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Gulf Menhaden Assessment

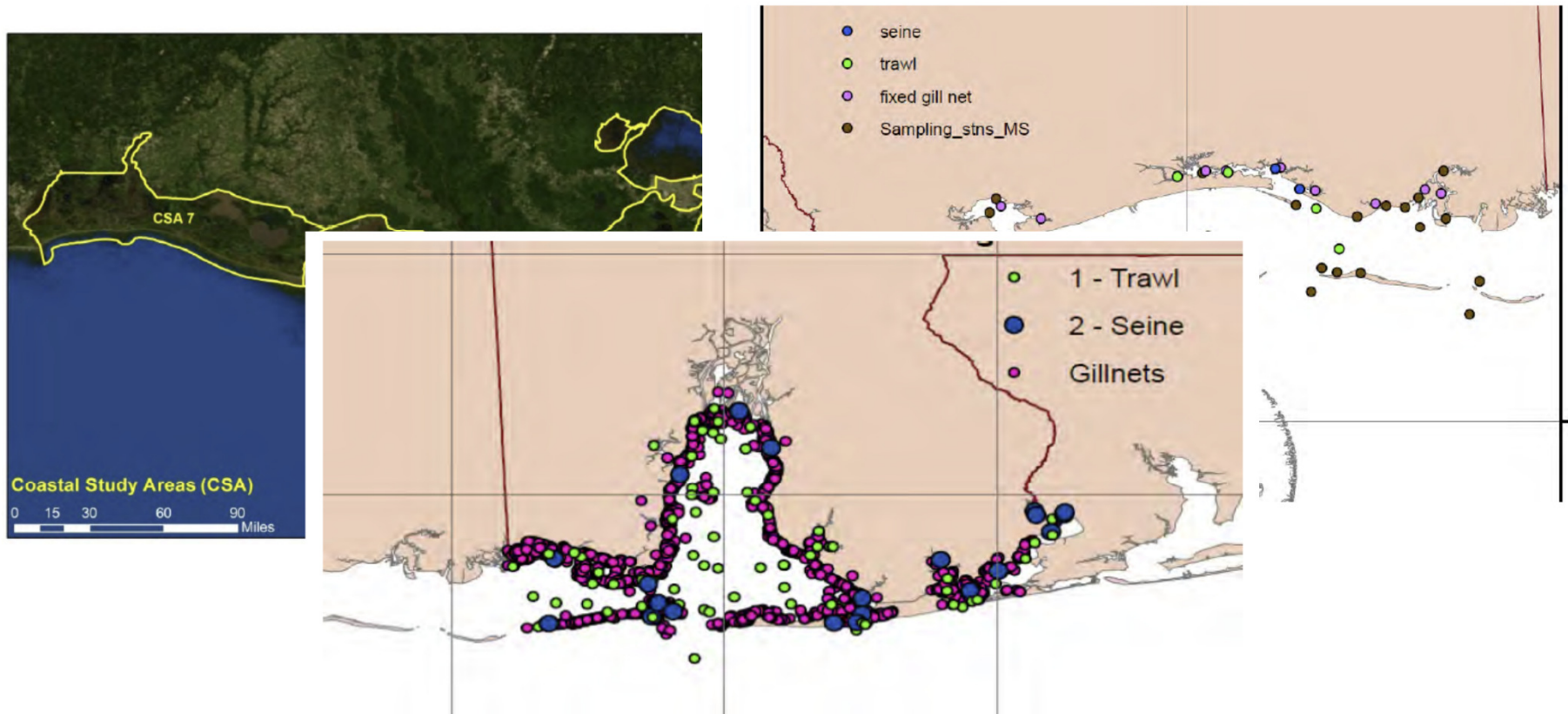
November 6-7, 2018
Review Workshop

Outline

- Data included (indices, then base run)
- Base run configuration
- Sensitivity analyses
- Monte Carlo bootstrap
- Projections
- Benchmarks

