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EDUCATION

PhD in Statistics

2016-2019

University of Sheffield, UK

Thesis: Stochastic models of animal movement and habitat selection

MSc in Mathematical and Software Engineering

2010-2015

INSA de Rouen, France

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral research fellow

Since February 2019

University of St Andrews, UK

Development of continuous-time stochastic processes for the analysis of animal telemetry data

Research placement

July-December 2015

University of St Andrews, UK

Development of an R package for the analysis of animal movement data with hidden Markov models

Research placement

June-September 2013

University of St Andrews, UK

Analysis of ecological and financial data with hidden Markov models

PUBLICATIONS

16. Conners, M., **Michelot, T.**, Heywood, E., Orben, R.A., Phillips, R., Vyssotski, A., Shaffer, S.A., Thorne, L. (in press). Hidden Markov models reveal major animal movement modes from multi-sensor tags: a case study of four albatross species. *Movement Ecology*.
15. Runde, B.J., **Michelot, T.**, Bacheler, N.M., Shertzer, K.W. and Buckel, J.A. (2020). Assigning fates in telemetry studies using hidden Markov models: an application to deepwater groupers released with descender devices. *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*, 40, pp. 1417–1434.
14. **Michelot, T.**, Blackwell, P.G., Chamaillé-Jammes, S., Matthiopoulos, J. (2020). Inference in MCMC step selection models. *Biometrics*, 76, pp. 438-447.
13. Farhadinia, M.S., **Michelot, T.**, Johnson, P.J., Hunter, L.T.B., MacDonald, D.W. (2020). Understanding decision making in a food-caching predator using hidden Markov models. *Movement Ecology*, 8 (9), DOI: 10.1186/s40462-020-0195-z.
12. Spangenberg, M., Serrouya, R., Dickie, M., DeMars, C., **Michelot, T.**, Boutin, S., Wittmann, M.J. (2019). Slowing down wolves to protect boreal caribou populations: a spatial simulation model of linear feature restoration. *Ecosphere*, 10 (10), DOI: 10.1002/ecs2.2904.
11. **Michelot, T.**, Gloaguen, P., Blackwell, P.G., Étienne, M.P. (2019). The Langevin diffusion as a continuous-time model of animal movement and habitat selection. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 10 (11), pp. 1894-1907.
10. Bacheler, N. M., **Michelot, T.**, Cheshire, R. T., Shertzer, K. W. (2019). Fine-scale movement patterns and behavioral states of gray triggerfish *Balistes capricus* determined from acoustic telemetry and hidden Markov models. *Fisheries Research*, 215, pp. 76-89.

9. **Michélot, T.**, Blackwell, P.G. (2019). State-switching continuous-time correlated random walks. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 10 (5), pp. 637–649.
8. **Michélot, T.**, Blackwell, P.G., Matthiopoulos, J. (2019). Linking resource selection and step selection models for habitat preferences in animals. *Ecology*, 100 (1), DOI: 10.1002/ecy.2452.
7. Grecian, W.J., Lane, J., **Michélot, T.**, Wade, H., Hamer, K.C. (2018). Understanding the ontogeny of foraging behaviour: insights from combining marine predator bio-logging with satellite-derived oceanography in hidden Markov models. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 15 (143), DOI: 10.1098/rsif.2018.0084.
6. McClintock, B., **Michélot, T.** (2018). momentuHMM: R package for generalized hidden Markov models of animal movement. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 9 (6), pp. 1518–1530.
5. **Michélot, T.**, Langrock, R., Bestley, S., Jonsen, I.D., Photopoulou, T., Patterson, T.A. (2017). Estimation and simulation of foraging trips in land-based marine predators. *Ecology*. 98 (7), pp. 1932–1944.
4. Langrock, R., Kneib, T., Glennie, R., **Michélot, T.** (2017). Markov-switching generalized additive models. *Statistics and Computing*. 27 (1), pp. 259–270.
3. **Michélot, T.**, Langrock, R., Patterson, T.A. (2016). moveHMM: An R package for analysing animal movement data using hidden Markov models. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 7 (11), pp. 1308–1315.
2. **Michélot, T.**, Langrock, R., Kneib, T., King, R. (2016). Maximum penalized likelihood estimation in semiparametric capture-recapture models. *Biometrical Journal*, 58, pp. 223–239.
1. Langrock, R., **Michélot, T.**, Sohn, A., Kneib, T. (2015). Semiparametric stochastic volatility modelling using penalized splines. *Computational Statistics*, 30, pp. 517–537.

IN PREPARATION

Michélot, T., Glennie, R., Harris, C., Thomas, L. Varying-coefficient stochastic differential equations with applications in ecology. *arXiv preprint*, arXiv:2008.09111.

Resubmitted to *Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics* after revision.

Klappstein, N.J., Potts, J.R., **Michélot, T.**, Pilfold, N.W., Börger, L., Lewis, M.A., Derocher, A.E. Energy selection functions: modelling the energetic drivers of animal movement and habitat use. *Authorea preprint*, DOI: 10.22541/au.160640483.30543006.

Glennie, R., Adam, T., Leos Barajas, V., **Michélot, T.**, Photopoulou, T., McClintock, B. Hidden Markov models: pitfalls and opportunities in ecology.

Glennie, R., **Michélot, T.** hmmTMB: an R package for flexible hidden Markov models with random effects.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Antinori P., **Michélot T.**, Lescuyer P., Müller M., Acosta-Martin A.E. (2019)

Detection of unknown chemical adduct modifications on proteins: from wet to dry laboratory

In: Evans C., Wright P., Noirel J. (eds), *Mass Spectrometry of Proteins*

Methods in Molecular Biology, vol 1977. Humana Press, New York, NY.

