



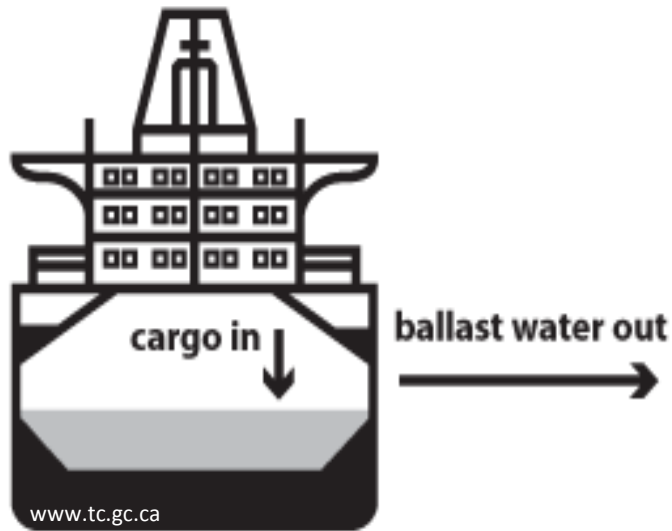
Niche dynamics and potential suitable areas of invasive freshwater invertebrates in New Zealand

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Introduction: Freshwater invasions in a nutshell



240 million organisms
Silk and Ciruna (2005)

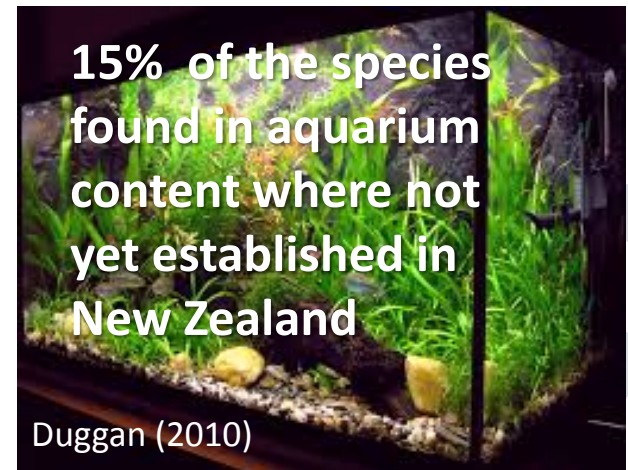


From one invaded lake to 18 lakes
Maclsaac et al. (2004)



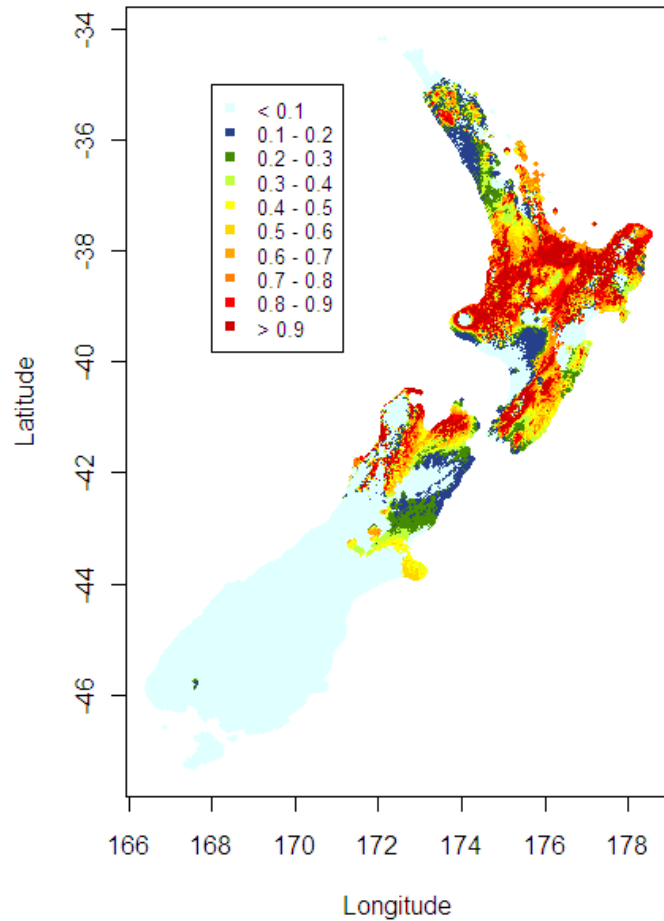
**15% of the species
found in aquarium
content where not
yet established in
New Zealand**

Duggan (2010)



Early detection but where to look?

