

*O species, stunned by your terror of chill death, why
fear the Styx, why fear the ghosts and empty names, the
stuff of poets, the spectres of a phantom world?*

(Ovid, Metamorphoses, book XV: 143-175, A. S. Kline trans.)

Evolutionary paleoecology and the biology of extinction

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Theory

Survival

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Extinction

All species that have ever lived are, to a first approximation, dead.

(Raup 1986 The Nemesis Affair)

Foundation

Question

Why do certain taxa go extinct while others do not?

Modes of extinction

Field of Bullets : Wanton : Fair Game

(Raup 1991 Extinction: Bad Genes or Bad Luck?)

Evolutionary paleoecology

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

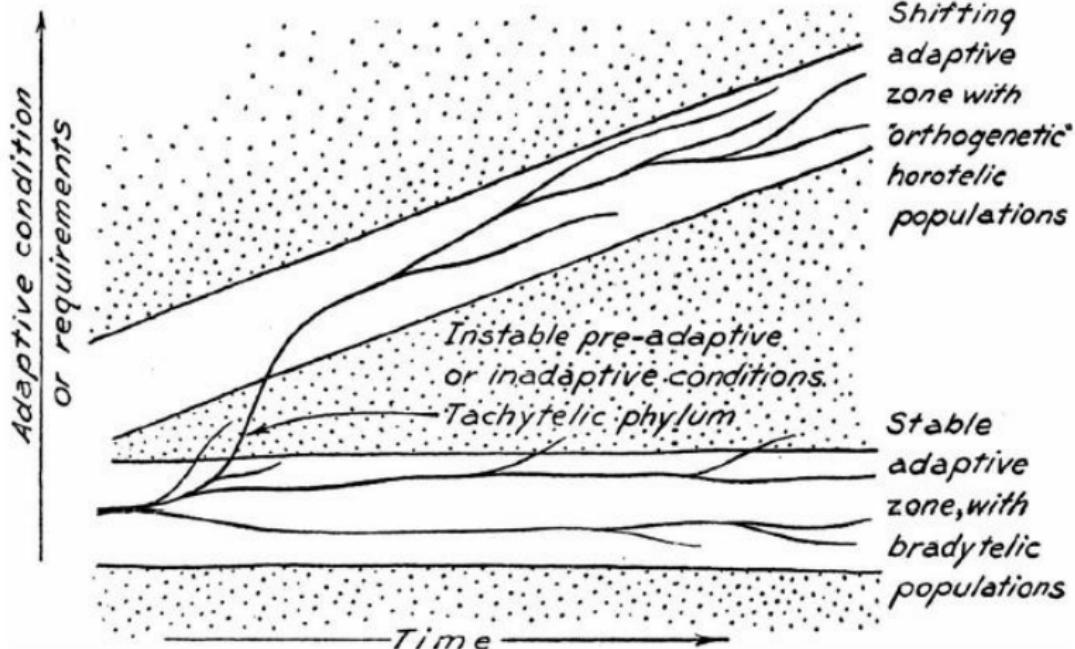
(Kitchell 1985 *Paleobiology*)

In context of this study

Rephrased

How does a taxon's adaptive zone affect its extinction risk?

Adaptive zones



(Simpson 1944 Tempo and Mode)

Simpson's terms

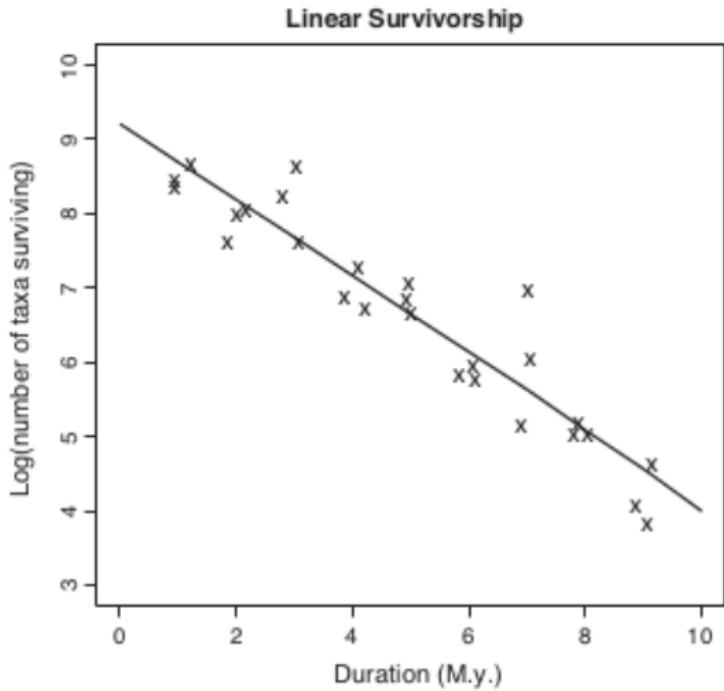
Definition

Environment: The set of all possible interactions, both biotic and abiotic.

Adaptive zone: The set of all interactions, biotic and abiotic, that a individual/taxon is adapted to or experiences in a given environment.

(Simpson 1944 Tempo and Mode, Simpson 1953 Major Features)

Van Valen's observation



(Liow et al. 2011 *TREE*)

Theory

Law of Constant Extinction

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

(Van Valen 1973 *Evol. Theory*)

Approach

Concerns

Model extinction in context of adaptive zone (**selective pressure**).

Survival

- ▶ traits, factors duration
- ▶ extinction mode

Communities

- ▶ α, β diversity
- ▶ biome distinctiveness

Systems

Brachiopods



Mammals



Proposed studies

Australian Permian brachiopods

- ▶ survival patterns
- ▶ community connectedness (not shown)
- ▶ substrate, habitat, affixing strategy

Cenozoic mammals

- ▶ survival patterns (not shown; come to Evolution2014)
- ▶ community connectedness
- ▶ dietary and locomotor categories, body size

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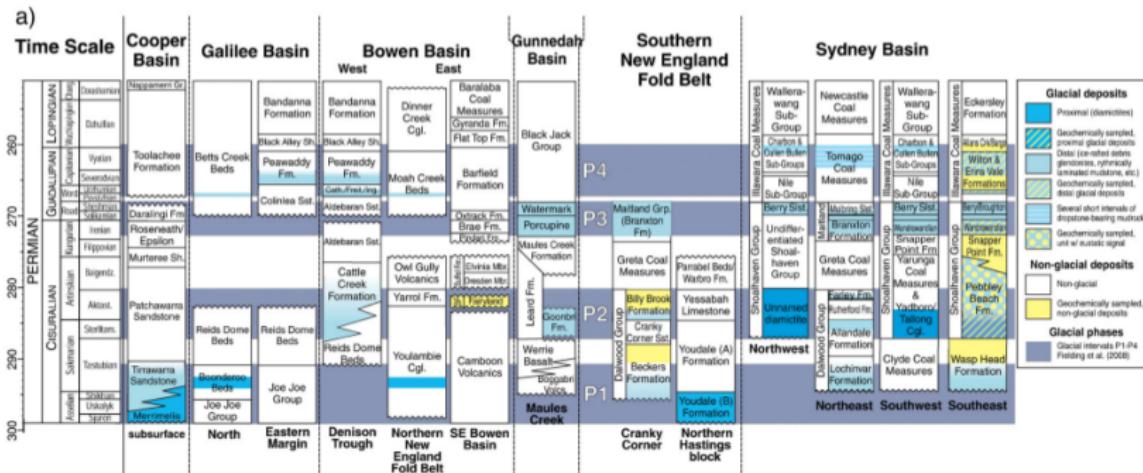
Definition

Time from origination to extinction of a taxon (age).

Brachiopods



Permian of Australia



(Birgenheier *et al.* 2010 *Paleo*³)

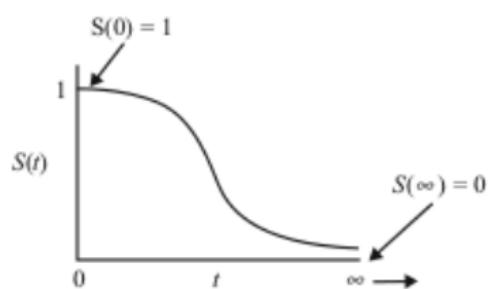
Brachiopods, environmental preference, and extinction

Questions

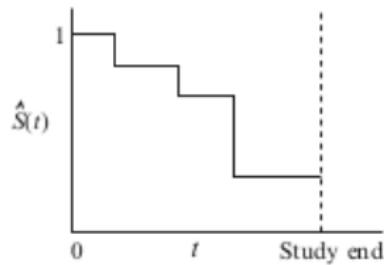
- ▶ Do traits related to environmental preference have different distributions of taxonomic duration?
 - ▶ Is survival best modeled by a single trait or multiple?
 - ▶ How do other factors, such as climate, affect these patterns?
- ▶ Is extinction taxon-age independent or dependent?

