



# INSIGHTS INTO THE SPATIO-TEMPORAL SPREAD OF *Xylella fastidiosa* IN SOUTH-EASTERN ITALY

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# Quick Decline Syndrome of Olive (OQDS)



**Kick-off meeting XF-ACTORS (16 Nov 2016)**



# Objectives

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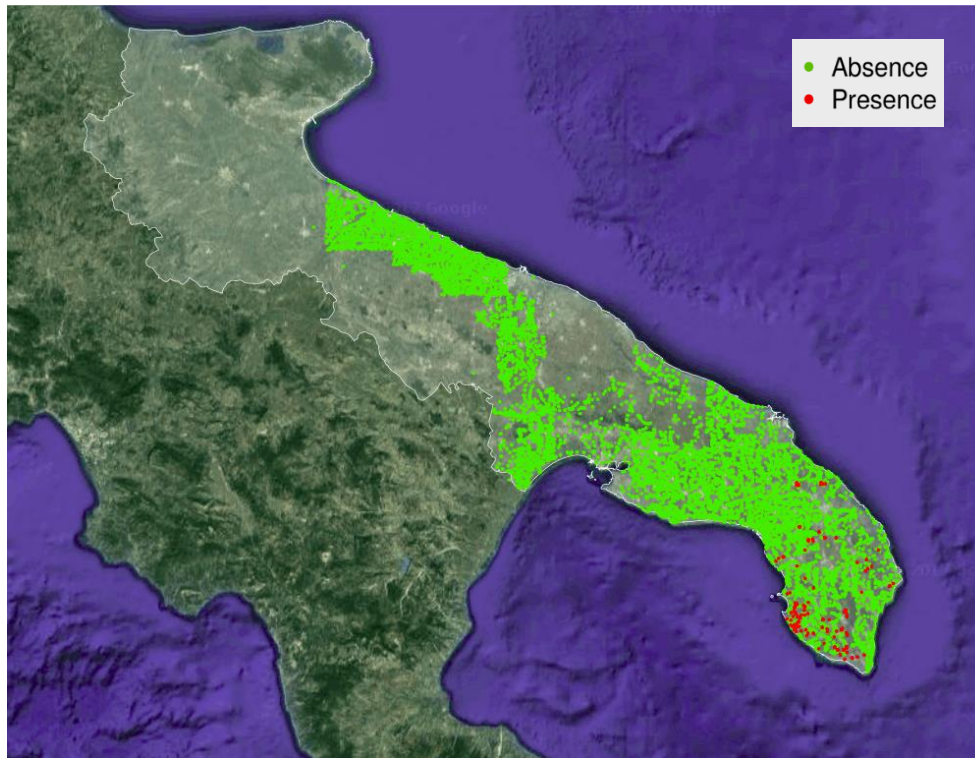
- To estimate the probability of *Xf* occurrence in south-eastern Italy based on climatic variables and spatial factors
- To better understand the role of climate and spatial dependency in *Xf* spread



# Variables

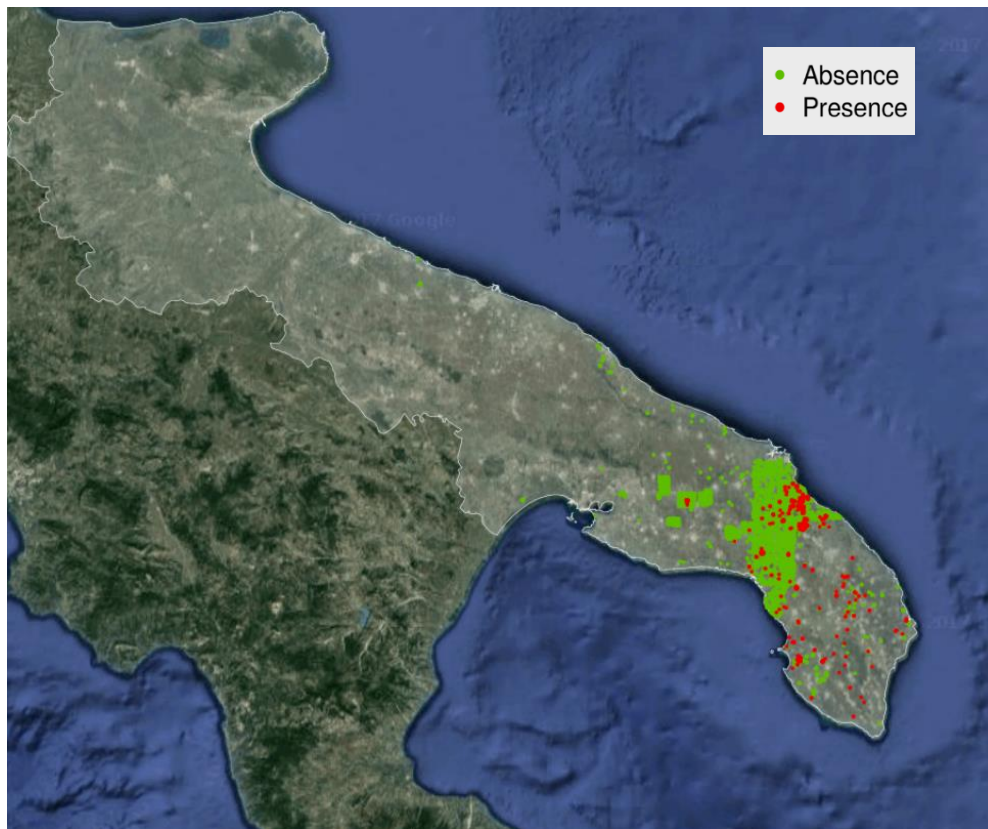
- Response variable
  - Presence/absence of *Xylella fastidiosa* (*Xf*)