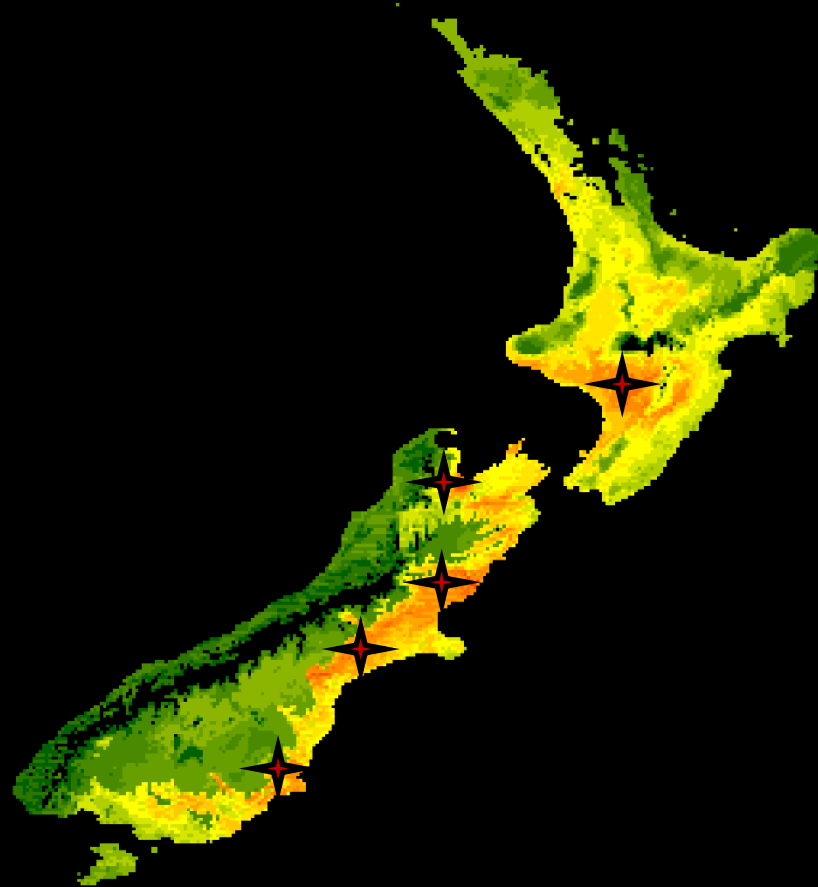
SDM: Species distribution models



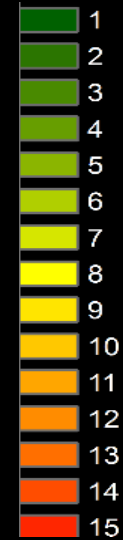
Chinese mitten crab



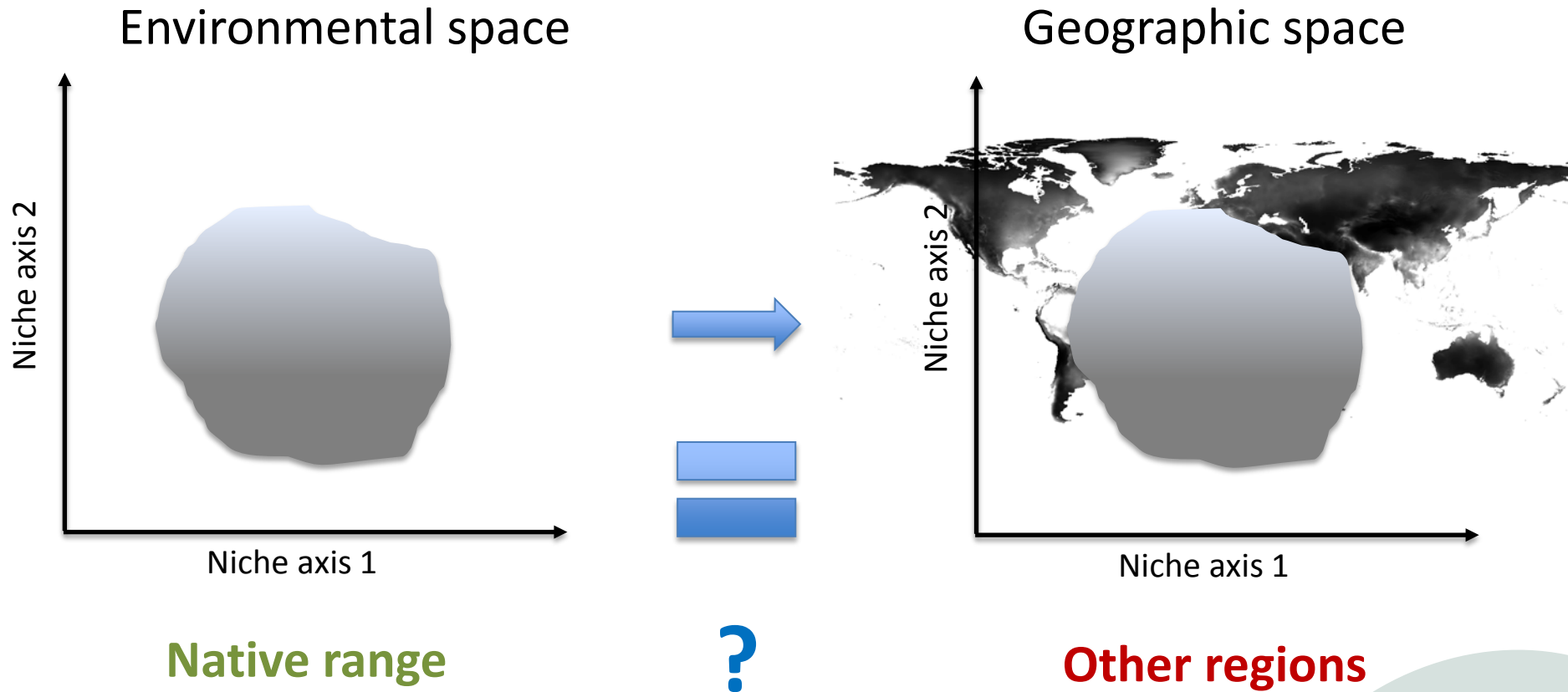
Invasion hotspots in New Zealand



Number of species



Question: Are niches conserved for invasive freshwater species?

