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Eco-Evolutionary Networks

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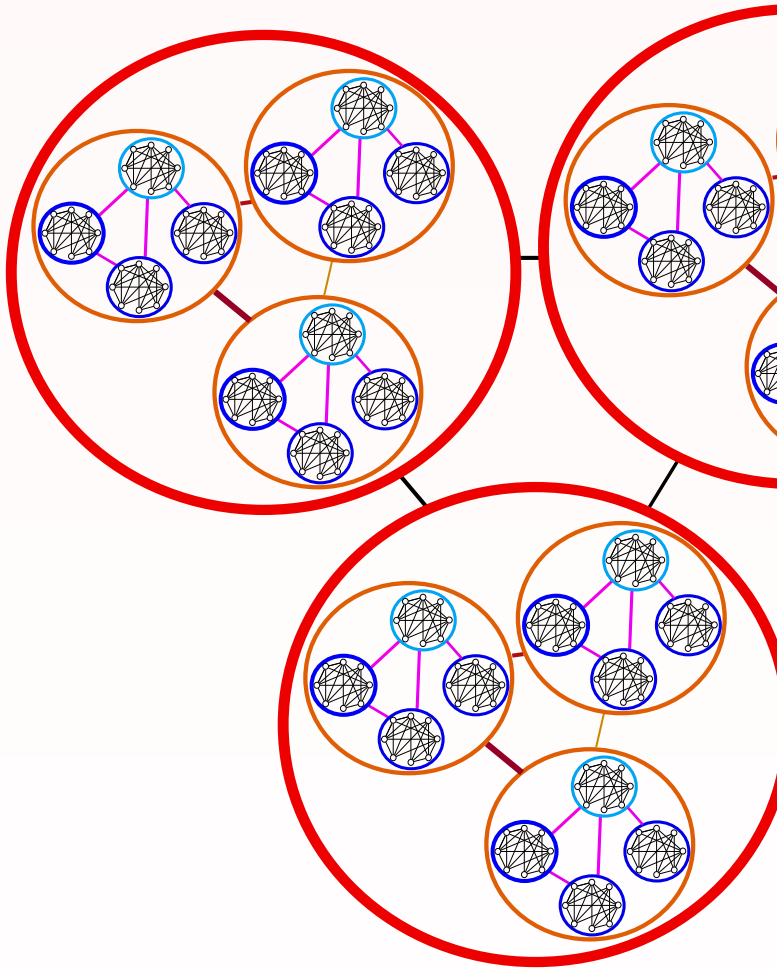
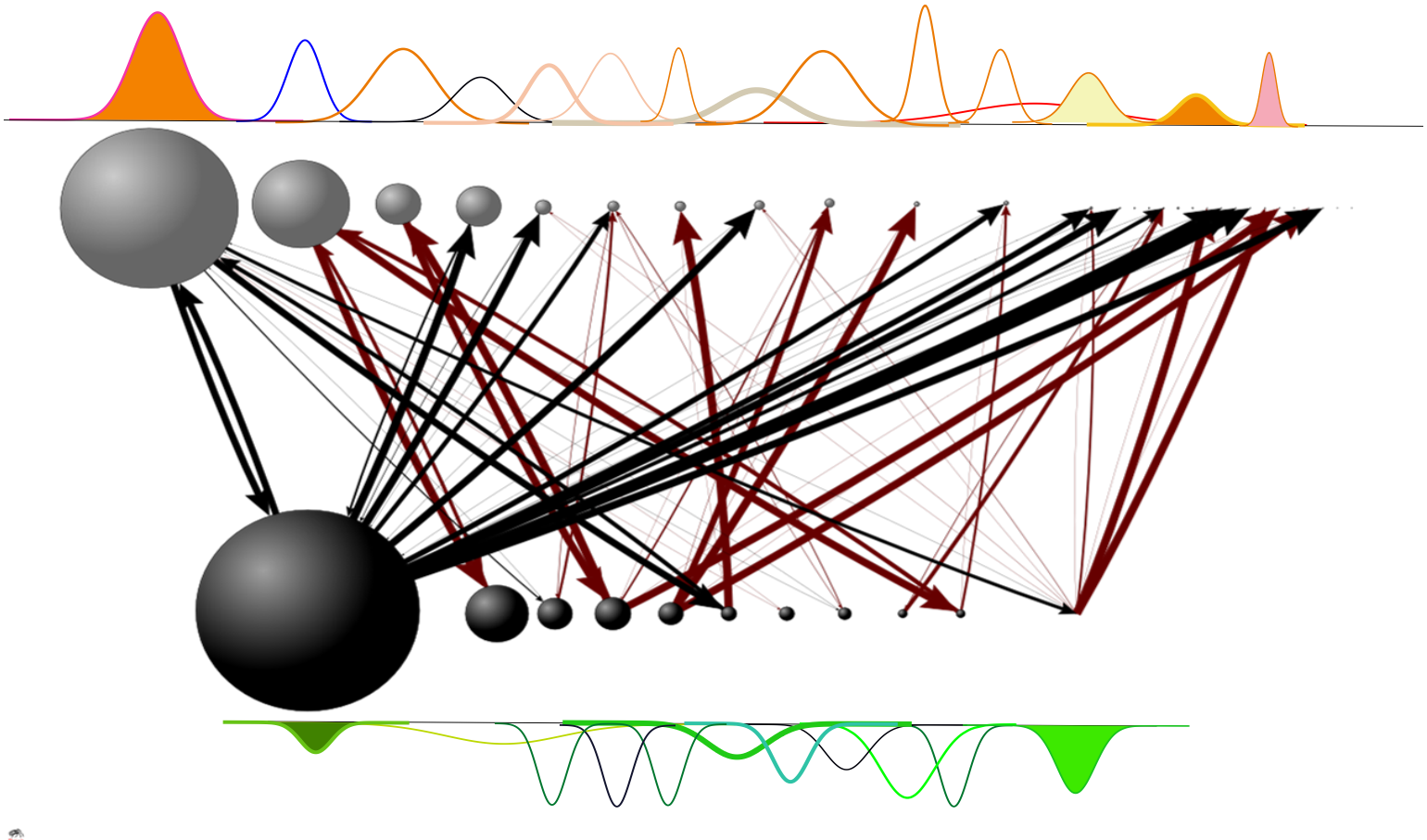