# 2013-2014: Response variable: $X_f$ presence/absence





## 2015: Response variable: *Xf* presence/absence



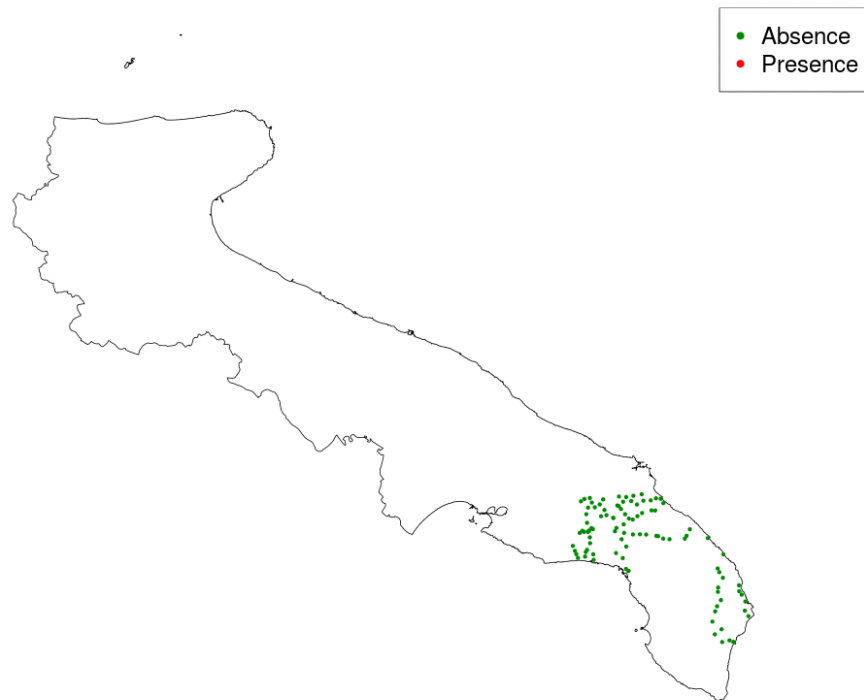
## 2016: Response variable: *Xf* presence/absence



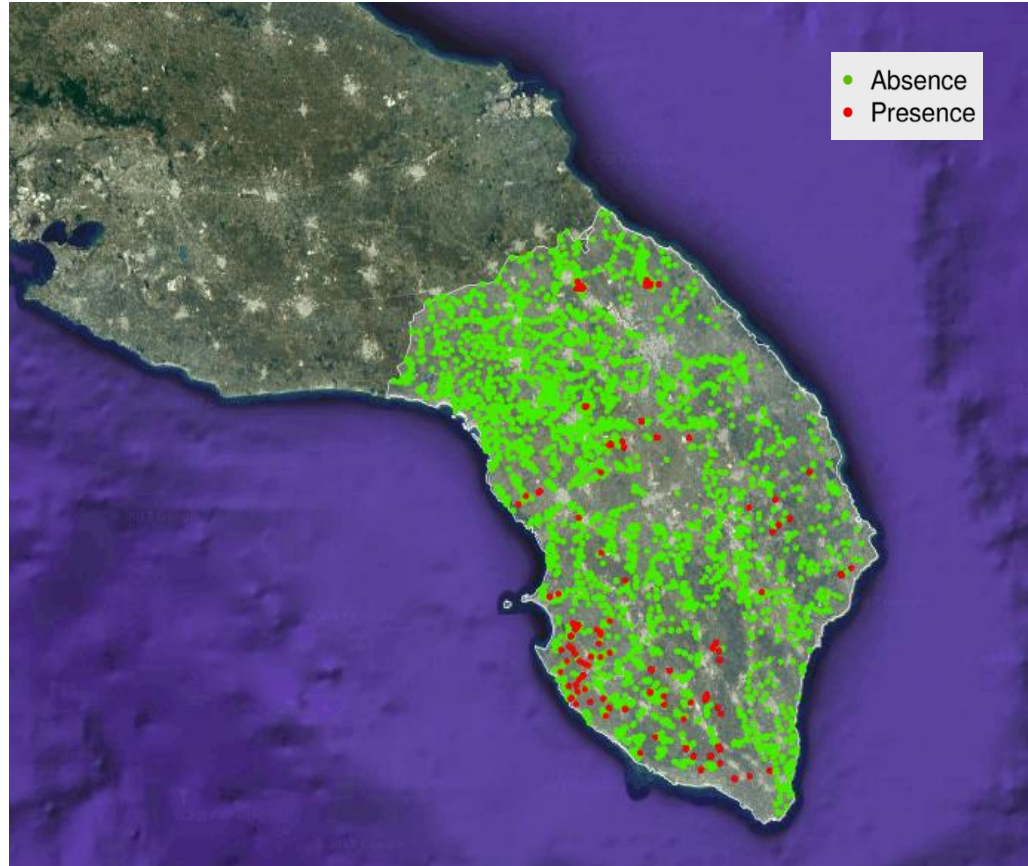


# Response variable: *Xf* presence/absence

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## 2013-2014: Response variable: $Xf$ presence/absence





