



Single-plant Modelling: towards a new weed management strategies

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Weed control

My aim in weed science:

reduction of environmental impact without reduction of the yield and enhancing biodiversity

Methods used:

- reduction of the amount of herbicide applied
- usage of decision support systems
- reduced soil disturbances
- precise application methods

Weed management

not specific



- 100% treatment
- Every weed plant is removed
- A large area is unnecessarily treated

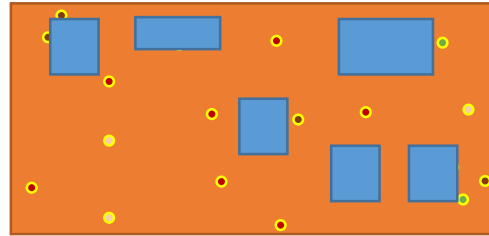
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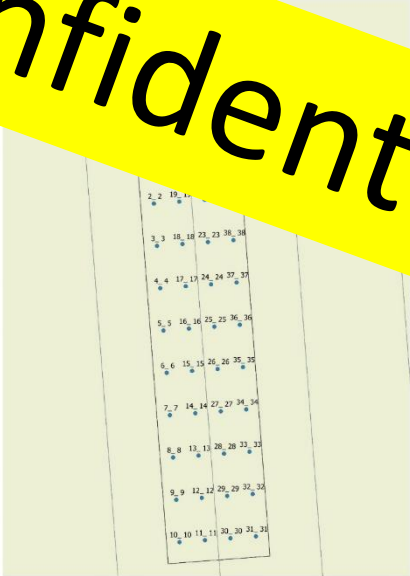
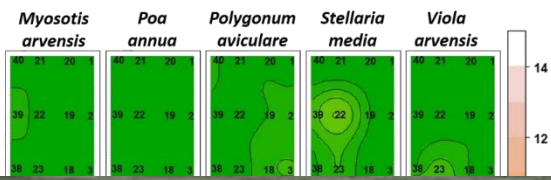
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- SSWM
- Some weed plants remain
- reduction of >90% possible
- Potential for biodiversity conservation

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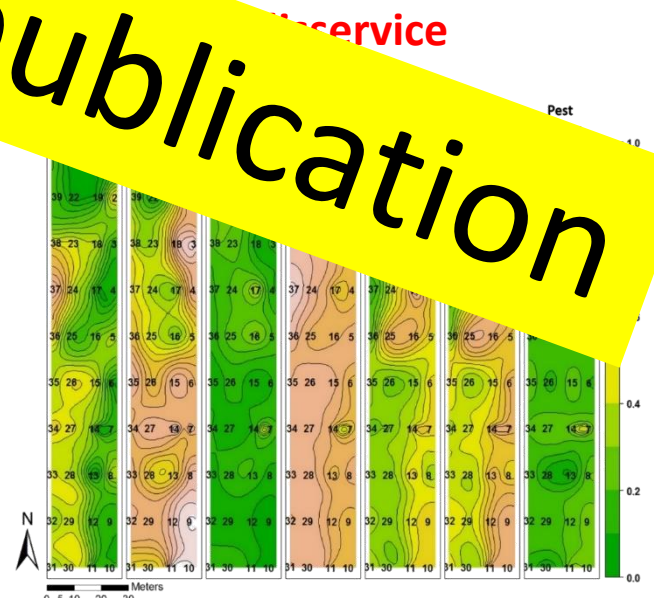
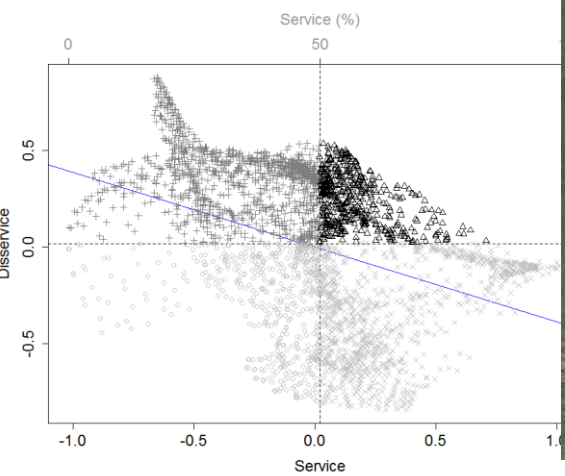


Specific Leaf	Plant height vegetative	Relative growth rate leaf (autumn)	Relative growth rate leaf (spring)	Pest species
4	0.63	0.54	0.64	0.00
0	0.00	0.65	0.74	1.00
0	0.64	0.53	0.74	0.28
0	0.63	1.00	1.00	0.16
3	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.13

$$it_n = \frac{\sum(N_{S_n} \times T_s)}{\sum Weeds_n}$$

number for each weed species

value for each species S



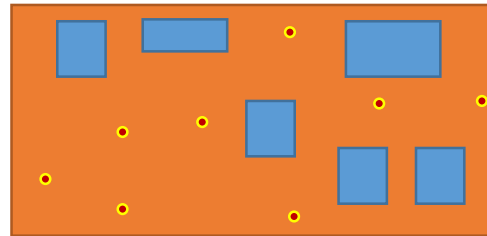
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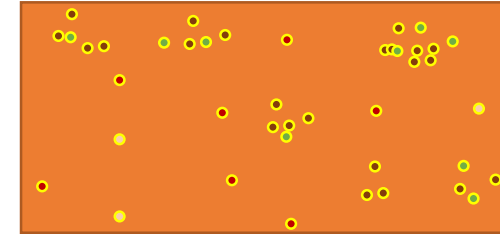
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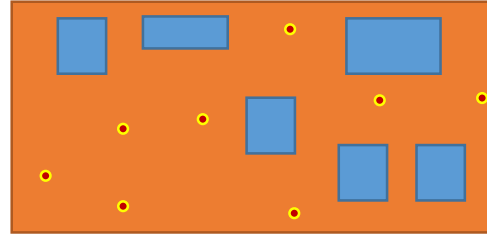
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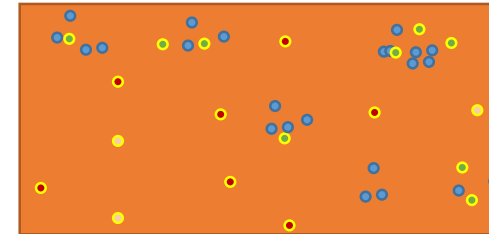
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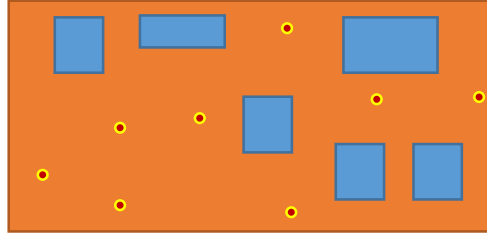
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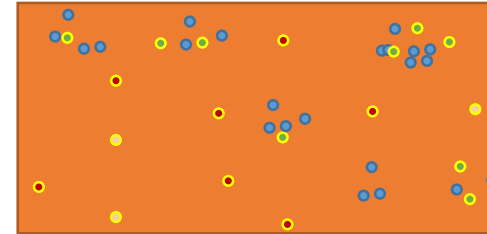
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The potential of single plant treatment is unknown for

- Yield
- Environment
- Biodiversity



Simulation approach!

