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## 23 **Abstract**

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## 47 **Introduction**

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49 Much work has focused on the relationship between geographic range size and rates of  
50 speciation and extinction (e.g., Vrba, 1980; Jablonski, 1986; Eldredge, 1989; Stanley, 1990;  
51 Lieberman, 2000; Jablonski & Roy, 2003; Rode & Lieberman, 2004, 2005; Kiessling &  
52 Aberhan, 2007; Liow, 2007; Payne & Finnegan, 2007; Abe & Lieberman, 2009; Stigall, 2010;  
53 Myers & Saupe, 2013; Myers, **MacKenzie, & Lieberman**, 2013; Dunhill & Wills, 2015;  
54 Jablonski & Hunt, 2015; Orzechowski et al., 2015; Saupe et al., 2015; Castiglione et al., 2017;  
55 Pie & Meyer, 2017; Simões et al., 2016; Lam, Stigall, & Matzke, 2018; Schneider, 2018).  
56 Furthermore, the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has greatly facilitated  
57 investigations into this macroevolutionary relationship (Stigall & Lieberman, 2006; Hendricks,  
58 Lieberman, & Stigall, 2008; Dunhill, 2012; Myers, MacKenzie, & Lieberman, 2013; Dunhill &  
59 Wills, 2015; Lieberman & Kimmig, 2018). Here, we focus on how geographic range size and  
60 rates of speciation and extinction changed throughout the Pennsylvanian and early Permian in  
61 the North American Midcontinent Sea in the Cephalopoda, an important clade of pelagic  
62 invertebrates (Landman, Tanabe, & Davis, 1996; Monnet, De Baets, & C. Klug, 2011; Korn et  
63 al., 2015), using GIS. This time interval is particularly interesting for biogeographic and  
64 evolutionary analysis because it is characterized by repetitive glacial-interglacial cycles, a global  
65 transition from an icehouse to greenhouse climate during the Late Paleozoic Ice Age (LPIA)  
66 (Montañez & Poulsen, 2013). Further, **it is generally considered a time of sluggish**  
**67 macroevolutionary dynamics**, i.e. low speciation and extinction rates and low degrees of faunal

68 turnover, that have been demonstrated in studies of other marine invertebrate taxa (Sepkoski,  
69 1998; Stanley & Powell, 2003; Bonelli & Patzkowsky, 2011). However, Balseiro (2016) did  
70 document the existence of some profound evolutionary turnover in bivalves and brachiopods  
71 over the course of this interval in regions closer to the ice sheets, such as present-day western  
72 Argentina. Furthermore, recently Segessenman & Kammer (2018) showed that advanced cladid  
73 crinoids do display elevated rates of evolution and turnover during this time interval (although  
74 three other subclasses of crinoids do show subdued evolutionary rates), and fusulinid  
75 foraminifera also fit the pattern shown in the advanced cladids (Groves & Lee, 2008; Groves &  
76 Yue, 2009; Segessenman & Kammer, 2018).

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78 There have been a variety of hypotheses proposed for the postulated **decelerated**  
79 **macroevolutionary dynamics of the LPIA**. Some studies contend that this pattern is a result of  
80 environmental changes linked to glacial cycling while others point to tectonic activity (Stanley  
81 **and** Powell, 2003; Powell, 2005; Fielding, Frank, & Isbell, 2008; DiMichele et al., 2009; Falcon-  
82 Lang & DiMichele, 2010; Bonelli and Patzkowsky, 2011; Cecil, DiMichele, & Elrick, 2014;  
83 Segessenman & Kammer, 2018). To date, many of the studies focusing on the  
84 macroevolutionary dynamics of the LPIA have concentrated on benthic marine invertebrates  
85 (e.g., Stanley & Powell, 2003; Powell, 2007; Bonelli & Patzkowsky, 2011; Balseiro, 2016;  
86 Segessenman & Kammer, 2018) as they are highly diverse and very abundant. However, it is  
87 valuable to explicitly investigate evolutionary patterns in pelagic marine invertebrates as these  
88 are also diverse and abundant organisms in late Paleozoic marine ecosystems (Landman, Tanabe,  
89 & Davis, 1996; Monnet, De Baets, & Klug, 2011; Korn et al., 2015). In particular, given the  
90 significant role that geographic factors play in speciation (Mayr, 1942; Eldredge & Gould, 1972;



91 Jablonski, 1986; Brooks & McLennan, 1991; Wiley & Lieberman, 2011; Jablonski & Hunt,  
92 2015; Pie & Meyer, 2017), we might expect that pelagic organisms, because of their innately  
93 greater dispersal ability (at least as adults), might show different patterns relative to taxa that  
94 were benthic (Rojas et al., 2017; Yacobucci, 2017). This greater dispersal ability might allow  
95 pelagic organisms to more fully occupy potentially available habitats than benthic organisms,  
96 which could lead to larger geographic ranges and also less change in geographic ranges through  
97 time. It also could potentially influence patterns of speciation and extinction by dampening  
98 opportunities for geographic isolation and creating larger effective population sizes.  
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100 This study focuses on cephalopods from the Pennsylvanian-early Permian (Morrowan, Atokan,  
101 Desmoinesian, Missourian, Virgilian, and Wolfcampian) in the Midcontinent Sea of the United  
102 States as knowledge of the systematic affinities, geographic distribution and overall diversity of  
103 cephalopods during this interval is relatively well understood (Miller, Dunbar, & Condra, 1933;  
104 Newell, 1936; Plummer & Scott, 1937; Miller & Youngquist, 1949; Nassichuk, 1975; Landman,  
105 Tanabe, & Davis, 1996; Kröger, 2005; Korn et al., 2015), the stratigraphy of the region is well  
106 constrained (Heckel, 2008, 2013), and there are extensive exposures of fossiliferous units in the  
107 region. Moreover, at this time the Midcontinent Sea was bordered by the Antler Orogeny to the  
108 north, the Ancestral Rocky Mountain Orogeny to the west/northwest and the Ouachita Mountain  
109 belt to the south/southeast (as well as various structural arches), such that it constituted a distinct  
110 biogeographic region for marine invertebrates (Wells et al., 2007; Nelson & Lucas, 2011;  
111 Joachimski & Lambert, 2015).


