Effect of infection-dependent dispersal on the evolution of parasite virulence in metapopulation epidemiological models

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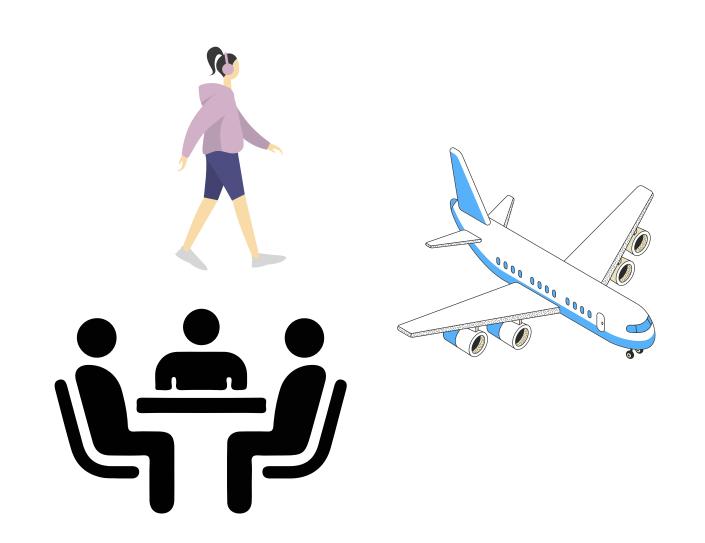


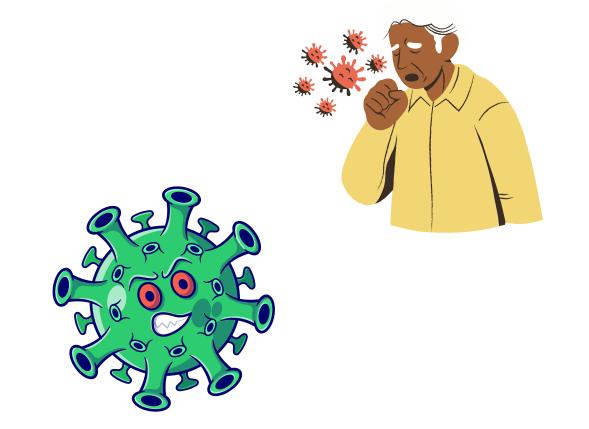
Dispersion of individuals

- Moving in space
- Contact with other individuals

Disease caused by a parasite

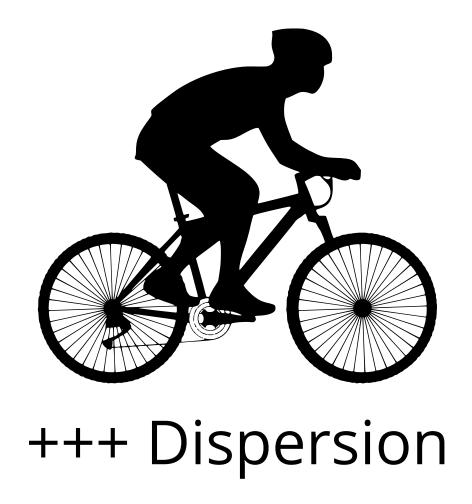
- Contact transmission
- Virulence = Mortality of pathogen





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Good health



Infected

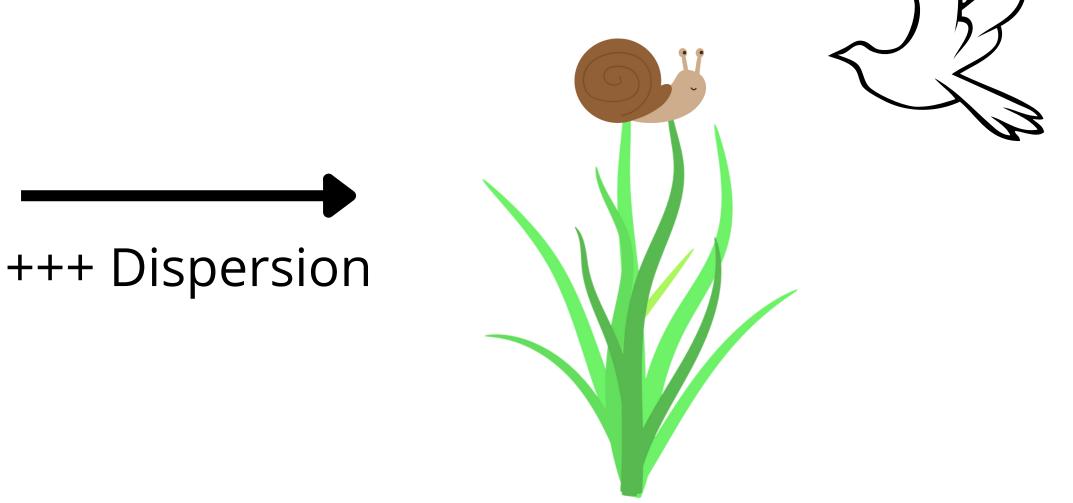


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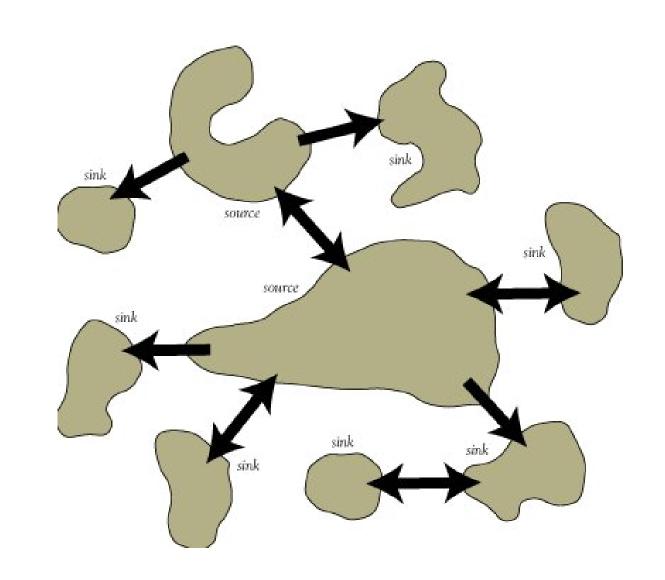


Snail + Leucochloridium paradoxum



Metapopulation

- Set of populations of individuals
- Spatially separated
- Connected with dispersion / migration
- Local dynamics for each patch
- Global dynamics with all patches of the metapopulation



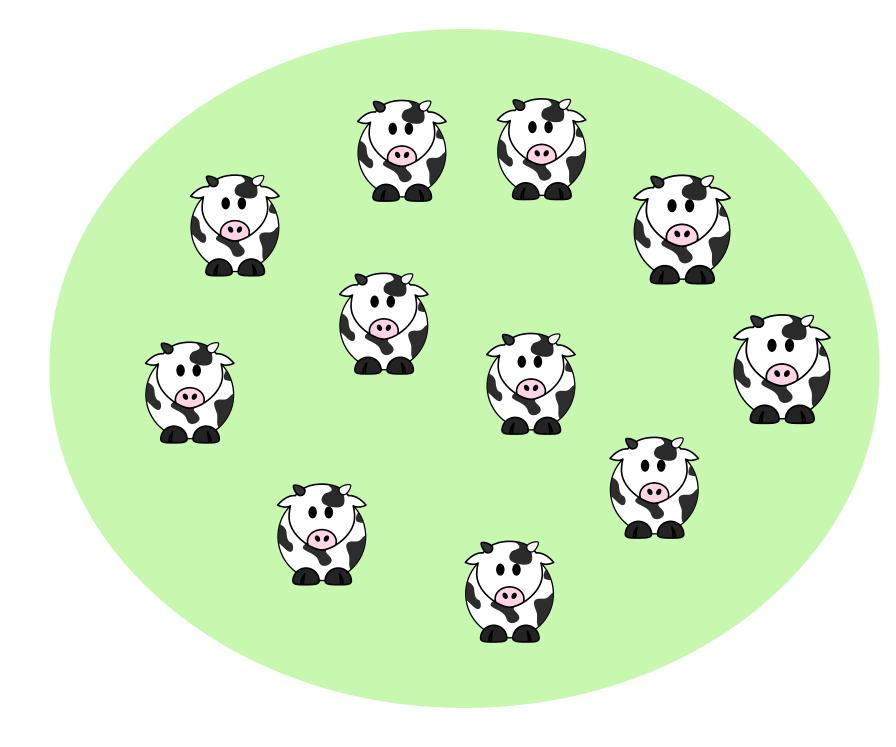
What effects can infection-dependent dispersal have on the evolution of virulence?

