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**SPATIOTEMPORAL CONSIDERATIONS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND,  
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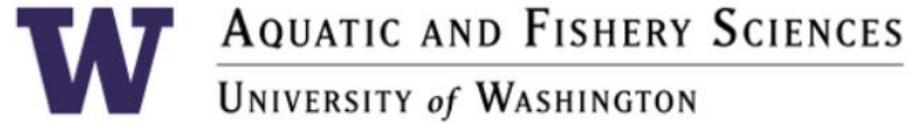


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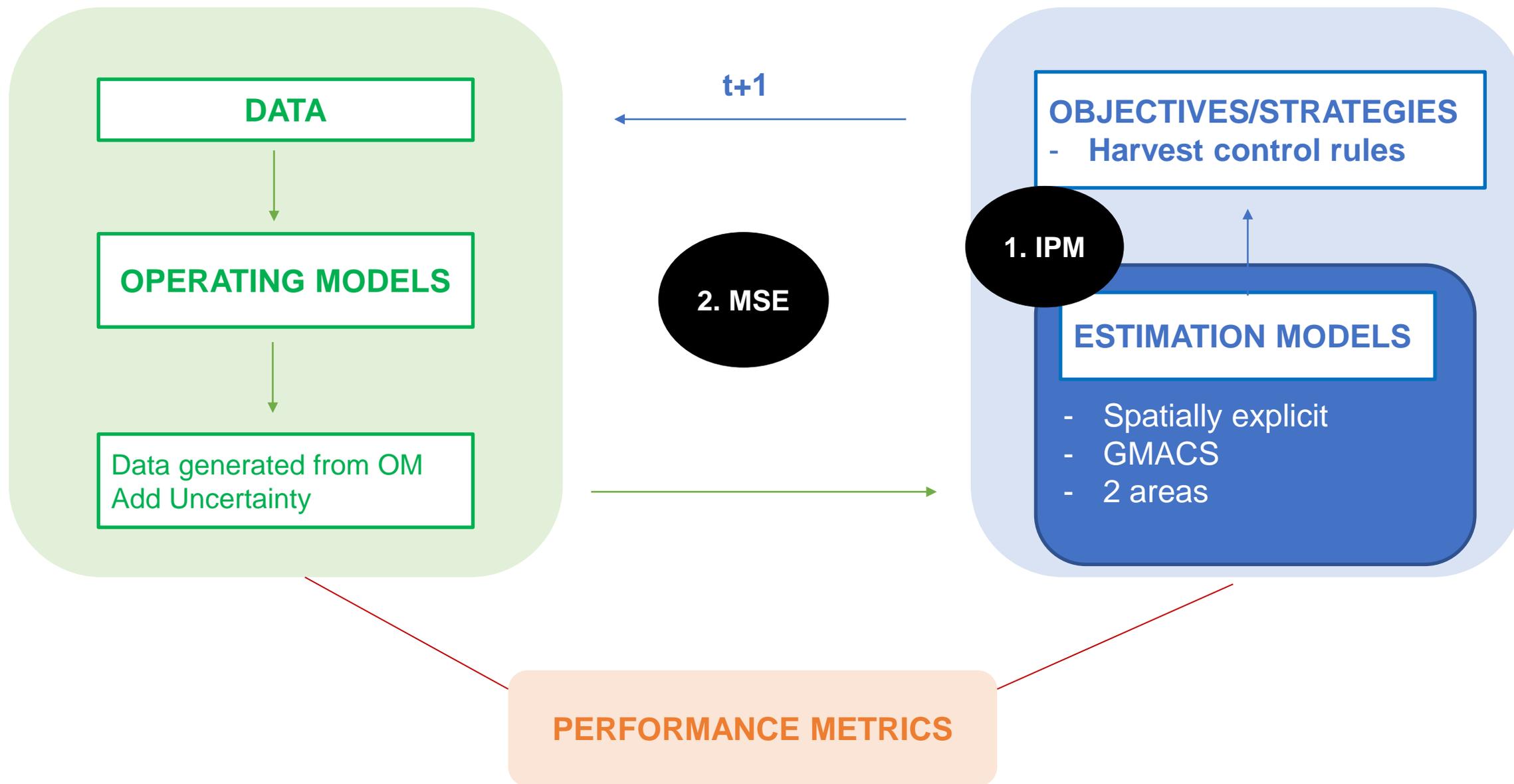
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## 1. IPM

### ESTIMATION MODELS

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# | CONTEXT | Motivations : accounting for spatial heterogeneity

- **Addressing spatial heterogeneity in population dynamics → critical to better manage natural resources**
- **Accounting for spatial processes in population dynamic is complex**
- **Management of natural resources → simplify assumptions about population spatial structure**



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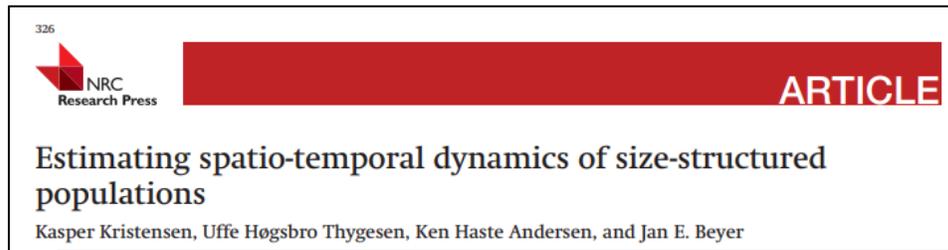
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Spatial stock assessment methods: A viewpoint on current issues and assumptions

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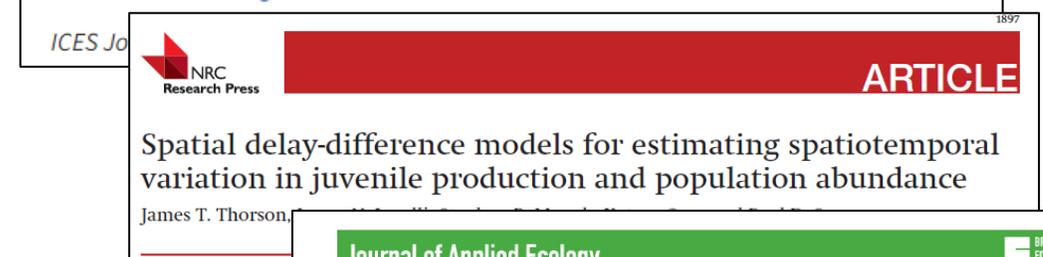
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Estimating partial regulation in spatiotemporal models of community dynamics

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- **But still some key demographic processes to refine**
  - Movement
    - Explicitly
      - How to account for movement when the spatial distribution of the stock may change between the survey and the fishery
    - Implicitly

# | CONTEXT | Case study : Snow Crab EBS

- **Spatial considerations are important for snow crabs in the EBS**
  - Biomass strongly declined recently (Zacher et al., 2021)
    - A need to better understand the spatiotemporal dynamic
  - Spatially concentrated fishery
  - Ontogenetic migration
  - Stock's association with the cold pool
  - The potential for marine heat waves to influence dynamics



# | CONTEXT | Purpose of the study

- **Refine the representation of spatial processes in IPMs (migration)**
- **Use this spatially explicit framework to explore important questions**
  - To facilitate understanding of the drivers of the spatiotemporal population dynamics
    - Q1 : The effect of the cold pool on spatio-temporal variation in juvenile distribution ?
  - To Improve management advice
    - Q2 : Distribution of fishing mortality in space ?



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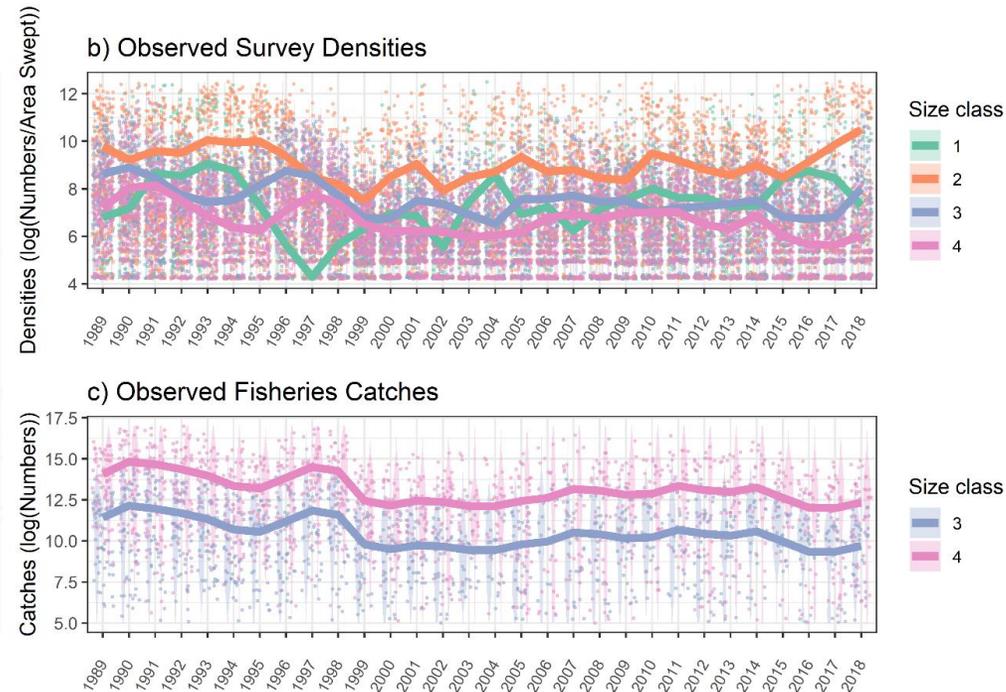
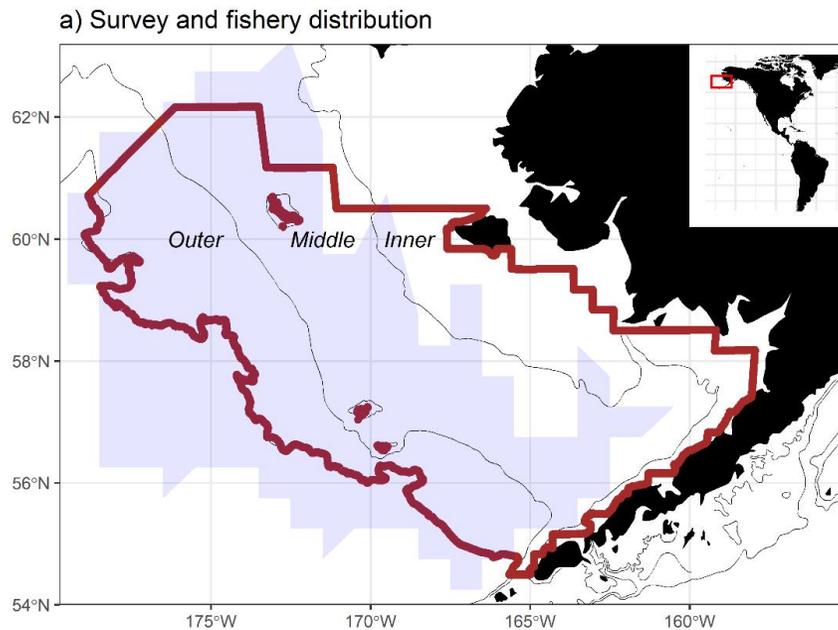
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**A novel spatiotemporal stock assessment framework to better address fine-scale species distributions: Development and simulation testing**

Jie Cao , James T. Thorson, André E. Punt, Cody Szuwalski

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- With several improvements
  - Fit to real data
  - The representation of several biological and sampling processes is improved (e.g. selectivity and maturity) and we account implicitly for seasonal movement.





# | METHODS | A Spatiotemporal size-structured population model

- **Size structure spatiotemporal population model**
  - Combines theory and methods from population dynamics and geostatistics
  - Assumes population density varies continuously across space
  - Tracks variation in population density for multiple life stages and their expected dynamics across space and time

# | METHODS | A Spatiotemporal size-structured population model

## 1. POPULATION DYNAMIC

## 2. DATA AND LIKELIHOOD

- Movement : accounts implicitly for seasonality

## 3. PARAMETERS

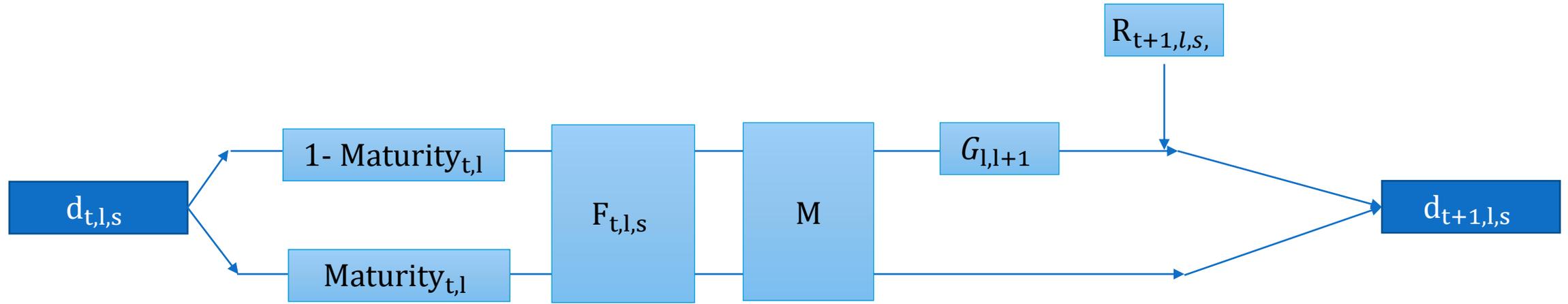
- Pre-specified
- Estimated
  - Fixed effects
  - Random effects

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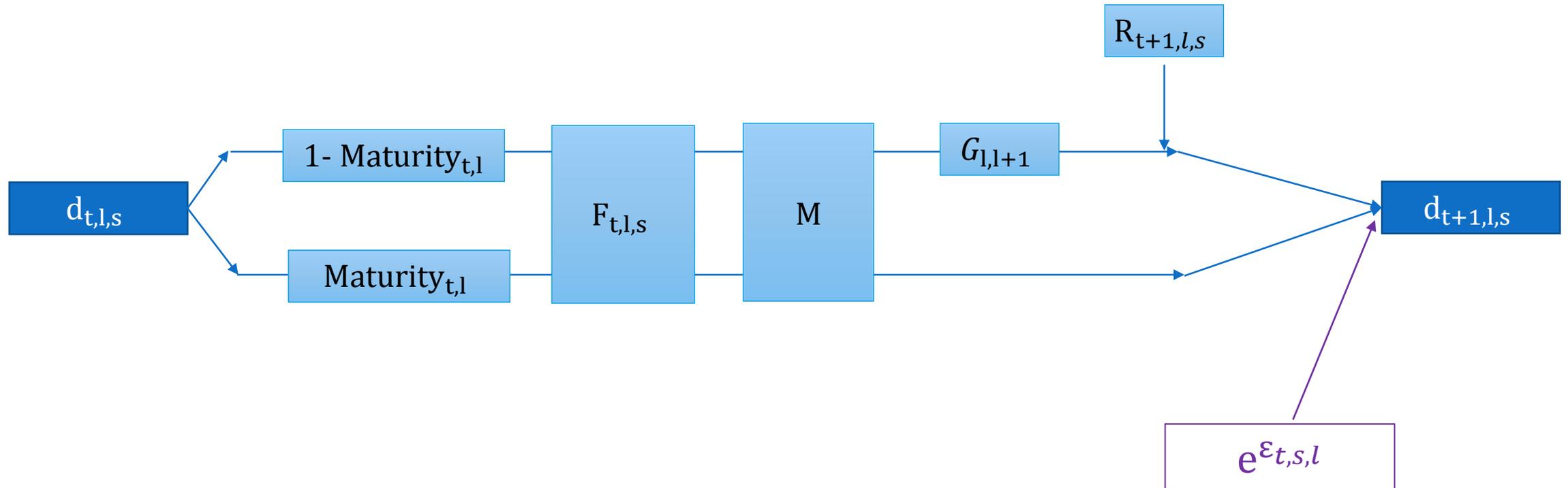
- **Densities ( $d$ ) at size for a given size class  $l$ , location  $s$  and time  $t+1$  is expressed as**

$$d_{t+1,l,s} = g(d_{t,s,l}) \times e^{\varepsilon_{t,s,l}}$$

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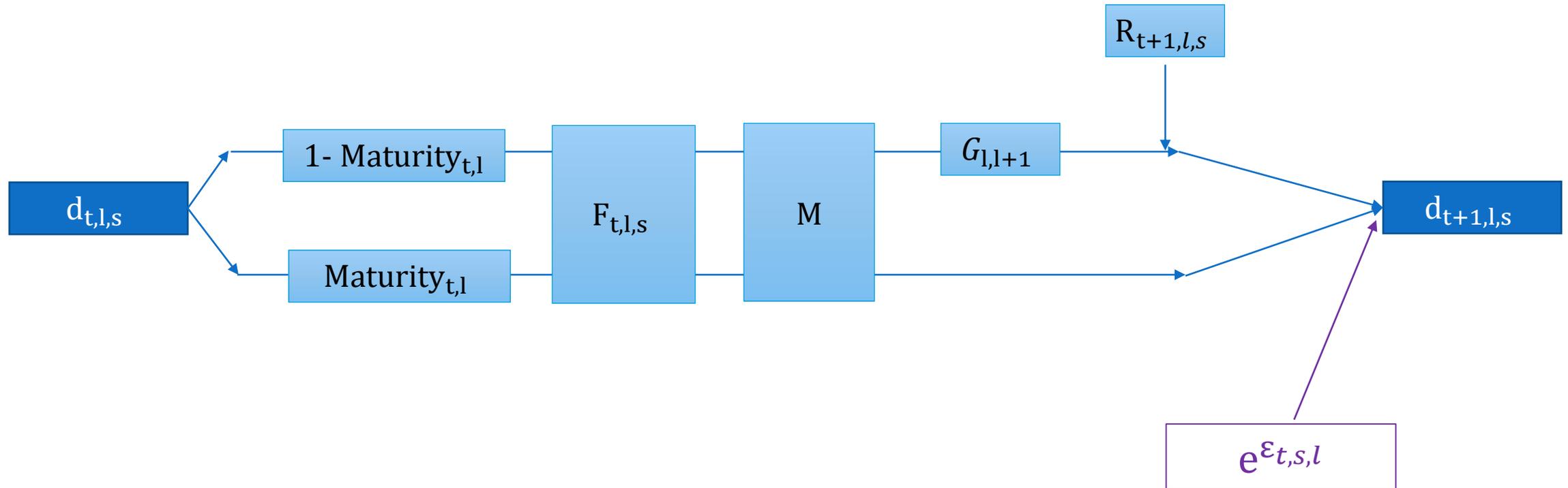
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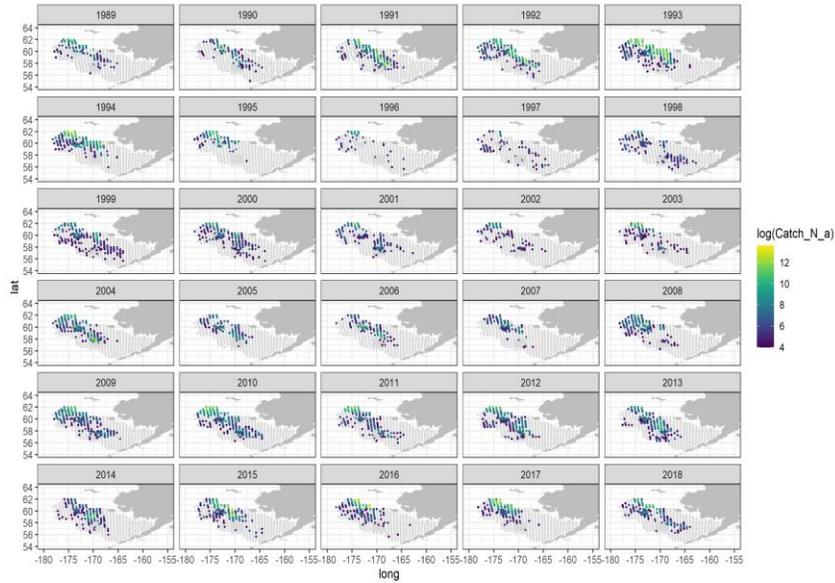
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Covariance among size classes l

