

Why rarity is common

The evolution of eco-
evolutionary rarity in plants

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Exploring the evolution of rarity

1

Where?

2

How?

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1

Where?

Where does rarity come from?

2

How?

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Where?

C

R



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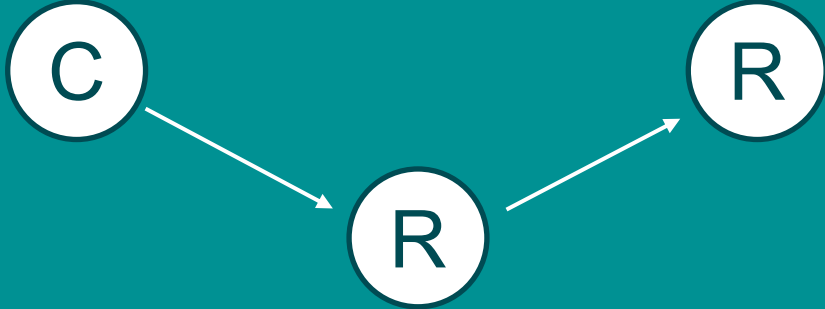
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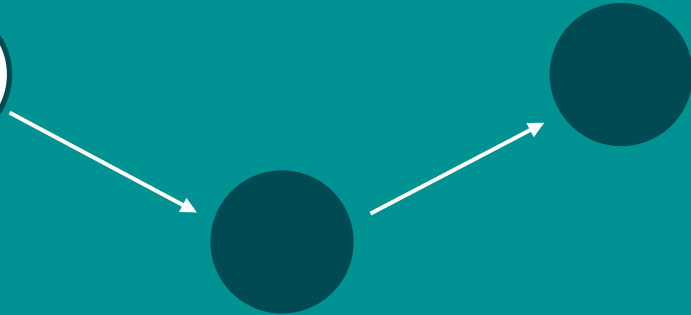
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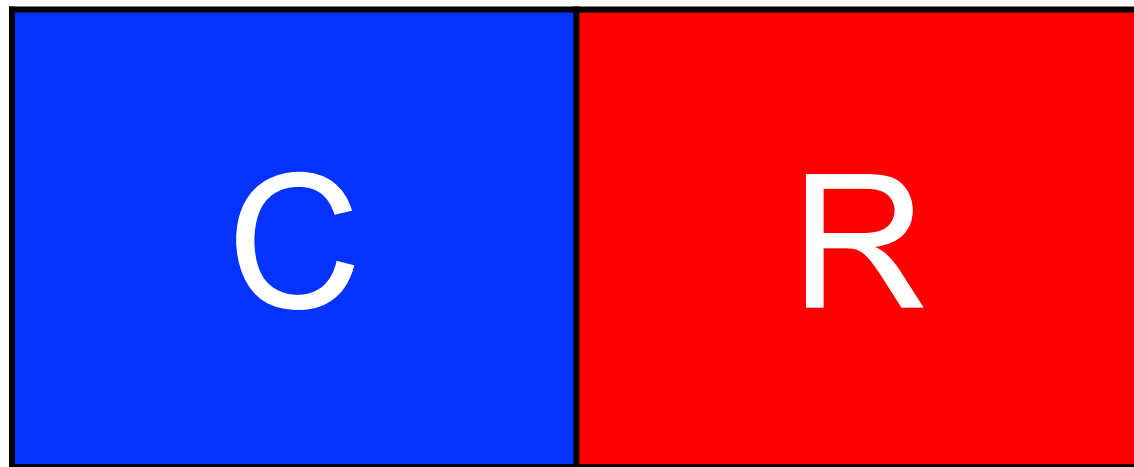
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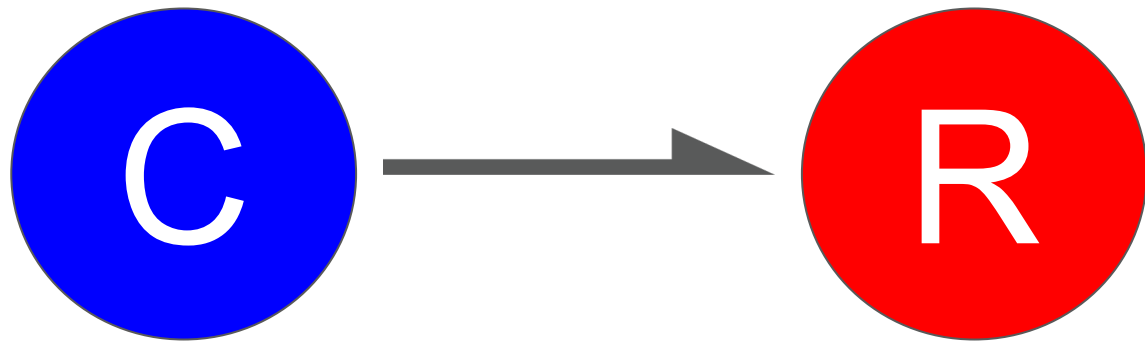
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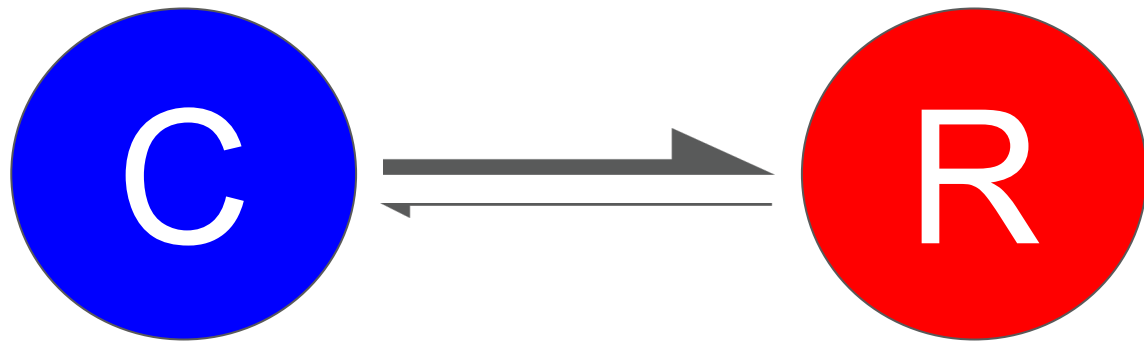
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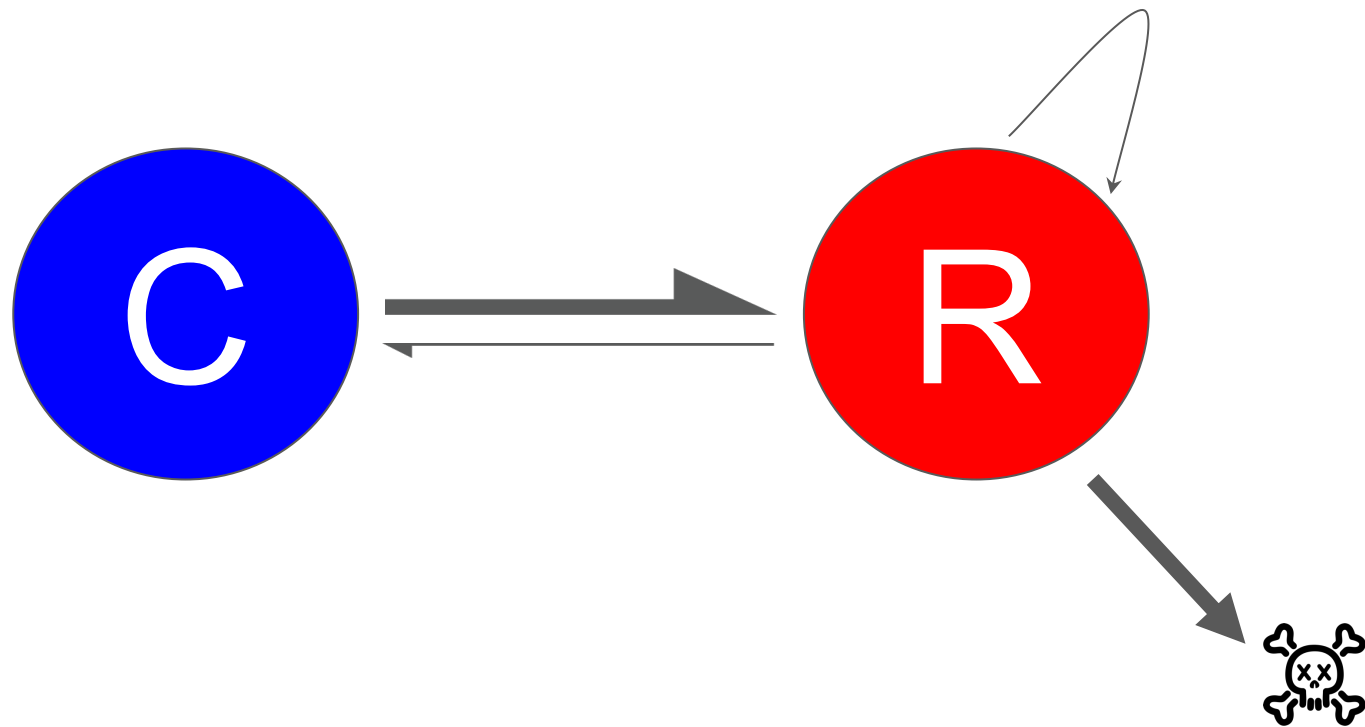
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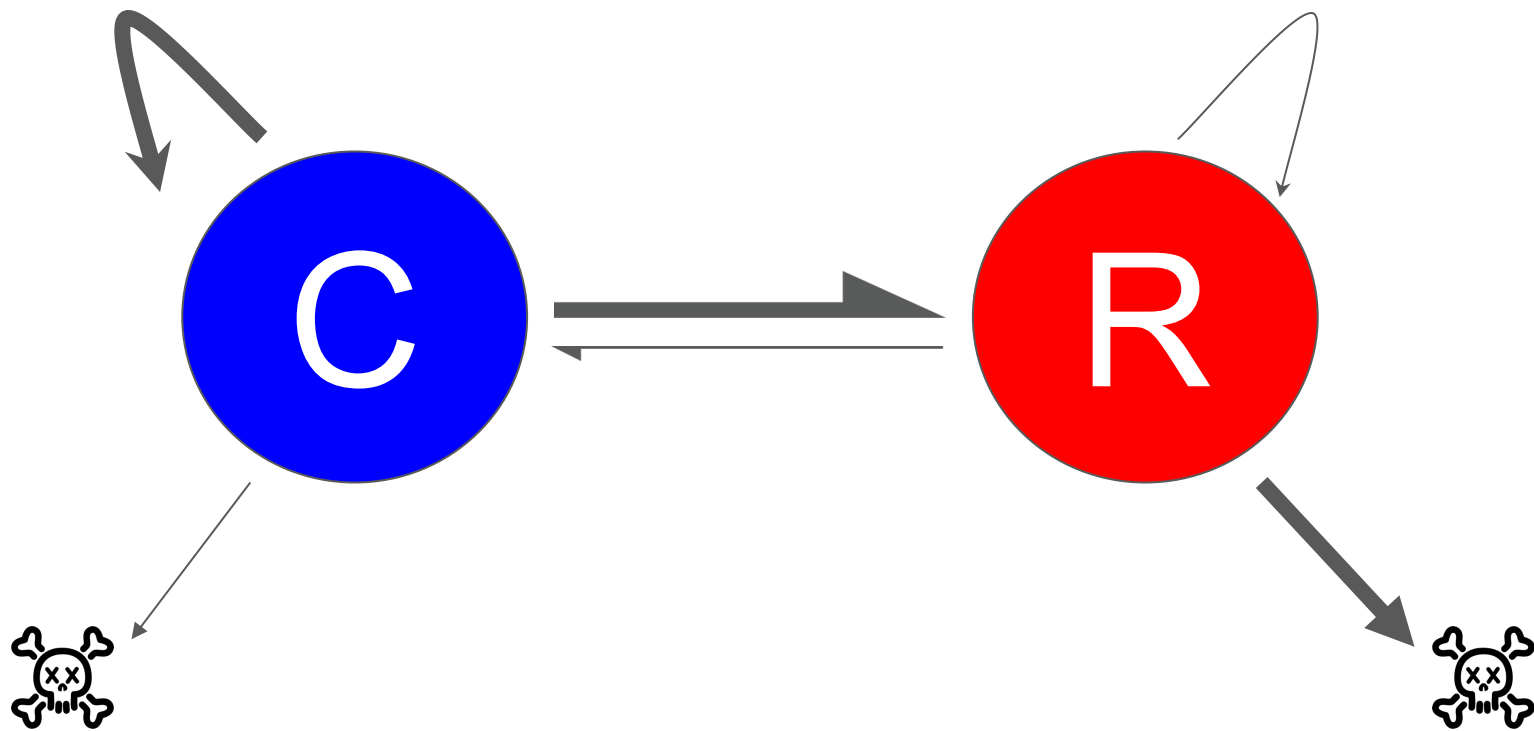
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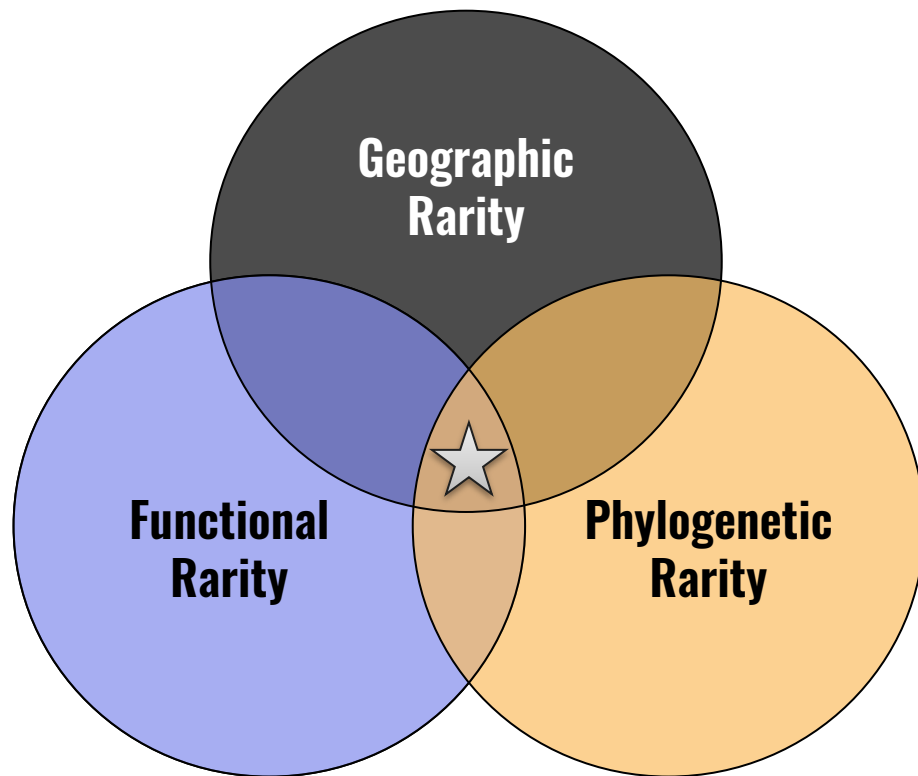












