

# Survival Analysis in R

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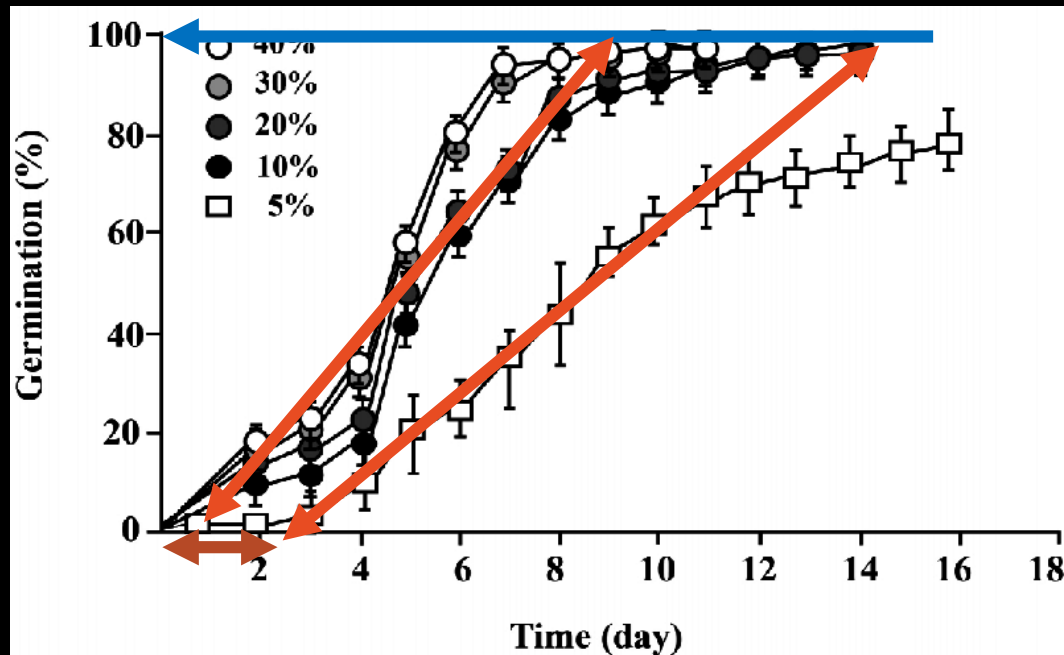


# What is survival analysis?

- Also known as time-to-event analysis
- Analysis of the expected duration of time until one or more events happen
  - death of an organism
  - failure of a machine component
  - *germination of a seed*
- 1 subject = 1 event
- Data is "right-censored"

A survival curve is the inverse of a germination curve.

