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Inshore fisheries for the northern shrimp *Pandalus borealis* in Iceland: do multispecies linkages and temperature improve management advice?

Within-fjord shrimp stocks

Arnarfjörður

Ísafjörður

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Important historically

- Almost 1 century of shrimp fishing in the west fjords.
- Peak landings were ~850 tonnes in Arnafjörður in 1994 and ~ 3000 tonnes in Ísafjörður in 1990.
- Surveys date back to the mid-1960s.



Ólafsson et al. 1976

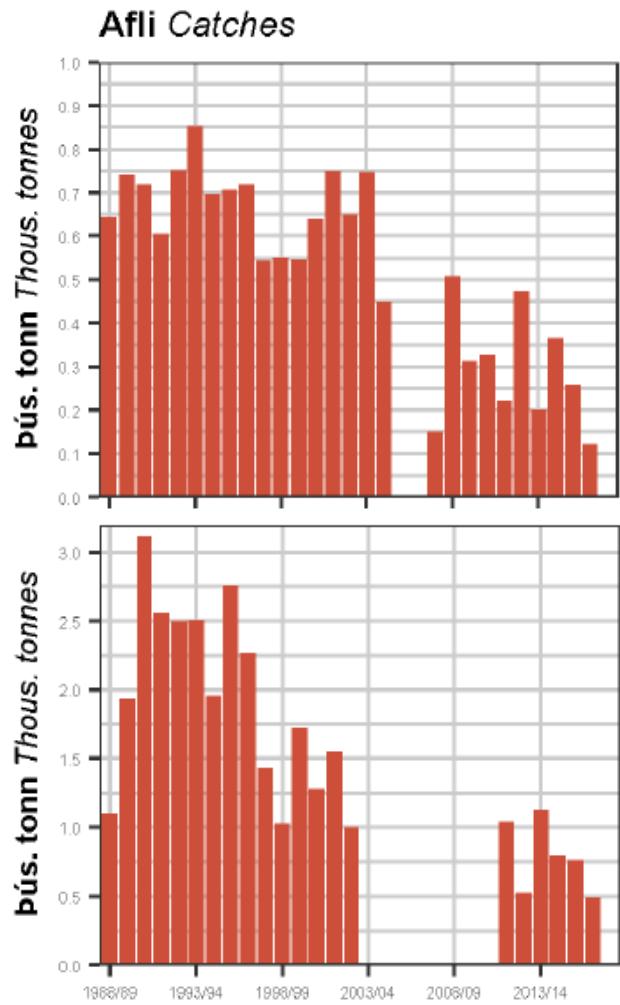
Still important locally

- Can use a small boat.
- But, recent decades marked by decreased biomass indices & fishery closures.
- This is despite consistent surveys and management.

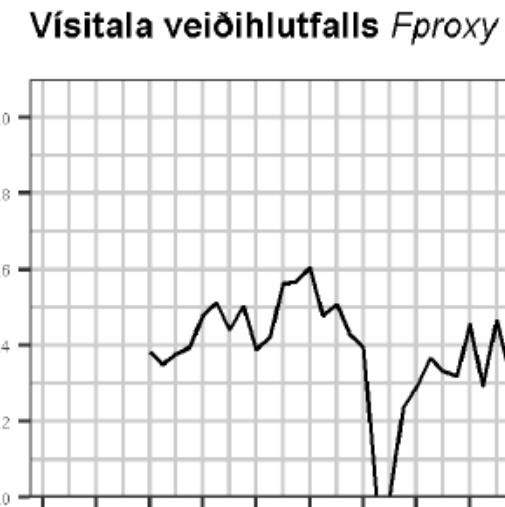
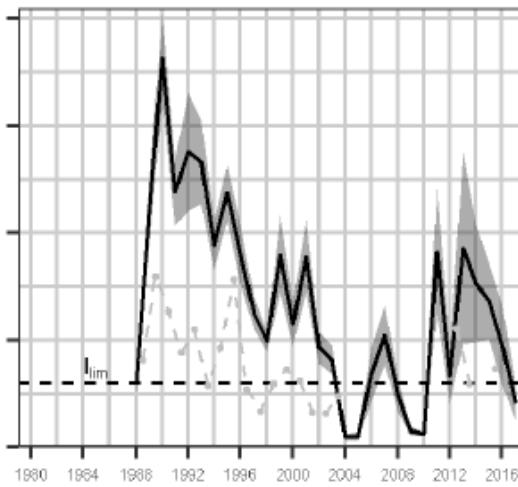
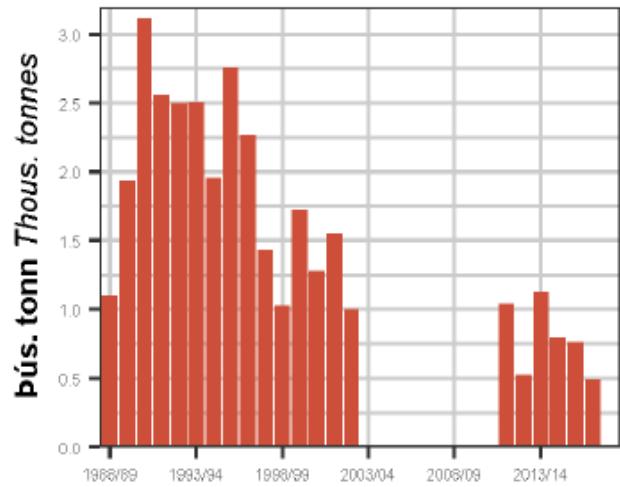


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Arnarfjörður



Ísafjörður



Within-fjord shrimp management

- Survey indices calculated from two annual surveys
- Generally, an advisory rule is applied to a reference biomass index to determine catch, but may be modified according to ICES guidelines.
 - Ísafjörður: $\text{Survey biomass}_{\text{year}} \times 0.5 = \text{TAC}_{\text{year} + 1}$
 - Arnarfjörður: $\text{Survey biomass}_{\text{year}} \times 0.346 = \text{TAC}_{\text{year} + 1}$
- No biomass estimates.
- Not popular.

This is a precautionary tale about the intertwining nature of

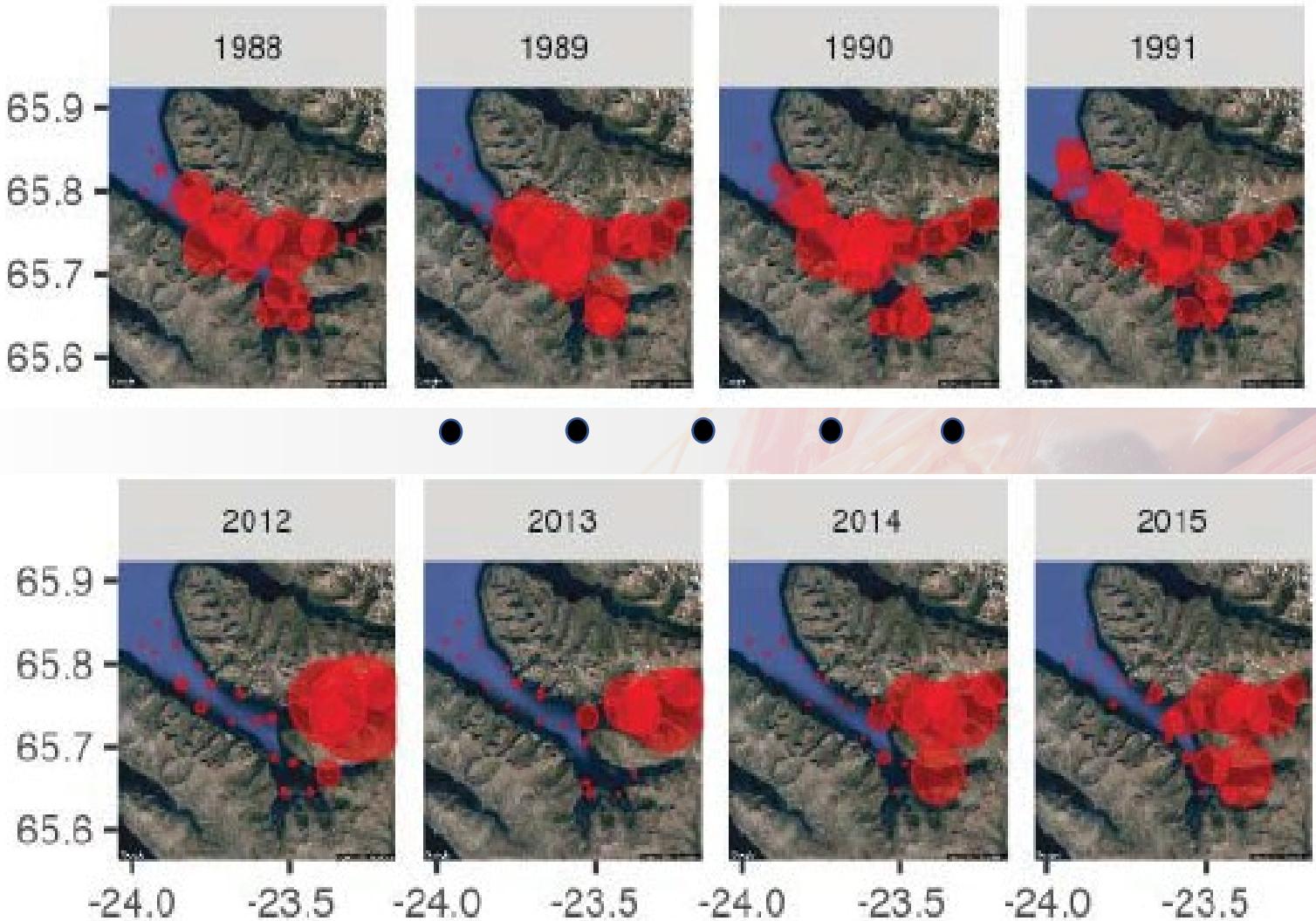
- Estimation of biomass & catchability
- Environmental effects on growth and mortality
- Optimization difficulties

Problems (a.k.a. #\$\$%! invertebrates...)

- No quantitative age data
- Growth by molting
- Growth sensitive to temperature
- Connectedness to offshore populations unclear
- Aggregate
- Food for everything

Aggregation prevents CPUE from dropping

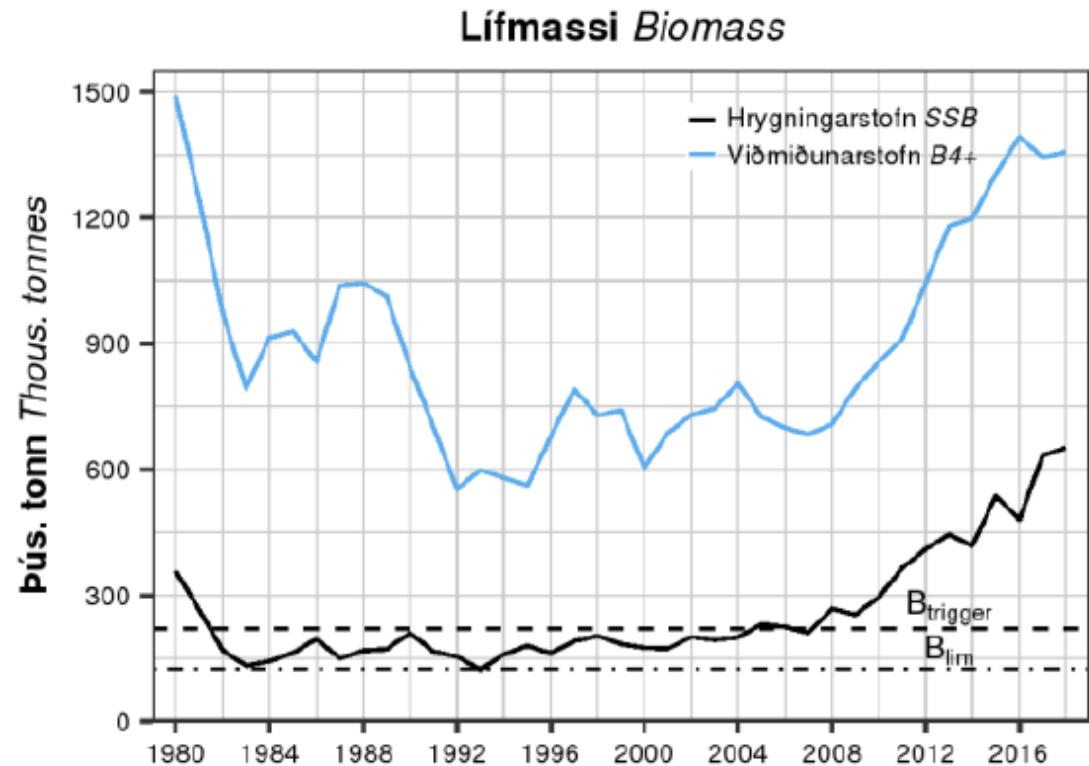
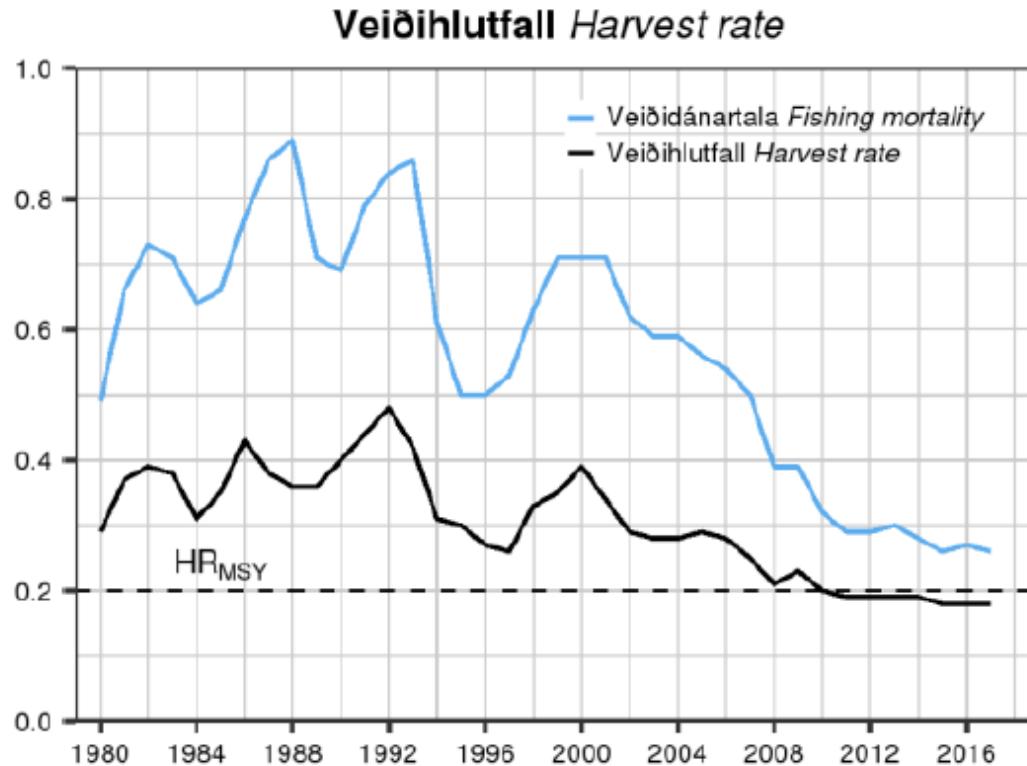
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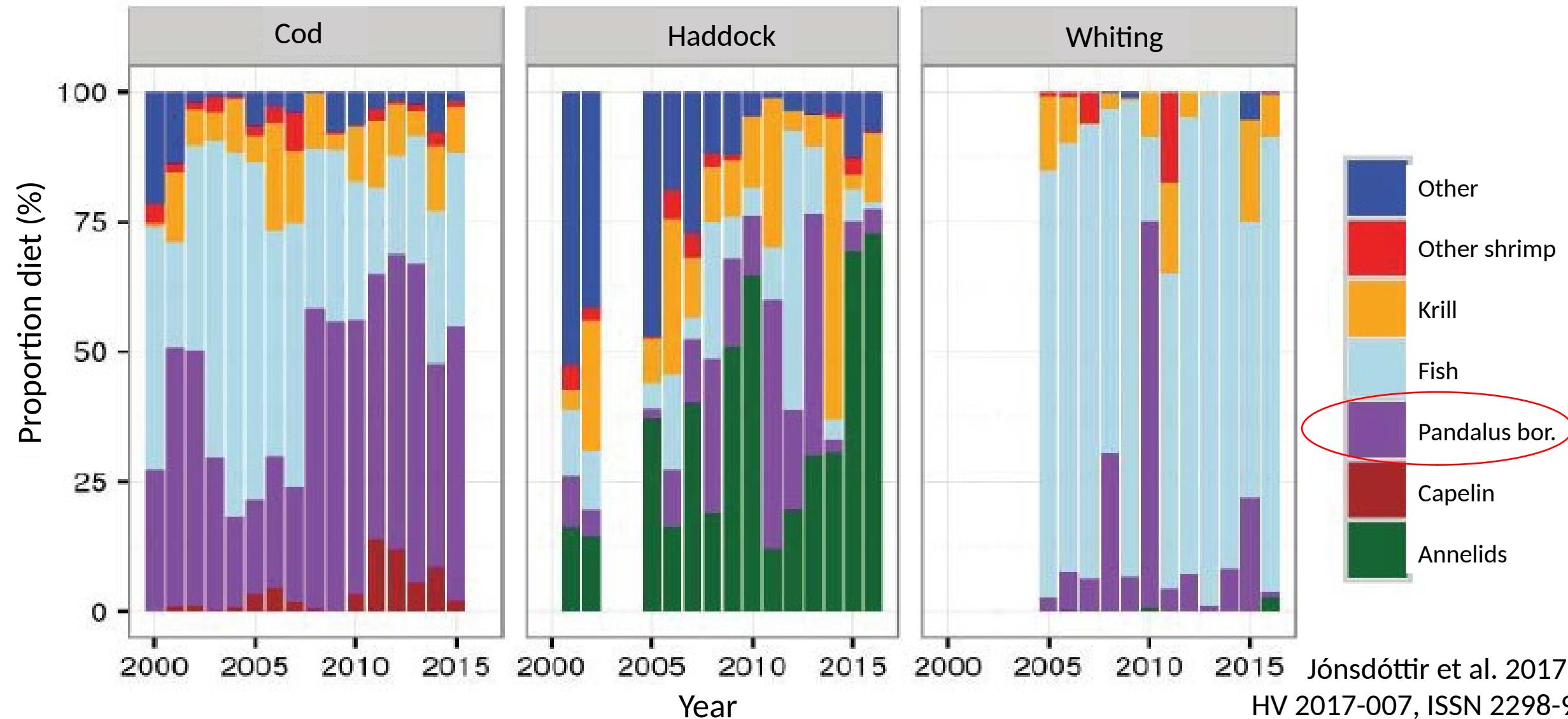
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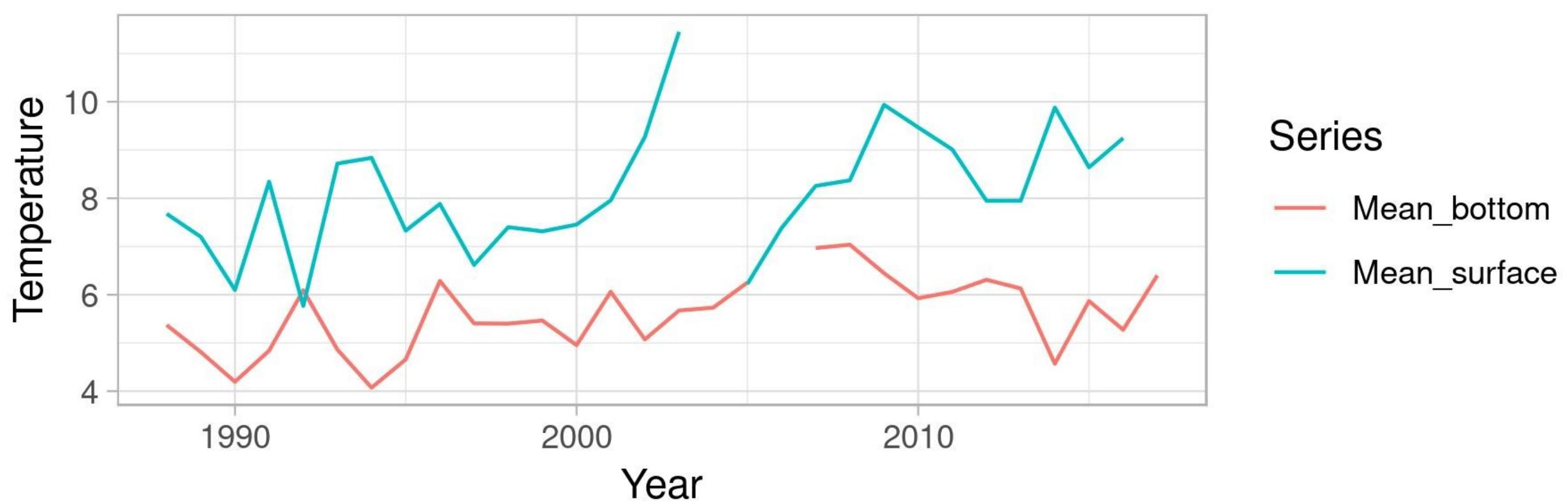
Porskur. Afli eftir veiðarfærum, nýliðun 3 ára, veiðihlutfall og veiðidánartala, stærð viðmiðunarstofns (4 ára og eldri) og hrygningarstofns.