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113 The Late Paleozoic Ice Age (LPIA) was the longest lived glacial period of the Phanerozoic and is  
114 relatively well understood due to numerous stratigraphic, sedimentologic, paleontologic, and  
115 isotopic studies (e.g., Mii, Grossman, & Yancey, 1999; Isbell, 2003; Stanley & Powell, 2003;  
116 Raymond & Metz, 2004; Montañez, 2007; Powell, 2007; Tabor & Poulsen, 2007; Fielding,  
117 Frank, & Isbell, 2008; Heckel, 2008; DiMichele et al., 2009; Bonelli & Patzkowsky, 2011;  
118 Montañez & Poulsen, 2013; Balseiro, 2016; Roark et al., 2017; Segessenman & Kammer, 2018).  
119 Glacial cycling in the midcontinent region has received much study (e.g., Isbell, 2003; Heckel,  
120 2008, 2013). Modern synthesis of the glacial history indicates that the Morrowan to early  
121 Desmoinesian represented a localized glacial period, the late Desmoinesian to early Virgilian  
122 represented a widespread interglacial period with minor glaciation, and the late Virgilian to early  
123 Wolfcampian represented the apex of widespread glaciation (Montañez & Poulsen, 2013).  
124 Modeling predicts that sea-level oscillations in the late Pennsylvanian were between 50-100  
125 meters depending upon the number and volume of melting ice sheets, and that water  
126 temperatures are estimated to have been between 4-7°C cooler during glacial maxima than inter-  
127 glacial periods (Heckel, 1986; Isbell, 2003; Montañez, 2007; Tabor, 2007; Heckel, 2008; Cecil,  
128 DiMichele, & Elrick, 2014). The sea-level and temperature changes were likely to have had an  
129 important influence on species distribution and geographic range size during this time  
130 (Waterhouse & Shi, 2010). **Though perhaps pelagic taxa would be less influenced by glacial**  
  
**131 sea-level cycles than benthic taxa,** as these cycles are also known to cause variation in seafloor  
132 ventilation, with concomitant dysoxia/anoxia that is more severe for benthic taxa (A. Dunhill,  
133 pers. comm., 2018).

## 134 **Materials and methods**

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137 **Taxa considered, stratigraphic correlation, specimens examined, and georeferencing:** 

138 **species belonging to 26 genera** (13 nautiloids and 13 ammonoids) of cephalopods in the

139 Pennsylvanian-Permian North American Midcontinent Sea were considered (Table S1). These

140 represent the most abundant, well preserved, and taxonomically well understood species. Range

141 reconstructions relied on the occurrence records of specimens derived from a comprehensive

142 consideration of the entire taxonomic literature on the taxa studied. In particular, the following

143 publications were utilized: Cox (1857), Swallow (1858), McChesney (1860), Meek & Worthen

144 (1860, 1870), White & St. John (1867), White (1889), Hyatt (1891, 1893), Keyes (1894), Miller

145 (1892), Smith (1896, 1903), Girty (1911, 1915), Mather (1915) Böse (1919, 1920), Miller

146 (1930), Sayre (1930), Miller, Dunbar, & Condra (1933), Miller & Cline (1934), Miller & Owen

147 (1934, 1937, 1939), Foerste (1936), Miller & Thomas (1936), Newell (1936), Plummer & Scott

148 (1937), Elias (1938a, b), Miller & Moore (1938), Smith (1938), Miller & Furnish (1940a, b,

149 1957), Teichert (1940), Clifton (1942), Miller & Unklesbay (1942), Young (1942), Sturgeon

150 (1946), Miller, Lane, & Unklesbay (1947), Miller & Downs (1948, 1950), Miller & Youngquist

151 (1947, 1949), Miller, Youngquist, & Nielsen (1952), Kummel (1953, 1963), Ruzhentsev &

152 Shimanskiy (1954), Unklesbay (1954), Arkell et al. (1957), Unklesbay & Palmer (1958), Hoare

153 (1961), Furnish, Glenister, & Hansman (1962), McCaleb (1963), Gordon (1964), Miller & Breed

154 (1964), Teichert et al. (1964), Furnish & Glennister (1971), Ruzhentsev & Bogoslovskaya

155 (1971), Nassichuk (1975), Sturgeon et al. (1982), Hewitt et al. (1989), Boardman et al. (1994),

156 Kues (1995), White & Skorina (1999), Kröger & Mapes (2005), Furnish et al. (2009), and Niko

157 & Mapes (2009) as well as from examination of all specimens, including types, housed in: the

158 Division of Invertebrate Paleontology, Biodiversity Institute, University of Kansas (KUMIP); the

159 University of Iowa Paleontology Repository (UI); and the Yale University Peabody Museum of



160 Natural History (YPM). These institutions house the **most complete repository** of cephalopod  
161 diversity from this region and time as well as contain many of the type specimens of the species  
162 examined. Moreover, all specimens used in the analysis were personally examined and  
163 taxonomically-vetted via consideration of the literature, relevant type specimens, and other  
164 material, with species assignments and determinations made by the first author. Over 1,100  
165 specimens were identified to species level in this study (Kolis, 2017). We chose to focus on the  
166 particular species considered, rather than downloading data from the Paleobiology Data Base  
167 (PBDB), as we wanted to be able to personally validate the taxonomic identity of specimens  
168 using collections data in conjunction with the literature in order to present more rigorously  
169 corroborated hypotheses about the geographic distributions of species. We consider this  
170 approach to be complementary to those approaches that utilize the PBDB in paleobiogeographic  
171 studies. On the one hand, our approach did limit the number of species we were able to consider.  
172 On the other hand, we believe it is quite important to evaluate hypotheses about systematic  
173 affinities of fossil specimens, the actual data of the fossil record themselves, in detail and thereby  
174 accurately define the taxonomic units considered. Given that species represent key  
175 macroevolutionary units in nature (Eldredge, 1989; Wiley & Lieberman, 2011; Hendricks et al.,  
176 2014), correctly characterizing them taxonomically, and thus validating the scope of their  
177 geographic distributions, is critical. Moreover, it has recently been shown by Marshall et al.  
178 (2018) that incorporating museum specimen data in the manner that our study has can greatly  
179 expand, enhance, and improve knowledge of geographic distributions of fossil species, relative  
180 to studies that only utilize data from the PBDB.

