

How macroecology affects macroevolution

the interplay between extinction intensity and trait-dependent extinction in brachiopods

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Observation

At K/Pg mass extinction, biological traits (except geographic range) have no effect on **bivalve** taxonomic survival.

(Jablonski, 1986, *Science*)

Intensity and selectivity

Questions and analysis

- ▶ How do the effect of emergent traits on duration (**extinction selectivity**) vary with expected duration (**extinction intensity**) and each other?
- ▶ What is the relationship between environmental affinity and duration wrt specialists versus generalists?
- ▶ **Approach:** hierarchical Bayesian survival model, varying intercepts and slopes, Weibull distribution, imputed gap statistic for taxa with duration < 3 .

Analysis of post-Cambrian Paleozoic brachiopod genus durations

- ▶ stage as time unit; duration measured in stages
- ▶ multiple emergent traits analyzed
 - ▶ geographic range
 - ▶ transformed using **JADE** fo biased sampling (Chao et al. 2015 *Ecology*)
 - ▶ body size
 - ▶ from Payne et al from the *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology*
 - ▶ environmental preference (x , x^2)
 - ▶ gap statistic as measure of sampling (Foote and Raup 1996 *Paleobio*)
- ▶ factors vary by cohort (except gap statistic)

Relationship between range size and extinction risk

Hypotheses of effect of environmental preference

*When related phyla die out . . . more specialized phyla tend to become extinct before less specialized. This phenomenon is also far from universal, but it is so common that it does deserve recognition as a rule or principle in evolutionary studies: **the rule of the survival of the relatively unspecialized.***

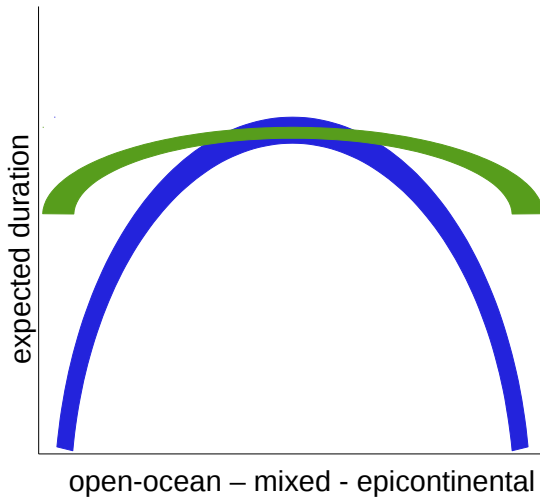
(Simpson, 1944, Tempo and Mode of Evolution, p. 143)

New measure of taxon's environmental affinity

(# epicontinental / total # occurrences) is what quantile of the distribution of all other background occurrences $\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$.

- ▶ α is the # epicontinental background occurrences (+ 1).
- ▶ β is the # open ocean background (+ 1).

Hypotheses of effect of environmental breadth



Measure of sampling and imputed values

Sampling is measured as the gap statistic r :

(number of bins with an occurrence - 2) / (duration in bins - 2)

Can only be estimated for taxa with duration of three or more.

Have to impute (e.g. fill-in) the values for all other taxa r^* .

