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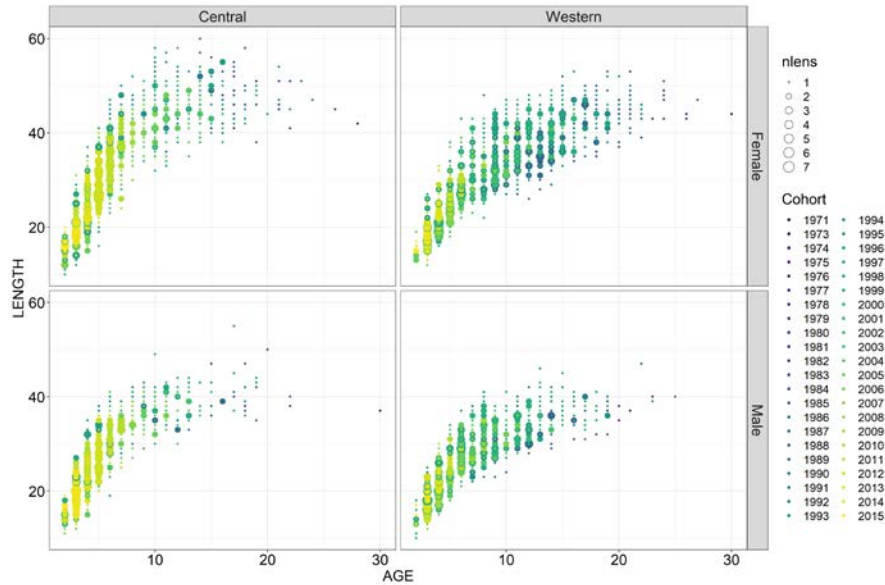
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Where we left off

Northern rock sole

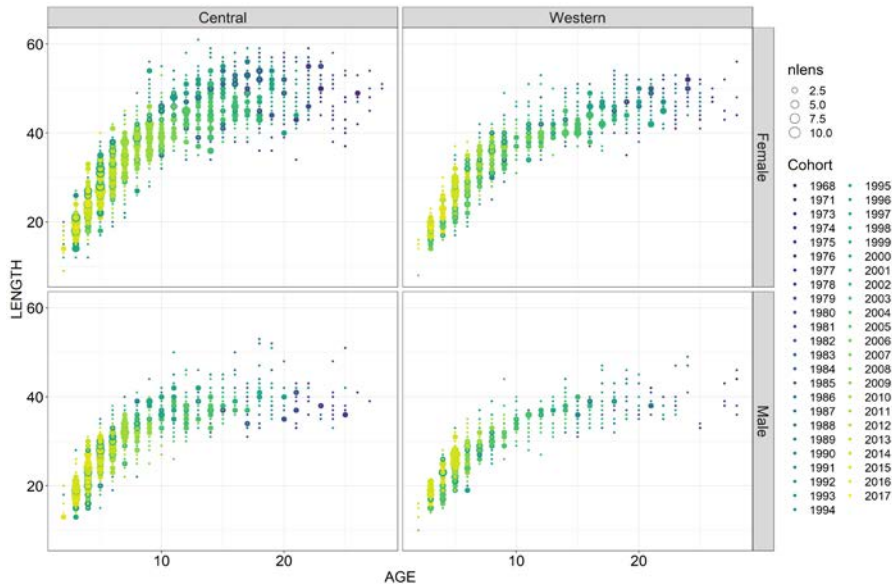


- September PT showed differences in growth by area

- Today presenting minor modifications to last accepted model and a 2-area model

- 2-area model accounts for differences in growth between central and western GOA

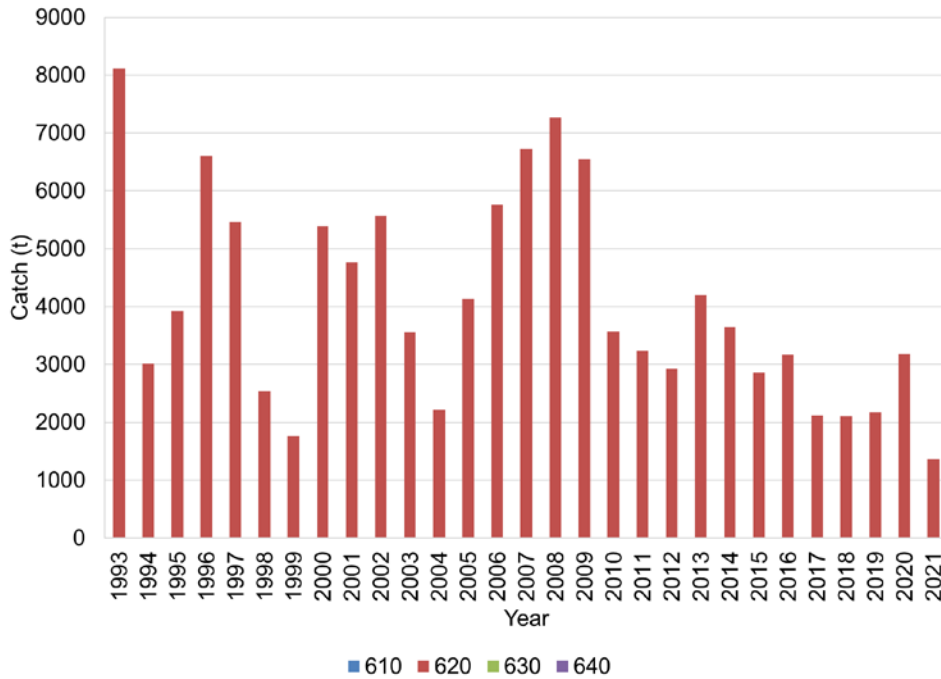
Southern rock sole



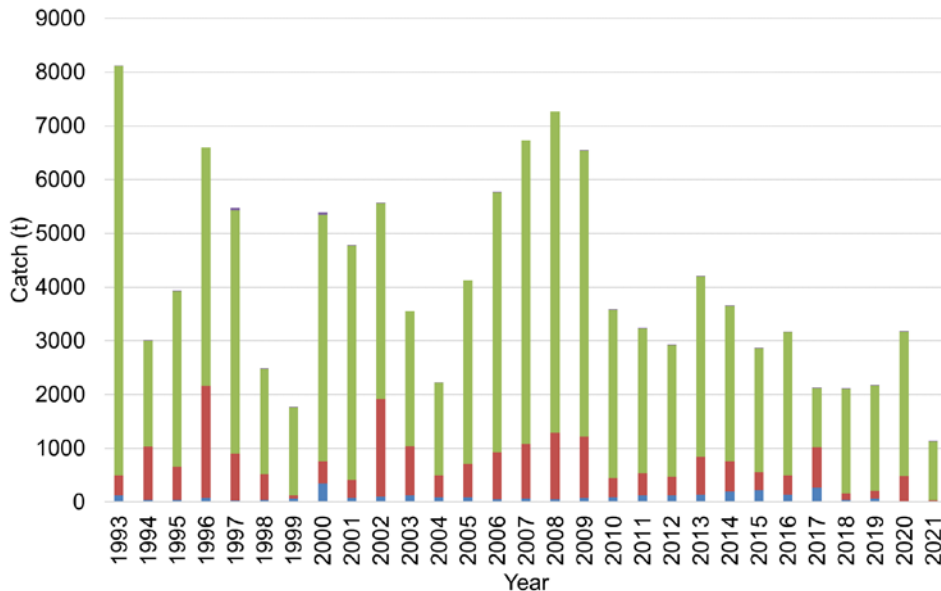
New data

- Final catch estimates for 2017-2020
- Preliminary estimate of 2021 catch
- 2018 – 2021 fishery lengths (sex-specific)
- 2019 – 2021 GOA bottom trawl survey
 - Biomass
 - Length composition (sex-specific)
- 2017 survey conditional age-at-length data for northern rock sole (sex-specific)
 - Otoliths not collected in 2019
- 2017 and 2019 survey conditional age-at-length data for southern rock sole (sex-specific)

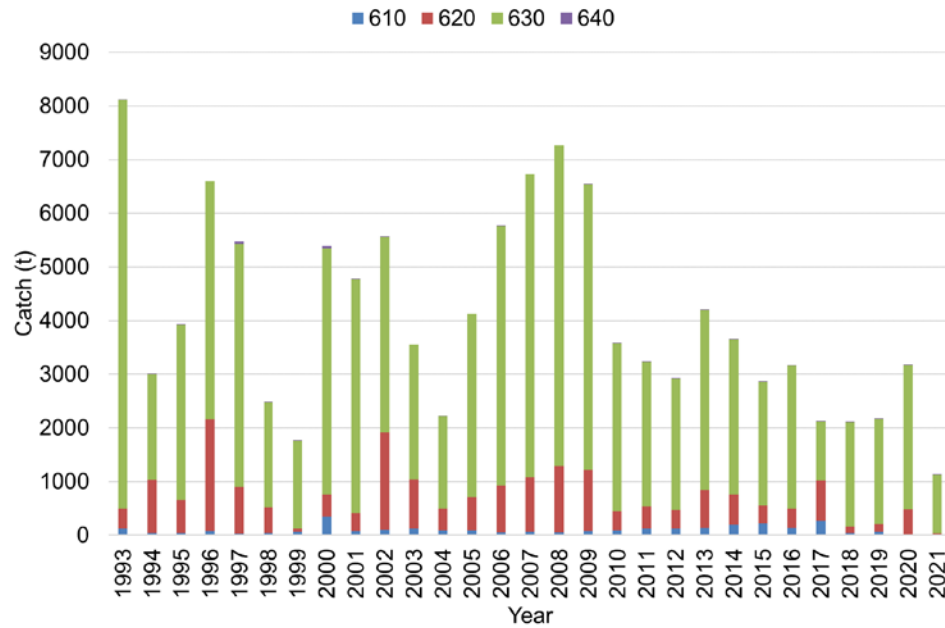
Catch data



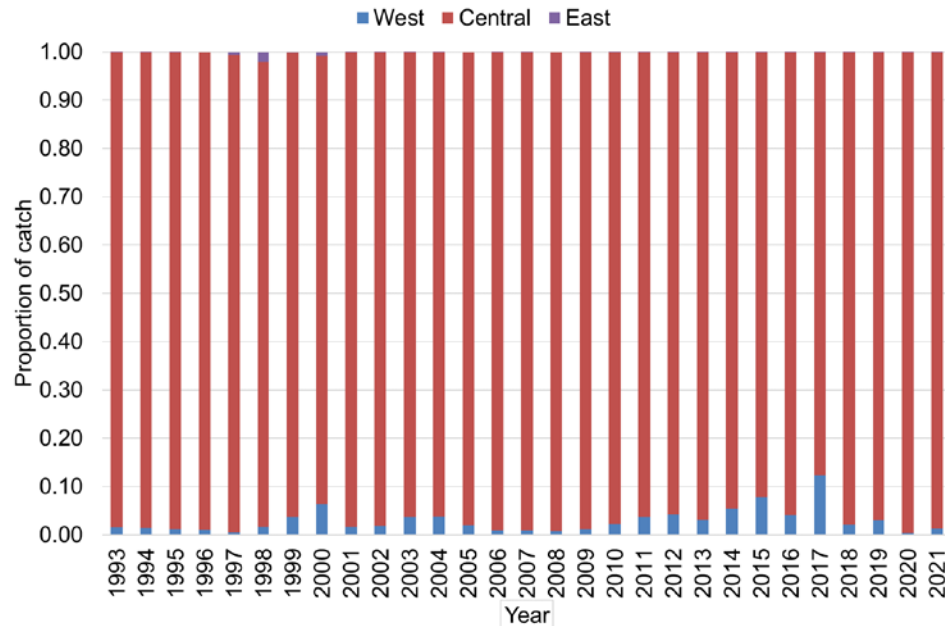
- Catch has declined since 2008 and was quite low in 2021
- Primarily caught in area 630 and 620



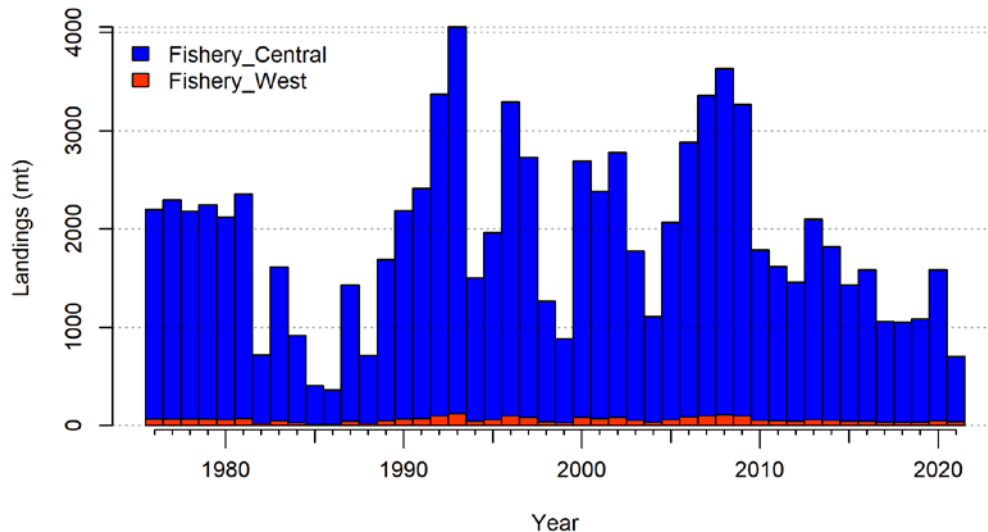
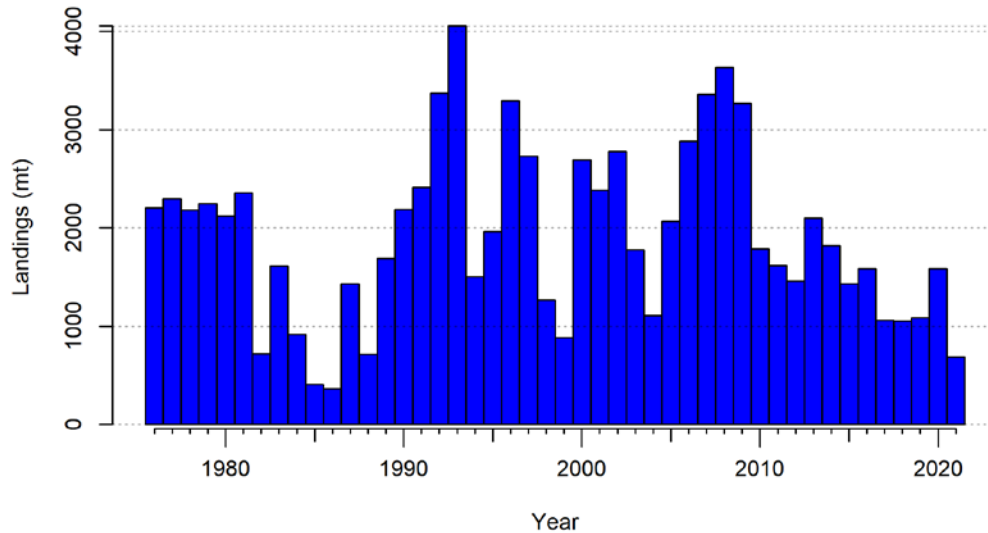
Catch data



- Since 1993:
 - ~97% caught in central GOA on average
 - ~3% caught in western GOA on average



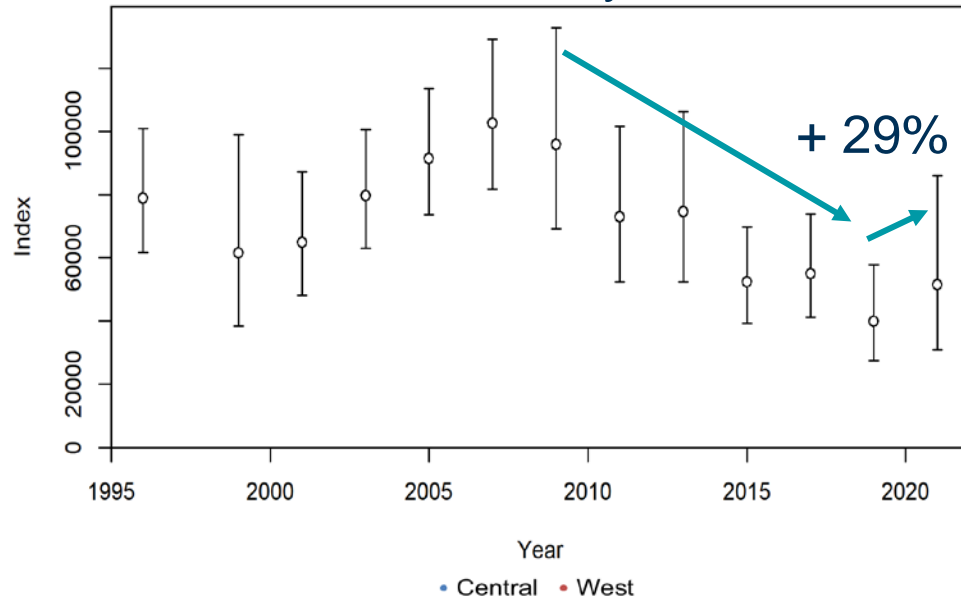
Catch data



- Assume 50% split of total rock sole catch to derive species-specific catch
- Input for single area models
- Assumed 97% of catch in central GOA and 3% in western GOA
- Input for two area models

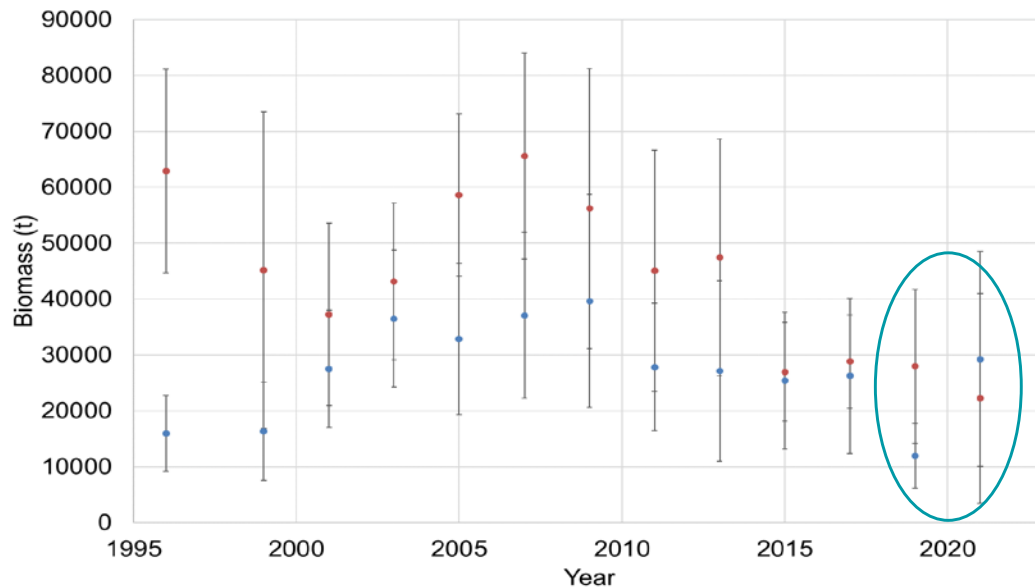
GOA bottom trawl survey biomass

Total NRS survey biomass

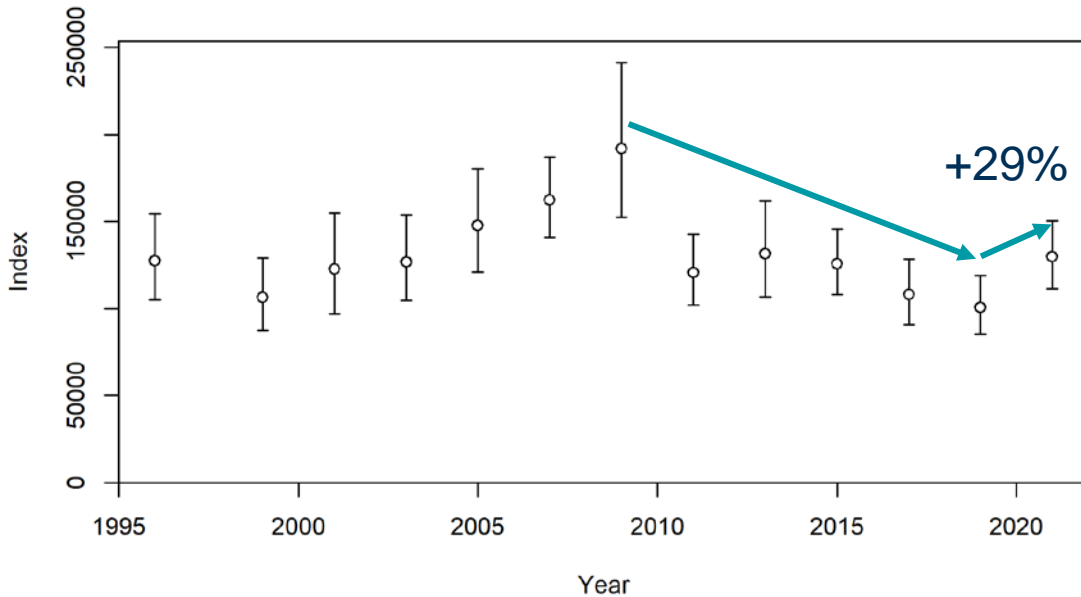


- Northern rock sole
- Total biomass generally follows trends in biomass in western GOA
- Majority of biomass in west (~64% average over time)

- Recent years similar proportion of biomass (except 2019)
- 2021 central higher than west (first time)



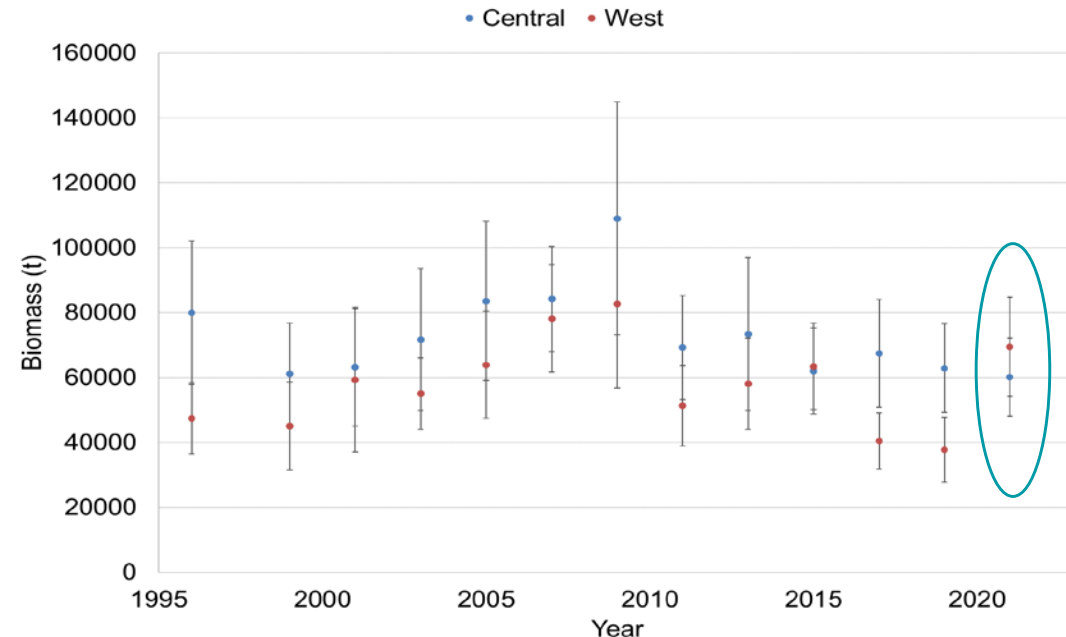
GOA bottom trawl survey biomass



- Southern rock sole
- Trends similar between central and western GOA until 2013

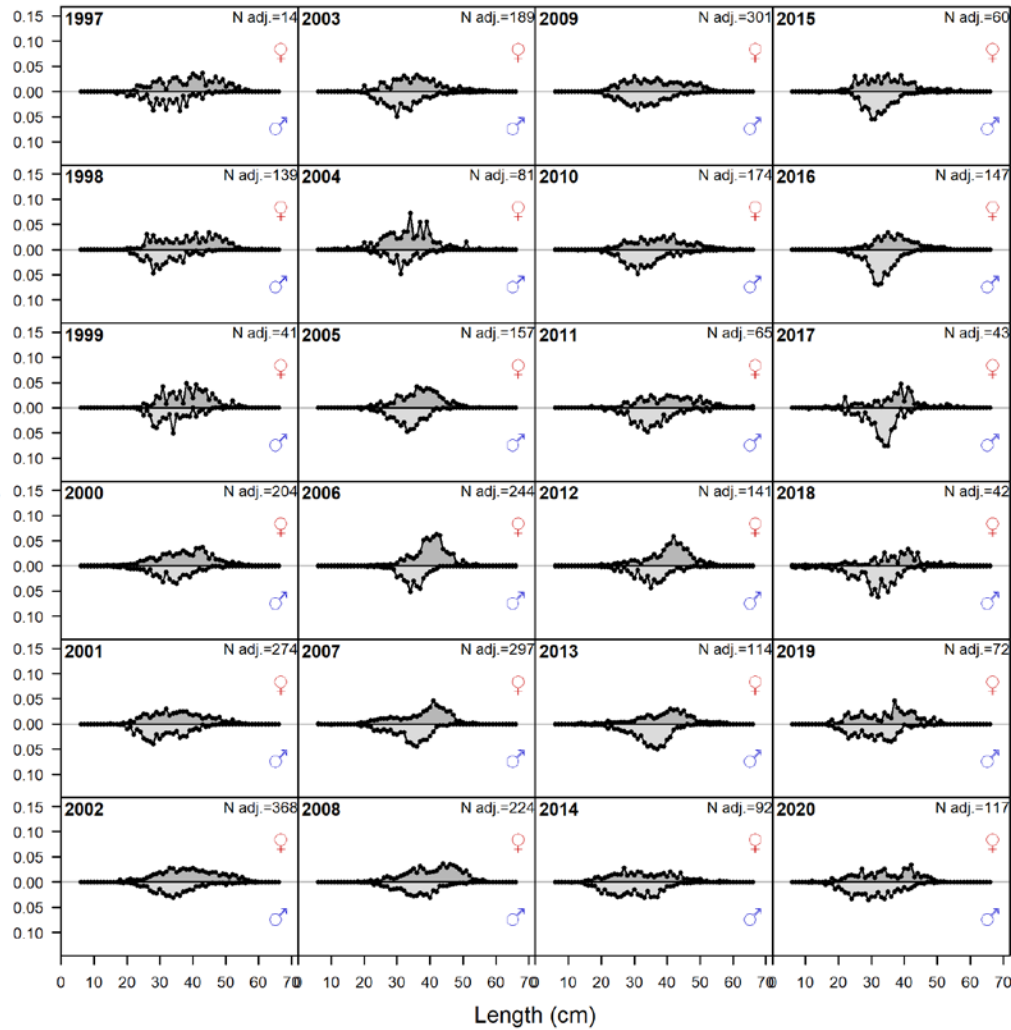
- 2011-2021

- central GOA flat
- Western GOA declined in 2017 and in 2021 higher than central (first time)



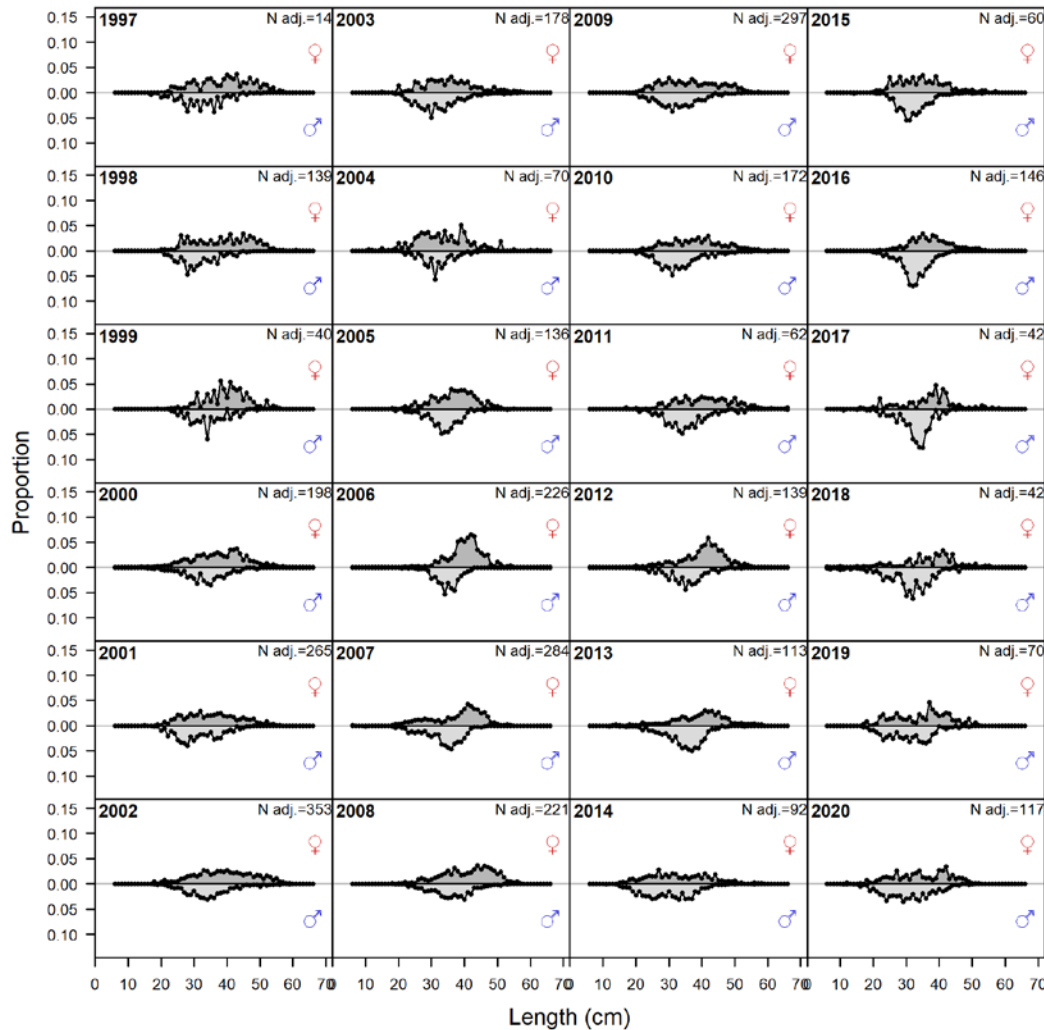
- Majority of biomass in west (~56% average over time)

Fishery length composition data



- Northern rock sole
- Annual, sex-specific length composition
- Input sample size
 - Annual number of hauls

