

# Gulf of Alaska Climate Integrated Modeling Project



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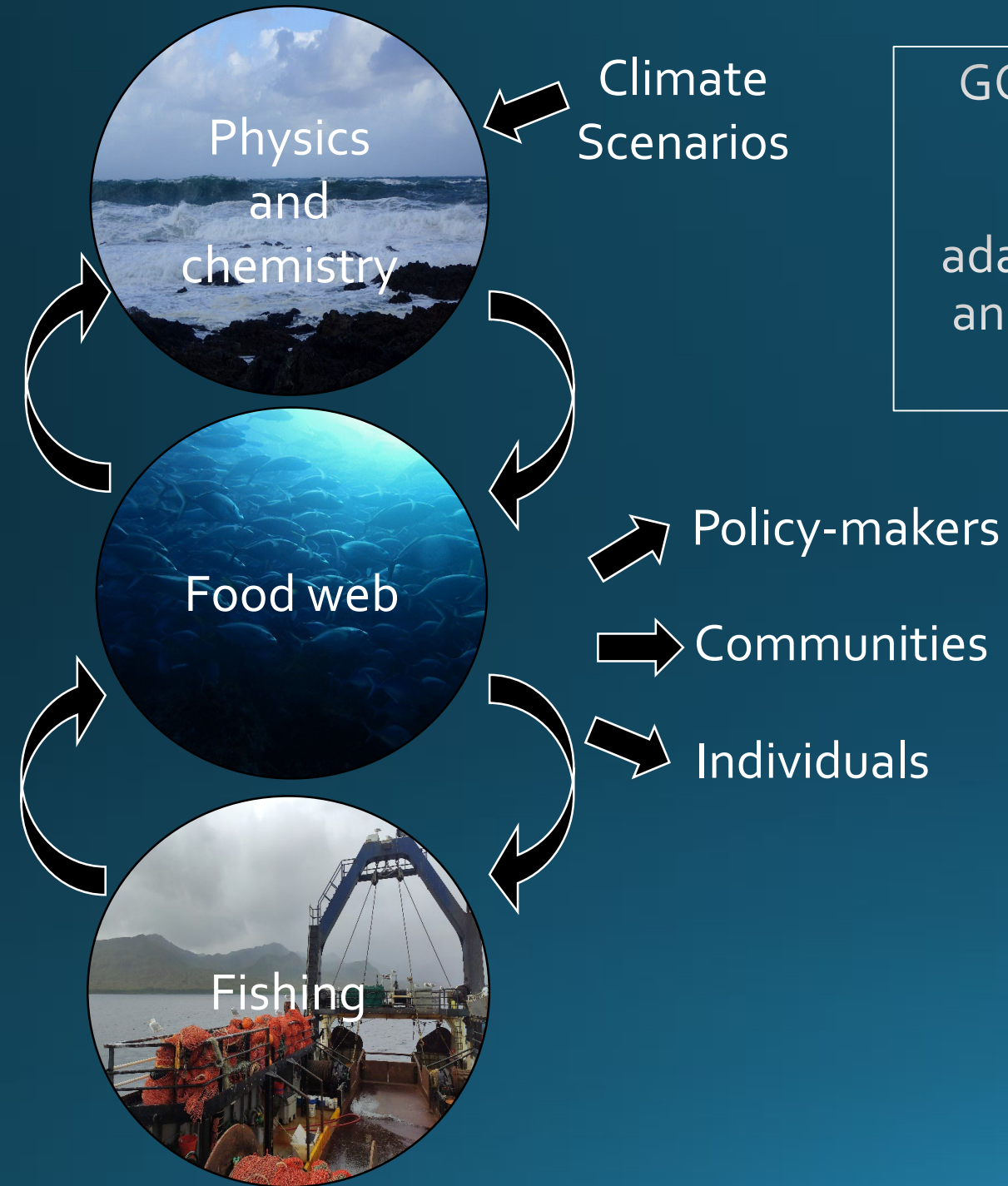


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GOA-CLIM is developing and synthesizing results from multiple climate-enhanced ecosystem modeling platforms to support the climate adaptation and resilience of fisheries management and fishing-dependent communities in the Gulf of Alaska



