

Interactions retain the co-phylogenetic matching that communities lost

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Abstract: Both species and their interactions are affected by changes that occur at evolutionary time-scales, and shape both ecological communities and their phylogenetic structure. But because extent ecological community structure is contingent upon random chance, environmental filters, and local effects, it is unclear how much ecological signal local communities should retain. Here we show that, in a host–parasite system where species interactions vary substantially over a continental gradient, the ecological significance of individual interactions is maintained across different scales. Notably, this occurs despite the fact that observed community variation at the local scale frequently tends to weaken or remove community-wide phylogenetic signal. When considered in terms of the interplay between community ecology and coevolutionary theory, our results demonstrate that individual interactions are capable and indeed likely to show a consistent signature of past evolutionary history even when woven into communities that do not.

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Ecological interactions often exert important selective pressures on the species involved. For example, the phenologies of lodgepole pines and red crossbills respond spatially to the presence of squirrels (Benkman et al. 2003). Likewise, palm species undergo changes in seed morphology in response to the extinction of bird dispersing their seeds (Galetti et al. 2013). Interactions can be lost, too, when phenologies of the species involved shift (Rafferty et al. 2015). Interactions are, in fact, so important that the existence of a species has been inferred by the fact that another species bore traits that matched no other known species: Kritsky (1991) relates the discovery of the moth *Xanthopan morganii*, with a proboscis famously over a foot long, which Darwin predicted would exist based on the phenology of local plant *Angraecum sesquipedale*. In addition, interactions, and the emergent structures they define, are distributed in similar ways across communities at both large or small scales (Jordano et al. 2003). Together, these observations suggest that much ecological structure could be the end result of (co)evolutionary dynamics between species (Eklof et al. 2011; Stouffer et al. 2012). Unfortunately, although the evolutionary dynamics of pairs of interacting species have been well described at macro-evolutionary (Van Valen 1973) and micro-evolutionary (Gandon et al. 2008) timescales, most attempts to understand how they cascade up to the levels of diversity of both species and interactions found within empirical communities have been inconclusive (Hembry et al. 2014). This suggests that these well-describe mechanisms do not confer a lot of predictive power when examined at larger scales of organization than the pairwise interaction.

Historically, the evidence for shared evolutionary history in taxonomically diverse communities relied on the quantification of the degree of matching between the phylogenies of two sets of interacting organisms, accounting for the distributions of interactions across the phylogeny (Legendre et al. 2002). This notion builds on the century-old idea that extant species interact in a way similar to the way their ancestors did (Fahrenholz 1913; Guimarães Jr et al. 2011; Nuismer et al. 2013). Note that testing these assumptions is related to, but markedly more restrictive than, testing for phylogenetic conservatism of species' interactions (Rezende et al. 2007; Eklof et al. 2011). This is because of additional, higher-order constraints related to the shape of both trees at *all* depths (Cavender-Bares et al. 2009; Mouquet et al. 2012), because ancestral evolutionary innovations have a high

phylogenetic inertia, and they carry forward to extant taxa (Desdevises et al. 2003; Diniz-Filho & Bini 2008; Vale & Little 2010). In a way, the true measure of phylogenetic signal of interactions should depend not only on how they are conserved within the tree of the species establishing them (*e.g.* parasites, pollinators), but also how these interactions distribute in the tree of the species receiving them (*e.g.* hosts, plants). Consequently, many of the systems that have been described as exhibiting matching phylogenetic structure ultimately deviate from this last constraint, for a variety of factors that may stem from how other species evolved and established, lost, or conserved interactions throughout their joint evolutionary history. Nonetheless, detecting matching phylogenies for interacting clades indicates that their shared evolutionary history is long standing and is therefore suggestive that their extant ecological structure is an outcome of ancestral constraints and/or co-adaptation (Nuismer & Harmon 2014).

It is important to note further that discovering matching phylogenies does not mean that coevolutionary dynamics *sensu e.g* Thompson (1999) took place at any time. In fact, coevolution is not expected to necessarily result in matching phylogenies, nor are matching phylogenies only produced through coevolution (Poisot 2015). It follows that community-level measures of phylogenetic signal, while they *do* quantify how closely interactions are a product of phylogeny, do not allow to draw conclusions on coevolution. Nevertheless, *interaction*-level measures are useful, in that, when expressed as the contribution of interactions to the overall signal, allow to *compare* the importance of interactions across replicated communities. Communities from the same regional pool vary because (i) the local species pool is at best a subset of the regional species pool and (ii) the local interactions are at best a subset of the interactions in the regional community (Poisot et al. 2015). This implies that (i) the phylogenetic signal in the regional pool will be different from the signal in the local communities, and (ii) the phylogenetic signal across local communities will differ. Species sampling and variability of interactions, however, does not predict (i) how the phylogenetic signal of pairwise interactions is kept or lost at the scale of the whole community nor (ii) whether or not this variability is related to changes in the amount of phylogenetic signal that can be detected locally.

