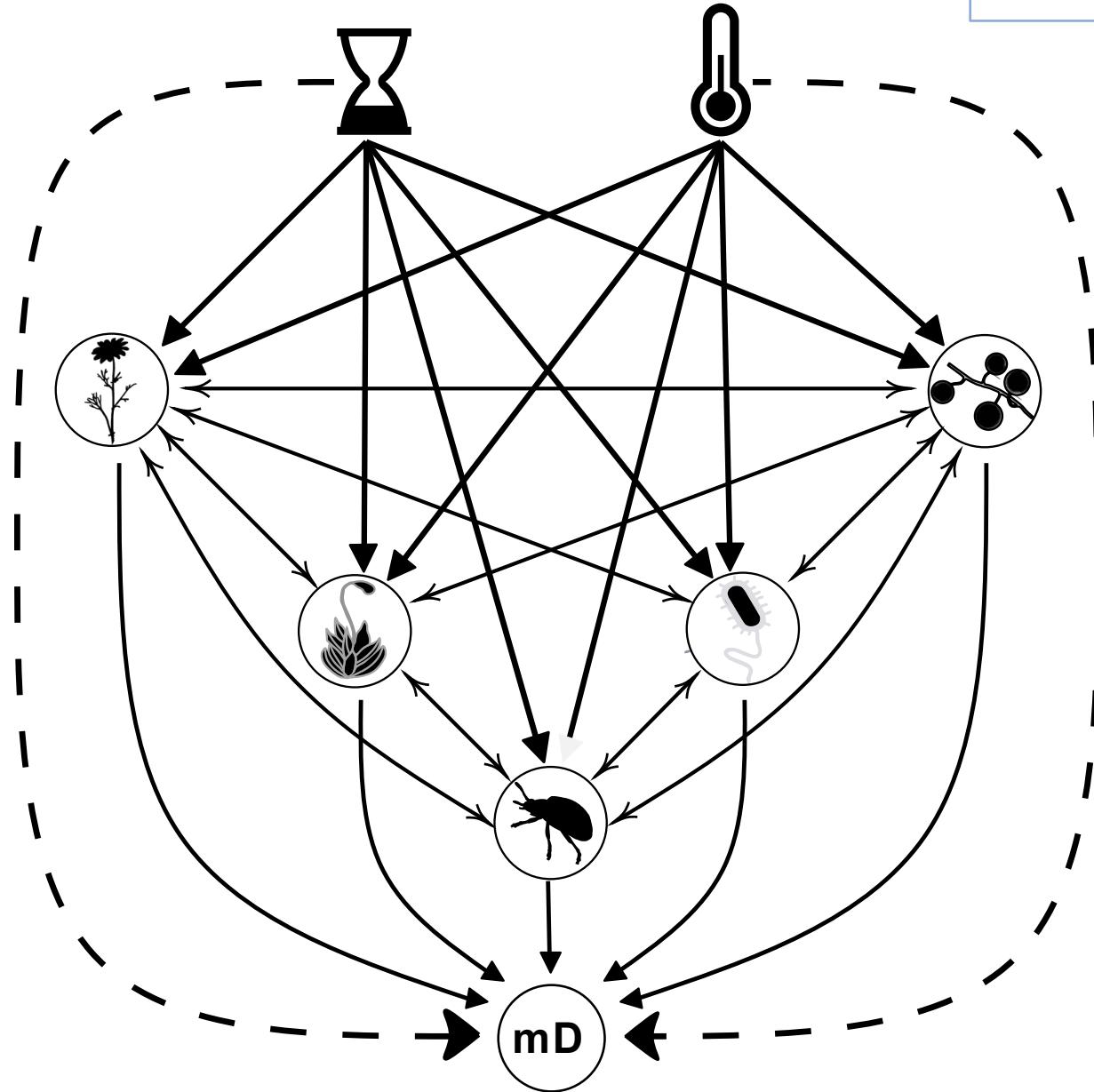
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