Germination Curve

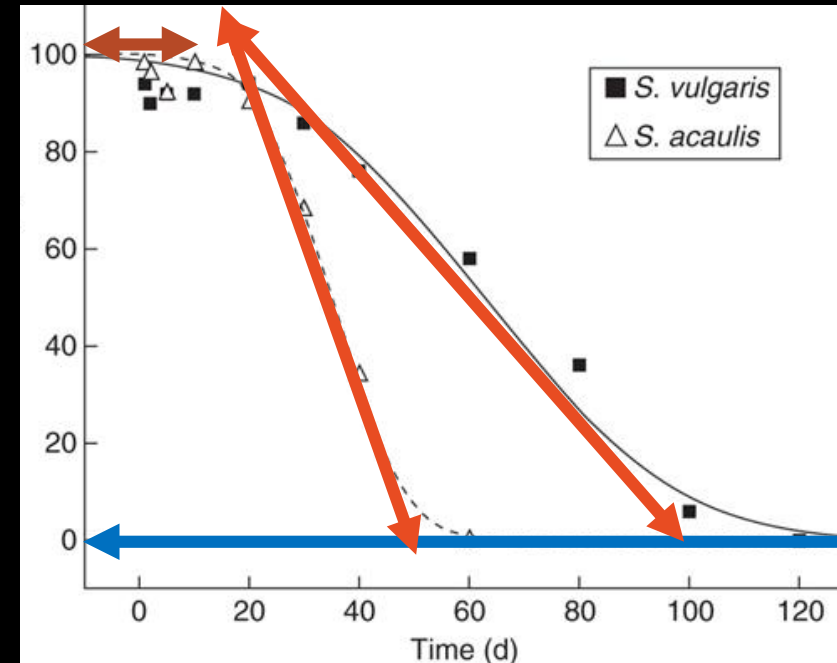


100% germination

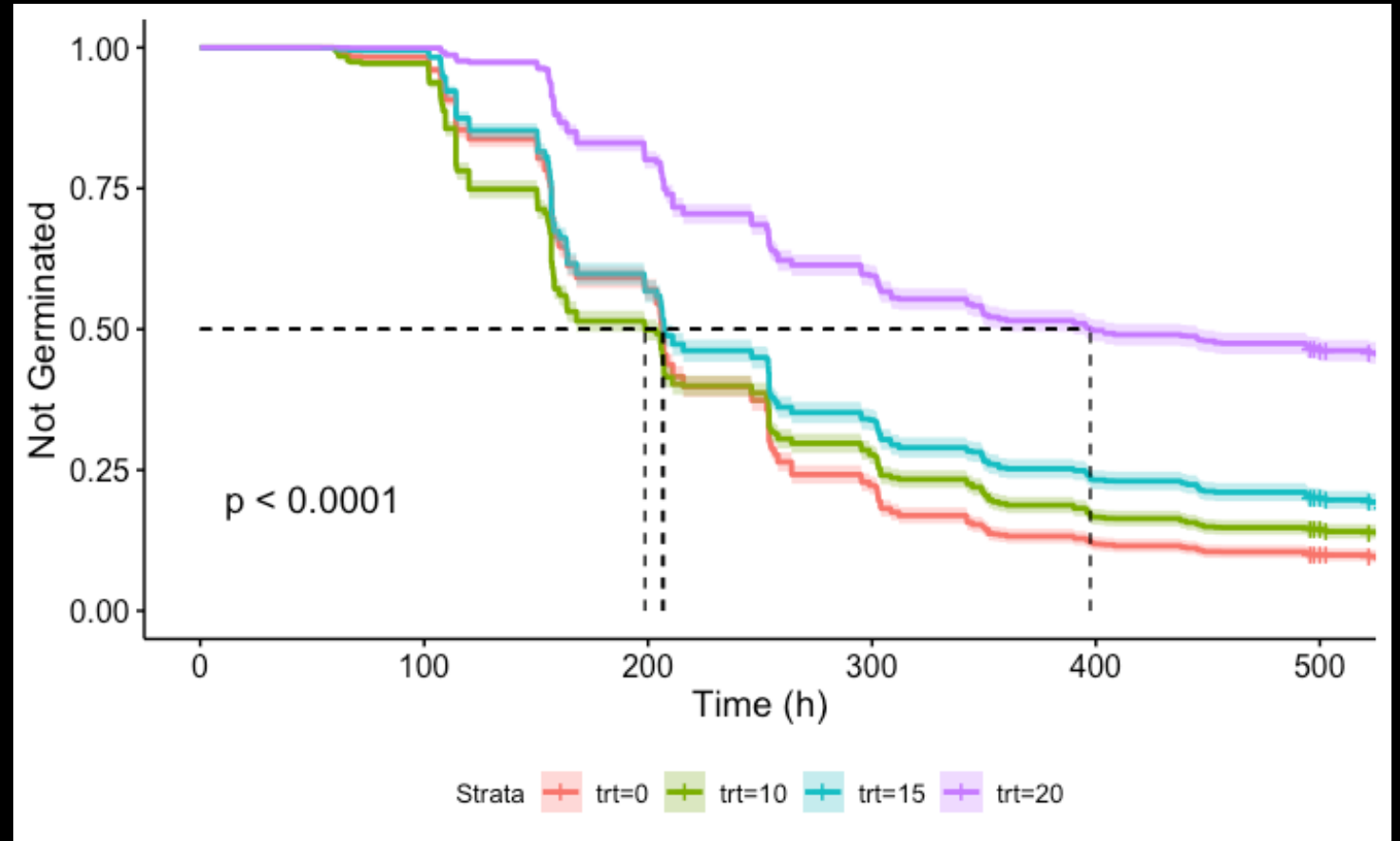
