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Appendix 1

Sensitivity analyses

To test whether our selection and standardization of molars elements for mass estimation led to biases in our analysis, we ran several sensitivity analyses. First, we included all data, without the exclusion of potential duplicates or subadults, processed as described within the methods of the main text. Second, we reran analyses on all data but excluded potential subadults. Finally, we ran analyses on single elements, either upper or lower molars.

We conducted the analyses across both our pre- (12700-15800 cal BP) versus post- (0-12 700 cal BP) extinction bins, and then across our 14-time intervals to test whether the inclusion of only lower or only upper molars changed the results we obtained from using minimum number of individuals (MNI) and a standardization of upper molars to estimate body size. This analysis therefore contained all 399 specimens for which we obtained molar length measurements, and were divided into 230 lower molar measurements and 169 upper molar measurements, including both left and right orientations. We analyzed variation across our pre- and post-extinction bins using the F-test and Two-sample T-test, and considered changes across our 14-time intervals using ANOVAs and Tukey Multiple Comparisons.

Analyses using all 399 mass estimates gave the same results as those given by data analyzed after applying our MNI, independent of whether subadults were maintained or removed.

Analysis of all data, including potential duplicate individuals and subadults, found no significant change in the variation or distribution of mass across our pre- and post-extinction time intervals (F-test $p > 0.05$, $df = 12/385$, two sample T-test $p > 0.1$, $df = 397$) or across our 14-time intervals (ANOVA $p > 0.1$, $df = 13/385$). Similar results were obtained when subadults were removed both for the pre- and post-extinction bins (F-test $p > 0.05$, $df = 12/368$, two sample T-test $p > 0.1$, $df = 380$) and 14-time intervals (ANOVA $p > 0.1$, $df = 13/368$).

Our results were consistent across lower and upper molars and those obtained using our MNI selection criteria, even with the inclusion of subadults. Analysis for pre- and post-extinction time intervals found no significant change in variation or distribution of mass as given by lower molar length (F-test $p > 0.1$, $df = 5/223$, two sample T-test $p > 0.1$, $df = 228$) or upper molar length (F-test $p > 0.1$, $df = 6/161$, two sample T-test $p > 0.1$, $df = 167$).

No significant differences were found across adjacent or non-adjacent 14-time intervals when only lower molar lengths were used (ANOVA $p > 0.1$, $df = 13/216$). No significant differences were found across adjacent time intervals, but a single significant change in body size was found between non-adjacent time intervals for upper molars (ANOVA $df = 13/155$, $p\text{-value} < 0.05$, Tukey $p\text{-value} < 0.05$ for time intervals 1500-3100 and 8400-9000 cal BP). This difference was found to be driven by a single outlier. Thus, the use of a single element did not alter our overall results, but because temporal bins were lost or low, it would compromise our ability to do other analyses, such as with our state space models.

Table A1. *Sigmodon* elements present within each time interval as given by stratigraphic depth (cm) and age range (cal BP). Elements included mandibles, maxilla or loose molars designated as follows: lower left first molar (LLM1), lower right first molar (LRM1), upper left first molar (ULM1) and upper right first molar (URM1). Mandibles or maxilla without first molars are designated as “other”. “Total” are all molar measurements taken (N=399) across all time intervals. “Used in Analysis” is the number of molar measurements included after removal of potential duplicates using minimum number of individuals and removal of potential subadults. The age range comes from the age model presented in Supplementary materials Appendix 1 Figure A1, Table A2.

| Stratigraphic depth (cm) | Age range (cal BP) | <i>Sigmodon</i> elements present | | | | | Molar lengths | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|---------------|------------------|
| | | LLM1 | LRM1 | ULM1 | URM1 | Other | Total | Used in analysis |
| 0 - 10 | 0 - 1500 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 14 |
| 10 - 35 | 1500 - 3100 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 25 | 18 |
| 35 - 70 | 3100 - 5400 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 13 |
| 70 - 80 | 5400 - 6100 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 20 | 13 |
| 80 - 85 | 6100 - 6400 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 13 |
| 85 - 90 | 6400 - 6700 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 28 | 19 |
| 90 - 105 | 6700 - 7700 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 21 | 16 |
| 105 - 115 | 7700 - 8400 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 35 | 25 |
| 115 - 125 | 8400 – 9000 | 19 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 57 | 34 |
| 125 - 130 | 9000 - 9400 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 22 | 15 |
| 130 - 140 | 9400 – 10 000 | 10 | 18 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 44 | 26 |
| 140 - 155 | 10 000 – 11 000 | 22 | 23 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 70 | 45 |
| 155 - 180 | 11 000 – 12 700 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 7 |
| 180 - 230 | 12 700 – 15 800 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 13 | 12 |