Probability of survival

Theoretical $S(t)$:

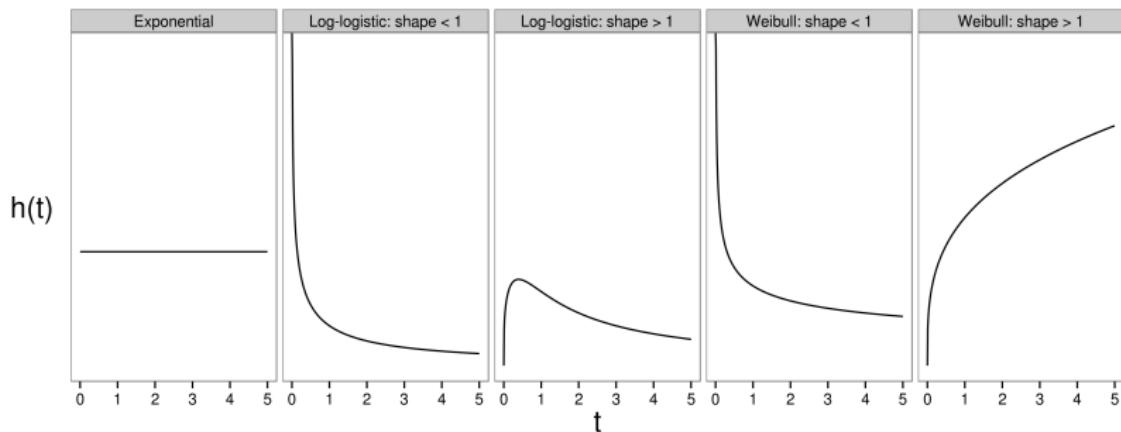


$\hat{S}(t)$ in practice:



(Kleinbaum and Klein 2012)

Extinction function



Formalization of Van Valen

Law of Constant Extinction

$$T \sim Exp(\lambda)$$

T : survival time
 λ : extinction rate

Affixing strategy

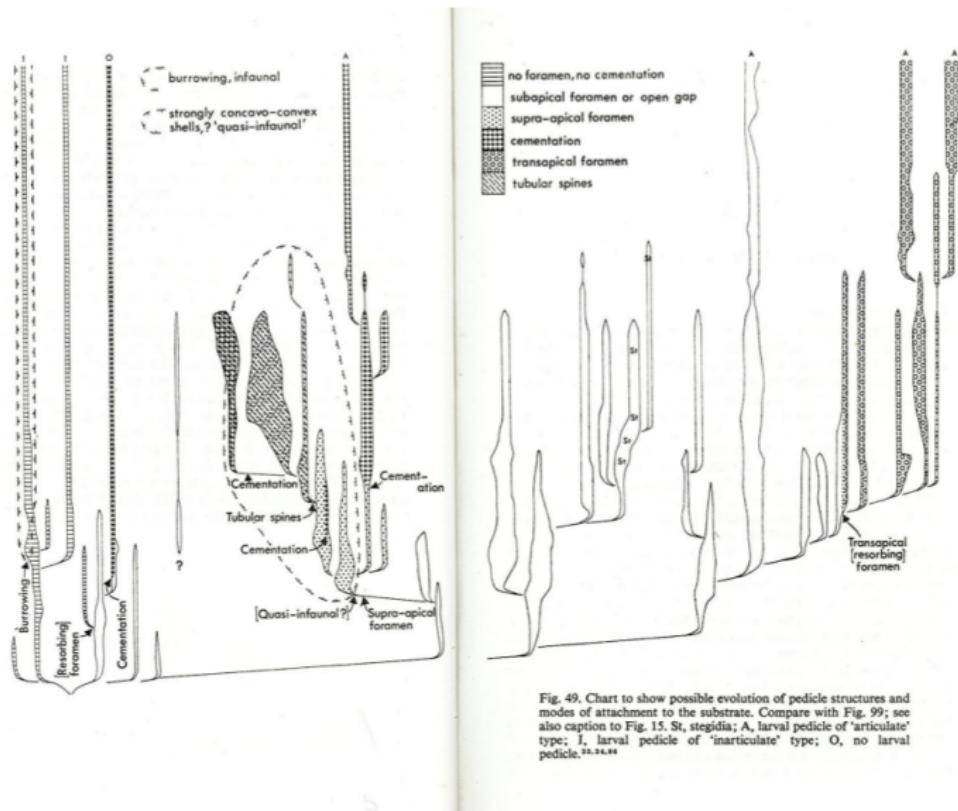
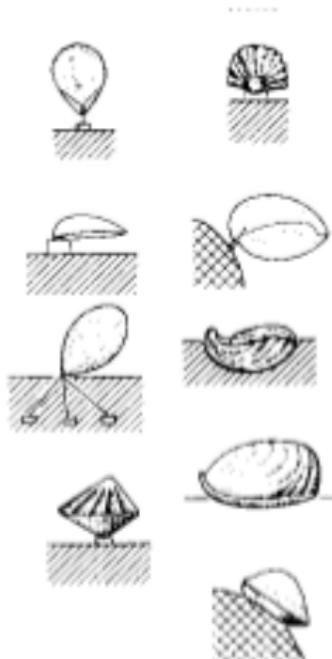


Fig. 49. Chart to show possible evolution of pedicle structures and modes of attachment to the substrate. Compare with Fig. 99; see also caption to Fig. 15. St, stegidia; A, larval pedicle of 'articulate' type; I, larval pedicle of 'inarticulate' type; O, no larval pedicle.^{21,22,23,24}

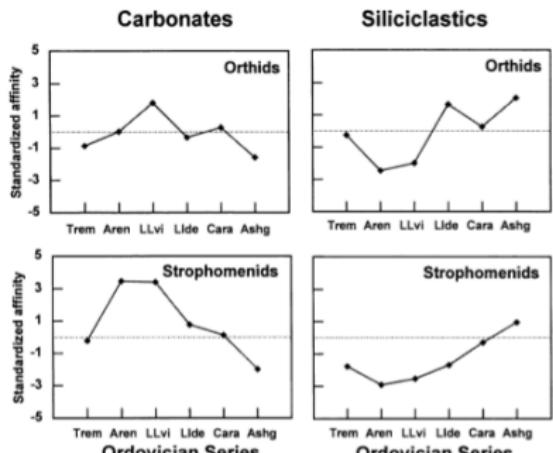
Affixing strategy



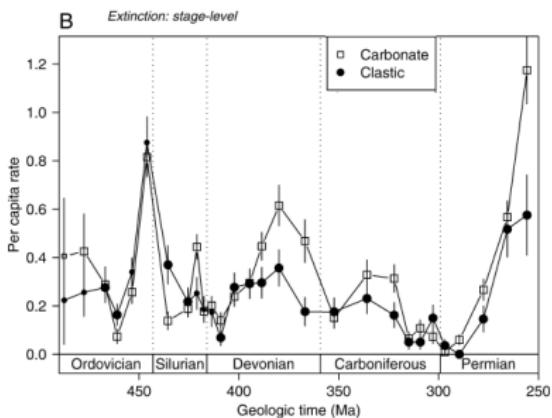
- ▶ energetics, material (mud)
- ▶ pedunculate, reclining, cementing
 - ▶ endemics:
reclining > others
 - ▶ cosmopolitan:
ped./cement > others
- ▶ pedunculate:on-shore,
reclining:off-shore

(Johansen 1989 *Paleo*³)

Substrate affinity

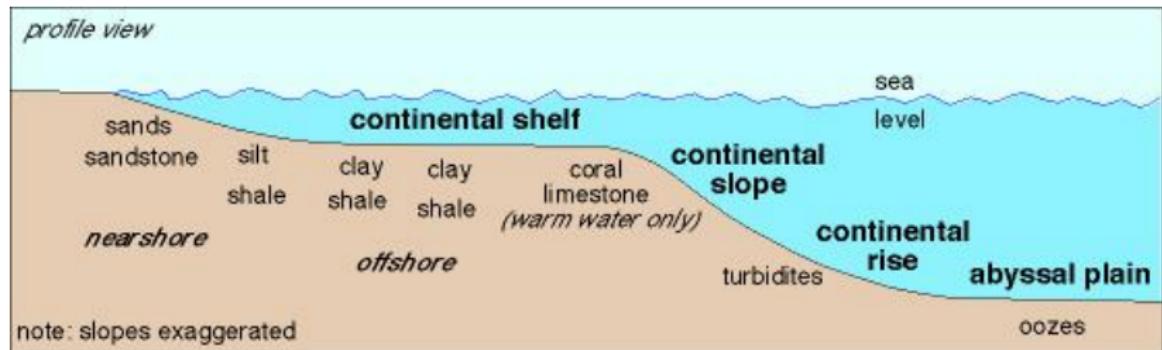


(Miller and Connolly 2001 *Paleobio.*)