- Infected Dispersal > Susceptible Dispersal
- Infected Dispersal < Susceptible Dispersal

Local Dynamics

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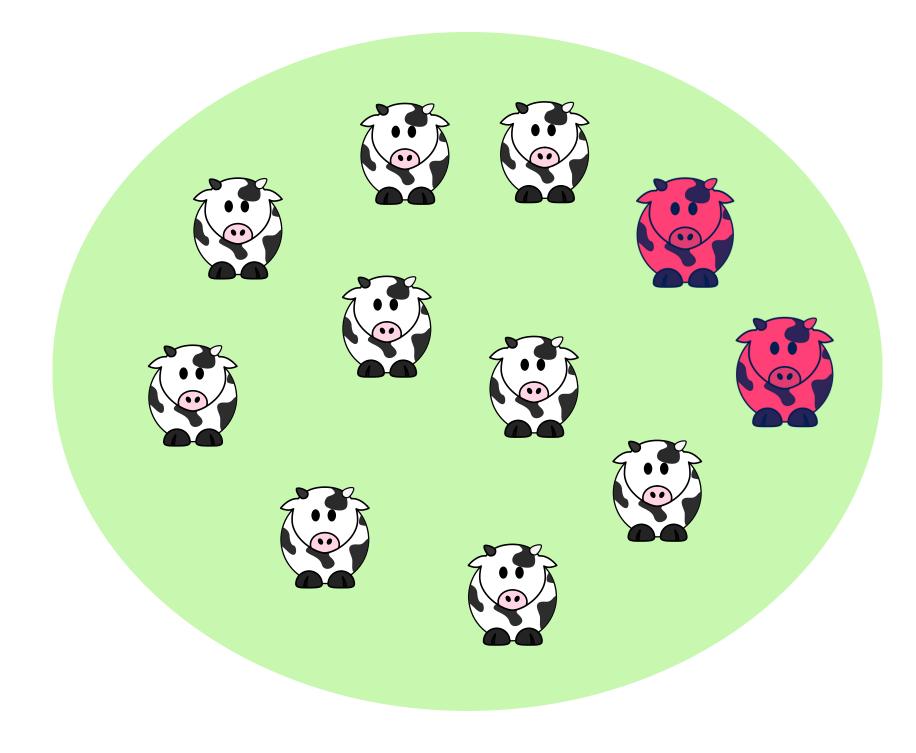
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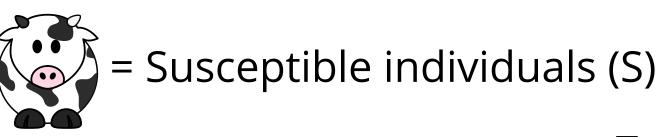
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And one theoretical species of parasite

- 2 different states (S and I)
- Transmission rate (β)
- Remission rate (y)
- Virulence of the parasite (α)







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✓ Virulence of the parasite

Additional mortality due to the parasite

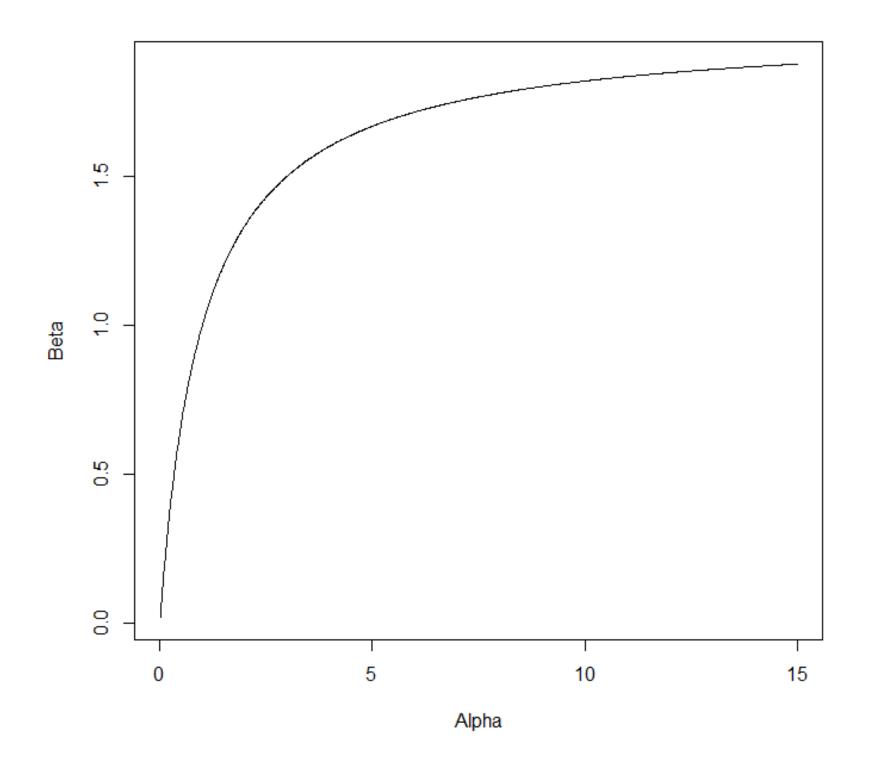
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Trade-off between Transmission (β) and Virulence of the parasite (α)

$$\beta(\alpha) = \beta_0 * \alpha/(1 + \alpha)$$

Value of β depends :

- β base value (β0)
- Virulence (α)



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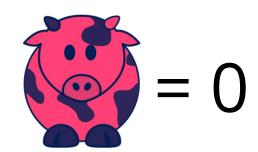
Emigration of hosts = Dispersal of individuals



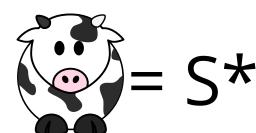
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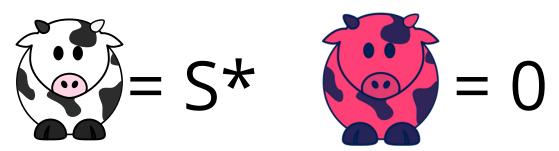
Local Dynamics Equilibrium

$$= 0$$

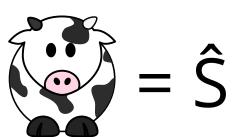


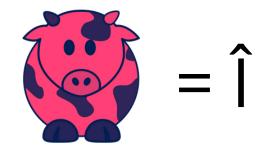
Empty patch





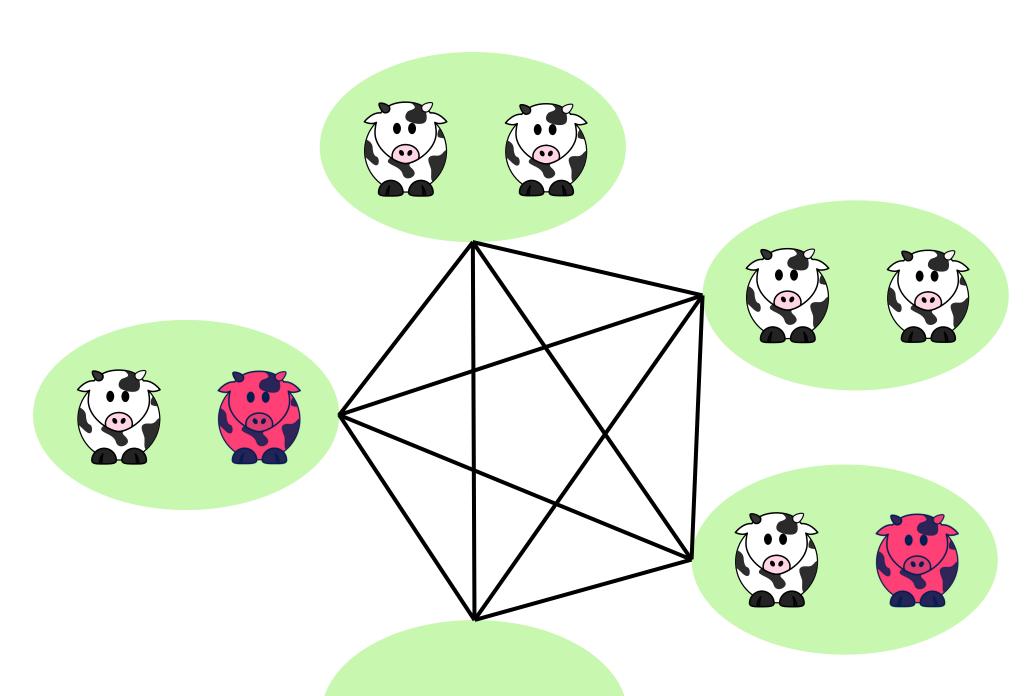
- Only susceptible individuals
- "Disease-free equilibrium" (DFE)





- Constant fraction of susceptible and infected hosts
- "Endemic equilibrium"

Metapopulation



Metapopulation:

- All neighbors
- Migration between patches

3 quasi-stationary equilibrium:

- Empty patch
- DFE
- Endemic Equilibrium

 ε = Extinction of the population of a patch

Local Dynamics in a metapopulation

$$\frac{dS_i}{dt} = (b(1 - (S+I)/k) - \mu)S - \beta SI + \gamma I - m_S S + \sum_{i=1}^{z} m_S (1-\rho)S_j/z$$

