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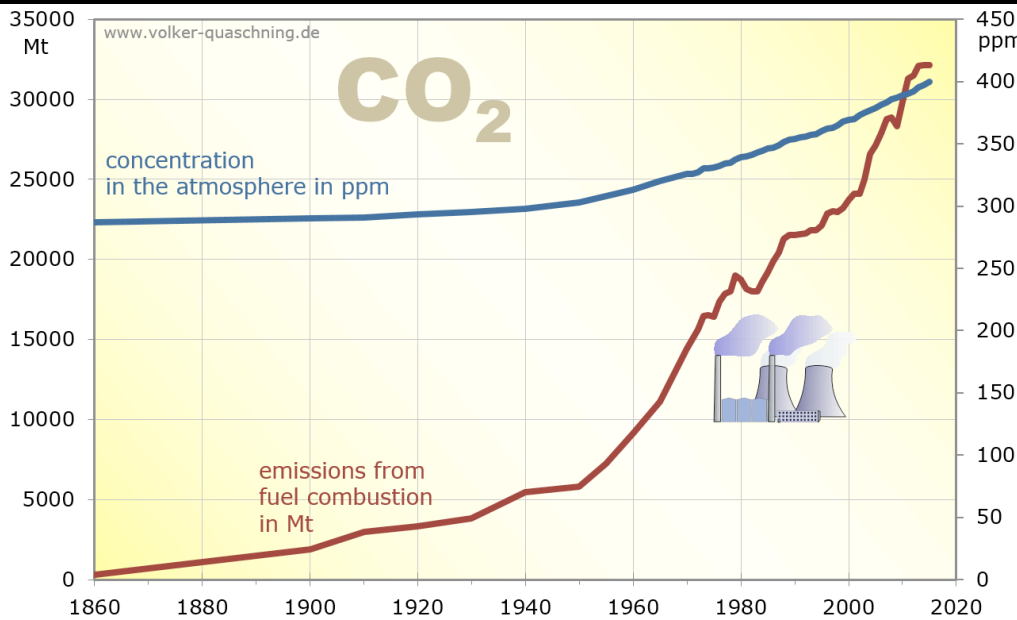
Ecology of functional and phylogenetic differences (in plants)



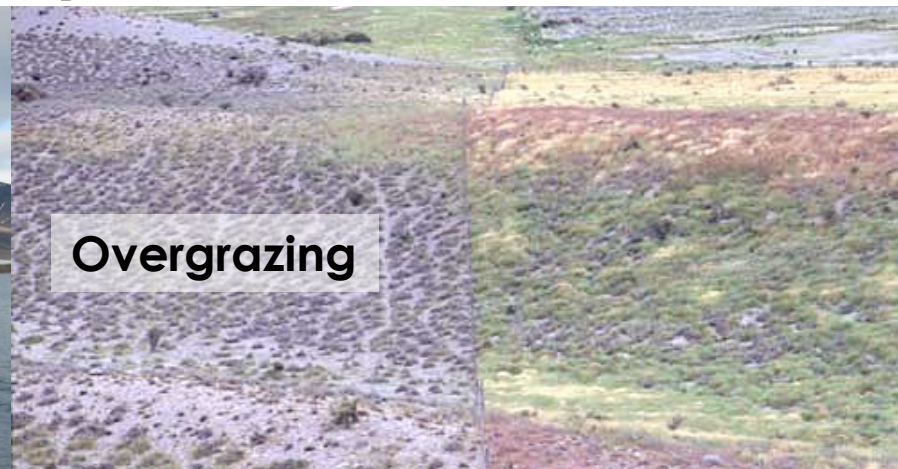
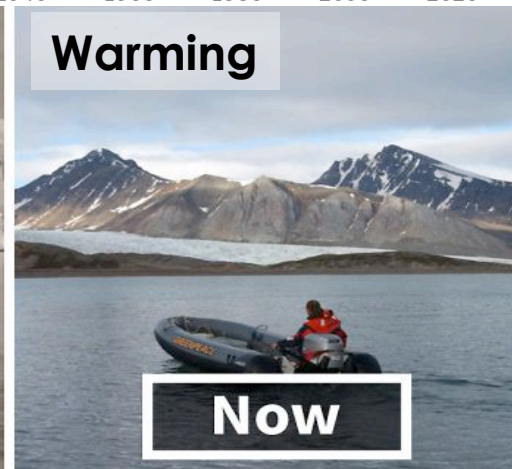
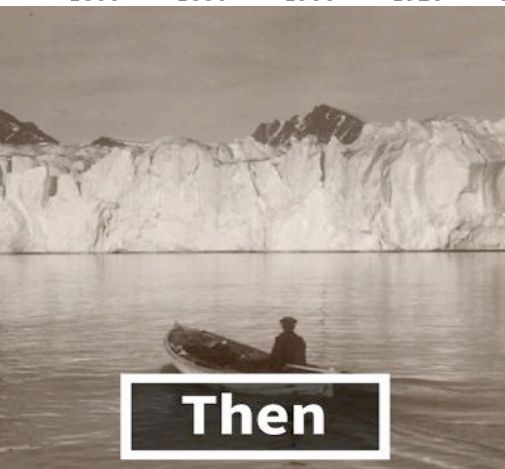
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Ecology

Predict the consequences of global change drivers on biodiversity and the repercussion on the functioning of the ecosystems



El planeta está perdiendo su biodiversidad más rápido de lo que creía



Functions and services of
the ecosystems

KEY MESSAGES

- *Biodiversity benefits people through more than just its contribution to material welfare and livelihoods.*



ECOSYSTEMS AND HUMAN WELL-BEING

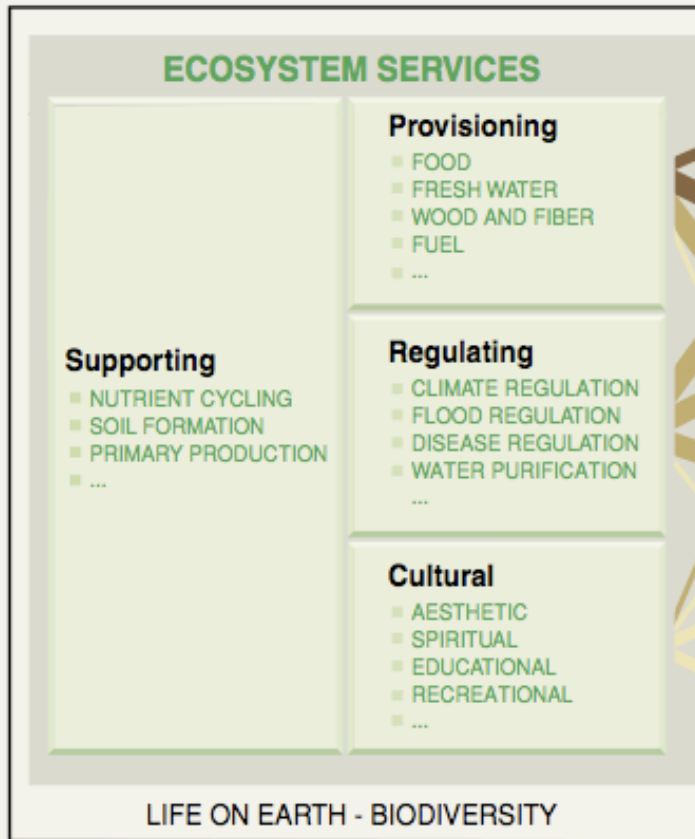
Biodiversity Synthesis

2005



MILLENNIUM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

CONSTITUENTS OF WELL-BEING



Security

- PERSONAL SAFETY
- SECURE RESOURCE ACCESS
- SECURITY FROM DISASTERS

Basic material for good life

- ADEQUATE LIVELIHOODS
- SUFFICIENT NUTRITIOUS FOOD
- SHELTER
- ACCESS TO GOODS

Health

- STRENGTH
- FEELING WELL
- ACCESS TO CLEAN AIR AND WATER

Good social relations

- SOCIAL COHESION
- MUTUAL RESPECT
- ABILITY TO HELP OTHERS

Freedom of choice and action

OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE WHAT AN INDIVIDUAL VALUES DOING AND BEING

Source: Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

ARROW'S COLOR
Potential for mediation by socioeconomic factors

- Low
- Medium
- High

ARROW'S WIDTH
Intensity of linkages between ecosystem services and human well-being

- Weak
- Medium
- Strong



ECOSYSTEMS AND HUMAN WELL-BEING

Biodiversity Synthesis

**Global
change
drivers**



**Change in
functional traits**



Ecosystem functions



Ecology of differences

The differences in functional traits within and across organisms gives place to:

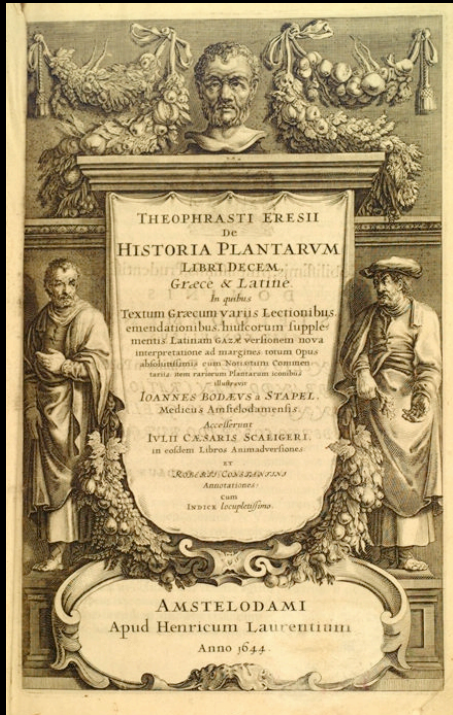
- ≠ adaptations to the environment
- ≠ interactions with other organisms
- ≠ effects on the ecosystems



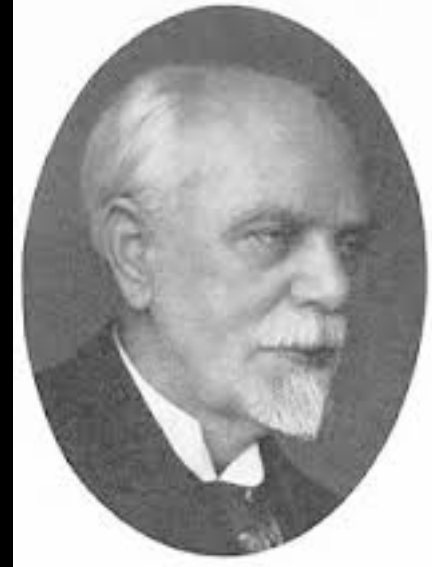
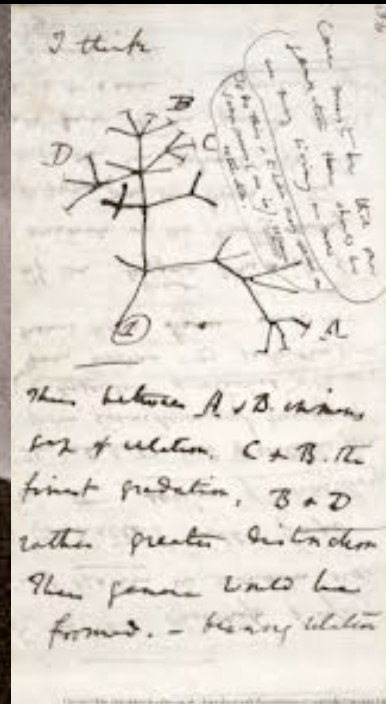
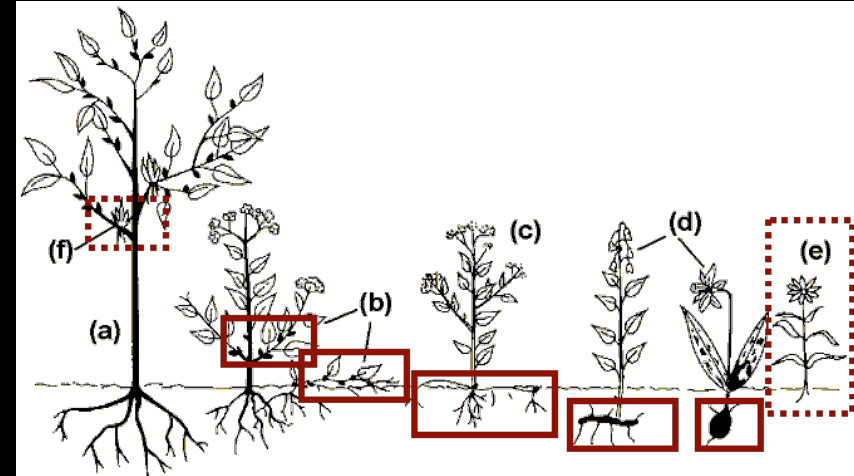
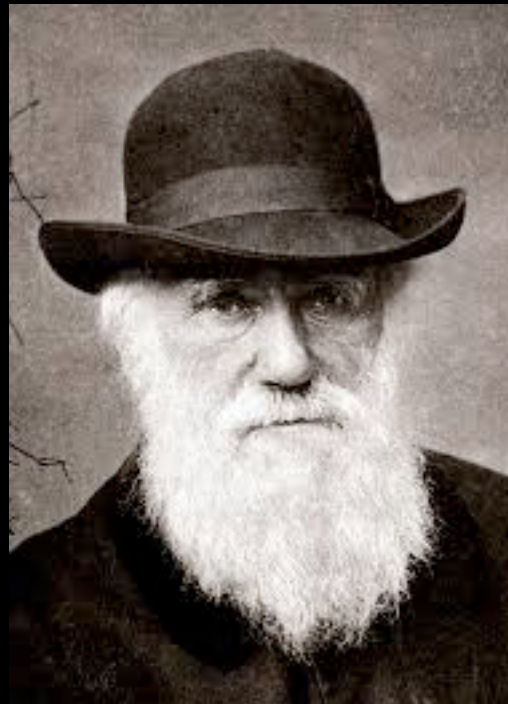
Ecology of differences

The differences in functional traits within and across organisms

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Darwin 1859



Raunkiaer
1904



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Hutchinson
1959



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HOMAGE TO SANTA ROSALIA
or
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY KINDS OF ANIMALS?*

G. E. HUTCHINSON

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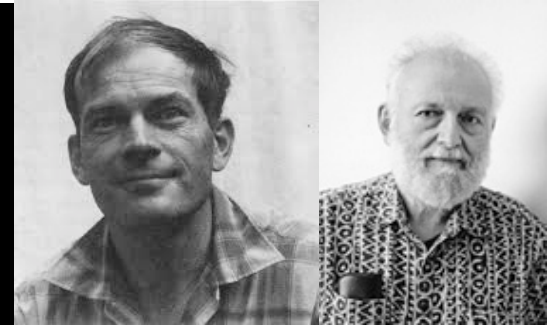
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September-October, 1967

THE LIMITING SIMILARITY, CONVERGENCE, AND DIVERGENCE OF COEXISTING SPECIES

ROBERT MACARTHUR AND RICHARD LEVINS*

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MacArthur & Levins
1967



Ecology of differences

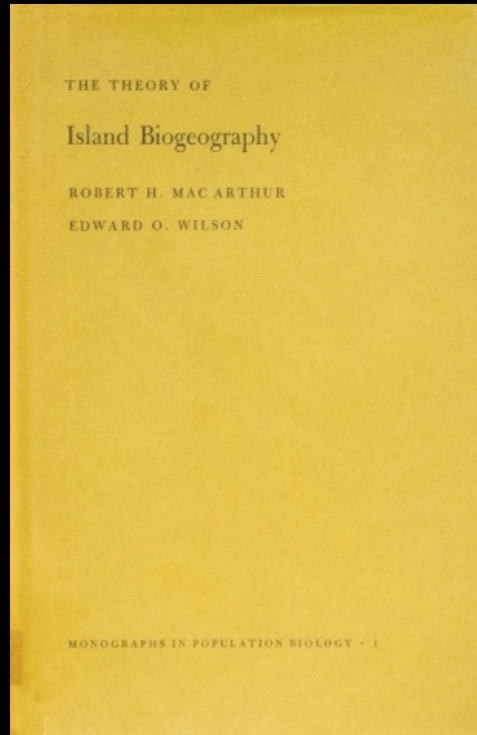
The differences in functional traits within and across organisms



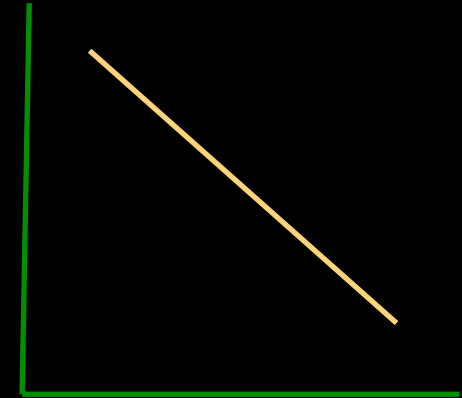
Christmas card, picturing Hutchinson in Santa Rosalia, by Shahid Naeem from Gotelli & Graves (1996)

Trade-offs

Compromise (evolutionary dilemma) in differentiation: by gaining some advantage something else is lost



(Weight of seed)



(Number of seeds)

MacArthur & Wilson 1967

Resistance

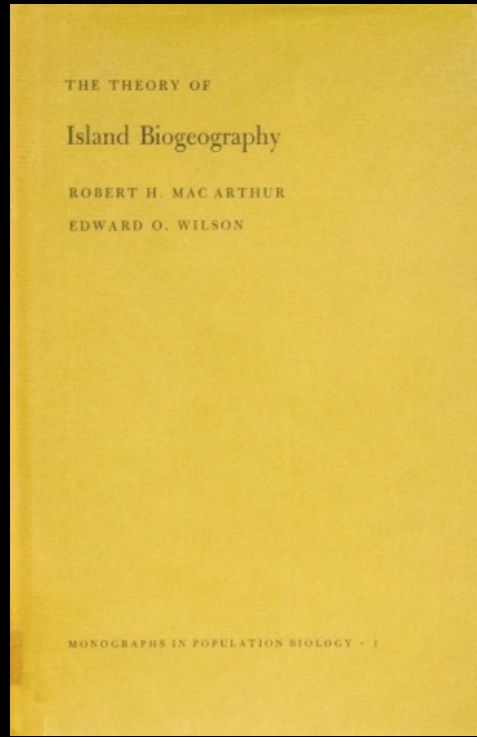


Speed



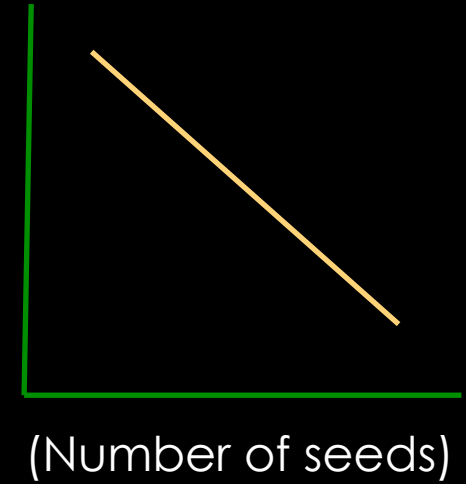
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K-selection

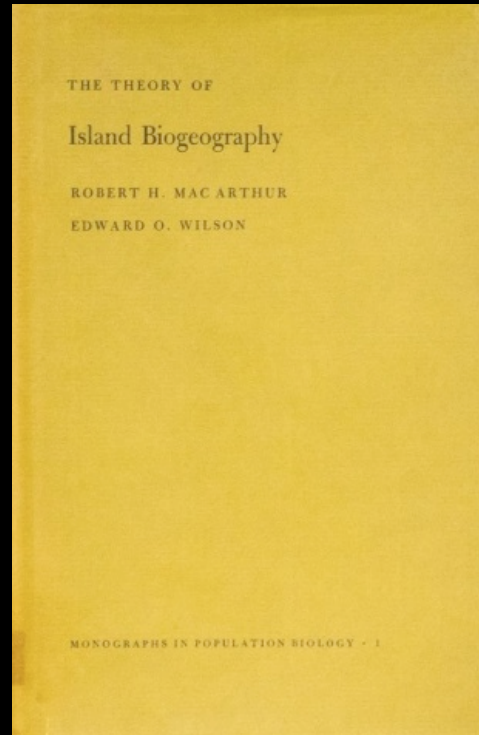
- seed size (energy storage)
- somatic growth
- seeds are able to grow immediately in situ
- good protection against enemies

r-selection

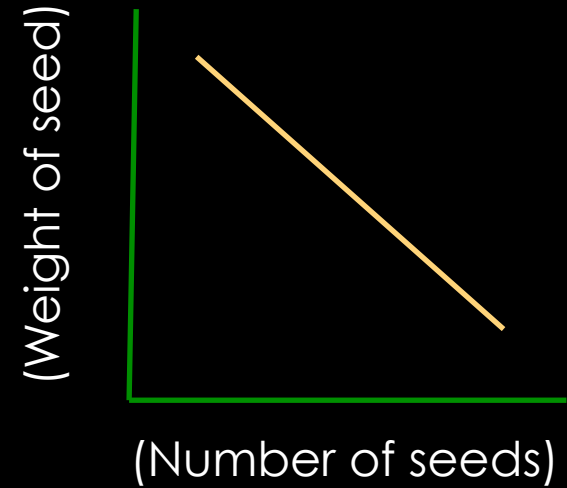
- seed number
- early reproduction
- escape in space or time (dispersal, persistent seed bank)
- fast growth

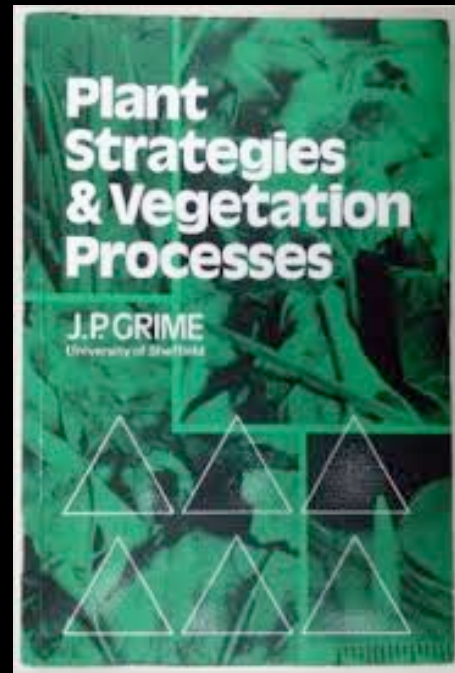
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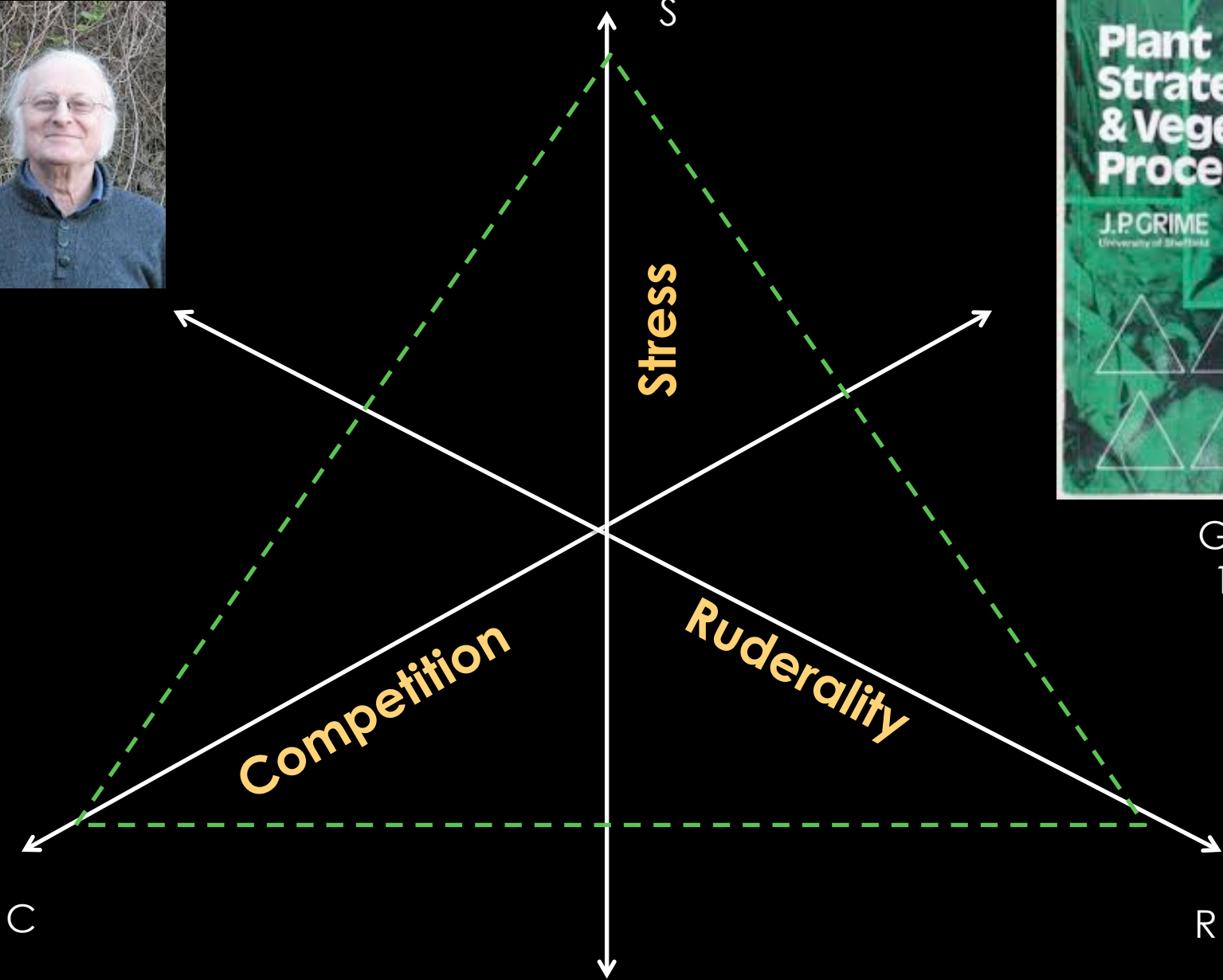