- Dynamic Ecosystem model (Atlantis)
- Mass-balance ecosystem model (Ecopath with Ecosim or Rpath)
- Biologically-linked 3-species model (Rceattle)
- Size-spectrum model (mizer)
- Single species models
- Community economic model





A. Rovellini

# Atlantis

- Spatial- and depth-stratified model
- Forced using temperature, salinity, and currents from ROMS in historical period
- 78 functional groups
- Age-structured vertebrate populations
- Includes detritus, primary production, groundfish, forage fish, seabirds, and marine mammals
- Ontogenetic, size-based predator-prey interactions that consider spatial overlap of predator and prey
- Deterministic

Physics  
and  
chemistry

Food web

Fishing

# Ecopath



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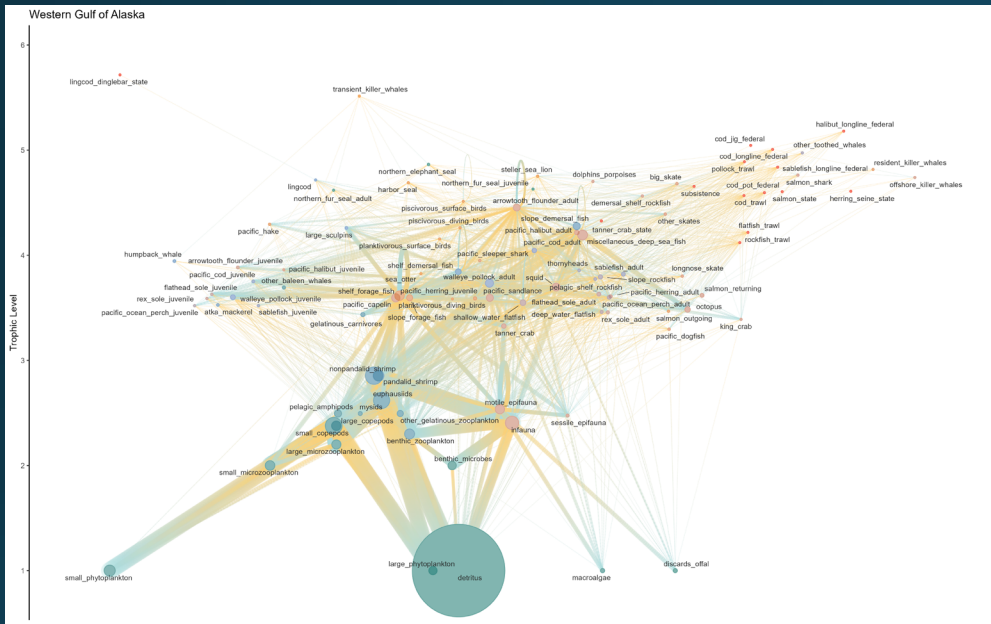


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- Two single-area models: Western and Eastern GOA models split at 147W, depths 0-1000m
- Forced with temperature and primary production outputs from ROMS historical period
- 86 species groups
- Age-structured modeling for 9 fish species
- Includes detritus, primary production, groundfish, forage fish, seabirds, and marine mammals
- Mass-balanced food web models
- Tracks monthly cohorts of fish with density dependent predation mortality
- Deterministic
- Uses with Rpath or Ecosim for simulation

