

1 RH: Phylogenetic biome shifts among paleobiomes

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3 **Modeling phylogenetic biome shifts on a planet with a past**

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13 *Abstract.*—The spatial distribution of biomes has changed considerably over deep time, so
14 the geographical opportunity for an evolutionary lineage to shift into a new biome may
15 depend on how the availability and connectivity of biomes has varied temporally. To better
16 understand how lineages shift between biomes in space and time, we developed a
17 phylogenetic biome shift model in which each lineage shifts between biomes and disperses
18 between regions at rates that depend on the lineage’s biome affinity and location relative to
19 the spatiotemporal distribution of biomes at any given time. To study the behavior of the
20 biome shift model in an empirical setting, we developed a literature-based representation
21 of paleobiome structure for three mesic forest biomes, six regions, and eight time strata,
22 ranging from the Late Cretaceous (100 Ma) through the present. We then fitted the model
23 to a time-calibrated phylogeny of 119 *Viburnum* species to compare how the results
24 responded to various realistic or unrealistic assumptions about paleobiome structure.
25 Ancestral biome estimates that account for paleobiome dynamics reconstructed a warm
26 temperate (or tropical) origin of *Viburnum*, which is consistent with previous fossil-based
27 estimates of ancestral biomes. Imposing unrealistic paleobiome distributions led to
28 ancestral biome estimates that eliminated support for tropical origins, and instead inflated
29 support for cold temperate ancestry throughout the warmer Paleocene and Eocene. The
30 biome shift model we describe is applicable to the study of evolutionary systems beyond
31 *Viburnum*, and the core mechanisms of our model are extensible to the design of richer
32 phylogenetic models of historical biogeography and/or lineage diversification. We
33 conclude that biome shift models that account for dynamic geographical opportunities are
34 important for inferring ancestral biomes that are compatible with our understanding of
35 Earth history.

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37 biogeography)

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INTRODUCTION

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

61 assumes that species within a given region occur within the corresponding biome. Cardillo
62 et al. (2017) carried out such an analysis in studying the biogeography of the Australian
63 plant clade, *Hakea* (Protaceae), using method features developed by Matzke (2014), where
64 total regional area and shared perimeter lengths tuned dispersal rates between bioregions.
65 This innovative strategy depends crucially on the uniformity of biome composition within
66 each region. Larger, discrete regions may very well be dominated by a single biome type,
67 yet still be composed of assorted dominant, subdominant, and marginal biome types at
68 local scales.

69 More importantly for our purposes, defining geographical opportunity based on
70 modern biome features (such as area and shared perimeter), may be problematic in
71 instances where the spatial distribution of biomes has changed considerably over time,
72 since those changes should also influence when and where ancestral lineages shift between
73 regions and/or biomes. For example, if woodlands dominated a particular region until the
74 rise of grasslands, that might inform when a grassland-adapted lineage first dispersed into
75 that region. That is, if the presences or absences of biomes among regions influence
76 modern species ranges, then temporal variation in regional biome availability should
77 similarly influence our models of range evolution.

78 To model how paleoecological dynamics might influence range evolution, Meseguer
79 et al. (2015) fitted ecological niche models (ENMs) to fossil data so as to limit the
80 connectivity between regions for biogeographical models that estimate ancestral ranges
81 (Ree and Smith 2008). While this strategy is quite promising, its current form requires that
82 the clade under study (*Hypericum* of Hypericaceae, in their case) has a sufficiently rich
83 fossil record over space and time to inform the ENM. It also assumes that all lineages face

84 the same, broad ecological limitations to range evolution, independent of what particular
85 biome affinity each lineage possesses at a given moment. Although the quality of the fossil
86 record is largely out of our control, the second assumption could be relaxed: ideally, if a
87 clade contains sub-lineages that specialize in both woodland and in grassland habitats, any
88 particular lineage's range should be principally limited by the availability of the specific
89 biome to which that lineage is adapted, rather than being constrained based on a broader,
90 clade-wide average of grassland and woodland lineages.

91 In this paper, we aim to address the aforementioned challenges facing current
92 phylogenetic models of biome shifting by incorporating four key properties: (1) that biome
93 shifts and dispersal events share a common state space over biomes and regions, (2) that
94 any discrete region may contain a number of different biomes, (3) that the geographical
95 structure of biomes within and between regions can vary over time, and (4) that lineages
96 adapted to different biomes and located in different regions will experience different
97 dispersal rates between regions and different shift rates into new biomes. We begin by
98 introducing a graph-based approach to characterize the availability, prevalence, and
99 connectivity of regional biomes through time, building on the framework introduced by
100 Landis (2017). We then develop an event-based evolutionary process using a time-
101 stratified continuous-time Markov chain that models biome shifts and dispersal given the
102 ways in which biome distributions have changed over time. Because the exact influence of
103 extrinsic geographical factors and/or ecological structure is bound to vary from clade to
104 clade, the degree of influence of such features on the evolutionary model are treated as free
105 parameters to be estimated from the data itself.

106 To explore the possible importance of paleobiome structure on lineage movements
107 among biomes, we apply our model to *Viburnum*, a clade of ~165 species that originated in
108 the Late Cretaceous and are today found in tropical, warm temperate, and cold temperate
109 forests throughout Eurasia and the New World. We generated paleobiome graphs for these
110 three mesic forest biomes across six continental regions for eight major time intervals over
111 the past hundred million years. Fitting the model to our *Viburnum* dataset all-but-
112 eliminates the possibility of a cold temperate origin of the clade. This is consistent with our
113 understanding of the important biogeographic role of a “boreotropical” flora (see below)
114 during the Paleocene and Eocene, and with our recent fossil-based ancestral biome
115 estimates in *Viburnum* (Landis et al. 2019).

116 METHODS

117 *Viburnum* phylogeny and biogeography

118 *Viburnum* (Adoxaceae) is a clade of ~165 extant plant species that originated just
119 before the Cretaceous-Paleogene (K-Pg) boundary, roughly 70 Ma. Previous studies of
120 phylogenetic relationships (Clement et al. 2014; Spriggs et al. 2015; Eaton et al. 2017) and
121 divergence times (Spriggs et al. 2015; Landis et al. 2019) provide a firm basis for
122 understanding the order and timing of lineage diversification events in *Viburnum*. In this
123 study, we focus on a subsample of 119 *Viburnum* species with relationships that are highly
124 supported by phylogenomic data (Eaton et al. 2017; Landis et al. 2019) and whose
125 divergence times were time-calibrated under the fossilized-birth death process (Heath et
126 al. 2014) as described in Landis et al. (2019).

127 *Viburnum* species occupy six continental-scale regions: Southeast Asia, including the
128 Indoaustralian Archipelago and the Indian subcontinent; East Asia, including China,

129 Taiwan, and Japan; Europe, including the North African coast, portions of the Middle East,
130 and the Azores and the Canary Islands; a North American region north of Mexico; a Central
131 American region that includes Mexico, Cuba, and Jamaica; and the South American Andes.
132 The choice of these biogeographic regions is discussed in more detail in Landis et al.
133 (2019). Briefly, these regions were selected because: (1) each is an area of *Viburnum*
134 species/clade endemism; (2) there are no individual *Viburnum* species that occur in more
135 than one of these regions; and (3) there are significant barriers to the migration of
136 viburnums between these regions today and in the relevant past. As a concrete example,
137 consider our recognition of North America and of Mexico, Central America, and the
138 Caribbean as two distinct biogeographic regions for *Viburnum*. Multiple *Viburnum* species
139 are endemic to the forests in each of these regions, and none of these species spans
140 between them. Importantly, for mesic forest plants such as *Viburnum*, these two regions
141 are entirely separated from one another by an extensive zone of low-lying arid lands in
142 southeastern Texas and northeastern Mexico, with vegetation generally classified as xeric
143 shrubland or mesquite-chaparral savanna. These areas are uninhabitable by viburnums
144 today, and probably have not been accessible to these plants since widespread drying and
145 the spread of C4 grasses commenced by at least the late Miocene (e.g., Godfrey et al. 2018).
146 Using our criteria, the most difficult division is between the southeast Asian and eastern
147 Asian regions. Although these do both harbor endemic species/clades, and these species
148 are adapted to different environmental conditions, there are now, and have been in the
149 past, opportunities for north-south migration between mesic forests of the two regions.
150 Finally, we note that our biogeographic regions are not strictly defined in terms of tectonic
151 plates as they do not determine the movements and distributions of *Viburnum*. Thus, based

152 on the criteria above, we split the vast Eurasian plate into a European region and two Asian
153 regions. Likewise, the boundary between the North American and the Caribbean plates
154 appears to have had no impact on *Viburnum* movements as there are individual species
155 (e.g., *V. hartwegii*) that span the two.

156 Across those regions, living viburnums are affiliated with mesic forest biomes and
157 show widespread parallel evolution of leaf form, leafing habit, and physiology coincident
158 with transitions between warmer and colder biomes (Schmerler et al. 2012; Chatelet et al.
159 2013; Spriggs et al. 2015; Scoffoni et al. 2016; Edwards et al. 2017). Five extinct *Viburnum*
160 lineages are known by their fossil pollen grains recovered from North American and
161 European locales. Four of these fossils are older samples (48 to 33 Ma) from paleofloral
162 communities that we previously judged to be warm temperate or subtropical (Landis et al.
163 2019). For our analyses in this study, we defined three mesic forest biomes based on
164 annual temperatures and rainfall patterns (Edwards et al. 2017). Tropical forests have high
165 temperatures and precipitation year-round, showing little seasonality. Warm temperate
166 forests, which include paratropical, lucidophyllous, and cloud forests, vary seasonally in
167 temperature and precipitation, but do not experience prolonged freezing temperatures
168 during the coldest months. Cold temperate forests also experience seasonal temperatures
169 and precipitation, but average minimum temperatures drop below freezing in at least one
170 of the coldest months.

171 Because we are interested in how biome states and regional states evolve in tandem,
172 we constructed a set of $3 \times 6 = 18$ compound states that we call biome-region states.
173 Throughout the paper, we identify the biome-region state for a lineage in biome state i and
174 region state k with the notation (i,k) . However, in practice, we encode biome-region states

175 as integers with values from 1 to 18. Biome-region state codings for *Viburnum* are
176 translated from Landis et al. (2019), though here we combine cloud forests and warm
177 temperate forests into a single warm temperate category.

178 All of the 119 *Viburnum* species we included in our analysis are found in a single
179 biome, except for two East Asian (*V. chinshanense* and *V. congestum*) and one North
180 American (*V. rufidulum*) species, which reside in forests possessing both warm and cold
181 temperate elements. Those three species were coded as ambiguous for the relevant biome-
182 region states. While it may be more accurate to describe those species as occupying
183 multiple biomes, the model that we will soon define assumes that lineages occupy only one
184 biome-region state at any given time. The biome-region character matrix and the time-
185 calibrated phylogeny for *Viburnum* that we used are hosted on DataDryad (LINK).

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187 *Model overview*

188 Our aim is to model a regional biome shift process that allows changes in the
189 spatiotemporal distribution of biomes to influence the likelihood of a lineage shifting
190 between biomes and dispersing between regions. This process can be described in terms of
191 interactions between two fundamental subprocesses: the biome shift process and the
192 dispersal process.

193 The biome shift process models when and where lineages shift into new biome
194 types. The probability of a biome shift clearly depends on intrinsic and extrinsic factors
195 that govern how readily a lineage might adapt to the conditions in a new biome, which
196 involves a myriad of factors that we do not fully explore here. Rather, we focus specifically
197 on modeling the effect of geographical opportunity on biome shifts (Donoghue and

198 Edwards 2014). For example, it is plausible that a species inhabiting the warm temperate
199 forests of Europe might have shifted into the tropical biome during the Early Eocene, a
200 period when tropical rain forests could be found at latitudes as extreme as 60° N. In
201 contrast, a biome shift within Europe from a warm temperate to a tropical biome would be
202 less likely today or during any time after the global cooling trend that began with the
203 Oligocene.

204 The dispersal process models how lineages move between regions. The rate of
205 dispersal between regions should depend on how connected those regions are for a given
206 biome affinity. Returning to the Europe example, a tropical lineage in Southeast Asia might,
207 all else being equal, have a relatively high dispersal rate into Europe during the Early
208 Eocene, when Europe was predominantly tropical and warm temperate, as compared to
209 today, when Europe is dominated by temperate and boreal forests. This rate would,
210 however, also be influenced by geographical connectivities at the time. In this case, the
211 existence of the Paratethys Sea and the Turgai Strait may have influenced plant migrations
212 at different latitudes during the Eocene, although the fragmented northern shore of the
213 Tethys Sea facilitated the movement of tropical and subtropical plants throughout much of
214 that period (Tiffney 1985a, b; Tiffney and Manchester 2001).