In this manuscript, we analyze a large dataset of over 300 species of mammalian hosts and their ectoparasites, sampled throughout Eurasia, for which phylogenetic relationships are known. Using a Procrustean approach to quantify the strength of matching between host and parasite trees (Balbuena et al. 2013), we show that locally sampled communities rarely show strong matching despite the fact that the overall system does at the continental scale. We then provide evidence to support the conclusion that the amount of phylogenetic matching within a local community is predictable based on the importance of interactions in the *regional* network. We finally show that the contribution of these interactions to phylogenetic matching is invariant across scales, and is unrelated to their tendency to vary across space. The lack of co-phylogenetic structure in local communities suggest that, while interactions are undeniably important for community assembly, they might be less so than abiotic factors.

I METHODS

I.i Data source and pre-treatment We use data on observations of interactions between 121 species of rodents and 205 species of parasitic fleas in 51 locations across Europe (Krasnov et al. 2012b) to build 51 species-species interaction networks. Interactions were measured by combing rodents for fleas, a method that gives high quality data as it has a high power of detection. The dataset also includes phylogenies for the hosts and the parasites. Previous analyses revealed that this dataset shows significant co-phylogenetic matching at the continental level (Krasnov et al. 2012a). Importantly, it also provides spatial replication and variability (Canard et al. 2014) at a scale large enough to capture macro-ecological processes. This dataset is uniquely suited for our analysis, as it represents a thorough spatial and taxonomic sampling of a paradigmatic system in which interspecific interactions are thought to be driven by macro-evolution and co-speciation events (Combes 2001; Verneau et al. 2009);

The original dataset gives quantitative interaction strengths (expressed as an averaged number of parasites per species per host). In this system, quantitative interaction strengths were shown to be

affected to a very high degree by local variations in abundance across sampling locations (Canard et al. 2014), and it therefore seems unlikely that they reflect macro-ecological processes. Therefore, to account for differential sampling effort—which cannot readily be quantified—and across site variations in abundance—which do not pertain to macro-evolutionary processes—we only study the networks’ bipartite incidence matrices (that is, presence and absence of infection of hosts by the parasites).

I.ii Spatial scales and interaction spatial consistency Noting that variation of interactions across locations—which can be caused by local ecological mechanisms, as opposed to reflecting evolutionary dynamics—can decrease congruence, we analyze the data at three different levels which we will refer to as continental, regional, and local. Notably, the continental level summarizes the complete dataset whereas both the regional and local levels are location-specific scales.

The first, *continental* interaction data consists of the aggregated “metanetwork” which includes all documented interactions between species from the regional species pool (Poisot et al. 2012).

The second, *regional* interaction data accounts for different species composition across sites, specifically by testing whether sampling from the regional species pool affects co-phylogenetic matching. Within each site, the regional scale is given by the subset of the metanetwork formed by the locally present species (*i.e.*, the local species and their continental interactions; properly speaking, the induced subgraph of the metanetwork induced from the nodes of the local network). Hence the regional networks are always a perfect subset of the continental network, and do not reflect whether species were actually observed to interact locally or not, but whether they *can* interact at all. This *regional* network is a baseline estimate derived from interactions within the species pool, and measures the effect of species sampling on co-phylogenetic matching.

The third, *local* interaction data also accounts for variation in the interactions between observed species, in addition to encompassing the above. In contrast to the regional scale, the local scale includes only the interactions that were actually observed in the field at a given site. Therefore, the

local and regional networks always include the same species, but the local network has only a subset (or, at most, an exact match) of the interactions in the regional network.

