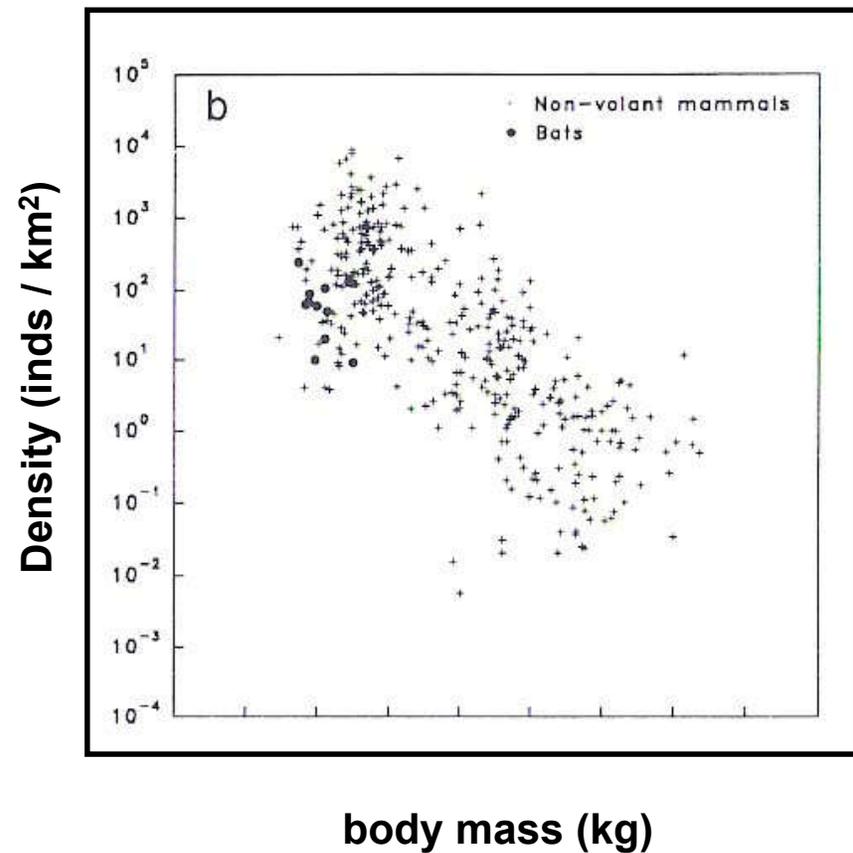
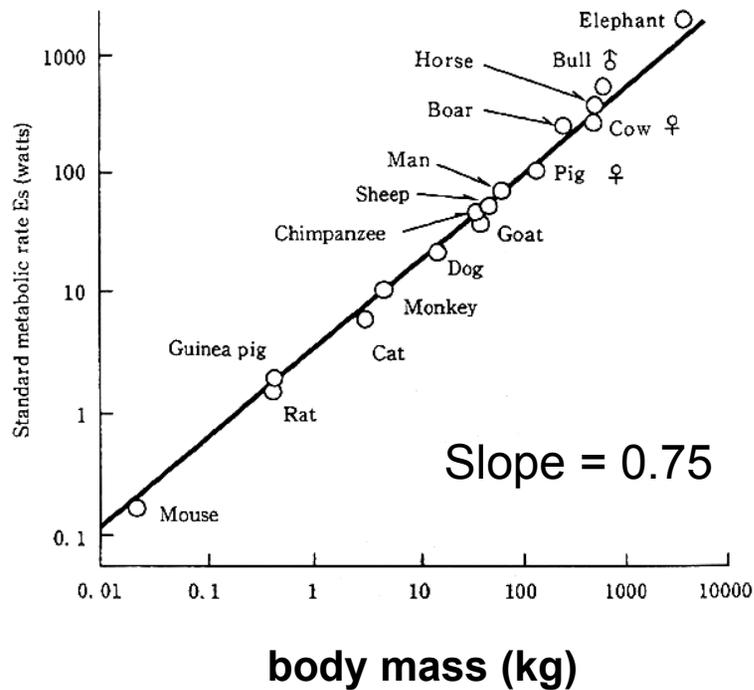


# Main Points

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  - the production of extra-metabolic energy
  - energy consumption as a predictor of life histories
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  - Brown et al: wealth as a predictor of energy consumption
  - the Malthusian-Darwinian dynamic, failed societies, and alternatives to technological bail-outs for the third chimpanzee
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  - predictors of armed conflict in the third chimpanzee
  - the phenomenon of genocide in Class Mammalia
  - why we should not try to solve one of the biggest mysteries in biology
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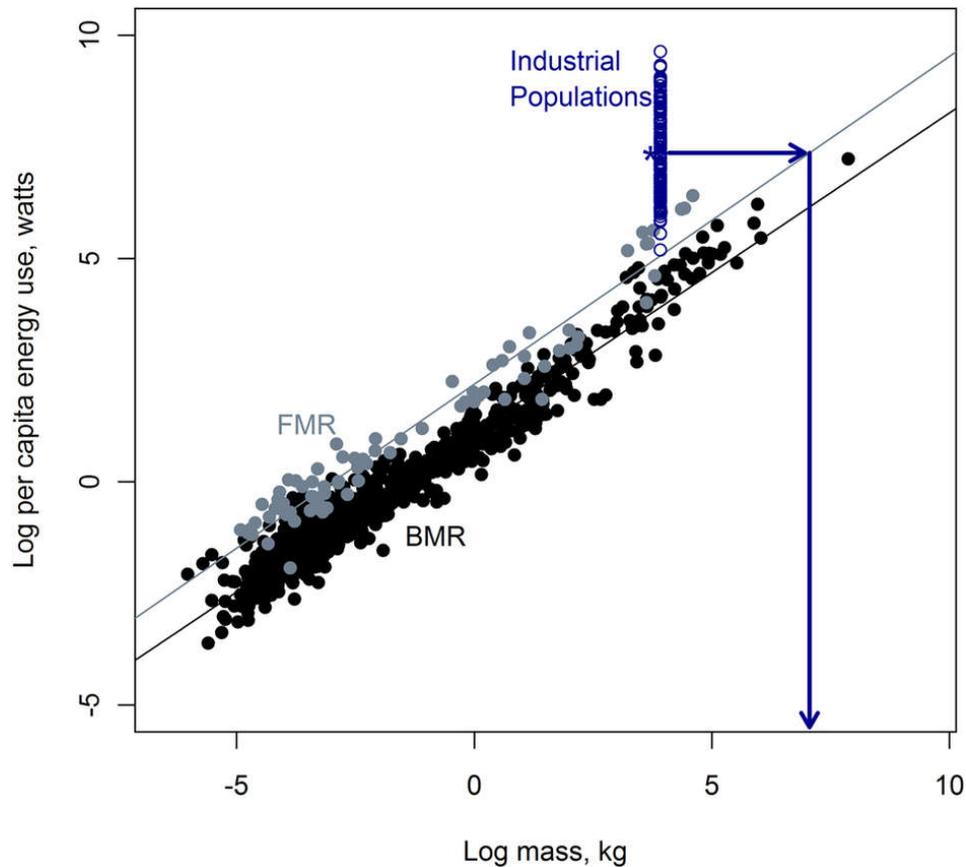
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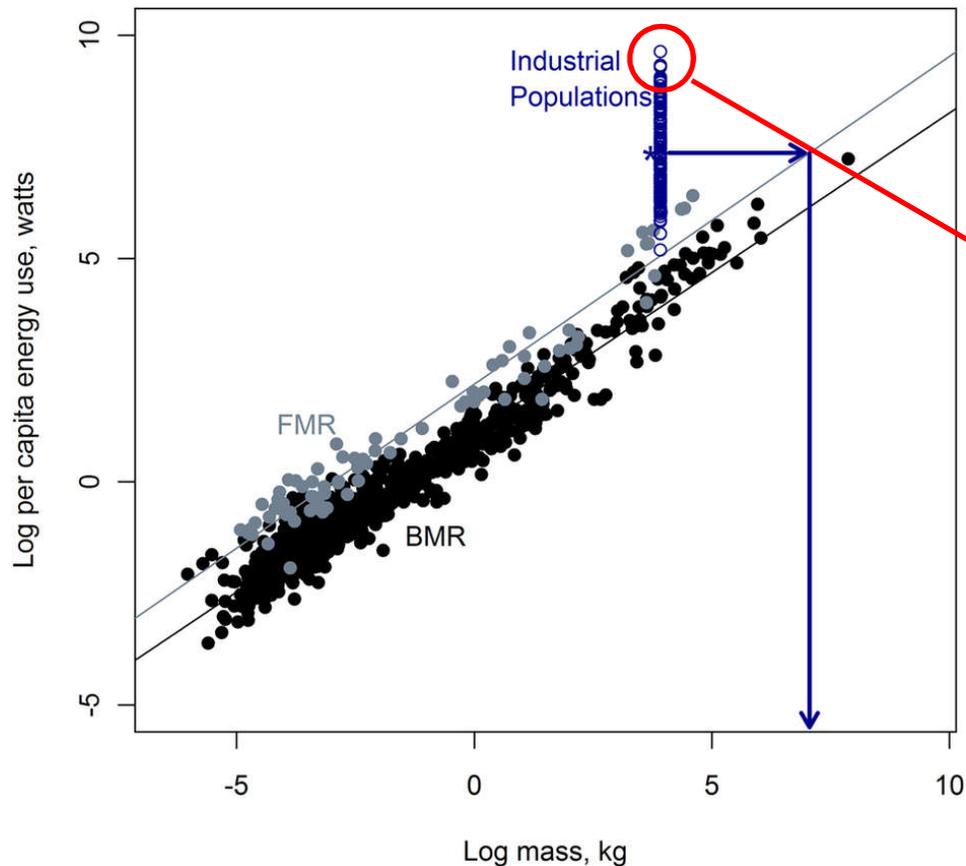
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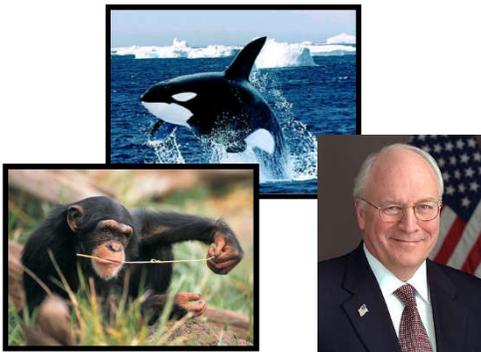


