

Individual based models in movement ecology

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What is a model?

Ecological models

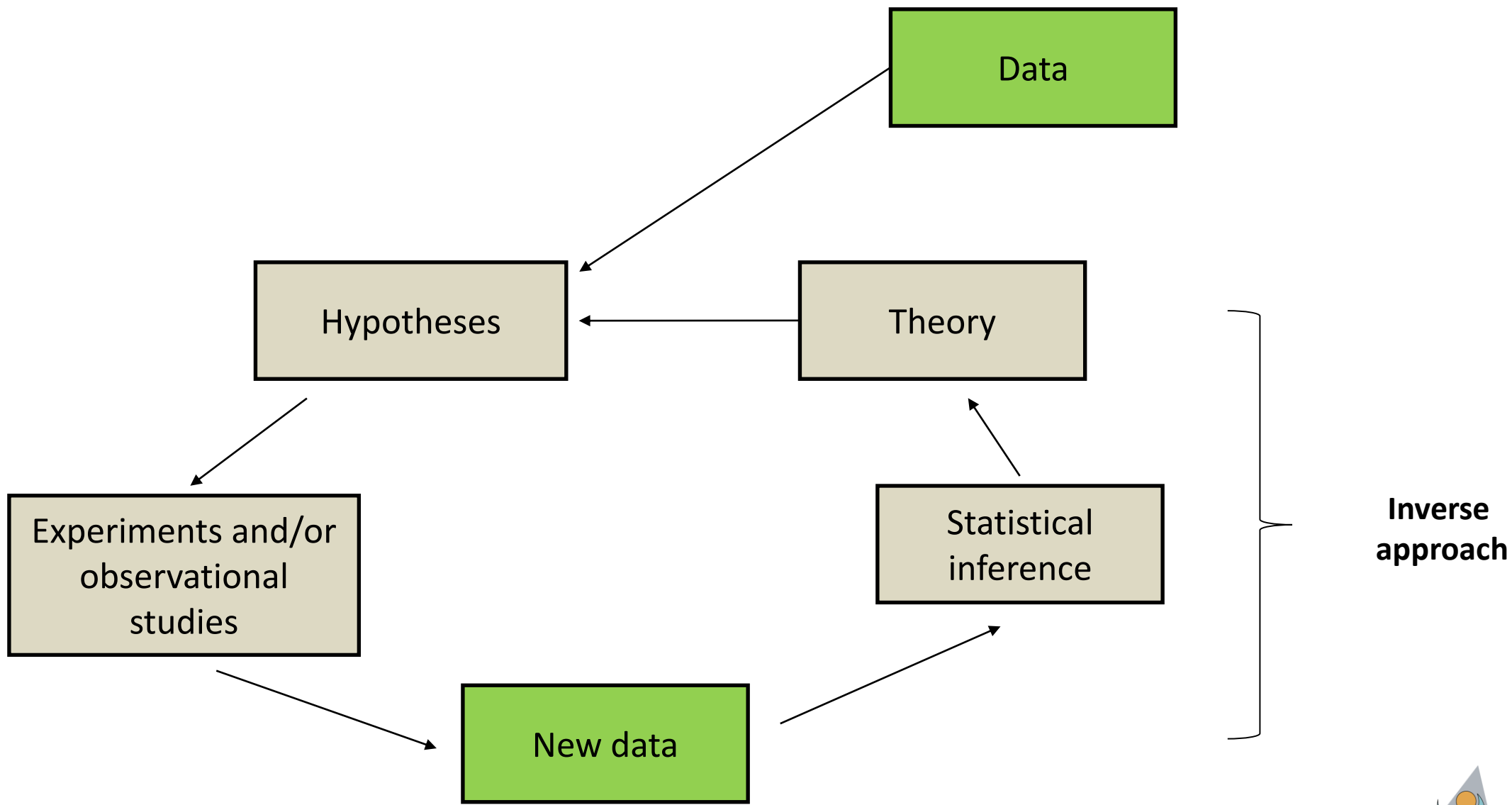
Forward approach: mathematical models

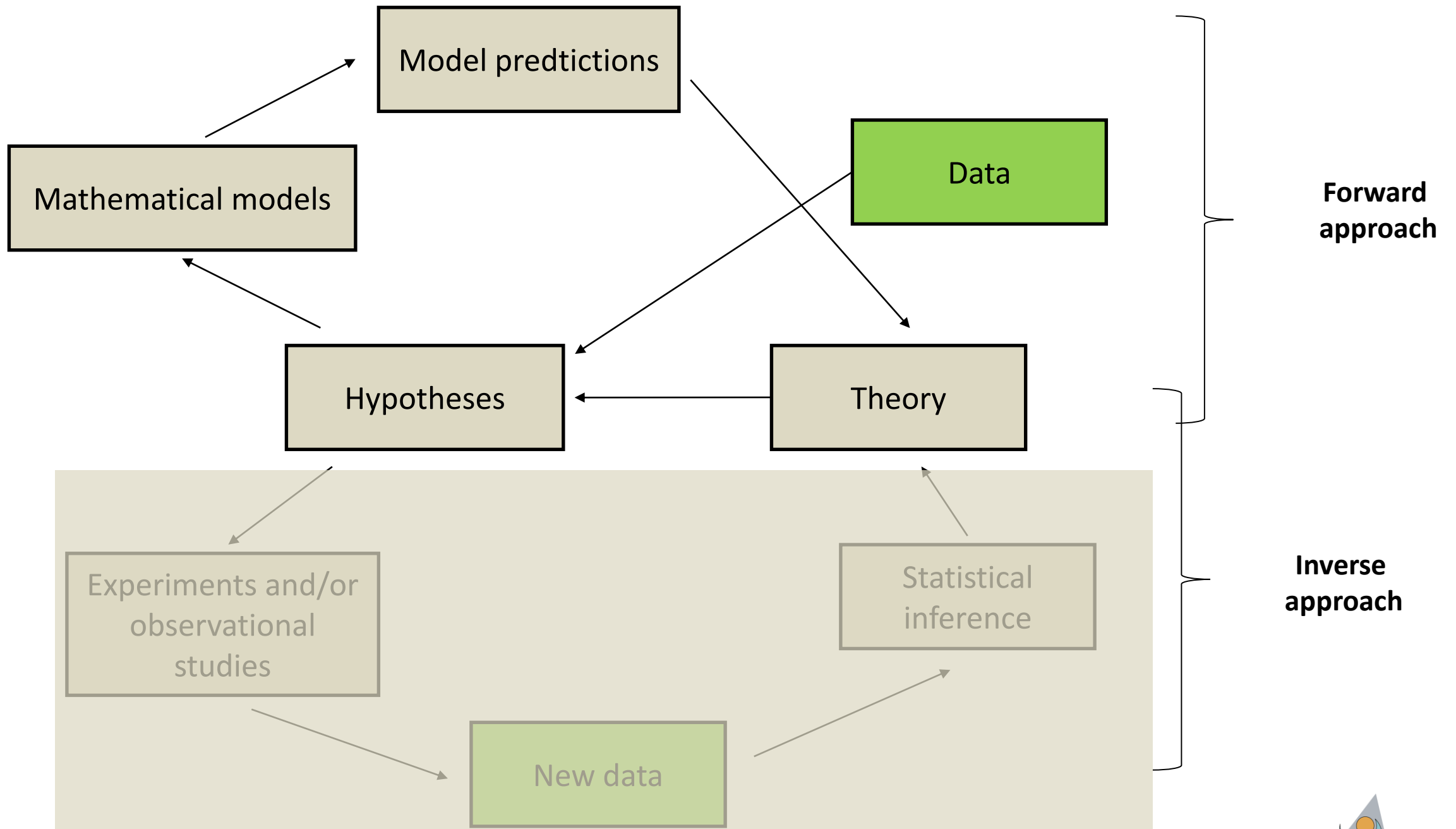
Aim: to understand causal relations in a general level

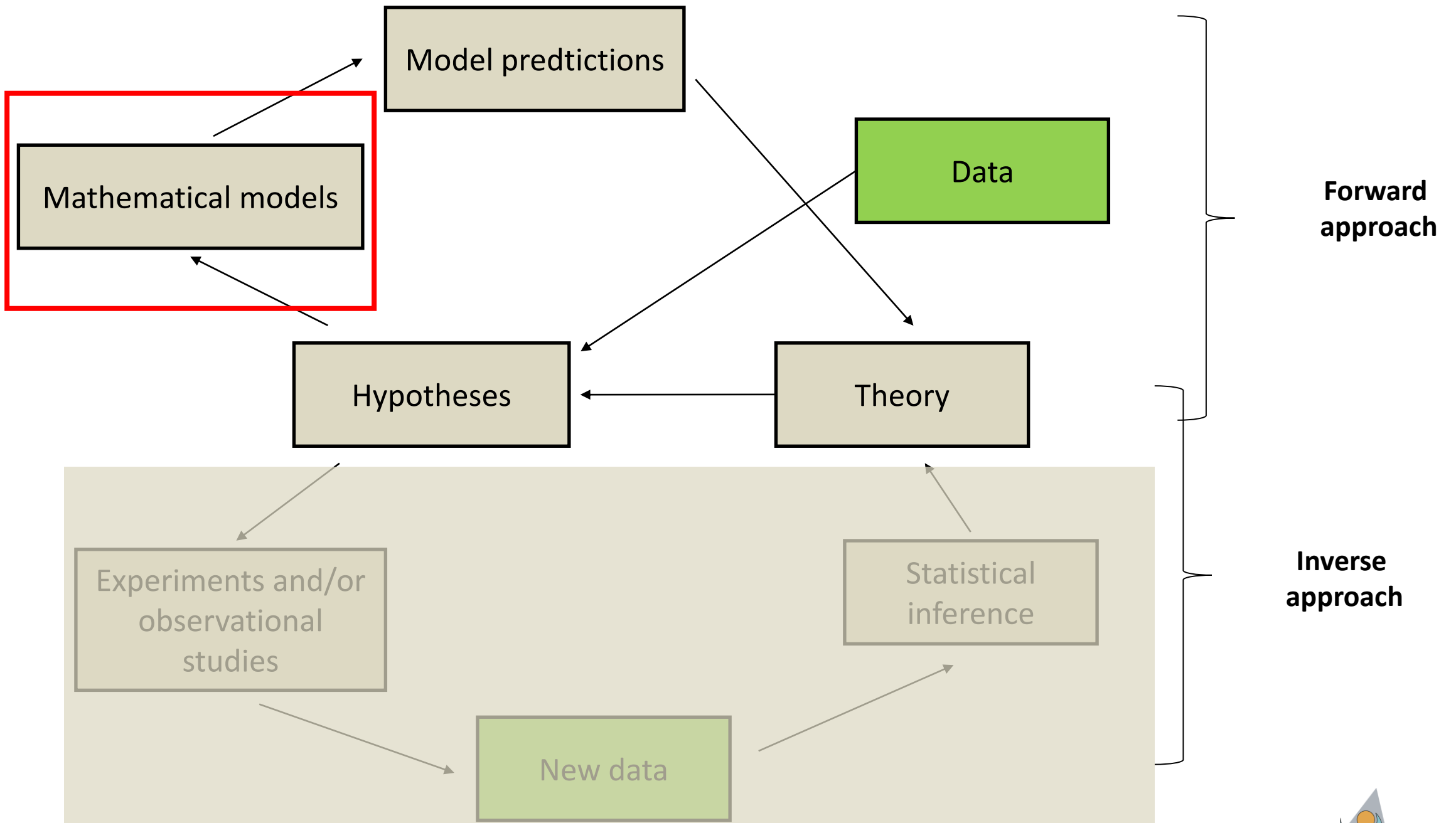


Inverse approach: statistical models

Aim: to find factors that influence observed data







Mathematical models



Mathematical models

What is the population growth dynamics once there are limited resources?

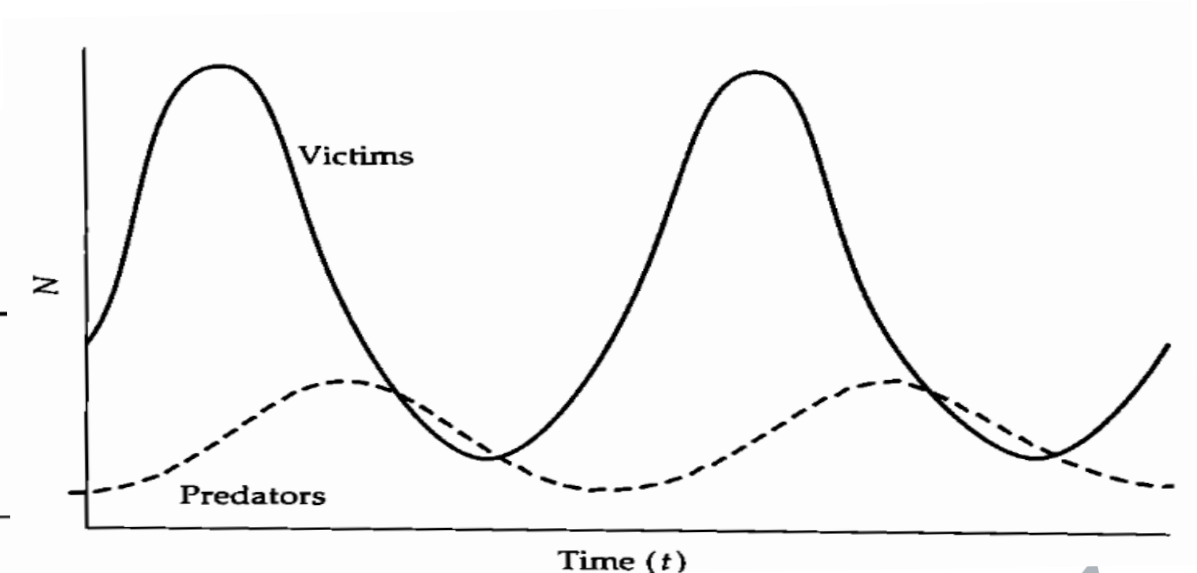
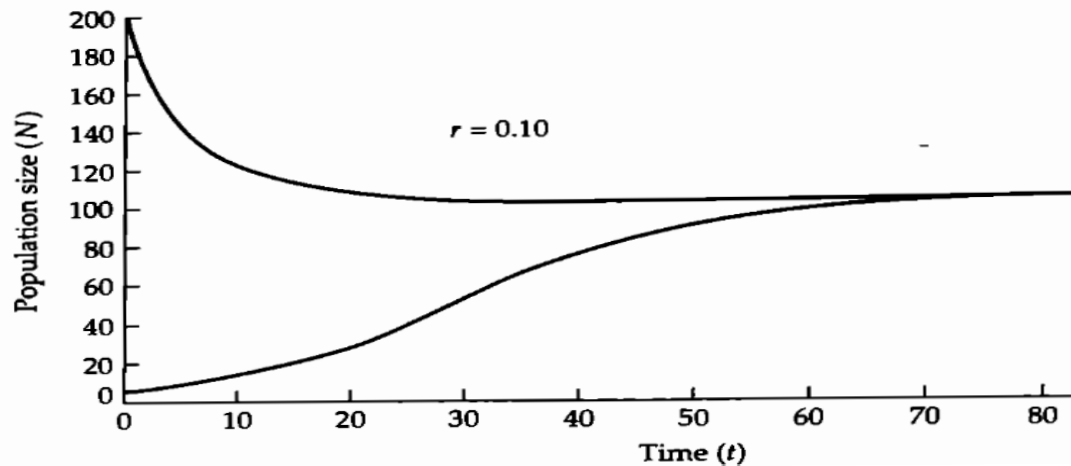
How is the dynamics of a predator-prey system?

Mathematical models

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right)$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \alpha N - \beta NP$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \sigma NP - \gamma P$$



Individual-based models





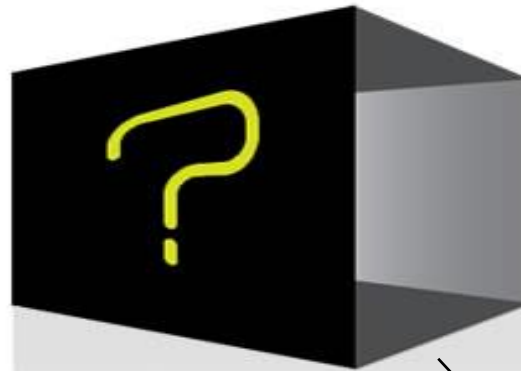
Space



Individuals/agents

Movement
Behavior
Biology

Models
Simulations
“Rules”

