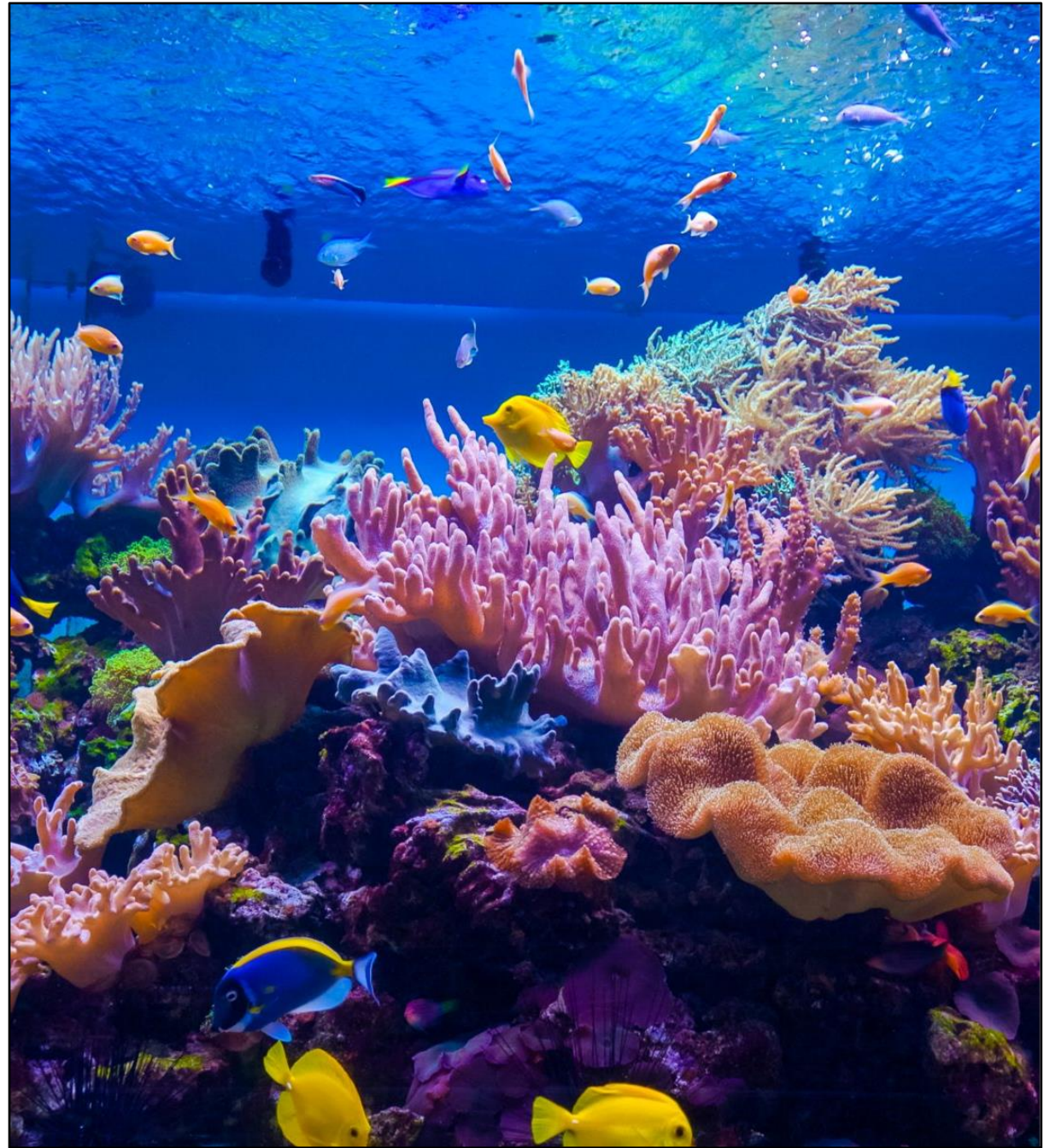
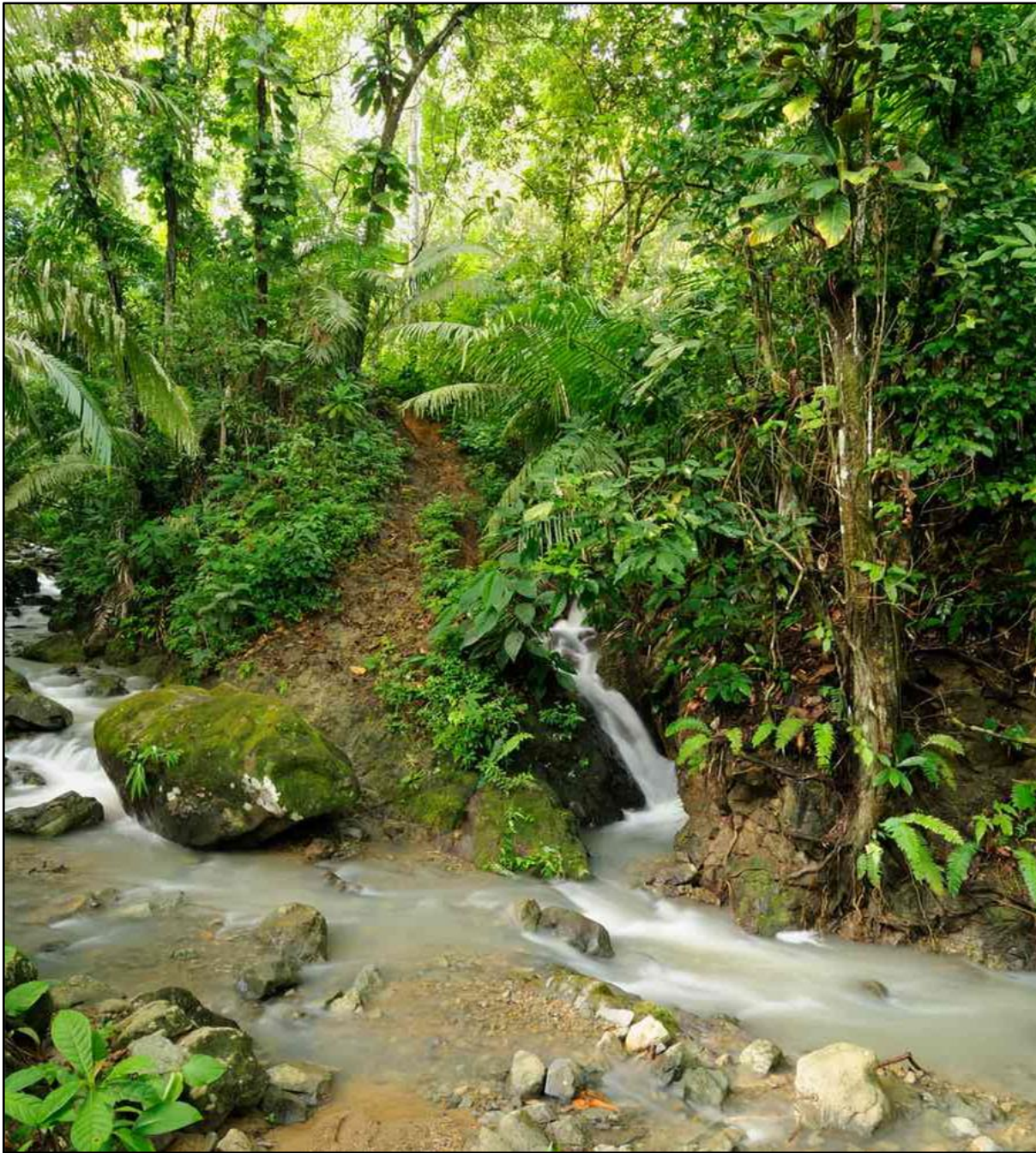


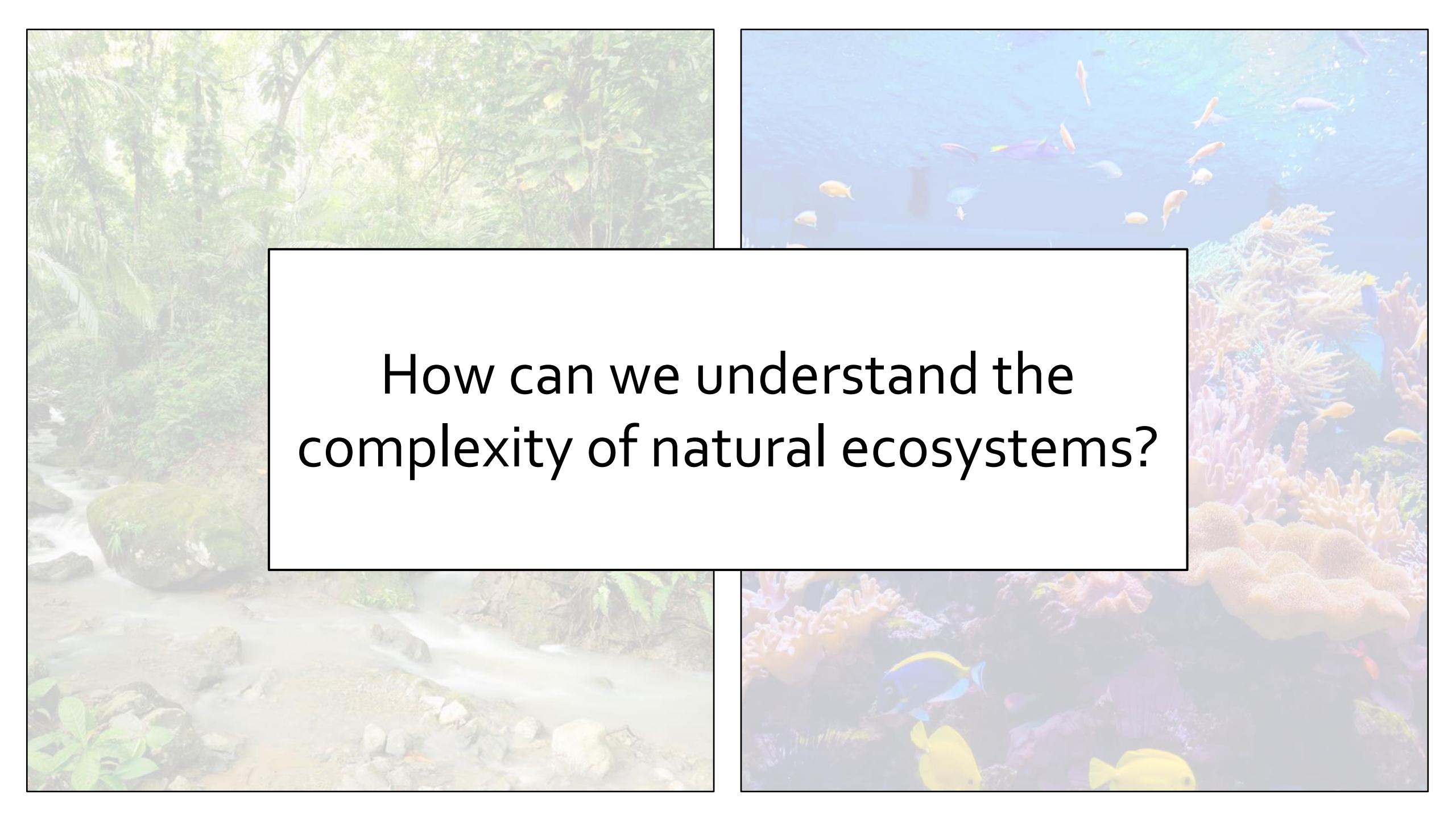


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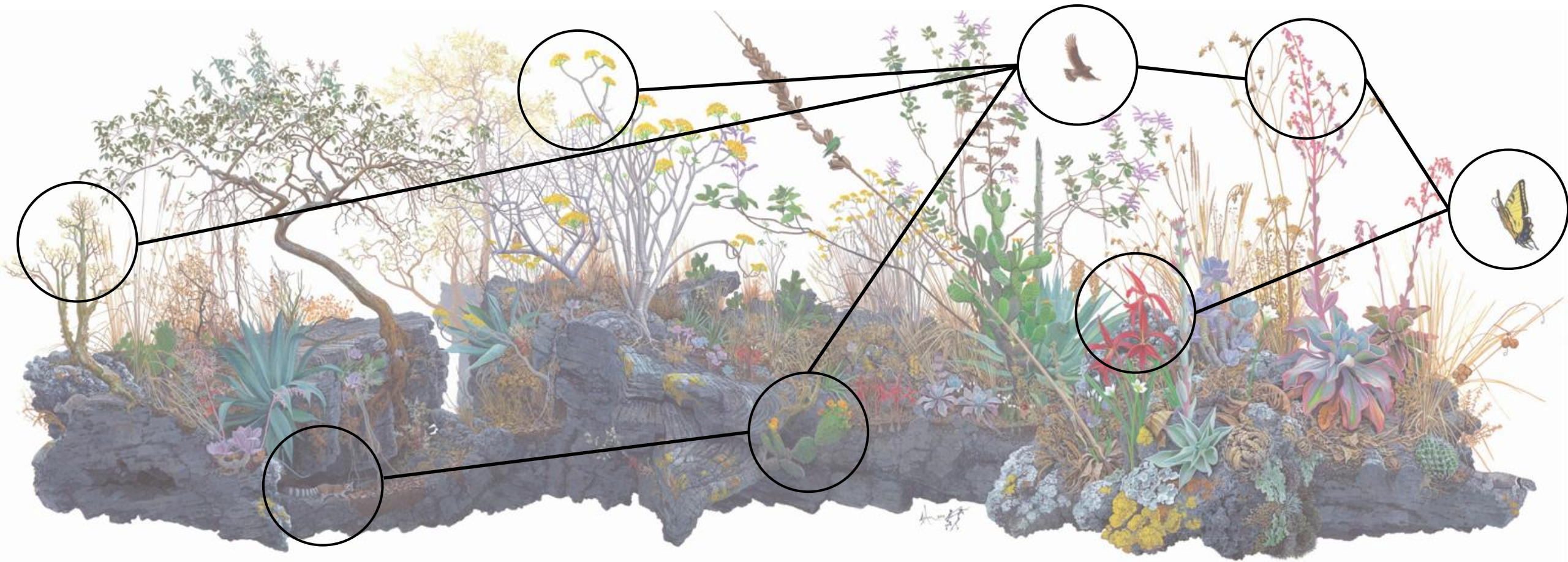
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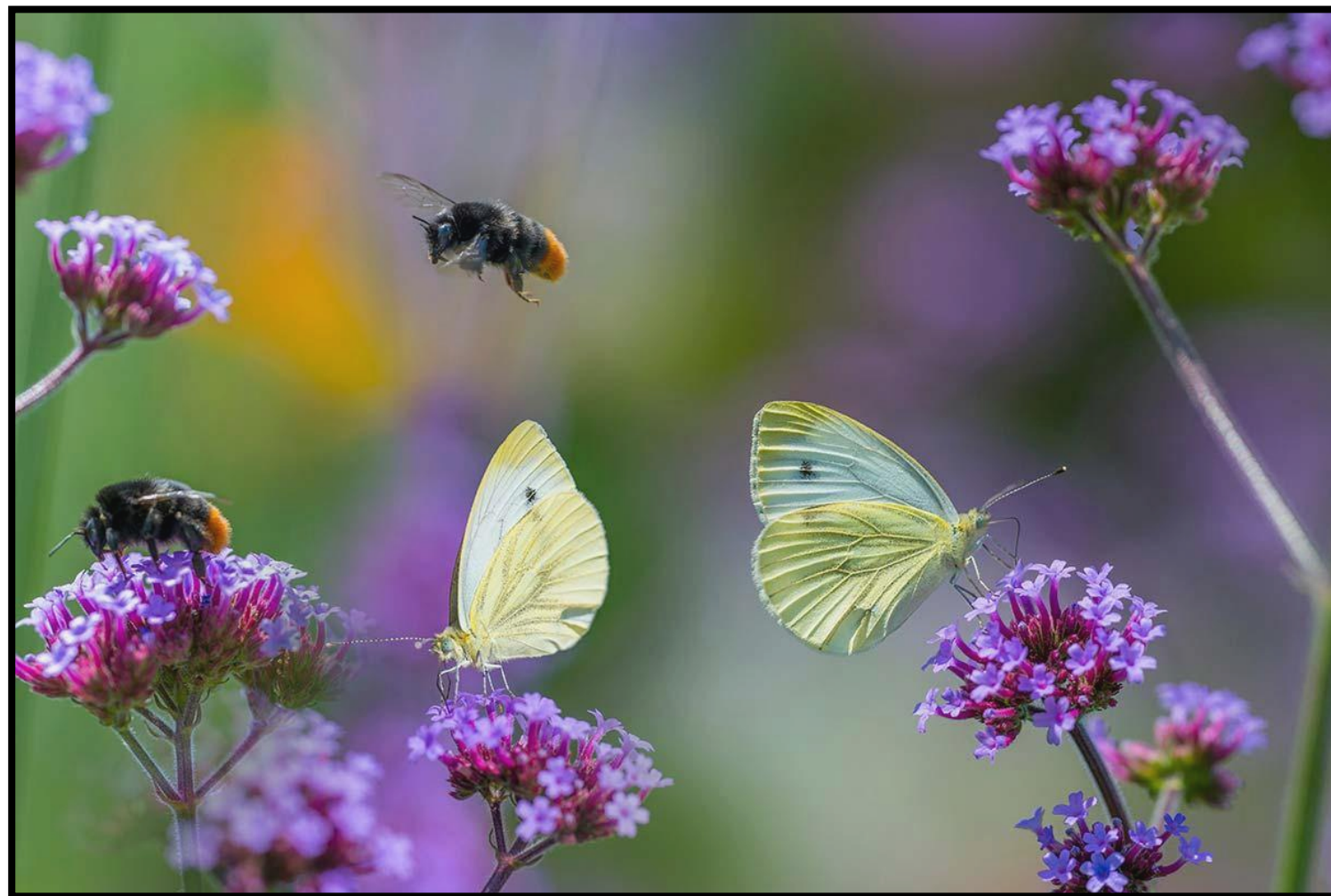
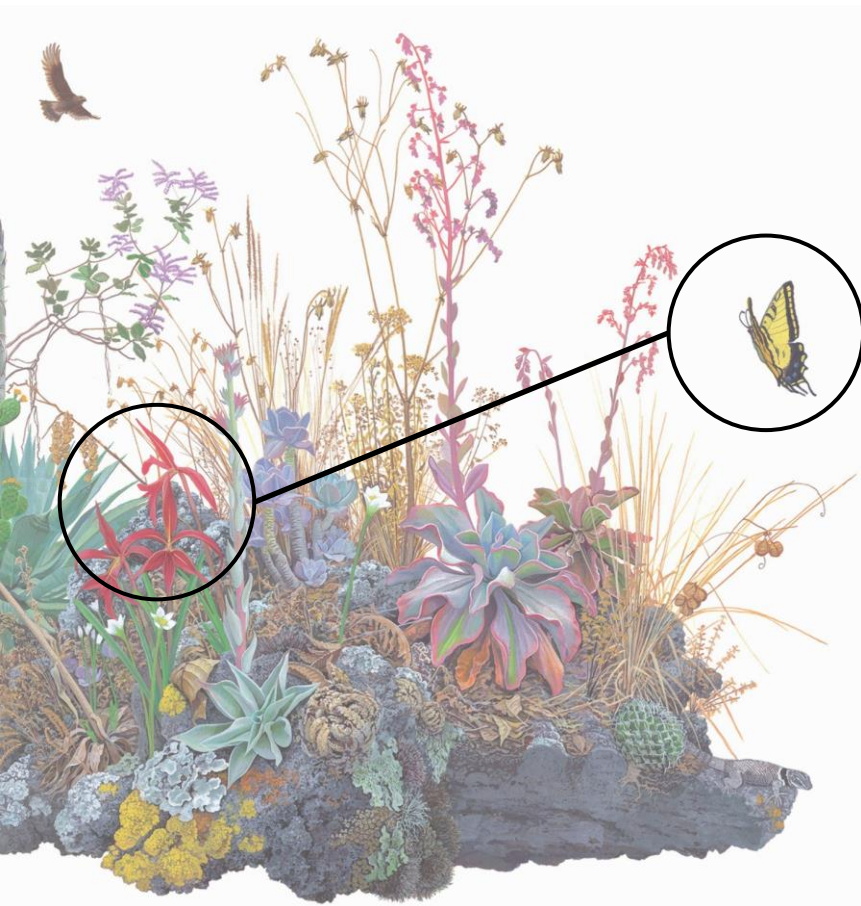
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The image is a collage of four nature scenes. The top-left panel shows a lush green forest with a stream flowing over rocks. The top-right panel shows a vibrant coral reef with many colorful fish swimming in clear blue water. The bottom-left panel shows a close-up of a stream with water cascading over rocks. The bottom-right panel shows a close-up of a coral reef with several colorful fish, including a blue and yellow one. In the center, a white rectangular box with a black border contains the text "How can we understand the complexity of natural ecosystems?".

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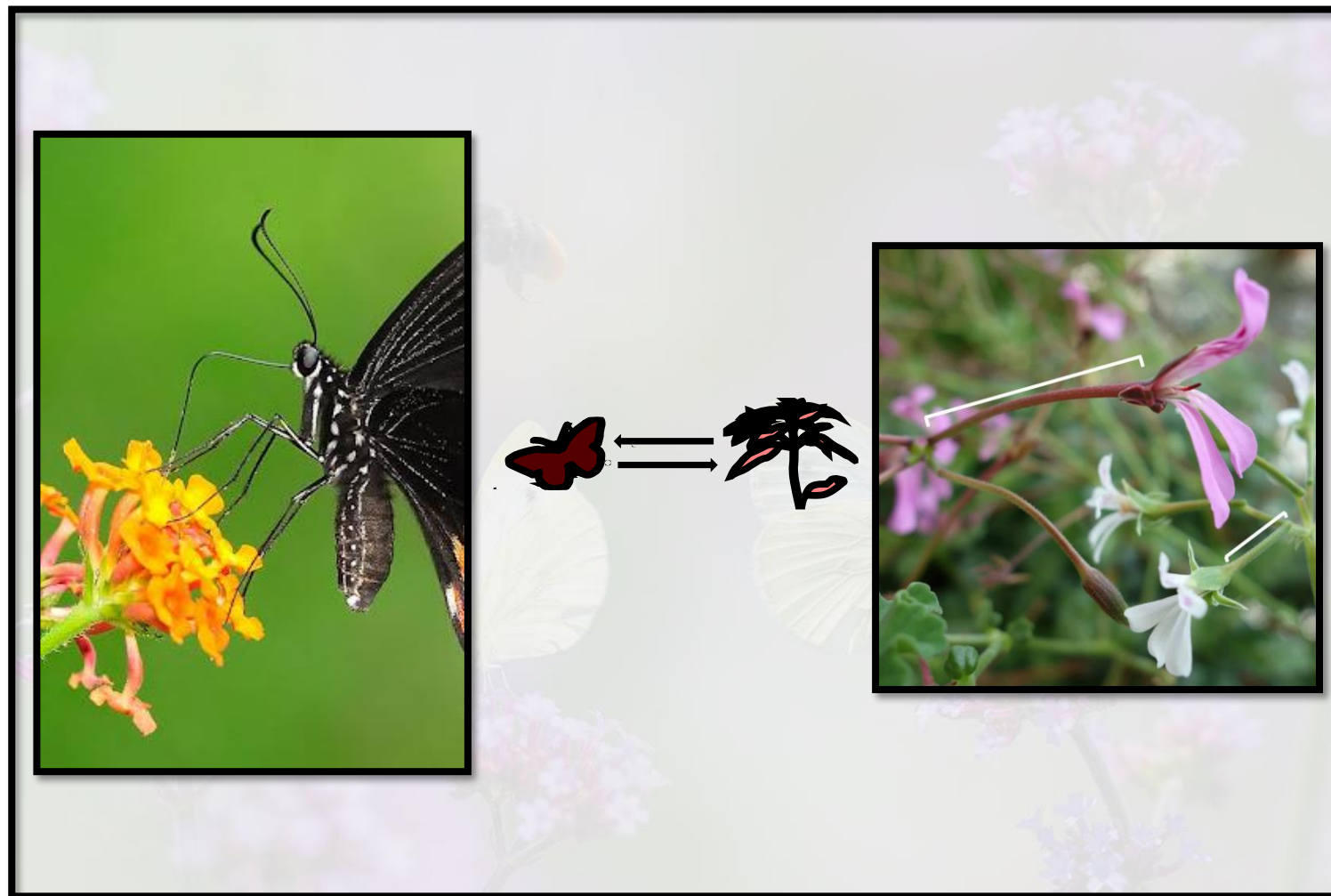
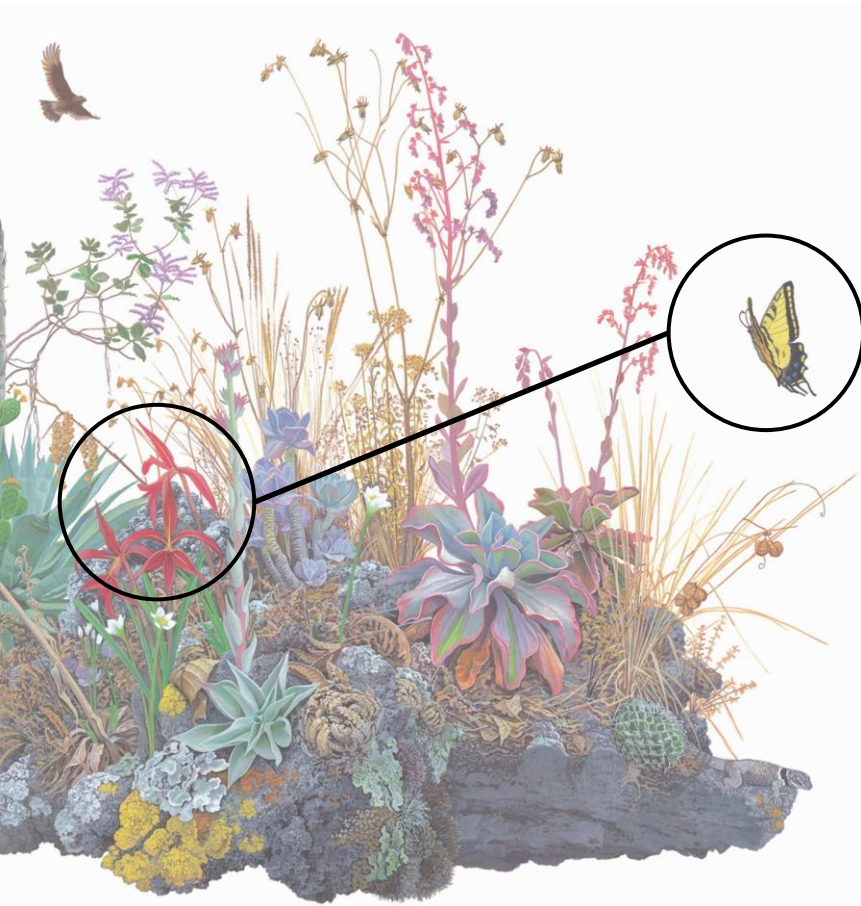




