**Review of Topographic controls on divide migration, stream capture, and diversification on riverine life, by Lyons et al, submitted to Earth Surface Dynamics.**

This paper is about the relationship between landscape evolution in response to base level fall or heterogeneous uplift and the evolution of species richness, based on a large number of numerical simulaitons. The authors use a free-access LEM to generate the landscape and develop a new component for the LEM to solve for species richness.

This work addresses very interesting questions on the links between perturbations, landscape and species richness. However, I found that the current form of the manuscript does not support this work as it should. The text is sometimes vague because of the use of generic words and absence of quantitative data, and some sentences are a bit complex and could be more straightforward.

As a consequence, it is a bit difficult to follow the description and the arguments of the authors. I think the manuscript requires rewriting to clarify the context of this study, to ease the reading and to clearly support the purpose and the novelty of this work.

I hope my comments below can help,

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> Your comments certainly did help. Thank you for your time. Our responses to your inline comments below cover the topics in your introduction to your review.

**Introduction**

First paragraph: I think the authors can present better what has been done before on drainage reorganization from field, lab and numerical studies. It seems that the real novelty of this work is the SpeciesEvolver they propose and the evolution of species within an evolving drainage network. This should be better presented and highlighted throughout the paper. In the current, this very interesting contribution is a bit lost among other things. Below is a small selection of papers that might be relevant for the general context and maybe elsewhere in the manuscript (sorry for the self-citation but it seems to be relevant for this paper. Note that I don't ask for reference to these papers, they are just some examples).

> We agree the introduction should better highlight prior work in drainage reorganization along with species macroevolution and our key contribution of integrating the two through modeling. We added additional prior work context and references for both topics, while keeping paper length in mind, and emphasized our contribution more in the introduction, discussion, and conclusions.

Second paragraph: add a reference at the end of line 25 to justify this statement or explain it a little bit here.

> Improved our explanation of dispersal here.

Third paragraph: the limits of the stream power model coupled to hillslope diffusion are discussed for quite some years (see for example Lague, 2014) and other models based on a different formalism have been proposed (see references below). As the choice of the model affects how the landscape responses to a perturbation (Armitage et al., 2018), this could be discussed in section 5.

> In the revision we included a new section in the discussion regarding limitations of our model. We included how limitations of the stream power model and hillslope diffusion factor into our model.

**Description of modelling tools**

This section is too vague and it is difficult to get a correct idea of the numerical model used here. I

suggest to be more specific, for example, name the fields, give the values, present the multiple components, etc. Also explain how the SolverEvolver is working: define what kind of species you are considering, how do you set the parameters, etc.

> This section provides a general description of the tools used to build the model of the study; therefore, the goal of this section is not to explain the numerical model used in this study. The following section, 'Experiment design' presents our application of the tools to create a numerical model, including descriptions of components, fields, etc. We find it preferable to separate these because (1) readers are guided from general to more specific, (2) this organisation separates what we are using in the study (the tools) from our application (the model), and (3) including the level of detail of components, etc here would greatly increase the length of this section because the components, etc would have to again be put into the context of the study.
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> In this revision, we explicitly indicate the purpose of the section and more succinctly describe the tools to make clear it is an overview of the tools.

**Experiment design**

Here again, I suggest to be more specific and quantitative: what is the amplitude of the sea-level fall, of the uplift, how to you identify the variables and what are these variables (l.12). At the end of the first paragraph, you mention seven factors that are not listed below. Please name them and give range of values so that the following sections are easier to follow.

> The absence of introduction to the seven factors was addressed by including in this paragraph/section (3.0) a reference to Table 1 and indicating the precise section where the factors are described. This table includes both the magnitudes of base level fall and fault throw as well as the other sensitivity analyses factors. The values of factors vary in experiment trials, so these cannot be quickly summarized without great redundancy with later sections. The inclusion of Table 1 provides the introduction to the factor names to help readers link this section introduction paragraph to later subsections.
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> As this paragraph is an overview of all of section 3, description of the factors is held off until they come into play in the 3.2. Section 3.1 explains the sensitivity analyses providing how factors in general are used and why there is a range in factors.

**Sensibility analysis**

Please clarify how you define the expected value of Y (l.4) and how the indices will be use in the following (end of the section).

> Clarified that the expected value is more precisely the conditional expectation, in terms of probability theory. Our use of Sobol indices in identifying the most influential factors on a response was added to the end of this section.

**Model trial progression**

The values used in this study must be presented in the manuscript (at least in Supplementary Material)

> This comment is in response to the following text in the manuscript: "The factor values for each trial are available in Lyons et al. (2019)." This reference is the data repository that contains the factor values of the 51,200 trials for this study. Using a data repository such as Zenodo follows the recommendations of the journal. In the revision, we explicitly indicate that the reference is a data repository associated with the paper.

**Initial conditions phase**

beginning of page 6: I don't understand how you generate the initial elevation grid. Please consider reformulate these sentences.

> Two sentences were added for clarification beginning with, "The initial topography of each trial was generated in a two-step process…". The first paragraph containing the sentences in question describe how the initial random elevation values were set. The description of the initial elevation creation does not really begin until the second paragraph of this section. I find that the new sentences clarify the generation of the initial elevation values.

p.6 l.18 to 24 5mm/yr is also reported in New Zealand (eg, Jiao et al, 2017) while $10^{-5}$ corresponds to cratonic values. Maybe simply write that you consider uplift rates in the range of cratonic to orogenic values.

> This is a fantastic idea. (thank you!) We added this as a simplification and we retained some of our prior explanation for those less comfortable with the terms cratonic and orogenic, given that this paper may appeal to those with less of a geoscience background.

Additionnal references for erodibility and diffusion suggested below.

> We added an additional reference for erodibility. We sought references that were directly comparable, i.e., m/n is the same in the reference in our paper. For the diffusion coefficient, we cited a review paper with several references. Suggested references do not contain a comparable D, for example Perron et al. (2009) provides D/K ($m^{2m+1}$).

m and n: Kang and Parker (2018) suggest that the value of 0.5 should not be used as it leads to unrealistic behavior. Maybe the authors coudl run a few additional simulations to check whether they do observe the same behavior with m/n = 0.4 for example (this does not have to be part of the main manuscript).

> The paper that you describe, Kwang and Parker (2017) states, "when hillslope diffusion is neglected, the choice m/n=0.5 yields a curiously unrealistic result...". We did incorporate hillslope diffusion; therefore, this model limitation does not apply here.

p.7 l.12 describe or add a figure to illustrate.

> This comment refers to the following sentence: "Across the trials during this phase, factor values produced different initial stream networks and species locations." We removed this line that we now recognize is more of a result than a method.

**Perturb phase**

p.7 l.14 describe the steady state topography (for example the elevation and the number of catchments)

> The steady state topography is described in the results section because it is an outcome of the model factor combinations. Metrics of the tens of thousands of unique landscapes are summarized in Table 2. The model responses, including relief, of each trial is provided in the data repository reference, Lyons et al. (2019).

p.7 l.21 describe how the landscape responses to the perturbation. Is it only by knickpoint propagation ? What happens on the hillslopes ?

> We rewrote this sentence to be more direct in why this equation is presented. The landscape response to the perturbation is thoroughly described in the beginning of section 4. This description was improved in the revision.

p.8 l.11 the way to define steady state could be recall here.

Included steady state conditions here as well.

**Model response variables**

l. 13 what variables ?

In the revision we now recall the explanation of response variables directly under the header of this section.

p.9 l.1 the model descriptions must be within this manuscript.

This comment concerns a citation of Lyons et al. (2019), which is the dataset of this research in the Zenodo repository. It is now explicitly mentioned that the reference is a data repository associated with the paper.

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The comments within these dashes were generally addressed by focusing more directly on exemplary model trials. Exemplary were also used in the prior version, although our prior explanations were unnecessarily confusing by attempting too much to generalize with all experiment trials when the exemplary trials often suffice.

p.9 l.4 specify what minimally implies

The streams in the lower grid are now described as remaining fixed, which is the case for the exemplary trials, rather than minimally shifting.

p.9 l.5 unclear, consider reformulate this sentence.

We reformulated this sentence for clarity.

p.9 l.7 please give the size in meter

A newly included measure of main divide migration enabled us to include 250 m instead of "a few nodes".

p.9 l.7 the sentence is odd with respect to the previous one saying that the streams are minimally affected. If so, why is the main divide migrating ?

The idea being no lateral stream erosion while streams erode headward. This paragraph was rewritten in the revision to clarify this.

p.9 l.9 a quantitative value or a figure to support this statement would be welcome.

Improved in the revision is clarification that comparison of the analytically-predicted and numerically-modelled knickponts is illustrated in supplementary animated videos. Animations include quantification of knickpoint propagation using Eq. 6.

p.9 l.12 «sufficiently» please quantify

"sufficiently" was quantitatively put into context of the minimum perturbation magnitude required for main divide migration now described earlier in this section.

p.9 l.16 please consider reformulate. This sentence suggests that they are two main divides (the main one and the main on the upthrow block), which is odd.

We interpret this comment as a misunderstanding of our intent to compare main divide migration in the two scenarios. We rewrote this sentence to clarify the nature of the main divide in the two scenarios.

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**Topographic relief and landform change**

The first paragraph is a bit complexe to follow, it could be written in a more straightforward way to ease the reading.

We have rewritten the paragraph for clarity.

l.25 11 000 m seems high for a terrestrial landscape.

We included in the discussion that the maximum relief outputted in a trial is greater than observed, notably that mass wasting not included could contribute to the discrepancy. It is our opinion that the discrepancy is small especially given the simplicity of the model.

l. 29 the evolution of the topography is controlled by the stream power model (your equation 5). The main controlling factors are U and K so I don't think the total order Sobol indices analysis is required here. This would simplify this section.

Perhaps those more familiar with the stream power model will understandably question the purpose of the analysis for these variables given that the control of U and K on relief is easy to understand given the simplicity of these variables in the equation. An intent of conducting the Sobol analysis on U and K in respect to relief is to allow readers to confirm their understanding of how the Sobol indices work, and that they do work, prior to using these indices in later sections on more complex relationships between factors and responses. Further, this analysis is to emphasis the primary influence of factors on relief, which is critical for later sections.

p. 10 l.3 please quantify «low relative»

First, this sentence was rewritten with U and K (model inputs) instead of relief (model output) to indicate the control on divide and stream location change. Also, the paper puts forth that the relative values of U/K (or relief) vs perturbation is what matters. The values of the parameters relative to each other is more important than their absolute values. Text was added here to emphasize this.

p. 10 l.8 please quantify «high»

Our response to the prior comment also applies to this comment.

p. 10 l.10 could you add a figure to support this statement ?

A figure already exists. This sentence describes another detail about the figure referenced in the prior sentence. Text modified to help make this clear.

p. 10 l.14 please quantify «low»

Maximum relief is now indicted for trials with < 30 % divide change.

p. 10 l.17 please quantify «sufficiently high»

Rewritten to describe the relationship among the trials between perturbation magnitude/fault scarp and stream/divide location change.

p. 10 l.23 please define what is a divide change

Stream and divide change, collectively referred to as landform change, is defined in detail in

the methods. In the revision, these terms are recalled early in this results section, "Topographic relief and landform change".

**Stream capture occurrence**

This section is more about the controls of the occurence than the occurence itself so the title could be adjusted to better reflect the content of this section.

Adjusted section title.

p. 11 l.33 please quantify «moderately high»

Rewritten to describe the relationship of relief with stream change and capture when Pm:relief near 1.

**Species richness**

Here again, the section is more on the controls on the species richness than on the richness itself. The title should be adjusted to reflect the content of this section.

Adjusted section title.

l.9 unclear, please consider reformulate

Rewritten for clarity.

l. 16-22 this paragraph should come first in the section

We agree and reorganized the beginning of this section.

p. 12 l.21 please specify «less than» what ?