Age model

Table A2. Stratigraphic depth, specimen id(s), AMS ^{14}C measurements (RC y BP) and errors (RC $\pm 1\sigma$), and calibrated ages (cal BP) and standard deviations. Mean calendar ages were calibrated using OxCal ver. 4.3.2 (Ramsey 1995, 2009, 2017) with 95% confidence intervals (2σ). Original AMS ^{14}C measurements from Toomey (1993), Cooke et al. (2003) and Bourne et al. (2016).

| Stratigraphic depth (cm) | Depth midpoint (cm) | Specimen ID(s) | Material dated | RC (y BP) | RC ($\pm 1\sigma$) | Unmodelled mean calendar years (cal BP) | Unmodelled calendar years standard deviation (2σ) | Reference |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| Surface | 0 | 41229-10880, Tx-7053 | Guano | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | Toomey 1993 |
| 7 | 7 | 41229-10548, Tx-7191 | Charcoal | 420 | 60 | 442 | 68 | Toomey 1993 |
| 005-010 | 7.5 | 41229-990, Tx-6943 | Guano | 1460 | 100 | 1384 | 97 | Toomey 1993 |
| 015-020 | 17.5 | 41229-12115 | Gelatin | 1500 | 60 | 1407 | 65 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 025-030 | 27.5 | 41229-12118 | Gelatin | 2330 | 60 | 2372 | 119 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 040-045 | 42.5 | CAMS-8738 | Bone | 2860 | 60 | 2989 | 86 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 045-050 | 47.5 | 41229-1119, Tx-6097 | Charcoal | 2490 | 90 | 2560 | 116 | Toomey 1993 |
| 050-055 | 52.5 | 41229-12083 | Charcoal | 3190 | 70 | 3414 | 85 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 050-055 | 52.5 | CAMS-8736 | Bone | 3250 | 60 | 3483 | 67 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 055-060 | 57.5 | 41229-6881, Tx-6752 | Charcoal | 3190 | 90 | 3411 | 111 | Toomey 1993 |
| 060-065 | 62.5 | 41229-12117 | Gelatin | 4000 | 60 | 4484 | 104 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 070-075 | 72.5 | CAMS-16024 | Bone | 4550 | 80 | 5201 | 137 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 075-080 | 77.5 | 41229-12099 | Humins | 5400 | 70 | 6175 | 91 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 080-085 | 82.5 | CAMS-16022 | Bone | 4670 | 60 | 5415 | 87 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 090-095 | 92.5 | 41229-12162 | Gelatin | 5320 | 60 | 6102 | 82 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 100 | 100 | 41229-5265, Tx-6413 | Charcoal | 4850 | 130 | 5583 | 159 | Toomey 1993 |
| 100-105 | 102.5 | CAMS-16029 | Bone | 6110 | 60 | 7002 | 95 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 105-110 | 107.5 | 41229-12164 | Gelatin | 7700 | 80 | 8497 | 74 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 120-125 | 122.5 | 41229-12166 | Gelatin | 8630 | 60 | 9613 | 68 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 130-135 | 132.5 | CAMS-16162 | Bone | 8730 | 60 | 9728 | 118 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 140-145 | 142.5 | 41229-6882, Tx-6537 | Bone | 7040 | 210 | 7889 | 196 | Toomey 1993 |
| 145-150 | 142.5 | 41229-12080 | Gelatin | 10 310 | 70 | 12 137 | 156 | Cooke et al. 2003 |

