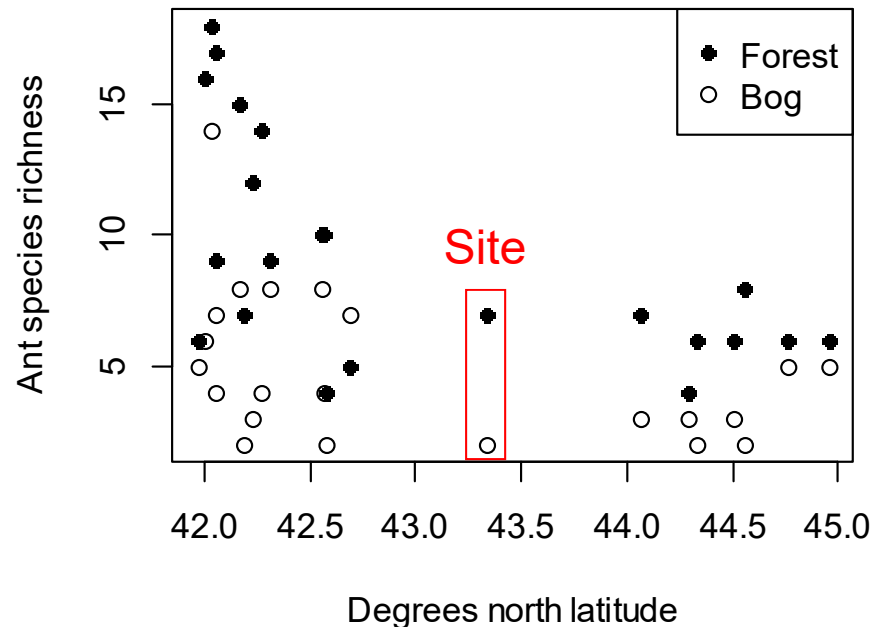


# Ants multilevel model

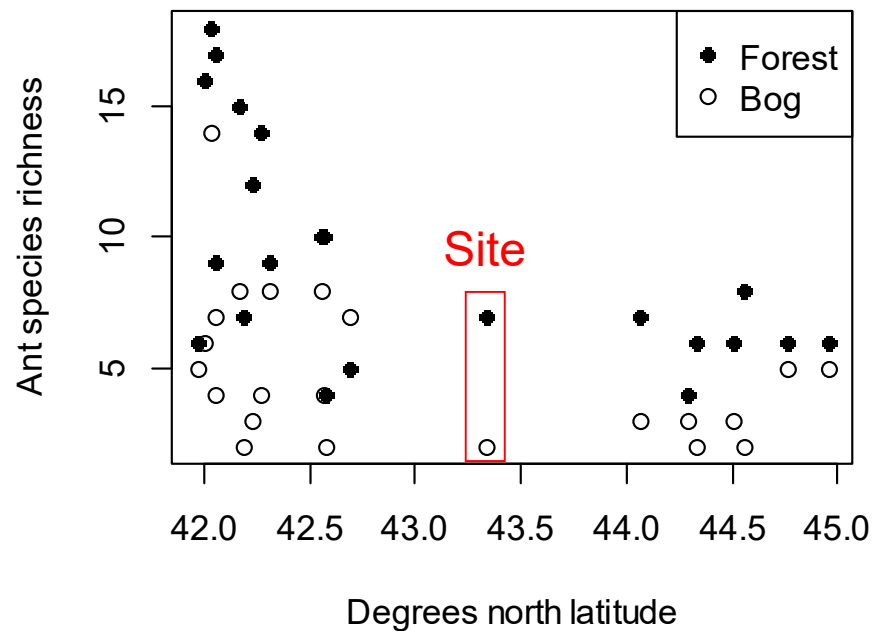
- Sketch study design (how data structured)
- Math equations (2 ways: nested, additive)
- Linear model syntax