"topographic" was inserted before relief and the sentence was rewritten for clarity.

**Discussion**

p.13 l.8 a short description to the chi metric could be proposed here and a proper chi analysis could be performed to support the discussion.

Chi analyses are especially useful in real landscapes (i.e. not modeled) where natural topographic complexity/roughness is great. In modeled landscapes, analyses of other metrics (e.g. relief) lead to similar interpretations. Whipple et al. (2017) found relief to be a reliable predictor of drainage divide migration, and relief is already central to this paper.

p. 13 l.15 please quantify «greater increase»

We could not find "greater increase" at this line or elsewhere in the document.

p.13 l.17 define «a certain relief»

"a certain relief" is rewritten as "a given relief" to indicate the relationship described in this heading varies by the relief of the landscape, where the landscapes and their relief vary in the experiment trials.

p.14 l.4 did you work with higher Pm values ? Does it influence this behavior ?

The Pm of trials ranged 0.1 to 100 m. The Pm influences the proportion of divides that migrated as Pm is less than initial relief. Rewritten for clarity.

p.15 l.4 quantify «relatively high»

*We rephased sentence to describe the relationship of kd and other parameters in this relationship as the relationship is of greater importance than absolute values in this instance.*

p.14 l.4 define what is an «elongated divide migration»

*We removed "elongated divide migration" in a rewrite of this sentence to better describe that divides migrated a greater distance when initial relief was less than the perturbation magnitude in a trial.*

p.14 l.14 specify «more than » what

*Added "more important than the fault throw scenario" to indicate the scenario where Ac had a greater influence on model output factors.*

p14 l16 captures should be captured

*We interpret this comment as a misunderstanding of the intended meaning that captures become increasingly more frequent as Ac decreases. We rewrote for clarity.*

**Conclusions**

As suggested for the introduction, it seems that the novelty of this work is the relationship between species richness and drainage reorganization rather than reorganization itself. This should be better highlighted here.

*We appreciate you ensuring that the novelty of the work is highlighted sufficiently. In the first submission, the relationship between species richness and drainage reorganization was highlighted in the second paragraph of the conclusion. The centrality of this topic in our contribution was made stronger.*

Can the authors comment on the value of 439% ? Is there a way to compare with natural landscape ?

This kind of quantification is missing in the rest of the paper to support the work of the authors.

*In the revision we describe the parameter and conditions of the run that put this great increase in richness. In our modeling we find singular values are likely less useful in comparison with natural landscapes as they are the outcome of the interaction of multiple factors.*

**Table 2** considering the range of uncertainties, the statistics could be close to 0. Could the authors comment on that ?

*We clarify that the plus/minus values in this table indicate the range of values outputted by trials of the model experiment.*

**Figure 6c-d** missing labels

*We included labels added in the revision. The labels were omitted in the first submission because the axes in c-d are the same as a-b. Consistency among the subplots will be clearer.*

**Some references about drainage reorganization and chi**

- Bishop (2007) Long-term landscape evolution: linking tectonics and surface processes
- Bonnet (2009) Shrinking and splitting of drainage basins in orogenic landscapes from the

migration of the main drainage divide

- Perron and Royden (2012) An integral approach to bedrock river profile analysis
- Guerit et al (2018) Landscape 'stress' and reorganization from chi-maps: Insights from experimental drainage networks in oblique collision setting

**Reference to landscape and species evolution** (with references inside that might be very relevant to this work)

- Salles et al (2019) Mapping landscape connectivity as a driver of species richness under tectonic and climatic forcings

**Reference to the stream power model** (and references therein)

- Lague (2014) The stream power river incision model: evidences, theory and beyond

**References to other models**

- Armitage et al. (2018) Numerical modelling of landscape and sediment flux response to precipitation rate change
- Carretier et al. (2016) Modelling sediment clasts transport during landscape evolution: Earth Surface Dynamics, v. 4, p. 237–251
- Shobe et al. (2017) The SPACE 1.0 model: A Landlab component for 2-D calculation of sediment transport, bedrock erosion, and landscape evolution: Geoscientific Model Development, v. 10, p. 4577–4604,
- Langston and Tucker (2018) Developing and exploring a theory for the lateral erosion of bedrock channels for use in landscape evolution models: Earth Surface Dynamics, v. 6, p. 1–27
- Yuan et al. (2019) A new efficient method to solve the stream power law model taking into account sediment deposition: Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface
- Jiao, R., Herman, F., and Seward, D.: Late Cenozoic exhumation mo- del of New Zealand: Impacts from tectonics and climate, Earth- science reviews, 166, 286–298, 2017.
- Kwang and Parker (2018) Landscape evolution models using the stream power incision model show unrealistic behavior when m/n equals 0.5

**References to m/n, K, Kd**

- Whipple and Tucker (1999) Dynamics of the stream-power river incision model: Implications for heigh limits of mountain ranges, landscapes response timescales, and research needs
- Snyder et al. (2000) Landscape response to tectonic forcing: Digital elevation model analysis of stream profiles in the Mendocino junction region, northern California
- Wobus et al. (2006) Tectonics from topography: Procedures, promise, pitfalls
- Perron et al. (2009) Formation to evenly spaced ridges and valleys.

> We carefully considered which of the above references were appropriate, as well as other additional references, and added those that were appropriate. We thank you for compiling this list.

**General comments:**

The authors present results from a new macroevolution model coupled with a land- scape evolution model, examining how variation in geomorphological parameters drive drainage reorganization and, through drainage reorganization, speciation and extinc- tion. Overall, the manuscript is clearly written and I was able to follow the authors' logic section to section. The problem of coevolution of drainage networks and the aquatic species that populate them is interesting and important and the authors' work on the SpeciesEvolver component is a strong contribution. If this manuscript is intended to introduce to the SpeciesEvolver model to geomorphologists and demonstrate an application alongside other Landlab tools, then it works pretty well. However, if the modeling results presented here are intended to say something substantive about the relation- ships between geomorphological parameters, drainage basin reorganization, and the evolution of species that inhabit them, I think there are some significant problems. First off, I think it needs to be more clearly stated whether the authors' goal is the former or the latter. If the goal is to say something meaningful about speciation and topography and not just "check out the cool experiments you can do with the tool we made", then there should either be some sort of field data incorporated (which would be really diffi- cult) or some of the unrealistic conditions associated with these model runs need to be changed or at least convincingly addressed in the text.

> We thank you for your review. We find it much improves the paper. Immediately below, we provide an overview of the primary changes in the revision in very large part motivated by your review.
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> In the introduction we improved the overview of past work, including multiple recent modeling studies on drainage reorganization. Parametrization of many of these studies, and maybe future ones, is done with limited exploration of the parameter space, i.e., 1 to a few values for each parameter. Formally exploring the space is a substantial effort. We put forth that our motivation in the drainage reorganization sensitivity analyses is to (1) provide guidance to future studies given that we do explore such a wide parameter space and (2) describe key relationships among inputs and outputs given the processes we modeled.
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> Also in the introduction, we expand on the outline that the intent is two-fold: (1) present an approach to study the evolution of life alongside landscape evolution which we do by demonstrating SpeciesEvolver, and (2) explore the parameter space of commonly used process models used to simulate drainage reorganization and identify key patterns on inputs and outputs.
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> In methods, we more fully describe that a large parameter space is explored to avoid us selecting arbitrary bounds on parameter limits and to not invalidate the sensitivity analysis sampling (and use the discussion more fully for limitations to our approach). Discussed below in specific comments as well, the trial with the greatest relief is not necessarily the outcome of an unreasonable combination of parameters, but instead is the outcome of processes not included (e.g., mass wasting). Processes not included is discussed separately. Further, limiting parameter values given predefined combinations with other parameters as a precondition to run that combination invalidates the unbiased nature of sampling the parameter space.
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> A new section of the discussion is devoted to the primary model limitations and future adaptions. Absence of mass wasting and lithologic heterogeneity, stream power incision, and broad species dispersal ability are among the limitations emphasized here. Conclusions stated throughout the paper on the relative relief and perturbation impact on drainage reorganization is emphasized as this relationship is controlled by the processes included in the model. We envision that the heavy lifting of the thousands of modeling runs, all data made available, will provide a starting point for additional complexities in future work.

**More specific comments:**

Page 3 Line 7: I don't think a landscape evolution model that neglects mass wasting will realistically represent divide migration where total relief is as high as it is in many of the simulations. I think it would be more meaningful to stick to relief ranges where diffusion could reasonably be assumed to be the dominant hillslope process if landslides aren't to be included.

> In the revision we describe more in the paper introduction and more fully in discussion-limitations how our approach is focused on the contribution of the fluvial component of drainage reorganization with minimally consideration (i.e., diffusion) of hillslope processes. Also in the discussion we indicate that our model likely underpredicts divide migration as relief increases. Additionally, more critical to the species modeling is stream capturing than divide migration.

Page 3 Line 21-Page 4 Line 6: The description of the SpeciesEvolver component needs more depth. The ESurf readership is going to be mainly geomorphologists. Speaking for myself, I hardly know anything about speciation and extinction and even less about the considerations involved in modeling these processes. It's an interesting tool and it deserves a lot more than two paragraphs included here. I don't understand very well how it works or why I can trust that it describes natural processes accurately.

> We agree and find it generally challenging to provide a deeper description without making the paper unreasonably long. For this reason we cite a short paper that strictly describes the SpeciesEvolver software where users can go for further details of the tool made for species on continents in general, whereas this paper under review provides the first use of the tool, which is for riverine species and drainage reorganization.

Page 7 Line 5: Is it realistic for a species to occupy all parts of a stream network? The relief of some of the modeled landscapes described here definitely would give you different climate zones.

> In the paper revision this good point is included in the discussion on model limitations/considerations. Given that most networks span the total relief (from boundary to divide) and including species distribution by climate zones, the outcome would be a greater number of speciations for the higher elevation species, less for the lower elevation species. Most importantly to the study at hand and given we are familiar with model functionality in different setups, we can predict our interpretations would be quite similar, in terms of which inputs had a greater impact on which outputs, even if we do make incorporate this modification. Richness would be increased even more, given the greater number of initial species – the absolute increase of richness is not central to this study.

Page 7 Line 19: How is a perturbation of 0.1 m going to do anything to really modify the landscape, if we're interested in the divides? Along the same lines, why include scenarios with a modeled fault displacement of 100 m when that's so much larger than anything observed in nature? If we're just trying to shake things up and see what happens, why keep other parameter values within empirically observed ranges?

> We are not only interested in divide migration, but total stream and divide percent change as these metrics are readily comparable across the two scenarios. Even the 0.1 m perturbation affected these responses, under some combinations with other parameters, although minimally. It is useful in sensitivity analyses to include extremes of parameter value ranges that may matter less to help make clear which parameters matter most relative to other parameters.
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> The 100 m perturbation magnitude of base level and fault throw is over 1000 years given that this is our time step. Even over this time span this is large (about 5 1999 Jiji earthquakes given throw measured from that event). We emphasize in the revision that this magnitude is

motivated by knickzones of this magnitude (100 m) which is key to propagation of the erosional wave that drives drainage reorganization.

Page 7 Line 22: Shouldn't knickpoints matter to the modeled species? Since knickpoint migration is what's transmitting the perturbation to the divides, I would think you'd need to account for the knickpoints' influence on aquatic life in order to accurately model what happens when the knickpoint makes it all the way upstream.

I am aware of studies that consider knickpoint/waterfall influence on individuals within the same species. I am not aware of studies of knickpoints/waterfalls as they relate to creation of species. There is potential for unidirectional geneflow (fish flowing down waterfalls), having less of an impact on divergence of populations above and below falls. Including impacts on dispersal by knickpoints would be a reasonable avenue for future research.