We finally define the spatial consistency of every interaction as the number of sites in which the two species involved co-occur, or simply

$$S_{ij} = \frac{L_{ij}}{C_{ij}}, \quad (1)$$

the spatial consistency of an interaction S_{ij} between species i and j is measured by dividing the number of locations in which both are present (C_{ij}) and the number of locations in which they interact (L_{ij}). Because $L_{ij} \in [0, C_{ij}]$, this measure takes values in $[0, 1]$. Larger values reflect high spatial consistency. Note that although they are reported as 0 (*i.e.* having no interactions), we actually have no information about species pairs that have never co-occured; this is a common, but hard to correct, feature of spatially replicated datasets in which species occurrence varies (Morales-Castilla et al. 2015). Therefore, the values of S_{ij} can only be defined for species that have been observed to *co-occur* at least once.

I.iii Quantifying co-phylogenetic matching We quantify the strength of co-phylogenetic matching in terms of the degree of matching between host and parasite phylogenies, given knowledge of extant species interactions (at varying spatial scales). We do so using the *PACo* method (Balbuena et al. 2013), which is robust to variations in both number of species and interactions. *PACo* provides measures of both the network-level congruence (*i.e.*, is there phylogenetic signal in the species interactions across the entire network?) and the interaction-level signal (*i.e.*, what is the contribution of each interaction to the overall signal?). Strong values of the latter metric reflect *low* contributions to co-phylogenetic matching – interactions that contribute strongly to phylogenetic congruence have low *PACo* values. Importantly, and in contrast to previous methods such as *ParaFit* (Legendre et al. 2002), *PACo* also can be used to meaningfully quantify the contribution of every interaction to the network-level signal even in cases where the entire network shows no significant phylogenetic

signal.

All values returned by *PACo* are tested for deviation from a random expectation, generated by applying permutations on the species interaction networks. Specifically, we applied permutations that maintained the number of parasites for each hosts, and the number of hosts for each parasites. It has the effect of measuring whether re-distributing interactions between tree tips would give rise to the same value. We compared the observed value to the randomized distribution using a two-tailed statistic: a significant value indicates that the observed value is unlikely to have been observed by chance, without pre-specifying whether or not it is larger or smaller than expected.

As required by *PACo*, the phylogenetic trees for hosts and parasites were rendered ultrametric (*i.e.*, all species are at the same distance from the root). This has the consequence of losing the temporal component of the three (which was not available for the parasites in the original dataset), but standardizes phylogenetic distances in a way that satisfies *PACo*'s requirements. This introduces the, in our opinion reasonable, hypothesis that the common ancestor to the parasites was able to infect the common ancestor of the host.

[Figure 1 about here.]

II RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Splitting the datasets at the continental, regional, and local levels delineates clear quantitative predictions. At the regional scale, one can expect community assembly to promote the co-occurrence of evolutionarily linked species pairs – *i.e.*, a host and a parasite from lineages that interact will tend to co-occur more often, because the parasites are filtered to be present in sites where they can find hosts. Under this situation, we expect that regional networks will have a high degree of phylogenetic matching (because they account for the information on potential species interactions); we do in addition expect that their phylogenetic signal will be larger than what is found in the continental network, since the later represents a somewhat artefactual agglomeration of species pairs that do

not co-occur. The opposite situation (a relatively lower phylogenetic matching) would therefore be suggestive of a weaker selection for the co-occurrence of evolutionarily tied species pairs.

At the local scale, if interactions between species at matching phylogenetic positions are conserved, we would expect both a similar or higher level of phylogenetic matching between the local and the regional scale, and a positive relationship between the frequency of interaction and its overall importance for phylogenetic matching (interactions with a strong phylogenetic signal happen more often). On the contrary, if local assembly proceeds largely independently from the co-evolutionary history, the relative level of phylogenetic matching in local networks should be the same as in the regional networks (through a sampling effect from the distribution of interaction-level contribution to cophylogenetic matching), but the frequency of interactions should bear no relationship to their importance in overall matching.

II.i Local and regional scale networks show no co-phylogenetic matching As host-macroparasite interactions are hypothesized to be ecologically constrained, as a result of their being evolutionary conserved (Combes 2001), the congruence observed at the continental level sets the baseline for what would be expected in local communities. Of course, if ecological mechanisms (such as filtering) reduce co-phylogenetic matching, we should detect this signal at the continental scale but not locally. Out of 51 sites, 35 show no signal of co-phylogenetic matching at all, 11 show significant co-phylogenetic matching when using the regional interactions, and 12 show significant co-phylogenetic matching using the local interactions (see *Supp. Mat. 1* for network-level significance values; Figure 1). These results support the idea that macro-evolutionary processes, such as co-diversification, can have consequences at the macro-ecological level but may not in fact be detectable at finer spatial scales.

