

# Accounting for the spatio-temporal spread of a fungal invasion

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# Ash-dieback



# Symptoms

Crown-defoliation (CD)



Collar-lesion (CL)



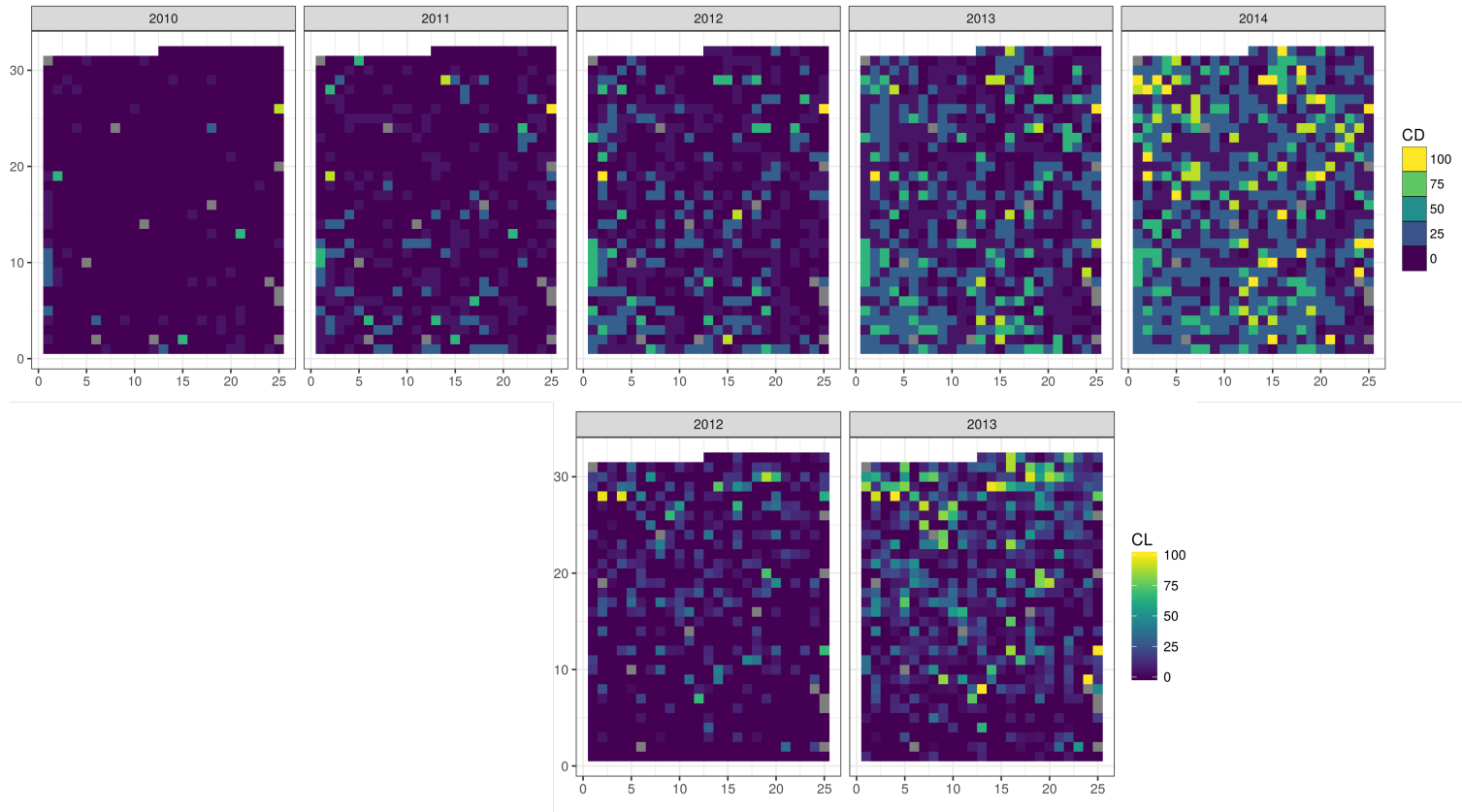


# Study goals

Can we **breed**  
(more) resilient trees?