Fishery length composition data



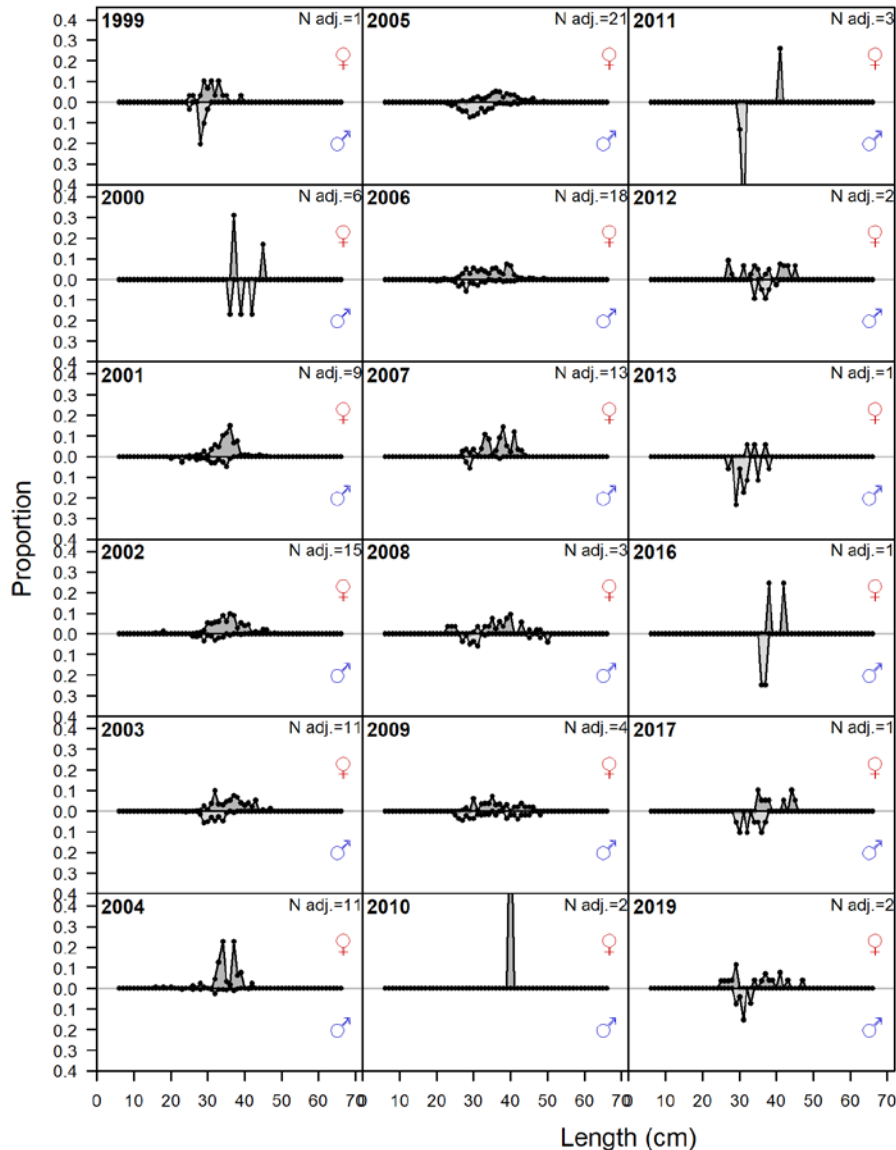
Northern rock sole,
central GOA

Annual, sex-specific
length composition

Input sample size

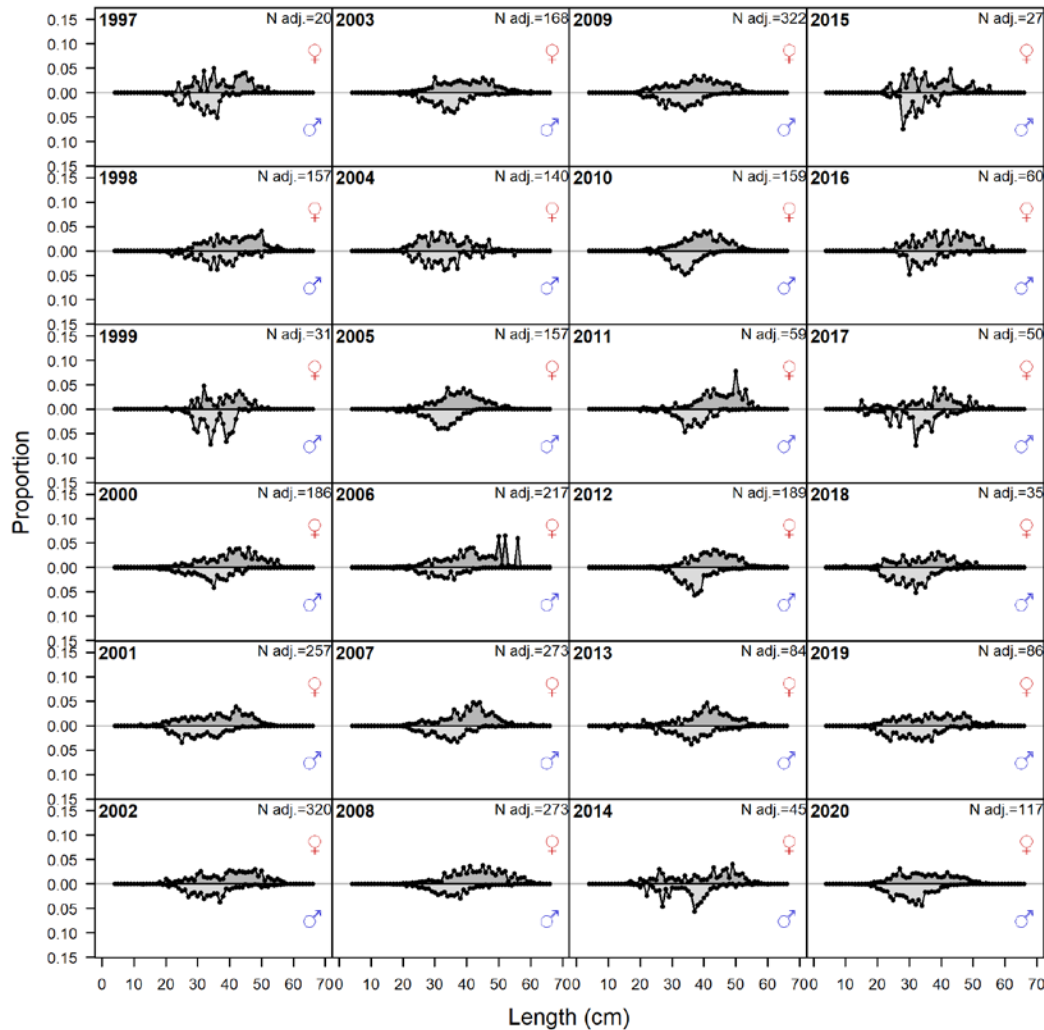
- Annual number of hauls
- Majority of hauls from central GOA

Fishery length composition data



- Northern rock sole, western GOA
- Annual, sex-specific length composition
- Input sample size
 - Annual number of hauls
 - Small number of hauls per year
 - Several years with 1 haul
 - Max of 21 hauls in 2005
 - Some years no data from western GOA

Fishery length composition data



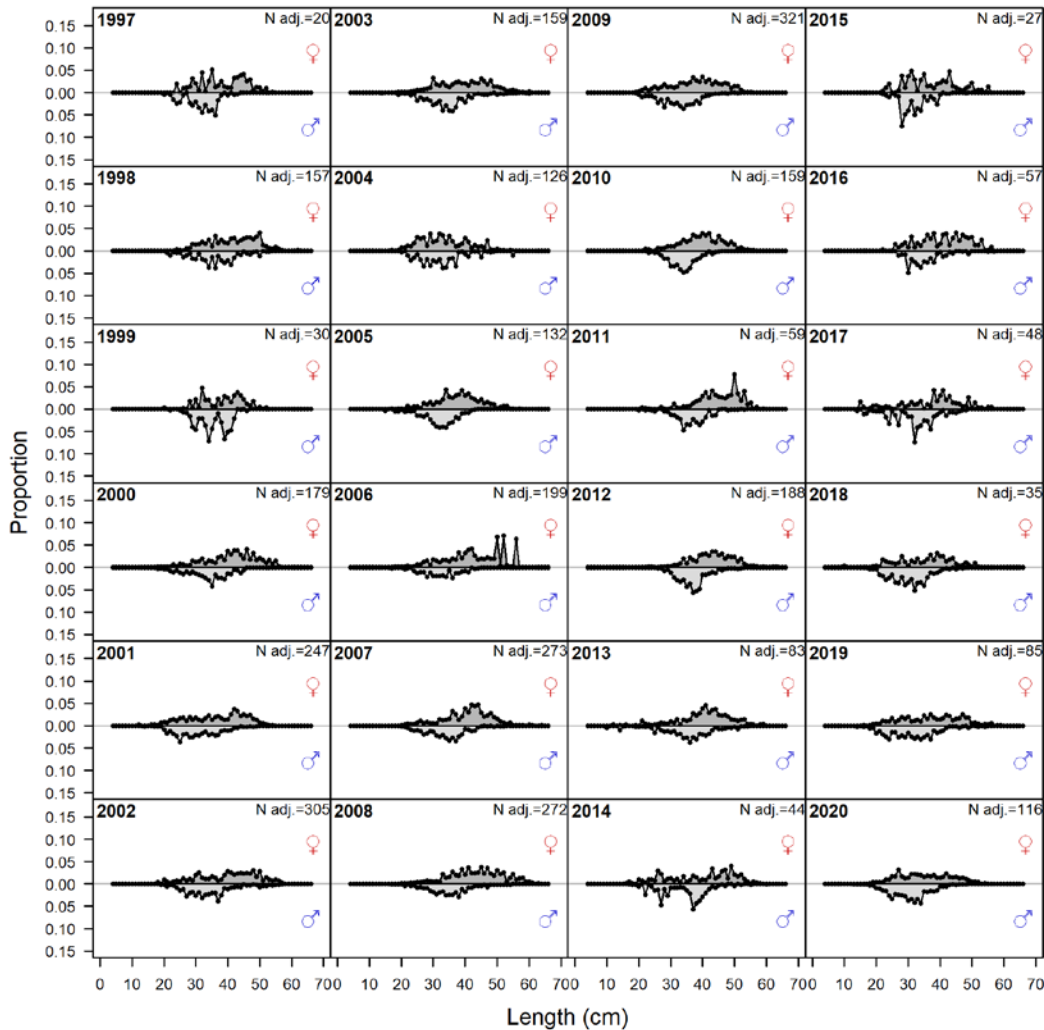
Southern rock sole

Annual, sex-specific
length composition

Input sample size

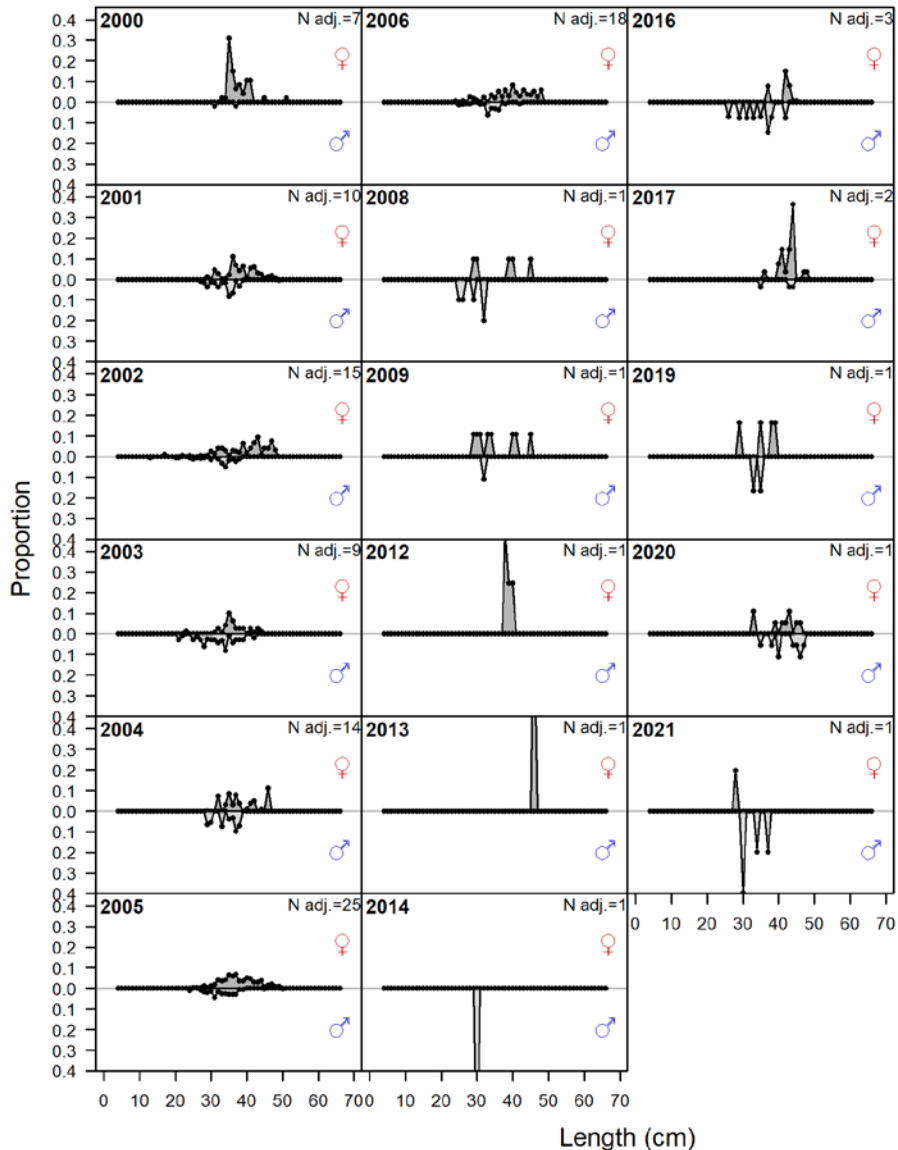
- Annual number of hauls

Fishery length composition data



- Southern rock sole, central GOA
- Annual, sex-specific length composition
- Input sample size
 - Annual number of hauls
 - Majority of hauls from this area

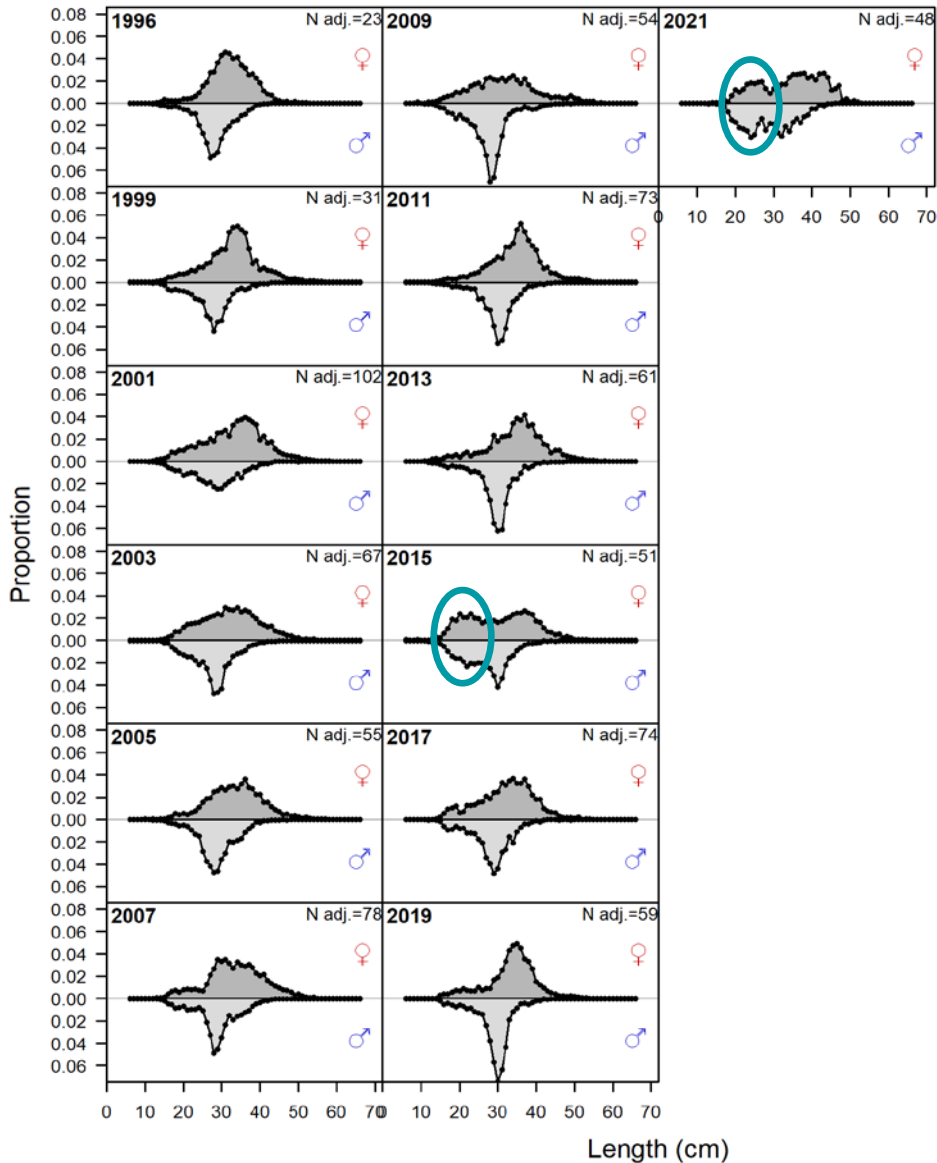
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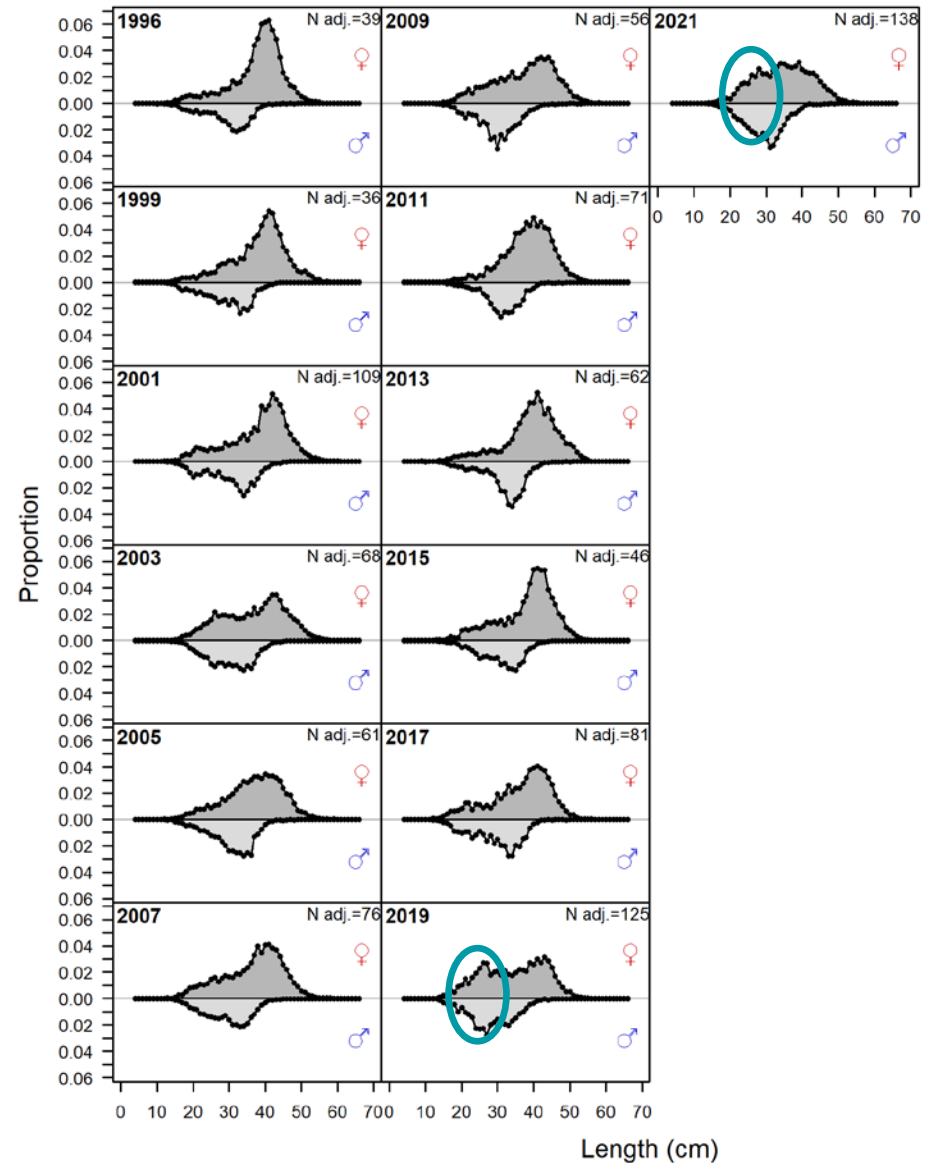
- Southern rock sole, western GOA
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GOA bottom trawl survey lengths

Northern rock sole



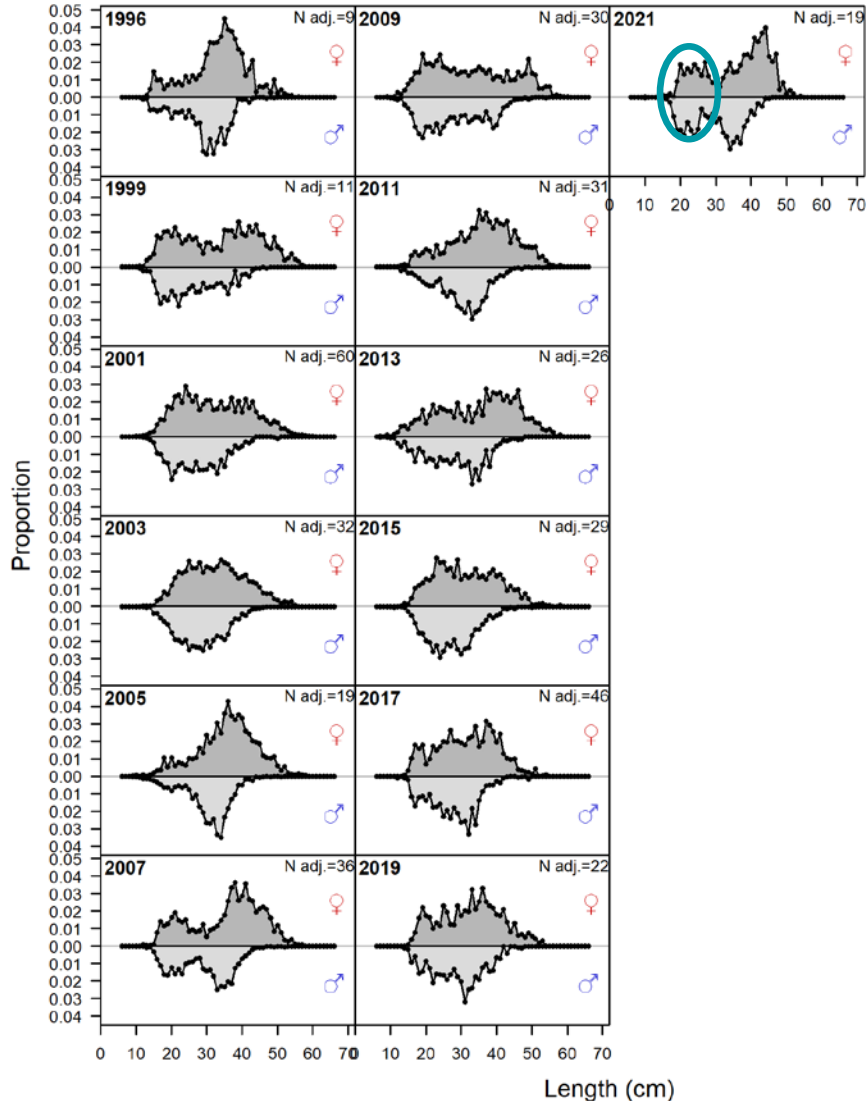
Southern rock sole



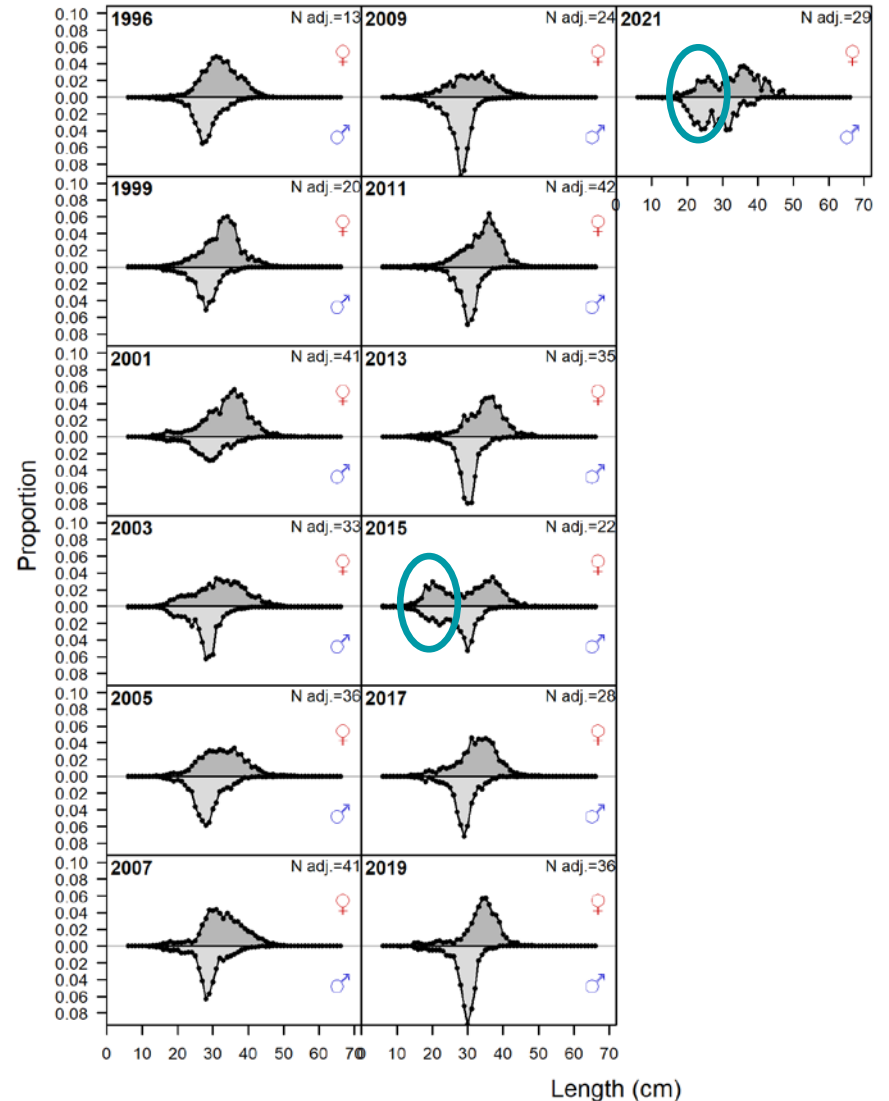
GOA bottom trawl survey lengths

Northern rock sole

central GOA



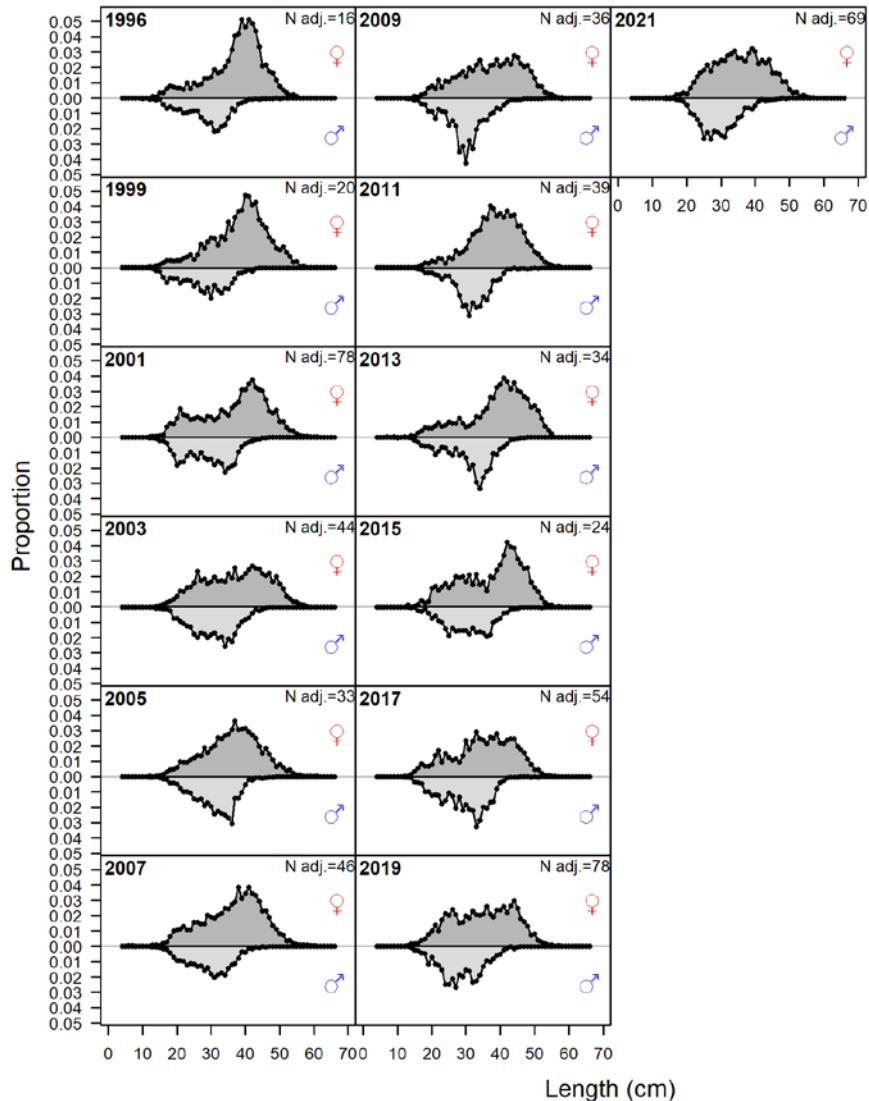
western GOA



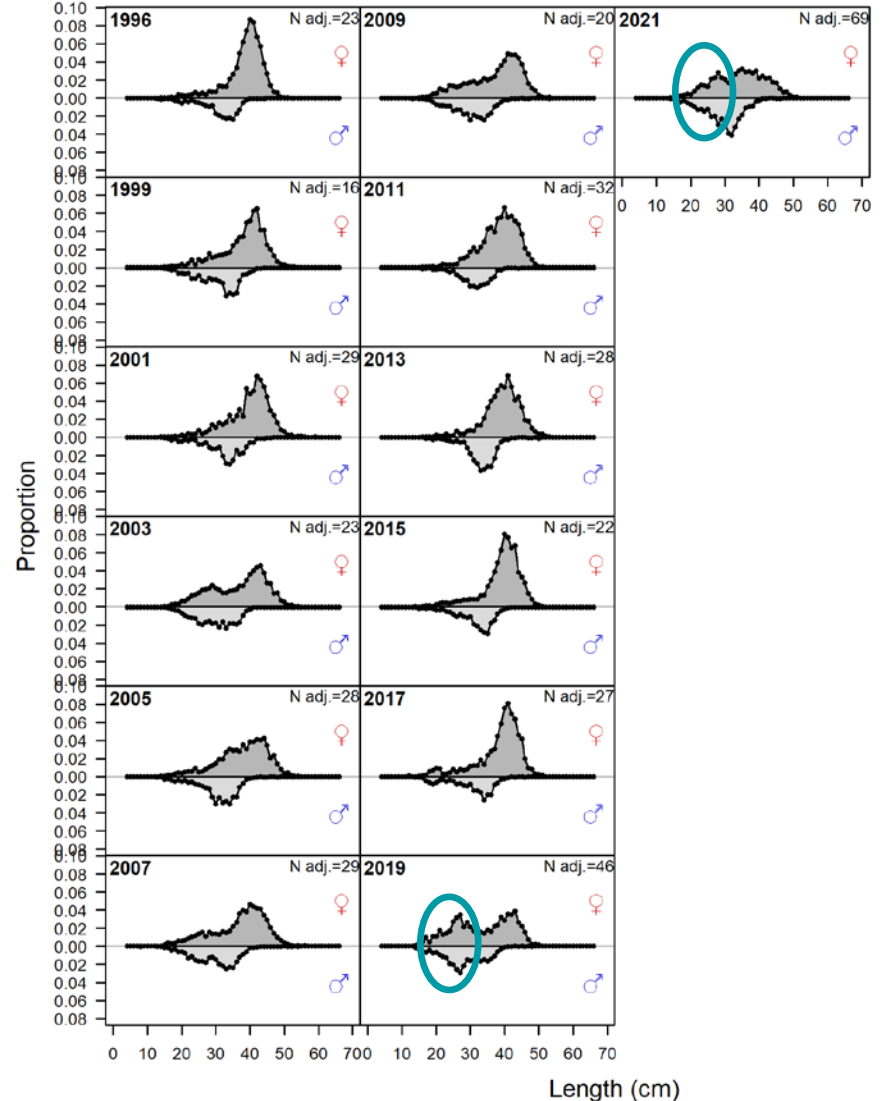
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Southern rock sole

