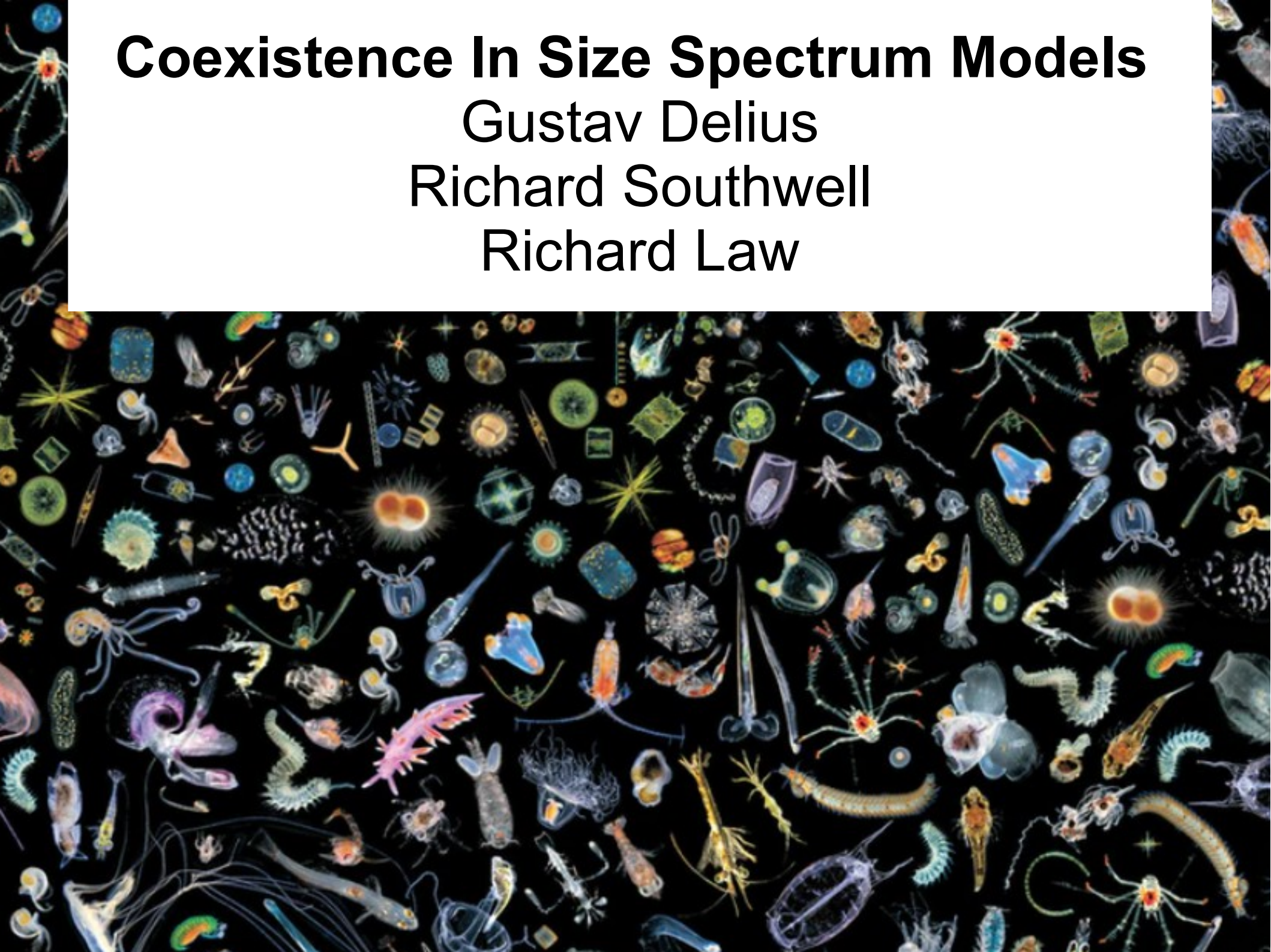


# Coexistence In Size Spectrum Models

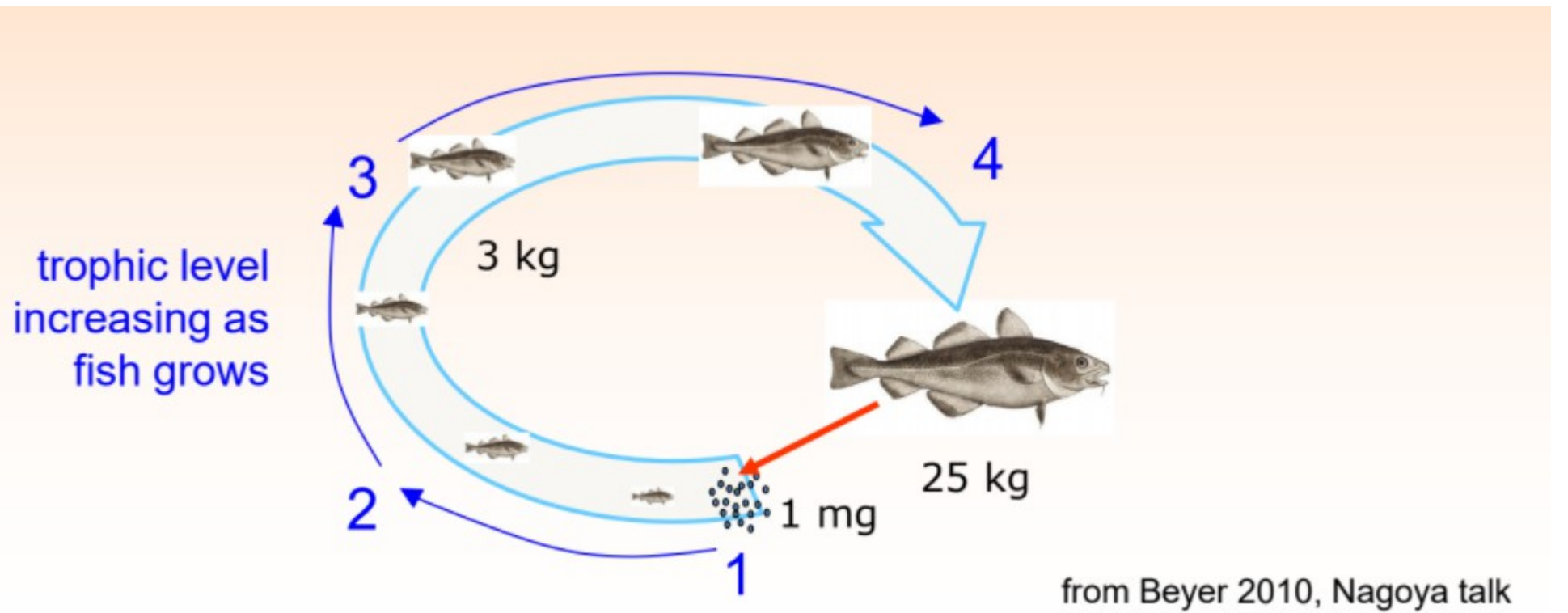
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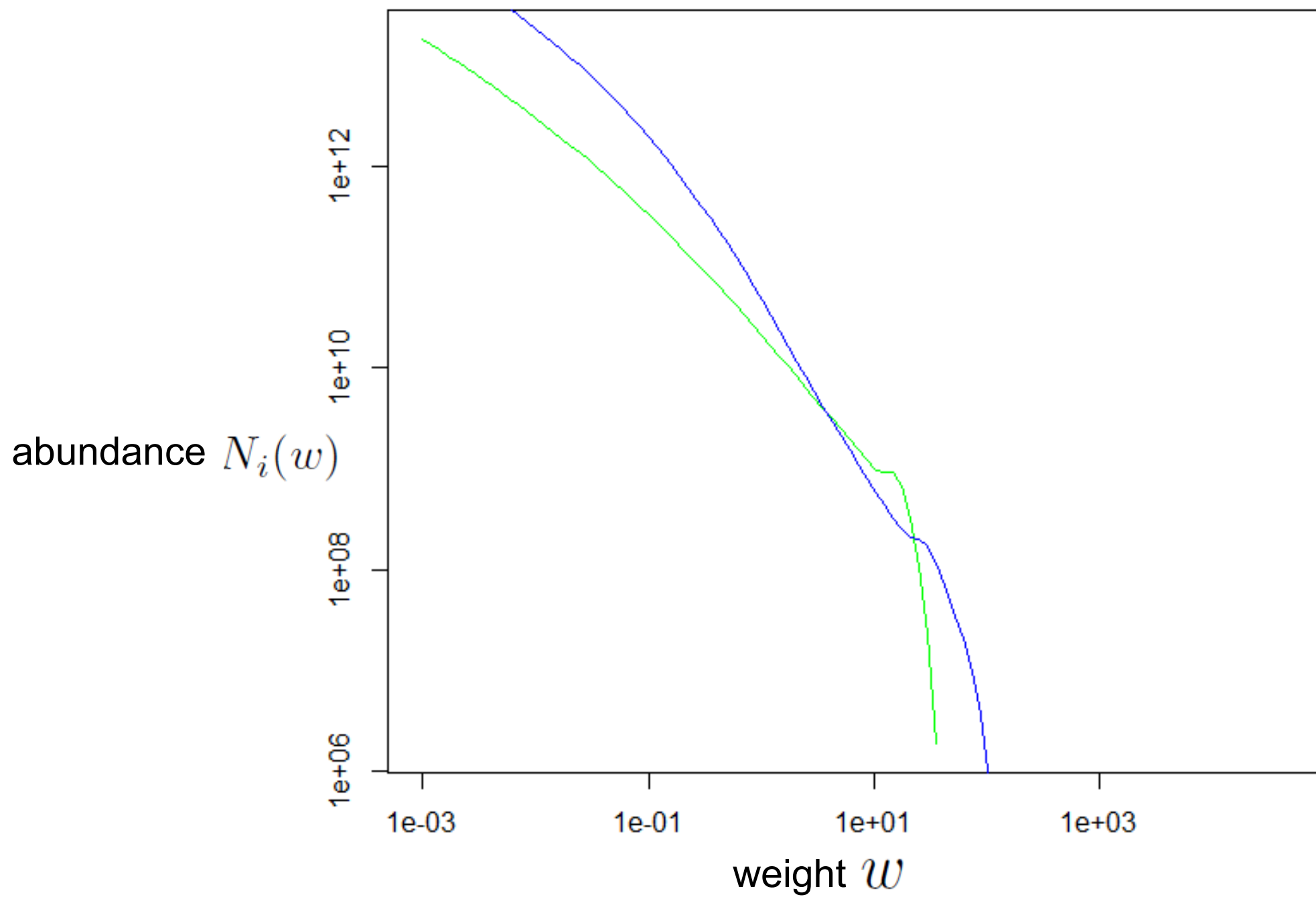
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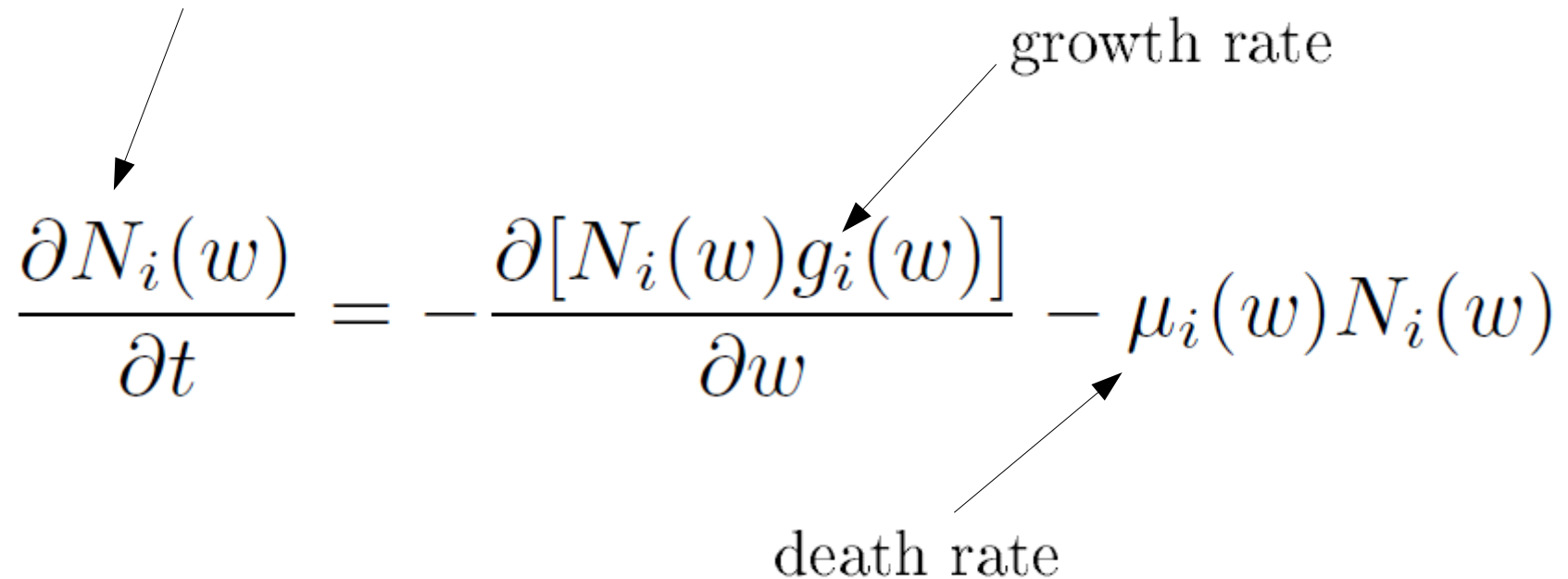






