

# Modelling workflows in R and the R-INLA package

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# Heron Island survey

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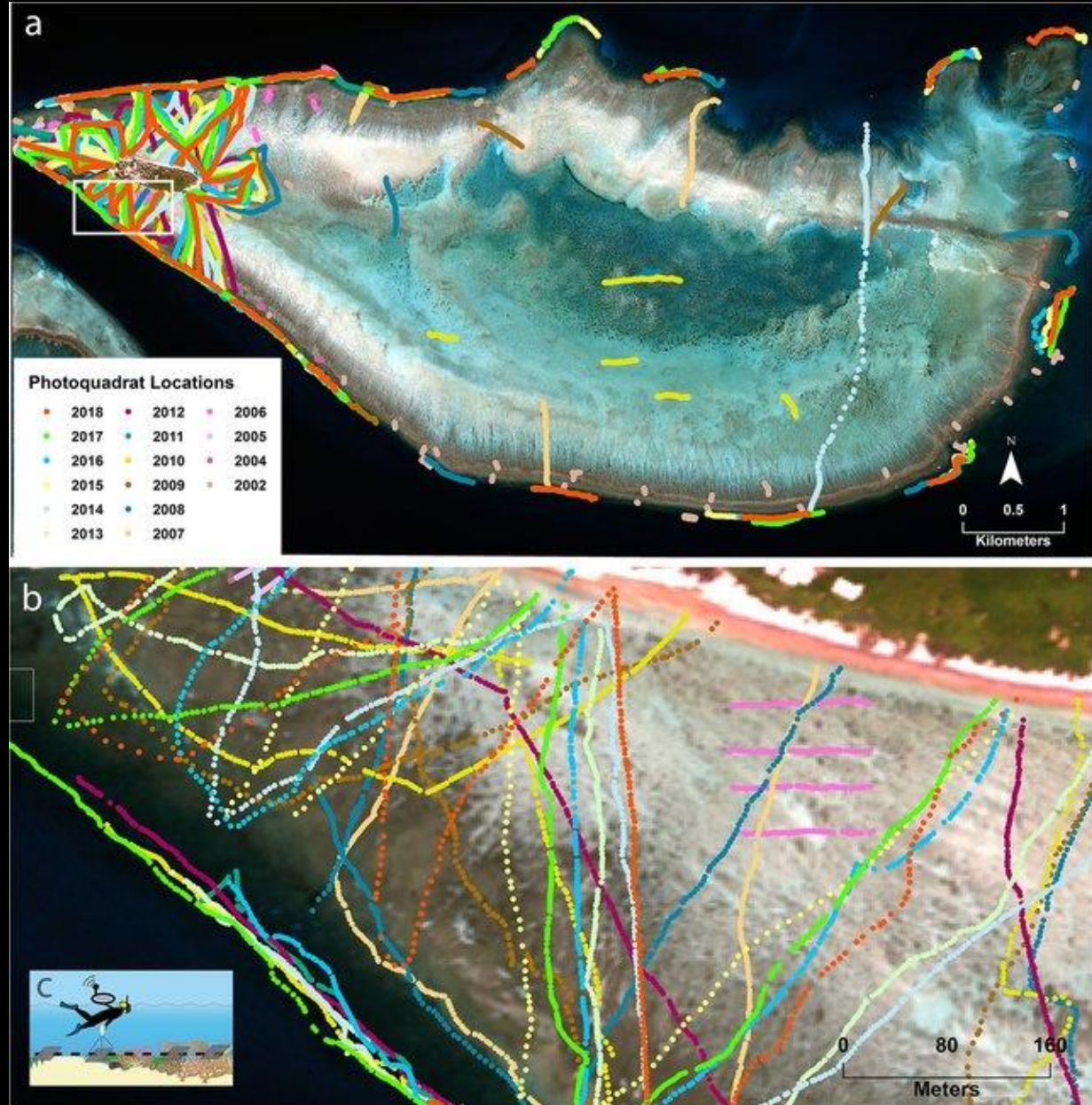
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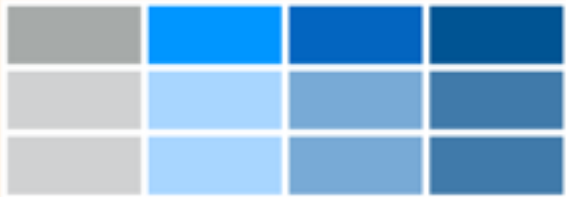


# Modelling workflow

## STEP1: Data preparation

Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

→ Reading the raw data




Wide format  
45,000 rows and 54 columns

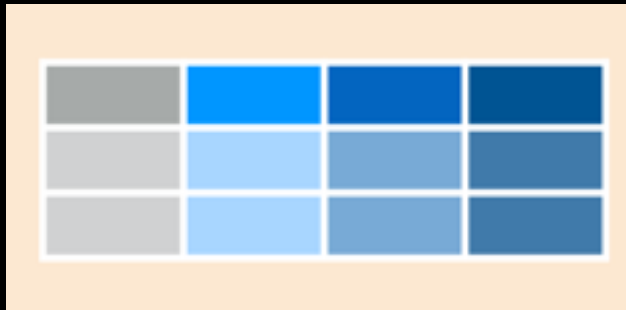
```
> names(t) [1] "x" "transectid" "year" [4] "reef_name"
"reef_type" "sub_region" [7] "transects_reef_section"
"surveyid" "id" [10] "lat" "lng" "ALG_OTH" [13] "Caul" "Chlor"
"Cya_spe" [16] "Discp" "Lobph" "MACR_Cal_H" [19] "MAECBS"
"Pad" "Turbin" [22] "CAL_CCA_DC" "EAM_DHC" "EAM_RB" [25]
"ACR.BRA" "ACR.BRA.B." "ACR.HIP" [28] "ACR.OTH" "ACR.PE"
"BRA_DIG_Ac" [31] "BRA_OTH" "BRA_TAB.AC" "BRA_TAB.B." [34]
"FAV.MUS" "MASE_OTH" "OTH.HC" [37] "POCI" "POR.BRA" "POR.ENC"
[40] "POR.MASS" "TFP_RDG_A1" "TFP_RDG.B." [43] "TFP_RND_A1"
"ALC.SF" "X.TAPE" [46] "Other" "Unc" "Unk" [49] "MOB.INV"
"OTH.SINV" "GORG" [52] "OTH.SF" "BMA_sand" "Sand"
```

