

Parasite Lifetime Realized Niche, Preferred Within-Host Niche

Figure S1: Parasite realized niche size as a function of climate change. After Figure 1 in Colwell and Rangel [1], we present an example Hutchinson niche-biotope duality [2] for a hypothetical endoparasite species that utilizes a poikilothermic intermediate host (IH) and a homeothermic definitive host (DH), and that experiences a free-living (environmental) stage once in its life cycle. A parasite is dependent not only on external environmental conditions, but also on the spatiotemporal overlap of both of its hosts, and on the internal host milieu that may also shift with climate change. In most populations, the majority of hosts fall within a range of resistant immunotypes, representing a tradeoff between selection from parasitism and the costs of immunity [3]. The poikilothermic IH, due to its reliance in the external environment to maintain its temperature and metabolism, experiences a greater decrease in its immune function than does the endothermic DH. The decreased resistance may act as a boon to the parasite, increasing the intensity and prevalence of infection within the range, despite overall range contractions. This example highlights the need for an approach that accounts for conflicting effects of climate change (positive and negative) at different scales of parasite ecology.

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