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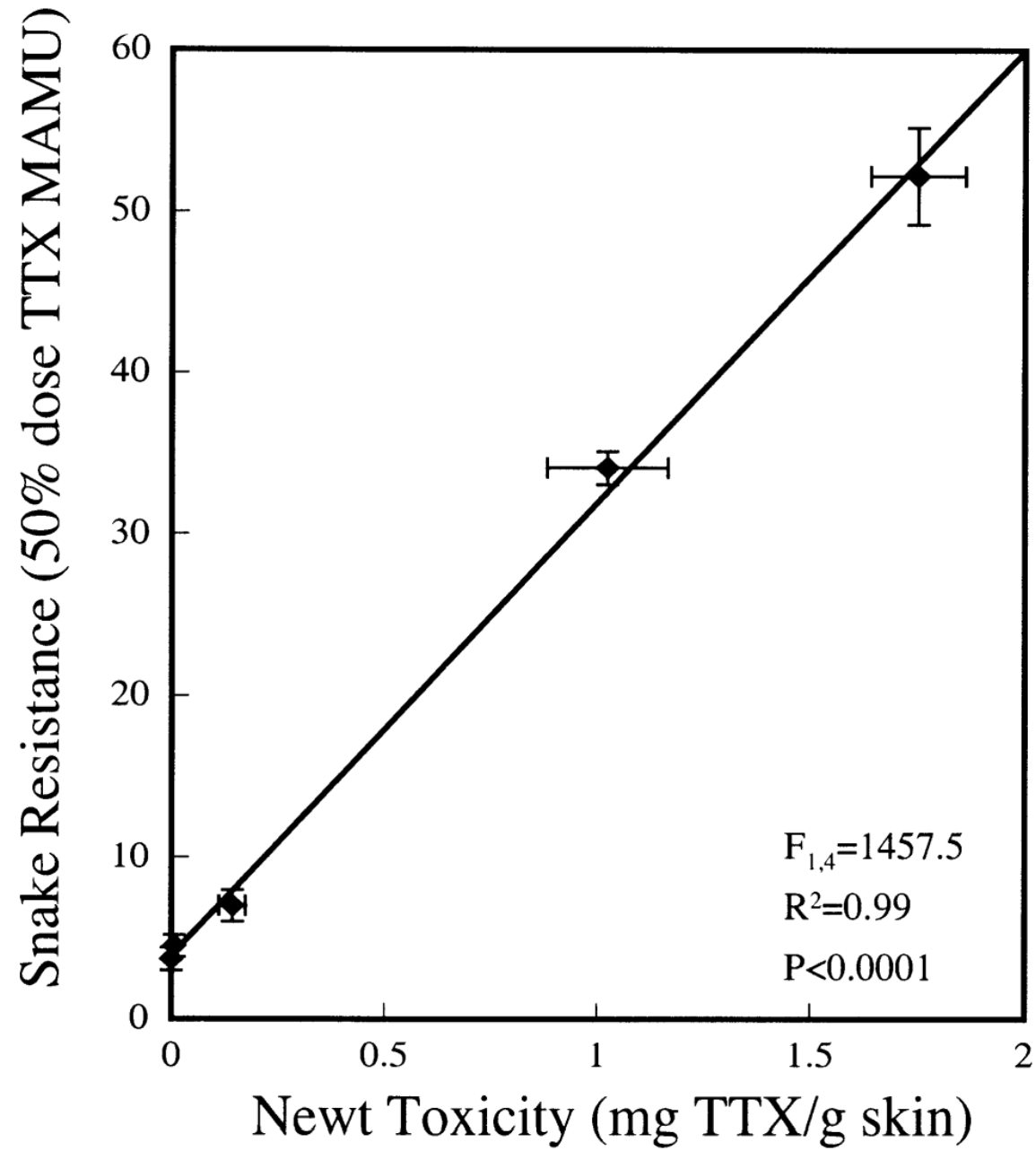


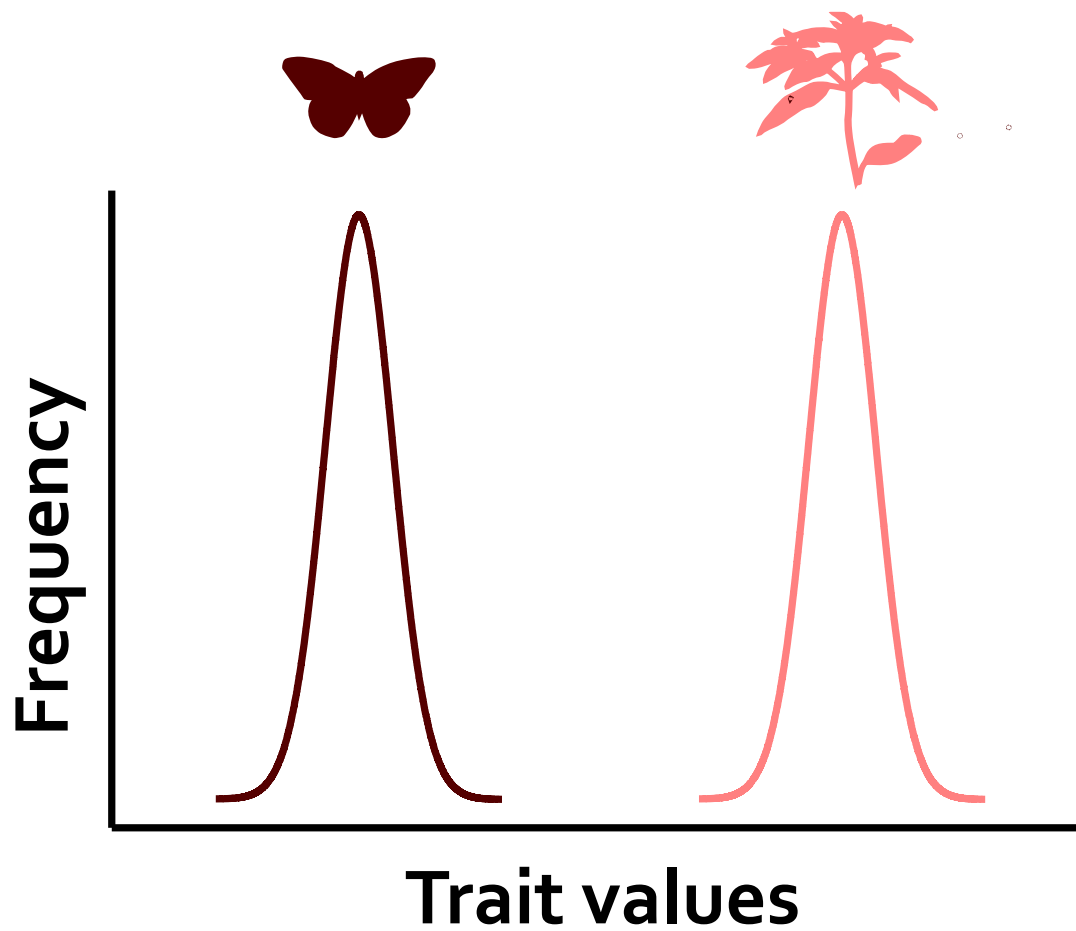
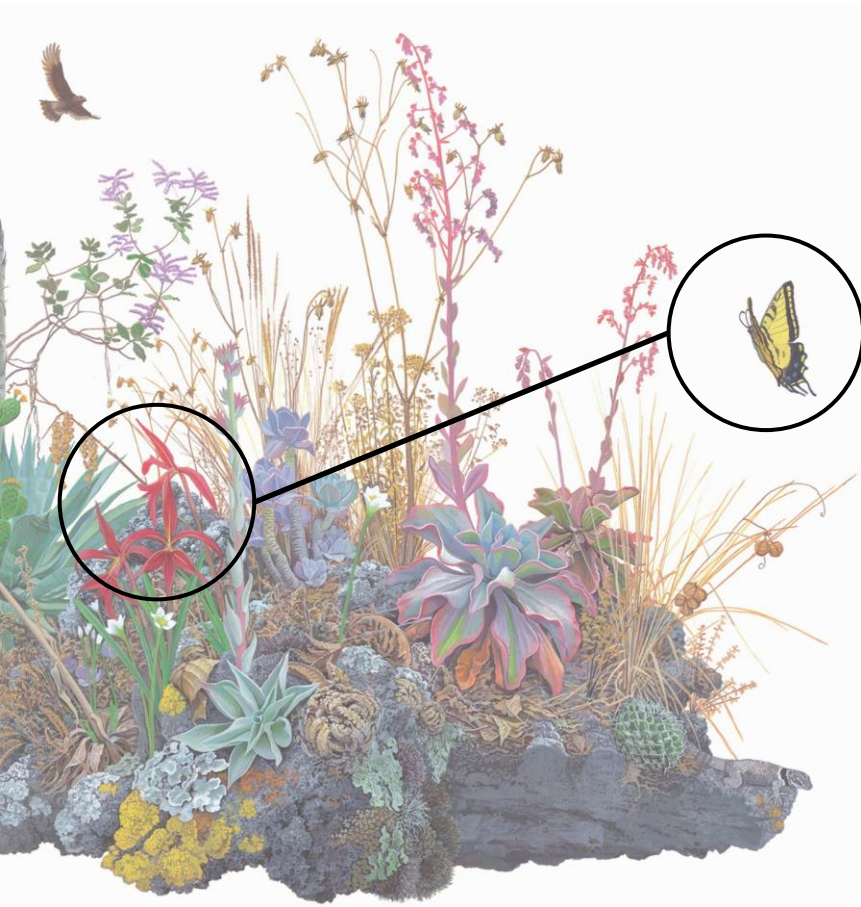


The outcome of interactions depend on species traits!

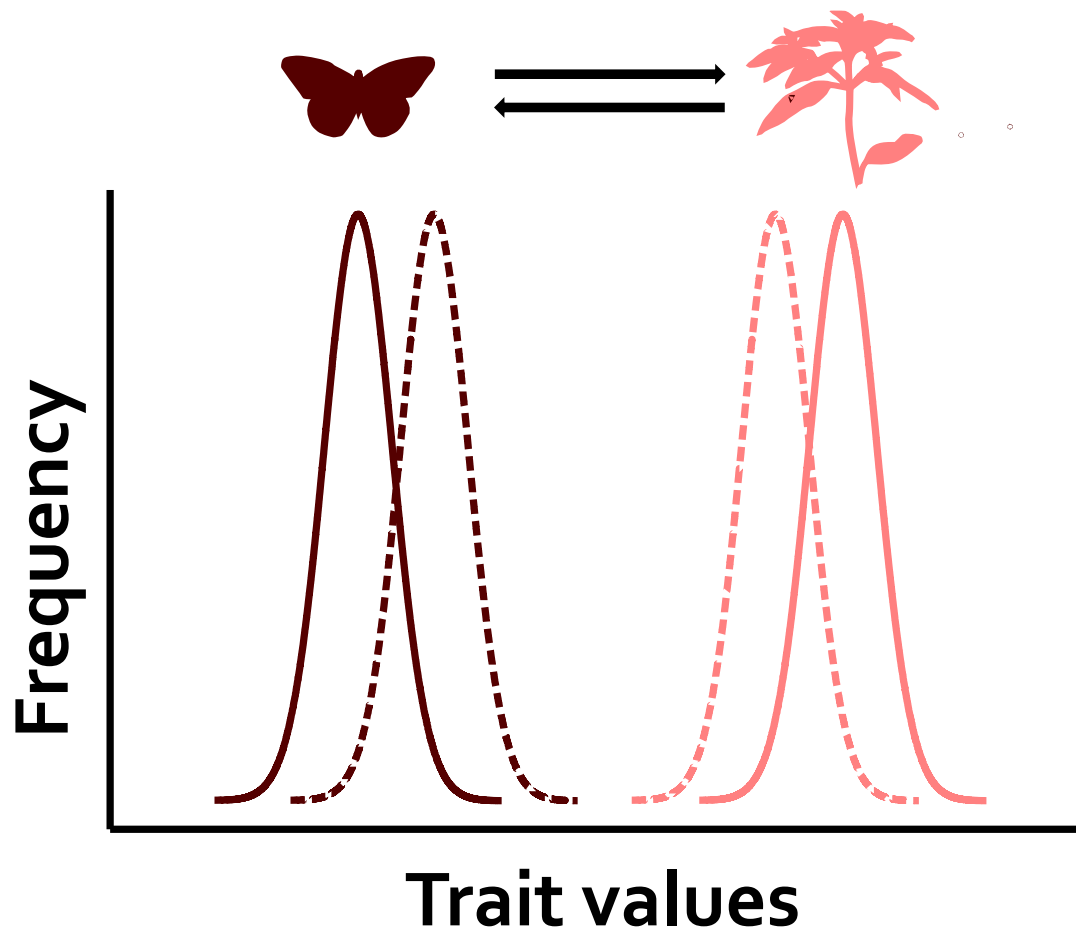
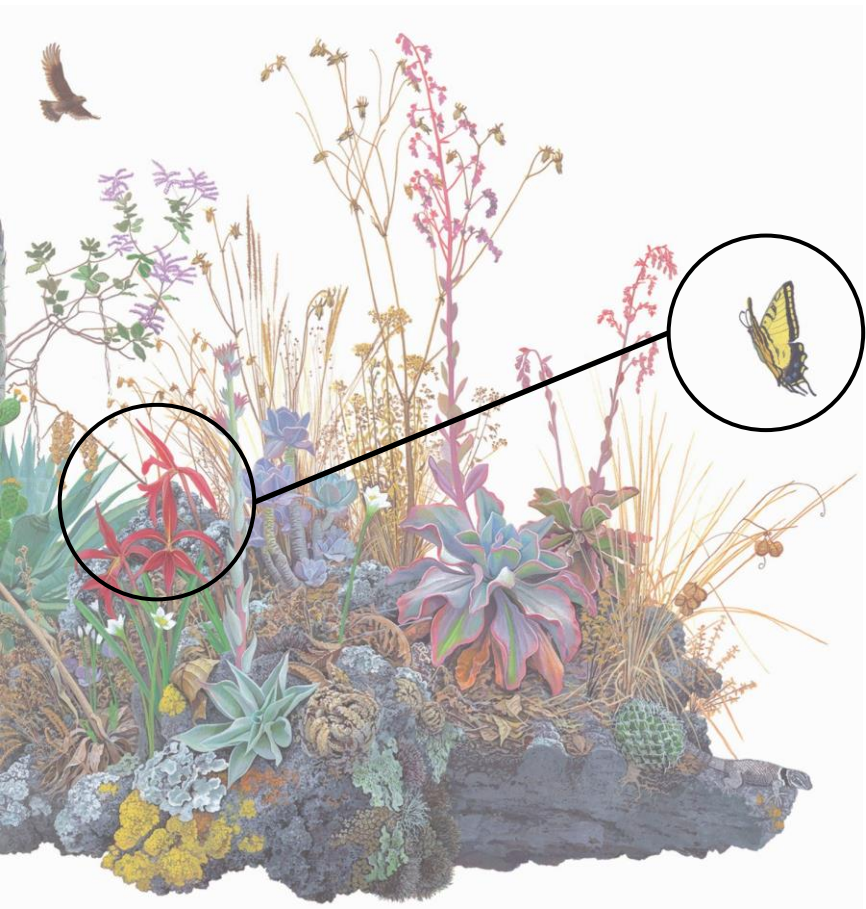




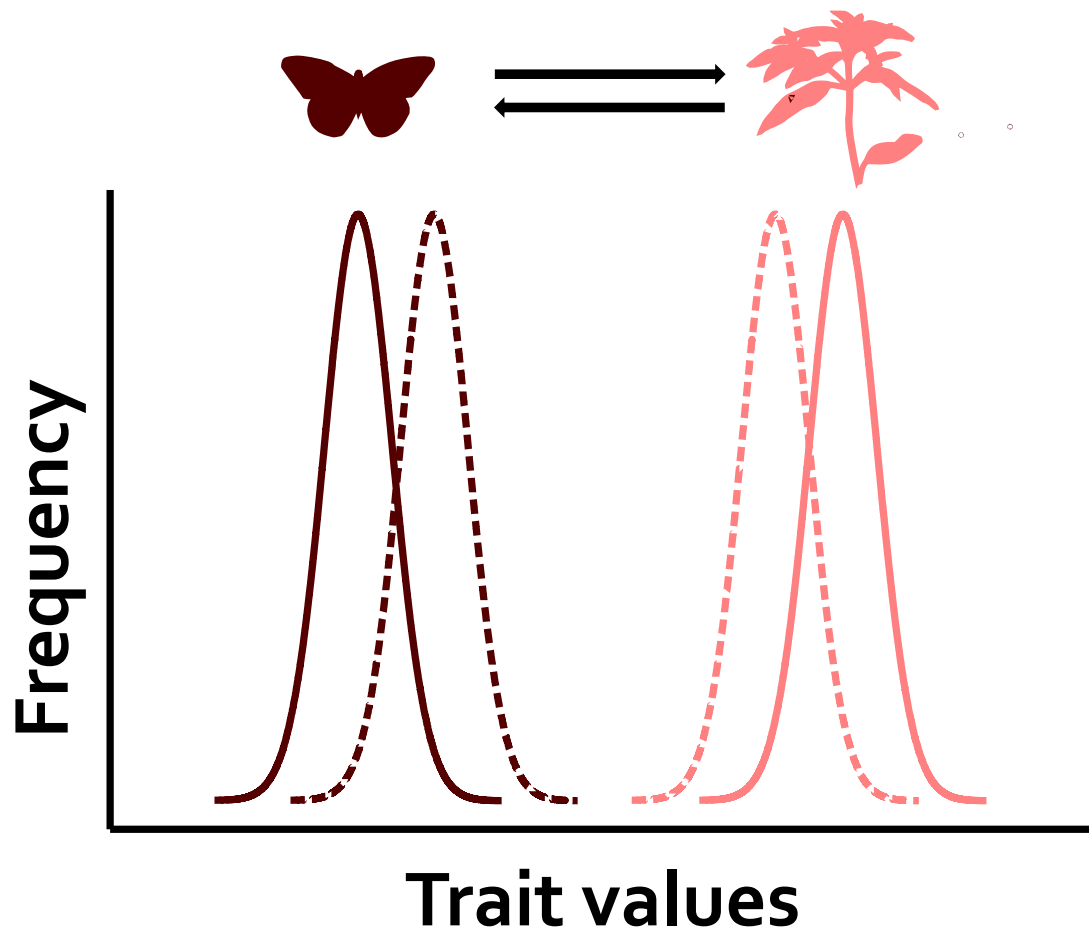
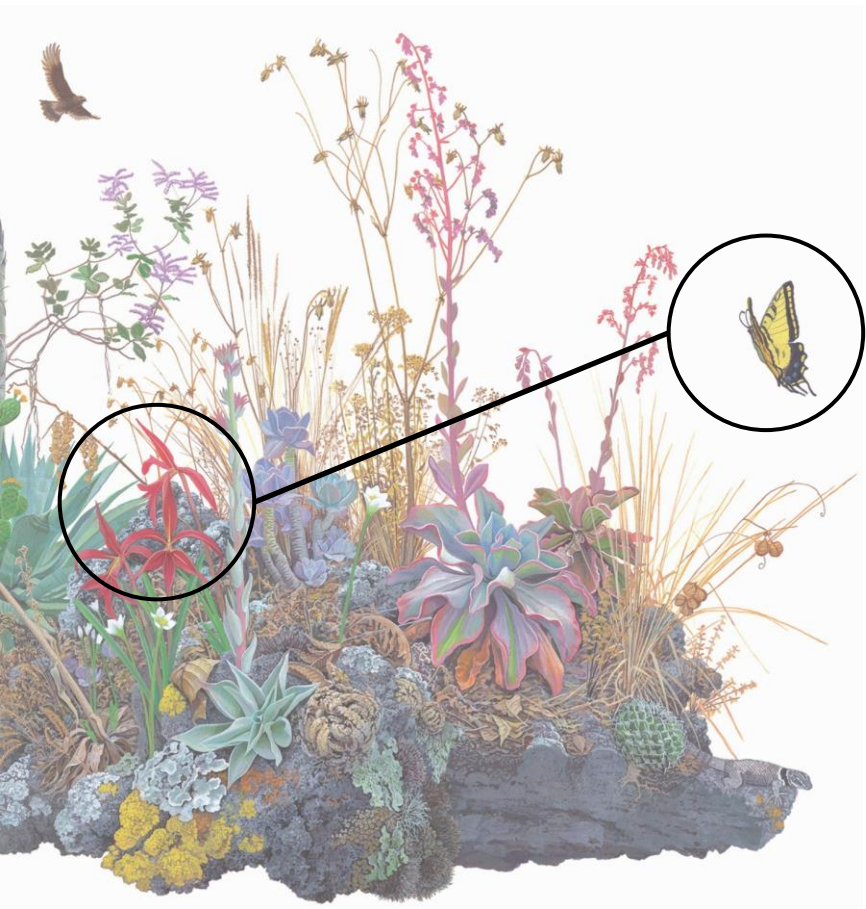




