

CLIMATE MEDIATES THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF SITE FIDELITY IN A MARINE PREDATOR

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UNDERSTANDING CHANGES
IN TRANSITIONAL AREAS
OF THE PACIFIC 2018



ANIMAL HABITAT SELECTION STRATEGIES BALANCE NUMEROUS TRADEOFFS

High quality or
quantity resources



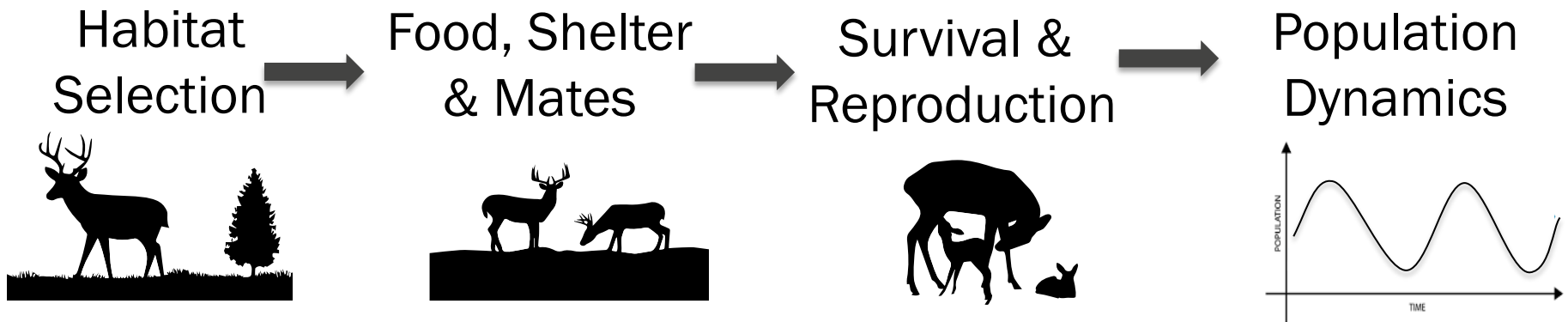
Search and travel costs



Predation or
Competition risk



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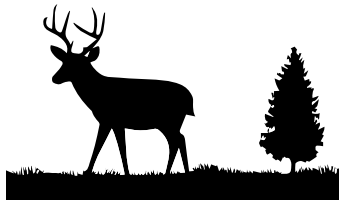


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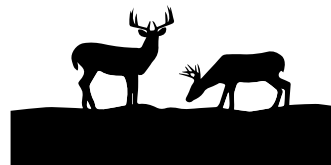
Environmental Change



