

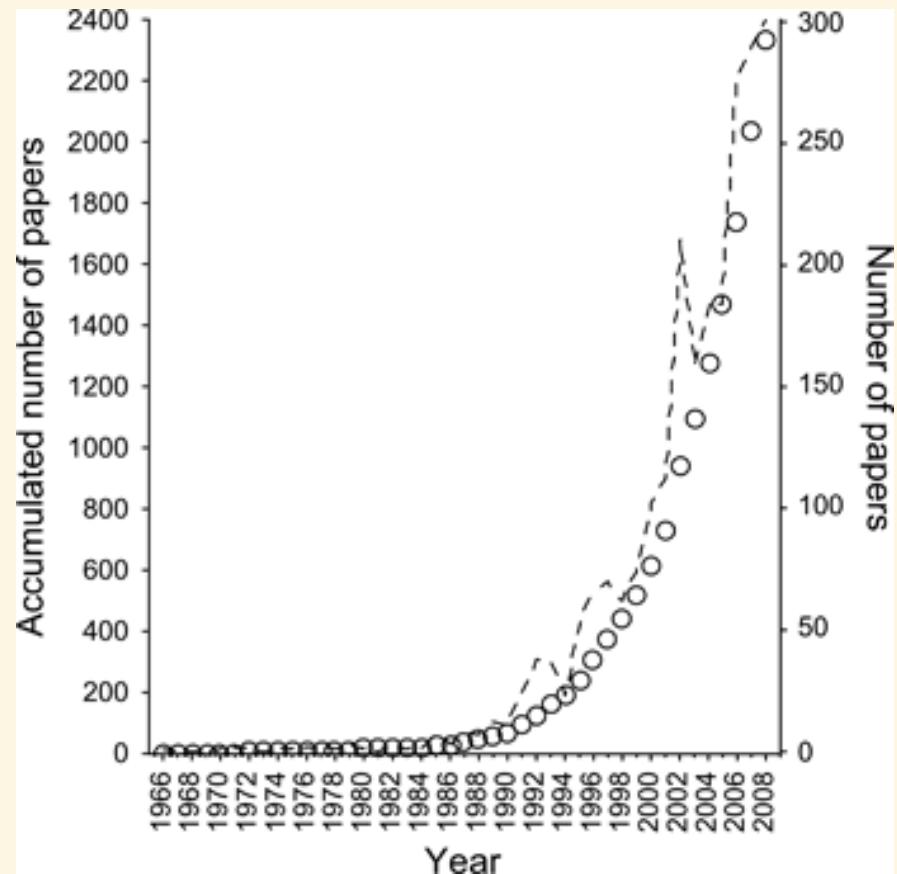
SPECIES DISTRIBUTION MODELS

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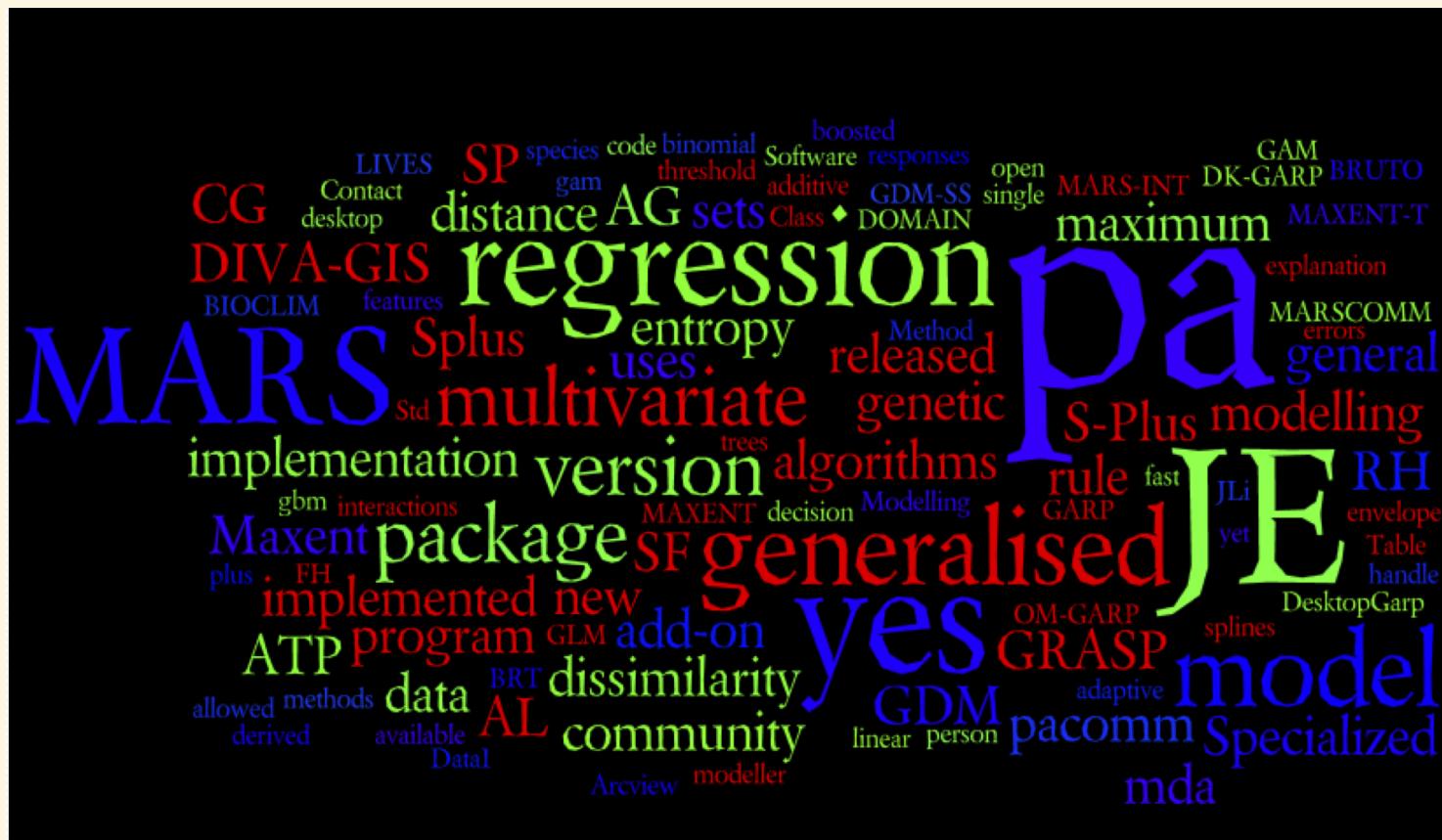
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THE UNSTOPPABLE RISE OF SDMS



Lobo et al. 2010 Ecography 33:103-114.

HOW DO I KNOW A SDM WHEN I SEE IT?



From Elith et al. 2006 Ecography 29: 129-151, Table 4

HOW DO I KNOW A SDM WHEN I SEE IT?

Many different terms:

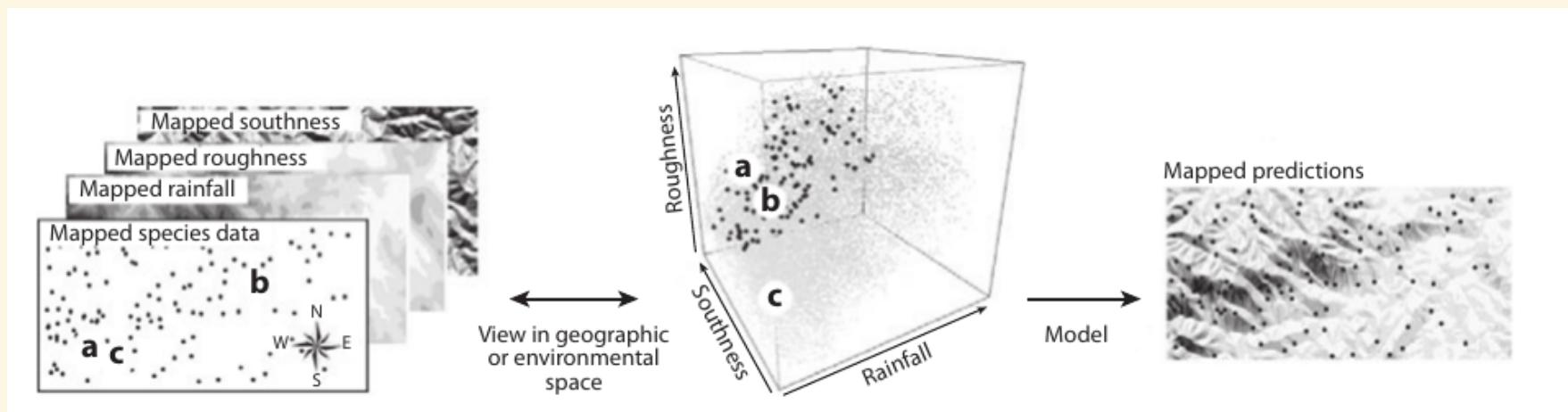
- Species Distribution Modelling
- Climate Envelope Modelling
- Bioclimate Envelope Modelling
- Habitat Distribution Modelling
- Niche Modelling

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WHAT IS SPECIES DISTRIBUTION MODELLING?

- Interpolating biological survey data in space
- Quantitative predictive models of species / environment relationships



Elith et al. 2009 Ann Rev Ecol, Evol & Syst 40:677-697.

OVERVIEW OF SDM PROCESS

- Data on species occurrence in geographical space
- Maps of environmental data
- A model to link occurrence data to the environmental variables
- A GIS with which to produce a map of predicted species occurrence
- A way to validate the predictions

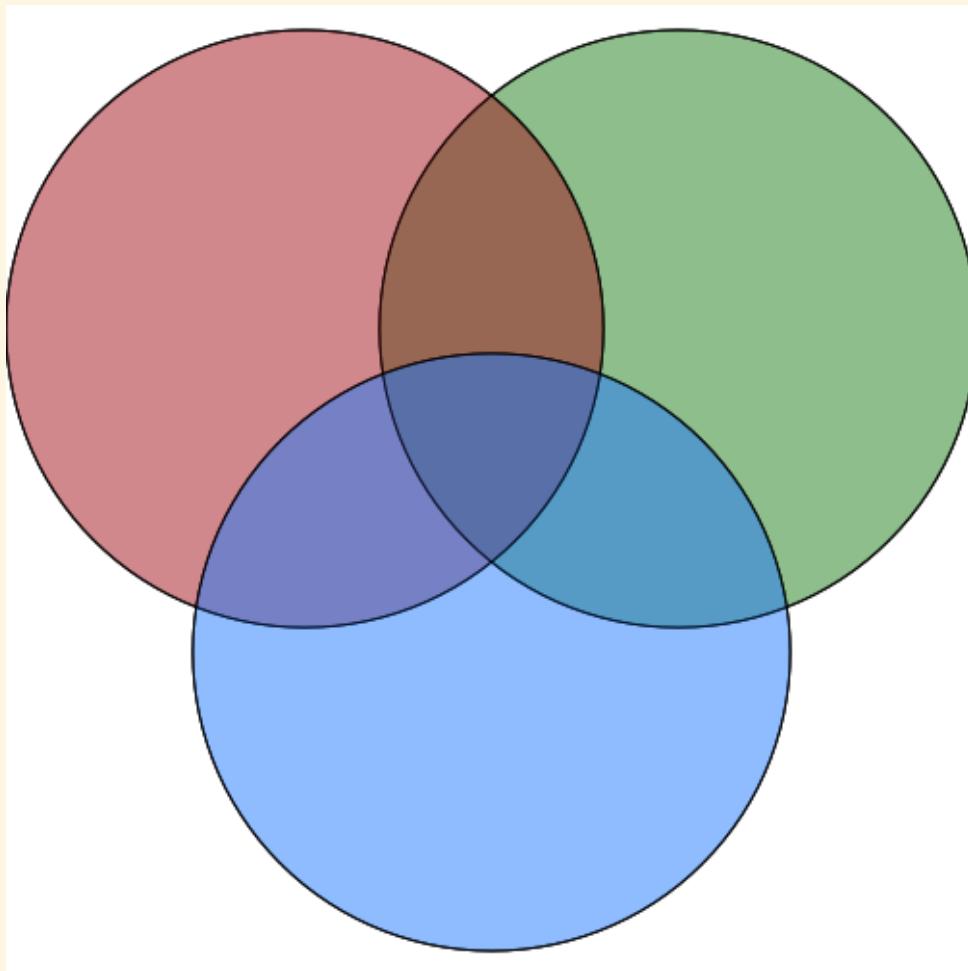
WHY?

