When do "the details" matter?

The promise of DEB for climate change adaptation

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"Fast" (system 1) and "slow" (system 2) decisionmaking responses





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http://upfrontanalytics.com/market-research-system-1-vs-system-2-decision-making/

Seeing patterns in nature

VEGETATION ZONATION IN MOUNTAINS



http://www.ecosystema.ru/08nature/world/75abh/18.jpg

Open grassland Alm meadows (Dwarf)bushes Needletrees forest Deciduous trees forest

http://www.vcbio.science.ru.nl/images/landscape/landscape-vertical_zonation_eng.jpg





CLIMATE CHANGE

- PATTERNS IN NATURE ARE CHANGING, SOMETIMES QUICKLY
- WE WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH TO ATTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT
- WE MUST BASE FUTURE PREDICTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON WHAT WE OBSERVE TODAY AND IN THE PAST

ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE: HOW DO WE TEST OUR ABILITY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE?

- WE ARE USING MODELS "TRAINED" WITH CURRENT CONDITIONS TO PREDICT RESPONSES UNDER NOVEL CONDITIONS
- HOW DO WE "KNOW WHAT WE DON'T KNOW"?
 AND HOW DO WE INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO PREDICT (AND PREVENT) NASTY "SURPRISES" SUCH AS TIPPING POINTS?
- ARE WE MEASURING THE RIGHT THINGS AT THE RIGHT SCALES?





Are we looking so hard for pattern that we miss important mechanisms?



http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/02/levitation-optical-illusion-confuses-internet/



Kilometres moved northwards



http://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/figures/observed-latitudinal-shifts-of-the

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Why? Precipitation also increased

GIBSON-REINEMER AND RAHEL 2015. INCONSISTENT RANGE SHIFTS WITHIN SPECIES HIGHLIGHT IDIOSYNCRATIC RESPONSES TO CLIMATE WARMING PLOS ONE

 ANALYZED PUBLISHED STUDIES THAT DOCUMENTED RANGE SHIFTS OF 273 SPECIES OF PLANTS, BIRDS, MAMMALS AND MARINE INVERTEBRATES. 42-50% SHOW "INCONSISTENCY IN THE DIRECTION OF THEIR RANGE SHIFTS, DESPITE EXPERIENCING SIMILAR WARMING TRENDS."

PRZESLAWSKI ET AL. 2012. USING RIGOROUS SELECTION CRITERIA TO INVESTIGATE MARINE RANGE SHIFTS ESTUARINE COASTAL AND SHELF SCIENCE

LOOKED AT 311 SPECIES FROM 13 STUDIES AND APPLIED RIGOROUS STANDARDS TO DETERMINE IF POLEWARD SHIFTS HAD OCCURRED-> SUGGESTED THAT AVERAGE RANGE SHIFT IS ORDER OF MAGNITUDE SLOWER THAN PREDICTED USING META-ANALYSIS ARE EQUATORIAL SHIFTS (OR STASIS) IN RANGE BOUNDARIES, INCREASES IN PRODUCTIVITY OR IN BIODIVERSITY REALLY INCONSISTENT WITH WARMING?

.. OR SHOULD WE BE MORE SOPHISTICATED IN HOW WE FRAME OUR HYPOTHESES AND COMMUNICATE EXPECTATIONS?

GENERALIZATIONS AREN'T VERY USEFUL WHEN PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS.... OR FOR FRAMING HYPOTHESES ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

• E.G., POLEWARD AND ALTITUDINAL RANGE SHIFTS

Sources: Martin Benitson, Mountain environments in changing climates, Routledge, London, 1994; Climate change 1995, Impacts, adaptations and migration of climate change, contribution of working group 2 to the second assessment report of the intergovernmental panel on climate change (IPCC), UNEP and WMO, Cambridge press university, 1996.

ECOLOGICAL FORECASTING SCIENCE IN SERVICE OF SOCIETY

• Ecological forecasting informs and is a form of triage: how do we decide where to focus our efforts?

https://www.lifeaid.com.au/

ECOLOGICAL FORECASTING

Models and sensors

WHAT CAN DEB THEORY TELL US ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING "DETAILS" OF CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AS PART OF ECOLOGICAL FORECASTING APPROACHES?

