

**Exaktní vylišení vývojových stadií
prirozeného smrko-jedlo-bukového lesa
na modelovém území Žofínský prales**



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oddelení ekologie lesa

Theory assumption

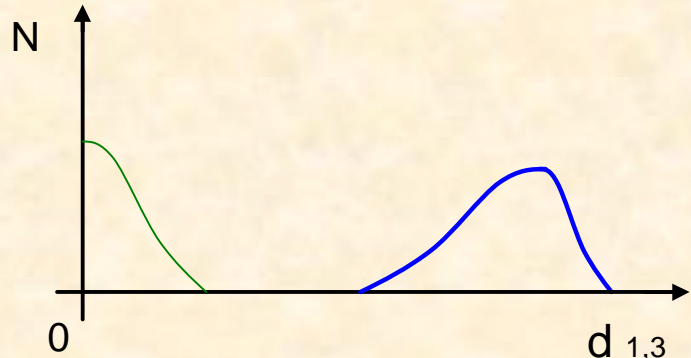
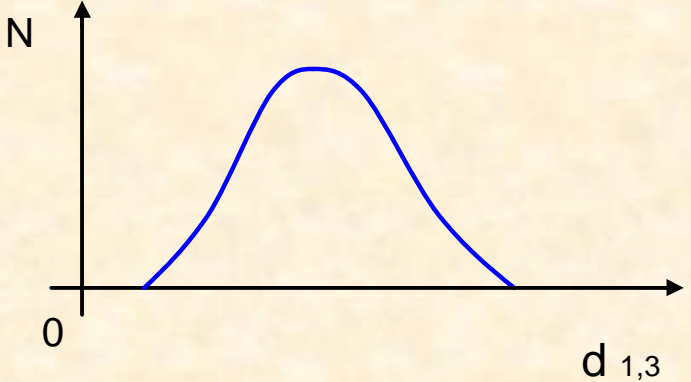
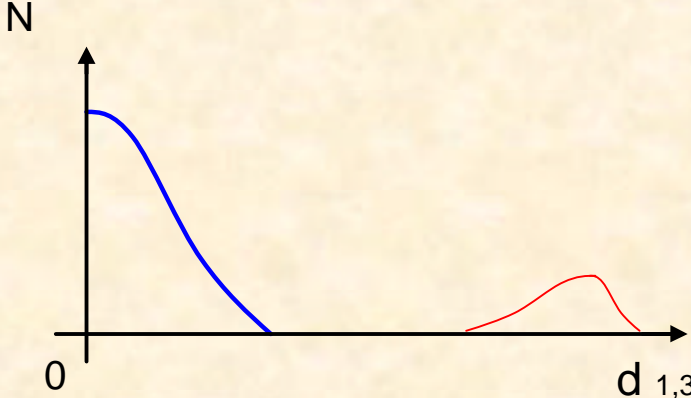
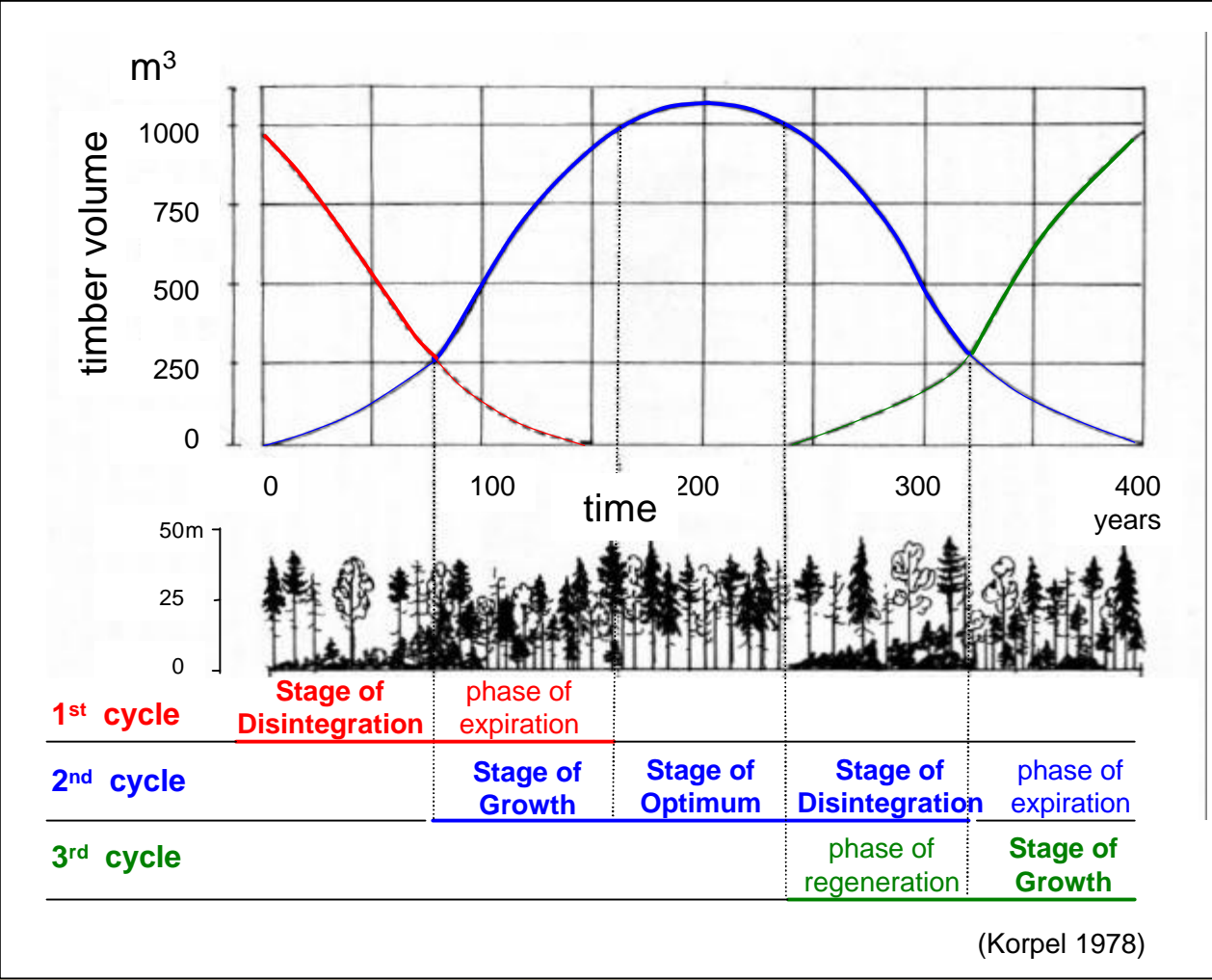
The natural stand dynamics of the climax temperate mixed forests may be described by the concept of **forest cycle**, which is characterized by the sequentially shifting fine-scale mosaic of patches in different phase of forest development. Particular developmental stages markedly differ in live-dead wood volumes and their proportions; they also differentiate by its specific stand structure.

Theory development

- Leibundgut 1959 (only phases)
- Zukrigl 1963 (only phases)
- Mayer et al. 1987 (only phases)
- Koop (1989)
- Korpel 1978, 1995 (3 stages, every stage incl. 1-3 phases)
- Drössler 2006 (mosaic)
- and others !!!

Model of the forest cycle

(Korpel 1978, 1995)



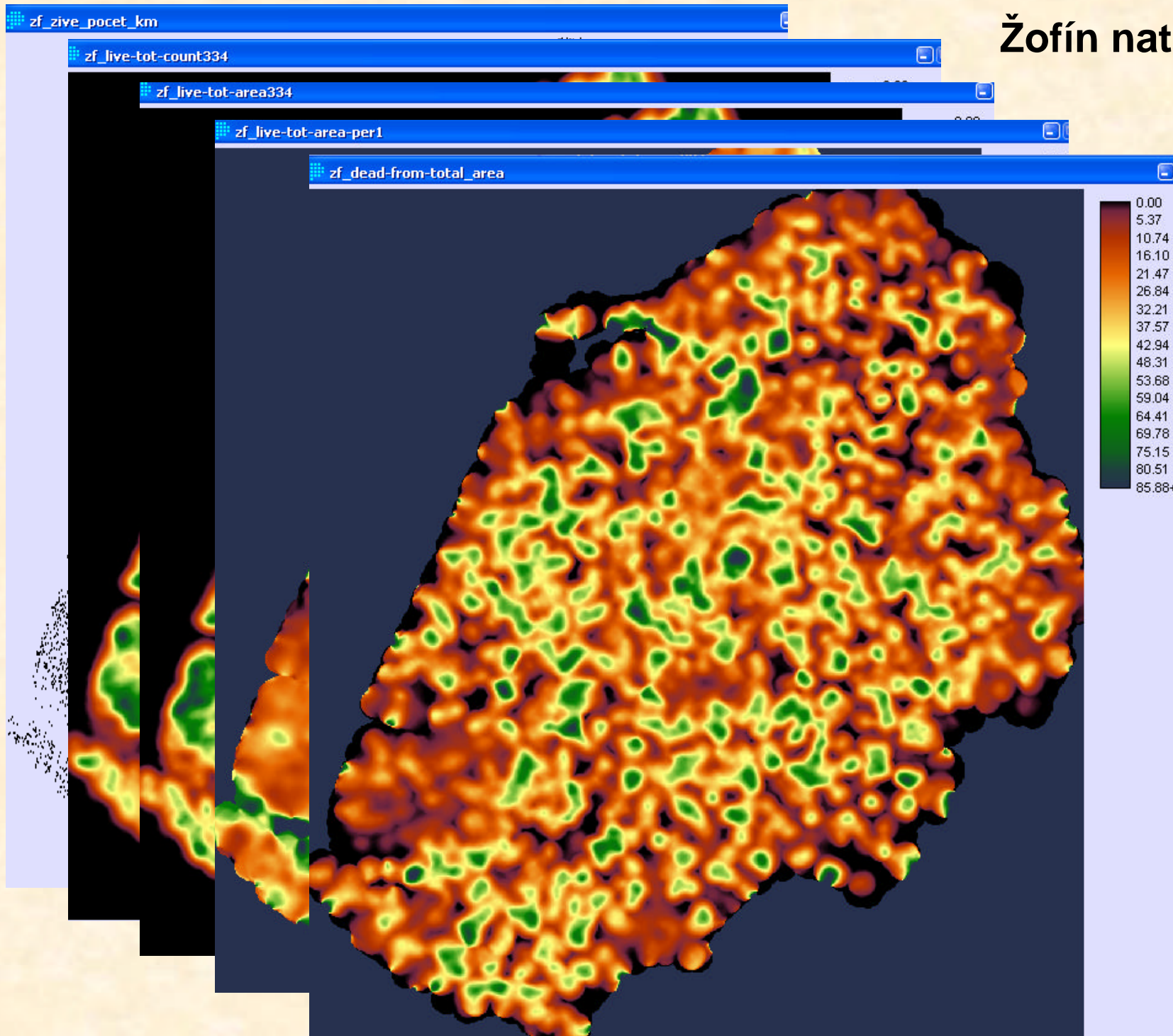
Determination and mapping to date:

- subjective approach – categories are loosely defined => „guesstimate“ methods (observer – dependent)
- determination on research plots – one plot = one stage and phase
- mapping on the net of points or in a grid (e.g. 50x50m; 12,5x12,5m)
- mapping into the maps of trees (Czech approach)

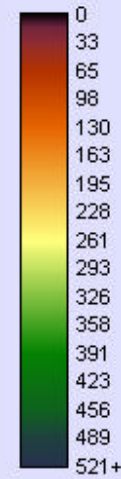
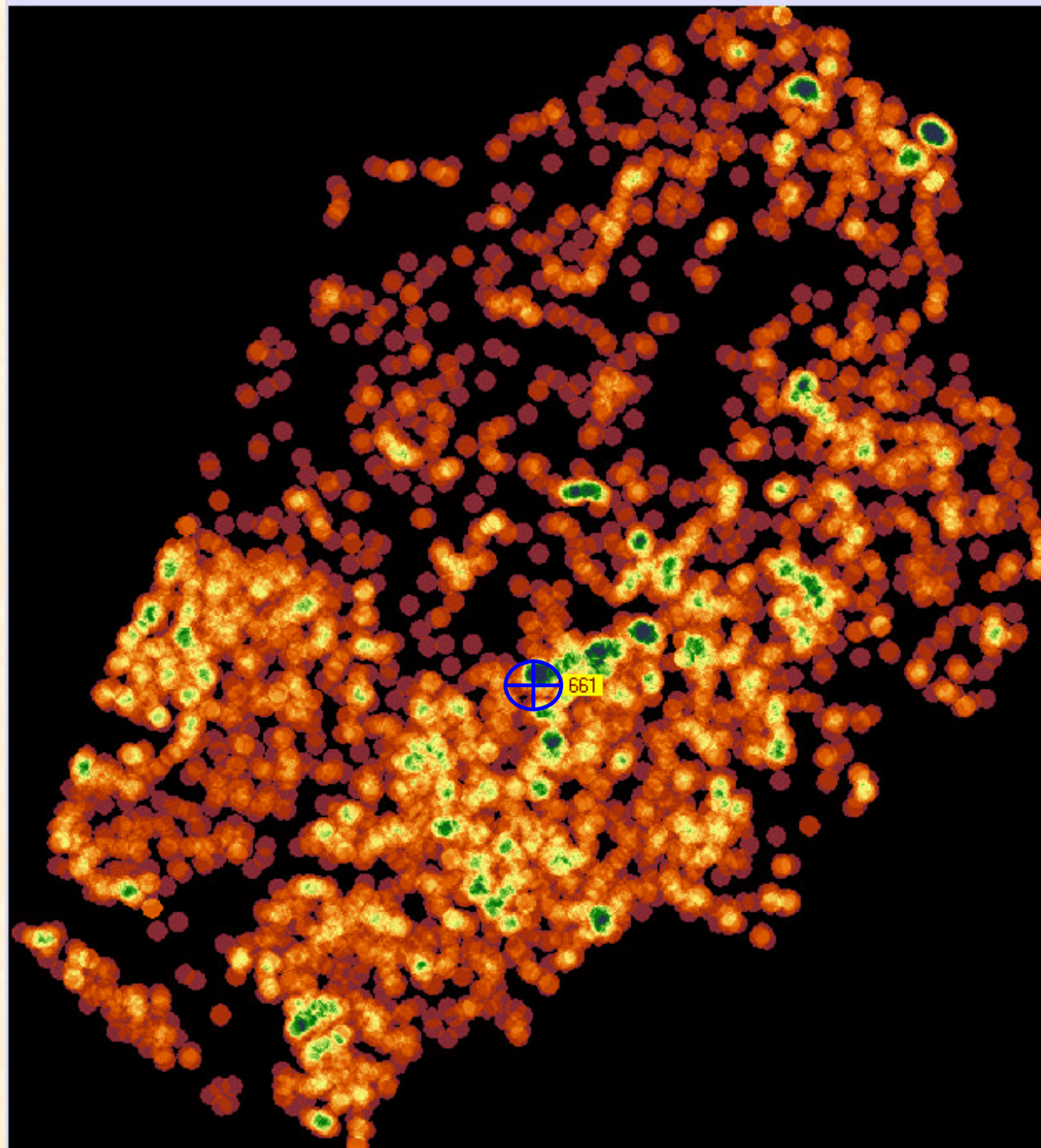
Challenges for new approach:

- to use data from large area of natural mixed forest
- to find the optimal spatial scale
- to use the exact parameters of trees
- to use the spatial analysis
- repeatability of mapping

Žofín natural forest



zf-97-livecount-curve.zf_live97_12-21m



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d 1,3 [cm]