- To understand species distributions
- To predict the occurrence of a species for locations where good survey data are lacking
 - Guide for field surveys
 - Assess climate change impacts
 - Predict invasive species spread
 - Inform reserve selection

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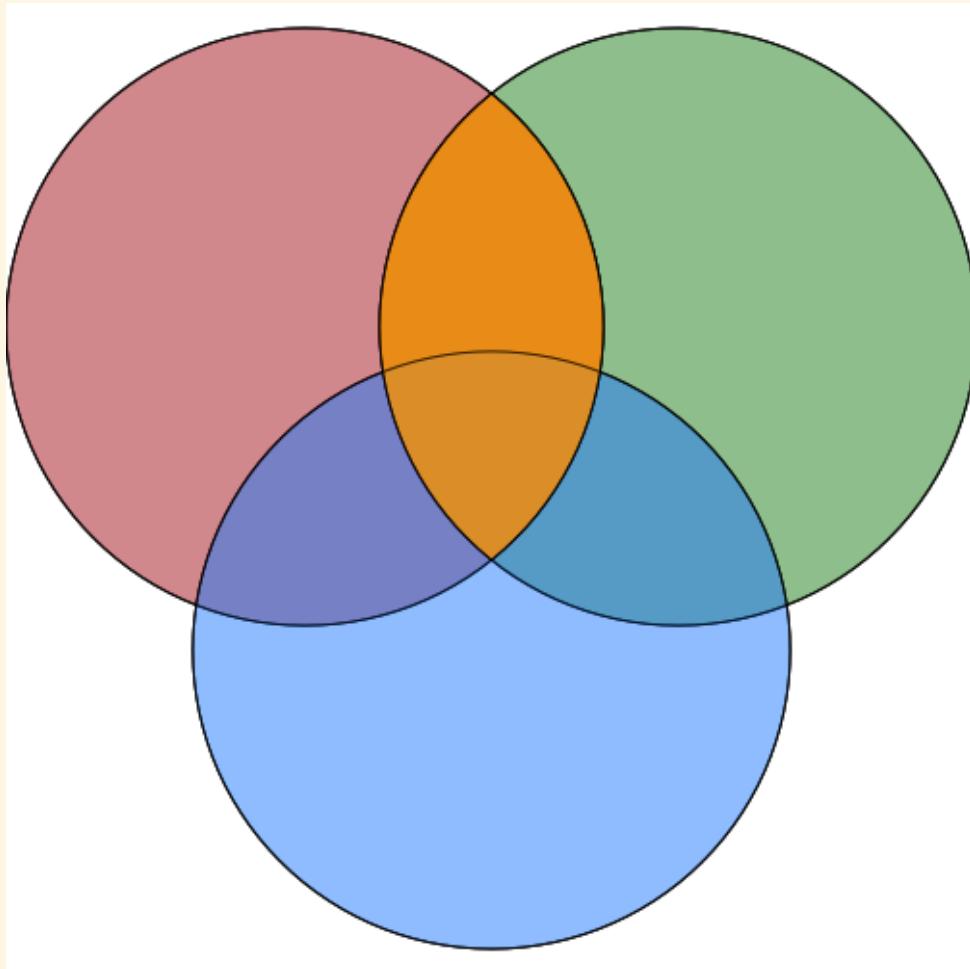
NICHE THEORY



- Abiotic
- Biotic
- Accessible area

Soberón & Peterson (2005)

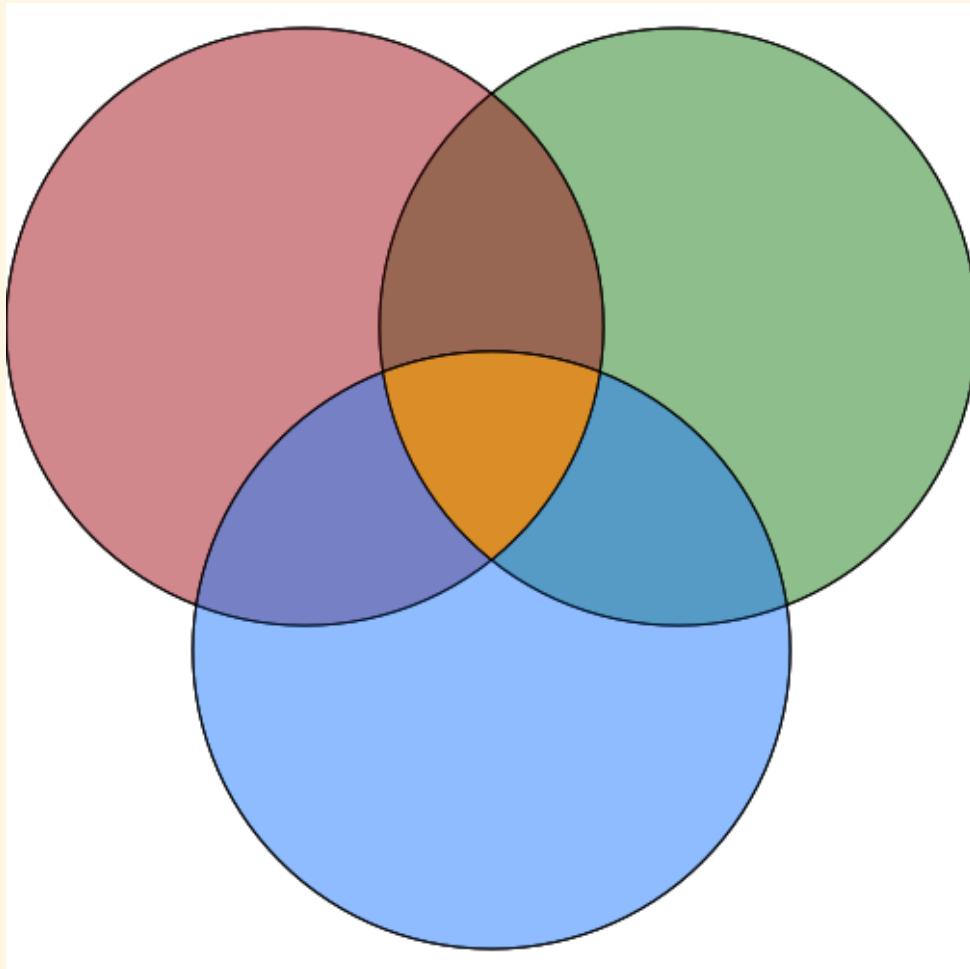
NICHE THEORY



- Abiotic
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- Accessible area
- **Realised niche:**
both biotic and
abiotic suitability

Soberón & Peterson (2005)

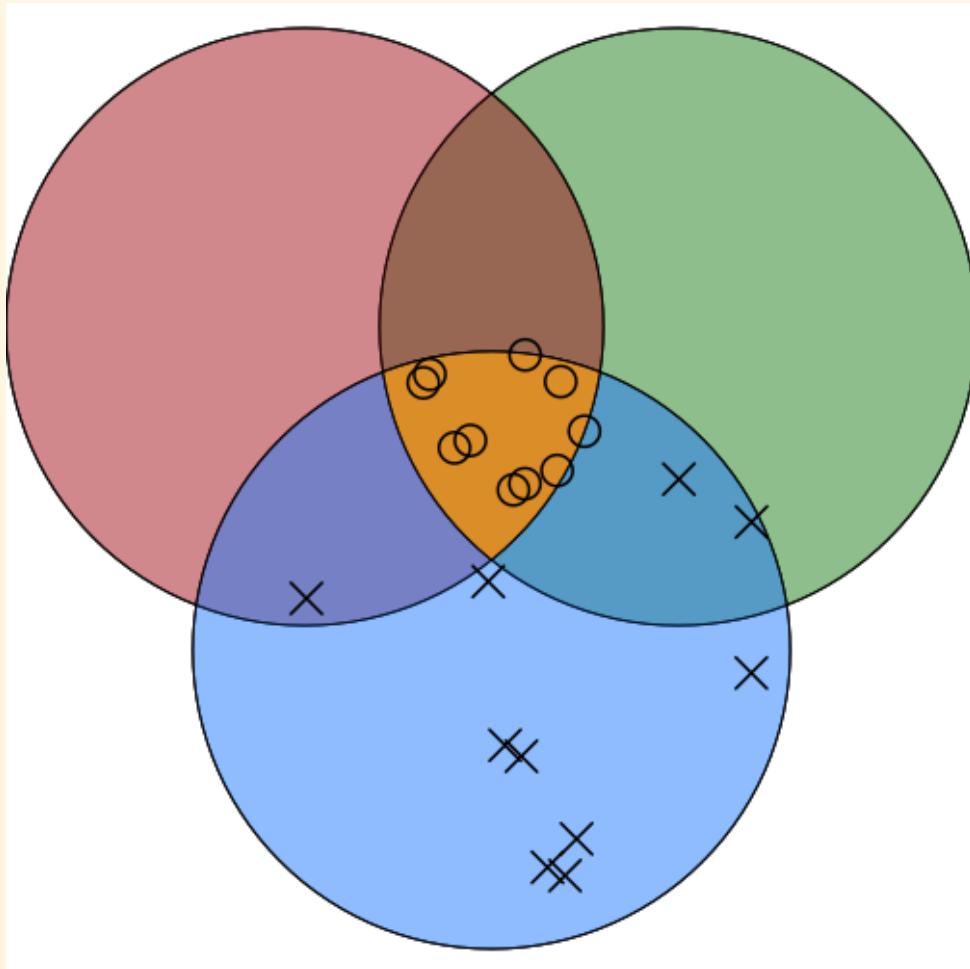
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- Range core:
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realised niche

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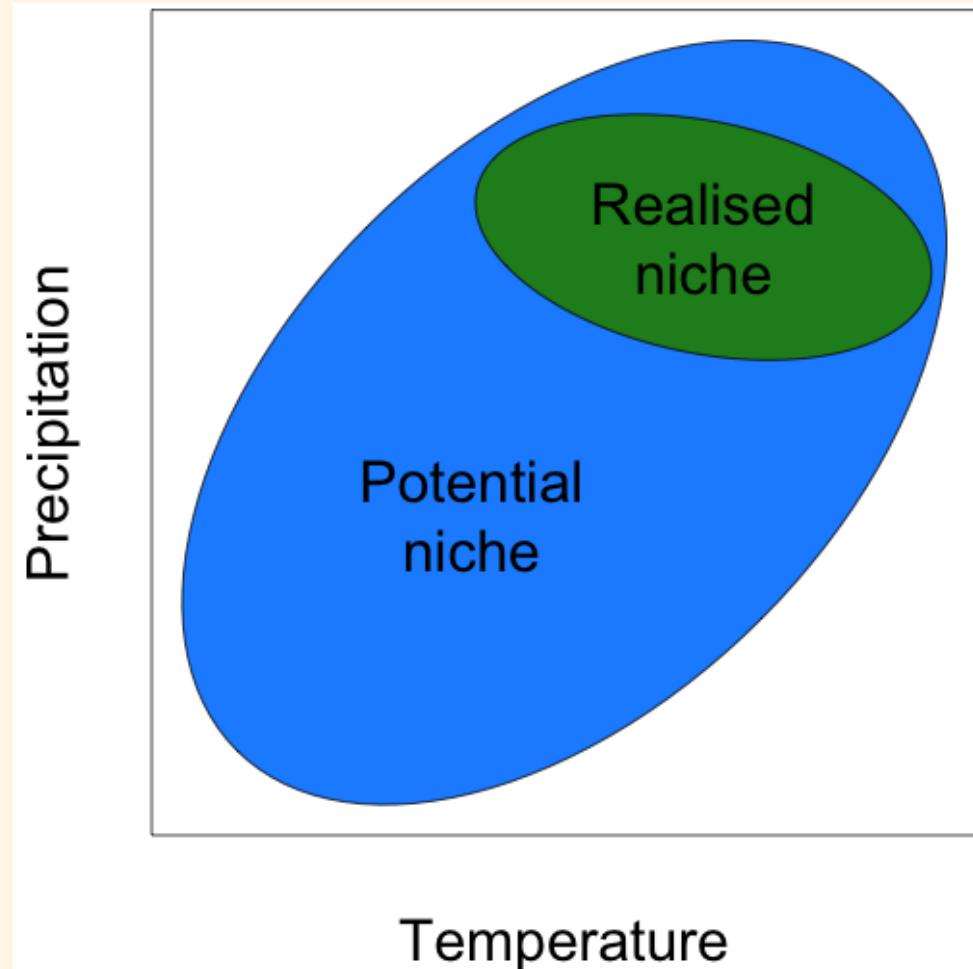
- Abiotic
- Biotic
- Accessible area
- **Populations:** can be both source (o) and sink (x)

Soberón & Peterson (2005)

