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# **Purpose and concept**

To develop a generic spread module within an integrated modelling framework linked to the EPPO PRA scheme → to be applicable to many different pests

That will enable risk assessors:

- to map the potential geographical expansion of invasive pests over time (t)
- to produce dynamic quantitative assessments of impacts

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 to justify their responses to the spread questions in the EPPO PRA scheme

# What is novel about the generic spread module? <u>Until now:</u>

- only few attempts (e.g., Carrasco and Pitt)
- still complicated for non-modellers to use

*Here:* simple models provided but

- designed or adapted for non-modellers (pest risk assessors)
- tested on:
  - insects (Diabrotica virgifera, Anoplophora chinensis and A. glabripennis)
  - nematodes (Bursaphelenchus xylophylus, Meloidogyne enterolobii)

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- plant (Eichhornia crassipes)
- pathogen (Gibberella circinata)

# A set of five models (scenarios)

Consideration of space	Temporal process models	Spatio-temporal process models
Presence/absence of the pest	Model 2	Model 3 Model 4
Pest density	Model 1	Model 5

These models were coded in R, a free software available at : <a href="http://www.r-project.org/">http://www.r-project.org/</a>

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# **Prerequisites for the models**

- Climatic suitability (CLIMEX outputs)
- Host, habitat or soil distribution data, as appropriate
- An elevation limit if appropriate

potential establish -ment

Area of

+ basic data on population dispersal and development





#### An example showing the application of the spread module



# Host distribution for *Diabrotica virgifera*



% of land covered by grain or forage maize (McGill University)



# Area of potential establishment for *Diabrotica virgifera*



#### Area where :

- Host is present (Grain+forage maize, McGill University)
- 2) Ecoclimatic Index>0 (CLIMEX model, P. Reynaud and D. Kriticos)

# Growth potential for *Diabrotica virgifera*



#### **1st type of model: Temporal process models**

Consideration of space	Temporal process models	Spatio-temporal process models
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## Description

- An initial population abundance is introduced in each cell within the area of potential establishment
- Within each cell, the increase of the population is calculated with the simple logistic growth function



## Parameters needed:

## N<sub>0</sub>

Population abundance (%) for all suitable cells at time t = 0 (year of entry) expressed as a percentage of the maximum abundance (**carrying capacity K**)

**A**<sub>max</sub>

Maximum year to year multiplication factor that a population could achieve under optimal conditions in the PRA area

Time t : number of years after entry for simulations

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t = 0 in 1992 for *D. virgifera* 



Nt : population density at time t (% of the carrying capacity)



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## Results

- Provides information on population abundance within the cells (assuming the species has spread throughout the area of potential establishment)
- Useful for identifying areas where high pest densities are to be expected and to decide where surveillance and phytosanitary measures should be applied in priority.

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#### **Temporal process models**

Model 2. Temporal spread over cells integrated with impact

## Description

- Calculates the potential impact
- A logistic function is used to calculate the percentage of the cells invaded at time t.
- The location of these invaded cells is chosen according to 3 scenarios:
  - Worst case scenario: highest economic value cells invaded first
  - Best case scenario: lowest economic value cells invaded first

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- Random scenario: invaded cells chosen independently of their value

**Temporal process models** 

Model 2. Temporal spread over cells integrated with impact

**Parameters** needed:

#### N<sub>0</sub>

Initial percentage of the cells within the area of potential establishment which are invaded at time t=0

#### r

Relative rate of spatial increase

 Spatial Data on the economic value of the host plants (euros/km<sup>2</sup>)

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Longitude

Economic value (euros/km²)

**Temporal process models** 

Model 2. Temporal spread over cells integrated with impact

## **Results**

- Presence or absence of the pest in a cell
- Calculates the accumulated economic values (€) for the different scenarios (best case, worst case, random case)

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Incorporates potential impact

