

Vegetative reproduction and clonal diversity in pleurocarpous mosses (Bryophytina) of mesic habitats

A combined molecular and morpho-anatomical study in
Pseudoscleropodium purum (Hedw.) M. Fleisch. ex Broth. (Brachytheciaceae),
Pleurozium schreberi (Brid.) Mitt. (Hylocomiaceae) and
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Abbreviations

| | |
|-------------|---|
| ♀ | female |
| ♂ | male |
| acc. | according |
| AFLP | Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism |
| ~ | approximate |
| appr. | approximate |
| c. | circa |
| cf. | confer, 'compare' |
| c.fr. | cum fructus, 'fruiting', i.e. with sporophytes(s) |
| det. | determined by |
| e.g. | exempli gratia, 'for example' |
| elev. | elevation |
| et al. | et alii, 'and others' |
| GD | genetic distance |
| i.e. | id est, 'that is' |
| J | Jaccard |
| NJ | Neighbour Joining |
| p. | page |
| pers. comm. | personal communication |
| SC | similarity coefficient |
| SD | standard deviation |
| s.l. | sensu lato, 'in broad sense' |
| SM | Simple-matching |
| s.str. | sensu stricto, 'in narrow sense' |
| UPGMA | Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean |

| | |
|----|-------------------------------|
| BB | Brandenburg |
| BE | Berlin |
| BW | Baden-Württemberg |
| BY | Bavaria |
| HE | Hesse |
| MV | Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania |
| NI | Lower Saxony |
| NW | Northrhine-Westphalia |
| SA | Saxony |
| TH | Thuringia |

Plot areas

| | |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| NH1 | Neuehütte (BB) |
| B1 | Berlin Pankow (BE) |
| Saarm1 | Saarmund (BB) |
| Sil1, Sil2, Sil3 | Dietzhausen, Silbachtal (TH) |

Sample Sets

| | |
|------------------|--|
| P _{Ger} | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> samples from Germany |
| P _{WW} | worldwide <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> samples |
| S _{Ger} | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> samples from Germany |
| S _{WW} | worldwide <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> samples |
| R _{Ger} | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> samples from Germany |
| R _{WW} | worldwide <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> samples |

1 Introduction

In bryophytes, especially many dioecious species do either not, rarely or only regionally produce sporophytes, but large numbers of them are nevertheless common species (e.g., Longton 1992, Pfeiffer et al. 2006). This may be the case since most bryophytes are capable of vegetative reproduction, whether or not they produce sporophytes freely (Longton 2006). Thus the relevance of vegetative reproduction for colonisation and maintenance of habitats in rarely fruiting species (with sporogonia) is a question of great interest in bryology and will be addressed in this study.

Longton (2006) addresses one of the main open questions, before the significance of meiosis in terms of the evolutionary flexibility of bryophytes can be assessed: Is there a correlation between aspects of reproduction biology and the level and pattern of genetic variation in bryophyte species and populations? An earlier work on the pleurocarpous moss species *Rhytidium rugosum* (Pfeiffer et al. 2006) demonstrated that a very rarely fruiting species forms highly clonal patches and that small numbers of clones can dominate populations. However, the question remains whether low genotypic diversity and clonal dominance are a general trend in rarely fruiting pleurocarpous mosses or are special to *Rhytidium rugosum*.

The present study aims to analyse clonal diversity of small populations, to infer the importance of vegetative reproduction in three widespread, rarely fruiting, unisexual pleurocarpous mosses (Bryophytina): *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*. Plant material from different German plots as well as worldwide plant material was therefore investigated by molecular (AFLP fingerprinting) and morpho-anatomical analyses to test the genetic diversity in selected plots and to discover the means of vegetative reproduction as well as clonal reproduction.

Concerning life-form, the three selected species are members of the perennial stayer type, comprising: longevity, low reproduction effort (or non-fruiting) and are typically found in stable habitats (compare, e.g., During 1979, Frey & Kürschner 1991, Frey & Hensen 1995). When sporophytes are produced they show long setae, small spores (< 20 µm in diameter) and well developed peristomes (e.g., Schmidt 1918, Crum 1972, Miles & Longton 1992, Longton 1994), hence features thought to be associated with long-range dispersal. For the three studied species vegetative reproduction is not yet completely understood and specialised vegetative diaspores s.str. (propagula) are not known. Only unspecialised fragmentation of plants is suggested as a possible mechanism of vegetative reproduction (e.g., Correns 1899, Longton & Schuster 1983, Nebel & Philippi 2001, King 2003, Heinken & Zippel 2004).

All three species have a wide distribution in the Northern Hemisphere, with range extensions (introductions) to the Southern Hemisphere (e.g., Australia, New Zealand, St. Helena, Argentina and South Africa). Within their main distribution range *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* are very common species and form large patches or even carpets.

Descriptions in literature suggest different frequencies in sporophyte production (regional and between species) in the three observed species (compare, e.g., Longton & Greene 1969a, Lewinsky & Mogensen 1978, Crum & Anderson 1981, Düll 1994, Hill et al. 1994, Kuc 1997, Gradstein et al. 2001, Nebel & Philippi 2001, Crum 2004, Smith 2004), this was confirmed by own observations. In the present study sporophytes were not found in *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, sporadic found in South Thuringian populations of *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* and regularly found in Brandenburgian and Thuringian *Pleurozium schreberi* populations. This turned out to be a very interesting fact, since it is the first time that the genetic diversity of small populations with slightly different frequencies in sporophyte production (regional differences as well as differences between species) was compared in one analysis.

Altogether the study aims to answer the following questions:

- Are patches of the selected, rarely fruiting, species uniclinal or multiclinal?
- Is a population dominated by small numbers of clones?
- How do the examined species reproduce vegetatively, and what are the most important types of vegetative diaspores?
- How important is sexual reproduction for the selected species?
- Is it possible to show correlations between sporophyte frequencies and the genetic diversity of populations?

2 Reproduction and Dispersal

2.1 Vegetative Reproduction

Vegetative/asexual reproduction has been a field of interest in bryological research for a long time (compare, e.g., Correns 1899, Sobotka 1976, Longton & Schuster 1983, Selkirk 1984, Kimmerer 1994, Newton & Mishler 1994, Duckett et al. 1999, Stenøien & Såstad 2001, Stark 2002, Bisang et al. 2004, Heinken & Zippel 2004, Cronberg et al. 2006, Pfeiffer et al. 2006). Today the general picture of reproduction in bryophytes seems to be clear and generative as well as vegetative reproduction are well described, but less is known about clonal diversity in mainly vegetatively reproducing species and the efficiency of vegetative diaspores, especially in pleurocarpous mosses.

When discussing reproduction it is important to define standards, because lots of different terms are in use by different scientists. The definition of reproduction (production of a new, physiologically independent plant) given by Mishler (1988) is adopted here: Reproduction is sexual (generative) if the new plant develops from a spore that itself results from cross-fertilisation and meiosis, and is vegetative (asexual) if the new plant develops from a mitotically produced cell without cross-fertilisation.

Already Hofmeister (1851) mentioned vegetative reproduction in Jungermanniopsida, Marchantiopsida and Anthocerotopsida, but not in Bryopsida. For Bryopsida he only noticed that one can find several dioecious species which produce every year lots of archegonia but one will never find fruiting plants, because no male plants are present in a distance that can be covered by spermatozoids. Hence the question arises how these bryophytes reproduce. Researching this question, Correns (1899) published the first compendium on vegetative reproduction in Bryopsida, which even today is a standard work in this field of bryology. A general classification of reproduction modes in bryophytes can be found in Longton & Schuster (1983). This classification is still under discussion and has been advanced several times. Urbanska (1992) suggests for example, that vegetative (asexual) reproduction s.l. can be split into two basic types: (1) vegetative reproduction s.str. with \pm specialised propagules, and (2) clonal reproduction, i.e., disintegration of genetic individuals into morphologically and physiologically independent individuals, the ramets (e.g., Frey & Lösch 2004). This leads to the nomenclature used in this study (see Table 1), which is based on the classification by Longton & Schuster (1983) but was extended by Pfeiffer (2003) and Schaumann (2005).

Table 1. Reproduction modes in bryophytes (after Frey & Kürschner pers. comm., based on Longton & Schuster 1983, Pfeiffer 2003 and Schaumann 2005)

- **Vegetative (asexual) reproduction s.l.**

- 1) Vegetative (asexual) reproduction s.str. (with ± specialised propagules)**

- a) Regeneration from ± specialised caducous organs (stems, branches, leaves etc.)
 - Leaves and leaf apices
 - Caducous leaves (complete normal leaves)
 - Brood leaves (differentiated from normal leaves)
 - Caducous leaf apices (leaves with abscission layer in upper part)
 - Leaf fragments (leaves break along predetermined lines into random fragments)
 - ± Specialised branches and stems (caducous defined stem and thallus parts)
 - Caducous shoot apices (often little modified)
 - Caducous branchlets (condensed and deciduous branches in the leaf axils)
 - Caducous flagelliform shoots (attenuate branches with vestigial leaves, in leaf axils)
 - Bulbils (highly condensed, with leaf primordia)
 - Caducous perianths
 - Cladia (small branches developing on leaves)
 - b) Production of specialised propagules
 - Protonemal brood cells
 - Brood bodies, gemmae
 - Protonemal gemmae (gemmaiferous protonema)
 - Gemmae s.str. (produced on various parts of the gametophyte, e.g. laminar, coastal, axillary, cauline, gametangial or endogenous gemmae)
 - Rhizoidal tubers and rhizoidal gemmae

- 2) Clonal reproduction**

- a) Production of numerous buds on the protonema of a single spore. Several gametophytes are produced by the decay of the protonema.
 - b) Decay of older gametophyte parts leading to disjunction of the younger parts.
 - c) Development of new arial shoots from stoloniferous or rhizome-like subterranean shoots.
 - d) Initiation of arial gametophytic shoots on parts of the rhizoid system (rhizoid wicks).
 - e) Production of basitonic innovation plants in cauline position.
 - f) Innovation from shoot or branch buds. Primordia, which are regularly produced in many mosses, but normally, remain dormant (Frey, 1974).
 - g) Fragmentation (unspecialised) of gametophytes.

- **Special case: reproduction with asexual spores**

Spores produced sexually after selfing, vegetative clone selfing or spore clone selfing between genetic identical individuals (Newton & Mishler 1994)

2.2 Diaspore dispersal

When studying clonal diversity in small bryophyte populations, an understanding of the dispersal potential of diaspores of either sexual or asexual origin is essential. Differences are to some point obvious, for instance between mostly large vegetative diaspores (like brood branches or fragments resulting from decay of older shoot parts) and small sexual spores, which suggests short and long-range dispersal respectively, but in fact these are not the only differences, furthermore the diaspores differ in dispersability, the effectiveness of establishment, the amount of resources required from the parent plant (Söderström 1994) and in the produced number.

Although the principles of generative reproduction are clear, dispersal distances as well as establishment of spores are very difficult to track in the field (Söderström 1994). Hence experimental studies on dispersal of spores are those of deposition rates close to the mother patch (e.g., Söderström & Jonsson 1989, Kimmerer 1991a, Miles & Longton 1992, Stoneburner et al. 1992). The study by Stoneburner et al. (1992) shows that up to 94% of the spores are deposited within a short range (2m) and that 1% can be found up to 15 m from the source, suggesting that the fraction that is not caught, is dispersed even further. Additionally it seems that although long-range dispersal seems to be very likely, not all spores are equally suitable for long-range dispersal (of hundreds of kilometres). A strong correlation between spore size and fraction deposited within a couple of meters is described by Crum (1972), During (1979), Söderström & Jonsson (1989) and Miles & Longton (1992). They suggest that only spores up to 20–25 μm in diameter seem to be suitable for long-range dispersal and could be dispersed by wind for many hundreds of kilometres. On the other hand differences in spore dispersal are not only caused by diameter of the spore, they are also a result of different other factors like landscape surface, vegetation cover, wind velocity, wind direction, structure of the sporogonium (e.g. length of the seta, peristome) and the survival of spores during long-range dispersal which was studied by van Zanten (1978).

Vegetative diaspores on the other hand may have an improved probability of rapid and successful establishment compared to spores (Newton & Mishler 1994), because of the larger size and the amount of initial resources. Whereas the main vector for spore dispersal seems to be wind, a great amount of vegetative diaspores is likely to be not dispersed or only within a very short range (1–10 cm) from the parent colony, like Kimmerer (1991b) reports. Especially diaspores resulting from clonal reproduction (e.g., fragmentation) will mostly stay at or close to the mother plant because these diaspores are usually (at least in most pleurocarpous

mosses) entangled within patches (Pfeiffer et al. 2006). If dispersal of the vegetative diaspores occurs, patterns are affected by the microtopography of the habitat (Kimmerer & Young 1996) and by the type and size of the diaspores (Söderström & Herben 1997). Depending on area and structure of the diaspores wind can be a dispersal agent for vegetative diaspores, especially in Arctic and Antarctic regions (Miller & Ambrose 1976; Muñoz et al. 2004), but to a lesser extent in other regions (During 1997). In special cases, water might be a suitable vector for dispersal of vegetative diaspores, especially down slope, along rivers and streams and in estuaries (Joenje & During 1977, Pfeiffer et al. 2006). Other dispersal vectors are different animals from ants to wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) and roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) (compare, e.g., Heinken 2000, Heinken et al. 2001, King 2003, Rudolphi 2009). Also birds, which often use mosses as nesting material, are possible vectors for dispersal, if they are migratory birds also for long-range dispersal (Davison 1976). Besides wind, water and animals, dispersal by human activities should not be neglected (on purpose or accidentally). Especially pleurocarpous mosses played for a long period a role as packing material and were transported for this reason nearly worldwide (compare, e.g., Dickson 1967, Schofield & Crum 1972, Lewinsky & Bartlett 1982, Miller & Trigoboff 2001). Also dispersal in clothes (Van Zanten & Pocs 1981), by forestry activities and the frequent use for decoration in floristry are possibly involved in the dispersal of vegetative diaspores.

3 Materials and methods

3.1 Studied species

3.1.1 *Pseudoscleropodium purum*

Brachytheciaceae

Pseudoscleropodium purum (Hedw.) M. Fleisch. ex Broth.
in Engl., Nat. Pflanzenfam., ed. 2, 11: 395. 1925

Hypnum purum L. ex Hedw., Sp. Musc. Frond.: 253. 1801

Brachythecium purum (Hedw.) Dixon. Stud. Handb. Brit. Mosses: 410. 1896

Scleropodium purum (Hedw.) Limpr. Laubm. Deutschl. 3: 147. 1896

(Koperski et al. 2000)

The systematic placement of *Pseudoscleropodium purum* was for a long time not clear, it was either placed in *Scleropodium* or in the genus *Pseudoscleropodium*. Recent molecular and morphological findings showed that *Scleropodium* is monophyletic (Vanderpoorten et al. 2005), having a basal position in the Brachythecioideae subfamily, whereas *Pseudoscleropodium purum* is according to molecular data placed in the Eurhynchioideae subfamily within the Brachytheciaceae (compare e.g., Huttunen & Ignatov 2004, Huttunen et al. 2007, Frey & Stech 2009).

3.1.1.1 Morphology

Plants robust, dioecious, in loose, pale green to yellowish-green wefts, in which the metabolically active parts become separated from the underlying soil by a layer of dead and decomposing shoots, 5–15 cm high. Stems creeping or ascending, remotely pinnate or subpinnate, not radiculose; stems and branches softly julaceous. Leaves concave, rounded-obtuse and abruptly apiculate at the tip. Stem leaves crowded 2–2.5 mm long. Branch leaves 1.5–2 mm long. Setae elongate, smooth, reddish, 30–50 mm long. Capsules strongly inclined to horizontal, 2–2.5 mm long. Calyptra naked. Spores 11–13 µm. Capsules rare, autumn, winter. Rhizoids rare (compare, e.g., Brotherus 1923, Wigh 1972, Crum & Anderson 1981, Mägdefrau 1982, Buck 1998, Bates & Duckett 2000, Smith 2004).

Chromosome number: n = 7 Japan; n = 9–10 Central Europe; n = 11 British Isles, Poland, Norway, Sweden and Finland (Crum & Anderson 1981, Fritsch 1991).

3.1.1.2 Reproduction

Sporophytes, rare in present times, but were according to herbarium material found more frequently around 1900 in Germany (Nebel & Philippi 2001). Rarely fruiting in Great Britain (Smith 2004). Not fruiting in North America (Lawton 1960, Lawton 1971, Crum & Anderson 1981). Asexual reproduction by fragmentation, through decay of older shoots, resulting in disintegration of shoots, thus forming ramets (e.g., Longton & Schuster 1983, King 2003).



Fig. 1. Distribution of *Pseudoscleropodium purum* (green) in Germany according to Meinunger & Schröder (2007). Sampling localities of *Pseudoscleropodium purum* populations in Germany are marked. Plot localities (Sil1 and NH1) are especially indicated.

3.1.1.3 Ecology

Perennial, in calcareous to mildly acidic situations, on soil, rocks and tree bases. In at least partly shaded habitats, in grassland, on roadsides, banks, heaths, in marshes, quarries, woods (especially in grassy places or clearings of coniferous woodlands) and on cliff ledges (Crum & Anderson 1981, Heyn & Herrnstadt 2004, Smith 2004).

3.1.1.4 Plant communities

K Hylocomietea splendens, O Hylocomietalia splendens, V Pleurozium schreberi (Marstaller 1993); VC Pleurozium schreberi, typical companion in Vaccinio-Piceetea, frequent in Dicrano-Pinion and Piceion abietis (Nebel & Philippi 2001); Ass.: Pleurozietum schreberi (Drehwald & Preising 1991). It occurs in Pleurozium schreberi, Thlaspietea, Molinio-Arrhenatheretea, Festuco-Brometea, Koelerio-Coryneporetea, Calluno-Ulicetea, Erico-Pinetea, Alnion incanae and Quercion ilicis (Dierßen 2001).

3.1.1.5 General distribution

European temperate distribution (e.g., Frahm & Frey 2004, Smith 2004). *Pseudoscleropodium purum* is common in central and western Europe (e.g., Störmer 1969, Hill et al. 2006) including Fennoscandia where the range is markedly southern and western (Dickson 1973). The eastern border of the more continuous distribution seems to pass through Lithuania and the eastern parts of Poland, Slovakia, and northern Hungary. There are extensions of the distribution area east to the Carpathians in Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, and Turkey. Isolated occurrences are found in southern Finland and in the western and southern parts of Russia (Störmer 1969) e.g., St.-Petersburg, Belgorod and Rostov-na-Donu (Ignatov & Ignatova 2004). The moss is also found in most parts of Italy and the northern and western parts of the Pyrenean Peninsula (Störmer 1969). Beyond continental Europe it occurs on the British Isles, Iceland, the Azores, Madeira and the Canary Islands (Miller & Trigoboff 2001). It is presumably native to Europe but now widespread due to introduction, often with nursery stock (Buck 1998). It was probably introduced to the Atlantic islands of St. Helena and Tristan da Cunha as packing material of young trees (Dickson 1967). In Middle and South America it is found in Jamaica (Bartram 1936), Argentina (Buck 1998), Chile (Allen & Crosby 1987) and Brazil (Schäfer-Verwimp 1989). It is adventive in North America: Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York and on the West Coast from California to British Columbia, where it grows commonly in

lawns, gardens and cemeteries (Lawton 1960, Miller & Trigoboff 2001, Crum 2004, Schofield 2008) and Hawaii (Hoe 1971). It occurs in Israel (Heyn & Herrnstadt 2004), Réunion, Sri Lanka (Townsend 1975), south-eastern Australia (Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania, compare, e.g., Dalton et al. 1991, Hedenäs 2002, Streimann & Klazenga 2002), New Zealand (Lewinsky & Bartlett 1982), Japan (Iwatsuki 2004), Taiwan (Wang 1970), S. Africa (Arts 1998, O'Shea 2006) and northern Africa (Algeria, e.g., Nebel & Philippi 2001).

The distribution in Germany is shown in Fig. 1, the worldwide distribution in Fig. 2.

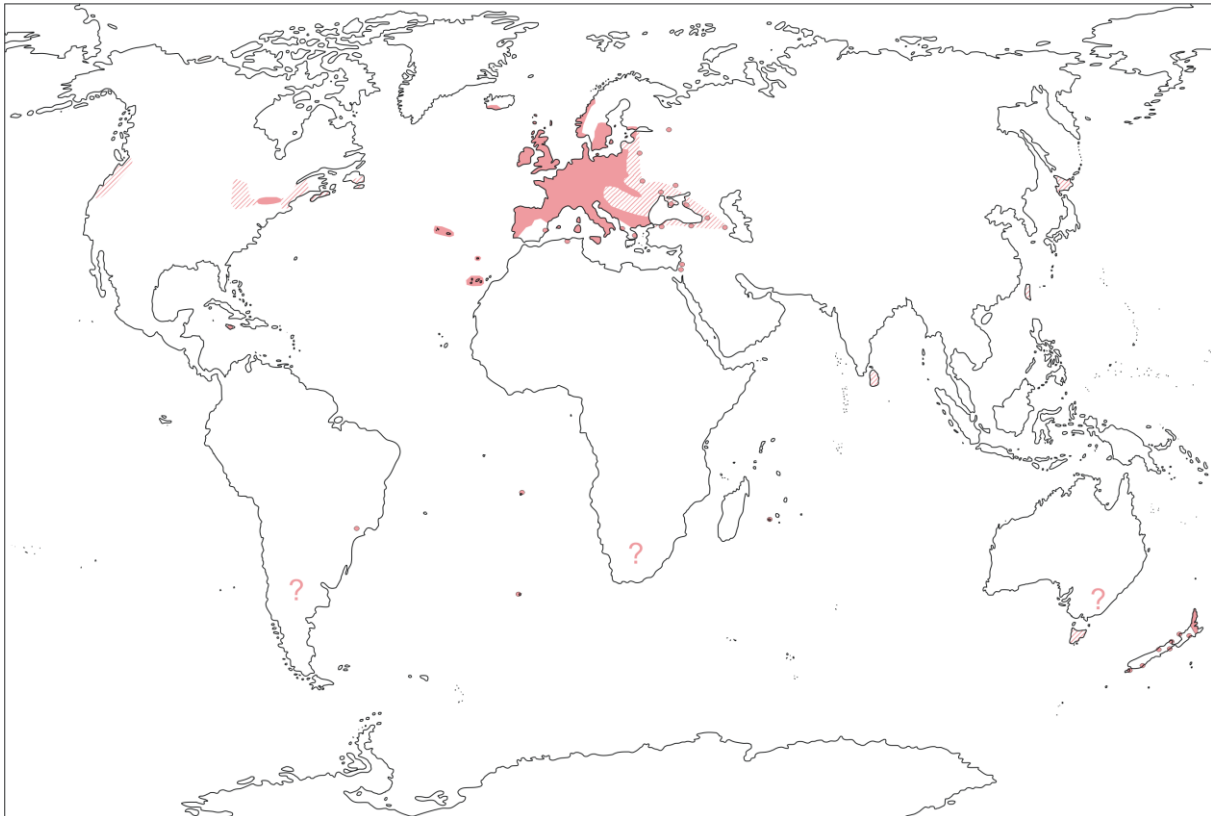


Fig. 2. Worldwide distribution of *Pseudoscleropodium purum* according to various authors (cited in chapter 3.1.1.5) and distribution maps by Schofield & Crum (1972) and Störmer (1969). Areas with low densities are marked by hachures, uncertain areas and areas without exact locality information are marked by interrogation marks.

3.1.2 *Pleurozium schreberi*

Hylocomiaceae

Pleurozium schreberi (Brid.) Mitt.

J. Linn. Soc., Bot. 12: 537. 1869

Hypnum schreberi Willd. ex Brid., Muscol. Recent. Suppl. 2(2): 88. 1801

Entodon schreberi (Brid.) Mönk.

(Koperski et al. 2000)

3.1.2.1 Morphology

Plants medium-sized to rather large, dioecious, in pale green to yellowish green patches or coarse wefts, sometimes extensive. Shoots to 7–16 (–18) cm long; stems deep red, erect-ascending from a decumbent base, central strand poorly developed, outer layer of cells undifferentiated. Shoots complanately pinnately branched, branches short and of uniform length along stems, often slightly down-curved. Leaves loosely imbricate, 2–2.8 x 1–1.5 mm, making stems and branches somewhat jualaceous; stem leaves ovate or broadly ovate, obtuse or rounded; margins incurved above, entire; costa very short, double; cells incrassate, basal trapezoid to elliptical, alar cells rectangular, yellow-brown to brown, forming distinct auricles, cells above linear, in mid-leaf 6.5–10.0 x 60–132 μm , 8–16 times as long as wide. Branch leaves smaller, obtuse to acuminate. Seta 2–4.3 cm long, thin, smooth, red, twisted. Capsules inclined, 2–2.5 mm long, ovoid, curved; lid conical, obtuse or apiculate. Peristome double; exostome teeth yellow, finely papillose throughout, endostome pale yellow with tall basal membrane, processes keeled with widely gaping perforations, cilia well developed. Spores rubiginose, (12–)14–18(–20) μm , finely papillose, sporophyte production in spring. Calyptra cucullate, smooth, naked (compare, e.g., Brotherus 1923, Wynne 1945, Lawton 1971, Crum & Anderson 1981, Mägdefrau 1982, Rohrer 1985, Kuta et al. 1998, Nebel & Philippi 2001, Smith 2004).

Chromosome number: $n = 5$ Europe, Canada (British Columbia), USA (Michigan), Japan (e.g., Crum & Anderson 1981, Fritsch 1991).

3.1.2.2 Reproduction

Pleurozium schreberi is very rarely fruiting in Great Britain and northern Europe (Longton & Greene 1969a, Smith 2004), but is mentioned to produce sporophytes rather freely in Finland (Huttunen 2003). Arctic (Canadian Arctic, Svalbard and northern Siberia) specimens with sporophytes are unknown (Kuc 1997). Sporophytes have not been observed in the Neotropics

(Gradstein et al. 2001). Nearly no fruiting specimens are known from Baden-Württemberg (Germany) after 1950, whereas there are lots of fruiting herbarium specimens from earlier periods. In other German parts it is described to be rarely fruiting (Nebel & Philippi 2001).

During fieldwork (2005–2008) four populations with sporophytes in southern Berlin and Brandenburg (Berlin Forst-Düppel, Saarmund, Löbten, Köthen), and a one population with sporophytes in Thuringia (Dietzhausen), were found.

Observations by Stoneburner (1979) suggest that clumping of sexes may influence the probability of fertilisation and therefore the production of sporophytes.

According to Crum (2004) and Gradstein et al. (2001) no apparent asexual structures are known. Longton & Schuster (1983) note that caducous leaves, including both normal vegetative and specialised diminutive leaves, regularly become detached from the parent shoots.

3.1.2.3 Ecology

Perennial with life strategy of the perennial stayer type (Dierßen 1979), according to Dierßen (2001) a competitive perennial. On humus, soil and other substrata. In dry, open woods, also in bogs and wet, coniferous forests, in acid grassland, scree, on heaths and sand-dunes, from 0–2000 m, sometimes higher (up to 5000 m in Bhutan, e.g., Gangulee 1980); considered an indicator of acid soils (compare, e.g., Lawton 1971, Crum & Anderson 1981, Smith 2004).

3.1.2.4 Plant communities

K *Hylocomietea splendentis*, O *Hylocomietalia splendentis*, V *Pleurozium schreberi* (Marstaller 1993); VC *Pleurozium schreberi*, typical companion in *Vaccinio-Piceetea*, frequent in *Dicrano-Pinion* and *Piceion abietis* (Nebel & Philippi 2001); Ass.: *Pleurozietum schrebri* AC (Drehwald & Preising 1991). It occurs in *Pleurozium schreberi*, *Ptilidio-Hylocomietum*, *Allusuro-Athyrium*, *Potentillo-Polygonion*, *Caricion ferruginei*, *Oxycocco-Sphagnetum*, *Loiseleurio-Vaccinietae*, *Calluno-Ulicetea*, *Vaccinio-Piceetea*, less frequently *Seslerietea*, *Festuco-Brometea* and *Adenostyletalia* (Dierßen 2001).



Fig. 3. Distribution of *Pleurozium schreberi* (green) in Germany according to Meinunger & Schröder (2007). Sampling localities of *Pleurozium schreberi* in Germany (and Salzburg) are marked. Plot localities (Sil1, Sil2 and Saarm1) are especially indicated.

3.1.2.5 General distribution

Circumpolar boreo-temperate distribution. Europe north to Iceland, Faroe Islands (Smith 2004) and Svalbard (Kuc 1973, Frisvoll & Elvebakk 1996), southeast to Caucasus and Turkey, west to Azores and Madeira (Smith 2004). In the western hemisphere in Greenland (Lewinsky & Mogensen 1979), Canadian Arctic (Kuc 1969, 1997) to Alaska and south (principally in uplands) to north North Carolina, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho and Oregon (compare, e.g., Wynne 1945, Crum & Anderson 1981); Mexico, Costa Rica (Sharp et al. 1994) and northern South America (Colombia, Venezuela, Peru and Bolivia, e.g., Delgadillo et al. 1995). Across northern and central Asia (Himalaya) (Hill et al. 1994, Smith 2004), southern China (Yunnan) (He 2005), Bhutan, Japan (Gangulee 1980, Iwatsuki 2004), Korea (Horikawa 1971) and in Africa in Ethiopia (Ochyra & Bednarek-Ochyra 2002, O'Shea 2006). The distribution in Germany is shown in Fig. 3, the worldwide distribution in Fig. 4.

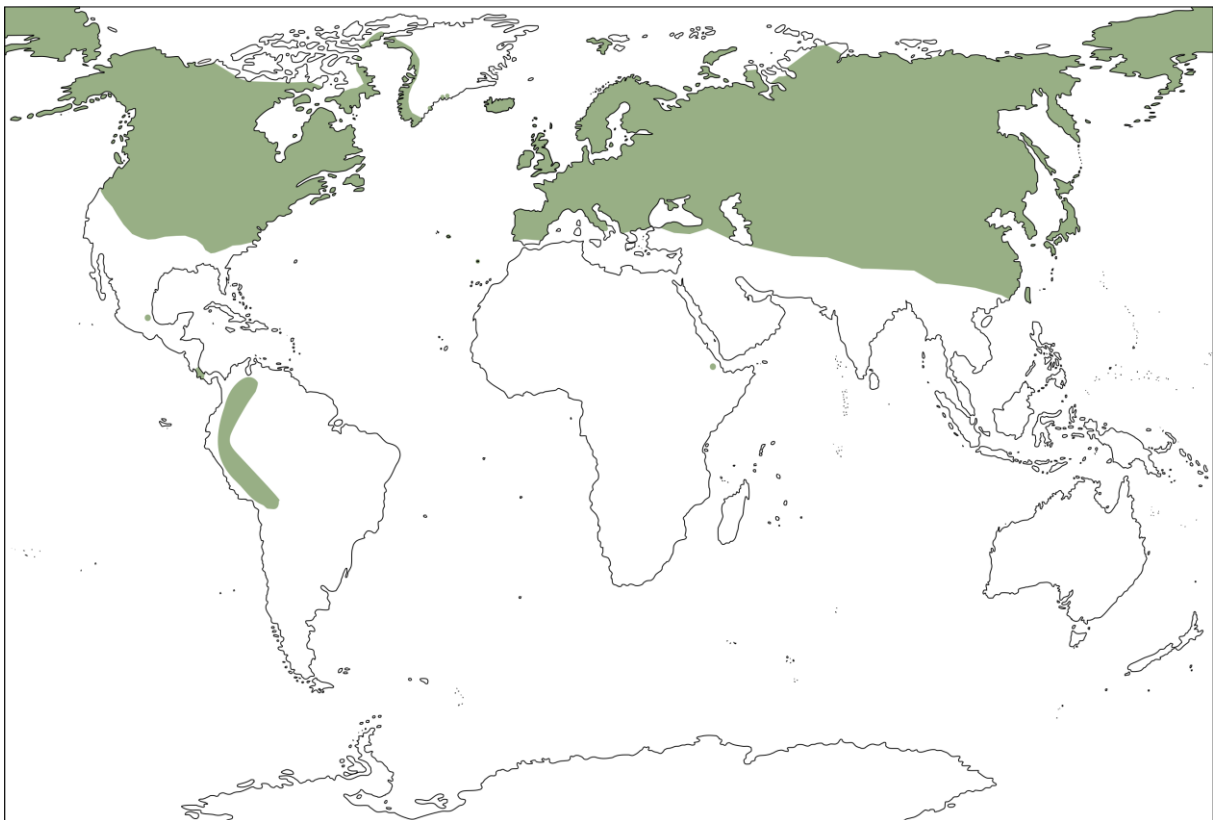


Fig. 4. Worldwide distribution of *Pleurozium schreberi* according to various authors (see chapter 3.1.2.5) and different distribution maps (e.g., Sjödin 1980).

3.1.3 *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*

Hylocomiaceae

Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus (Hedw.) Warnst.
Krypt.-Fl. Brandenburg, Laubm. 2: 918. 1906

Hypnum squarrosum L. ex Hedw., Sp. Musc. Frond.: 281. 1801
Hylocomium squarrosum (Hedw.) Schimp.
(Koperski et al. 2000)

3.1.3.1 Morphology

Plants robust, dioecious, pale green to yellowish, in coarse tufts or wefts, sometimes extensive, often brownish below. Shoots to 15 cm long; stems erect or ascending at least at tips, towards end reddish, elsewhere reddish brown, concealed by sheathing leaf base, irregularly or sometimes sparsely pinnately branched. Branches short or sometimes long and attenuate. Leaves not plicate; stem leaves strongly squarrose (Smith 2004), 3–4 x 1.5–2 mm (branch leaves often smaller, e.g., Lawton 1971), at tips crowded rendering tips stellate in appearance, from sheathing broadly ovate basal part narrowed to long acuminate apex; margins plane, denticulate above; costa double, extending 1/4–1/3 way up leaf; basal cells narrowly rhomboidal, alar cells enlarged, hyaline or coloured, forming distinct group, cells above linear-elliptical, smooth, in mid-leaf 6–9 x 40–80 (–86) μm , 7–10 (–12) times as long as wide (Smith 2004). Seta about 2–3.5 cm long (Brotherus 1923), flexuose, sometimes bend or twisted. Capsules horizontal 1.8–2.5 mm long (Crum & Anderson 1981), ovoid, gibbous; lid conical, acute. Spores 18–20 μm . Capsules rare, winter (Smith 2004).

Chromosome number: $n = 6$ Great Britain, Poland Germany; $n = 8$ Finland; $n = 10$ Great Britain, Denmark, Sweden, Latvia, Ukraine and Japan (Lawton 1971, Crum & Anderson 1981, Fritsch 1991, Smith 2004).

3.1.3.2 Reproduction

Sporophytes are rare in Great Britain and Germany (compare, e.g., Düll 1994, Nebel & Philippi 2001, Smith 2004) and unknown in Greenland (Lewinsky & Mogensen 1978).

Vegetative reproduction is not described, gemmae are lacking (Hill et al. 1994), but Nebel & Philippi (2001) predict that shoot fragments likely act as vegetative diaspores. Correns (1899) mentions that protonema can be formed on intersections of stems.

3.1.3.3 Ecology

Wide ecological tolerance, occurring on all but the most acid soils in a variety of grassy habitats, including sheep pastures, roadside verges, woodland rides, lawns, dunes, streamsides, ditches and marshes (Hill et al. 1994), usually where damp, from 0–1225 m (–1700 m) (Smith 2004).



Fig. 5. Distribution of *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* (green) in Germany according to Meinunger & Schröder (2007). Sampling localities of *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* in Germany marked. Plot localities (B1 and Sil3) are especially indicated.

3.1.3.4 Plant communities

K Molinio-Arrhenatheretea (Nebel & Philippi 2001); O Hylocomietalia splendidis (Marstaller 1993, Nebel & Philippi 2001)

3.1.3.5 General distribution

European boreo-temperate (Smith 2004). Widespread throughout Europe north to Svalbard (Kuc 1973), Faroe Islands and Iceland (Smith 2004), rare or missing in Lapland (Koponen 1975). South to Caucasus, Turkey, Azores and Madeira (Smith 2004). Common in South and West Greenland, local in East Greenland (Lewinsky & Mogensen 1978). In North America from Newfoundland and Labrador to Ontario and Michigan, south in the mountains to North Carolina and Tennessee (not common in eastern North America), throughout the boreal coniferous forest zone of Canada, in the west from Alaska and Aleutians south to Oregon and Nevada at higher elevations (compare, e.g., Steere 1978, Crum & Anderson 1981). North and East Asia: China, Korea, Russia (He 2005) and Japan (Iwatsuki 2004). Introduced in New Zealand (Hill et al. 1994, Espie 1997) and Tasmania (Dalton 1997). The German distribution is shown in Fig. 5, the worldwide distribution in Fig. 6.