Cod. Catch by gear type, recruitment at age 3, fishing mortality and harvest rate, reference stock biomass (B_{4+}) and spawning stock biomass (SSB).

... and they love eating shrimp.



Temperature changes may affect growth



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- Is the advisory rule sufficient and not overly conservative or lax?
- Can biomass be estimated?
- What effect do environmental variables have?
- [How do the advisory rules perform under uncertain biomass levels?]

Overview

1. Operational model & data
2. Find ‘best’ model from an overparameterized state. Likelihood profiles:
 1. M / predation effort
 2. Recruitment upper bounds / catchability
 3. Stock-recruitment relationships
3. Describe the upcoming management strategy evaluation

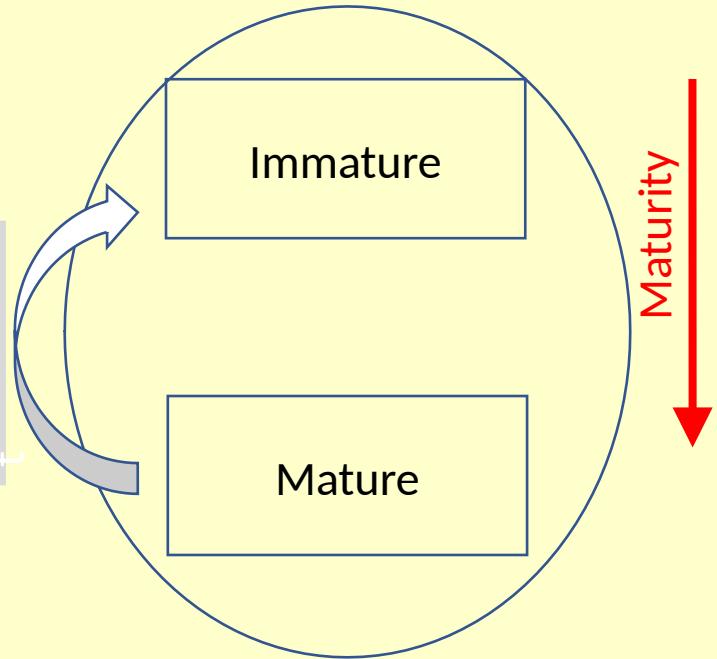
I. Operational model

Size- and age-structured model Gadget

- Lengths 0.3-2.50 cm in 0.05 cm bins
- Ages 0-8
- No stock-recruitment relationship – recruitment estimated each year
- Predator fleets:
 - Cod (0 - 44 cm, 45 - 74 cm, > 75 cm)
 - Haddock (0 - 44 cm, 45 - 74 cm, > 75 cm)
 - Whiting Haddock (0 - 44 cm, 45 - 75 cm)
- Positive linear effect of temperature on k
 - in length-based Von Bertalanffy growth
 - 2 measures of temperature: surface and bottom from shrimp survey

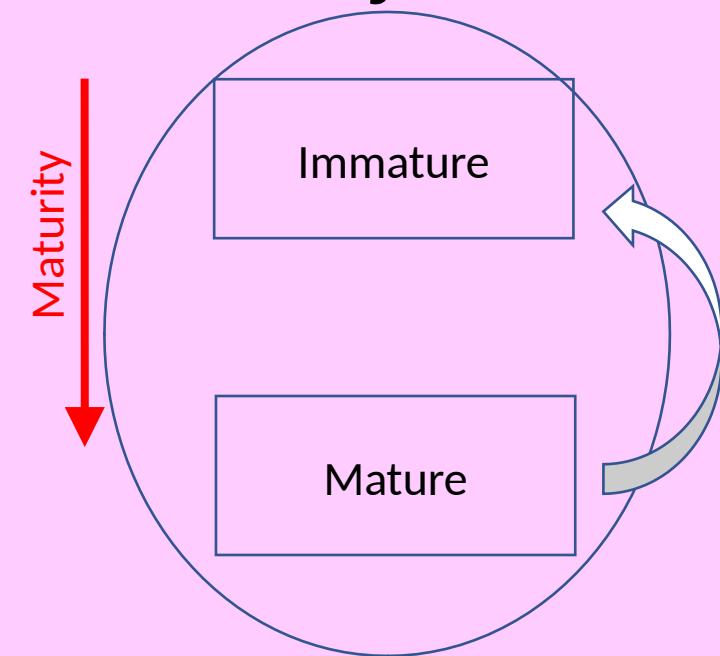
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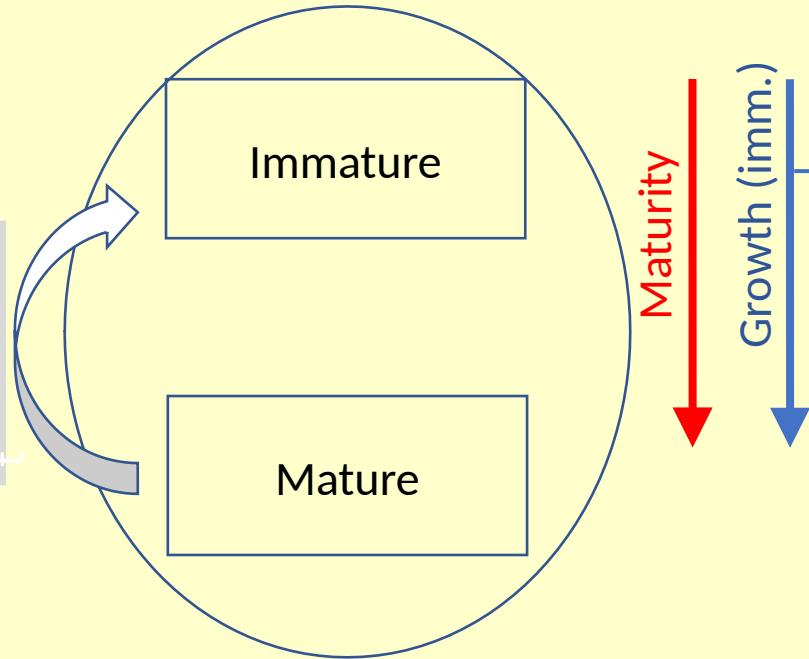
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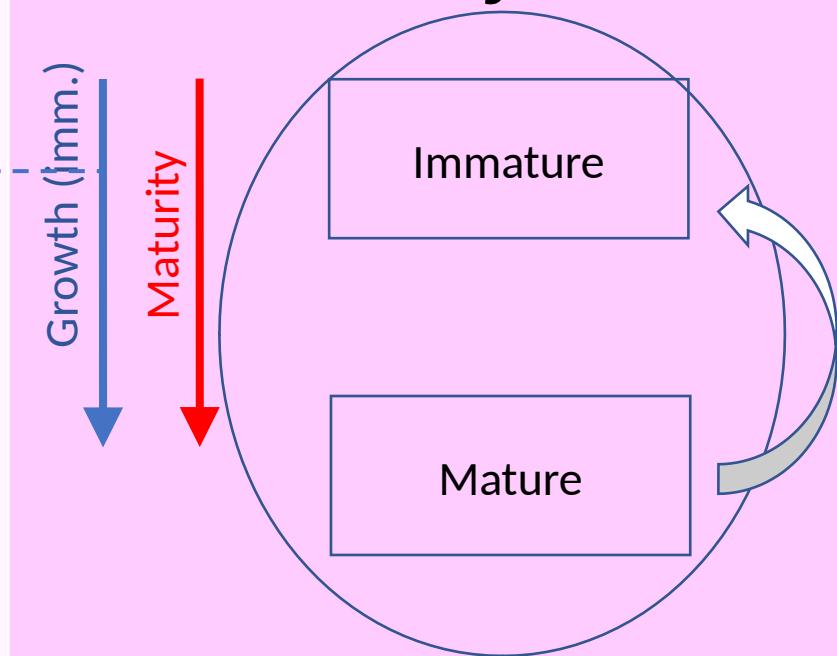
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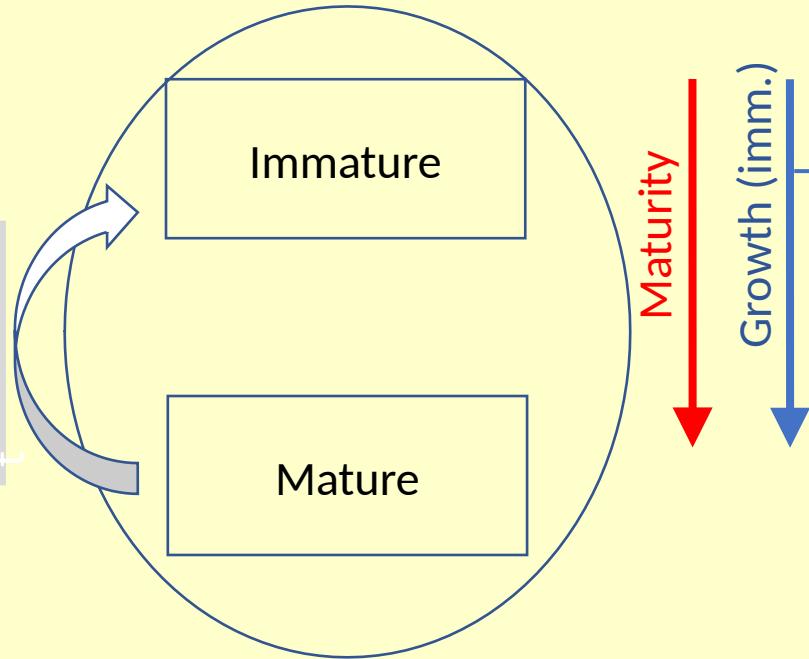
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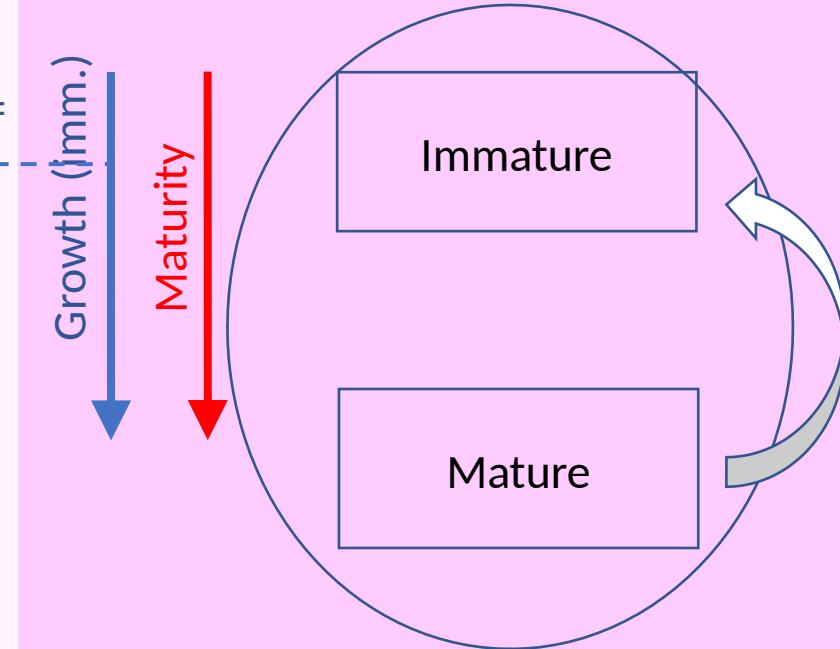


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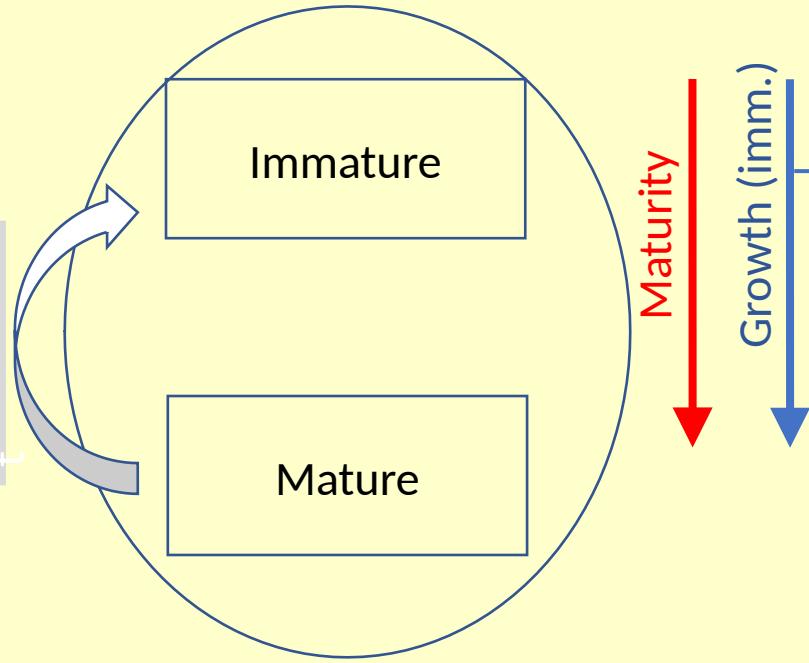
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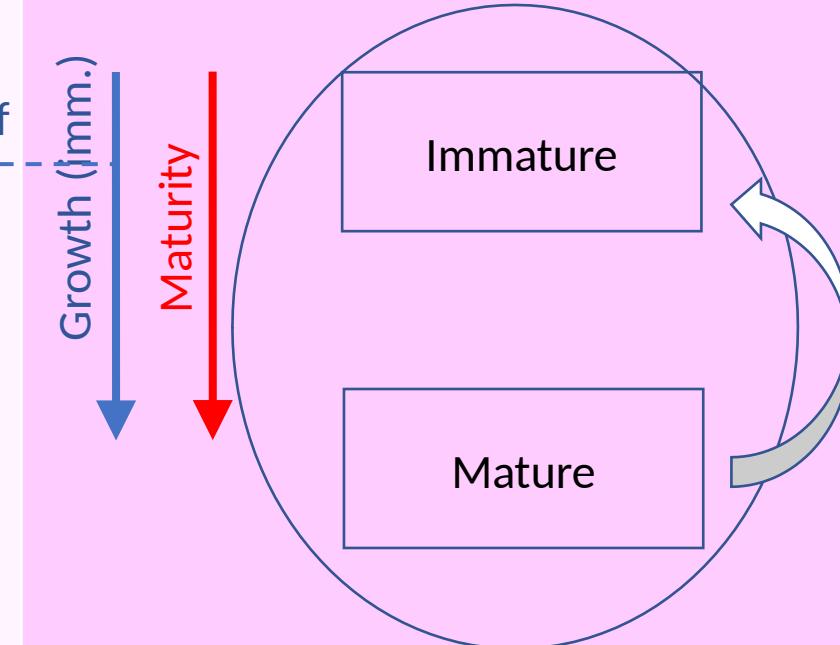


