

Evolutionary paleoecology and the biology of extinction

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Framework

Questions

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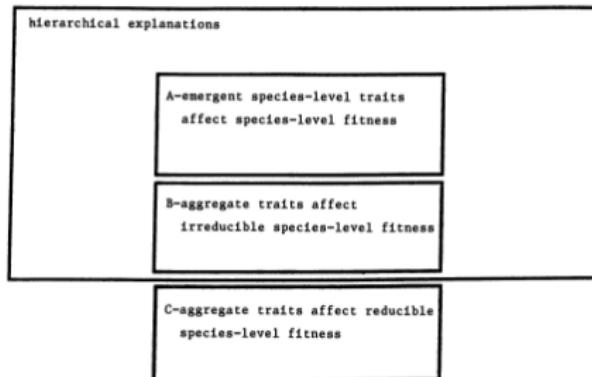
Evolutionary paleoecology

... the consequences of distinct ecological factors on differential rate dynamics, particularly rates of faunal turnover and diversification.

(Kitchell 1985 Paleobiology)

environmental interactions → macroevolution

Emergent properties

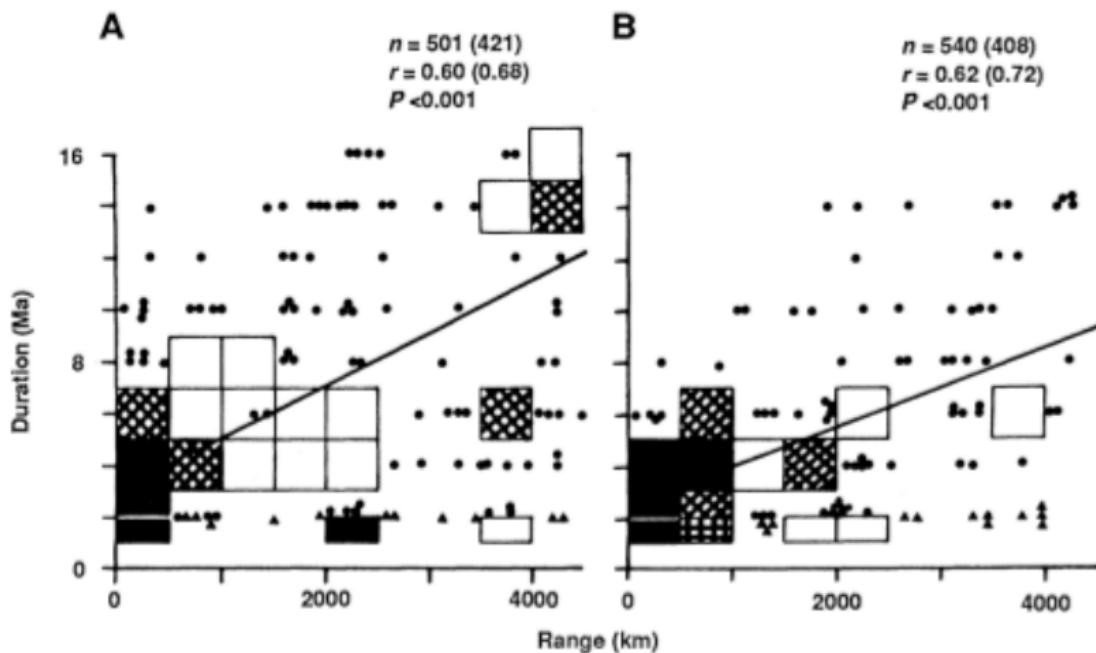


(Grantham 1995 *Ann. Rev. Ecol. Syst.*)

Criteria

Trait that cannot be reduced to lower level (e.g. organismal)

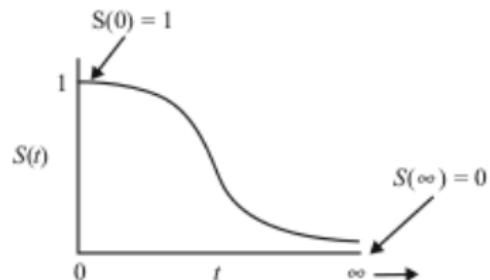
Range size



(Jablonski 1987 *Science*)

Probability of survival

Theoretical $S(t)$:

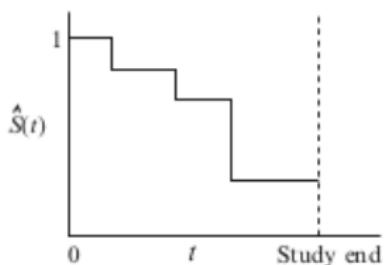


Survival function

$$S(t) = P(T > t)$$

- ▶ T : survival time (≥ 0)
- ▶ t : specified time

$\hat{S}(t)$ in practice:

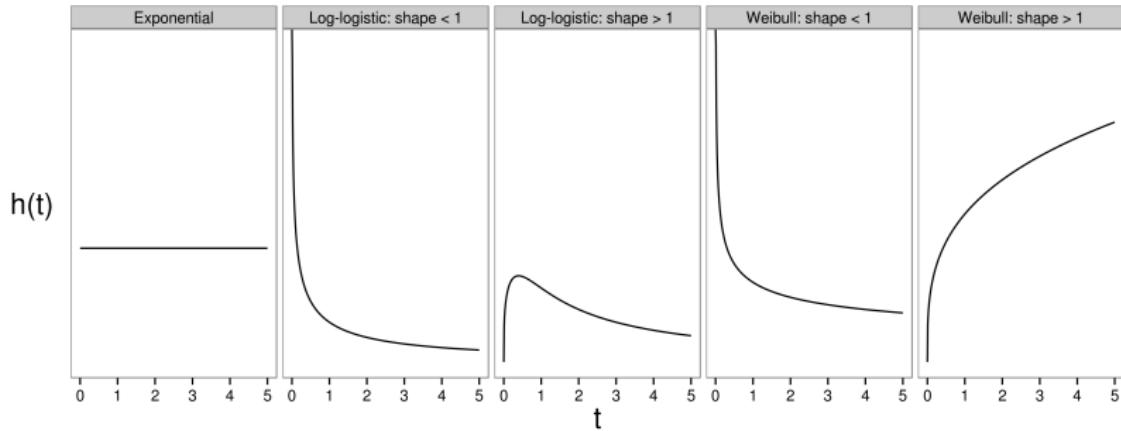


(Kleinbaum and Klein 2012)

