



**EMODnet**

European Marine  
Observation and  
Data Network

Biology



# EMODnet Biology annual meeting

## ULiège status update

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## Activities within WP3

### What's our initial goal?



1. Allow users to directly call DIVAnd (Julia code) from a R session
2. Generate presence density maps with DIVAnd (called from R)
3. Compare results obtained with different methods

# Activities within WP3

## What's our initial goal?



### Technical aspect

- Documentation
- Testing
- Compatibility issues
- Creation of a new library

### Scientific aspect

- Providing a new tool to community
- Application to real datasets
- Comparison with existing methods

## Activities within WP3

### What has been done so far?

 <https://github.com/gher-uliege/EMODnet-Biology-PhaseV>

- ✓ Create and improve the documentation of the installation procedure (README.md)
- ✓ Test installation under Windows (✓ working) and Linux (✗ failing) using Conda (✗ also failing)
- ✓ Perform simple 1D and 2D interpolations with DIVAnd in R
- ✓ Perform density map from observations (turtles) with DIVAnd in R

## Activities within WP3

### What has been done so far?

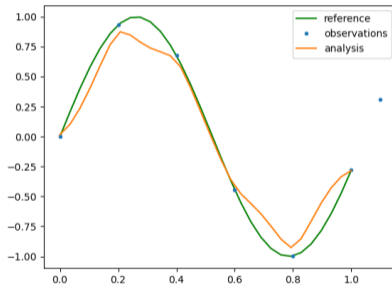
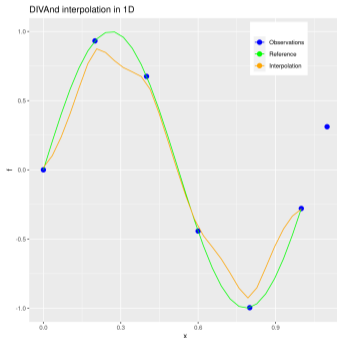
**Under development** (with Salvador Fernández, VLIZ):  
create a R package for DIVAnd

(to hide all the dirty stuff from users)

# Activities within WP3

## What has been done so far?

### Results for the 1D test with R and with Julia



(spoiler: they are the same)

## Activities within WP3

### What are the next steps?

#### Technical aspect:

1. fix library issues (if possible)
2. finish writing R module

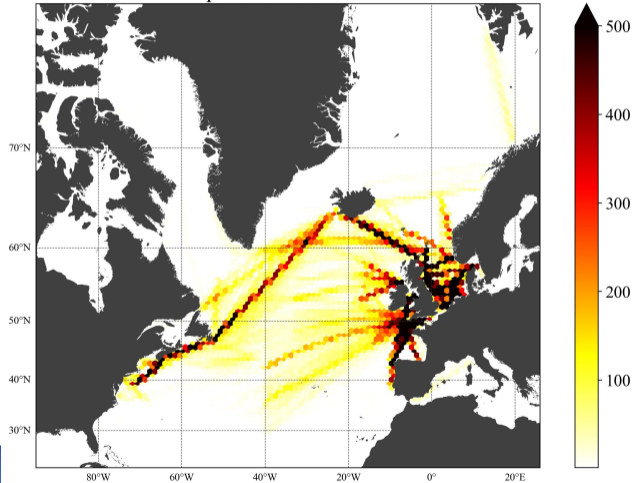
#### Scientific aspect:

3. Apply method on birds data: *European Seabirds At Sea (ESAS)*  
<https://www.vliz.be/en/imis?module=dataset&dased=3117>
4. Compare DIVAnd with other method(s)

# Activities within WP3

## Side project: gridding of CPR data using a neural network

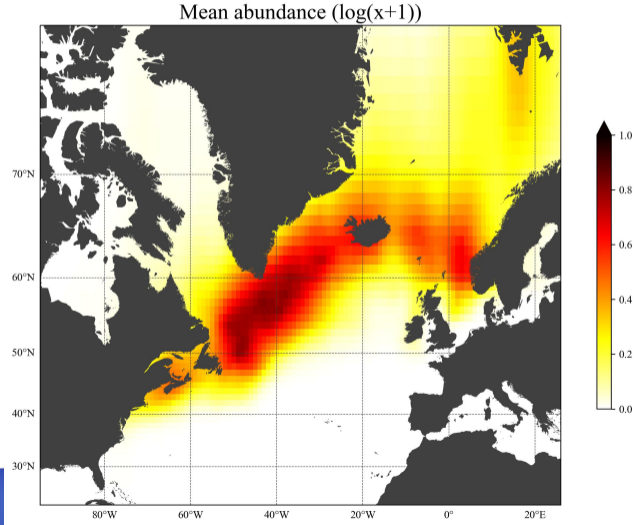
Hexbin plot for all the observations





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More details: IMDIS conference



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#### Registration

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#### Paper submission

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Paper submission is now closed.



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