OMNISCAPE

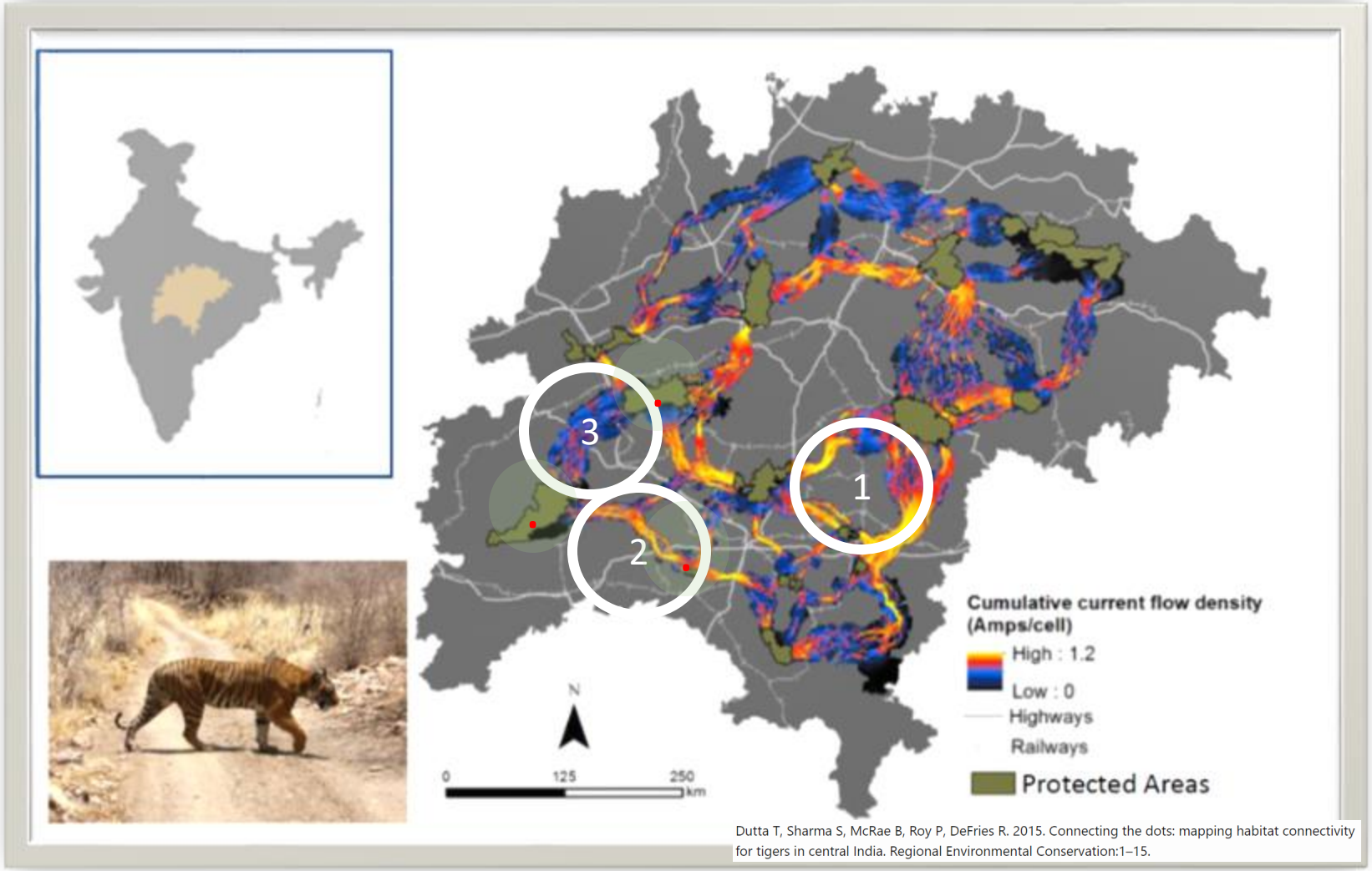
An omnidirectional approach to landscape connectivity

Circuitscape: pairwise connectivity analysis

- Based on circuit theory
- Complements least-cost paths.
- It considers effects of all possible pathways across a landscape simultaneously BETWEEN A PAIR OF NODES .

Output: Current flow

1) Avoid areas with strong movement barriers
2) Concentrate in key linkages where flow *channeled* through *pinch-points (bottlenecks)*
3) Diffuse in highly intact areas with few barriers



