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# **Environmental** annotations

### Movement in context

#### **Environmental Factors Influence Movement**

- The physical environment determines the costs of movement
- Distribution of resources and predators impact decision-making

#### **Adaptations to the Environment**

• Explain behavioral and morphological adaptations and evolution in animals as a response to their environment.

#### **Environment-Movement Feedback**

• Not only does the environment influence animal movement, but animal movement can also influence the environment.



### **Energy Conservation**

Tailwinds help them move faster and save energy, headwinds can slow them down.

#### **Habitat Selection**

Wind conditions can influence where birds choose to live, breed, and forage.

### **Behavioral Changes**

Birds alter their flight behavior or activity levels in response to changes in wind speed and direction.

### **Climate Change Impact**

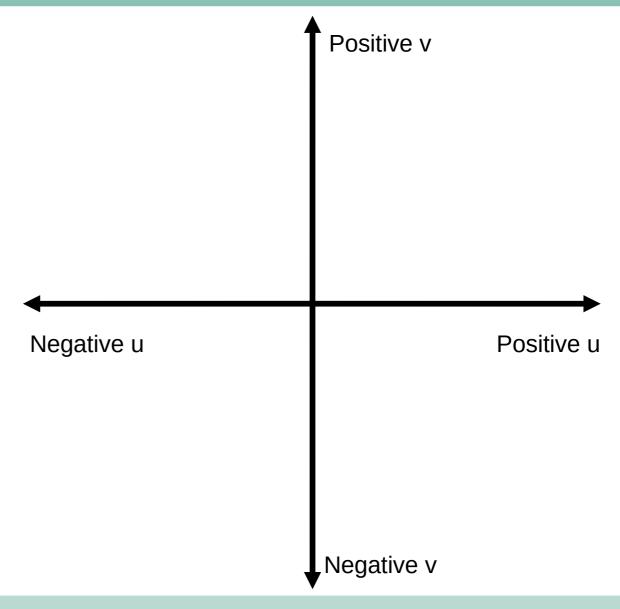
The Earth's circulation patterns are impacted by climate change