central GOA

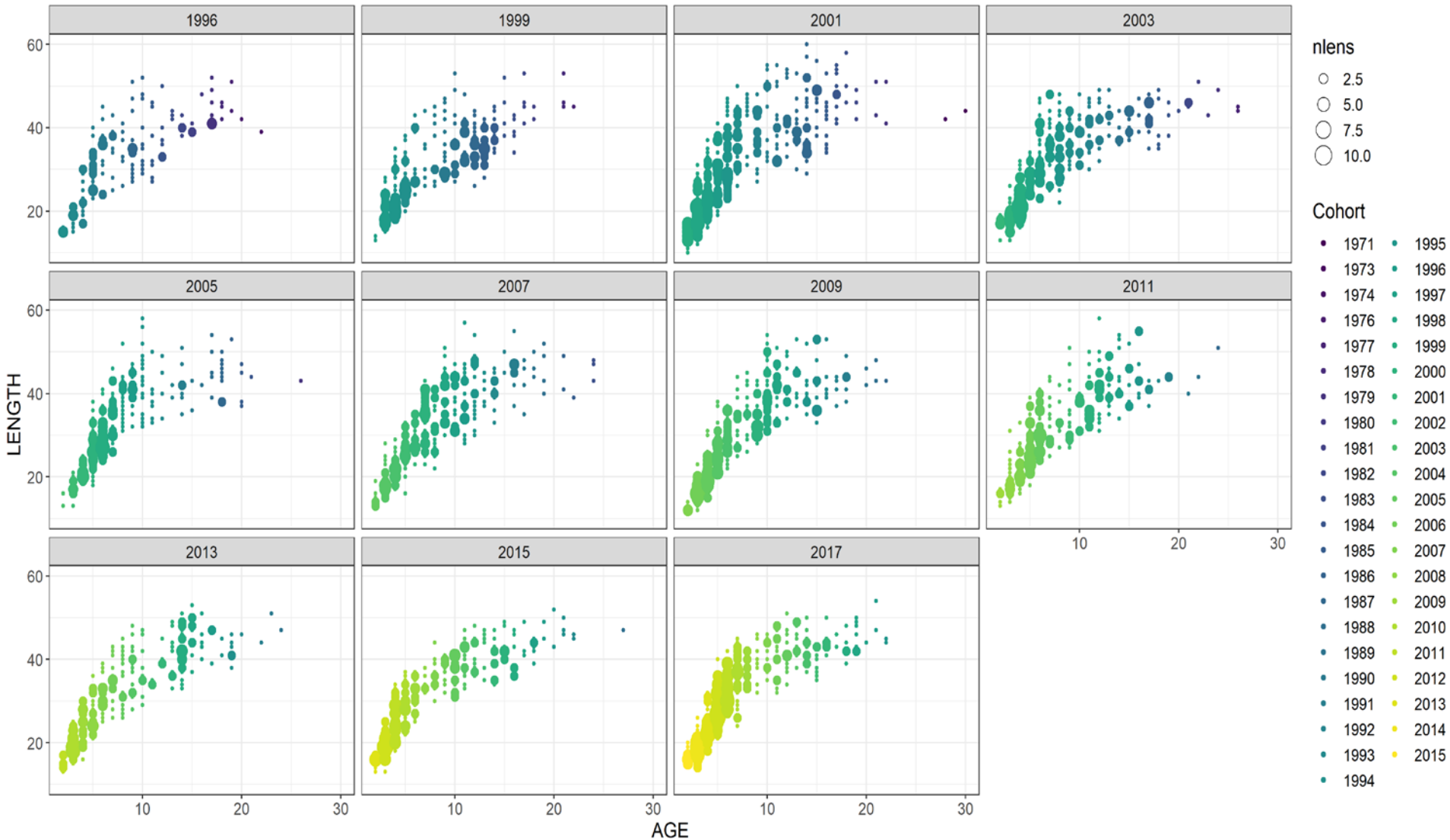


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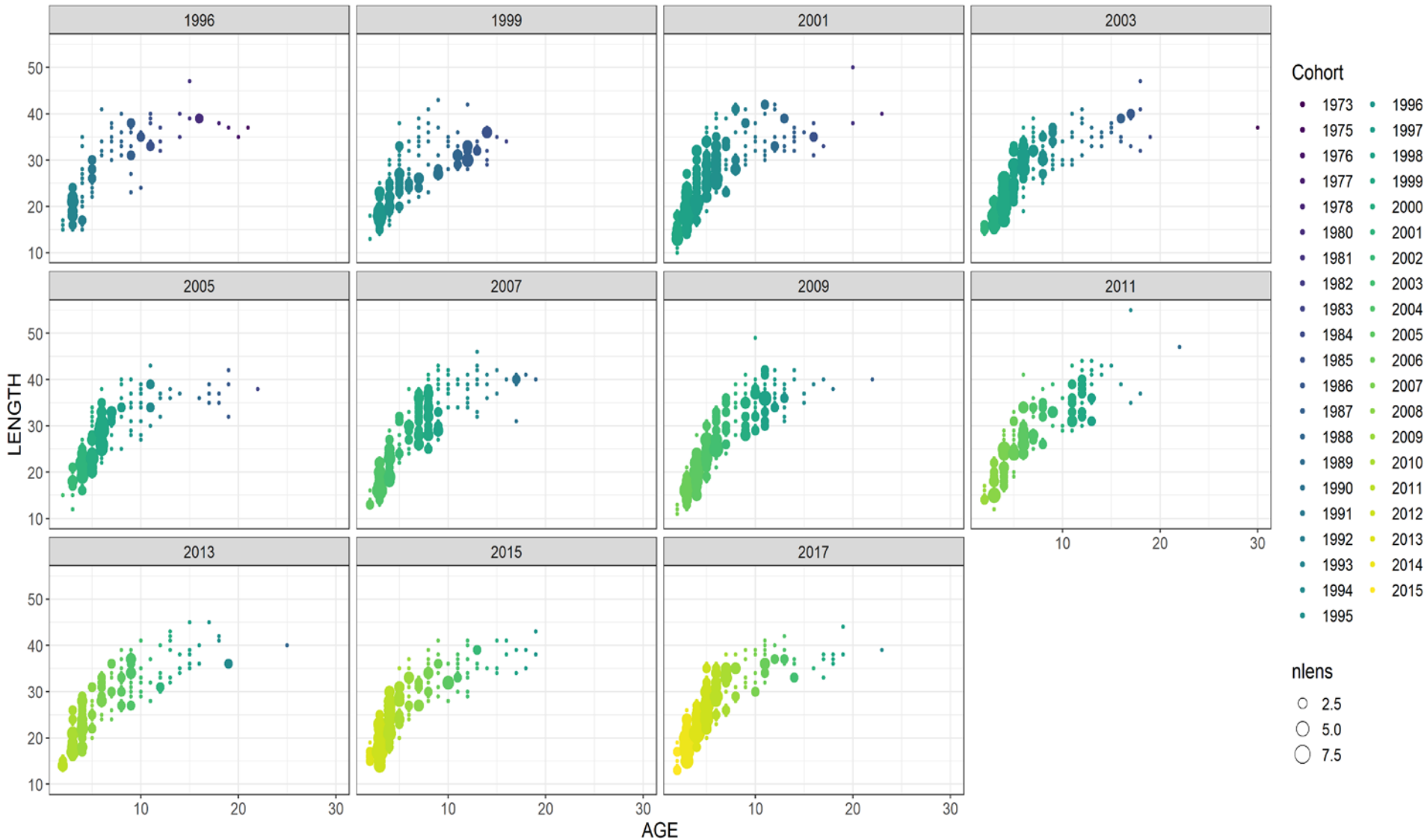
GOA bottom trawl survey CAAL

Northern rock sole, females



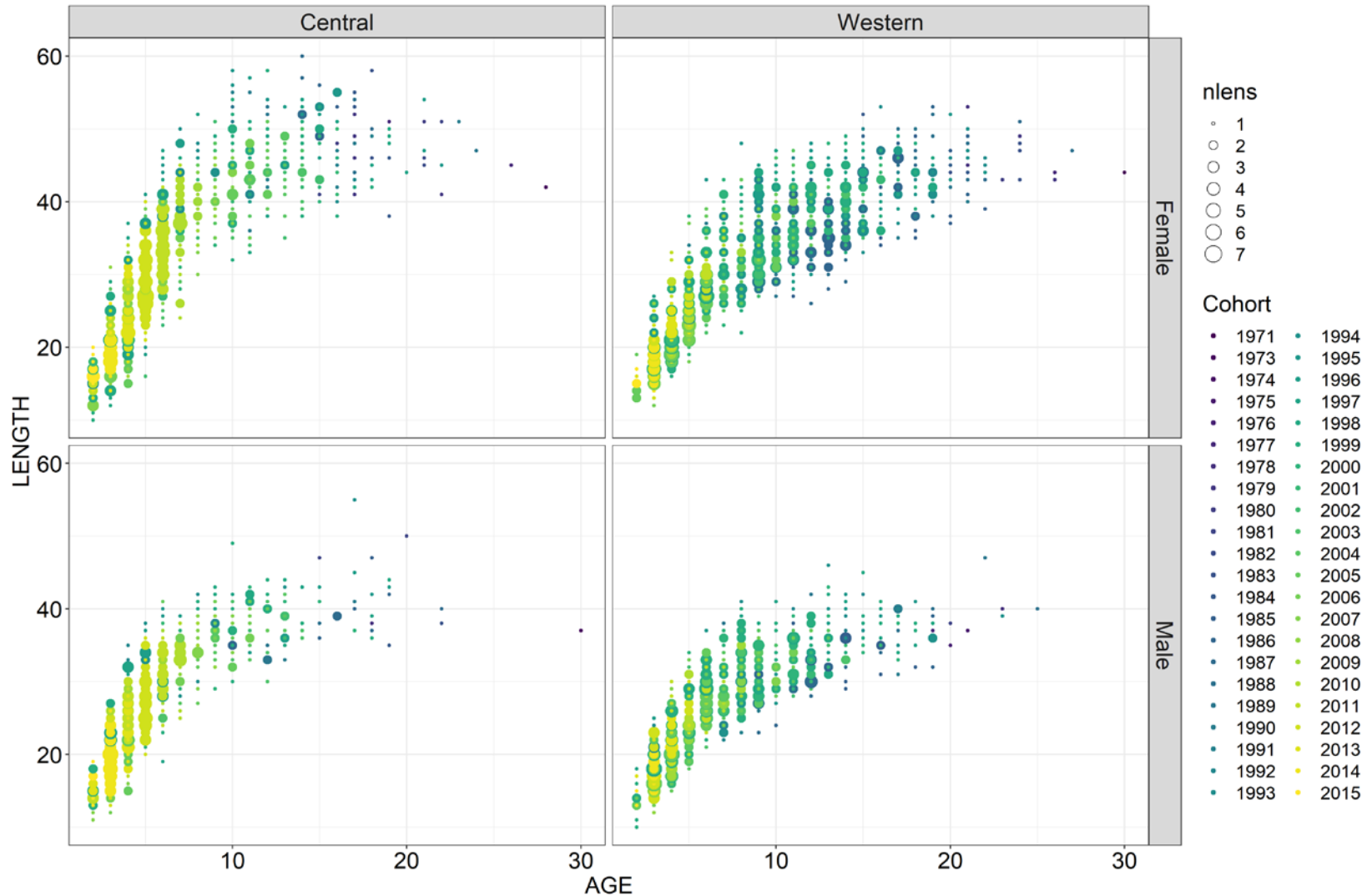
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Northern rock sole, males



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Northern rock sole by area



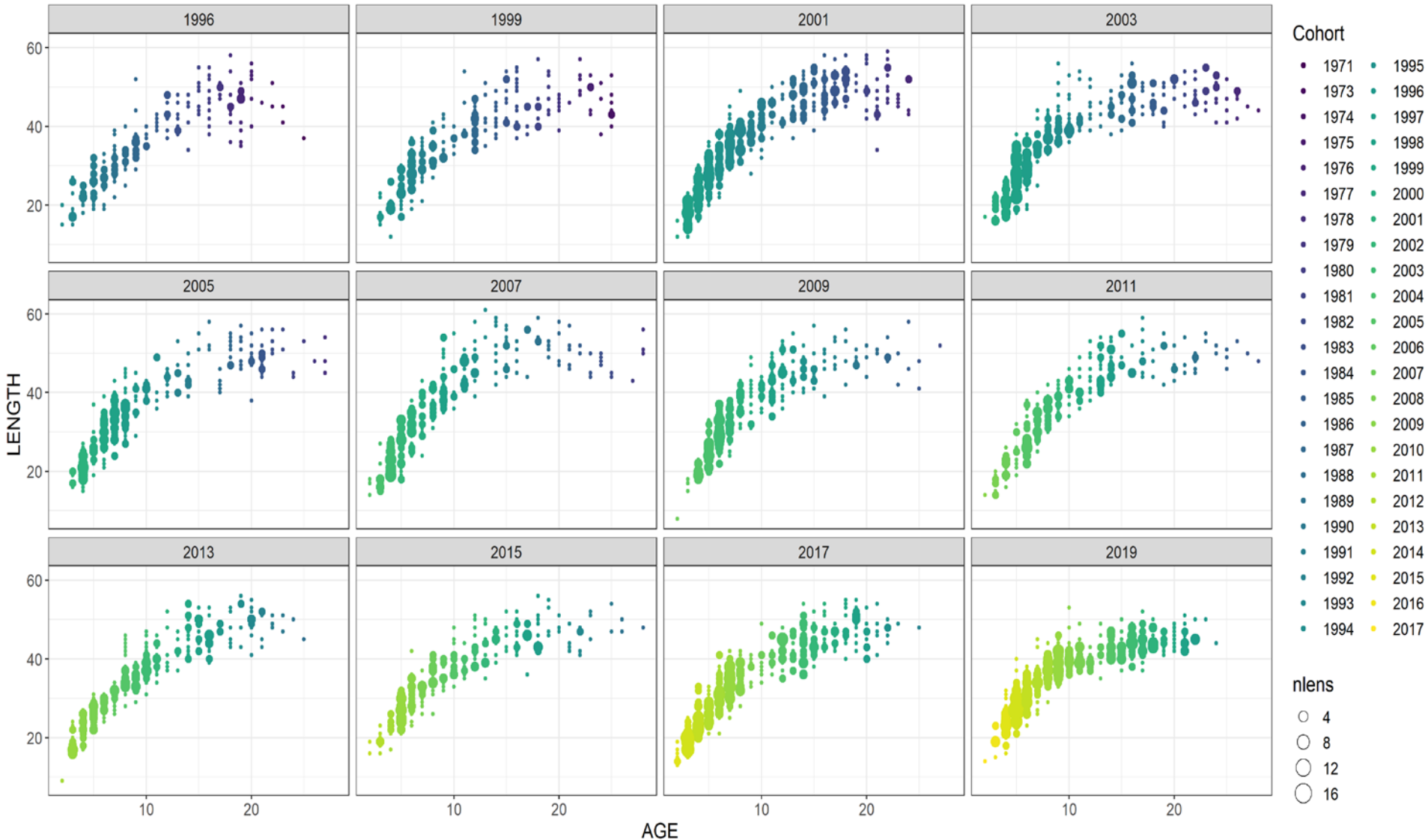
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Number of age samples by area (northern rock sole)

	Central		West		
Year	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
1996	65	38	71	56	230
1999	64	45	163	110	382
2001	180	115	170	125	590
2003	114	77	184	129	504
2005	69	42	150	124	385
2007	77	49	180	146	452
2009	121	91	164	131	507
2011	78	56	162	114	410
2013	100	89	121	82	392
2015	129	105	124	93	451
2017	251	159	109	72	591

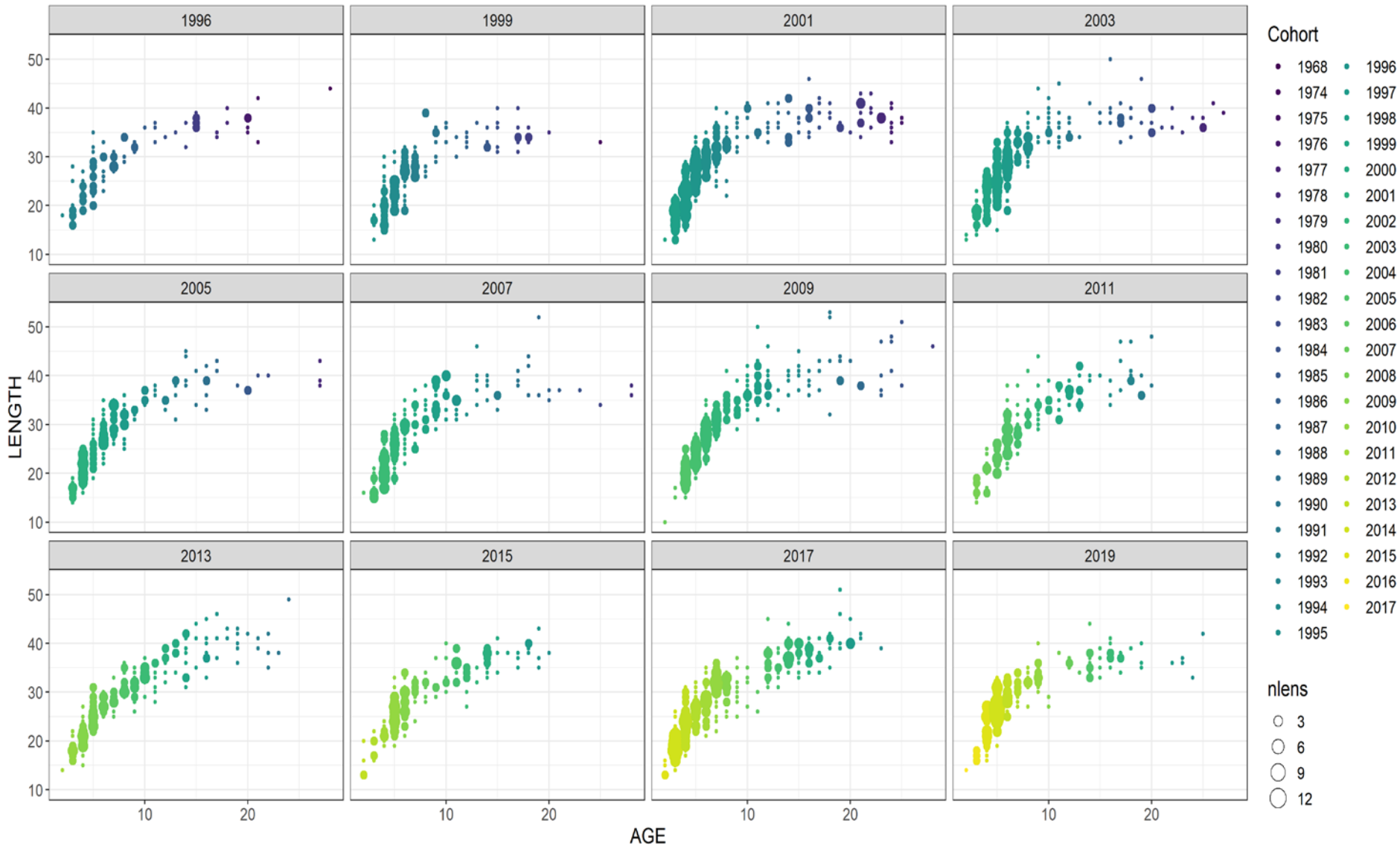
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Southern rock sole, females



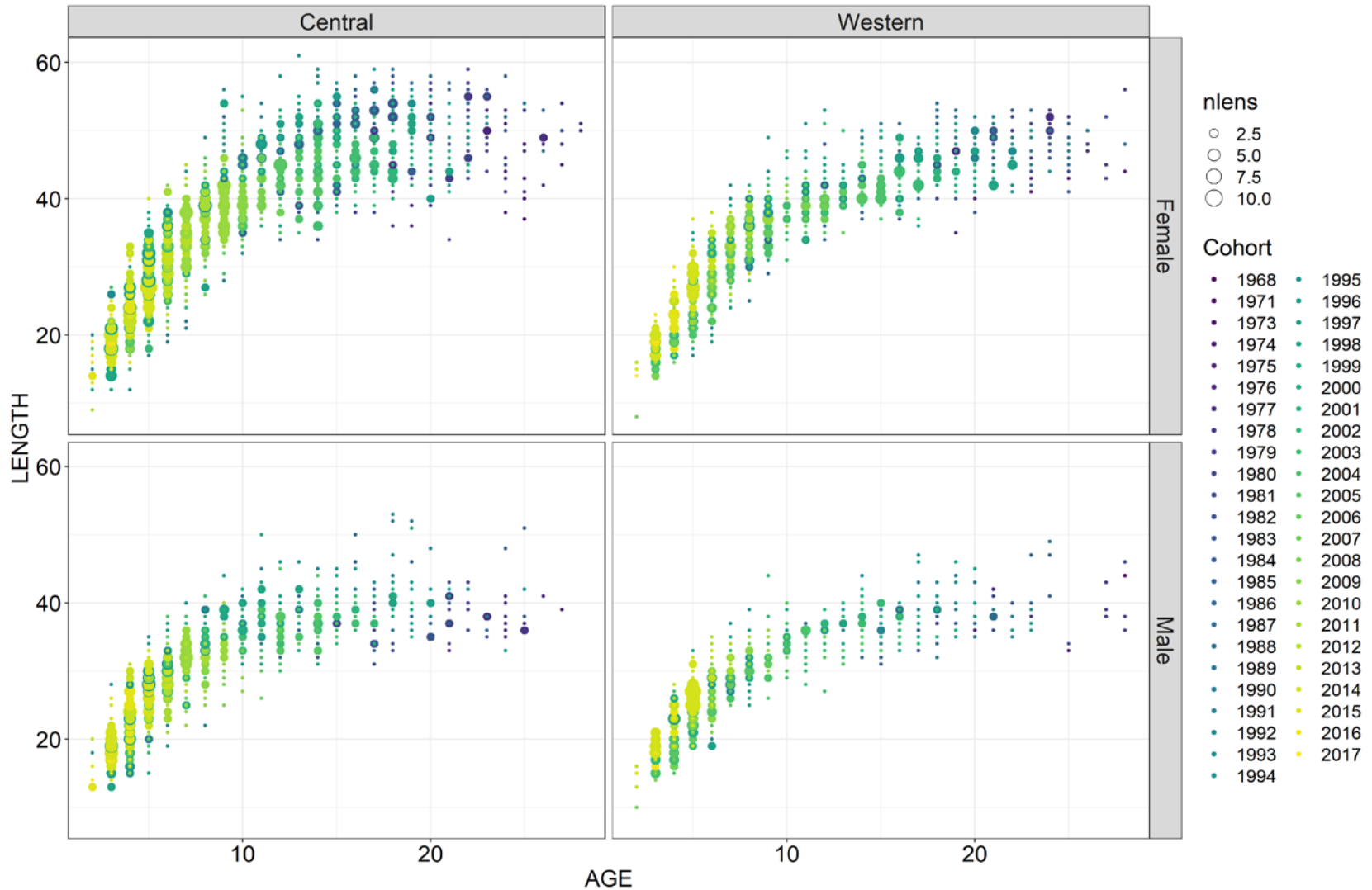
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Southern rock sole, males



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Southern rock sole by area



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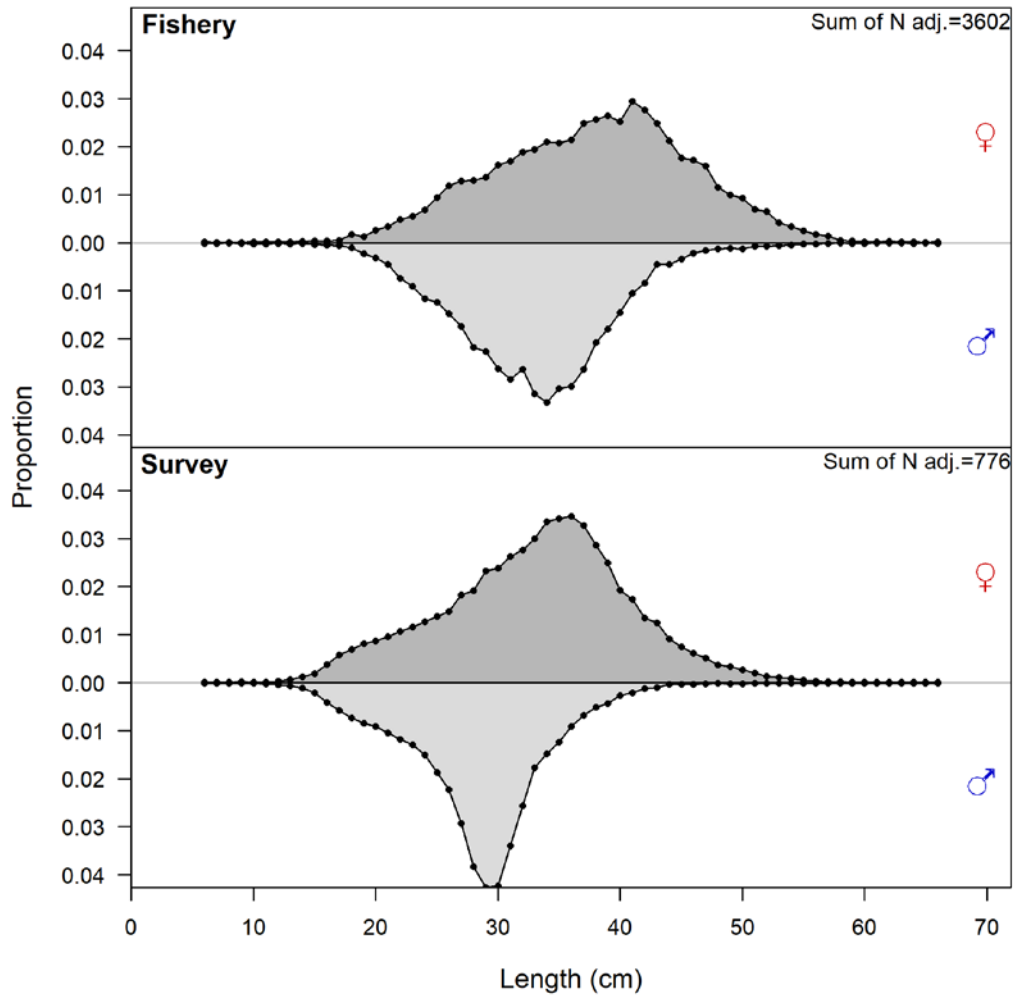
Number of age samples by area (southern rock sole)

	Central		West		
Year	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
1996	98	59	83	28	268
1999	134	89	89	43	355
2001	339	204	91	63	697
2003	240	150	112	69	571
2005	150	78	108	73	409
2007	158	93	111	79	441
2009	192	142	98	75	507
2011	135	76	105	66	382
2013	152	101	114	77	444
2015	134	72	113	79	398
2017	314	216	111	77	718
2019	291	117	181	79	668

Models – northern rock sole

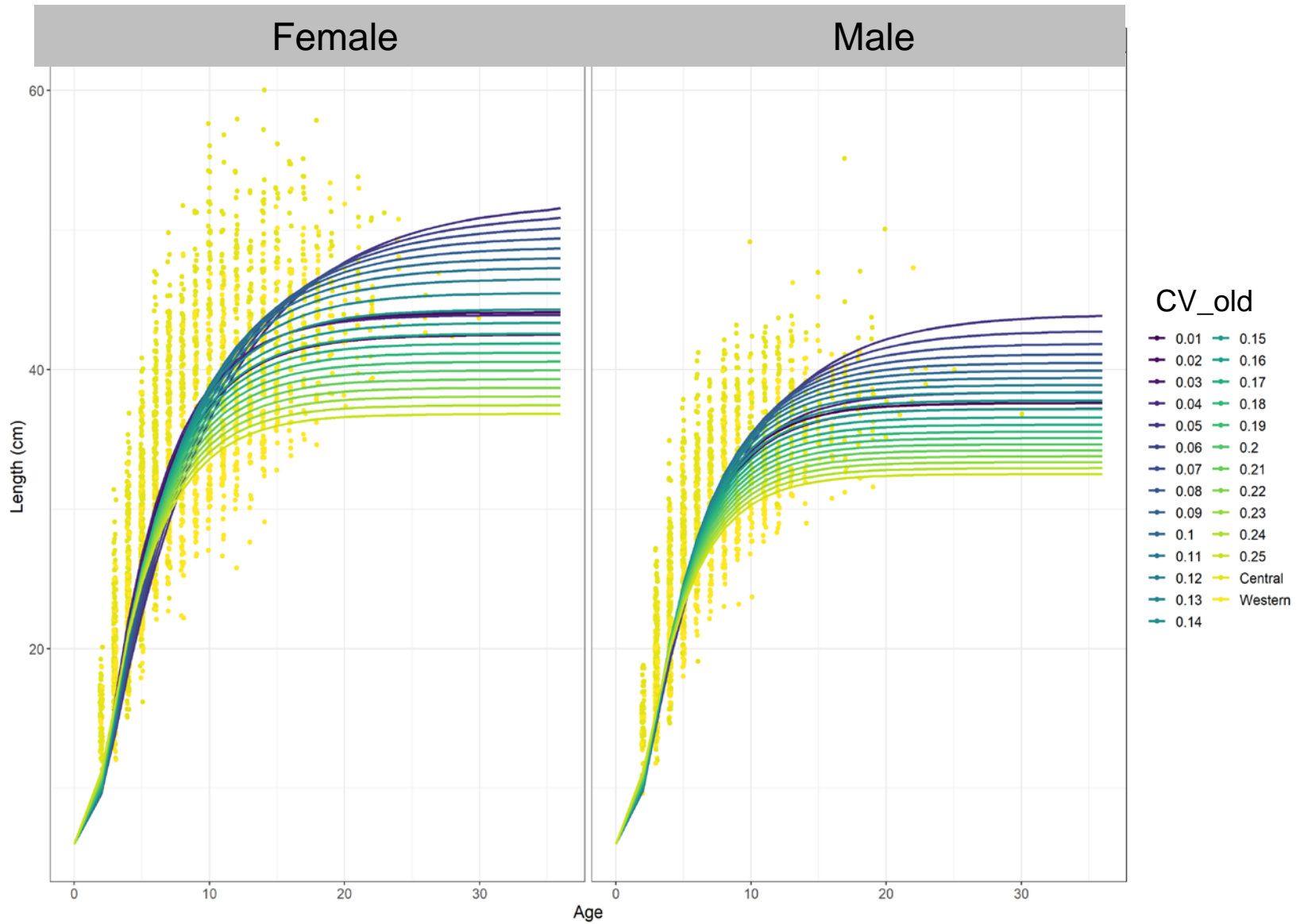
- Model 17.1
 - All growth parameters estimated
 - Female $M = 0.2$, Male M - estimated
 - Stock-recruitment
 - $\text{Ln}(R_0)$ – estimated
 - Regime parameter – estimated
 - Recruitment deviations (1977-2021) – estimated
 - Catchability = 1
 - Fishery selectivity – double normal (allowed to dome)
 - Survey selectivity – double normal (asymptotic)
- Model 17.1a
 - Fishery selectivity – double normal (asymptotic)
- Model 17.1b
 - $\text{CV}_{\text{old}} = 0.1$ (CV of the distribution of length-at-oldest age)
- Model 17.1 c
 - Fishery selectivity – double normal (asymptotic)
 - $\text{CV}_{\text{old}} = 0.1$

Asymptotic selectivity?



