

Industrial Activity in the South East of England

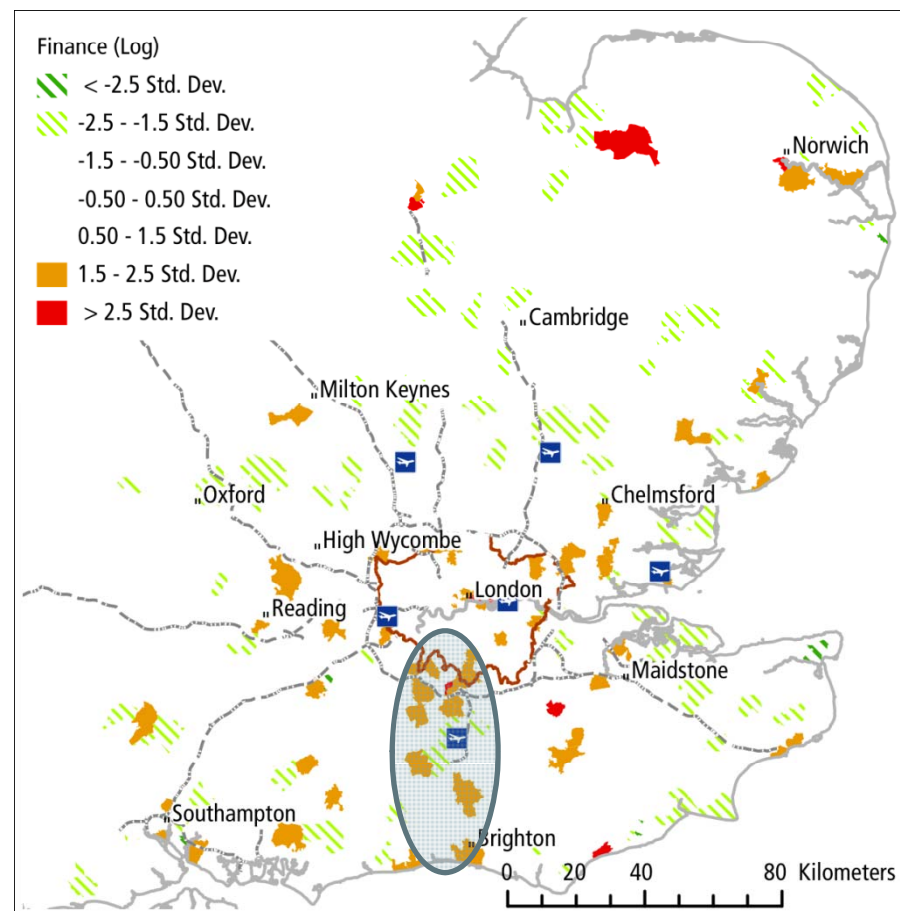
1. Issues in Flow Analysis
2. Standardised Location Quotients

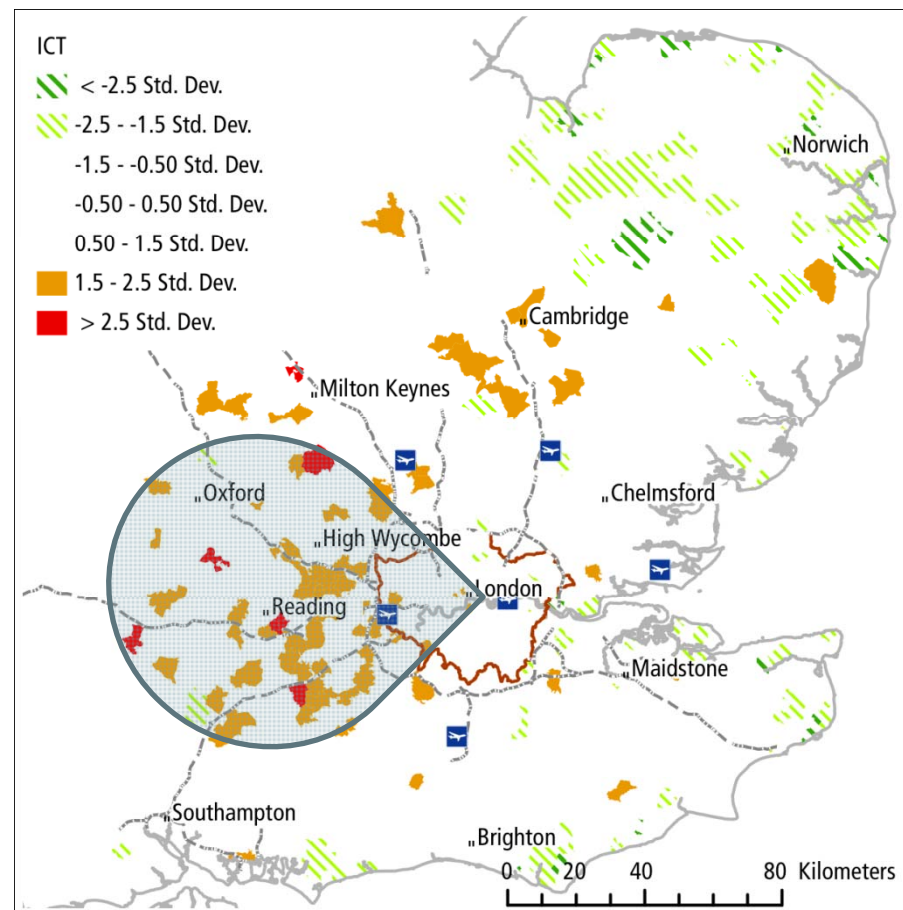
Problems of Scale in Informational Flows