Wind components

Eastward wind: u

**Northward wind: v** 

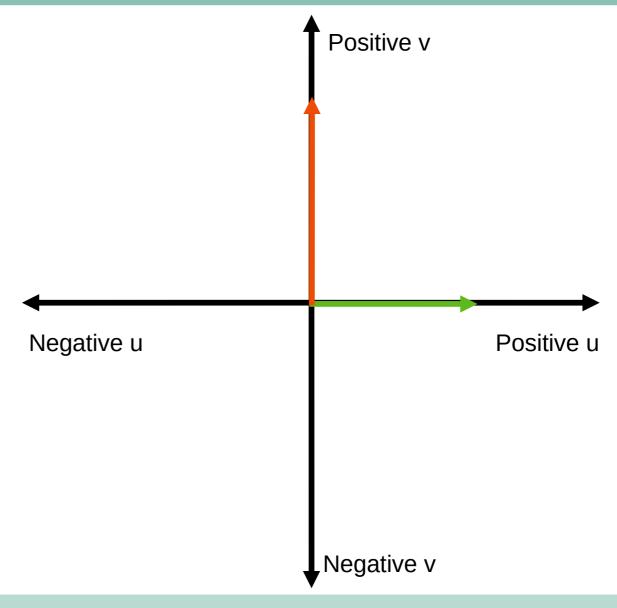




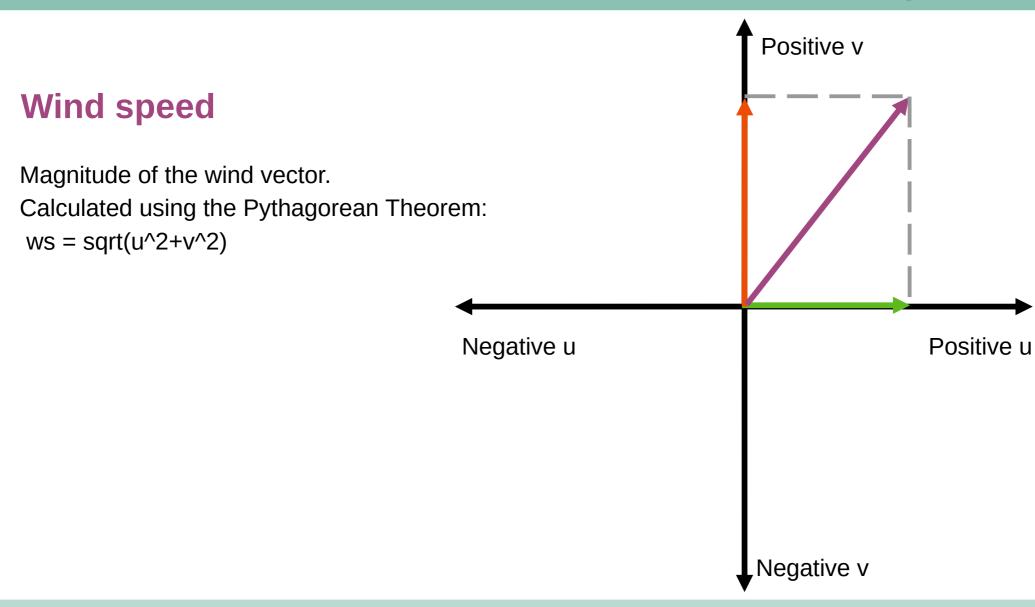
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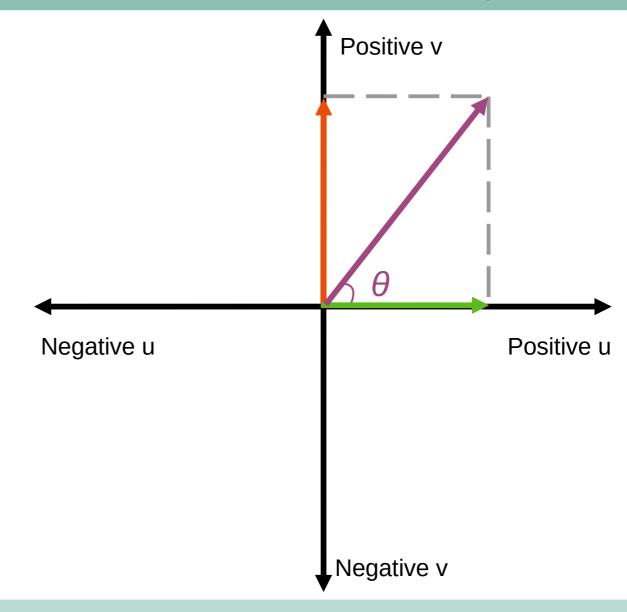


### Wind direction

Meteorology: where the wind is blowing from Ecology (sometimes): where wind is blowing toward

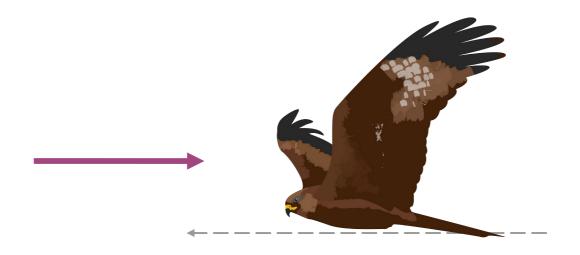
$$\operatorname{atan2}(y,x) = \begin{cases} \arctan \frac{y}{x} & x > 0 \\ \arctan \frac{y}{x} + \pi & y \ge 0, x < 0 \\ \arctan \frac{y}{x} - \pi & y < 0, x < 0 \\ +\frac{\pi}{2} & y > 0, x = 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & y < 0, x = 0 \\ \text{undefined} & y = 0, x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Convert from degrees to radians



