Occurrence distributions

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Introduction to Continuous-Time Movement Modeling for Animal Tracking Data

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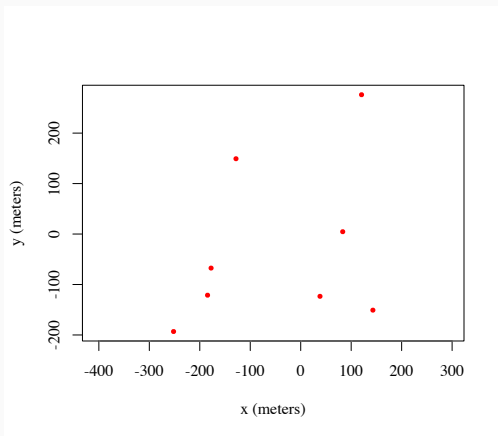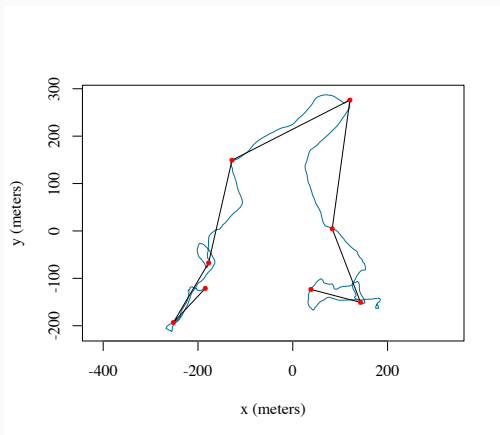

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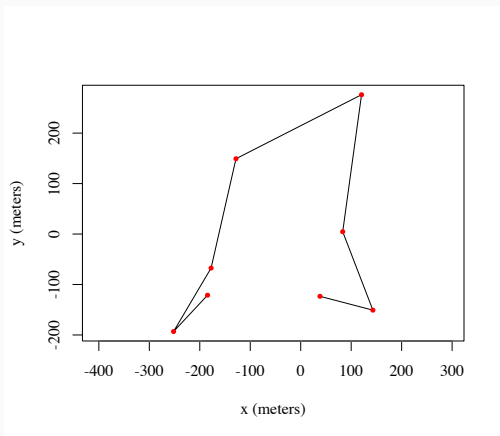
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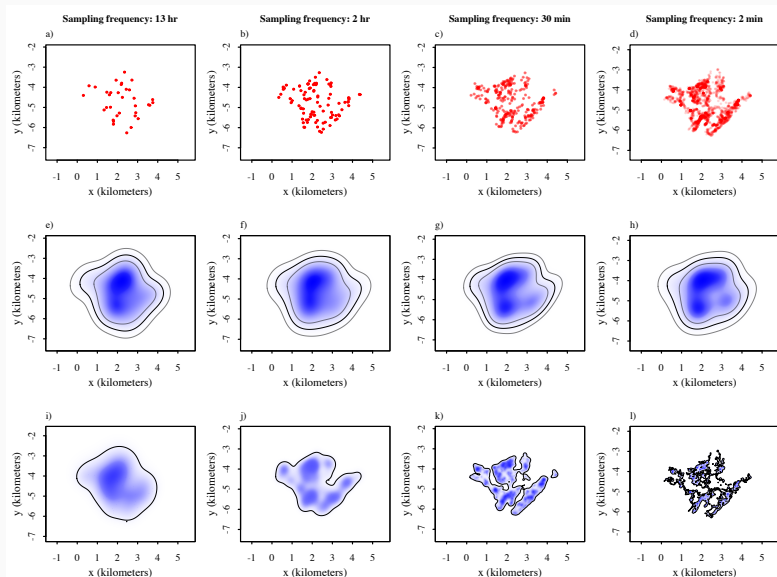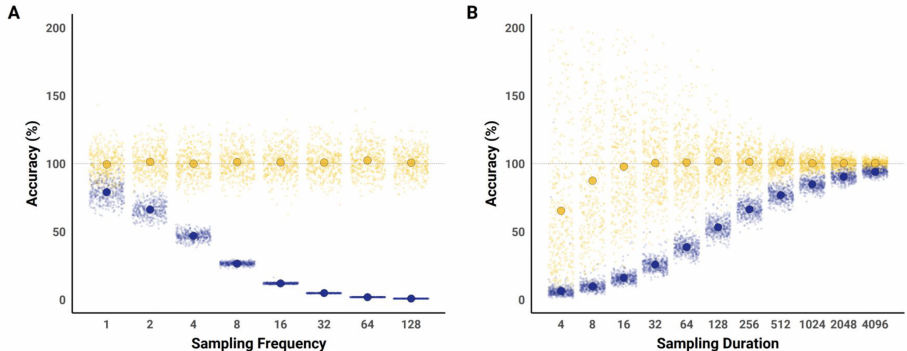- Select/fit a movement model that describes an animal's movements.

- Solve for an animal's location at time t, conditional upon the data and the fitted movement model.

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