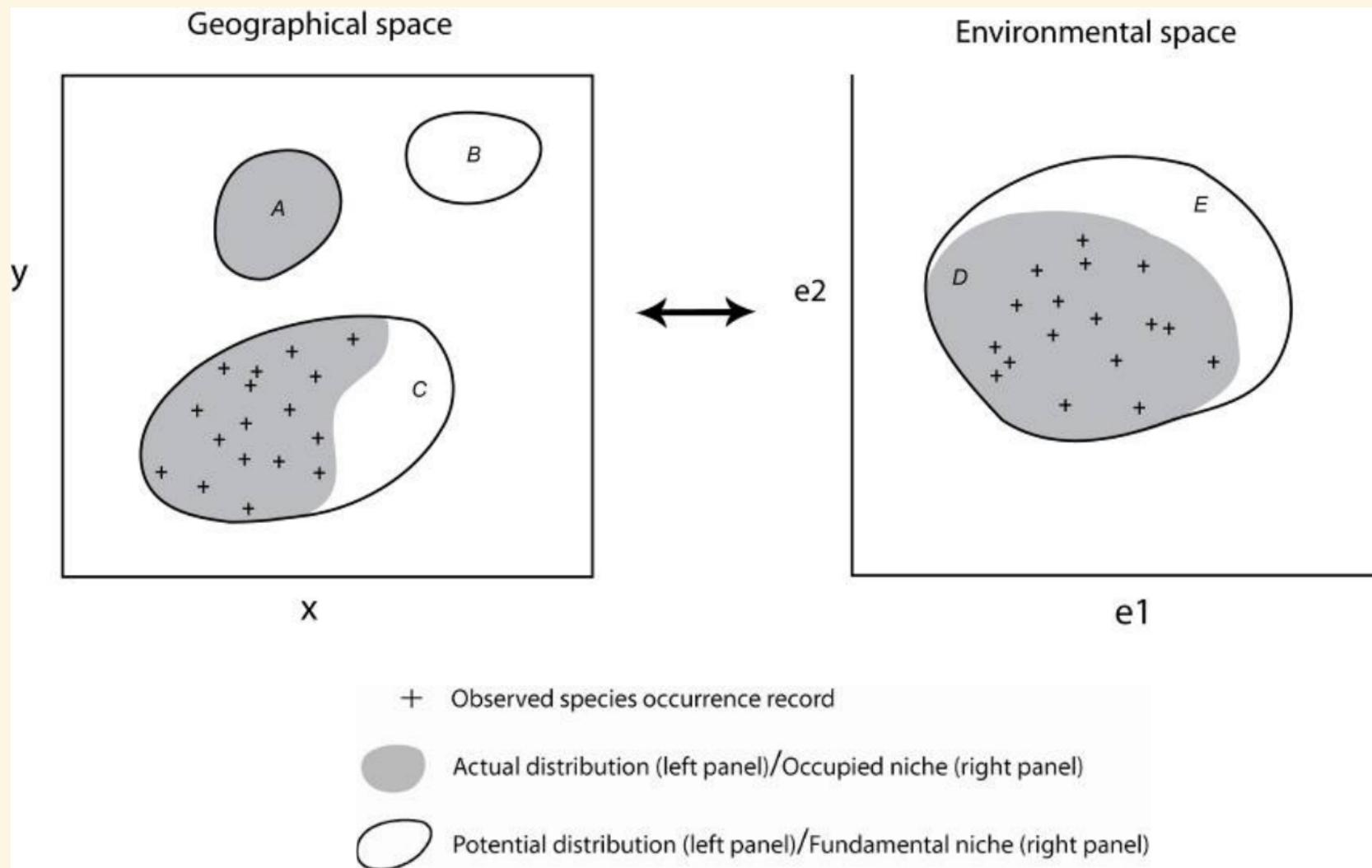
NICHE THEORY

“The n-dimensional hypervolume within which that species can survive and reproduce”

Hutchinson (1957)

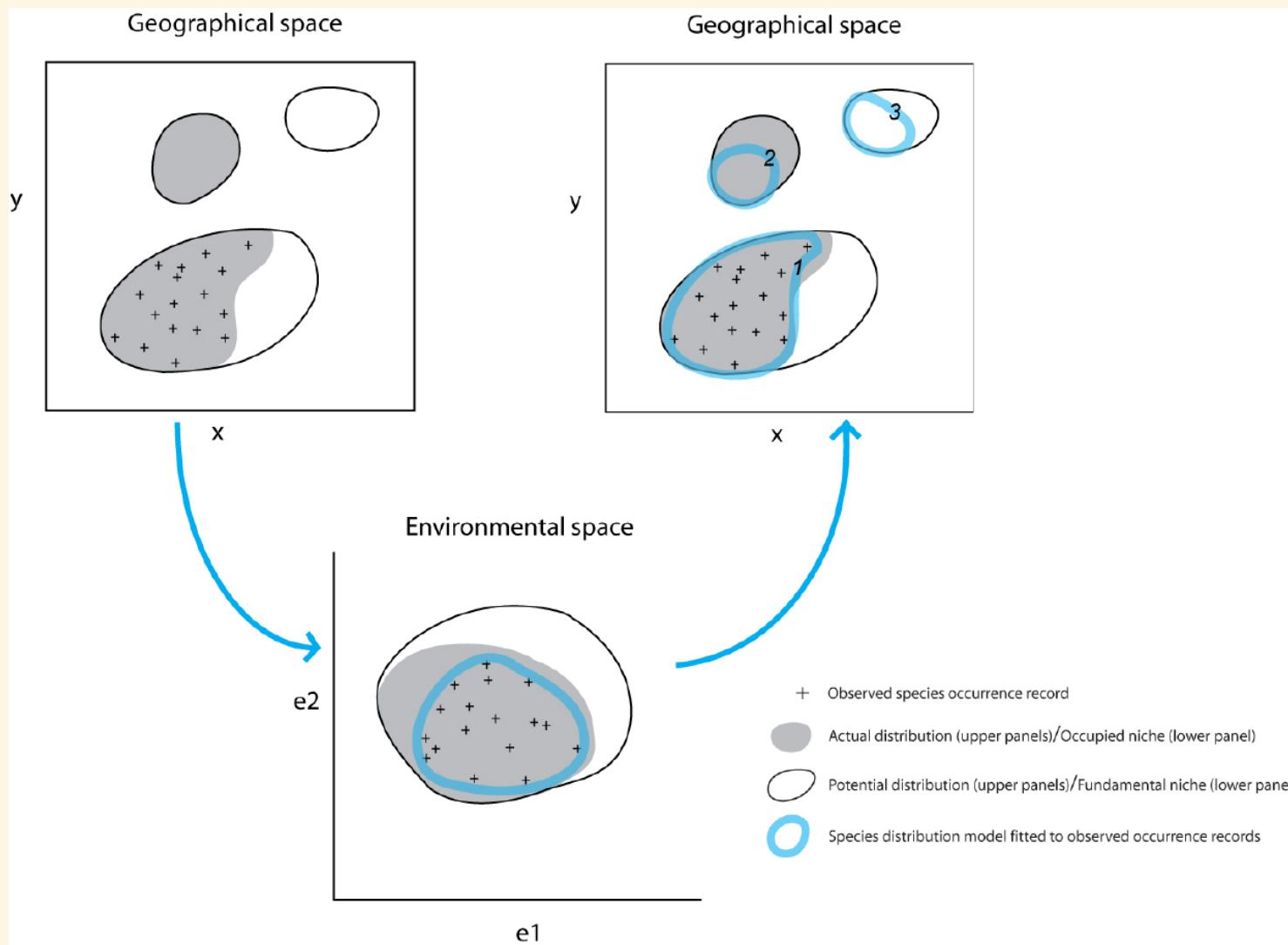


ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SPACE



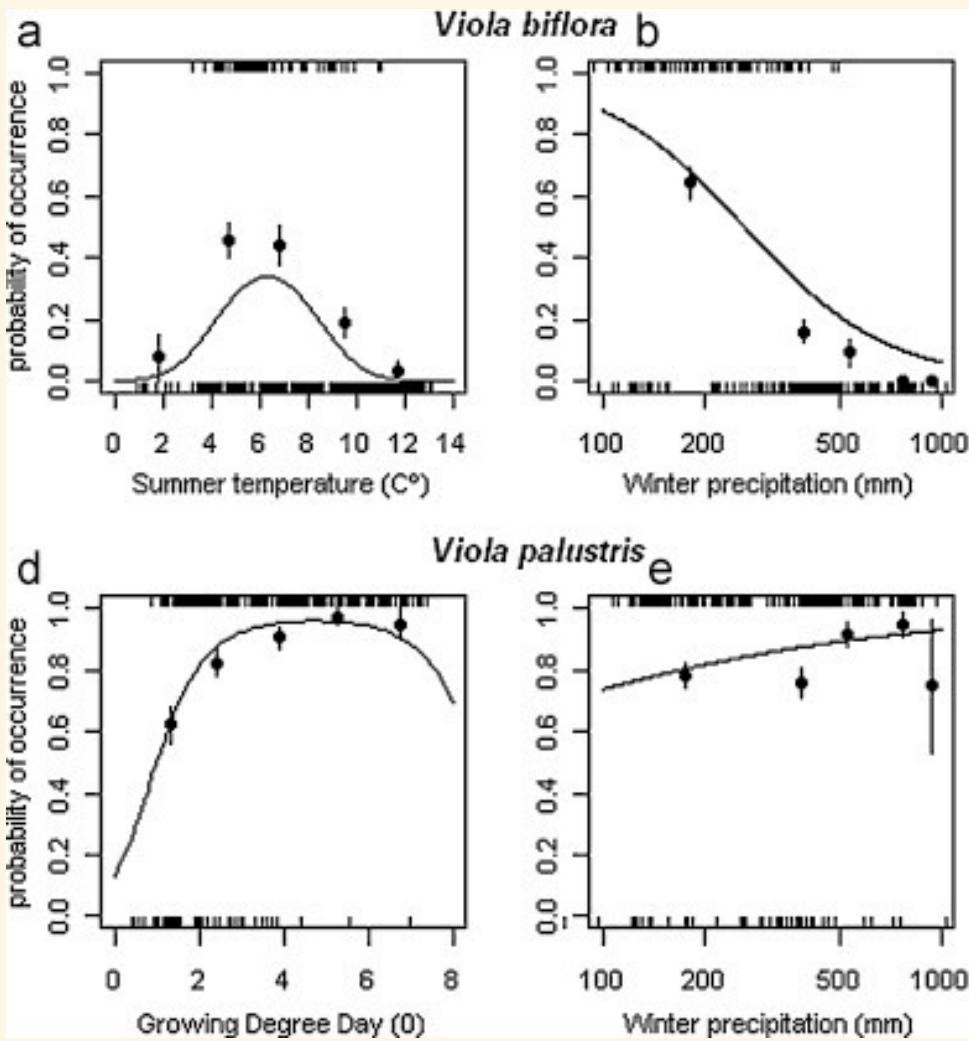
Pearson 2007., see also Peterson et al. 2011

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MODELLLED RELATIONSHIP



MODEL ALGORITHMS

Approach	Software
Rectilinear envelope	BIOCLIM
ENFA	BIOMAPPER
Maximum Entropy	MAXENT
Genetic algorithm	GARP
Regression	e.g. R
Machine-learning	e.g. R
Classification methods	Classification Tree Analysis

SUMMARY

Species Distribution Models:

- identify areas in a landscape,
- that have similar environments to localities,
- where the species has been observed.

That's it!

However, this information can be extremely useful in a wide range of applications.