II.ii Local and regional scale networks have the same relative co-phylogenetic matching

[Figure 2 about here.]

In Figure 2, we relate the relative (z-score transformed) degree of phylogenetic matching in the local and regional communities. The relationship between the two is linear (95% confidence interval for the correlation coefficient $0.914 - -0.971$). This fits with the hypothesis of local networks being assembled by a random sampling from regional networks: in the presence of selection to maintain pairs of species at matching positions in the phylogenies, the local networks should have a higher degree of phylogenetic matching (through the filtering acting against species pairs at dissimilar positions).

II.iii Co-phylogenetic matching is predicted by the contribution of interactions

[Figure 3 about here.]

On the other hand, system-level differences say little about the behavior of individual interactions. Despite the fact most coevolutionary mechanisms act at the interaction level (Thompson 1999), most *measures* of it are expressed at the community level. We observe here that networks with interactions that are important for co-phylogenetic matching at the continental scale are also important for co-phylogenetic matching at the local and regional scales as well (Fig. 2A). Intriguingly, we also find that the distribution of individual interactions' contributions to co-phylogenetic matching is strongly conserved, regardless of the scale at which the interactions are quantified (Fig. 2B). Because interactions differ in their total contribution to co-phylogenetic matching, this implies that their distribution across networks (*i.e.* whether the local network contains a sample of strongly contributing, or weakly contributing, interactions) is what actually drives differences in overall co-phylogenetic matching. As such, network-level co-phylogenetic matching emerges directly from the properties of interactions and is not a property of the network itself.

II.iv Interactions contributing to co-phylogenetic matching are marginally more spatially consistent

[Figure 4 about here.]

Beyond their contribution to co-phylogenetic matching, interactions also ultimately differ in how frequently they vary when the species involved co-occur (Carstensen et al. 2014; Olito & Fox 2015; Trøjelsgaard et al. 2015). This can happen, for example, when one of the partners is able to forage for optimal resources (Betts et al. 2015). Once more, the literature on host-parasite interactions assumes that the reason why some interactions are more frequent is because they reflect a significant past history of coevolution (Guimaraes et al. 2007; 2010); that is, the ecological constraints emerge from the evolutionary conservatism. Using a weighted Pearson's correlation between the interaction frequency, interaction contribution to co-phylogenetic matching, and the number of observations of each interaction as the weight, we observe that this is marginally true ($\rho \approx -0.11$, $t \approx -5.09$ with weights; $\rho \approx -0.10$, $t \approx -4.6$ without; both significant at $\alpha = 0.05$). Results are presented in Fig. 3. Recall that the *negative* correlation here arises from the fact that high interaction-level values in PACo means *low* contribution to co-phylogenetic signal. Nevertheless, this result ought to be tempered by the fact that the R^2 of both regressions is close to 0.01. Consequently, the association between spatial consistency and contribution to co-phylogenetic signal, while statistically significant, explains so little variance of either quantities that it is likely of negligible biological importance. This implies that the spatial consistency of an interaction does not reflect its evolutionary past, but rather (possibly) extant ecological processes.

II.v The contribution of interactions to co-phylogenetic matching is consistent across scales

[Figure 5 about here.]

Ultimately, co-phylogenetic matching varies across scale because of the simultaneous variation of species' interactions *and* communities' phylogenetic tree structure. In a system characterised by substantial turnover, we would expect the contribution of each separate interaction to differ across scales as well. Instead, we observe here that interactions that contribute strongly to co-phylogenetic matching at the continental scale *also* show a significant tendency to contribute strongly at the local

($p < 0.05$ for positive correlations in 48 out of 51 networks) and regional (in 47 out of 51 networks), and this observation is independent of network-wide co-phylogenetic matching Figure 5. Remarkably, this result implies that the remnants of co-phylogenetic inertia are still locally detectable in *individual interactions* even though shared evolutionary history regularly fails to leave its imprint on most local networks.

III CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the results of our analyses demonstrate that there is a sizeable gap between our current understanding of host-parasite co-evolution as the basis of multi-species interactions, its phylogenetic consequences, and their applicability to ecological questions. Our results suggest that, while the continental-scale system might show a strong signal of past coevolution (which was also reported, through different analyses, by other studies of this system), the quasi-entirety of this signal is lost when species and their interactions are filtered to assemble local communities. That there is no further loss of signal from the regional to the local scale strongly suggests that the loss of signal from the continental to regional scale is due to species sampling, that proceeds independently of the evolutionary history of species pairs. Because regional and local networks have the same species, the difference between them stems for the loss of some species interactions locally. It would seem that local species pools in this system are driven more by the interaction between abiotic conditions and species tolerance, than they are by potential species interactions.