# McKendrick-von Foerster equation

density of weight  $w$  individuals of species  $i$

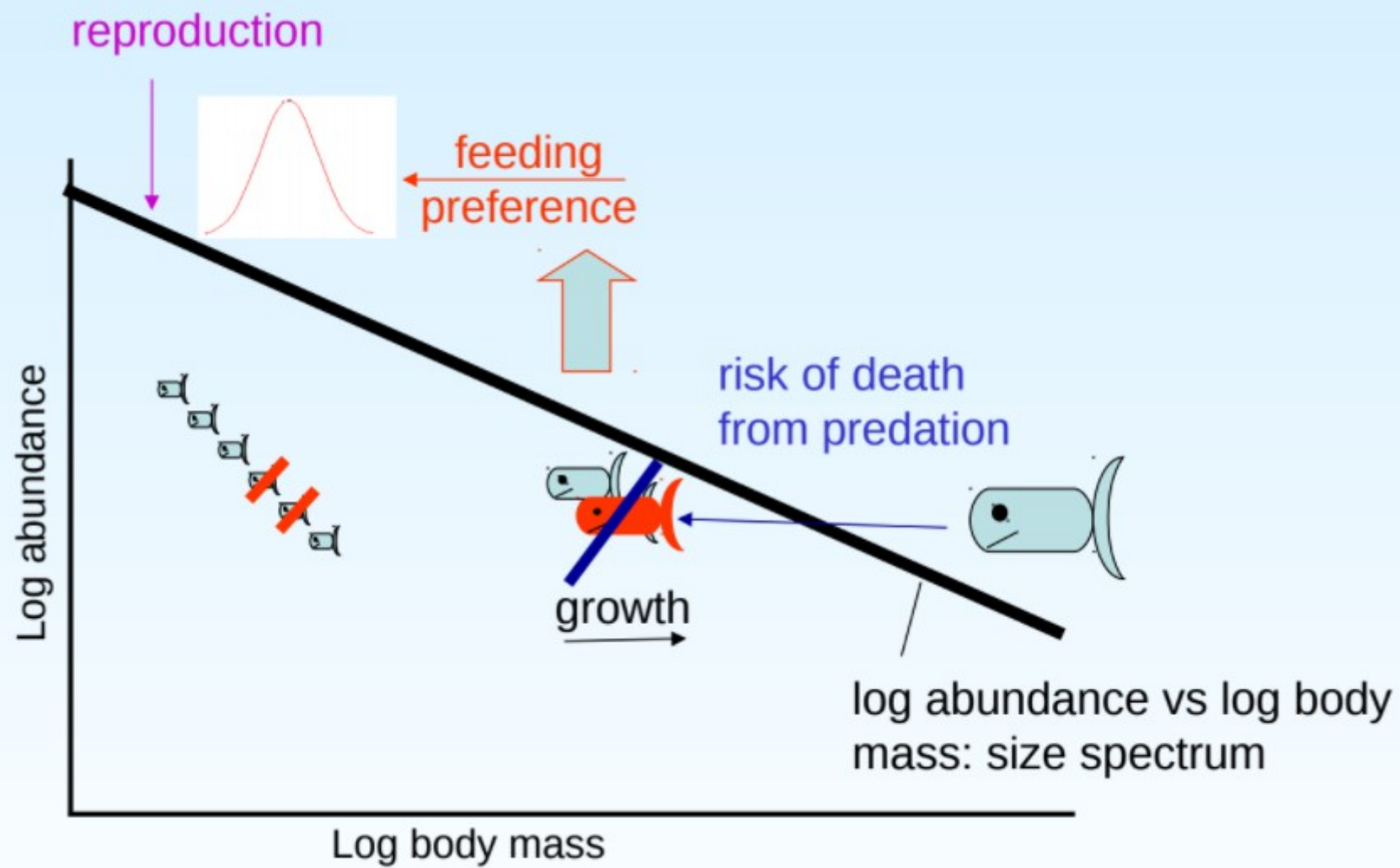


The diagram shows the McKendrick-von Foerster equation with three arrows pointing to its components:

- An arrow from the text "density of weight  $w$  individuals of species  $i$ " points to the term  $\frac{\partial N_i(w)}{\partial t}$ .
- An arrow from the text "growth rate" points to the term  $g_i(w)$  inside the derivative.
- An arrow from the text "death rate" points to the term  $\mu_i(w)$ .

$$\frac{\partial N_i(w)}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial [N_i(w) g_i(w)]}{\partial w} - \mu_i(w) N_i(w)$$