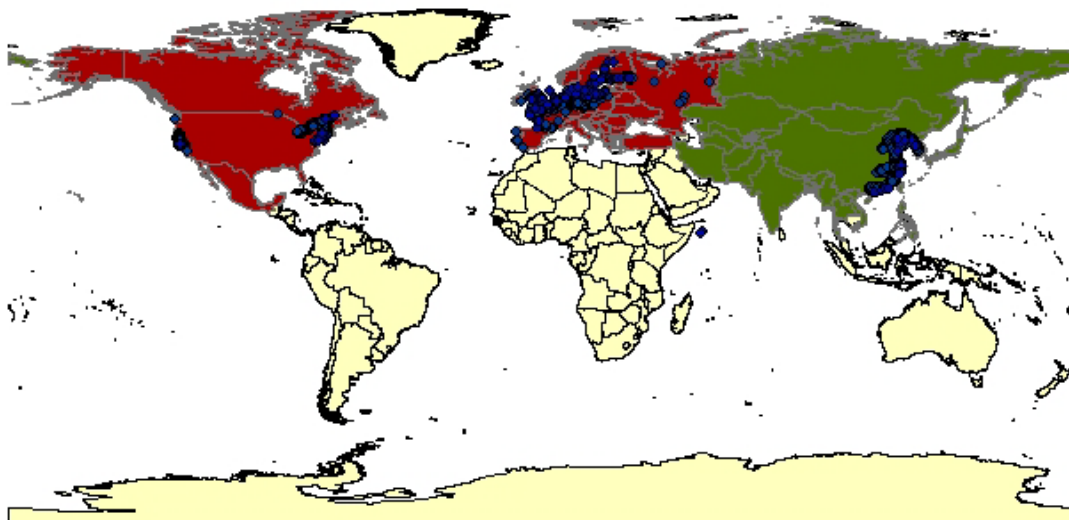


Methods: data

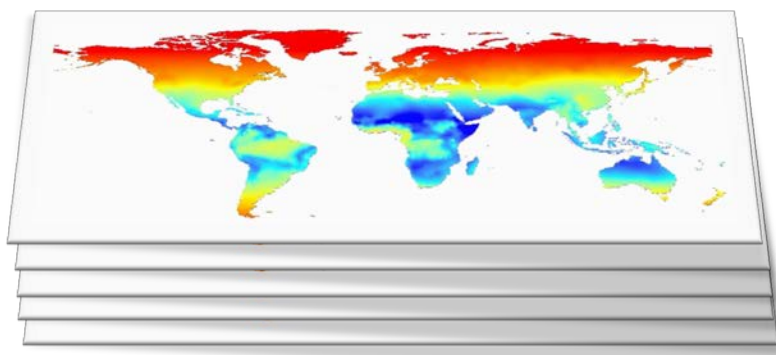
Species distribution
Climatic variables

Invasive range

Native range



21 invasive
freshwater
invertebrates



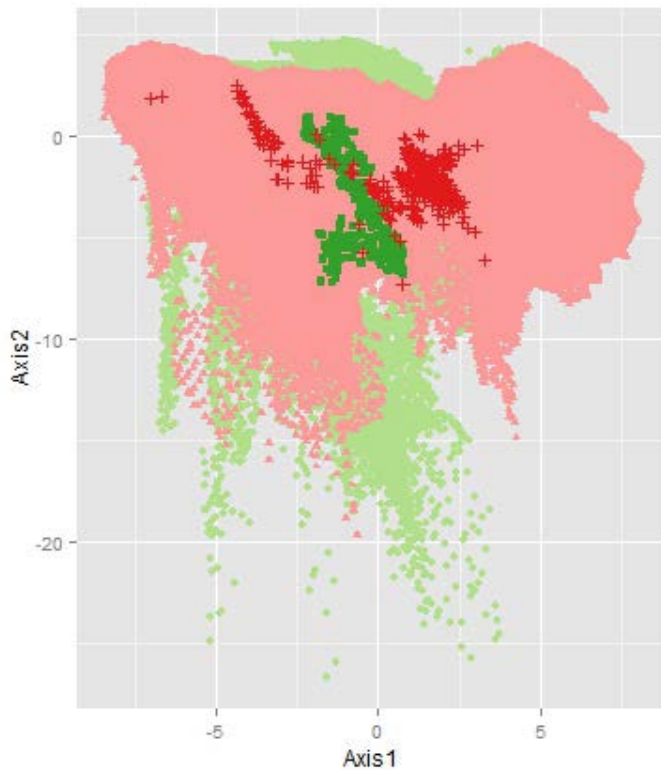
35 variables

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Methods: niche representation PCA-ENV