Germination rate

Delay

Survival Curve

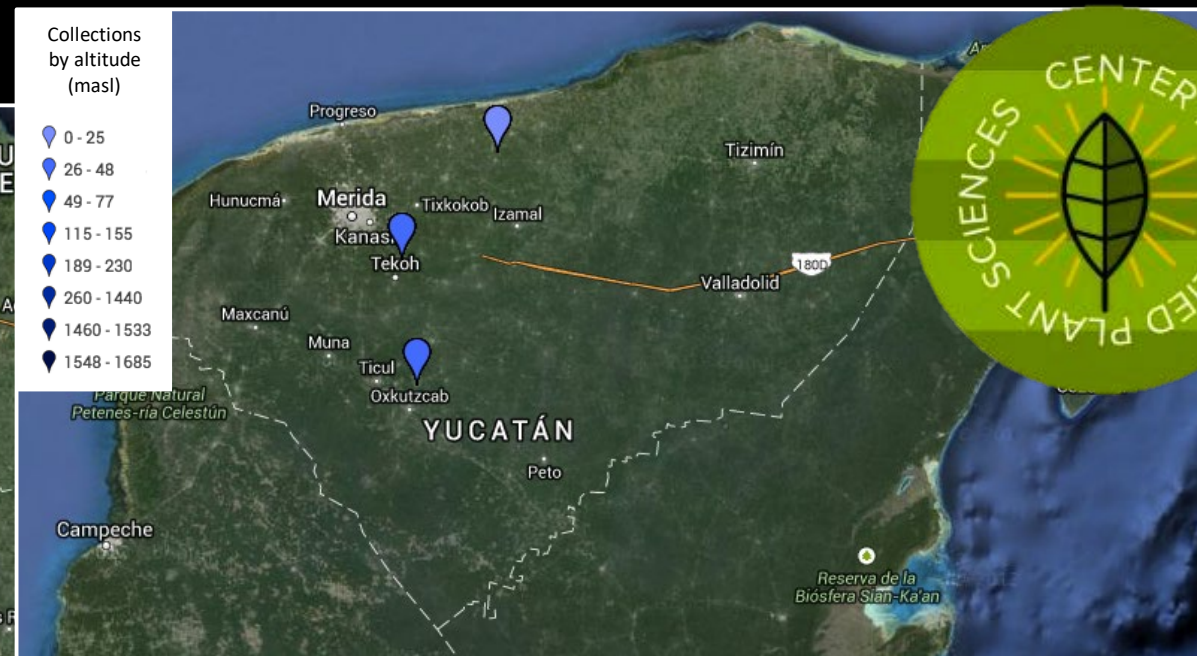
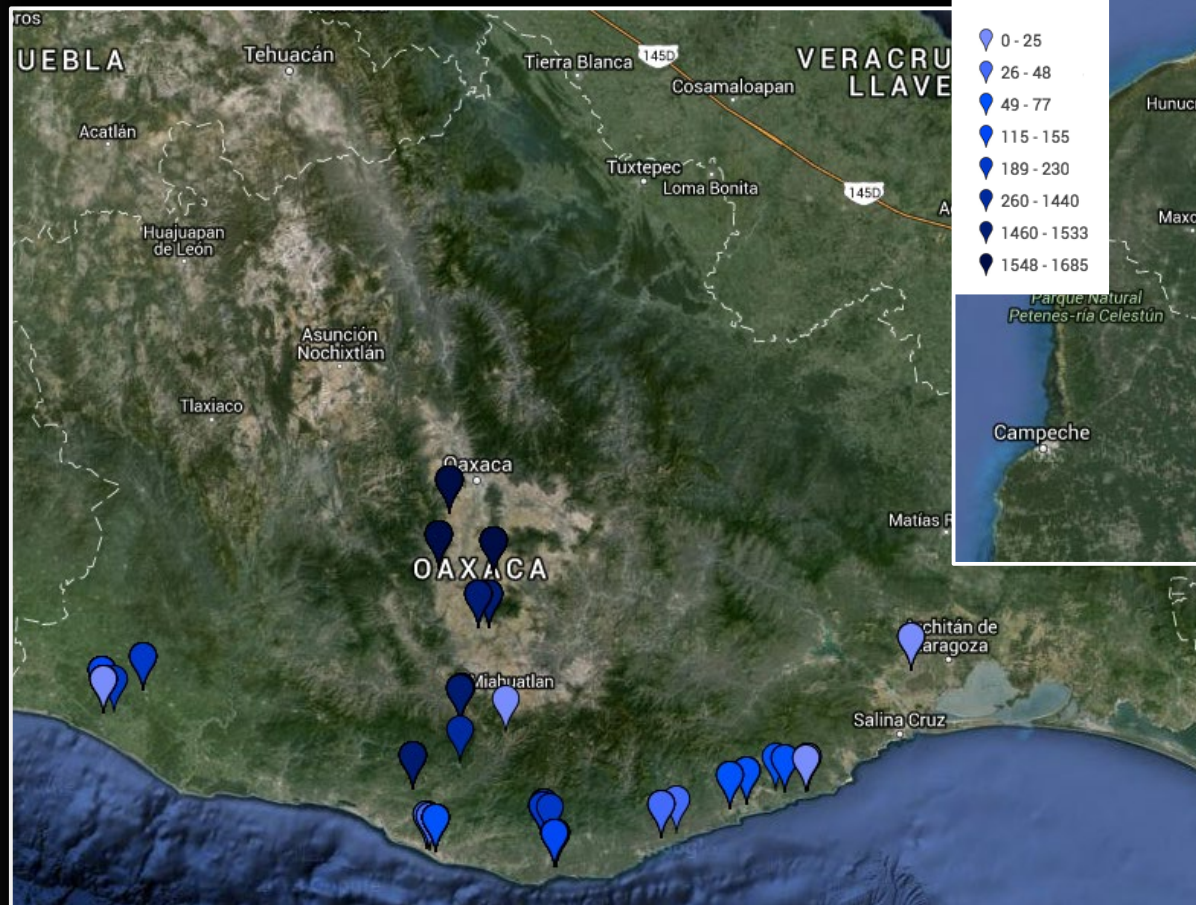