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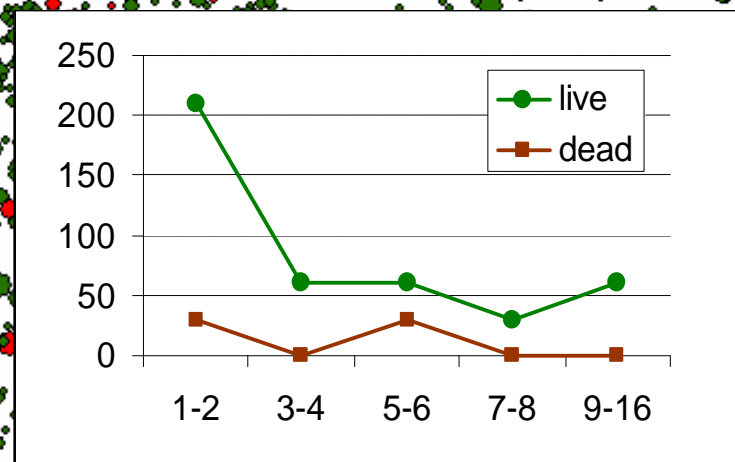
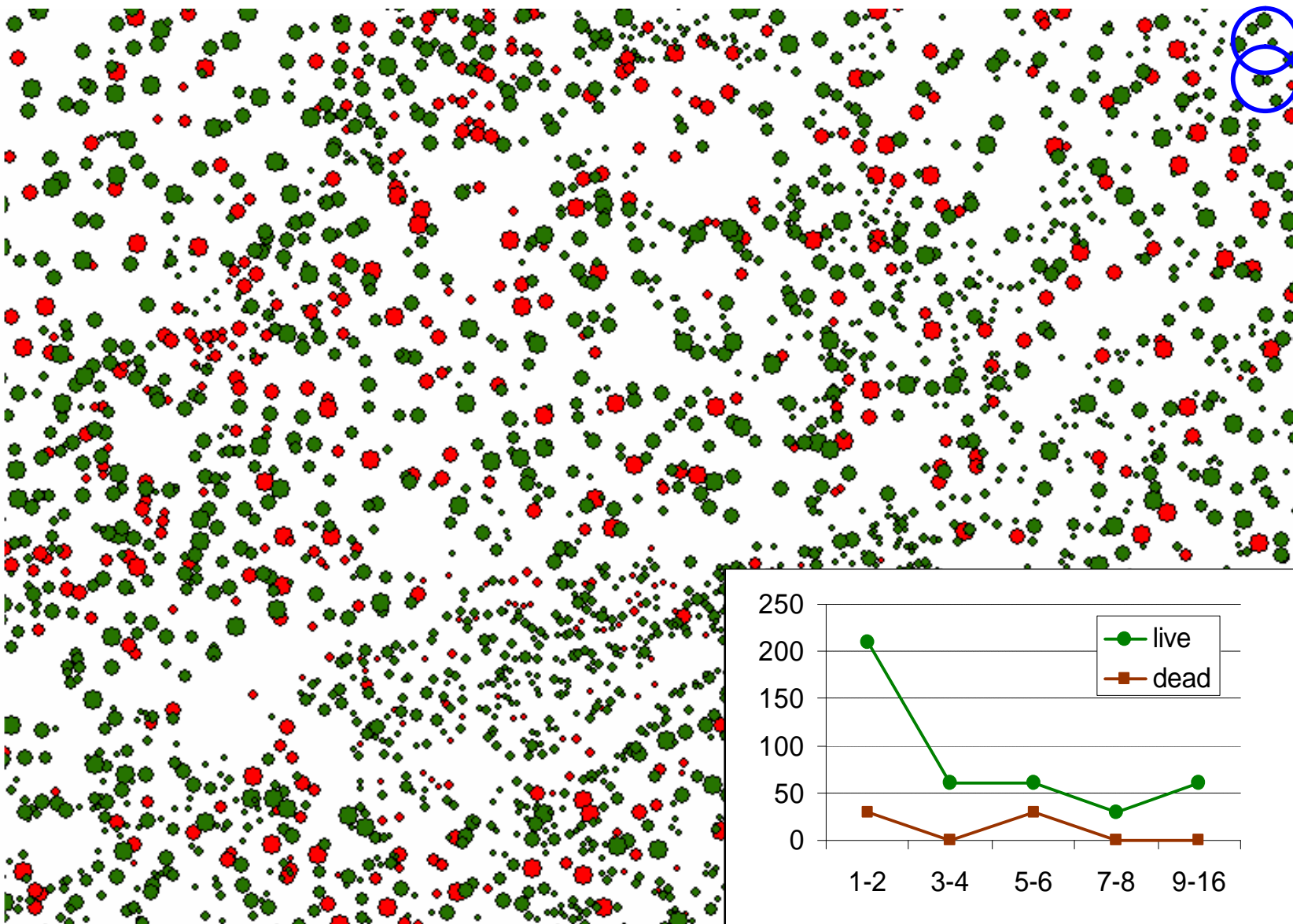
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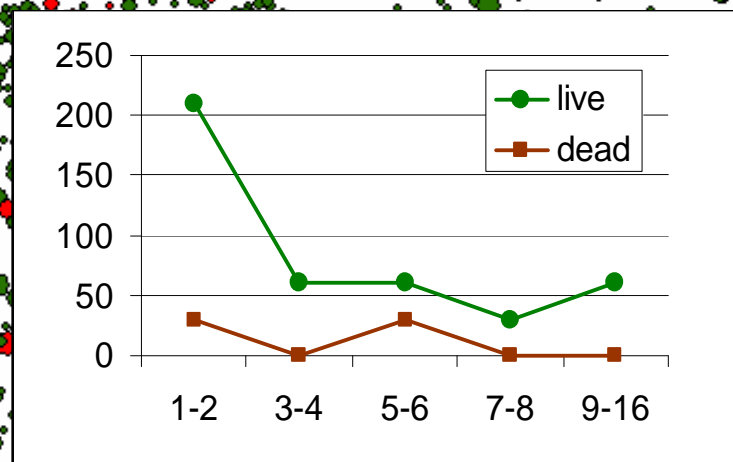
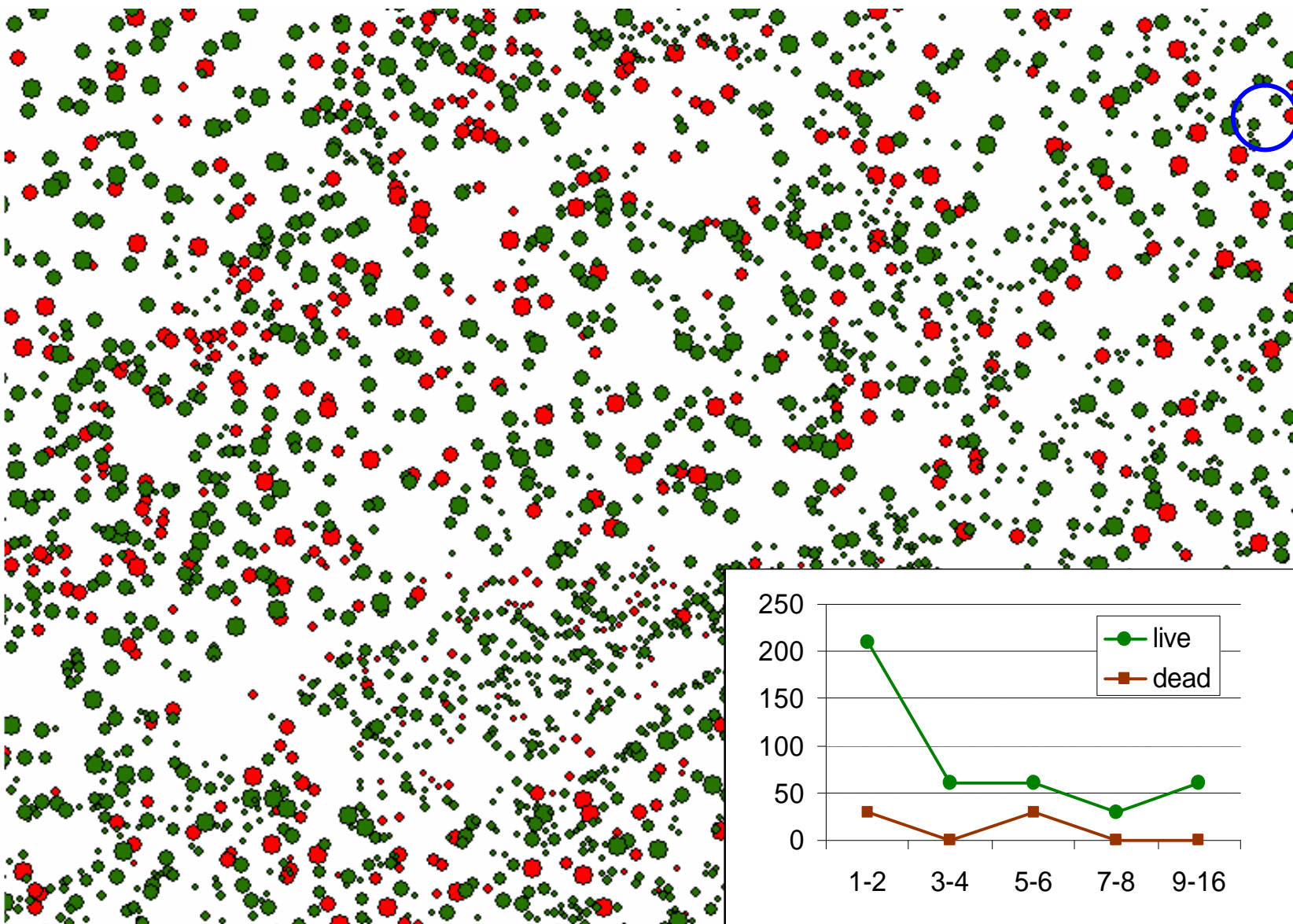
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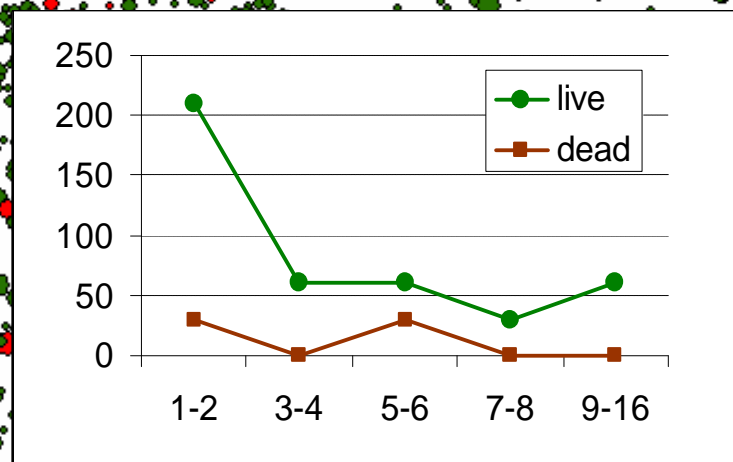
