Inductive machine learning in ecological modeling

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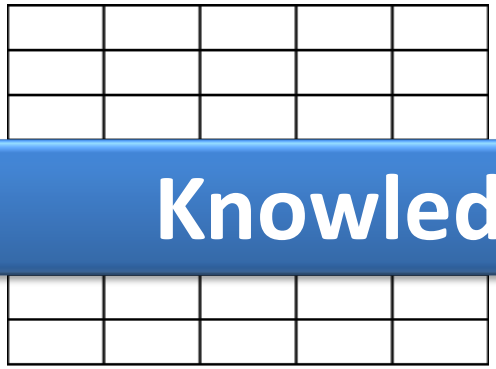

Knowledge discovery in databases

Model - Hypothesis

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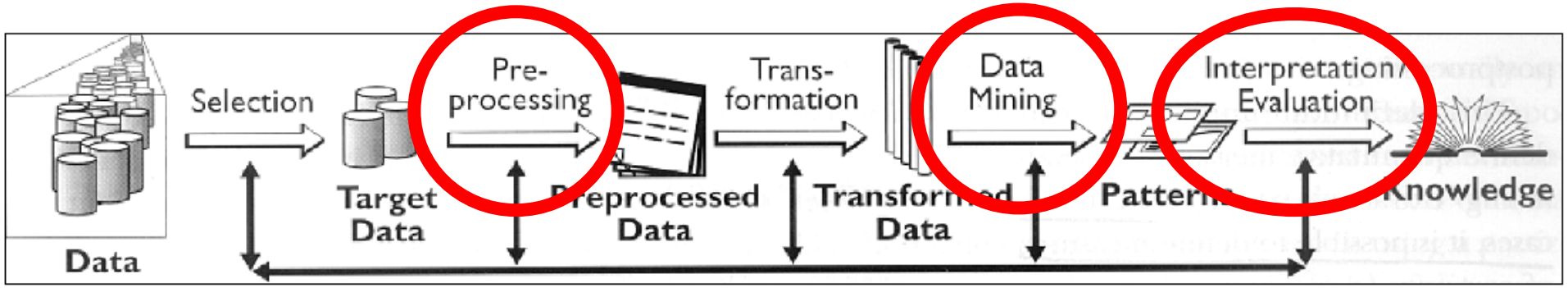
Knowledge discovery in data bases (KDD)

What is KDD?

Frawley et al., 1991: “KDD is the non-trivial **process** of identifying valid, novel, potentially useful, and ultimately understandable **patterns** in data”

The key task is the discovery of **previously unknown knowledge**



Data mining and machine learning

Data mining focuses on the discovery of **previously unknown knowledge** and integrates **machine learning**.

Machine learning focuses on **descriptions** and **prediction**, based on known properties **learned** from the training empirical data (examples) using computer algorithms.

Learning from examples is called **inductive learning**.

If the goal of **inductive learning** is to obtain model that **predicts** the value of target variable from learning examples, the it is called **predictive or supervised learning.**

Data mining

The most relevant notions of data mining:

1. **Data**
2. **Patterns**
3. **Data mining algorithms**

Data

Data stored in **one flat** table.

Each example represented by a **fixed number** of attributes.

Data stored in **original** tables or relations.

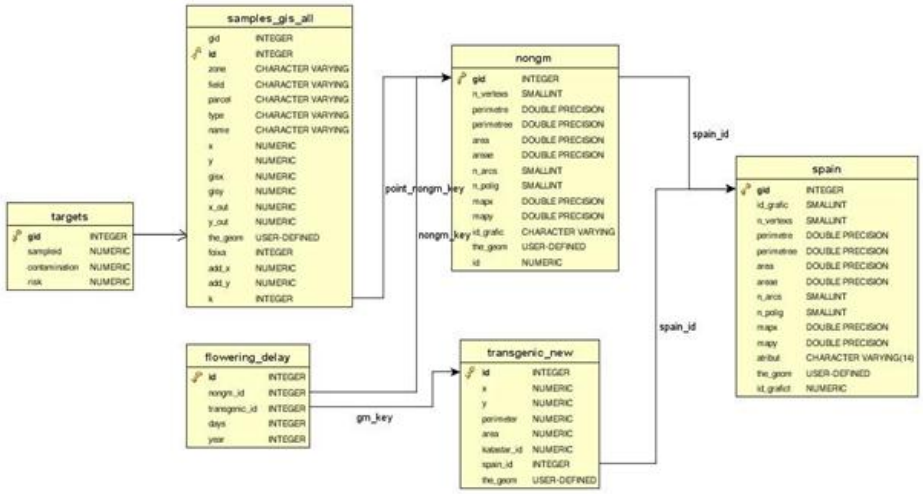
No loss of information, due to aggregation.

PROPOSITIONAL data mining

Loos of information due to aggregation

	Properties of objects			
	Distance (m)	Wind direction (°)	Wind speed (m/s)	Out-crossing rate (%)
Objects	10	123	3	8
	12	88	4	7
	14	121	6	3
	18	147	2	4
	20	93	1	5
	22	115	3	1
	…	…	…	..

RELATIONAL data mining

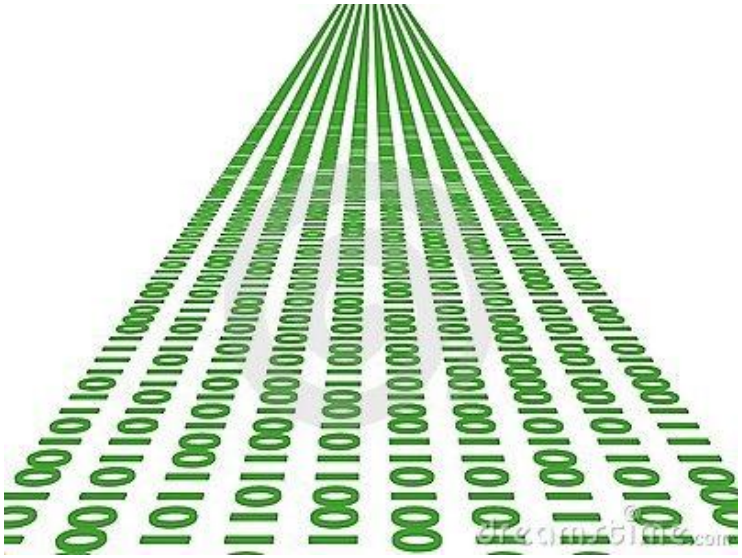


Data

Data are **not stored at all** but they continuously flow through algorithm.

Each example can propositional or relational.

DATA STREAM mining



2. What is a pattern?

A pattern is defined as: ”A statement (**expression**) in a given language, that describes (**relationships** among) the facts in a **subset** of the given data and is (in some sense) simpler than the enumeration of all facts in the subset” (Frawley et al. 1991, Fayyad et al. 1996).

Classes of patterns considered in data mining:
A. **equations,**
B. **decision trees, relational decision trees**
C. association, classification, and regression **rules.**

Selection of the pattern type depends on the **data mining task** at hand.

Pattern

A. Equations

To predict the value of a **target** (dependent) variable as a **linear or non linear combination** of the **input** (independent) variables:

- Algebraic equations

To predict the behavior of **dynamic** systems, which change their rate over time:

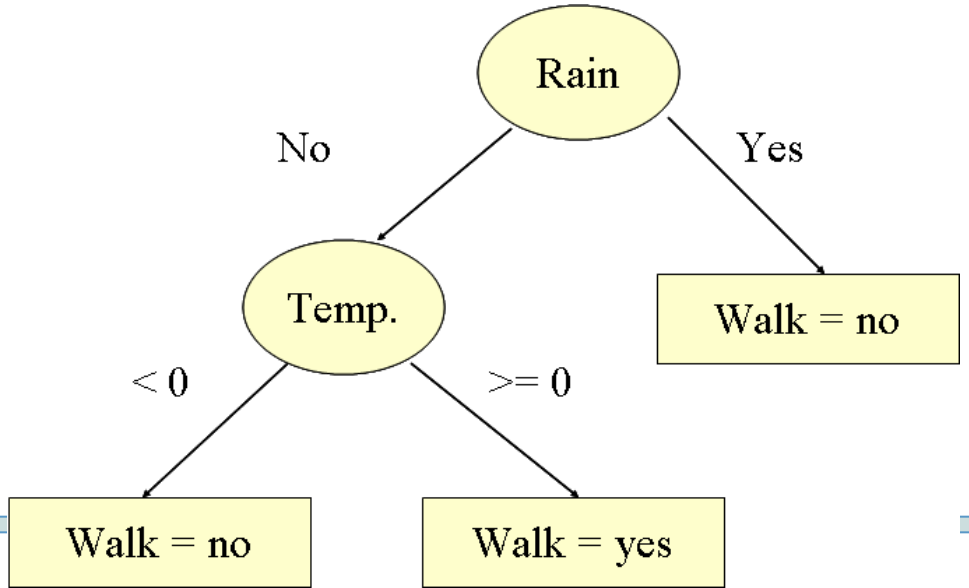
- Difference equations

- Differential equations

B. Decision trees

To predict the value of **one or several target dependent variables** from the **values** of other **independent variables** by **decision tree**.

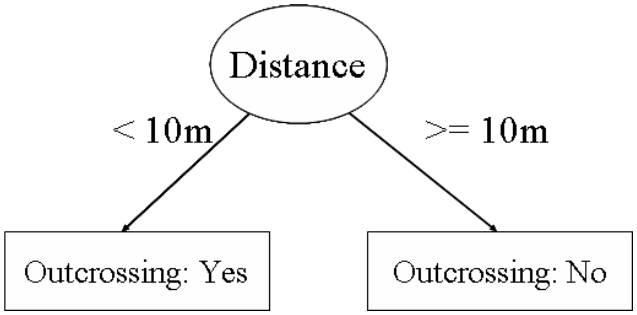
Decision tree has a hierarchical structure, where:
- each internal **node** contains a test on an independent variable,
- each **branch** corresponds to an outcome of the test (critical values of independent variable,
- each **leaf** gives a prediction for the value of the dependent (predicted) variable.



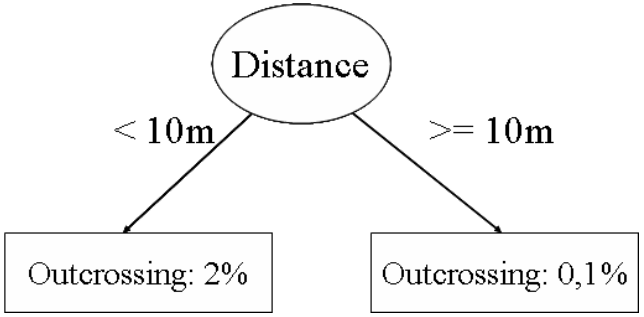
Pattern

Decision tree is called:

- A **classification** tree: value of dependent variable in leaf is **discrete** (**finite** set of nominal values): e.g., (yes, no), (spec. A, spec. B, …)

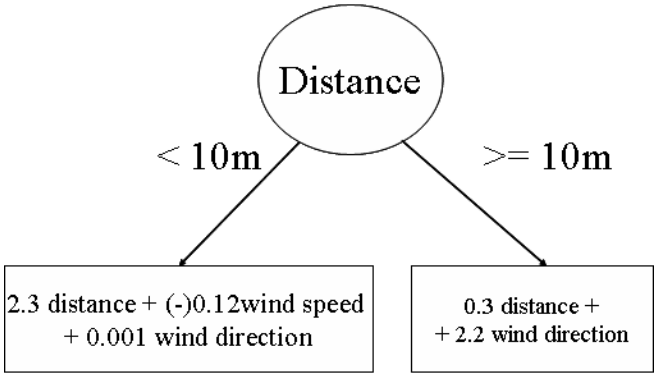


- A **regression** tree: value of dependent variable in leaf is a **constant** (**infinite** set of values): e.g.,120, 220, 312, …



- A **model** tree: leaf contains **linear model** predicting the value of piece-wise linear function:

out-crossing rate= 12.3 distance - 0.123 wind speed + 0.00123 wind direction



Pattern

C. Rules

To perform association analysis between variables discovered by **association rules**.

The **rule denotes** patterns of the form:
IF „Conjunction of conditions“ **THEN** „Conclusion.”

- For **classification rules**, the conclusion assigns one of the possible **discrete** values to the dependent variable (finite set of nominal values): e.g., (yes, no), (spec. A, spec. B, spec. D)

- For **predictive rules**, the conclusion gives a prediction for the value of the dependent variable (**infinite** set of values): e.g.,120, 220, 312, …

Algorithm

3. What is data mining algorithm?

Algorithm in general:

- a **procedure** (a finite set of well-defined instructions) for accomplishing some task which will terminate in a defined end-stat.

Data mining algorithm:

- a computational process for finding patterns in data

Algorithm

Selection of algorithm depends on problem at hand:

1. **Equations = Linear and multiple regressions, equation discovery**
2. **Decision trees = Top/down induction of decision trees**
3. **Rules = Rule induction**

DATA MINING – CASE STUDIES

Applications – ecological modeling

Propositional and relational supervised data mining:

- **Simple data mining**
- **Data mining of time series**
- **Spatial data mining**

1. Equations:

- **Algebraic equations**
- **Differential equations**

2. Single and multi target decision trees:

- **Classification trees**
- **Regression trees**
- **Model trees (single target only)**

Applications – ecological modeling

POPULATION DYNAMICS

HABITAT MODELLING

GENE FLOW MODELLING

RISK MODELLING

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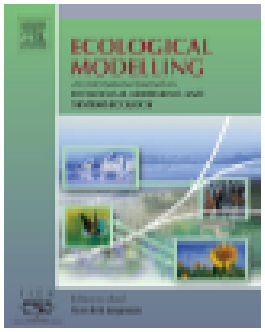

Modeling radial growth increment of black alder (*Alnus glutionsa* (L.) Gaertn.) tree

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Algebraic equations: POPULATION DYNAMICS

Problem: **Prediction of radial increment**

Type of pattern: **Algebraic equation**

Algorithm: **CIPER**

Algebraic equations: POPULATION DYNAMICS

Measured **radial increments**:
- 8 trees
- 69 years old

Hydrological conditions
(*HMS Lendava*; monthly data on minimal, average and maximum values)

- Ledava River levels
- groundwater levels

Management data
(thinning; m^3/y removed from the stand; *Forestry Unit Lendava*)

Dataset

Meteorological conditions
(monthly data, HMS Lendava):
- Time of solar radiation (h),
- precipitation (mm),
- ET (mm)
- Number of days with white frost
- Number of days with snow
- T: max, aver, min
- Cumulative T>0ºC, >5ºC, and >10ºC
- Number of days with:
  - minT>0ºC
  - minT<-10ºC
  - minT<-4ºC
  - minT>25ºC
  - maxT>10ºC
  - maxT>25ºC

- Monthly data + aggregated data (AMJ, MJJ, JJA, MJJA etc.)
- **Σ**: **333** attributes; 35 years

Algebraic equations: POPULATION DYNAMICS

- 52 different combinations of attributes were tested.

Σ: 124 models

Experiment	RRSE	# eq. elements
jnj3_2m	0,7282	6
jnj3_3s	0,7599	6
jnj3_1s	0,7614	6
jnj3_4m	0,76455	3
jnj2_2	0,7685	5
jly_4xl	0,7686	6

Algebraic equations: POPULATION DYNAMICS

Model jnj3_2m:

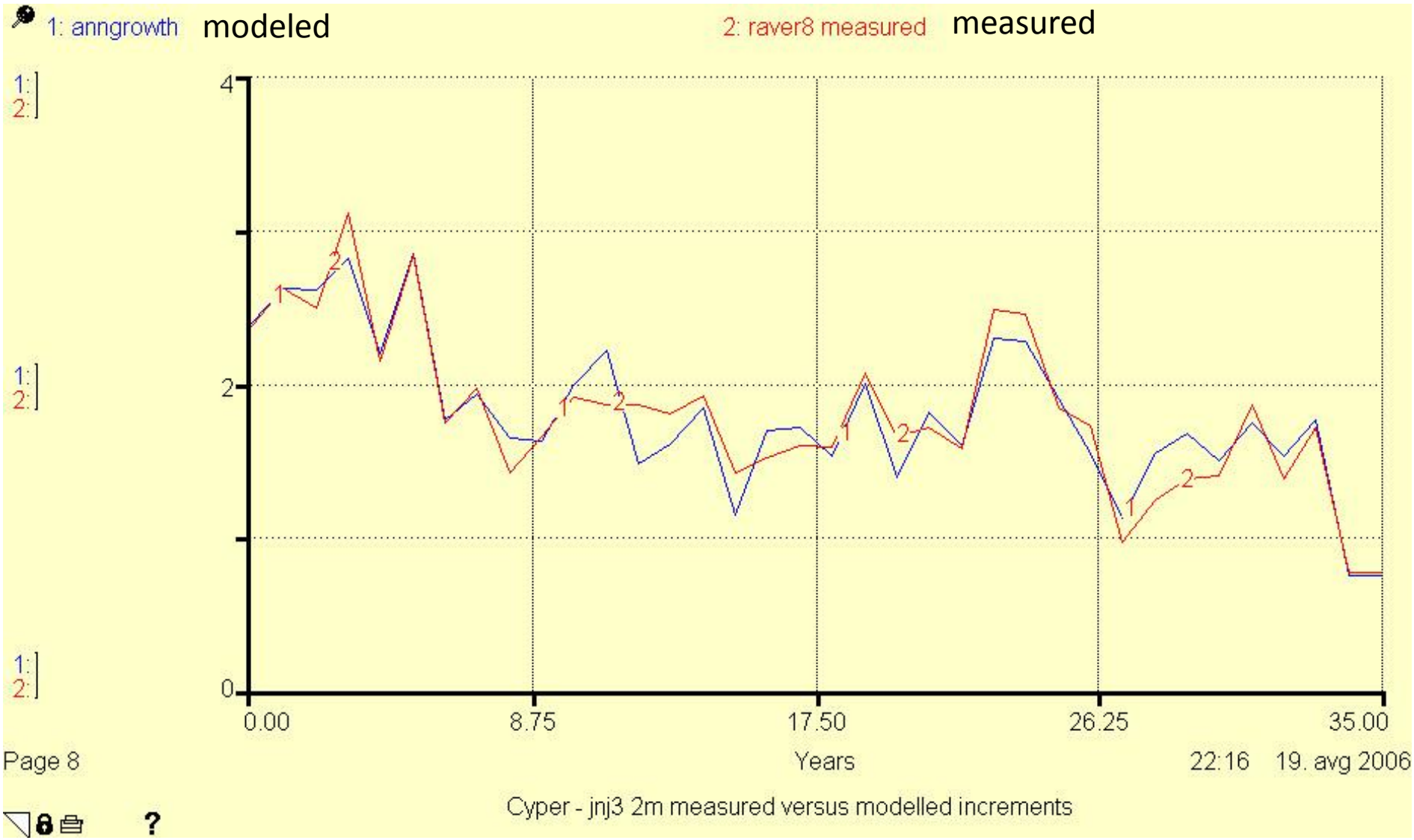
RadialGrowthIncrement =
+ -0.0511025526922 minL8-10^1
+ -0.0291795197998 maxL8-10^1
+ -0.017479975134 t-sun4-7^1
+ 0.0346935385853 t-sun8-10^1
+ -1.950606536e-05 t-sun8-10^2
+ -2.01014710248 d-wf-4-7^1
+ 9.35586778387e-05 minL4-7^1 t-sun4-7^1
+ -0.000179339939732 minL4-7^1 t-sun8-10^1
+ 6.45688563611e-05 minL8-10^1 t-sun8-10^1
+ 3.06551434164e-05 maxL8-10^1 t-sun4-7^1
+ 0.00282485442386 t-sun4-7^1 d-wf-4-7^1
+ -0.00141078675225 t-sun8-10^1 d-wf-4-7^1
+ 7.91071710872

Relative Root Squared Error
= **0.728229824611**

Correlation between average measured
(r-aver8) and modeled increments:
linear regression:
R^2 = 0.8771

8 out of 333 attributes

Algebraic equations: POPULATION DYNAMICS



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Algebraic equations: WATER CYCLE

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Algebraic equations: WATER CYCLE

Problem: **Prediction of drainage water**

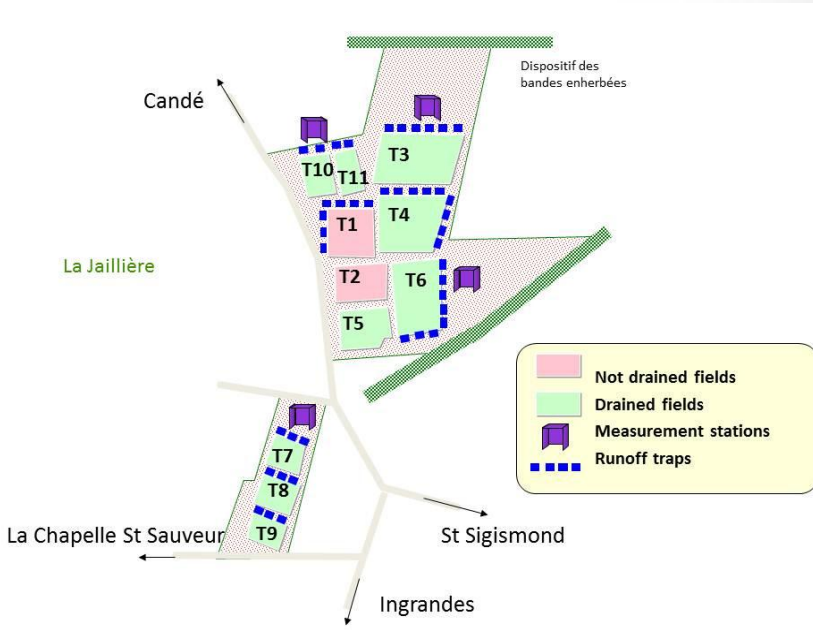
Type of pattern: **Algebraic equation**

Algorithm: **CIPER**

PCQE Database

- Experimental site La Jaillière
- Western France
- Owned by ARVALIS

- Shallow silt clay soils
- 11 fields are observed
- Field size about 0.3 – 1 ha



PCQE Database *(continued)*

- Agricultural practices
  - Fertilization
  - Irrigation
  - Phytochemical protection
  - Harvesting
  - Tillage
- Slope
- Water flow
  - Drainage
  - Runoff

- 25 campaigns (1987 - 2011)
- Campaign is defined as period starting from 01.09 and finishing on 31.08, following year

DRAINAGE predictive model - CIPER

- Polynomial equations induced on data for a whole campaign – CIPER algorithm
- Evaluation
  - "Leave one out" approach

Fields	Test field	Std. Dev.	RMSE	RRSE	Corr. coeff. (r)
All	T3	3.187	2.1119	66.26 %	0.7855
All	T4	3.188	1.7220	54.01 %	0.8273
All	T5	3.163	2.2478	71.06 %	0.7467
All	T6	3.096	2.1784	70.36 %	0.8096
All	T7	3.229	1.3286	41.15 %	0.7812
All	T8	3.210	1.3813	43.03 %	0.7839
All	T9	3.210	1.5927	49.62 %	0.7434
All	T10	3.130	1.6672	53.26 %	0.7766
All	T11	3.108	1.6274	52.36 %	0.7841
T3	T6	3.056	2.1251	69.54 %	0.8125
T6	T3	3.600	2.0961	58.22 %	0.7745