Geographic Range

Large

Small

Habitat Specificity

Wide

Narrow

Wide

Narrow

**Local Population
Size**

Large

Small

Range Size

Large

Small



Range Size

Large

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**Functional
Distinctiveness**

Distinct

Indistinct

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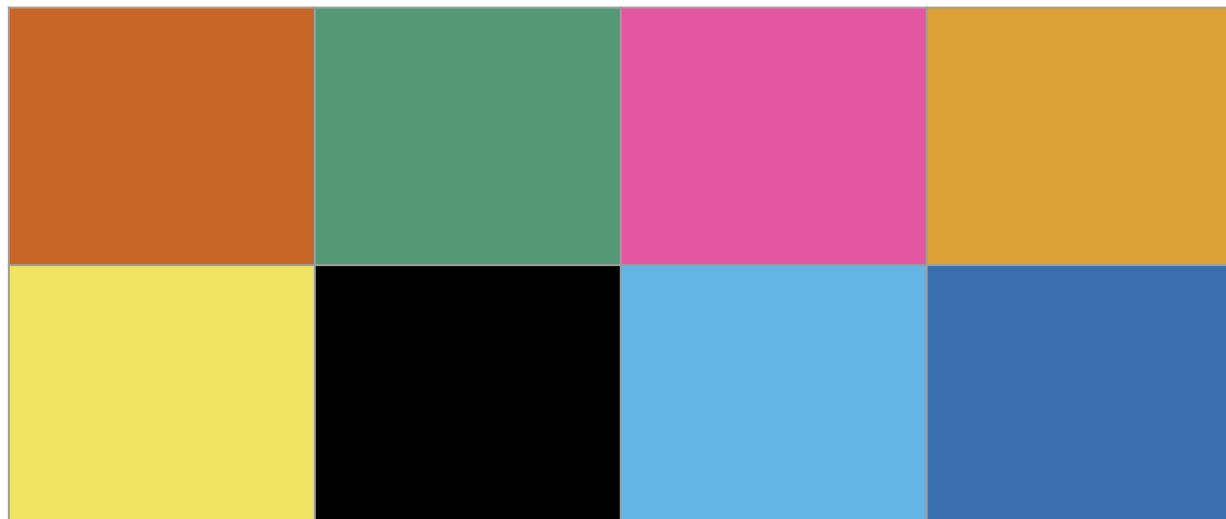
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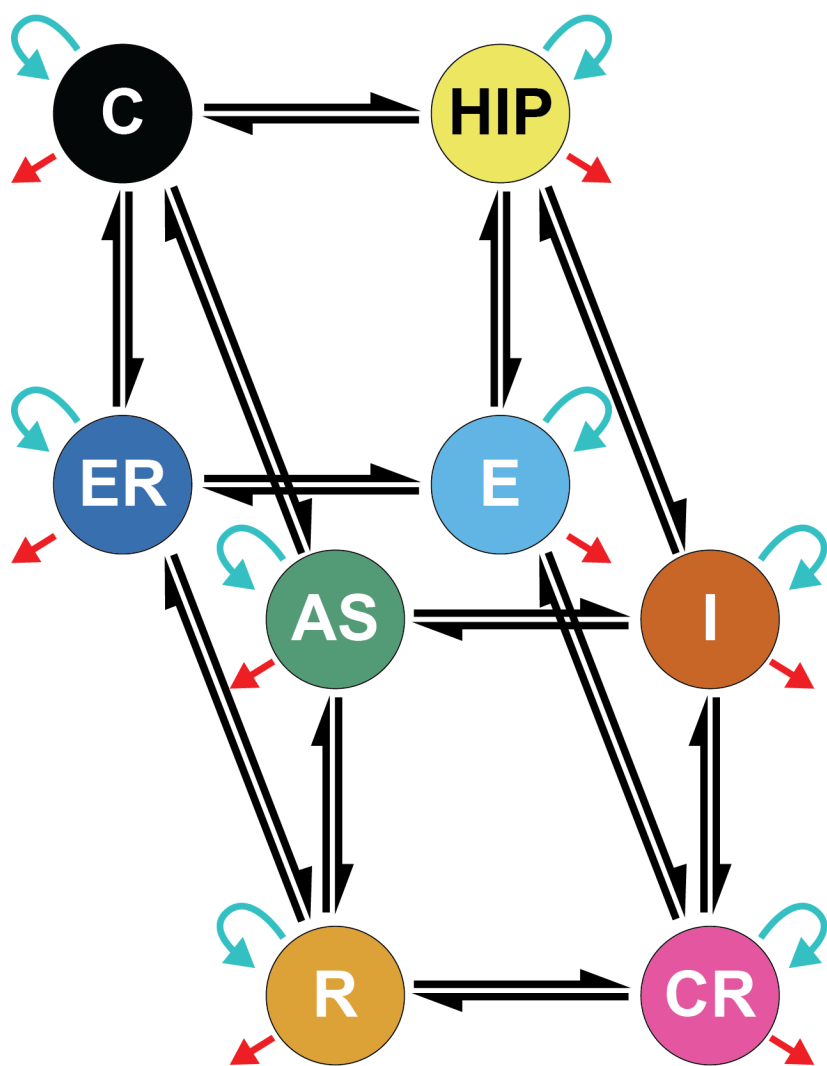
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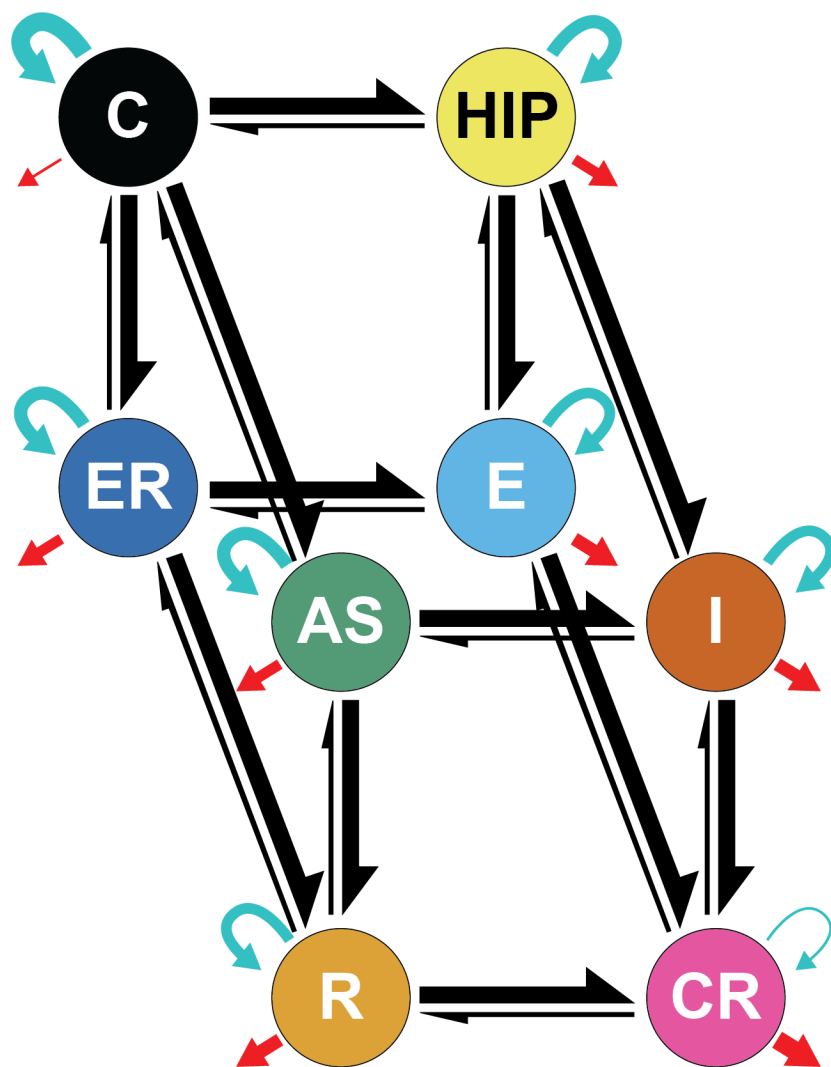
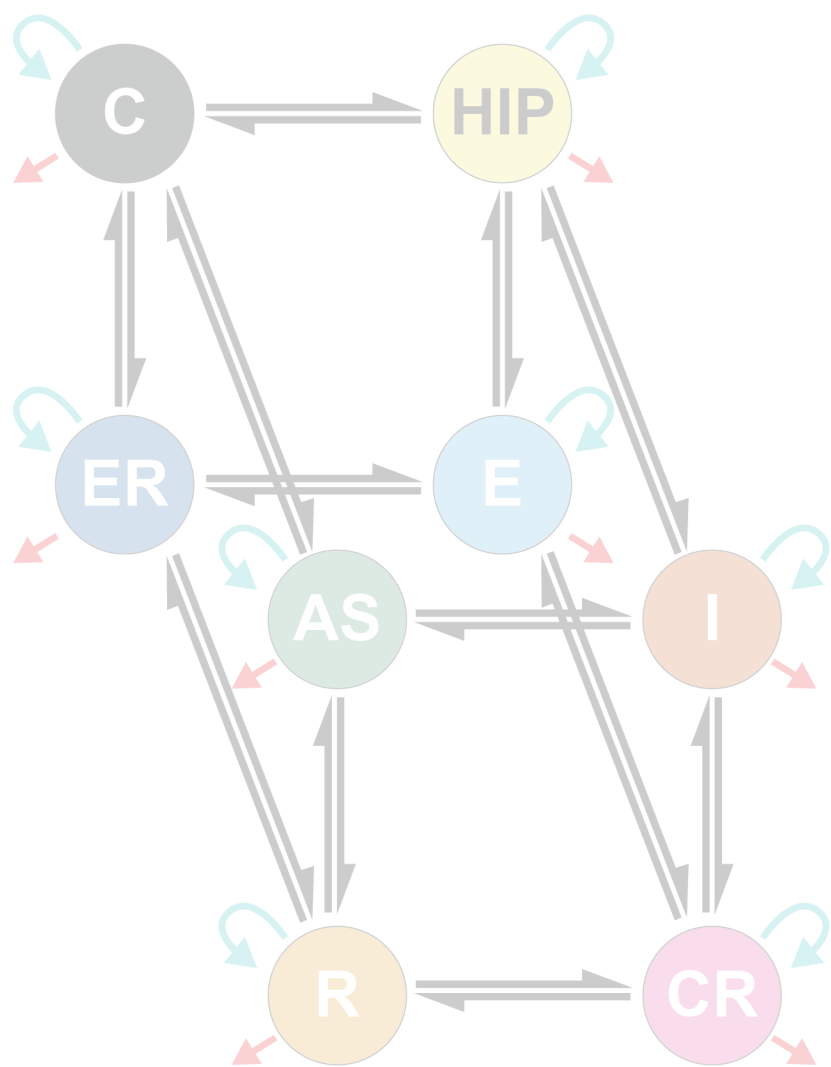
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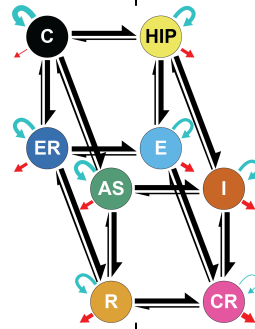
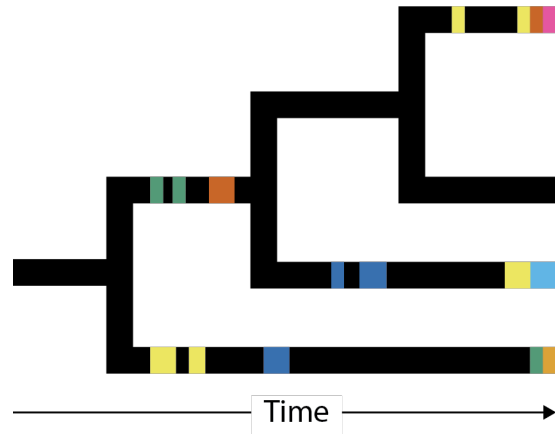
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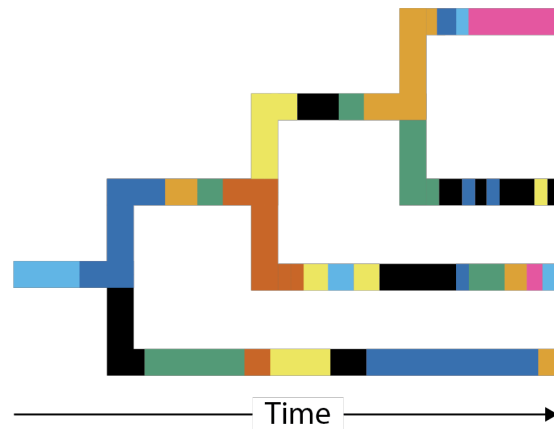
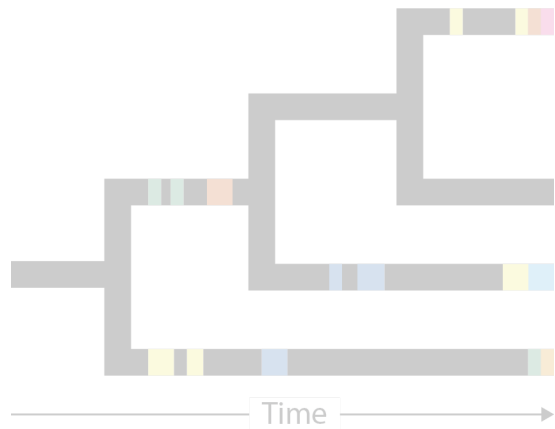
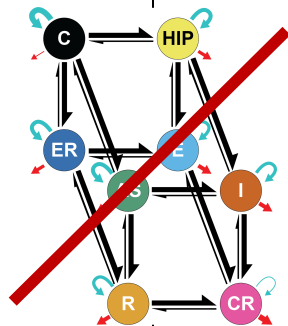
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Indicator	Adaptable Survivor	Classically Rare	Relict
High Invasive Potential	Common	Endemic	Environmentally Rare