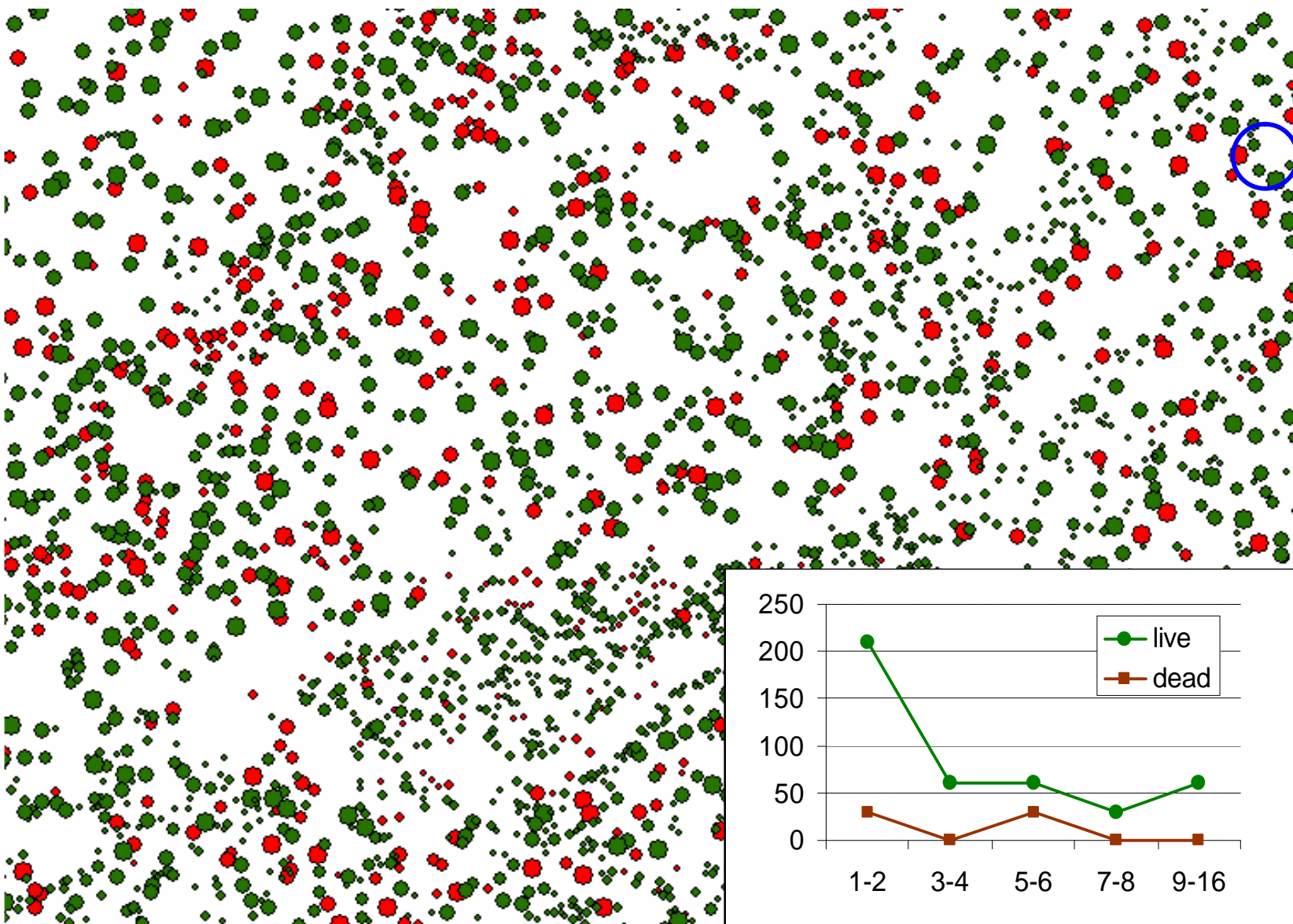
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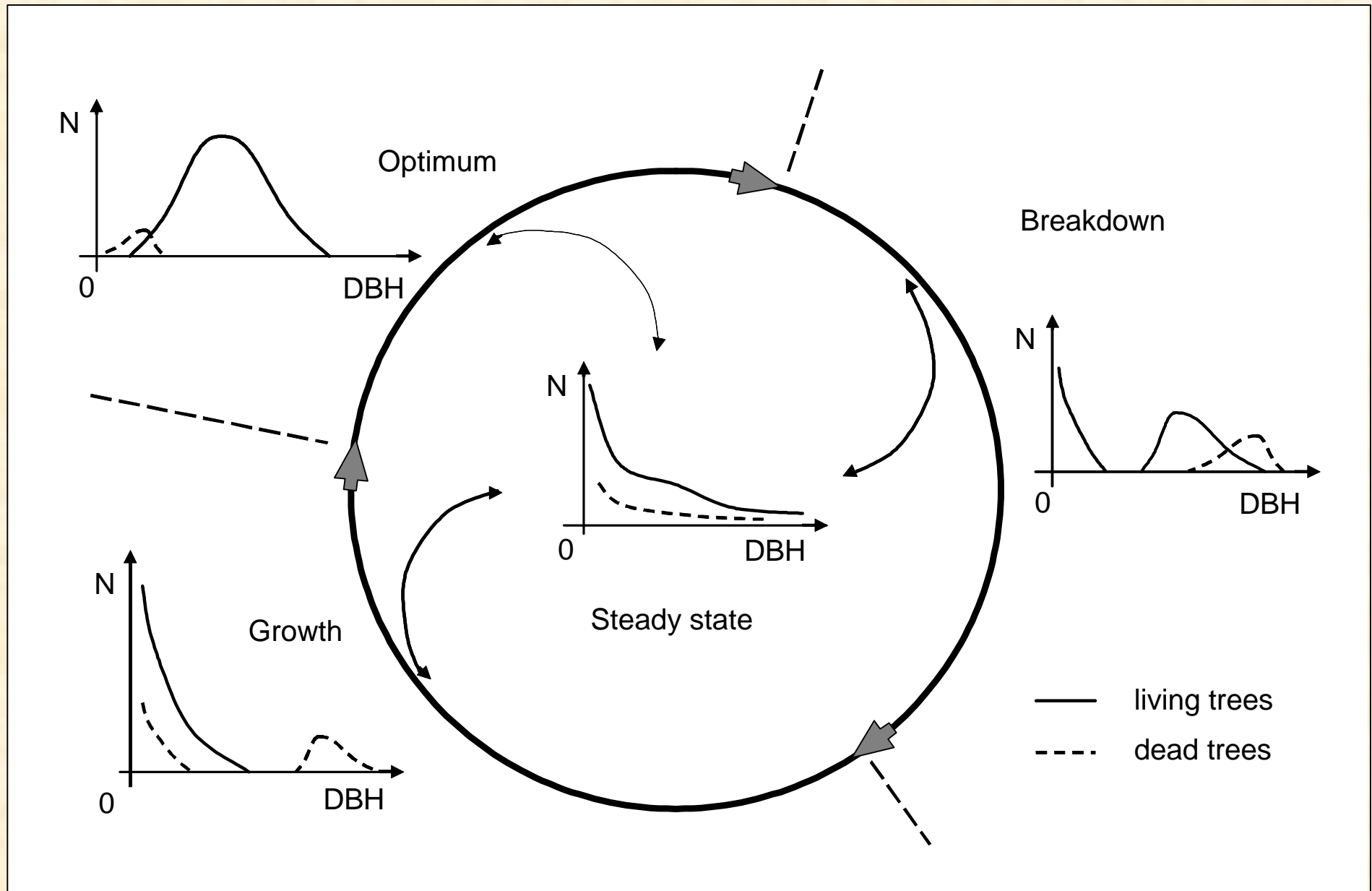
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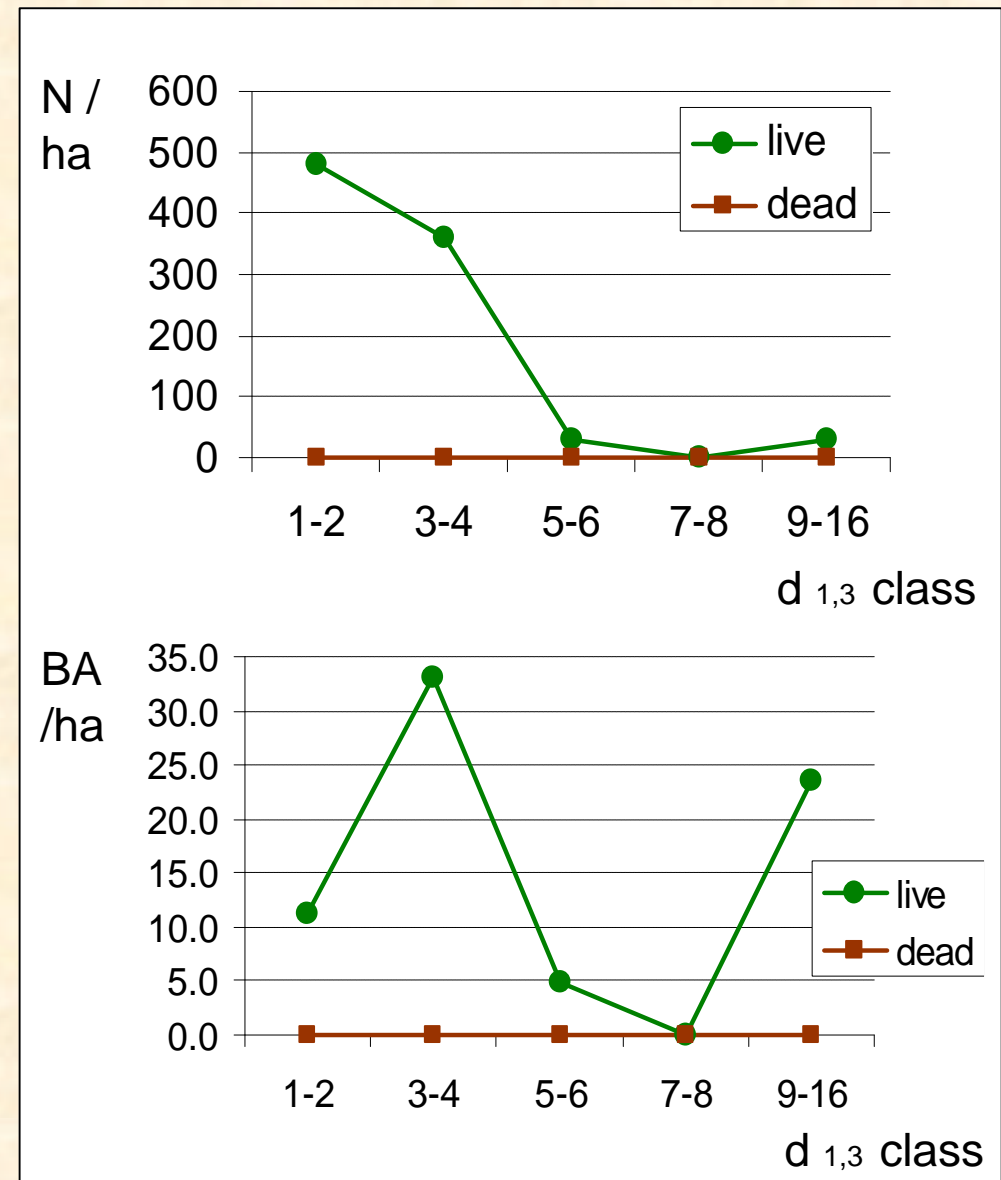
- **700 000 diameter distribution curves (as a result of filtering)**