Indices

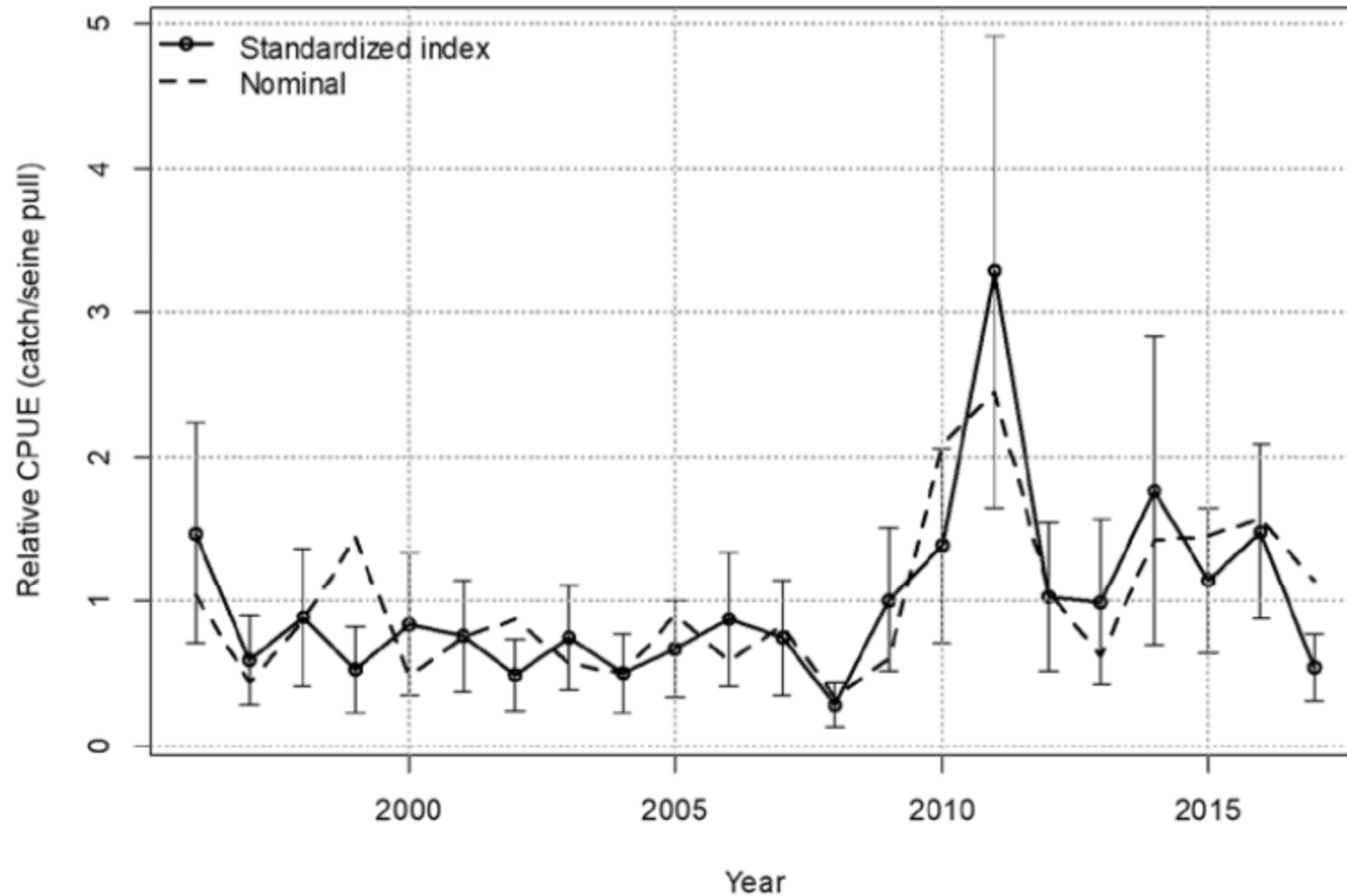
- Considered seine index data from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama



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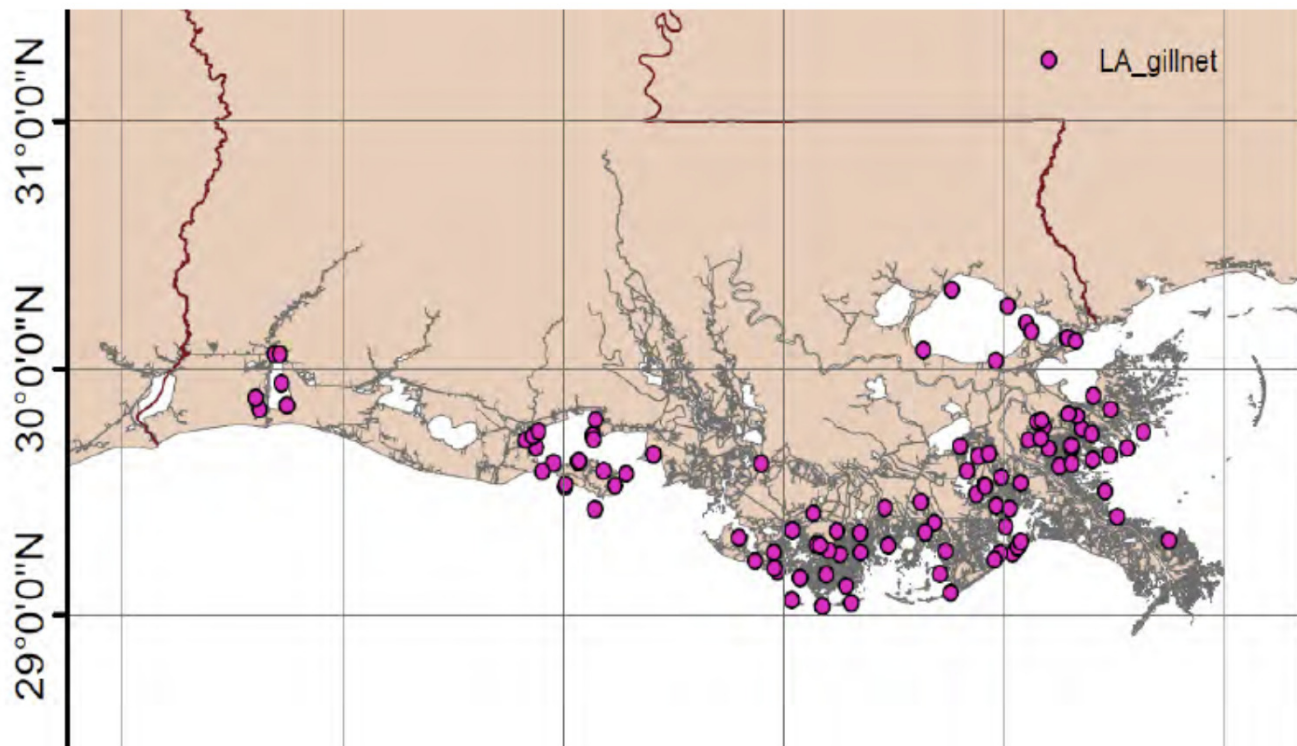
- Seine data included the months of January – June
 - Highest catches of age-0 individuals and consistent length compositions (< 100 mm FL)
- Data were combined and standardized using a delta-GLM model
 - Binomial and lognormal components included the following factors: year, state, month, temperature, and salinity