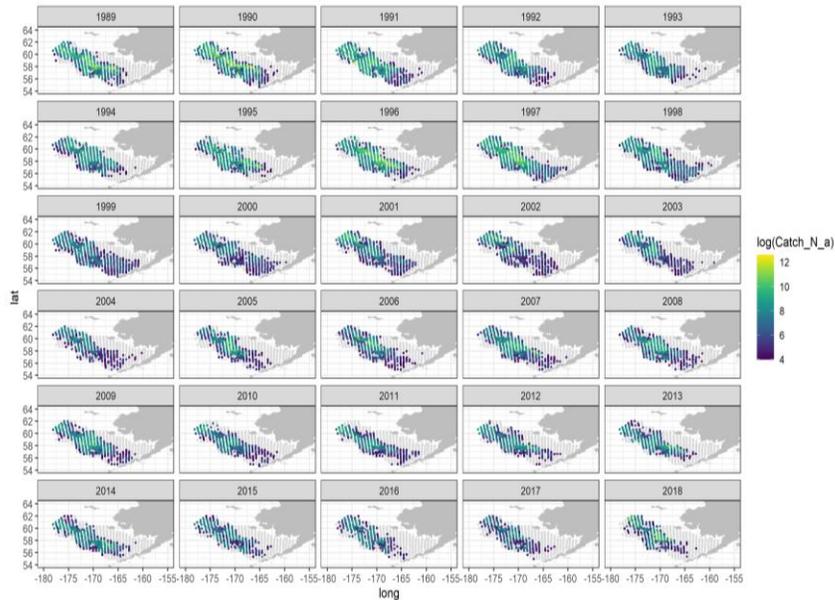


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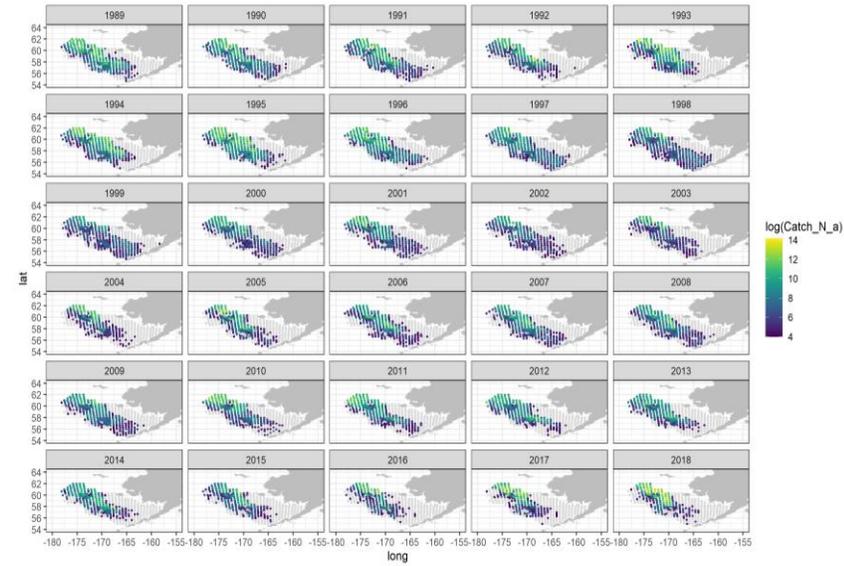
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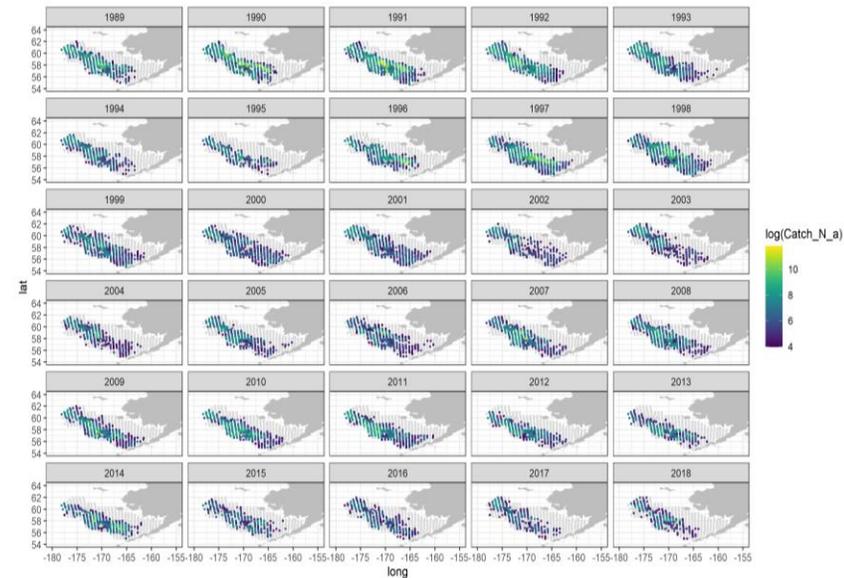
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- **Likelihood function**
  - Poisson link delta model (Thorson, 2017) to fit  $d_{t,l,s}$  to samples of observed abundance density
  - Probability density function
    - Encounter probability
    - Positive catch rates

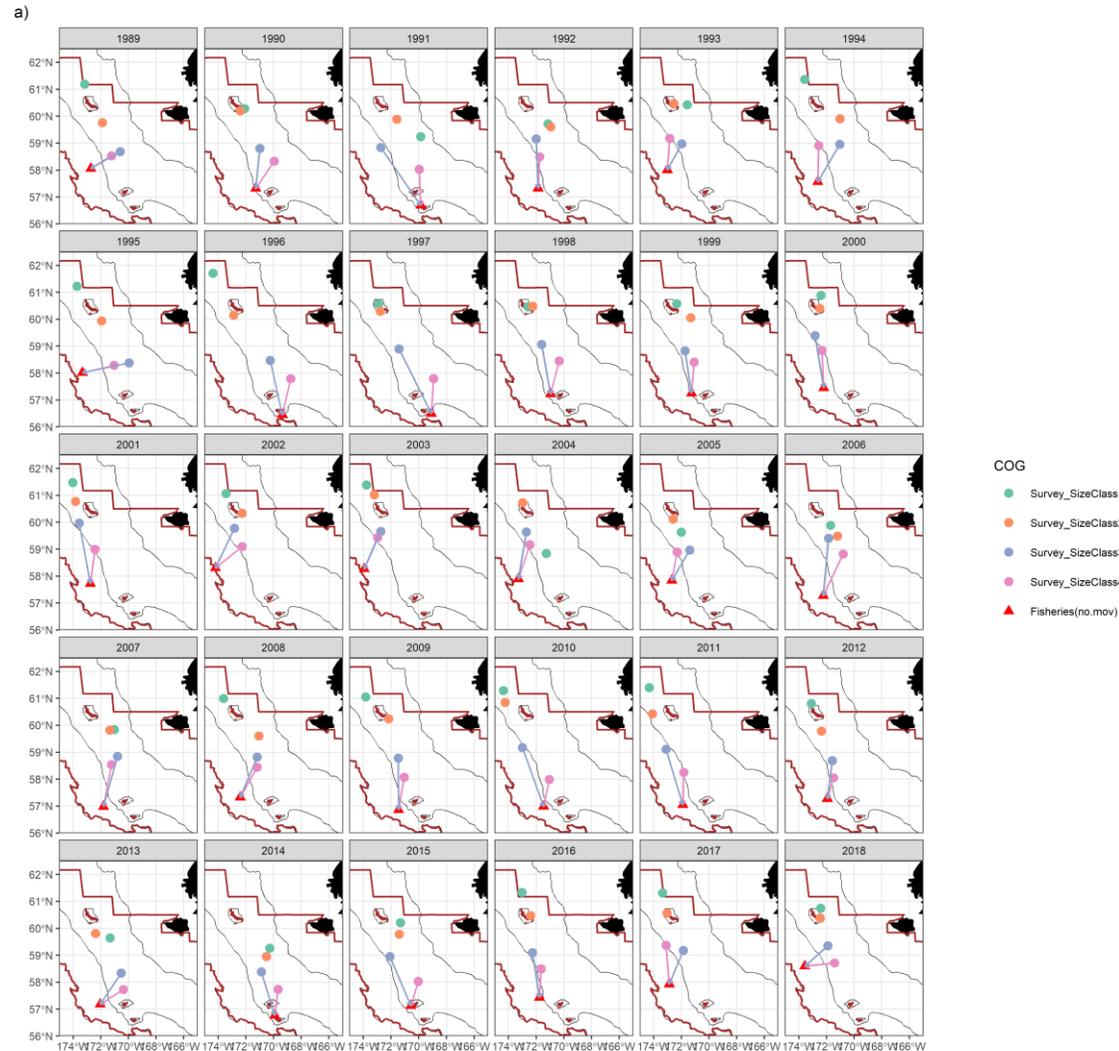
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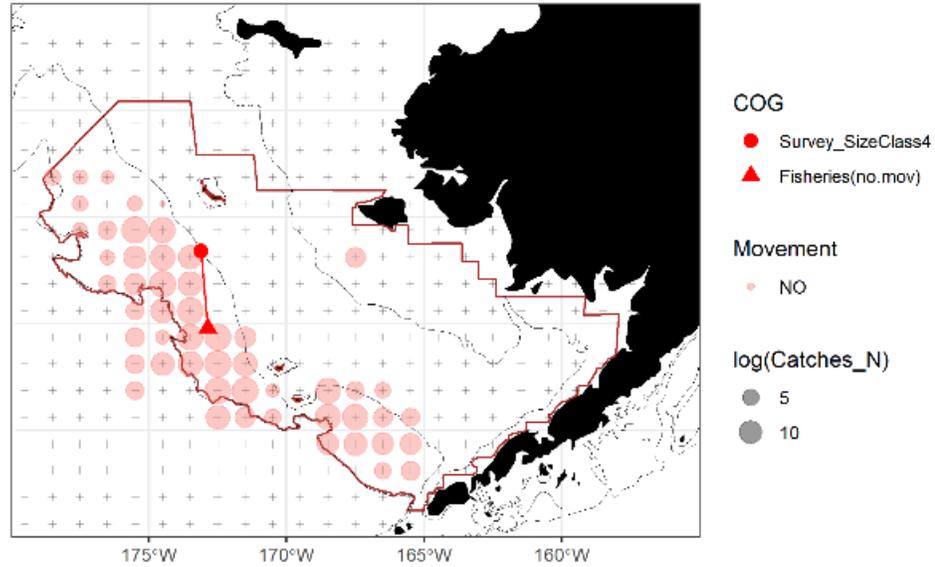
- **Temporal mismatch between Survey (summer) and Fisheries (winter)**
  - Because of ontogenetic migrations → **Spatial mismatch**
- **Accounting implicitly for seasonality in the model**
- **Strategy : Account for movement between survey and fisheries**
  - Determine the spatial distribution of Fisheries in Summer

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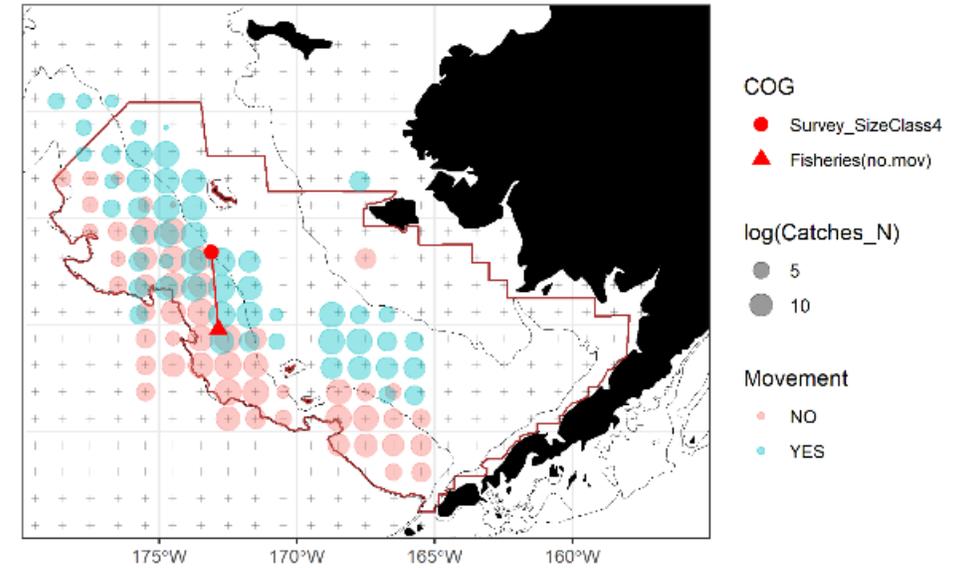
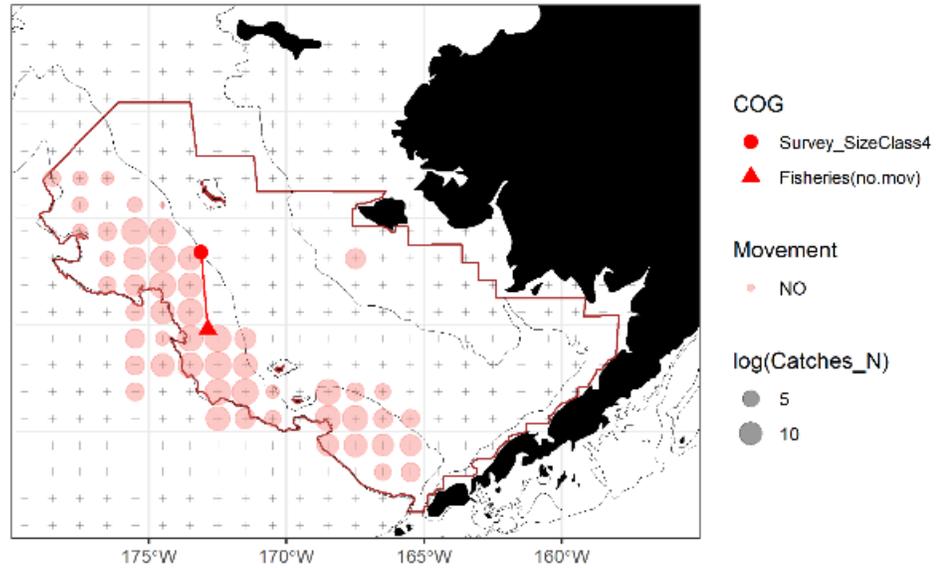
- Accounting implicitly for movement : **Difference of COG between Fisheries and Survey**



