

Evolutionary paleoecology and the biology of extinction

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Questions

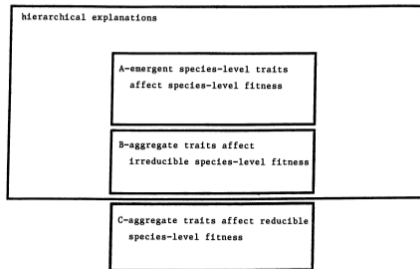
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... the consequences of distinct ecological factors on differential rate dynamics, particularly rates of faunal turnover and diversification.

(Kitchell 1985 Paleobiology)

environmental interactions → macroevolution

Emergent properties



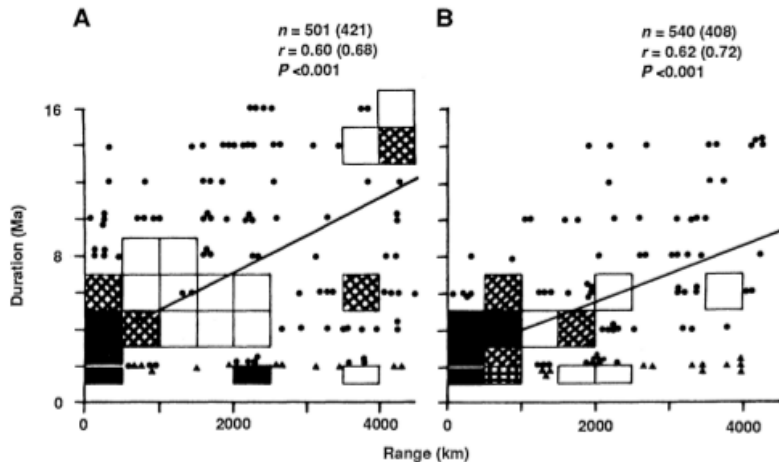
(Grantham 1995 *Ann. Rev. Ecol. Syst.*)

Species level

Trait that cannot be reduced to organismal level

Product of one or more traits/factors

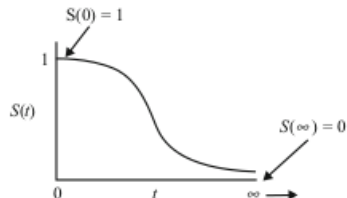
Range size



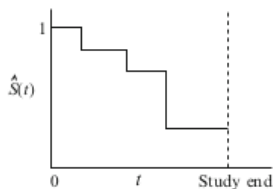
(Jablonski 1987 *Science*)

Probability of survival

Theoretical $S(t)$:



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



(Kleinbaum and Klein 2012)

Survival function

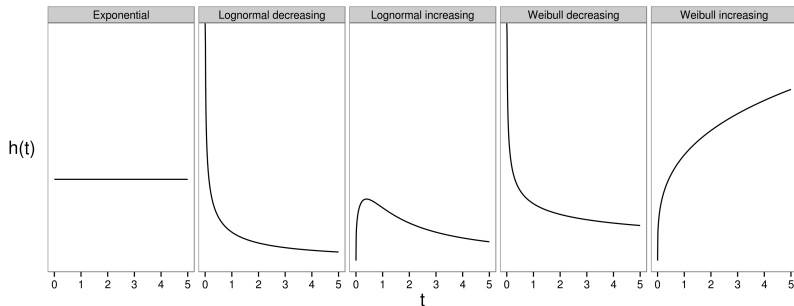
$$S(t) = P(T > t)$$

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

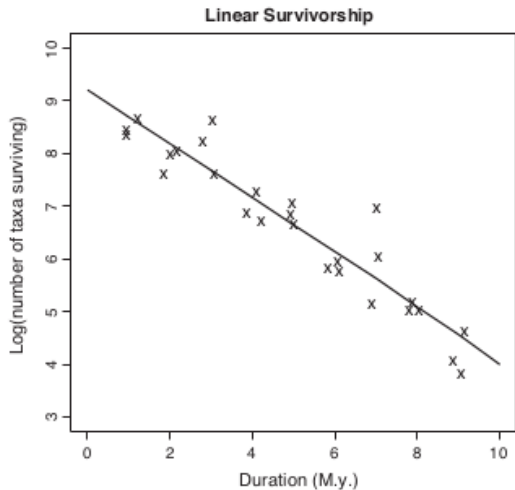
Instantaneous potential of failure (extinction)

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

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

mammals

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

Series of related questions

- ▶ generic level survival in brachiopods
 - ▶ effect of ecological traits (emergence)
 - ▶ distribution of survival
- ▶ specific level survival in mammals
 - ▶ generic versus specific survival
 - ▶ anagenesis/species:genus simulation
 - ▶ distribution of survival
- ▶ community connectedness in mammals
 - ▶ global versus regional versus local scale processes
 - ▶ blocking on ecology

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Traits relating to environment and range size

- ▶ substrate affinity
 - ▶ physical, chemical
 - ▶ availability
- ▶ habitat preference
 - ▶ energetics
 - ▶ availability
- ▶ affixing strategy
 - ▶ energetics
 - ▶ optimality