Habitat Selection



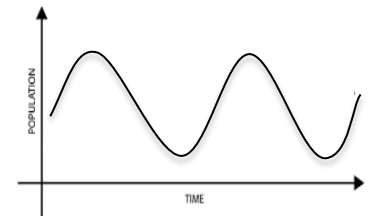
Food, Shelter & Mates



Survival & Reproduction



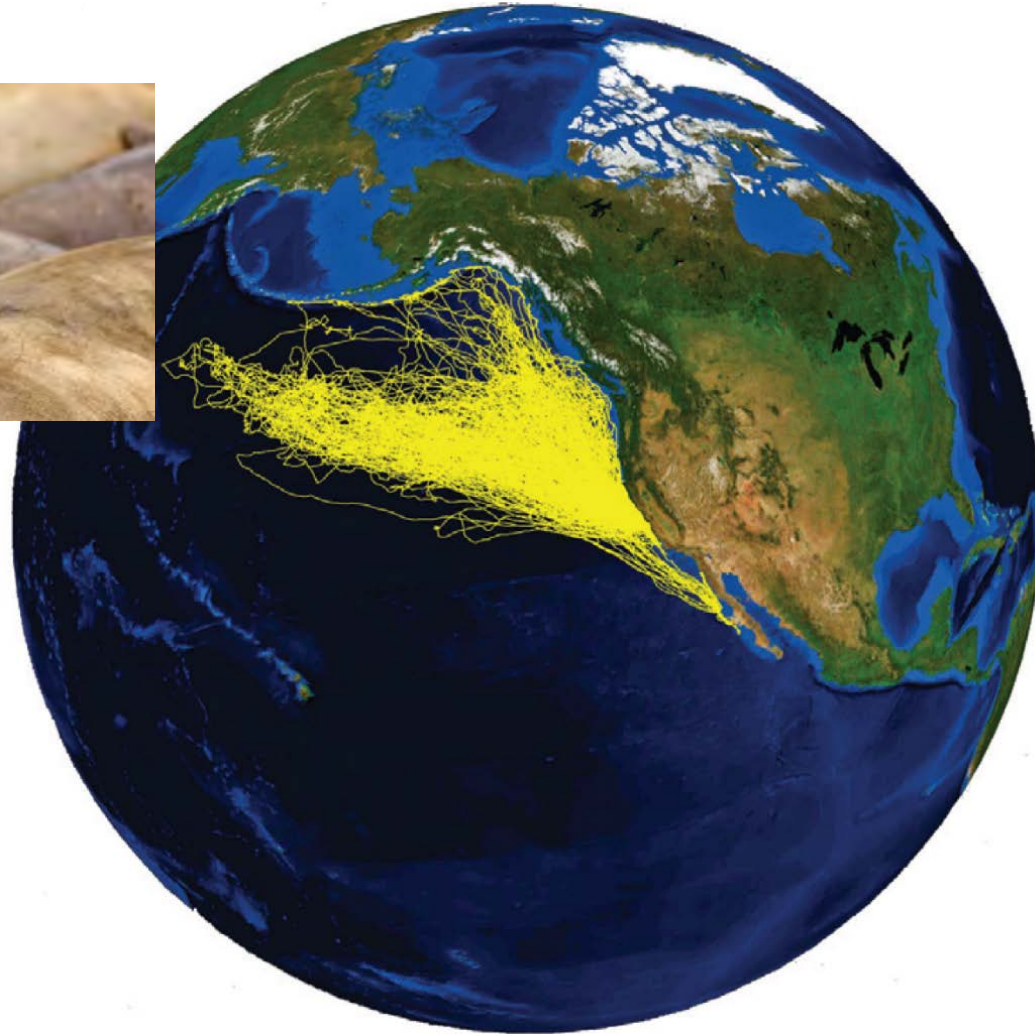
Population Dynamics



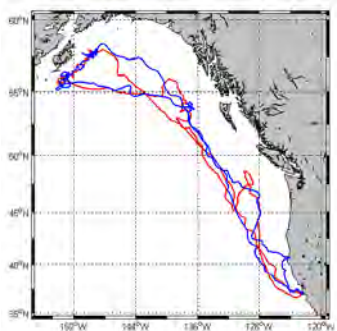
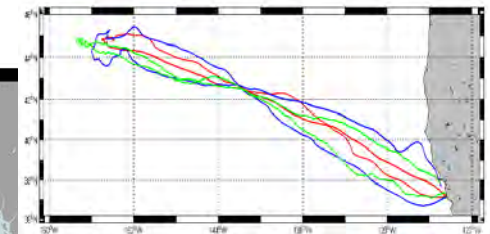
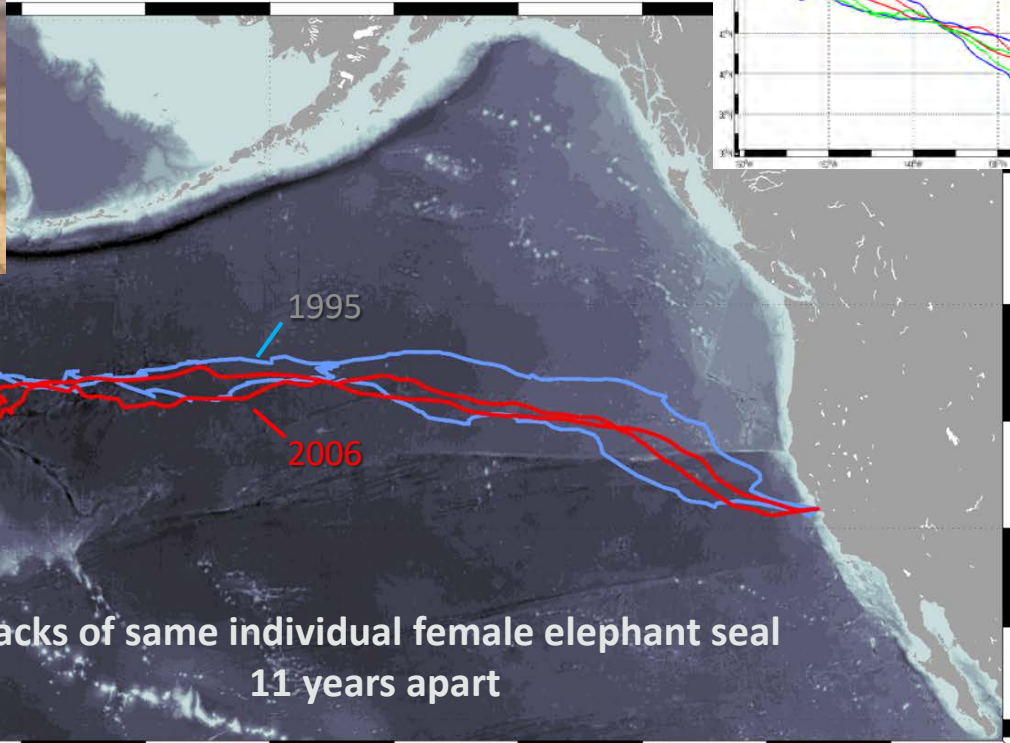
SITE FIDELITY IS THE REPEATED USE OF THE SAME AREA FOR FORAGING, BREEDING OR SHELTER



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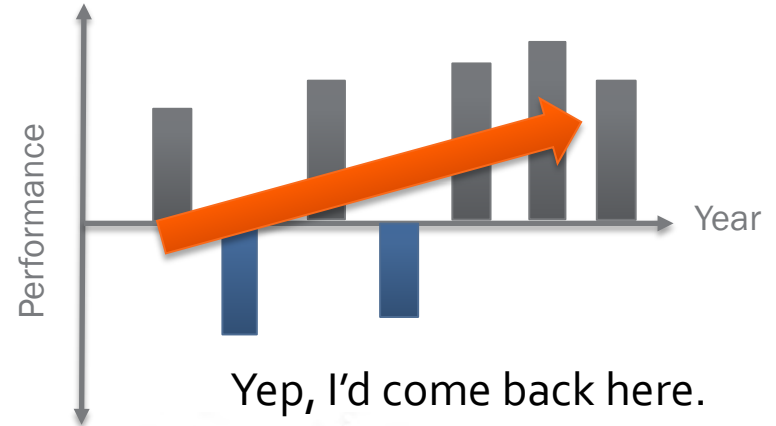