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182 Specimens were assigned to the Virgilian, Missourian, Desmoinesian, Atokan, Morrowan, or  
183 Wolfcampian stages using the USGS National Geologic Map Database (U.S. Geological Survey,  
184 2017), Sawin et al. (2006, 2008, 2009), Zeller (1968), Pope (2012), and Heckel (2013). The  
185 temporal boundaries of stages were derived from Davydov, Korn, & Schmitz (2012) (Table S2).



186 All specimen localities were georeferenced during the course of the study. *GEOLocate* (Rios and  
187 Bart, 2018) and the *MaNIS Georeferencing Calculator* (Wieczorek, 2015) were used to obtain  
188 coordinates and uncertainty radii. All points were calculated in decimal degrees within the  
189 WGS84 model in the *GEOLocate* (Rios & Bart, 2018) world topo layer to ensure consistency  
190 and accuracy in determinations. Most uncertainty radii were less than 10 kms. Any specimens  
191 with questionable locality information were excluded from analyses, as were specimens with an  
192 uncertainty radius larger than the county they were contained within. This left 950 specimens  
193 (Table S1) to use in range reconstruction and statistical analysis of geographic range through  
194 geologic time. All statistical analyses were performed using Minitab® Statistical Software  
195 *Minitab v. 17* (Minitab, 2016) and *R-Studio Version 3.4.0* (2017).



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197 **Range reconstruction using GIS:** Methods for range reconstruction follow Rode & Lieberman  
198 (2004, 2005), Stigall & Lieberman (2006), Hendricks, Lieberman, & Stigall (2008), Myers &  
199 Lieberman (2011), Myers, MacKenzie, and Lieberman (2013), and Dunhill & Wills (2015). In  
200 particular, after specimen occurrence data were georeferenced and assigned to temporal bins,  
201 *Excel* CSV files were compiled for the occurrence points for all specimens within species. CSV  
202 files were imported into *ArcGIS v. 10.3* (ESRI, 2014) and layers were created using geographic  
203 coordinate system ‘WGS 1984’ and projected coordinate system ‘WGS 1984 World Mercator’  
204 (Fig. 1). These layers were input into *PaleoWeb* (The Rothwell Group LP, 2016) to rotate  
205 coordinates into continental configuration and geographic position of the midcontinent region

206 during the Pennsylvanian-early Permian (Fig. 2). These paleo-coordinate layers were then re-  
207 projected into *ArcMap* (ESRI, 2014).

208 Geographic range values were calculated for each species (Table S3) using minimum bounding  
209 geometry. This method has been shown to provide the most accurate method for reconstructing  
210 changes in geographic range, especially for fossil taxa (Darroch & Saupe, 2018). Convex hulls or  
211 buffers were given to every specimen occurrence point in each species and these shapefiles were  
212 re-projected in ‘South America-Albers Equal Area Conic’. This model was used to accommodate  
213 the rotation of species occurrence coordinates into the southern hemisphere during the Late  
214 Paleozoic. Species with **three or more occurrence points** were given a convex hull that spanned  
215 the entire area between occurrences. In this way, multiple occurrence points were combined to  
216 recreate the geographic range of a single species. Species with only one occurrence point were  
217 given a 10km<sup>2</sup> buffer; species with just two occurrence points were given a 10km<sup>2</sup> wide buffer  
218 which was used, in conjunction with their distance, to derive an area value (following Rode &  
219 Lieberman [2004, 2005], Hendricks, Lieberman, & Stigall [2008], Myers & Lieberman [2011],  
220 and Myers, MacKenzie, and Lieberman [2013]).

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222 **Assessing fossil record bias:** A common concern when studying the fossil record is that there  
223 might be biases that could lead to inaccurate or artifactual findings. This concern can be  
224 manifold, but the two most pertinent issues here involve incomplete sampling and/or issues of  
225 stratigraphic bias. While it is important to be aware of the fact that the fossil record is  
226 incomplete, it is worth recognizing that there is a large body of research that demonstrates many  
227 of the biogeographic patterns preserved in the fossil record, particularly in marine settings,  
228 represent real biological phenomena, rather than taphonomic artifacts (Myers & Lieberman,

229 2011; Rook, Heim, & Marcot, 2013; Dunhill & Wills, 2015). Further, it is also prudent to realize  
230 that sampling bias is a common issue in studies of extant biodiversity and species distribution,  
231 and much work needs to be done in this area to alleviate the biases of the extant biota  
232 (Lieberman, 2002; Carrasco, 2003).

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234 The possibility that biases in the fossil record might lead to artifactual results was assessed in a  
235 few different ways. First, the relationship between outcrop availability and the geographic range  
236 of Pennsylvanian and Permian cephalopods was determined (see Myers & Lieberman, 2011). A  
237 percent coverage table of the range size of species overlaid against temporal outcrop availability  
238 was created using *ArcGIS v. 10.3* (ESRI, 2014). A low percentage of overlap between range size  
239 and outcrop area would suggest species distributions are more likely to reflect ‘real’  
240 biogeographic patterns while a high percentage of overlap would suggest the presence or absence  
241 of outcrop was significantly influencing results (Myers & Lieberman, 2011; Myers, MacKenzie,  
242 & Lieberman, 2013; however, see also Dunhill, 2012 for an alternative viewpoint). The second  
243 test used was an “n-1” jackknifing analysis. This procedure sub-sampled species range size  
244 within each temporal bin to test the resilience of data to outliers. Mean range size estimations  
245 were generated for each temporal bin; these were input into a one-way ANOVA to compare  
246 jackknife estimates with the initial geographic range size estimates (Myers & Lieberman, 2011;  
247 Myers, MacKenzie, & Lieberman, 2013). Finally, a Pearson rank correlation test was performed  
248 to test the association of occurrence points and geographic range size; a close correlation would  
249 indicate that reconstructed ranges were very much dependent on sampling and suggest that  
250 reconstructed biogeographic patterns might be an artifact of a biased fossil record (Myers,  
251 MacKenzie, & Lieberman, 2013).