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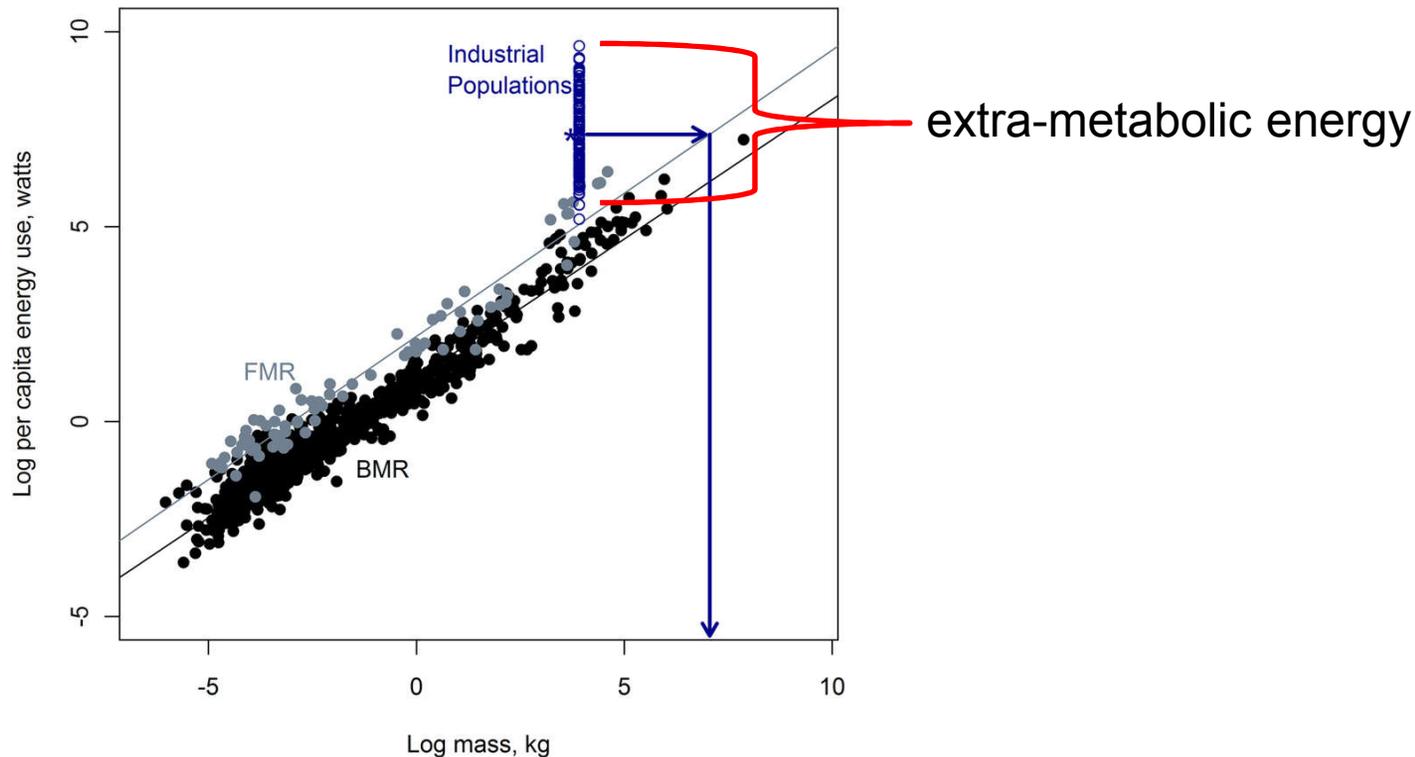
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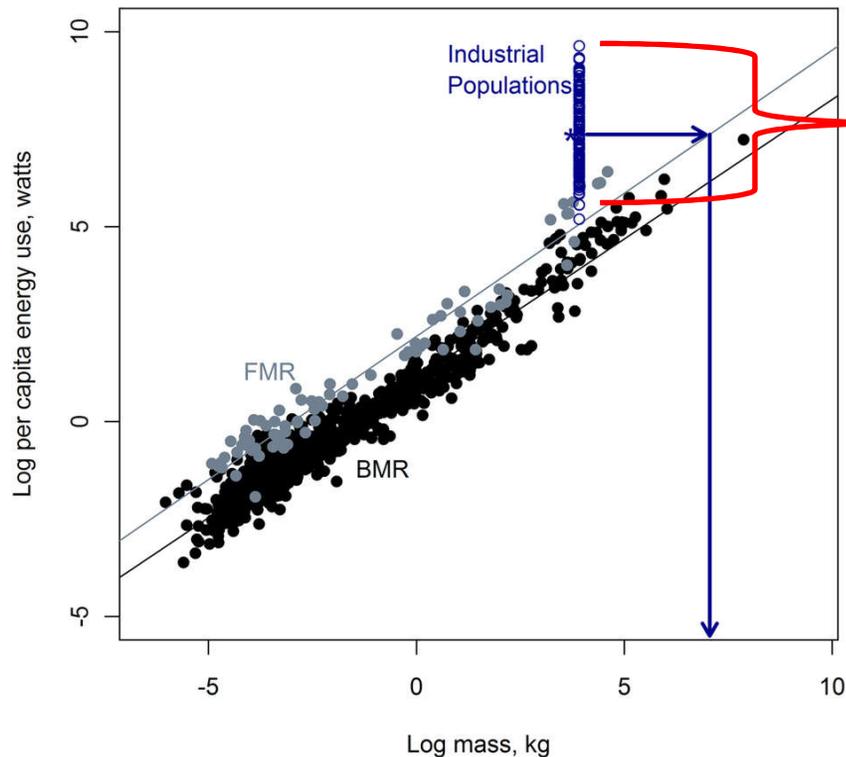
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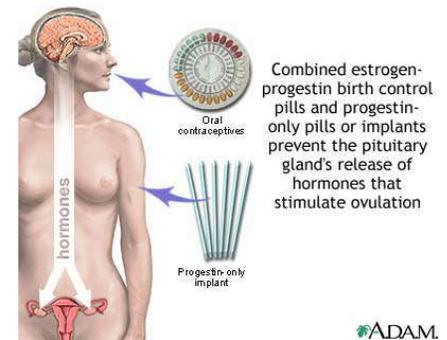