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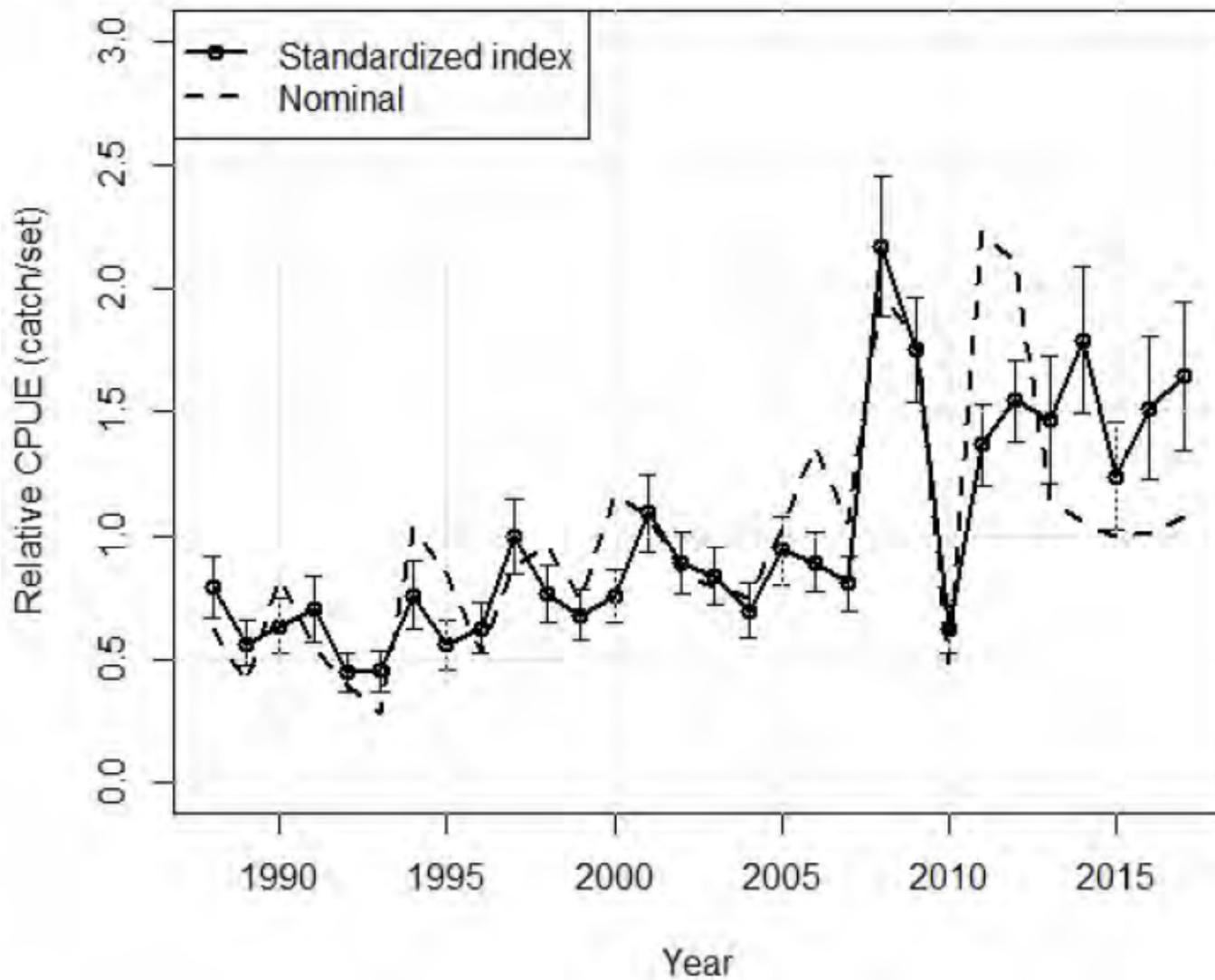
- Considered gill net data from Louisiana