Our simulation approach

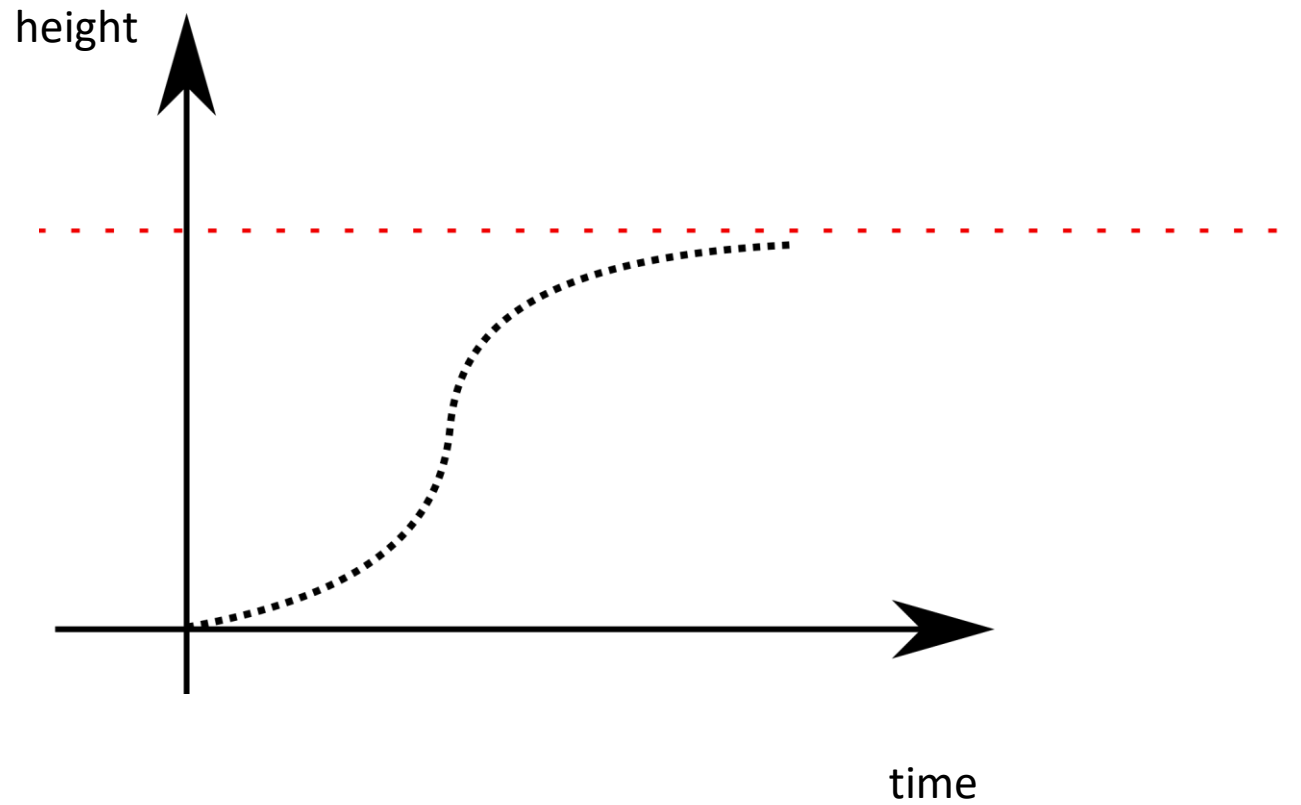
We display the

- Development of single plants
- Interactions between plants

We include the

- Species specific attributes or reactions
- Spatial arrangement

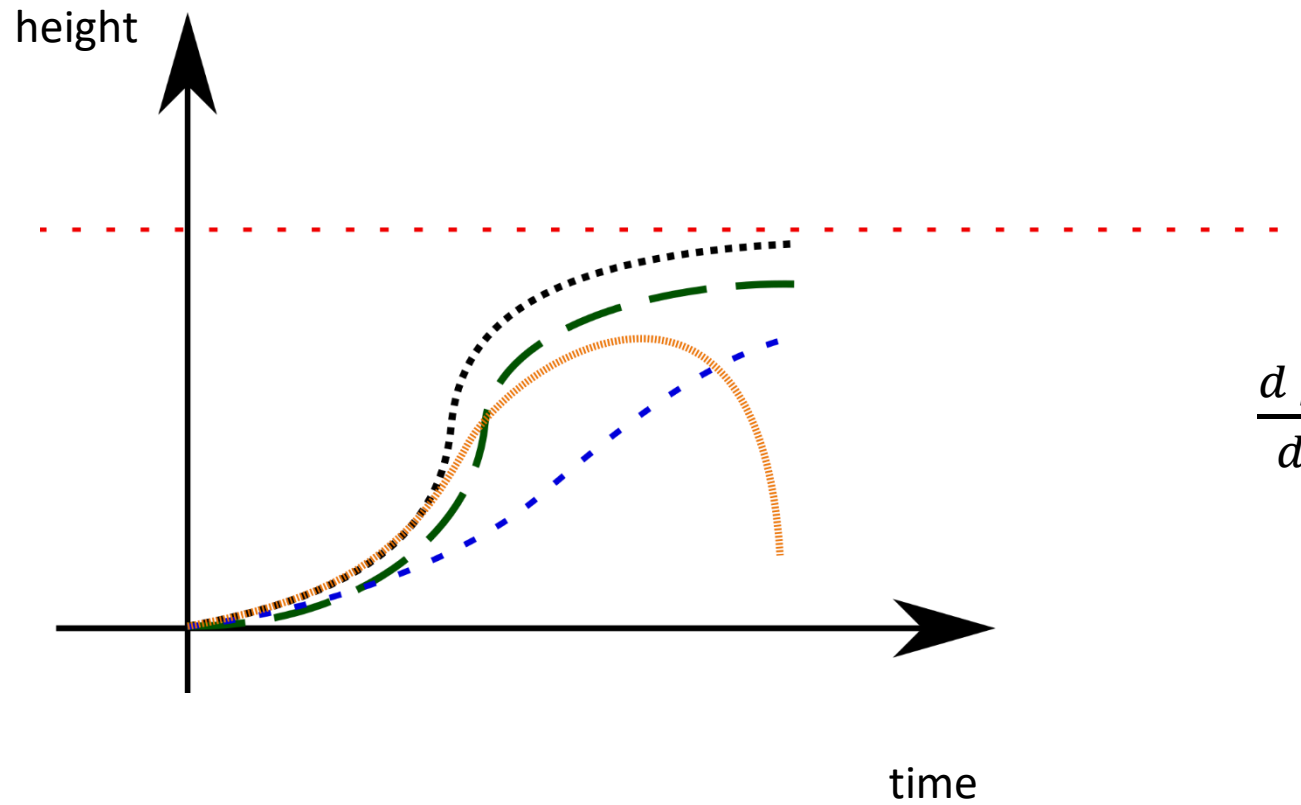
Growth curve



$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ry - \alpha y^2$$

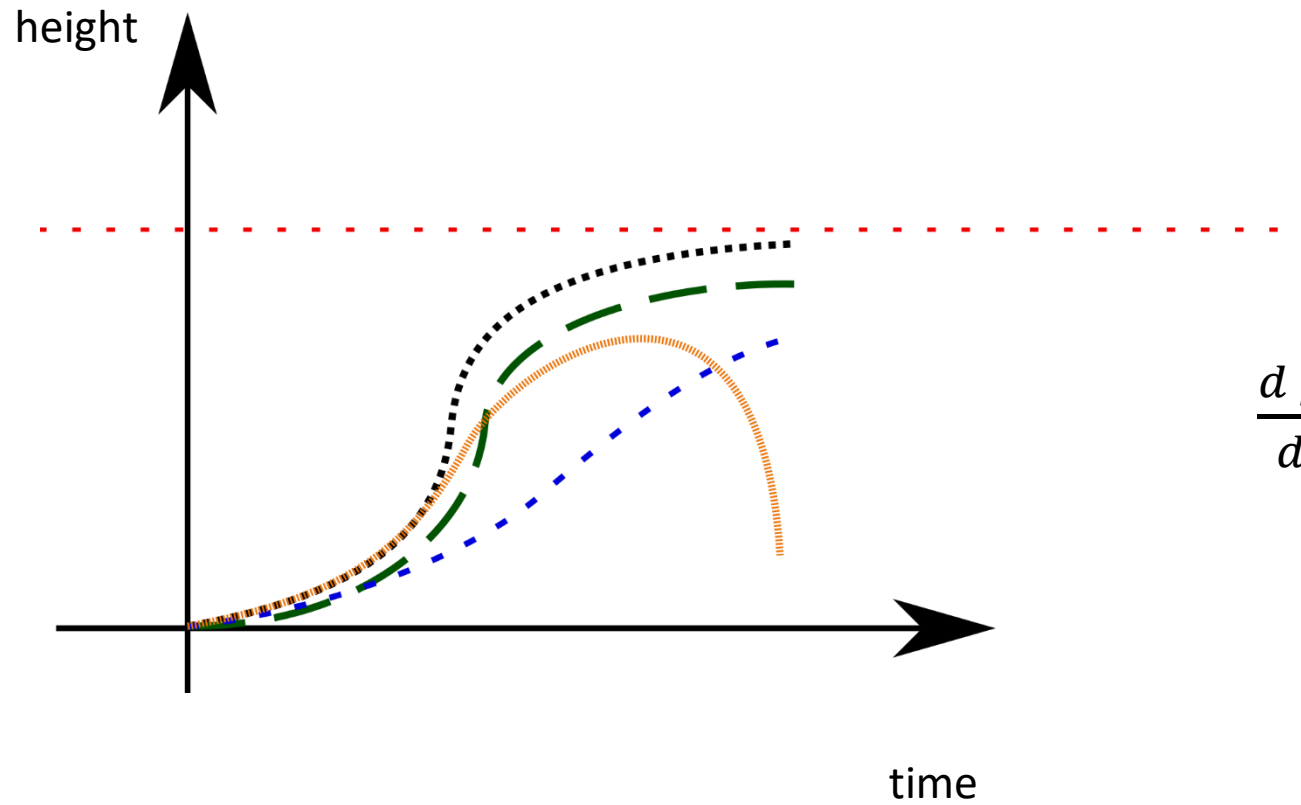
r growth rate
 α retardation factor

Growth curves



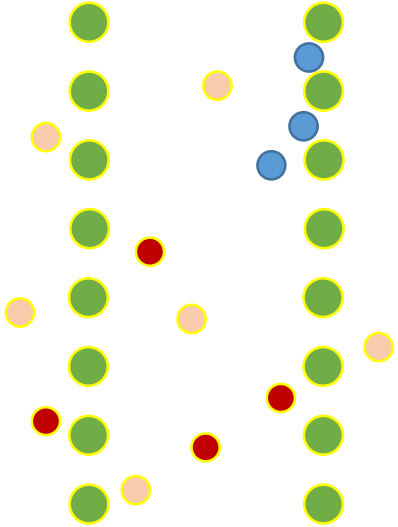
