

# oSCR :: CHEAT SHEET



The oSCR package, pronounced “Oscar”, provides a set of functions for working with Spatial Capture Recapture (SCR) models.

## Getting the package

Package hosted on [GitHub](#)

```
library (devtools)
install_github("jaroyle/oSCR")
library(oSCR)
```

## Workflow

- Every model you run on oSCR has the following 4 basic steps.
- Modeled after [unmarked](#) workflow

### 1. Format the sampling data

- One file for each one:
- Spatial encounter histories
  - Detector information

### 2. Define and format the State Space

- Size and resolution of the state space
- Spatial covariates for density

### 3. Analyze the data - model fitting

- Likelihood based: use AIC to do model selection
- No need to use other packages, oSCR has helper functions to do the model selection.

### 4. Post processing model output for inference:

- This means that now that you have your parameters all you have to do is interpret your results!

## Modelling framework

### A. Single-session models

- Repeated sample occasions on a single population of individuals using a single array of traps.

### B. Multi-session models

- Data grouped in strata or groups which are independent in space or time.

### C. Explicit sex-structured models

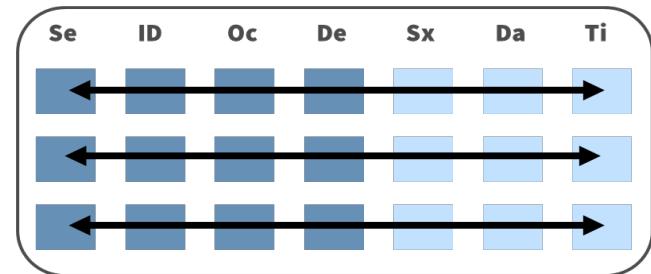
### D. Multi-session sex-structured models

## 1. Format sampling data

Before starting to use oSCR you need to format the datafiles in a scrFrame which consists of two basic spreadsheets: **edf** and **tdf**.

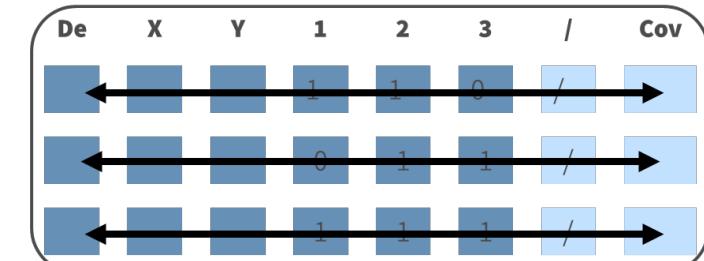
### 1.1 edf: encounter data file.

- Single **data frame**.
- Each row has individual detection events.
- Dark blue = required; light blue = optional.
- Columns contain capture information:
  - Session (Se)
  - Individual ID (ID)
  - Occasion (Oc)
  - Detector\* (De)
  - Sex (Sx)
  - Date (Da)
  - Time (Ti)



### 1.2 tdf: trap deployment data file.

- A **list** with information for each session (tdf1, tdf2, ...).
- Each row is a trap.
- Columns contain trap information
  - Detector\* (De)
  - X (required, UTM)
  - Y (required, UTM)
  - Binary trap operation data for malfunctions, rotations (required if problems were found;
  - 1, 2, 3, ... n)
  - Separator (e.g., /)
  - Trap level covariates (different column per covariate)



\*Notice that both edf and tdf have the same **Detector (De)** column that **MUST** match (same name, class, relational database).

**1.3 data2oscr()**: is a function that links **edf** and **tdf** files via the detector\* names. Creates **scrFrame**.

```
data <- data2oscr(
  edf,      # encounter data file
  tdf,      # list containing trap deployment file
  sess.col*, # session col number or name in edf
  id.col*, # individual ID col # or name in edf
  occ.col, # occasion col number or name in edf
  trap.col*, # detector col number or name in edf
  sex.col*, # sex col number or name in edf
  sex.nancode, # character for unknown sex in edf
  K,        # number of occasions
  ntraps,   # number of traps
  trapcov.names, # vector of un-numbered cov
  names
  tdf.sep) # separator (e.g., "/")
```