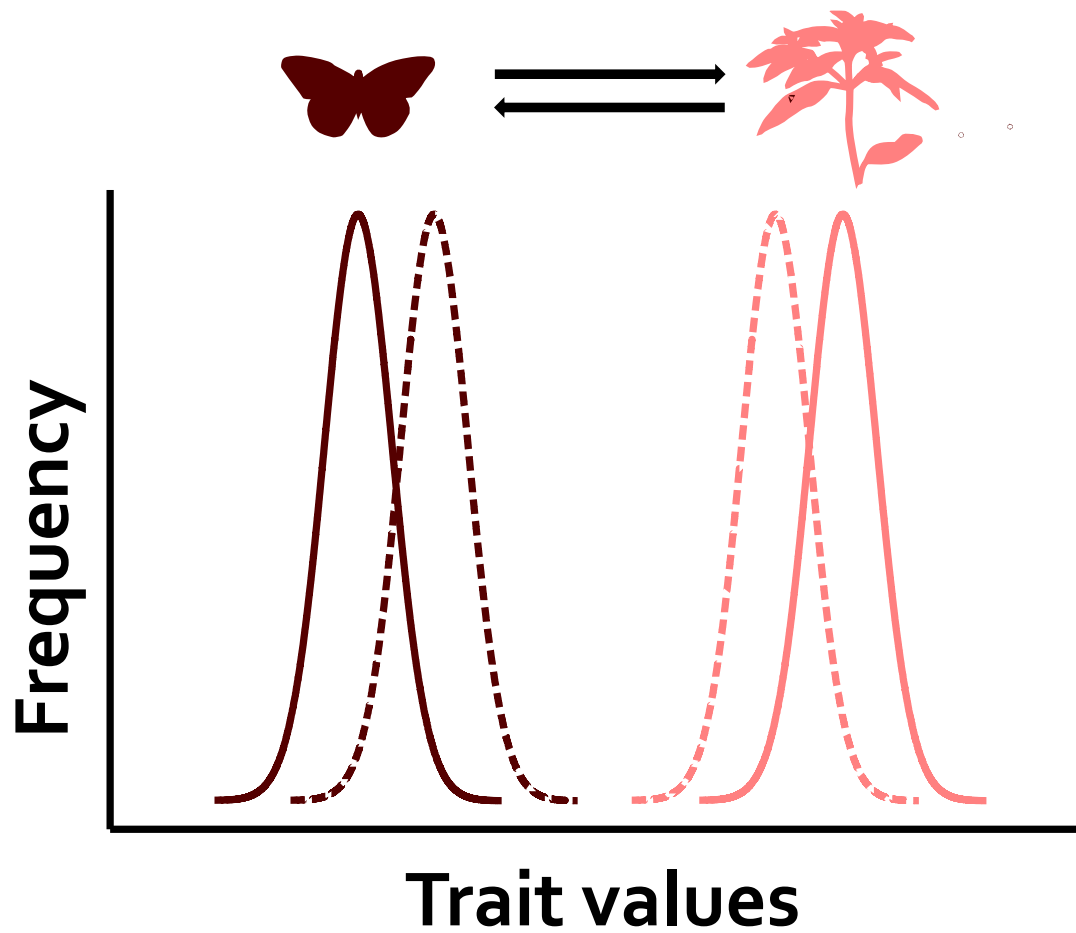
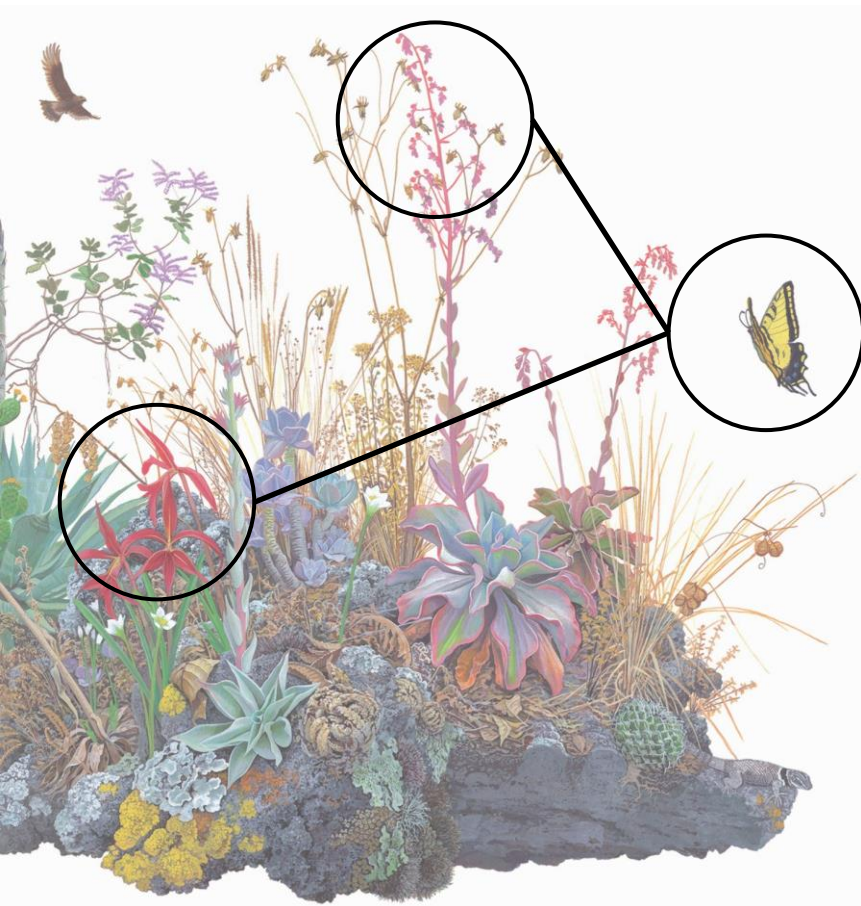
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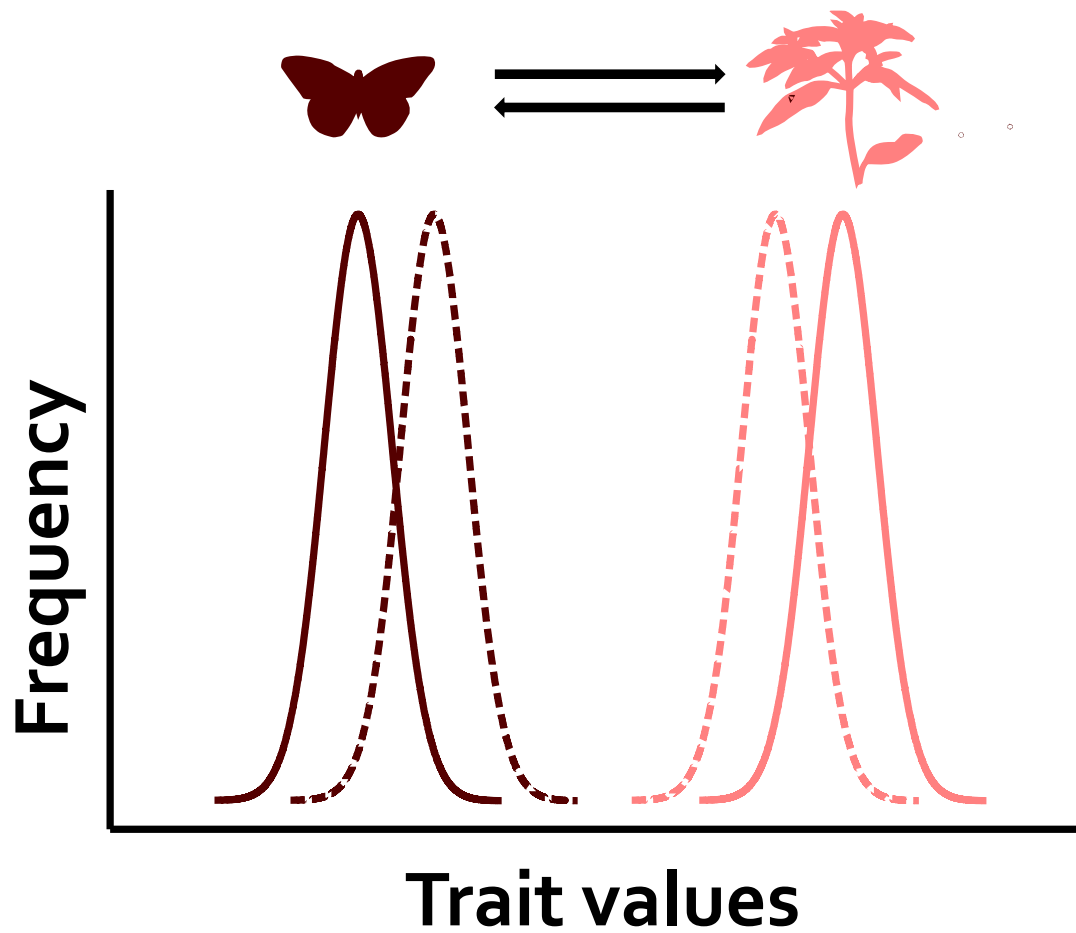
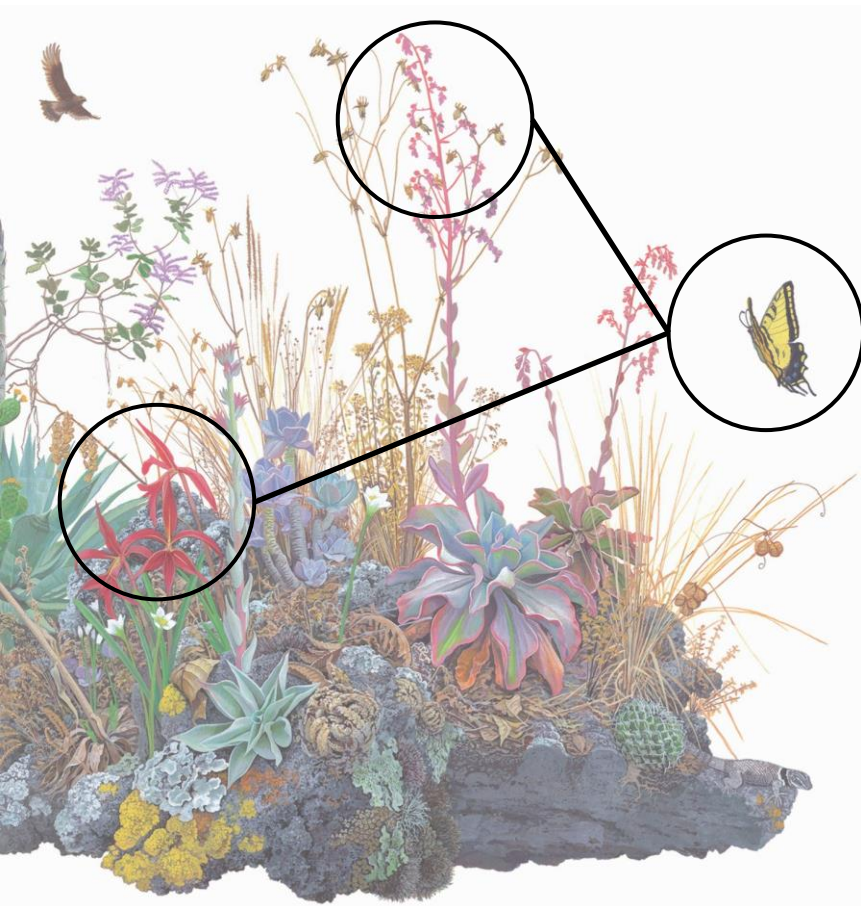
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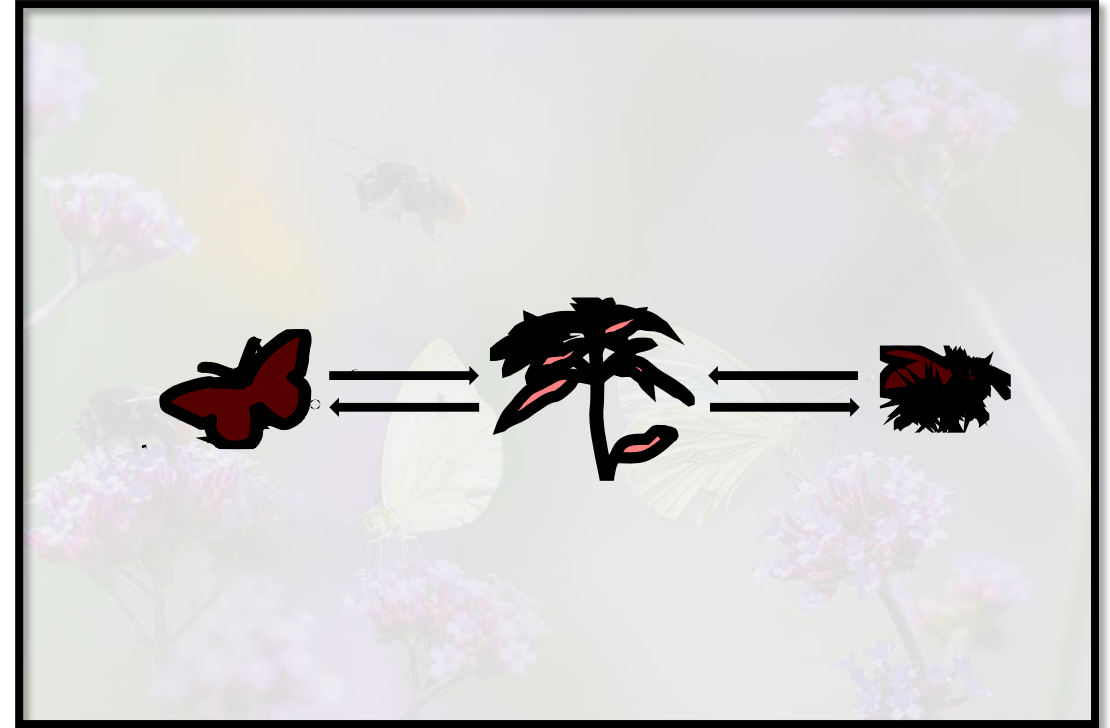
But...



What happens when we have a third interacting species?

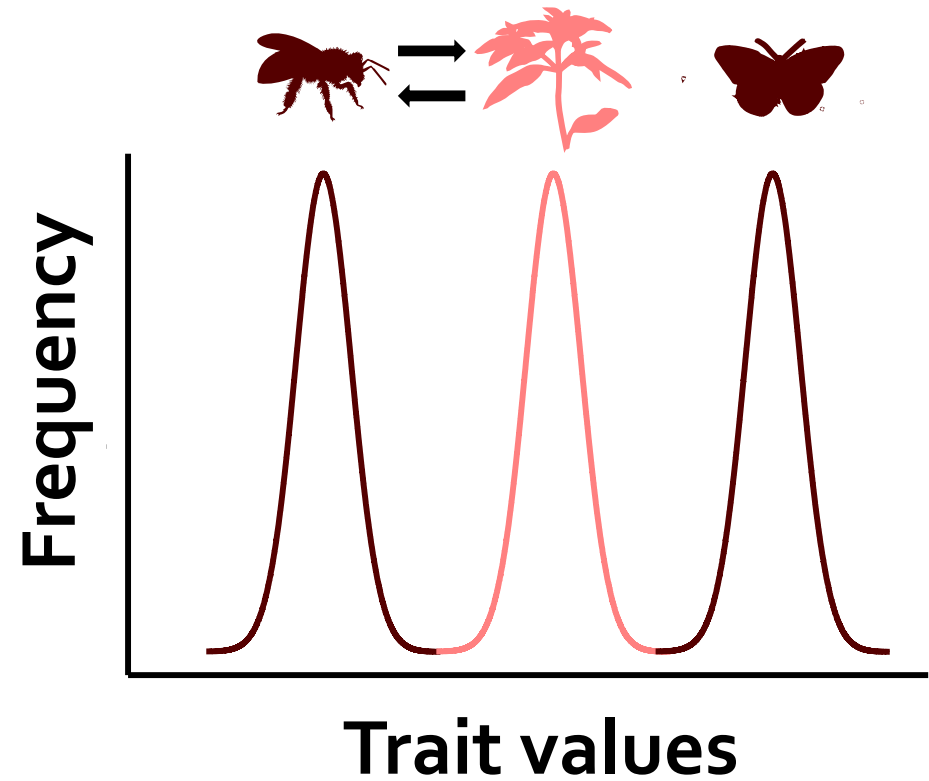
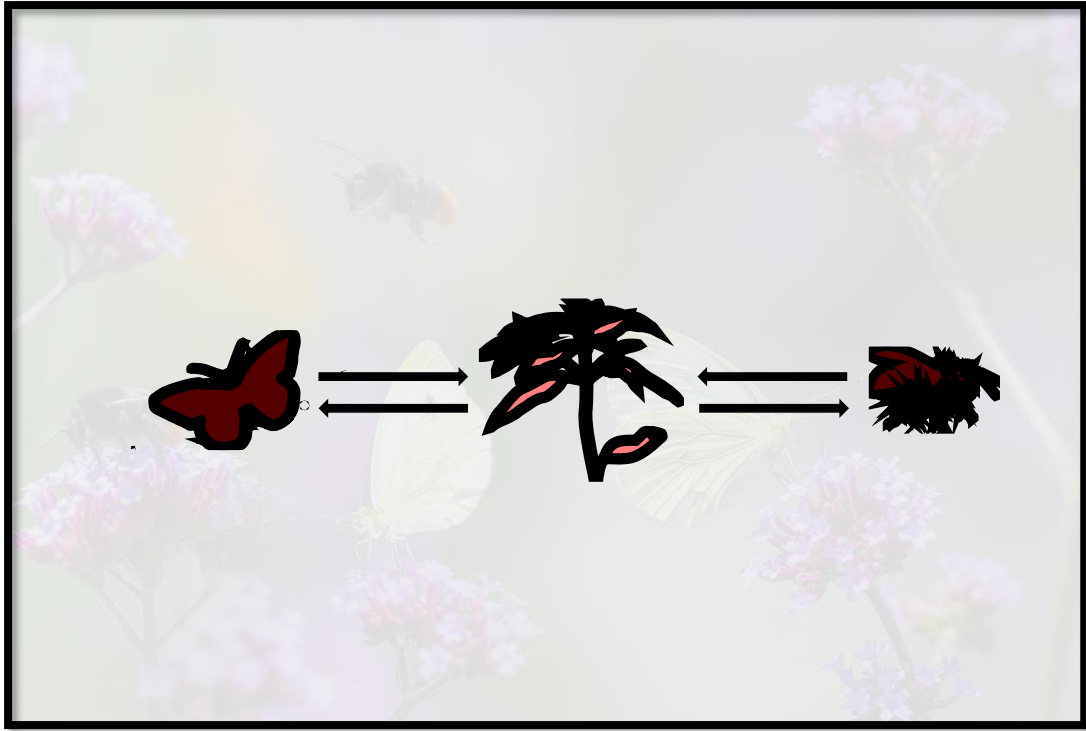


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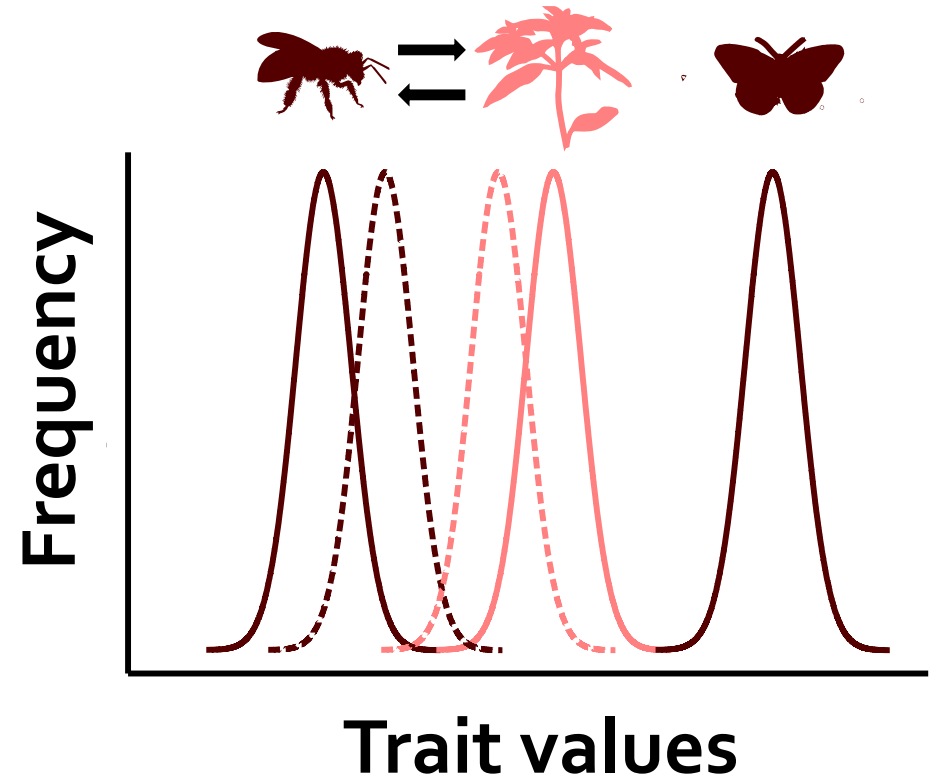
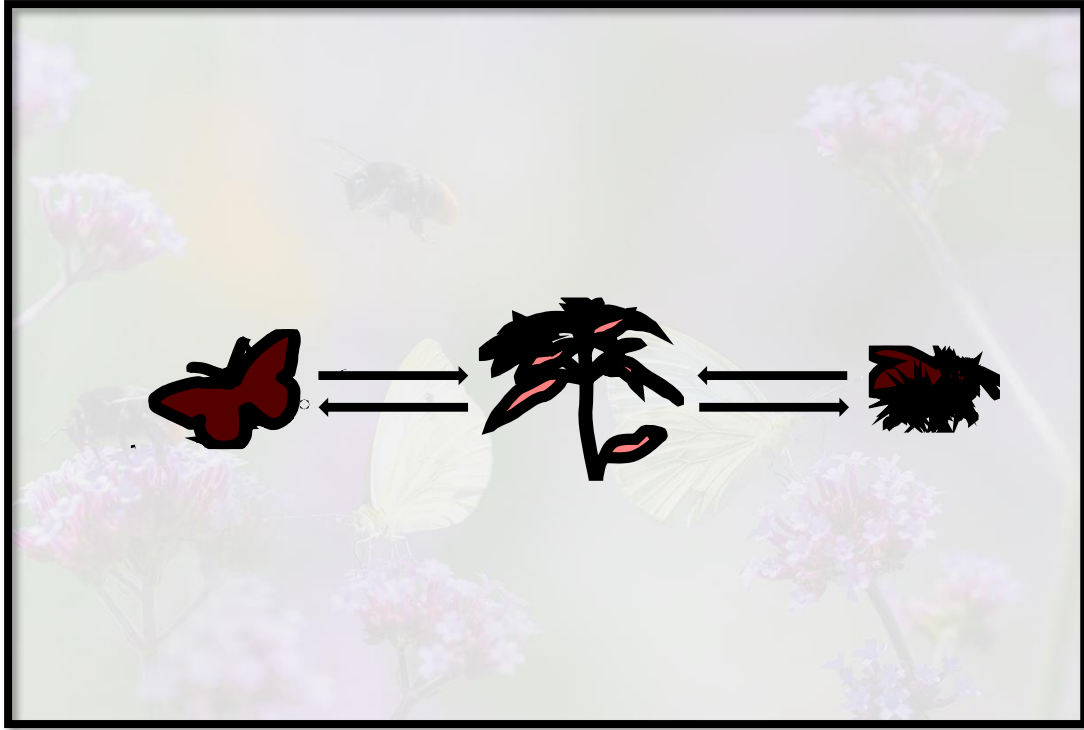


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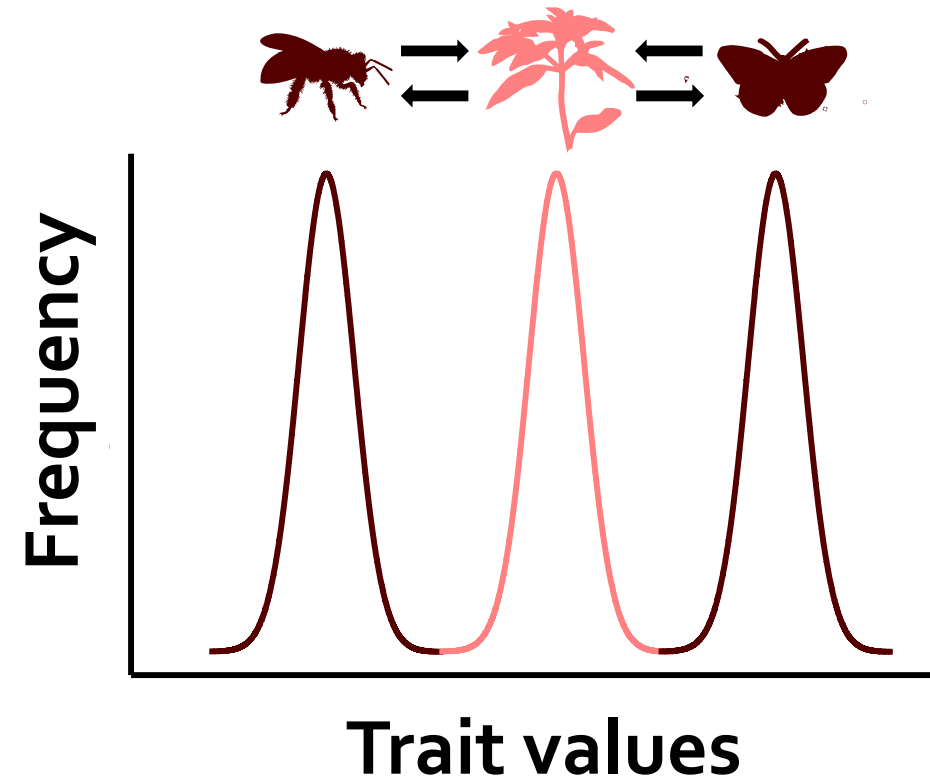
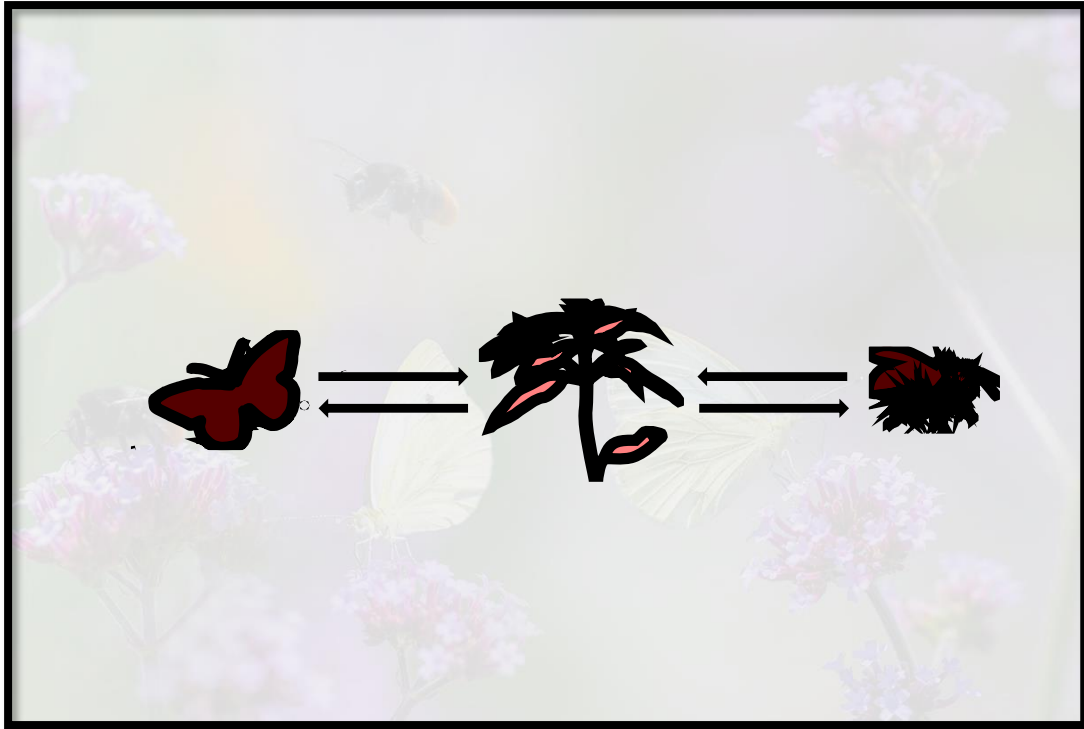