MacArthur & Wilson 1967





Grime
1977

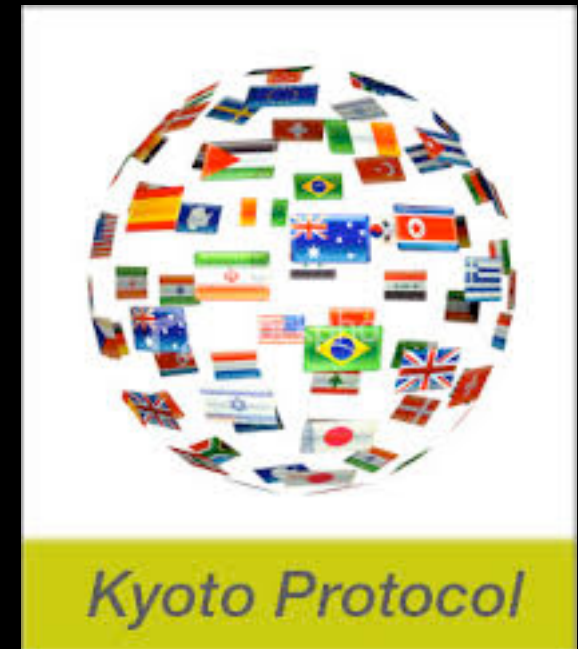


Cambio global

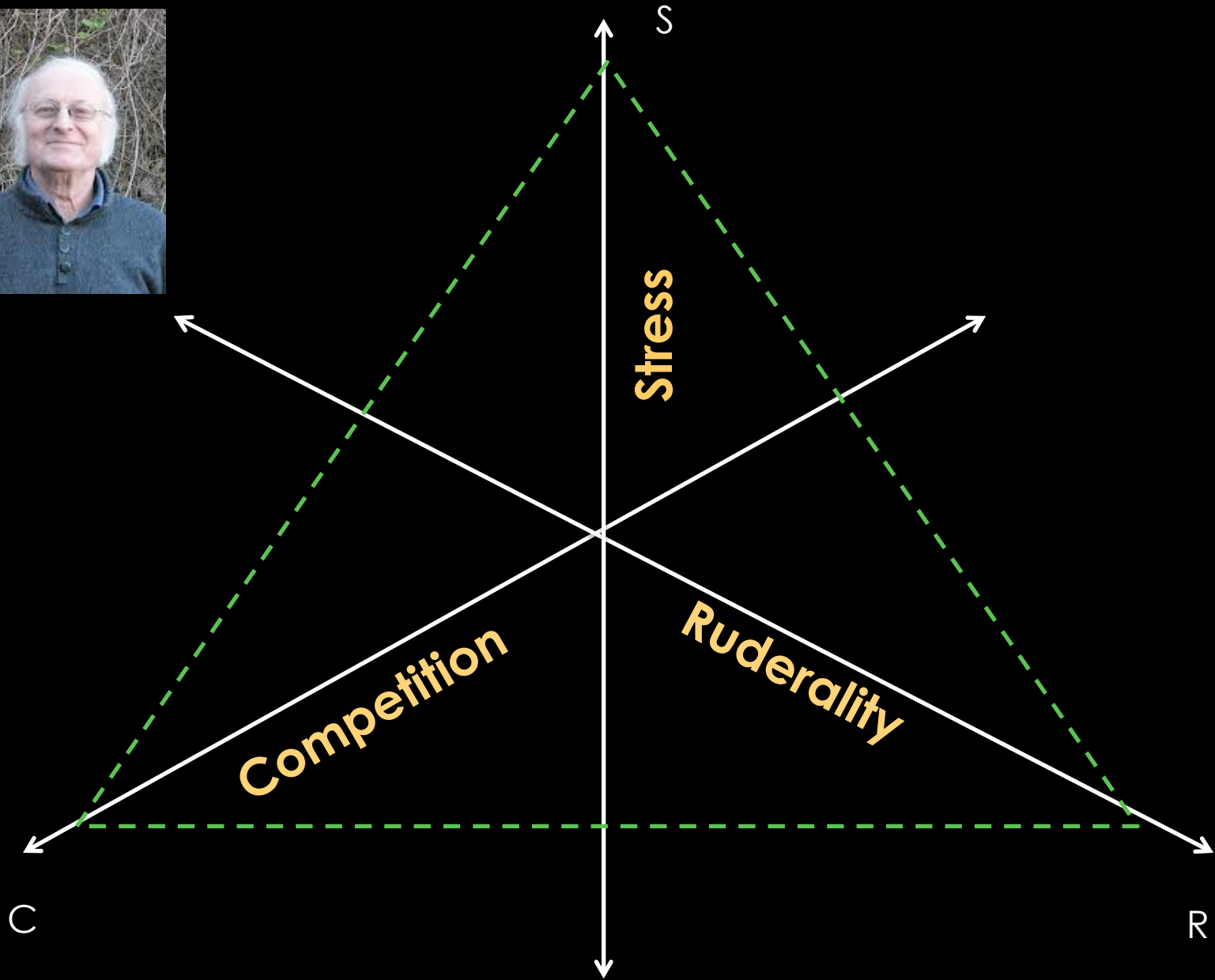


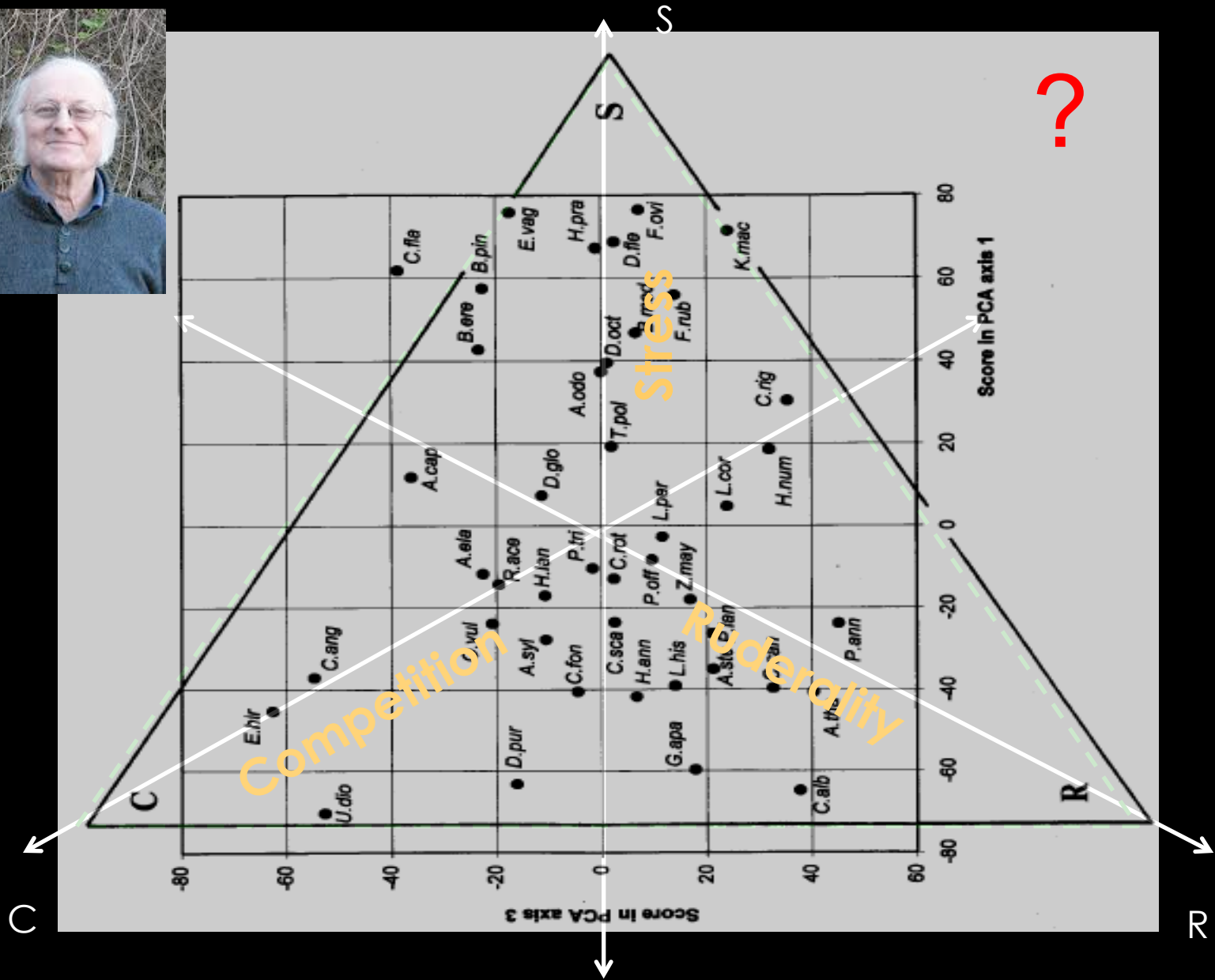
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1997



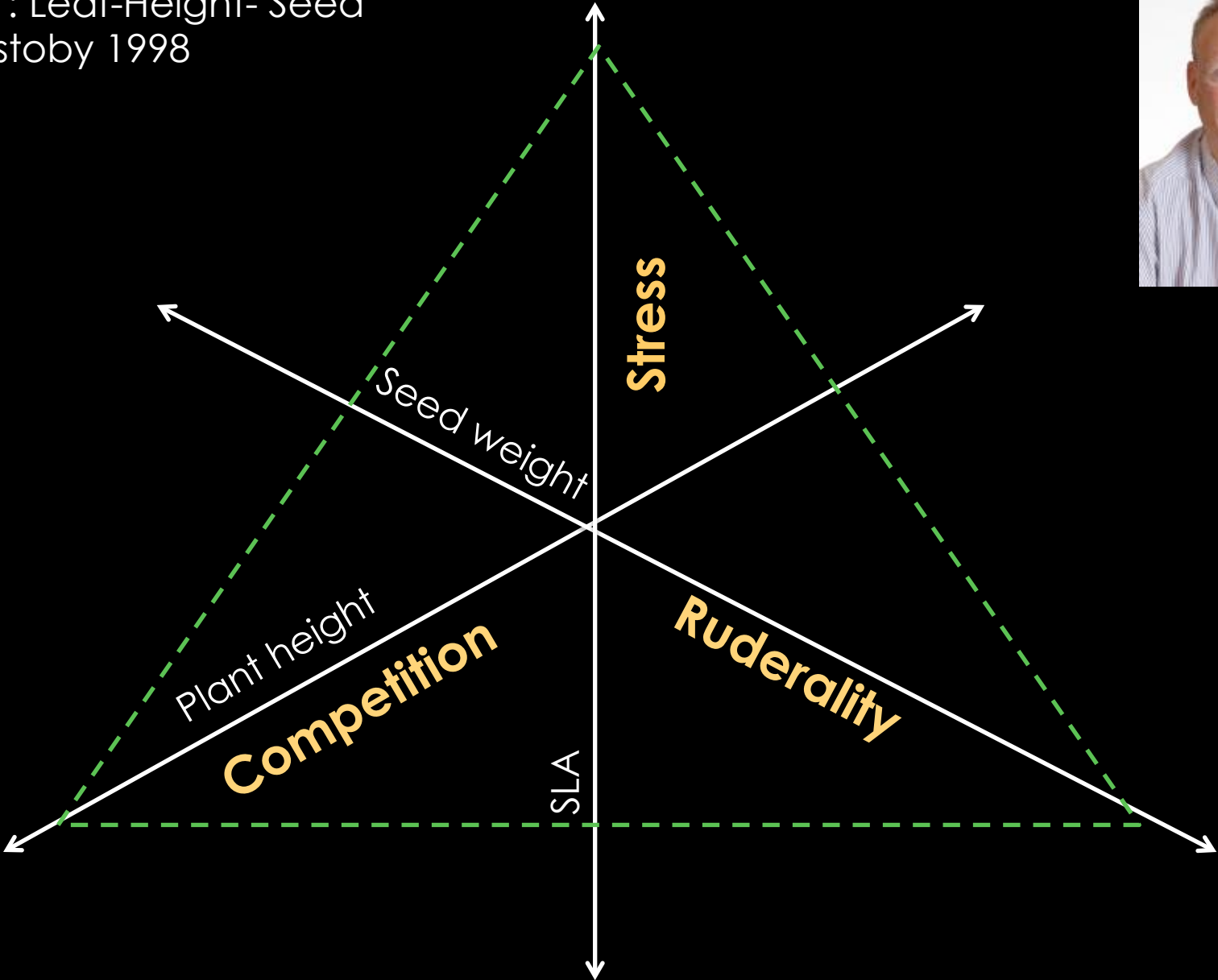
“...we have very little information, in many cases none, about how plants will respond in the future. In order to circumvent this problem, and until more information on species accumulates, we reduce the diversity of species to a diversity of functions and structures....”





Oikos1997: 67 atributos (14 regeneración)

LHS : Leaf-Height- Seed
Westoby 1998

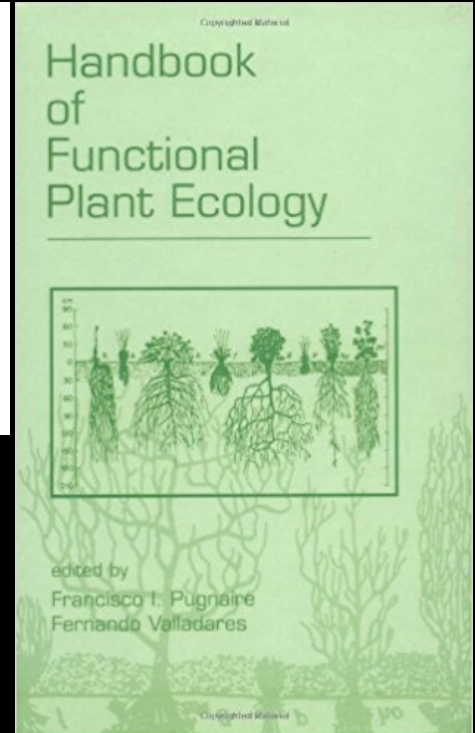


A handbook of protocols for standardised and easy measurement of plant functional traits worldwide

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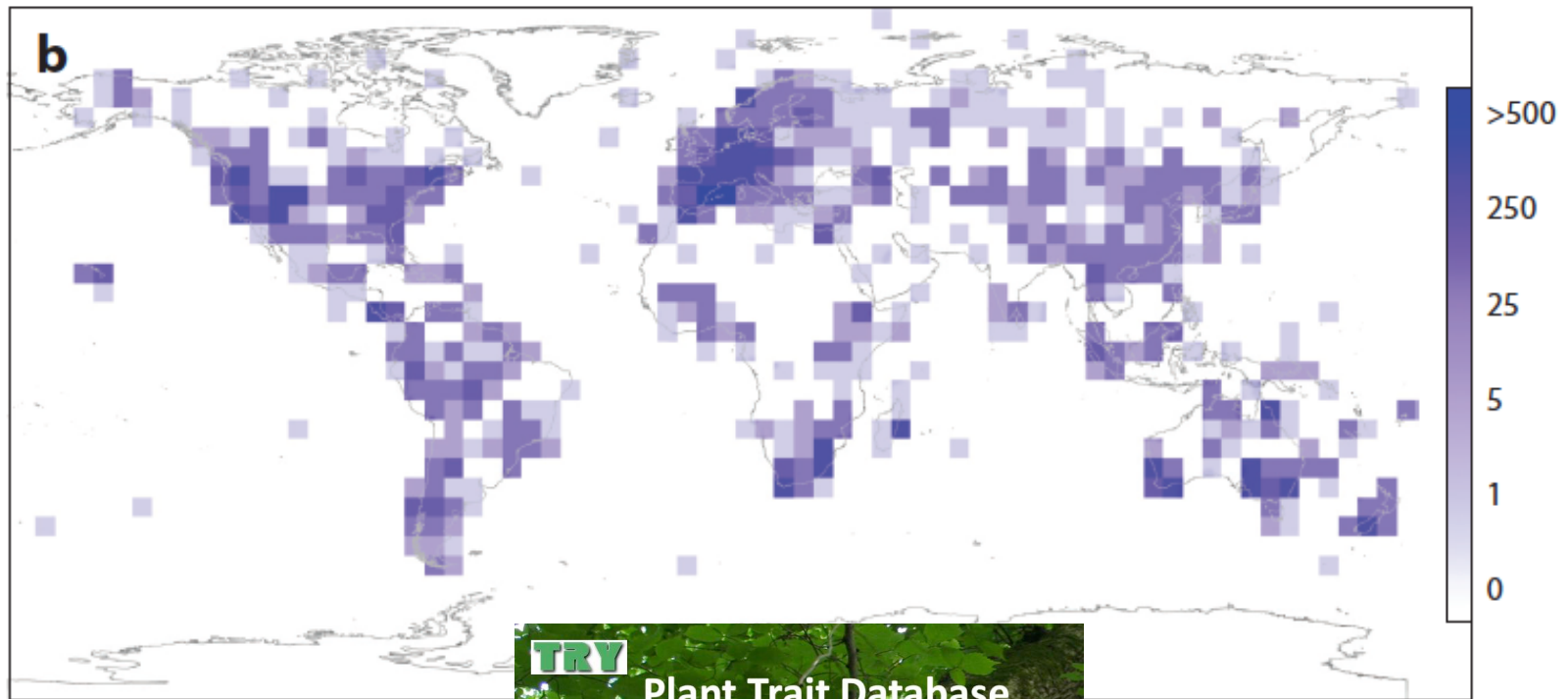
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Seven Shortfalls that Beset Large-Scale Knowledge of Biodiversity

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Functional traits

Characteristics of an organisms that affect its fitness
(and effects on the ecosystems) [Violle et al. 2007]



Eric Garnier



Simple trait 1
Simple trait 2
Simple trait 3
Simple trait 4
Simple trait 5
Simple trait X

Competition
Nutrient acquisit.
Fecundity
Recruitment
Life cycle
Tolerance to x&y

Growth/biomass

Reproduction

Survival

Fitness



Easy to measure

Difficult to measure



More precise

Easy to measure

Functions

Fecundity
Dissemination
Establishment

Light interception
Competitive ability

Resource acquisition
Growth
Litter decomposition

Absorption (nutrients, water)
Carbon fluxes (exudation, etc.)
Below-ground competition



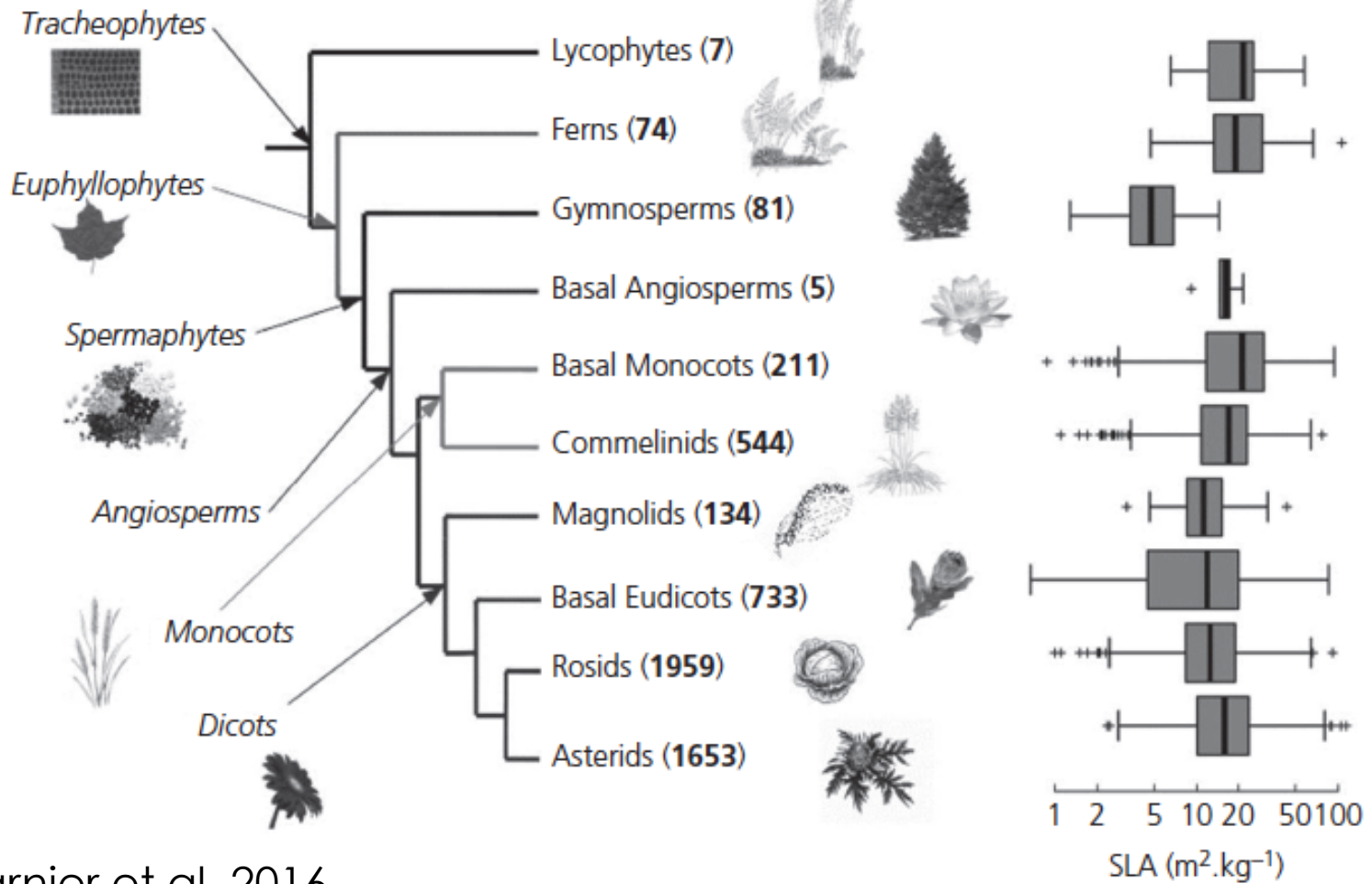
Functional markers

Seed mass
Reproductive height
Reproductive phenology

Vegetative height

Leaf size
Leaf morpho-anatomical structure
Leaf nutrient concentrations

Density of root tissues
Root diameter and length
Specific root area



Garnier et al. 2016



Astrophytum asterais

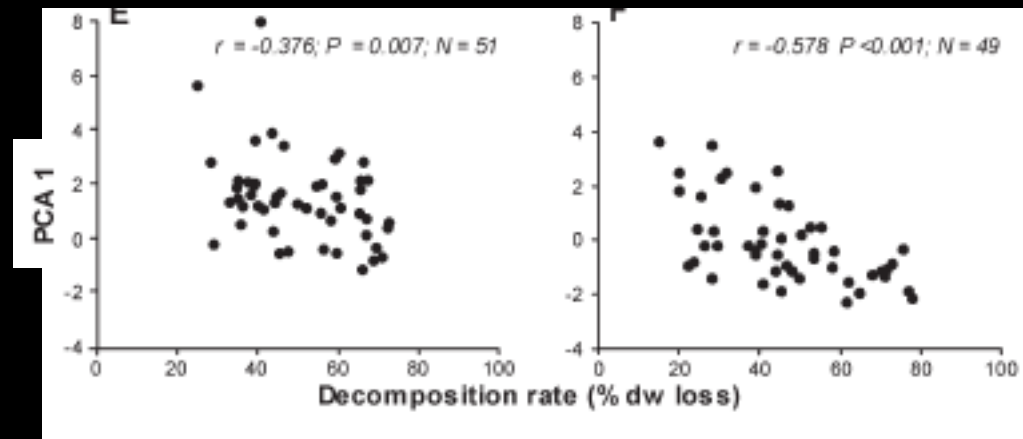
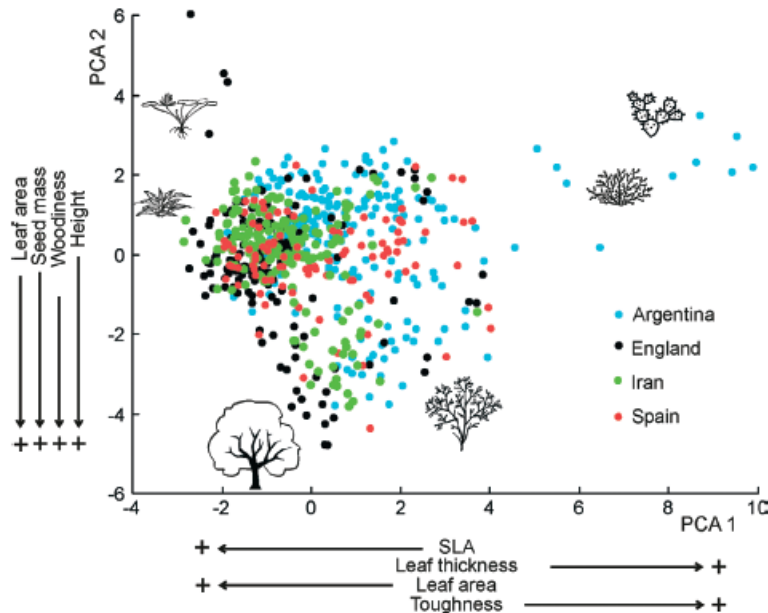
Euphorbia obesa



The plant traits that drive ecosystems: Evidence from three continents

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...more authors



“Leaf economic spectrum”

Trade-offs between species cause effect on the ecosystems

“...to assess...biodiversity it is necessary...using taxonomy (such as the number of species), **functional traits**....”