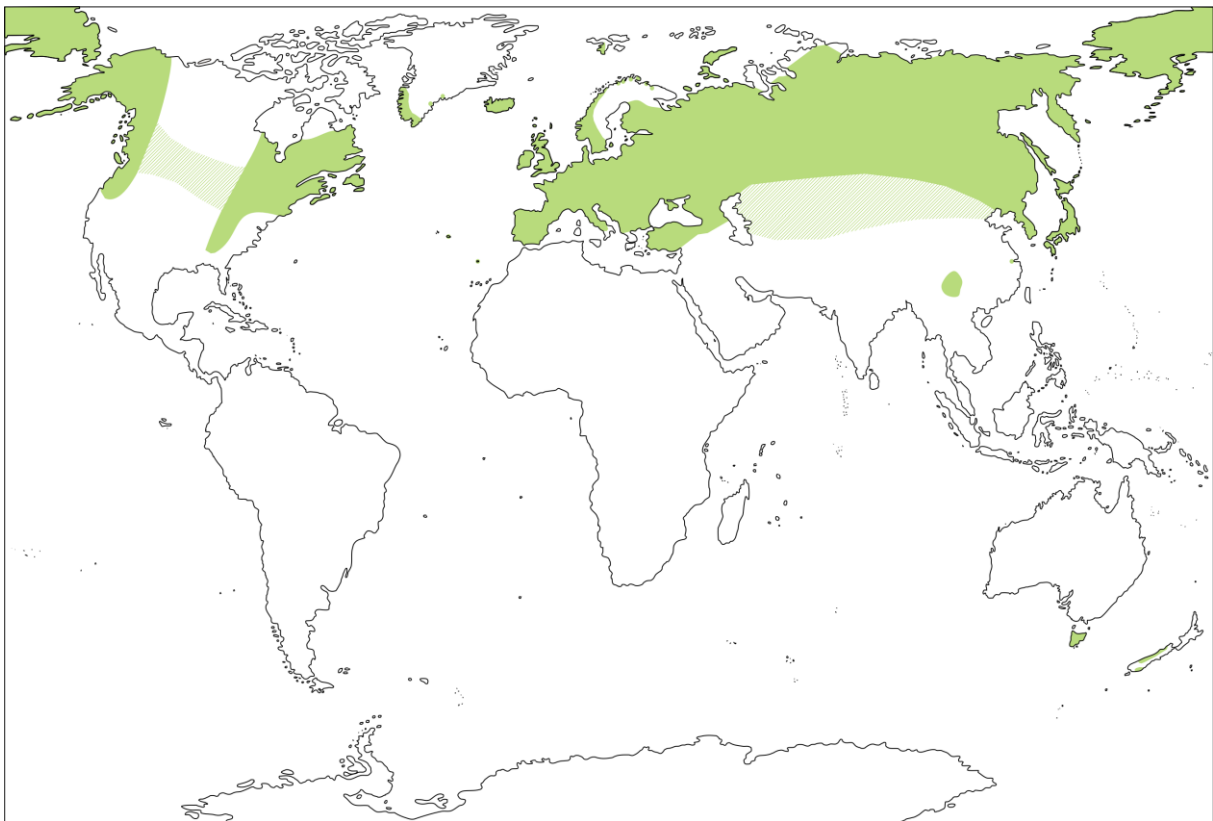


Fig. 6. Worldwide distribution of *Rhytidadelphus squarrosus* according to various authors (see chapter 3.1.3.5) and different distribution maps (e.g., Sjödin 1980). Areas with uncertain dimensions are marked in light green.

3.2 Study areas

3.2.1 Topography

Field work was carried out in different localities in Thuringia, Berlin and Brandenburg. Altogether six plots of different size (depending on habitat conditions, see Table 2) as well as three sites for morpho-ecological analysis (gap re-colonisation, only in Brandenburg close to plot NH1) were set. For detailed information and Braun-Blanquet plant sociological relevés (Braun-Blanquet 1964) see appendix A1.

Table 2. Localisation of investigated populations, with collection date and plot size.

| Plot | Sil1 | Sil2 | Sil3 | B1 | NH1 | Saarm1 |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Locality | Dietzhausen | Dietzhausen | Dietzhausen | Berlin-Pankow | Neuehütte | Saarmund |
| Country | Thuringia | Thuringia | Thuringia | Berlin | Brandenburg | Brandenburg |
| Collection date | 14.05.2007 | 14.05.2007 | 14.05.2007 | 16.10.2006 | 16.05.2007 | 13.06.2006 |
| Latitude | 50°35'46.8"N | 50°35'45.2"N | 50°35'45.6"N | 52°33'38.4"N | 52°52'23.8"N | 52°18'53.0"N |
| Longitude | 10°35'04.6"E | 10°35'04.7"E | 10°35'07.0"E | 13°24'13.7"E | 13°50'45.1"E | 13°06'31.9"E |
| Altitude [m a.s.l.] | 428 | 433 | 377 | 54 | 63 | 78 |
| Altitudinal zone | montane | montane | montane | lowland | lowland | lowland |
| Plot size | 15 m ² | 12 m ² | 15 m ² | 6 m ² | 35 m ² | 18 m ² |
| Investigated species | <i>P. schreberi</i> <i>P. purum</i> | <i>P. schreberi</i> | <i>R. squarrosus</i> | <i>R. squarrosus</i> | <i>P. purum</i> | <i>P. schreberi</i> |

3.2.1.1 Thuringia (Plots Sil1, Sil2 and Sil3)

Three plots were set in the southern Thuringian Forest, in the valley Bärenthal (see Fig. 7 and Fig. 8) close to the village Dietzhausen, which is part of the city Suhl. The three plots are named Sil1 (50°35'46.8"N, 10°35'04.6"E Elev. 428 m, see Fig. 9), Sil2 (50°35'45.2"N, 10°35'04.7"E Elev. 433 m, see Fig. 10), and Sil3 (50°35'45.6"N, 10°35'07.0"E Elev. 377 m, see Fig. 11). Plot Sil1 and Sil2 are situated within a *Vaccinio-Abietetum* Oberd. 1957 in eastern exposition with high densities of *Pseudoscleropodium purum* and *Pleurozium schreberi*. Sil3 is located on the edge of the forest in transition to open grassland (*Molinio-Arrhenatheretea* R. Tx. 1937), which is frequently used by flocks of sheep, here *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* builds huge patches and dominates the vegetation

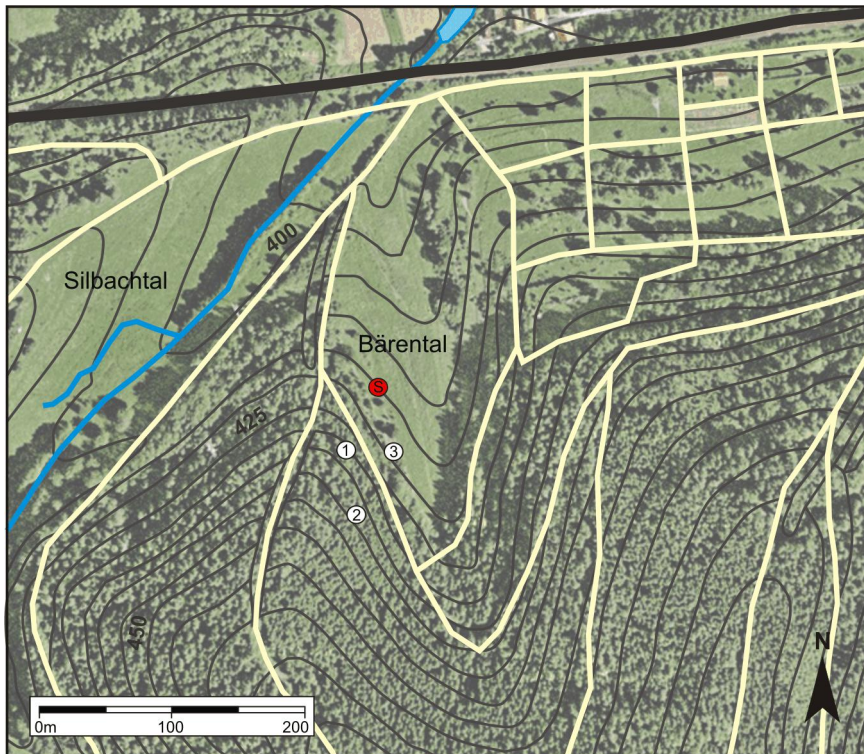


Fig. 7. Localisation of the plots Sil1 (1), Sil2 (2), Sil3 (3), and a sporophyte discovery of *Pleurozium schreberi* (S) in the valley Bärenthal. Railroad black, river blue, side roads and forest roads yellow. Ground layer by Google maps (10/2008), overlay TK 10.



Fig. 8. View into Bärenthal valley in Southern direction. Plot Sil3 (3) and location of sporophyte discovery of *Pleurozium schreberi* (S) marked.



Fig. 9. Plot Sil1 (Thuringia) with *Pseudoscleropodium purum* and *Pleurozium schreberi* patches.



Fig. 10. Plot Sil2 (Thuringia) with *Pleurozium schreberi* patches and a *Vaccinium myrtillus* cover.



Fig. 11. Plot Sil3 (Thuringia) nearly totally covered by *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*.

3.2.1.2 Berlin (Plot B1)

Plot B1 (52°33'38.4''N, 13°24'13.7''E, Elev. 54 m, see Fig. 12) is located in Berlin-Pankow on a public lawn (Molinio-Arrhenatheretea R. Tx. 1937, Saatgrasland) (Schubert et al. 2001), where *R. squarrosus* dominates the vegetation in moist and shady places. Additionally to plot samples, samples were collected in a transect along the lawn edge (every 20 m).



Fig. 12. Plot B1 (Berlin-Pankow) on public a lawn, between Zillertalstraße and Maximilianstraße with large *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* patches.

3.2.1.3 Brandenburg (Plots NH1 and Saarm1)

Two plots were set in Brandenburg, one south of Berlin close to the village Saarmund (Saarm1: 52°18'53.0''N, 13°06'31.9''E, Elev. 78 m, see Fig. 13) on top of a glacial sand dune in transition between Leucobryo-Pinetum Matusz. 1962 and Vaccinio vitis-idaeae-Quercetum petraeae Oberd. (1957) 1992. The other plot is situated north of Berlin in a douglas fir plantation (e.g., Schubert et al. 2001) between Britz and Neuhütte (NH1: 52°52'23.8''N, 13°50'45.1''E, Elev. 63 m, see Fig. 14) close to the city Eberswalde.



Fig. 13. Plot Saarm1 (Brandenburg) during fieldwork (using a mapping frame) collecting *Pleurozium schreberi* samples.



Fig. 14. Plot NH1 (Brandenburg) with *Pseudoscleropodium purum* patches.

3.2.2 Gap re-colonisation experiments

Close to plot NH1 three small plots of 50 cm x 50 cm were set within pure colonies of *P. purum*, both vegetation and litter layer were removed, the re-colonisation was observed and photographically documented for a period of two years (four times a year).

3.2.3 Climate

The climate in the Brandenburg/Berlin study areas is sub-continental with mean annual temperatures from 8.3 °C (Angermünde), 8.7 °C (Potsdam) and 9.2 °C (Berlin-Dahlem). The annual mean precipitation is 532 mm in Angermünde, 578 mm in Berlin-Dahlem and 592 mm in Potsdam. The mean annual temperature in the southern Thuringian Forest where plots Sil1, Sil2 and Sil3 are set is 6.9 °C, thus 1.4 °C less compared to Angermünde and 2.3 °C less compared to Potsdam. The annual mean precipitation is with 560 mm, 18 mm less than in Berlin-Dahlem (Mühr 2007).

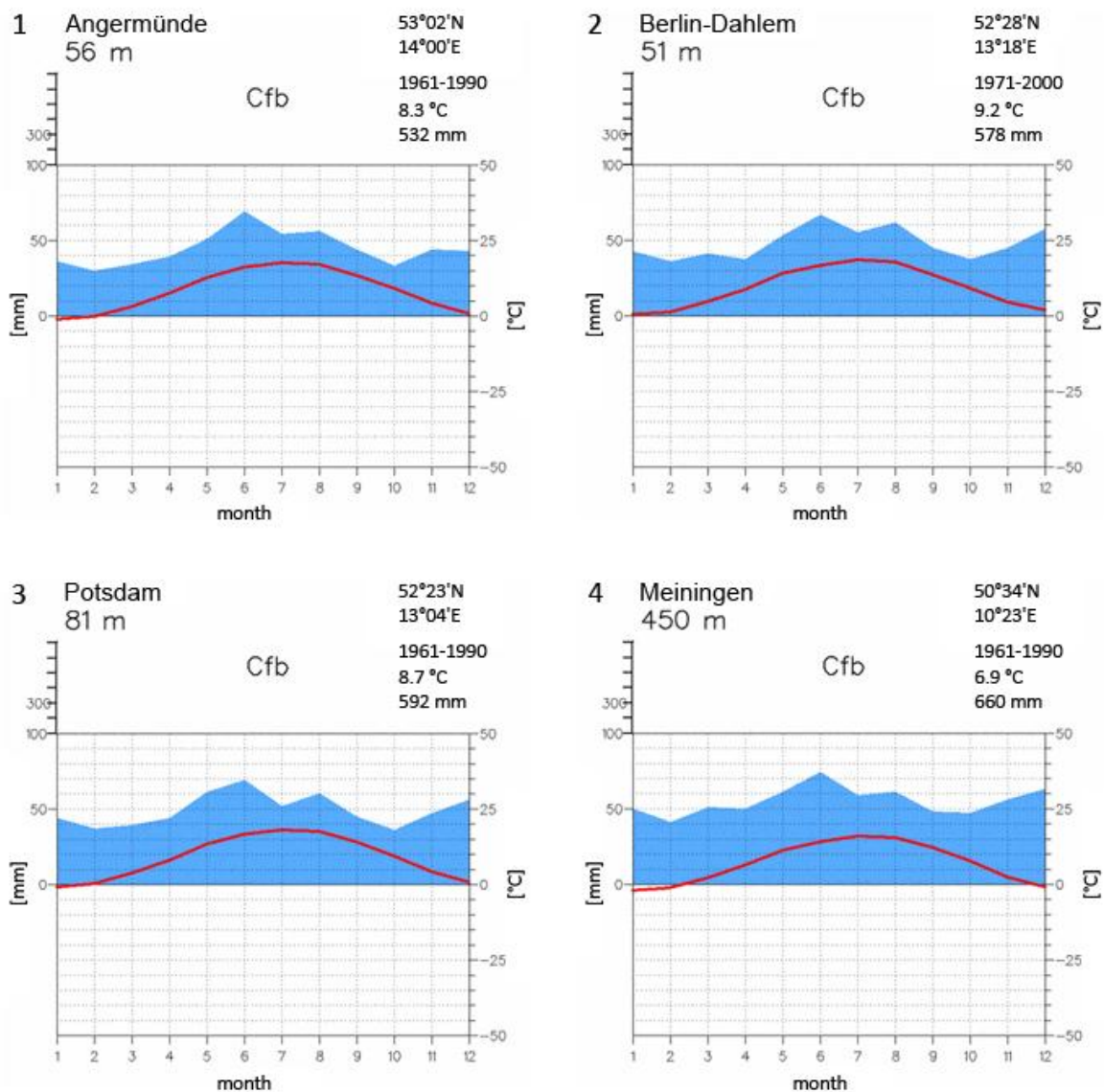


Fig. 15. Climate diagrams of study areas (Mühr 2007, modified), showing elevation [m a.s.l.], coordinates, time period, average temperature (red), average precipitation (blue) and climate classification according to Kottke et al. (2006) (Cfb = C: warm temperate, f: fully humid, b: warm summer). (1) Angermünde referring to the climate of NH1, (2) Berlin-Dahlem referring to B1, (3) Potsdam referring to Saarm1 and (4) Meiningen referring to Sil1, Sil2 and Sil3.

3.3 Sampling of plant material

3.3.1 Method of sampling

Sample material was taken from every patch of *Pleurozium schreberi*, *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* and *Pseudoscleropodium purum* within the respective plots.

Pleurozium schreberi was collected in plots Sil1, Sil2 and Saarm1.

Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus was collected in plots Sil3 and B1.

Pseudoscleropodium purum was collected in plots Sil1 and NH1.

One to several shoots (depending on patch size) were collected and air-dried in paper bags. The location was marked on a map (ratio 1:10) with the help of a self-constructed wooden “mapping frame” (1x1 m, see Fig. 13). A map of each plot can be found in appendix A4.

The vascular plant and terricolous bryophyte vegetation of every plot was conducted according to the method of Braun-Blanquet (1964). For each plot the following data were recorded (see appendix A1):

- Location with coordinates (determined with GPS Garmin Gecko)
- Altitude a.s.l. (determined with GPS Garmin Gecko)
- Altitudinal zone
- Exposition (determined with a Recta compass)
- Inclination [°] (determined with a Recta compass)
- Relief
- Cover of tree and shrub layer [%] (approximation)
- Cover of herb layer [%] (approximation)
- Cover of bryophyte layer [%] (approximation)
- Ground cover [%] (approximation)
- Height of tree layer [m] (approximation)
- Height of shrub layer [m] (approximation)
- Height herb layer [m] (approximation)
- Plot size [m²]

Additional plant material from other German populations (for details see appendix) in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (MV), Brandenburg (BB), Berlin (BE), Saxony (SA), Thuringia (TH), Lower Saxony (NI), Hesse (HE), Northrhine-Westphalia (NW), Bavaria (BY), Baden-Württemberg (BW), and from populations in Austria, Slovakia and Slovenia were collected during field trips (2005–2008) and air-dried in paper bags.

3.3.2 Foreign specimens

Foreign air-dried plant material was kindly provided by K. Thomas (France), T.L. Blockeel (England), P.J. Dalton (Scotland and Australia) and W.B. Schofield (Canada). Additionally the herbaria (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm; (MUB) Herbarium Universitatis Murcicae; (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow; (CHR) Allan Herbarium, Landcare Research, NZ and (JE) Herbarium Haussknecht, Jena provided material from Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Greece, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal (Azores and Madeira), Israel, United States, Canada, Russia and New Zealand (for details see specimen list in appendix A2).

3.3.3 Identification of *Rhytidadelphus* specimens

Giving credit to the continuous discussion, whether *R. subpinnatus* is a distinct species with clear genetic differences or not (compare, e.g., Koponen 1971; Korpelainen et al. 2008; Vanderpoorten et al. 2003) and because of continuous problems with discrimination and

Table 3. List of characters used for discrimination between *Rhytidadelphus squarrosus* and *Rhytidadelphus subpinnatus* specimens in order of importance for identification. Characters suggested by (1) Koponen (1971), (2) Vanderpoorten et al. (2003) and (3) Müller (1995).

| Characters | <i>R. squarrosus</i> | <i>R. subpinnatus</i> |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Stem cortex (including epidermis) (2) | up to 4 or 5 layers (own observation often 3–4) | (1–)2–3 stratose (own observation often 2–3 or less) |
| Stem leaves (1,2,3) | from ovate base narrowed into a reflexed or squarrose, longly and finally acuminate point | narrowed from a triangular or cordate base into a reflexed or squarrosely acuminate point, |
| Median leaf lamina (2) | cells wide, width varying between 6.0–9.5 µm | cells narrow, width varying between 4.0–8.5 µm |
| Branching (1,2,3) | irregularly pinnate, or branching few, secondary branching absent | mostly pinnate, secondary branches sometimes present |
| Stem (1,3) | concealed by sheathing leaf base | not concealed by sheathing leaf base |
| Branch leaves (1) | lowest often similar to stem leaves, upper longly acuminate, not only slightly undulate or plicate, teeth smaller | lowest mostly clearly different from stem leaves, upper shortly acuminate, often strongly undulate or plicate, teeth coarse |
| Growth habit (1,2,3) | dense mats or tufts, stem apex often erect | loose mats, creeping, often depressed |

misidentifications of *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* and *Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus*, it was planned to include samples of *R. subpinnatus* as an outgroup in the AFLP fingerprinting. Because the identity of some material was doubtful all specimens coming from other than own collections were again determined. The identifications were carried out according to a list of characters suggested by Korpelainen et al. (2008), Müller (1995) and Vanderpoorten et al. (2003) (see Table 3). The best characters for identification were stem cortex layers of middle stem parts (see Fig. 16), shape of stem leaves, median leaf lamina and, to a lesser extent branching. The branching system only suits as an additional character, because secondary branching can also occur in *R. squarrosus* (according to own observations), even though it seems to be very rare. For the identification of herbarium material the growth habit turned out to be unsuitable because in most cases details are not well documented or not comparable. In the end two *R. subpinnatus* misidentifications were revealed, one from Russia and one from the USA. Both were together with two other Russian *R. subpinnatus* samples included in the molecular analysis.

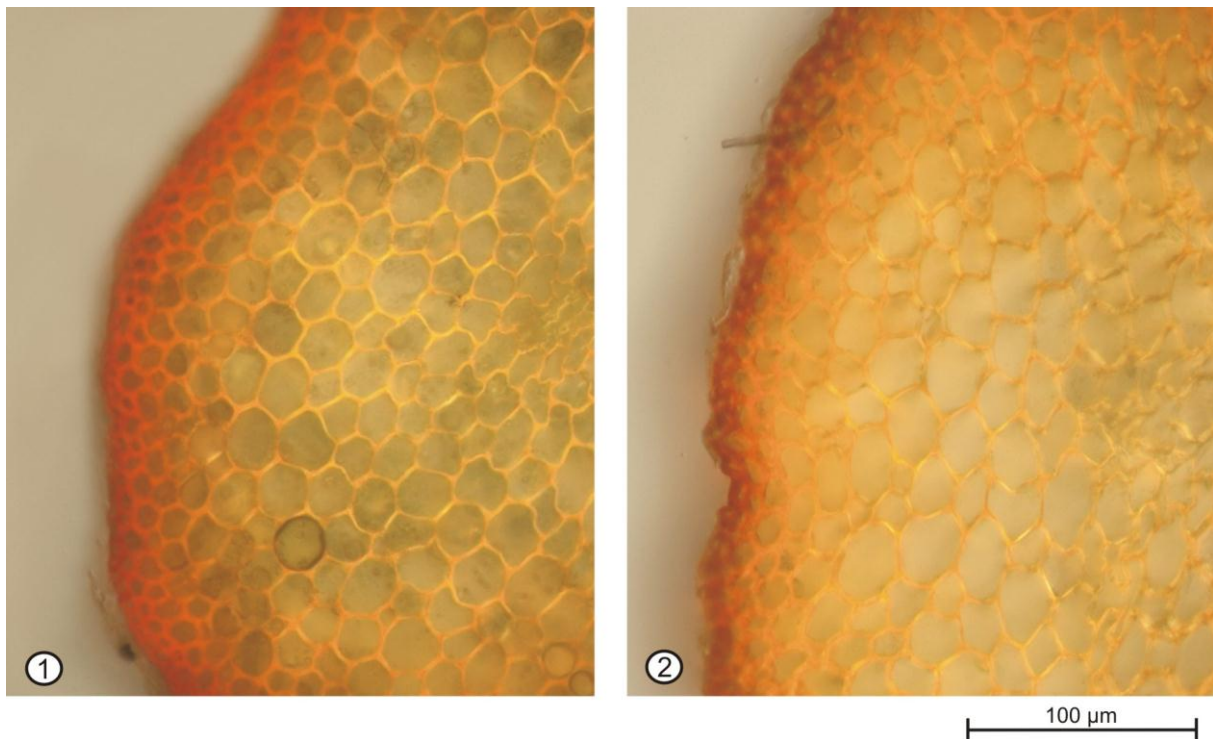


Fig. 16. Stem cross sections of *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* (1) and *Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus* (2) with focus on the number of stem cortex layers (left 3–4, right 1–2) in middle stem parts (pictures by S. Fritz and Dr. R. Jahn, Zeiss Axioplan, with Zeiss AxioCam MCR, Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin-Dahlem).

3.4 Morpho-anatomical analysis

The collected shoots were investigated by binocular (Leica MS5 10–40×), light transmission microscope (Zeiss Axioplan) and scanning electron microscope (Leo 430) with a special focus on features of vegetative reproduction s.l. (see chapter 2.1), but also on those of generative reproduction.

3.5 Preparation of plant material for molecular analysis (AFLP)

Green apical branches of ≥ 1 cm in length were cleaned manually (using binocular microscope, sterile tweezers and pure water) and by ultrasound. After cleaning the material was dried and stored in silica gel Orange (Roth) until use.

3.6 Molecular analysis - AFLP Fingerprinting

3.6.1 Method

The AFLP-technique aims at detecting amplified fragment length polymorphisms by combination of restriction and PCR procedures. It comprises (i) digestion of total genomic DNA using two restriction endonucleases and ligation of double-stranded oligonucleotide-adapters (of known sequence) to the restriction fragments, (ii) selective amplification of sets of these fragments using generic primers that match the adapter sequences, but have one (preselective PCR) or more bases at the 3' end (selective PCR), and (iii) gel electrophoresis and detection of amplified fragments (Vos et al. 1995). Because the AFLP-technique depends on good DNA quality it was tried to use fresh whenever possible and herbarium material not older than ten years.

3.6.2 Used protocol

For detection and visualisation of fragments, the original AFLP protocol (Zabeau & Vos 1993, Vos et al. 1995) uses radioactively labeled primers. In this study a protocol with a biotin-streptavidin detection system introduced by Pfeiffer et al. (2005) was used (with slight modifications). A list of used chemicals, biochemicals and enzymes can be found in Table 4.

Fresh, silicagel-dried and herbarium material of the mosses *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi*, *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* and *Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus* was ground using a mixer mill MM200 (Retsch).

DNA was extracted using the NucleoSpin-Plant extraction kit (Macherey-Nagel-Inc., Easton, PA, USA). DNA concentrations were determined by spectrophotometry and set to 100 ng/μl with deionised H₂O (in most cases the concentration was less than 100 ng/μl, in this cases the extraction product was used without dilution). RNA was digested by incubation with 2 μl Ribonuclease I 'A' (0.5 μg/μl) per 100 μl DNA suspension for 30 min at 37°C.

The restriction mix contained *Eco*RI (2.5 U) and *Tru*II (=MseI; 1.5 U), 2.5 μl 10x OnePhorAll-buffer, deionised H₂O ad 25 μl, and 2.5 μl of diluted DNA (30-100 ng/μl genomic DNA). After incubation for 3 h at 37°C, 5 μl of the ligation cocktail were added to each digestion sample [0.5 μl *Eco*RI-adapter EA+/- (5 pmol/μl), 0.5 μl *Tru*II-adapter TA+/- (50 pmol/μl), 0.25 μl ATP (25mM), 0.25 μl T4 DNA ligase (~2 U), T4 ligase buffer 10x (0.5 μl) and deionised H₂O ad 5μl]. The mix was incubated for 3 h at 37°C or overnight at room-temperature.

Two PCR reactions were carried out in a Biometra Tpersonal thermocycler, a preselective amplification with *Eco*RI+A [5'-GAC TGC GTA CCA ATT CA-3'] and *Mse*I+C [5'-GAT GAG TCC TGA GTA AC-3'] followed by selective amplifications. Nine primer combinations were tested with *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*. Two combinations were selected for each species, the best results (high levels of intraspecific polymorphisms, good readability and low failure rate) in all three species were achieved using 5'biotinylated *Eco*RI + AAC [5'-GAC TGC GTA CCA ATT CAAC-3'] / unlabeled *Mse*I + CAT [5' GAT GAG TCC TGA GTA ACAT-3'] and unlabeled *Eco*RI + AGG [5'-GAC TGC GTA CCA ATT CAGG-3'] / 5'biotinylated *Mse*I + CTA [5'-GAT GAG TCC TGA GTA ACTA-3']. All primers were purchased from Roth.

For the preselective PCR 0.375 μl each of *Eco*RI+A and *Mse*I+C (50 ng/μl) were mixed with 1.25 μl 10x PCR-buffer (Y), 2.5 μl 5x Enhancer Solution P, 0.25 μl dNTP-mix (2.5 pmol/μl of each dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP), 0.125 μl *Taq*DNA polymerase (5 U/μl) and deionised H₂O ad 11 μl. 1.5 μl DNA template from the digestion/ligation solution were added; the sample was covered by 10 μl Chill-Out 14 Liquid Wax. After preselective PCR (2 min at 94°C, 20 cycles of 30 s at 94°C, 30 s at 60°C and 1 min at 72°C, final extension for 5 min at 72°C, cooling to 4°C), the samples were diluted 1:9 with deionised H₂O.

Selective PCR volumes contained 0.4 μl dNTP-mix, 2 μl 10x PCR-buffer (Y), 4 μl 5x Enhancer Solution P, 0.2 μl (50 ng/μl) primer *Eco*RI-ANN, 0.6 μl (50 ng/μl) primer *Mse*I-

CNN, 0.2 μ l *Taq*DNA polymerase (5 U/ μ l), 7.6 μ l deionised H₂O and 5 μ l of the diluted preselection PCR products, overlaid with 15 μ l Chill-Out 14 Liquid Wax. PCR parameters included a touch-down cycling with 5 min at 94°C, 11 cycles of 30 s at 94°C, 30 s at 65°C-58°C (-0.7°C in each cycle) and 1 min at 72°C, followed by 22 cycles with 30 s at 94°C, 30 s at 56°C and 1 min at 72°C, final extension for 2 min at 72°C, and cooling to 4°C. After removing the Chill-Out 14 Liquid Wax 7 μ l Stop-/Loading buffer SequiTherm Excel II were added to the selective PCR samples.

DNA fragments from the selective amplification were separated in polyacrylamide gels of 0.4 mm thickness using the S2 sequencing system (GIBCO BRL, Life Technologies, Gaithersburg, MD, USA), allowing the simultaneous run of 50 samples (later in the study with new combs up to 98). After treatment of the larger glass plate with Silane A174 (Adhesion-Silane) for 20 min and the smaller one with Dichlorodimethylsilane (Repel-Silane) for 2x 10 min, and careful cleaning with ethanol (99%), the plates were assembled. 60 ml of a 6% UreaGel - SequaGel - 6 and 8 were subjected to ultrasound for ~15 min; an additional 20 μ l TEMED solution and 200 μ l 10% APS solution were added just before pouring the gel. After polymerisation for at least 2 h, the gel was pre-run *c.* 30 min at 60 W with 1x TBE buffer (pH 8.56; 0.9 M Tris-HCl, 0.9 mM boric acid, 0.5 mM EDTA) and 150 ml 3M sodium acetate in the lower buffer chamber. The PCR samples were denatured for 5 min at 94°C and immediately placed on ice, then 7 μ l of each sample were loaded onto the gel. After electrophoresis (*c.* 2.5 h at 60 W) the smaller glass plate was removed. A nylon-membrane (porablot NY amp, Macherey-Nagel), wetted with 1x TBE, was placed onto the gel sticking to the larger glass plate and covered by 3MM Whatman paper and a glass plate.

After blotting overnight, the DNA-fragments were crosslinked to the dried membrane by UV-radiation (2 min at 312 nm). The fragments became visible after application of a standard protocol based on treatment with streptavidin alkaline phosphatase and the enzyme's substrate 5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indolylphosphate-p-toluidinesalt (BCIP) and Nitro blue tetrazolium chloride (NBT). The membranes (divided for better handling) were incubated for 25 min in buffer-1 (pH 7.5; 121.14 g Tris, 87.66 g NaCl ad 1 l deionised H₂O, 1:10 diluted before use) with an additional 1% skimmed milk powder to block unspecific binding sites. After a short rinsing in buffer-1, the membrane parts were sealed in PE foils, along with 30 ml buffer-1 and 6 μ l streptavidin alkaline phosphatase, and incubated for 25 min on a benchtop shaker. Afterwards, the membranes were washed two times for 10–15 min in buffer-1, rinsed in buffer-2 (pH 9.5; 12.114 g Tris, 8.844 g NaCl, 10.165 g MgCl₂ ad 1 l deionised H₂O) and placed in PE foils. Before sealing, 20 ml buffer-2, containing 100 μ l NBT and 100 μ l BCIP

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suspended in 70% and 100% N,N-Dimethylformamide, respectively, were added to each membrane part. After incubation in the dark for about 1–3 h (depending on staining

Table 4. List of used chemicals, biochemicals and enzymes.

| Name | Molecular formula | List of suppliers |
|--|--|----------------------|
| 5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indolylphosphate-p-toluidinesalt (BCIP) | C ₁₅ H ₁₅ N ₂ O ₄ BrClP | Roth |
| 5x Enhancer Solution P | -- | PeqLab |
| 10x OnePhorAll buffer | -- | Amersham Biosciences |
| 10x PCR buffer (Y) | -- | PeqLab |
| APS Ammonium peroxydisulfate | (NH ₄) ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | Roth |
| ATP | -- | Epicentre |
| Boric acid | H ₃ BO ₃ | Roth |
| Chill-Out 14 Liquid Wax | -- | MJ Research, Inc. |
| Dichlorodimethylsilane (2% in 1,1,1-Trichloroethan) (Repel-Silane) | SiC ₂ H ₄ Cl ₂ | Merck |
| dNTP-mix (dATP 98%, dCTP 98%, dGTP 98%, dTTP 98%) | -- | Roth |
| <i>Eco</i> RI | -- | MBI Fermentas |
| Ethanol (EtOH) | C ₂ H ₆ O | Roth |
| Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) | C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₈ Na ₂ | Roth |
| Hydrochloric acid | HCl | Roth |
| Magnesium chloride | MgCl ₂ | Roth |
| Nitro blue tetrazolium chloride (NBT) | C ₄₀ H ₃₀ Cl ₂ N ₁₀ O ₆ | Roth |
| N,N-Dimethylformamide | C ₃ H ₇ NO | Merck |
| N,N,N',N'-Tetramethylethylenediamine (TEMED) | C ₆ H ₁₆ N ₂ | Roth |
| Ribonuclease I 'A' | -- | usb |
| Silane A174 (Adhesion-Silane) | C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O ₅ Si | Merck |
| Sodium acetate (NaOAc) | C ₂ H ₃ NaO ₂ | Roth |
| Sodium chloride | NaCl | Roth |
| Sodium hydroxide | NaOH | Merck |
| Stop/Loading buffer SequiTherm Excel II | -- | Epicentre |
| Streptavidin alkaline phosphatase | -- | Promega |
| T4 DNA ligase | -- | Epicentre |
| T4 DNA ligase buffer 10x | -- | Epicentre |
| <i>Taq</i> DNA polymerase | -- | PeqLab |
| Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Tris) | C ₄ H ₁₁ NO ₃ | Roth |
| <i>Tru</i> 1I (<i>Mse</i> I) | -- | MBI Fermentas |
| UreaGel - SequaGel - 6 and 8 | -- | national diagnostics |

intensity), the membranes were removed from the foils, rinsed in tap water and airdried. The applied protocol results in visualisation of the generated AFLP fragments as purple stains on the nylon membranes.

3.7 Data scoring and analysis

The AFLP fragments blotted onto membranes were scored by eye. Presence (1) and absence (0) of bands were coded in a binary matrix including monomorphic and polymorphic bands. The resulting matrixes were imported into FAMD 1.108 beta (Schlüter & Harris 2006). The program also supports the input of missing data (e.g., due to blotting errors) and uses random assignments of band presence–absence to the missing data (missing bands were coded by “?” in the binary matrix). Pair-wise genetic distances (GD) were calculated according to the complementary value of Jaccard’s similarity coefficient (SC_J) and the Simple-matching coefficient (SC_{SM}):

$$GD = 1 - SC$$

$$SC_J = \frac{n_{11}}{n_{11} + n_{10} + n_{01}} = \frac{n_{11}}{n - n_{00}} \quad (\text{Jaccard 1908})$$

$$SC_{SM} = \frac{n_{11} + n_{00}}{n_{01} + n_{10} + n_{11} + n_{00}} = \frac{n_{11} + n_{00}}{n} \quad (\text{Sokal \& Michener 1958})$$

where n is the total number of scored fragments, with n_{11} and n_{00} being the numbers of fragments present or absent found for a pair of samples, respectively (Sneath & Sokal 1973).

The difference between both coefficients is that the Jaccard coefficient only takes into account the bands present in at least one of the two individuals, and therefore is unaffected by homoplastic absent bands (when absence of the same band is due to different mutations). In contrast the Simple-matching coefficient maximises the amount of information drawn from AFLP profile by considering all scored loci (Bonin et al. 2007). In analyses the Jaccard coefficient tends to give lower levels of similarity than Simple-matching coefficient (Douhovnikoff & Dodd 2003), therefore both coefficients were tested in first place.

