# Species Distribution Models: Models and Application for Sustainable Species Conservation Day 2

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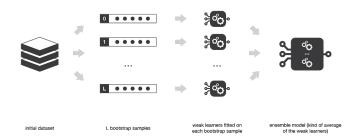
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## Bootstrapping

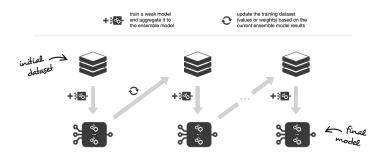


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## Parameter estimation while Bagging

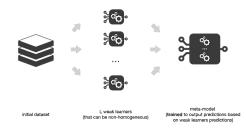


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## Thank You