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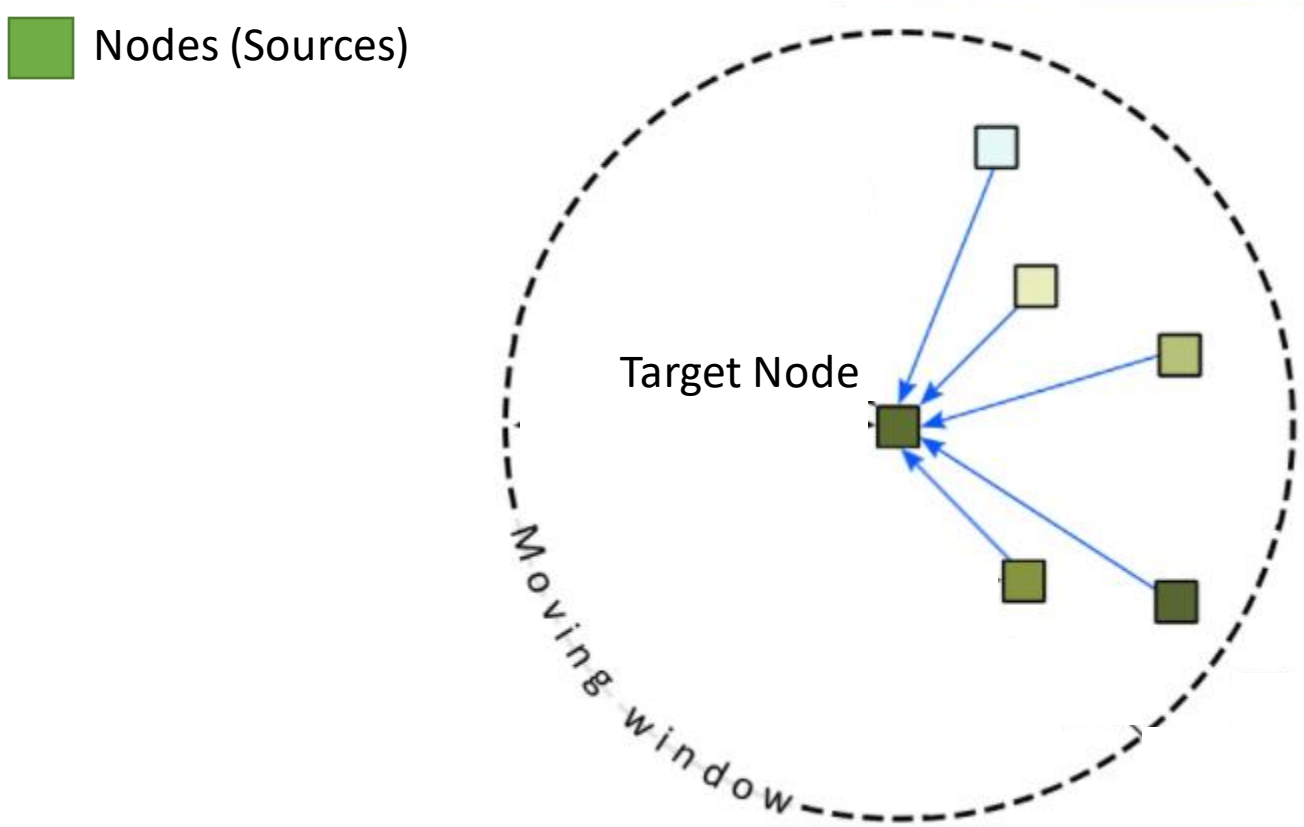


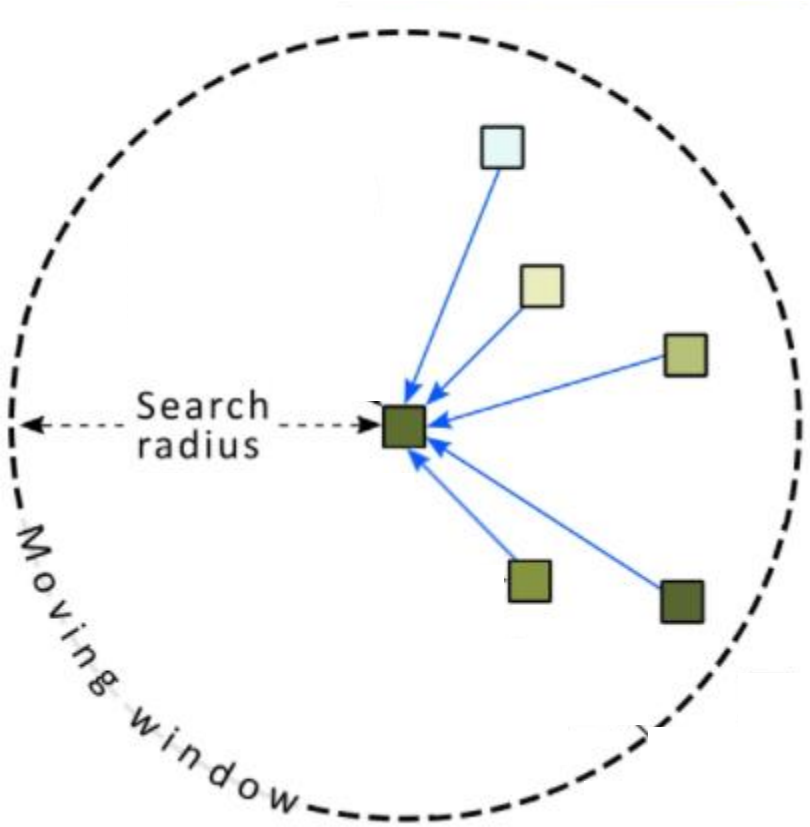
Total current injected = source strength of the target pixel

The current injected is shared among the source pixels in proportion to their source strengths.