- (i.e. is there sufficient **genetic variation** for the **resistance** trait?)

# Dataset



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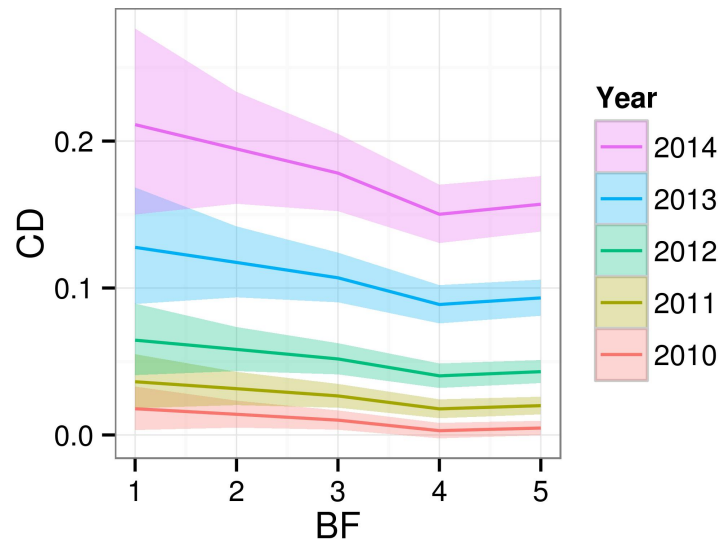
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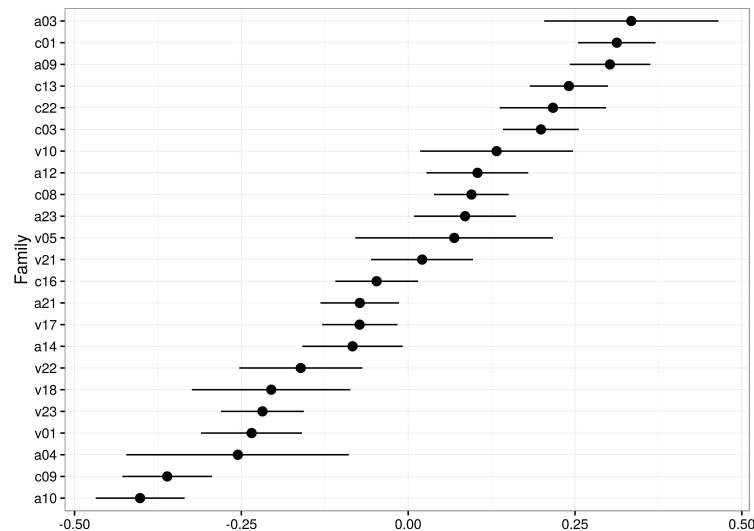
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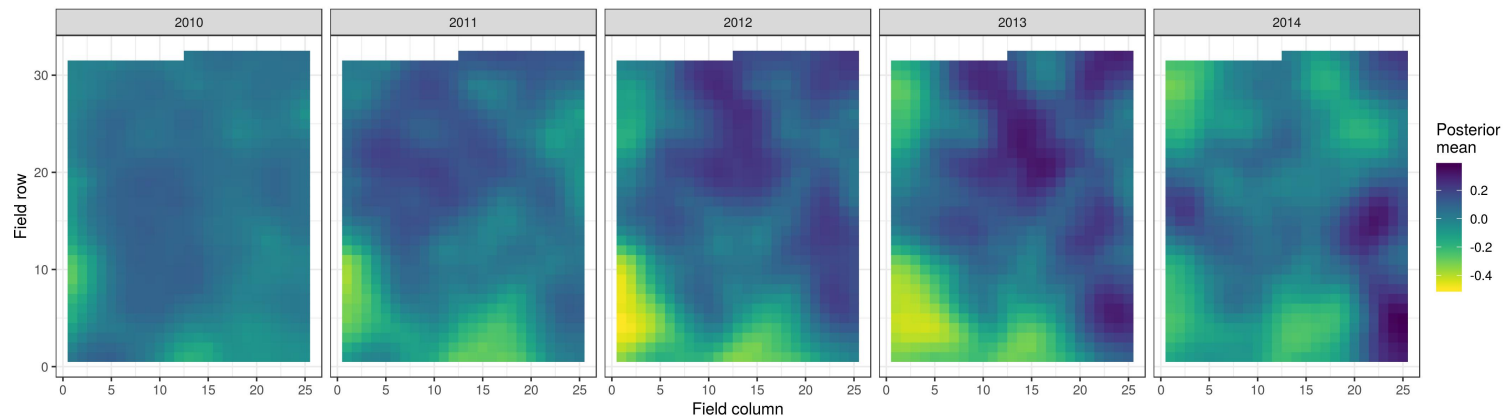
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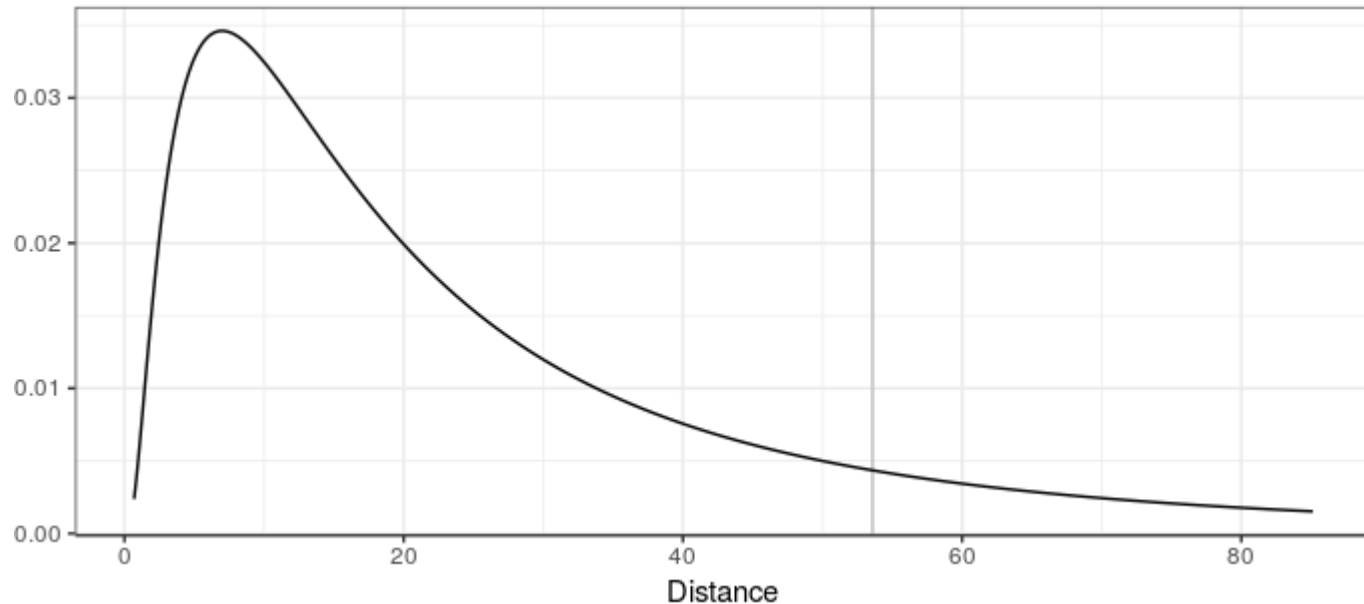
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- The spatial effect need to **integrate to 0** to separate it from the Year effect