Species are compossed by heterogeneous individuals



... and the architecture of traits within species might be rapidly changing

Pere Alberch

Genetica 84: 5-11, 1991

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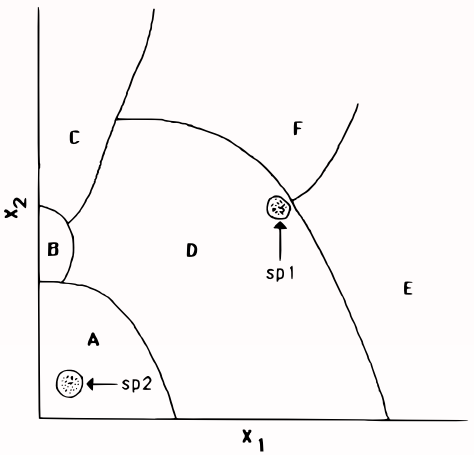
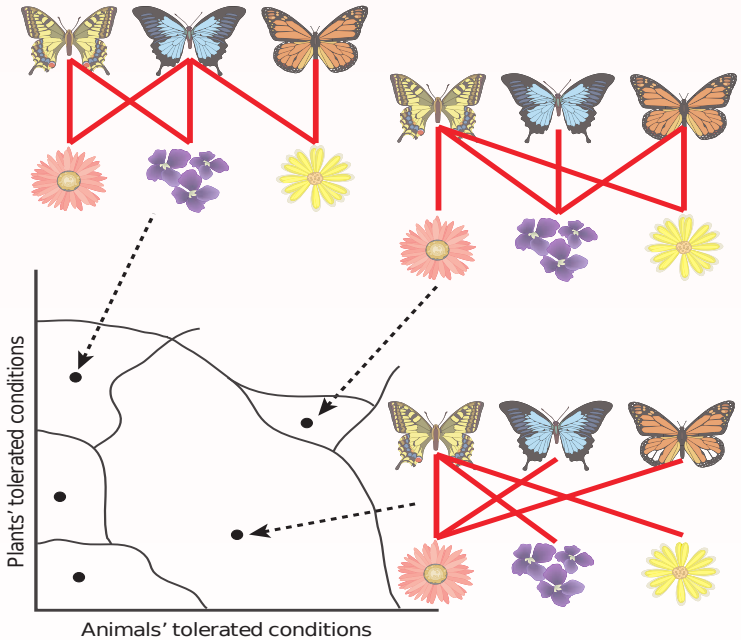


Fig. 3. Parameter Space.

and the phenotype can be mathematically stated as:

$$dP/dt = f(P, x_i)$$



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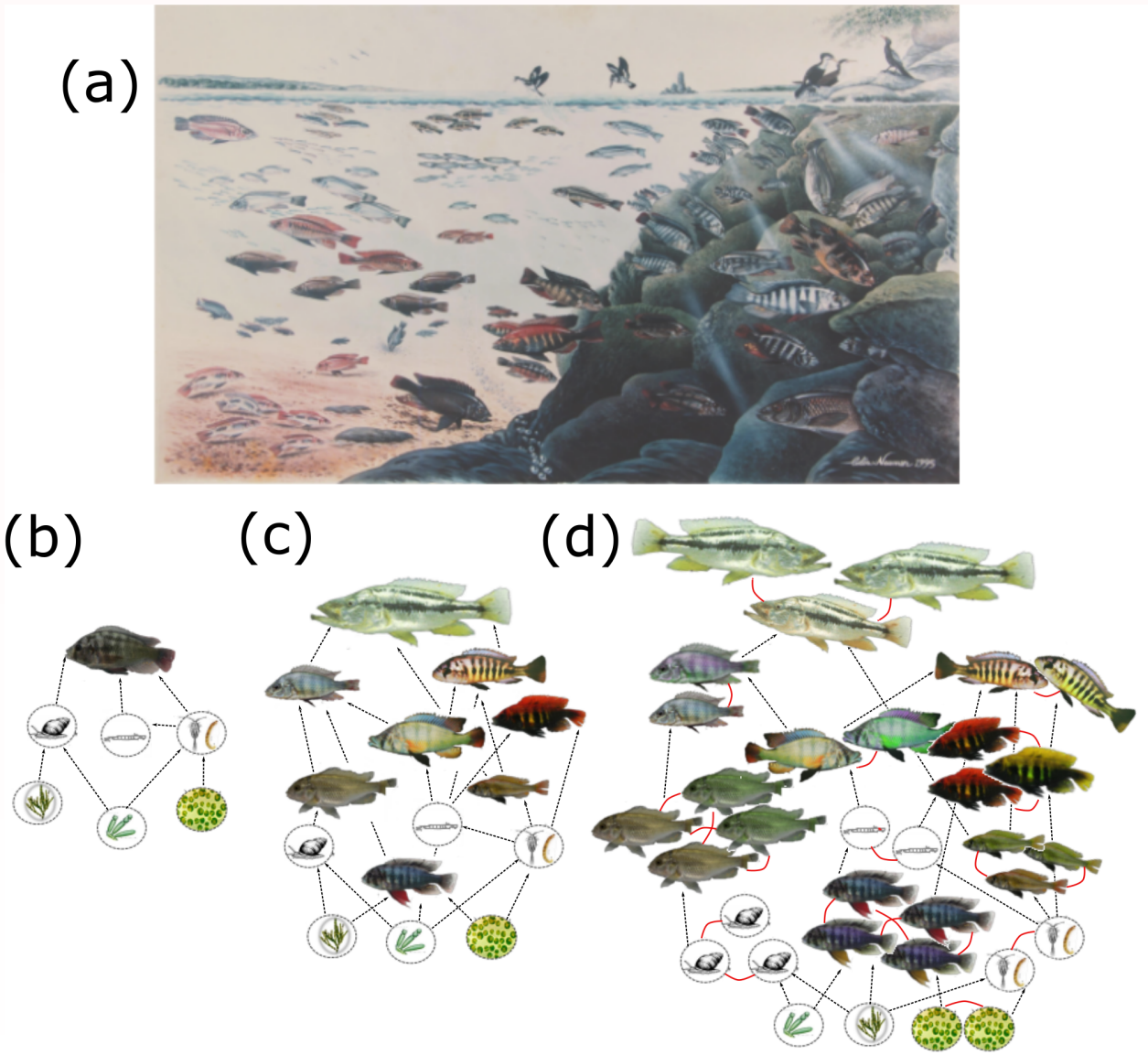
... meaning ecological and evolutionary dynamics might be tangled