215 How the biome shift and dispersal processes may behave in response to an evolving
216 biome structure is depicted in Figure 1. By characterizing known features of paleobiome
217 structure (Fig. 1A) into adjacency matrices (Fig. 1B), we can differentiate between probable
218 and improbable phylogenetic histories of biome shifts and dispersal events (Fig. 1C) based
219 on time-dependent and paleobiome-informed biome shift rates (Fig. 1D) and dispersal
220 rates (Fig. 1E). Of the two regional biome shift histories in Figure 1C, the first history

221 invokes three events that are fully congruent with the underlying paleobiome structure.
222 The second history requires only two events, yet those events are incongruent with the
223 paleobiome structure. But which regional biome shift history is more probable? Assigning
224 probabilities to histories must depend not only on the phylogenetic placement and age of
225 the regional biome shift events, but also on the degree to which the clade evolves in a
226 paleobiome-dependent manner. We later return to how this unknown behavior of the
227 evolutionary process may be estimated from phylogenetic data, only after we define a
228 probabilistic model for the process.

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230 *An evolving spatial distribution of biomes through time*

231 Biome availability and connectivity has evolved over time. We summarize these
232 dynamics with a series of time-dependent graphs that are informed by the paleobiological
233 and paleogeographical literature (Fig. 2). To define our paleobiome graphs, we consulted
234 global biome reconstructions generated by Wolfe (1985), Morley (2000), Graham (2011,
235 2018), Fine and Ree (2006), Jetz and Fine (2012), and Willis and McElwain (2014) which
236 we then corroborated with biome reconstructions quantitatively estimated using the
237 BIOME4 model (Prentice et al. 1992; Kaplan et al. 2003).

238 The BIOME4 reconstructions we obtained are 1-degree global rasters that classify
239 each cell (location) as one of 27 possible biomes. BIOME4 biomes are inferred from
240 assorted botanical and climatological information (observed or imputed) that represents a
241 given time interval. For each BIOME4 reconstruction, we interpreted the 11 forest biomes
242 as approximations of the availability and connectivity of mesic forest biomes among
243 regions, then compared those features to our literature-based reconstructions. Previously

244 published BIOME4 reconstructions were available for times corresponding to the Early-
245 Mid Eocene (Herold et al. 2014), the Late Eocene and the Oligocene (Pound and Salzmann
246 2017), the Mid-Late Miocene (Pound et al. 2011, 2012), and the Pliocene (Salzmann et al.
247 2008; Salzmann, Haywood, and Lunt 2009). For time intervals that lacked published
248 BIOME4 reconstructions, we compared our paleobiome maps to unpublished
249 reconstructions provided by P. J. Valdes (pers. Comm.) that were built from proprietary
250 data. Our impression was that BIOME4 reconstructions tended to infer more arid and fewer
251 forest biomes than was generally supported by the paleobotanical literature. For example,
252 the BIOME4 reconstruction inferred that the Amazon contained more xeric shrubland than
253 tropical forest at the present. As such, we took presences of mesic forests under BIOME4 as
254 conservative estimates of their true distributions. That being said, the majority of
255 literature-based and BIOME4 reconstructions shared two important features: (1) the high
256 degree of availability and connectivity among tropical and warm temperate biomes in the
257 Northern Hemisphere before the Oligocene, and (2) the sudden rise of cold temperate
258 forests concomitant with the disappearance of many tropical forests, beginning with the
259 Oligocene.

260 We classified the availability and connectivity of biomes within regions into three
261 categories of features—strong, weak, and marginal—that were appropriate to the scale of
262 the regions and the precision of the ancestral biome estimates. Biomes with a strong
263 presence displayed $\geq 25\%$ regional coverage, biomes with a weak presence covered $< 25\%$
264 of a region, while biomes with marginal presence covered $< 1\%$ of a region. Likewise, the
265 connectivity of a biome between two regions at a given time is scored as either strong,
266 weak, or marginal, depending on how continuously biomes are inferred to have been

267 distributed near regional adjacencies. For example, the modern distribution of the cold
268 temperate biome throughout East Asia and Europe is consistent with strong connectivity,
269 while North America is only weakly connected to cold temperate Eurasian biomes through
270 its fragmented and transient arctic connections. Independent of the distribution of biomes,
271 we similarly scored the geographical connectivity between regions as strong, weak, and
272 marginal, using the equivalent of the modern connection between Central and South
273 America through the Isthmus of Panama to minimally qualify as strong connectivity, and
274 distances between modern Europe and North America to represent weak connectivity. The
275 geographical connectivity between two regions is, generally, at least as strong as the
276 strongest biome-dependent connection for those same regions. Together, the availability
277 and connectivity for each region, each biome, and each time interval is encoded into a
278 series of paleobiome graphs, which we later use to define the rates at which biome shift
279 and dispersal events occur.

280 Our paleobiome graphs capture several important aspects of how mesic forest
281 biomes moved and evolved (Fig. 2). The Late Cretaceous through the Paleocene and Early
282 Eocene was a prolonged period of warm, wet conditions during which the poles had little to
283 no ice. Throughout that time, tropical forests were prevalent in all six of our regions, while
284 warm temperate forests were widespread only throughout East Asia, Europe, and North
285 America. The Eocene witnessed the emergence of a so-called boreotropical flora, which
286 contained a curious mixture (from our modern vantage point) of tropical and temperate
287 plant genera (Wolfe 1975; Tiffney 1985a, b). This largely broadleaved evergreen forest
288 type appears to have spread widely around the northern hemisphere via the Beringia Land
289 Bridge, the North Atlantic Land Bridge, and the Tethys Sea (Tiffney 1985 a, b; Wolfe 1985;

290 Morley 2000; Willis and McElwain 2014; Graham 2011, 2018; Baskin and Baskin 2016),
291 and to have persisted through the Mid/Late Eocene. With the Oligocene, the opening of the
292 Drake Passage and the closure of the Tethys Sea redirected global ocean currents. Together
293 with steep declines in atmospheric CO₂ levels, this ushered in cooler and drier conditions
294 worldwide. The ensuing global climatic changes progressively restricted tropical forests to
295 more equatorial regions, inducing the disjunction we find among modern tropical forests
296 (Latham and Ricklefs 1993; Wiens and Donoghue 2004; Donoghue 2008). As the
297 boreotropical forests receded, they were first replaced by warm temperate forests, and
298 then eventually by cold temperate and boreal forests. Following this global revolution of
299 biome structure, connectivity between Old World and New World tropical forests never
300 again matched that of the Paleocene-Eocene boreotropical beltway.

301 We illustrate how a lineage might evolve with respect to different distributions of
302 biomes within and between regions over time with the aid of Figure 2. A lineage that freely
303 disperses between regions and shifts between biomes, regardless of the historical
304 condition of the planet, might transition between regions under fully connected matrices
305 (Uninformative, first column). Lineages that are only dispersal-limited by terrestrial
306 connectivity disperse under the adjacency constraints encoded in the second column of
307 matrices (Geographical, second column). However, lineages that are dispersal-limited by
308 biome availability and connectivity might disperse according to the paleobiome patterns
309 shown in the third, fourth and fifth columns (tropical, T; warm temperate, W; and cold
310 temperate, C). For example, a lineage that is strictly adapted to the warm temperate biome
311 would disperse according to the warm temperate series of paleobiome graphs (fourth
312 column). If that lineage shifted its affinity from a warm temperate to a tropical biome, that

313 lineage would thereafter shift between biomes and disperse between regions under the
314 adjacency matrix structures of the tropical biome (third column) until the lineage next
315 shifted biomes. However, biome shift rates also should depend on what biomes are locally
316 accessible. For example, a North American lineage would have the geographical
317 opportunity to shift from warm temperate into tropical biomes during the Paleocene, an
318 epoch when both biomes have strong presences in North America. But North American
319 tropical forests decline and then disappear throughout the Oligocene and Miocene,
320 extinguishing the opportunity for such a biome shift during more recent times. The next
321 section formalizes how we model the complex interactions between biomes, regions,
322 phylogeny, and time with these dynamics in mind.

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324 *A time-stratified regional biome shift model*

325 The regional biome shift process may be viewed as a model that defines the
326 interactions (if any) of its two subprocesses, the biome shift process and the dispersal
327 process. We model biome shifts using a simple continuous-time Markov chain (CTMC) with
328 time-stratified rates (i.e. piecewise constant time-heterogeneous rate matrices; Ree et al.
329 2005; Buerki et al. 2011; Bielejec et al. 2014; Landis 2017). Because transition rates
330 between regions depend in part on a lineage's biome affinity, and rates of shifting between
331 biomes depend in part on a lineage's geographical location, the two characters do not
332 evolve independently. To impose interdependence between biomes and regions, we define
333 a rate matrix over the compound state space by modifying the approach of Pagel (1994),
334 while also drawing on insights pioneered in newer trait-dependent models of discrete

335 biogeography (Sukumaran et al. 2015; Sukumaran and Knowles 2018; Matos-Maraví et al.
336 2018; Lu et al. 2019; Klaus and Matzke 2019).

337 Accordingly, we define the CTMC to operate on the compound biome-region state,
338 (i, k) , where i is the biome and k is the region. With this in mind, our goal is to compute the
339 probability of a lineage transitioning from biome i in region k to biome j in region l , or
340 (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
341 model the dispersal rate between regions, $\delta_{k,l}$. Importantly, the values of β and δ
342 themselves do not directly depend on time. We eventually multiply these base rates by
343 time-dependent paleogeographical and paleoecological factors represented in our time-
344 stratified (or epoch) model.

345 Computing the transition probabilities for an time-stratified model requires that we
346 define an instantaneous rate matrix $Q(m)$ for any supported time interval, m . Following
347 Landis (2017), we define the rate matrix $Q(m)$ as the weighted average of several rate
348 matrices, each capturing different paleogeographical features

$$349 \quad Q(m) = w_U Q_U + w_G Q_G(m) + w_B Q_B(m).$$

350 The three matrices on the right-hand side of Equation 1 are the (paleogeographically)
351 uninformative rate matrix, Q_U , the geographical rate matrix, Q_G , and the biome rate matrix,
352 Q_B . In reference to Figure 2, we wish to learn the relative influence of the uninformative
353 (first column), geography (second), and biome (third, fourth, or fifth) matrix features on
354 the biome shift process. Supplement 1 demonstrates how rate matrix values are computed
355 for a toy example with two regions and two biomes.

356 The first rate matrix (Q_U) may be considered as an uninformative rate matrix that
357 sets the relative transition rates between all pairs of regions, and separately between all
358 pairs of biomes, as time-independent and context-independent,

$$359 \quad [Q_U]_{(i,k),(j,l)} = \begin{cases} \beta_{i,j} & \text{if biome shift } (i \neq j) \\ \delta_{k,l} & \text{if region shift } (k \neq l) \\ 0 & \text{if biome and region shift } (i \neq j \text{ and } k \neq l) \end{cases}$$

360 The effect is that biome shifts between biomes i and j follow the rates $\beta_{i,j}$ and dispersal
361 events follow the rates $\delta_{k,l}$ regardless of the age of a lineage or the lineage's biome-region
362 state. As we develop rate matrices for geography (Q_G) and biomes (Q_B) below, the second
363 role for Q_U is that it allows for lineages to disperse or shift regardless of whether the
364 connectivity/availability of the involved regions or biomes are scored as strong, weak, or
365 marginal.

366 Because we do not know precisely what, if any, influence strong, weak, and marginal
367 features should exert upon the dispersal or biome shift processes, we estimate the relative
368 effects of those features across all adjacency matrices, the geographical adjacency matrix,
369 A_G , and the biome adjacency matrices, A_T , A_W , and A_C , for the tropical, warm temperate,
370 and cold temperate biomes, respectively (Fig. 2). Specifically, we assign the fixed values of
371 0 and 1 to marginal and strong features, respectively, then assign all weak features one
372 shared intermediate value, estimated as $0 < y < 1$. In effect, y controls the degree of
373 contrast of medium-colored cells across all adjacency matrices in Figure 2. For example,
374 tropical connectivity during the Late Cretaceous is represented by the adjacency matrix
375 $A_T(1)$. At that time, tropical connectivity between East and Southeast Asia is strong
376 ($[A_T(1)]_{EAs,SEAs} = 1$), connectivity between East Asia and Europe is weak
377 ($[A_T(1)]_{EAs,Eur} = y$), and connectivity between East Asia and South America is marginal

378 $([A_T(1)]_{EAs,SAm} = 0)$. Future studies may find that one can model and reliably estimate
 379 separate values of y for different features, even though we do not investigate this
 380 possibility at present.