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$$-m_{S}S + \sum_{i=1}^{z} m_{S}(1-\rho)S_{j}/z$$

$$- m_{I}I + \sum_{j=1}^{z} m_{I}(1-\rho)I_{j}/z$$

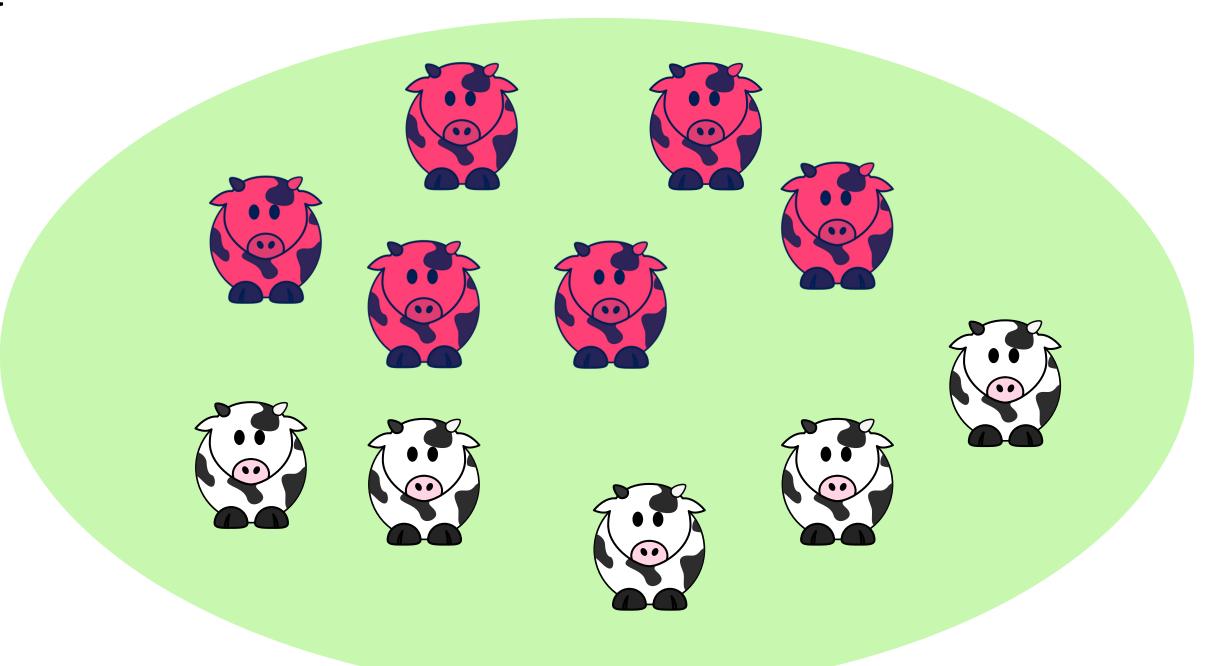
Migration parameters:

- ρ : Dispersal cost
- z : Number of neighboring patches
- m_S : Dispersal of susceptible individuals
- $ullet m_I$: Dispersal of infected individuals

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- Mortality of the pathogen
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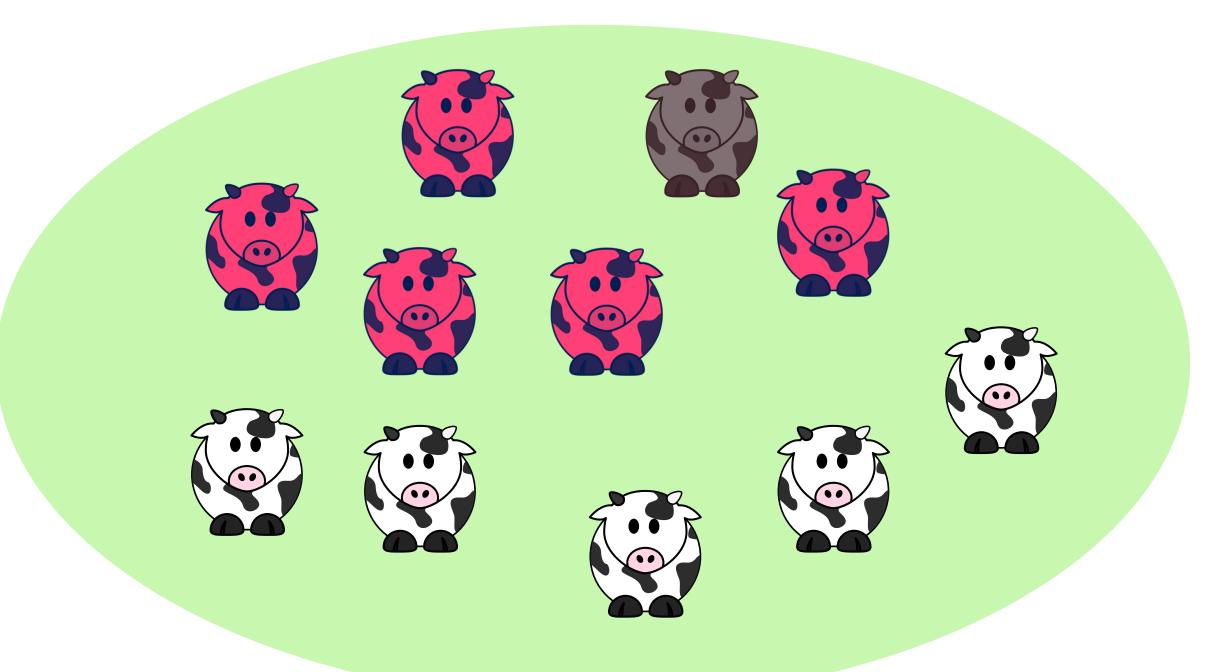
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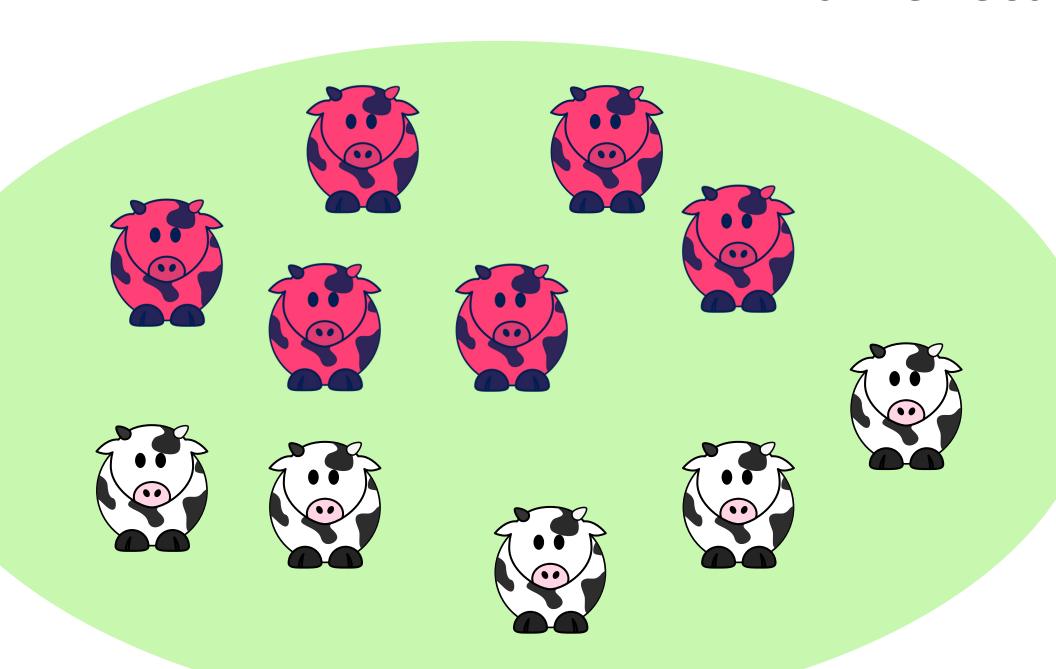


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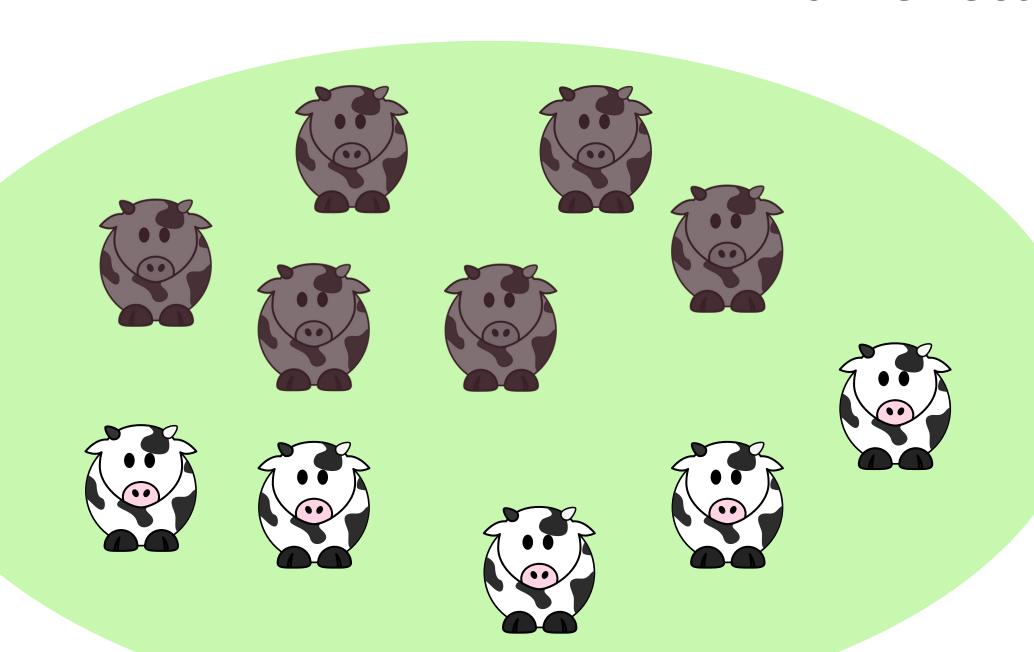