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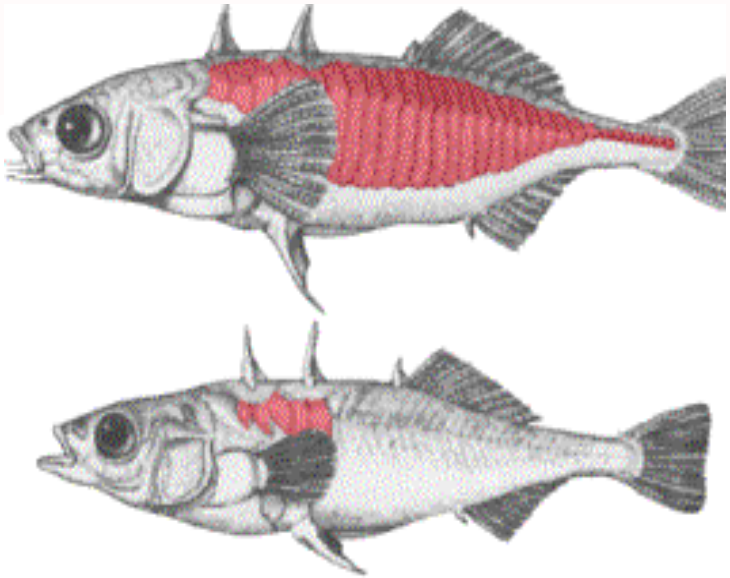
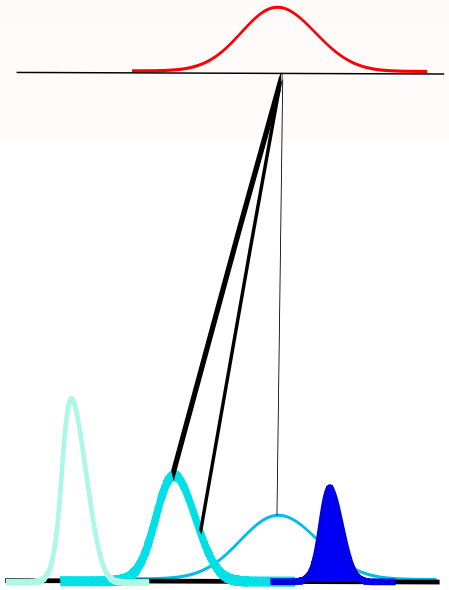