Page 8 Lines 6-7: Maybe I'm missing something, but why would D go extinct just because its river has been captured by C?

This is addressed in the text in the caption of Figure 3, which is, "While N3 did extend into the watershed of N4, it did not overlap the stream nodes of the prior time step, therefore N3 did not capture N4 following the strict definition of capture in this study." D becomes extinct because it does not overlap/been captured by another stream in T1. N3 and N4 are off by 1 cell across the time steps. Side note: SpeciesEvolver can be adapted to be less precise, eg species can disperse if streams are close, and not precisely from a time step to the next, although in this study, stream overlap across time steps had to be precise.

Page 8 Line 18: Does this mean that the divide percent change response only records whether a divide moved, and not how much it moved?

This is correct regarding the divide percent change response. In the revision, main divide migration distance was also calculated to provide a quantified sense of migration.

Page 9 Line 7: Will species in the north-draining rivers be more likely to go extinct due to loss of drainage/habitat area, or do they only go extinct when all drainage area is lost?

Species in north-draining rivers are more likely to become extinct in the base level fall scenario as the main divide approaches the northern boundary. They will go extinct once the outlet at the northern boundary has a drainage area below the critical drainage area, if the species does not exist in a stream network elsewhere in the grid. If it does exist elsewhere, only the species population in that shrunken drainage disappears.

Page 9 Line 25: Why allow parameter combinations that lead to relief structures that are impossible to produce under Earth conditions? I just think it undermines the results a bit.

This would involve selecting a maximum uplift rate and/or minimum erodibility that produces some relief put forth as reasonable relief (Mt Everest?, or one selected for a landscape without landsliding?). In this contribution we preferred the inverse approach of using the near gamut of observed parameters because these are the model inputs, rather than preconditioning results. This is not to argue that selecting a narrower range is not reasonable to produce landscapes more appropriate to the processes, rather we took an approach to provide the full gamut, and now, describe its limitations in the discussion.

Page 10 Line 10-11: Does changed here just mean that they moved or that they were incorporated into a different drainage network?

Rephrased to clarify that we are referring to the stream percent change response. Also in the revision, we restate the meaning of this response earlier in this section.

Page 11 Line 5: Does 3% seem like a reasonable value compared to real landscapes? There seems to be evidence for stream capture all over the place. I think it would help me to understand better what's going on in the model landscapes if I had a better idea what the distribution of relief was. Maybe they're mostly very low.

> We agree the distribution of relief should be better described. We do so in the revision. The 3 % should not be translated as anything like 3 % of landscapes on Earth have captures. If one did make that argument, one would be implying that these parameters are exponentially distributed in space for the parameters that were exponentially sampled.

Page 12 Line 1: Is this the formation of endorheic basins?

> Yes. We added mention of "endorheic" in this sentence.

Page 13 Line 5: It doesn't seem like there are all that many landscapes that commonly experience perturbations resulting from fault slip or base level fall where the perturbation magnitude approaches the relief magnitude. Again, I just wonder whether these model scenarios are realistic enough to provide meaningful insights in a lot of the iterations.

> More important to relating the model to the real world is not the total landscape relief, but the relief upslope of the perturbation. Perturbations can be propagated up landscapes as local base level drops. A base level fall/fault slip may have little effect across the total landscape beyond a steepened "erosional wave" moving upslope over time, upslope drainages may become more susceptible to reorganization if the erosional wave decays slower than the upslope relief decreases.

**Minor nit-picks:**

Page 8 Line 16: Should say species diversification?

> Yes. We inserted 'species lineage' prior to 'diversification'.

Page 12 Line 25: Reads better if the sentence doesn't begin with "Although"

> Removed "Although".

Page 12 Line 29: This is the first time I've seen "lineage response" in this paper.

> Removed "lineage response" by rewriting sentence with only introduced terms.

Page 13 Line 8: Should say "Cross-divide difference in relief"?

> Yes. Corrected.

Page 13 Line 9: relief, thus

> Inserted missing comma after 'relief'.

Page 13 Line 13: landscapes, although topographic relief

> Combined two sentences at "landscapes" and "although".

# Topographic controls on divide migration, stream capture, and diversification in riverine life

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**Abstract.** Drainages reorganise in landscapes under diverse conditions and process dynamics. We investigated the relative control that Earth surface process parameters have on divide migration and stream capture in scenarios of base level fall and heterogeneous uplift. A model built with the Landlab toolkit was run 51,200 times in sensitivity analyses that used globally observed values. Large-scale drainage reorganisation occurred only in the model runs within a limited combination of parameters and conditions. Uplift rate, rock erodibility, and the magnitude of perturbation (base level fall or fault displacement) had the greatest influence on drainage reorganisation. The relative magnitudes of perturbation and topographic relief limited landscape susceptibility to reorganisation. Stream captures occurred more often when the channel head distance to divide was low. Stream topology set by initial conditions strongly affected capture occurrence when the imposed uplift was spatially heterogeneous.

We also modelled riverine species lineages as they developed in response to the single topographic perturbation. We used a new Landlab component called SpeciesEvolver that models lineages of species and other taxonomic levels at landscape scale. Simulated species populated to the modelled landscape were tracked and evolved using macroevolutionary process rules. More frequent stream capture and less frequent stream network disappearance due to divide migration increased speciation and decreased extinction, respectively, in the heterogeneous uplift scenario where final species diversity was often greater than the base level fall scenario. Under both scenarios, the landscape conditions that led to drainage reorganisation following a single perturbation also controlled diversification, especially for the species that evolved more rapidly in some model trials. These results illustrate the utility of SpeciesEvolver to explore how life evolves alongside landscapes. Future research applications of SpeciesEvolver can incorporate more complex climatic and tectonic forcings as they relate to macroevolution and surface processes, as well as region- and taxon-specific organisms based in rivers as well as those on continents at large.

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# 1 Introduction

The primary controls on the longitudinal and planform location of drainage networks include climate, tectonics, geodynamics, and rock erodibility (Whipple, 2004; Anders et al., 2008; Willett et al., 2014; Han et al., 2015; Forte et al., 2016; Perron, 2017).

5 Spatiotemporal variability in these controls can induce spatially variable erosion rates that can drive drainages to reorganise (Gilbert, 1877; Giachetta et al., 2014; Whipple et al., 2017). Drainage reorganisation is conducted by divide migration that is the progressive movement of a drainage divide, and stream capture that occurs when a portion of a stream network loses connectivity to its former network as it joins an adjacent network (Fig. 1). Changes in drainage divide location and stream topology can alter the geographic distribution and evolutionary diversification of species especially those restricted to riverine

10 and riparian habitats (Waters and Wallis, 2000; Albert and Crampton, 2010; Craw et al., 2016).

From a macroevolutionary perspective, regional diversity is characterised by species richness (the number of species) in a clade (a group of organisms, e.g. a species, descending from a common ancestor) arising from the processes of speciation (species lineage splitting forming new species) and extinction (species lineage termination) (Stanley, 1979). From a

15 biogeographic perspective, species richness in a geographically circumscribed region (e.g., island, drainage basin) is a function of speciation, extinction and dispersal (species geographic range expansion) (Hubbell, 2001), and evolutionary time (Rabosky, 2009). Species dispersal affects gene flow among populations and genetic diversity within populations increasing the probability of species extinction when dispersal ability is limited. Long-term geographic separation of populations (i.e. allopatry) is a mechanism of speciation as populations genetically diverge due to reproductive isolation (Coyne, 1992).

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Recent research implicates drainage reorganisation in the evolutionary origin and ecological maintenance of high riverine biological diversity in many regions (e.g., Bossu et al., 2013; Roxo et al., 2014; Albert et al., 2018; Gallen, 2018). In the context of drainage reorganisation, the organisms of a species can disperse across a greater area when a stream network expands by divide migration (Fig. 1; Burridge et al., 2008). Divide migration also causes networks to shrink, which increases the

25 likelihood of species extinction (Grant et al., 2007). Stream capture increases speciation probability and lineage diversity in riverine taxa following basin fragmentation (Burridge et al., 2006; Kozak et al. 2006; Tagliacollo et al., 2015; Waters et al., 2015; Craw et al. 2016), and lowers extinction risk following basin integration by allowing the geographic range of species to expand (Grant et al., 2007; 2010).

30 Computational modelling is increasingly used to investigate landscape and biological evolution, although largely separately. Landscape evolution modelling has illuminated drainage reorganization in response to tectonic strain (Castelltort et al., 2012), a precipitation gradient (Bonnet, 2009), spatially variable bedrock erodibility (Giachetta et al., 2014), and autogenic processes

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(Pelletier, 2004), among other causative factors. Implementing captures in models has included probabilistic (Howard, 1971), numerical (Whipple et al., 2017) and coupled numerical-analytical (Goren et al., 2014) approaches. Models have also been used to demonstrate quantitative techniques to identify regions undergoing drainage reorganisation (Willett et al., 2014; Forte and Whipple, 2018). Species richness has been simulated as an output of spatially explicit ecological models that have static topography and that do not include tectonic or geomorphic processes (Gotelli et al., 2009; Rangel et al., 2018). Salles et al. (2019) used landscape evolution models to quantify the connectivity of landscape portions with implications for biodiversity. Computational models that integrate biological evolution with numerically implemented surface processes have yet to be used in published research to our knowledge.

Yet to be resolved is under what landscape conditions and attributes do drainages reorganise that in turn drives regional diversification of riverine species lineages. In this paper we first investigate the conditions and parameter space in which drainages reorganise in response to a single perturbation in modelled landscapes. We address the following questions: 'Are landscapes with low or high topographic relief more susceptible to drainage reorganisation?' and 'What process parameters influence this susceptibility for landscapes with a given relief?' These questions are explored with simulations of the surface processes most often used in a landscape evolution model (LEM), namely stream incision and hillslope diffusion. Some processes potentially important to stream capture (e.g., inter-basin groundwater flow, mass wasting) are not included in this study. We also investigate the conditions and parameter space in which the lineages of species diversify in response to topographic changes. The species represent those that live in or are closely associated with drainage networks; e.g. the organisms that are adapted to the channels, floodplains or riparian forests of streams. We integrate three macroevolutionary processes (dispersal, speciation, and extinction) into a LEM to ask: 'Do the same parameters that lead to drainage reorganisation also impact riverine species diversity within a landscape?' Investigating these three questions together allows us to associate patterns of topographic change with diversification, and apply the new modelling tool, SpeciesEvolver. Through this investigation we provide a framework for future model-based research of the biological macroevolution that can follow the surface processes often included in LEMs.

## 2 Description of modelling tools

We built a LEM for this study using the Landlab modelling toolkit (Hobley et al., 2017; Barnhart et al., 2020). This scientific computing software provides tools to build 2-dimensional numerical models of Earth surface dynamics. A landscape is represented by a model grid with configurable spatial dimensions that Landlab users can easily set with built-in routines. Processes are implemented as model components that control the values of fields, which are data associated with spatial elements of the grid, including a field of topographic elevation stored at grid nodes. Processes are effectively coupled when model components interact with the same fields. Landlab is open source, written in the Python programming language, and available for download at https://landlab.github.io. Landlab version 2.0 was used in this study.

We developed a new Landlab component called 'SpeciesEvolver' for researchers to model biological macroevolution in response to landscape change. This software evolves taxonomic objects (e.g., populations, species) at geologic, macroevolutionary, and landscape scales (Lyons et al., 2020). Each taxonomic object has at minimum a geographic range within the model grid, macroevolutionary rules, and a lineage all of which can be influenced by landscape properties and processes. For example, surface processes drive topographic change, which may alter habitat connectivity that in turn influences the macroevolutionary processes of the simulated taxon.