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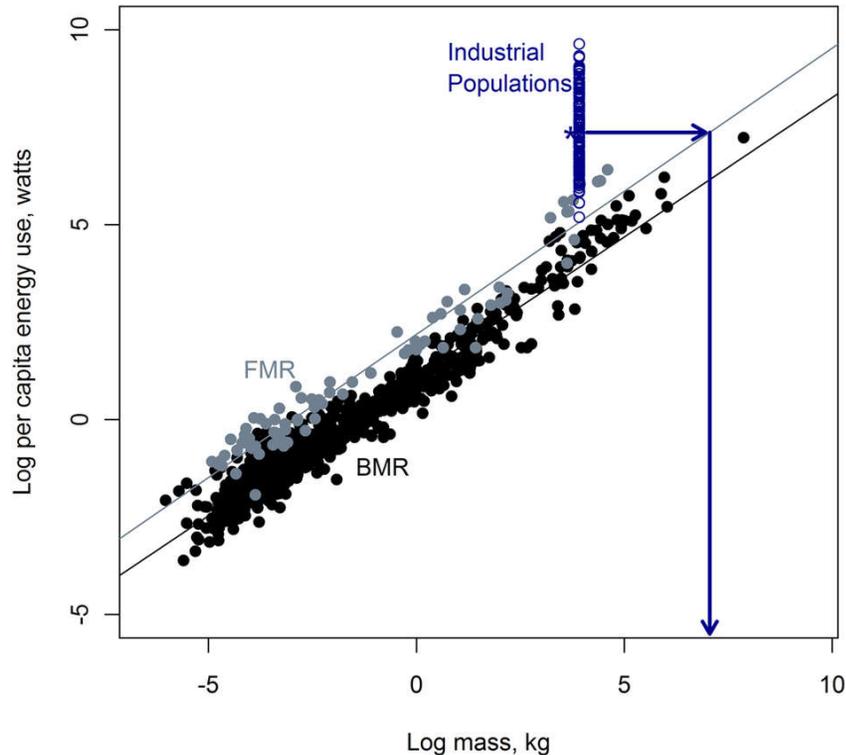


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# Body size, wealth, and life histories

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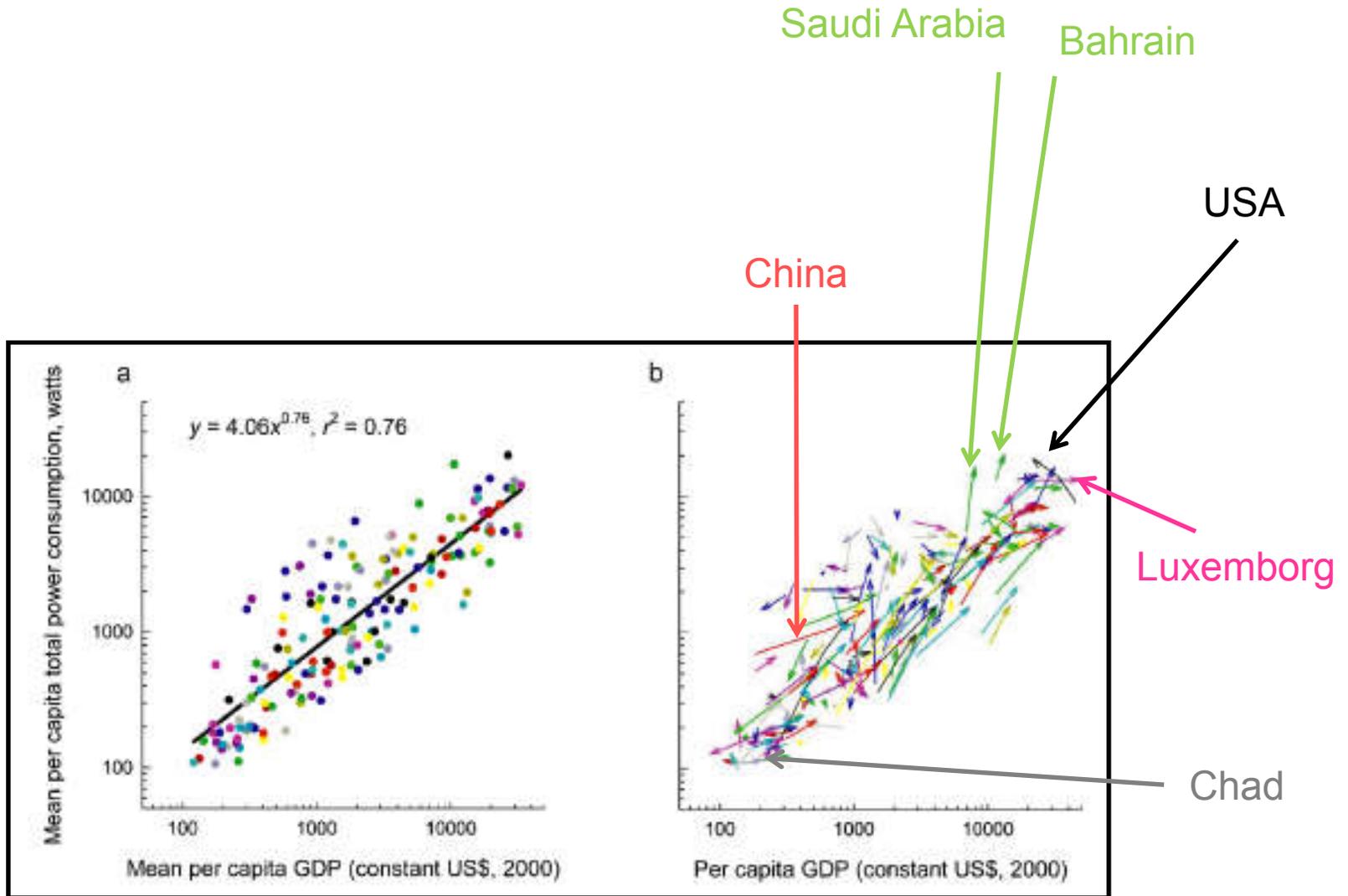
- any trait that scales with body size can be expressed as a function of energy use
- for humans, can energy use (both metabolic and extra-metabolic combined) predict life history variables?