TEACHING

Guest lecturer

Fall 2019

University of St Andrews

- MT4113 Computing in Statistics

Teaching training

Fall 2019

Academic Staff Development Programme, University of St Andrews

- Assessment and feedback (half-day workshop)
- Effective lecturing (half-day workshop)

Lecturer and demonstrator for two workshops

Hidden Markov models for animal movement and other ecological data

- Two-day workshop in St Andrews, UK.
- Three-day workshop in Mossel Bay, South Africa.

August 2017

March 2016

Tutorial demonstrator

2016-2018

University of Sheffield

- MAS113 Introduction to Probability and Statistics (first year)
- MAS275 Probability Modelling (second year)
- MAS223 Statistical Inference and Modelling (second year)
- MAS6002 Statistical Laboratory (MSc)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

MSc research placements

Carlina Feldmann (U. of St Andrews, with Theoni Photopoulou)

October-November 2019

Topic: *Spatially-explicit models of animal movement for acoustic detection data*

Hugo Hervé (U. of St Andrews, with Len Thomas and Richard Glennie)

June-August 2019

Topic: *Simulation study of multiple imputation techniques for the application of hidden Markov models to irregular and noisy telemetry data*

Honours projects

Mairi McHale (U. of St Andrews, with David Borchers)

2019-2020

Topic: *Analysis of snow leopard movement data using hidden Markov models*

Student examination

Bantu Halam (U. of Cape Town, Department of Statistical Sciences)

September 2019

External examiner for MSc thesis: *Mining a large shopping database to predict where, when, and what consumers will buy next*

PRESENTATIONS

Time-varying diffusion processes in movement ecology

Talk at the virtual International Statistical Ecology Conference, online. June 2020.

Linking scales of animal movement using statistical samplers

Invited seminar at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. March 2020.

Behavioural response studies of beaked whales using accelerometer data and diffusion models

Talk at the British Ecological Society conference, Belfast, UK. December 2019.

Spline-based diffusion models and application to accelerometer data

Invited seminar at the University of Glasgow, UK. November 2019.

Seminar at the University of St Andrews, UK. November 2019.

Hidden Markov models of animal movement and behaviour

Invited seminar at the University of Lisbon, Portugal. November 2019.

Invited talk at the congress of Soc. Portuguesa de Estatística, Amarante, Portugal. November 2019.

Modelling animal movement and habitat selection across scales

Invited talk at the annual meeting of the BES movement ecology group, Sheffield, UK. July 2019.

The Langevin diffusion as a model of animal movement and habitat selection

Talk at the meeting of the National Centre for Statistical Ecology, Edinburgh, UK. June 2019.

Modelling animal movement and habitat selection across scales

Invited seminar at the School of Biosciences of the University of Cardiff, UK. March 2019.

Analysing telemetry data with hidden Markov models

Invited seminar at the Duke University Marine Lab, Beaufort, USA. March 2019.

Do animals move like statistical samplers?

Talk at the Research Students' Conference in Statistics and Probability, Sheffield, UK. July 2018.

Markov chain Monte Carlo as a model of animal movement and space use

Talk at the International Statistical Ecology Conference, St Andrews, UK. July 2018.

moveHMM and momentuHMM – Analysing animal movement in R

Tutorial at the moving2gather meeting, Montpellier, France. December 2017.

Can animals do MCMC? Linking resource selection and step selection models

Poster at the Bio-logging symposium, Konstanz, Germany. September 2017.

From movement to space use

Flash talk at the BES movement ecology group meeting, London, UK. July 2017.

momentuHMM: an R package for the analysis of general telemetry data using hidden Markov models

Talk at the EURING meeting, Barcelona, Spain. July 2017.

Can animals do MCMC? Integrating resource selection and step selection

Talk at the meeting of the National Centre for Statistical Ecology, Canterbury, UK. June 2017.

Analysing animal movement data with moveHMM – Conservation action plan for the wild haggis

Talk at the International Statistical Ecology Conference, Seattle, USA. June 2016.

Best student talk award

Multistate Ornstein-Uhlenbeck processes for modelling animal movement

Talk at the Research Students' Conference in Probability and Statistics, Dublin, Ireland. June 2016.

moveHMM: an R package for modelling animal movement with hidden Markov models

Seminar at the Australian Antarctic Division, Hobart, Australia. June 2016.

Seminar at the Sea Mammal Research Unit, St Andrews, UK. November 2015.

A statistical introduction to animal movement modelling

Talk at the German Statistical Week, Hamburg, Germany. September 2015.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Associate Editor

Since 2021

Journal of Statistical Theory and Practice

Reviewer

Advances in Statistical Analysis (2020), *Animals* (2019), *Ecography* (2018), *Ecological Applications* (2017), *Ecological Monographs* (2019), *Ecology and Evolution* (2016, 2017), *Ecology Letters* (2019), *Emu - Austral Ornithology* (2018), *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Ecological Statistics* (2017, 2018), *Journal of Animal Ecology* (2019), *Journal of Mammalogy* (2018), *Journal of Zoology* (2019), *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* (2016, 2017×3, 2018), *Movement Ecology* (2016×3, 2019, 2020×3), *Nature Ecology & Evolution* (2020), *Plos One* (2018), *Scientific Reports* (2018, 2019), *Sensors* (2021).

Early career researcher representative

Since 2019

Executive committee of the National Centre for Statistical Ecology, UK

OTHER SKILLS

Programming

R (including Rcpp, Stan, TMB), C++

Tools

git, Latex, R development tools (devtools, unit testing, profiling, documentation)

Languages

French, English