$$\frac{d y_i}{d t} = r_i y_i - \mu_i y_i \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} y_j \right)$$





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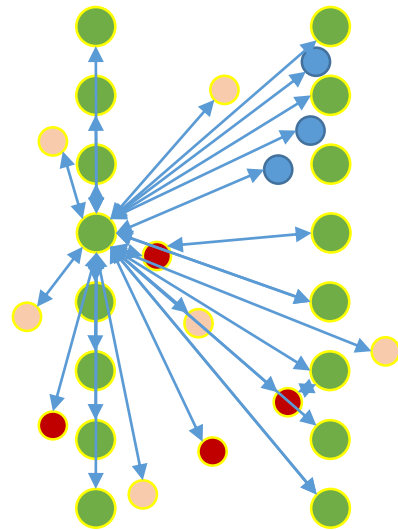
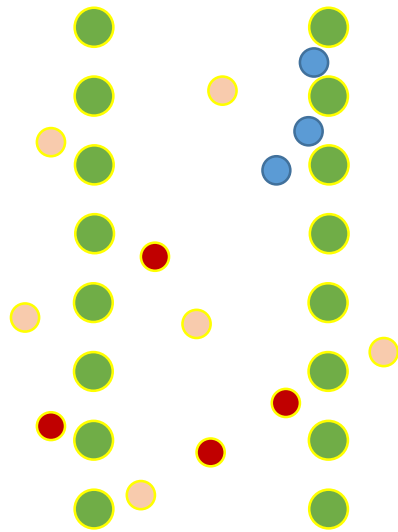
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Spatial structure



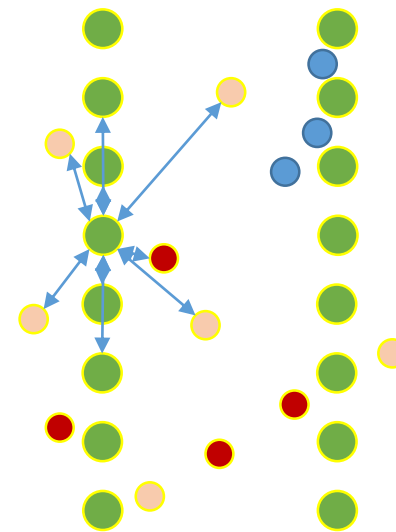
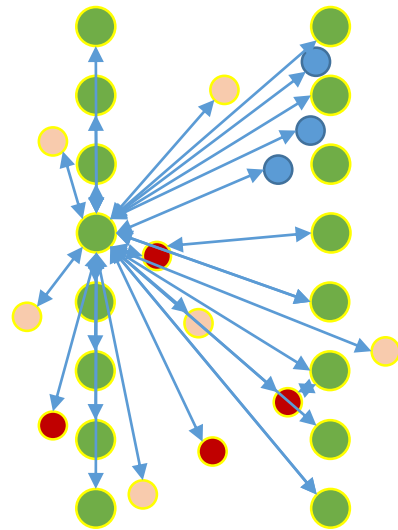
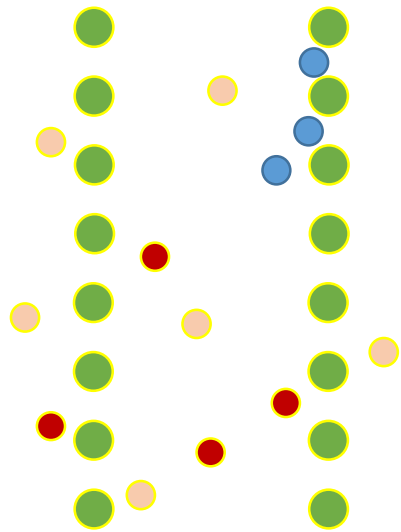
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-  Weed species 3





