Landsepi: List of assumptions and parameters

Stochastic, spatially-explicit, demo-genetic model simulating the spread and evolution of a plant pathogen in a heterogeneous landscape to assess resistance deployment strategies.

Assumptions:

In orange assumptions that can be relaxed with appropriate parameterization.

- 1. The spatial unit is a polygon, i.e. a piece of land delimited by boundaries and possibly cultivated with a crop. Such crop may be host or non-host, and the polygon is considered a homogeneous mixture of host individuals (i.e. there is no intra-polygon structuration). A field may be composed of a single or several polygons.
- 2. Host individuals are in one of these four categories: H (healthy), E (exposed and latent, i.e. infected but not infectious nor symptomatic), I (infectious and symptomatic), or R (removed, i.e. epidemiologically inactive).
- 3. A host 'individual' is an infection unit and may correspond to a given amount of plant tissue (where a local infection may develop, e.g. fungal lesion) or a whole plant (e.g. systemic viral infection). In the first case, plant growth increases the amount of available plant tissue (hence the number of individuals) during the cropping season. Plant growth is deterministic (logistic growth) and only healthy individuals (state H) contribute to plant growth (castrating pathogen).
- 4. The decreasing availability of healthy host tissues (as epidemics spread) makes pathogen infection less likely (i.e. density-dependence due to plant architecture).
- 5. Host are cultivated (i.e. sown/planted and harvested), thus there is no host reproduction, dispersal and natural death.
- 6. Environmental and climate conditions are constant, and host individuals of a given genotype are equally susceptible to disease from the first to the last day of every cropping season.
- 7. Crop yield depends on the average amount of producing host individuals during the cropping season and does not depend on the time of epidemic peak. Only healthy individuals (state H) contribute to crop yield.
- 8. Components of a mixture are independent each other (i.e. there is neither plant-plant interaction nor competition for space, and harvests are segregated).
- 9. Crops may be treated with chemicals which reduce the pathogen infection rate (contact treatment). Treatment efficiency decreases with host growth (i.e. new biomass is not protected by treatments) and time (i.e. pesticide degradation). Crops to be treated and dates of chemical applications are fixed prior to simulations (thus they are independent from the epidemic dynamics) and are the same for all polygons cultivated with the crops to be treated.
- 10. The pathogen is haploid.
- 11. Initially, the pathogen is not adapted to any source of resistance, and is only present on susceptible hosts (at state I).
- 12. Pathogen dispersal is isotropic (i.e. equally probable in every direction).
- 13. Pathogen reproduction can be purely clonal, purely sexual, or mixed (alternation of clonal and sexual reproduction).
- 14. If there is sexual reproduction (or gene recombination), it occurs only between parental infections located in the same polygon and the same host genotype. At that scale, the pathogen population is panmictic (i.e. all pairs of parents have the same probability to occur). The propagule production rate of

- a parental pair is the sum of the propagule production rates of the parents. For a given parental pair, the genotype of each propagule is issued from random loci segregation of parental qualitative resistance genes. For each quantitative resistance gene, the value of each propagule trait is issued from a normal distribution around the average of the parental traits, following the infinitesimal model (Fisher 1919).
- 15. Each type of propagule (i.e. either clonal or sexual) has its own dispersal ability.
- 16. At the end of each cropping season, pathogens experience a bottleneck representing the off-season and then propagules are produced (either via clonal or sexual reproduction). Clonal propagules are released during the following season only, either altogether at the first day of the season, or progressively (in that case the day of release of each propagule is sampled from a uniform distribution). Sexual propagules are gradually released during several of the following seasons (between-season release). The season of release of each propagule is sampled from an exponential distribution, truncated by a maximum viability limit. Then, the day of release in a given season is sampled from a uniform distribution (within-season release).
- 17. Pathogenicity genes mutate independently from each other.
- **18.** Pathogen adaptation to a given resistance gene consists in restoring the same aggressiveness component as the one targeted by the resistance gene.
- 19. If a fitness cost penalises pathogen adaptation to a given resistance gene, this cost is paid on hosts that do not carry this gene, and consists in a reduction in the same aggressiveness component as the one targeted by the resistance gene.
- 20. When there is a delay for activation of a given resistance gene (APR), the time to activation is the same for all hosts carrying this gene and located in the same polygon.
- 21. Variances of the durations of the latent and the infectious periods of the pathogen are not affected by plant resistance.