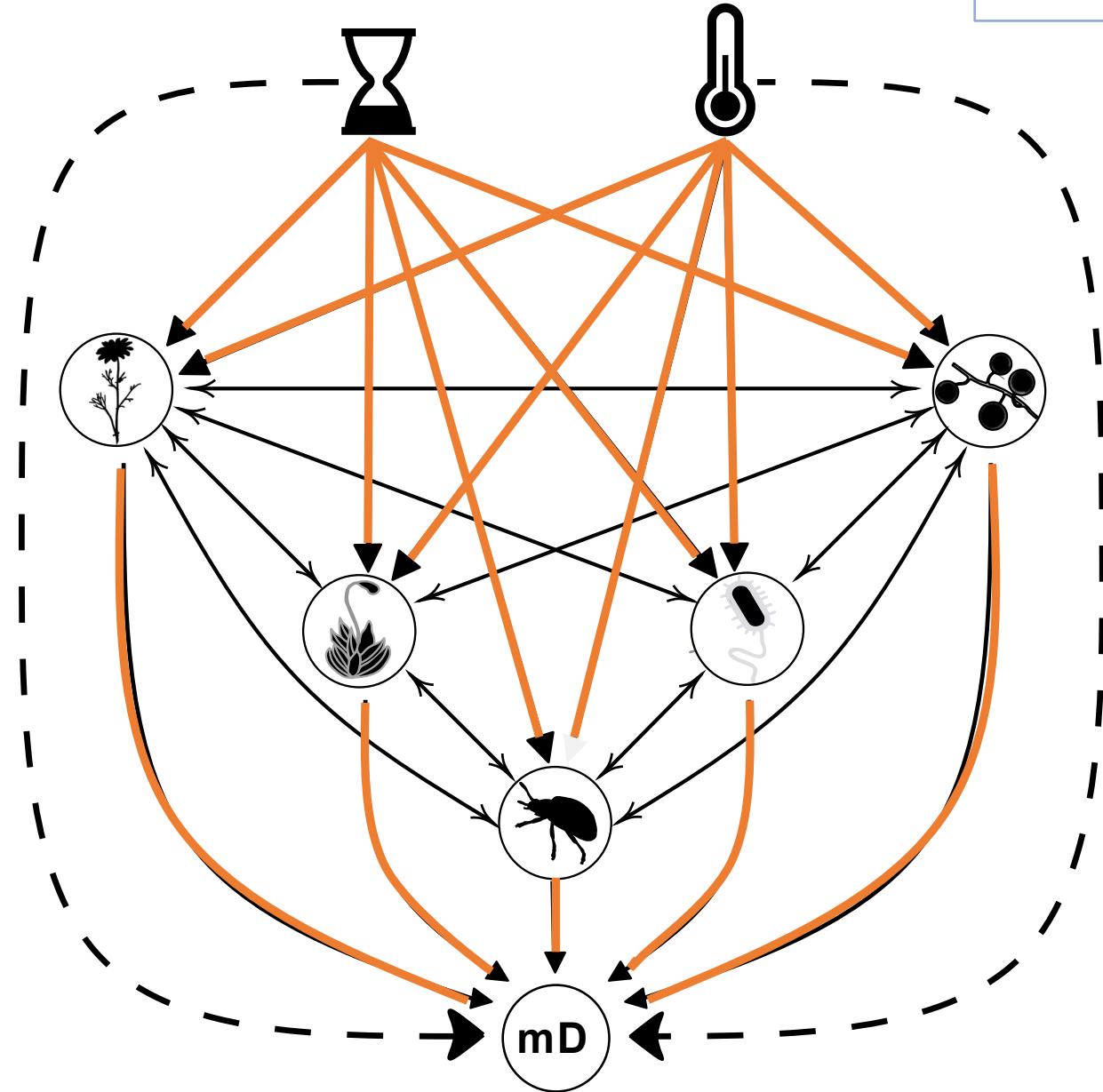
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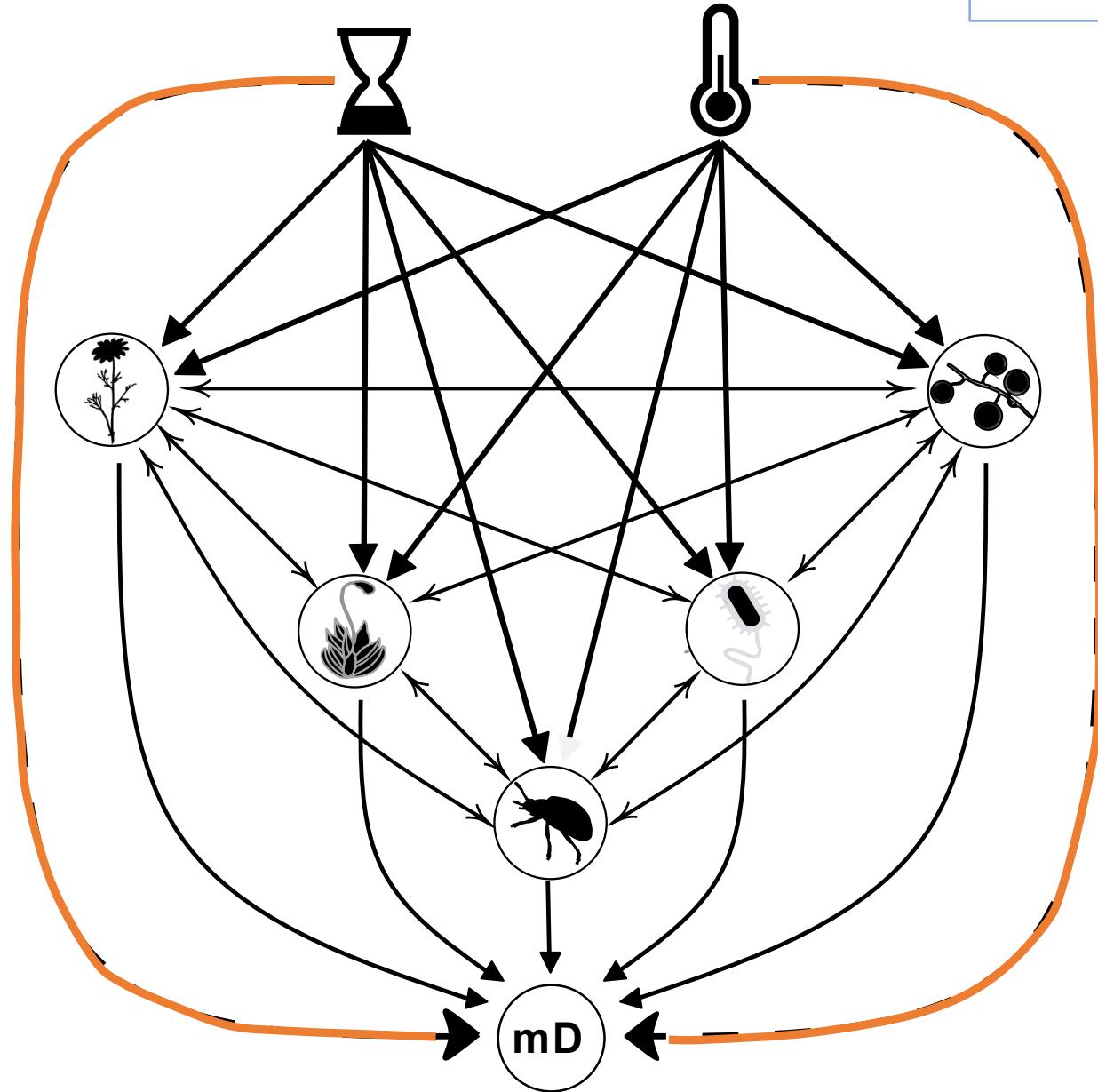