Taxa are implemented as object classes in the source code of SpeciesEvolver. The base class provides behaviour and properties that can be expanded or overridden. Users can create classes of alternative and more complex taxa that inherit from the base class, which saves users from recoding behaviour already implemented. Users may make essentially limitless modifications—some more readily implemented than others—including requiring a timeframe for an isolation period for a fragmented taxon to spawn new taxa, and probabilistic-based rule adaptions for macroevolution processes. In this study, we use the only taxon class currently distributed with SpeciesEvolver called 'ZoneTaxon'. Instances of this class are associated with zone objects that manage the location of the taxa in the grid. The location of zones can be set using elevation ranges, landforms, or other attributes defined by the user. Our use of SpeciesEvolver for stream-based species in this study is described in Sect. 3.

## 3 Experiment design

We investigated the questions posed in Sect. 1 using a model-based experiment. Drainage reorganisation was triggered by perturbing the simulated topography in two model scenarios: a base level fall scenario with an instantaneous drop of elevation along one model grid boundary, and a fault throw scenario with an instantaneous block uplift of half of the model grid. We predict that major perturbation-driven topographic changes will lead to drainage reorganisation, which in turn will affect species diversification. We conducted sensitivity analyses to identify the model input variables that contributed most strongly to the variation of drainage reorganisation and species diversification as the inputs changed. The intent of these analyses is to describe key relationships among model inputs and outputs given the modeled processes and wide parameter space. Henceforth we use the term, 'factor' to refer to a model input parameter that was varied in the sensitivity analyses, and the term 'response' to refer to a model output variable investigated in the analyses. Each scenario was composed of 25,600 trials, which was the number of trials necessary for the total order Sobol index (described in Sect. 3.1) to decrease below 1 % as more trials were run. The scenarios only differed by the perturbation mechanism. Each trial of a given scenario differed only by the values of the seven sensitivity analyses factors presented in Table 1 and described in Sect. 3.2.

## 3.1 Sensitivity analyses

We conducted a sensitivity analysis of each model response for both scenarios. A model response, $Y$ can be represented with the function, $f$ as

$$Y = f(X_1, \dots, X_c) \tag{1}$$

5 where $\{X_1, \dots, X_c\}$ is the factor set, and $c$ is the count of factors in this set. The factor sets for the experiment trials were generated using a quasi-random Sobol sequence (Sobol, 1967). This sequence distributes factor values throughout the parameter space more uniformly than a purely random sequence. The sensitivity analysis benefits from a uniformly distributed parameter space because the response is better characterised when the model is parameterised throughout the interval of all factors.

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We used the variance-based Sobol (2001) sensitivity analysis method implemented in the sensitivity analysis library, SALib (Herman and Usher, 2017). Variance-based methods (1) analyse sensitivity globally throughout the parameter space rather than local methods that analyse sensitivity around a point in the parameter space, and (2) decompose the variance of a response due to variation in the model factors. The sensitivity of an output response to input factors is quantified using Sobol indices.

15 The relative contribution of $X_i$ to the response variance is the Sobol first-order sensitivity index,

$$S_i = \frac{Var(E[Y|X_i])}{Var(Y)} \tag{2}$$

where $E[Y|X_i]$ is the conditional expectation of $Y$ given $X_i$. The first-order index does not include interaction among factors to influence the response. The second-order sensitivity index includes the interaction of $X_i$ and $X_j$ as

$$S_{ij} = \frac{Var(E[Y|X_{\backslash i}, X_{\backslash j}])}{Var(Y)} \tag{3}$$

20 where $X_{\backslash i}$ and $X_{\backslash j}$ are all factors excluding $X_i$ and $X_j$, respectively. The total effect of $X_i$ including interactions is the total order sensitivity index as

$$S_{Ti} = 1 - \frac{Var(E[Y|X_{\backslash i}])}{Var(Y)} \tag{4}$$

In this study we use Sobol indices to rank the relative influence that factors have on controlling model response variables under the conditions of the two scenarios. The total, first and second order Sobol indices were calculated for each response in each

25 scenario. For a given response (e.g., topographic relief described in Sect. 3.2.1), the ranking of first order indices indicates the relative influence that each factor individually contributed to the response variance. The second order index indicates the combined influence of two factors on the response. The total order index encapsulates the total variance of the model response including first and higher order interactions. For example, a factor with a large total order index and small first order index indicates a response is influenced through higher order interaction of multiple factors. A simple way to conceptualize these

30 indices is that they act as the percent contribution of model factors to output variance. The sum of the contributions of the total order indices can be greater than 100 % because the variances of interactions among the factors are included more than once in the summation.

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### 3.2 Model trial progression

The base level fall and fault throw scenarios proceeded in the same way. Only the mechanisms that perturbed the topography differed between the two scenarios. A model grid with steady state elevation and streams seeded with species was established during the initial conditions phase. The first action in the perturb phase was either dropping the base level, or faulting the topography, depending on the scenario. The simulated landscape and lineages evolved together in this second phase until elevation returned to steady state, at which point the trial ended. In both phases of both scenarios, the time step duration was 1000 years and steady state was defined the same. Steady state was reached when changes in the mean and standard deviation of elevation over the prior 1000 time steps (or 1 million model years) was less than 1 %. A generalised trial is illustrated in Fig. 2. Trial parameters are summarised in Table 1, and described in more detail below. The factor values of each trial are provided in a data repository associated with this paper (Lyons et al., 2019).

### 3.2.1 Initial conditions phase

A Landlab raster model grid was initialised with dimensions of 10 by 20 km and a node spacing of 100 m. The left and right boundaries of the grid were closed to mass export, and the top and bottom boundaries were set to open. These boundary conditions were selected to represent a generic landscape drained by streams that dominantly flow to the north and south separated by a main divide that spanned the width of the grid. The initial topography of each trial was generated in a two-step process where first random elevation noise was generated and then topography was developed from that noise. The initial noise is necessary for streams to develop. The noise was generated using a pseudorandom number generator that set the initial elevations of grid nodes to values between 0 and 1 m. At each grid node the generator selected a number randomly by performing operations on a previously generated value. The first number generated was computed using a seed value that acted as the initial internal state of the random number generator. The value of the seed for each trial was set by the sensitivity analysis factor, 'initial elevation seed' that varied between the arbitrary values of 1 and 20,000 among the trials.

The topography of the model grid evolved from the initial generated noise to steady state during the initial conditions phase. The grid elevation field was updated in each 1000-year time step. The land surface elevation, $z$ (m) at each node was modelled following detachment-limited fluvial incision using the stream power model (Howard et al., 1994) and linear hillslope diffusion (Culling, 1963). The downslope transport of hillslope material is proportional to the gradient of the local land surface multiplied by transport coefficient, $k_d$ (m$^2$ yr$^{-1}$). The change in elevation over time, $t$ (yr) at each node was modelled as

$$\frac{\delta z}{\delta t} = U - K A^m S^n + k_d \nabla^2 z \qquad (5)$$

where $U$ (m yr$^{-1}$) is rock uplift rate relative to base level, $A$ (m$^2$) is contributing drainage area, $S$ (m m$^{-1}$) is local channel slope, and $m$ and $n$ were constants in this experiment. Base level in this study was the top and bottom boundaries of the model grid. The erosion coefficient, $K$ (m$^{1-2m}$ yr$^{-1}$) encapsulates surface erodibility, and in real landscapes it is commonly assumed to be influenced by rock strength, channel width and bed material, and runoff among other variables (Whipple and Tucker, 1999).

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Previously published values of empirically observed uplift, stream incision, and diffusion parameters guided the selection of factor intervals that were explored in experiment trials (Table 1). Regional rock uplift was simulated at each time step by uniformly increasing the elevation of all grid nodes except the nodes along the grid boundary, which were not changed. The magnitude of uplift rate in each trial was set by the 'uplift rate' sensitivity analysis factor and varied generally from orogenic to cratonic values. The maximum value of this factor was $1 \times 10^{-3}$ m yr$^{-1}$, which is slightly lower than the exceptionally rapid $5 \times 10^{-3}$ m yr$^{-1}$ uplift rates reported in orogenic settings (Burbank et al., 1996; Beavan et al., 2010). The minimum modelled uplift rate of $1 \times 10^{-5}$ m yr$^{-1}$ was selected because even lower rates led to an impractical computation time required to reach steady state in preliminary model runs. The large parameter space explored in model trials alleviates complications of selecting more limited parameter ranges by bounds that greatly vary globally.

Following uplift in each time step, surface water flow at each node was routed in the single direction of the steepest descent among the eight adjacent nodes. Stream incision and linear diffusion modified elevation further by the Landlab FastscapeEroder and LinearDiffuser components, respectively. The factor values for the stream power model coefficient, $K$ ranged from $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ to $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ yr$^{-1}$. This interval is within reported values of about $2.5 \times 10^{-8}$ yr$^{-1}$ to $2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ yr$^{-1}$ (Stock and Montgomery, 1999; Whipple and Tucker, 1999). Stream power model exponents, $m$ and $n$ were held constant at 0.5 and 1.0, respectively. The factor values for the hillslope diffusion coefficient, $k_d$ ranged from $0.9 \times 10^{-4}$ to $1.0 \times 10^{-1}$ m$^2$ yr$^{-1}$ in a review by Martin (2000). We used a smaller range of $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ to $1.0 \times 10^{-1}$ m$^2$ yr$^{-1}$.

Streams were seeded with species using the Landlab SpeciesEvolver component immediately after the initial steady state was reached. Grid nodes were designated as streams if the node contributing drainage area was greater than the trial value of the sensitivity analysis factor, 'critical drainage area' ($A_c$) that varied between 0.5 km$^2$ and 5 km$^2$. One species was seeded to each discrete stream network, which was defined as the streams that shared an outlet. The zone of a given species was set to the nodes of the stream network where this species was seeded. All species were instantiated using the ZoneSpecies class of SpeciesEvolver, meaning species had no behaviour designed specifically for this study (see Sect. 2), with the exception that species were instantiated with a non-default value of the parameter, 'time to allopatric speciation'. This parameter allows users to set a delay from the time step when the zone of a species fragmented to the time step when speciation occurs. Speciation, when it is triggered, occurs more rapidly as this parameter decreases. In this implementation of SpeciesEvolver, all species of a trial were functionally the same, meaning they behaved similarly when presented with the same landscape conditions. Such functional equivalence (neutrality *sensu* Hubbell 2001) can be set differently in future research. These initial conditions set up the experiment for the next phase.

### 3.2.2 Perturb phase

The steady state topography was perturbed following the final time step in the initial conditions phase and before the first time step in the perturb phase. The perturbation in a base level fall trial was executed along the bottom boundary of the grid where elevation was decreased by the value of the perturbation magnitude factor, $P_m$. The perturbation in a fault throw trial was executed by a single vertical fault that instantaneously uplifted the right half of the model grid with a throw equal to the value of $P_m$. The intent of this scenario is to demonstrate drainage reorganisation initiated from a different pattern than base level decline, rather than creating a realistic fault growth model (e.g. Cowie, 1998). $P_m$ spanned values from 0.1 to 100 m. This range falls within observed total fault throw (e.g. Roberts and Michetti, 2004), which is represented by the presence of the fault scarp at model onset. At each time step in the perturb phase, the surface processes were carried out in the same way as in the initial condition phase, using the same factor values for a given trial. The signal of the perturbation through the landscape was illustrated using

$$\frac{\delta x}{\delta t} = KA^m \tag{6}$$

where $\frac{\delta x}{\delta t}$ is the upstream knickpoint migration rate (Berlin and Anderson, 2007). The maximum $P_m$ value in model trials is within the 60 to 110 m range of knickpoint heights documented in Berlin and Anderson (2007). Additionally, main divide migration in each trial was calculated by (1) finding the maximum elevation in each grid column at the first and final time steps of the perturb phase, (2) measuring the distance between the main divide node in the first and final time steps, and (3) averaging the distance of the main divide nodes to calculate the mean migration of the main divide in the trial.