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| | | | Rust | Mildew | | |
| SIMULATION | | | | | | |
| PARAMETERS | | | | | | |
| Nyears | Y | N* | 20 | 20 | Number of cropping seasons (e.g. years) | |
| nTSpY | Т | N* | 120 | 120 | Number of time steps per cropping season (e.g. days) | Duration of the epidemic season |
| seed | | N | 12345 | 12345 | Seed for random number generator | |
| writeTXT | | {TRUE; FALSE} | TRUE | TRUE | Whether or not outputs must be written in text files | |
| graphic | | {TRUE ; FALSE} | TRUE | TRUE | Whether or not graphics must be generated | |
| videoMP4 | | {TRUE ; FALSE} | FALSE | FALSE | Whether or not a video must be generated | Works only if graphic=TRUE and epid_outputs="audpc" (or epid_outputs="all"). Requires ffmpeg library. Up to 9 different croptypes can be properly represented. |
| keepRawResults | | {TRUE; FALSE} | FALSE | FALSE | Whether or not raw outputs (binary files) must be kept | Keeps 6 binary files (H, Hjuv, L, I, R, P) per simulated year |
| PATHOGEN PARAMETERS | | | | | Basic pathogen aggressiveness components on a susceptible host for a pathogen genotype not adapted to resistance | Parameters of random draws, thus every infection has its own values (stochastic variability) |
| infection_rate | e max | [0;1] | 0.40 | 0.90 | Maximal expected infection rate of a propagule on a healthy individual | Given that the propagule landed on the host individual |
| propagule_prod_rate | r _{max} | R ⁺ | 3.125 | 2.0 | Maximal expected effective propagule production rate per time step and per infectious individual | Number of viable propagules that disperse and land on another host individual |
| latent_period_mean | γmin | R+ | 10 | 7 | Minimal expected latent period duration | Parameter of the gamma distribution of the latent period (in time steps) |
| latent_period_var | γvar | R + | 9 | 8 | Variance of the latent period duration | Parameter of the gamma distribution of the latent period (in time steps) |
| infectious_period_me an | γ_{max} | ℝ+ | 24 | 14 | Maximal expected infectious period duration | Parameter of the gamma distribution of the infectious period (in time steps) |
| infectious_period_var | $\gamma_{ m var}$ | ℝ+ | 105 | 22 | Variance of the infectious period duration | Parameter of the gamma distribution of the infectious period (in time steps) |
| survival_prob | λ | [0;1] | 10 ⁻⁴ | 10 ⁻⁴ | Off-season survival probability of a propagule | Determine the size of the bottleneck at the end of the cropping season |
| repro_sex_prob | | [0;1] | 0 | 0 | Probability for an infectious individual to reproduce via sex (same value for every time step) | =0 for purely clonal reproduction =1 for purely sexual reproduction |
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Remarks