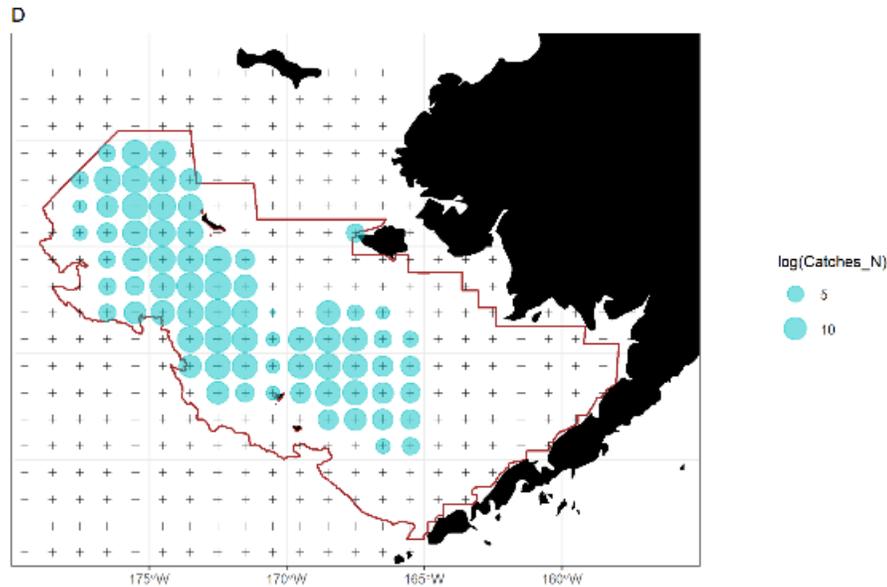
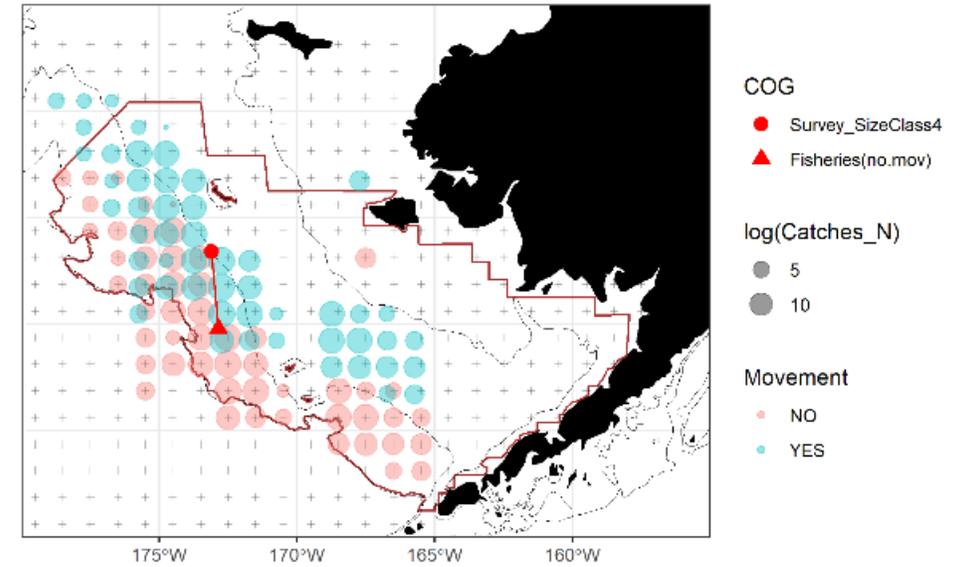
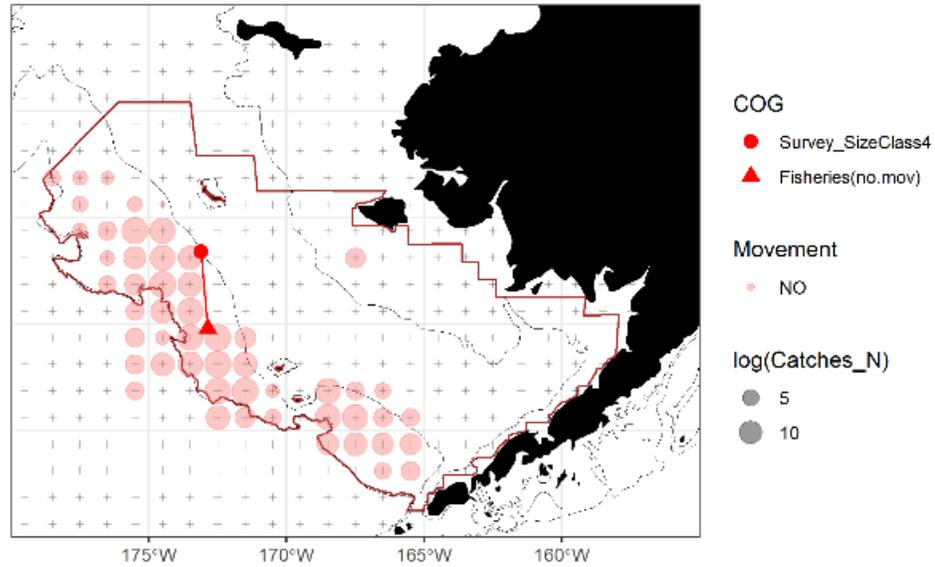
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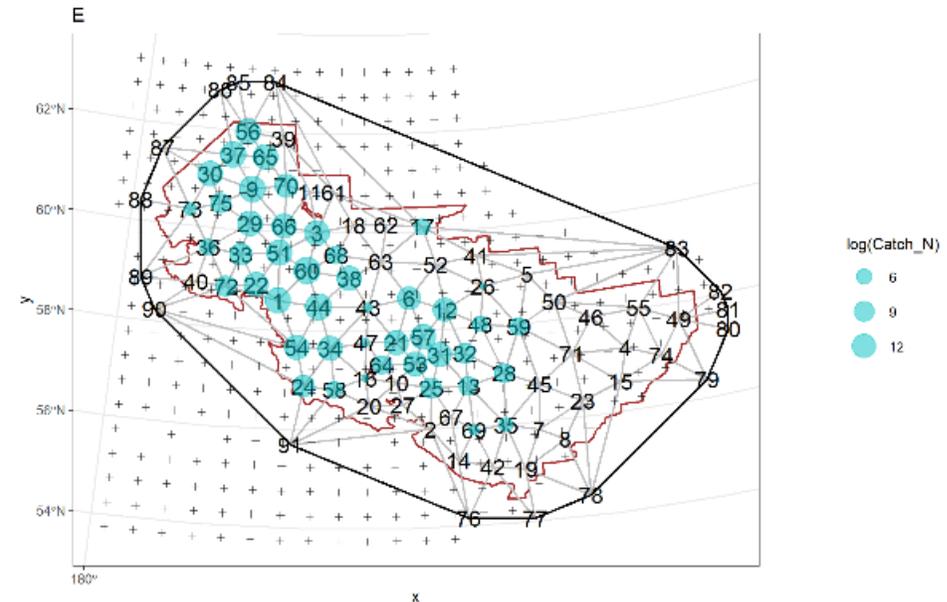
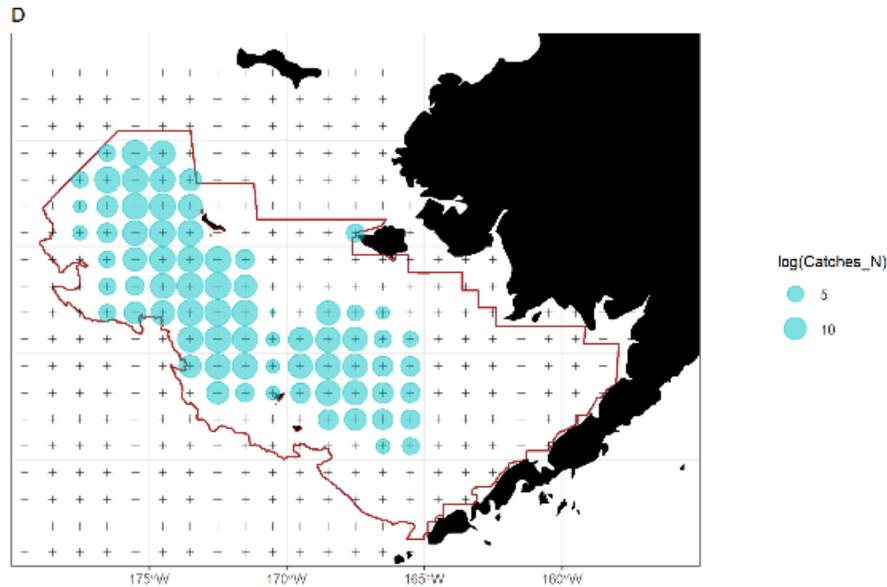
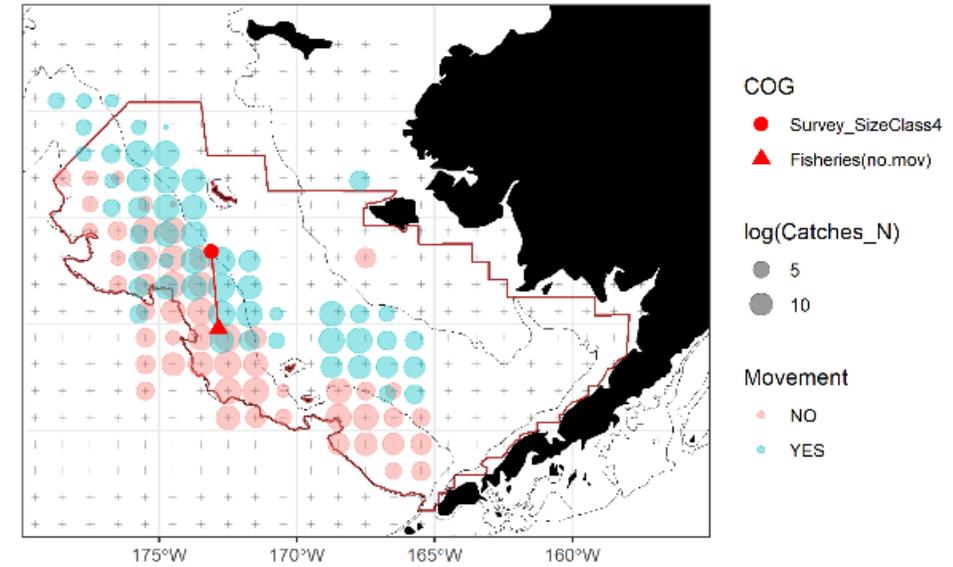
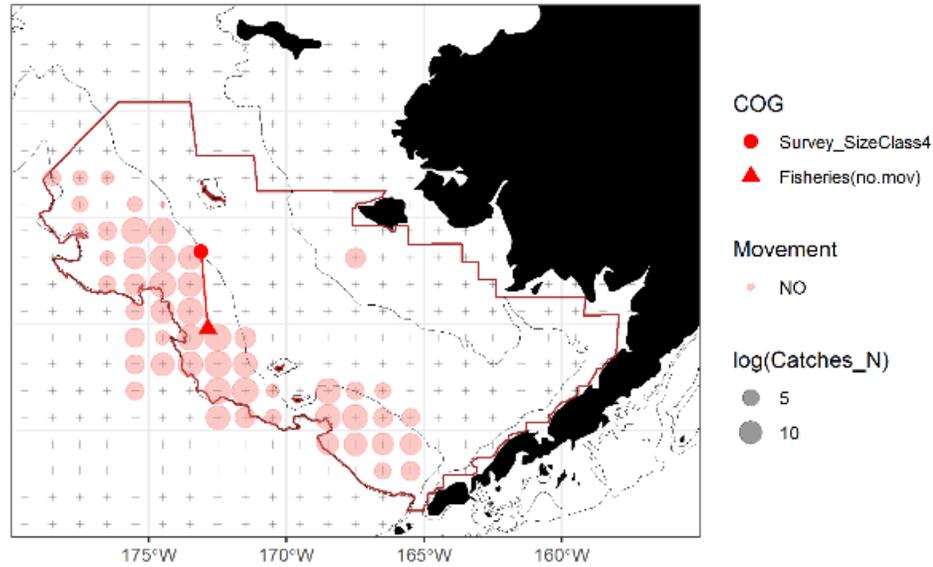
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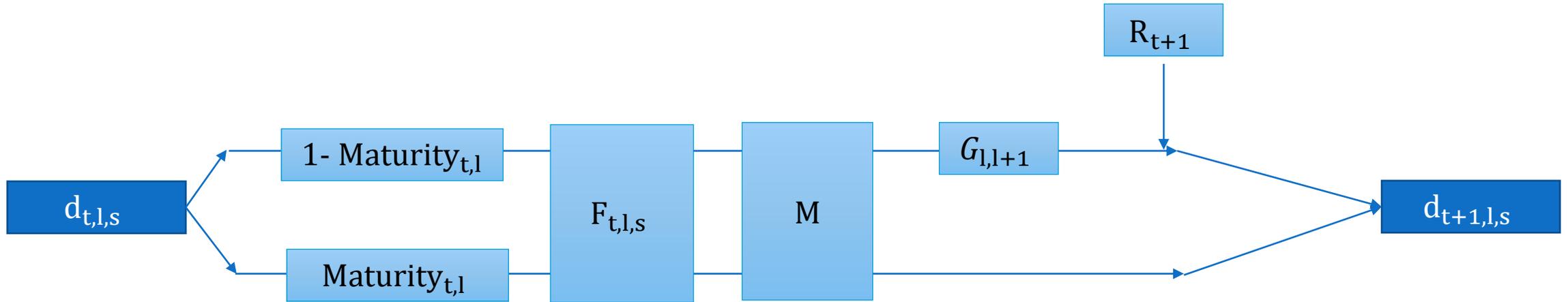
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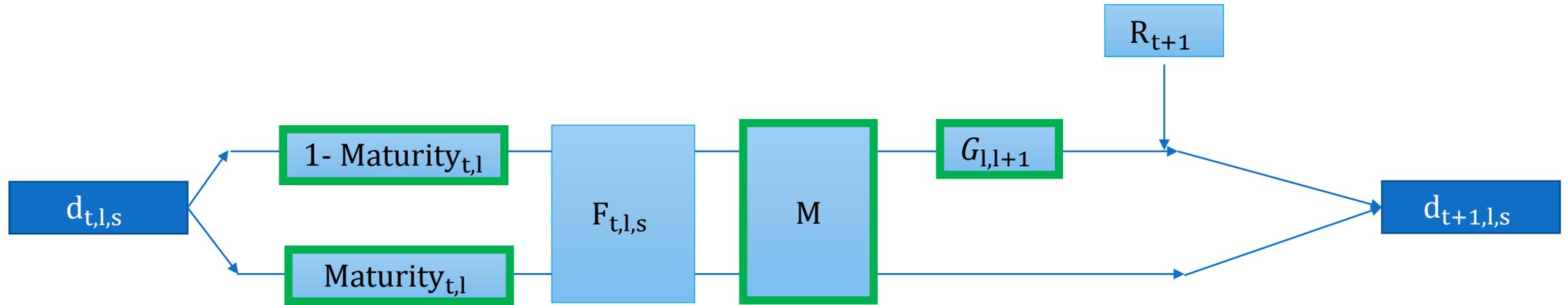
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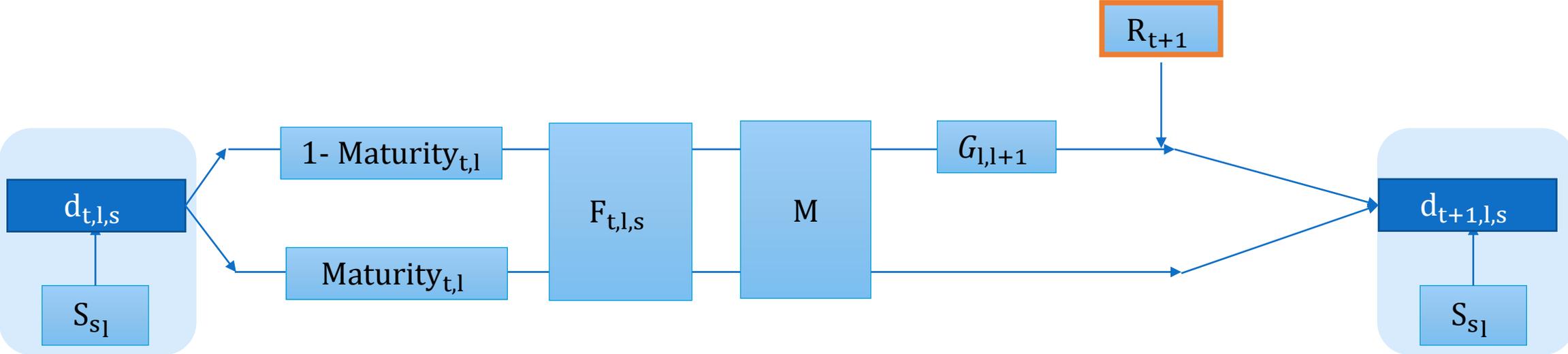
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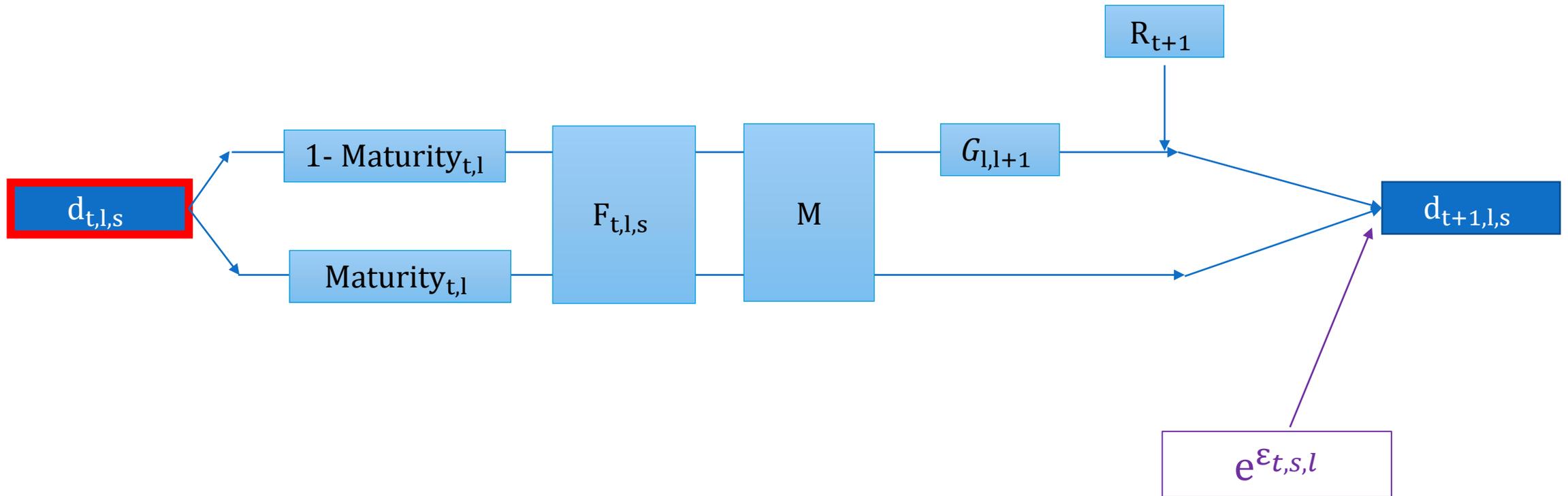
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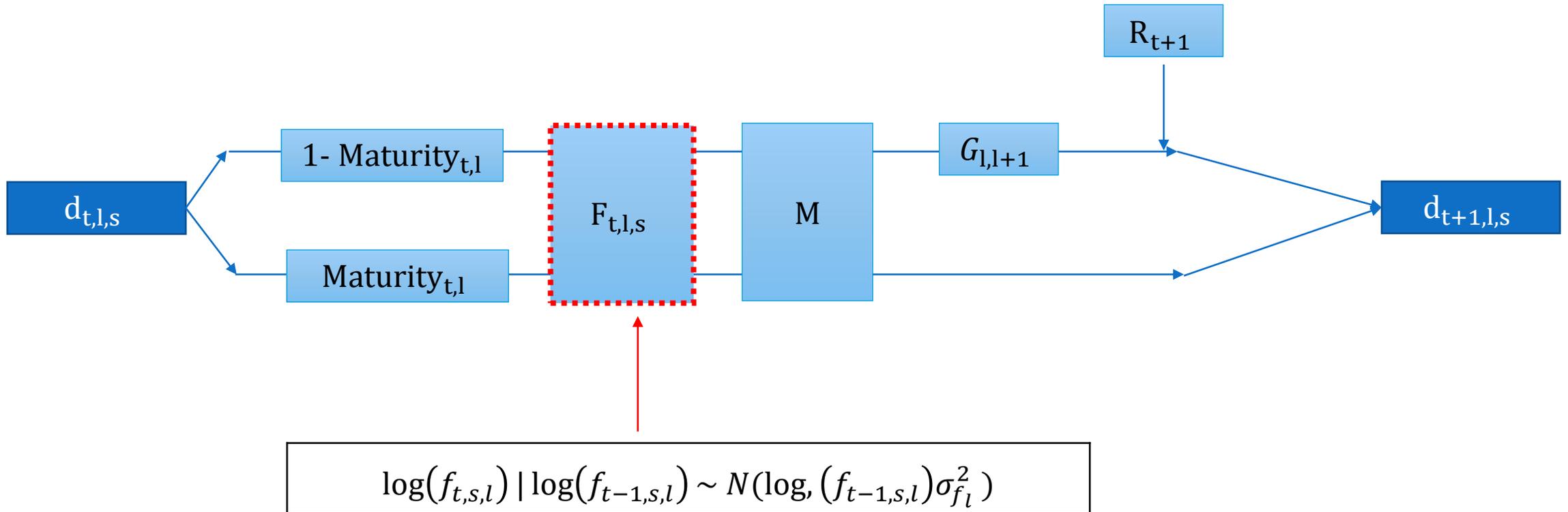
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# |METHODS| 3. Parameters – Random effects (State space parametrization)



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# |METHOD| Derived quantities : Some explorations using this framework

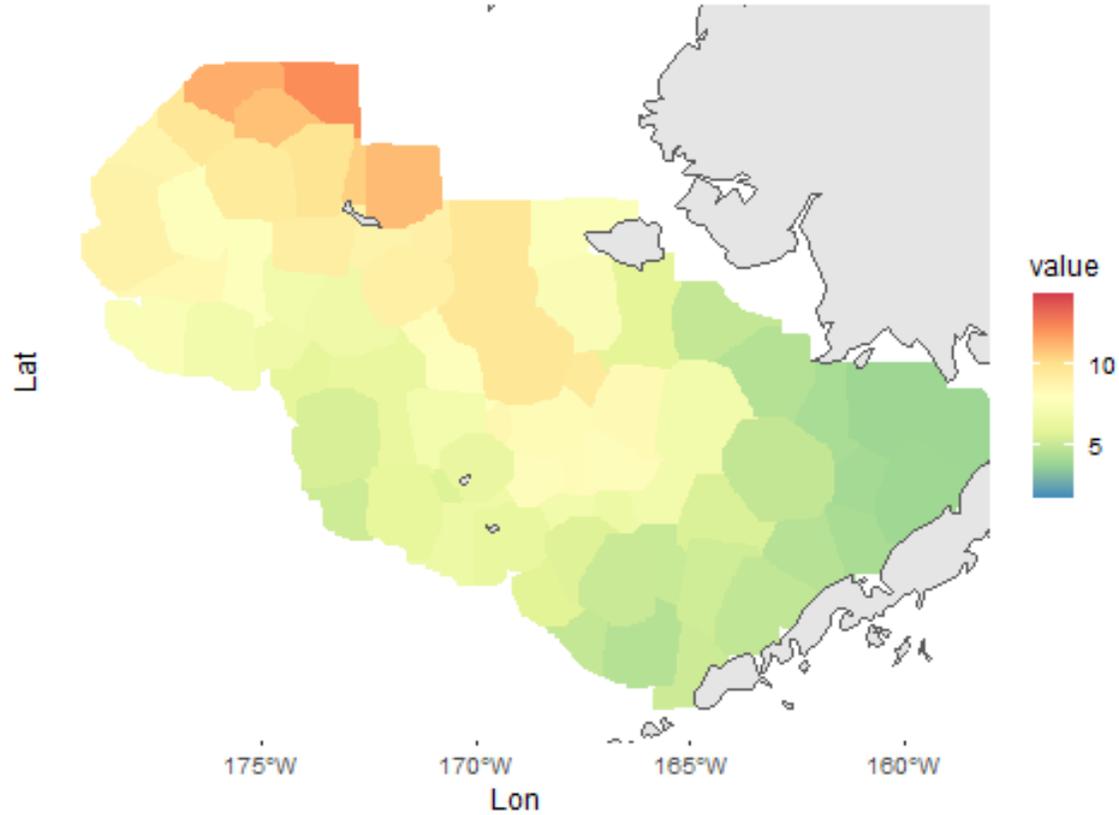
- **Q1 : The effect of the cold pool on spatio-temporal variation in juvenile distribution ?**
  - **Potential** underlying mechanisms : cold pool acts as a thermal barrier to Pacific cod and imposes a spatial mismatch between Pacific cod and juvenile crab distributions.
  - Expectation
    - ✓ During cold years the distribution of juvenile crab is spread across the Eastern Bering sea shelf
    - ✓ Whereas during warm years we expect that the distribution of juvenile crab to contract as a result of a smaller cold pool providing a smaller thermal refuge from cod predation.
- **Q2 : Distributed of fishing mortality in space**
  - By calculating exploitation rate