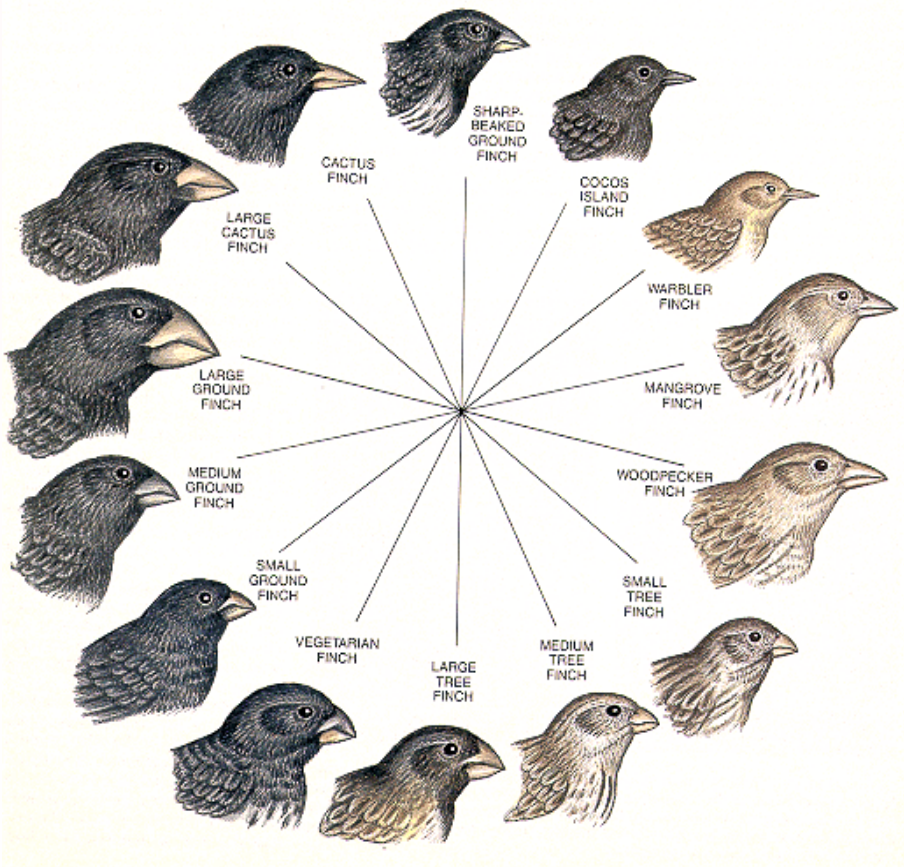
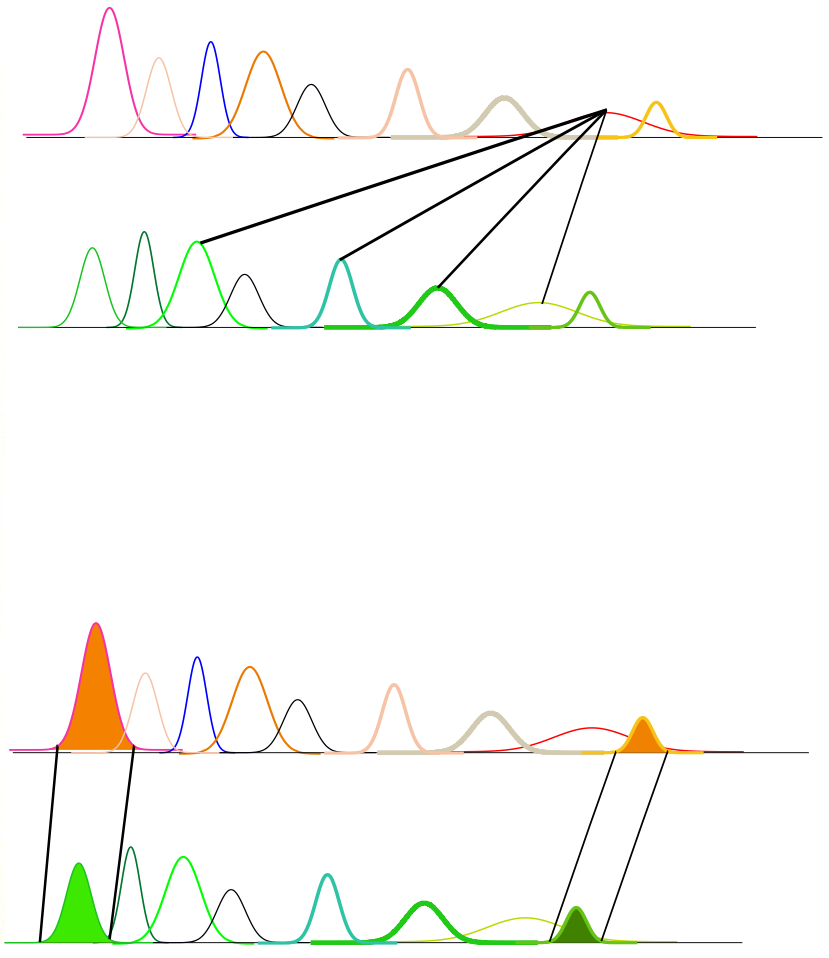
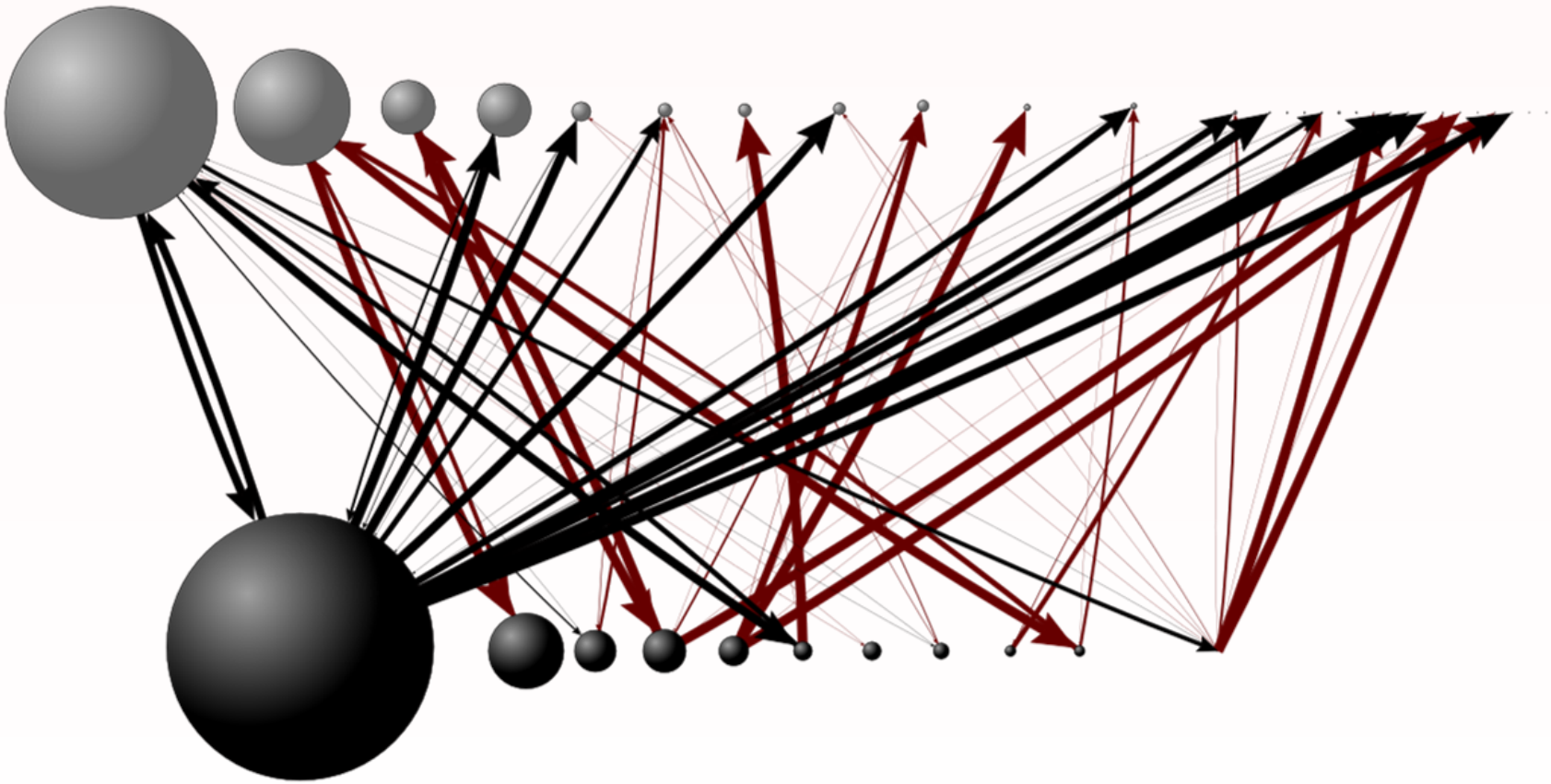