Notation

Possible values

Parameter

Default value

Meaning

| | | | | | | between 0 and 1 for both reproduction modes at the same time |
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| repro_sex_probs | | [0;1]nTSpY+1 | | | Vector of probabilities for an infectious individual to reproduce via sex for each time step | Vector size is (nTSpY+1) Useful to simulate alternation between clonal and sexual reproduction |
| sex_propagule_releas e_mean | | R** | 1 | 1 | Average number of cropping seasons (e.g. years) after which a sexual propagule is released | Parameter of the exponential distribution of the season of release. |
| sex_propagule_viabilit y_limit | | N* | 1 | 5 | Maximum number of cropping seasons (e.g. years) up to which a sexual propagule is viable | All sexual propagules are released before the viability limit (i.e. no simulated mortality). |
| sigmoid_kappa | к | R+ | 5.33 | 5.33 | Kappa parameter of the sigmoid contamination function | κ =0 and σ =1 for linear relationship |
| sigmoid_sigma | σ | R ⁺ | 3 | 3 | Sigma parameter of the sigmoid contamination function | σ=0 to relax density-dependence assumption |
| sigmoid_plateau | | [0;1] | 1 | 1 | Plateau parameter of the sigmoid contamination function | |
| clonal_propagule_gra dual_release | | {TRUE; FALSE} | FALSE | TRUE | Whether or not clonal propagules surviving the bottleneck are gradually released along the following cropping season. | if FALSE, propagules are released at the first time step of the following season. if TRUE, the day of release is sampled from a uniform distribution, with parameters [0, nTSpY]. |
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| CROPTYPE PARAMETERS | | | | | Characteristics of the landscape and of each cultivated croptype | |
| | | | | | | Buit-in simulated landscapes are available. Areas must be expressed in square meters. |
| PARAMETERS | | ℝ+ | | | cultivated croptype Landscape in shapefile format, containing spatial | · · |
| GPKGLandscape | | R⁺ {"exp"; "periodic"; "random"} | | | cultivated croptype Landscape in shapefile format, containing spatial coordinates of every polygon | Areas must be expressed in square meters. Units relative to the maximal distance between two polygons of the landscape: between 0 and 0.1 for fragmented landscape, 0.1 and 0.5 for balanced landscape, 0.5 and 3 for aggregated landscape, and |
| GPKGLandscape aggreg | | {"exp"; "periodic"; | | | Cultivated croptype Landscape in shapefile format, containing spatial coordinates of every polygon Level of spatial aggregation of the landscape Algorithm used to control spatial aggregation in | Areas must be expressed in square meters. Units relative to the maximal distance between two polygons of the landscape: between 0 and 0.1 for fragmented landscape, 0.1 and 0.5 for balanced landscape, 0.5 and 3 for aggregated landscape, and above 3 for bloc planting Parameter "aggreg" is ignored for random allocation. Algorithm |
| PARAMETERS GPKGLandscape aggreg algo | | {"exp"; "periodic"; | | | Level of spatial aggregation of the landscape Algorithm used to control spatial aggregation in croptype allocation | Areas must be expressed in square meters. Units relative to the maximal distance between two polygons of the landscape: between 0 and 0.1 for fragmented landscape, 0.1 and 0.5 for balanced landscape, 0.5 and 3 for aggregated landscape, and above 3 for bloc planting Parameter "aggreg" is ignored for random allocation. Algorithm "exp" is preferable for big landscapes. A minimum of 1 polygon is allocated to each croptype |
| PARAMETERS GPKGLandscape aggreg algo croptypeName | | {"exp"; "periodic"; "random"} | | | Landscape in shapefile format, containing spatial coordinates of every polygon Level of spatial aggregation of the landscape Algorithm used to control spatial aggregation in croptype allocation Name of the croptype Proportion of the landscape surface cultivated with | Areas must be expressed in square meters. Units relative to the maximal distance between two polygons of the landscape: between 0 and 0.1 for fragmented landscape, 0.1 and 0.5 for balanced landscape, 0.5 and 3 for aggregated landscape, and above 3 for bloc planting Parameter "aggreg" is ignored for random allocation. Algorithm "exp" is preferable for big landscapes. |

| rotation_sequence | | N | | | Indices of cultivated croptypes for each period of the rotation sequence | There is no rotation if the list contains only one element |
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| rotation_realloc | | {TRUE ; FALSE} | FALSE | FALSE | Whether or not a new random allocation of croptypes is performed when the landscape is rotated. | rotation_realloc=FALSE for static allocation ; rotation_realloc=TRUE for dynamic allocation |
| DISPERSAL PARAMETERS | | | | | Probability of dispersal from any polygon to any other polygon of the landscape (total number of polygons in the landscape is N _{poly}) | |
| disp_patho_clonal | μ | [0;1] ^{Npoly X Npoly} | | | Pathogen dispersal matrix for propagules produced by clonal reproduction. | To compute from dispersal kernel via RCALI package Dispersal matrices for rust pathogens are available for each built-in landscape. Identity matrix = no dispersal |
| disp_patho_sex | | [0;1]Npoly X Npoly | | | Pathogen dispersal matrix for propagules produced by sexual reproduction | To compute from dispersal kernel via RCALI package Identity matrix = no dispersal |
| CULTIVAR PARAMETERS | | | | | Characteristics of each host genotype as if cultivated in pure crop | |
| cultivarName | | | | | Name of the cultivar | Avoid using spaces in cultivar names A "cultivar index" is assigned to each cultivarName (starting from 0) |
| initial danatus | C ₀ | ID)+ | 0.4 | 1 | Host individuals density (in pure crop) per surface | $C^0=0$ if the crop is not cultivated. |
| initial_density | L° | \mathbb{R}^{+} | 0.1 | 1 | unit at the beginning of the cropping season | $C^0 \le C^{max}$ |
| max_density | Cmax | R** | 2 | 20 | unit at the beginning of the cropping season Maximum host individuals density (in pure crop) per surface unit at the end of the cropping season | $C^0 \le C^{max}$ $C^0 = C^{max}$ if individual hosts are whole plants or do not grow |
| - | | | | | Maximum host individuals density (in pure crop) per | |
| max_density | Cmax | R+* | 2 | 20 | Maximum host individuals density (in pure crop) per surface unit at the end of the cropping season | C ⁰ =C ^{max} if individual hosts are whole plants or do not grow |
| max_density growth_rate | Cmax | R ⁺ * | 0.10 | 20 | Maximum host individuals density (in pure crop) per surface unit at the end of the cropping season Host growth rate Theoretical yield in pure crop (in weight or volume unit / ha / cropping season) associated with the | C^0 = C^{max} if individual hosts are whole plants or do not grow δ =0 if individual hosts are whole plants or do not grow |
| max_density growth_rate yield_H | Cmax | R** [0;1] R* | 2 0.10 2.5 | 20 | Maximum host individuals density (in pure crop) per surface unit at the end of the cropping season Host growth rate Theoretical yield in pure crop (in weight or volume unit / ha / cropping season) associated with the sanitary status 'H' Theoretical yield in pure crop (in weight or volume unit / ha / cropping season) associated with the sanitary status 'L' Theoretical yield in pure crop (in weight or volume unit / ha / cropping season) associated with the sanitary status 'I' | $C^0=C^{\max}$ if individual hosts are whole plants or do not grow $\delta=0$ if individual hosts are whole plants or do not grow yield_H=0 if the crop is not a cash crop |
| max_density growth_rate yield_H yield_L | Cmax | R** [0;1] R* | 2 0.10 2.5 | 20 | Maximum host individuals density (in pure crop) per surface unit at the end of the cropping season Host growth rate Theoretical yield in pure crop (in weight or volume unit / ha / cropping season) associated with the sanitary status 'H' Theoretical yield in pure crop (in weight or volume unit / ha / cropping season) associated with the sanitary status 'L' Theoretical yield in pure crop (in weight or volume unit / ha / cropping season) associated with the | $C^0=C^{\max}$ if individual hosts are whole plants or do not grow $\delta=0$ if individual hosts are whole plants or do not grow yield_H=0 if the crop is not a cash crop yield_L>0 for non-castrating pathogen |