\* `which(colnames(edf) %in% "name of column in edf")`

### 1.4 Summary functions for scrFrame :

- scrFrame contains information from the **edf** and **tdf** via detector names.

```
sf<-data$scrFrame
```

**sf\$caphist** Array of individual-by-trap-by-occasion (n x J x K). Binary or counts.

**sf\$traps** Data frame containing at least trap ID and coordinates of traps. Best with UTM.

**sf\$indcovs** Sex data (0 female, 1 male) or any bivariate covariate. NAs allowed.

**sf\$trapCovs** List of session specific trap covariates. Row per trap, and column per covariate.

**sf\$sigCovs** A data frame of covariates that affect space use ( $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma$ ).

**sf\$trapOperation** A list of session specific information on trap operational data.

**sf\$occasions** A vector of number of occasions per session .

**sf\$mmdm** Mean maximum distance moved pooled across sessions.  $\frac{1}{2} mmdm \sim \sigma$

**sf\$mdm** Maximum distance moved pooled across sessions.

**\$telemetry** Telemetry object for fitting resource selection models.

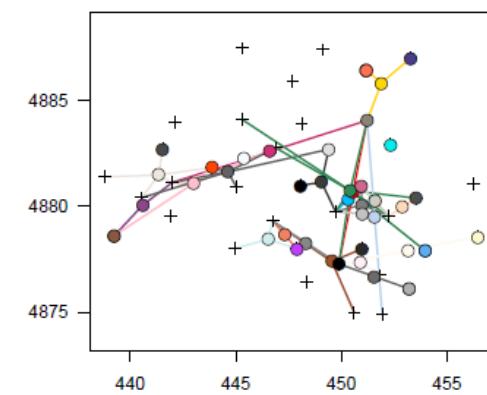
## 1.5 Summary of scrFrame

**sf**

S1	
n individuals	47
n traps	38
n occasions	8
S1	
avg caps	3.21
avg spatial caps	2.02
mmdm	4.65

## 1.6 Spatial captures per session

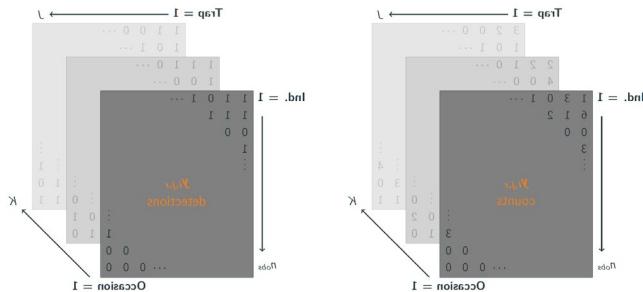
`plot(sf)` #y and x are UTM



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## 1.4.1 Navigating the scrFrame



### Capture history

- Session 1, all individuals, all traps, occasion 3  
`sf$caphist[[1]][ , , 3]`
- Session 1, individual 4, all traps, all occasions  
`sf$caphist[[1]][4, , ]`

### Traps

- Session 1 trap coordinates  
`sf$traps[[1]]`

### Trap covariates

- Trap covariate df session 1 occasion 4  
`sf$trapCovs[[1]][[4]]`

### Trap operation

- Session 1 trap trap operation matrix  
`sf$trapOperation [[1]]`

### Covariates that affect sigma ( $\sigma$ )

- These covariates are NOT session specific. This is a sessions=rows dataframe  
`sf$ sigCovs[[1]]`

### Vectors and single numbers

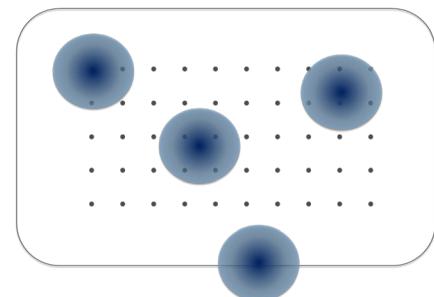
```
sf$ occasions
sf$mmdm
sf$mdm
```

## Datasets available

```
> data(package = "oSCR")
> data(ocelot)
> data("beardata")
> data("nybears")
> data("peromyscus")
> data("mink")
```