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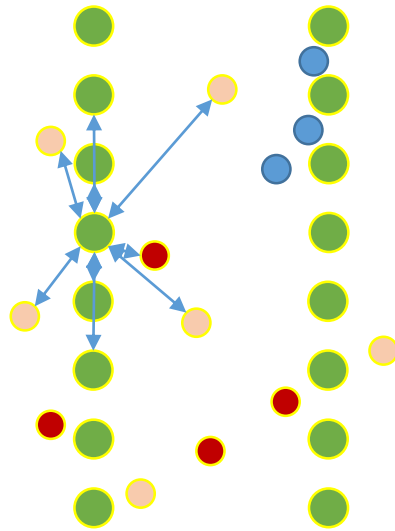
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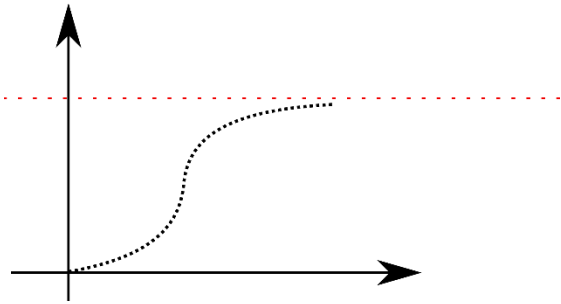


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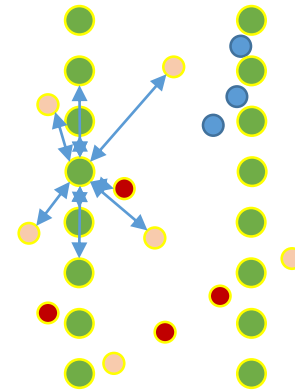
Spatial interaction

$$\alpha_{ij} = w_{ij} \text{Exp}\left[-\left(\frac{d_{ij}}{a}\right)^\gamma\right]$$

Growth combined with space



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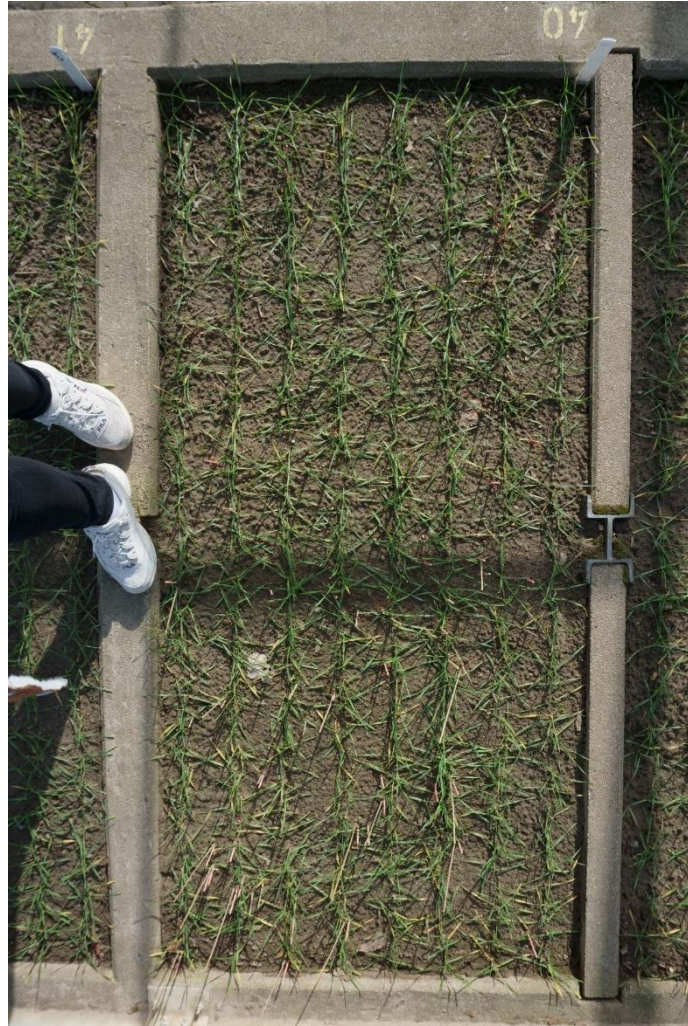
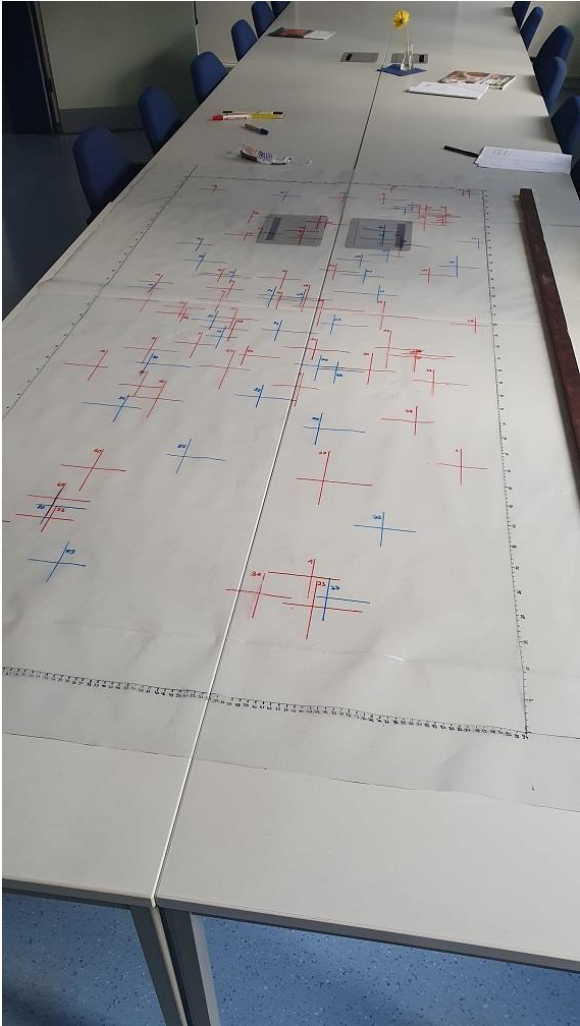
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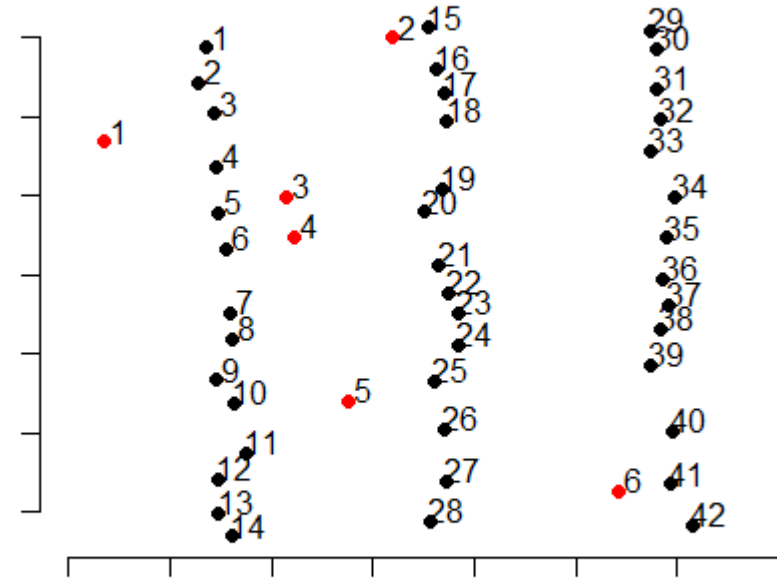
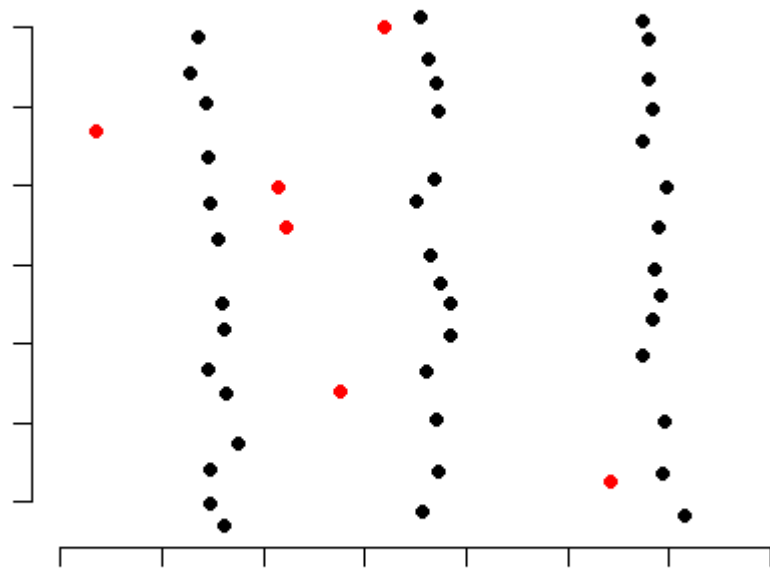
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Wheat and *Viola arvensis*