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|---------|-------|----------------------|------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------------------|
| 145-150 | 147.5 | CAMS-8724 | Bone | 10 340 | 70 | 12 193 | 145 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 155-158 | 157.5 | 41229-1360, Tx-6154 | Carbonate | 7190 | 120 | 8024 | 125 | Toomey 1993 |
| 155-160 | 157.5 | CAMS-33971 | Bone | 11 290 | 60 | 13 154 | 57 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 155-160 | 157.5 | 41229-12075 | Gelatin | 11 310 | 60 | 13 168 | 57 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 165-170 | 167.5 | 41229-12173 | Gelatin | 11 410 | 70 | 13 250 | 76 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 175-180 | 177.5 | CAMS-16018 | Bone | 11 460 | 60 | 13 306 | 70 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 180 | 180 | 41229-1326, Tx-6137 | Carbonate | 11 850 | 120 | 13 688 | 139 | Toomey 1993 |
| 185-190 | 187.5 | 41229-N.D. | Gelatin | 11 550 | 70 | 13 383 | 67 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 190-195 | 192.5 | 41229-1118, Tx-6096 | Carbonate | 11 770 | 150 | 13 618 | 162 | Toomey 1993 |
| 195-200 | 197.5 | 41229-12176 | Gelatin | 12 110 | 90 | 13 971 | 127 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 210-215 | 212.5 | 41229-12177 | Gelatin | 14 400 | 80 | 17 553 | 128 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 220-225 | 225.5 | 41229-12073 | Gelatin | 12 570 | 80 | 14 843 | 210 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 230-235 | 232.5 | CAMS-7197 | Bone | 12 680 | 100 | 15 307 | 207 | Bourne et al. 2016 |
| 230-235 | 232.5 | 41229-10879, Tx-7430 | Bone | 15 130 | 170 | 18 369 | 196 | Toomey 1993 |
| 235-240 | 237.5 | 41229-12076 | Gelatin | 14 700 | 90 | 17 885 | 124 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 260-260 | 260 | 41229-12137 | Humic Acid | 15 290 | 90 | 18 556 | 106 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 270-275 | 272.5 | 41229-12179 | Gelatin | 13 940 | 100 | 16 897 | 180 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 295-300 | 297.5 | 41229-12180 | Gelatin | 16 240 | 100 | 19 615 | 149 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 300-305 | 302.5 | 41229-12181 | Gelatin | 16 620 | 110 | 20 054 | 158 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 315-320 | 317.5 | 41229-12183 | Gelatin | 16 510 | 100 | 19 910 | 144 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 338-342 | 340.5 | 41229-12131 | Humic Acid | 16 610 | 110 | 20 041 | 159 | Cooke et al. 2003 |
| 345-350 | 347.5 | 41229-12184 | Gelatin | 16 770 | 100 | 20 236 | 139 | Cooke et al. 2003 |