Omniscape applies Circuitscape iteratively through nodes within a moving window: RADIUS OF THE WINDOW

The moving window has a radius that can be set according to species movement range

Radius in CELLS
*consider resolution to get the actual size of the window



500 radius in 30m resolution = 15,000m = 15km

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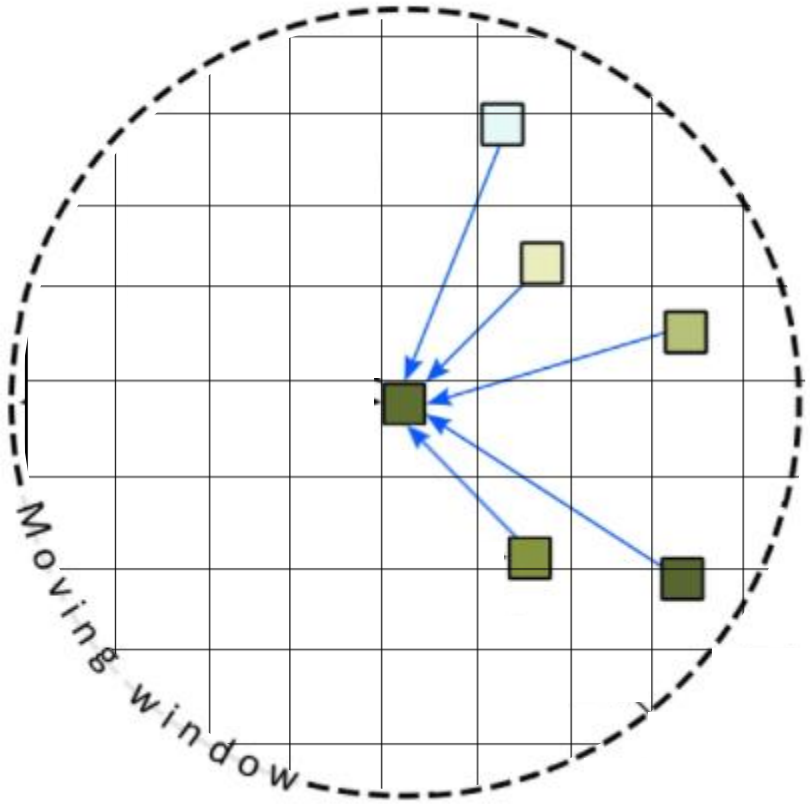
The algorithm considers a blocksize within the moving window, to coarsen it up and reduce computational need.

Blocksize 1



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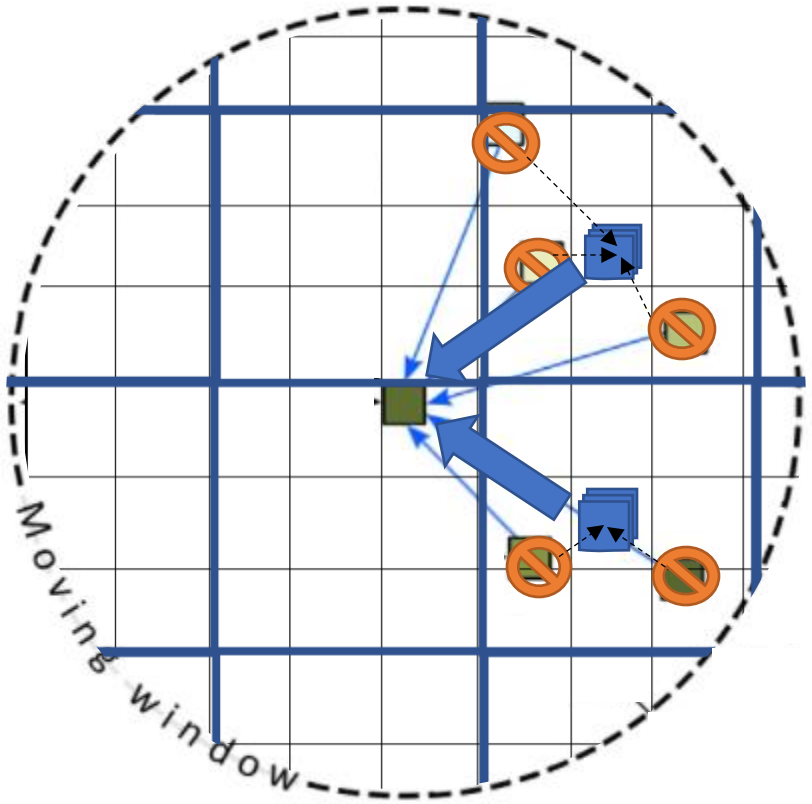