Poisson  
Log link

# Ants multilevel model

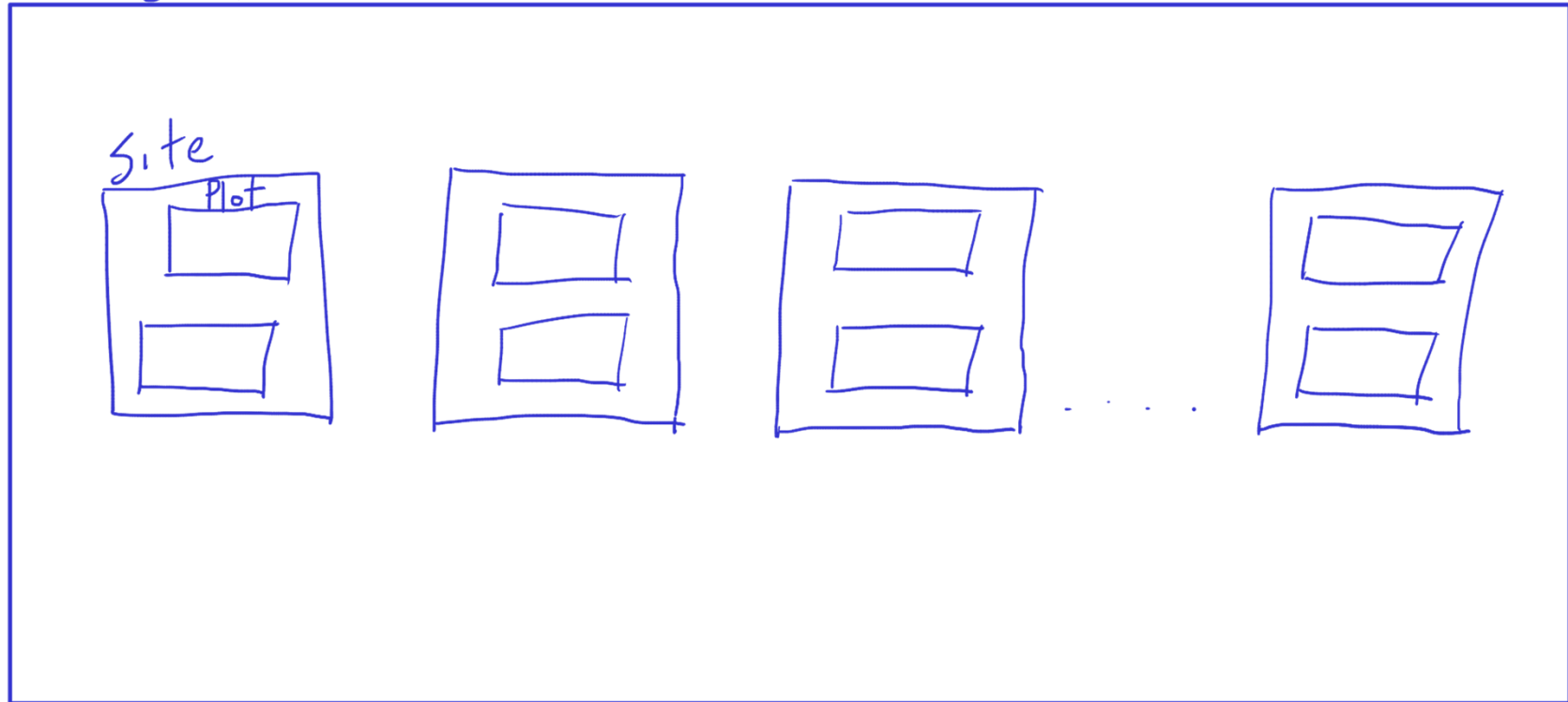
- Sketch study design (how data structured)



- 1) extent
- 2) units
- 3) groups (eg spatial scales)
- 4) predictors (different scales)