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GUIDING FIELD STUDIES

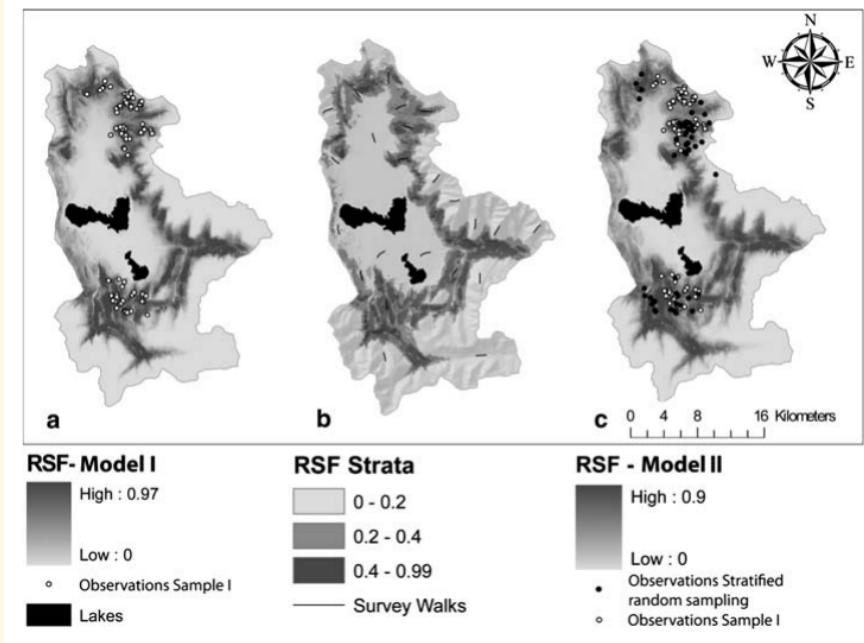
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Using habitat suitability models to sample rare species in high-altitude ecosystems: a case study with Tibetan argali

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PLOS BIOLOGY

Climate Change, Humans, and the Extinction of the Woolly Mammoth

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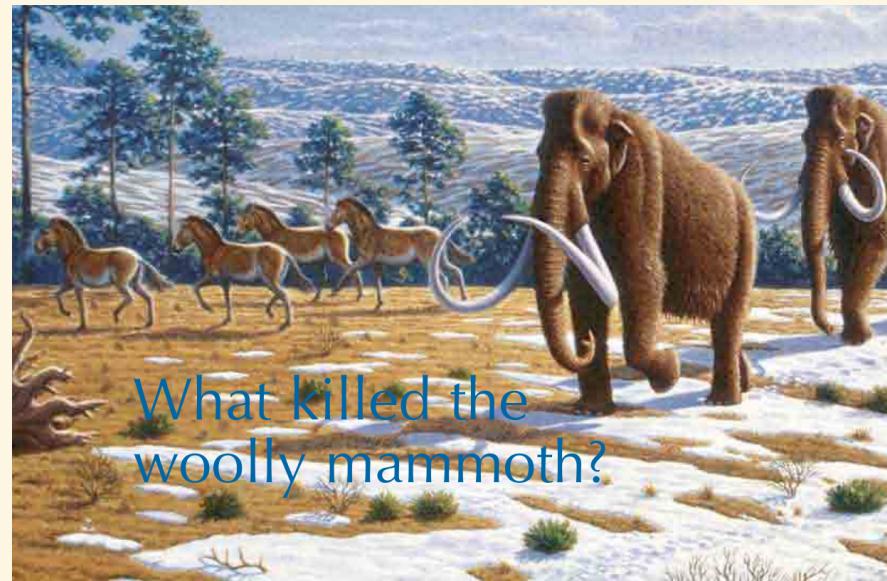
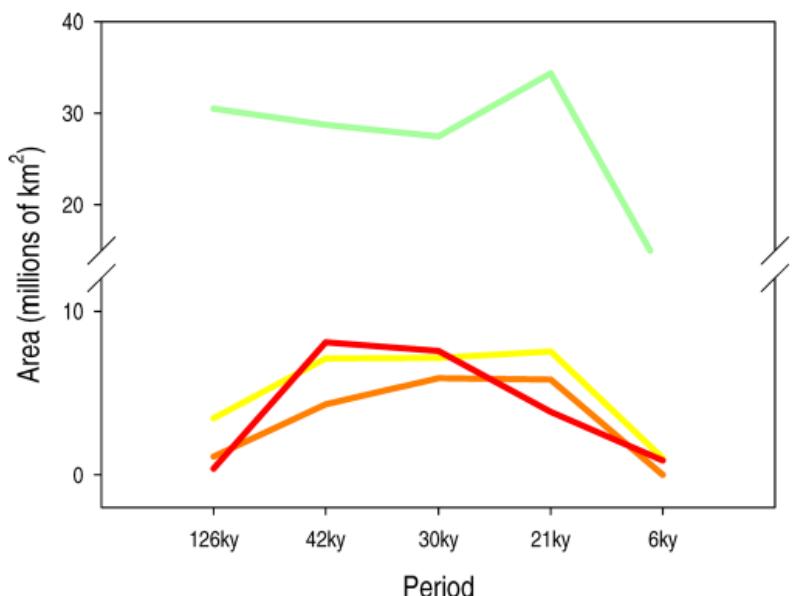
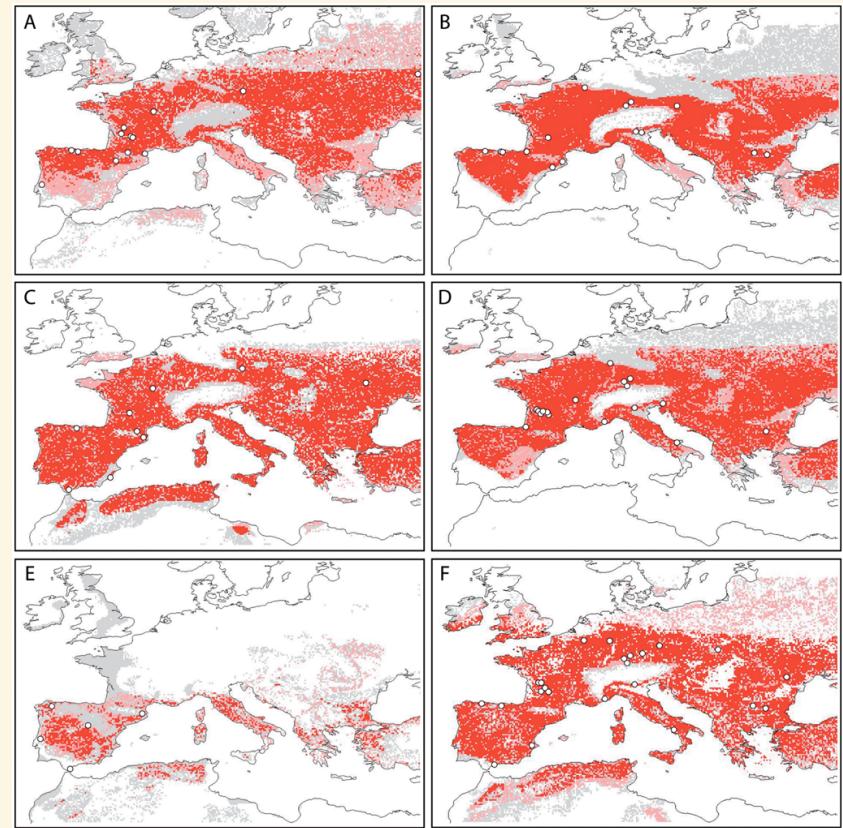


Figure 2. Change in the Area (%) of the Different Suitable Climatic Conditions for Woolly Mammoths

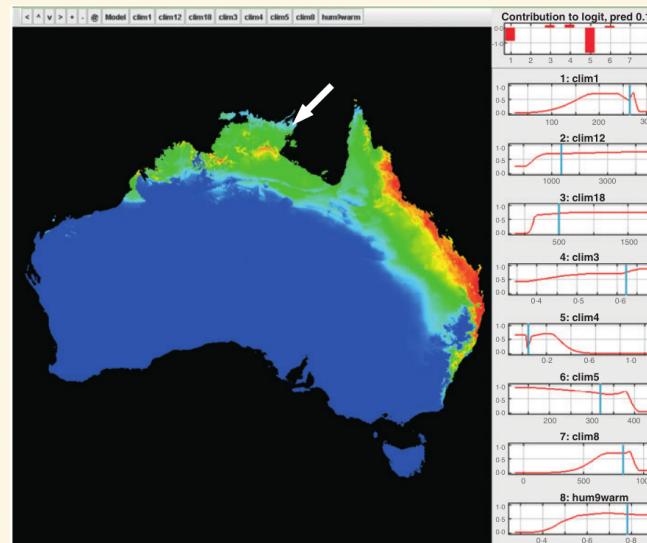
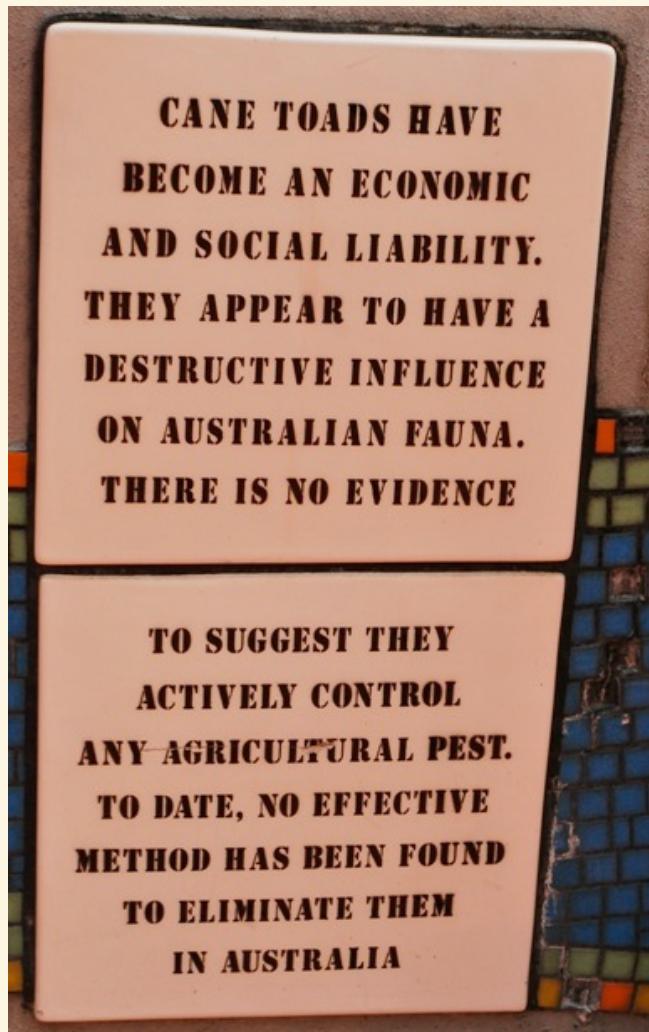
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Neanderthal Extinction by Competitive Exclusion

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Maria-Fernanda Sánchez-Goñi⁵



SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES



IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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Climate change driving species out of habitats much faster than expected

Animals and plants have adapted to warming by moving regions up to three times faster than previously thought, report shows

Fiona Harvey, environment correspondent
The Guardian, Thursday 18 August 2011 19.00 BST



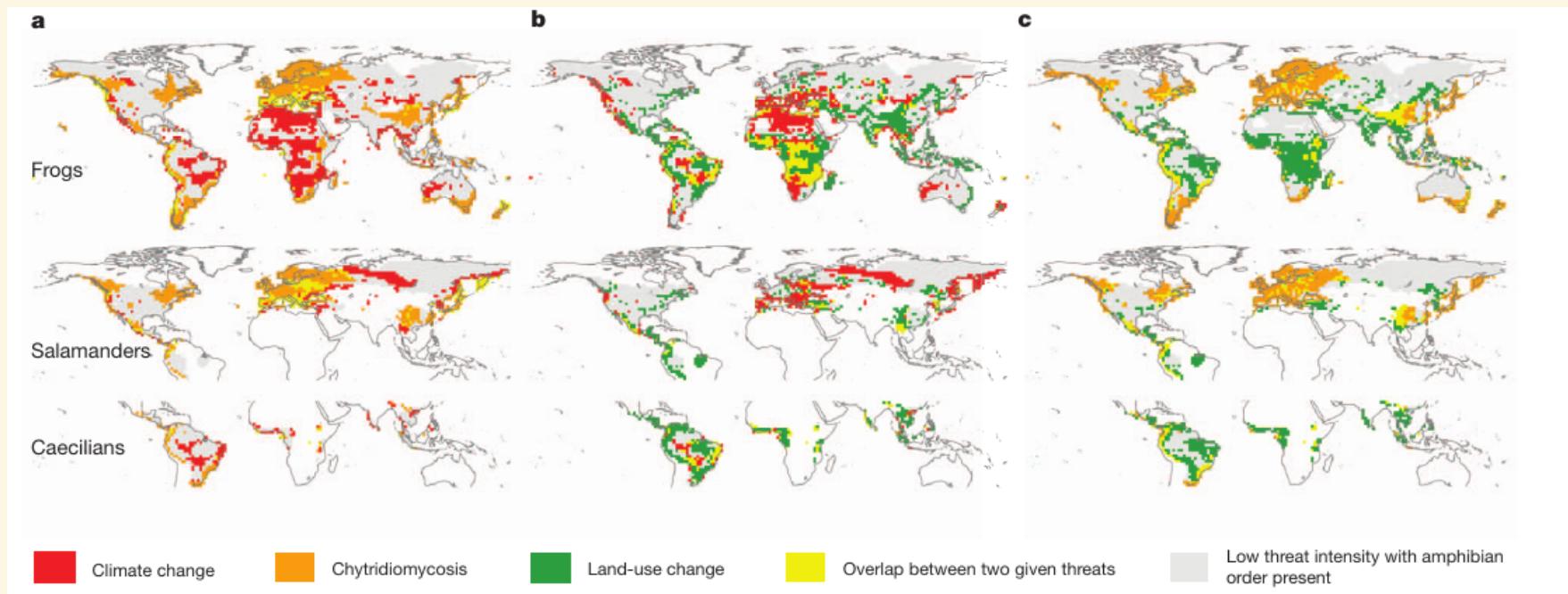
The Cetti's warbler has moved 150 km further north within the UK in the past 40 years, in response to the changing climate. Photograph: George Reszeter/Alamy