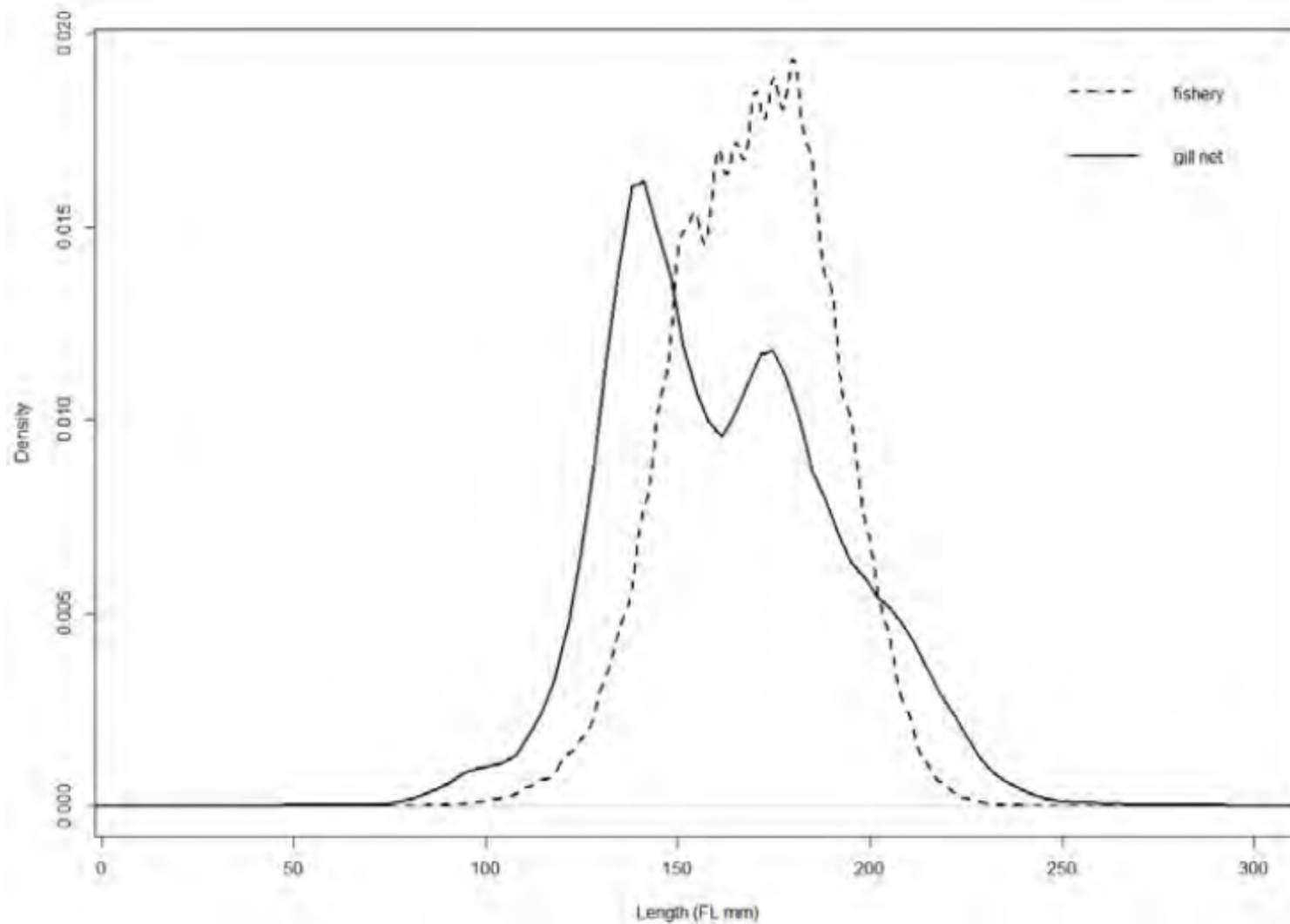
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- Gill net data included the months of April – Sept
- Data were combined and standardized using a delta-GLM model
 - Binomial component included the following factors: year, month, temperature, salinity, mesh size, station, CSA
 - Lognormal component included all factors except month

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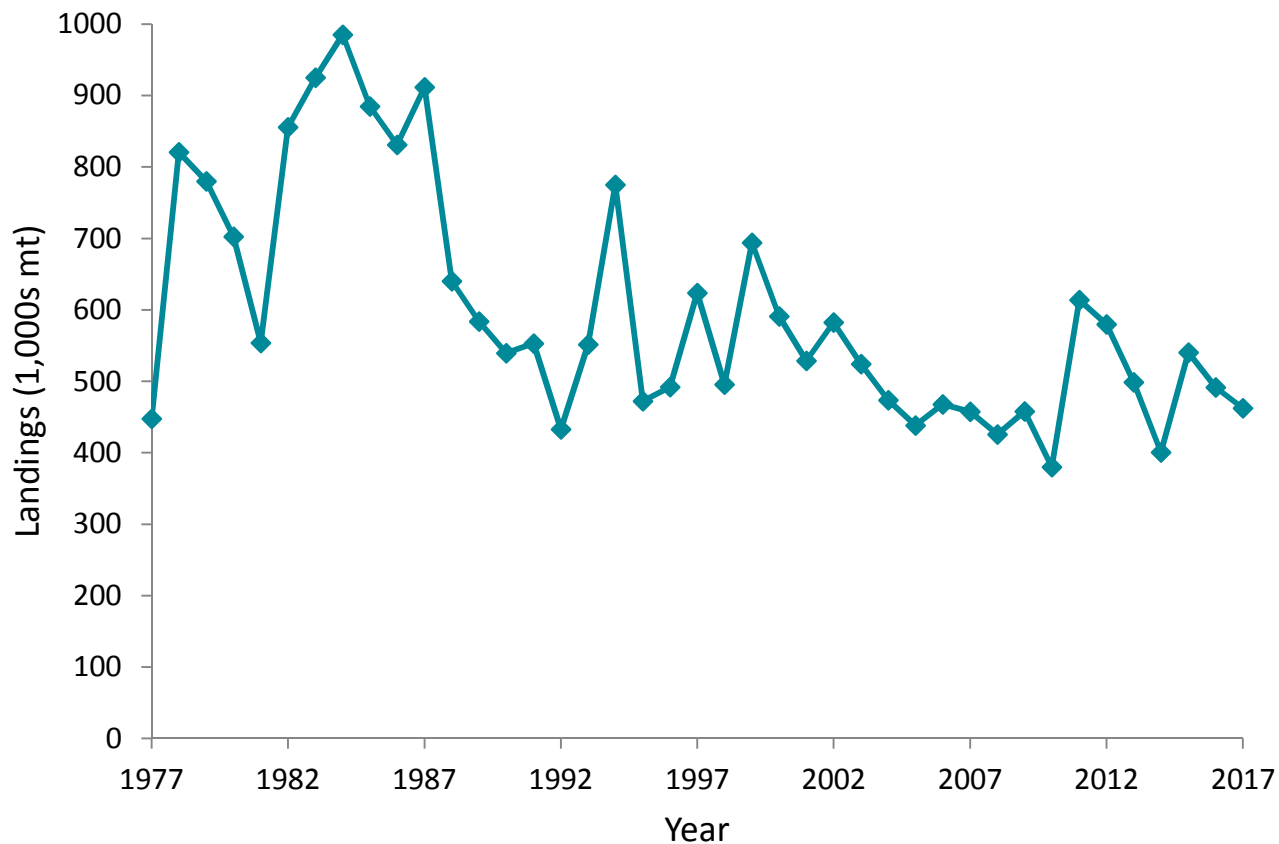