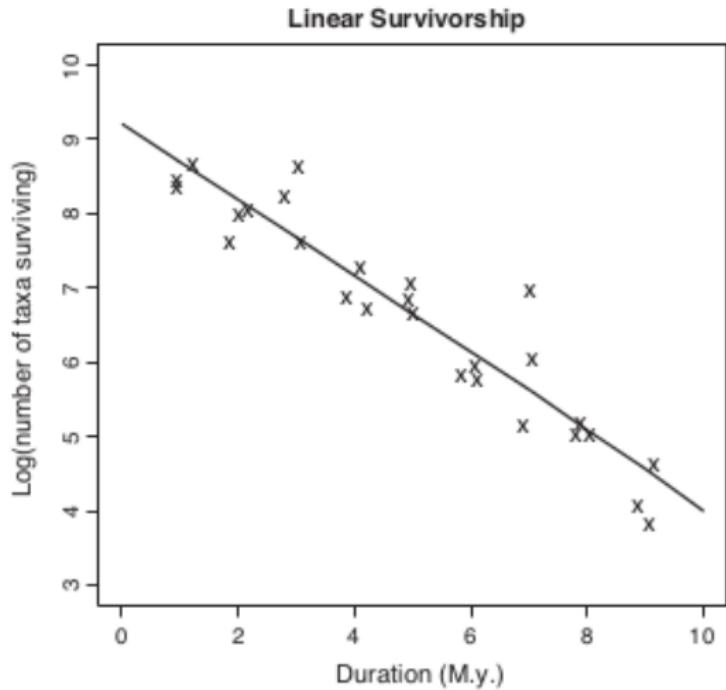
Instantaneous potential of failure (extinction)

Hazard function \equiv conditional failure rate

$$h(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(t \leq T < t + \Delta t | T \geq t)}{\Delta t}$$



Van Valen's observation of survival



(Liow et al. 2011 *TREE*)

Law of Constant Extinction

Definition

Extinction risk in a given adaptive zone is taxon–age independent.

(Van Valen 1973 *Evol. Theory*)

translation: hazard is constant with respect to time
(exponential survival)

$$h(t) = \lambda \iff S(t) = \exp^{-\lambda t}$$

Brachiopods and mammals: a comparison

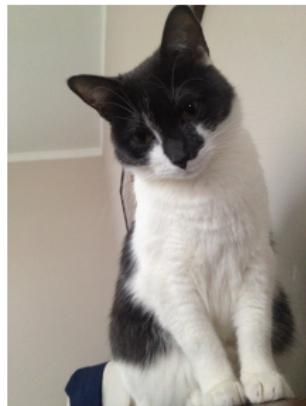
brachiopods

- ▶ marine
- ▶ sessile
- ▶ Permian (~ 47 My)
- ▶ Australasia
- ▶ global warming



mammals

- ▶ terrestrial
- ▶ motile
- ▶ Cenozoic (~ 65 My)
- ▶ North America, Europe, South America
- ▶ global cooling



Proposed studies

Chapters

- ▶ Permian brachiopod trait based survival
 - ▶ generic level
 - ▶ necessity of emergence?
- ▶ Cenozoic mammal trait based survival
 - ▶ generic, specific level
 - ▶ necessity of emergence?
- ▶ Cenozoic mammal community connectedness
 - ▶ global versus regional versus local
 - ▶ trait based?

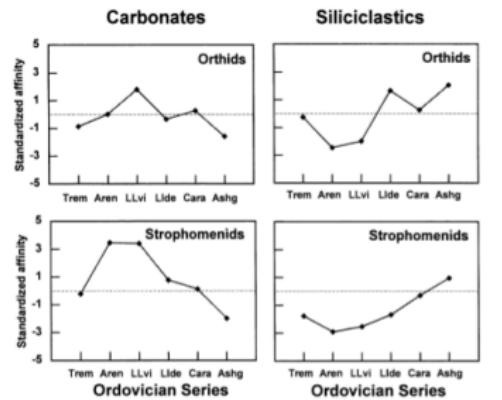
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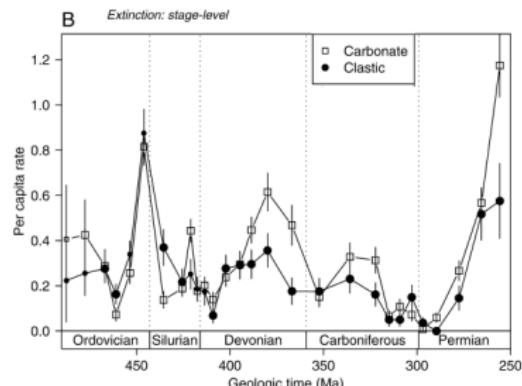
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Substrate affinity