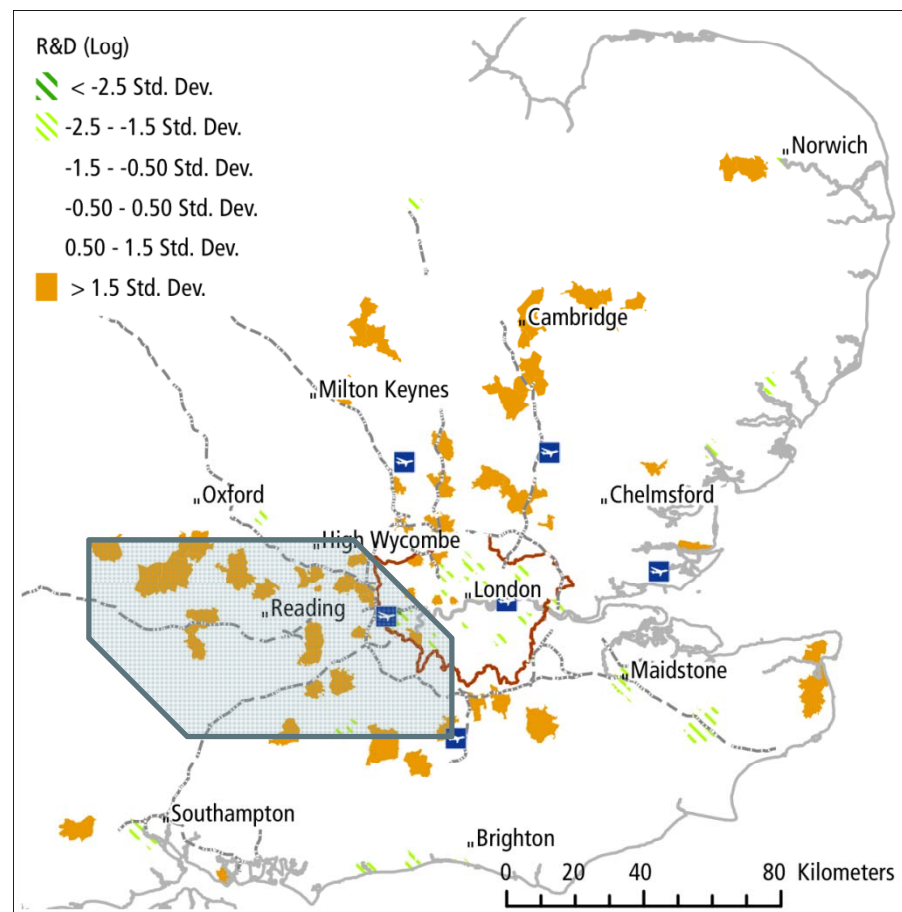
- Flows are nearly costless over distance
- Population and number of employees in London out of all 'proportion' to rest of Britain