Data included in base run of model

- Commercial reduction landings
- Commercial reduction age compositions
- 2 indices – LA gill net and seine
- LA gill net length compositions
- Life history information
 - Lorenzen M scaled to tagging data
 - Weights at age for population and fishery
 - Fecundity, maturity, sex ratio

Data included

- Commercial reduction landings and age comps (includes bait and recreational)



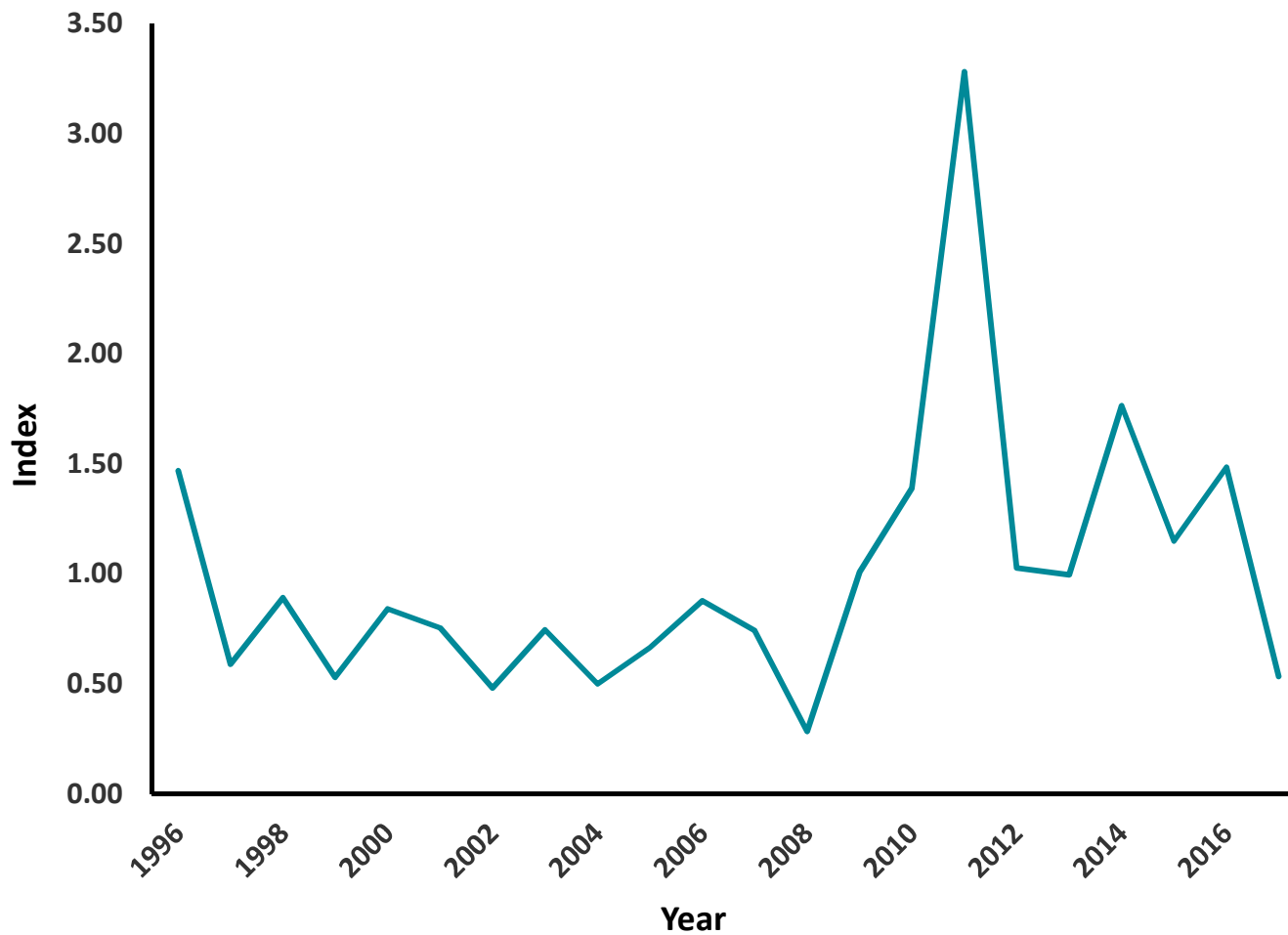
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- Gill net index and length compositions



Data included

- Seine index



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- Life history information
 - Lorenzen M scaled to tagging data
 - Weights at age for population and fishery
 - Brown-Peterson et al. (2017)
 - Fecundity: based on batches, duration, and size
 - Maturity: 80% age-1, 100% age-2+
 - Sex ratio: 1:1

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Model structure

- 1977-2017 (Jan 1 to Dec 31; annual time step)
- Ages 0 to 4+
- Landings data from 1977-2017
 - Age composition data 1977-2017
- LA gill net index 1988-2017 – July 1
 - Length composition data 1996-2017
- Seine (recruitment) index 1996-2017 – April 1