381 The second rate matrix (indexed G for geography, Q_G) is structured according to
 382 biome-independent paleogeographical features, such as the simple terrestrial connectivity
 383 between regions. Connectivity is encoded as either as strong, weak or marginal in the
 384 adjacency matrix, $A_G(m)$.

$$385 \quad [Q_G(m)]_{(i,k),(j,l)} = \begin{cases} \beta_{i,j} & \text{if biome shift } (i \neq j) \\ \delta_{k,l} \times [A_G(m)]_{k,l} & \text{if region shift } (k \neq l) \\ 0 & \text{if biome and region shift } (i \neq j \text{ and } k \neq l) \end{cases}$$

386 The third rate matrix (indexed B for biome, Q_B) defines the shift rates between
 387 biomes and the dispersal rates between regions to depend on the spatiotemporal
 388 distribution of biomes. A lineage's biome shift rate depends on whether the receiving
 389 biome, j , has a strong, weak, or marginal presence in the region it currently occupies, k .
 390 Likewise, the dispersal rate for a lineage that is currently adapted to biome type i depends
 391 on whether the source region, k , and destination region, l , share a strong, weak, or
 392 marginal connection.

$$393 \quad [Q_B(m)]_{(i,k),(j,l)} = \begin{cases} \beta_{i,j} \times [A_j(m)]_{k,k} & \text{if biome shift } (i \neq j) \\ \delta_{k,l} \times [A_j(m)]_{k,l} & \text{if region shift } (k \neq l) \\ 0 & \text{if biome and region shift } (i \neq j \text{ and } k \neq l) \end{cases}$$

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
400 expected to be symmetric or equal across time intervals. For example, if biome j first
401 appears in region k during time interval $m + 1$, then we would potentially see an increase
402 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
403 transition rates necessarily symmetric or equal within a given time interval. If region k
404 contains biome i during time interval m , but region l does not, then we might find that
405 lineages adapted to biome i disperse less easily from k into l than l into k , i.e.
406 $[Q(m)]_{(i,k),(i,l)} < [Q(m)]_{(i,l),(i,k)}$. Similarly, if region k contains biome i but not biome j
407 during time interval m , then lineages inhabiting region k will tend to shift less easily from
408 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
410 may exhibit different source-sink dynamics across that timescale. During a period of low
411 accessibility, a biome-region state might rebuff immigrants and lose occupants when acting
412 as a source, but then gain and retain inhabitants during a later phase should that biome-
413 region become a local refugium when acting as a sink (Goldberg et al. 2005). These
414 fluctuating source-sink dynamics may be characterized by the stationary distribution,
415 which defines the expected proportion of lineages found in each biome-region state
416 assuming lineages evolve along an infinitely long branch within a given time interval.
417 Biome-regions that are easy to enter and difficult to leave tend towards higher stationary
418 probabilities for a given time interval.

419 We approximate the stationary probability for biome i in region k during time
420 interval m with

$$421 \quad \pi(m)_{(i,k)} = [e^{\mu Q(m)}]_{1,(i,k)}$$

422 where μ is a rate taken to be sufficiently large that stationarity is reached. Note that the
423 bracketed term on the righthand side of the equation is the transition probability matrix
424 for changes between biome-region pairs. In theory, when μ is large, all rows in this matrix
425 have arbitrarily similar transition probabilities, which lets us take any row (i.e. the first
426 row) to represent the stationary probabilities.

427 The time-dependent source-sink dynamics in Figure 3 show how the availability of
428 and connectivity between regional biomes structures each time interval's stationary
429 distribution. Stationary probabilities before the Oligocene tend to favor tropical biomes in
430 all regions, but favor cold temperate biomes afterwards. This means that if the historical
431 spatial structure of biomes is relevant to biogeography, then lineages originating in the
432 Paleogene would more likely be adapted to tropical than to cold temperate forests simply
433 because cold temperate forests were a more marginal biome during that period of Earth's
434 history.

435 We can now completely define the time stratified rate matrix, $Q(m)$, and the
436 stationary frequencies at the root of a phylogeny, $\pi(m_{root})$, where m_{root} is the time
437 interval corresponding to the root node age. Together, these model components let us
438 compute the probabilities of lineages transitioning from one biome-region pair to another
439 while accounting for the spatiotemporal dynamics of biomes, and thus compute the
440 phylogenetic model likelihood with the discrete state pruning algorithm (Felsenstein
441 1981).

465 sample sizes well over 200. Two independent chains were run per analysis to verify MCMC
466 convergence. We analyzed our data under three model settings: the *Paleobiome* setting that
467 used the time-heterogeneous graphical structure presented in Figure 2; the *Modern Biome*
468 setting that used the graphical structure from the Recent time interval to represent all time
469 intervals; and the *Null Biome* setting that ignored regional and biome structure by fixing
470 $w_U = 1$.

471 Departing from the general model description above, we reparameterized our
472 applied model to eliminate informative priors wherever possible. This helped ensure that
473 our posterior estimates are driven by the data through the likelihood function, not the
474 prior (discussed further in Supplement 2). We assigned uninformative prior distributions
475 to our graph weights, $(w_U, w_L, w_B) \sim \text{Dirichlet}(1, 1, 1)$, and to our weak feature strength
476 parameter, $y \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$. We treated each biome shift rate as an independently
477 estimated parameter, $\beta_{i,j} \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$, although we fixed the biome shift rates between
478 tropical and cold temperate biomes equal to zero. Fixing those transition rates to zero both
479 reduces the number of free parameters and reflects the observation that, analogous to the
480 geographical structure of regions, biomes have an important ecological and climatological
481 structure (Whittaker 1970). In *Viburnum*, this assumption is reasonable, as the clade
482 contains no tropical-cold temperate sister species pairs, and previous ancestral biome
483 estimates for the group did not confidently infer any shifts between those biomes (Landis
484 et al. 2019). Because we constrained biome-independent dispersal between regions
485 through graphical structures (Q_G) and weight parameters (w_U and w_G), we fixed the
486 relative dispersal rate to $\delta_{k,l} = 1$ (which is potentially rescaled by Q_G and w_G). Thus, the
487 relative biome shift rates β and dispersal rates δ all have values between 0 and 1. To model

488 the relative proportion of biome shifts to dispersal events, we multiply β by the factor $f_\beta \sim$
489 $\text{Uniform}(0,1)$ and multiply δ by $f_\delta = (1 - f_\beta)$. Finally, we rescaled the instantaneous rate
490 matrix, Q , for the entire evolutionary process by a global clock parameter, $\mu \sim$
491 $\text{LogUniform}(10^{-4}, 10^1)$, that is uniformly distributed over orders of magnitude. For the
492 *Viburnum* analysis, we used Bayes factors (Jeffreys 1935) to compare the relative fit of the
493 *Paleobiome*, *Modern Biome*, and *Null Biome* models to the data. Power-posterior
494 distributions were approximated with a parallelized MCMC sampler (Höhna et al. 2017).
495 Marginal likelihoods were estimated from those power-posterior samples using the
496 stepping stone algorithm (Xie et al. 2011).

497 Our analysis produced several inferences, which we summarized in various ways.
498 Ancestral states and stochastic mappings (Huelsenbeck et al. 2003) were generated during
499 MCMC sampling by first drawing ancestral state estimates for all nodes in phylogeny, then
500 sampling evolutionary histories using a uniformization method (Rodrigue et al. 2008) that
501 was adapted for time-stratified models (Landis et al. 2017). Ancestral state estimates show
502 the posterior probabilities for biome-region states for each node. Lineage-state proportions
503 through time were computed from the posterior distributions of stochastically mapped
504 histories. We computed the posterior mean count of lineage-states through time as the
505 number of lineages in each state for each time bin across posterior samples divided by the
506 total number of posterior samples. Lineage-state counts were converted into lineage-state
507 proportions by dividing each count by the total number of lineages in that time bin to give
508 proportions that lie between 0 and 1. In addition, we classified whether or not each
509 lineage-state for each time bin was congruent with any locally prominent biome as defined
510 by the paleobiome graph (Fig. 2). Each binned state was labeled as a *biome mismatch* if the

511 lineage's biome had only a marginal presence in the lineage's region. Otherwise, the state
512 was labelled as a *biome match*. To summarize these results, we also computed the
513 proportion of tree length where lineage states match or mismatch paleobiome structure in
514 three ways: for the total tree length, for tree length before the Oligocene (>34 Ma), and for
515 tree length after the Oligocene (≤ 34 Ma). To assess whether the use of the *Paleobiome*
516 model unduly biased posterior estimates (e.g. by inflating the prior expectations of biome
517 match proportions), we generated stochastic mappings conditional on the phylogeny and
518 tip states while sampling model parameters from the prior (details given in Supplement 2).

519 We were also interested in the ordered *event series* that resulted in major
520 transitions between biomes and regions. For biomes *A*, *B*, and *C* and regions *X*, *Y*, and *Z*, we
521 named the six series patterns for pairs of events. Series in which species shift biomes and
522 then disperse ($AX \rightarrow BX \rightarrow BY$) are called *biome-first* event series. In contrast, *region-first*
523 series have dispersal followed by a biome shift event ($AX \rightarrow AY \rightarrow BY$). The remaining four
524 event series involve two consecutive biome shift or two dispersal events. *Biome reversal*
525 ($AX \rightarrow BX \rightarrow AX$) and *region reversal* ($AX \rightarrow AY \rightarrow AX$) sequences indicate event series in
526 which the lineage departs from and then returns to its initial state (*AX*). Analogously, *biome*
527 *flight* ($AX \rightarrow BX \rightarrow CX$) and *region flight* ($AX \rightarrow AY \rightarrow AZ$) sequences are recognized by
528 series of two biome shifts or two dispersal events that leave the lineage in a new state (*CX*
529 or *AZ*) relative to the lineage's initial state (*AX*). We computed the proportion of each
530 series type for a single posterior sample by classifying stochastically mapped state triplets
531 (event series of length two) in our phylogenetic tree using a simple root-to-tip recursion.
532 To start the recursion, we took the stochastically mapped root state to be the second state

533 in the triplet, X_{root} , then sampling the preceding state, X_{subroot} , from the sampling
534 distribution obtained by Bayes rule

$$535 \quad P(X_{\text{subroot}} = (i, k) \mid X_{\text{root}} = (j, l), Q(m_{\text{root}})) \propto \frac{[Q(m_{\text{root}})]_{(i,k),(j,l)}}{\sum_{(x,y) \neq (i,k)} [Q(m_{\text{root}})]_{(i,k),(x,y)}} \times \frac{[\pi(m_{\text{root}})]_{(i,k)}}{[\pi(m_{\text{root}})]_{(j,l)}}$$

536 where $Q(m_{\text{root}})$ is the root node's rate matrix and $\pi(m_{\text{root}})$ is its stationary distribution
537 with values determined by the evaluated posterior sample. Following that, we traversed
538 towards the tips of the tree to collect changes in the stochastic mapping for each lineage's
539 biome-region state, classifying the state triplet's type, and updating the triplet states
540 appropriately (i.e. the new second and third states replace the old first and second states)
541 with each step of the recursion.

542 Finally, we wished to examine if and how the distribution of evolutionary events
543 and event series changed with time under alternative assumptions about the biome
544 structure. We were particularly interested in two classes of event proportions: proportions
545 of various types of biome shift and dispersal events, and proportions of the various types of
546 event series. To estimate the posterior proportions of biome shift and dispersal event types
547 through time, for each posterior sample, we divided the count for each distinct biome shift
548 and dispersal event type by the total number of events within each major time interval.
549 Event proportions from the Late Cretaceous could not be reliably estimated, as the two
550 *Viburnum* lineages that existed between the origin of the group (~70 Ma) and the end of
551 the Late Cretaceous (~66 Ma) rarely changed in biome-region state. Although we
552 normalized our event proportions using all 126 distinct dispersal and biome shift event
553 types, our results only display the four biome shift and four dispersal event types among all
554 combinations of the warm and cold temperate forests of East Asia and North America. In a

555 similar manner, we computed the posterior proportions for all six types of event series,
556 using the time of the second event in each series for each series age.

557 We provide the posterior means and the 80% and 95% highest posterior densities
558 (HPD80 and HPD95, respectively) for each time interval, event or event series type, and
559 biome structure model. Constructing Bayesian credible intervals for these proportions is
560 somewhat unusual, since the proportions are ratios of counts (i.e. not all numbers on the
561 real line are supported). As a result, several HPDs share the exact same bounds,
562 particularly when the total number of events is low (e.g. values such as 1/2 or 1/3).

563

564 *Simulation experiment*

565 We measured how reliably we can select models in which biome structure
566 influences the biome shift process ($w_B > 0$) for *Viburnum* with simulated data. All
567 simulations assumed the same *Viburnum* phylogeny used in the empirical example and
568 used the same biome and regions designated by the paleobiome structure model. We
569 simulated data under five conditions that primarily adjusted the relative weight for w_B ,
570 named: null effect, where $(w_U, w_G, w_B) = (1,0,0)$; weak effect, where $(w_U, w_G, w_B) =$
571 $(1,2,4)/7$; medium effect, where $(w_U, w_G, w_B) = (1,2,8)/11$; strong effect, where
572 $(w_U, w_G, w_B) = (1,2,16)/19$; and very strong effect, where $(w_U, w_G, w_B) = (1,2,32)/35$; with
573 each denominator ensuring the weights sum to 1. For all conditions, we assumed $f_\beta = 0.75$,
574 $f_\delta = 0.25$, and $y = 0.1$. Biome shift rates were set to equal 1, except transitions between
575 cold temperate and tropical forests, which were set to 0. The event clock was set to $\mu =$
576 0.03, except for the null condition, which was assigned a slower rate of $\mu = 0.01$ to account
577 for the fact that fewer event rate penalties are applied to it than the non-null conditions.

578 We then simulated 100 replicate datasets in RevBayes for each of the four conditions under
579 the regional biome-shift model described above, and estimated the posterior density for
580 each simulated dataset using MCMC in RevBayes.