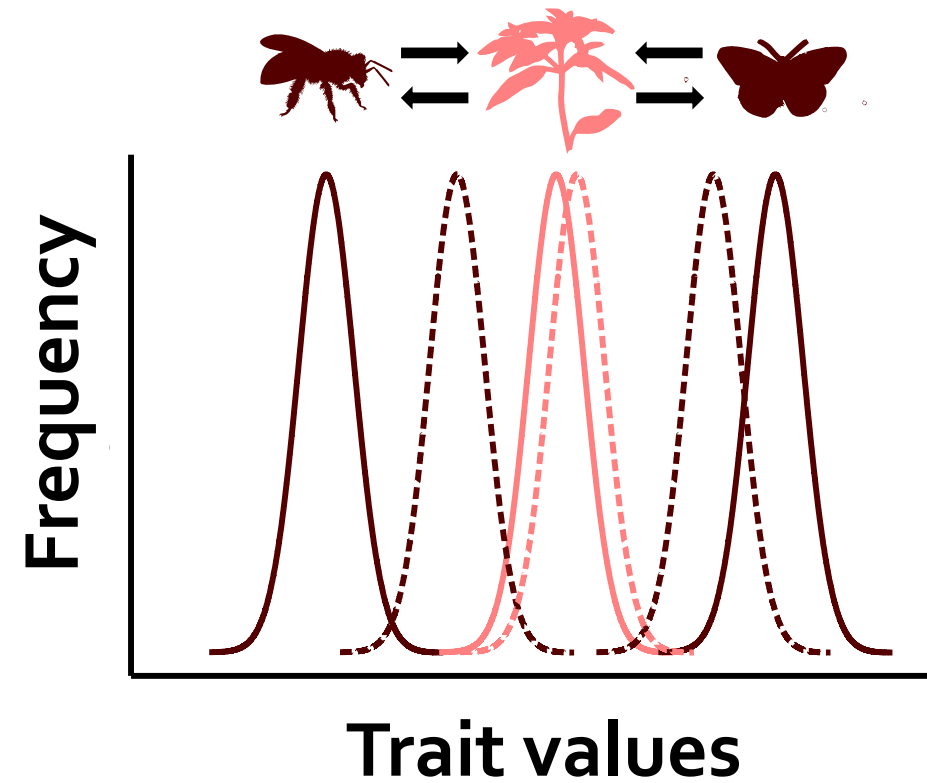
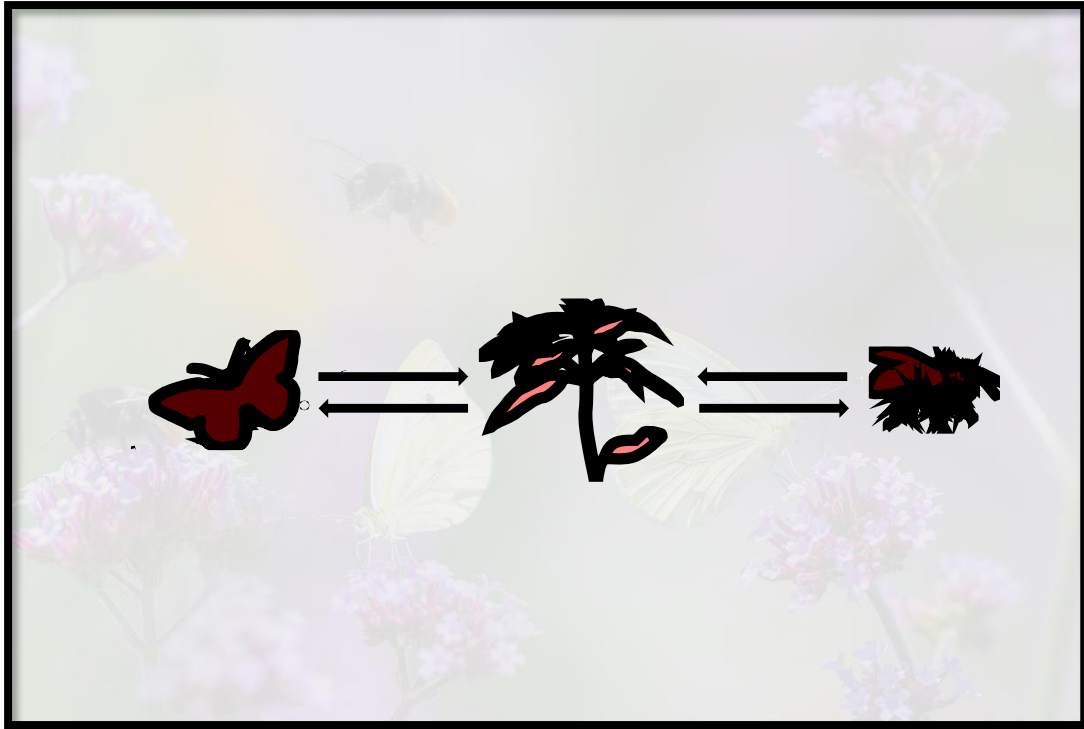
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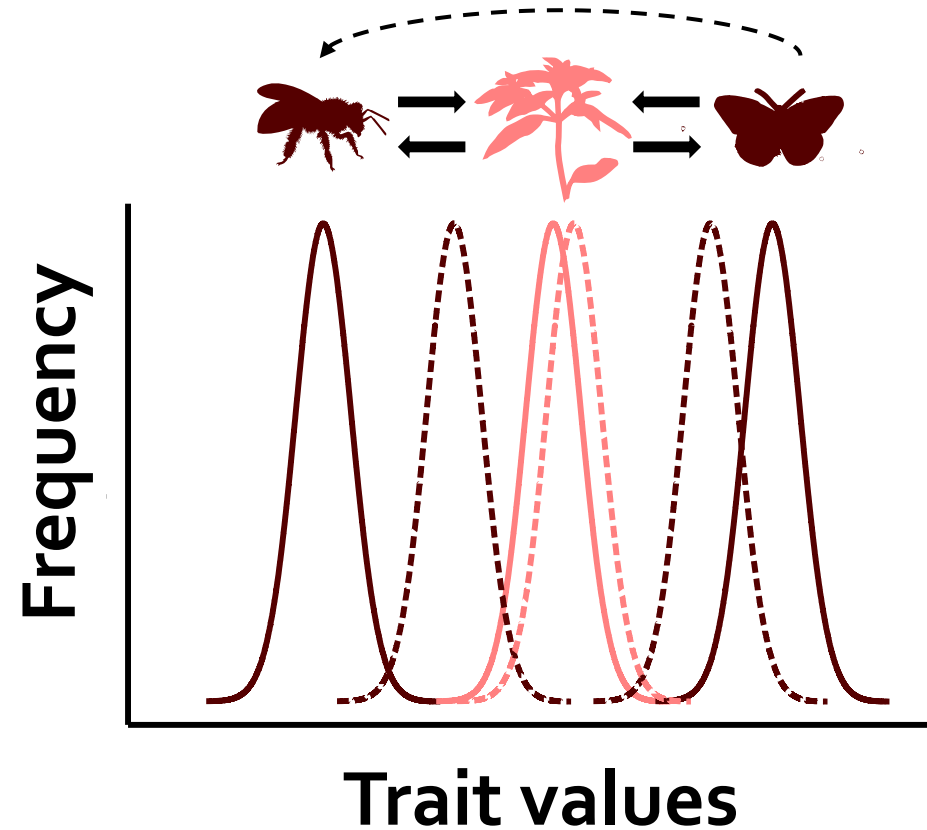
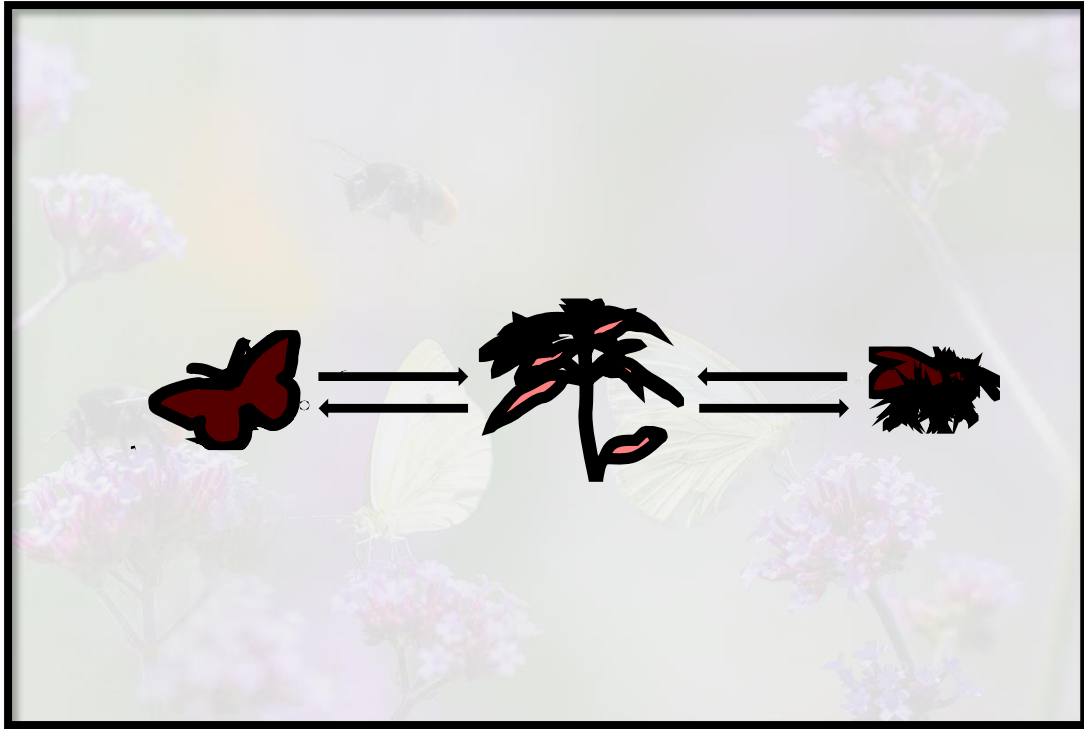
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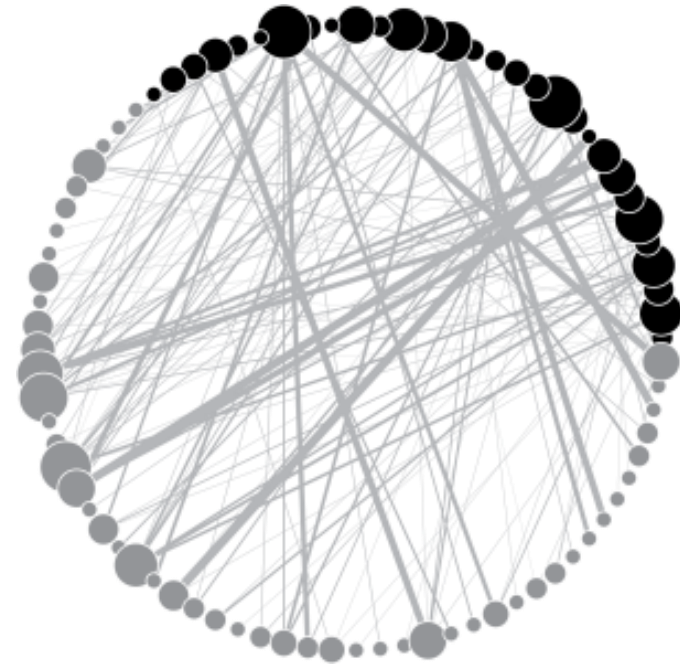
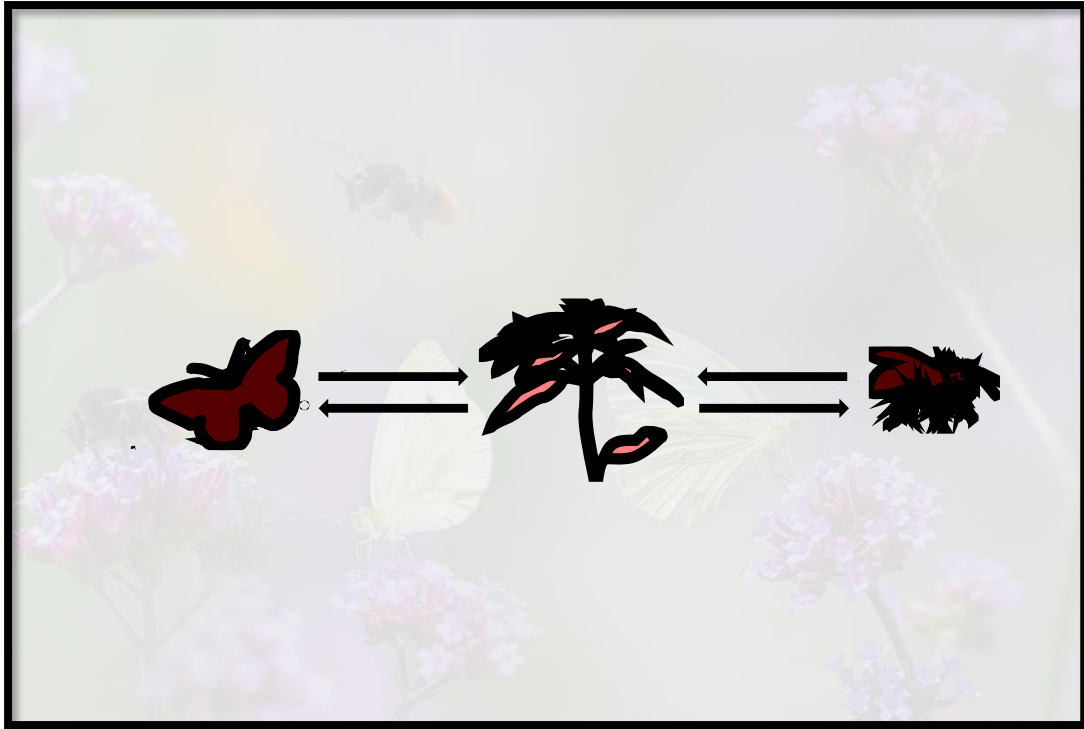
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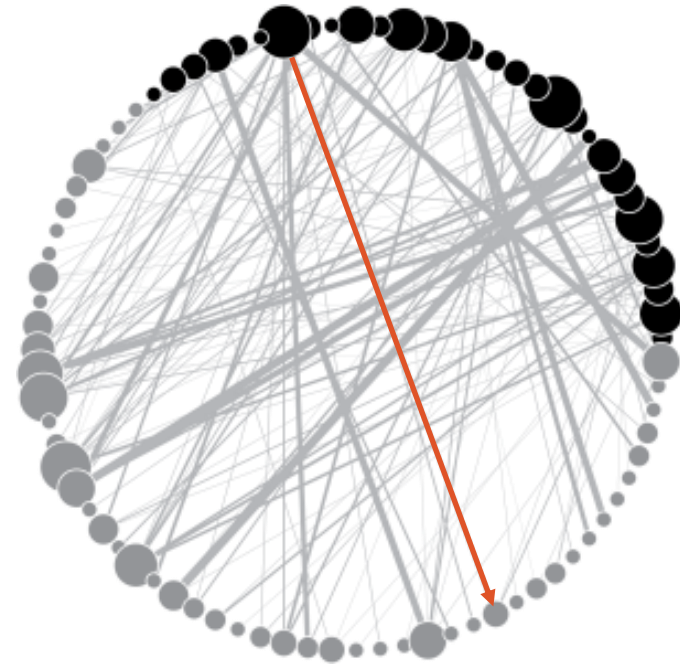
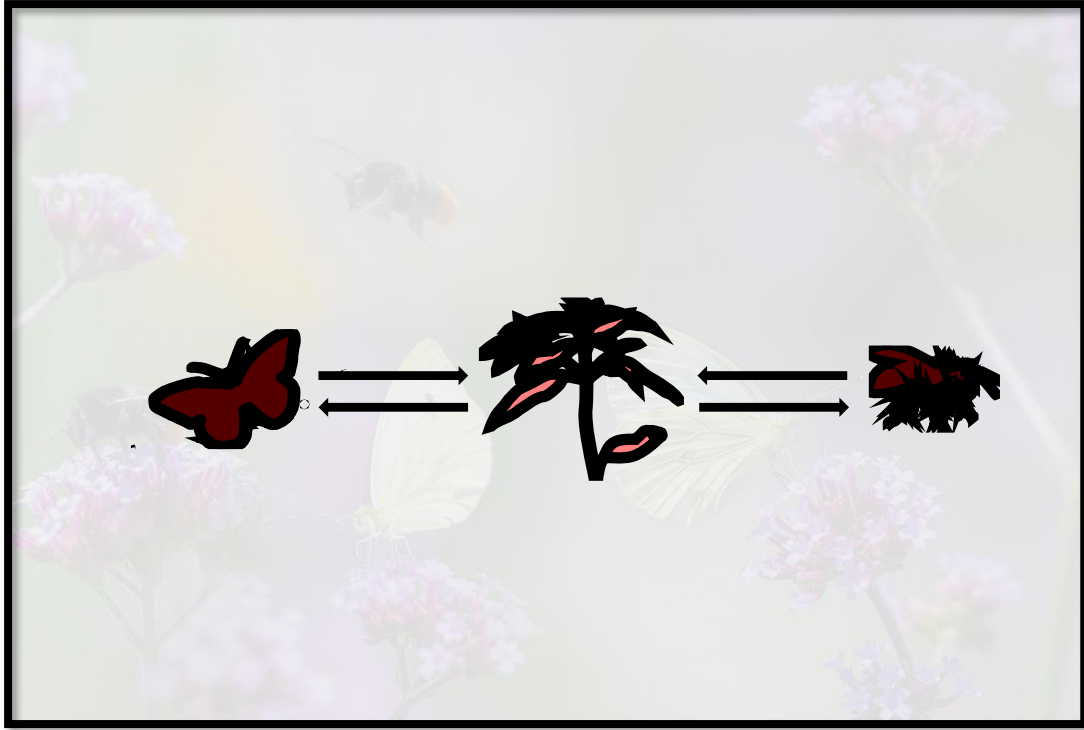
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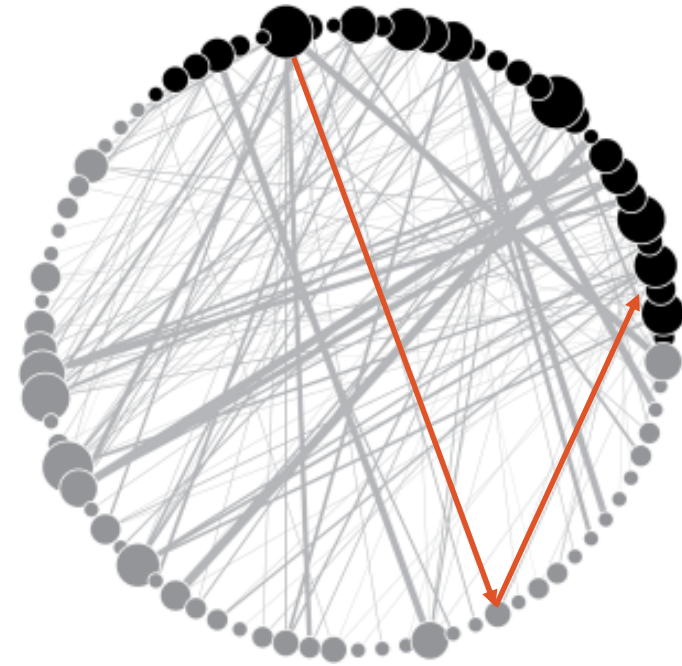
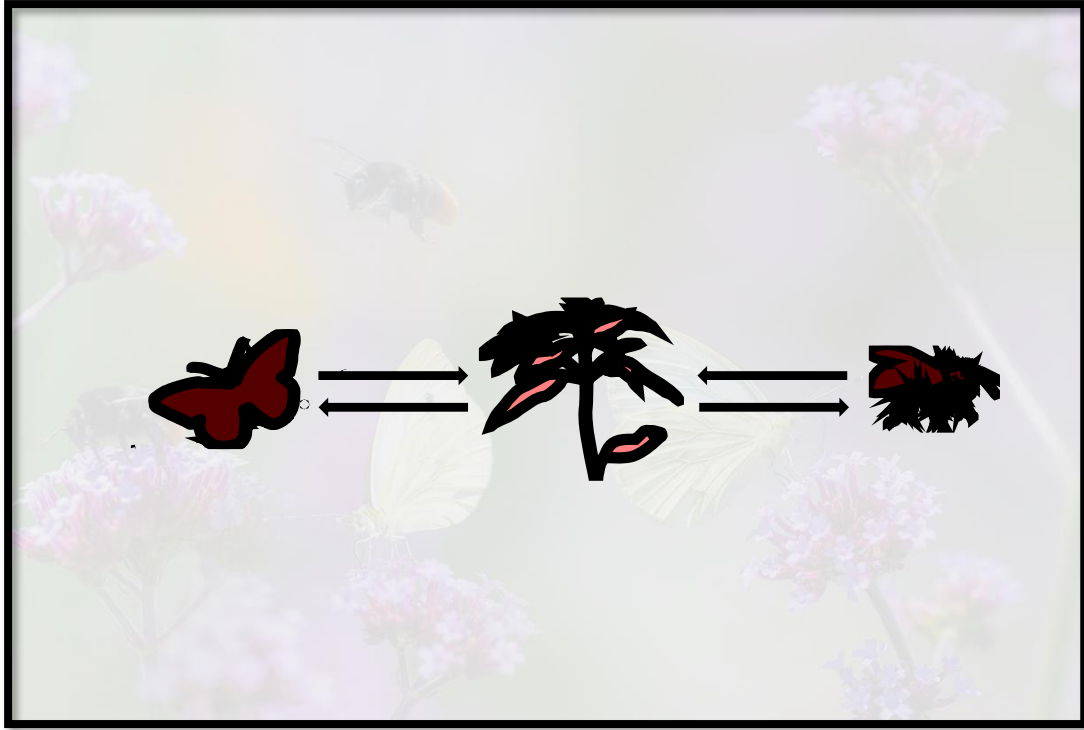
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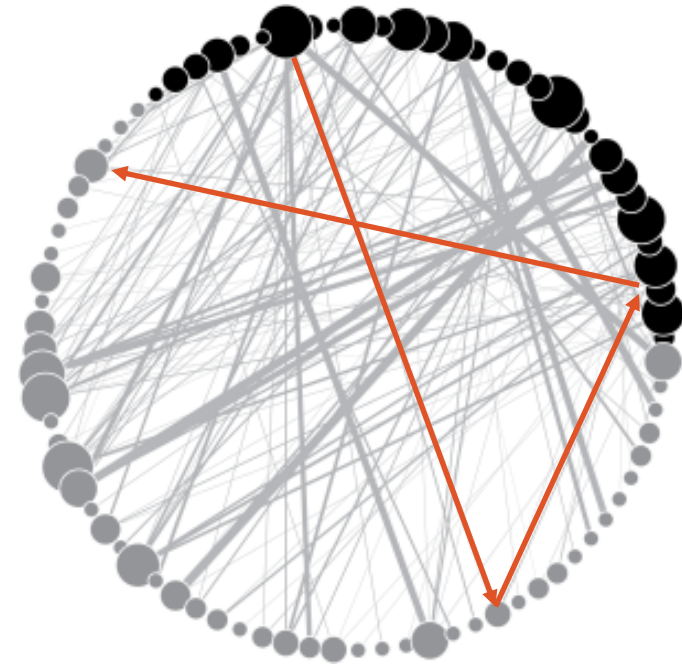
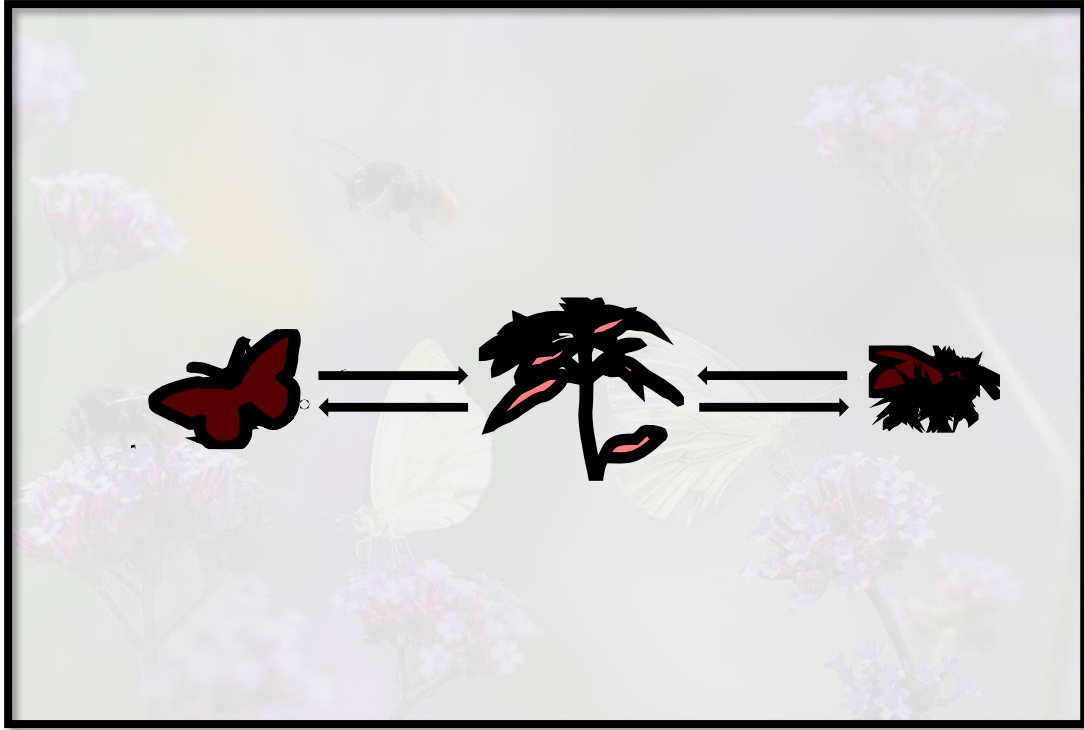