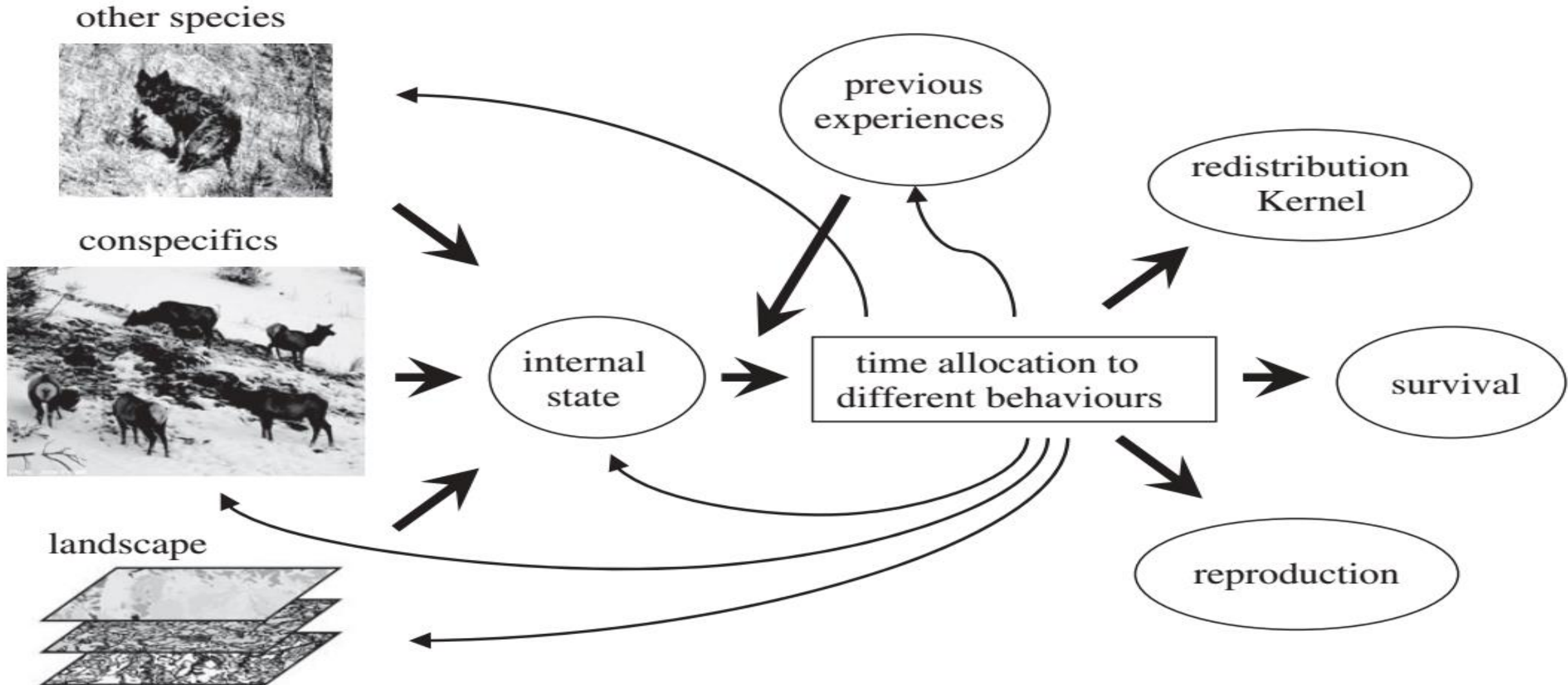


Ecological questions
Conservation strategies

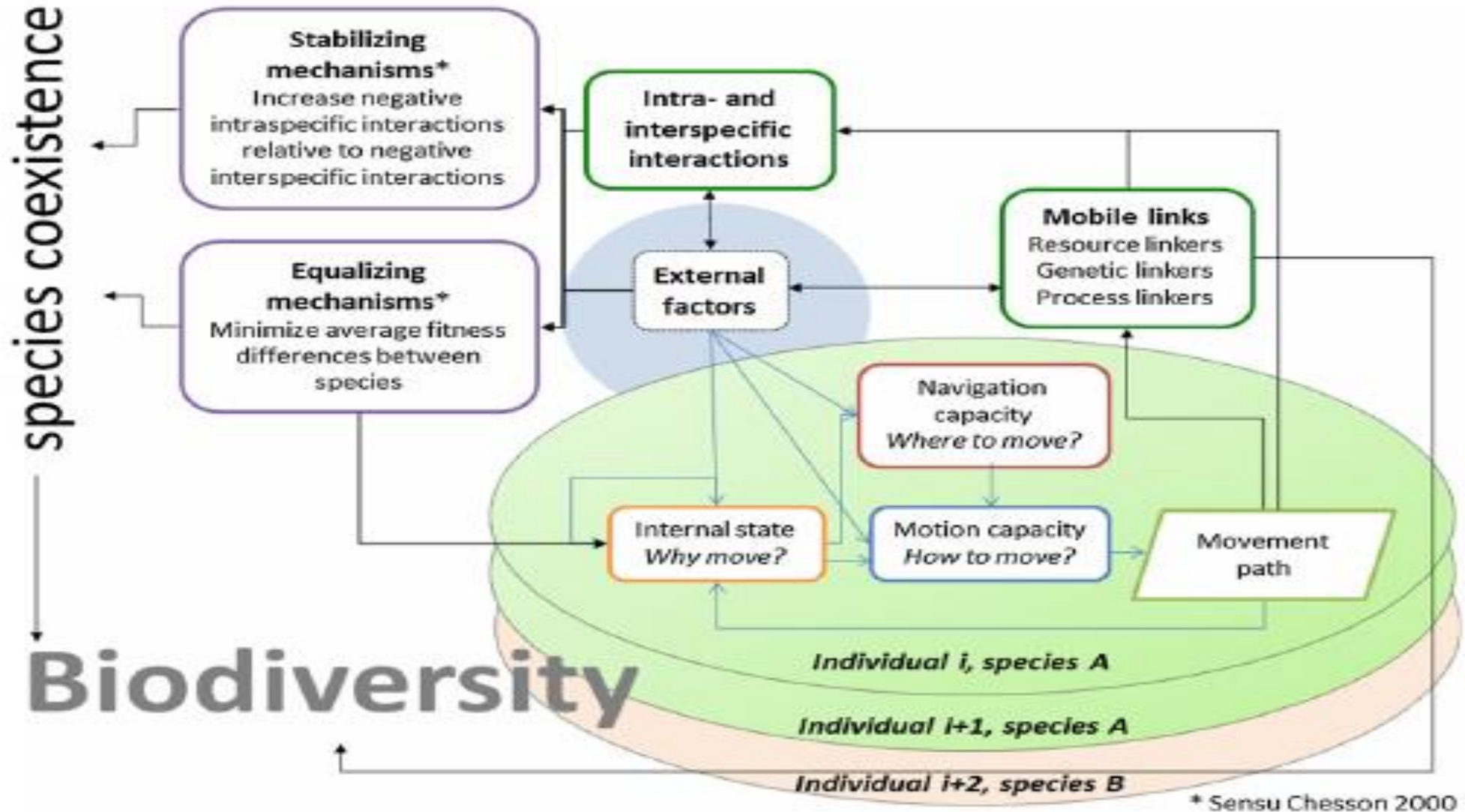
Individual-based models

- Individual variation
- Variability in space
- Life history details
- Behavior and phenotypic variation
- Experience and learning
- Genetics and evolution
- Complexity and pattern emergence

Individual-based models



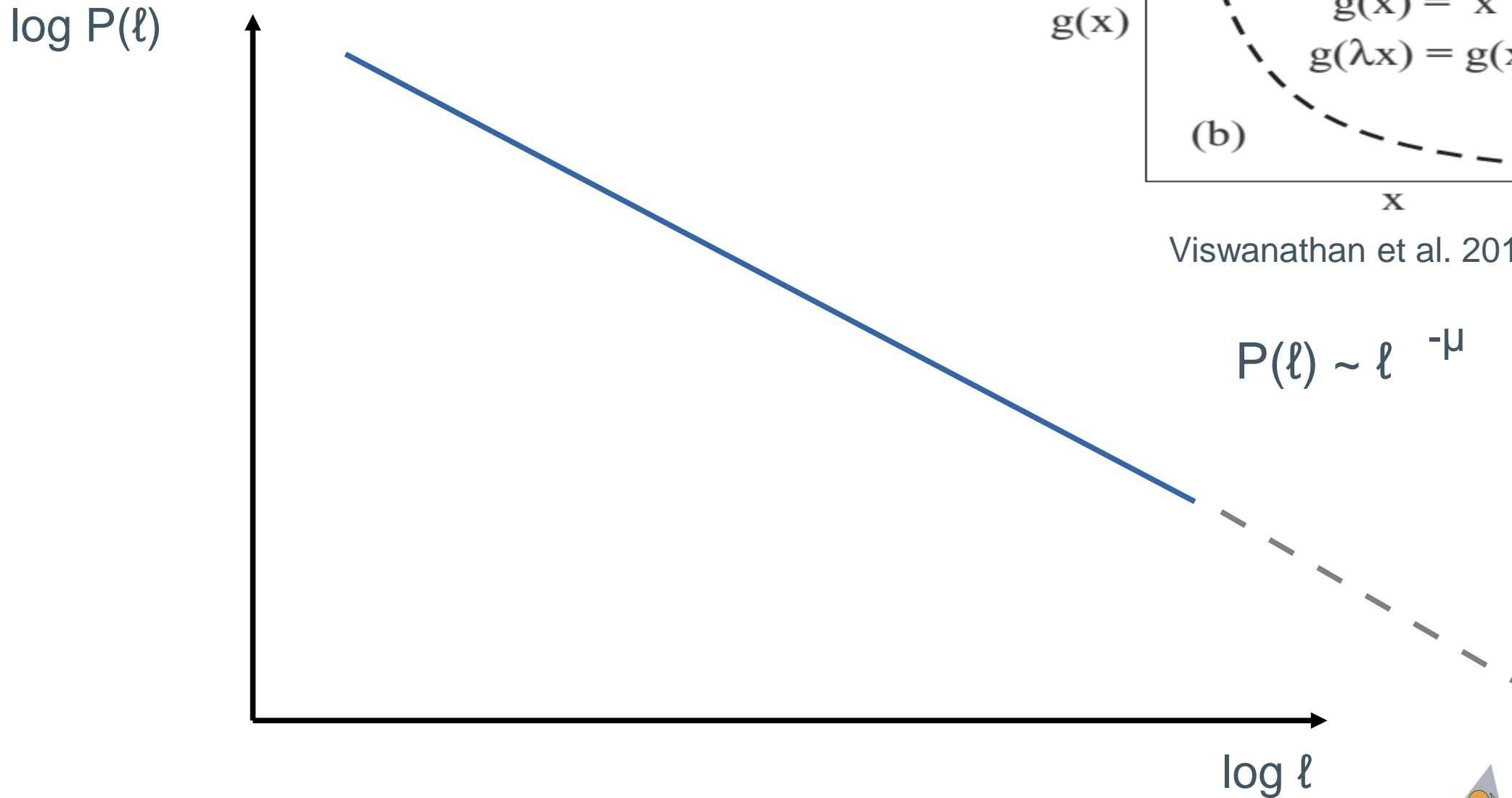
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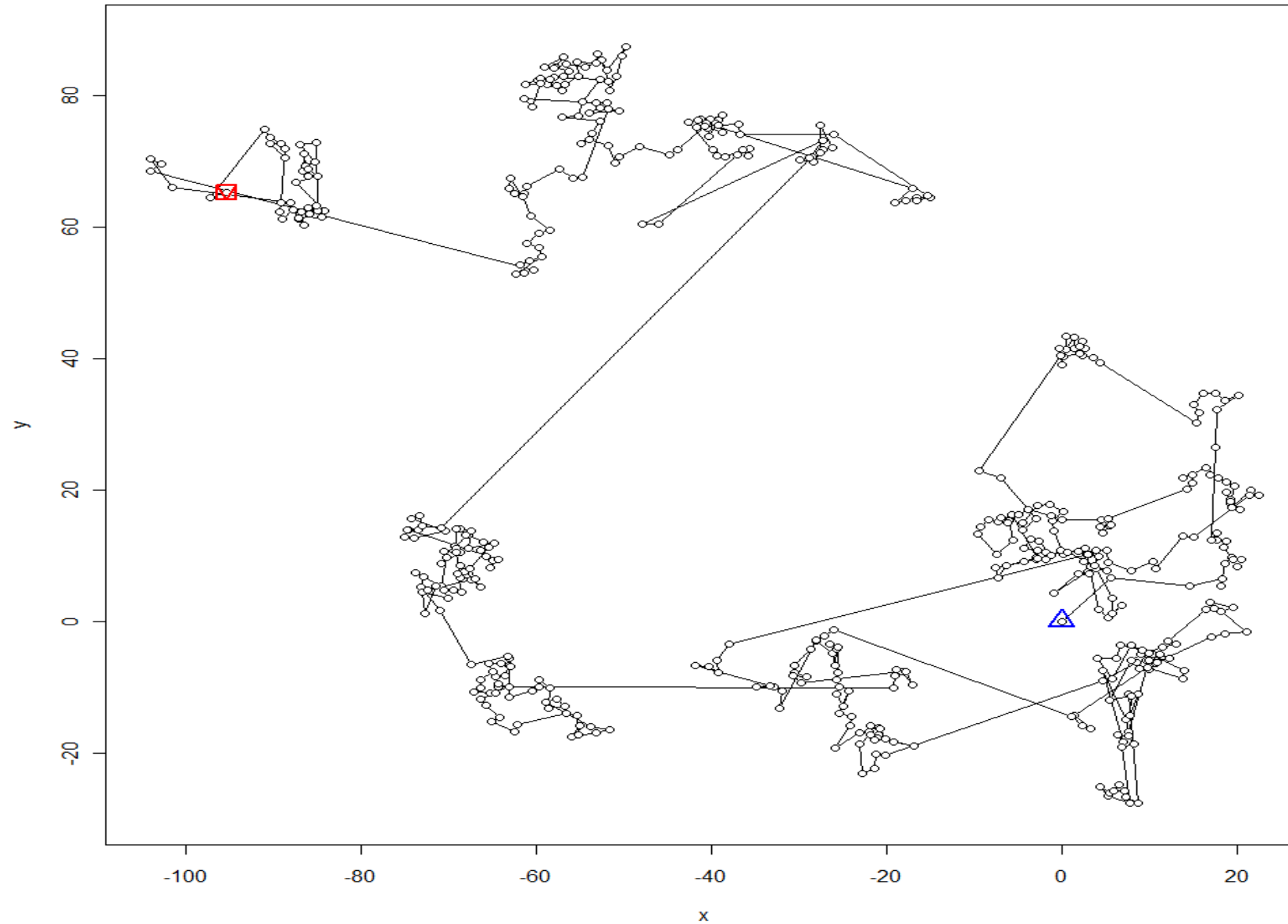
Individual-based models

- Random walk model
- Population model
- Species interaction model

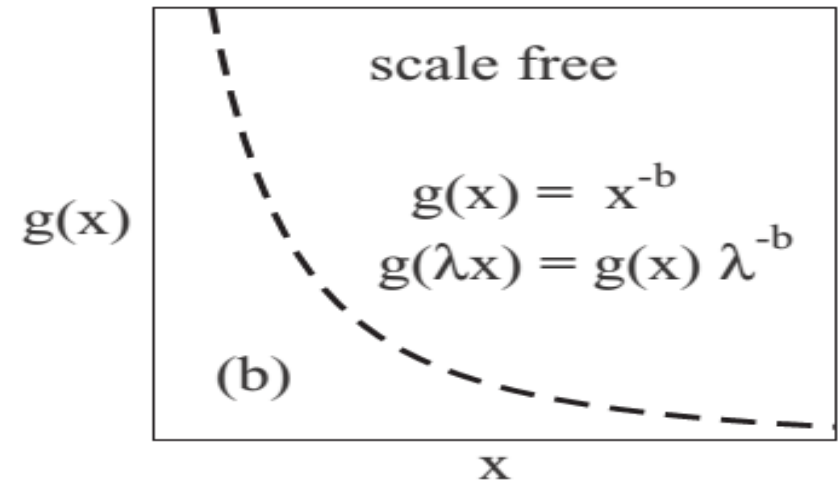
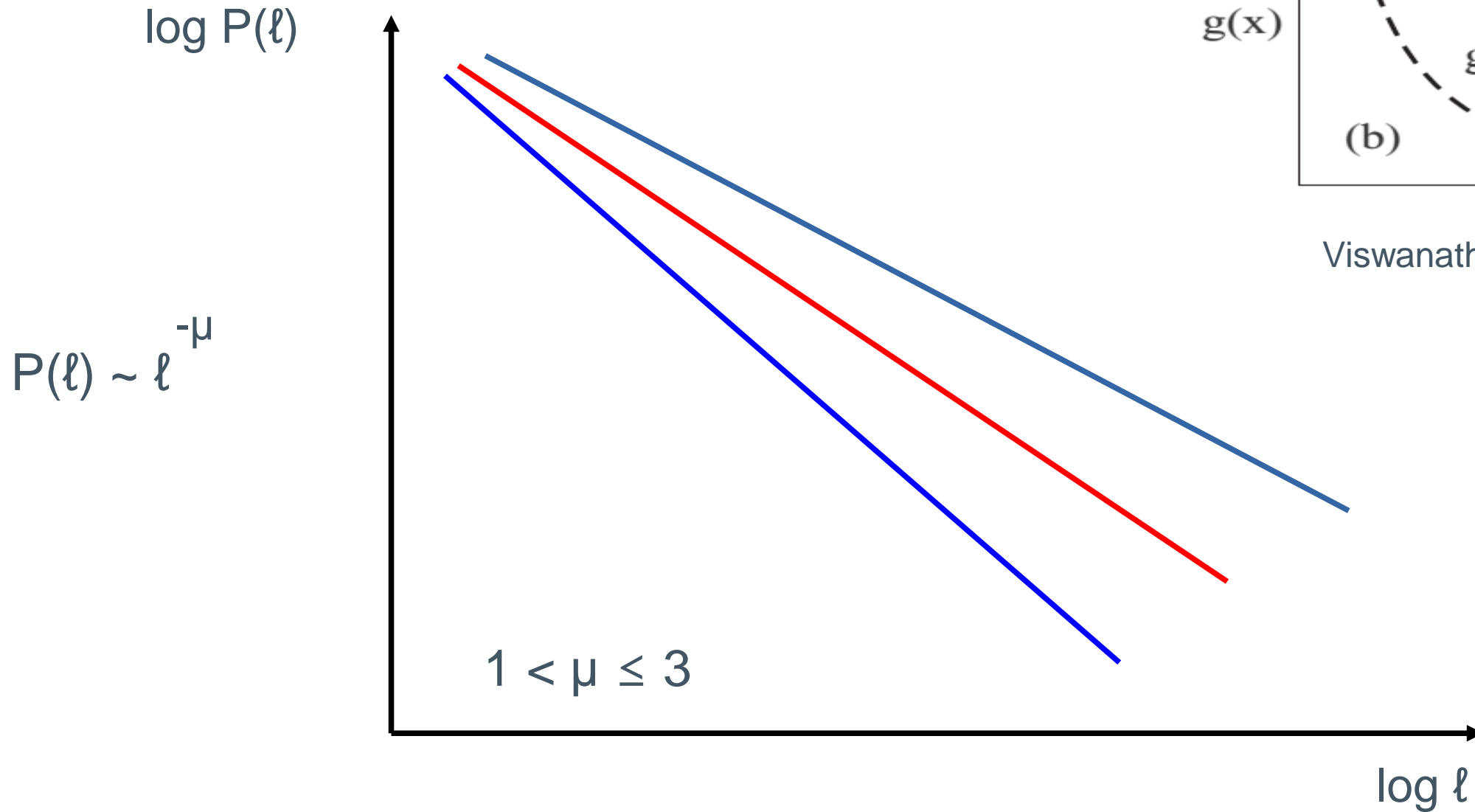
Lévy patterns