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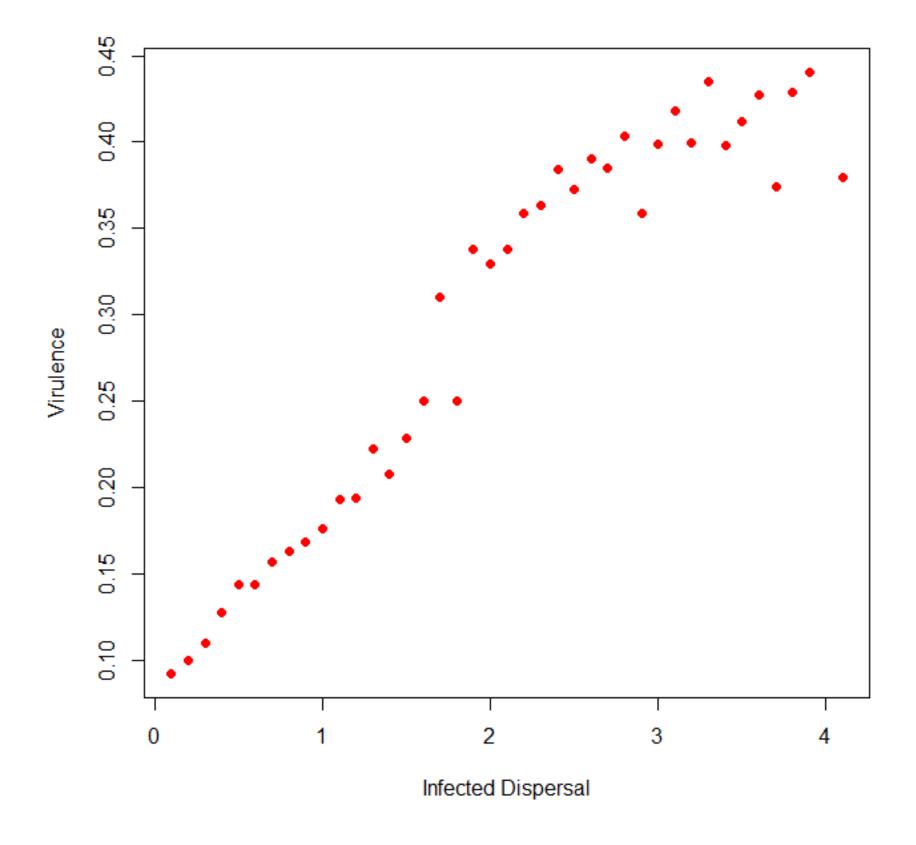
Dispersal value of susceptible hosts

• Fixed at 0.5



Dispersal value of infected hosts

• 0.1 to 4.0



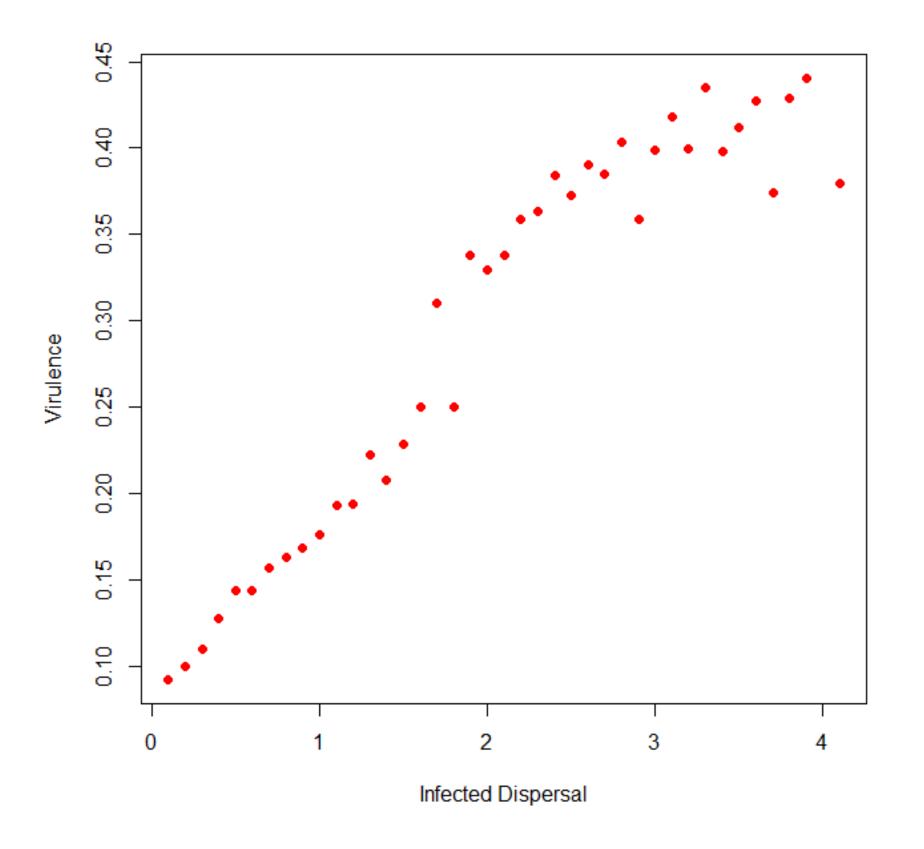
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Increase of infected hosts dispersal