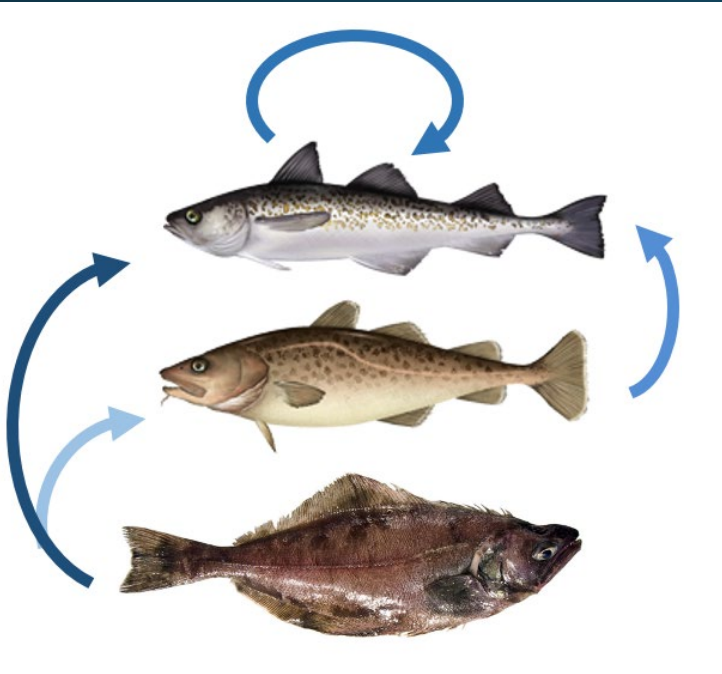




G. Adams

# Rceattle (in TMB)

- Single-area model
- Single- and multi-species age-structured assessment and simulation model
- 3-species model: pollock, Pacific cod, arrowtooth flounder
- Links species through age- and time-varying predation mortality
- Utilizes bioenergetics and diets to inform climate-specific consumption and prey preference of predators
- Environmental covariates can be linked to catchability, recruitment, bioenergetic consumption, residual M
- Stochastic, can do full management strategy evaluation

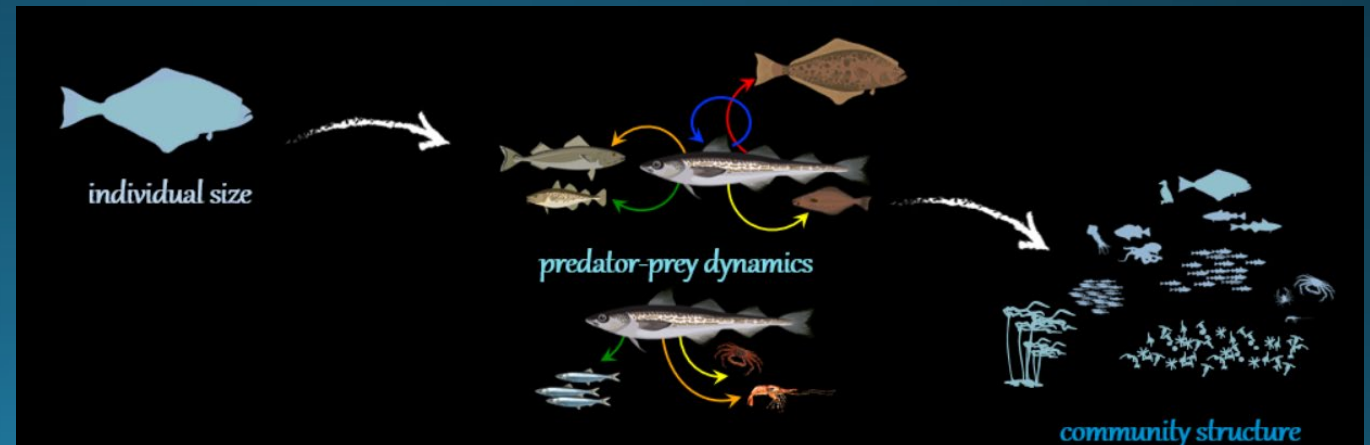


# mizer



C. Barnes

- Single-region model
- Can be forced using phytoplankton and zooplankton anomalies from the historical period, bottom temperature can be linked to consumption and respiration
- 11 of the most abundant groundfish species modeled
- Multi-species size spectrum model
- Size informs metabolic rates, functional relationships, trophic niche, vital rates, and fishing
- Deterministic





# Community economic model



C. Seung

- Dynamic, multi-regional computable generalized equilibrium model
- Currently uses Rceattle projected catches of pollock, Pacific cod, and arrowtooth flounder for a suite of scenarios
- Accounts for geographic flow of fisheries benefits
- Predicts long-term economic outcomes from future catches for 10 regions



# GOA-CLIM Modelers

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Grant Adams and Kirstin Holsman (Rceattle)

Cheryl Barnes and Jon Reum (mizer)

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This work builds on that of ACLIM with numerous contributors, initiated and led by Anne Hollowed and Kirstin Holsman