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253 **Speciation and extinction rate calculations:** Speciation and extinction rates were calculated in  
 254 order to consider macroevolutionary dynamics in cephalopods from the Late Paleozoic  
 255 Midcontinent Sea. Macroevolutionary rates were calculated using the following equation,  
 256 presented in Foote (2000) and Rode & Lieberman (2005):

$$257 \quad N_f = N_0 e^{rt}$$

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 260 where  $N_0$  is the species richness at the beginning of a temporal bin,  $N_f$  is the species richness at  
 261 the end of a temporal bin,  $t$  is the duration of a temporal bin, and  $r$  is the total rate of diversity  
 262 change. The temporal bins used were North American stages (Table S2). Species richness values  
 263 ( $N_f$ ) were determined for each temporal bin and were parsed into ‘carry-over’ ( $N_0$ ) and ‘new’  
 264 species richness values to ensure the accuracy of speciation and extinction rate calculation. In  
 265 this way, it was possible to calculate the rate of diversity change between bins. For example,  $r$   
 266  $r_{\text{Atokan}} = (\ln N_{0\text{-Desmoinesian}} - \ln N_{0\text{-Atokan}}) / t_{\text{Atokan}}$ . Speciation rate within each temporal bin was  
 267 calculated using the equation  $S_{\text{Atokan}} = (\ln N_{f\text{-Atokan}} - \ln N_{0\text{-Atokan}}) / t_{\text{Atokan}}$ , and extinction rate within  
 268 each temporal bin was calculated using the equation  $E_{\text{Atokan}} = S_{\text{Atokan}} - r_{\text{Atokan}}$  for each temporal  
 269 stage (Foote, 2000; Rode & Lieberman, 2005).

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## 271 **Results**

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273 **Paleobiogeographic patterns:** Geographic range data were analyzed separately across all  
 274 cephalopods and individually for both nautiloids and ammonoids. **Species geographic range size**  
 275 **data were tested for normality within each temporal stage using the Anderson-Darling normality**  
 276 **test. Range size data within each temporal stage were not normally distributed for any data**





277 combination ( $P < 0.005$ ). Instead, distributions were left skewed across all temporal stages for  
278 every data grouping. Data were subsequently log-transformed to normalize data, and statistical  
279 analyses were performed on both original and transformed data.


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281 In general, geographic range size (either mean of transformed data or median of original) of  
282 ammonoids and nautiloids increases during the Missourian and Virgilian stages (Fig. 3), which  
283 was a time of sea-level rise due to warming during an interglacial (Isbell, 2003; Montañez &  
284 Poulsen, 2013), such that there may be an association between the sea-level rise and the increase  
285 in geographic range. Another possibility is that there was some change in taphonomic conditions  
286 that occurred during the Virgilian that made it easier to discern the actual biogeographic  
287 distributions of species at this time, relative to other time intervals (G. Pineiro, pers. comm.,  
288 2018). However, none of the changes in geographic range were statistically significant, so it is  
289 not possible to infer strong correlation between the sea-level rise, or possible taphonomic factors,  
290 and the range expansion. For instance, Mann-Whitney U tests found no statistically significant  
291 changes (at  $P \leq 0.05$ ) in median geographic range size for any temporal stages separately across  
292 all cephalopods, as well as individually for nautiloids and ammonoids, even prior to correction  
293 for multiple comparisons. This is because with the Mann-Whitney U test median range values  
294 are considered, and for all cephalopods the median range values are constant through time  
295 ( $79\text{km}^2$ ).



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297 The same was true for two-sample t-tests performed on log-transformed data which again found  
298 no statistically significant changes (at  $P \leq 0.05$ ) in mean geographic range size though time, even  
299 prior to correction for multiple comparisons. Again, recall that *mean* range size data are shown


300 in Figure 3, and the differences among log-transformed data through time are far less substantial  
301 (and ultimately not significant). Furthermore, a one-way ANOVA, either with or without the  
302 assumption of equal variance, failed to find any significant differences (at  $P \leq 0.05$ ) between  
303 stages for log-transformed mean geographic range size across all cephalopods as well as  
304 individually for nautiloids and ammonoids. 

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306 **Analysis of macroevolutionary rates:** Speciation rate (S) and extinction rate (E) were  
307 calculated for the Atokan, Desmoinesian, Missourian, and Virgilian stages across **all**   
308 cephalopods and **within** nautiloids and ammonoids, respectively. The S and E presented across  
309 all cephalopods are comprised of two calculations; one calculation included taxa that only  
310 occurred in a single temporal stage (Table 1; Fig. 4), while the other calculation **excluded taxa**  
311 **that occurred in a single temporal stage**  (Table S4). S and E was also calculated for ammonoids  
312 and for nautiloids including (Tables S5, S6) and excluding taxa that occurred in a single stage  
313 (Tables S7, S8). Note, due to the dependence of calculations on diversity metrics from both  
314 adjacent stages, it is not possible to accurately calculate the rate of biodiversity change (R), or S  
315 and E for the first stage considered, the Morrowan, nor R or E for the last stage considered, the  
316 Wolfcampian (these are thus left blank in Table 1 and Tables S4-S8). While it might have been  
317 possible to infer S and E using other methods, to do so would exaggerate the significance of edge  
318 effects and thus be problematic (Foote, 2000).

319

320 Across **all**  cephalopods, S was high in the Atokan and Desmoinesian, fell in the Missourian, and  
321 reached very low levels in the Virgilian and Wolfcampian (Fig. 4). By contrast, E was low in the  
322 Atokan and Desmoinesian, began to rise in the Missourian, and reached even higher levels in the

323 Virgilian (Fig. 4). Essentially, across all cephalopods examined, when S is high, E is low, and  
324 when S is low, E is high. This is potentially contrary to the pattern expected with an ecological  
325 opportunity model of speciation (Simões et al., 2016), although the specific processes driving the  
326 diversification could not be determined at this time. However, it is possible that when S was  
327 high there may have been many short-lived species that could not be sampled that were actually  
328 going extinct, and this phenomenon would artificially depress E. 