Predictive models

Model (All/T4)

$$
\begin{aligned}
Drainage = \; & 0.0196445 * RainfallA1 * Temp \\
& + 0.33246 * DrainageN1 \\
& + 0.000662861 * CDCoef^{2} * RainfallA1^{2} * Slope \\
& + 0.00000107253 * Runoff * DrainageN1 * Temp^{2} * RainfallA1^{2} \\
& - 0.00115983 * Runoff^{2} * DrainageN1 * Slope^{3} \\
& - 0.00114057 * Temp^{2} * RainfallA1 \\
& + 0.00153725 * RainfallA1^{2} \\
& + 1.63563 * Runoff * Slope \\
& - 1.90622 * Runoff \\
& - 0.0231748 * Slope^{2} * RainfallA1 \\
& + 0.0654042 * RainfallA1 * Slope \\
& - 0.00755737 * Slope^{3} * CDCoef^{3} * Runoff^{2} \\
& + 0.0675951 * Slope \\
& - 0.146702
\end{aligned}
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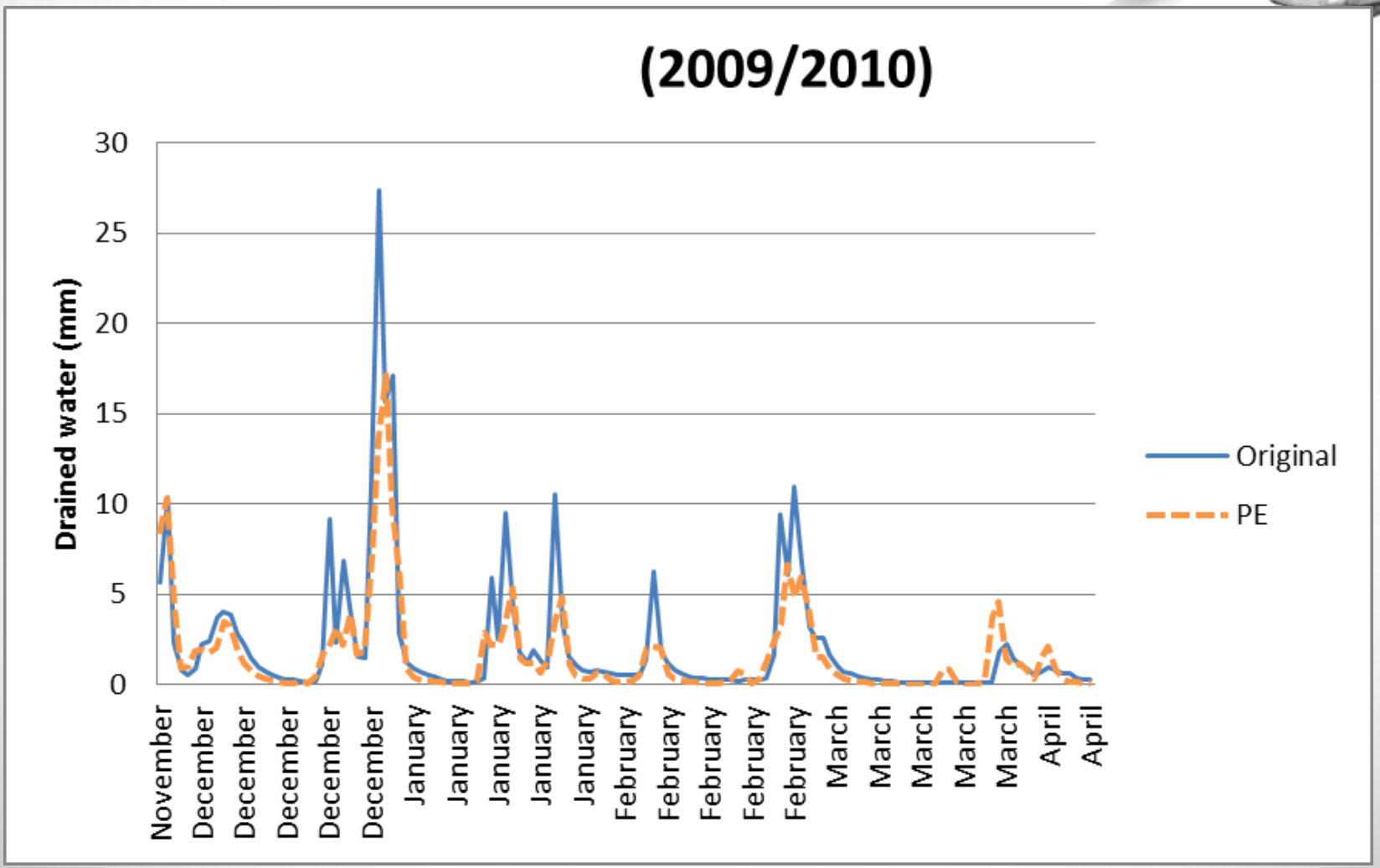
Predictive models



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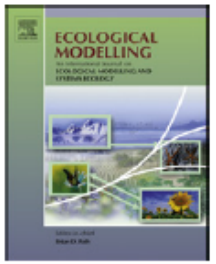

Modelling the outcrossing between genetically modified and conventional maize with equation discovery

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Algebraic equations: GENE FLOW

Problem: **Prediction of gene flow**

Type of pattern: **Constraint** a**lgebraic equation**

Algorithm: **LAgramge**

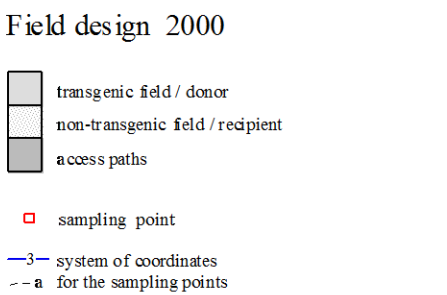
Algebraic equations: GENE FLOW

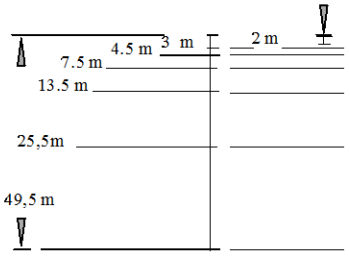
Experiment design: Federal Biological Research Centre, BBA, D

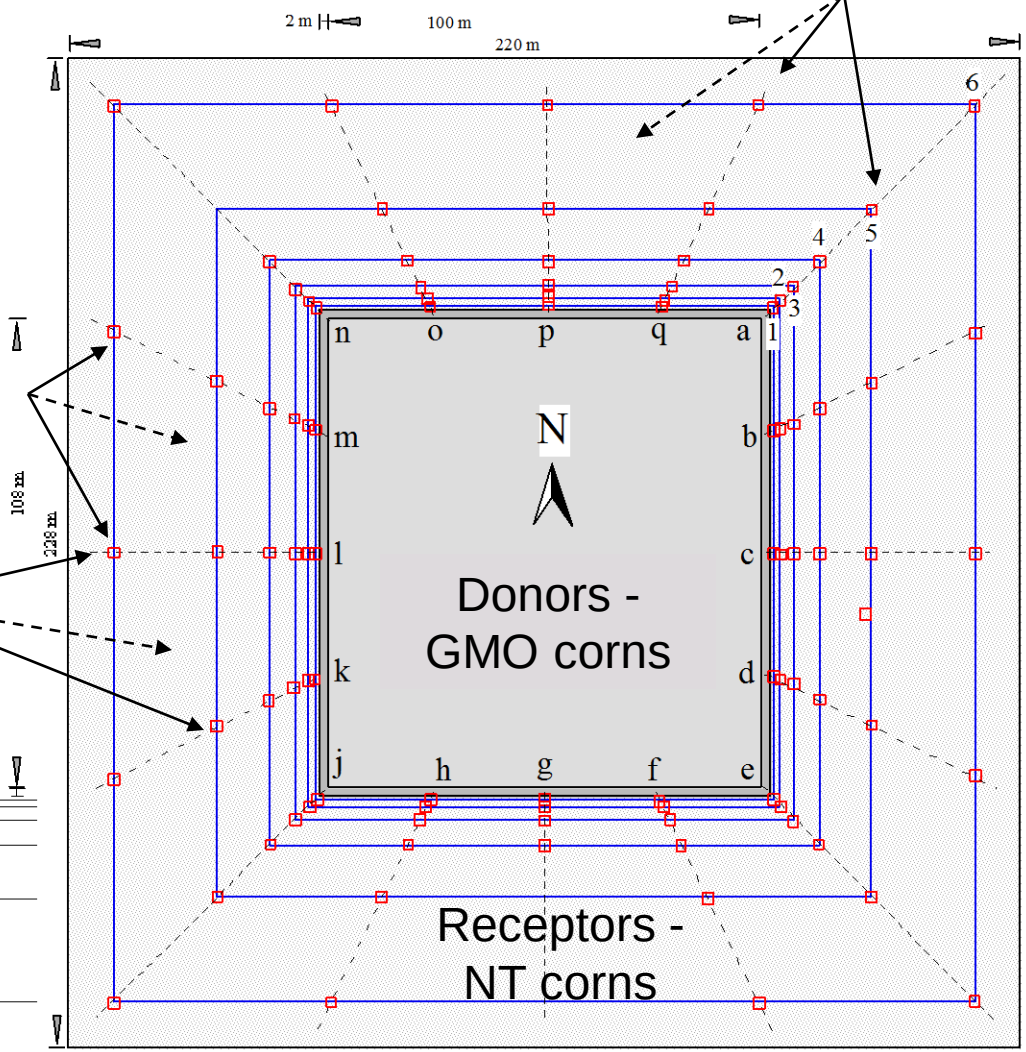
Temperature
Relative humidity
Wind velocity
Wind direction

60 cobs – 2500 kernels

% of outcrossing







Algebraic equations: GENE FLOW

Table 5

The context free grammar used by Lagramge to model the outcrossing between GM and non-GM maize. The grammar specifies the space of possible equations to be considered by Lagramge.

$$\text{Outcrossing} \rightarrow \text{const} \times (\text{Distance Influence}^{\alpha}) \times (\text{Wind Influence}^{\beta})$$

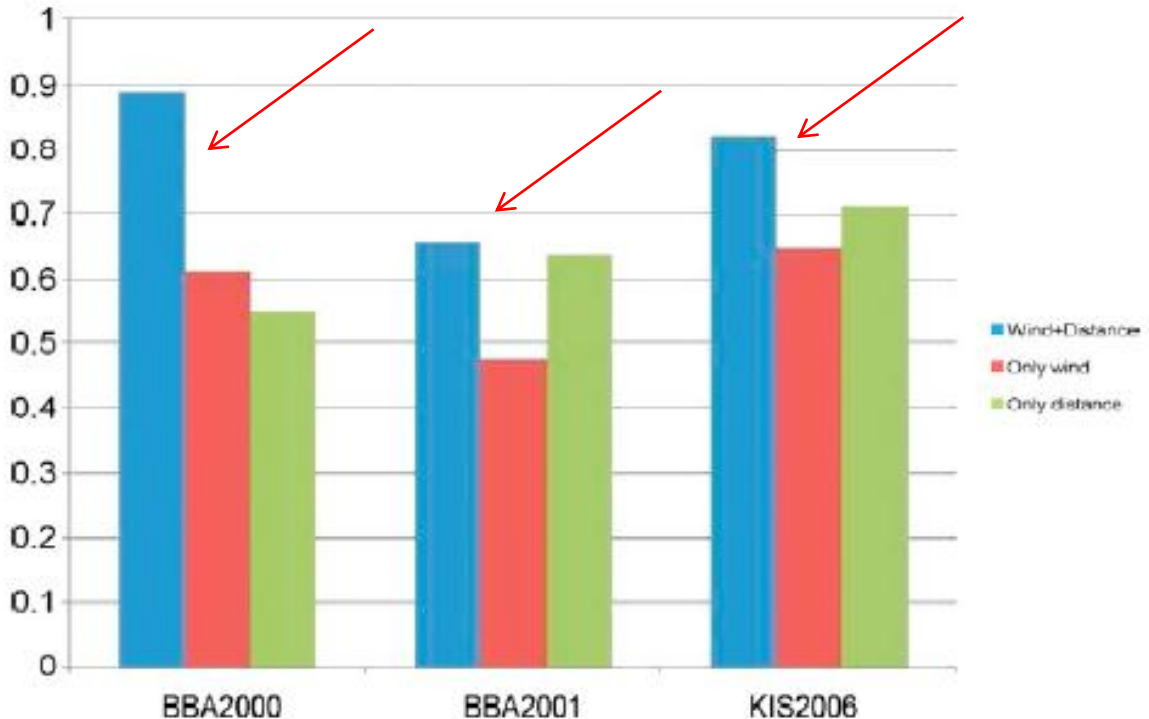
$$\text{Distance Influence} \rightarrow 1$$
$$\text{Distance Influence} \rightarrow F$$
$$\text{Distance Influence} \rightarrow F$$
$$F \rightarrow e^{-\text{Distance}}$$
$$F \rightarrow 1/\text{Distance}$$
$$F \rightarrow 1/\text{Distance}^2$$
$$F \rightarrow \text{Distance}^{-\gamma}; (0 \leq \gamma \leq 1000)$$
$$\text{Distance} \rightarrow \text{variable\_minDistance}$$
$$\text{Distance} \rightarrow \text{variable\_distanceCenter}$$

$$\text{Wind Influence} \rightarrow 1$$
$$\text{Wind Influence} \rightarrow \text{PWind}$$
$$\text{PWind} \rightarrow (\text{PWind}) \times \text{Wind} + \text{const} | \text{const}$$
$$\text{Wind} \rightarrow \text{variable\_appropriateWindProc}$$
$$\text{Wind} \rightarrow \text{variable\_windTunnelLength}$$

Algebraic equations: GENE FLOW

Table 8
Correlation coefficients (r), relative mean squared error (reMSEs) and best equations of the experiments carried out on BBA2000, BBA2001, KIS2006, all BBA, and all three datasets.

	Correlation coefficient (reMSE)	Best equation
BBA2000	0.89 (0.50)	$\text{Outcrossing} = \frac{0.02}{\text{minDistance}^{1.8}} \times [0.007 \times \text{windTunnelLength}^2 \times \text{appropriateWindProc} + 602.93]$
BBA2001	0.68 (0.90)	$\text{Outcrossing} = \frac{0.01}{\text{distanceCenter} \times \text{minDistance}^2} \times [\text{windTunnelLength}^3 + \text{windTunnelLength}^2 + \text{windTunnelLength} + 1]$
KIS2006	0.83 (0.33)	$\text{Outcrossing} = \frac{531.12}{\text{distanceCenter} \times e^{\text{minDistance}}}$
BBA2000 + 2001	0.86 (0.48)	$\text{Outcrossing} = \frac{0.01}{\text{distanceCenter} \times \text{minDistance}^2} \times [\text{appropriateWindProc} \times \text{windTunnelLength}^2 + \text{windTunnelLength}^2 + \text{windTunnelLength} + 1]$
ALL	0.64 (1.52)	$\text{Outcrossing} = \frac{0.01}{\text{distanceCenter} \times \text{minDistance}^{0.1}} \times [\text{appropriateWindProc}^2 + \text{appropriateWindProc} + 1]$



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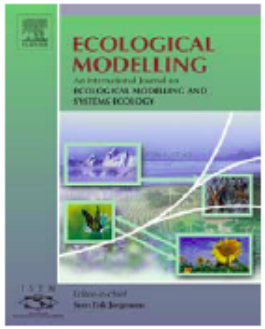

Automated modelling of a food web in lake Bled using measured data and a library of domain knowledge

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Algebraic equations: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Problem: **Time dependent ecosystem processes**

Type of pattern: **Differential equations**

Algorithm: **LAgramge**

Differential equations: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

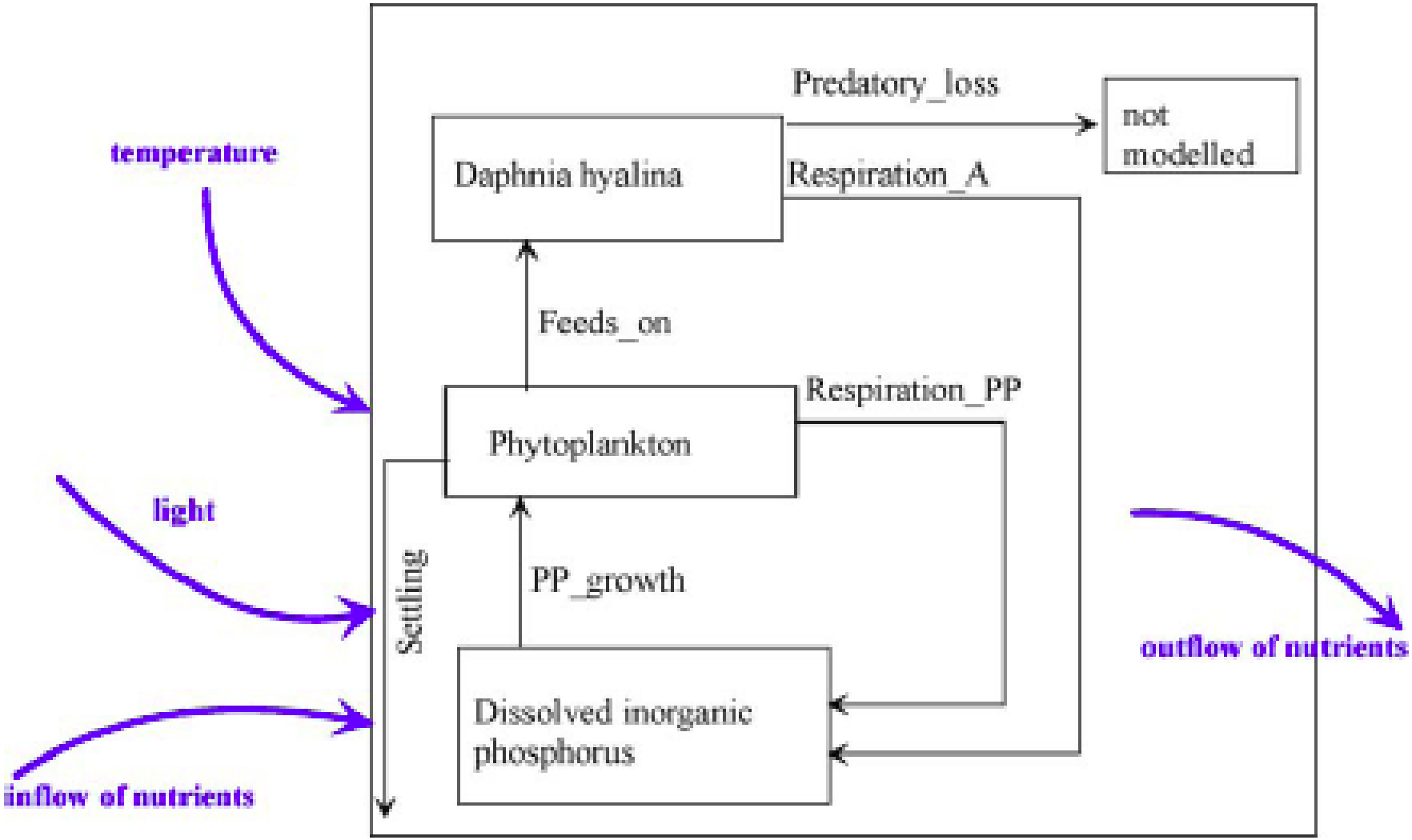


Fig. 2 – Simple conceptual model for lake Bled.

Differential equations: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Data: 1995 to 2002

Table 2 – Measured data (variables) in lake Bled used for model induction

Variable name	Description	Frequency
q_krivica (m^3/day)	Inflow to the lake	Daily
q_misca (m^3/day)	Inflow to the lake	Daily
q_radovna (m^3/day)	Inflow to the lake	Daily
q_jezernica (m^3/day)	Outflow (at surface)	Daily
q_natega (m^3/day)	Outflow (syphon)	Daily
ps_krivica, ps_misca, ps_radovna (mg/l)	Nutrient (orthophosphate) concentration in the inflows	Monthly
temp (°C)	Water temperature of the streams and lake	Monthly
light (J/(cm^2 day))	Calculated underwater light	Monthly
ps, no, silica (mg/l)	Inorganic nutrients' concentration in the lake (ps is soluble phosphorus and NO is nitrate)	Monthly
phyto (mg DW/l)	Phytoplankton biomass concentration in the lake	Monthly
daph (No. ind/ml or mg DW/l (see text))	Zooplankton (*Daphnia hyalina*) biomass concentration in the lake	Monthly

Differential equations: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Phosphorus

$$\frac{d(ps)}{dt} = ps\_krivica \cdot \frac{q\_krivica}{7 \cdot 10^6} + ps\_misca \cdot \frac{q\_misca}{7 \cdot 10^6} + ps\_radovna \cdot \frac{q\_radovna}{7 \cdot 10^6} - ps \cdot \frac{q\_jezemica}{7 \cdot 10^6} - ps \cdot \frac{q\_natega}{7 \cdot 10^6} + 0.0022 \cdot phyto^2 \cdot 0.072 \cdot \frac{temp - 2.7}{20.4 - 2.7} + 0.07 \cdot daph \cdot 0.0026 \cdot \frac{temp}{12.3} - 0.0023 \cdot phyto \cdot 0.21 \cdot \frac{ps}{ps + 0.00042} \cdot \frac{temp}{16.7} \cdot \frac{light}{170} \cdot e^{\left(1 - \frac{light}{170}\right)} \quad (10)$$

water in-flow

out-flow

respiration

growth

Differential equations: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Phytoplankton

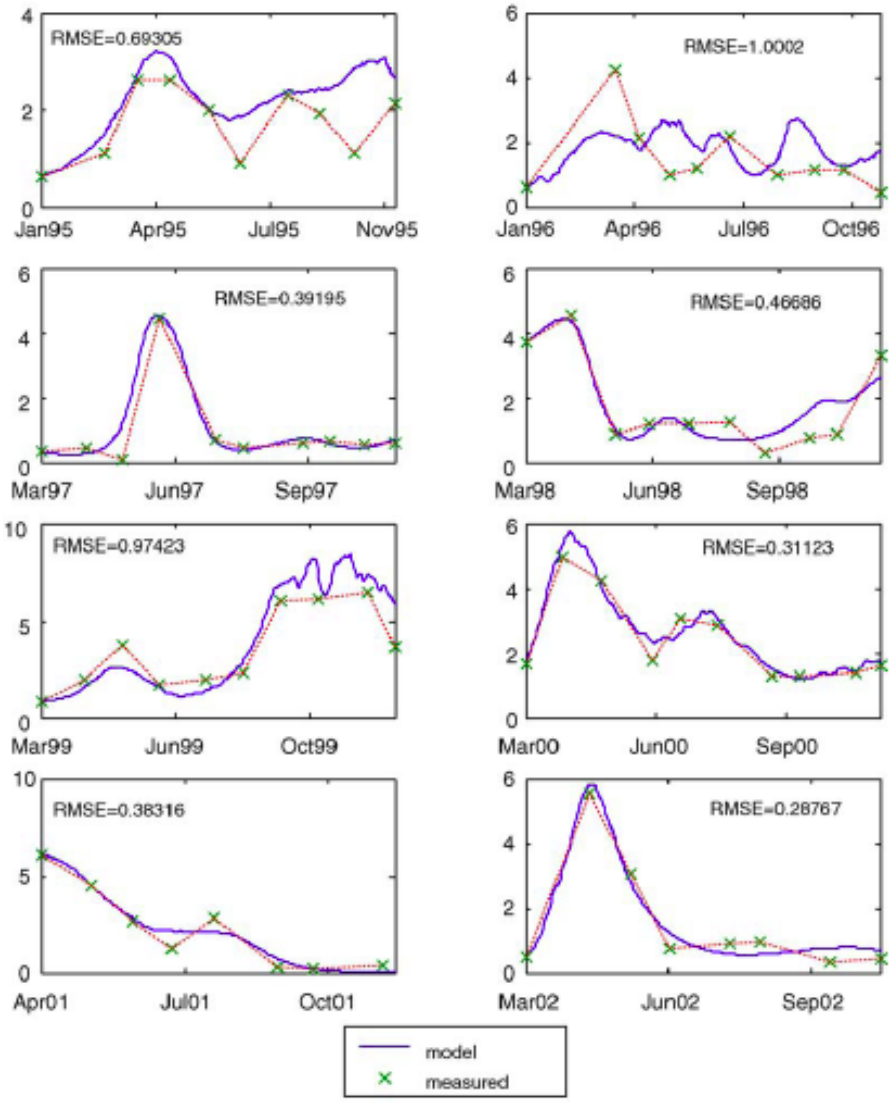
$$\frac{d(phyto)}{dt} = phyto \cdot 0.21 \cdot \frac{ps}{ps + 0.00042} \cdot \frac{temp}{16.7} \cdot \frac{light}{170} \cdot e^{\left(1 - \frac{light}{170}\right)} - phyto^2 \cdot 0.072 \frac{temp - 2.7}{19.7 - 2} - phyto \cdot \frac{0.5}{10} \cdot \frac{temp - 2}{18 - 4} - daph \cdot 0.5 \cdot \frac{temp - 2.6}{18 - 4} \cdot (1 - \exp(-0.58 \cdot phyto)) \cdot 0.56 \cdot phyto \quad (13)$$

growth

respiration

sedimentation

grazing



Differential equations: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Zooplankton

$$\frac{d(daph)}{dt} = 0.14 \cdot daph \cdot 0.5 \cdot \frac{temp - 2.6}{18 - 4} \cdot (1 - \exp(-0.58 \cdot phyto)) \cdot 0.56 \cdot phyto - daph \cdot 0.026 \cdot \frac{temp}{12.3} - 0.01 \cdot \frac{daph^2}{0.001 + daph}$$

Feeds on phytoplankton

respiration

mortality

Differential equations: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

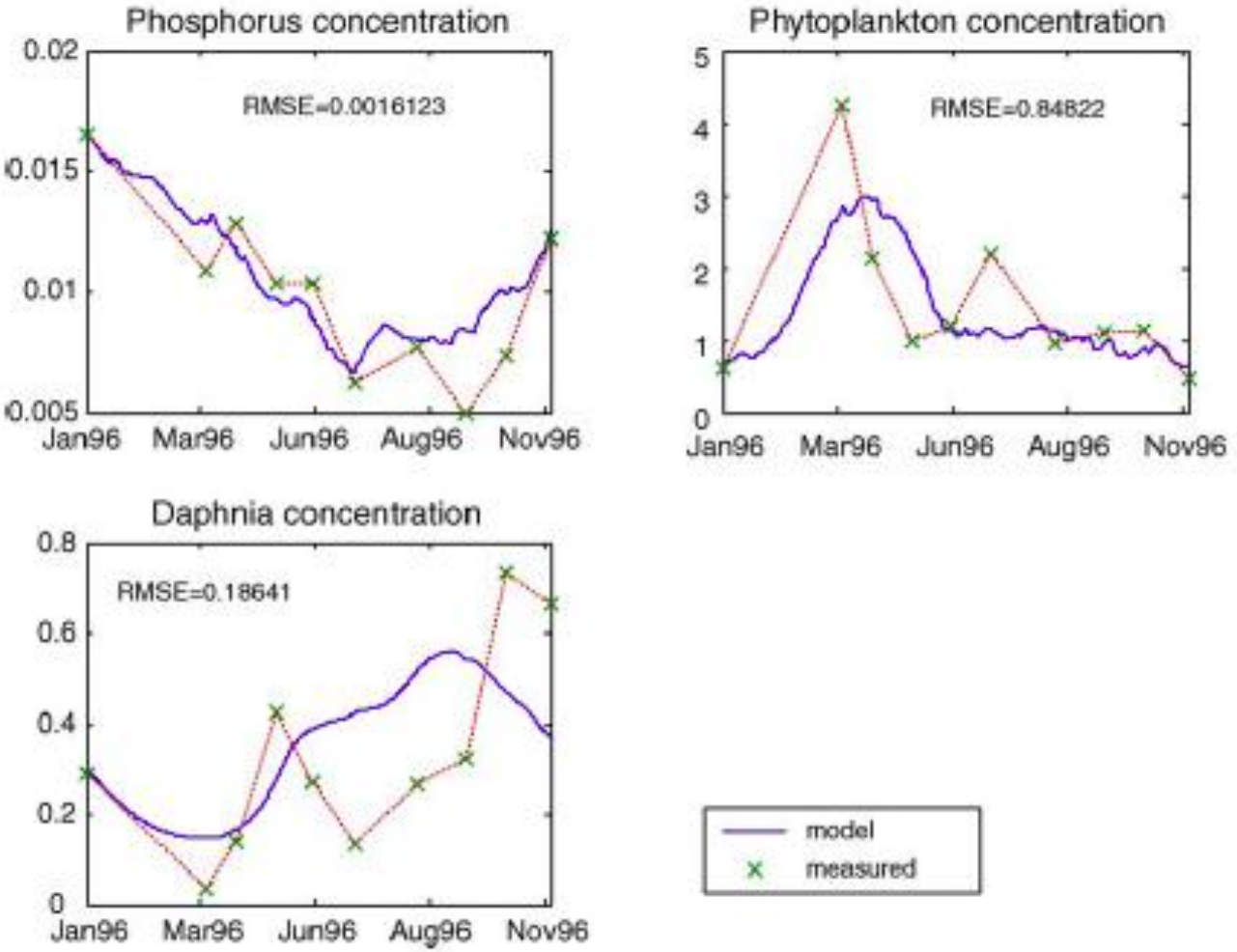


Fig. 6 – Performance of the food web model for phosphorus, phytoplankton and daphnia.

