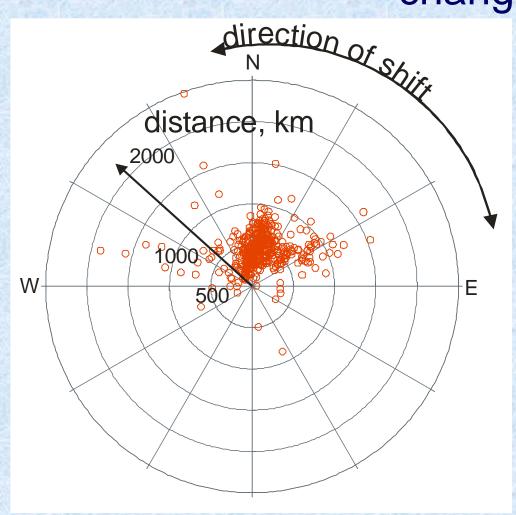




Introduction to the Condatis software

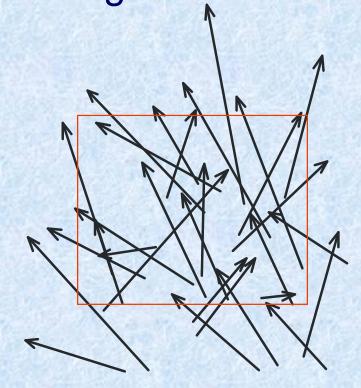
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Species need to move because of climate change



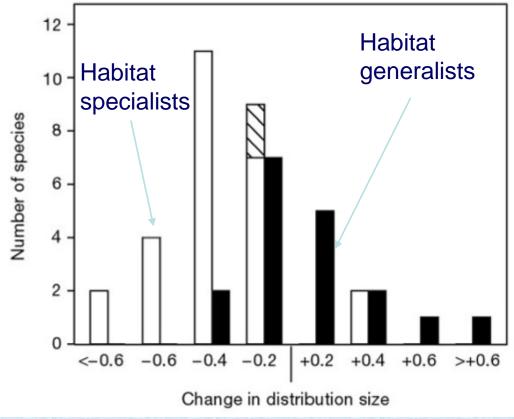
Huntley et al. (2007) A climatic atlas of European breeding birds

Each individual landscape will have species moving in and out



Lack of habitat is prime culprit in species failure to shift







Warren, M.S....& Thomas, C.D. (2001) Rapid responses of British butterflies to opposing forces of climate and habitat change. *Nature*, **414**, 65-69.

There are increasingly plans for habitat restoration

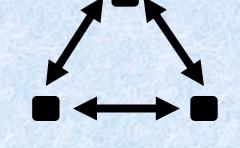


Question is where best to restore?



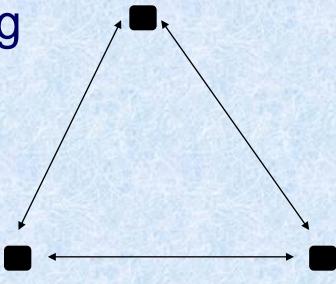
"Classical" principles of reserve arrangement

- Aim to prevent population decline and extinction
- Theory recommends clustered/ aggregated configurations

