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## EDUCATION

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**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

## EXPERIENCE

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**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

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**Michelot, T.**, Blackwell, P.G., Chamaillé-Jammes, S., Matthiopoulos, J. (in press)  
Inference in MCMC step selection models  
*Biometrics*, DOI: 10.1111/biom.13170.

Spangenberg, M., Serrouya, R., Dickie, M., DeMars, C., **Michelot, T.**, et al. (in press)  
Slowing down wolves to protect boreal caribou populations: a spatial simulation model of linear feature restoration  
*Ecosphere*, DOI: 10.1002/ecs2.2904.

**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.

Bachelor, N. M., **Michelot, T.**, Cheshire, R. T., Shertzer, K. W. (2019)  
Fine-scale movement patterns and behavioral states of gray triggerfish *Balistes capriscus* determined from acoustic telemetry and hidden Markov models  
*Fisheries Research*, 215, pp. 76-89.

**Michelot, T.**, Blackwell, P.G. (2019)  
State-switching continuous-time correlated random walks  
*Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 10 (5), pp. 637-649.

**Michelot, 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Langrock, R., Kneib, T., Glennie, R., **Michélot, T.** (2017)  
 Markov-switching generalized additive models  
*Statistics and Computing*, 27 (1), pp. 259–270.
- 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.
- Michélot, T.**, Langrock, R., Kneib, T., King, R. (2016)  
 Maximum penalized likelihood estimation in semiparametric capture-recapture models  
*Biometrical Journal*, 58, pp. 223–239.
- Langrock, R., **Michélot, T.**, Sohn, A., Kneib, T. (2015)  
 Semiparametric stochastic volatility modelling using penalized splines  
*Computational Statistics*, 30, pp. 517–537.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- Antinori P., **Michélot T.**, Lescuyer P., Mller 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

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**Guest lecturer and demonstrator at the University of St Andrews** *Fall 2019*  
 MT4113 Computing in Statistics

### **Lecturer and demonstrator for two workshops**

*Topic: Hidden Markov models for animal movement and other ecological data.*

Two-day workshop in St Andrews, UK. *August 2017*

Three-day workshop in Mossel Bay, South Africa. *March 2016*

### **Tutorial demonstrator at the University of Sheffield** *2016-2018*

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

Mairi McHale (with David Borchers) 2019-2020  
Honours project: *Analysis of snow leopard movement data using hidden Markov models*

Carlina Feldmann (with Theoni Photopoulou) October-November 2019  
MSc research placement: *Spatially-explicit models of animal movement for acoustic detection data*

Hugo Hervé (with Len Thomas and Richard Glennie) June-August 2019  
MSc research placement: *Simulation study of multiple imputation techniques for the application of hidden Markov models to irregular and noisy telemetry data*

## Student examination

Bantu Halam (University 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

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*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.

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

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 INVOLVMENT

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### Early career researcher representative

2019

Executive committee of the National Centre for Statistical Ecology, UK

### Reviewer

*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), *Plos One* (2018), *Scientific Reports* (2018, 2019).

## OTHER SKILLS

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### Programming

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

### Tools

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

### Languages

French, English