Modeling phylogenetic biome shifts on a planet with a past

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Abstract.—The spatial distribution of biomes has changed considerably over deep time, so

the geographical opportunity for an evolutionary lineage to shift into a new biome may

depend on how the availability and connectivity of biomes has varied temporally. To better

understand how lineages shift between biomes in space and time, we developed a

phylogenetic biome shift model in which each lineage shifts between biomes and disperses

between regions at rates that depend on the lineage's biome affinity and location relative to

the spatiotemporal distribution of biomes at any given time. To study the behavior of the

biome shift model in an empirical setting, we developed a literature-based representation

of paleobiome structure for three mesic forest biomes, six regions, and eight time strata,

ranging from the Late Cretaceous (100 Ma) through the present. We then fitted the model

to a time-calibrated phylogeny of 119 *Viburnum* species to compare how the results

responded to various realistic or unrealistic assumptions about paleobiome structure.

Ancestral biome estimates that account for paleobiome dynamics reconstructed a warm

temperate (or tropical) origin of *Viburnum*, which is consistent with previous fossil-based

estimates of ancestral biomes. Imposing unrealistic paleobiome distributions led to

ancestral biome estimates that eliminated support for tropical origins, and instead inflated

support for cold temperate ancestry throughout the warmer Paleocene and Eocene. The

biome shift model we describe is applicable to the study of evolutionary systems beyond

Viburnum, and the core mechanisms of our model are extensible to the design of richer

phylogenetic models of historical biogeography and/or lineage diversification. We

conclude that biome shift models that account for dynamic geographical opportunities are

important for inferring ancestral biomes that are compatible with our understanding of

Earth history.

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biogeography)

Biomes are ecologically and climatically distinct species assemblages that vary in

size, shape, and continuity across geographical regions, in large part due to regional

differences in temperature, precipitation, seasonality, altitude, soil types, and

continentality (Whittaker 1970; Wolfe 1985; Olson et al. 2001; Mucina 2019). The diversity

of biomes occupied by particular lineages also varies considerably, with some clades

exhibiting strict associations with particular biomes, and others showing multiple

transitions between biomes over time (Donoghue and Edwards 2014). Although it is

accepted that clade-wide variation in regional biome occupancy was generated and is

maintained by evolutionary forces including speciation, extinction, dispersal, and

adaptation to new biomes, it remains difficult to estimate exactly when, where, and under

what conditions phylogenetic lineages first shifted into the biomes that their descendants

inhabit today.

In current practice, ancestral regions and biome affinities are often estimated

independently of one another, and then relationships between regions and biomes are

compared post hoc (e.g., Crisp et al. 2009; Weeks et al. 2014). Although such studies yield

important evolutionary insights, the estimates themselves do not account for how lineages

might move between regions or adapt to newly encountered biomes given the temporally

variable spatial configuration of biomes across regions. Conceptually, how a biome is

geographically distributed should influence how easily a lineage might disperse into a new

region or shift into a new biome, an effect Donoghue and Edwards (2014) termed

geographical opportunity. One strategy to model the effect of geographical opportunity

first defines discrete regions that are exactly coincident with modern day biomes, and then

assumes that species within a given region occur within the corresponding biome. Cardillo

et al. (2017) carried out such an analysis in studying the biogeography of the Australian

plant clade, *Hakea* (Protaceae), using method features developed by Matzke (2014), where

total regional area and shared perimeter lengths tuned dispersal rates between bioregions.

This innovative strategy depends crucially on the uniformity of biome composition within

each region. Larger, discrete regions may very well be dominated by a single biome type,

yet still be composed of assorted dominant, subdominant, and marginal biome types at

local scales.

More importantly for our purposes, defining geographical opportunity based on

modern biome features (such as area and shared perimeter), may be problematic in

instances where the spatial distribution of biomes has changed considerably over time,

since those changes should also influence when and where ancestral lineages shift between

regions and/or biomes. For example, if woodlands dominated a particular region until the

rise of grasslands, that might inform when a grassland-adapted lineage first dispersed into

that region. That is, if the presences or absences of biomes among regions influence

modern species ranges, then temporal variation in regional biome availability should

similarly influence our models of range evolution.

To model how paleoecological dynamics might influence range evolution, Meseguer

et al. (2015) fitted ecological niche models (ENMs) to fossil data so as to limit the

connectivity between regions for biogeographical models that estimate ancestral ranges

(Ree and Smith 2008). While this strategy is quite promising, its current form requires that

the clade under study (*Hypericum* of Hypericaceae, in their case) has a sufficiently rich

fossil record over space and time to inform the ENM. It also assumes that all lineages face

the same, broad ecological limitations to range evolution, independent of what particular

biome affinity each lineage possesses at a given moment. Although the quality of the fossil

record is largely out of our control, the second assumption could be relaxed: ideally, if a

clade contains sub-lineages that specialize in both woodland and in grassland habitats, any

particular lineage's range should be principally limited by the availability of the specific

biome to which that lineage is adapted, rather than being constrained based on a broader,

clade-wide average of grassland and woodland lineages.

In this paper, we aim to address the aforementioned challenges facing current

phylogenetic models of biome shifting by incorporating four key properties: (1) that biome

shifts and dispersal events share a common state space over biomes and regions, (2) that

any discrete region may contain a number of different biomes, (3) that the geographical

structure of biomes within and between regions can vary over time, and (4) that lineages

adapted to different biomes and located in different regions will experience different

dispersal rates between regions and different shift rates into new biomes. We begin by

introducing a graph-based approach to characterize the availability, prevalence, and

connectivity of regional biomes through time, building on the framework introduced by

Landis (2017). We then develop an event-based evolutionary process using a time-

stratified continuous-time Markov chain that models biome shifts and dispersal given the

ways in which biome distributions have changed over time. Because the exact influence of

extrinsic geographical factors and/or ecological structure is bound to vary from clade to

clade, the degree of influence of such features on the evolutionary model are treated as free

parameters to be estimated from the data itself.

To explore the possible importance of paleobiome structure on lineage movements

among biomes, we apply our model to *Viburnum*, a clade of ~165 species that originated in

the Late Cretaceous and are today found in tropical, warm temperate, and cold temperate

forests throughout Eurasia and the New World. We generated paleobiome graphs for these

three mesic forest biomes across six continental regions for eight major time intervals over

the past hundred million years. Fitting the model to our *Viburnum* dataset all-but-

eliminates the possibility of a cold temperate origin of the clade. This is consistent with our

understanding of the important biogeographic role of a "boreotropical" flora (see below)

during the Paleocene and Eocene, and with our recent fossil-based ancestral biome

estimates in *Viburnum* (Landis et al. 2019).

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117   *Viburnum phylogeny and biogeography*

Viburnum (Adoxaceae) is a clade of ~165 extant plant species that originated just

before the Cretaceous-Paleogene (K-Pg) boundary, roughly 70 Ma. Previous studies of

phylogenetic relationships (Clement et al. 2014; Spriggs et al. 2015; Eaton et al. 2017) and

divergence times (Spriggs et al. 2015; Landis et al. 2019) provide a firm basis for

understanding the order and timing of lineage diversification events in *Viburnum*. In this

study, we focus on a subsample of 119 *Viburnum* species with relationships that are highly

supported by phylogenomic data (Eaton et al. 2017; Landis et al. 2019) and whose

divergence times were time-calibrated under the fossilized-birth death process (Heath et

al. 2014) as described in Landis et al. (2019).

Viburnum species occupy six continental-scale regions: Southeast Asia, including the

Indoaustralian Archipelago and the Indian subcontinent; East Asia, including China,

Taiwan, and Japan; Europe, including the North African coast, portions of the Middle East,

and the Azores and the Canary Islands; a North American region north of Mexico; a Central

American region that includes Mexico, Cuba, and Jamaica; and the South American Andes.

The choice of these biogeographic regions is discussed in more detail in Landis et al.

(2019). Briefly, these regions were selected because: (1) each is an area of *Viburnum*

species/clade endemism; (2) there are no individual *Viburnum* species that occur in more

than one of these regions; and (3) there are significant barriers to the migration of

viburnums between these regions today and in the relevant past. As a concrete example,

consider our recognition of North America and of Mexico, Central America, and the

Caribbean as two distinct biogeographic regions for *Viburnum*. Multiple *Viburnum* species

are endemic to the forests in each of these regions, and none of these species spans

between them. Importantly, for mesic forest plants such as *Viburnum*, these two regions

are entirely separated from one another by an extensive zone of low-lying arid lands in

southeastern Texas and northeastern Mexico, with vegetation generally classified as xeric

shrubland or mesquite-chaparral savanna. These areas are uninhabitable by viburnums

today, and probably have not been accessible to these plants since widespread drying and

the spread of C4 grasses commenced by at least the late Miocene (e.g., Godfrey et al. 2018).

Using our criteria, the most difficult division is between the southeast Asian and eastern

Asian regions. Although these do both harbor endemic species/clades, and these species

are adapted to different environmental conditions, there are now, and have been in the

past, opportunities for north-south migration between mesic forests of the two regions.

Finally, we note that our biogeographic regions are not strictly defined in terms of tectonic

plates as they do not determine the movements and distributions of *Viburnum*. Thus, based

on the criteria above, we split the vast Eurasian plate into a European region and two Asian

regions. Likewise, the boundary between the North American and the Caribbean plates

appears to have had no impact on *Viburnum* movements as there are individual species

(e.g., *V. hartwegii*) that span the two.

Across those regions, living viburnums are affiliated with mesic forest biomes and

show widespread parallel evolution of leaf form, leafing habit, and physiology coincident

with transitions between warmer and colder biomes (Schmerler et al. 2012; Chatelet et al.