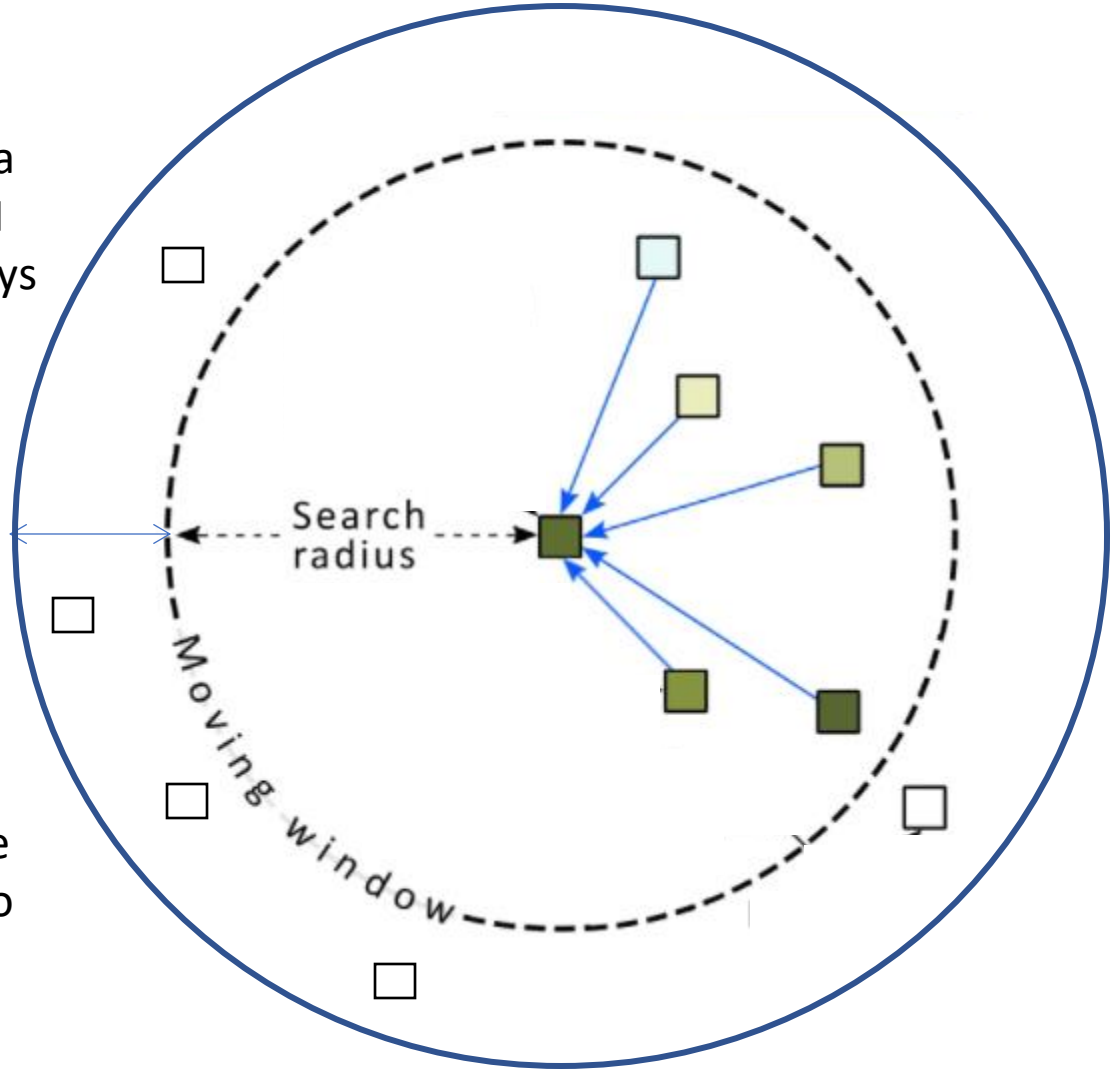
Blocksize 3

Acceptable sizes to reduce computational requirements without increasing patchyness, some examples that have been used:

- Southern Ontario: Blocksize 46
- GTA: Blocksize 21

Omniscape applies Circuitscape iteratively through nodes within a moving window: BUFFER OF THE WINDOW

You can also add a buffer, but so far I have seen it always at default (0)



Clips the resistance and source layers beyond the radius, but nodes within the buffer area are set to zero.

Omniscape needs three things from you:

1

Resistance map
.tif or .asc

2

Source map
.tif or .asc

3

Parameters in a
textfile (.ini)

Make sure projections match!

E.g.

- 1|0 map with 1 as source cells
- Suitable areas defined by habitat suitability map

*optional
Instead resistance map can be used to set source areas by defining a threshold.

Omniscape will give you three things:

1. Current flow map (.tif)

   = Total current for each landscape pixel.

2. Flow potential map (.tif)

   = predicted current under resistance-free conditions.