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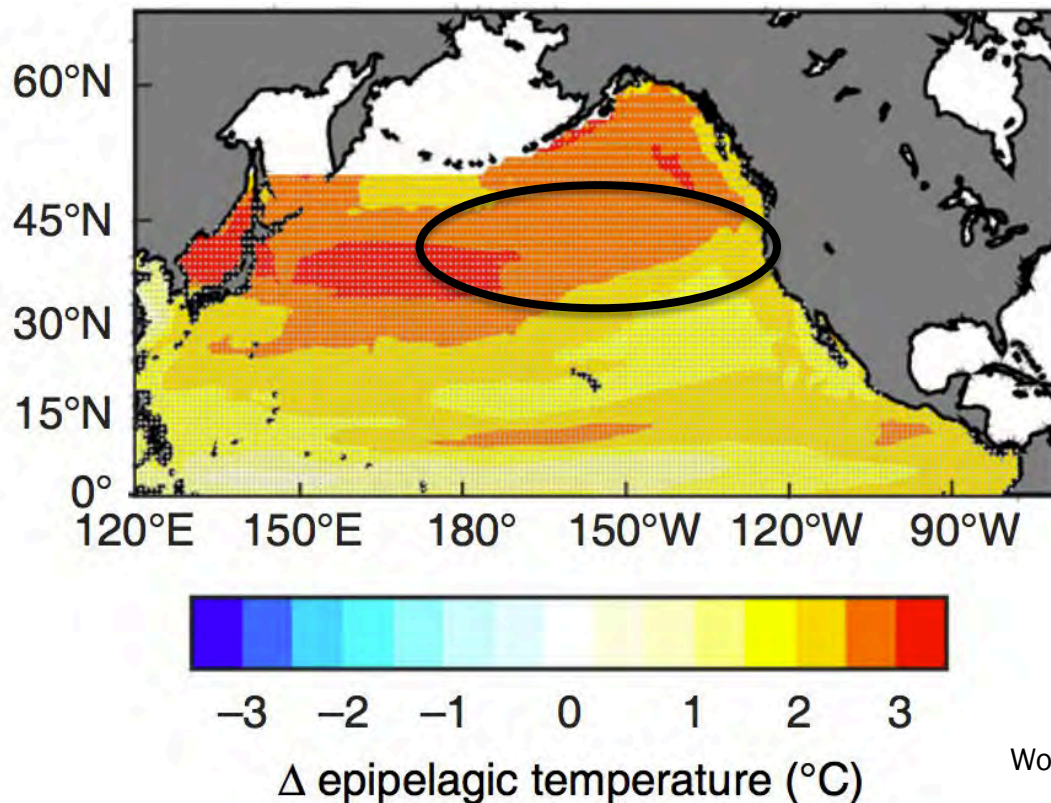
Costa et al. 2012,
Ann Rev Ecol Evol Syst

SITE FIDELITY CAN PROVIDE **LONG-TERM BENEFITS** IN UNPREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENTS...



SEAL OF APPROVAL

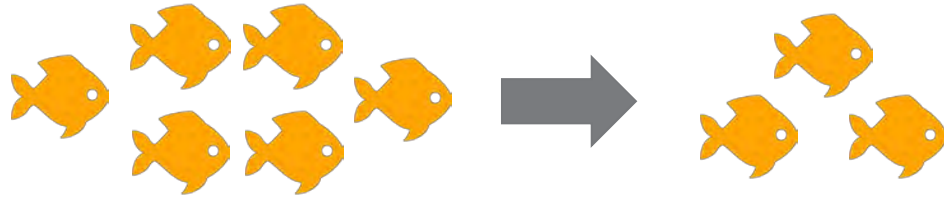
... BUT MAY BE **MALADAPTIVE** IN ENVIRONMENTS EXPERIENCING CLIMATE CHANGE.



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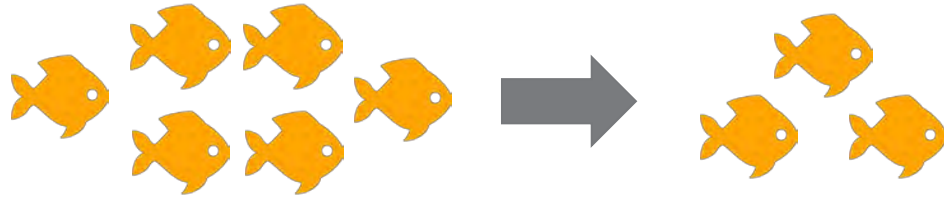
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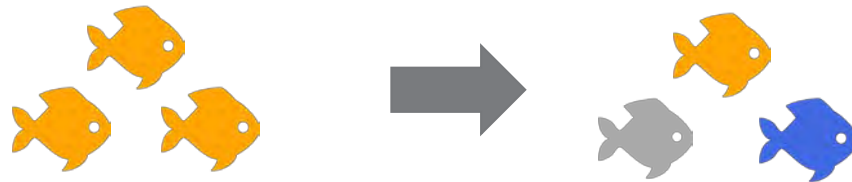


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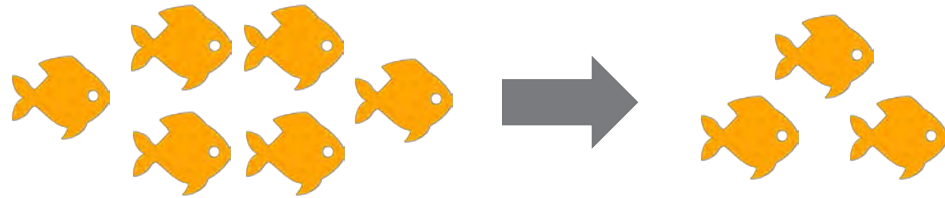


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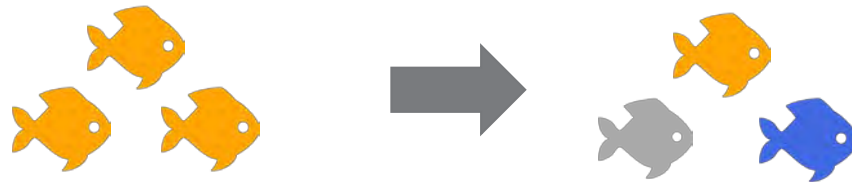