EQUATIONS

Algebraic - CIPER

Constraint algebraic- LAgramge

Differential- Lagramge

SUITABLE for **predictions**,
UNSUITABLE for **interpretation**

Decision trees: HABITAT MODELS

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Modeling the brown bear population in Slovenia
A tool in the conservation management of a threatened species

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Decision trees: HABITAT MODELS

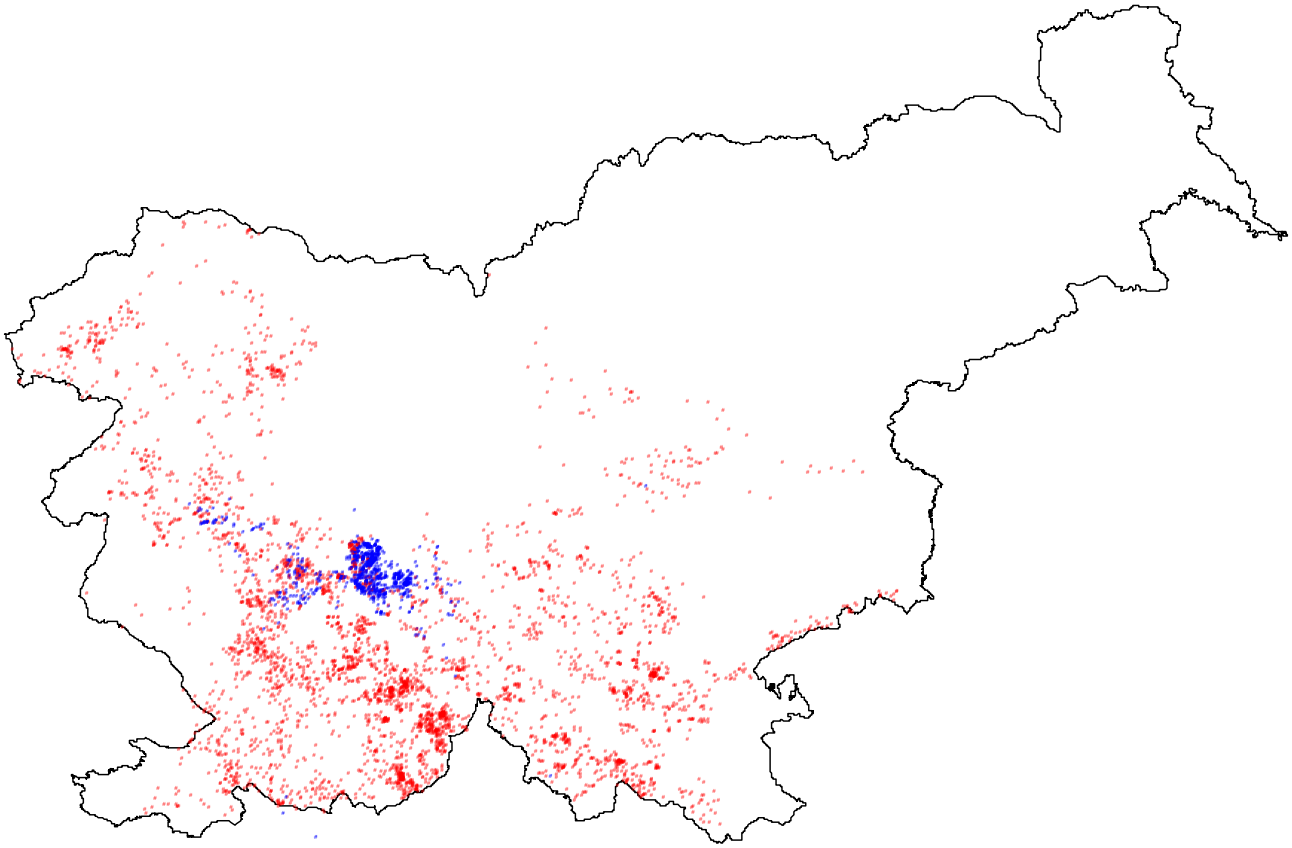
Problem: **Classification of habitats** **(suitable, unsuitable)**

Type of pattern: **Classification decision trees**

Algorithm: **J4.8**

Decision trees: HABITAT MODELS

Observed locations of BBs



Decision trees: HABITAT MODELS

The training dataset

- **Positive examples:**
  - Locations of bear sightings
    (Hunting association; telemetry)
  - Females only
  - Using home-range (HR) areas instead of “raw” locations
  - Narrower HR for optimal habitat, wider for maximal

- **Negative examples:**
  - Sampled from the unsuitable part of the study area
  - Stratified random sampling
  - Different land cover types equally accounted for

Decision trees: HABITAT MODELS

Propositional dataset

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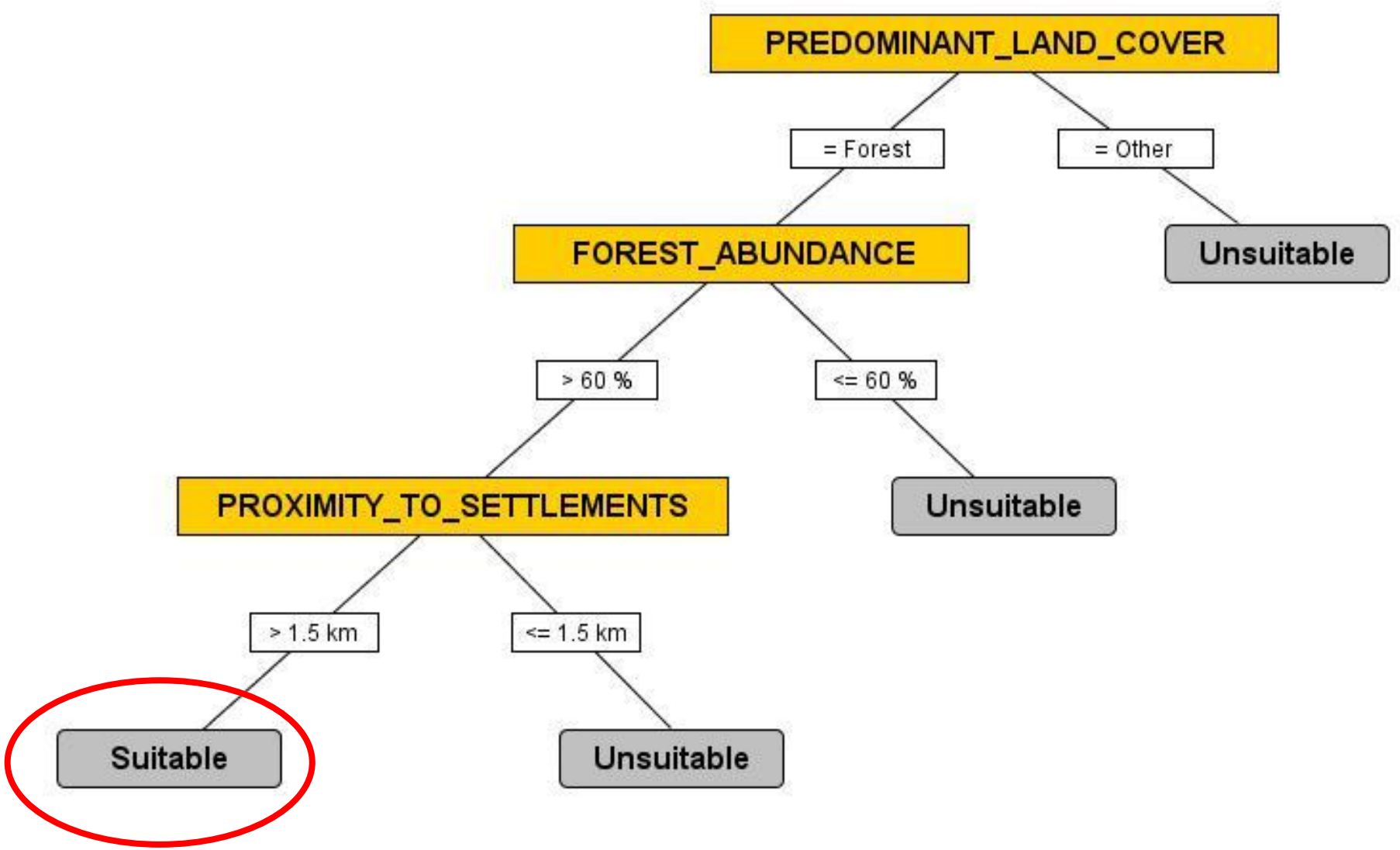
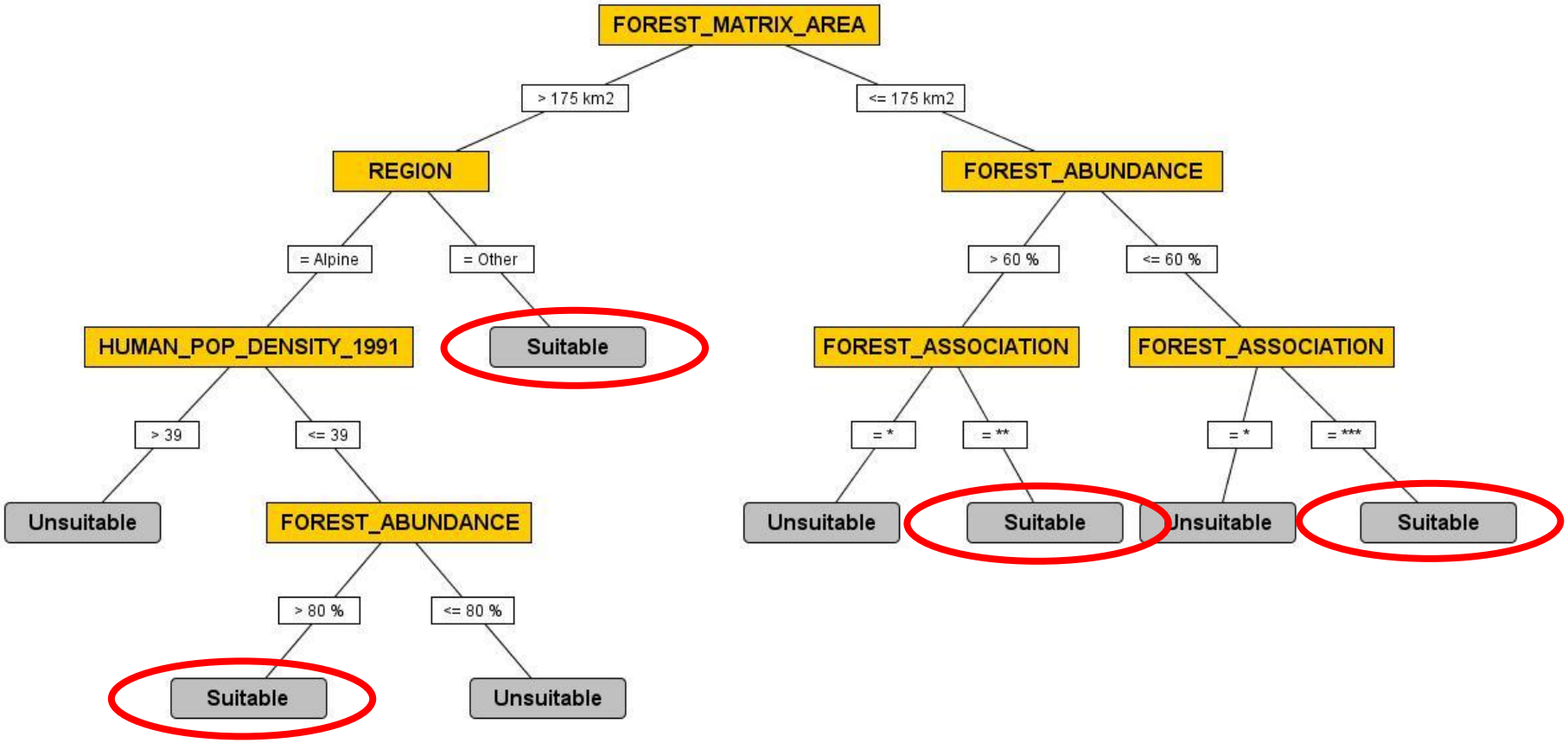
The model for maximal habitat



The model for optimal habitat



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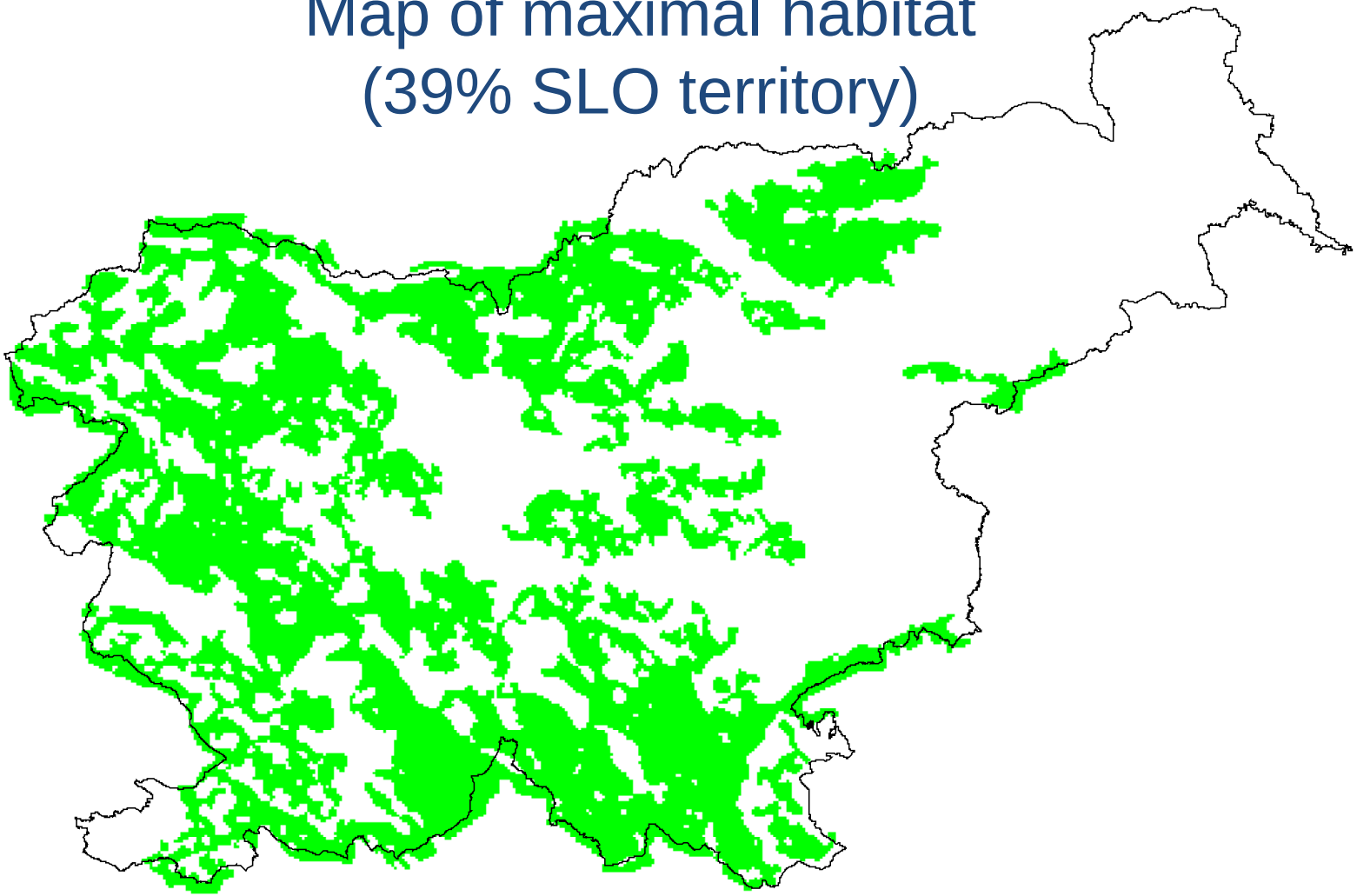
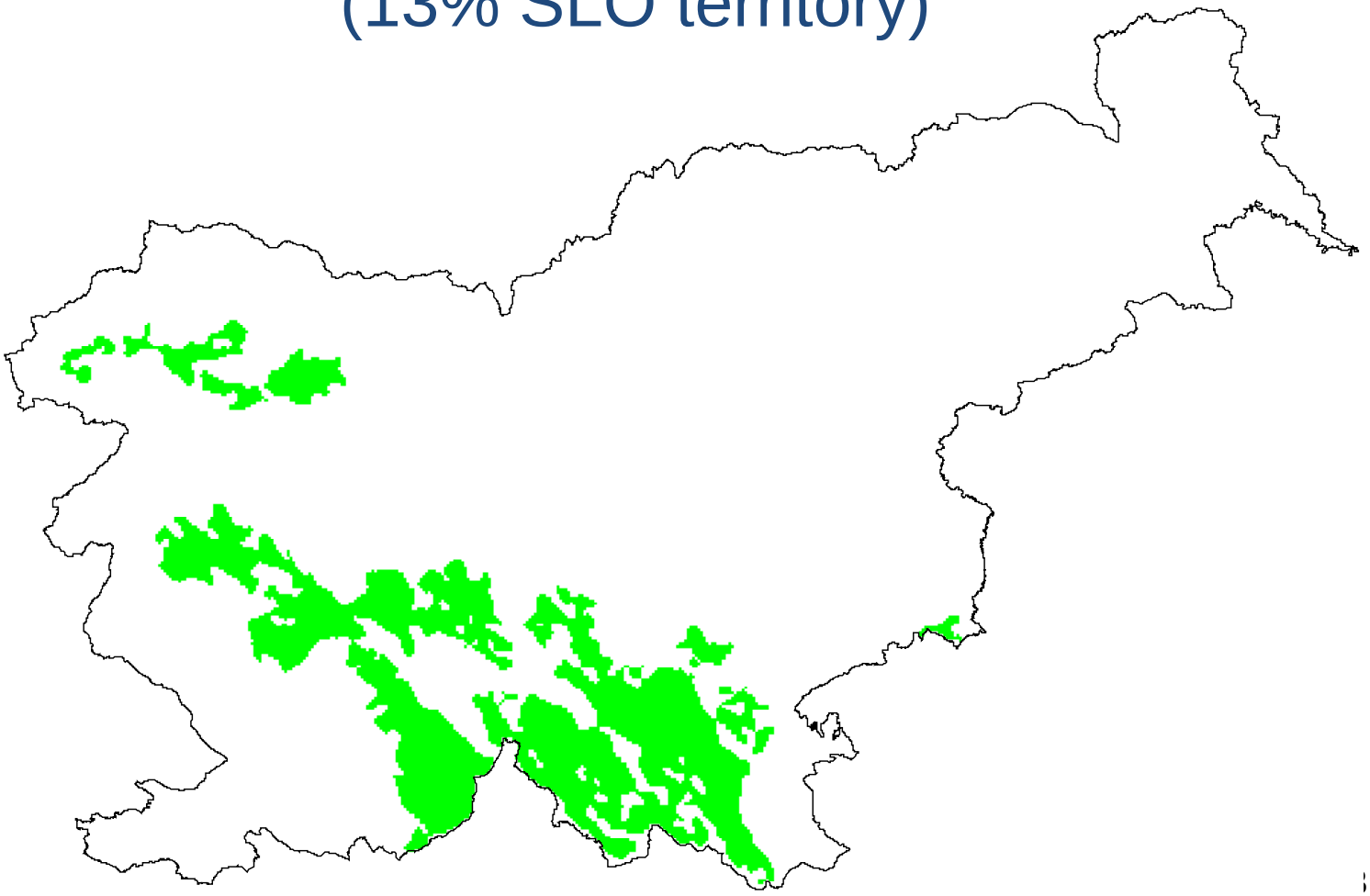
Decision trees: HABITAT MODELS

Map of maximal habitat
(39% SLO territory)



Decision trees: HABITAT MODELS

Map of optimal habitat (13% SLO territory)



Multi-target decision trees: POPULATION DYNAMICS

Predictive models of forest development in Slovenia

Decision trees: HABITAT MODELS

Problem **A**: **Prediction of time dynamics of growing stock**

Type of pattern: **Multi-target regression tree**

Algorithm: **CLUS**

Problem **B**: **Prediction of growing stock**

Type of pattern: **Model tree**

Algorithm: **M5`**

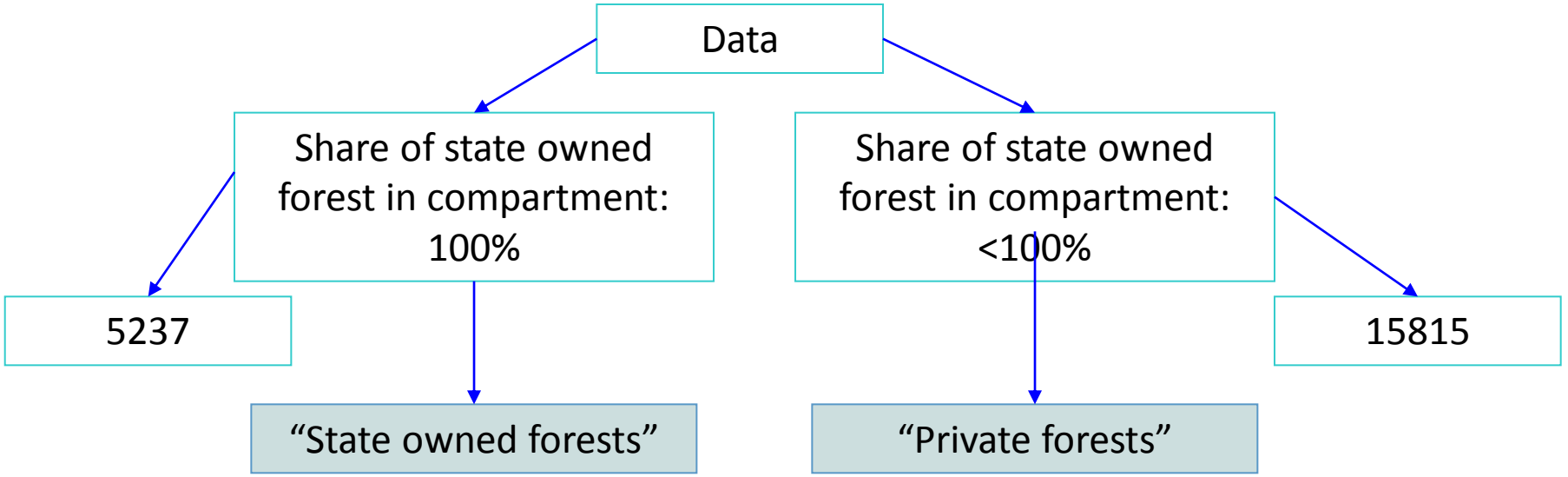
Data

Database *Silva* 1970-2008:

- data from 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2008,

- data unit is a **permanent compartment**

- **21052 permanent compartments**



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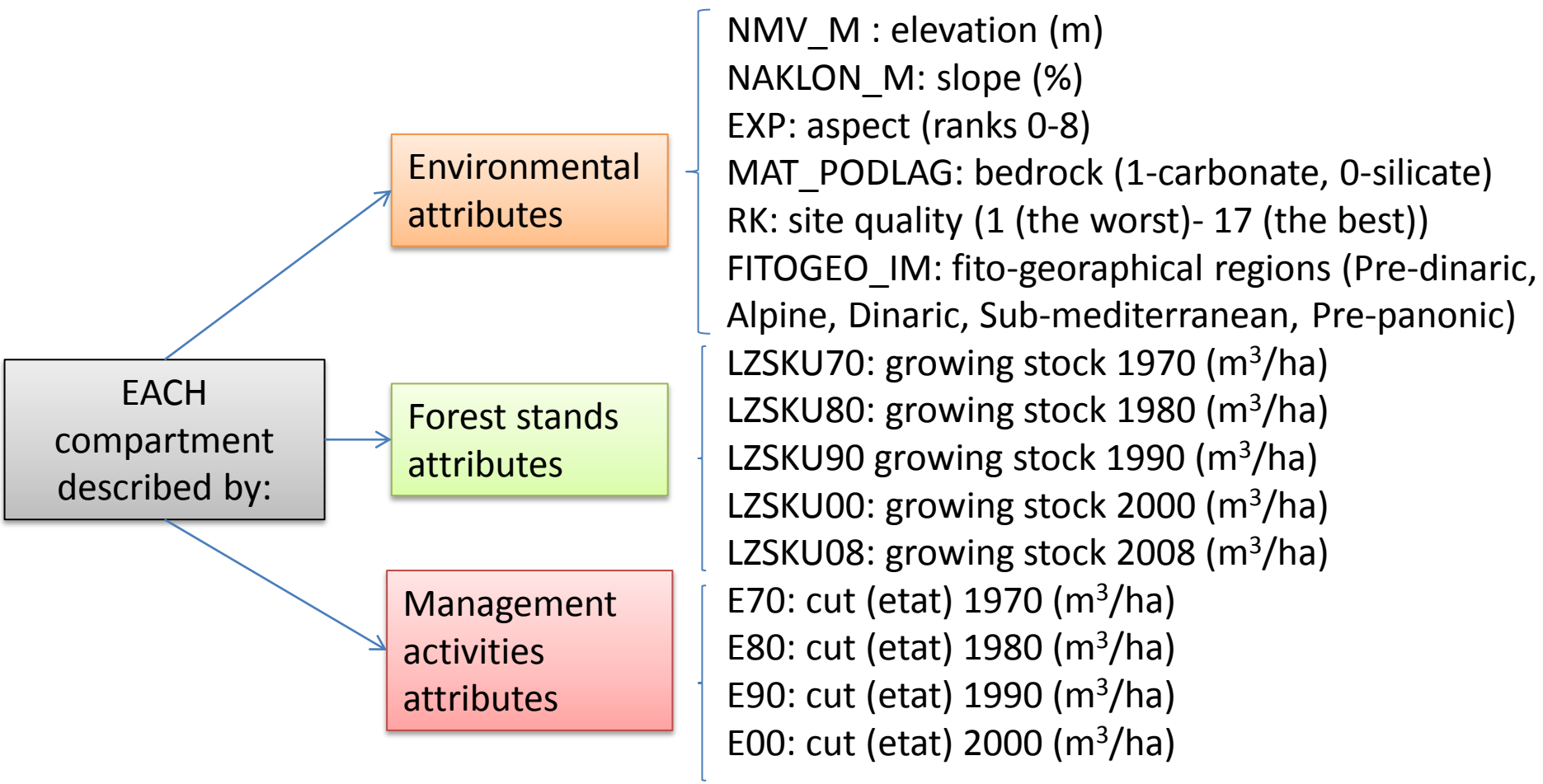
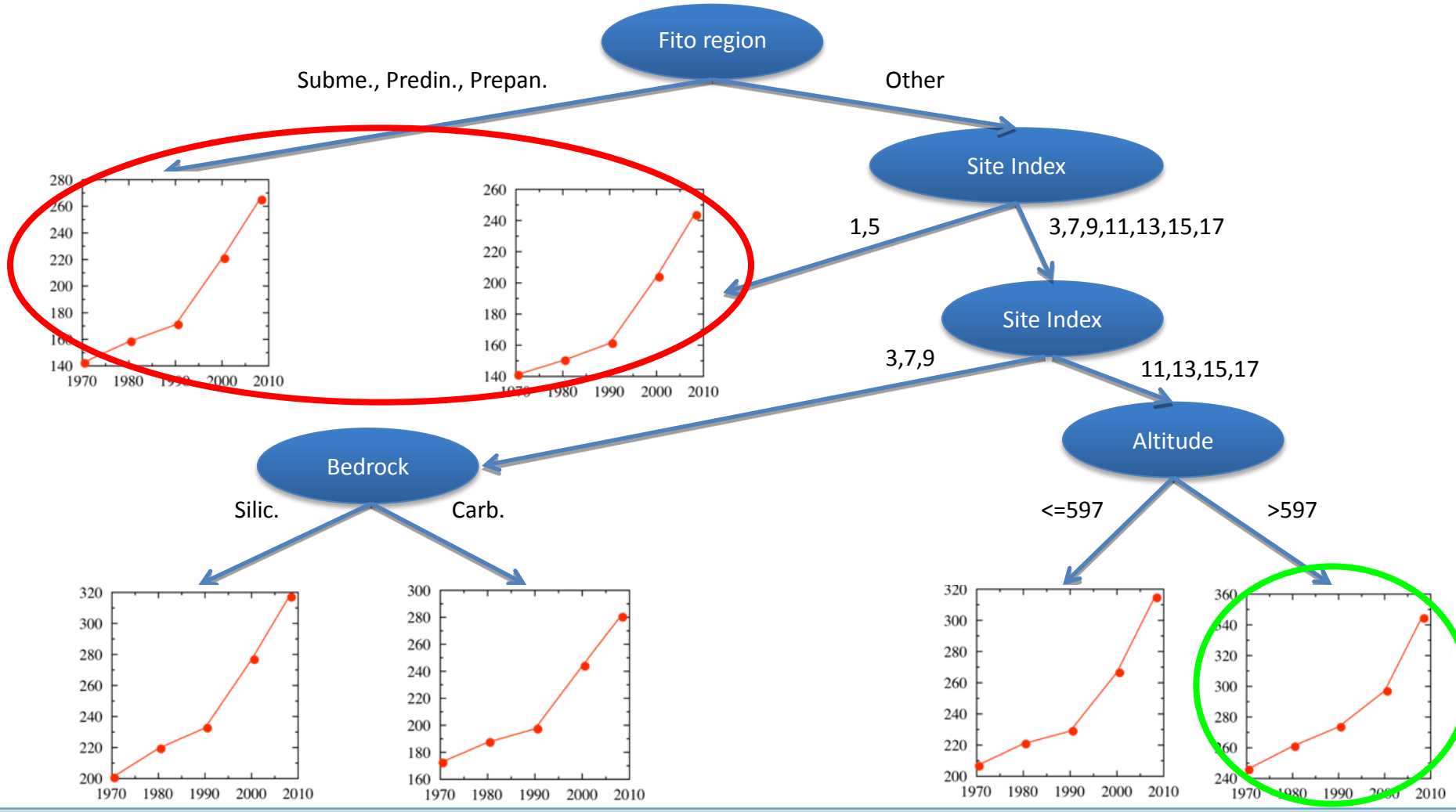

EACH compartment described by:
Environmental attributes
Forest stands attributes
Management activities attributes
NMV_M : elevation (m)
NAKLON_M: slope (%)
EXP: aspect (ranks 0-8)
MAT_PODLAG: bedrock (1-carbonate, 0-silicate)
RK: site quality (1 (the worst)- 17 (the best))
FITOGEO_IM: fito-georaphical regions (Pre-dinaric, Alpine, Dinaric, Sub-mediterranean, Pre-panonic)
LZSKU70: growing stock 1970 (m3/ha)
LZSKU80: growing stock 1980 (m3/ha)
LZSKU90 growing stock 1990 (m3/ha)
LZSKU00: growing stock 2000 (m3/ha)
LZSKU08: growing stock 2008 (m3/ha)
E70: cut (etat) 1970 (m3/ha)
E80: cut (etat) 1980 (m3/ha)
E90: cut (etat) 1990 (m3/ha)
E00: cut (etat) 2000 (m3/ha)

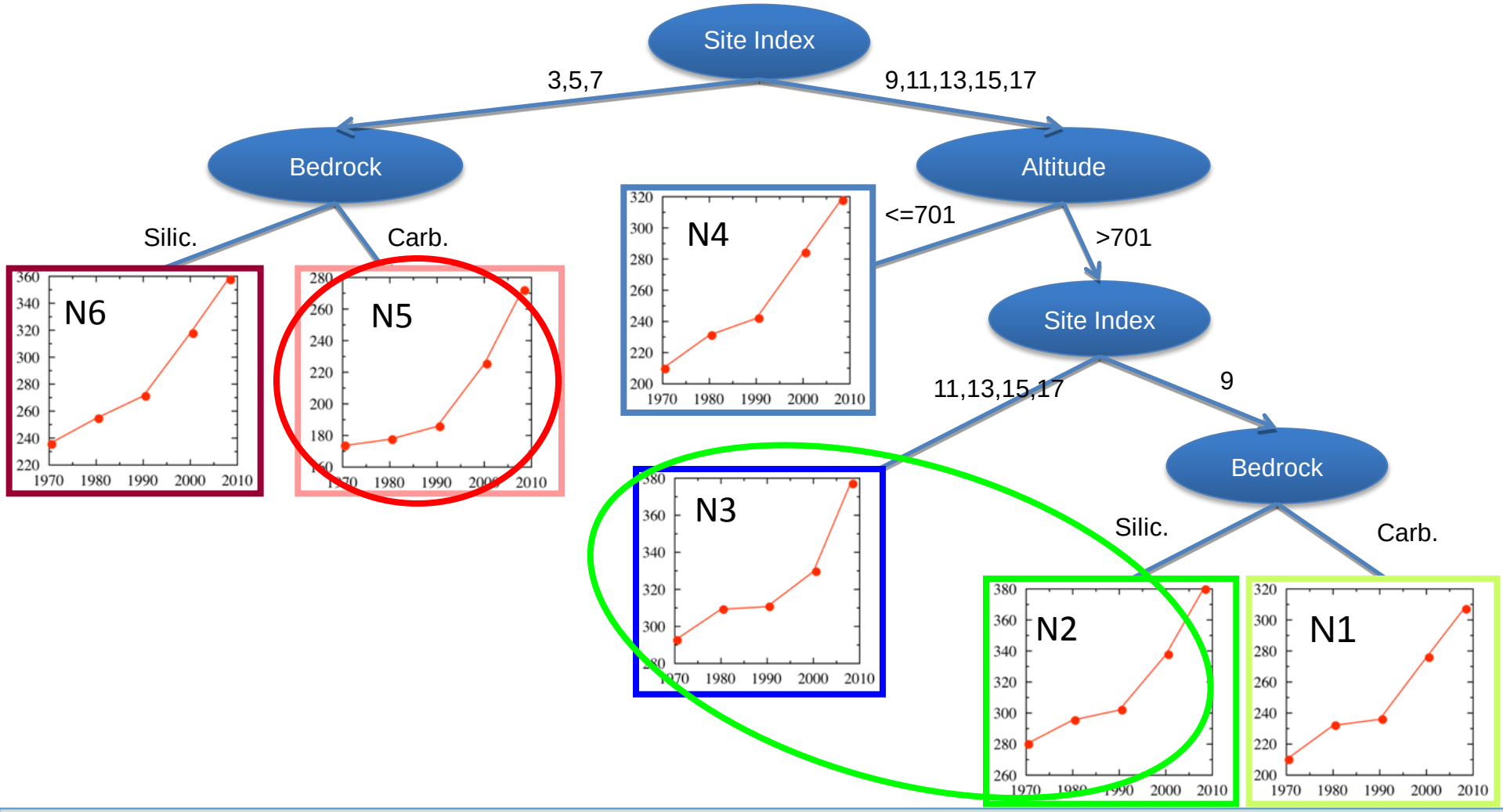
Time dynamics 1970-2008

Private forests

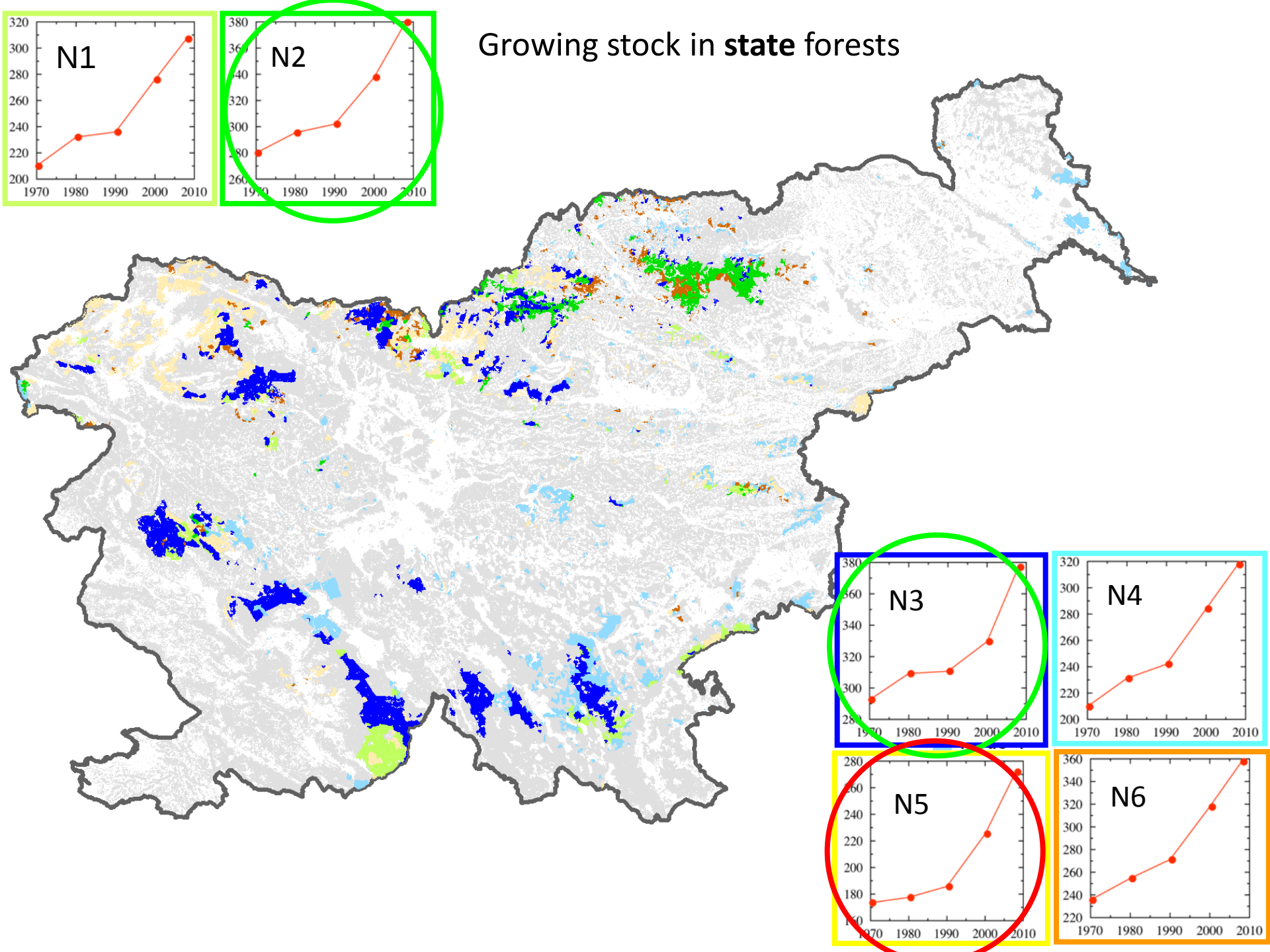


Time dynamics 1970-2008

State forests



Growing stock in **state** forests



*Prediction model for year 2018 – **MODEL decision trees***

Step 1: Verification of methodology on prediction for 2008:

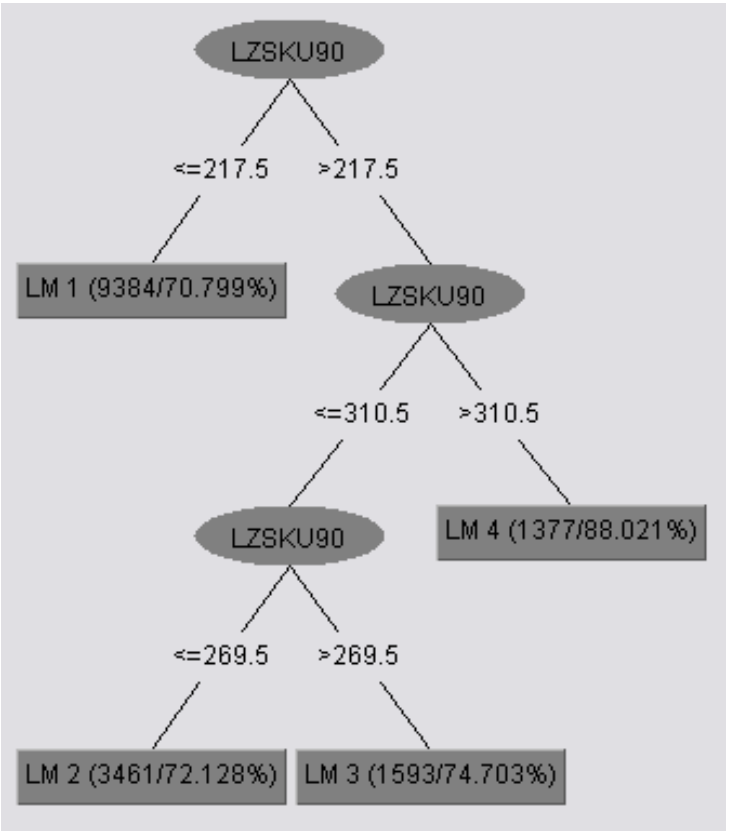
- Extrapolation of the linear trends for model 2000 on 2008
- Verification on real data for 2008

Step 2: Prediction of growing stock for 2018:

- Extrapolation of linear trend of the model for 2008 to the year 2018

Prediction for private forests in 2018

Step 1: Verification of methodology on year 2008 using extrapolation of linear trend from the model for year 2000



LM 1:
LZSKU00 =
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+ 9.3081 * MAT_PODLAG=0
+ 20.5809 * RK=13,9,11,3,7,15,17
+ 4.0773 * RK=11,3,7,15,17
- 2.7453 * RK=3,7,15,17
- 0.0116 * RK=7,15,17
+ 6.7562 * FITOGEO_IM=Predpanon,Dinarsko,Predalpsko,Alpsko
- 6.685 * FITOGEO_IM=Dinarsko,Predalpsko,Alpsko
+ 17.1923 * FITOGEO_IM=Predalpsko,Alpsko
+ 0.0249 * LZSKU70
+ 0.0001 * LZSKU80
+ 0.5976 * LZSKU90
+ 87.0434

LM 2:
LZSKU00 =
0.0002 * NAKLON_M
+ 11.9402 * MAT_PODLAG=0
+ 0.0405 * RK=13,9,11,3,7,15,17
+ 0.0132 * RK=11,3,7,15,17
+ 0.0088 * RK=3,7,15,17
+ 0.0091 * RK=7,15,17
+ 0.0099 * FITOGEO_IM=Predpanon,Dinarsko,Predalpsko,Alpsko
- 0.0047 * FITOGEO_IM=Dinarsko,Predalpsko,Alpsko
+ 11.7842 * FITOGEO_IM=Predalpsko,Alpsko
+ 0.0284 * LZSKU70
+ 0.0007 * LZSKU80
+ 0.5109 * LZSKU90
+ 130.2721

LM 3:
LZSKU08 =
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+ 0.1377 * MAT_PODLAG=0
+ 0.0405 * RK=13,9,11,3,7,15,17
+ 0.0132 * RK=11,3,7,15,17
+ 0.0088 * RK=3,7,15,17
+ 0.0281 * RK=7,15,17
+ 0.0099 * FITOGEO_IM=Predpanon,Dinarsko,Predalpsko,Alpsko
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+ 0.0822 * FITOGEO_IM=Predalpsko,Alpsko
+ 0.0005 * LZSKU70
+ 0.1804 * LZSKU80
+ 0.0074 * LZSKU90
+ 254.9865

LM 4:
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+ 0.0002 * NAKLON_M
+ 0.1034 * MAT_PODLAG=0
+ 0.0405 * RK=13,9,11,3,7,15,17
+ 0.0132 * RK=11,3,7,15,17
+ 0.0088 * RK=3,7,15,17
+ 0.0185 * RK=7,15,17
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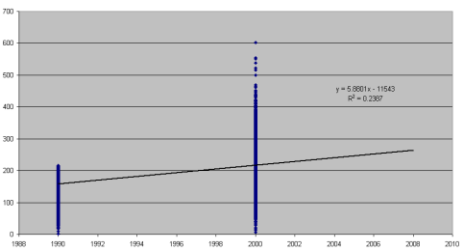
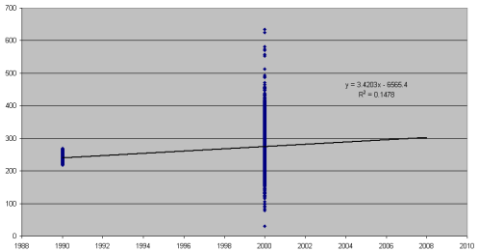
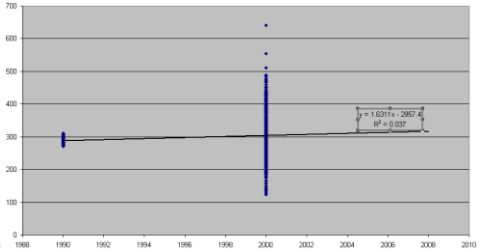
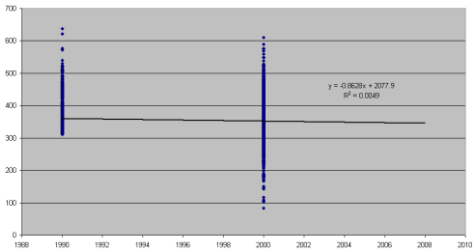
- 0.0047 * FITOGEO_IM=Dinarsko,Predalpsko,Alpsko
+ 0.0212 * FITOGEO_IM=Predalpsko,Alpsko
+ 0.0006 * LZSKU70
+ 0.162 * LZSKU80
+ 0.4448 * LZSKU90
+ 132.4082

2000	LM1	LM2	LM3	LM4
Average real growing stock	217.1	275.1	304.9	352.3
Average model growing stock	253.4	350.9	304.8	352.3
Mean absolute error (MAE)	61.0	93.4	43.3	50.9

Prediction for private forests in 2018

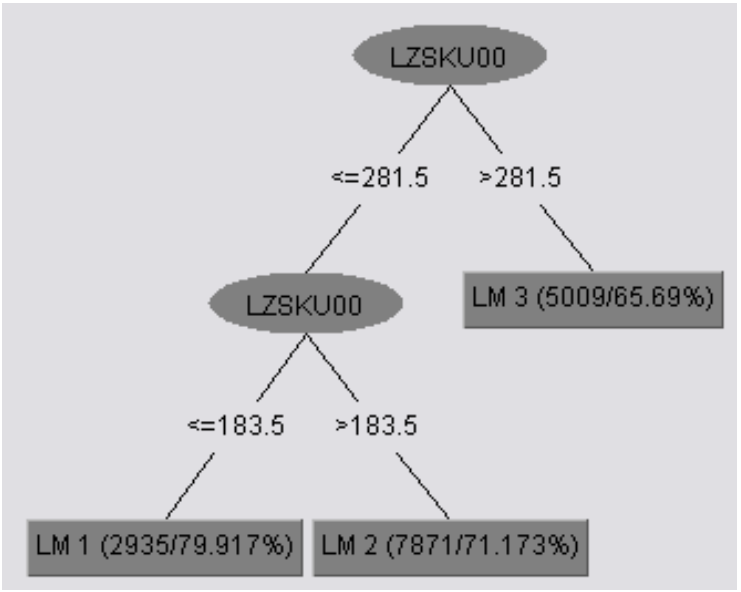
Step 1: - Extrapolation of linear trends from 1990-2000 to 2008
- Verification on real data for 2008

2008	LM1	LM2	LM3	LM4
Linear regression a (k, n)	5.8801, - 11543	3.4203, - 6565.4	1.6311, - 2957.4	-0.8628, 2077.9
Average real growing stock 2008	264.2	312.1	339.5	380.5
Model prediction for 2008	264.2	302.6	317.8	345.4
Difference (%)	0.0	-3.0	-6.4	-9.2

Prediction for private forests in 2018

Step 2: - Prediction of wood stock for 2018 with the model for 2008



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+ 0.0001 * LZSKU70
+ 0.2302 * LZSKU90
+ 0.6201 * LZSKU00
+ 120.3242