➤ how to classify them ?



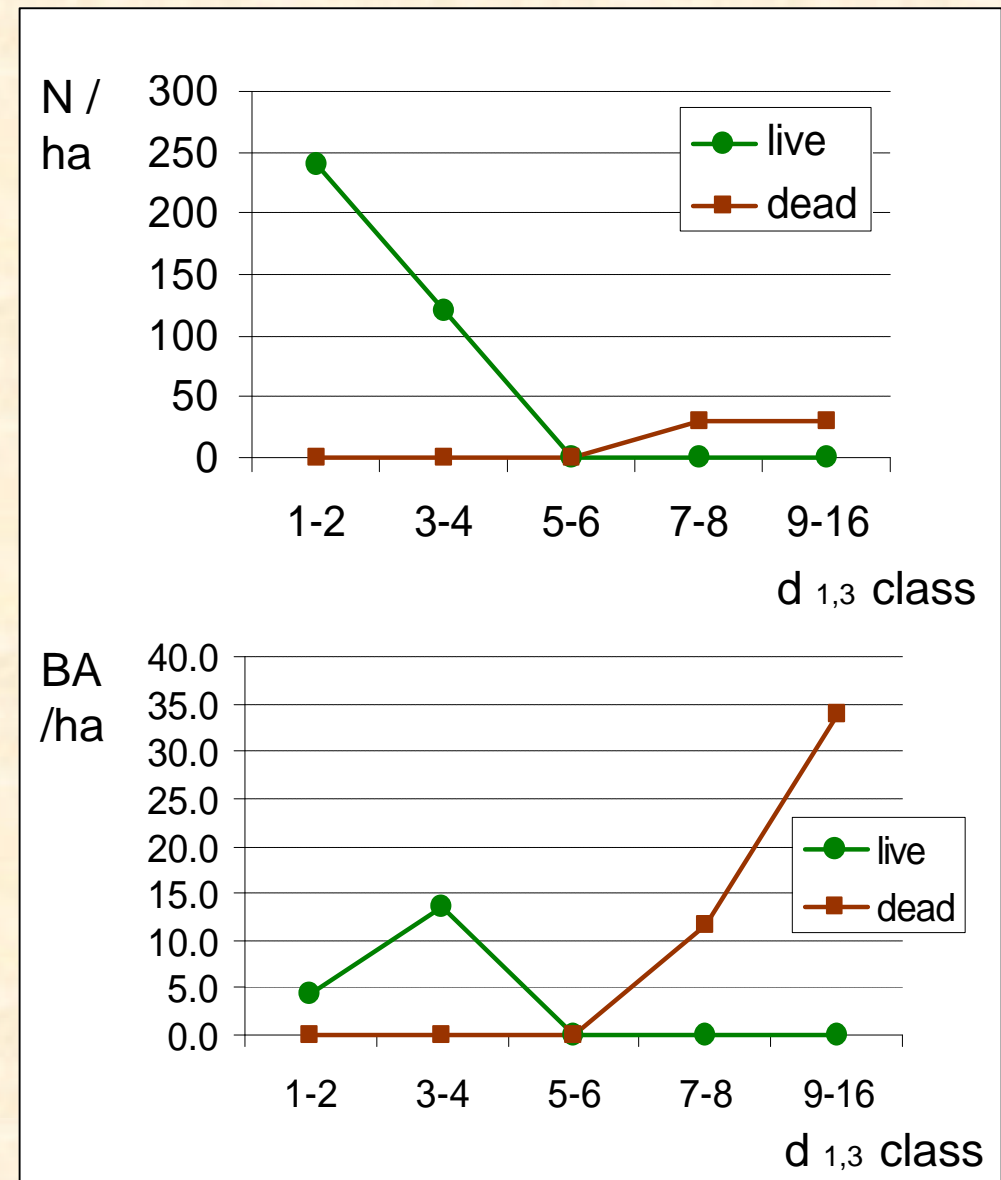
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- **Stage of growth, phase of expiration**
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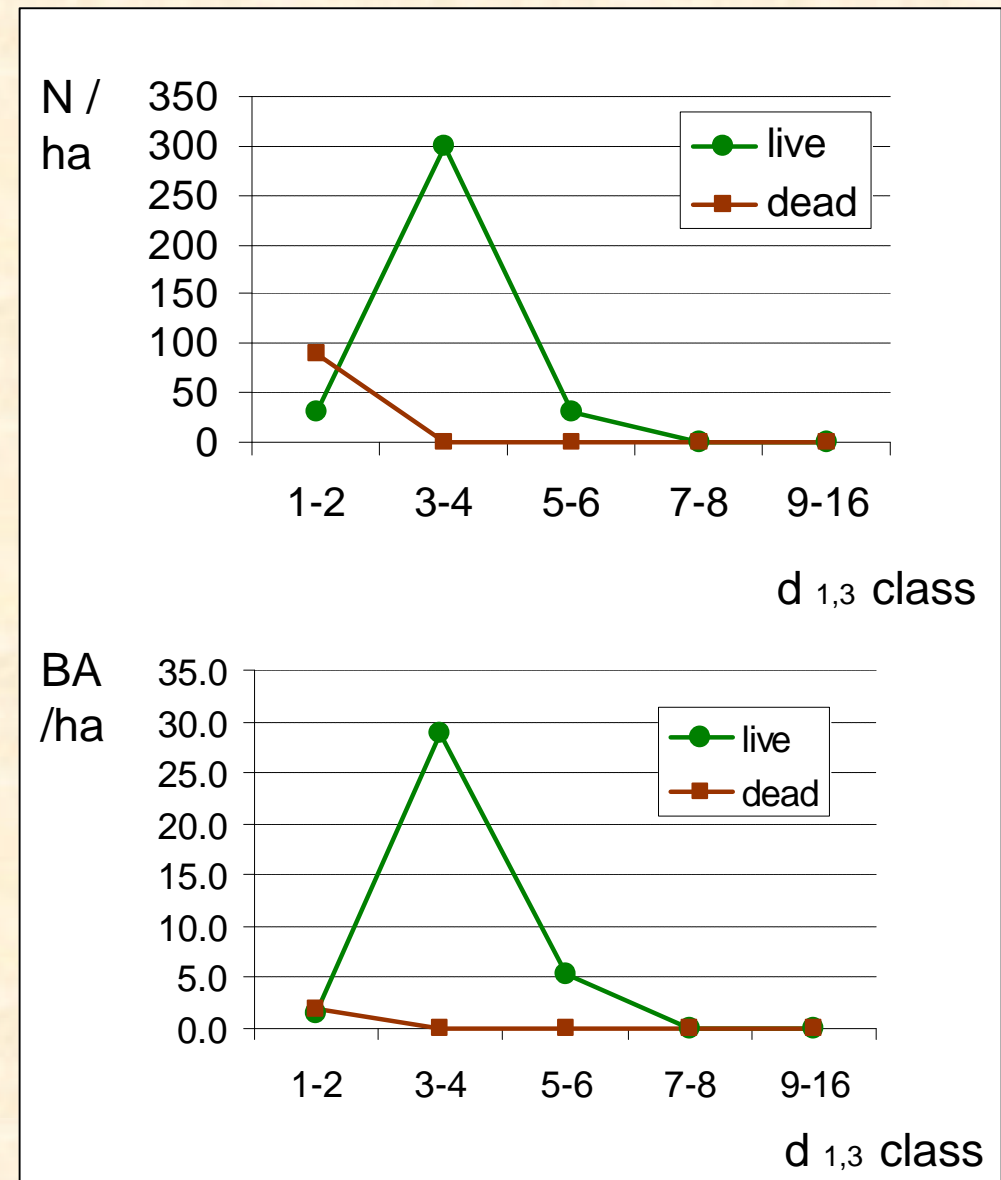
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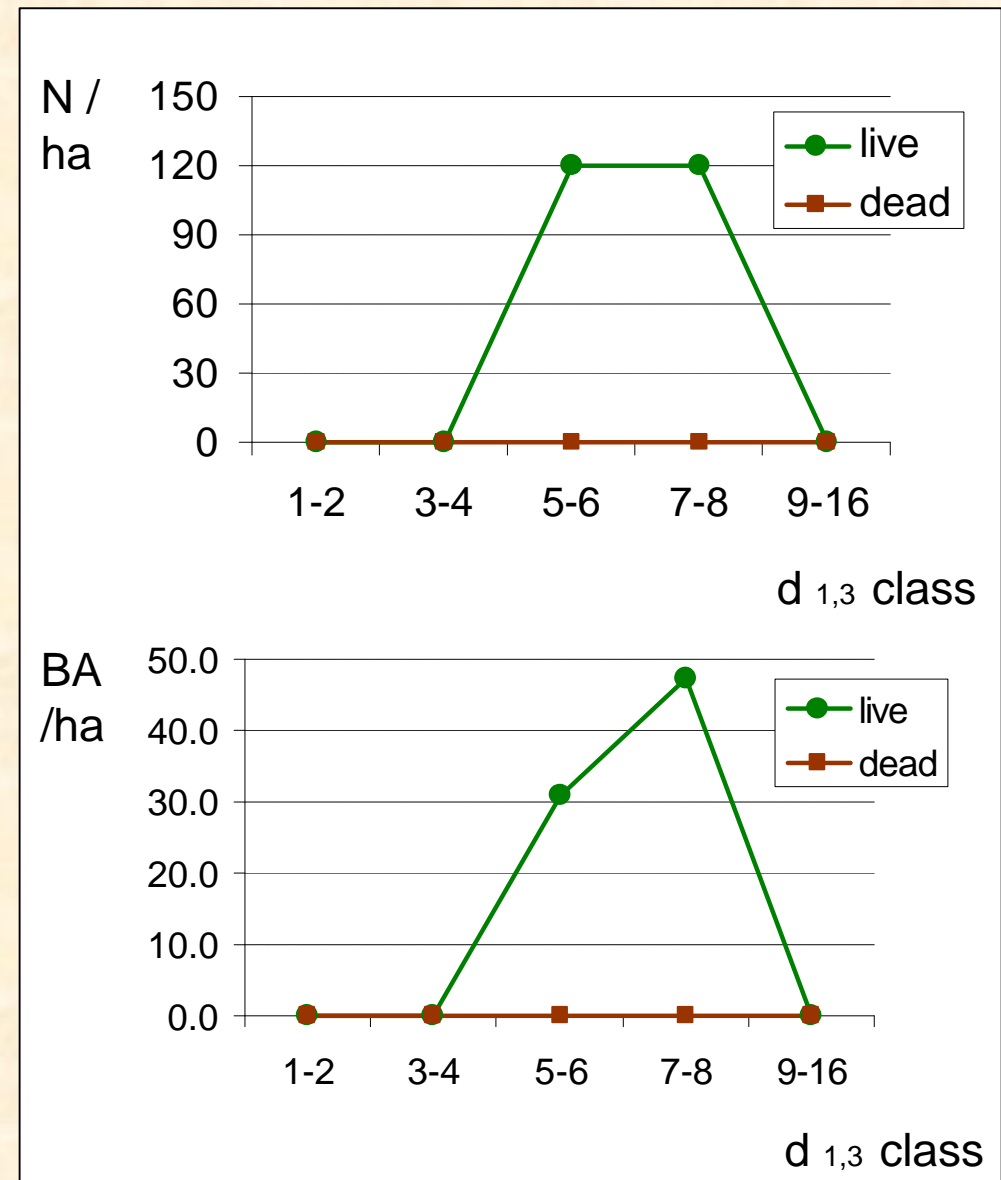
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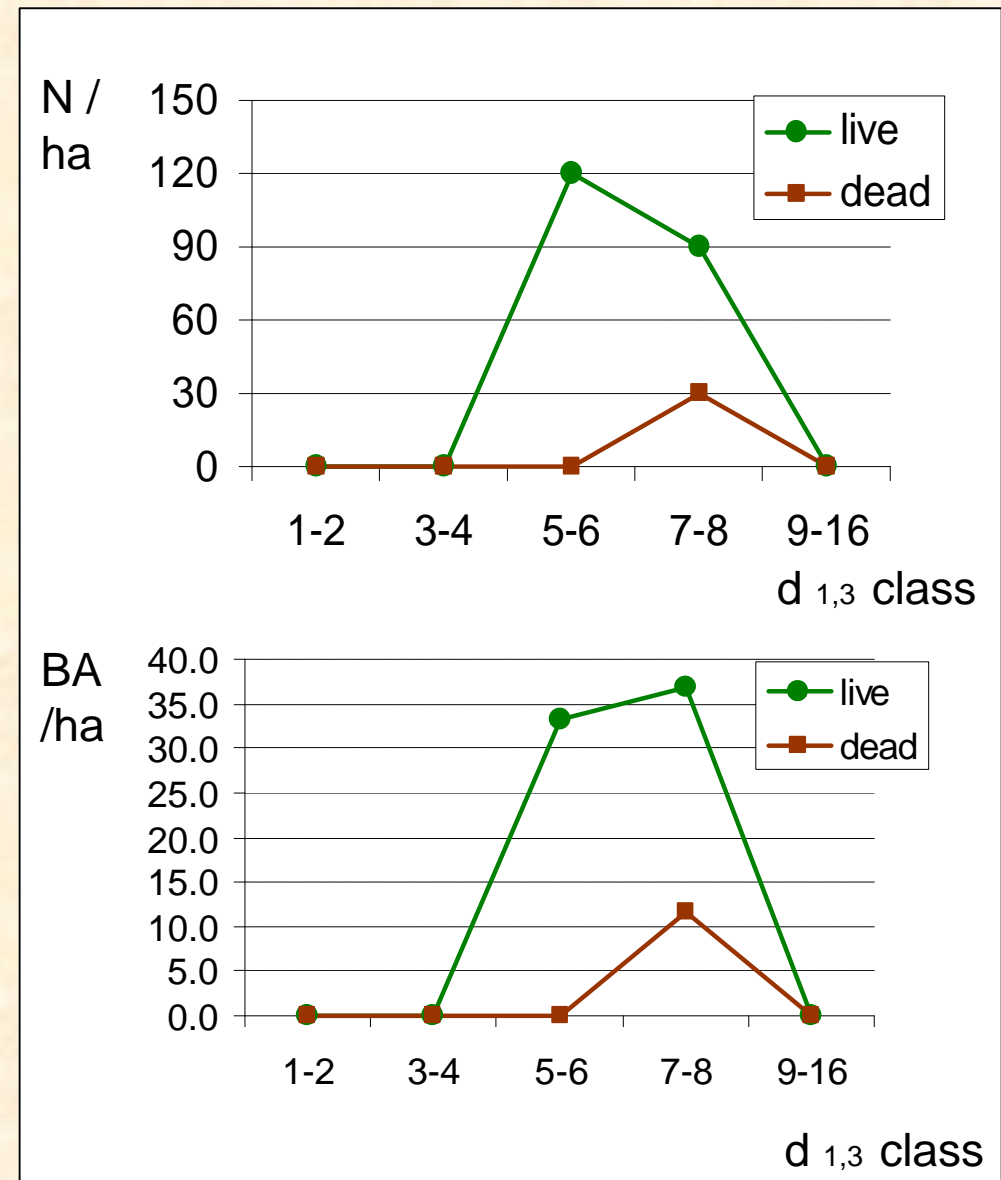