Local networks show little to no signal of co-phylogenetic matching, and the strength of co-phylogenetic matching that can be ascribed to the interactions between two species is a surprisingly poor predictor of how frequently they interact. In contrast to the frequent assumption that phylogenetic structure is a key driver of community structure (Cavender-Bares et al. 2009), these data reveal that this impact is actually minimal at ecologically relevant spatial scales. And yet, despite all the above, individual interactions are somehow able to maintain their co-phylogenetic matching even when the community they are woven into does not. Thinking more broadly, these discrepancies provide a

clear roadmap for bridging the gap between our appreciation of the role of coevolution and its empirically measurable outcomes: network structure is the most parsimonious *mechanism* by which coevolution proceeds, not the imprint coevolution leaves on ecological communities.

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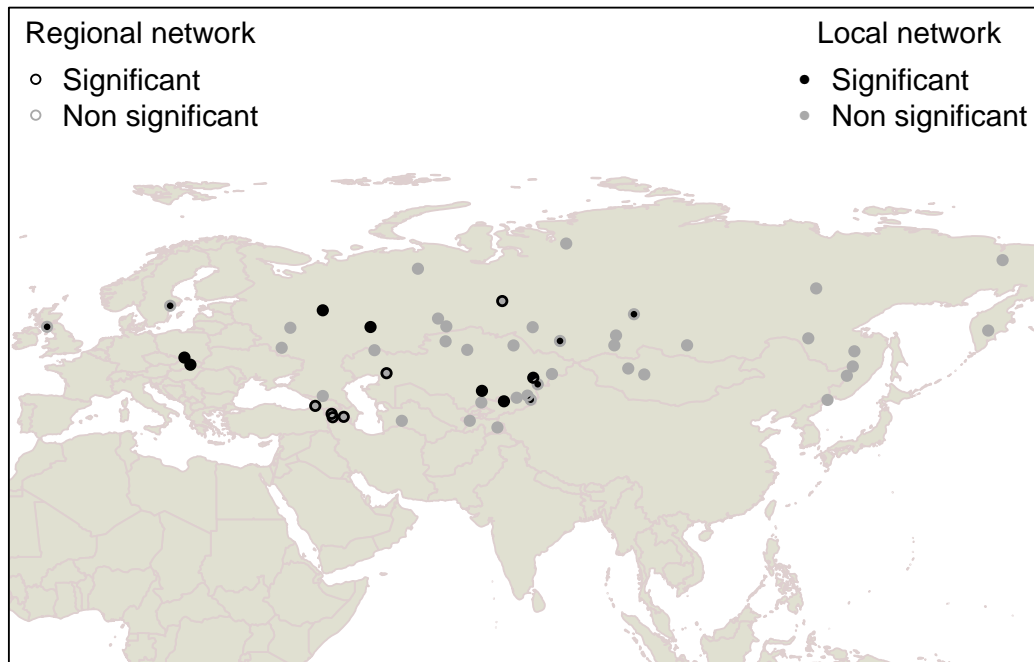


Figure 1 Spatial distribution of co-phylogenetic matching across the 51 sites. For each location, we indicate whether or not the structure of regional and local interaction networks is consistent with phylogenetic congruence. The colour of the circle corresponds to regionally significant or non-significant (black and grey, respectively) while the colour of the symbol within corresponds to locally significant or non-significant (black and grey, respectively).

