



# Multi-scale models for biogeography

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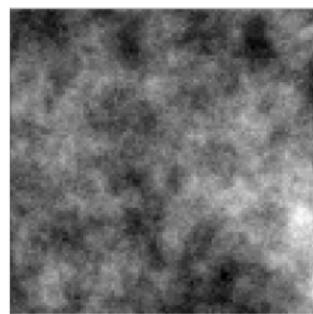
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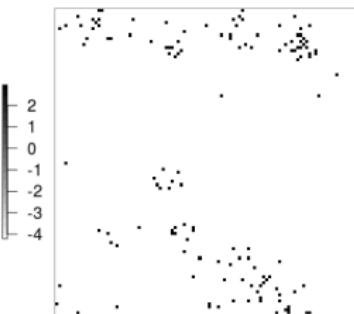
# Part 1: What is a multi-scale model?

# SINGLE-SCALE STATISTICAL MODEL

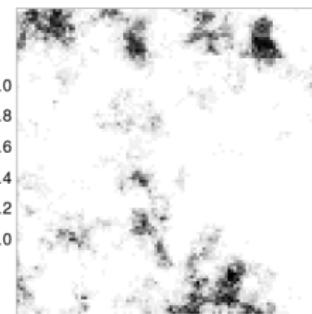
Temperature



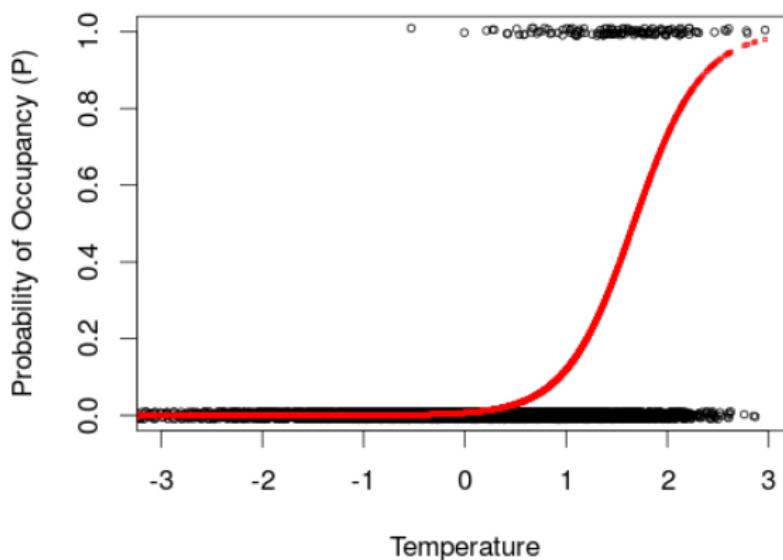
Survey detections



Probability of occupancy



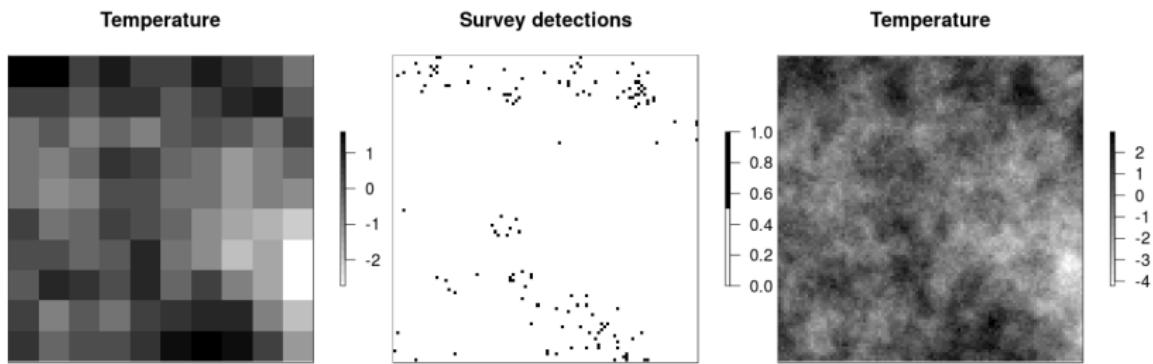
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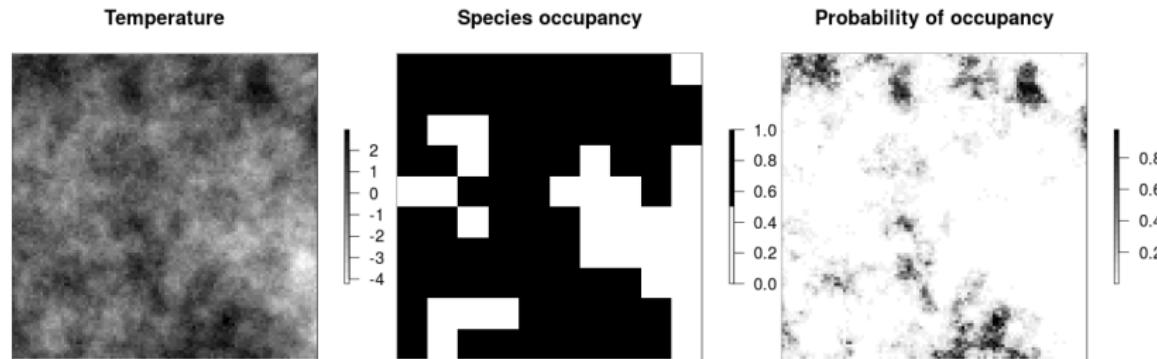
$$O_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(P_i) \quad (2)$$