# Modelling workflow

## STEP1: Data preparation

Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

→ Reading the raw data



Wide format  
45,000 rows and 54 columns



Long format  
1,950,000 rows and 13 columns

```
> library(dplyr)
➤ Rec_t <- t%>%
➤ gather(key = Comm_benthic,
  Proportion, 12:54)
```

# Modelling workflow

## STEP1: Data preparation

Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

### → Reading the raw data

#### - Learn about the data

```
> Rec_t %>% group_by(Comm_benthic) %>% distinct()  
# A tibble: 1,954,866 x 13 # Groups: Comm_benthic  
[43]  
> map(Rec_t, ~sum(is.na(.)))  
$X [1] 0  
> $transectid [1] 0  
> $year [1] 0  
> $reef_name [1] 0  
$reef_type [1] 0  
$sub_region [1] 0  
$transects_reef_section  
[1] 0  
> $surveyid [1] 0 $id [1] 0  
$lat [1] 0  
> $lng [1] 0 $Comm_benthic  
[1] 0 $Proportion [1] 0
```

# Modelling workflow

## STEP1: Data preparation

Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

### → Reading the raw data

- Learn about the data
- Check points

```
➤ Rec_tally<-Rec.units%>%group_by(splitting.var,year)%>%tally  
➤ wrong_group<-names(which(table(Rec_tally$splitting.var)<=1))  
wrong_group character(0)
```

# Modelling workflows

## STEP1: Data preparation

Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

→ Reading the raw data

- Learn about the data
- Check points
- Happy about the format
- Ensure that everything makes sense to you

→ Save new table calls “data\_ready.csv”

# Modelling workflow

## STEP1: Data preparation

➡ Input

➡ Output

### Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

➡ Heron/data/Raw

➡ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

➡ Reading the raw data

- Learn about the data
- Check points
- Happy about the format
- Ensure that everything makes sense to you

➡ Save new table calls “data\_ready.csv”



# Modelling workflow

## STEP2: Data visualization

→ Read data\_ready

- Plot data through time

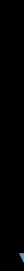
→ Input

→ Output

Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

→ Heron/data/Raw

→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv



Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

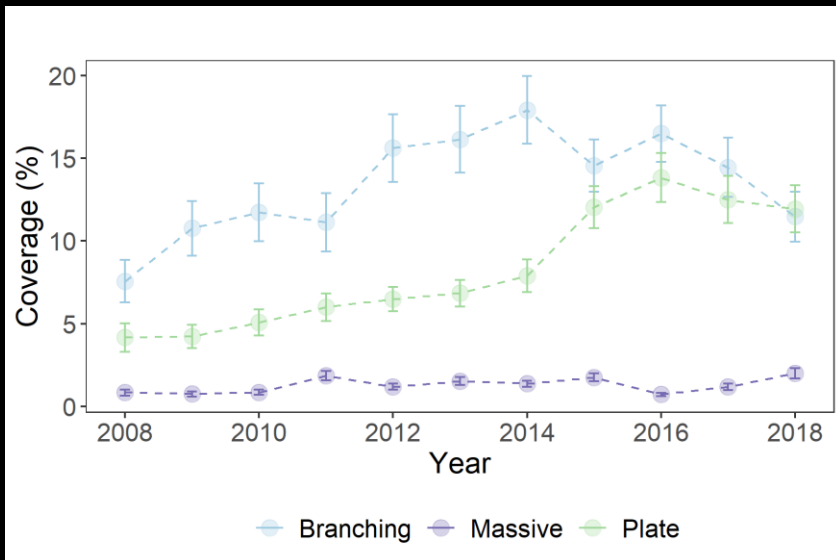
→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

# Modelling workflow

## STEP2: Data visualization

→ Read data\_ready

- Plot data through time



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Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

→ Heron/data/Raw

→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv



Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

```
> ggsave(plot = pheron,width=6, height=4, file =  
"Heron/Figure/Traj_heron_full_coral2.png")
```