Model structure

- Fixed parameters
 - L_{inf} , K , t_0 – at 1997 to 2017 population parameter values
 - Steepness – at 0.99 based on likelihood profile
 - SD of Recruitment in log space (0.6)
 - Age based selectivity parameters
 - Reduction fishery - Age-0 fixed at 0.0, age-2 fixed at 1.0, and ages-3 and 4+ fixed at 0.87
 - Seine index – 1.0 for age-0 and 0.0 for ages-1+

Model structure

- Estimated parameters
 - CV of length at age
 - Log R_0 (R_0)
 - Dirichlet multinomial likelihood parameters
 - Age based selectivity parameters
 - Age-1 for 1977-1996 and 1997-2017
 - Logistic LA gill net selectivity
 - Catchability for each index
 - Average F

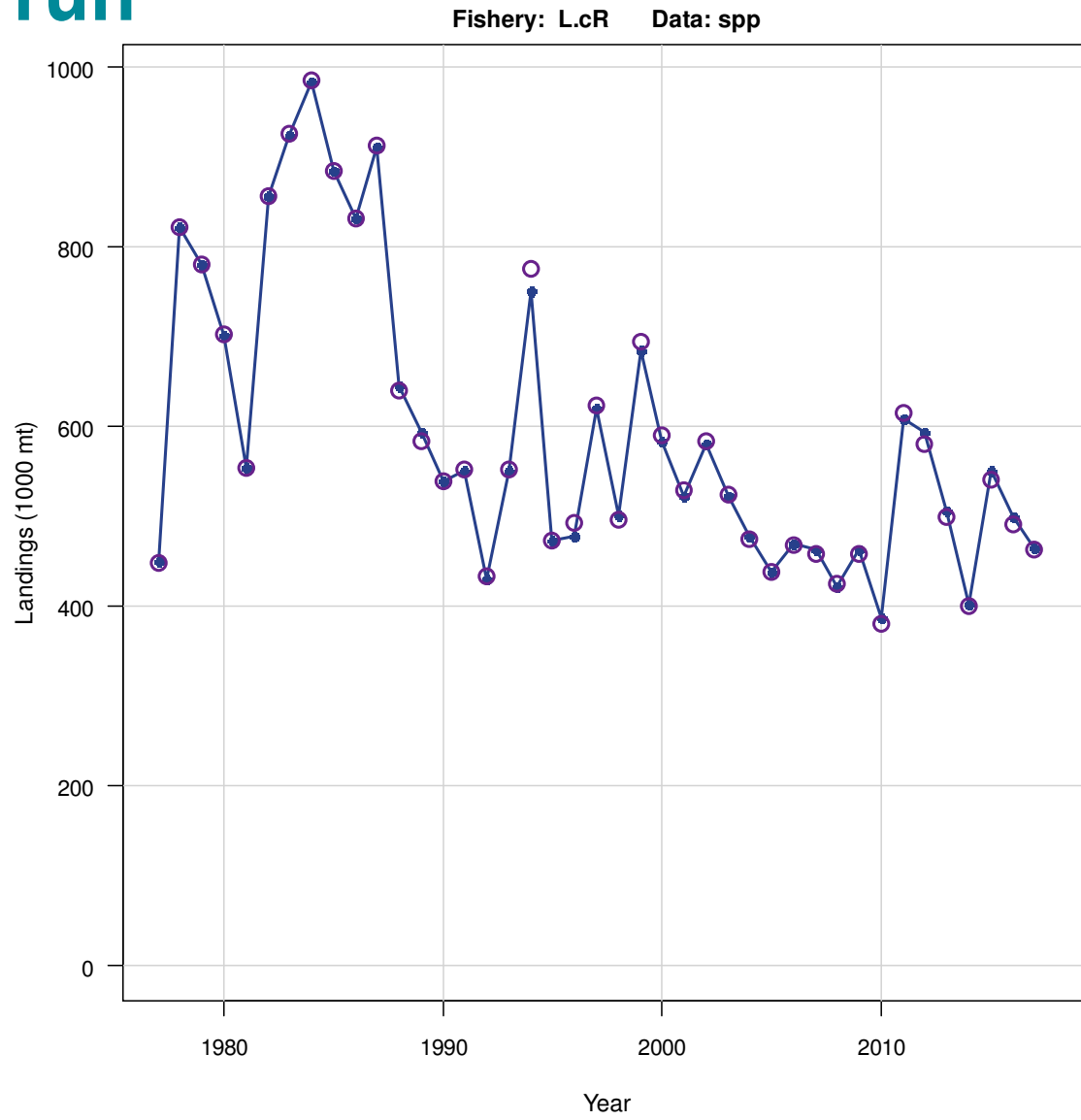
Model structure

- Estimated parameters
 - Annual deviations in F
 - Annual deviations in recruitment
 - Deviations in initial age structure