(Foote 2006 *Paleobio.*)

Habitat preference



(<http://www.columbia.edu/>)

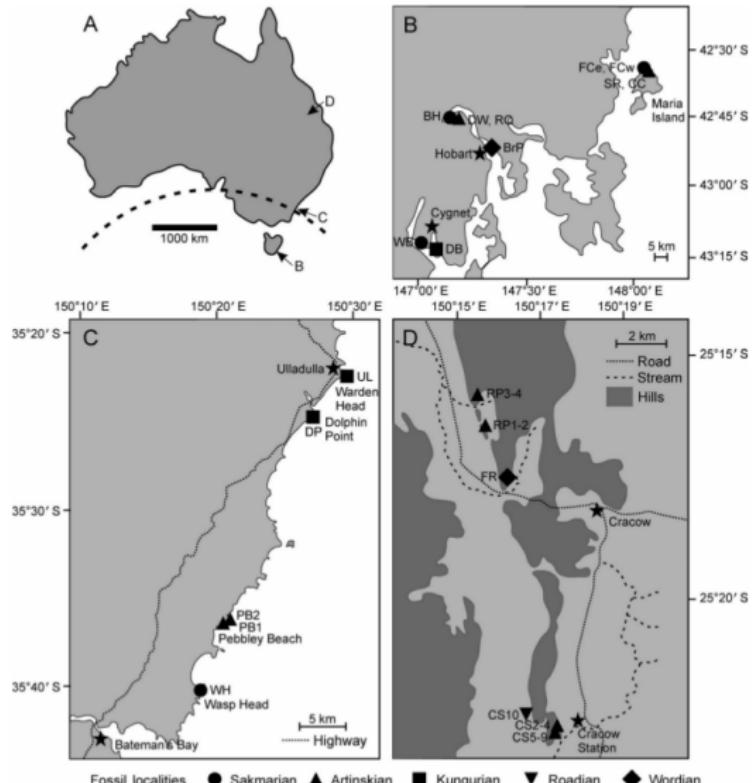
Assigning substrate and habitat

Probability of assignment

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

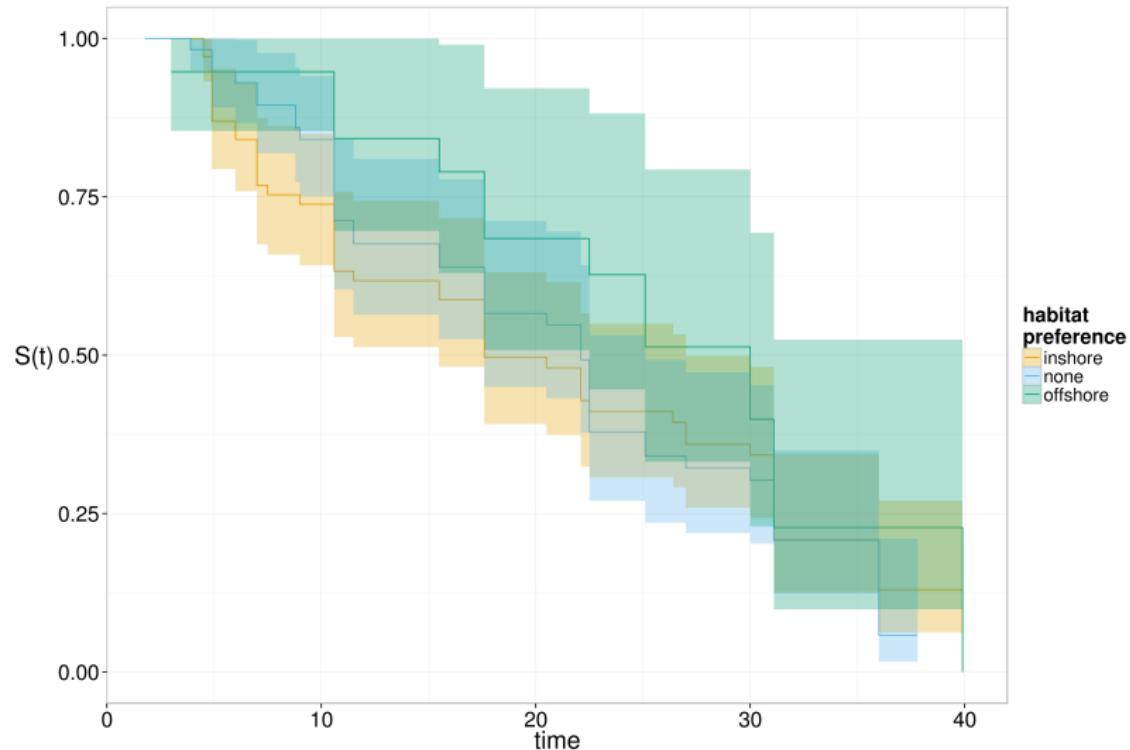
- ▶ p : proportion of all collections (e.g) carbonate
- ▶ n : total # taxon occurrences
- ▶ k : of n , # (e.g.) carbonate occurrences

Analysis

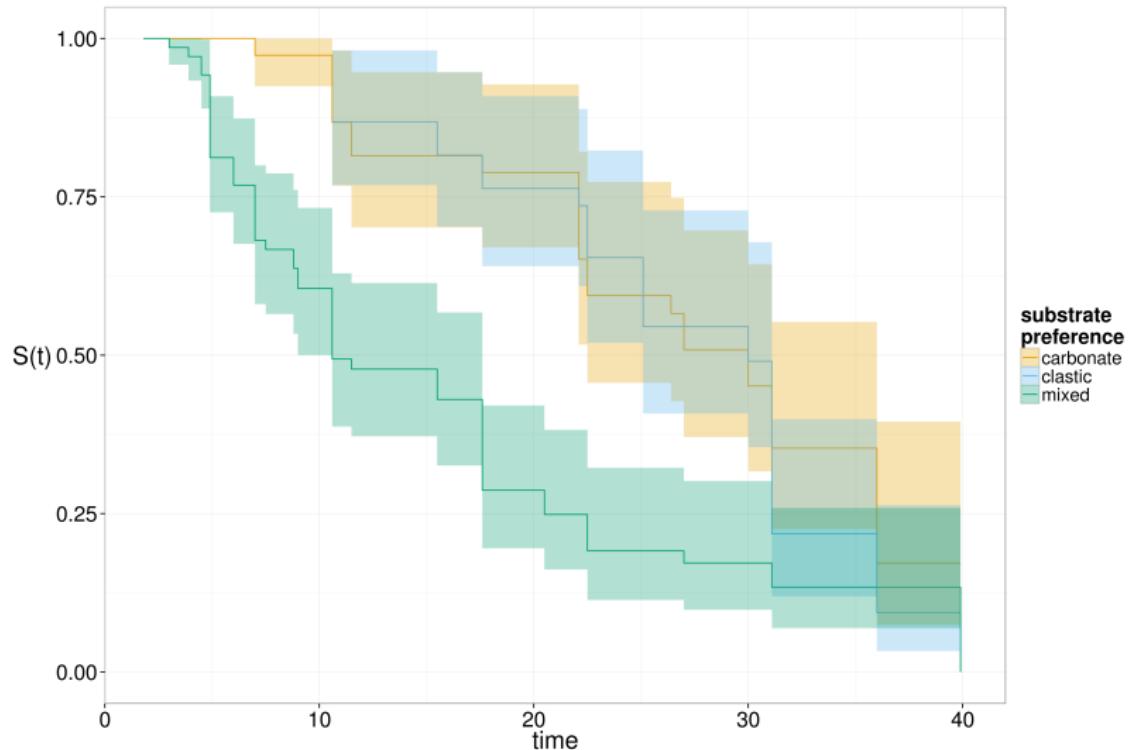


(Clapham and James 2008 *Palaios*)