2013; Spriggs et al. 2015; Scoffoni et al. 2016; Edwards et al. 2017). Five extinct *Viburnum*

lineages are known by their fossil pollen grains recovered from North American and

European locales. Four of these fossils are older samples (48 to 33 Ma) from paleofloral

communities that we previously judged to be warm temperate or subtropical (Landis et al.

2019). For our analyses in this study, we defined three mesic forest biomes based on

annual temperatures and rainfall patterns (Edwards et al. 2017). Tropical forests have high

temperatures and precipitation year-round, showing little seasonality. Warm temperate

forests, which include paratropical, lucidophyllous, and cloud forests, vary seasonally in

temperature and precipitation, but do not experience prolonged freezing temperatures

during the coldest months. Cold temperate forests also experience seasonal temperatures

and precipitation, but average minimum temperatures drop below freezing in at least one

of the coldest months.

Because we are interested in how biome states and regional states evolve in tandem,

we constructed a set of $3 \times 6 = 18$ compound states that we call biome-region states.

Throughout the paper, we identify the biome-region state for a lineage in biome state i and

region state k with the notation (i,k). However, in practice, we encode biome-region states

as integers with values from 1 to 18. Biome-region state codings for *Viburnum* are

translated from Landis et al. (2019), though here we combine cloud forests and warm

temperate forests into a single warm temperate category.

All of the 119 Viburnum species we included in our analysis are found in a single

biome, except for two East Asian (*V._chinshanense* and *V._congestum*) and one North

American (*V. rufidulum*) species, which reside in forests possessing both warm and cold

temperate elements. Those three species were coded as ambiguous for the relevant biome-

region states. While it may be more accurate to describe those species as occupying

multiple biomes, the model that we will soon define assumes that lineages occupy only one

biome-region state at any given time. The biome-region character matrix and the time-

calibrated phylogeny for *Viburnum* that we used are hosted on DataDryad (LINK).

187   *Model overview*

Our aim is to model a regional biome shift process that allows changes in the

spatiotemporal distribution of biomes to influence the likelihood of a lineage shifting

between biomes and dispersing between regions. This process can be described in terms of

interactions between two fundamental subprocesses: the biome shift process and the

dispersal process.

The biome shift process models when and where lineages shift into new biome

types. The probability of a biome shift clearly depends on intrinsic and extrinsic factors

that govern how readily a lineage might adapt to the conditions in a new biome, which

involves a myriad of factors that we do not fully explore here. Rather, we focus specifically

on modeling the effect of geographical opportunity on biome shifts (Donoghue and

Edwards 2014). For example, it is plausible that a species inhabiting the warm temperate

forests of Europe might have shifted into the tropical biome during the Early Eocene, a

period when tropical rain forests could be found at latitudes as extreme as 60° N. In

contrast, a biome shift within Europe from a warm temperate to a tropical biome would be

less likely today or during any time after the global cooling trend that began with the

Oligocene.

The dispersal process models how lineages move between regions. The rate of

dispersal between regions should depend on how connected those regions are for a given

biome affinity. Returning to the Europe example, a tropical lineage in Southeast Asia might,

all else being equal, have a relatively high dispersal rate into Europe during the Early

Eocene, when Europe was predominantly tropical and warm temperate, as compared to

today, when Europe is dominated by temperate and boreal forests. This rate would,

however, also be influenced by geographical connectivities at the time. In this case, the

existence of the Paratethys Sea and the Turgai Strait may have influenced plant migrations

at different latitudes during the Eocene, although the fragmented northern shore of the

Tethys Sea facilitated the movement of tropical and subtropical plants throughout much of

that period (Tiffney 1985a, b; Tiffney and Manchester 2001).

How the biome shift and dispersal processes may behave in response to an evolving

biome structure is depicted in Figure 1. By characterizing known features of paleobiome

structure (Fig. 1A) into adjacency matrices (Fig. 1B), we can differentiate between probable

and improbable phylogenetic histories of biome shifts and dispersal events (Fig. 1C) based

on time-dependent and paleobiome-informed biome shift rates (Fig. 1D) and dispersal

rates (Fig. 1E). Of the two regional biome shift histories in Figure 1C, the first history

invokes three events that are fully congruent with the underlying paleobiome structure.

The second history requires only two events, yet those events are incongruent with the

paleobiome structure. But which regional biome shift history is more probable? Assigning

probabilities to histories must depend not only on the phylogenetic placement and age of

the regional biome shift events, but also on the degree to which the clade evolves in a

paleobiome-dependent manner. We later return to how this unknown behavior of the

evolutionary process may be estimated from phylogenetic data, only after we define a

probabilistic model for the process.

An evolving spatial distribution of biomes through time

Biome availability and connectivity has evolved over time. We summarize these

dynamics with a series of time-dependent graphs that are informed by the paleobiological

and paleogeographical literature (Fig. 2). To define our paleobiome graphs, we consulted

global biome reconstructions generated by Wolfe (1985), Morley (2000), Graham (2011,

2018), Fine and Ree (2006), Jetz and Fine (2012), and Willis and McElwain (2014) which

we then corroborated with biome reconstructions quantitatively estimated using the

BIOME4 model (Prentice et al. 1992; Kaplan et al. 2003).

The BIOME4 reconstructions we obtained are 1-degree global rasters that classify

each cell (location) as one of 27 possible biomes. BIOME4 biomes are inferred from

assorted botanical and climatological information (observed or imputed) that represents a

given time interval. For each BIOME4 reconstruction, we interpreted the 11 forest biomes

as approximations of the availability and connectivity of mesic forest biomes among

regions, then compared those features to our literature-based reconstructions. Previously

published BIOME4 reconstructions were available for times corresponding to the Early-

Mid Eocene (Herold et al. 2014), the Late Ecoene and the Oligocene (Pound and Salzmann

2017), the Mid-Late Miocene (Pound et al. 2011, 2012), and the Pliocene (Salzmann et al.

2008; Salzmann, Haywood, and Lunt 2009). For time intervals that lacked published

BIOME4 reconstructions, we compared our paleobiome maps to unpublished

reconstructions provided by P. J. Valdes (pers. Comm.) that were built from proprietary

data. Our impression was that BIOME4 reconstructions tended to infer more arid and fewer

forest biomes than was generally supported by the paleobotanical literature. For example,

the BIOME4 reconstruction inferred that the Amazon contained more xeric shrubland than

tropical forest at the present. As such, we took presences of mesic forests under BIOME4 as

conservative estimates of their true distributions. That being said, the majority of

literature-based and BIOME4 reconstructions shared two important features: (1) the high

degree of availability and connectivity among tropical and warm temperate biomes in the

Northern Hemisphere before the Oligocene, and (2) the sudden rise of cold temperate

forests concomitant with the disappearance of many tropical forests, beginning with the

Oligocene.

We classified the availability and connectivity of biomes within regions into three

categories of features—strong, weak, and marginal—that were appropriate to the scale of

the regions and the precision of the ancestral biome estimates. Biomes with a strong

presence displayed ≥25% regional coverage, biomes with a weak presence covered <25%

of a region, while biomes with marginal presence covered <1% of a region. Likewise, the

connectivity of a biome between two regions at a given time is scored as either strong,

weak, or marginal, depending on how continuously biomes are inferred to have been

distributed near regional adjacencies. For example, the modern distribution of the cold

temperate biome throughout East Asia and Europe is consistent with strong connectivity,

while North America is only weakly connected to cold temperate Eurasian biomes through

its fragmented and transient arctic connections. Independent of the distribution of biomes,

we similarly scored the geographical connectivity between regions as strong, weak, and

marginal, using the equivalent of the modern connection between Central and South

America through the Isthmus as Panama to minimally qualify as strong connectivity, and

distances between modern Europe and North America to represent weak connectivity. The

geographical connectivity between two regions is, generally, at least as strong as the

strongest biome-dependent connection for those same regions. Together, the availability

and connectivity for each region, each biome, and each time interval is encoded into a

series of paleobiome graphs, which we later use to define the rates at which biome shift

and dispersal events occur.

Our paleobiome graphs capture several important aspects of how mesic forest

biomes moved and evolved (Fig. 2). The Late Cretaceous through the Paleocene and Early

Eocene was a prolonged period of warm, wet conditions during which the poles had little to

no ice. Throughout that time, tropical forests were prevalent in all six of our regions, while

warm temperate forests were widespread only throughout East Asia, Europe, and North

America. The Eocene witnessed the emergence of a so-called boreotropical flora, which

contained a curious mixture (from our modern vantage point) of tropical and temperate

plant genera (Wolfe 1975; Tiffney 1985a, b). This largely broadleaved evergreen forest

type appears to have spread widely around the northern hemisphere via the Beringia Land

Bridge, the North Atlantic Land Bridge, and the Tethys Sea (Tiffney 1985 a, b; Wolfe 1985;

Morley 2000; Willis and McElwain 2014; Graham 2011, 2018; Baskin and Baskin 2016),

and to have persisted through the Mid/Late Eocene. With the Oligocene, the opening of the

Drake Passage and the closure of the Tethys Sea redirected global ocean currents. Together

with steep declines in atmospheric CO_2 levels, this ushered in cooler and drier conditions

worldwide. The ensuing global climatic changes progressively restricted tropical forests to

more equatorial regions, inducing the disjunction we find among modern tropical forests

(Latham and Ricklefs 1993; Wiens and Donoghue 2004; Donoghue 2008). As the

boreotropical forests receded, they were first replaced by warm temperate forests, and

then eventually by cold temperate and boreal forests. Following this global revolution of

biome structure, connectivity between Old World and New World tropical forests never

again matched that of the Paleocene-Eocene boreotropical beltway.