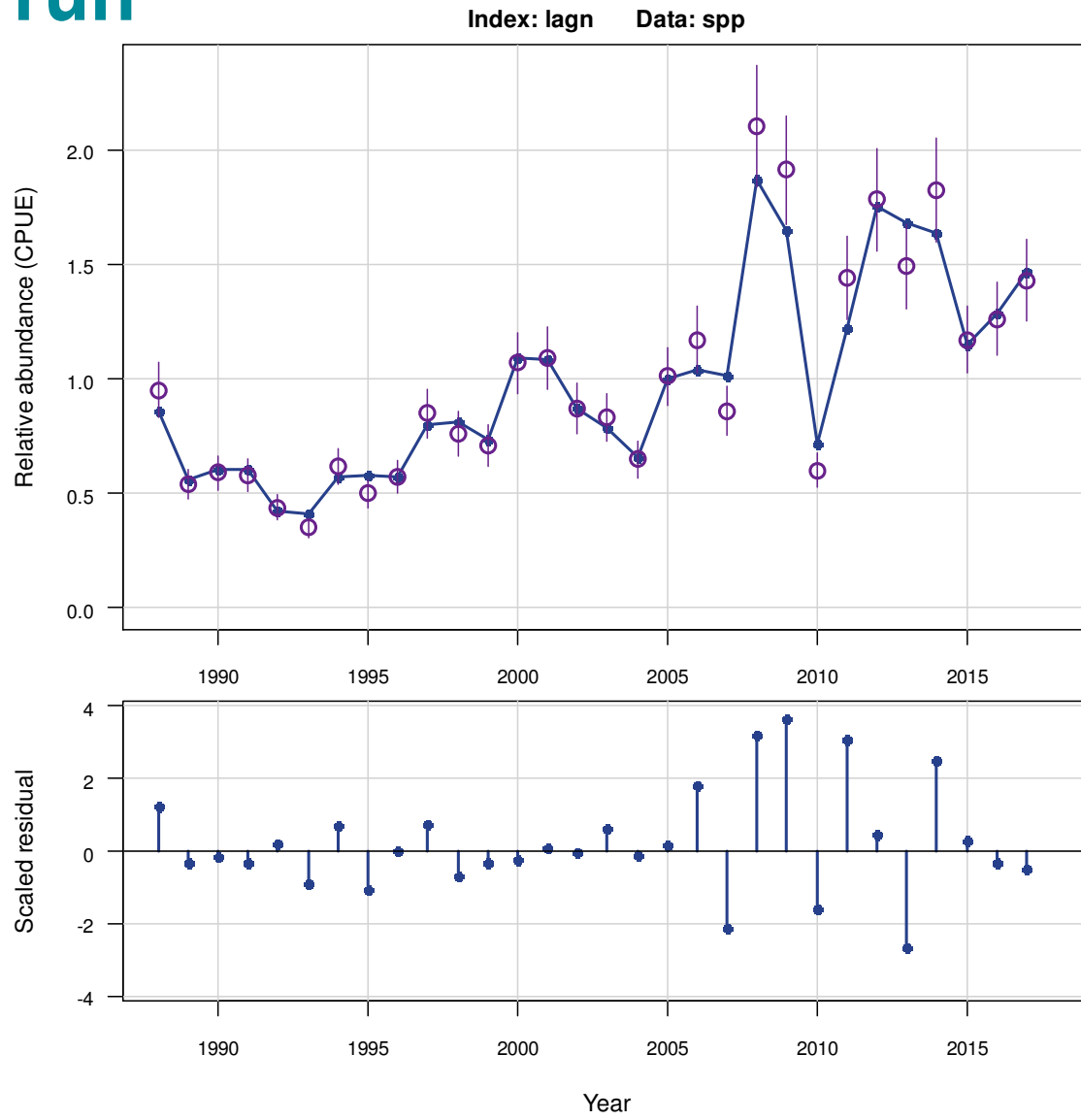
Model structure

- Likelihood distributions
 - Lognormal – indices, landings
 - Dirichlet multinomial – age compositions, length compositions
- Standard deviation of the normalized residuals (SDNR)
 - Upweighted gill net index such that both indices had SDNRs~1.5