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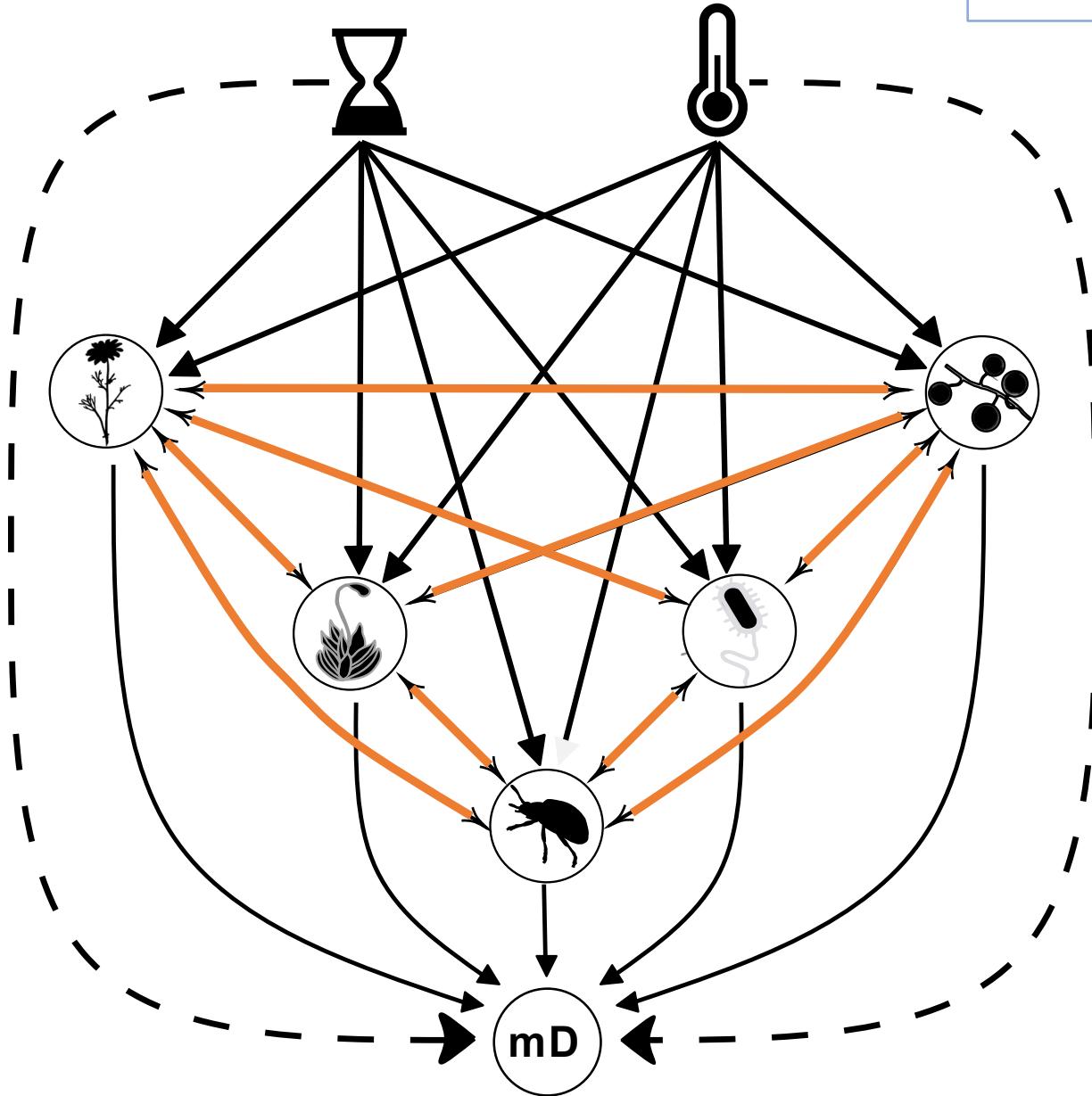


