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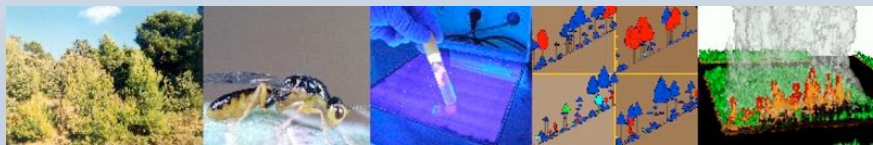
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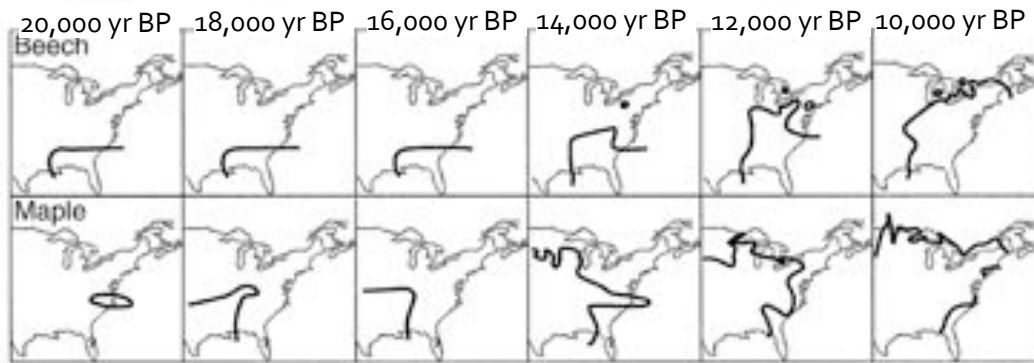
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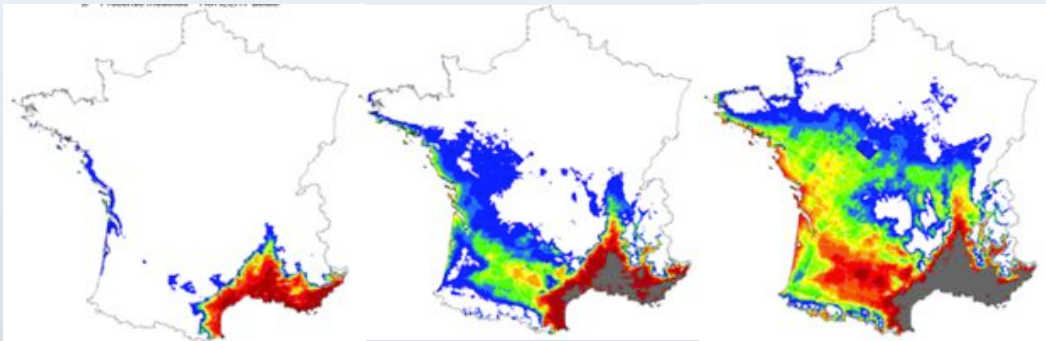
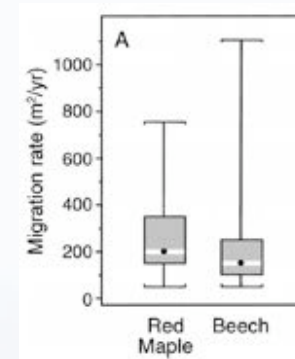
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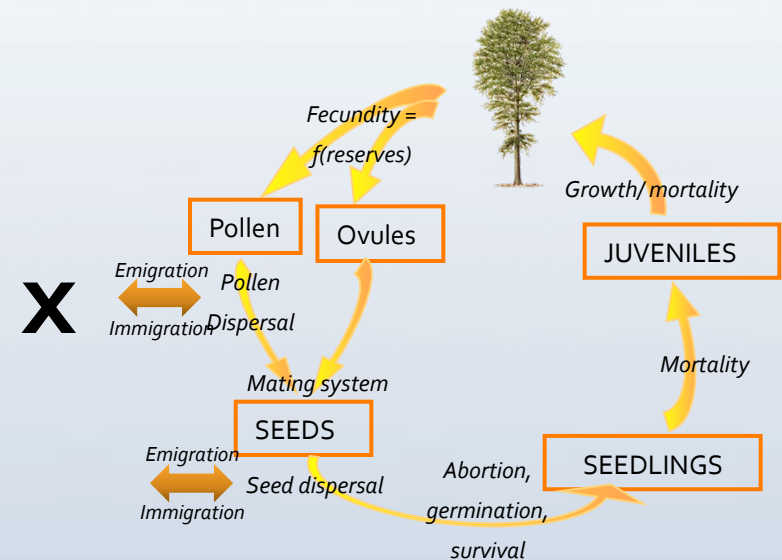
# Prediction: a new challenge for dispersal ecology



Skellam 1951; Davies 1981; Delcourt & Delcourt 1987, reported in McLachlan et al. 2005