# |RESULTS|

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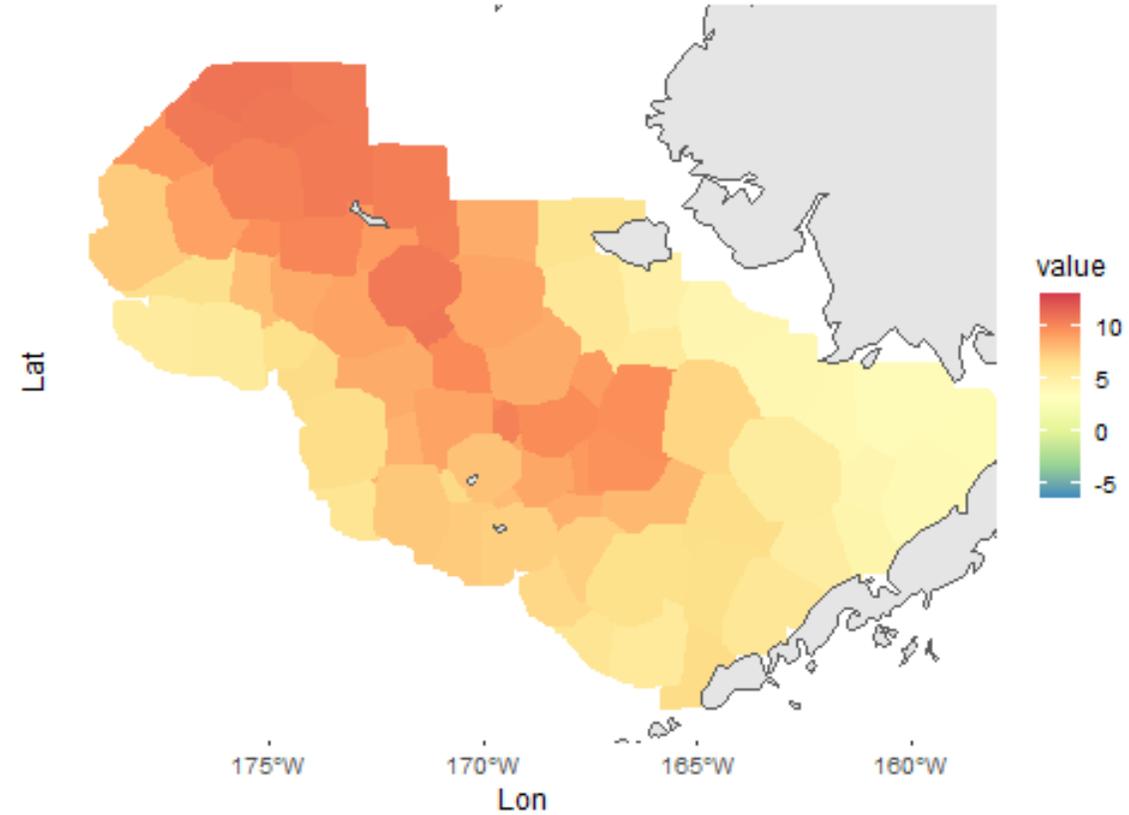
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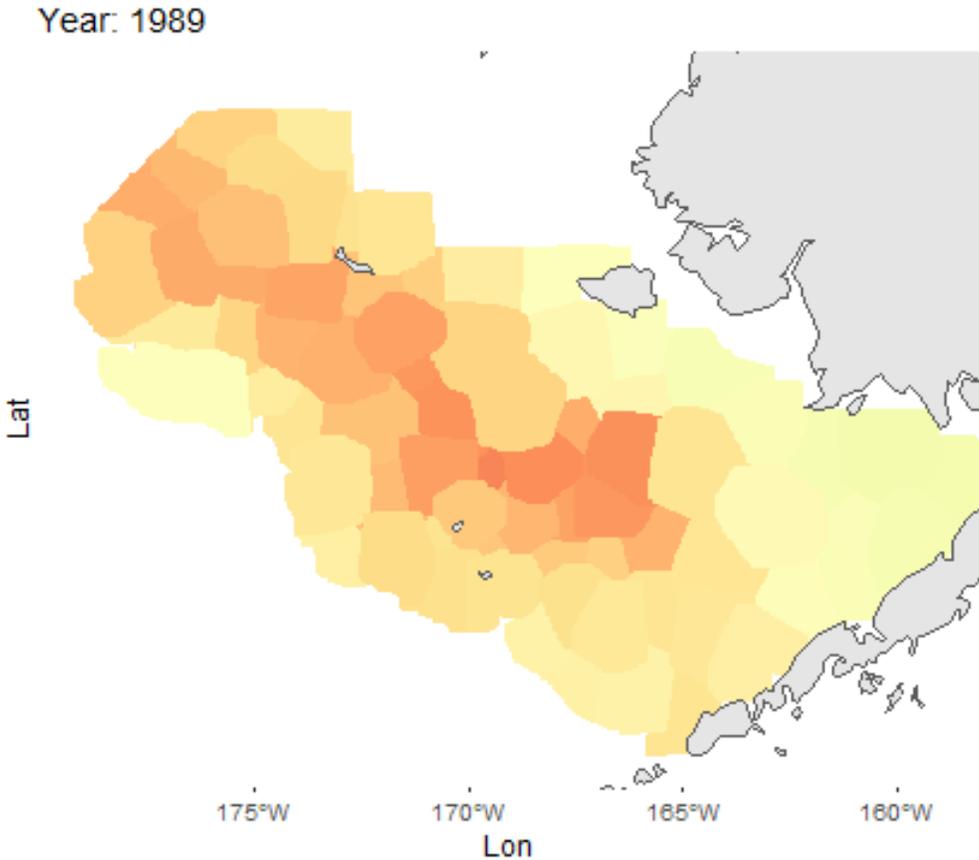
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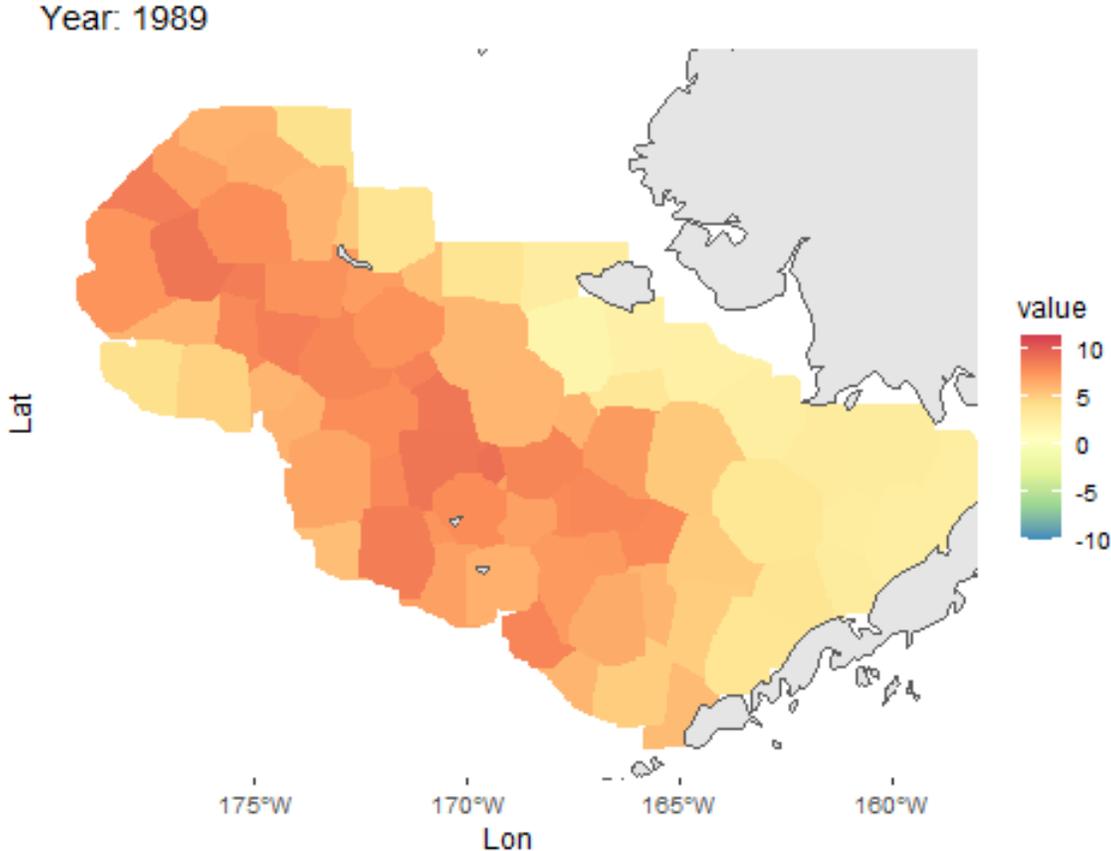


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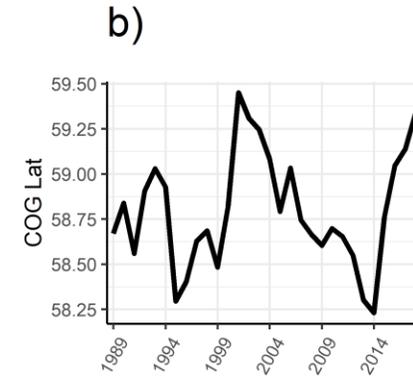
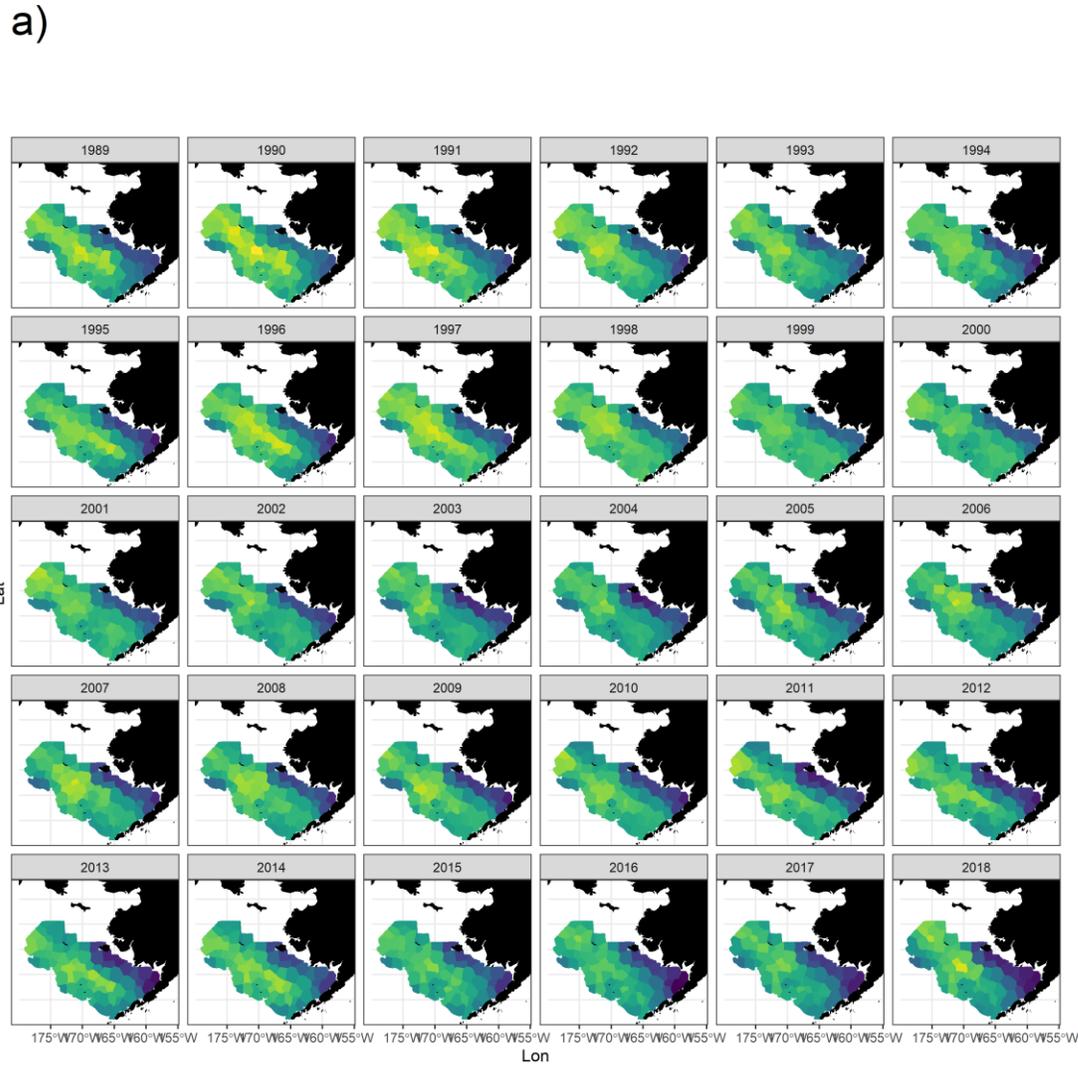
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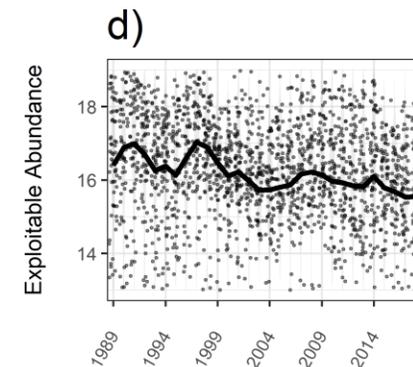
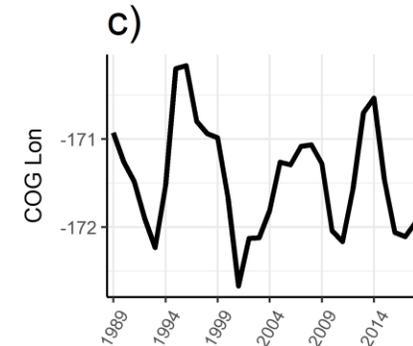
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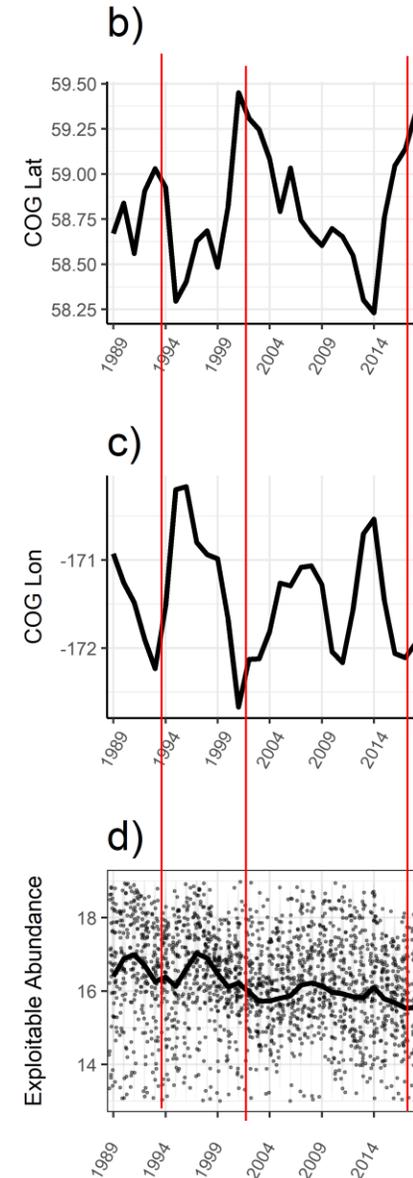
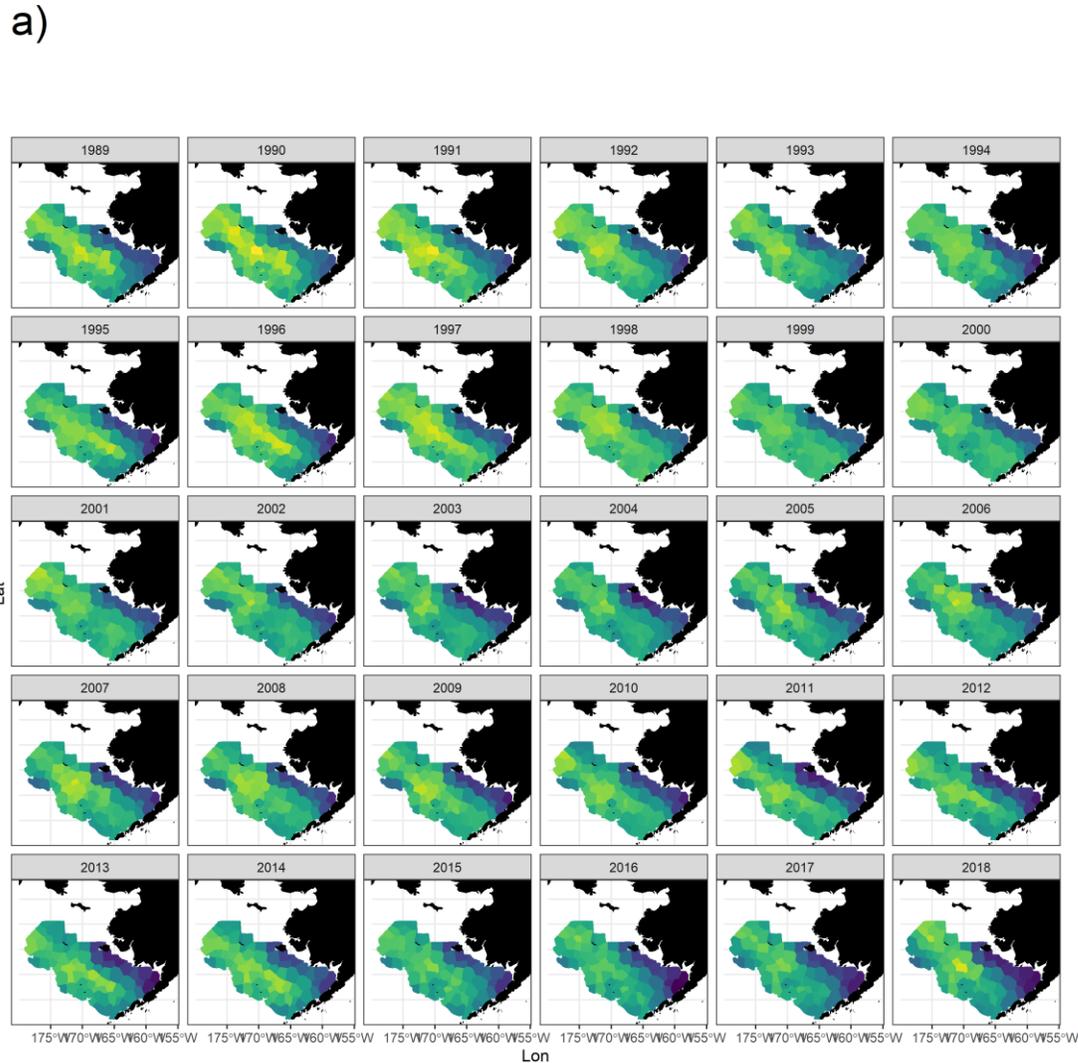
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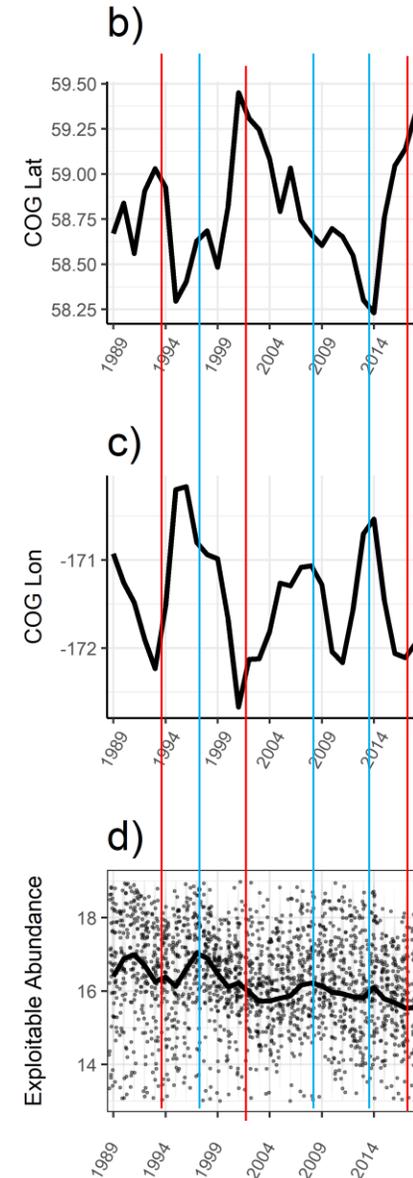
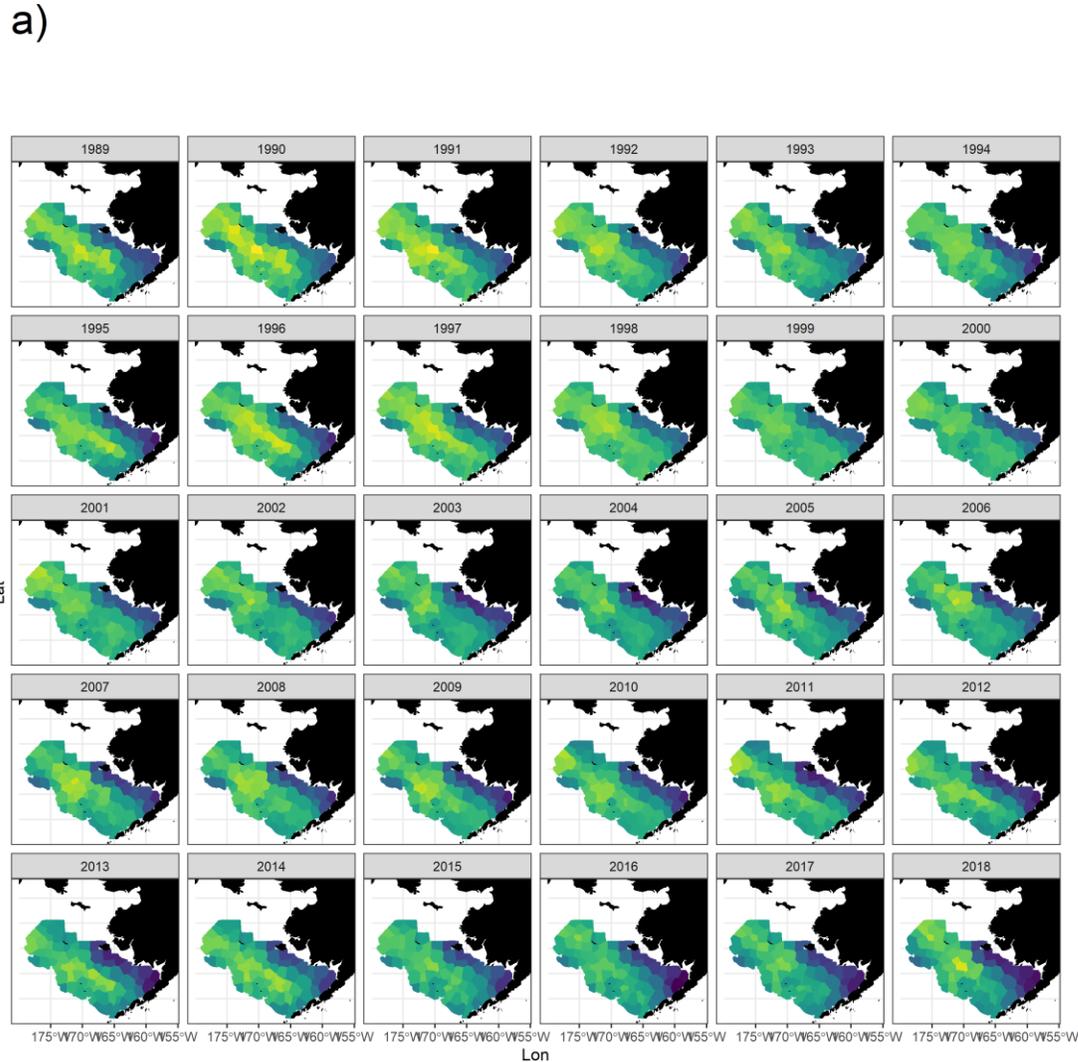