Data generation



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Plant numbers:

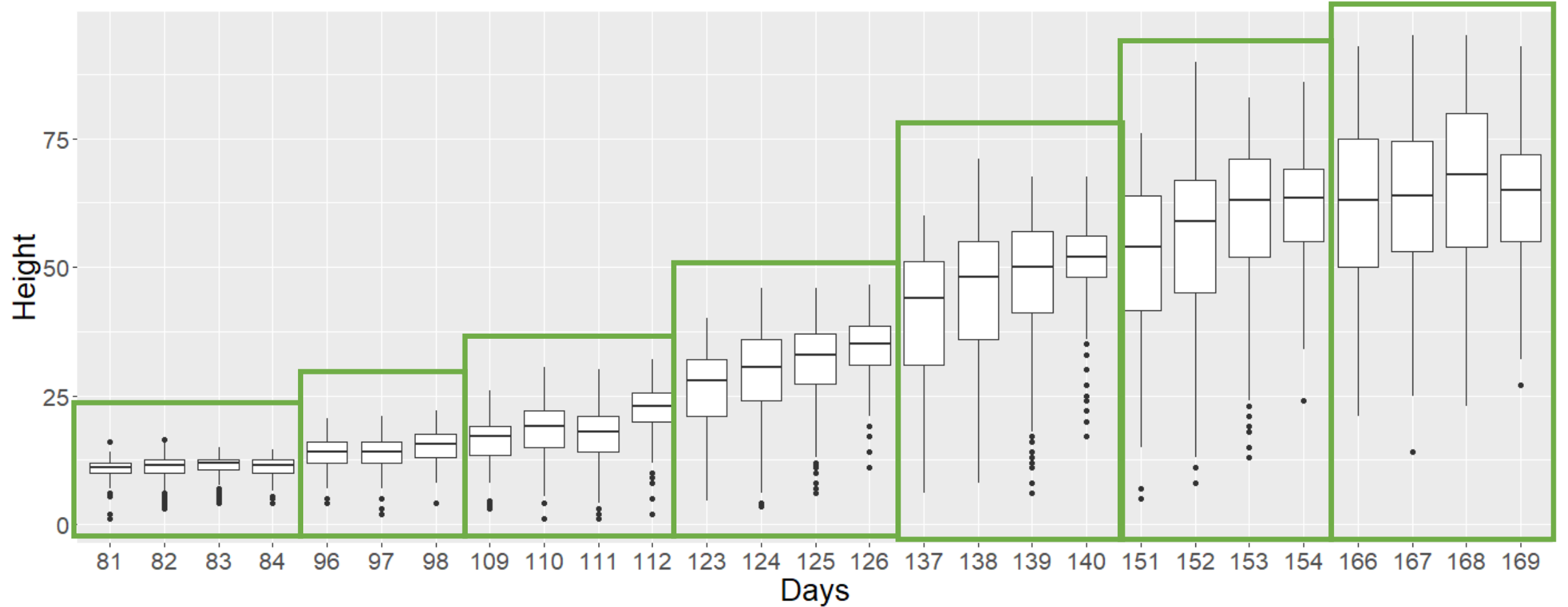
22 Plots

245 wheat plants

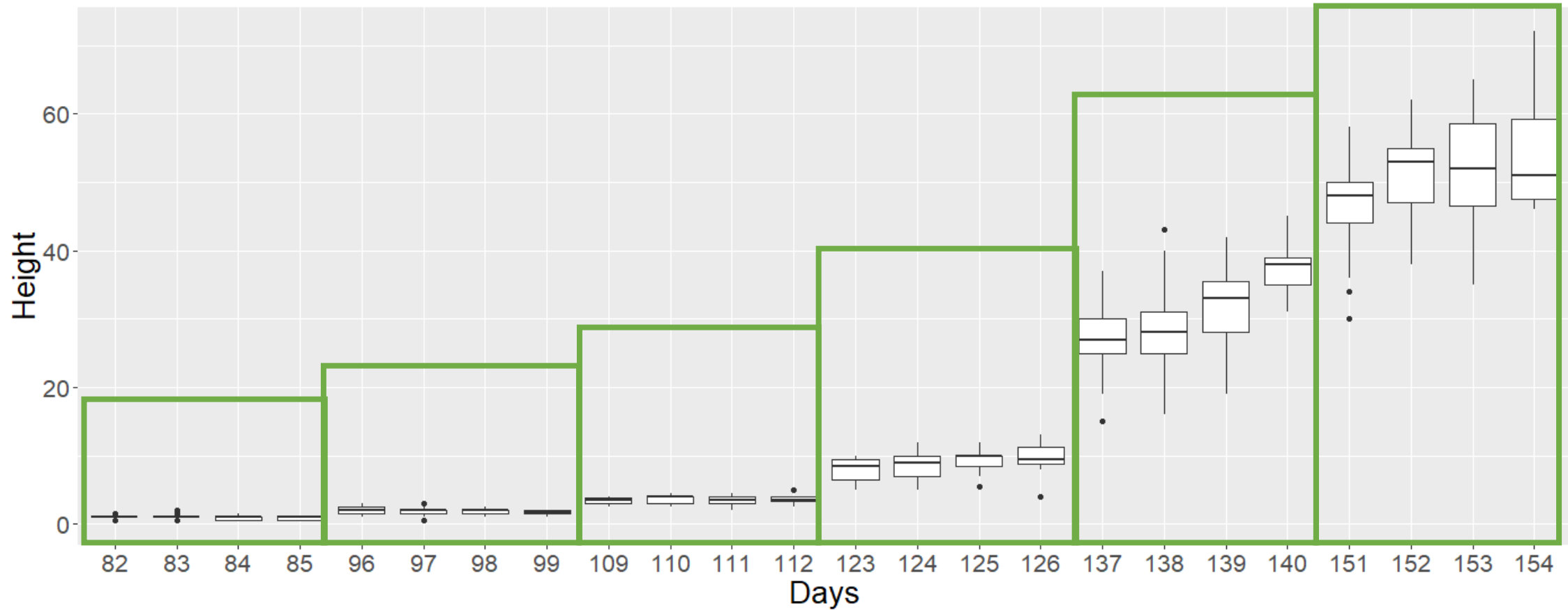
Measured 7 times

78 VIOAR plants

Growth of 245 wheat plants

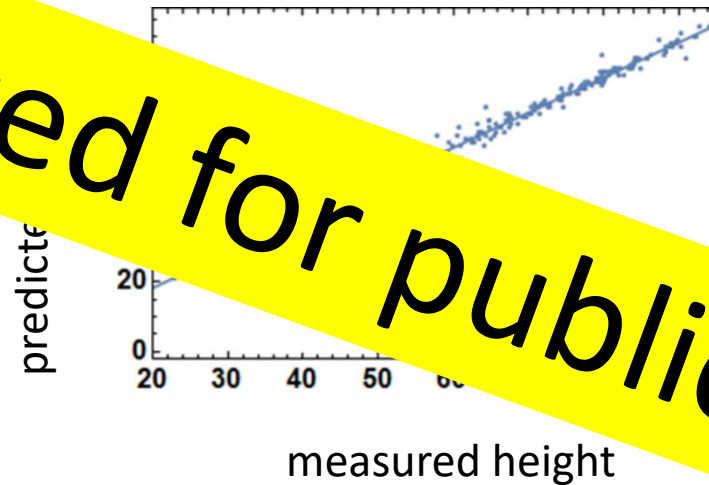
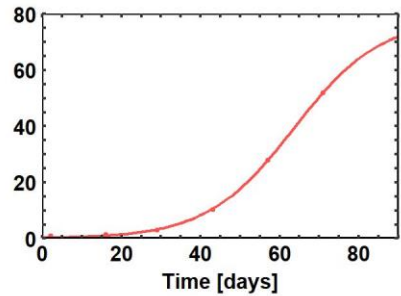
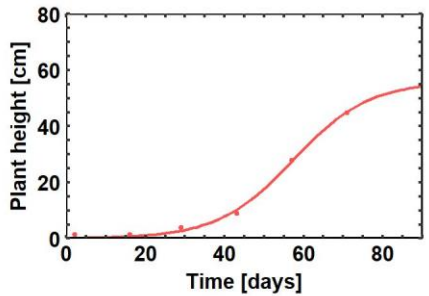
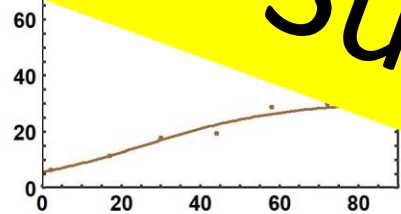
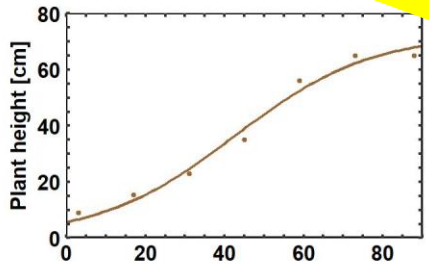