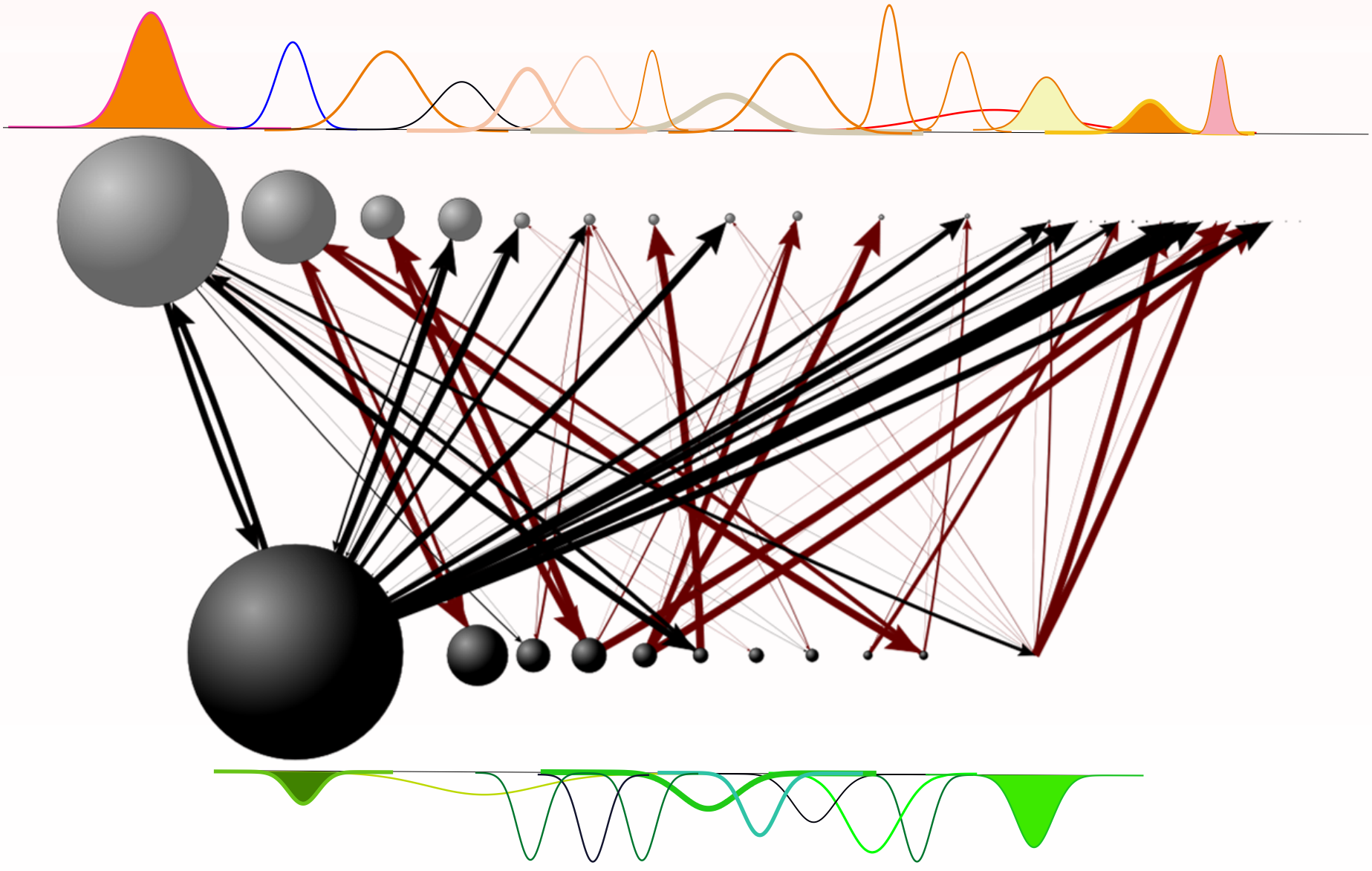


Darwin's finches









Modeling eco-evolutionary networks

$$\Delta V_i = r_i(t)V_i - c_i(V_i)^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{N_E} X_{ij}\alpha_{ij}(t)E_jV_i \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta E_j = r_j(t)E_j - c_j(E_j)^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{N_V} X_{ji}\alpha_{ji}(t)E_jV_i, \quad (2)$$