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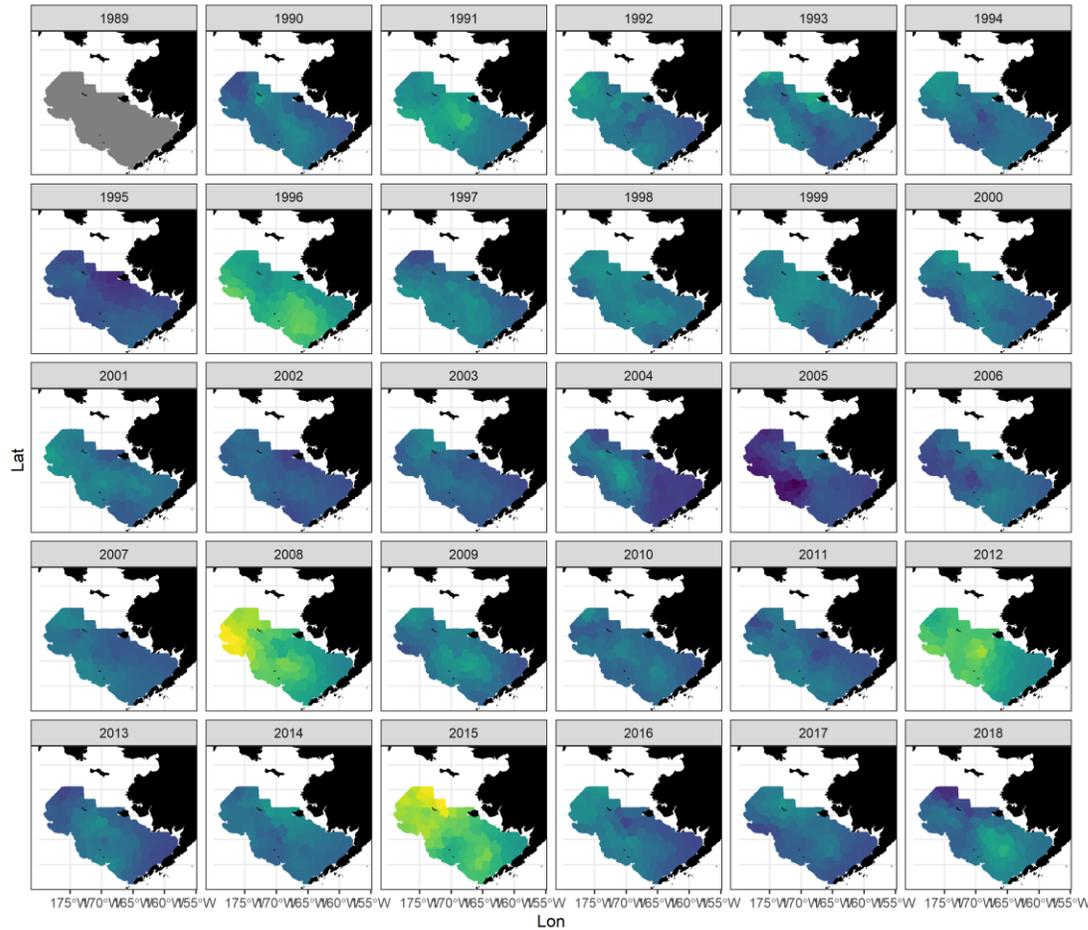
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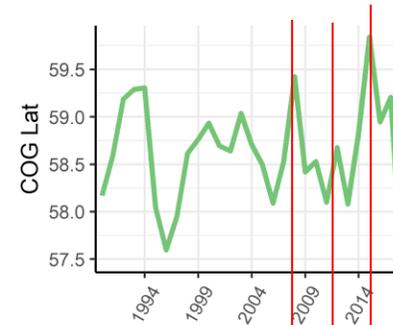
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- Peak of abundances, COG in low latitude

# |RESULTS| Spatiotemporal changes in recruitment

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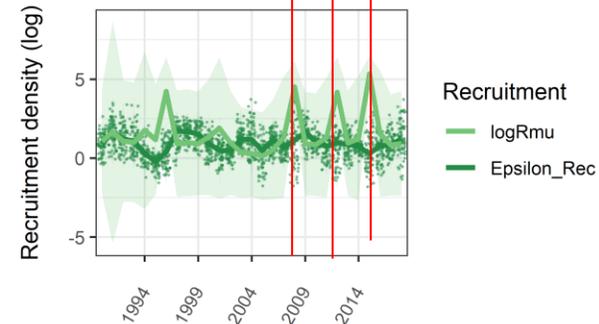
➤ Sporadic pattern

➤ High values associated with high latitude

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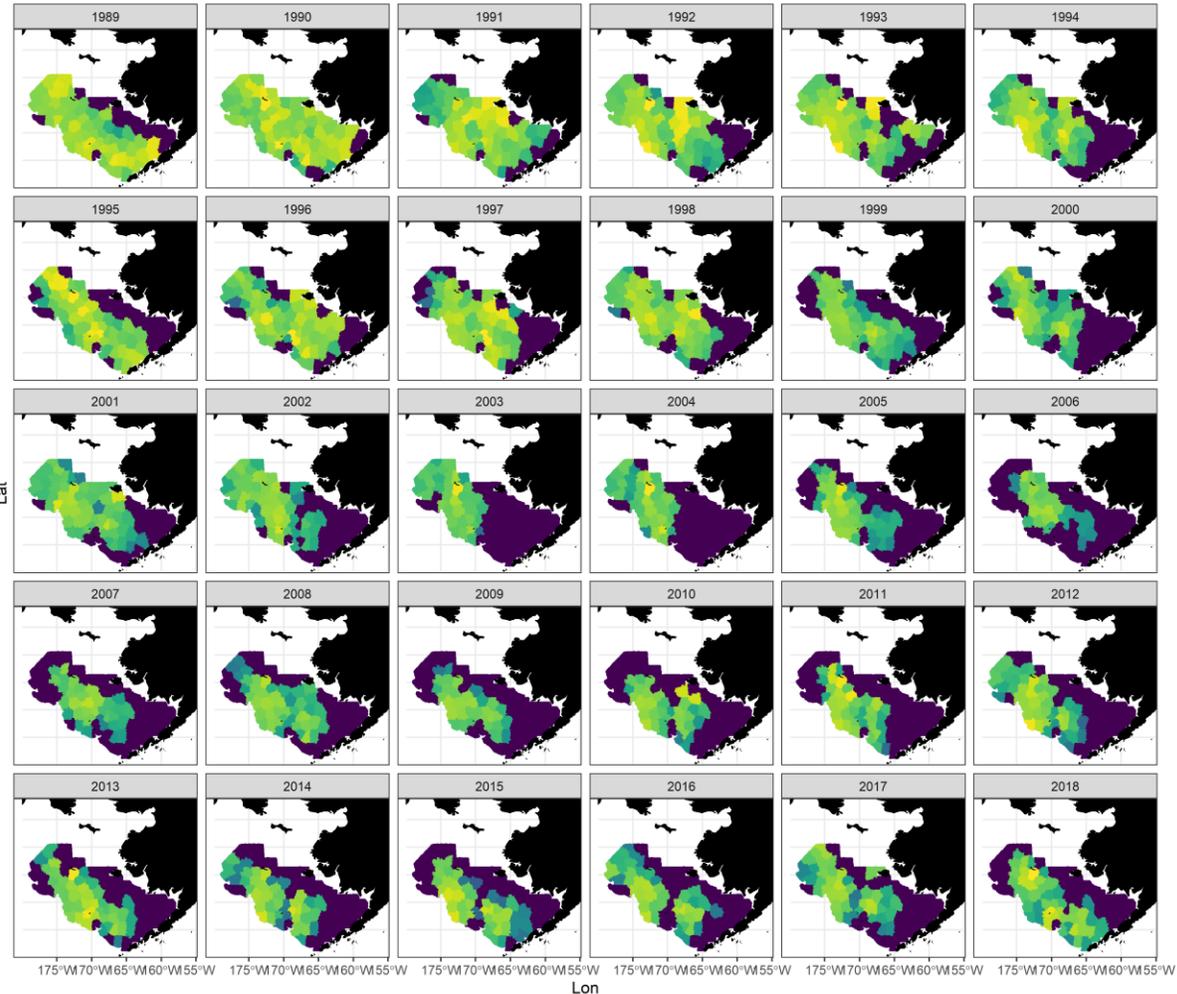


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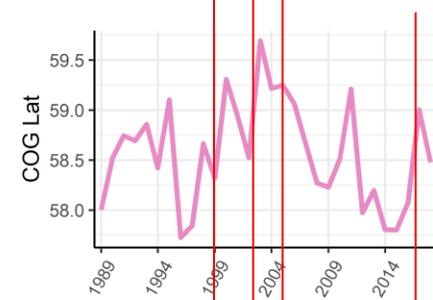


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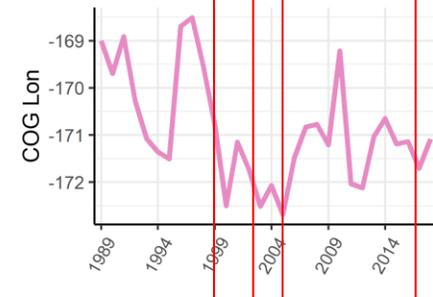
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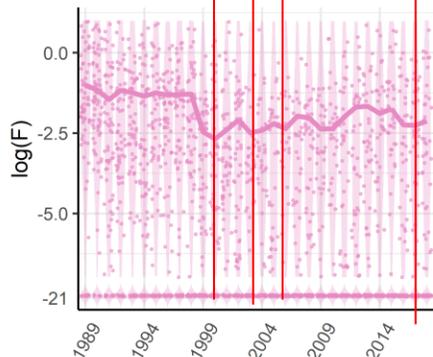
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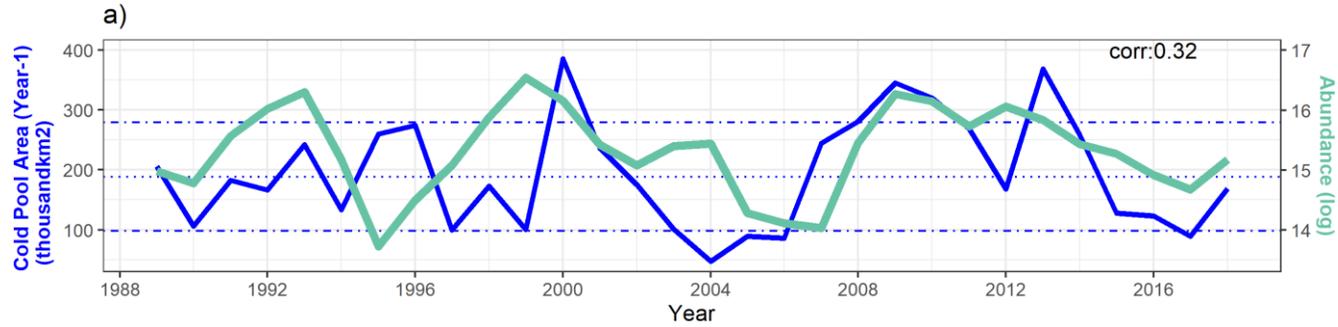
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- High fishing mortality : 1989-1990
- Years of low fishing mortality (1999-2010)
  - more constrained spatial distribution of fishing mortality
  - COG in high latitude and western longitude

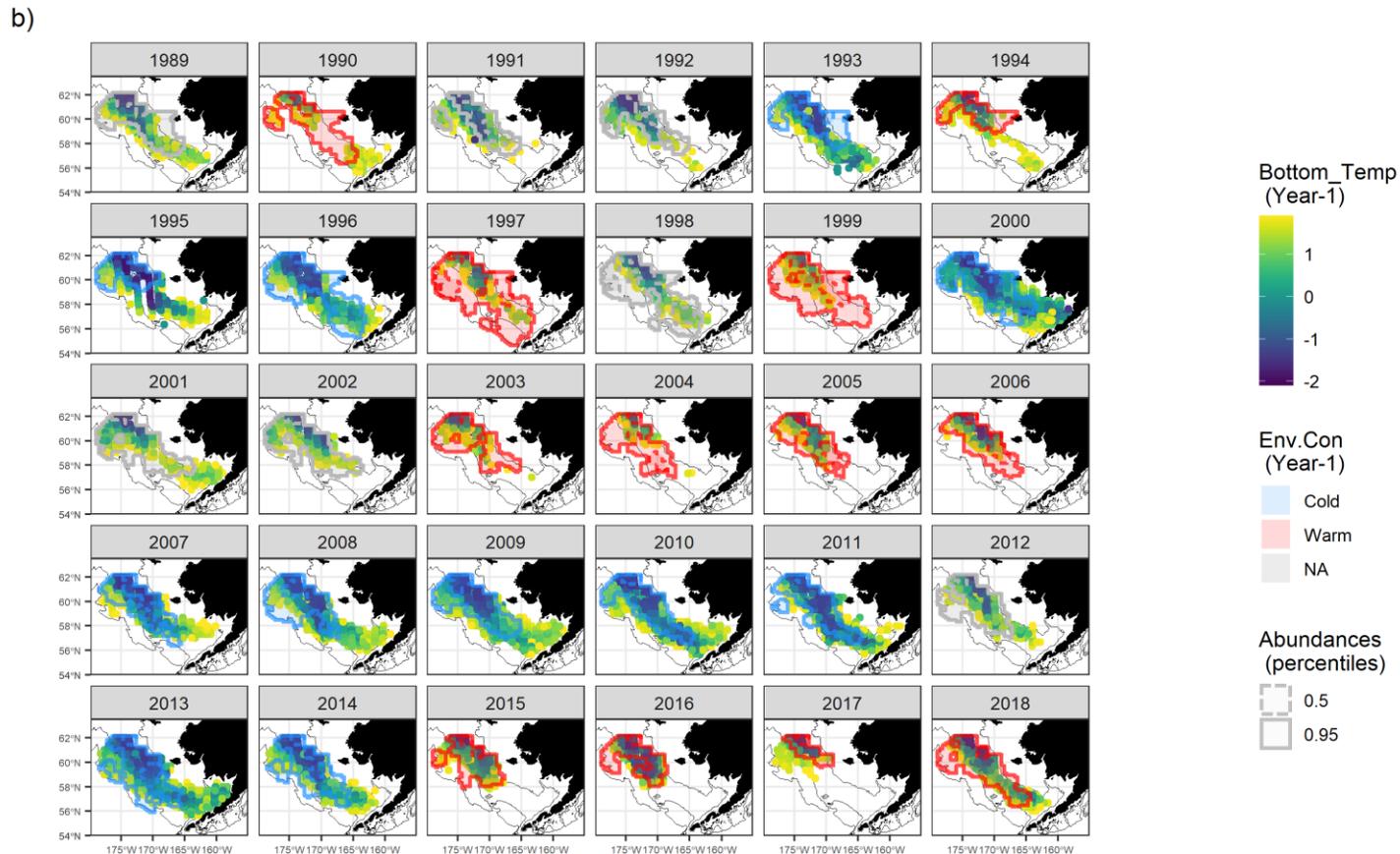
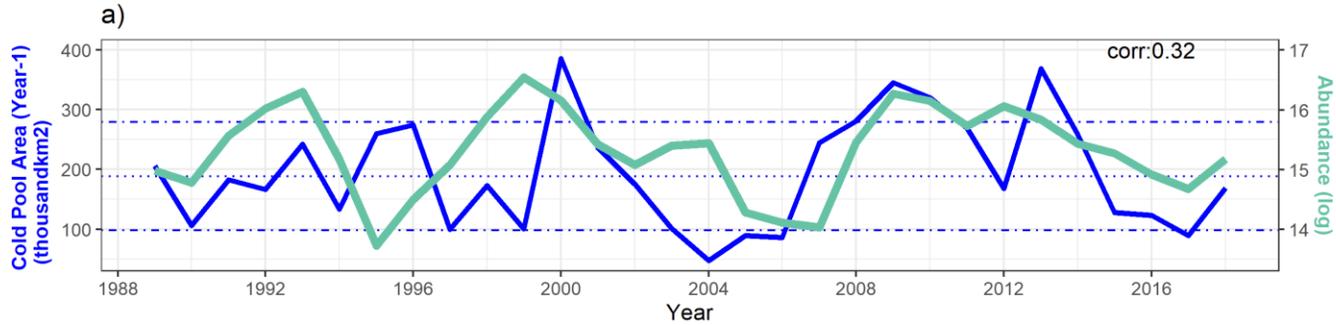


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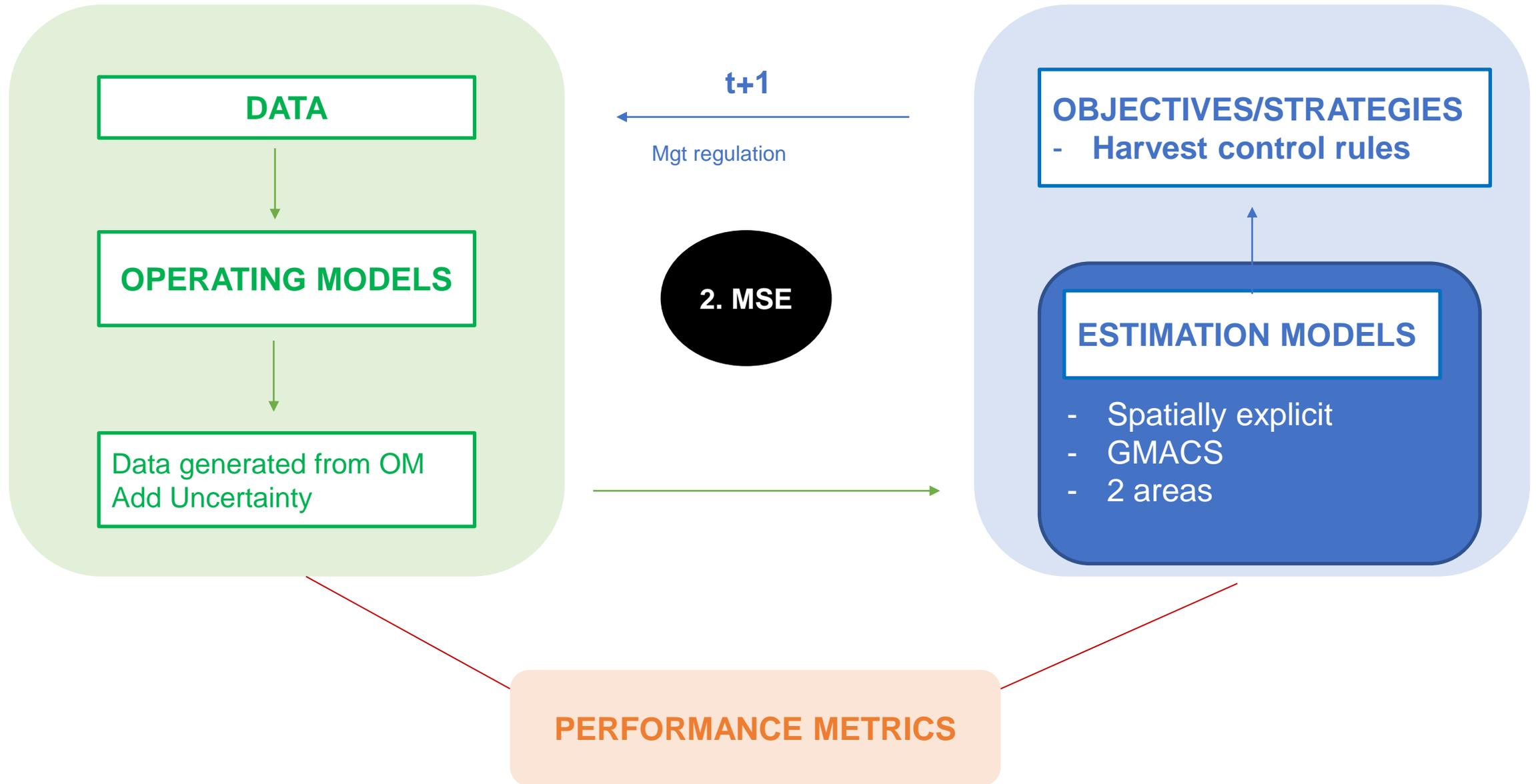
➤ spatiotemporal dynamics of the abundance of juveniles seems to be driven by the cold pool

- cold years : the spatial distribution of the CP and abundance match and could extend over the entire EBS
- warm years : the spatial distribution of abundance was more restricted, as was that of the cold pool

# |DISCUSSION| Take home messages

- **We developed a size structure spatiotemporal model**
  - accounting implicitly for seasonal movement between survey and fishery
  - to estimate fine scale spatial dynamic and fishing impacts.
- **We applied the model to snow crabs in the Eastern Bering Sea,**
  - Provided for the first time, spatiotemporal variations in key quantities
- **The model showed a declines a in exploitable biomass and in fishing mortality, with the latest not evenly distributed.**
- **Results also show a sporadic recruitment, spatially concentrated in the northeast part of the EBS.**
- **Our result highlight that spatial distribution of juveniles are related to the cold pool**

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# PURPOSE OF THE MSE PROJECT

## **? WHAT | Understand how fisheries respond and will respond to climate change**

- Investigate the ability of management strategies to achieve fisheries management objectives considering current and future impacts of climate change
- Within a spatially explicit framework to
  - Better represent the mechanisms driving the system
  - Test for spatial management strategies