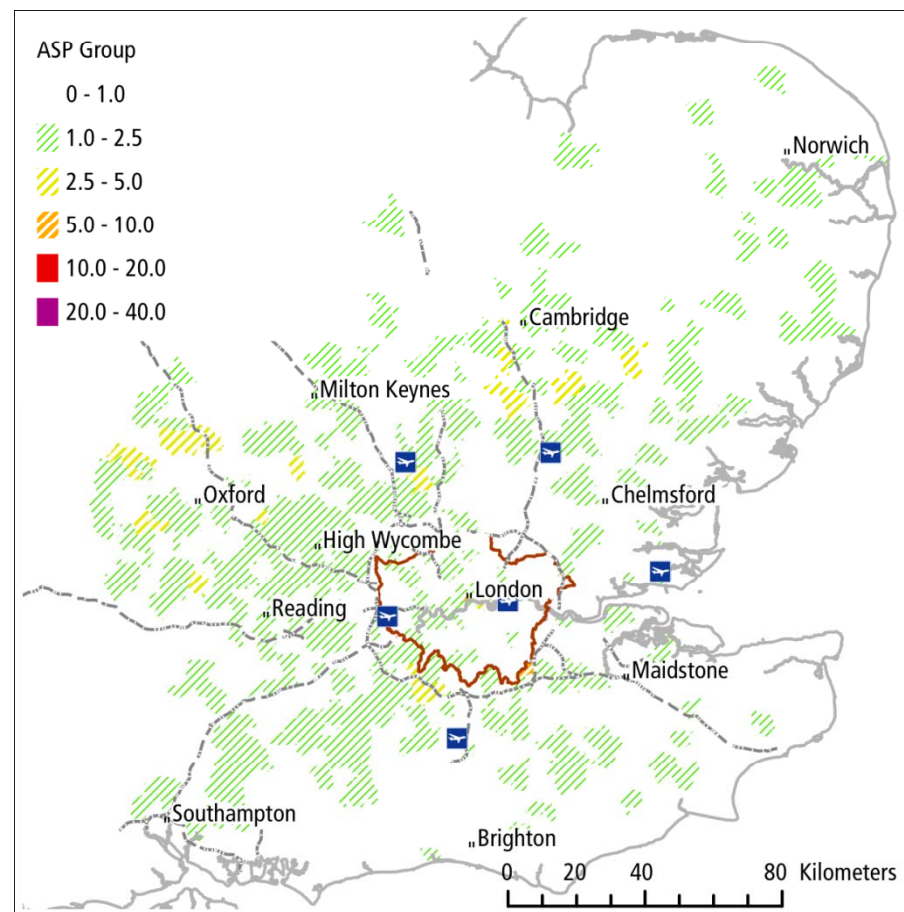
Comparing Locations

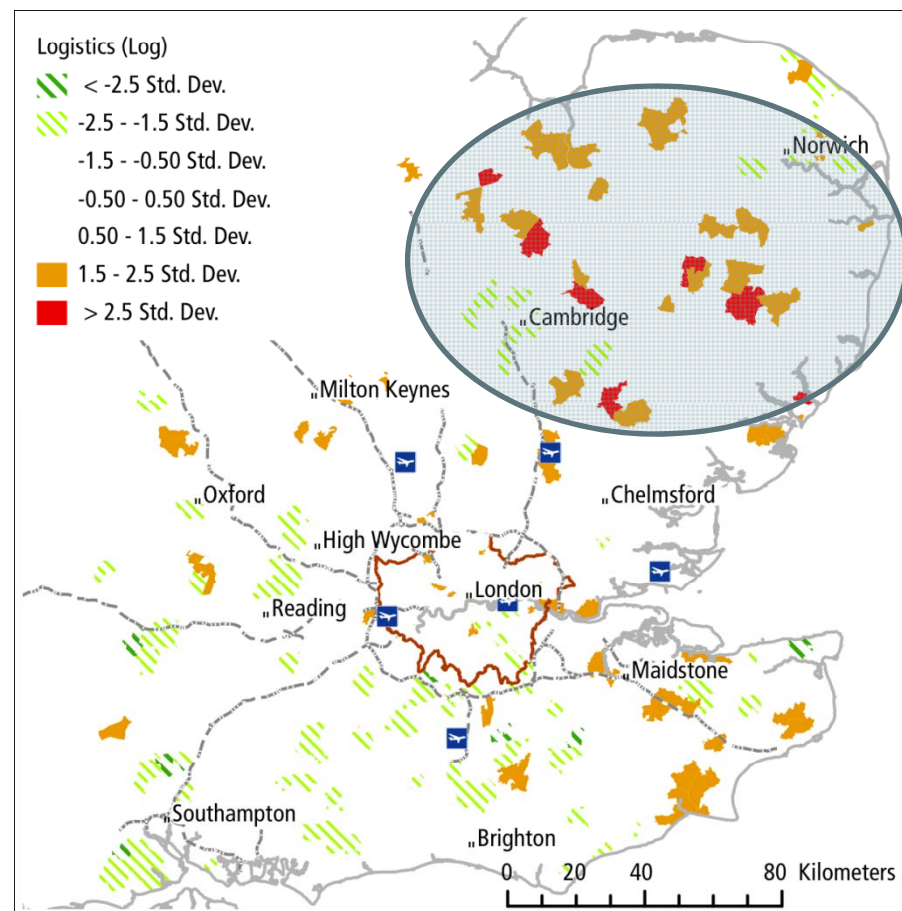
- Standardised Location Quotient helps identify statistically significant groupings of business