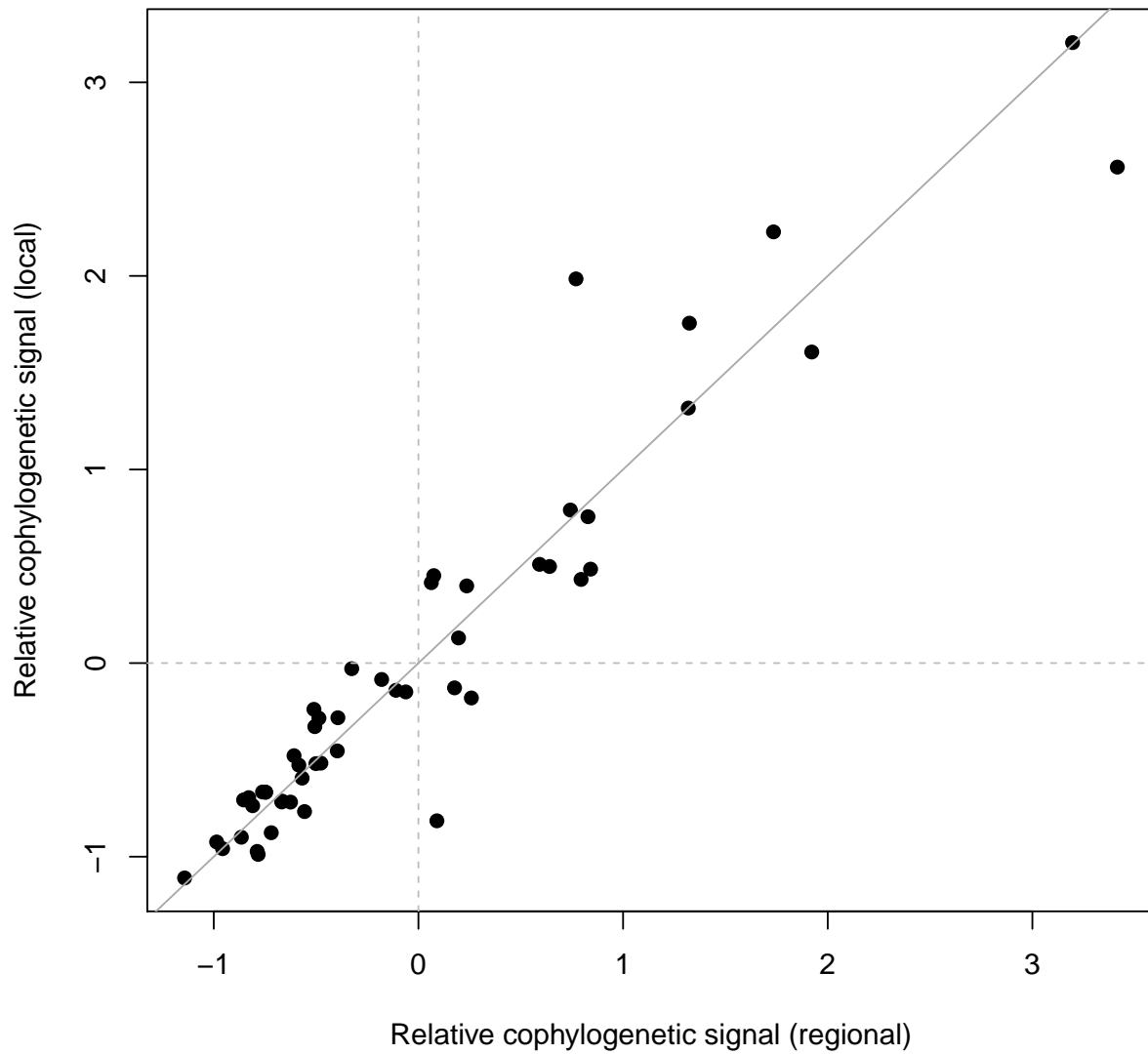


Figure 2 The regional and local networks have the same relative amount of co-phylogenetic matching. The values presented are the z-scores of the PACo statistic for the entire network, with the 1:1 relationship added.