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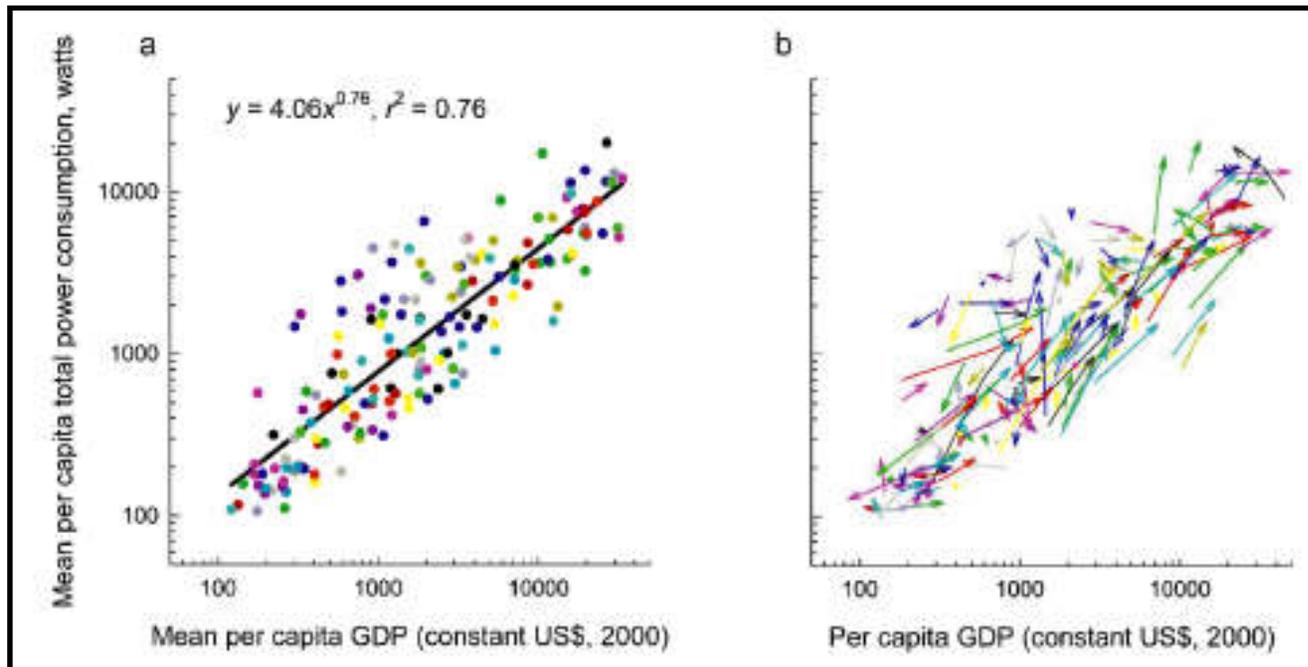


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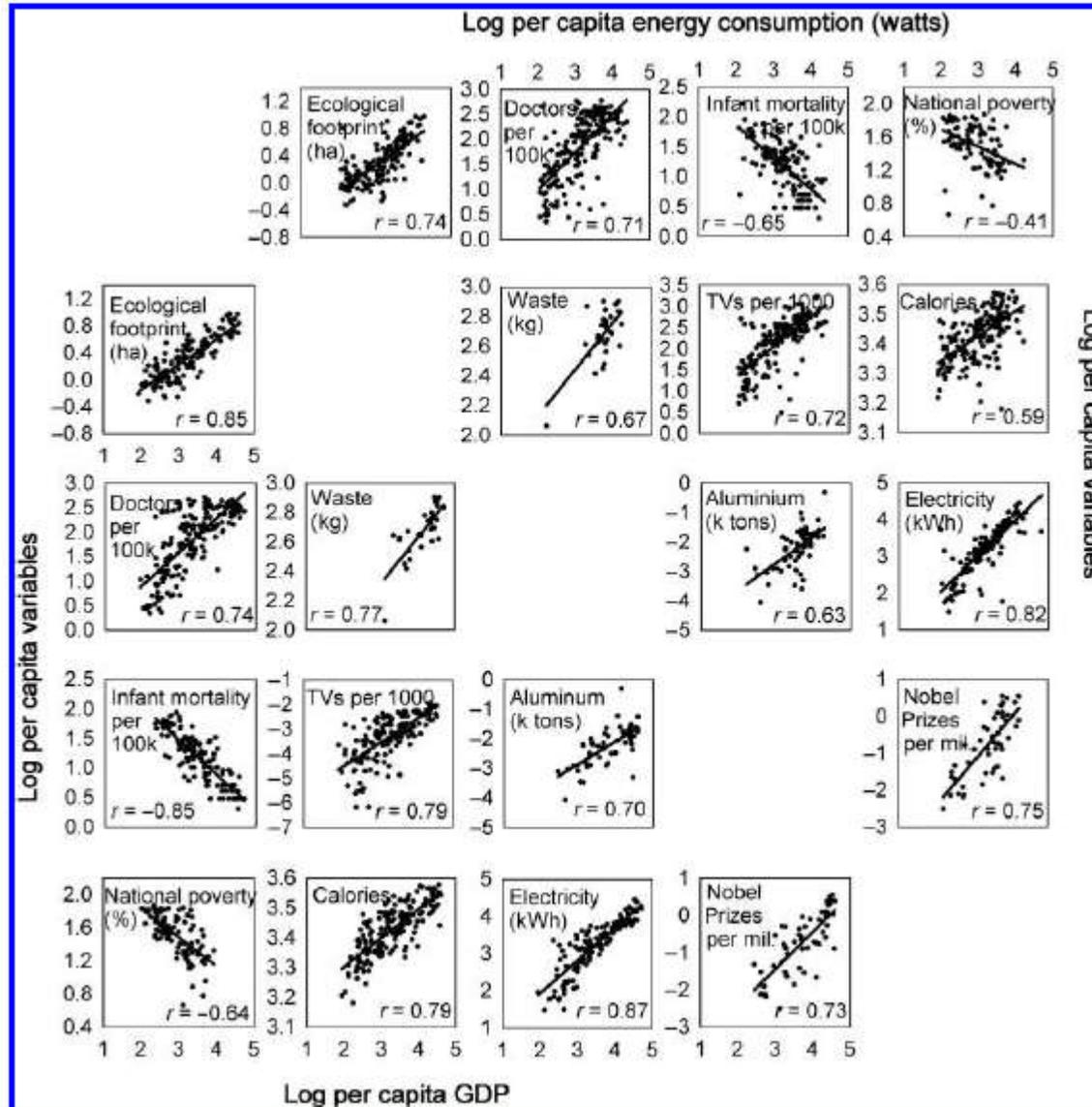