# RESPONSE FINER THAN PREDICTORS



McInerny & Purves (2011) *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*

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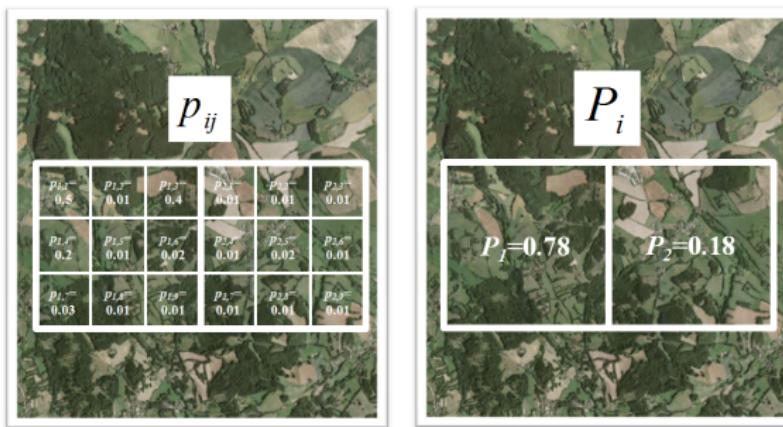
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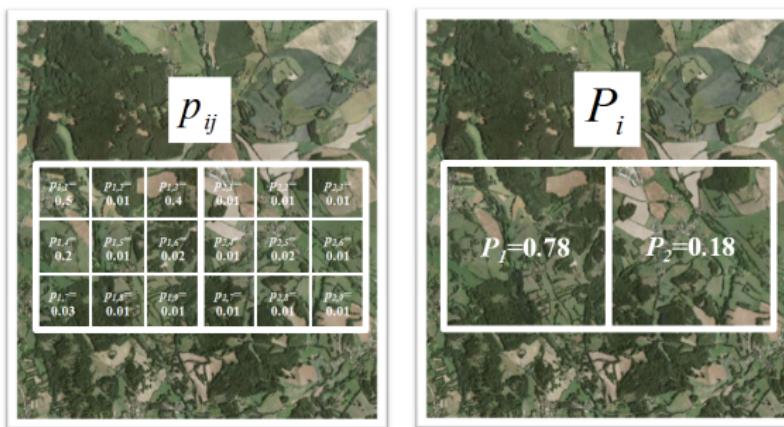
## Part 2: How does it work?

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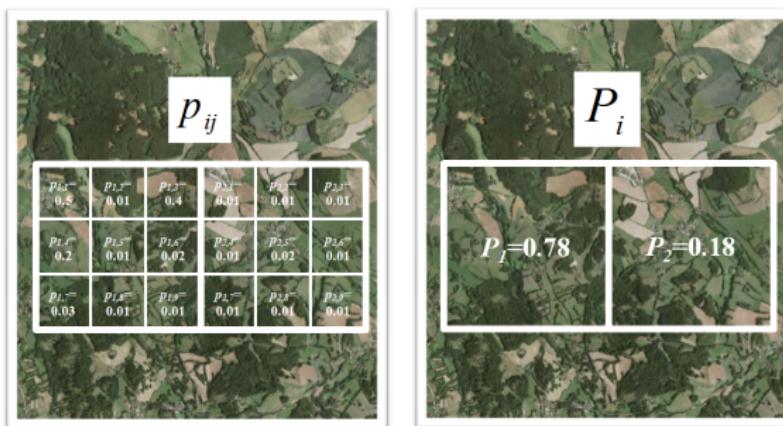
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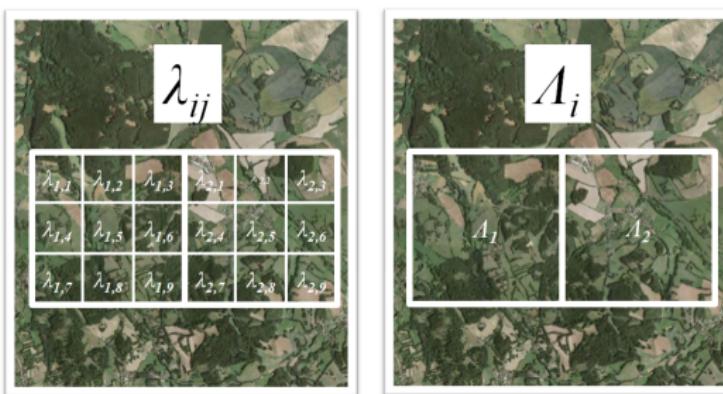