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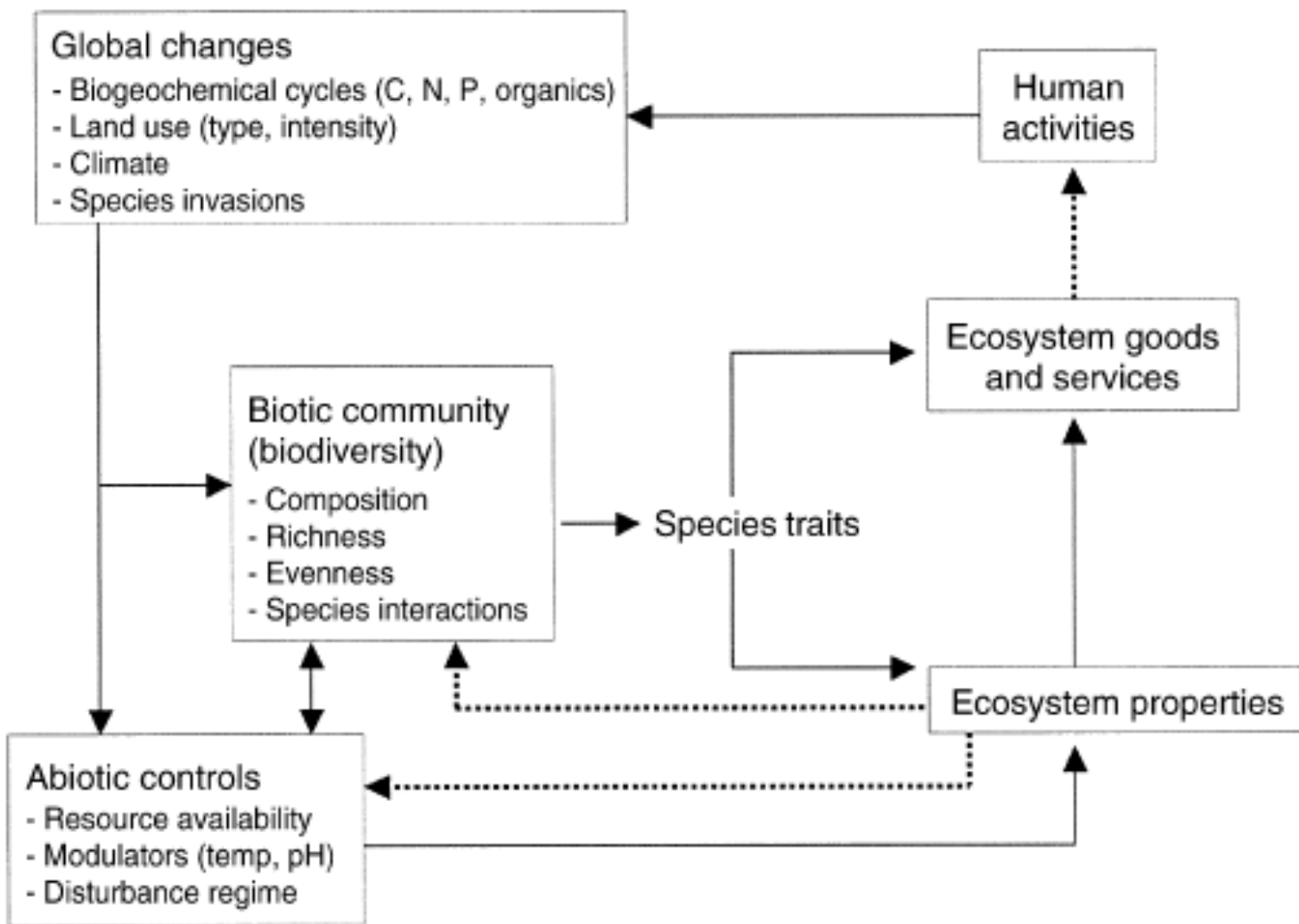
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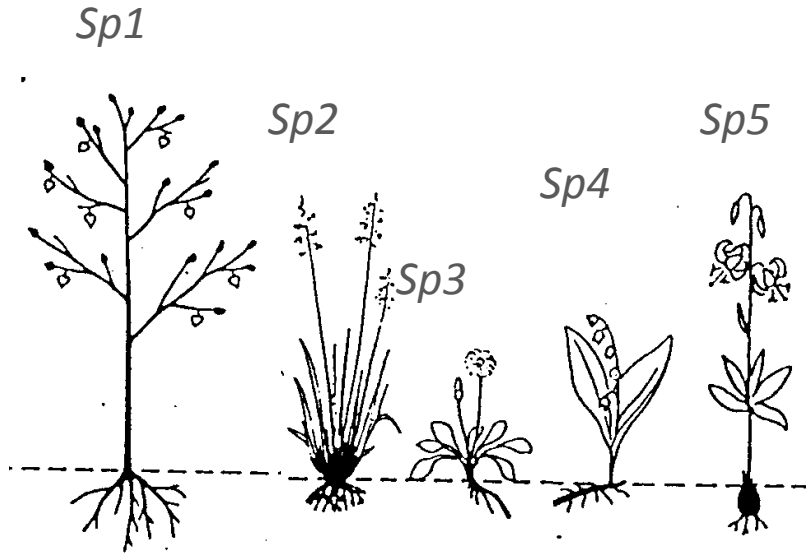
1) Species' functional characteristics strongly influence ecosystem properties.

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Functional traits

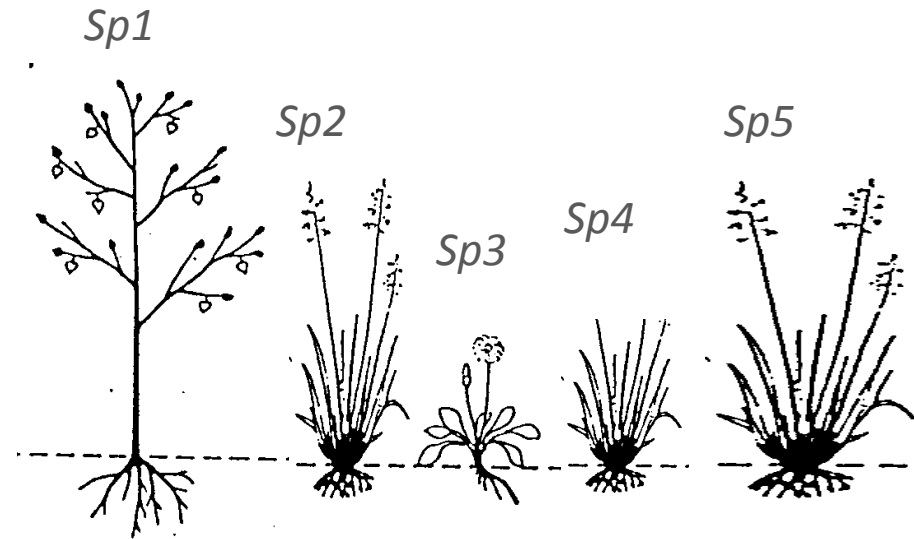


Community 1



5 taxonomically different species

Community 2



5 taxonomically different species

Who is more diverse???



Incorporating plant functional diversity effects in ecosystem service assessments

2007

Sandra Díaz^{*†}, Sandra Lavorel[‡], Francesco de Bello[‡], Fabien Quétier^{**‡}, Karl Grigulis[‡], and T. Matthew Robson^{‡§}



Cozzarelli prize PNAS
ESA Sustainability Science Award

Ecology of
differences

The biodiversity revolution

Ecologists are increasingly looking at traits – rather than species – to measure the health of ecosystems.

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What do you see in this photo?



Ecología de las diferencias

Taxa or types?



Ecology of differences



Plant strategies:
Historic introduction

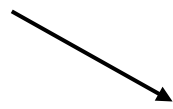
Present state

Future developments

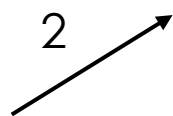


Climate

1



2



Landuse

Change in functional traits

3



Ecosystem functions

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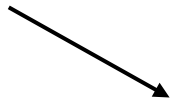
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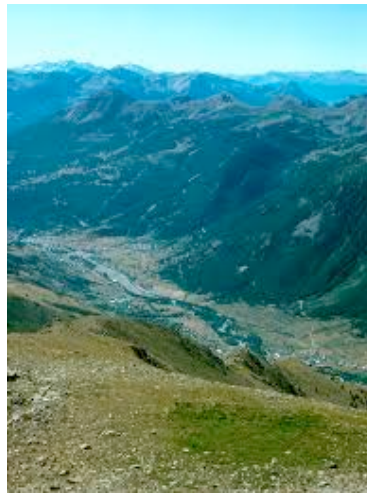
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**Change in
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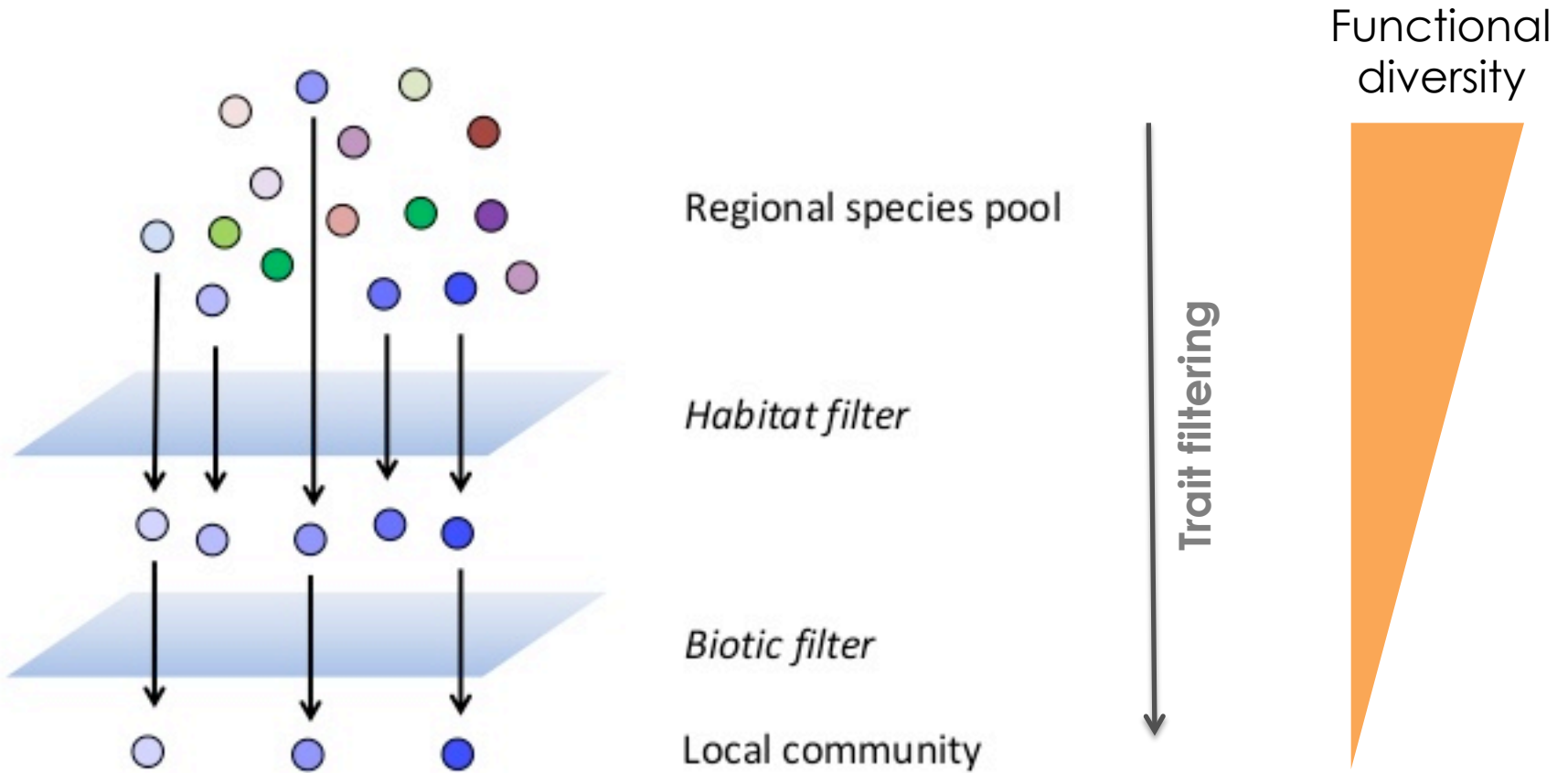


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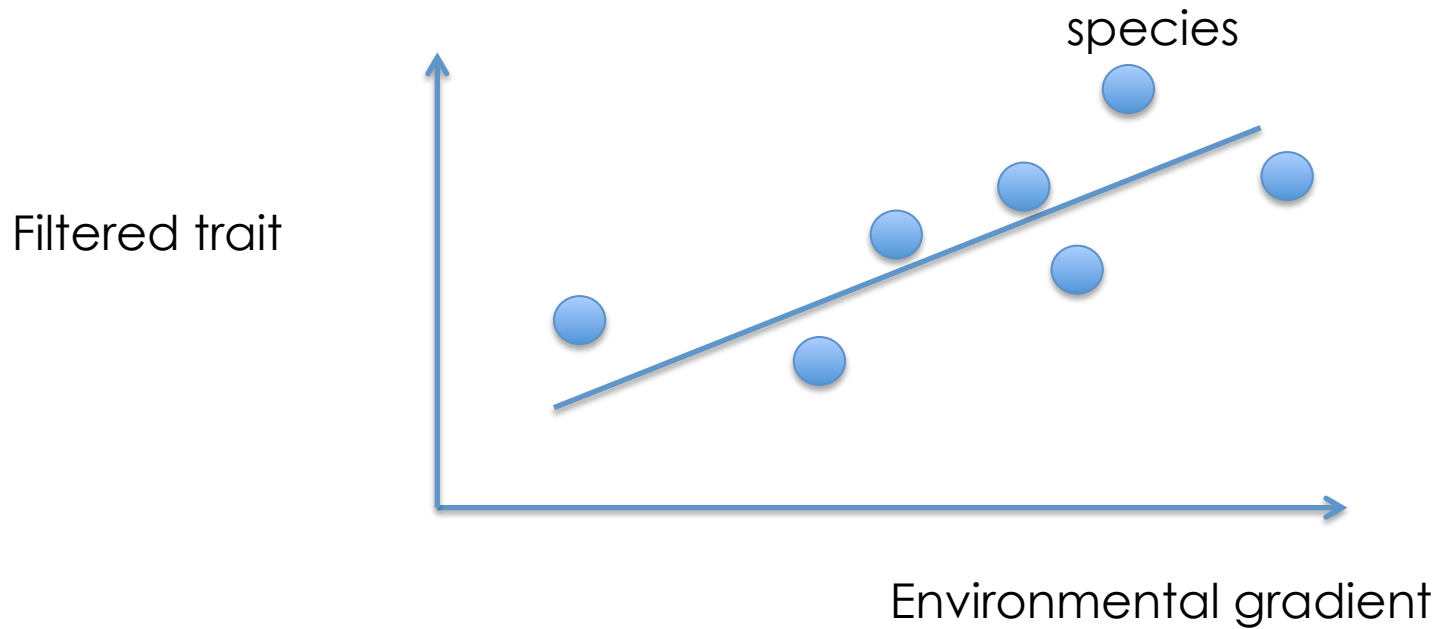


Community assembly

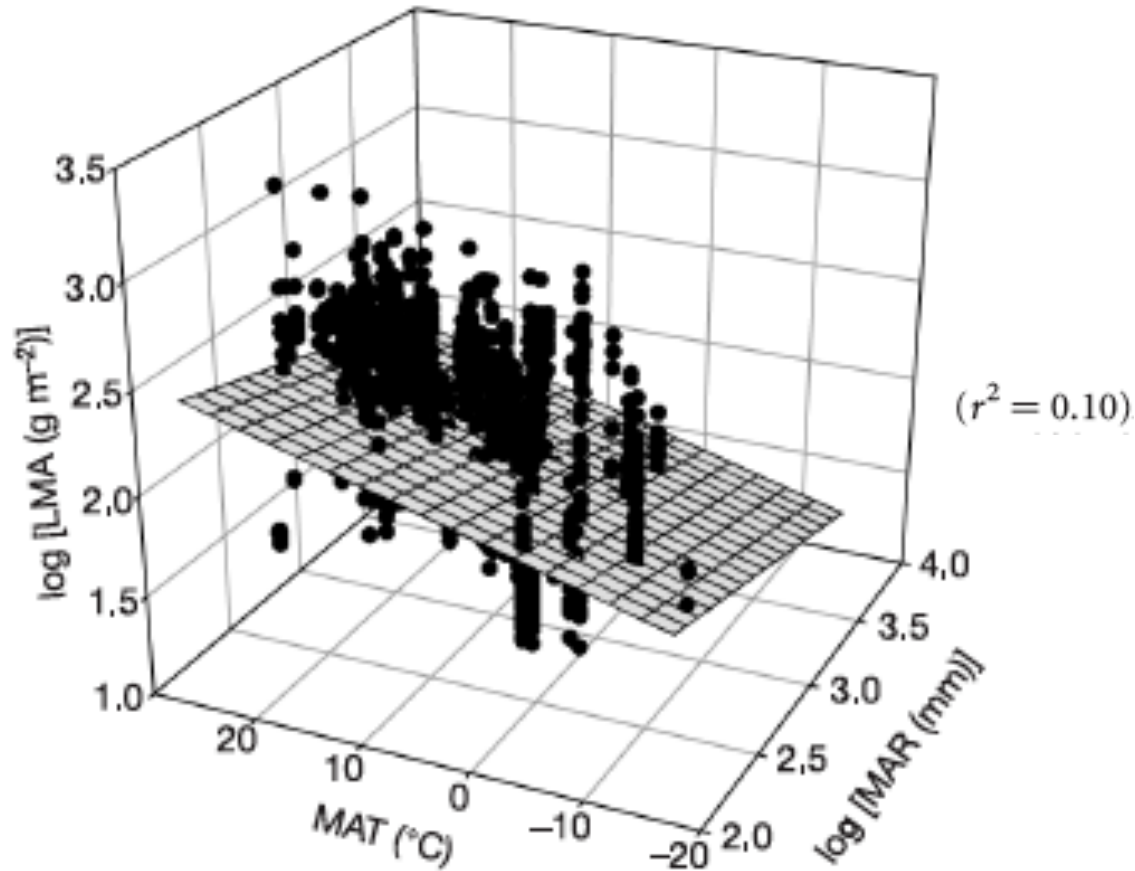
The filter concept



hypothesis



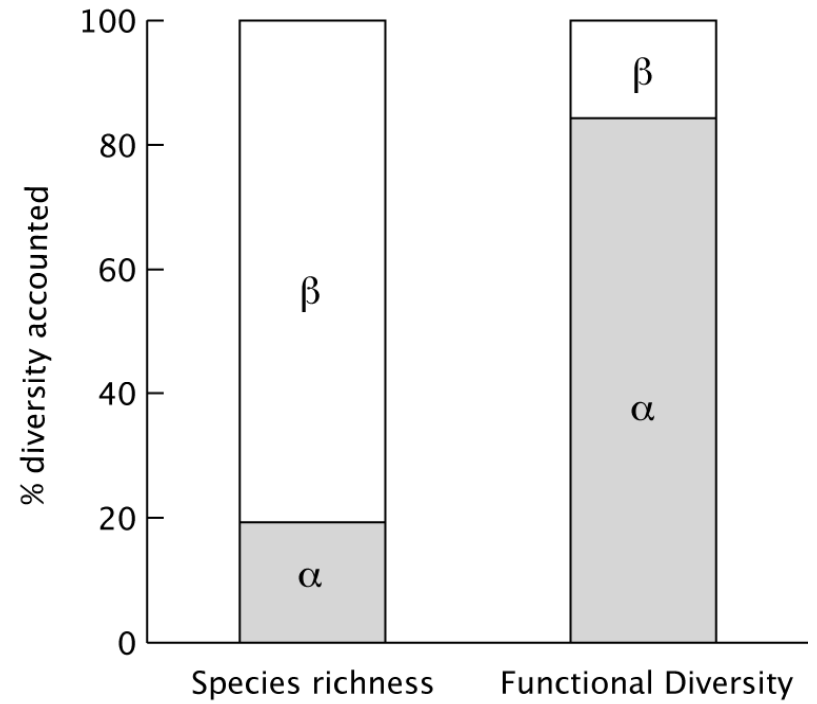
Well...not really!



