

¹ Context-dependent consequences of lagged effects in
² demographic models

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Abstract

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Introduction

20 Current environmental conditions can have large and immediate effects on the growth,
21 survival, or reproduction of long-lived organisms. There is also mounting evidence, however,
22 for intervals that range from months to years between environmental conditions and the
23 resulting changes in demographic vital rates. These *Lagged Effects*, also known as *Delayed*
24 *Life-history Events* (i.e., DLHEs) (Beckerman et al. 2002), can simultaneously affect an
25 entire cohort (e.g., juveniles hatching during a period of scarcity will all have delayed
26 maturation and lower lifetime fecundity) or only a subset of the population (e.g., cold
27 temperatures in one year lead to reduced flowering by potentially reproductive individuals
28 in the next). In addition, the temporal delay between an environmental event and changes
29 in demographic vital rates depends on both the intensity of the event and its timing
30 relative to the underlying physiological processes (Criley and Lekawatana 1994; Evers et al.
31 2021). A drought during the early stages of gestation or floral bud formation, for example,
32 might have a much larger impact on the number of fruits or offspring produced than one at
33 a later stage of the reproductive process. The delay or intensity of lagged effects can also
34 be location- or habitat-specific, with individuals in some sites or habitats buffered against –
35 or able to recover more quickly from - the delayed effects of environmental variation.

36 Because Lagged Effects are often directly linked to reproduction and survival, it has
37 been argued they could have major but underappreciated consequences for population
38 dynamics (Beckerman et al. 2002). While recent studies suggest this could indeed the case
39 (Williams et al. 2015; e.g., Molowny-Horas et al. 2017; Tenhumberg et al. 2018), broader
40 efforts to test this hypothesis have face a number of obstacles (Metcalf et al. 2015).
41 Empirical tests of putative lagged effects because these are challenging to design,
42 implement, and maintain (Kuss et al. 2008). While one could use conceivably use
43 observational data to detect lagged effects, doing so requires long-term data on both the
44 putative lagged effect (e.g., reduced probability of flowering) and its potential

45 environmental drivers (e.g., drought during early floral development), and such coupled
46 data sets are rare (*sensu* Evers et al. 2021). In addition, the methods for both identifying
47 lagged effects and modeling their demographic impacts can be challenging to implement.
48 For example, many of the potentially applicable statistical methods have stringent
49 assumptions and data requirements rarely met by ecological data (Metcalf et al. 2015),
50 while the including complex biological processes in demographic models can render them
51 less tractable or amenable to analysis using currently available tools. Addressing these
52 challenges is a major undertaking; the value of doing so will depend on the effort required
53 vs. the potential consequences of failing to consider lagged effects - consequences that range
54 from overestimating projections of population growth rate (i.e., λ) in a conservation setting
55 to drawing invalid conclusions regarding support for the predictions of ecological or
56 evolutionary theory.

57 Integral Projection Models (i.e., IPMs) are an important and widely used tool for
58 studying demography and population dynamics (Ellner and Rees 2006; Rees and Ellner
59 2009; Rees et al. 2014). Their flexibility, in concert with a rapidly growing suite of
60 software, data, and other resources (Salguero-Gómez et al. 2015; Ellner et al. 2016; Levin
61 et al. 2021), have facilitated their use to study a wide range of topics in ecology, evolution,
62 and conservation Crone et al. (2011). Mathematical and statistical advances (e.g.,
63 Williams et al. 2012; Brooks et al. 2019) have rapidly expand the scope of questions and
64 biological processes that can be investigated with these models (e.g., Metcalf et al. 2015;
65 Ellner et al. 2016; Rees and Ellner 2016). Here we investigate how including lagged effects
66 in Integral Projection Models influences projections of λ and population structure.

67 We have previously shown that the effects of precipitation extremes on the
68 demographic vital rates of an Amazonian understory herb (*Heliconia acuminata*,
69 Heliconiaceae) can be delayed up to 36 months (Scott et al. 2022), with the presence and
70 duration of these lagged effects varying by vital rate and habitat. We parameterized three
71 classes of Integral Projection Models - a deterministic IPM, a stochastic IPM, and a

72 stochastic IPM with lagged effects of precipitation on vital rates - for populations in two
73 habitat type (i.e., continuous forest vs. forest fragments). Based on previous studies
74 (Bruna and Kress 2002; Bruna 2003; Bruna and Oli 2005) and demographic theory
75 (Tuljapurkar 1990; Caswell 2001) we predicted that: (i) projections of λ from deterministic
76 models would be higher than those of stochastic models, and that (ii) λ is lower for Forest
77 Fragment than Continuous Forest populations regardless of model, but the difference
78 between the two habitats is greatest for the IPM with lagged effects.

