## Comparing Networks in Space

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## Species diversity



## Species and interactions diversity



Metaweb

$s=$ species
$i=$ interactions

## Interaction $\beta$-diversity



Poisot et al. (2012) The dissimilarity of species interaction networks. Ecology Letters

## Interaction $\beta$-diversity

$\beta_{W N}$ and $\beta_{O S}$ can be calculated using Whittaker's dissimilarity measure $\beta_{W}$ :

$$
\beta_{W}=\frac{a+b+c}{(2 a+b+c) / 2}-1
$$

$a$ - number of interactions shared between two communities
$b$ - number of interactions unique to community I
$c$ - number of interactions unique to community 2
$\beta_{S T}$ is calculated as $\beta_{W N}-\beta_{O S}$

## Example $-\beta_{W N}$

Network I
Network 2



POLLINATORS


## Example $-\beta_{W N}$

Network I

## Network 2


$a=5 \quad$ - number of interactions shared between two communities
$b=4 \quad$ - number of interactions unique to community $I$
$c=4 \quad$ - number of interactions unique to community 2

$$
\beta_{W N}=\frac{5+4+4}{(2 \times 5+4+4) / 2}-1=0.44
$$

## Example $-\beta_{O S}$

Network I
Network 2


## Example $-\beta_{O S}$

Network I

## Network 2


$a=5 \quad$ - number of interactions shared between two communities
$b=2$ - number of interactions unique to community I
$c=1 \quad$ - number of interactions unique to community 2

$$
\beta_{O S}=\frac{5+2+1}{(2 \times 5+2+1) / 2}-1=0.23
$$

## Example $-\beta_{S T}$

Network I

Network 2


POLLINATORS


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \beta_{W N}=0.44 \\
& \beta_{O S}=0.23
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\beta_{S T}=\beta_{W N}-\beta_{O S}=0.21
$$