K-M curve habitat



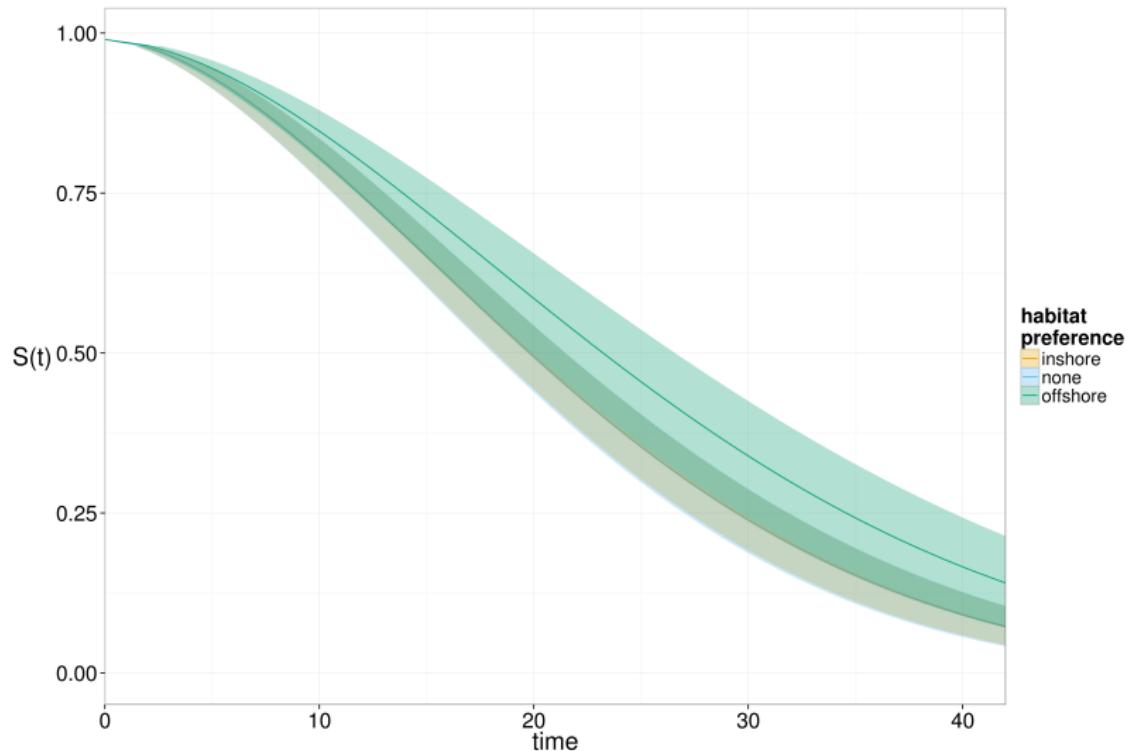
K-M curve substrate



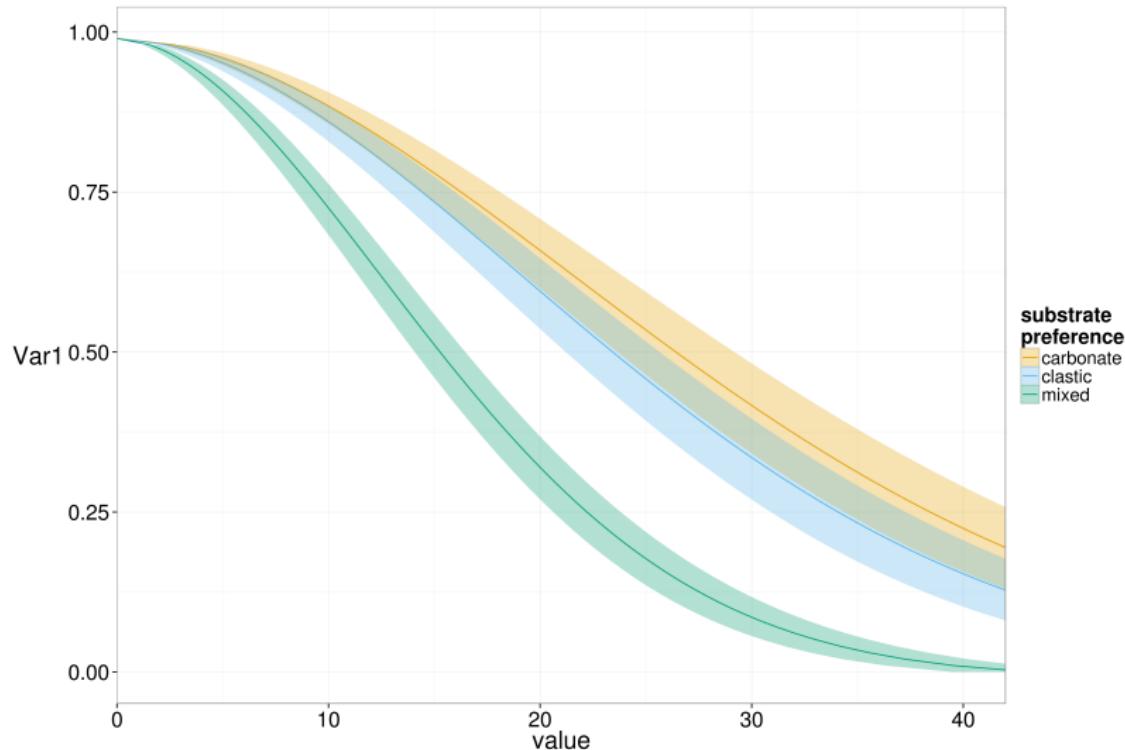
Preliminary results: model comparison

formula	distribution	shape	df	AICc	weight
~ aff	weibull	1.85	4	941.6757	0.65
~ aff + hab	weibull	1.87	6	942.9977	0.34
~ aff * hab	weibull	1.89	10	949.0816	0.02
~ 1	weibull	1.74	2	960.2550	0.00
~ hab	weibull	1.75	4	963.3091	0.00
~ aff	exponential		3	993.1724	0.00
~ aff + hab	exponential		5	996.4089	0.00
~ 1	exponential		1	1000.2592	0.00
~ aff * hab	exponential		9	1003.7639	0.00
~ hab	exponential		3	1003.9227	0.00

Estimated survival curve habitat



Estimated survival curve substrate



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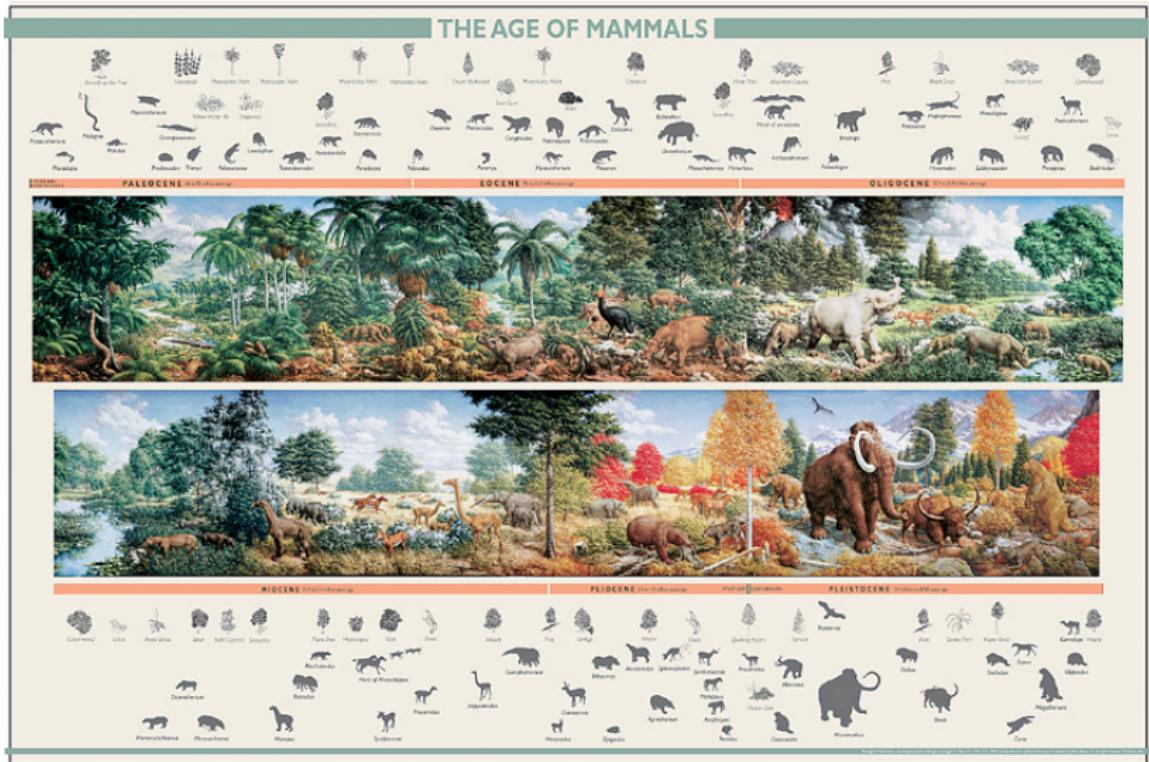
Summary

Community connectedness

Definition

The relationship between α , β diversity and provinciality.