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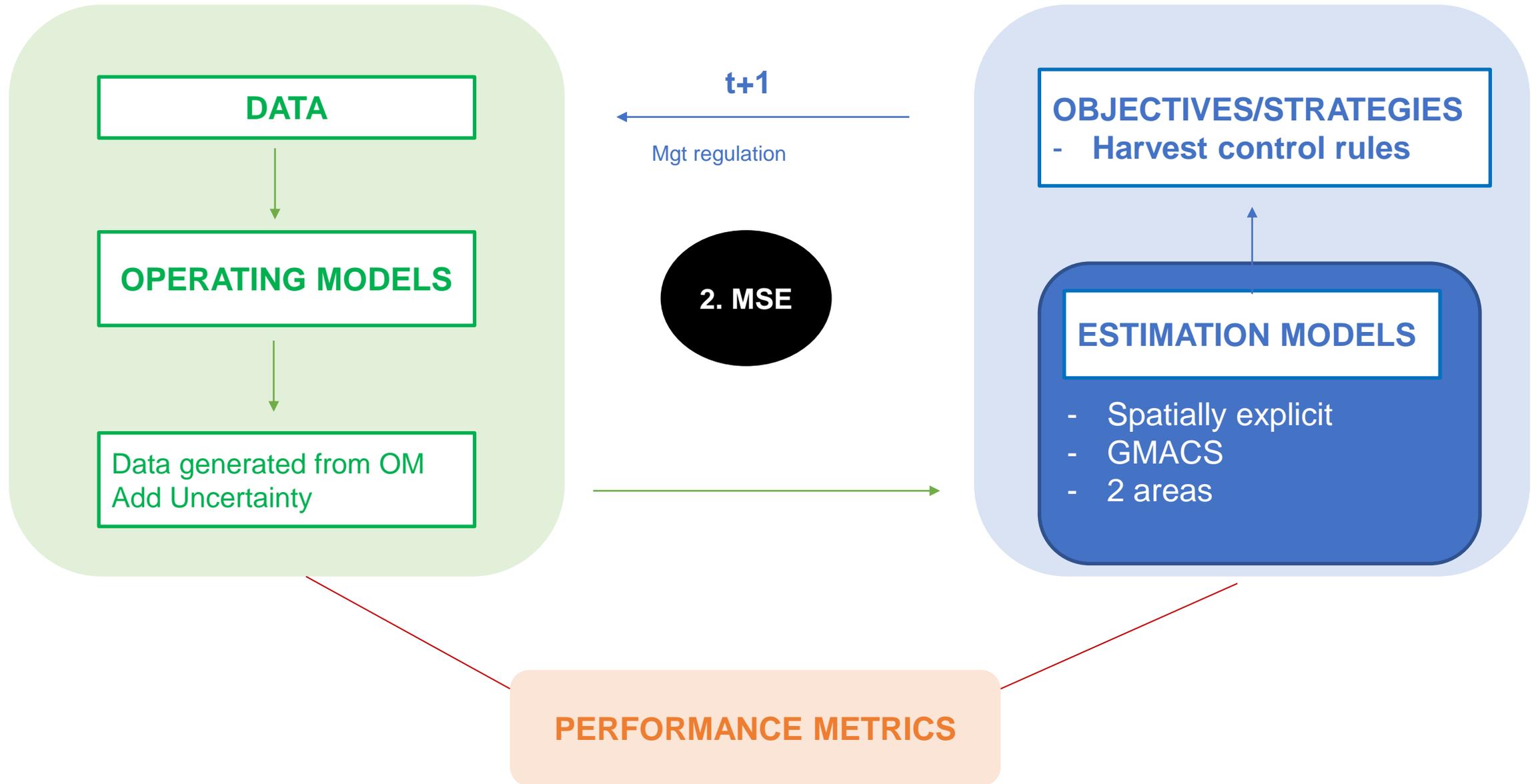
## **WHAT | Understand how fisheries respond and will respond to climate change**

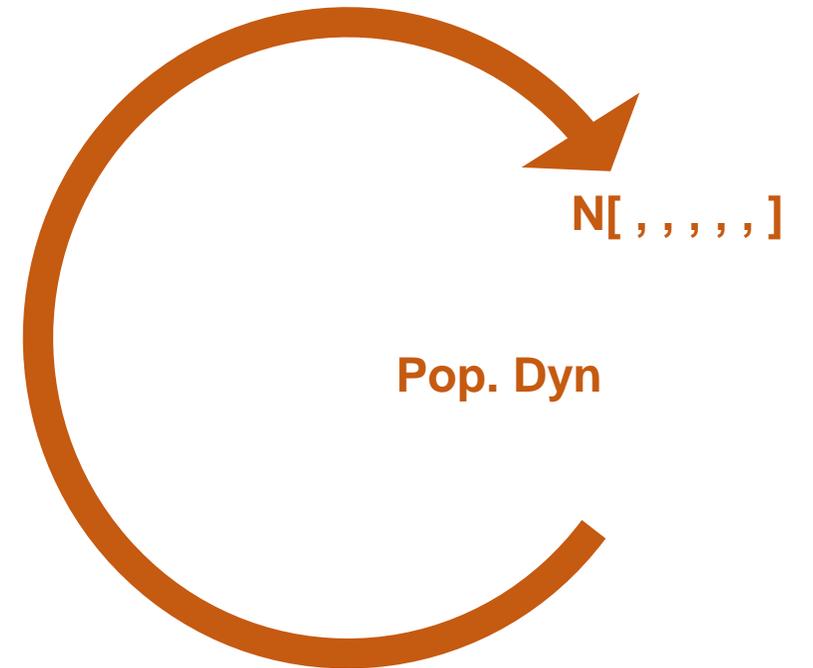
- Investigate the ability of management strategies to achieve fisheries management objectives considering current and future impacts of climate change
- Within a spatially explicit framework to
  - Better represent the mechanisms driving the system
  - Test for spatial management strategies

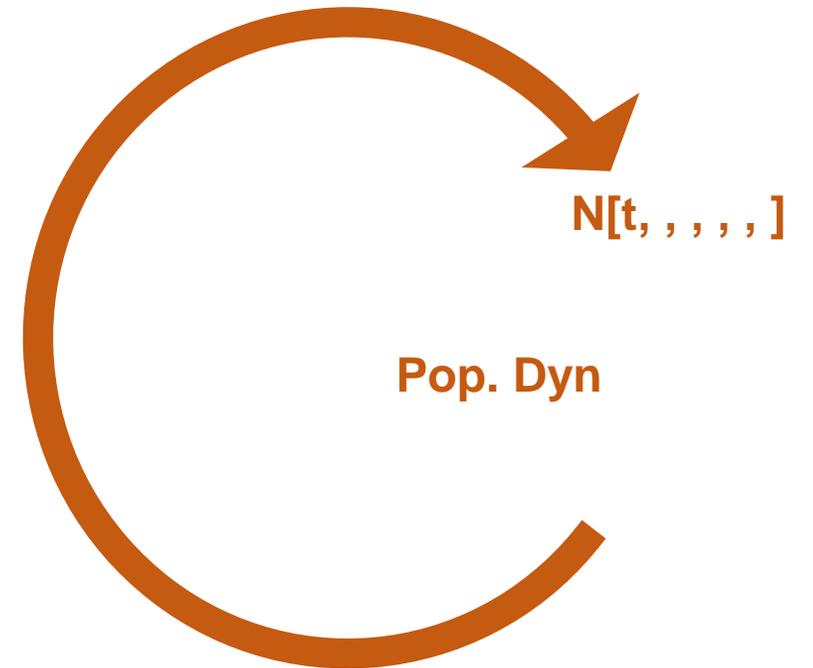
## **CASE STUDY | Snow Crab**

→ **Test different management strategies under climate change scenarios**

# | OUTLINE OF THIS TALK | A Summary of 2 postdoc projects on snow crab



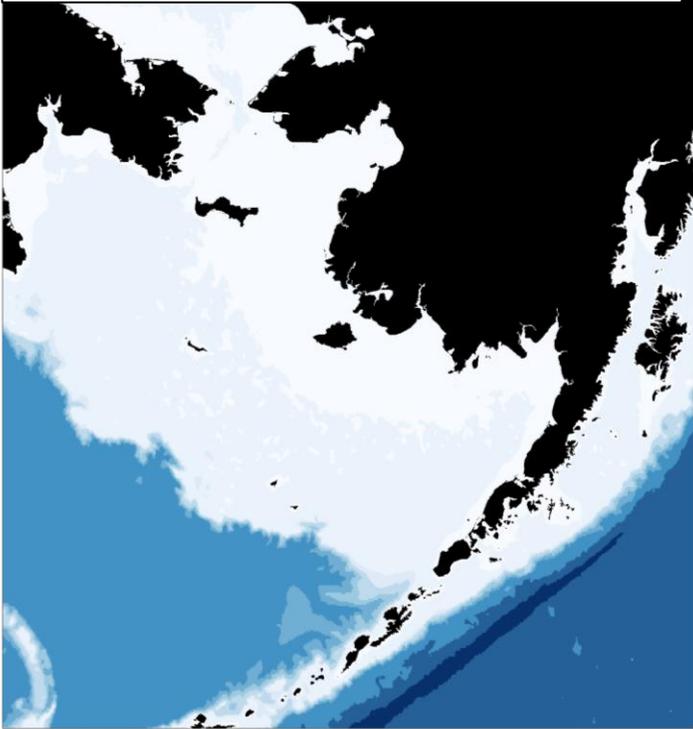




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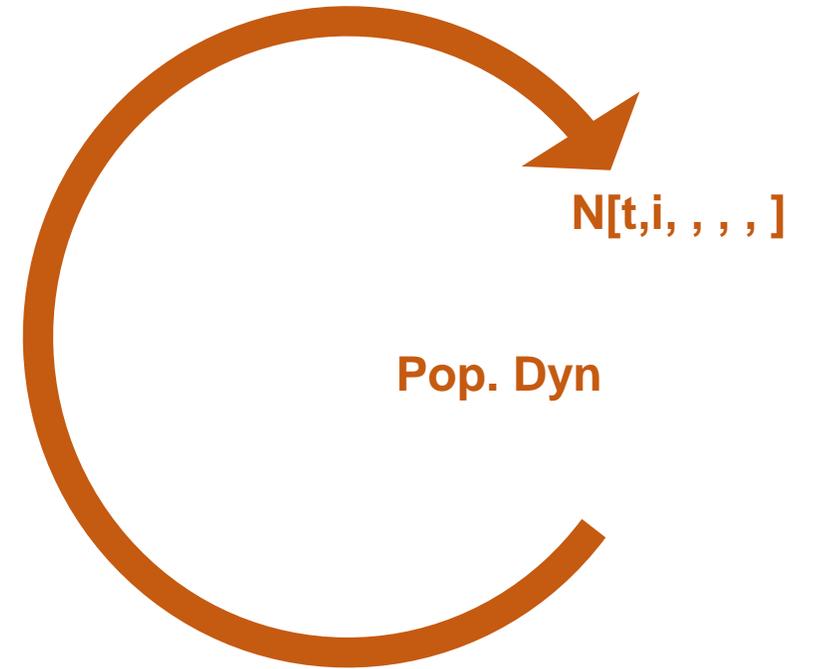
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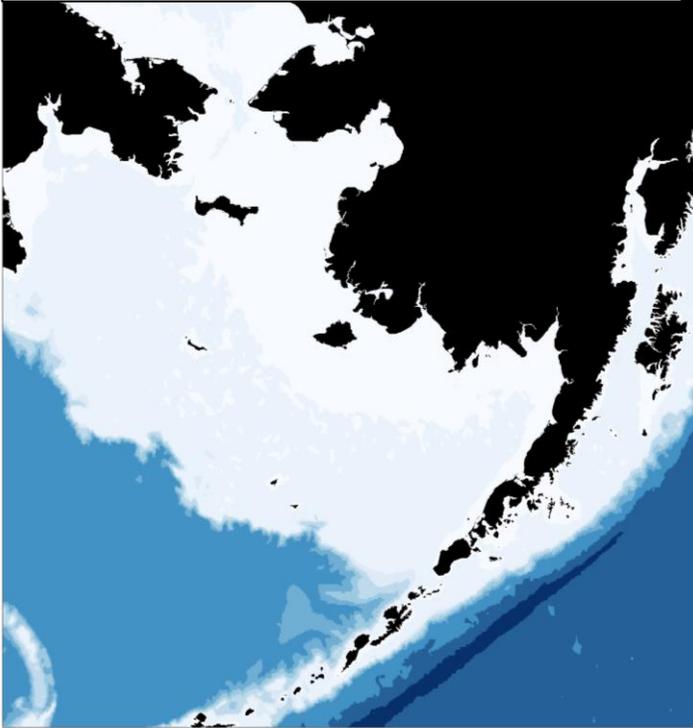


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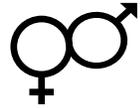
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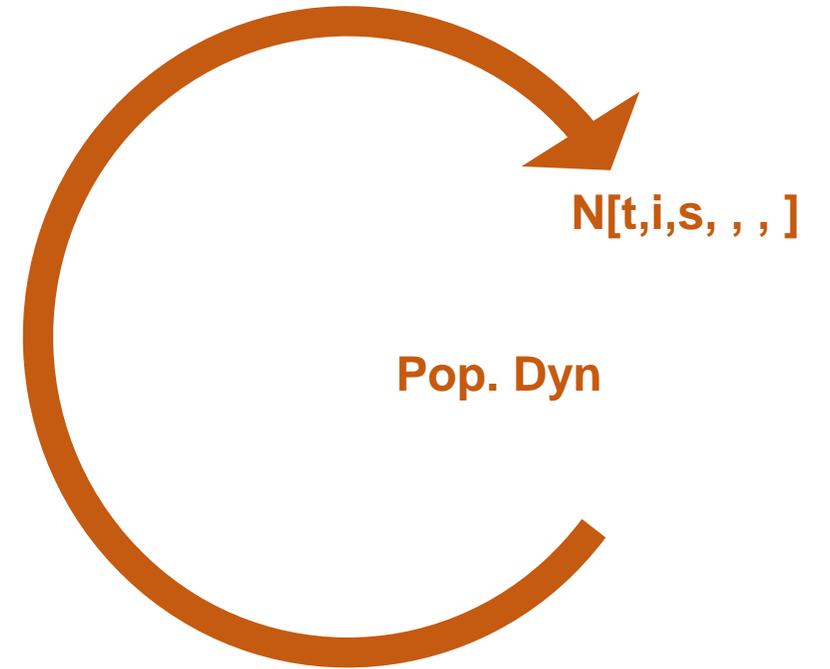


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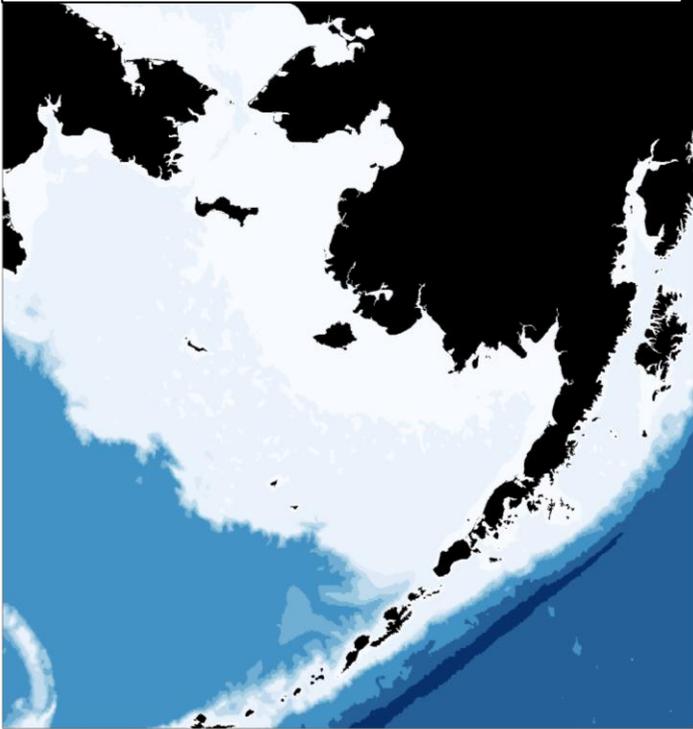


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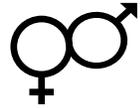
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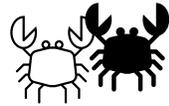
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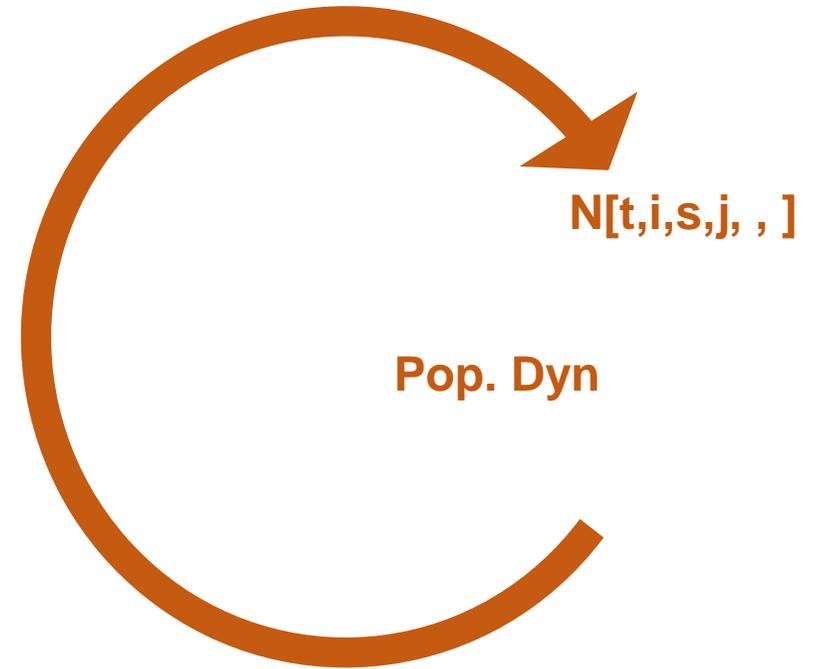


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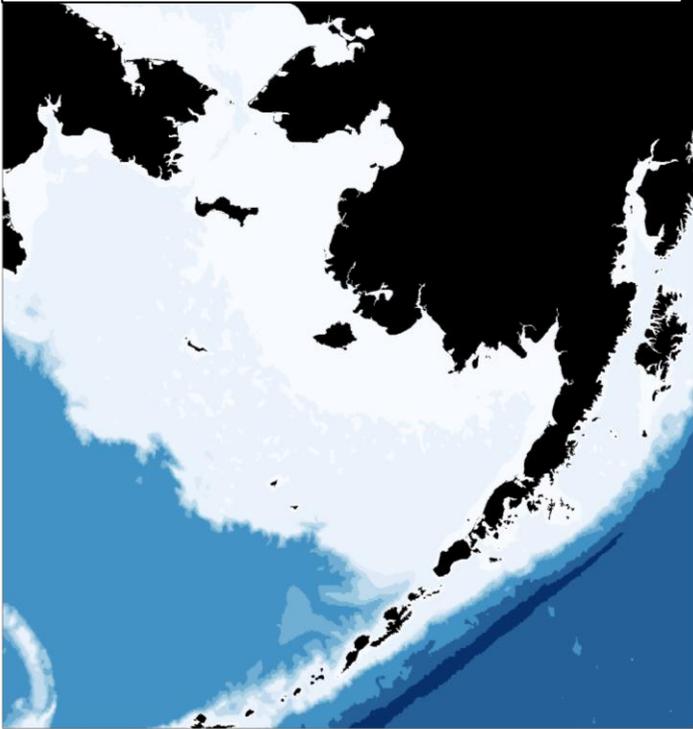


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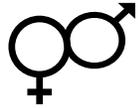
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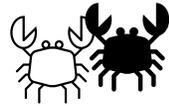
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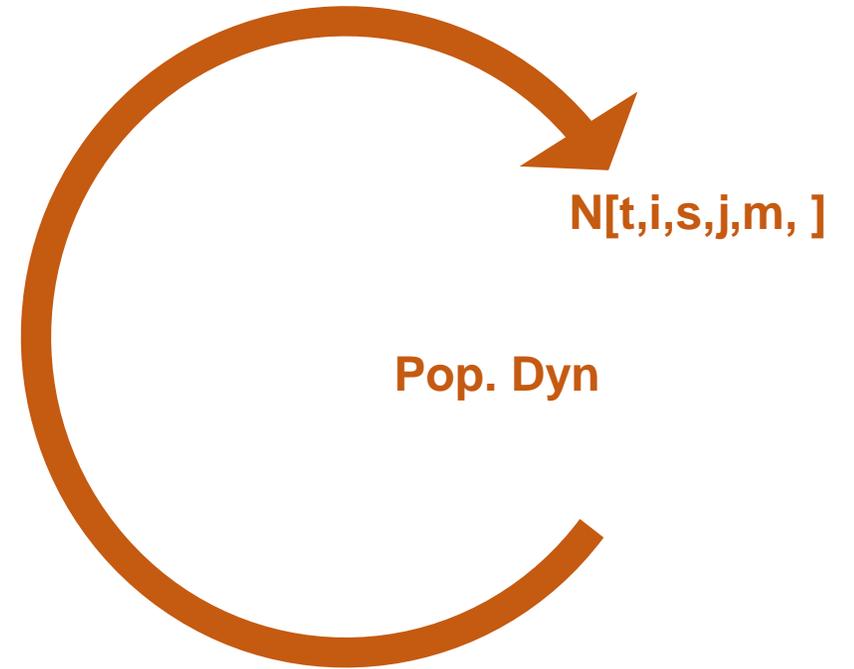