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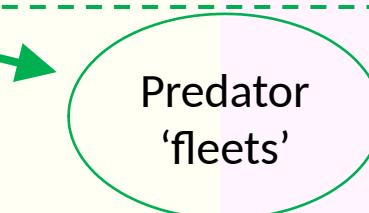
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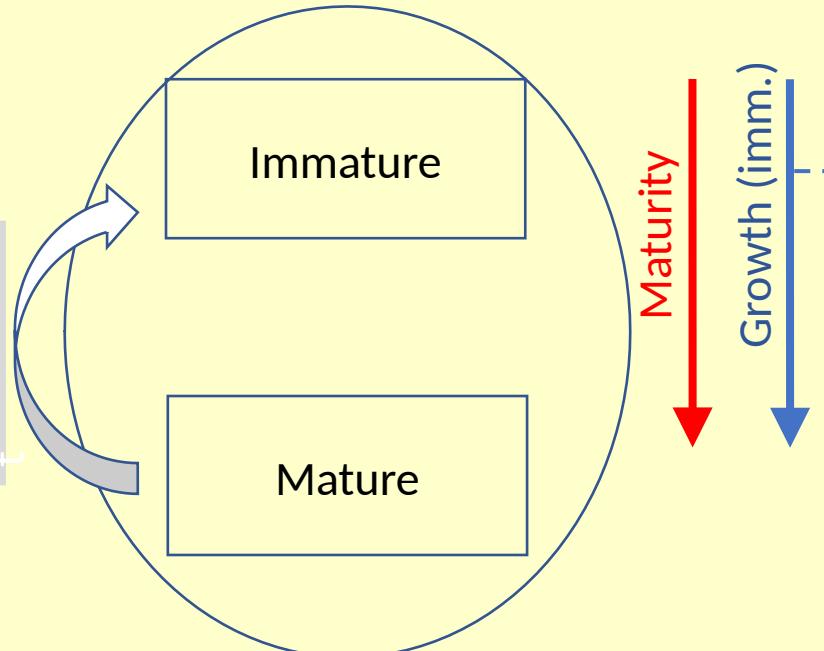


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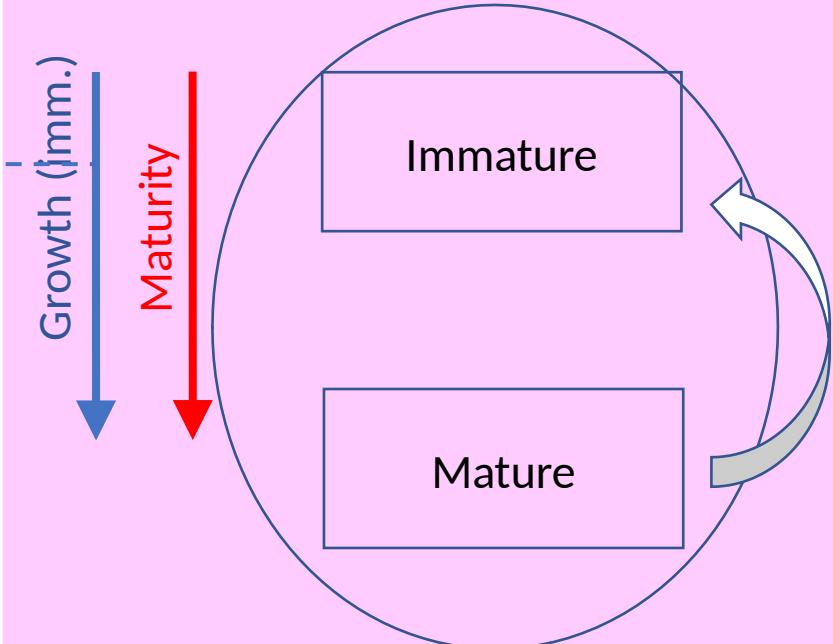


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Predator
'fleets'

Same selectivity

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Arnafjörður
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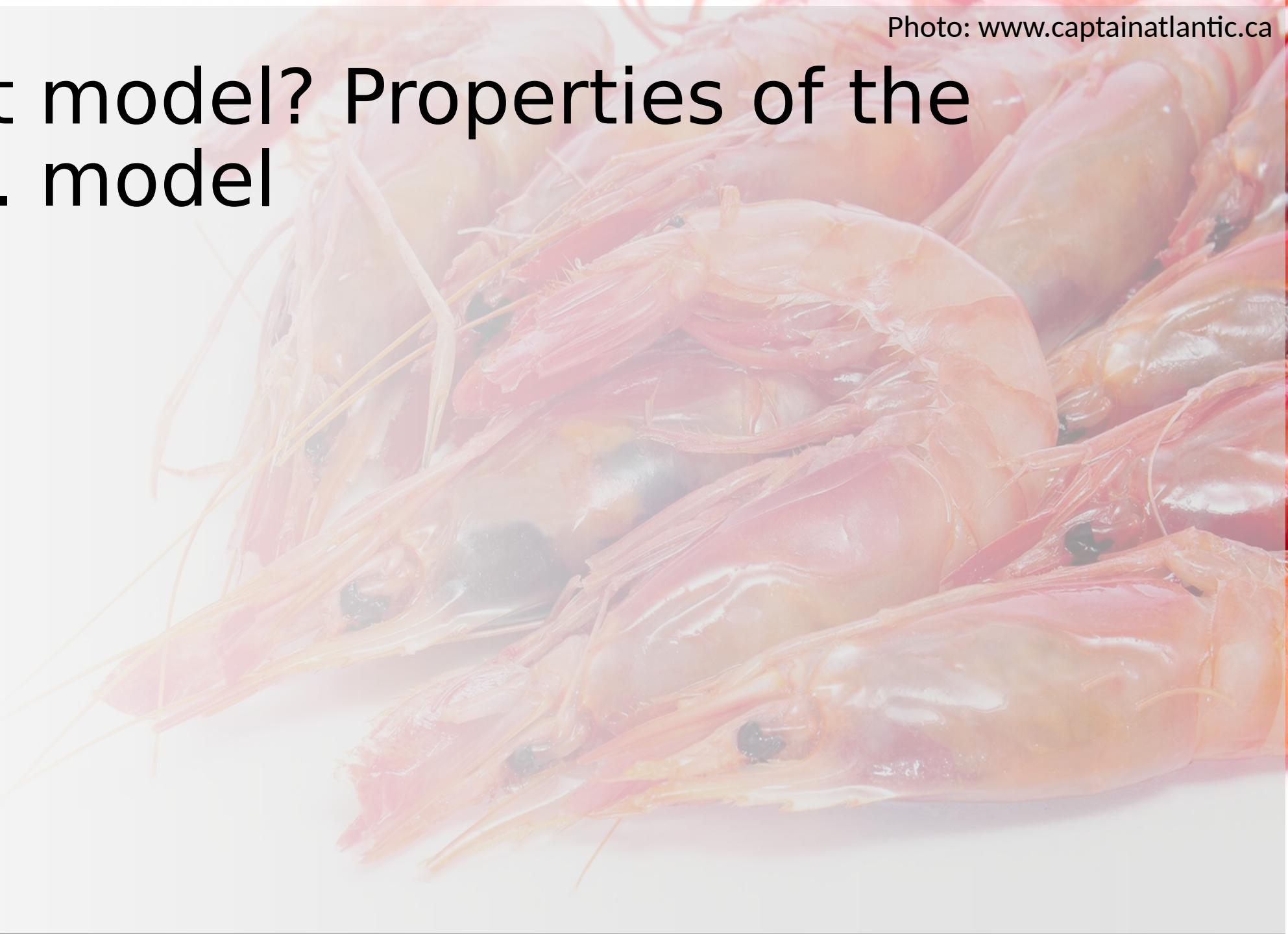
I. Data

- Survey data from 2 surveys 1990 - 2017
 - Survey indices (6 slices)
 - Proportion at length
 - Proportion mature at length (single survey)
 - Mean temperature across survey readings for a given year, both bottom & surface
- Commercial/other samples: proportion at length
- Relative predation effort represented by predator biomass
 - composed of cod, haddock, whiting in 3 size categories each
 - Scaled by a single estimated scalar
- Landings incorporated directly
- Fit using:
 - Sum of squares (resulting in 'likelihood score')
 - Iterative reweighting to scale likelihood components
 - Mainly simulated annealing, followed by Hooke & Jeeves

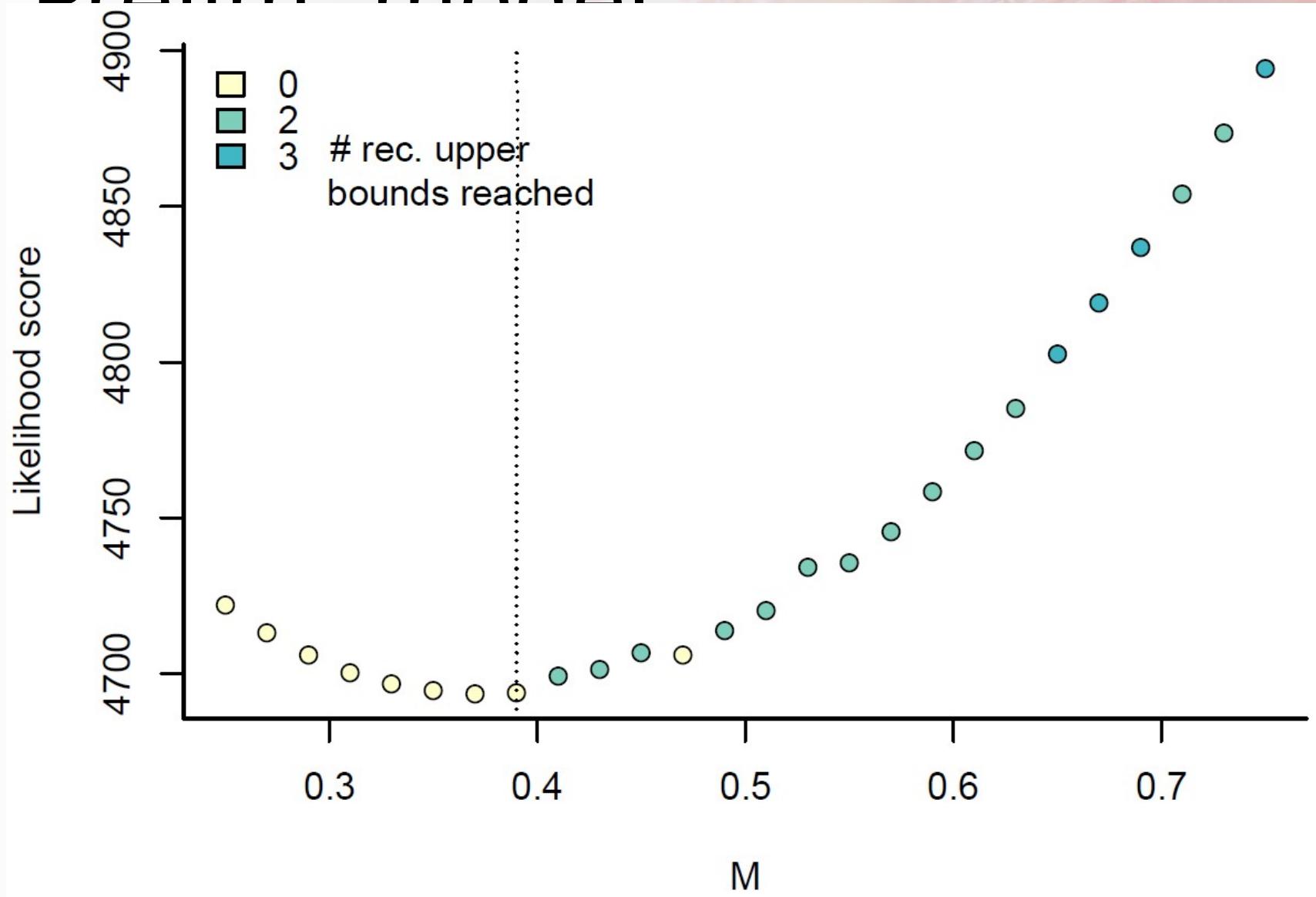
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2. Developed model with both Arnafjörður and Ísafjörður