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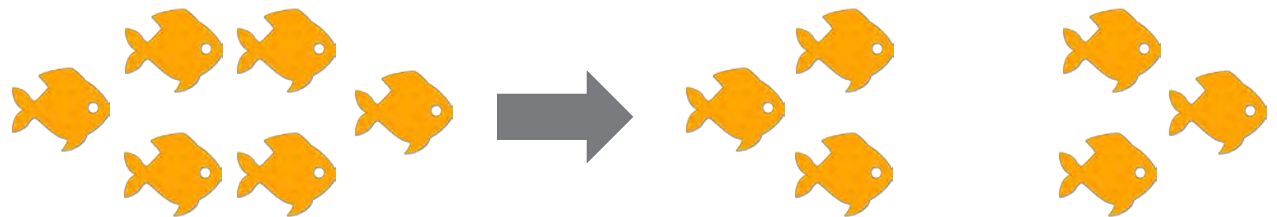
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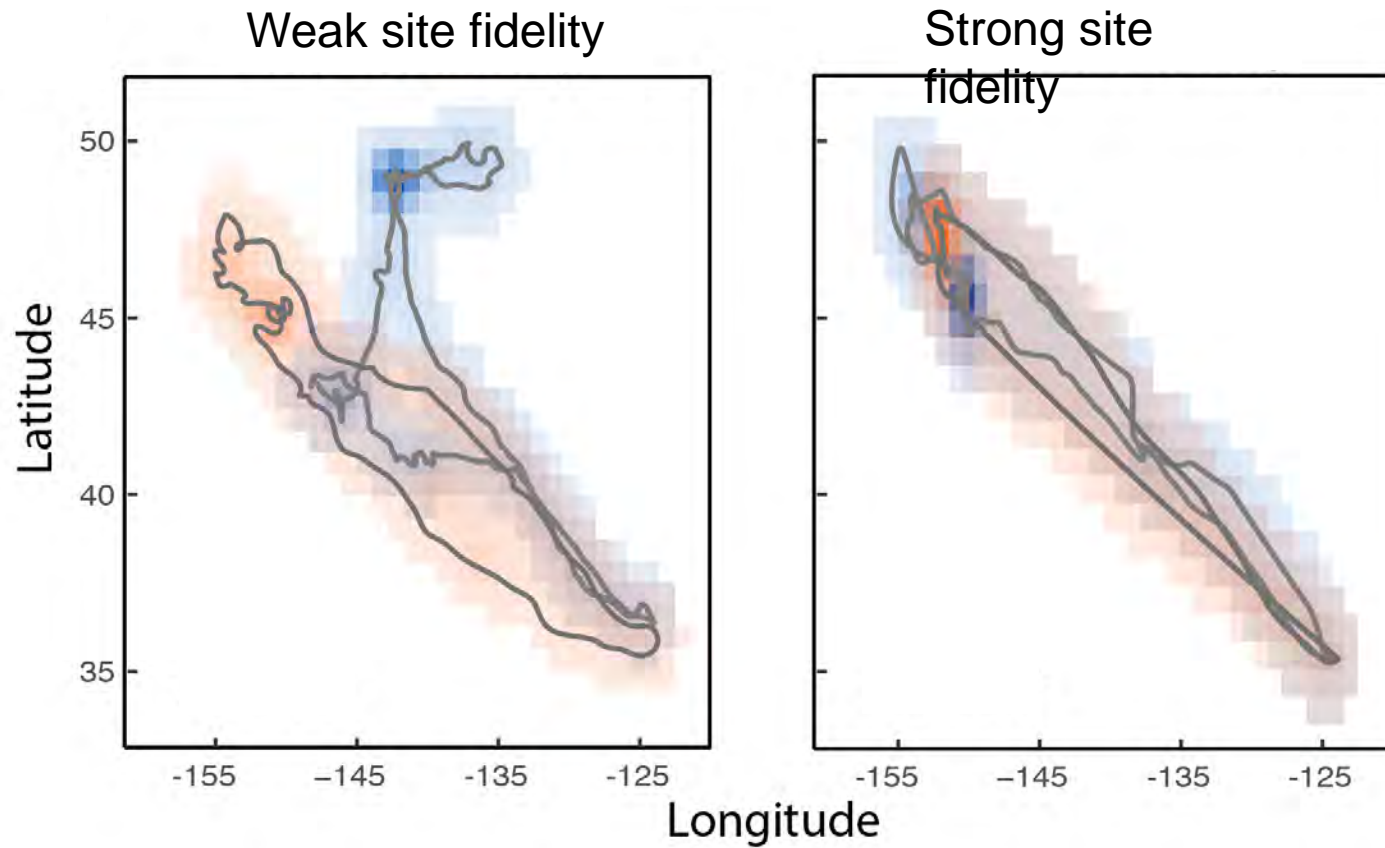
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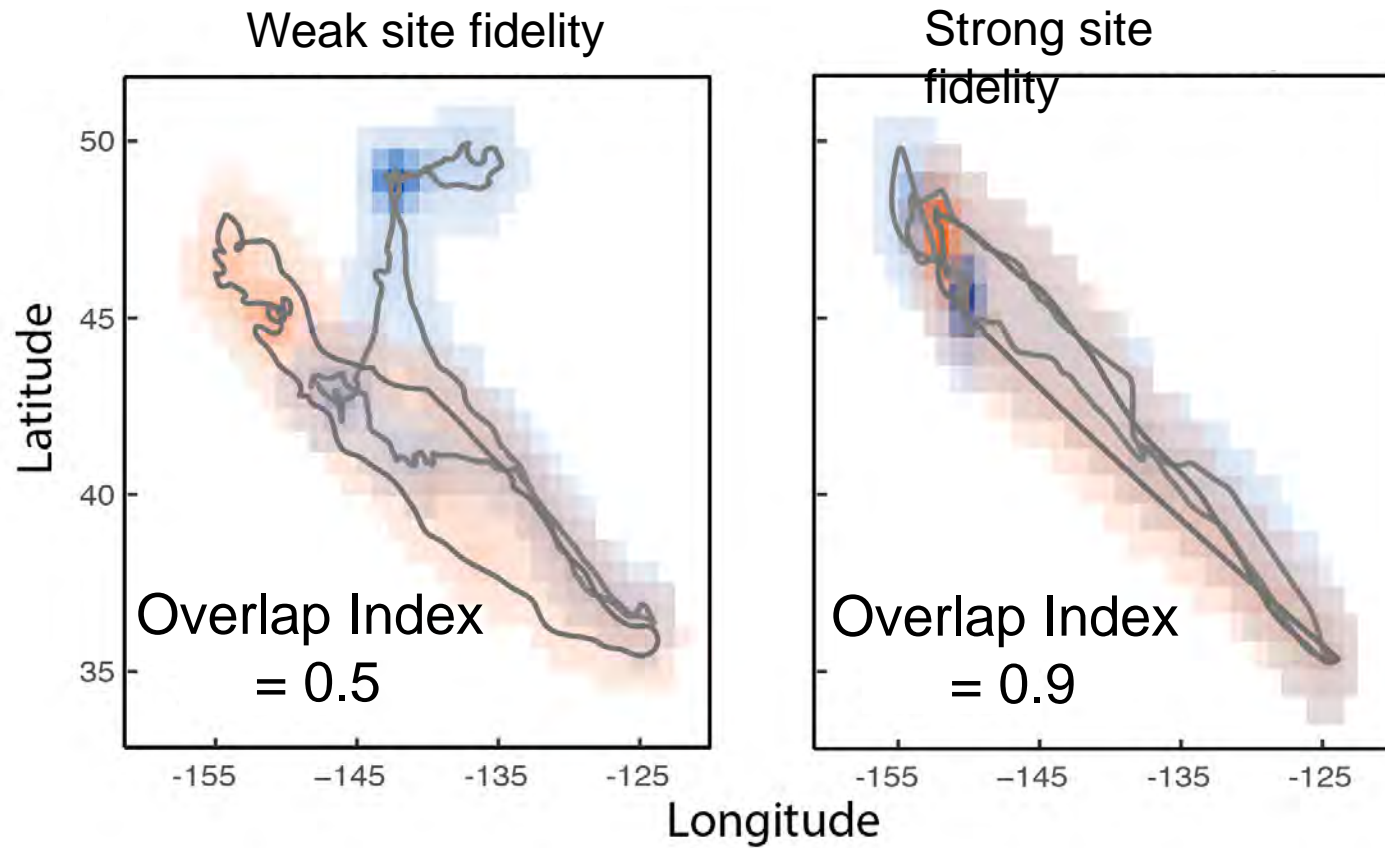
SATELLITE TRACKED 30 ADULT FEMALES OVER MULTIPLE YEARS