| planting_cost | | \mathbb{R}^{+} | 225 | | Planting costs in pure crop (in monetary units / ha / cropping season) | |
|----------------------------|----|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| market_value | | \mathbb{R}^+ | 200 | | Market value of the product (in monetary units / weight or volume unit) | |
| GENE | | | | | Characteristics of each plant resistance gene and of | |
| PARAMETERS | | | | | each corresponding pathogen pathogenicity gene | |
| geneName | | | | | Name of the resistance gene | |
| target_trait | w | {"IR" ; "LAT" ; "IP" ; "PR"} | "IR" | "IR" | Aggressiveness component targeted by the resistance gene | IR= e_{max} ; LAT= γ_{min} ; IP= γ_{max} ; PR= r_{max} |
| efficiency | ρ | [0;1] | 1.00 | 1.00 | Efficiency of the resistance gene (percentage of reduction of the targeted aggressiveness component: IR, 1/LAT, IP or PR) | $\rho{=}1$ for complete resistance, $\rho{<}1$ for partial resistance, $\rho{=}0$ for no resistance |
| time_to_activ_mean | | \mathbb{R}^+ | 0 | 0 | Expected delay to resistance activation (for APRs) | time_to_activ_exp>0 for APRs |
| time_to_activ_var | | \mathbb{R}^+ | 0 | 0 | Variance of the delay to resistance activation (for APRs) | time_to_activ_var=0 for deterministic activation at time_to_activ_exp |
| mutation_prob | τ | [0;1] | 10 ⁻⁷ | 10 ⁻⁷ | Probability for a pathogenicity gene to mutate | τ =0 for no evolution |
| Nlevels_aggressivenes s | Q | N* | 2 | 2 | Number of adaptation levels related to each resistance gene (i.e. 1 + number of required mutations for a pathogenicity gene to fully adapt to the corresponding resistance gene) | Q=1 for no adaptation; Q=2 for adaptation via a single mutation; Q>2 for gradual adaptation to resistance. Careful, value of Q severely impacts computational time. |
| fitness_cost | θ | [0;1] | 0.50 | 0.50 | maximal fitness penalty paid by a pathogen genotype fully adapted to the resistance gene on hosts that do not carry this gene | $\theta{=}0$ for no fitness cost ; $\theta{=}1$ for matching allele model |
| tradeoff_strength | β | R** | 1.0 | 1.0 | Strength of the trade-off relationship between the level of aggressiveness hosts that do and do not carry the resistance gene | $\beta{=}1$ for linear trade-off ; $\beta{>}1$ for strong trade-off (cost higher than gain) ; $\beta{<}1$ for weak trade-off |
| recombination_sd | | R+* | 0.27 | 0.27 | Standard deviation of the normal distribution used for recombination of quantitative traits during sexual reproduction (infinitesimal model) | Standard deviation is the product of recombination_sd and the value of traits on susceptible hosts. |
| INOCULUM PARAMETER | | | | | Initial conditions | |
| pl0 | ф | [0;1] | 5.10 ⁻⁴ | 5.10 ⁻⁴ | Initial probability for the first host (usually parameterised as a susceptible cultivar) to be infectious (state I) at the beginning of the simulation | $\varphi{=}0$ for absence of disease Note: if φ is too high the epidemic collapses before the end of the first season due to lack of healthy hosts to infect |
| TREATMENT PARAMETE | RS | | | | | |