LM 2:
LZSKU08 =
0 * NMV_M
+ 14.6206 * RK=11,3,7,15,17
+ 15.1998 * FITOGEO_IM=Predalpsko,Alpsko
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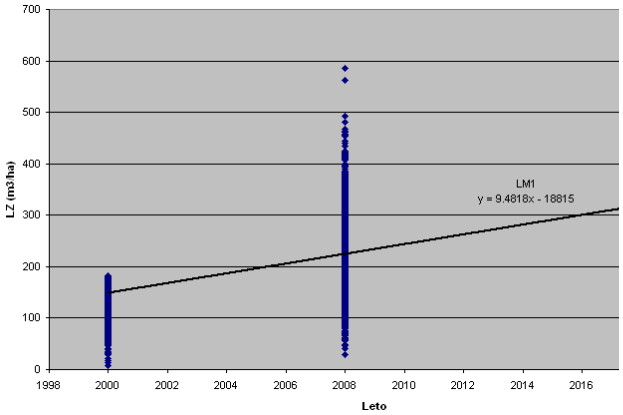
+ 0.2167 * LZSKU90
+ 0.3798 * LZSKU00
+ 127.4198

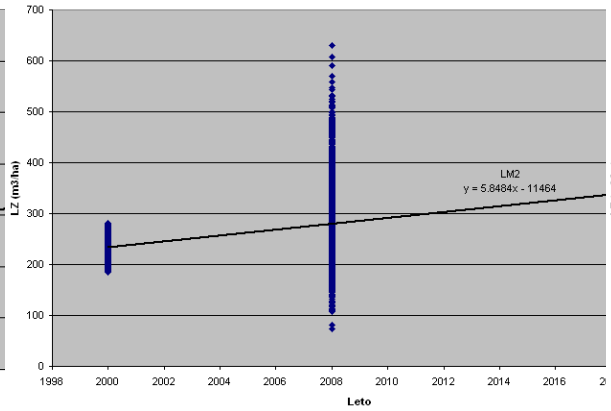
LM 3:
LZSKU08 =
0.0399 * NMV_M
+ 10.8066 * RK=11,3,7,15,17
+ 0.0283 * FITOGEO_IM=Predalpsko,Alpsko
+ 0.0001 * LZSKU70
+ 0.1484 * LZSKU90
+ 0.591 * LZSKU00
+ 80.9512

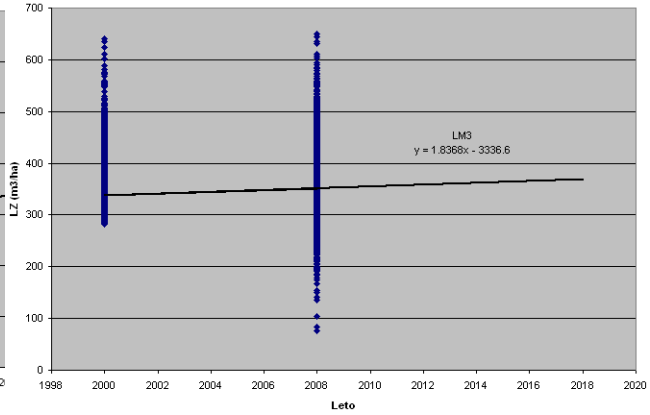
2008	LM1	LM2	LM3
Average real growing stock (m^3/ha)	224.4	280.0	351.7
Average predicted growing stock (m3/ha)	224.4	280.0	351.8
Mean absolute error (MAE)	49.1	43.3	35.5

Prediction for private forests in 2018

Step 2: - Extrapolation of linear trends from 2000-2008 to the year 2018

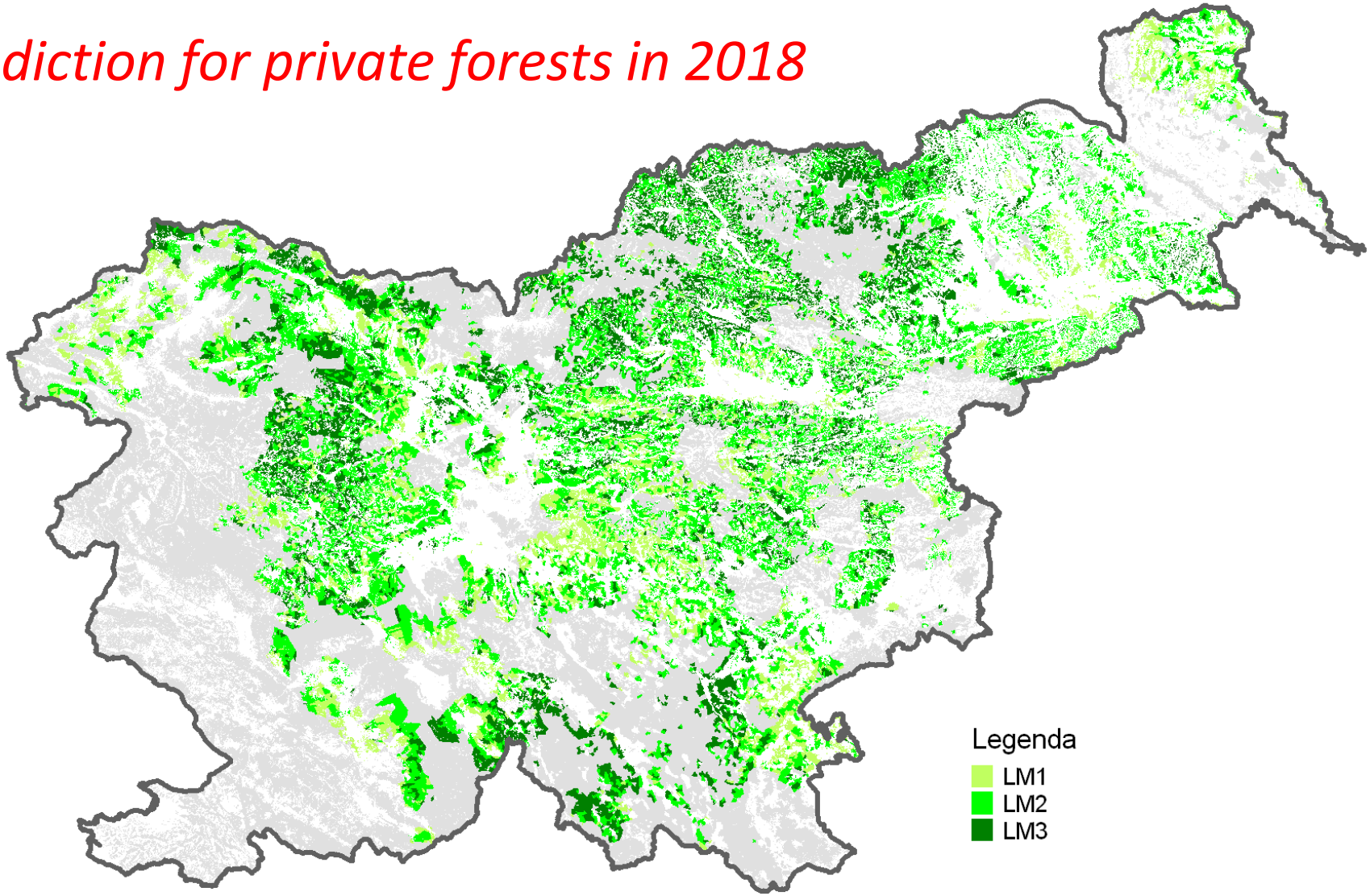






2018	LM1	LM2	LM3
Linear regression (k, n)	9.4818,- 18815	5.8484, - 11464	1.8368, - 3336.6
Average real growing stock 2008 (m3/ha)	224.4	280.0	351.7
Predicted growing stock 2018 (m3/ha)	**319.3**	**338.1**	**370.1**
Index (2008=100)	**142.3**	**120.8**	**105.2**

Prediction for private forests in 2018



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Decision trees: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Problem: Spatial prediction of vegetation high and canopy cover

Type of pattern: : **Random Forest Multi Target Regression Trees**

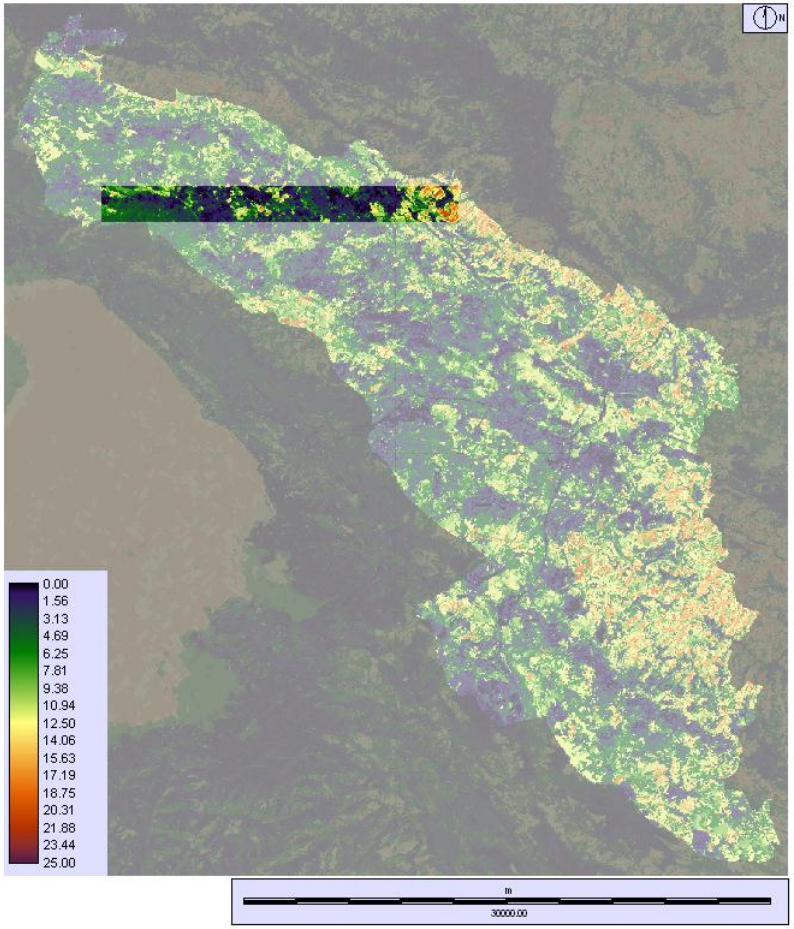
Algorithm: **CLUS**

GIS data mining: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Data

- Locations: Kras region (Karst)
- Attributes:
  - Statistical information (max, min, avg, std) from Landsat, IRS, SPOT & aerial photographs
  - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)
  - Textures
  - Relief: Aspect, Slope, Elevation
- Targets (forest properties) from LiDAR data:
  - Vegetation height (H)
  - Canopy Cover (CC)

Landsat and LiDAR data



Machine Learning Methodology

- WEKA
  - Regression (RT) and Model (MT) trees
  - Bagging of Model Trees (BagMT)
- CLUS
  - Single Target Regression Trees (STRT)
  - Multi Target Regression Trees (MTRT)
  - Ensembles: Bagging of Model Trees (MTBG) and Random Forest (MTRF)

SELECTED: Random Forest Multi Target Regression Trees

Vegetation height

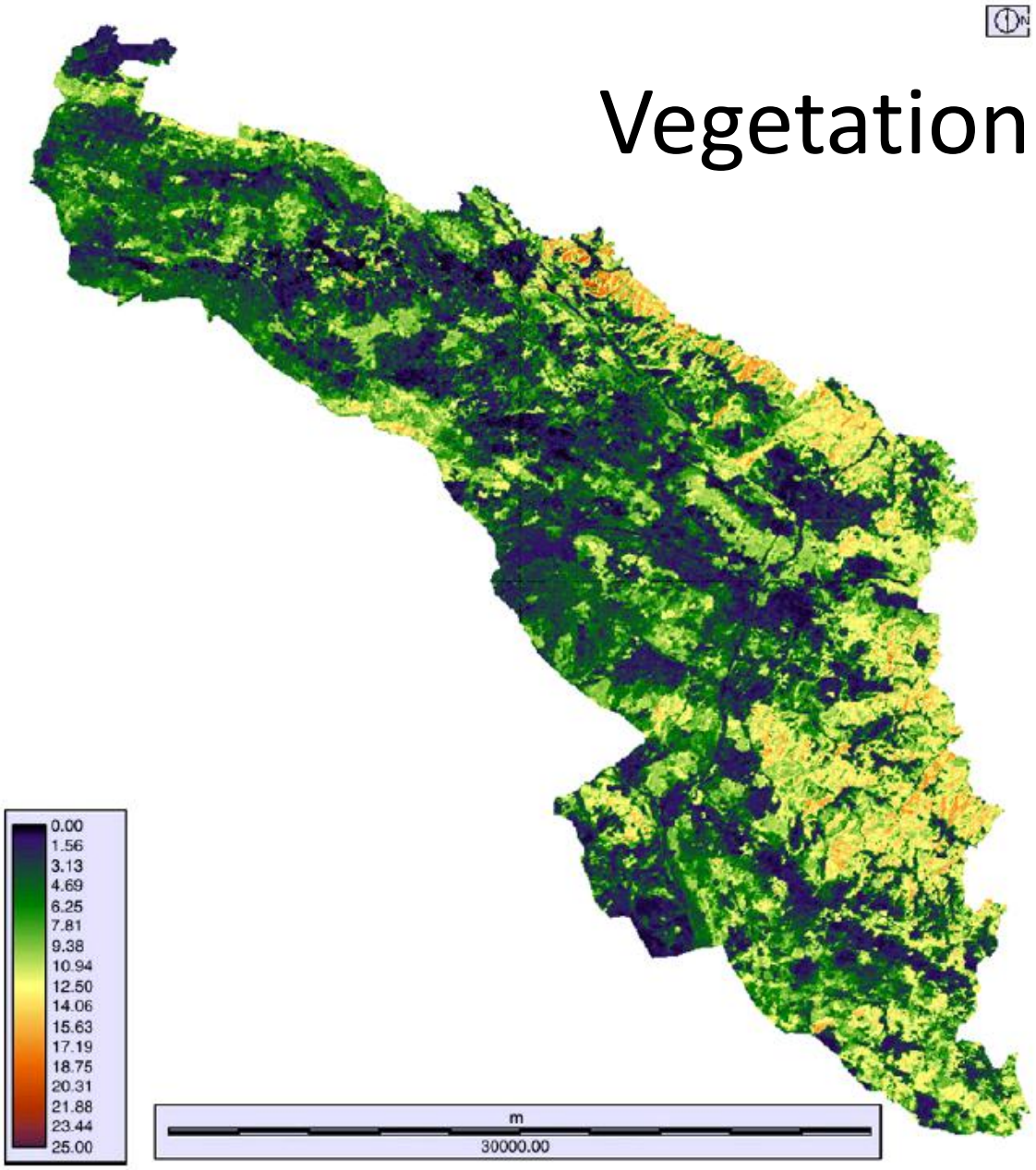


Fig. 5. Map of vegetation height for the Kras region generated by using a random forest of multi-target regression trees model. The legend shows the vegetation height in meters.

Canopy cover

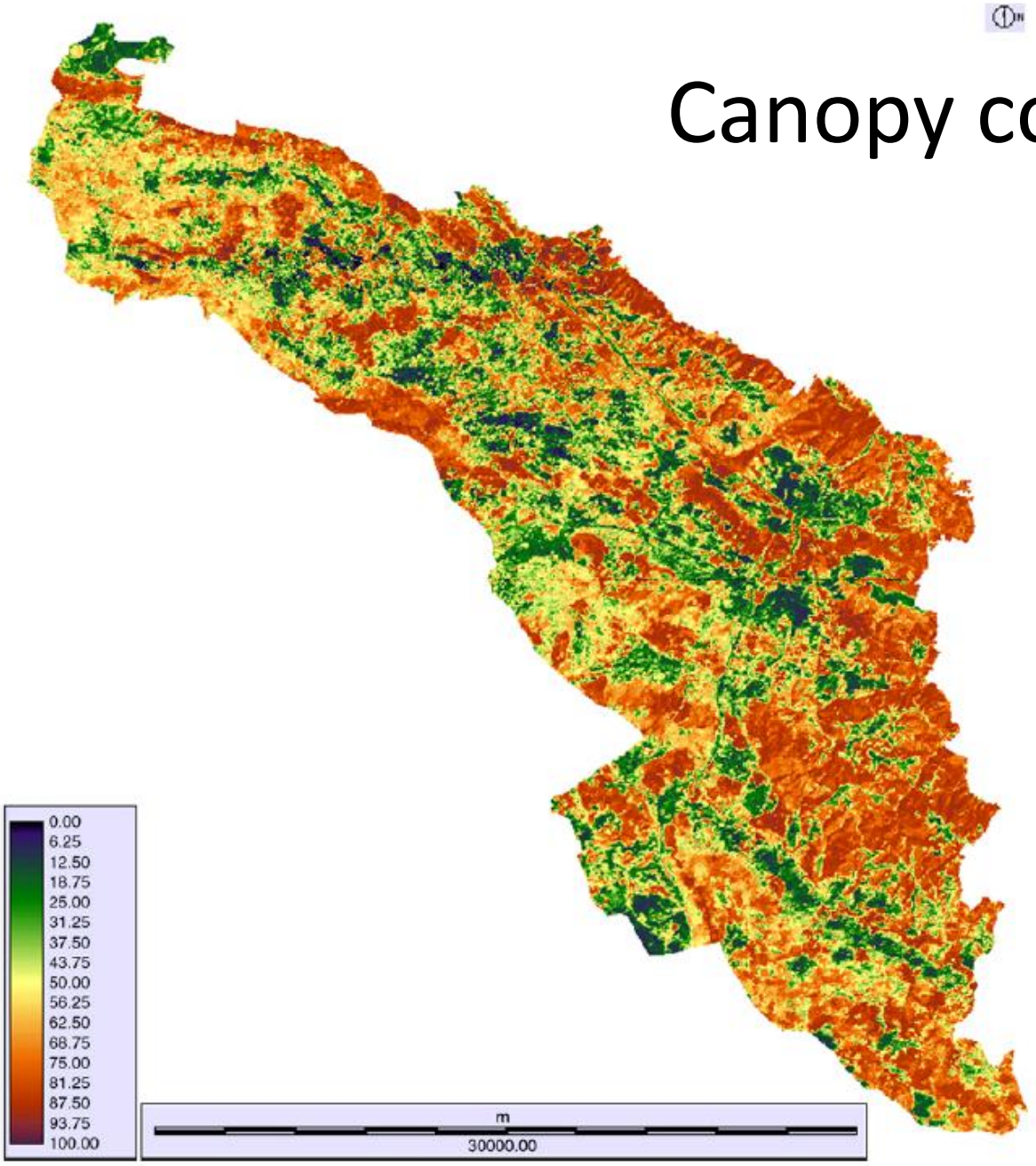


Fig. 6. Map of canopy cover for the Kras region generated by using a random forest of multi-target regression trees model. The legend shows the percentage of canopy cover.

Data mining of time series:COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

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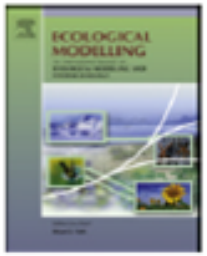

Analysis of time series data on agroecosystem vegetation using predictive clustering trees

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Decision trees: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Problem: **Temporal prediction of height and cover of crop and weeds**

Type of pattern:
a) Multi target predictive clustering trees
AND

b) Constraint multi target predictive clustering trees

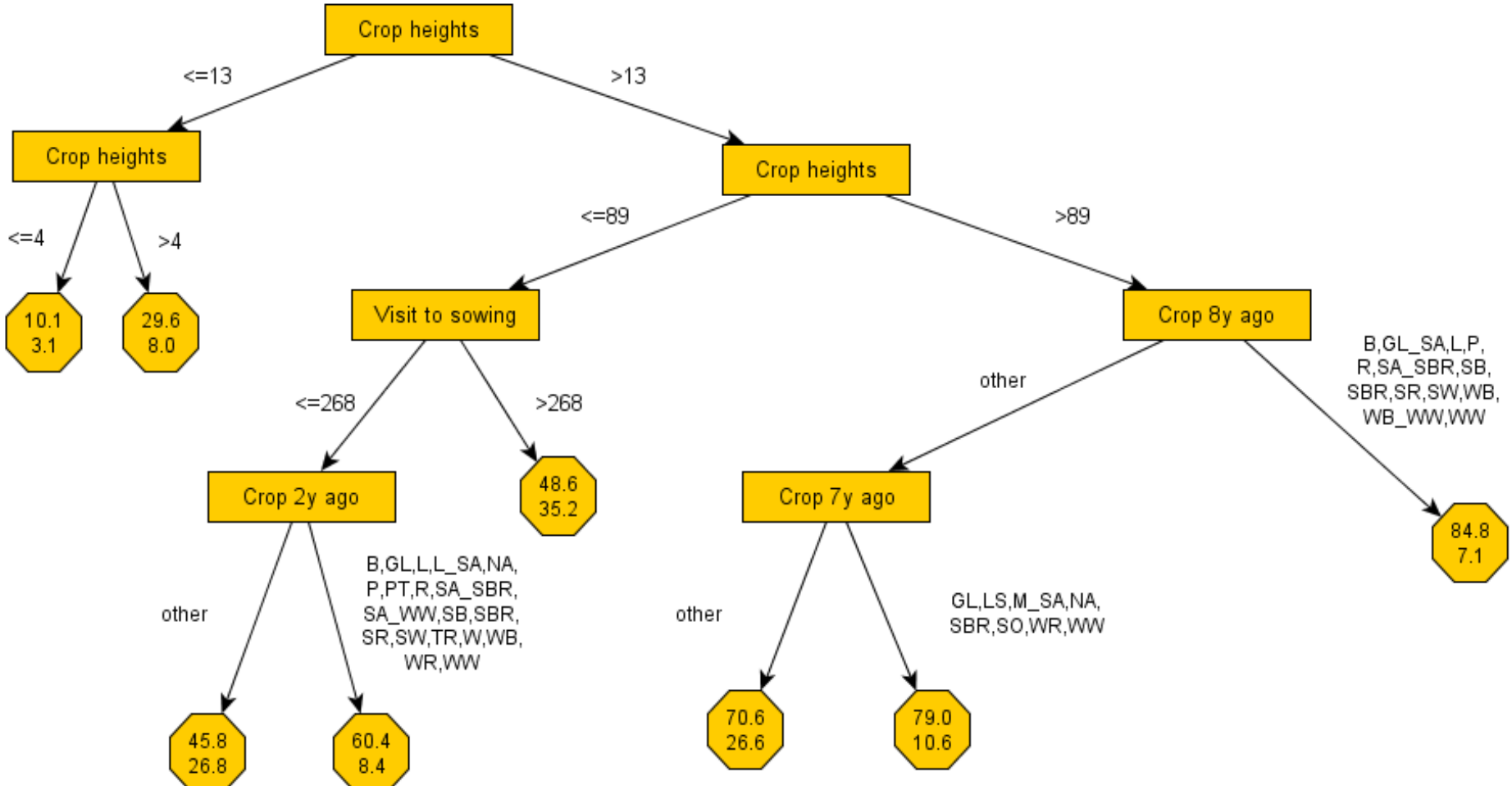
Algorithm: **CLUS**

Data

- 130 sites, monitoring every 7 to 14 days for 5 month (2665 samples: 1322 conventional, 1333, HT OSR observations)
- Each sample (observation) described with 65 attributes
- Original data collected by Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Rothamsted Research and SCRI within Farm Scale Evaluation Program (2000, 2001, 2002)

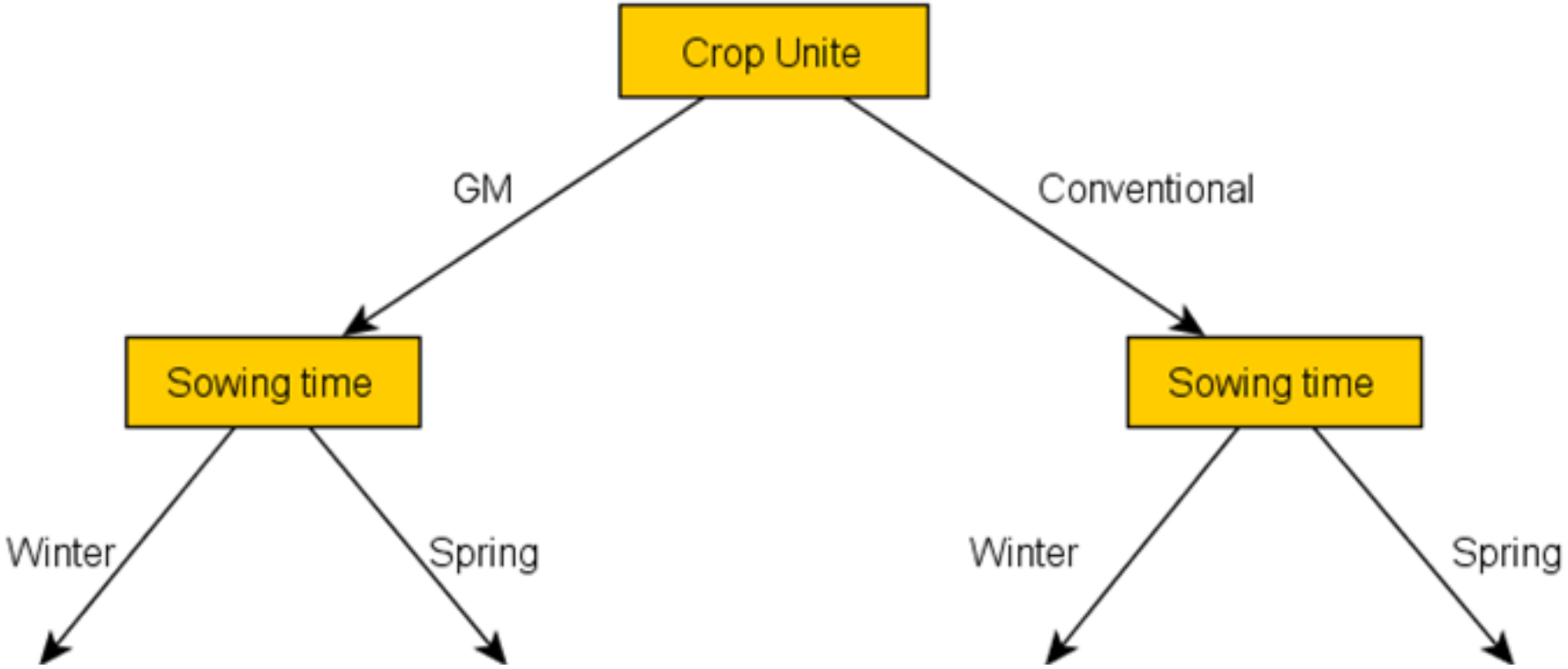
Results scenario B: Multiple target regression tree