# Modelling workflow

## STEP2: Data visualization

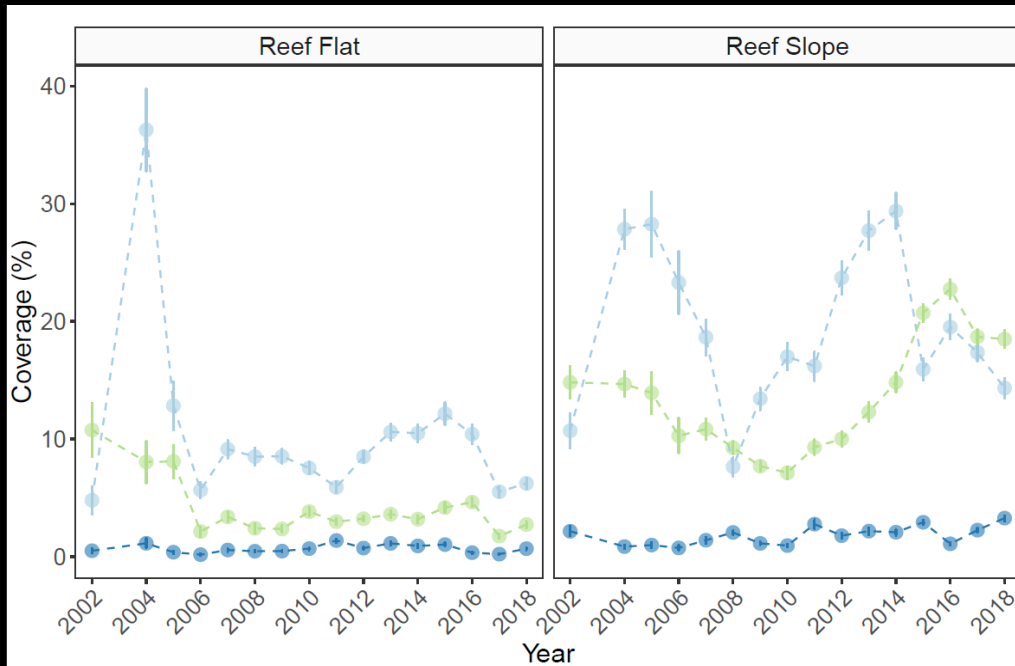
➡ Input  
➡ Output

Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

➡ Heron/data/Raw  
➡ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

➡ Read data\_ready

- Plot data through time



Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

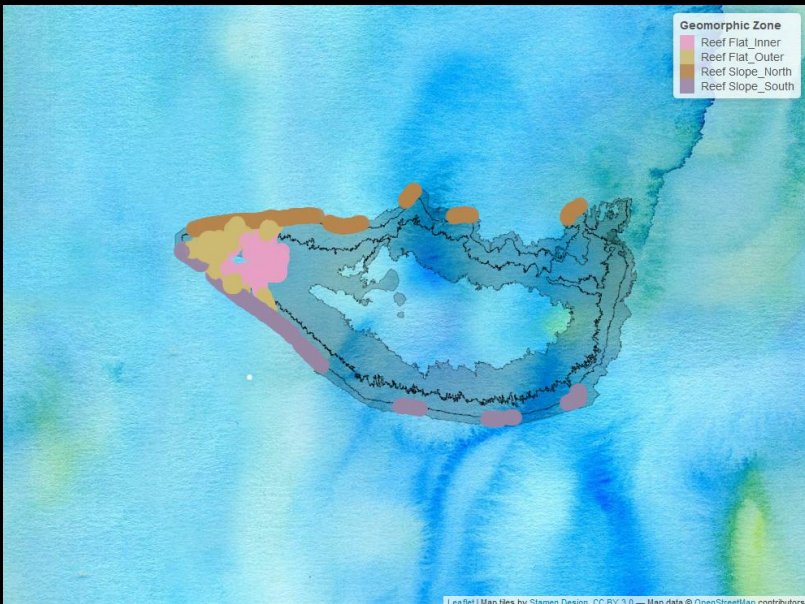
➡ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

# Modelling workflows

## STEP2: Data visualization

→ Read data\_ready

- Plot data through time
- Plot data through space



→ Input

→ Output

### Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

→ Heron/data/Raw

→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv



### Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

# Modelling workflow

## STEP2: Data visualization

→ Read data\_ready

- Plot data through time
- Plot data through space



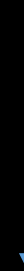
→ Input

→ Output

### Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

→ Heron/data/Raw

→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv



### Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

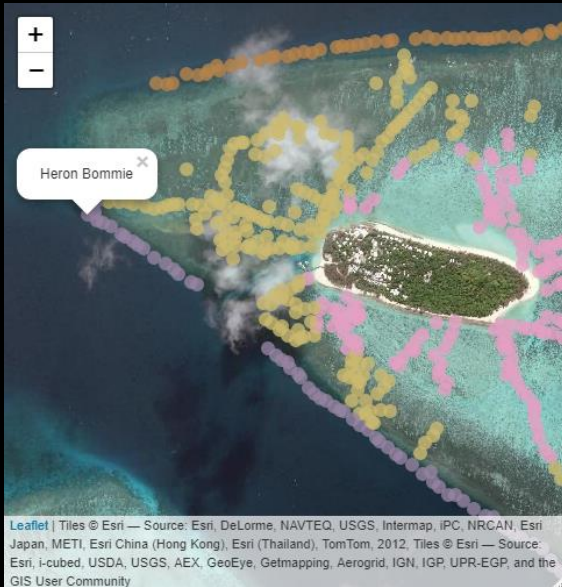
```
> library(leaflet)
> library(mapview)
```

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## STEP2: Data visualization

→ Read data\_ready

- Plot data through time
- Plot data through space



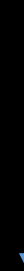
→ Input

→ Output

### Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

→ Heron/data/Raw

→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv



### Heron/script/Data\_viz.R



→ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

→ Heron/figure/<PLOT>.png



# Modelling workflow

## STEP3: Modelling



 Input  
 Output  
Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

 Heron/data/Raw  
 Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

 Heron/data/data\_ready.csv  
 Heron/figure/<PLOT>.png

Heron/script/Model.R

 Heron/data/data\_ready.csv  
 Heron/modelling/<MODEL\_type>.Rdata

# Modelling workflow

## STEP3: Modelling

```
➤ ##### Run on HPC
➤ > rm(list=ls())

➤ library(INLA)

➤ load("./Heron/Data_prep.Rdata")

➤ rprior<- list(theta = list(prior = "pccor1", param =
  c(0,0.9)))

➤ formula <- y ~ -1 + b0 + Geomorph + f(s, model=spde,
  group=s.group, + control.group =
  list(model="ar1",hyper=rprior)) + f(iidx, model = "iid")

➤ res<-inla()

➤ save.image("./Heron/modelling/Recovery_Plate_model_nested
  _output_FINAL.Rdata")
```

➡ Input  
➡ Output  
Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

➡ Heron/data/Raw  
➡ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

➡ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv  
➡ Heron/figure/<PLOT>.png