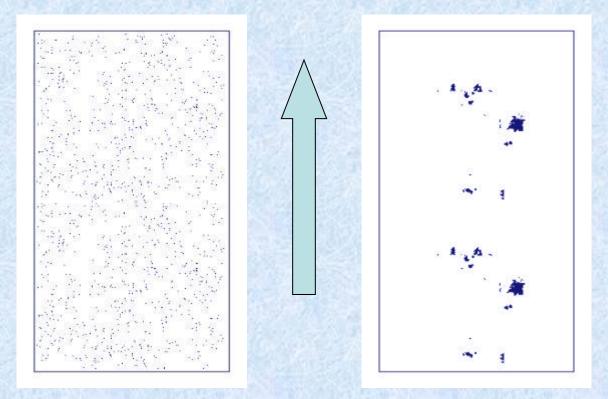


Benefits of clustering

- Rescue after chance extinctions
- Less dispersal mortality

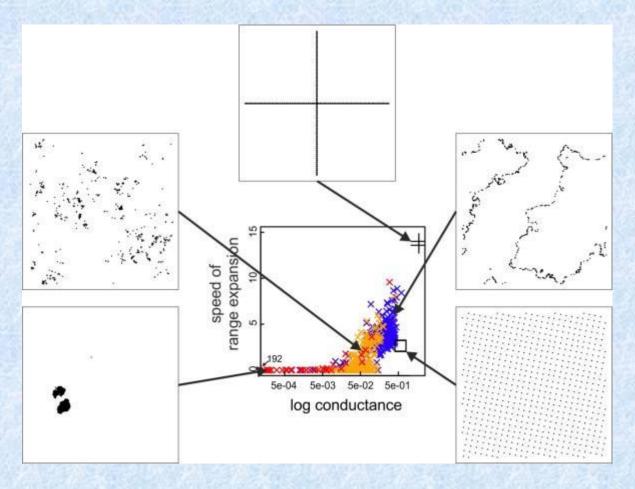


But with climate change



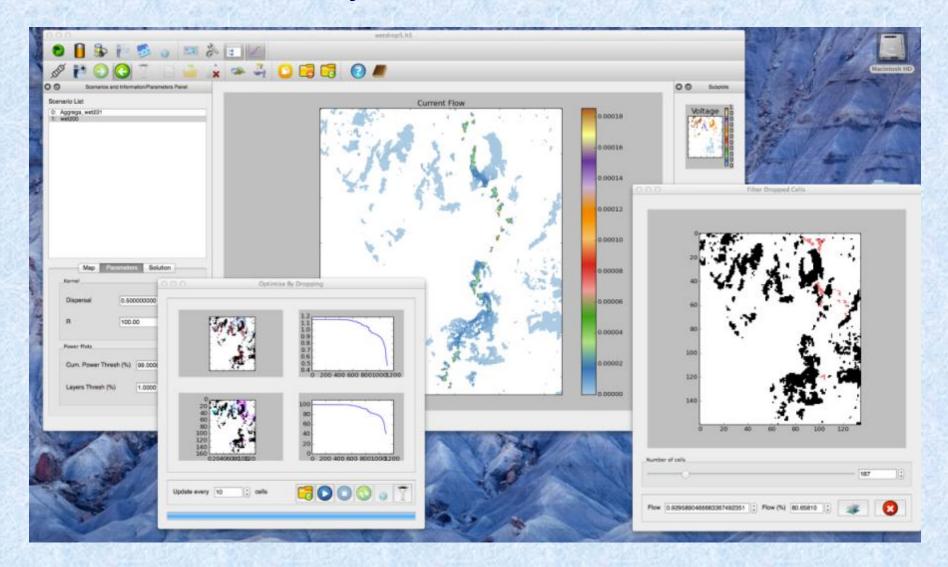
- Bigger aggregated clumps mean bigger gaps
- "increase connectivity" is ambiguous

New metric of conductance predicts speed of range expansion



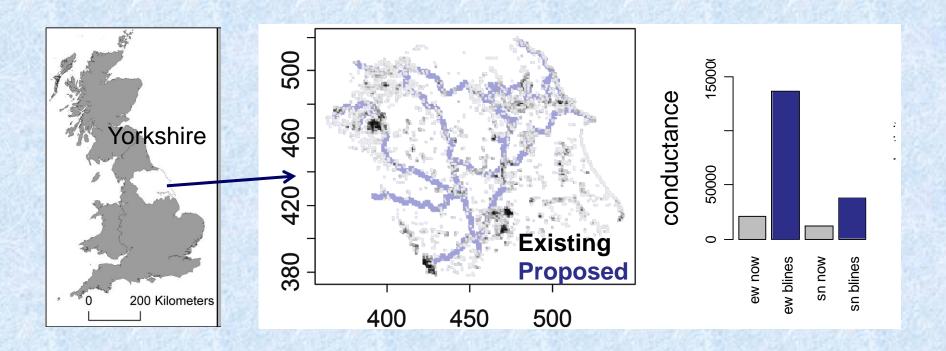
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From theory to software: Condatis



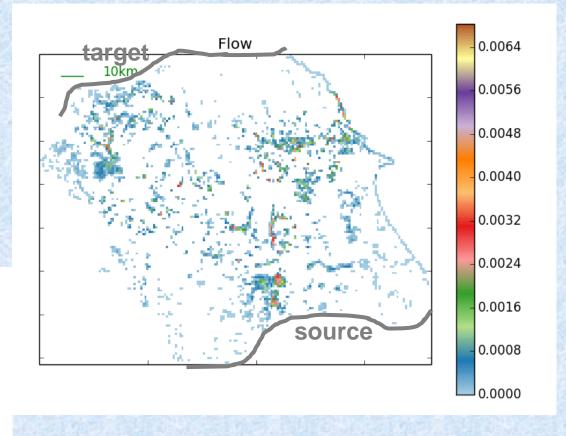
Applications

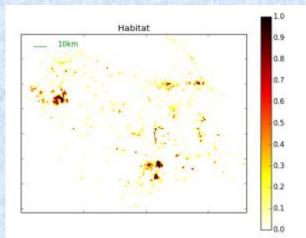
 Quantification of how real landscapes could be improved