581 We were primarily concerned with how our posterior estimates of w_B respond to
582 differing simulated values for w_B . To summarize this, we first report the posterior median
583 values of w_B across replicates so they may be compared to the true simulating value. Next,
584 we computed what proportion of our replicates select a complex model allowing $w_B > 0$ in
585 favor of a simpler model where $w_B = 0$ using Bayes factors. Bayes factors were computed
586 using the Savage-Dickey ratio (Verdinelli and Wasserman 1995), defined as the ratio of the
587 prior probability divided by the posterior probability, evaluated at the point where the
588 complex model collapses into the simpler model (i.e. $w_B = 0$, in our case). We
589 approximated the posterior probability at this collapse-point by smoothing our posterior
590 samples for w_B with a beta-kernel density estimator (Moss and Tveten, 2019). We interpret
591 the strength of significance for Bayes factors as proposed by Jeffreys (1961), requiring at
592 least ‘Substantial’ support ($BF > 3$) to select the more complex model ($w_B > 0$).

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RESULTS

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Simulation experiment

596 Simulated datasets yielded larger estimates of w_B and more soundly rejected null
597 models ($w_B = 0$) as the effect strength w_B increased from Weak to Very Strong (Fig. 4). No
598 datasets simulated under the Null condition ($w_B = 0$) signalled Substantial support (or
599 greater) for the paleobiome-dependent model ($w_B > 0$), indicating a low false positive rate.
600 Only 9% of datasets simulated under Weak effects ($w_B = 4/7 \approx 0.57$) generated No

601 support for the $w_B > 0$ model, while ~32% of those replicates qualified as Substantial
602 support or greater. Data simulated under the Moderate condition ($w_B = 8/11 \approx 0.73$)
603 rejected the simple model 57% of the time with at least Substantial support. Under Strong
604 ($w_B = 16/19 \approx 0.84$) simulation conditions, we selected models where $w_B > 0$ in 81% of
605 cases, with Strong support in 65% of cases. Data simulated under Very Strong effects ($w_B =$
606 $32/35 \approx 0.91$) generated support for models with $w_B > 0$ 88% of the time, with over half
607 of all replicates (54%) drawing Very Strong or Decisive support. Coverage frequency
608 among simulations was consistently high across conditions, but with fairly wide credible
609 intervals corresponding to the highest 95% posterior density (Fig. 4A). Because the
610 posterior probability of $w_B = 0$ is used to approximate Bayes factor ratios, their
611 relationship is made apparent by noting that the density of HPD95 lower bound estimates
612 close to the value $w_B = 0$ (Fig. 4A) is correlated with the proportion of simulations that
613 award no support to the $w_B > 0$ model (Fig. 4B).

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615 *Ancestral biomes for Viburnum*

616 Although *Viburnum* likely originated in East Asia regardless of the biome structure
617 model ($p > 0.99$), no model reconstructed a single ancestral biome affinity with probability
618 greater than $p > 0.95$ (Fig. 5). Where the *Paleobiome* analysis inferred East Asian biome
619 affinities that favored a warm temperate ($p = 0.88$) or tropical ($p = 0.09$) but not a cold
620 temperate ($p = 0.03$) origin, the *Modern Biome* analysis favored a cold temperate ($p =$
621 0.67) then warm temperate ($p = 0.31$) origin for *Viburnum* while assigning negligible
622 probability to a tropical origin ($p = 0.01$). Relative to the *Paleobiome* estimates, the *Null*
623 *Biome* analysis also assigned higher probabilities to colder biomes (warm, $p = 0.52$; cold,

624 $p = 0.45$; tropical, $p = 0.02$). Early diverging *Viburnum* lineages tended to follow
625 warm/tropical biome affinities under the *Paleobiome* analysis or the cold/warm affinities
626 under the *Modern/Null Biome* analyses before the Oligocene (>34 Ma). During the
627 Oligocene (34–22 Ma), when cold temperate forests first expanded, many nodes still
628 retained the warmer (*Paleobiome*) or colder (*Modern Biome*) affinities characteristic of the
629 biome structure model, such as the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) of *V. reticulatum*
630 and *V. ellipticum* or the MRCA of *V. rufidulum* and *V. cassinoides*. Otherwise, most ancestral
631 biome inferences were consistent across the three models, beginning with the Mid/Late
632 Miocene (<16 Ma).

633 The three biome structures recovered different proportions of ancestral lineage-
634 states through time, particularly before the Mid/Late Miocene (>16 Ma; Fig. 6A–C).
635 Between the Paleocene and the Early Miocene, tropical lineages in East Asia and Southeast
636 Asia constituted $>20\%$ diversity, declining to $\sim 12\%$ of modern diversity under the
637 *Paleobiome* analysis. Cold temperate lineages were nearly absent until the end of the
638 Oligocene (34 Ma), but steadily rose to constitute roughly 25% of diversity by the
639 Early/Mid Miocene (ca. 20 Ma). By comparison, *Modern Biome* estimates enriched the
640 proportion of cold temperate viburnums, while reducing support for warm temperate and
641 nearly eliminating support for tropical origins; tropical lineages remained in comparatively
642 low proportion until the Miocene (< 22 Ma). The *Null Biome* analysis estimated
643 proportions of warm and cold temperate lineages similar to those of the *Modern Biome*
644 analysis from the Late Cretaceous (100 Ma) until the Oligocene (34 Ma), but with more
645 Southeast Asian warm temperate lineages throughout.

646 For what proportion of time did lineages have biome affinities that were congruent
647 with locally accessible biomes? Biomes rarely mismatched between lineages and regions
648 under the *Paleobiome* setting (1.1% of tree length), with the mismatches increasing under
649 the *Modern Biome* (8.6%) and *Null Biome* (8.7%) settings. Lineages were most often
650 mismatched with their regions' biomes before the Oligocene (Figs. 6D–F), where the pre-
651 Oligocene proportion of mismatched branch lengths was always higher (*Paleobiome*, 5.8%;
652 *Modern Biome*, 52.6%; *Null Biome*, 47.1%) than the post-Oligocene proportion (*Paleobiome*,
653 0.3%; *Modern Biome*, 0.8%; *Null Biome*, 1.7%) or the treewide proportions (above). The
654 prior distributions of stochastic mappings that we generated under the *Paleobiome*, *Modern*
655 *Biome*, and *Null Biome* settings were nearly indistinguishable from one another
656 (Supplement 2; Fig S1). It is therefore unlikely that our posterior inferences are artifacts
657 caused by undesirable interactions between our prior model and our biome structure
658 models.

659 To illuminate why the *Paleobiome* analysis produces distinctly warmer ancestral
660 biome estimates, we turn to the fitted stationary probability for the root state, $\pi(m_{\text{root}})$,
661 (Fig. 7). Within East Asia, root node stationary probabilities estimated under the
662 *Paleobiome* setting favored warm temperate or tropical forests over cold temperate forests
663 ($\pi_{\text{Trop+EAs}} = 0.06$, $\pi_{\text{Warm+EAs}} = 0.10$, $\pi_{\text{Cold+EAs}} = 0.02$). The *Modern Biome* stationary
664 probabilities instead favored cold or warm temperate forests over tropical forests
665 ($\pi_{\text{Trop+EAs}} = 0.03$, $\pi_{\text{Warm+EAs}} = 0.07$, $\pi_{\text{Cold+EAs}} = 0.08$). Like the *Modern Biome* analysis,
666 stationary probabilities under the *Null Biome* setting tended towards cold or warm
667 temperate forests. ($\pi_{\text{Trop+EAs}} = 0.04$, $\pi_{\text{Warm+EAs}} = 0.06$, $\pi_{\text{Cold+EAs}} = 0.06$), noting that the
668 stationary probability per biome is uniform across regions by the design of the model.

669 While the posterior root node stationary probabilities varied across biome-regions
670 depending on what biome structure model was assumed (Fig. 7), all corresponding prior
671 probabilities are approximately equal (Supplement 2; Fig. S2), suggesting that any
672 differences in the posterior estimates are driven by the data through the likelihood
673 function, and not forced through an induced prior.

674 Despite such differences between the *Paleobiome* and *Modern Biome* analyses in
675 their ancestral state estimates and stationary probabilities, their parameter estimates for
676 the base rate of change (μ), the proportion of biome shifts (f_β) to dispersal events (f_δ), and
677 the graph weights (w_U, w_G, w_B) were remarkably similar (Table 1). Both biome structure
678 models estimate posterior means for w_B greater than 0.91; i.e., stronger in effect than
679 assumed under the Very Strong simulation scenario (Fig. 4). Both models estimated
680 credible intervals for w_B with lower bounds greater than 0.75 and posterior probabilities of
681 $w_B = 0$ that were indistinguishable from zero, each corresponding to Decisive support for
682 their respective biome structure models. More accurate Bayes factors estimated using
683 marginal likelihoods unequivocally selected either the *Paleobiome* ($\text{BF}_{\text{PN}} > 10^6$) or the
684 *Modern Biome* ($\text{BF}_{\text{MN}} > 10^6$) over the *Null Biome* structures for modeling biome shifts in
685 *Viburnum*, but found only mild support in favor of the *Paleobiome* over the *Modern Biome*
686 structure ($\text{BF}_{\text{PM}} \approx 1.8$). Because inference under the *Null Biome* model set $y = 1$, posterior
687 estimates of (w_U, w_G, w_B) are indistinguishable from the prior. Parameter estimates for the
688 relative biome shift rates differed across the three biome structure models, however. The
689 *Paleobiome* estimates favor hot-to-cold shifts ($\beta_{TW} = 0.63 > \beta_{WT} = 0.43$ and $\beta_{WC} = 0.82 >$
690 $\beta_{CW} = 0.29$) while the *Modern Biome* estimates favor shifts leaving the warm temperate

691 biome ($\beta_{TW} = 0.44 < \beta_{WT} = 0.65$ and $\beta_{WC} = 0.80 > \beta_{CW} = 0.42$), as do the *Null Biome*
692 estimates ($\beta_{TW} = 0.55 < \beta_{WT} = 0.76$ and $\beta_{WC} = 0.73 > \beta_{CW} = 0.32$).

693 Finally, we found that the *Paleobiome* analysis estimated proportions of biome shift
694 and dispersal events that are more temporally dynamic than those proportions estimated
695 under the *Modern Biome* and *Null Biome* models (Fig. 8A–C). Under the *Paleobiome*
696 estimates, dispersal events from East Asia into North America within the warm temperate
697 biome were relatively common throughout the Late Eocene. With the onset of Oligocene
698 cooling, biome shifts from warm into cold temperate forests in East Asia rose from low to
699 high proportions to become the most frequent transition type. In contrast, event
700 proportions under the *Modern Biome* and *Null Biome* analyses reconstructed high
701 proportions of biome shifts between the warm and cold temperate forests of East Asia, ever
702 since *Viburnum* first originated in the Late Cretaceous through the present. Paleocene
703 dispersal of cold temperate lineages from East Asia into North America was also found to
704 be relatively common when compared to the *Paleobiome* reconstruction. Regarding the
705 event series proportions, biome reversal, biome-first, and region-first series were generally
706 more common than biome flight, region flight, and region reversal series (Fig. 8D–F). The
707 biome reversal event series was the most common event series type across all time
708 intervals under the *Modern Biome* and *Null Biome* analyses, but not under the *Paleobiome*
709 analysis. With the *Paleobiome* model, we found that the proportion of biome reversal series
710 was lower, and the proportion of region-first series was higher, when compared to the
711 other biome structure analyses, together creating a time interval between the Late Eocene
712 and the Middle Miocene during which region-first events outpaced all other types of series.
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714 DISCUSSION

715 The probability that a lineage will shift into a new biome is determined in part by
716 geographical opportunities. Because the availability and connectivity of biomes varies
717 across regions, evolutionary lineages do not share the same geographical opportunities to
718 adapt to new biomes. Moreover, those geographical opportunities have changed as the
719 spatial structure of Earth's biomes evolved over time. As an evolutionary inference
720 problem, the temporal dynamics of geographical opportunity is concerning: we typically
721 infer ancestral biomes based on the phylogenetic distribution of biomes from extant
722 species, yet their ancestors were likely exposed to geographical opportunities significantly
723 (perhaps even radically) different from the opportunities of their living descendants.
724 Here, we have developed a Bayesian framework to model how phylogenetic lineages gain
725 affinities with new biomes and disperse between regions in a manner reflecting the
726 historical configuration of biomes through space and time. To do so, we modeled a time-
727 stratified regional biome shift process using continuous-time Markov chains. The model is
728 parameterized to allow biome shift and dispersal rates to depend on empirically structured
729 paleobiome graphs, where each graph describes the availability and connectivity of biomes
730 among regions within a given time stratum. We conducted a simple simulation experiment
731 to show that we can identify which comparative datasets were shaped by paleobiome
732 structure ($w_B > 0$) using Bayes factors, provided the strength of the effect was at least
733 moderately strong, even though w_B is difficult to estimate precisely (Fig. 4). We then fitted
734 our new model to estimate ancestral biomes and regions for *Viburnum*. In discussing our
735 results, we focus on two principal aspects of our study: first, our empirical findings in
736 *Viburnum* and how these may inform other studies seeking to estimate ancestral biomes or

737 regions; and, second, an examination of the model's assumptions and properties, and how
738 the model's realism may be improved in future work.