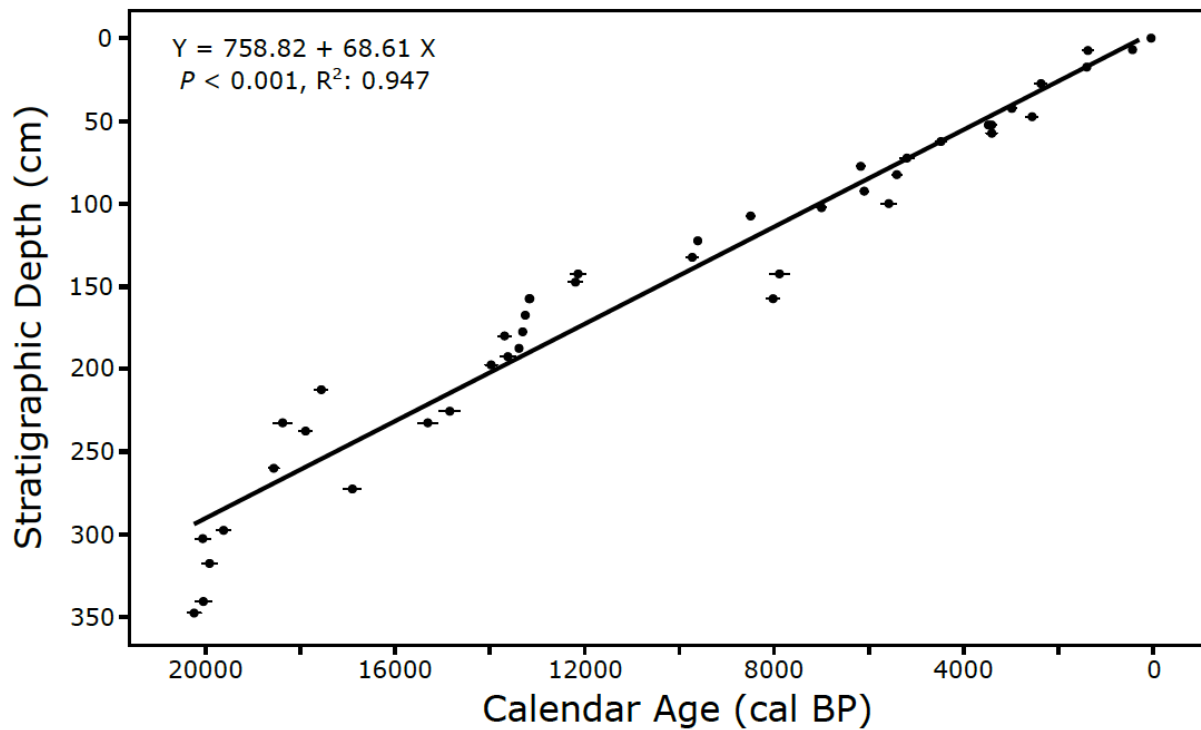


Figure A1. Age model of Hall's Cave. Regression of unmodelled calibrated calendar ages (cal BP) and stratigraphic depth (cm) of the Hall's Cave fossil record. Because elements were binned into 5-15cm units, the midpoint of the stratigraphic depth was employed in the regression. Black bars represent the 95% confidence intervals for each calibrated interval. A linear regression yielded an equation of $Y = 758.82 + 64.57 X$ (df=42, $p < 0.001$, adj. $R^2 = 0.947$).

Additional data

Table A3. Percent of each trophic category (browser, carnivore, frugivore/granivore, grazer, insectivore and omnivore) within the Edwards Plateau mammal community across the 14-time intervals.

| Age range (cal BP) | Percent (%) of trophic category within community | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------|---------------------|--------|-------------|----------|
| | Browser | Carnivore | Frugivore/granivore | Grazer | Insectivore | Omnivore |
| 0 – 1500 | 29.4 | 20.6 | 14.7 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.8 |
| 1500 – 3100 | 27.8 | 16.7 | 22.2 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 11.1 |
| 3100 – 5400 | 31.4 | 22.9 | 17.1 | 11.4 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| 5400 – 6100 | 32.3 | 12.9 | 22.6 | 12.9 | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| 6100 – 6400 | 34.4 | 12.5 | 18.8 | 12.5 | 9.4 | 12.5 |
| 6400 – 6700 | 30.3 | 12.1 | 18.2 | 12.1 | 15.2 | 12.1 |
| 6700 – 7700 | 30.3 | 12.1 | 18.2 | 12.1 | 15.2 | 12.1 |
| 7700 – 8400 | 27.8 | 11.1 | 19.4 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 13.9 |
| 8400 – 9000 | 28.6 | 11.4 | 20.0 | 11.4 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 9000 – 9400 | 28.6 | 11.4 | 20.0 | 11.4 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 9400 – 10000 | 25.6 | 12.8 | 20.5 | 10.3 | 12.8 | 17.9 |
| 10000 – 11000 | 25.7 | 11.4 | 20.0 | 11.4 | 14.3 | 17.1 |
| 11000 – 12700 | 17.0 | 28.3 | 13.2 | 17.0 | 9.4 | 15.1 |
| 12700 – 15800 | 20.3 | 18.9 | 10.8 | 25.7 | 10.8 | 13.5 |

Table A4. First molars (M1) measurements of *Sigmodon hispidus* from the Museum of Southwestern Biology (MSB), University of New Mexico. Mean lengths of upper left (ULM1), upper right (URM1), lower left (LLM1) and lower right (LRM1) first molars are given with standard error (SE), as well as weight as it was recorded on the specimen tag are given. Measurements were taken using a AM4515ZT Dino-Lite Edge.