We illustrate how a lineage might evolve with respect to different distributions of

biomes within and between regions over time with the aid of Figure 2. A lineage that freely

disperses between regions and shifts between biomes, regardless of the historical

condition of the planet, might transition between regions under fully connected matrices

(Uninformative, first column). Lineages that are only dispersal-limited by terrestrial

connectivity disperse under the adjacency constraints encoded in the second column of

matrices (Geographical, second column). However, lineages that are dispersal-limited by

biome availability and connectivity might disperse according to the paleobiome patterns

shown in the third, fourth and fifth columns (tropical, T; warm temperate, W; and cold

temperate, C). For example, a lineage that is strictly adapted to the warm temperate biome

would disperse according to the warm temperate series of paleobiome graphs (fourth

column). If that lineage shifted its affinity from a warm temperate to a tropical biome, that

lineage would thereafter shift between biomes and disperse between regions under the

adjacency matrix structures of the tropical biome (third column) until the lineage next

shifted biomes. However, biome shift rates also should depend on what biomes are locally

accessible. For example, a North American lineage would have the geographical

opportunity to shift from warm temperate into tropical biomes during the Paleocene, an

epoch when both biomes have strong presences in North America. But North American

tropical forests decline and then disappear throughout the Oligocene and Miocene,

extinguishing the opportunity for such a biome shift during more recent times. The next

section formalizes how we model the complex interactions between biomes, regions,

phylogeny, and time with these dynamics in mind.

324   *A time-stratified regional biome shift model*

The regional biome shift process may be viewed as a model that defines the

interactions (if any) of its two subprocesses, the biome shift process and the dispersal

process. We model biome shifts using a simple continuous-time Markov chain (CTMC) with

time-stratified rates (i.e. piecewise constant time-heterogeneous rate matrices; Ree et al.

2005; Buerki et al. 2011; Bielejec et al. 2014; Landis 2017). Because transition rates

between regions depend in part on a lineage's biome affinity, and rates of shifting between

biomes depend in part on a lineage's geographical location, the two characters do not

evolve independently. To impose interdependence between biomes and regions, we define

a rate matrix over the compound state space by modifying the approach of Pagel (1994),

while also drawing on insights pioneered in newer trait-dependent models of discrete

biogeography (Sukumaran et al. 2015; Sukumaran and Knowles 2018; Matos-Maraví et al.

2018; Lu et al. 2019; Klaus and Matzke 2019).

Accordingly, we define the CTMC to operate on the compound biome-region state,

(i, k), where i is the biome and k is the region. With this in mind, our goal is to compute the

probability of a lineage transitioning from biome i in region k to biome j in region l, or

(i, k) into (j, l). First, we take $\beta_{i,j}$ to model the shift rate between biomes i and j, and $\delta_{k,l}$ to

model the dispersal rate between regions, $\delta_{k,l}$. Importantly, the values of β and δ

themselves do not directly depend on time. We eventually multiply these base rates by

time-dependent paleogeographical and paleoecological factors represented in our time-

stratified (or epoch) model.

Computing the transition probabilities for an time-stratified model requires that we

define an instantaneous rate matrix $Q(m)$ for any supported time interval, m. Following

Landis (2017), we define the rate matrix $Q(m)$ as the weighted average of several rate

matrices, each capturing different paleogeographical features

$$Q(m) = w_U Q_U + w_G Q_G(m) + w_B Q_B(m).$$

The three matrices on the right-hand side of Equation 1 are the (paleogeographically)

uninformative rate matrix, Q_U, the geographical rate matrix, Q_G, and the biome rate matrix,

Q_B. In reference to Figure 2, we wish to learn the relative influence of the uninformative

(first column), geography (second), and biome (third, fourth, or fifth) matrix features on

the biome shift process. Supplement 1 demonstrates how rate matrix values are computed

for a toy example with two regions and two biomes.

The first rate matrix (Q_U) may be considered as an uninformative rate matrix that

sets the relative transition rates between all pairs of regions, and separately between all

pairs of biomes, as time-independent and context-independent,

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$$[Q_U]_{(i,k),(j,l)} = \begin{cases} \beta_{i,j} & \text{if biome shift } (i \neq j) \\ \delta_{k,l} & \text{if region shift } (k \neq l) \\ 0 & \text{if biome and region shift } (i \neq j \text{ and } k \neq l) \end{cases}$$

The effect is that biome shifts between biomes i and j follow the rates $\beta_{i,j}$ and dispersal

events follow the rates $\delta_{k,l}$ regardless of the age of a lineage or the lineage's biome-region

state. As we develop rate matrices for geography (Q_G) and biomes (Q_B) below, the second

role for Q_U is that it allows for lineages to disperse or shift regardless of whether the

connectivity/availability of the involved regions or biomes are scored as strong, weak, or

marginal.

Because we do not know precisely what, if any, influence strong, weak, and marginal

features should exert upon the dispersal or biome shift processes, we estimate the relative

effects of those features across all adjacency matrices, the geographical adjacency matrix,

A_G, and the biome adjacency matrices, A_T, A_W, and A_C, for the tropical, warm temperate,

and cold temperate biomes, respectively (Fig. 2). Specifically, we assign the fixed values of

0 and 1 to marginal and strong features, respectively, then assign all weak features one

shared intermediate value, estimated as $0 < y < 1$. In effect, y controls the degree of

contrast of medium-colored cells across all adjacency matrices in Figure 2. For example,

tropical connectivity during the Late Cretaceous is represented by the adjacency matrix

$A_T(1)$. At that time, tropical connectivity between East and Southeast Asia is strong

($[A_T(1)]_{\text{EAs,SEAs}} = 1$), connectivity between East Asia and Europe is weak

($[A_T(1)]_{\text{EAs,Eur}} = y$), and connectivity between East Asia and South America is marginal

$([A_T(1)]_{EAs,SAm} = 0)$. Future studies may find that one can model and reliably estimate

separate values of y for different features, even though we do not investigate this

possibility at present.

The second rate matrix (indexed G for geography, Q_G) is structured according to

biome-independent paleogeographical features, such as the simple terrestrial connectivity

between regions. Connectivity is encoded as either as strong, weak or marginal in the

adjacency matrix, $A_G(m)$.

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$$[Q_G(m)]_{(i,k),(j,l)} = \begin{cases} \beta_{i,j} & \text{if biome shift } (i \neq j) \\ \delta_{k,l} \times [A_G(m)]_{k,l} & \text{if region shift } (k \neq l) \\ 0 & \text{if biome and region shift } (i \neq j \text{ and } k \neq l) \end{cases}$$

The third rate matrix (indexed B for biome, Q_B) defines the shift rates between

biomes and the dispersal rates between regions to depend on the spatiotemporal

distribution of biomes. A lineage's biome shift rate depends on whether the receiving

biome, j, has a strong, weak, or marginal presence in the region it currently occupies, k.

Likewise, the dispersal rate for a lineage that is currently adapted to biome type i depends

on whether the source region, k, and destination region, l, share a strong, weak, or

marginal connection.

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$$[Q_B(m)]_{(i,k),(j,l)} = \begin{cases} \beta_{i,j} \times [A_j(m)]_{k,k} & \text{if biome shift } (i \neq j) \\ \delta_{k,l} \times [A_j(m)]_{k,l} & \text{if region shift } (k \neq l) \\ 0 & \text{if biome and region shift } (i \neq j \text{ and } k \neq l) \end{cases}$$

394   It is crucial to recognize that $Q_B(m)$ defines shift rates involving biome j to depend

395   on the adjacency matrix for biome j during time interval m. This key property means that

396   lineages currently adapted to biome j disperse with rates according to the interregional

397   connectivity of biome j, and lineages newly adapting to biome j do so at a rate depending

398   on the local availability of biome j.

399   The transition rates (and probabilities) between biome-region pairs are not

expected to be symmetric or equal across time intervals. For example, if biome j first

appears in region k during time interval $m + 1$, then we would potentially see an increase

in the biome shift rate into biome j, i.e. $[Q(m)]_{(i,k),(j,k)} < [Q(m+1)]_{(i,k),(j,k)}$. Nor are

transition rates necessarily symmetric or equal within a given time interval. If region k

contains biome i during time interval m, but region l does not, then we might find that

lineages adapted to biome i disperse less easily from k into l than l into k, i.e.

$[Q(m)]_{(i,k),(i,l)} < [Q(m)]_{(i,l),(i,k)}$. Similarly, if region k contains biome i but not biome j

during time interval m, then lineages inhabiting region k will tend to shift less easily from

biome i into j than from j into i, i.e. $[Q(m)]_{(i,k),(j,k)} < [Q(m)]_{(j,k),(i,k)}$.

409   Fluctuating asymmetries in the rates over time means that each biome-region state

may exhibit different source-sink dynamics across that timescale. During a period of low

accessibility, a biome-region state might rebuff immigrants and lose occupants when acting

as a source, but then gain and retain inhabitants during a later phase should that biome-

region become a local refugium when acting as a sink (Goldberg et al. 2005). These

fluctuating source-sink dynamics may be characterized by the stationary distribution,

which defines the expected proportion of lineages found in each biome-region state

assuming lineages evolve along an infinitely long branch within a given time interval.

Biome-regions that are easy to enter and difficult to leave tend towards higher stationary

probabilities for a given time interval.

We approximate the stationary probability for biome i in region k during time

interval m with

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$$\pi(m)_{(i,k)} = \left[e^{\mu Q(m)} \right]_{1,(i,k)}$$

where μ is a rate taken to be sufficiently large that stationarity is reached. Note that the

bracketed term on the righthand side of the equation is the transition probability matrix

for changes between biome-region pairs. In theory, when μ is large, all rows in this matrix

have arbitrarily similar transition probabilities, which lets us take any row (i.e. the first

row) to represent the stationary probabilities.