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740 *Biome shifts in Viburnum*

741 *Viburnum* first diversified in the Paleocene and Eocene (66–34Ma), a period when
742 boreotropical forests dominated and connected the northern continents (Wolfe 1985;
743 Graham 2011; Willis and McElwain 2014). Cold temperate forests that experienced long
744 freezing periods were globally rare until after the Oligocene (<34 Ma). Although we
745 inferred an East Asian origin regardless of what biome structure model was assumed,
746 ancestral biome estimates under the three structure models differed in important ways. In
747 the *Paleobiome* analysis, the ancestral biome of the crown node was probably warm
748 temperate ($p = 0.88$) and possibly tropical ($p = 0.09$), and a cold temperate origin could
749 decisively be ruled out ($p < 0.05$; Fig. 5A). When we assumed that biome structure had
750 always resembled today's structure (*Modern Biome*), the crown node support changed,
751 instead favoring a cold temperate ($p = 0.67$) or possibly a warm temperate ($p = 0.31$)
752 origin (Fig. 5B). The *Null Biome* reconstruction also recovered a warm ($p = 0.52$) or cold
753 ($p = 0.45$) temperate origin, despite the fact that the *Null Biome* inference assumed that all
754 biomes are present in all regions at all times (Fig. 5C). Mismatches between lineage biome
755 affinities and regionally available biomes were highest among pre-Oligocene lineages (>34
756 Ma). Though cold temperate lineages remained in low proportions (~5%) until the
757 Oligocene under the *Paleobiome* analysis (Fig. 6A), the *Modern/Null Biome* analyses
758 maintained high proportions of cold temperate lineages in East Asia (> 30%) and North
759 America (7%) in the Eocene (Fig. 6B,C). Over 53% and 47% of pre-Oligocene branches bore

760 mismatched biomes under the *Modern* and *Null Biome* analyses, respectively, but only 6%
761 of those branch lengths were mismatched with biomes under the *Paleobiome* model (Fig.
762 6D–F). Because of the global rarity of the cold temperate biome during the period of early
763 *Viburnum* evolution, we favored the warm temperate or tropical origin of *Viburnum* under
764 the *Paleobiome* analysis.

765 Yet, despite stark differences in the *Paleobiome* and *Modern Biome* models,
766 parameter estimates under both conditions found the spatial distribution of biomes to be
767 the primary factor in explaining how viburnums came to live where they do today ($w_B >$
768 0.92, i.e. compatible with the Very Strong condition used in the simulation experiment).
769 Because the ability to estimate ancestral states or to fit evolutionary parameters decays as
770 the evolutionary timescale deepens, we expect that both the *Paleobiome* and *Modern Biome*
771 analyses primarily fit their parameters to phylogenetic patterns of variation pronounced at
772 the shallowest timescales. True to this, model selection by Bayes factors only slightly
773 prefers the *Paleobiome* over the *Modern Biome* structure. All else being equal, however,
774 older *Viburnum* lineages should disperse and biome shift in a manner that is similarly
775 limited by geographical opportunities. The static geographical opportunities assumed
776 under the *Modern Biome* structure induced stationary probabilities that project today's
777 colder conditions back into the Late Cretaceous, while the dynamic *Paleobiome* structure
778 favored hotter conditions unlike those at present (Figs. 2 and 7). The lesson we take from
779 this is that inferring the fundamental behavior of the process is not always sufficient for
780 estimating ancestral states; inferring if and how that behavior responds to changing
781 historical conditions is also necessary.

782 We note that an East Asian origin in warm temperate or tropical forests is consistent
783 with several other relevant lines of evidence developed in the study of *Viburnum* evolution,
784 biogeography, and ecology. Previous efforts to reconstruct the ancestral biome of *Viburnum*
785 have weakly favored warm temperate (Spriggs et al. 2015) or cold temperate (Lens et al.
786 2016) conditions; neither study definitively supported or ruled out a cold temperate origin.
787 Similarly, Edwards et al. (2017) established a relationship between cold temperate
788 conditions and the evolution of deciduousness in *Viburnum*, but could not resolve whether
789 the MRCA was deciduous (cold-adapted) or evergreen (tropical or warm-adapted). Landis
790 et al. (2019) estimated a warm temperate origin of *Viburnum*, with no support for a cold
791 temperate origin, through a combined-evidence tip-dating analysis (Ronquist et al. 2012)
792 that included fossil pollen coded with biome characters to inform the ancestral biome
793 estimates. As a fossil-based estimate, the finding of a non-freezing origin of *Viburnum*
794 cannot be accepted unconditionally; the estimate depends crucially upon the accuracy of
795 biome state assignments to the fossil taxa, and also upon the spatial and temporal biases
796 inherent to fossil deposition and recovery. But, importantly, the fossil-aware biome
797 estimates of Landis et al. (2019) were obtained under the equivalent of our *Null Biome*
798 model, while the fossil-naive estimates in the present study were obtained under the
799 *Paleobiome* model. It is highly satisfying that both studies rule out a cold temperate
800 ancestry for *Viburnum*, and that they do so by leveraging alternative lines of paleobiological
801 evidence: the phylogenetic placement of fossils assigned to particular biomes in one case,
802 and the inferred spatial distribution of biomes through time in the other.

803 Examining only extant *Viburnum* species, the clade displays considerable variation
804 in both which biomes and which regions lineages occupy. Yet, each region does not contain

805 equal proportions of lineages with affinities to the three biomes. There are several possible
806 causes for this imbalance. In many cases, lineages may simply inhabit regions that lack
807 certain biomes; it is not surprising that there are no extant tropical lineages in North
808 America given that tropical forests have been marginal there since the Oligocene. In other
809 cases, lineages may not have had long enough periods of time for certain biome shifts. For
810 example, all neotropical lineages are adapted to warm temperate (cloud) forests, yet none
811 of them have adapted to the adjacent tropical forest biome. Given the young age of the
812 neotropical radiation, it is possible that there has not been enough time for them to shift
813 into the accessible tropical forests. In this case we can imagine that biological factors (e.g.,
814 interactions with other species—competitors, herbivores, etc.—that have long occupied
815 tropical forests) may have played a significant role in limiting this shift (Donoghue and
816 Edwards 2014). In other cases, the imbalance may concern differential rates of speciation
817 or extinction within biomes. For instance, there are relatively few tropical *Viburnum*
818 species given the age and region of origin for the clade and given the age of Asian tropical
819 biomes. If tropical viburnums experienced increased extinction rates (or decreased
820 speciation rates) as they remained in an older biome, that effect would give rise to a
821 pattern of scattered, singular, distantly related, and anciently diverging tropical lineages
822 (depauperons of Donoghue and Sanderson 2015). This is precisely what we see in the case
823 of *V. clemensiae*, *V. amplificatum*, and *V. punctatum* (Spriggs et al. 2015). From analyses
824 under our simple *Paleobiome* model, it appears that temporal, geographical, and ecological
825 influences on rates of character evolution and lineage diversification may all be important
826 factors in explaining why *Viburnum* is distributed as it is across regions and biomes.

827 Finally, although we question the general validity (often assumed) of stepwise series
828 of events (e.g., trait-first versus climate-first in the evolution of cold tolerance; Edwards et
829 al. 2015), we nevertheless explored how incorporating information on the past distribution
830 of biomes might influence the inference of biome-first versus region-first event series.
831 Specifically, we asked whether *Viburnum* lineages tended to shift biomes first or disperse to
832 a new region first when radiating through the mesic forests of Eurasia and the New World.
833 Taking the mean proportions across time intervals, we found that when *Viburnum* lineages
834 both disperse into new regions and shift into new biomes, region-first event series (28% of
835 series) are more common than biome-first (19%) series under the *Paleobiome* model.
836 Alone, this result is difficult to interpret, since the relative number and size of biome and
837 region states will influence what constitutes a biome shift or dispersal event. Using the
838 *Modern* analysis as a point of reference, we find a comparatively neutral relationship, with
839 roughly equal proportions of biome-first (20%) and region-first (21%) series, while under
840 the *Null Biome* analysis the *Paleobiome* relationship is inverted (biome-first, 22%; region-
841 first, 19%). When all regions contain all biomes (*Null Biome*), it makes sense that the ratio
842 of biome-first to region-first series is highest, and that it decreases when the distribution of
843 biomes is not uniform across regions (*Paleobiome* and *Modern Biome*). In the case of
844 *Viburnum*, it appears that several key regional shifts between Eastern Asia and North
845 America occurred a relatively long time ago, when northern latitudes were still primarily
846 covered by warm temperate forests (Fig. 8A). The biome shifts into cold temperate forests
847 occurred later, as cooling climates spread across communities that were already
848 assembled, which is compatible with the 'lock-step' hypothesis of Edwards et al. (2017).
849 Consistent with this scenario, we found that region-first event series do not become the

850 most common series type (over 35%) until the Late Oligocene under the *Paleobiome* model
851 (Fig. 8D). Such region-first event series have also been inferred in several recent analyses,
852 most notably by Gagnon et al. (2019) who found that *Caesalpinia* legumes moved
853 frequently among succulent biomes on different continents, and only later shifted into
854 newly encountered biomes within each continent (Donoghue 2019). From our findings, we
855 suspect that ignoring paleobiome structure may cause the number of region-first transition
856 series to be underestimated. However, it must be borne in our minds that our results may
857 in part reflect the constraint built into our model that simultaneous shifts in biome and
858 region are not allowed (discussed below). In any case, explicitly testing for the effect of
859 paleobiome structure on event order will be important in evaluating patterns of supposed
860 phylogenetic biome conservatism (Crisp et al. 2009).

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862 *Model discussion*

863 Although our model is simple, it is designed with certain statistical features that
864 would allow the model to be applied to diverse datasets beyond *Viburnum*, and to facilitate
865 extensions of the model towards more sophisticated designs. First, we treat many elements
866 in the evolutionary process as free parameters, whose values we estimate from the
867 phylogenetic dataset in question. For example, the w parameters control which layers of
868 the paleobiome graphical structure are most relevant to the evolutionary process, and the
869 y parameter controls how important weak structural features are when modeling dispersal
870 or biome shift events. Second, the Bayesian modeling framework we chose is ideal for
871 managing complex and parameter-rich hierarchical models (Höhna et al. 2016), allowing
872 for future models to explore the importance of other factors highlighted in the conceptual

873 model of Donoghue and Edwards (2014) — geographical distance (Webb and Ree 2012),
874 region size (Tagliacollo et al. 2015), biome size and shared perimeter (Cardillo et al. 2017),
875 ecological distance (Meseguer et al. 2015), and the effect of biotic interactions on trait and
876 range evolution (Quintero and Landis 2019) — by introducing new parameterizations for
877 computing the time-stratified rate matrices, $Q(m)$. Our Bayesian framework is also capable
878 of handling sources of uncertainty in the paleobiome graphs, such as uncertainty in the
879 importance of various spatial features or in the age of the appearance of a biome within a
880 region (Landis et al. 2018).

881 In our application of the model to *Viburnum*, we defined only three biomes and six
882 regions, but the general framework translates to other biogeographical systems with
883 different regions and biomes, provided one can construct an adequate time series of
884 paleobiome graphs. Though our literature-based approach to paleobiome graph
885 construction was somewhat subjective, we found it to be the most integrative way to
886 summarize varied global biome reconstructions, as most individual studies are purely
887 qualitative (Wolfe 1985; Morley 2000; Jetz and Fine 2012; Willis and McElwain 2014;
888 Graham 2011; Graham 2018; but see Kaplan et al. 2003) and based on disparate lines of
889 paleoecological, paleoclimatological, and paleogeological evidence. We believe that our
890 paleobiome graphs for the Northern Hemisphere are sufficiently accurate to show that
891 spatial and temporal variation in the distribution of tropical, warm temperate, and cold
892 temperate forest biomes in space and time can influence how species ranges and biome
893 affinities evolve over time. Nonetheless, future studies should explore more quantitative
894 approaches to defining paleobiome structures for use with the time-stratified regional
895 biome shift model.

896 Our simple model of regional biome shifts lacks several desired features. Perhaps
897 most importantly, lineages in our model may only occupy a single region and a single
898 biome at a time when, in reality species may occupy multiple biomes and/or regions (e.g.,
899 *Liquidambar styraciflua* is a tree that thrives both in temperate deciduous forests of eastern
900 North America and in the cloud forests of Mexico). On paper, it is straightforward to extend
901 the concepts of this model to standard multi-character models, such as the Dispersal-
902 Extinction-Cladogenesis model (Ree et al. 2005; Matzke 2014; Sukumaran et al. 2015). As a
903 DEC model variant, lineages would be capable of gaining affinities with any biomes
904 available within their range. For example, for M biomes and N regions, there are on the
905 order of 2^{M+N} combinations of presences and absences across biomes and regions, and on
906 the order of 2^{MN} combinations if region-specific biome occupancies are considered.
907 Computationally, this creates a vast number of viable state combinations, many of which
908 cannot be eliminated from the state space (Webb and Ree 2012). Such a large state space
909 will hinder standard likelihood-based inference procedures for discrete biogeography (Ree
910 and Sanmartín 2009), though recent methodological advances addressing this problem
911 should prove useful (Landis et al. 2013; Quintero and Landis 2019).