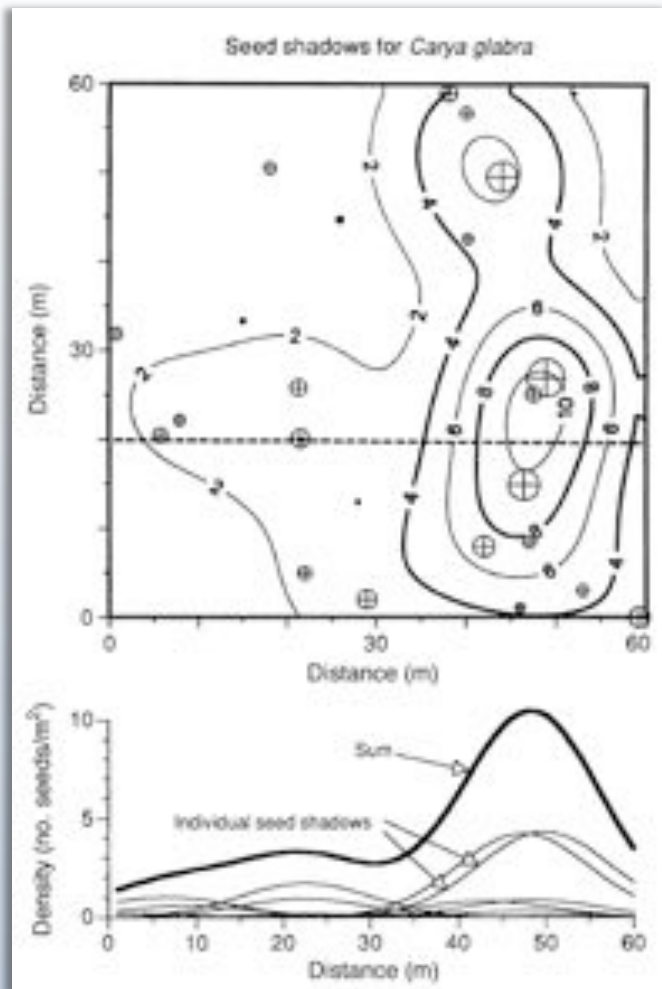
Carbofor, 2004



# First mechanistic component: the dispersal kernel

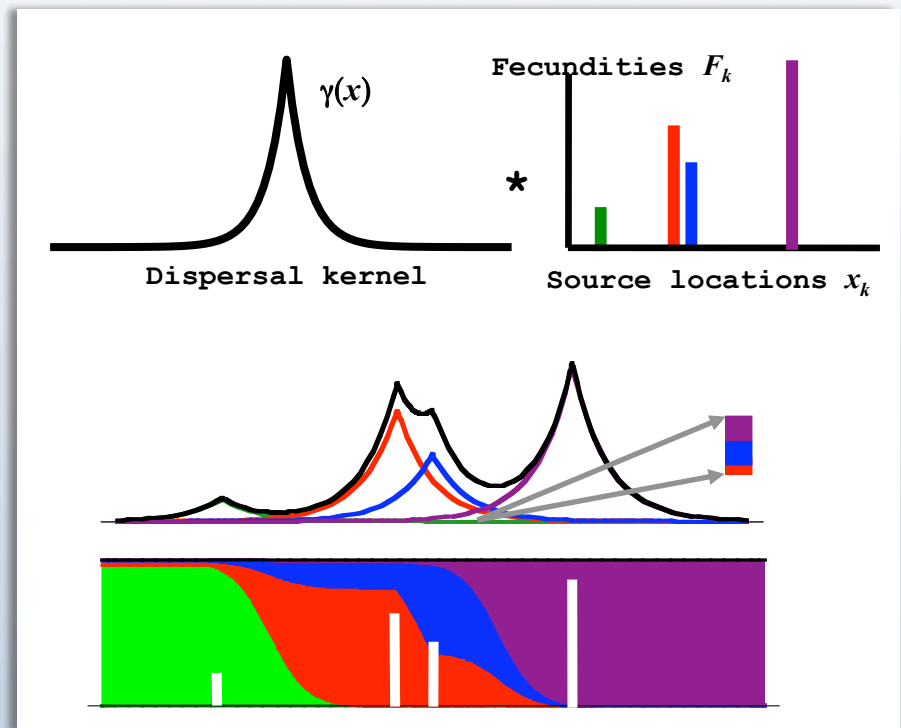
- \* Modelling the overlap of individual seed shadows

to characterize seed rain intensity ...



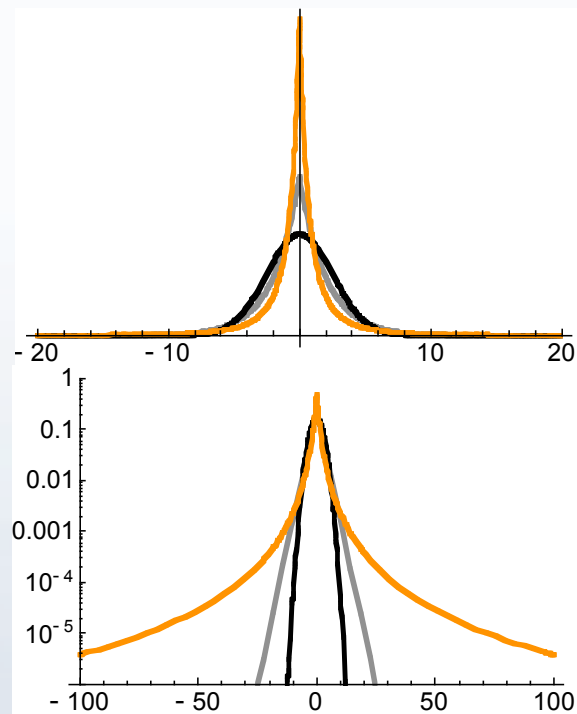
Clark et al. 1999

... and propagule pools diversity



Klein et al. 2008

# 1. One critical biological parameter for the rate of spread : the tail of the dispersal kernel



\* Even if roughly similar at short distances, kernels that decrease differently at long distances provide markedly different rate of spread

**Fat-tailed vs. thin-tailed kernels**

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## DISPERSAL DATA AND THE SPREAD OF INVADING ORGANISMS<sup>1</sup>

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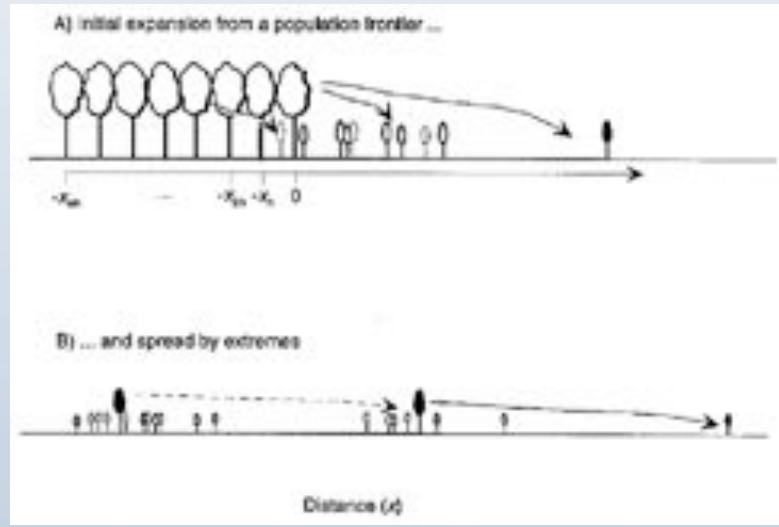
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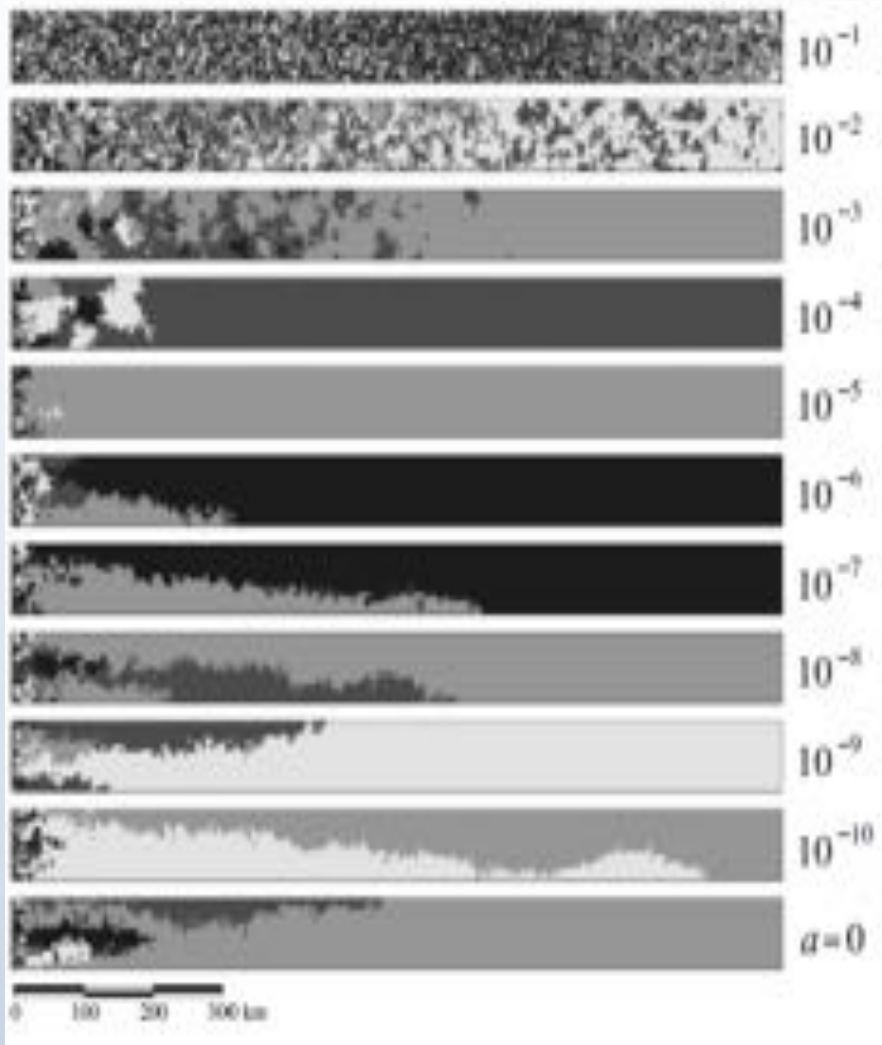
## Invasion by Extremes: Population Spread with Variation in Dispersal and Reproduction