The macroevolutionary processes (i.e. dispersal, speciation, and extinction) in this implementation of SpeciesEvolver ran subsequent to the surface processes in each time step. We primarily used the default setting in SpeciesEvolver, therefore species lineages did not change when the streams did not reorganise. A schematised version of Fig. 1 is provided in Fig. 3 that demonstrates how SpeciesEvolver in this study handled species when drainages did reorganise. In Fig. 3, drainage reorganisation occur between an earlier ($T_0$) and later ($T_1$) time step. In $T_1$, the zones of all species are updated and species disperse to $T_1$ stream segments from $T_0$ segments, if any segments do overlap between the two time steps. If a zone of a species was fragmented (due to stream capture, for example), that species divided into one or more child species (clades B and H in Fig. 3), following a delay set by the time to allopatric speciation parameter of SpeciesEvolver (described in Sect. 3.2.1). Time to allopatric speciation varied from 1 to 100 kyr among the trials in this study, consistent with empirical studies on freshwater fishes (Albert and Carvalho, 2011; Tedesco et al., 2012; Albert et al., 2018), and a theoretical model arising from analyses of molecular phylogenies linking speciation to rare stochastic events that cause reproductive isolation (Venditti et al., 2010; Beaulieu and O'Meara, 2015). For example, if the zone of a species became fragmented and the trial value of this factor was 1 kyr, speciation occurred in the time step following fragmentation because the time step duration of the model is 1 kyr. A species becomes extinct when it is no longer associated with any zones. This occurs when streams in the prior time step do not overlap any streams in the current time step as exemplified by clade D in Fig. 3.

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The model iterated through time until the time step when topography returned to steady state at which point the trial ended. This final steady state was defined following the same conditions as the initial steady state. Steady state was reached when changes in the mean and standard deviation of elevation over the prior 1 million model years was less than 1 %. The model responses were determined from the state of the model following the final time step.

## 3.3 Model response variables

The response variables, which are the model outputs investigated in the sensitivity analyses, were collected from each trial. Topographic relief was the only response collected during the initial conditions phase. It was calculated as the maximum minus the minimum elevation of the grid, excluding the boundary nodes, at the end of the time step when steady state was reached. Four responses that represent drainage reorganisation and species lineage diversification were collected at the end of the perturb phase. The 'divide percent change response' was calculated by dividing the total cell area of nodes that were drainage divides in either the first *or* the final time step by the total cell area of nodes that were divides in the first *and* final time steps. Divides were identified where there were no upstream nodes (i.e. node drainage area equalled the cell area). The calculation for 'stream percent change response' was similar to divide percent change response. Streams were identified as the nodes with drainage areas greater than the trial factor value of $A_c$. Divide and stream change response values were used to characterise the percent of grid nodes that changed landform type, and these responses are henceforth collectively referred to as 'landform change'. The 'stream capture count response' is the number of stream captures that occurred during the perturb phase. A stream capture occurred when stream nodes at a time step, $t$ overlapped the stream nodes of another network at $t - 1$. The 'species richness percent change response' was calculated as the percent change of species richness between the first and final time step of the perturb phase. It was calculated as the final minus initial species count divided by the initial species count.

## 4 Results

The model responses of the 25,600 trials of each scenario are provided in a data repository associated with this paper (Lyons et al., 2019). The video supplement contains animations (V1–V3) of selected trials that exemplify the topographic response to the single base level fall or fault throw perturbation of a trial. At the onset of a trial perturb phase, steepened hillslopes and stream knickpoints formed where the perturbation originated, which was at base level along the southern model grid boundary or along the fault. Overtime, the steepened landscape portion moved away from the perturbation origin, behaving as an erosional wave that locally steepened topography at the wave front and lowered it in its wake. The wave separated the upslope landscape portion yet to adjust to the perturbation from the downslope portion that has adjusted to the perturbation.

The magnitude of the perturbation in the base level fall scenario was a primary control on the migration distance of the main divide and stream knickpoints. The calculation of the main divide migration distance is described in Sect 3.2.2, and its value

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for each experiment trial is provided in Lyons et al. (2019). The main divide migrated northward by 250 m in trial 5043 with a base level fall of only 2 m (V1). In trials with a similarly small $P_m$ the wave grew and then decayed, all in the southern half of the grid before it reached the main divide. The main divide was driven northward by 7691 m, almost to the northern boundary, following the 72 m base level fall in trial 12613 (V2). In both of these exemplary trials, streams remain fixed in their course while the wave was in the southern half of the grid. Streams eroded headward once the wave reached the main divide. The wave propagated at the velocity predicted by Eq. (6) (V1–V2). The analytically predicted knickpoint locations in the supplementary video animations correspond to the location of knickpoints in the modelled landscapes at a given time. In a subset base level scenario trials (e.g. trial 3639) not one divide or stream node changed during the experiment (Lyons et al., 2019).

The animation of a fault throw scenario exemplary trial demonstrates a different pattern of erosional wave propagation. The wave initiated along the north, west, and south edges of the right block that uplifted instantaneously at the onset of fault throw scenario trials with high $P_m$ relative to the experiment range, including the 72 m throw in trial 12613 (V3 in video supplement). The waves propagated up the watersheds of the right upthrown block until the waves reached the main divide at about the same time. The main divide did not migrate because the base level was the same for the networks that drained to the north and south boundaries in this scenario. This behaviour is contrary to the base level fall scenario where the main divide migrated towards the upper boundary following the elevation decline only along the lower boundary. Drainage reorganisation was concentrated near the horizontal centre of the grid in the fault throw scenario contrasting with the base level fall scenario where reorganisation was concentrated in the upper 50 % of the grid. The steeper slope across the fault scarp redirected the flow of some streams on the upthrown block to the west that led to capture by stream networks on the downthrown block in some trials. In a subset of trials, stream segments adjacent to the fault became internally drained before they connected to a network that drained to a grid boundary. Watersheds that did not overlap the fault, or were not immediately adjacent to watersheds that overlapped the fault, did not contain networks that reorganised.

## 4.1 Topographic relief and landform change

Topographic relief was calculated once elevation reached steady state in the initial conditions phase of each trial. Relief reached over 11,000 m among the trials (Table 2). Most trials contained low relief relative to the maximum relief in the experiment (Fig 4), owing to the distribution of model factor values. The total order Sobol indices of $U$ and $K$ were the greatest among the factors, indicating relief was most influenced by $U$ and $K$ (Fig. 5a). $U$ and $K$ individually contributed to about half of the variance of relief as indicated by the first order indices. The other half—represented by the difference between the total and first order indices of these factors—was controlled by second and higher order effects. The only factor pair with a large second order index was $U$ and $K$ (Fig. 5b), indicating that relief in a given trial was influenced by the interaction of these factors, which is expected because $U$ and $K$ together set relief as specified in Eq. (6). The outcome of this interaction is presented in Fig. 5c. Relief increased with $U$, and for a given value of $U$, relief decreased with an increase in $K$.

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$U$, $K$ and $P_m$ were the factors that most influenced divide and stream percent change during the perturb phase (Fig. 6a–d). The divide and stream change model responses, collectively referred to as landform change, indicate the proportion that these landforms relocated during trials as described in Sect. 3.3. Here we compare the landform change responses to steady state

5  relief, rather than compare $U$ and $K$ individually to landform change, because (1) $U$ and $K$ together predict relief, and (2) the relationship between relief, $P_m$ and the landform change responses differed between trials with relief above versus below about 100 m, which coincides with the maximum $P_m$ value. Relief, $P_m$ and landform change increased together in the trials that relief was less than 100 m (Fig. 7a–b), which was the case in exemplary trial 5043 where $P_m$ was 2.03 m. In these trials, the change in divide and stream locations was most concentrated near the initial position of the main divide in both scenarios, and also

10  near the fault trace in the fault throw scenario (e.g. trial 5043; Fig. 7a–d). Stream tips contracted or expanded without capturing segments from adjacent networks (Fig. 8b,d). As $P_m$ increased, for example in exemplary trial 12613 where $P_m$ was 72 m and relief was also less than 100 m, the relocation of divides and streams extended to a greater portion of the model grid (Fig. 8e–h).

15  The change in the position of streams and divides in the base level fall scenario was concentrated near the initial position of the main divide in the trials that divides and streams were mobile. In the trials where $P_m$ was greater than relief, streams and divides relocated throughout the northern half of the grid as the main divide drove further northward (e.g. trial 12613; Fig. 8e–f; V2 in video supplement). South-flowing streams extended almost to the northern boundary and tended to reoccupy channels initially incised by north flowing streams (Fig. 8f). Up to about 80 % stream nodes were changed when relief was less than

20  100 m in this scenario (Fig. 7e).

Landform change in the fault throw scenario was concentrated near the fault trace. Divide change reached only about 30 % when relief was less than 100 m except in the few trials where both (1) $k_d$ was near the experiment maximum of $10^{-1}$ m$^2$ yr$^{-1}$ and (2) relief approached 100 m (Fig. 7b). Maximum landform change was lower in this scenario because topography was

25  primarily perturbed in catchments near the fault compared to the base level fall scenario where a greater proportion of landforms changed in the wake of the erosional wave that spanned the width of the grid. For this reason, the $P_m$ total order index of divide change was relatively lower in the fault throw scenario (Fig. 6a–b). Trials with a relatively large $P_m$, for example the 72 m fault slip in exemplary trial 12613 compared with the 2.03 m slip in trial 5043, divide and stream relocation was concentrated around the fault (Fig. 8g–h), and the influence of $k_d$ on divide change became relatively more influential

30  than strictly $P_m$ as described below. In both scenarios, a greater $P_m$ produced a steeper erosion front that propagated further and disrupted drainages in its passage. The relatively higher second order Sobol index of factor pair, $K$ and $P_m$ in most of the landform change responses (Fig. 9a,c,d) indicates the relative importance of the interactions among these factors.

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Divide change increased with $k_d$ when relief was greater than 100 m in both scenarios (Fig. 7c–d). The increase of $k_d$ with divide change at greater relief, combined with the low range of divide change at low relief in the fault throw scenario, elevated the importance of $k_d$ to this response in this scenario (Fig. 6a–b). In both scenarios, divide change reached about 40 % in trials where relief was near 100 m and $k_d$ was near the experiment maximum of $10^{-1}$ m$^2$ yr$^{-1}$ (Fig. 7c–d). In these trials, the stream networks and area of catchments tended to not change substantially, although many divides shifted less than 500 m (e.g. trial 21395; Fig. 8i,k). Trial 21395 is within the area in Fig. 7c–d where $k_d$ increased with divide change. This area corresponds to the trials where $K$ is less than $2 \times 10^{-6}$ yr$^{-1}$, the values nearest to the experiment minimum of this factor.

The relative influence of the factors on stream change was similar to divide change with a few exceptions (Fig. 6a–d). The total effect of the initial elevation seed was relatively greater for stream change in the fault throw scenario. The total order effect of $K$ was lower for stream change than divide change in the fault throw scenario. Although streams changed in response to the combined values of multiple factors (Fig. 9d), mostly along with $K$. The total effect of $k_d$ for stream change was also lower in both scenarios. Stream change was minimally affected by $k_d$ because diffusion minimally affects channels (Fig. 8j,l).

**4.2 Controls on stream capture occurrence**

The frequency and grid location of stream captures differed between the two scenarios. Captures occurred in 3 % and 56 % of the trials in the base level fall and fault throw scenarios, respectively (Table 2). Captures in the trials of the base level fall scenario tended to be located in one of two grid areas. Near the main divide once the erosional wave reached this divide, a stream of a southern network captured a segment of a northern network as the erosional wave drove northward expansion of the southern networks (V2 in video supplement). Captures in this scenario also tended to be located near the lower boundary when nearby streams were diverted to different outlets following base level fall (e.g. trial 12126; V4).