912 Geographical state-dependent diversification (GeoSSE) models may also be
913 interfaced with our model. Incorporating the effect of biome availability on the extinction
914 rate would, at a minimum, be a very important contribution towards explaining patterns of
915 extant diversity. For example, tropical biomes have declined in dominance since the
916 Paleogene, and many ancient *Viburnum* lineages may have since gone extinct in the tropics,
917 perhaps owing to biotic interactions (the dying embers hypothesis of Spriggs et al. 2015).
918 In this sense, we expect that our model will overestimate how long a lineage may persist in

919 a region that lacks the appropriate biome, since our model does not threaten ill-adapted
920 species with higher extinction rates. Efforts to extend GeoSSE models in this manner will
921 face similar, if not more severe, challenges to those encountered in the DEC framework,
922 both in terms of computational limits and numbers of parameters (Beaulieu and O'Meara
923 2016; Caetano et al. 2018).

924 If diversification rates vary conditionally on a lineage's biome-region state, then so
925 should the underlying divergence time estimates. At a minimum, one should jointly
926 estimate divergence times and diversification dynamics to correctly propagate uncertainty
927 in phylogenetic estimates through to ancestral state estimates (Höhna et al. 2019). Beyond
928 that, paleogeographically structured models of biogeography have been shown to be useful
929 for estimating divergence times (Landis 2017; Landis et al. 2018). Paleoeological models,
930 such as our *Paleobiome* model, could be useful in some cases, perhaps for dating clades
931 where some degree of phylogenetic niche conservatism can be safely assumed (Wiens and
932 Donoghue (2004); Crisp et al. (2009); but see Donoghue and Edwards (2014) for potential
933 pitfalls with this approach). For instance, Baldwin and Sanderson (1998) hypothesized that
934 continental tarweeds (*Madiinae*, Asteraceae) radiated within the seasonally dry California
935 Florisitic Province only after Miocene aridification created the province. Baldwin and
936 Sanderson (1998) translated this relationship between biome age and biome affinity to
937 date the maximum crown age of tarweeds, and thus date the maximum crown age of a
938 notable radiation nested within the tarweeds, the Hawaiian silversword alliance. In the
939 future, rather than calibrating the age of tarweeds by asserting a paleoeological
940 hypothesis, it would be possible to use our biome shift model to measure the probability of
941 the dry radiation scenario against competing scenarios, thereby dating the tarweeds (or

942 other clades) based on what ecological opportunities they made use of in different areas
943 and at different times (Baldwin and Sanderson 1998; Landis 2017; Landis et al. 2018).

944 Finally, although we have compared inferences of event series under several biome
945 structure models, and have argued that paleobiome models can influence such inferences,
946 we caution that event series themselves may not be accurate descriptors of some relevant
947 evolutionary scenarios. Notably, we reiterate that our model does not allow for
948 simultaneous shifts in both biome and biogeographic region. In other words, all biome
949 shifts are restricted to occur within a biogeographic region. This makes several important
950 assumptions about the processes involved in biome shifting. The first is that movements
951 between biomes are non-trivial for organisms, and require a period of time that allows a
952 founding population to adapt to its new environment. If this is true, we see two scenarios
953 that would likely describe the vast majority of biome shifts. First, if two biomes are
954 adjacent to one another, repeated propagule dispersal from the ancestral to the novel
955 biome could allow for gradual adaptation to a new habitat. Second, biome shifts could occur
956 “in-situ”, as one major vegetation type gradually transforms into another, in place, as
957 climate change progresses (“lock-step” model of Edwards et al. 2017). Both of these
958 scenarios would occur *within* biogeographical regions, and we think they probably have
959 accounted for biome shifts in *Viburnum*, as well as many other lineages. However, it is also
960 possible that a shift into a new biome could occur *during* a transition from one region into
961 another. For example, a lineage might adapt to colder forests during range expansion
962 through Beringia, or there might be long-distance dispersal of an organism already pre-
963 adapted to occupy a novel biome. Furthermore, it is important to note that our restriction
964 of biome shifts to occur within biogeographical regions does not completely preclude long-

965 distance dispersal biome shifts within regions; nothing in our model ensures that ancestral
966 and novel biomes are adjacent to one another within a given region, especially given that
967 the regions often used are very large and environmentally heterogeneous. Such
968 considerations highlight that the model we have presented here is simplistic in some of its
969 basic assumptions. We view it as a start in the right direction, and look forward to
970 extensions that will allow us to test a variety of more nuanced hypotheses.

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972 CONCLUSION

973 The potential for a lineage to adapt to new biomes depends in part on the
974 geographical opportunities that the lineage encountered in time and space. In the case of
975 *Viburnum*, we have shown that differing assumptions about the past distribution of biomes
976 can have a significant impact on ancestral biome estimates. And, when we integrate
977 information about the changing distribution of biomes through time, we favor an origin of
978 *Viburnum* in warm temperate or tropical forests, and confidently rule out an origin in cold
979 temperate forests. The confluence of this line of evidence with our analyses based instead
980 on fossil biome assignments (Landis et al. 2019) provides much greater confidence in a
981 result that orients our entire understanding of the direction of evolution and ecological
982 diversification in this clade.

983 More generally, we hope that our analyses will motivate biogeographers who wish
984 to estimate ancestral biomes to account for variation in the spatial distribution of biomes
985 through time. We also caution that phylogenetic estimates of ancestral biome affinities that
986 derive entirely from extant taxa and biomes may be misleading, particularly for older
987 lineages, even when standard statistical diagnostics indicate that the inference model fits

988 the data well. While we have achieved some conceptual understanding of the interplay
989 between biome shifts in lineages and biome distributions over time, many theoretical and
990 statistical problems must still be solved for us to fully appreciate the significance of
991 changing biome availability in generating Earth's biodiversity. In presenting our simple
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1235 TABLE CAPTIONS

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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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1241 FIGURE CAPTIONS

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1243 Figure 1. Cartoon of the relationship between paleobiome structure and a regional biome
1244 shift process. The left and right panels are aligned to the same geological time scale that is
1245 divided into a Hot (red) interval followed by a Cold (blue) interval. (A) Maps of paleobiome
1246 structure with two regions, East (E) and West (W), and two focal biomes of interest, Hot
1247 (H) and Cold (C), in which the expansive Hot biome is replaced by the Cold biome as the
1248 East and West regions separate. (B) Paleobiome adjacency matrices encode the availability
1249 of biomes within regions and the connectivity of biomes between regions based on
1250 whether paleobiome features are strong (dark) or weak (light). Diagonal elements reflect
1251 biome availability within regions while off-diagonal elements report biome connectivity
1252 between regions. (C) Two possible regional biome shift histories for a phylogeny with a
1253 western, hot-adapted (HW) origin. Lineages shift between biomes at rates that depend on
1254 the availability of biomes within the lineage's current region and disperse between regions
1255 at rates that depend on connectivity of the lineage's current biome between regions. The
1256 two histories require (top) or do not require (bottom) evolutionary events to be congruent

1257 with paleobiome structure. (D) Time-dependent biome shift rates for the four possible
1258 events: HW to CW, CW to HW, HE to CE, and CE to HE. (E) Time-dependent dispersal rates
1259 for the four possible events: HW to HE, HE to HW, CW to CE, and CE to CW.

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1261 Figure 2. Availability and connectivity of biomes from Late Cretaceous (100 Ma) to Recent.
1262 Adjacency matrices are used to structure the time-stratified phylogenetic biome shift
1263 process. Rows correspond to eight major time intervals, while columns correspond to
1264 regional features, specifically uninformative features (black), simple geographical features
1265 (brown), or features involving the tropical (red), warm temperate (green), and cold
1266 temperate (blue) forest biomes. The matrix for each time and feature encodes the
1267 availability of (the diagonal) and the connectivity between (off-diagonal) regions for that
1268 feature at that time, where matrix rows and columns correspond to source and destination
1269 regions, respectively. Cells representing availability and connectivity are shaded to
1270 represent those features as being strong (dark), weak (medium), or marginal (light).

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1272 Figure 3. Stationary distribution of biome-region states under the paleobiome model. The
1273 stationary probabilities across biome-regions (y-axis) vary with respect to time (x-axis).
1274 Stationary probabilities were computed assuming that biome and region shifts are
1275 expected to occur in equal proportion ($\beta = \delta = 0.5$), that lineages tend to shift and
1276 disperse in a manner that depends heavily on the paleobiome structure ($w_U = 0.04$, $w_G =$
1277 0.16 , and $w_B = 0.8$), and that biomes with strong presences primarily define the structure
1278 of biome graphs ($\gamma = 0.1$). Parameters were chosen to show interesting variation. Note, all
1279 stationary probabilities would be equal over all times if $w_U = 1$.

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1281 Figure 4. Simulation experiment results. One hundred datasets were simulated under five
1282 conditions that varied the strength of w_B , then fitted to the paleobiome model to assess
1283 model performance. (A) Markers show the true simulated strength for w_B (closed square),
1284 the posterior median values estimated from simulated replicates (open circles), the median
1285 of those posterior medians (closed circle), and the upper and lower bounds of the 95%
1286 highest posterior density (open triangles). The coverage frequency reports the proportion
1287 of simulation analyses in which the simulating value of w_B is falls within the 95% highest
1288 posterior density. (B) Bars report the proportions of simulated datasets that supported the
1289 model where $w_B > 0$, categorized by the strength of that support in terms of Bayes factors
1290 (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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1298 Figure 6. Ancestral proportions of lineage state frequencies through time for *Viburnum*. The
1299 left column (A–C) shows the lineages biome-region states, where regions differ by color
1300 and biomes differ by shading (see legend). Proportions of reconstructed lineages in each
1301 biome-region state are shown for estimates under the *Paleobiome* (A), *Modern Biome* (B),
1302 and *Null Biome* (C) settings. The right column (D–F) shows the proportion of lineages with

1303 biome states that match (dark) or mismatch (light) the non-marginal biomes that are
1304 locally accessible given any lineage's location, as defined under the Paleobiome structure
1305 (see main text for details). Proportions of reconstructed lineages with biome match and
1306 mismatch scores are shown for estimates under the *Paleobiome* (D), *Modern Biome* (E), and
1307 *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 $\pi(m_{\text{root}})$ 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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1314 Figure 8. Proportions of inferred events and event series across major time intervals for
1315 *Viburnum*. Posterior proportions are presented as posterior means (points) and credible
1316 intervals (HPD80, thick lines; HPD95, thin lines). The left column (A–C) presents the
1317 proportions of estimated biome shift and dispersal events with respect to time, showing
1318 only the eight biome shift and dispersal events among the warm and cold temperate forests
1319 of East Asia and North America. Proportions of events are shown for inferences under the
1320 *Paleobiome* (A), *Modern Biome* (B), and *Null Biome* (C) settings. The right column (D–F)
1321 shows the proportions of the six types of event series with respect to time (defined in main
1322 text). Each event series type is labeled with a 'state triplet' to indicate either transitions in
1323 the biome (A, B, C) or region (X, Y, Z) state.

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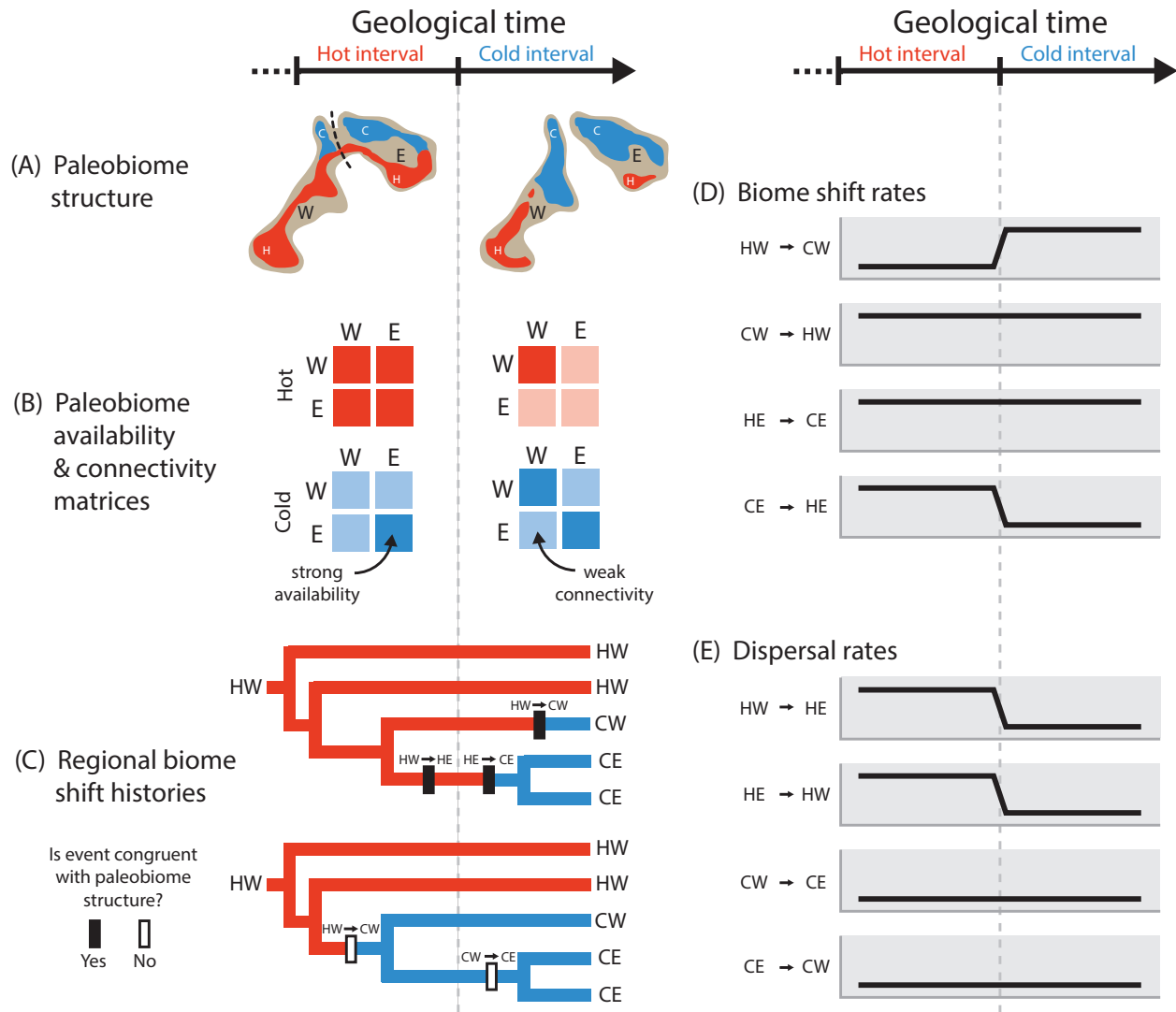
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1326 Table 1