329

330 As expected, S and E are lower when singletons are excluded (see Tables 1, S4). (See  
  
331 Segesseman & Kammer [2018] for a recent discussion of how singletons can affect manifest  
332 patterns in these types of studies.) Notably though, S and E patterns diverge somewhat between  
333 ammonoids and nautiloids when considered individually. For instance, in nautiloids S is high in  
334 the Atokan and Desmoinesian, then declines to moderate in the Missourian, and is at its lowest in  
335 the Missourian and Wolfcampian (Table S6), whereas in ammonoids S is only high in the  
336 Atokan, declines to moderate in the Desmoinesian, declines somewhat more in the Missourian  
337 and then remains essentially constant through the Wolfcampian (Table S5). In addition, E is low  
338 in ammonoids during the Desmoinesian and Missourian but high in the Atokan and  
339 Wolfcampian (Table S5), whereas in nautiloids there are no observed extinctions during the  
340 Atokan; values remain quite low for nautiloids in the Desmoinesian, rise somewhat in the  
341 Missourian, and then rise again in the Virgilian (Table S6).

342

343 An important caveat regarding the calculation of S is that many of the species analyzed belong to  
344 genera that were widely distributed beyond the Midcontinent Sea during the Late Paleozoic.  
345 Thus, although none of the species considered in these analyses occurred outside of the

346 Midcontinent Sea, their close relatives did. It is conceivable that while speciation events and  
347 rates by necessity are treated as occurring *in situ* herein, this might not always have been the  
348 case. Instead, some speciation events could have occurred outside of the Midcontinent Sea with  
349 subsequent invasion events into that region. These invasions would appear as *in situ* speciation  
350 events in this analysis, although they actually were not. In the absence of phylogenetic  
351 hypotheses for the genera considered it is not currently possible to consider how much of the  
352 pattern pertaining to speciation rate shown in Fig. 4 is due to invasion instead of speciation.  
353 Further, a related phenomenon could affect the calculation of E: at times what were treated as  
354 extinction events might have simply been local extinctions in the Midcontinent Sea which could  
355 have included emigration to other regions. As mentioned previously, it does not appear that any  
356 of the species considered occur outside of the Midcontinent Sea, but a phylogenetic hypothesis  
357 for these groups would be valuable for considering this issue in greater detail.

358

359 **Relationship between biogeography and macroevolutionary rates:** Mean geographic range  
360 size increased during the Missourian and Virgilian and declined in the Wolfcampian (Fig. 3);  
361 speciation rates were high in the Atokan and Desmoinesian and fell in the Virgilian (Fig. 4);  
362 extinction rates were low in the Atokan and Desmoinesian and rose in the Virgilian (Fig. 4). The  
363 Pearson correlation test in *Minitab 17* (Minitab, 2016) was used to examine the association  
364 between geographic range and either speciation rate extinction rate in greater detail. No  
365 significant (at  $P \leq 0.05$ ) correlation between speciation or extinction rate and range size was  
366 found across all cephalopods or within ammonoids or nautiloids individually (Table 2).  
367 However, in cases the values approach  $P = 0.05$ : for instance, the association between

368 decreasing geographic range size and increasing extinction for all cephalopods and for  
369 ammonoids alone. Notably, an association between decreasing geographic range size and  
370 increasing extinction has been documented by numerous studies (e.g. Vrba, 1980; Jablonski,  
371 1986; Eldredge, 1989; Stanley, 1990; Jablonski & Roy, 2003; Rode & Lieberman, 2004, 2005;  
372 Kiessling & Aberhan, 2007; Payne & Finnegan, 2007; Stigall, 2010; Dunhill & Wills, 2015;  
373 Jablonski & Hunt, 2015; Orzechowski et al., 2015; Saupe et al., 2015; Castiglione et al., 2017;  
374 Pie & Meyer, 2017; Lam, Stigall, & Matzke, 2018; Schneider, 2018) and thus is a very robust  
375 phenomenon in general and likely to be operating to some extent herein. However, over this time  
376 interval and for this particular group of species the association is not statistically significant  
377 (Table 2), probably because sample sizes are not large, and further this is likely because many  
378 taxa were culled by the late Mississippian extinction (M. Powell, pers. comm., 2018).

379

380 **Analysis of fossil record bias:** The low percentage of overlap between cephalopod species  
381 geographic ranges and available outcrop, less than 1% in 29 out of 30 species (Table S9; the one  
382 species with a larger percentage value, *Orthoceras kansasense*, occurs throughout the  
383 Midcontinent Sea), suggests the results are not simply an artifact of an incomplete fossil record,  
384 at least pertaining to outcrop availability. The “n-1” jackknifing analysis also supports the  
385 robustness of the reconstructed ranges, as no statistically significant differences were found  
386 between the mean of the reconstructed and subsampled range values for any time interval (all P-  
387 values > 0.9), suggesting that one or a few occurrence records are not having a major influence  
388 on biogeographic patterns. Similar results were found in other taxa and time periods by Hunt,  
389 Roy, & Jablonski (2005), Myers & Lieberman (2011), and Myers, MacKenzie, & Lieberman  
390 (2013), although Dunhill, Hannisdal, & Benton (2014) did find some association between

391 outcrop area and diversity in the case of the marine fossil record of Great Britain. Finally, the  
392 Pearson correlation test shows no correlation (-0.055, P-Value = 0.789) between the number of  
393 occurrence points and geographic range size; this provides further evidence that the  
394 biogeographic signatures of Late Paleozoic cephalopods are unlikely to be simply an artifact of  
395 the fossil record.

396

397 **Diversity patterns:** Across all cephalopods, species richness increased from the Morrowan to  
398 the Atokan, peaked in the Desmoinesian, and decreased through the Wolfcampian (Fig. S1). A  
399 similar pattern is seen in the nautiloids (Fig. S2). However, the ammonoids (Fig. S3) demonstrate  
400 an earlier peak in the Atokan, followed by a Desmoinesian to Virgilian plateau, with a decrease  
401 in the Wolfcampian. Notably, previous studies of Late Paleozoic brachiopod communities in  
402 Bolivia showed a consistent trend between diversity and glacial cycling with increased diversity  
403 during glacial periods and decreased diversity during inter-glacial periods (Badyrka, Clapham, &  
404 Lopez, 2013). However, there seems to be less consistency between species richness trends and  
405 glacial cycling in the Midcontinent Sea. For instance, there is an increase in cephalopod species  
406 richness throughout the Morrowan to Desmoinesian associated with localized glaciation, and an  
407 interglacial period with generally minor glaciation is associated with a decrease in cephalopod  
408 species richness from the Desmoinesian to Virgilian, yet by contrast widespread glaciation is  
409 associated with a decrease in species richness from the Virgilian to the Wolfcampian. An  
410 important point, however, is that these are just raw diversity patterns and sample standardized  
411 diversity patterns show a different result (M. Powell, pers. comm., 2018).