Streams were captured across the fault trace in the fault throw scenario. In many trials, closed basins (i.e. endorheic) were formed along the fault and were involved in stream capture. First, stream segments detached from the initial networks where the instantaneous fault slip formed a scarp that blocked streamflow and formed closed basins (V3). Over time these basins and the stream segments within them continued to uplift and erode as the local relief declined. The detached segment within the closed basin was captured by a stream that breached the closed basin and hillslopes within the basin were soon dissected again. In few trials, captures also occurred where the upper stream reaches of networks on the upthrown block were captured by a network on the downthrown block.

The initial elevation seed factor had the greatest total order effect and interacted with many factors to influence capture occurrence in the fault throw scenario (Fig. 6f, Fig. 9f). Stream networks emerged during the initial conditions phase from the randomly generated elevation noise at the onset of a model trial. The noise was set by the value of the seed that led to the initial

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stream networks. The initial location of stream networks was important only in the fault throw scenario because only the networks near the fault were perturbed.

Multiple other factors contributed to the number of captures in the trials of both scenarios (Fig. 6e–f). Factors $U$, $K$, $P_m$ and $A_c$ were similarly important within a given scenario. Confidence intervals of factors were large in the base level fall scenario where captures occurred in relatively few trials. Nevertheless, the interaction of $P_m$ and $K$ was elevated above other interactions in this scenario (Fig. 9e). We examined capture count versus the ratio of $P_m$ and relief, as the result of $U$ and $K$, given the control that these factors acted together to influence landform change. Streams more readily changed location and the number of captures increased rapidly in the trials that $P_m$:relief exceeded 1 (Fig. 10a–b). In trials well below this value, captures were fewer and stream change was limited to minor expansion and contraction of stream tips (e.g., trial 5043; Fig. 8b,d). Multiple captures did occur when $P_m$:relief was slightly less than 1 in numerous trials of the fault throw scenario (Fig. 10b,d). The stream networks fragmented in these trials, forming endorheic basins that existed for a few time steps, and then the network segments reconnected to a configuration similar to the pre-perturbation configuration. This reorganisation sequence incremented capture count as the fragmented network segments reintegrated.

$A_c$ contributed to the variation in capture count among the trials (Fig. 6e–f). Capture count increased with decreasing $A_c$ (Fig. 10c–d). This relationship is most apparent where $P_m$:relief is near 1 because this ratio value was also required for capture count to increase. Few captures occurred even when $A_c$ was near the experiment minimum of this factor in trials that $P_m$:relief was well below 1.

**4.3 Controls on species richness**

The relationships among relief, $P_m$, and species richness change differed between the scenarios. Species richness increased in 0.2 % and 39.4 % in trials of the base level fall and fault throw scenario, respectively (Table 2). Species richness did not change or decreased in the majority of the base level fall trials (Table 2; Fig. 11a). A decrease in richness occurred when the final species count was less than the initial count, meaning extinction was more common than speciation. Extinction in this simple implementation of SpeciesEvolver only occurred when the stream network or all of the networks of a species disappeared. Species richness decreased up to 78 % when topographic relief was less than 100 m in a trial (Fig. 11a). Below about 100 m relief, increasingly greater $P_m$ was required for a loss in species richness. In the fault throw scenario, a greater increase in species richness occurred in a subset of trials with low relief and even moderate $P_m$.

Stream capture count and species richness increased together with wide variability (Fig. 11c–d). Trials in the base level fall scenario with relatively little time to allopatric speciation increased with capture count and species richness change. Overall the relationship of time to allopatric speciation with capture count and species richness change is unclear given the relatively

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few trials with captures in this scenario. In the fault throw scenario, species richness increased as the time to allopatric speciation decreased for a given capture count.

The relative influence of factors on species richness differed between the scenarios more than the other responses (Fig. 6). $U$,
5   $K$, and $P_m$ were the factors with the greatest total order indices of species richness percent change in the base level fall scenario. Additionally, the relative magnitudes of the species richness change Sobol indices were more similar to the landform change responses than capture count in this scenario (Fig. 6g; Fig. 9g). The relative importance of $P_m$ to species richness change was comparably lower in the fault throw scenario where the initial elevation seed and $k_d$ total effect indices were comparably greater. The relative magnitudes of species richness change Sobol indices were more similar to capture count than landform
10   change responses in the fault throw scenario (Fig. 6h, 9h).

The time frame of speciation following a perturbation differed among the trials. This is exemplified in the trials animated in the video supplement and the phylogeny of their simulated species (Fig. 12). Speciations and extinctions ceased soon after the perturbation in exemplary trial 12126 of both scenarios as well as trial 12613 of the fault throw scenario. Speciations and
15   extinctions continued to near the end of trial 12613 in the base level fall scenario where captures did not occur until the erosional wave reached the main divide (V5 in video supplement). The lineage of clade F in trial 12613 of the fault throw scenario became most diverse with 4 species where two stream networks were captured by a third network soon after the perturbation (V6). Clade D in both scenarios of trial 12613 went extinct in the time step following the perturbation.

**5 Discussion**

20   **5.1 Are landscapes with low or high topographic relief more susceptible to drainage reorganisation?**

The ratio of the relative value of trial $P_m$ to steady state relief was a primary control on the degree of drainage reorganisation. Drainage reorganisation was less extensive in trials with a perturbation magnitude lower than the initial relief. In model trials, an erosional wave was initiated by a vertical magnitude equal to the trial value of $P_m$, and the magnitude of the wave tended to decay as it approached divides. Cross-divide difference in relief, an indicator of divide instability (Whipple et al., 2017), at
25   the main divide seemingly remained near zero when $P_m$ was small relative to initial relief, thus divides did not migrate. The difference of cross-divide relief increased if the wave did not fully decay before reaching the divide. Divides migrated and stream shifted more often as the trial ratio of $P_m$ and initial relief approached and exceeded unity. The divide continued to migrate until the erosional wave decayed or the main divide reached a grid boundary. The magnitude of past perturbations and the spatiotemporal decay of their waves are difficult to determine in real landscapes, although topographic relief is easily
30   measured. Model results imply that real world regions or landscape portions with low relief are especially susceptible to

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extensive divide migration and stream capture compared to areas with greater relief, when all else is relatively less effective at stabilising the organisation of drainages.

**5.2 What process parameters influence drainage reorganisation susceptibility for landscapes with a given relief?**

The factors, $P_m$, $K$, and $U$ exerted the greatest influence on drainage reorganisation out of all experiment factors. Drainage reorganisation increased with $P_m$ for a given relief (Fig. 7). In trials of the base level fall scenario, the migration of the main divide increased with $P_m$, which also increased the opportunity of cross-divide stream tips to capture. In trials of the fault throw scenario, reorganisation increased with $P_m$ because greater slope changes across the fault more likely redirected flow. In both scenarios, $U$ and $K$ strongly influenced landform change and capture count, but that is because these factors set relief. $K$ had a greater influence than $U$ on most landform responses because $K$ also set erosional wave celerity. Erosional waves can propagate further when rock erodibility is greater, leading to greater change in the location of divides and streams as well as more stream captures. High erodibility also corresponds with low relief landscapes, increasing the susceptibility of drainage reorganisation following perturbations. Few real-world landscapes have homogenous erodibility in relatively large scale and few modelling efforts have investigated the dynamics of heterogeneous erodibility (e.g. Forte et al., 2016), which likely affects drainage reorganisation as well as macroevolutionary processes. Overall, drainage reorganisation in the model shared similarities with real world examples, e.g. Seagren and Schoenbohm (2019) who concluded that uplift history, erodibility, and local base level controlled the pattern of drainage reorganisation in their study landscape in northwest Argentina.

The controls on drainage reorganisation responses transitioned where trial steady state relief is about the maximum value of $P_m$, which was 100 m (Fig. 7). Stream location change remained less than 30 % in the trials with relief greater than 100 m because the experiment maximum $P_m$ was 100 m. In these trials stream topology before and after the perturbation were similar because the erosional wave decayed before it reached the main divide. In the trials with relief below 100 m, stream location change reached about 80 % because the erosional wave could reach or pass the initial position of the main divide, for the finer subset of trials that $P_m$ was near or exceeded the magnitude of trial relief. Also in the trials with relief below 100 m, a greater $P_m$ was required to elicit a given stream or divide location change as relief increased because $K$ decreased with relief and erosional waves travelled shorter distances as $K$ decreased. Stream capture was also more prevalent when relief was below 100 m, or stated more directly, when the ratio of $P_m$ to relief was near or above one (Fig. 10), as flow direction more readily shifted where the perturbation could alter the existing relief structure. A greater proportion of divides changed location in the trials where steady state relief exceeded $P_m$, $k_d$ was reached near the experiment maximum of this factor, and relief was greater than 100 m (Fig. 7). Greater diffusion produces lower local relief on either side of a divide, although divides moved minimally under this combination of factors (e.g. trial 21395; Fig. 8i,k). Conversely, divides that migrated further, as well as extensive stream change and high capture count occurred when initial relief was relatively low (e.g. trial 12613; Fig. 8e–h).

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Other factors modulate drainage reorganisation under certain combinations of factor values and conditions set by the scenarios. The initial elevation seed, which influenced the locations of the initial streams, was indicated by a sensitivity analysis that this factor was the most important of all factors to stream change and capture occurrence in the fault throw scenario. The importance of stream locations would decrease in a landscape following multiple faults where more streams would more likely be near a

5    fault. $A_c$ was more important to stream capture occurrence in the base level fall scenario than the fault throw scenario. This factor effectively set the distance between streams of adjacent networks. Capture occurrence increased as $A_c$ decreased because shorter divide migration distance is required to result in a capture in the model. Although, overlap of stream tips across migrating divides in successive time steps of our model might not have been designated as captures if the time step was shorter and instead would simply be migrating divides.

10   **5.3 Do the same parameters that lead to drainage reorganisation also control riverine species diversity within a landscape?**

Base level fall and fault throw altered species richness differently. Species richness increased due to the conditions that led to more captures and richness decreased due to the conditions that led to stream network disappearance. In the base level fall scenario, species richness most often decreased during trials because extinctions were numerous and captures occurred in few

15  trials. Extinctions following stream network disappearance most often occurred in this scenario as the main divide reached near the upper boundary that decreased the drainage area of the catchments to the north of the divide. The factors that drove the main divide, as well as control the celerity and magnitude of the erosional wave, were $P_m$ and $K$, which were dominant factors in controlling species richness in the base level fall scenario. The number of species typically decreased between the start and end of a base level scenario trial. Species richness decreased in 39.6 % of the trials in this scenario (Table 2). This

20  explains why the combination of factors with high Sobol indices were more similar between species richness and landform change rather than stream capture count. Few captures and associated speciation events occurred in this scenario. Extinction related to divide migration was more common.

In the fault throw scenario, the combination of factors with high Sobol indices were most similar between species richness and

25  stream capture count. Following a capture, the inhabitant species are located in multiple zones and this triggers a speciation event following the delay set by the time to allopatric speciation parameter, meaning that a species was gained in each additional zone where the parent species dispersed (V6 in video supplement). Therefore, species richness and capture count should increase together, which was demonstrated especially in the fault throw scenario. Species richness increased in the majority of trials of this scenario especially those with sufficiently large $P_m$ and low relief (Table 2; Fig. 11b). Fault slip

30  detached stream segments from the initial networks, which triggered speciation because the zone of species became fragmented (V6). In the following time steps these segments were captured by a stream network and the new species dispersed across a greater area. As species richness increased in a network the number of new species associated with a capture increased.