Mammals



(Yale Peabody Museum)

Community connectedness in Cenozoic mammals

Questions

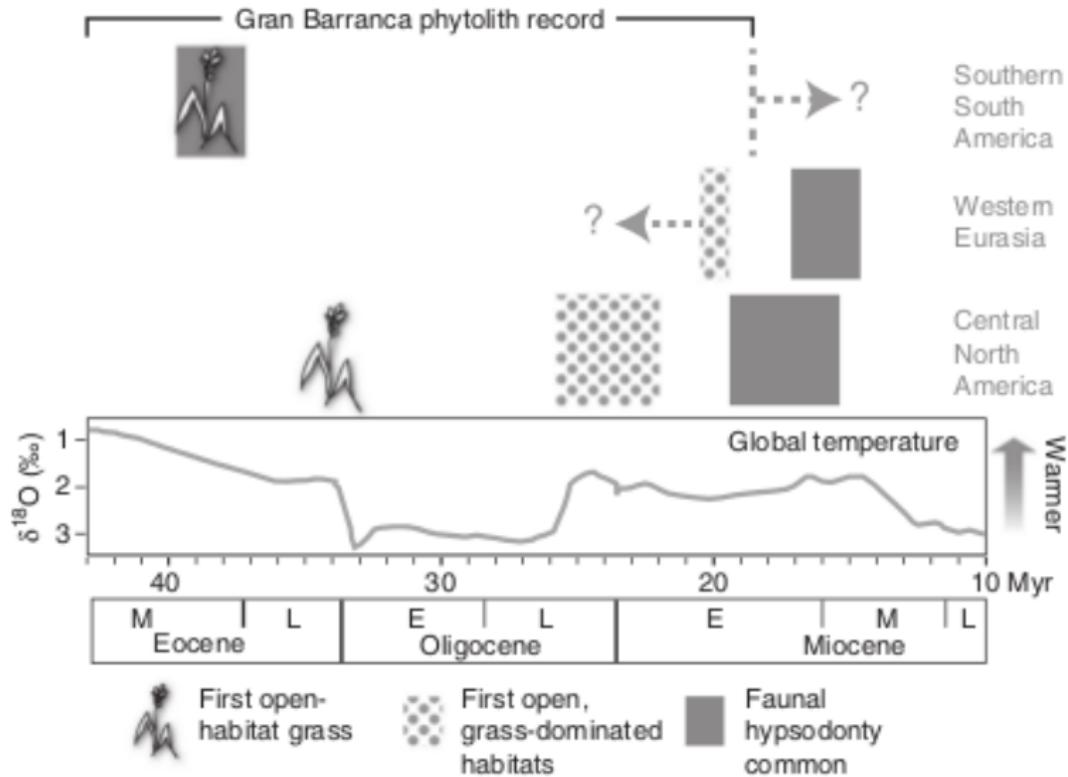
- ▶ How does the ratio of cosmopolitan to endemic taxa, per locality, change over time?
 - ▶ Is this pattern different between taxa exhibiting different traits?
 - ▶ How does this pattern vary in relation to phylogenetic similarity?
- ▶ When would we expect global, regional, and/or local processes to most strongly shape taxonomic patterns?

Uniformity and distinctiveness

high α , high distinctiveness, difference in selective pressures

high β , high uniformity, similarity in selective pressures

Environments



(Strömberg *et al.* 2013 *Nature Com.*)

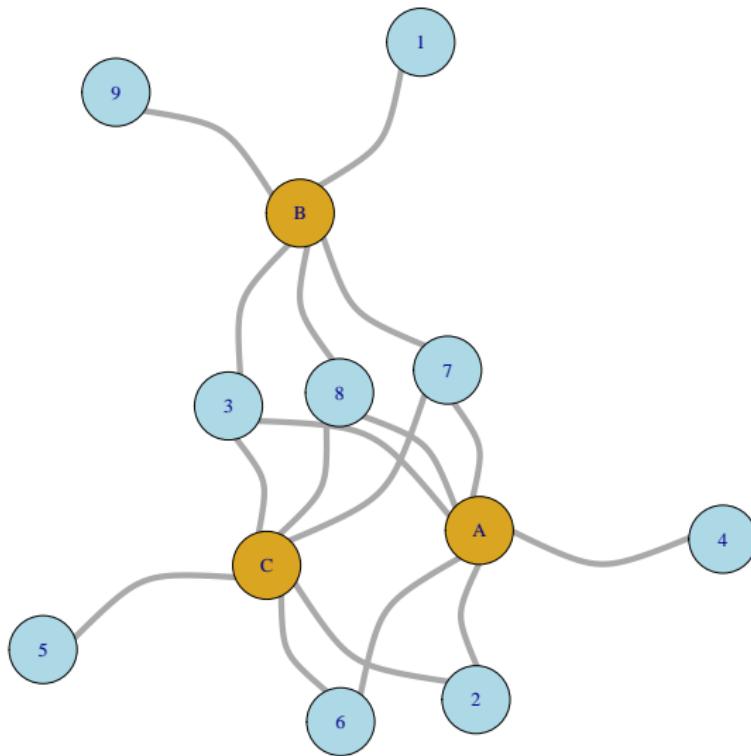
Occurrences

A: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

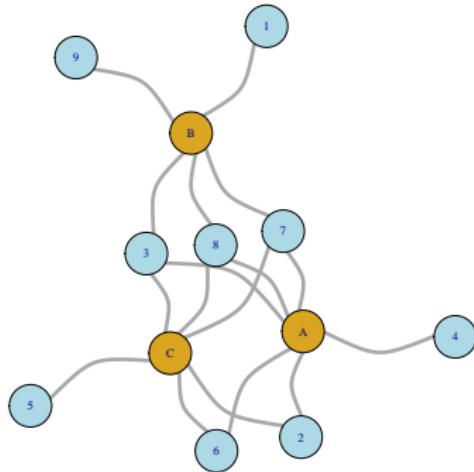
B: 1, 3, 7, 8, 9

C: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Biogeographic network



α diversity



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

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

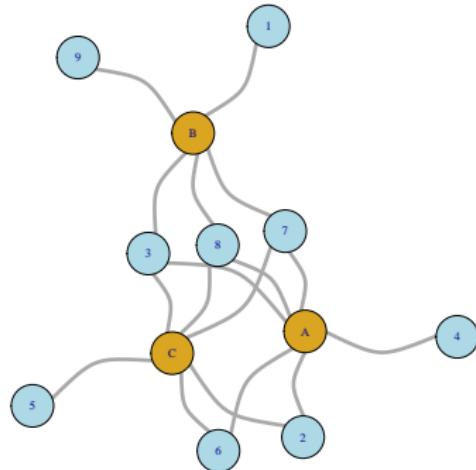
$$L = 3$$

$$E \approx 0.24$$

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

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

β diversity contribution



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

$$L = 3$$

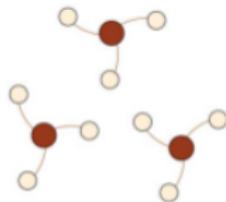
$$N = 9$$

$$Occ \approx 0.63$$

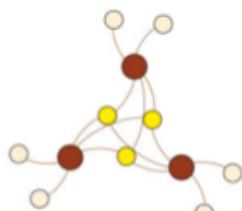
$$Occ = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N l_i}{L}$$