The time-dependent source-sink dynamics in Figure 3 show how the availability of

and connectivity between regional biomes structures each time interval's stationary

distribution. Stationary probabilities before the Oligocene tend to favor tropical biomes in

all regions, but favor cold temperate biomes afterwards. This means that if the historical

spatial structure of biomes is relevant to biogeography, then lineages originating in the

Paleogene would more likely be adapted to tropical than to cold temperate forests simply

because cold temperate forests were a more marginal biome during that period of Earth's

history.

We can now completely define the time stratified rate matrix, $Q(m)$, and the

stationary frequencies at the root of a phylogeny, $\pi(m_{root})$, where m_{root} is the time

interval corresponding to the root node age. Together, these model components let us

compute the probabilities of lineages transitioning from one biome-region pair to another

while accounting for the spatiotemporal dynamics of biomes, and thus compute the

phylogenetic model likelihood with the discrete state pruning algorithm (Felsenstein

1981).

Now that we have fully defined the model, there are several implicit properties that

are worth stating explicitly. First, a lineage cannot both shift its biome affinity and disperse

into a new region in the same moment of time; one event is needed for each transition, and

so event order matters. While we think this assumption is reasonable in many cases,

including in *Viburnum*, it is certainly conceivable that region and biome shifts could occur

simultaneously. We elaborate on this point in the Discussion, but note here that it would be

possible to explore the effect of modeling such paired transitions by adapting

parameterizations designed for multiple-nucleotide substitution codon models (Koisol et

al. 2007). Second, the relative importance of the matrix feature weights (w_U, w_G, w_B) and of

the weak availability/connectivity weight (y) are estimated from the data: the matrix $Q(m)$

reduces to the uninformative matrix, Q_U, when $w_U = 1$, while the importance of the

historical structure of biomes is most pronounced when w_B is large compared to other w

and y parameters. Third, the process models lineages as being predominantly present in a

single region and biome at a time without influencing speciation or global extinction rates,

which are assumptions we made both to simplify the exposition of the method, but also to

reduce computational burden. The Discussion brings more attention to all of these

properties.

460   *Bayesian inference*

The Bayesian posterior density was estimated using the Markov chain Monte Carlo

(MCMC) algorithm implemented in RevBayes (Höhna et al. 2016). RevBayes scripts and

datasets are available at http://github.com/mlandis/biome_shift. The first 10% of

posterior samples were discarded as burn-in. All parameter estimates have effective

sample sizes well over 200. Two independent chains were run per analysis to verify MCMC

convergence. We analyzed our data under three model settings: the *Paleobiome* setting that

used the time-heterogeneous graphical structure presented in Figure 2; the *Modern Biome*

setting that used the graphical structure from the Recent time interval to represent all time

intervals; and the *Null Biome* setting that ignored regional and biome structure by fixing

$w_U = 1$.

Departing from the general model description above, we reparameterized our

applied model to eliminate informative priors wherever possible. This helped ensure that

our posterior estimates are driven by the data through the likelihood function, not the

prior (discussed further in Supplement 2). We assigned uninformative prior distributions

to our graph weights, $(w_U, w_L, w_B) \sim \text{Dirichlet}(1, 1, 1)$, and to our weak feature strength

parameter, $y \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$. We treated each biome shift rate as an independently

estimated parameter, $\beta_{i,j} \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$, although we fixed the biome shift rates between

tropical and cold temperate biomes equal to zero. Fixing those transition rates to zero both

reduces the number of free parameters and reflects the observation that, analogous to the

geographical structure of regions, biomes have an important ecological and climatological

structure (Whittaker 1970). In *Viburnum*, this assumption is reasonable, as the clade

contains no tropical-cold temperate sister species pairs, and previous ancestral biome

estimates for the group did not confidently infer any shifts between those biomes (Landis

et al. 2019). Because we constrained biome-independent dispersal between regions

through graphical structures (Q_G) and weight parameters (w_U and w_G), we fixed the

relative dispersal rate to $\delta_{k,l} = 1$ (which is potentially rescaled by Q_G and w_G). Thus, the

relative biome shift rates β and dispersal rates δ all have values between 0 and 1. To model

the relative proportion of biome shifts to dispersal events, we multiply β by the factor $f_\beta \sim$

Uniform(0,1) and multiply δ by $f_\delta = (1 - f_\beta)$. Finally, we rescaled the instantaneous rate

matrix, Q, for the entire evolutionary process by a global clock parameter, $\mu \sim$

LogUniform($10^{-4}, 10^1$), that is uniformly distributed over orders of magnitude. For the

Viburnum analysis, we used Bayes factors (Jeffreys 1935) to compare the relative fit of the

Paleobiome, *Modern Biome*, and *Null Biome* models to the data. Power-posterior

distributions were approximated with a parallelized MCMC sampler (Höhna et al. 2017).

Marginal likelihoods were estimated from those power-posterior samples using the

stepping stone algorithm (Xie et al. 2011).

Our analysis produced several inferences, which we summarized in various ways.

Ancestral states and stochastic mappings (Huelsenbeck et al. 2003) were generated during

MCMC sampling by first drawing ancestral state estimates for all nodes in phylogeny, then

sampling evolutionary histories using a uniformization method (Rodrigue et al. 2008) that

was adapted for time-stratified models (Landis et al. 2017). Ancestral state estimates show

the posterior probabilities for biome-region states for each node. Lineage-state proportions

through time were computed from the posterior distributions of stochastically mapped

histories. We computed the posterior mean count of lineage-states through time as the

number of lineages in each state for each time bin across posterior samples divided by the

total number of posterior samples. Lineage-state counts were converted into lineage-state

proportions by dividing each count by the total number of lineages in that time bin to give

proportions that lie between 0 and 1. In addition, we classified whether or not each

lineage-state for each time bin was congruent with any locally prominent biome as defined

by the paleobiome graph (Fig. 2). Each binned state was labeled as a *biome mismatch* if the

lineage's biome had only a marginal presence in the lineage's region. Otherwise, the state

was labelled as a *biome match*. To summarize these results, we also computed the

proportion of tree length where lineage states match or mismatch paleobiome structure in

three ways: for the total tree length, for tree length before the Oligocene (>34 Ma), and for

tree length after the Oligocene ($\leq$ 34 Ma). To assess whether the use of the *Paleobiome*

model unduly biased posterior estimates (e.g. by inflating the prior expectations of biome

match proportions), we generated stochastic mappings conditional on the phylogeny and

tip states while sampling model parameters from the prior (details given in Supplement 2).

We were also interested in the ordered *event series* that resulted in major

transitions between biomes and regions. For biomes A, B, and C and regions X, Y, and Z, we

named the six series patterns for pairs of events. Series in which species shift biomes and

then disperse ($AX \rightarrow BX \rightarrow BY$) are called *biome-first* event series. In contrast, *region-first*

series have dispersal followed by a biome shift event ($AX \rightarrow AY \rightarrow BY$). The remaining four

event series involve two consecutive biome shift or two dispersal events. *Biome reversal*

($AX \rightarrow BX \rightarrow AX$) and *region reversal* ($AX \rightarrow AY \rightarrow AX$) sequences indicate event series in

which the lineage departs from and then returns to its initial state (AX). Analogously, *biome*

flight ($AX \rightarrow BX \rightarrow CX$) and *region flight* ($AX \rightarrow AY \rightarrow AZ$) sequences are recognized by

series of two biome shifts or two dispersal events that leave the lineage in a new state (CX

or AZ) relative to the lineage's initial state (AX). We computed the proportion of each

series type for a single posterior sample by classifying stochastically mapped state triplets

(event series of length two) in our phylogenetic tree using a simple root-to-tip recursion.

To start the recursion, we took the stochastically mapped root state to be the second state

in the triplet, X_{root}, then sampling the preceding state, X_{subroot}, from the sampling

distribution obtained by Bayes rule

$P(X_{\text{subroot}} = (i, k) \mid X_{\text{root}} = (j, l), Q(m_{\text{root}})) \propto \dfrac{[Q(m_{\text{root}})]_{(i,k),(j,l)}}{\sum_{(x,y) \neq (i,k)} [Q(m_{\text{root}})]_{(i,k),(x,y)}} \times \dfrac{[\pi(m_{\text{root}})]_{(i,k)}}{[\pi(m_{\text{root}})]_{(j,l)}}$

where $Q(m_{\text{root}})$ is the root node's rate matrix and $\pi(m_{\text{root}})$ is its stationary distribution

with values determined by the evaluated posterior sample. Following that, we traversed

towards the tips of the tree to collect changes in the stochastic mapping for each lineage's

biome-region state, classifying the state triplet's type, and updating the triplet states

appropriately (i.e. the new second and third states replace the old first and second states)

with each step of the recursion.

Finally, we wished to examine if and how the distribution of evolutionary events

and event series changed with time under alternative assumptions about the biome

structure. We were particularly interested in two classes of event proportions: proportions

of various types of biome shift and dispersal events, and proportions of the various types of

event series. To estimate the posterior proportions of biome shift and dispersal event types

through time, for each posterior sample, we divided the count for each distinct biome shift

and dispersal event type by the total number of events within each major time interval.

Event proportions from the Late Cretaceous could not be reliably estimated, as the two

Viburnum lineages that existed between the origin of the group (~70 Ma) and the end of

the Late Cretaceous (~66 Ma) rarely changed in biome-region state. Although we

normalized our event proportions using all 126 distinct dispersal and biome shift event

types, our results only display the four biome shift and four dispersal event types among all

combinations of the warm and cold temperate forests of East Asia and North America. In a

similar manner, we computed the posterior proportions for all six types of event series,

using the time of the second event in each series for each series age.

We provide the posterior means and the 80% and 95% highest posterior densities

(HPD80 and HPD95, respectively) for each time interval, event or event series type, and

biome structure model. Constructing Bayesian credible intervals for these proportions is

somewhat unusual, since the proportions are ratios of counts (i.e. not all numbers on the

real line are supported). As a result, several HPDs share the exact same bounds,

particularly when the total number of events is low (e.g. values such as 1/2 or 1/3).