# Variables

- Response variable
  - Presence/absence of *Xylella fastidiosa*
- Covariates

# Climate data: 1950-2000 (resolution 5' (arc min))

## WorldClim - Global Climate Data

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## Bioclim

### BIOCLIM

Bioclimatic variables are derived from the monthly temperature and rainfall values in order to generate more biologically meaningful variables. These are often used in ecological niche modeling (e.g., BIOCLIM, GARP). The bioclimatic variables represent annual trends (e.g., mean annual temperature, annual precipitation) seasonality (e.g., annual range in temperature and precipitation) and extreme or limiting environmental factors (e.g., temperature of the coldest and warmest month, and precipitation of the wet and dry quarters). A quarter is a period of three months (1/4 of the year).

They are coded as follows:

BIO<sub>1</sub> = Annual Mean Temperature  
BIO<sub>2</sub> = Mean Diurnal Range (Mean of monthly (max temp - min temp))  
BIO<sub>3</sub> = Isothermality (BIO<sub>2</sub>/BIO<sub>7</sub>) (\*100)  
BIO<sub>4</sub> = Temperature Seasonality (standard deviation \*100)  
BIO<sub>5</sub> = Max Temperature of Warmest Month  
BIO<sub>6</sub> = Min Temperature of Coldest Month  
BIO<sub>7</sub> = Temperature Annual Range (BIO<sub>5</sub>-BIO<sub>6</sub>)  
BIO<sub>8</sub> = Mean Temperature of Wettest Quarter  
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BIO<sub>10</sub> = Mean Temperature of Warmest Quarter  
BIO<sub>11</sub> = Mean Temperature of Coldest Quarter  
BIO<sub>12</sub> = Annual Precipitation  
BIO<sub>13</sub> = Precipitation of Wettest Month  
BIO<sub>14</sub> = Precipitation of Driest Month  
BIO<sub>15</sub> = Precipitation Seasonality (Coefficient of Variation)  
BIO<sub>16</sub> = Precipitation of Wettest Quarter  
BIO<sub>17</sub> = Precipitation of Driest Quarter  
BIO<sub>18</sub> = Precipitation of Warmest Quarter  
BIO<sub>19</sub> = Precipitation of Coldest Quarter

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# Köppen-Geiger classification

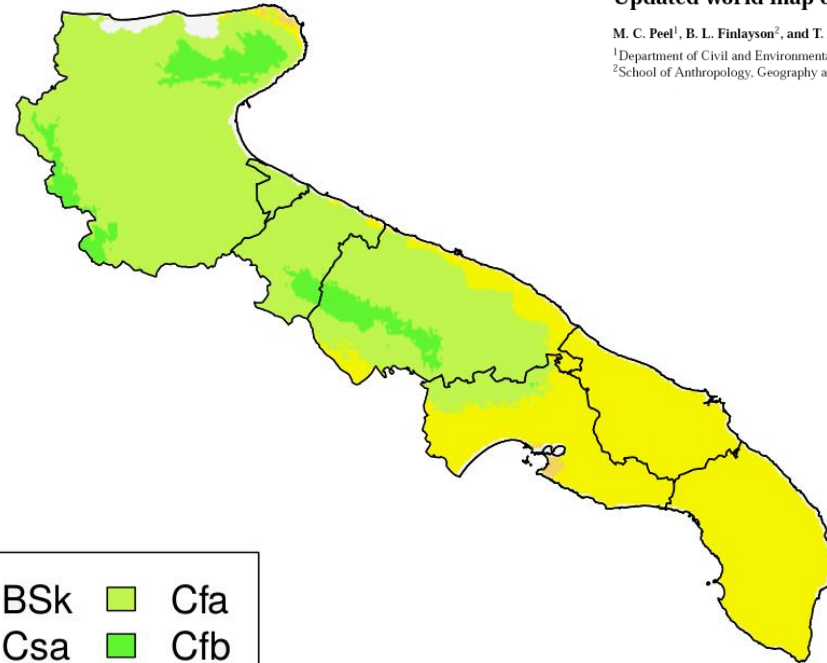
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## Updated world map of the Köppen-Geiger climate classification