| treatment_cultivars | Nt_cultivar | | | Vector of cultivar indices that receive treatments | All polygons cultivated with the selected cultivars are treated at the same time. Vector size is t_cultivar, i.e. the number of cultivars receiving treatments |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|--|---|
| treatment_timesteps | $N^{t_timesteps}$ | | | Vector of time-steps corresponding to treatment application dates | Application dates are fixed prior to simulation (and thus independently from the epidemic dynamics). Vector size is t_timestep, i.e. the number of treatments within a cropping season (year) |
| treatment_efficiency | [0;1] | 0 | 0 | Maximal efficiency of chemical treatments (i.e. fractional reduction of pathogen infection rate at the application date) | |
| treatment_reduction_ rate | \mathbb{R}^{+} | 0.10 | 0.10 | Reduction per time step of treatment concentration | 0.10 for protectant fungicides, 0.07 for locally systemic fungicides, 0.06 to 0.05 for systemic fungicides, and 0 for no pesticide degradation. |
| treatment_cost | \mathbb{R}^{+} | 0 | 0 | Cost of a single treatment application (monetary units/ha) | multiplied by the number of applications and equivalent surface (i.e. weighted by the relative proportion of the cultivar in mixtures) to obtain the total cost of treatment for a given cultivar. |
| OUTPUT PARAMETERS | | | | | |
| epid_outputs | | "all" | "all" | Epidemiological and economic outputs to generate: "audpc": Area Under Disease Progress Curve "audpc_rel": relative Area Under Disease Progress Curve "gla": Green Leaf Area "gla_rel": relative Green Leaf Area "eco_cost": operational crop costs "eco_yield": total crop yield "eco_product": total crop products "eco_margin": margin (products – operational costs) "contrib": contribution of pathogen genotypes to LIR dynamics "HLIR_dynamics", "H_dynamics", "IR_dynamics", etc.: epidemic dynamics related to the specified sanitary status "all": compute all these outputs "": none of these outputs will be generated. | AUDPC: average number of diseased hosts (status I + R) per time step and per square meter. AUDPC_{rel}: average proportion of diseased hosts (status I + R) relative to the total number of existing hosts (H+L+I+R). GLA: average number of healthy hosts (status H) per time step and per square meter. GLA_{rel}: average proportion of healthy hosts (status H) relative to the total number of existing hosts (H+L+I+R). Economic outputs in monetary units per hectare. Margin = market_value * (yield - loss) - operationalCost Contribution = for every year and every host, fraction of cumulative LIR infections attributed to each pathogen genotype. HLIR_dynamics: graphic only |

| evol_outputs | | "all" | "all" | Evolutionary outputs to generate: "evol_patho": dynamics of pathogen genotype frequencies "evol_patho_bi": pathogen genotype frequencies after the off-season (after bottleneck) "evol_aggr": evolution of pathogen aggressiveness "durability": durability of resistance genes "all": compute all these outputs "": none of these outputs will be generated. | For durability, several computations are performed for each pathogen genotype: - time to first appearance (as propagules); - time to first true infection of a resistant host; - time when the number of infections of resistant hosts reaches thres_breakdown. |
|-----------------|-----|--------|--------|---|---|
| audpc100S | R** | 0.76 | 8.48 | AUDPC in a fully susceptible landscape | (used as reference value for graphics and video) |
| thres_breakdown | N* | 50,000 | 50,000 | Threshold (i.e. number of infections) above which a pathogen genotype is unlikely to go extinct and resistance is considered broken down | Used to characterise the time to invasion of resistant hosts (several values are computed if several thresholds are given in a vector) |