Simulation experiment

We measured how reliably we can select models in which biome structure

influences the biome shift process ($w_B > 0$) for *Viburnum* with simulated data. All

simulations assumed the same *Viburnum* phylogeny used in the empirical example and

used the same biome and regions designated by the paleobiome structure model. We

simulated data under five conditions that primarily adjusted the relative weight for w_B,

named: null effect, where $(w_U, w_G, w_B) = (1,0,0)$; weak effect, where $(w_U, w_G, w_B) =$

$(1,2,4)/7$; medium effect, where $(w_U, w_G, w_B) = (1,2,8)/11$; strong effect, where

$(w_U, w_G, w_B) = (1,2,16)/19$; and very strong effect, where $(w_U, w_G, w_B) = (1,2,32)/35$; with

each denominator ensuring the weights sum to 1. For all conditions, we assumed $f_\beta = 0.75$,

$f_\delta = 0.25$, and $y = 0.1$. Biome shift rates were set to equal 1, except transitions between

cold temperate and tropical forests, which were set to 0. The event clock was set to $\mu =$

0.03, except for the null condition, which was assigned a slower rate of $\mu = 0.01$ to account

for the fact that fewer event rate penalties are applied to it than the non-null conditions.

We then simulated 100 replicate datasets in RevBayes for each of the four conditions under

the regional biome-shift model described above, and estimated the posterior density for

each simulated dataset using MCMC in RevBayes.

We were primarily concerned with how our posterior estimates of w_B respond to

differing simulated values for w_B. To summarize this, we first report the posterior median

values of w_B across replicates so they may be compared to the true simulating value. Next,

we computed what proportion of our replicates select a complex model allowing $w_B > 0$ in

favor of a simpler model where $w_B = 0$ using Bayes factors. Bayes factors were computed

using the Savage-Dickey ratio (Verdinelli and Wasserman 1995), defined as the ratio of the

prior probability divided by the posterior probability, evaluated at the point where the

complex model collapses into the simpler model (i.e. $w_B = 0$, in our case). We

approximated the posterior probability at this collapse-point by smoothing our posterior

samples for w_B with a beta-kernel density estimator (Moss and Tveten, 2019). We interpret

the strength of significance for Bayes factors as proposed by Jeffreys (1961), requiring at

least 'Substantial' support (BF > 3) to select the more complex model ($w_B > 0$).

594   RESULTS

595   *Simulation experiment*

Simulated datasets yielded larger estimates of w_B and more soundly rejected null

models ($w_B = 0$) as the effect strength w_B increased from Weak to Very Strong (Fig. 4). No

datasets simulated under the Null condition ($w_B = 0$) signalled Substantial support (or

greater) for the paleobiome-dependent model ($w_B > 0$), indicating a low false positive rate.

Only 9% of datasets simulated under Weak effects ($w_B = 4/7 \approx 0.57$) generated No

support for the $w_B > 0$ model, while ~32% of those replicates qualified as Substantial

support or greater. Data simulated under the Moderate condition ($w_B = 8/11 \approx 0.73$)

rejected the simple model 57% of the time with at least Substantial support. Under Strong

($w_B = 16/19 \approx 0.84$) simulation conditions, we selected models where $w_B > 0$ in 81% of

cases, with Strong support in 65% of cases. Data simulated under Very Strong effects ($w_B =$

$32/35 \approx 0.91$) generated support for models with $w_B > 0$ 88% of the time, with over half

of all replicates (54%) drawing Very Strong or Decisive support. Coverage frequency

among simulations was consistently high across conditions, but with fairly wide credible

intervals corresponding to the highest 95% posterior density (Fig. 4A). Because the

posterior probability of $w_B = 0$ is used to approximate Bayes factor ratios, their

relationship is made apparent by noting that the density of HPD95 lower bound estimates

close to the value $w_B = 0$ (Fig. 4A) is correlated with the proportion of simulations that

award no support to the $w_B > 0$ model (Fig. 4B).

Ancestral biomes for Viburnum

Although *Viburnum* likely originated in East Asia regardless of the biome structure

model ($p > 0.99$), no model reconstructed a single ancestral biome affinity with probability

greater than $p > 0.95$ (Fig. 5). Where the *Paleobiome* analysis inferred East Asian biome

affinities that favored a warm temperate ($p = 0.88$) or tropical ($p = 0.09$) but not a cold

temperate ($p = 0.03$) origin, the *Modern Biome* analysis favored a cold temperate ($p =$

0.67) then warm temperate ($p = 0.31$) origin for *Viburnum* while assigning negligible

probability to a tropical origin ($p = 0.01$). Relative to the *Paleobiome* estimates, the *Null*

Biome analysis also assigned higher probabilities to colder biomes (warm, $p = 0.52$; cold,

$p = 0.45$; tropical, $p = 0.02$). Early diverging *Viburnum* lineages tended to follow

warm/tropical biome affinities under the *Paleobiome* analysis or the cold/warm affinities

under the *Modern/Null Biome* analyses before the Oligocene (>34 Ma). During the

Oligocene (34–22 Ma), when cold temperate forests first expanded, many nodes still

retained the warmer (*Paleobiome*) or colder (*Modern Biome*) affinities characteristic of the

biome structure model, such as the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) of *V. reticulatum*

and *V. ellipticum* or the MRCA of *V. rufidulum* and *V. cassinoides*. Otherwise, most ancestral

biome inferences were consistent across the three models, beginning with the Mid/Late

Miocene (<16 Ma).

The three biome structures recovered different proportions of ancestral lineage-

states through time, particularly before the Mid/Late Miocene (>16 Ma; Fig. 6A–C).

Between the Paleocene and the Early Miocene, tropical lineages in East Asia and Southeast

Asia constituted >20% diversity, declining to ~12% of modern diversity under the

Paleobiome analysis. Cold temperate lineages were nearly absent until the end of the

Oligocene (34 Ma), but steadily rose to constitute roughly 25% of diversity by the

Early/Mid Miocene (ca. 20 Ma). By comparison, *Modern Biome* estimates enriched the

proportion of cold temperate viburnums, while reducing support for warm temperate and

nearly eliminating support for tropical origins; tropical lineages remained in comparatively

low proportion until the Miocene (< 22 Ma). The *Null Biome* analysis estimated

proportions of warm and cold temperate lineages similar to those of the *Modern Biome*

analysis from the Late Cretaceous (100 Ma) until the Oligocene (34 Ma), but with more

Southeast Asian warm temperate lineages throughout.

For what proportion of time did lineages have biome affinities that were congruent

with locally accessible biomes? Biomes rarely mismatched between lineages and regions

under the *Paleobiome* setting (1.1% of tree length), with the mismatches increasing under

the *Modern Biome* (8.6%) and *Null Biome* (8.7%) settings. Lineages were most often

mismatched with their regions' biomes before the Oligocene (Figs. 6D–F), where the pre-

Oligocene proportion of mismatched branch lengths was always higher (*Paleobiome*, 5.8%;

Modern Biome, 52.6%; *Null Biome*, 47.1%) than the post-Oligocene proportion (*Paleobiome*,

0.3%; *Modern Biome*, 0.8%; *Null Biome*, 1.7%) or the treewide proportions (above). The

prior distributions of stochastic mappings that we generated under the *Paleobiome*, *Modern*

Biome, and *Null Biome* settings were nearly indistinguishable from one another

(Supplement 2; Fig S1). It is therefore unlikely that our posterior inferences are artifacts

caused by undesirable interactions between our prior model and our biome structure

models.

To illuminate why the *Paleobiome* analysis produces distinctly warmer ancestral

biome estimates, we turn to the fitted stationary probability for the root state, $\pi(m_{\text{root}})$,

(Fig. 7). Within East Asia, root node stationary probabilities estimated under the

Paleobiome setting favored warm temperate or tropical forests over cold temperate forests

($\pi_{\text{Trop+EAs}} = 0.06, \pi_{\text{Warm+EAs}} = 0.10, \pi_{\text{Cold+EAs}} = 0.02$). The *Modern Biome* stationary

probabilities instead favored cold or warm temperate forests over tropical forests

($\pi_{\text{Trop+EAs}} = 0.03, \pi_{\text{Warm+EAs}} = 0.07, \pi_{\text{Cold+EAs}} = 0.08$). Like the *Modern Biome* analysis,

stationary probabilities under the *Null Biome* setting tended towards cold or warm

temperate forests. ($\pi_{\text{Trop+EAs}} = 0.04, \pi_{\text{Warm+EAs}} = 0.06, \pi_{\text{Cold+EAs}} = 0.06$), noting that the

stationary probability per biome is uniform across regions by the design of the model.

While the posterior root node stationary probabilities varied across biome-regions

depending on what biome structure model was assumed (Fig. 7), all corresponding prior

probabilities are approximately equal (Supplement 2; Fig. S2), suggesting that any

differences in the posterior estimates are driven by the data through the likelihood

function, and not forced through an induced prior.