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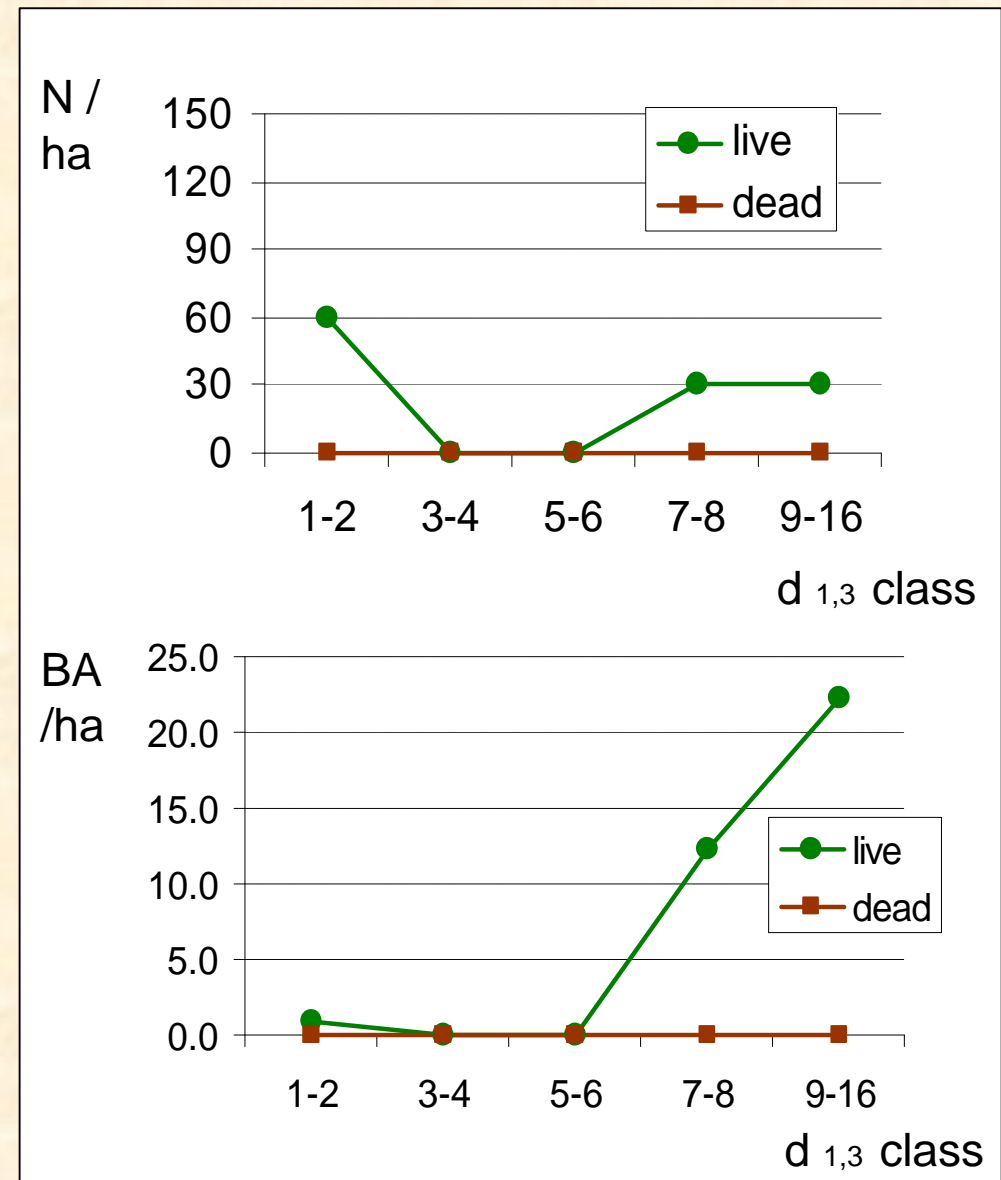
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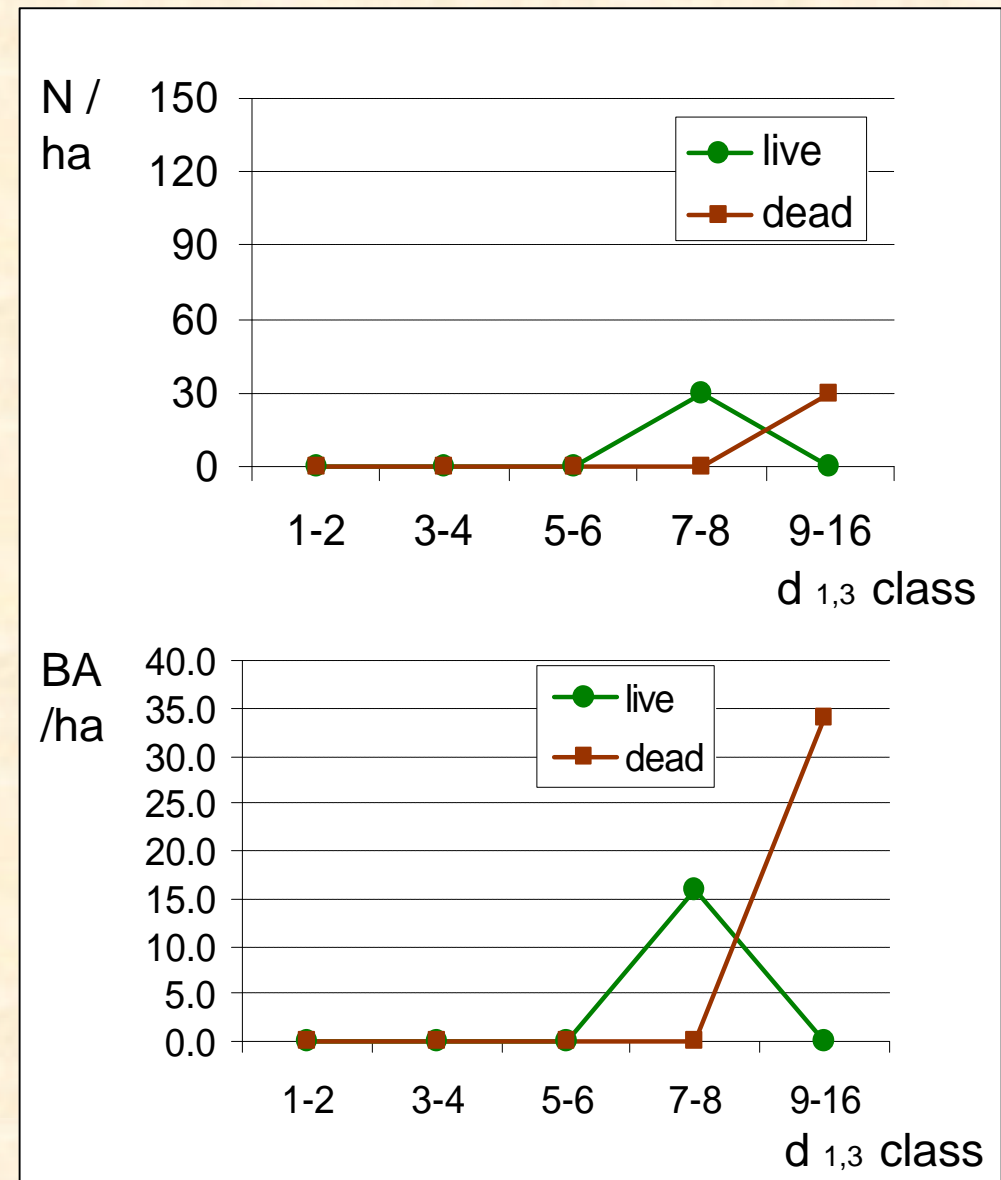
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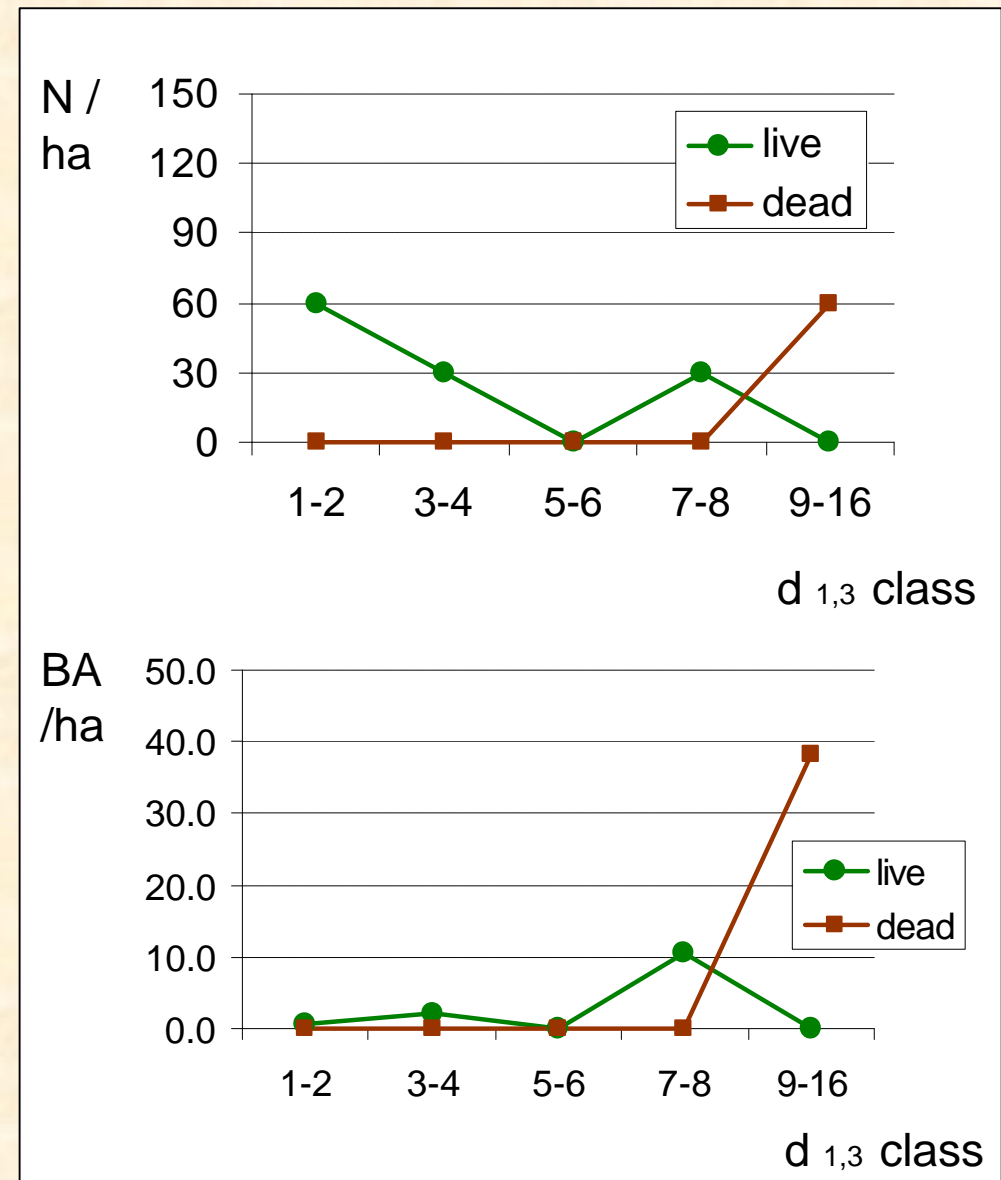
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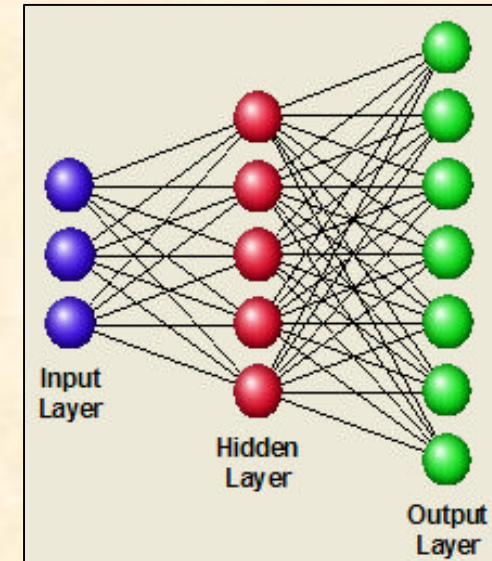
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Classification using ANN (Artificial Neural Network)

