

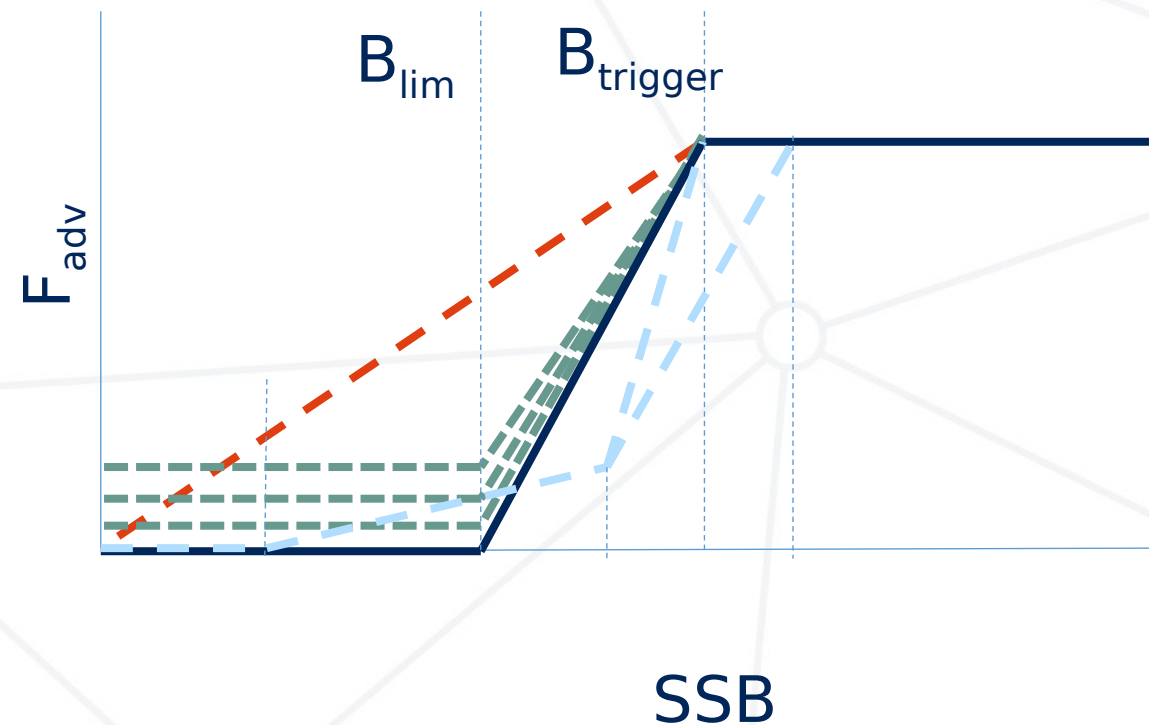
# Simulation tool to evaluate Rebuilding Plans ... and define Reference Points



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# Harvest Control Rules

- Rebuilding plans are based on fishing mortality ( $F_{adv}$ ).
- $F_{adv}$  depends on SSB level, as ICES AR, or distance of SSB to  $B_{lim}/MSYB_{trigger}$ .
- Interesting to constraint the catch advice to reach certain SSB level at the end of the advice year ( $SSB_y \leq SSB_{y+1}$  or  $SSB = B_{lim}/B_{trigger}$ ) for example.
- A HCR that is a combination of  $HCR_{RecPlan}$  and  $HCR_{MSY}$ .  $HCR_{MSY}$  after  $K$  years with  $p(SSB > B_{lim}) > 95\% \mid p(SSB > B_{trigger}) > 95\%$ .



# Performance Indicators.



- $T_{MIN}$ : the time taken for the stock to rebuild with zero fishing to above Blim, or the agreed rebuilding target with 95% probability, or other level of probability depending on the state of depletion of the stock.
- $T_{MAX}$ : the maximum amount of time for rebuilding the stock, is usually specified by managers/requesters but could be expressed as  $x * T_{MIN}$  with  $x > 1$ .
- $T_{MIN}$  and  $T_{MAX}$  are used as for the comparison of the performance of management plan.
- $T_{MAX}$  is a constraint for a Management plan to be acceptable.
- *Recovery criteria:*
  - $p(SSB > Blim) > 95\%$  for  $K$  number of years.
  - $P(SSB > Btrigger) > 95\%$  for  $K$  number of years.

# Operating model



- Uncertainty conditioning with some default options, like in *eqSim*.
- Option where the user can use whatever she wants (two different functions, conditioning & simulation).
- Several SR models, including steepness parameterization ( $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$ , available).

# Management Procedure



- *Time lag* between assessment and advice.
- *Observation errors*: Not a default option, not a priority.
- *Full feedback*: Not a default option, not a priority.  
Having the option to call to 'something' that returns an FLStock could be good but it would be necessary to simulate data (índices) (not a priority).
- *Short cut*: Option to modify the 'real' FLStock to account for bias in the assessment coming from retrospective or other sources. There is something on eqSim.
- *Implementation error*: A multiplier to account for over-shoot/under-shoot of the TAC whatever the reason.