Target: Avg Crop Covers, Avg Weed Covers			Excluded attributes: /			
Constraints: MinimalInstances = 64.0; MaxSize = 15						
Predictive power:	Corr.Coef.:	0.8513, 0.3746	RMSE:	16.504,12.6038	RRMSE:	0.5248,0.9301



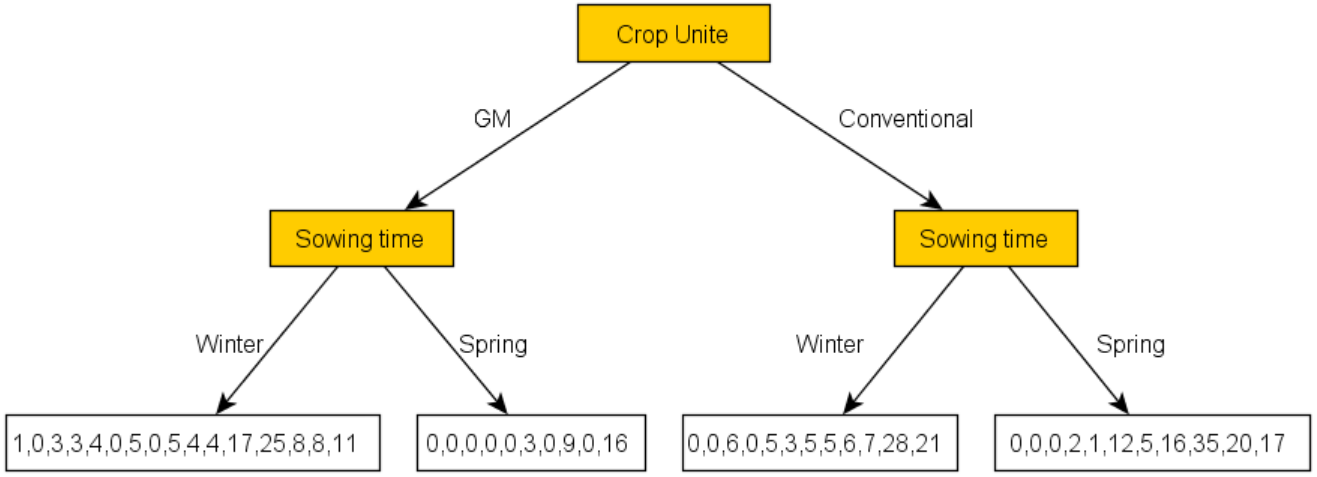
Results scenario D: Constraint predictive clustering trees for time series including TS clusters for crop (CLUS)

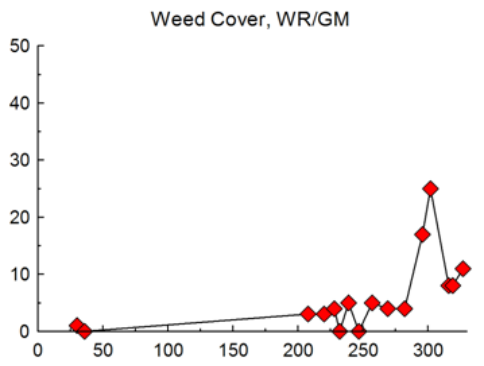
syntactic constraint

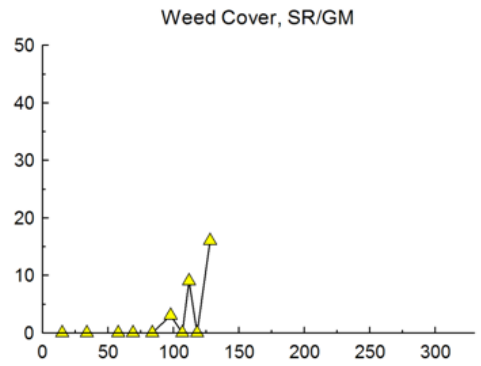


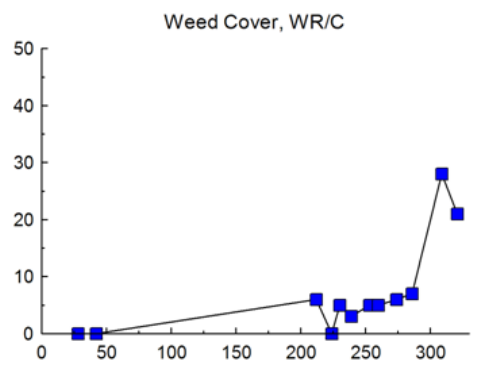
Results scenario D: Constraint predictive clustering trees for time series including TS clusters for crop (CLUS)

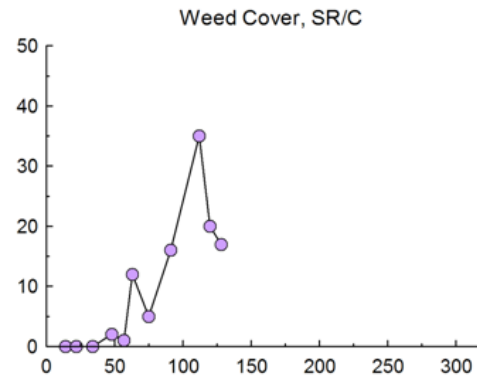
Target: Avg Weed Covers (Time Series)		Scenario 3.9				
Constraints: Syntactic, MinInstances = 32						
Predictive power:	TSRMSExval:	4.98	TSRMSEtrain:	4.86	ICVtrain:	30.44











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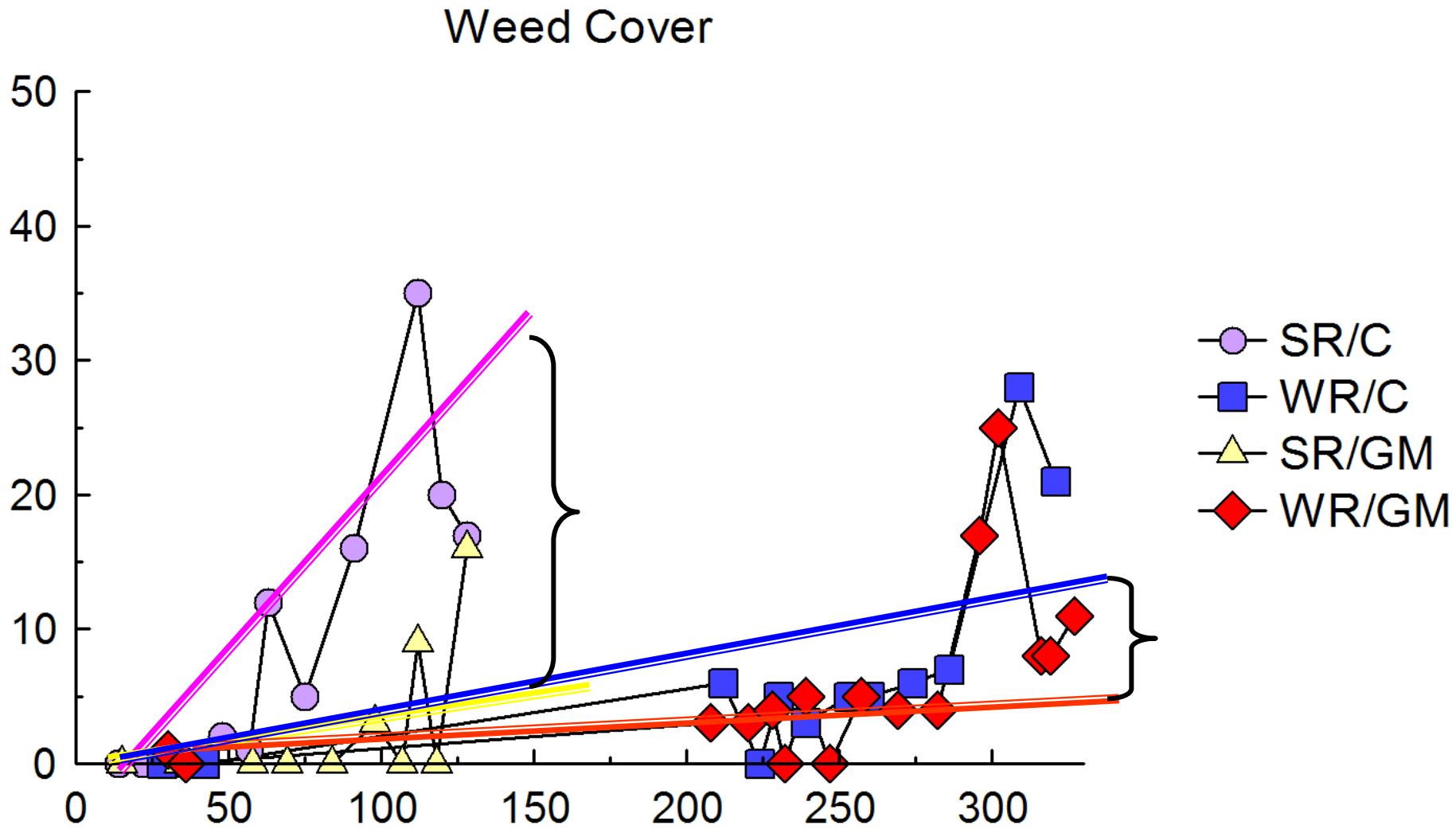

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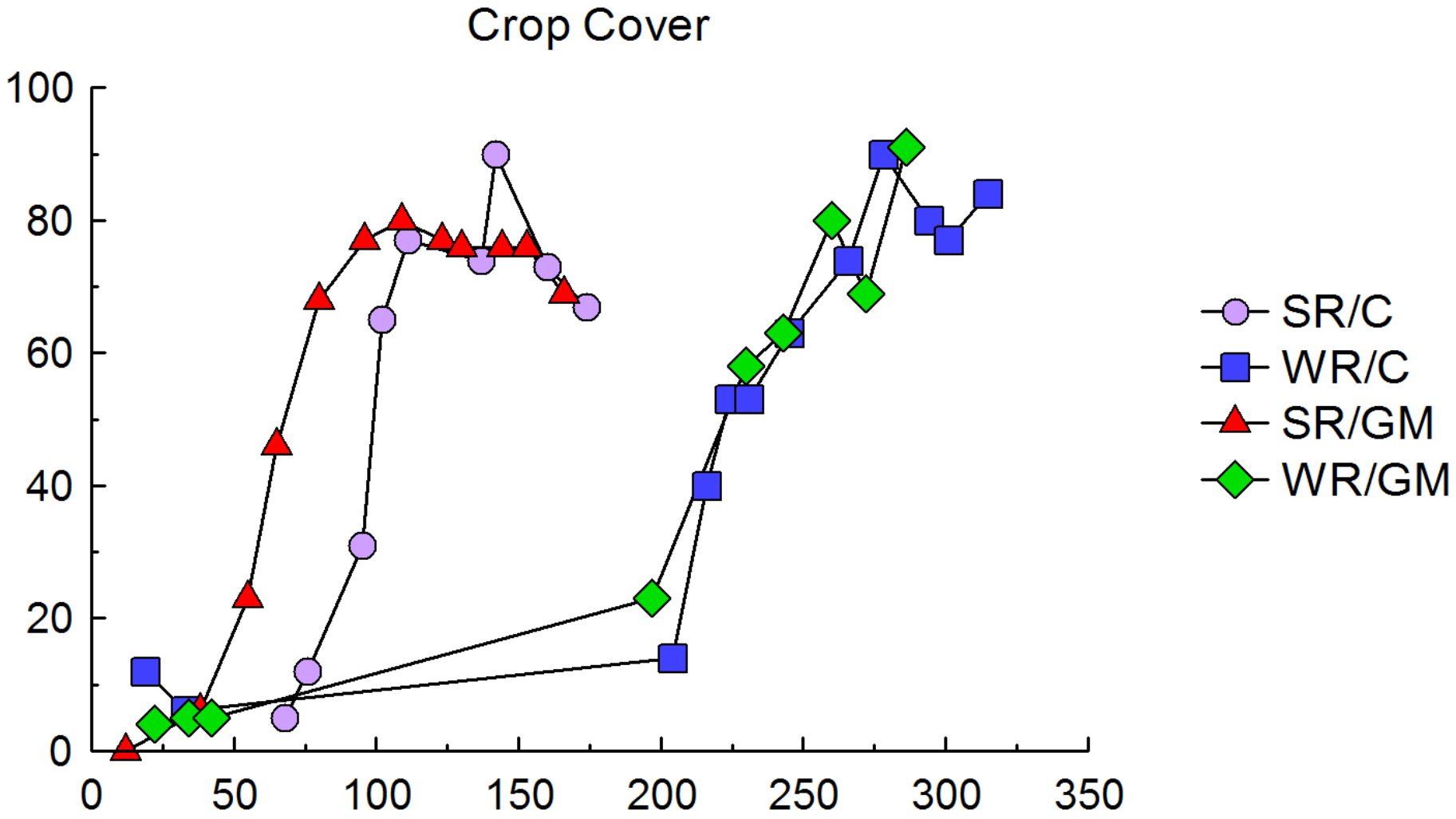

Relational data mining: GENE FLOW MODELLING

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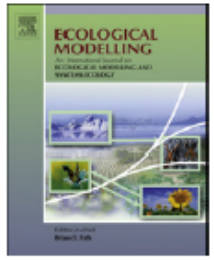

Using relational decision trees to model out-crossing rates in a multi-field setting

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Decision trees: COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Problem: **Classification of fields to above or below 0.9% of outcrossing**

Type of pattern: **Relational classification decision tree**

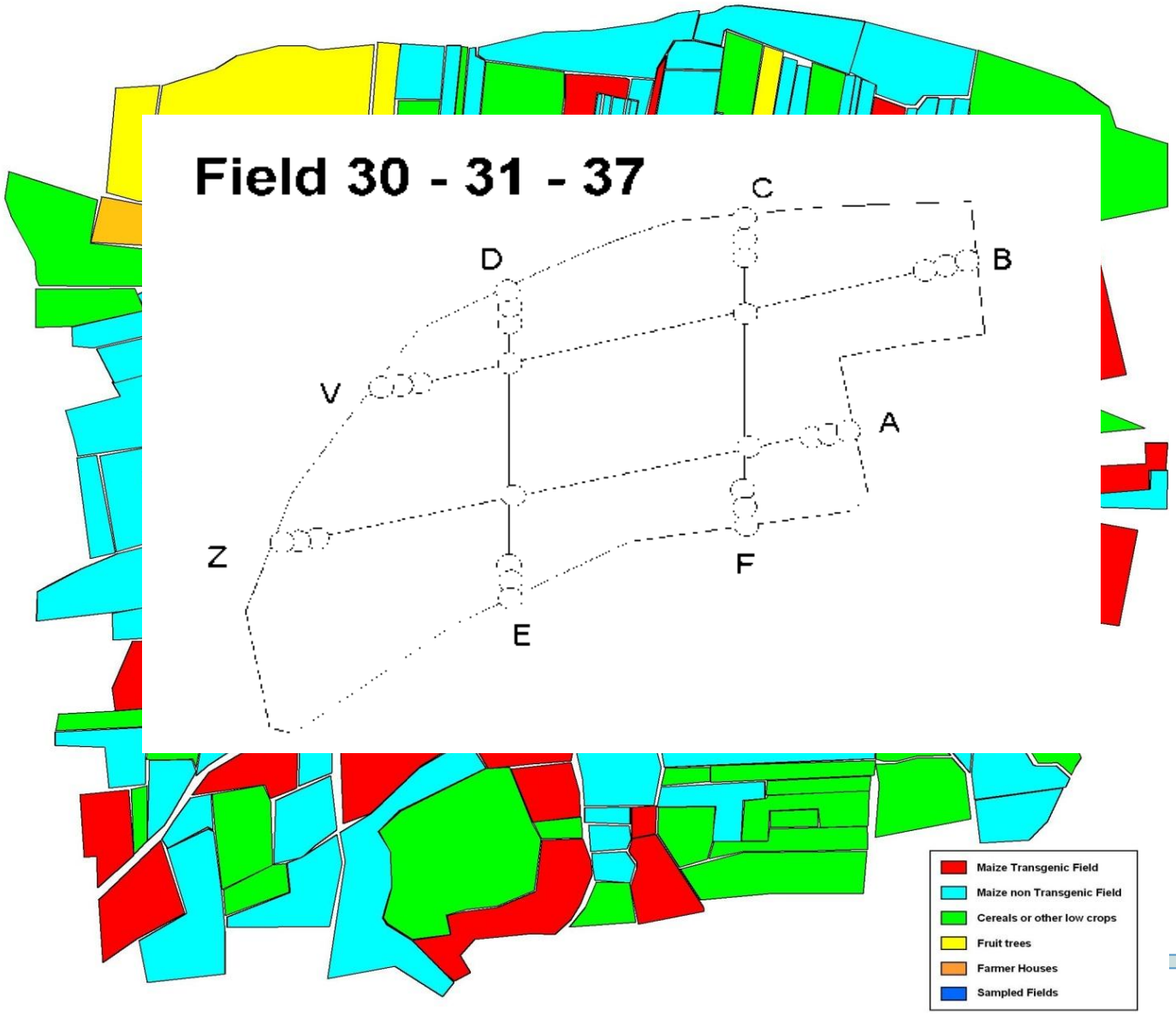
Algorithm: **TILDE**

Spatial temporal relations

2004:
40 GM fields
7 non-GM fields
181 sampling points

2005:
17 GM fields
4 non-GM fields
127 sampling points

2006:
43 GM fields
4 non-GM fields
112 sampling points

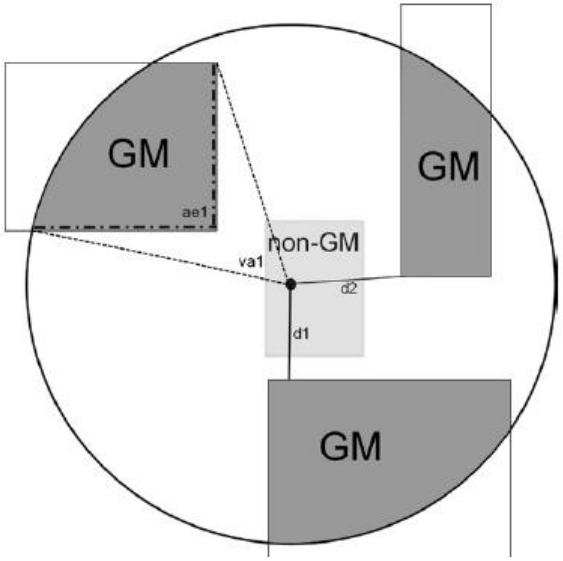


Relational data mining: GENE FLOW MODELLING

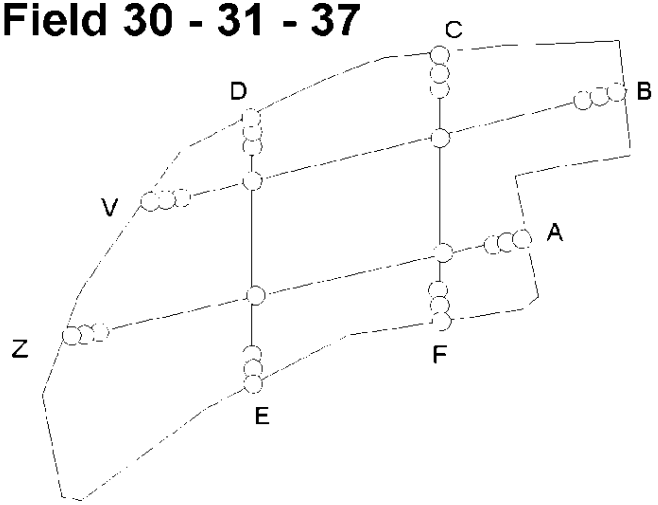
Data scattered over several **tables** or **relations**:

- A table storing **general information** on each field (e.g., area)
- A table storing the **cultivation techniques** for each field and each year
- A table storing the **relations** (e.g., distance) between fields

Relational data mining: GENE FLOW MODELLING



Field 30 - 31 - 37



Relational data mining: GENE FLOW MODELLING

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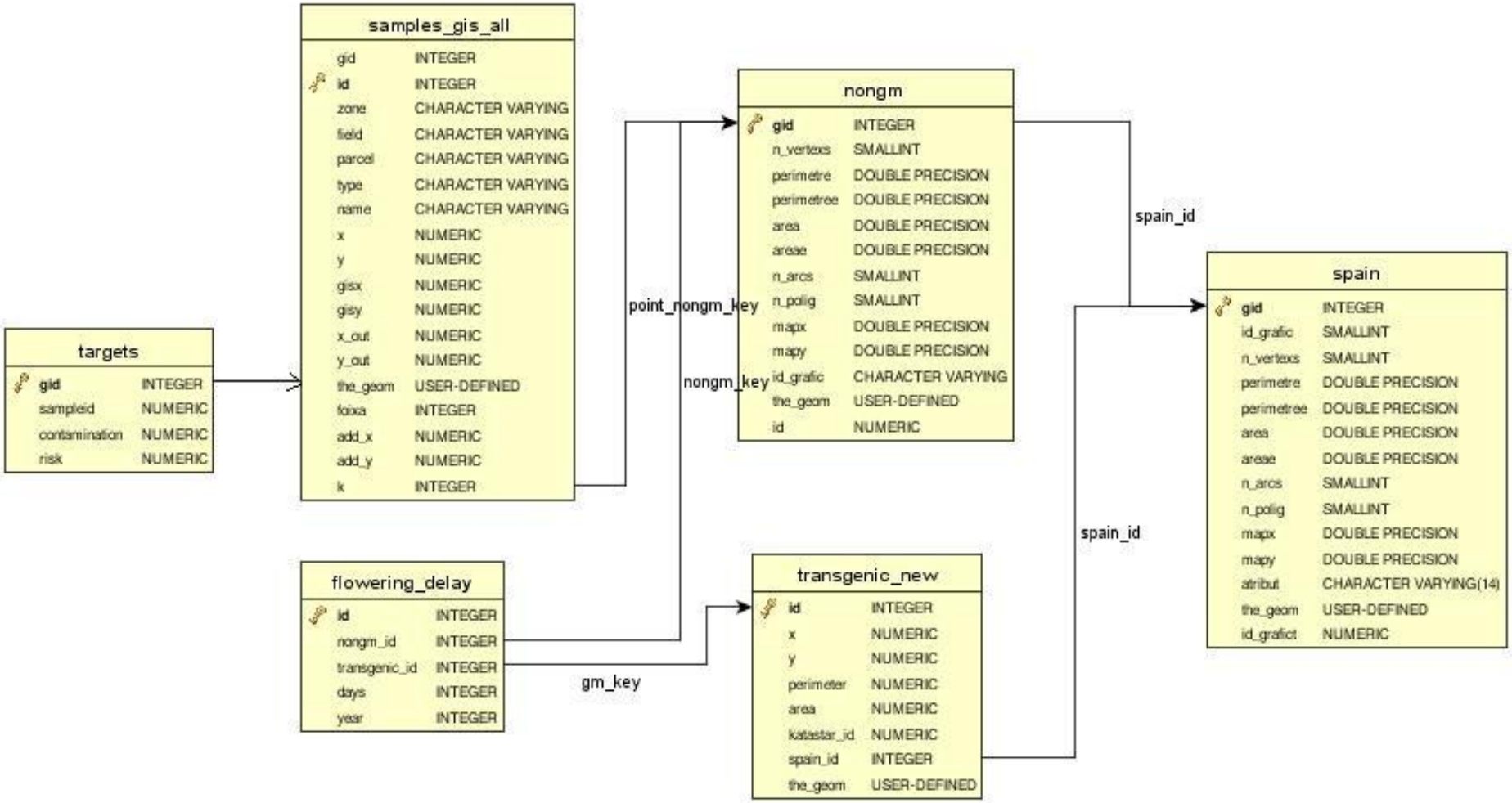


Relational data mining – building model

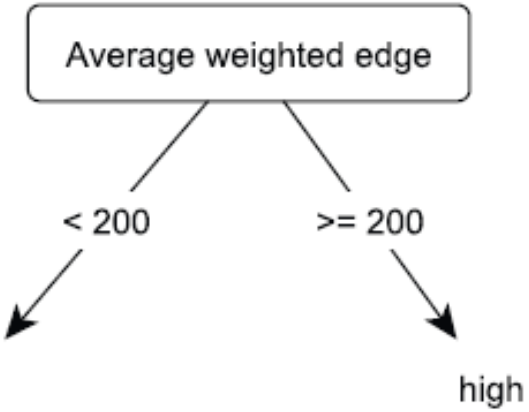
Relation data analysis:

• Algorithm **Tilde** (Blockeel and De Raedt, 1998; De Raedt et al., 2001) => upgrade of algorithm **C.4.5** (Quinlan, 1993) for classification decision trees

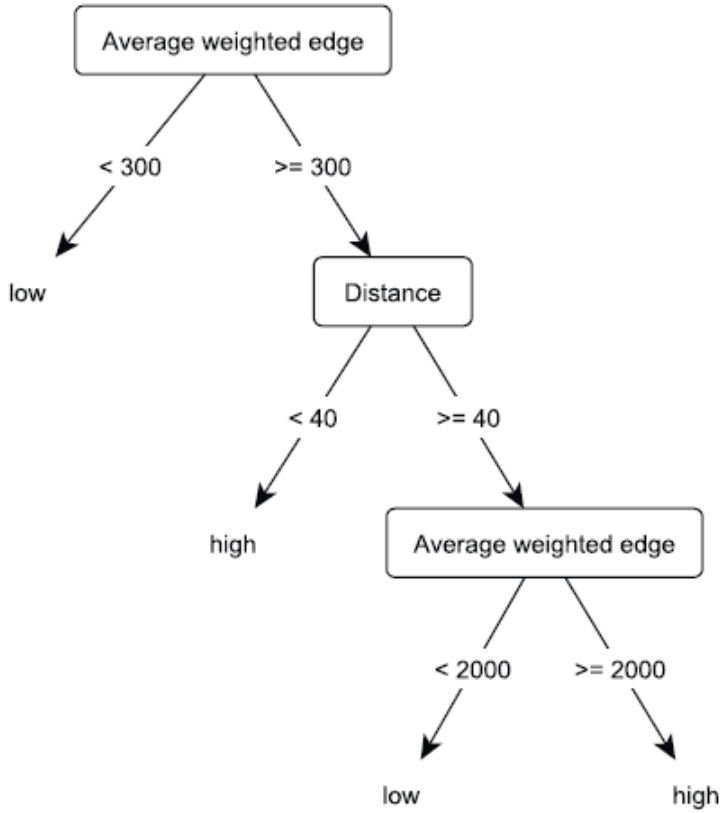
• The algorithm is included in the **ACE-ilProlog** data mining system

Relational data mining – results

Threshold 0.01%



Threshold 0.45%



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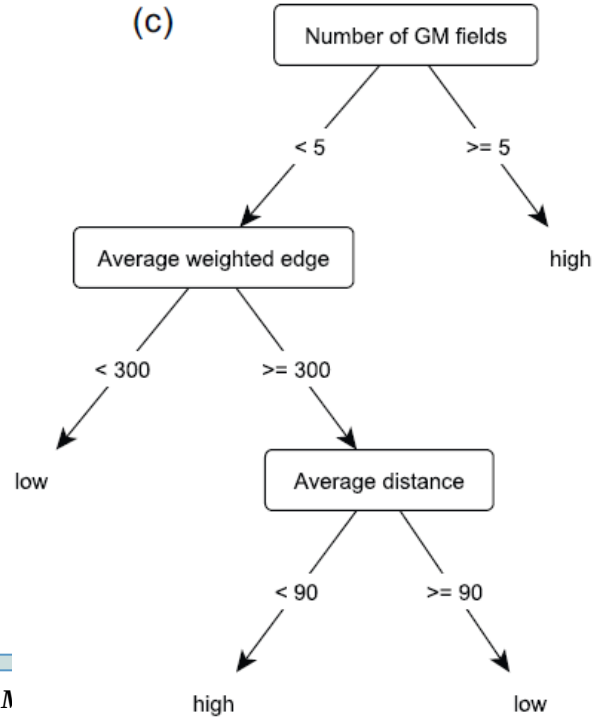


HABITAT MODELING OF TICK *Ixodes ricinus*, MAJOR VECTOR FOR LYME BORRELIOSIS and TICK-BORNE MENINGOENCEPHALITIS IN THE UPPER SOČA VALLEY

Prof. dr. Marko Debeljak

Decision trees: RISK MODELLING

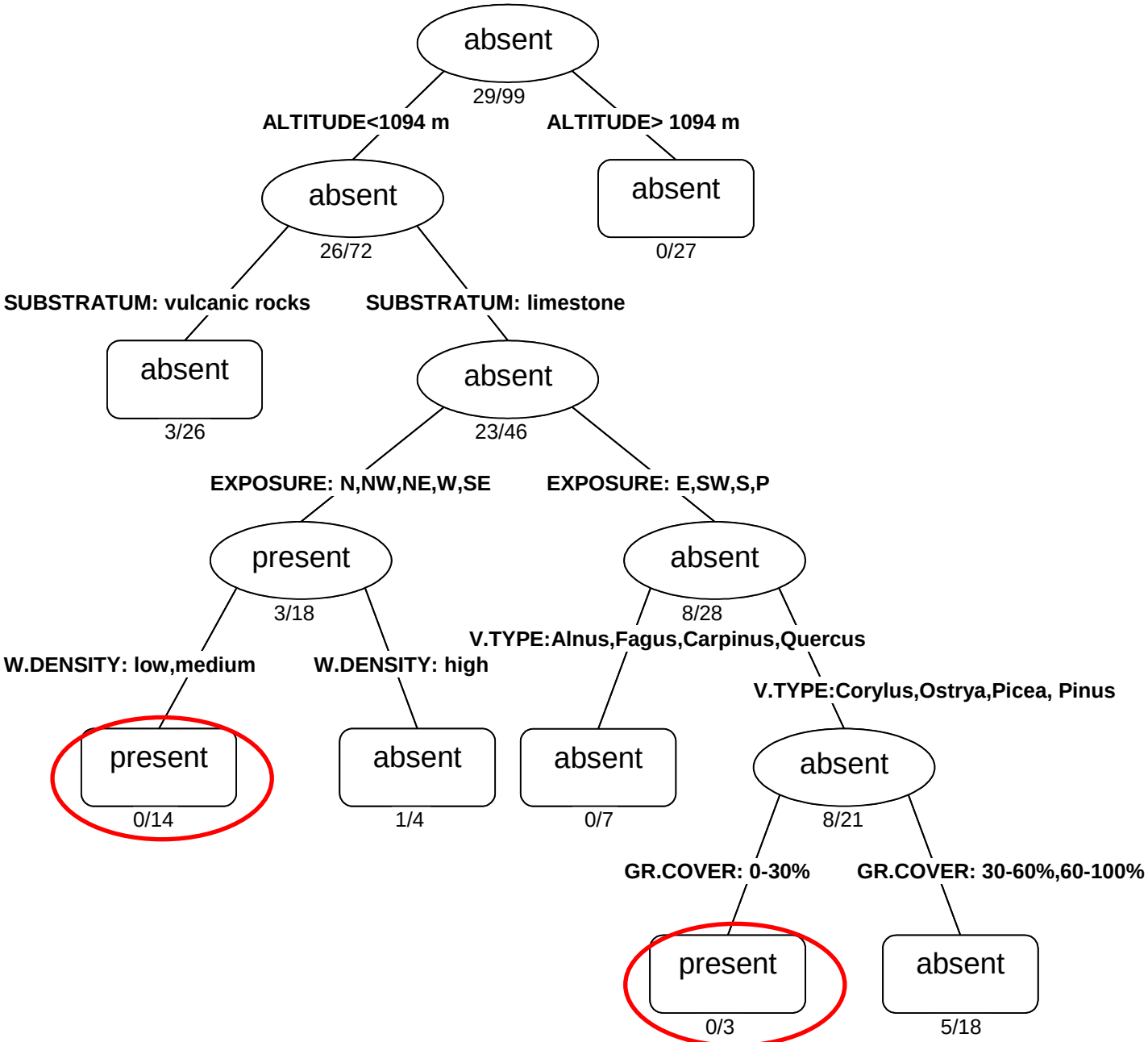
Problem: **Prediction of habitat**

Type of pattern: **Classification decision tree**

Algorithm: **J4.8**

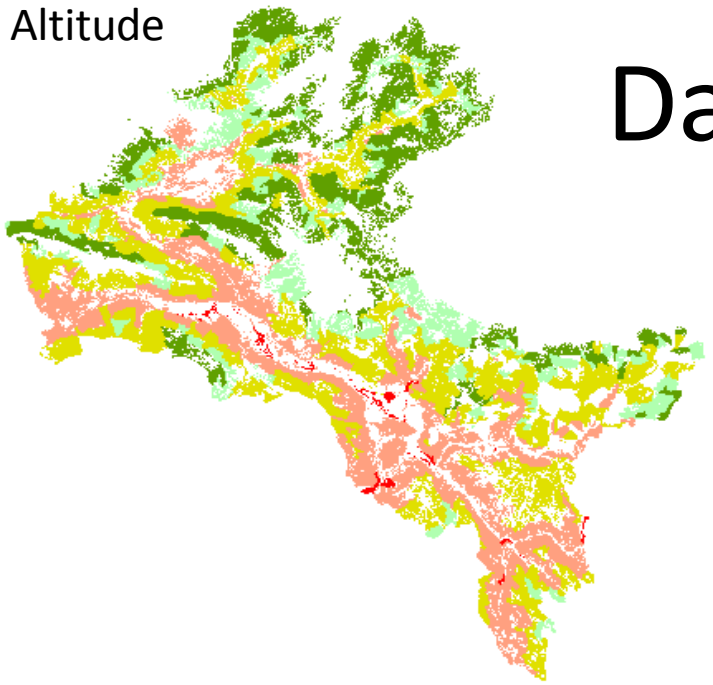
Study area: Zgornje Posočje

Classification tree - Trentino region:



Data

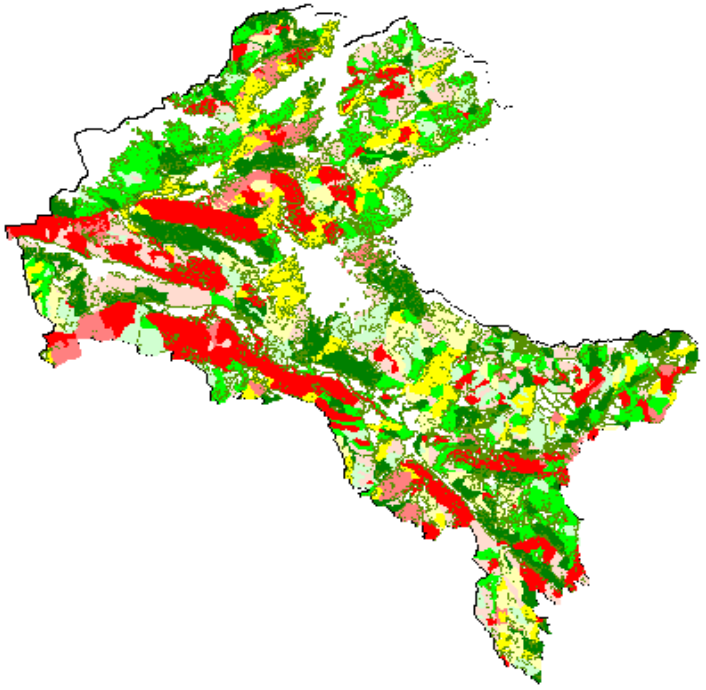
Altitude



Višinski pasovi:

0-300 m	(25)
300-600 m	(353)
600-900 m	(480)
900-1100 m	(220)
nad 1100 m	(289)

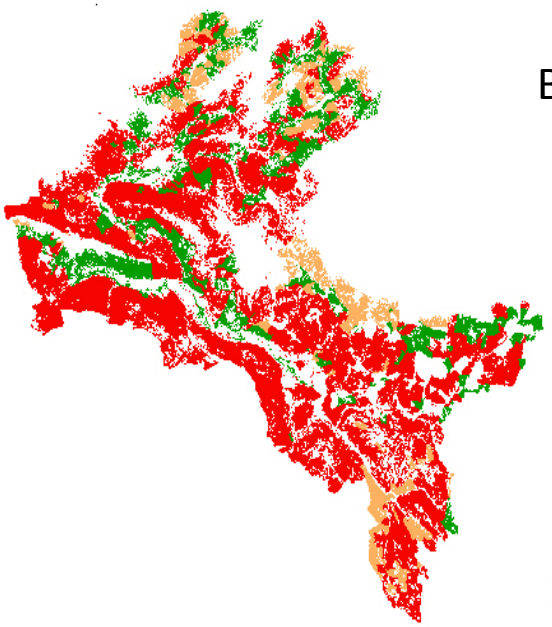
Exposition



Ekspozicija površine:

0	J	(196)
1	JV	(224)
2	V	(139)
5	JZ	(109)
7	Z	(158)
10	SV	(177)
15	SZ	(77)
20	S	(287)

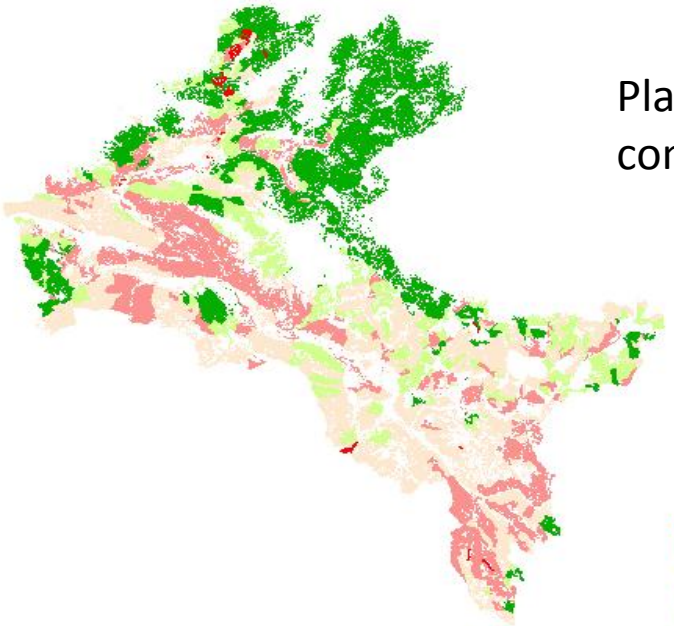
Bedrock



Vrste kamnin:

apnenci, apn. breče, apn. melišča, apn. naplavine	(836)
dolomitizirani apnenci	(161)
ostalo	(370)

Plant communities

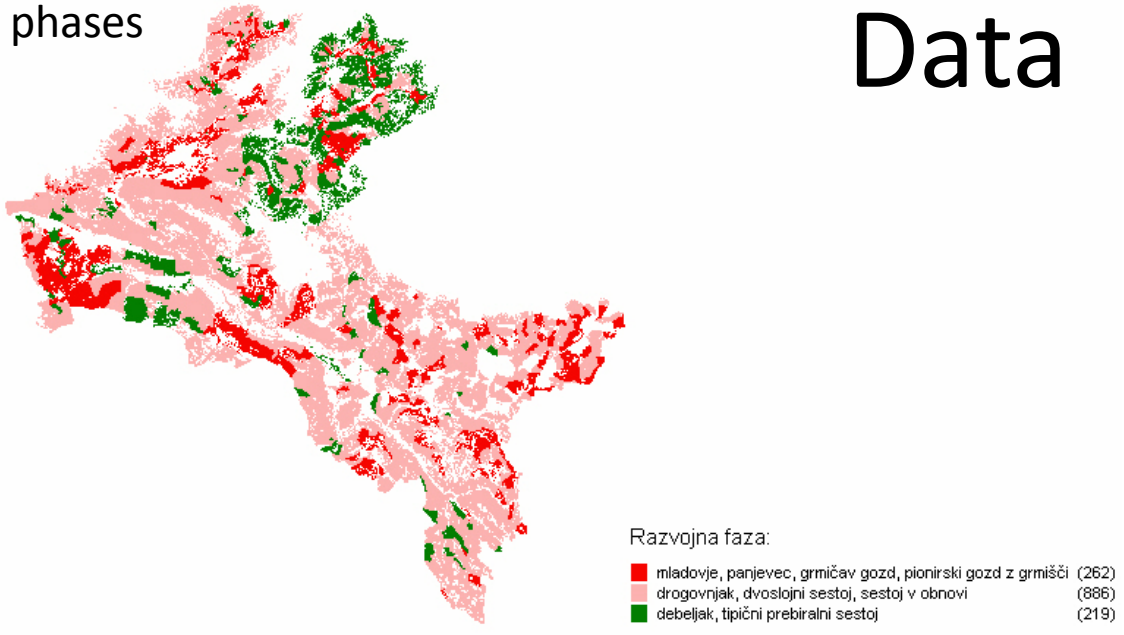


Gozdne združbe
(glede na pogoje rastišča):

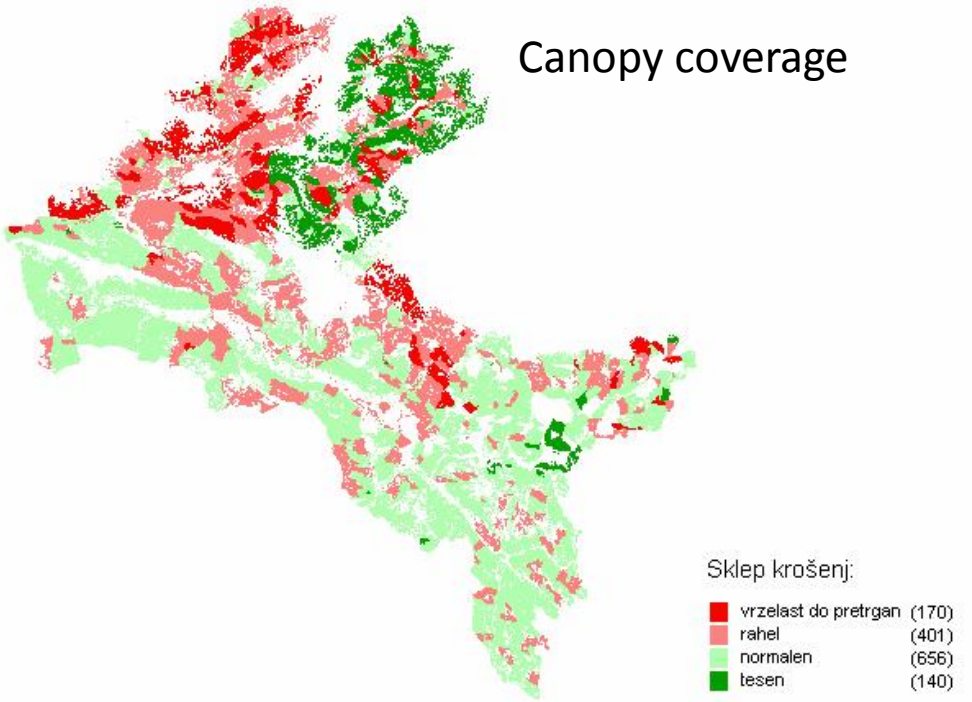
zelo tople lege	(19)
tople lege	(255)
zmerne lege	(426)
hladne lege	(197)
zelo hladne lege	(470)

Data

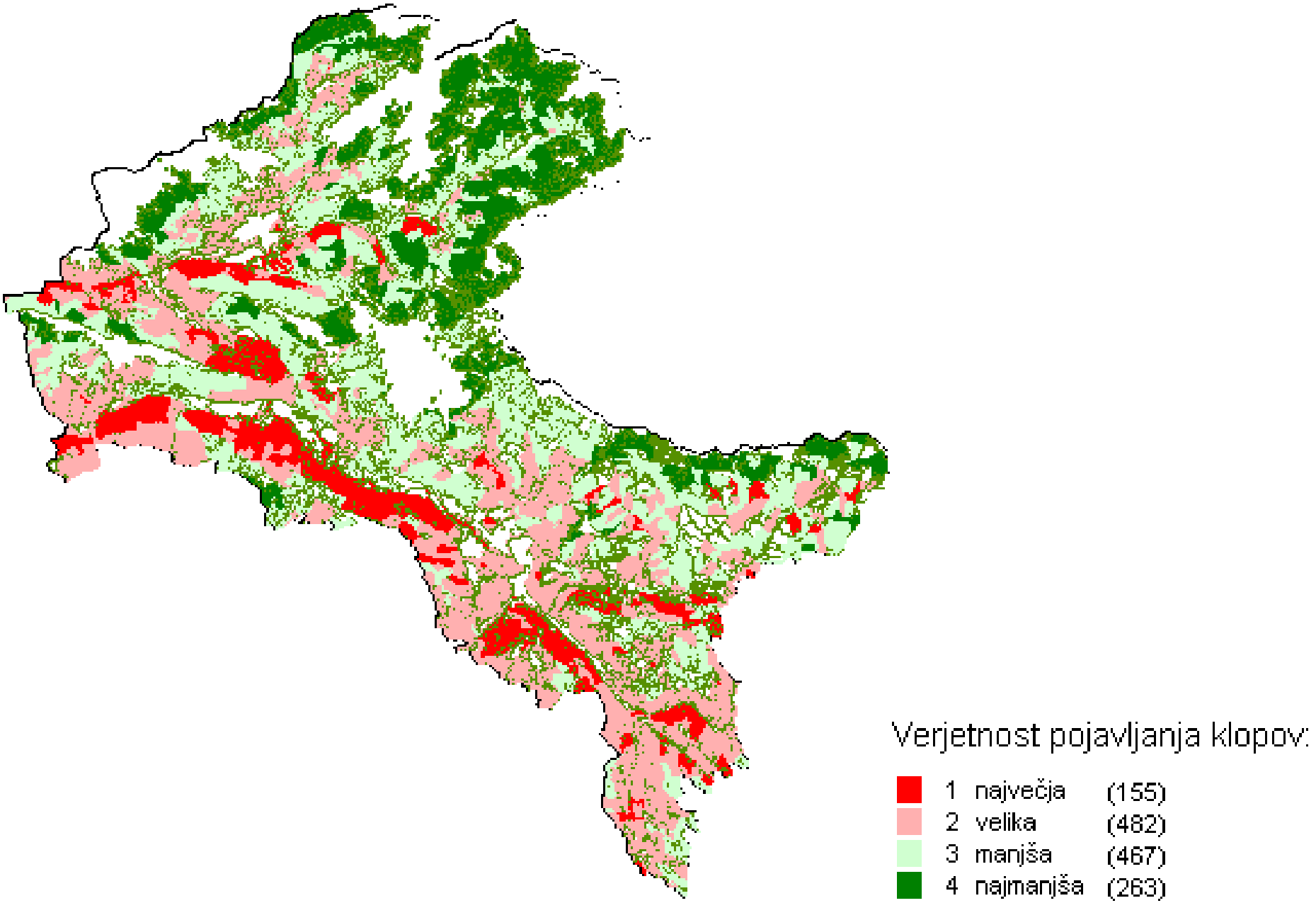
Forest development phases



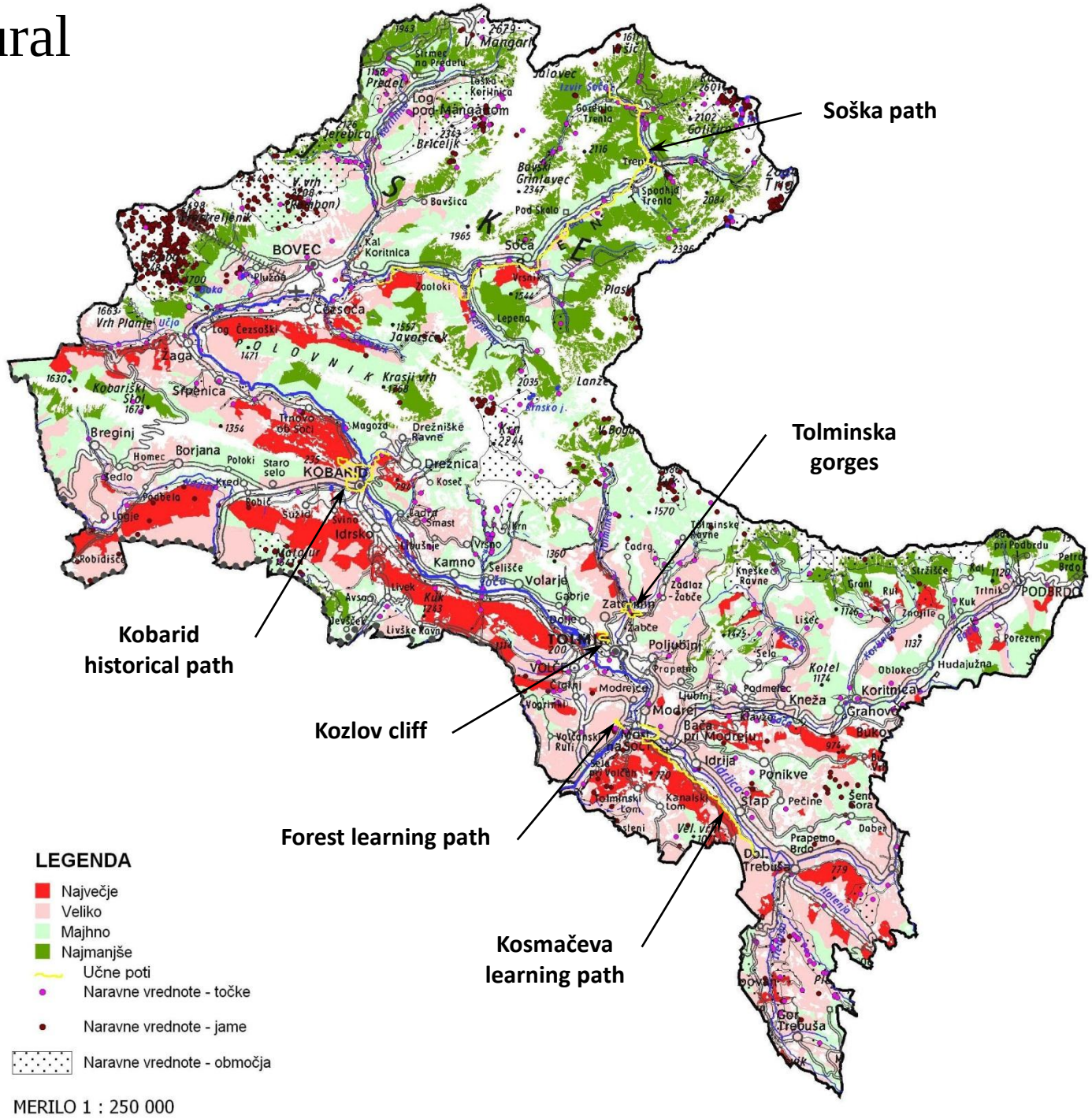
Canopy coverage



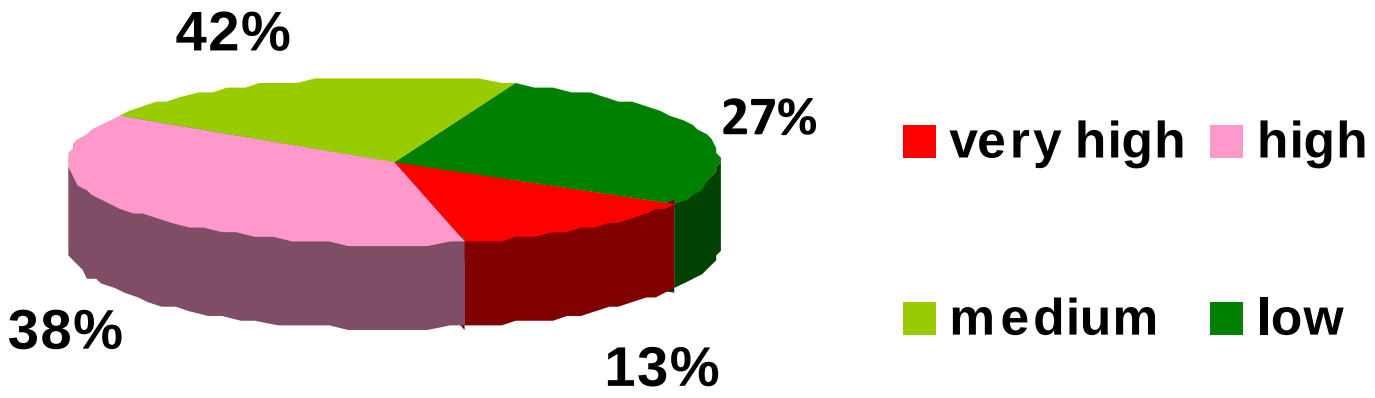
Spatial probability of tick presence (tick habitat)