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# 2-SCALE POISSON MODEL OF SPECIES RICHNESS



$$\lambda_{ij} = f(environment_{ij}) \quad (6)$$

$$\Lambda_i = \beta_w \times \hat{\lambda}_i \quad (7)$$

$$S_i \sim Poisson(\Lambda_i) \quad (8)$$

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## Part 3: Case studies

# CASE STUDY 1 – SINGLE-SPECIES

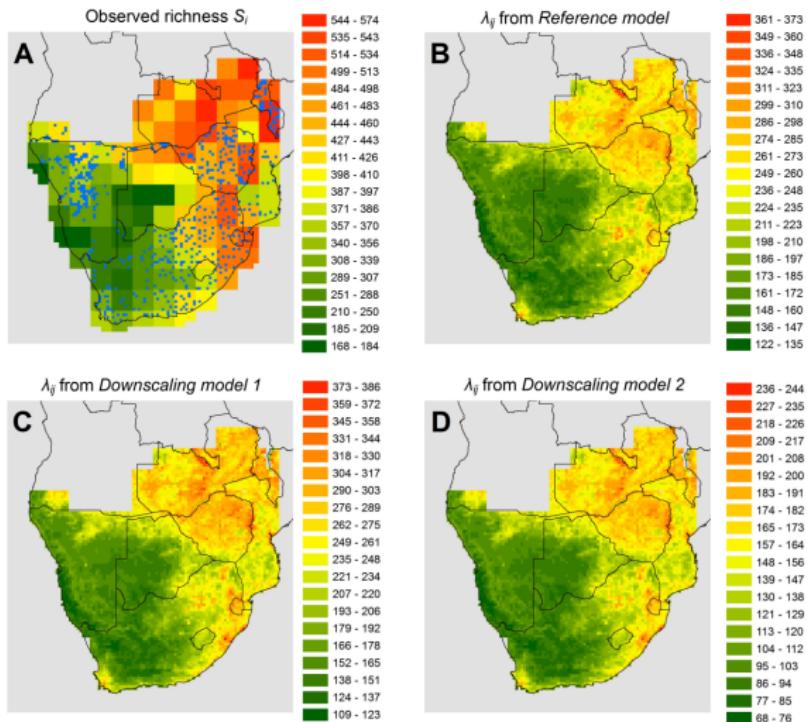


American three-toed woodpecker (*Picoides dorsalis*, Baird 1858)