Lévy patterns

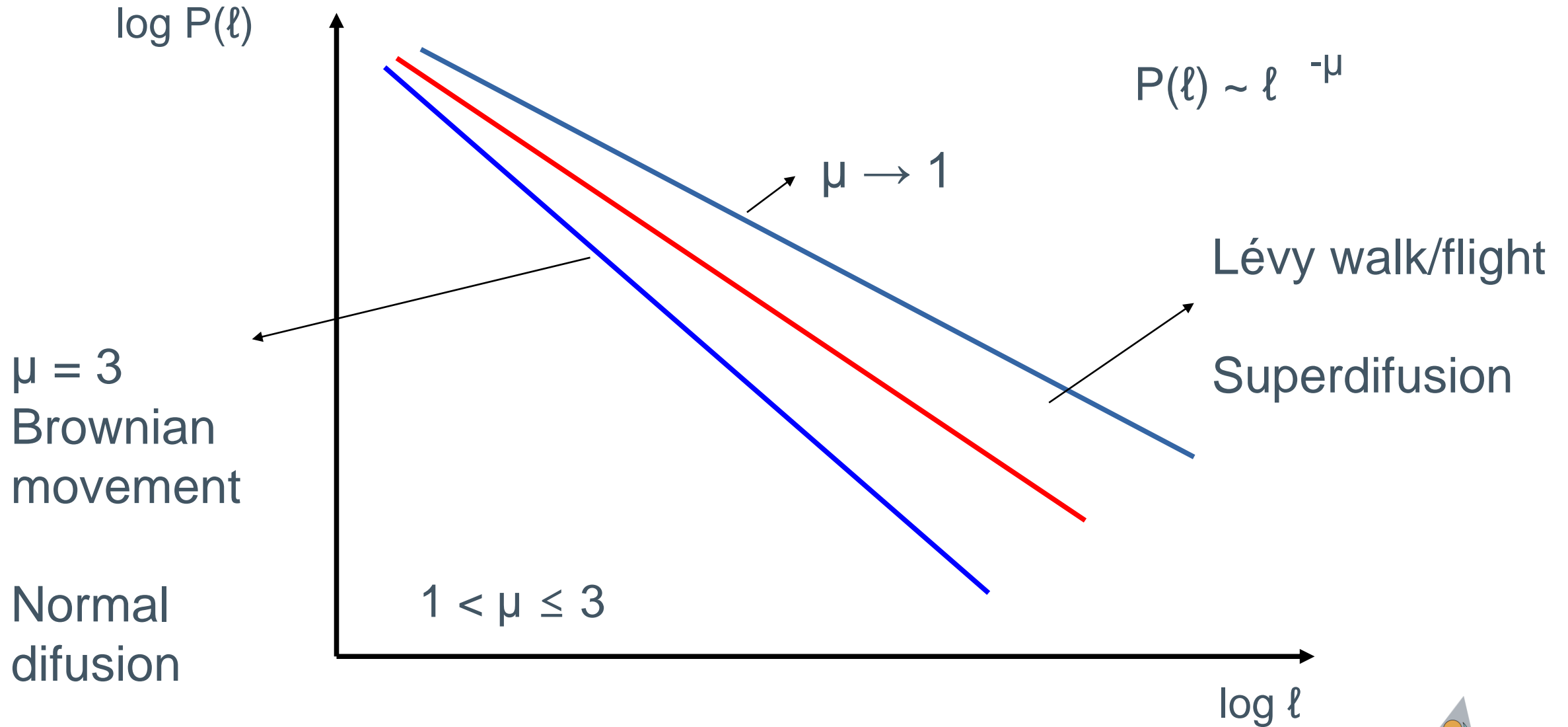


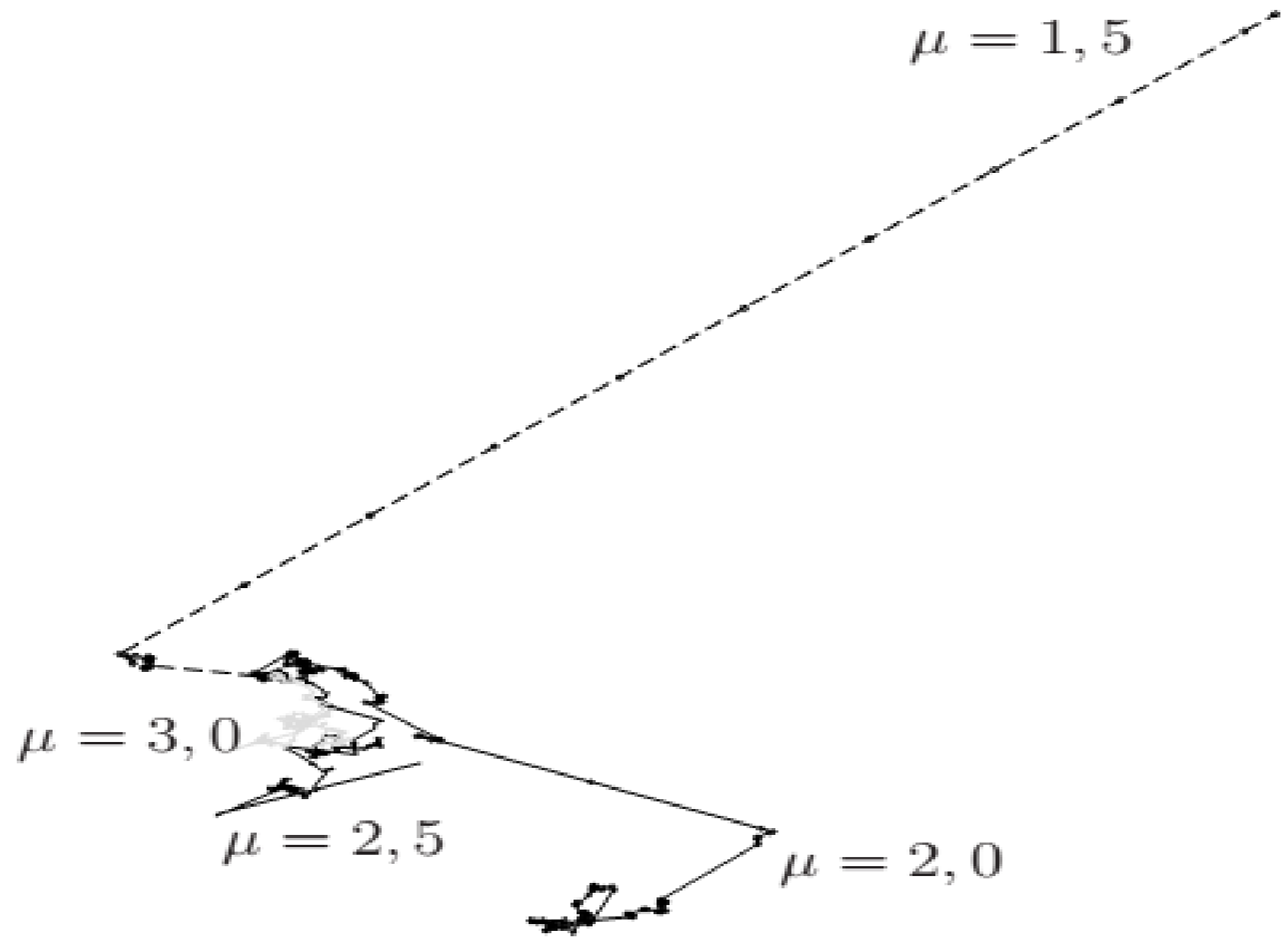
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Viswanathan et al. 2011

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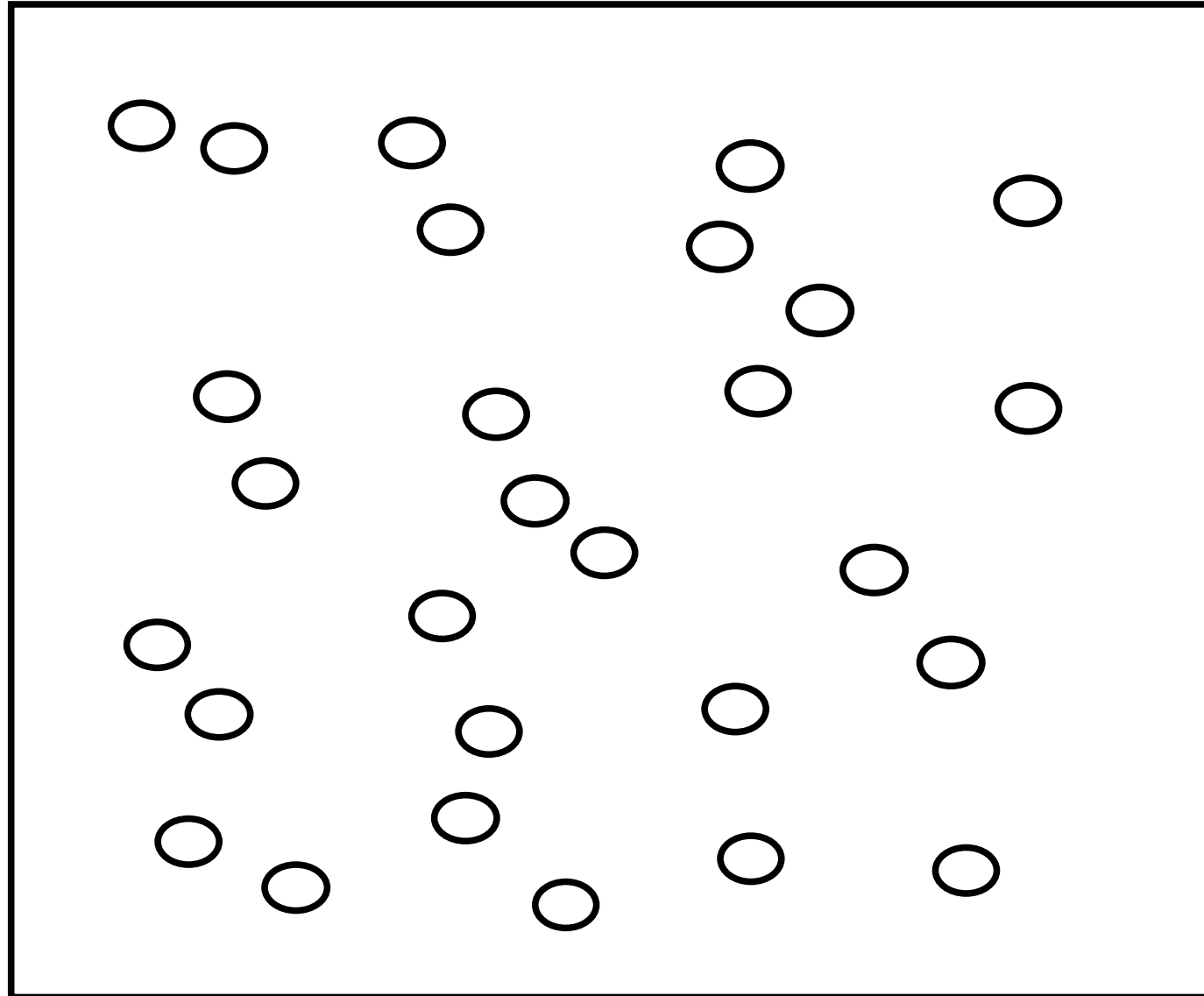
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Optimizing the success of random searches

**G. M. Viswanathan^{*†‡}, Sergey V. Buldyrev^{*}, Shlomo Havlin^{*§},
M. G. E. da Luz^{||¶}, E. P. Raposo^{||#} & H. Eugene Stanley^{*}**

- Predator-prey interactions are ignored
- Learning is minimized
- Interaction among individuals are ignored (one individual simulated at a time)

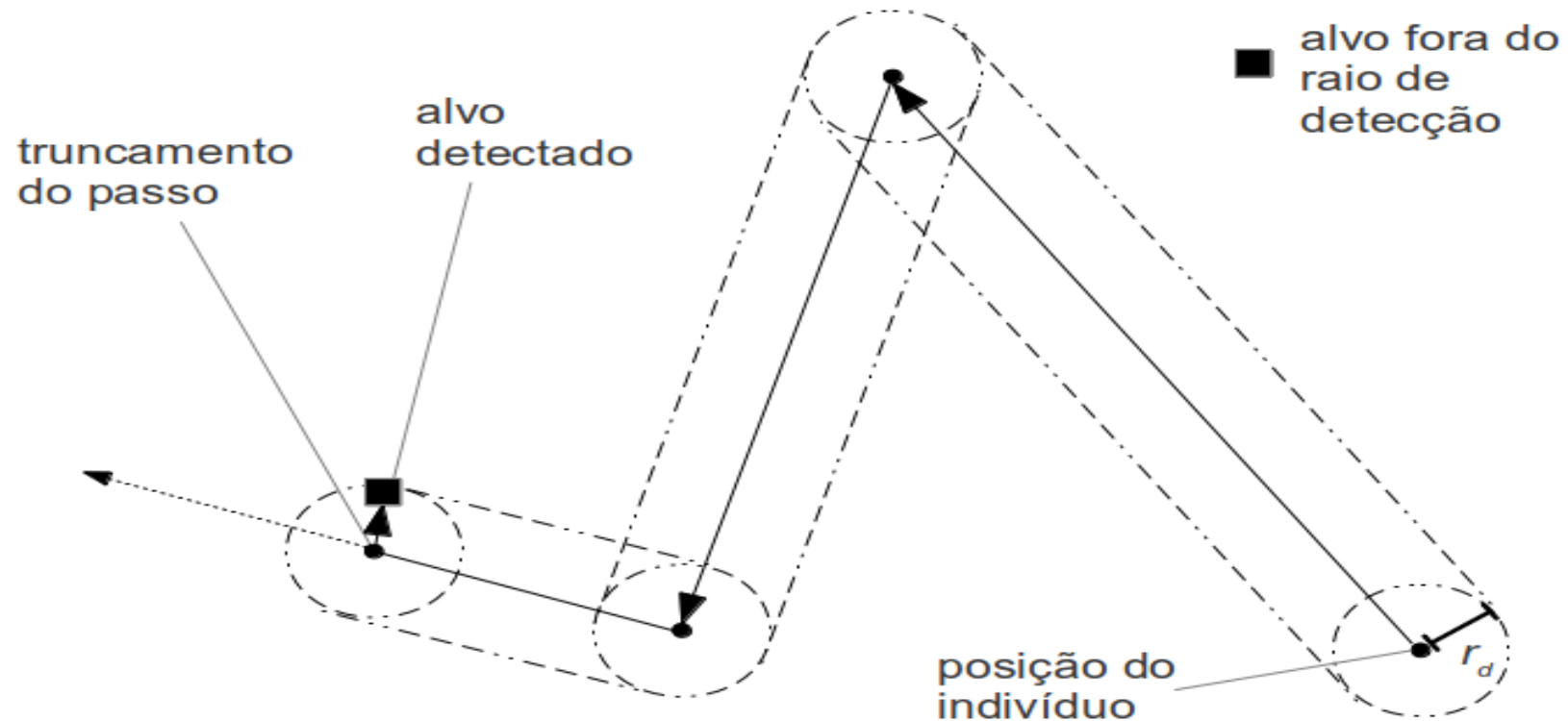
Environment:



Movement:

- radius of detection, r_d

(i) are there targets inside the radius?



Movement:

- radius of detection, r_d

(i) are there targets inside the radius?

(ii) chose of move length and direction

(iii) if there

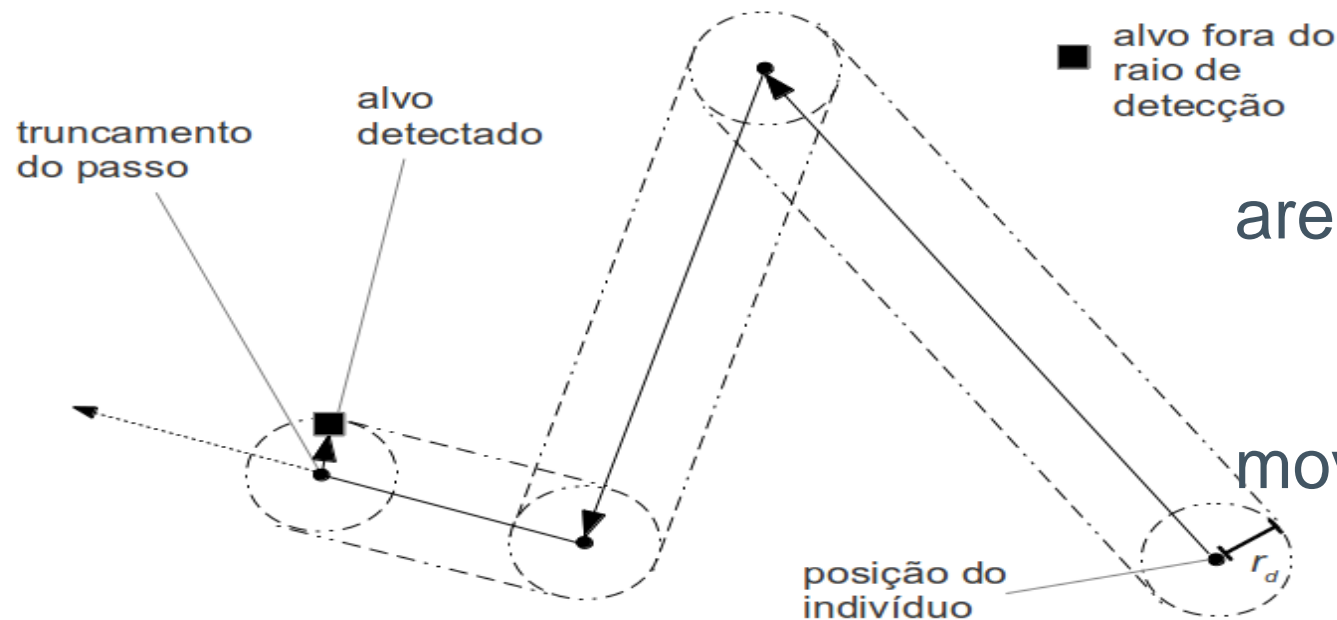
are

targets, truncate

the

move and go

straight to them



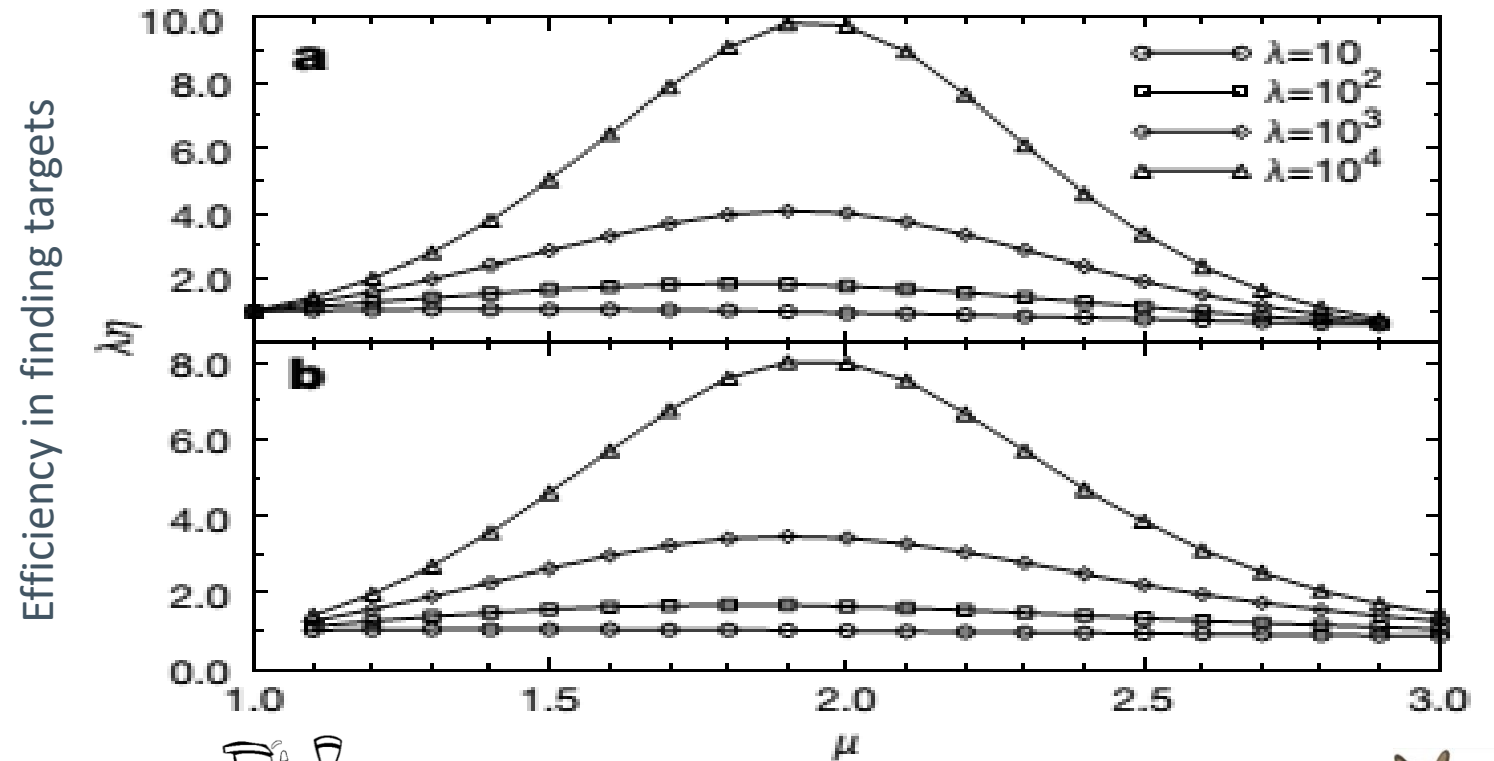
Which is the movement strategy that maximizes the search efficiency?