- Survey selectivity assumed asymptotic
- Comparing length distributions seems justified to assume fishery selectivity is also asymptotic given it captures larger fish than the survey

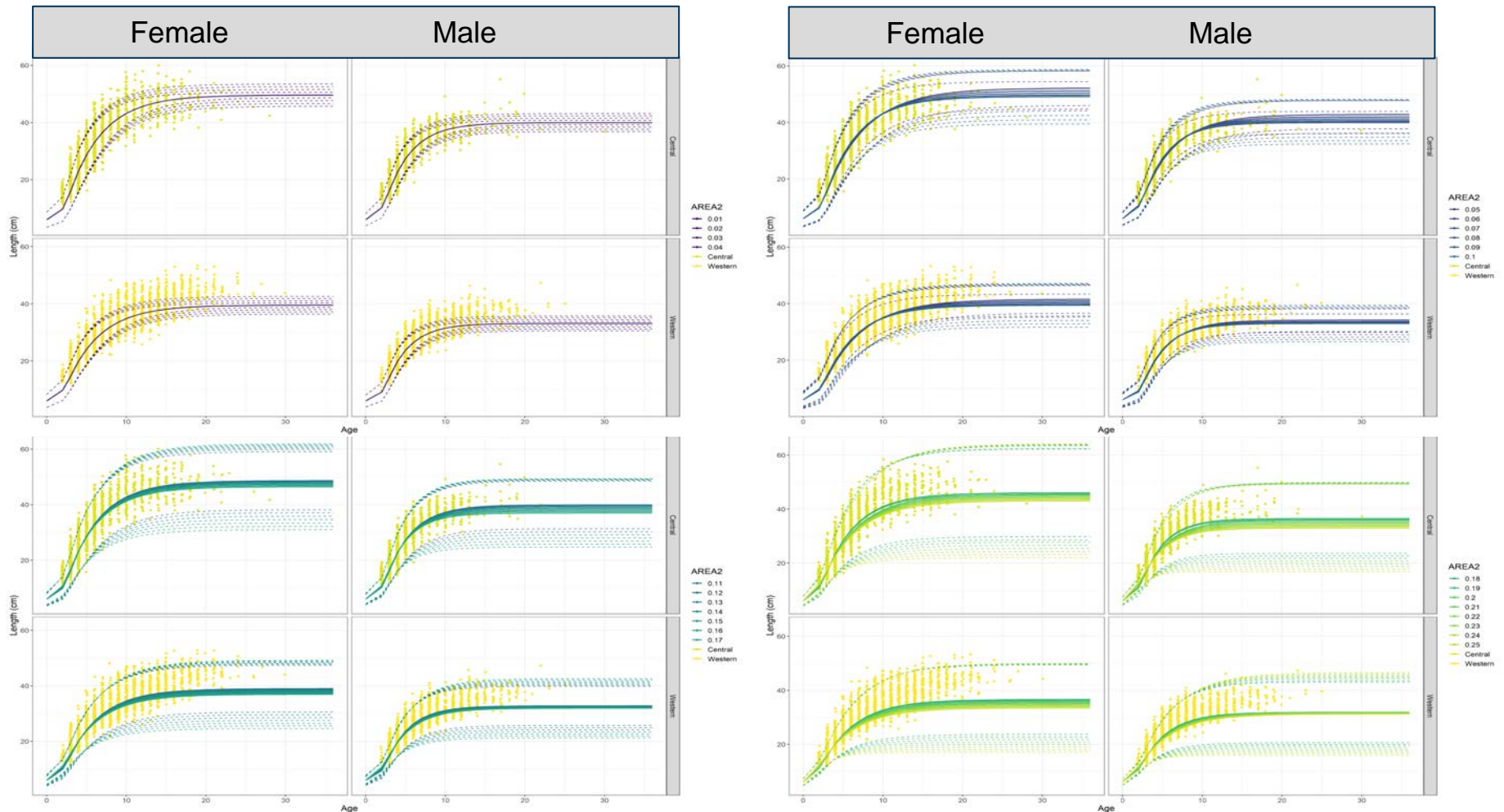
CV of the length-at-age distribution



Models – northern rock sole

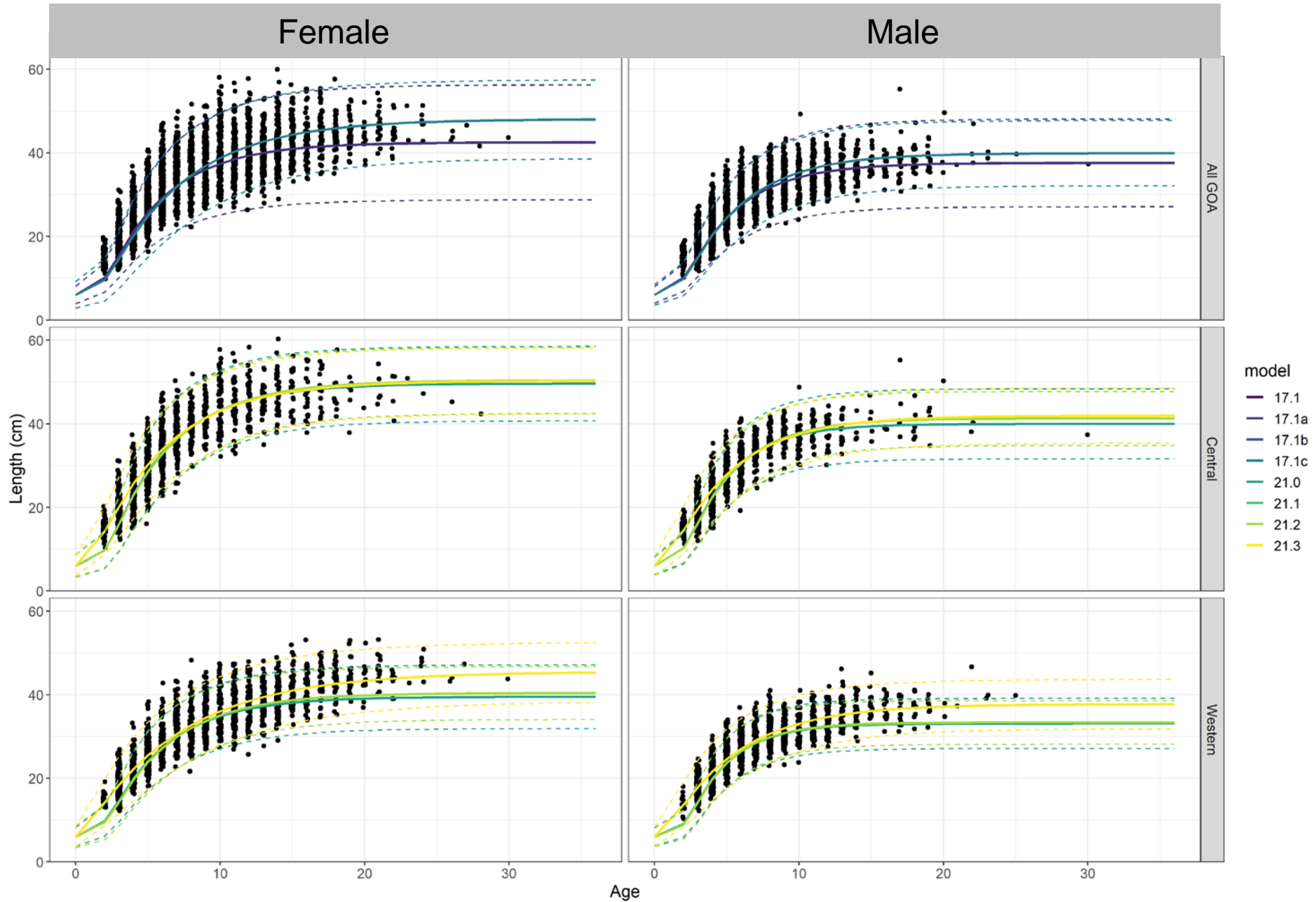
- Model 21.0 (2-area model)
 - All growth parameters estimated
 - Recruitment distribution parameter - estimated
 - Female $M = 0.2$, Male $M =$ estimated Stock-recruitment
 - $\ln(R_0)$ – estimated
 - Regime parameter – estimated
 - Recruitment deviations (1977-2021) – estimated
 - Catchability (central and west) = 1
 - Fishery selectivity (central and west) – double normal (allowed to dome)
 - Survey selectivity (central and west)– double normal (asymptotic)
- Model 21.1 (same as 21.0)
 - $CV_{old} =$ fixed
- Model 21.2 (same as 21.1)
 - Fishery selectivity – double normal (asymptotic)
- Model 21.3 (same as 21.2)
 - Fixed growth parameters to external estimates

CV of the length-at-age distribution

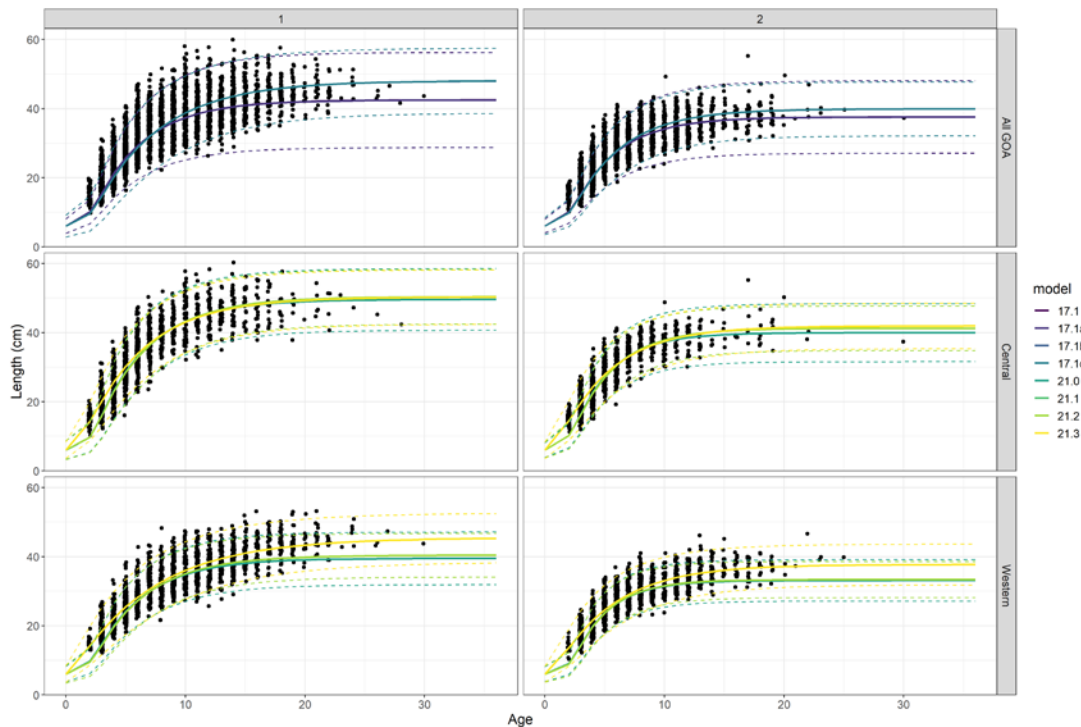


- Negative correlation between CV old and asymptotic length (L_{inf})
- Central area growth estimates improve with CV old values between 0.06 and 0.1
- Consistent underestimation of L_{inf} in the western area regardless of CV old value

CAAL – northern rock sole



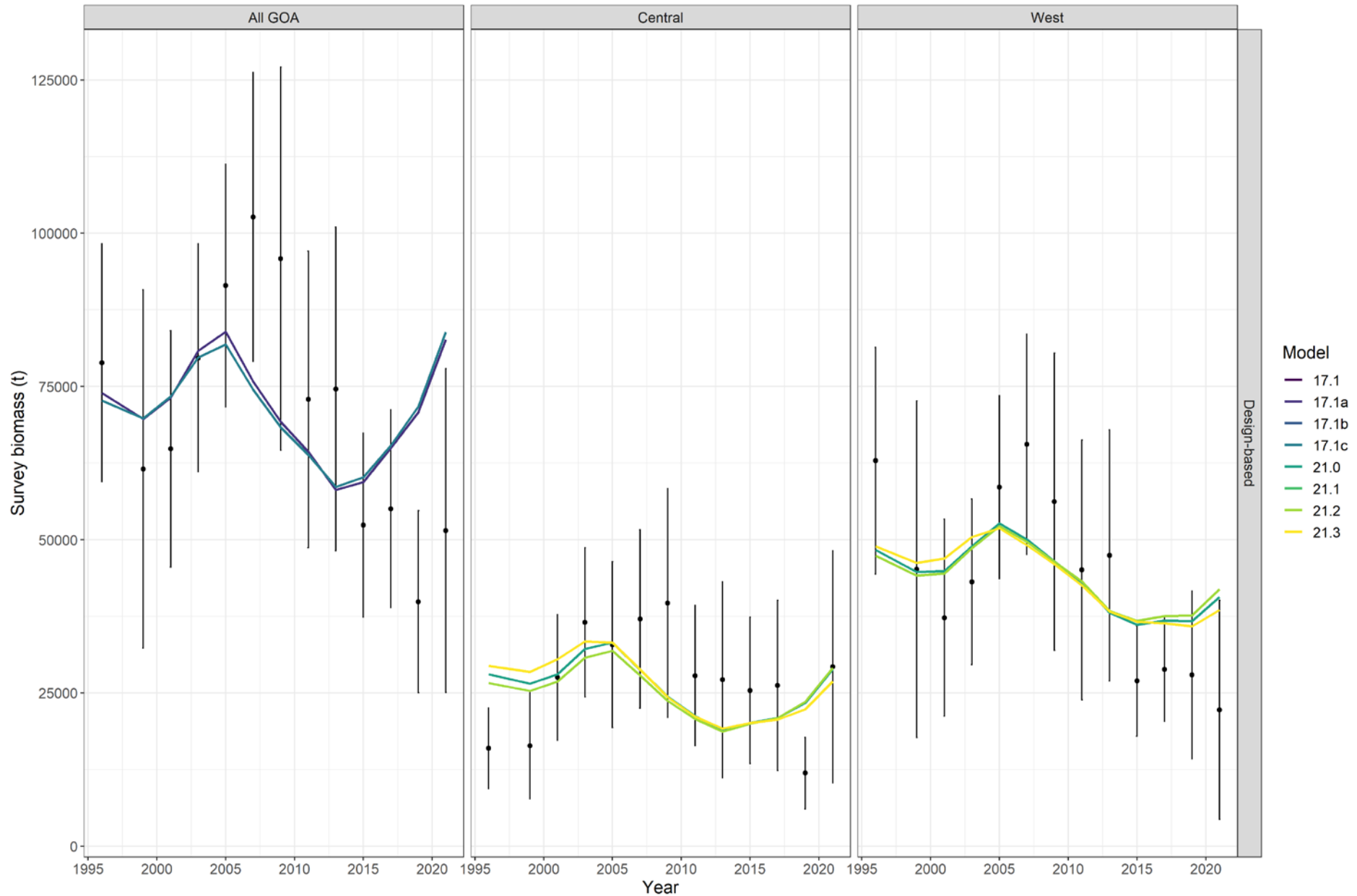
CAAL – northern rock sole



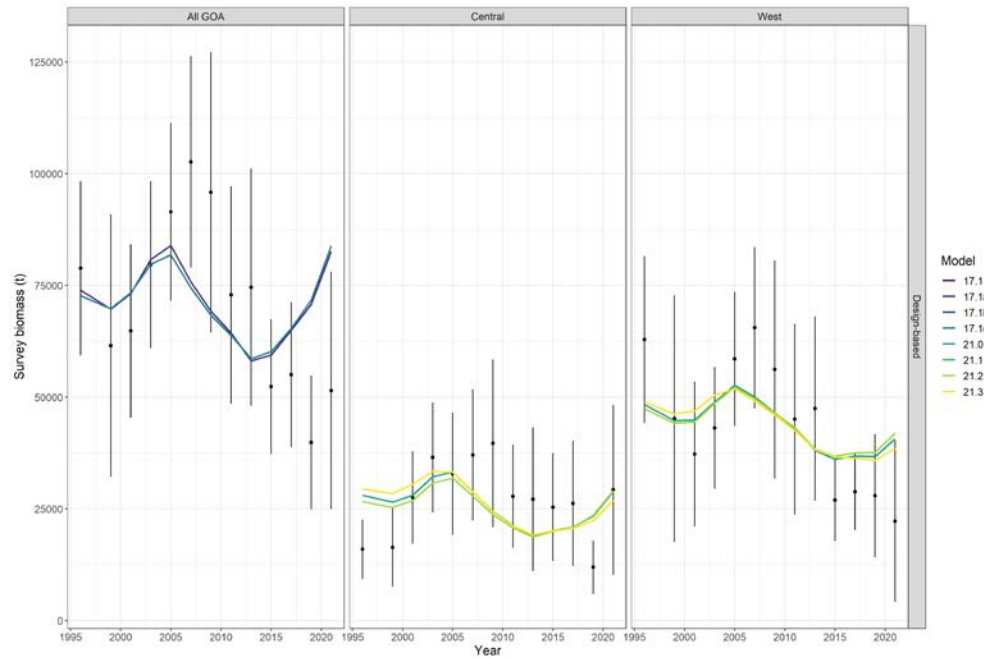
- Parameter correlation
- Male M is estimated and is generally higher than female M
- Female M may be acting as a constraint

	L^∞ female west	M male west	Rec Dist
L^∞ female west	1		
M male west	-0.32	1	
Rec Dist	-0.51	0.65	1

Survey biomass – northern rock sole



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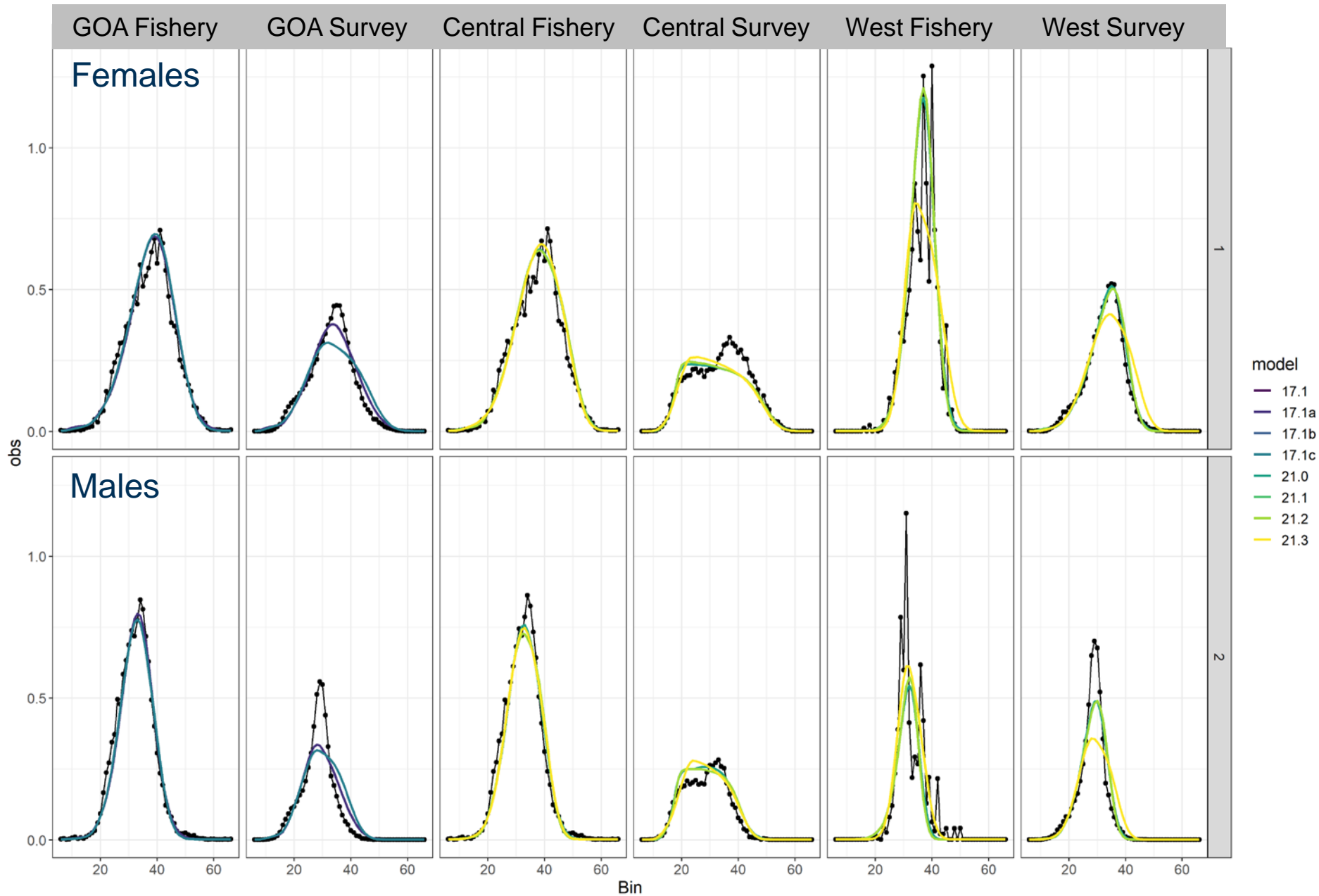


Model	All GOA	Central	West
17.1	0.27	-	-
17.1a	0.27	-	-
17.1b	0.27	-	-
17.1c	0.27	-	-
21.0	-	0.35	0.26
21.1	-	0.35	0.27
21.2	-	0.35	0.27
21.3	-	0.36	0.26

Survey biomass – northern rock sole



Length composition – northern rock sole

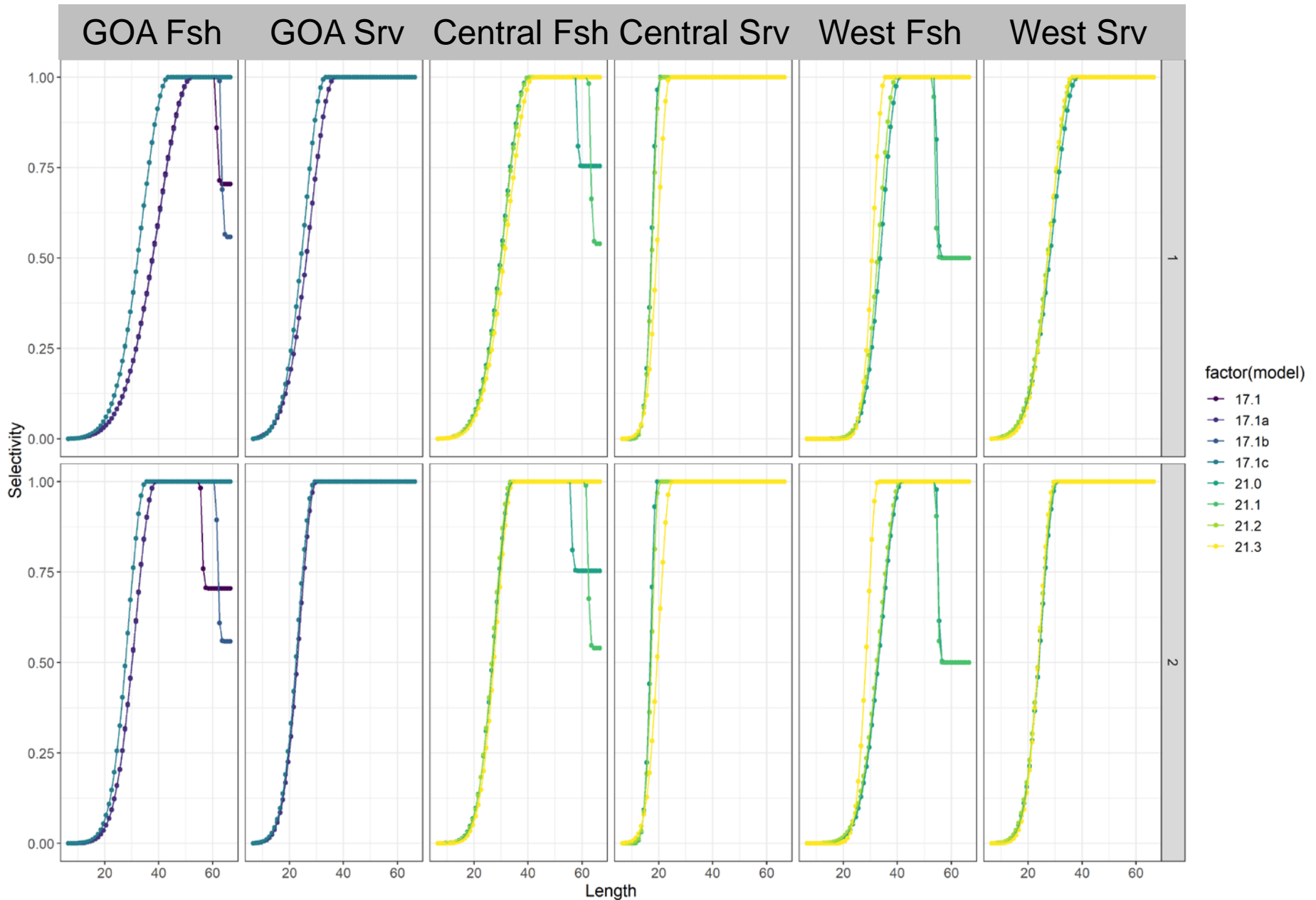


Likelihoods– northern rock sole

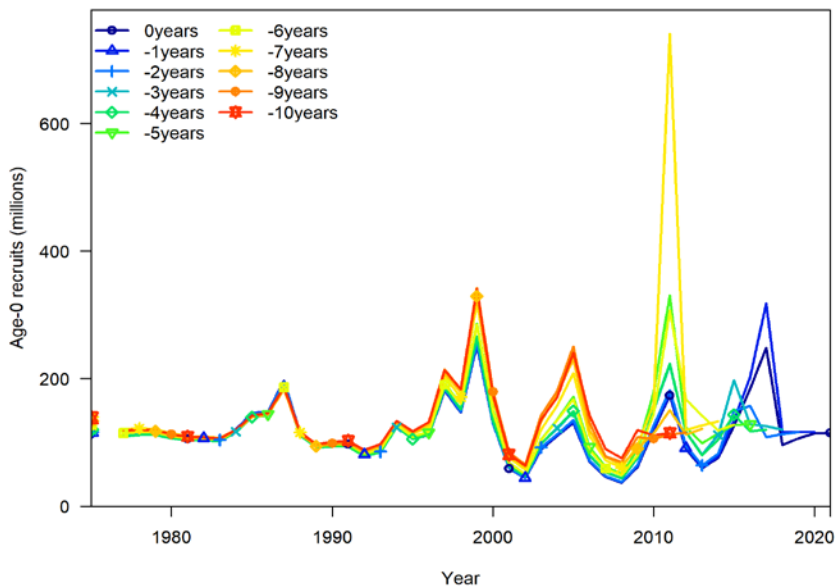
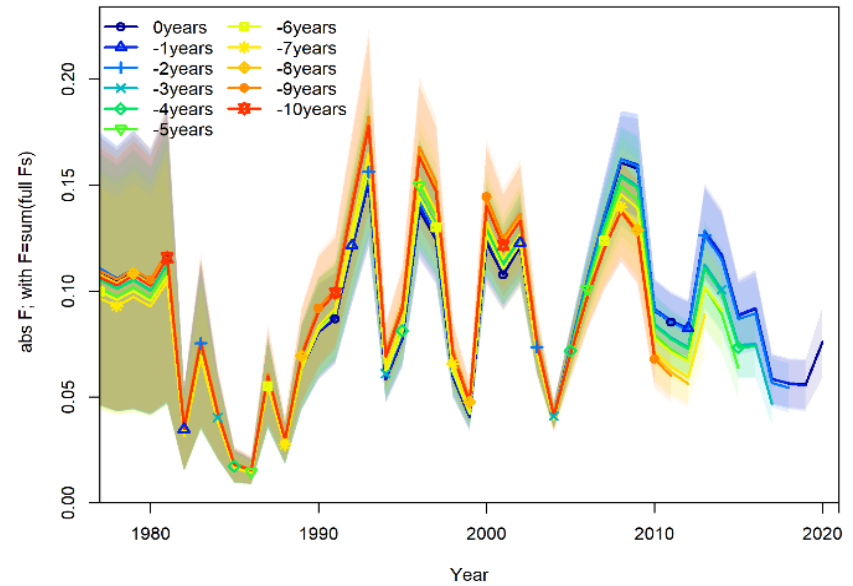
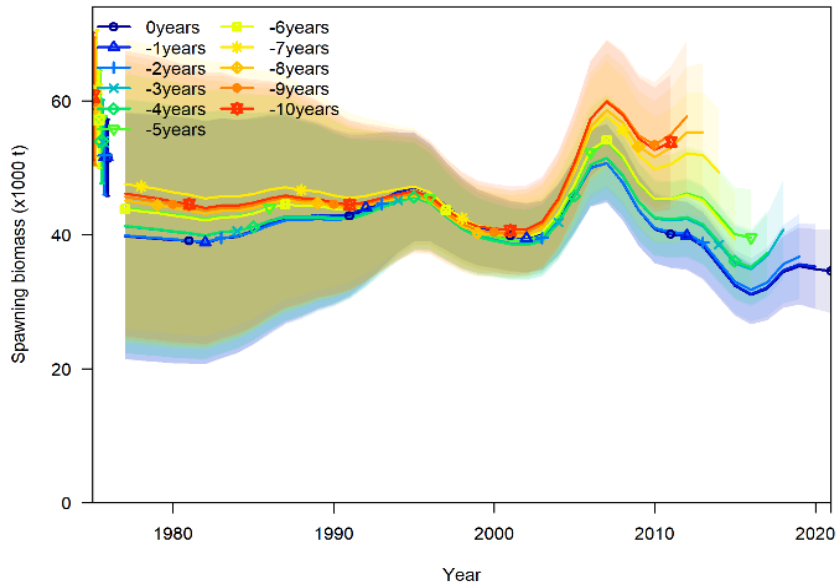
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Model	Age_comp	Length_comp	Survey	Total	Npars
17.1	780.17	527.73	-9.40	1296.47	92
17.1a	780.18	527.70	-9.40	1296.43	90
17.1b	786.63	558.05	-8.14	1333.94	90
17.1c	786.63	558.04	-8.14	1333.87	88
21.0	628.81	556.17	-15.61	1174.54	116
21.1	624.64	569.99	-14.55	1184.61	112
21.2	624.64	569.97	-14.55	1184.54	108
21.3	736.50	605.82	-14.75	1332.56	92