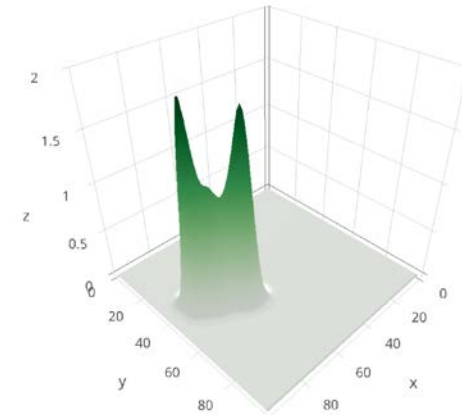
Principal component analysis



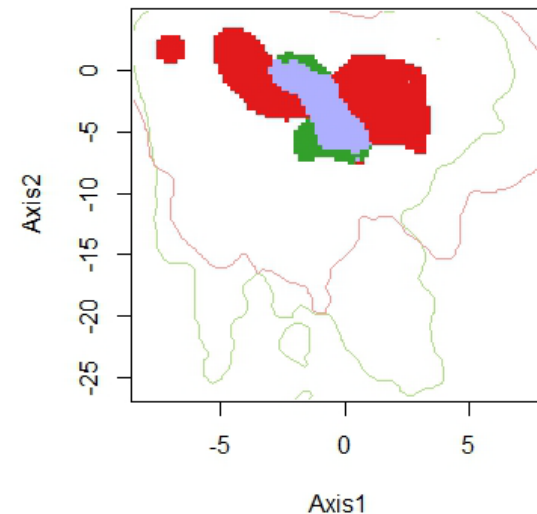
Kernel density estimator

- .id
- Native environment
 - Invasive environment
 - Native niche
 - Invasive niche