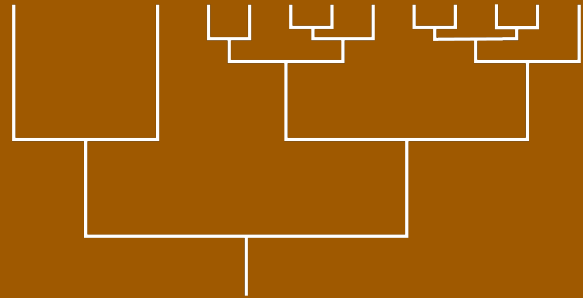
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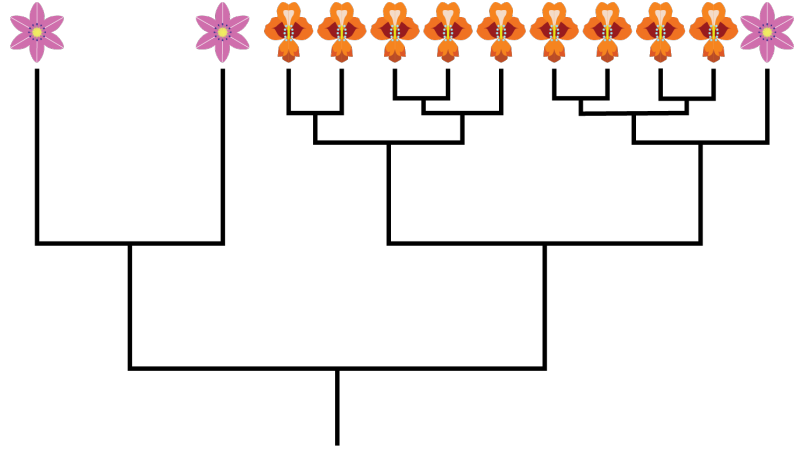
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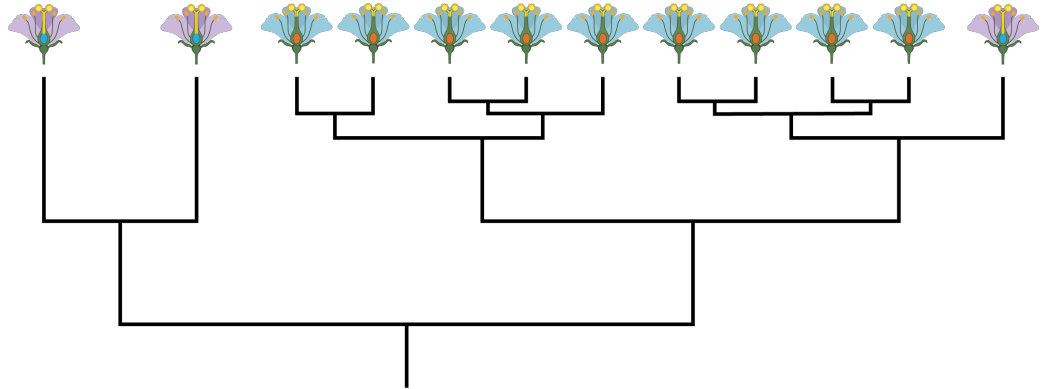
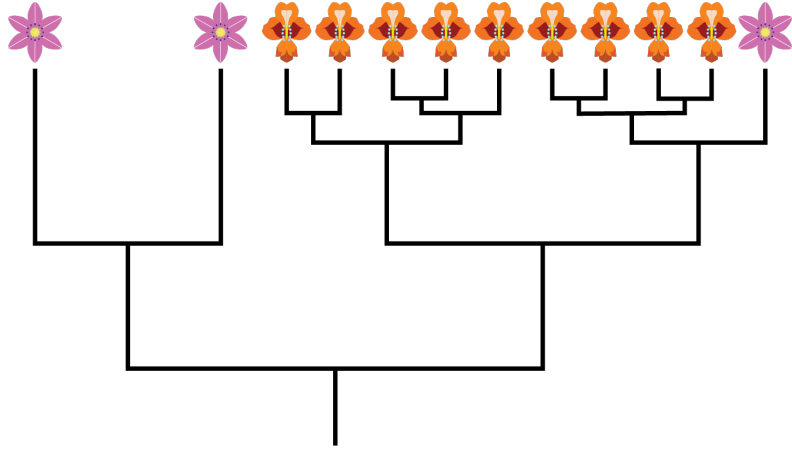
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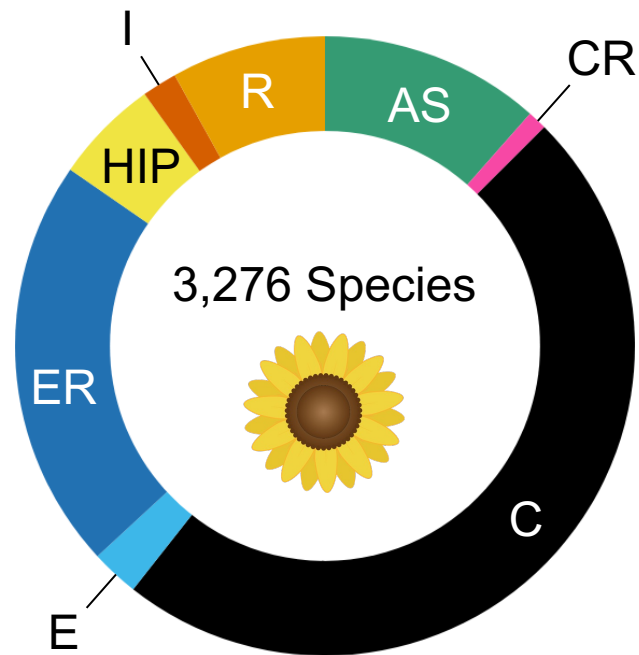
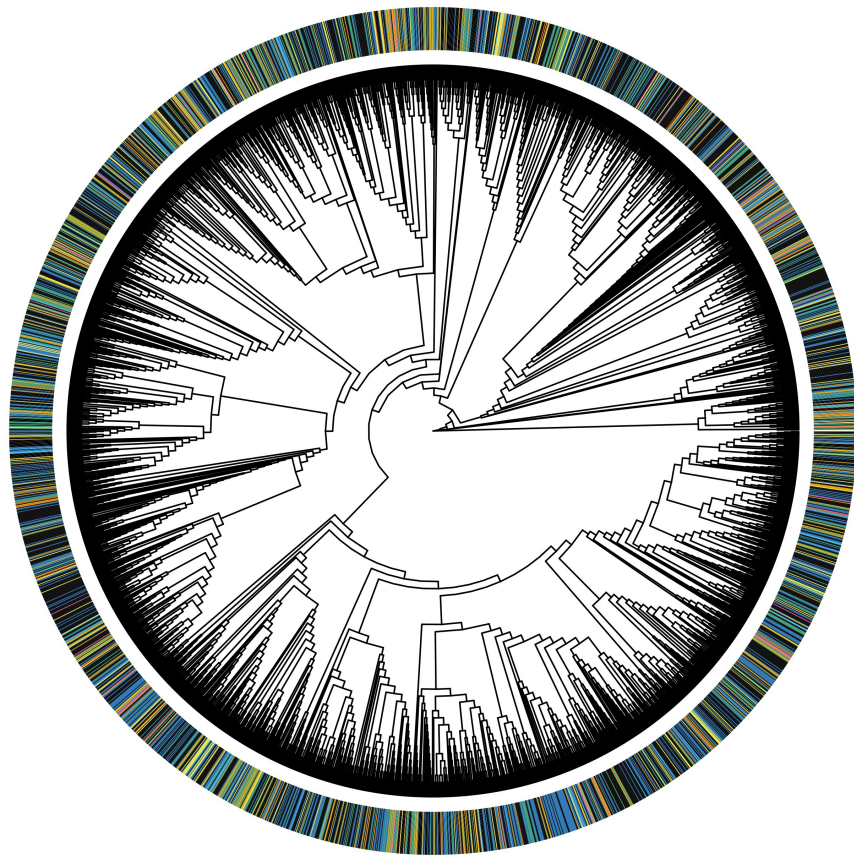
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How?