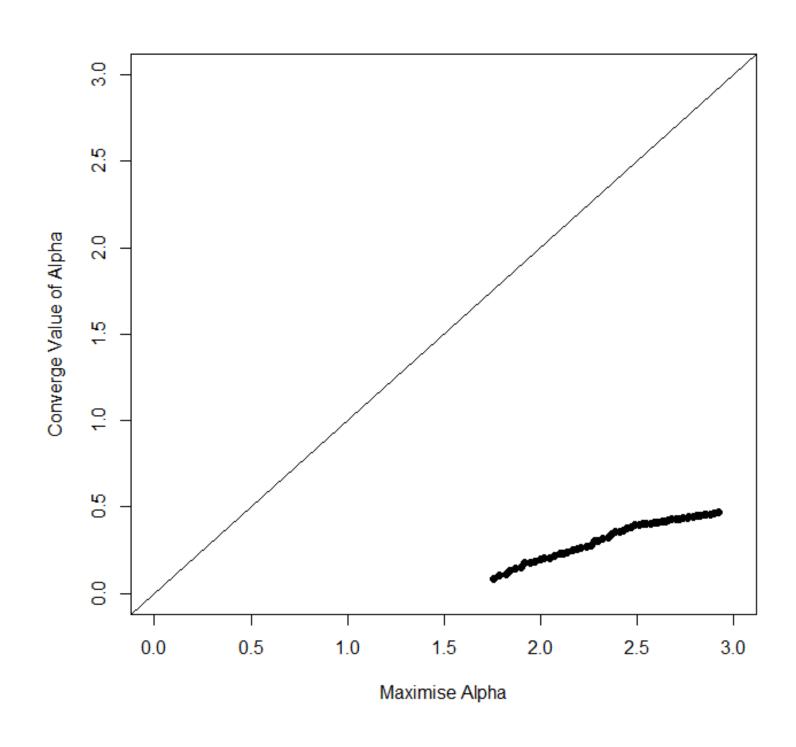
Increase of virulence

Increase of infected hosts dispersal

More chance of finding patches with many susceptible hosts



Interest of the metapopulation



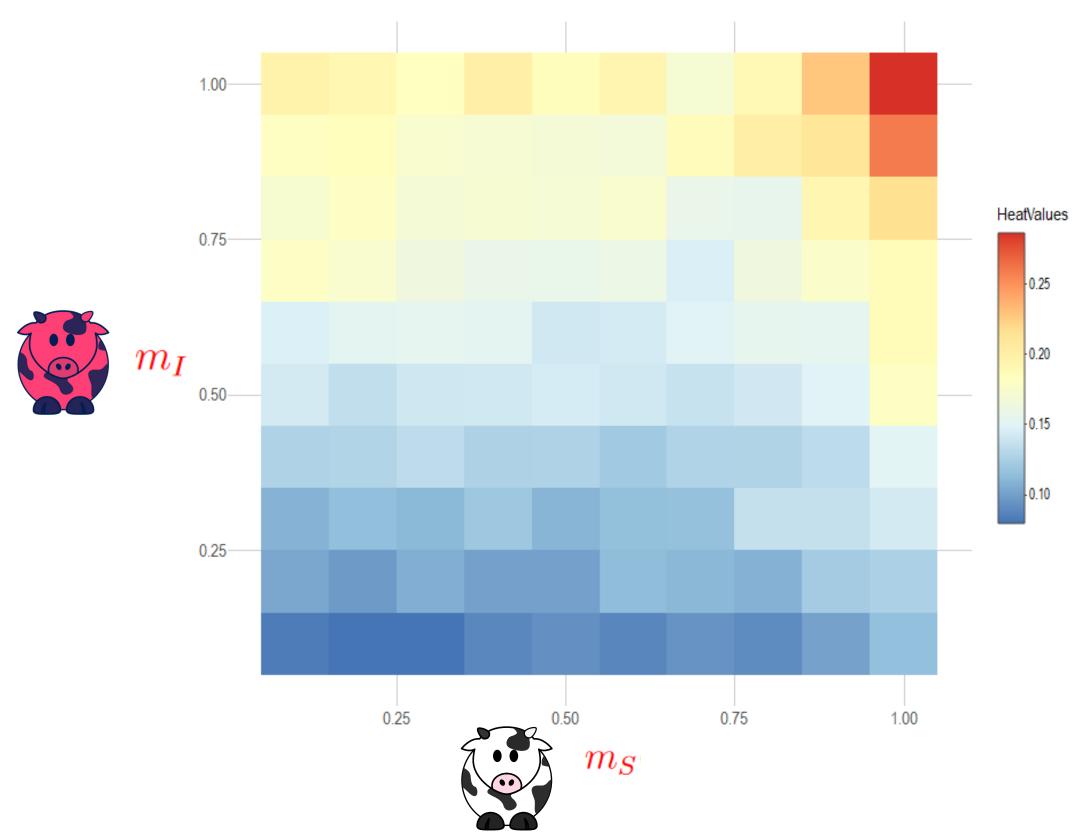
α obtained with metapopulation

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α maximise

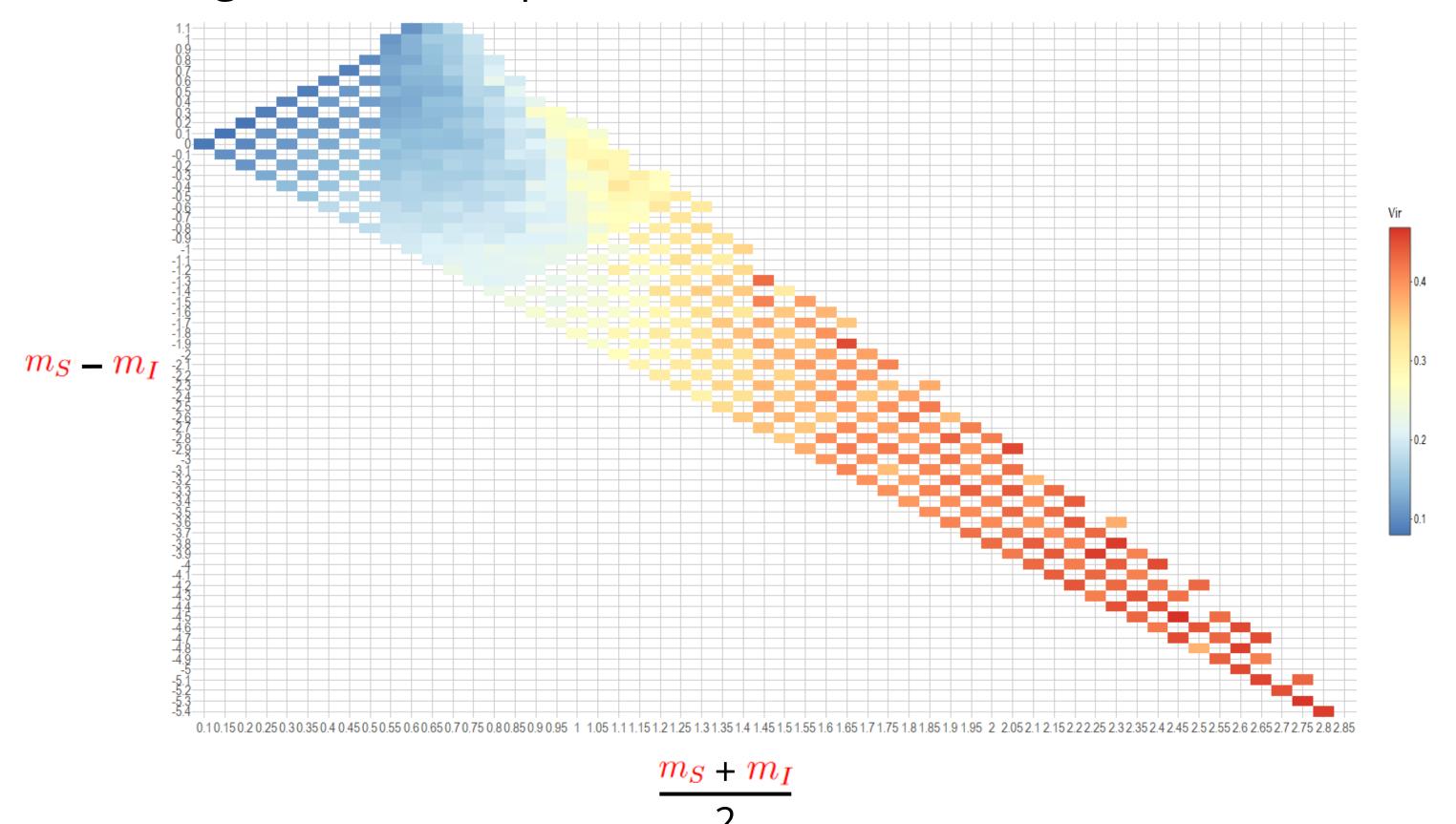
Introduction of a spatial structure

Alpha evolves towards lower values

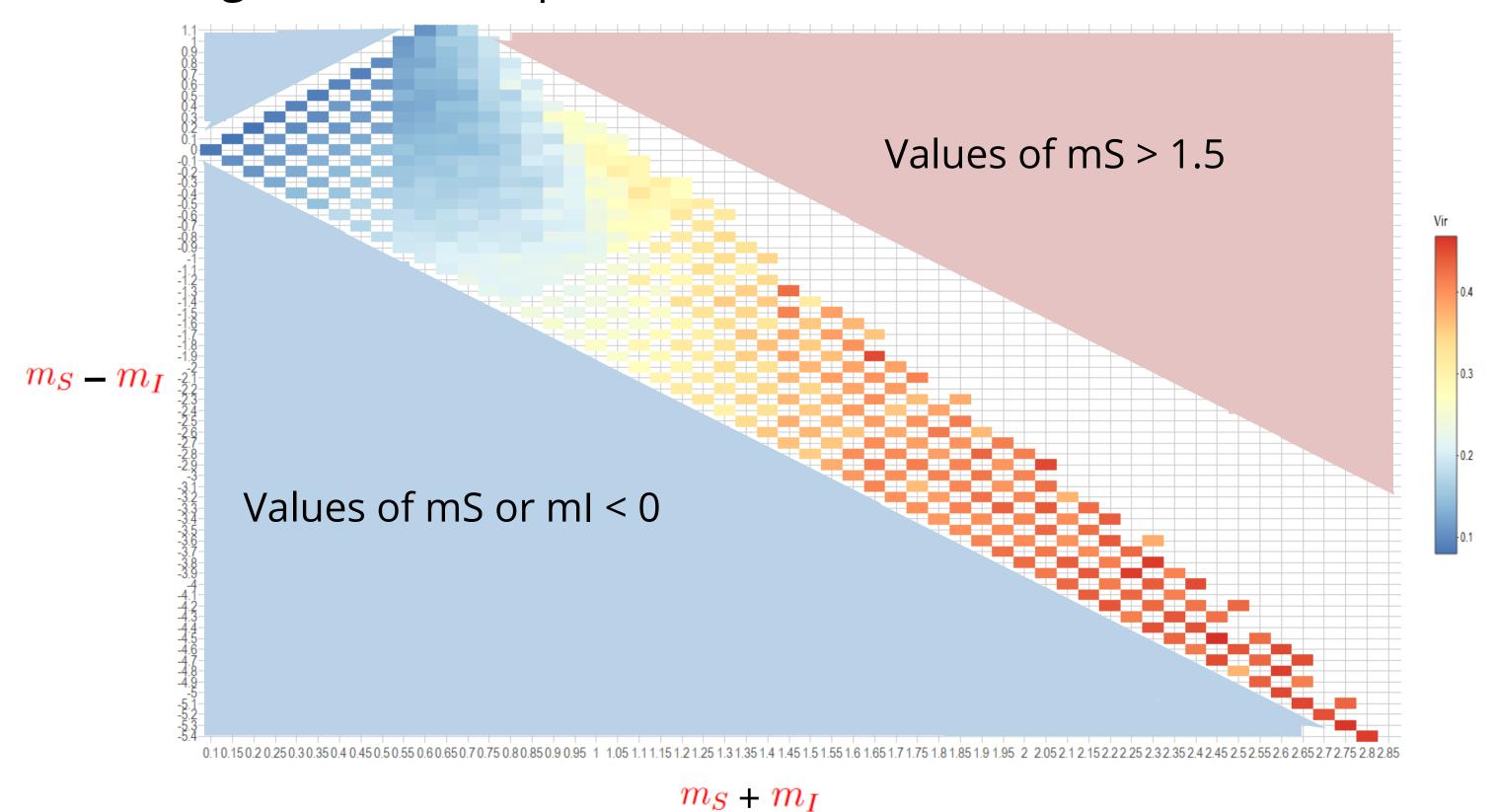


- Increase in virulence with dispersion of the infected
- Effect of the difference between m_S and m_I ?