Despite such differences between the *Paleobiome* and *Modern Biome* analyses in

their ancestral state estimates and stationary probabilities, their parameter estimates for

the base rate of change (μ), the proportion of biome shifts (f_β) to dispersal events (f_δ), and

the graph weights (w_U, w_G, w_B) were remarkably similar (Table 1). Both biome structure

models estimate posterior means for w_B greater than 0.91; i.e., stronger in effect than

assumed under the Very Strong simulation scenario (Fig. 4). Both models estimated

credible intervals for w_B with lower bounds greater than 0.75 and posterior probabilities of

$w_B = 0$ that were indistinguishable from zero, each corresponding to Decisive support for

their respective biome structure models. More accurate Bayes factors estimated using

marginal likelihoods unequivocally selected either the *Paleobiome* ($BF_{PN} > 10^6$) or the

Modern Biome ($BF_{MN} > 10^6$) over the *Null Biome* structures for modeling biome shifts in

Viburnum, but found only mild support in favor of the *Paleobiome* over the *Modern Biome*

structure ($BF_{PM} \approx 1.8$). Because inference under the *Null Biome* model set y = 1, posterior

estimates of (w_U, w_G, w_B) are indistinguishable from the prior. Parameter estimates for the

relative biome shift rates differed across the three biome structure models, however. The

Paleobiome estimates favor hot-to-cold shifts ($\beta_{TW} = 0.63 > \beta_{WT} = 0.43$ and $\beta_{WC} = 0.82 >$

$\beta_{CW} = 0.29$) while the *Modern Biome* estimates favor shifts leaving the warm temperate

biome ($\beta_{TW} = 0.44 < \beta_{WT} = 0.65$ and $\beta_{WC} = 0.80 > \beta_{CW} = 0.42$), as do the *Null Biome*

estimates ($\beta_{TW} = 0.55 < \beta_{WT} = 0.76$ and $\beta_{WC} = 0.73 > \beta_{CW} = 0.32$).

Finally, we found that the *Paleobiome* analysis estimated proportions of biome shift

and dispersal events that are more temporally dynamic than those proportions estimated

under the *Modern Biome* and *Null Biome* models (Fig. 8A–C). Under the *Paleobiome*

estimates, dispersal events from East Asia into North America within the warm temperate

biome were relatively common throughout the Late Eocene. With the onset of Oligocene

cooling, biome shifts from warm into cold temperate forests in East Asia rose from low to

high proportions to become the most frequent transition type. In contrast, event

proportions under the *Modern Biome* and *Null Biome* analyses reconstructed high

proportions of biome shifts between the warm and cold temperate forests of East Asia, ever

since *Viburnum* first originated in the Late Cretaceous through the present. Paleocene

dispersal of cold temperate lineages from East Asia into North America was also found to

be relatively common when compared to the *Paleobiome* reconstruction. Regarding the

event series proportions, biome reversal, biome-first, and region-first series were generally

more common than biome flight, region flight, and region reversal series (Fig. 8D–F). The

biome reversal event series was the most common event series type across all time

intervals under the *Modern Biome* and *Null Biome* analyses, but not under the *Paleobiome*

analysis. With the *Paleobiome* model, we found that the proportion of biome reversal series

was lower, and the proportion of region-first series was higher, when compared to the

other biome structure analyses, together creating a time interval between the Late Eocene

and the Middle Miocene during which region-first events outpaced all other types of series.

The probability that a lineage will shift into a new biome is determined in part by

geographical opportunities. Because the availability and connectivity of biomes varies

across regions, evolutionary lineages do not share the same geographical opportunities to

adapt to new biomes. Moreover, those geographical opportunities have changed as the

spatial structure of Earth's biomes evolved over time. As an evolutionary inference

problem, the temporal dynamics of geographical opportunity is concerning: we typically

infer ancestral biomes based on the phylogenetic distribution of biomes from extant

species, yet their ancestors were likely exposed to geographical opportunities significantly

(perhaps even radically) different from the opportunities of their living descendants.

Here, we have developed a Bayesian framework to model how phylogenetic lineages gain

affinities with new biomes and disperse between regions in a manner reflecting the

historical configuration of biomes through space and time. To do so, we modeled a time-

stratified regional biome shift process using continuous-time Markov chains. The model is

parameterized to allow biome shift and dispersal rates to depend on empirically structured

paleobiome graphs, where each graph describes the availability and connectivity of biomes

among regions within a given time stratum. We conducted a simple simulation experiment

to show that we can identify which comparative datasets were shaped by paleobiome

structure ($w_B > 0$) using Bayes factors, provided the strength of the effect was at least

moderately strong, even though w_B is difficult to estimate precisely (Fig. 4). We then fitted

our new model to estimate ancestral biomes and regions for *Viburnum*. In discussing our

results, we focus on two principal aspects of our study: first, our empirical findings in

Viburnum and how these may inform other studies seeking to estimate ancestral biomes or

regions; and, second, an examination of the model's assumptions and properties, and how

the model's realism may be improved in future work.

740   *Biome shifts in Viburnum*

Viburnum first diversified in the Paleocene and Eocene (66–34Ma), a period when

boreotropical forests dominated and connected the northern continents (Wolfe 1985;

Graham 2011; Willis and McElwain 2014). Cold temperate forests that experienced long

freezing periods were globally rare until after the Oligocene (<34 Ma). Although we

inferred an East Asian origin regardless of what biome structure model was assumed,

ancestral biome estimates under the three structure models differed in important ways. In

the *Paleobiome* analysis, the ancestral biome of the crown node was probably warm

temperate ($p = 0.88$) and possibly tropical ($p = 0.09$), and a cold temperate origin could

decisively be ruled out ($p < 0.05$; Fig. 5A). When we assumed that biome structure had

always resembled today's structure (*Modern Biome*), the crown node support changed,

instead favoring a cold temperate ($p = 0.67$) or possibly a warm temperate ($p = 0.31$)

origin (Fig. 5B). The *Null Biome* reconstruction also recovered a warm ($p = 0.52$) or cold

($p = 0.45$) temperate origin, despite the fact that the *Null Biome* inference assumed that all

biomes are present in all regions at all times (Fig. 5C). Mismatches between lineage biome

affinities and regionally available biomes were highest among pre-Oligocene lineages (>34

Ma). Though cold temperate lineages remained in low proportions (~5%) until the

Oligocene under the *Paleobiome* analysis (Fig. 6A), the *Modern/Null Biome* analyses

maintained high proportions of cold temperate lineages in East Asia (> 30%) and North

America (7%) in the Eocene (Fig. 6B,C). Over 53% and 47% of pre-Oligocene branches bore

mismatched biomes under the *Modern* and *Null Biome* analyses, respectively, but only 6%

of those branch lengths were mismatched with biomes under the *Paleobiome* model (Fig.

6D–F). Because of the global rarity of the cold temperate biome during the period of early

Viburnum evolution, we favored the warm temperate or tropical origin of *Viburnum* under

the *Paleobiome* analysis.

Yet, despite stark differences in the *Paleobiome* and *Modern Biome* models,

parameter estimates under both conditions found the spatial distribution of biomes to be

the primary factor in explaining how viburnums came to live where they do today ($w_B >$

0.92, i.e. compatible with the Very Strong condition used in the simulation experiment).

Because the ability to estimate ancestral states or to fit evolutionary parameters decays as

the evolutionary timescale deepens, we expect that both the *Paleobiome* and *Modern Biome*

analyses primarily fit their parameters to phylogenetic patterns of variation pronounced at

the shallowest timescales. True to this, model selection by Bayes factors only slightly

prefers the *Paleobiome* over the *Modern Biome* structure. All else being equal, however,

older *Viburnum* lineages should disperse and biome shift in a manner that is similarly

limited by geographical opportunities. The static geographical opportunities assumed

under the *Modern Biome* structure induced stationary probabilities that project today's

colder conditions back into the Late Cretaceous, while the dynamic *Paleobiome* structure

favored hotter conditions unlike those at present (Figs. 2 and 7). The lesson we take from

this is that inferring the fundamental behavior of the process is not always sufficient for

estimating ancestral states; inferring if and how that behavior responds to changing

historical conditions is also necessary.

We note that an East Asian origin in warm temperate or tropical forests is consistent

with several other relevant lines of evidence developed in the study of *Viburnum* evolution,

biogeography, and ecology. Previous efforts to reconstruct the ancestral biome of *Viburnum*

have weakly favored warm temperate (Spriggs et al. 2015) or cold temperate (Lens et al.

2016) conditions; neither study definitively supported or ruled out a cold temperate origin.

Similarly, Edwards et al. (2017) established a relationship between cold temperate

conditions and the evolution of deciduousness in *Viburnum*, but could not resolve whether

the MRCA was deciduous (cold-adapted) or evergreen (tropical or warm-adapted). Landis

et al. (2019) estimated a warm temperate origin of *Viburnum*, with no support for a cold

temperate origin, through a combined-evidence tip-dating analysis (Ronquist et al. 2012)

that included fossil pollen coded with biome characters to inform the ancestral biome

estimates. As a fossil-based estimate, the finding of a non-freezing origin of *Viburnum*

cannot be accepted unconditionally; the estimate depends crucially upon the accuracy of

biome state assignments to the fossil taxa, and also upon the spatial and temporal biases

inherent to fossil deposition and recovery. But, importantly, the fossil-aware biome

estimates of Landis et al. (2019) were obtained under the equivalent of our *Null Biome*

model, while the fossil-naive estimates in the present study were obtained under the

Paleobiome model. It is highly satisfying that both studies rule out a cold temperate

ancestry for *Viburnum*, and that they do so by leveraging alternative lines of paleobiological

evidence: the phylogenetic placement of fossils assigned to particular biomes in one case,

and the inferred spatial distribution of biomes through time in the other.