Selectivity – northern rock sole

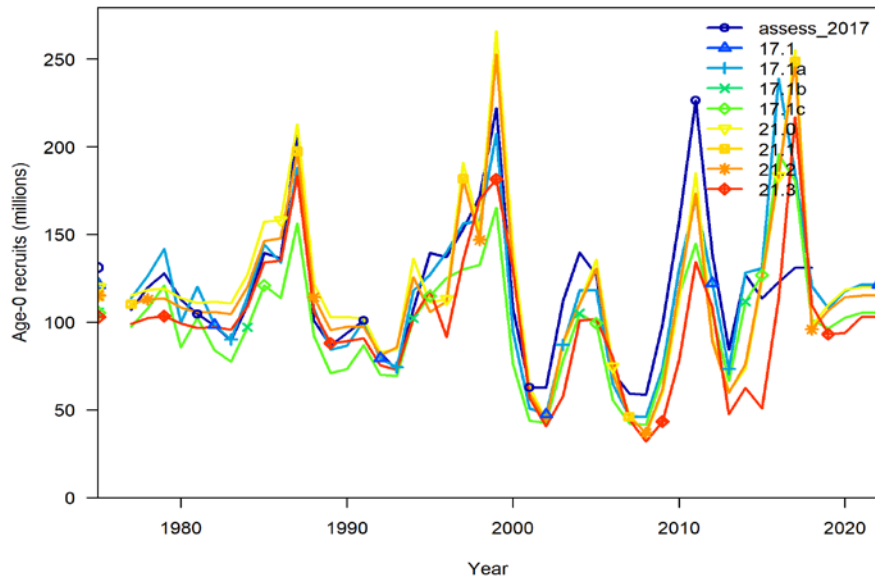
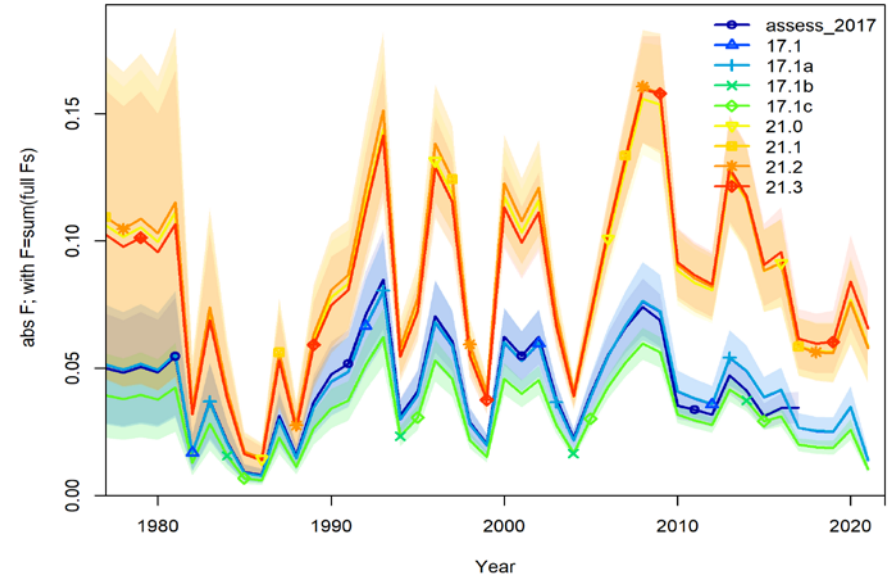
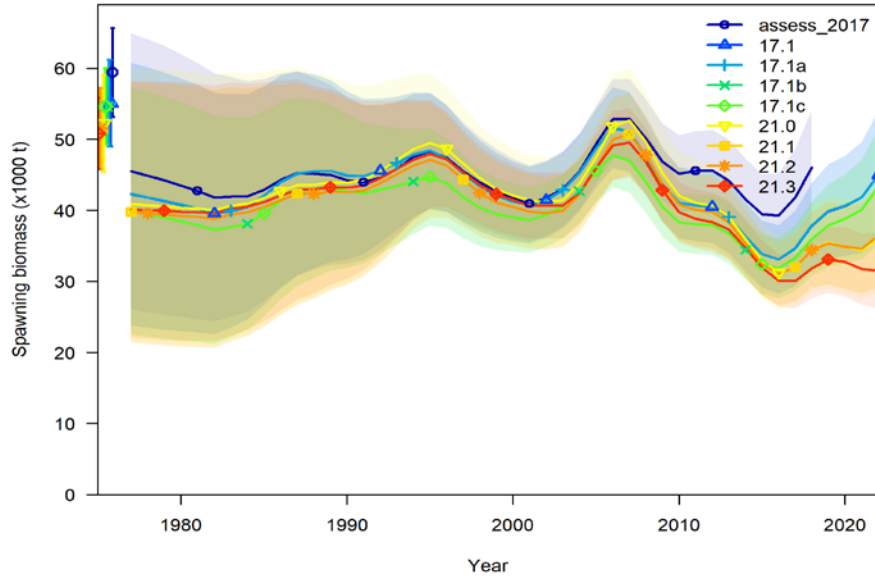


Retrospective – northern rock sole

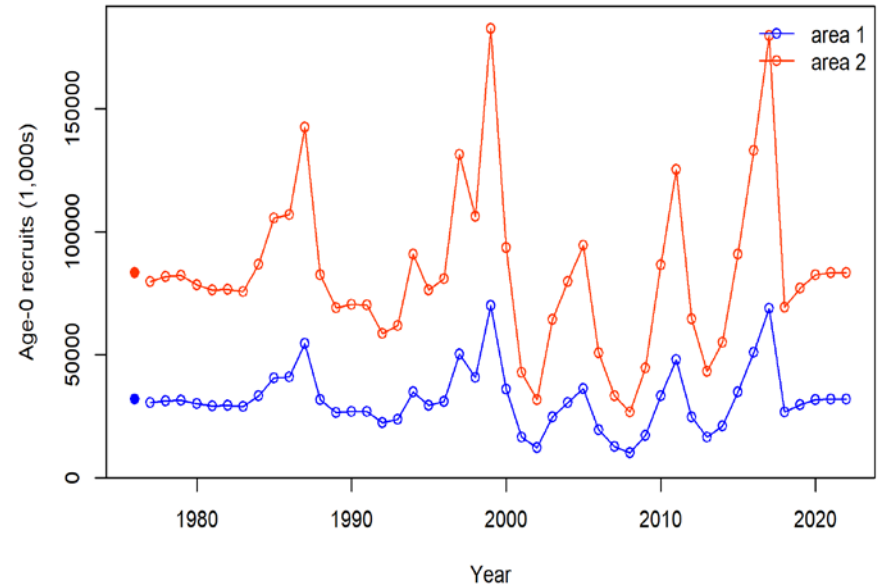
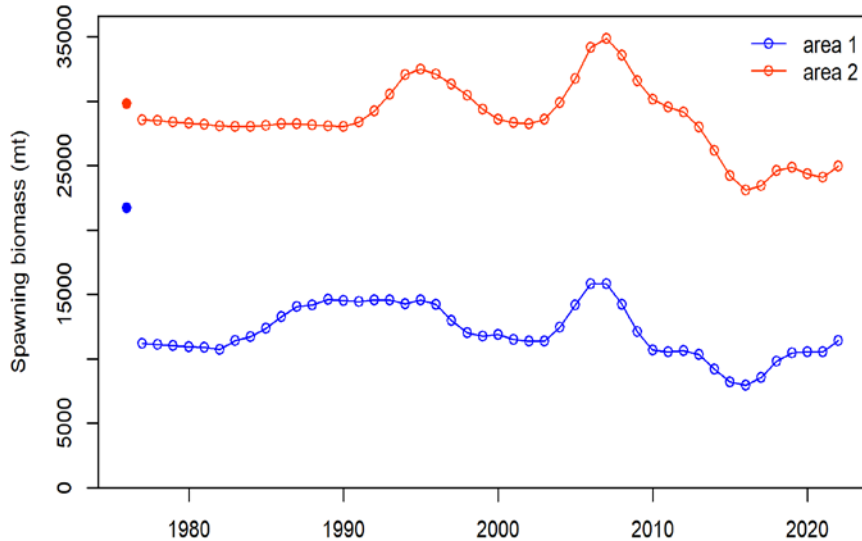


Model	ρ SSB	ρ Recruitment	ρ Fishing mortality
17.1	0.24	-0.13	-0.20
17.1b	0.27	-0.13	-0.19
17.1a	0.25	-0.12	-0.18
17.1c	0.27	-0.13	-0.19
21.0	0.24	0.16	-0.22
21.1	0.25	0.13	-0.24
21.2	0.25	0.13	-0.24
21.3	0.15	0.16	-0.17

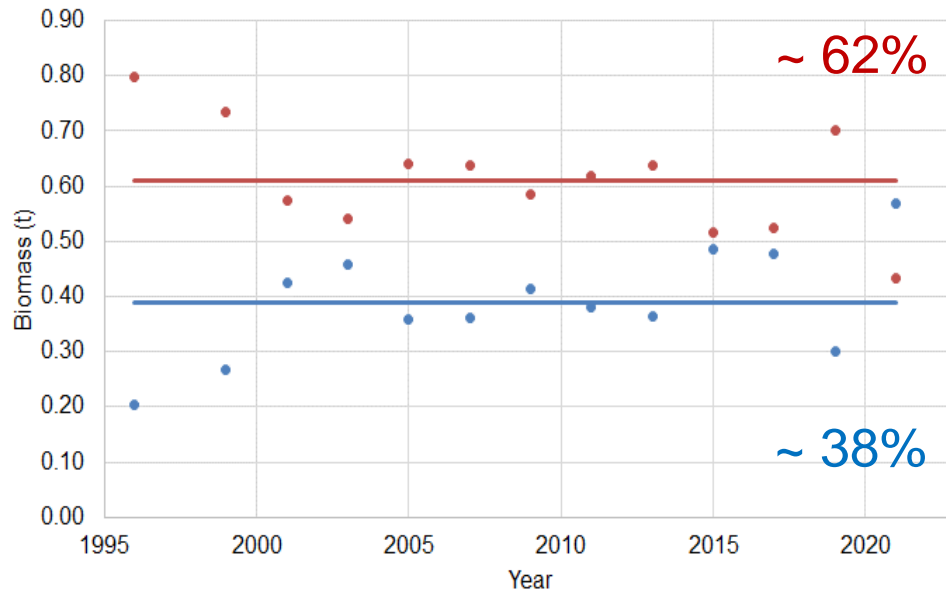
Time series – northern rock sole



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● Central ● West



Model	Rec Dist	Proportion in west
21.0	1.01	0.73
21.1	0.96	0.72
21.2	0.96	0.72
21.3	0.81	0.69

Summary– northern rock sole

- Overall fits to data were similar among the models
 - Some improvement in the fit to survey biomass by 2-area model
 - Indications of non-stationarity for all models
 - All models underestimate peak of male length distribution from survey
- Retrospective results were similar among models
- Preferred model – Model 21.2
 - Biologically appropriate given difference in growth between central and western GOA
 - Estimated growth of central GOA growth morph better described
 - Majority of catch is from central GOA
 - Important for estimating reference points

Projections – northern rock sole

- AFSC projection model
- Projections done for central and western GOA separately
- Inputs from model 12.2
- Preliminary 2021 catch estimate used for 2022 and 2023 inputs

Harvest recommendations

Quantity	As estimated or specified last year for:		As estimated or recommended this year for:	
	2021	2022	2022+	2023+
M (natural mortality rate; female, male)	0.2, 0.253*		See area specific estimates	
Tier	3a		3a	3a
Projected total (age 0+) biomass (t)	94,612	94,614	98,387	100,919
Projected Female spawning biomass (t)	47,694	46,330	35,046	39,180
$B_{100\%}$	51,387	51,387	See area specific estimates	
$B_{40\%}$	20,555	20,555		
$B_{35\%}$	17,985	17,985		
F_{OFL}	0.462	0.462		
$\max F_{ABC}$	0.382	0.382		
F_{ABC}	0.382	0.382		
OFL (t)	21,080	21,191	14,027	14,810
$\max ABC$ (t)	17,756	17,851	11,882	12,551
ABC (t)	17,756	17,851	11,882	12,551
Status	As determined last year for:		As determined this year for:	
	2019	2020	2020	2021
Overfishing	No	n/a	No	n/a
Overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No
Approaching overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No

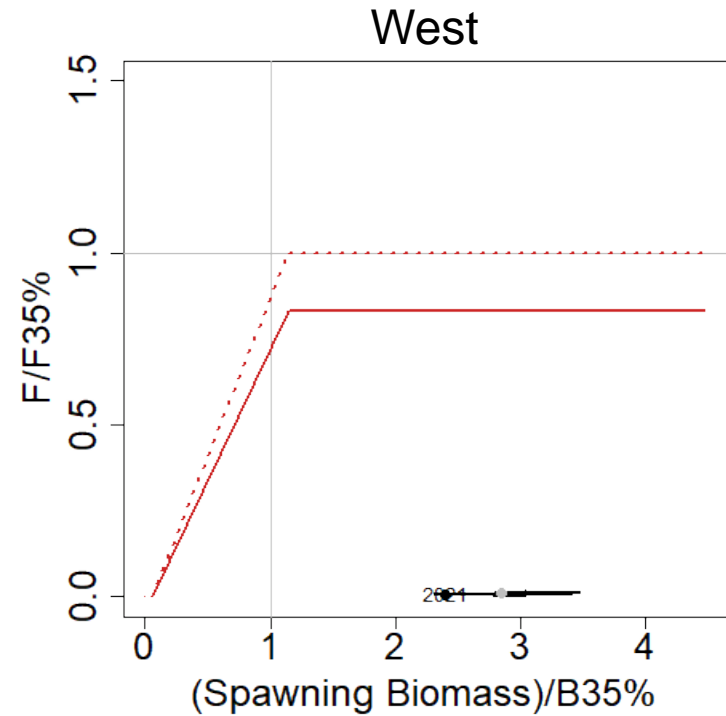
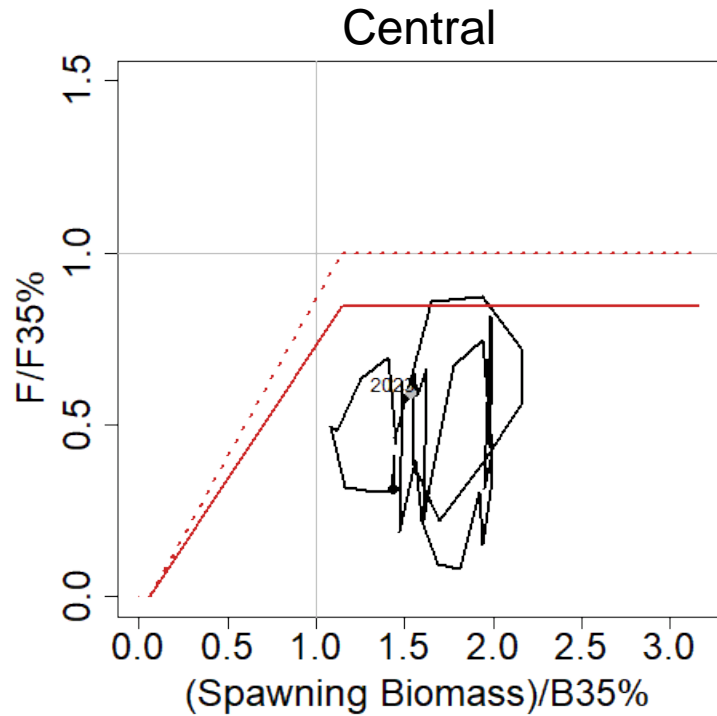
Harvest recommendations

Northern rock sole: Central Gulf Quantity	As estimated or <i>specified last year for:</i>		As estimated or <i>recommended this year for:</i>	
	2021	2022	2022	2023
<i>M</i> (natural mortality rate; female, male)			0.2, 0.232	0.2, 0.232
Tier			3a	3a
Projected total (age 0+) biomass (t)			35,089	36,945
Projected Female spawning biomass (t)			11,694	13,861
<i>B</i> _{100%}		This was not done in 2017-2020	21,622	21,622
<i>B</i> _{40%}			8,649	8,649
<i>B</i> _{35%}			7,568	7,568
<i>F</i> _{OFL}			0.187	0.187
<i>maxF</i> _{ABC}			0.157	0.157
<i>F</i> _{ABC}			0.157	0.157
OFL (t)			4,691	5,075
maxABC (t)			3,999	4,329
ABC (t)			3,999	4,329
	As determined <i>last year</i> for:		As determined <i>this year</i> for:	
Status	2019	2020	2020	2021
Overfishing	No	n/a	No	n/a
Overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No
Approaching overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No

Harvest recommendations

Northern rock sole: Western Gulf Quantity	As estimated or <i>specified last year for:</i>		As estimated or <i>recommended this year for:</i>	
	2021	2022	2022	2023
<i>M</i> (natural mortality rate; female, male)			0.2, 0.254	0.2, 0.254
Tier			3a	3a
Projected total (age 0+) biomass (t)			63,298	63,974
Projected Female spawning biomass (t)			23,780	25,821
$B_{100\%}$		This was not done in 2017-2020	28,656	28,656
$B_{40\%}$			11,462	11,462
$B_{35\%}$			10,030	10,030
F_{OFL}			0.270	0.270
$maxF_{ABC}$			0.225	0.225
F_{ABC}			0.225	0.225
OFL (t)			9,336	9,735
maxABC (t)		7,883	8,222	
ABC (t)		7,883	8,222	
Status	As determined <i>last year for:</i>		As determined <i>this year for:</i>	
	2019	2020	2020	2021
Overfishing	No	n/a	No	n/a
Overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No
Approaching overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No

Projections – northern rock sole



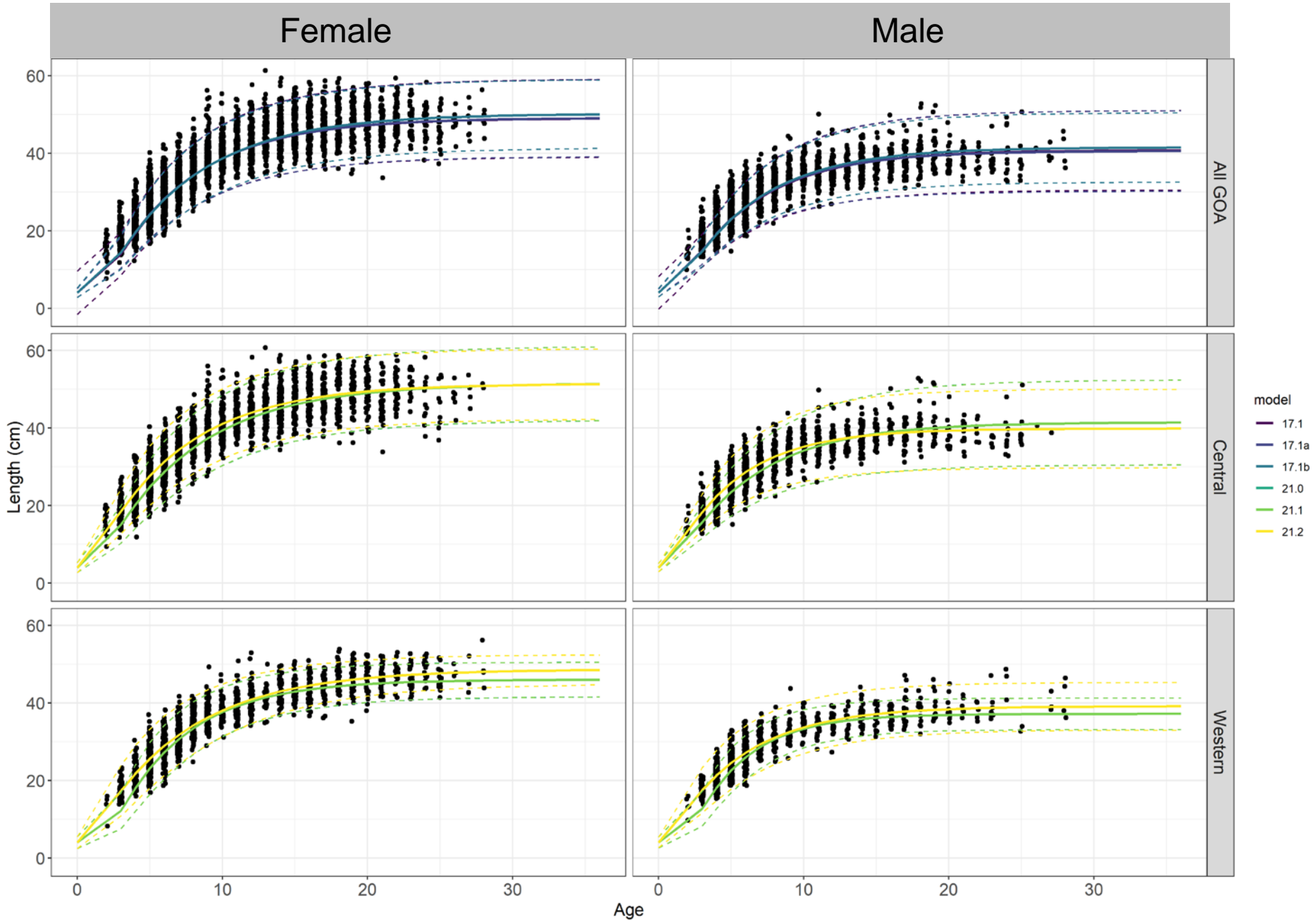
Models – southern rock sole

- Model 17.1
 - All growth parameters estimated
 - Female $M = 0.2$, Male $M =$ estimated
 - Stock-recruitment
 - $\ln(R_0)$ – estimated
 - Regime parameter – estimated
 - Recruitment deviations (1977-2021) – estimated
 - Catchability = 1
 - Fishery selectivity – double normal (allowed to dome)
 - Survey selectivity – double normal (asymptotic)
- Model 17.1a (same as 17.1)
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- Model 17.1b (same as 17.1a)
 - $CV_{old} = 0.1$

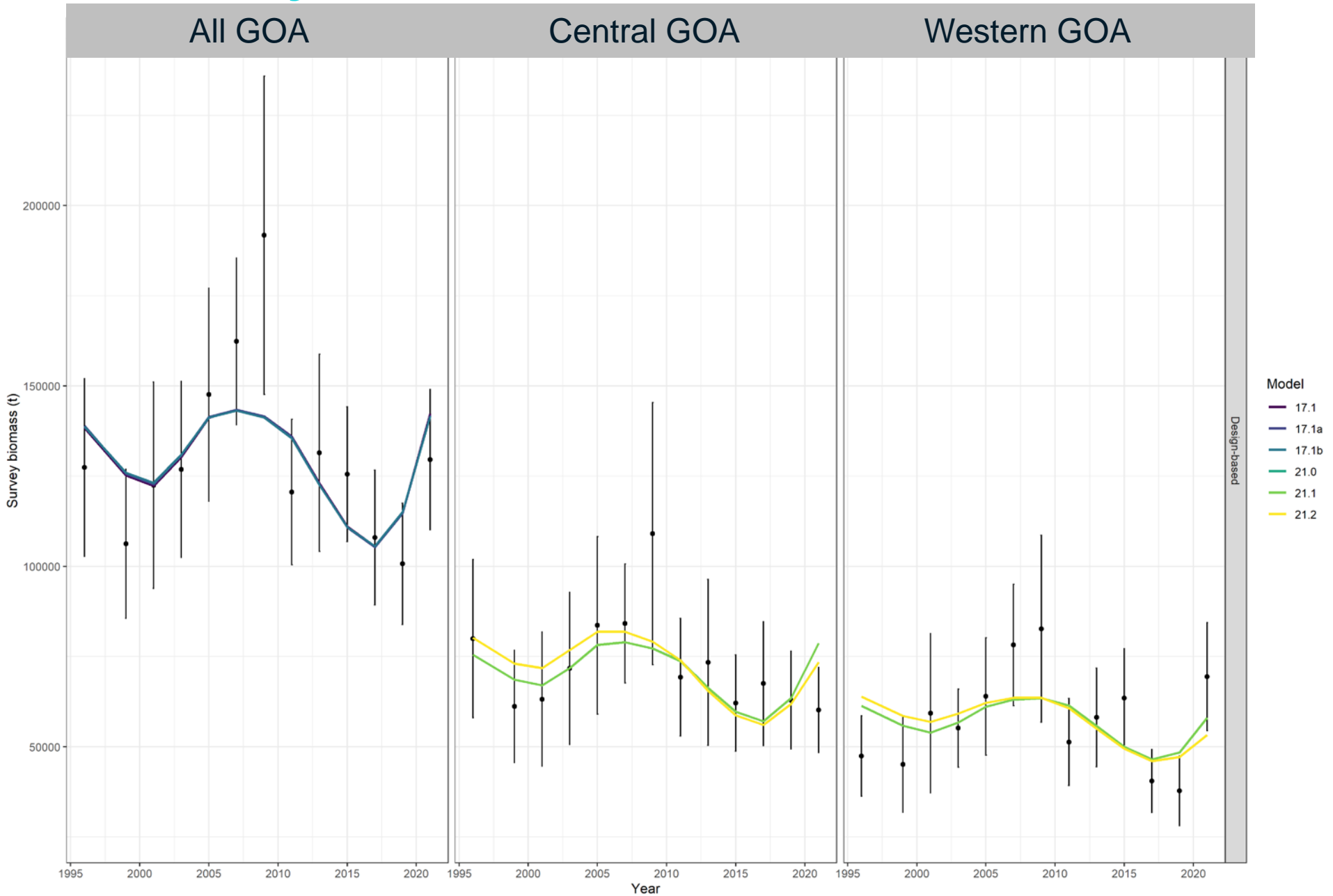
Models – southern rock sole

- Model 21.0 (2-area model)
 - All growth parameters estimated
 - Female $M = 0.2$, Male $M =$ estimated
 - Recruitment distribution parameter - estimated
 - Stock-recruitment
 - $\ln(R_0)$ – estimated
 - Regime parameter – estimated
 - Recruitment deviations (1977-2021) – estimated
 - Catchability (central and west) = 1
 - Fishery selectivity (central and west) – double normal (allowed to dome)
 - Survey selectivity (central and west)– double normal (asymptotic)
- Model 21.1 (same as 21.0)
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- Model 21.2 (same as 21.1)
 - Fixed growth parameters to external estimates

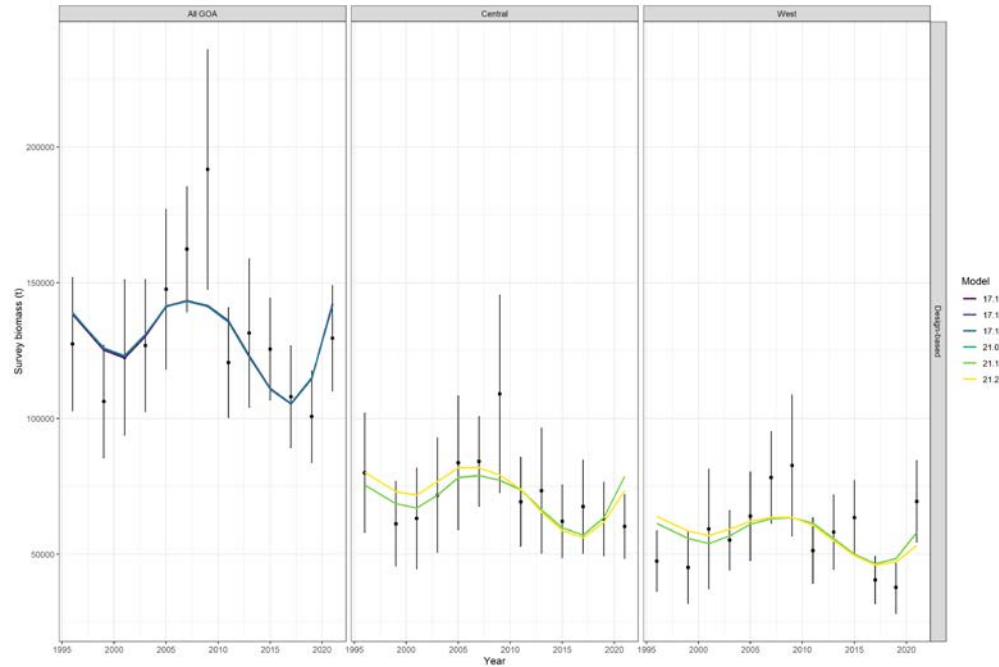
CAAL – southern rock sole



Survey biomass – southern rock sole

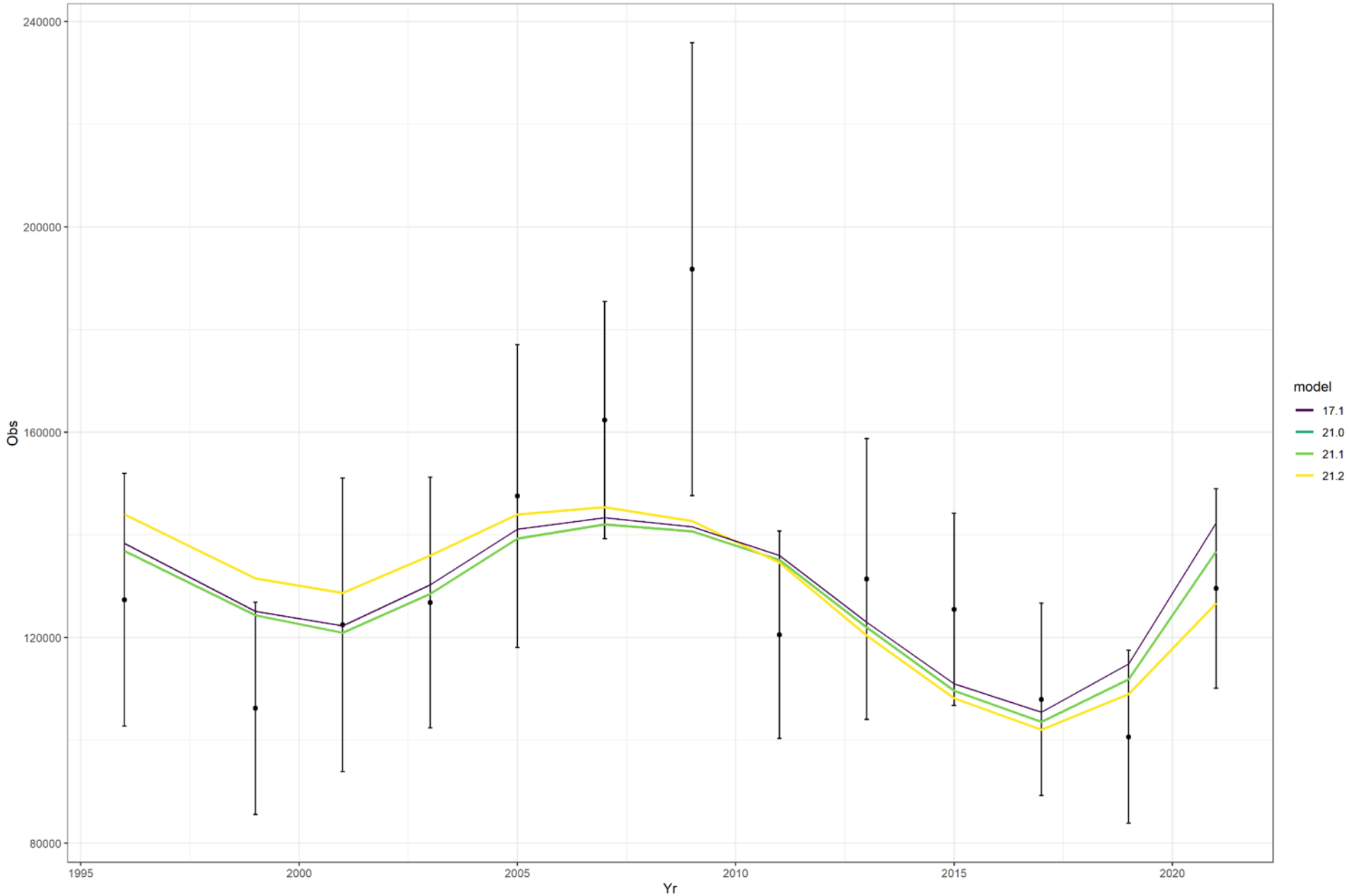


Survey biomass – southern rock sole

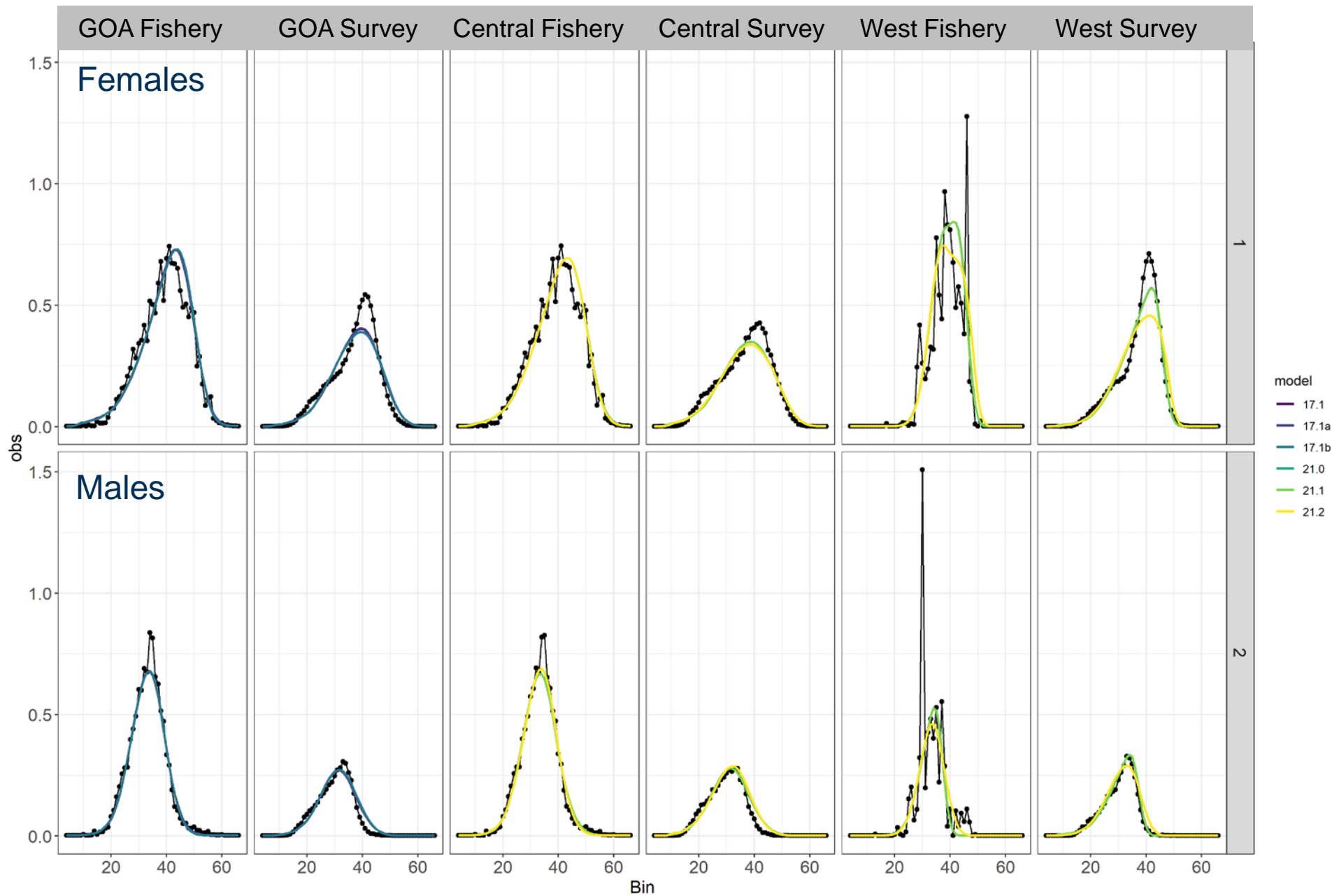


Model	All GOA	Central	West
17.1	0.13	-	-
17.1a	0.13	-	-
17.1b	0.13	-	-
21	-	0.14	0.18
21.1	-	0.14	0.18
21.2	-	0.14	0.20