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# 1. One critical biological parameter for genetic diversity: LDD and the tail of the dispersal kernel

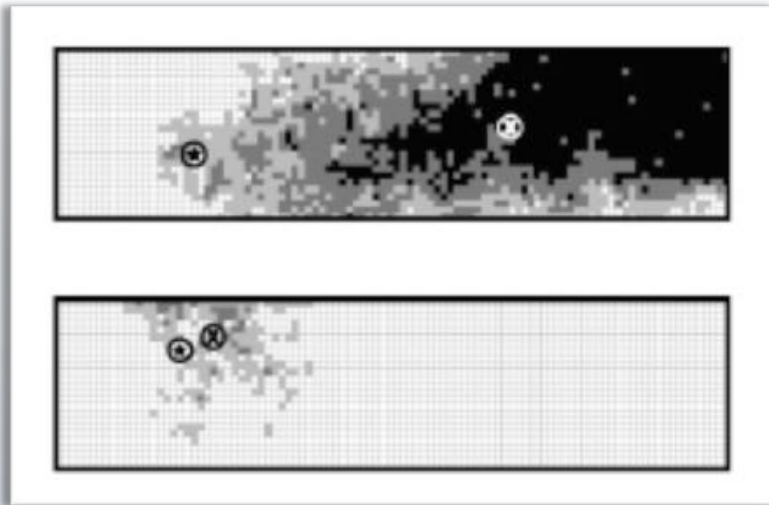


- \* Long-distance dispersal (LDD) events are responsible for **founder effects**
- \* Intermediate amounts of LDD result in the most critical loss of genetic diversity

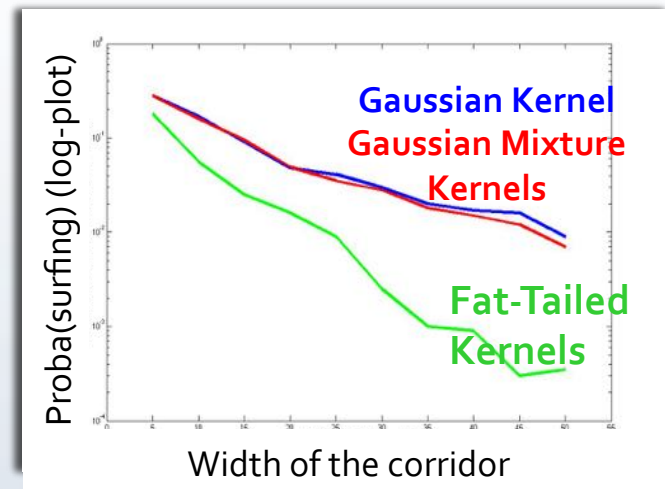
Bialozyt et al. 2006; two Gaussian components for short distance ( $1-\alpha$ ) and long-distance dispersal ( $\alpha$ )

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- \* The shape of the kernel matters and not only amount of LDD
- \* Fat-tailed kernels hamper the surfing phenomenon on the colonisation front

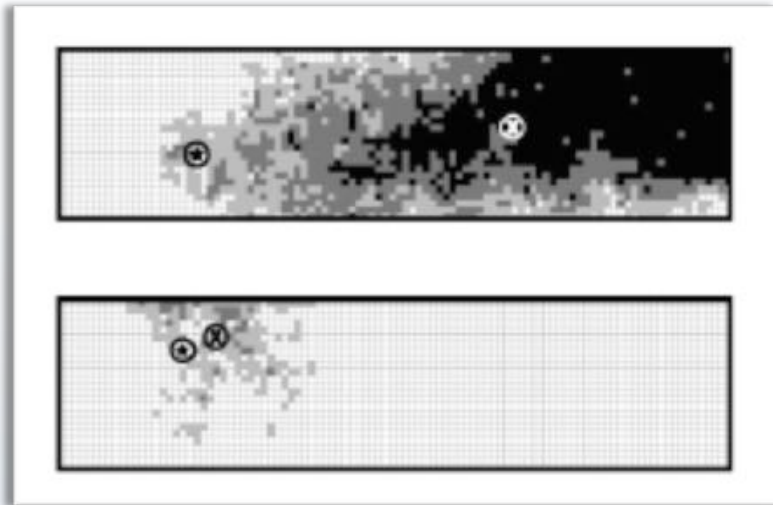


Edmonds et al. 2004; Excoffier et al. 2009

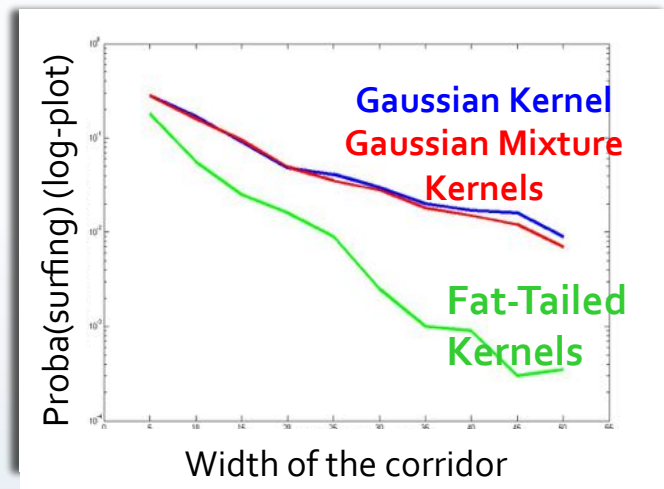


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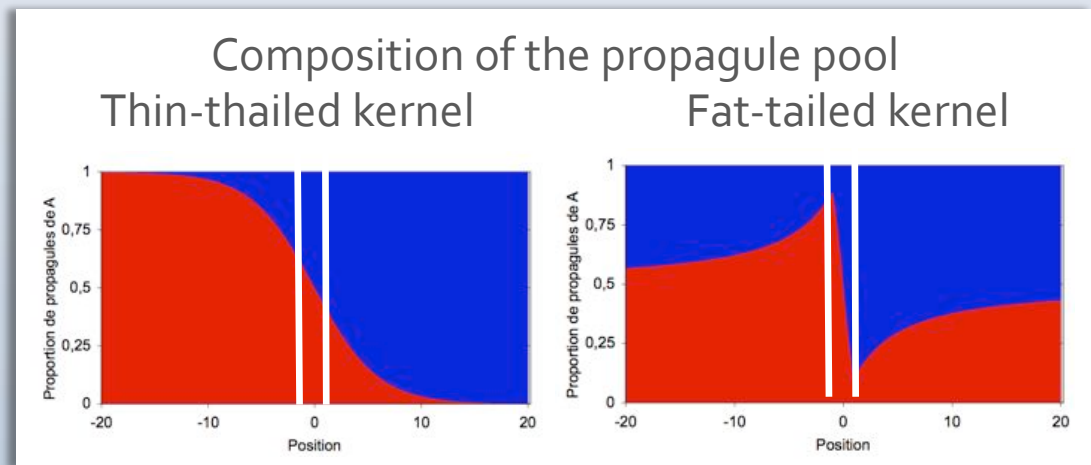
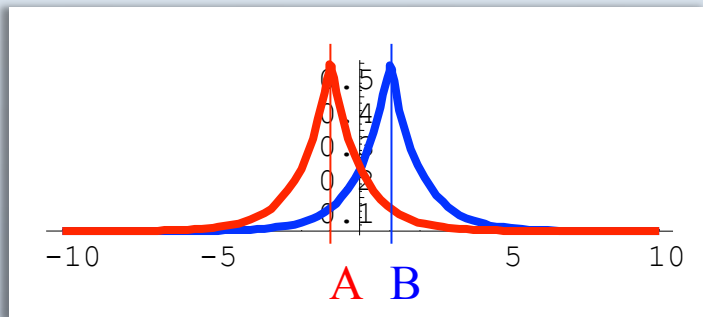