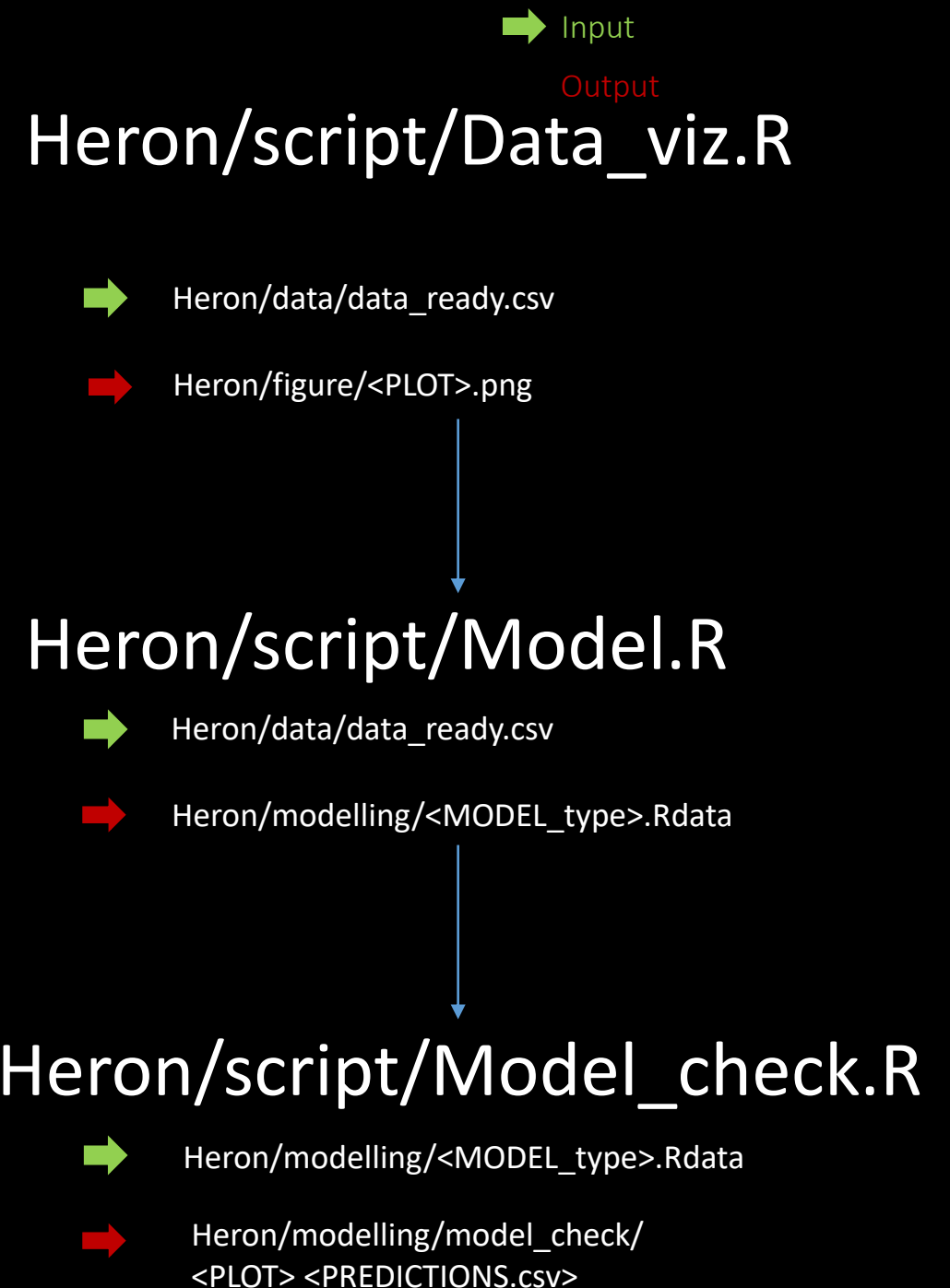
Heron/script/Model.R

➡ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv  
➡ Heron/modelling/<MODEL\_type>.Rdata



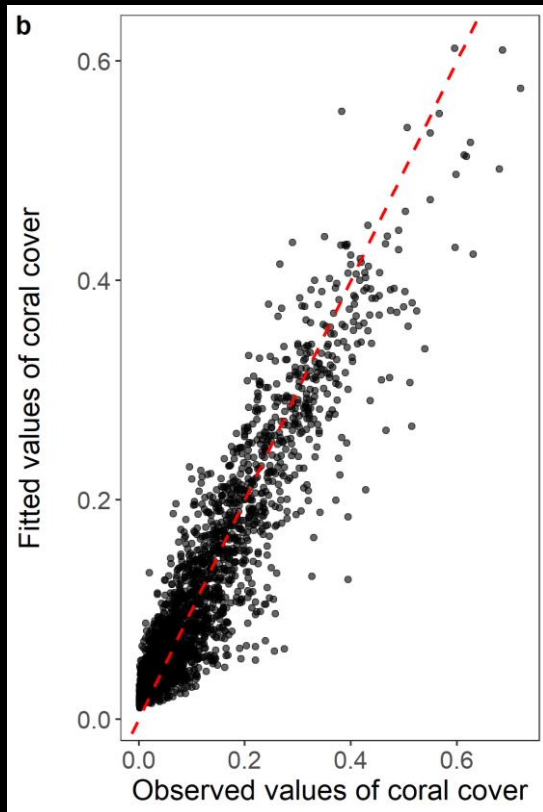
# Modelling workflow

## STEP4: Model checks



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Input  
Output  
Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