## 412 **Discussion**

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414

415 Geographic range shifts through time are one of the pervasive phenomena in the history of  
416 life; these are manifest both within species and higher-level clades, occur at a number of  
417 different time scales, and are frequently linked to climatic change (Wiley & Lieberman, 2011).  
418 Specific examples do come from the Late Paleozoic, a time of extensive climate change  
419 including profound glaciation along with numerous glacial and interglacial cycles (Montañez and  
420 Poulsen, 2013). Those changes impacted patterns of geographic range in both terrestrial plant  
421 (e.g., DiMichele et al., 2009; Falcon-Lang & DiMichele, 2010) and marine invertebrate  
422 ecosystems (e.g., Leighton, 2005; Powell, 2007; Waterhouse & Shi, 2010). When it comes to  
423 marine invertebrates from this time interval, most of the focus has been on the highly diverse  
424 benthic faunas (e.g., Stanley & Powell, 2003; Powell, 2007; Bonelli & Patzkowsky, 2011;  
425 Balseiro, 2016; Segessenman & Kammer, 2018); however, taxa that have a pelagic life style (as  
426 adults) are also worth examining. Herein, 79 pelagic species of cephalopods were examined for  
427 patterns of range size change using GIS and although in general these species exhibit some  
428 evidence for changes in geographic range size (Fig. 3), those changes were not statistically  
429 significant nor can they be directly tied to climate change. In a similar vein, many  
430 paleontological studies have demonstrated that species with larger geographic ranges tend to  
431 have lower extinction rates than species with narrower geographic range sizes (e.g., Vrba, 1980;  
432 Jablonski, 1986; Eldredge, 1989; Stanley, 1990; Rode & Lieberman, 2004; Stigall & Lieberman,  
433 2006; Payne & Finnegan, 2007; Stigall, 2010; Hopkins, 2011; Dunhill & Wills, 2015). Again,  
434 this phenomenon was not found to be statistically significant in the case of the Late Paleozoic  
435 cephalopod species considered herein (Table 2).

436

437 There may be a few different explanations for these findings. First, it may be that cephalopod  
438 species were not significantly affected by the glacial-interglacial climatic cycles transpiring  
439 within the Late Paleozoic Midcontinent Sea. A second possible explanation, perhaps coupled to  
440 the first, is that since cephalopods are highly mobile relative to benthic marine invertebrates such  
441 as gastropods, bivalves, brachiopods, etc., they can more easily occupy a greater portion of their  
442 potential range relative to taxa that are benthic (at least as adults). Further, perhaps the available  
443 potential range of cephalopod species does not change much in glacial relative to interglacial  
444 regimes. This may seem unlikely given the vast fluctuations in sea level occurring at the time,  
445 but pelagic marine organisms, because of their ease of dispersal, may more easily maintain  
446 consistent geographic ranges relative to benthic counterparts. Another possible explanation for  
447 the pattern retrieved is that, given the limits of stratigraphic correlation, sample size, and the  
448 completeness of the fossil record, it was necessary for the analyses of species distribution  
449 conducted herein to focus on the time scale of geological stages, whereas in actuality there were  
450 climatic changes occurring within stages (Heckel, 2008, 2013); these probably did cause  
451 fluctuations in species' geographic ranges within stages, but simply could not be observed  in the  
452 **present study**. A final set of explanations are related to the issue of sampling. For instance, it  
453 was more difficult for the analyses presented herein to detect a relationship between geographic  
454 range size and macroevolutionary rate because speciation and extinction rates could only be  
455 calculated for four stages. Further, a common concern when studying the fossil record is that  
456 there might be biases that can lead to inaccurate findings. This concern can be manifold, and  
457 although it is not entirely obviated by the results presented regarding the apparent quality of the  
458 fossil record suggested by the various tests presented, it does become harder to invoke as a  
459 specific, primary reason for results retrieved.



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461 Another finding perhaps contrary to what might typically be expected for the Late Paleozoic is  
462 that there was at least some evolutionary diversification and turnover within cephalopods, such  
463 that species diversity did fluctuate throughout the Pennsylvanian and early Permian.

464 Pennsylvanian rates of macroevolution are typically classified as ‘sluggish’ or ‘stolid’ across all  
465 marine animals, and Sepkoski (1998) formalized the notion that there was a marked decline in  
466 evolutionary rates of Carboniferous and Permian marine faunas. Stanley & Powell (2003)

467 reiterated this result and identified low mean macroevolutionary rates for marine invertebrate

468 taxa. Bonelli & Patzkowsky (2011) also documented a pattern of low turnover in the face of

469 major episodes of sea-level rise and fall due to climatic change. The results from the analyses

470 presented herein could indicate that macroevolutionary rate, at least in the case of Late Paleozoic

471 cephalopods, was more dynamic than often thought. One possible reason for this result is that

472 cephalopods are a fairly evolutionarily volatile group (Lieberman & Melott, 2013) relative to

473 many other marine invertebrate groups and have relatively high rates of diversification (Stanley,

474 1979; Jacobs et al., 1994; Landman, Tanabe, & Davis, 1996; Monnet, De Baets, & Klug, 2011;

475 Korn, Klug, & Walton, 2015; Korn et al., 2015); thus, they would generally be expected to have

476 higher rates of speciation and extinction than typical. However, this may not be the entire

477 explanation, as other groups also seem to show elevated rates of speciation and extinction during

478 this time interval. For instance, Balseiro (2016) did document evolutionary turnover at high

479 latitudes, and elevated evolutionary rates have also been found in fusulinid foraminifera (Groves

480 & Lee, 2008; Groves & Yue, 2009) and advanced cladid crinoids (Segessenman & Kammer,

481 2018). Ultimately, we support the contention raised by Segessenman & Kammer (2018) that

482 patterns from a few individual groups do not refute the general pattern of sluggish

483 macroevolution postulated for this time period in the history of life. The results may lend  
484 credence to the notion that macroevolutionary patterns across all marine animals are rarely  
485 unitary for any one time period in the history of life, and instead often tend to be variegated.