# Ants: sketch study design

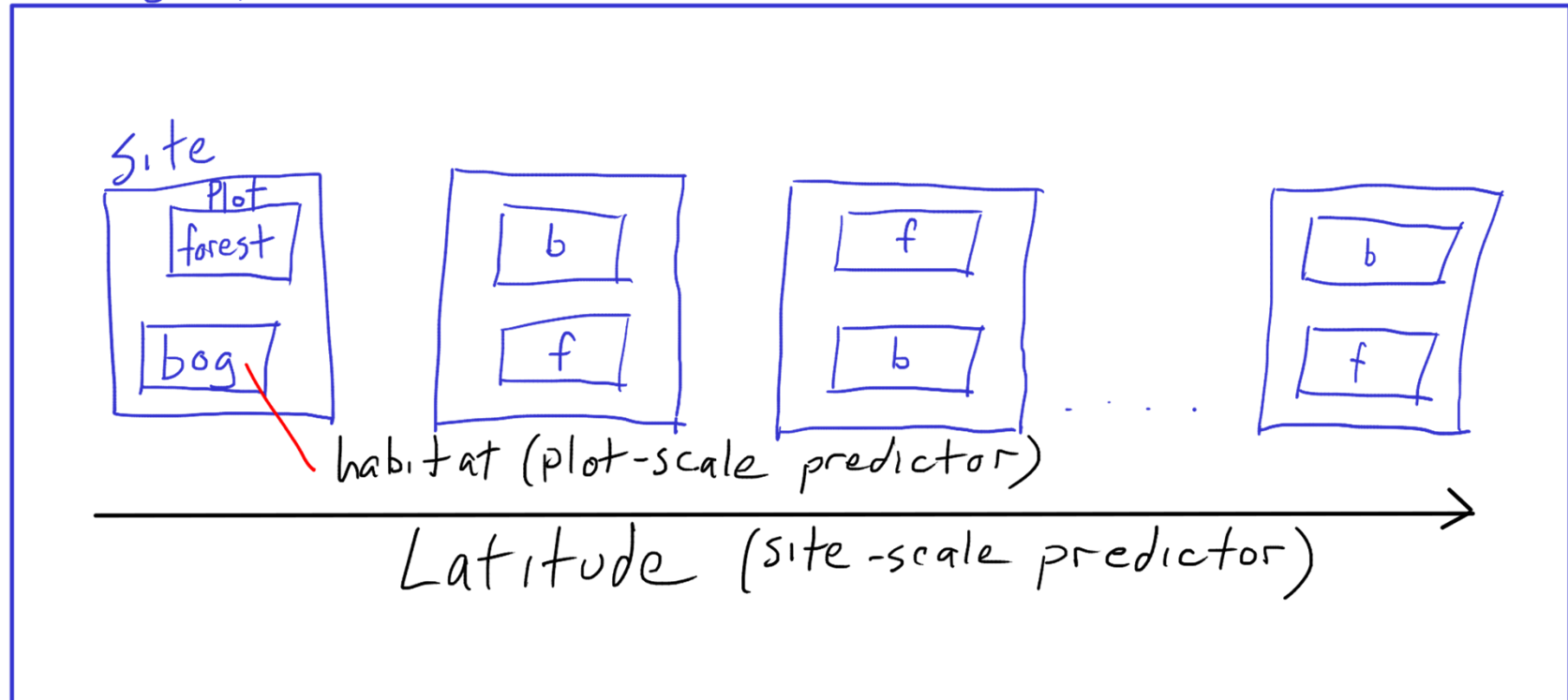
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Grouping structure at different scales