79 **Methods**

80 ***Study System and Demographic Data***

81 *Heliconia acuminata* (Heliconiaceae) is a perennial, self-incompatible monocot that is
82 distributed throughout much of the Amazon basin (Kress 1990). While some *Heliconia*
83 species grow in large aggregations on roadsides, gaps, and in other disturbed habitats,
84 others - including *H. acuminata* - grow primarily in the forest understory (Kress 1983;
85 Ribeiro et al. 2010). Understory *Heliconia* species produce fewer flowers and are pollinated
86 by traplining hummingbirds (Stouffer and Bierregaard 1996; Bruna et al. 2004). The
87 models and analyses here are based on 11 years (1998-2009) of demographic data collected
88 on >8500 *H. acuminata* found at Brazil's Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project
89 (BDFFP), located ~70 km north of Manaus, Brazil. The BDFFP reserves include both
90 continuous forest and forest fragments that range in size from 1-100 ha. These fragment
91 reserves were originally isolated in the early 1980's by the creation of cattle pastures, with
92 the secondary growth surrounding them periodically cleared to ensure their continued
93 isolation. The habitat in all sites is non-flooded lowland rain forest with rugged
94 topography. A complete summary of the BDFFP and its history can be found in
95 Bierregaard et al. (2001).

96 A complete description of our demographic methods, data, and analyses to date can be

97 found in Bruna et al. (2023). Briefly, in 1997–1998 a series of 5000 m² plots were
98 established in the BDFFP reserves: N=6 in Continuous Forest and N=4 in 1-ha Forest
99 Fragments (i.e., CF and FF, respectively). All of the *Heliconia acuminata* in these plots
100 were marked and measured; the plots were censused annually, at which time a team
101 recorded the size of surviving individuals, marked and measured new seedlings, and
102 identified any previously marked plants that died. Each plot was also surveyed 4-5 times
103 during the flowering season to identify reproductive plants. These surveys were
104 complemented by data on the number of fruits per flowering plant (Bruna 2021) and seeds
105 per fruit (Bruna 2014) that were collected outside of the demographic plots to avoid
106 altering within-plot recruitment. We also conducted experiments to quantify the
107 probability of seed germination and seedling establishment in both forest fragments and
108 continuous forest (Bruna 1999, 2002).

109 *Heliconia acuminata* in our site begin flowering early in the rainy season (e.g., January)
110 and most reproductive plants produce a single inflorescence (range = 1–7) with 20–25
111 flowers (Bruna and Kress 2002). Fruits mature April-May and have 1–3 seeds per fruit
112 ($\bar{x} = 2$) that are dispersed by a thrush and several species of manakin (Uriarte et al. 2011).
113 Dispersed seeds germinate approximately 6 months after dispersal at the onset of the
114 subsequent rainy season, with rates of germination and seedling establishment higher in
115 continuous forest than forest fragments (Bruna 1999, 2002). On average plots in CF also
116 had more than twice as many plants as the plots in 1-ha fragments (CF median = 788,
117 range = (201-1549); 1-ha median = 339, range = (297-400)).

118 ***Construction of Integral Projection Models***

119 We projected the growth rate and structure of *Heliconia acuminata* with three classes of
120 IPMs - Deterministic, Stochastic, and Stochastic with Lagged Environmental Effects. Each
121 of these IPMs required different functional forms of the underlying vital rate functions used
122 to describe the *H. acuminata* life cycle (Figure 1). All models were density-independent,

123 with the deterministic model serving as the foundation for the more complex models. Our
 124 modeling workflows were managed using the `targets` R package (Landau 2021); in
 125 addition to ensuring reproducibility this allowed us to track computational time spent
 126 processing and analyzing each class of IPM.

127 **(1) Deterministic IPM:** In this model the size and structure of a population in year
 128 $t + 1$ is determined by the survival and growth of plants alive in year t (Equation 1) plus
 129 the number of new seedlings that entered the population (Equation 2).

$$n(z', t + 1) = R(z')n_s(t) + \int_L^U P(z', z)n(z, t) dz \quad (1)$$

$$n_s(t + 1) = \int_L^U F(z)n(z, t) dz \quad (2)$$

130 Equation 1 has two components. The first is the sub-kernel $P(z', z)$, which describes
 131 the size-dependent survival and growth/regression of mature plants (Equation 3):

$$P(z', z) = s(z)G(z', z) \quad (3)$$

132 The second is sub-kernel $R(z')$, which describes the survival of seedlings established in
 133 year t and their size when entering the mature plant population in year $t + 1$ (Equation 4):

$$R(z') = s_s G_s(z') \quad (4)$$

134 Note that in Equation 4 both the probability that new seedlings survive their first year,
 135 s_s , and their size at the end of this year, $G(z', z)$, are size-independent. IPMs can include
 136 transitions between individuals from a discrete state to a continuous one (i.e., from
 137 ‘seedling’ to ‘mature plant of size z' ,’ Ellner et al. 2016); we treat seedlings as a distinct
 138 and discrete category because they have lower survival and growth in their first year than
 139 comparably sized plants (Bruna 2003; Scott et al. 2022).

140 The number of new seedlings entering the population in year $t + 1$ is a function of the
141 number of mature plants in year t and a sub-kernel describing the size-dependent fecundity
142 of these individuals (Equation 5):

$$F(z) = p_f(z)f(z)g \quad (5)$$

143 Both the probability that a mature plant will flower, $p_f(z)$, and the number of seeds a
144 flowering plant will produce, $f(z)$, are size-dependent. All seeds germinate and establish as
145 seedlings with probability g .