While dealing with missing data in the sample sets (according to reading difficulties and blotting problems) FAMD’s (Schlüter & Harris 2006) option of random assignments of band

presence-absence (between a pair of samples x and y), was used for analyses based on pairwise similarity. The Average similarity option in FAMD is calculating the range of values that a data set containing missing data might generate, and can be considered in data interpretation. In the case of Jaccard's coefficient, the interval of possible similarity values is defined by minimum ($SC_{Jxy,min}$) and maximum ($SC_{Jxy,max}$) values of Jaccard's coefficient, so that $SC_{Jxy,min} \leq SC_{Jxy} \leq SC_{Jxy,max}$:

$$SC_{Jxy,min} = \frac{n_{11}}{n_{11} + n_{01} + n_{10} + n_{1?} + n_{?1} + n_{0?} + n_{?0}}$$

$$SC_{Jxy,max} = \frac{n_{11} + n_{1?} + n_{?1} + n_{??}}{n_{11} + n_{01} + n_{10} + n_{1?} + n_{?1} + n_{??}}$$

$SC_{Jxy,min}$ and $SC_{Jxy,max}$ are differently affected by particular comparisons, e.g. 1-? comparisons affect $SC_{Jxy,max}$ if ? = 1, and $SC_{Jxy,min}$ if ? = 0. Scoring missing data predominantly as 0 would increase $SC_{Jxy,min}$ and decrease $SC_{Jxy,max}$. An estimate of the uncertainty introduced by missing data is calculated by randomly drawing values of Jaccard's coefficient that lie within the interval [$SC_{Jxy,min}$; $SC_{Jxy,max}$] γ times. This allows estimations of mean and variance of Jaccard's coefficient.

In the case of Simple-matching coefficient, the minimum ($SC_{SMxy,min}$) and maximum ($SC_{SMxy,max}$) values of Simple-matching coefficient are defined, so that $SC_{SMxy,min} \leq SC_{SMxy} \leq SC_{SMxy,max}$.

$$SC_{SMxy,min} = \frac{n_{11} + n_{00}}{n_{11} + n_{01} + n_{10} + n_{1?} + n_{?1} + n_{0?} + n_{?0}}$$

$$SC_{SMxy,max} = \frac{n_{11} + n_{1?} + n_{?1} + n_{0?} + n_{?0} + n_{??} + n_{00}}{n_{11} + n_{01} + n_{10} + n_{1?} + n_{?1} + n_{0?} + n_{?0} + n_{??} + n_{00}}$$

Based on the distance matrixes of Jaccard coefficient and Simple-matching coefficient UPGMA (Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean) (Sokal & Michener 1958) and NJ (neighbor joining) (Saitou & Nei 1987) trees were calculated. Whereas UPGMA assumes a constant rate of evolution, NJ is based on the minimum-evolution criterion for phylogenetic trees, i.e. the topology that gives minimal total branch length is preferred at each

step of the algorithm. Bootstrap values were performed with Jaccard and Simple-matching coefficient, UPGMA, 10000 replicates and 1000 maxtrees in FAMD.

Similar to the study of Pfeiffer et al. (2006) only samples with $GD = 0$ were counted among clones. Very close related samples are discussed as possible individuals (ramets) of the same clone (because of possible PCR and/or reading errors) but were never counted among clones.

4 Results

4.1 Morpho-anatomical analysis

4.1.1 *Pseudoscleropodium purum*

4.1.1.1 Plot and patch descriptions

Pseudoscleropodium purum was collected within the plots NH1 35 m² (Brandenburg) and Sil1 15 m² (Thuringia). Within these plots *P. purum* forms numerous patches of different size from a few centimeters in diameter to nearly 4 m². The largest patches were located in plot NH1 with 3 patches > 1 m², whereas the largest patches of Sil1 are appr. ¼ m² (the spatial distribution is shown in appendix A4.2 and A4.5). Additional plant material from further German and foreign populations (see 2.3 and appendix A2) was included in this study. All together 66 specimens were closely observed in morpho-anatomical analysis (see appendix A3.1).

4.1.1.2 Generative reproduction

Morpho-anatomical analysis of *P. purum* patches and plants from plots NH1 and Sil2 revealed no hints of present or past generative reproduction, such as sporophytes (observed over a period of 3 years), archegonia or antheridia. The findings in one plant from plot NH1 are uncertain, because in the rotten basal part it shows small structures that may have been archegonia or antheridia.

Eight out of 31 plants of additional (German and foreign) origins showed archegonia (7) or antheridia (1), in three plants the gender remains uncertain because of the condition of the gametangia. Female plants with archegonia came from Germany (Thuringia, Hesse, Northrhine-Westphalia), Sweden, Spain, Azores, France and England, and the only male plant from the Azores. All other plants included in this study showed no sign of generative reproduction.

4.1.1.3 Vegetative reproduction

The morpho-anatomical examinations of *P. purum* plant material showed three morphological structures probably functioning as means of vegetative (asexual) reproduction s.l.

(1) Detached shoots (ramets) separated through decaying and subsequent disintegration of (older) shoot parts. This seems to be the dominant vegetative reproduction mode: In all patches examined, most plants showed decaying basal shoot parts, resulting in highly fragile shoot

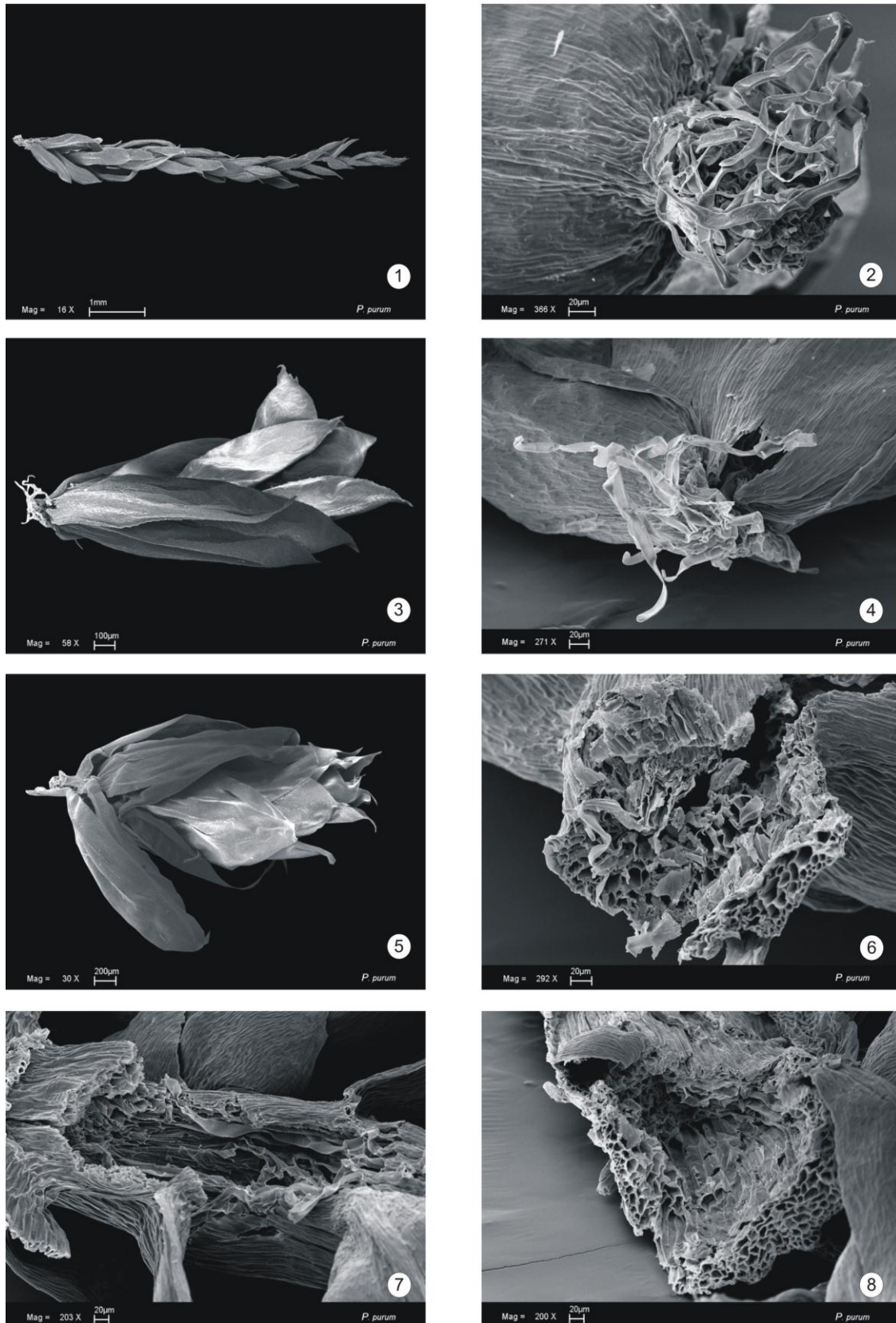


Fig. 17. Vegetative diaspores s.str. of *Pseudoscleropodium purum* [scanning electron microscope (SEM) photos]. (1) Brood branch/branchlet with rhizoids (2). (3) Caducous shoot apex with (4) well-developed rhizoid growth. (5) Caducous shoot apex with starting rhizoid growth (6) resulting from lateral hole. Lateral holes in the apical parts of the stems (7) and (8).

systems, their disintegration leading to separation of ramets (Longton & Schuster 1983, Pfeiffer et al. 2006), for growth forms see Fig. 30.

(2) Brood branches/branchlets sensu Correns (1899), were only observed three times in herbarium material. The observed brood branches showed basal rhizoid growth Fig. 17.1–2) and had a length of 7, 9 and 18 mm respectively.

(3) Caducous shoot apices (with basal rhizoids) sensu Correns (1899). These structures of 4–7 mm length were found eight times either separately or loosely attached to the tip of shoots in fresh and herbarium collections (Fig. 17.3–6). Two kinds of caducous shoot apices were observed. Firstly, caducous shoot apices with well developed rhizoids extending from the central part of the abscission zone (Fig. 17.3–4) were found separately in the material. Secondly, plants with lateral holes in the apical part of the stem were observed where caducous shoot apices were still loosely attached to the tip of the shoot. In these cases rhizoid development was mostly in an early stage (Fig. 17.5–6).

From 66 specimens observed, with an average of 48.1 (\pm 31.4) green shoot apices per plant, an average of 4.4 (\pm 7.2) green shoot apices were missing and could not be found in the collected material. Additionally to these findings lateral holes (of uncertain origin) in apical stem parts were observed and were interpreted as early stages of caducous shoot development (see Fig. 17.7–8).

4.1.1.4 Gap re-colonisation

With the aim of finding potential diaspores in a natural environment additional to the other observations, three small plots (50 cm x 50 cm) were set within pure colonies of *P. purum* close to NH1 (see Fig. 18). Similar to the study of Heinken & Zippel (2004) both vegetation and litter layer were removed and the re-colonisation was observed every 3 months. Similar to their description *P. purum* showed a rapid growth and gaps were re-colonised very soon. Whereas Heinken & Zippel (2004) set gaps of 1 m² which were re-colonised after three years, the smaller gaps set in this study were nearly completely re-colonised within one and a half year (see Fig. 18.1–3).

Targeting the process of re-colonisation the main mechanisms were according to own observations (compare Heinken & Zippel 2004): advance of surrounding shoots from the edge into the gaps by clonal growth and dispersal of detached single shoots as well as larger clumps of multiple shoots into the plots, resulting in new colonies by continuing growth. These detached single shoots are a result of decaying and subsequent disintegration of older shoot parts (clonal reproduction). This seems to be very common in *P. purum* and was found

in high frequencies. The dispersal of these ramets as well as the dispersal of larger clumps of multiple shoots, is most likely caused by animals (like wild boar, deer and birds), wind, water and man. Smaller diaspores like brood branches/branchlets and caducous shoot apices were not observed during the gap re-colonisation experiment, but these small diaspores are easily overlooked in field.



Fig. 18. Gap re-colonisation in a *Pseudoscleropodium purum* patch in Brandenburg. (1) Installation of an artificial gap (50 cm x 50 cm) in a *P. purum* colony on 19.08.2006. (2) Same plot on 16.05.2007, covered by lots of loose *P. purum* fragments. (3) Same plot on 23.02.2008, gap nearly re-colonised.

4.1.2 *Pleurozium schreberi*

4.1.2.1 Plot and patch descriptions

Pleurozium schreberi was collected within the plots Sil1 15 m² (Thuringia), Sil2 12 m² (Thuringia) and Saarm1 18 m² (Brandenburg). The patches within these plots differ in number and size. The largest patches are located in plot Sil2 where one patch covers nearly 9 m² and in plot Saarm1 where four patches are ≥ 1 m². The spatial distribution of the plots is shown in appendix A4.3, A4.4 and A4.5. Additional plant material from further German and foreign populations (see 2.3 and appendix A2) was included in this study and analysed.

4.1.2.2 Generative reproduction

No gametangia and sporophytes were found in Sil1, whereas in Sil2 only ♀ plants with archegonia and in Saarm1 both ♂ (with antheridia) and ♀ plants (with archegonia and sporophytes) were found. Of the 85 plants included in the morpho-anatomical analysis (see appendix A3.2) only one of the six ♂ plants did not come from Saarm1, it was found on the mountain Kleiner Gleichberg (Thuringia) appr. 20 km south of Sil1 and Sil2. Altogether 31 plants were identified as ♀ (six with sporophytes), six as ♂ and 48 showed neither archegonia nor antheridia. Five out of six plants with sporophytes included in this study were found in the region Berlin/Brandenburg (all in steep terrain). The other shoot with sporophytes was found one year after the main collection was taken in autumn 2006 appr. 100 m from plot Sil1, in steep terrain (30°), in a patch of c. 1 m² with about 50 other shoots with sporophytes. It was the only observation of sporophytes in Thuringia during the period of examination (2005–2008), whereas the closest focus was on the area surrounding plots Sil1 and Sil2. Female plants with archegonia came from Germany (Brandenburg, Thuringia, Hesse, Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria), Italy, Sweden, England, Russia, Ecuador and USA (Alaska). All other plants included in this study showed no signs of possible generative reproduction.

4.1.2.3 Vegetative reproduction

The morpho-anatomical examinations of *P. schreberi* plant material shows four morphological structures functioning as means of vegetative (asexual) reproduction s.l.

(1) Detached shoots (ramets) separated through decaying and subsequent disintegration of (older) shoot parts. This dominant vegetative reproduction mode was discovered in all examined patches, most plants showed decaying basal shoot parts, resulting in highly fragile

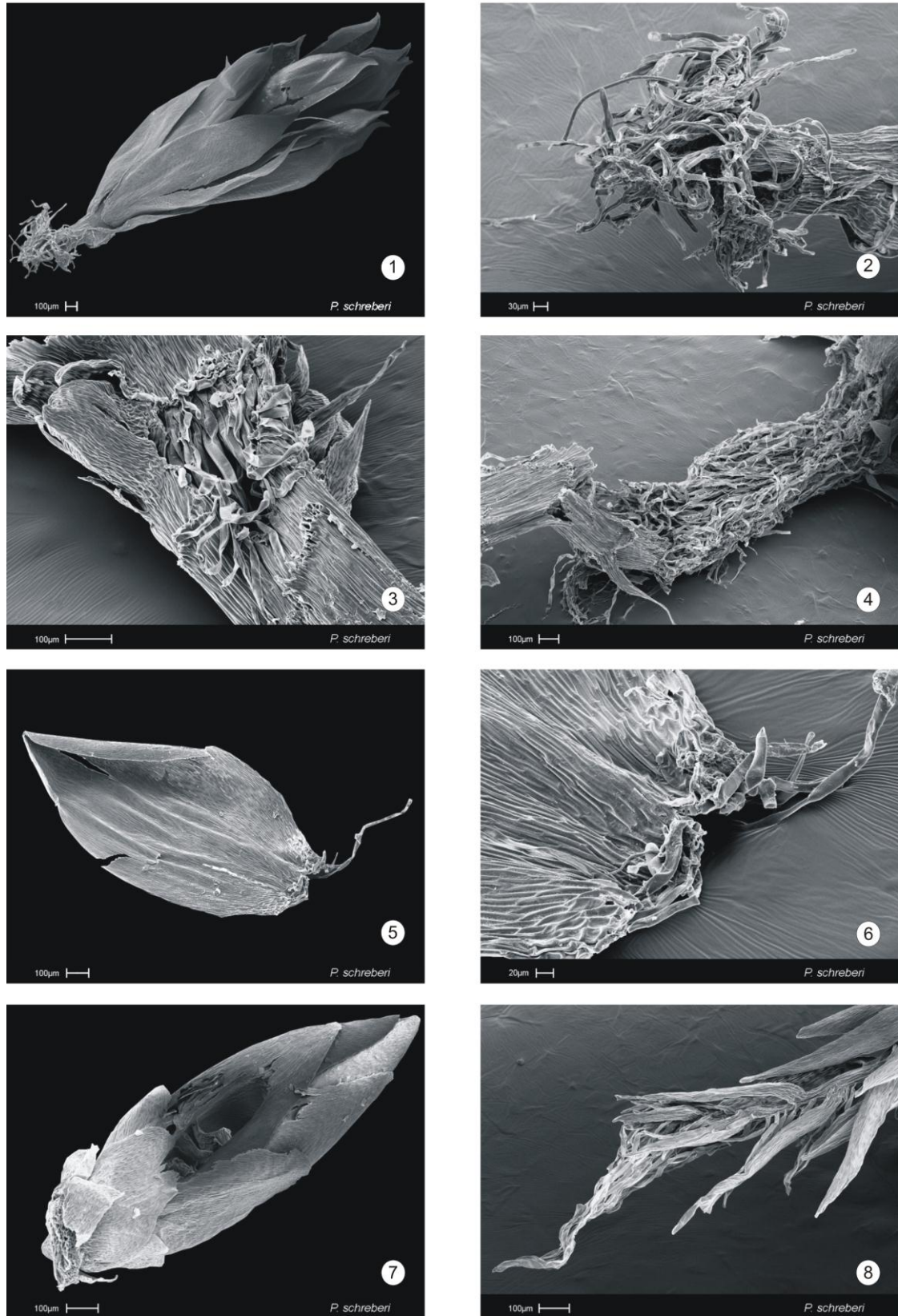


Fig. 19. Vegetative diaspores s.str. of *Pleurozium schreberi* (1–2 and 5–6) [scanning electron microscope (SEM) photos]. (1) Caducous shoot apex with (2) well-developed rhizoid growth. Early stages of caducous shoot development (3) lateral stem hole with rhizoid development, (4) later stage. (5) Brood leaf with (6) basal rhizoid growth (7). Shoot apex with lateral hole of unknown cause (7). (8) Tip of side branch with rhizoids.

shoot systems, their disintegration leading to separation of ramets (see Fig. 30).

(2) Brood branches/branchlets sensu Correns (1899) were observed twelve times loose and attached in the plant material. The observed brood branches were branched, had a length of 9 to 14 mm and showed basal rhizoid growth.

(3) Caducous shoot apices (with basal rhizoids) sensu Correns (1899). These structures of 5–7 mm length were found six times separately in fresh or herbarium collections (Fig. 19.1). All six showed well developed rhizoids extending from the central part of the abscission zone (Fig. 19.2). Like in *P. purum* plants with lateral holes in the apical part of the stem were observed regularly. In this case possible caducous shoot apices were still loosely attached to the tip of the shoot, the rhizoid development was at different stages (see Fig. 19.3–4).

Of the 85 specimens observed, with an average of 39.2 (\pm 21.9) green shoot apices, an average of 5.7 (\pm 7.7) green shoot apices were missing and could not be found in the collected material.

(4) Brood leaves sensu Correns (1899). Two leaves with basal rhizoids were found separately in the observed plant material (Fig. 19.5–6).

4.1.3 *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*

4.1.3.1 Plot and patch descriptions

Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus was collected within the plots Sil3 15 m² (Thuringia) and B1 (Berlin Pankow) 5 m² and in an additional 150 m long transect along the same urban lawn. Both plots are nearly completely covered by *R. squarrosus* which dominates the vegetation. In both cases patches are much bigger than plot size. The spatial distribution within the plots is shown in appendix A4.6 and A4.7. Additional plant material from further German and foreign populations (see appendix A2) was included in this study and analysed as well as five *Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus* samples.

4.1.3.2 Generative reproduction

In both *R. squarrosus* Plots Sil3 and B1 gametangia (archegonia and antheridia) were observed. In Sil3 ♂ and ♀ plants with antheridia and archegonia, respectively, in B1 only ♀ plants (with archegonia) were found. Altogether 84 *R. squarrosus* samples were included in the morpho-anatomical analysis (see appendix A3.3), 41 of these showed archegonia (two sporophytes), 8 antheridia, and 35 showed neither archegonia nor antheridia.

The main collection was taken in autumn 2006. The two included plants with sporophytes were found in spring 2007 and in spring 2008 during repeated observation of the plot localities. In the year 2007 a very small spot of plants with sporophytes was observed in the study area Bärenthal (close to Sil3), whereas in spring 2008 lots of plants with sporophytes were observed (mostly in steep terrain) in Bärenthal and surrounding area, as well as in Lengfeld. No sporophytes could be found in other areas apart from Thuringia.

In general ♀ plants with archegonia were found in Germany (Berlin, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Brandenburg, Lower Saxony, Thuringia, Hesse and Bavaria), Norway, Sweden, Poland, England and Russia. Male plants were found in Germany (Thuringia), Belgium, Sweden, Russia, Spain and USA (Alaska).

4.1.3.3 Vegetative reproduction

The morpho-anatomical examinations of *R. squarrosus* plant material showed three morphological structures functioning as possible means of vegetative (asexual) reproduction s.l. (1) Detached shoots (ramets) separated through decaying and subsequent disintegration of (older) shoot parts seems to be possible, since nearly all plants examined showed decaying basal shoot parts, but is not as obvious as in *P. purum* and *P. schreberi*.

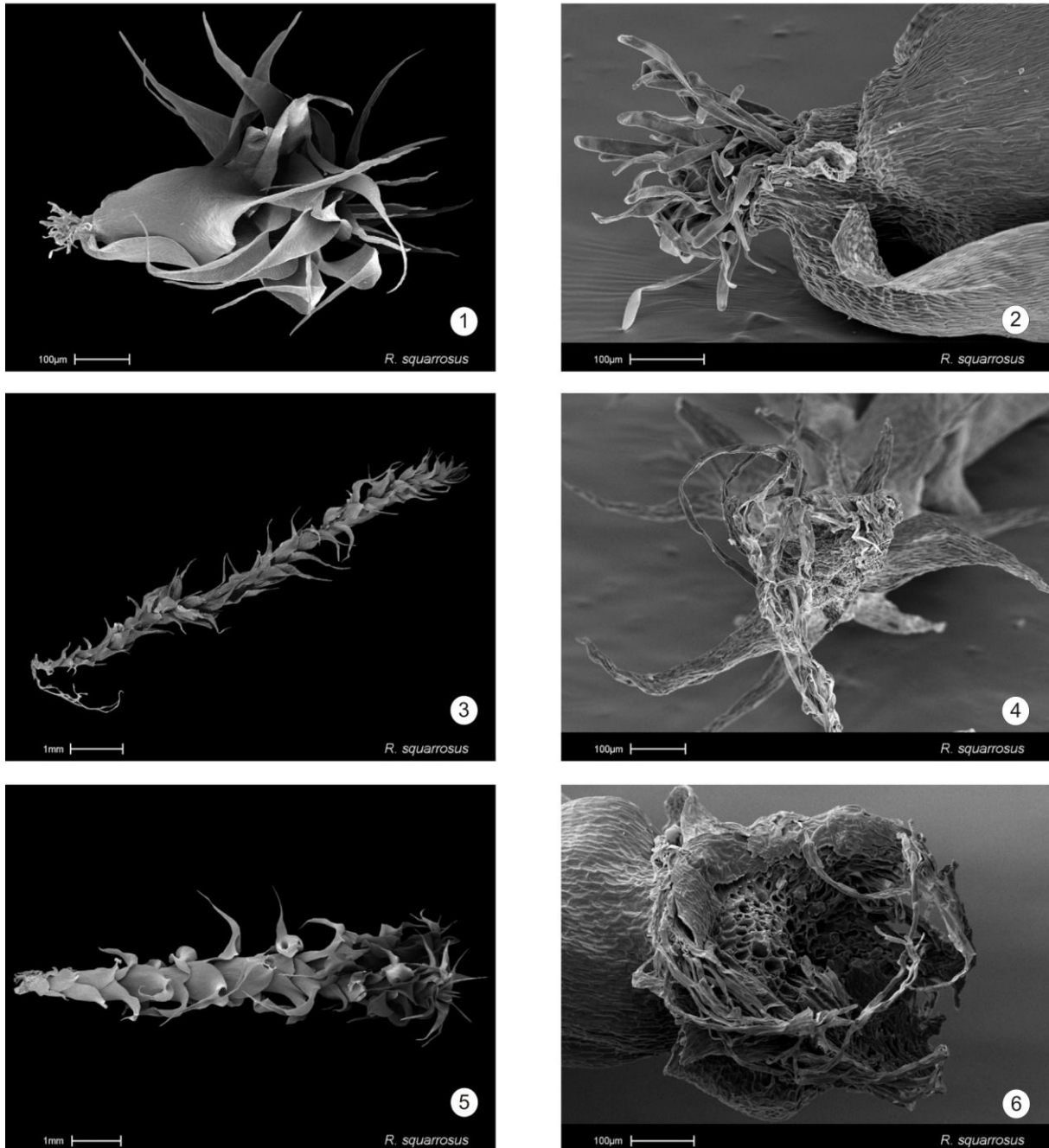


Fig. 20. Vegetative diaspores s.str. of *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* [Scanning electron microscope (SEM) photos]. (1) Caducous shoot apex with (2) well-developed rhizoid growth. (3) and (5) Brood branch/branchlet with corresponding rhizoids (4) and (6).

(2) Caducous shoot apices (with basal rhizoids) sensu Correns (1899). These structures of 3 to 3.5 mm length were found three times slightly attached or tangled in herbarium material (Fig. 20.1) all three with well developed rhizoids extending from the central part of the abscission zone (Fig. 20.2). Plants with lateral holes in the apical part of the stem were observed sporadically. From 84 specimens analysed, with an average of $15.1 (\pm 8.2)$ green shoot apices,

an average of 1.4 (\pm 2.9) green shoot apices were missing and could not be found in the collected material.

(3) Brood branches/branchlets sensu Correns (1899), were observed six times loose or attached in the plant material. These brood branches/branchlets showed basal rhizoid growth (Fig. 20.3–6) and had a length of 9 to 16 mm.

4.2 Molecular analysis

In this study six sample sets, S_{Ger} and S_{WW} (from *Pseudoscleropodium purum*), P_{Ger} and P_{WW} (from *Pleurozium schreberi*) and R_{Ger} and R_{WW} (*Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*) were analysed (Ger = German, WW = world-wide). Sample set sizes of of max. 50 samples were set because of physical limitations by the S2 sequencing system (only the set P_{Ger} had more samples because of new equipment in the end of the study). The AFLP analysis was performed with two primer combinations each (5'biotinylated *EcoRI* + AAC / unlabeled *MseI* + CAT and unlabeled *EcoRI* + AGG / 5'biotinylated *MseI* + CAT). The obtained results for each sample set are summarised in Table 5.

Table 5. Matrix statistics of *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* sample sets used in molecular analysis, using FAMd.

| Species | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| | Sger | Sww | Pger | Pww | Rger | Rww |
| Sample Set | 48 | 36 | 53 | 43 | 45 | 40 |
| Samples | 139 | 147 | 159 | 235 | 170 | 214 |
| Loci | 6672 | 5292 | 8427 | 10105 | 7650 | 8560 |
| Matrix dimension | 0.45% | 0.53% | 1.20% | 0.05% | 0.05% | 0.29% |
| Missing data | Mean = 73.6 SD = 4.0 | Mean = 73.4 SD = 5.0 | Mean = 82.2 SD = 6.2 | Mean = 85.5 SD = 8.4 | Mean = 75.5 SD = 8.7 | Mean = 90.4 SD = 9.4 |
| Bands per individual | 104 (= 74.8%) I = 6.05467 Var(I) = 0.04333 | 111 (= 75.5%) I = 6.18328 Var(I) = 0.06962 | 142 (= 89.3%) I = 6.81193 Var(I) = 0.03684 | 224 (= 95.3%) I = 7.20223 Var(I) = 0.08537 | 161 (= 94.7%) I = 6.71160 Var(I) = 0.06054 | 199 (= 93.0%) I = 7.04521 Var(I) = 0.08554 |
| Polymorphic bands | Var= 85.85% (among populations) Var= 14.15% (within populations) | Var = 44.86% (among populations) Var= 55.14% (within populations) | Var = 44.86% (among populations) Var= 55.14% (within populations) | Var= 44.31% (among populations) Var= 55.69% (within populations) | | |
| Shannon's index (I) and variance (after Bowman & al., 1969) | | | | | | |
| AMOVA | | | | | | |

4.2.1 *Pseudoscleropodium purum*

Altogether 67 *P. purum* samples were molecularly analysed (in two sample sets), including 10 samples from Sil1, 26 from NH1, 15 further German samples, 13 European and 3 worldwide samples.

4.2.1.1 German sample set (S_{Ger})

The 48 German samples analysed in this set yielded a total number of 139 loci (Missing Data: 0.45%). The number of polymorphic loci found was 104 = 74.8%, whereas the samples from NH1 showed 47 (33.2%) polymorphic loci as well as the samples from plot Sil1. The 48 samples comprised 45 AFLP genotypes.

In both plots (NH1 and Sil1) clones could be identified. Clone-Sil1S1 comprises two samples (Sil1-C2-S22-2 and Sil1-C3-S22-3) of the same patch. Clone-NH1 comprises three samples (NH1-B2-S20, NH1-A1-S4 and NH1-A2-S5) from the same patch in plot NH1; two other analysed samples from the same patch showed small differences to Clone-NH1 samples NH1-A3-S10 with $GD_J = 0.0133/GD_{SM} = 0.0073$ and NH1-A3-S9 with $GD_J = 0.0263/GD_{SM} = 0.0145$. Pairwise genetic distances between NH1 samples varied from 0 (in Clone-NH1) to $GD_J = 0.2236/GD_{SM} = 0.1377$ between NH1-E2-S80 and NH1-A1-S2. In Sil1 genetic distances varied from 0 (in Clone-Sil1S1) to $GD_J = 0.3171/GD_{SM} = 0.1940$ between Sil1-A5-S11-1 and Sil1-B4-S17-3. Altogether pairwise genetic distances were higher in Sil1 with a mean of $GD_J = 0.1783$ than in plot NH1 with a mean of $GD_J = 0.1007$ (for further information see distance matrix in appendix A5.1).

Based on the distance matrices of Jaccard's similarity and SM coefficient (see appendix A5.1) UPGMA trees were calculated, of which the Jaccard UPGMA tree is shown (SM tree showed identical topology) in Fig. 21. It shows two main clusters A and B which are supported by a bootstrap value of 100% (from Jaccard, UPGMA, 10000 replicates). Cluster A comprises samples from southwest Germany (including all samples from Sil1). Cluster B includes all samples from northeast Germany (including all samples from NH1), within this clade bootstrap support (BS) is below 50%, despite Clone NH1 (BS 100%). Pairwise genetic distances (Jaccard) between samples of cluster A versus samples of cluster B varied from $GD_J = 0.3488$ to $GD_J = 0.5258$ with a mean of $GD_J = 0.4268$. The number of polymorphic loci in cluster A is 71 = 51.1%, whereas the number of polymorphic loci in cluster B is 60 = 43.2%.

Results

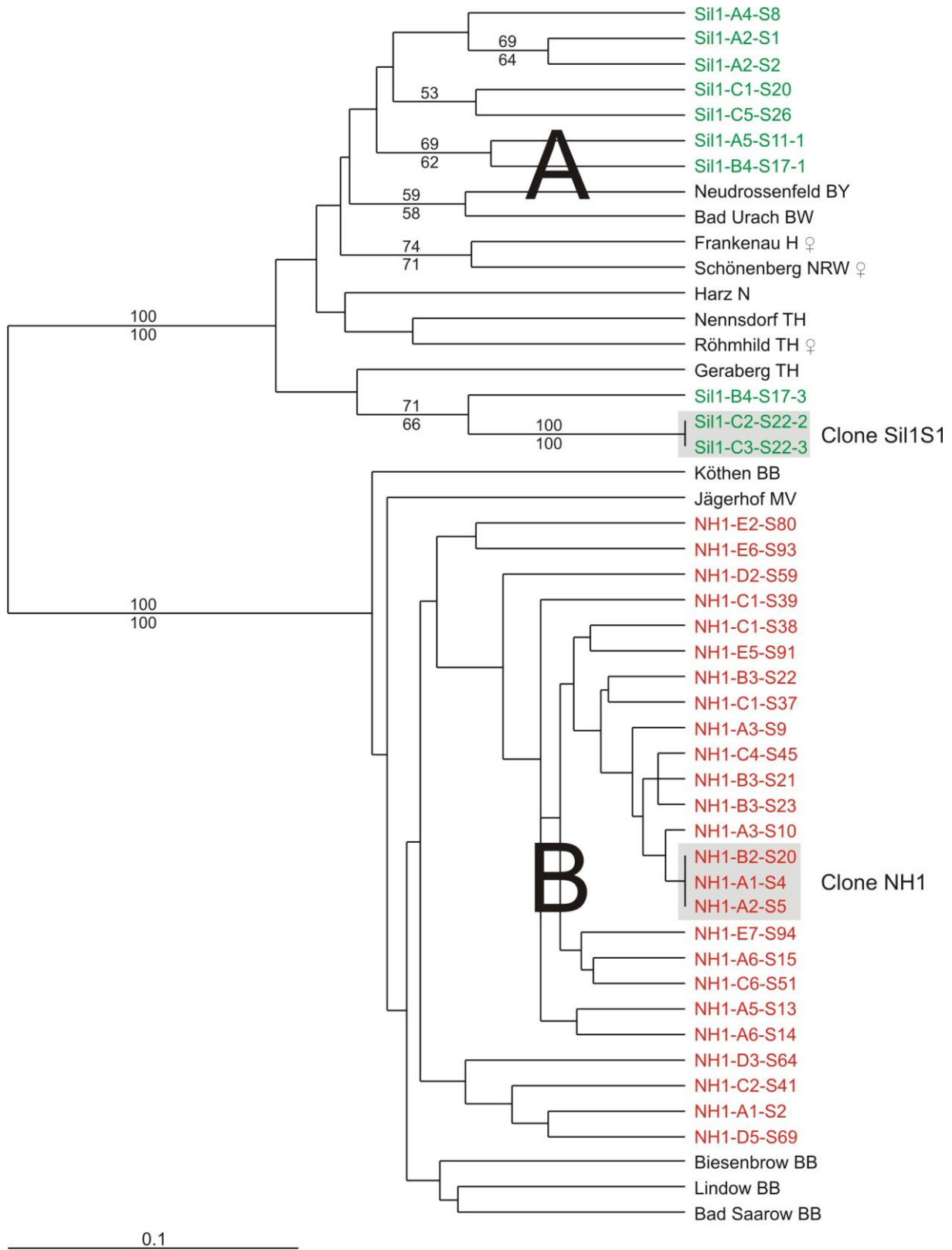


Fig. 21. S_{Ger} UPGMA dendrogram (calculated in FAMD) based on Jaccard distances between German *Pseudoscleropodium purum* samples. Numbers above and below branches are Jaccard and Simple-matching bootstrap values > 50%, respectively, from 10000 draws; ♀ = female plant; Sil1 = samples (green) from Bärenthal (Thuringia), NH1 = samples (red) from Neuehütte (Brandenburg); clones and clusters (A and B) are especially indicated.

4.2.1.2 Worldwide sample set (S_{ww})

The 36 samples analysed in this set (20 German, 13 further European and three worldwide samples) yielded a total number of 147 loci (Missing Data: 0.53%). The number of polymorphic loci found was 111 = 75.5%. Like in the sample set S_{Ger} two clusters A and B were formed (see Fig. 22). The two clusters are supported by a bootstrap value of 60/62% (A) and 58/60% (B) (from Jaccard and SM, UPGMA, 10000 replicates). Three samples are not clearly included in the clusters A and B, the samples from Sweden and Scotland are associated with cluster A, whereas the sample from Spain groups with cluster B. Within cluster A 59.9% out of 147 loci were polymorphic whereas in cluster B only 44.2% of the loci were polymorphic. Cluster A comprises samples from southwest Germany, as well as samples from Slovakia, Italy, Greece, Slovenia, France, Azores, Madeira, England, New Zealand, Australia and Canada. In cluster A samples of Bad Urach and Slovakia (BS 87/90%), Azores and Madeira (BS 66/73%), Frankenau and Schönerberg (BS 63/67%), Dietzhausen, Geraberg, Sil1-B4-S17-3 and Clone Sil1S1 (BS 51/52%) cluster together, within the latter clade samples of Sil1 cluster together with 74/78% bootstrap support. Cluster B comprises samples from northeast Germany which cluster together (BS 58/60%) and differ from the sample from Spain. In each cluster clones were found. Like in S_{Ger} Clone Sil1S1 comprises the two samples Sil1-C2-S22-2 and Sil1-C3-S22-3. The second “clone” comprises the two samples NH1-A1-S4-br1 and NH1-A1-S4-br2 from the same plant which were taken to test whether two different branches of the same plant lead to identical AFLP banding patterns.