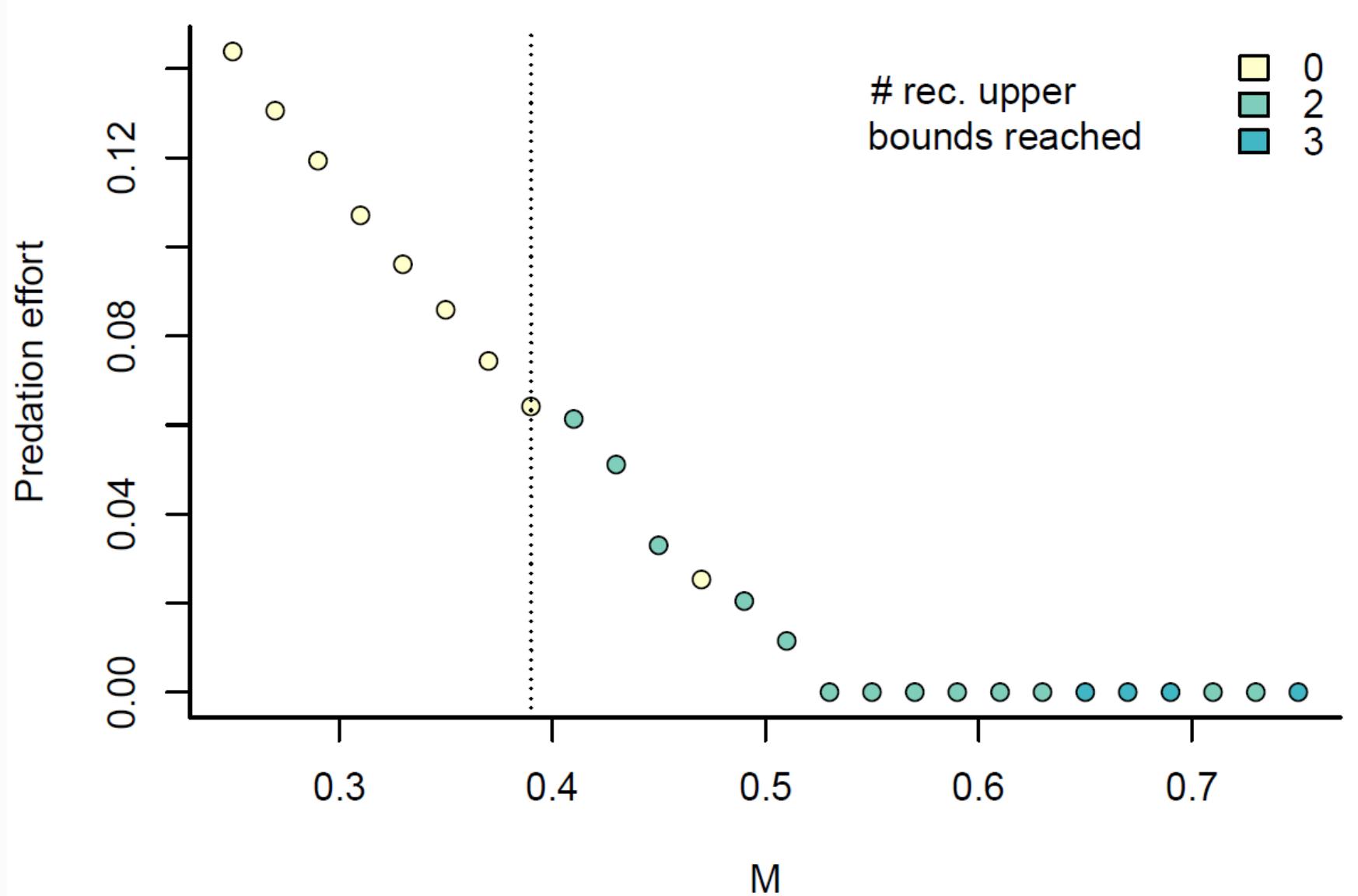
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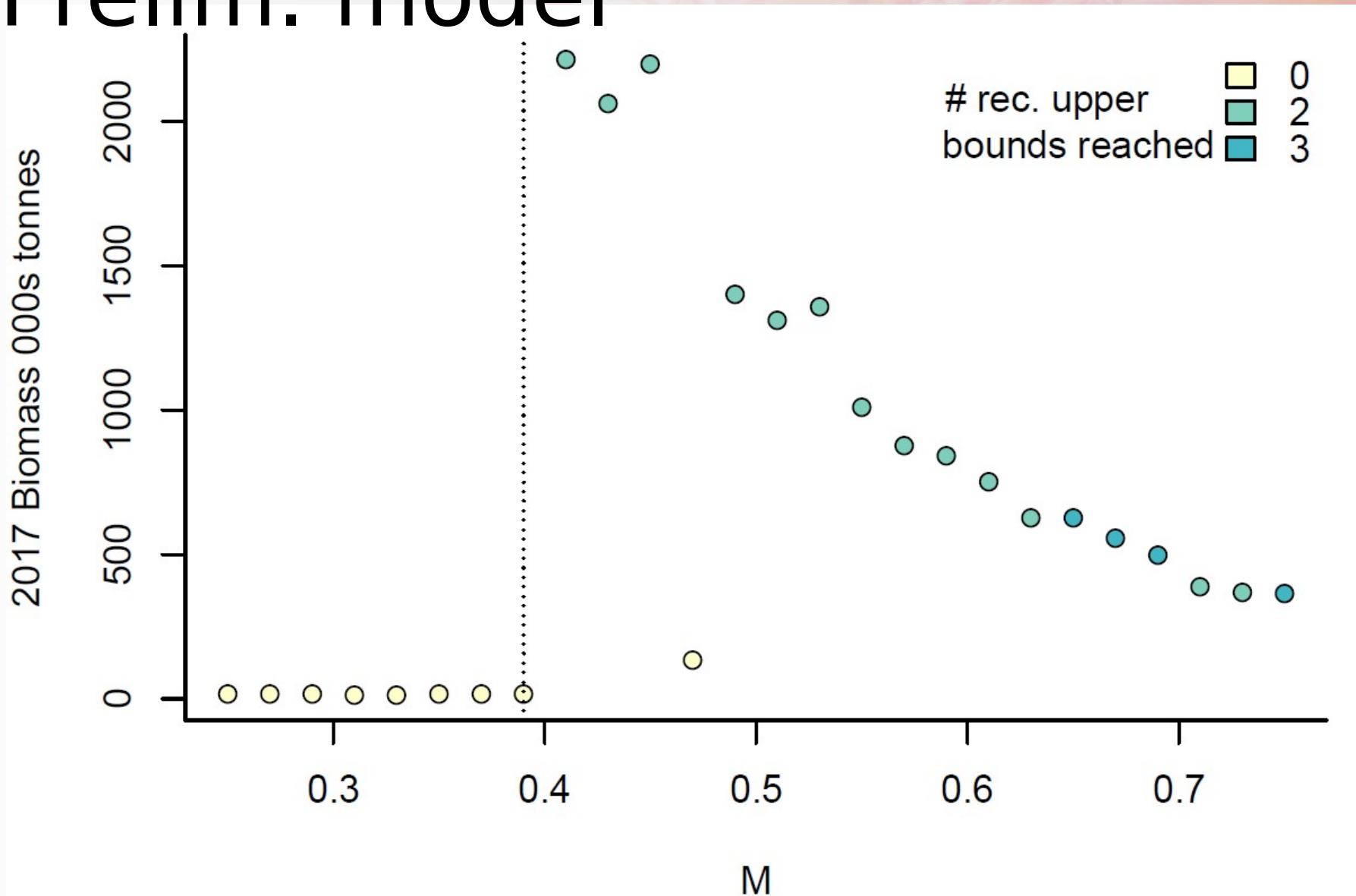
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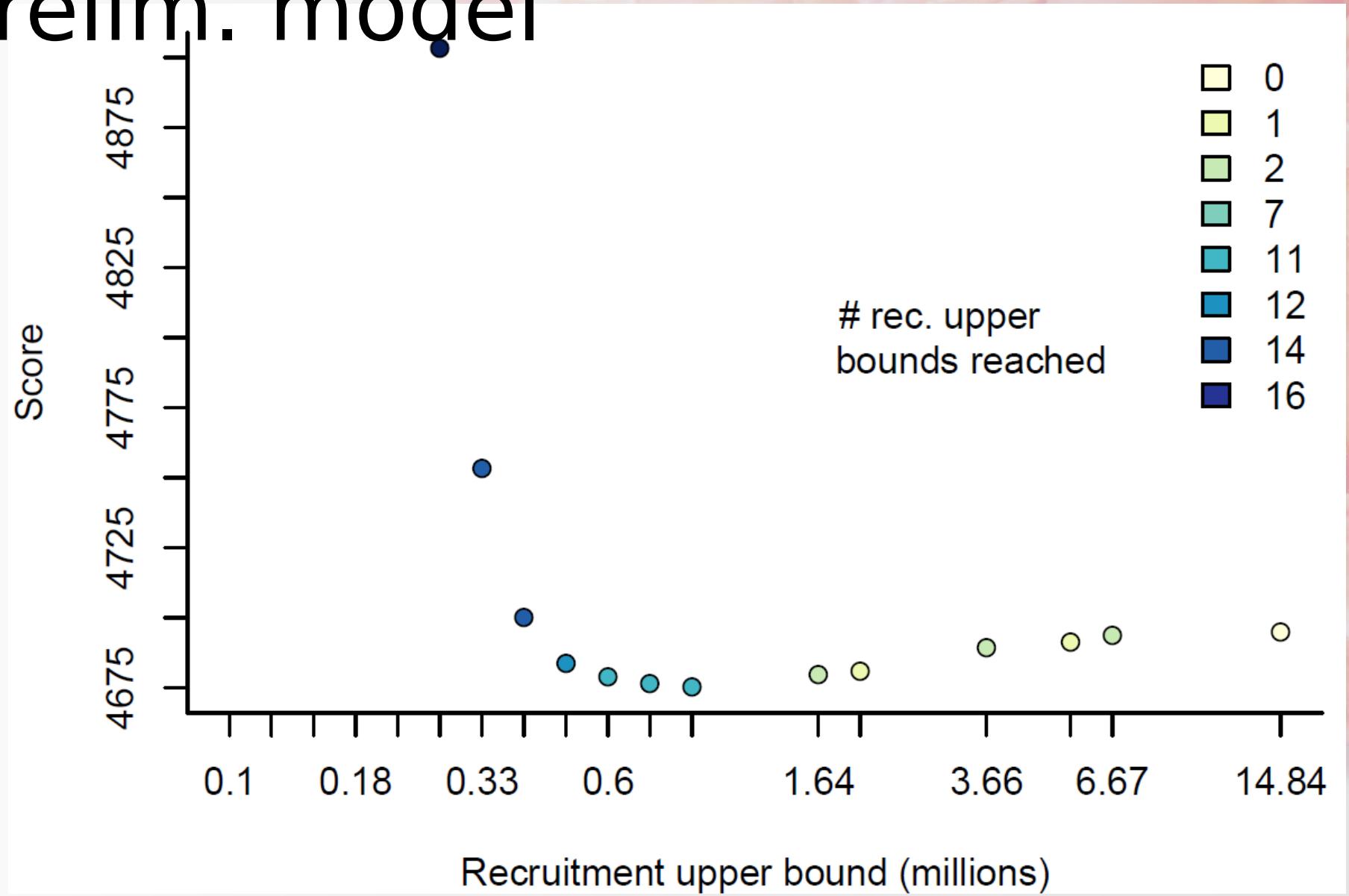
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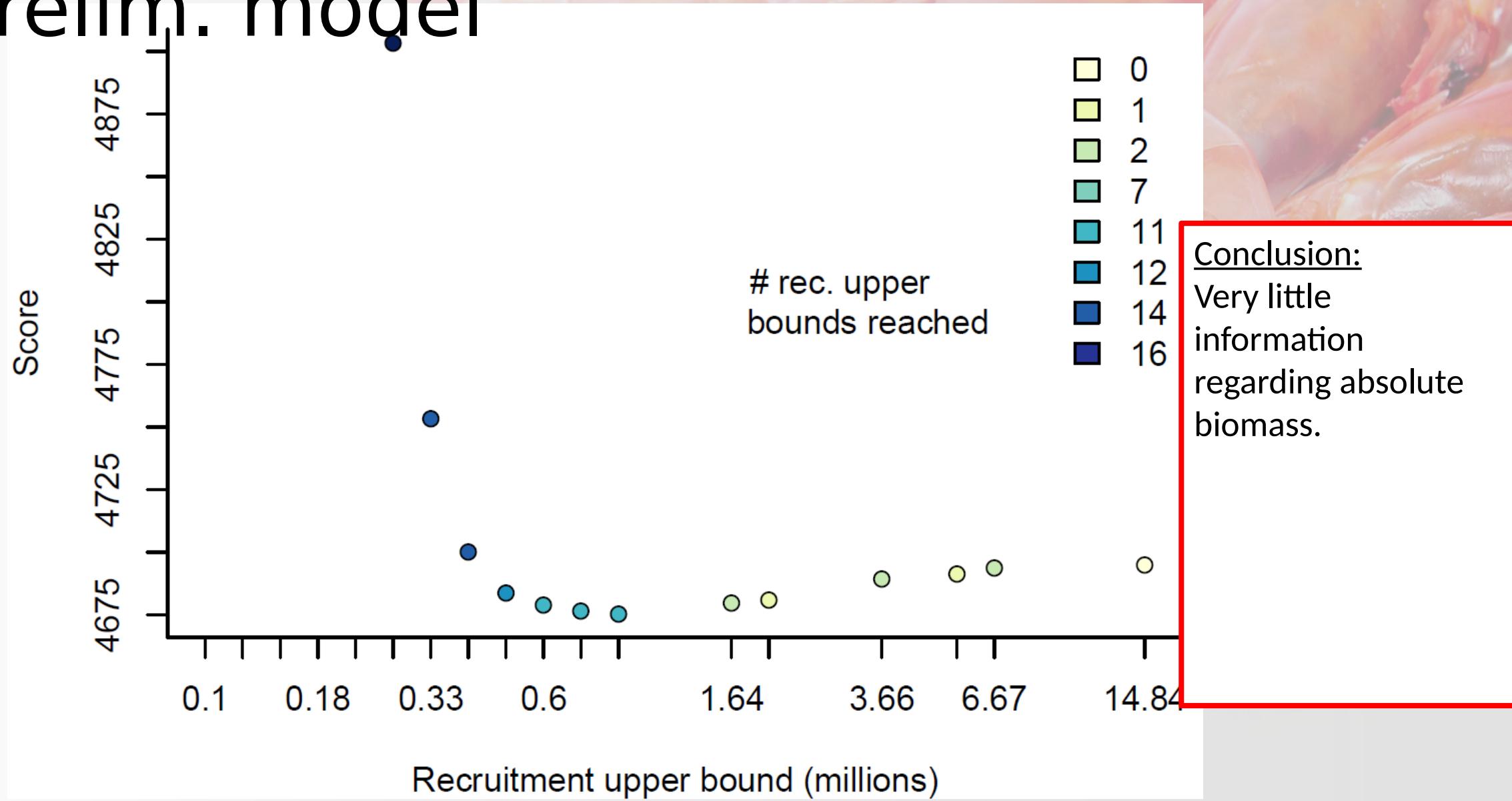
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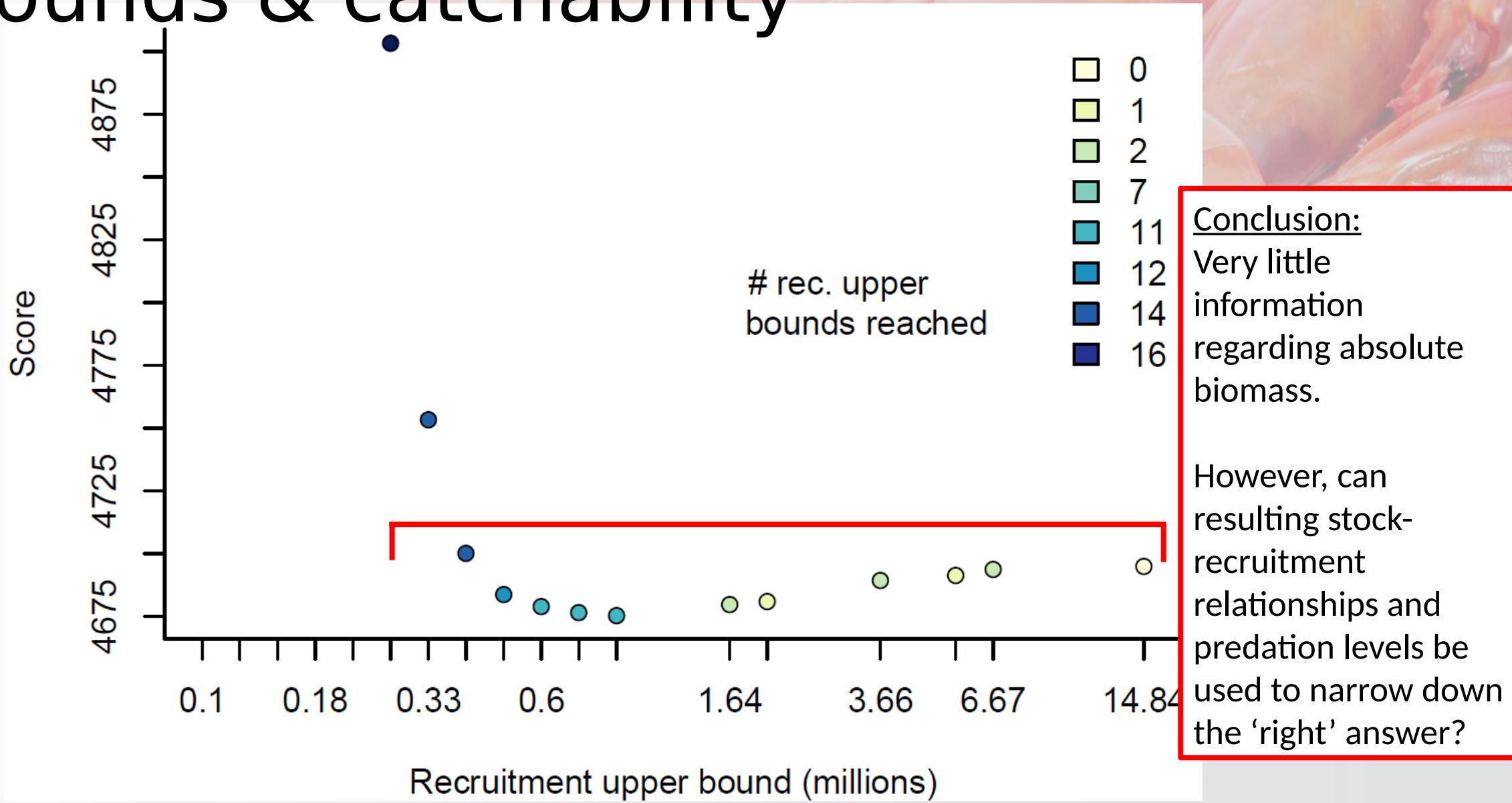
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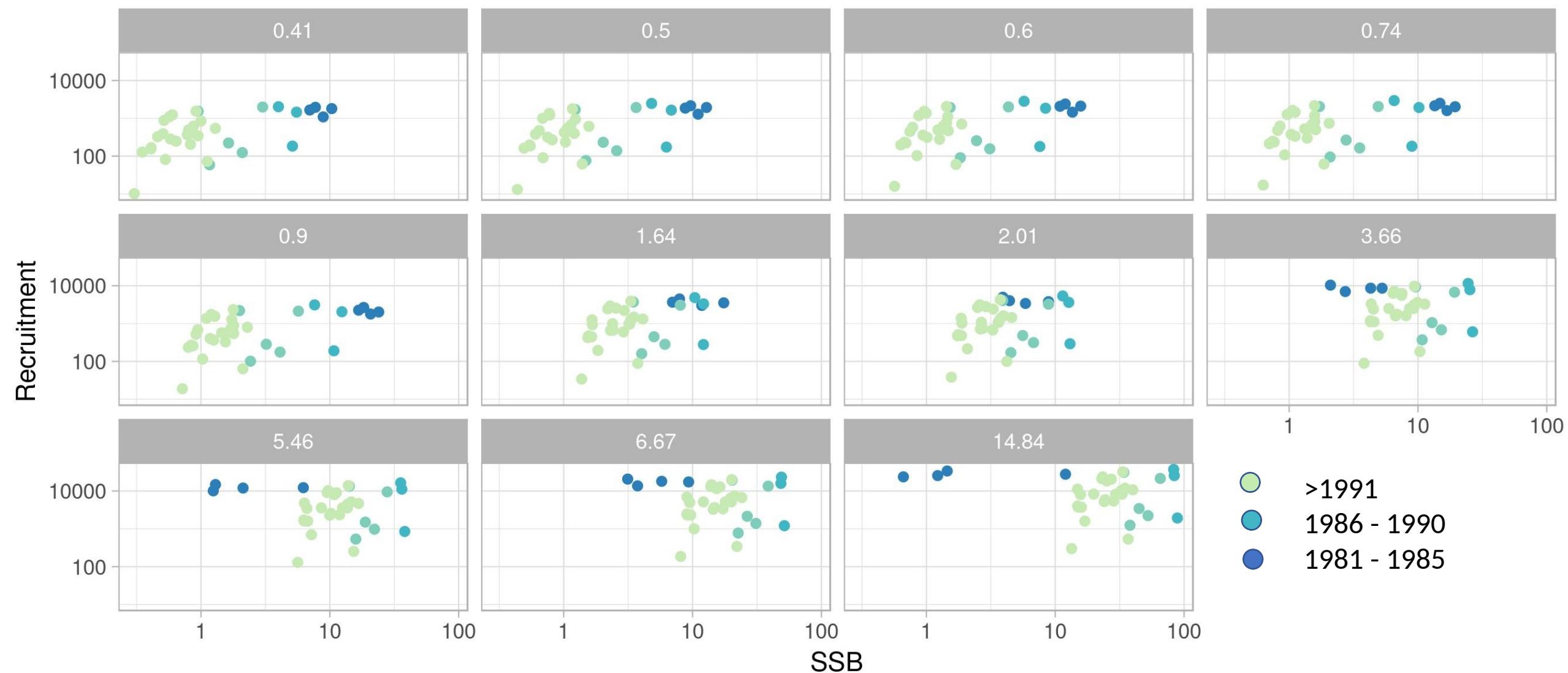
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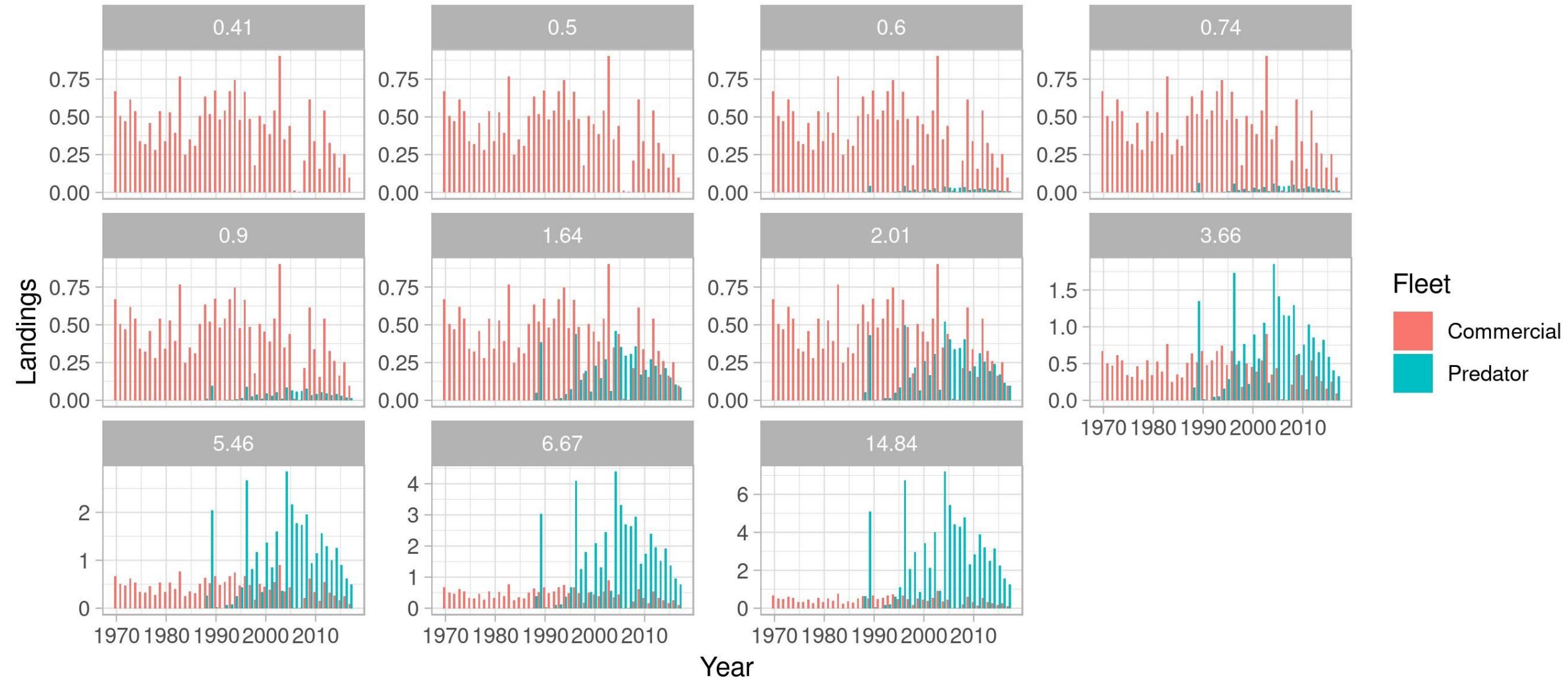
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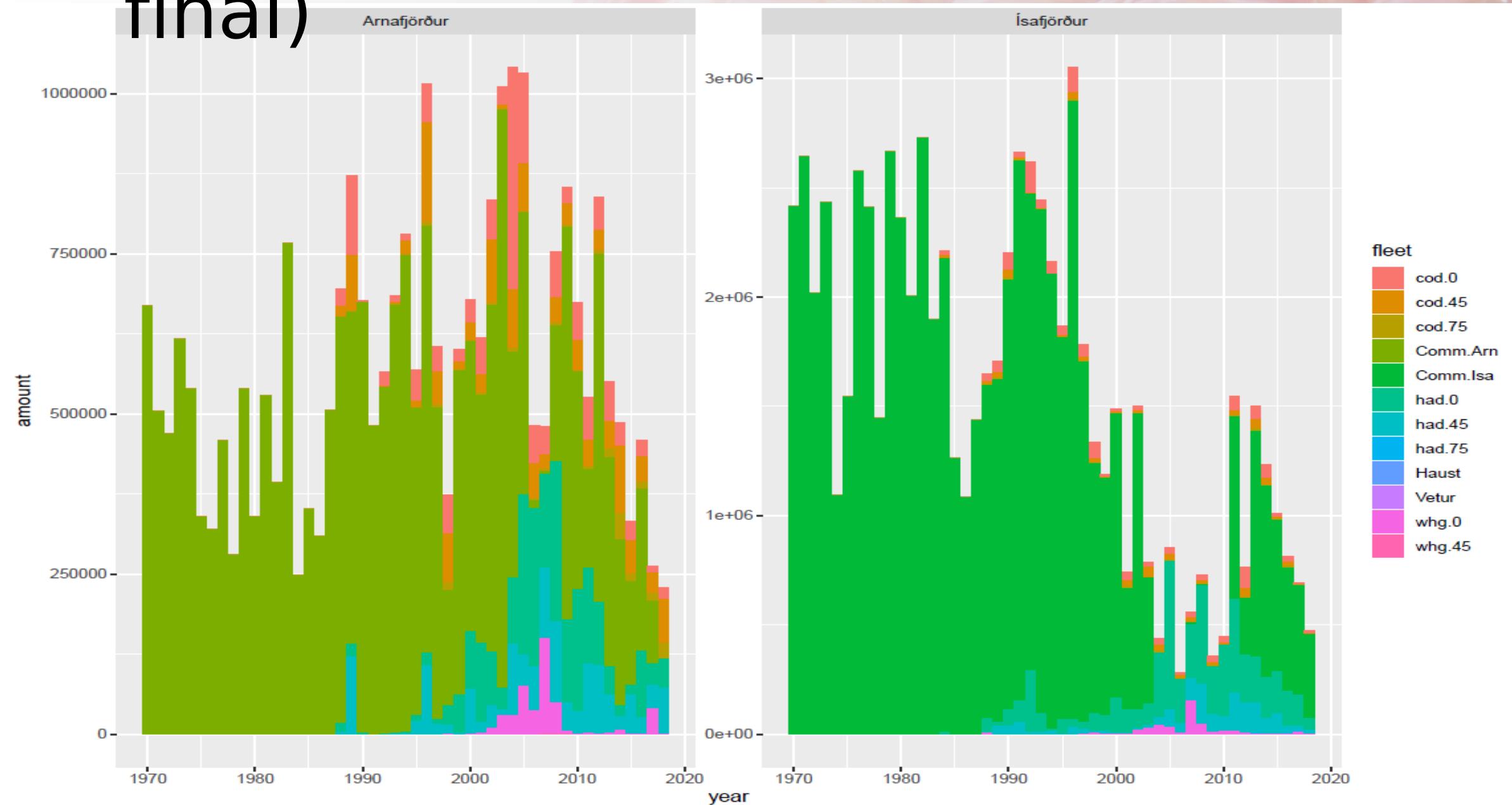