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

Uniformity



$L = 3, N = 9, O = 9$
 $BC = 0$



$L = 3, N = 9, O = 15$
 $BC = 0.33$



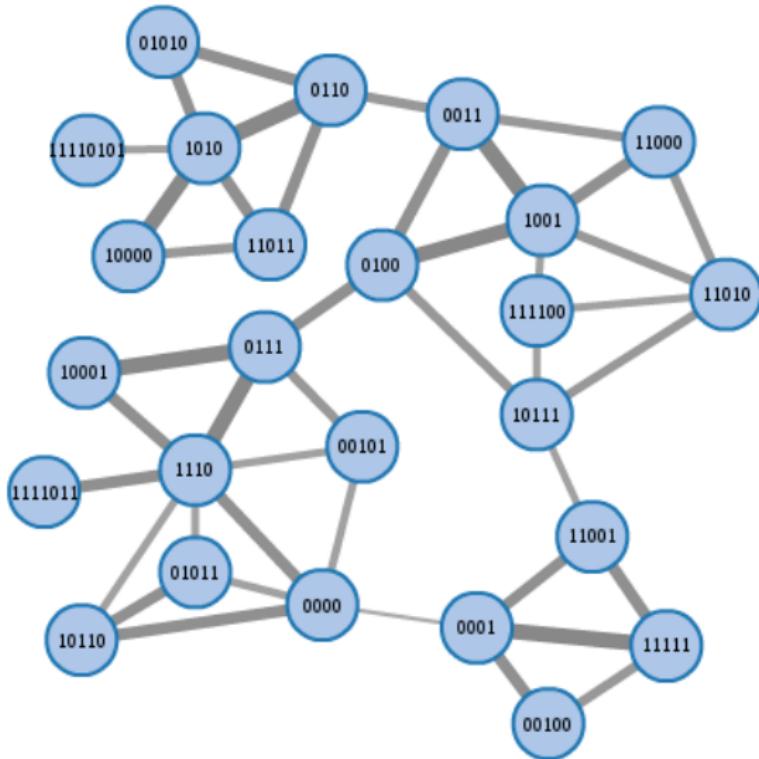
$L = 3, N = 9, O = 27$
 $BC = 1$

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

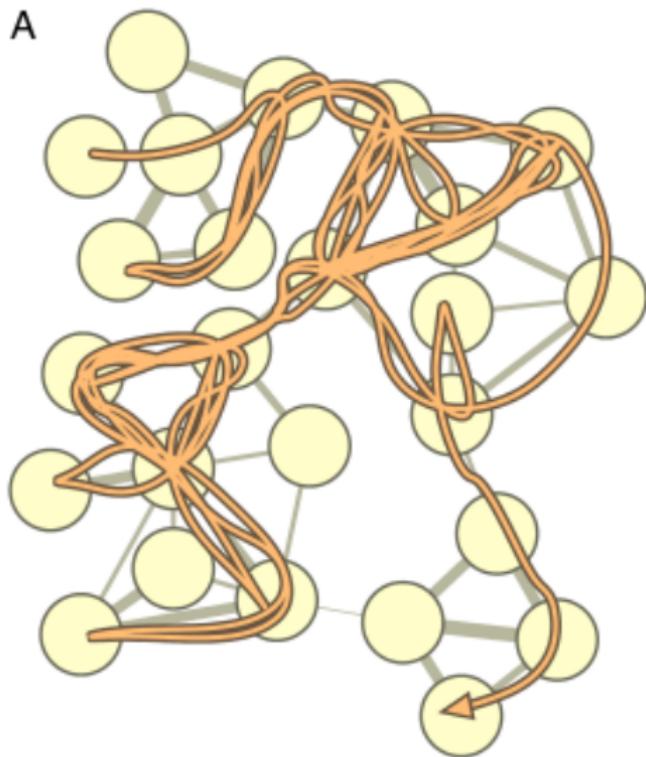
- ▶ O : number of occurrences
- ▶ N : total number of taxa
- ▶ L : number of localities
- ▶ $0 \leq BC \leq 1$

(Sidor et al. 2013 *PNAS*)

Code length



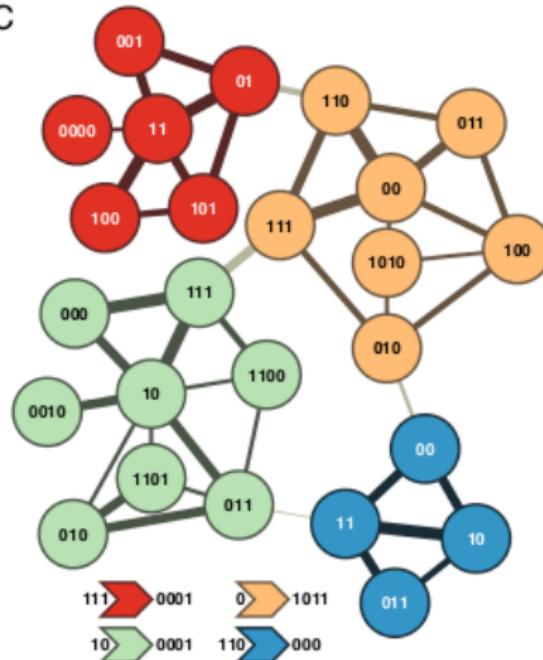
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(Rosvall and Bergstrom 2008 *PNAS*)

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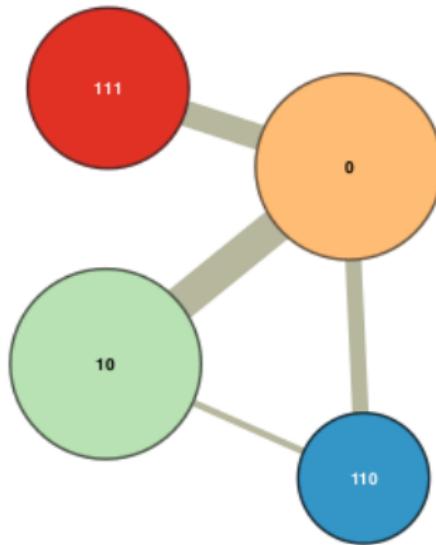
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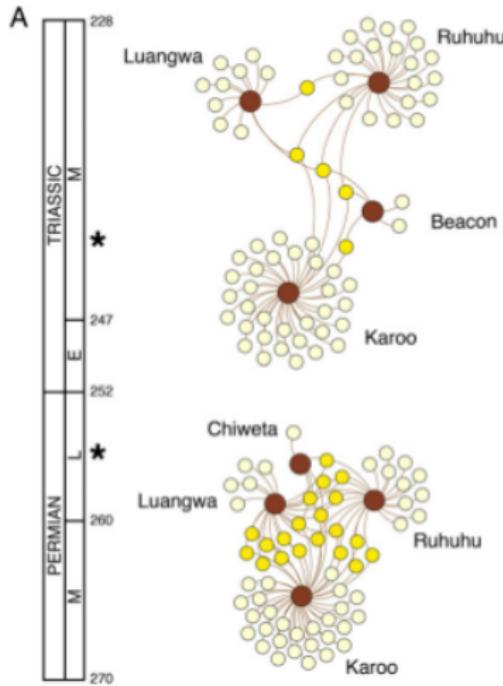
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(Rosvall and Bergstrom 2008 PNAS)

Process scale



(Sidor et al. 2013 PNAS)

- ▶ 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

Scenario



Locomotor

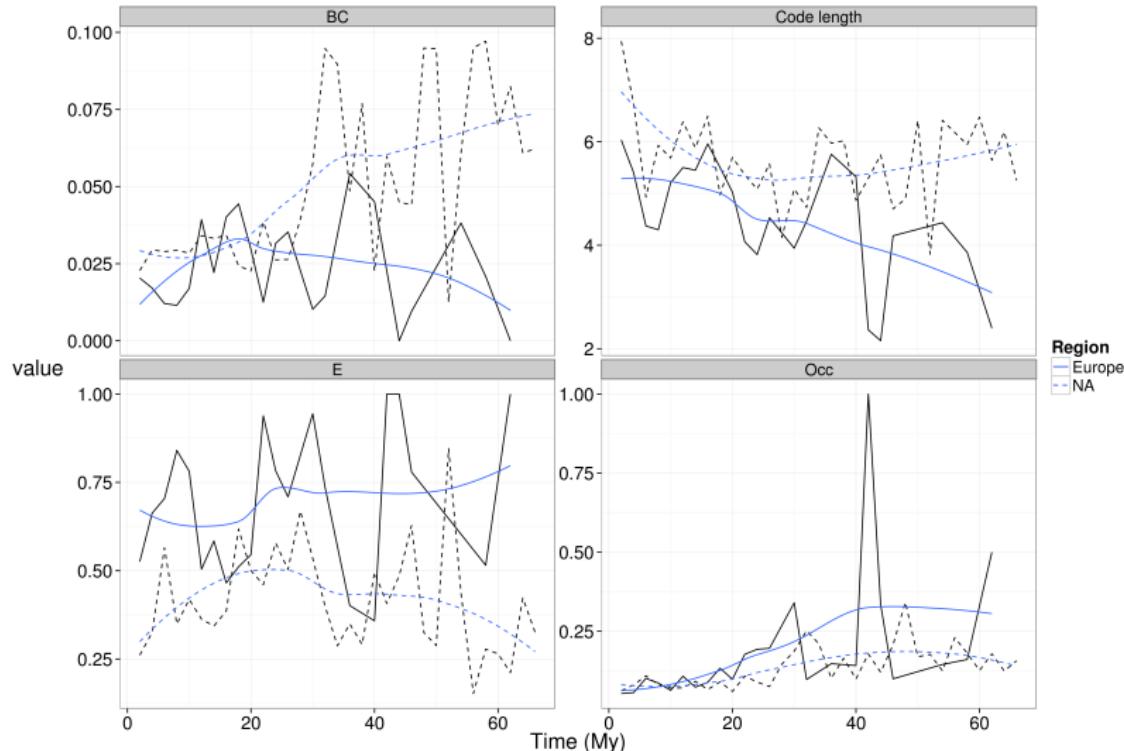
- ▶ ground dwelling,
arboreal, scansorial