In each kind of enviroment?

Results:

Scarce environments:
 $\mu \approx 2$

Dense environments:
 $\mu \rightarrow 3$





Oxyrrhis marina (Bartumeus et al., 2003)



Apis mellifera (Reynolds et al., 2007a, b)

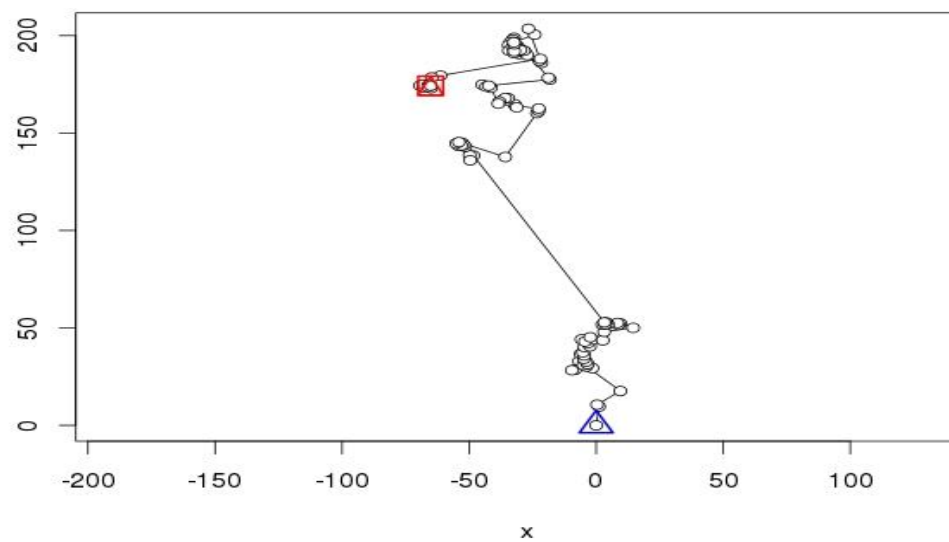


Makaira nigricans e outros predadores marinhos (Humphries et al., 2010; Sims et al., 2008, 2012; Hays et al., 2012)



Drosophila melanogaster (Reynolds e Frye, 2007)

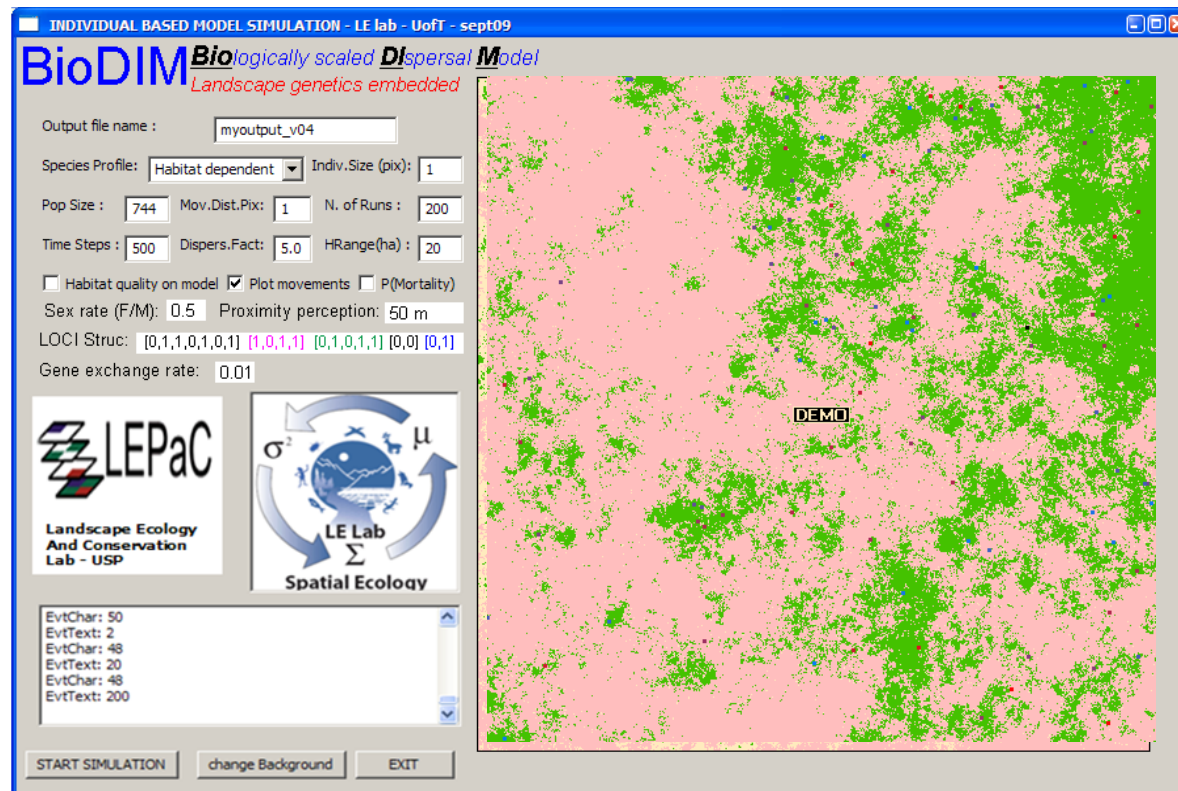
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Diomedea exulans (Humphries et al., 2012)

Individual-based model

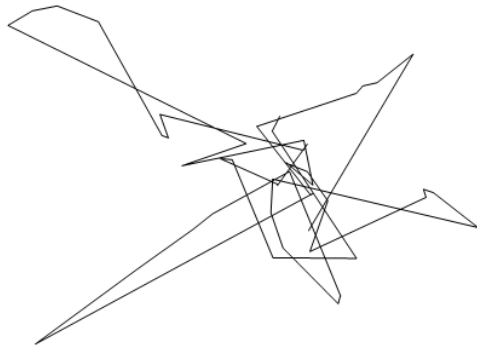
BioDIM – Biologically scaled Dispersal Model



**Explicit
movement!**

BioDIM

Movement
behavior

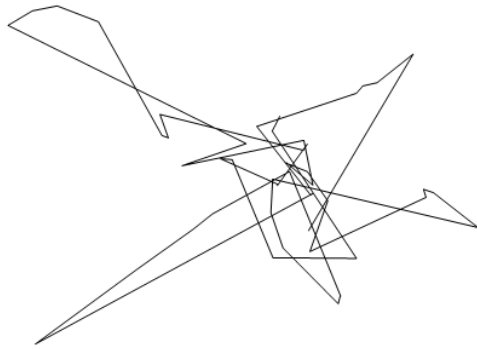


Groups

Routine movement

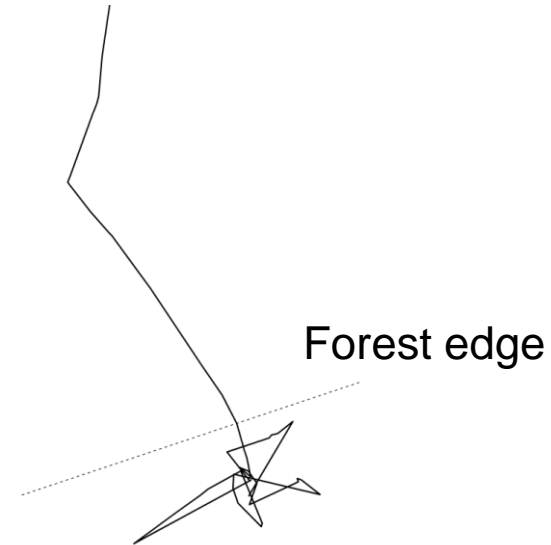
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Movement behavior



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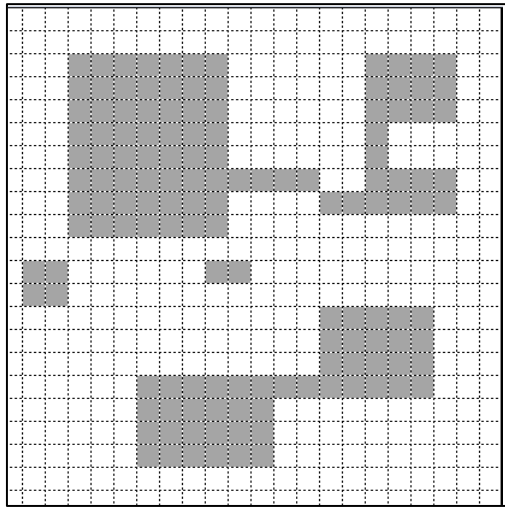


Individuals dispersing

Dispersal movement

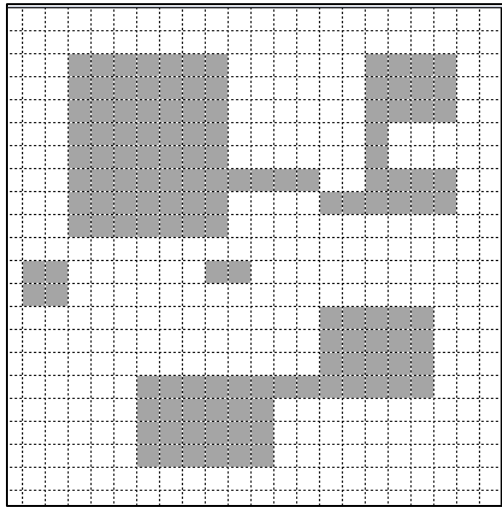
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Landscape perspective

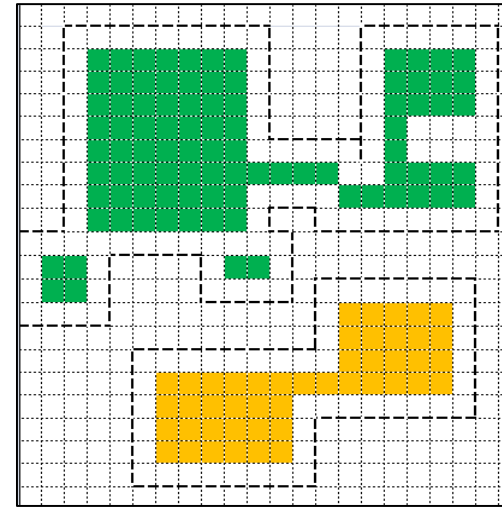


Binary landscape

Landscape perspective



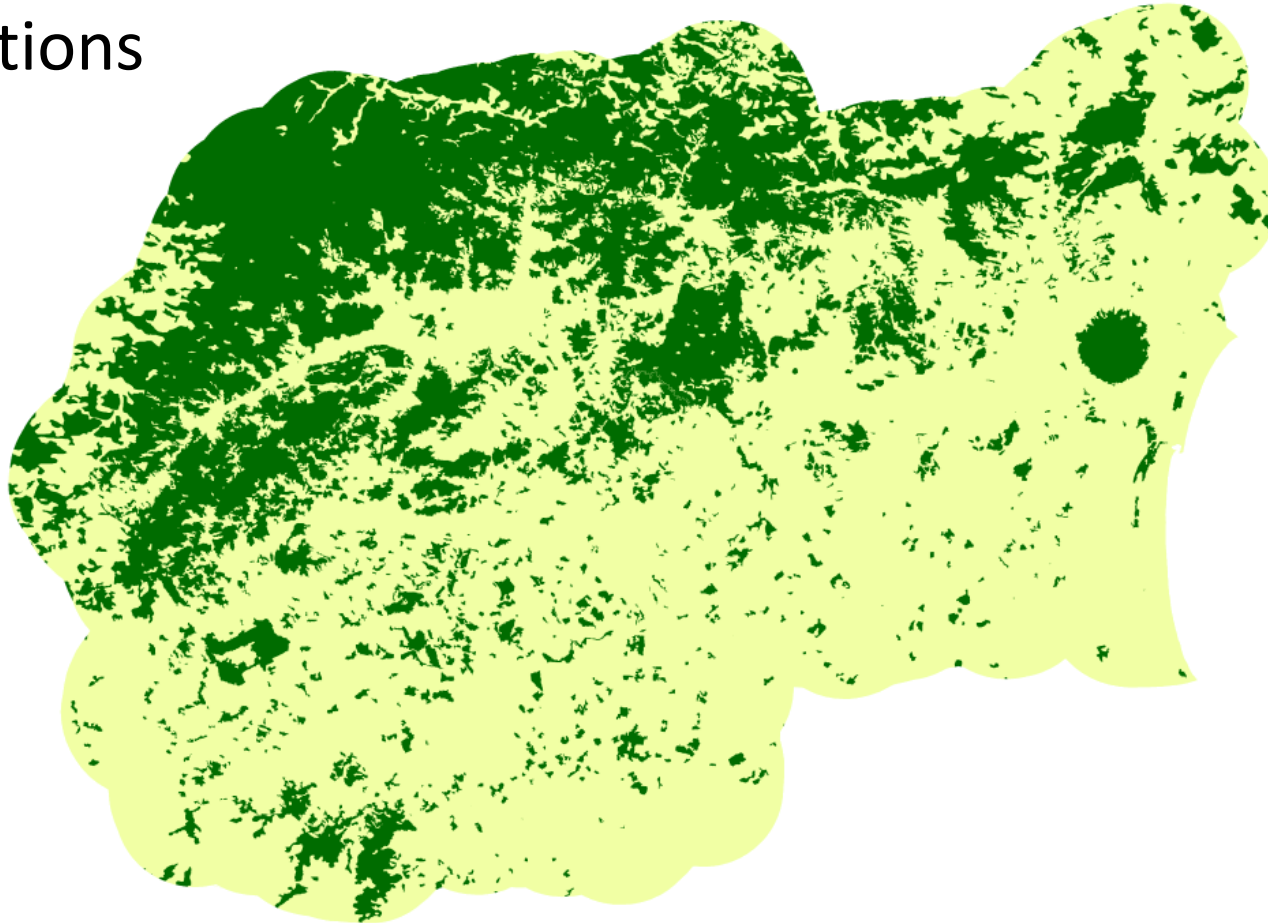
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Golden lion tamarins can cross ~100m in matrix

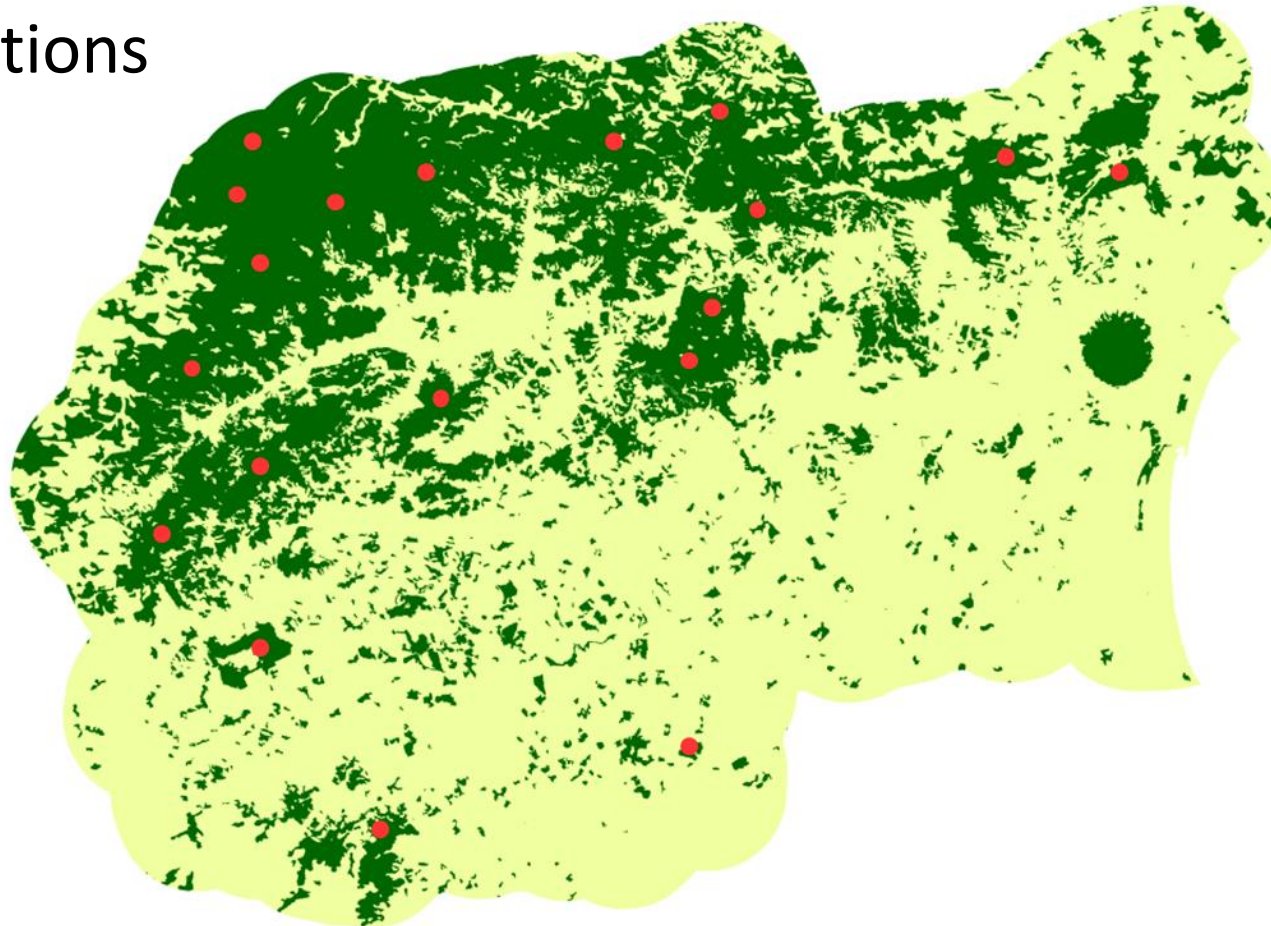
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Initial conditions



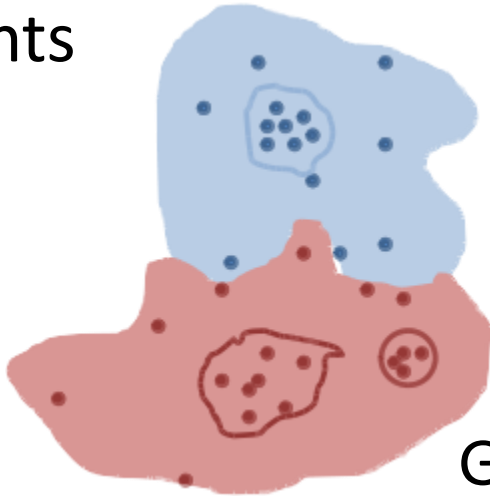
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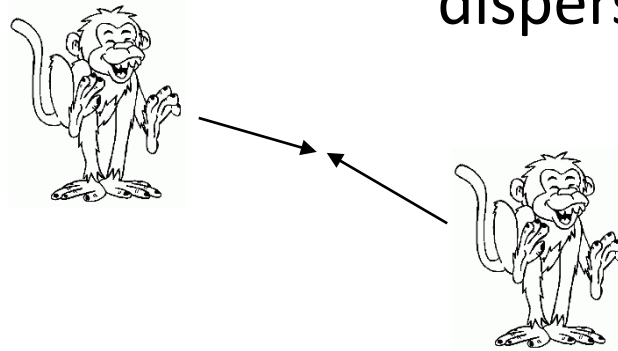
BioDIM