LMA=1/SLA

“much of the total leaf variation occurs among coexisting species”

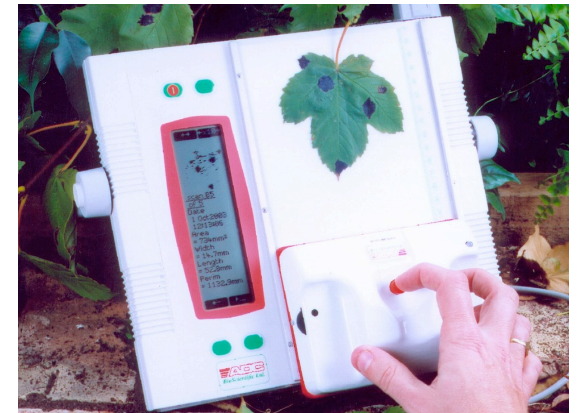
Wright et al. 2004 Nature

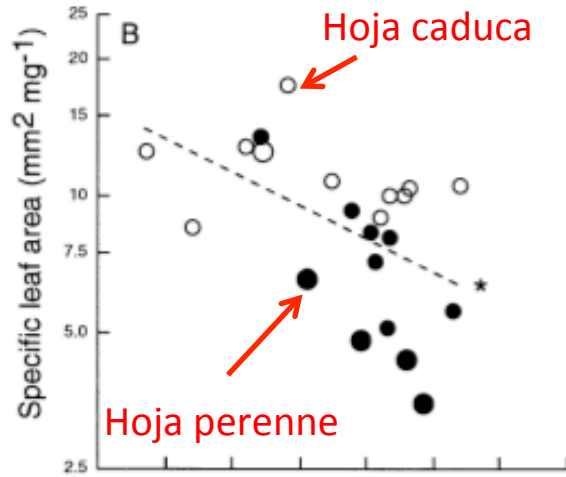


60 plots



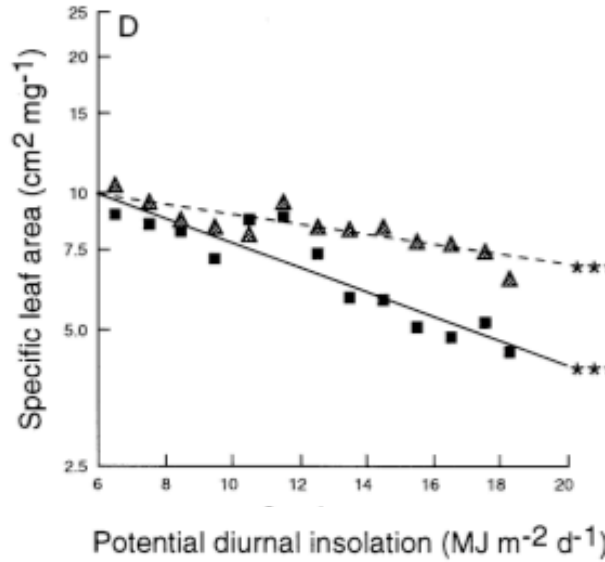
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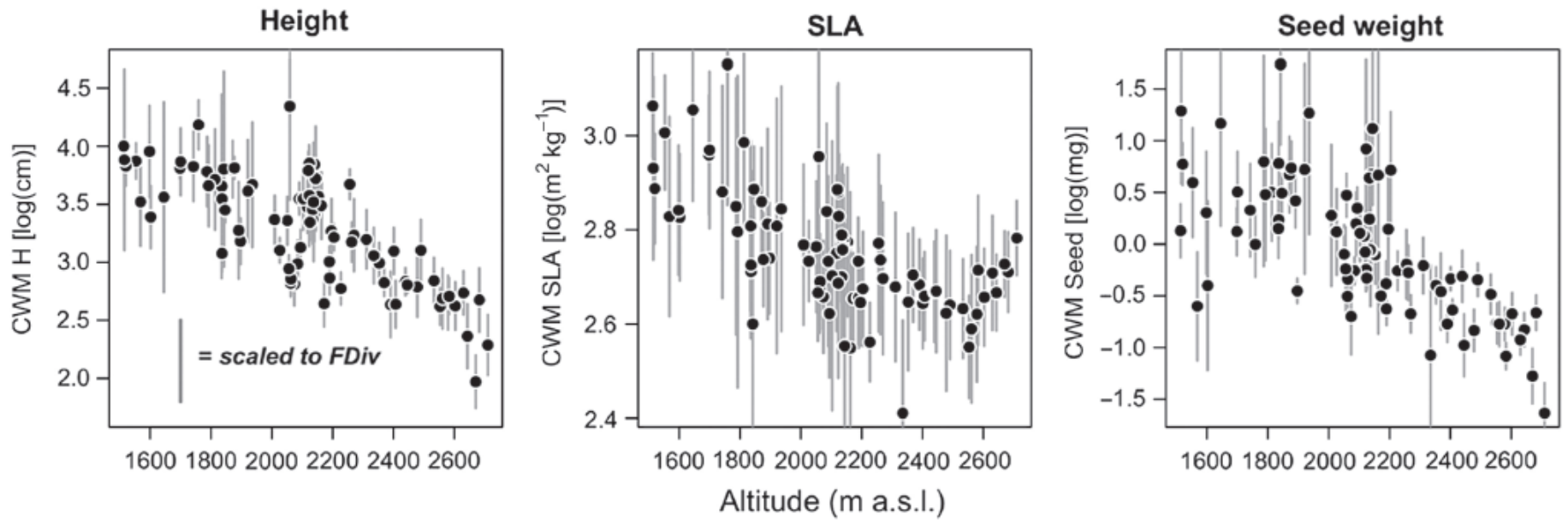
Species levels
(each point is a species)

The functional changes along gradients can be shown mostly from the trait of the dominant species



Community level
(each point is a community)

Normal mean
Weighted mean (CWM)



de Bello et al. *Ecography* 2013

Coordinated changes in the traits of the dominant species



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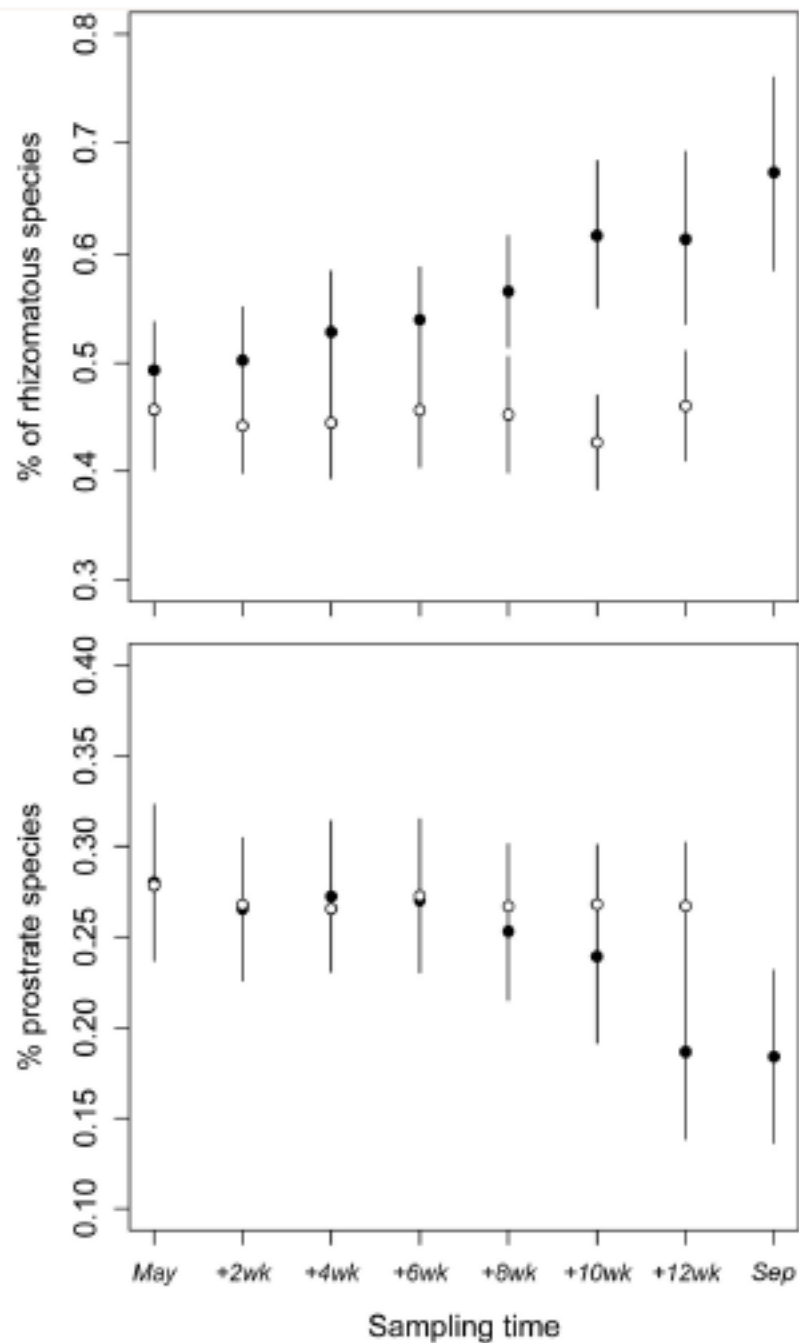
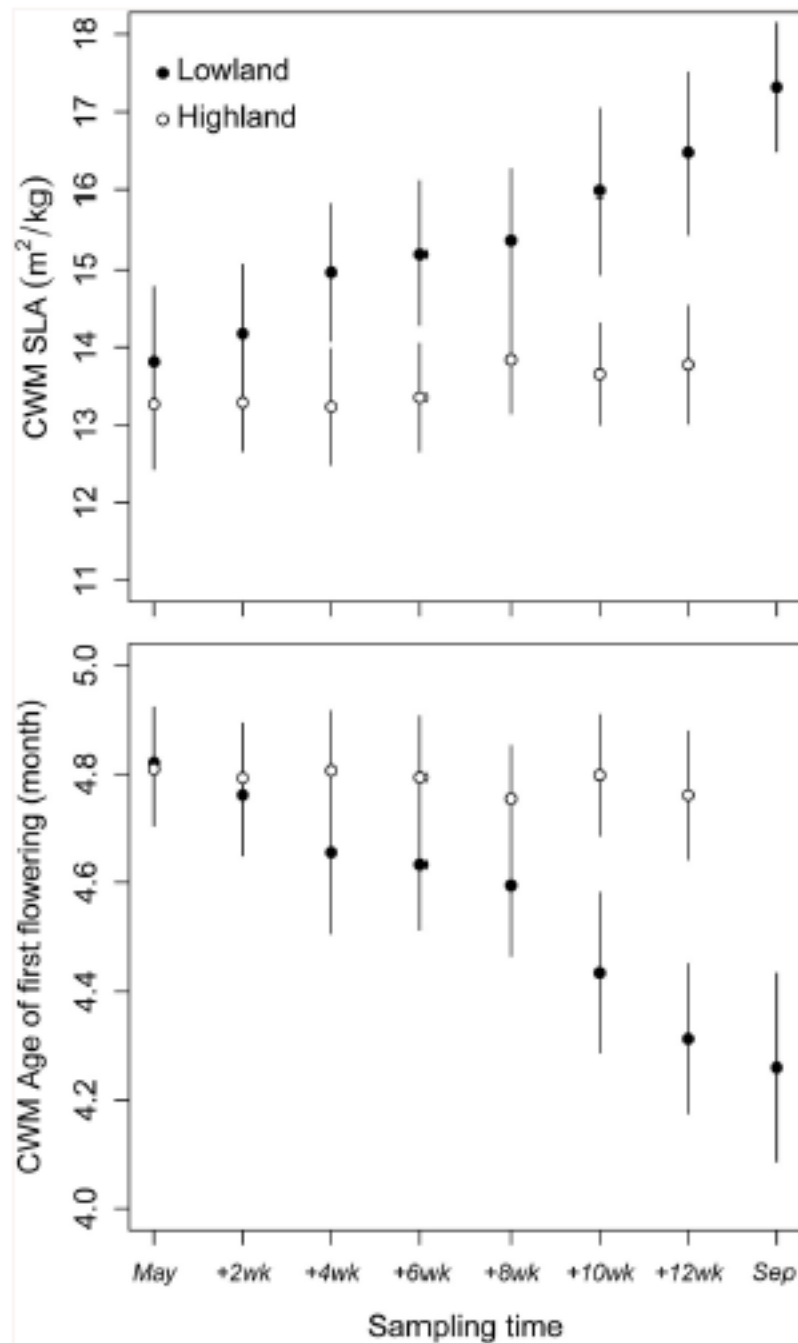
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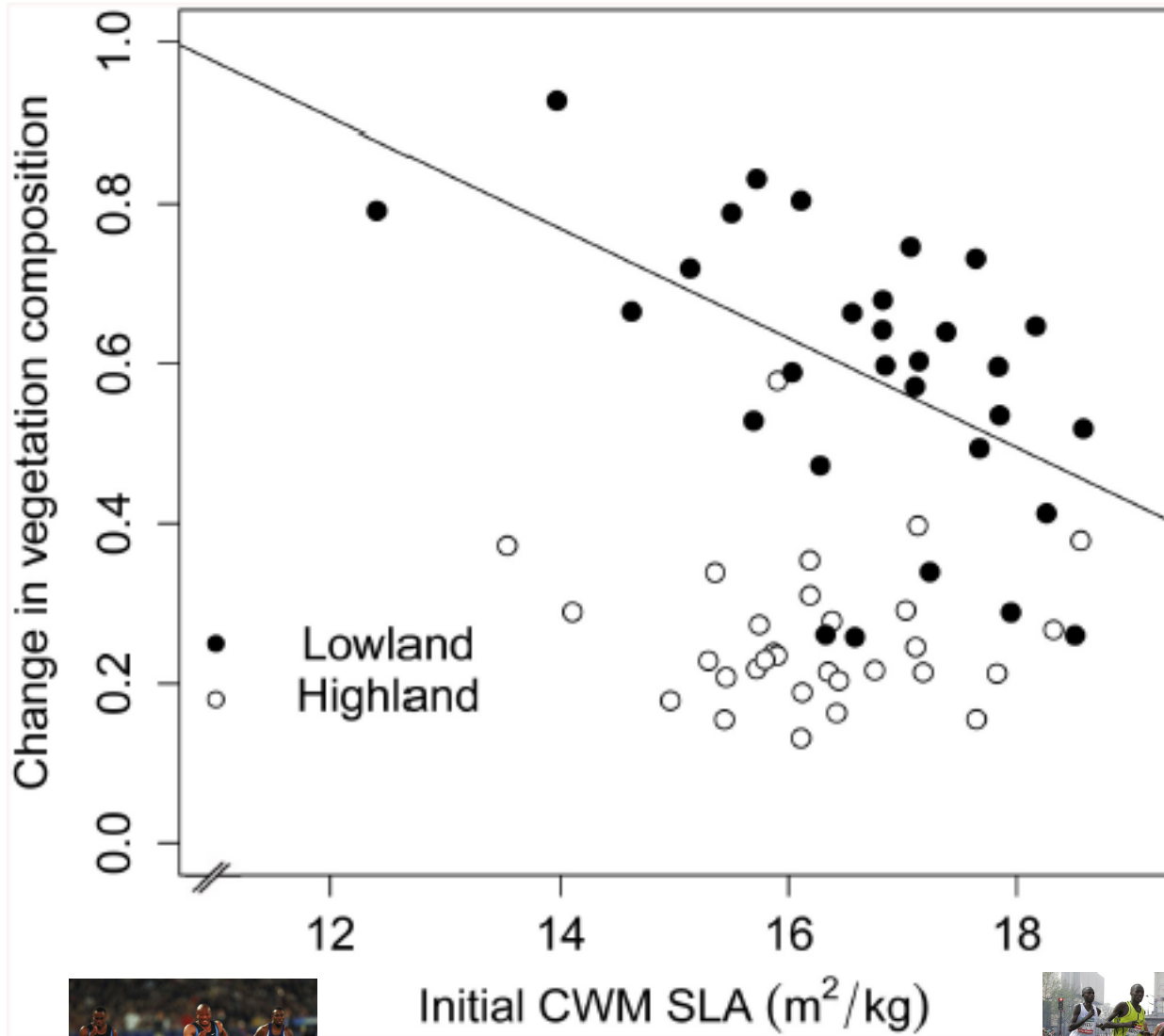
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Less stable

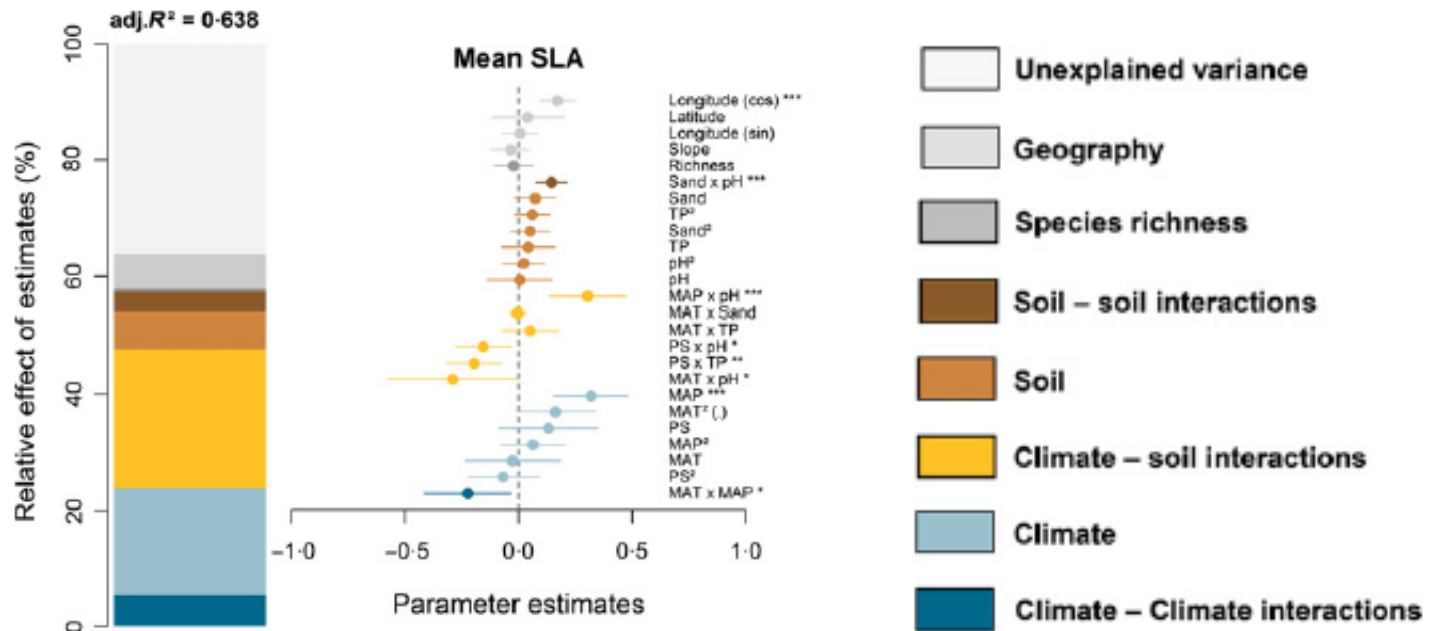


More stable



Testing the environmental filtering concept in global drylands

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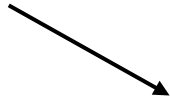
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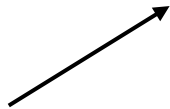
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Climate



Landuse



**Change in
functional traits**



Ecosystem functions



Predictive value of plant traits to grazing along a climatic gradient in the Mediterranean

FRANCESCO DE BELLO,* JAN LEPŠ† and MARIA-TERESA SEBASTIÀ*‡

Predictions change depending on the climatic region



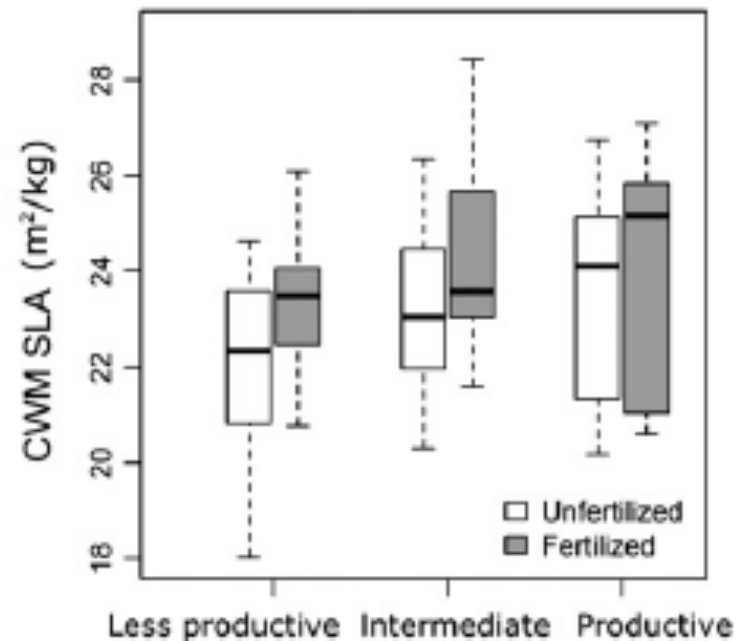
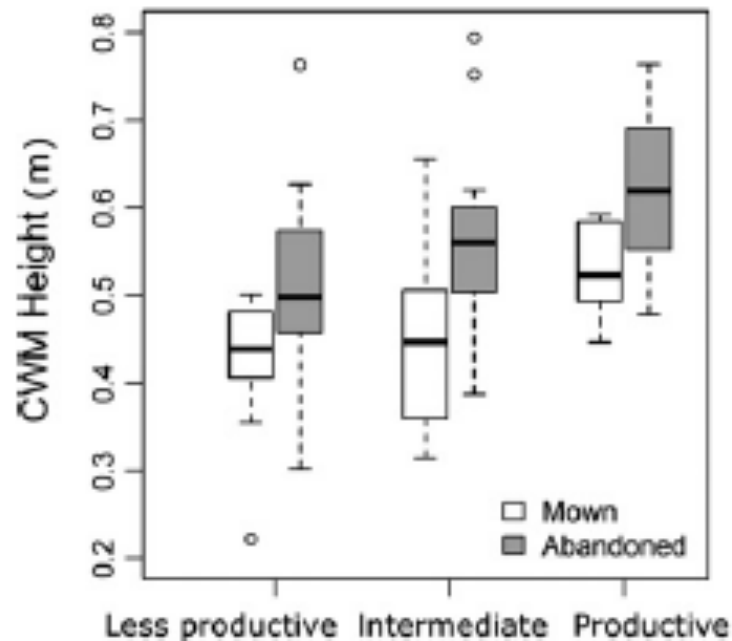


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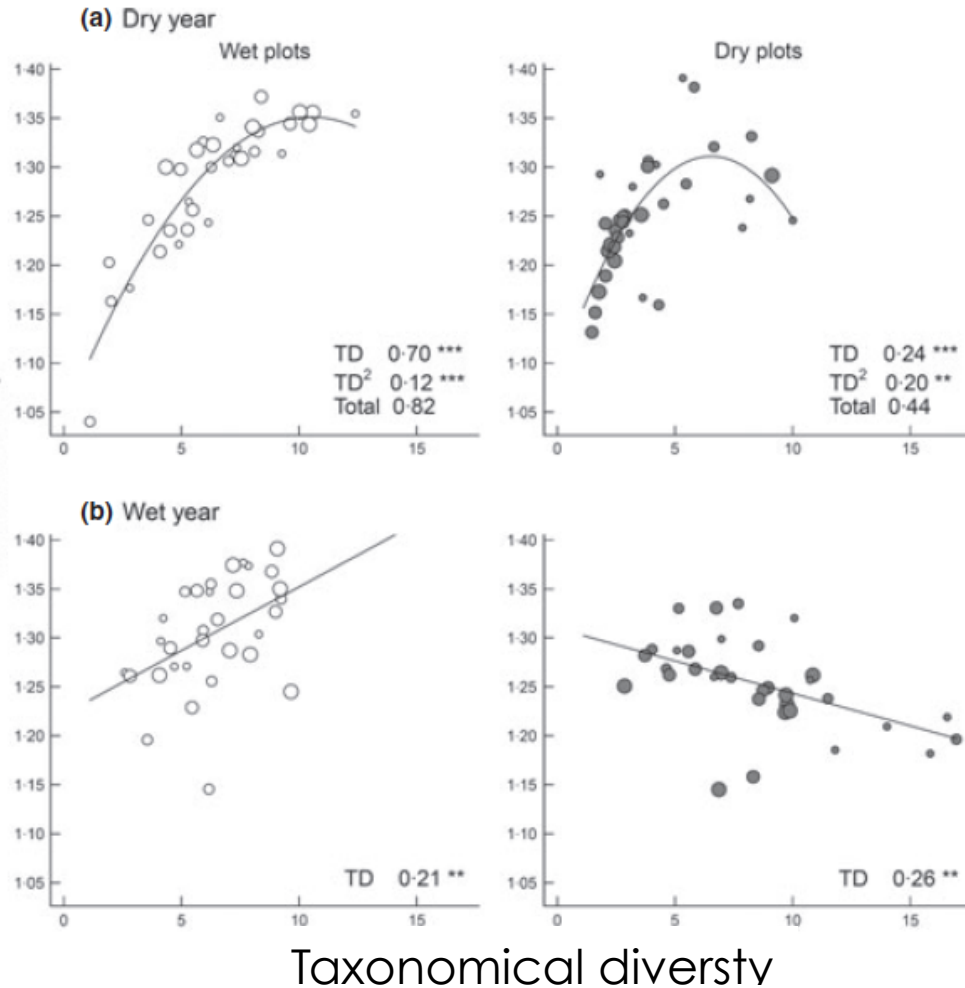
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But within a region the predictions are more consistent