146 We used the annual census data (Bruna 2003) to fit the deterministic vital rate
147 functions for growth, survival, and flowering in each habitat type (i.e., Fragments,
148 Continuous Forest; the data from all plots within a habitat class were pooled to create a
149 single ‘summary population’ for the CF and FF habitats (Bruna 2003). For established
150 plants these were modeled as a smooth function of size in the previous census with
151 generalized additive models (GAMs) fit with the `mgcv` library (Wood 2011) for the R
152 statistical programming language (R Core Team 2020). For consistency, seedling survival
153 and growth were also modeled using GAMs, but without size in the previous census as a
154 predictor (i.e. ‘intercept-only’ models). For growth models a scaled t family distribution
155 provided a better fit to the data than a Gaussian fit, as the residuals with a simple
156 Gaussian model were Leptokurtic. To model size-specific fecundity we used the data on
157 fruits per flowering plant (Bruna 2021), seeds per fruit (Bruna 2014), and the
158 experimentally-derived estimates of seed germination and seedling establishment (Bruna
159 1999, 2002).

160 **(2) Stochastic IPMs:** To include temporal stochasticity in our IPMs we included a
161 random effect of year. This was done using a factor-smooth interaction that allowed the
162 functional form of the relationship between plant size and vital rates to vary among
163 transition years (Figure 1). We generated kernels for every transition year using the

164 long-term survey data (Bruna et al. 2023) and random smooths for year. We then
165 randomly selected one of these sets of kernels to use in each iteration of the IPM. This
166 procedure is equivalent to ‘*kernel resampling*’ (*sensu* Metcalf et al. 2015) or matrix
167 selection for matrix population models (Caswell 2001).

168 **(3) Stochastic IPMs with lagged effects of precipitation on vital rates:** We
169 explicit modeled the lagged effects of precipitation extremes on vital rates using the
170 procedure described in Scott et al. (2022). Briefly, we first calculated the Standardized
171 Precipitation Evapotranspiraton Index (i.e., SPEI) for our study site using a published
172 gridded dataset based on ground measurements (Xavier et al. 2016). After we fit vital rate
173 models using the long-term survey data (Figure 1), we modeled delayed effects of SPEI
174 with Distributed Lag Non-linear Models (i.e., DLNMs) with a maximum lag of 36 months
175 (Scott et al. 2022). To iterate these parameter-resampled IPMs (*sensu* Metcalf et al. 2015)
176 we first created a random sequence of SPEI values by sampling years of the observed
177 (monthly) SPEI data. For every year we then calculated a lag of 36 months from the
178 month in which that year’s census was completed. These values were then used to predict
179 the fitted values from vital rate models, which generated different kernels for each iteration
180 of the IPM. Though the kernels of successive iterations are not entirely independent – the
181 SPEI values used to calculate vital rates include values used in the previous two iterations
182 – they are ergodic.

183 All IPMs were constructed and iterated using the `ipmr` package (Levin et al. 2021) for
184 the R statistical programming language (R Core Team 2020). The IPMs used 100
185 meshpoints and the midpoint rule for calculating kernels. For each type of IPM we iterated
186 the model for 1000 time steps, but discarded the first 100 time steps to omit transient
187 effects. Stochastic growth rates (λ_s) were calculated as the average $\ln(\lambda)$ from each time
188 step (Caswell 2001) and then back-transformed to allow for direct comparison with
189 projections of λ from deterministic models. The initial starting vector primarily influences
190 a population’s transient dynamics; we therefore used the distribution of established plant

191 sizes and proportion of seedlings in the full demographic data set as the initial population
192 vector for all models.

193 Finally, We estimated the 95% confidence intervals for each IPMs projections of λ . To
194 do so we first created 500 populations for each habitat type by sampling individual plants
195 with replacement (i.e., bootstrapping) until the population size of each matched that of the
196 initial population vector. We then re-fit the vital rate models for growth, survival, and
197 flowering for each of these bootstrapped population and constructed new IPMs for each
198 population as above (the models for germination and establishment rate, fruits per
199 flowering plant, and seeds per fruit were not refit because these were estimated using
200 different data sets). The projections of λ for the new populations were then used to
201 estimate the upper and lower 95% bias-corrected percentile intervals (Caswell 2001; Manly
202 2018).

203 ***Statistical analyses***

204 **Comparison of λ in Continuous Forest and Forest Fragments.** To determine
205 if the deterministic projections of λ for Continuous Forest and Forest Fragment populations
206 were significantly different we used the randomization test procedure described by Caswell
207 (2001). Briefly, we randomly assigned plants with their demographic history among two
208 populations, R_1 and R_2 , that were equal in size to the original CF and FF populations. We
209 then calculated λ^{R_1} , λ^{R_2} , and the absolute value of the difference between the two (i.e., θ).
210 This was repeated $N = 1000$ times, after which we determined the proportion of
211 simulations in which θ was greater than the observed difference between λ^{CF} and λ^{FF} (i.e.,
212 $P[\theta \geq \theta_{obs}]$).

213 We used a Generalized Linear Model to compare the projections of λ from the two
214 stochastic IPMs. We modelled the lambda as a function of IPM type (kernel-resampling vs
215 parameter-resampling) and Habitat (continuous forest vs. fragments), and the interaction
216 of IPM type and Habitat. Because the response variable (λ) was continuous we used the

217 Gaussian distribution with the identity function in our model. We verified the model
218 assumptions by plotting residuals versus fitted values.