| MSB ID | Weight (g) | ULM1 ± SE | URM1 ± SE | LLM1 ± SE | LRM1 ± SE |
|--------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 57610 | 157.0 | 2.26 ± 0.00 | 2.17 ± 0.01 | 2.47 ± 0.01 | 2.49 ± 0.00 |
| 57611 | 156.0 | 2.33 ± 0.01 | 2.22 ± 0.01 | 2.43 ± 0.02 | 2.54 ± 0.00 |
| 57612 | 150.0 | 2.31 ± 0.01 | 2.27 ± 0.00 | 2.53 ± 0.01 | 2.56 ± 0.01 |
| 57613 | 134.0 | 2.22 ± 0.00 | 2.3 ± 0.00 | 2.34 ± 0.01 | 2.34 ± 0.01 |
| 57615 | 187.0 | 2.16 ± 0.00 | 2.22 ± 0.01 | 2.4 ± 0.01 | 2.45 ± 0.01 |
| 57616 | 206.0 | 2.22 ± 0.02 | 2.21 ± 0.01 | 2.64 ± 0.01 | 2.61 ± 0.01 |
| 57617 | 142.5 | 2.25 ± 0.00 | 2.32 ± 0.00 | 2.52 ± 0.01 | 2.52 ± 0.01 |
| 57618 | 125.0 | 2.25 ± 0.01 | 2.22 ± 0.02 | 2.56 ± 0.00 | 2.56 ± 0.01 |
| 57619 | 118.0 | 2.32 ± 0.01 | 2.24 ± 0.01 | 2.44 ± 0.00 | 2.44 ± 0.01 |
| 57622 | 44.1 | 2.11 ± 0.01 | 2.14 ± 0.01 | 2.28 ± 0.01 | 2.33 ± 0.01 |
| 57624 | 160.0 | 2.23 ± 0.01 | 2.28 ± 0.01 | 2.55 ± 0.00 | 2.65 ± 0.00 |
| 88977 | 59.7 | 1.92 ± 0.00 | 1.96 ± 0.00 | 2.16 ± 0.01 | 2.22 ± 0.01 |
| 104054 | 99.7 | 2.18 ± 0.01 | 2.14 ± 0.01 | 2.41 ± 0.00 | 2.39 ± 0.00 |
| 104055 | 87.8 | 2.4 ± 0.01 | 2.48 ± 0.01 | 2.65 ± 0.00 | 2.69 ± 0.01 |
| 104056 | 96.5 | 2.00 ± 0.00 | 2.08 ± 0.01 | 2.35 ± 0.00 | 2.35 ± 0.00 |
| 140853 | 106.0 | 1.98 ± 0.02 | 1.89 ± 0.00 | 2.08 ± 0.01 | 2.13 ± 0.01 |
| 180617 | 73.5 | 2.29 ± 0.00 | 2.18 ± 0.01 | 2.45 ± 0.00 | 2.41 ± 0.00 |
| 180618 | 81.0 | 2.15 ± 0.00 | 2.14 ± 0.01 | 2.31 ± 0.01 | 2.34 ± 0.00 |
| 180619 | 47.0 | 2.17 ± 0.01 | 2.16 ± 0.01 | 2.25 ± 0.01 | 2.30 ± 0.01 |
| 180895 | 88.9 | 2.18 ± 0.01 | 2.23 ± 0.01 | 2.51 ± 0.01 | 2.60 ± 0.01 |

Table A5. Results of Tukey honest significant differences on ANOVA ($p < 0.001$, $df = 13/252$) of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ across all time interval. Only significant differences shown. Significance given as follow: *= $p < 0.05$, **= $p < 0.01$, ***= $p < 0.001$.

| Upper age range (cal BP) | Lower age range (cal BP) | Difference of means | p-value |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 12700 – 15800 | 1500 - 3100 | 1.23 | ** |
| 11000 - 12700 | 5400 – 6100 | 1.57 | * |
| 11000 - 12700 | 1500 - 3100 | 1.85 | ** |
| 10000 - 11000 | 5400 – 6100 | 1.14 | ** |
| 10000 - 11000 | 1500 - 3100 | 1.42 | *** |
| 9400 - 10000 | 1500 - 3100 | 1.37 | ** |
| 8400 - 9000 | 6100 – 6400 | 1.02 | ** |
| 8400 - 9000 | 5400 – 6100 | 1.22 | ** |
| 8400 - 9000 | 1500 - 3100 | 1.50 | *** |
| 8400 - 9000 | 0 - 1500 | 1.24 | * |
| 7700 - 8400 | 6700 - 7700 | 1.16 | ** |
| 7700 - 8400 | 6100 – 6400 | 1.42 | *** |
| 7700 - 8400 | 5400 – 6100 | 1.62 | *** |
| 7700 - 8400 | 1500 - 3100 | 1.90 | *** |
| 7700 - 8400 | 0 - 1500 | 1.65 | ** |

Table A6. Fit linear model results for $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ for each age interval. Significance denoted under p-value as follows: ns=not significant, *=p<0.05, **=p<0.01, ***=p<0.001.

| Age range (cal BP) | Adjusted R ² | p-value |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 0 – 1500 | 0.04 | <i>ns</i> |
| 1500 – 3100 | -0.04 | <i>ns</i> |
| 3100 – 5400 | 0.28 | * |
| 5400 – 6100 | 0.08 | <i>ns</i> |
| 6100 – 6400 | 0.27 | ** |
| 6400 – 6700 | -0.14 | <i>ns</i> |
| 6700 – 7700 | 0.23 | * |
| 7700 – 8400 | -0.05 | <i>ns</i> |
| 8400 – 9000 | 0.38 | *** |
| 9000 – 9400 | 0.04 | <i>ns</i> |
| 9400 – 10000 | 0.21 | * |
| 10000 – 11000 | 0.40 | *** |
| 11000 – 12700 | -0.11 | <i>ns</i> |
| 12700 – 15800 | 0.11 | * |