Functional diversity



Taxonomical and functional diversity are often not related



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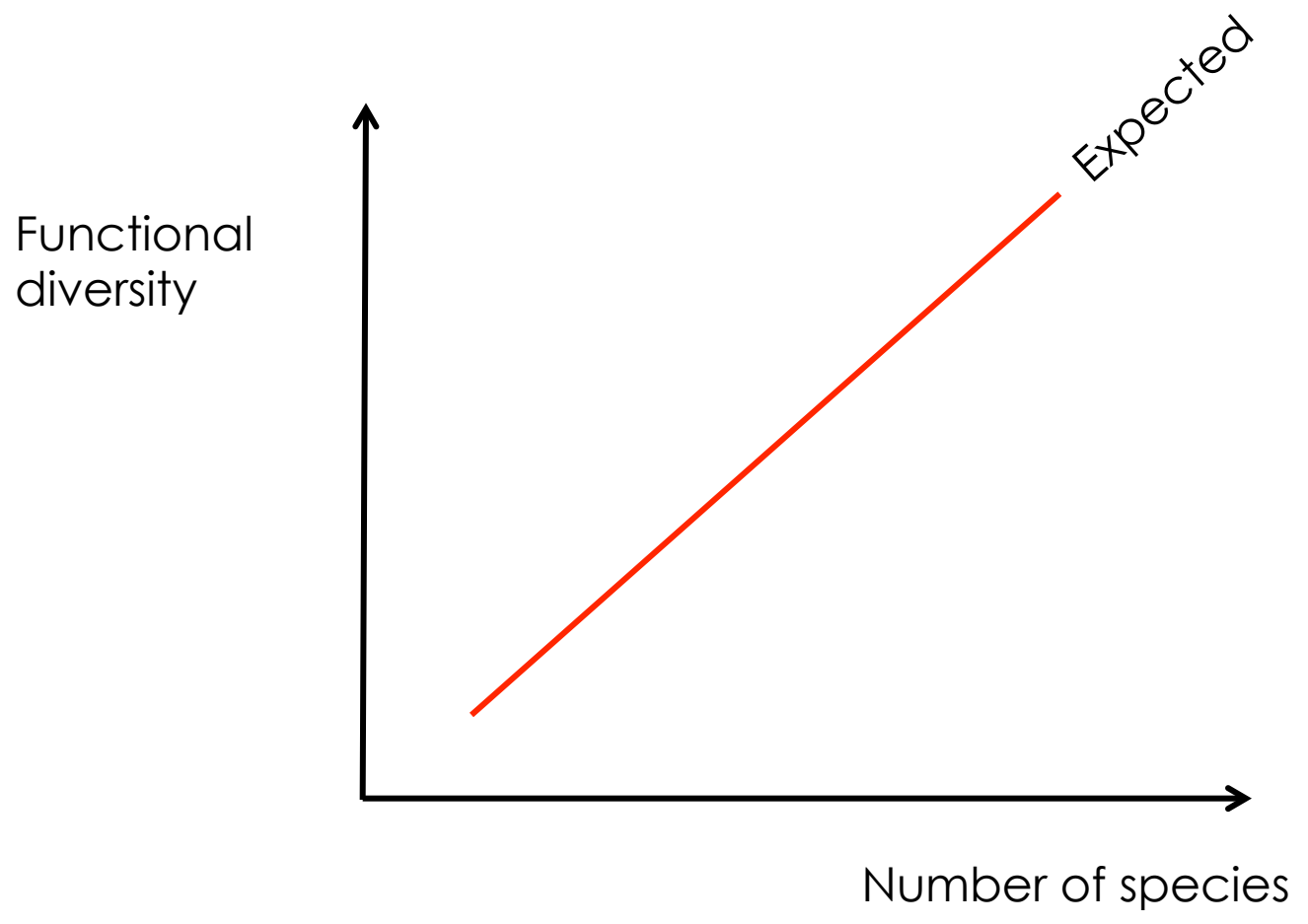
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Hypothesis:
> species, > diversity of traits, > functioning of the ecosystems

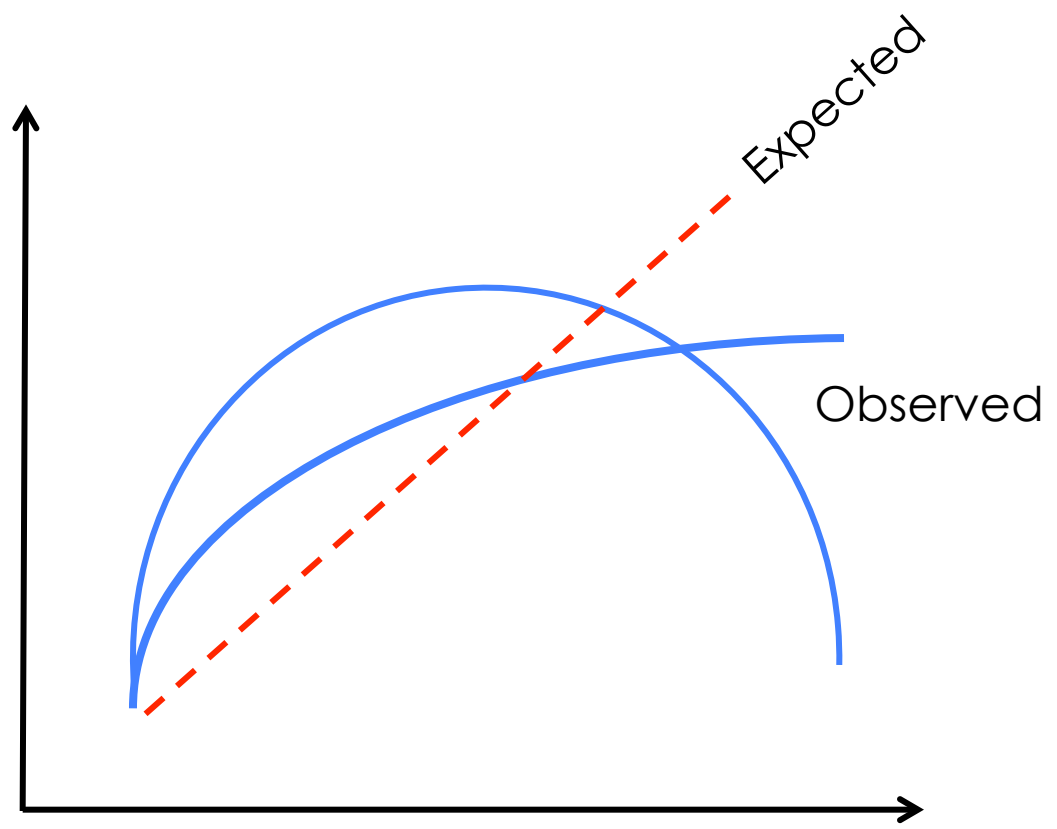


Results

The functional and taxonomical diversity vary often differently

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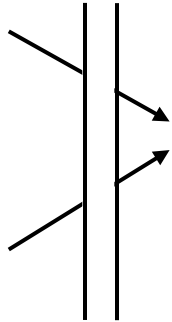
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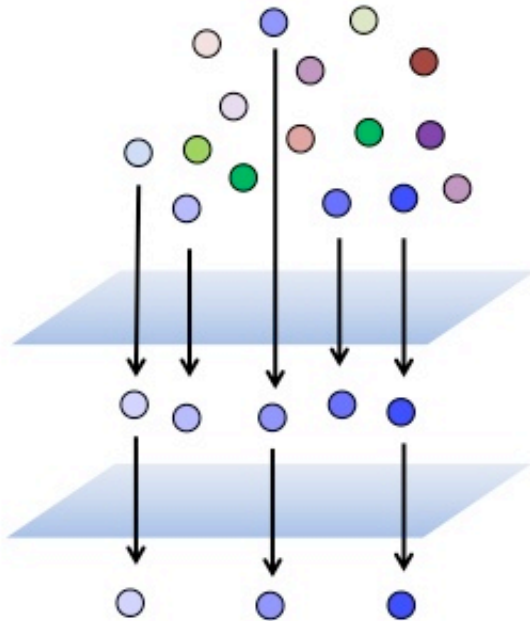
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Change in functional traits



Ecosystem functions



Regional species pool

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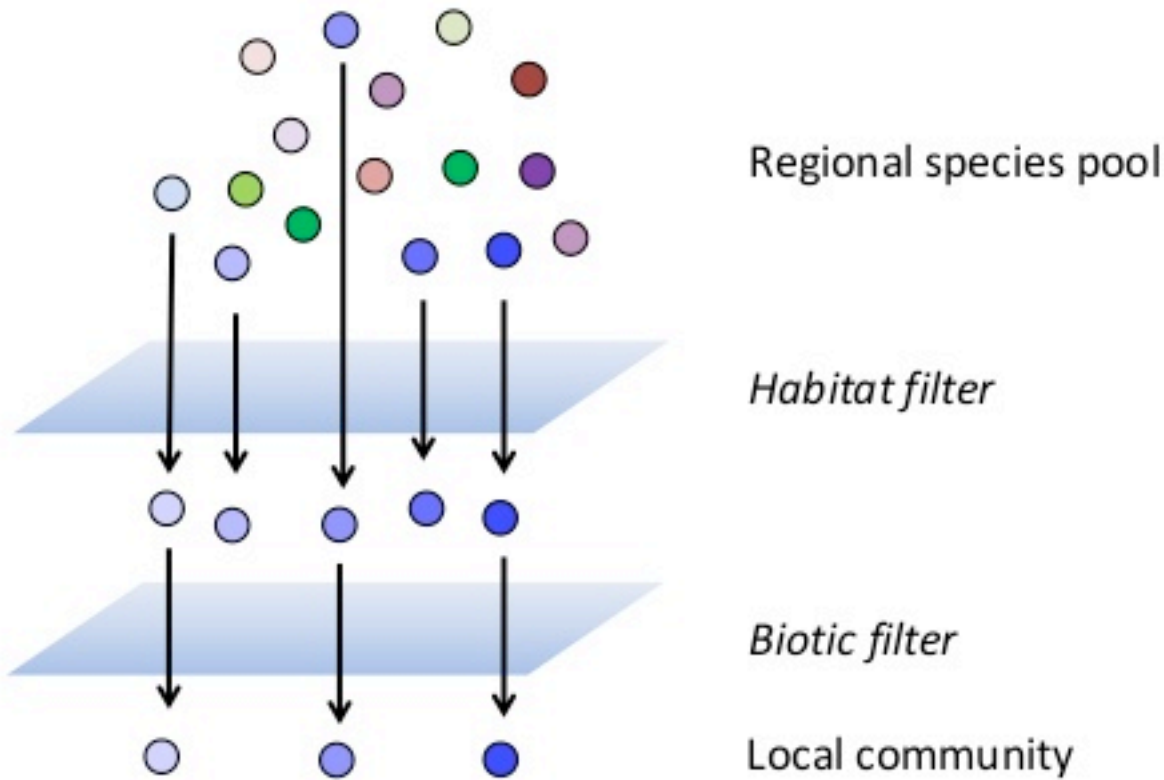
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Community assembly

The filter concept



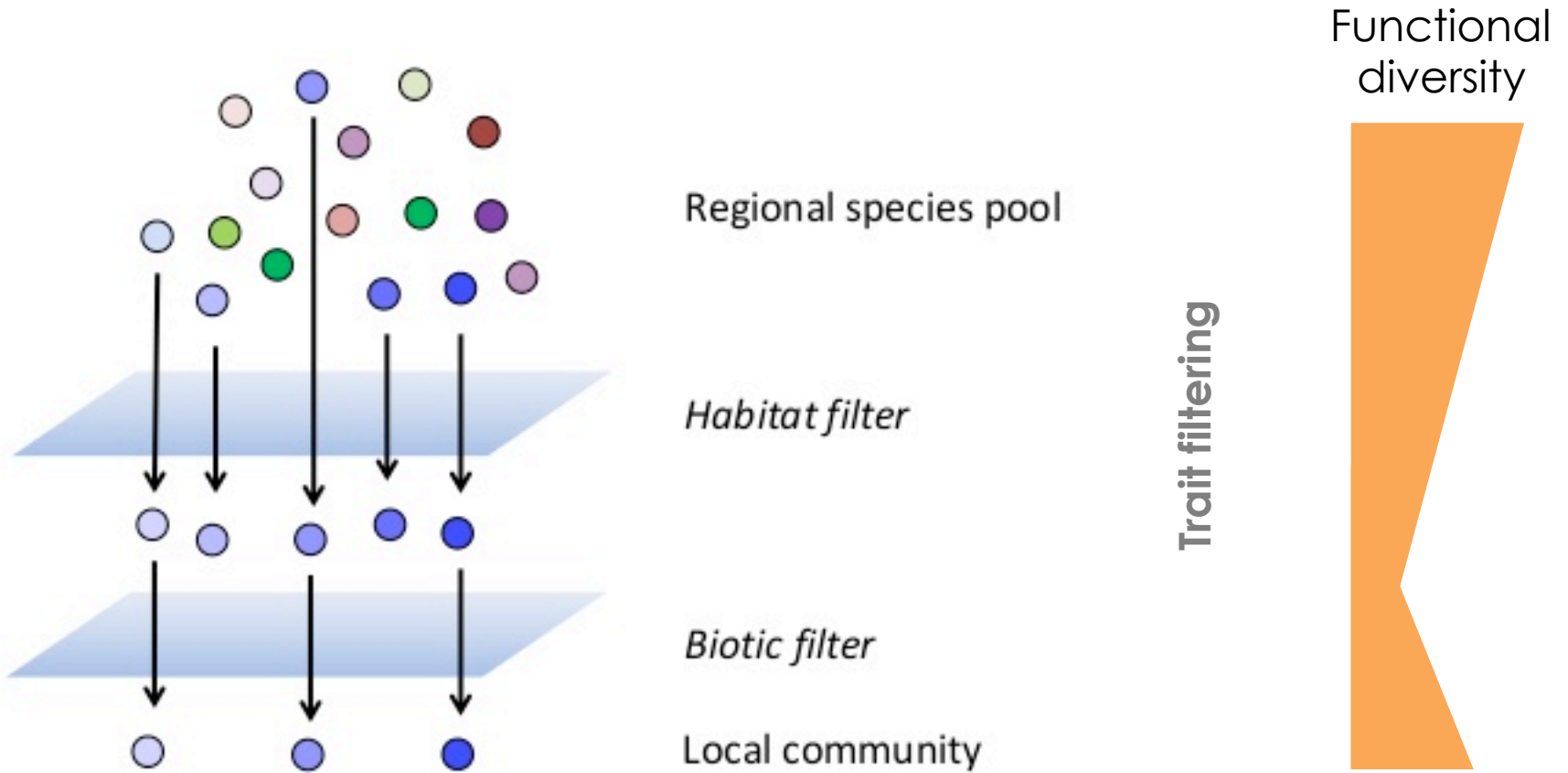
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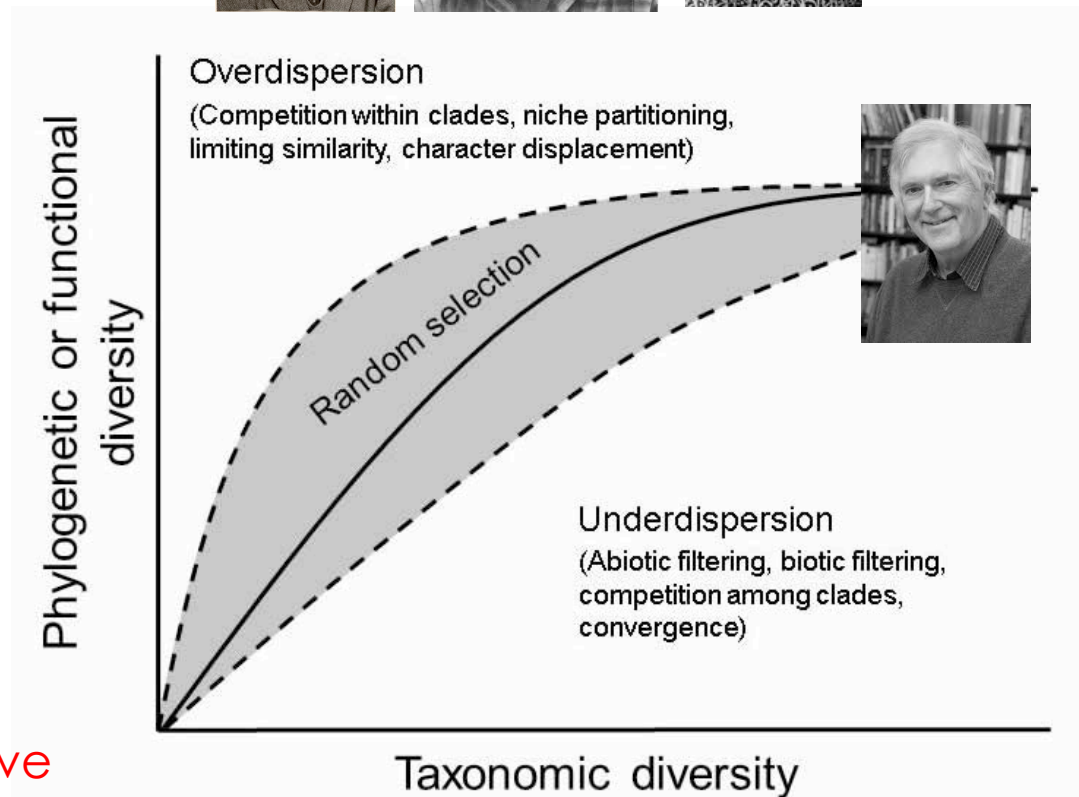
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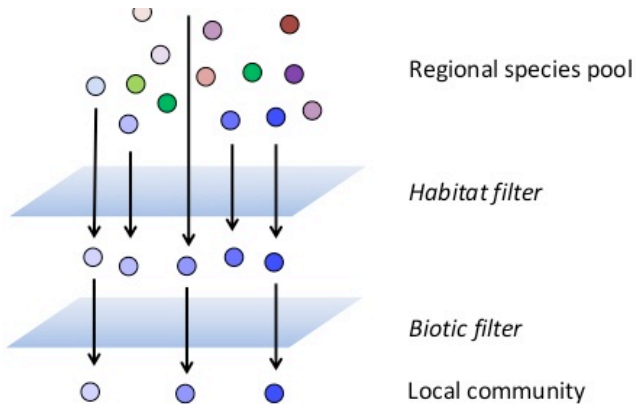


S. Hubbel
Neutral theory**



**species have
the same fitness

Community assembly analysis



Problems with the analyses using
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Global Ecology and Biogeography, (Global Ecol. Biogeogr.) (2012) 21, 312–317

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**The quest for trait convergence and
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Community assembly analysis

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Cambridge
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Functional species pool framework to test for biotic effects on community assembly

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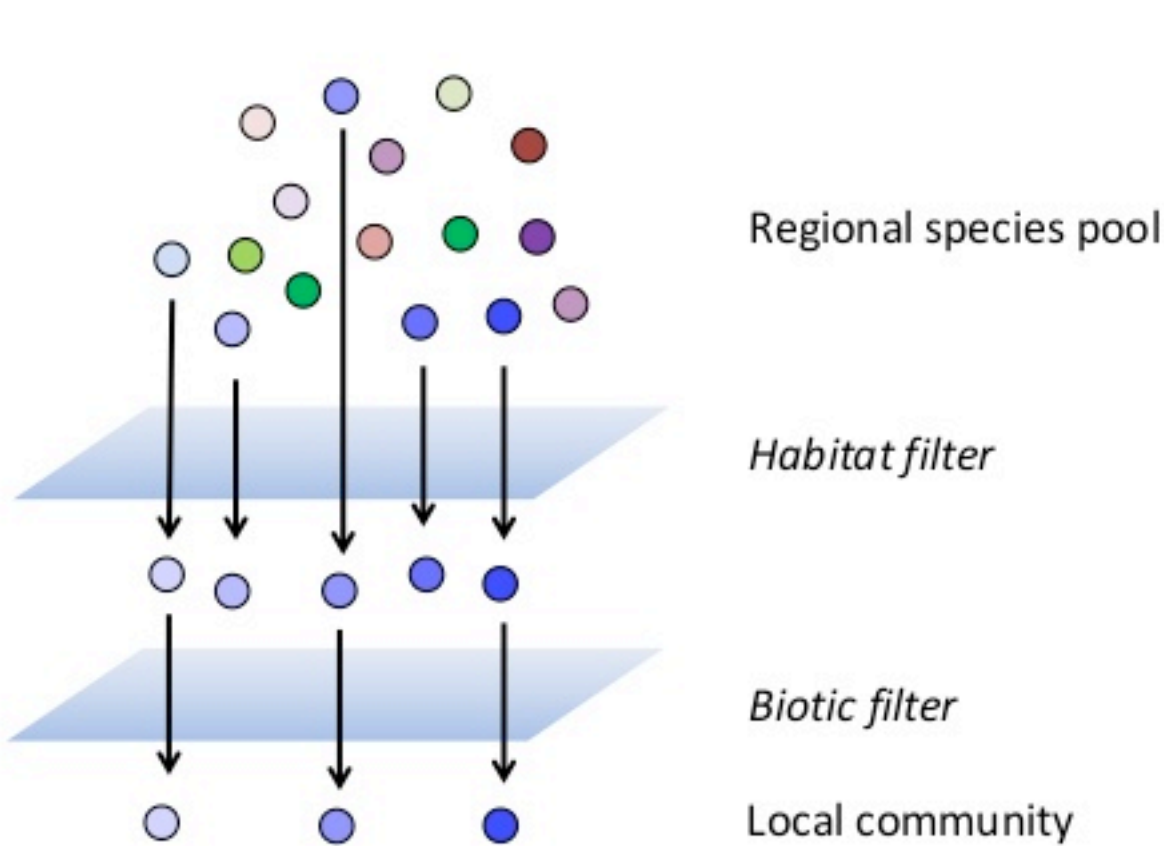
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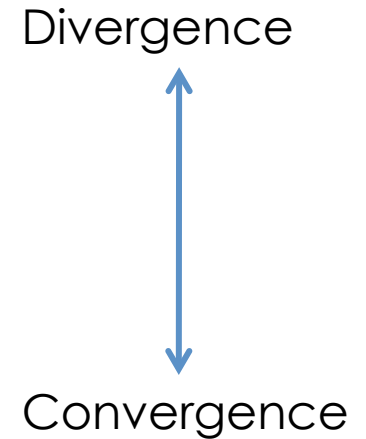
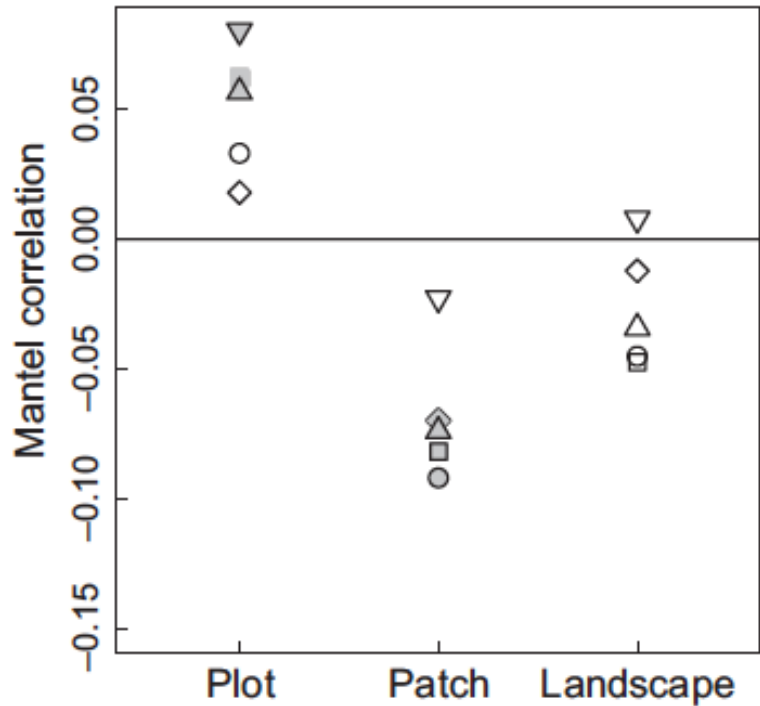
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A matter of scales



$P < 0.05$ NS

- △ All traits
- ▽ Phylogeny
- Leaf traits
- ◇ Lateral spread
- LDMC



Community assembly analysis

100 YEARS

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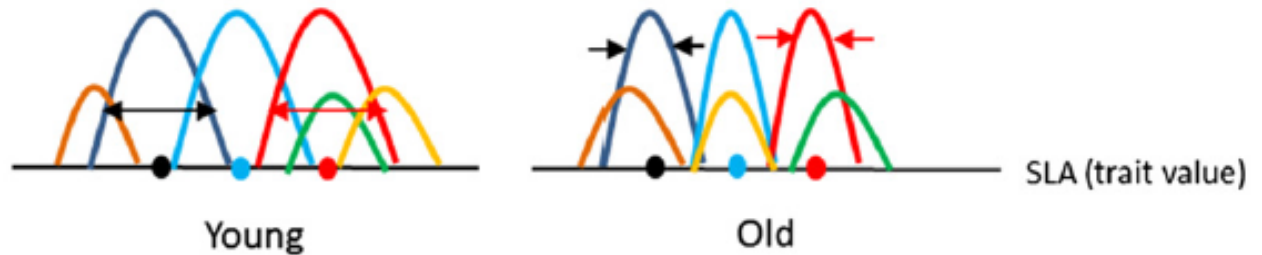
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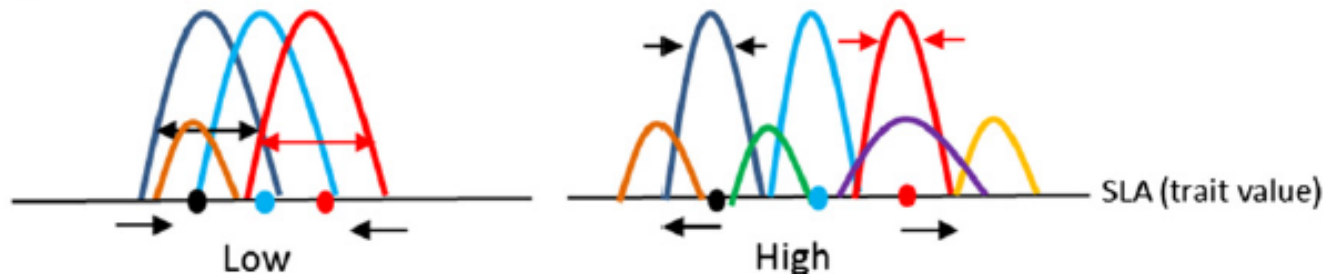
Considering Intra-specific data