Is rarity correlated with
differential diversification?





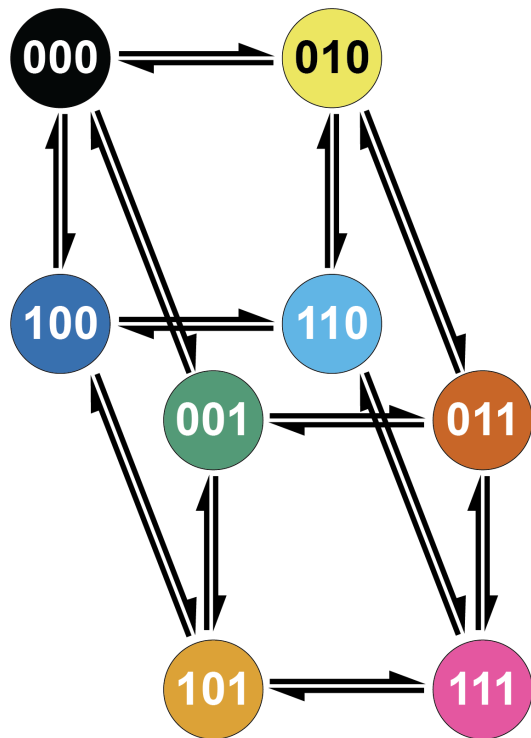


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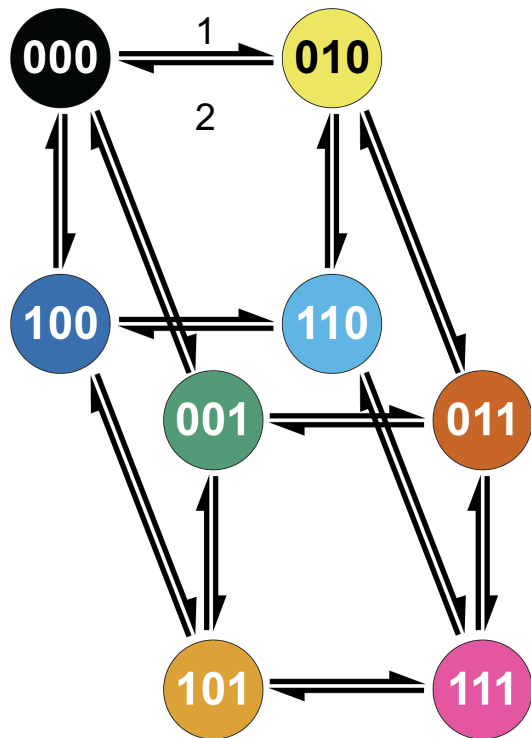


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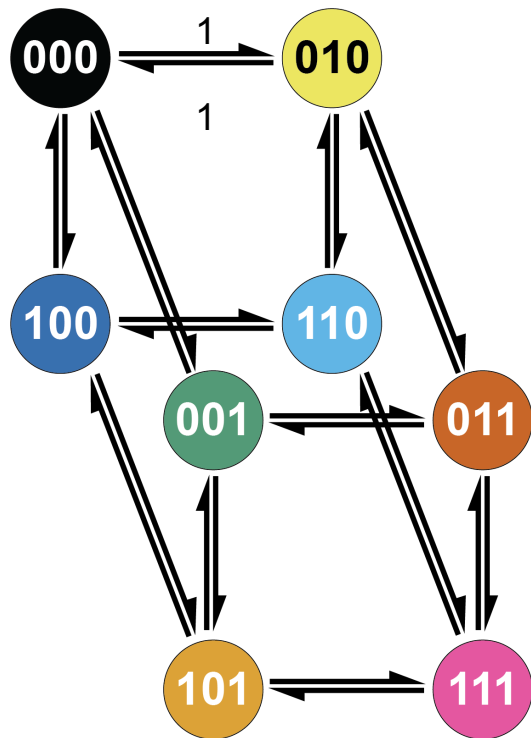
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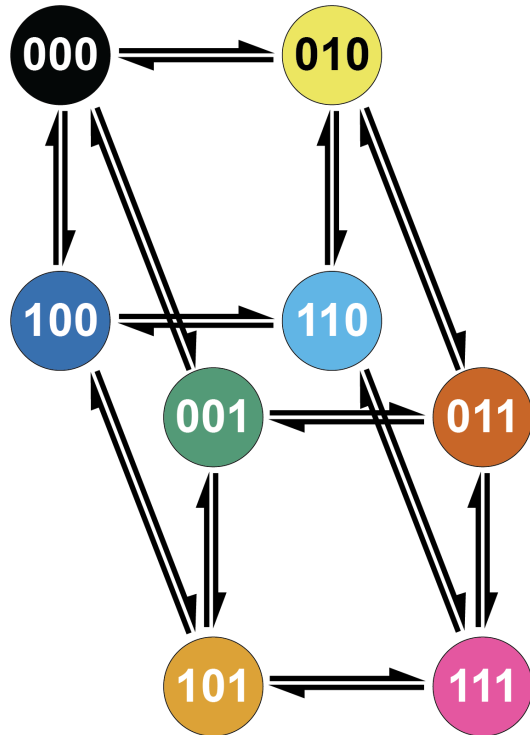
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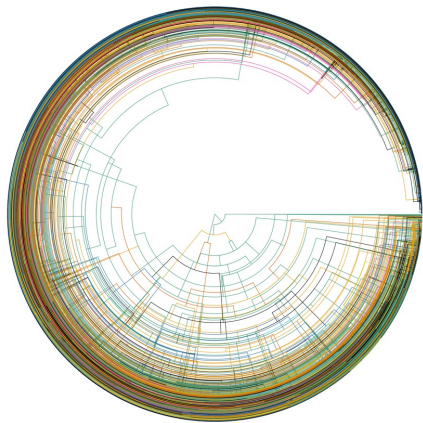
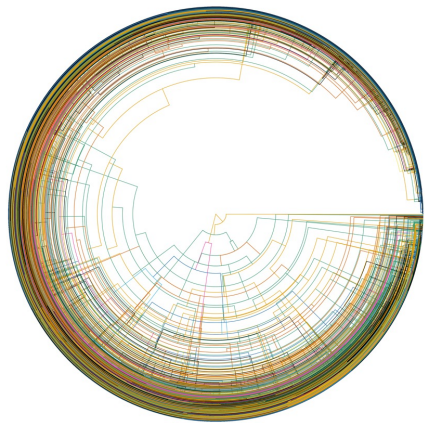


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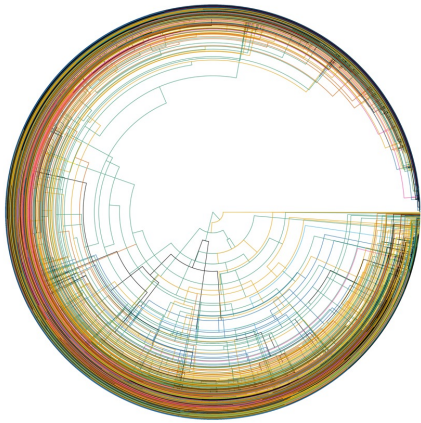
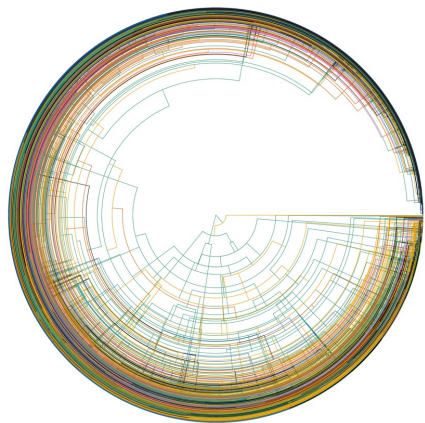
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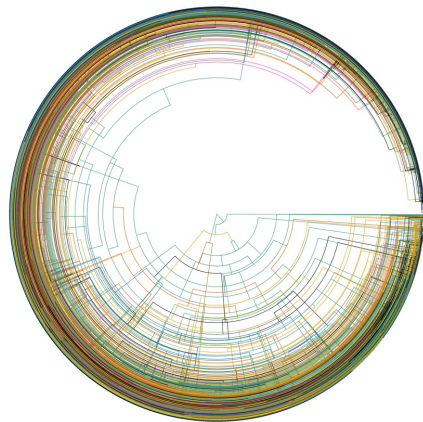
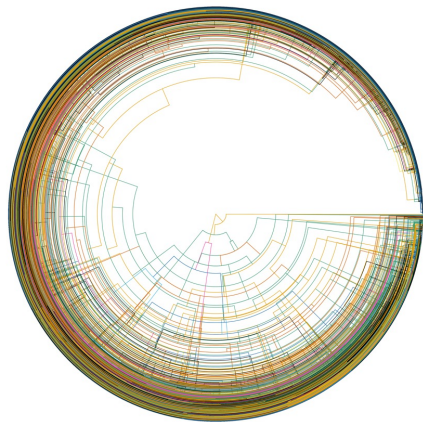
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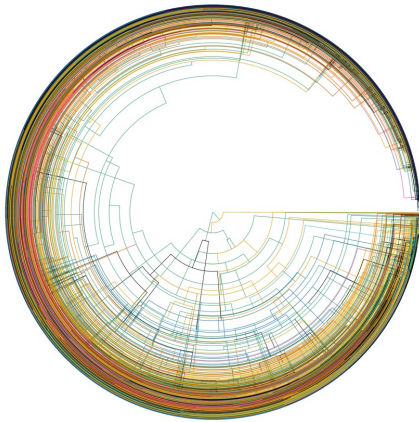
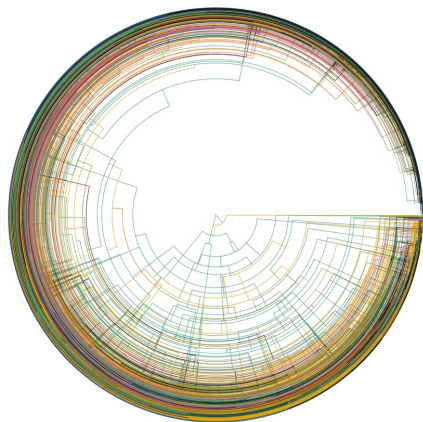
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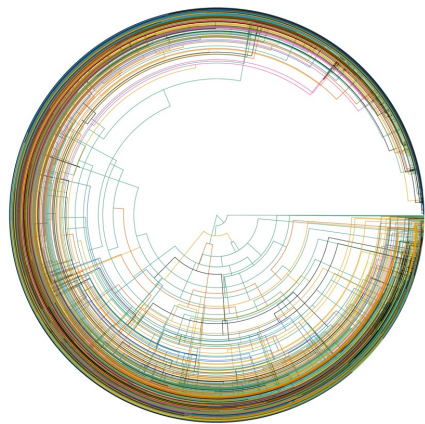
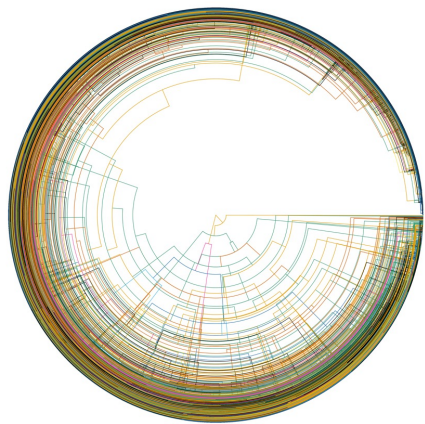