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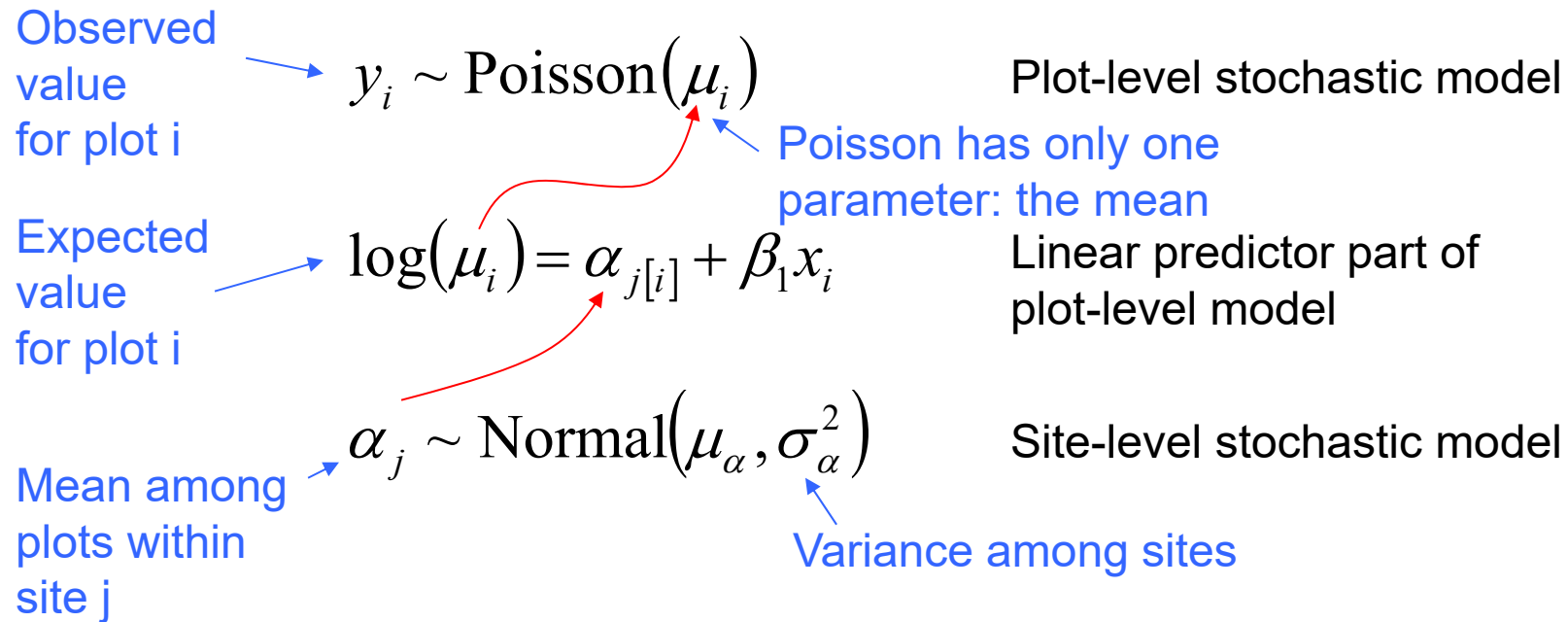
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Mapping predictors to different scales

# GLMM

Poisson with log link (aka Poisson regression)



# GLMM - Ants

Two variables with an interaction.

Where does the interaction go? Lowest component

$$y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$$

Plot-level stochastic model

$$\ln(\mu_i) = \alpha_{j[i]} + \beta_1 x_{1,i} + \beta_3 x_{1,i} x_{2,j[i]}$$

forest (habitat)

$$\alpha_j \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2)$$

Site-level stochastic model

$$\mu_\alpha = \beta_0 + \beta_2 x_{2,j}$$

latitude

$x_2$  is a vector with only the site-level latitude in it – i.e. not by plot

# Ants – additive decomposition

$$y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$$

$$\ln(\mu_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,i} + \beta_2 x_{2,i} + \beta_3 x_{1,i} x_{2,i} + s_{j[i]}$$

$$s_j \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_s^2)$$

What is the **inverse link** model?

$$\mu_i = e^{\beta_0} e^{\beta_1 x_{1,i}} e^{\beta_2 x_{2,i}} e^{\beta_3 x_{1,i} x_{2,i}} e^{s_{j[i]}}$$