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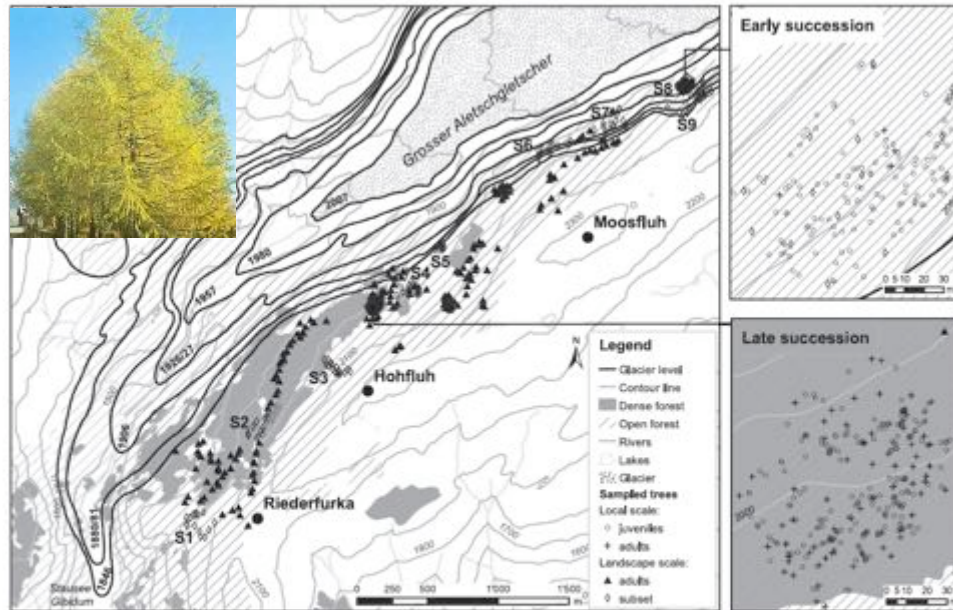
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- \* One explanation: mixing of propagules counteracts the founder effects



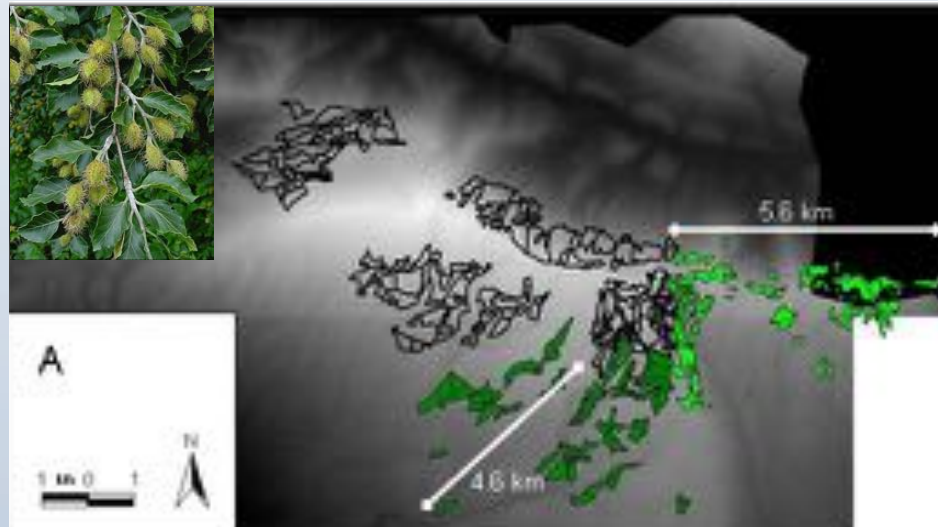


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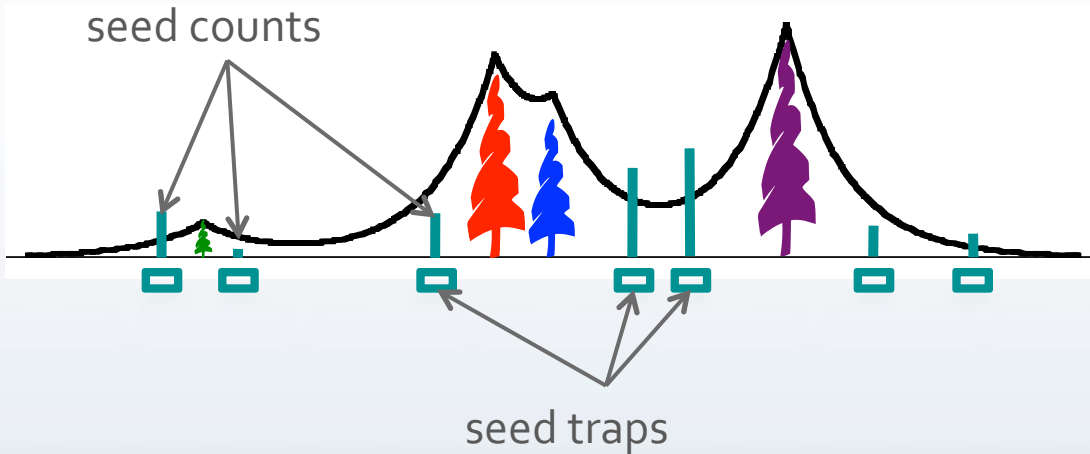
- \* Gene mixing could explain the maintenance of genetic diversity:

No reduction of genetic diversity on the leading-edge of populations in *Larix decidua* or *Fagus sylvatica* after ~150 years



## 2. Estimating dispersal kernels from sampled seeds: inverse modelling

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### SEEDLING RECRUITMENT IN FORESTS: CALIBRATING MODELS TO PREDICT PATTERNS OF TREE SEEDLING DISPERSION<sup>1</sup>