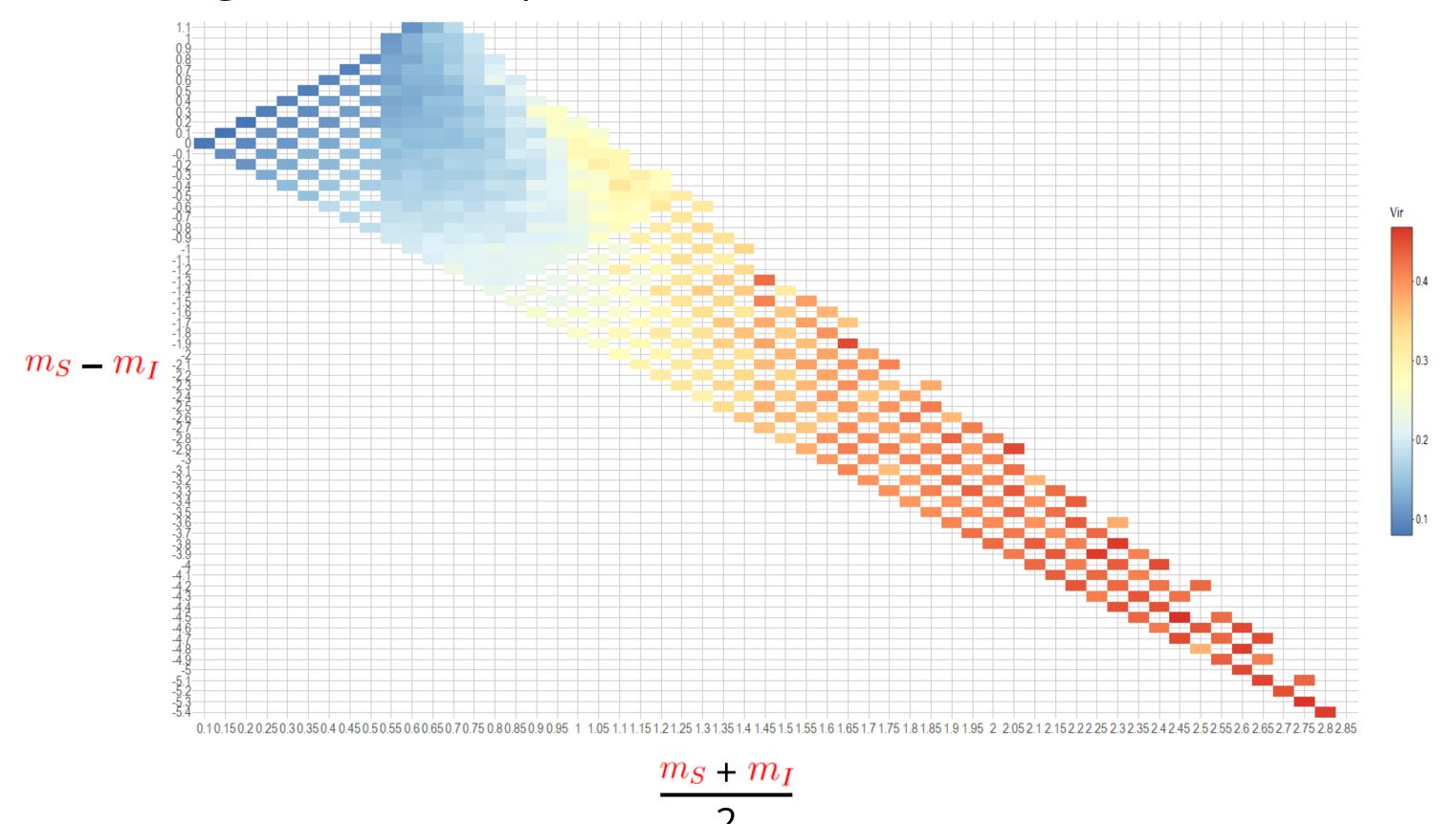
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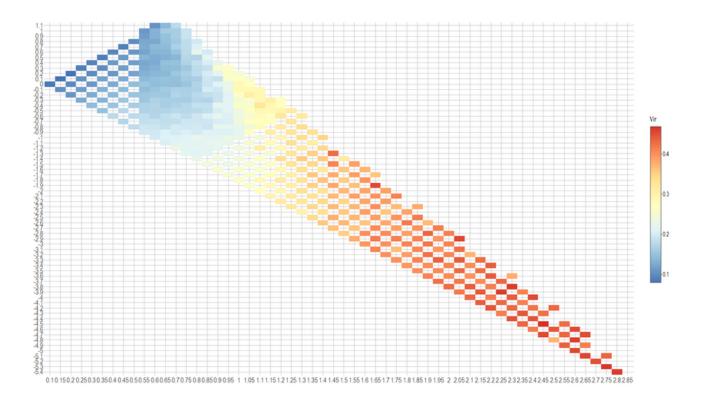
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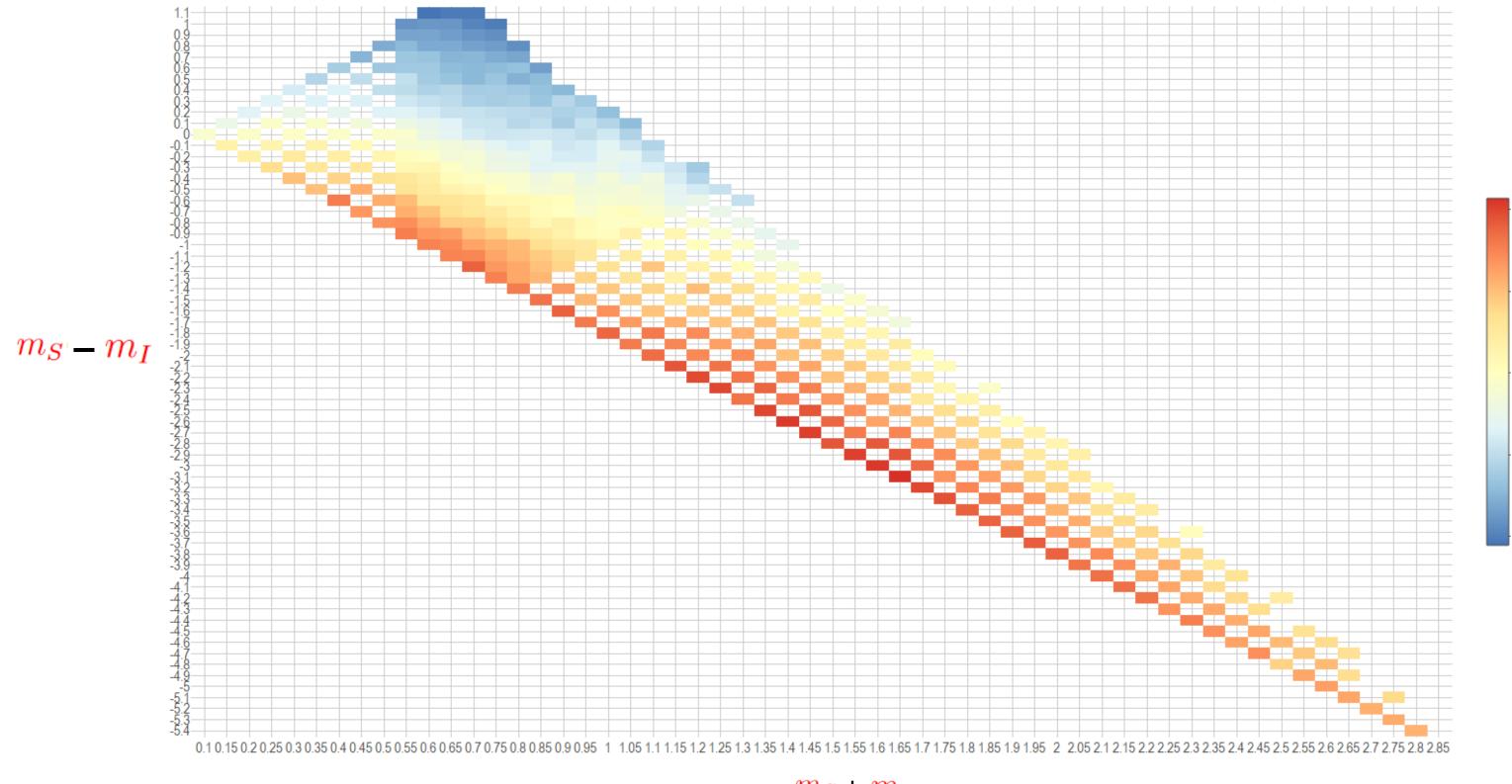
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$$\frac{m_S+m_I}{2}$$