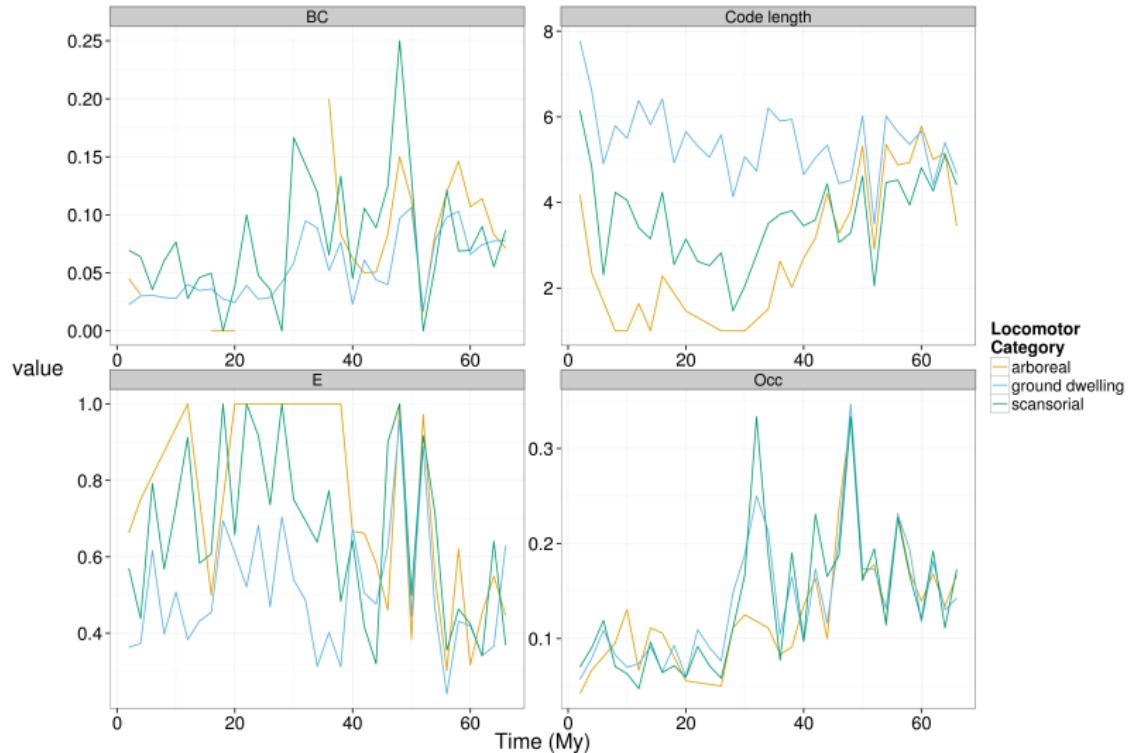
Dietary

- ▶ carnivore, insectivore,
herbivore, omnivore

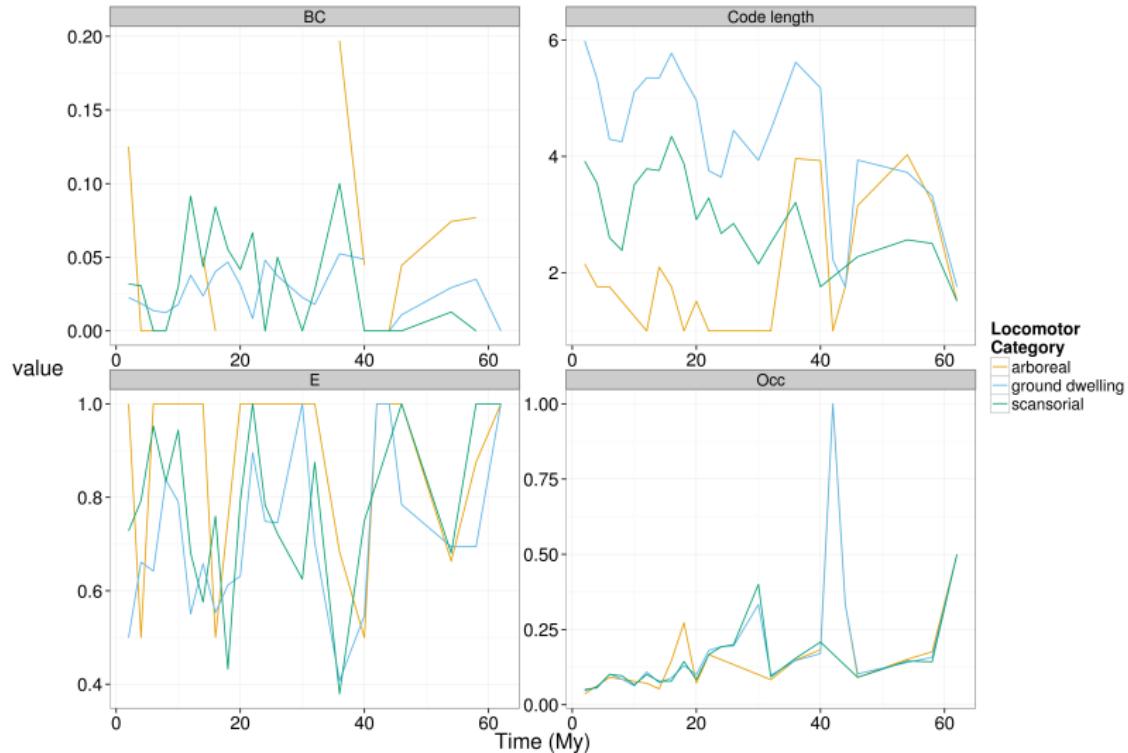
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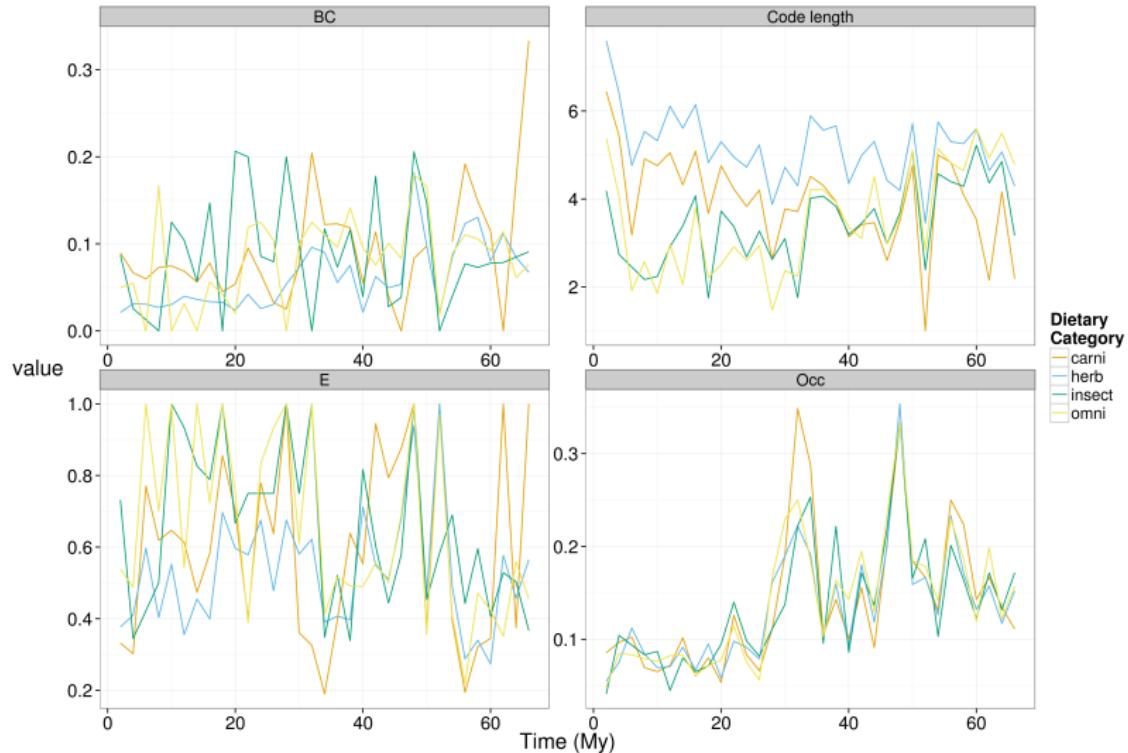
Preliminary results: locomotor category NA