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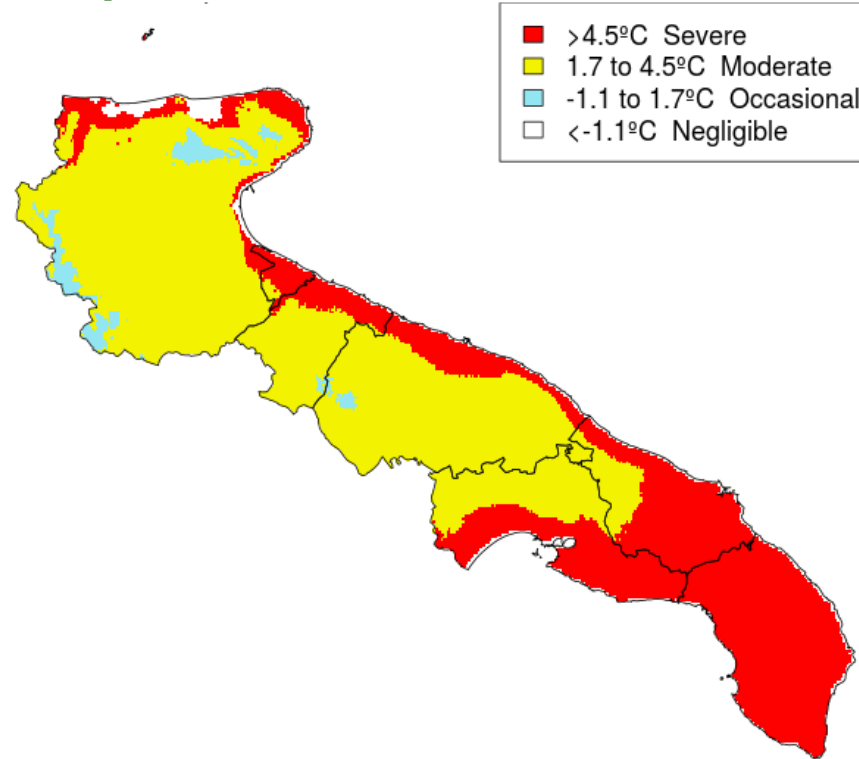
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# Winter minimum temperature thresholds (°C)

(as per A.H. Purcell)



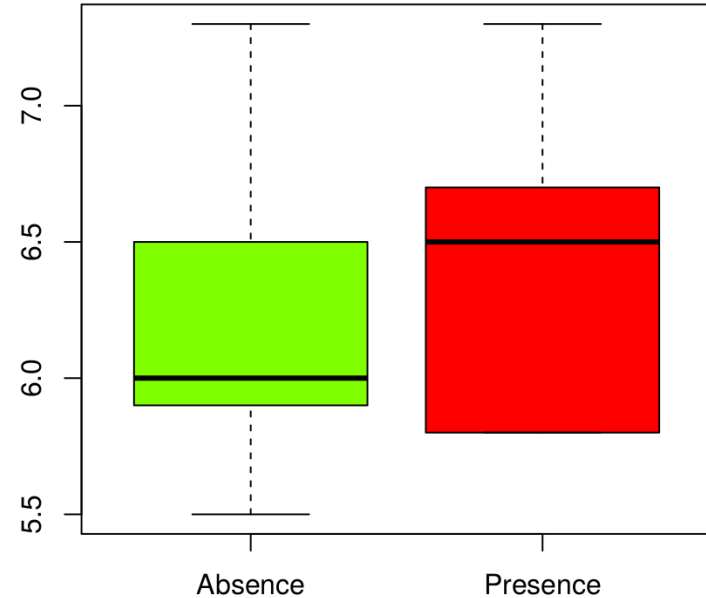
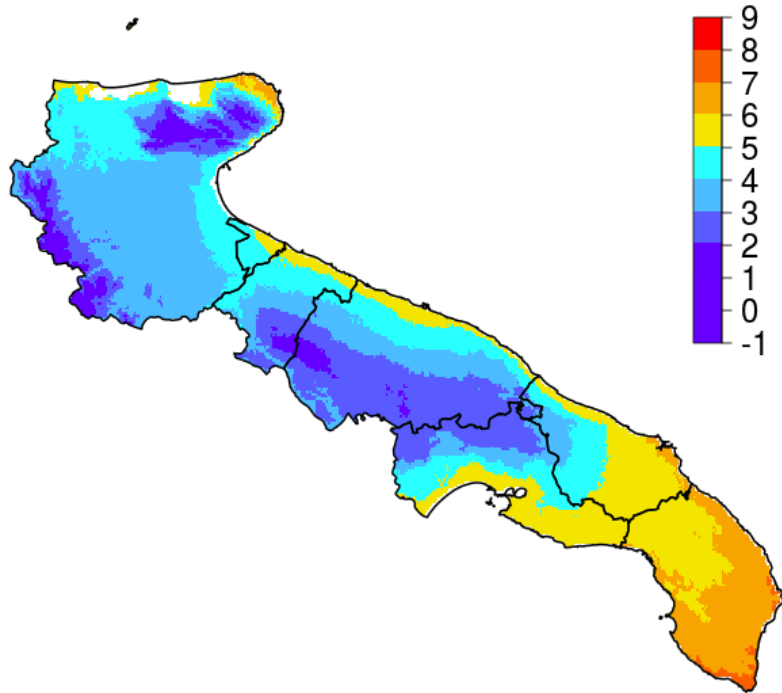