Locations of natural heritages and exposure of their visitors to ticks

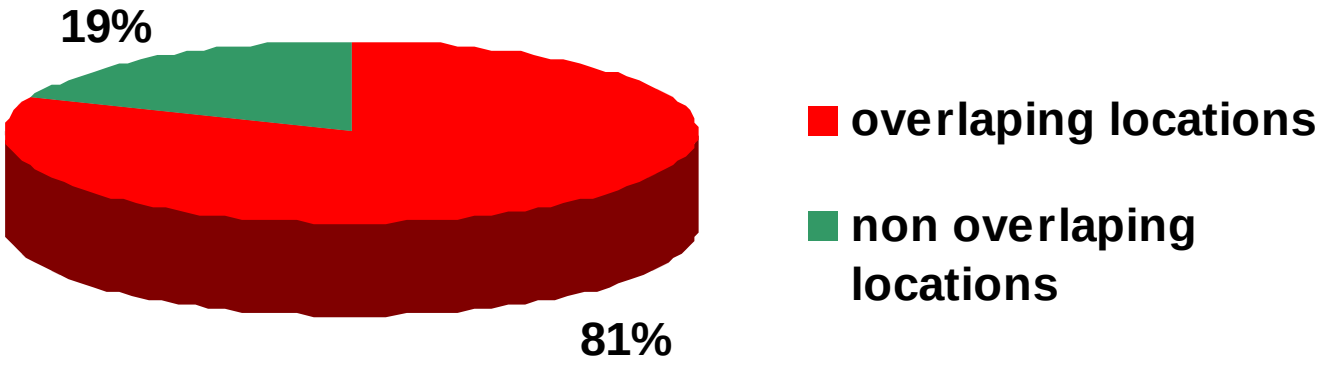


Distribution of **natural heritage** according to the risk of infections with tick-borne diseases in upper Soča valley



Verification of the model:

- Overlapping with the locations of confirmed infections



- Locations with the highest confirmed infections with tick-borne diseases: Tolmin, Kobarid, Volče, Zatolmin, Idrsko, Most na Soči, Poljubinj, Borjana, Bovec, Ljubinj, Žabče, Trebuša, Vrsno.

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Multi-target regression model: RISK MODELLING

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Potential of multi-objective models for risk-based mapping of the resilience characteristics of soils: demonstration at a national level

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Decision trees: RISK MODELLING

Problem: **Prediction of soil exposure to disturbances**

Type of pattern: **Multi target regression trees (resistance, resilience)**

Algorithm: **CLUS**

Multi-target regression model: RISK MODELLING

The dataset: soil samples taken on 26 location throughout SCO

The dataset: The flat table of data:26 by 18 data entries

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Multi-target regression model: RISK MODELLING

The dataset:

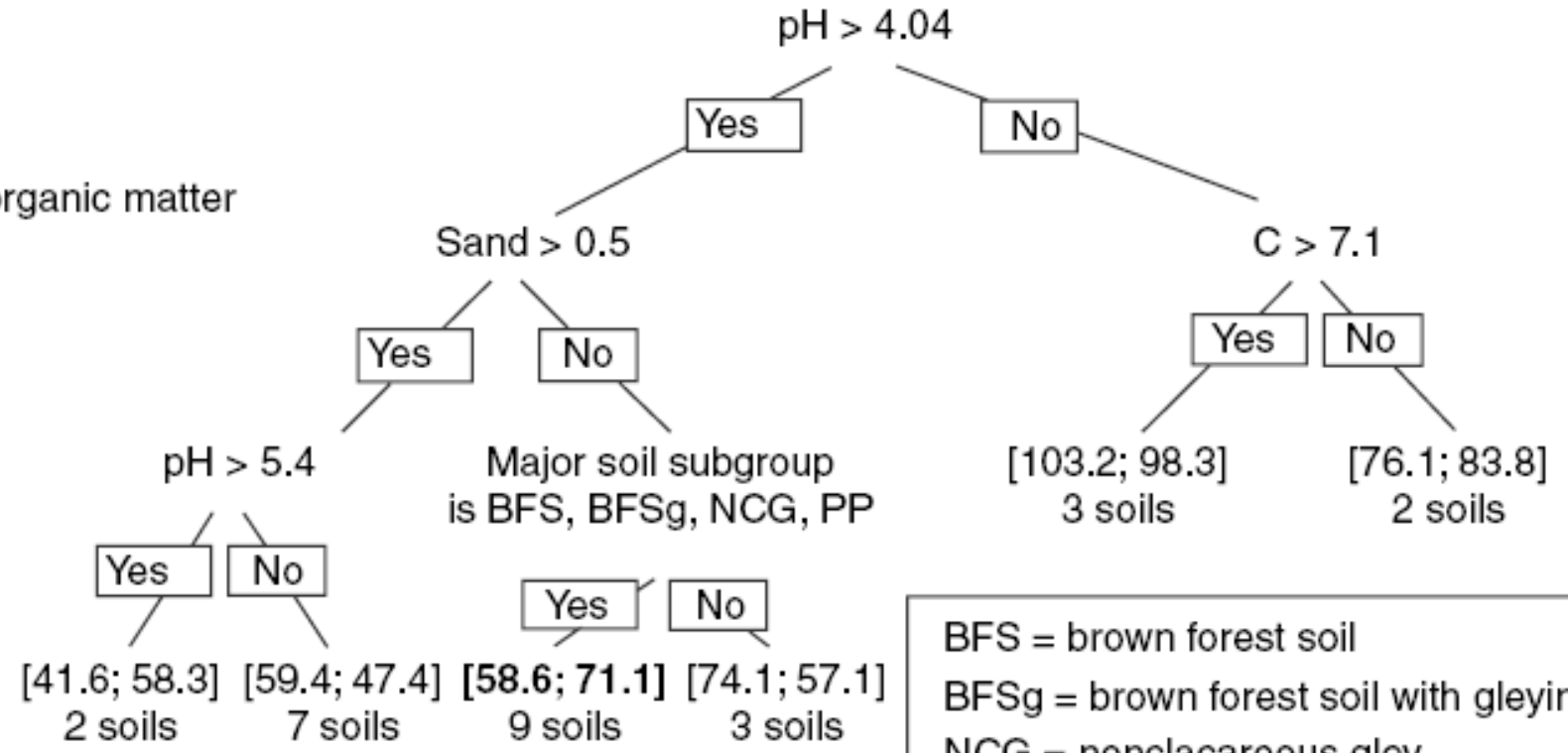
- **physical properties:** soil texture: sand, silt, clay
- **chemical properties:** pH, C, N, SOM (soil organic matter)
- **FAO soil classification:** Order and Suborder
- **physical resilience:** resistance to compression: 1/Cc, recovery from compression: Ce/Cc, overburden stress: eg, recovery from overburden stress after two days cycles: eg2dc
- **biological resilience**: heat, copper

Multi-target regression model: RISK MODELLING

Independent variables
Major soil subgroup
Sand
Silt
Clay
pH
C
N
Soil organic matter

Dependent variables
Copper resistance
Copper resilience

Model 10 (see Table 1)



BFS = brown forest soil
BFSg = brown forest soil with gleying
NCG = nonclacareous gley
PP = peaty podzol

Multi-target regression model: RISK MODELLING

Macaulay Institute (Aberdeen): soils data – attributes and maps:

Approximately 13 000 soil profiles held in database

Descriptions of over 40 000 soil horizons

Application

Experiment 1

Independent Attributes	Dependent attributes
o MAJOR_SOIL_SUBGROUP	o Heat_resist
o Sand	o Heat_Resil
o Silt	o Cu_resist
o Clay	o Cu_Resilience
o pH	o Over_resist_eg
o C	o Over_resil_2dc_eg
o N	o 1/Cc
o SOM	o Ce/Cc

Validated Parameters:
RMSE: **[15.4825,20.8952,11.0126,18.5897,0.0809,0.2114,0.3469,0.0098]**
Correlation Coefficient: **[-0.3097,-0.0784,0.8062,0.4445,-0.1455,0.2886,0.355,0.8447]**

```
C > 7.6
+--yes: [56.47,110.4,103.24,98.3,0.789667,1.359333,0.371243,0.055778]: 3
+--no:  C > 4.58
      +--yes: pH > 4.09
      |       +--yes: [48.836,93.08,70.264,64.36,0.8828,1.1358,0.626798,0.016037]: 5
      |       +--no:  [39.8,91.733333,73.483333,79.1,0.805333,0.875,0.847719,0.040065]: 3
      +--no:  N > 0.14
            +--yes: [53.946667,86.833333,54.366667,57.35,0.8165,0.9415,0.914021,0.011523]
            +--no:  [69.673333,81,59.116667,59.866667,0.865,0.911,1.54998,0.02033]: 3
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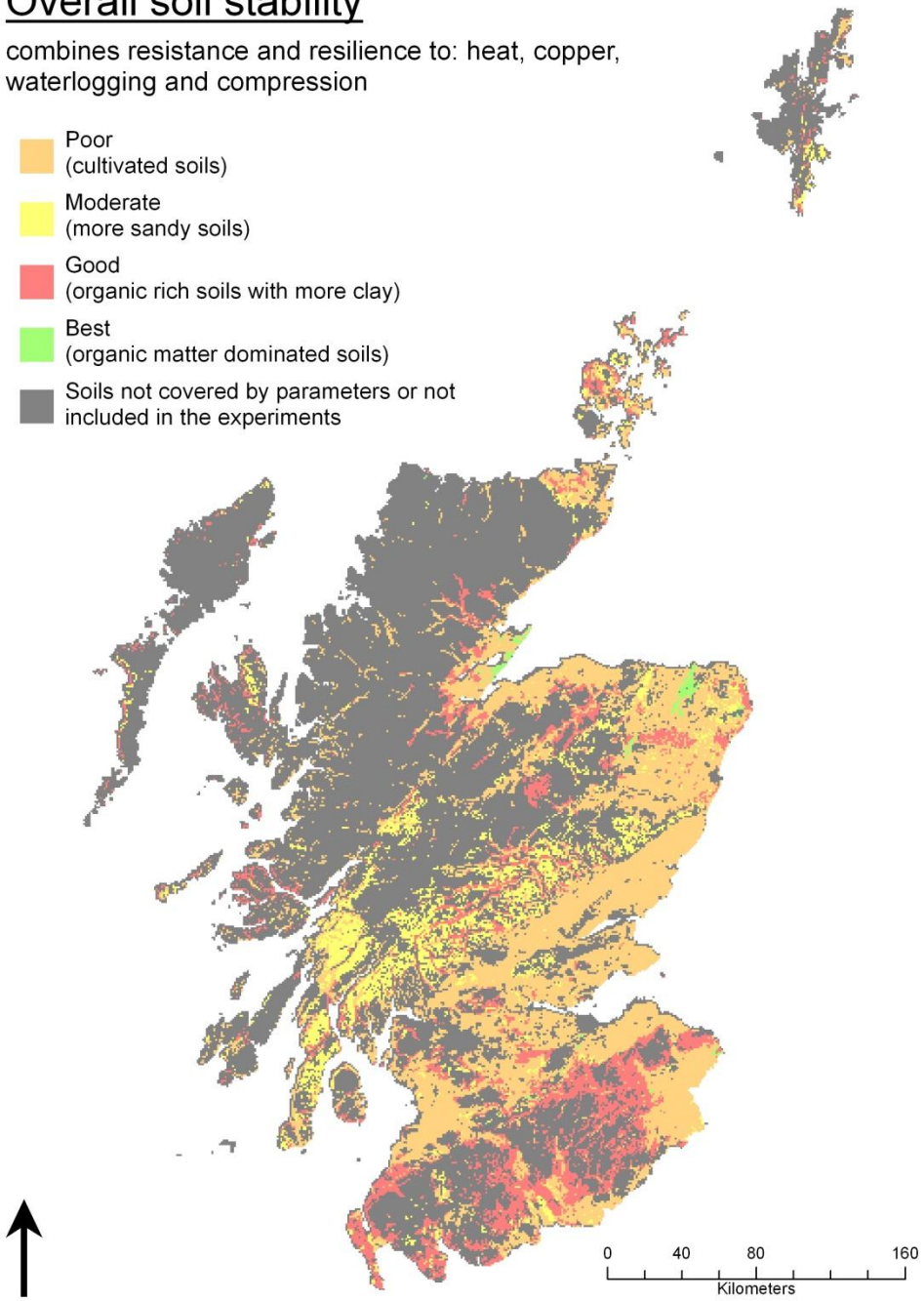
Overall soil stability

combines resistance and resilience to: heat, copper, waterlogging and compression



Application

Experiment 3A

Independent Attributes
- MAJOR_SOIL_SUBGROUP
- Sand
- Silt
- Clay
- pH
- C
- N
- SOM

Dependent attributes
- Over_resist_eg
- Over_resil_2dc_eg

Validated Parameters:
RMSE: **[0.0965,0.2644]**
Correlation Coefficient: **[-0.3021,0.1116]**

```
C > 7.6
+--yes: [0.789667,1.359333]: 3
+--no:  N > 0.21
      +--yes: pH > 5.5
      |       +--yes: [0.742,0.9415]: 2
      |       +--no:  [0.863077,1.042462]: 13
      +--no:  C > 2.75
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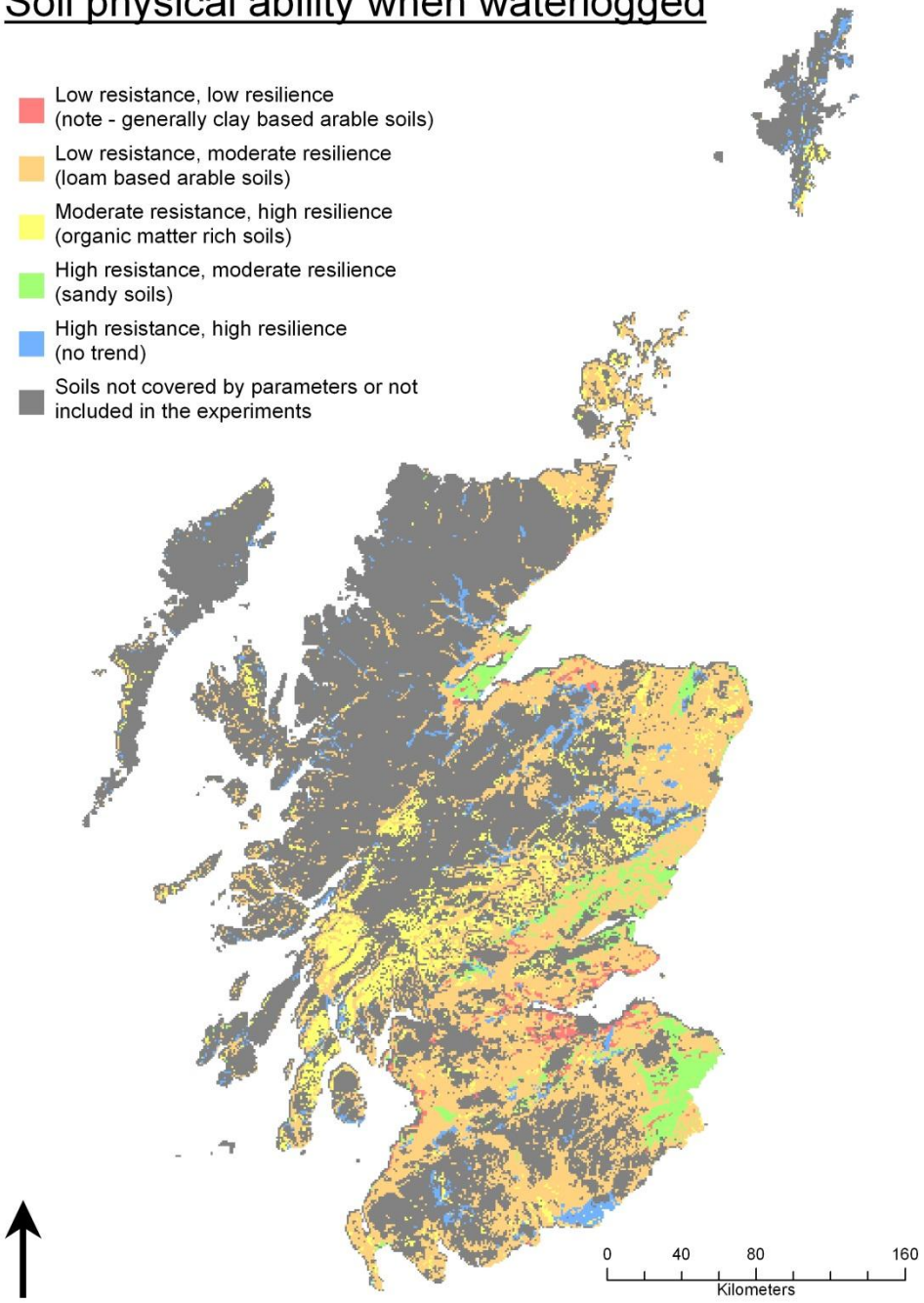
Soil physical ability when waterlogged



Application

Experiment 3B

Independent Attributes
- MAJOR_SOIL_SUBGROUP
- Sand
- Silt
- Clay
- pH
- C
- N
- SOM

Dependent attributes
- 1/Cc
- Ce/Cc

Validated Parameters:
RMSE: **[0.2433,0.0164]**
Correlation Coefficient: **[0.708,0.4774]**

```
C > 5.92
+--yes: MAJOR_SOIL_SUBGROUP in {Regosol,Peaty_Podzol,Humus_Iron_P
|       +--yes: Sand > 0.54
|       |       +--yes: [0.718108,0.059179]: 2
|       |       +--no:  [0.299543,0.055084]: 2
|       +--no:  [0.438268,0.025836]: 2
+--no:  N > 0.14
        +--yes: MAJOR_SOIL_SUBGROUP in {Brown_Forest_Soil,Noncalcareo
        |       +--yes: [0.858735,0.00968]: 13
        |       +--no:  [0.920932,0.024988]: 4
        +--no:  [1.54998,0.02033]: 3
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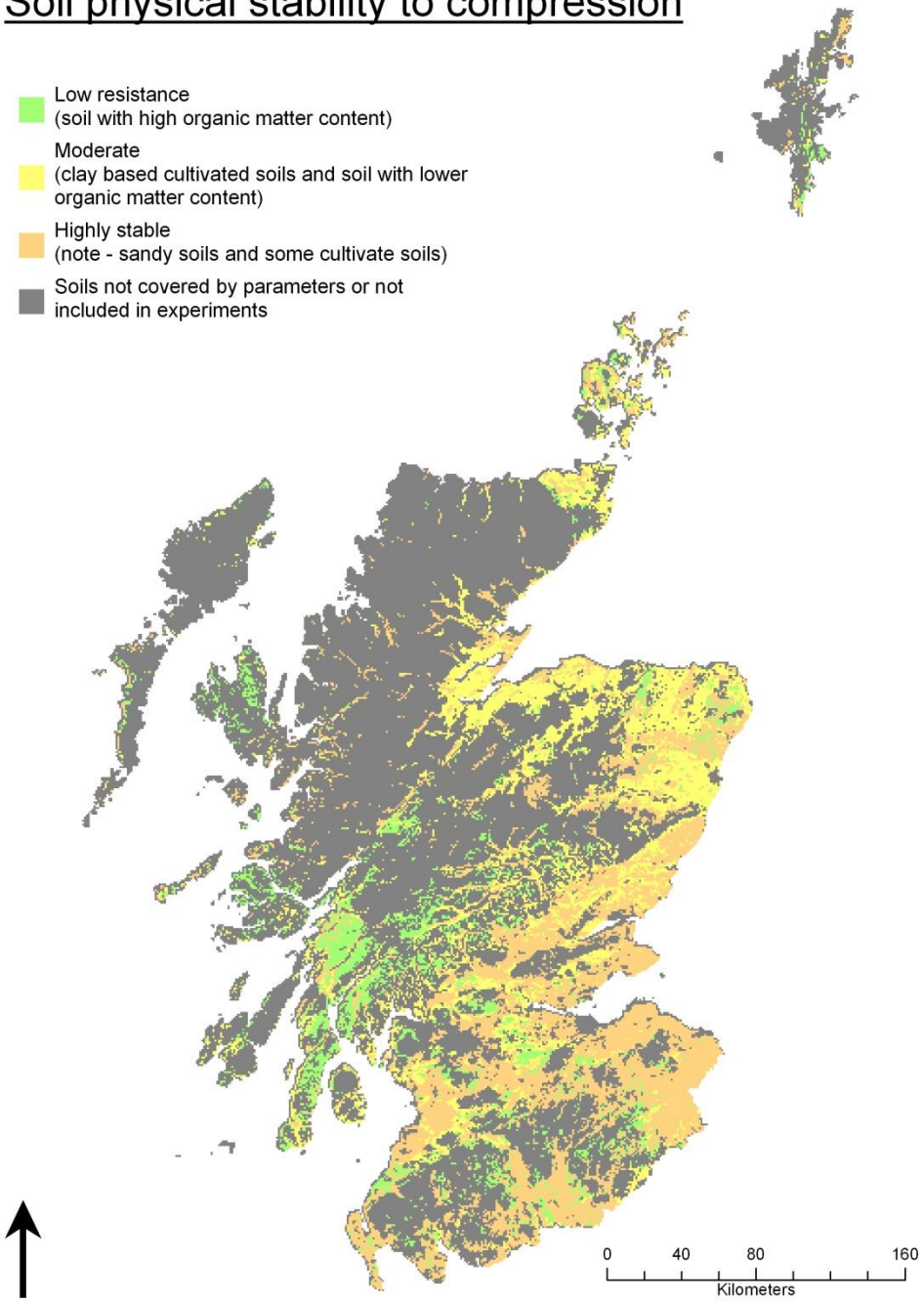
Soil physical stability to compression



Decision trees

Single or multiple decision trees

Classification, regression, model trees

Propositional and relational data

Temporal and spatial data

SUITABLE for **predictions**,
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What data mining cannot do for you?

- The law of information conservation (garbage-in-garbage-out)
- The knowledge we are seeking to discover has to come from the combination of data and background knowledge
- If we have very little data of very low quality and no background knowledge no form of data analysis will help

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Side-effects?

- Discovering problems with the data during analysis
  - missing values
  - erroneous values
  - inappropriately measured variables

- Identifying new opportunities
  - new problems to be addressed
  - recommendations on what data to collect and how