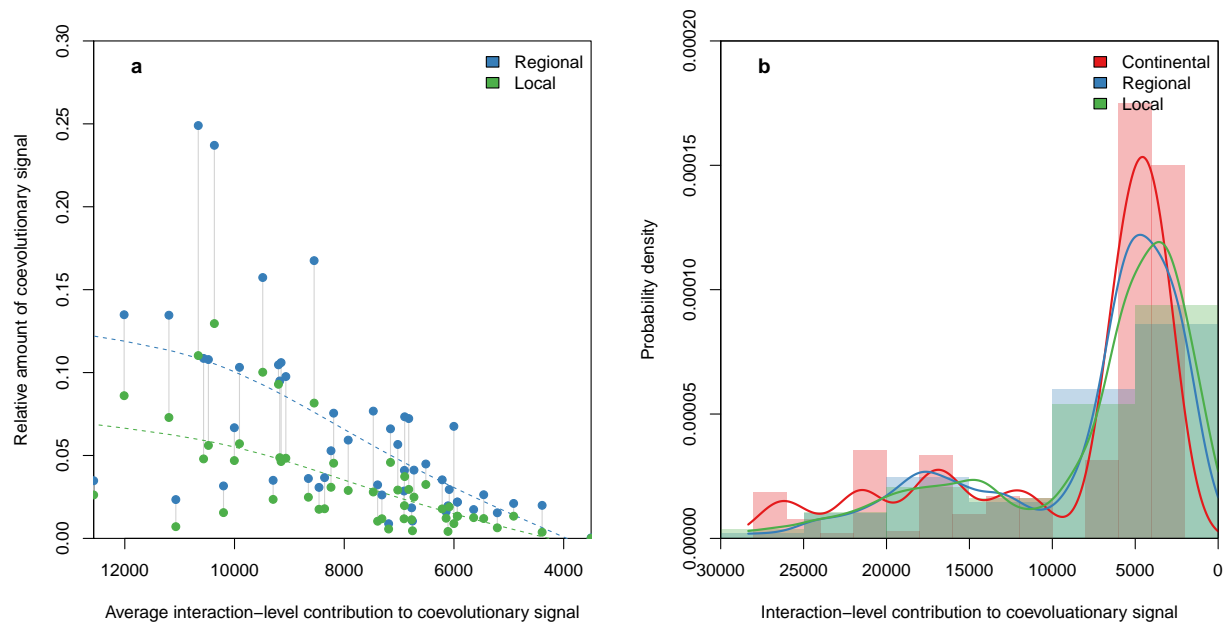


Figure 3 Distribution of co-phylogenetic matching at the network and interaction levels. ****a****, Networks that have lower co-phylogenetic matching at the local or regional level are composed of interactions that on average contribute little to co-phylogenetic matching at the continental scale. co-phylogenetic matching is presented relatively to the continental level co-phylogenetic matching. Dashed lines are a cubic smoothing spline, and the two levels of the same networks are linked by solid grey lines. ****b****, Overall, interactions observed at the local, regional, and continental scale have roughly equivalent contributions to co-phylogenetic matching. Probability density was smoothed using a Gaussian kernel density estimator. Raw probability densities are shown as semi-transparent bars.