219 **Population Structure.** Finally, we compared the structure of populations through
220 the first 250 time steps in each habitat by each of the stochastic IPMs (i.e., kernel-
221 vs. parameter-resampling). At each time step, we assigned the individuals to one of four
222 stage classes based on plant size, probability of survival, and probability of reproduction
223 (see Table Table 3). We then calculated the proportion of the population that was in each
224 stage class in each habitat for each IPM type. Comparing the means and variances of these
225 proportions will allow us to determine (1) if the two IPMs project different population
226 structures over time, (2) if the population structure for a given IPM is consistent across
227 habitat type. Because Shapiro-Wilk tests indicated that the distributions of proportions
228 were not normally distributed, we used the non-parametric Ansari-Bradley Test to compare
229 the distribution of proportions in each habitat x stage combination. These analyses were
230 conducted using the R libraries `rstatix` and `vartest`, respectively (Kassambara 2023;
231 Cosar and Dag 2024).

232 Results & Discussion

233 All IPMs projected higher population growth rates for *Heliconia acuminata* populations in
234 Continuous Forest than for those in Forest Fragments (Table 2, Table 6). The differences
235 between λ^{CF} and λ^{FF} , which ranged from 1.19-2%, were significant for both deterministic
236 ($P[\theta \geq \theta_{obs}] = 0$, N = 1000 randomization) and stochastic IPMs (Table 6). There were also
237 significant effects of IPM Type, Habitat, and their interaction on λ (Table 6). Deterministic
238 λ was nearly identical to the average λ from kernel-resampled IPMs (Figure 3), which is
239 somewhat surprising given that stochasticity is predicted to reduce population growth rates
240 (Tuljapurkar et al. 2003; Doak et al. 2005; Metcalf et al. 2015). However including lagged
241 effects in IPMs resulted in projections of λ that were on average 1.5-2% lower than those of

²⁴² deterministic models, with 70-76% of projections below deterministic λ (Figure 3). The
²⁴³ IPMs with lagged effects also appear to be more accurate - the underlying vital rate models
²⁴⁴ for IPMs with lagged effects all had the best fit to the survey data ($dAIC = 0$, Table 1).

²⁴⁵ Including lagged effects in IPMs also resulted in significantly less predictable
²⁴⁶ projections of population structure, both within (Figure 2 a) and across habitats (Figure 2
²⁴⁷ b, Table 4). This variability is particularly notable in forest fragments (Figure 4, Table 5),
²⁴⁸ where we have previously shown lagged effects have very large impacts on growth and
²⁴⁹ survival (Scott et al. 2022). The deterministic IPM for Continuous Forest projected
²⁵⁰ slightly more of the smallest and largest plants than the one for Forest Fragments. In other
²⁵¹ words, populations in forest fragments had proportionately less recruitment and fewer
²⁵² individuals growing into the larger, reproductive size classes (Bruna and Oli 2005). This
²⁵³ shift towards intermediately sized, pre-reproductive plants in forest fragments is even more
²⁵⁴ dramatic when using the parameter-resampled stochastic IPM (Figure 2 b).

²⁵⁵ What are the implications of these results for the use of IPMs to study plant
²⁵⁶ demography? First, they suggest that failing to include lagged effects in models could
²⁵⁷ result in underestimates of λ . While relative differences in λ may be sufficient for some
²⁵⁸ tests of theory, they may be critical in conservation or management settings because even
²⁵⁹ small differences in λ can have major consequences for population dynamics. They could
²⁶⁰ also be critical for studies assessing the effects of climate change, given many DLHE are
²⁶¹ climate driven. That said, there is a cost to including lagged effects in models, even if
²⁶² they are more accurate. While Deterministic and Kernel-resampled Stochastic IPMs took
²⁶³ only ~ 0.02 and ~ 0.07 min to iterate (respectively), the Stochastic IPMs with using
²⁶⁴ parameter-resampled kernels and lagged effects took ~ 87.12 min. This is largely due to the
²⁶⁵ required computational resources and algorithms (i.e., `predict()`), which are much slower
²⁶⁶ for General Additive Models (i.e., GAMs) with 2D smooths because of the much higher
²⁶⁷ number of knots than for the GAMs used in Deterministic and Kernel-resampled IPMs.
²⁶⁸ Advances in computational power and access to high-performance computing resources

269 could lower this cost.