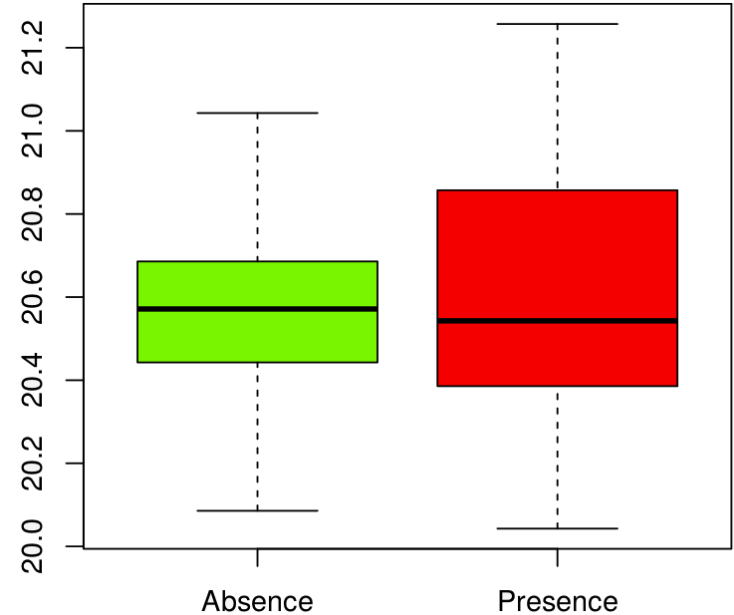
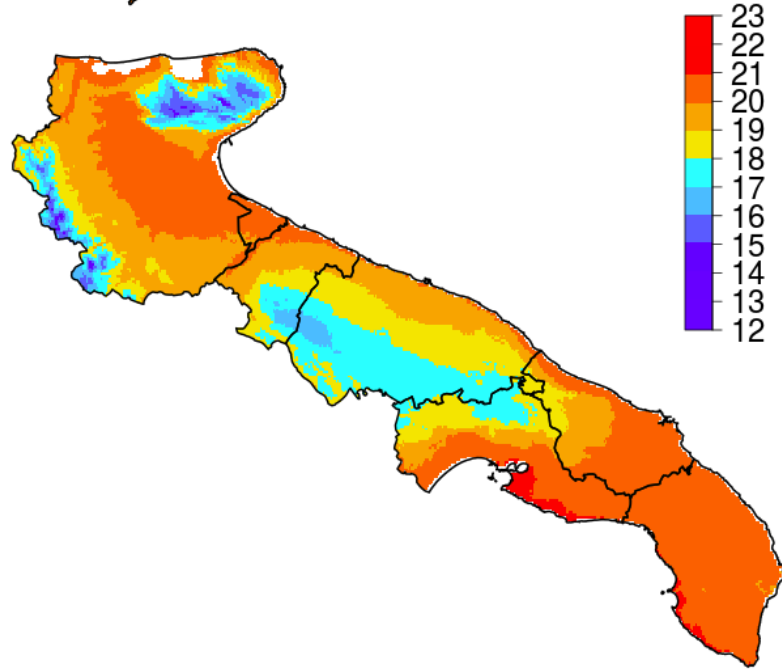
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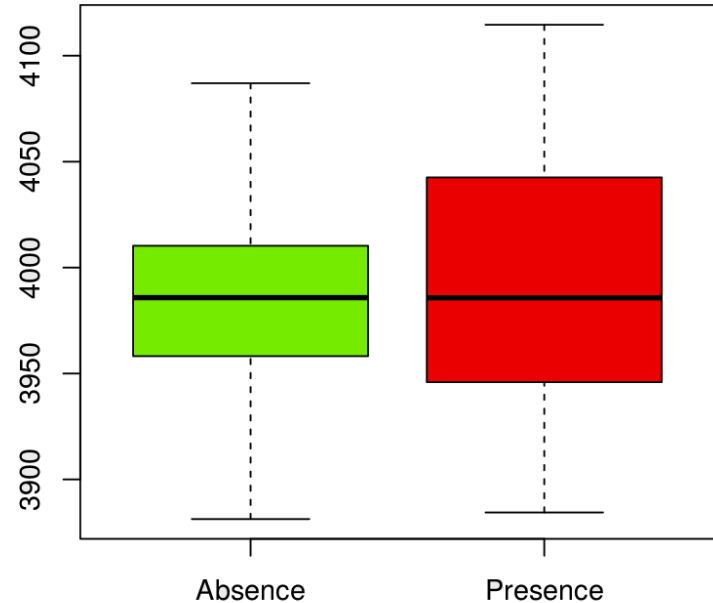
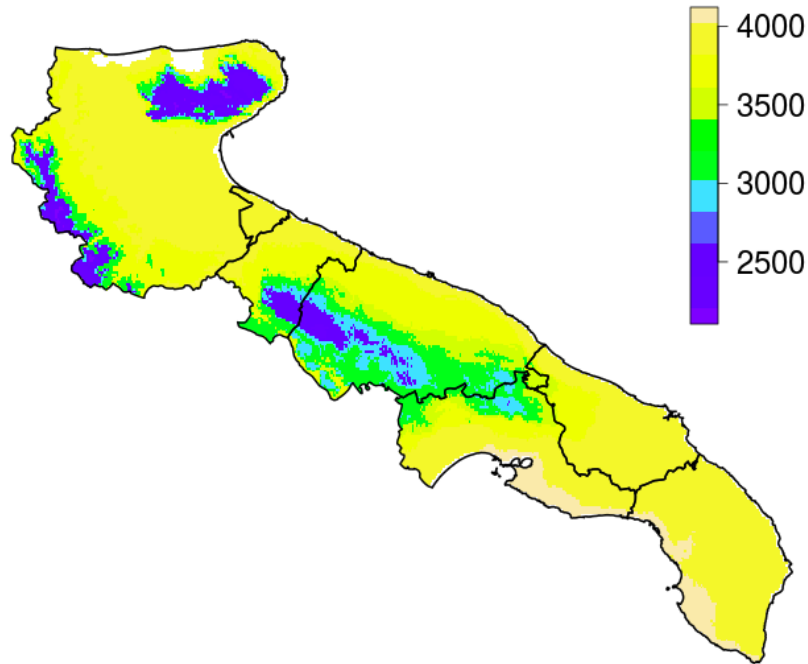
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**Prior distribution**  $\swarrow$   $\pi(\theta)$