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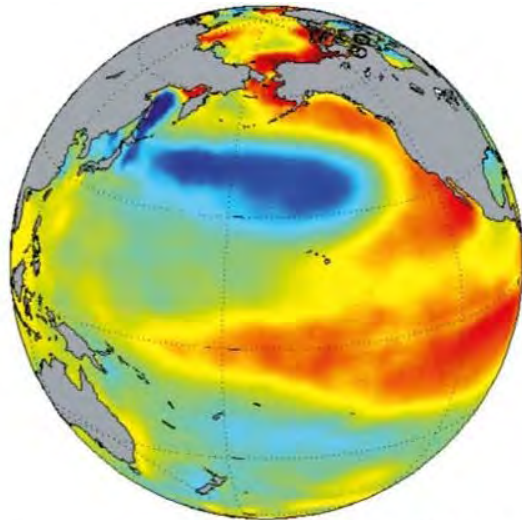


MEASURED WEIGHT GAINED OVER EACH MIGRATION

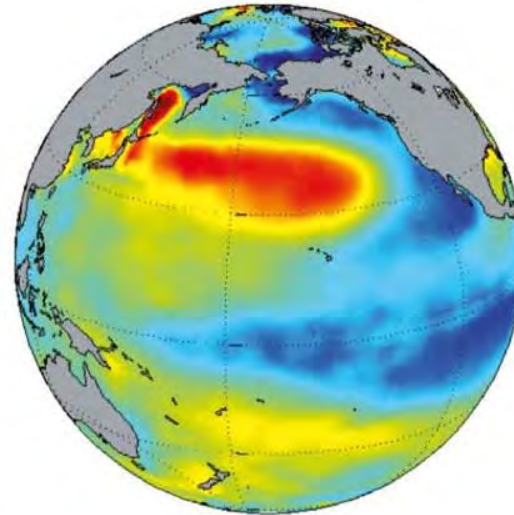


CLIMATE CONDITIONS IN NORTH PACIFIC MEASURED BY **PACIFIC DECADAL OSCILLATION INDEX**

Positive Phase



Negative Phase



Departures from average ocean temperatures (°C)
associated with the warm and cool phases of the PDO



THE NORTH PACIFIC CLIMATE IS BECOMING **MORE VARIABLE**

 **Global Change Biology**

Global Change Biology (2013) 19, 1662–1675, doi: 10.1111/gcb.12165

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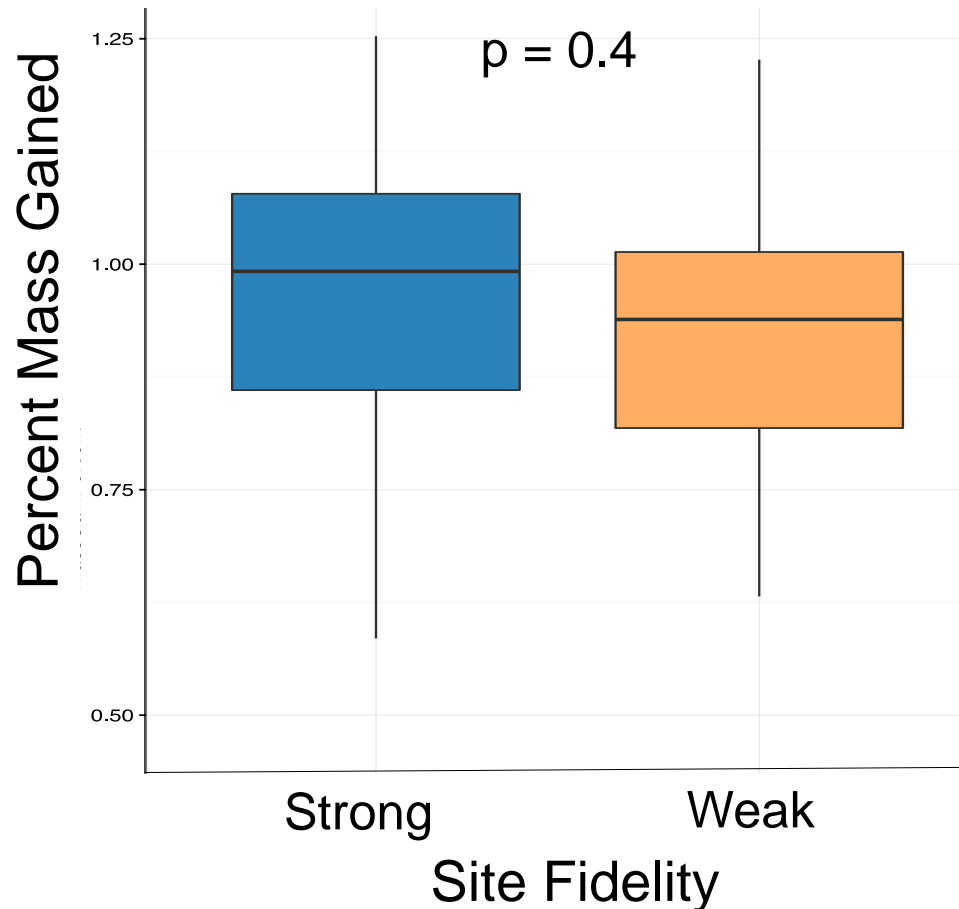
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OVER 10-YEAR PERIOD, STRATEGIES BALANCE OUT



