

# The effects of adaptive predator movement on coexistence of prey species in a spatially varying environment

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# Plan of the talk

- An approach to spatial dynamics: scale transition theory
- Predation-competition interactions in space
- Coexistence mechanisms arising from spatial dynamics
- The effects of optimal predator movement on species coexistence

# Scale transition theory

- Discrete or continuous time
- Discrete or continuous space

$\lambda_{ixt}$  : fitness in discrete-time

$\lambda_{ixt} N_{ixt}$  : output of spatial location,  $x$

$x$  : point in continuous space (any dimension), a lattice point or patch

$r_{ixt}$  : fitness in continuous time

# Example: annual plants

$$\lambda_{jxt} = s_j (1 - g_{jxt}) + g_{jxt} Y_{jxt} e^{-C_{xt} - A_{xt}}$$

$A_{xt}$  : "apparent competition"

example:  $A_{xt} = a_j P_{xt}$

$C_{xt}$  : "competition"

examples:  $C_{xt} = \sum_l \alpha_l g_{lxt} N_{lxt}$

$$C_{xt} = \ln \left( 1 + \sum_l \alpha_l g_{lxt} N_{lxt} \right)$$

# Dynamics at different scales

"Output" of a spatial location

$$\lambda_{jxt} N_{jxt} \neq N_{jx,t+1}$$

However

$$\sum_x \lambda_{jxt} N_{jxt} = \sum_x N_{jx,t+1}$$

Landscape-level dynamics

$$\bar{N}_{t+1} = \tilde{\lambda}_t \bar{N}_t$$

## Landscape-level fitness: “individual-average fitness”

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\lambda}_t &= \frac{\bar{N}_{t+1}}{\bar{N}_t} = \frac{\sum_x N_{x,t+1}}{\sum_x N_{xt}} = \frac{\sum_x \lambda_{xt} N_{xt}}{\sum_x N_{xt}} \\ &= \frac{\overline{\lambda_{xt} N_{xt}}^x}{\overline{N_{xt}}^x} = \overline{\lambda_{xt} N_{xt} / \bar{N}_t}^x = \overline{\lambda_{xt} v_{xt}}^x\end{aligned}$$

$v_{xt}$  : "relative density at location  $x$ "

# Individual average, spatial average, fitness-density covariance

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\lambda}_t &= \overline{\lambda_{xt} v_{xt}}^x = \bar{\lambda}_t \cdot \bar{v}_t + \text{cov}_x(\lambda_{xt}, v_{xt}) \\ &= \bar{\lambda}_t + \text{cov}_x(\lambda_{xt}, v_{xt})\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_t = \text{"spatial average fitness"}$$

$$\text{cov}(\lambda_t, v_t) = \text{"fitness-density covariance"}$$

# Why does spatial structure matter to regional dynamics?

Spatial structure:

$\nu_{xt}$  varies with  $x$

Fitness factors,  $\mathbf{W}_x$  (e.g.  $C_{xt}$ ,  $A_{xt}$  and  $E_{xt}$ )  
vary with  $x$

$$\lambda_{xt} = f(\mathbf{W}_x)$$



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Regional dynamics determined by

$$\tilde{\lambda}_t = \bar{\lambda}_t + \text{cov}(\lambda_t, \nu_t)$$

$\text{cov}_x(\lambda_{xt}, \nu_{xt}) \neq 0$  (different fractions of the population have different fitnesses)

$$\bar{\lambda}_t = \overline{f(\mathbf{W}_x)}^x \neq f(\bar{\mathbf{W}})$$

because  $f$  is nonlinear

# Predation competition-interactions in space

$$\lambda_{jxt} = f(\mathbf{W}_x) = G_j(E_{jxt}, D_{jxt}) \text{ for prey species } j$$

$E_{jxt}$  : environmental response

$D_{jxt} = C_{jxt} + A_{jxt}$  : multispecies density-dependent  
response

$$\text{e.g., } G_j(E_{jxt}, D_{jxt}) = s_j(1 - g_{jxt}) + g_{jxt} Y_j e^{-D_{xt}}$$

# Transforming the responses to simplify the equation

$$\lambda_{jxt} - 1 \approx E_{jxt} - D_{jxt} + \gamma_j E_{jxt} D_{jxt}$$

$$E_{jxt} = G_j(E_{jxt}, D_j^*) - 1$$

$$D_{jxt} = 1 - G_j(E_j^*, D_{jxt})$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_{jt} - 1 \approx \bar{E}_{jt} - \bar{D}_{jt} + \gamma_j \text{cov}(E_{jt}, D_{jt}) + \text{cov}(E_{jt} - D_{jt}, v_{jt})$$

# Coexistence by invasion analysis

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i \approx \tilde{\lambda}'_i - \Delta N + \Delta I + \Delta \kappa$$