Examining only extant *Viburnum* species, the clade displays considerable variation

in both which biomes and which regions lineages occupy. Yet, each region does not contain

equal proportions of lineages with affinities to the three biomes. There are several possible

causes for this imbalance. In many cases, lineages may simply inhabit regions that lack

certain biomes; it is not surprising that there are no extant tropical lineages in North

America given that tropical forests have been marginal there since the Oligocene. In other

cases, lineages may not have had long enough periods of time for certain biome shifts. For

example, all neotropical lineages are adapted to warm temperate (cloud) forests, yet none

of them have adapted to the adjacent tropical forest biome. Given the young age of the

neotropical radiation, it is possible that there has not been enough time for them to shift

into the accessible tropical forests. In this case we can imagine that biological factors (e.g.,

interactions with other species—competitors, herbivores, etc.—that have long occupied

tropical forests) may have played a significant role in limiting this shift (Donoghue and

Edwards 2014). In other cases, the imbalance may concern differential rates of speciation

or extinction within biomes. For instance, there are relatively few tropical *Viburnum*

species given the age and region of origin for the clade and given the age of Asian tropical

biomes. If tropical viburnums experienced increased extinction rates (or decreased

speciation rates) as they remained in an older biome, that effect would give rise to a

pattern of scattered, singular, distantly related, and anciently diverging tropical lineages

(depauperons of Donoghue and Sanderson 2015). This is precisely what we see in the case

of *V. clemensiae*, *V. amplificatum*, and *V. punctatum* (Spriggs et al. 2015). From analyses

under our simple *Paleobiome* model, it appears that temporal, geographical, and ecological

influences on rates of character evolution and lineage diversification may all be important

factors in explaining why *Viburnum* is distributed as it is across regions and biomes.

Finally, although we question the general validity (often assumed) of stepwise series

of events (e.g., trait-first versus climate-first in the evolution of cold tolerance; Edwards et

al. 2015), we nevertheless explored how incorporating information on the past distribution

of biomes might influence the inference of biome-first versus region-first event series.

Specifically, we asked whether *Viburnum* lineages tended to shift biomes first or disperse to

a new region first when radiating through the mesic forests of Eurasia and the New World.

Taking the mean proportions across time intervals, we found that when *Viburnum* lineages

both disperse into new regions and shift into new biomes, region-first event series (28% of

series) are more common than biome-first (19%) series under the *Paleobiome* model.

Alone, this result is difficult to interpret, since the relative number and size of biome and

region states will influence what constitutes a biome shift or dispersal event. Using the

Modern analysis as a point of reference, we find a comparatively neutral relationship, with

roughly equal proportions of biome-first (20%) and region-first (21%) series, while under

the *Null Biome* analysis the *Paleobiome* relationship is inverted (biome-first, 22%; region-

first, 19%). When all regions contain all biomes (*Null Biome*), it makes sense that the ratio

of biome-first to region-first series is highest, and that it decreases when the distribution of

biomes is not uniform across regions (*Paleobiome* and *Modern Biome*). In the case of

Viburnum, it appears that several key regional shifts between Eastern Asia and North

America occurred a relatively long time ago, when northern latitudes were still primarily

covered by warm temperate forests (Fig. 8A). The biome shifts into cold temperate forests

occurred later, as cooling climates spread across communities that were already

assembled, which is compatible with the 'lock-step' hypothesis of Edwards et al. (2017).

Consistent with this scenario, we found that region-first event series do not become the

most common series type (over 35%) until the Late Oligocene under the *Paleobiome* model

(Fig. 8D). Such region-first event series have also been inferred in several recent analyses,

most notably by Gagnon et al. (2019) who found that *Caesalpinia* legumes moved

frequently among succulent biomes on different continents, and only later shifted into

newly encountered biomes within each continent (Donoghue 2019). From our findings, we

suspect that ignoring paleobiome structure may cause the number of region-first transition

series to be underestimated. However, it must be borne in our minds that our results may

in part reflect the constraint built into our model that simultaneous shifts in biome and

region are not allowed (discussed below). In any case, explicitly testing for the effect of

paleobiome structure on event order will be important in evaluating patterns of supposed

phylogenetic biome conservatism (Crisp et al. 2009).

862   *Model discussion*

863   Although our model is simple, it is designed with certain statistical features that

would allow the model to be applied to diverse datasets beyond *Viburnum*, and to facilitate

extensions of the model towards more sophisticated designs. First, we treat many elements

in the evolutionary process as free parameters, whose values we estimate from the

phylogenetic dataset in question. For example, the w parameters control which layers of

the paleobiome graphical structure are most relevant to the evolutionary process, and the

y parameter controls how important weak structural features are when modeling dispersal

or biome shift events. Second, the Bayesian modeling framework we chose is ideal for

managing complex and parameter-rich hierarchical models (Höhna et al. 2016), allowing

for future models to explore the importance of other factors highlighted in the conceptual

model of Donoghue and Edwards (2014) — geographical distance (Webb and Ree 2012),

region size (Tagliacollo et al. 2015), biome size and shared perimeter (Cardillo et al. 2017),

ecological distance (Meseguer et al. 2015), and the effect of biotic interactions on trait and

range evolution (Quintero and Landis 2019) — by introducing new parameterizations for

computing the time-stratified rate matrices, $Q(m)$. Our Bayesian framework is also capable

of handling sources of uncertainty in the paleobiome graphs, such as uncertainty in the

importance of various spatial features or in the age of the appearance of a biome within a

region (Landis et al. 2018).

In our application of the model to *Viburnum*, we defined only three biomes and six

regions, but the general framework translates to other biogeographical systems with

different regions and biomes, provided one can construct an adequate time series of

paleobiome graphs. Though our literature-based approach to paleobiome graph

construction was somewhat subjective, we found it to be the most integrative way to

summarize varied global biome reconstructions, as most individual studies are purely

qualitative (Wolfe 1985; Morley 2000; Jetz and Fine 2012; Willis and McElwain 2014;

Graham 2011; Graham 2018; but see Kaplan et al. 2003) and based on disparate lines of

paleoecological, paleoclimatological, and paleogeological evidence. We believe that our

paleobiome graphs for the Northern Hemisphere are sufficiently accurate to show that

spatial and temporal variation in the distribution of tropical, warm temperate, and cold

temperate forest biomes in space and time can influence how species ranges and biome

affinities evolve over time. Nonetheless, future studies should explore more quantitative

approaches to defining paleobiome structures for use with the time-stratified regional

biome shift model.

Our simple model of regional biome shifts lacks several desired features. Perhaps

most importantly, lineages in our model may only occupy a single region and a single

biome at a time when, in reality species may occupy multiple biomes and/or regions (e.g.,

Liquidambar styraciflua is a tree that thrives both in temperate deciduous forests of eastern

North America and in the cloud forests of Mexico). On paper, it is straightforward to extend

the concepts of this model to standard multi-character models, such as the Dispersal-

Extinction-Cladogenesis model (Ree et al. 2005; Matzke 2014; Sukumaran et al. 2015). As a

DEC model variant, lineages would be capable of gaining affinities with any biomes

available within their range. For example, for M biomes and N regions, there are on the

order of 2^{M+N} combinations of presences and absences across biomes and regions, and on

the order of 2^{MN} combinations if region-specific biome occupancies are considered.

Computationally, this creates a vast number of viable state combinations, many of which

cannot be eliminated from the state space (Webb and Ree 2012). Such a large state space

will hinder standard likelihood-based inference procedures for discrete biogeography (Ree

and Sanmartín 2009), though recent methodological advances addressing this problem

should prove useful (Landis et al. 2013; Quintero and Landis 2019).

Geographical state-dependent diversification (GeoSSE) models may also be

interfaced with our model. Incorporating the effect of biome availability on the extinction

rate would, at a minimum, be a very important contribution towards explaining patterns of

extant diversity. For example, tropical biomes have declined in dominance since the

Paleogene, and many ancient *Viburnum* lineages may have since gone extinct in the tropics,

perhaps owing to biotic interactions (the dying embers hypothesis of Spriggs et al. 2015).

In this sense, we expect that our model will overestimate how long a lineage may persist in

a region that lacks the appropriate biome, since our model does not threaten ill-adapted

species with higher extinction rates. Efforts to extend GeoSSE models in this manner will

face similar, if not more severe, challenges to those encountered in the DEC framework,

both in terms of computational limits and numbers of parameters (Beaulieu and O'Meara

2016; Caetano et al. 2018).

If diversification rates vary conditionally on a lineage's biome-region state, then so

should the underlying divergence time estimates. At a minimum, one should jointly

estimate divergence times and diversification dynamics to correctly propagate uncertainty

in phylogenetic estimates through to ancestral state estimates (Höhna et al. 2019). Beyond

that, paleogeographically structured models of biogeography have been shown to be useful

for estimating divergence times (Landis 2017; Landis et al. 2018). Paleoecological models,

such as our *Paleobiome* model, could be useful in some cases, perhaps for dating clades

where some degree of phylogenetic niche conservatism can be safely assumed (Wiens and

Donoghue (2004); Crisp et al. (2009); but see Donoghue and Edwards (2014) for potential

pitfalls with this approach). For instance, Baldwin and Sanderson (1998) hypothesized that

continental tarweeds (*Madiinae*, Asteraceae) radiated within the seasonally dry California

Florisitic Province only after Miocene aridification created the province. Baldwin and

Sanderson (1998) translated this relationship between biome age and biome affinity to

date the maximum crown age of tarweeds, and thus date the maximum crown age of a

notable radiation nested within the tarweeds, the Hawaiian silversword alliance. In the

future, rather than calibrating the age of tarweeds by asserting a paleoecological

hypothesis, it would be possible to use our biome shift model to measure the probability of

the dry radiation scenario against competing scenarios, thereby dating the tarweeds (or

other clades) based on what ecological opportunities they made use of in different areas

and at different times (Baldwin and Sanderson 1998; Landis 2017; Landis et al. 2018).