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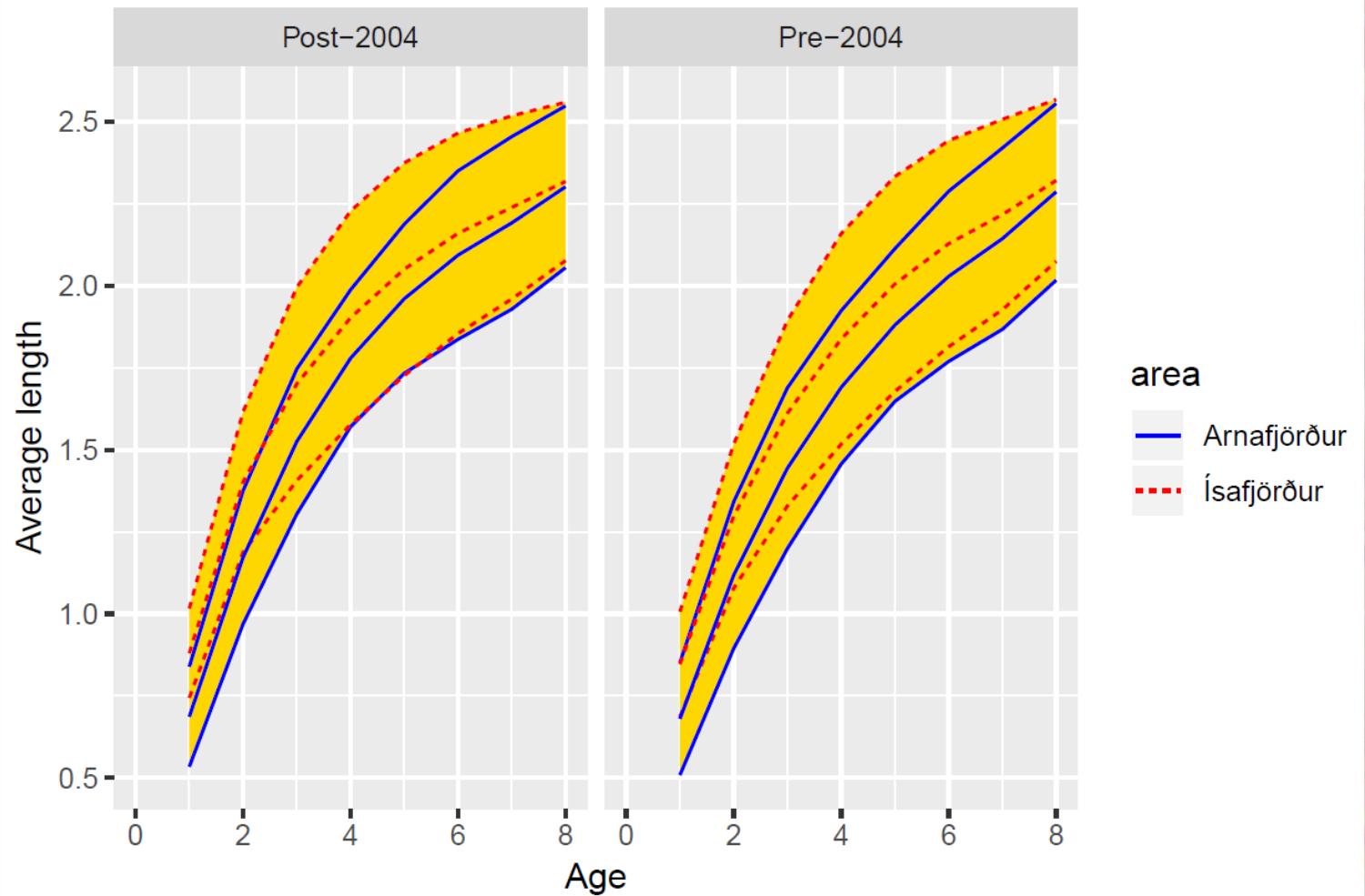


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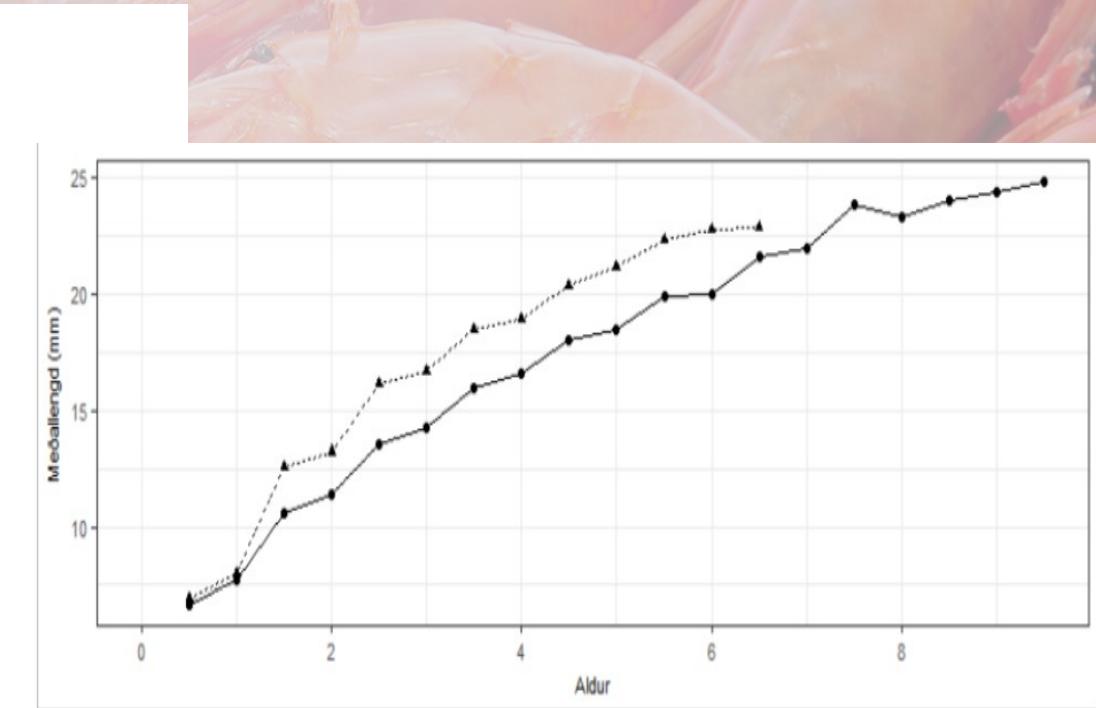
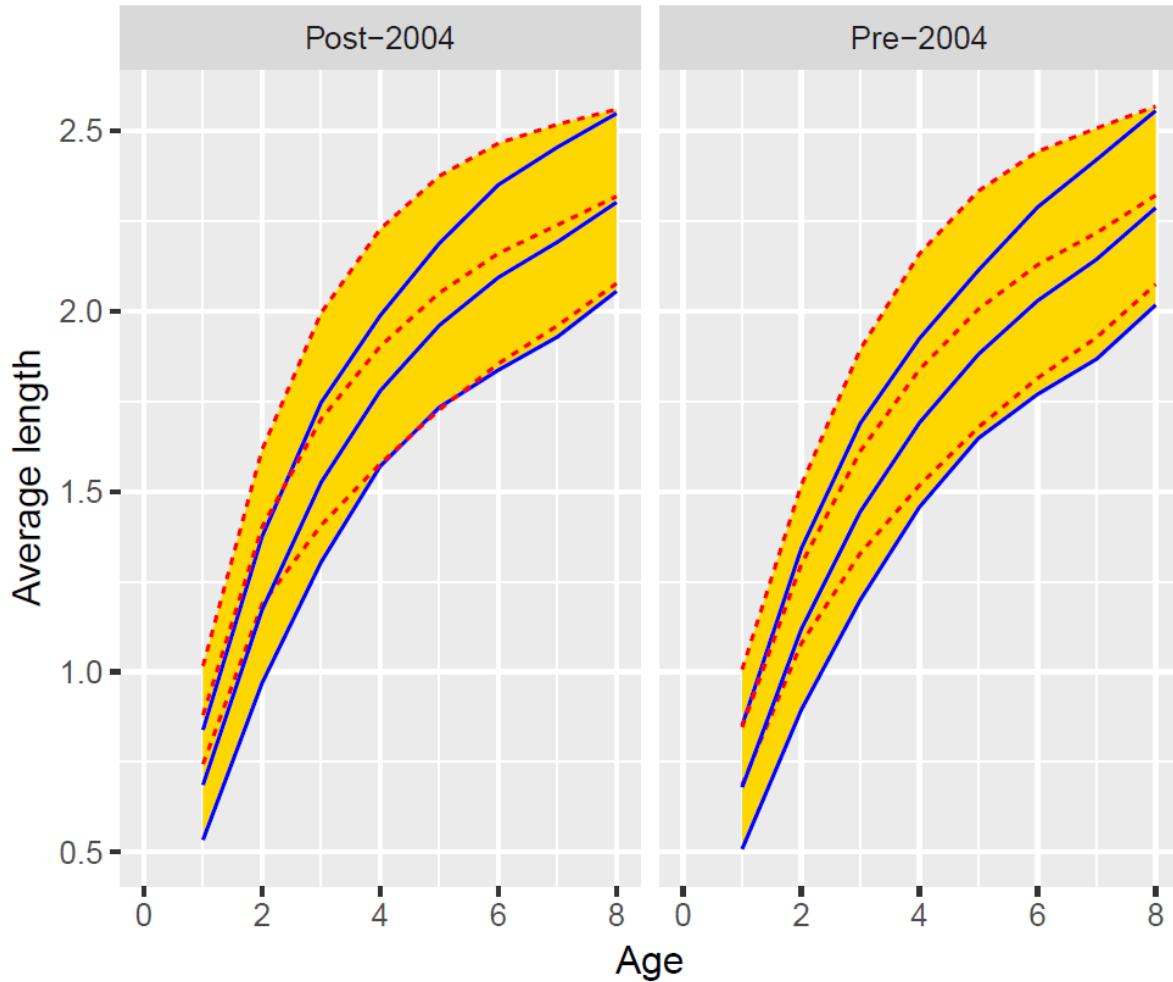
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3.mynd. Meðallengd rækju (mm) eftir aldri og árgögum í Arnarfirði og Ísafjarðardjúpi. Neðri myndin sýnir meðallengd allra árganga eftir aldri í Arnarfirði (heil lína) og Ísafjarðardjúpi (brotin lína).