$\tilde{\lambda}'_i$  : nonspatial mechanisms

$\Delta N$  : relative nonlinearity

$\Delta I$  : the storage effect

$\Delta \kappa$  : fitness-density covariance

# Making it simple: seed bank model

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i \approx \tilde{\lambda}'_i - \Delta N + \Delta I + \Delta K$$

$$(\tilde{\lambda}'_i - 1) / \beta_i = \overline{E_i} / \beta_i - \overline{E_r} / \beta_r^{r \neq i} \quad \text{Average fitness comparison}$$

$$\Delta N = 0 \quad \text{Relative nonlinearity}$$

$$\Delta I / \beta_i = \text{cov}(\overline{E_r}^{r \neq i}, D^{\{-i\}}) - \text{cov}(E_i, D^{\{-i\}}) \quad \text{The storage effect}$$

$$\Delta K / \beta_i = \text{cov}(\overline{E_i} / \beta_i, \nu_i) - \overline{\text{cov}(E_r / \beta_r, \nu_r)}^{r \neq i} + \text{cov}(D^{\{-i\}}, \overline{\nu_r}^{r \neq i} - \nu_i) \quad \text{Fitness-density covariance}$$

$$\beta_j = \left( \frac{\partial \lambda_{jxt}}{\partial D_{xt}} \right)^* : \text{rate of response to d.d.}$$

$$G_j(E_{jxt}, D_{xt}) = a_j(E_{jxt}) + b_j(E_{jxt})c(D_{xt})$$

# Making it simpler: spatio-temporal variation, two prey species

$$\frac{\tilde{\lambda}_i - 1}{\beta_i} \approx \bar{E}_i / \beta_i - \bar{E}_r / \beta_r + \left( \frac{\bar{C}'_r}{\bar{C}'_r - 1} + \theta_r \right) \left( \overset{\text{Storage effect}}{\sigma_{E_r E_r} - \sigma_{E_i E_r}} + \overset{\text{Fitness-density covariance}}{\sigma_{V_r V_r} - \sigma_{V_i V_r}} \right)$$

$\bar{C}'_r$  : magnitude of competition

$\theta_r$  : response of predators to local abundance

$$\sigma_{E_j E_k} = \text{cov}(E_j, E_k)$$

$$\sigma_{V_j V_k} = \text{cov}(V_j, V_k)$$

# How to get $\theta_r$

Need an equation for predator dynamics

$$\lambda_{P_{xt}} = Y_r g_{rxt} e^{-C_{xt}} N_{rxt} \left(1 - e^{-aP_{xt}}\right) / P_{xt}$$

Assuming an idea free distribution, this equals 1 in every spatial location.

Hence 
$$P_{xt} = f_r (\ln N_{rxt} + E_{rxt})$$

$$\theta_r = f'_r (\ln \bar{N}_r + E_r^*)$$

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# Effects of Predation

- Predation weakens competition by lowering prey (plant) densities
  - This weakens competition-based coexistence mechanisms and undermines coexistence
- With adaptive predator movement
  - predation-based mechanisms appear
    - Storage-effect due to apparent competition
    - Fitness-density covariance due to apparent competition
  - These may compensate for the reduction in competition-based mechanisms

# The simple case: spatio-temporal variation, two prey species

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# Arbitrary spatial variation: spatio-temporal + pure spatial variation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\tilde{\lambda}_i - 1}{\beta_i} \approx & \bar{E}_i / \beta_i - \bar{E}_r / \beta_r \\
 & + \left( \frac{\bar{C}'_r}{\bar{C}'_r - 1} + \theta_r \right) \left( \sigma_{E_r E_r} - \sigma_{E_i E_r} + \sigma_{E_r V_r} - \sigma_{E_r V_i} \right) \\
 & + \left( \frac{\bar{C}'_r}{\bar{C}'_r - 1} + \theta_r \right) \left( \sigma_{V_r V_r} - \sigma_{V_r V_i} + \sigma_{E_r V_r} - \sigma_{E_r V_i} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1 - s_i}{\beta_i} \sigma_{E_i V_i} - \frac{1 - s_r}{\beta_r} \sigma_{E_r V_r}
 \end{aligned}$$

Storage effect

Fitness-density covariance

Variable parameter	Type of Environmental variation	Type of dispersal	Covariance between Environment and competition		Covariance between fitness and density	
			resident	invader	resident	invader
<i>V</i>	spatio-temporal (st)	wide-spread (w)	+	0	0	0
	st	local retention (l)	+	0	-	+
	Pure spatial (ps)	w	+	0	0	0
	ps	l	+	0	+	+
<i>G</i>	st	w	+	0	-	+
		l	+	0	-	?
	ps	w	+	0	-	-
		l	+	0	?	?
<i>YU</i>	st	w	0	0	0	0
		l	0	0	-	+
	ps	w	0	0	0	0
		l	+	0	+	+

$$\lambda_{jx}(t) = s_j(1 - g_j) + V_j Y_j g_j e^{-C_x - A_x}$$