Extinction risk from climate change

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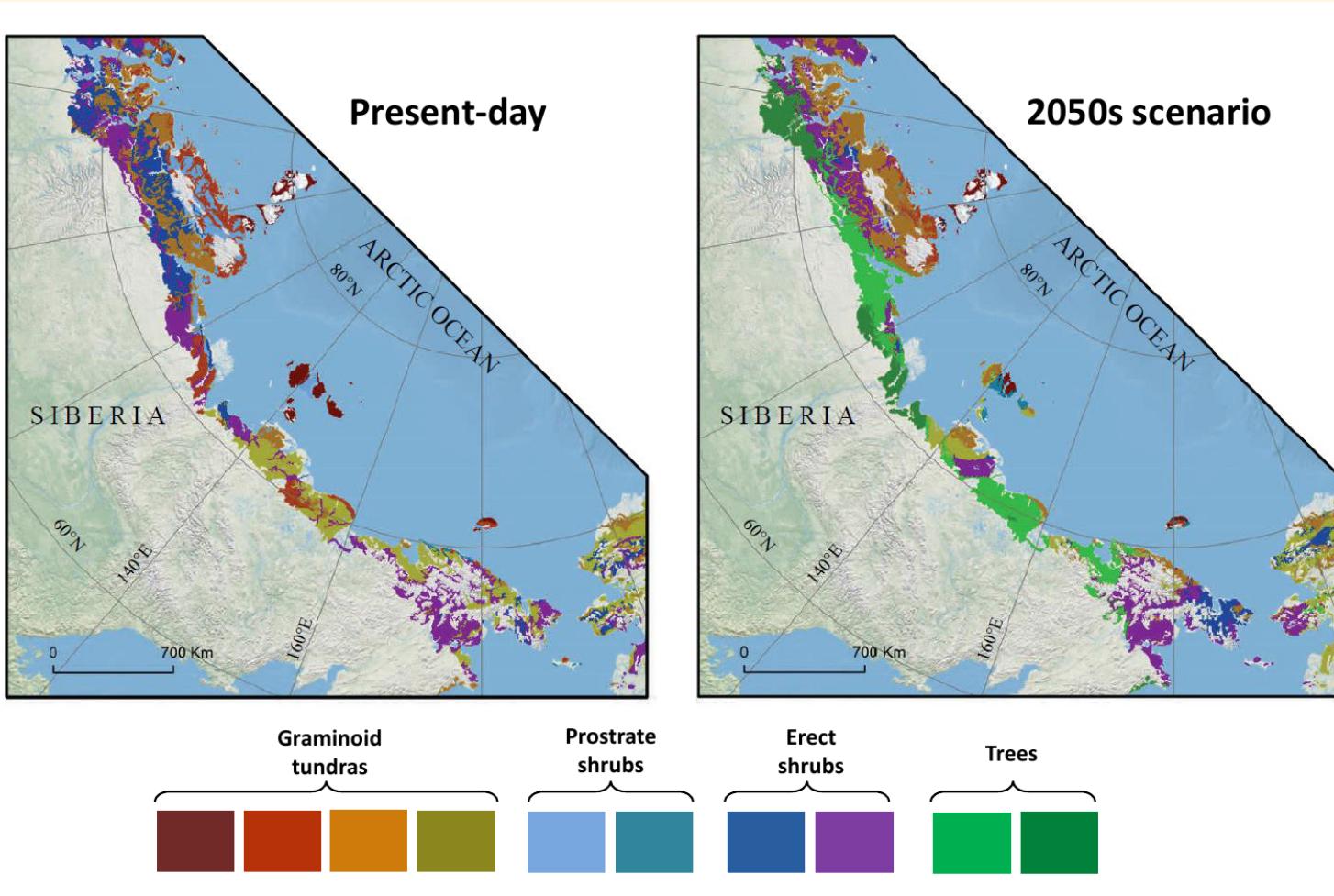


COMPARING DRIVERS



Hof et al (2011) Nature 480: 516-519

FUTURE PREDICTIONS



Pearson et al. 2013 Nature Climate Change 3:673–677

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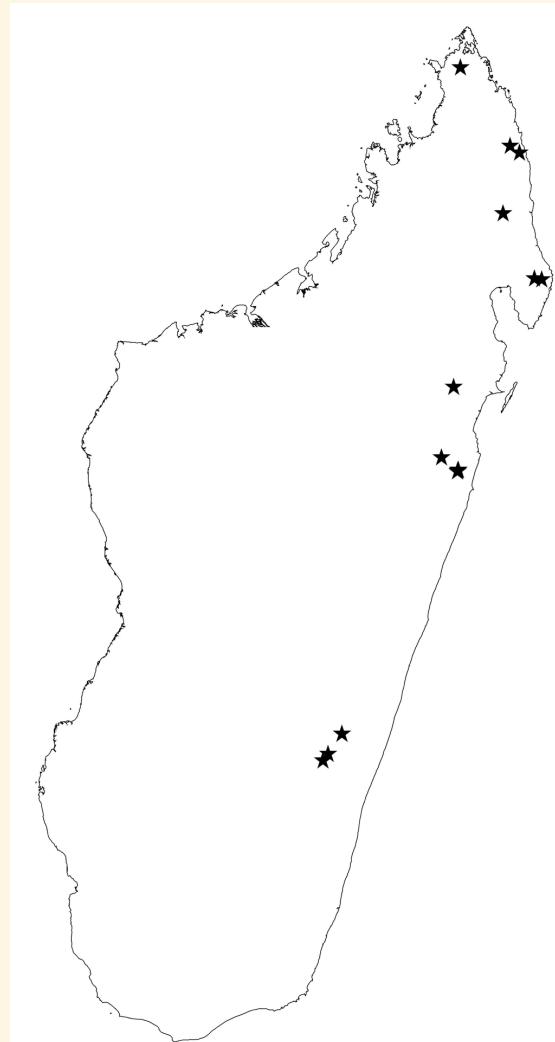
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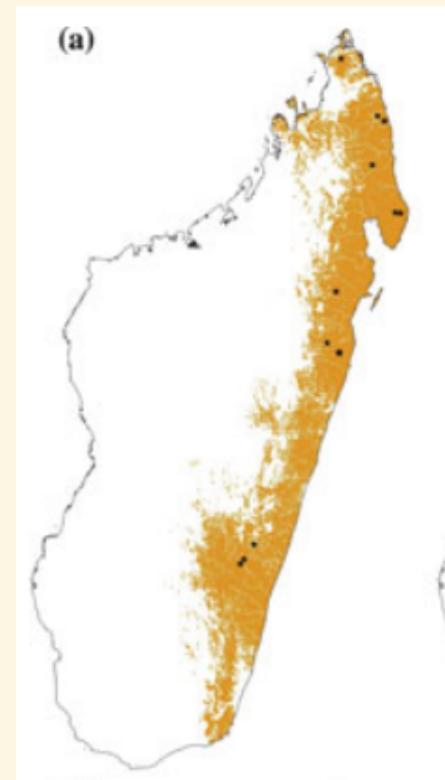
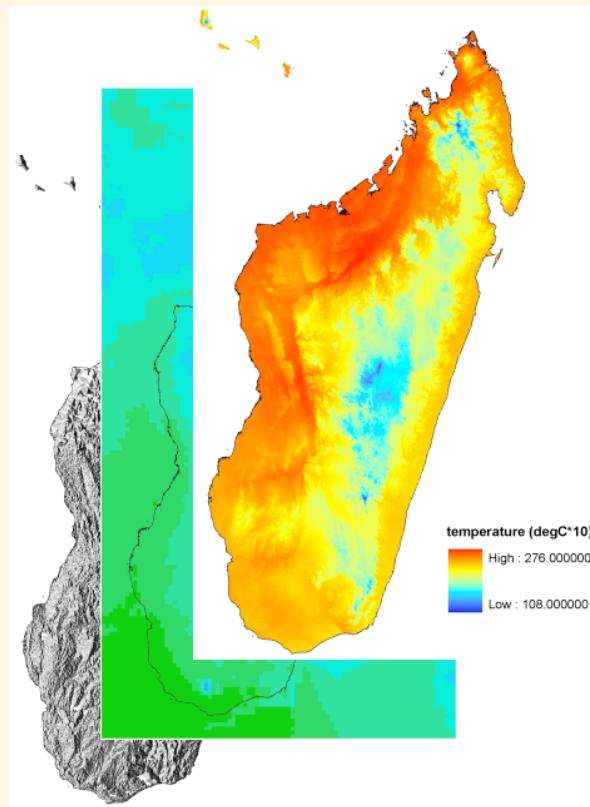
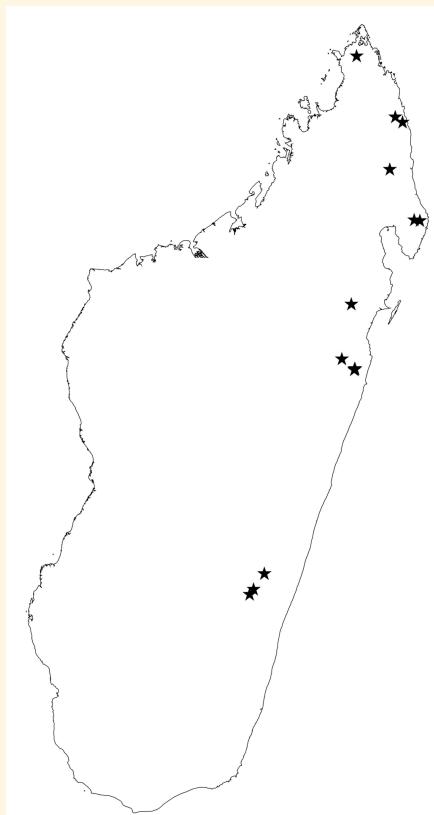