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spde = inla.spde2.matern(..., constr = TRUE)
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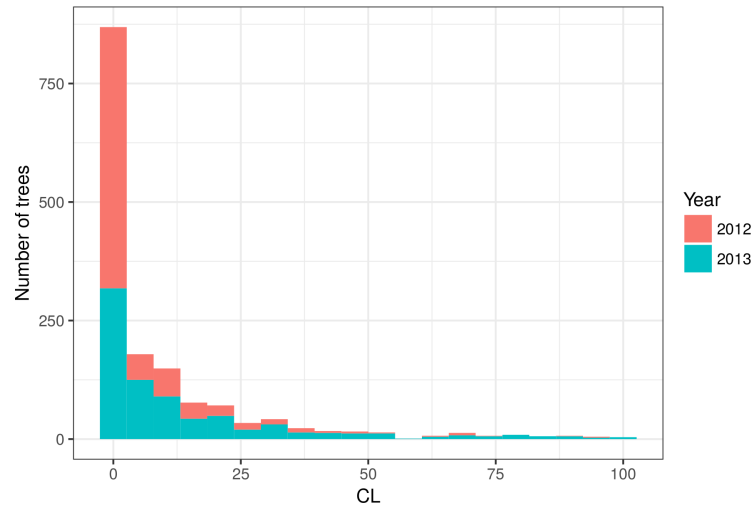
# Priors