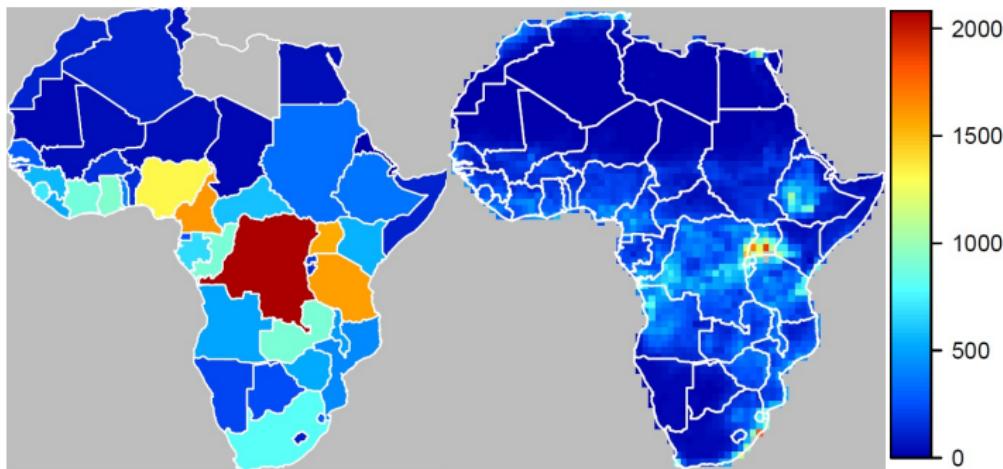


$AUC=0.93$ ; Nagelkerke's  $R^2 = 0.69$

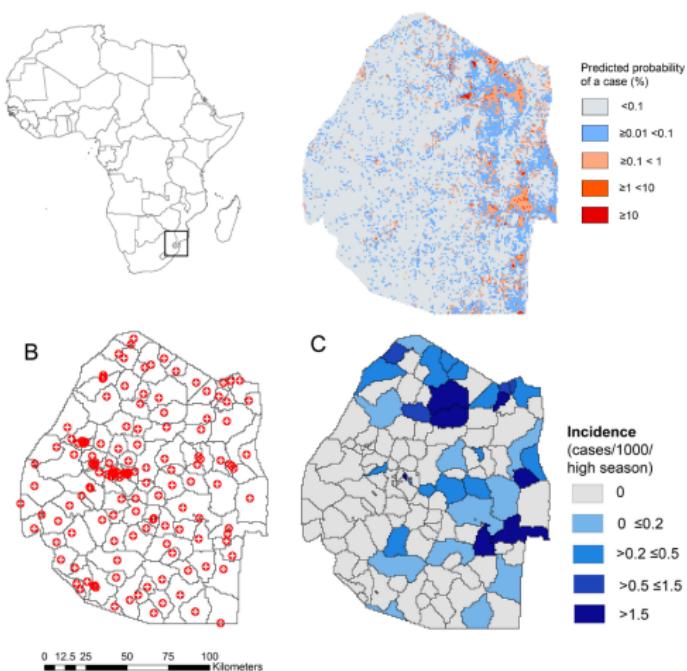
# CASE STUDY 2 – SPECIES RICHNESS OF BIRDS



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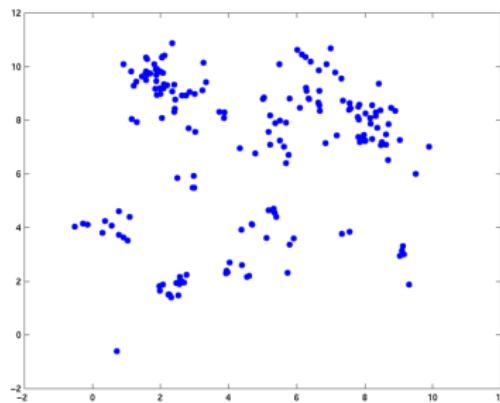


# CASE STUDY 4 – MALARIA IN SWAZILAND



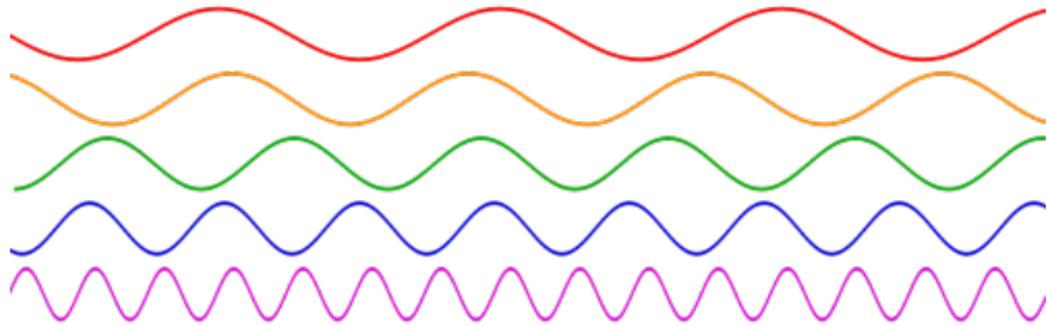
## Part 4: Future prospects

# LINKING GLM, POINT PROCESSES AND MAXENT



Bob O'Hara

# FROM GRIDS TO CONTINUOUS SCALE



Keywords: Fourier transform, Wavelets, eigenvector maps, ...

# THE IDEA OF FUNDAMENTAL SCALE



Arnost L. Sizling, David Storch

What is a multi-scale model?  
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How does it work?  
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Case studies  
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- ▶ The tools need to be made more accessible.

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