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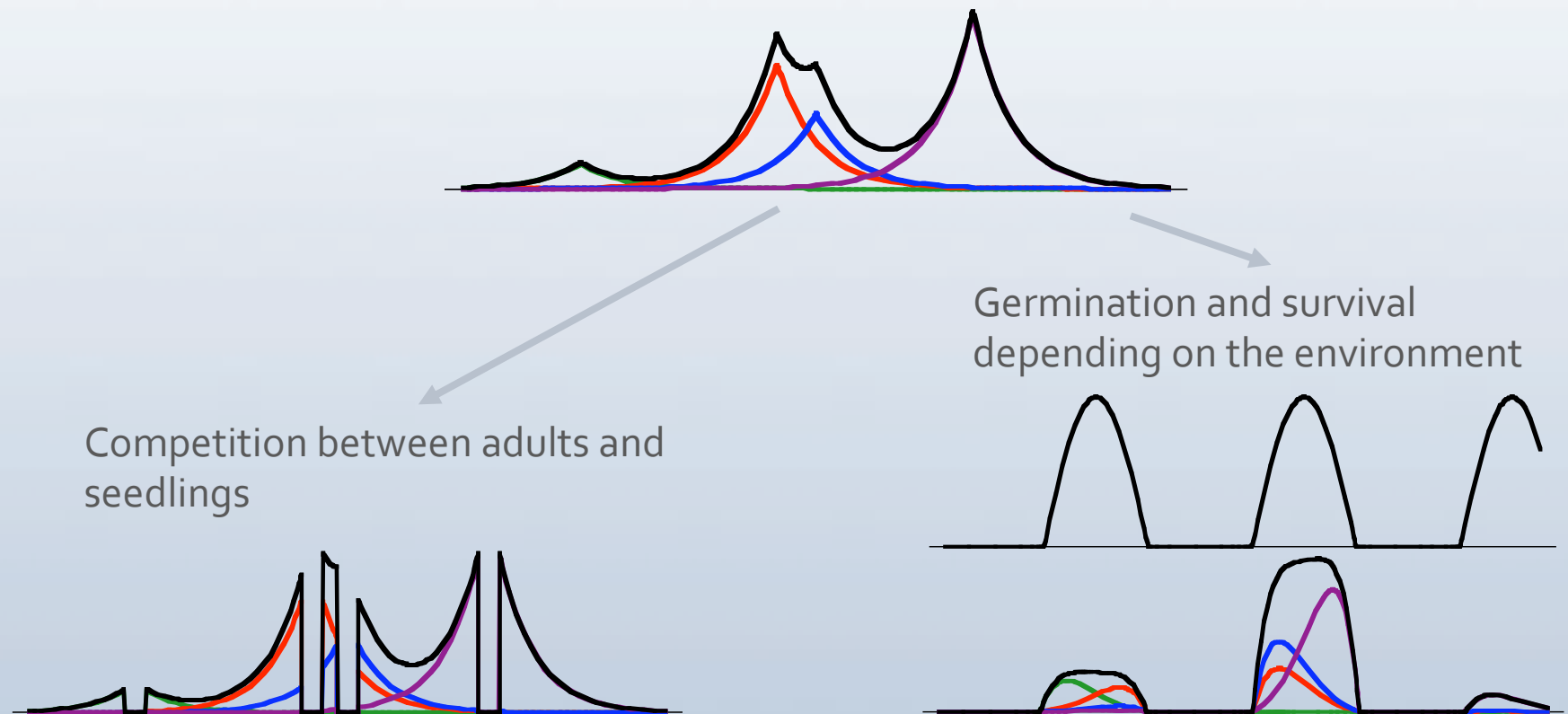
- \* Uses counts of seeds in seed traps
- \* Relies on the exact positions of sources
- \* Finds the dispersal kernel (and the fecundity parameters) that best explain the seed counts



**Statistics resolve the problem of seed shadows overlap and retrieve the “individual” dispersal kernel**

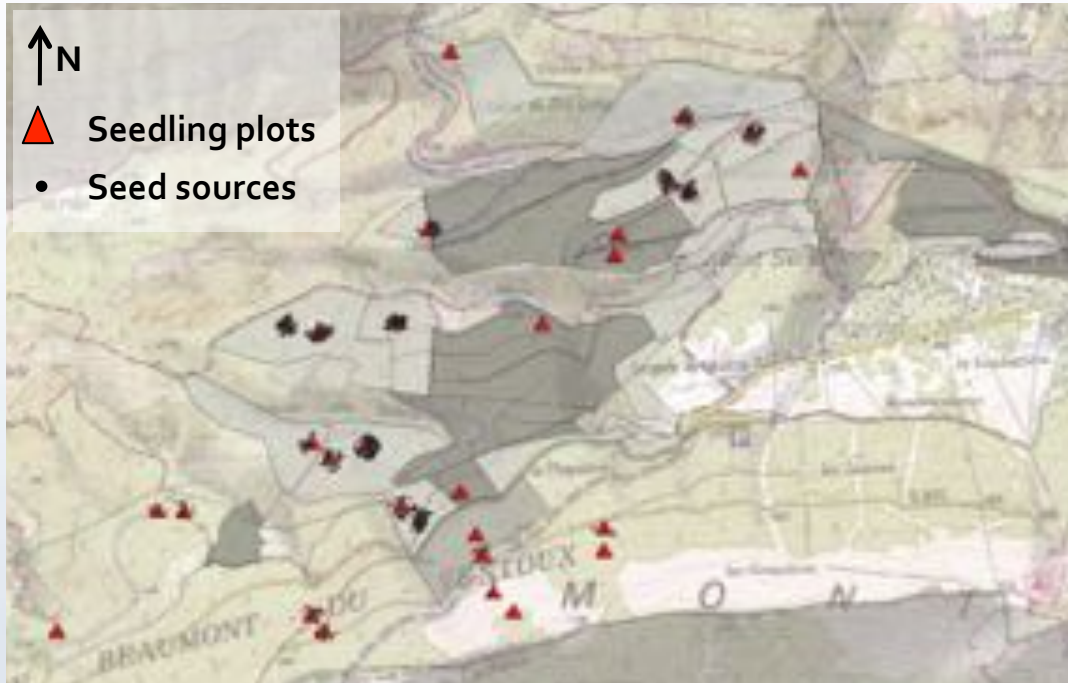
## 2. Estimating dispersal kernels from established seedlings: inverse modelling

- \* Sampling established seedlings has several advantages...  
easier, all dispersal agents sampled representatively, cumulates several dispersal events
- \* ... but one drawback



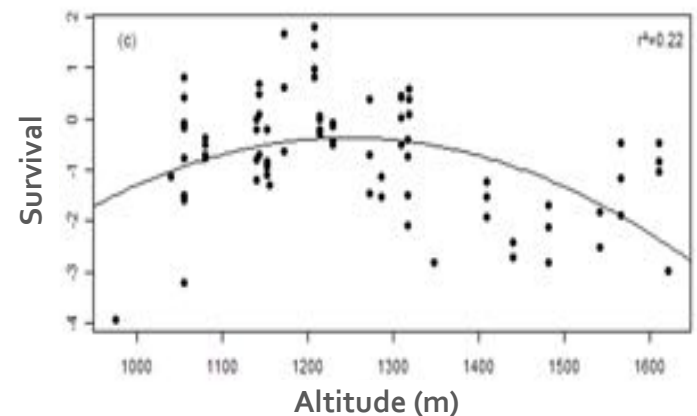
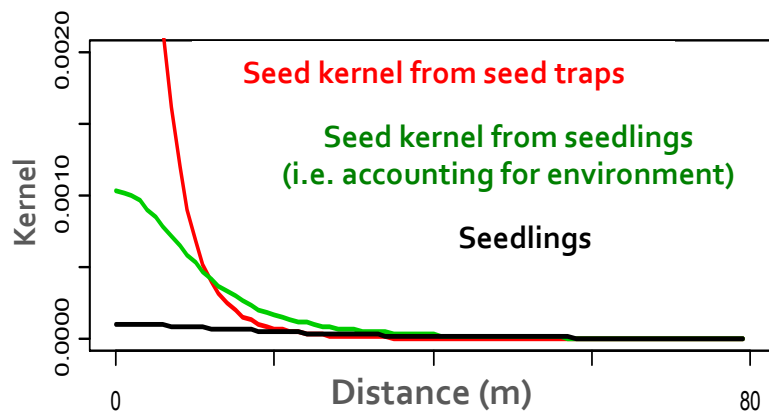