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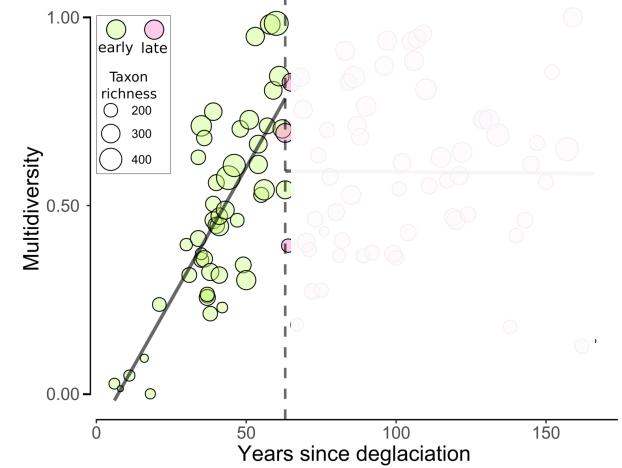
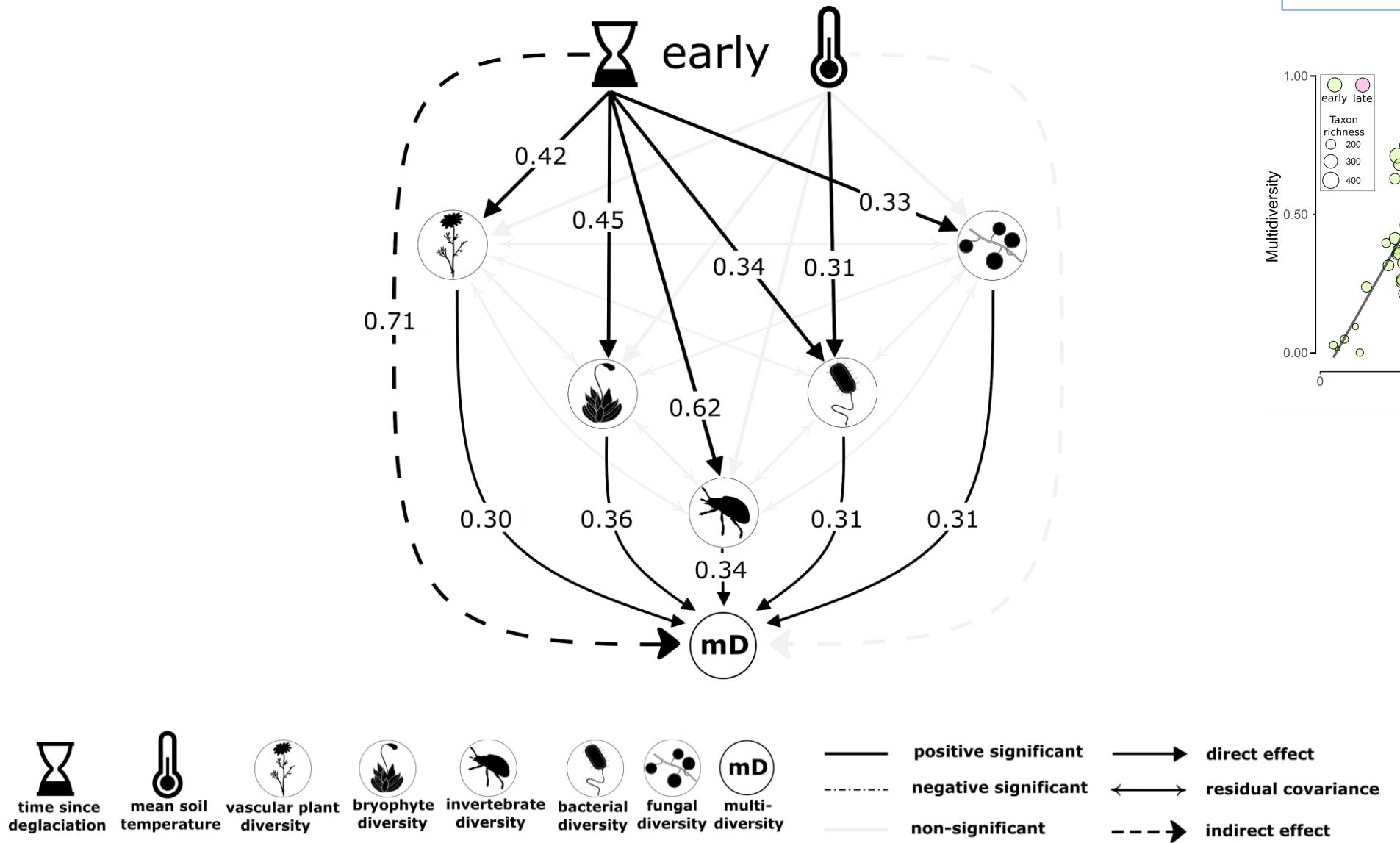