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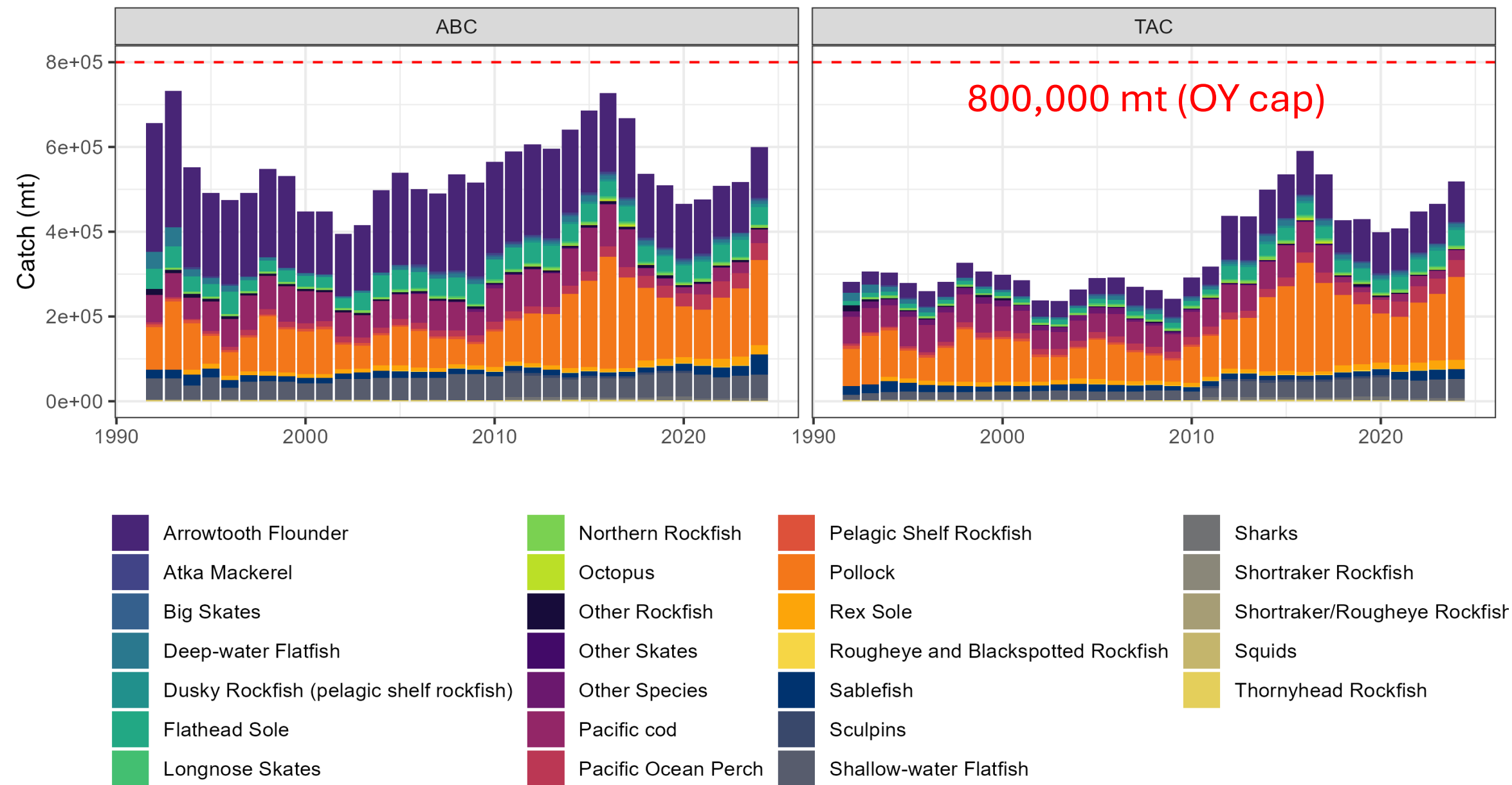