Successional age



Species richness



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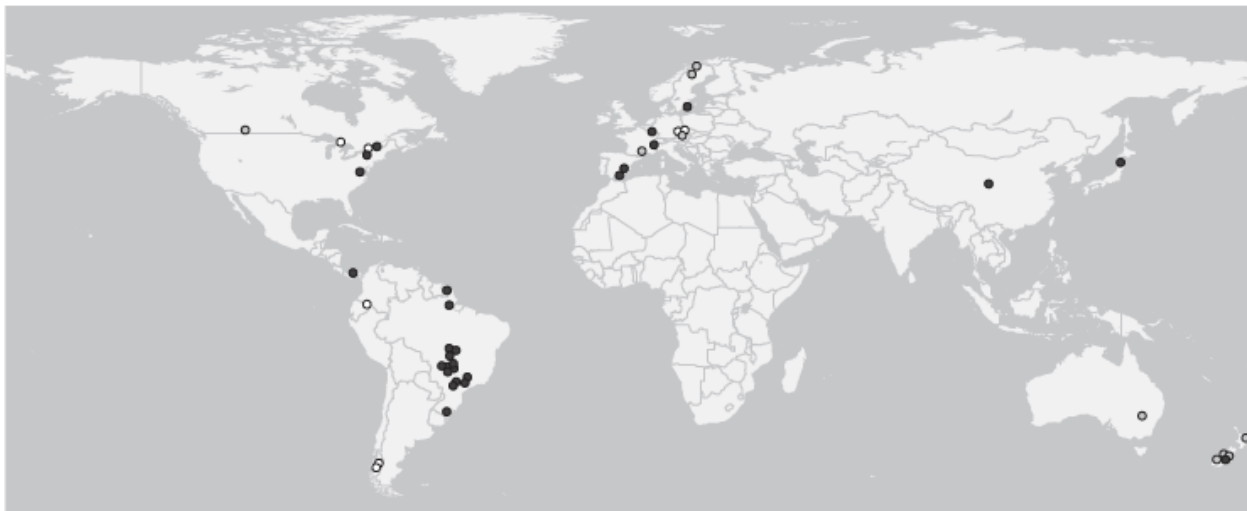
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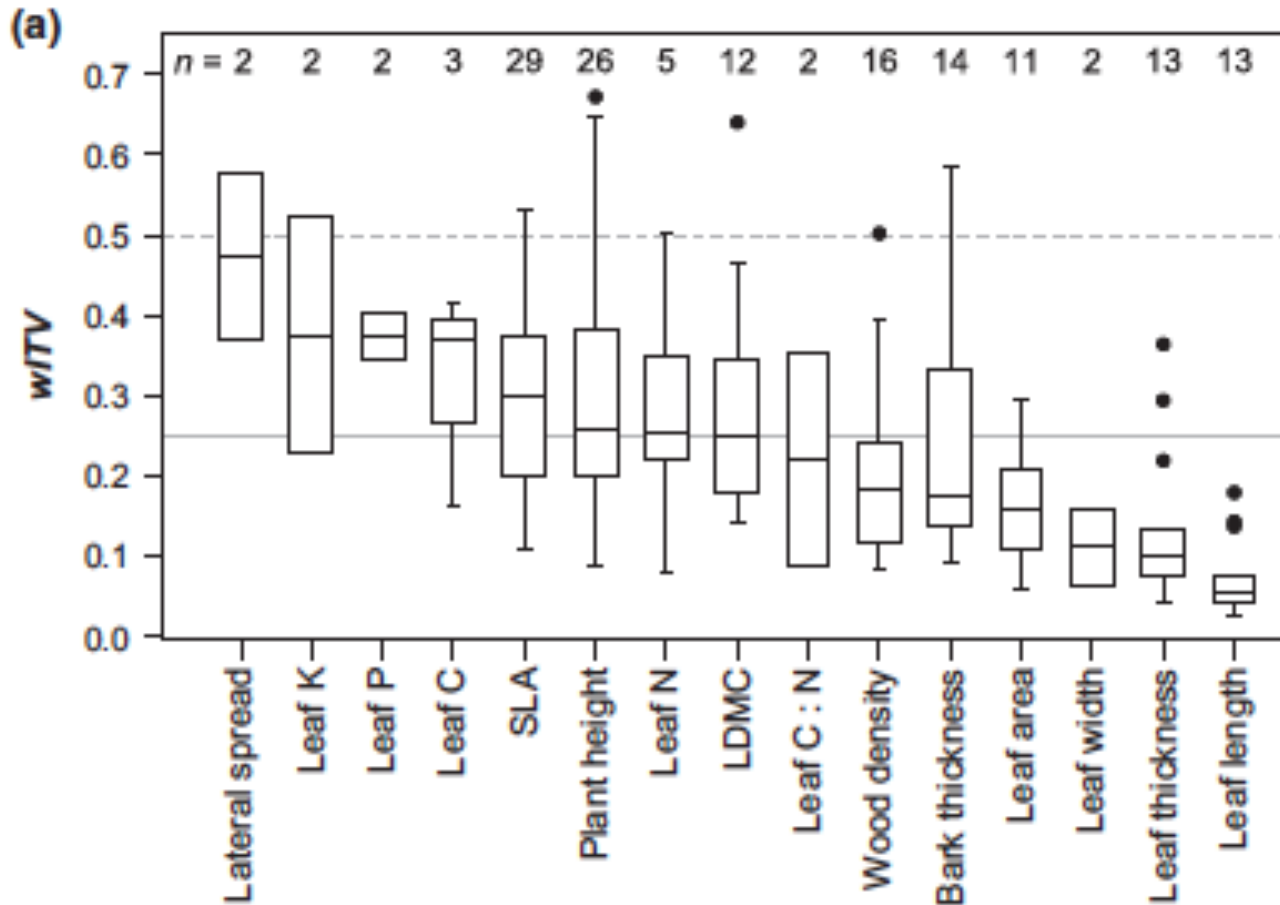
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**REVIEW AND
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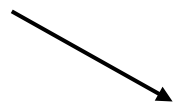
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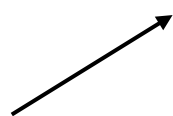
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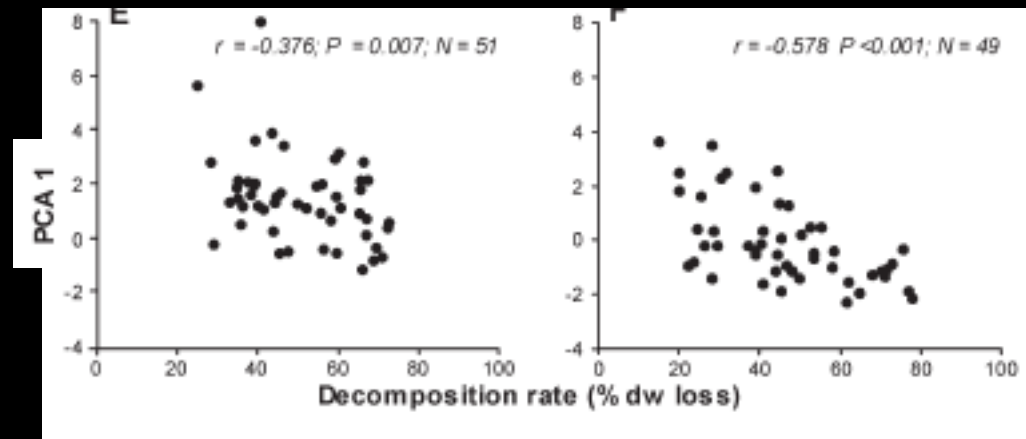
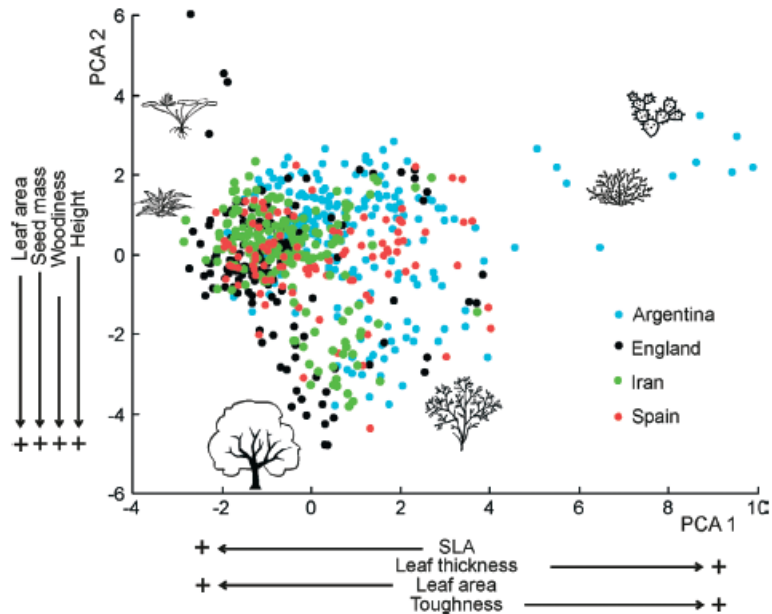


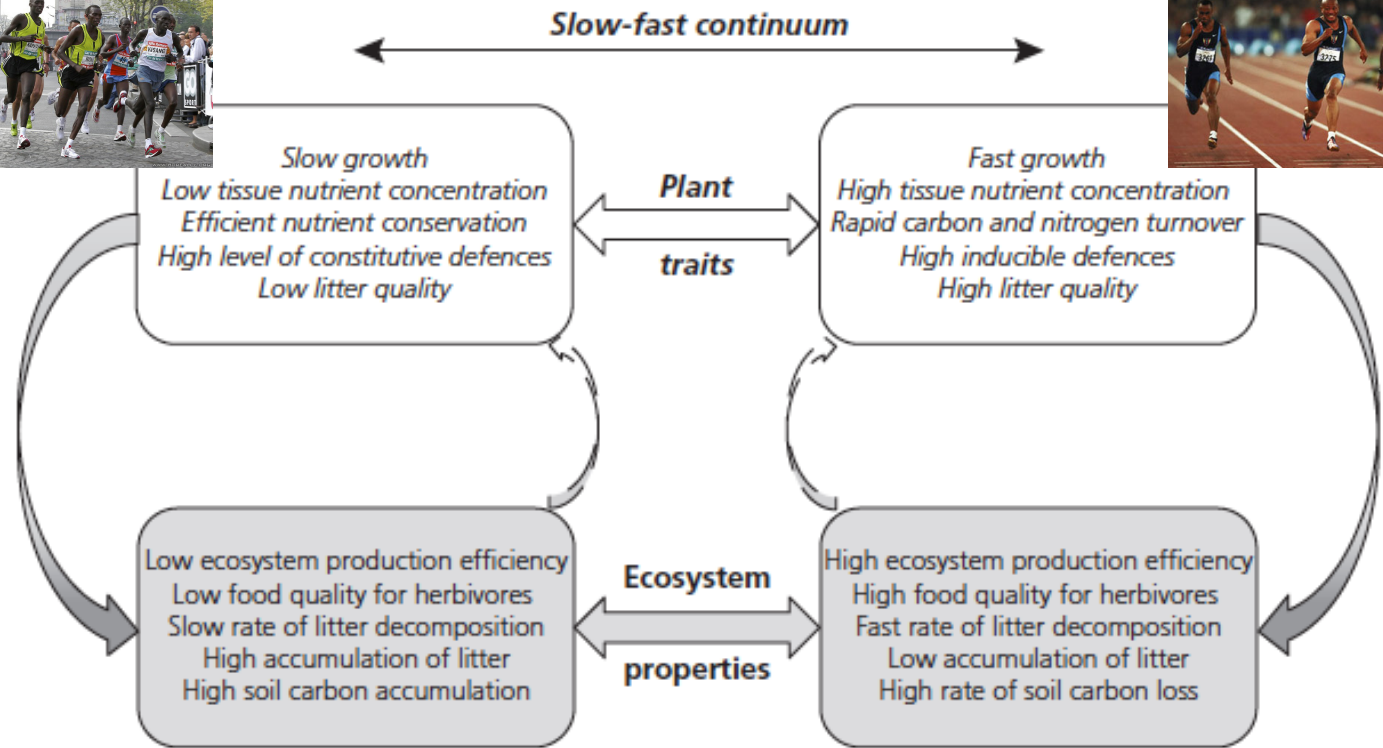
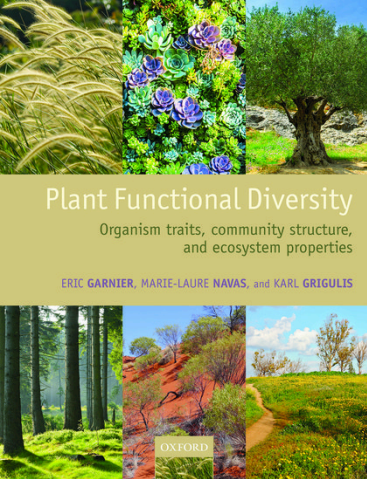
Ecosystem functions



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ORIGINAL PAPER

Syndromes of traits generate cascade of multiple combined effects on ecosystem functionality

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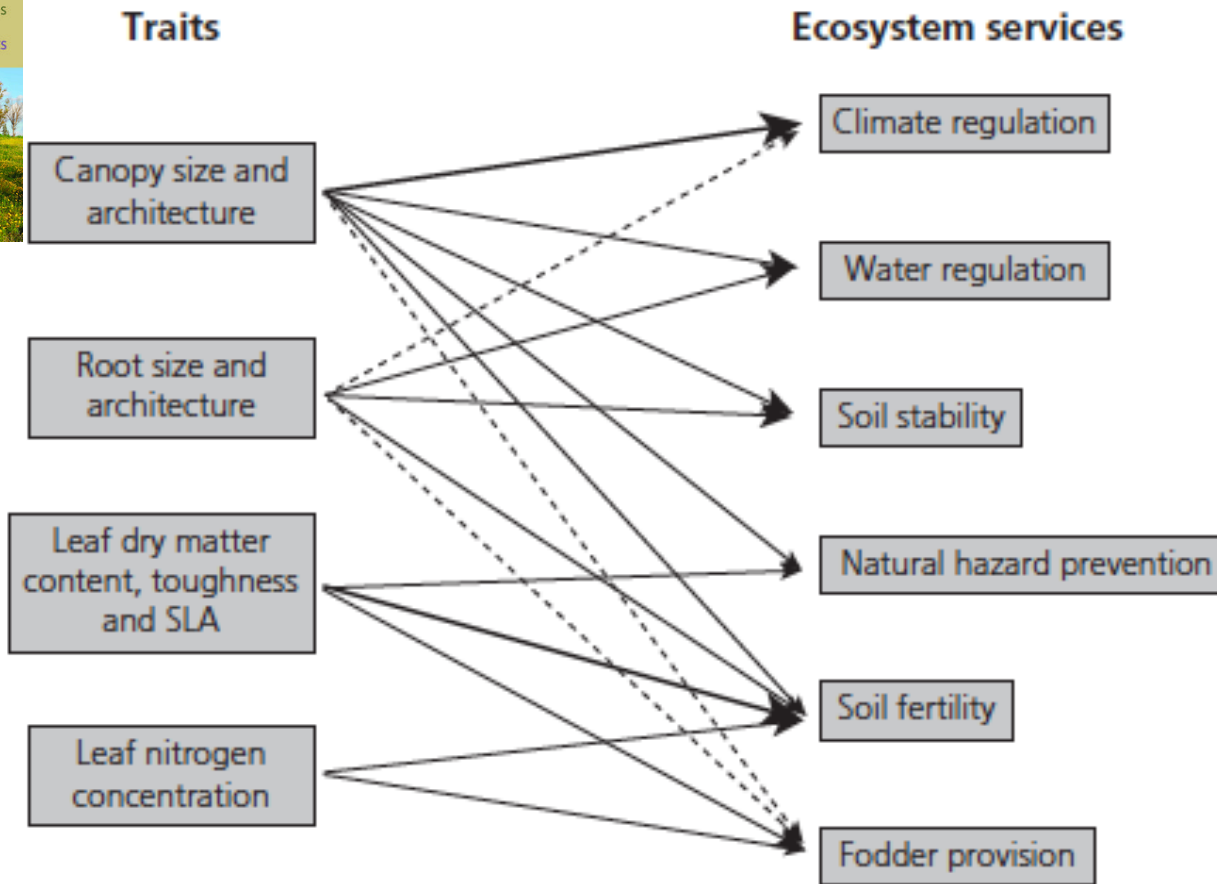
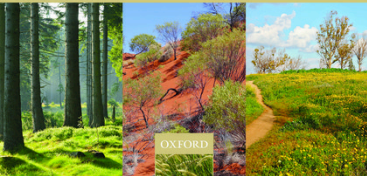
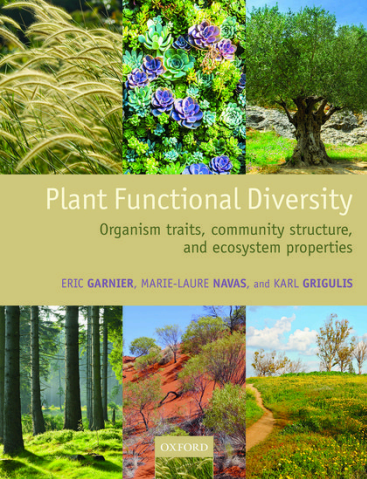
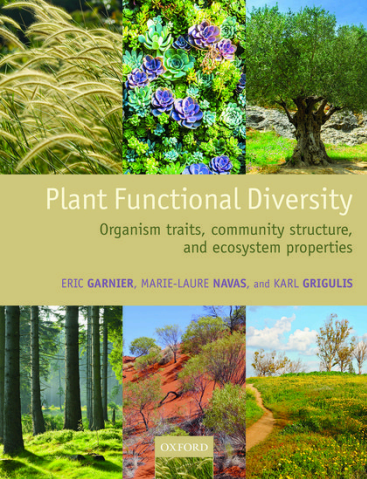


Figure 7.3 Plant traits shown to be significantly involved in the realization of a number of ecosystem services. The thickness of the arrows reflects the significance of the relationships. Taken from de Bello et al. (2010). Reproduced with permission from Springer.



Factors affecting ecosystem properties:
ex: alpine meadows

Abiotic factors
ex: topography, soil

Community weighted means of traits
ex: CWM_LDMC, LNC

Trait value variability
(e.g. divergence)
ex: Rao_LDMC, LNC

Idiosyncratic species effects
ex: Festuca sp

Finding the best predictive model
ex: forage quantity

- Combination of abiotic and/or diversity factors
- Characterization of relationships between services and factors selected

Mass ratio hypothesis

Non-additive effects

Figure 7.5 Diagram showing the selection of factors, and in particular of traits, acting on the provision of ecosystem services. The diagram shows the example of the provision of forage by mountain grasslands. The two principal components of the community functional structure are CWM (the community weighted mean) and the functional divergence estimated by the Rao index. LDMC: leaf dry matter content, LNC: leaf nitrogen concentration. After Díaz et al. (2007).

SPECIAL FEATURE

PLANT FUNCTIONAL EFFECTS ON ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

An experimental framework to identify community functional components driving ecosystem processes and services delivery

André T. C. Dias^{1*}, Matty P. Berg¹, Francesco de Bello², Arend Raoul Van Oosten¹, Karolína Bílá^{3,4} and Marco Moretti³



Experiments to dissociate potential effects of biodiversity on ecosystem functions

Exotic or not, leaf trait dissimilarity modulates the effect of dominant species on mixed litter decomposition

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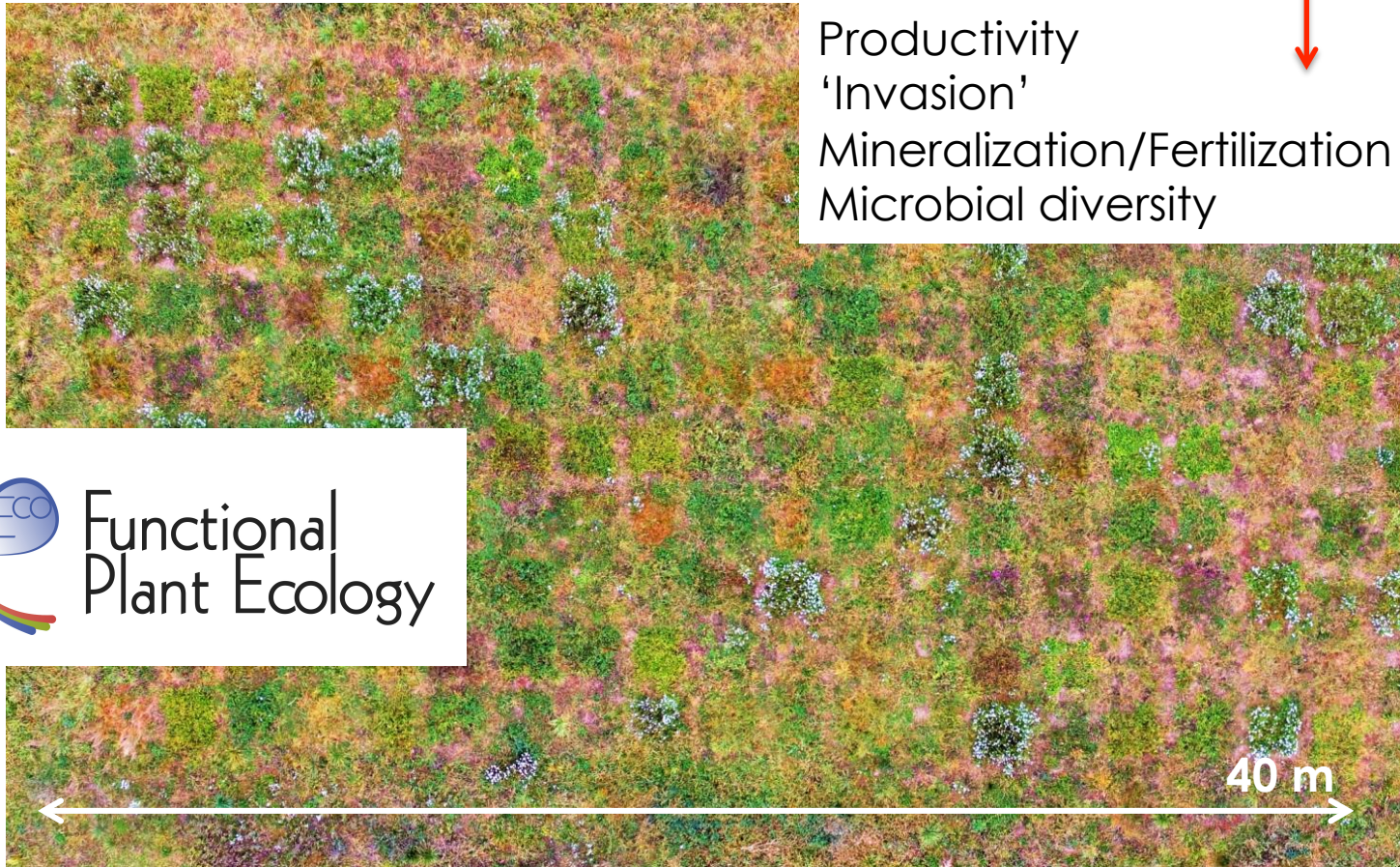


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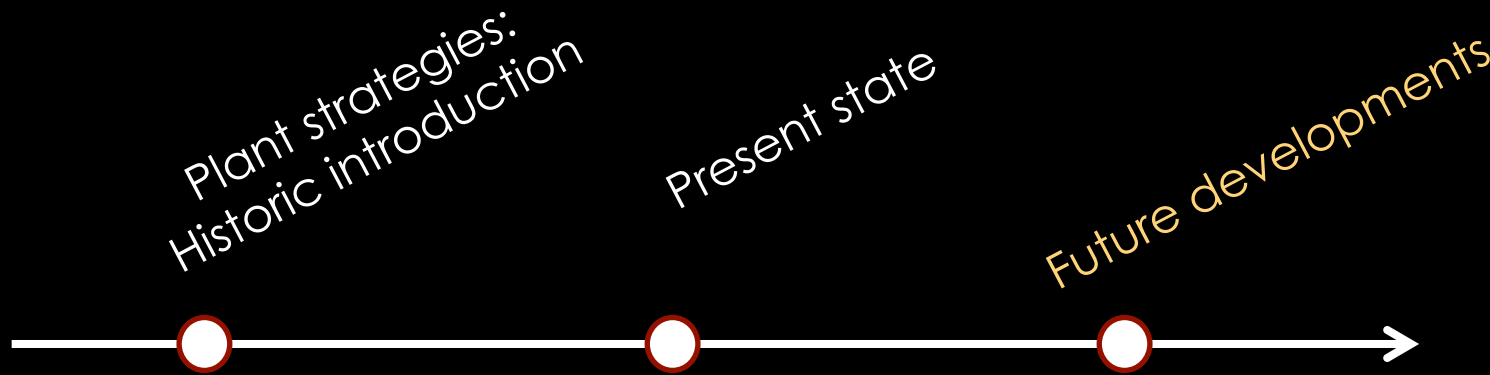
Productivity
'Invasion'
Mineralization/Fertilization
Microbial diversity