**Likelihood (data)**  $\searrow$   $\pi(data|\theta)$

- ADVANTAGES
  - Include prior information
  - Fit complex models
  - Posterior distribution of the parameters
    - Interpretation: confidence interval vs. credible interval
- DISADVANTAGES
  - To find an expression for the posterior distribution
    - Simulation

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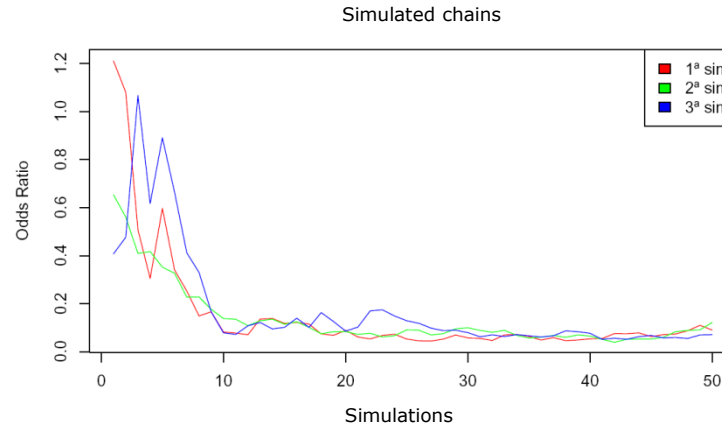
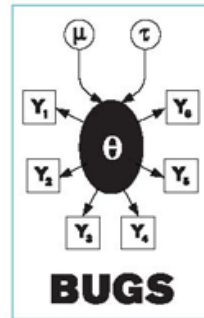
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Markov Chain Monte Carlo Methods (MCMC)

**Bayesian  
inference  
Using  
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## Fast and flexible modelling with R-INLA

Implementing Approximate Bayesian Inference using Integrated Nested Laplace Approximation: a manual for the `inla` program

Sara Martino and Håvard Rue  
Department of Mathematical Sciences  
NTNU, Norway

Compiled on September 1, 2009

# Models

## Likelihood

$$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_i),$$
$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{W}_i,$$

## Latent Gaussian field

$$\beta_0, \dots, \beta_M \sim \text{N}(0; 10^{-4}), \mathbf{W} \sim \text{N}(0; \mathbf{Q}(r, \sigma_{\mathbf{W}})),$$

## Hyperparameters

$$\log(r) \sim \text{N}(\mu_r; 0.1), \log(\sigma_{\mathbf{W}}) \sim \text{N}(\mu_{\sigma_{\mathbf{W}}}; 0.1).$$

$\mathbf{W}$  is the spatial effect with **Matérn covariance function**,  $r$  is referred to the range of the spatial effect and  $\sigma_{\mathbf{W}}$  to the standard deviation of the spatial effect.  $\mu_r$  has been chosen as the logarithm of the twenty percent of the total diameter of the region and  $\mu_{\sigma_{\mathbf{W}}}$  as the logarithm of 1.

## Models fitted for the 2013-2014 data

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|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| y ~ intercept + tmin + w           | 1097.2540 | 0.1318 |
| y ~ intercept + tmin               | 1717.5911 | 0.2042 |
| y ~ intercept + tmin + ADD + tmean | 1721.6515 | 0.2047 |
| y ~ intercept + tmin + tmean       | 1722.8706 | 0.2049 |
| y ~ intercept + tmin + ADD         | 1723.1563 | 0.2049 |
| y ~ intercept + ADD + tmean        | 1750.2143 | 0.2081 |
| y ~ intercept + tmean              | 1749.5566 | 0.2080 |
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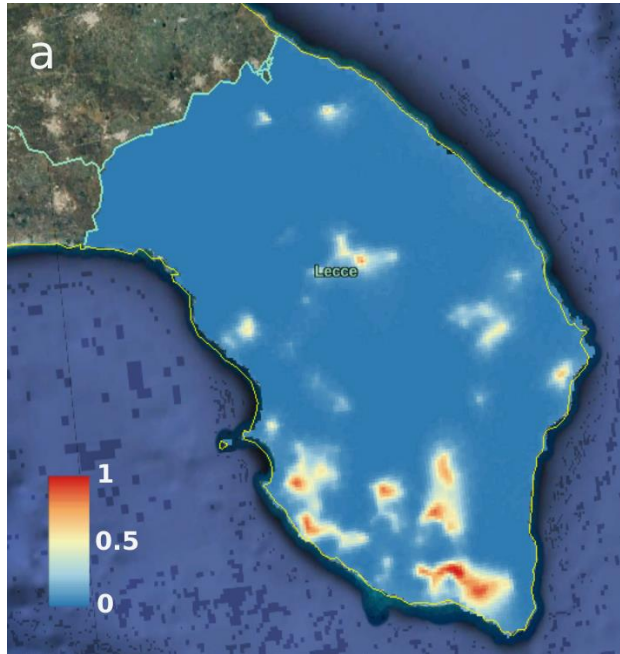