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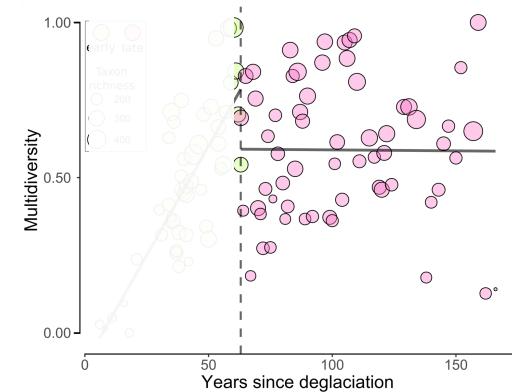
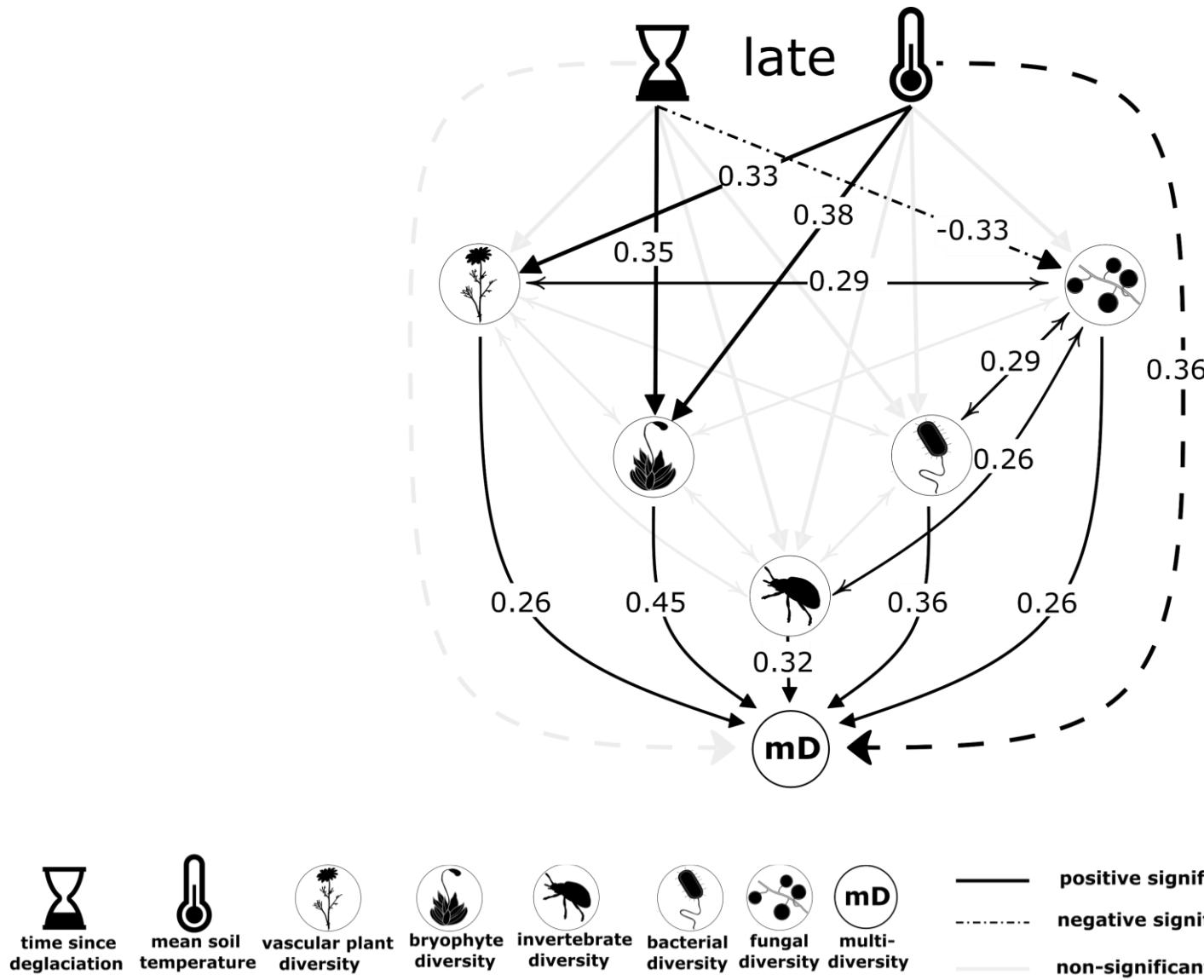
Biotic interactions can be expressed  
as community covariances  
(Houlahan & al., 2007)