Growth of 78 viola plants



Parameterization results

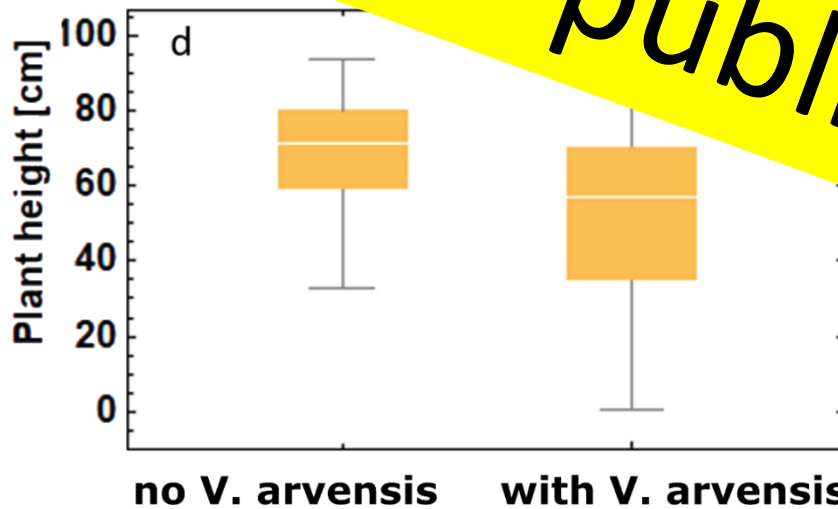
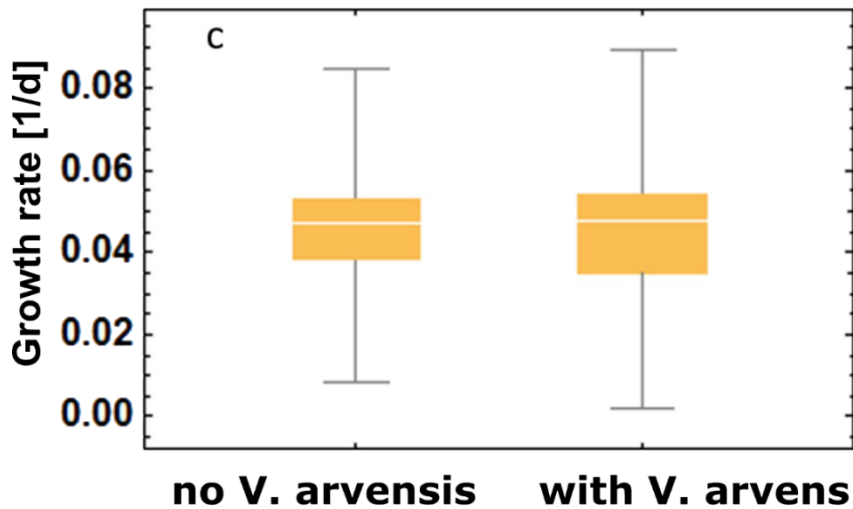
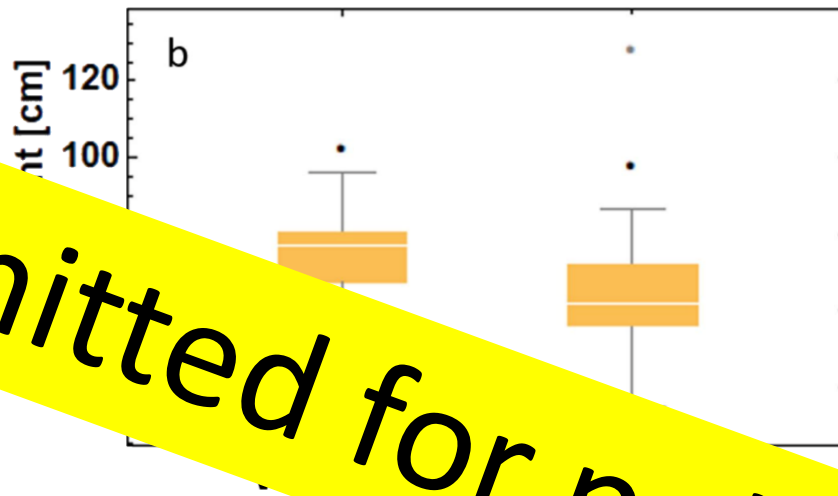
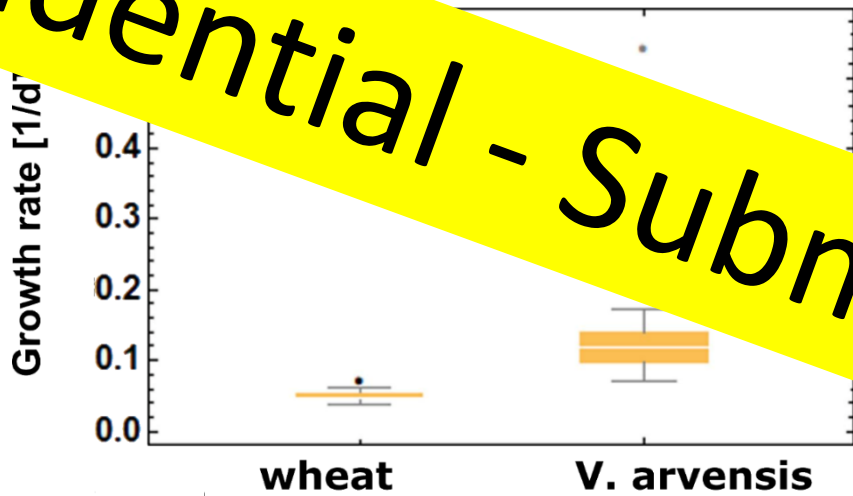
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