## Posterior distributions of the parameters for the best model (mean and 95% credibility interval)

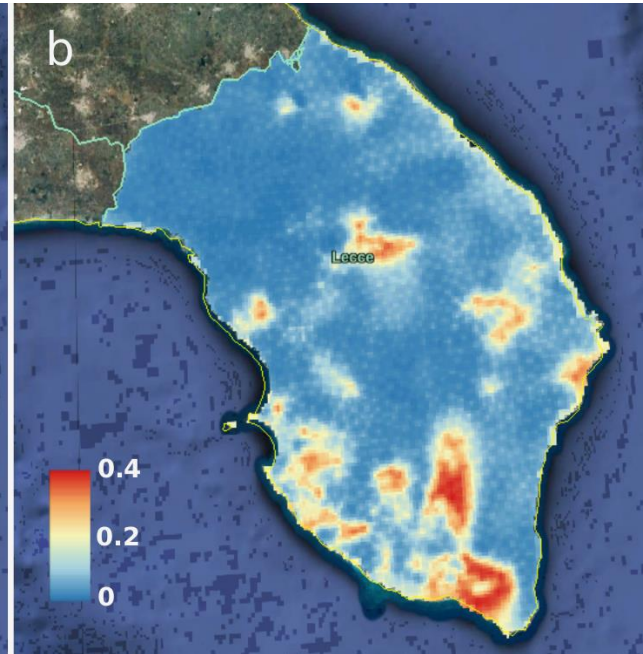
| Model      | $\beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ tmin} + W$ |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Intercept  | -16.788 (-31.709, 0.881)             |
| tmin       | 1.318 (-1.549, 3.575)                |
| $r$        | 4.649 (2.693, 6.920)                 |
| $\sigma_W$ | 4.304 (3.034, 5.509)                 |

# Posterior distribution: maps

**Prediction**  
(Mean probability 0-1)



**Uncertainty**  
(Standard deviation)



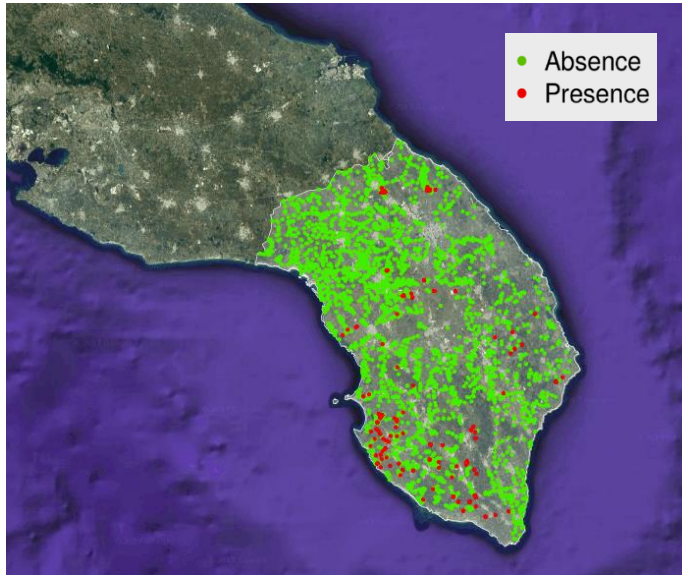


# Evaluation of the model fitted to 2013-2014 data vs. 2015-2016 data

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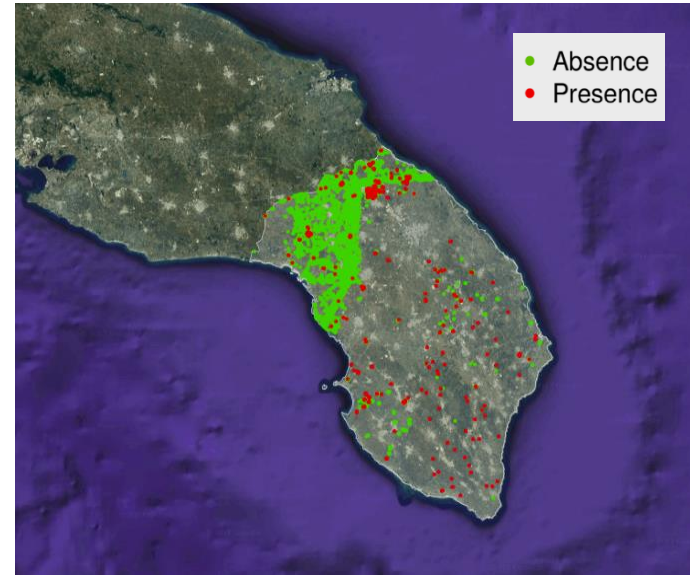
Prevalence = 5.32 %