Parameter	Biome structure		
	<i>Paleo</i>	<i>Modern</i>	<i>Null</i>
μ	0.06 [0.03,0.10]	0.05 [0.03,0.09]	0.03 [0.02,0.06]
f_{β}	0.85 [0.75,0.94]	0.83 [0.69,0.93]	0.92 [0.85,0.97]
f_{δ}	0.15 [0.06,0.25]	0.17 [0.07,0.31]	0.08 [0.03,0.15]
β_{TW}	0.67 [0.20,1.00]	0.50 [0.05,0.95]	0.54 [0.10,1.00]
β_{WC}	0.81 [0.47,1.00]	0.81 [0.48,1.00]	0.74 [0.39,1.00]
β_{CW}	0.28 [0.09,0.62]	0.39 [0.11,0.85]	0.31 [0.08,0.66]
β_{WT}	0.38 [0.01,0.80]	0.65 [0.34,1.00]	0.72 [0.33,1.00]
w_U	0.01 [0.00,0.07]	0.02 [0.00,0.08]	1
w_G	0.04 [0.00,0.18]	0.04 [0.00,0.20]	0
w_B	0.94 [0.78,1.00]	0.93 [0.76,1.00]	0
y	0.65 [0.27,0.99]	0.52 [0.09,0.95]	1

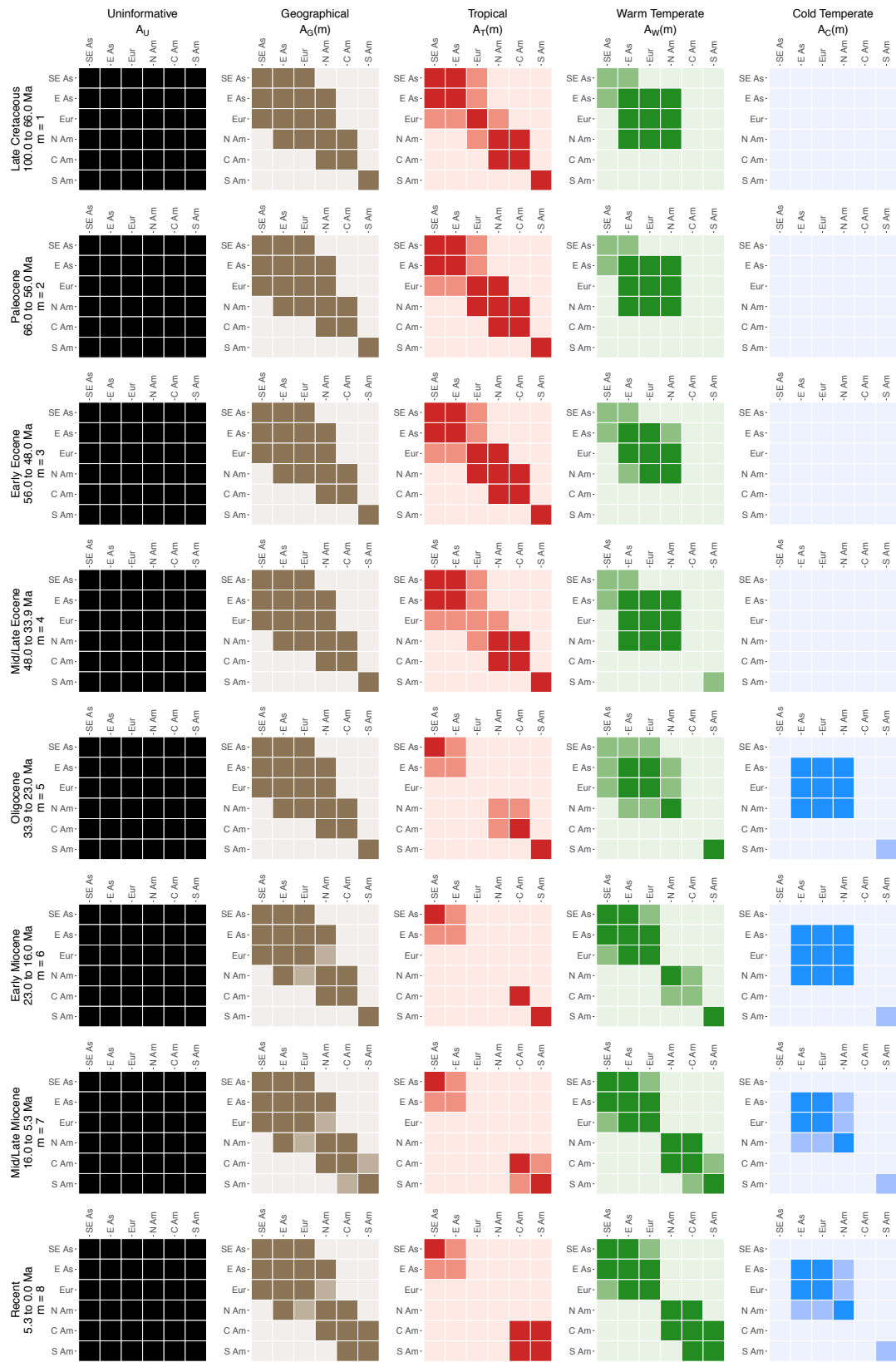
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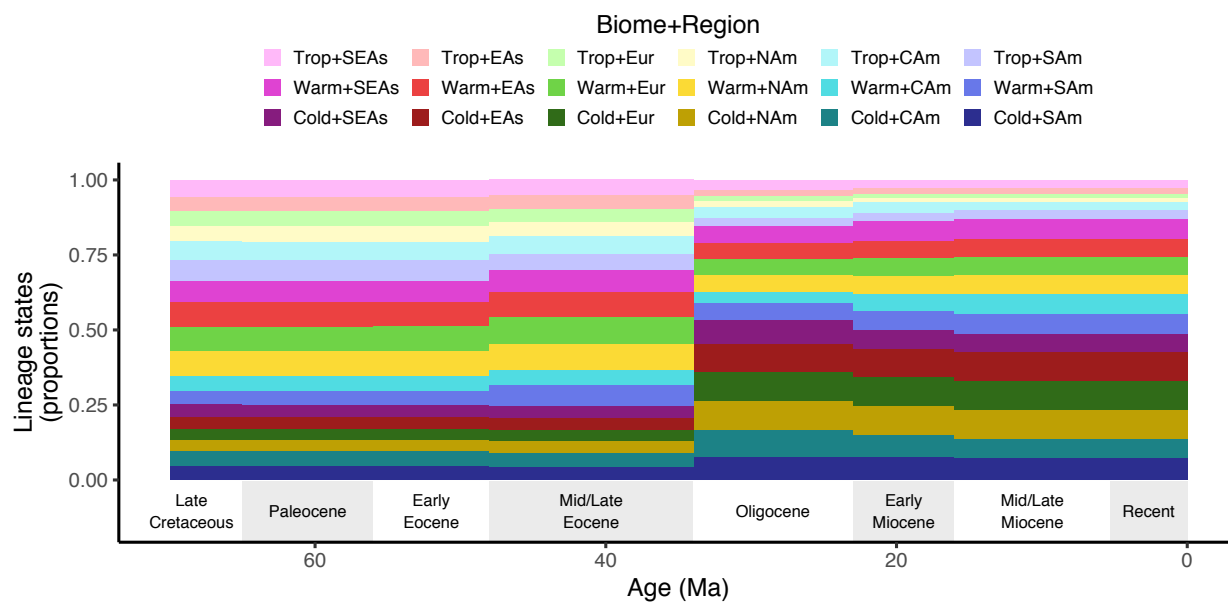


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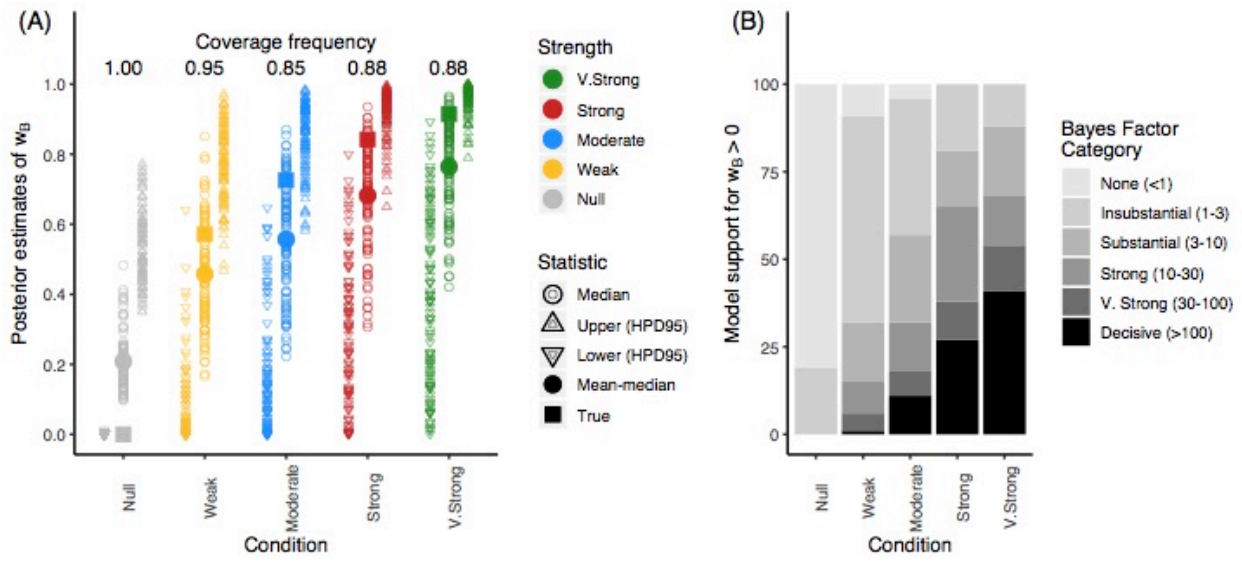