Results

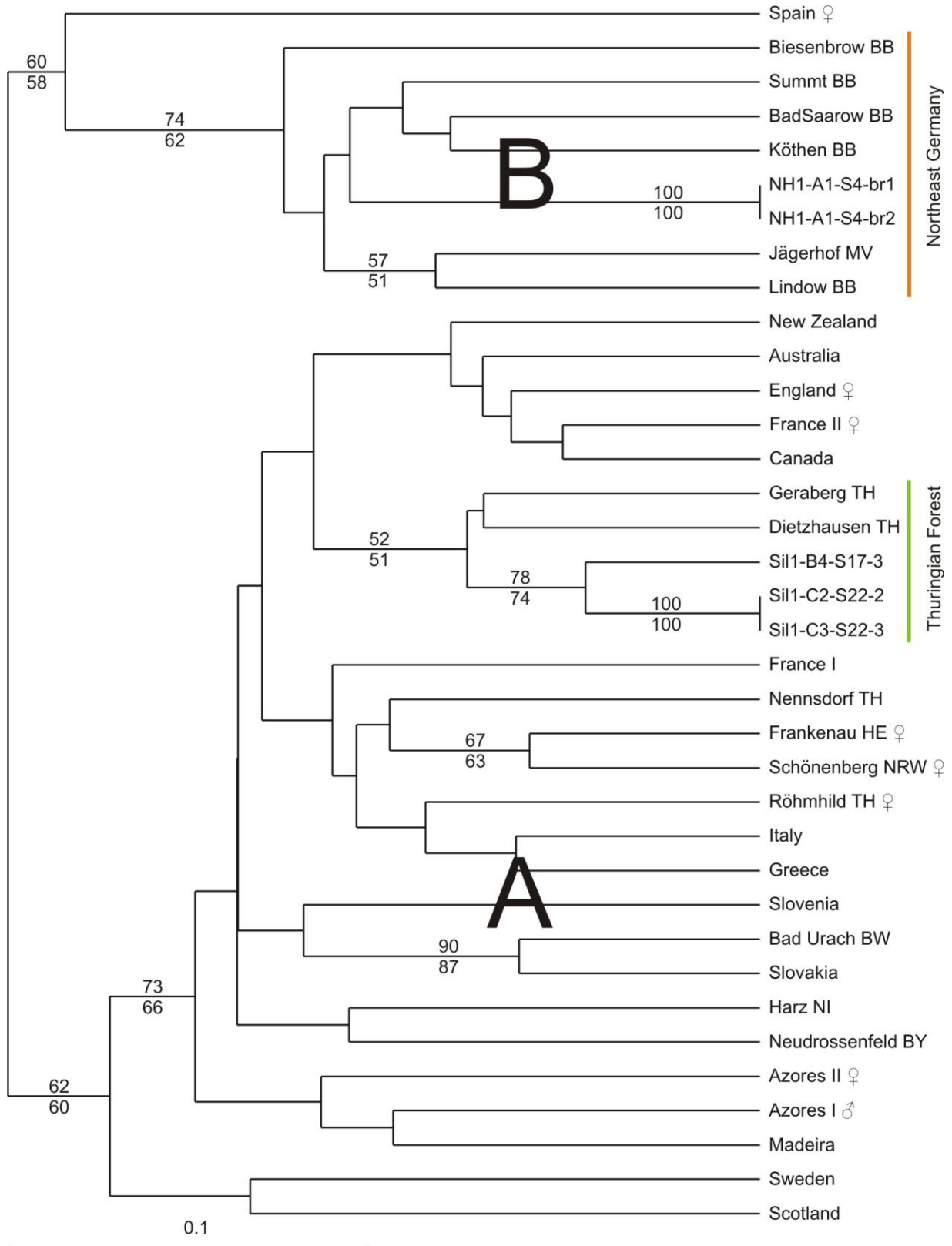


Fig. 22. S_{ww} UPGMA dendrogram (calculated in FAMD) based on Jaccard distances between worldwide *Pseudoscleropodium purum* samples. Numbers above and below branches are Jaccard and Simple-matching bootstrap values > 50%, respectively, from 10000 draws; ♀ = female plant, ♂ = male plant; Sil1 = samples from Bärenthal (Thuringia), NH1 = samples from Neuehütte (Brandenburg); clusters are especially indicated.

4.2.2 *Pleurozium schreberi*

Altogether 85 *P. schreberi* samples were included in this part of the study, 20 samples from Sil1, eight from Sil2, 14 from Saarm1, 22 further German samples, 15 European and six world-wide samples.

4.2.2.1 German sample set (P_{Ger})

The 52 German samples and one sample from Salzburg (Austria) analysed in this set (inclusive plots Sil1, Sil2 and Saarm1) yielded a total number of 159 loci (Missing Data: 1.20%). Number of polymorphic bands found: 142 = 89.3%; Saarm1 114 = 71.7%; Sil1 93 = 58.5%; Sil2 79 = 49.7%. The 53 samples comprised 51 AFLP genotypes.

The Jaccard UPGMA tree shown in Fig. 23 (for distance matrix see appendix A5.2), shows a cluster with samples of the plot Sil1 and a cluster with plot Sil2 samples. The cluster Sil1 comprises all samples of plot Sil1 and the sample Sil2-B1-P18 from the adjacent plot Sil2. The samples from Saarm1 form two clusters, cluster Saarm1f with mostly female plants and cluster Saarm1m with generally male plants; the samples Saarm1-A2-P5 and Saarm1-C3-P29 are separated from both clusters.

In plot Sil1 one clone was identified, the Clone-Sil1P1 comprised the two samples Sil1-A1-P1 and Sil1-A2-P3. In the Jaccard UPGMA tree Clone-Sil1P1 clustered together with Sil1-A1-P2 ($GD_J = 0.0337/GD_{SM} = 0.0191$; BS 100%), all three samples were from small patches found within the quadrant (A1). Other very close related samples were (possible belonging to a clone) Sil1-C1-P14-1, Sil1-C1-P14-2, Sil1-C1-P14-3 (from the same patch; $GD_J = 0.0117-0.0174/GD_{SM} = 0.0064-0.0095$; BS 85–86%) and Sil1-C1-P15.

Pairwise genetic distances between Sil1 samples varied from 0 (in Clone Sil1P1) to a maximum of $GD_J = 0.4451/GD_{SM} = 0.2771$ between Sil1-C3-P17 and Sil1-B4-P13. In Sil2 genetic distances varied from $GD_J = 0.2114/GD_{SM} = 0.1134$ between Sil2-B4-P31 and Sil2-B3-P27 (which cluster together with BS 61/65%) to a maximum of $GD_J = 0.3847/GD_{SM} = 0.2524$ between Sil2-B1-P20 and Sil2-A2-P5 as well as Sil2-B1-P20 and Sil2-B4-P31. Mean Jaccard genetic distances in plot Saarm1 ($GD_J = 0.3788$) are much higher than in Sil1 ($GD_J = 0.2646$) and Sil2 ($GD_J = 0.2510$) and varied within plot Saarm1 from $GD_J = 0.2290$ between Saarm1-A1-P1 and Saarm1-A1-P2 (BS 90%) to a maximum of $GD_J = 0.5859$ between Saarm1-A2-P5 and Saarm1-C1-P23 (for further information see distance matrix in appendix A5.2).

Results

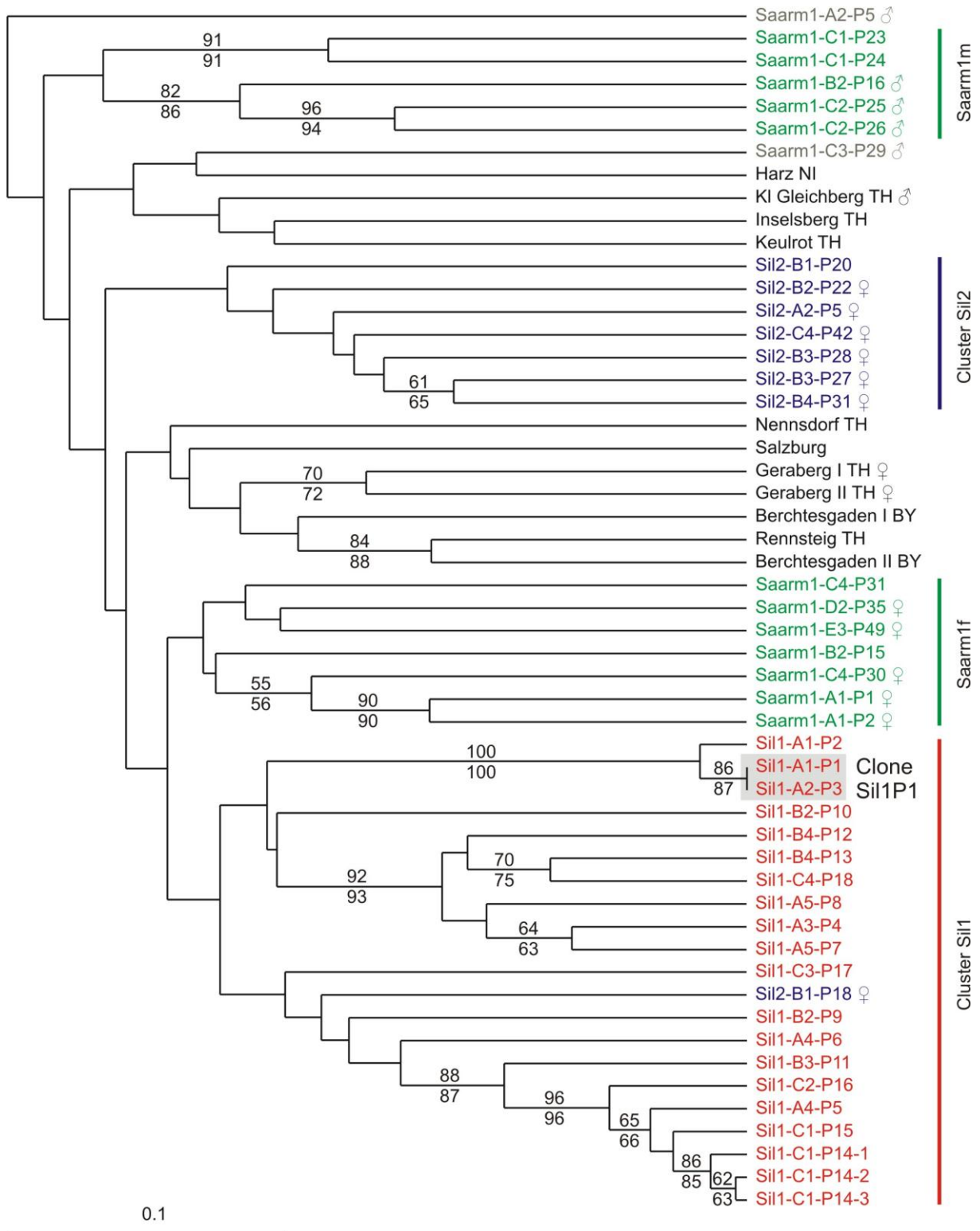


Fig. 23. P_{Ger} UPGMA dendrogram (calculated in FAMD) based on Jaccard distances between German *Pleurozium schreberi* samples. Numbers above and below branches are Jaccard and Simple-matching bootstrap values > 50%, respectively, from 10000 draws; ♀ = female plant, ♂ = male plant; Sil1, Sil2 = samples from Bärenthal (Thuringia), Saarm1 = samples from Saarmund (Brandenburg); samples from different plots are indicated by different color, clusters are especially indicated.

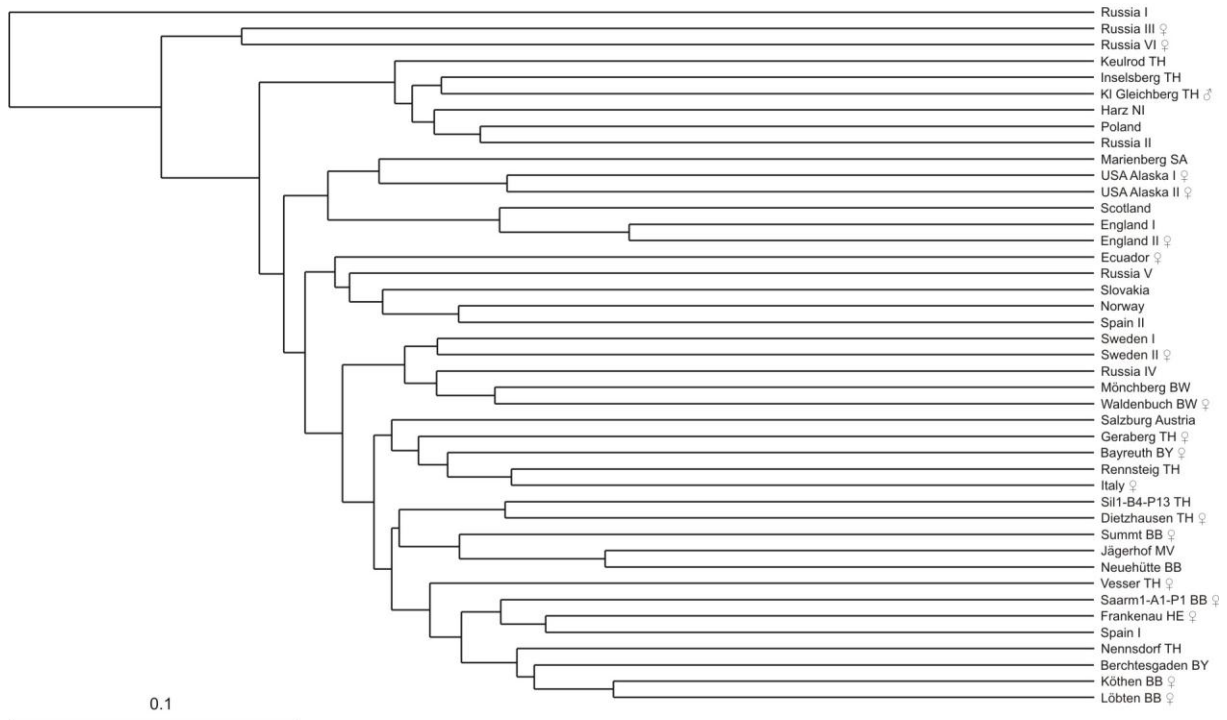
Other clusters with good bootstrap support were Geraberg I and Geraberg II (BS 70/72%) as well as Rennsteig and Berchtesgaden II (BS 84/88%), together both clusters form a clade with Berchtesgaden I, Nennsdorf and Salzburg.

4.2.2.2 Worldwide sample set (P_{ww})

The 43 samples analysed in this set (22 German, 15 further European and six world-wide samples) yielded a total number of 235 loci (Missing Data: 0.05%). Number of polymorphic bands found: 224 = 95.3%; in all European samples 207 = 88.1%; in German samples 166 = 70.6%. The 43 samples comprised 43 AFLP genotypes. Jaccard and Simple-matching genetic distances were very high throughout the sample set and varied from $GD_J = 0.3226/GD_{SM} = 0.1339$ between England I and England II to a maximum of $GD_J = 0.8760/GD_{SM} = 0.4732$ between the samples Russia I and Keulrod TH (for further information see distance matrix in appendix A5.2). In both UPGMA trees tested (Jaccard and SM) tendencies of relationships were shown but clear relationships remain somewhat ambiguous (P_{ww} Jaccard and Simple-matching UPGMA trees are shown in Fig. 24). Bootstrap support in all clades is below 50%. Samples Russia I, Russia III and Russia VI showed the greatest differences compared to all other samples included. Samples from USA (Alaska) always cluster together as do samples from Scotland, England and England II. Other regularly observed clusters are [Jägerhof MV, Neuhütte BB], [Köthen BB, Löbten BB], [Sil1-B4-P13, Dietzhausen TH] and [Mönchberg BW, Waldenbuch BW].

Results

Pww Jaccard UPGMA



Pww Simple-matching UPGMA

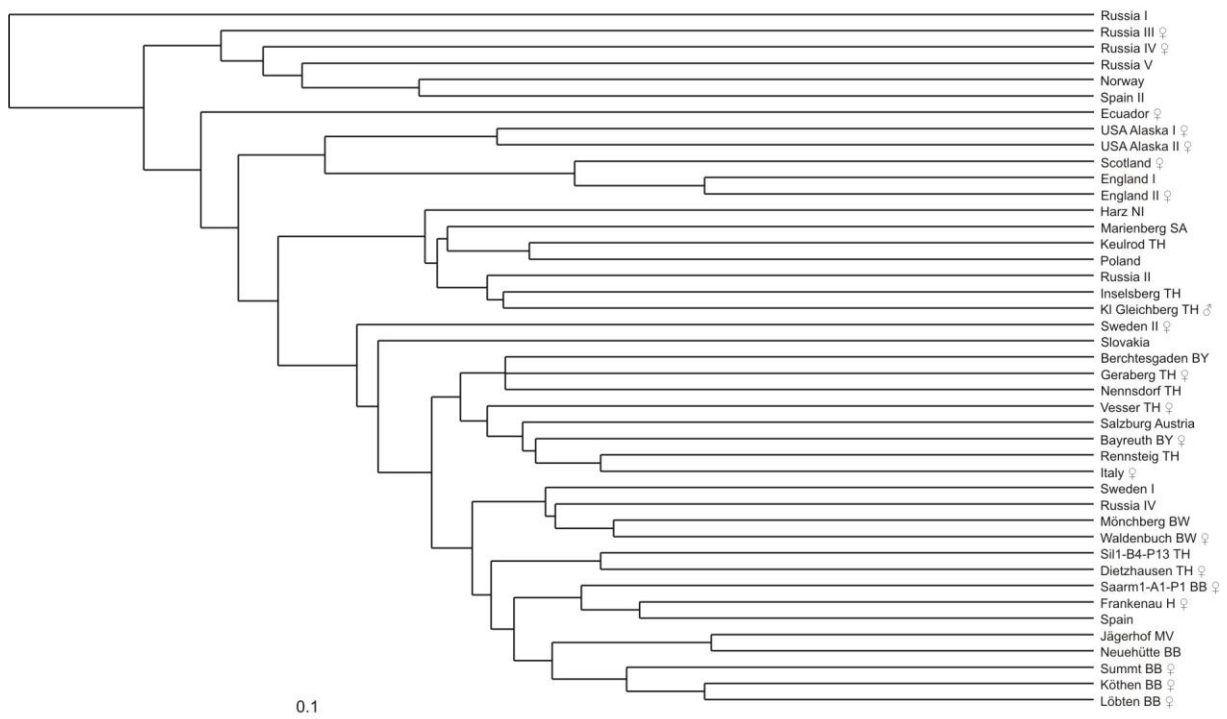


Fig. 24. P_{ww} UPGMA dendrogram (calculated in FAMD) based on Jaccard (top) and Simple-matching (bottom) distances between worldwide *Pleurozium schreberi* samples. Bootstrap values are below 50% (not shown); ♀ = female plant, ♂ = male plant; Sil1 = samples from Bärenthal (Thuringia), Saarm1 = samples from Saarmund (Brandenburg).

4.2.3 *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*

Altogether 77 samples of *R. squarrosus* and four of *R. subpinnatus* were included in this part of the study, 23 samples from Sil3 and seven close to Sil3, nine from B1 and three close to B1, 17 further German samples, 16 European and seven world-wide samples (the latter including the four *R. subpinnatus* samples).

4.2.3.1 German sample set (R_{Ger})

The 45 samples analysed in this set yielded a total number of 170 loci (Missing Data: 0.05%). Number of polymorphic bands found: 161 = 94.7%; Sil3 120 = 70.6%; B1 68 = 40.0%. The 45 samples comprised 45 AFLP genotypes, no clones were found.

Pairwise genetic distances between Sil3 samples varied from $GD_J = 0.0814/GD_{SM} = 0.0412$ between the samples Sil3-A1-R11 and Sil3-A1-R12 (BS 65/71%) to a maximum of $GD_J = 0.5418/GD_{SM} = 0.2825$ between Sil3-A1-R1 and Sil3-A4-R24.

In B1 genetic distances varied from $GD_J = 0.1299/GD_{SM} = 0.0588$ between B1-A2-R7 and B1-A2-R8 (BS 84/86%) to a maximum of $GD_J = 0.4421/GD_{SM} = 0.2471$ between B1-A1-R5 and B1-A3-R13. Mean Jaccard genetic distances are higher in Sil3 ($GD_J = 0.2817$) than in B1 ($GD_J = 0.2332$) (for further information see distance matrix in appendix A5.3).

The Jaccard UPGMA tree (Fig. 25) shows a cluster with samples from Berlin, including sample Sil-R115 but excluding the Berlin sample B1-R23. Significant bootstrap support is only gained for subclusters within the Berlin and Thuringia clusters.

Results

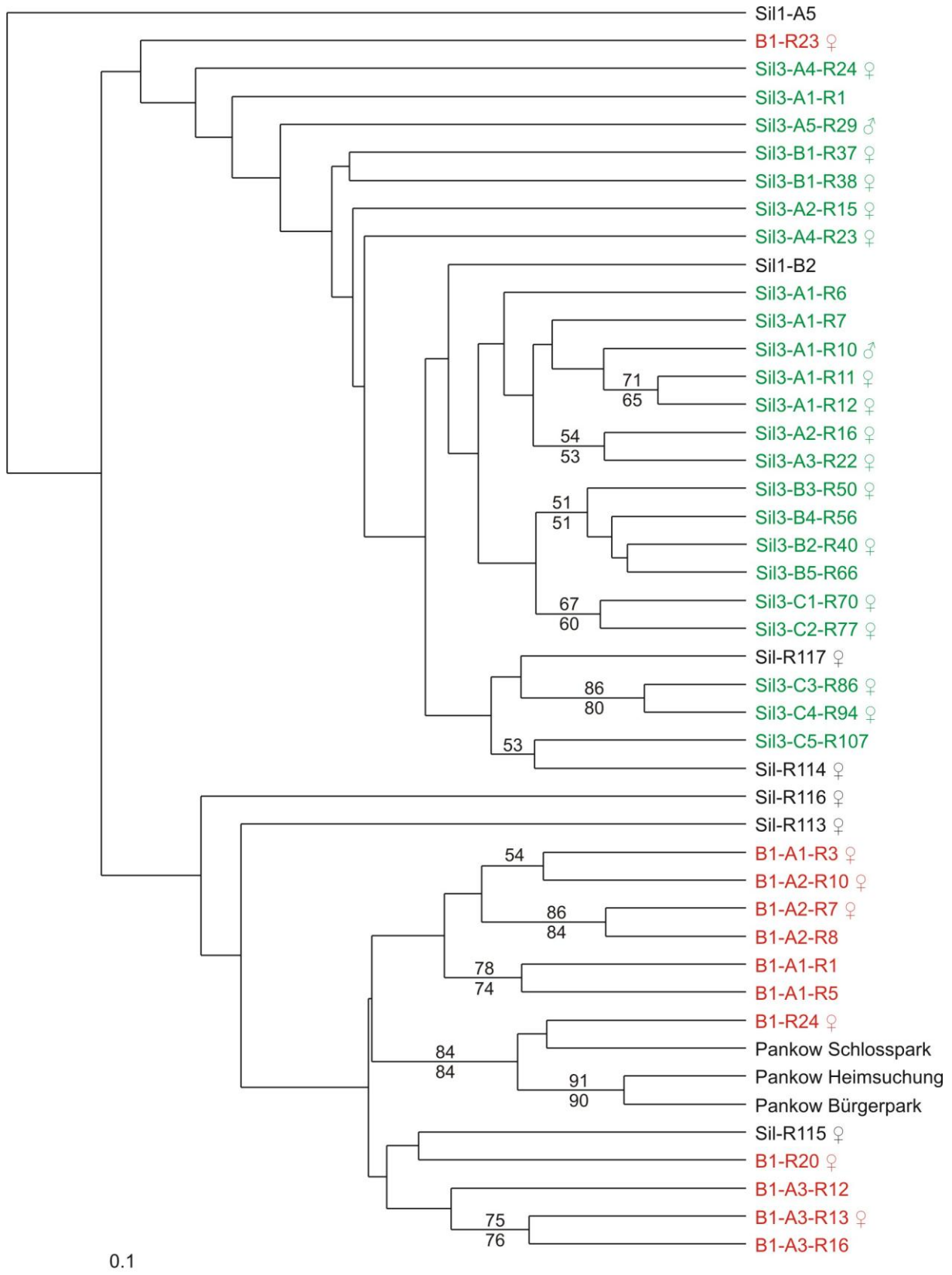


Fig. 25. R_{Ger} UPGMA dendrogram (calculated in FAMD) based on Jaccard distances between German *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* samples. Numbers above and below branches are Jaccard and Simple-matching bootstrap values > 50%, respectively, from 10000 draws; ♀ = female plant, ♂ = male plant; Sil, Sil1, Sil3 (green) = samples from Bärental (Thuringia), B1 = samples from Berlin-Pankow (red).

4.2.3.2 Worldwide sample set (R_{ww})

The 36 *R. squarrosus* and four *R. subpinnatus* (USA, Russia III, Russia IV and Russia V) samples analysed in this set yielded a total number of 214 loci (Missing Data: 0.29%). Number of polymorphic bands found: 199 = 93.0%; in all European (only *R. squarrosus*) samples 178 = 83.2%; in German samples 81 = 37.9%. The 40 samples comprised 40 AFLP genotypes.

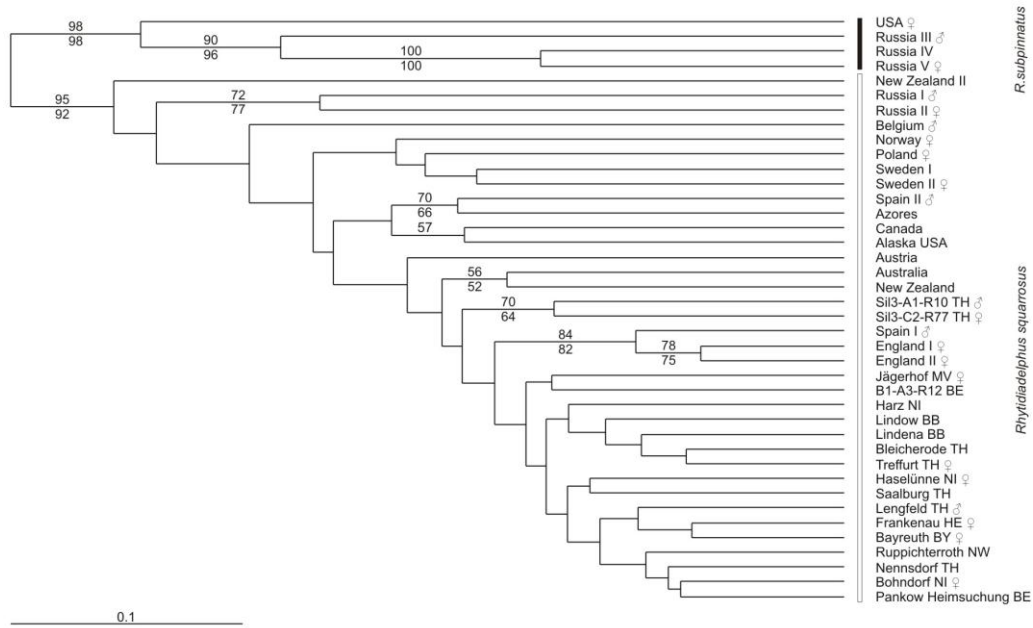
Pairwise genetic distances varied throughout the *R. squarrosus* sample set from $GD_J = 0.1134/GD_{SM} = 0.0514$ between England I and England II to a maximum of $GD_J = 0.6400/GD_{SM} = 0.3738$ between New Zealand II and Belgium. Within German samples pairwise genetic distances varied from $GD_J = 0.1196/GD_{SM} = 0.0514$ between samples from Bayreuth BY and Frankenau HE to a maximum of $GD_J = 0.3333/GD_{SM} = 0.1682$ between the samples Lengfeld TH and B1-A3-R12 with a mean of $GD_J = 0.2064$ whereas the world-wide mean is $GD_J = 0.3400$ and the mean between *R. squarrosus* and *R. subpinnatus* samples $GD_J = 0.6230$.

UPGMA and NJ trees based on genetic distances matrices of Jaccard's similarity coefficient were calculated (both shown in Fig. 26). The UPGMA analysis showed that *R. subpinnatus* samples cluster together and differ from those of *R. squarrosus* with high bootstrap support (see Fig. 26).

Within *R. squarrosus* some clusters with medium to high bootstrap support are formed such as [Spain I, England I and England II; BS 84/82%] and [Russia I and Russia II; BS 72/77%]. Pairwise genetic distances between German samples are comparatively low compared to distances between world-wide samples. Consequently German samples cluster together; only both samples from Sil3 are slightly separated from the other German samples.

Results

Rww Jaccard UPGMA Tree of *R. squarrosus* and *R. subpinnatus* samples



Rww Jaccard Neighbor Joining Tree of *R. squarrosus* samples

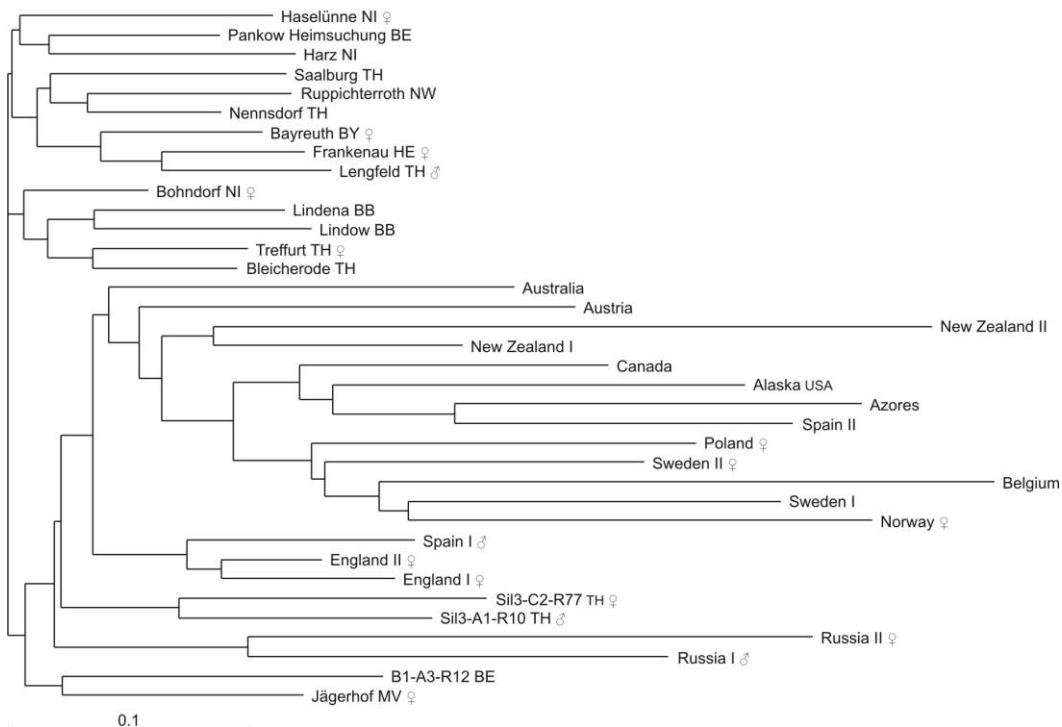


Fig. 26. R_{WW} UPGMA and Neighbor Joining dendrogram (calculated in FAMD) based on Jaccard distances between worldwide samples of *Rhytidadelphus*. (Above) UPGMA tree based on *Rhytidadelphus squarrosus* and *Rhytidadelphus subpinnatus* samples (indicated on right side, black *R. subpinnatus*, white *R. squarrosus*). (Bottom) Neighbor Joining tree based on *R. squarrosus* samples. Numbers above and below branches are Jaccard and Simple-matching bootstrap values $> 50\%$, respectively, from 10000 draws; ♀ = female plant, ♂ = male plant; Si3 = samples from Bärenthal (Thuringia), B1 = samples from Berlin-Pankow.

5 Discussion

5.1 General

This study aims to analyse clonal diversity and to document mechanisms of vegetative reproduction in three rarely fruiting, dioecious, pleurocarpous bryophytes *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*. In an earlier study on vegetative reproduction and clonal diversity in *Rhytidium rugosum* (Pfeiffer et al. 2006) low levels of clonal diversity were detected in this likewise very rarely fruiting, dioecious, pleurocarpous moss. Hence the question arose whether similar patterns of clonal diversity, habitat colonisation and maintenance can be found in other rarely fruiting pleurocarpous bryophytes or not? To answer this question three dioecious, pleurocarpous bryophytes (*P. purum*, *P. schreberi* and *R. squarrosus*) were chosen and closely observed in the years 2005–2008 using the same or slightly modified methods like those used by Pfeiffer et al. (2006).

For the molecular approach AFLP fingerprinting was used to examine genetic structure and clonal relationships within populations and smaller entities such as patches. Originally mainly used for higher plants (compare, e.g., Winfield et al. 1998, Muluvi et al. 1999, Van der Hulst et al. 2000, Zhang et al. 2001, Wong et al. 2002, Albach et al. 2006, Lieske & Pfeiffer 2007, Pfeiffer 2007), AFLP technique becomes more utilised in the field of population-orientated biology of bryophytes (e.g., Vanderpoorten & Tignon 2000, Fernandez et al. 2006, Pfeiffer et al. 2006, Zartman et al. 2006). Although Shaw et al. (2008) point out that the genetic structure of a population could be quantified and described using a broad range of molecular markers like isozymes (introduced for population-based studies by Harris 1966 and Lewontin & Hubby 1966, first applied to bryophytes in the 1970s, e.g., Meyer et al. 1974, Krzakowa 1977, Szweykowski & Krzakowa 1979) and more recently DNA-based “fingerprinting” methods. These methods utilise hypervariable markers that should be polymorphic enough to identify and distinguish individual clones and their members and hence to genotype genetic individuals (Shaw et al. 2008). Fingerprinting methods that have been applied to bryophyte populations include Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPDs) (e.g., Boisselier-Dubayle et al. 1995, So and Grolle 2000), Inter Simple Sequence Repeats (ISSRs) (Werner et al. 2003), microsatellites (Van der Velde et al. 2001) and Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism (AFLPs) (e.g., Pfeiffer et al. 2006, Zartman et al. 2006). In this study AFLP fingerprinting was used because it allows according to Mueller & Wolfenbarger (1999) and Ziegenhagen et al. (2003) the unambiguous identification of genets (genetic individual, i.e.

the developmental product of a single zygote, consisting of genetically identical and semi-autonomous construction units the ramets; e.g., Tuomi & Vuorisalo 1989, Eriksson & Jerling 1990) and shows the absence of genetic diversity in clones (e.g., Frey & Losch 2004). All methods used in this study are based on the study by Pfeiffer et al. (2006) to generate comparable datasets. Following the AFLP protocol by Pfeiffer et al. (2005) AFLP fingerprinting turned out to be a very suitable and reproducible technique with high resolutions in all three species.

During long time observation of plots and study areas (2005–2008), fruiting material was found in different quantities. Although all three species are described to be rarely fruiting or non fruiting in parts of their distribution ranges (compare, e.g., Longton & Greene 1969a, Lawton 1971, Crum & Anderson 1981, Dull 1994, Kuc 1997, Gradstein et al. 2001, Nebel & Philippi 2001, Huttunen 2003, Smith 2004) significant differences were observed and have to be discussed.

5.2 *Pseudoscleropodium purum*

Molecular analysis of *P. purum* samples from two German Plots (NH1 and Sil1) and further German samples showed few samples with identical AFLP banding patterns (two clones), various closely related samples especially in plot NH1 (33.2% polymorphic loci), and the formation of two distinct clusters in Germany. Both clones were exclusively found within patches (see Fig. 21, as well as A4.2 and A4.4 in appendix). Clone-Sil1S1 was found in plot Sil1 consisting of two samples (Sil1-C2-S22-2 and Sil1-C3 -S22-3) both from the same patch in quadrant C2 of plot Sil1. The second clone (Clone-NH1) comprises three samples (NH1-A1-S4, NH1-A2-S5 and NH1-B2-S20) of a (~ 1 m²) patch situated in quadrants A1–A3 and B1–B3 of plot NH1.