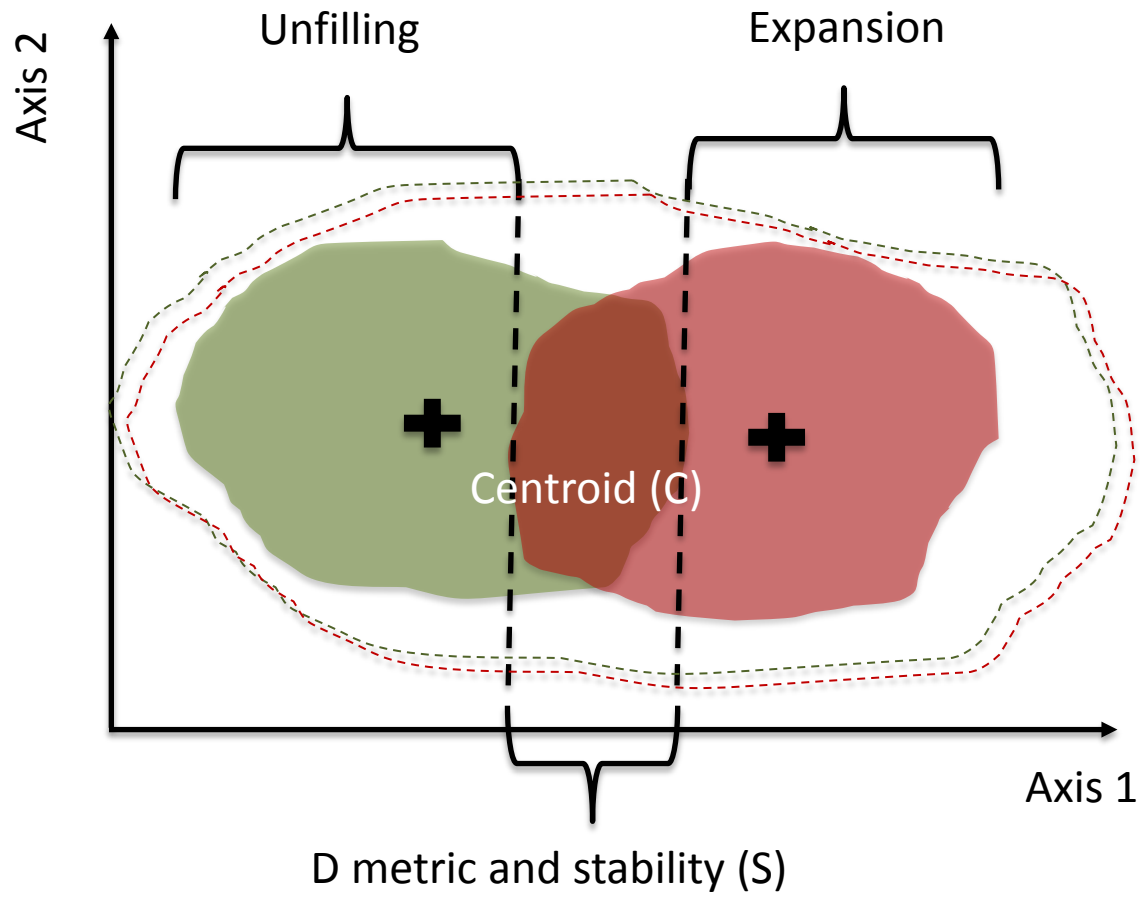
Probability density of occurrences



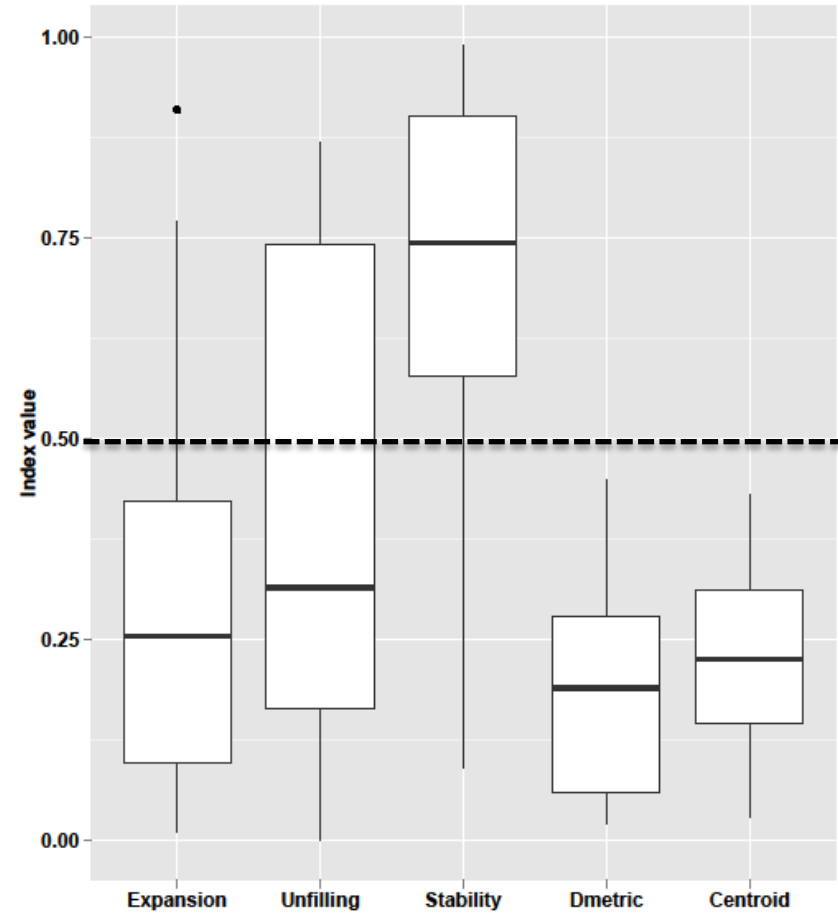
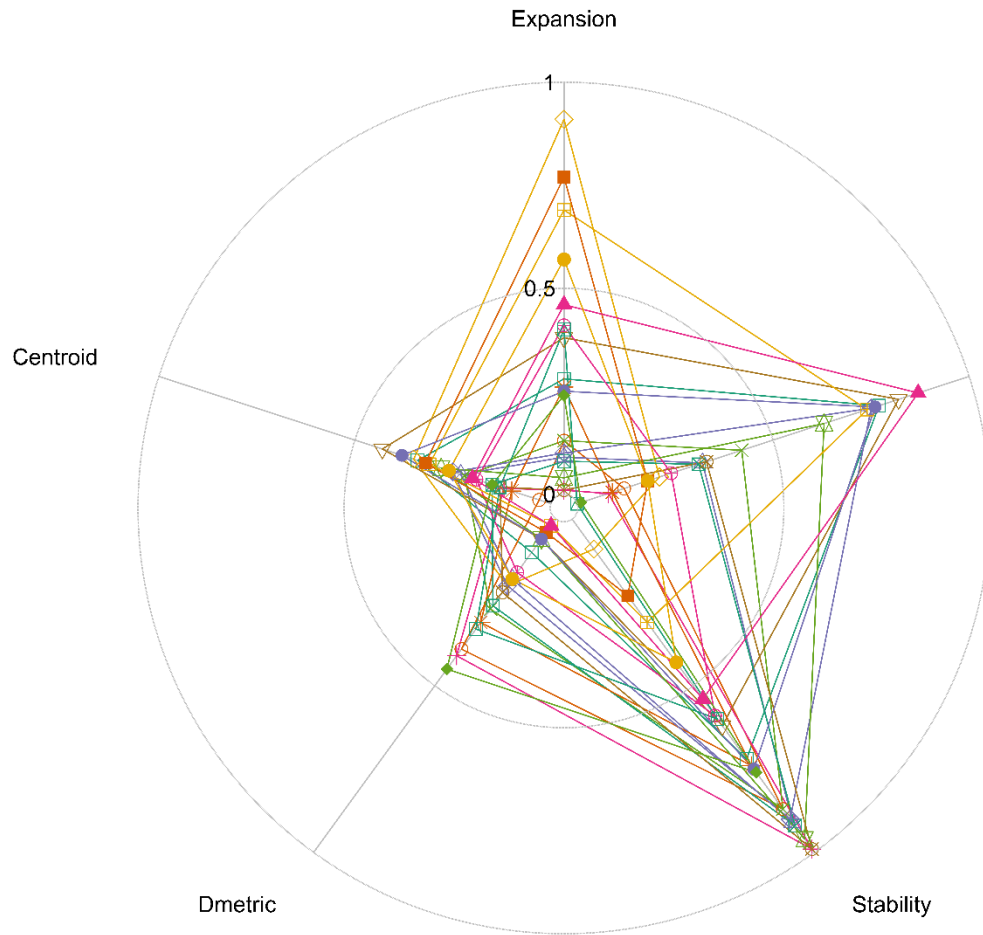
PCA-ENV