270 Computational power cannot compensate for limited data, however. Detecting lagged
271 effects and evaluating their consequences requires long-term demographic data - data that
272 are only available for a relatively small number of species, few of which are in the tropics.
273 The increasing evidence that lagged effects are ubiquitous, and that they can have major
274 demographic impacts, underscores the need to support the collection of such long-term
275 data, the complementary development of experimental and statistical approaches to
276 disentangling lagged effects, and community driven efforts to identify priority or model
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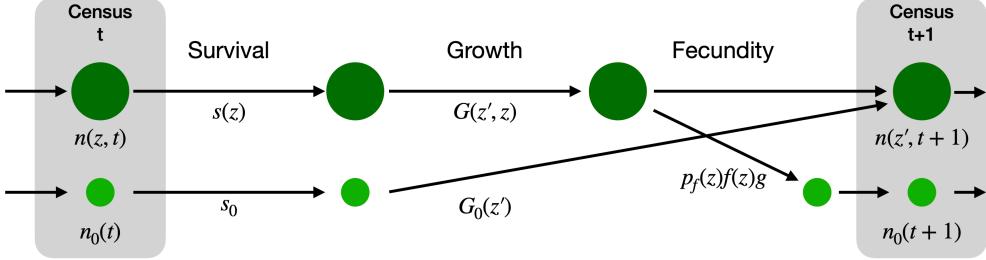
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| Description | Deterministic | Stochastic, kernel-resampled | Stochastic, parameter-resampled |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Survival | $s(z)$ | $s_y(z)$ | $s(z; \theta_{0-36})$ |
| Growth | $G(z'; z)$ | $G_y(z'; z)$ | $G(z'; z; \theta_{0-36})$ |
| Flowering | $p_f(z)$ | $p_{f_y}(z)$ | $p_f(z; \theta_{0-36})$ |
| Size-specific fecundity | $f(z)$ | $f(z)$ | $f(z)$ |
| Germination & establishment | g | g | g |
| Seedling survival | s_0 | s_{0_y} | $s_0(\theta_{0-36})$ |
| Seedling growth | $G_0(z')$ | $G_{0_y}(z')$ | $G_0(z'; \theta_{0-36})$ |

fig. 1. Life cycle diagram of *Heliconia acuminata*. Each transition is associated with an equation for a vital rate function. The functions shown on the diagram correspond to those used to construct a general, density-independent, deterministic IPM. The table below shows the equivalent equations for stochastic, kernel-resampled IPMs and stochastic, parameter-resampled IPMs.

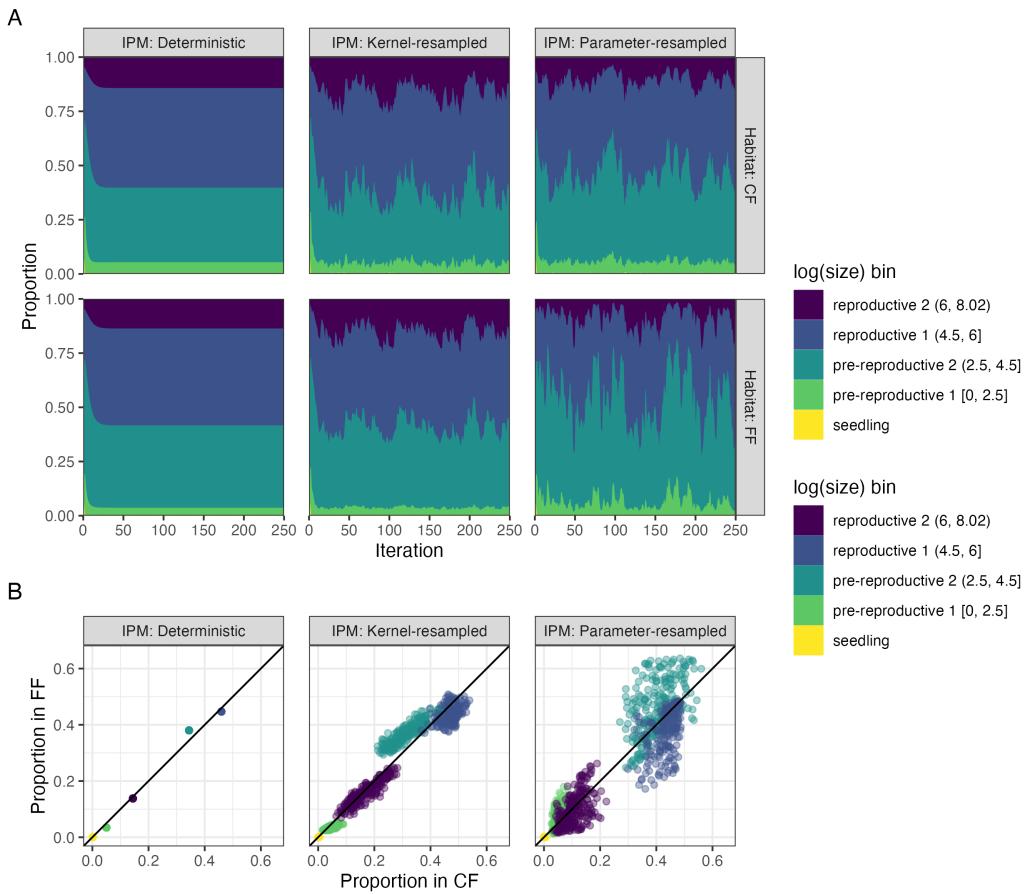


fig. 2. **(A)** The change over time in the the proportion of *Heliconia acuminata* populations in different size/stage classes when simulating population dyammics in Continuous Forest (CF) or Forest Fragment (FF) with three different Integral Projection Models. Results are shown for the first 250 iterations of populations; for the criteria used to define the size categories see Table 3. **(B)** The relative proportion of the population in each size class (FF vs. CF) for 250 iterations of each IPM model. Note that this excludes transient dynamics (iterations 1-30). Values on the 1-1 line indicate an iteration where CF and FF have the same proportion of the population in a given size class.