## 2. Estimating dispersal kernels from established seedlings: inverse modelling with environmental effects

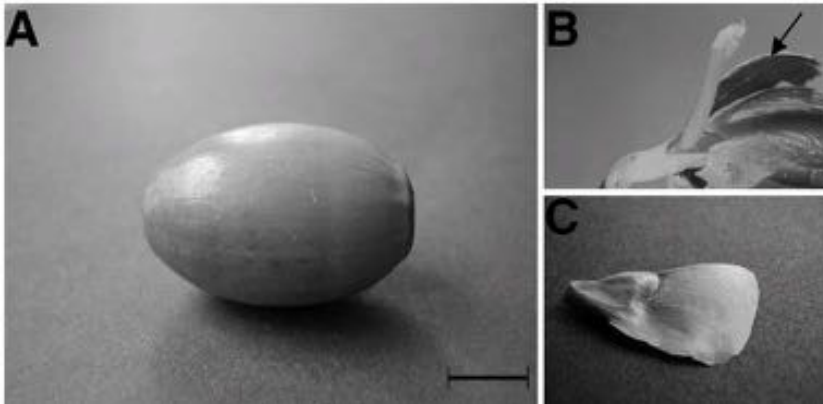


Amm et al. submitted

- \* From seedling counts...
- \* estimate the seed dispersal kernel jointly with...
- \* effects of environmental variables on germination and survival rates
- \* Wider scales investigated



## 2. Estimating dispersal kernels from sampled seeds: genetical markers to retrieve dispersal events

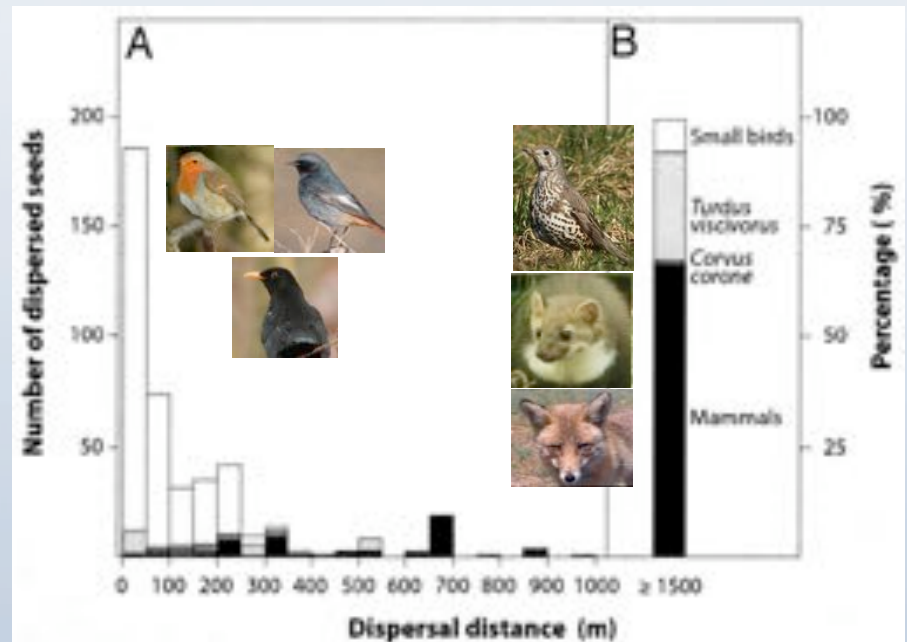
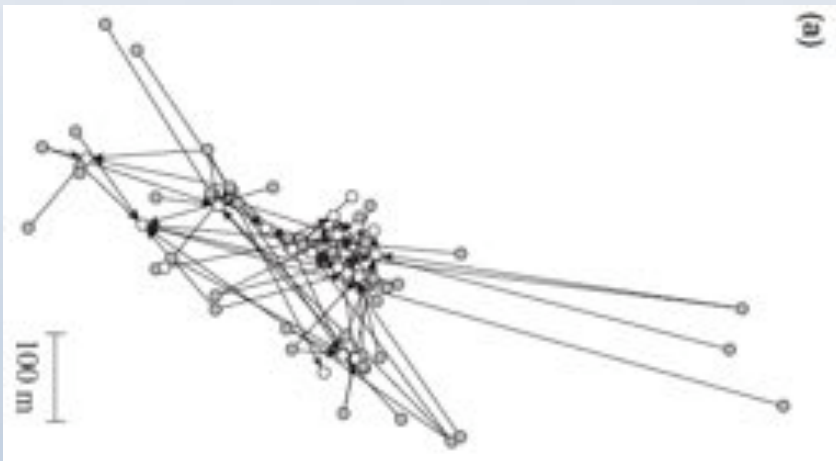


Ziegenhagen et al. 2003

- \* Maternal tissues from sampled seeds can be genotyped
- \* Mother plants of the sampled seeds can be retrieved from molecular markers if adults are exhaustively genotyped in the stand...

### Differential contribution of frugivores to complex seed dispersal patterns

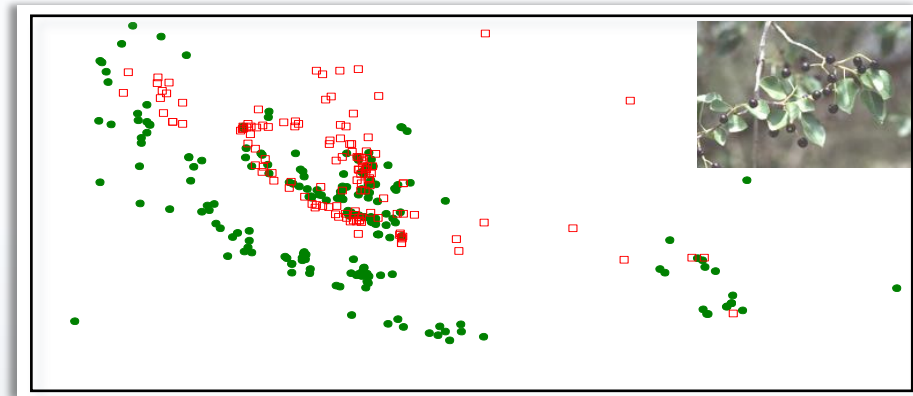
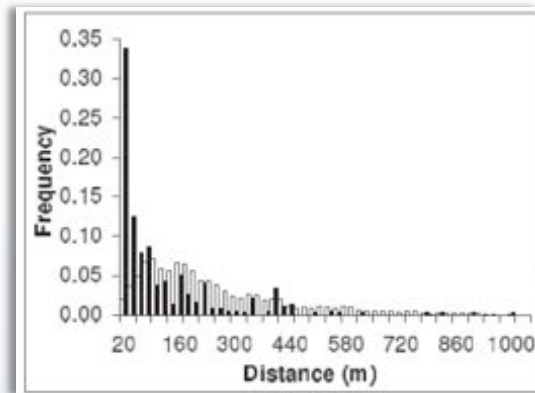
P. Jordano<sup>\*†</sup>, C. García<sup>\*</sup>, J. A. Godoy<sup>\*†</sup>, and J. L. García-Castaño<sup>\*§</sup>



Jordano et al. 2007

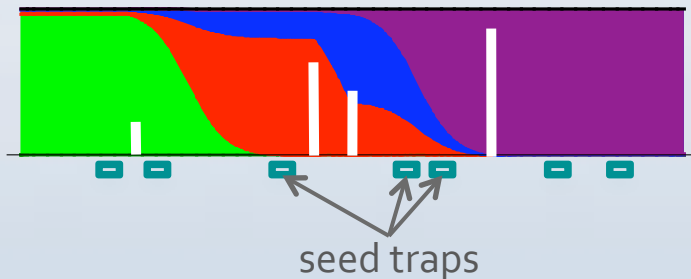


## 2. Estimating dispersal kernels from sampled seeds: genetical markers to retrieve dispersal events



Garcia et al. 2007

- \* Necessity to account for the relative positions of sources and traps (cf. inverse modelling)