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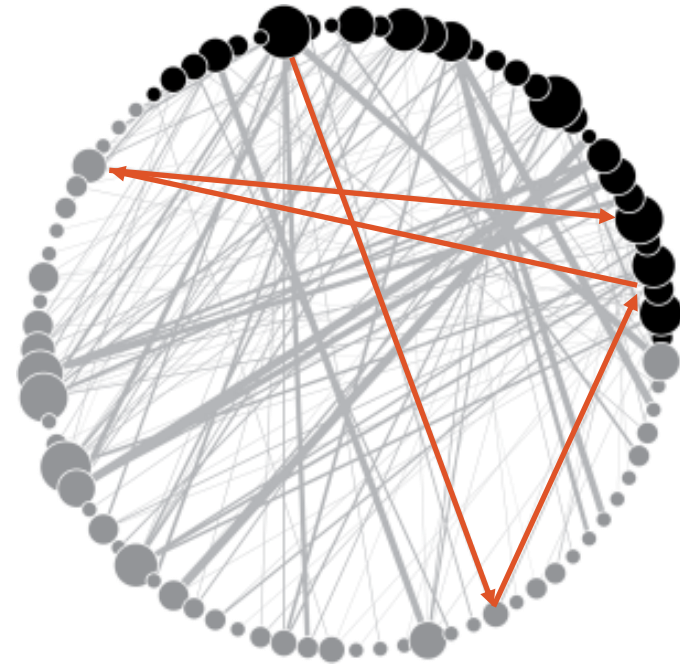
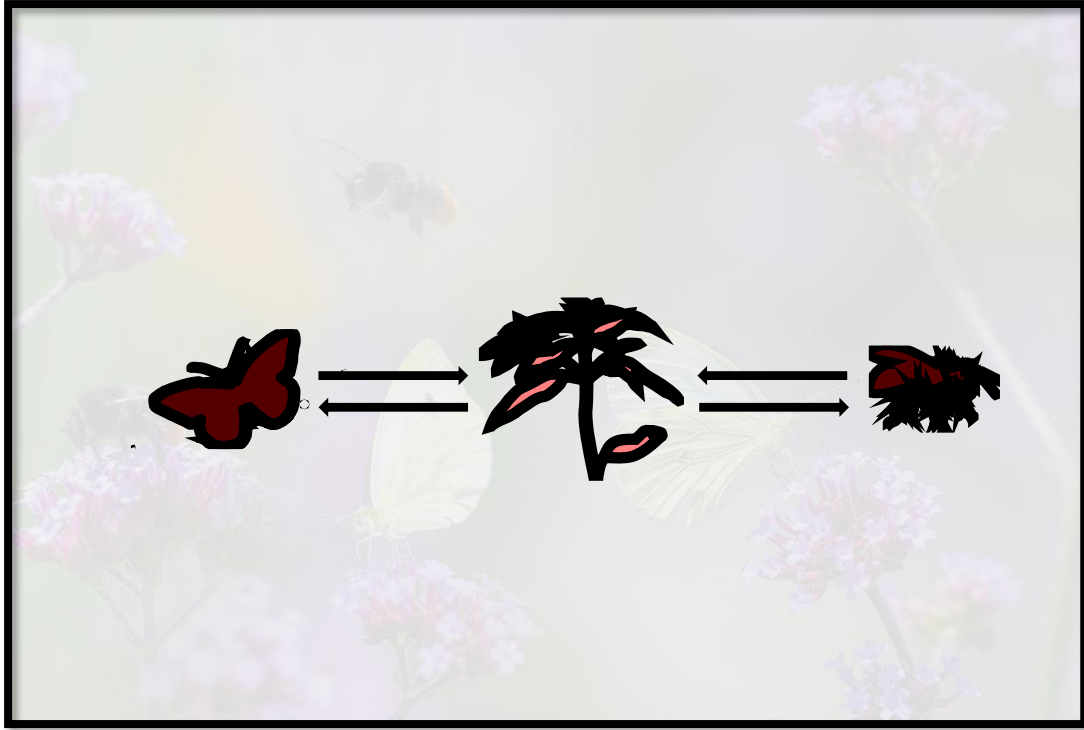


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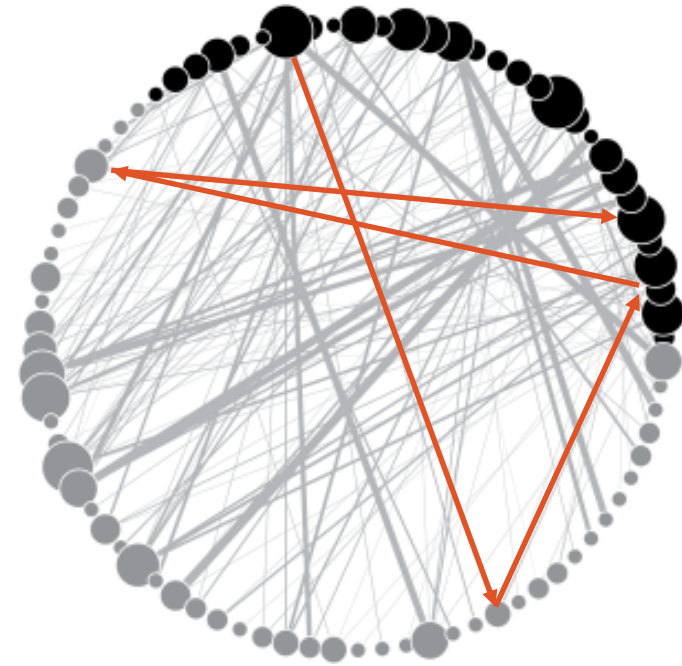
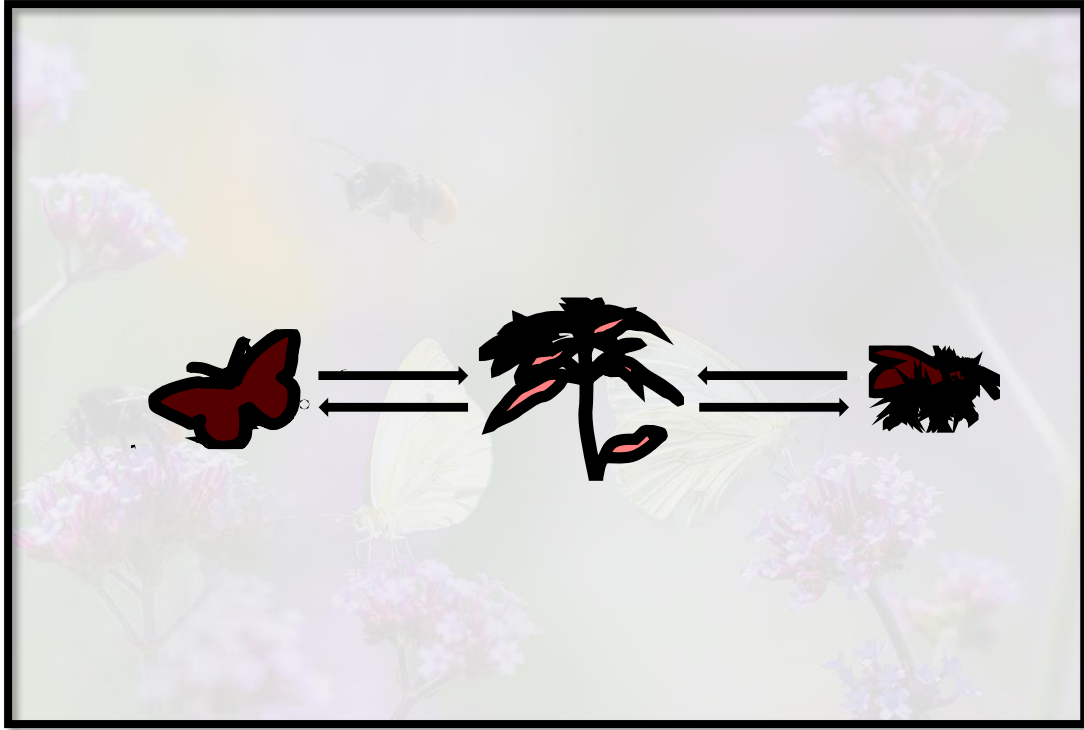




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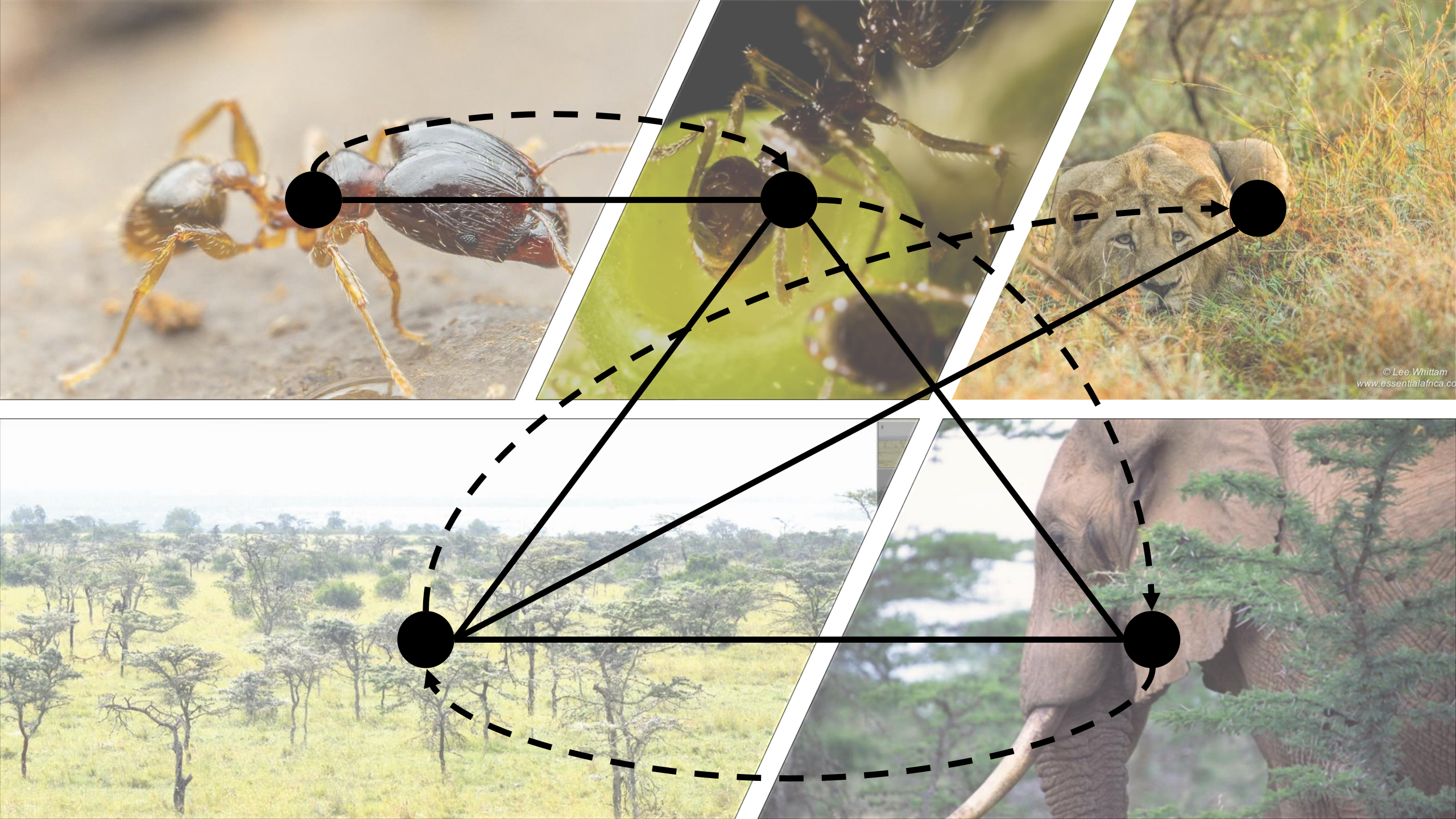


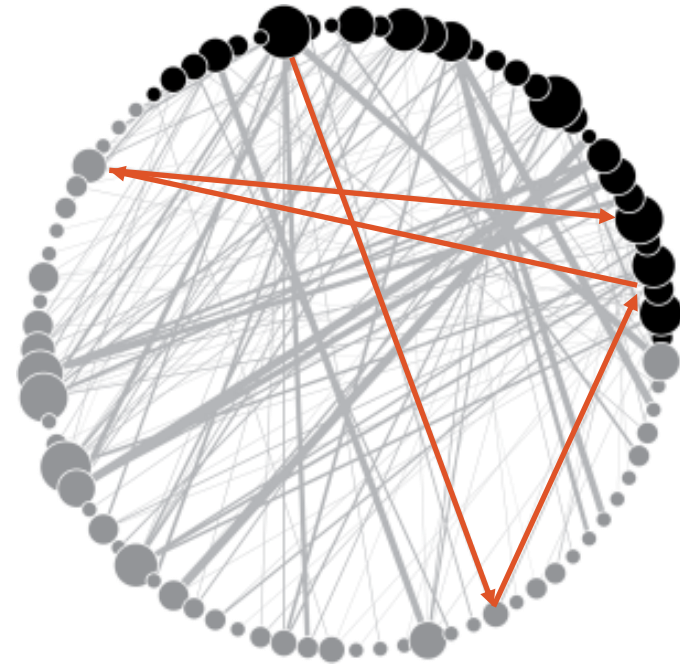
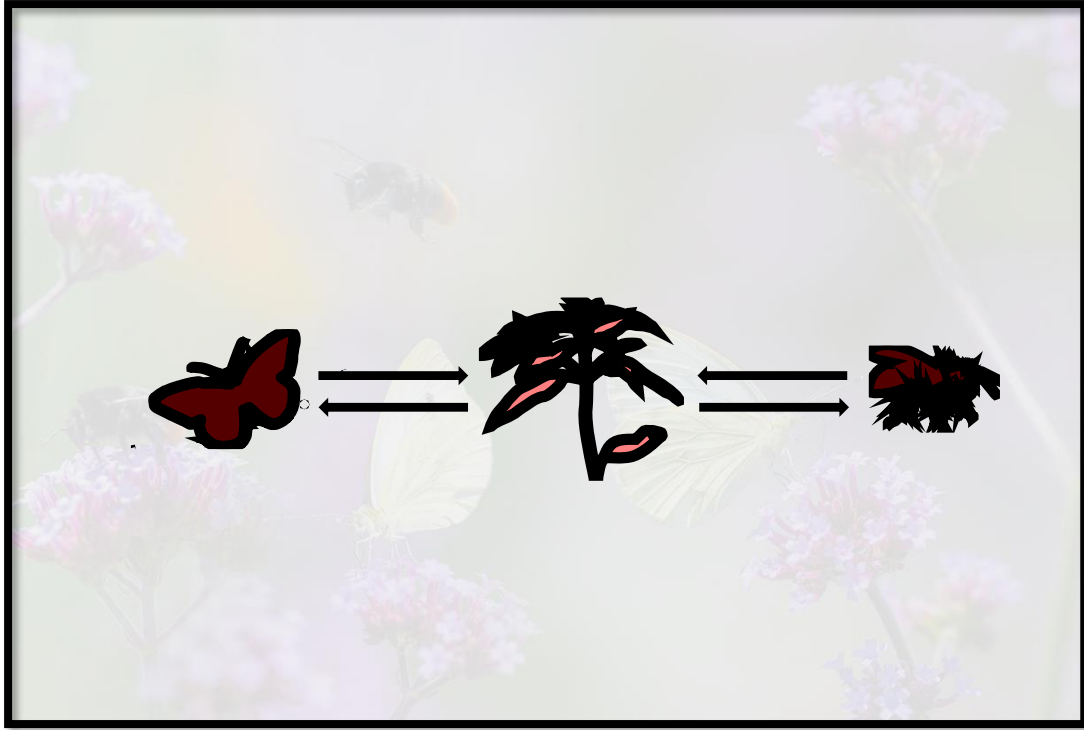
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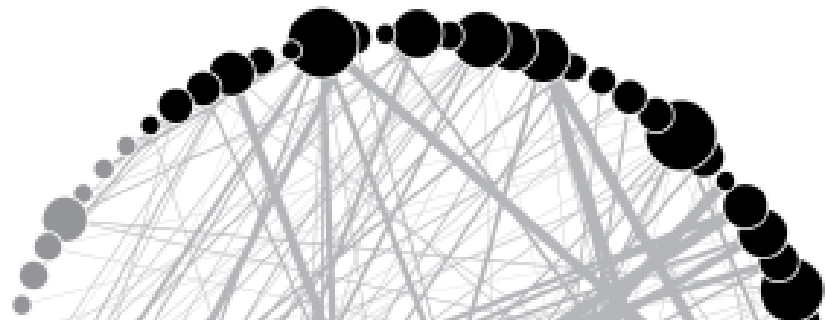
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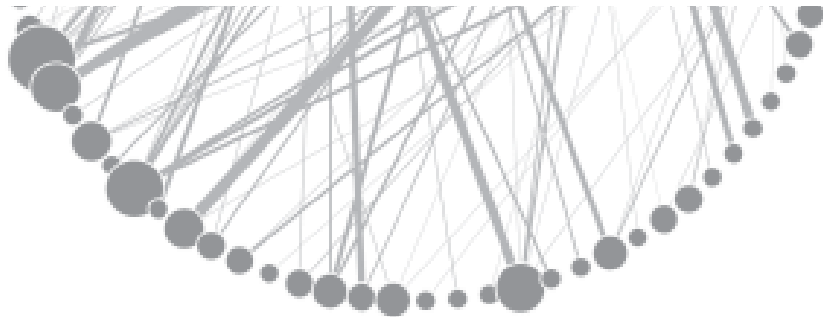
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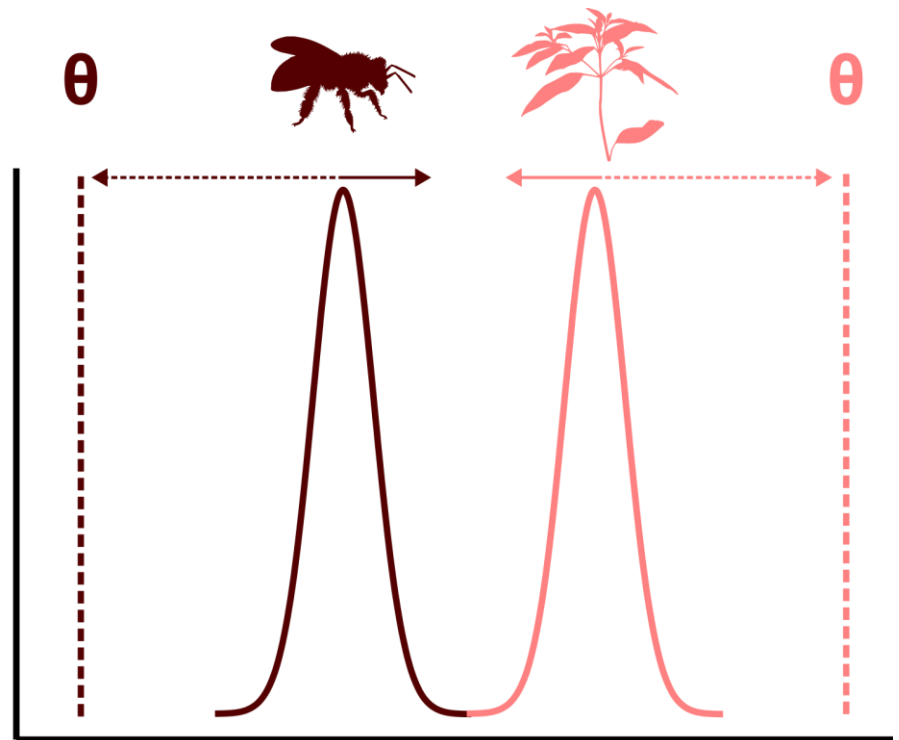
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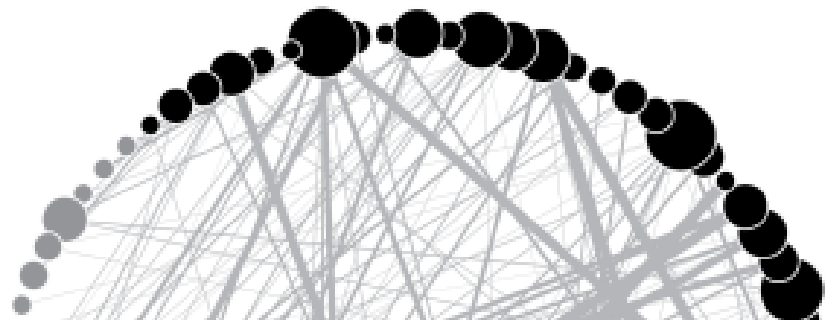
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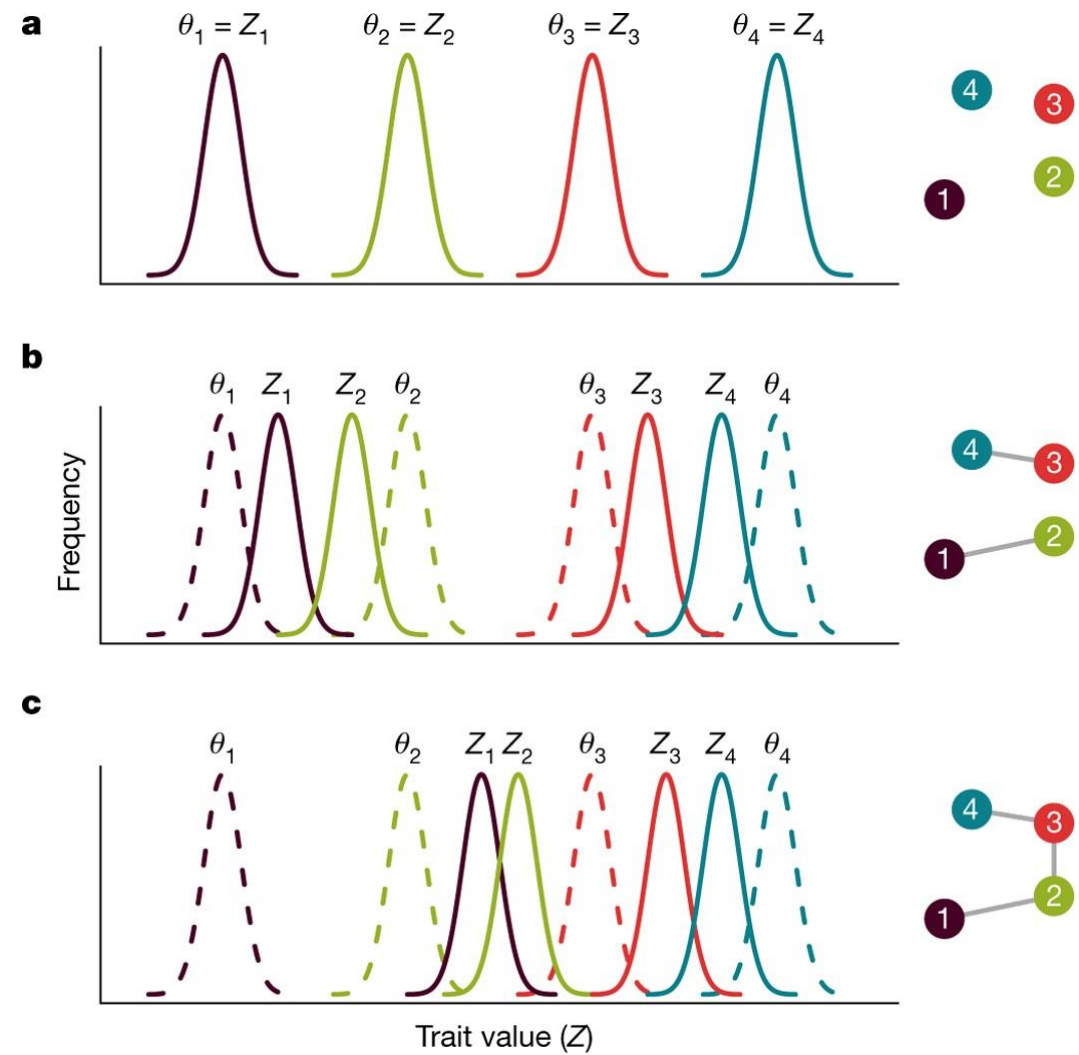
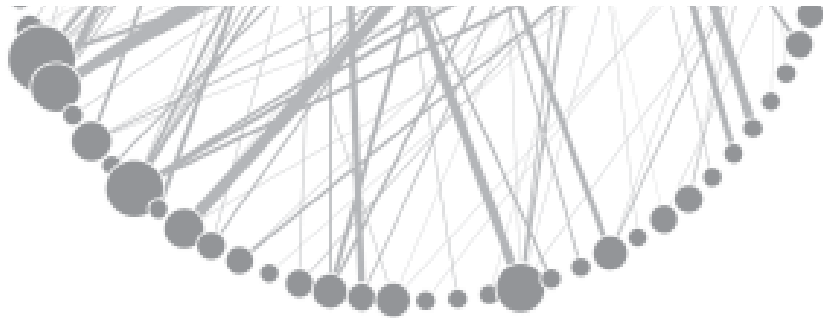
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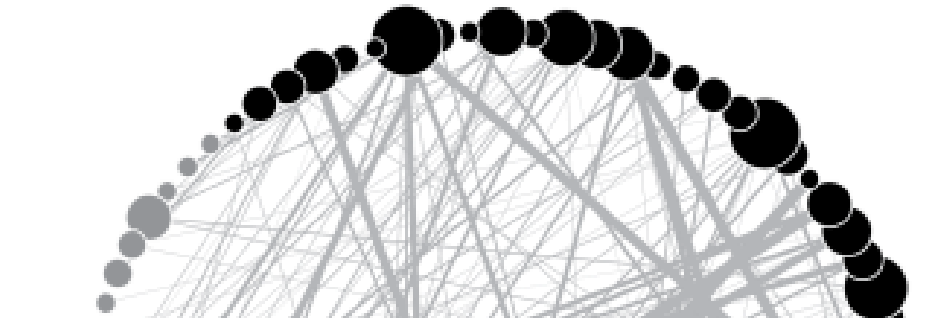
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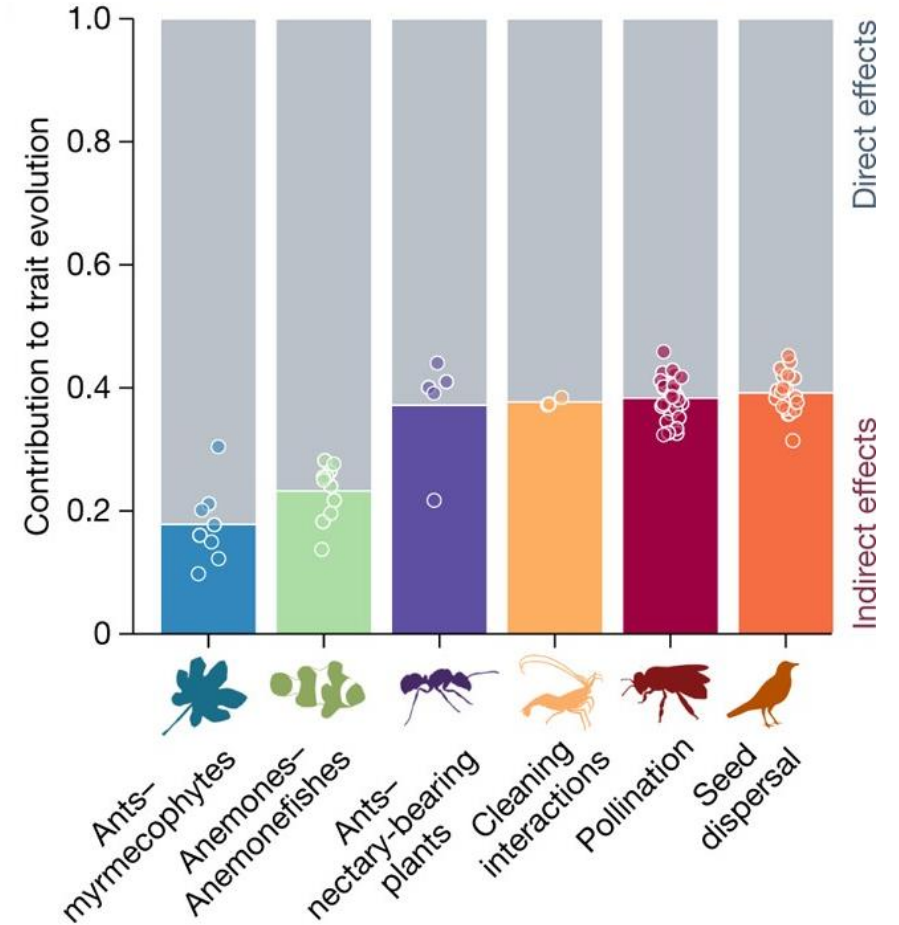
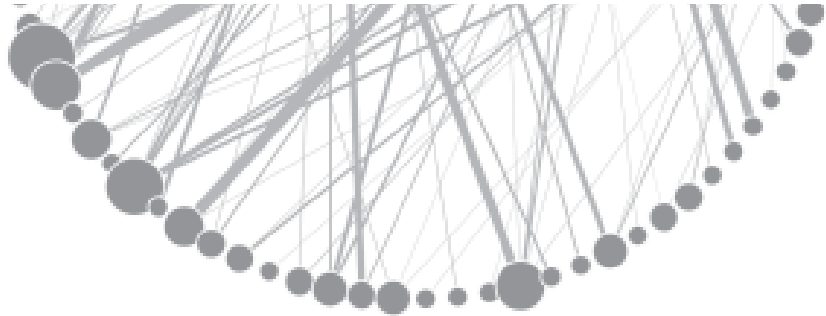