Interaction
among agents



Group

Individuals
dispersing



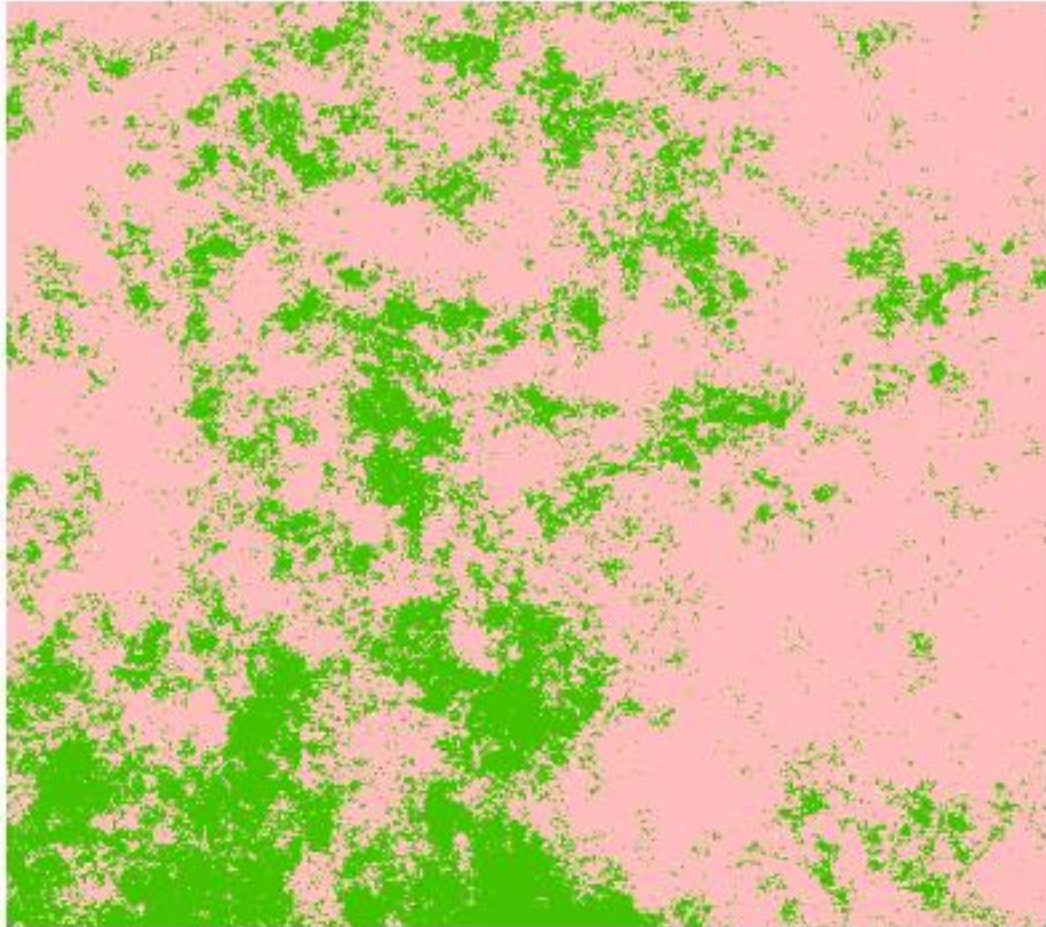
Reproduction



Mortality



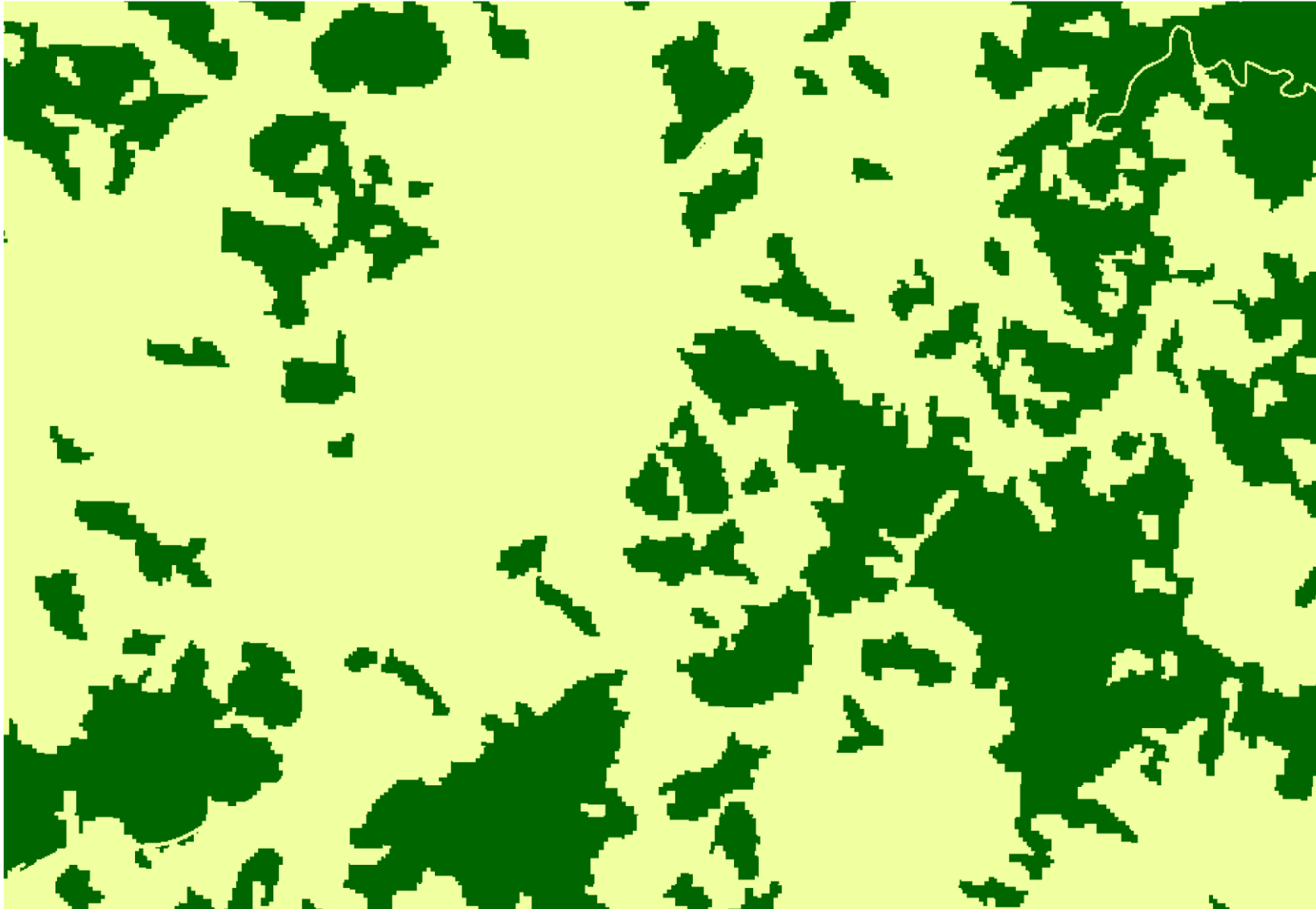
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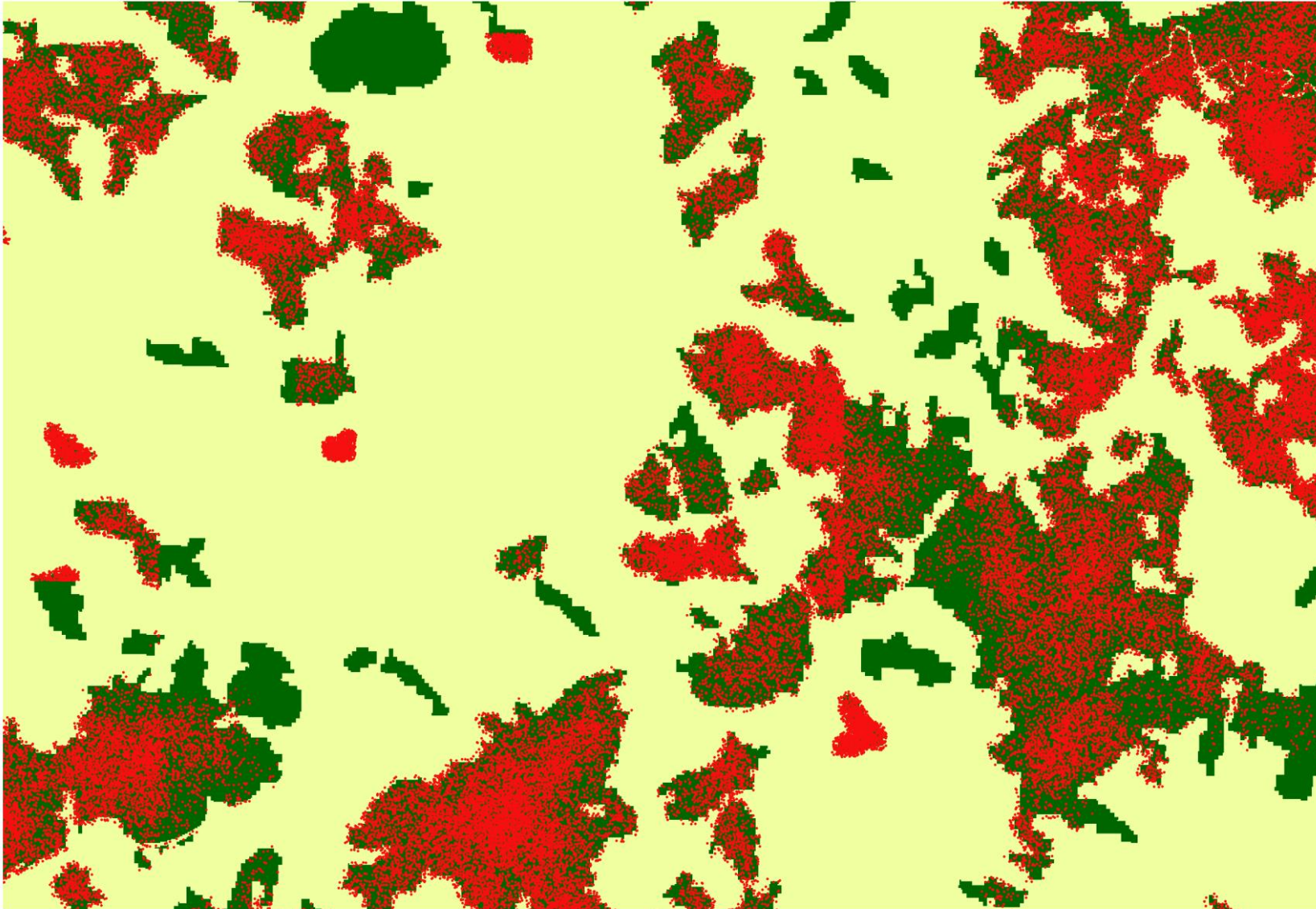


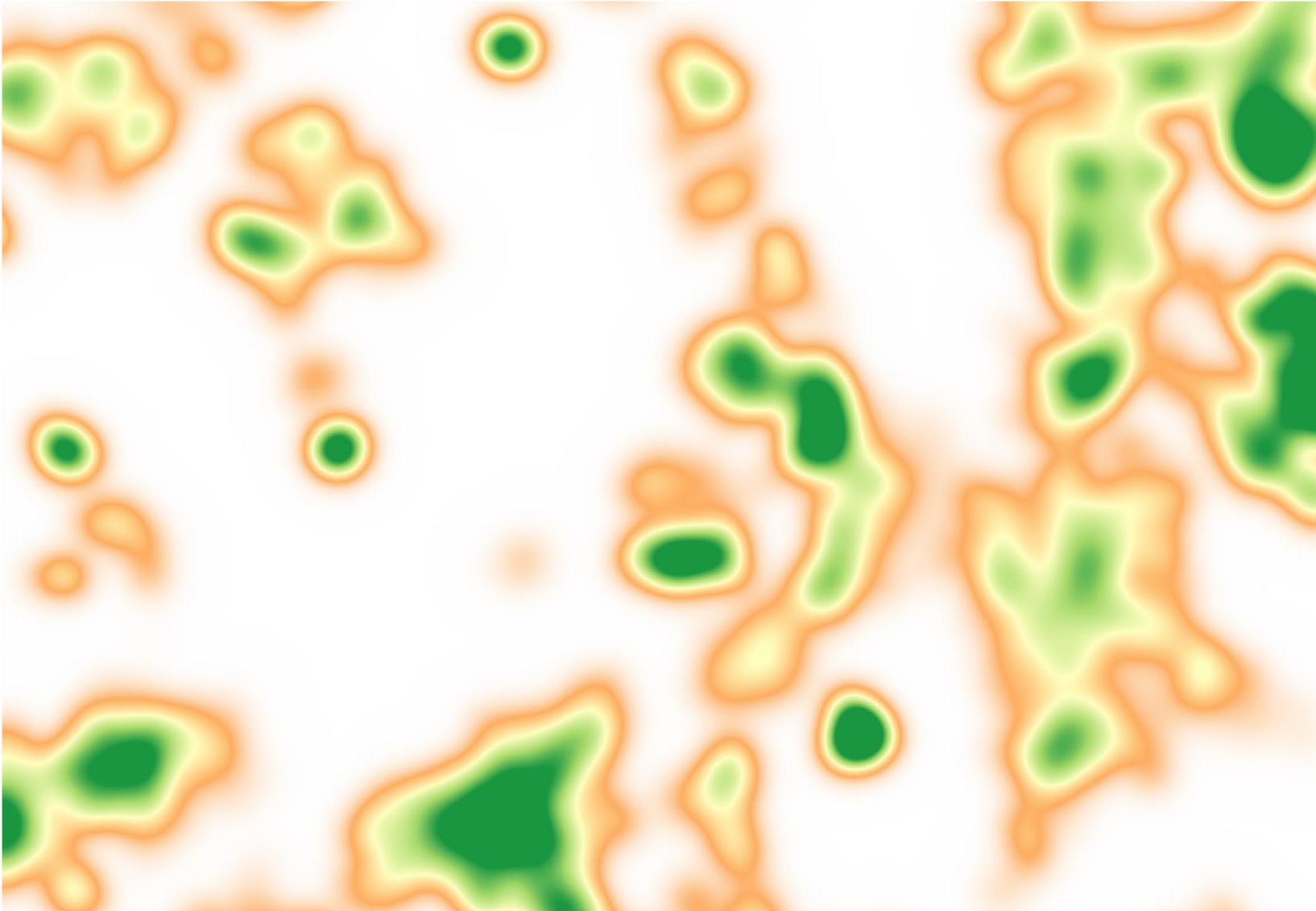
Simulation
Step: 1 week

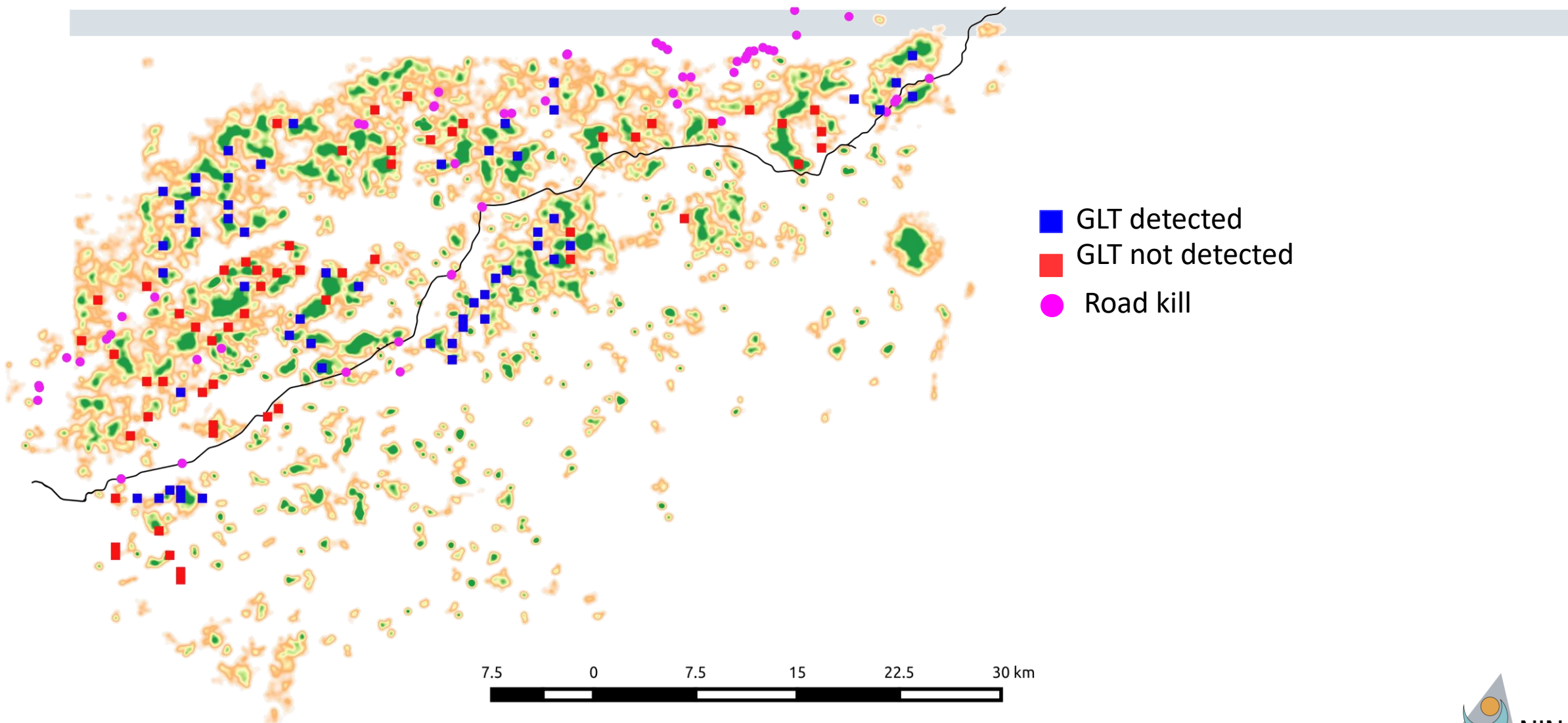
10 years
of simulation

Which
fragments are
connected?