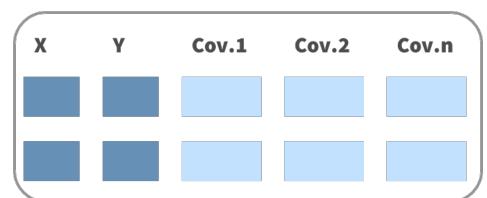
## 2. Create the State Space

The **State Space (S)** is the core element of SCR models. It defines where individuals can live and should represent activity centers of all sampled individuals.



### ssDF: the State Space Data Frame

- List with spatially explicit information from each session.
- At least include the coordinates (X, Y) of the discrete state space (UTM).
- Can include spatial covariates for a continuous state space to study variation in Density.
- Non habitat can be removed by removing unwanted coordinates (e.g., parking lot).

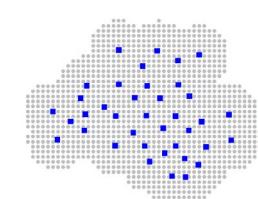


### 2.1. make.ssDF():

- Remember that  $\frac{1}{2} \text{mmdm} \sim \sigma$
  - Extracts covariates and removes non habitat
- ```
ss <- make.ssDF(scrFrame,
                  buffer, #~3 to 4 $\sigma$  around traps
                  res) #  $\leq \hat{\sigma}$ 
```

### 2.2. Plot the state space

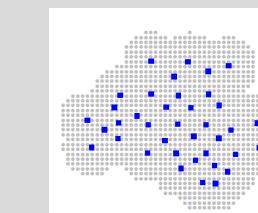
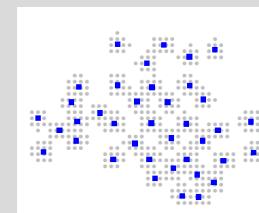
- Plot state space  
`plot(ss)`
- Plot state space & traps  
`plot(ss, sf)`



### Vary the buffer and/or resolution

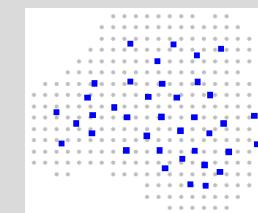
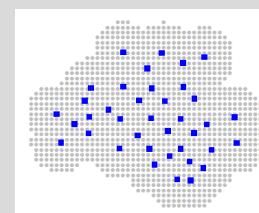
- ↗ Varying buffer, fixed resolution

```
make.ssDF(sf,
           buffer = 1,
           res = 0.5)
```



- ↖ Fixed buffer, varying resolution

```
make.ssDF(sf,
           buffer = 3,
           res = 0.1)
```



## 3. Fit the model

### 3.1. Single-session model: Fit the model with oSCR.fit():

```
sf <- data$scrFrame
mod <- oSCR.fit(model,
                  scrFrame, #sf
                  ssDF, ...)
```

- See pg. 3 for null model and multi-session models.

**model** is a list with 3 basic formulations:

```
list(D ~ 1, p0 ~ 1, sig ~ 1)
```

| Variation in... |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| D               | pixel density                |
| p0              | baseline encounter prob/rate |
| sig             | sigma ( $\sigma$ )           |

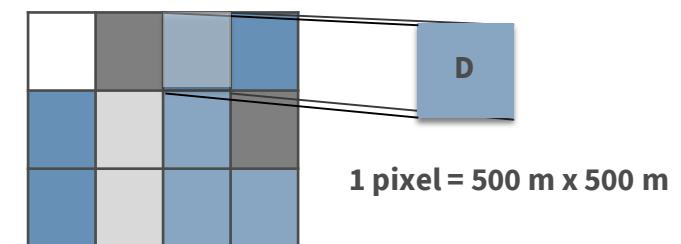
### 3.2. Backtransform to the real scale

```
get.real(model,
          newdata,
          d.factor,
          type)
```