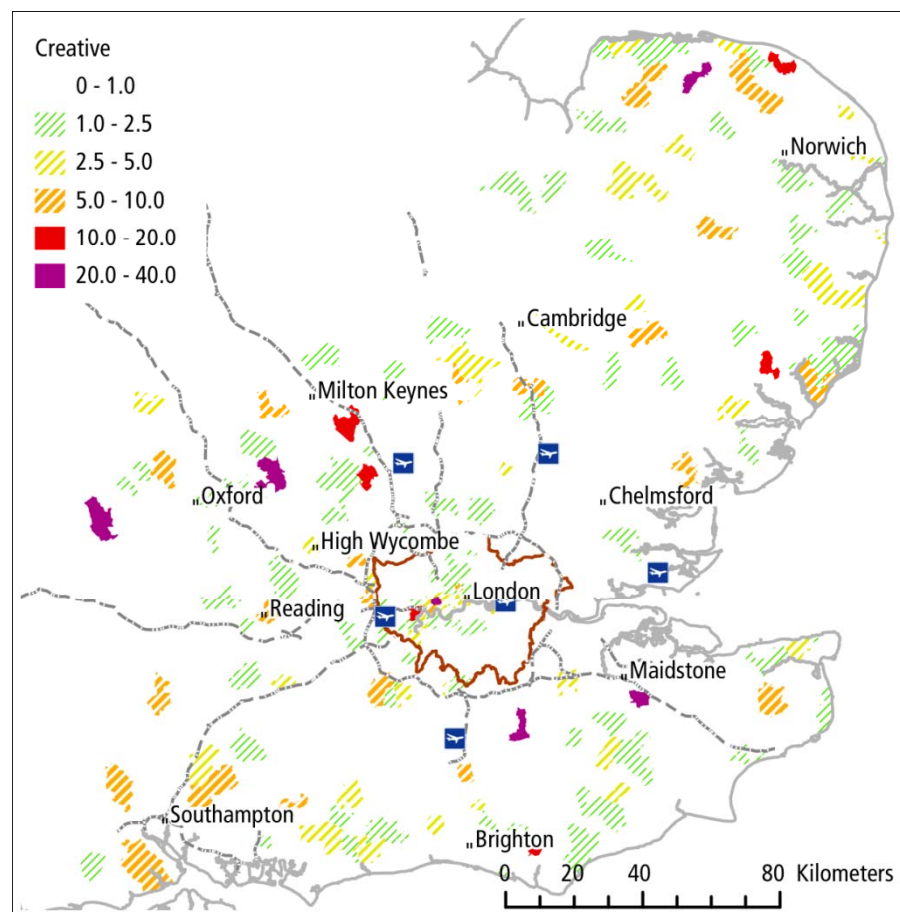






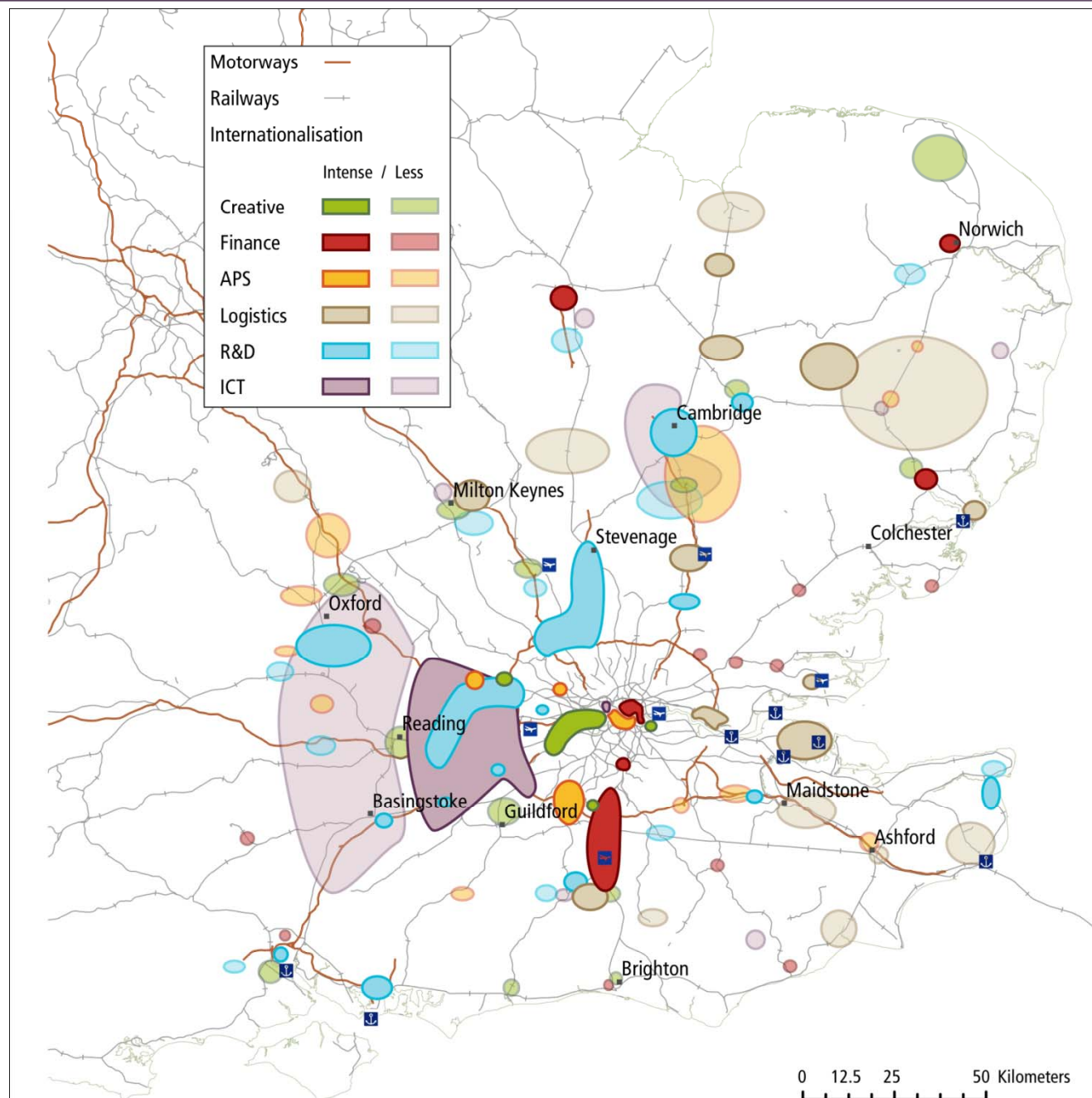






Putting it All Together

- Some sectors are highly-international, but based nearly completely outside of London metro boundary (especially R&D, ICT, and Logistics)
- Overlapping and complementary agglomerations (especially around Cambridge)
- Complex front/back-office & cross-sector dynamics (more research needed)



Final Thoughts

Generally equate London economy with the 'Global Cities' hypothesis, so what do the industries driving globalisation suggest?

- Cultural activity still very much urban
- Financial activity more dispersed than expected
- APS activity tends to reflect accessibility issues
- ICT and R&D dependence on London is uncertain
- Defence overlooked as source of international flows
- Is Logistics part of the London economy?