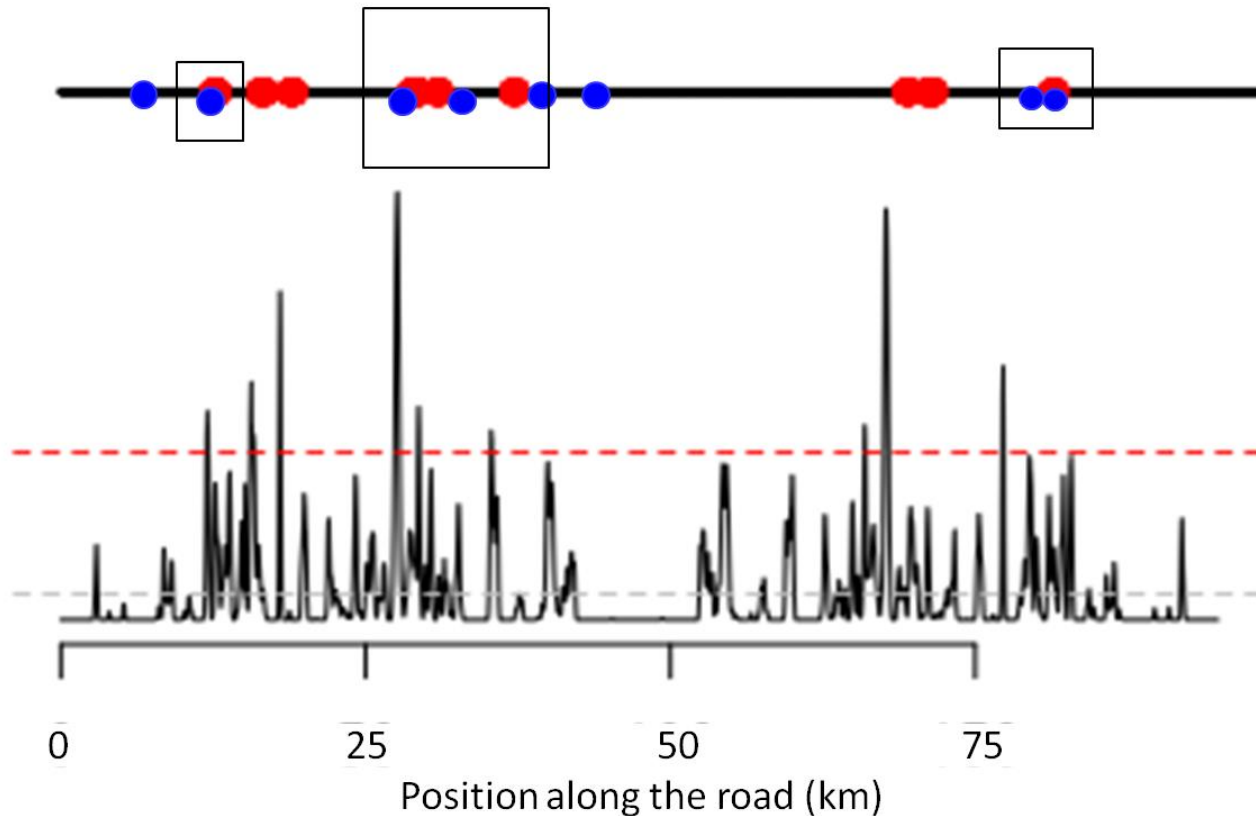


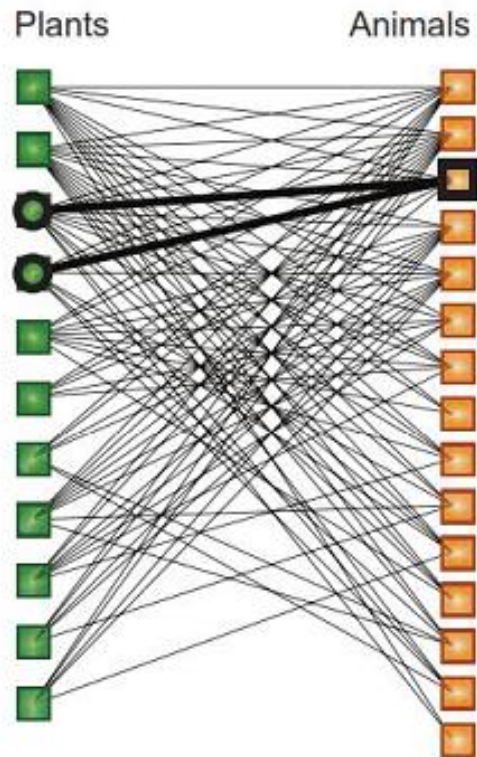




Movement simulation

- Real data
- Modeled data



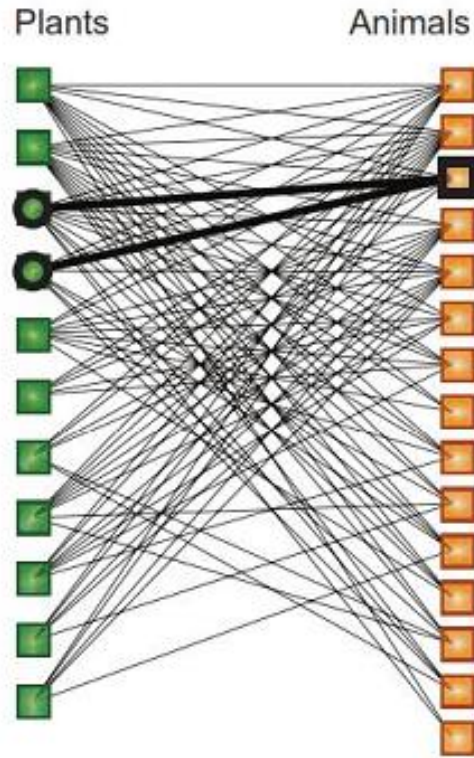


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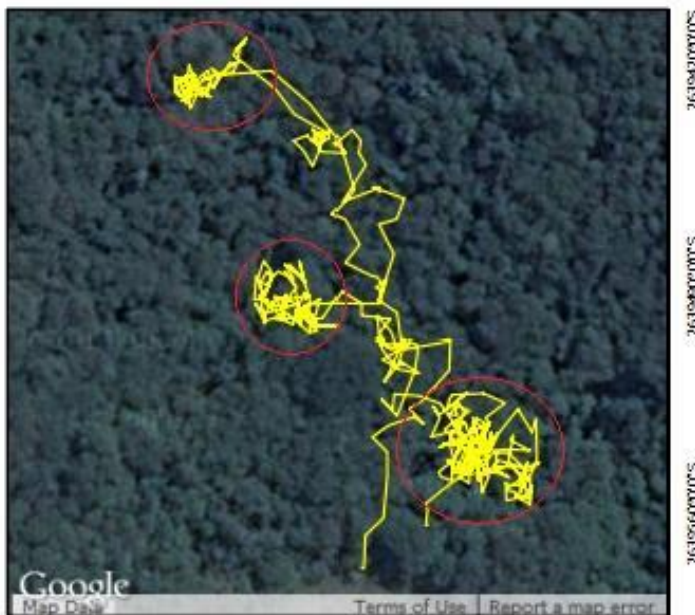


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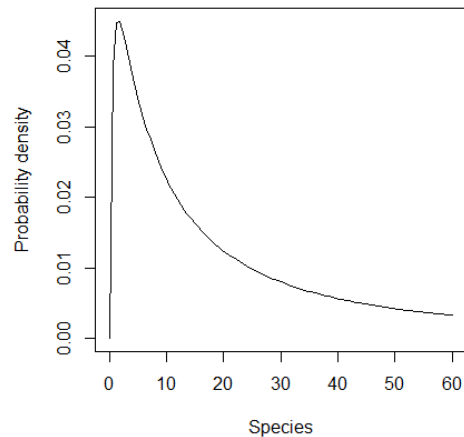
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Space

Animal behavior

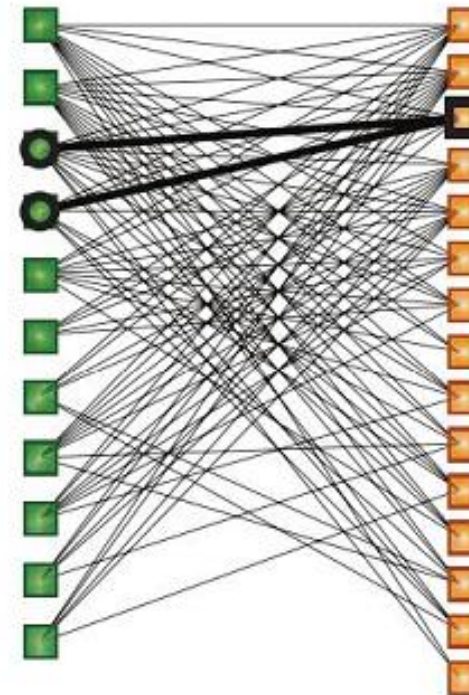


Abundance distribution



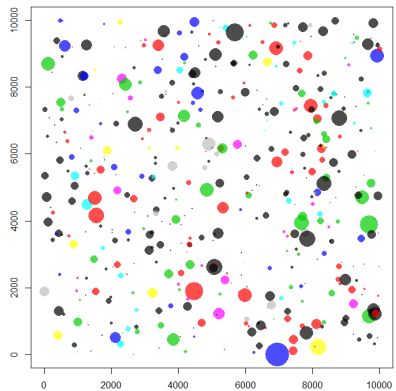
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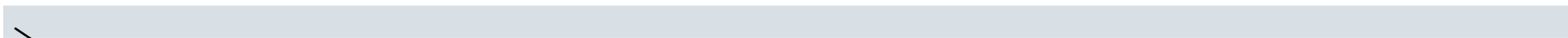


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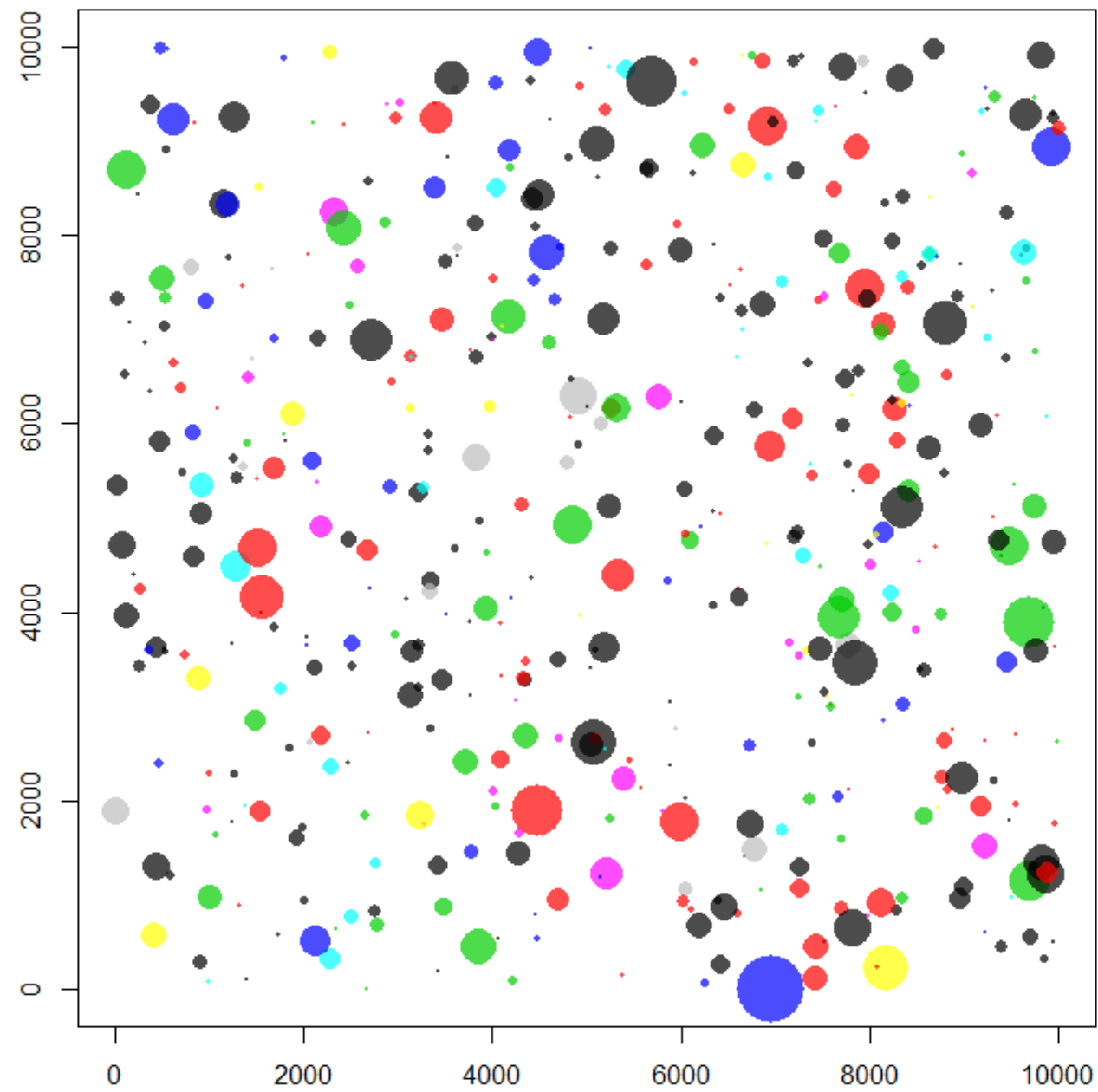
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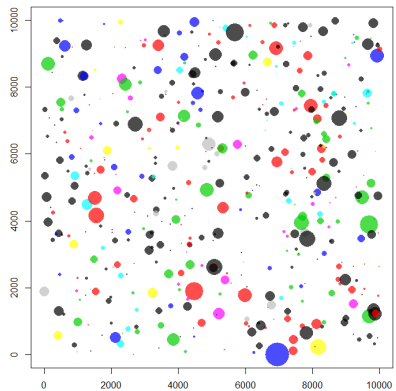


Landscape



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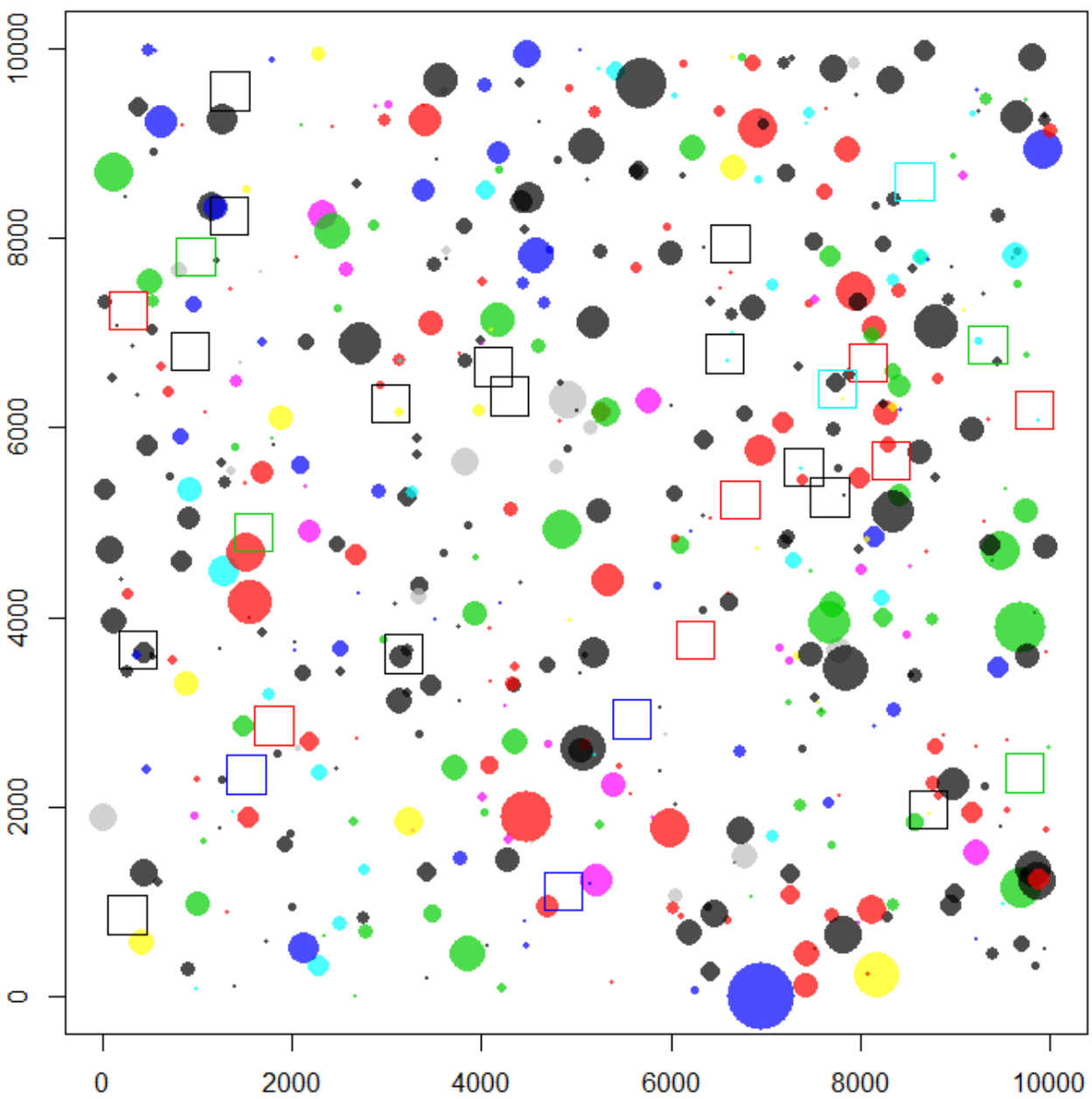
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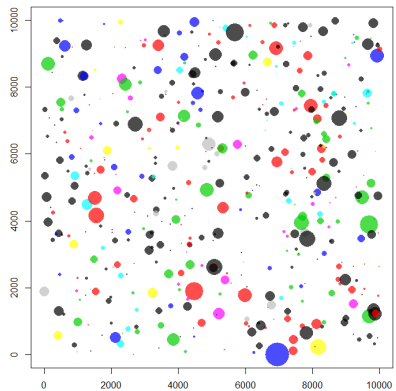
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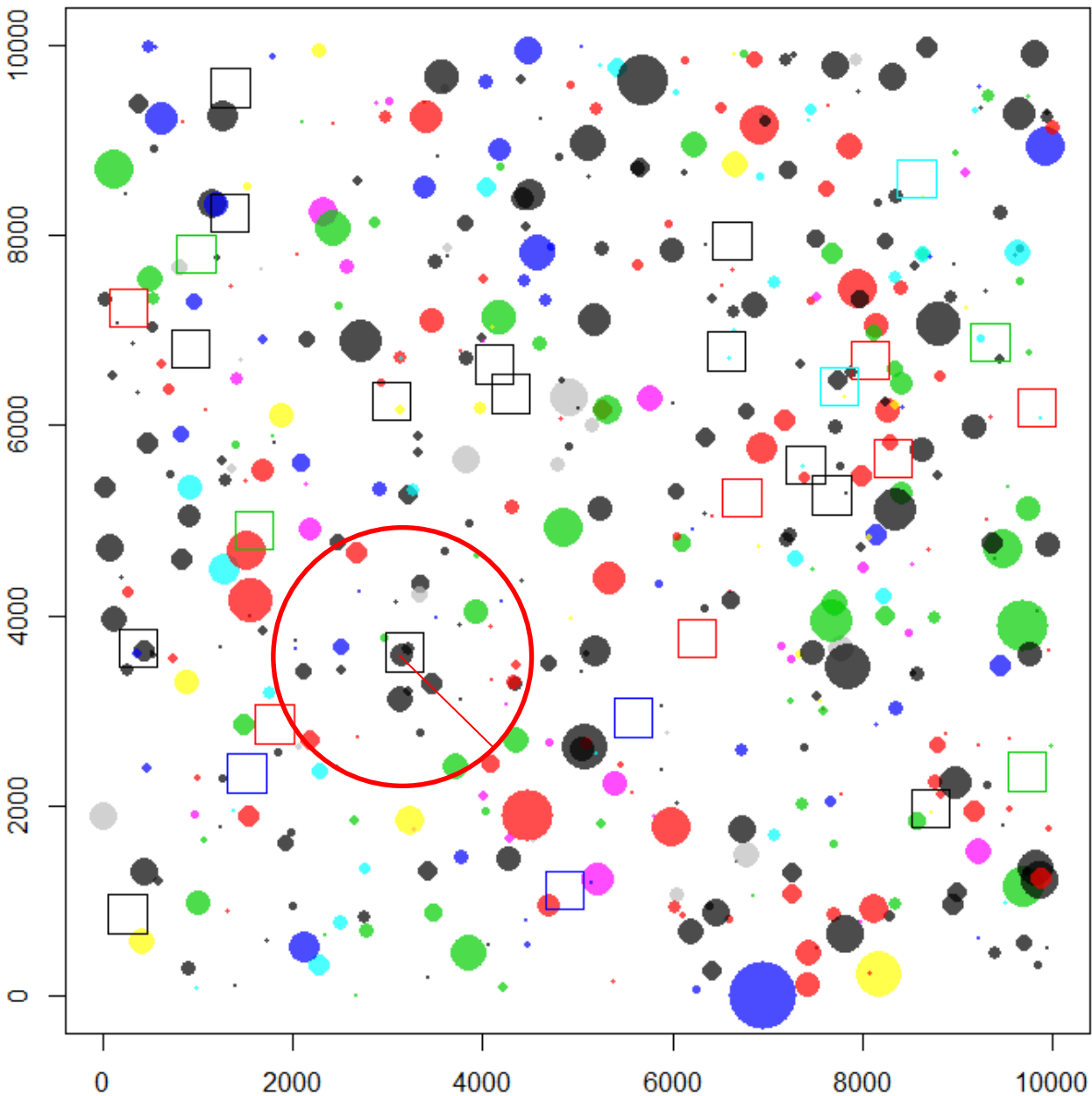
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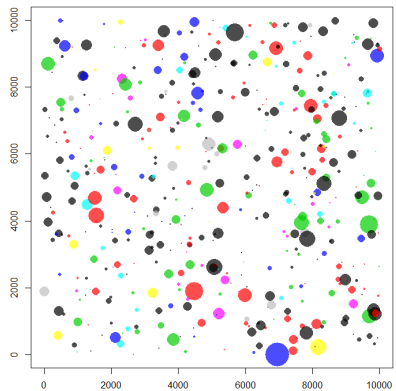
Movement
Frugivory
Seed dispersal