- Virulence of the parasite increases
 - More chance of finding empty patches for susceptible individuals

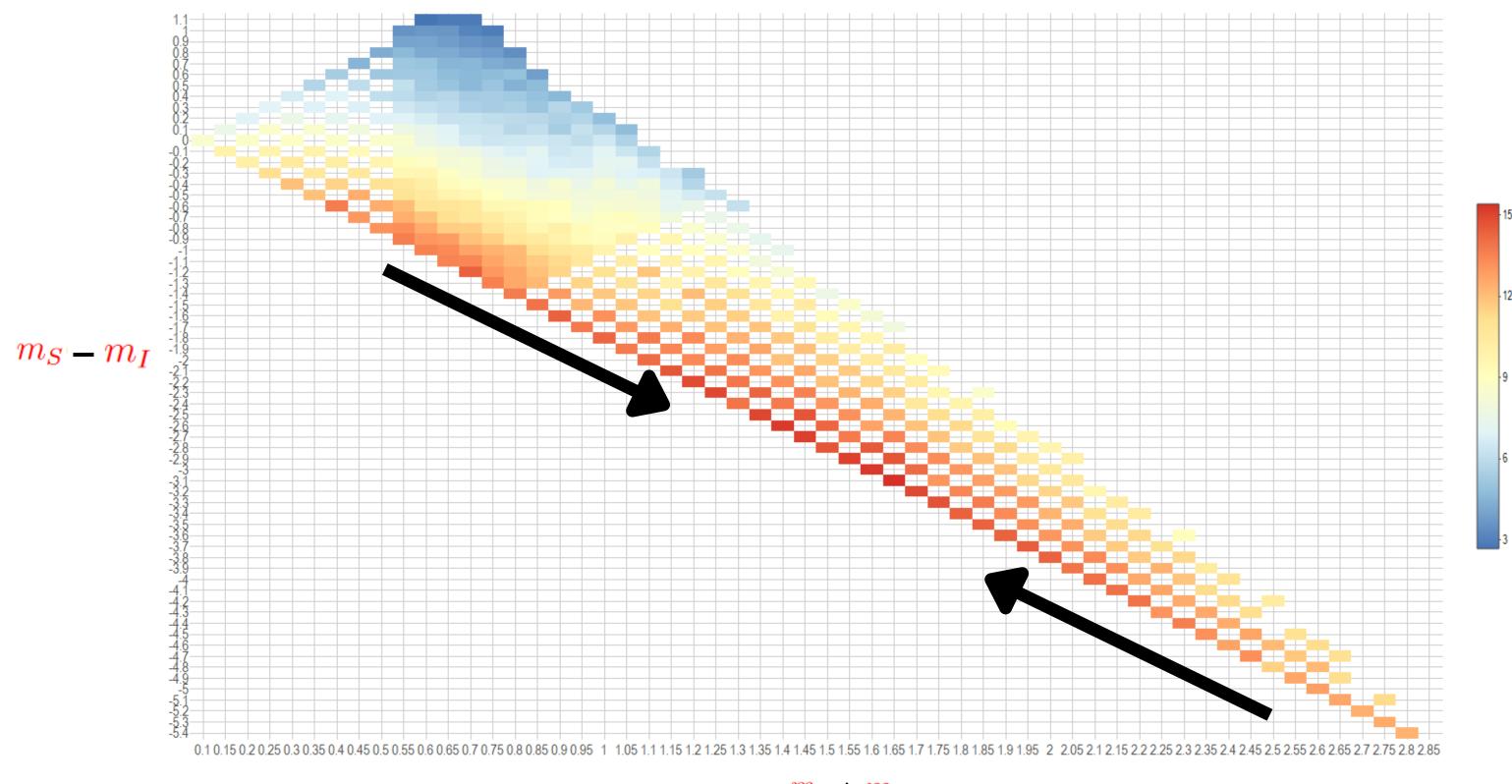
- High values of infected dispersal = Values of virulence reach a limit?
 - Not enough benefit from the trade off with transmission rate

R0 Value



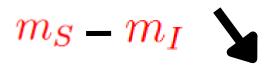
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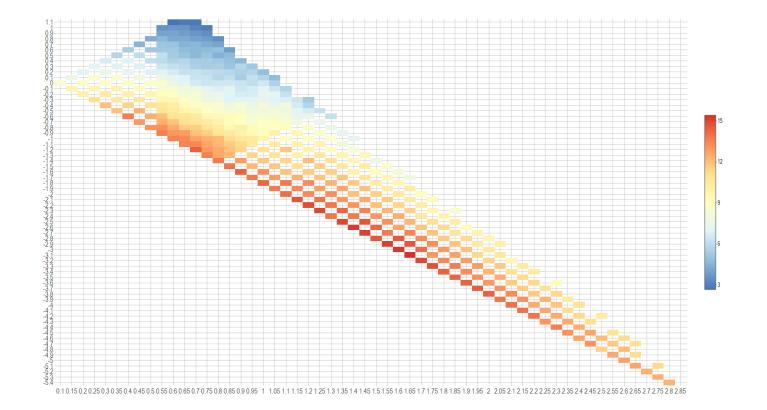