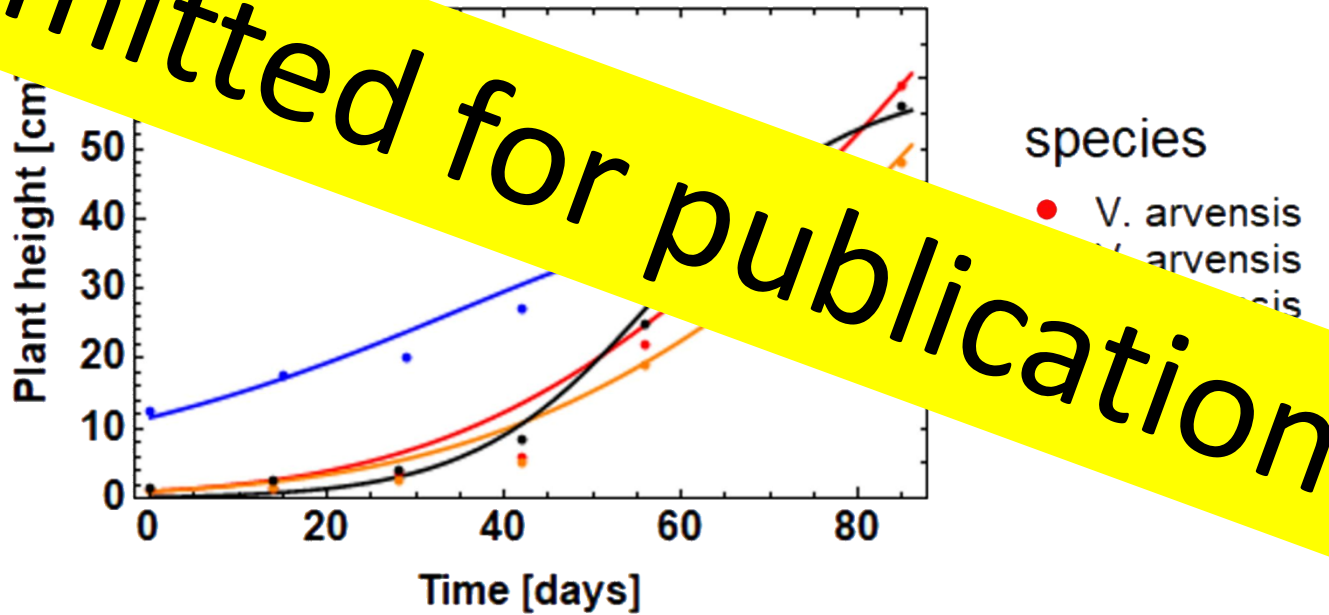
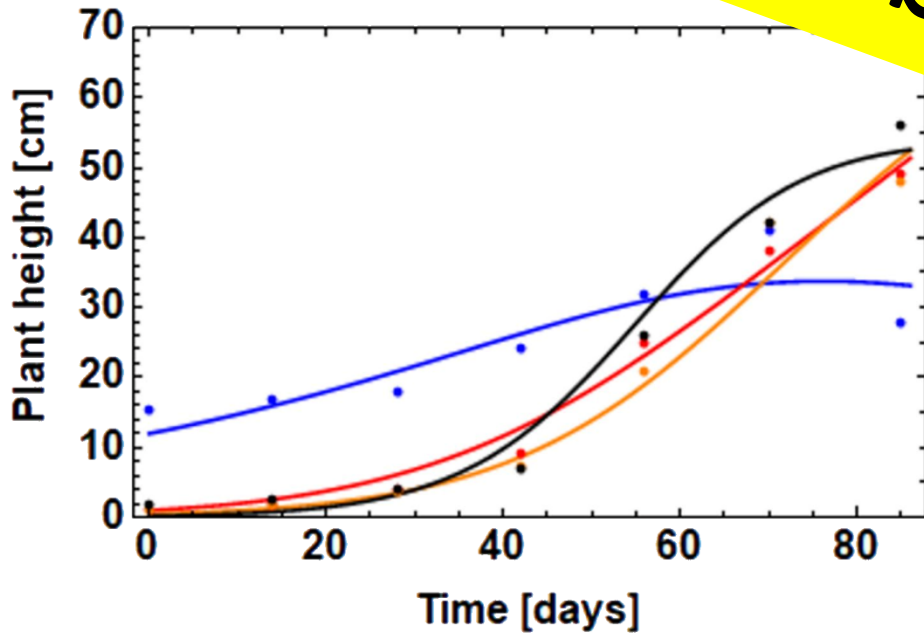
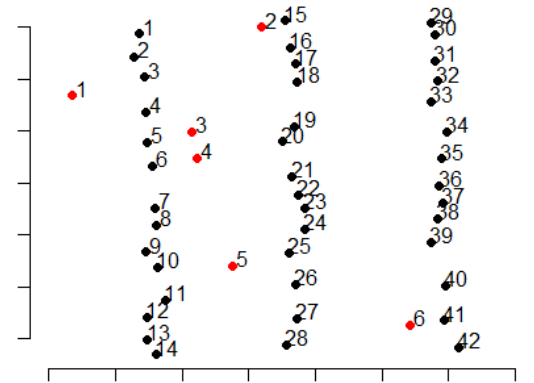
Parametrization of single plant growth

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Parametrization of competition