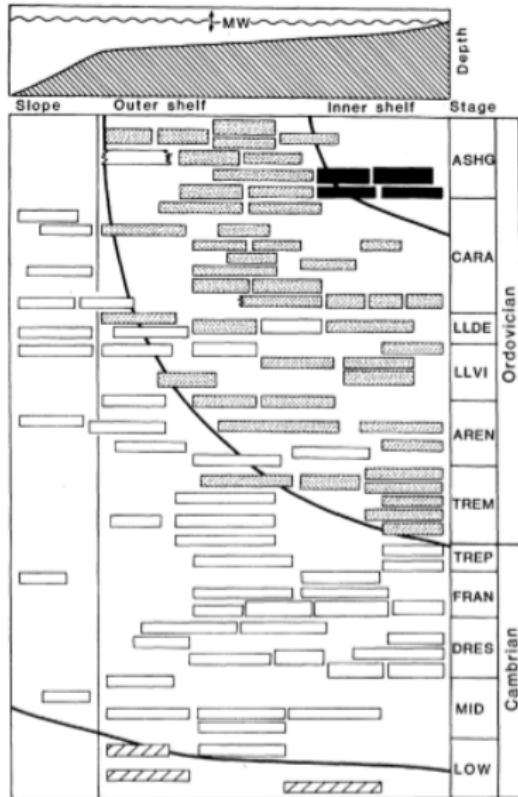
(Miller and Connolly 2001 *Paleobio.*)



(Foote 2006 *Paleobio.*)

- ▶ carbonates, clastics, mixed
 - ▶ physio-chemical
 - ▶ availability
 - ▶ weak proxy for larval dispersal?
- ▶ Phanerozoic decrease carbonates:clastics
 - ▶ predicted longevity: clastics > carbonates

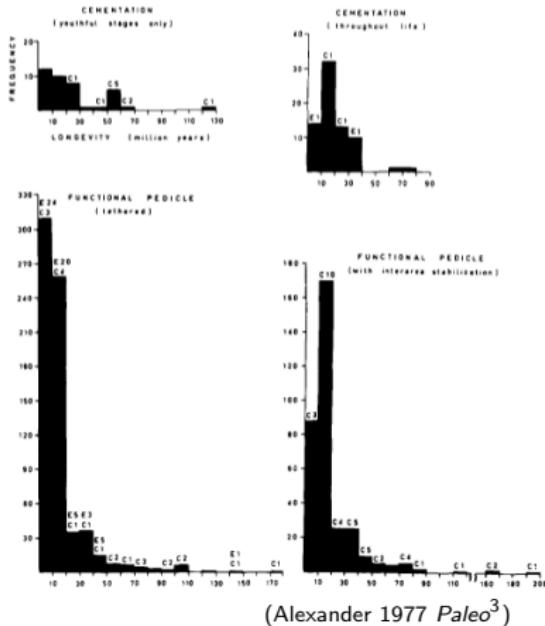
Habitat preference



(Jablonski *et al.* 1983 *Science*)

- ▶ on-shore, off-shore, none
 - ▶ above/below storm wave base
 - ▶ energetics, availability
- ▶ classically invoked re. diversification of higher taxa
 - ▶ onshore → offshore

Affixing strategy



- ▶ environmental energetics and material (mud)
- ▶ pedunculate, reclining, cementing
 - ▶ endemics duration: reclining > others
 - ▶ cosmopolitan duration: ped./cement > others
- ▶ pedunculate:on-shore, reclining:off-shore

Assigning substrate and habitat

Probability of assignment

$$P(H_1|E) = \frac{P(E|H_1)P(H_1)}{P(E|H_1)P(H_1) + P(E|H_2)P(H_2)}$$
$$P(E|H) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

- ▶ n : total # of occ
- ▶ k : # (e.g.) carbonate occ

(Simpson and Harnik 2009 *Paleobiology*)

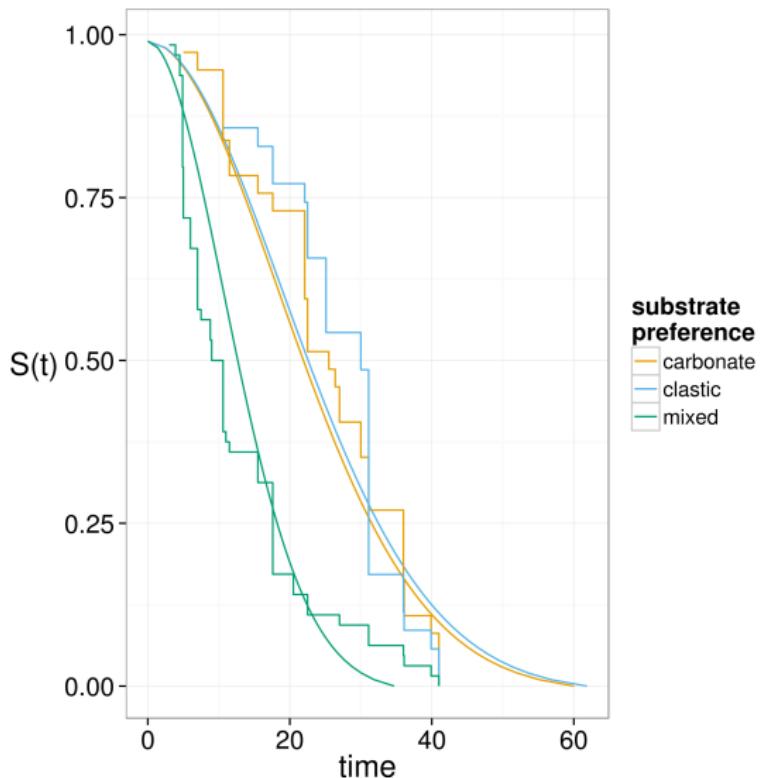
Analysis

- ▶ data: genus FAD–LAD
 - ▶ Australasia
 - ▶ taxa occurring in and ranging into/out of Permian
 - ▶ PBDB (h/t Clapham)
- ▶ traits: time-indep. covariate
 - ▶ substrate following Foote 2006 *Paleobio.*
 - ▶ habitat following Kiessling *et al.* 2007 *Paleo*³
- ▶ climate: time-dep. covariate
 - ▶ continuous or step function
- ▶ survival distributions: $\exp(\lambda)$, $Weibull(\lambda, k)$, etc.