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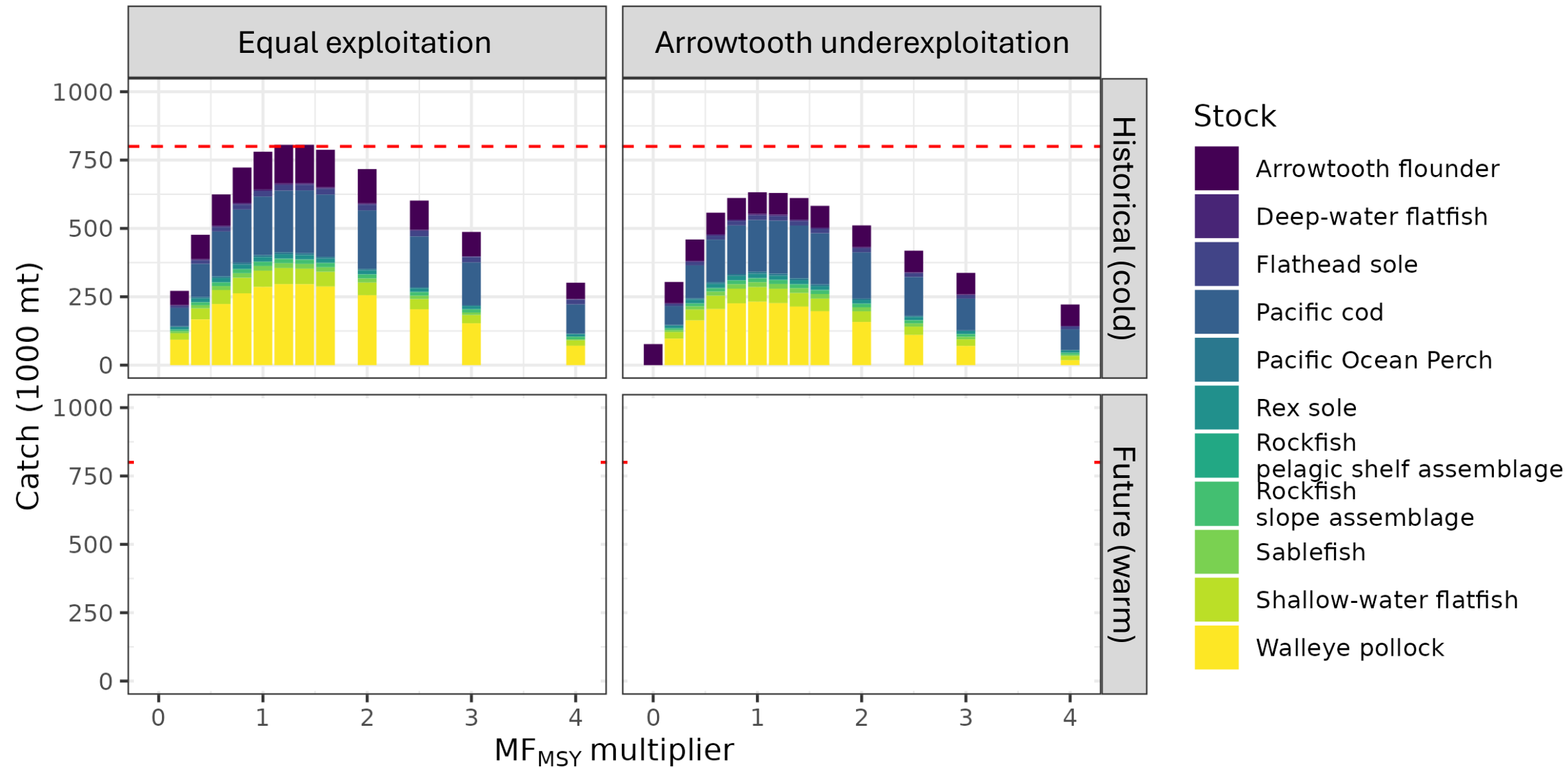
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