$$s \sim \text{Beta}(\phi, \lambda)$$

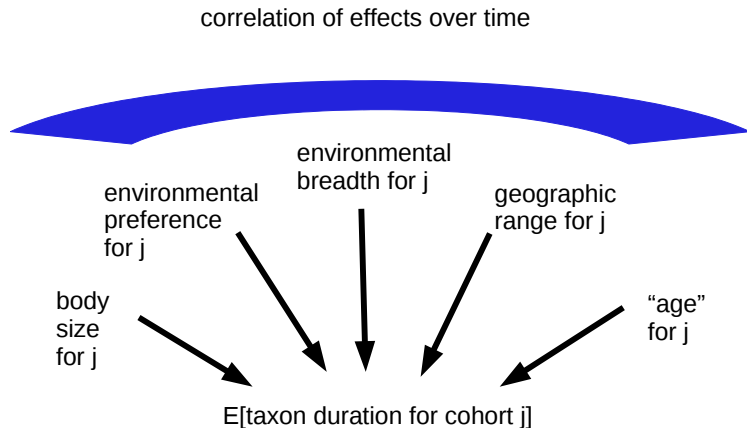
$$\phi = \text{logit}^{-1}(W\gamma)$$

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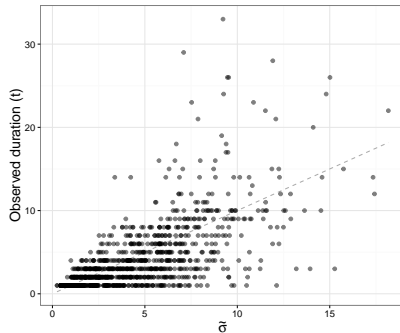
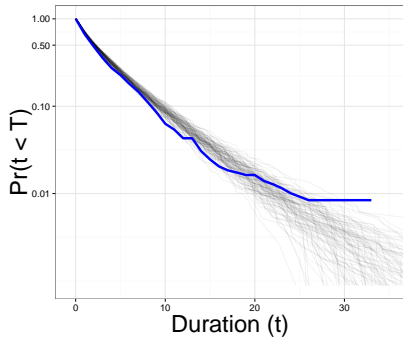
$$\phi^* = \text{logit}^{-1}(W^*\gamma)$$

Note: Beta distribution parameterized in terms of mean ϕ and total count λ .
Also, this presentation excludes final (hyper)priors.

