

Climatic drivers and intrinsic biological processes shape masting dynamics...

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1. Intro (all forests \rightarrow stand sync \rightarrow ind. trees)

- Widespread meltdown fears
 - \rightarrow maybe mention invasion, homogenization, pest outbreaks...
 - \rightarrow regeneration shifts... masting!
- Meltdown and masting
 - simple definition of masting
 - ...
 - end paragraph on masting being hypothesized as critical to regeneration via seed predator overwhelmed... or pollen etc. and this could have big effects!
- How does masting work? Synchrony
 - individual trees need to be synchronized within certain distance (but maybe not further...)
 - population-level characteristics! So how do individual trees do it together?
- How do individual trees cue to mast?
 - what is a good year environmentally... warm summer, no frost
 - but that doesn't cause synchrony! No cues can cause 2-year cycles or other cycles...
 - however, most trees take 2 years to make buds, and have alternate bearing
 - (Conceptual figure)
- Combo of cues + constraints
 - \rightarrow could explain what we see?
 - year before need warm summer...
- So ACC could really screw this up \rightarrow but to know this, we need to model the individuals!

2. Results and discussion

- We built a model that matches conceptual figure
 - alternate states (latent)
 - states encode constraints
 - tree level estimates lead to stand estimates!

- and we added climate
- Model identifies 2 states (here, figure with the two distributions)
 - masting is real! Mirror the intro
 - some level of synchrony within stands
 - say how often they transition in average conditions...
- Climate impacts on masting (figure of climate effects)
 - warm summer increase transition
 - frost decrease number of seeds
 - no effect of spring (supp mat)
- Our projections vs current studies
 - current studies: ACC leads to more seeds via more masting
 - but even if you drive warming way up you still get a plateau
 - this even happens with summer temp effect on M to M (figure proj)
 - To actually have a breakdown, we would need the parameter value on M to M to be at least as important as NM to M
- How constraints prevent breakdown!
 - ...
- But synchrony does appear to go down
 - Review previous results and overall figure
 - these years look less synchrone...
 - but here, it could be driven both by within and between asynchrony
 - (what level of between-stand synchrony predict..?)
 - evolutionary benefits of mating depends on scale of synchrony
rightarrow which scale depends on which evolutionary model you consider, but for seed predators... should be quite small (foraging distance = X km)
- Asynchrony indeed driven by multiple factors
 - within between
 - discuss results... maybe figure with %?
- What drives synchrony?
 - bad years could act as precise cue, and with biol. constraints it would explain the following synchrony
 - how ACC could change those dynamics, and on which scale?
 - (Unclear how breakdown at tree and then at stand level?)
 - basically, we need to figure out the biology useful for predictions with ACC