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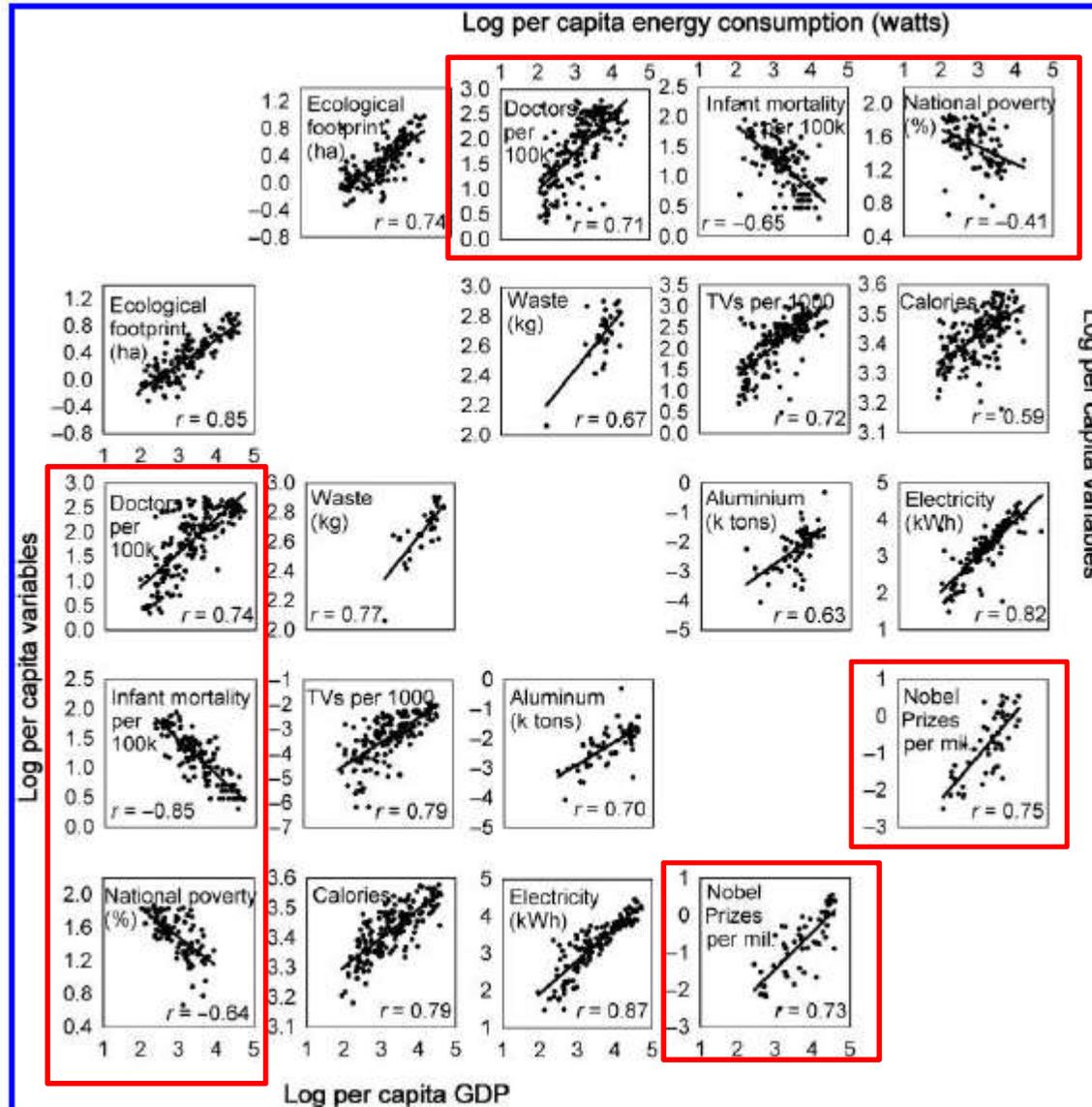
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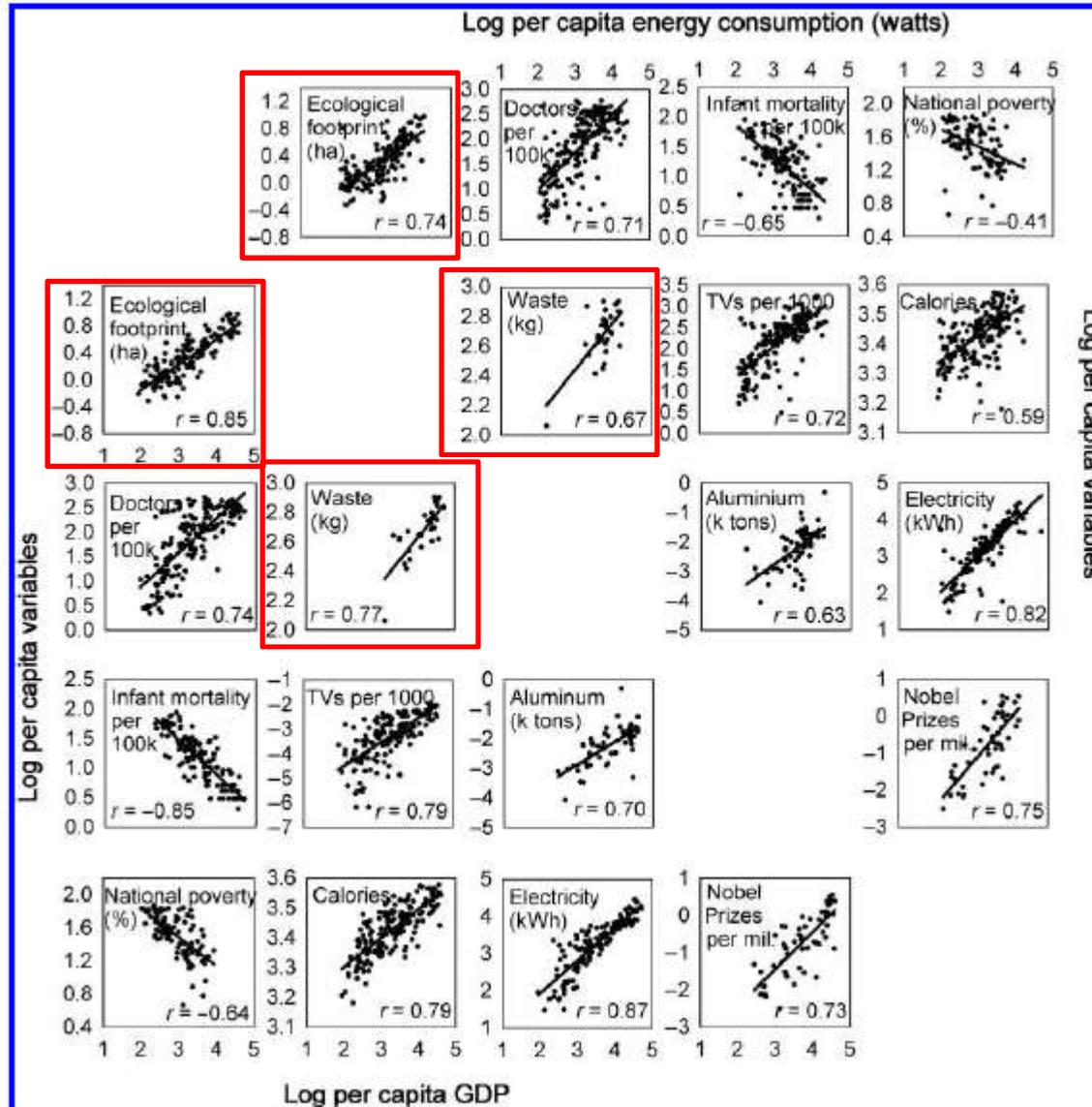
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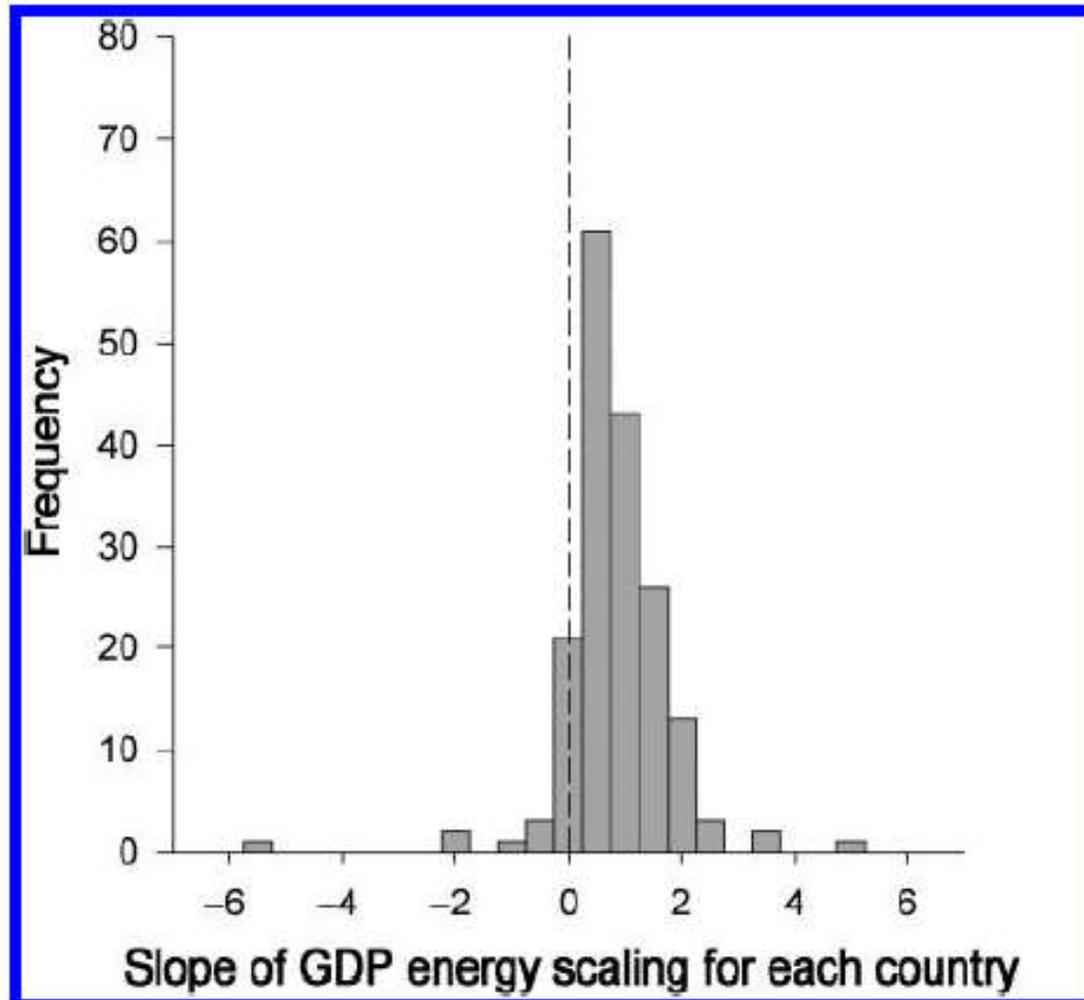