3. Normalized current flow map (.tif)

   = the degree to which a pixel has more or less current than expected under resistance-free conditions (cumulative current flow divided by flow potential)

Parameter textfile

- Needs to follow this format →
- Everything in [] is not read by the program
- Saved as .ini

```
[Required arguments]
resistance_file = Resistancefile.tif
radius = 500
project_name = subfolder_output_name
source_file = Sourcefile.tif [can skip if not using]

[General options]
block_size = 21
source_from_resistance = true [if not using a source file set as true]
resistance_is_conductance =  false [if values in resistance map are inverted]
source_threshold = 3
calc_normalized_current = true
calc_flow_potential = true
allow_different_projections = false
connect_four_neighbors_only = false [connects 8 neighboring cells if false]
solver = cg+amg [same process as Circuitscape]

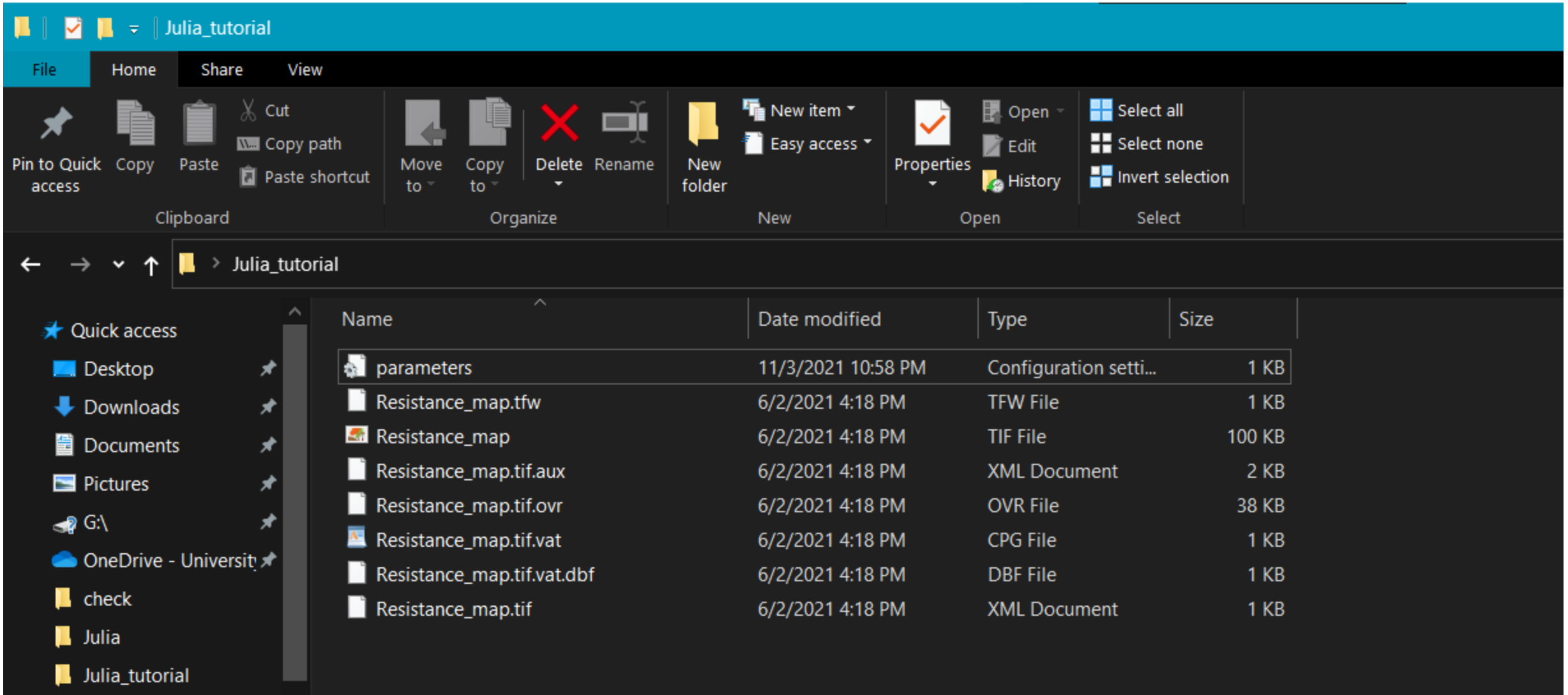
[Resistance reclassification]
reclassify_resistance = false [if you want to change the resistance values]


[Processing options]
parallelize = true
parallel_batch_size = 20
precision = double

[Output options]
write_raw_currmap = true
mask_nodata = true
write_as_tif = true

[Conditional connectivity options]
conditional = false
```