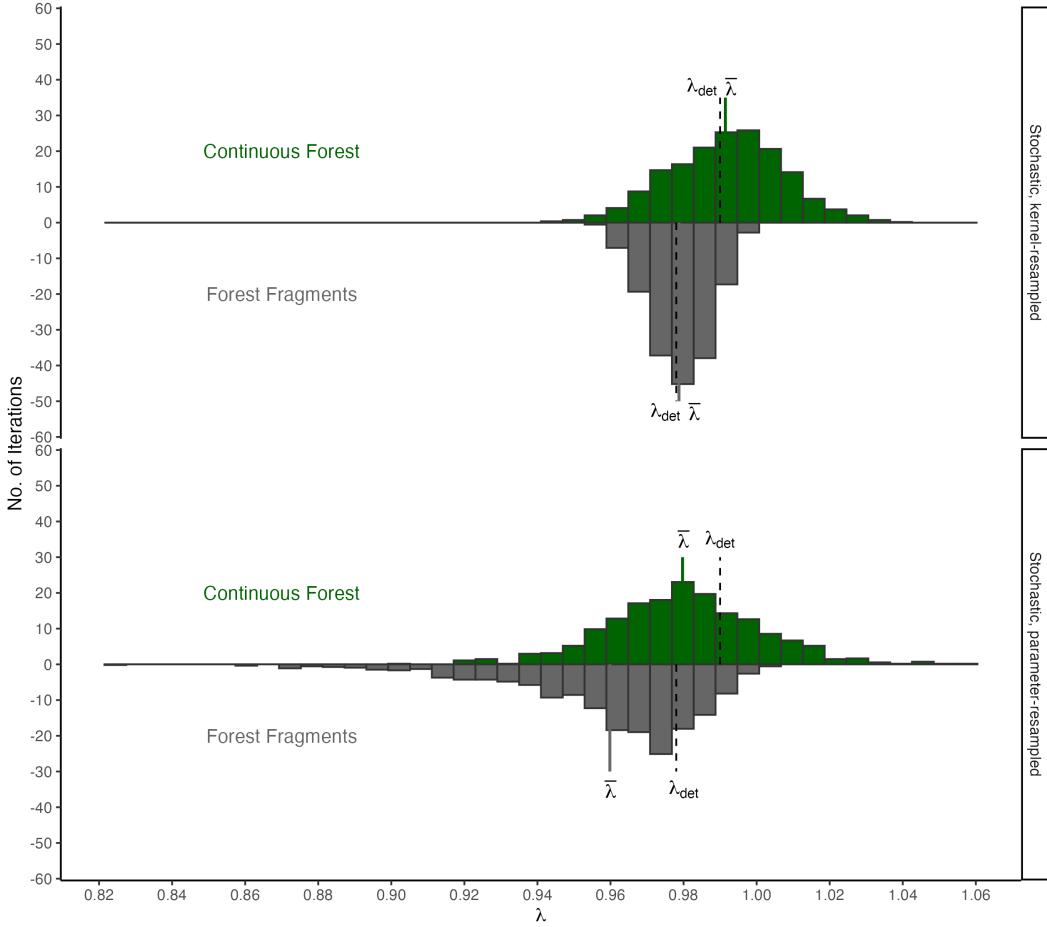


fig. 3. Distribution of 900 values of λ projected with (A) Stochastic, kernel-resampled IPMs and (B) Stochastic, parameter-resampled IPMs. IPMs were used to project λ for both Continuous Forest (above, in green) and Forest Fragments (below, in gray). The solid line indicates the mean value of λ , the dashed line indicates the value of λ in that habitat projected with Deterministic IPMs.

Table 1: Comparison of vital rate models used to build IPM. The ‘Effect of Environment’ column describes how environmental effects were included in models. Those with ‘none’ were used to build deterministic IPMs; those with a random effect of year were used to build stochastic, kernel-resampled IPMs; and those with a distributed lag non-linear model (DLNM) were used to build stochastic, parameter-resampled IPMs. ‘edf’ is the estimated degrees of freedom of the penalized GAM. ΔAIC is calculated within each habitat and vital rate combination. ΔAIC within 2 indicates models are equivalent.