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Ro Value

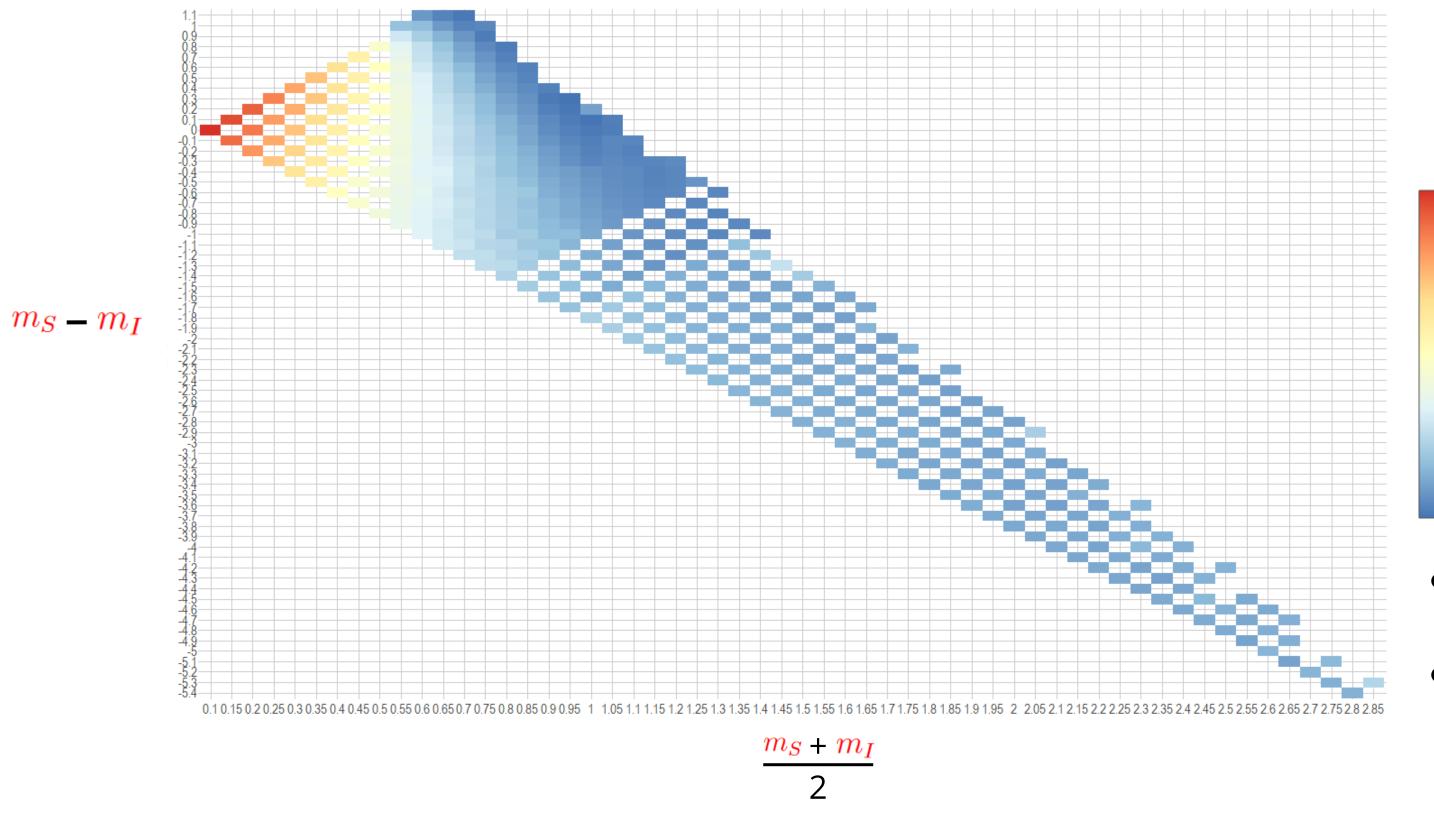


Value of R0 increase



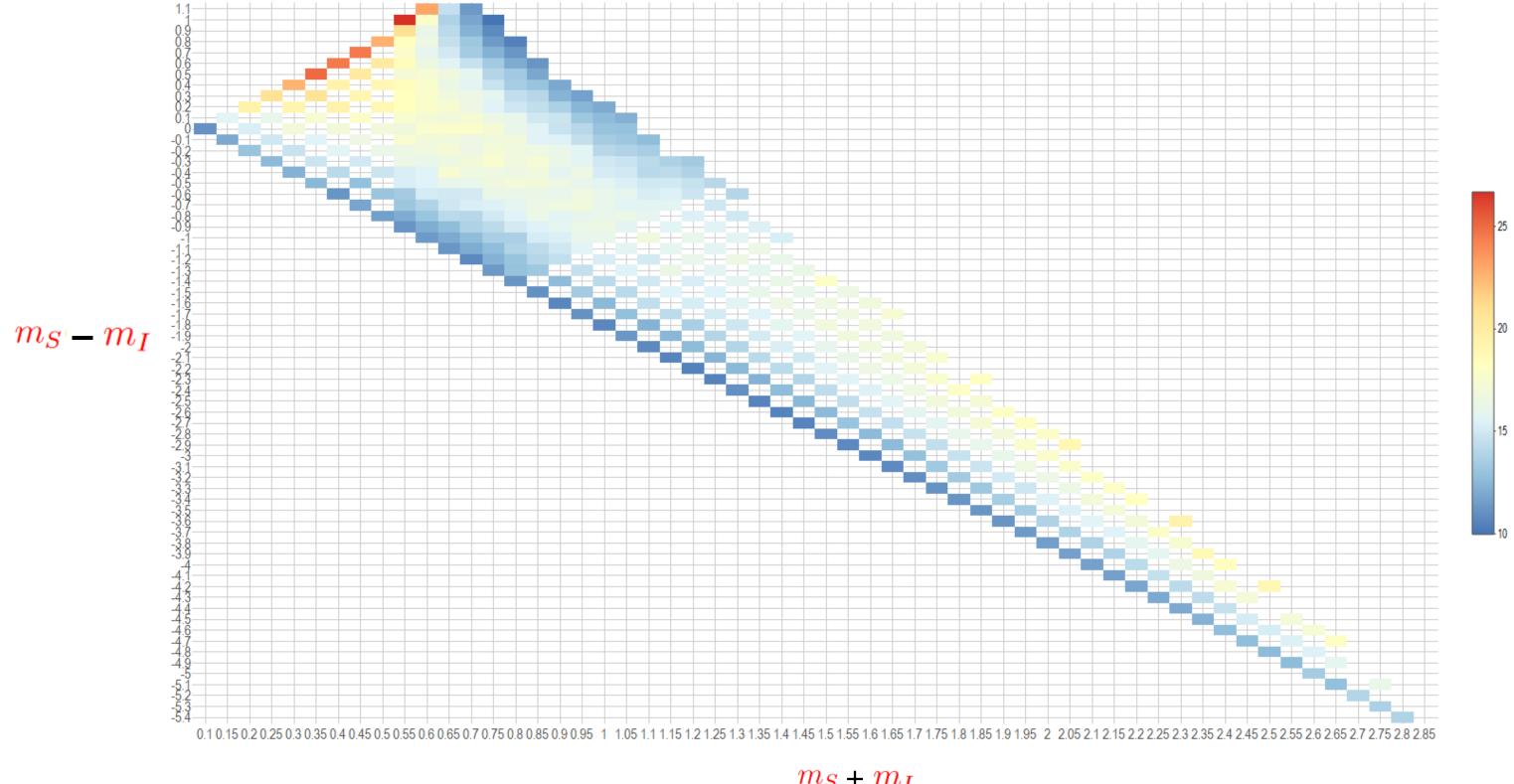
- With small Suceptible dispersal, R0 value has a bell-shaped structure
 - Small Infected dispersal, less transmission for infected
 - High Infected dispersal, Not enough S in patches, less transmission

Local prevalence of infected individuals

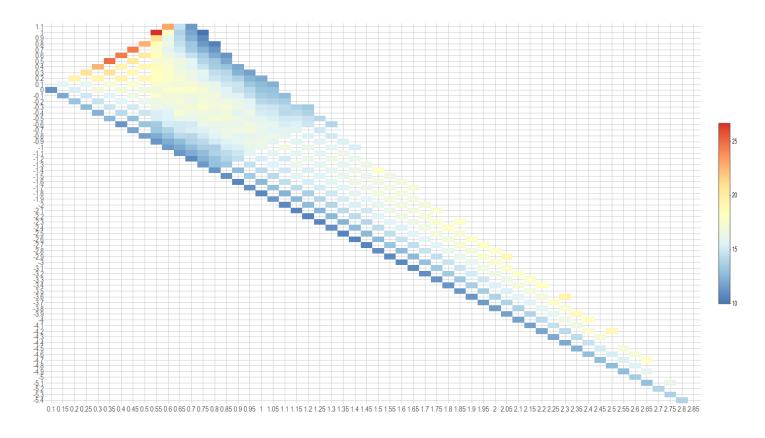


- Impact of ρ
- Can explain high R0 and high virulence

Susceptible individuals colonization

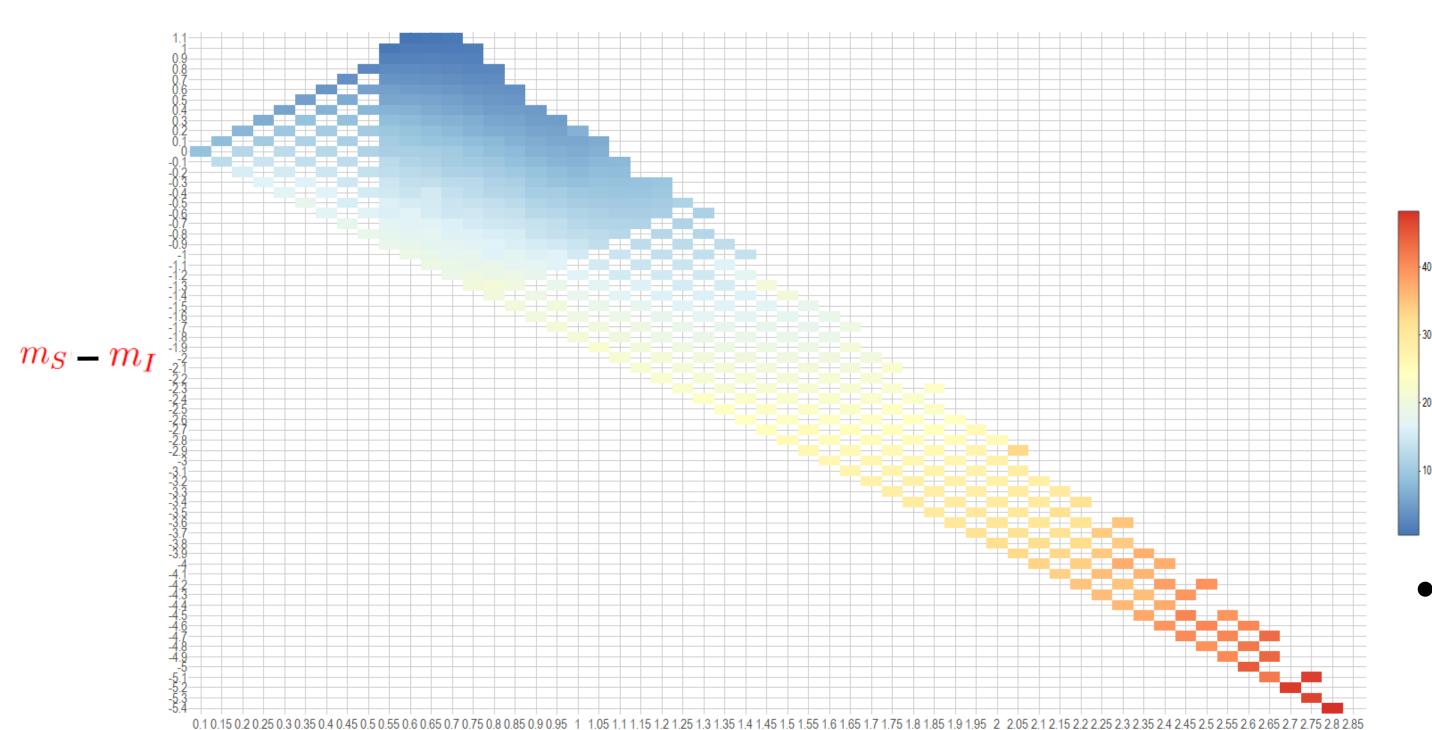


Susceptible individuals colonization



- Optimum of colonization influenced by Susceptible dispersal
- m_S = Less dispersal for individuals, Fewer colonised patches
- m_S = All patches occupied with a large population of susceptibles, Less colonisation

Infected individuals colonization



 Better colonization when high infected dispersal

$$\frac{m_S+m_I}{2}$$

Conclusion

- High Infected dispersal = High values of evolved virulence
- $m_S m_I$ = High values of evolved virulence
- Higher infected dispersal not the optimum

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