- Software IDRISI
- Multi-Layer Perceptron Architecture
- Back Propagation Algorithm
- Training of the Neural Network:
 - 20 typical training curves for every class (10 for learning; 10 for testing)
- Classification after training:
 - Map outputs



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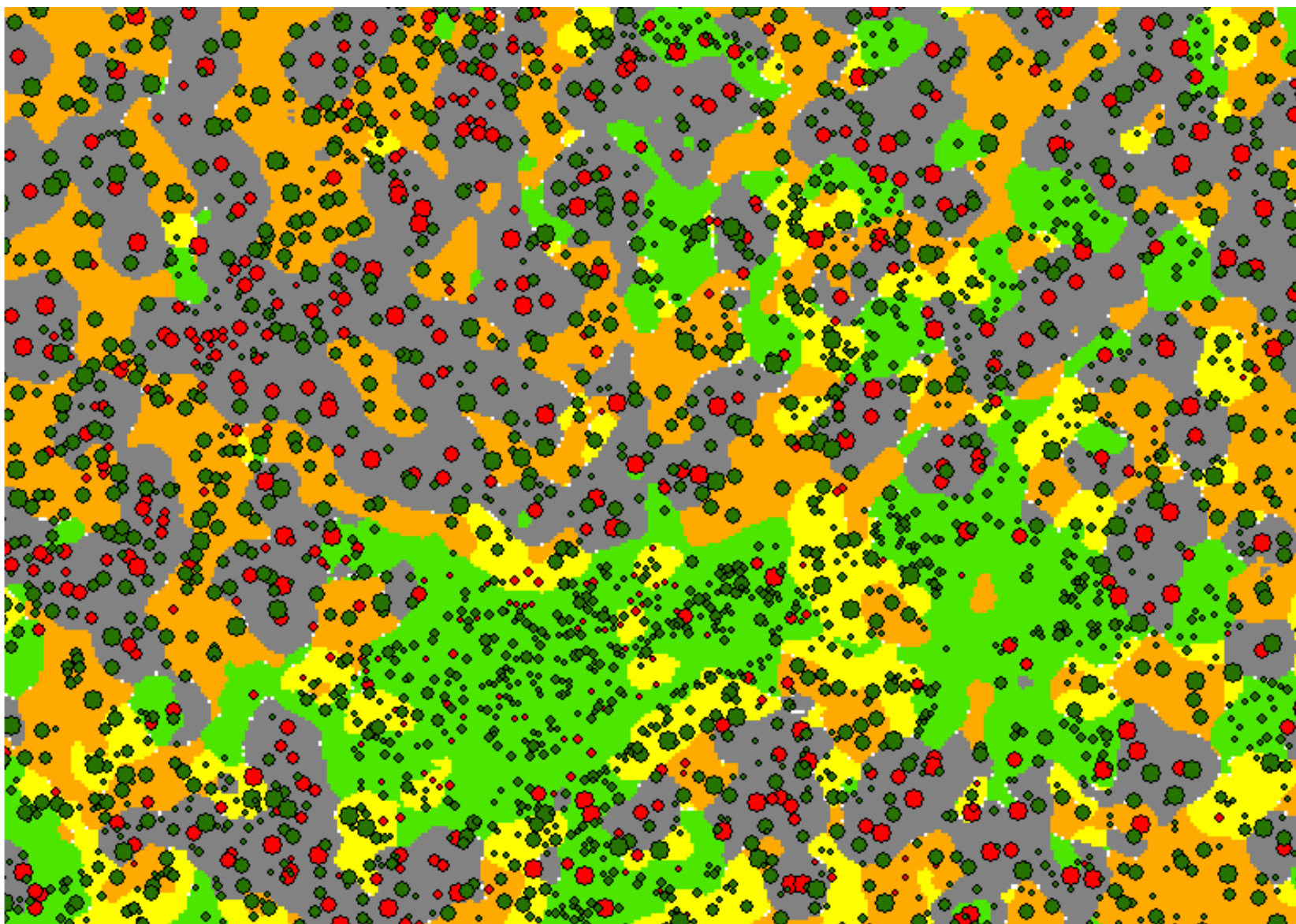
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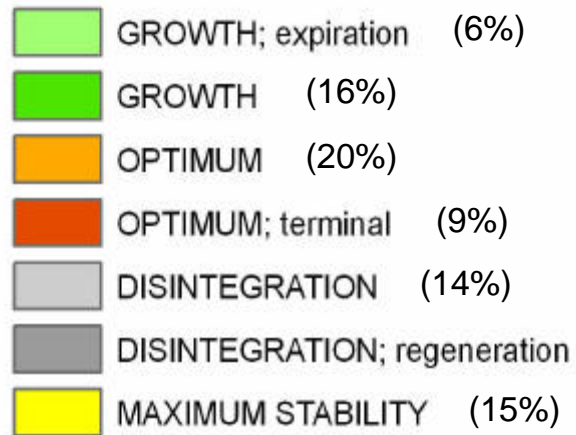
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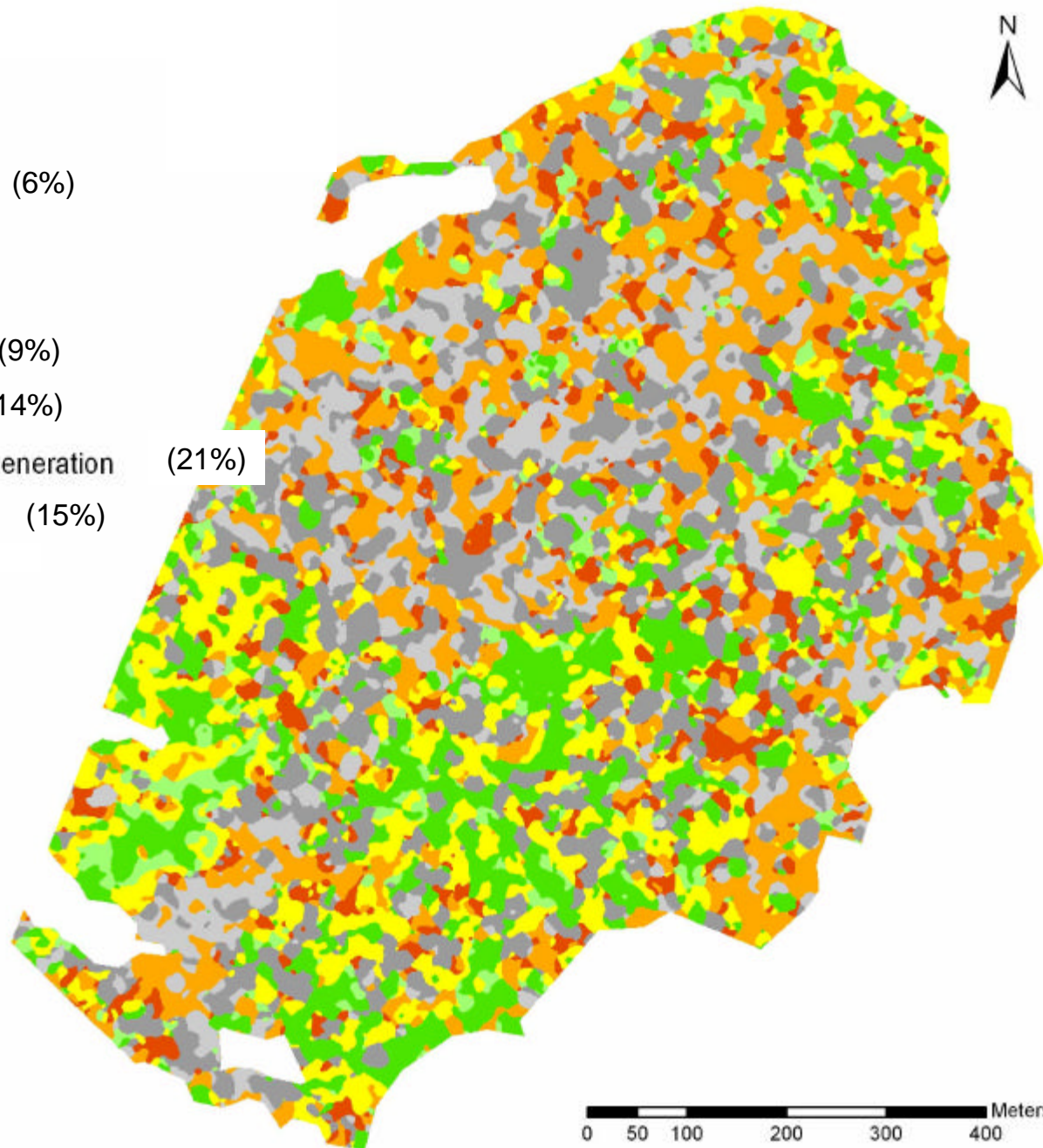
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Resulting map of developmental stages and phases