Running Omniscape: check that you have all the files



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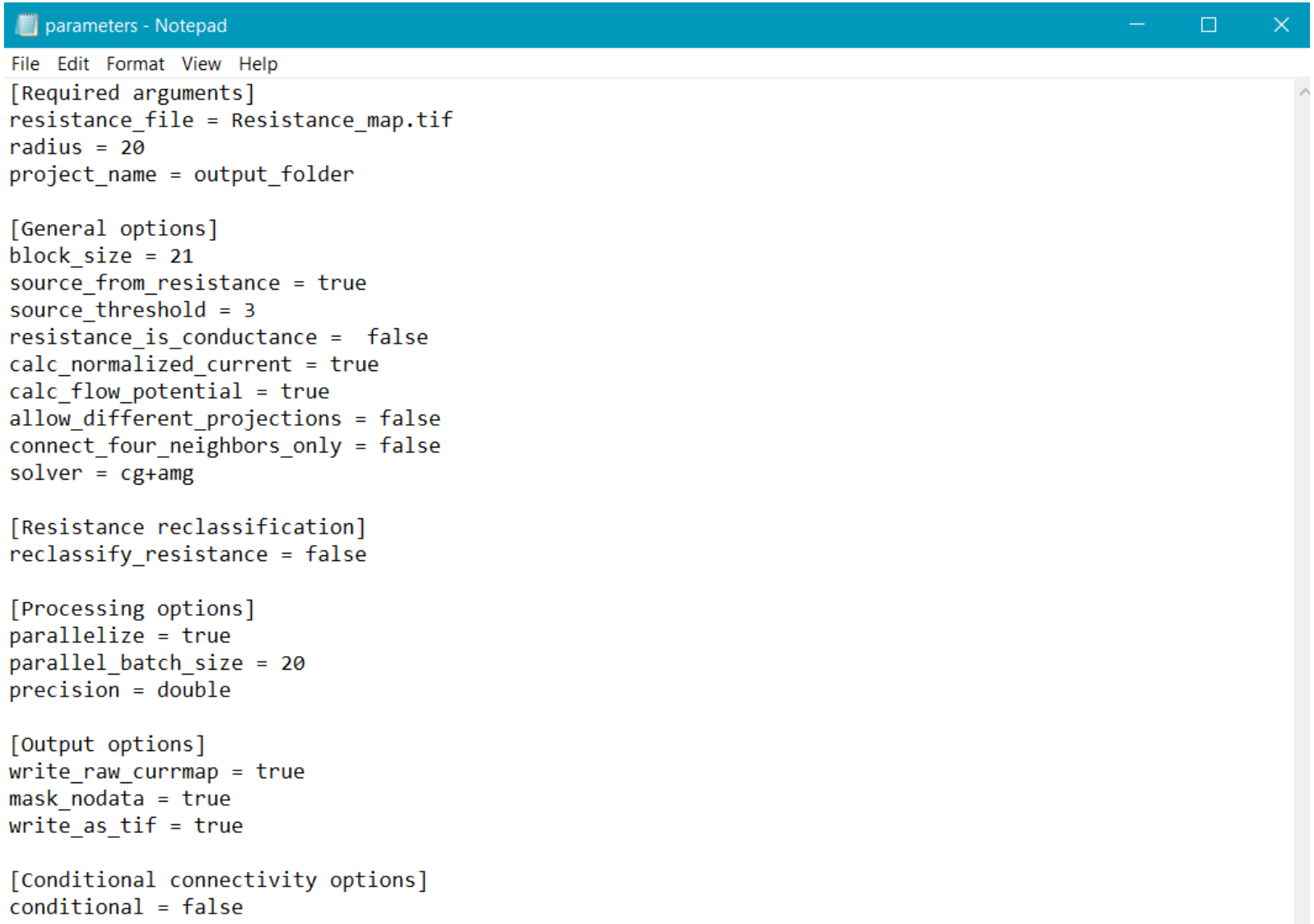

Running Omniscape : open Julia

CODE: PART I

```
pwd();
cd("C:\\Users\\tizge\\Desktop\\Julia_tutorial");
using Pkg;
Pkg.add(["Omniscape","GeoData","Plots"]);
using Omniscape;
run_omniscape("parameters.ini")
```