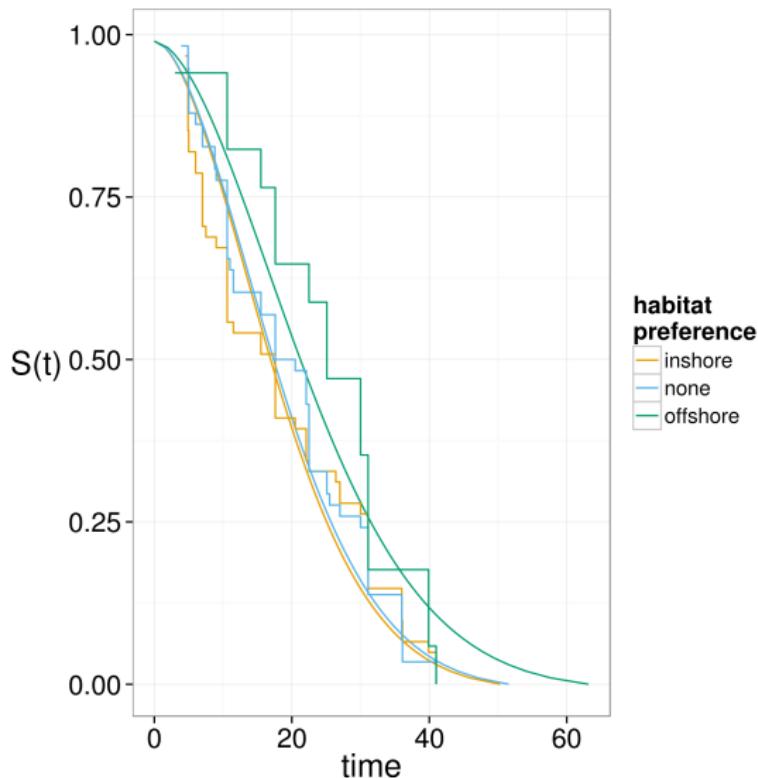
Preliminary results: model comparison

formula	distribution	shape	df	logLik	AICc
~ aff	weibull	1.91	4	-497.5745	1003.4543
~ aff + hab	weibull	1.92	6	-496.8553	1006.3618
~ aff * hab	weibull	1.94	10	-495.7702	1013.3003
~ 1	weibull	1.76	2	-515.1666	1034.4234
~ hab	weibull	1.76	4	-513.9591	1036.2236
~ aff	exponential		3	-532.8690	1071.9199
~ aff + hab	exponential		5	-532.5798	1075.6211
~ 1	exponential		1	-540.9218	1083.8734
~ aff * hab	exponential		9	-532.3099	1084.0485
~ hab	exponential		3	-540.2811	1086.7439

Preliminary results: best substrate



Preliminary results: best habitat



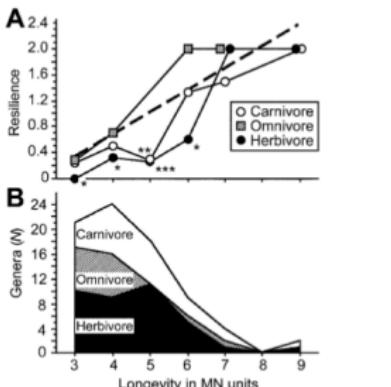
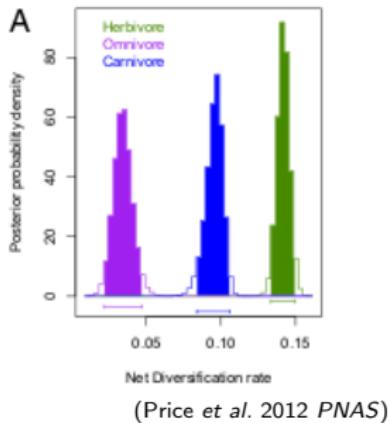
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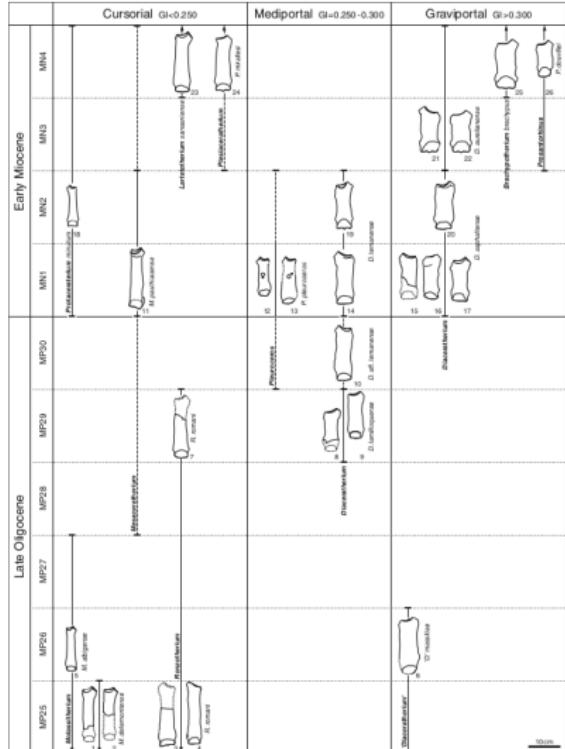
Predictions: dietary category



(Jernvall and Fortelius 2004 *Am. Nat.*)

- ▶ trophic hierarchy (stability → duration)
 - ▶ herb: most stable, longest duration
 - ▶ carni: least stable, shortest duration
 - ▶ omni: avg. stability, avg. duration
- ▶ ↑ diversification
 - ▶ ↑ origination; ≈ extinction
 - ▶ ≈ origination; ↓ extinction