Input  
Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

Output  
Heron/figure/<PLOT>.png

Heron/script/Model.R

Input  
Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

Output  
Heron/modelling/<MODEL\_type>.Rdata

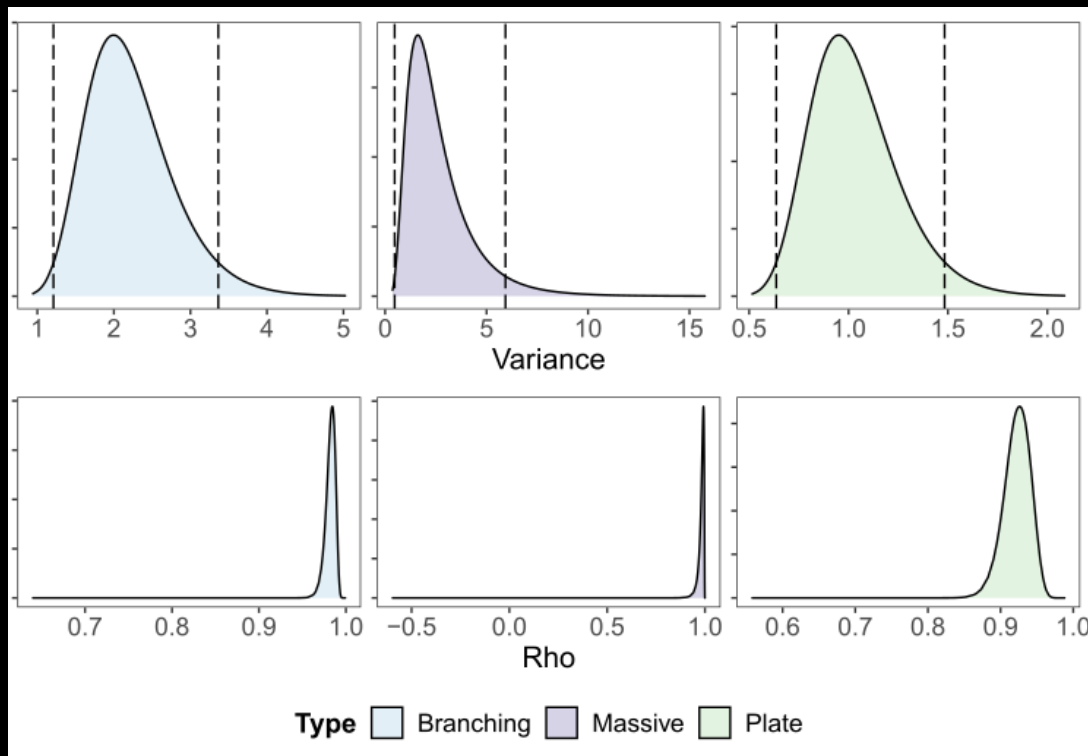
Heron/script/Model\_check.R

Input  
Heron/modelling/<MODEL\_type>.Rdata

Output  
Heron/modelling/model\_check/  
<PLOT> <PREDICTIONS.csv>

# Modelling workflow

## STEP4: Model checks



Input  
Output  
Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

Input  
Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

Output  
Heron/figure/<PLOT>.png

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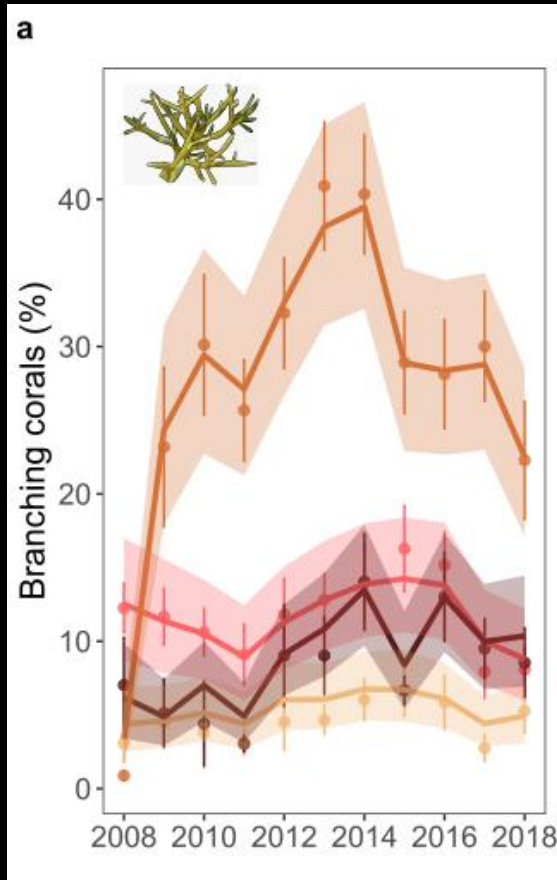
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```
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|      \---model_check
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### Heron/script/Data\_prep.R

- ➡ Heron/data/Raw
- ➡ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv

### Heron/script/Data\_viz.R

- ➡ Heron/data/data\_ready.csv
- ➡ Heron/figure/<PLOT>.jpeg

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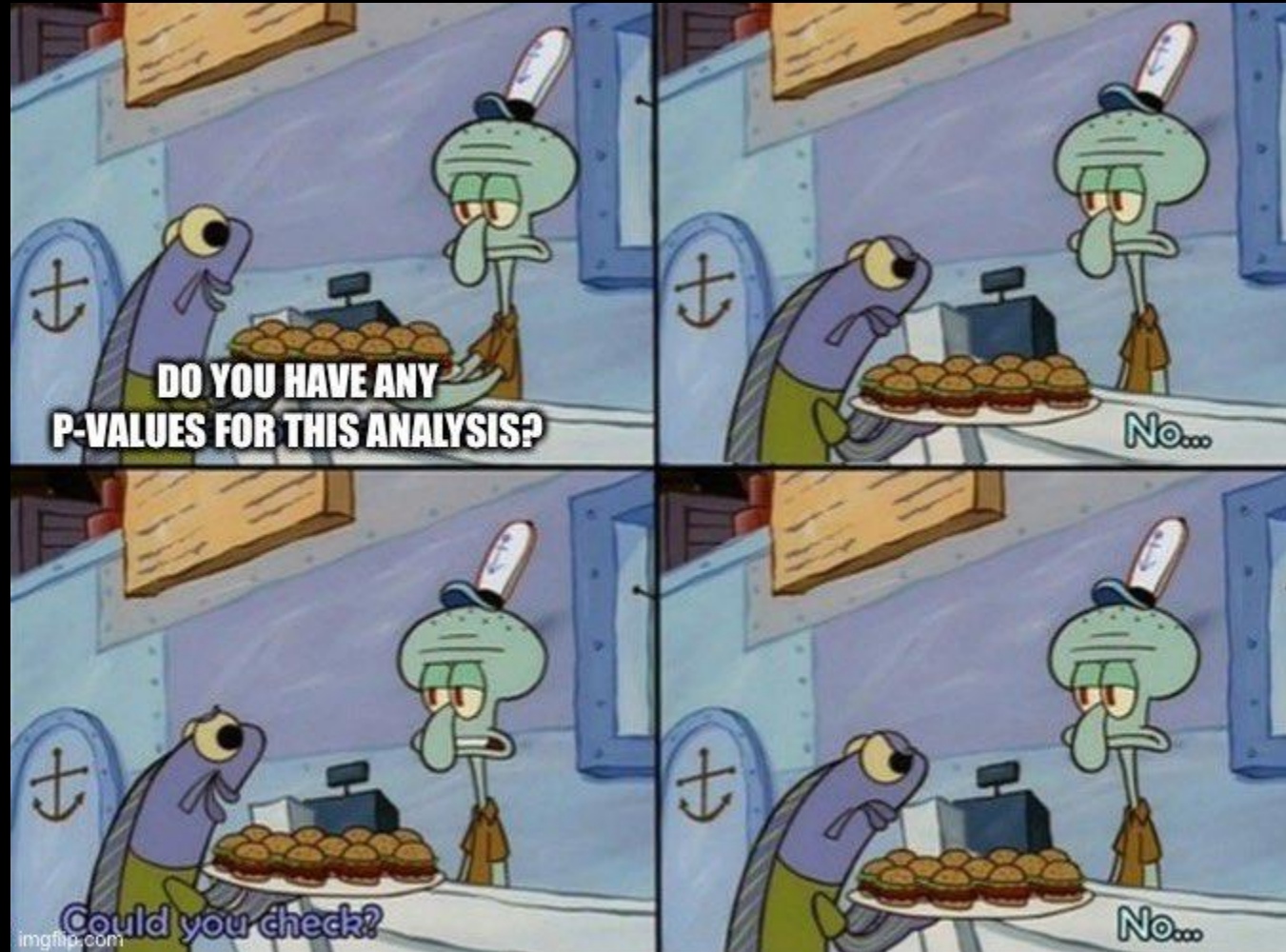
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Heron/script/Model.R