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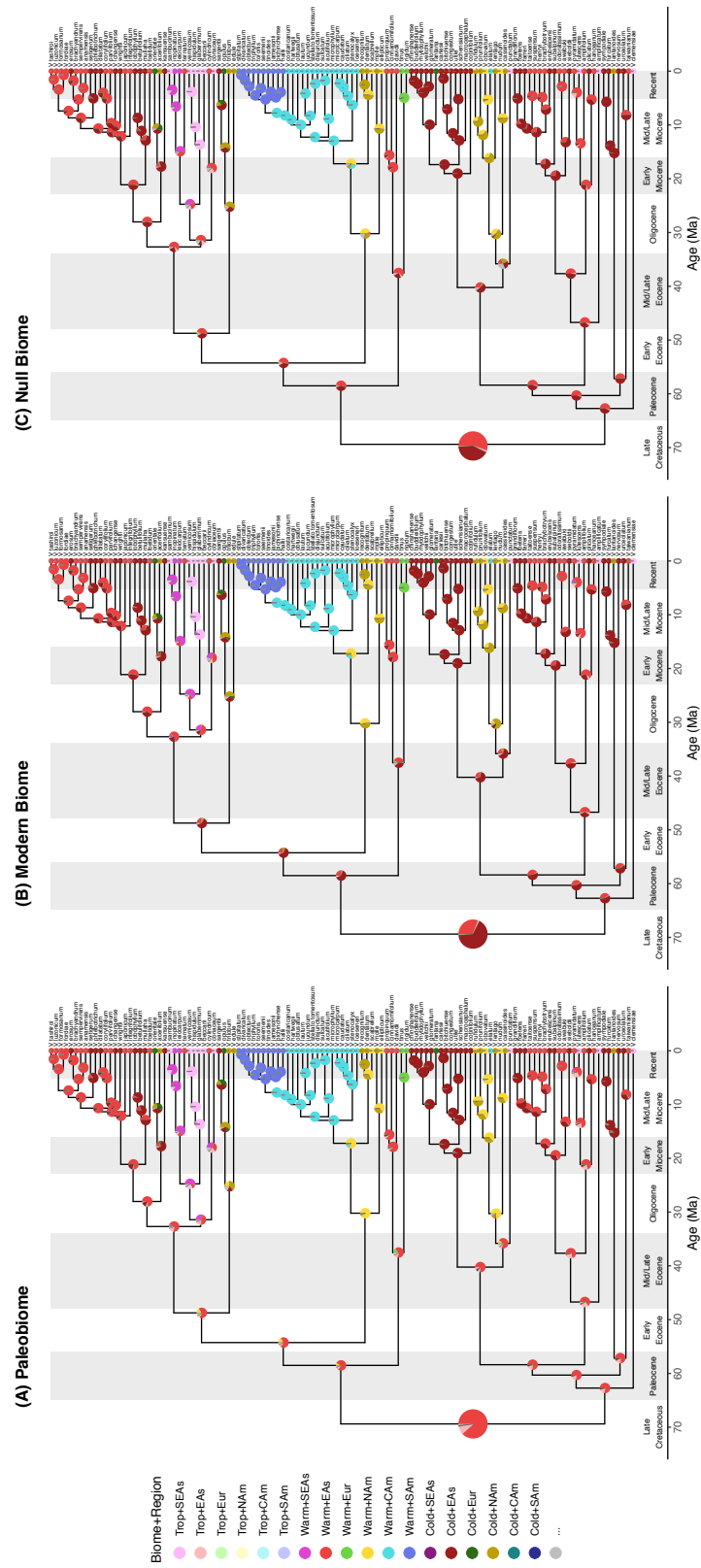
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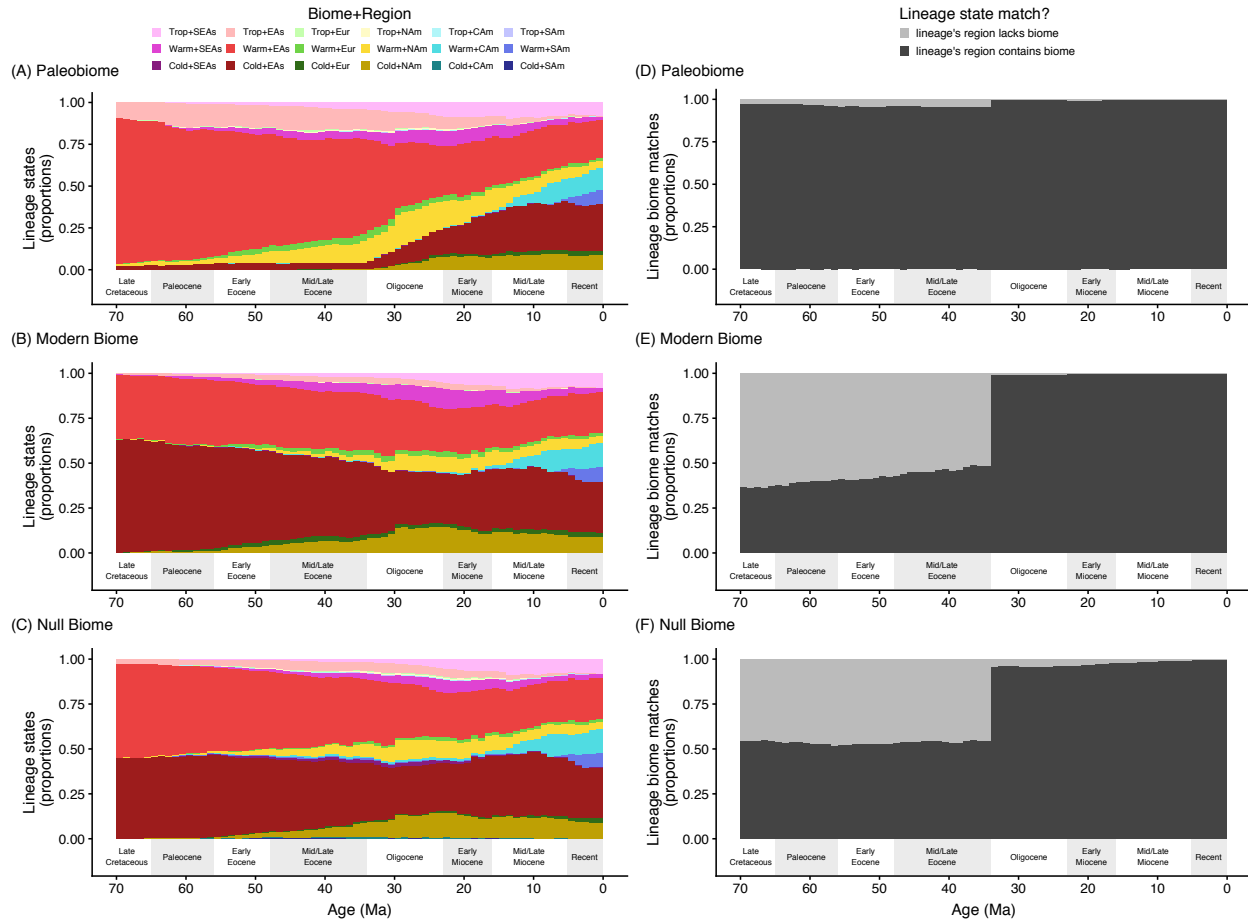


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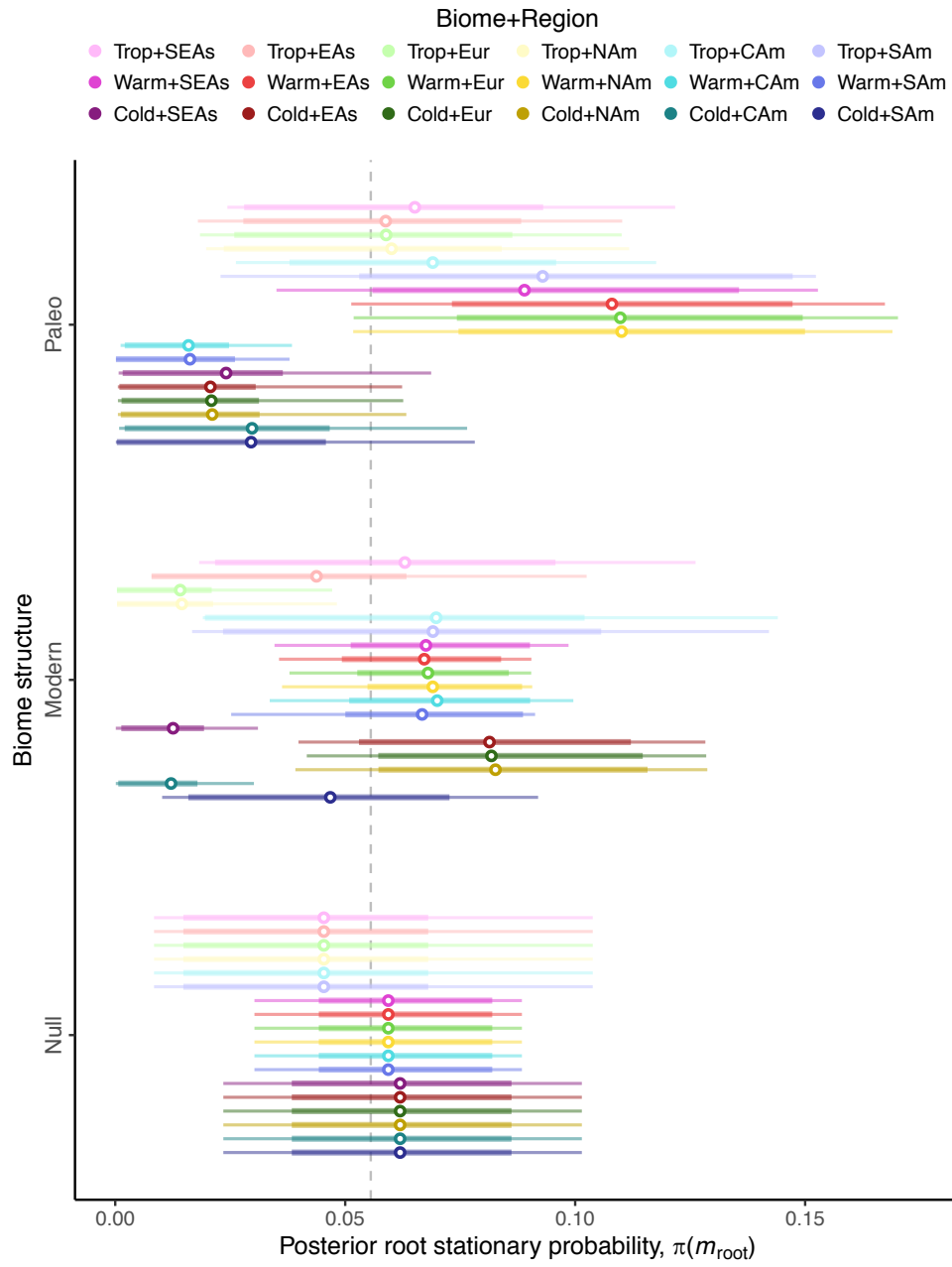


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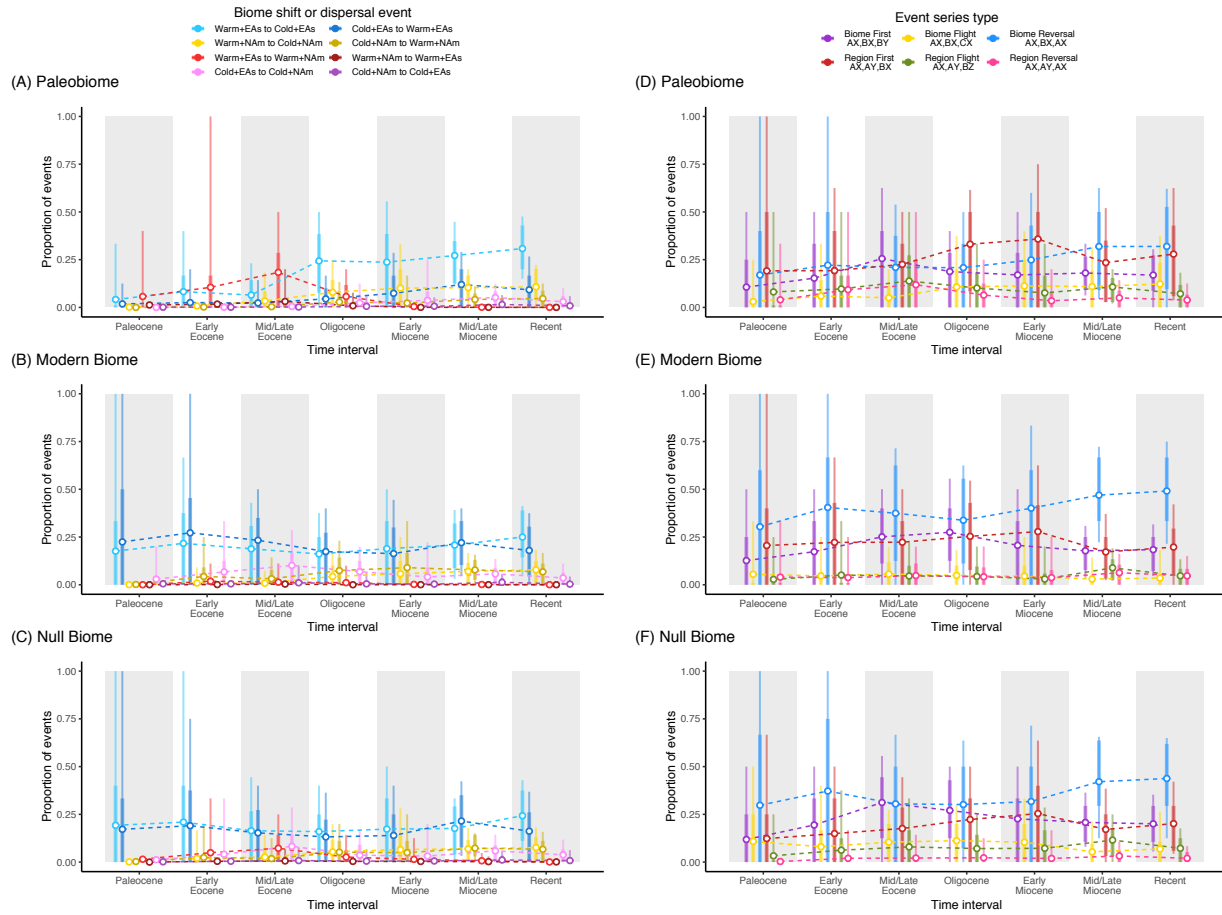
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