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## 487 **Conclusions**

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489 Patterns of range size change in late Paleozoic cephalopods from the North American  
490 Midcontinent Sea were investigated using GIS. These species do exhibit some evidence for  
491 changes in geographic range size through time, but the changes were not statistically significant  
492 nor could they be directly tied to climate change. Further, in contradistinction to what is usually  
493 found in the fossil record, cephalopod species with larger geographic ranges were not found to  
494 have lower extinction rates than species with narrower geographic ranges. These distinctive  
495 patterns may perhaps be related to the fact that cephalopods are pelagic and highly mobile, at  
496 least relative to many benthic marine invertebrates. Finally, the group shows more evolutionary  
497 diversification and turnover during the Pennsylvanian and early Permian than is typical of other  
498 marine invertebrate groups and this could be related to the fact that cephalopods are an  
499 evolutionarily volatile group.

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922 **Figure Captions**

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924 **Figure 1: Distribution of Pennsylvanian and early Permian cephalopods.**

925 A) Distribution of Pennsylvanian nautiloid and ammonoid data points (red) and B) early Permian

926 nautiloid and ammonoid data points (blue) across the midcontinent region of North America.

927 Plotted using *ArcGIS v. 10.3* (ESRI, 2014) software at 1: 20,000,000.

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929 **Figure 2: Occurrence points of *Metacoceras* sp. and *Mooreoceras* sp.**

930 For the Virgilian, shown on possible paleogeography of that stage, at 1:1,000,000,000 scale;

931 plotted using *PaleoWeb* (The Rothwell Group LP, 2016).

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933 **Figure 3: Mean geographic range size in km<sup>2</sup> of cephalopods through time.**

934 Nautiloid species (A) and ammonoid species (B) range changes occur but are not statistically  
935 significant when analyzed using non-parametric tests (note, median range size data not graphed  
936 but for all cephalopods they are 79km<sup>2</sup> for all time intervals, for ammonoids they are 78.5km<sup>2</sup> for  
937 the Desmoinesian and Wolfcampian and 79km<sup>2</sup> for all other time intervals, and for nautiloids  
938 they are 79km<sup>2</sup> for all time intervals) or when log transformed data are analyzed using  
939 parametric tests (note log transformed data not graphed but mean transformed values for all  
940 cephalopods are 5.51 [standard error 0.75] for the Morrowan, 4.05 [standard error 1.02] for the  
941 Atokan, 4.36 [standard error 0.49] for the Desmoinesian, 5.65 [standard error 0.49] for the  
942 Missourian, 5.96 [standard error 0.79] for the Virgilian, and 4.31 [standard error 0.52] for the  
943 Wolfcampian).

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945 **Figure 4: Speciation and extinction rates through time.**

946 Values given in per Myr and derived from Table 1.

**Table 1** (on next page)

Speciation rates (S) per millions of years (Myr), extinction rates (E) per Myr, and rate of turnover (R) per Myr, for each stage across all cephalopods.

Species richness values, species carryover from the previous stage, new species originating in the stage,  $N_o$ ,  $N_f$ , and duration (in Myr) also given.



1 **Table 1:**  
 2 **Speciation rates (S) per millions of years (Myr), extinction rates (E) per Myr, and rate of**  
 3 **turnover (R) per Myr, for each stage across all cephalopods, with species richness values,**  
 4 **species carryover from the previous stage, new species originating in the stage,  $N_o$ ,  $N_f$ , and**  
 5 **duration (in Myr) also given.**

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Stage	Species Richness	Species Carryover	New Species	$N_o$	$N_f$	Duration	R	S	E
Wolfcampian	13	7	6	7	13	14		0.0442	
Virgilian	38	32	6	32	38	5	-0.3040	0.0343	0.3383
Missourian	55	33	22	33	55	3	-0.0103	0.1703	0.1805
Desmoinesian	41	12	29	12	41	3	0.3372	0.4096	0.0724
Atokan	15	7	8	7	15	2	0.2694	0.3811	0.1116
Morrowan	8	0	8	0	8	6			

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**Table 2** (on next page)

Pearson correlation test for association between S and geographic range and E and geographic range across all cephalopods and for ammonoids and nautiloids individually.

Pearson's r and P-values given.

1 **Table 2:**

2 **Pearson correlation test for association between S and geographic range and E and**  
3 **geographic range across all cephalopods and for ammonoids and nautiloids individually,**  
4 **with Pearson's r and P-values given.**