Methods: niche metrics



Results: niche dynamics

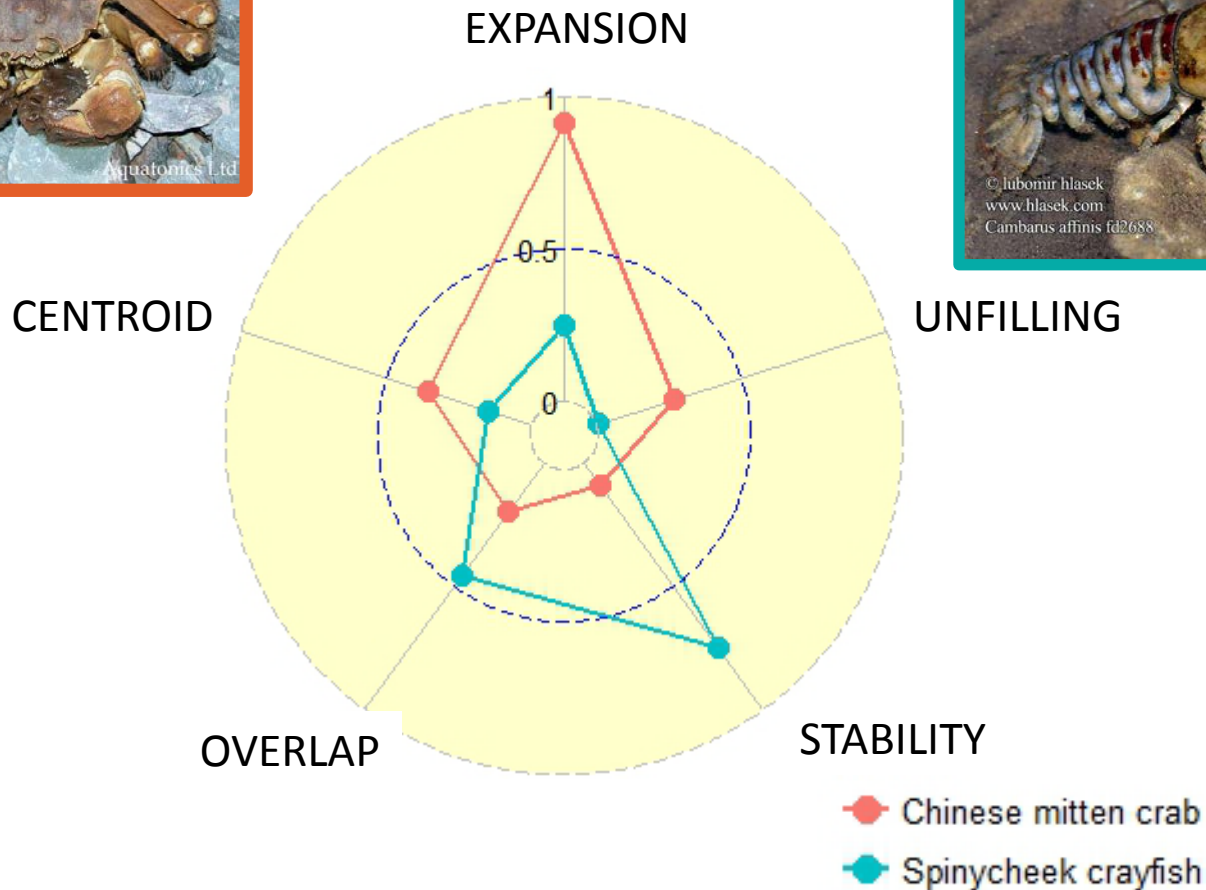


Results: niche dynamics

Chinese mitten crab



Spinycheek crayfish



Results: the efficient invaders

Chinese mitten crab



Estuarine mud crab



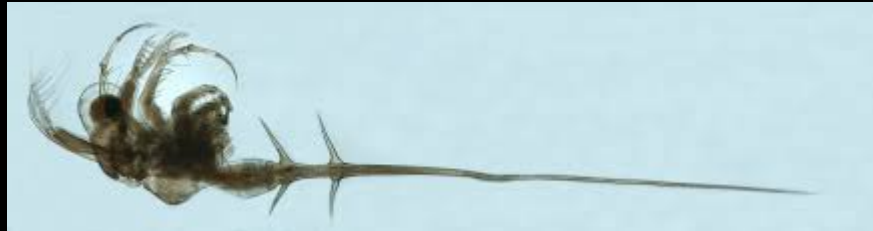
Japanese mystery snail



Zebra mussel



Spiny water flea