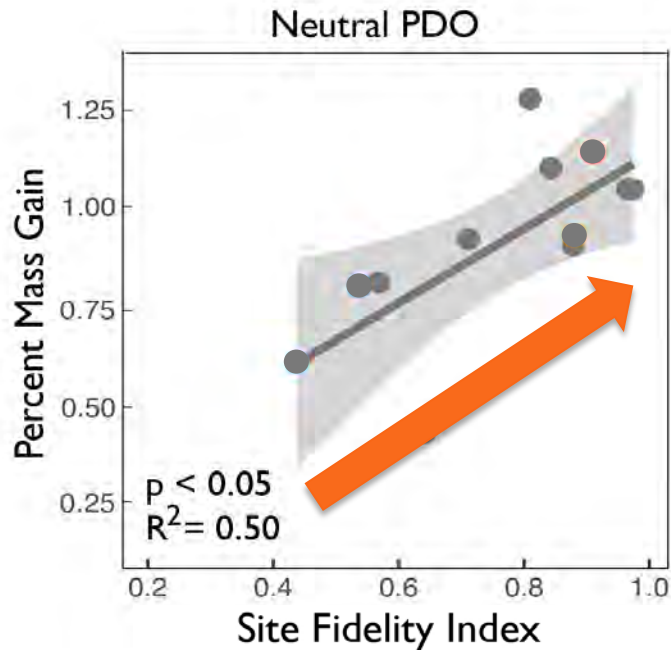
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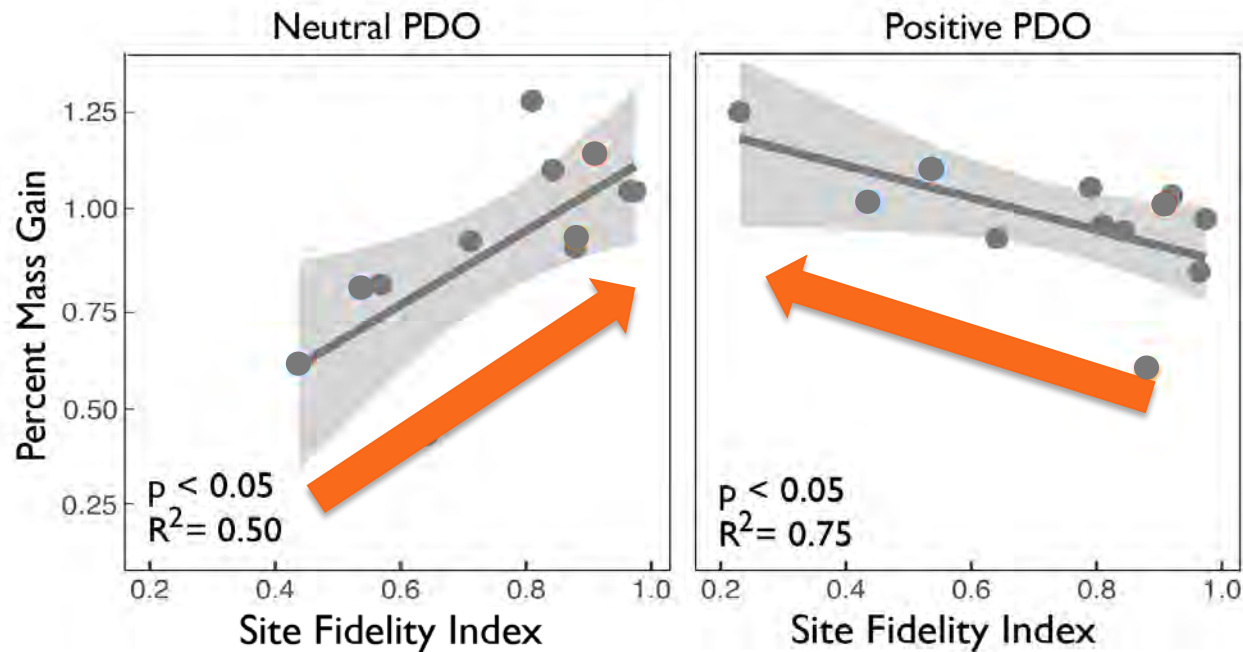
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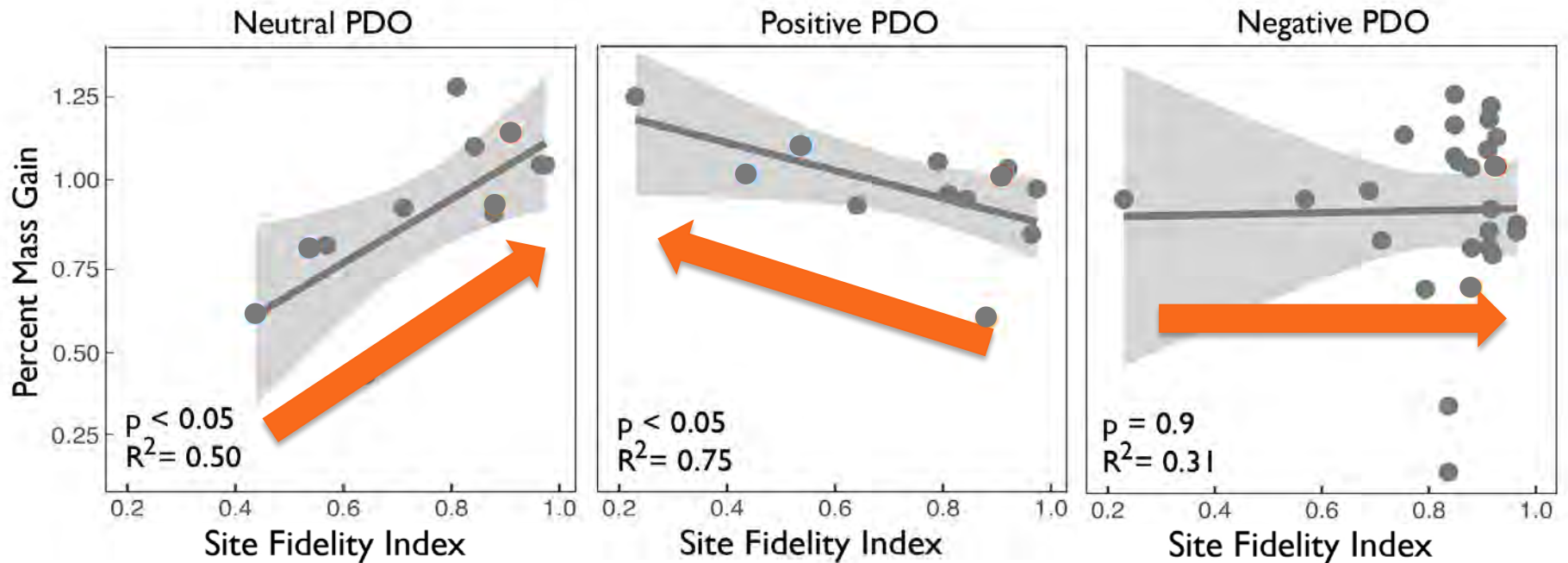
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