Table A7. Outputs for 3 state-space model outputs for mass (Y_{mass}), $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (Y_{carbon}) and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ (Y_{nitrogen}) showing regression weight (β) values, with corresponding standard deviations (SD). All standard errors were < 0.05 .

| | | Y_{mass} | SD_{mass} | Y_{carbon} | SD_{carbon} | Y_{nitrogen} | SD_{nitrogen} |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Main variables | | | | | | | |
| body size | β_1 | ~ | ~ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.00 |
| $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ | β_2 | 1.7 | 0.5 | ~ | ~ | 0.2 | 0.00 |
| $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ | β_3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.2 | ~ | ~ |
| Climate variables | | | | | | | |
| mean precipitation | β_4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| maximum temperature | β_5 | 0.9 | 1.9 | -0.1 | 1.1 | -0.8 | 0.8 |
| minimum temperature | β_6 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| Community variables | | | | | | | |
| α -diversity | β_7 | -0.3 | 1.1 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| β -diversity | β_8 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 2.0 | -0.6 | 2.0 |
| % browsers | β_9 | -0.4 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| % carnivores | β_{10} | 0.3 | 1.3 | -0.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| % frugivores/granivores | β_{11} | 0.4 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| % grazers | β_{12} | -0.9 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| % insectivores | β_{13} | -0.6 | 1.9 | -0.8 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| % omnivores | β_{14} | 0.7 | 1.9 | -0.3 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.8 |