- \* Finds the dispersal kernel (and the fecundity parameters) that best explain the mixing of origins
- \* Statistical analysis of the seed pool composition enables to retrieve properly the kernel (mean dispersal distance = 278m vs. 110m)

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Estimation of the seed dispersal kernel from exact identification of source plants

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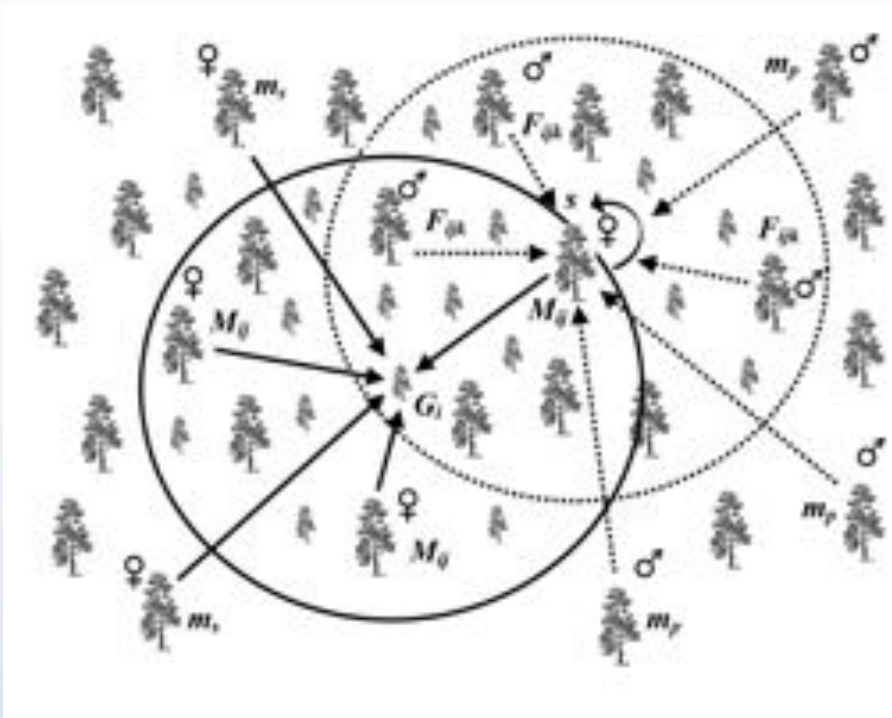
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DISPERSAL SPECIAL FEATURE

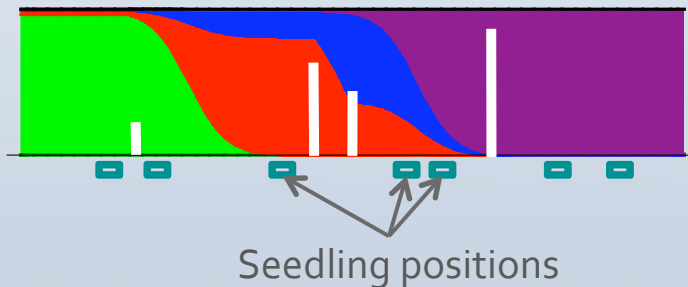
Measuring long-distance seed dispersal in complex natural environments: an evaluation and integration of classical and genetic methods

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## 2. Estimating dispersal kernels from established seedlings: Seedling neighbourhood models

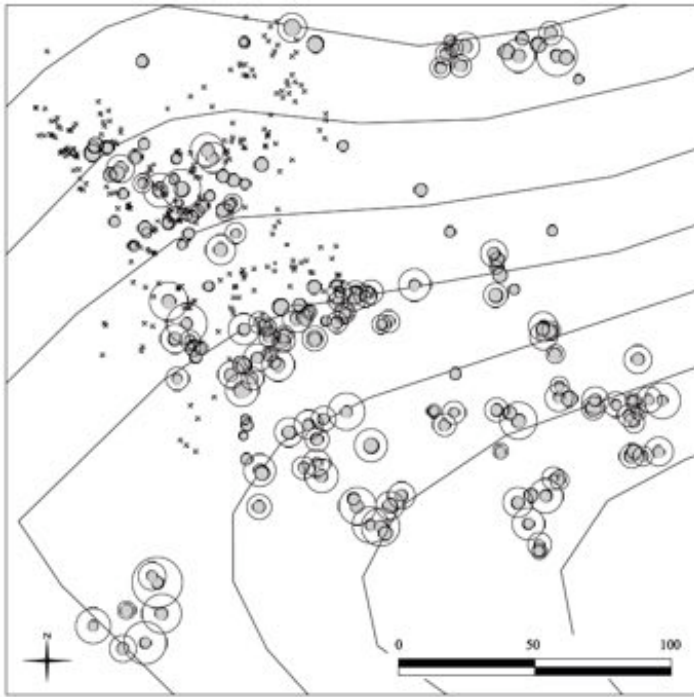


Burczyk et al. 2006



- \* Full probability approach
- \* Account for all plausible parents, even if parentage is not fully resolved
- \* Only relies on the seed and pollen pool compositions, not intensities

## 2. Estimating dispersal kernels from established seedlings: Seedling neighbourhood models



- \* 257 seedlings
- \* 10 microsatellites markers
- \* 7.3 single parents and 22.5 pairs of parents genetically compatible per seedling (avg.)