### Headwind

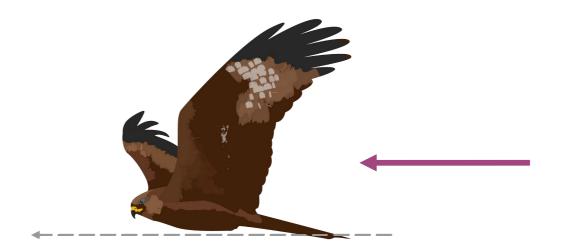
wind blowing towards the animal





### **Tailwind (wind support)**

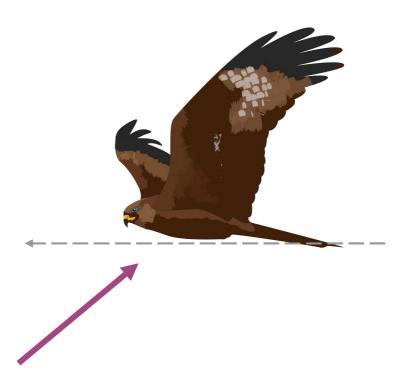
Wind blowing from behind the animal





#### Crosswind

Wind blowing from the side of the animal

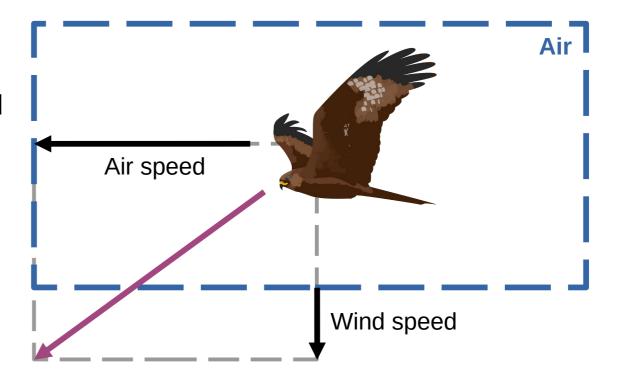




### Let's re-visit speed...

### **Ground speed**

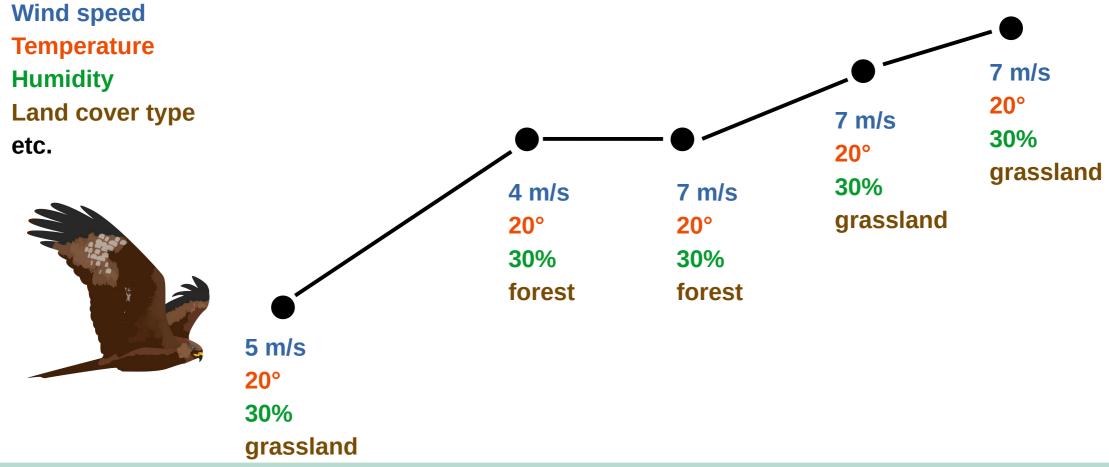
- Vector sum of air speed and wind speed
- Wind can shift the animal's trajectory