Functional
Plant Ecology

Ecology of differences

Research lines



Plant strategies:
Historic introduction

Present state

Future developments

Ecology of differences



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SPECIAL TOPIC ON FUNCTIONAL TRAITS

Reinforcing loose foundation stones in trait-based plant ecology

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Intraspecific trait variability

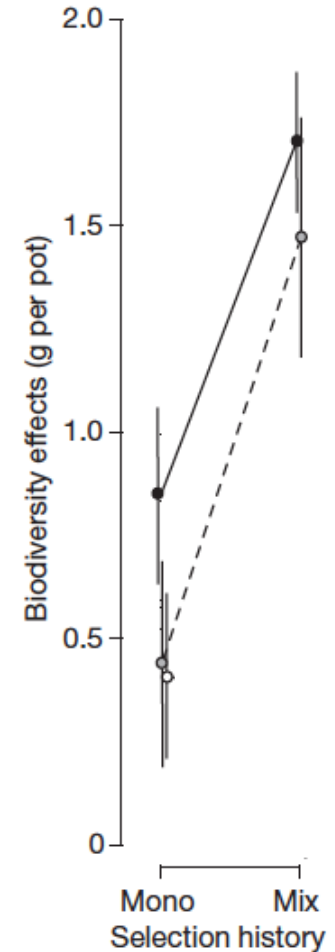
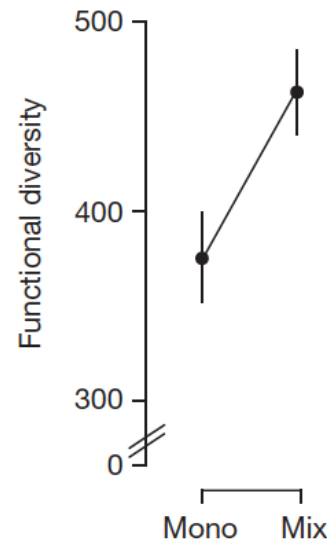
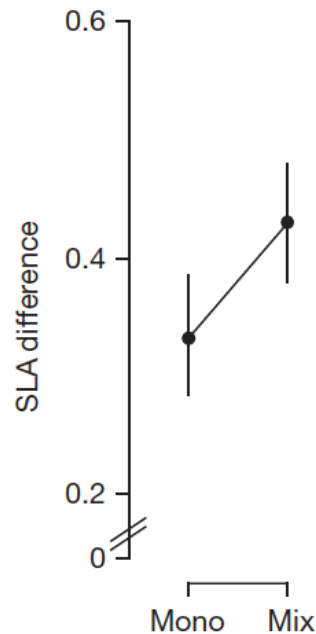
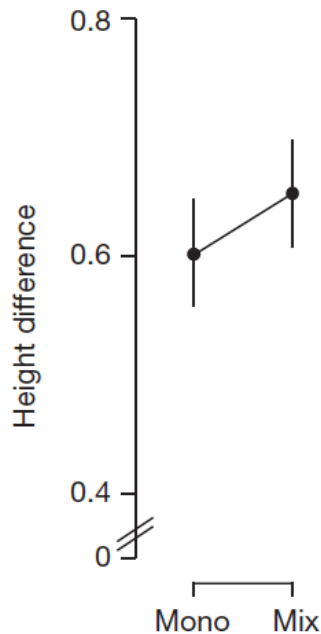
Selección vs. plasticity

LETTER

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Selection for niche differentiation in plant communities increases biodiversity effects

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Selection history

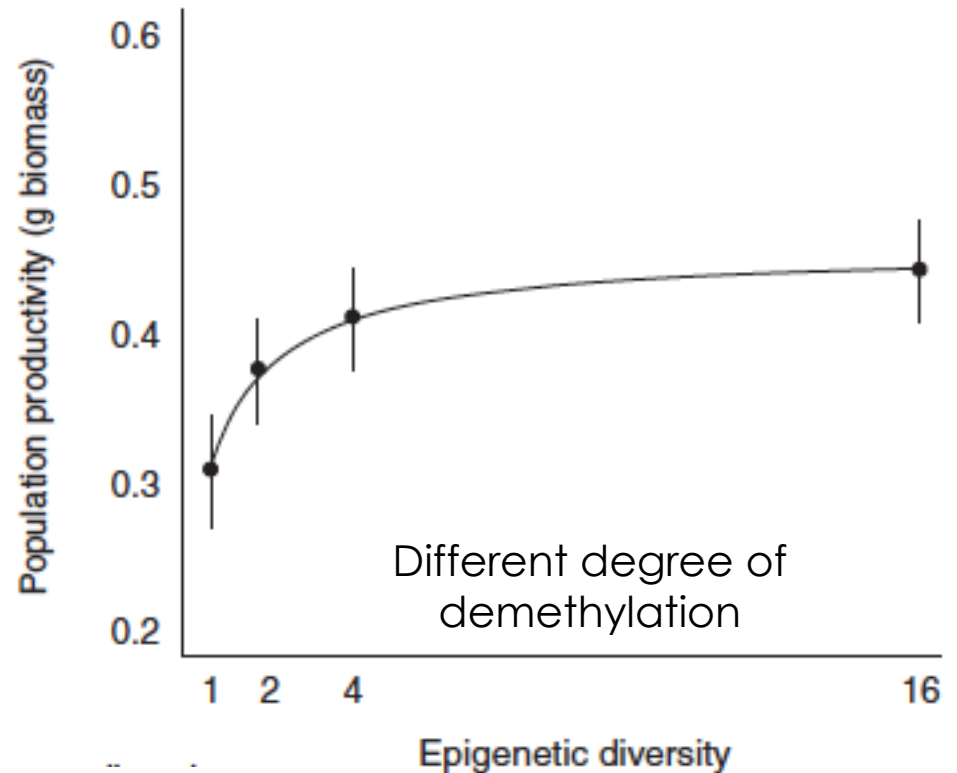
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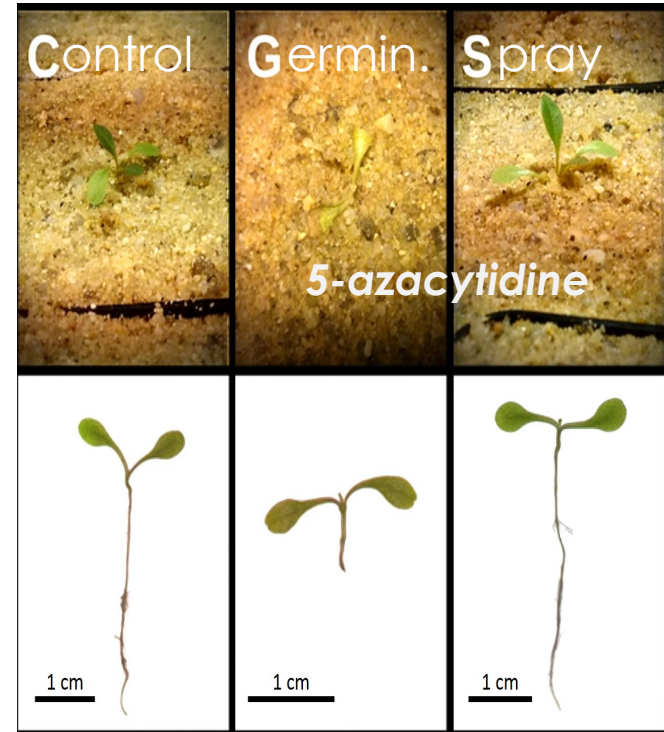
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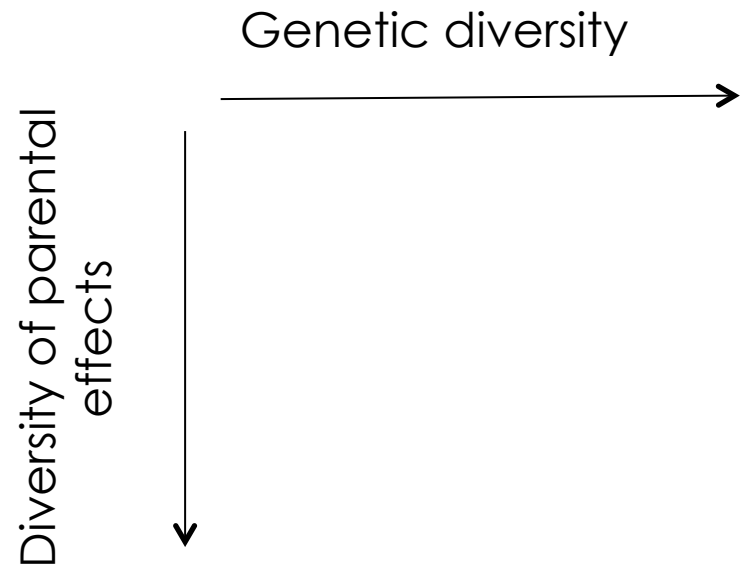


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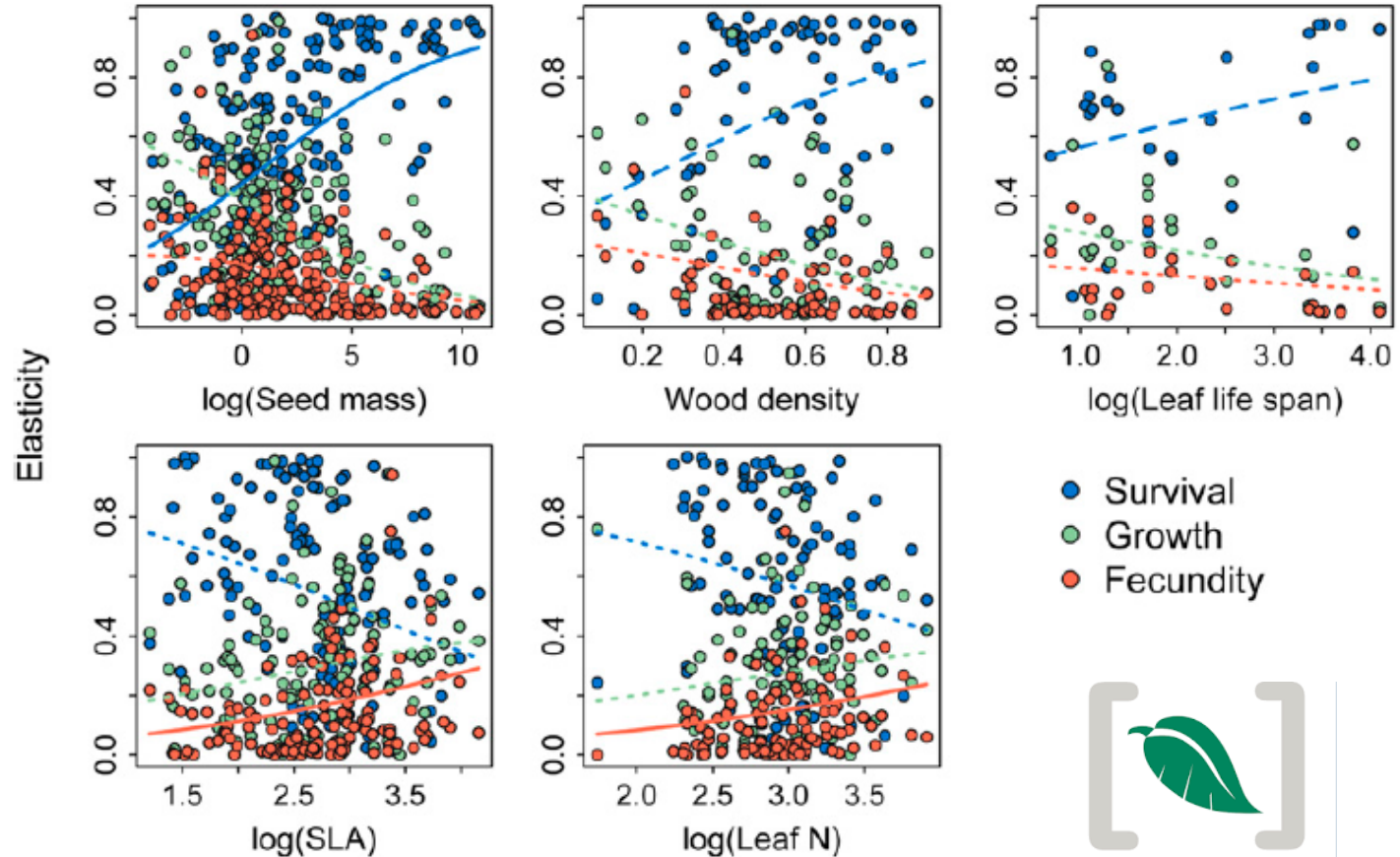
Herbivory



Decomposition



Relationship trait-fitness



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Functional traits explain variation in plant life history strategies

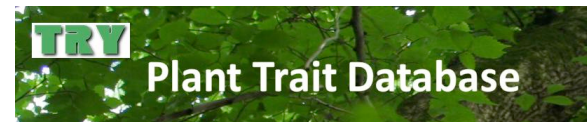
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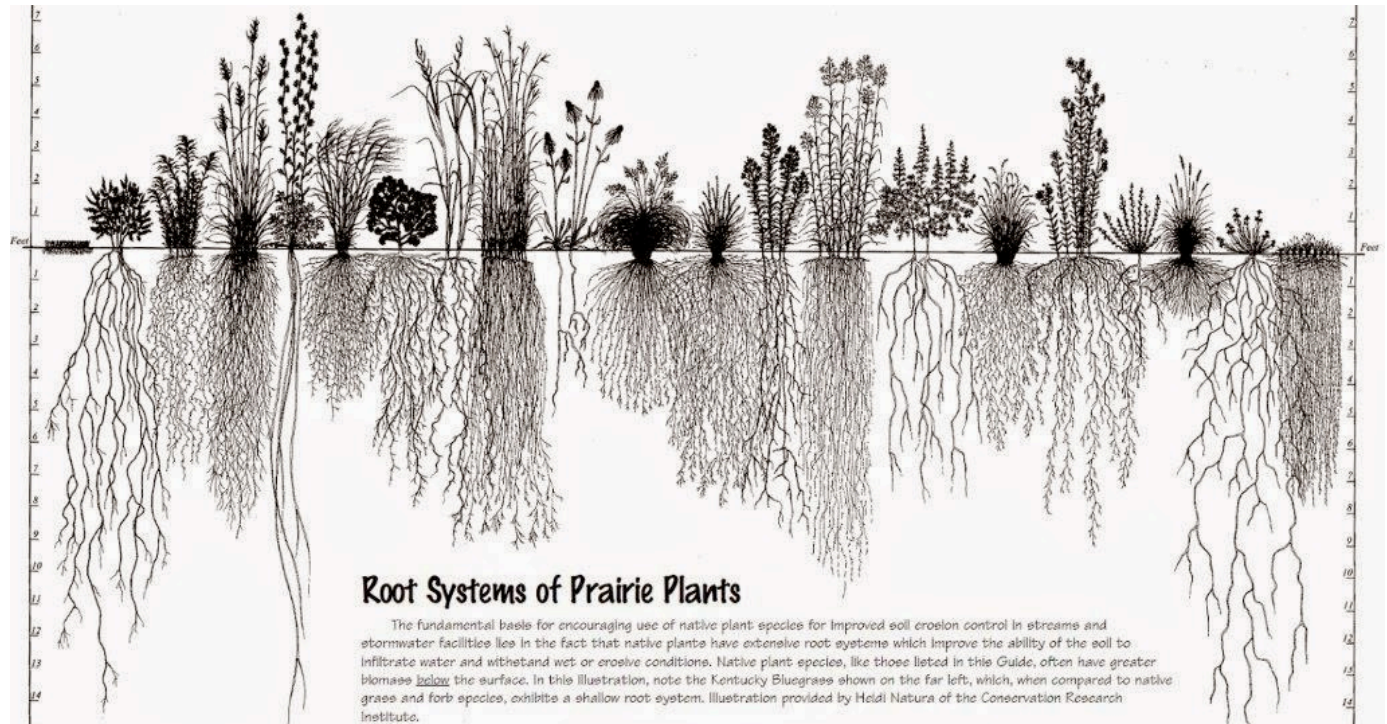
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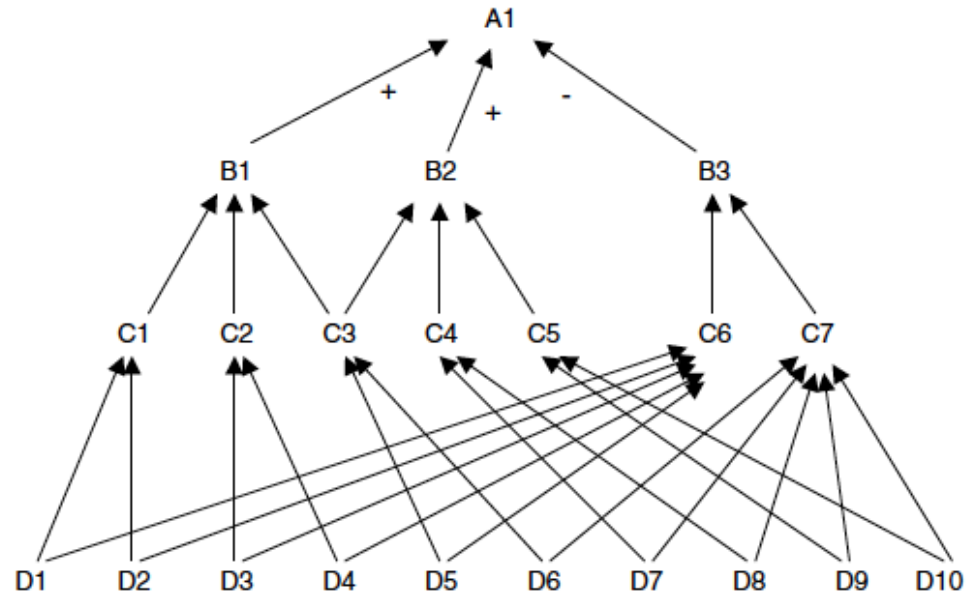


Figure 4. The schematic diagram illustrates the hierarchical network of trait interactions that was used to investigate the cause of multiple optima. When signs are not given next to arrows the

Functional traits

Characteristics of an organisms that affect its fitness (and effects on the ecosystems) [Violle et al. 2007]



Eric Garnier



Simple trait 1
Simple trait 2
Simple trait 3
Simple trait 4
Simple trait 5
Simple trait X

Competition
Nutrient acquisit.
Fecundity
Recruitment
Life cycle
Tolerance to x&y

Growth/biomass

Reproduction

Survival

Fitness



Easy to measure

Difficult to measure

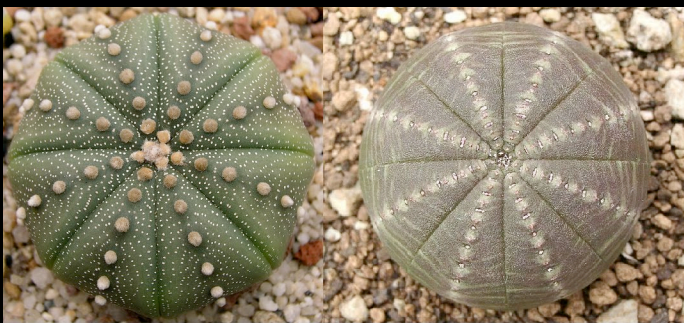
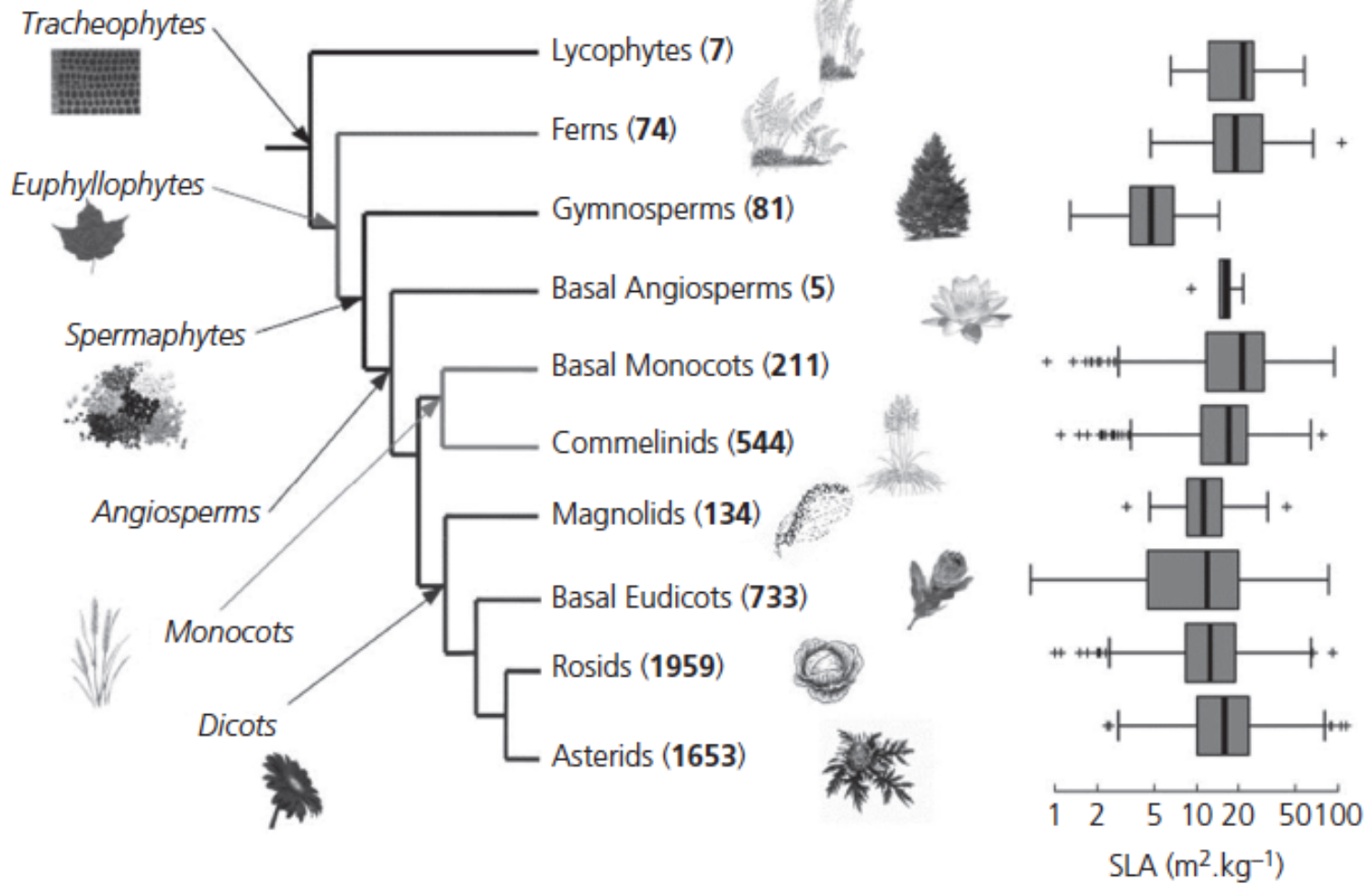
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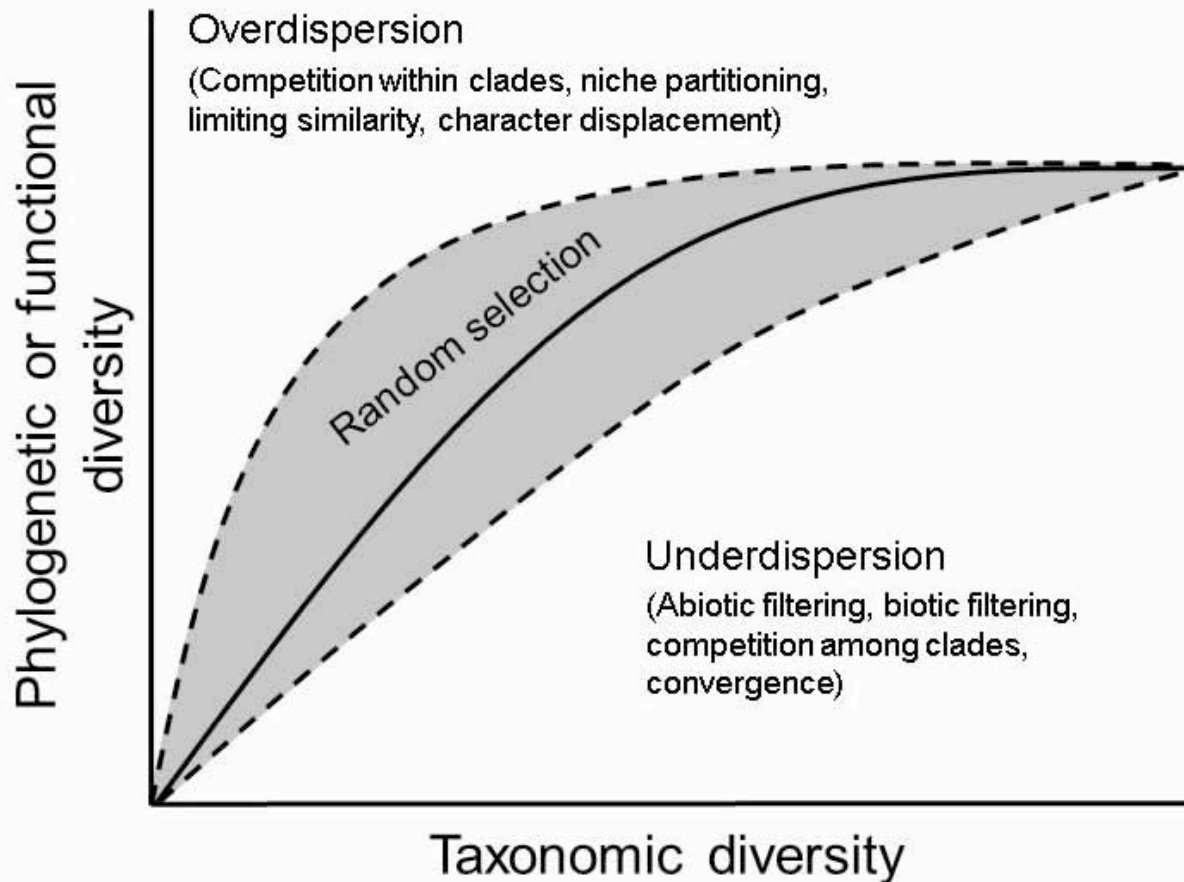
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Phylogeny and traits

Phylogenetic diversity: a proxy to functional diversity?