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- Decision scale
- Fruit consumption
- Time stopped
- Gut retention time
- Foraging: 5 h/day
- Fruit regrowth



Landscape



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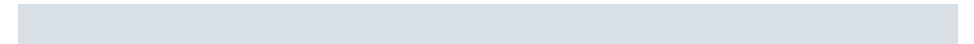
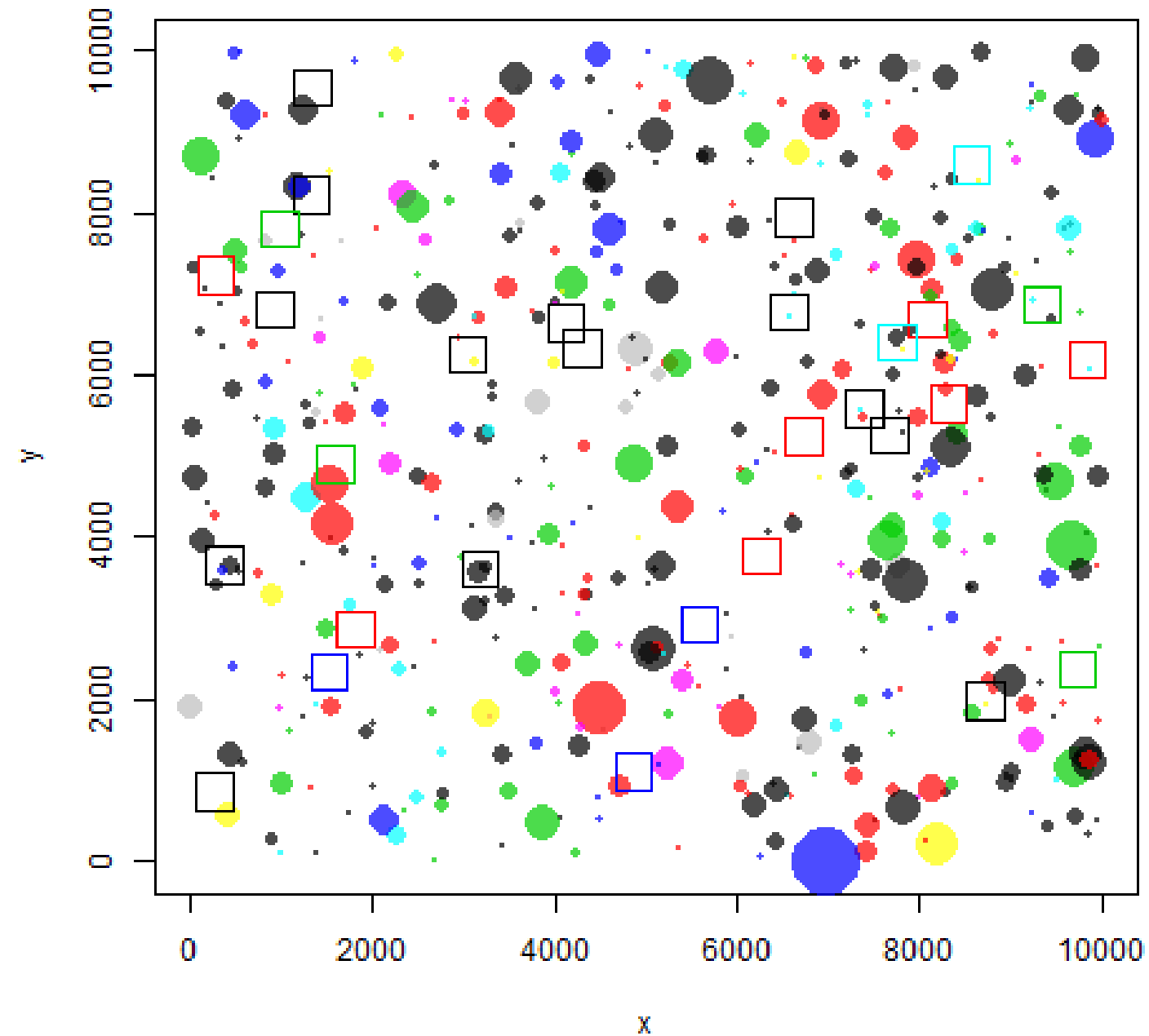
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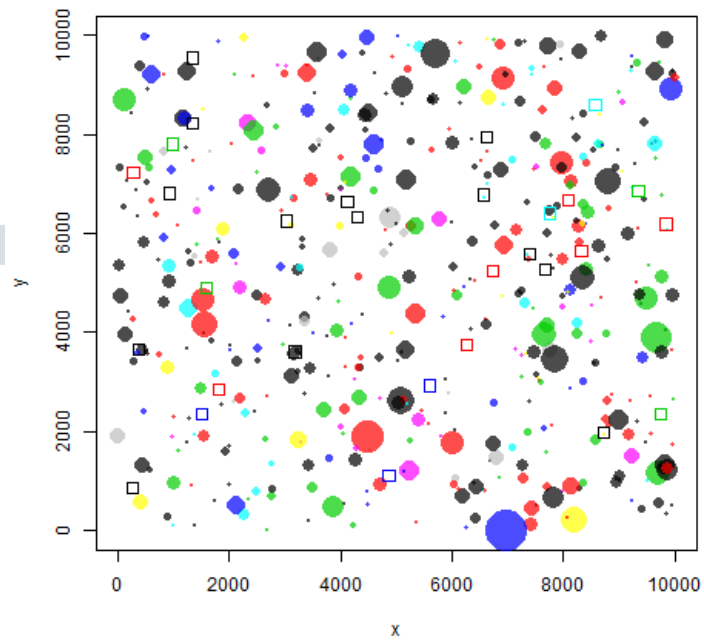


Frugivory process
Reconstruction of interaction networks

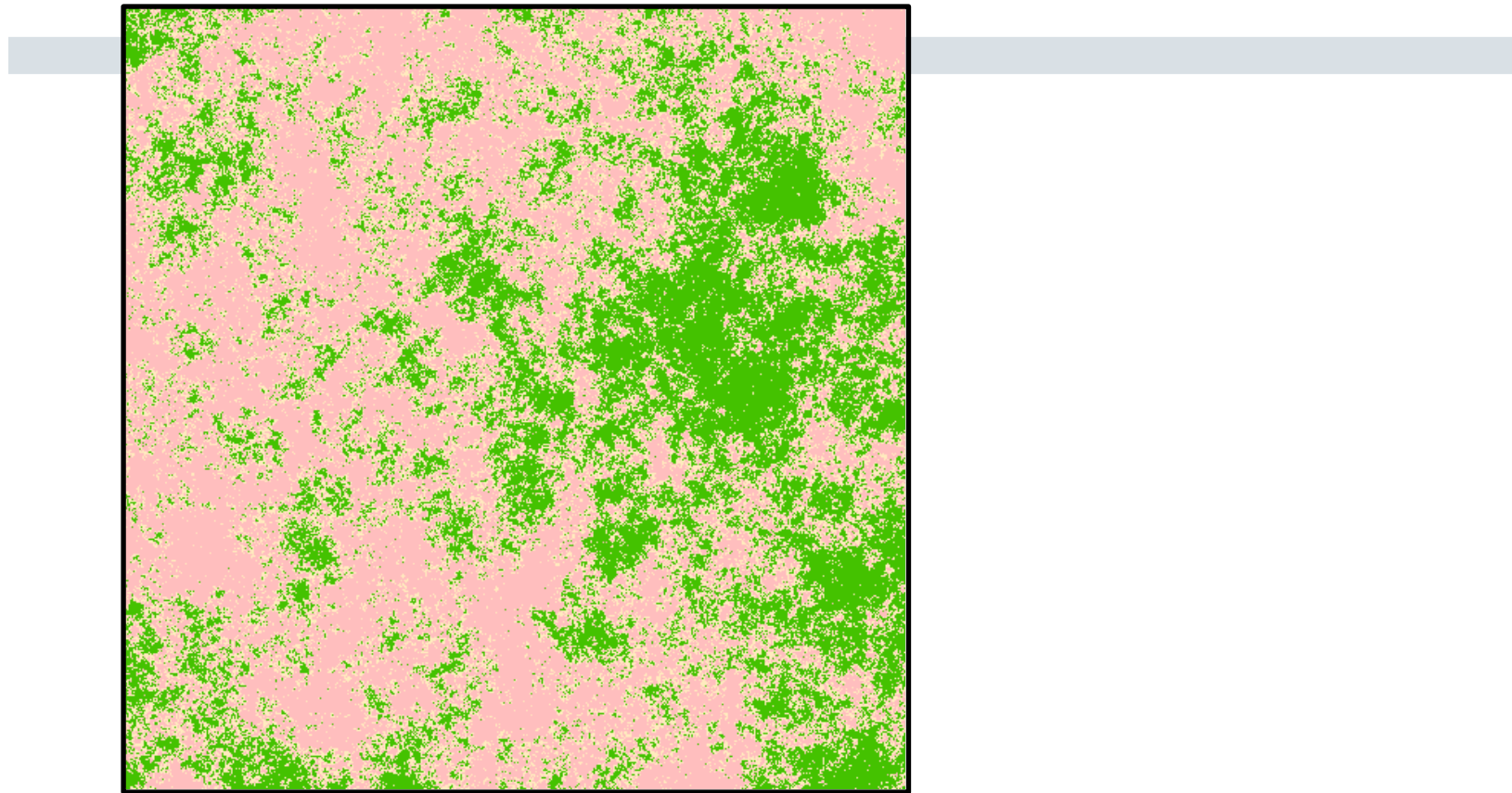
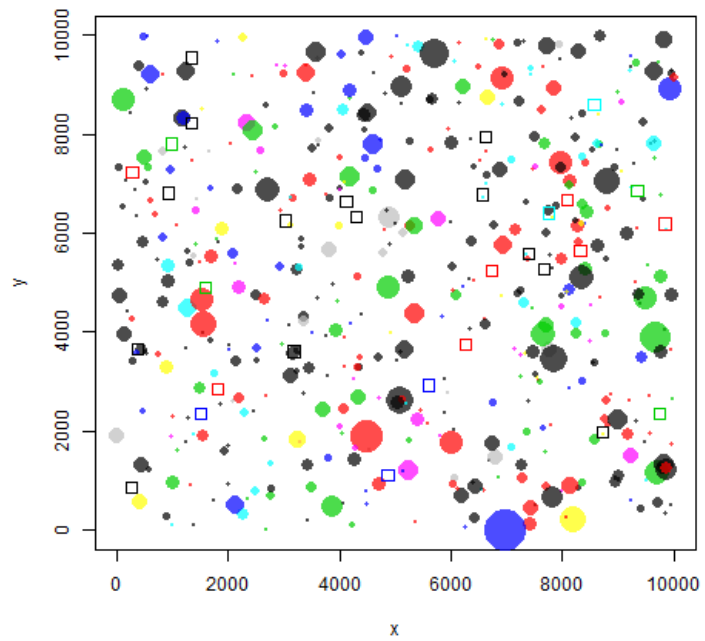
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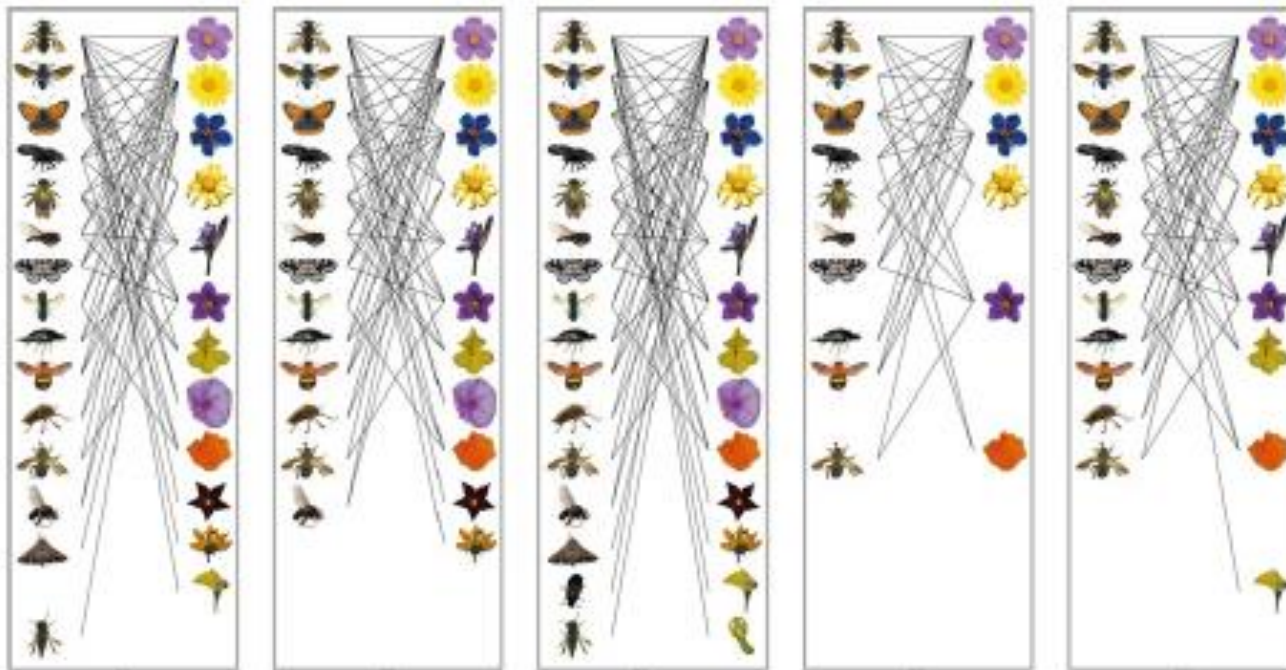


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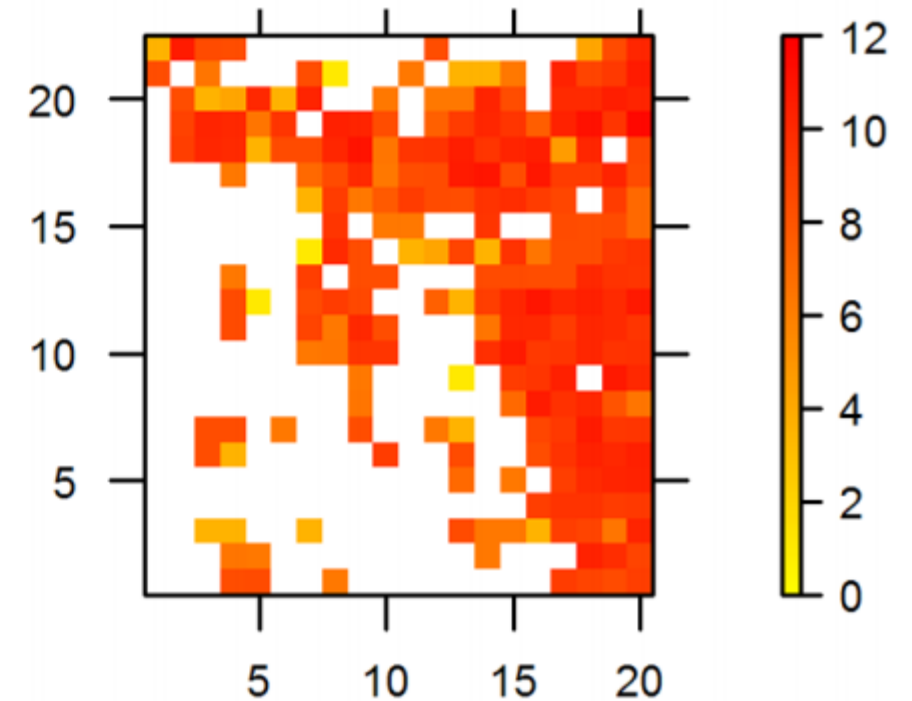
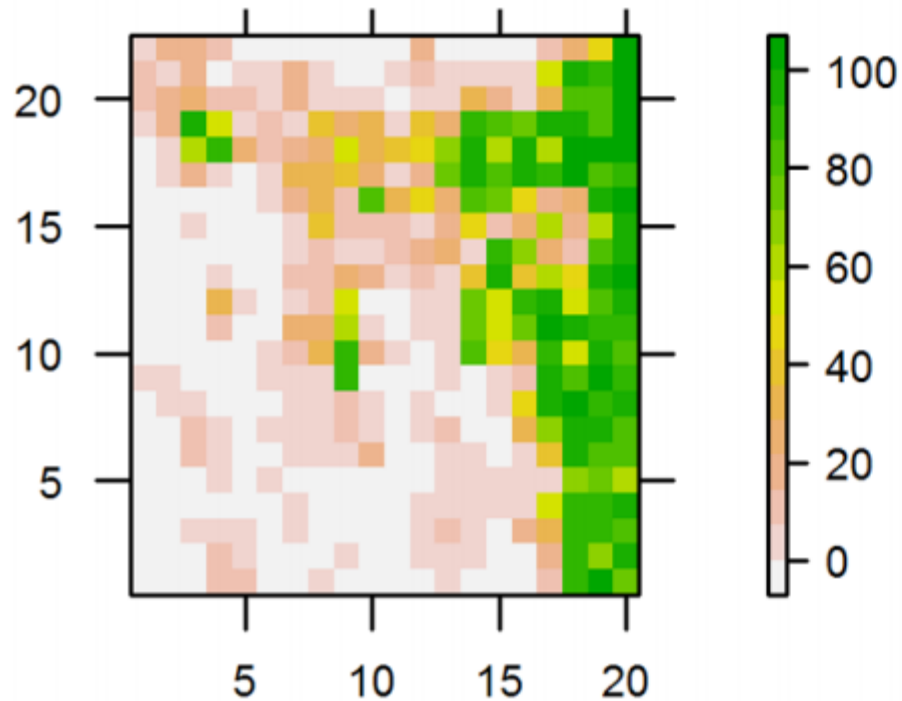