Various samples showed small differences in the AFLP banding patterns, these differences are maybe due to somatic mutations or are caused by technical or methodical mistakes like scoring errors or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) artefacts (compare, e.g., Mueller & Wolfenbarger 1999, Douhovnikoff & Dodd 2003, Meirmans & van Tienderen 2004). If these differences are by technical or methodical mistakes, Clone-NH1 might be larger and possibly includes the samples NH1-A3-S10, NH1-B3-S21, NH1-B3-S23 from patches near by and the single plant NH1-C4-S45 (appr. 2 m away from Clone-NH1). This estimation is not certain, but would not alter the findings completely. In either way compared to *R. rugosum* (Pfeiffer et al. 2006), the found clones are smaller, at most they include patches up to few (in this study up to appr. 1 m²) square meters and can dominate areas up to 6 m² (10 m² if the closely related

genotypes belong to the same clone). In contrast, clones of *R. rugosum* can dominate plot areas of 40 m² with lots of patches and clonal patches of up to 8 m². In *R. rugosum* even on a larger scale (several hundred square meters) genotypes are genetically similar, whereas in *P. purum*, especially in the valley Bärenthal surrounding plot Sil1, the samples partly showed genetic distances comparable with those of samples from different regions, such as Neudrossenfeld and Bad Urach (which are more than 250 km apart) and are therefore thought to be of sexual origin.

Molecular analyses of both sample sets (German and world-wide) showed a separation of two clusters (see Fig. 21 and Fig. 22). One cluster was formed by samples from South and West Germany (cluster A) whereas the other one comprises North-east German samples (cluster B). The strong separation of both clusters is visualised in Fig. 27, it shows that pairwise Jaccard distance values within clusters are clearly separated from pairwise distance values among both clusters.

The worldwide samples showed a similar picture, where cluster B comprises the North-East German samples and cluster A comprises nearly all other samples from the rest of Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Only the samples from Spain, Sweden and Scotland did

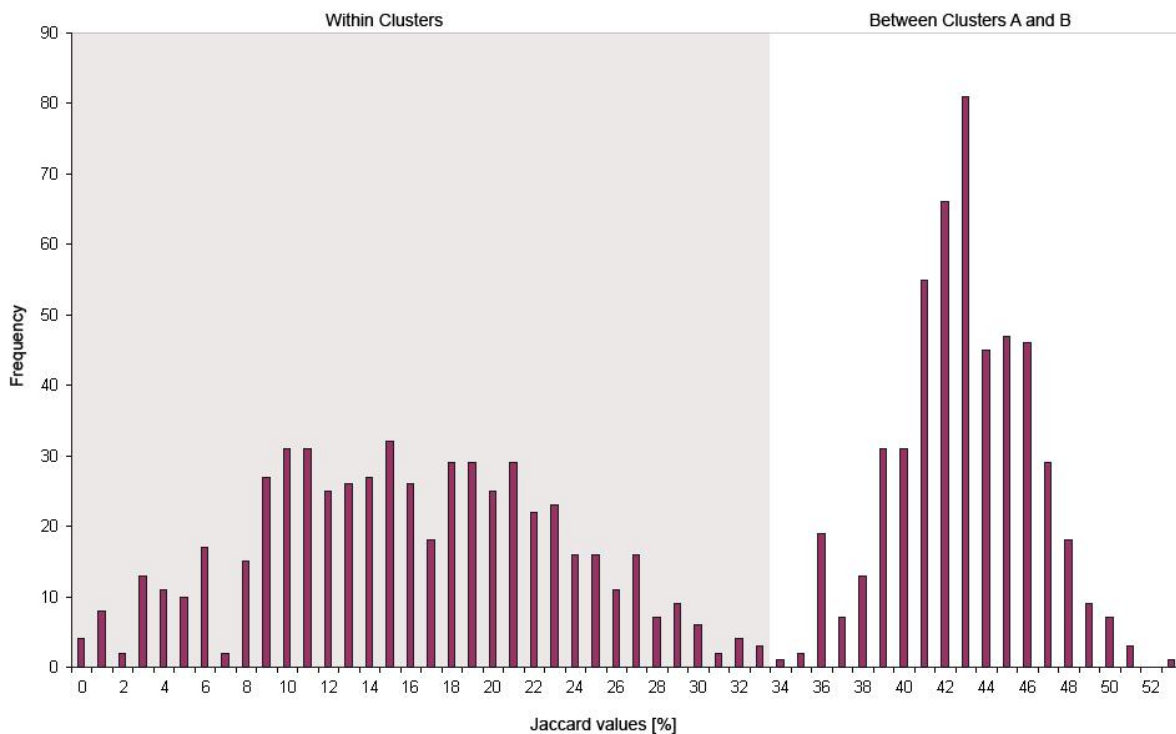


Fig. 27. S_{Ger} (German *Pseudoscleropodium purum* sample set) frequency histogram of pairwise Jaccard distances for 48 *P. purum* samples from Plots Sil1, NH1 and further German samples.

not show clear affinities (see Fig. 22). In this context the chromosome numbers should be mentioned ($n = 7$ Japan; $n = 9-10$ Central Europe; $n = 11$ British Isles, Poland, Norway, Sweden and Finland; e.g., Crum & Anderson 1981, Fritsch 1991), which may explain the topology of the samples from Sweden and Scotland, and are maybe also a reason for the separation of cluster A and B, but since chromosome numbers were not examined in this study this is only hypothetical.

Morphological research showed no clear evidence which supports the clusters by morphological means. Even though different growth forms were found in *P. purum*, one was very prominent in cluster B (plants were very symmetrically pinnate, with reflexed branches), but also observed several times in cluster A, and a second in cluster A (compared to plants of cluster A plants were either not pinnate or branches were not reflexed, or both).

Based on these findings some explanations are possible, either in North-East Germany a distinct population with small range extension, maybe with different chromosome number (not tested), exists (its range extension to the east is not certain because samples from Poland and Baltic states were not included in this study), or cryptic speciation occurs. Cryptic speciation in mosses was recently discovered by different authors (e.g., Shaw 2000, Feldberg et al. 2004, Stech & Wagner 2005, Fernandez et al. 2006, Hedenäs & Eldenäs 2007), since new genetic methods are available and are now frequently used in bryophytes, but were suggested earlier by Wyatt (1985). Shaw (2001) mentions that the discovered cases of cryptic speciation clearly showed that many bryophyte species are genetically complex, and that genetic subdivision has occurred within morphologically uniform species, with in most but not all cases, broadly overlapping geographical ranges. In the present case no overlapping was detected and regarding the here presented data it rather seems that cluster B is delimited to North-East Germany since it was exclusively found in the federal states Berlin, Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (the eastern dimension remains open, see above). Overlapping ranges along the margins to cluster A are possible, but further research is needed to validate this assumption.

Within cluster A (S_{ww}) a subcluster was formed, including samples of New Zealand, Australia, England, France II and Canada, with close genetic distances. Since it is widely agreed that *P. purum* is introduced to Canada, Australia and New Zealand (compare, e.g., Lawton 1960, Schofield & Crum 1972, Lewinsky & Bartlett 1982, Fife 1995, Miller & Trigoboff 2001, Streimann & Klazenga 2002), the data indicates that the ancestors of these populations most probably came from England and France, both countries with close connections to Canada, Australia and New Zealand regarding their colonisation and economic

activities. Hence it can be assumed that *P. purum* was brought to Canada, Australia and New Zealand as packing material of trees, other living plant material or with animal transports or seeds, as suggested by Schofield & Crum (1972), Lewinsky & Bartlett (1982) and Miller & Trigoboff (2001).

Although generative diaspores definitively play a role in possible long distance dispersal and maybe also in habitat colonisation, considering the great differences between the genotypes especially in plot Sil1, the main reproduction mode for patch colonisation and maintenance is clearly asexual reproduction. In both plots (Sil1 and NH1) patches of clonal origin were found and Clone-NH1 shows that patches of up to 1 m² (and surrounding areas) can be dominated by single clones. The modes of vegetative reproduction can thereby differ (see above). Three different structures of vegetative reproduction s.l. were identified in *P. purum*, including



Fig. 28. Detached clumps of *Pseudoscleropodium purum* in plot NH1 (2008).



Fig. 29. Detached clumps of *Pleurozium schreberi* in plot Saarm1 (2008).

vegetative reproduction s.l. and vegetative reproduction s.str. by caducous shoot apices and brood braches/branchlets.

The mechanism of utmost importance for patch colonisation and maintenance seems to be clonal reproduction through decay of older shoots, resulting in disintegration of shoots and the formation of new ramets (dividuals). These new dividuals grow and form new ramets after further decay and disintegration of older parts. This process of “self cloning”, described by Pfeiffer et al. (2006) for *R. rugosum*, is preprogrammed in the life cycle and leads to consequent vegetative multiplication (e.g., Urbanska 1992, Frey & Lösch 2004). Ramets resulting from “self cloning” are to a great extent entangled with numerous shoots in the patch. Moreover the majority of ramets will remain at their site of origin and enhance expansion and maintenance of patches. However in some cases dispersal of detached single shoots as well as larger clumps of multiple shoots into the plots occurred (see Fig. 28), resulting in the formation of new colonies by continuing growth as described by Heinken & Zippel (2004). Especially loose clumps of multiple shoots were found several times close to the plot areas (also in *P. schreberi* see Fig. 28). Own observations lead to the conclusion that most of these possible diaspore clumps are caused by feeding wild boar, smaller clumps by feeding birds like the Eurasian jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) or woodpeckers (Picidae), or by ants as it was also observed by Heinken et al. (2001), King (2003) and Heinken & Zippel (2004). The expected use as nesting material could not be confirmed. Although the groundcover was immense and often comprehensive none of three nests found close to plot areas were build or partly build of *P. purum* (also not of *R. squarrosus* and *P. schreberi*) but with other moss species. As well as animals, man’s activities have direct or indirect influences on dispersal and distribution of mosses (e.g., Glime 2007). In *P. purum* especially the former use as packing material of young trees (Dickson 1967, Allen & Crosby 1987), its escape and establishment in widely ranging parts of the world has to be mentioned, regarding the present distribution of *P. purum*.

Not only clonal reproduction has to be considered as means of vegetative reproduction s.l. for *P. purum*. additionally, vegetative reproduction s.str. was observed, by brood branches and branchlets (cf. Fig. 17) as well as caduceus shoot apices with already well developed rhizoids. The latter seem to be of special importance for vegetative reproduction s.str. It is not obvious in the number of such diaspores found (only 8 caducous shoot apices and 3 brood branches/branchlets were found), but it is indicated by the fact that 9.1% of all green branches/branchlets showed missing shoot apices. Altogether *P. purum* showed a slightly

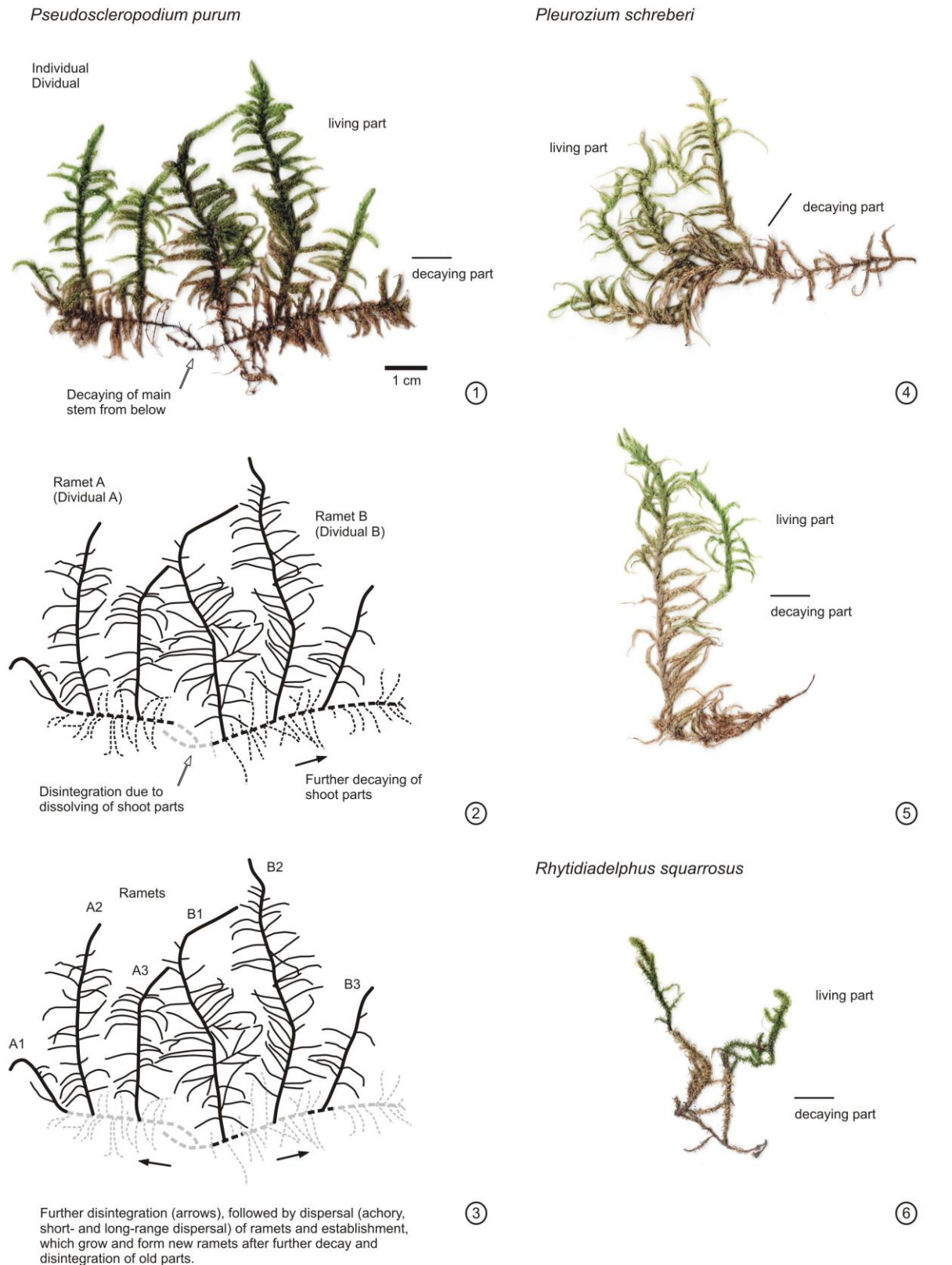


Fig. 30. (1) Growth form of *Pseudoscleropodium purum* from Neuhütte BB, (1–3) process of self-cloning (clonal reproduction) in *P. purum*. (4–5). Growth forms of *Pleurozium schreberi* from Summt BB and (6) *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* from Bohndorf N.

different pattern compared to *R. rugosum*. In terms of vegetative reproduction s.l. (self cloning) and vegetative reproduction s.str. (caducous shoot apices and brood braches/branchlets) it appears to be quite similar, but in contrast to *R. rugosum* also sexual reproduction (although not observed) seems to be important for habitat colonisation and maintenance of *P. purum*. This conclusion arises since clones and clonal patches were much smaller than in *R. rugosum* and the genetic diversity within plots (as shown by the genetic diversity detected in the molecular analyses) was comparatively higher in *P. purum*, even though plots were smaller.

5.3 *Pleurozium schreberi*

The rarely fruiting species *P. schreberi*, with some findings of sporophytes during the observation period, showed a slightly different picture than *P. purum*. In the molecular analysis of 85 samples from three plots (Sil1, Sil2 and Saarm1), further German and foreign samples, clones were only found in plot Sil1 and here only in two very small patches. Hence only in the same plot where neither inflorescences nor sporophytes were found.

In the plots Sil2 and Saarm1 patches were larger and presumably older than in Sil1. In both plots gametangia were found, sporophytes were only found in Saarm1. Both plots showed higher genotypic diversity compared to Sil1.

A possible explanation for vegetative reproduction and the finding of clones only in plot Sil1 is that this plot might show an early stage of habitat colonisation. This conclusion arises since all patches (including the clonal patches) of this plot are smaller than in both other observed plots and further away (see appendix A4.4). Therefore clonal reproduction may occurs here because male and female plants are not close enough for fertilisation. It is described to be a general reason in unisexual species, especially in early stages of habitat colonisation (Bisang et al. 2004), that sexual reproduction is often difficult to achieve either because of the fertilisation range, absence of gametangia (male, female or both) for some unknown reason or when only one sex is present.

If sexual reproduction is not possible in new colonised habitats, vegetative reproduction is necessary for habitat colonisation and maintenance until both sexes have arrived and/or are in fertilisation range. Another explanation for the lack of sporophytes in some areas is given by Longton & Greene (1969a). They emphasise the relationship between distribution of sexes and sporophyte production in *P. schreberi*, and suppose that the rarity of sporophytes is correlated with a rarity of plants bearing antheridia. This effect is increased by a natural high ratio of female to male plants observed by Longton & Greene (1969b, 1979) in British

populations as well as in German populations in this study. Longton (1976) suggests that a comparable sexual imbalance of adult plants may be widespread among dioecious bryophytes and that this may be the principal cause of the rarity of sporophytes in such species. Although sex determination is likely to be genetically fixed, resulting in an expectation at meiosis of 1♀:1♂, male rarity is observed in many dioecious species and may result from different survival of spores and/or individuals or different clonal growth (Bowker et al. 2000), but the reason is not yet clear.

Consequently, it is no surprise that in the very same plot (Saarm1) where sporophytes were found the detected ♂ to ♀ ratio was higher than in both other plots. Here 36% of the analysed samples turned out to be male, whereas in both other plots no male plants and no sporophytes were found. Therefore the chances for fertilisation in Saarm1 were much better than in both other plots.

In the P_{Ger} UPGMA tree (see Fig. 23) samples from the three different plots predominantly cluster with each another, but it is also shown that genetic distances within the plots are high, in some cases higher than between other German samples. Especially within plot Saarm1 genetic distances between samples were very high. Overall genetic distances were much higher in *P. schreberi* than in *P. purum* (see 5.2) and *R. rugosum* (e.g., Pfeiffer et al. 2006), and even within medium size patches, samples with great genetic distances were found. This was not expected for Sil2 and Sil1 since no sporophytes were found during fieldwork in Thuringia. However, a possible explanation is given by the later observation of fruiting plants close to these plots (appr. 200 m apart). For plot Saarm1 the detection of great genetic diversity was no surprise, regarding the relative frequent occurrence of sporophytes in Brandenburg and even within the plot, especially considering the knowledge that most spores are dispersed within a short range (Miles & Longton 1992). For instance in *Atrichum angustatum* 94% of the spores fell within 2 m of the colony centre (Stoneburner et al. 1992).

The fact, that clones could only be found in the plot where neither inflorescences nor sporophytes were found, whereas in plot Saarm1 (with sexual reproduction) a higher genetic diversity and no clones were detected among the analysed samples, has to be pointed out. Comparing plots Saarm1 and Sil1 the findings reveal how genetic composition differs in small populations with or without sexual reproduction and it seems that in populations with sexual reproduction vegetative reproduction is reduced. To be more precise it turned out that in plot Saarm1 (plot with fruiting specimens), the offspring is genetically more diverse, hence most likely of sexual origin. These findings are supported by the fact that caducous shoot apices and brood branches/branchlets were not found in Saarm1. In contrast, in plot (Sil1)

without inflorescences and sporophytes, vegetative reproduction seems to have a greater importance for patch recruitment and maintenance. Although lots of different genets were detected in Sil1, effective vegetative reproduction was proven only for plot Sil1, where a clone (Clone-Sil1P1) comprises two samples (Sil1-A1-P1 and Sil1-A2-P3), from two very small patches within short range. A possible second clone Clone-Sil1P2 comprises three very close related samples (Sil1-C1-P14-1, Sil1-C1-P14-2 and Sil1-C1-P14-3) from a small patch in quadrant C1 of plot Sil1, which are presumably ramets that differ because of somatic mutations. In both other plots no clones were found, although in case of Sil2 samples came from a single large-scale patch. Regarding the data possible clonally patches are even smaller in *P. schreberi* than in *P. purum* (see above) and *R. rugosum* (compare, Pfeiffer et al. 2006).

Although other vegetative diaspores (see below) could be described in this study, vegetative reproduction in *P. schreberi* seems to be mainly caused by fragmentation through decay of older shoots (see Fig. 30) resulting in disintegration of shoots and forming of new ramets (e.g., Longton & Greene 1979, Frego 1996, Heinken & Zippel 2004). This is not unexpected for bryophytes, because physical connections between young (distal) portions and older parts decompose after only a few years (Frego 1996). According to Frego (1996) and Heinken & Zippel (2004) the dispersal of shoots or shoot fragments of *P. schreberi* is limited to short distances, so that experimental gaps are primarily colonised by encroachment of intact shoots that grow in range of centimeters per year, whereas detached shoots or fragments were observed several meters apart from patches (dispersal by the same vectors earlier described for *P. purum*, see above). In this context the great number of plants with rhizoids at different locations shall be mentioned (see A3.2 in appendix), 76.5% of the investigated samples showed rhizoid growth, 86.2% of these on tips of side branches (mostly basal), the other along branches, stems or leaves. Thus most of these structures are well prepared to form new individuals by fragmentation through decay of older shoots. Regarding findings by Longton & Greene (1979) that *P. schreberi* (mature) in general has little or no rhizoidal connection with the substrate, the author likes to suggest that rhizoid growth in *P. schreberi* has to be seen in the context of vegetative reproduction. Hence the main function of rhizoids in this weft forming, ectohydric species maybe is to keep potential diaspores in position after successful dispersal.

Besides unspecialised fragmentation (clonal reproduction) three types of propagules as means of vegetative reproduction s.str. were observed and characterised (see 4.1.2.3). (1) Brood branches/branchlets sensu Correns (1899) with basal rhizoid growth (found loose or attached in the plant material twelve times). (2) Caducous shoot apices (six times) sensu Correns

(1899), with basal rhizoids. (3) In addition to these two structures brood leaves sensu Correns (1899) were found twice independently in the material of *P. schreberi*. Both leaves showed basal rhizoid growth (see Fig. 19) and might also play a role in vegetative reproduction s.str. as earlier assumed by Longton & Schuster (1983).

Like in *P. purum* a great number of green shoot apices were missing in the observed material. The observation of 85 specimens resulted in an average of 39.3 (\pm 22.4) green shoot apices, 5.6 (\pm 7.7) of these were missing and could not be found in the collected material. That equates 14.2% of green shoot apices and is thus more than 5% higher than in *P. purum*. That finding hints to the fact that also in *P. schreberi* caducous shoot apices might play a noteworthy role in vegetative reproduction s.str.

AFLP fingerprinting data is shown in both Jaccard and Simple-matching UPGMA trees (Fig. 24) but in both dendrograms, intraspecific relationships are not certain, only tendencies are indicated. The Simple-matching tree shows that the Russian samples I, III and IV have the greatest genetic differences between each other and compared to all other samples. Samples England I, England II, and Scotland cluster together and among two samples from Alaska. It is also shown that there is more similarity within samples from north-east Germany than in the samples from other parts of Germany, but populations are not clearly distinguished. Besides some closely related samples from Germany the only other detected affinities are between samples England I and England II. The latter could be due to very rarely fruiting populations in southern Britain which therefore maybe reproduce asexually in general (Longton & Greene 1969a). In contrast the findings of this study showed great genetic differences between samples, even in areas where fruiting specimens are supposed to be rare or absent. High levels of genetic variability were detected in small German populations (polymorphism 49.7–71.7%), even within plots and patches, whereas the highest values were found within plot Saarm1 (71.7% polymorphism), thus the plot with highest sporophyte occurrence, which impressively shows the influence of sexual reproduction on the genetic variability of plots.

The detected high levels of genetic variability match with earlier studies by Zielinski et al. (1994), Zielinski & Wachowiak-Zielinska (1995), Wachowiak-Zielinska & Zielinski (1995), Kuta et al. (1998), Wachowiak & Zielinski (2001) and Kotelko et al. (2008). The authors detected high levels of genetic variability in Polish populations by isozyme electrophoresis (86% polymorphism in 14 isozyme loci, Wachowiak-Zielinska & Zielinski 1995) and in Canadian populations (where sporophytes are more frequent) using ISSR primers (48–82%

polymorphism per population, comparing 10 populations within some kilometer range, Kotelko et al. 2008).

Kuta et al. (1998) notes that this great intra- and interpopulation genetic variability was unexpected, at least in Poland where *P. schreberi* is predicted to reproduce exclusively vegetatively. The authors attribute this to sexually reproducing populations in the past, a later loss of sexual reproduction, and populations today being unisexual.

A reason for the loss of sexual reproduction, at least in some areas, is described by Huttunen (2003). She describes a decreasing production of gametangia in *P. schreberi* as a result of pollution, studying areas surrounding copper smelters in Finland. Huttunen (2003) showed that while the rate of sexual reproduction decreased a shift from sexual to asexual reproduction appeared and predicts that this is the most common trend in increasingly polluted environments. For some parts of Germany that might be true as well, but at least in the Berlin/Brandenburg region (rare to frequent) and in Thuringia (very rare) sporophytes were observed. The produced spores maybe affected populations in other parts of Germany and as well in Poland and therefore genetic diversity by long distance dispersal. Thus on the authors opinion similar levels of genetic variability in Poland (non fruiting), Germany (rarely fruiting) and Canada (rarely to frequently fruiting) show that sexual reproduction still plays a noteworthy role in all these populations.

5.4 *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*

Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus, the third investigated rarely fruiting species, has a wide ecological tolerance and forms huge patches in different grassy habitats. Two populations in different environments were compared in this study, on the one hand a population from an urban meadow in Berlin city (plot B1 and a 150 m long transect along the meadow), with patches up to 20 m². The meadow is frequently mown during the summer period and has not changed for at least 20 years (own observation). On the other hand a natural population along a forest edge in the valley Bärenthal (Dietzhausen, Thuringia) was analysed. Investigations in the village chronicles indicate that the grassland has had the same shape for at least 150 years. In former times the valley had been used for agriculture but it was given up in the sixties of 20th century. Until today the installation of terraces in Bärenthal, which is very typical for agriculture along slopes in this area, can be seen. Since 1990 grassland is occasionally grazed by flocks of sheep.

Although according to literature (compare, e.g., Düll 1994, Nebel & Philippi 2001, Smith 2004) sporophytes are described to be very rare, sporophytes were found in two locations in

spring and summer 2008 in Thuringia. According to the great numbers of ♂ and ♀ gametangia found in the sample material of 2006 and 2007, the later findings of sporophytes were not surprising. Populations with both sexes as well as sporophytes were only observed in Thuringia (sporophytes only in 2008) nearly in the same places were sexually mixed populations were encountered the years before, namely Lengfeld and Bärenal (close to Sil3). Whereas in Lengfeld (ca. 10 km from Bärenal) in a similar habitat to Bärenal (along the edge of a *Pinus/Picea* forest) several medium size patches with sporophytes were found, in Bärenal only two small spots with sporophytes were observed in a large *R. squarrosus* carpet, some meters from Sil3 (sporophytes occurred within a diameter of appr. 5 cm in the carpet). Despite the late (at the end of the study) and locally much delimited findings of sporophytes the author assumes that *R. squarrosus* does not reproduce solely sexually (especially since several potential vegetative diaspores were found), although no molecular evidence for clonal

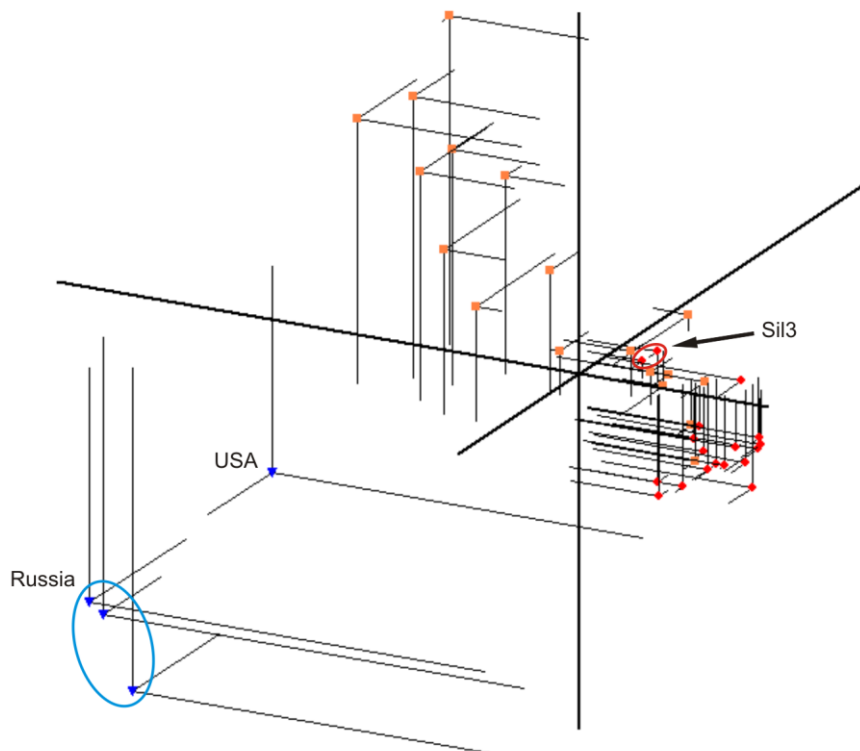


Fig. 31. Principal component analysis of worldwide *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* (German samples marked with red diamonds, foreign samples with orange squares) and *Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus* samples (blue triangles), based on Jaccard distances from 214 AFLP loci; using FAMD.

reproduction was encountered. It still is possible that clones were overlooked especially because the gathering of sampling differed from that in both other species observed, since *R. squarrosus* was collected randomly in single large scale patches, whereas *P. schreberi* and *P. purum* were collected in plots composed by smaller patches. Thus the structure and the composition of these, possibly old large scale patches, is probably different from small possibly new formed patches.

On the other hand samples of the large scale patch in plot Sil3 are in parts closely related (see above), but since some of these closely related samples are from different sexes (results from morpho-anatomical analysis, see A3.3 in appendix) and therefore not of clonal origin (e.g. Sil3-A1-R10, Sil3-A1-R11 and Sil3-A1-R12, Fig. 25), it is clear that even minor genetic diversity is probably based on generative reproduction. The most likely explanation is occasional generative reproduction with long and short range dispersal of spores, which may often not be recognised and may depend on some ecological and climatic factors like wet autumns and summers (important for fertilisation) or relatively warm wet winters with nearly no snow cover (for example the winter of 2007/2008).

In the molecular analysis the worldwide sample set shows that all German samples, are similar and form a well delimited clade. Only the samples from Sil3, hence from the area where sexual reproduction was detected, differed somewhat and showed greater genetic distance to other German samples (see Fig. 26). For some reason the German population is somewhat related to the samples from England and the sample Spain I, whereas samples from close geographic neighbors like Poland and Belgium are separated and cluster among the samples from Sweden and Norway. The results suggest that vegetative reproduction has, at least in the investigated plots, only very little influence on habitat occupation and maintenance in *R. squarrosus*.

As an additional result the inclusion of *Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus* samples in this study showed that besides ISSR (Vanderpoorten et al. 2003) and microsatellite markers (Korpelainen et al. 2008), AFLP markers are suitable to discriminate between *R. squarrosus* and *R. subpinnatus* (see Fig. 26 and Fig. 31).

5.5 Conclusion

The results from German populations of three presumed clonally reproducing pleurocarpous mosses *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Rhythidiadelphus squarrosus*, as well as results from Polish populations of *P. schreberi* (compare, e.g., Zielinski et al. 1994, Wachowiak-Zielinska & Zielinski 1995, Zielinski & Wachowiak-Zielinska 1995, Kuta et al. 1998, Wachowiak & Zielinski 2001) and Norwegian *Hylocomium splendens* populations (Cronberg 2002, Cronberg et al. 2006), showed that patches are often occupied by different, sometimes closely related, genets. In most cases the results reject, that a local population could consist of a single clone or few widespread clones, as found in other clonally reproducing bryophytes like *Rhytidium rugosum* and *Abietinella abietina* (e.g., Pfeiffer et al. 2006, Lieske 2010). Cronberg et al. (2006) already suggested that the general picture of local populations in rarely fruiting pleurocarpous mosses is maybe defined by a number of patches of limited size, each dominated by a small number of more or less intermingling clones. This matches the findings in *P. purum* and *P. schreberi* in this study, especially the findings from plots NH1 and Sil1 (both without any sign of sexual reproduction). Whereas in all other included plots no clones were found and patches were composed of lots of differed, sometimes genetically very different, genets.

The findings were a little different in the very rarely fruiting pleurocarpous moss *R. rugosum*, for which it was showed that a plot up to 40 m² including multiple patches up to 8 m² can be dominated by a single clone, accompanied by only a few very close related clones (e.g., Pfeiffer et al. 2006). In contrast, the results of this study showed that rarely fruiting pleurocarpous mosses do not necessarily form clones of similar size like in *R. rugosum*. In this context it seems that the size of clones is negatively correlated with sporophyte production frequencies, which is according to own observations and literature smaller in *R. rugosum* than in the here investigated species. This question is also discussed by Cronberg (2002), he suggested that the frequency of sporophytes in populations of unisexual bryophytes can be used as an indicator of clonal diversity and genetic variability. He argues that increased mixing of clones, increased number of fertile ramets and less skewed sex ratios, with increasing population age, would predict greater chances of successful fertilisation and subsequent production of sporophytes, spores and generative offspring.

According to Longton & Schuster (1983) sexual reproduction depends on several factors: general failure of expressing only one of both sexes, skewed sex ratios, spatial segregation of sexes, availability of water for fertilisation and gamete dispersal distances. Thus the

investigated species differ somewhat, but at least in *P. schreberi* and *R. squarrosus* plots, where both sexes were expressed (Sil3 and Saarm1), the only obvious limiting factor seems to be gamete dispersal distance because of spatial segregation both of sexes. Bisang et al. (2004), Richardson (1981) and Rydgren & Økland (2002) observed that fertilisation distances depend on substrate inclination, arguing that spermatozoids are primarily passively transported by water and therefore have a greater dispersal range in steep terrain, hence a greater chance for fertilisation. Thus it is no surprise that nearly all observations of sporophytes of included species were made at steeply inclined locations or at least in comparable lower positions in the area (like in Saarm1).

In the very rarely fruiting but gametangia bearing species *Pseudoscleropodium purum* no sporophytes were found during the observation period. It seems that a general failure of expressing one or both sexes plays a role in this species, since in both plots (Sil1 and NH1) none of both sexes was expressed. Regarding the suggestion by Cronberg (2002) that the frequency of sporophytes in populations of unisexual bryophytes can be used as an indicator of clonal diversity and genetic variability, it is no surprise that the biggest patches of clonal origin, in all three observed species, were found for *P. purum*. However, clonal patches were of smaller size than in *R. rugosum* and in both plots single clones were not dominating the plots in the way it was found for *R. rugosum*. *Pseudoscleropodium purum* showed low genetic distances between different genets in plot NH1 (Brandenburg), whereas in plot Sil1 (Thuringia) genetic distances between genets were nearly as high as between south German samples of great distance, and only some small patches were of clonal origin. Regarding this, although sexual reproduction was not observed in Sil1, the spatial genetic structure of the plot seems to be a result of former sexual reproduction and establishment rather than vegetative reproduction.

Similar findings were discovered for *Pleurozium schreberi*. In Sil1 with no sign of sexual reproduction (no gametangia and sporophytes within the patch), *P. schreberi* showed clonal reproduction, a greater number of genetically closely related samples, but also genets with higher genetic distances. In both other *P. schreberi* plots (Sil2 and Saarm1) genetic distances between genets were larger. This was not unexpected in plot Saarm1 (Brandenburg) which was chosen because of sexual reproduction occurring within this plot, but not in plot Sil2 (Thuringia) which was more or less covered by a single patch, but with the difference to Sil1 that in Sil2 most plants were female with well developed archegonia. Although it seems that vegetative reproduction has not the same relevance in all *P. purum* and *P. schreberi* plots (more important in areas without sexual reproduction), the found clonal patches for both

species are a product of the relatively fast colonisation capability. This was earlier described in gap re-colonisation experiments by Heinken & Zippel (2004) and is supported by own observations (see Fig. 18). This effective colonisation mode according to Heinken & Zippel (2004) is facilitated by the combination of three vegetative reproduction mechanisms: (1) dispersal of detached stem fragments (in most cases for short-distance dispersal), (2) germination of soil-buried stem fragments (not observed in this study), and (3) clonal growth and subsequent clonal reproduction of both existing bryophyte patches and single stem fragments resulting from (1) and (2). This list must be extended with respect to (4) brood branches/branchlets, (5) caducous shoot apices, and (6) brood leaves (only in *P. schreberi*), which were found during morphological examination in this study. Yet it is hard to tell how efficient the new found diaspore types are, but since in re-colonisation experiments the important mechanisms obviously were (1) – (3), the smaller diaspores (4) – (6) are maybe of importance for greater dispersal distances but are of minor importance for patch maintenance or gap re-colonisation.

Recently another widely discussed vegetative reproduction mode in mosses is by protonemal gemmae, but those are described as extremely rare for pleurocarps (Duckett et al. 1999, 2004) and were therefore not considered to be important.