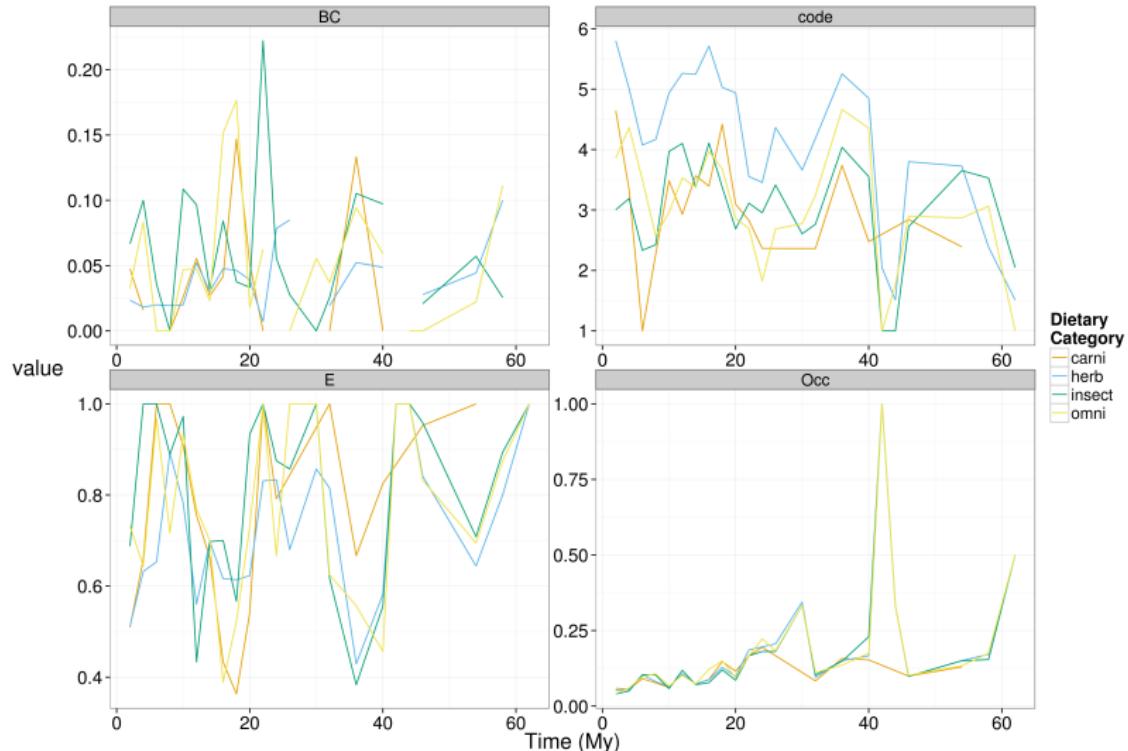
preliminary results: locomotor category Eur



Preliminary results: dietary category NA



Preliminary results: dietary category Eur



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Fundamental

Question

Why do some taxa go extinct while others do not?

Evolutionary paleoecological rephrasing

Question

How does a taxon's adaptive zone affect extinction risk?

“Testing” the Law of Constant Extinction

Law of Constant Extinction

(Liow et al. 2011 *TREE*)

Only applies during periods of relatively **constant** environment.

measure, analyze, model

Ask the following . . .

Is there a general pattern of extinction?

What traits matter for extinction and when?

How do traits matter for extinction?

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The Field
Museum

Fossilworks

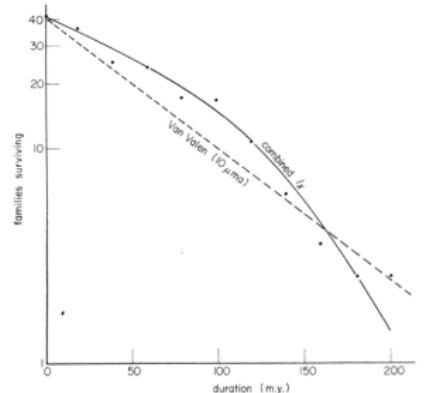


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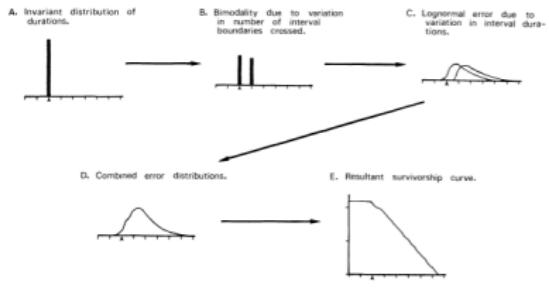


Further concerns

Differential preservation and survival



(Raup 1975 *Paleobio.*)



(Sepkoski 1975 *Paleobio.*)

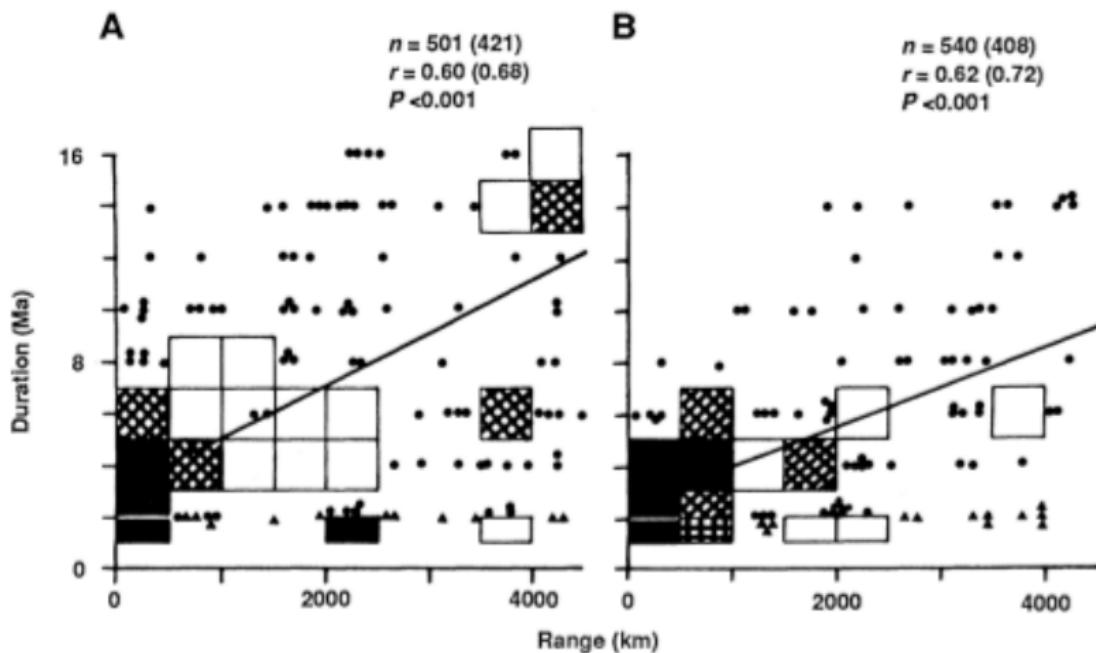
Observe in simulation

Sampling: Poisson process (ϕ)

Diversification: birth-death (λ, μ)

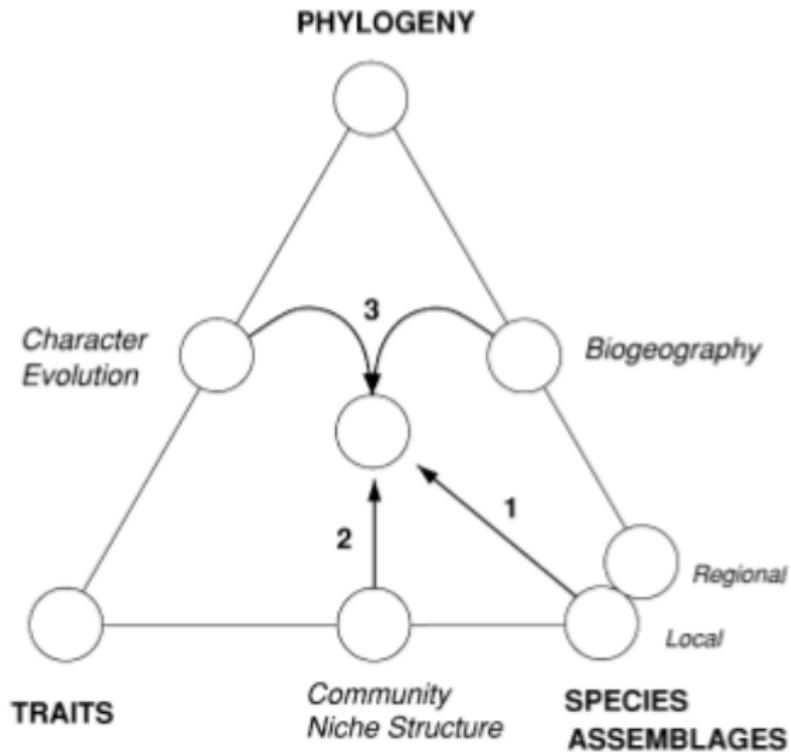
1. = birth, death; =preservation
2. = birth, death; !=preservation
3. != birth, death; = preservation
4. != birth, death; !=preservation

The Elephant in the Range



(Jablonski 1987 *Science*)

Phylogeny and communities



(Informal) phylogeny

Compressing a network

Map equation

(Rosvall and Bergstrom 2008 PNAS)

$$L(\mathbf{M}) = q_{\curvearrowright} H(\mathcal{Q}) + \sum_{i=1}^m p_{\circlearrowleft}^i H(\mathcal{P}^i)$$

- ▶ \mathbf{M} : module partition of n nodes in m partitions
- ▶ $L(\mathbf{M})$: network code length
- ▶ q_{\curvearrowright} : P(walk switches modules)
- ▶ $H(\mathcal{Q})$: entropy module codewords
- ▶ $H(\mathcal{P}^i)$: entropy within-module
- ▶ p_{\circlearrowleft}^i : rate within-module use