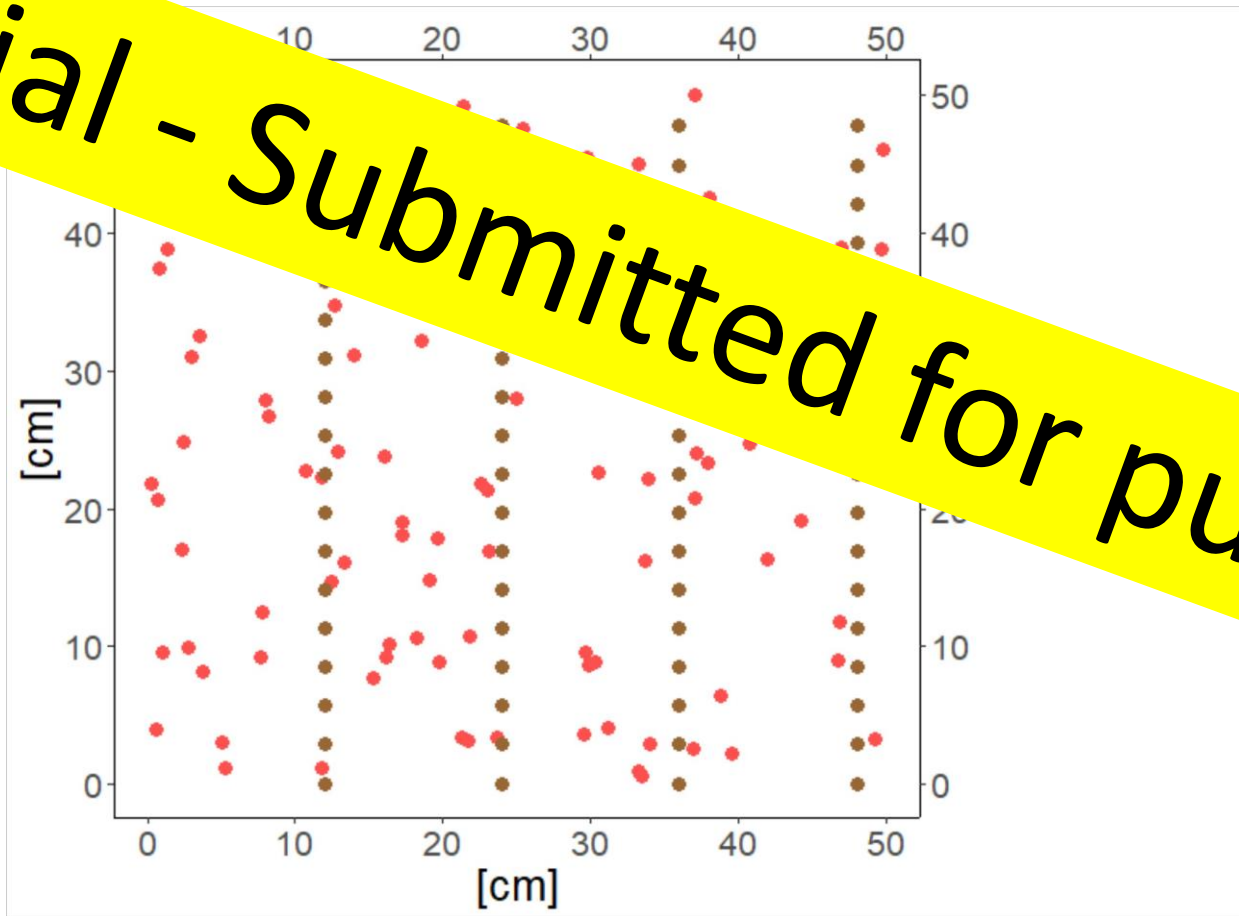
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Single plant growth simulation

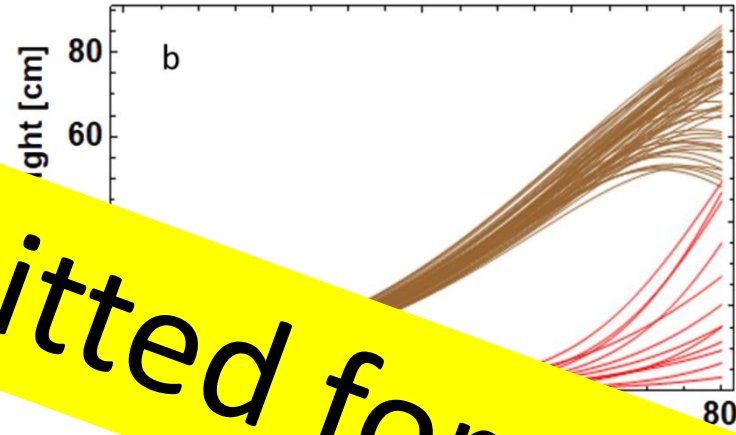
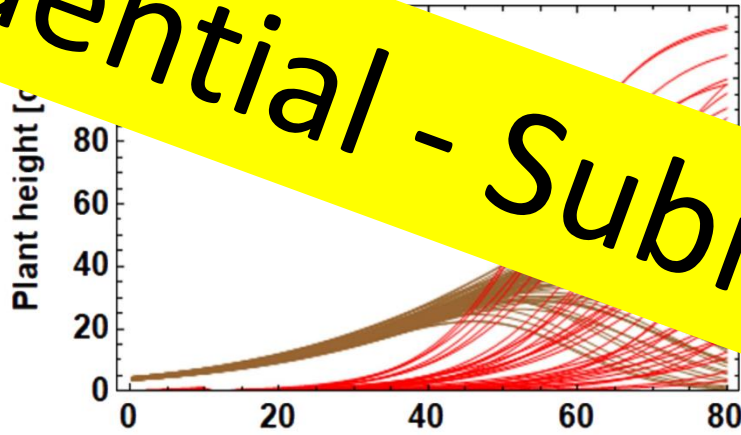
72 wheat plants
400 weed plants



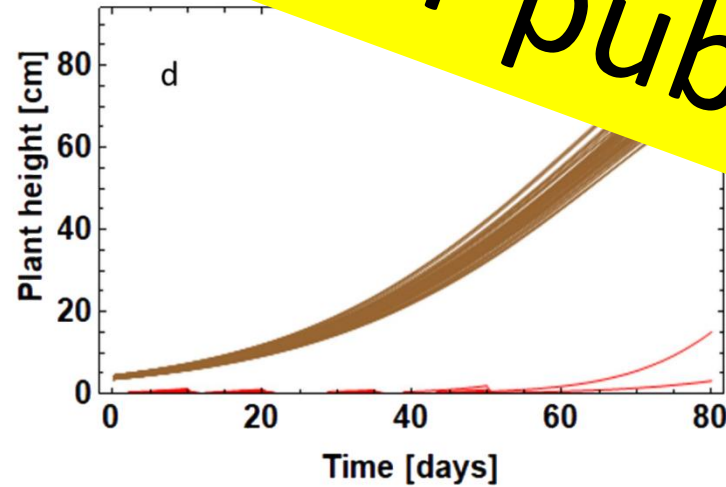
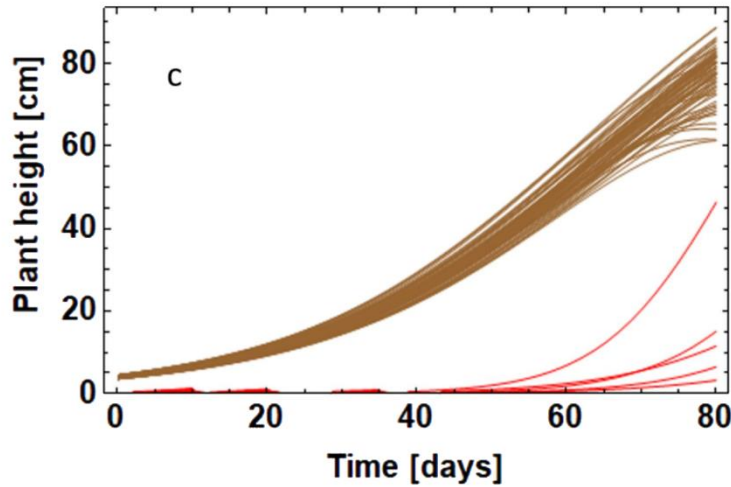
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Results of simulations

$$\frac{d y_i}{d t} = r_i y_i - \mu_i y_i \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} y_j \right)$$



species
• *V. arvensis*
• wheat



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Coming next:

- Extension of the model to multiple weed species
- Simulation of floral trait development
- Population dynamics

→ Single plant management planning