Proportion of Time Spent
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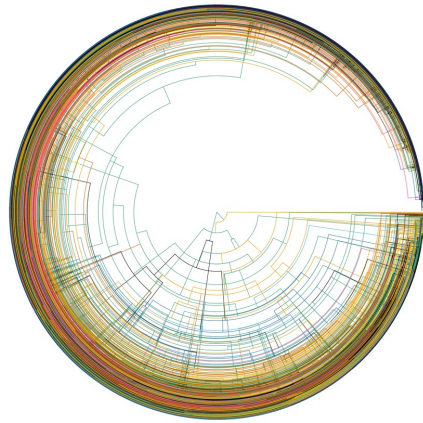
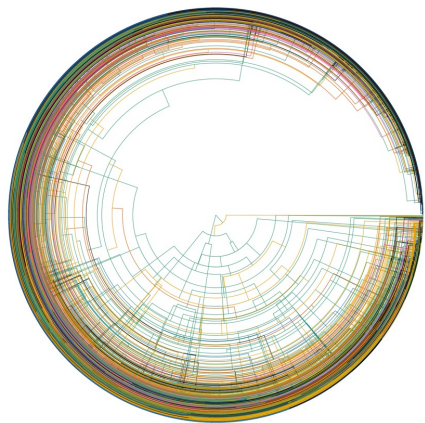


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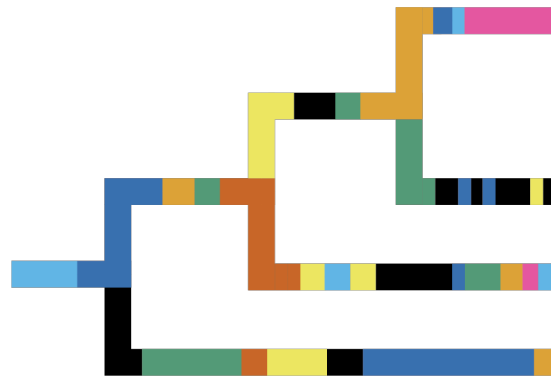
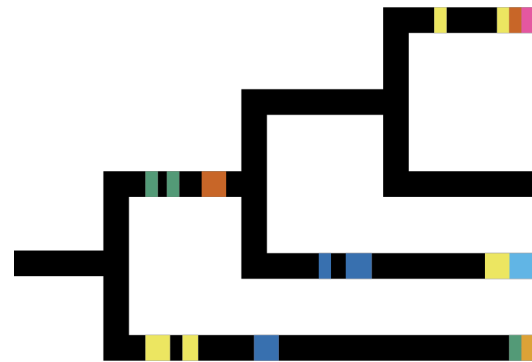




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Model Selection & Caveats

Discrete Character Evolution

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Dispersal-Extinction-Cladogenesis

Speciation and Extinction

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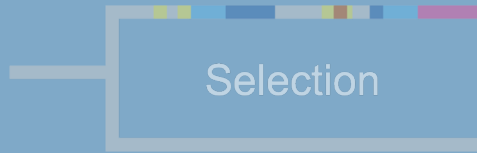
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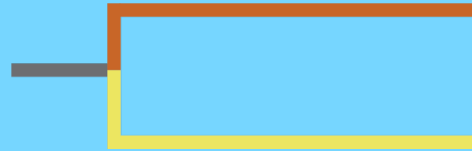
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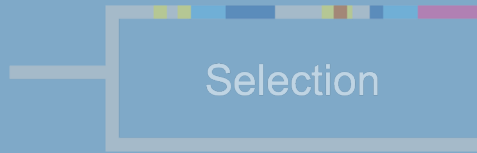
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diversity

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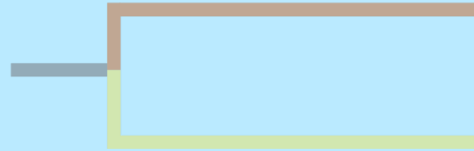
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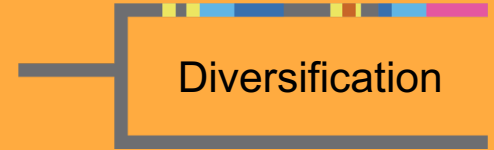


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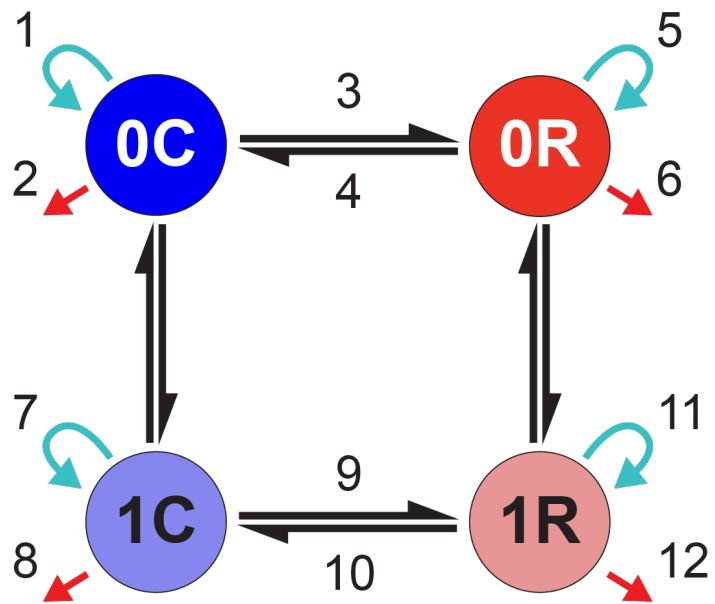


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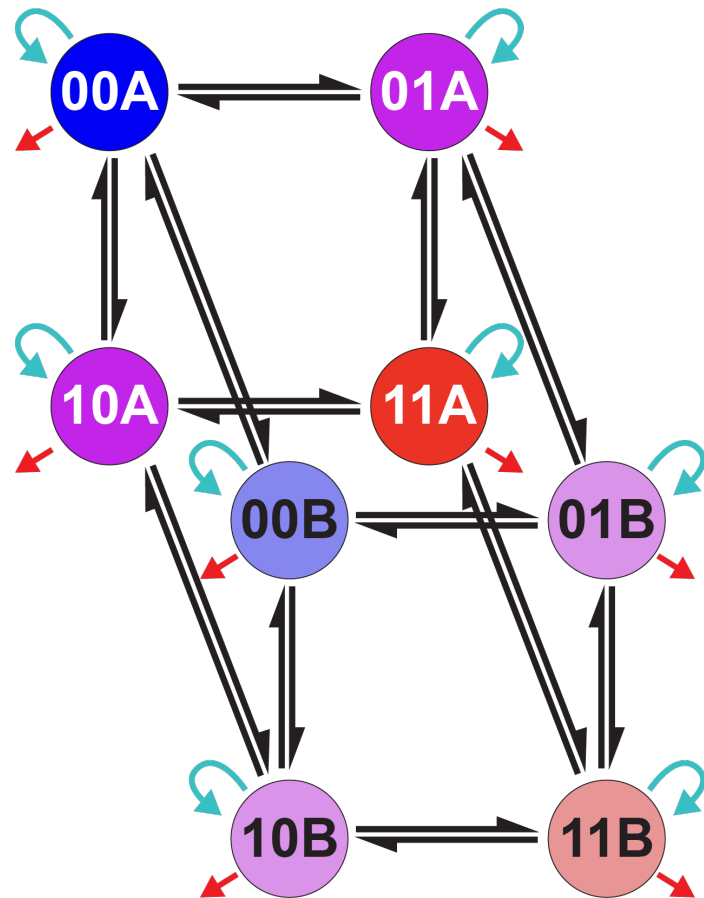
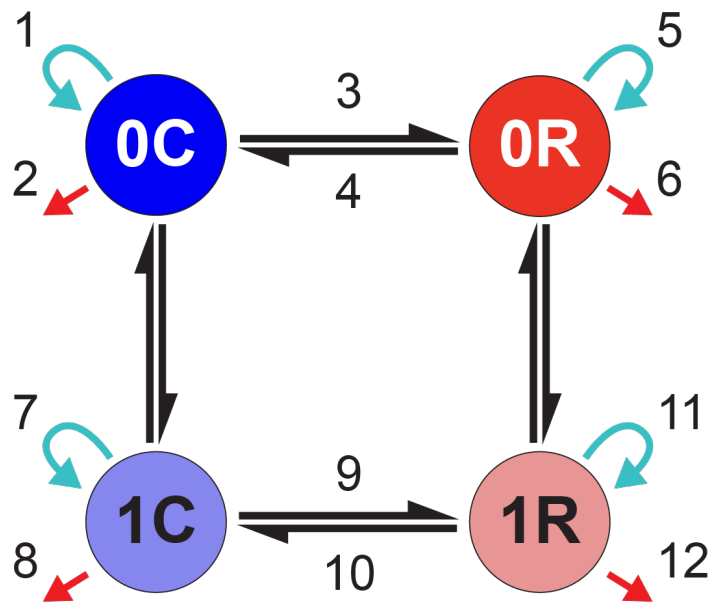
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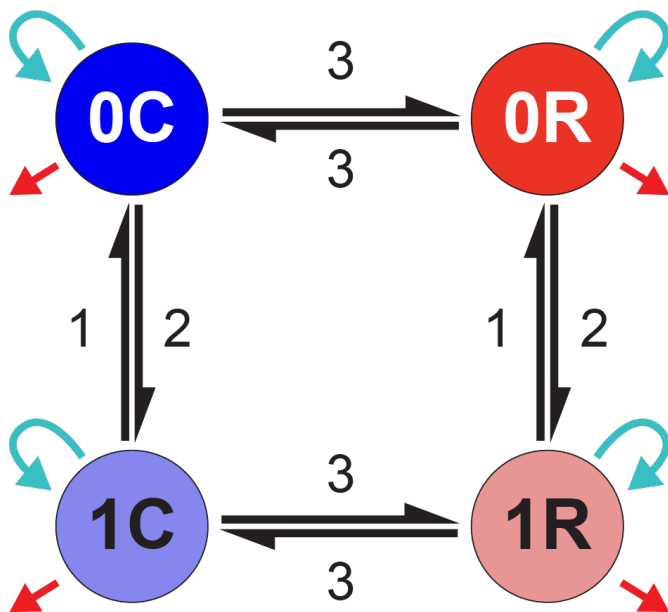


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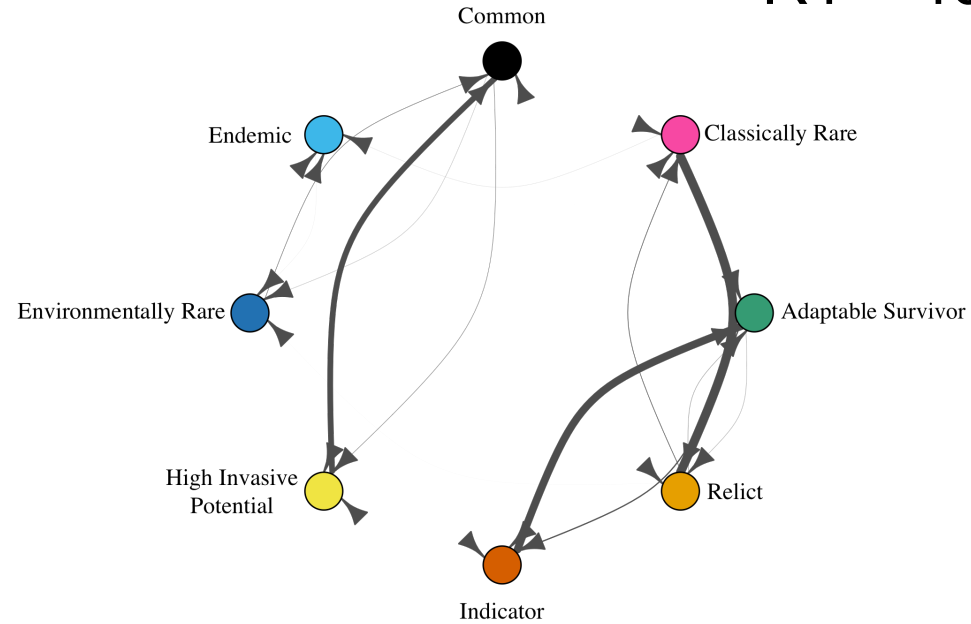