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R-INLA

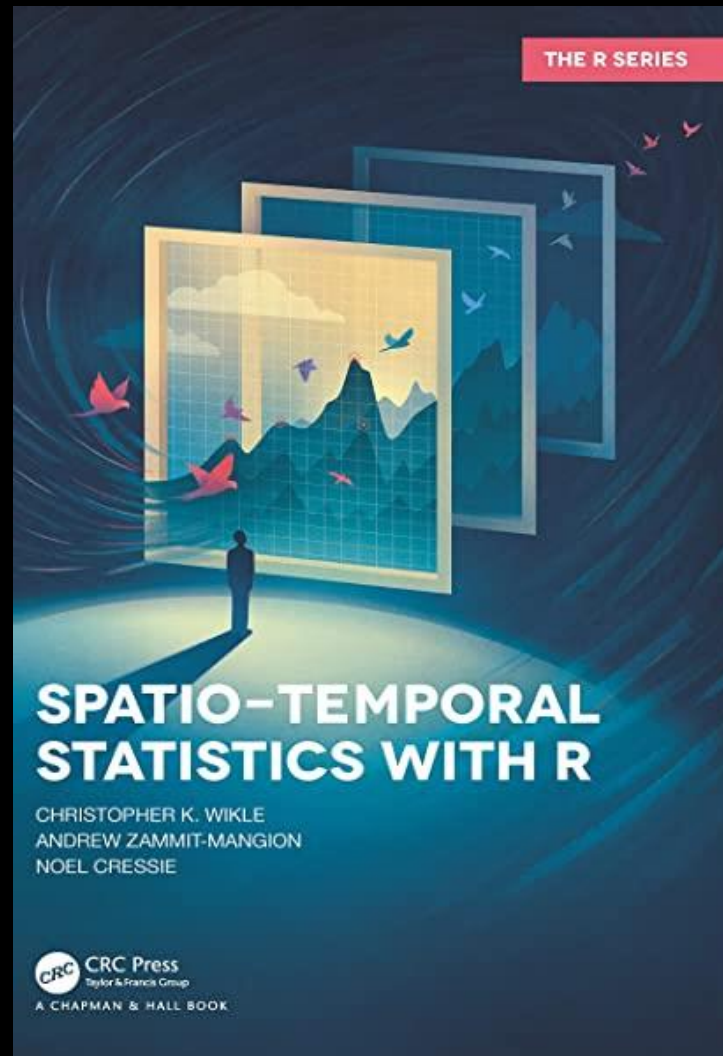
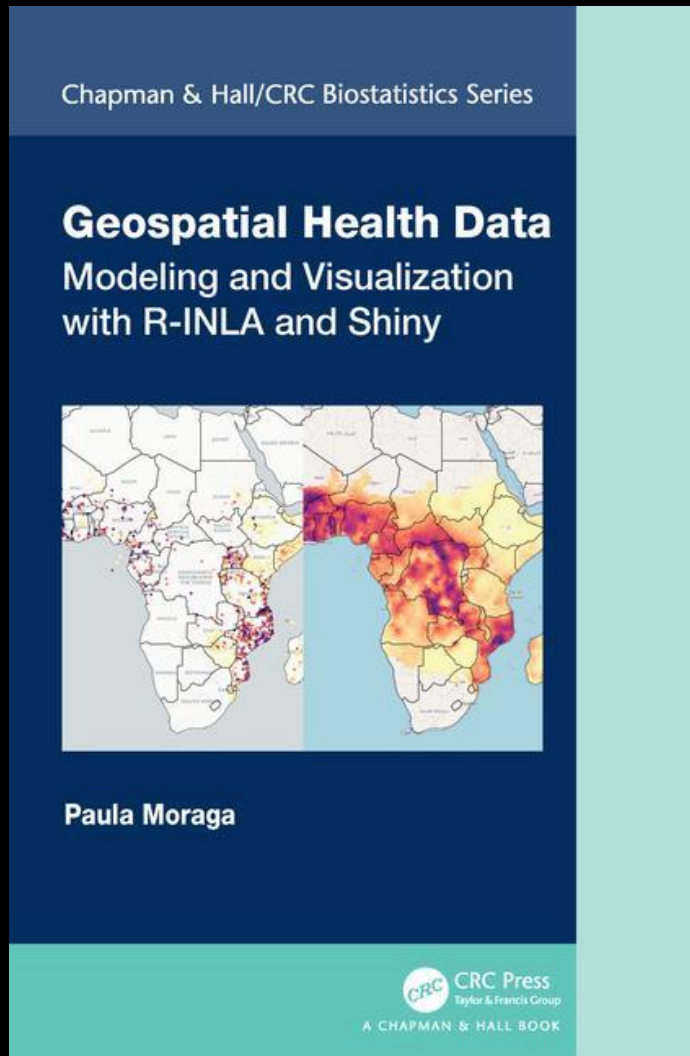
# Integrated Nested Laplace Approximation (INLA)





# R-INLA

## Integrated Nested Laplace Approximation (INLA)



- <https://www.paulamoraga.com/book-geospatial/>
- <https://becarioprecario.bitbucket.io/inla-gitbook/index.html>
- <https://www.seascapemodels.org/rstats/2017/02/22/spatial-statistics-photos.html>
- <https://www.seascapemodels.org/rstats/2017/06/18/estimating-popn-decline.html>

# R-INLA

## Integrated Nested Laplace Approximation (INLA)

### Spatial autocorrelation

- Tobler's (1970) first law of geography: everything is related to everything else, but nearby things are more related than distant things
- Linear model equation – non-independent errors in model residuals