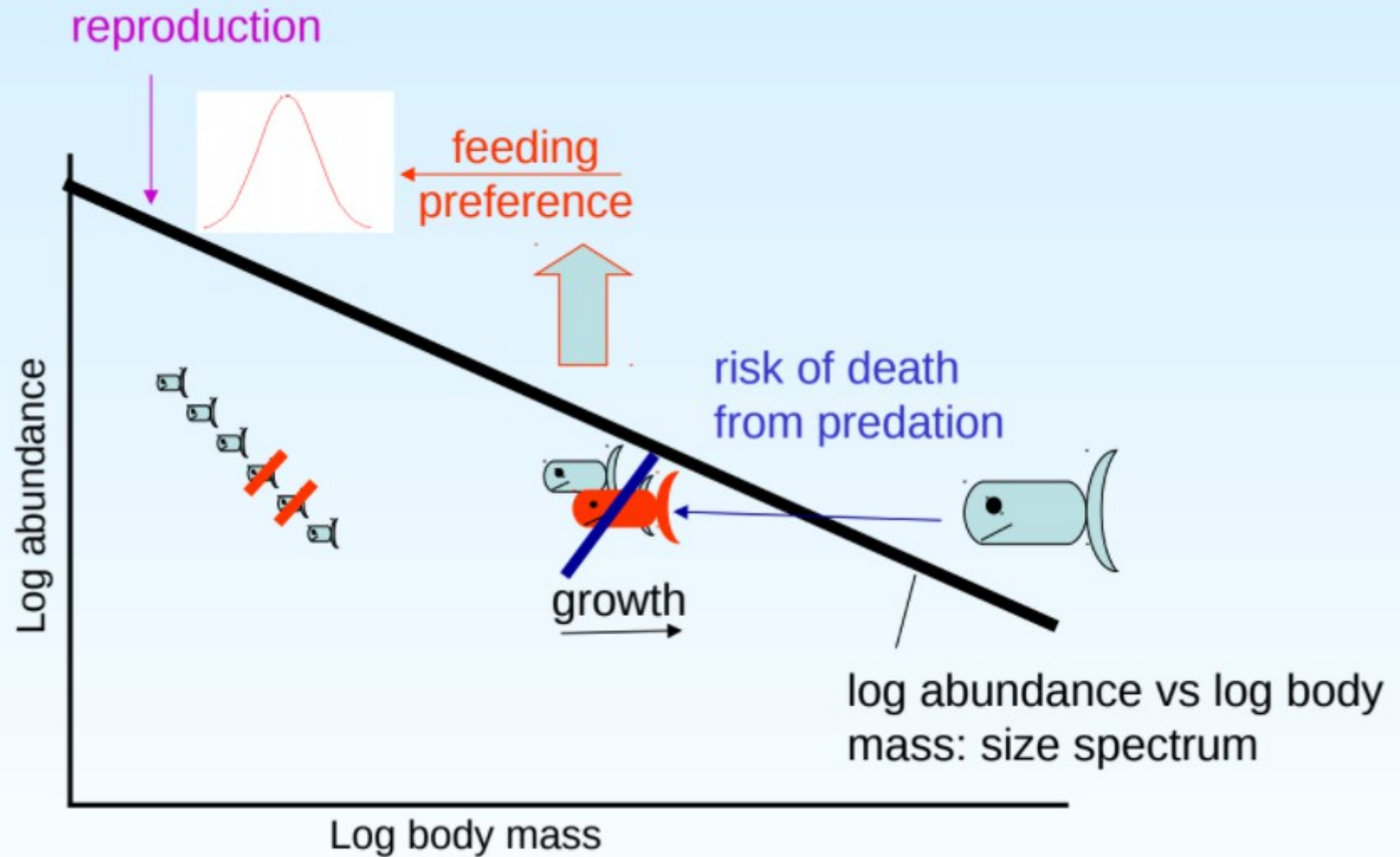


Number of recruits

Abundance at egg size

Growth rate of eggs

$$R_i = N_i(w_{0.i})g_i(w_{0.i})$$

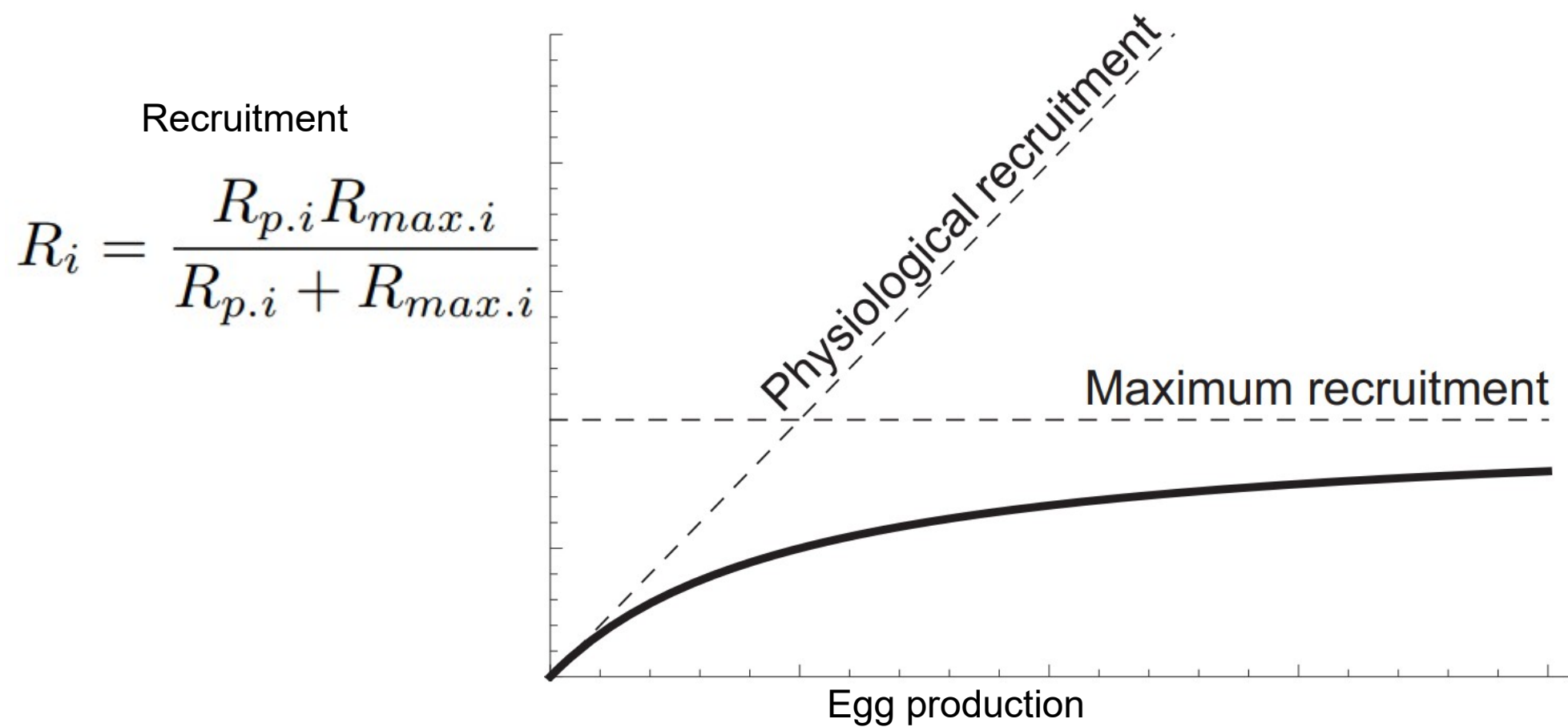


$$R_{p.i} = \frac{\epsilon_i}{2w_{0.i}} \int_0^\infty N_i(w) E_{r.i}(w) \psi_i(w) . dw$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the equation for  $R_{p.i}$  (Egg production):

- Egg production** points to  $R_{p.i}$ .
- Reproduction efficiency** points to  $\epsilon_i$ .
- Egg size** points to  $2w_{0.i}$ .
- Abundance** points to  $N_i(w)$ .