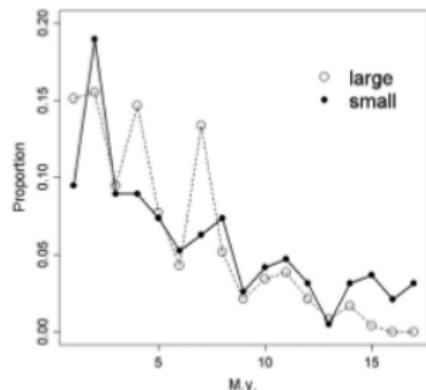
Predictions: locomotor category



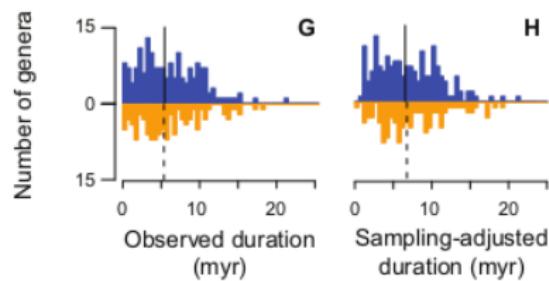
- ▶ Paleogene → Neogene
 - ▶ open → closed environment
- ▶ predictions
 - ▶ arboreal:
Paleogene > Neogene
 - ▶ ground dwelling:
Paleogene < Neogene
 - ▶ scansorial:
Paleogene ≈ Neogene

(Scherler *et al.* 2013 *Swiss. J. Geosci.*)

Predictions: body size



(Liow et al. 2008 PNAS)



(Tomiya 2013 Am. Nat.)

- ▶ ↑ body size, ↑ energy req,
↑ range size, ↓ extinction
- ▶ Europe
 - ▶ lrg body size genera:
↑ extinction
- ▶ North America
 - ▶ generic body size:
 \simeq extinction

Analysis

- ▶ data: genus, species FAD–LAD
 - ▶ NA: PBDB (h/t Alroy)
 - ▶ Europe: PBDB, NOW
 - ▶ SA: collections, compilations
- ▶ traits: time-indep. covariates
- ▶ climate: time-dep. covariate
 - ▶ continuous δO^{18} isotope (Zachos *et al.* 2008 *Nature*)
- ▶ Paleogene versus Neogene
- ▶ survival distributions: $\exp(\lambda)$, $Weibull(\lambda, k)$, etc.

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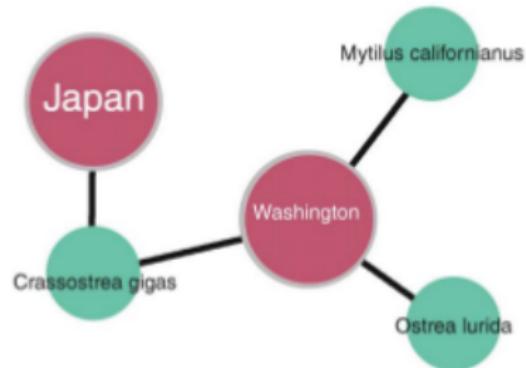
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Community connectedness

Definition

The degree to which localities are composed of endemic versus cosmopolitan taxa, and how similar this ratio is across localities.

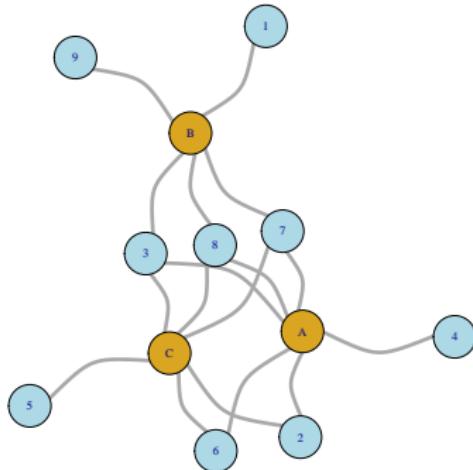
Biogeographic networks



(Vilhena *et al.* 2013 *Sci. Reports*)

- ▶ taxa: species
- ▶ locality: 2x2 equal-area map projection grid
- ▶ 2 My intervals
- ▶ PBDB, NOW, museum collections, compilations

Average relative number of endemics



$$u = \{1, 2, 1\}$$

$$n = \{6, 5, 6\}$$

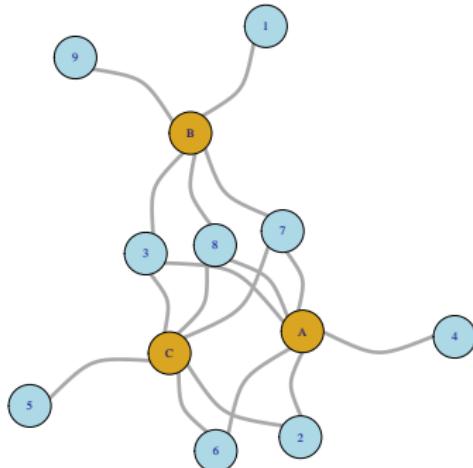
$$L = 3$$

$$E \approx 0.24$$

$$E = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^L \frac{u_i}{n_i}}{L}$$

- ▶ L : number of localities
- ▶ u : number of taxa unique to a locality
- ▶ n : number of taxa at a locality
- ▶ $0 \leq E \leq 1$

Average relative occupancy per taxon



$$I = \{1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 1\}$$

$$L = 3$$

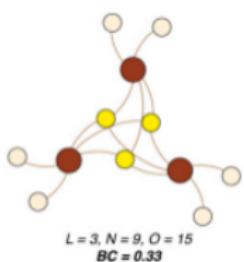
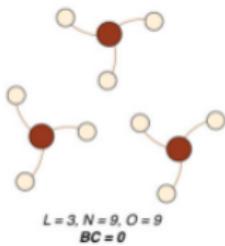
$$N = 9$$

$$Occ \approx 0.63$$

$$Occ = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{l_i}{L}}{N}$$

- ▶ N : total number of taxa
- ▶ l_i : number of localities a taxon occurs at
- ▶ L : number of localities
- ▶ $0 \leq Occ \leq 1$