Substrate affinity

- ▶ carbonates, clastics, mixed
- ▶ lithology/deposition environment
- ▶ Pharenozoic decrease in carbonates:clastics

Habitat preference

- ▶ on-shore, off-shore, none
- ▶ sea-level and energetics
- ▶ Pharenozoic decrease in on-shore:off-shore

Affixing strategy

- ▶ pedunculate, reclining, cementing
- ▶ pedunculate:on-shore, reclining:off-shore
- ▶ environmental energetics

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*)

Models

Preliminary results

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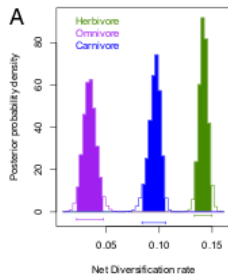
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Ecological traits

- ▶ dietary category
 - ▶ energetics
 - ▶ availability
- ▶ locomotor category
 - ▶ availability
 - ▶ dispersal
- ▶ body size
 - ▶ energetics
 - ▶ home range size

Predictions: dietary category



Predictions: locomotor category

Predictions: body size

Methodology

Biases to survival: a simulation study

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Definition

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

Average relative number of endemics

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

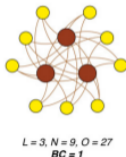
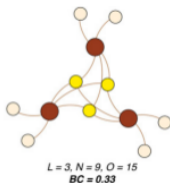
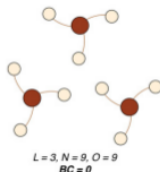
- ▶ L : number of localities
- ▶ u : number of taxa unique to a locality
- ▶ n : number of taxa at a locality
- ▶ $0 \leq E \leq 1$

Average relative occupancy per taxon

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

- ▶ 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

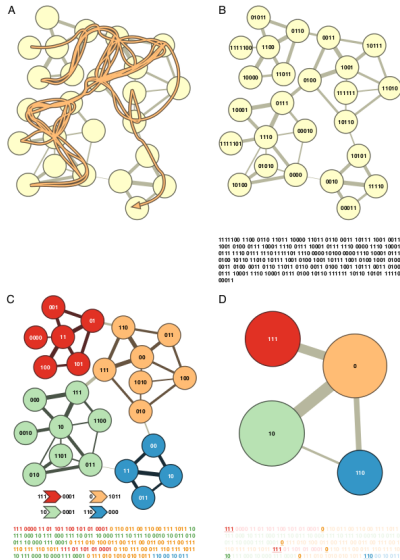


(Sidor et al. 2013 *PNAS*)

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

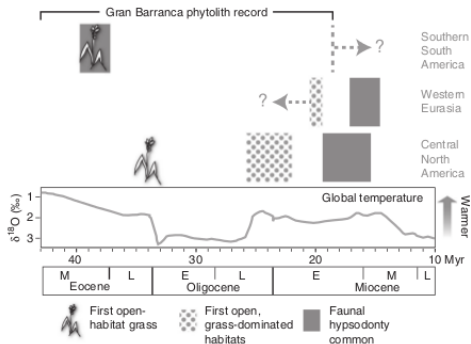
- ▶ O : number of occurrences
- ▶ N : total number of taxa
- ▶ L : number of localities
- ▶ $0 \leq BC \leq 1$

Code length



(Rosvall and Bergstrom 2008 *PNAS*)

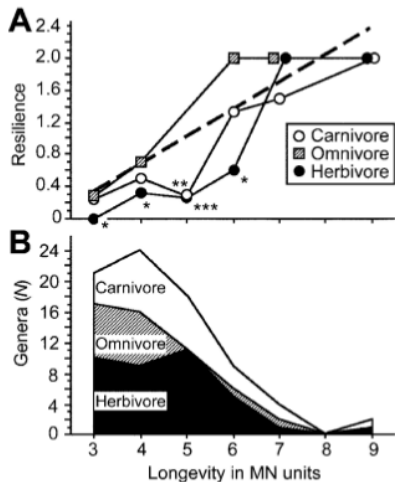
Expectations: locomotor category



(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

Expectations: dietary category



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

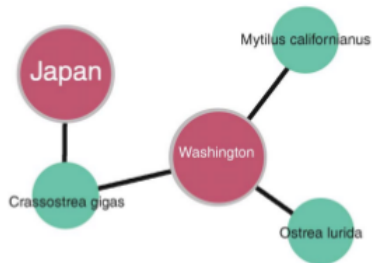
- ▶ herbivore
 - ▶ most like all taxa
- ▶ carnivore
 - ▶ constant \vee corr w/
herbivores
- ▶ omnivore
 - ▶ constant \vee random

Community connectedness of North America

Community connectedness of Europe

Community connectedness of South America

Methodology



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

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

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Summary of proposed research

Studies

- ▶ Permian brachiopod trait based survival
- ▶ Cenozoic mammal trait based survival
- ▶ Cenozoic mammal community connectedness

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