- Energy** points to  $E_{r.i}(w)$ .
- Fraction of energy used for reproduction** points to  $\psi_i(w)$ .



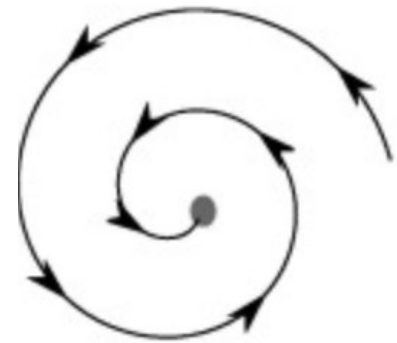


$$R_{p.i} = \frac{\epsilon_i}{2w_{0.i}} \int_0^{\infty} N_i(w) E_{r.i}(w) \psi_i(w) . dw$$

Hold recruitment fixed at  $R_{f.i}$



Evolve system to steady state



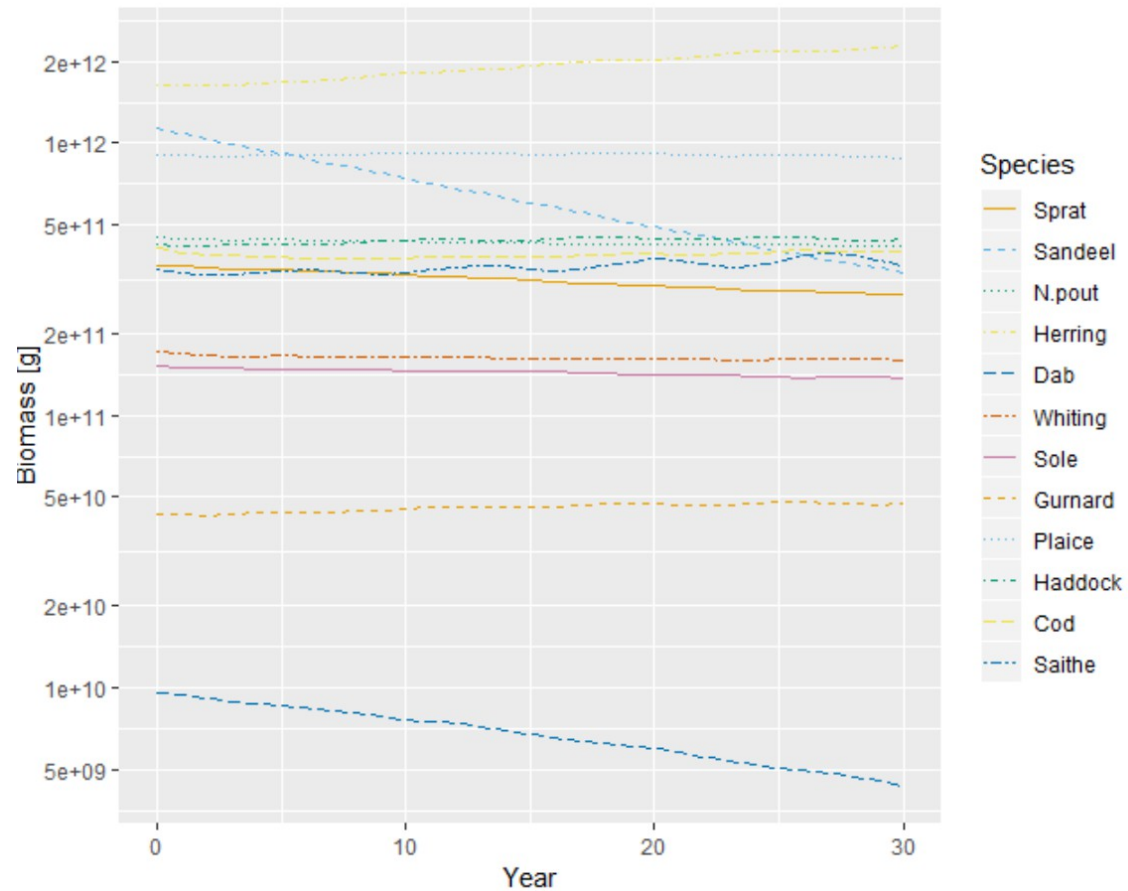
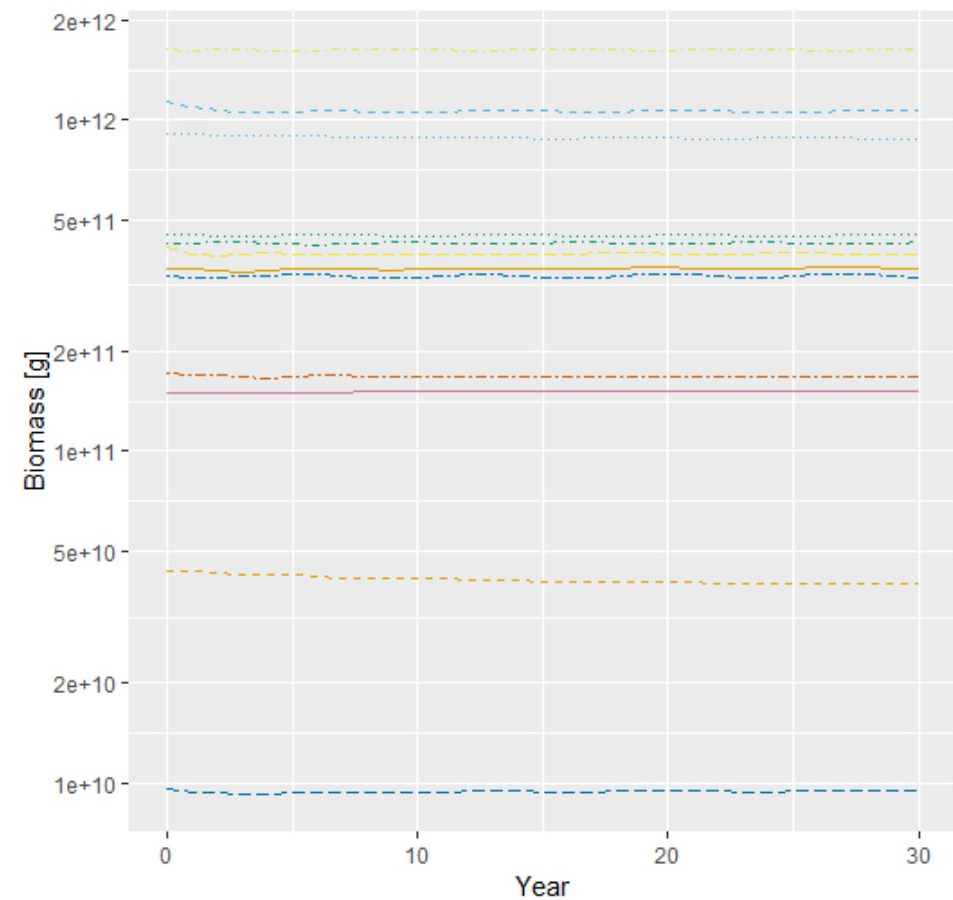
Choose reproduction efficiency  $\epsilon_i$   
so

$$R_{f.i} = \frac{\epsilon_i}{2w_{0.i}} \int_0^\infty N_i(w) E_{r.i}(w) \psi_i(w) . dw$$