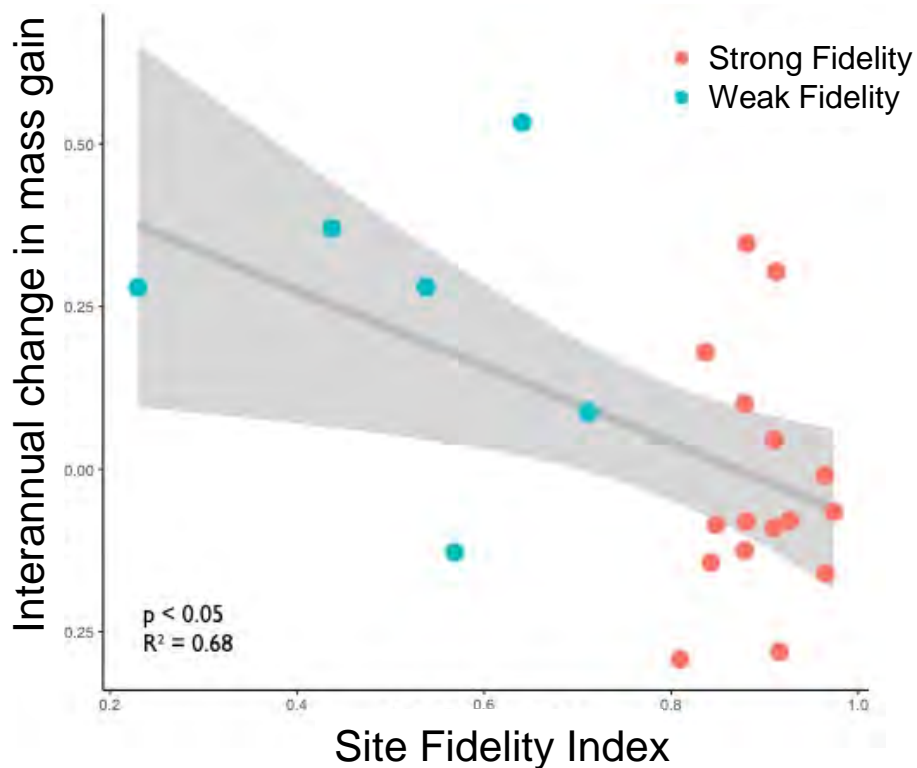
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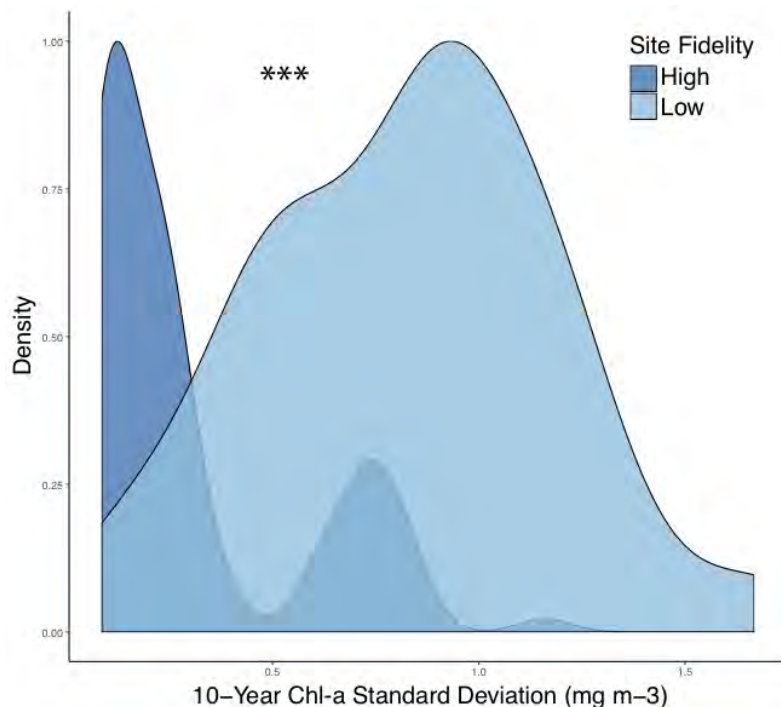
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INDIVIDUALS WITH STRONG FIDELITY HAD MORE CONSISTENT WEIGHT GAIN BETWEEN YEARS