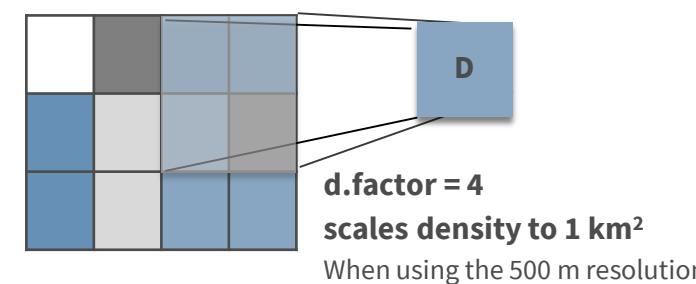
|                 |                                                               |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>model</b>    | fitted model                                                  |
| <b>newdata</b>  | Optional new data object for predictions                      |
| <b>d.factor</b> | optional scale the estimates to a different resolution        |
| <b>type</b>     | density ("dens"), detection probability ("det"), sigma("sig") |

|               |                                                                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>"dens"</b> | Sex-specific estimates of density, and the density estimates are per pixel. |
| <b>"det"</b>  | Estimate of detection at distance from activity center = 0.                 |
| <b>"sig"</b>  | Estimates of the spatial scale of detection.                                |

### d.factor



1 pixel = 500 m x 500 m



**d.factor = 4**  
scales density to 1 km<sup>2</sup>  
When using the 500 m resolution

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Page 3 describes the specific functions and workflow for the null model and multi-session model in the oSCR package.

## Model specifics

### Null model ( $SCR_0$ )

- The null model assumes homogeneous density which means all pixels have the same expected density.
- For additional arguments see `?oSCR.fit()`

```
mod1 <- oSCR.fit(list(D ~ 1,
p0 ~ 1, sig ~ 1),
scrFrame, #scrFrame object
ssDF, #ssDF object
... ) #other arguments
mod1 #summary
```



- If you included sex as a covariate in the scrFrame:
- Sex ratio psi() will be included in the summary
  - Can compare AIC with and without sex effects

### Multi-session model

Are your data organized in multi-sessions and you want to analyze all of them jointly?



**Spatial sessions:** different study areas (e.g., parks, trapping grids)



**Temporal sessions:** same areas different times (e.g. seasons, years)



Session specific **population size**  $N_g$  (g=group/session)

- Test for differences among sessions using AIC.
- Can share parameters among sessions or not.

- The **multi-session** model follows similar steps as the single session model.
- The **edf** files from multiple sessions may be merged into one data frame prior to `data2oscr`  
`edf <- rbind(edf1, edf2, ...)`
- The **tdf** files must be separate files for each session.

### 1. data2oscr for multi-session scrFrame

```
data <- data2oscr(
  edf, # include session column
  list(tdf1, tdf2, ...), # tdf files
  sess.col*, # session col in edf
  id.col*, # individual ID col in edf
  occ.col, # occasion col in edf
  trap.col*, # detector col in edf
  sex.col*, # sex col in edf
  sex.nancode, # unknown sex in edf
  K, # vector with occasions per session
  ntraps) # vector with traps per session
```

```
sf <- data$sf
```

```
sf # summary info per session (S1, S2..)
```

### 1.2. Summary of multi-session scrFrame

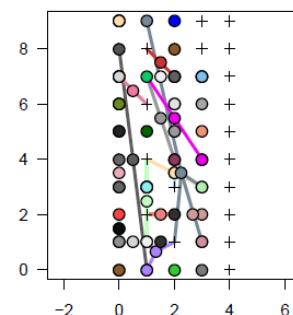
|                  | S1   | S2   | S3   | S4   |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| n individuals    | 77   | 60   | 108  | 54   |
| n traps          | 50   | 50   | 50   | 50   |
| n occasions      | 7    | 5    | 6    | 4    |
|                  | S1   | S2   | S3   | S4   |
| avg caps         | 1.91 | 1.47 | 1.71 | 1.37 |
| avg spatial caps | 1.30 | 1.15 | 1.27 | 1.13 |
| mmdm             | 2.57 | 2.32 | 1.76 | 2.84 |
| Pooled MMDM:     | 2.21 |      |      |      |