Survey biomass – southern rock sole



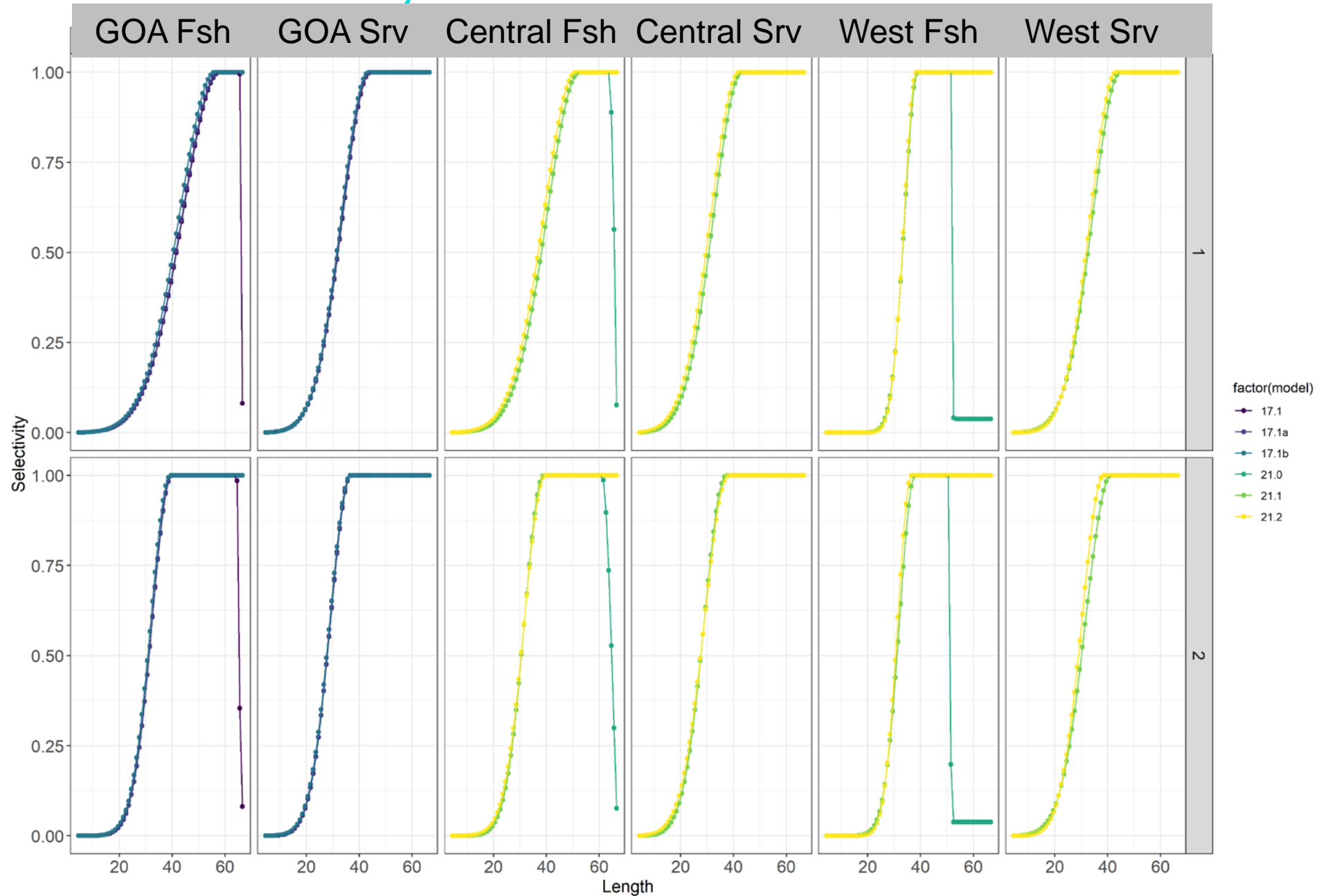
Length composition – southern rock sole



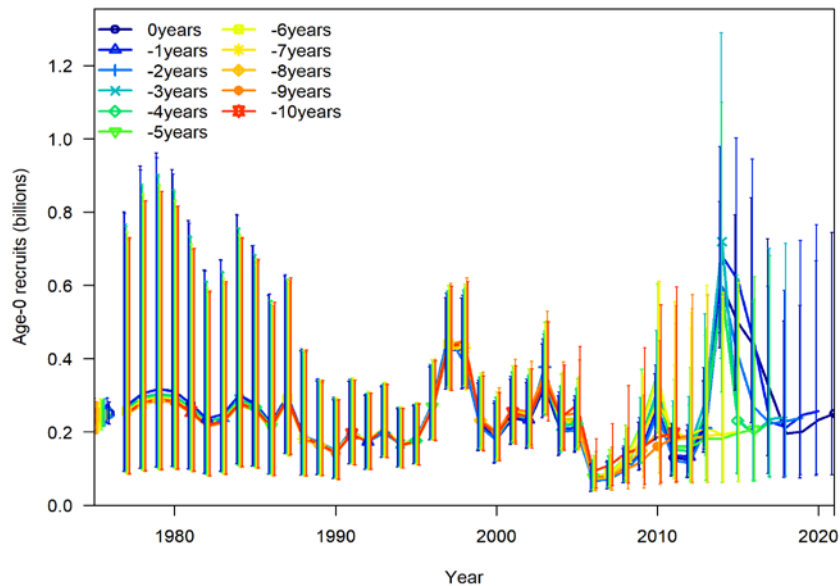
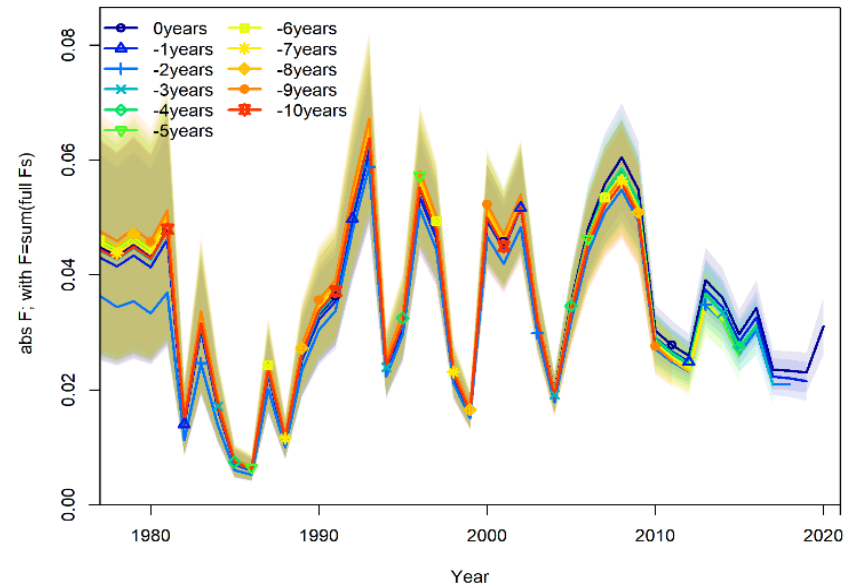
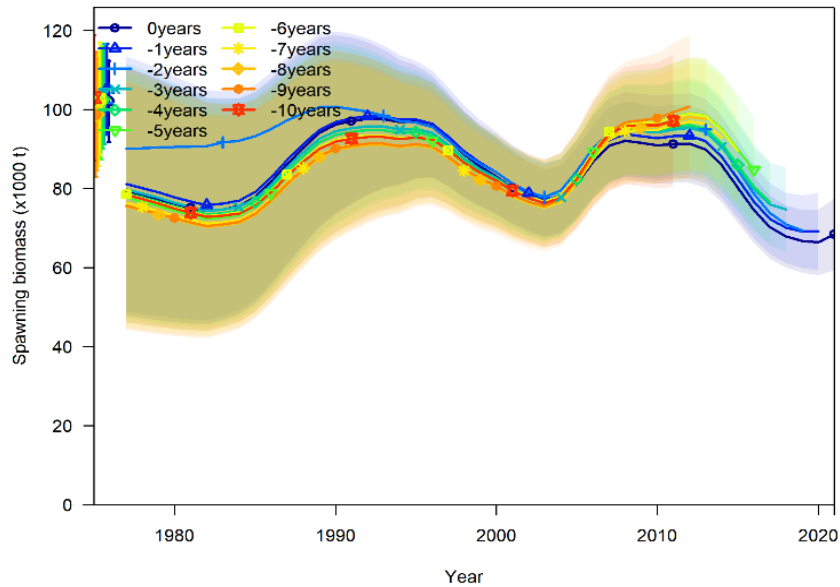
Likelihoods– southern rock sole

SOUTHERN ROCK SOLE					
Model	Age_comp	Length_comp	Survey	Total	Npars
17.1	572.53	569.69	-19.74	1122.06	95
17.1a	572.82	568.73	-19.68	1125.39	95
17.1b	568.17	578.64	-19.58	1130.31	92
21	776.26	622.73	-31.39	1371.69	119
21.1	776.24	622.78	-31.39	1371.73	111
21.2	917.33	637.80	-29.97	1527.99	95

Selectivity – southern rock sole

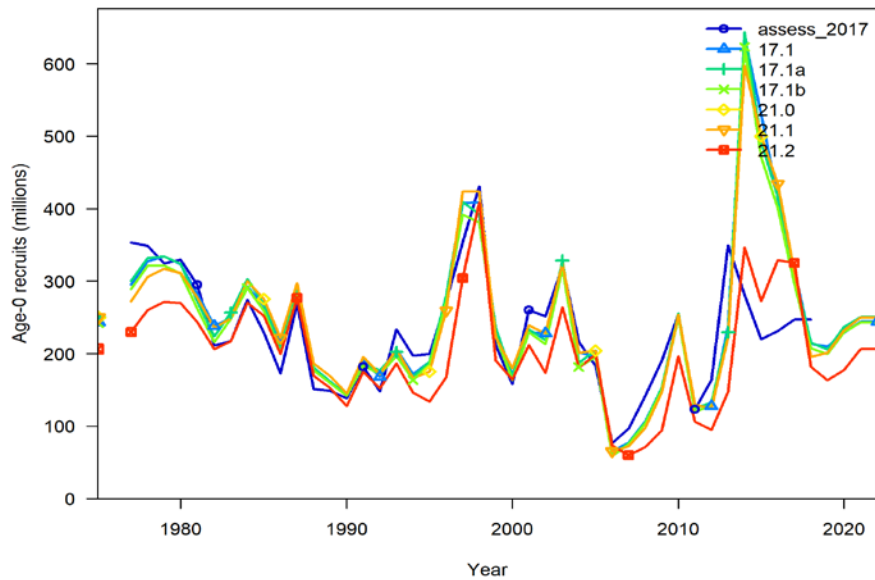
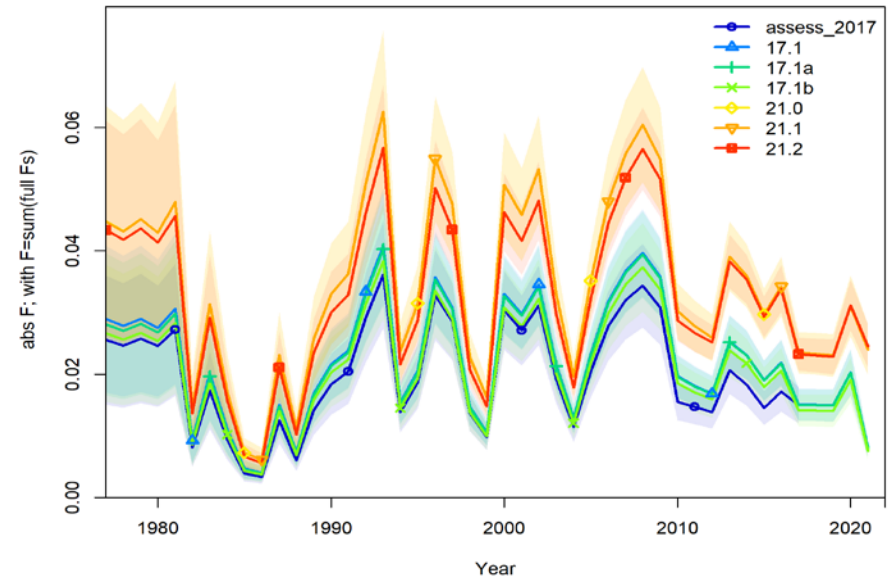
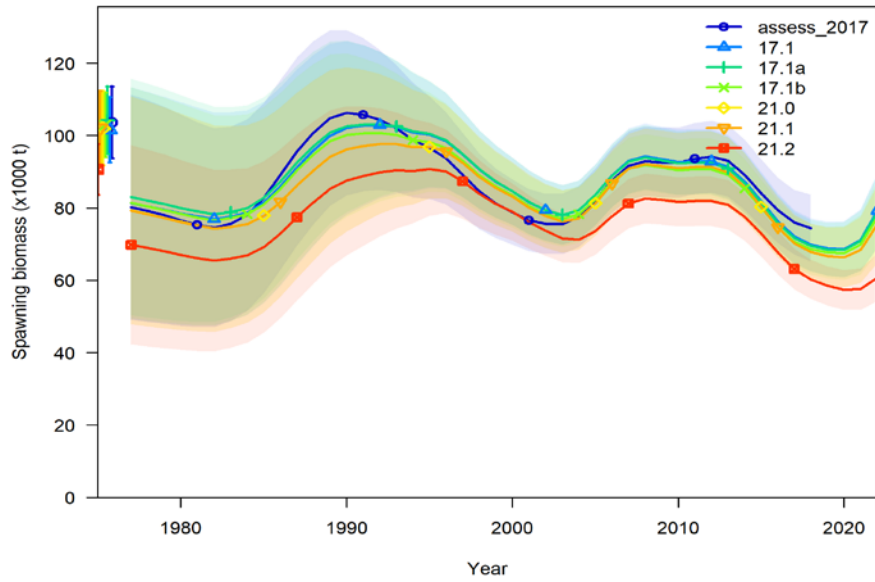


Retrospective – southern rock sole

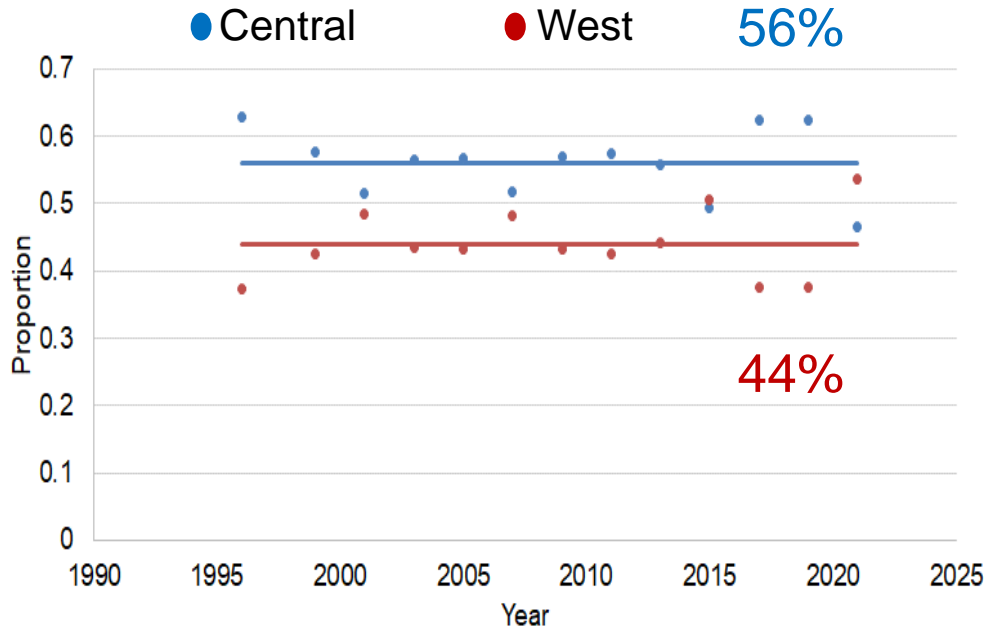
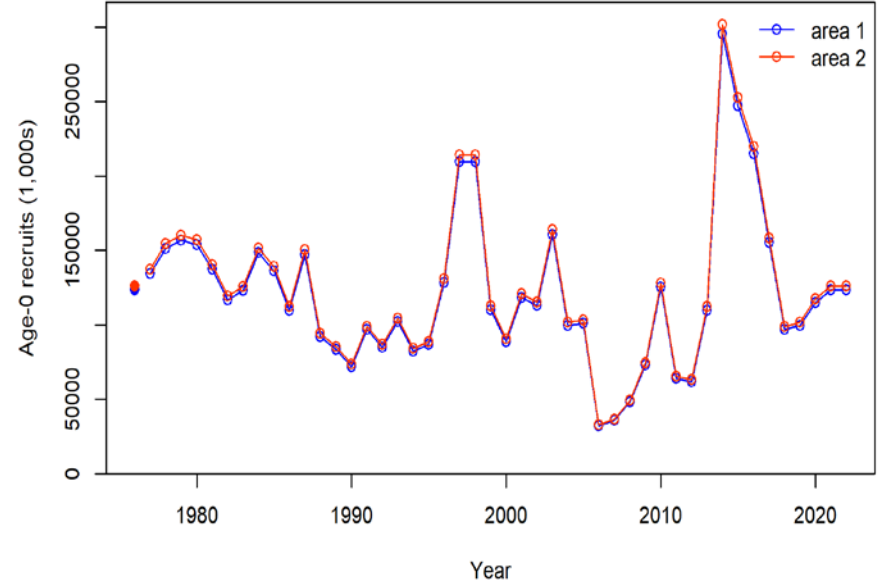
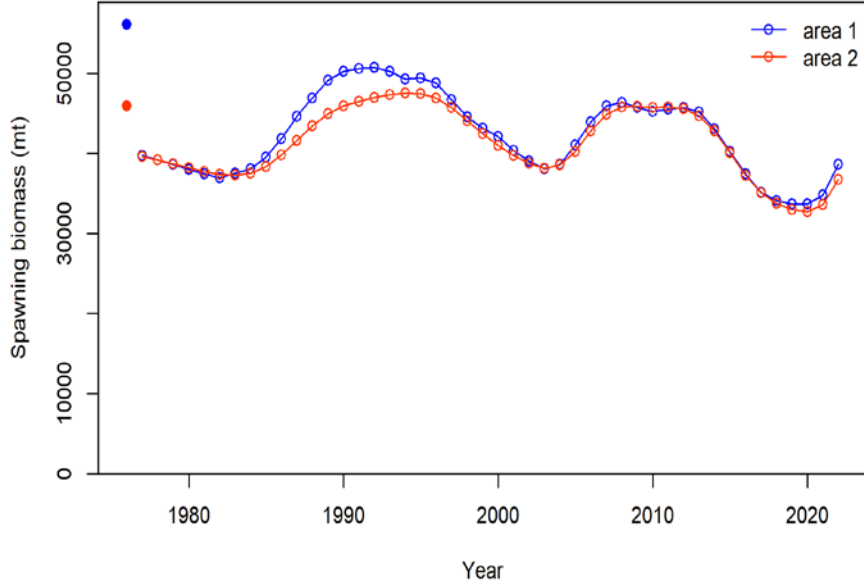


Model	ρ SSB	ρ Recruitment	ρ Fishing mortality
17.1	0.06	-0.06	-0.11
17.1a	0.06	-0.10	-0.12
17.1b	0.05	-0.11	-0.12
21.0	0.08	-0.07	-0.11
21.1	0.09	-0.07	-0.11
21.2	0.05	0.00	-0.01

Time series – southern rock sole



Time series – southern rock sole



Model	Rec dist par	Proportion in west
21	0.02	0.51
21.1	0.02	0.51
21.2	0.02	0.50

Summary– southern rock sole

- Overall fits to data were similar among the models
 - All models underestimate peak of female length distribution from survey
- Retrospective analysis results were similar
- Preferred model – Model 21.1
 - Biologically appropriate given difference in growth between central and western GOA (albeit subtle)
 - Adequately estimates growth in central and western GOA
 - Adequately estimates recruitment distribution

Projections – southern rock sole

- AFSC projection model
- Projections done for central and western GOA separately
- Inputs from model 12.1
- Preliminary 2021 catch estimate used for 2022 and 2023 inputs

Harvest recommendations

Quantity	As estimated or <i>specified last year for:</i>		As estimated or <i>recommended this year for:</i>	
	2020	2021	2021	2022
M (natural mortality rate; female, male)	0.2, 0.248*	0.2, 0.248*	See area specific rates	
Tier	3a	3a	3a	3a
Projected total (age 0+) biomass (t)	144,833	148,917	163,731	173,609
Projected Female spawning biomass (t)	72,973	73,930	73,114	83,900
$B_{100\%}$	93,518	93,518	See area specific estimates	
$B_{40\%}$	37,407	37,407		
$B_{35\%}$	32,731	32,731		
F_{OFL}	0.326	0.326		
$maxF_{ABC}$	0.271	0.271		
F_{ABC}	0.271	0.271		
OFL (t)	27,204	27,943	30,288	32,514
maxABC (t)	22,990	23,614	25,555	27,441
ABC (t)	22,990	23,614	25,555	27,441
Status	As determined <i>last year for:</i>		As determined <i>this year for:</i>	
	2019	2020	2020	2021
Overfishing	No	n/a	No	n/a
Overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No
Approaching overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No

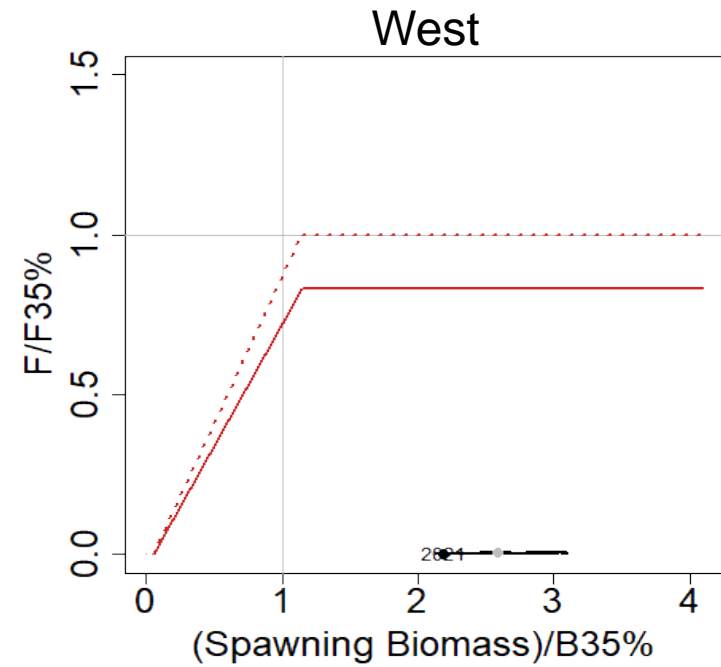
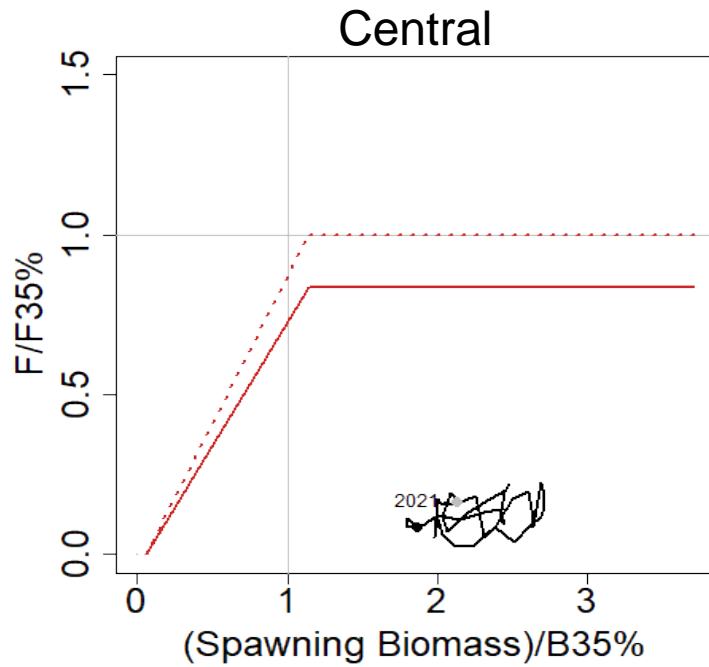
Harvest recommendations

Southern rock sole Central Gulf Quantity	As estimated or <i>specified last year for:</i>		As estimated or <i>recommended this year</i> for:	
	2021	2022	2022	2023
M (natural mortality rate; female, male)			0.2, 0.253	0.2, 0.253
Tier			3a	3a
Projected total (age 0+) biomass (t)			88,386	94,092
Projected Female spawning biomass (t)			37,555	43,470
$B_{100\%}$			54,433	54,433
$B_{40\%}$		This was not done in 2017-2020	21,374	21,374
$B_{35\%}$			18,701	18,701
F_{OFL}			0.268	0.268
$maxF_{ABC}$			0.224	0.224
F_{ABC}			0.224	0.224
OFL (t)			15,622	16,853
maxABC (t)			13,185	14,229
ABC (t)			13,185	14,229
Status	As determined <i>last year for:</i>		As determined <i>this year</i> for:	
	2019	2020	2020	2021
Overfishing	No	n/a	No	n/a
Overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No
Approaching overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No

Harvest recommendations

Southern rock sole Western Gulf Quantity	As estimated or <i>specified last year for:</i>		As estimated or <i>recommended this year</i> for:	
	2021	2022	2022	2023
<i>M</i> (natural mortality rate; female, male)	This was not done in 2017-2020		0.2, 0.271	0.2, 0.271
Tier			3a	3a
Projected total (age 0+) biomass (t)			75,345.4	79,517
Projected Female spawning biomass (t)			35,559	40,430
$B_{100\%}$			43,788	43,788
$B_{40\%}$			17,515	17,515
$B_{35\%}$			15,326	15,326
F_{OFL}			0.335	0.335
$maxF_{ABC}$			0.278	0.278
F_{ABC}			0.278	0.278
OFL (t)			14,666	15,661
maxABC (t)			12,370	13,212
ABC (t)			12,370	13,212
Status	As determined <i>last year for:</i>		As determined <i>this year</i> for:	
	2019	2020	2020	2021
Overfishing	No	n/a	No	n/a
Overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No
Approaching overfished	n/a	No	n/a	No

Projections – southern rock sole



Future directions

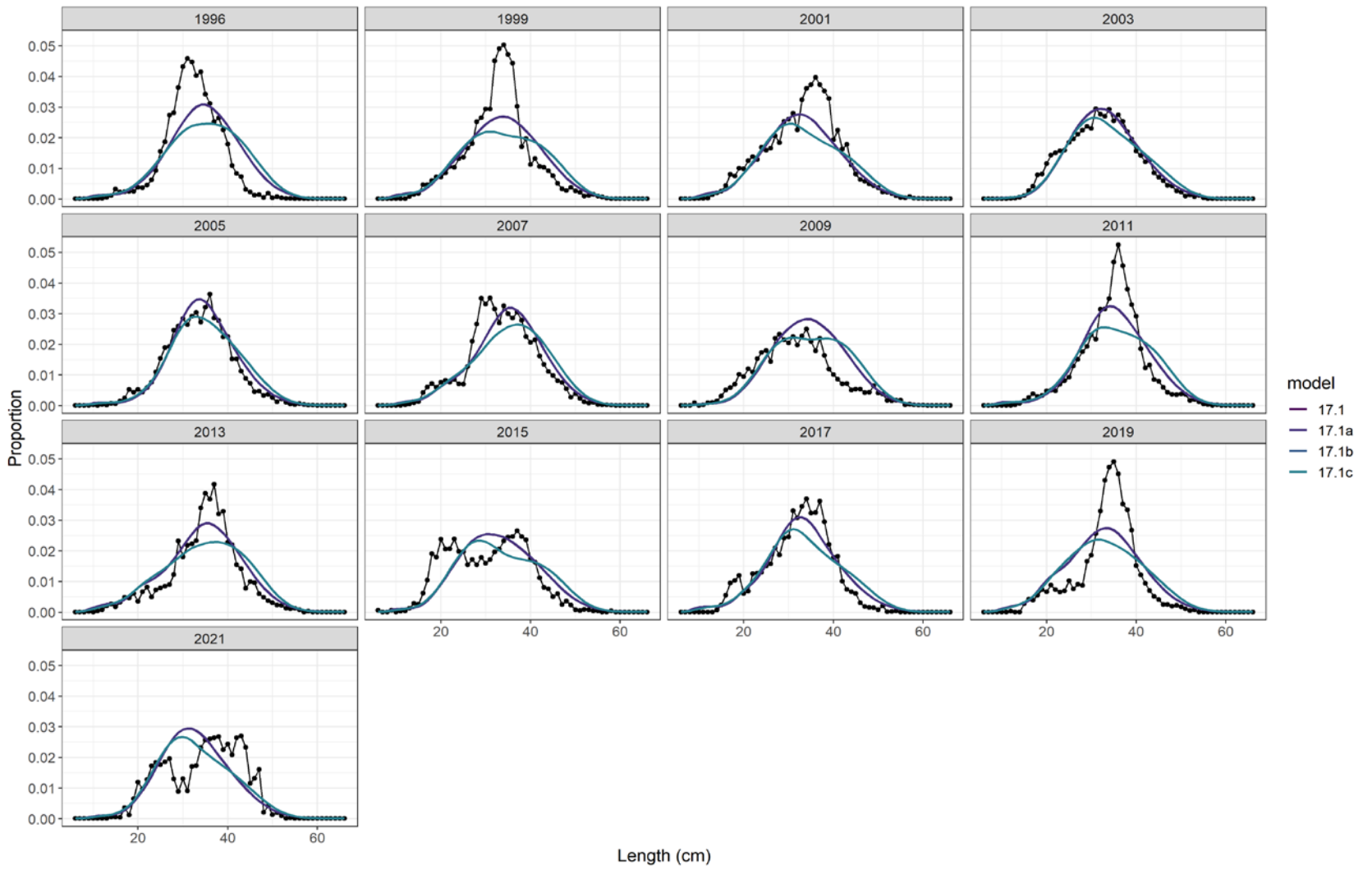
- Address non-stationarity in fit to survey biomass data
 - Time-varying catchability?
- Catch data split between species should be explored and addressed
- Accounting of uncertainty in catch