Since it is not impossible that mistakes occurred in AFLP fingerprinting, data reading, or due to fungal contamination of samples, at least closely related samples could be misidentified ramets of the same clone. Thus it is hard to tell whether closely related samples belong to the same clone or not, but since the risk was minimised by intensive cleaning of the samples and double proofreading, the author tends to see these closely related samples not as clones, but rather as asexual lineages. But even if they would belong to one or another of the detected clones the general pattern of vegetative reproduction in the investigated species would not differ that much, because even if the clones would include these samples, the clones would be only slightly bigger.

Newton & Mishler (1994) mention that the role of mutation could be of particular importance in enhancing genetic diversity in bryophytes, because a mutation occurring in the single apical cell of a shoot, can give rise to individuals carrying the mutant allele in every cell. Given this apical cell mode of growth, somatic mutation can within a considerable time form asexual lineages, thus providing levels of genetic variation equivalent to those of purely sexual lineages. On the other hand *R. rugosum* showed huge clonal patches (Pfeiffer et al. 2006) which might be even older. Hence either mutation rates are specific in different species or

more likely sexual reproduction is the reason for the genetic variability found in the investigated species.

Regarding this, the author agrees with Cronberg (2002) and Cronberg et al. (2006) that recruitment by sexual produced spores is maybe rare but appears to be more common than extinction of clones, so that a net recruitment into the total population occurs over time. Furthermore Cronberg (2002) noticed in case of *Hylocomium splendens*, that the number of clones, and the tendency of colonies (patches) to be multiclonal, increased significantly with increasing age of the observed plots and that populations of species that only experience recruitment after some sort of initial disturbance tend to have declining levels of diversity, whereas in those with repeated recruitment levels tend to increase over time.

This might be true in all observed species with different levels of repeated recruitment. In case of *P. purum* and at least partially in *P. schreberi* (Sil1) the clonal diversity seems to be similar to the findings in *H. splendens*, where the clonal diversity is determined by vegetative reproduction at the within-patch level and structured by sexual processes at the among-patch level (Cronberg et al. 2006).

A somewhat different picture was found for *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*, while it is forming genetically more or less distinguishable German subpopulations with lots of more or less closely related genets, no direct sign of vegetative reproduction could be found (see Fig. 25). These subpopulations belong to the same clade in the analysis of the worldwide sample set (see Fig. 26). The German clade shows comparable low genetic distances between the samples, only excluding both samples of Sil3 (from the plot where sexual reproduction was detected). Male plants in German populations were only found in Sil3 (Thuringia) close to the places where later in the study sporophytes were found. In this presumably rarely fruiting species with large scale patches, clones could be identified neither in a more or less natural environment nor on an urban lawn. Regarding the data of both plots it appears that *R. squarrosus* is as a sexually reproducing species rather than the predicted asexually reproducing species. This conclusion could also be an illusion because both plots were set within large scale and possibly old patches and the picture might be different observing small patches, thus considering Newton & Mishler (1994) also somatic mutation could be a reason for the found genetic diversity. All in all the author does not predict that *R. squarrosus* reproduces exclusively sexually in the investigated plots, especially because potential vegetative diaspores (although to a lesser amount than in both other analysed species) were found.

The low numbers of potential vegetative diaspores found in *R. squarrosus* are maybe a result from the irregularly or sometimes sparsely pinnately branching pattern in this species, which differs from both other remotely pinnate species. Especially since brood branches/branchlets as well as caducous shoot apices may act as potential diaspores, the relatively low number of branches in *R. squarrosus* with 15.0 (\pm 8.0) compared to *P. purum* with 48.1 (\pm 31.4) and *P. schreberi* with 39.2 (\pm 21.9) has to be taken into account. The same holds for the number of missing shoot apices (that maybe potential diaspores), that is with 1.4 (\pm 2.9) only a third compared to *P. purum* with 4.4 (\pm 7.2) and *P. schreberi* with 5.7 (\pm 7.7). Perhaps this is a misinterpretation of the given data, since a single branching would be enough for clonal reproduction through decaying and subsequent disintegration of older shoot parts, but the chance would be still higher if more branches could act as possible diaspores. Hence the reason that clonal reproduction was not found in the investigated plots might be the consequence of a lesser amount of potential vegetative diaspores and a much more effective sexual reproduction than assumed. Thus recruitment of sexual reproduction outnumbers those of vegetative reproduction, which were therefore not detected in the molecular analysis. In this case spore dispersal has to be very effective too, at least within the range of several hundred kilometers, but than the questions arise, 1. where are the locations where sexual reproduction is more common? and 2. is sexual reproduction more common than intended throughout the distribution range but has always been overlooked?

Although it was tried to select natural plot areas or areas untouched for at least 20 years (urban population of *R. squarrosus*) to show the aspects of maintaining and clonal growth, it was nevertheless discovered how fast plot structure can even change in three years of time (one plot is completely destroyed by construction vehicles, two plots were heavily changed (damaged) due to the hurricane Kyrill in January 2007, and two gap re-colonisation sides were damaged by forest vehicles and wild boar activities), and there is reasonable doubt that the selected sites were not influenced by man. Hence one can not see the presented genetic diversity only in a natural context; one has also to consider that the investigated populations were influenced by other factors. The way differs from case to case, but the special case of *R. squarrosus* shows that a natural population (Sil3) influenced by rare sexual reproduction is genetically more divers (70.6% polymorphism) than a population (B1, 40.0% polymorphism, only female plants found) without sexual reproduction, but influenced by constant mowing and man's activities (and therewith dispersal of artificial diaspores).

The influences of sexual reproduction on the genetic diversity of small populations can also be seen for *P. schreberi* were in plot Saarm1 (with sporophytes, and within an area with

frequent sexual reproducing populations in Brandenburg) 71.7% polymorphism was found, whereas in Thuringia were in three years only one patch with sporophytes (close to Sil1 and Sil2) was found the polymorphism was 58.5% in plot Sil1 and 49.7% in plot Sil2. Thus regarding all data of the three selected species, the species without any sporophyte records and the fewest gametangia records in the study (*P. purum*) showed the lowest genetic diversity (within populations) and the largest clones in plot NH1, but smaller clones than in *R. rugosum* with even lesser sexual reproduction. Whereas in the both other species (*P. schreberi* and *R. squarrosus*) with observed sexual reproduction, on one hand high genetic diversity was found in plots with or nearby sexual reproduction (like Saarm1) and on the other hand lower genetic diversity was found in populations with lesser or without sporophyte occurrence, plot Sil2 and B1 respectively.

Altogether the given data, with high numbers of different genets, multiclonal patches, and small clonal patches (in *P. purum* and *P. schreberi*) suggest that in all three species recruitment by sexual and asexual diaspores, as well as somatic mutations in asexual lineages, contribute to the present genetic diversity.

Still some questions remain open and should be addressed in further research: 1. To which extent do somatic mutations influence the clonal diversity in asexually reproducing bryophytes? 2. What are the resulting genetic differences after a few generations of vegetative reproduction? 3. Are those differences comparable to genetic differences resulting from sexual reproduction? 4. Are these results transferable to other bryophyte species? This requires further research and the comparison of more species, but it might also be favourable to alter the methods slightly to assess more of the given questions. For example a screening of younger versus older plots, as well as asexual cultivated lineages could also give interesting results.

6 Summary

In this study three dioecious, pleurocarpous mosses *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* (Bryophytina), with rare sexual reproduction, were investigated with focus on genetic diversity and clonal reproduction.

The study provided information about genetic structure of small populations and patches, it showed positive correlations between genetic diversity of a population and sporophyte occurrence, as well as the discovery of not yet documented possibilities for vegetative reproduction, using molecular (AFLP) and morpho-anatomical analysis.

Although all three species are described to be rarely fruiting and therefore vegetative reproduction was expected to be mainly responsible for maintenance and expansion of patches and populations, this is only partly true. In fact the results of the molecular analysis rather showed that the genetic diversity within small populations and larger patches is to some extent relatively high in all three species. This favours the conclusion that sexual reproduction is more common than estimated. Another possible reason for the genetic diversity are somatic mutations but it seems that this is not the only reason, especially regarding the frequent findings of antheridia and archegonia in all three species, as well as sporadic findings of sporophytes in *P. schreberi* and *R. squarrosus*. The latter showed that the data on sporophytes occurrence in this three species has to be seen critically in recent literature.

With the molecular approach clonal reproduction was revealed for *P. purum* and *P. schreberi*, but not for *R. squarrosus*. Clonal plants were mainly found within patches or small areas of up to 6 m², and only in populations where neither gametangia (or only gametangia of one sex) nor sporophytes were found. Additionally populations without any sign of sexual reproduction showed lesser genetic diversity than populations with sporophytes.

The morpho-anatomical analysis showed possible options for clonal reproduction and vegetative reproduction s.str. in all three species, but especially *P. purum* and *P. schreberi* seem to have the greatest potential to form asexual diaspores. Most important for vegetative reproduction is consequent vegetative multiplication (clonal reproduction) due to decay and disintegration of older shoot parts and the forming of new individuals (ramets). This type of clonal reproduction is accompanied by three types of vegetative reproduction s.str.: brood branches/branchlets, caducous shoot apices and brood leaves (only observed in *P. schreberi*) with basal rhizoid growth. These were described for the first time in this study for the selected species. In addition great numbers of missing shoot apices were observed in *P. purum* and *P. schreberi*, which may act as diaspores.

Summary

Altogether the molecular results indicate that small populations are more influenced by sexual reproduction than predicted, although sexual reproduction is relatively rare. All three species showed abilities to reproduce vegetatively, so that maintenance and expansion of patches and small populations by asexual means is possible. Never the less the investigated populations indicate that sporadic sexual reproduction events play a major role in long term establishment of the three species.

7 Zusammenfassung

In dieser Arbeit wurden drei diözische, pleurocarpe Laubmoose *Pseudoscleropodium purum*, *Pleurozium schreberi* und *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* (Bryophytina), mit Focus auf genetische Diversität und klonale Reproduktion untersucht.

Gezeigt werden konnte die genetische Struktur kleiner Populationen und von Patches, eine positive Korrelation von genetischer Diversität und Sporogonhäufigkeit auf Ebene kleiner Populationen, sowie bis jetzt nicht erkannte Möglichkeiten asexueller Reproduktion. Zum Erreichen dieser Ergebnisse wurden Freilandarbeit, molekulare (AFLP) und morphologische Methoden kombiniert.

Obwohl bei allen drei Arten selten Sporogone auftreten und daher asexuelle Reproduktion zur Erhaltung und Ausweitung von Patches/Populationen angenommen wurde, konnte dieses nicht oder nur teilweise bestätigt werden. Vielmehr wurden für alle drei Arten zum Teil große genetische Unterschiede innerhalb kleinerer Populationen und größerer Patches nachgewiesen, was auf sexuelle Reproduktion hindeutet. Als ein Grund müssen natürlich auch somatische Mutationen in Betracht gezogen werden, diese scheinen aber als alleiniger Grund für die gezeigte genetische Diversität recht unwahrscheinlich zu sein. Dafür sprechen auch regelmäßige Funde von Antheridien und Archegonien in allen drei Arten sowie vereinzelte Funde von Sporogonen für *P. schreberi* und *R. squarrosus*. Diese zeigen außerdem, dass die Literaturangaben zur Sporogonhäufigkeit in den drei untersuchten Arten kritisch zu sehen sind.

Molekular konnte klonale Reproduktion für *P. purum* und *P. schreberi*, jedoch nicht für *R. squarrosus* nachgewiesen werden. Klone wurden dabei nur in Plots und kleineren Populationen gefunden, in denen weder Gametangien (oder nur Gametangien eines Geschlechts) noch Sporogone nachgewiesen wurden. Dabei erfolgten die Nachweise hauptsächlich innerhalb von Patches oder patchübergreifend auf Flächen von bis zu 6 m². Zusätzlich zeigten Populationen ohne Nachweise sexueller Reproduktion eine geringere Genetische Diversität, als Populationen in denen Sporogone gefunden wurden.

Morphologisch konnten für alle drei Arten Möglichkeiten und Typen der klonalen Reproduktion und vegetativen Reproduktion s.str. beschrieben werden, wobei *P. purum* und *P. schreberi* das größte Potenzial der drei untersuchten Arten zeigten. Der wichtigste Mechanismus asexueller Reproduktion ist hierbei die Fähigkeit zur Selbstklonierung (klonale Reproduktion) durch Verrottung und die Teilung der Mutterpflanze in selbständige Dividuen (Ramets). Hinzu kommen drei Typen der vegetativer Reproduktion s.str., Brutäste,

Brutknospen und Brutblätter (diese nur bei *P. schreberi*), die in dieser Arbeit für die untersuchten Arten erstmals beschrieben werden konnten. Zusätzlich muss eine auffällig große Anzahl fehlender Astspitzen und Endknospen als mögliche vegetative Diasporen in Betracht gezogen werden.

Insgesamt deuten die molekularen Ergebnisse darauf hin, dass die untersuchten Populationen einem stärkeren Einfluss von sexueller Reproduktion unterliegen und diesem eine bedeutendere Rolle zukommt, als zuvor auf Grund von zum Teil sehr selten nachgewiesener sexueller Reproduktion angenommen wurde. Zusätzlich zur sexuellen Reproduktion verfügen jedoch alle drei Arten über Möglichkeiten der asexuellen Reproduktion, um den Erhalt und die Ausweitung von Patches und kleineren Populationen auch ohne sexuelle Reproduktion zu sichern.

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Appendix

A1 Vegetational records

A1.1 *Pseudoscleropodium purum*

| <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Plot | NH1 | | Si11 | |
| Locality | Neuehütte | | Silbachtal/Bärental | |
| Country | Brandenburg | | Thuringia | |
| Date | 16.05.2007 | | 14.05.2007 | |
| Latitude, Longitude | 52°52'23.8"N 13°50'45.1"E | | 50°35'46.8"N 10°35'04.6"E | |
| Altitude [m a.s.l.] | 63 | | 428 | |
| Altitudinal zone | lowland | | montane | |
| Inclination/Exposition | 10-15° / West | | 20° / NWW | |
| Relief | middle slope | | middle slope | |
| Tree cover [%] / high [m] | 90 / 15 | | 90 / 25 | |
| Shrub cover [%] / high [m] | 5 / 0.6 | | 0 | |
| Herb cover [%] / high [m] | 15 / 0.2 | | 30 / 20 | |
| Moss cover [%] | 30 | | 60 | |
| Ground cover [%] | 40 | | 5 | |
| Plot size [m²] | 35 | | 15 | |
| Trees | 1 | <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> | 1 | <i>Picea abies</i> |
| Shrubs | s | <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> | s | <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> |
| | s | <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> | s | <i>Picea abies</i> |
| | s | <i>Quercus robur</i> | | |
| | s | <i>Prunus serotina</i> | | |
| Herbs | 2b | <i>Agrostis capillaris</i> | 2a | <i>Agrostis capillaris</i> |
| | + | <i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> | + | <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> |
| | + | <i>Moehringia trinervia</i> | | |
| | + | <i>Carex pilulifera</i> | | |
| | + | <i>Oxalis acetosella</i> | | |
| | + | <i>Dryopteris carthusiana</i> | | |
| Bryophytes | 3 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | 2a | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> |
| | 1m | <i>Aulacomnium androgynum</i> | 2a | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> |
| | 1m | <i>Mnium hornum</i> | 1m | <i>Polytricum formosum</i> |
| | 1m | <i>Plagiothecium laetum</i> var. <i>curvifolium</i> | 1m | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> |
| | 1m | <i>Brachythecium starkei</i> | 1m | <i>Plagiomnium affine</i> |
| | 1m | <i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> | 1m | <i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> |
| | | | 1m | <i>Lophocolea bidentata</i> |
| | | | + | <i>Brachythecium salebrosum</i> |

(s) seedling, (r) 1 individual; (+) 2-5 individuals; (1) 6-50 Individuals or 1-5 Individuals with great habitus, cover ≤ 5%; (1m) more than 50 individuals, cover ≤ 5%; (2a) cover > 5-15%; (2b) cover > 15-25%; (3) cover > 25-50%; (4) cover > 50-75%; (5) cover > 75-100%.

Appendix

A1.2 *Pleurozium schreberi*

| <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| Plot | Sil1 | | Sil2 | | Saarm1 | |
| Locality | Dietzhausen Silbachtal/Bärental | | Dietzhausen Silbachtal/Bärental | | Saarmund | |
| Country | Thuringia | | Thuringia | | Brandenburg | |
| Date | 14.05.2007 | | 14.05.2007 | | 13.06.2006 | |
| Latitude, Longitude | 50°35'46.8"N 10°35'04.6"E | | 50°35'45.2"N 10°35'04.7"E | | 52°18'53.0"N 13°06'31.9"E | |
| Altitude [m a.s.l.] | 428 | | 433 | | 78 | |
| Altitudinal zone | montane | | montane | | lowland | |
| Inclination/exposition | 20° / NWW | | 10° / NWW | | 10° / N | |
| Relief | middle slope | | middle slope | | middle slope | |
| Tree cover [%] / height [m] | 90 / 25 | | 70 / 25 | | 5 / 2 | |
| Shrub cover [%] / height [m] | 0 | | 40 / 5 | | 0 | |
| Herb cover [%] / height [cm] | 30 / 20 | | 20 / 20 | | 20 / 30 | |
| Moss cover [%] | 60 | | 85 | | 80 | |
| Ground cover [%] | 5 | | - | | 10 | |
| Plot size [m²] | 15 | | 12 | | 18 | |
| Trees | 1 | <i>Picea abies</i> | | | 1 | <i>Quercus robur</i> |
| Shrubs | s s | <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> <i>Picea abies</i> | s s | <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> <i>Picea abies</i> | | |
| Herbs | 2a + | <i>Agrostis capillaris</i> <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> | 2a 2a + | <i>Agrostis capillaris</i> <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> <i>Melampyrum sylvaticum</i> | 2b 1m | <i>Calluna vulgaris</i> <i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i> |
| Bryophytes | 2a 2a 1m 1m 1m | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> <i>Polytrichum formosum</i> <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> <i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> | 5 1 1 1 1m | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> <i>Polytrichum formosum</i> <i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> <i>Lophocolea bidentata</i> | 2b 1m 1m | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> <i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> <i>Dicranium scoparium</i> |
| Lichens | | | | | 1m 1m 1m 1m | <i>Cladonia macilenta</i> <i>Cladonia abuscula</i> <i>Cladonia scamosa</i> <i>Cladonia glauca</i> |

(s) seedling, (r) 1 individual; (+) 2-5 individuals; (1) 6-50 Individuals or 1-5 Individuals with great habitus, cover ≤ 5%; (1m) more than 50 individuals, cover ≤ 5%; (2a) cover > 5-15%; (2b) cover > 15-25%; (3) cover > 25-50%; (4) cover > 50-75%; (5) cover > 75-100%.

Appendix

A1.3 *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*

| <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Plot | Sil3 | | Pankow 1 |
| Locality | Silbachtal/Bärental | | Berlin |
| Country | Thuringia | | Berlin |
| Date | 14.05.2007 | | 16.10.2006 |
| Latitude, Longitude | 50°35'45.6"N 10°35'07.0"E | | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.7"E |
| Altitude [m a.s.l.] | 377 | | 54 |
| Altitudinal zone | montane | | lowland |
| Inclination/exposition | 3° / E | | 0° |
| Relief | flat meadow | | flat meadow |
| Tree cover [%] / hight [m] | 0 | | 0 |
| Shrub cover [%] / hight [m] | 0 | | 0 |
| Herb cover [%] / hight [m] | 60 / 30 | | 30 |
| Moss cover [%] | 95 | | 85 |
| Ground cover [%] | 5 | | 0 |
| Plot size [m²] | 15 | | 6 |
| Trees | - | | - |
| Shrubs | s | <i>Populus tremula</i> | - |
| | s | <i>Picea abies</i> | |
| | s | <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> | |
| | s | <i>Quercus robur</i> | |
| Herbs | 3 | <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> | 1 <i>Poa spec.</i> |
| | 2a | <i>Agrostis capillaris</i> | 1 <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> |
| | 1 | <i>Melampyrum sylvaticum</i> | 1 <i>Bellis perennis</i> |
| | 1 | <i>Luzula campestris</i> | 1m <i>Trifolium repens</i> |
| | 1m | <i>Galium saxatile</i> | 1m <i>Trifolium pratense</i> |
| | + | <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> | 1m <i>Plantago major</i> |
| | | | 1m <i>Prunella vulgaris</i> |
| | | | + <i>Ranunculus repens</i> |
| Bryophytes | 5 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | 5 <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> |
| | 2a | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | |
| | 1m | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | |
| | 1m | <i>Polytrichum formosum</i> | |

(s) seedling, (r) 1 individual; (+) 2-5 individuals; (1) 6-50 Individuals or 1-5 Individuals with great habitus, cover ≤ 5%; (1m) more than 50 individuals, cover ≤ 5%; (2a) cover > 5-15%; (2b) cover > 15-25%; (3) cover > 25-50%; (4) cover > 50-75%; (5) cover > 75-100%.

Appendix

A2 List of specimens

A2.1 List of used specimens from herbarium Sebastian Fritz

| Herbar. No. | Collection No. | Date | Species | Country | State | Location | Coordinates | Altitude [m a.s.l.] | Coll. | Det. | Det. date |
|-------------|----------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| 8 | | 03.09.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Scotland | | Inverness, W of city, Dunain Hill | 57°28'N 4°18'W | 230 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.10.2005 |
| 16 | | 09.09.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Scotland | | Glen Nevis | 56°47'N 4°59'W | 250 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.10.2005 |
| 113 | Sil1-A1-P1 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 114 | Sil1-A1-P2 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 115 | Sil1-A2-P3 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 116 | Sil1-A3-P4 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 117 | Sil1-A4-P5 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 118 | Sil1-A4-P6 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 119 | Sil1-A5-P7 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 120 | Sil1-A5-P8 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 121 | Sil1-B2-P9 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 122 | Sil1-B2-P10 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 123 | Sil1-B3-P11 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 124 | Sil1-B4-P12 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 125 | Sil1-B4-P13 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 126 | Sil1-C1-P14-1 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 127 | Sil1-C1-P14-2 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 128 | Sil1-C1-P14-3 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 129 | Sil1-C1-P15 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |

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| 130 | Sil1-C2-P16 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 131 | Sil1-C3-P17 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 132 | Sil1-C4-P18 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 133 | Sil1-A2-S1 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 134 | Sil1-A2-S2 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 140 | Sil1-A4-S8 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 143 | Sil1-A5-S11-1 | 14.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 150 | Sil1-B4-S17-1 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 152 | Sil1-B4-S17-3 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 156 | Sil1-C1-S20 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 159 | Sil1-C2-S22-2 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 160 | Sil1-C3-S22-3 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 165 | Sil1-C5-S26 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 166 | Sil1-A5 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 169 | Sil1- B2 | 15.10.2005 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil1 | 50°35'51.1"N 10°35'09.3"E | 423 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 07.11.2005 |
| 176 | | 05.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Bavaria | Berchtesgadener Alpen, Kühroint Alm | 47°34'16"N 12°57'37"E | 1380 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.10.2005 |
| 177 | | 08.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Römhild, Kl. Gleichberg | 50°24'17"N 10°35'22"E | 469 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.10.2005 |
| 178 | | 10.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Wegscheide, Rennsteig | 50°37'00"N 10°45'56"E | 824 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 10.10.2005 |
| 180 | | 16.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Keulrot, Frankenblick | 50°33'40.3"N 10°41'38.0"E | 648 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2005 |
| 181 | | 16.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Vesser | 50°35'58.9"N 10°47'29.8"E | 681 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2005 |
| 182 | | 17.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Inselsberg, Rennsteig | 50°51'05.8"N 10°27'56.9"E | 910 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 17.10.2005 |
| 183 | | 19.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Geraberg | 50°43'49.4"N 10°52'06.9"E | 515 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 19.10.2005 |

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| 184 | | 19.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Geraberg | 50°43'39.7"N 10°52'11.9"E | 494 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 19.10.2005 |
| 187 | | 21.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Jena, Nennsdorf | 50°53'28"N 10°33'22"E | 344 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 21.10.2005 |
| 190 | | 07.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Dietzhausener Wald | 50°35'26"N 10°34'53"E | 418 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.10.2005 |
| 191 | | 08.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Römhild, Kl. Gleichberg | 50°24'17"N 10°35'22"E | 469 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.10.2005 |
| 196 | | 19.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Geraberg | 50°43'40.6"N 10°52'11.4"E | 513 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 19.10.2005 |
| 200 | | 21.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Jena, Nennsdorf | 50°53'27"N 10°33'09"E | 280 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 21.10.2005 |
| 211 | | 04.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Austria | Salzburg | Salzburg, Untersberg | 47°44'04"N 13°00'24"E | 1100 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 15.11.2005 |
| 215 | | 05.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Bavaria | Berchtesgadener Alpen, Grünstein | 47°36'14"N 12°57'01"E | 760 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 15.11.2005 |
| 239 | | 29.10.2005 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Bleicherode | 51°25'55.7"N 10°34'45.3"E | 316 | M.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.11.2005 |
| 240 | | 28.10.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Summt | 52°41'38.3"N 13°22'54.7"E | | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.11.2005 |
| 241 | | 28.10.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Summt | 52°41'38.3"N 13°22'54.7"E | | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.11.2005 |
| 242 | | 10.12.2005 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Lower Saxony | Harz | 51°50'22.8"N 10°31'59.6"E | 607 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 10.12.2005 |
| 243 | | 10.12.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Lower Saxony | Harz | 51°50'22.8"N 10°31'59.6"E | 607 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 10.12.2005 |
| 244 | | 10.12.2005 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Lower Saxony | Harz | 51°50'38.5"N 10°33'20.9"E | 527 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 10.12.2005 |
| 254 | Sil2-A2-P5 | 05.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil2 | 50°35'49.6"N 10°35'09.4"E | 433 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 05.04.2006 |
| 267 | Sil2-B1-P18 | 05.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil2 | 50°35'49.6"N 10°35'09.4"E | 433 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 05.04.2006 |
| 269 | Sil2-B1-P20 | 05.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil2 | 50°35'49.6"N 10°35'09.4"E | 433 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 05.04.2006 |
| 271 | Sil2-B2-P22 | 05.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil2 | 50°35'49.6"N 10°35'09.4"E | 433 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 05.04.2006 |
| 276 | Sil2-B3-P27 | 05.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil2 | 50°35'49.6"N 10°35'09.4"E | 433 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 05.04.2006 |
| 277 | Sil2-B3-P28 | 05.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil2 | 50°35'49.6"N 10°35'09.4"E | 433 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 05.04.2006 |
| 280 | Sil2-B4-P31 | 06.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil2 | 50°35'49.6"N 10°35'09.4"E | 433 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 06.04.2006 |
| 291 | Sil2-C4-P42 | 06.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil2 | 50°35'49.6"N 10°35'09.4"E | 433 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 06.04.2006 |

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| 302 | | 08.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Baden Württemberg | Mönchberg, Schönbuch | 48°35'13.0"N 08°55'19.0"E | 521 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.04.2006 |
| 304 | | 09.04.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Baden Württemberg | Bad Urach, Waterfall | 48°29'29.7"N 09°22'32.1"E | 470 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.04.2006 |
| 309 | | 12.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Baden Württemberg | Waldenbuch, Schönbuch | 48°38'42.4"N 09°06'53.6"E | 370 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 12.04.2006 |
| 313 | Sarm1-A1-P1 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 314 | Sarm1-A1-P2 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 317 | Sarm1-A2-P5 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 327 | Sarm1-B2- P15 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 328 | Sarm1-B2- P16 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 335 | Sarm1-C1- P23 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 336 | Sarm1-C1- P24 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 337 | Sarm1-C2- P25 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 338 | Sarm1-C2- P26 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 341 | Sarm1-C3- P29 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 342 | Sarm1-C4- P30 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 343 | Sarm1-C4- P31 | 23.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 23.05.2006 |
| 347 | Sarm1-D2- P35 | 24.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 24.05.2006 |
| 361 | Sarm1-E3- P49 | 24.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Saarmund, Eichenberg, Saarm1 | 52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E | 78 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 24.05.2006 |
| 369 | | 26.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neue Hütte | 52°52'14.9"N 13°51'17.9"E | | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.05.2006 |
| 374 | | 15.04.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Hesse | Frankenau, Bärenmühle | 51°05'47"N 08°54'00"E | 300 | F.lelo | S.Fritz | 26.05.2006 |
| 375 | | 15.04.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Hesse | Frankenau | 51°05'32"N 08°56'00"E | 420 | F.lelo | S.Fritz | 26.05.2006 |
| 376 | | 15.04.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Hesse | Frankenau | 51°05'32"N 08°56'00"E | 420 | F.lelo | S.Fritz | 24.05.2006 |
| 377 | | 03.06.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Löbten | 52°09'00"N 13°41'31"E | 40 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 03.06.2006 |

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| 378 | | 04.06.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Köthen, Krausnicker Berge | 52°04'06.3"N 13°48'24.4"E | 62 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 04.06.2006 |
| 379 | | 04.06.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Köthen, Krausnicker Berge | 52°03'35.0"N 13°47'53.1"E | 52 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 04.06.2006 |
| 380 | | 23.07.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania | Jägerhof | 54°02'21.3"N 13°38'58.6"E | 30 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 27.07.2006 |
| 381 | | 23.07.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania | Jägerhof | 54°02'21.3"N 13°38'58.6"E | 30 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 27.07.2006 |
| 382 | | 23.07.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania | Jägerhof | 54°02'31.0"N 13°39'07.1"E | 30 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 27.07.2006 |
| 387 | | 14.01.2003 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | England | Derbyshire | Via Gellia, above Middleton Wood | Grid reference: SK27.56. | 260 | T.L. Blockeel | T.L. Blockeel | 14.01.2003 |
| 388 | | 29.05.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | England | Derbyshire | below Mam Tor, near Castleton | Grid reference: SK131836 | 360 | T.L. Blockeel | T.L. Blockeel | 29.05.2006 |
| 390 | NH1-A1-S2 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 392 | NH1-A1-S4 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 393 | NH1-A2-S5 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 397 | NH1-A3-S9 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 398 | NH1-A3-S10 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 401 | NH1-A5-S13 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 402 | NH1-A6-S14 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 403 | NH1-A6-S15 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 408 | NH1-B2-S20 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 409 | NH1-B3-S21 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 410 | NH1-B3-S22 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 411 | NH1-B3-S23 | 08.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 08.08.2006 |
| 425 | NH1-C1-S37 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 426 | NH1-C1-S38 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |

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| 427 | NH1-C1-S39 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 429 | NH1-C2-S41 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 433 | NH1-C4-S45 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 439 | NH1-C6-S51 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 447 | NH1-D2-S59 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 452 | NH1-D3-S64 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 457 | NH1-D5-S69 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 468 | NH1-E2-S80 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 479 | NH1-E5-S91 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 481 | NH1-E6-S93 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 482 | NH1-E7-S94 | 09.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Neuehütte, NH1 | 52°52'28.8"N 13°50'51.8"E | 63 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.08.2006 |
| 485 | | 28.08.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Austria | Kärnten | Seeboden | 46°49'N 13°31'E | 600 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 28.08.2006 |
| 486 | | 28.08.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Slovenia | | | 45°53'52"N 14°15'25"E | 500 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 28.08.2006 |
| 487 | | 09.09.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Slovakia | | | 48°32'59"N 17°00'42"E | 170 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.09.2006 |
| 488 | | 09.09.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Slovakia | | | 48°32'59"N 17°00'42"E | 170 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.09.2006 |
| 490 | | 09.09.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Saxony | Marienbergrain | 50°35'47"N 13°10'47"E | 740 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 09.09.2006 |
| 492 | | 29.09.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Bavaria | Neudrossenfeld | 50°01'39.2"N 11°30'05.2"E | 358 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 29.09.2006 |
| 493 | | 29.09.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Bavaria | Neudrossenfeld | 50°01'39.2"N 11°30'05.2"E | 358 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 29.09.2006 |
| 494 | | 29.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Bavaria | Bayreuth | 49°56'56.2"N 11°37'17.0"E | 386 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 29.09.2006 |
| 496 | | 02.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Lengfeld | 50°31'19.3"N 10°39'19.3"E | 410 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 02.10.2006 |
| 497 | Sil3-A1-R1 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |
| 502 | Sil3-A1-R6 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |

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| 503 | Sil3-A1-R7 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |
| 506 | Sil3-A1-R10 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |
| 507 | Sil3-A1-R11 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |
| 508 | Sil3-A1-R12 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |
| 511 | Sil3-A2-R15 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |
| 512 | Sil3-A2-R16 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |
| 518 | Sil3-A3-R22 | 25.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 25.09.2006 |
| 519 | Sil3-A4-R23 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 520 | Sil3-A4-R24 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 525 | Sil3-A5-R29 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 533 | Sil3-B1-R37 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 534 | Sil3-B1-R38 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 536 | Sil3-B2-R40 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 546 | Sil3-B3-R50 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 552 | Sil3-B4-R56 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 562 | Sil3-B5-R66 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 566 | Sil3-C1-R70 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 573 | Sil3-C2-R77 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 582 | Sil3-C3-R86 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 590 | Sil3-C4-R94 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 603 | Sil3-C5-R107 | 26.09.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Sil3 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 609 | Sil-R113 | 03.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Bärenal | 50°35'47.2"N 10°35'06.7"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 03.10.2006 |

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| 610 | Sil-R114 | 03.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Bärenthal | 50°35'46.3"N 10°35'07.3"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 03.10.2006 |
| 611 | Sil-R115 | 03.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Bärenthal | 50°35'44.7"N 10°35'08.7"E | 430 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 03.10.2006 |
| 612 | Sil-R116 | 03.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Bärenthal | 50°35'47.3"N 10°35'10.6"E | 425 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 03.10.2006 |
| 613 | | 26.09.2006 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Bärenthal | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 26.09.2006 |
| 615 | B1-A1-R1 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.6"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 617 | B1-A1-R3 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 619 | B1-A1-R5 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 621 | B1-A2-R7 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 622 | B1-A2-R8 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 624 | B1-A2-R10 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 626 | B1-A3-R12 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.6"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 627 | B1-A3-R13 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.6"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 630 | B1-A3-R16 | 16.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.6"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 16.10.2006 |
| 634 | B1-R20 | 17.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.6"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 17.10.2006 |
| 637 | B1-R23 | 17.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.6"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 17.10.2006 |
| 638 | B1-R24 | 17.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow, B1 | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.6"E | 54 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 17.10.2006 |
| 639 | | 18.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow | 52°33'38.4"N 13°24'13.6"E | 50 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 18.10.2006 |
| 640 | | 18.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow | 52°34'13.3"N 13°24'52.9"E | 50 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 18.10.2006 |
| 641 | | 18.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Berlin | Pankow | 52°34'13.1"N 13°23'41.3"E | 50 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 18.10.2006 |
| 645 | R.s.1 | 09.04.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Saalburg | 50°31'43"N 11°42'47"E | 404 | K.Lieske | K.Lieske | 09.04.2006 |
| 646 | R.s.0 | 11.04.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Nennsdorf | 50°53'31"N 11°32'49"E | 223 | K.Lieske | K.Lieske | 11.04.2006 |
| 647 | R.s.Lindena | 01.08.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Lindena | 51°35'27.3"N 13°32'13.2"E | 92 | K.Lieske | K.Lieske | 01.08.2006 |