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Strong interdependencies

-> aggregated co-occurrence patterns

-> low beta-diversity.

# Multi-beta-diversity

Bray-Curtis dissimilarity

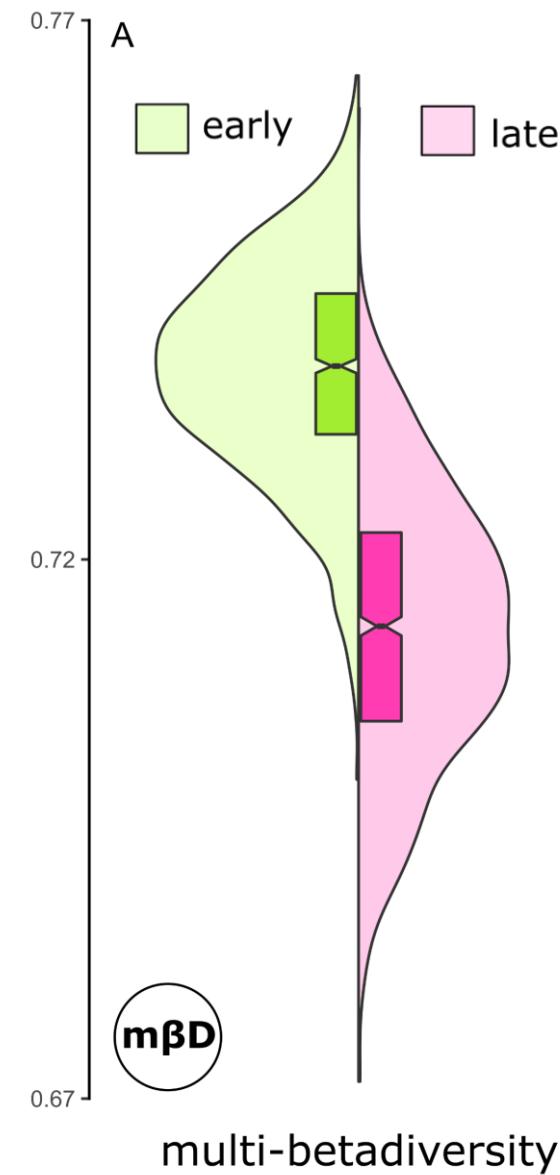
→ Mean BC-dis

Bootstrapping 1000x