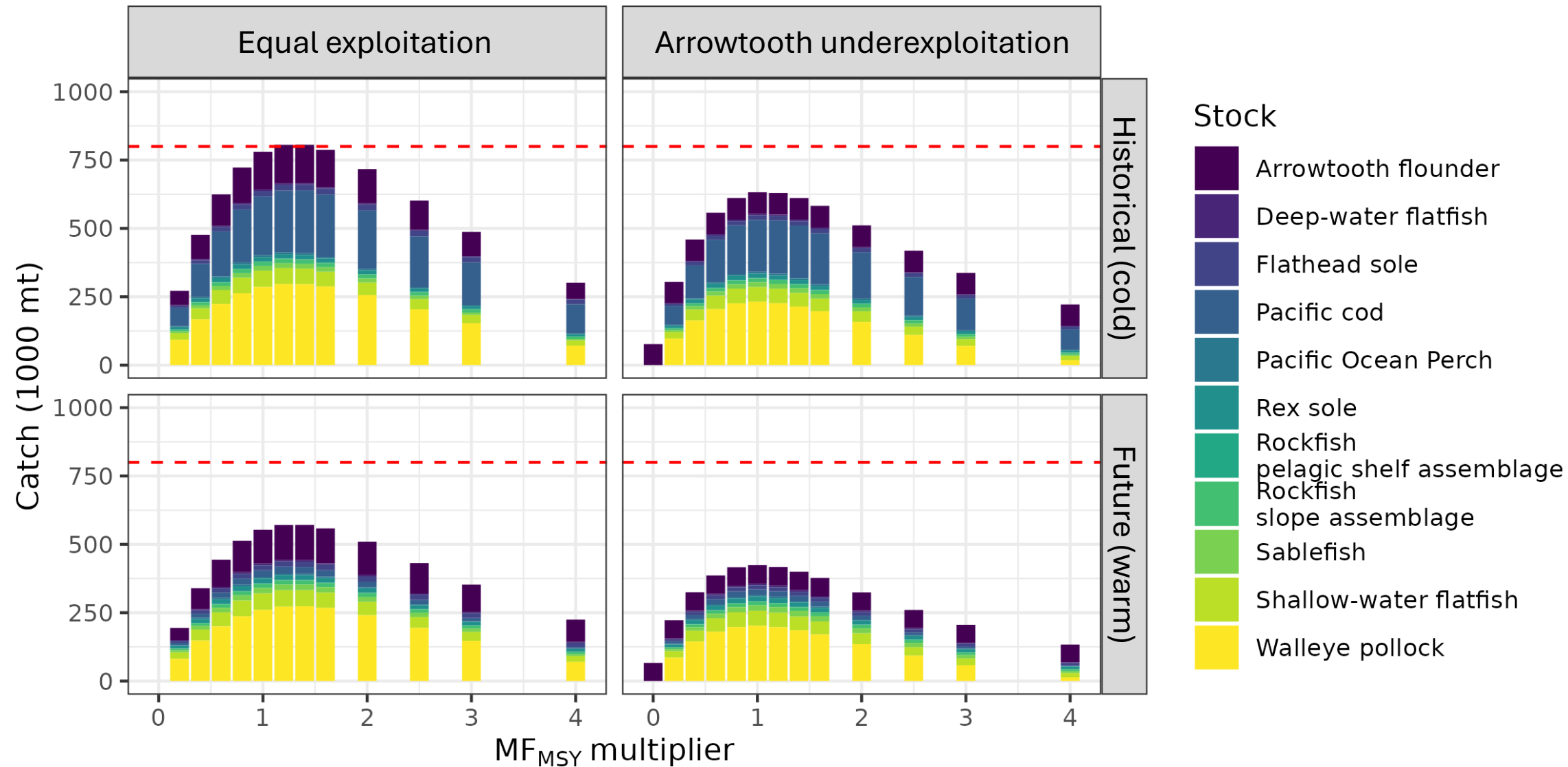
# GOA historical harvest specifications