- SUBLETHAL RESPONSES TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE THAT ULTIMATELY DRIVE ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES
- IDENTIFICATION OF HOTSPOTS, STEPPING STONES AND CLIMATE REFUGIA (MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING) AND THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF SMALL-SCALE PROCESSES

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WHAT DEB THEORY CAN TELL US ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

• THE ROLE OF SUBLETHAL PROCESSES, AND CAUTIONS AGAINST USING AVERAGED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

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• CLIMATE CHANGE MODELS- ESPECIALLY CORRELATIVE MODELS- ASSUME STATIONARITY IN TIME (SPACE FOR TIME SUBSTITUTION)

Testing model stationarity with and without physiological mechanism

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Model of mussel (*M. edulis*) distribution based on lethal temperatures

Jones et al. 2010 J. Biogeography

Model that works for the US fails in Europe

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Two models of mussel (*M. edulis*) distributionone with details and one without give similar results

(Woodin, Hilbish, Helmuth, Jones and Wethey 2013)

Testing model stationarity with and without mechanism

Lethal temperatures

Lethal model fails miserably when applied to Europe; Energetics model does well

Energetics

(Woodin, Hilbish, Helmuth, Jones and Wethey 2013)

PHYSIOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

THE REAL WORLD IS FREQUENTLY MESSY WITH HIGH SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL VARIABILITY

Lee et al. 2015: Hydrothermal Vents

^{1°C}₄₅ Terrestrial and intertidal (and
⁴⁰ even shallow subtidal) body
³⁵ temperature driven primarily
³⁰ by solar radiation (Helmuth
²⁵ 2002)

Internal waves, wind and upwelling lead to large and rapid changes in temperature and pCO_2 on reefs and shallow coastal regions

Large changes in nearshore pH over scales of hours (Hofmann et al. 2011)

THE MYTH OF A STABLE OCEAN

 TECHNOLOGICAL LIMITATIONS TO OUR ABILITY TO MEASURE THE ENVIRONMENT AT COARSE TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL **RESOLUTION HAS BEEN** CONFLATED WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY SCALES THAT MATTER TO SPECIES DISTRIBUTIONS

Fish and other marine life are affected by ocean weather: drastic variations in temperature, pH, oxygen and salinity that are in turn influenced by climate change

Biologists ignore ocean weather at their peril

Bates et al. 2018 Nature Vol. 560

FORECASTS OF MATURATION TIME USING DEB MODEL FOR THREE SPECIES OF MUSSELS IN THE MED.

Valeria Montalto

Montalto et al. 2016. Climatic Change

SPATIO-TEMPORAL COINCIDENCE OF MULTIPLE DRIVERS

Patterns of mussel growth best explained by coincidence of low food,

low pH and high intertidal temperatures

Kroeker et al., 2016 Ecology Letters

- CAN PROVIDE QUANTITATIVE MEANS OF LOOKING AT CUMULATIVE ROLE OF FLUCTUATING
 ENVIRONMENT, AND ESPECIALLY THE INTERACTION OF FOOD AND STRESS
- BUT ONLY WHEN WE USE ENVIRONMENTAL DATA AT THE RIGHT SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL SCALES
- CANNOT USE ANNUAL MEANS OR CLIMATE AVERAGES TO FORECAST ANY KIND OF MEANINGFUL ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS UNLESS THE ENVIRONMENT TRULY IS STATIC IN TIME AND UNIFORM IN SPACE

WHAT DEB CAN TELL US ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

• MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING: IDENTIFYING HOT SPOTS, REFUGIA AND STEPPING STONES, AND THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF SMALL-SCALE SPATIAL HETEROGENEITY

WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL OF WHICH "ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNALS" WE PAY ATTENTION TO OVER GEOGRAPHIC SCALES