**m $\beta$ D**



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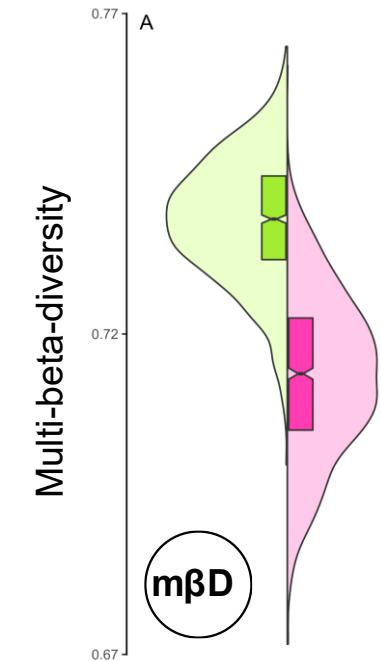
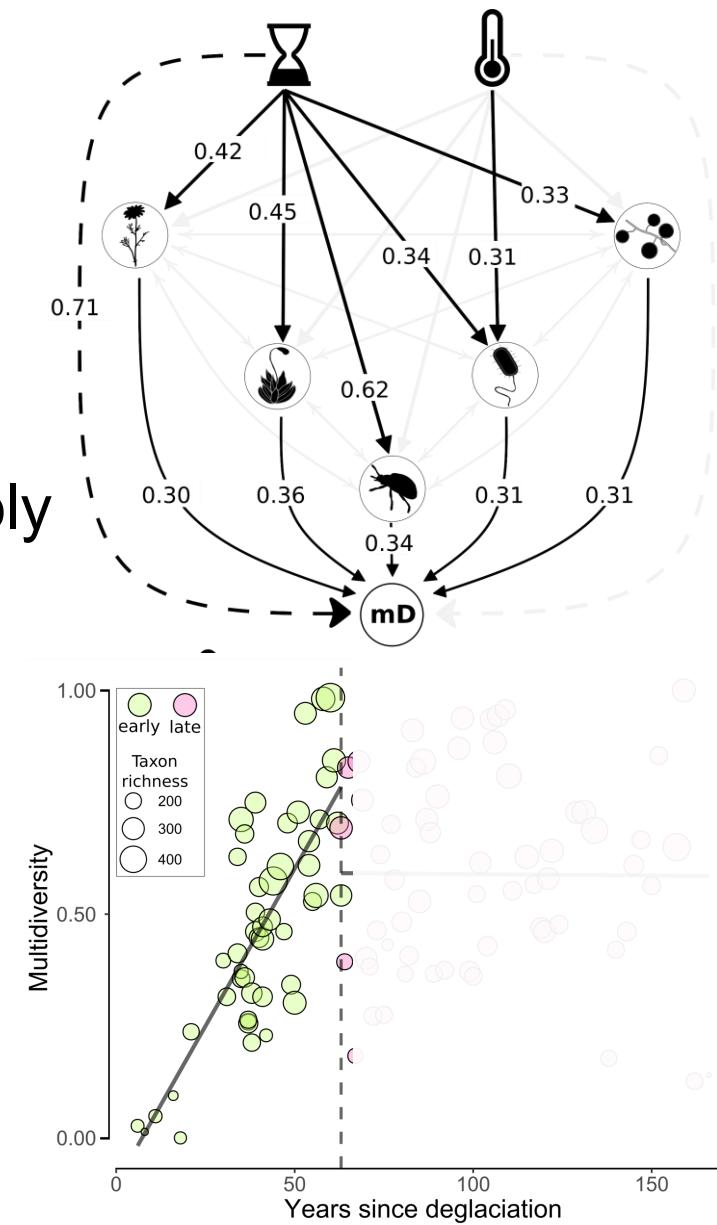
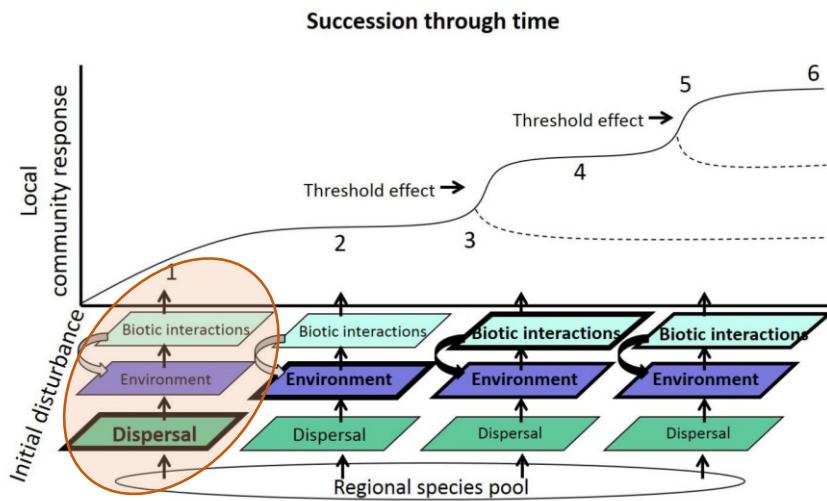
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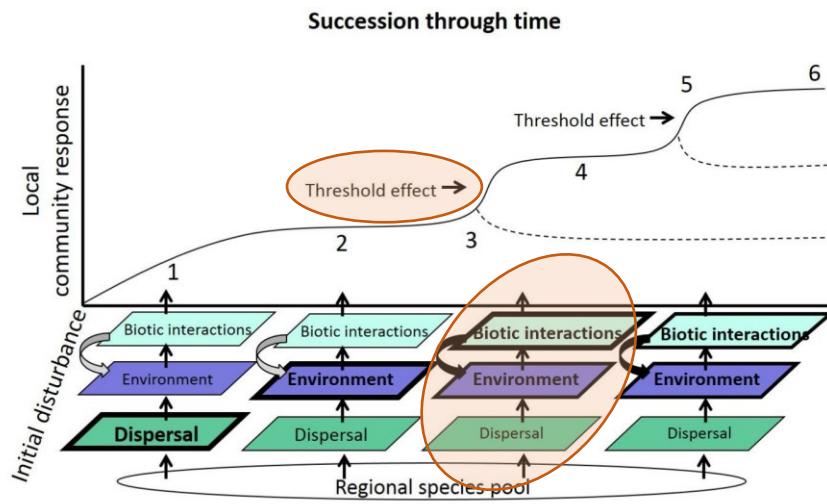
# Conclusion