Biogeographic connectedness

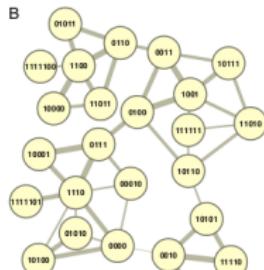
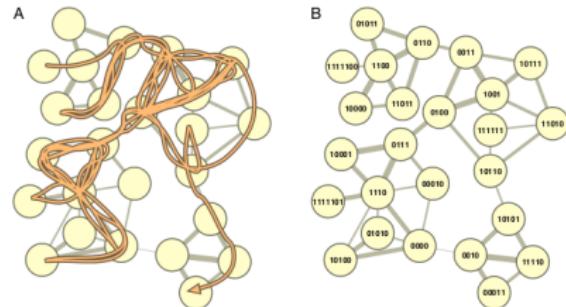


$$BC = \frac{O - N}{LN - N}$$

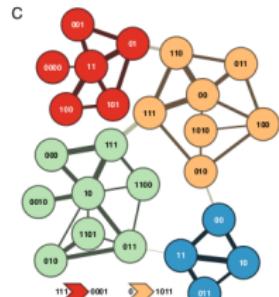
- ▶ O : number of occurrences
- ▶ N : total number of taxa
- ▶ L : number of localities
- ▶ $0 \leq BC \leq 1$

(Sidor et al. 2013 PNAS)

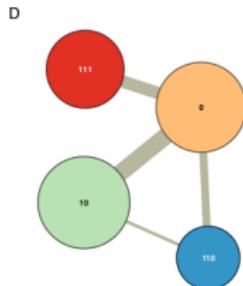
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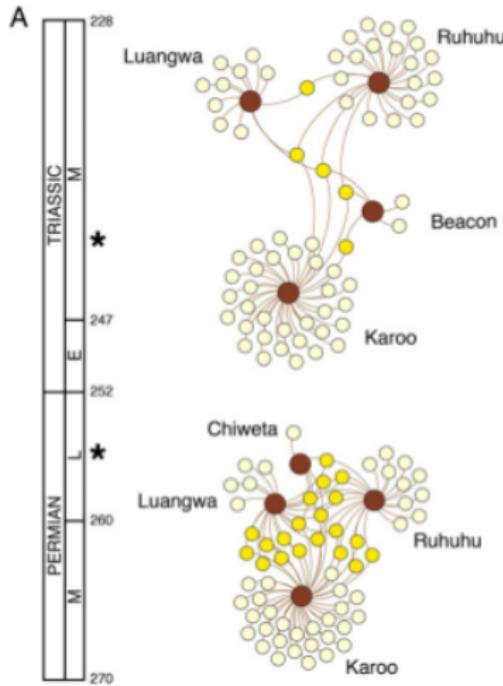


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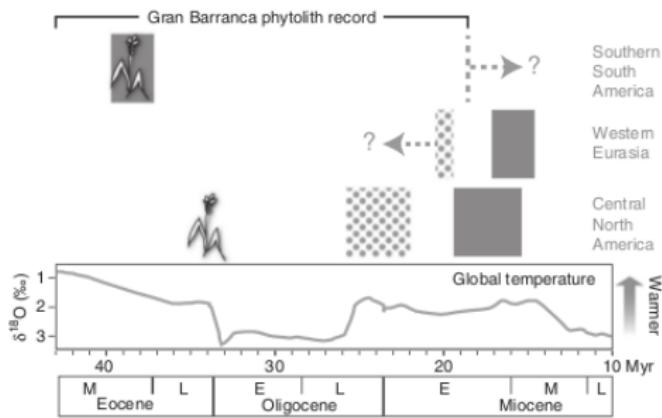
Global versus regional versus local scale processes



- ▶ global
 - ▶ corr w/ global climate
 - ▶ multiple regions corr
- ▶ regional
 - ▶ $\downarrow E, \uparrow Occ,$
 - ▶ $\uparrow BC, \uparrow code$
- ▶ local
 - ▶ $\uparrow E, \downarrow Occ,$
 - ▶ $\downarrow BC, \downarrow code$
- ▶ not mutually exclusive

(Sidor et al. 2013 PNAS)

Global expectations: locomotor category



(Strömberg et al. 2013 *Nature Com.*)