## Model evaluation (2015-2016)

4029 presences 35008 absences

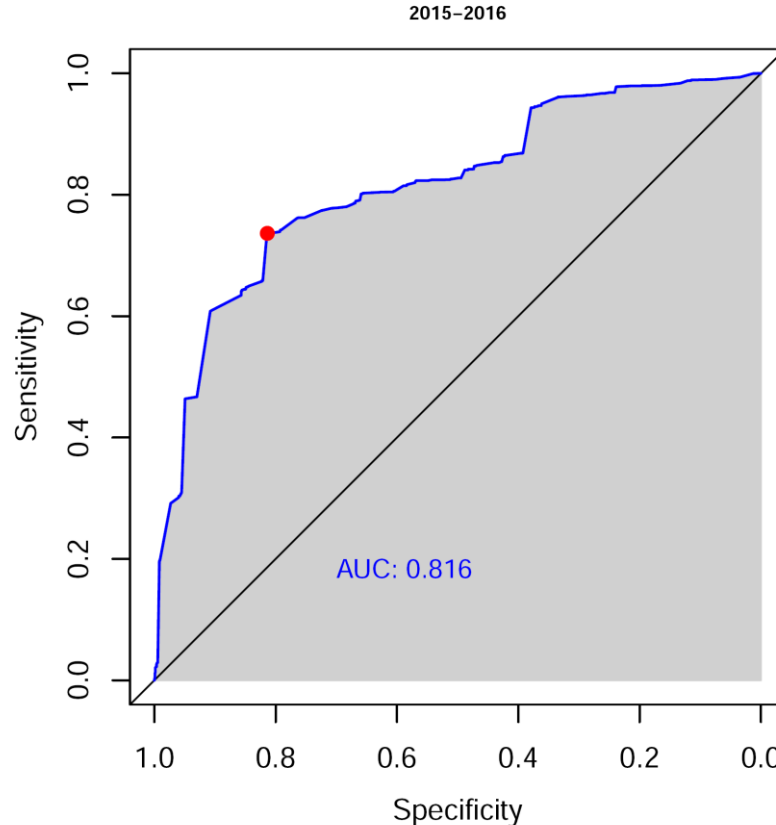
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True positive rate: 73%  
True negative rate: 81%

False negative rate: 27%  
False positive rate: 19%





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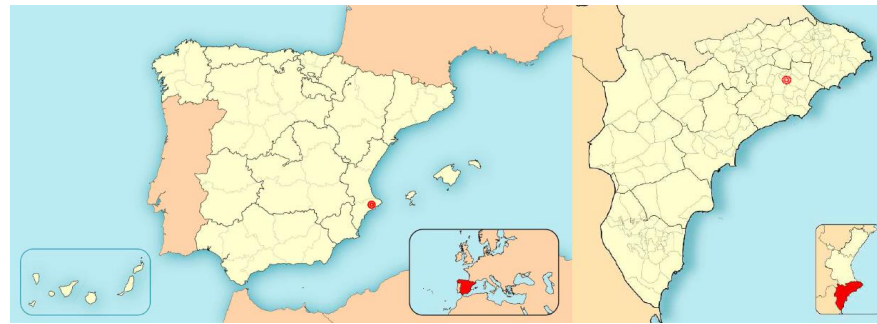




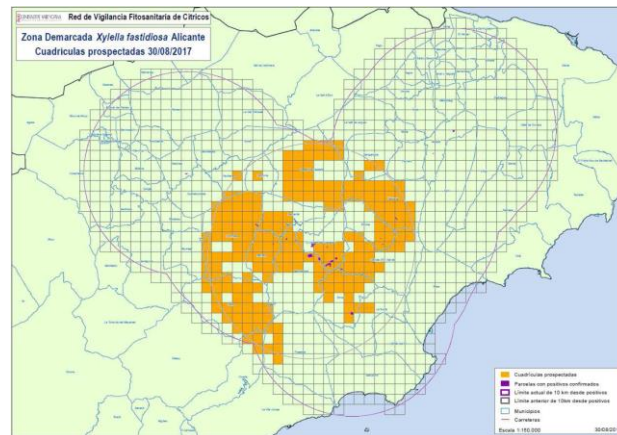
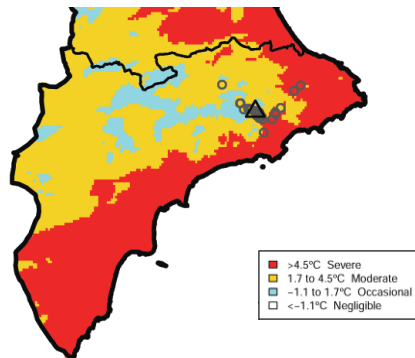
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- ONGOING WORK
  - New climatic databases (JRC-Agri4Cast, CMCC)
  - Include a temporal effect in the model
  - Other spatial models



# June 2017, Detection of almond leaf scorch in Alicante, mainland Spain



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