Propositions

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Diversification Models and Neural Inference

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- ☞ Agreement in summary statistics is not evidence of identity.
- ☞ Patterns that cannot be seen cannot be trusted.
- ☞ The world is deterministically stochastic: rules are stable, outcomes are not.
- ☞ Much of modeling is not discovering reality, but fitting it into assumptions.
- ☞ In biology, entities are interconnected almost everywhere you look.
- ☞ A fast estimator is only impressive when it fails honestly.
- ☞ In diversification studies, the hardest question is not "what fits," but "what else could fit."

These propositions are regarded as opposable and defensible, and have been approved as such by the supervisors (promotors).