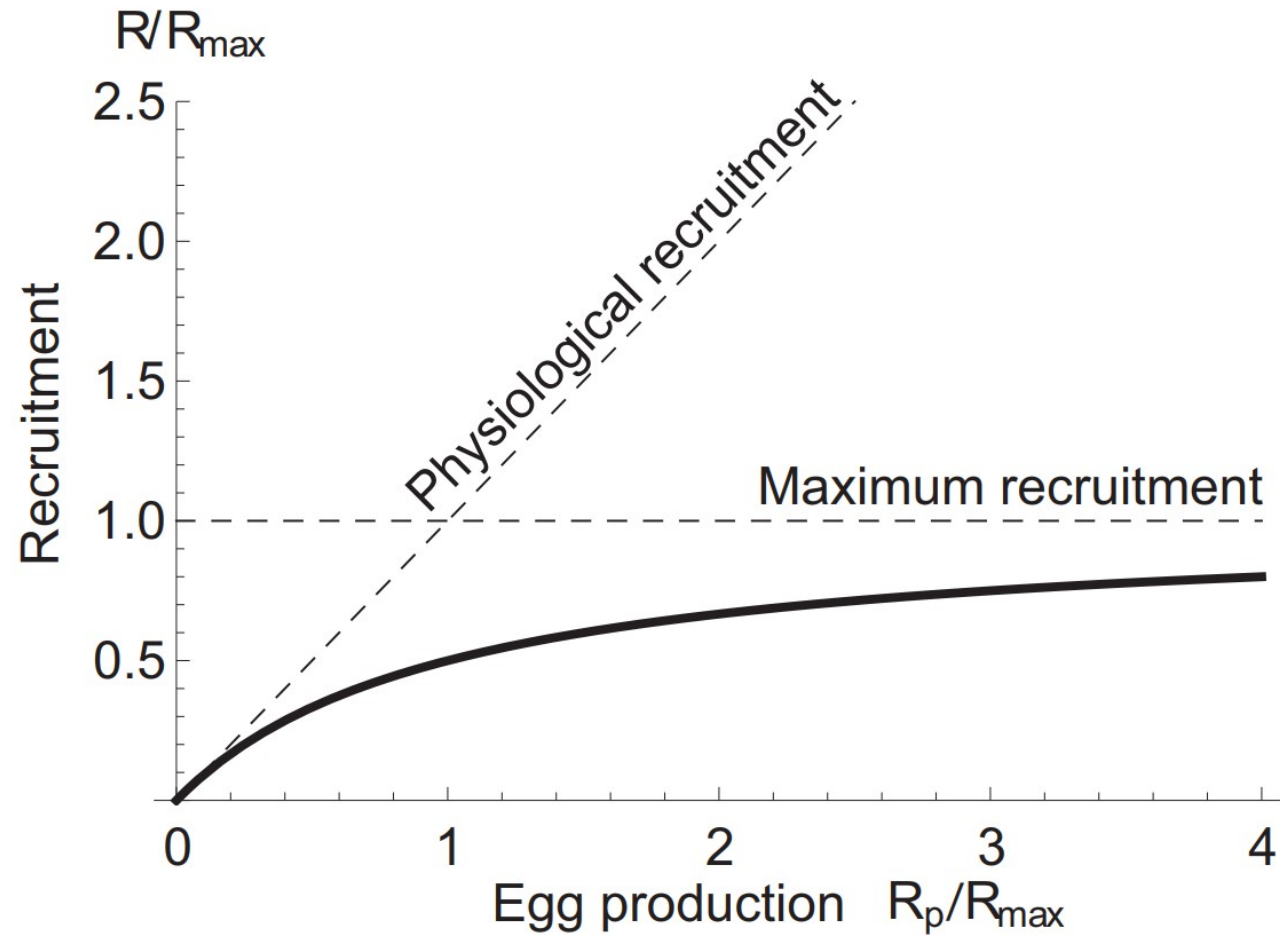


With SRR

Without SRR



$$R_{p.i} = \frac{\epsilon_i}{2w_{0.i}} \int_0^\infty N_i(w) E_{r.i}(w) \psi_i(w) . dw$$



$$R_i = \frac{R_{p.i} R_{\max.i}}{R_{p.i} + R_{\max.i}}$$

energy available for growth and reproduction

reproductive efficiency

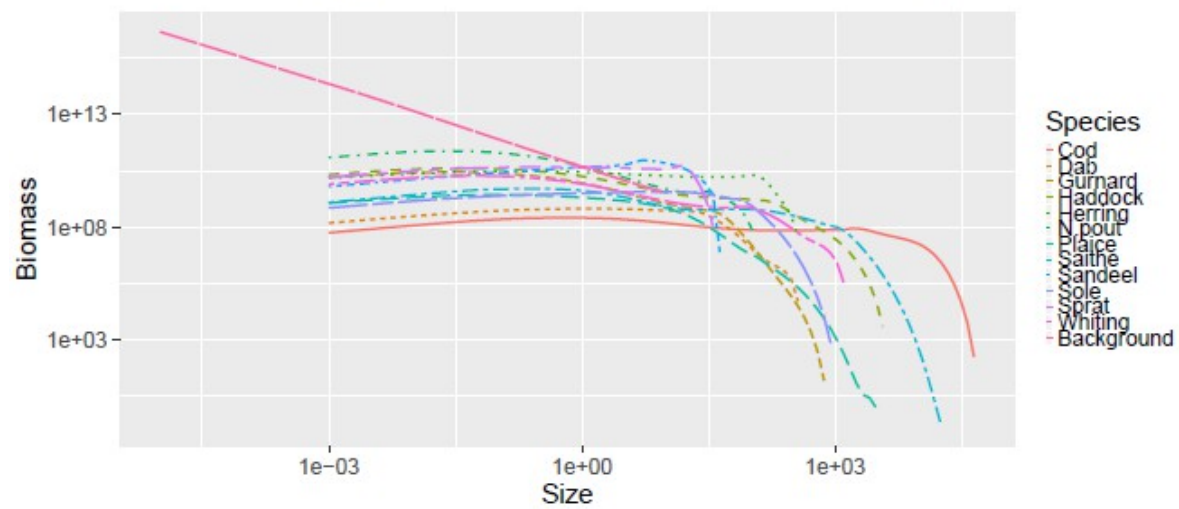
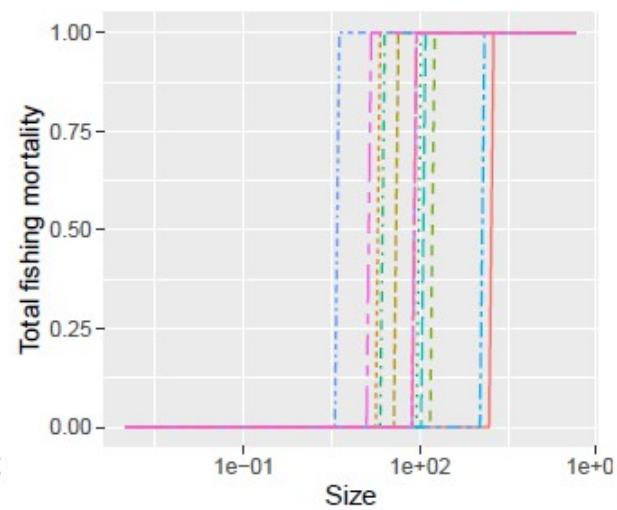
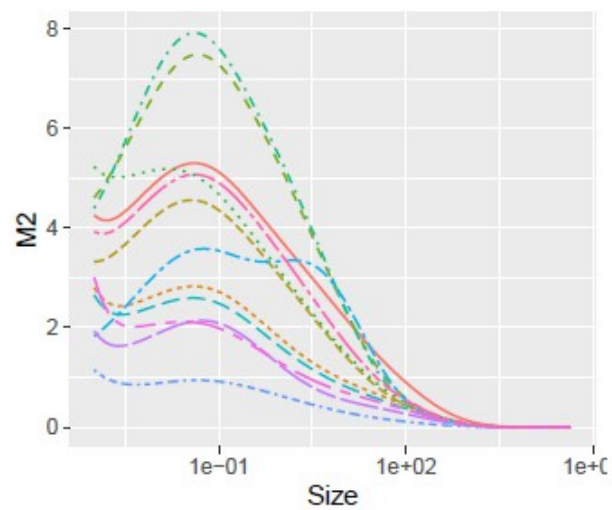
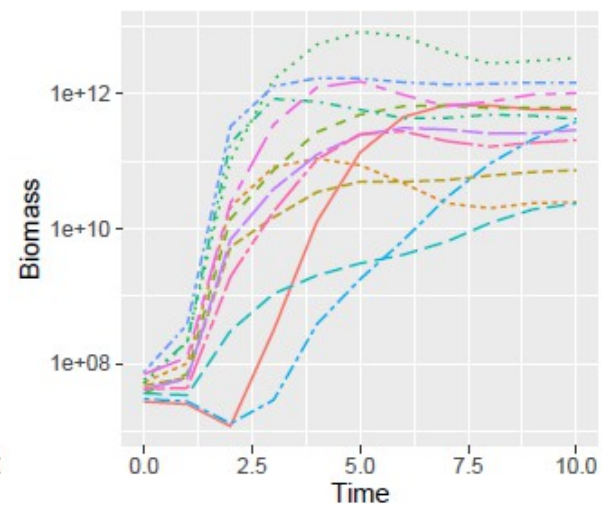
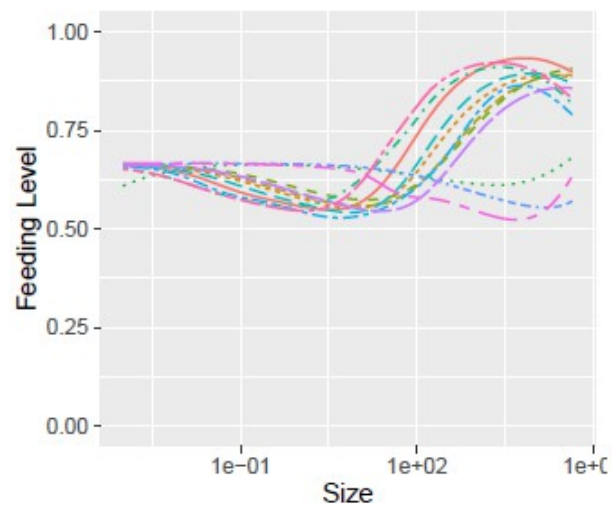
$$g_i(w_{e.i})N_i(w_{e.i}) = \frac{\epsilon_i}{2w_{e.i}} \int_0^\infty N_i(w)E_{r.i}(w)\psi(w).dw$$