# Atlantis simulations – Multispecies yield



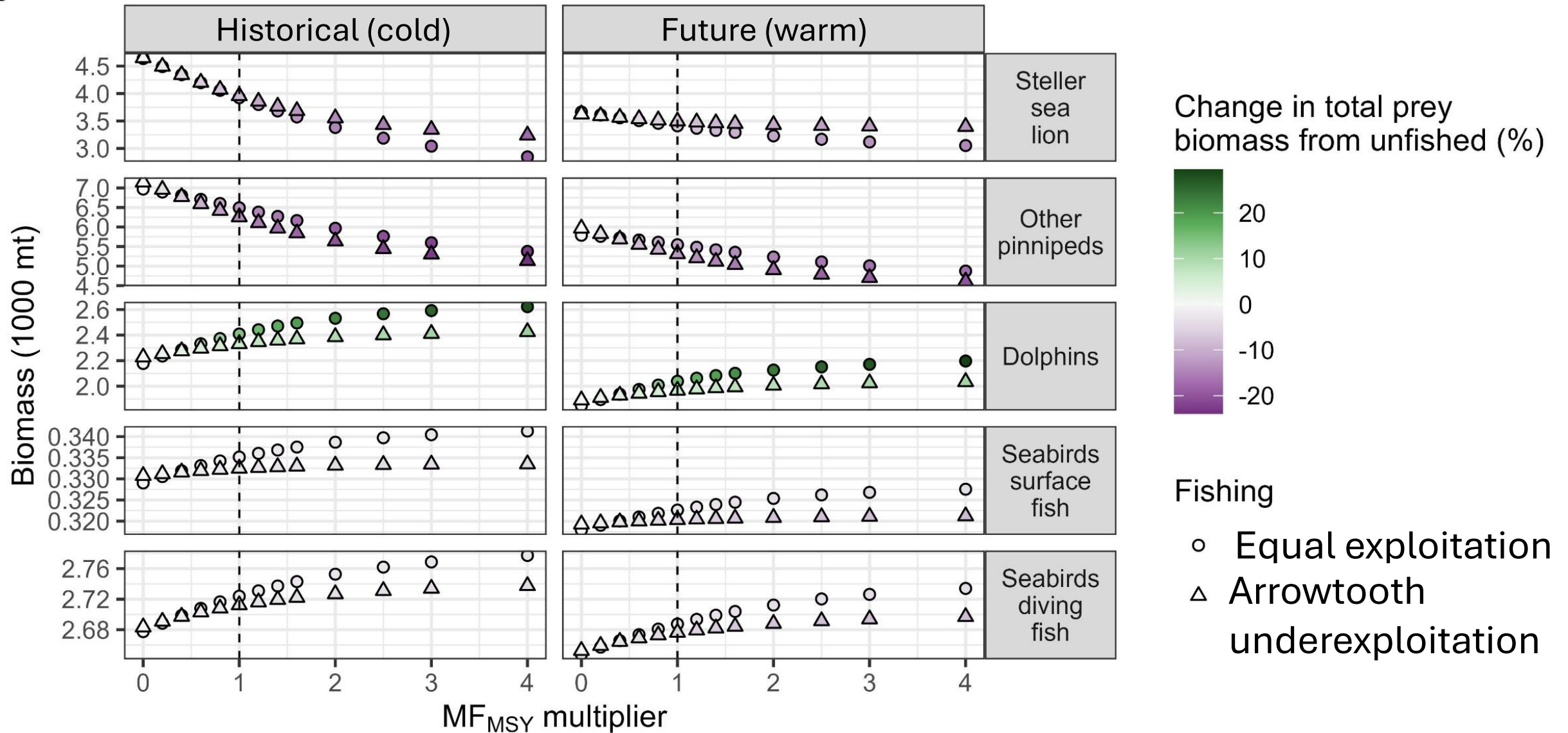
# Atlantis simulations – Multispecies yield





# Atlantis simulations – ecosystem effects

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# Summary and conclusions

- Recent aggregate TAC < ABC < OY cap (800,000 mt)
- Arrowtooth flounder underexploitation:
  - Increased predation on pollock
- Projected environment:
  - Possible decline of some groundfish stocks
- Can explore indirect effects on other species

→ Current OY cap unlikely to constrain GOA groundfish catch in the future

<https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/eap.70036>



# A method to rescale catch allocations under OY

GOAL: To simulate alternative OY cap values (e.g., with Atlantis GOA)

How to rescale catch allocations under a constraining cap?