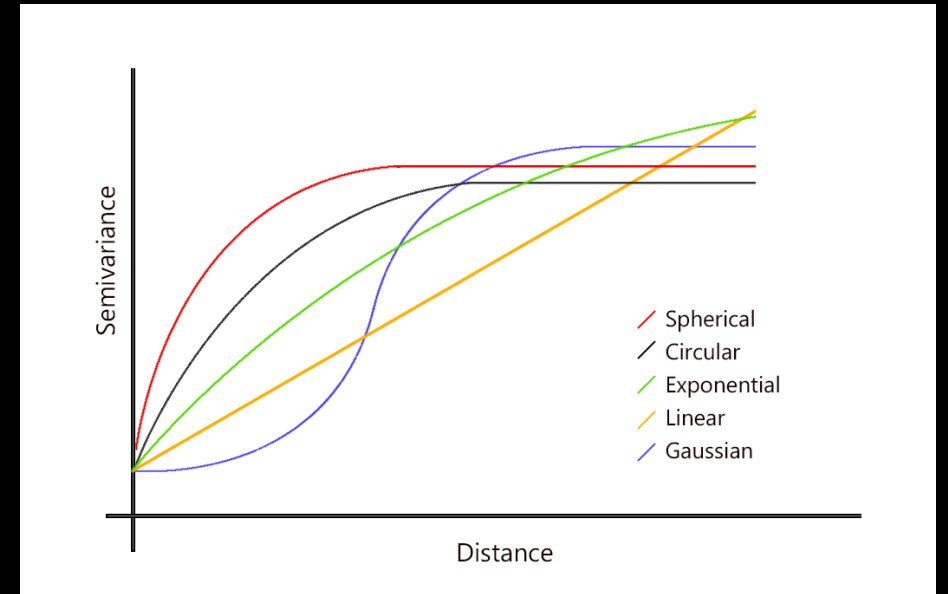
The diagram illustrates the components of a linear model equation and its covariance matrix. On the left, the equation  $y_i = \underbrace{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times x_i}_{\text{Linearity}} + \epsilon_i$  is shown. The error term  $\epsilon_i$  is defined as  $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ , with "Normality" written below it. To the right, the covariance matrix is given as  $\mathbf{V} = \text{cov} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \sigma^2 & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Three annotations with arrows point to specific parts of the matrix: "Homogeneity of variance" points to the diagonal elements  $\sigma^2$ ; "Zero covariance (=independence)" points to the off-diagonal zero elements; and "Normality" points to the  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  distribution.

# R-INLA

## Integrated Nested Laplace Approximation (INLA)

### Spatial autocorrelation

- Tobler's (1970) first law of geography: everything is related to everything else, but nearby things are more related than distant things
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- Geostatistics – semivariogram (spatial field)

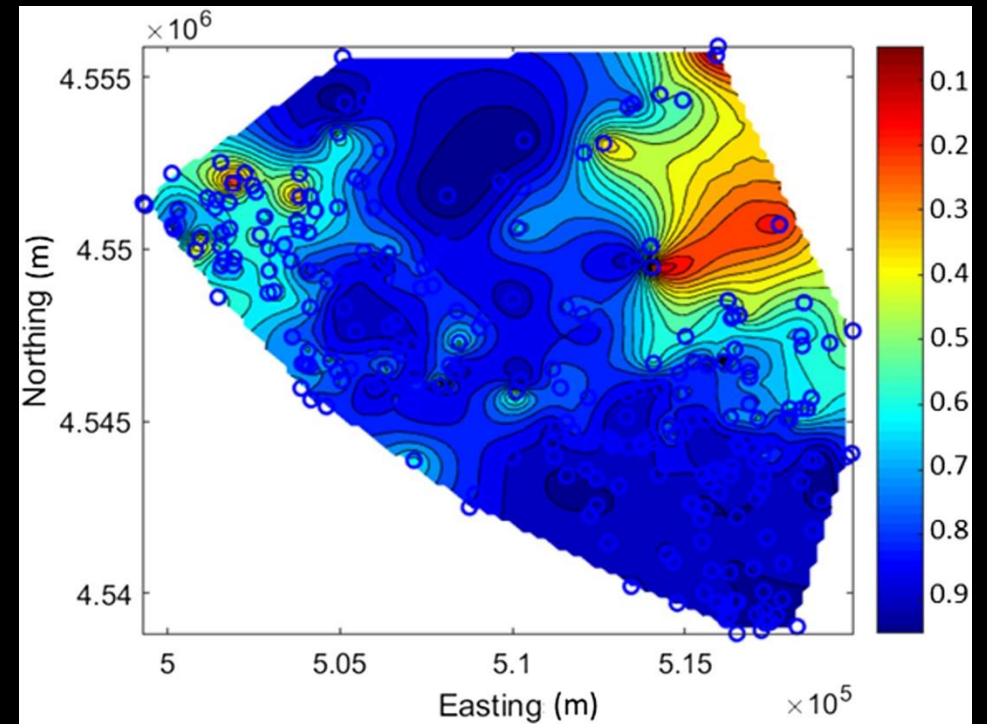


# R-INLA

## Integrated Nested Laplace Approximation (INLA)

### Spatial autocorrelation

- Tobler's (1970) first law of geography: everything is related to everything else, but nearby things are more related than distant things
- Linear model equation – non-independent errors in model residuals
- Geostatistics – semivariogram (spatial field)
- Kriging



<https://ascelibrary.org/doi/10.1061/%28ASCE%29HZ.2153-5515.0000464>

# Modelling Spatial autocorrelation with R-INLA

## Spatial model for coral recovery

$$y_{it} \sim \text{Beta}(\mu(s_i, t), \phi)$$

$$\text{logit}(\mu(s_i, t)) = \beta_0 + \text{Geomorphic}_i \times \beta_1 + \zeta(s_i, t) + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (1)$$

$$\zeta(s_i, t) = a\zeta(s_i, t-1) + \omega(s_i, t)$$



Spatio-temporal random effect

- Use stochastic partial differential equation (SPDE) to model the spatial field
- Major aims to learn about spatial autocorrelation during the recovery process and recovery trajectories across the entire reef