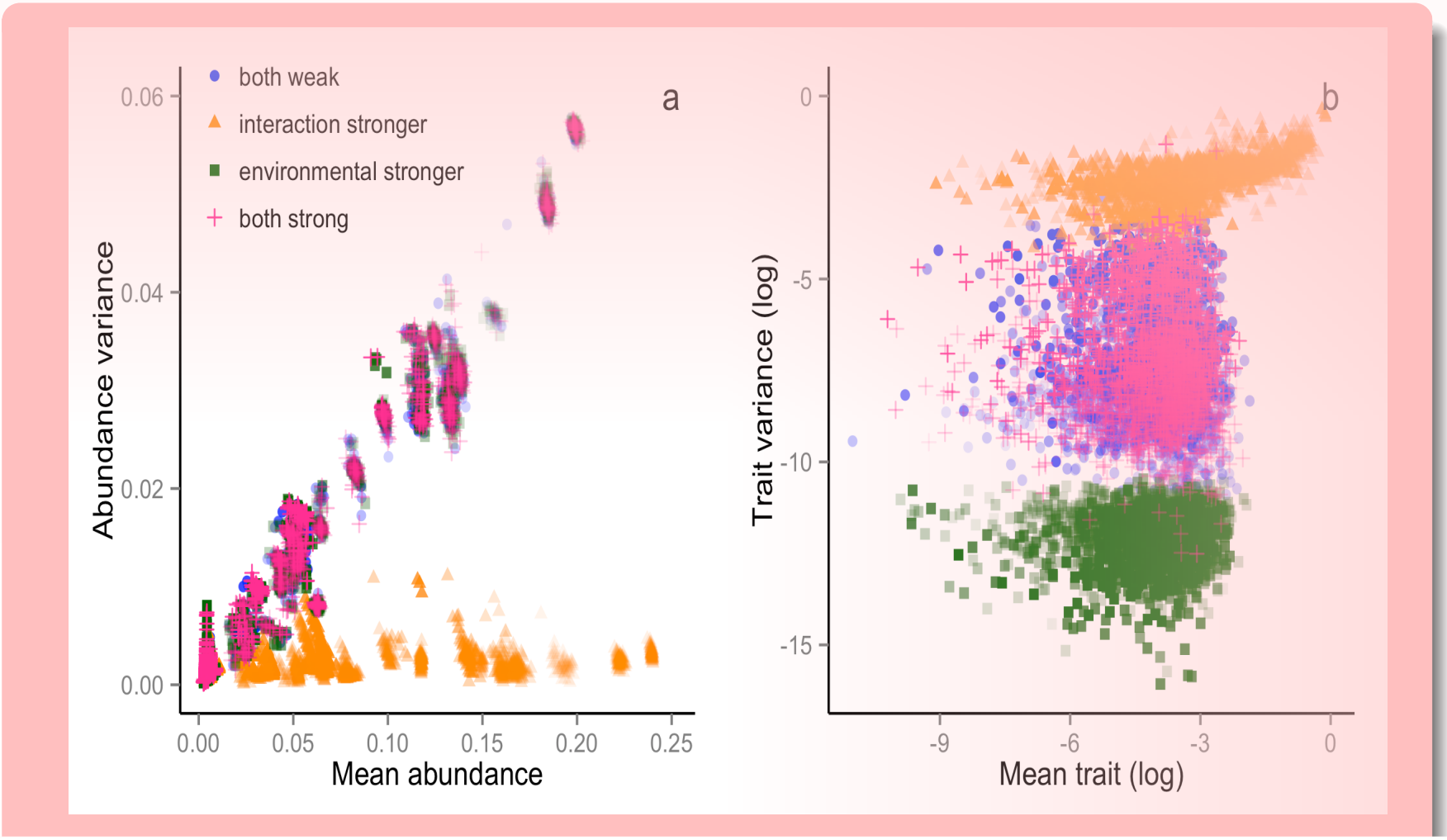
where $\alpha_{ij}(t)$ and $r_i(t)$ are given by

$$\boxed{\alpha_{ij}(t) = \alpha_{ji}(t) = e^{-\gamma(z_i(t)-y_j(t))^2}; r_i(t) = b_i - (1 - e^{-\beta(\theta_i(t)-z_i(t))^2})}$$

and mean trait values are calculated as

$$\boxed{z_{i(t)} = z_{i(t-1)} + \phi_i(Z_i(t-1) - z_i(t-1))}$$

$$\boxed{y_{j(t)} = y_{j(t-1)} + \phi_j(Y_j(t-1) - y_j(t-1))}$$


both weak
interaction stronger
environmental stronger
both strong
a
b
Abundance variance
Mean abundance
Trait variance (log)
Mean trait (log)
0.06
0.04
0.02
0.00
0.00
0.05
0.10
0.15
0.20
0.25
0
-5
-10
-15
-9
-6
-3
0