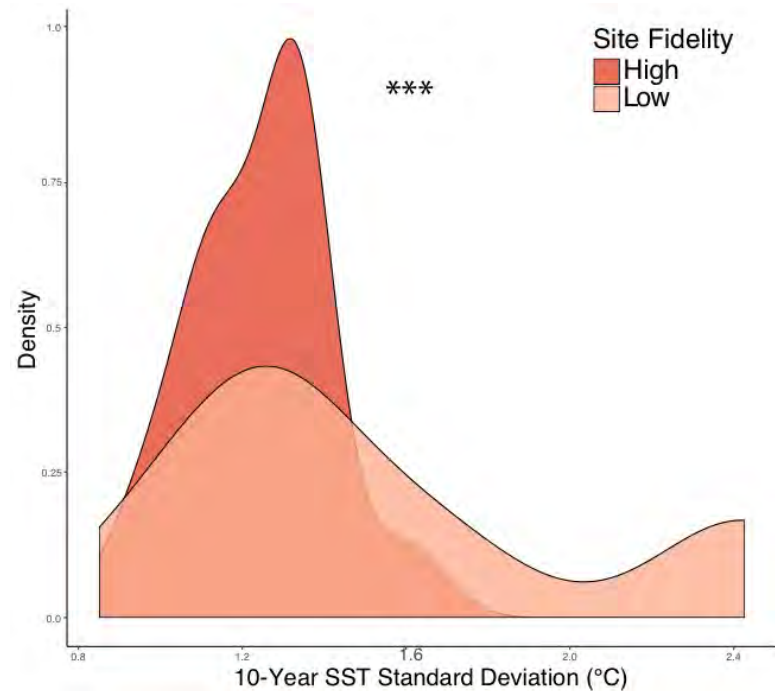


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INDIVIDUALS WITH STRONG FIDELITY USED AREAS WITH GREATER HABITAT STABILITY



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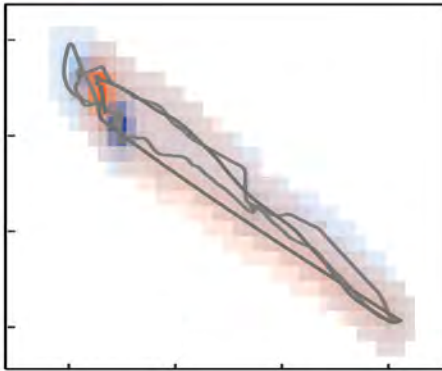


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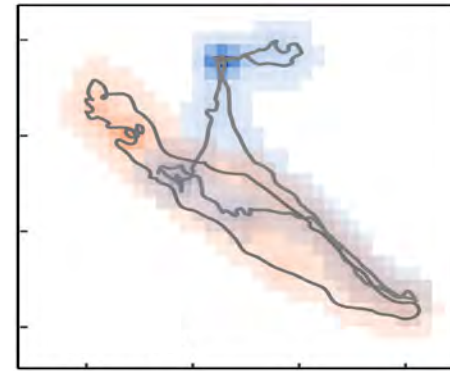
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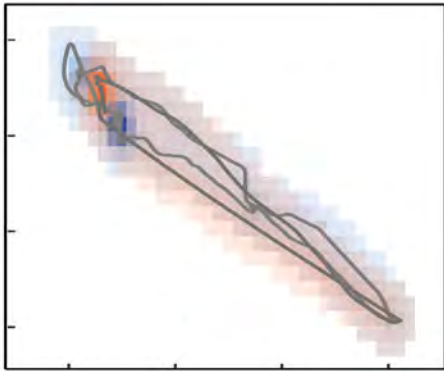
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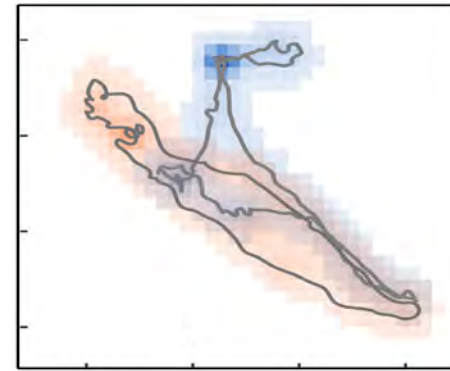
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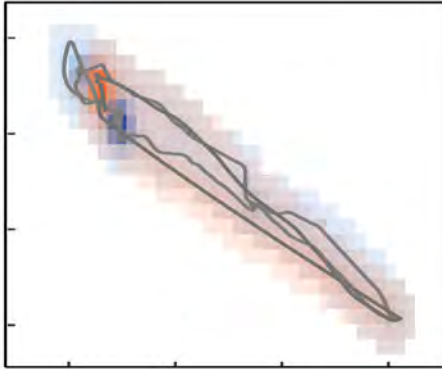
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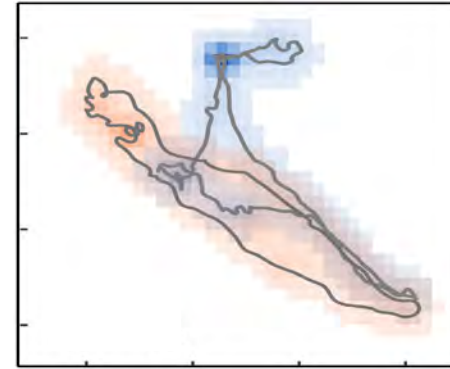
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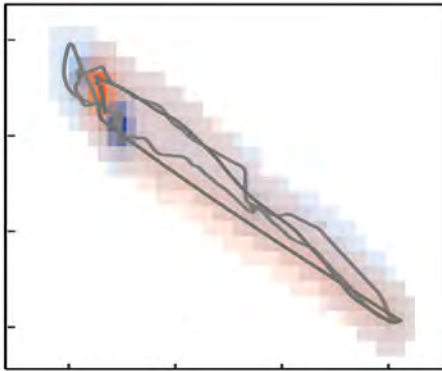
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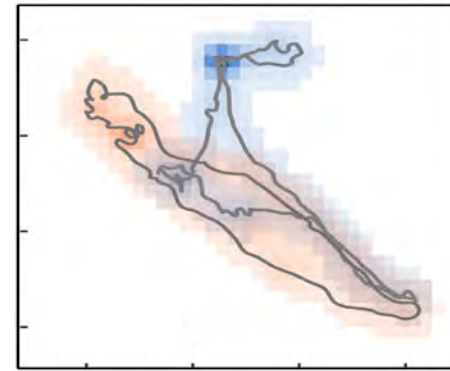
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