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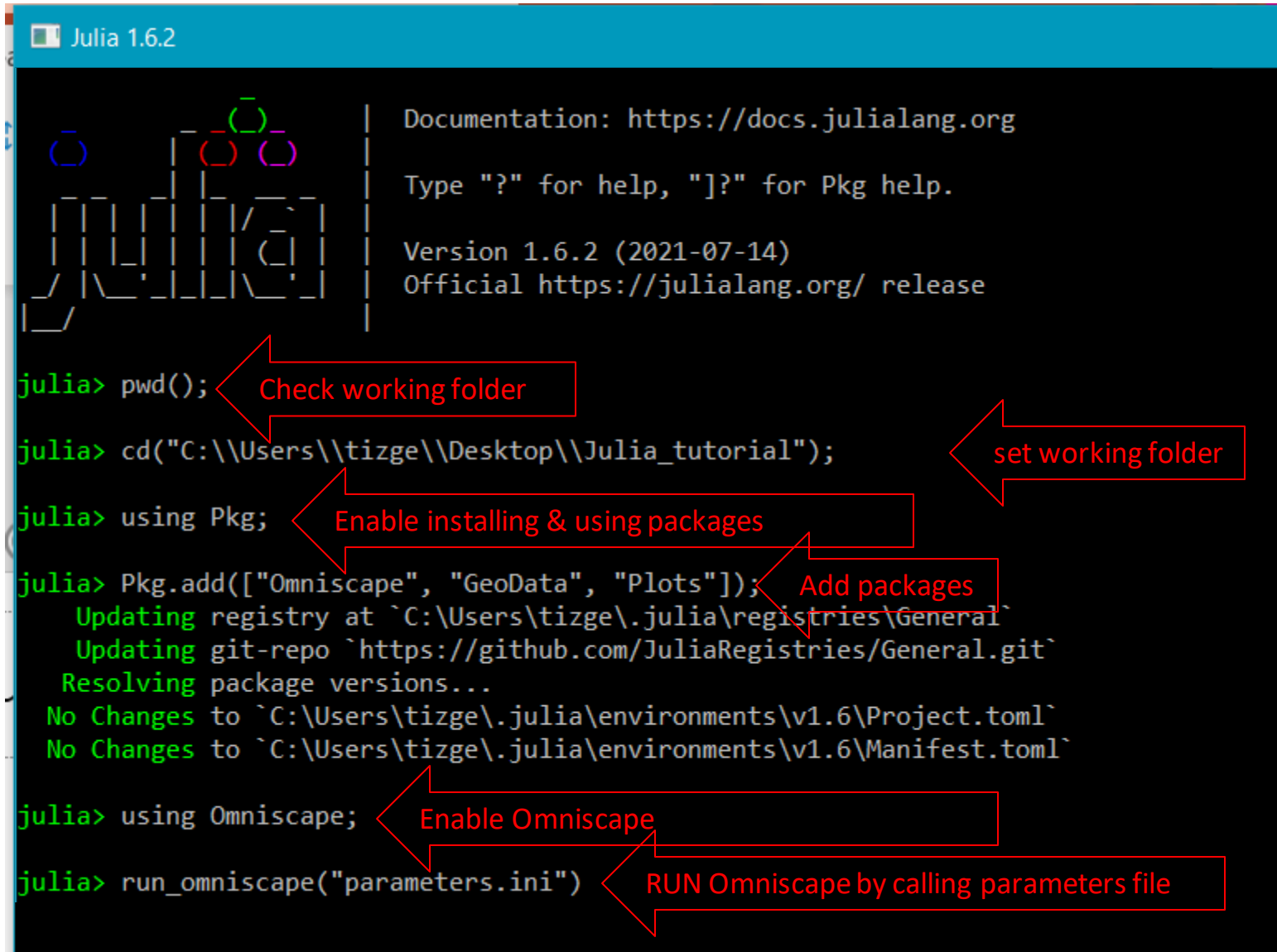

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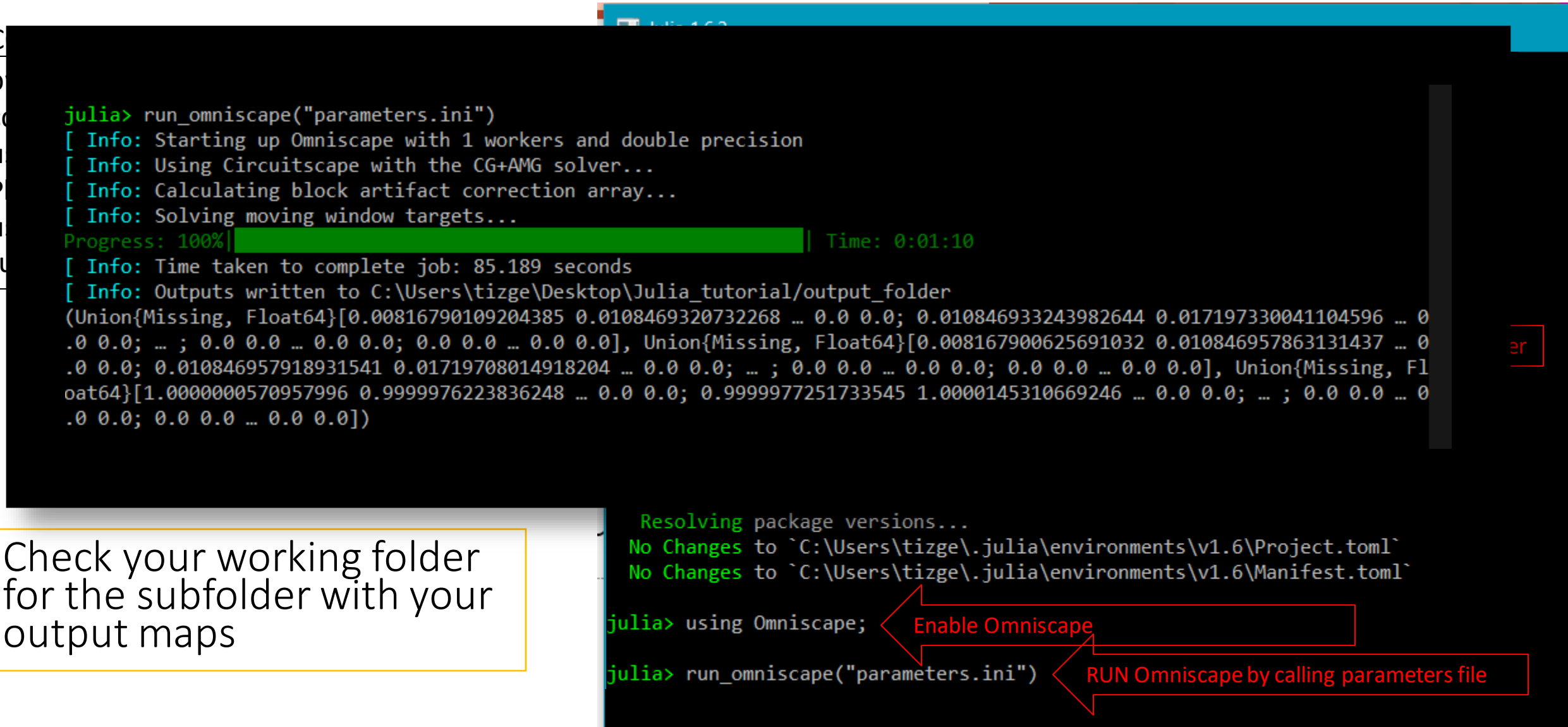