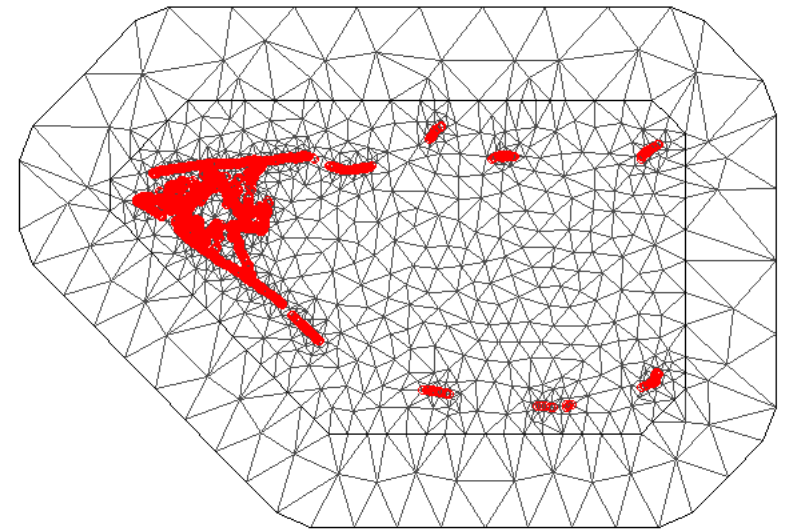
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# Modelling Spatial autocorrelation with R-INLA

## Spatial model for coral recovery

- Major aims to learn about spatial autocorrelation during the recovery process and recovery trajectories across the entire reef
- Create a mesh to approximate the continuous spatial field

```
➤ mesh = inla.mesh.2d(loc=cbind(df$lng, df$lat),  
➤ max.edge = c(1,5)*max.edge,  
➤ cutoff = max.edge/20,  
➤ offset = NULL)
```



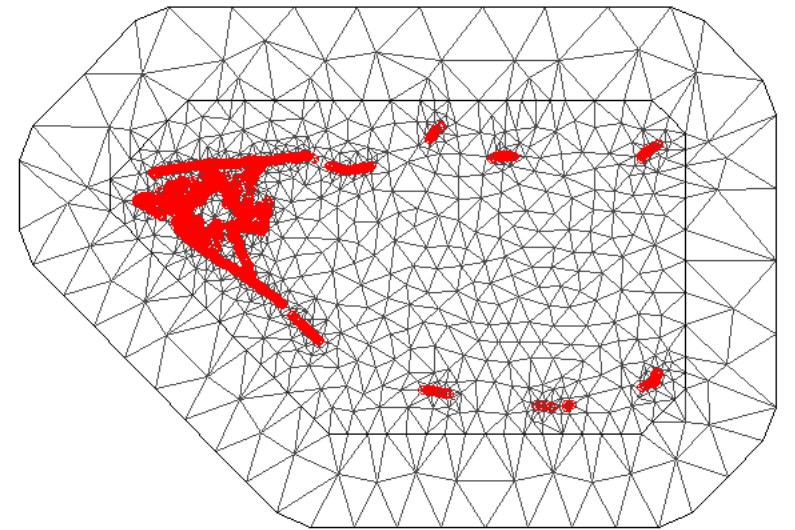
# Modelling Spatial autocorrelation with R-INLA

## Spatial model for coral recovery

- Major aims to learn about spatial autocorrelation during the recovery process and recovery trajectories across the entire reef
- Create a mesh to approximate the continuous spatial field
- Create objects needed for the spde

```
spde = inla.spde2.pcmatern(mesh, alpha=2, prior.range = c(.01, .01),  
prior.sigma = c(3, 0.01))
```

```
indexs <- inla.spde.make.index("s", n.spde = spde$n.spde  
A <- inla.spde.make.A(mesh = mesh, loc=cbind(df$lng, df$lat))
```



# Modelling Spatial autocorrelation with R-INLA

## Spatial model for coral recovery

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```
Ap<- inla.spde.make.A(mesh = mesh, loc= cbind(pred.df[,1], pred.df[,2]))
```



# Modelling Spatial autocorrelation with R-INLA

## Spatial model for coral recovery

- Major aims to learn about spatial autocorrelation during the recovery process and recovery trajectories across the entire reef
- Create a mesh to approximate the continuous spatial field
- Create objects needed for the spde
- Stack everything

```
stk.e <- inla.stack(data=list(y=df$g.mean),  
  A=list(A,1,1,1), effects=list(c(indexs, list(b0=1)),  
  list(Geomorph=df[, "Geomorph"]),  
  list(iidx=df$idsub), list(idyear=df$idyear)), tag="est")
```

```
stk.p <- inla.stack(data=list(y=NA), A=list(Ap,1,1,1),  
  effects=list(c(indexs, list(b0=1)), +  
  list(Geomorph=pred.df[, "Geomorph"]),  
  list(iidx=pred.df$idsub), list(idyear=pred.df$group)),  
  tag="pred")
```

```
stk.full <- inla.stack(stk.e, stk.p)
```

```
res<-inla(formula, family="beta", data=inla.stack.data(stk.full), +  
  control.predictor=list(A=inla.stack.A(stk.full), compute=T, link=1), verbose=TRUE, +  
  control.results=list(return.marginals.random=TRUE, +  
  return.marginals.predictor=TRUE), num.threads = 2, +  
  control.compute=list(dic=TRUE, cpo=TRUE, waic=TRUE))
```

# Modelling Spatial autocorrelation with R-INLA

## Spatial model for coral recovery

- Major aims to learn about spatial autocorrelation during the recovery process and recovery trajectories across the entire reef
- Create a mesh to approximate the continuous spatial field
- Create objects needed for the spde
- Stack everything
- Extract model outputs

```
> summary(res_nested)
```

```
> library(INLAutils)
```

```
> # Extract the information on the spatial field  
> Mod_p2.field <- inla.spde2.result(inla = res_nested, name  
= "s", spde = spde, do.transf = T)
```

```
> ##### Plot fitted trajectories  
> index.est <- inla.stack.index(stack = stk.full, tag="est")$data  
> df$pred <- res_nested$summary.fitted.values$mean[index.est]
```

```
> index.pred <- inla.stack.index(stack =  
stk.full, tag="pred")$data
```

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