- Prior spatial range constrained within the field dimensions.



- Other priors are *reasonably* vague. See paper for details.

# Model for CL



For a measurement of CL  $y_{ijk}$  taken in year  $i$ , at location  $j$  for individual  $k$ , we assume that

$$\Pr[y_{ijk} = 0] = p_{ijk}, \quad 0 < p_{ijk} < 1$$
$$\pi(y_{ijk} | y_{ijk} > 0) = \text{Ga}(a_{ijk}, b_{ijk}), \quad a_{ijk}, b_{ijk} > 0.$$



# Latent models

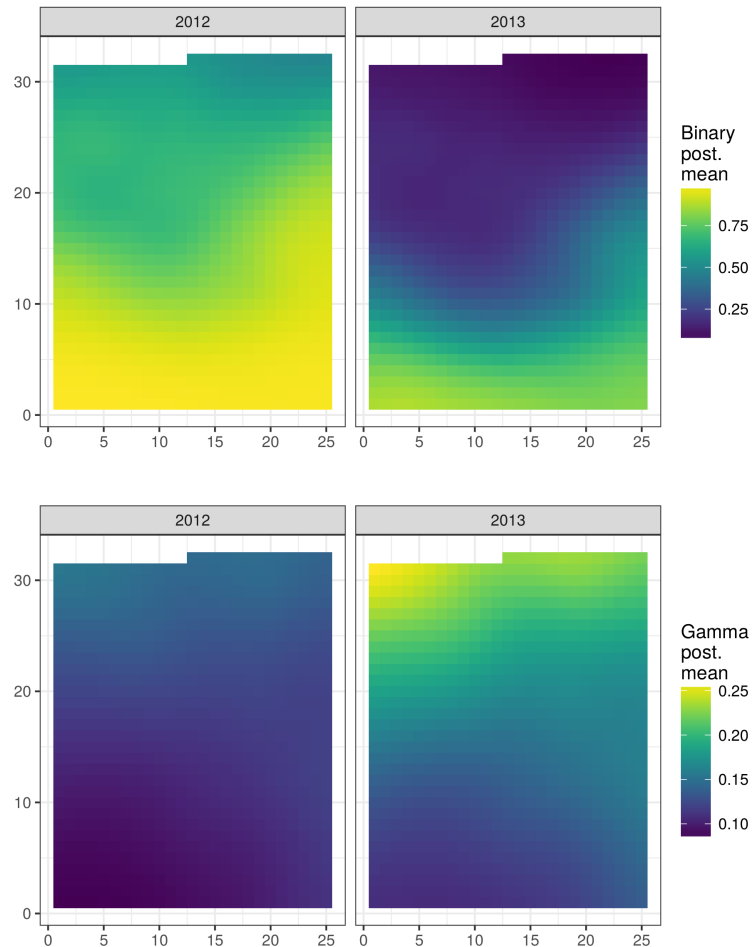
calling  $\mu = E(y|y > 0) = \frac{a}{b}$ , we define two linear predictors