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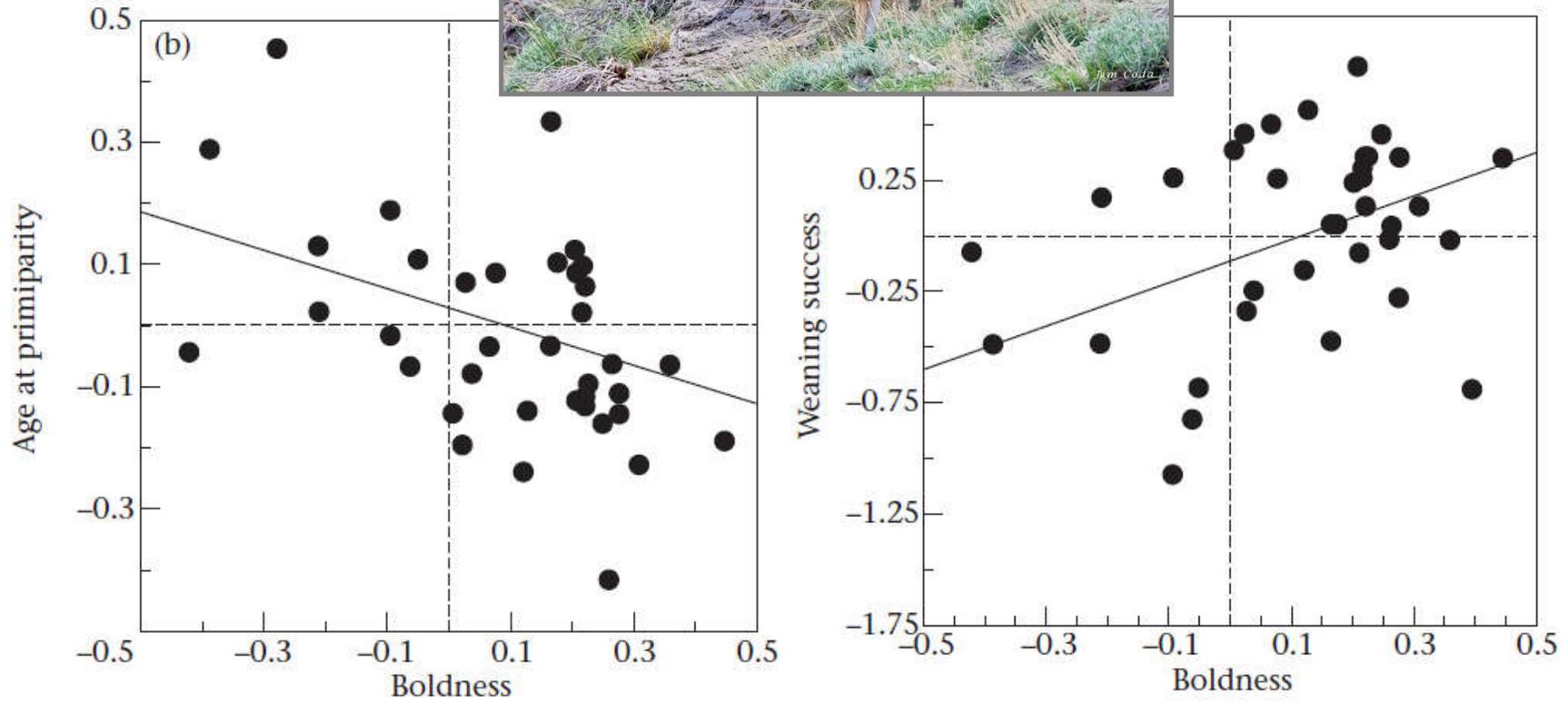


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Reale et al. 2000.