► arboreal

- ▶ $\uparrow E$, \uparrow code
- ▶ $\downarrow BC$, \downarrow Occ

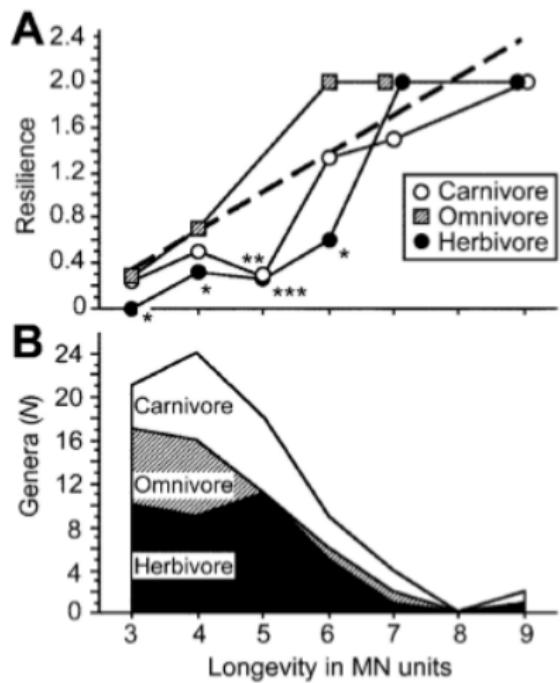
► ground dwelling

- ▶ $\downarrow E$, \downarrow code
- ▶ $\uparrow BC$, \uparrow Occ

► scansorial

- ▶ constant \vee random

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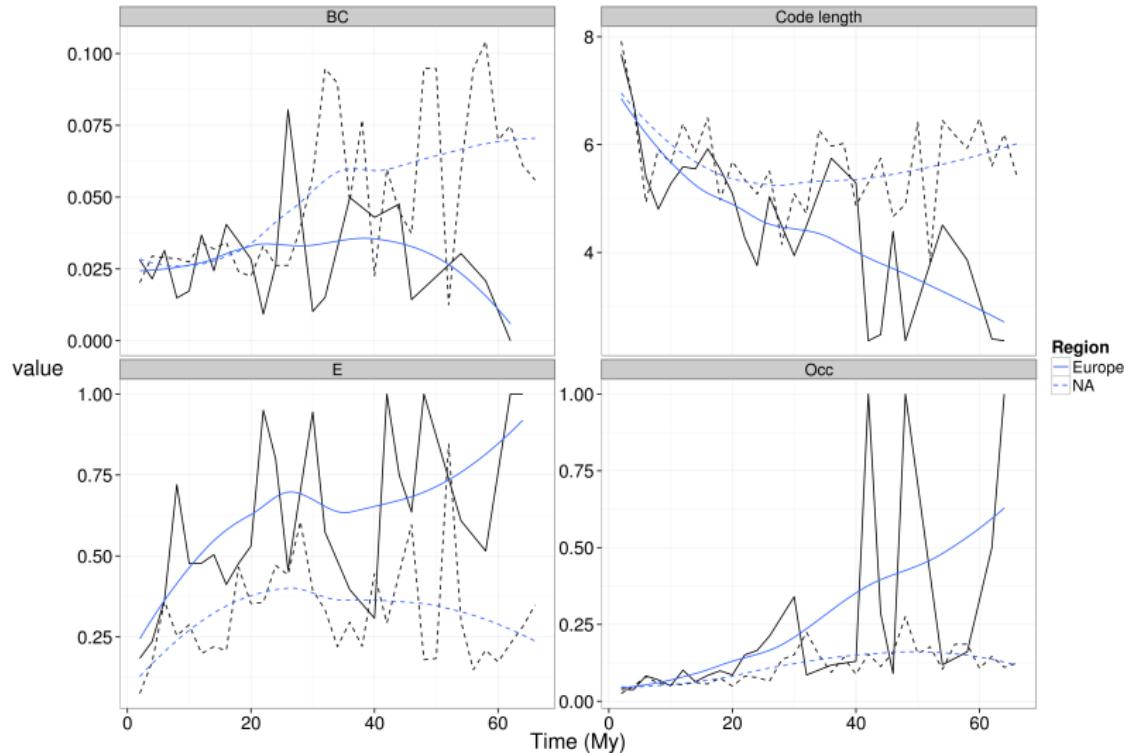
- ▶ herbivore
 - ▶ most like all taxa
- ▶ carnivore
 - ▶ constant √ corr w/ herbivores
- ▶ omnivore
 - ▶ constant √ random

(Jernvall and Fortelius 2004 *Am. Nat.*)

Regional predictions

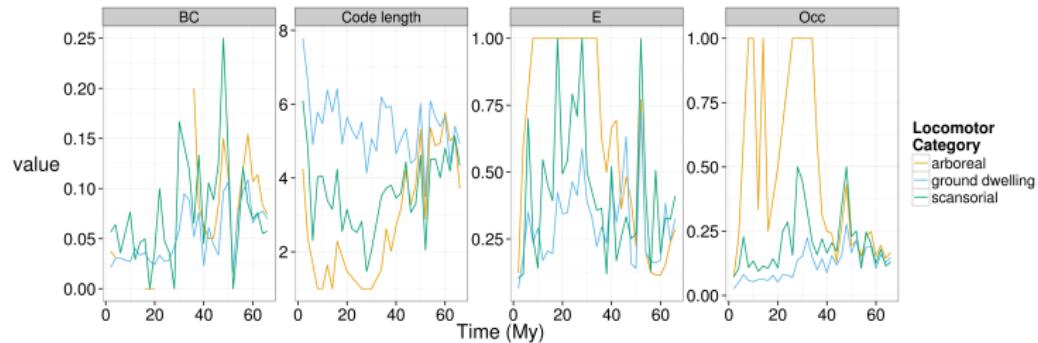
- ▶ North America
 - ▶ similar to global predictions
 - ▶ major lit. questions re. effects climate change
- ▶ Europe
 - ▶ stable trophic diversity
 - ▶ abundant herbivores drive patterns
- ▶ South America
 - ▶ high provincialism
 - ▶ early expansion of ground dwelling taxa