Legend:



STAGE	Portion of Area
Growth	21%
Optimum	29%
Disintegration	35%
Max. stability	15%
TOTAL	100%

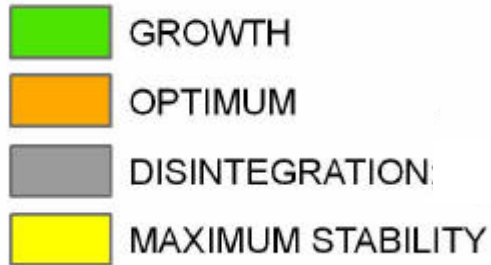


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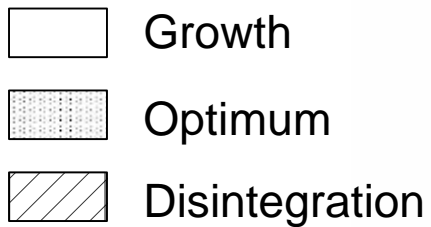
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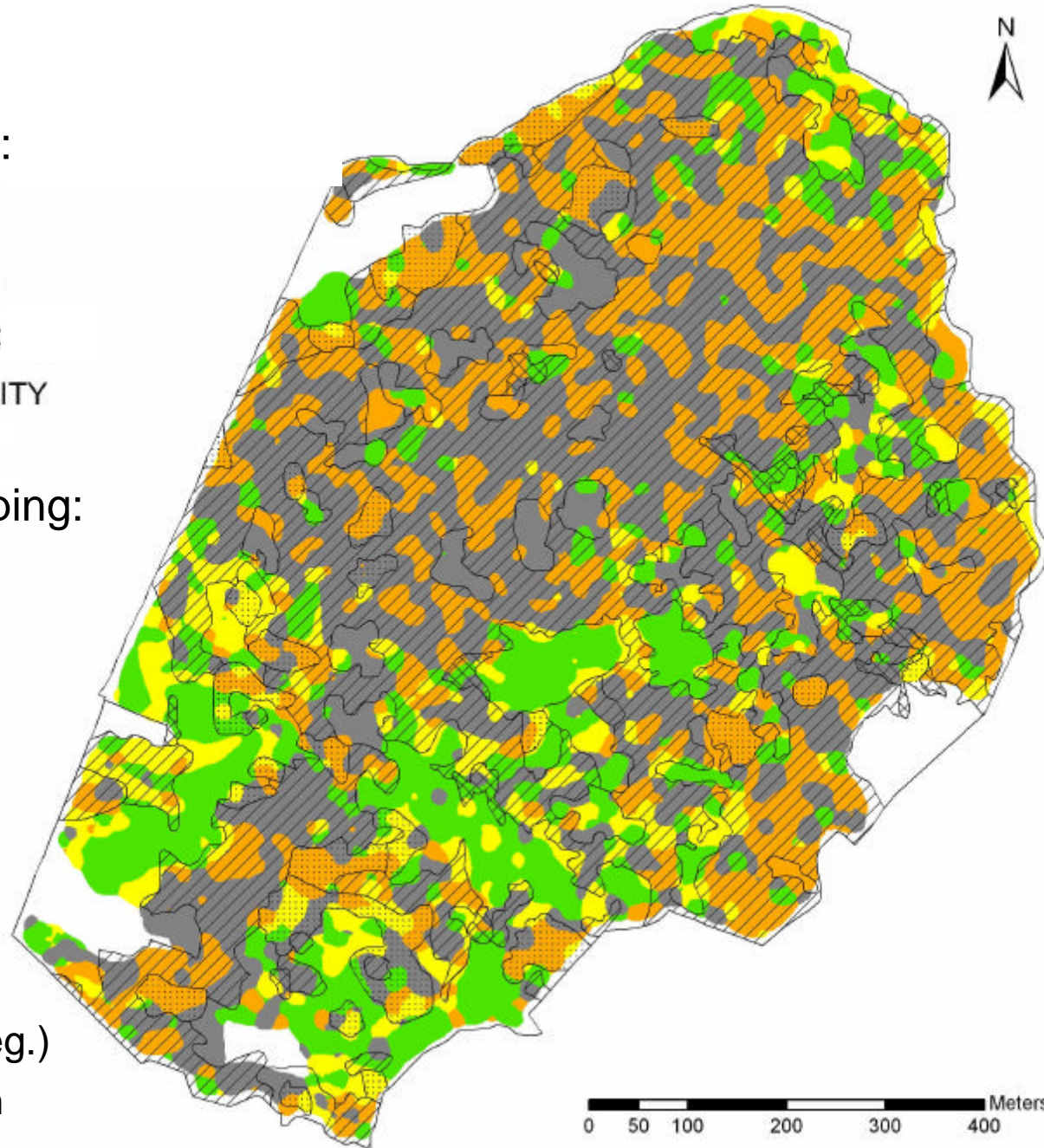


Original field mapping:



Field-mapping problems:

- scale
(optimum. vs. disinteg.)
- disinteg. vs. growth



Accuracy Assessment of the ANN Classification

Error Matrix for developmental phases			Reference Data							Total Class.	User's Accuracy	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7			8
			G exp	G1	G2	O	O ter	D	D reg			M.S.
Classified data	1	GROWTH, expiration	7	1	2	0	4	0	1	8	23	30.4%
	2	GROWTH 1	3	21	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	80.8%
	3	GROWTH 2	0	1	23	3	0	0	0	0	27	85.2%
	4	OPTIMUM	0	0	0	25	9	0	0	7	41	61.0%
	5	OPTIMUM, terminal	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	100.0%
	6	DISINTEGRATION	0	1	0	0	5	16	5	0	27	59.3%
	7	DISINT., regeneration	0	2	0	0	0	0	16	1	19	84.2%
	8	MAXIMUM STABILITY	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	13	18	72.2%
		Total Reference	10	27	26	28	30	16	23	30	190	Glob. Acc.
		Producer's Accuracy	70%	78%	88%	89%	30%	100%	70%	43%		68.4%

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Classification	1	GROWTH	58	7	2	9	76	76.3%
	2	OPTIMUM	0	43	0	7	50	86.0%
	3	DISINTEGRATION	3	5	37	1	46	80.4%
	4	MAX. STABILITY	2	3	0	13	18	72.2%
		Total Reference	63	58	39	30	190	Glob. Acc.
		Producer's Acc.	92%	74%	95%	43%		79.5%

Conclusions

- utilization of big amount of spatially explicit data
 - map of trees of Zofin forest reserve – a point GIS layer (70ha; 18 000 trees)
- prior selection of spatial scale, which is preserved during the whole mapping process
 - circle of 21m diameter was selected
- independent assessment of every particular site
 - tree parameters: coordinates, counts (DBH = 10 cm) and stand basal areas for both live and dead trees
- 1m step ! => incorporation of context and continuity
 - independent diameter distribution curve was carried out for every square meter of the reserve !

A photograph of a dense forest. The trees are tall and thin, with green and yellowing leaves. A large, fallen log lies horizontally across the middle ground, partially covered in moss. The forest floor is covered with fallen leaves and small branches. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

Thank you for your attention!