Collaboration with Buglife B-lines project

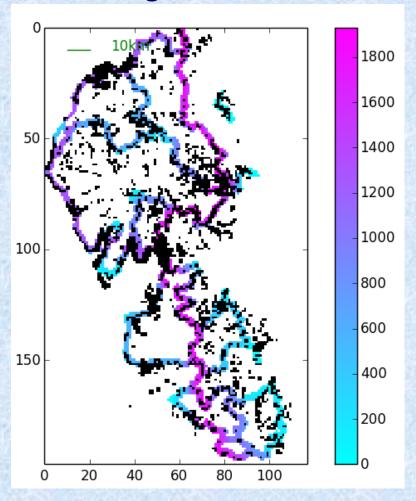
Highlight existing habitat-rich routes



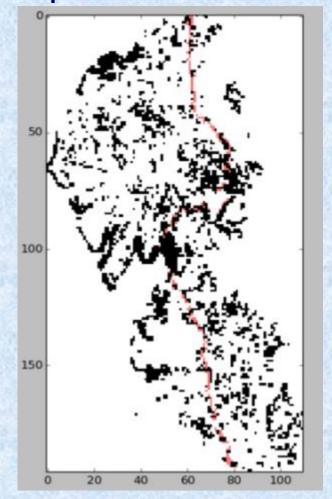


Prioritise

Ranking



• Top 10%



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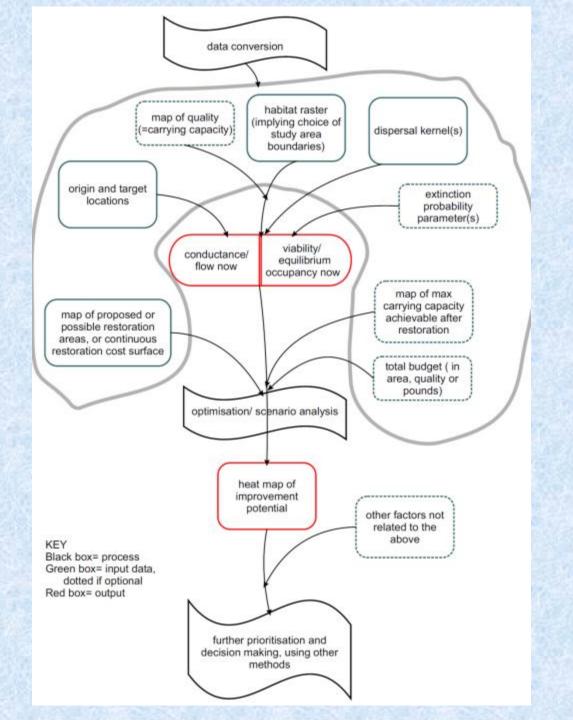
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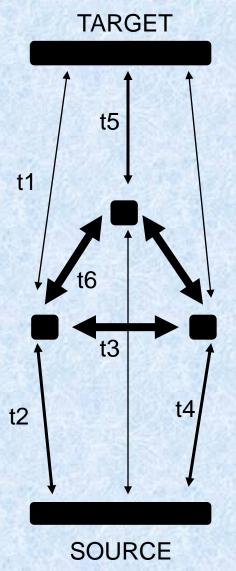
Find out more: www.condatis.org.uk

Attend a free workshop!

- University of Liverpool. Monday 9th March (Afternoon)
- University of Exeter. Tuesday 10th March (Afternoon)
- Edinburgh, SNH offices. Friday 13th March (10:30 – 15:00)
- Peterborough, NE Offices. Friday 20th March (Morning)



What is conductance?

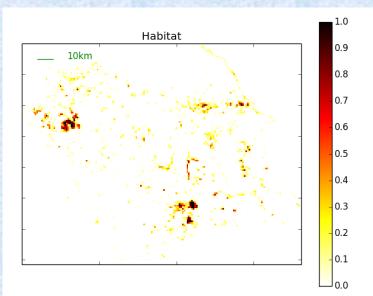


Intermediate patches

 Range expansion is a chain of colonisation and establishment events.

- Time ≡ electrical resistance
- Time depends on habitat area, emigration rate and dispersal distance.

Survival different from shifting potential



 Survival of species that don't need to shift is still best in the biggest habitat cluster