Quagga mussel



Northern crayfish



Golden apple snail

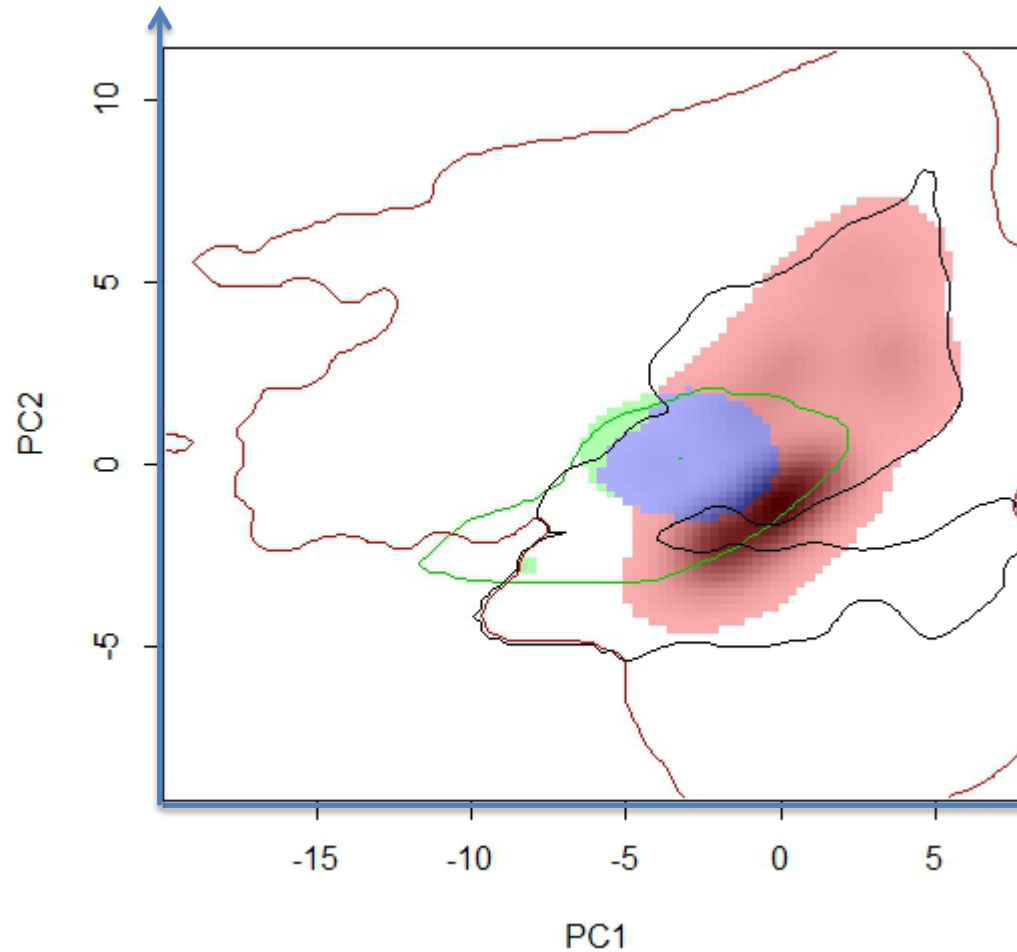


Results: a NZ species



New Zealand mud snail

Hotter areas



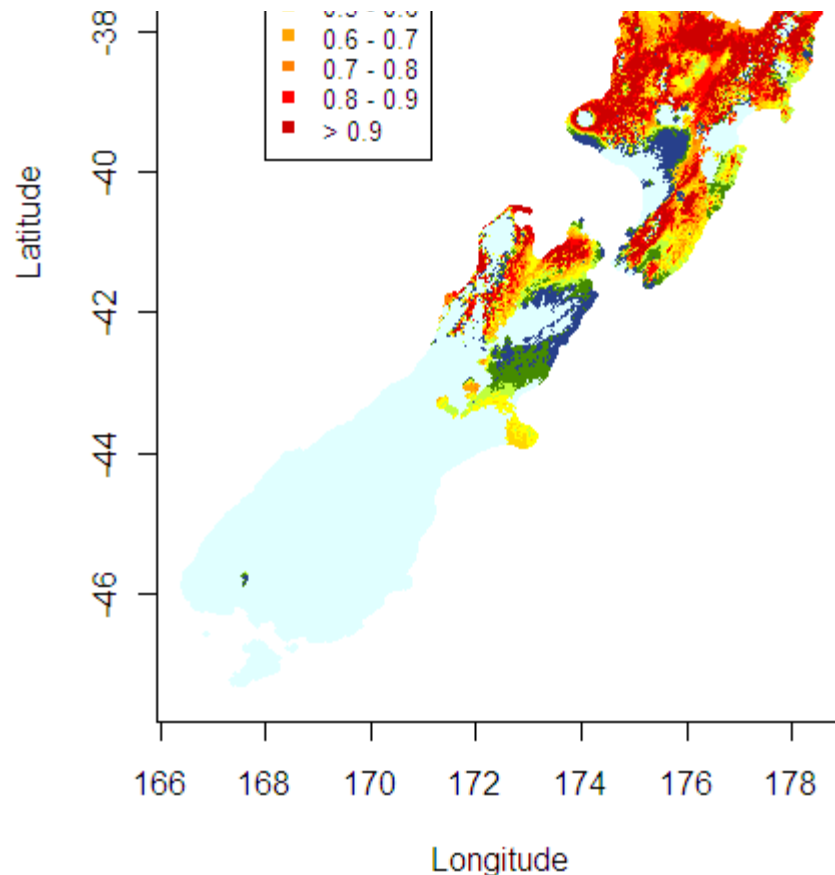
Expansion: 0.86
Stability: 0.14
Unfilling: 0.09

Dryer areas

How certain are we about predictions when niche changes are observed?