### Track annotations

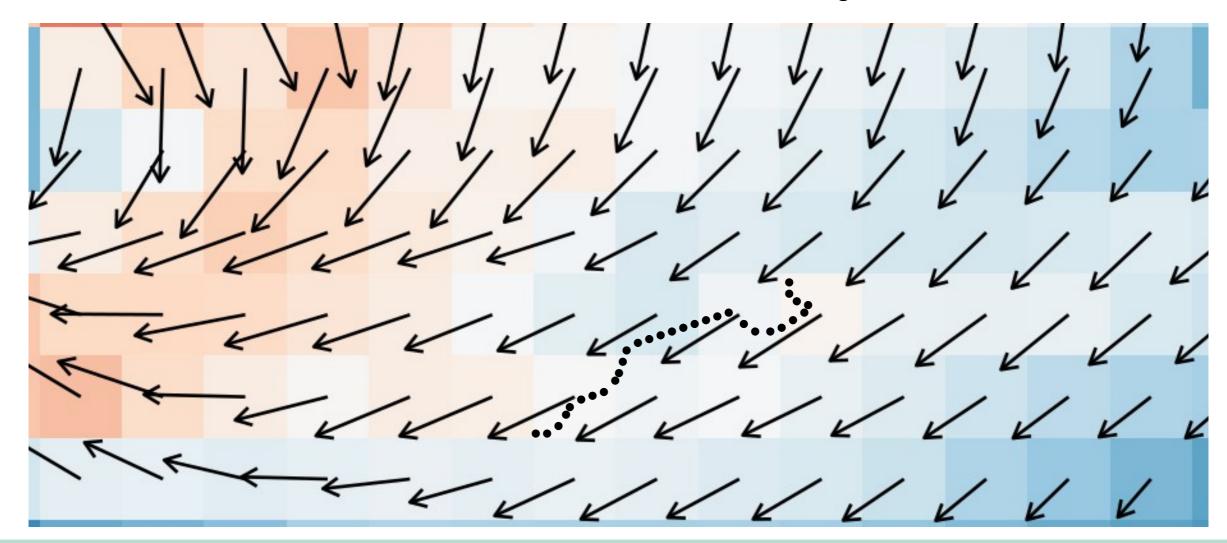
Relating each tracking point to environmental conditions and variables at that point in *time* and *2D or 3D space* 





# Spatio-temporal scales

Make sure the resolution of the environmental data and the tracking data match!

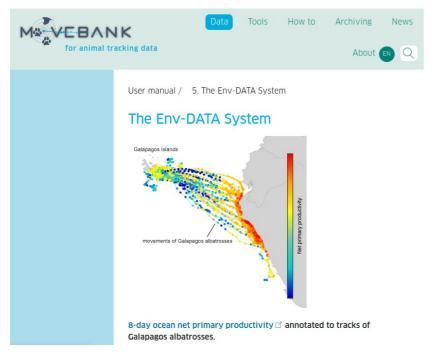




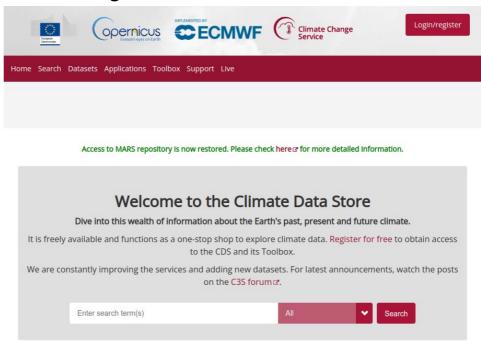
### Sources of environmental data

#### Remote sensing products

Env-DATA Service on Movebank



Meteorological databases, GIS databases, etc.



Env-DATA: <a href="https://www.movebank.org/cms/movebank-content/env-data">https://www.movebank.org/cms/movebank-content/env-data</a>

ERA5 weather data: https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/reanalysis-era5-single-levels?tab=form

Download ECMWF data directly in R: <a href="https://github.com/bluegreen-labs/ecmwfr">https://github.com/bluegreen-labs/ecmwfr</a>



### Env-DATA Service on Movebank

### Tips and tricks!

#### For generic CSVs:

- The timestamps need milliseconds.
- Column names should exactly match the instructions.
- There should be no NA values in the x, y and time columns
- To be safe, make sure there are no NA values in any other column as well!
- Only upload files with a max. 1 million rows

#### Overall

- Don't request many variables at once
- Don't request data from different products at once
- Get in touch with the support team if you don't get back your data in over a week



### Hands on