The temporal fluctuation in the interaction strength among species pairs, s_{ij}, is given by

$$s_{ij}(t) = X_{ij} \sum_{t=1}^{t=N} |(z_{i(t)} - y_{j(t)}) - (z_{i(t-1)} - y_{j(t-1)}|,$$

The cumulative change in pairwise matching for each victim (exploiter) is

$$s_i = \sum_{j=1}^{N_E} s_{ij},$$

and the mean and variance in cumulative change in pairwise matching in the network is

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^{N_V} \sum_{j=1}^{N_E} s_{ij}/(N_V N_E); \sigma_s^2 = (\sum_{i=1}^{N_V} (s_i - s)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{N_E} (s_j - s)^2)/(N_V N_E)$$

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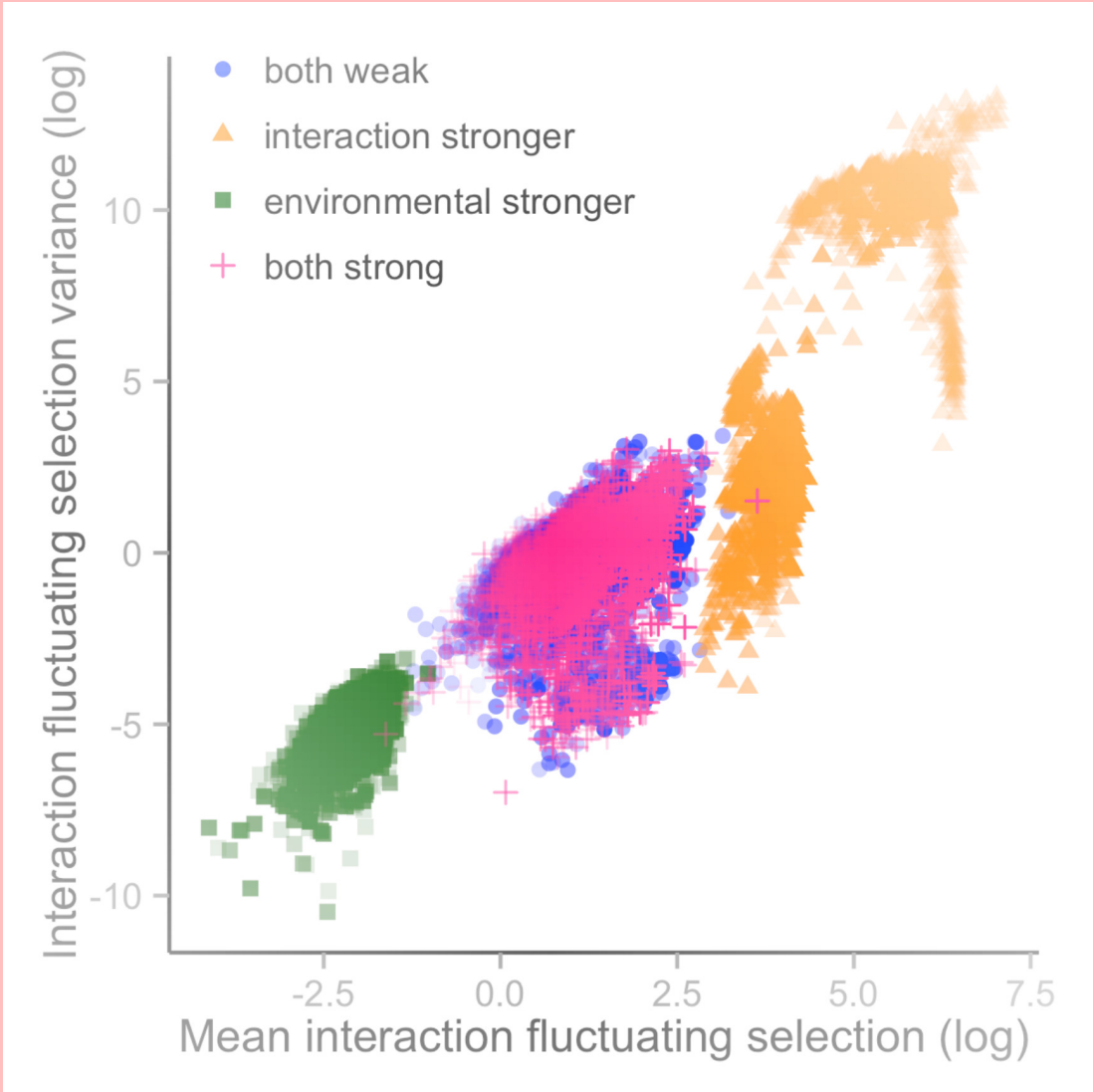
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Interaction fluctuating selection variance (log)
10
5
0
-5
-10
-2.5
0.0
2.5
5.0
7.5
Mean interaction fluctuating selection (log)

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- We will have an animated insights talk after this one plus simple practicals to explore evolving trait distributions under different selection modes in simple eco-evolutionary networks.

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