- Done using ATTACH (data-based) for ACLIM models
- No ATTACH (nor data) for the GOA

**Building a mechanistic method (work in progress)**

# A method to rescale catch allocations under OY

- Conditions to satisfy:

1.  $\sum_{i=1}^n Catch_{final,i} \leq OY$

2.  $Catch_{final,i} \leq Catch_{init,i}$

3. If  $Catch_{init,i} > 0$ , then  $Catch_{final,i} > 0$

- Based on user-defined stock-specific weights (tuning parameters)
- Higher weights  $\rightarrow$  less rescaling
- Allows for preferential rescaling (e.g., less rescaling for high-value stocks)
- Working to include PSC and groundfish bycatch considerations
- Shiny tool for exploration and details (development in progress): [https://swz1z7-alberto-rovellini.shinyapps.io/oy\\_rescaling\\_app/](https://swz1z7-alberto-rovellini.shinyapps.io/oy_rescaling_app/)



# Mimicking TAC setting in simulation testing scenarios

Historically constrained optimization for programmatic SEIS

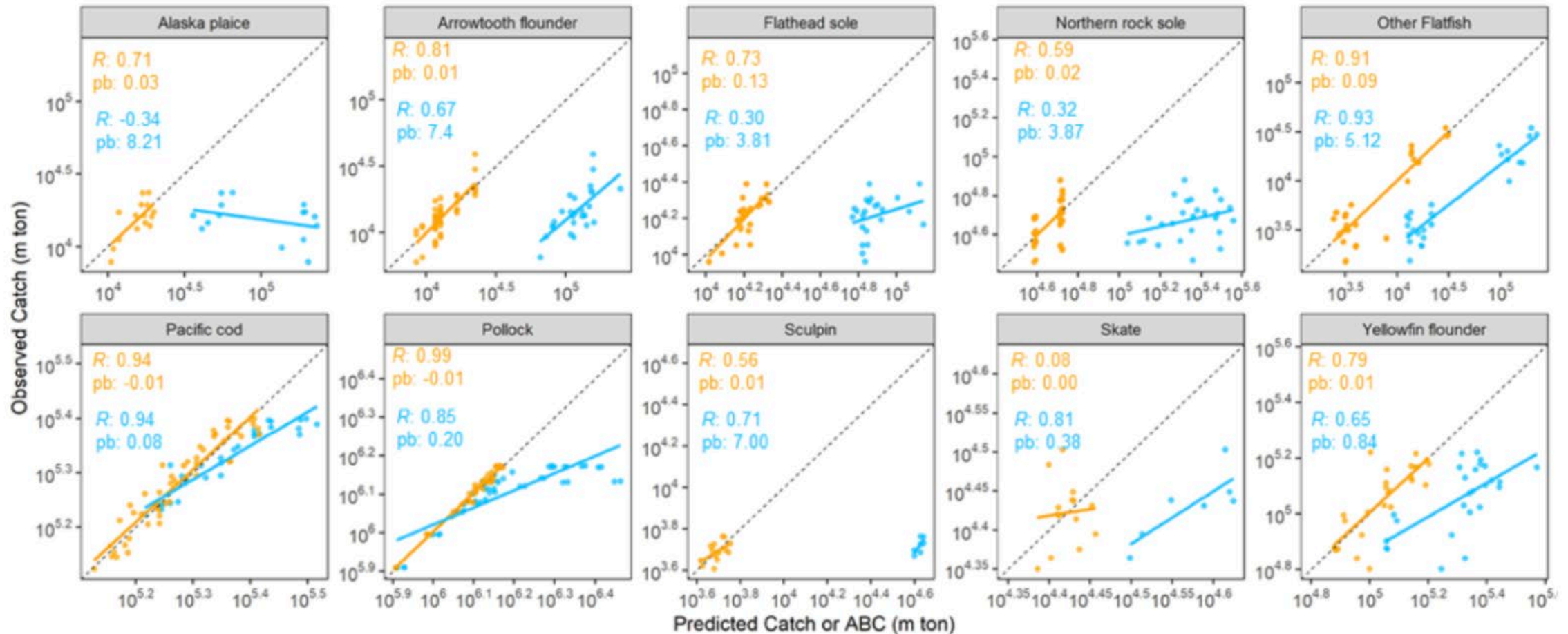
Shortcut methods needed

Developments by Alan Haynie and Amanda Faig



# Methodology on TAC modeling to explore cap alternatives

## Modeling Total Allowable Catch (TAC) alternatives in simulation settings



# Methodology on TAC modeling to explore cap alternatives

Further updates underway and development of a more generalized tool