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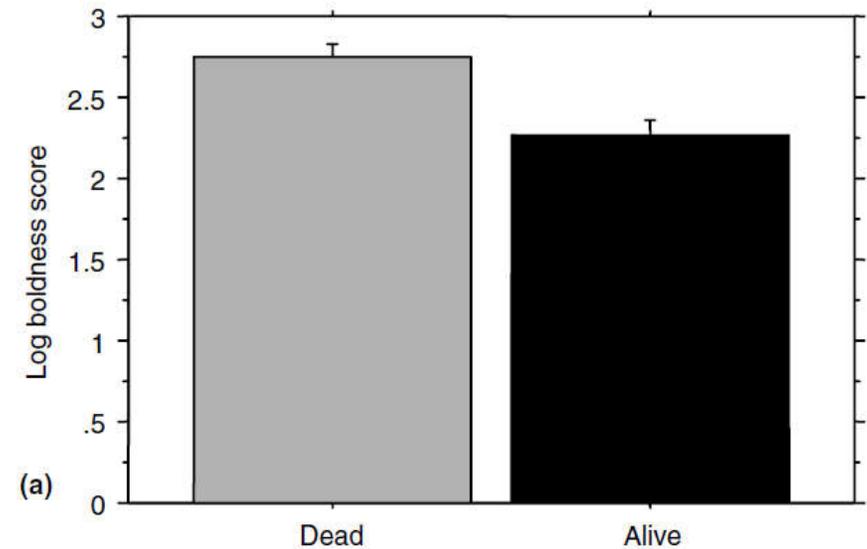
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# **Bold/aggressive personalities and fitness**

- fitness trade-offs between bold/aggressive (high reproduction, low survival) and cautious/shy (low reproduction, high survival) phenotypes in ~20 mammalian species (Blumstein and Smith 2008).

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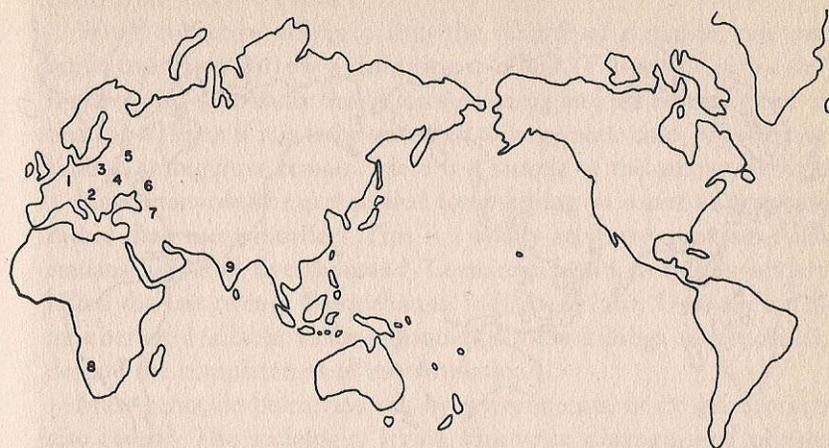


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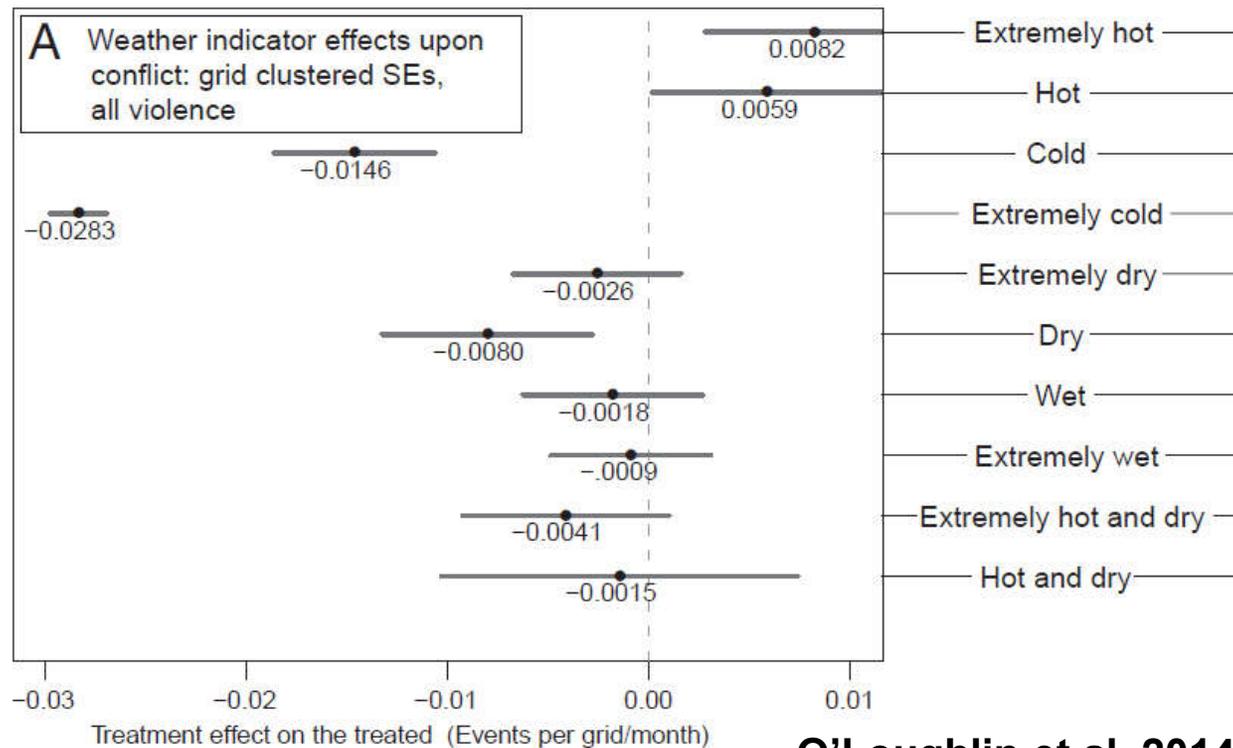