Figure 3. Mean length (mm) of shrimp by age and year classes in Arnarfjörður and Ísafjarðardjúp. The lower graph shows the mean length of all year classes by age in Arnarfjörður (solid line) and Ísafjarðardjúp (broken line).

II. Best model? M & predation effort

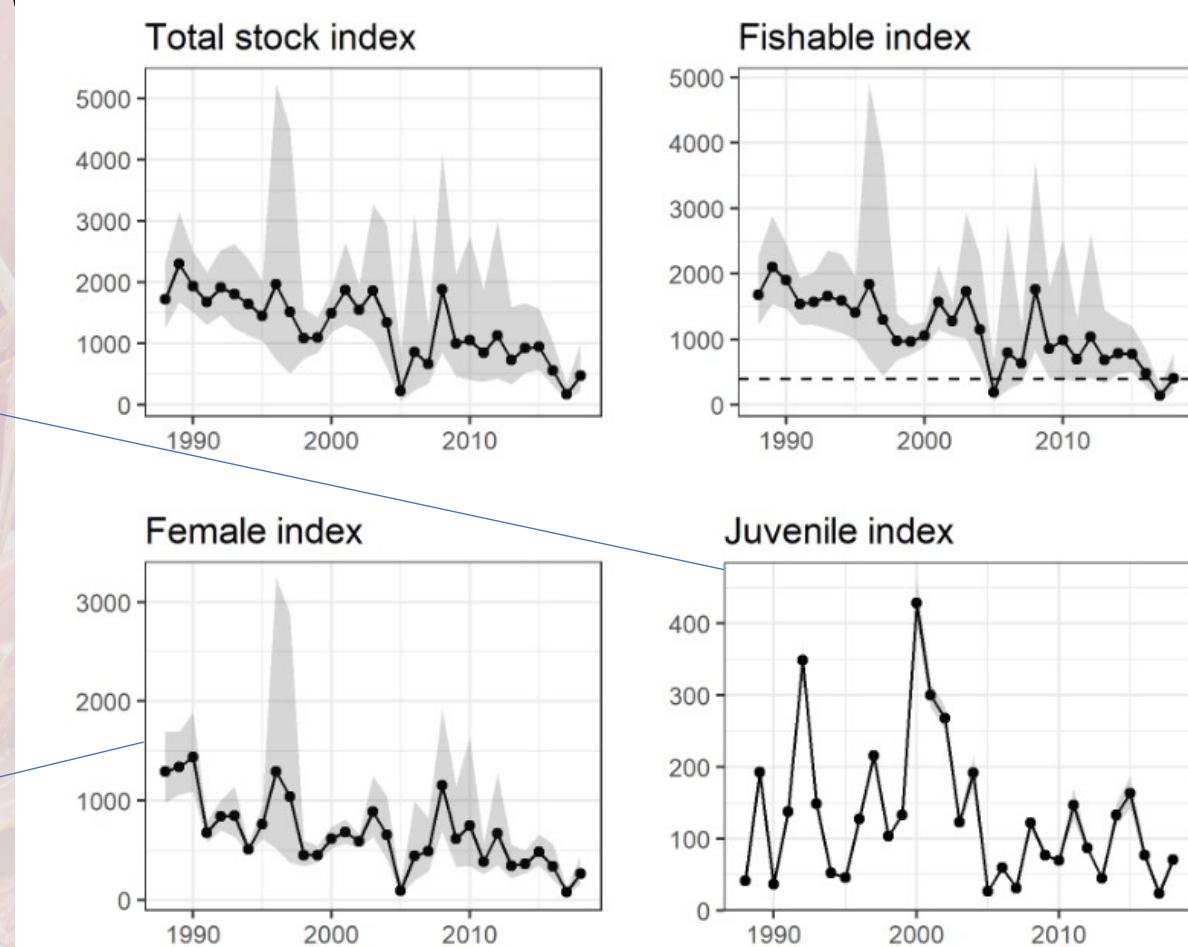
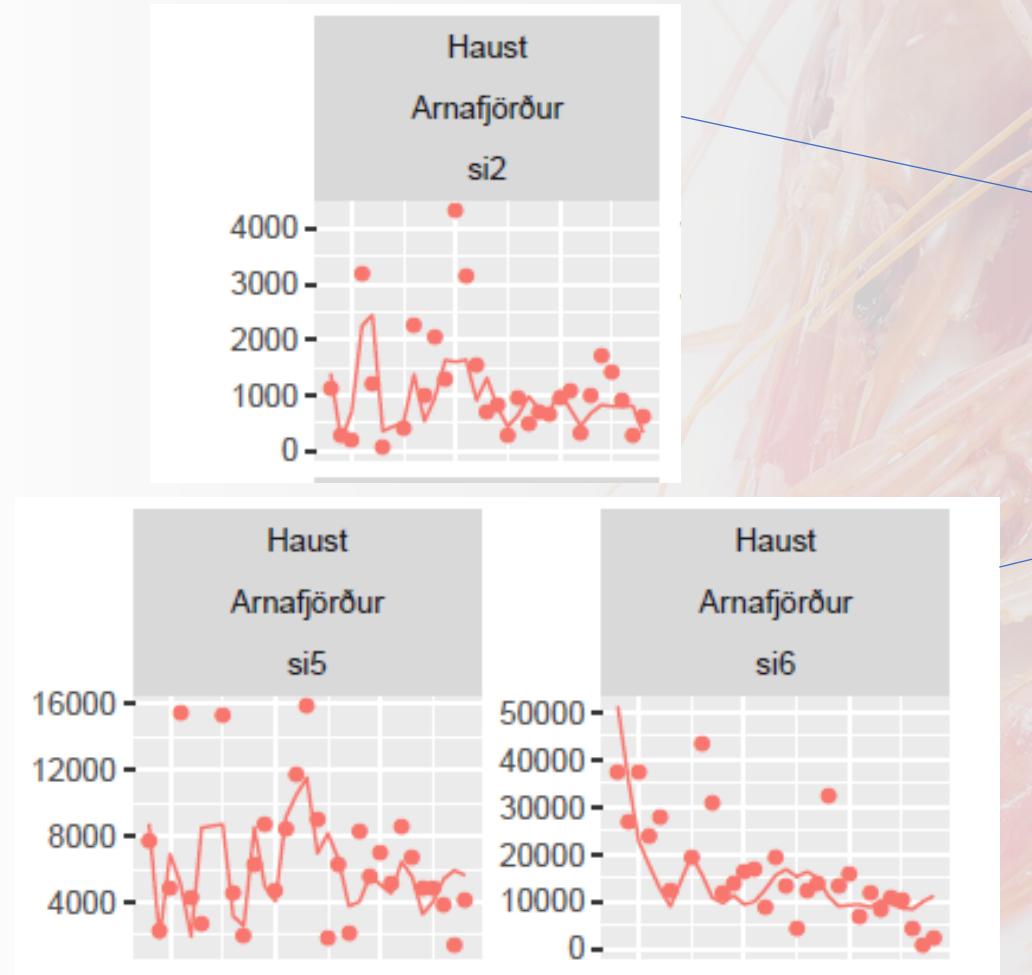


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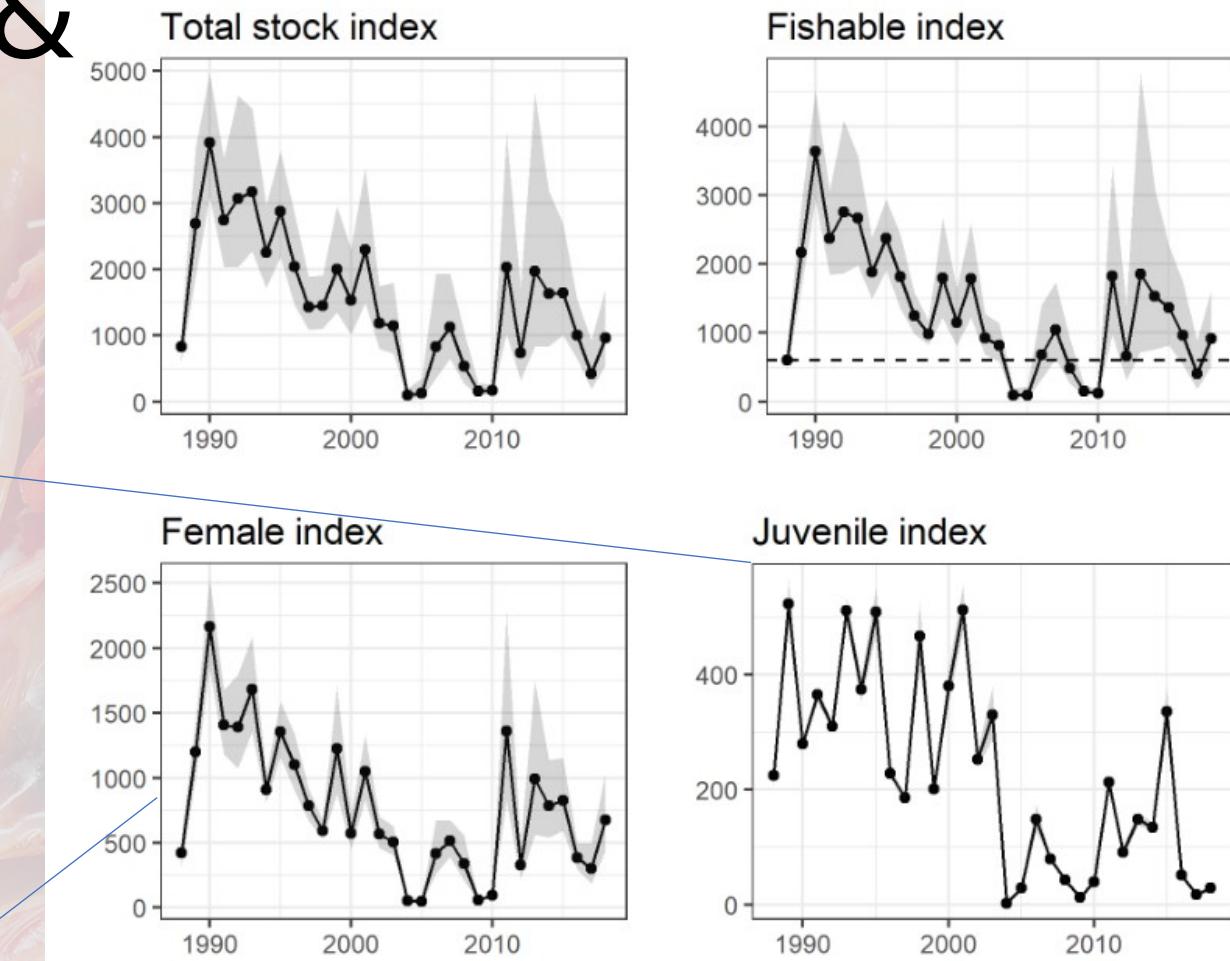
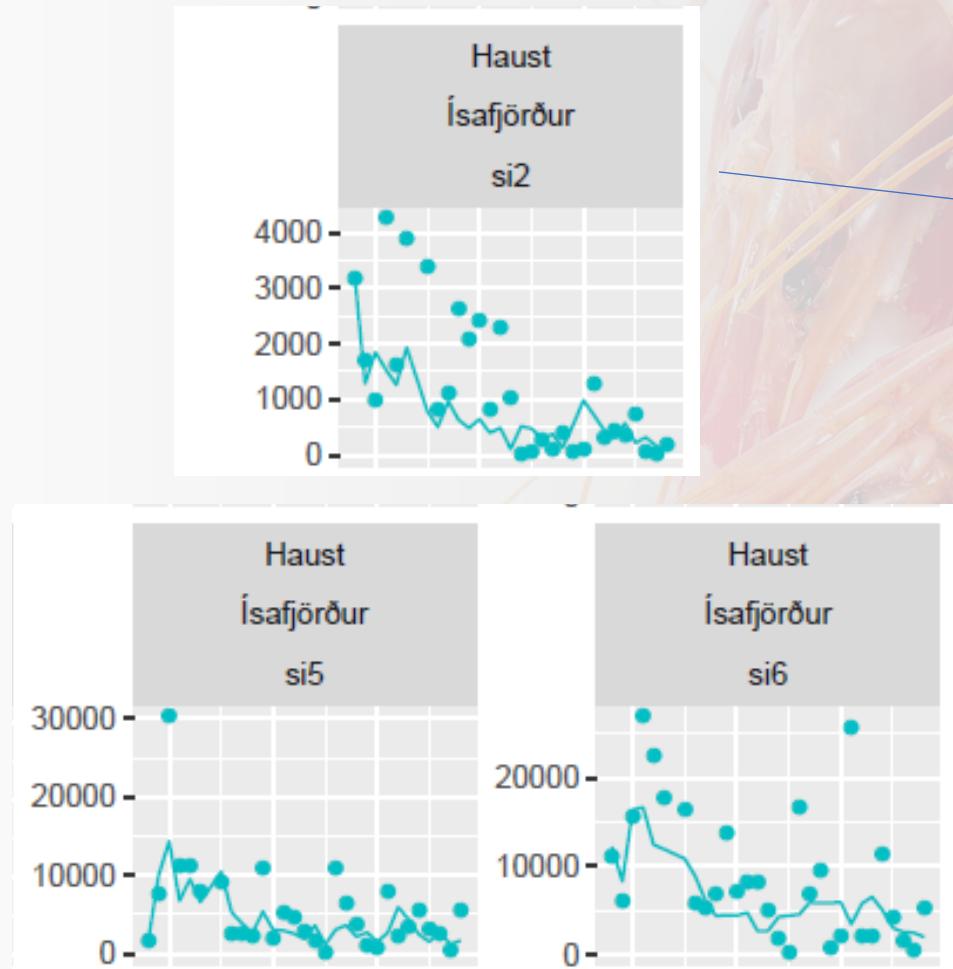
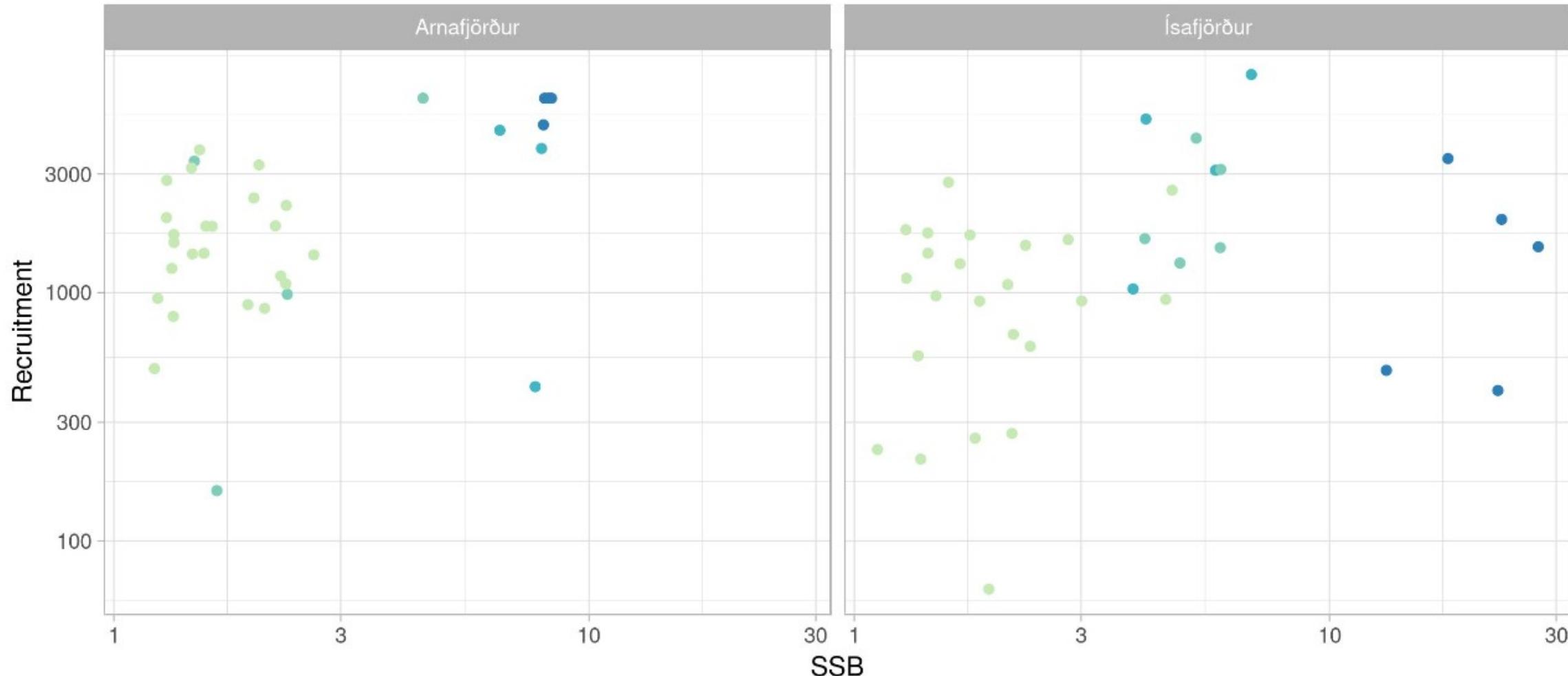