Finally, although we have compared inferences of event series under several biome

structure models, and have argued that paleobiome models can influence such inferences,

we caution that event series themselves may not be accurate descriptors of some relevant

evolutionary scenarios. Notably, we reiterate that our model does not allow for

simultaneous shifts in both biome and biogeographic region. In other words, all biome

shifts are restricted to occur within a biogeographic region. This makes several important

assumptions about the processes involved in biome shifting. The first is that movements

between biomes are non-trivial for organisms, and require a period of time that allows a

founding population to adapt to its new environment. If this is true, we see two scenarios

that would likely describe the vast majority of biome shifts. First, if two biomes are

adjacent to one another, repeated propagule dispersal from the ancestral to the novel

biome could allow for gradual adaptation to a new habitat. Second, biome shifts could occur

"in-situ", as one major vegetation type gradually transforms into another, in place, as

climate change progresses ("lock-step" model of Edwards et al. 2017). Both of these

scenarios would occur *within* biogeographical regions, and we think they probably have

accounted for biome shifts in *Viburnum*, as well as many other lineages. However, it is also

possible that a shift into a new biome could occur *during* a transition from one region into

another. For example, a lineage might adapt to colder forests during range expansion

through Beringia, or there might be long-distance dispersal of an organism already pre-

adapted to occupy a novel biome. Furthermore, it is important to note that our restriction

of biome shifts to occur within biogeographical regions does not completely preclude long-

distance dispersal biome shifts within regions; nothing in our model ensures that ancestral

and novel biomes are adjacent to one another within a given region, especially given that

the regions often used are very large and environmentally heterogeneous. Such

considerations highlight that the model we have presented here is simplistic in some of its

basic assumptions. We view it as a start in the right direction, and look forward to

extensions that will allow us to test a variety of more nuanced hypotheses.

972   CONCLUSION

The potential for a lineage to adapt to new biomes depends in part on the

geographical opportunities that the lineage encountered in time and space. In the case of

Viburnum, we have shown that differing assumptions about the past distribution of biomes

can have a significant impact on ancestral biome estimates. And, when we integrate

information about the changing distribution of biomes through time, we favor an origin of

Viburnum in warm temperate or tropical forests, and confidently rule out an origin in cold

temperate forests. The confluence of this line of evidence with our analyses based instead

on fossil biome assignments (Landis et al. 2019) provides much greater confidence in a

result that orients our entire understanding of the direction of evolution and ecological

diversification in this clade.

More generally, we hope that our analyses will motivate biogeographers who wish

to estimate ancestral biomes to account for variation in the spatial distribution of biomes

through time. We also caution that phylogenetic estimates of ancestral biome affinities that

derive entirely from extant taxa and biomes may be misleading, particularly for older

lineages, even when standard statistical diagnostics indicate that the inference model fits

the data well. While we have achieved some conceptual understanding of the interplay

between biome shifts in lineages and biome distributions over time, many theoretical and

statistical problems must still be solved for us to fully appreciate the significance of

changing biome availability in generating Earth's biodiversity. In presenting our simple

model, we hope to provoke further inquiry into how life diversified throughout the biomes

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                                    TABLE CAPTIONS

1237   Table 1. Regional biome shift parameter estimates. Posterior median estimates are in bold

1238   and 95% highest posterior densities are in brackets. Fixed parameters under the *Null*

1239   *Biome* analysis do not have brackets.

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Figure 1. Cartoon of the relationship between paleobiome structure and a regional biome

shift process. The left and right panels are aligned to the same geological time scale that is

divided into a Hot (red) interval followed by a Cold (blue) interval. (A) Maps of paleobiome

structure with two regions, East (E) and West (W), and two focal biomes of interest, Hot

(H) and Cold (C), in which the expansive Hot biome is replaced by the Cold biome as the

East and West regions separate. (B) Paleobiome adjacency matrices encode the availability

of biomes within regions and the connectivity of biomes between regions based on

whether paleobiome features are strong (dark) or weak (light). Diagonal elements reflect

biome availability within regions while off-diagonal elements report biome connectivity

between regions. (C) Two possible regional biome shift histories for a phylogeny with a

western, hot-adapted (HW) origin. Lineages shift between biomes at rates that depend on

the availability of biomes within the lineage's current region and disperse between regions

at rates that depend on connectivity of the lineage's current biome between regions. The

two histories require (top) or do not require (bottom) evolutionary events to be congruent

with paleobiome structure. (D) Time-dependent biome shift rates for the four possible

events: HW to CW, CW to HW, HE to CE, and CE to HE. (E) Time-dependent dispersal rates

for the four possible events: HW to HE, HE to HW, CW to CE, and CE to CW.

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Figure 2. Availability and connectivity of biomes from Late Cretaceous (100 Ma) to Recent.

Adjacency matrices are used to structure the time-stratified phylogenetic biome shift

process. Rows correspond to eight major time intervals, while columns correspond to

regional features, specifically uninformative features (black), simple geographical features

(brown), or features involving the tropical (red), warm temperate (green), and cold

temperate (blue) forest biomes. The matrix for each time and feature encodes the

availability of (the diagonal) and the connectivity between (off-diagonal) regions for that

feature at that time, where matrix rows and columns correspond to source and destination

regions, respectively. Cells representing availability and connectivity are shaded to

represent those features as being strong (dark), weak (medium), or marginal (light).

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Figure 3. Stationary distribution of biome-region states under the paleobiome model. The

stationary probabilities across biome-regions (y-axis) vary with respect to time (x-axis).

Stationary probabilities were computed assuming that biome and region shifts are

expected to occur in equal proportion ($\beta = \delta = 0.5$), that lineages tend to shift and

disperse in a manner than depends heavily on the paleobiome structure ($w_U = 0.04$, $w_G = $

0.16, and $w_B = 0.8$), and that biomes with strong presences primarily define the structure

of biome graphs ($y = 0.1$). Parameters were chosen to show interesting variation. Note, all

stationary probabilities would be equal over all times if $w_U = 1$.

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Figure 4. Simulation experiment results. One hundred datasets were simulated under five

conditions that varied the strength of w_B, then fitted to the paleobiome model to assess

model performance. (A) Markers show the true simulated strength for w_B (closed square),

the posterior median values estimated from simulated replicates (open circles), the median

of those posterior medians (closed circle), and the upper and lower bounds of the 95%

highest posterior density (open triangles). The coverage frequency reports the proportion

of simulation analyses in which the simulating value of w_B is falls within the 95% highest

posterior density. (B) Bars report the proportions of simulated datasets that supported the

model where $w_B > 0$, categorized by the strength of that support in terms of Bayes factors

(Jeffreys 1961).

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1292   Figure 5. Ancestral biome-region state estimates for *Viburnum*. Estimates produced under

1293   (A) *Paleobiome*, (B) *Modern Biome*, and (C) *Null Biome* settings. Colored pie charts report

1294   posterior support for the three most probable biome-region states per node. Pie charts for

1295   root state probabilities are magnified to improve visibility. Vertical white and gray bands

1296   correspond to major geological timeframes referenced in this study.

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Figure 6. Ancestral proportions of lineage state frequencies through time for *Viburnum*. The

left column (A–C) shows the lineages biome-region states, where regions differ by color

and biomes differ by shading (see legend). Proportions of reconstructed lineages in each

biome-region state are shown for estimates under the *Paleobiome* (A), *Modern Biome* (B),

and *Null Biome* (C) settings. The right column (D–F) shows the proportion of lineages with

biome states that match (dark) or mismatch (light) the non-marginal biomes that are

locally accessible given any lineage's location, as defined under the Paleobiome structure

(see main text for details). Proportions of reconstructed lineages with biome match and

mismatch scores are shown for estimates under the *Paleobiome* (D), *Modern Biome* (E), and

Null Biome (F) settings.

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1309 Figure 7. Stationary probabilities for the *Viburnum* root state during the Late Cretaceous.

1310 Posterior stationary probabilities for $\pi(m_{\mathrm{root}})$ are given for each biome structure model

1311 (grouped rows) and for each biome-region state (colors) as posterior means (points) and

1312 credible intervals (HPD80, thick lines; HPD95, thin lines).

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Figure 8. Proportions of inferred events and event series across major time intervals for

Viburnum. Posterior proportions are presented as posterior means (points) and credible

intervals (HPD80, thick lines; HPD95, thin lines). The left column (A–C) presents the

proportions of estimated biome shift and dispersal events with respect to time, showing

only the eight biome shift and dispersal events among the warm and cold temperate forests

of East Asia and North America. Proportions of events are shown for inferences under the

Paleobiome (A), *Modern Biome* (B), and *Null Biome* (C) settings. The right column (D–F)

shows the proportions of the six types of event series with respect to time (defined in main

text). Each event series type is labeled with a 'state triplet' to indicate either transitions in

the biome (A, B, C) or region (X, Y, Z) state.

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	Biome structure		
Parameter	*Paleo*	*Modern*	*Null*
μ	**0.06**	**0.05**	**0.03**
	[0.03,0.10]	[0.03,0.09]	[0.02,0.06]
f_β	**0.85**	**0.83**	**0.92**
	[0.75,0.94]	[0.69,0.93]	[0.85,0.97]
f_δ	**0.15**	**0.17**	**0.08**
	[0.06,0.25]	[0.07,0.31]	[0.03,0.15]
β_{TW}	**0.67**	**0.50**	**0.54**
	[0.20,1.00]	[0.05,0.95]	[0.10,1.00]
β_{WC}	**0.81**	**0.81**	**0.74**
	[0.47,1.00]	[0.48,1.00]	[0.39,1.00]
β_{CW}	**0.28**	**0.39**	**0.31**
	[0.09,0.62]	[0.11,0.85]	[0.08,0.66]
β_{WT}	**0.38**	**0.65**	**0.72**
	[0.01,0.80]	[0.34,1.00]	[0.33,1.00]
w_U	**0.01**	**0.02**	**1**
	[0.00,0.07]	[0.00,0.08]	
w_G	**0.04**	**0.04**	**0**
	[0.00,0.18]	[0.00,0.20]	
w_B	**0.94**	**0.93**	**0**
	[0.78,1.00]	[0.76,1.00]	
y	**0.65**	**0.52**	**1**
	[0.27,0.99]	[0.09,0.95]	

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