## Kaplan-Meier Curve



- $S(t)$  = probability that subject survives longer than time ( $t$ ).
- $S(t)$  is estimated with the Kaplan Meier curve. (step-like estimate)





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## CAPS Chile Collections 2013-2014

Collection gradients: geographic, elevational, climatic, ethnic, domestication



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# Packages: 'survival' & 'survminer'

- 'survival'
  - was developed in S by Terry Therneau, a clinical research statistician at the Mayo Clinic
  - contains core survival analysis routines: definition of survival objects, **Kaplan-Meier** and Aalen-Johansen curves, Cox models, and parametric accelerated failure time models.
- 'survminer'
  - Developed by Alboukadel Kassambara, as cancer bioinformatics scientist
  - contains 'ggsurvplot()' which creates attractive survival curves

# My code

Run the survival function.

```
#fit and plot Kaplan-Meier survivor function, includes 95% confidence intervals
test.peg <- survfit(Surv(end, status) ~ trt ,data = df, type = "kaplan-meier")
ggsurvplot(test.peg, data =df, conf.int = T, pval = T,
            risk.table = F, xlab = "Time (h)", ylab = "Not Germinated",
            surv.median.line = "hv", legend = "bottom")
ggsave("peg.jpg", width = 6, height = 4, units = "in", dpi = 300)
survdif.peg <- pairwise_survdif(Surv(end, status)~trt, data = df, p.adjust.method = "bonferroni",rho = 0)
sink("peg.txt")
print(survdif.peg)
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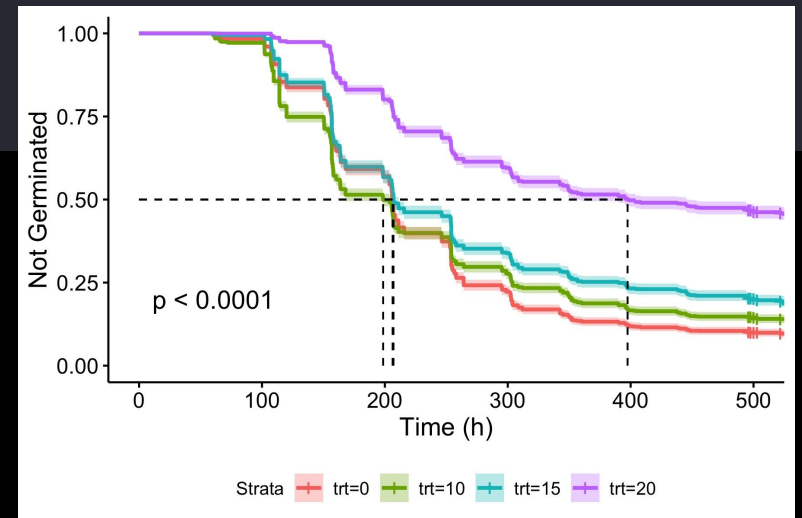
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Compare Kaplan-Meier estimators pairwise by treatment, use the Bonferroni method to adjust p.

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Capture output of pairwise comparisons as a text file.

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```
Pairwise comparisons using Log-Rank test
data:  df and trt
      0      10      15
10 0.48      -      -
15 < 2e-16 4.2e-11 -
20 < 2e-16 < 2e-16 < 2e-16

P value adjustment method: bonferroni
```





# National Plant Germplasm System mission:





## CIMMYT Station at Metepec



Maize seedling emerging from 20cm planting depth after 14 days; 2600masl

## Field Site near Nevado de Toluca; 3400masl



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