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Other factors were important to species richness beyond the factors important to stream capture discussed in Sect. 5.2. The influence of the time to allopatric speciation parameter was evident only in the fault throw scenario (Fig. 6h), because this factor was relevant only to speciation that was common in this scenario. Species richness increased the most when speciation time was relatively short (Fig. 11d). Fewer species were spawned when wait time was long because stream segments would

5 reconnect in the trials where captures were limited to temporary fragmentations of stream networks that did not move. Time to speciation represents the speed at which species evolve. Rapidly occurring stream captures led to greater species richness if species evolve faster. Slowly evolving species will not speciate for the captures that temporarily disconnect a stream segment from its original network.

10 Speciation events were more frequent when $A_c$ was relatively small because streams extended nearer to divides, effectively reducing the perturbation magnitude required for a stream capture. Extinctions in the experiment model will be more frequent when $A_c$ is relatively large because smaller drainages along boundaries are more susceptible to shrinking below $A_c$, which then causes the network to disappear and its species to become extinct. Additionally, fewer of the closed basins that form in some trials immediately after fault slip will contain networks when $A_c$ is relatively large because the closed basins smaller

15 than $A_c$ do not contain drainage area great enough to contain streams.

This application of SpeciesEvolver begun with one species per stream network to investigate lineage development following a single perturbation. We hypothesise that multiple perturbations will tend the number of species and the areal extent that the species inhabit towards the widely reported power-law relationship between these factors (He and Hubbell, 2011). As we

20 brought the modelled landscape to steady state, the initial conditions in future applications of SpeciesEvolver can begin by populating the landscape with a power-law relationship of species set by range area, depending upon the intent of the model. We strictly used a modelling approach in this study to demonstrate a framework in which landscape and life evolution can be investigated together. SpeciesEvolver is capable of site- and taxon-specific studies, including running with a digital elevation models of a real landscape. Linking models, real landscapes and life can be aided by geomorphic abiotic parameters, such as

25 elevational landscape connectivity (*sensu* Salles et al., 2019).

**5.4 Limitations of model experiment and future directions**

The model experiment was designed to simulate drainage reorganisation carried out by the processes most commonly implemented in fundamental landscape evolution models, namely stream power incision and hillslope diffusion. Limitations potentially critical to drainage reorganization include the limitations of the stream power model in general described in Lague

30 (2014). All discharge in our model effectively contributes to incision throughout the grid at each time step. Implementing the stream power model with a stochastic incision threshold including discharge variability provides an avenue to improve predictions of both steady state topographic structure and knickpoint propagation (Lague, 2014), both of which directly impact drainage reorganisation. Divide migration can progress by hillslope processes beyond diffusion, i.e. mass wasting (Dahlquist

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et al., 2018). Divide migration may have been underpredicted in especially the relatively few trials with high relief (Fig. 4). Speciation in our model was driven by stream capture and not drainage migration. A portion of high magnitude and low frequency landslides may have produced captures of headwater stream tips. Existing Landlab capabilities offer opportunities to begin addressing some limitations in our model, including simultaneously transporting fluvial sediment and eroding bedrock (Shobe et al., 2017), emplacing lithologic heterogeneity in the model grid (Barnhart et al., 2018), and identifying areas with elevated probability of landsliding (Strauch et al., 2018).

The macroevolutionary processes of the simulated riverine species were designed to not obscure potential links between drainage reorganization and species richness model responses. Model trials began with a single species per network and additional species could join the single initial network species through stream capture. The model did not include predation, competition for resources, or within stream networks limits on species range, some of which are included in spatially explicit ecological models (e.g. Rangel et al., 2018). Spatially variable biodiversity emerges throughout individual real stream networks, for example the often observed downstream increase in diversity (Grossman et al., 2010). Future studies can adapt SpeciesEvolver taxon objects (e.g. species) to interact with other objects and set their dispersal ability to only portions of a stream network (e.g. by stream order). The dynamics of dispersal strongly impact gene flow and macroevolution (Coyne, 1992). Knickpoints that exceed the ability of upstream passage of riverine organisms can impede or block gene flow of intraspecies populations (Crispo et al., 2006). The dispersal of SpeciesEvolver taxa can be restricted across steep stream reaches to investigate the impact of knickpoints on riverine species. Overall, developing techniques to compare empirical and model data is of utmost importance in future research. This challenge was not examined in our strictly model-based study as simulated species richness was the biological variable examined. One approach is explicitly modelling the genetics of individual organisms that will enable comparison of empirical and modelled datasets using population genetics statistics.

## 6 Conclusions

We investigated the conditions in which the drainage networks of a landscape evolution model reorganise. Sensitivity analyses indicate multiple factors influence the occurrence and expansiveness of drainage reorganisation. Reorganisation was extensive when the magnitude of the topographic perturbation exceeded that of the initial relief. The erodibility coefficient of the stream power model was exceptionally important to drainage reorganisation because it controlled both topographic relief and the celerity of the erosional wave that propagated through the landscape following the perturbation. Secondarily, the number of stream captures in a trial was influenced by the critical drainage area of stream initiation and by the initial stream topology when the perturbation was carried out by the throw of a fault. The complexity of these results yielded by a simple model with few parameters helps to demonstrate why the real-world behaviour of stream captures is elusive.

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We also investigated the dynamics of diversification or riverine species in response to drainage reorganisation. To accomplish this, we built a model component that simulates macroevolutionary processes coupled with surface processes. This component was used in the same model trials of the drainage reorganisation sensitivity analyses. Trial species richness increased by up to 518 % even though each trial was subjected to only one topographic perturbation, although with simplified extinction and no interspecies dynamics. Our model illustrates how a landscape with few species can evolve into a biodiversity hotspot following drainage reorganisation, at least for some period following a perturbation.

Drainage reorganisation is difficult to document and few direct observations exist (e.g. Stokes et al., 2018), in part because evidence of reorganisation is minimally preserved as drainages continuously adjust to boundary conditions. Landform preservation, disparate timescales of the aforementioned landscape evolution process components, and the formation of species-dense assemblages of riverine organisms are but a few of the challenges to relate the evolution of a landscape with its lineages. Future applications of the SpeciesEvolver modelling tool can further explore the mechanisms by which organismal lineages respond to landscape changes, and to pursue taxon-specific and region-specific questions regarding the interactions between aquatic biotas and their environments. The SpeciesEvolver component in Landlab is a contribution to the arsenal needed to untangle the topographic controls on biodiversity, and this insight may lead to our ability to learn about landscapes from the species that inhabit them.

**Data Availability**

Sensitivity analysis trial factor values, model responses, and Sobol indices are available at https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3893629 (Lyons et al., 2019).

**Video Supplement**

Videos are animations of model output of selected trials that exemplify aspects of drainage reorganization and lineage diversification. All videos animate topographic slope of the model grid on the left. The following videos animate a selected longitudinal channel profile to the right of the grid: V1 (https://doi.org/10.5446/43655), V2 (https://doi.org/10.5446/43656), and V3 (https://doi.org/10.5446/43657). The following videos animate a plot of capture count and species richness to the right of the grid: V4 (https://doi.org/10.5446/43658), V5 (https://doi.org/10.5446/43659), and V6 (https://doi.org/10.5446/43660). Animations begin at the final time step of the initial conditions phase immediately prior to perturbation ('elapsed time' is 0 yrs in the animations) and continue until the end of the perturb phase. Meaning, the first animation frame depicts topography at the initial steady state and the final frame is the second and final steady state.

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**Table 1. Parameters of model trials.**

| Constant | |
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| time step | 1000 yr |
| drainage area exponent, $m$ | 0.5 |
| channel slope exponent, $n$ | 1.0 |
| Sensitivity analysis factor | |
| initial topography seed | $1 - 20{,}000$ |
| uplift rate, $U$ | $10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$ m yr$^{-1}$ |
| erodibility coefficient, $K$ | $10^{-6} - 10^{-4}$ yr$^{-1}$ |
| diffusion coefficient, $k_d$ | $10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$ m$^2$ yr$^{-1}$ |
| critical drainage area, $A_c$ | $5 \times 10^5 - 5 \times 10^6$ m$^2$ |
| perturbation magnitude, $P_m$ | $10^{-1} - 10^2$ m |
| time to allopatric speciation, TAS | $10^3 - 10^5$ yr |

**Table 2. Response summary statistics.** The perturb phase statistics are calculated separately for the trials when a given response, $R$ was less than, equal to, or greater than 0. Mean values of $R$ were calculated for the trials where $R$ was not equal to 0. The plus-minus values associated with the mean $R$ values provide the standard deviation of change for all model trials of a scenario where $R$ was not equal to 0.

| Response, $R$ | Statistic | Initial conditions phase | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Topographic relief at steady state | minimum | | 0.9 m |
| | mean | | 447 m |
| | maximum | | 11,055 m |
| | Perturb phase: | Base level fall | Fault throw |
| Divide percent change | trial count: $R = 0$ | 265 (1 %) | 173 (1 %) |
| | trial count: $R > 0$ | 25,335 (99 %) | 25,427 (99 %) |
| | mean $R$: $R > 0$ % change | 14.85 ± 13.88 % | 11.66 ± 10.12 % |
| Stream percent change | trial count: $R = 0$ | 1405 (5 %) | 1214 (5 %) |
| | trial count: $R > 0$ | 24,195 (95 %) | 24,386 (95 %) |
| | mean $R$: $R > 0$ % change | 17.99 ± 23.51 % | 8.55 ± 7.94 % |
| Capture count | trial count: $R = 0$ | 24,919 (97 %) | 11,272 (44 %) |
| | trial count: $R > 0$ | 681 (3 %) | 14,328 (56 %) |
| | mean $R$: $R > 0$ captures | 2.35 ± 2.11 | 2.44 ± 2.14 |
| Species richness percent change | trial count: $R < 0$ | 10,135 (39.6 %) | 5380 (21.0 %) |
| | trial count: $R = 0$ | 15,412 (60.2 %) | 10,140 (39.6 %) |
| | trial count: $R > 0$ | 53 (0.2 %) | 10,080 (39.4 %) |
| | $R$ mean: $R < 0$ % change | -25.06 ± 19.67 % | -12.27 ± 5.61 % |
| | $R$ mean: $R > 0$ % change | 10.93 ± 4.56 % | 21.73 ± 21.59 % |
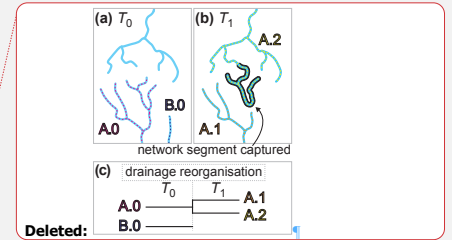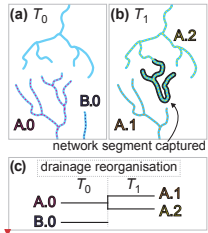
**Figure 1. Conceptual model of drainage reorganisation and riverine species macroevolution.** Three stream networks exist in a hypothetical landscape at the time, $T_0$ (a). Riverine species, A.0 inhabits the lower-left stream network and B.0 inhabits the lower-right network. Drainages reorganised between $T_0$ and a later time, $T_1$. Reorganisation was carried out by a stream capture where a network segment broke off the lower-left network and joined the upper network (b). Members of species A.0 that existed in the captured segment dispersed throughout the upper network creating two populations of this species in distinct stream networks that speciated child species, A.1 and A.2. Drainage reorganisation also led to the stream network of B.0 to disappear, driving the extinction of this species. The lineage history of the species before and after drainage reorganisation is presented in a phylogenetic tree (c). After Albert et al. (2011).
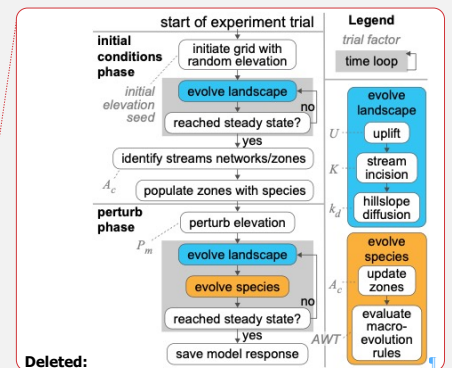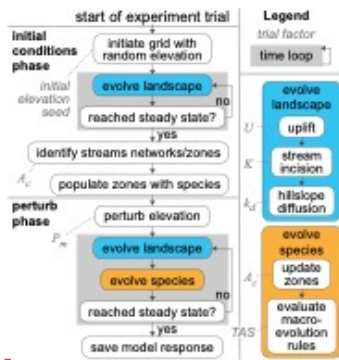