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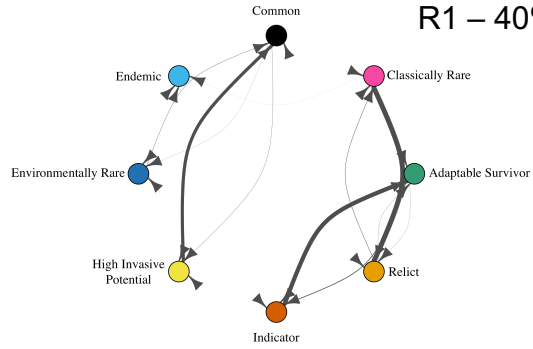
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ARD	20	1	1.11%	904
ARD	24	1	0.29%	385
ARD	46	2	0.15%	164
ARD	50	2	0.08%	125
SYM	26	2	0.70%	478
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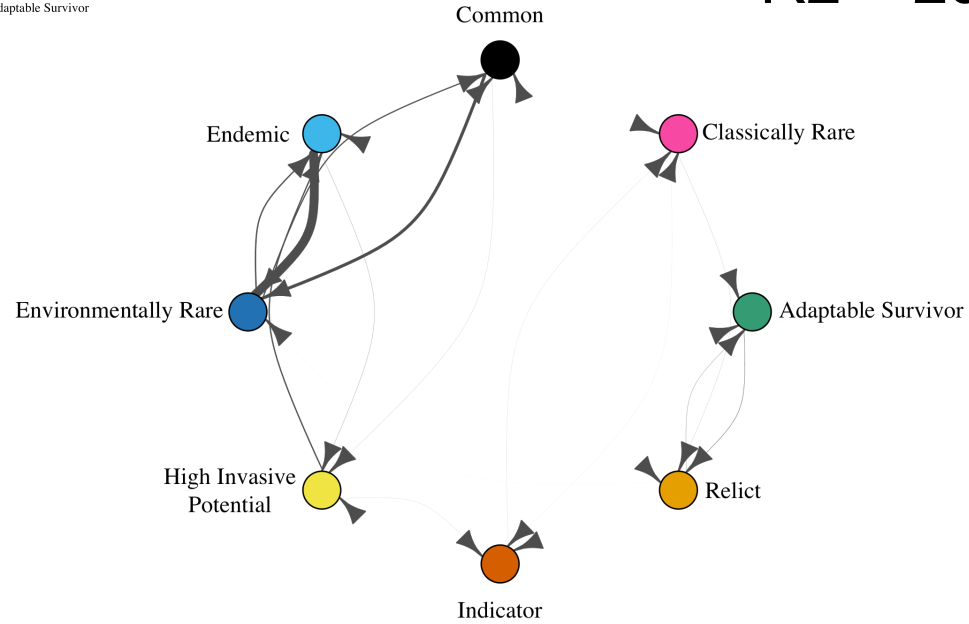
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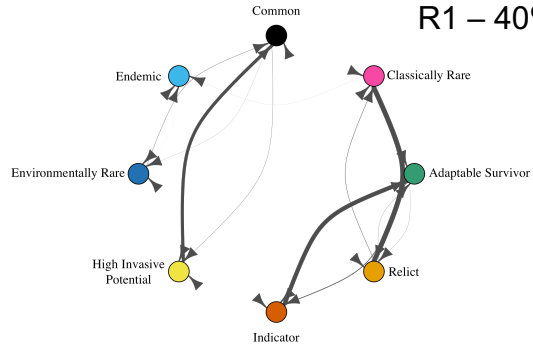
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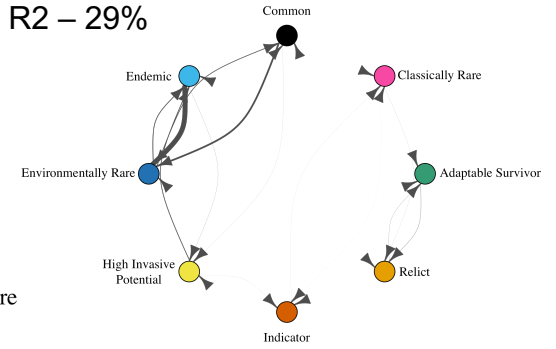
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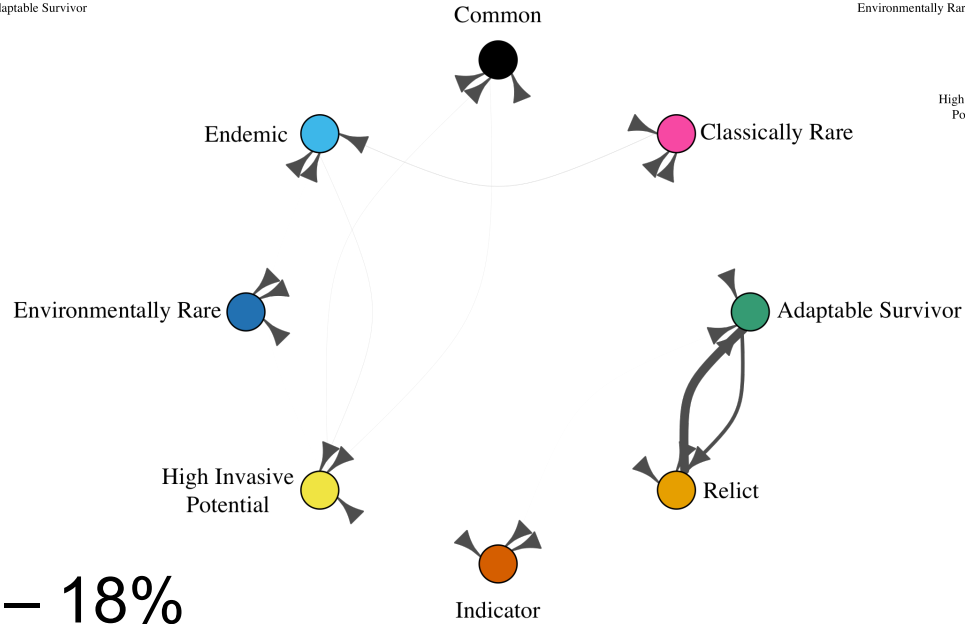
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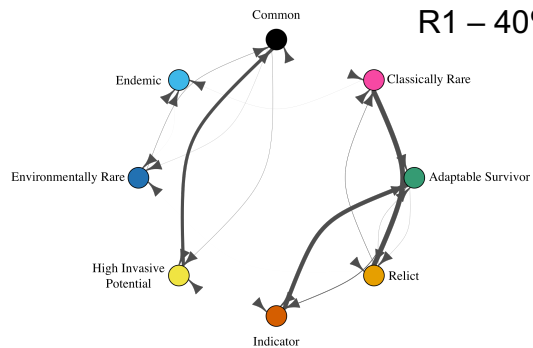
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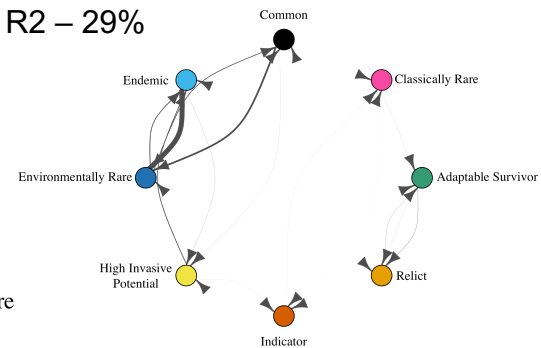
R3 – 18%