Preliminary results: NA, Eur

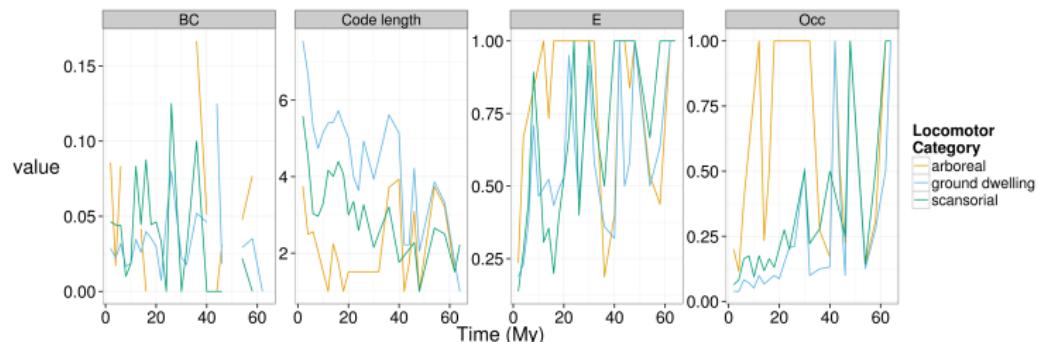


Preliminary results: locomotor category

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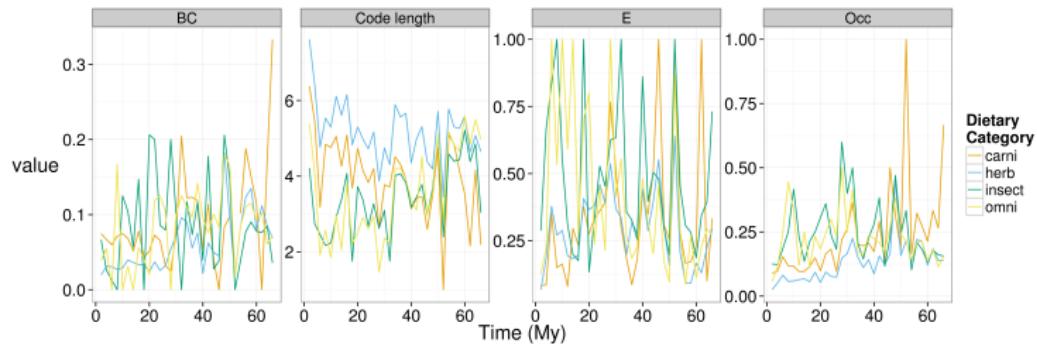


Europe

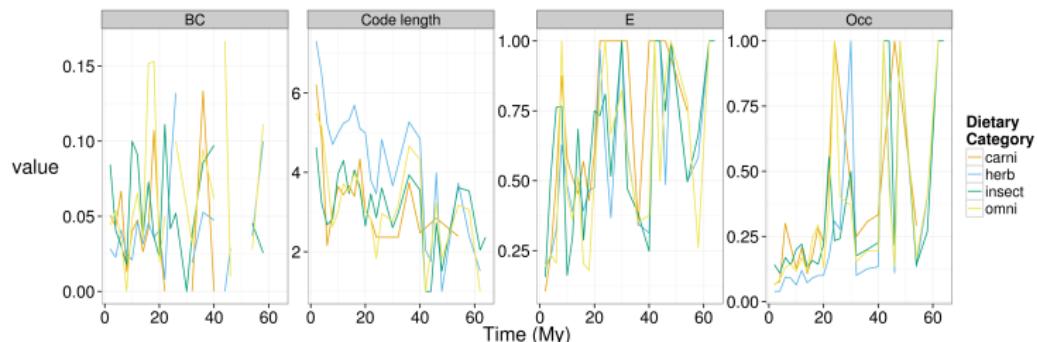


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Summary of proposed research

Studies

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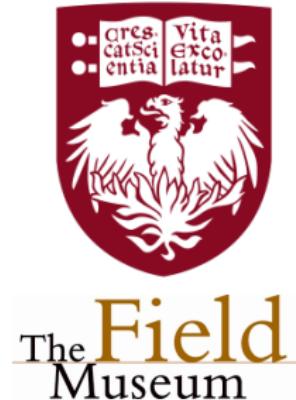
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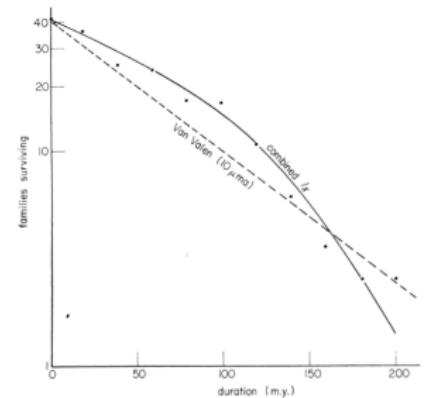
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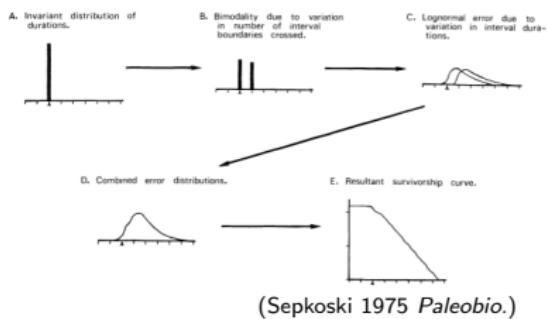


Further concerns

Biases to survival: a simulation study



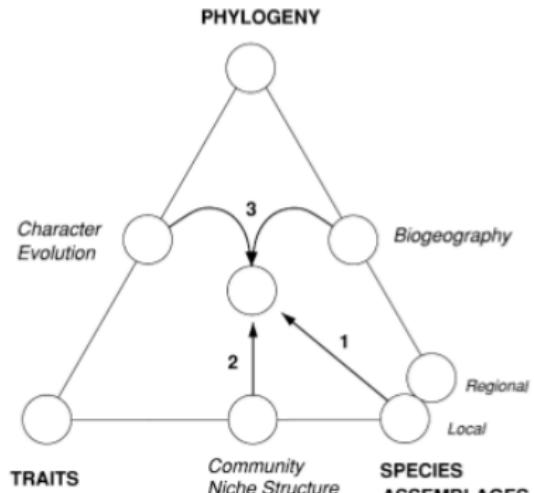
(Raup 1975 *Paleobio.*)



(Sepkoski 1975 *Paleobio.*)

- ▶ bias away from $h(t) = \lambda$?
 - ▶ censoring
 - ▶ sampling/stratigraphy
 - ▶ species vs genus
 - ▶ anagenesis/cryptic speciation
- ▶ use time-homogeneous birth-death model
 - ▶ constant p , b
 - ▶ expected $S(t) = \exp^{-\lambda t}$
 - ▶ vary anagenesis/sampling

Phylogenetic similarity of communities



(Webb *et al.* 2002 *Ann. Rev. Ecol. Syst.*)

- ▶ informal phylogeny (taxonomy tree)
 - ▶ PBDB, EoL, etc.
 - ▶ unit branch length
- ▶ measures
 - ▶ mean pairwise–locality patristic distance
 - ▶ mean locality phylogenetic species variability (Helmus *et al.* 2007 *Am. Nat*)