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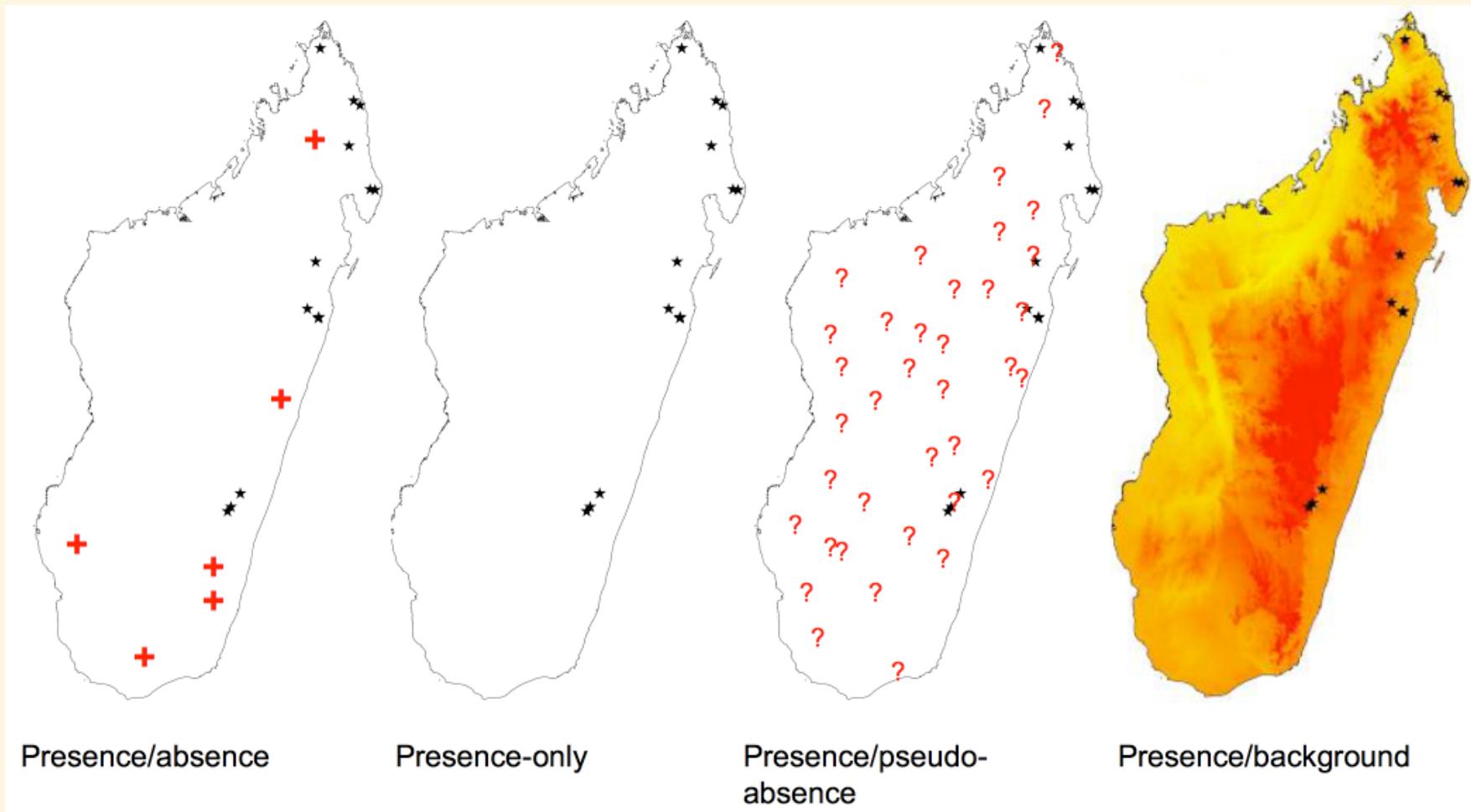
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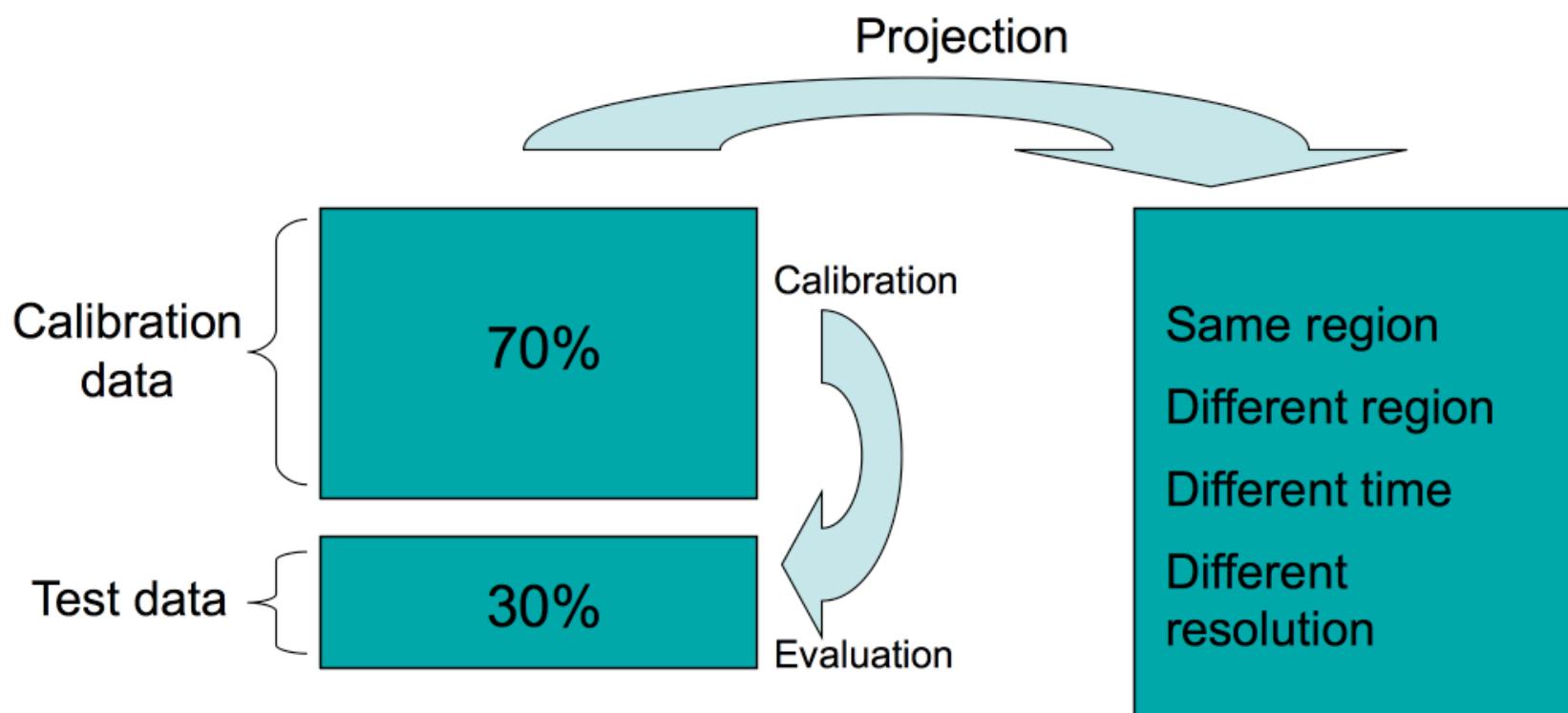
Presence/absence

Presence-only

Presence/pseudo-absence

Presence/background

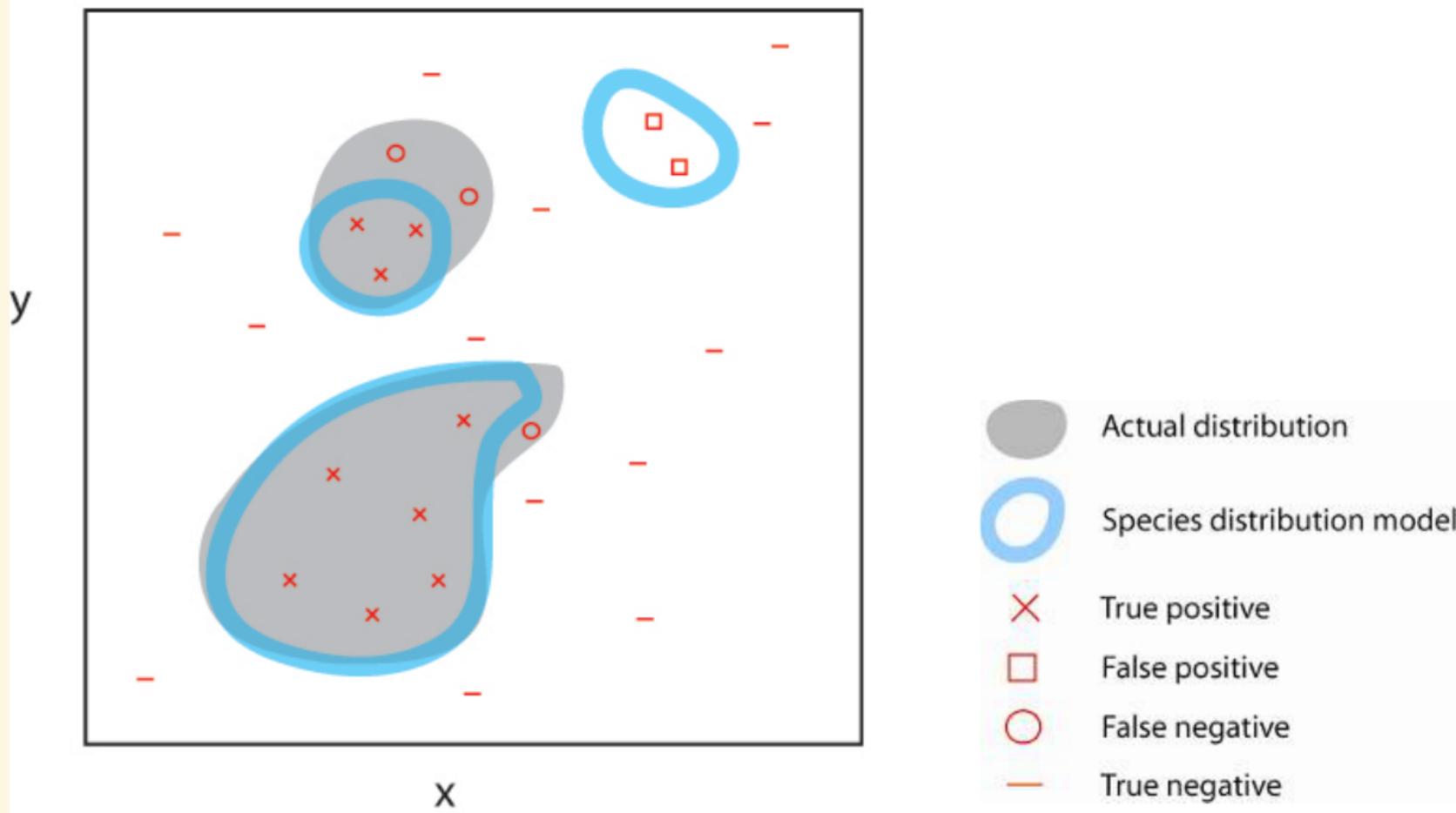
MODEL EVALUATION



(after Araújo et al. 2005 *Gl. Ch. Biol.*)

MODEL ERRORS

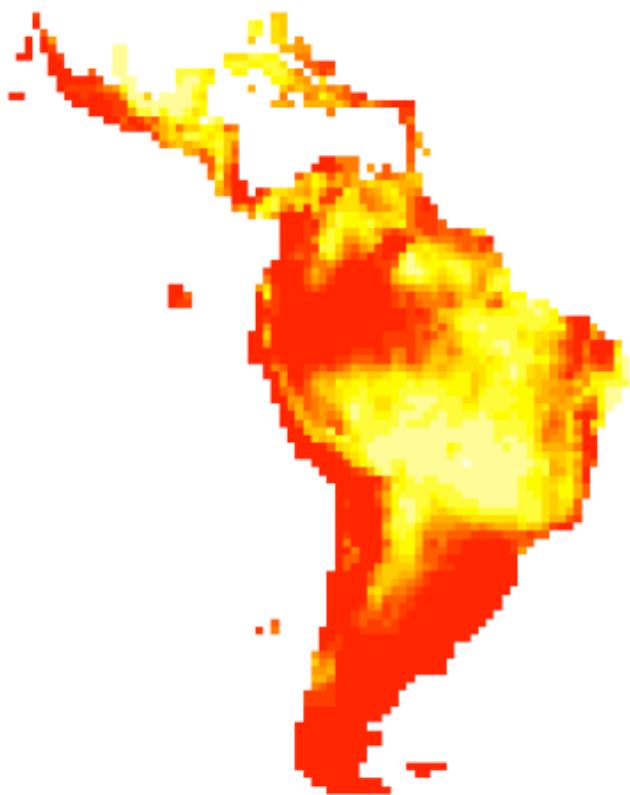
Geographical space



CONFUSION MATRIX

	Pred. Present	Pred. Absent	Sum
Obs. Present	9	3	12
Obs. Absent	2	13	15
Sum	11	16	27

PROBABILITY TO PRESENCE

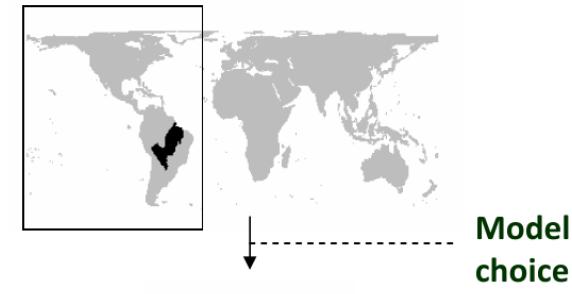


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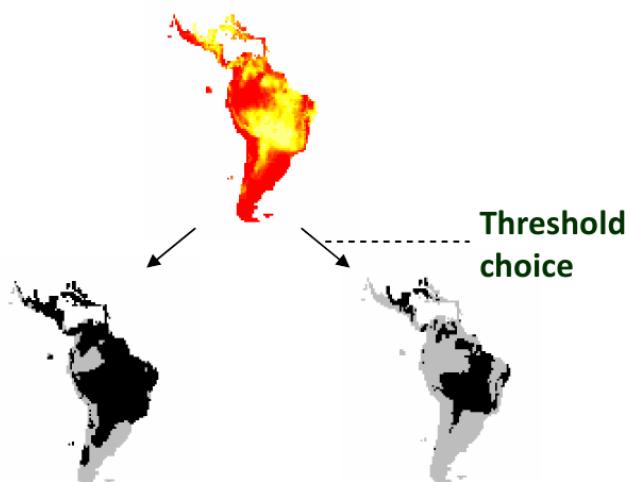
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MODEL CHOICES MATTER

Occupied realm projection

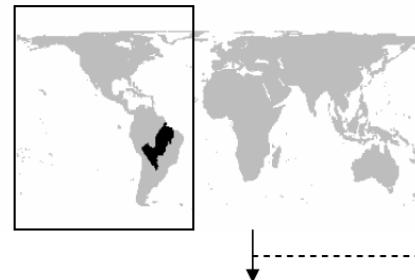


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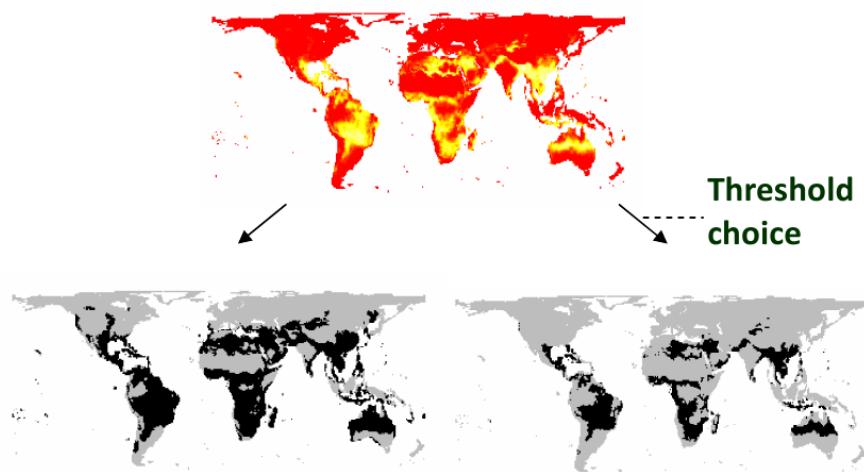