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| 648 | R.s.3 | 12.04.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Treffurf, Schnellmannshausen | 51°06'32"N 10°12'27"E | 290 | K.Lieske | K.Lieske | 12.04.2006 |
| 650 | | 28.10.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Lindow, Seebeck | 52°56'19.9"N 13°01'55.7"E | 55 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 28.10.2006 |
| 651 | | 28.10.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Lindow, Seebeck | 52°56'19.9"N 13°01'55.7"E | 55 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 28.10.2006 |
| 652 | | 27.12.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Bad Saarow | 52°17'39"N 14°02'28"E | 60 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 27.12.2006 |
| 653 | | 30.12.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Brandenburg | Biesenbrow | 53°07'34.4"N 13°59'38.5"E | 50 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 30.12.2006 |
| 655 | | 12.04.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Germany | Northrhine-Westphalia | Gde. Ruppichteroth, Schönenberg | TK25 5110.41 | | M.Stech | M.Stech | 12.04.2006 |
| 657 | | 11.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | France | Bretagne | Le Faou | 48°17'N 04°10'E | | K.Thomas | S.Fritz | 07.02.2007 |
| 658 | | 21.05.2006 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | England | Derbyshire | Calver Low, near Stoney Middleton | 53°16'N 01°39'W | 190 | T.L.Blockeel | T.L.Blockeel | |
| 660 | 06.35 | 17.08.2006 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | Australia | Tasmania | Horbat, University of Tasmania campus | 147°20'E 42°53'S | | P.J.Dalton | P.J.Dalton | 17.08.2007 |
| 661 | | 17.03.2007 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Lower Saxony | Bohdorf | 53°10'43.4"N 10°39'27.6"E | 96 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 17.03.2007 |
| 662 | | 13.01.2007 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Lower Saxony | Andrup-Lage, Haselünne | 52°39'14.3"N 07°32'36.0"E | | B.Röllig | S.Fritz | 16.04.2007 |
| 664 | M. Stech B060411.1 | 11.04.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Northrhine-Westphalia | Rhein-Sieg-Kreis, Gde. Ruppichteroth | TK25 S110.24 | | M.Stech | M.Stech | 11.04.2006 |
| 665 | | 14.05.2007 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Germany | Thuringia | Dietzhausen, Bärenthal | 50°35'46.7"N 10°35'07.1"E | 426 | S.Fritz | S.Fritz | 14.05.2007 |
| 666 | | 04.06.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | England | Cumbria | Scout Scar, near Kendal | 54°19'N 02°47'E | 135 | T.L.Blockeel | T.L.Blockeel | |
| 667 | | 21.05.2006 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | England | Derbyshire | Calver Low near Stoney Middleton | 53°16'N 01°38'E | 160 | T.L.Blockeel | T.L.Blockeel | |
| 668 | | 02.02.2007 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Canada | BC | Vancouver, Dunbar area | 49°15'N 123°06'E | | W.B. Schofield | W.B. Schofield | |
| 669 | 97.61 | 02.06.1997 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Australia | Tasmania | Rosebery Golf Cours, ca 5km west of Rosebery | 145°30'E 41°47'S | | P.J.Dalton | P.J.Dalton | 02.06.1997 |
| 670 | | 29.01.2007 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Canada | BC | E Vancouver | 49°15'N 123°06'E | | O. Lee | W.B. Schofield | |

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A2.2 List of used duplicates and samples of other herbaria

| Duplicat No. | Original Collection | Herbar. No. | Date | Species | Country | State/ Province | Location | Coordinates | Altitude [m a.s.l.] | Coll. | Det. | Det. date |
|--------------|--|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| D1 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B93195 | 30.06.2004 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Schweden | Åsele Lappmark | Klimpfjäll area, the northern spur of Mt. Stikken | 65°07'N 14°31'E | 760-860 | L. Hedenäs | L. Hedenäs | 30.06.2004 |
| D2 | Herbarium H. Kürschner | 7739 | 15.09.2001 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Ecuador | Prov. Napo: Cordillera Oriental | Quito | | 3900 | H. Kürschner & G. Parolly | H. Kürschner & G. Parolly | 15.09.2001 |
| D3 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B82824 | 16.07.2003 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Norway | Troms, Lyngen | Mts. Kjøstindane, E portion of Mt. Rundtinden | 69°36'N 20°12'E | 720 | L. Hedenäs | L. Hedenäs | 16.07.2003 |
| D4 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B95393 | 24.06.2003 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Poland | Western Carpathians, Beskid Wysoki Mts. | Mt. Leszczak, Raba Wyzna commune, SE of peak | ATMOS grid square: Gd 29 | 830 | A. Stebel | A. Stebel | 24.06.2003 |
| D5 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B84958 | 15.07.1999 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | U.S.A. | Alaska Peninsula area | Nakchamik Island | 56°21'N 157°50'W | | W.B. Schofield & S. Talbot | W.B. Schofield | 15.07.1999 |
| D6 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B63488 | 06.07.1999 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | U.S.A. | Alaska Peninsula area | Ivanof Bay, outwash area beyond settlement behind Ivanof River delta | 56°00'N 159°30'W | | W.B. Schofield & S. Talbot | W.B. Schofield | 06.07.1999 |
| D7 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B103725 | 16.06.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Italy | Süd-Tirol | Brommersein, along path No. 23 | 46°54'N 11°25'E | 1200 | L. Hedenäs | L. Hedenäs | 16.06.2005 |
| D8 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B105173 | 11.09.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Sweden | Jämtland | Kall, along lake Kallsjön, 0.7 km SW to 1.4 Km SSW of Bratteggen | 63°26'N 13°22'E | 385 | L. Hedenäs | L. Hedenäs | 11.09.2005 |
| D9 | (MUB) Herbarium Universitatis Murcicae | 18553 | 12.08.2005 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Spain | León | Puerto de las Señales | 43°04'28"N 05°14'31"W | 1640 | M.J. Cano 2513 | M.J. Cano | 12.08.2005 |
| D10 | (MUB) Herbarium Universitatis Murcicae | 17521 | 12.08.2004 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Spain | La Rioja | 2 km NE del Puerto de Piqueras | 42°04'01"N 02°31'00"W | 1685 | M.J. Cano 1641 | M.J. Cano | 12.08.2004 |

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| D11 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 18.06.1996 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Russia | European Russia | Moscow Prov. Serpukhov Distr., Pushchino | 54°50'N 37°36'E | | M. Ignatov | M. Ignatov | |
| D12 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 19.08.2001 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Russia | European Russia | Vologda | 58°39'N 40°25'E | | M. Ignatov & Ignatova | M. Ignatov & Ignatova | |
| D13 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 10.08.1999 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Russia | European Russia | Volgograd Prov. | | | M. Ignatov | M. Ignatov | |
| D14 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 19.06.2001 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Russia | Urals | Bashkortostan | | | Zolotov #13-65 | Zolotov | |
| D15 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 08.07.1993 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Russia | Altai | Siberia | 51°09'N 86°30'E | 1800 | M. Ignatov & Ignatova | M. Ignatov & Ignatova | |
| D16 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 24.08.1997 | <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | Russia | Russia, Far East | Khabarovsk Territory | 51°49'N 134°42'E | | M. Ignatov 97-369 | M. Ignatov | |
| D17 | (CHR) Allan Herbarium, Landcare Research | CHR 573303 | 12.09.2003 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | New Zealand | South Auckland Land District | Hunua Ranges, Lower Wairoa Loop Track | NZMS 260: S12 990 523 | 120 | Macmillan BH 03/11 | Macmillan BH | 12.09.2003 |
| D20 | (CHR) Allan Herbarium, Landcare Research | CHR 515090 | 27.11.1997 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | New Zealand | Nelson Land District | Reefton, town domain | NZMS 260: L30 166 979 NZMS1: S38 335 281 | 200 | A. Fife 11128 | A. Fife | 27.11.1997 |
| D21 | (CHR) Allan Herbarium, Landcare Research | CHR 510557 | 08.05.1996 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | New Zealand | Westland Land District | Whataroa, St Lukes Churchyard | NZMS 260: L35 936 685 NZMS1: S71 987 890 | 40 | Macmillan BH 96/43 | Macmillan BH | |
| D23 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B34273 | 20.06.2000 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | Sweden | Uppland, Möja | 1 km WNW of Långvik | | | L. Hedenäs | | |
| D25 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B62874 | 26.09.2001 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | France | Alpes Maritimes, Sospel, Fort de Castès | | 43°50'N 07°30'E | 600 | Gillis & Patricia Een | | |

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| D26 | (MUB) Herbarium Universitatis Murcicae | Bryotheca 16725 | 08.11.1003 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Spain | Avila: Sierra de Gredos, Hoyocasero | | 40°39'N 04°41'E | | J. Guerra | | |
| D27 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B42787 | 26.09.2000 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | Azores | São Miguel, Sete Cidades | Romangos | 37°52'N 25°49'W | 280 | L. Hedenäs | | |
| D28 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B42788 | 30.09.2000 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | Azores | Flores, Faja Grande | along first c. 2 km of road to Morro Alto | 39°26'N 31°14'W | 500-600 | L. Hedenäs | | |
| D29 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B22295 | 1999 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | Madeira | Ribeira do Moreno (Norte) | CB 31 19 e CB 32 19 | | 300-350 | S. Fontinha 11 | L. Hedenäs | |
| D30 | (JE) Herbarium Haussknecht, Jena | - | 17.09.2002 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Italy | Liguria: Riviera di Levanta | zwischen Bonassola u. Auzo | | | R. Marstaller | R. Marstaller | 17.09.2002 |
| D31 | (JE) Herbarium Haussknecht, Jena | - | 07.06.2001 | <i>Scleropodium purum</i> | Greek | N Aegaeis: Thassos: NO Küste UTMLF2 | | | 500-550 | R. Düll | R. Düll | 07.06.2001 |
| D32 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B47979 | 21.05.1997 | <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | Canada | Saturna Island | East Piont | 48°47'N 123°05'W | | W.B. Schofield 107765 | | |
| D34 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B75208 | 04.09.2002 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Belgium | Luxembourg, Léglise, forêt d'Anlier | | | | A. Vanderpoorten R4 | A. Vanderpoorten | |
| D35 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B82975 | 17.07.2003 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Norway | Troms, Lyngen, Vardu | around large waterfall of Rive Storelva | 69°37'N 20°15'E | 170 | L. Hedenäs | L. Hedenäs | |
| D36 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B104945 | 11.09.2005 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Sweden | Jämtland, Kall | along lake Kallsjön, 0.7km SW to 1.4km SSW of Bratteggen | 63°26'N 13°22'E | 385 | L. Hedenäs | L. Hedenäs | |
| D37 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B91732 | 25.05.2004 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Sweden | Småland, Norra Unnaryd | just N of N. Unnaryd's school | 57°36'N 13°45'E | 180 | L. Hedenäs | L. Hedenäs | |

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| D38 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B92414 | 15.06.2003 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Poland | Western Carpathians, Beskid Makowski Mts. | Harbutowice-Końce, Sułkowice commune | ATMOS grid square Fd 98 | 540 | A. Stebel | | |
| D39 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 21.07.1996 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Russia | European Russia | Smolensk Province, Sergo-Ivanovskoye | 55°28'N 34°45'E | 200 | M. Ignatov | M. Ignatov | |
| D40 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 03.08.1996 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Russia | European Russia | Moscow, Losiny Ostrov (Лосиный Остров) | 55°51'N 37°47'E | 168 | M. Ignatov | M. Ignatov | |
| D41 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 08.08.1998 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus</i> | Russia | European Russia | Murmansk Province, Khibiny rocks (Чъибиний) | 67°40'N 33°12'E | | M. Ignatov | S. Fritz | 20.09.2008 |
| D42 | (MUB) Herbarium Universitatis Murcicae | 18567 | 13.08.2005 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Spain | León: Maraña, base del Mampodre | valle de Valverde | 43°02'03"N 05°12'12"W | 1650 | M.J. Cano 2526 | M.J. Cano | |
| D43 | (MUB) Herbarium Universitatis Murcicae | 17534 | 12.08.2004 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Spain | Soria | Barranco de las Monjas | 42°06'01"N 02°30'17"W | 1415 | M.J. Cano 1653 | M.J. Cano | |
| D44 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B44105 | 30.09.2000 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | Portugal | Azores, Flores, Faja Grande | along first c. 2 km of road to Morro Alto | 39°26'N 31°14'W | 500-600 | L. Hedenäs | L. Hedenäs | |
| D46 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B92235 | 28.07.2003 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus</i> | USA | West Virginia, Pocahontas County, Mill Point | 100 yds N of exit, Cranberry Glades Boardwalk Trail, Cranberry Glades Botanical Area | 38°09'N 80°10'W | 3000 f | C.E. Darigo 3959 | S. Fritz | 20.09.2008 |
| D47 | (S) Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm | B95136 | 20.08.2000 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | USA | Alaska, Murder Point, Attu Island, Aleutian Is. | open area near road | 52°48'N 173°10'W | | W.B. Schofield 116281 | W.B. Schofield | |

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| D48 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 16.08.2001 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus</i> | Russia | European Russia | Vologda Province | 60°17'N 41°30'E | | M. Ignatov & Ignatova | S. Fritz | 20.09.2008 |
| D50 | (MHA) Main Botanical Garden, Moscow | - | 14.08.2000 | <i>Rhytidiadelphus subpinnatus</i> | Russia | European Russia North | Archangelsk (Архангельск) Province, Carl | | | Churakova | S. Fritz | 20.09.2008 |

A3 Morpho-anatomical analysis

A3.1 *Pseudoscleropodium purum*

| <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| Australia | 660 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | - | no sex | |
| Azores I | D27 | no | - | 3 | 1 | 0 | 24 | - | male | |
| Azores II | D28 | no | - | 2 | 0 | 2 | 49 | - | female | |
| Bad Saarow BB | 652 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 4 | 134 | - | no sex | |
| Bad Urach BW | 304 | yes | Along shoot | 8 | 9 | 0 | 65 | - | no sex | |
| Biesenbrow BB | 653 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 1 | 66 | - | no sex | |
| Canada | D32 | no | - | 0 | 2 | 1 | 19 | - | no sex | |
| Dietzhausen TH | 190 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | - | no sex | |
| England | 658 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | - | female | |
| France I | D25 | no | - | 3 | 1 | 0 | 33 | - | no sex | |
| France II | 657 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | - | female | |
| Frankenau H | 375 | no | - | 0 | 5 | 0 | 64 | - | female | |
| Geraberg TH | 196 | no | - | 3 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 2 Caducous shoot apices | no sex | |
| Greece | D31 | yes | Basis | 1 | 0 | 0 | 27 | - | no sex | |
| Harz N | 244 | no | - | 0 | 4 | 1 | 23 | - | no sex | |
| Italy | D30 | yes | Basis | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | - | no sex | |
| Jägerhof MV | 381 | yes | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | 35 | Caducous shoot apex | no sex | |
| Köthen BB | 379 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | - | not certain | |
| Lindow BB | 651 | yes | Side branch tips, shoot | 1 | 1 | 1 | 65 | - | no sex | |
| Madeira | D29 | no | - | 4 | 1 | 0 | 35 | - | no sex | |
| Nennsdorf TH | 200 | no | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | 30 | - | no sex | |
| Neudrossenfeld BY | 493 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 2 | 0 | 33 | - | no sex | |
| New Zealand | D17 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-A1-S2 | 390 | no | - | 5 | 2 | 0 | 27 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-A1-S4-br1 | 392 | no | - | 0 | 3 | 2 | 158 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-A1-S4-br2 | 392 | no | - | 0 | 3 | 2 | 158 | - | no sex | 2. branch, same plant |

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| <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| NH1-A2-S5 | 393 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-A3-S10 | 398 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-A3-S9 | 397 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 59 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-A5-S13 | 401 | no | - | 2 | 2 | 0 | 49 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-A6-S14 | 402 | yes | Basal side branch tips | 0 | 5 | 0 | 66 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-A6-S15 | 403 | yes | Basal side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-B2-S20 | 408 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-B3-S21 | 409 | no | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 46 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-B3-S22 | 410 | no | - | 0 | 6 | 0 | 59 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-B3-S23 | 411 | no | - | 0 | 2 | 1 | 61 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-C1-S37 | 425 | yes | Along shoot | 2 | 0 | 0 | 21 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-C1-S38 | 426 | yes | Along shoot | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-C1-S39 | 427 | yes | Side branch tips | 4 | 0 | 0 | 118 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-C2-S41 | 429 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 62 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-C4-S45 | 433 | no | - | 1 | 1 | 0 | 44 | - | not certain | |
| NH1-C6-S51 | 439 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-D2-S59 | 447 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-D3-S64 | 452 | yes | Along shoot | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-D5-S69 | 457 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-E2-S80 | 468 | yes | Shoot basal | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-E5-S91 | 479 | no | - | 5 | 0 | 0 | 43 | - | no sex | |
| NH1-E6-S93 | 481 | yes | Side branch tips, shoot | 8 | 4 | 0 | 141 | 2 Brood branches | no sex | |
| NH1-E7-S94 | 482 | no | - | 0 | 6 | 0 | 127 | - | no sex | very big plant |
| Römhild TH | 191 | no | - | 2 | 3 | 1 | 63 | - | female | |
| Schönenberg NRW | 655 | no | - | 2 | 0 | 4 | 32 | - | female | |
| Scotland | 16 | no | - | 0 | 3 | 0 | 19 | - | not certain | |
| Sil1-A2-S1 | 133 | yes | Along side branch | 5 | 8 | 9 | 61 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-A2-S2 | 134 | yes | Side branch tips | 3 | 10 | 1 | 30 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-A4-S8 | 140 | yes | Side branch Tips, shoot | 7 | 4 | 3 | 50 | Caducous shoot apex | no sex | |
| Sil1-A5-S11-1 | 143 | yes | Shoot | 13 | 10 | 9 | 58 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-B4-S17-1 | 150 | yes | Shoot | 9 | 9 | 1 | 43 | Caducous shoot apex | no sex | |

Appendix

| <i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| Sil1-B4-S17-3 | 152 | yes | - | 2 | 1 | 3 | 26 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-C1-S20 | 156 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-C2-S22-2 | 159 | yes | Side branch Tipps, shoot | 0 | 0 | 3 | 39 | Brood branch | no sex | |
| Sil1-C3-S22-3 | 160 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-C5-S26 | 165 | no | - | 3 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 3 Caducous shoot apices | no sex | |
| Slovakia | 487 | no | - | 3 | 0 | 1 | 31 | - | no sex | |
| Slovenia | 486 | yes | Along shoot | 8 | 4 | 0 | 40 | - | no sex | |
| Spain | D26 | no | - | 2 | 1 | 0 | 43 | - | female | |
| Summt BB | 241 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | - | no sex | |
| Sweden | D23 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | - | no sex | |

Appendix

A3.2 *Pleurozium schreberi*

| <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| Bayreuth BY | 492 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 80 | - | female | |
| Berchtesgaden I | 176 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 4 | 2 | 44 | - | no sex | |
| Berchtesgaden II | 215 | yes | Along side branch | 0 | 4 | 0 | 28 | - | no sex | |
| Dietzhausen TH | 613 | yes | Side branch tips | 3 | 2 | 3 | 39 | - | female | c.fr. |
| Ecuador | D2 | no | - | 0 | 2 | 0 | 20 | - | female | |
| England I | 387 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | - | no sex | |
| England II | 388 | yes | Along side branch | 3 | 6 | 0 | 49 | - | female | |
| Frankenau H | 374 | no | - | 0 | 4 | 0 | 37 | - | female | |
| Geraberg I | 183 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 2 Brood branches | female | |
| Geraberg II | 184 | no | - | 5 | 4 | 0 | 33 | - | female | |
| Harz N | 243 | yes | Leaf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 18 | - | no sex | |
| Inselsberg TH | 182 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 6 | 9 | 36 | - | no sex | |
| Italy | D7 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 0 | 1 | 35 | - | female | |
| Jägerhof MV | 380 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 3 | 0 | 31 | - | no sex | |
| Keulrod TH | 180 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | - | no sex | |
| Kl. Gleichberg TH | 177 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 3 | 0 | 45 | - | male | |
| Köthen BB | 378 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 2 | 0 | 66 | - | female | c.fr. |
| Löbten BB | 377 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 2 | 1 | 36 | - | female | c.fr. |
| Marienberg S | 490 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 8 | 5 | 79 | 2 Brood branches | no sex | |
| Mönchberg BW | 302 | yes | Brood branch | 5 | 2 | 3 | 47 | Brood branch | no sex | |
| Nennsdorf TH | 187 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 3 | 0 | 19 | - | no sex | |
| Neuehütte BB | 369 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 1 | 23 | - | no sex | |
| Norway | D3 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 1 | 26 | - | no sex | |
| Poland | D4 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 3 | 2 | 19 | - | no sex | |
| Rennsteig TH | 178 | no | - | 2 | 2 | 0 | 37 | - | no sex | |
| Russia I | D11 | yes | Side branch tips | 5 | 7 | 3 | 50 | - | no sex | |
| Russia II | D12 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 4 | 0 | 65 | - | no sex | |
| Russia III | D13 | yes | Side branch tips | 4 | 3 | 2 | 65 | - | female | |

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| <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| Russia IV | D14 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 3 | 36 | - | no sex | |
| Russia V | D15 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 1 | 30 | - | no sex | |
| Russia VI | D16 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 2 | 45 | - | female | |
| Saarm1-A1-P1 | 313 | yes | Side branch tips | 6 | 2 | 3 | 60 | - | female | c.fr. |
| Saarm1-A1-P2 | 314 | no | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 62 | - | female | c.fr. |
| Saarm1-A2-P5 | 317 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 1 | 29 | - | male | |
| Saarm1-B2-P15 | 327 | no | - | 2 | 3 | 0 | 29 | - | no sex | |
| Saarm1-B2-P16 | 328 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 1 | 55 | - | male | |
| Saarm1-C1-P23 | 335 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | - | no sex | |
| Saarm1-C1-P24 | 336 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | - | no sex | |
| Saarm1-C2-P25 | 337 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 0 | 0 | 29 | - | male | |
| Saarm1-C2-P26 | 338 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | - | male | |
| Saarm1-C3-P29 | 341 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 | - | male | |
| Saarm1-C4-P30 | 342 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 0 | 94 | - | female | |
| Saarm1-C4-P31 | 343 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | - | no sex | |
| Saarm1-D2-P35 | 347 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 1 | 1 | 25 | - | female | c.fr. |
| Saarm1-E3-P49 | 361 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | - | female | |
| Salzburg | 211 | yes | Along side branch | 0 | 6 | 0 | 26 | - | no sex | |
| Scotland | 8 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 3 | 0 | 61 | - | female | |
| Sil1-A1-P1 | 113 | no | - | 2 | 7 | 0 | 27 | Caducous shoot apex | no sex | |
| Sil1-A1-P2 | 114 | no | - | 5 | 0 | 2 | 18 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-A2-P3 | 115 | no | - | 5 | 0 | 0 | 17 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-A3-P4 | 116 | yes | Along Side branch and on tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | Caducous shoot apex | no sex | |
| Sil1-A4-P5 | 117 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-A4-P6 | 118 | no | - | 0 | 2 | 0 | 14 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-A5-P7 | 119 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 2 | 18 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-A5-P8 | 120 | no | - | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-B2-P9 | 121 | yes | Side branch tips | 3 | 0 | 1 | 17 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-B2-P10 | 122 | yes | Leaf | 2 | 2 | 0 | 24 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-B3-P11 | 123 | yes | Stem and side branch tips | 3 | 1 | 0 | 47 | 2 Caducous shoot apices | no sex | |
| Sil1-B4-P12 | 124 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 2 | 3 | - | 2 Brood branches | no sex | |

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| <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|--------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| Sil1-B4-P13 | 125 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 2 | 0 | 18 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-C1-P14-1 | 126 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 3 | 5 | 21 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-C1-P14-2 | 127 | yes | Side branch tips | 3 | 3 | 0 | 39 | Brood branch | no sex | |
| Sil1-C1-P14-3 | 128 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 4 | 0 | 11 | Caducous shoot apex | no sex | |
| Sil1-C1-P15 | 129 | yes | Basis | 1 | 1 | 0 | 19 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-C2-P16 | 130 | no | - | 0 | 3 | 3 | 35 | Caducous shoot apex | no sex | |
| Sil1-C3-P17 | 131 | yes | Side branch tips | 3 | 0 | 1 | 66 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-C4-P18 | 132 | yes | Side branch tips | 3 | 2 | 5 | 42 | - | no sex | |
| Sil2-A2-P5 | 254 | yes | Side branch tips | 5 | 10 | 13 | 46 | - | female | |
| Sil2-B1-P18 | 267 | yes | Side branch tips | 6 | 4 | 12 | 65 | - | female | |
| Sil2-B1-P20 | 269 | yes | Side branch tips | 3 | 6 | 11 | 112 | 4 Brood branches | no sex | |
| Sil2-B2-P22 | 271 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 4 | 8 | 36 | - | female | |
| Sil2-B3-P27 | 276 | yes | Anlong side branch | 11 | 11 | 8 | 47 | - | female | |
| Sil2-B3-P28 | 277 | no | - | 3 | 6 | 6 | 34 | - | female | |
| Sil2-B4-P31 | 280 | no | - | 6 | 11 | 5 | 42 | - | female | |
| Sil2-C4-P42 | 291 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 3 | 10 | 52 | - | female | |
| Slovakia | 488 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 37 | - | no sex | |
| Spain I | D9 | yes | Along stem | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | - | no sex | |
| Spain II | D10 | no | - | 8 | 5 | 0 | 19 | - | no sex | |
| Summt BB | 240 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 3 | 0 | 86 | - | female | |
| Sweden I | D1 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 1 | 0 | 26 | - | no sex | |
| Sweden II | D8 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | - | female | |
| USA Alaska I | D5 | no | - | 0 | 3 | 1 | 55 | - | female | |
| USA Alaska II | D6 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 1 | 0 | 28 | - | female | |
| Vesser TH | 181 | yes | Side branch tips | 5 | 5 | 0 | 117 | - | female | |
| Waldenbuch BW | 309 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | - | female | |

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A3.3 *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* and *R. subpinnatus*

| <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|--|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| Alaska | D47 | yes | Along side branch and stem | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 | - | male | |
| Australia | 669 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | - | no sex | |
| Australia II | 669 | yes | Along stem | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | - | no sex | |
| Australia III | 669 | yes | Along stem | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 | - | no sex | |
| Austria | 485 | no | - | 0 | 9 | 0 | 38 | - | no sex | |
| Azores | D44 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | - | no sex | |
| B1-A1-R1 | 615 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | - | no sex | |
| B1-A1-R3 | 617 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | - | female | |
| B1-A1-R5 | 619 | yes | Side branch tips and stem | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 | - | no sex | |
| B1-A2-R10 | 624 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 2 brood branches | female | |
| B1-A2-R7 | 621 | yes | Side branch tips and stem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | - | female | |
| B1-A2-R8 | 622 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | - | no sex | |
| B1-A3-R12 | 626 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | - | no sex | |
| B1-A3-R13 | 627 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | - | female | |
| B1-A3-R16 | 630 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | - | no sex | |
| B1-R20 | 634 | no | - | 0 | 4 | 0 | 8 | - | female | |
| B1-R23 | 637 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | - | female | |
| B1-R24 | 638 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 1 | 0 | 17 | - | female | |
| Bayreuth BY | 494 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | - | female | |
| Belgium | D34 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 0 | 26 | - | male | |
| Bleicherode TH | 239 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 25 | - | no sex | |
| Bohndorf NI | 661 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | - | female | |
| Canada I | 668 | no | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | - | no sex | |
| Canada II | 670 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | - | no sex | |
| Dietzhausen TH | 665 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | - | female | c.fr. |
| England I | 666 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | - | female | |
| England II | 667 | yes | Caducous shoot apex | 0 | 1 | 4 | 19 | Caducous shoot apex | female | |
| Frankenau HE | 376 | no | - | 0 | 2 | 0 | 17 | - | female | |

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



| <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------------|--------|----------------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| Harz NI | 242 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | - | no sex | |
| Haselünne NI | 662 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | Brood branch | no sex | |
| Jägerhof MV | 382 | yes | Along stem | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12 | - | female | |
| Jägerhof MV II | 382 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 | - | female | |
| Lengfeld TH | 496 | yes | Along stem and side branch | 0 | 5 | 0 | 12 | - | male | |
| Lindena BB | 647 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | - | no sex | |
| Lindow BB | 650 | yes | Caducous shoot apex | 1 | 0 | 0 | 32 | Caducous shoot apex | no sex | Very big plant |
| Nennsdorf TH | 646 | no | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 25 | - | no sex | |
| New Zealand I | D21 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 1 | 1 | 21 | - | no sex | |
| New Zealand II | D20 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | - | no sex | |
| Norway | D35 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 0 | 40 | - | female | |
| Pankow Bürgerpark | 641 | yes | Side branch tips and stem | 1 | 1 | 0 | 26 | - | no sex | |
| Pankow Heimsuchung | 640 | yes | Along stem | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 | - | no sex | |
| Pankow Schlosspark | 639 | yes | Side branch tips | 3 | 0 | 0 | 20 | - | no sex | |
| Poland | D38 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | - | female | |
| Ruppichteroth NW | 664 | no | - | 2 | 4 | 0 | 14 | - | no sex | |
| Russia I | D39 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | - | male | |
| Russia II | D40 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | - | female | |
| Saalburg TH | 645 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 2 | 0 | 19 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-A5 | 166 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-B2 | 169 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | - | no sex | |
| Sil1-B2 II | 169 | no | - | 3 | 1 | 0 | 13 | - | female | |
| Sil1-B2 III | 169 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | - | no sex | |
| Sil3-A1-R1 | 497 | yes | Along stem and side branch | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | - | no sex | |
| Sil3-A1-R10 | 506 | yes | Along side branch | 1 | 0 | 1 | 14 | - | male | |
| Sil3-A1-R11 | 507 | yes | Along side branch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | - | female | |
| Sil3-A1-R12 | 508 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | - | female | |
| Sil3-A1-R6 | 502 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | - | no sex | |
| Sil3-A1-R7 | 503 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | - | no sex | |
| Sil3-A2-R15 | 511 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 2 | 0 | 13 | - | female | |
| Sil3-A2-R16 | 512 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | - | female | |

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| <i>Rhytidadelphus squarrosus</i> | | Rhizoids | | Missing shoot apices | | | Branches | Asexual reproduction | Sex | Remarks |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Lab. No. | Herbar. No. | | Localisation | basal | middle | apical | Total number | | | |
| Sil3-A3-R22 | 518 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | Brood branch | female | |
| Sil3-A4-R23 | 519 | yes | Basis | 2 | 0 | 0 | 13 | - | female | |
| Sil3-A4-R24 | 520 | yes | Along stem and side branch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | - | female | |
| Sil3-A5-R29 | 525 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | - | male | |
| Sil3-B1-R37 | 533 | no | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | - | female | |
| Sil3-B1-R38 | 534 | yes | Along side branch | 2 | 0 | 0 | 25 | - | female | |
| Sil3-B2-R40 | 536 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | - | female | |
| Sil3-B3-R50 | 546 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | - | female | |
| Sil3-B4-R56 | 552 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | - | no sex | |
| Sil3-B5-R66 | 562 | yes | Along stem | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | - | no sex | |
| Sil3-C1-R70 | 566 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | - | female | |
| Sil3-C2-R77 | 573 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | - | female | |
| Sil3-C3-R86 | 582 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | - | female | |
| Sil3-C4-R94 | 590 | no | - | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12 | - | female | |
| Sil3-C5-R107 | 603 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | - | no sex | |
| Sil-R113 | 609 | no | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | - | female | |
| Sil-R114 | 610 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 | - | female | |
| Sil-R115 | 611 | yes | Side branch tips | 2 | 3 | 1 | 18 | - | female | |
| Sil-R116 | 612 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | - | female | |
| Sil-R117 | 665 | no | - | 4 | 4 | 1 | 46 | - | female | c.fr. |
| Spain I | D42 | no | - | 0 | 4 | 0 | 9 | - | male | |
| Spain II | D43 | no | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | - | male | |
| Sweden I | D36 | yes | Along stem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | - | no sex | |
| Sweden II | D37 | yes | Basis of brood branch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | Brood branch | female | |
| Treffurt TH | 648 | yes | Side branch tips | 1 | 3 | 1 | 20 | Caducous shoot apex and brood branch | female | |
| Russia III | D41 | no | - | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | - | male | subpinnatus |
| Russia IV | D48 | yes | Side branch tips | 0 | 4 | 0 | 21 | - | female | subpinnatus |
| Russia V | D50 | no | - | 1 | 1 | 0 | 11 | - | no sex | subpinnatus |
| USA WV | D46 | yes | Basis | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | - | no sex | subpinnatus |

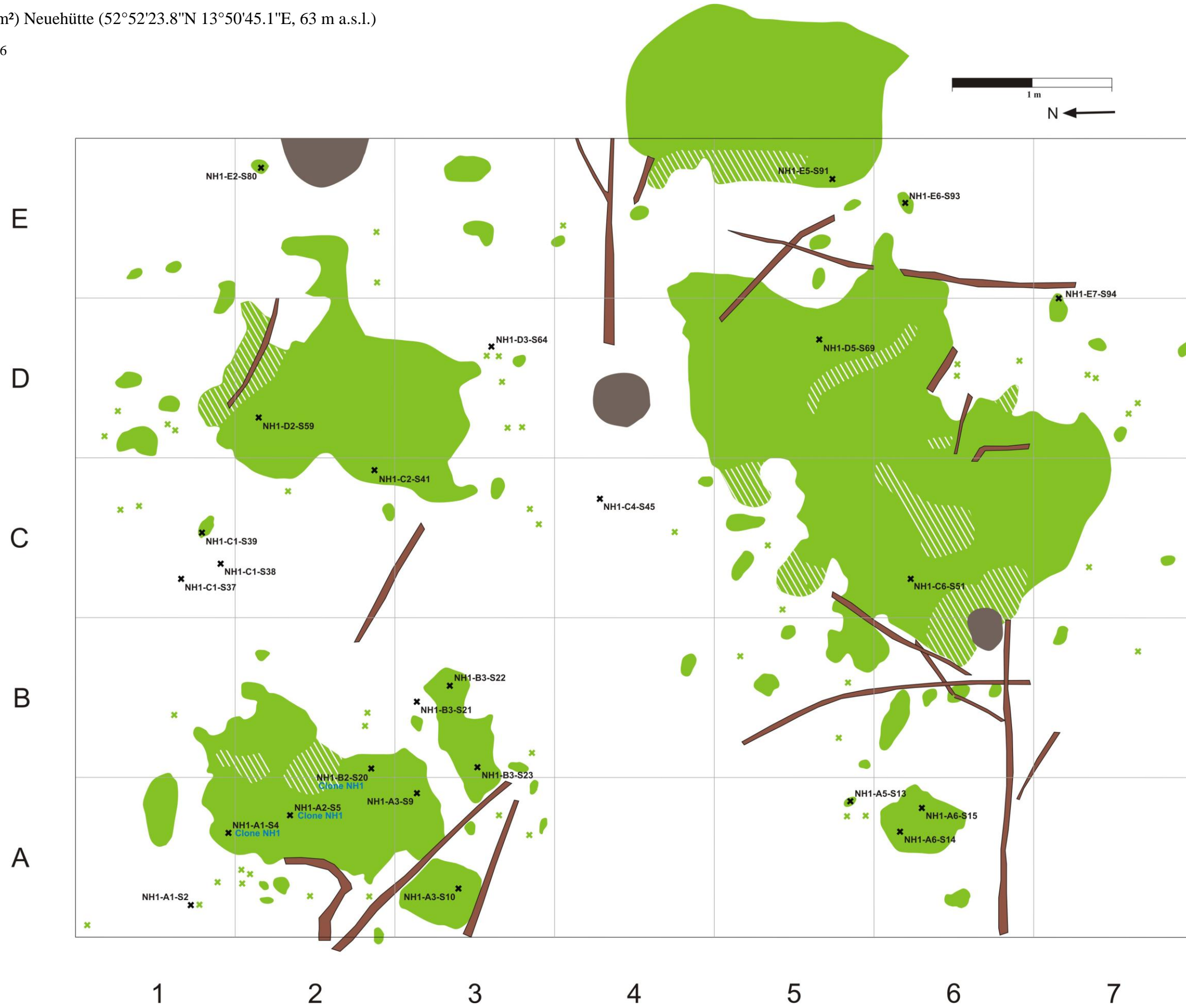
A4 Maps of sapital distribution and extension of patches in investigated plots

A4.1 Caption

-  *Pseudoscleropodium purum*
-  *Pleurozium schreberi*
-  *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus*
-  Loose patch cover
-  Death wood
-  Trees
-  Position of sample used in molecular and/or morpho-anatomical analyses (clones are especially indicated)
-  Single plant or plant fragment
-  Projection of tree crown

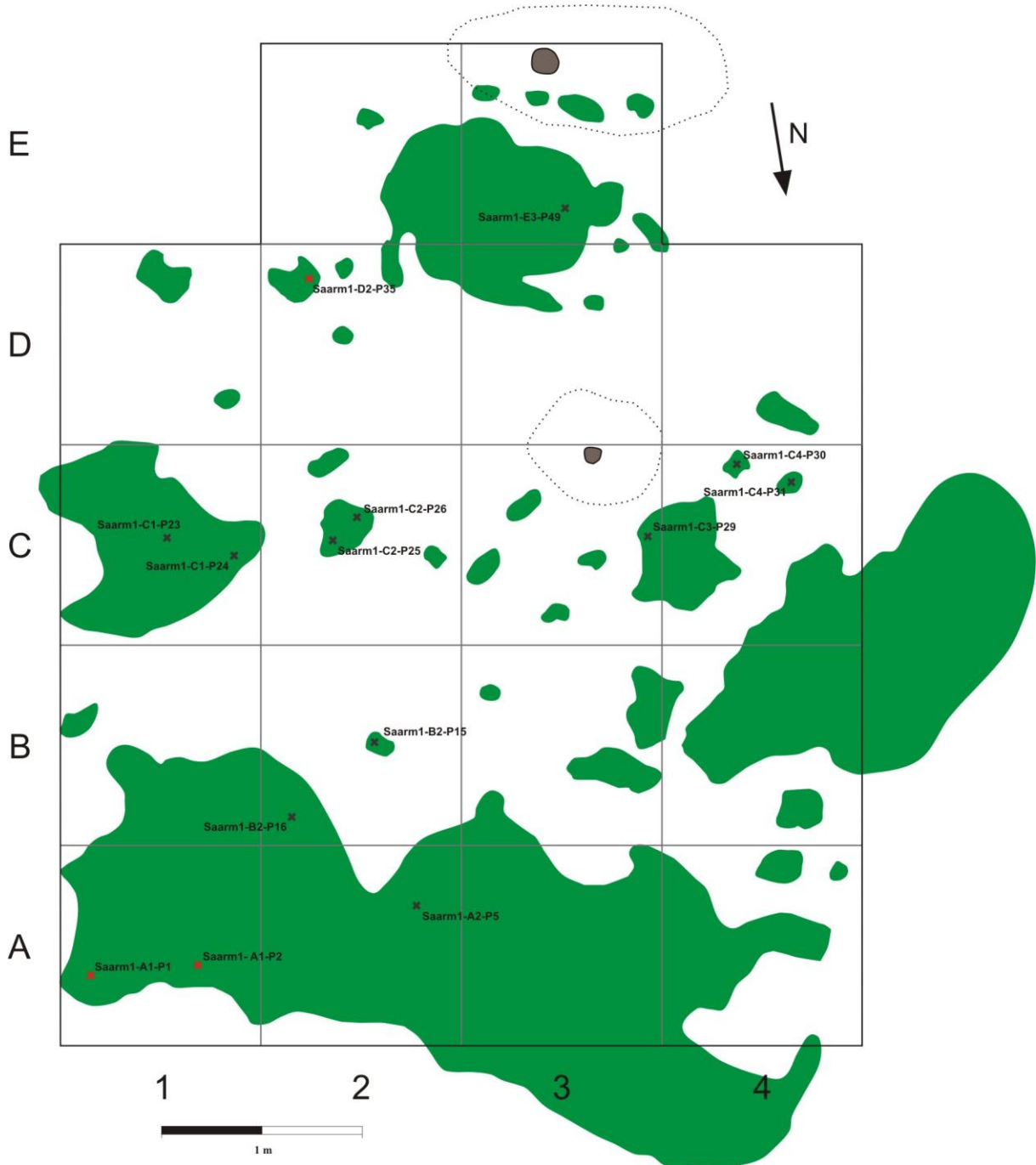
A4.2 Plot NH1 (35 m²) Neuehütte (52°52'23.8"N 13°50'45.1"E, 63 m a.s.l.)