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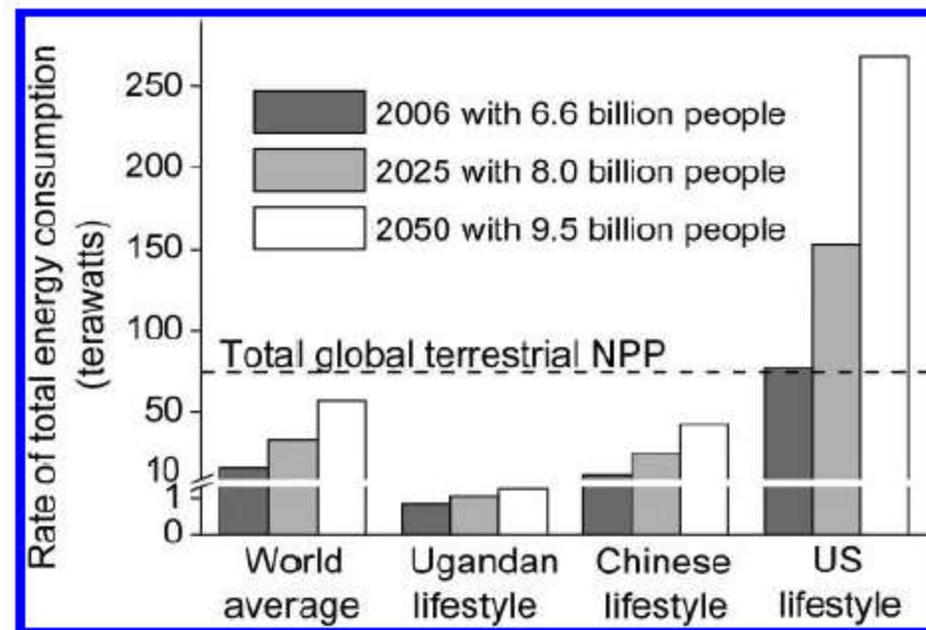
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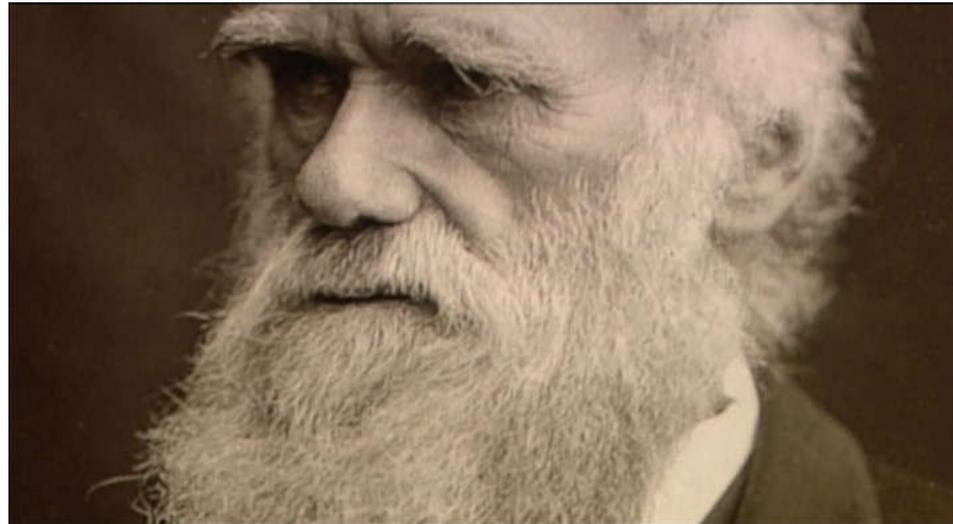
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- **H. sapiens is projected (conservatively) to reach a global population size of 9-10 billion people by 2050**
- **Given this, there are three scenarios through which additional economic growth can be maintained**



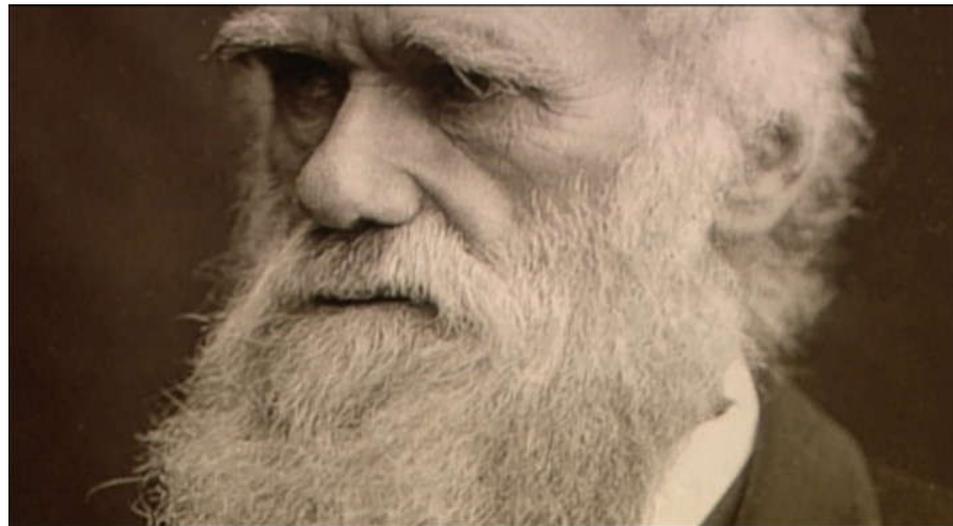
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- **Charles Darwin: new adaptations (through biological and/or cultural evolution) push against these limits**



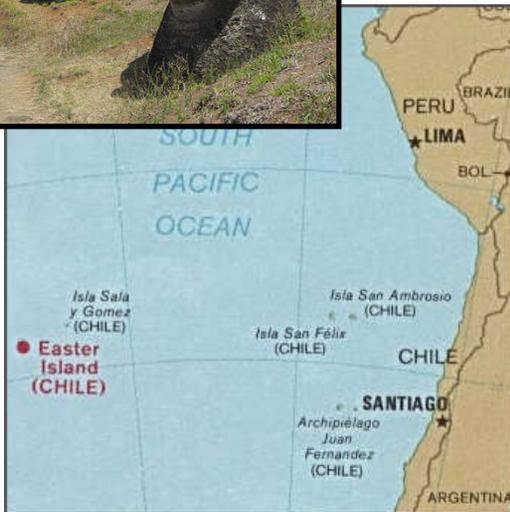
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Cambodian Angkor, Societal collapse ~1400

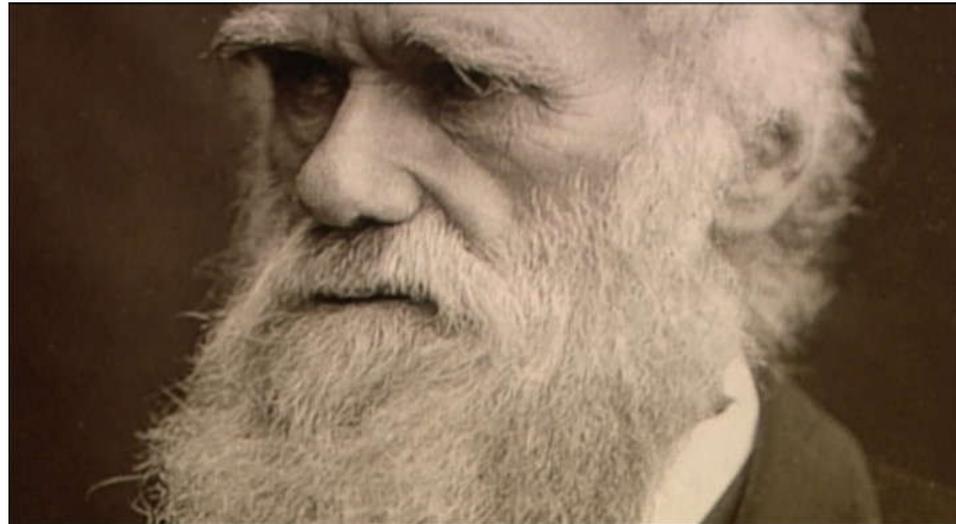


Yucatan Mayans Societal collapse ~1600



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### **3) Voluntary reduction in population size**

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