Threshold
choice

Whole world projection



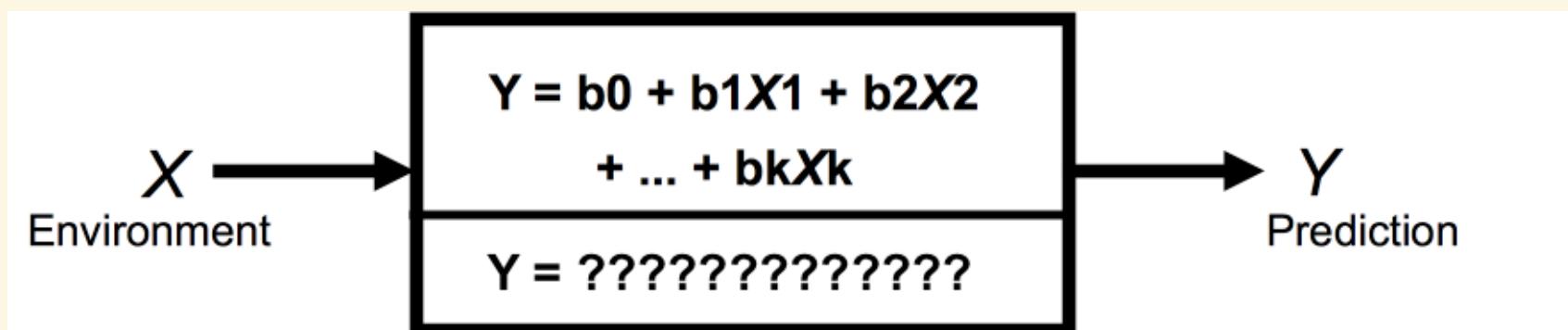
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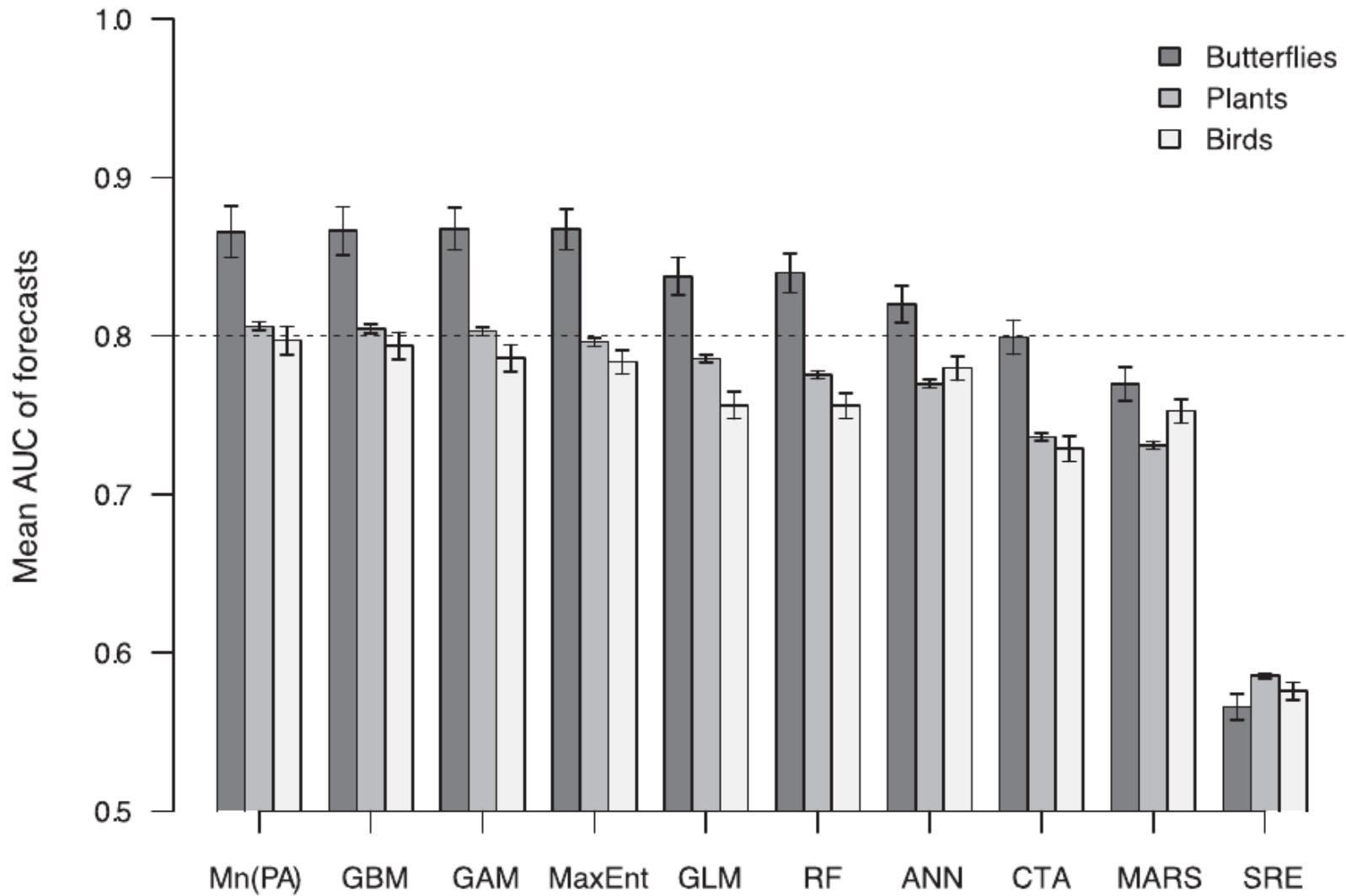
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EXPLAIN VS. PREDICT

- Occam's razor: prefer a simple good explanation (model simplification)
- Prediction: prefer the best explanation even if elements are minor or unclear. Unavoidable with some methods.

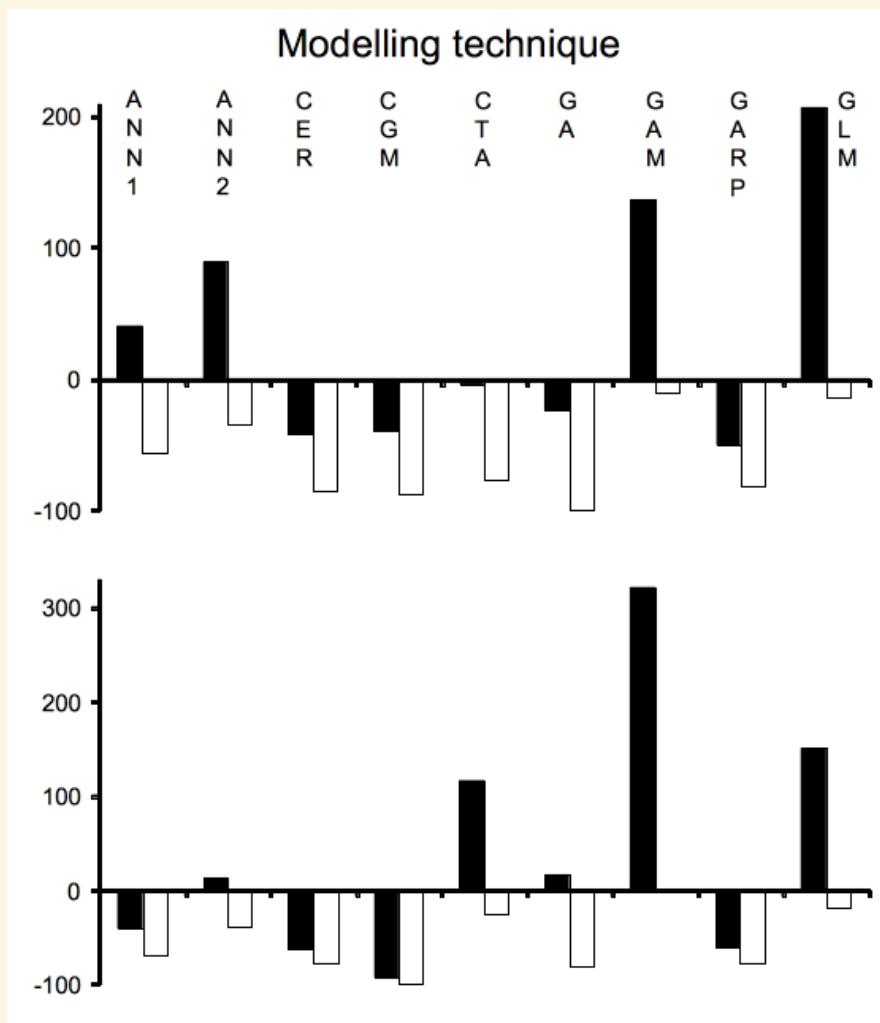


MODEL PERFORMANCE



Rapacciulo et al 2012 PLoS One (7) 7 e40212

MODEL UNCERTAINTY



Diastella divaricata



*Leucospermum
hypophyllocarpodendrum*



from Pearson et al., Biogeography. 2006, Blackwell Publishing

ENSEMBLE FORECASTING

Ensemble forecasting and uncertainty analysis in BIOMOD

Initial conditions
State of the system



Model classes
Different types of models



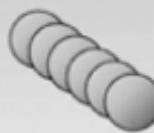
Model parameters
Range of values for key parameters



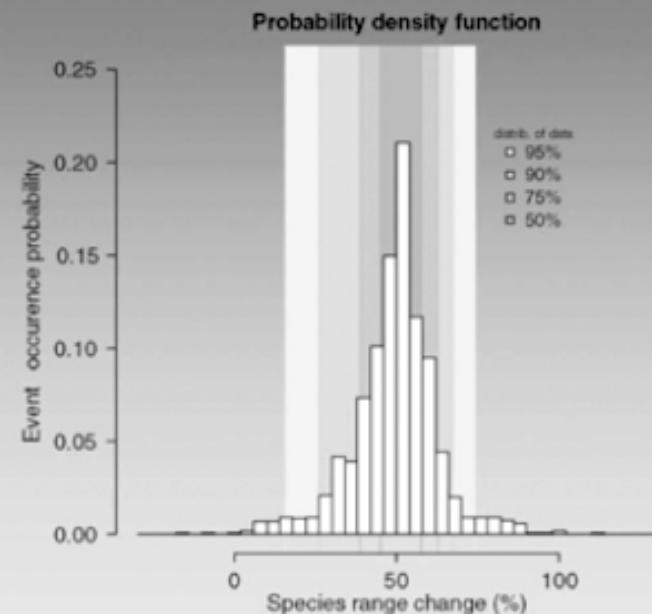
Climatic scenarios
Ensemble of climatic projections