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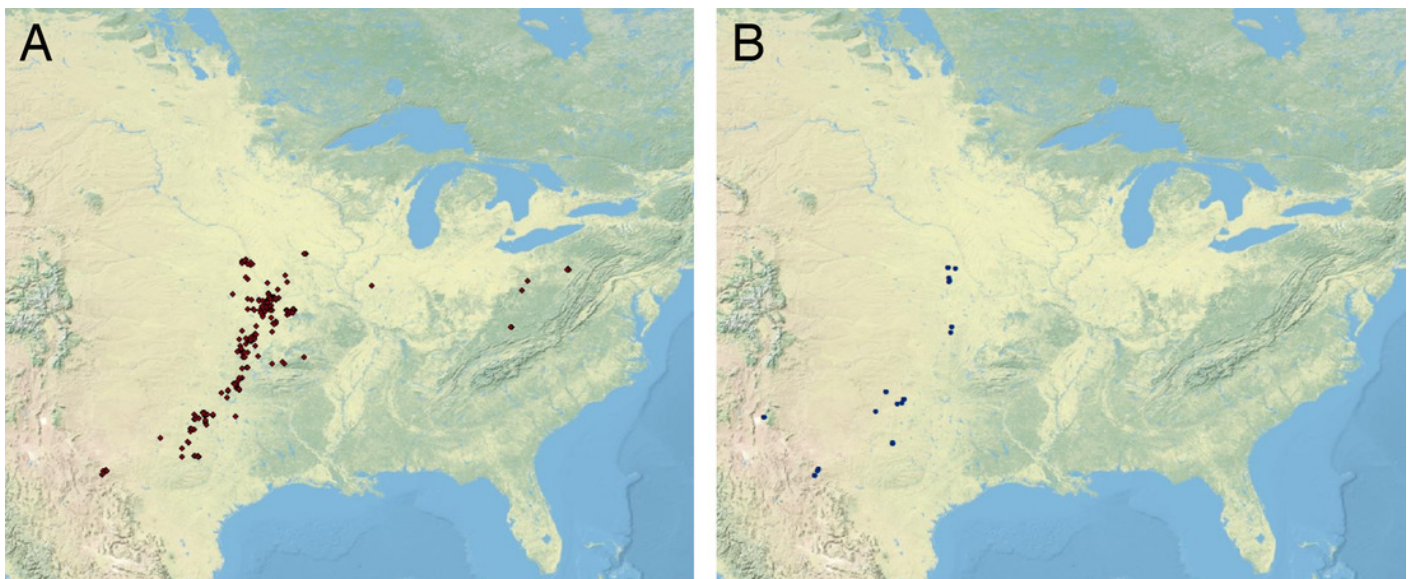
<b>Taxon – Speciation</b>	<b>Pearson's r</b>	<b>P-value</b>	<b>Taxon – Extinction</b>	<b>Pearson's r</b>	<b>P-value</b>
All Cephalopods – S	-0.541	0.347	All Cephalopods – E	0.925	0.075
Nautiloids– S	-0.463	0.432	Nautiloids – E	0.913	0.087
Ammonoids – S	-0.519	0.370	Ammonoids – E	0.803	0.197

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# Figure 1

Distribution of Pennsylvanian and early Permian cephalopods.

A) Distribution of Pennsylvanian nautiloid and ammonoid data points (red) and B) early Permian nautiloid and ammonoid data points (blue) across the midcontinent region of North America. Plotted using ArcGIS v. 10.3 (ESRI, 2014) software at 1: 20,000,000.



## Figure 2

Occurrence points of *Metacoceras* sp. and *Mooreoceras* sp.

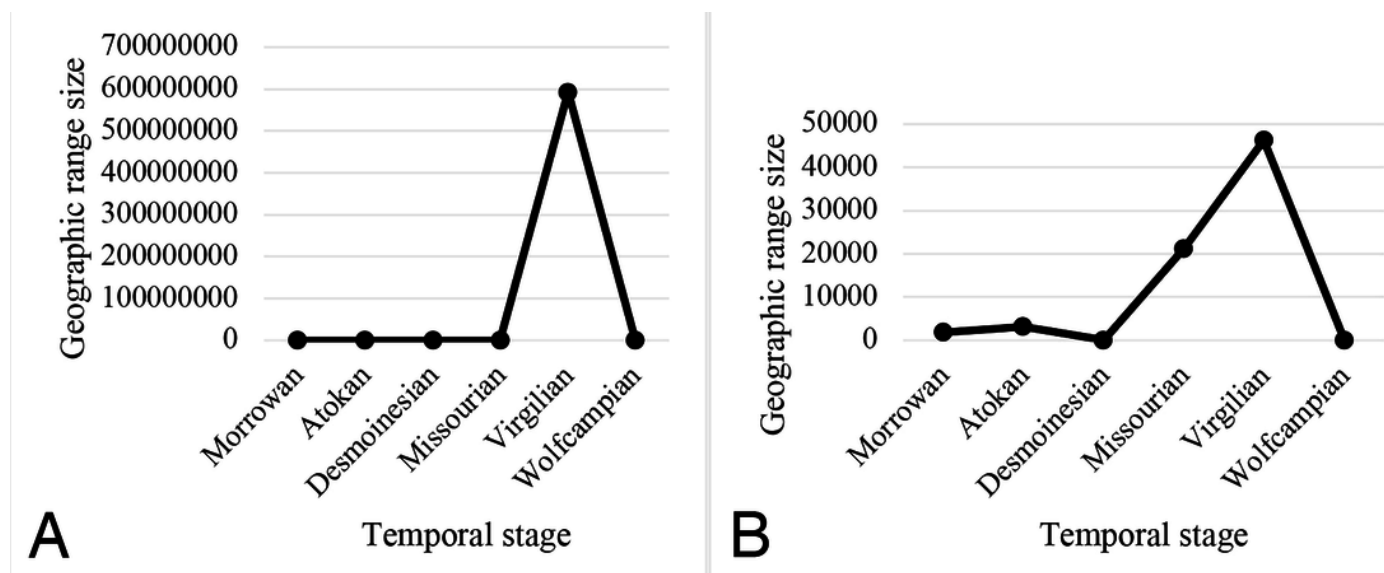
For the Virgilian, shown on possible paleogeography of that stage, at 1:1,000,000,000 scale; plotted using PaleoWeb (The Rothwell Group LP, 2016).



## Figure 3

Mean geographic range size in km<sup>2</sup> of cephalopods through time.

Nautiloid species (A) and ammonoid species (B) range changes occur but are not statistically significant when analyzed using non-parametric tests (note, median range size data not graphed but for all cephalopods they are 79km<sup>2</sup> for all time intervals, for ammonoids they are 78.5km<sup>2</sup> for the Desmoinesian and Wolfcampian and 79km<sup>2</sup> for all other time intervals, and for nautiloids they are 79km<sup>2</sup> for all time intervals) or when log transformed data are analyzed using parametric tests (note log transformed data not graphed but mean transformed values for all cephalopods are 5.51 [standard error 0.75] for the Morrowan, 4.05 [standard error 1.02] for the Atokan, 4.36 [standard error 0.49] for the Desmoinesian, 5.65 [standard error 0.49] for the Missourian, 5.96 [standard error 0.79] for the Virgilian, and 4.31 [standard error 0.52] for the Wolfcampian).



## Figure 4

Speciation and extinction rates through time.

Values given in per Myr and derived from Table 1.