## Early succession:

- Time since deglaciation is the main driver of multidiversity
- Free niches allow species to (randomly) enter the system.
- Dispersal driven, stochastic assembly

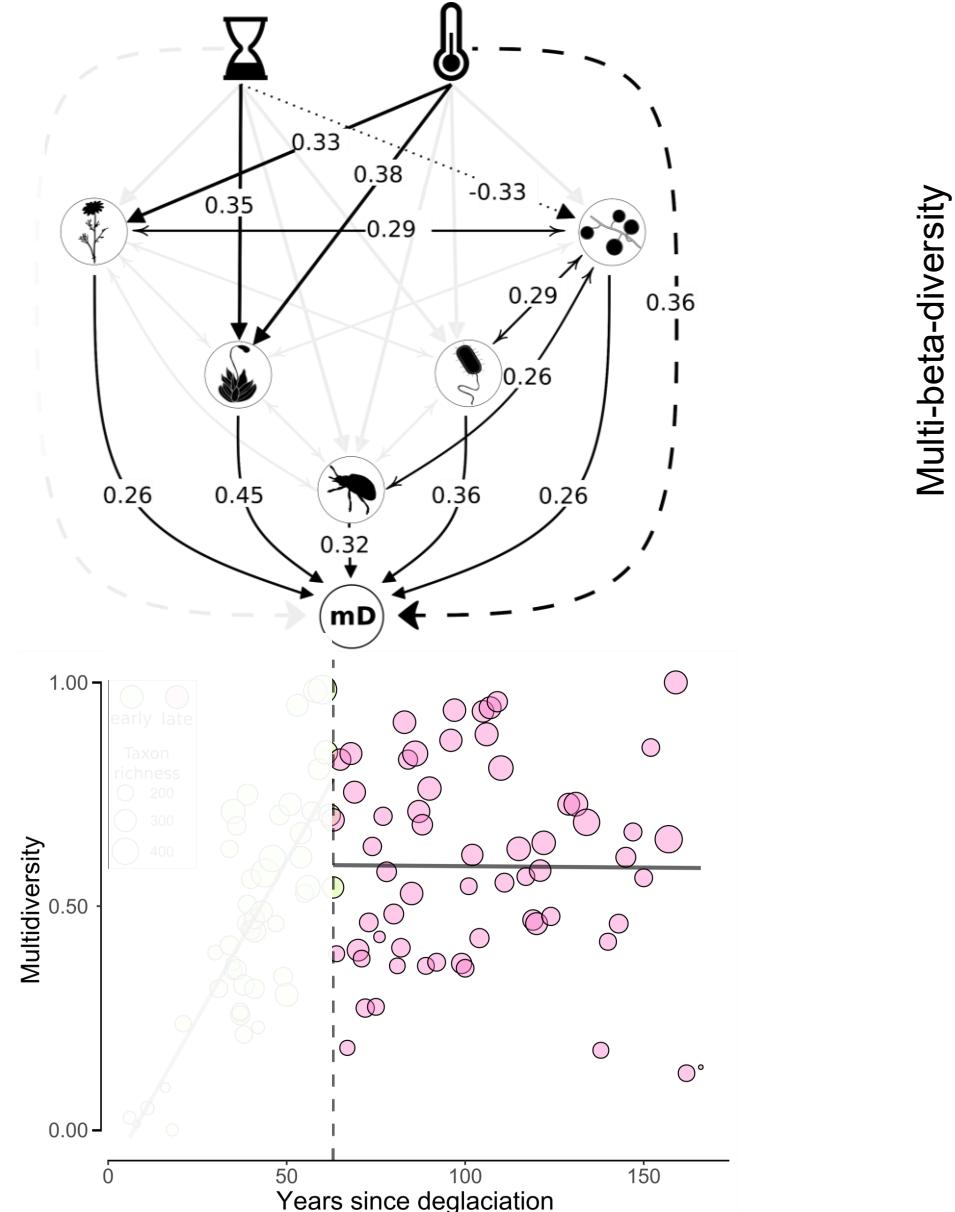
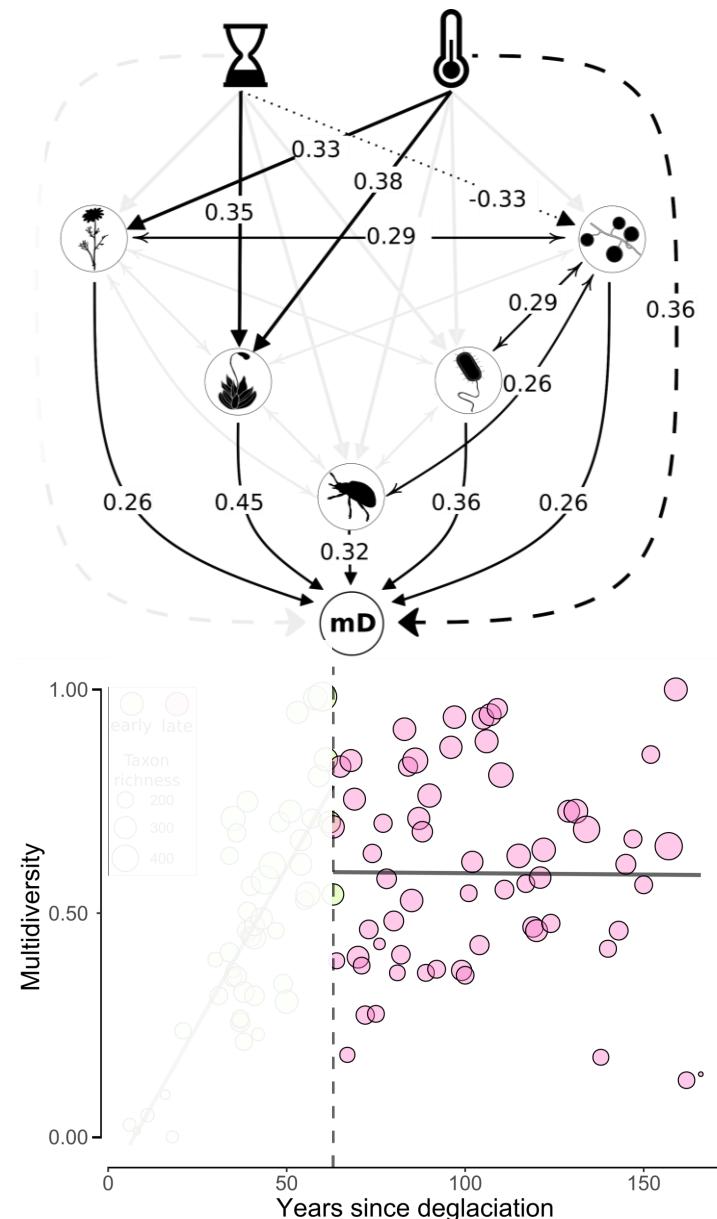


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## Late succession:

- Interactions between taxa become more important
- Environmental conditions modulate multidiversity
- Niche-based processes



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