Figure 1. Patterns of temperature metrics across the European Atlantic intertidal ecosystem. (a) Locations surveyed. Geographic pattern of metrics: (b) grand mean, (c) 7 day mean, (d) daily range, (e) microhabitat range, (f) minimum, (g) 5^{th} percentile, (h) mean, (i) 95^{th} percentile, (j) maximum. Black line (b) is grand mean, calculated using all data from each shore. Red and blue lines (c-j) calculated using the warmest and coldest 30 days of each year (7 days for (c)), per shore. The shaded area is the pattern expected if each metric was perfectly correlated with latitude. Points in shaded area are "cooler than expected given latitude", and points outside shaded area are "hotter than expected". Correlation coefficients between each

Seabra et al. 2015 Scientific Reports

MEASURING THE ENVIRONMENT AT SCALES RELEVANT TO ORGANISMS WITH BIOMIMETIC SENSORS

California mussel, Mytilus californianus Unmatched loggers regularly create errors of $>14^{\circ}C$; Thermally matched loggers incur errors of $\sim 2^{\circ}C$

Fitzhenry et al. 2004 Marine Biology 145: 339-349.

71 INTERTIDAL SITES WORLDWIDE, RECORDING CONTINUOUSLY

Helmuth et al. 2016 Nature Scientific Data

CONCEPT OF A "THERMAL MOSAIC"

- Helmuth et al 2002, Gilman 2006, Finke et al. 2007, Torossian et al. 2016

CLIMATE REFUGIA

Topographically complex terrain creates varied microclimates and increases the likelihood that current climates will continue to exist nearby.

Deep snow drifts provide insulation to the surface below and provide water later in the season.

Valleys that harbor cold air pools and inversions can decouple local climatic conditions from regional circulation patterns.

> Canopy cover can buffer local temperature maximums and minimums throughout the year.

Poleward-facing slopes and aspects result in shaded areas that buffer solar heating, particularly during the low solar angles of winter and early spring. Cold groundwater inputs produce local cold-water refuges in which stream temperature is decoupled from air temperature.

> Areas near or in large deep lakes or oceans will warm more slowly due to the high heat capacity of water.

Morelli et al. 2016 "Managing climate refugia for climate adaptation" PLOS ONE 12: e0169725

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CLIMATE REFUGIA IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION

- HABITATS THAT PERMIT SURVIVAL DURING EXTREME EVENTS, AND SUBSEQUENT RECOVERY
- ARE BEING DISCOVERED IN MULTIPLE ECOSYSTEMS
- MAY SERVE AS A MEANS OF ENHANCING RESILIENCE

DOES THE SCALE OF "RESCUE EFFECTS" CHANGE WITH BODY SIZE AND BEHAVIOR?

http://bpic.588ku.com/back_pic/00/00/69/40/18cbd649961b9b92762ec31fac5c34e6.jpg!/fh/300/quality/90/unsharp/ true/compress/true https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/whale

A snail's eye view of the world

MAPPING SMALL-SCALE THERMAL ENVIRONMENTS

3D modeling

Drone imagery

PATTERNS OF WEIGHT GAIN IN MUSSELS

DEB parameters for *M* edulis from AMP:

Saraiva and Kooijman. 2017. AmP *Mytilus edulis*, version 2017/11/1

Model code by C. Monaco

Constant food assumed (2 µg/I)

Run time: ~5 days for one year hourly data for each of 3 million pixels 2017-12-05 23:00:00 GMT

Number of eggs (thousands) Latitude (m) ÷ m Longitude (m)

Conceptual meta-community framework

LARGE-SCALE PATTERN DRIVEN BY SMALL-SCALE PROCESSES?

• SMALL-SCALE PROCESSES AT LEVEL OF MICROHABITATS MAY HAVE EMERGENT PROPERTIES AT GEOGRAPHIC SCALES, BY PROVIDING STEPPING STONES AND REFUGIA DURING EXTREME EVENTS

WHERE DOES THIS LEAVE US?

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- DEB CAN PROVIDE A CRITICAL WAY OF EXPLORING THESE PROCESSES, BUT CAREFUL DEB/ PHYSIOLOGICAL INFORMATION MUST BE MATCHED WITH EQUALLY CAREFUL ENVIRONMENTAL DATA (BE CAREFUL WITH AVERAGING!!)

Thank you

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