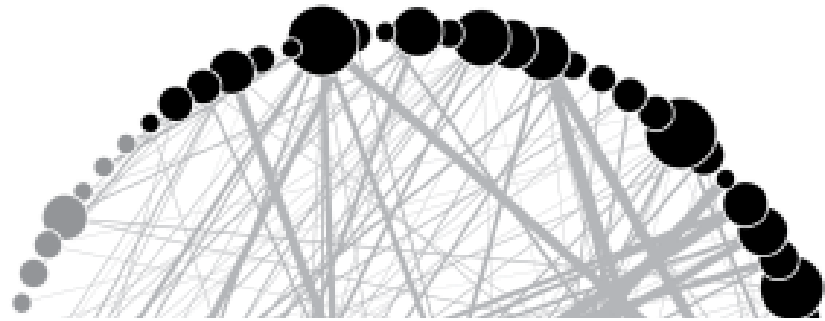
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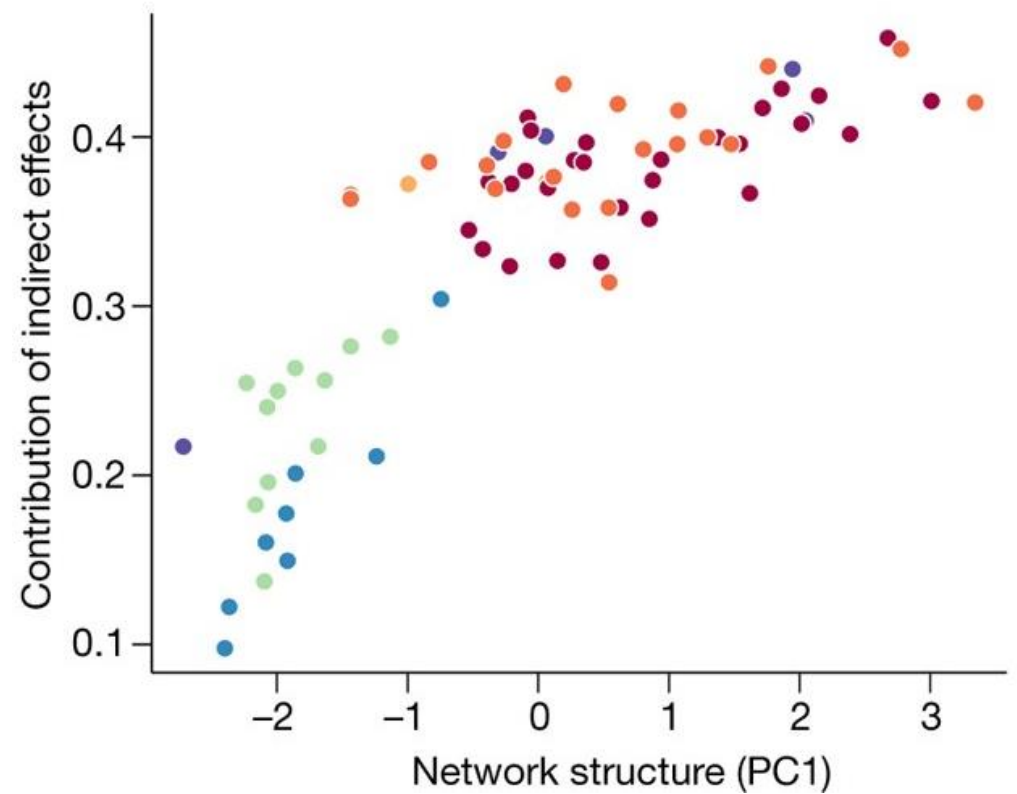
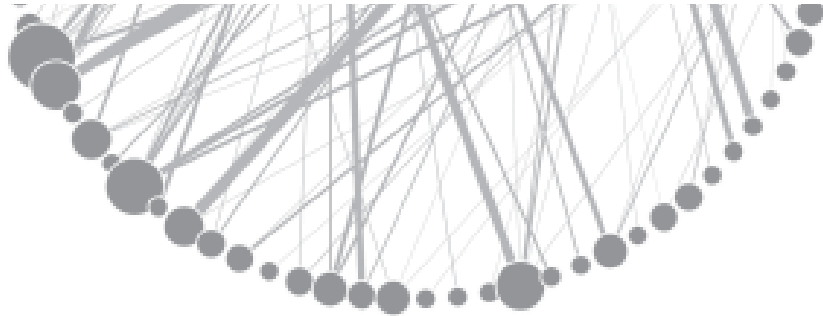
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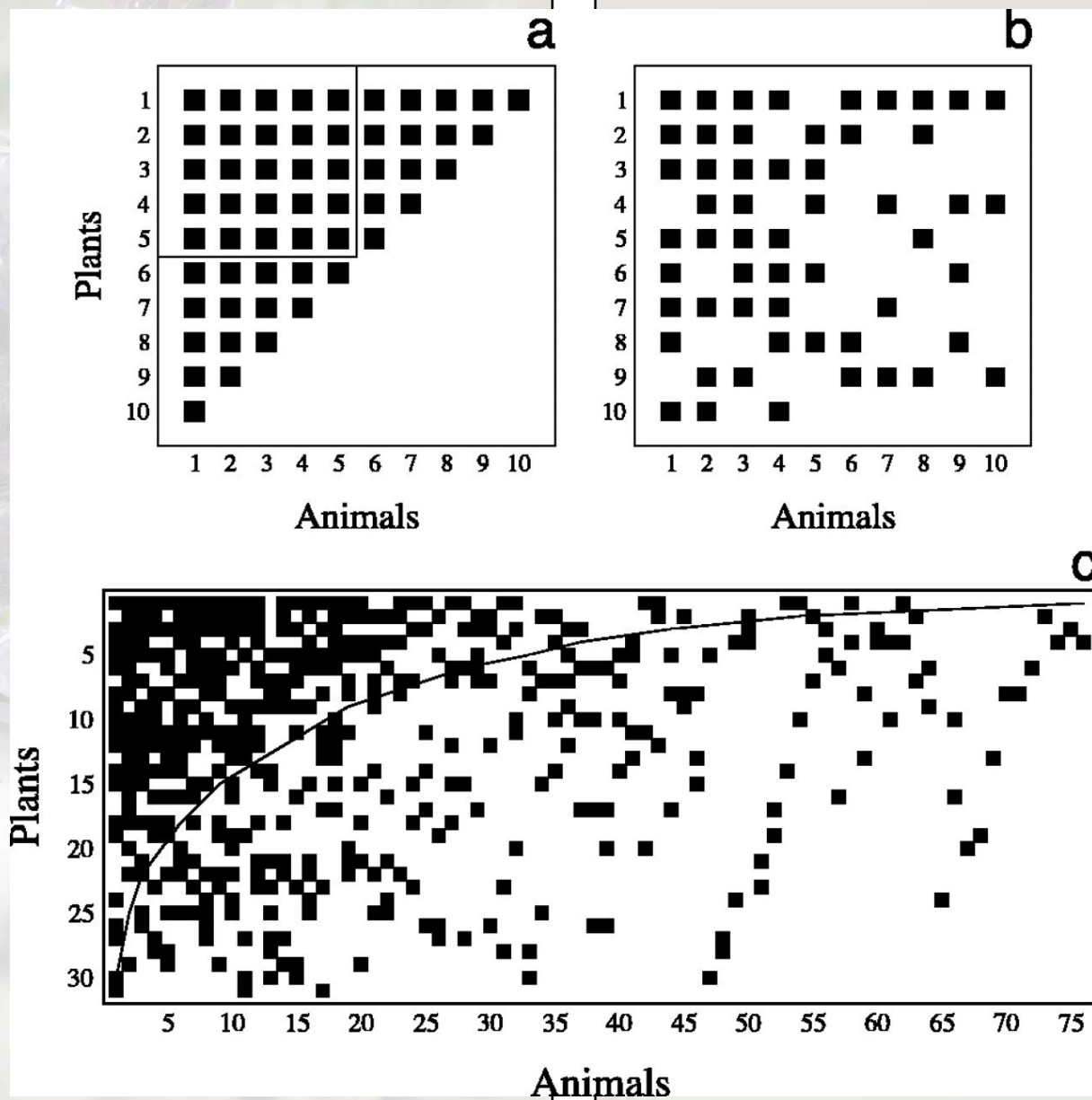
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The structure of ecological networks can favor or hinder indirect effects





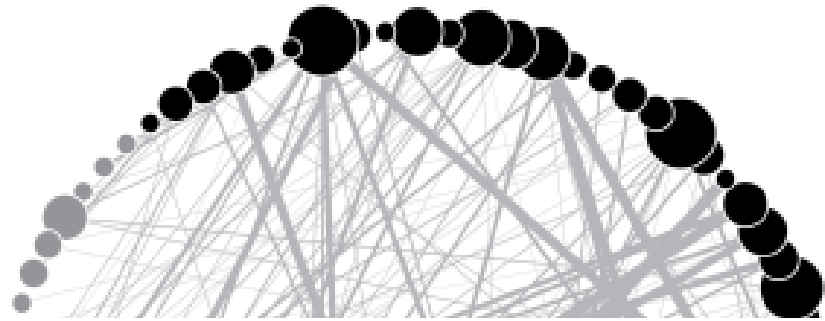
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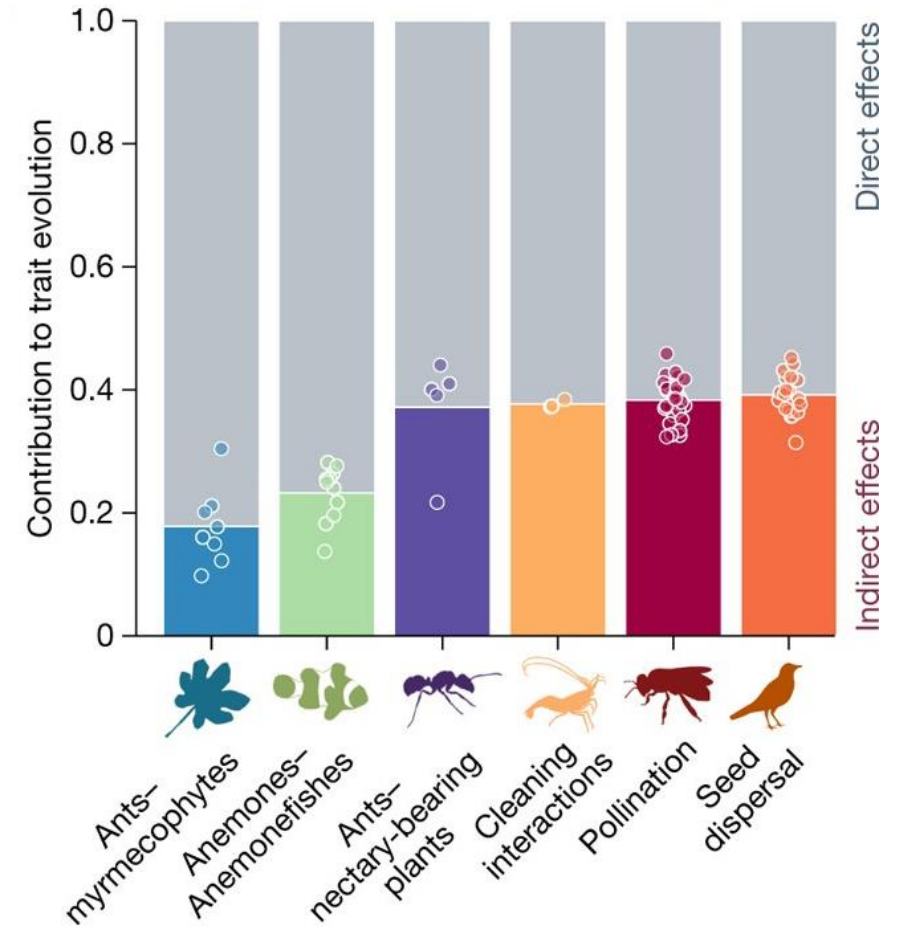
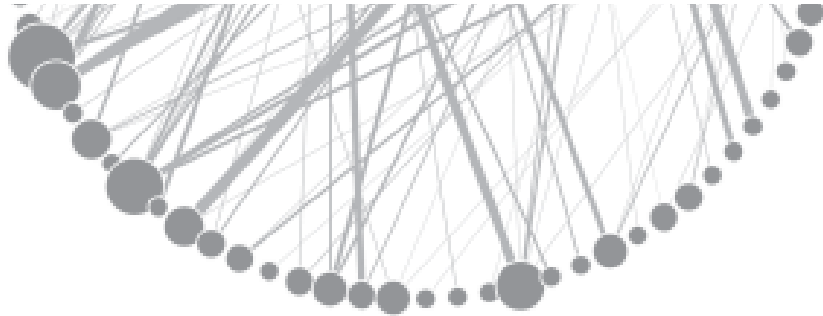




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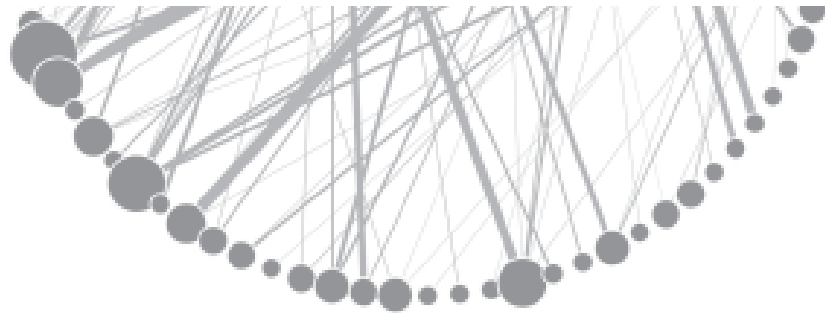


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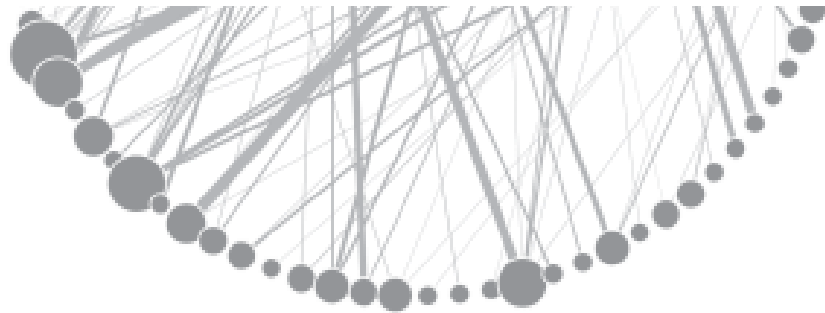
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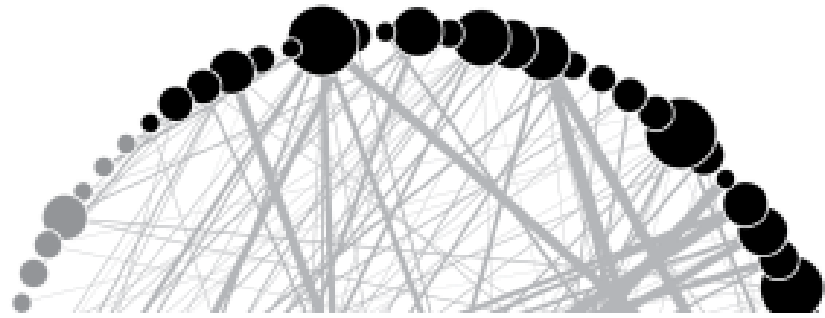


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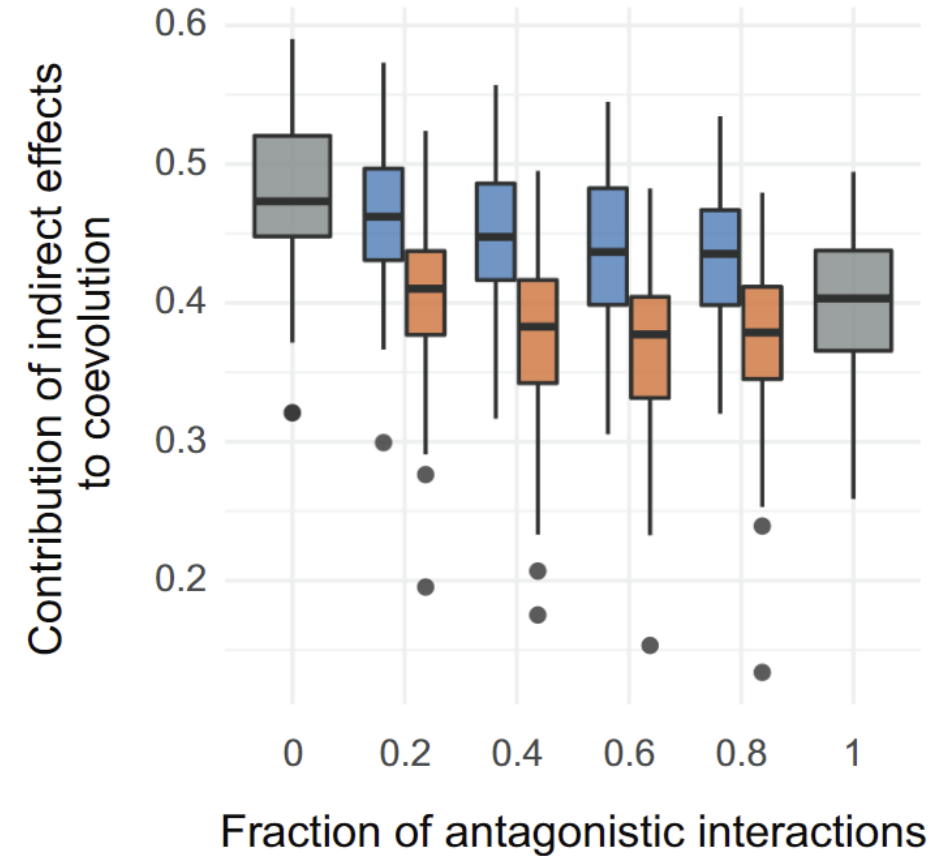
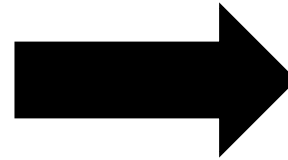
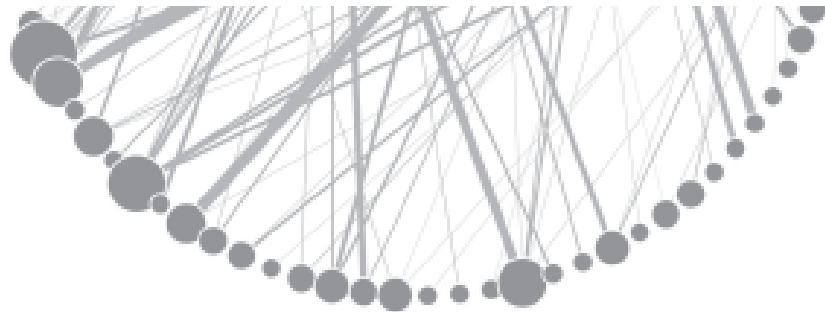