# Syntax

```
glmer(y ~ habitat*latitude + (1|site),  
      family=poisson, data=df)
```

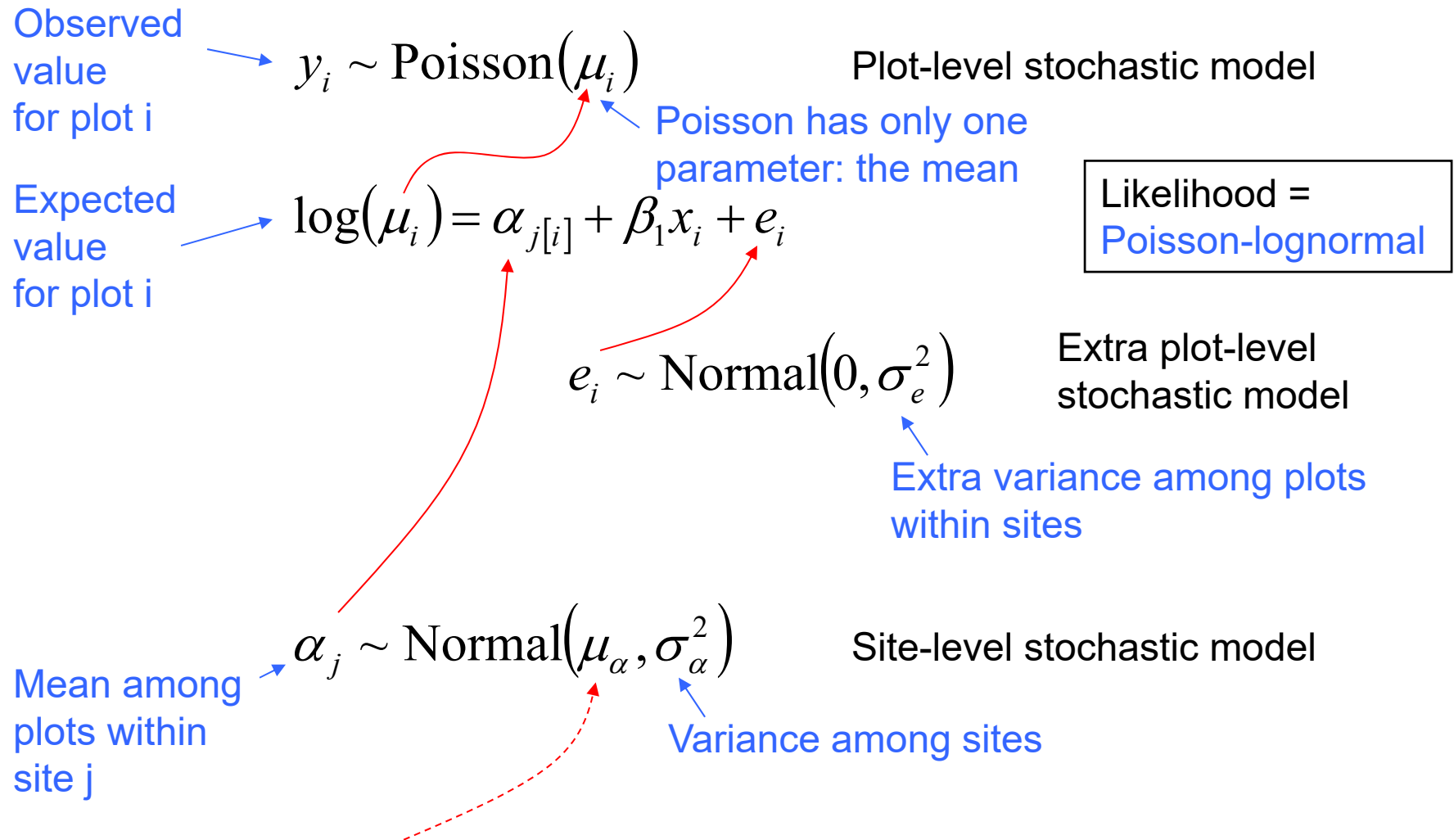


# Code - ants

- 13\_3\_ants\_multilevel.R
- 13\_3\_ants\_multilevel.md

# GLMM with overdispersion

Allow for extra variation at data scale



# GLMM with overdispersion

## Set up in R:

First make a data-level identifier, e.g.

```
df$plot <- 1:nrow(df)
```

Then:

```
glmer(y ~ x + (1|site) + (1|plot),  
      family=poisson, data=df)
```

## Other approaches

- quasi-Poisson family: `family=quasipoisson`
- negative binomial (= Poisson-gamma)

# GLMM: Ants + overdispersion

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Plot-level stochastic model

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Site-level  
stochastic  
model

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latitude

Extra plot-level  
stochastic model

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# GLMM: Ants + overdispersion

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