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Running Omniscape: check your output map

CODE: PART II

```
using GeoData;
normalized_current =
GDALarray("output_folder/normalized_cum_currmap.tif");
using Plots;
plot(normalized_current,
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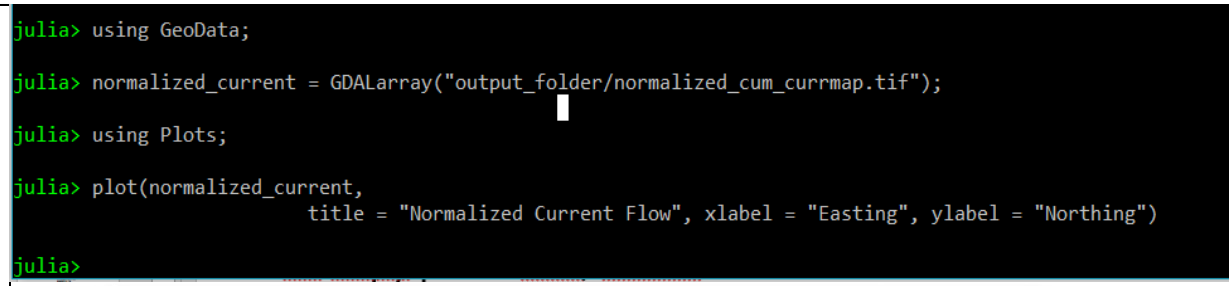

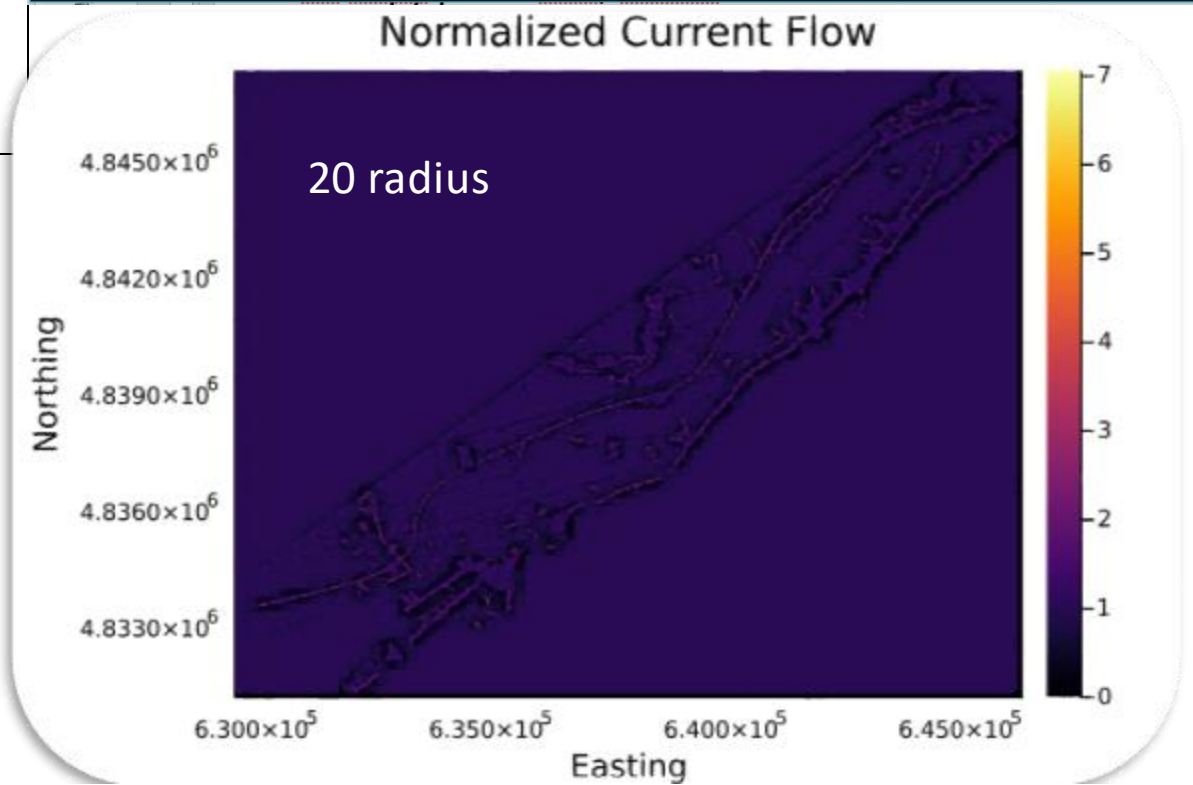

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