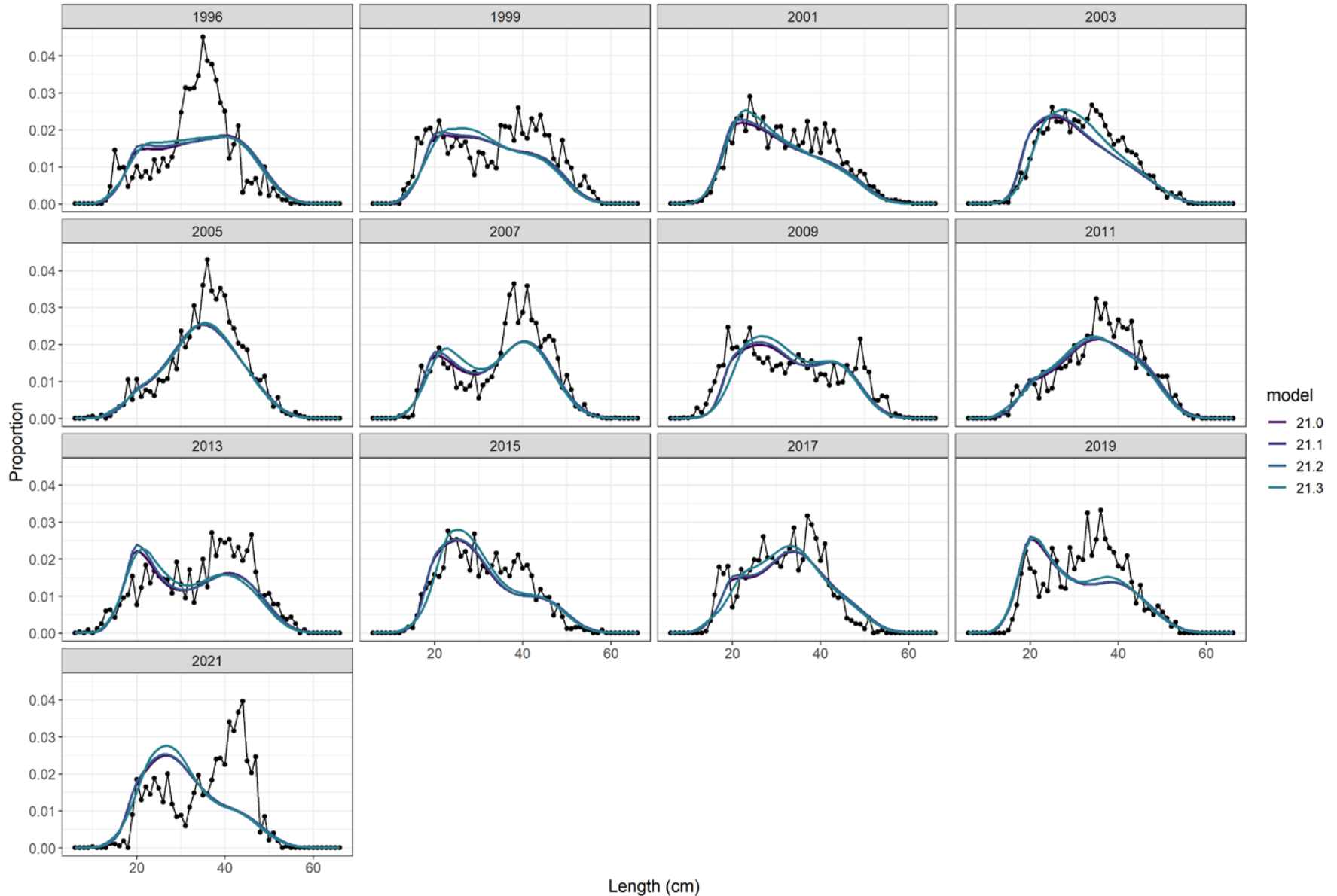
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Extra slides

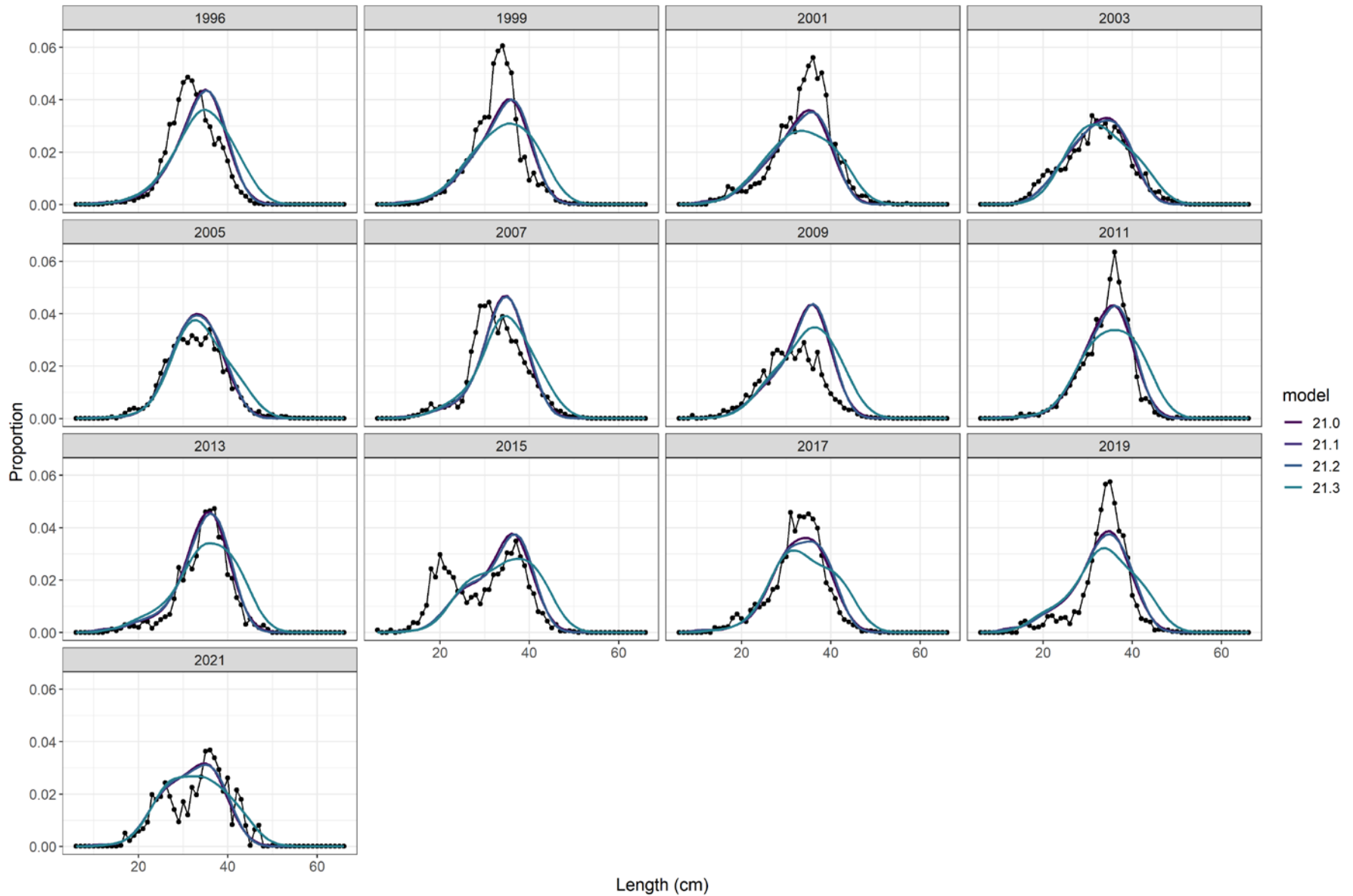
Female survey length– northern rock sole



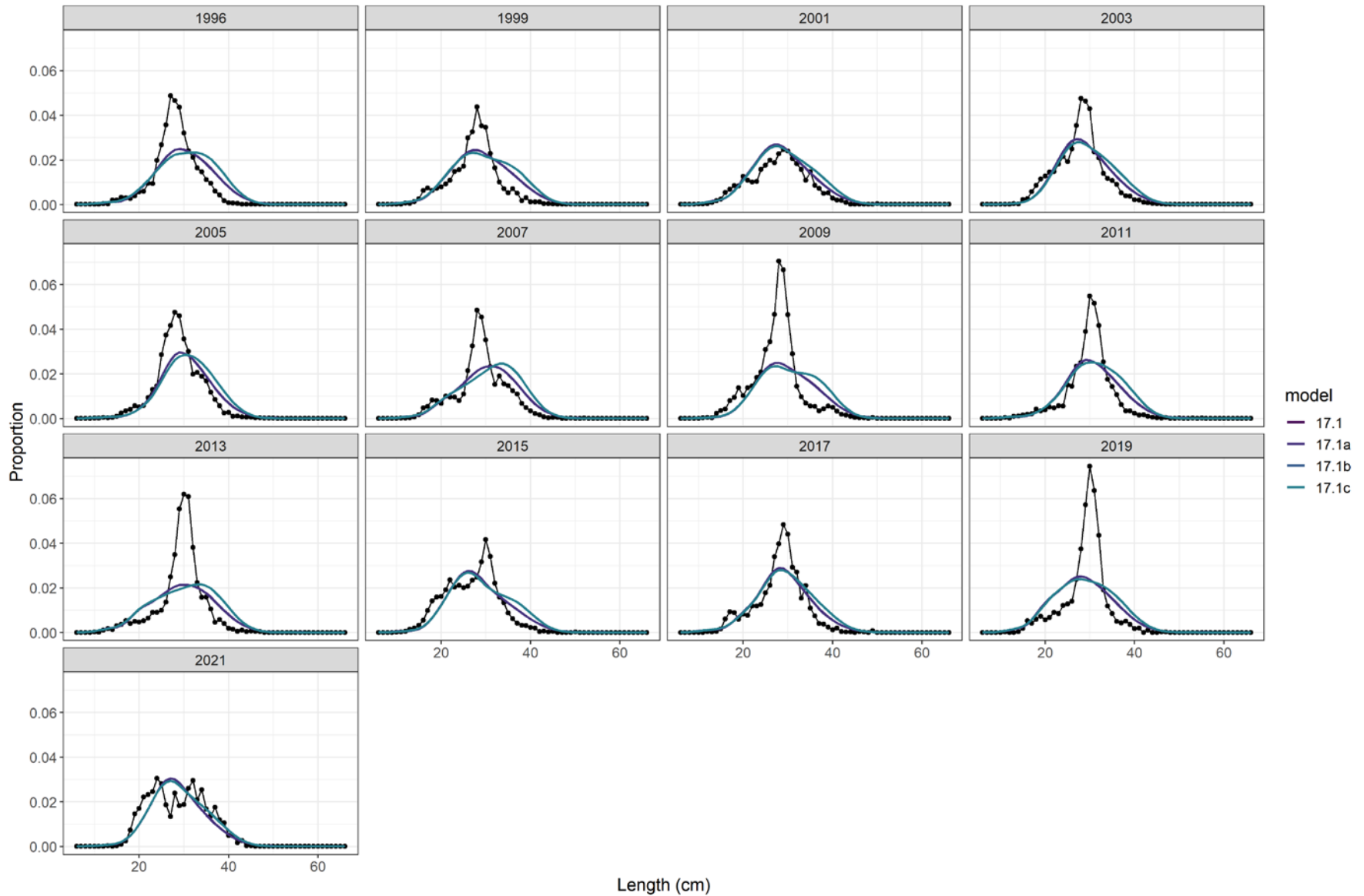
Female survey length - central - northern rock sole



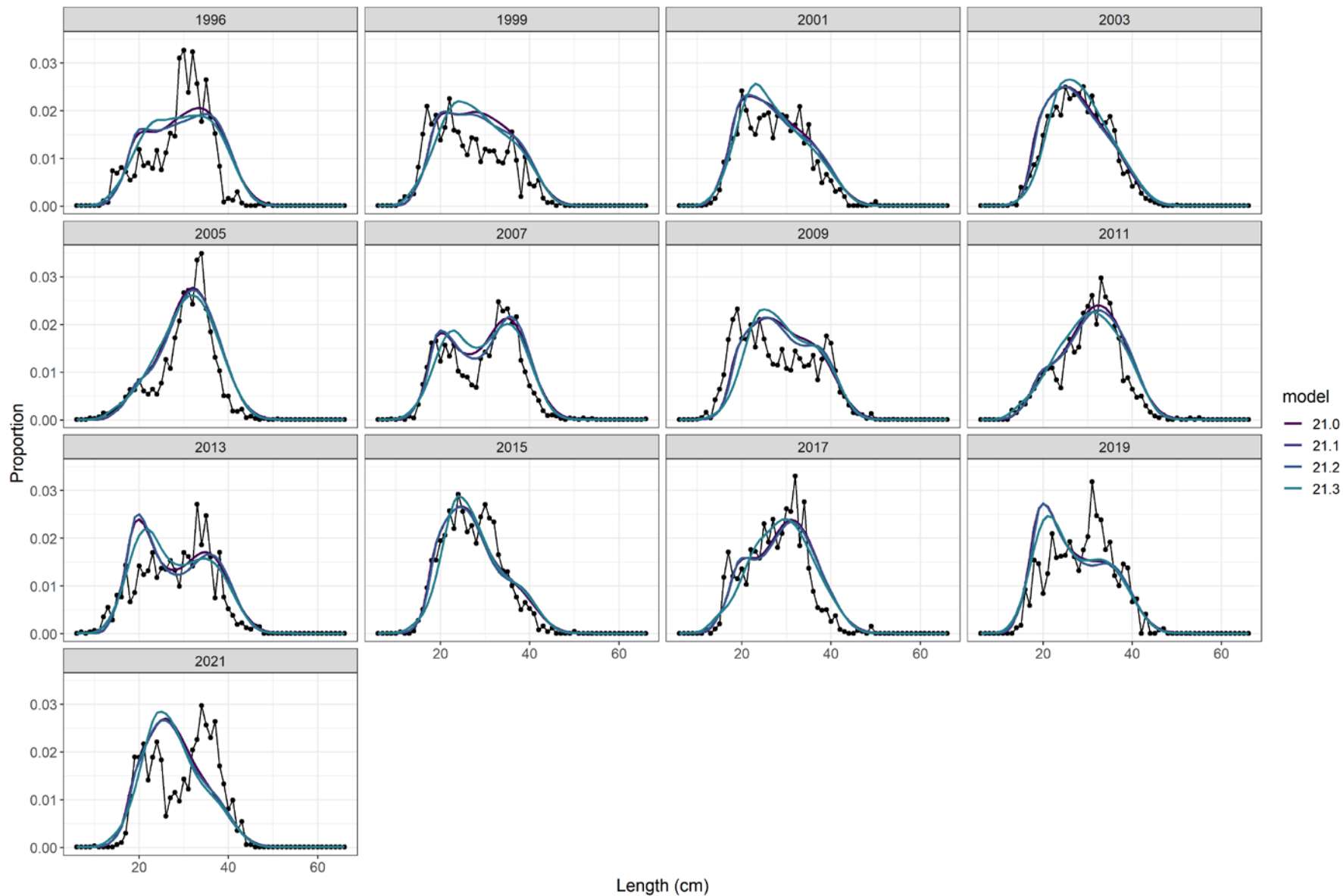
Female survey length - west - northern rock



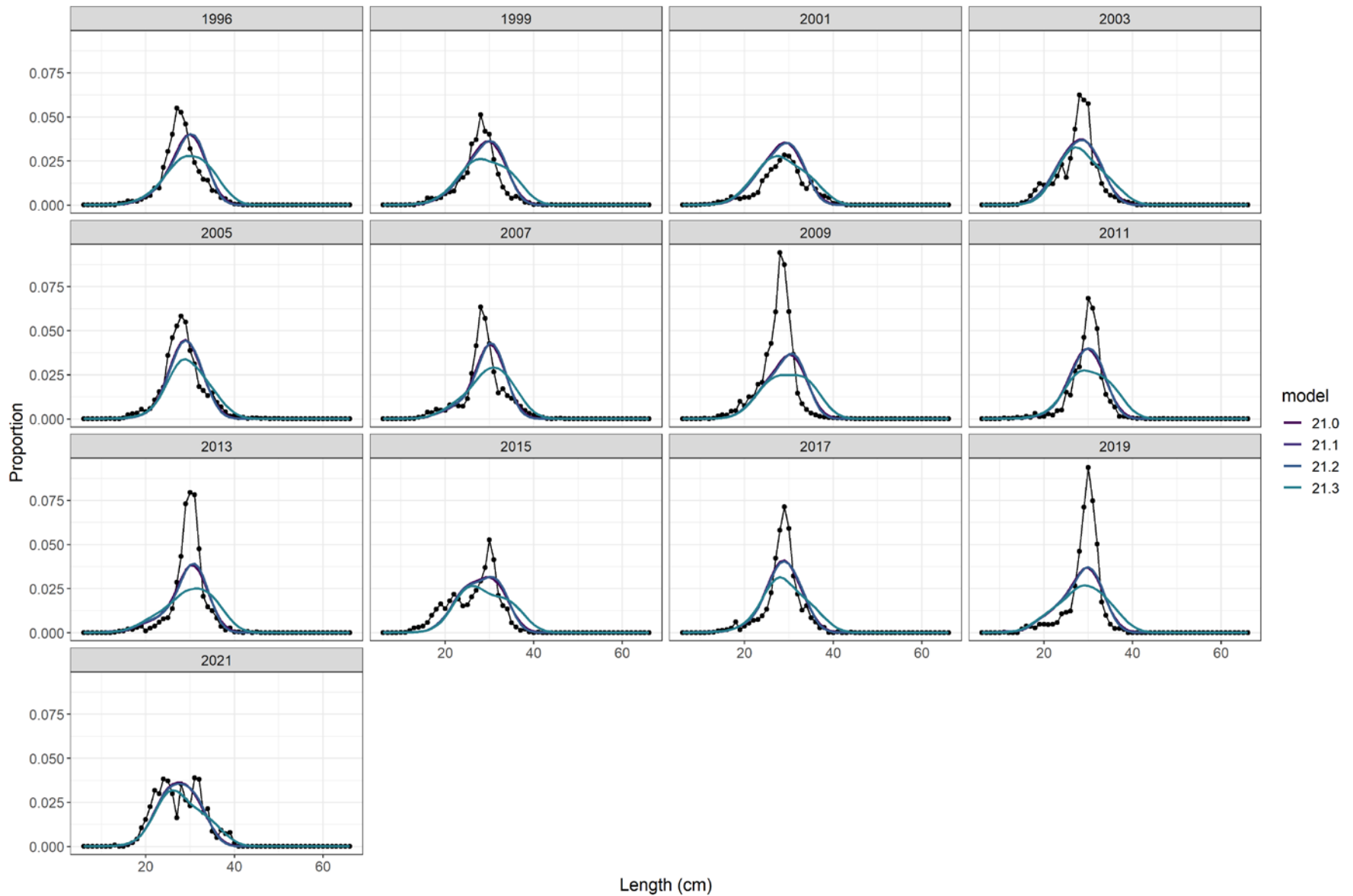
Male survey length- northern rock sole



Male survey length - central - northern rock sole



Male survey length - west - northern rock sole

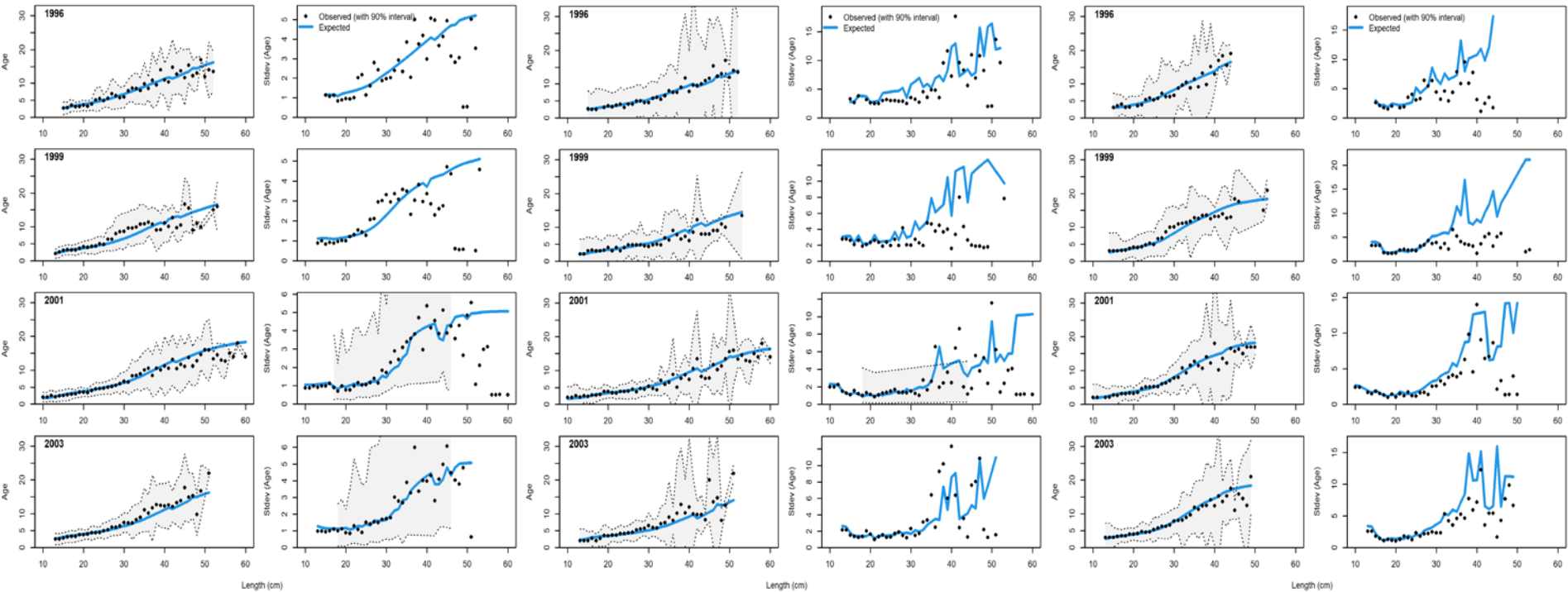


CAAL – northern rock sole

All GOA

central GOA

western GOA

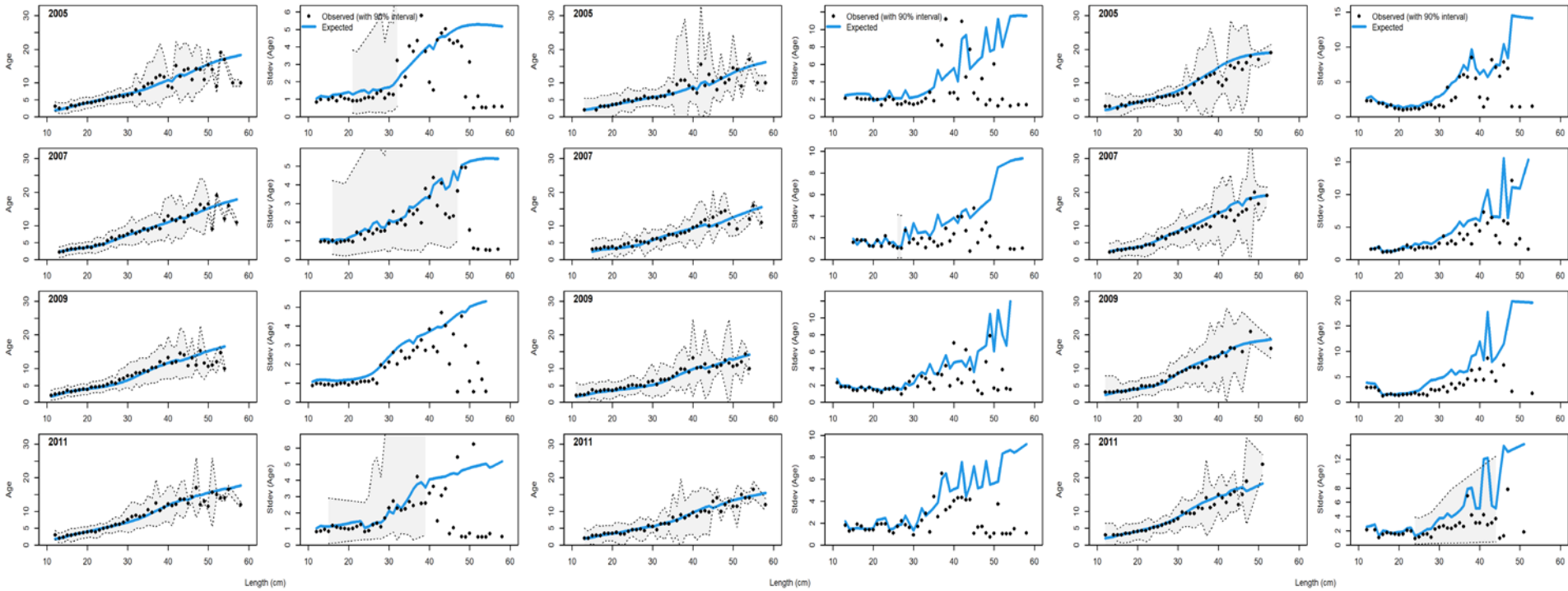


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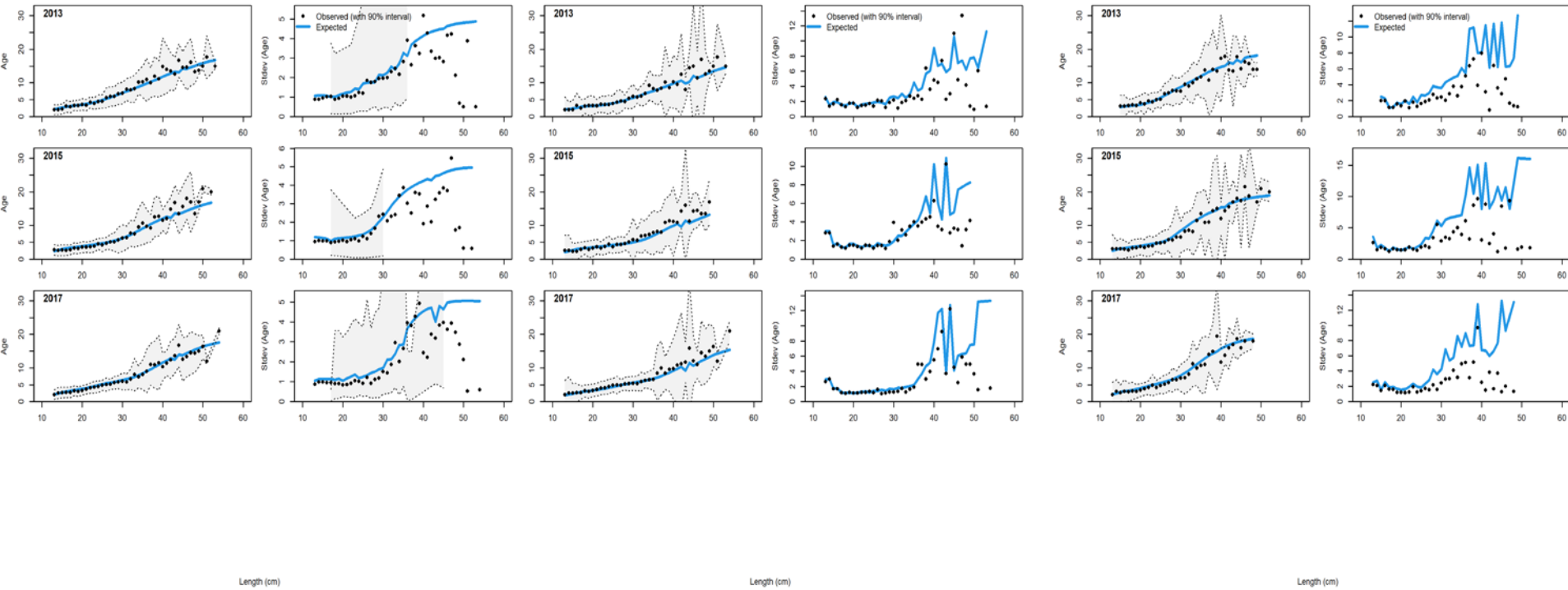