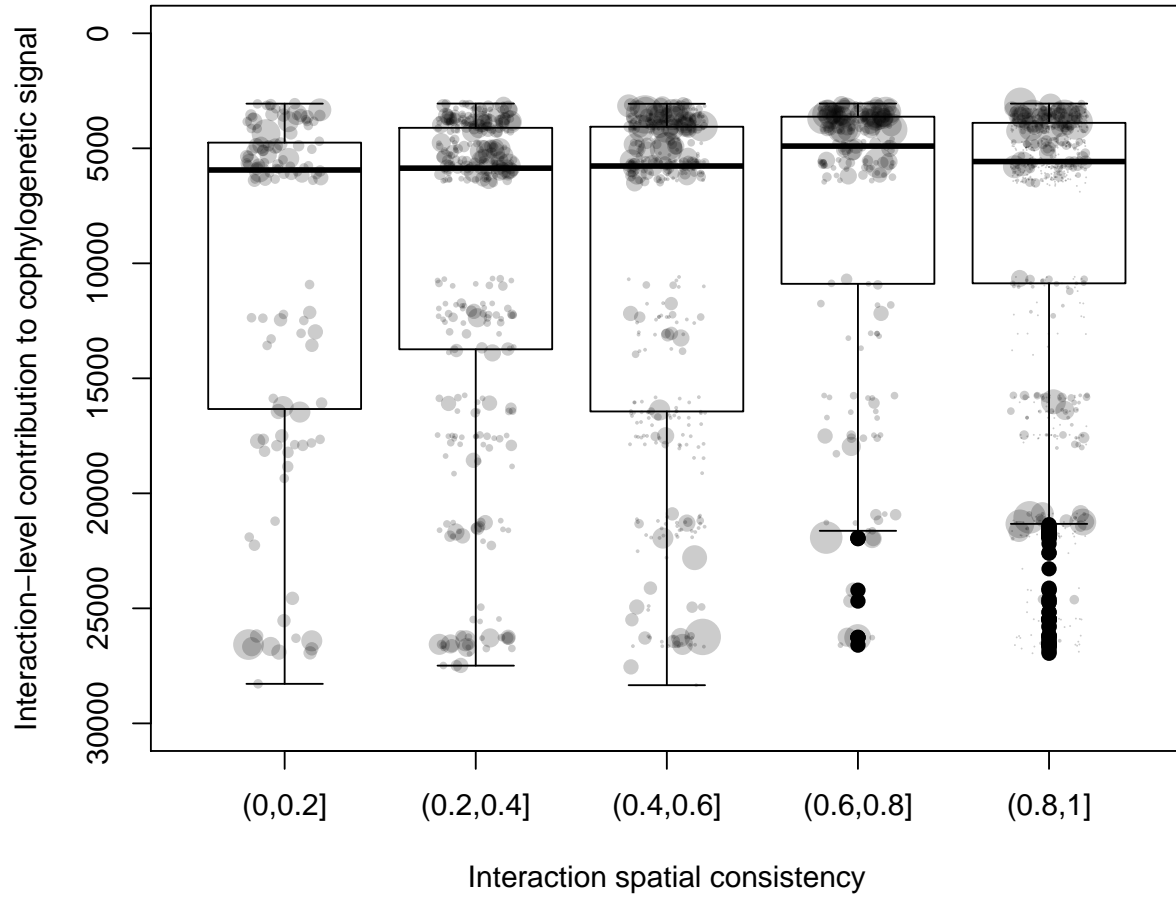


Figure 4 Spatial consistency of an interaction and its contribution to co-phylogenetic matching. Note that because *PACo* gives low scores to interactions with a strong contribution to co-phylogenetic matching, the y axis is reversed. Spatial consistency is defined as the probability of observing an interaction between two species given that they were observed to co-occur. Although statistically significant, there was no biologically meaningful relationship between spatial consistency and an interaction's importance for co-phylogenetic matching in the continental network ($R^2 \approx 0.01$, $\rho = -0.1$, $p \leq 10^{-5}$).

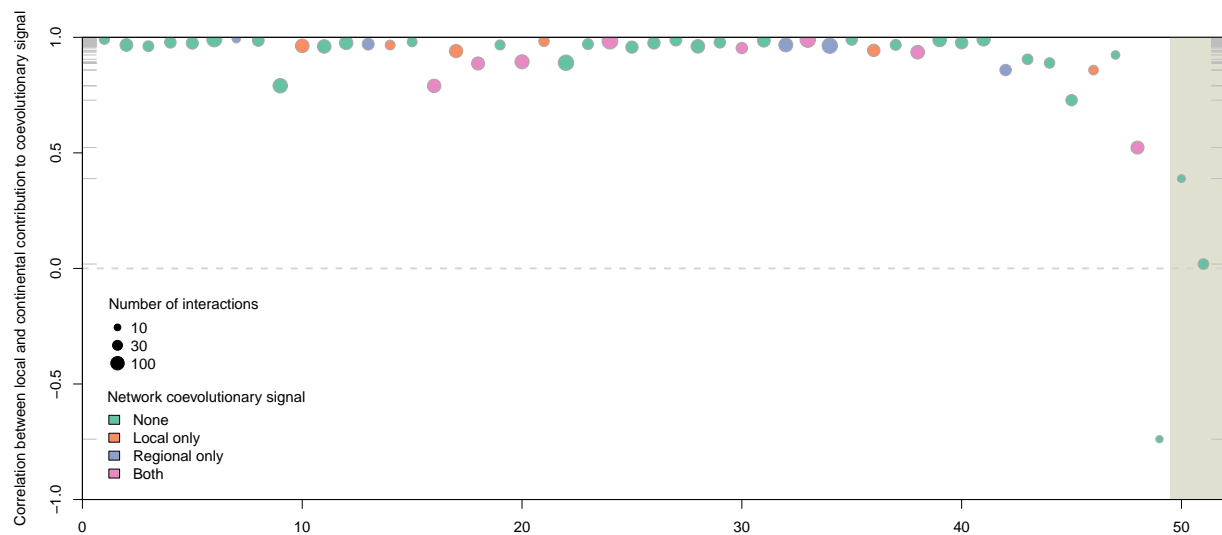


Figure 5 The contribution to co-phylogenetic matching of the interaction between two species is maintained across scales. For every site, we show the Pearson's correlation between interaction-level co-phylogenetic matching in the continental network and the same in the local network. The size of each point is proportional to the size of the network, and all correlations are significant at $\alpha = 0.05$ except in the grey shaded area.