Future work

- Including niche expansion information in predictions
- Project will be developed in Lausanne University (Guisan's group)



Chinese mitten crab



Time for questions!

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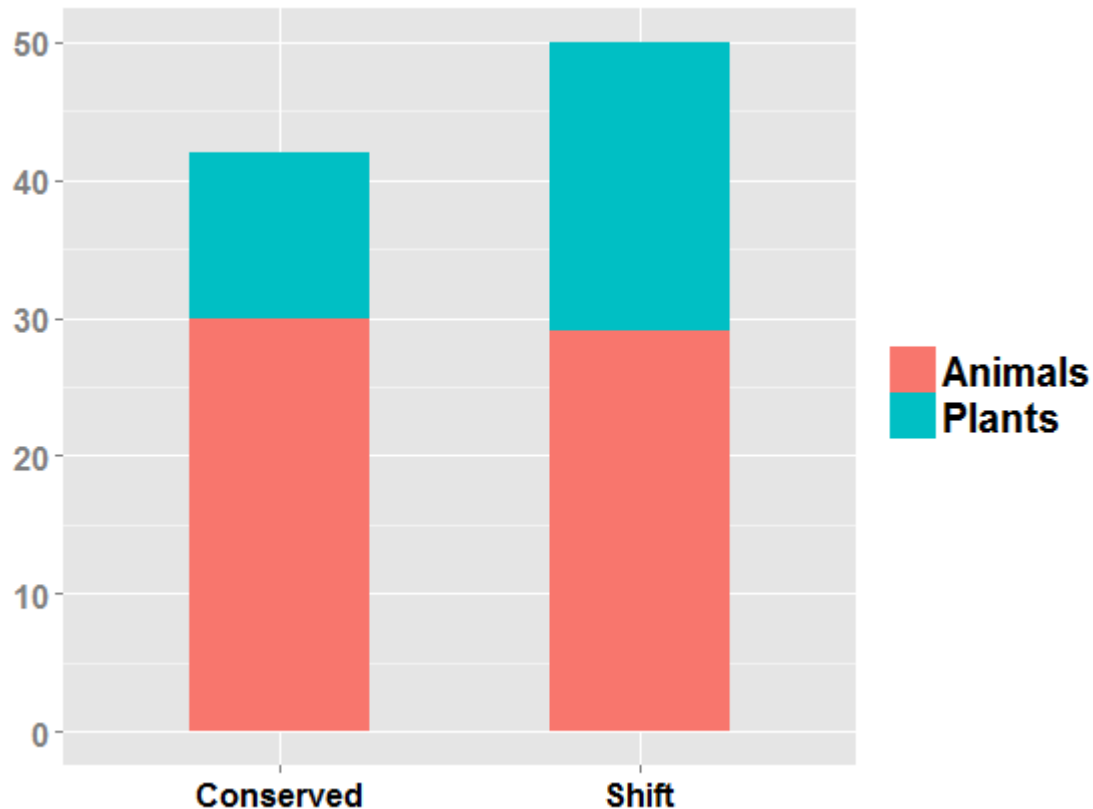


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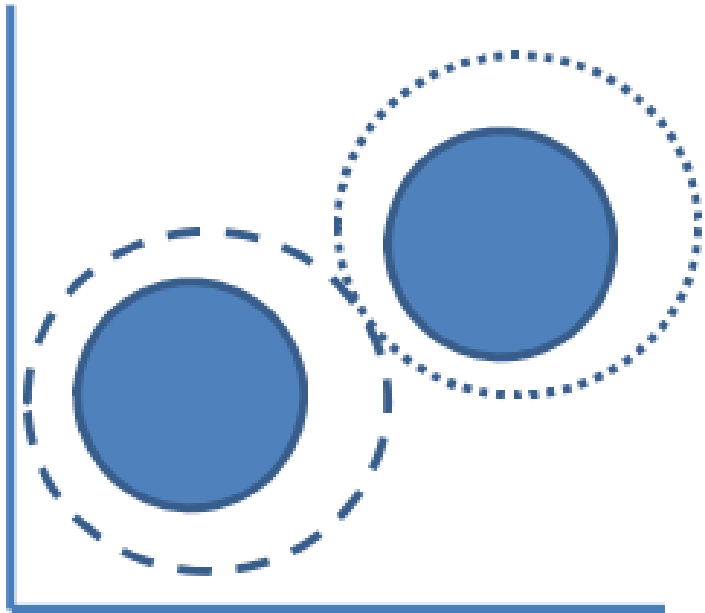
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How stable is the climatic niche?

36 studies, 183 species
(Guisan et al. 2014)



Measuring overlap in the same environmental conditions



Non-overlap of background conditions = false difference



Complete overlap of background conditions = true difference

Measuring overlap in the same environmental conditions