**Figure 2. Progression of an experiment trial.** The base level fall and fault throw scenario trials progressed as outlined in this flow chart. The two phases of the model both included a time loop. The steps in the time loop were repeated until topography reached steady state. The evolution processes in the time loops are detailed on the right. Dashed lines connect trial factors to the steps that the factors parameterise.
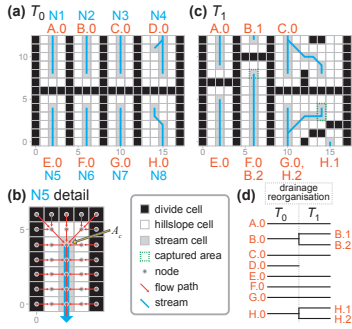
**Figure 3. Downscaled schematic of modelling approach.** (a) A schematised steady-state landscape where the main divide separates 8 stream networks (N1…N8) that each flow to either the north or south boundary. (b) The species and zones of SpeciesEvolver are defined at the nodes of a Landlab grid. In this study, nodes with a drainage area greater than $A_c$ define the zone of a species. (c) The landscape following reorganisation. N6 and N7 captured areas from adjacent networks. While N3 did extend into the watershed of N4, it did not overlap the stream nodes of the prior time step, therefore N3 did not capture N4 following the strict definition of capture in this study. N4 disappeared because all nodes in the northeast watershed have a drainage area below the critical drainage area. (d) The phylogenetic tree of the species in (a) and (c).
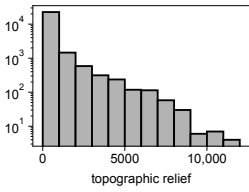


**Figure 4. Histogram of topographic relief.** The plotted data is the topographic relief at the trial end of the initial conditions phase of each trial. Note the y-axis is logarithmic.
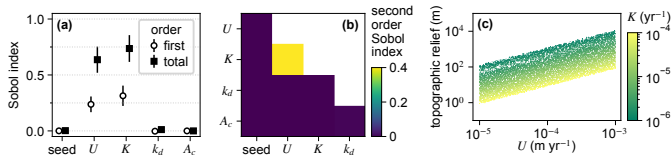


**Figure 5. Sobol indices of topographic relief.** (a) The first and total order Sobol indices of relief at the initial steady state. Model input factors are on the x-axis where seed is the initial elevation seed. (b) Second order Sobol indices of relief. Factors are on the x- and y-axes. (c) Relief versus $U$ and $K$. Each point represents one of the unique steady state landscapes created in the initial conditions phase.

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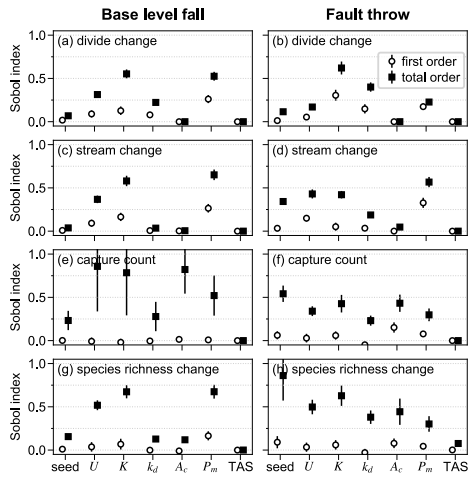
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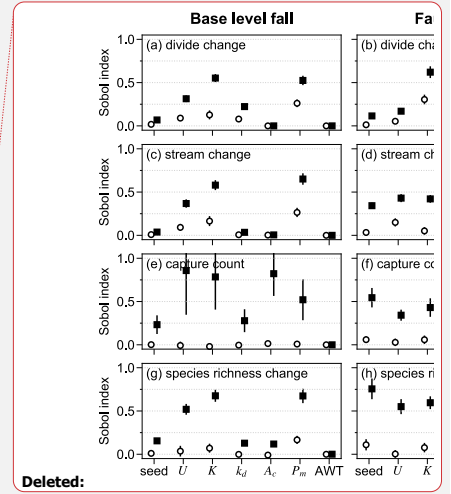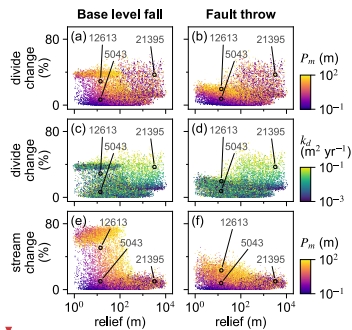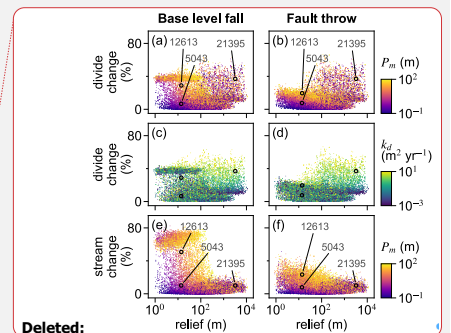
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**Figure 7. Landform change responses versus initial relief.** Responses of all trials for divide percent change (a–d) and stream percent change (e–f). The labelled points are the IDs of the exemplary trials depicted in Fig. 8 and described in the text.
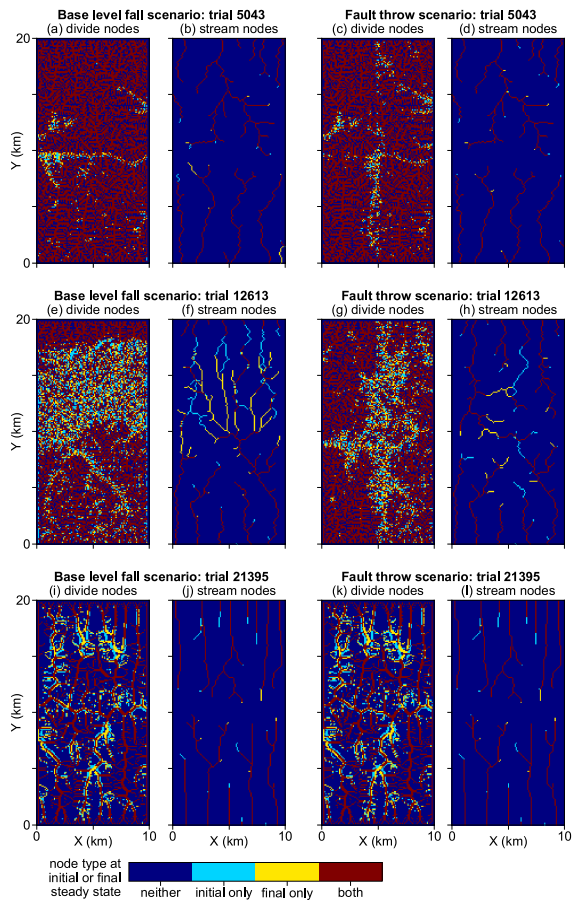
**Figure 8. Landform change of exemplary trials.** The colour of grid cells symbolises landform type at the initial and final steady state in the model. Blue areas were not the landform type (divide or stream) in a given subplot at the times of either steady state. Red areas were the subplot landform type in both steady state times. Cyan and yellow areas were the subplot landform type in the initial and final steady state, respectively.
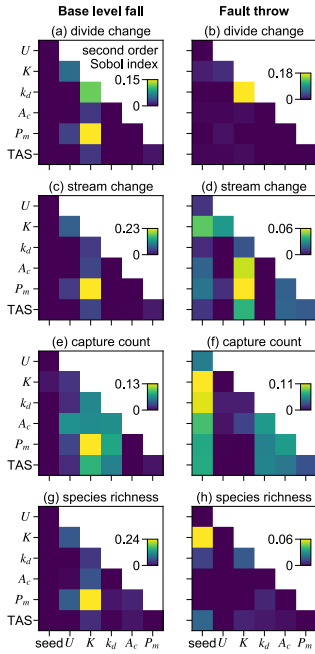
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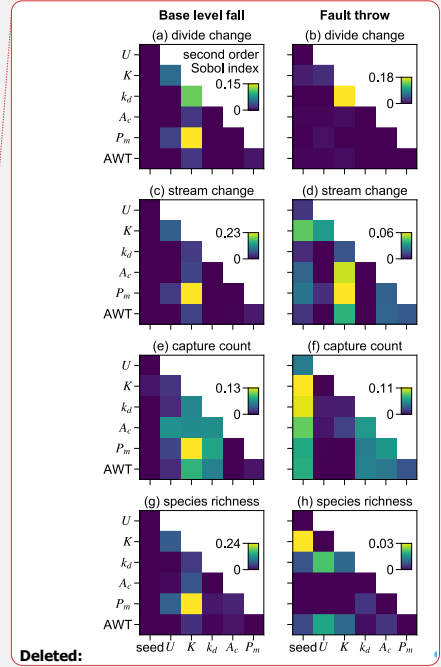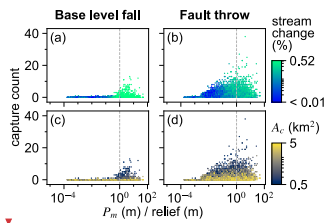
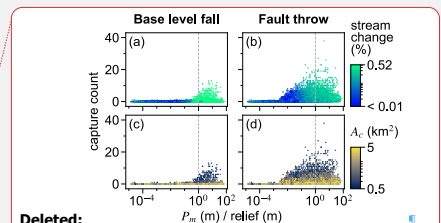**Figure 10. Capture count versus the ratio of $P_m$ and relief.** $P_m$ and relief are equal at the vertical dashed line.
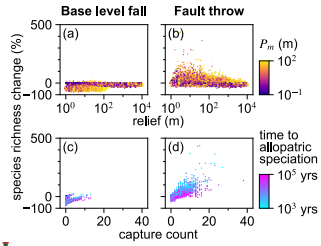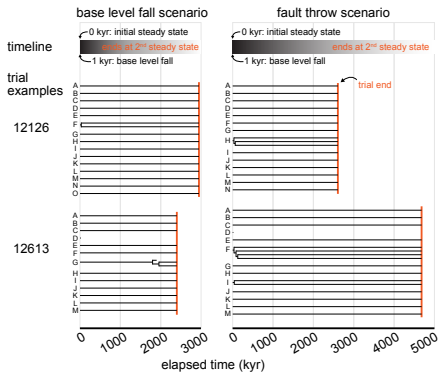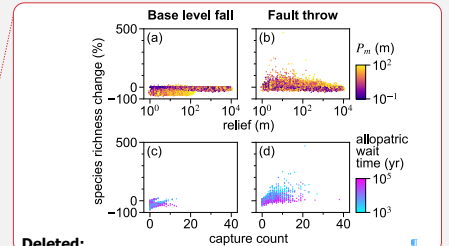
**Figure 11.** **Species richness percent change.** Species richness change versus relief (a–b) and capture count (c–d).

5     **Figure 12. Phylogeny of exemplary trials.** Topography was perturbed by base level fall of fault throw at 1 kyr elapsed since the first steady state was reached. Most of the trials animated in the video supplement are shown. Trial 5043 is not included. Species did not change in this trial because no stream networks disappeared or were captured. The lineages of clades in a trial are labelled alphabetically. Speciation events occurred where lineages split and extinctions occurred where lineages terminated before the end of the trial.