A Refined Approach for Examining *Phytophthora ramorum* Risk in the Eastern U.S.

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# In Support of the National SOD Survey Protocol...

- Two tasks:
  - Risk-based spatial database for SOD
    - Any relevant data layers
  - Use the database in a modeling context



### I. Risk-based Spatial Database for SOD

- Basic strategy: Develop data for the three categories of the initial overlay analysis
- Still in progress, but have a number of examples...





- Previously using PRISM data for climate analyses
  - 2 km resolution, but expensive
  - Not updated to current
- Can we generate more up-to-date products?
  - NOAA daily and monthly station data
- Spatial Interpolation
  - Gradient plus inverse distance squared (Nalder & Wein 1998)
  - Compared favorably to several other methods, including ordinary kriging, detrended kriging, co-kriging, inverse distance squared

### From Nalder and Wein (1998)

 GIDS Model (based on the 30 nearest neighbors)

$$Z_{k} = \frac{\left[\sum_{i=1}^{30} \frac{Z_{i} + C_{x}(X_{k} - X_{i}) + C_{y}(Y_{k} - Y_{i}) + C_{e}(E_{k} - E_{i})}{d_{i}^{2}}\right]}{\sum_{i=1}^{30} \frac{1}{d_{i}^{2}}}$$

Where,

 $Z_k$  = predicted value at unmeasured location k

 $Z_i$  = measured value at location *i* 

X= x-coordinate

Y= y-coordinate

E= elevation

D=distance from measured location *i* to Z

 $C_x$ ,  $C_y$ , and  $C_e$  are based on the ordinary least square solution of the following regression model using 30 nearest neighbors to location *k*.

 $Z = a + C_x X + C_v Y + C_e E + \varepsilon$ 

Where, *a* is the intercept and  $\varepsilon$  is error.

# **Regression Model Selection**

- Using three possible gradients, there are seven possible models
  - 1.  $Z = a + CxX + CyY + CeE + \varepsilon$
  - 2. Z =a + CyY + CeE + ε
  - 3.  $Z = a + CxX + CeE + \varepsilon$
  - 4.  $Z = a + CxX + CyY + \varepsilon$
  - 5. Z =a + CxX + ε
  - 6. Z =a + CyY + ε
  - 7. Z =a + CeE + ε
- Test each model to examine if all the independent variables are significant
- If more than one model has all significant independent variables then the model with greatest R<sup>2</sup> is selected
- If no model has all significant independent variables then simple inverse distance square weighting is used (i.e. all coefficients are set to zero)



# **Temperature Model Selection**

#### for each prediction point





### **Cross-Validation Results**





### **GIDS & Poisson Regression**

- GIDS seems to work well, but what about surfaces representing number of days with appropriate conditions?
- Count-based = Poisson distribution
- Like previous GIDS, seven possible models
- Best model chosen based on chi-squared significance (or log likelihood)
- Three-dimensional distance
- Still working out a few things...

#### Number of Days in 2004 With Optimal Temperatures (60-80°) and Precipitation > 0.05"



#### Number of Consecutive Days (Allowing One Day Off) in 2004 with Optimal Temperatures and Precipitation



Number of Consecutive Days (No Days Off) in 2003 with Optimal Temperatures And Precipitation – All Reporting Stations (n=4144)



### Some Preliminary Results...

Variable	Ν	Mean	Max.	RMSE
Total Days 2003	4144	64.84	191	13.36
Consecutive Days 2003	4144	6.03	21	2.15



## **Other Climatic Factors**

- Relative Humidity
  - 100% humidity important for
    *P.ramorum* and other aerials (?)
  - Fewer stations
- Microclimate
  - Topographic Relative Moisture Index (TRMI)
  - represent local conditions (e.g., hollows)







- Generated by kriging of FIA plot basal area data 1 km<sup>2</sup> cells
- High-frequency pattern to FIA data, so not well predicted by smooth interpolators (poor RMSE for validation or cross-validation)

### What About Understory Hosts?

- Already have estimate of understory hosts for NE U.S.
  - Again, kriged from plot data...
- Archival understory data also exists for SE U.S.
  - Strange format
  - Don't know how many plots
- Given limitations of interpolated FIA data...
  - County-level distribution maps from PLANTS national database, other sources



# **Pathways**

- Number of potential areas for refinement
- For example, how to get at landscapes where people plant (potentially infected) nursery stock?
  - Percentage of low density residential from land cover data
    - Existing neighborhoods where people may be planting
  - Changes in road density = areas of new construction
  - Nighttime lights expansion (Imhoff et al. 1997)
    - Broad estimate of suburbanization/expansion

#### Percentage of Low-Density Residential Land Cover (from NLCD)



#### Change in Road Density 1996-2005



#### Nighttime Lights Expansion (Using 1992 and 2000 Imagery)



# Spread via Roads

- Freight Analysis Framework
  - Volume of cargo moved by trucks
  - Nursery stock movement



# Nurseries

- ReferenceUSA database
  - 13 million U.S.
    businesses
  - Have geographic coordinates
  - Search for primary descriptions
- Comprehensive lists



- When add retail locations, including home improvement centers, data layer gets quite large
- Can calculate grids of number of nursery locations within distance of a point
  - # possible
    exposures to
    (potentially)
    positive
    nurseries



# **Other Pathway Factors**

- Housing / population density
- Road proximities
- Wildland-urban interface
  - Compiled for fire risk, but relevant for *P.ramorum*, other insects and pathogens



# **II. SOD Risk Modeling**

- Build cost surface(s) incorporating all of these spatial data layers
   – Ideal spatial resolution?
- Model SOD movement after hypothetical introduction
  - Cellular automaton approach
  - Transition probabilities = interaction between cost and infection rate

# SOD Risk Modeling (cont.)

- Many uncertainties, so try several different scenarios
  - Test range of infection rates (low, moderate, high)
  - Different cost surfaces
- Through repeated runs, can develop perpixel risk ratings