#### 2nd type of model: Spatio-temporal process models

Output variable	Temporal process models	Spatio-temporal process models
Presence/absence of the pest	Model 2	Model 3 Model 4
Pest density	Model 1	Model 5

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## Spatial process models Model 3. Radial Range Expansion Model

## Description

 The spread is determined by the radial expansion rate (RR) from an entry point

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#### Parameters needed:

- **RR** (km/year)
- Entry point(s)



## Spatial process models Model 3. Radial Range Expansion Model



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#### **RR** = 60 km/year **Point of entry**: Belgrade (Serbia) (in 1992)

## Spatial process models Model 3. Radial Range Expansion Model

## Results

- Presence or absence of the pest in a cell
- Very simple and easy to apply
- Makes range expansion visible on a map

 $\rightarrow$  reasonable results for several tested insect species

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Model 4. Hybrid of logistic growth and radial rate exp. model

## Description

- The number of invaded cells is given by the logistic function of model 2 (temporal spread integrated with impacts) but model 4 is independent of economic data
- Invaded cells are randomly chosen within the area given by model 3 (radial range expansion model)

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Model 4. Hybrid of logistic growth and radial rate exp. model

## Parameters needed:

- Radial expansion rate per year (RR in km/year)
- Entry point(s)
- Initial population N<sub>0</sub>
- Relative rate of spatial increase r

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## Model 4. Hybrid of logistic growth and radial rate exp. model



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Model 4. Hybrid of logistic growth and radial rate exp. model

## **Results**

- Presence or absence of the pest in a cell
- Simple approach of model 3 combined with a the relative rate of spatial increase of model 2
   => improves model 3

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## **Description:**

- Growth model is logistic model 1
- Dispersal kernel: probability to disperse at distance r:



u : length scale parameter p: shape parameter



- p=1 Cauchy distribution (thick tail)
  => a large number of individuals disperse at long distance
- $p \rightarrow +\infty$  normal distribution (thin tail) => individuals disperse at short distance

## Parameters needed

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Initial population N<sub>0</sub>

same as Model 1

- u Scale parameter (km)
  as a first estimate, same as model 3: u = RR = 60 km
- **p Shape parameter** (number of degrees of freedom)
  **> p = 5** because we suspect a large number of individuals to disperse far away
- coordinates of the entry point: Belgrade

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t= 1 (1993)



t= 2 (1994)



t= 3 (1995)



t= 4 (1996)



t= 5 (1997)



t= 6 (1998)



t= 7 (1999)



t= 8 (2000)



t= 9 (2001)

































## Results

- Most sophisticated model: provides information on the potential expansion and abundance of a pest
- Reasonable results for several tested insect species
- Estimation of shape parameter p: needs some time and guidance
- Takes more time to run the model (e.g., 12 min in DD version)

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#### **3- General comments**

- For each parameter: only one value
- To draw uncertainty maps, possible to play on the potential range of the parameters



Best case: RR = 30 km/yr

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Likely case: RR = 50 km/yr Worst case: RR = 70 km/yr

#### *E crassipes* case study, 2.6 report, PRATIQUE

#### **3- General comments**

- For each parameter: only one value
- To draw uncertainty maps, possible to play on the potential range of the parameters
- In practice, 2 versions of the spread module are available
  DD version (Decimal Degree)
  - metric version (LAEA European metric projection)



## **4- Vision for the future**

- No universal method to estimate the parameters => we should test the spread models on numerous species to build a database for risk assessors to choose parameters based on similar species
- Analysis of historical cases for validation and guidance
- Further testing with risk assessors will help us to improve the module

## **5- TAKE-HOME MESSAGE**

- A prototype of spread module is available for risk assessors to draw scenarios and quantify the potential spread of pests
- This module requires the output of a CLIMEX model for the climate suitability
- Uncertainty maps can be generated showing the best, most likely and worst cases.
- The outputs can be exported and combined to other risk maps (in MCAS, see Richard Baker's presentation)

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