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MODELLING SPATIAL INTERACTIONS IN *ASPERGILLUS* SPECIES FROM GERMINATION TO OUTGROWTH

RESEARCH AND DATA SCENARIOS

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OUTLINE



1 Potential Research Questions

1. Effect of spore density on early and intermediate hyphal morphology
2. Interaction between diffusion and hyphal morphology
3. Explaining the Dantigny model through spatial interactions

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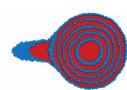


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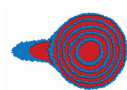


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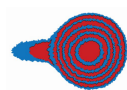


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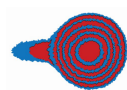


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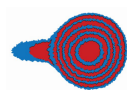


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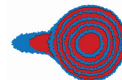


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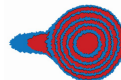


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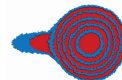


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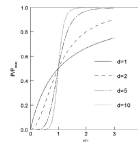


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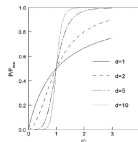


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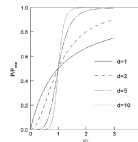


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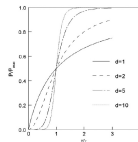


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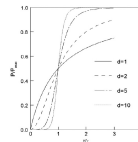


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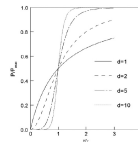


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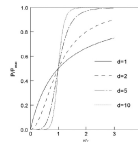


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