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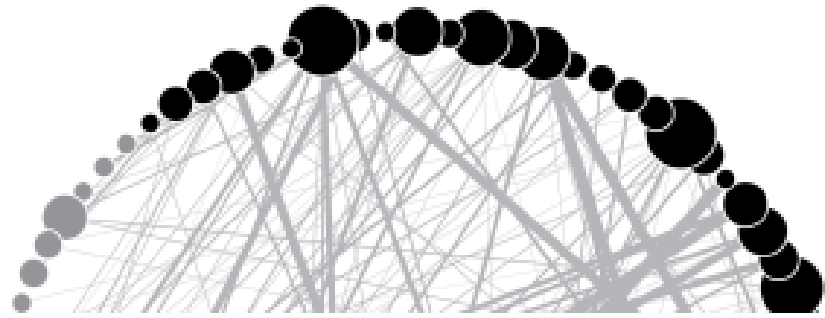


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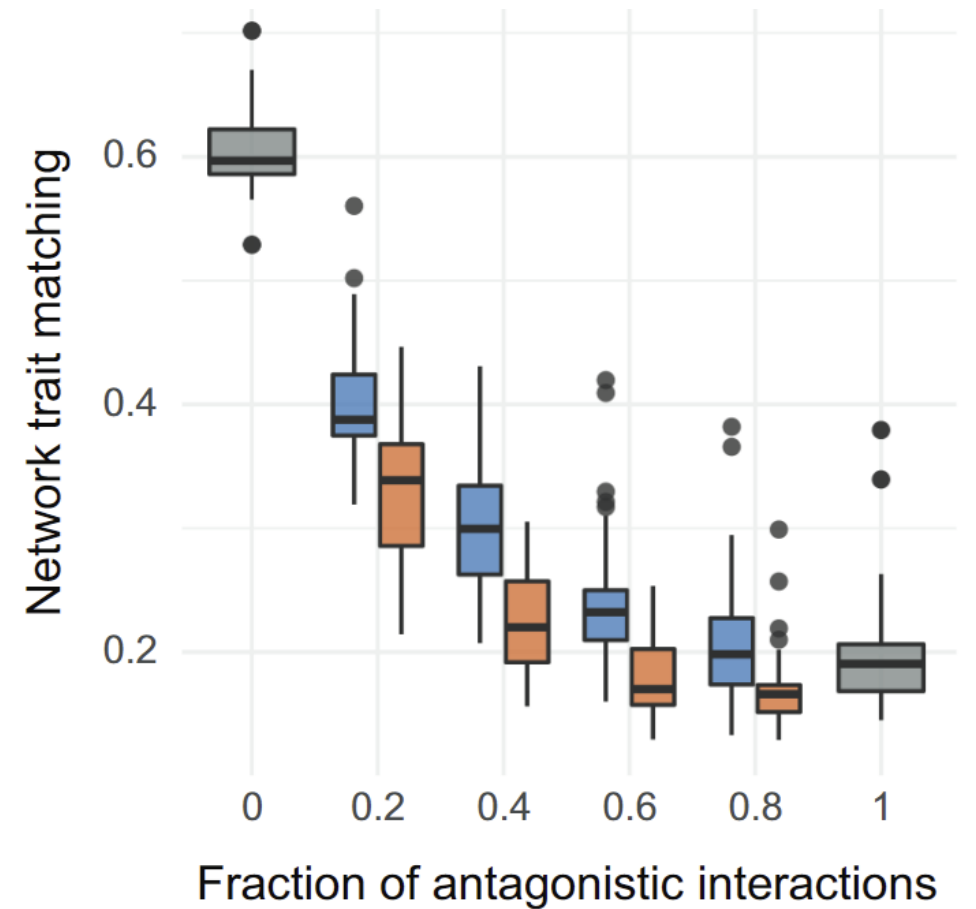
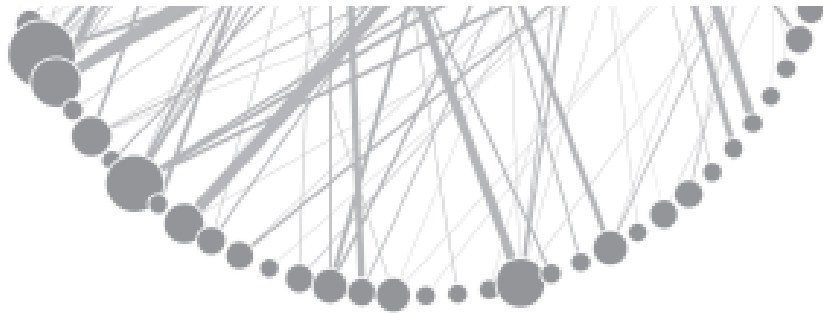


It depends: nature of the interaction and the overall structure of the network



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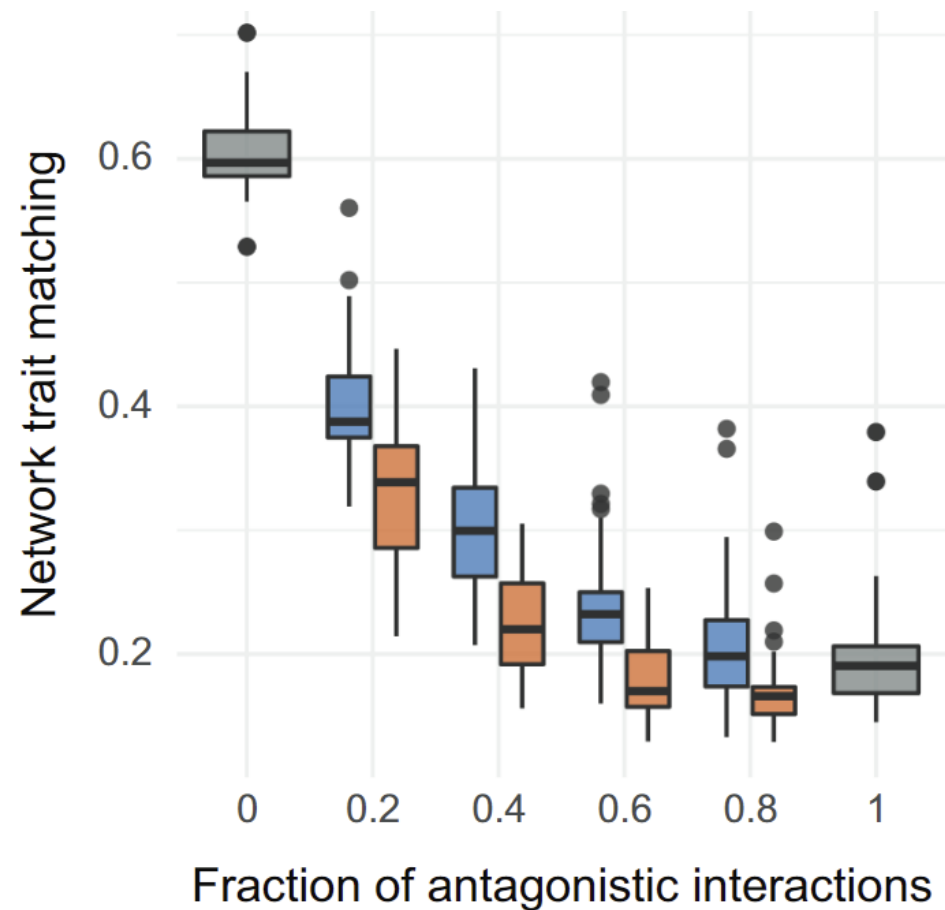
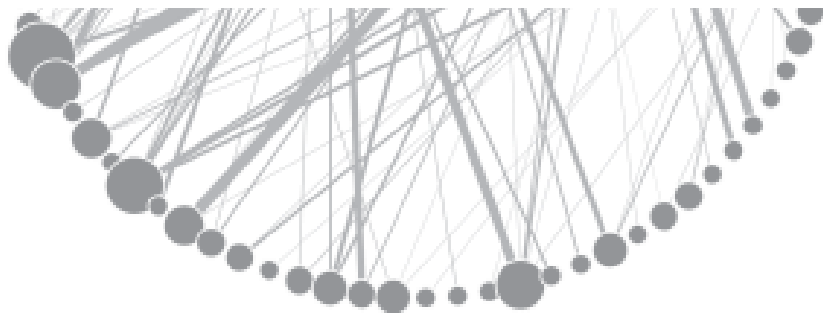


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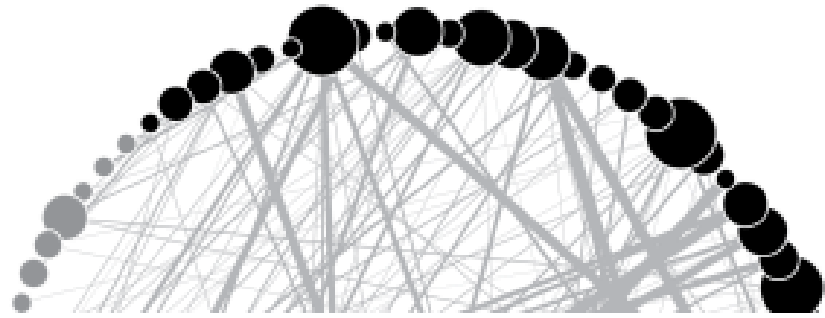


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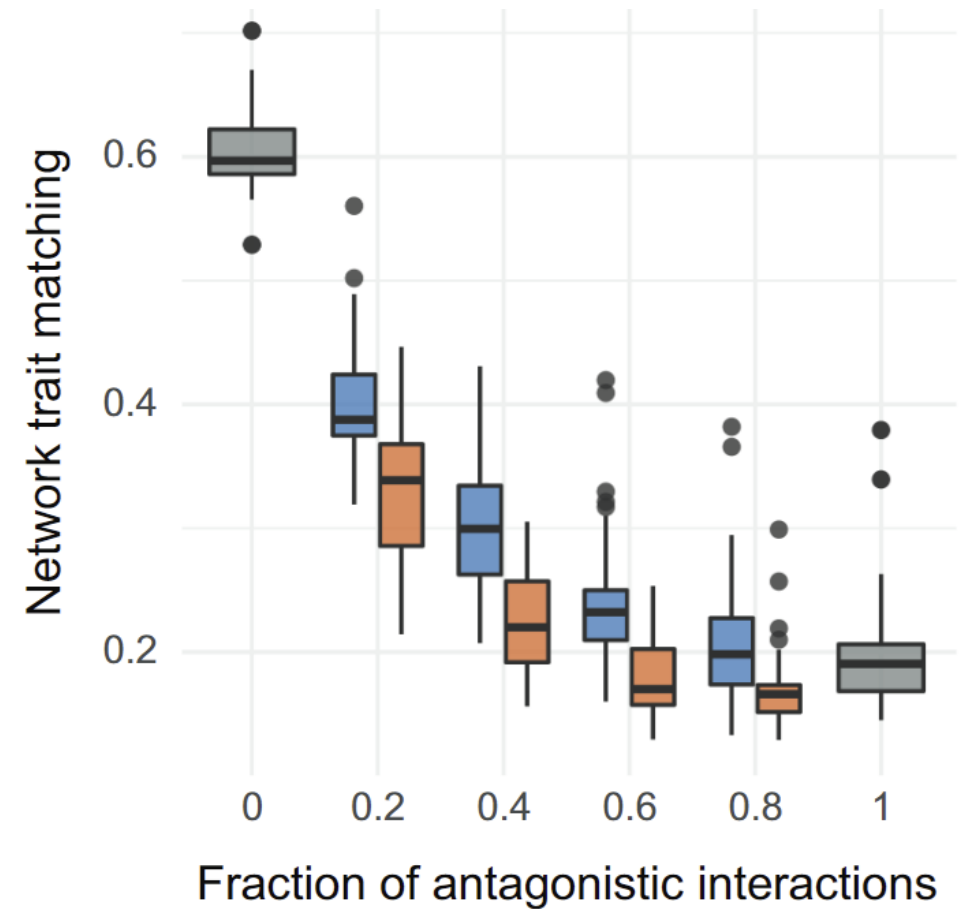
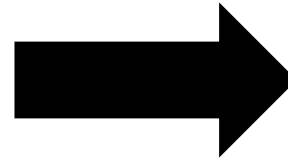
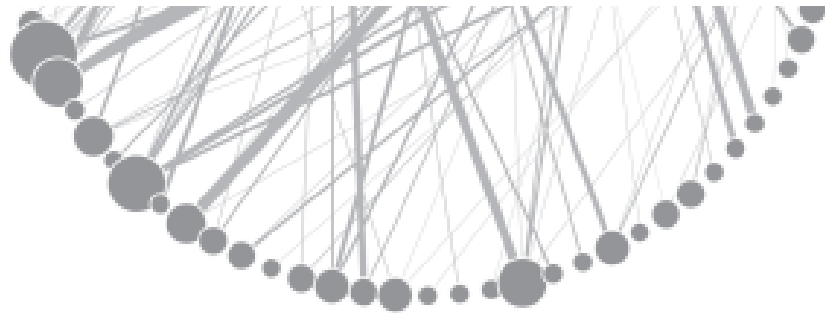


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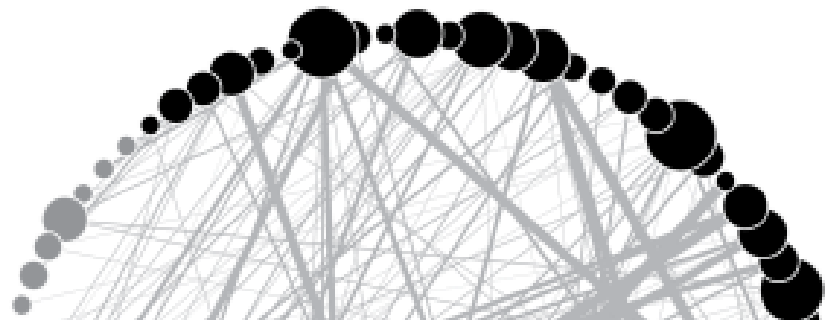