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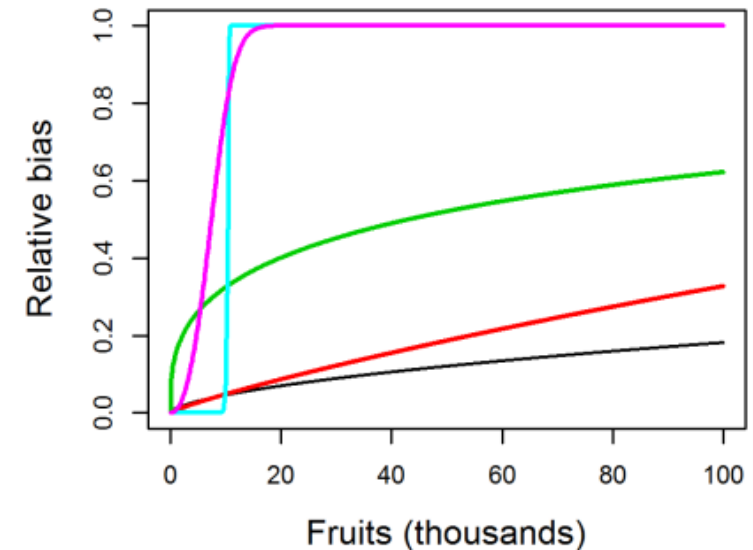
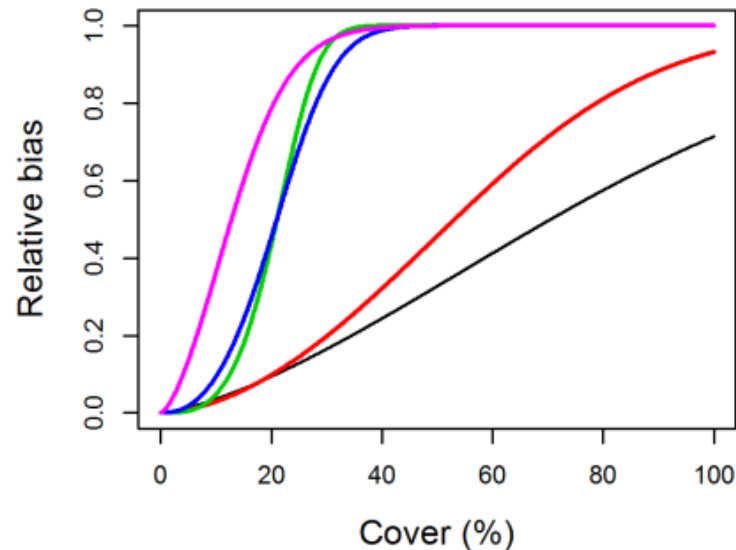
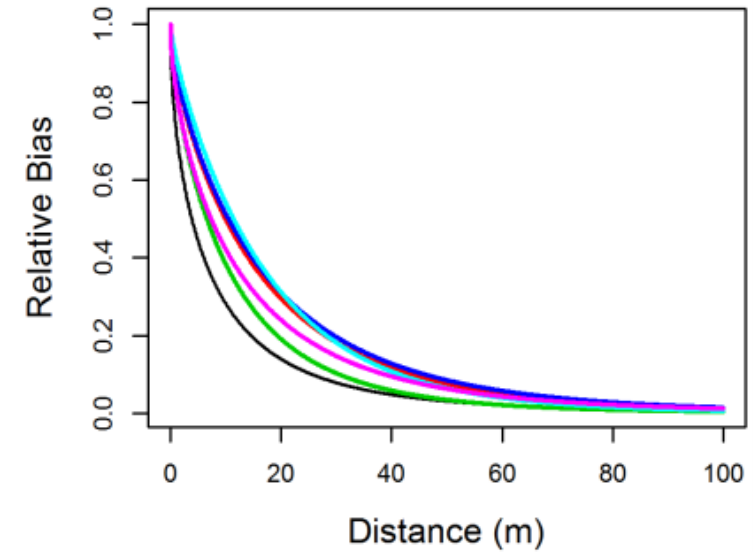
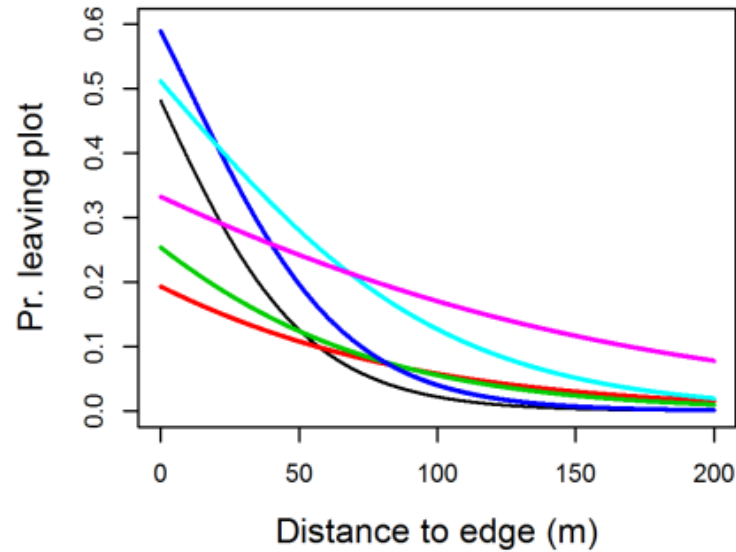
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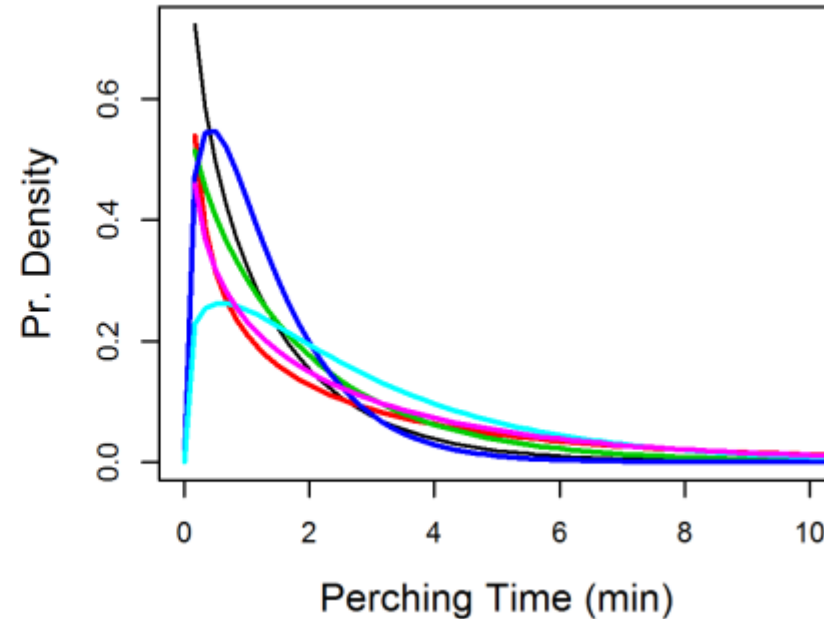
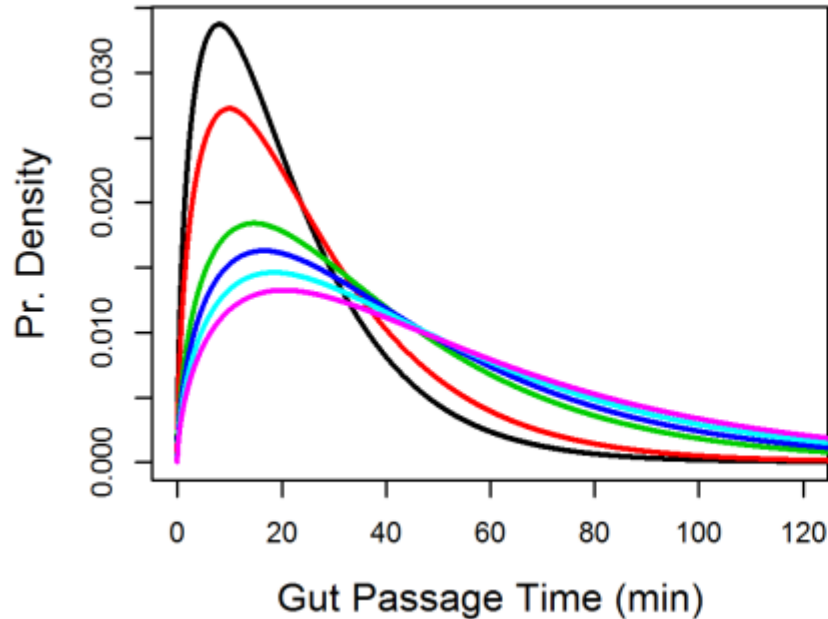
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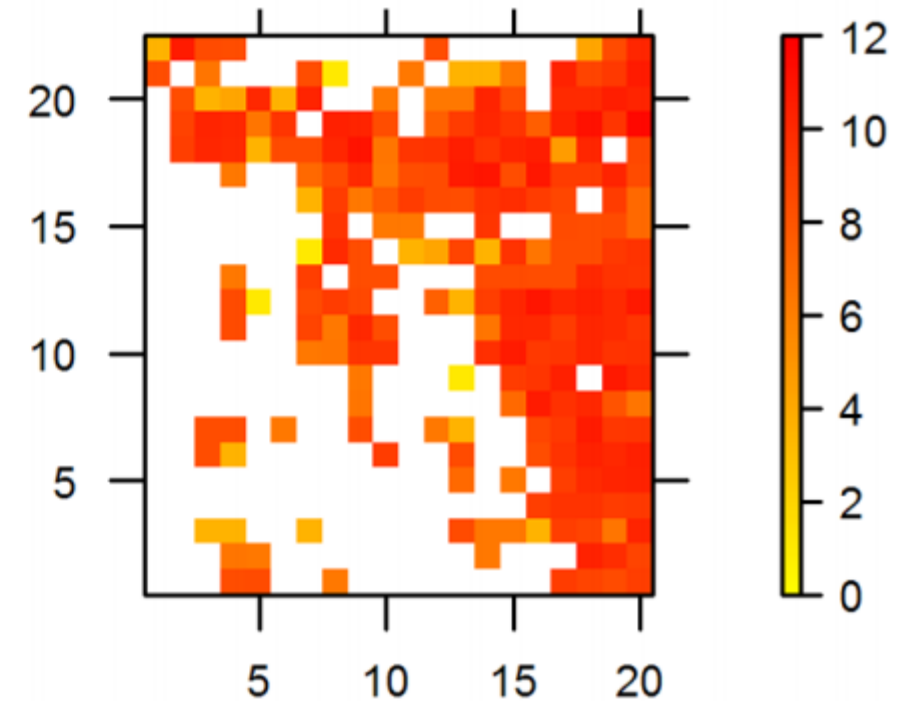
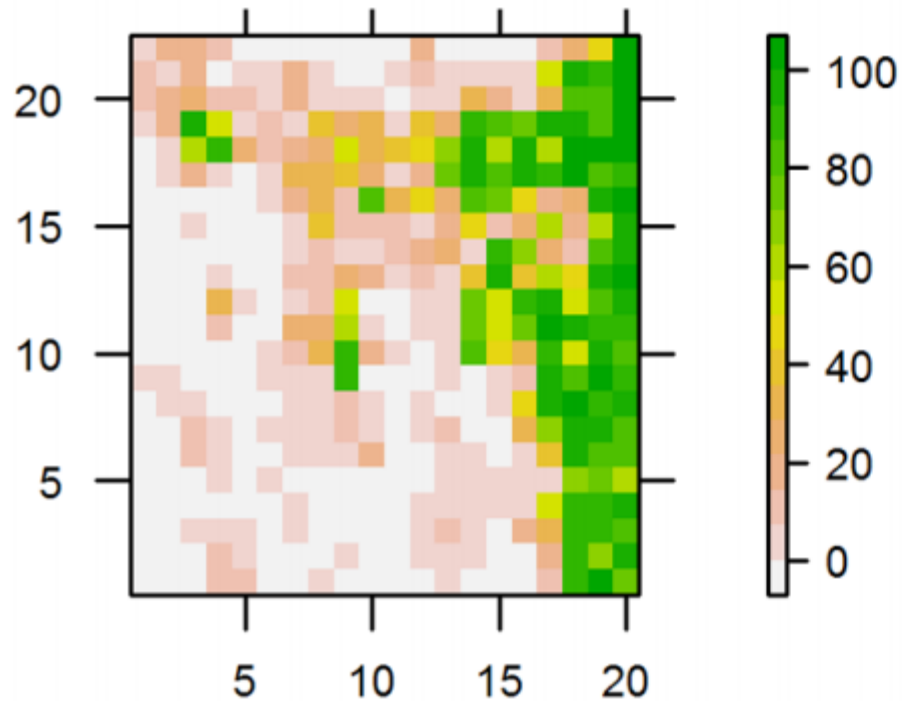
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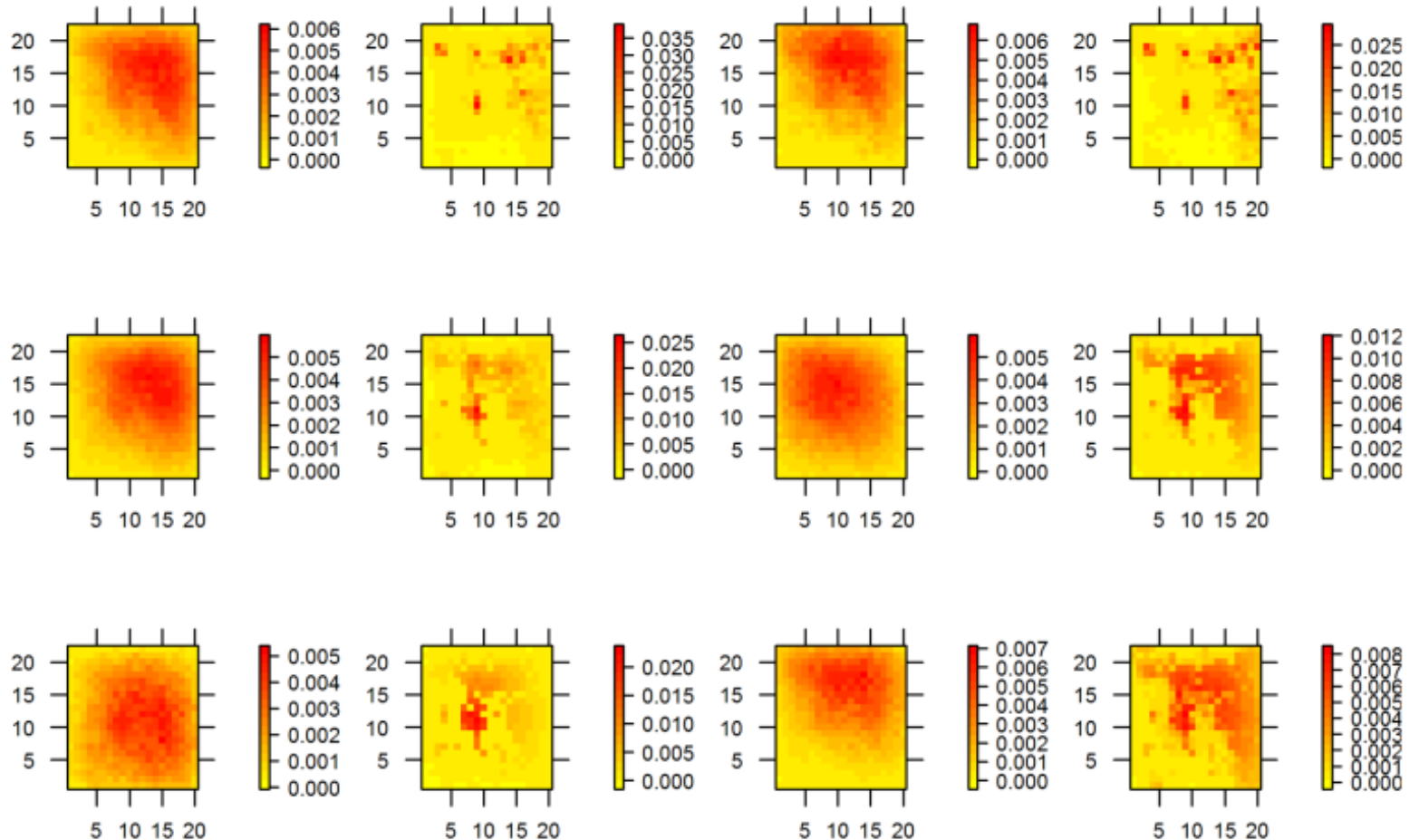
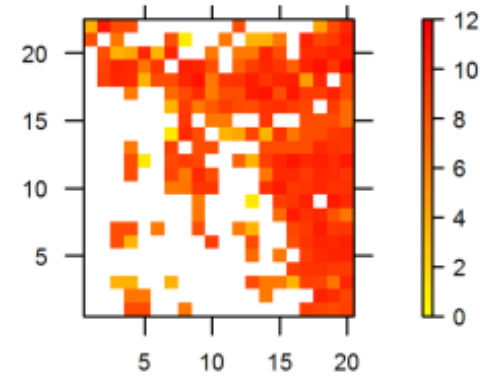
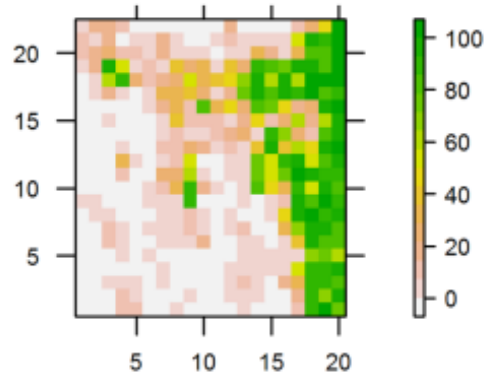
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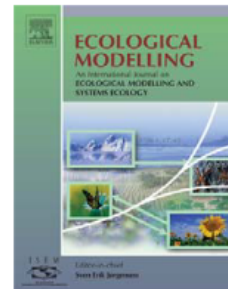
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A standard protocol for describing individual-based and agent-based models

Overview	Purpose
	State variables and scales
	Process overview and scheduling
Design concepts	Design concepts
Details	Initialization
	Input
	Submodels

Question!

Entities, time and spatial scales

What variables will be registered?

Summary of “rules”

Tools

- [NetLogo](#)
- R:
 - ▶ [SiMRiv](#): An R package for simulation and analysis of spatially-explicit individual multistate (animal) movements in any landscape
 - ▶ [abmAnimalMovement](#): An R package for simulating animal movement using an agent-based mode
 - ▶ [aniMotum](#): an R package for animal movement data: Rapid quality control, behavioural estimation and simulation
 - `amt`: `redistribution_kernel()` and `simulate_path()`
 - `moveHMM`: [simData\(\)](#)

Cooperation and expertise for a sustainable future

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