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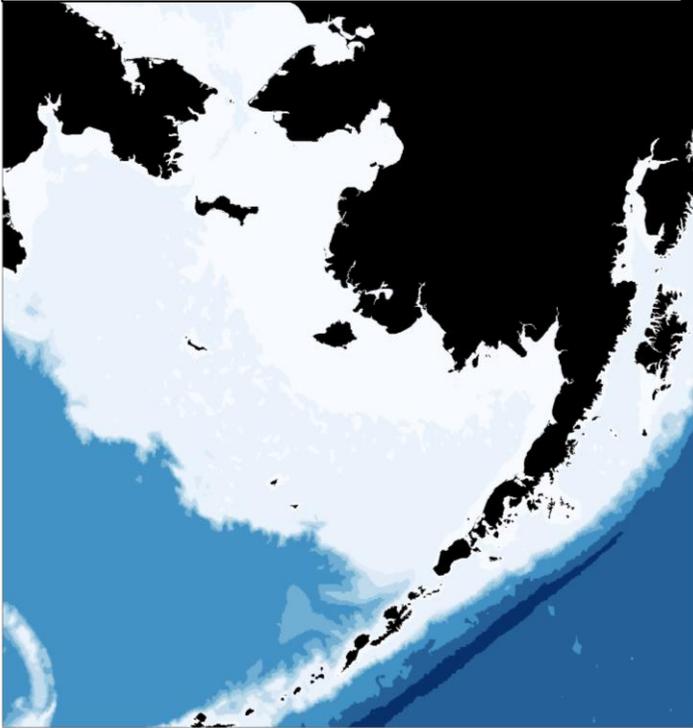


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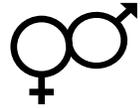
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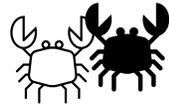
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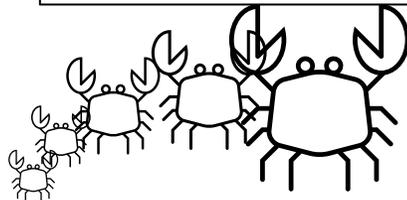
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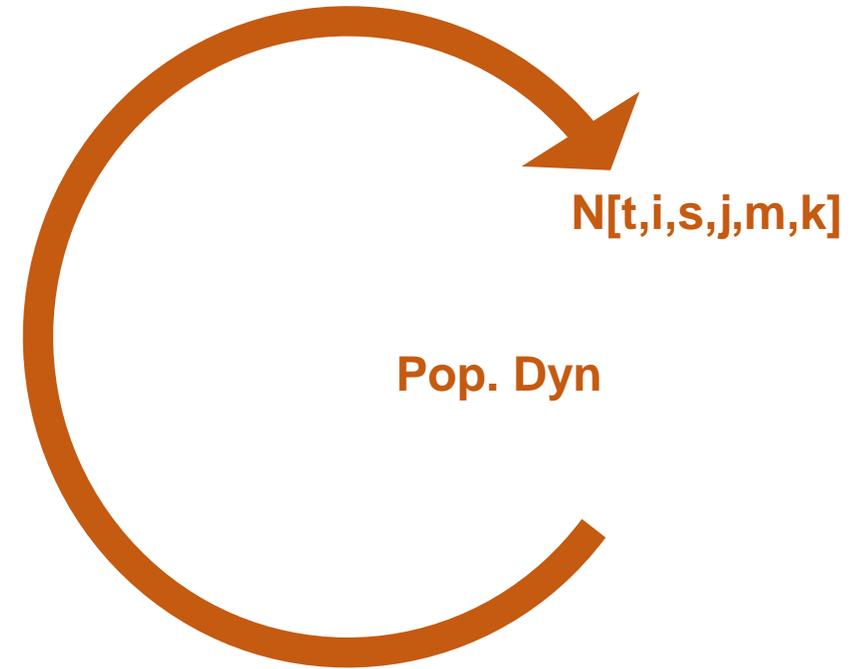


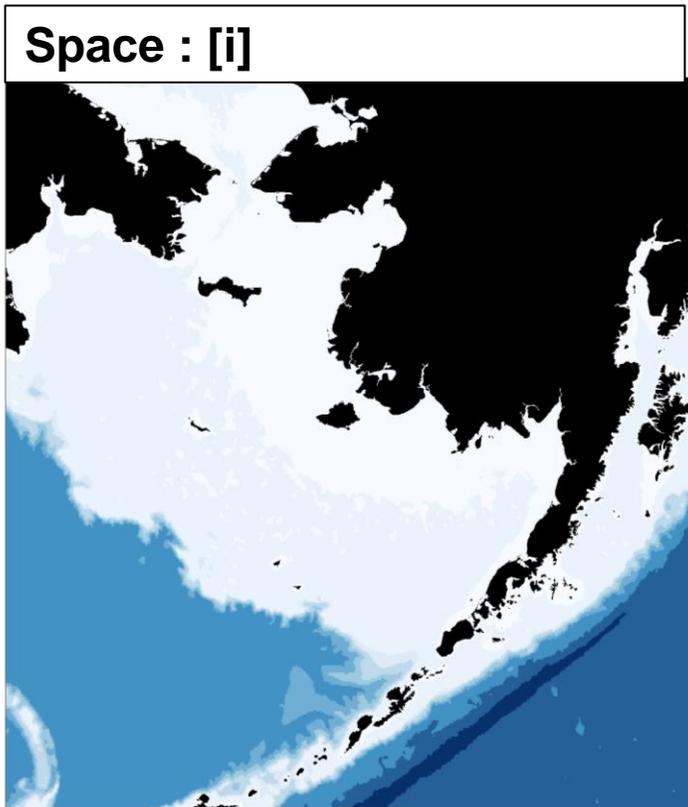
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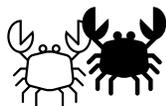
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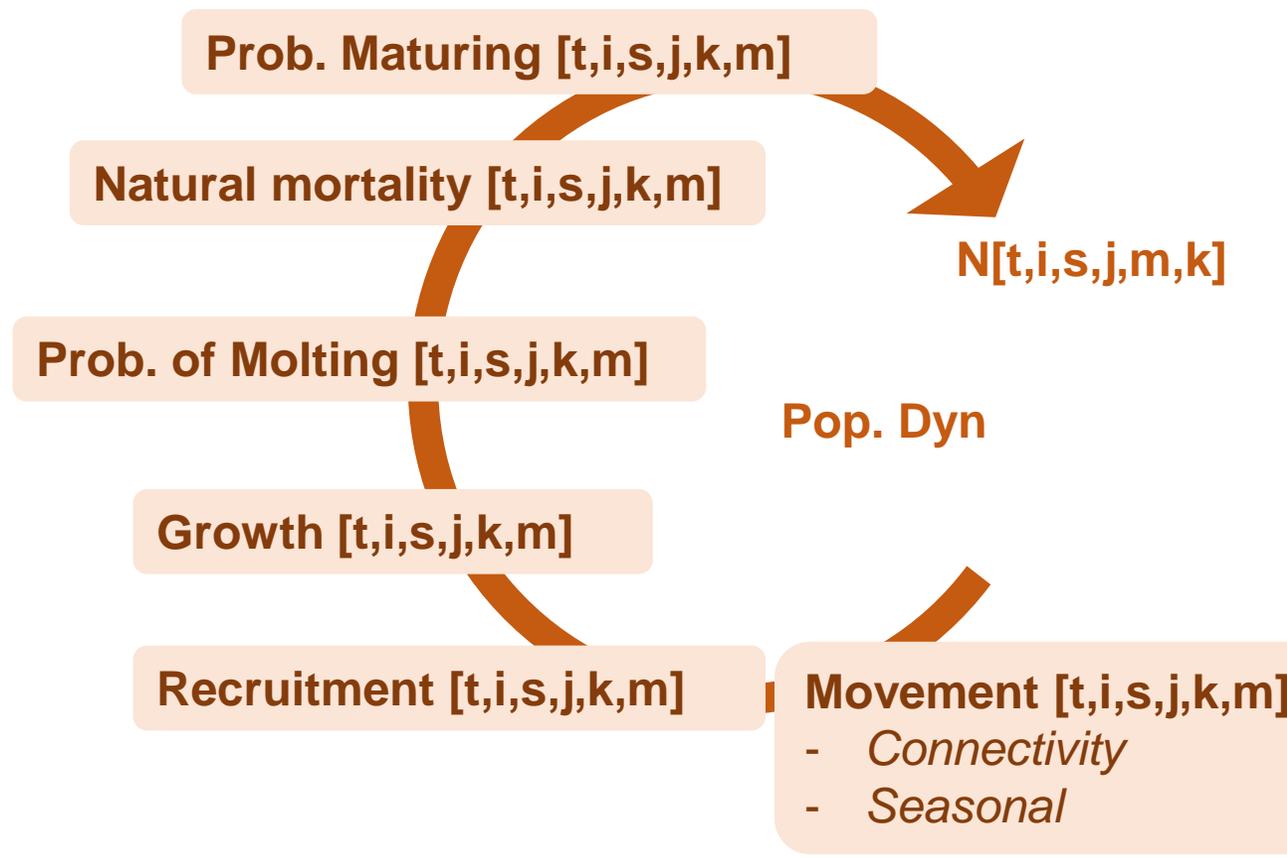
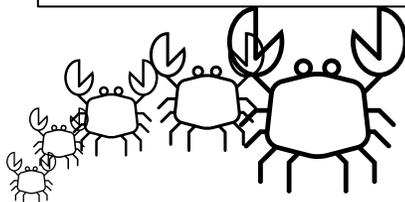
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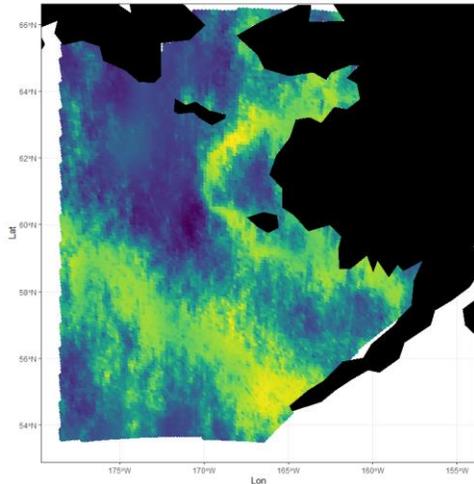
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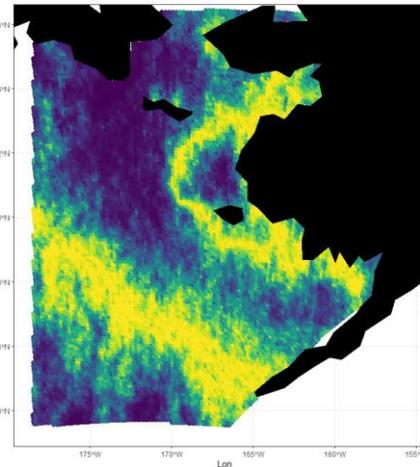
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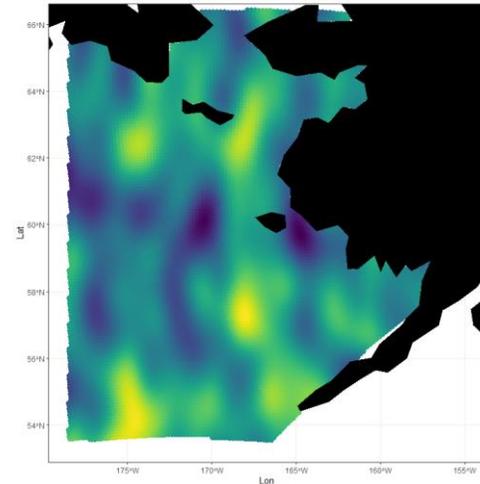
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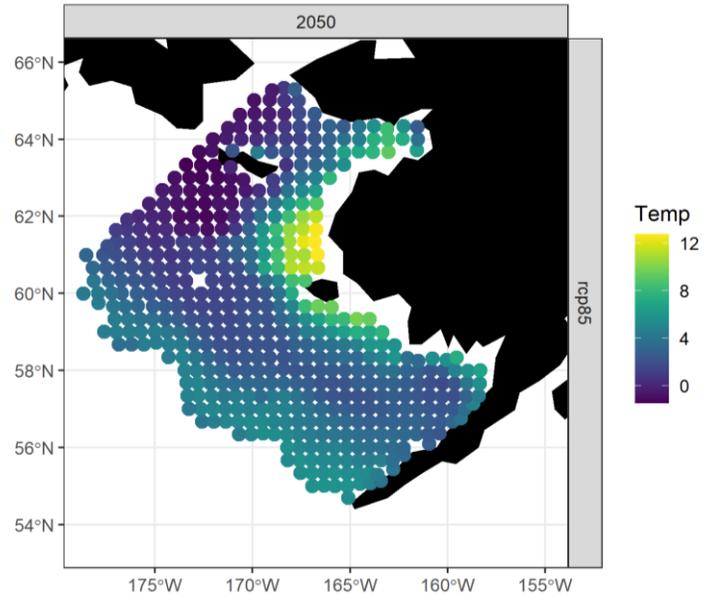


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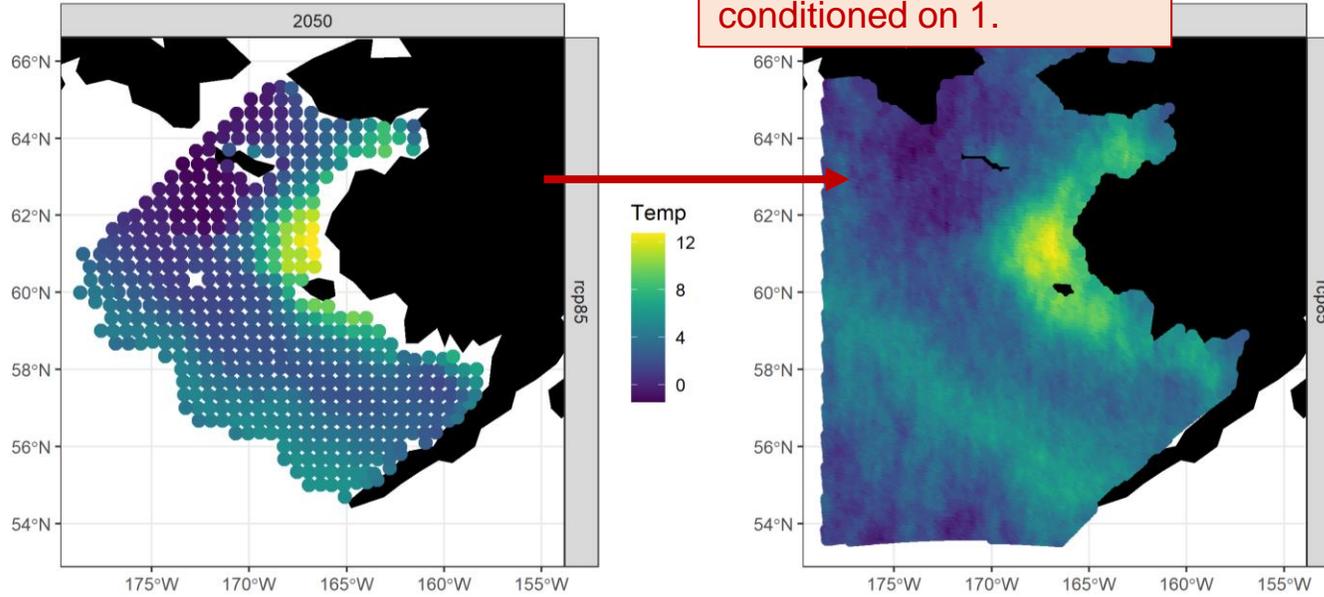


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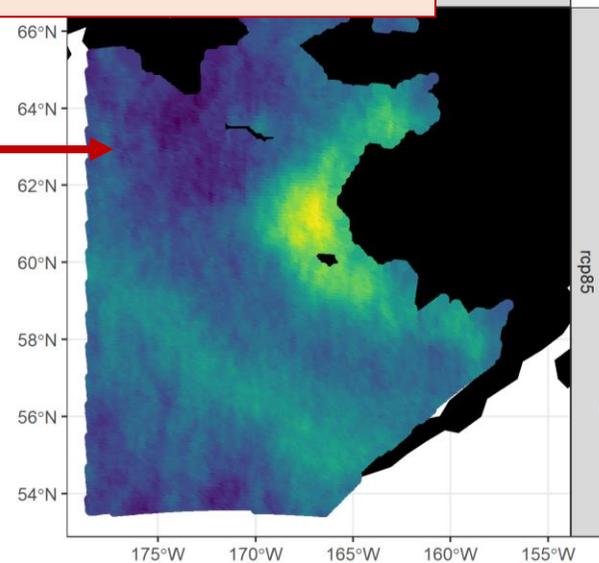
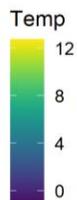
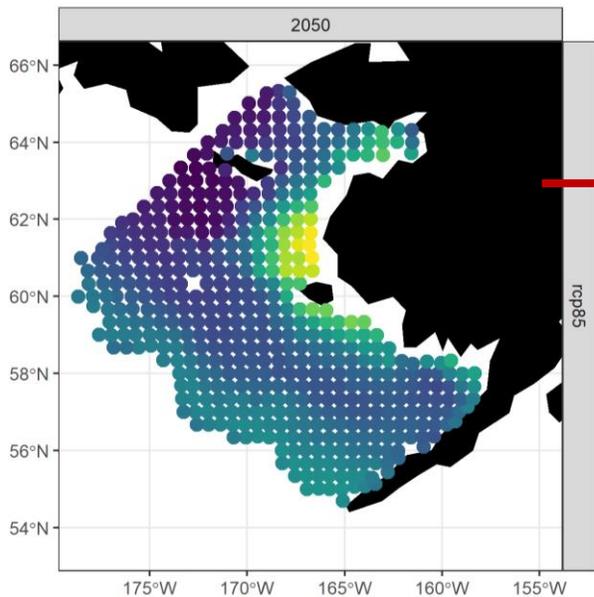


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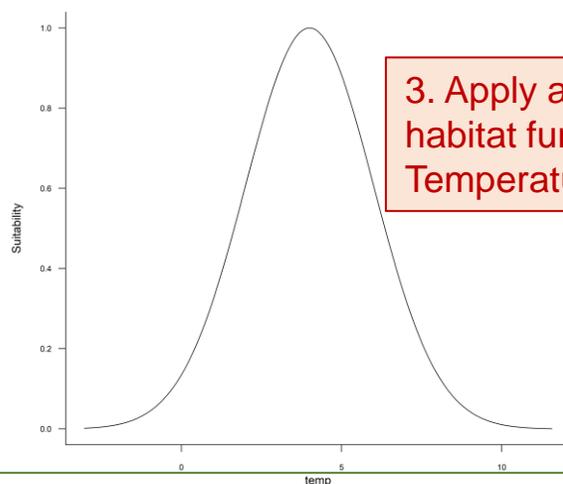
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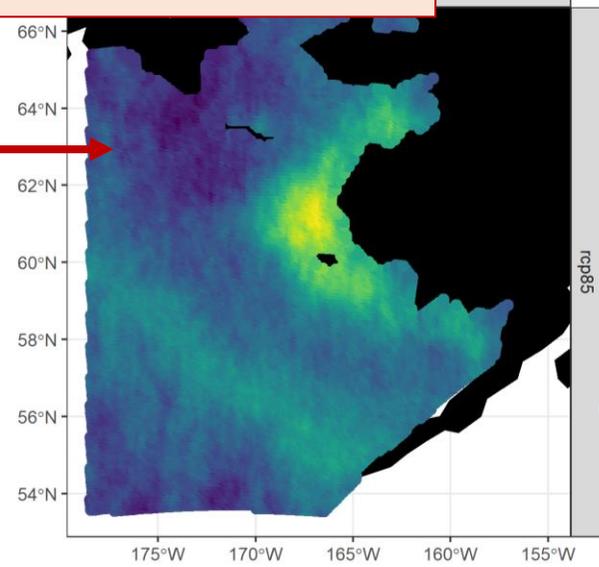
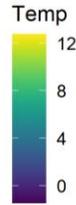
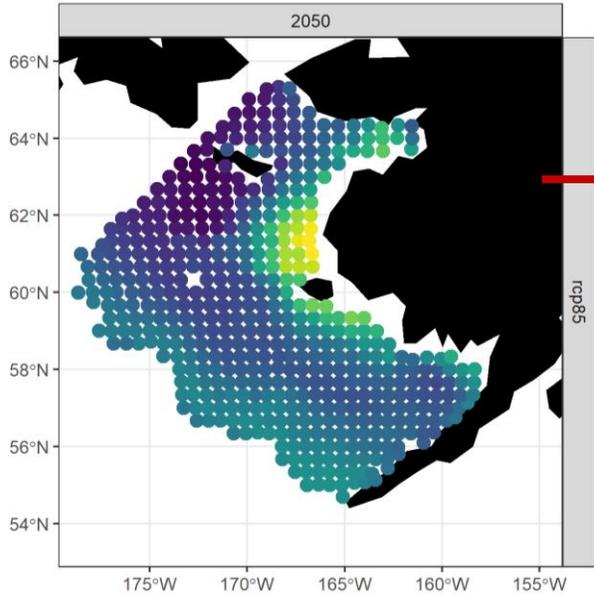