| Habitat | Vital Rate | Effect of Environment | edf | ΔAIC |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Continuous Forest | | | | |
| | Survival | Random effect of year | 43.26 | 0.00 |
| | | DLNM | 19.72 | 78.92 |
| | | None | 4.98 | 260.01 |
| | Growth | Random effect of year | 78.43 | 0.00 |
| | | DLNM | 23.87 | 158.46 |
| | | None | 7.81 | 1896.03 |
| | Flowering | DLNM | 19.59 | 0.00 |
| | | Random effect of year | 17.19 | 1.63 |
| | | None | 7.47 | 381.86 |
| | Seedling survival | None | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| | | Random effect of year | 1.82 | 1.39 |
| | | DLNM | 4.01 | 1.53 |
| | Seedling growth | Random effect of year | 9.47 | 0.00 |
| | | DLNM | 8.95 | 2.90 |
| | | None | 1.00 | 172.33 |
| Forest Fragments | | | | |
| | Survival | DLNM | 14.95 | 0.00 |
| | | Random effect of year | 19.21 | 35.68 |
| | | None | 4.33 | 51.25 |
| | Growth | DLNM | 25.18 | 0.00 |
| | | Random effect of year | 37.84 | 199.98 |
| | | None | 5.60 | 382.76 |
| | Flowering | DLNM | 20.61 | 0.00 |
| | | Random effect of year | 13.81 | 27.40 |
| | | None | 5.01 | 101.70 |
| | Seedling survival | DLNM | 5.57 | 0.00 |
| | | Random effect of year | 5.09 | 5.72 |
| | | None | 1.00 | 6.49 |
| | Seedling growth | Random effect of year | 6.25 | 0.00 |
| | | DLNM | 8.18 | 2.29 |
| | | None | 1.00 | 5.74 |

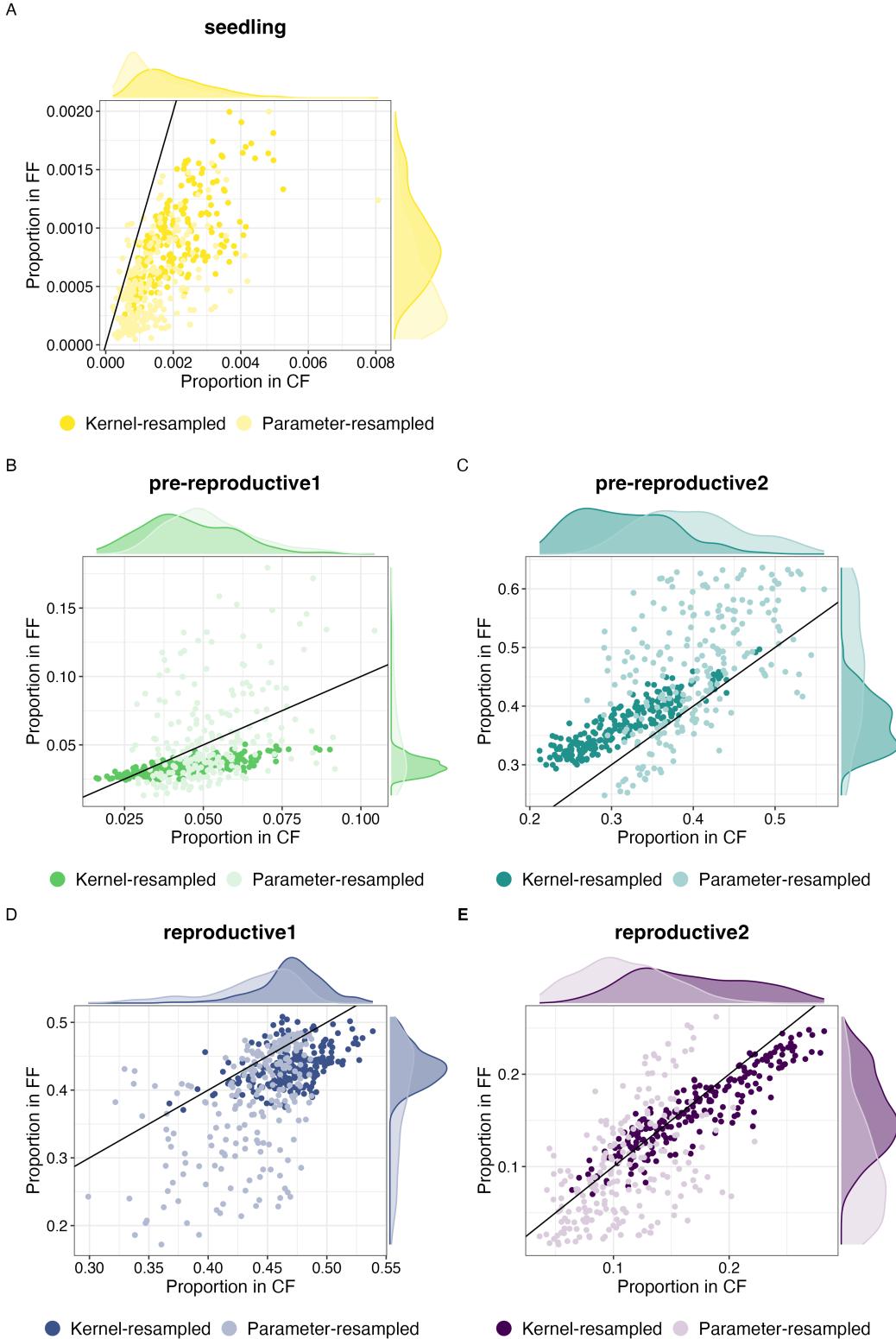


fig. 4. The relative proportion of the population in each size class (FF vs. CF) for each of 250 iterations of the kernel-resampled (dark shading) and parameter-resampled IPM models (light shading). Values on the 1-1 line indicate an iteration where CF and FF have the same proportion of the population in a given size class; the marginal plots indicate the distribution of these relative proportions for each class of IPM in each habitat. Note that both the scatterplots and marginal plots exclude transient dynamics (iterations 1-30).