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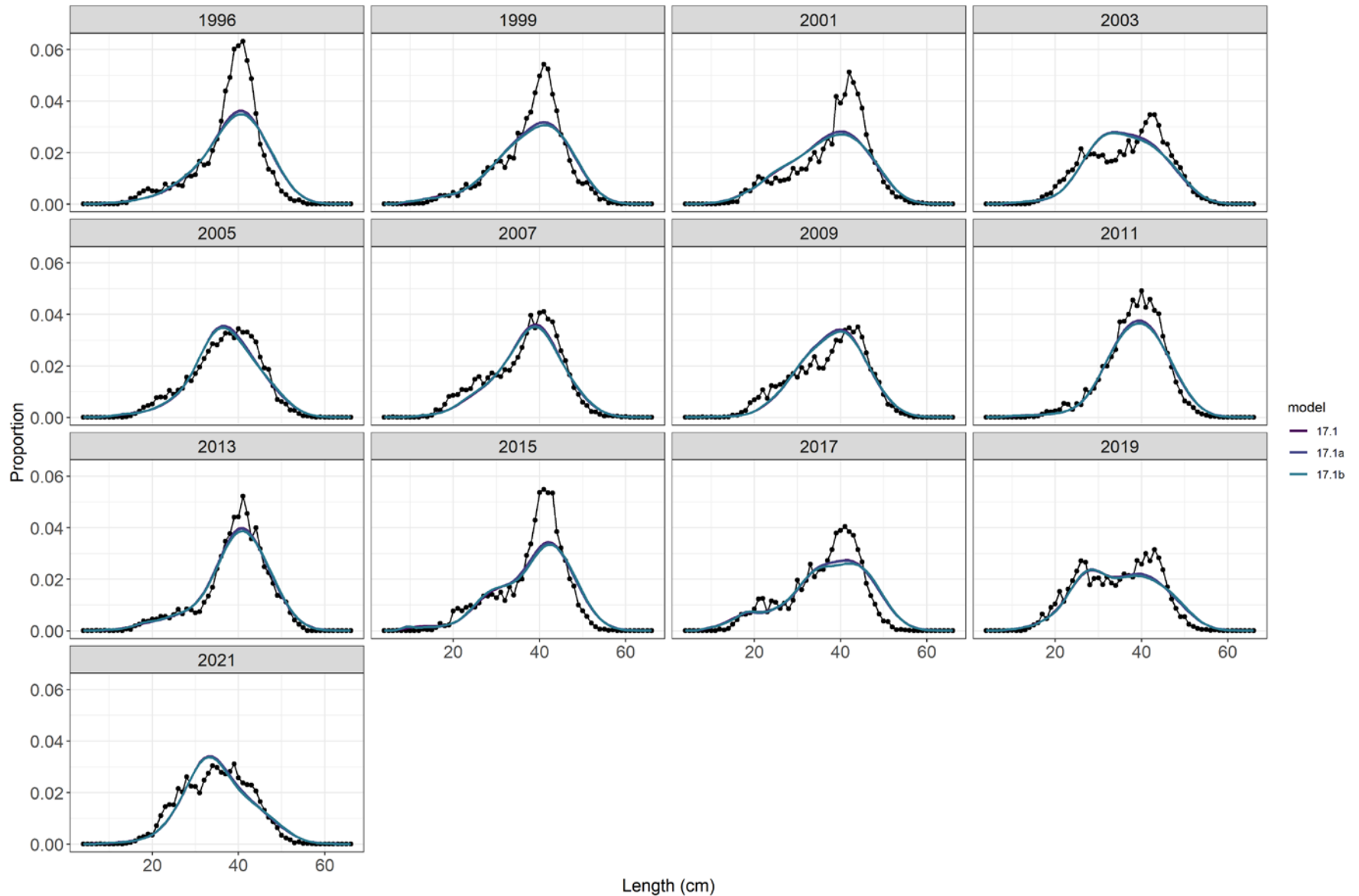
All GOA

central GOA

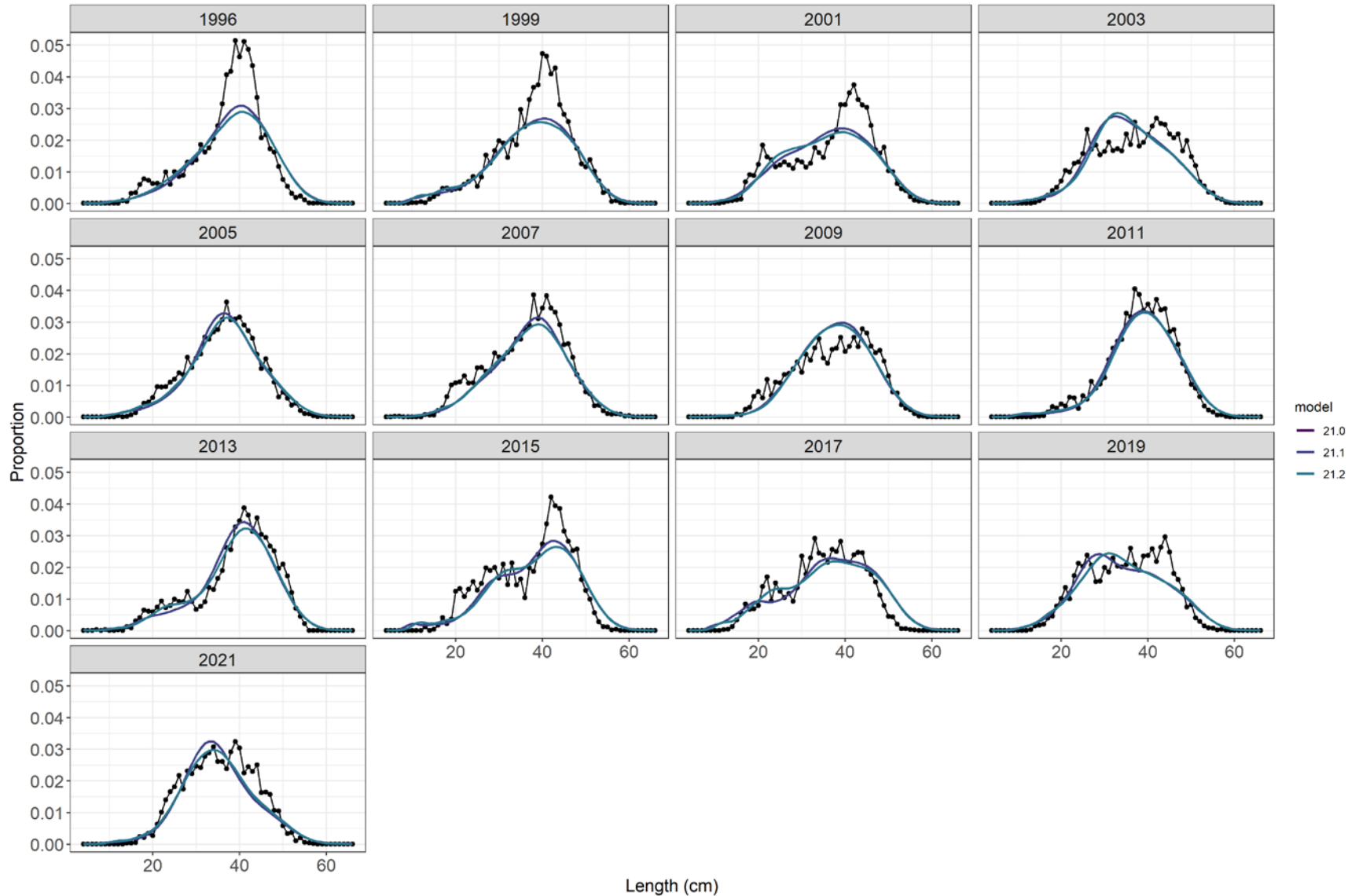
western GOA



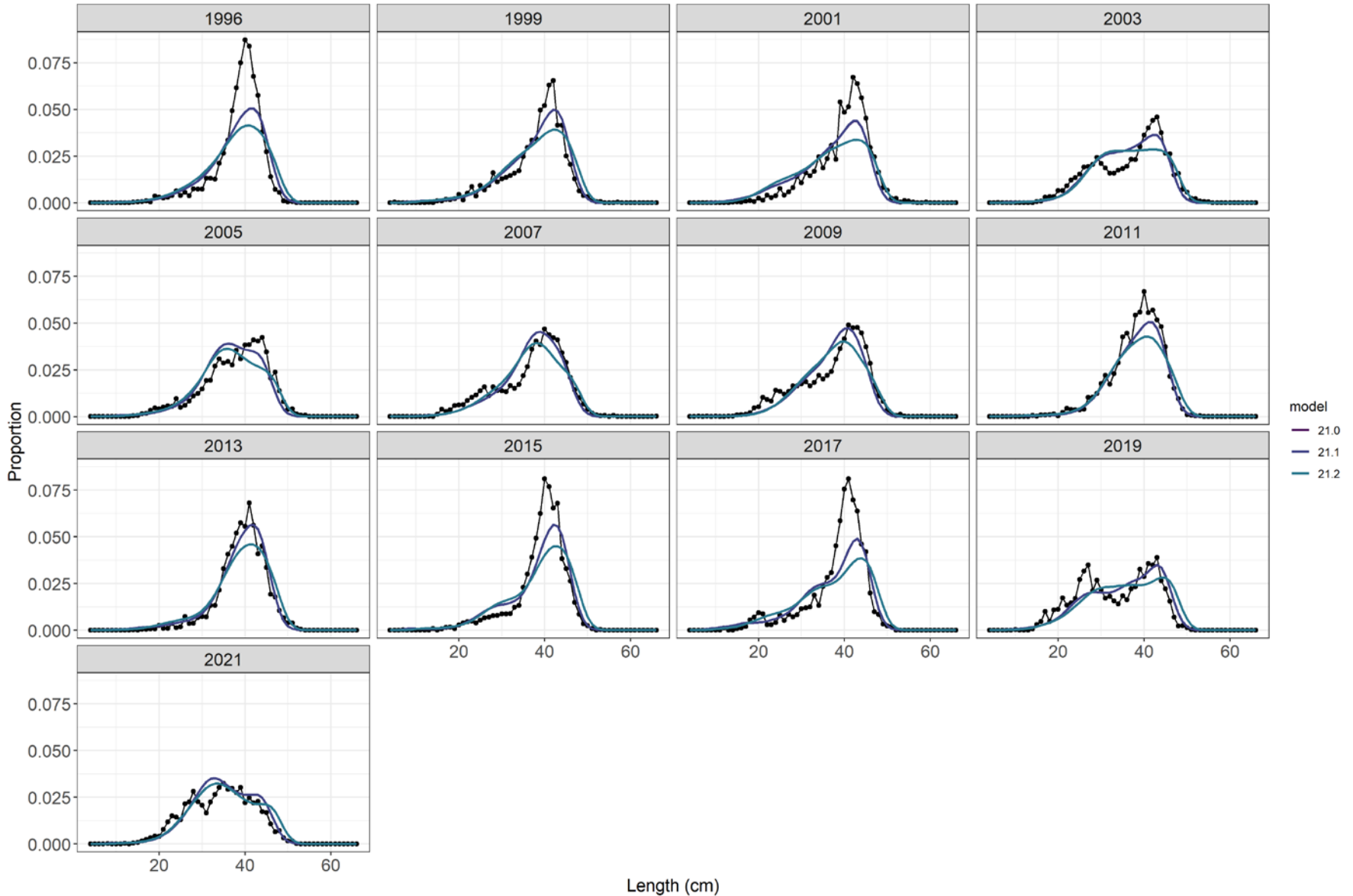
Female survey length– southern rock sole



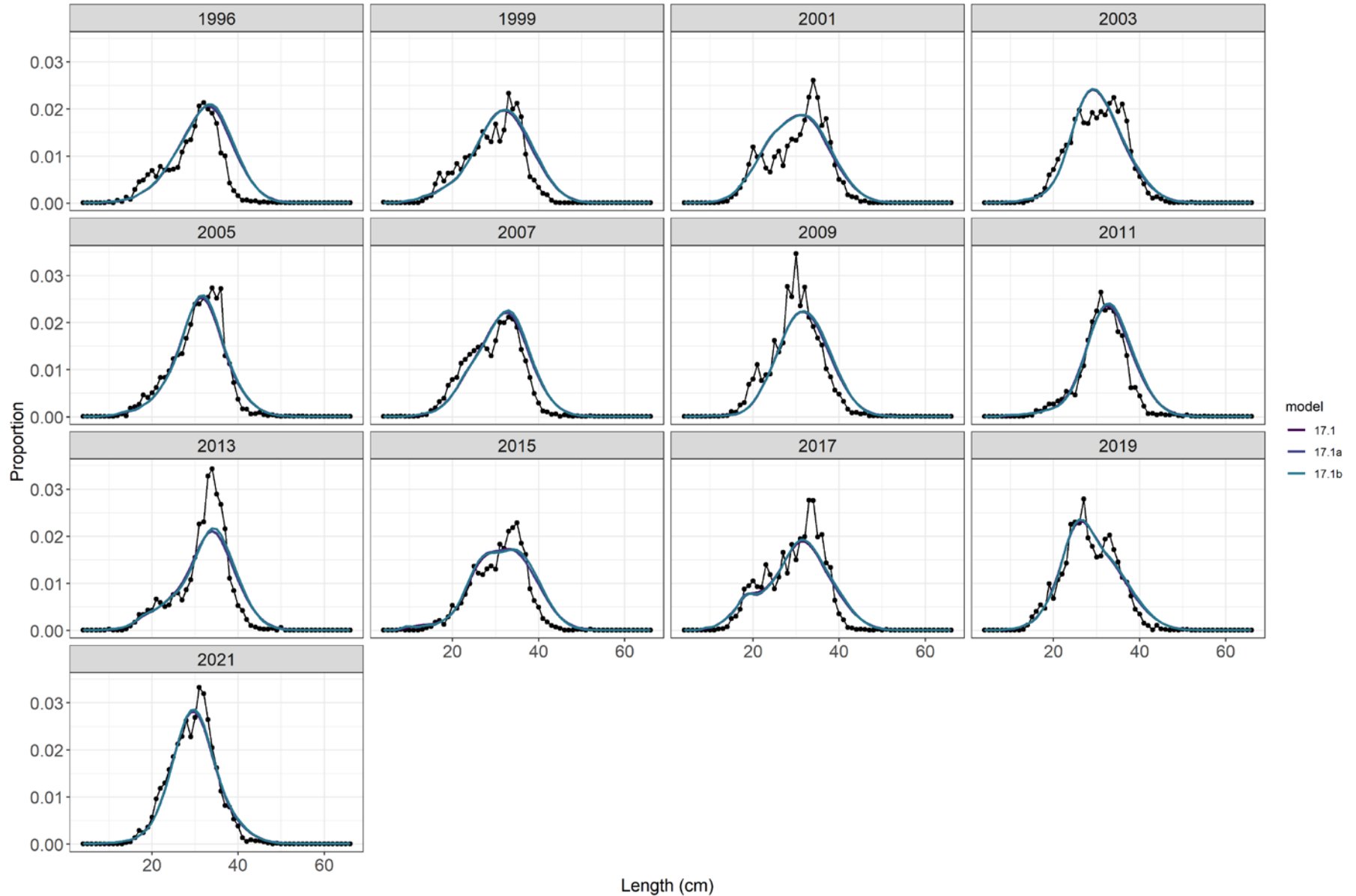
Female survey length - central - southern rock sole



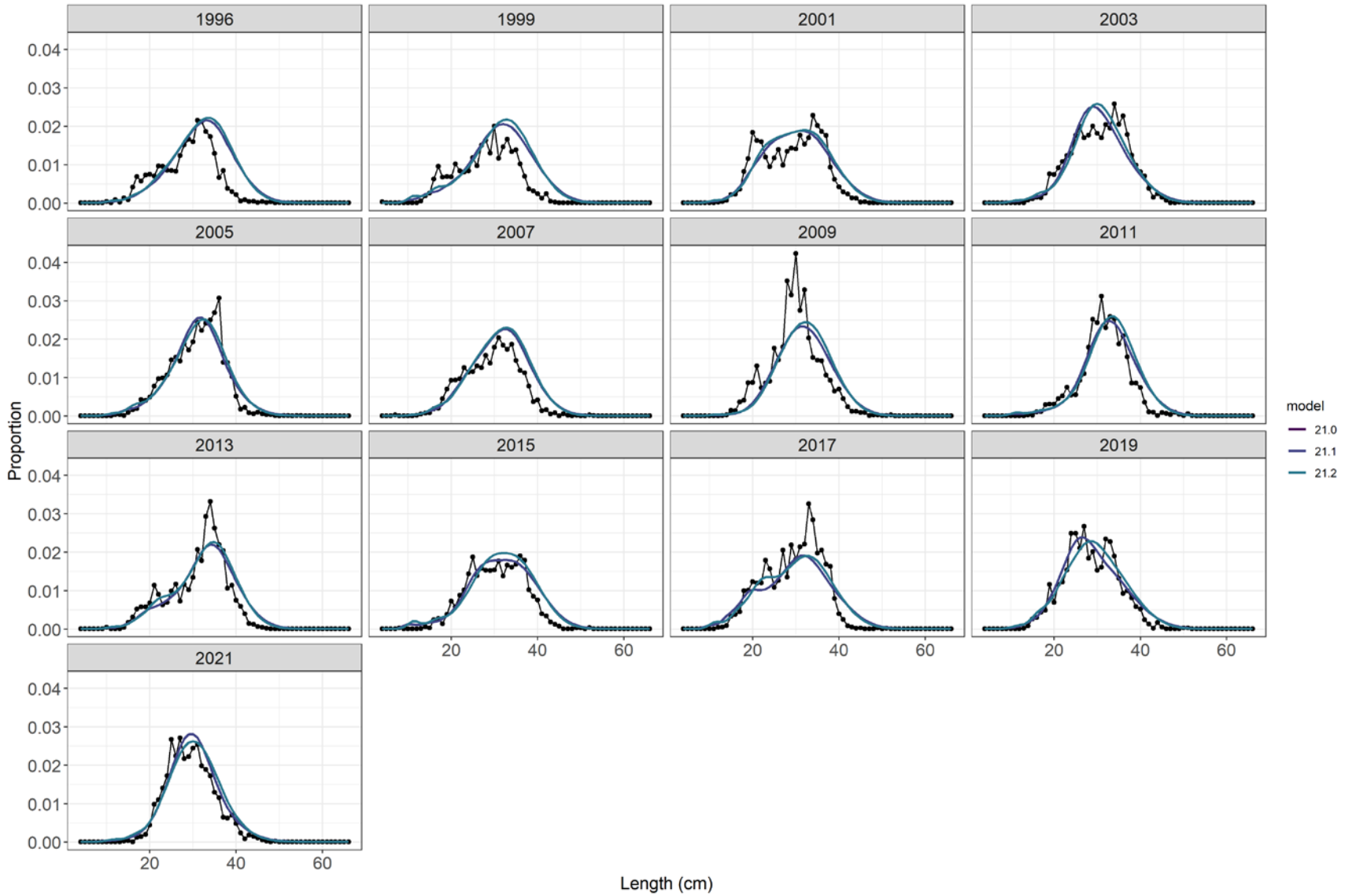
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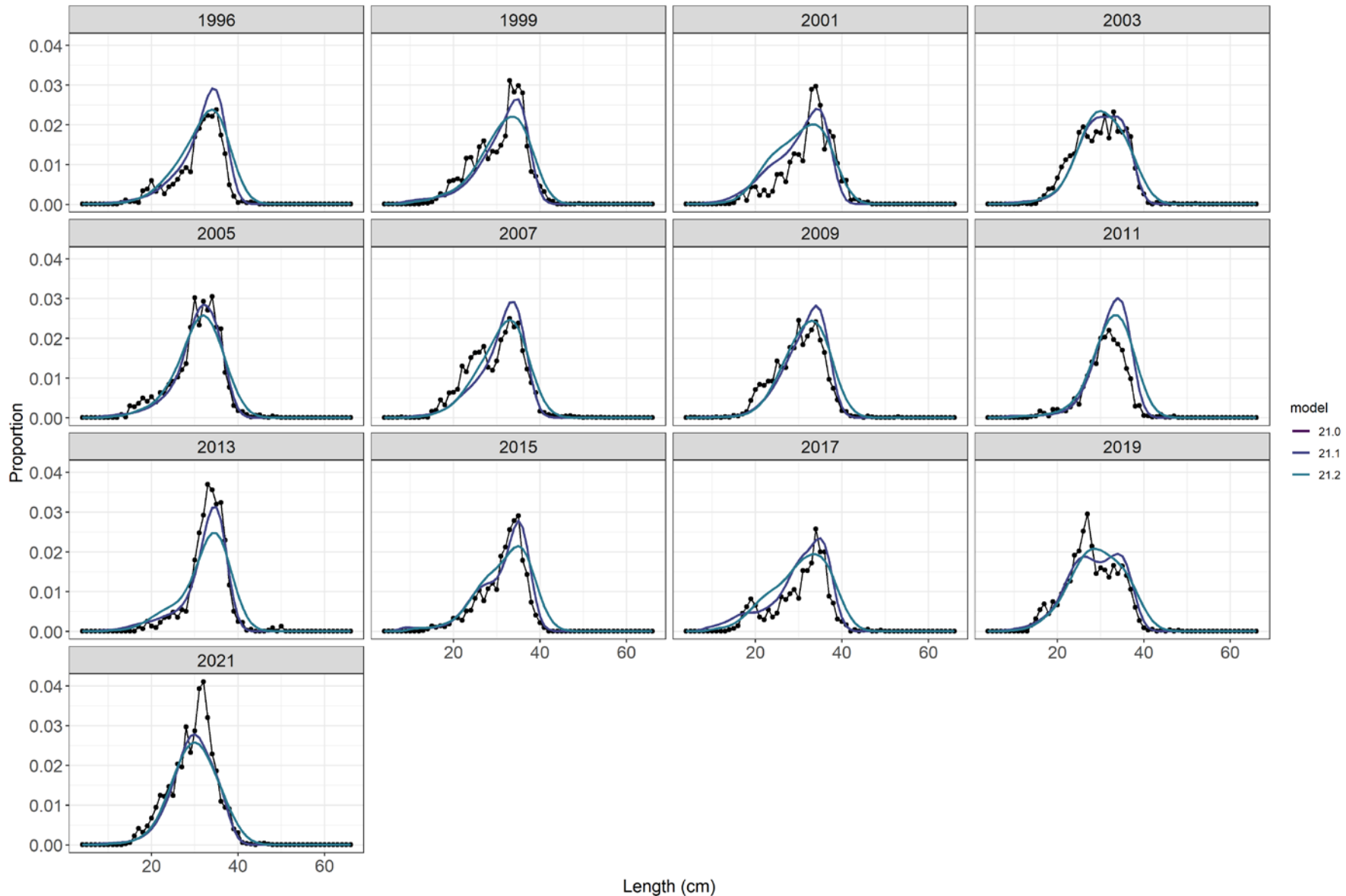
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Male survey length - central - southern rock sole



Male survey length - west - southern rock sole

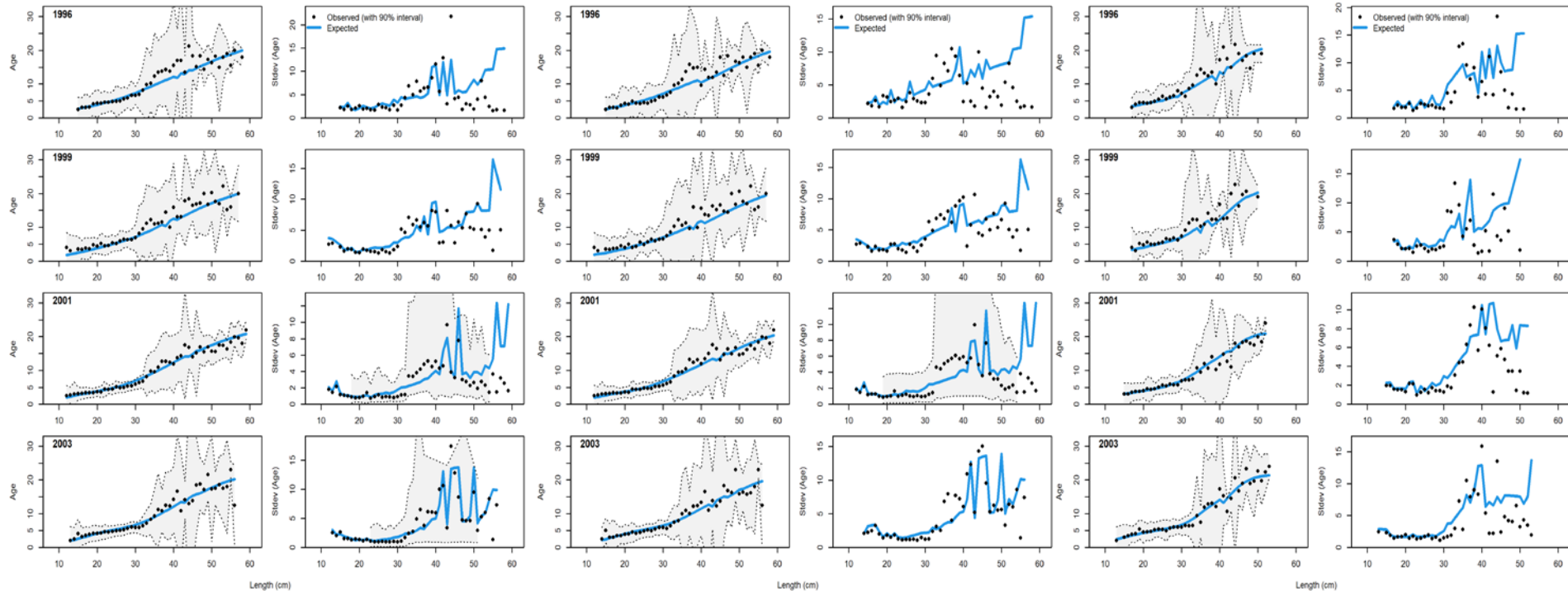


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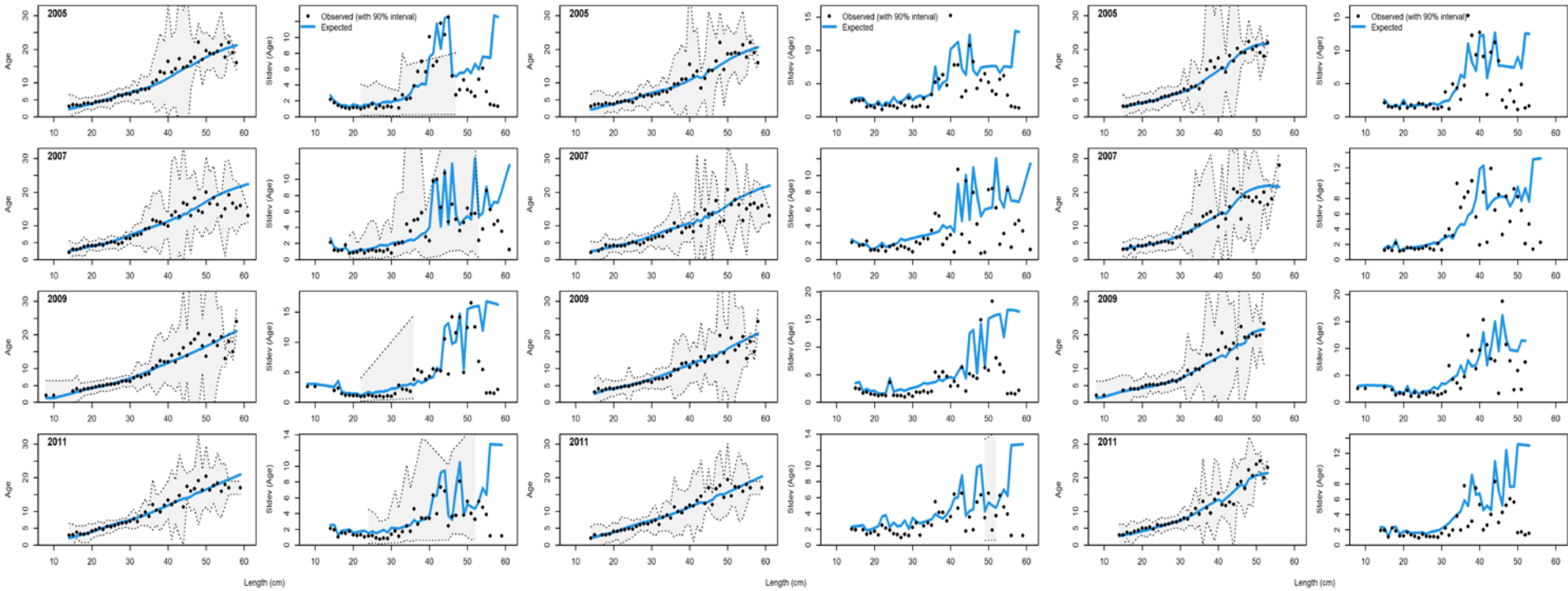


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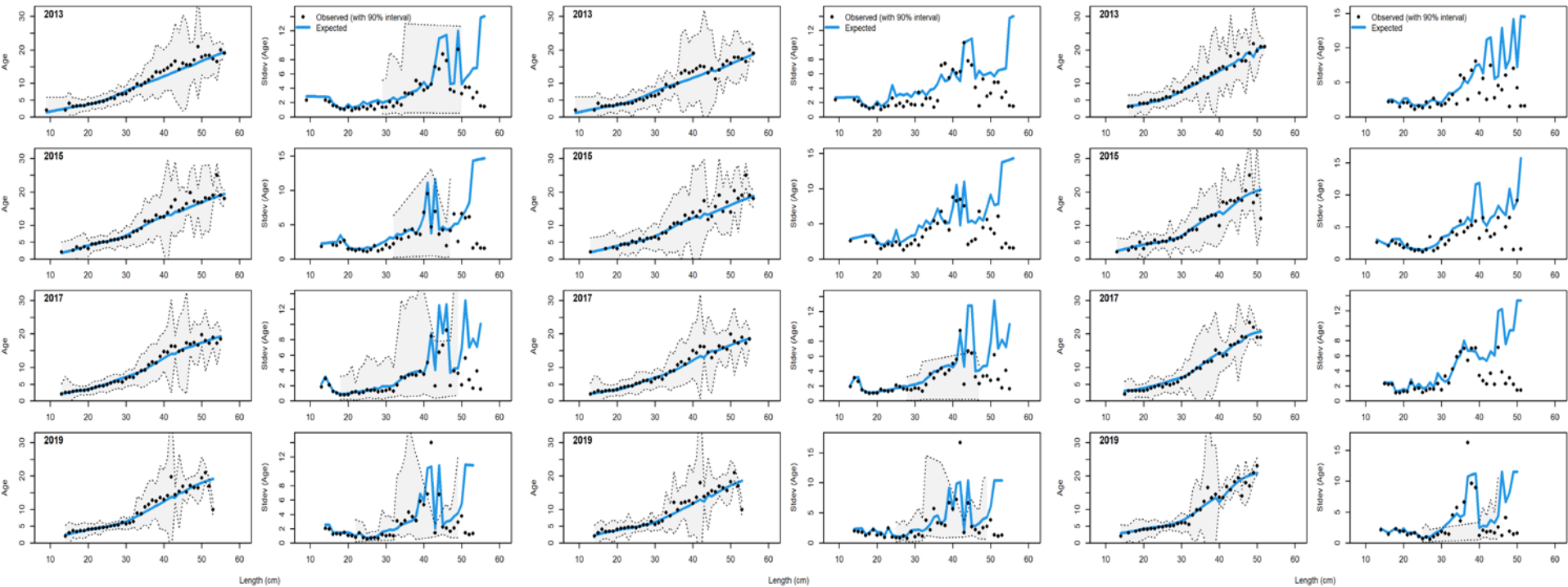


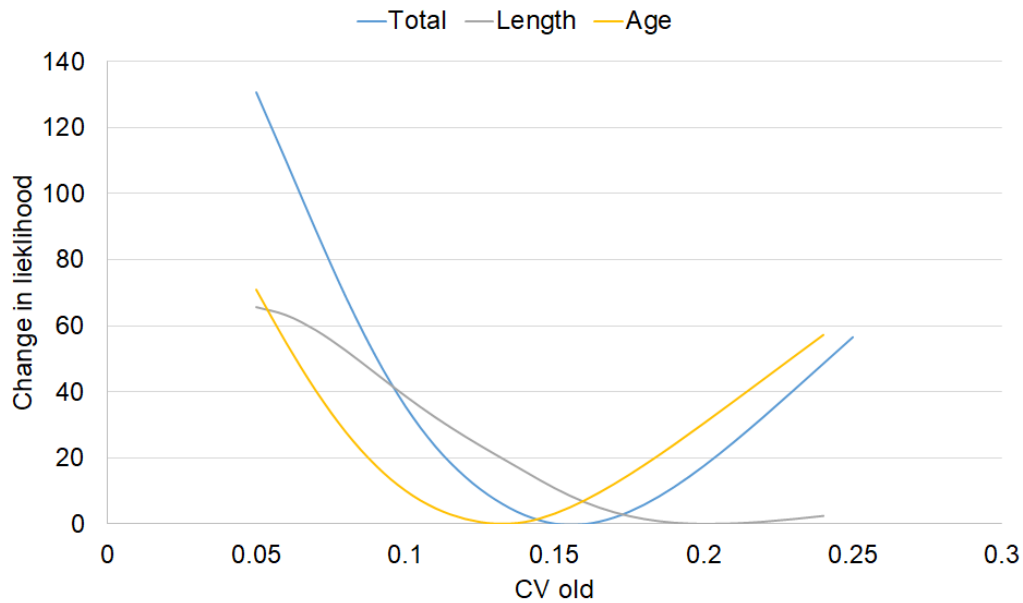
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- Likelihood profile of CV of the distribution of the length-at-oldest age
- From model 17.1
- Assumed CV_old was the same for females and males
 - Changed simultaneously