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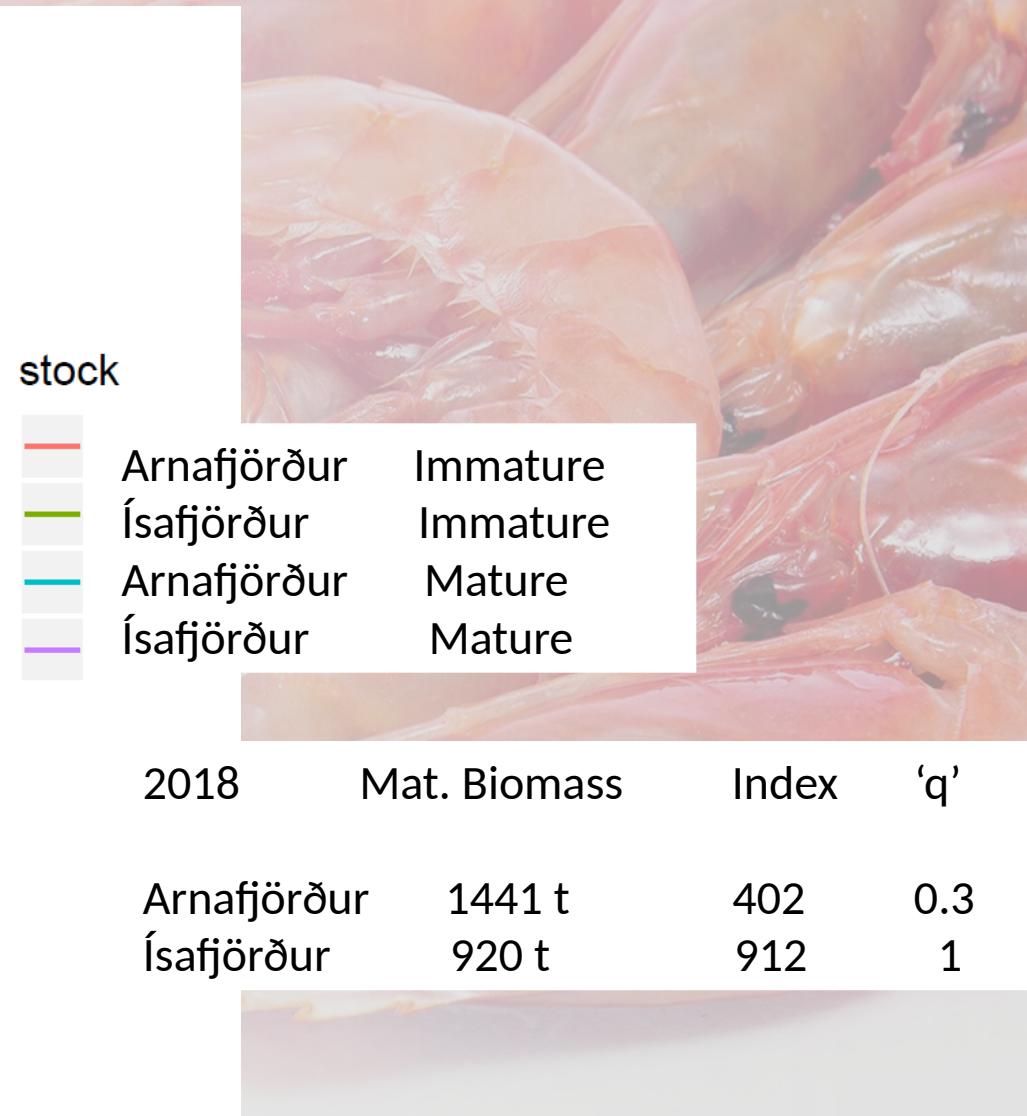
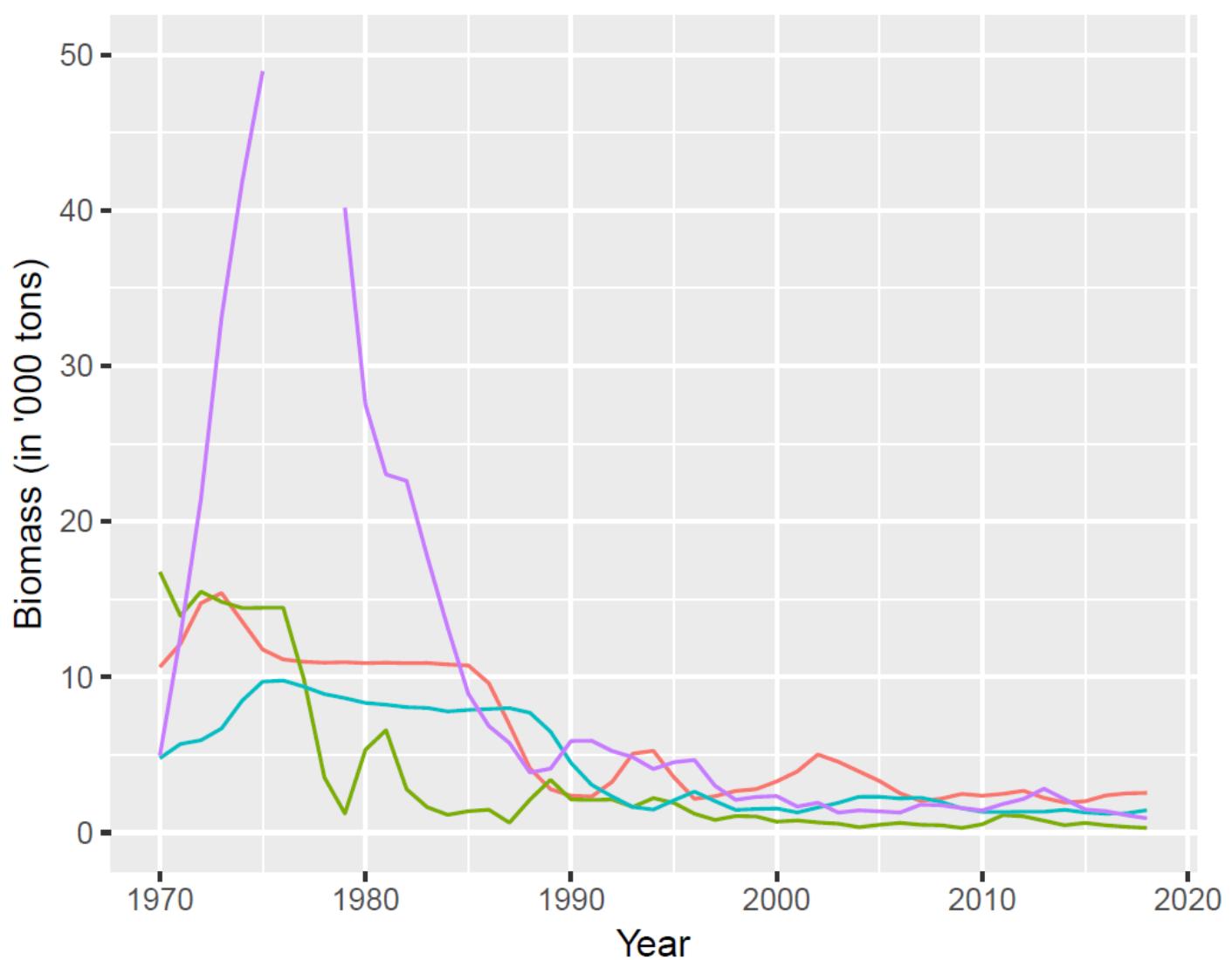
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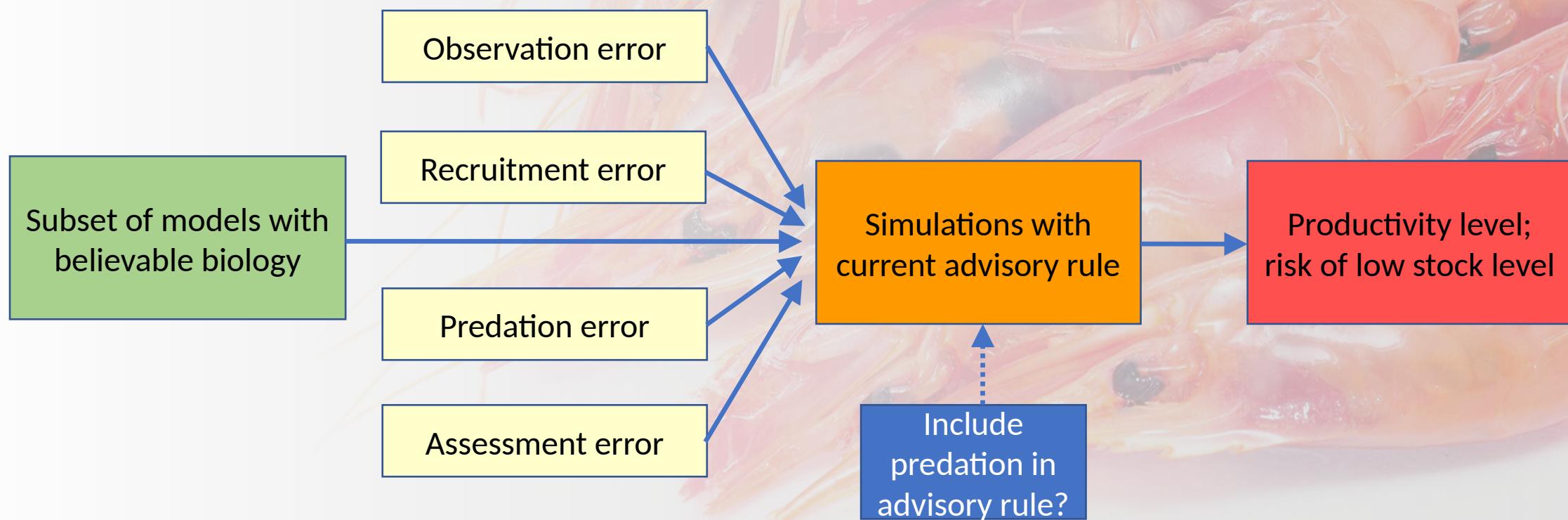
III. Management Strategy Evaluation

