Bound Together or Falling Apart? Foraging Association in Red Knots

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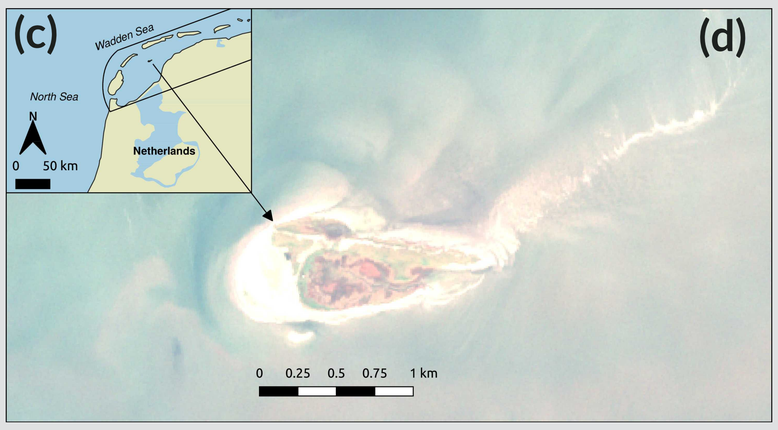
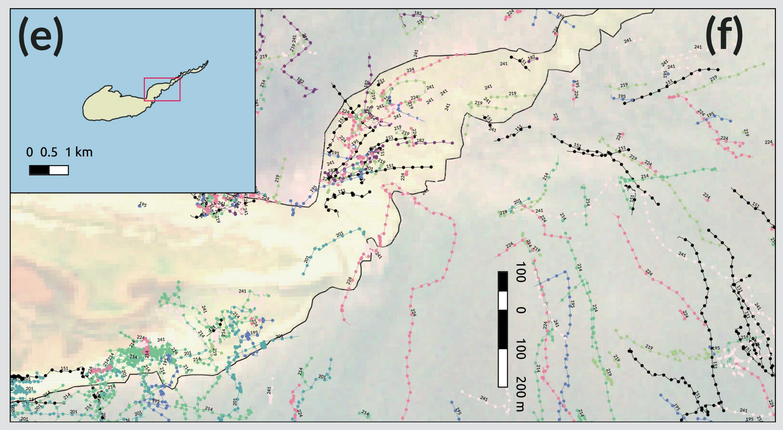
Background

1 Waders such as red knots *Calidris canutus* gather in large non-breeding flocks in the Wadden Sea, where they forage on intertidal mudflats

2 Waders are highly social, but they have no 'friends' — no consistent non-random association between individuals (cite, cite)

3 ATLAS allows high frequency tracking of multiple knots, and calculation of pair-wise 'coherence' (cite)



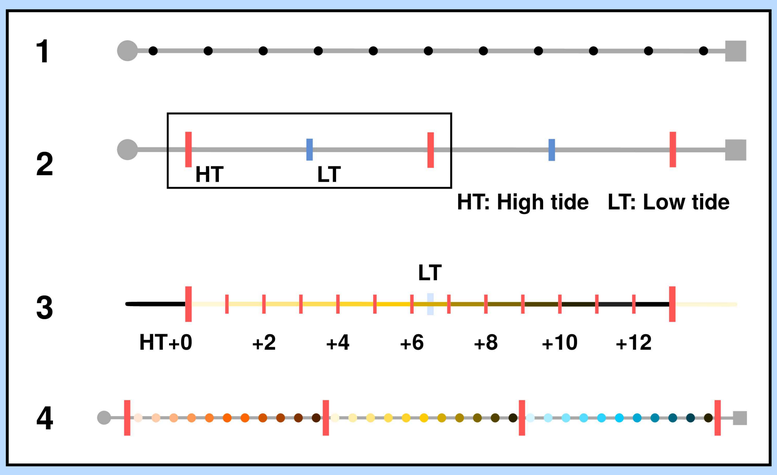


[a]Red knot — [b]Wadden Sea mudlfats

[c]Study site — [d]Island of Griend

[e]Tracking towers — [f]Knot positions

Data handling

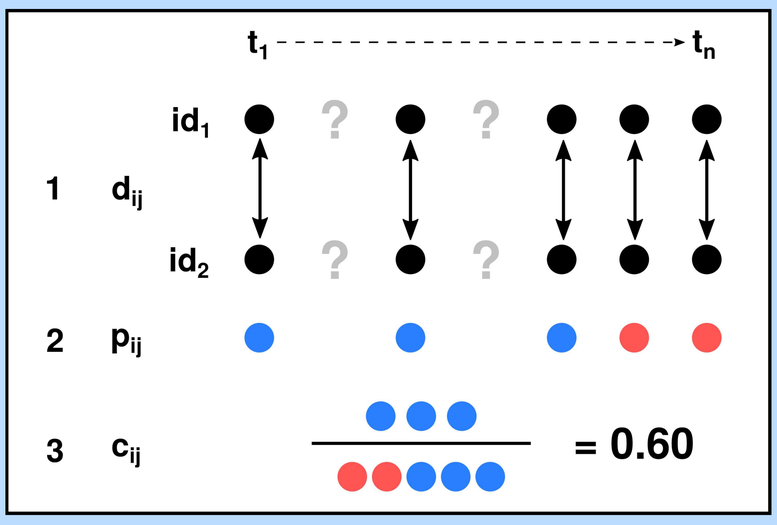


1 Obtained the 'lifetime' track

2 Identified tidal intervals from water-level data (cite)

3 Classified data by tidal interval

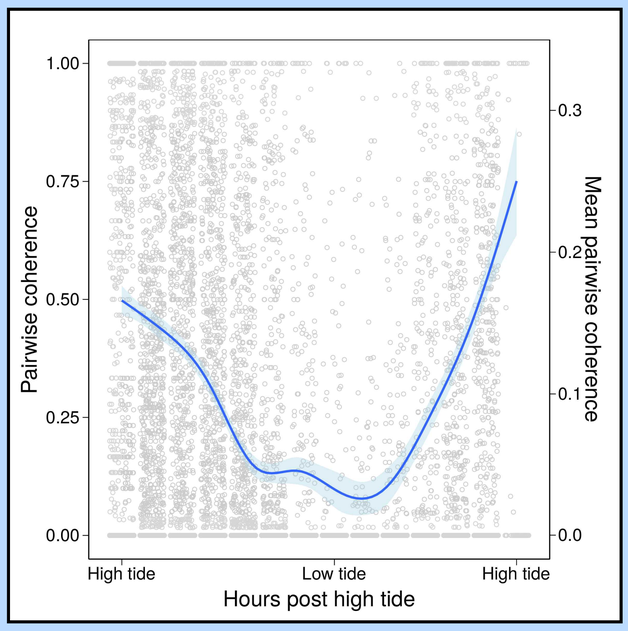
4 Classified data by hours since high tide



1 Distances between time-matched positions

2 Count distances < proximity threshold **3** Calculate coherence

Good title for results



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