### 1.3. Plot spatial captures in a multi-session scrFrame

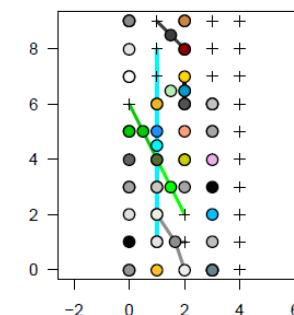
- Use `plot(sf)` to plot a spatial capture per session

```
par(mfrow=c(1,n)) # n = sessions
plot(sf) # plot all sessions
```

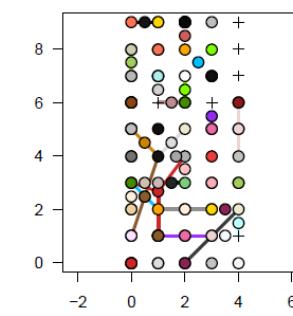
Session 1



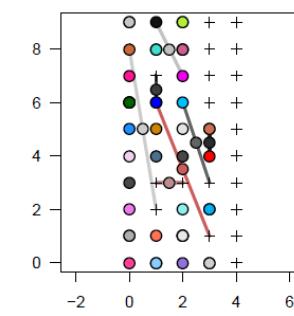
Session 2



Session 3



Session 4



### 2. Make the State Space Data Frame of a multi-session scrFrame

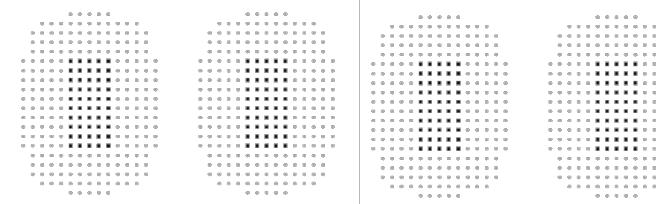
```
ss <- make.ssDF(
  scrFrame, # multi-session
  buffer, #buffer width
  res) #state space resolution
```

- You can vary the buffer and resolution as in the single-session model.

```
?make.ssDF() # Look at the help file for other arguments
```

- Visualize the state space

```
par(mfrow=c(1,n)) # n = sessions
plot.ssDF(ss, # state space
          sf) # traps
```



### 3. Model fitting

- Specify models that consider or not variation among sessions.
  - fixed vs. session specific **D**
  - fixed vs. session specific **p0**
  - fixed vs. session specific **space use ( $\sigma$ )**

| Model     | Algebra                                                  | In <code>oSCR.fit</code>   |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Density   | $\log(D_{(s_i)}) = \beta_0$                              | <code>D ~ 1</code>         |
| Density   | $\log(D_{(s_i)}) = \beta_0 + \beta_{1(g)} Session_g$     | <code>D ~ session</code>   |
| Detection | $\text{logit}(p_0) = \alpha_0$                           | <code>p0 ~ 1</code>        |
| Detection | $\text{logit}(p_0) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_{1(g)} Session_g$ | <code>p0 ~ session</code>  |
| Space use | $\log(\sigma) = \gamma_0$                                | <code>sig ~ 1</code>       |
| Space use | $\log(\sigma) = \gamma_0 + \gamma_{1(g)} Session_g$      | <code>sig ~ session</code> |

- Include all models into a list using `fitList.oSCR()`:
- ```
f1 <- fitList.oSCR(
  mods, # list of fitted models
  rename) # if TRUE models are renamed with sensible names
```
- Compare multiple models
  - `ms <- modSel.oSCR(f1)`
  - Generate an AIC table to compare multiple models
  - `ms$aic`
  - Generate a coefficient table
  - `ms$coef.tab`
  - Generate a model averaged coefficients
  - `ma <- ma.coef(ms) # include a modSel.oSCR object`

### 3.1. Back transform to the real scale

```
top.model <- m3
```

```
pred.df <- data.frame(session =
  factor (c(1, 2, 3, 4, ...)))
```

```
pred.det <- get.real(
  model = top.model, type = "det",
  newdata = pred.df)
```