egg size for  $i$  th species

fraction of energy diverted into reproduction







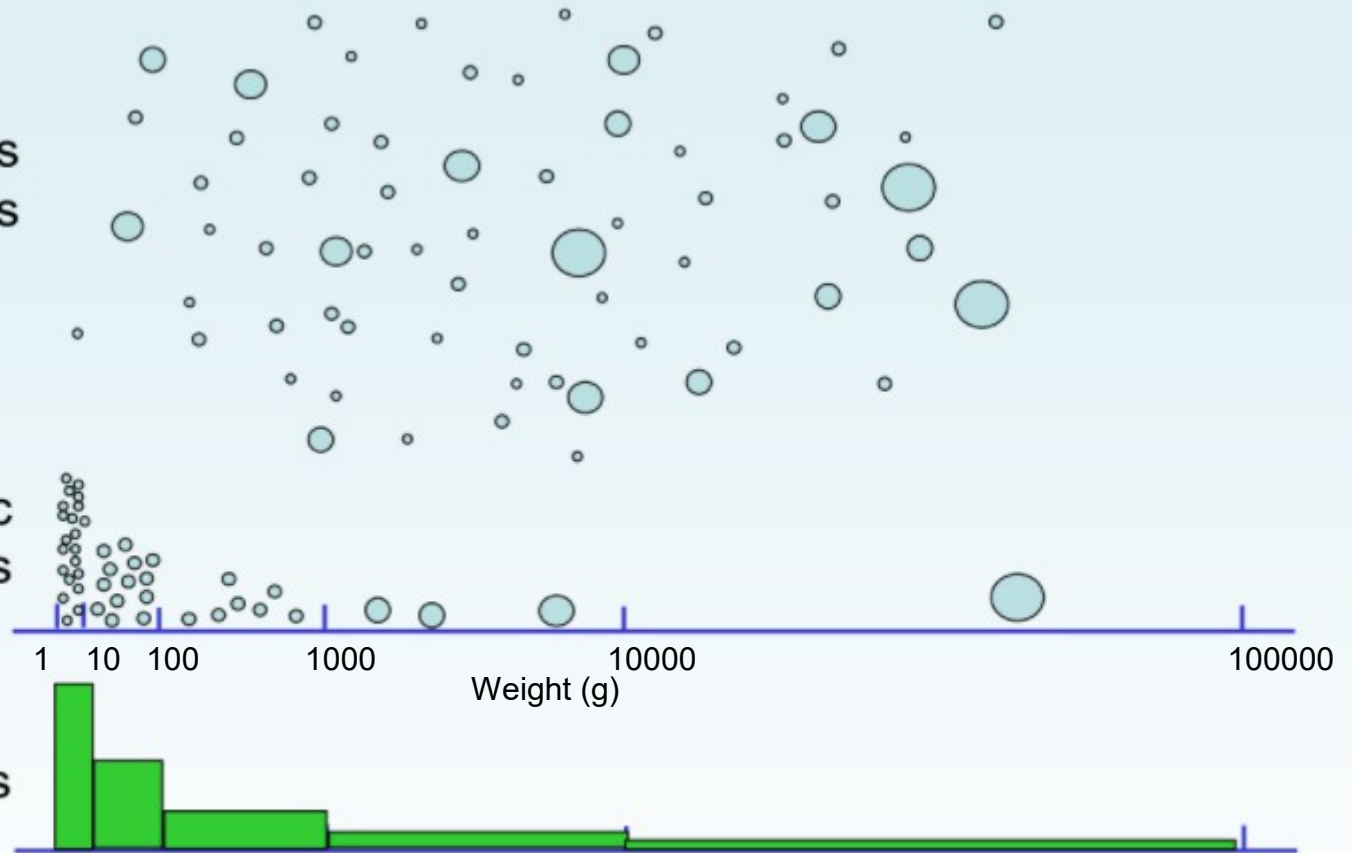


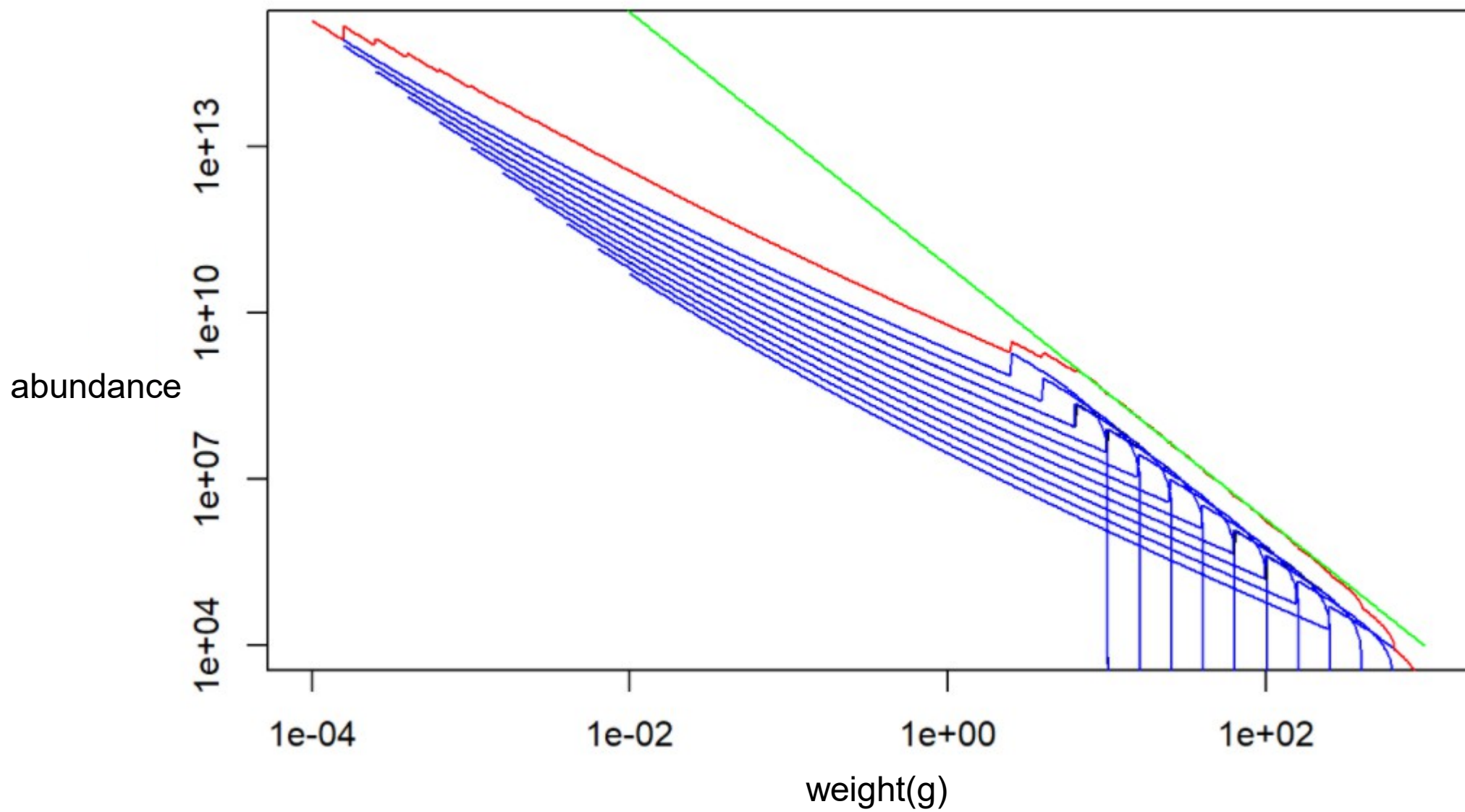
organisms as particles  
of different sizes