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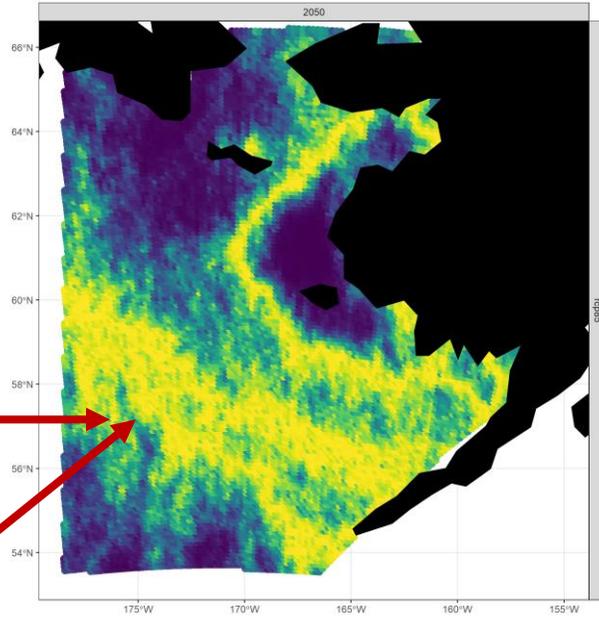
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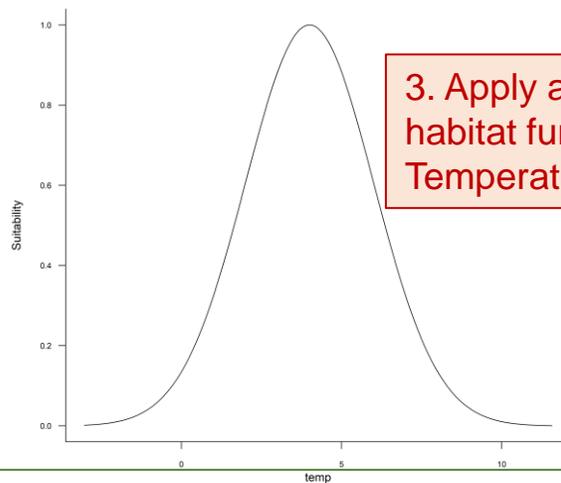
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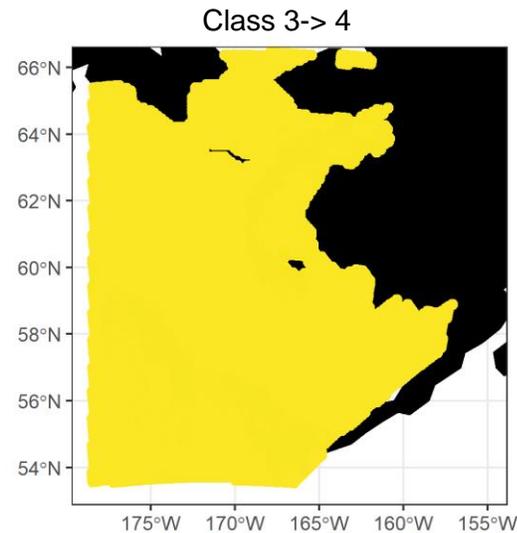
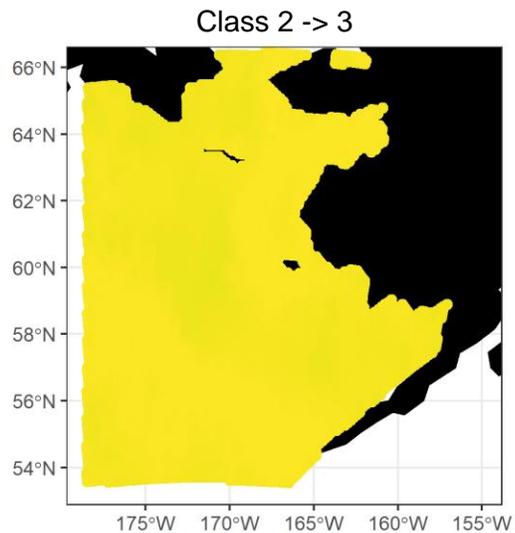
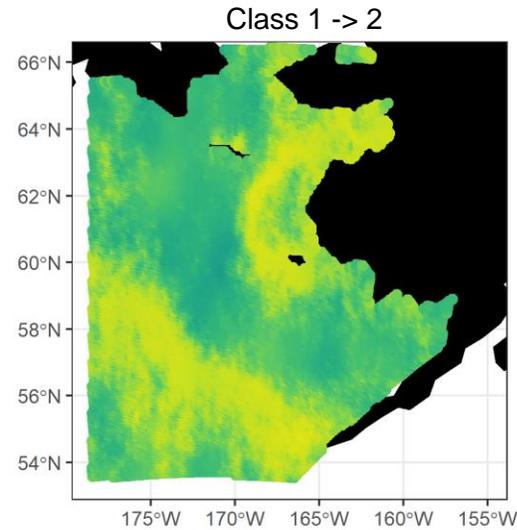
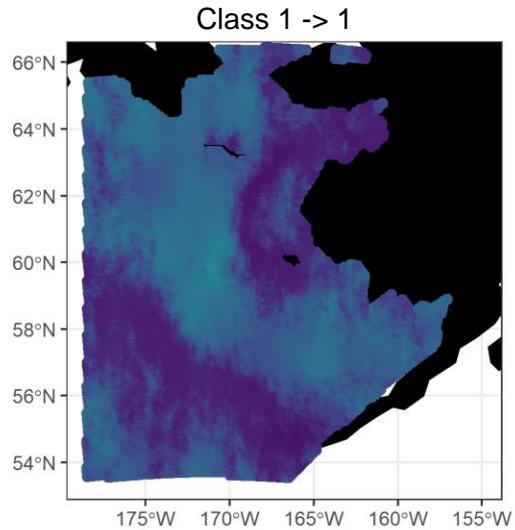
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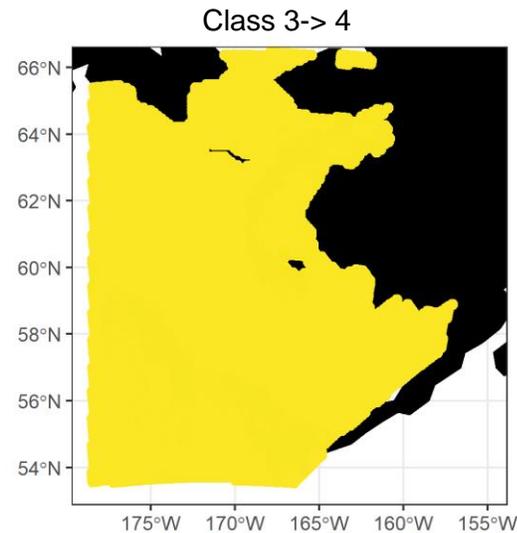
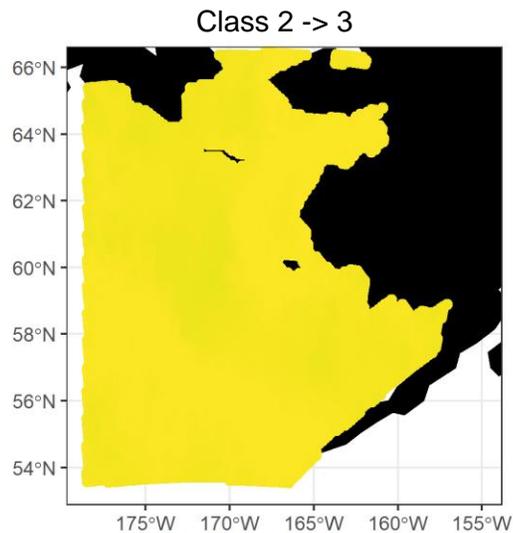
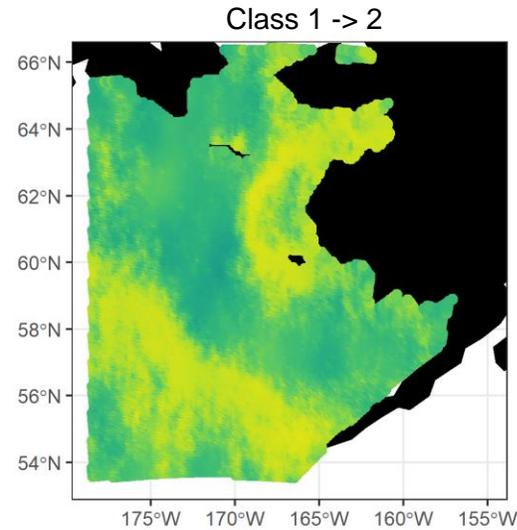
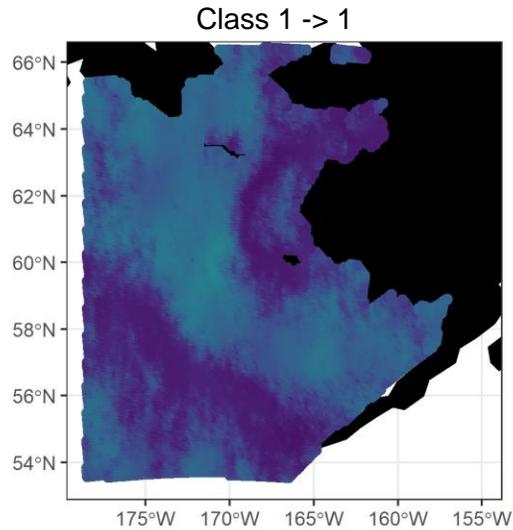
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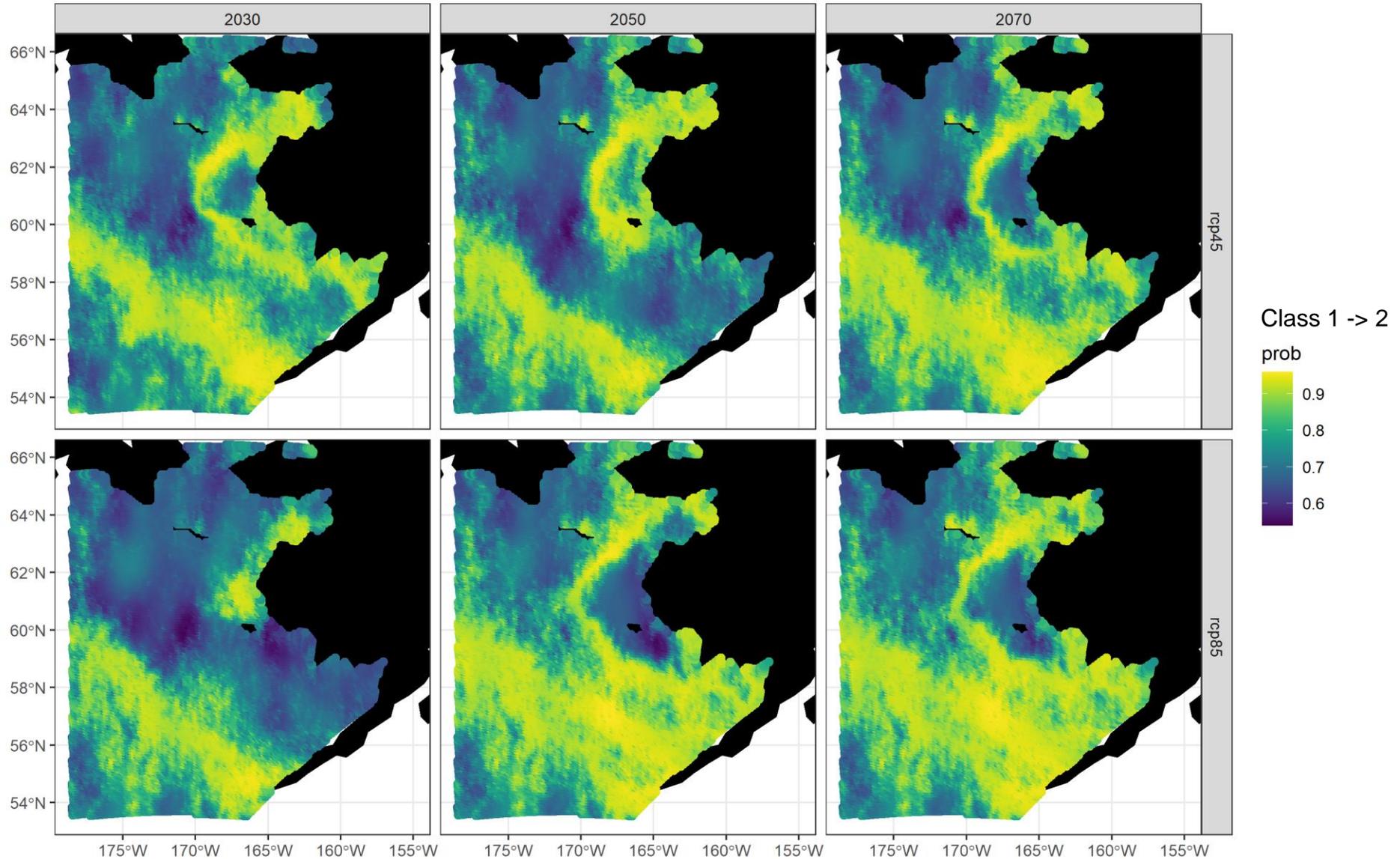
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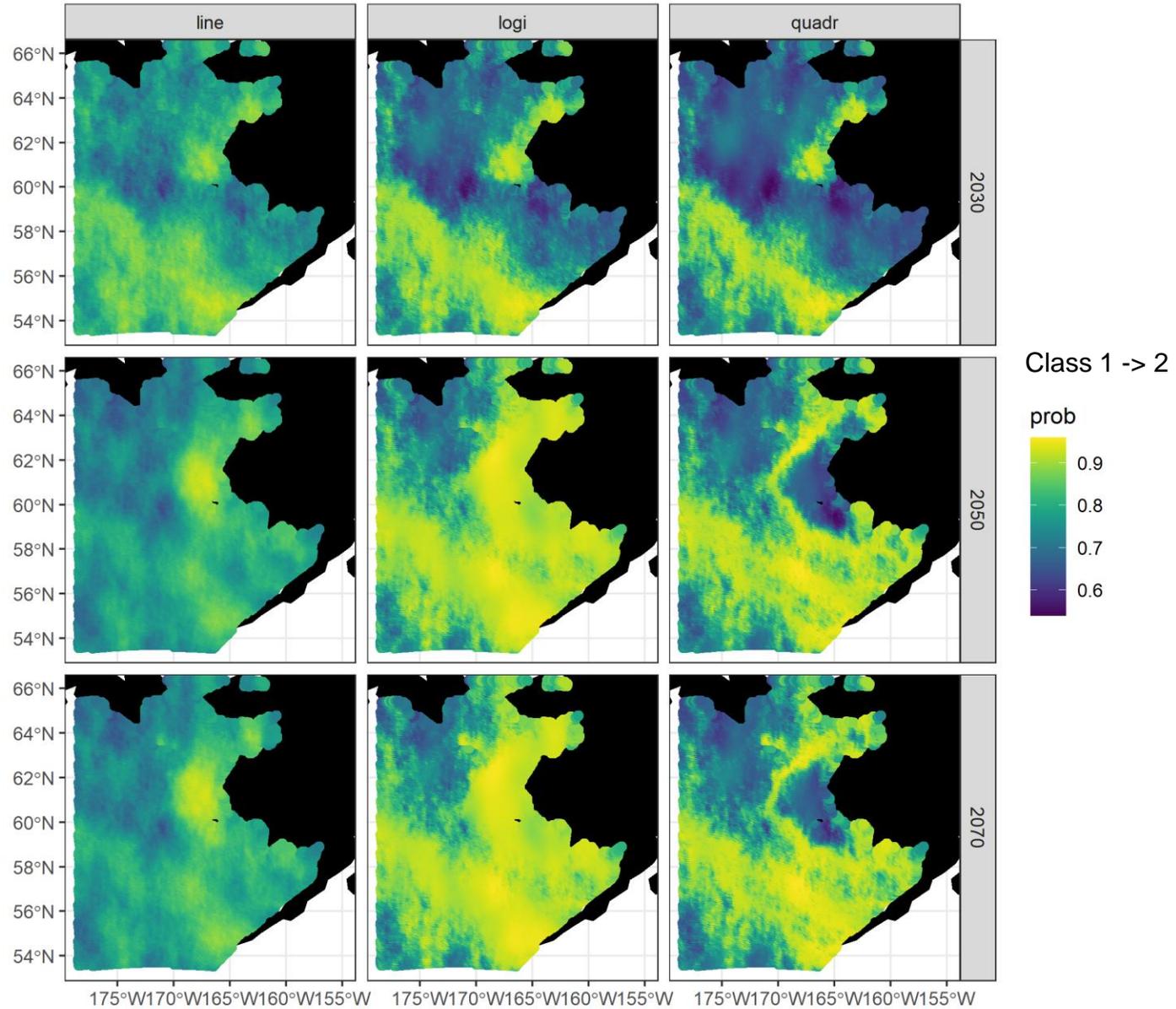
## COULD GENERATE SOME UNCERTAINTIES

- Preferential habitat
  - Linear
  - Quadratic
  - Logistic
- Effect
  - Multiplicative

# |SIMULATION GROWTH| Climate scenarios vs Years | HP function = quadrat.



# |SIMULATION GROWTH| Years vs Preferential habitat function



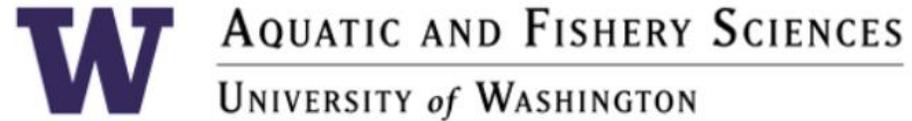
# DISCUSSION : SOME FEEDBACK

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# THANK YOU VERY MUCH

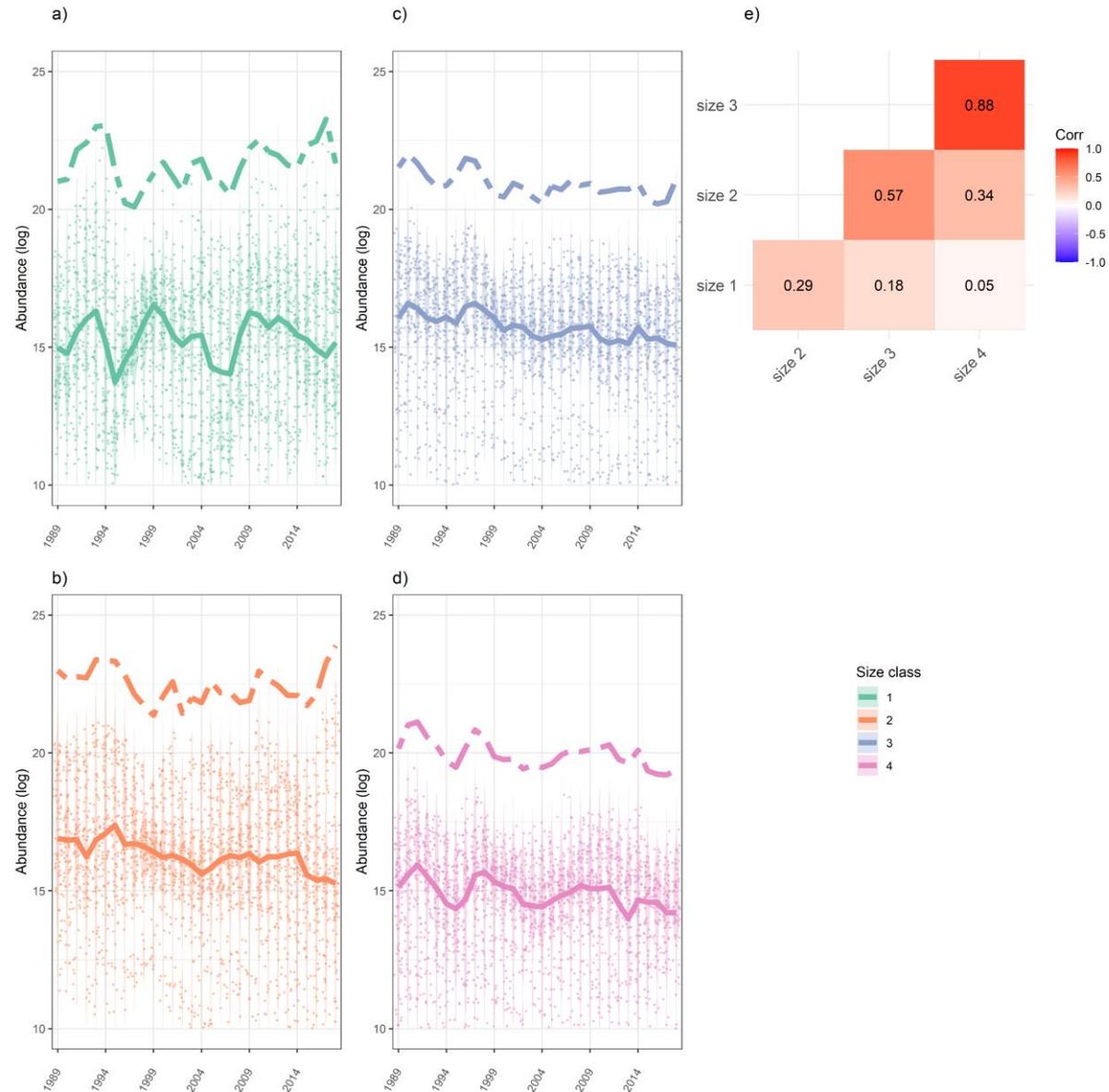
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# | RESULTS | Spatiotemporal changes in abundances



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- Strong spatial variability in abundances
- Strong spatiotemporal correlations between large size classes