Population dynamics

Future variation

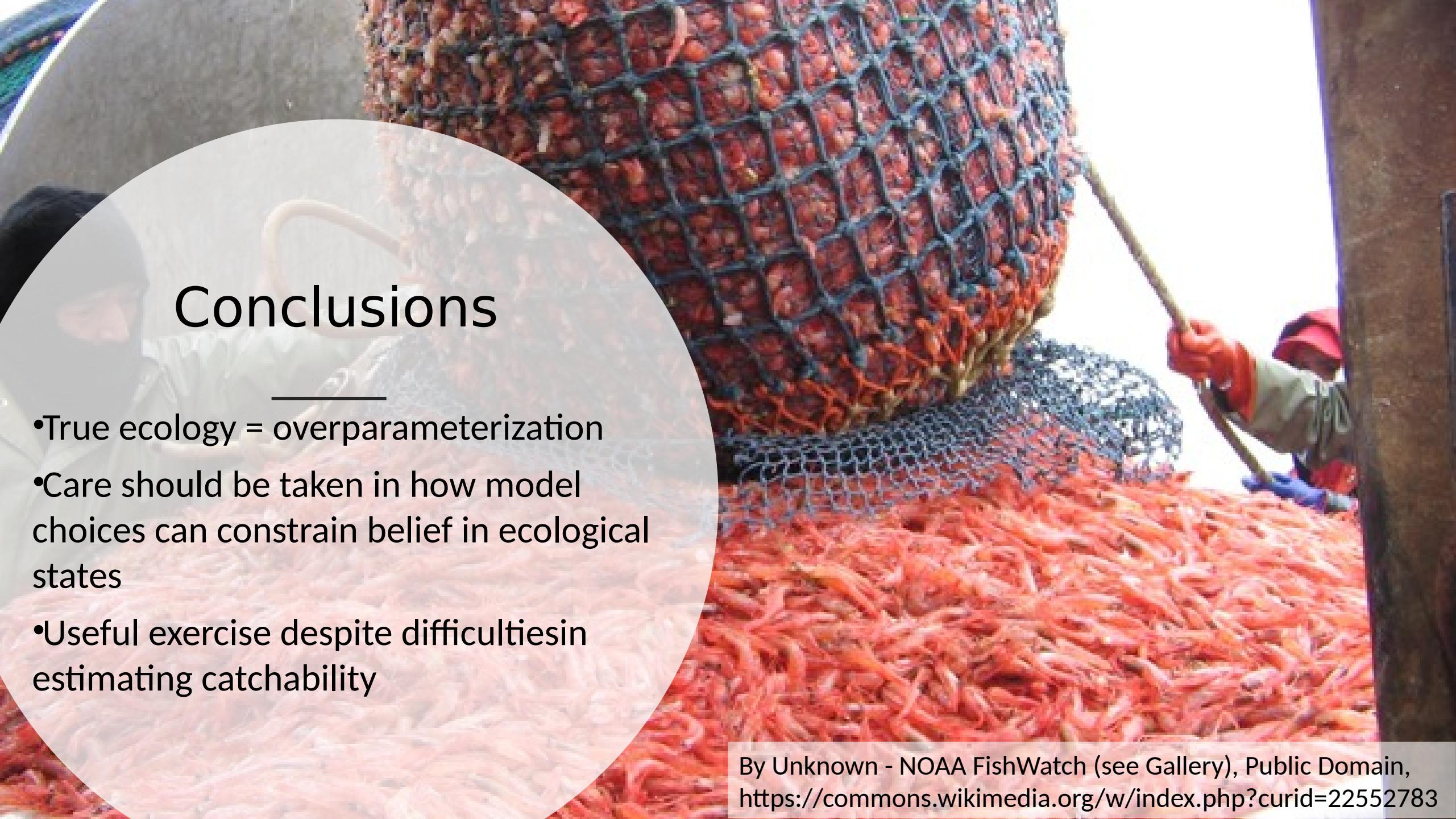
Possible futures

Future outcomes and risk



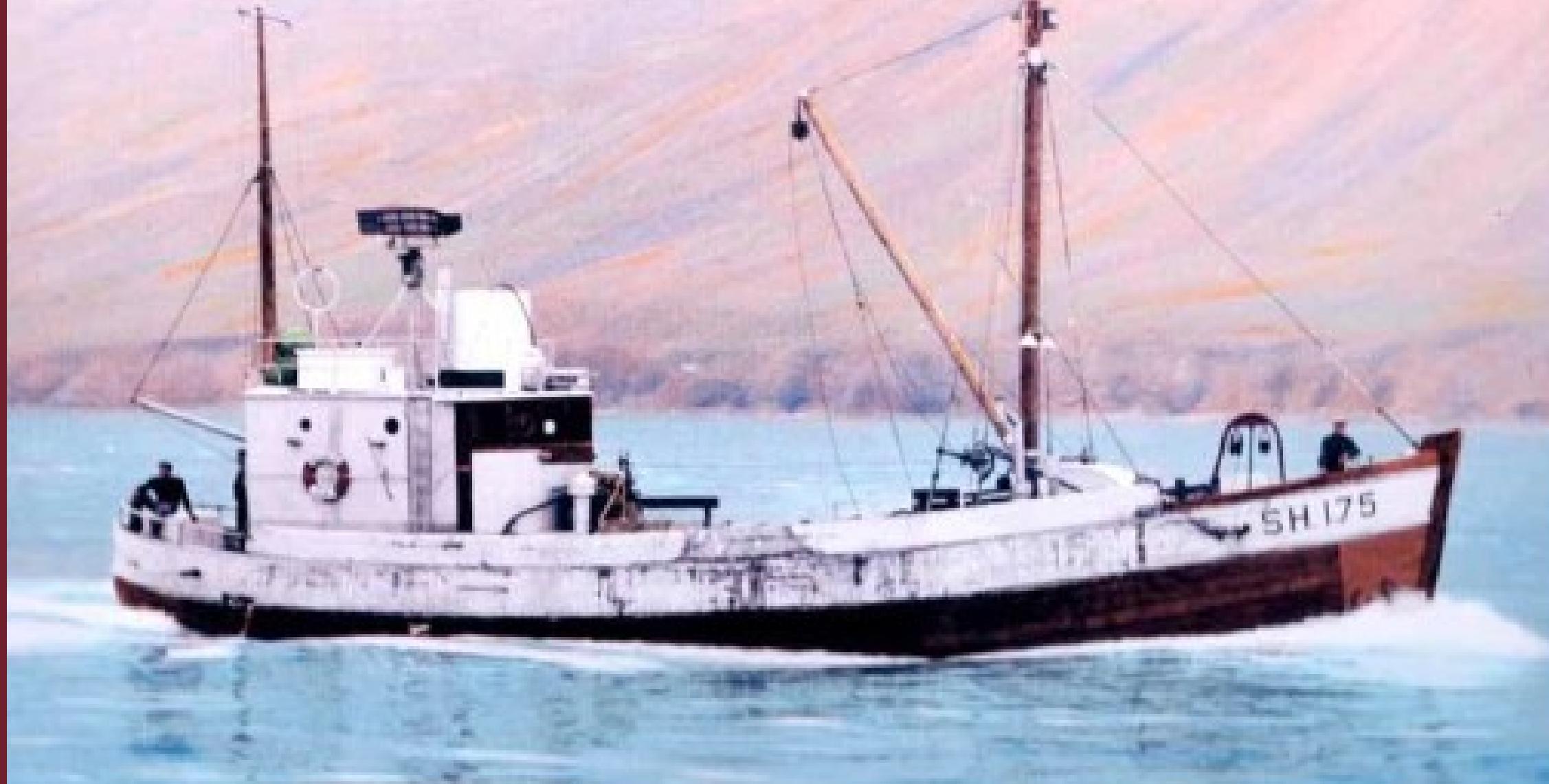
Conclusions

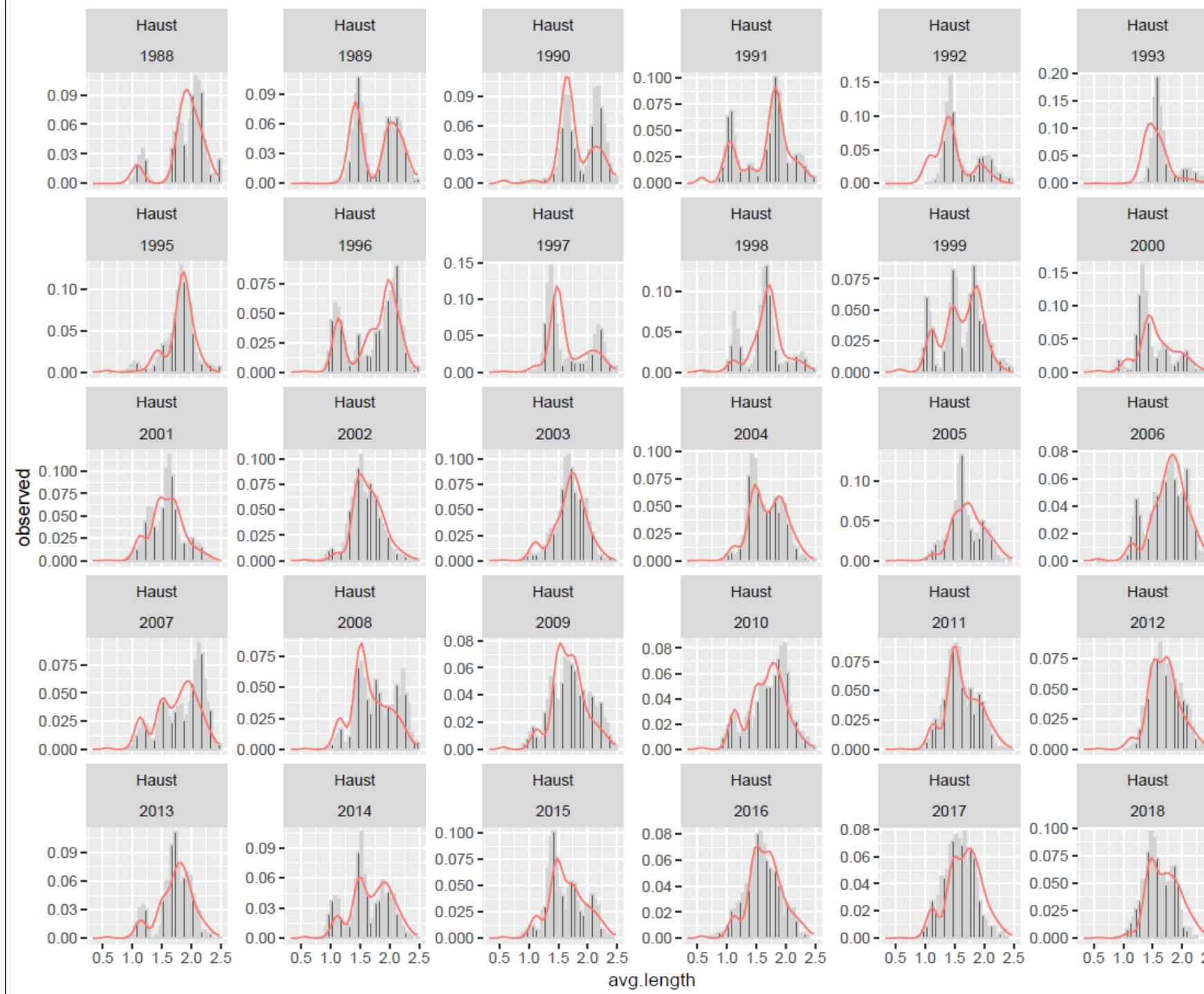
- True ecology = overparameterization
- Care should be taken in how model choices can constrain belief in ecological states
- Useful exercise despite difficulties in estimating catchability

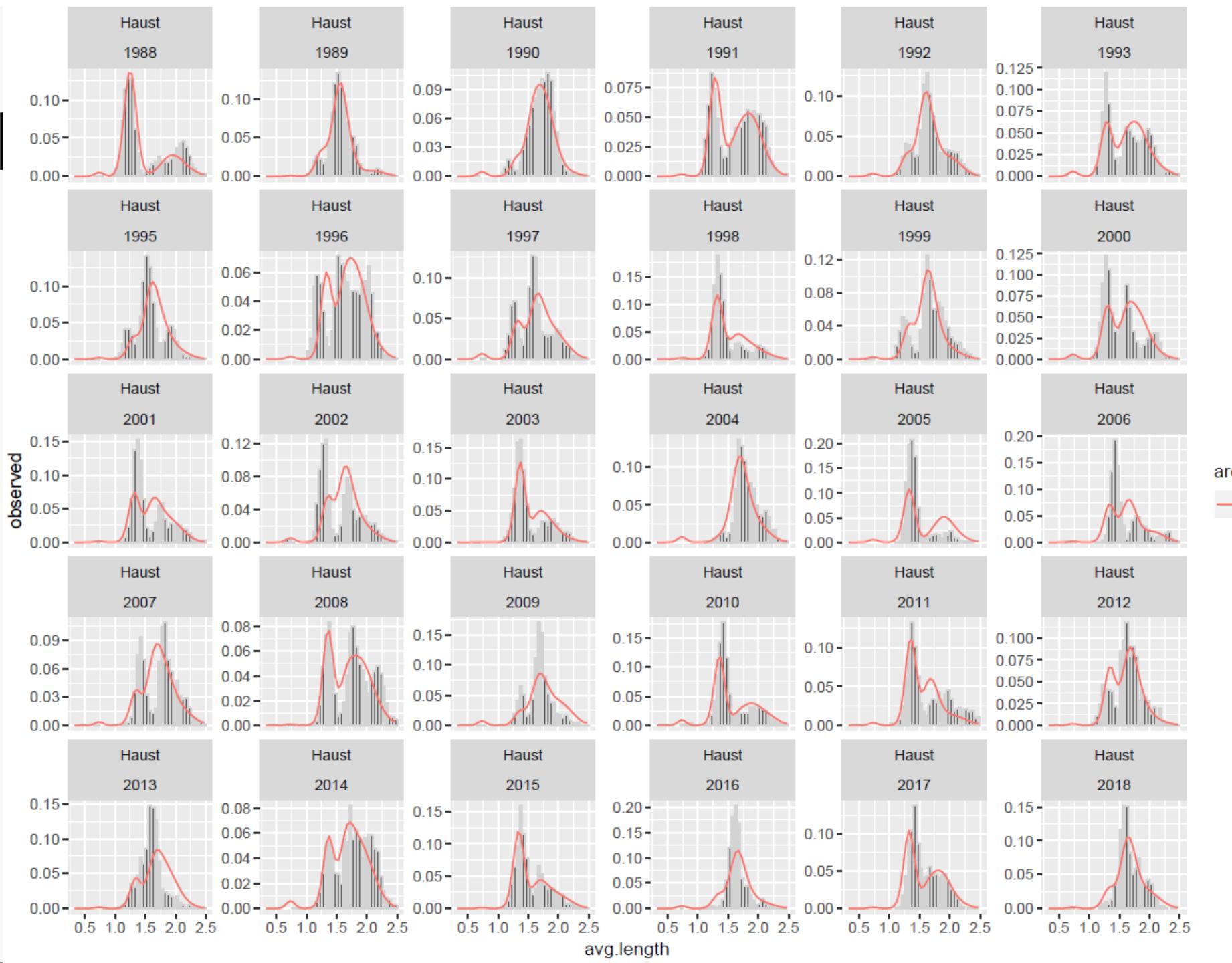
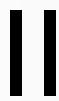


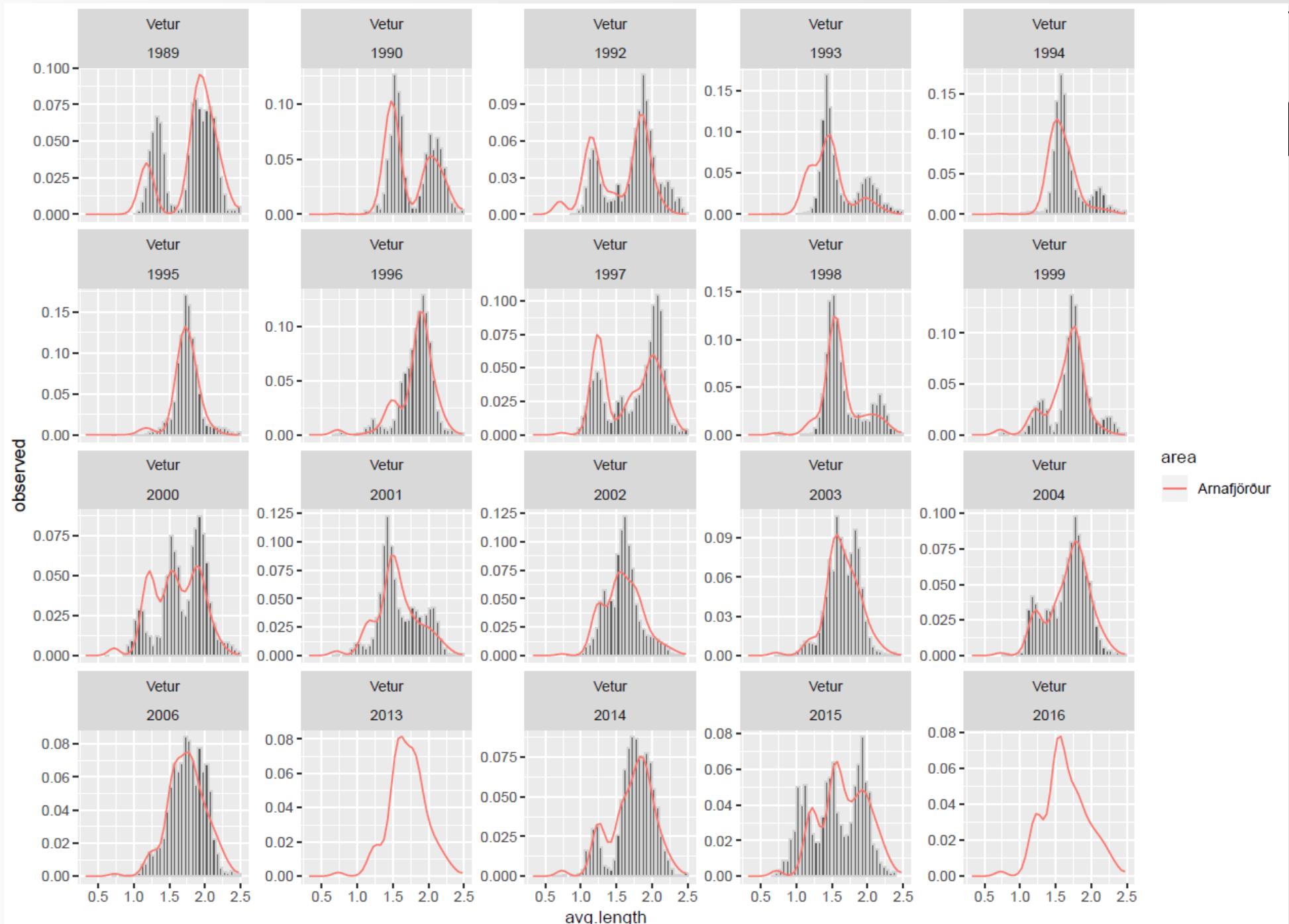
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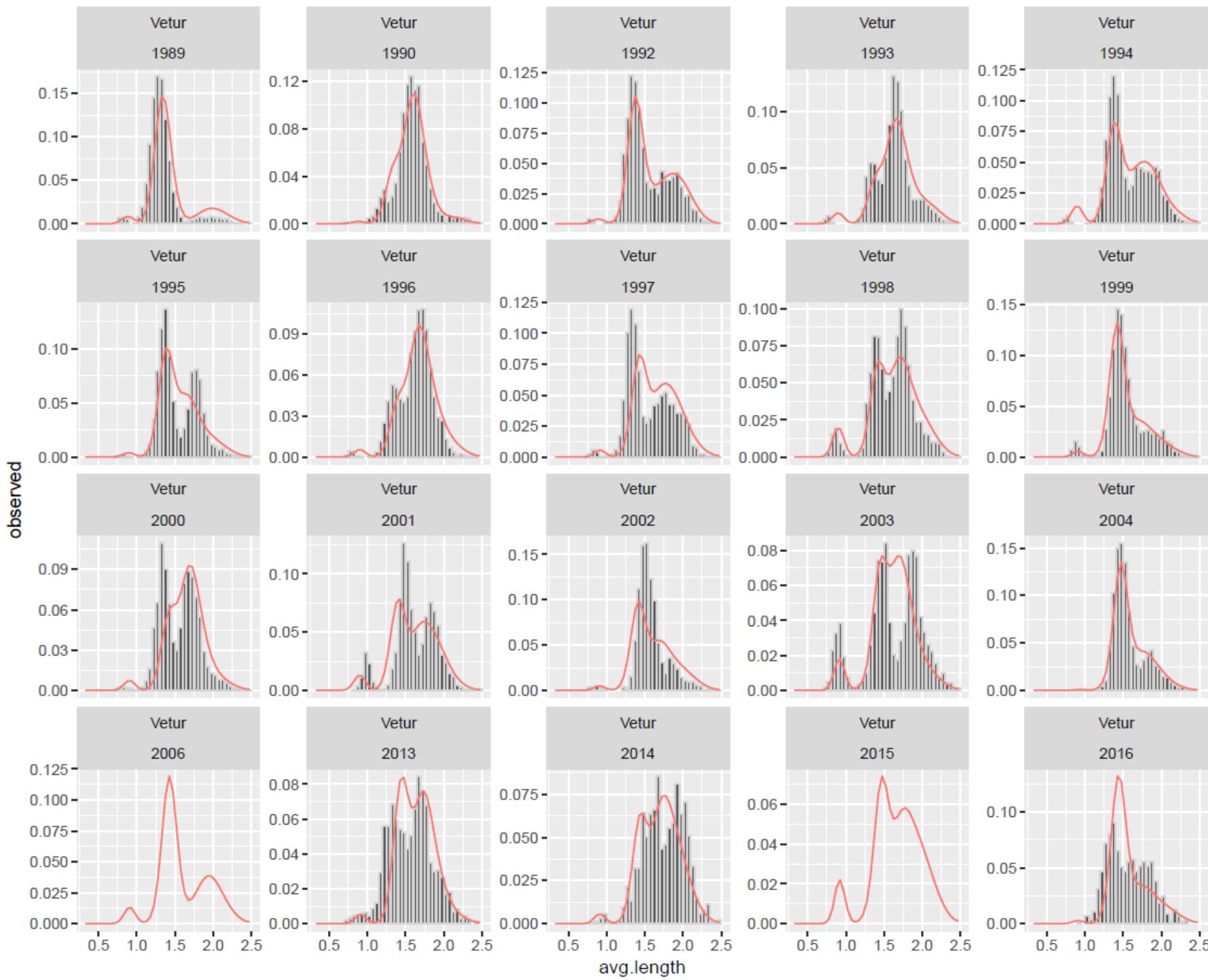
Thanks!











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