bin into logarithmic  
size intervals

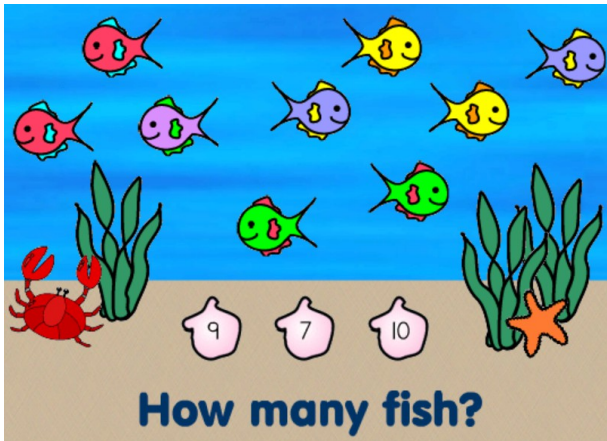
sum the biomass

biomass in log bins is approximately constant





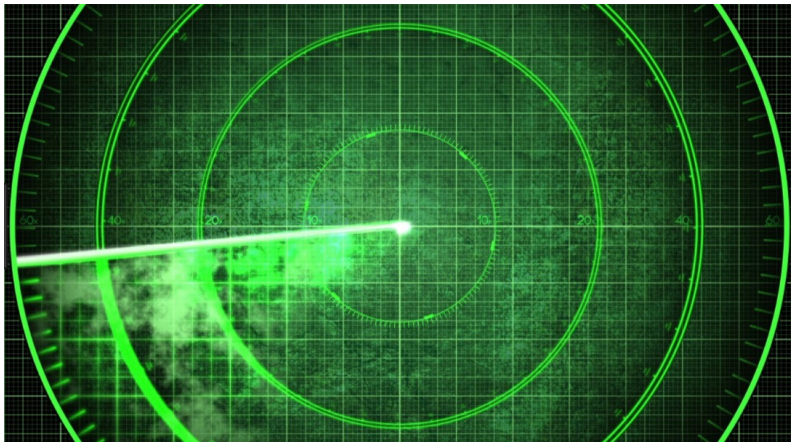




sum over prey



weight by preference



multiply by search rate of predator

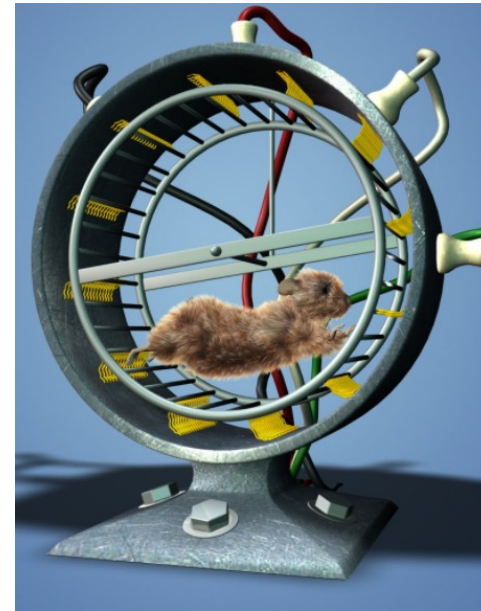


energy encountered

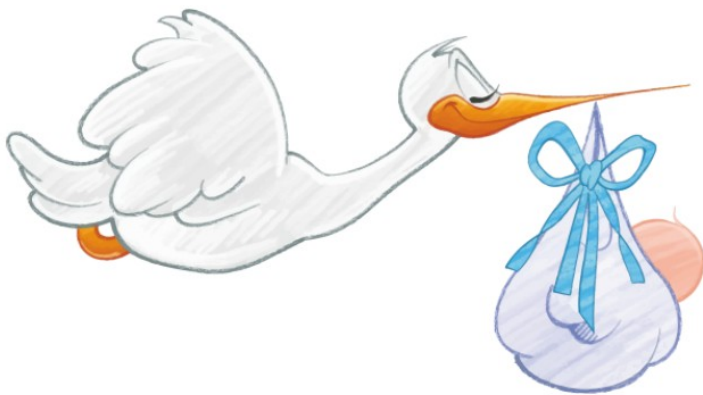




limited eating rate



energy costs for movement  
and metabolism



energy for reproduction



growth



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preference level

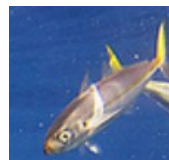
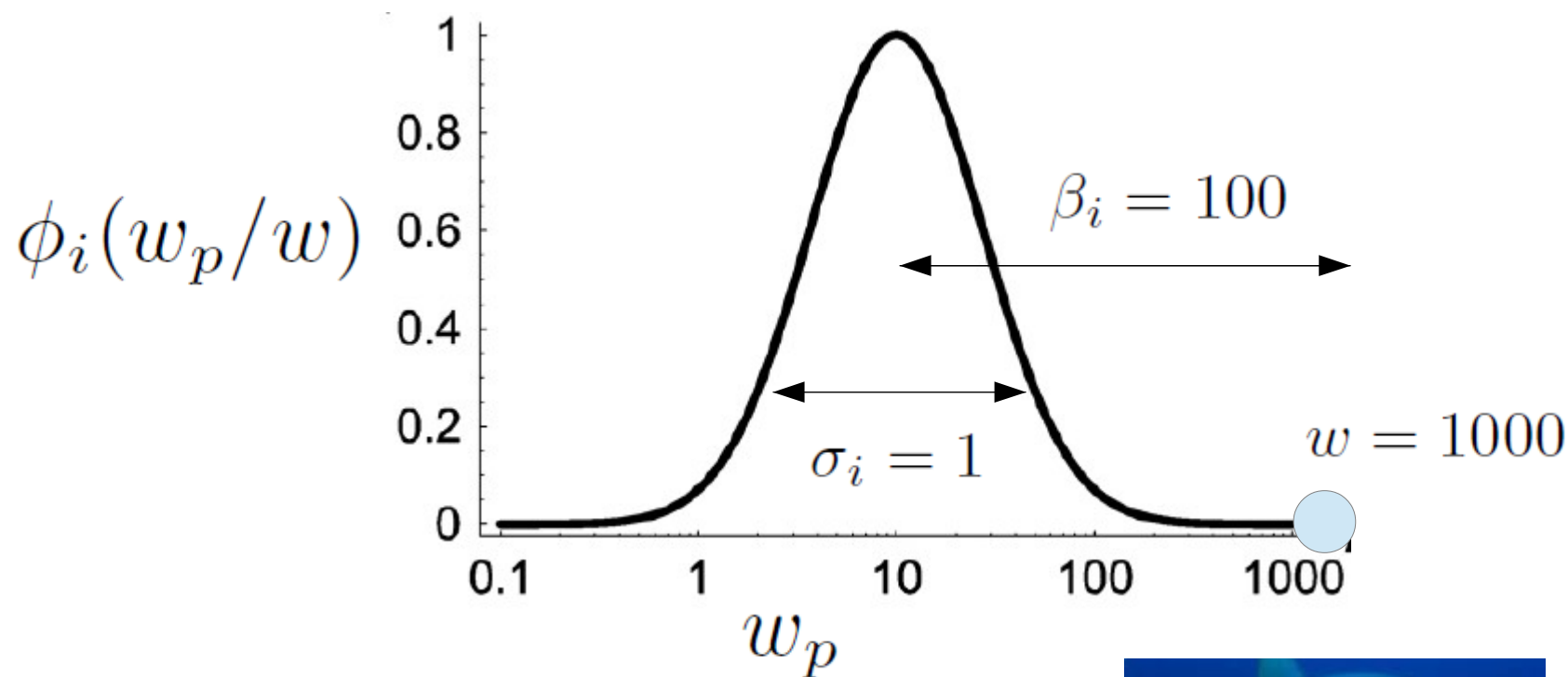
prey size

preferred predator-prey mass ratio

$$\phi_i(w_p/w) = \exp \left[ \frac{-(\ln(w/(w_p\beta_i)))^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \right]$$

predator size

width of prey distribution



energy encountered

predator weight

preference level of species  $i$  for species  $j$