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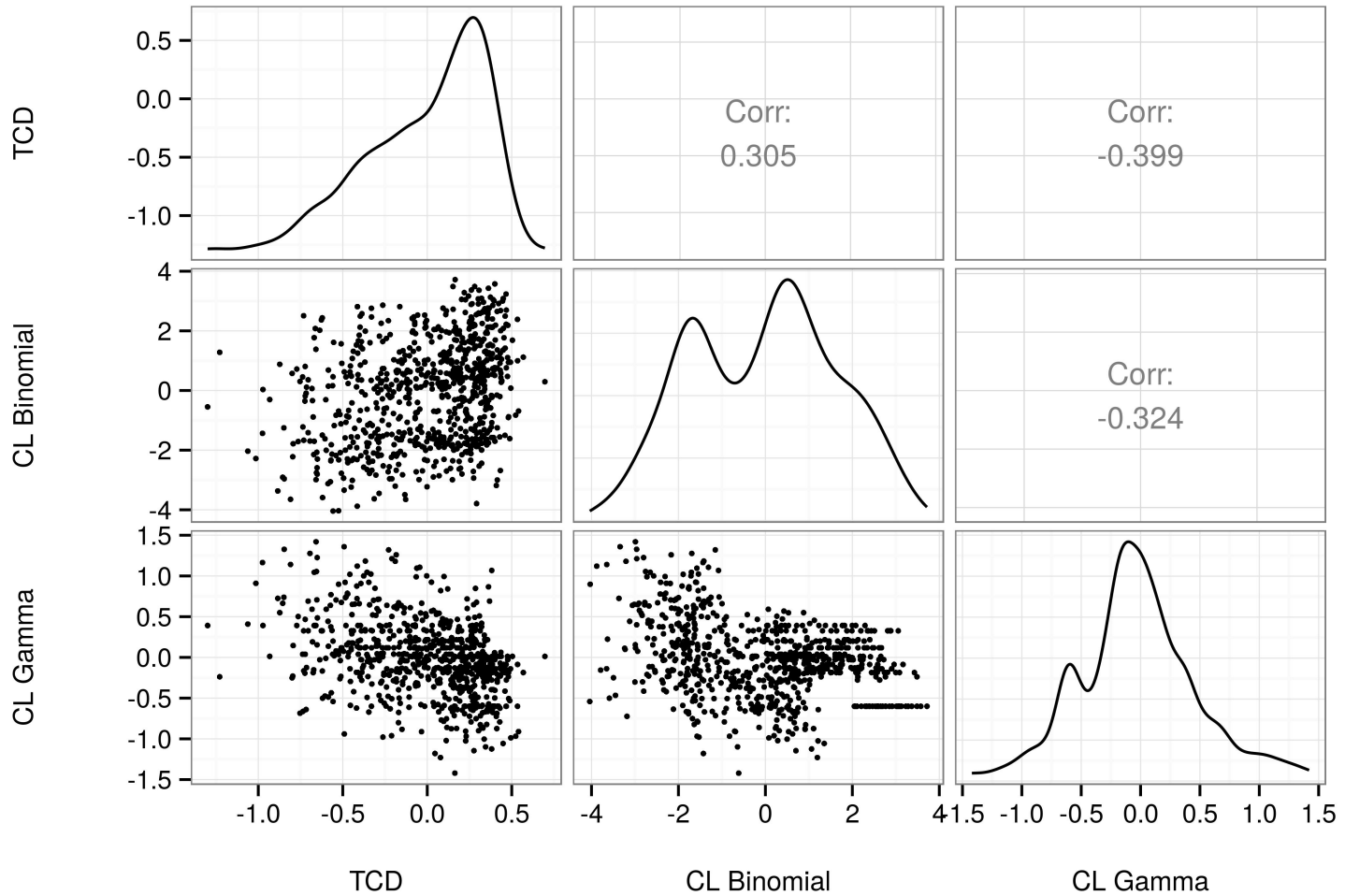
$$\log(\mu_{ijk}) = \text{Year}_i^{(2)} + \eta_{ij}^{(2)} + a_k^{(2)}$$

for the binary and continuous components, respectively. The elements in the latent linear predictors are defined as for CD

# Posterior mean spatio-temporal effect for CL



# Genetic correlations



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- Learn about the **different nature** of the processes causing both symptoms

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# Thank you

## References:

- **RisingAshes** R-package with **data** and **code**, + poster and paper:  
 [https://github.com/famuvie/2016\\_RisingAshes](https://github.com/famuvie/2016_RisingAshes)
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