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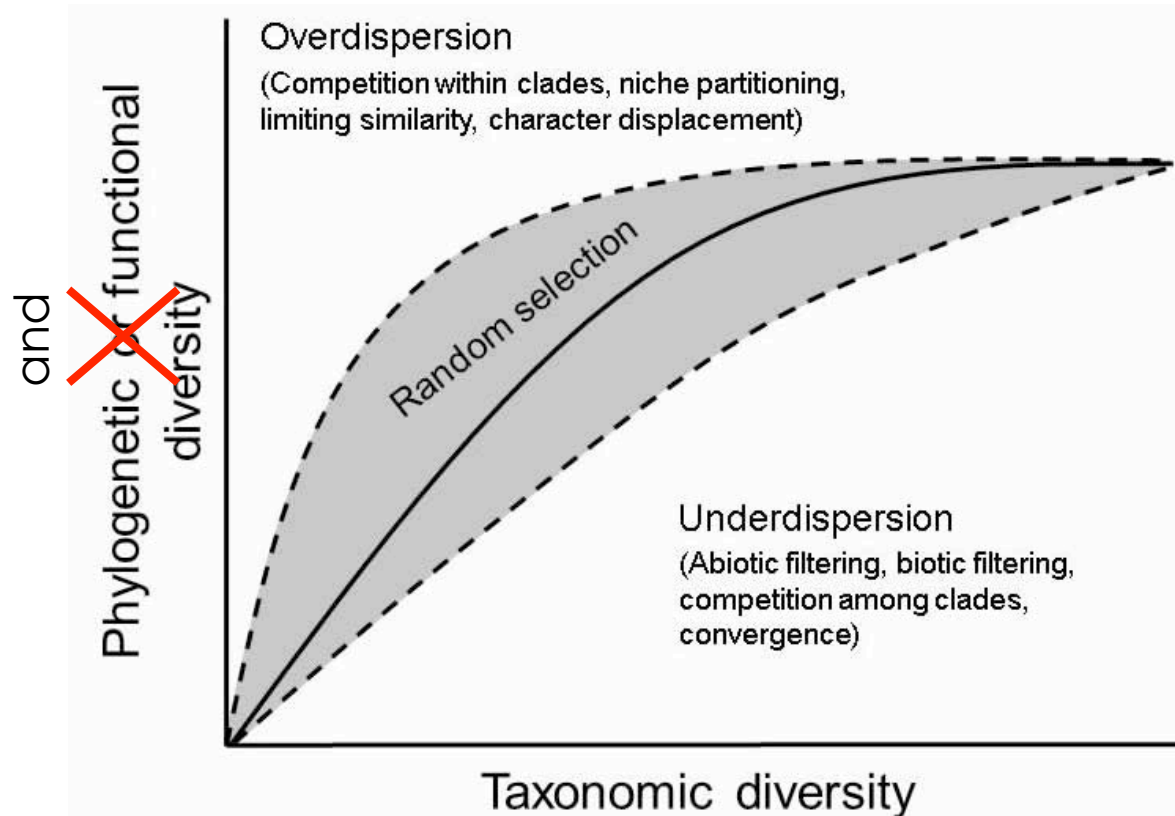


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decoupling traits

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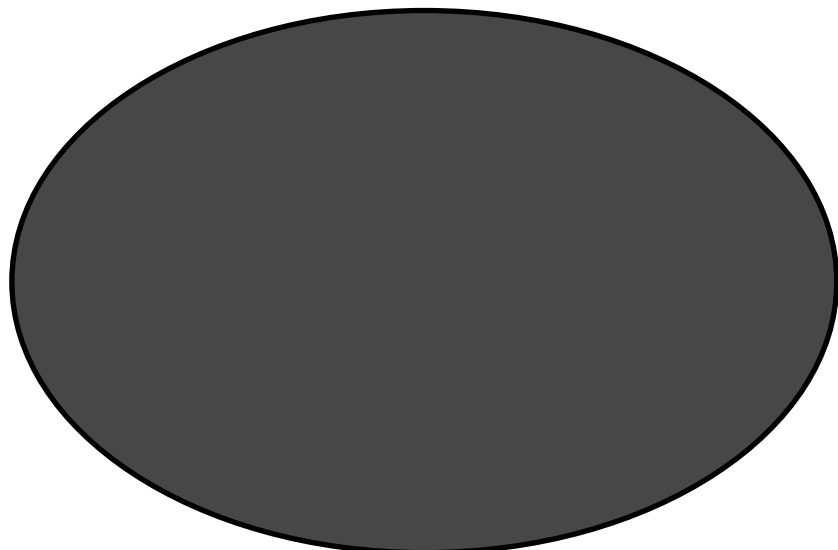
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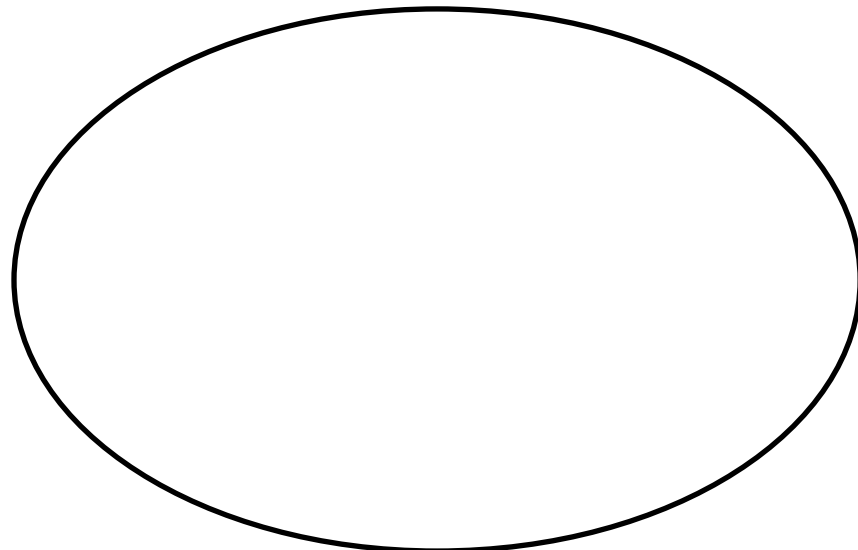
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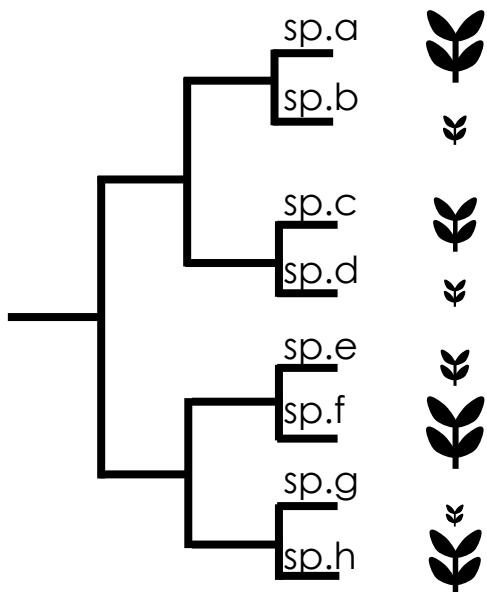
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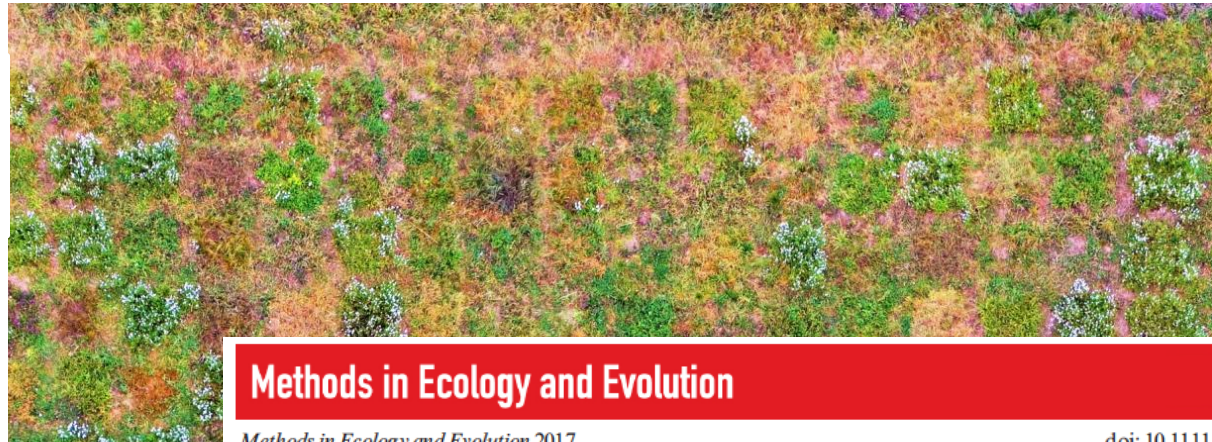
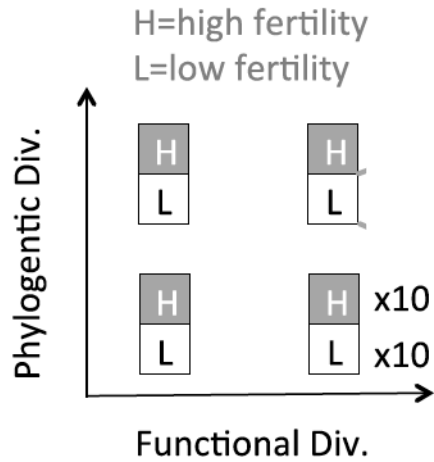
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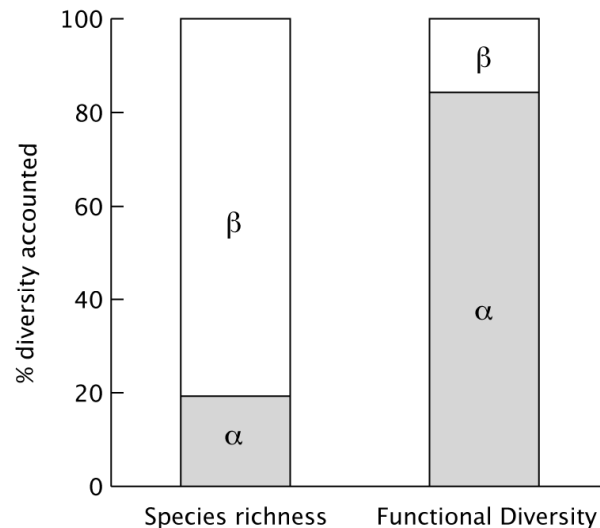


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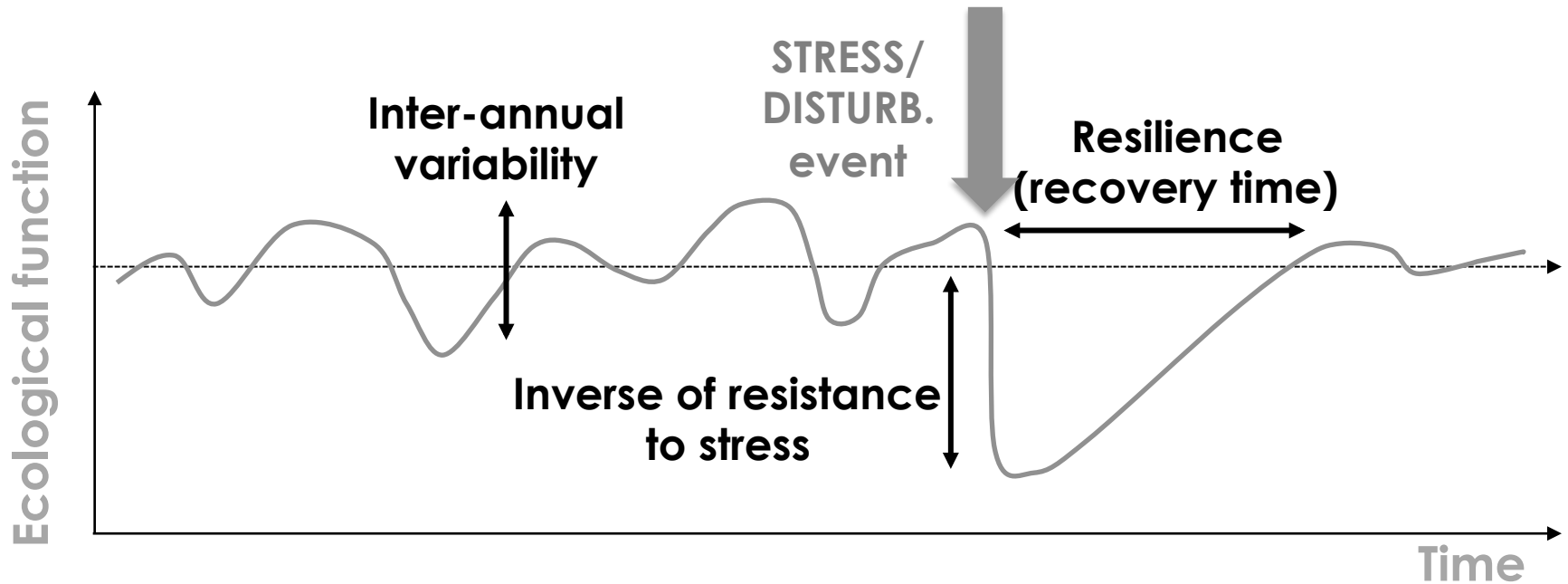
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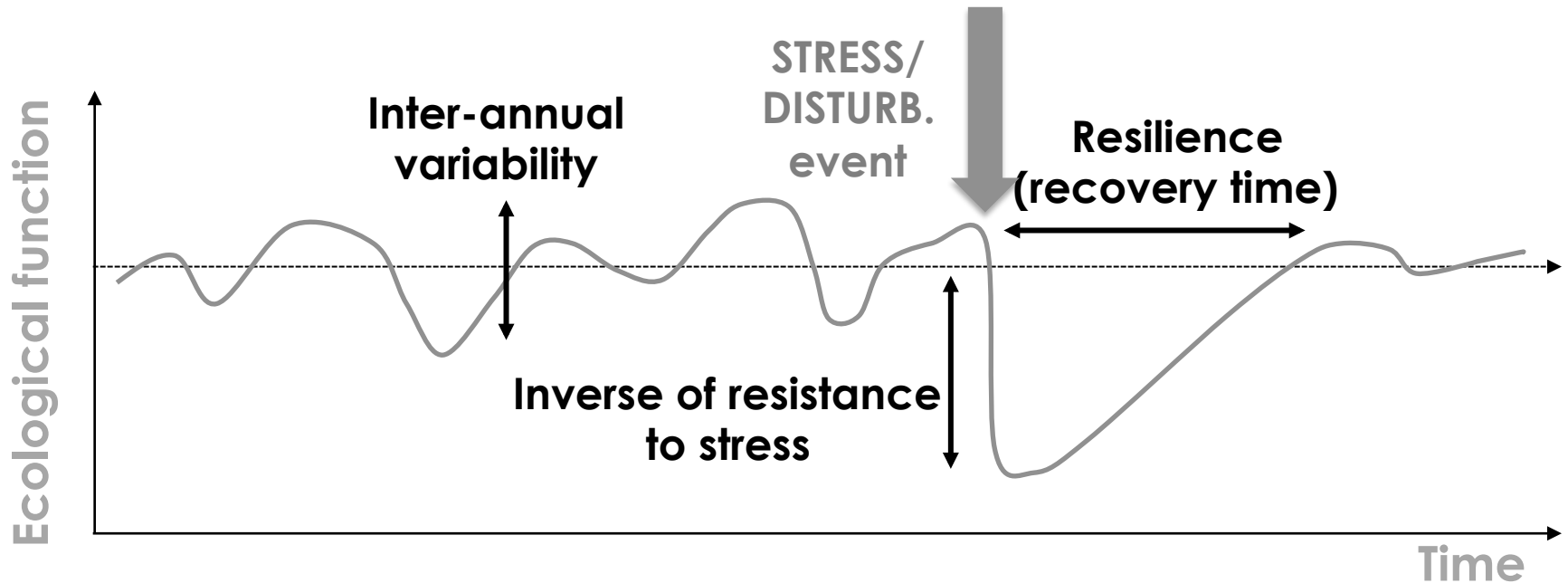
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Temporal stability



The number of species increase stability?

Temporal stability



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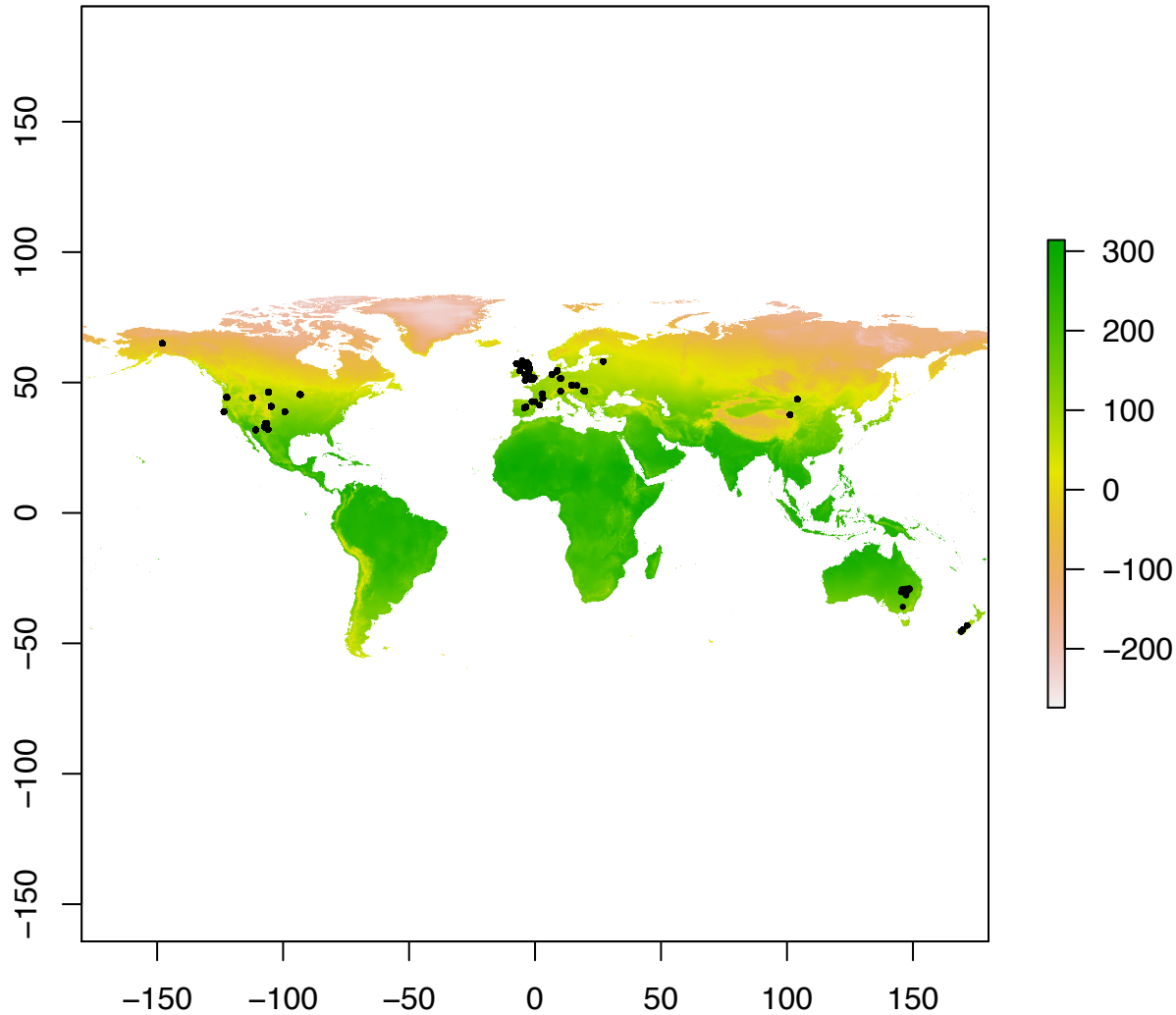
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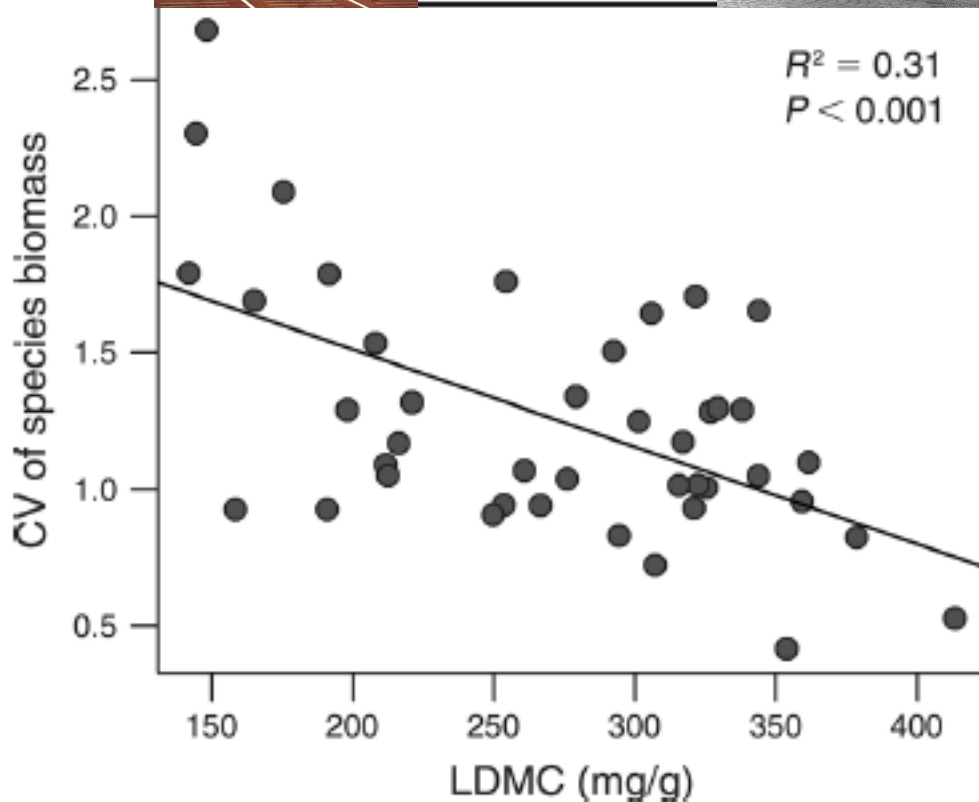
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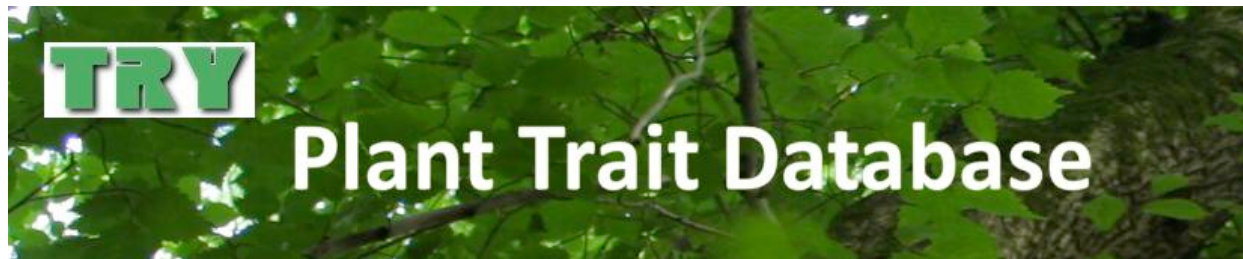
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