R1 – 40%



R2 – 29%



Environmentally Rare

Endemic

Common

Classically Rare

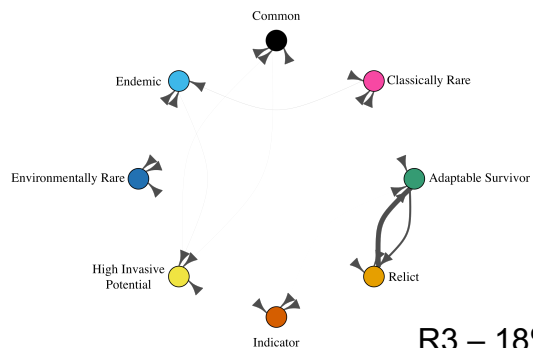
Adaptable Survivor

Relict

Indicator

High Invasive Potential

R3 – 18%



R4 – 12%

High Invasive Potential

Indicator

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Adaptable Survivor

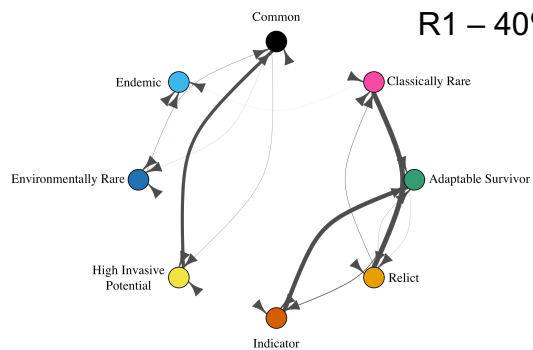
Classically Rare

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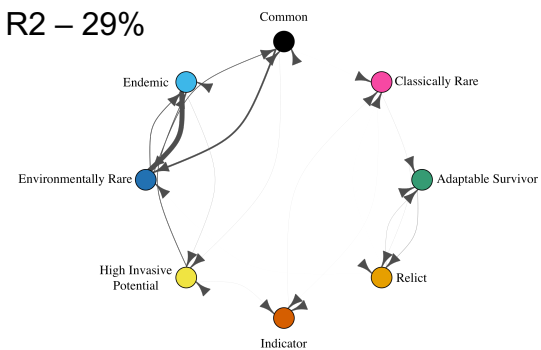
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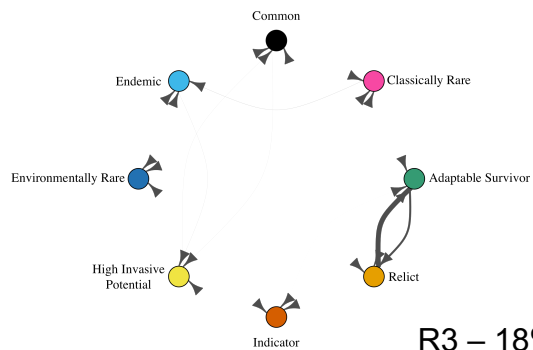
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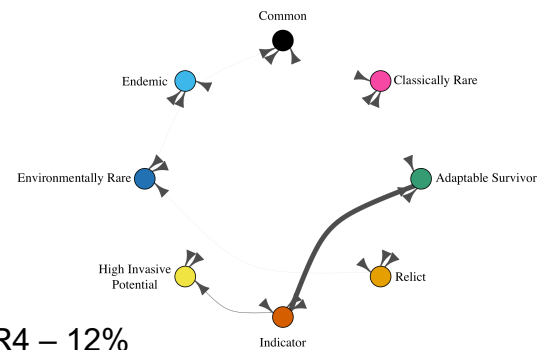
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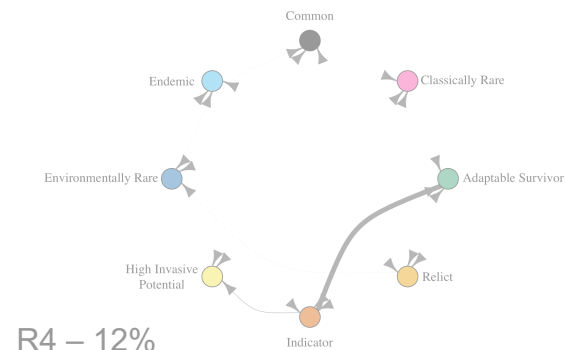
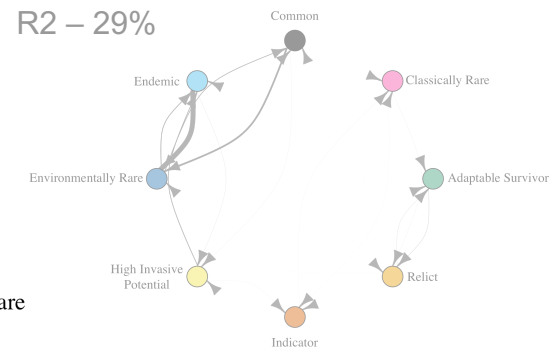
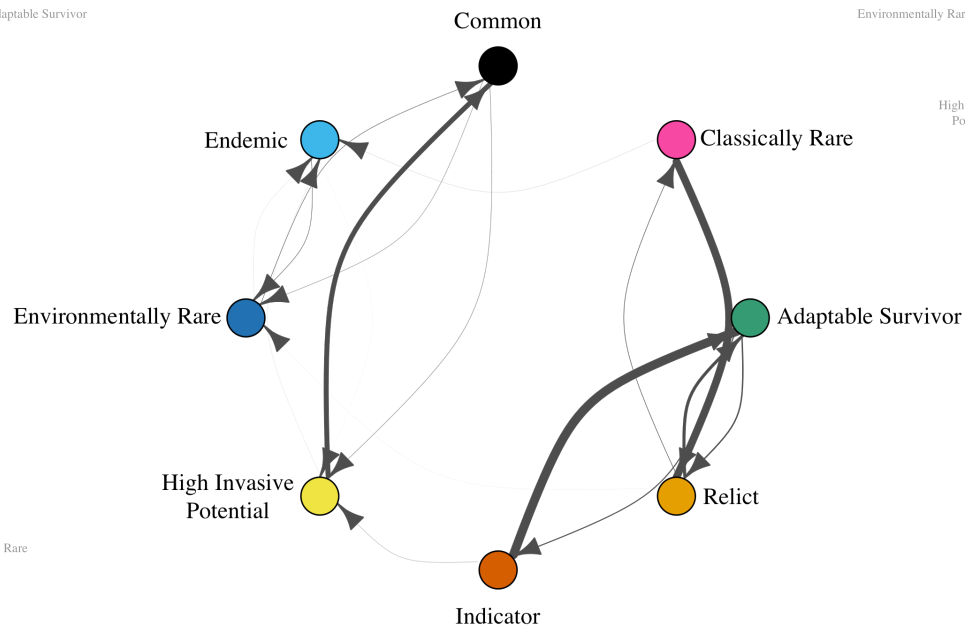
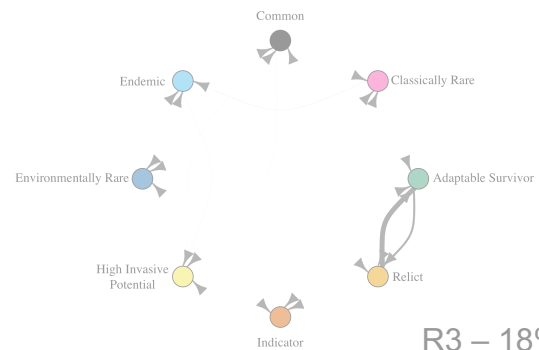
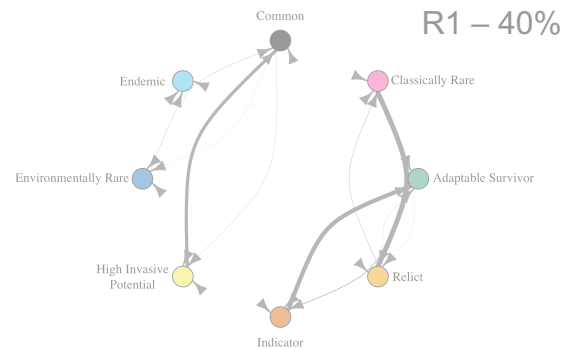


R3 – 18%



R4 – 12%





Geographic Rarity $\xrightleftharpoons{\text{X } 2}$ Geographic Commonness

Functional Rarity $\xrightleftharpoons{\text{X } 11}$ Functional Commonness

Phylogenetic Rarity $\xrightleftharpoons{\text{X } 40}$ Phylogenetic Commonness

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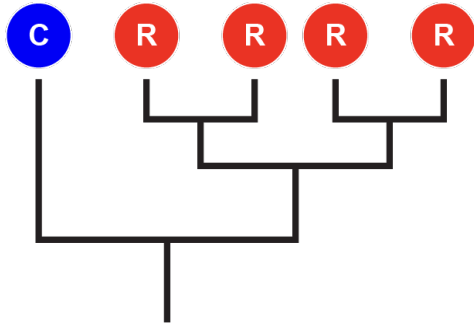
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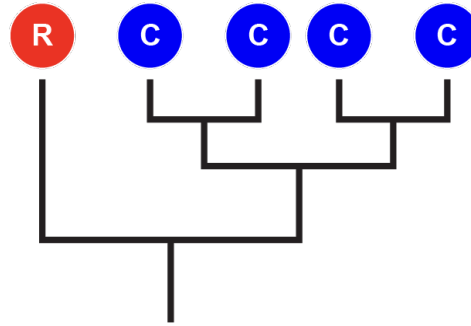
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Rarity is a **dominant** state characterized by many single step, **rapid transitions** between rarity types or to commonness

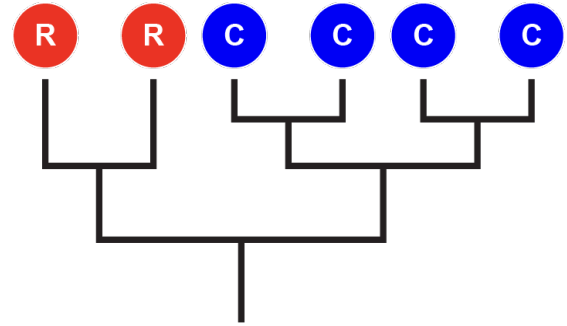
Geographic Rarity



Functional Rarity



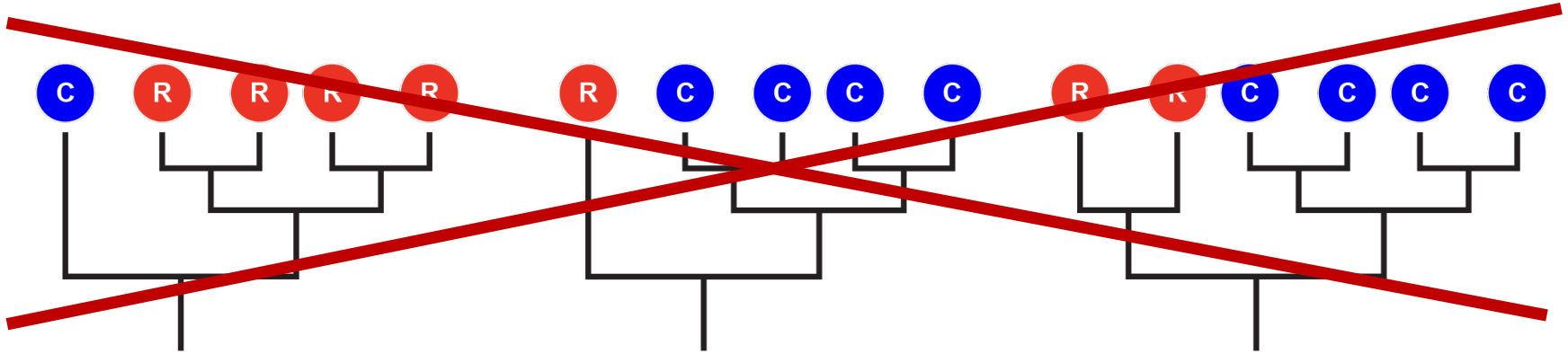
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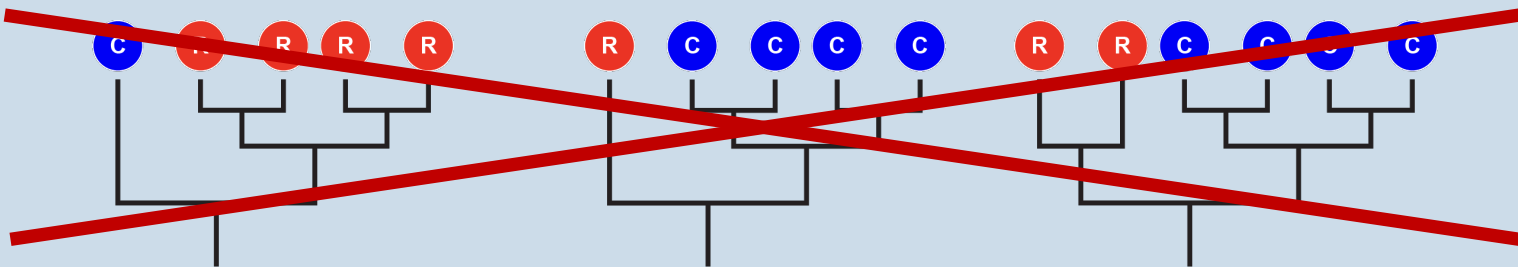
Phylogenetic Rarity



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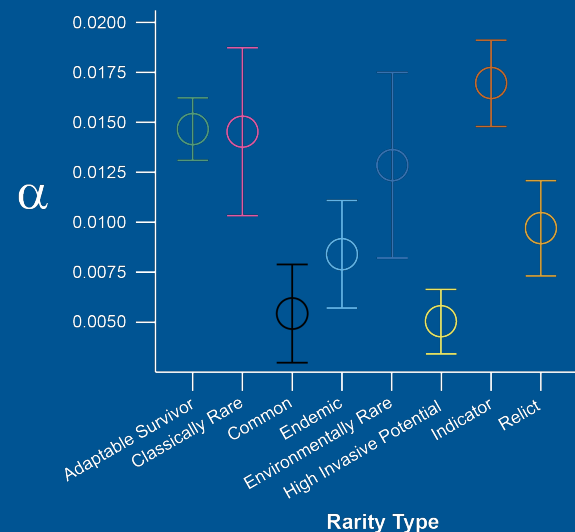
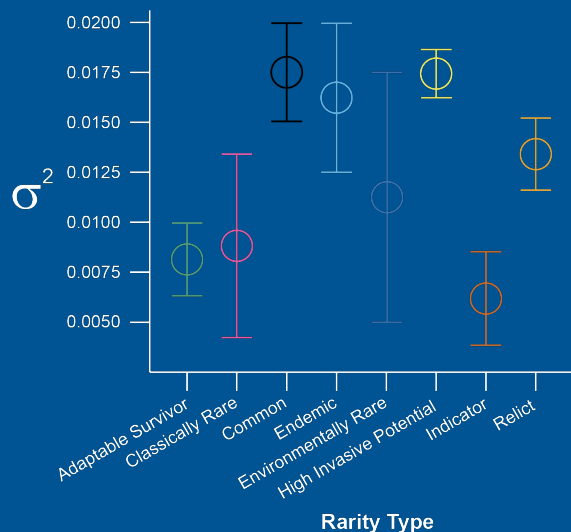
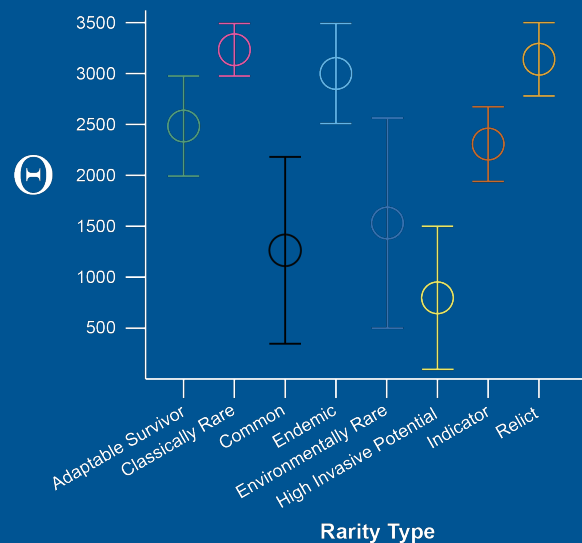
Rarity is **not** correlated with differential diversification. Rarity does **not** persist via increased speciation, but it is **not** correlated with increased extinction either.