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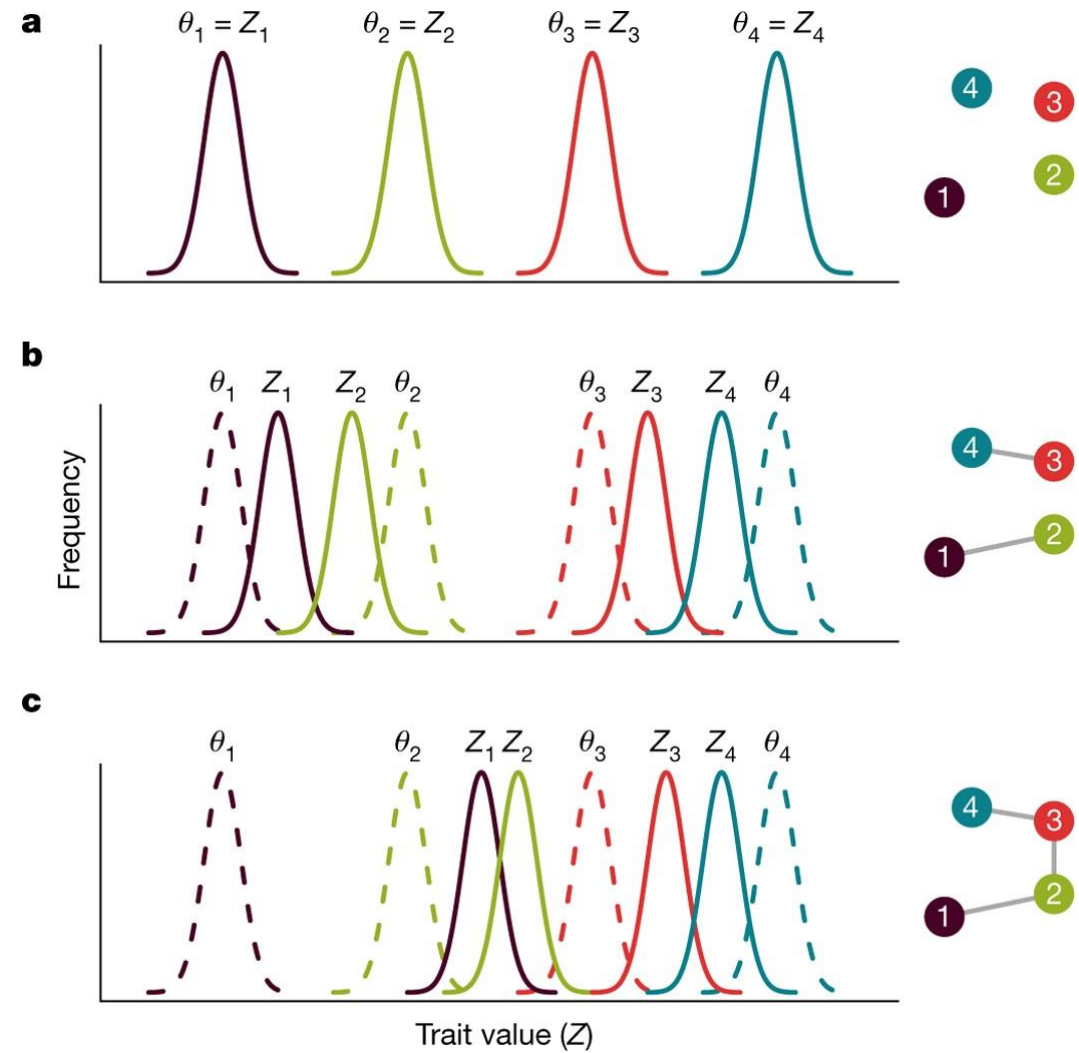
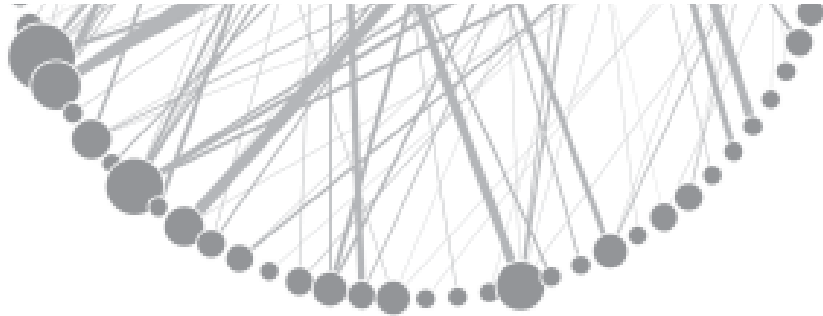
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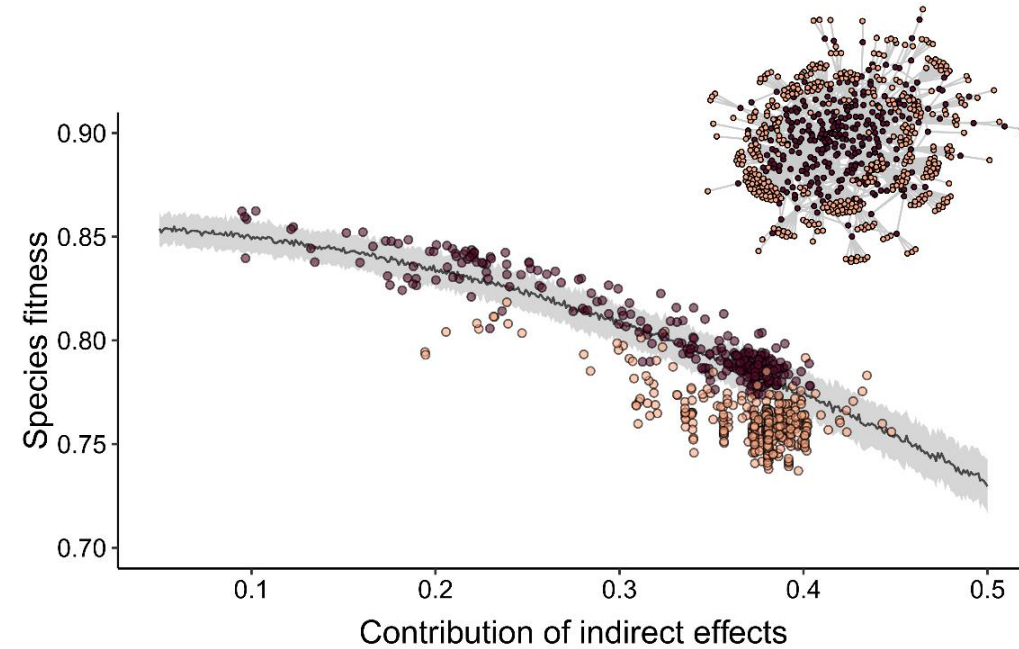
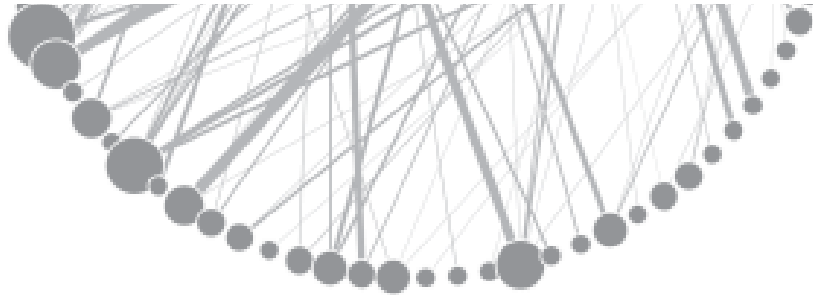
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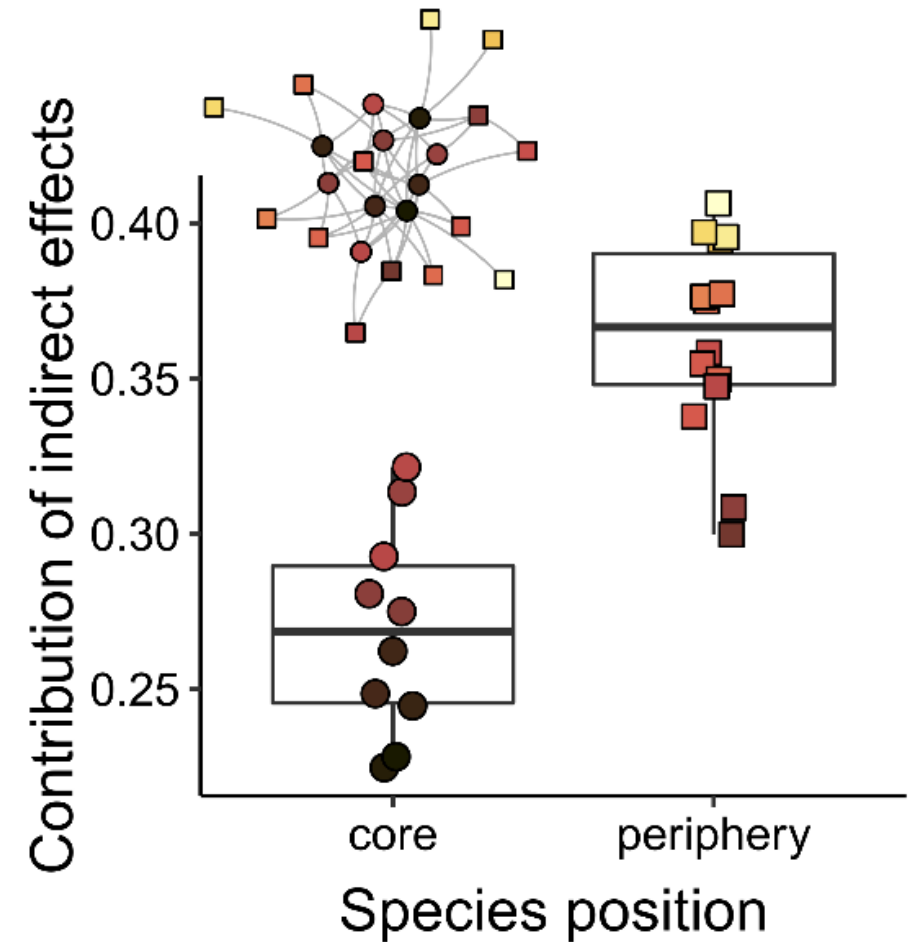
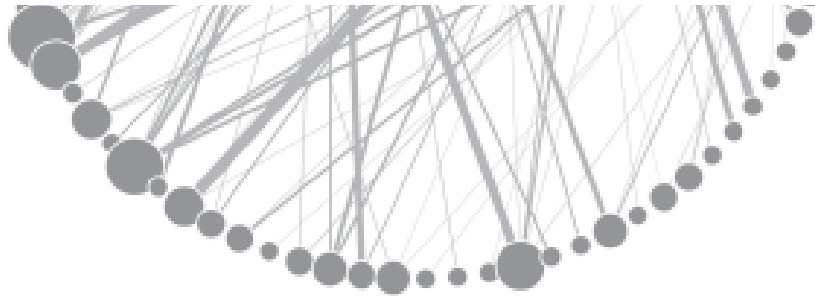
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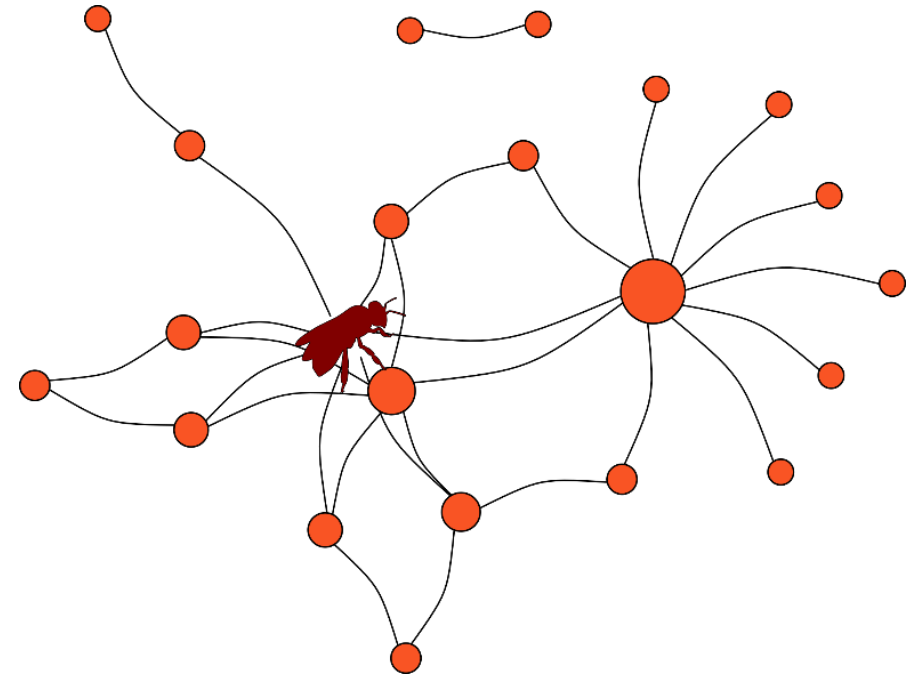
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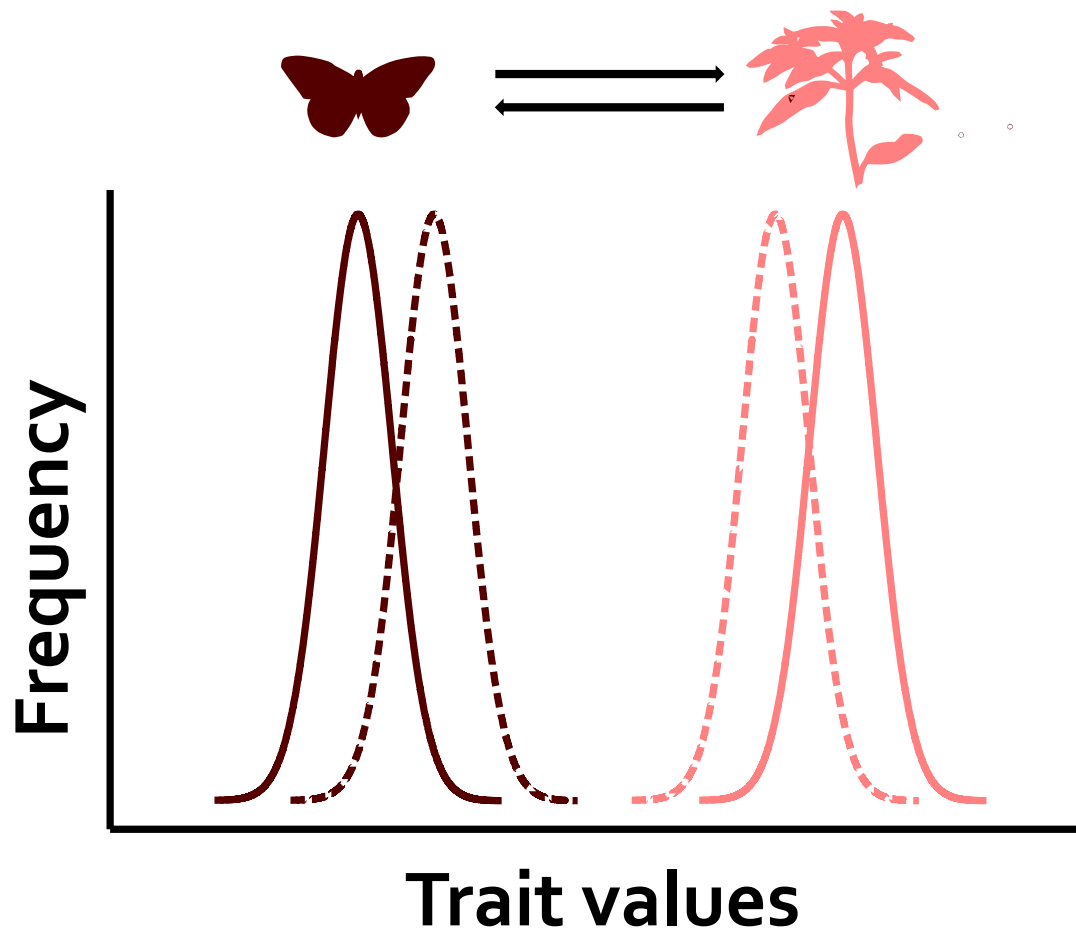
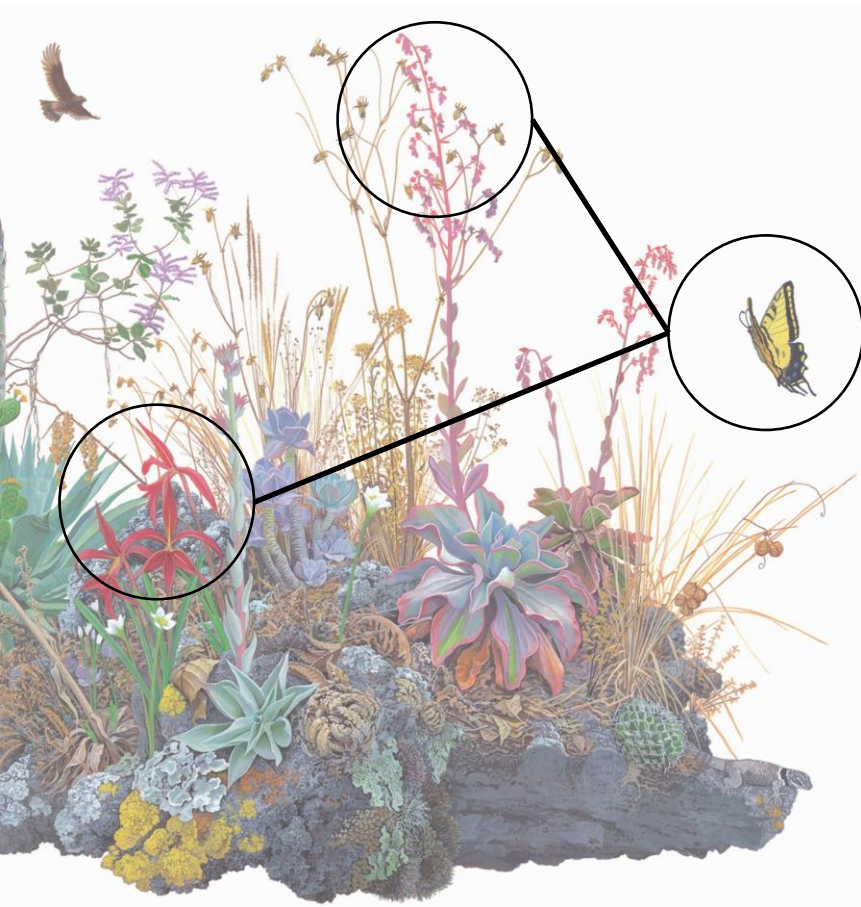
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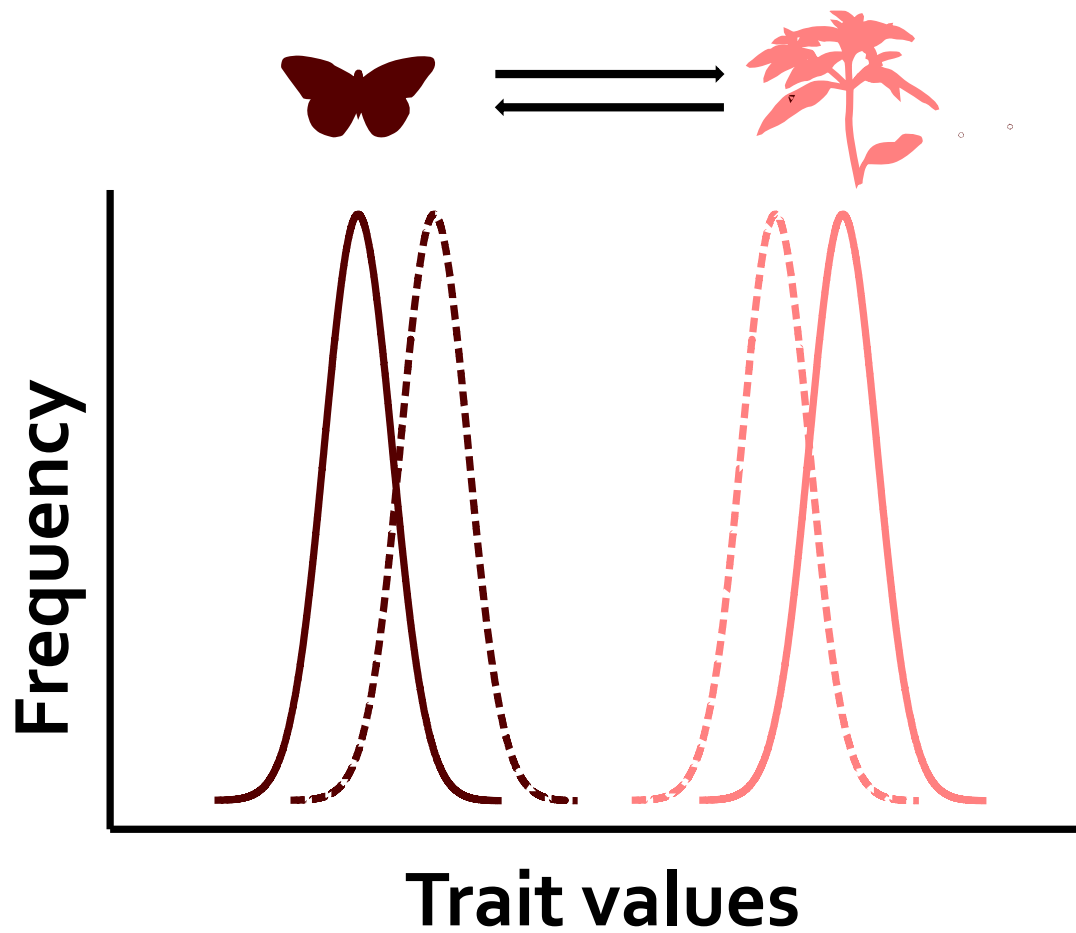
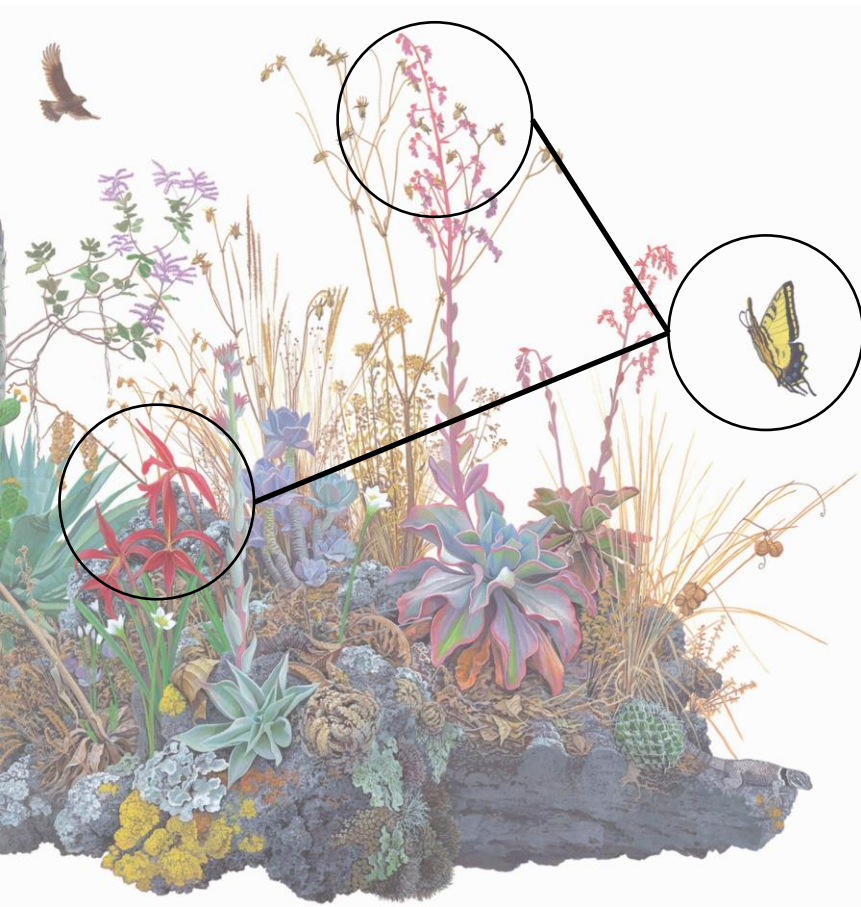




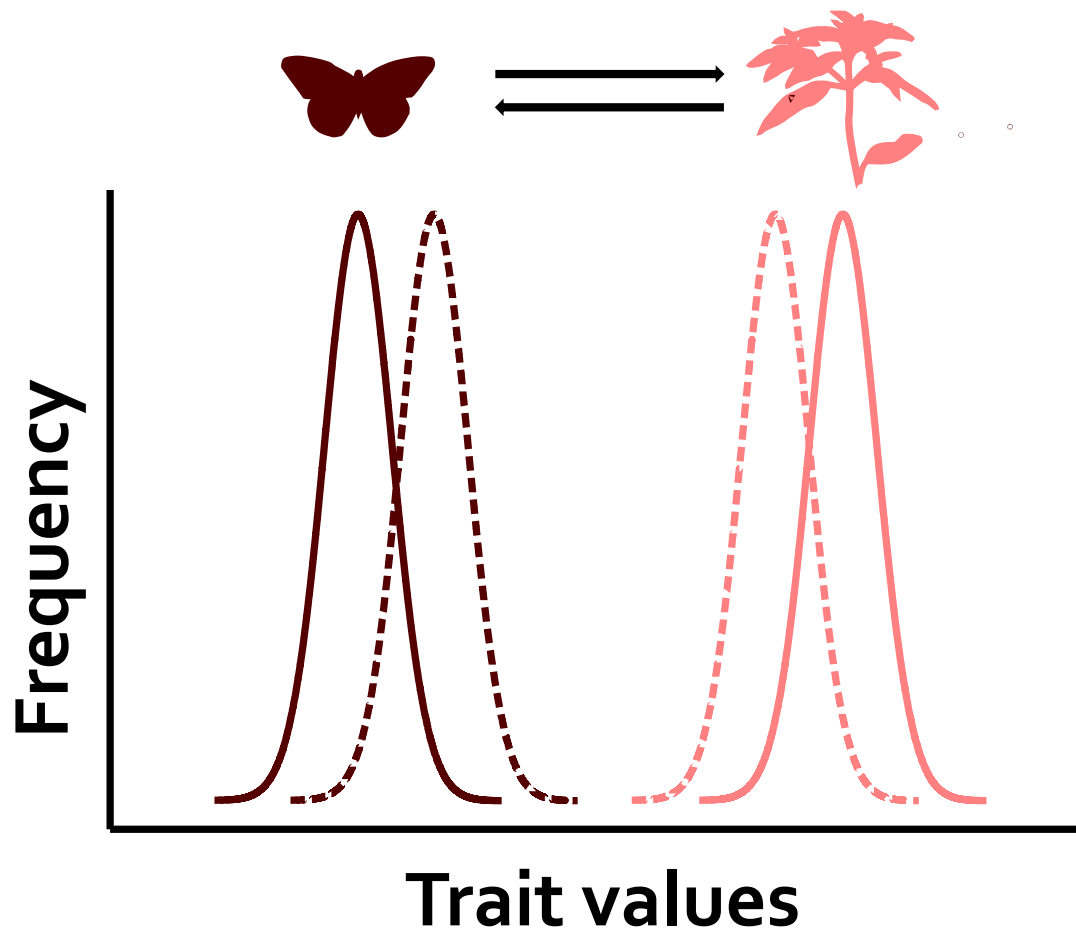
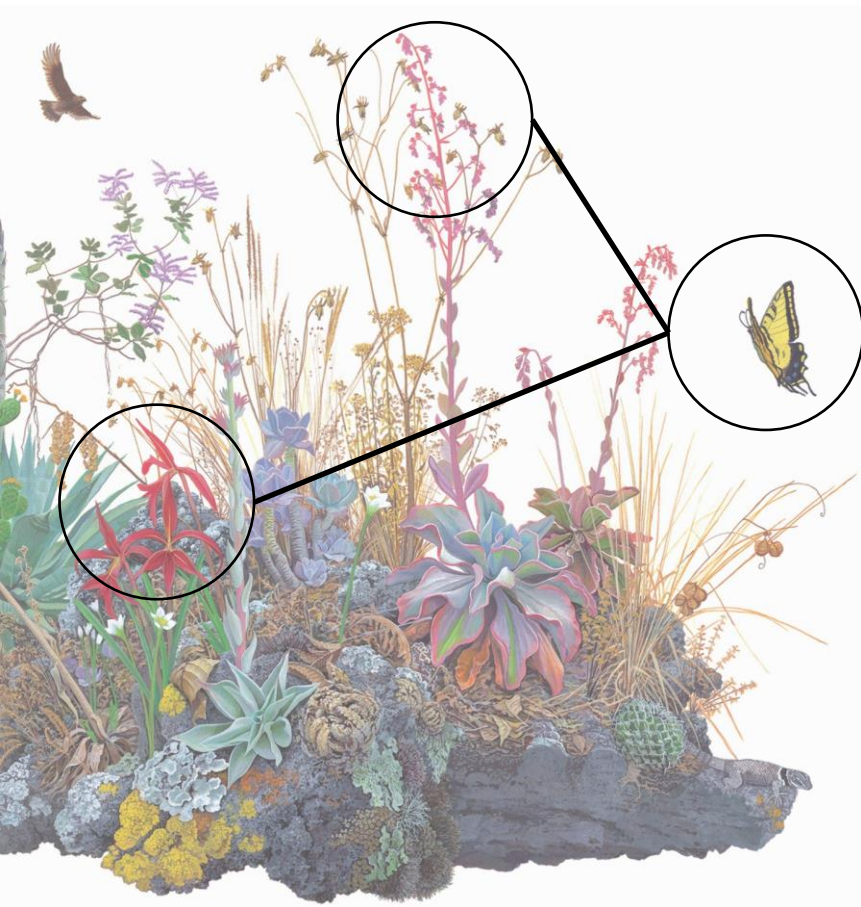
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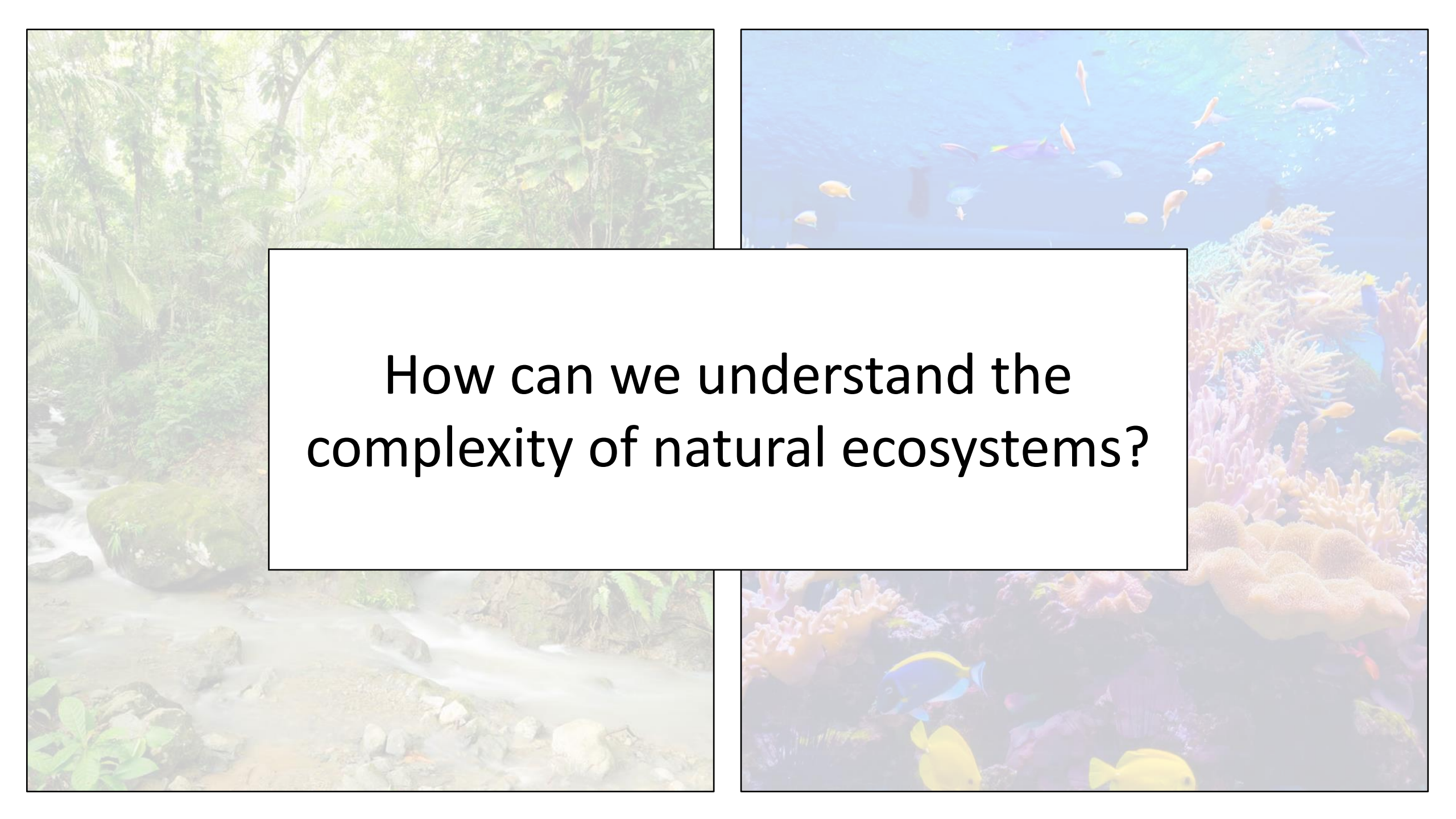
**How the structure of ecological networks shape  
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In ecological networks species can indirectly affect each other



These indirect affects modify the outcome of coevolution, shaping trait matching, the efficiency of interactions and fitness

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How can we understand the complexity of natural ecosystems?

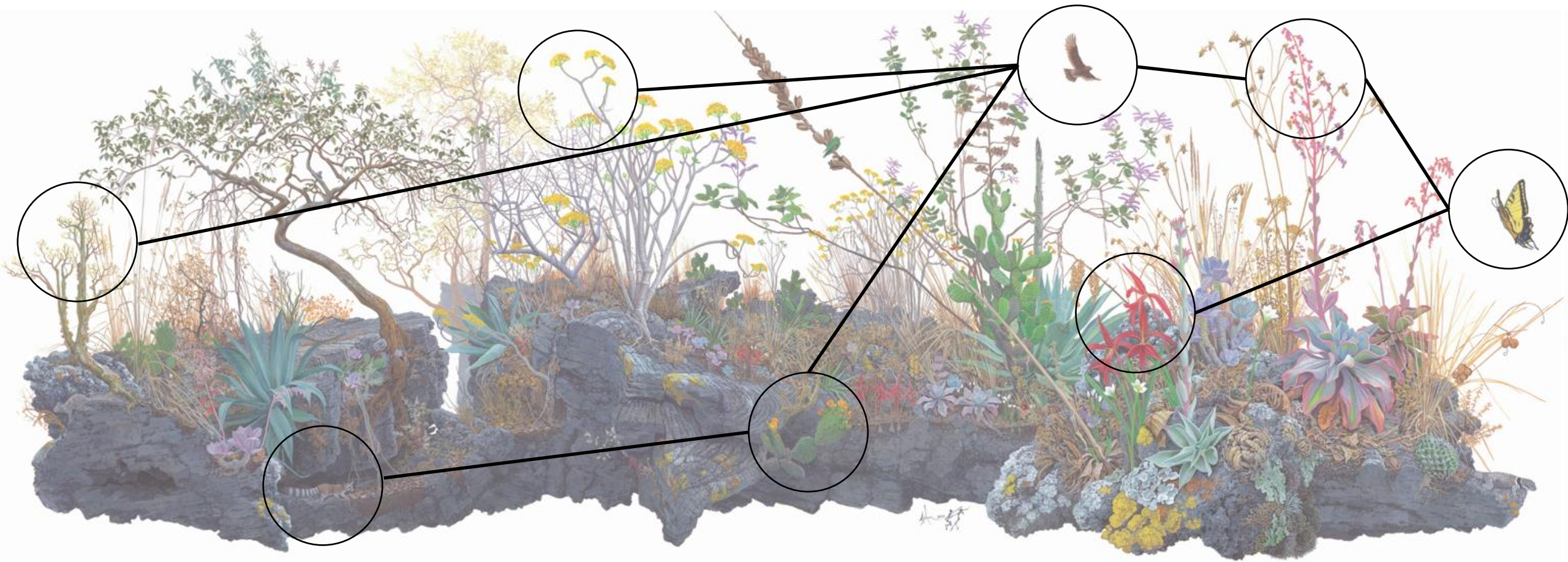


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Quantify and describe patterns of  
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Understand the implications of these  
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“It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality... whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

Martin Luther King Jr.