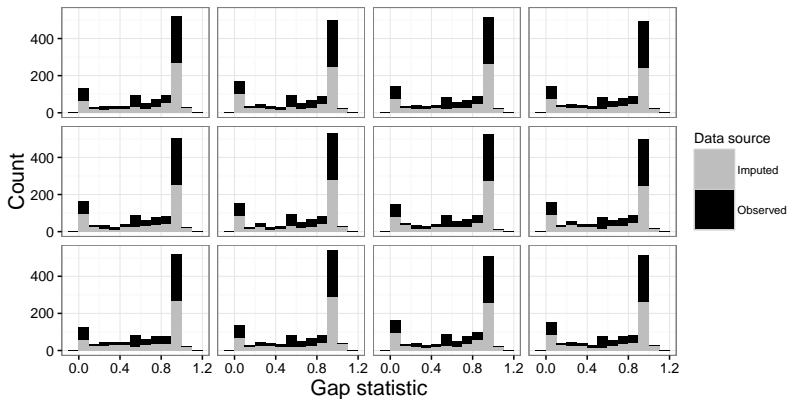
Hierarchical survival model



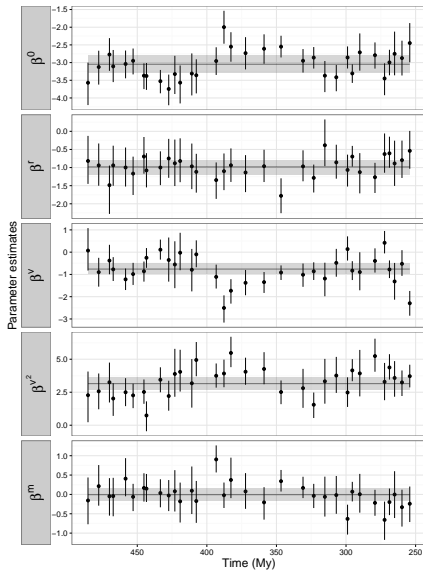
Model adequacy



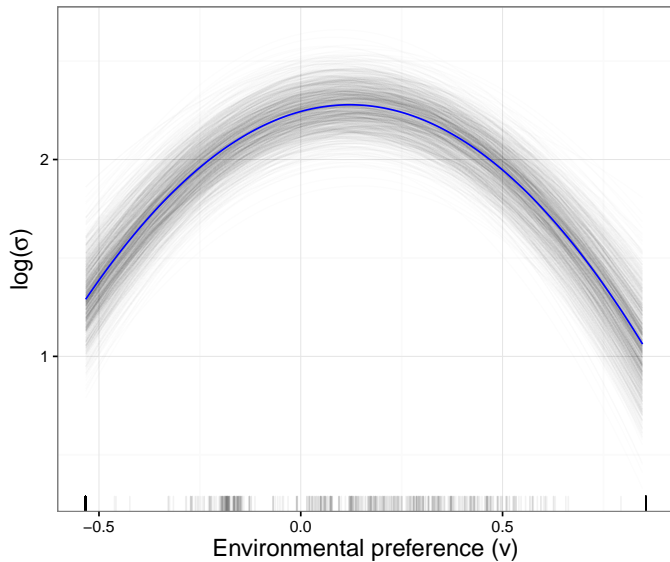
Inspecting the imputations



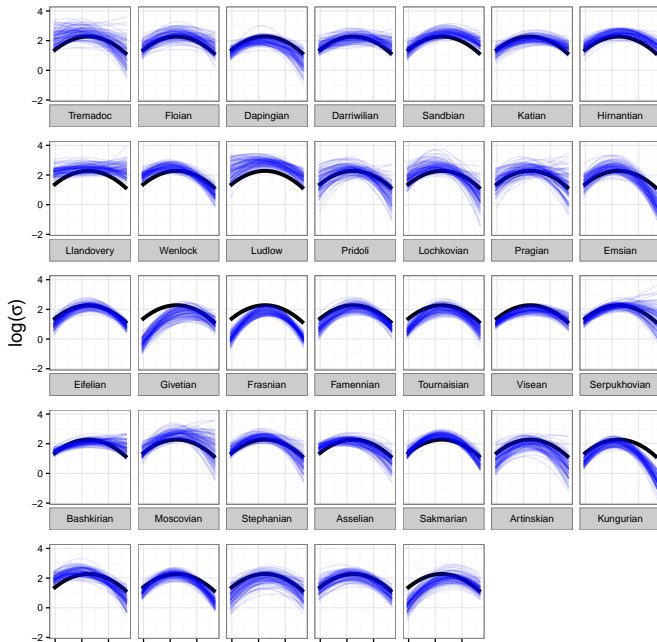
Change in trait effects between cohorts



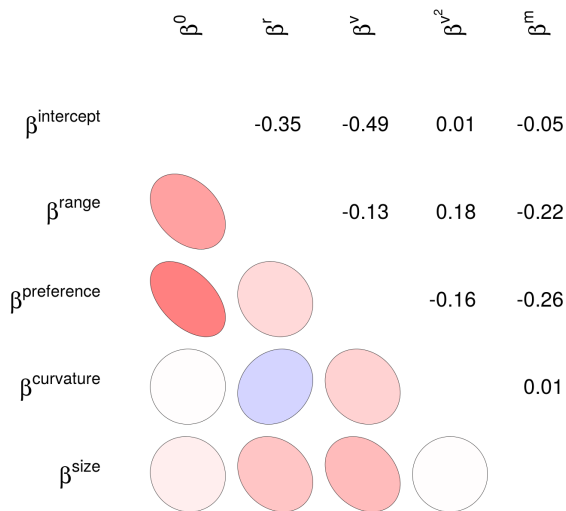
Overall effect of environmental preference



Change in effect of environment between cohorts



Correlation of effects between cohorts



Effect summary

- ▶ Effect of geographic range consistent with prior expectations.
- ▶ No effect of body size; environmental preference equal.
- ▶ Weak support for survival of unspecialized as generalization.

Correlation of effects

- ▶ Correlation between baseline extinction risk and effects of geographic range as well as environmental breadth.
- ▶ Correlation between effect of range and effect of environmental breadth.
 - ▶ As effect of geographic range increases, decrease in selection on environmental breadth.

Macroevolutionary process

- ▶ As extinction risk increases, the effect of geographic range “washes out” the effects of other traits.
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