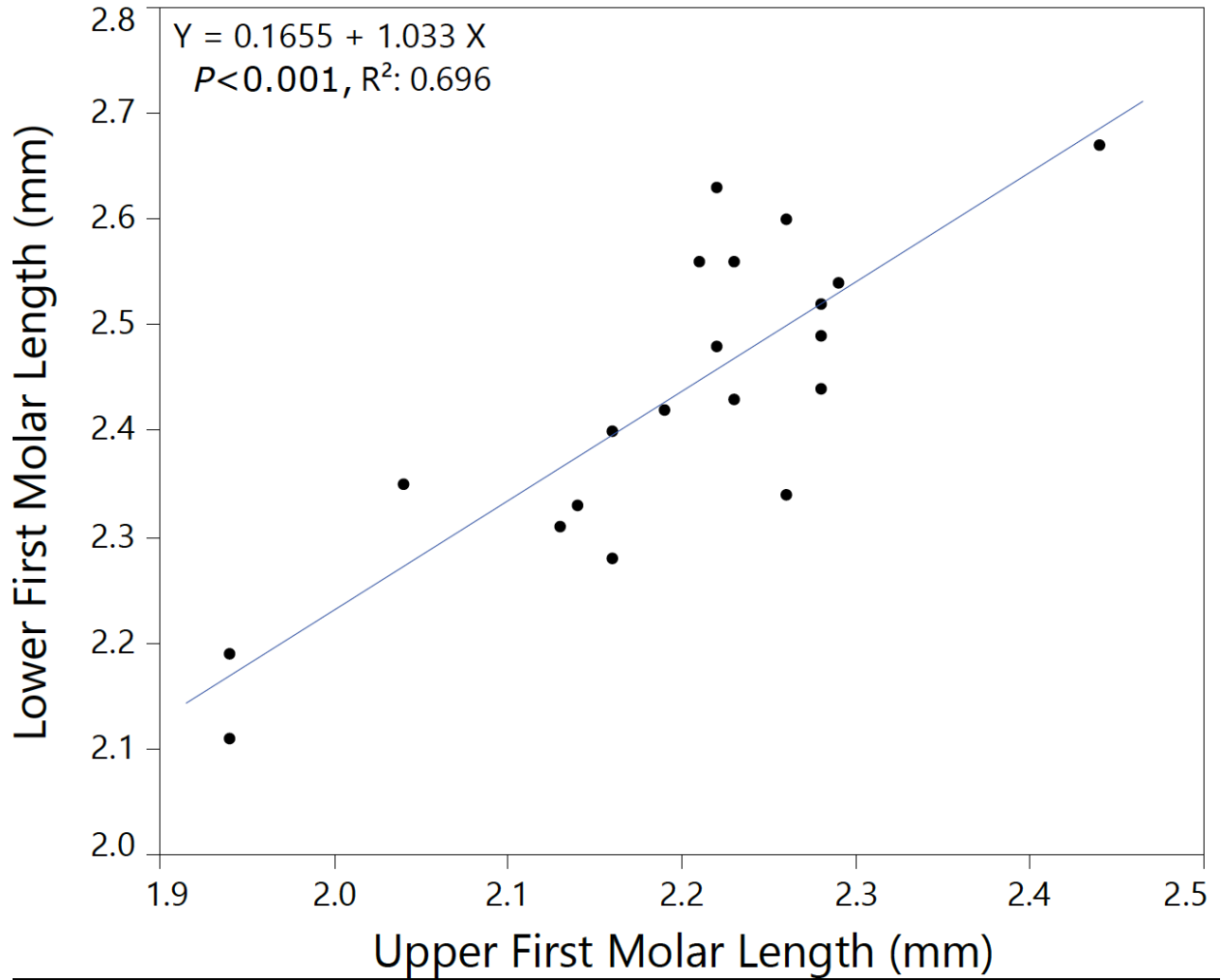


Figure A2. Upper and lower first molar relationship. Linear fit of upper and lower first molar length (mm) of *Sigmodon hispidus*. Note: sample size is low (n=20), with R² = 0.7 and adjusted R² = 0.68.