Table 2: Population growth rates for continuous forest (CF) and forest fragments (FF) under different kinds of IPMs with bootstrapped, bias-corrected, 95% confidence intervals.

| IPM | Habitat | λ | (Lower, Upper 95% CI) |
|--|---------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Deterministic | | | |
| | FF | 0.9778 | (0.9736, 0.9823) |
| | CF | 0.9897 | (0.9877, 0.9920) |
| Stochastic, kernel resampled | | | |
| | FF | 0.9787 | (0.9735, 0.9835) |
| | CF | 0.9913 | (0.9892, 0.9939) |
| Stochastic, parameter-resampled | | | |
| | FF | 0.9595 | (0.9459, 0.9689) |
| | CF | 0.9795 | (0.9752, 0.9867) |

Table 3: Size and stage categories used for comparing *Heliconia acuminata* population structure. Note that seedlings are a discrete size class not based on size (see *Methods* for additional details).

| Category | Log(size) | Avg. prob. survival | Prob. flowering |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Seedlings | - | - | - |
| Pre-reproductive 1 | 0–2.5 | ≤ 0.9 | ≈ 0 |
| Pre-reproductive 2 | 2.5–4.5 | ≥ 0.8 | ≈ 0 |
| Reproductive 1 | 4.5–6 | ≥ 0.95 | ≤ 0.25 |
| Reproductive 2 | ≥ 6 | ≥ 0.95 | ≥ 0.2 |

Table 4: Results of statistical tests comparing the variance in the proportion of each habitat's population projected to be in each stage class by kernel-resampled vs. parameter resampled IPMs ($N = 220$ projections per stage class). The variances for each habitat x stage class x IPM combination can be found in Table 5. Comparisons where the p-value of the test was < 0.05 are indicated with an asterisk.

| Stage | Habitat | Statistic | df | p value |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|----|-----------|
| Seedling | | | | |
| | CF | 4.59 | 1 | 0.032* |
| | FF | 11.51 | 1 | 0.001* |
| Pre-reproductive 1 | | | | |
| | CF | 8.73 | 1 | 0.003* |
| | FF | 96.13 | 1 | < 0.0001* |
| Pre-reproductive 2 | | | | |
| | CF | 0.99 | 1 | 0.319 |
| | FF | 39.67 | 1 | < 0.0001* |
| Reproductive 1 | | | | |
| | CF | 0.57 | 1 | 0.452 |
| | FF | 61.58 | 1 | < 0.0001* |
| Reproductive 2 | | | | |
| | CF | 0.11 | 1 | 0.745 |
| | FF | 18.78 | 1 | < 0.0001* |

Table 5: Summary statistics (median, mean, and variance) describing the proportion of populations projected to be in each of five life-history stages by kernel- and parameter-resampled IPMs (N = 220 projections for each IPM class x habitat combination.)

| Stage | IPM | Median | | Mean | | Variance | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| | | CF | FF | CF | FF | CF | FF |
| Seedling | | | | | | | |
| | Kernel-resampled | 0.0018 | 0.0009 | 0.0020 | 0.0020 | 0.000001 | 0.000000 |
| | Parameter-resampled | 0.0011 | 0.0004 | 0.0014 | 0.0014 | 0.000001 | 0.000000 |
| Pre-reproductive 1 | | | | | | | |
| | Kernel-resampled | 0.0426 | 0.0340 | 0.0450 | 0.0450 | 0.000203 | 0.000034 |
| | Parameter-resampled | 0.0499 | 0.0438 | 0.0522 | 0.0522 | 0.000192 | 0.001167 |
| Pre-reproductive 2 | | | | | | | |
| | Kernel-resampled | 0.3097 | 0.3677 | 0.3147 | 0.3147 | 0.003354 | 0.001884 |
| | Parameter-resampled | 0.3975 | 0.4613 | 0.4002 | 0.4002 | 0.003934 | 0.010380 |
| Reproductive 1 | | | | | | | |
| | Kernel-resampled | 0.4725 | 0.4332 | 0.4704 | 0.4704 | 0.000736 | 0.000822 |
| | Parameter-resampled | 0.4464 | 0.4049 | 0.4371 | 0.4371 | 0.001481 | 0.006388 |
| Reproductive 2 | | | | | | | |
| | Kernel-resampled | 0.1630 | 0.1554 | 0.1679 | 0.1679 | 0.002630 | 0.001745 |
| | Parameter-resampled | 0.1062 | 0.0882 | 0.1092 | 0.1092 | 0.001427 | 0.003213 |

Table 6: Estimated parameters, standard errors, t-values and P-values for the GLM of the effect of Habitat and IPM Type on projections of lambda.

| Term | Estimate | SE | z value | P value |
|------------------------------|----------|----|---------|---------|
| (Intercept) | 0.98 | 0 | 1568.20 | 0 |
| $Habitat_{FF}$ | -0.02 | 0 | -22.52 | 0 |
| IPM_{Stoch} | 0.01 | 0 | 13.27 | 0 |
| $Habitat_{FF} : IPM_{Stoch}$ | 0.01 | 0 | 5.76 | 0 |