Ensemble of species/
biodiversity projections



Probability density function



Thuiller et al (2009) Ecography 32: 369 - 373

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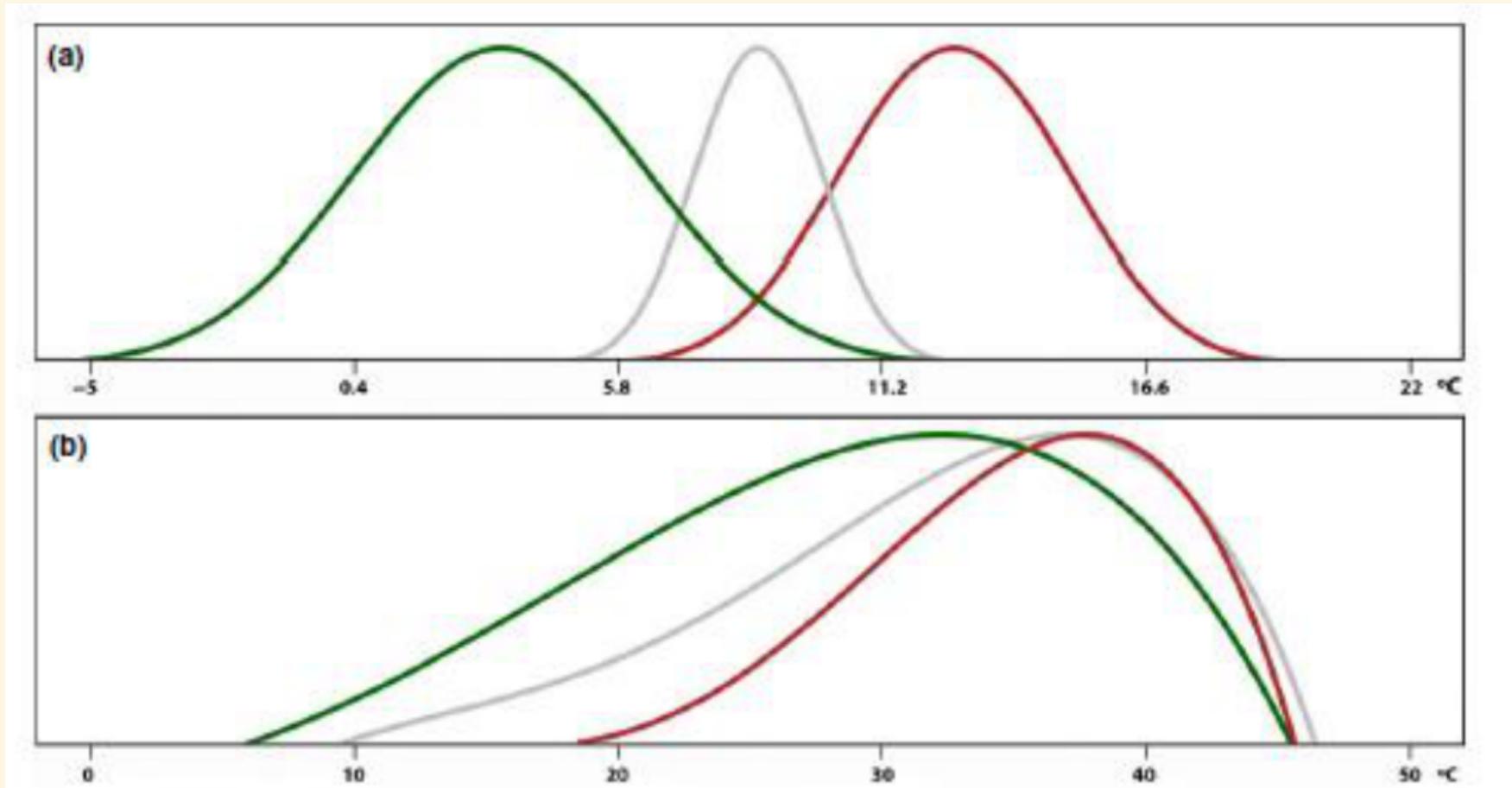
Assumptions

- Appropriate data exist at a relevant scale
- Species are at equilibrium with their environment...

Warnings

- Garbage in, garbage out
- Model extrapolation in time or space (transferability)
- The lure of complicated technology

LAB DATA

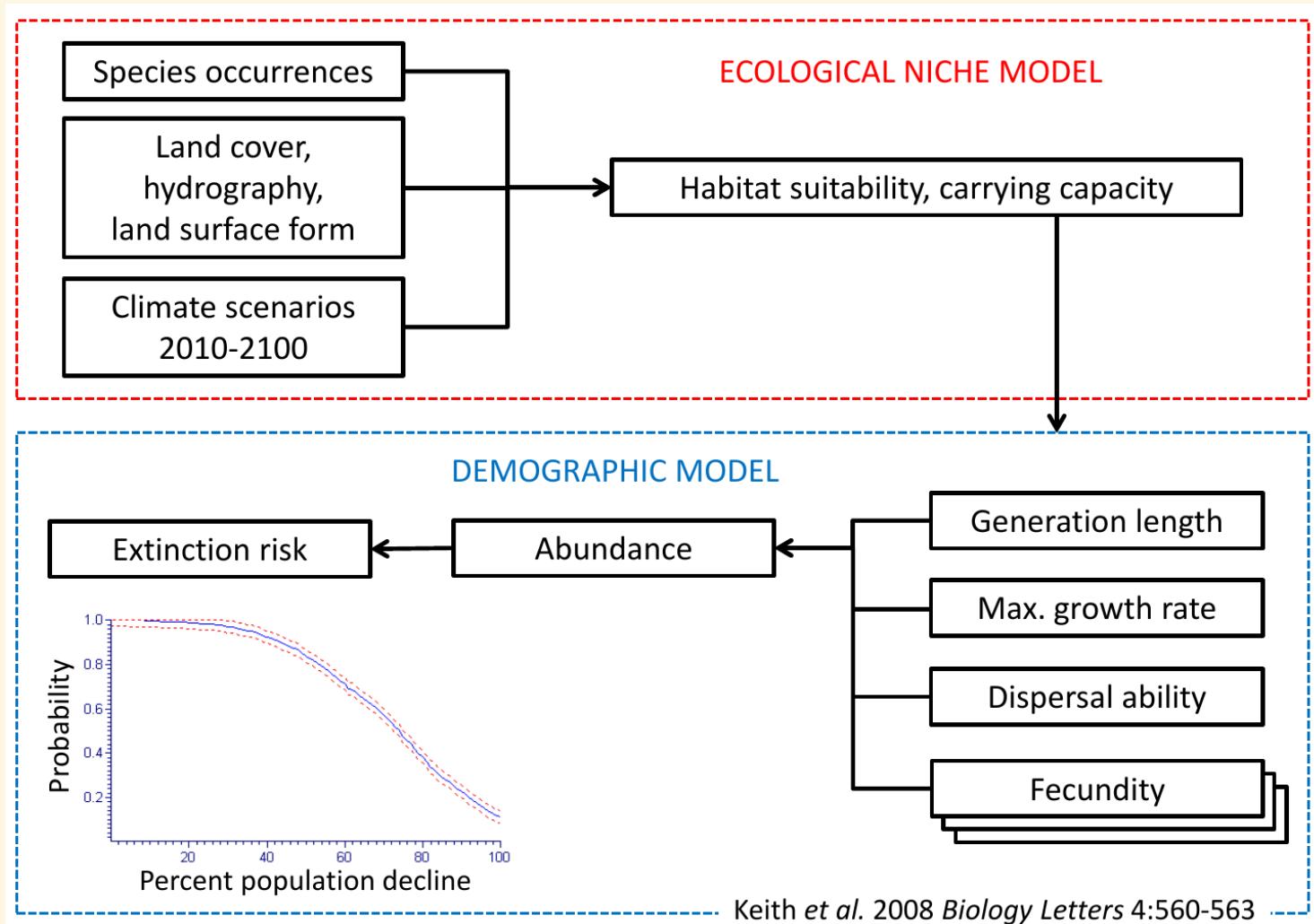


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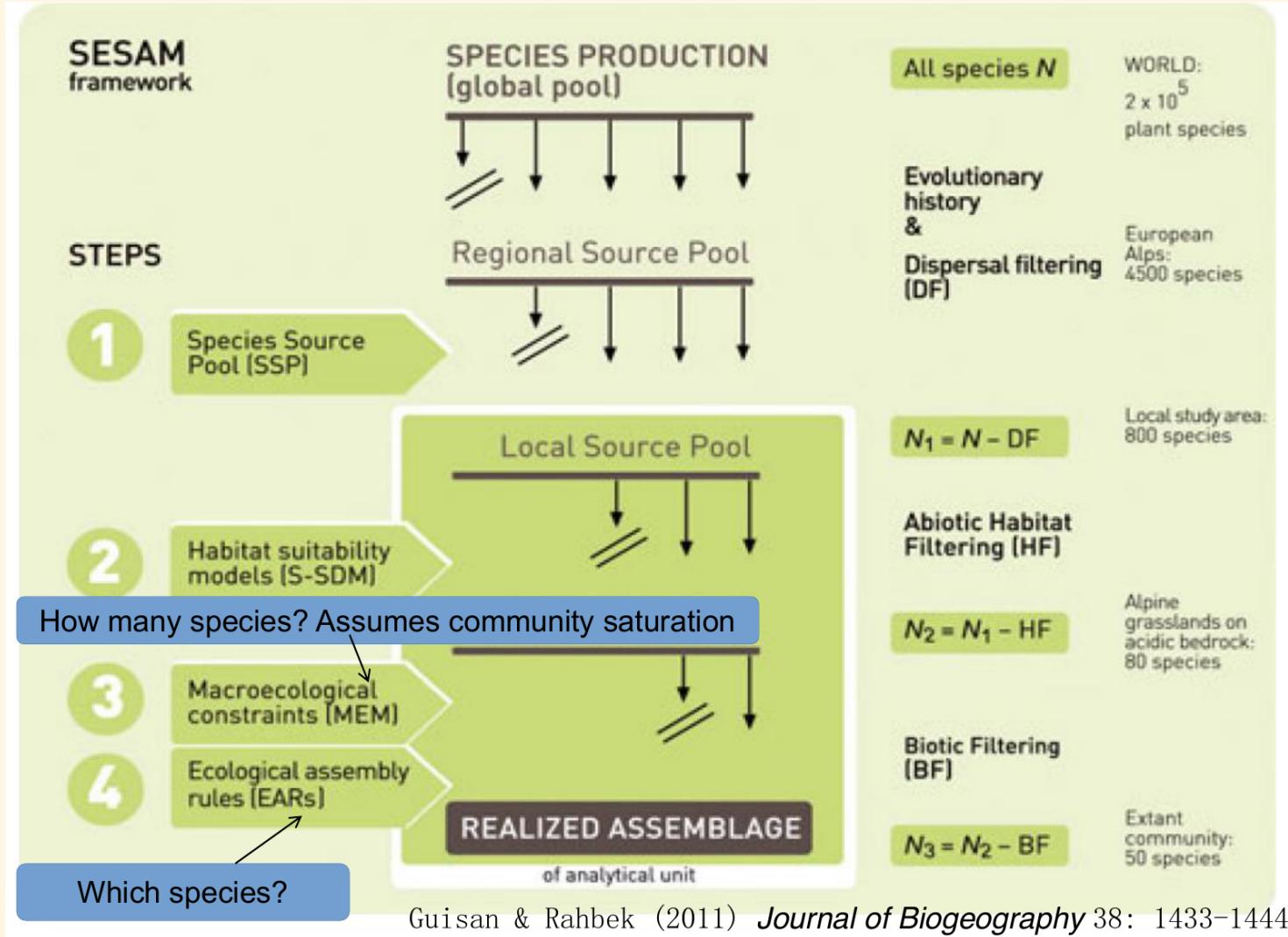
FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Incorporating dispersal
- Incorporating biotic interactions
- More mechanistic models

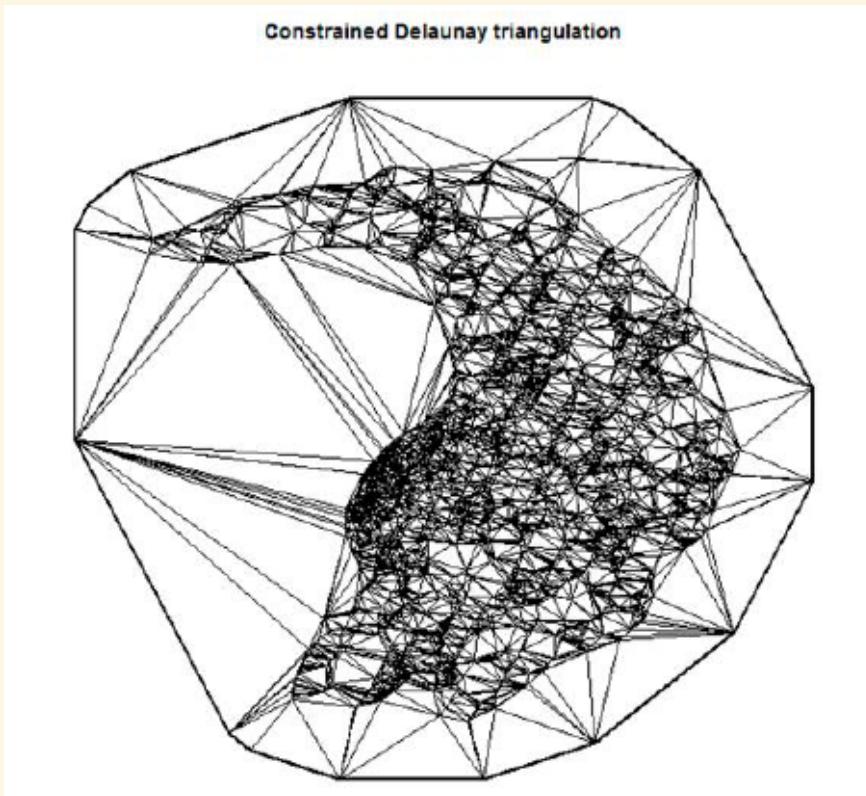
CONNECT TO DEMOGRAPHY



COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY



BAYES AND SPATIAL AUTOCORRELATION



Blangiardo et al 2013
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