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A4.3 Plot Saarm1 (18 m²) Saarmund (52°18'57.8"N 13°06'38.1"E, 78 m a.s.l.)

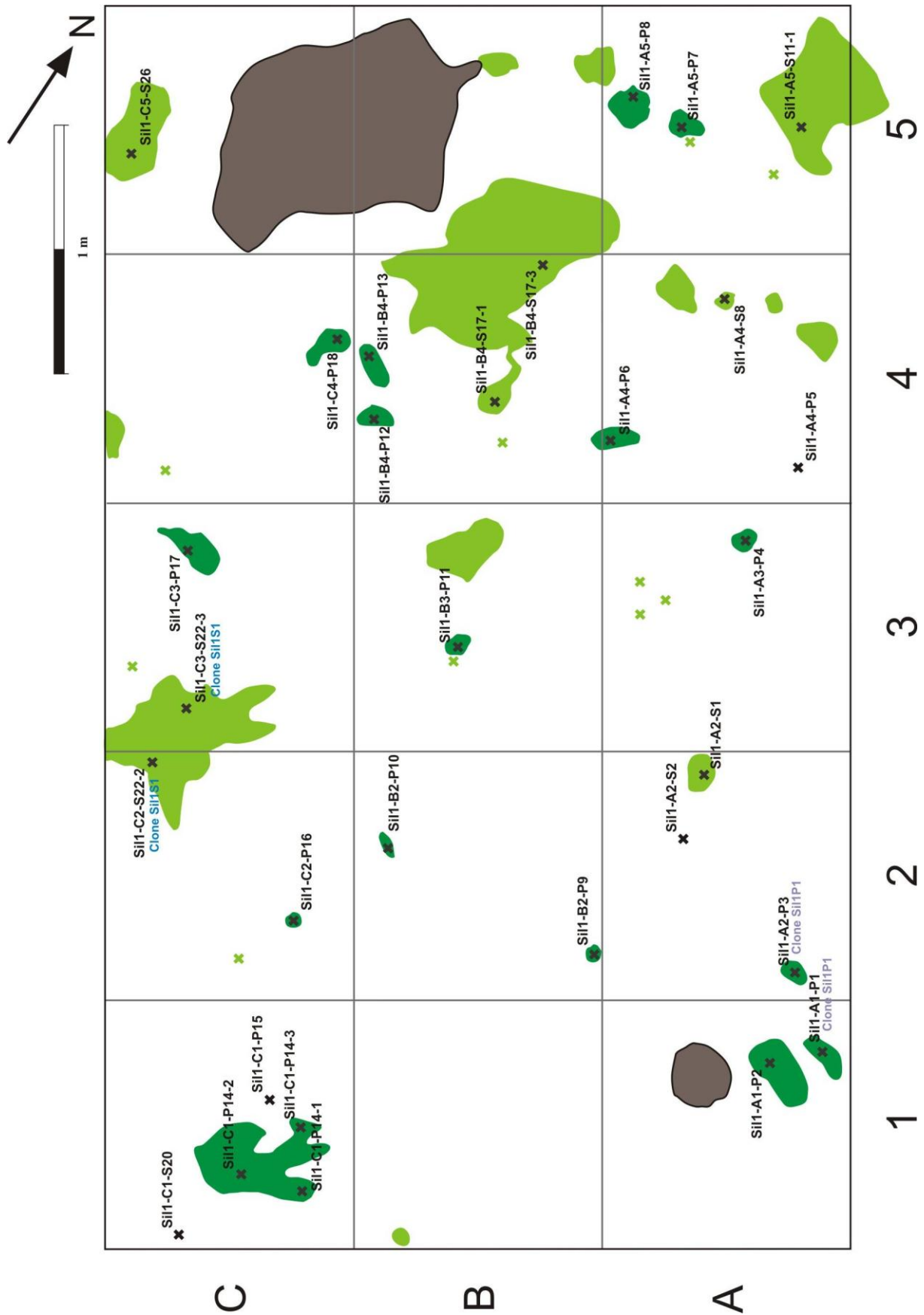
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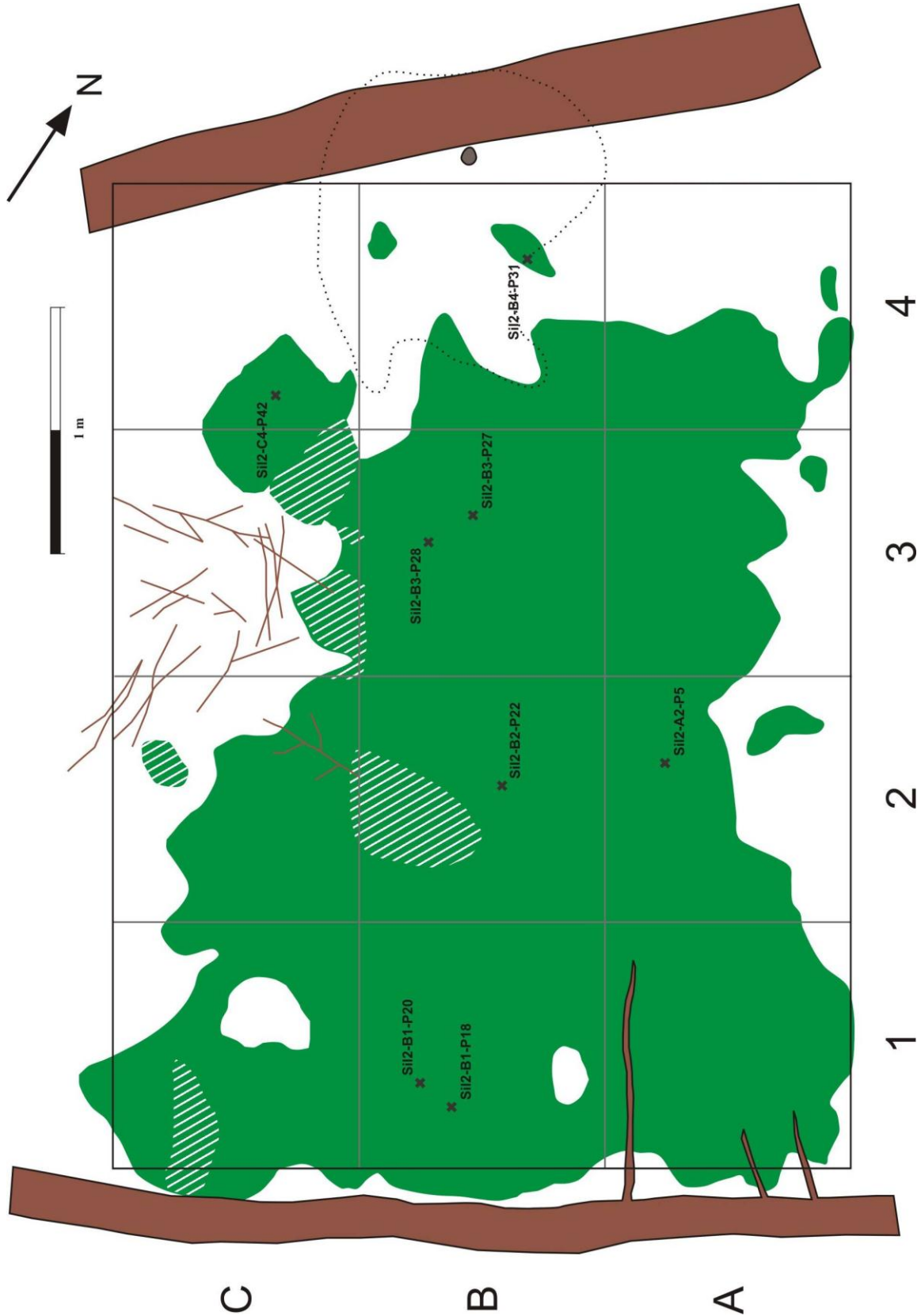
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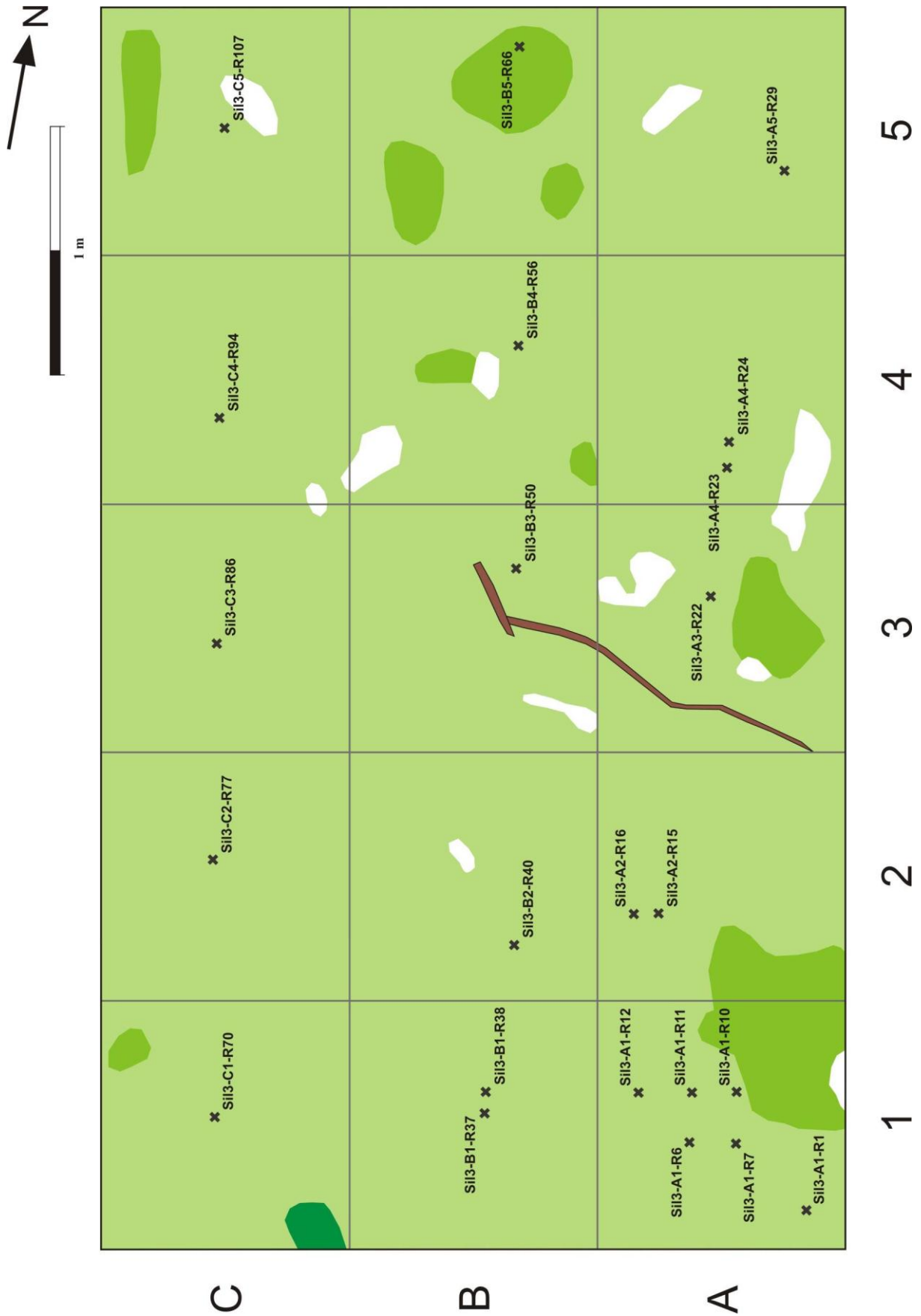
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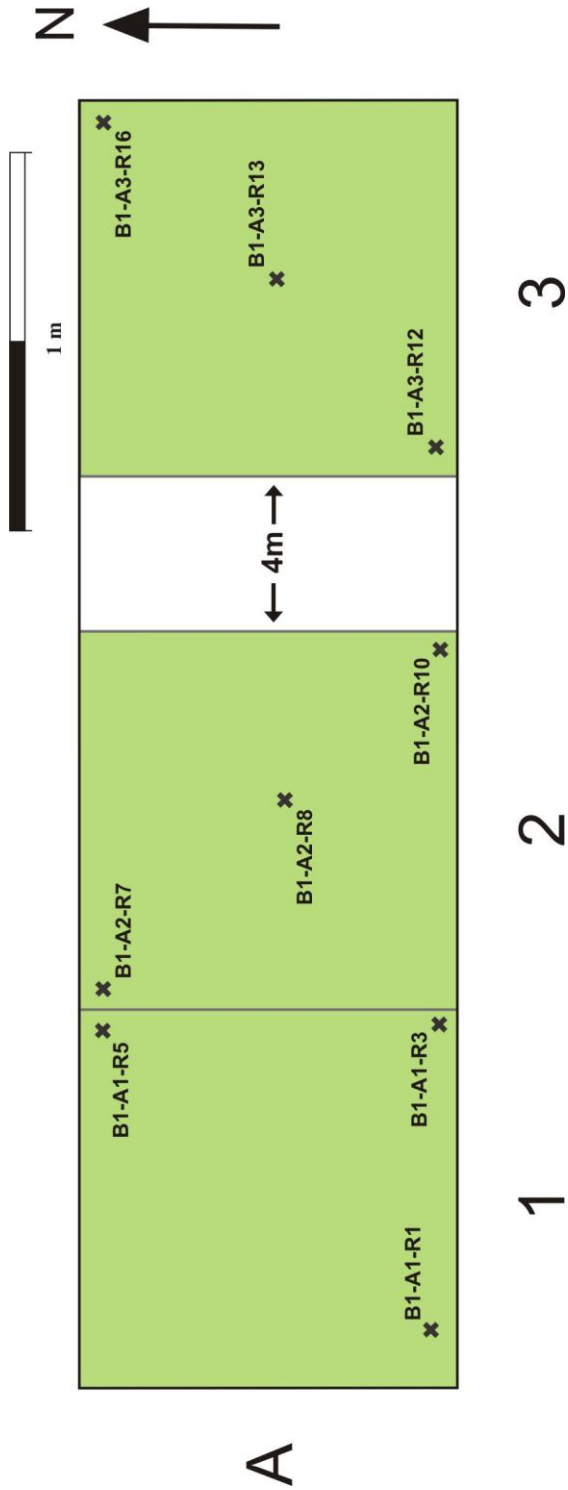
A4.6 Plot Sil3 (15 m²) Dietzhausen (50°35'45.6"N 10°35'07.0"E, 377 m a.s.l.)

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A4.7 Plot B1 (7 m²) Berlin-Pankow (52°33'38.4"N, 13°24'13.7"E, 54 m a.s.l.)

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A5 Distance matrices

A5.1 Pseudoscleropodium purum

Sger Distance values between German Pseudoscleropodium purum samples. Simple matching distances in the upper right, Jaccard distances in the lower left part.

Table with 48 columns (JaccISM, 1-48) and 48 rows (1-48) showing distance values for various samples from Jägerhof MV to Bad Urach BW.

Sww Distance values between world-wide Pseudoscleropodium purum samples. Simple matching distances in the upper right, Jaccard distances in the lower left part.

Table with 36 columns (JaccISM, 1-36) and 36 rows (1-36) showing distance values for samples from Jägerhof MV to New Zealand.



A5.2 Pleurozium schreberi

Pger Distance values between German Pleurozium schreberi samples. Simple matching distances in the upper right, Jaccard distances in the lower left part.

Table with 53 columns (JaccSM, 1-53) and 53 rows (1 Saarm1-A1-P1 to 53 Salzburg). Contains numerical distance values for each sample pair.

Pww Distance values between world-wide Pleurozium schreberi samples. Simple matching distances in the upper right, Jaccard distances in the lower left part.

Table with 53 columns (JaccSM, 1-53) and 53 rows (1 Neuheütte MV to 53 Ecuador). Contains numerical distance values for each sample pair. Includes a legend for Plot Saarm1 (green), Plot Sil1 (orange), and Plot Sil2 (purple).

A5.3 *Rhytidadelphus squarrosus*

Rger Distance values between German *Rhytidadelphus squarrosus* samples. Simple matching distances in the upper right, Jaccard distances in the lower left part.

| Jaccard | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 SII-B2 | - | 0.3000 | 0.2000 | 0.1471 | 0.2059 | 0.1765 | 0.1647 | 0.1471 | 0.1882 | 0.1529 | 0.1706 | 0.1647 | 0.2296 | 0.2647 | 0.1941 | 0.2059 | 0.1647 | 0.1471 | 0.1529 | 0.1471 | 0.1176 | 0.1059 | 0.1529 | 0.1647 | 0.1353 | 0.1706 | 0.2647 | 0.1882 | 0.3000 | 0.1471 | 0.1706 | 0.2118 | 0.1941 | 0.1824 | 0.1706 | 0.1824 | 0.2059 | 0.2294 | 0.2176 | 0.1941 | 0.2824 | 0.2059 | 0.2176 | 0.1882 | | |
| 2 SII-A5 | 0.6145 | - | 0.2765 | 0.3647 | 0.3529 | 0.3471 | 0.3588 | 0.3529 | 0.3588 | 0.3353 | 0.3412 | 0.3824 | 0.3117 | 0.3647 | 0.3294 | 0.3647 | 0.3353 | 0.3412 | 0.3471 | 0.3176 | 0.3471 | 0.3353 | 0.3588 | 0.3235 | 0.3059 | 0.3294 | 0.3765 | 0.3941 | 0.3765 | 0.2824 | 0.3529 | 0.3941 | 0.3529 | 0.3176 | 0.3294 | 0.3529 | 0.3294 | 0.3529 | 0.3412 | 0.3765 | 0.2882 | 0.3412 | 0.3176 | 0.3471 | 0.3000 | |
| 3 SII-A1-R1 | 0.3953 | 0.6267 | - | 0.2765 | 0.2765 | 0.2706 | 0.2588 | 0.2529 | 0.2706 | 0.2588 | 0.2647 | 0.2706 | 0.2825 | 0.2765 | 0.2647 | 0.2412 | 0.2353 | 0.2412 | 0.2588 | 0.2412 | 0.2353 | 0.2118 | 0.2706 | 0.2824 | 0.2647 | 0.2529 | 0.3588 | 0.2824 | 0.3706 | 0.2529 | 0.2647 | 0.2941 | 0.2765 | 0.2765 | 0.2647 | 0.2765 | 0.3118 | 0.2882 | 0.2882 | 0.2882 | 0.2824 | 0.2647 | 0.2765 | 0.2941 | 0.2471 | |
| 4 SII-A1-R6 | 0.2747 | 0.6739 | 0.4896 | - | 0.1176 | 0.0882 | 0.1000 | 0.1059 | 0.2059 | 0.1471 | 0.1176 | 0.1941 | 0.2707 | 0.2588 | 0.2000 | 0.2000 | 0.1471 | 0.1529 | 0.1588 | 0.1412 | 0.1353 | 0.1353 | 0.1353 | 0.1824 | 0.1824 | 0.1882 | 0.1882 | 0.2706 | 0.2412 | 0.3882 | 0.1765 | 0.2235 | 0.2118 | 0.2353 | 0.2353 | 0.2353 | 0.2353 | 0.2588 | 0.2882 | 0.2353 | 0.2588 | 0.2412 | 0.2294 | | | |
| 5 SII-A1-R7 | 0.3723 | 0.6742 | 0.5000 | 0.2222 | - | 0.0765 | 0.1000 | 0.1176 | 0.2294 | 0.1118 | 0.1059 | 0.2176 | 0.2412 | 0.2588 | 0.2000 | 0.1765 | 0.1471 | 0.1412 | 0.1588 | 0.1412 | 0.1588 | 0.1706 | 0.1706 | 0.1706 | 0.1588 | 0.1588 | 0.1412 | 0.2588 | 0.2412 | 0.3765 | 0.1412 | 0.2588 | 0.3000 | 0.2471 | 0.2118 | 0.2000 | 0.2706 | 0.2353 | 0.2471 | 0.2000 | 0.2588 | 0.3118 | 0.1765 | 0.1882 | 0.1941 | 0.2059 |
| 6 SII-A1-R10 | 0.3226 | 0.6556 | 0.4842 | 0.1685 | 0.1512 | - | 0.0588 | 0.0765 | 0.2118 | 0.1059 | 0.1000 | 0.1882 | 0.2178 | 0.2294 | 0.1706 | 0.1588 | 0.1412 | 0.1353 | 0.1529 | 0.1118 | 0.1176 | 0.1176 | 0.1529 | 0.1529 | 0.1588 | 0.1353 | 0.2529 | 0.2000 | 0.3824 | 0.1588 | 0.2412 | 0.2588 | 0.2294 | 0.2000 | 0.3824 | 0.1588 | 0.2412 | 0.2176 | 0.1941 | 0.2647 | 0.2706 | 0.2176 | 0.2059 | 0.2118 | 0.2118 | |
| 7 SII-A1-R11 | 0.3011 | 0.6630 | 0.4632 | 0.1868 | 0.1910 | 0.1149 | - | 0.0412 | 0.2000 | 0.0706 | 0.0765 | 0.1765 | 0.2173 | 0.2059 | 0.1706 | 0.1706 | 0.0941 | 0.1000 | 0.1059 | 0.0765 | 0.1059 | 0.1059 | 0.1059 | 0.1176 | 0.1471 | 0.1353 | 0.2529 | 0.2000 | 0.3706 | 0.1471 | 0.2294 | 0.2471 | 0.2294 | 0.1824 | 0.1588 | 0.2294 | 0.2294 | 0.2412 | 0.1706 | 0.2529 | 0.2706 | 0.2059 | 0.2059 | 0.2118 | 0.2118 | |
| 8 SII-A1-R12 | 0.2747 | 0.6593 | 0.4574 | 0.1978 | 0.2222 | 0.1477 | 0.0814 | - | 0.1824 | 0.0882 | 0.1059 | 0.1588 | 0.2238 | 0.2118 | 0.1647 | 0.1529 | 0.1000 | 0.0941 | 0.1235 | 0.0941 | 0.1000 | 0.1000 | 0.1235 | 0.1412 | 0.1412 | 0.1529 | 0.2706 | 0.1824 | 0.3529 | 0.1412 | 0.2235 | 0.2412 | 0.2471 | 0.1882 | 0.1765 | 0.2118 | 0.2118 | 0.2353 | 0.1882 | 0.2235 | 0.2882 | 0.2000 | 0.2000 | 0.2176 | 0.2176 | |
| 9 SII-A2-R15 | 0.3368 | 0.6630 | 0.4792 | 0.3500 | 0.3900 | 0.3600 | 0.3400 | 0.3163 | - | 0.1882 | 0.1941 | 0.2118 | 0.2472 | 0.2765 | 0.2176 | 0.2294 | 0.2000 | 0.2176 | 0.2000 | 0.2059 | 0.2000 | 0.1647 | 0.2000 | 0.2118 | 0.2529 | 0.2529 | 0.3706 | 0.2353 | 0.3471 | 0.2176 | 0.2765 | 0.2706 | 0.2529 | 0.2647 | 0.2647 | 0.2647 | 0.2882 | 0.2882 | 0.2529 | 0.2294 | 0.3176 | 0.1824 | 0.2882 | 0.2824 | 0.2706 | |
| 10 SII-A2-R16 | 0.2857 | 0.6404 | 0.4681 | 0.2660 | 0.2135 | 0.2000 | 0.1364 | 0.1685 | 0.3265 | - | 0.0647 | 0.2000 | 0.2056 | 0.2059 | 0.1588 | 0.1941 | 0.1059 | 0.0882 | 0.0941 | 0.1000 | 0.1176 | 0.1176 | 0.0824 | 0.1059 | 0.1471 | 0.1235 | 0.2647 | 0.2118 | 0.3353 | 0.1353 | 0.2176 | 0.2588 | 0.2176 | 0.1941 | 0.1706 | 0.2294 | 0.2176 | 0.2529 | 0.1941 | 0.2647 | 0.2941 | 0.1824 | 0.2059 | 0.2235 | 0.2118 | |
| 11 SII-A3-R22 | 0.3222 | 0.6667 | 0.4891 | 0.2247 | 0.2093 | 0.1954 | 0.1512 | 0.2045 | 0.3438 | 0.1310 | - | 0.1941 | 0.2000 | 0.2235 | 0.1647 | 0.1647 | 0.1000 | 0.1176 | 0.1000 | 0.0941 | 0.1353 | 0.1235 | 0.1235 | 0.1235 | 0.1235 | 0.1529 | 0.1176 | 0.2471 | 0.2059 | 0.3412 | 0.1176 | 0.2235 | 0.2412 | 0.2000 | 0.1765 | 0.1765 | 0.2235 | 0.2118 | 0.2118 | 0.1647 | 0.2706 | 0.2647 | 0.1647 | 0.1882 | 0.1941 | 0.2059 |
| 12 SII-A4-R23 | 0.2979 | 0.6842 | 0.4742 | 0.3300 | 0.3700 | 0.3232 | 0.3030 | 0.2784 | 0.3529 | 0.3400 | 0.3402 | - | 0.2706 | 0.2529 | 0.2412 | 0.2176 | 0.2235 | 0.2059 | 0.2235 | 0.2059 | 0.2000 | 0.1529 | 0.2000 | 0.2118 | 0.2294 | 0.2294 | 0.3235 | 0.3588 | 0.2294 | 0.2647 | 0.2706 | 0.2412 | 0.2529 | 0.2647 | 0.2529 | 0.2647 | 0.3000 | 0.2765 | 0.2529 | 0.2941 | 0.2529 | 0.2765 | 0.2588 | 0.2706 | | |
| 13 SII-A4-R24 | 0.4326 | 0.6669 | 0.5418 | 0.4745 | 0.4429 | 0.4020 | 0.3979 | 0.4084 | 0.4400 | 0.3849 | 0.3868 | 0.4670 | - | 0.3236 | 0.2176 | 0.2529 | 0.2178 | 0.2237 | 0.2180 | 0.2003 | 0.2177 | 0.2176 | 0.2414 | 0.2470 | 0.2293 | 0.2353 | 0.3115 | 0.2704 | 0.3942 | 0.2294 | 0.2591 | 0.3170 | 0.2651 | 0.2589 | 0.2709 | 0.3060 | 0.2684 | 0.2940 | 0.2530 | 0.3177 | 0.2650 | 0.2470 | 0.2355 | 0.2467 | 0.2412 | |
| 14 SII-A5-R29 | 0.4327 | 0.6526 | 0.4747 | 0.4112 | 0.4190 | 0.3750 | 0.3398 | 0.3495 | 0.4312 | 0.3431 | 0.3762 | 0.3981 | 0.5260 | - | 0.2706 | 0.2706 | 0.2059 | 0.2471 | 0.2176 | 0.2000 | 0.2294 | 0.2294 | 0.2412 | 0.2412 | 0.2824 | 0.2588 | 0.3882 | 0.3000 | 0.4118 | 0.2588 | 0.3059 | 0.3235 | 0.2824 | 0.3059 | 0.2824 | 0.3059 | 0.3176 | 0.3529 | 0.2941 | 0.3412 | 0.3471 | 0.3059 | 0.3176 | 0.3353 | 0.3353 | |
| 15 SII-B1-R37 | 0.3626 | 0.6588 | 0.4945 | 0.3579 | 0.3656 | 0.3152 | 0.3118 | 0.3043 | 0.3814 | 0.2967 | 0.3146 | 0.4100 | 0.4188 | 0.4423 | - | 0.2000 | 0.1588 | 0.1765 | 0.1706 | 0.1765 | 0.1412 | 0.1588 | 0.2294 | 0.2294 | 0.2242 | 0.2235 | 0.3059 | 0.2176 | 0.3529 | 0.2000 | 0.2824 | 0.2000 | 0.2824 | 0.2000 | 0.2824 | 0.2706 | 0.2706 | 0.2824 | 0.2471 | 0.2824 | 0.3471 | 0.2588 | 0.2706 | 0.2882 | 0.2647 | |
| 16 SII-B1-R38 | 0.3723 | 0.6889 | 0.4505 | 0.3505 | 0.3226 | 0.2903 | 0.3053 | 0.2796 | 0.3900 | 0.3438 | 0.3077 | 0.3700 | 0.4593 | 0.4340 | 0.3656 | - | 0.1471 | 0.1882 | 0.2059 | 0.1765 | 0.1706 | 0.1588 | 0.2294 | 0.2059 | 0.2000 | 0.2118 | 0.3294 | 0.2529 | 0.3529 | 0.1882 | 0.2588 | 0.3000 | 0.2471 | 0.2824 | 0.2824 | 0.2941 | 0.2588 | 0.2824 | 0.2353 | 0.3059 | 0.3118 | 0.2588 | 0.2706 | 0.2647 | 0.2765 | |
| 17 SII-B2-R40 | 0.3111 | 0.6552 | 0.4444 | 0.2717 | 0.2778 | 0.2637 | 0.1818 | 0.1932 | 0.3505 | 0.2045 | 0.2000 | 0.3000 | 0.4109 | 0.3500 | 0.3034 | 0.2778 | - | 0.0765 | 0.0588 | 0.0529 | 0.1176 | 0.1176 | 0.1242 | 0.1412 | 0.1588 | 0.1706 | 0.3000 | 0.2325 | 0.3824 | 0.1353 | 0.2176 | 0.2588 | 0.2176 | 0.1941 | 0.1824 | 0.2176 | 0.2294 | 0.2176 | 0.1706 | 0.2647 | 0.3059 | 0.2059 | 0.2176 | 0.2235 | 0.2000 | |
| 18 SII-B3-R50 | 0.2841 | 0.6667 | 0.4556 | 0.2826 | 0.2697 | 0.2556 | 0.1932 | 0.1839 | 0.3776 | 0.1744 | 0.2326 | 0.3571 | 0.4218 | 0.4078 | 0.3333 | 0.3441 | 0.1566 | - | 0.0647 | 0.0824 | 0.1000 | 0.1000 | 0.1118 | 0.1235 | 0.1529 | 0.1647 | 0.2706 | 0.1941 | 0.3529 | 0.1294 | 0.2000 | 0.2176 | 0.1647 | 0.1529 | 0.1765 | 0.1765 | 0.2118 | 0.1882 | 0.2000 | 0.3000 | 0.1882 | 0.1765 | 0.2059 | 0.1941 | | |
| 19 SII-B4-R56 | 0.2857 | 0.6556 | 0.4681 | 0.2842 | 0.2903 | 0.2766 | 0.1932 | 0.2283 | 0.3434 | 0.1798 | 0.1936 | 0.3725 | 0.4027 | 0.3578 | 0.3152 | 0.3608 | 0.1190 | 0.1310 | - | 0.0647 | 0.1059 | 0.0594 | 0.0941 | 0.1294 | 0.1588 | 0.1471 | 0.3000 | 0.2000 | 0.3706 | 0.1353 | 0.2059 | 0.2235 | 0.2176 | 0.1706 | 0.1588 | 0.1941 | 0.2059 | 0.2118 | 0.1824 | 0.2412 | 0.2941 | 0.1824 | 0.1941 | 0.2235 | 0.1882 | |
| 20 SII-B5-R60 | 0.2809 | 0.6279 | 0.4505 | 0.2609 | 0.2667 | 0.2135 | 0.1494 | 0.1818 | 0.3571 | 0.1932 | 0.1882 | 0.3535 | 0.3827 | 0.3400 | 0.3297 | 0.3226 | 0.1098 | 0.1667 | 0.1294 | - | 0.0765 | 0.0882 | 0.1235 | 0.1353 | 0.1529 | 0.1412 | 0.2824 | 0.1941 | 0.3765 | 0.1294 | 0.2000 | 0.2529 | 0.2118 | 0.1765 | 0.1765 | 0.2235 | 0.2235 | 0.3353 | 0.1765 | 0.2588 | 0.2765 | 0.2000 | 0.1765 | 0.2176 | 0.1941 | |
| 21 SII-C1-R76 | 0.2247 | 0.6484 | 0.4301 | 0.2447 | 0.2872 | 0.2174 | 0.1957 | 0.1868 | 0.3400 | 0.2174 | 0.2527 | 0.3366 | 0.3974 | 0.3714 | 0.2747 | 0.3053 | 0.2222 | 0.1932 | 0.1978 | 0.1494 | - | 0.0765 | 0.1412 | 0.1765 | 0.1706 | 0.1706 | 0.3118 | 0.1647 | 0.3588 | 0.1471 | 0.2294 | 0.2471 | 0.2118 | 0.2176 | 0.2294 | 0.2059 | 0.2294 | 0.2176 | 0.2294 | 0.2176 | 0.2294 | 0.2059 | 0.2353 | 0.2176 | | |
| 22 SII-C2-R77 | 0.2045 | 0.6333 | 0.3956 | 0.2447 | 0.3053 | 0.2174 | 0.1957 | 0.1868 | 0.2887 | 0.2174 | 0.2333 | 0.2680 | 0.3987 | 0.3714 | 0.2935 | 0.2872 | 0.2222 | 0.1932 | 0.1978 | 0.1705 | 0.1348 | - | 0.1294 | 0.1529 | 0.1588 | 0.1471 | 0.2882 | 0.1412 | 0.3353 | 0.1471 | 0.2059 | 0.2235 | 0.2176 | 0.2059 | 0.2059 | 0.2059 | 0.2059 | 0.2176 | 0.1824 | 0.2176 | 0.2824 | 0.2059 | 0.2059 | 0.2235 | 0.2000 | |
| 23 SII-C3-R86 | 0.2796 | 0.6559 | 0.4742 | 0.3131 | 0.3021 | 0.2708 | 0.1935 | 0.2234 | 0.3366 | 0.1556 | 0.2308 | 0.3333 | 0.4271 | 0.3832 | 0.3939 | 0.3861 | 0.2581 | 0.2111 | 0.1758 | 0.2283 | 0.2500 | 0.2316 | - | 0.0471 | 0.1235 | 0.1235 | 0.2765 | 0.1765 | 0.3353 | 0.1235 | 0.2059 | 0.2353 | 0.2294 | 0.1706 | 0.1235 | 0.1941 | 0.1941 | 0.2529 | 0.1941 | 0.2059 | 0.3059 | 0.1471 | 0.1941 | 0.1882 | 0.1765 | |
| 24 SII-C4-R94 | 0.3111 | 0.6395 | 0.5106 | 0.3263 | 0.2967 | 0.2826 | 0.2222 | 0.2135 | 0.3673 | 0.2045 | 0.241 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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