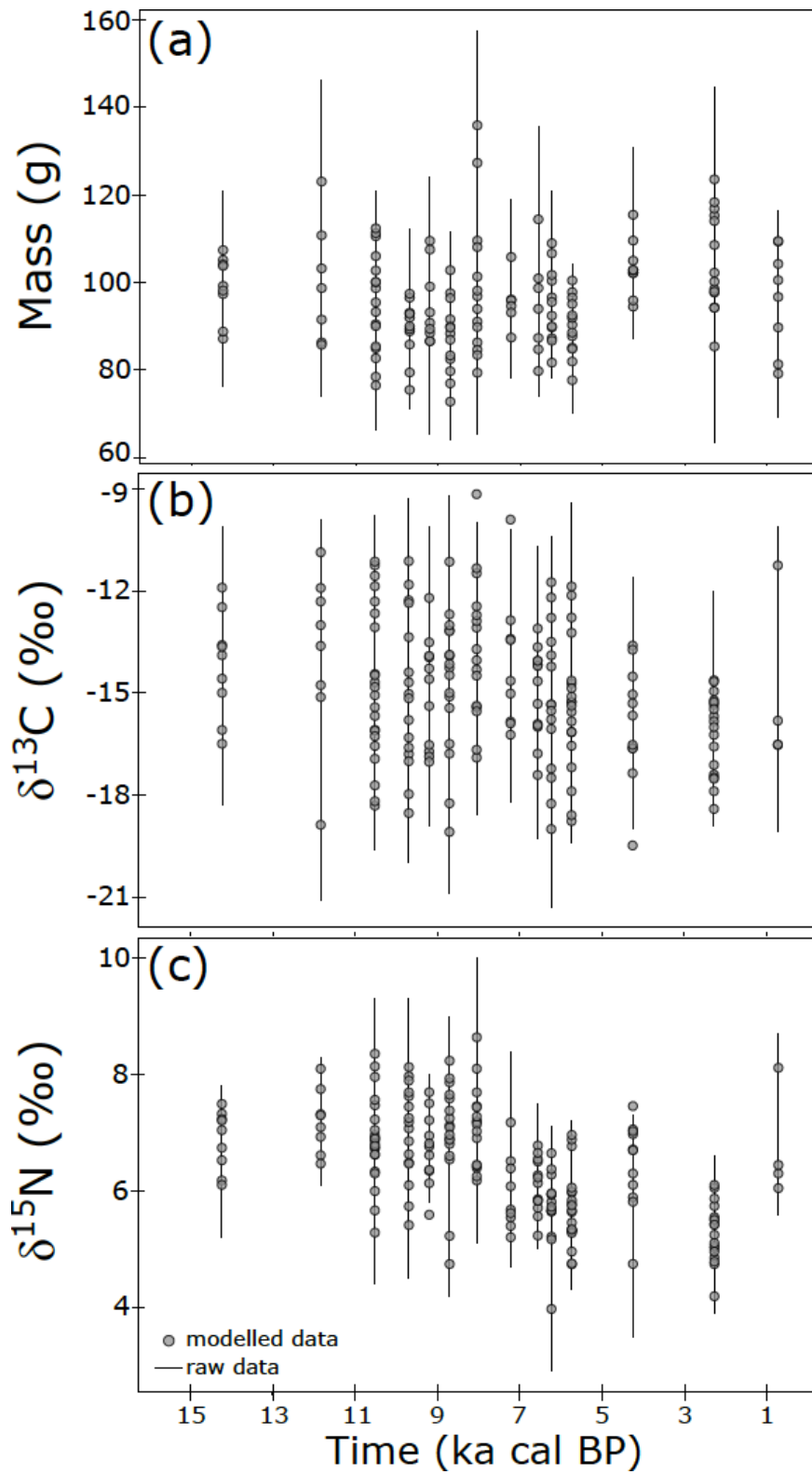


Figure A3. State-space models. Results of state space models showing the fit of modelled responses for a) mass, b) $\delta^{13}\text{C}$, c) $\delta^{15}\text{N}$. Black lines represent the range of raw data values. Grey circles are the output data from each model.

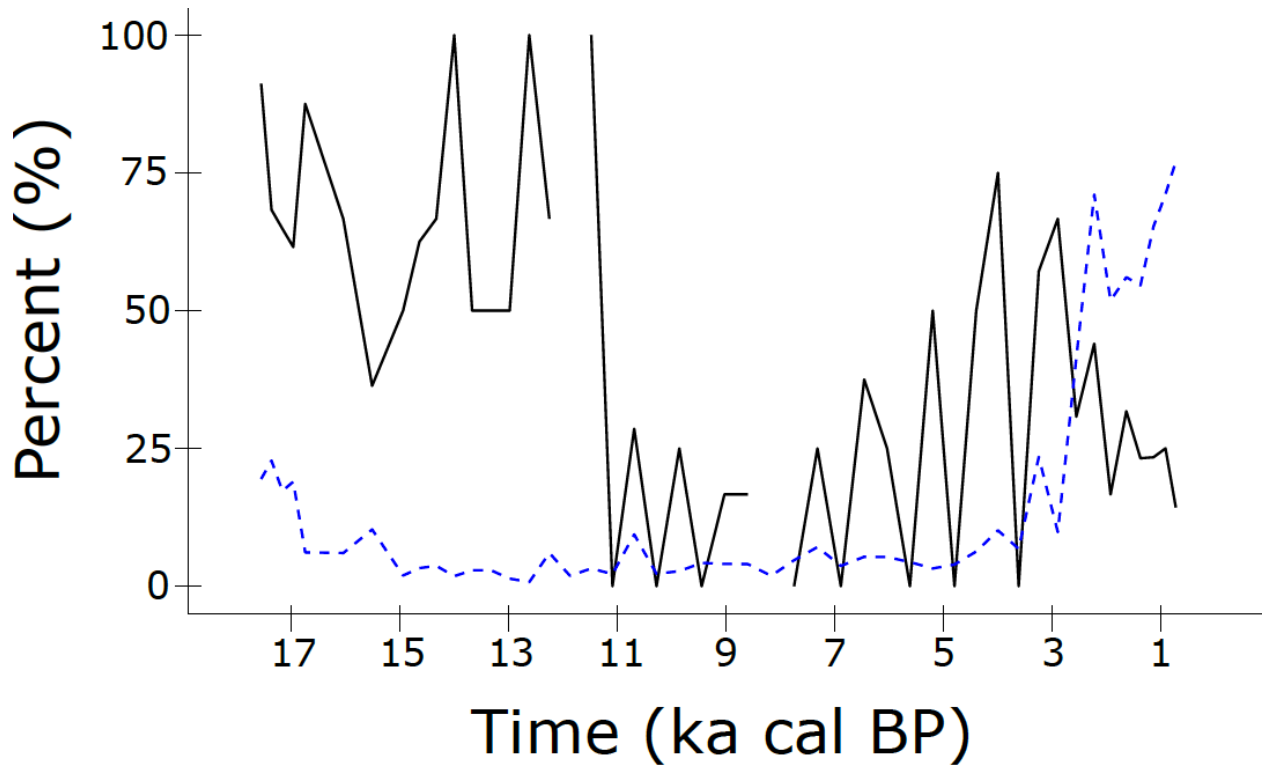


Figure A4. C₃ versus C₄ grasses at Hall's Cave over time. Plant fossil data from Cordova and Johnson 2019 showing the ratio of C₃ to C₄ grasses as a percent (solid line) and the proportion of grass out of all phytolith fossils (dashed blue line) present in the Hall's Cave record over 17000 years (cal BP).