### Pollen dispersal

### Seed dispersal

Mean  
distance  $\delta_p$

Shape  
 $b_p$

Migration  
rate,  $m_p$

Mean  
distance  $\delta_s$

Shape  
 $b_s$

Migration  
rate  $m_s$

Different dispersal  
in two cohorts of  
seedlings

68,22

0,43

0,59

Young  
seedlings

11,76

0,89

0,13

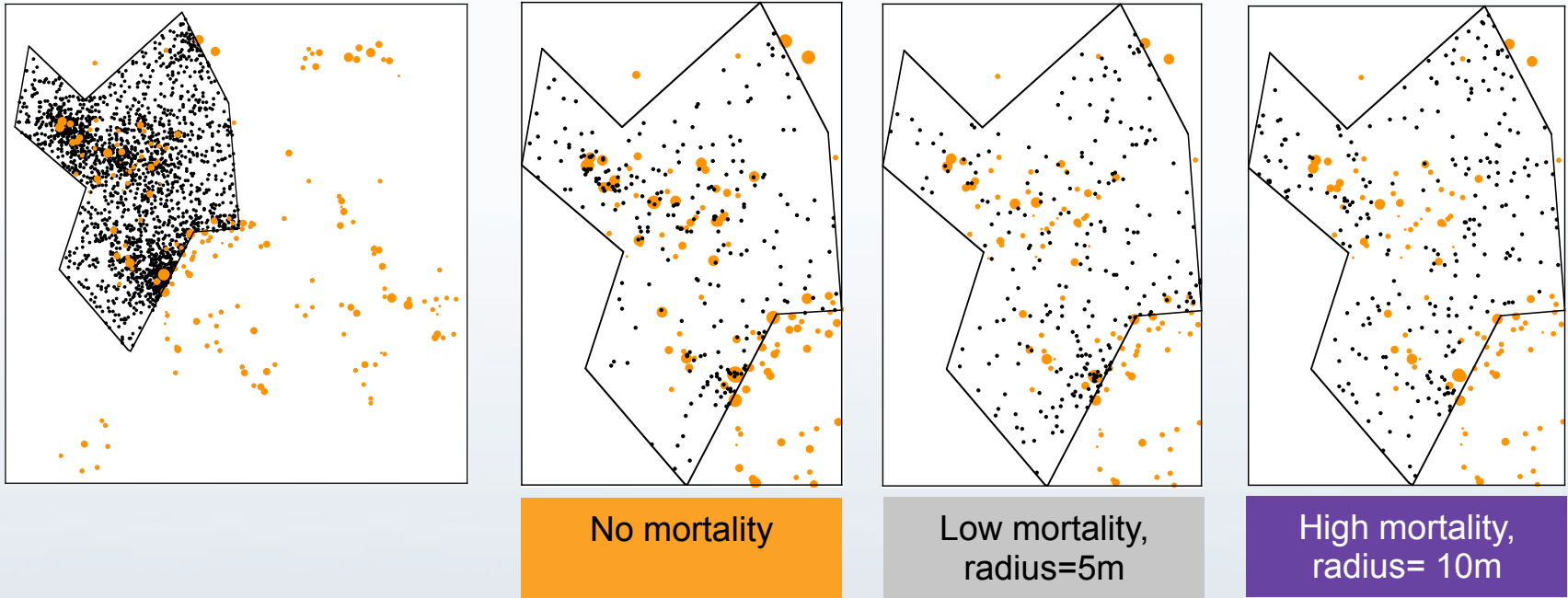
Old seedlings

21,16

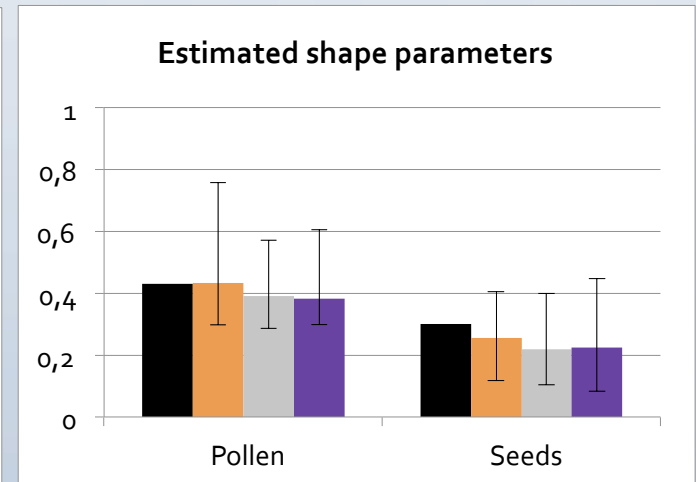
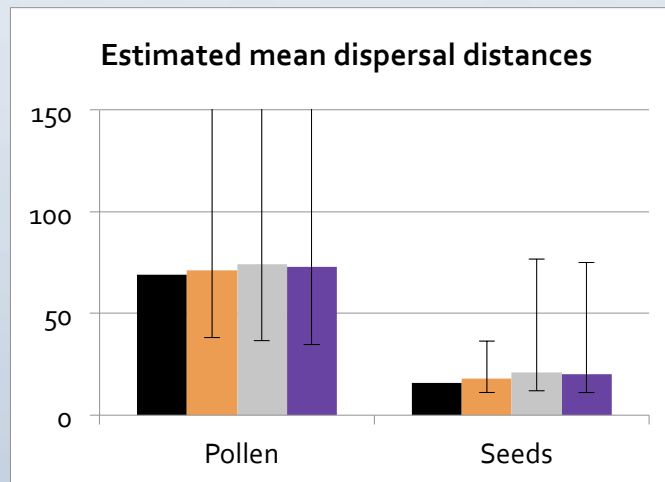
0,2

0,34

## 2. Estimating dispersal kernels from established seedlings: Seedling neighbourhood models



- 200 simulations to check the accuracy of the method
- Estimations are insensitive to the density-dependent mortality





# 3. Estimating dispersal at larger scales: Population assignment for meso-scale dispersal rates

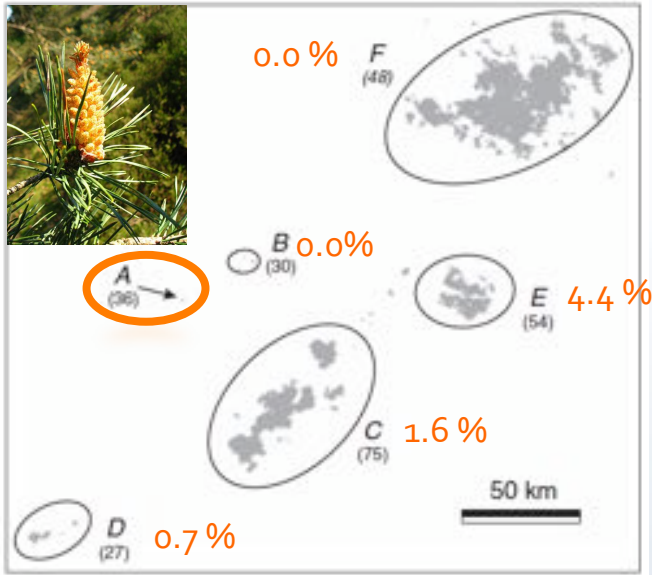
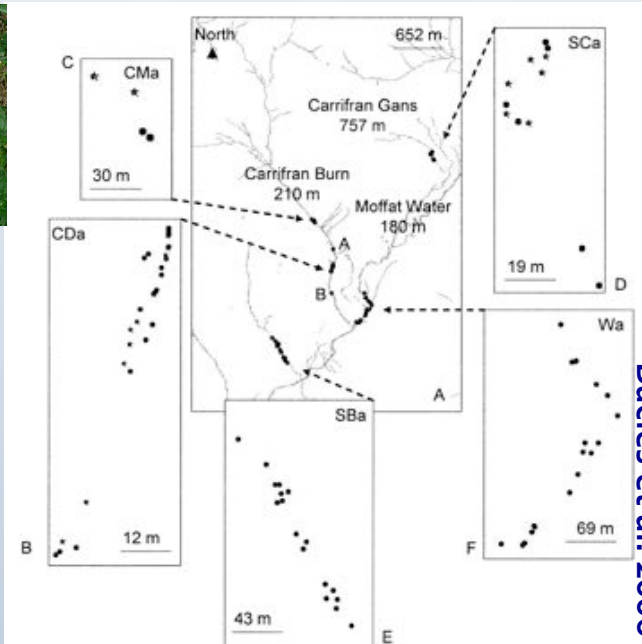


Fig. 1 Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*): natural distribution and spatial location of the six sampled populations in the Spanish Northern Meseta. Population codes are indicated by capital letters (A–F). Numbers in parentheses indicate the size of adult tree samples.

Robledo-Arnuncio 2011

- \* Exhaustive inventory of source populations
- \* Genetically differentiated source populations
- \* Reasonable amount of immigrant propagules in the recipient site

Is dispersal kernel still a pertinent concept in an heterogeneous environment ?



Bacles et al. 2006



# Some conclusions

- \* LDD and the shape of the kernel tail are critical for both spread rate and structure of diversity
- \* Genetic marker greatly improved our capacities to characterize dispersal kernels at the local scale through parentage assignment
- \* Landscape scale estimations of dispersal kernels from microsatellites are more challenging and require non-typical study-sites
- \* Landscape elements might modify dispersal process

**Mechanistic models for dispersal patterns are an alternative to phenomenological kernels inferred from data**

Merci de votre attention