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Future Directions

Example Output*



* Not based on real data

In Summary

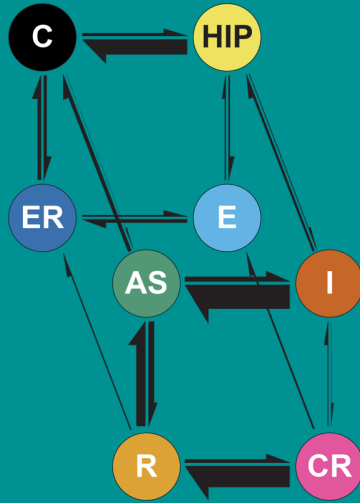
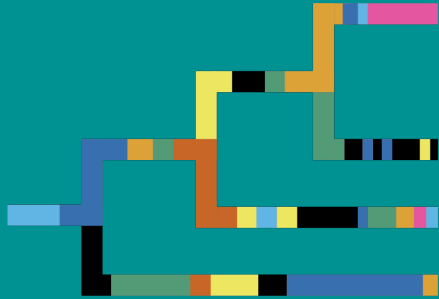
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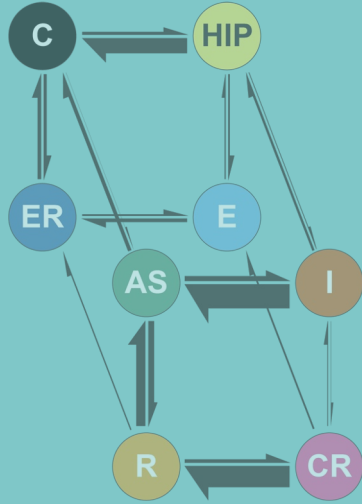
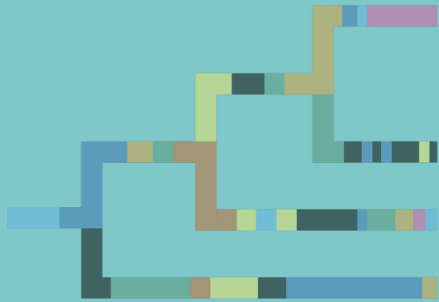


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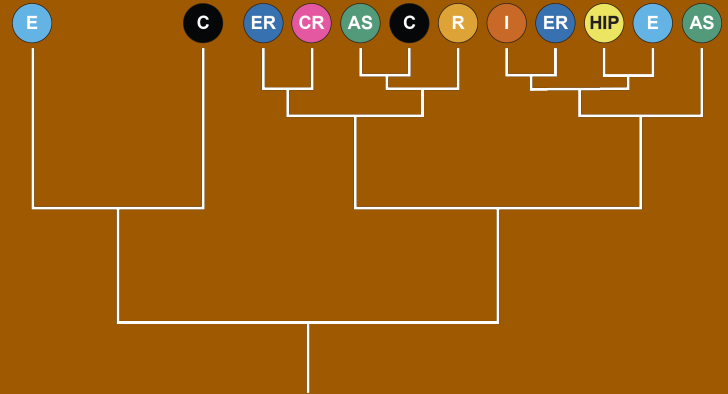
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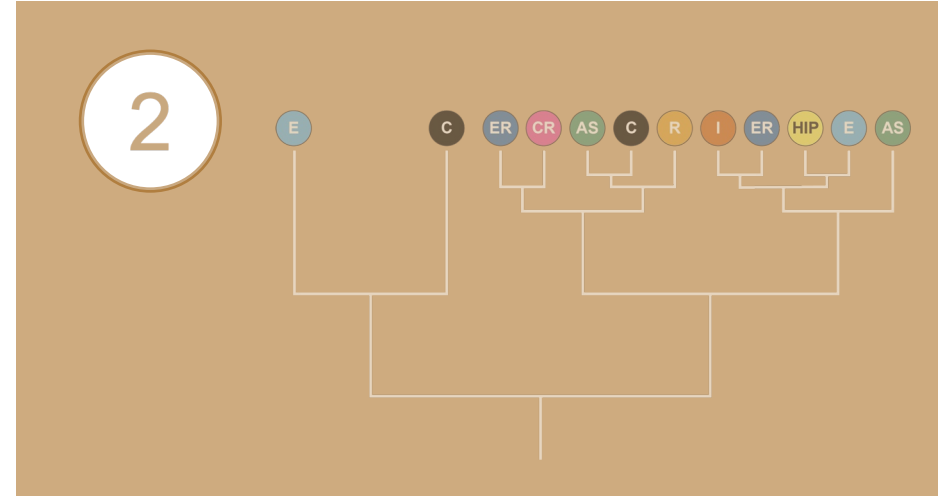
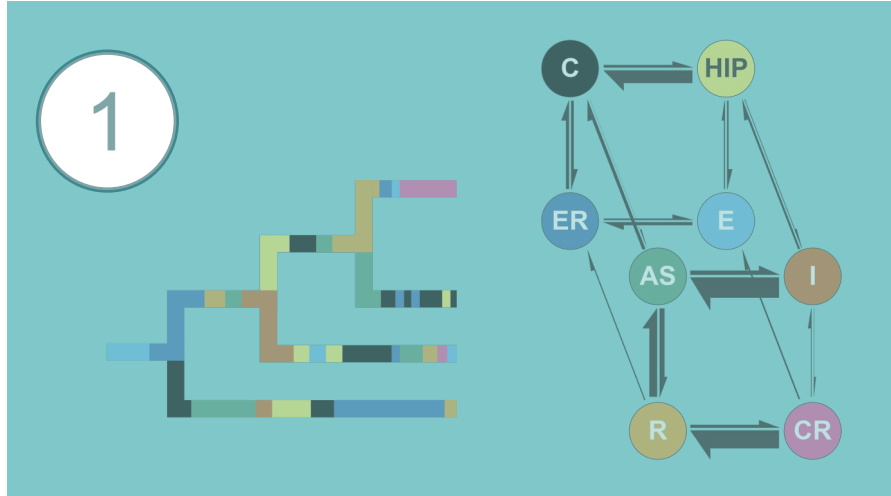
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Surprisingly, rarity is not correlated with differential diversification

In Summary



Rarity is not a static endpoint, nor a precursor to extinction, but rather a frequent and dynamic state

Thank you!

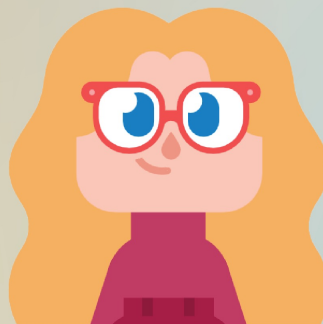
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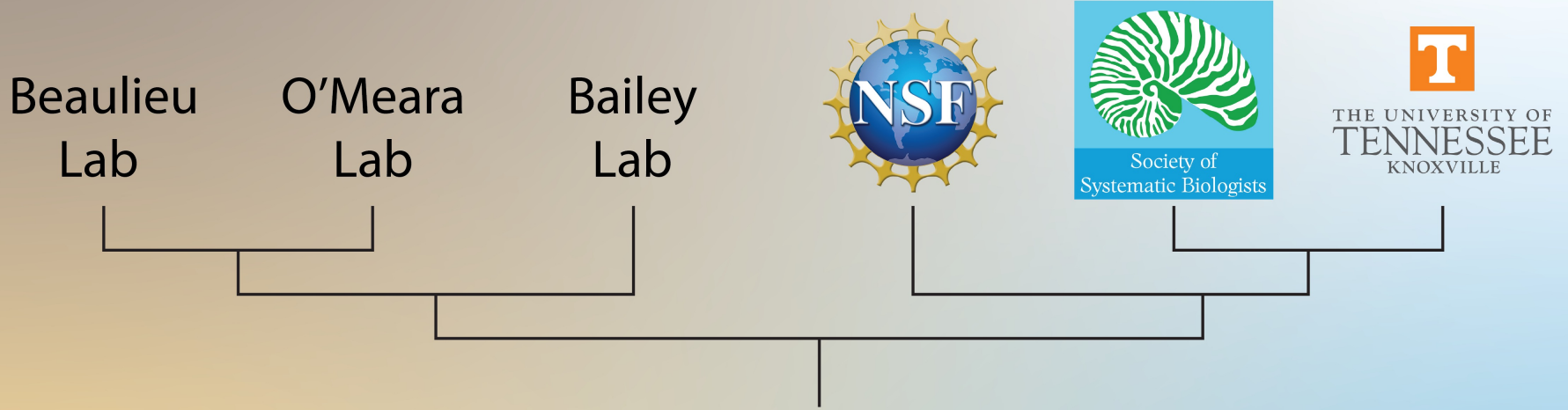


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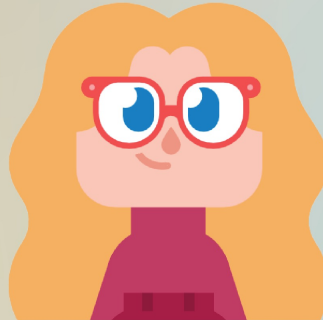


GeoFunPhy R Package

A tool to classify the
multidimensional rarity of species

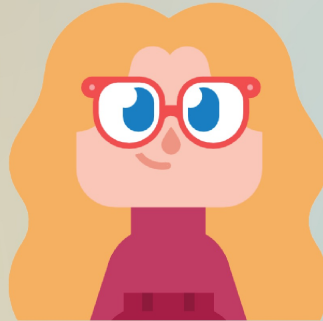
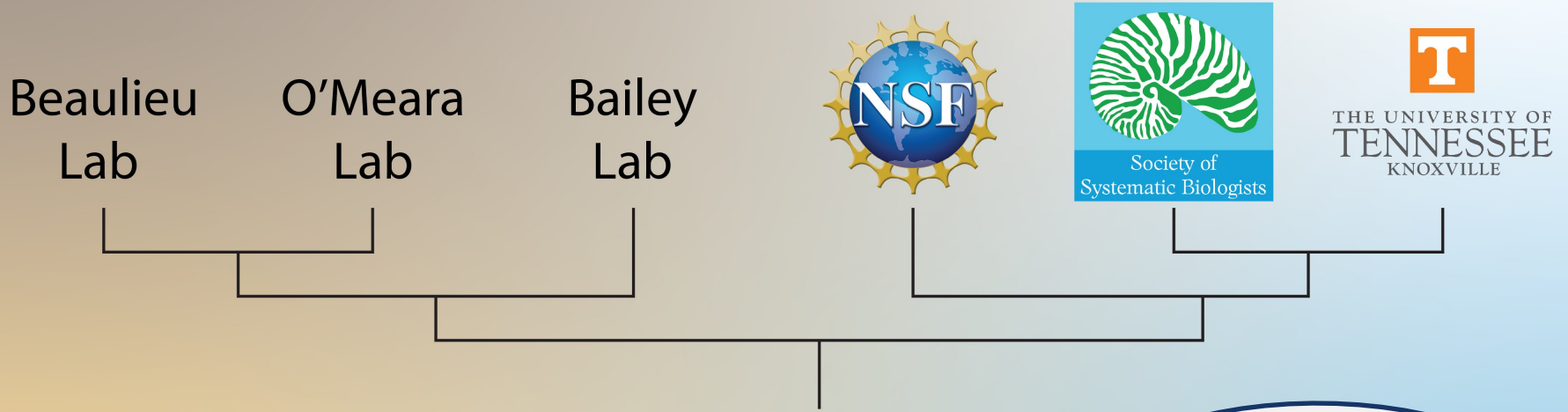


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Questions?

Rarity Type	Prop. of time	Prop. of tips
Adaptable Survivor	14.2%	11.5%
Classically Rare	11.8%	1%
Common	12.9%	48.1%
Endemic	14.9%	2.5%
Environmentally Rare	13.6%	21.5%
High Invasive Potential	11.8%	5.5%
Indicator	11.1%	1.8%
Relict	9.7%	8.1%

Indicator

Cornus alternifolia



Adaptable Survivor

Acacia stricta



Classically Rare

Macrolobium angustifolium



Relict

Eucalyptus coccifera



High Invasive Potential

Pinus pinaster



Common

Campanula sibirica



Endemic

Cryptocarya alba



Environmentally Rare

Poa colensoi