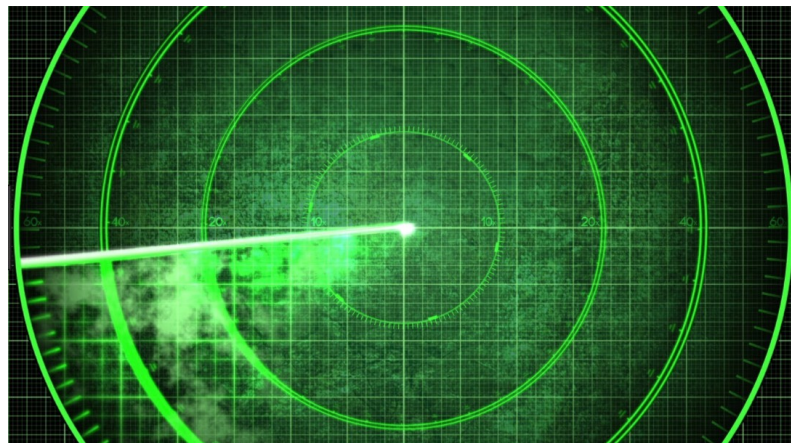
prey weight

$$E_{e.i}(w) = \underbrace{\gamma}_{\text{volumetric search rate}} w^q \int_0^\infty \left( \underbrace{N_R(w_p)}_{\text{abundance of background resources at weight } w_p} + \sum_j \underbrace{\theta_{ij}}_{\text{preference level of species } i \text{ for species } j} \underbrace{N_j(w_p)}_{\text{prey weight}} \right) \underbrace{\phi_i\left(\frac{w_p}{w}\right)}_{\text{preference level of weight } w \text{ predator for weight } w_p \text{ prey}} w_p dw_p$$

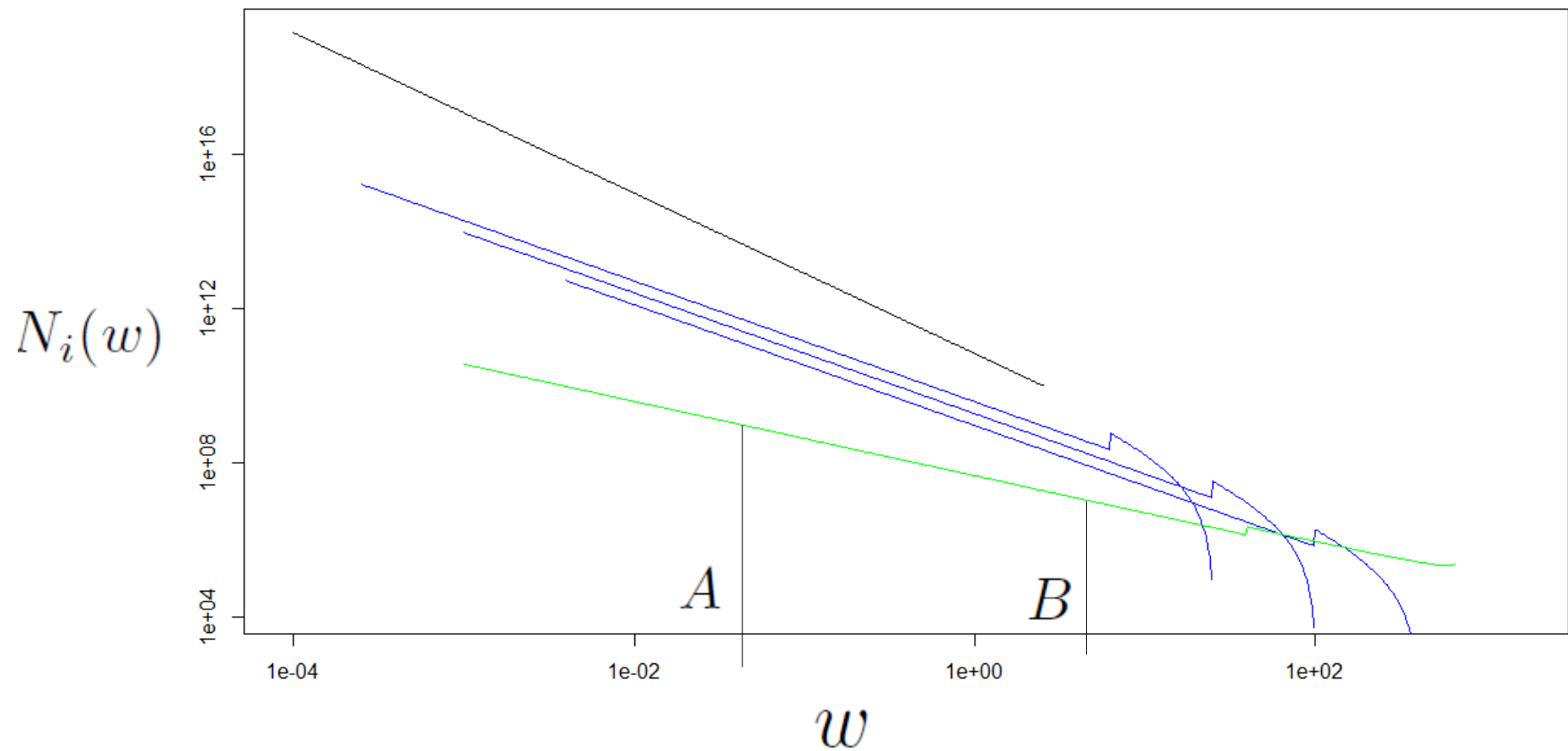
volumetric search rate

abundance of background resources at weight  $w_p$

preference level of weight  $w$  predator for weight  $w_p$  prey



$N_i(w)$  = density of weight  $w$  individuals of species  $i$



$\int_A^B N_i(w)dw$  = number of individuals with weight between  $A$  and  $B$



# **Size Spectrum Modelling**

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