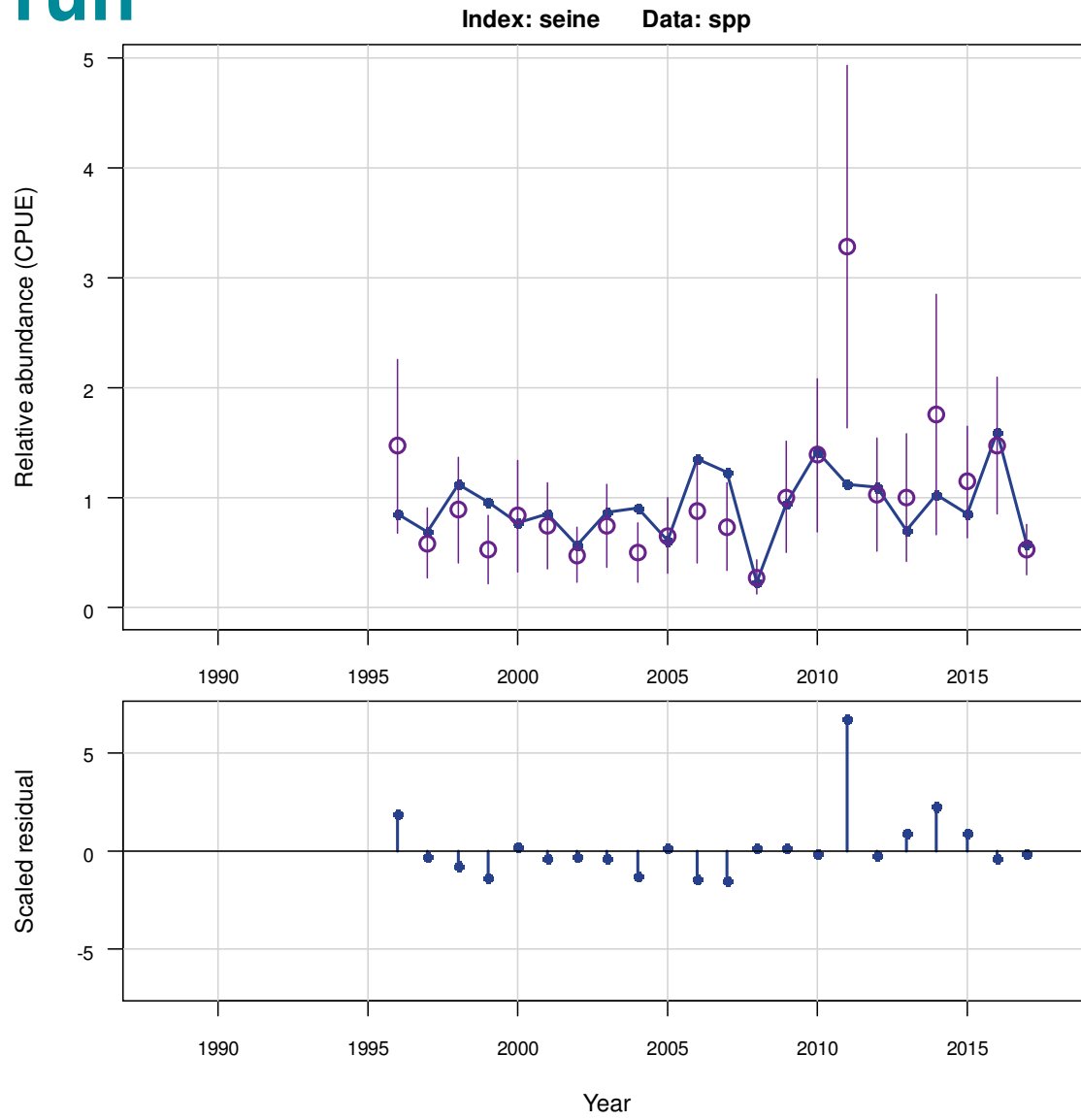
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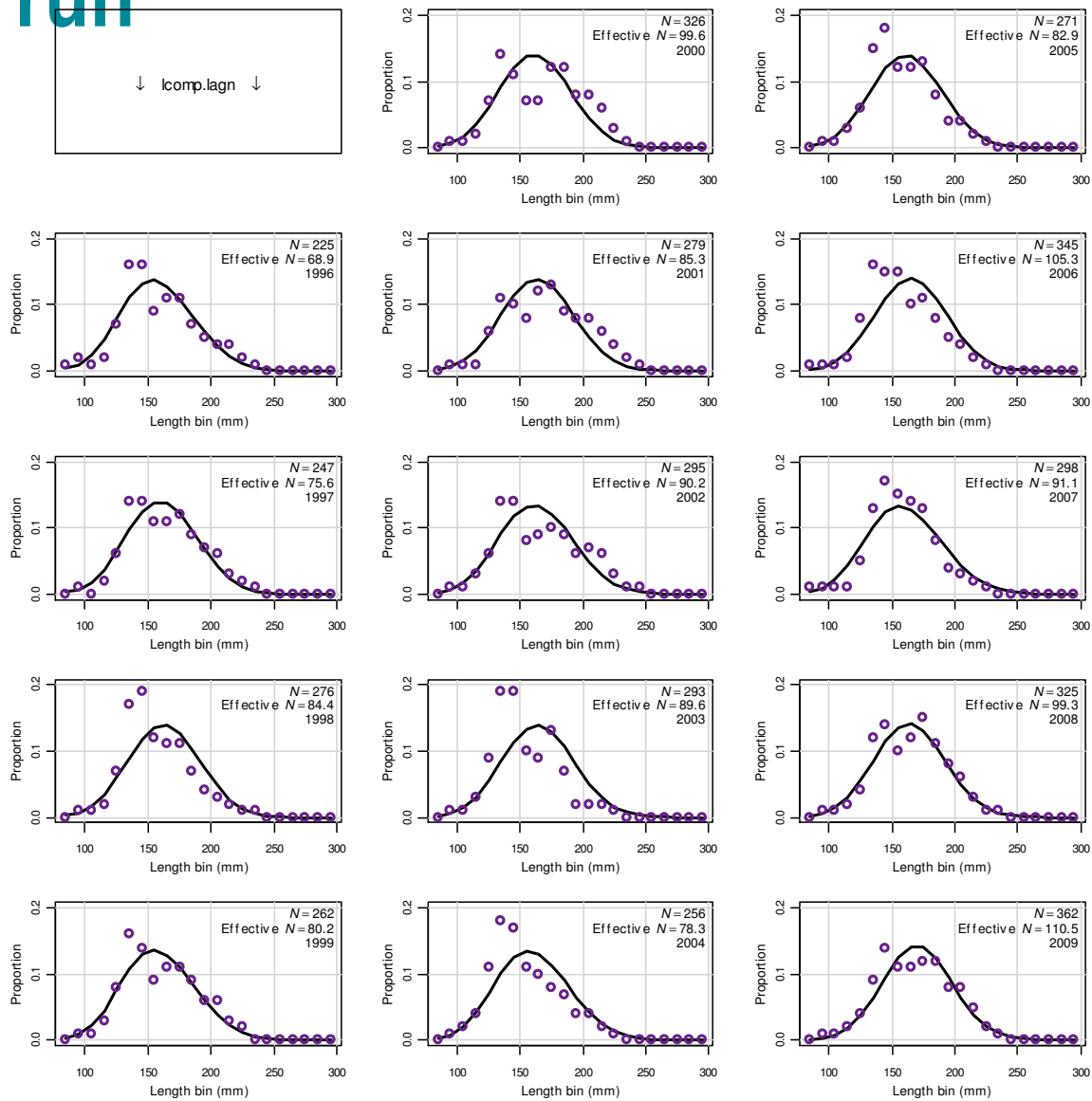


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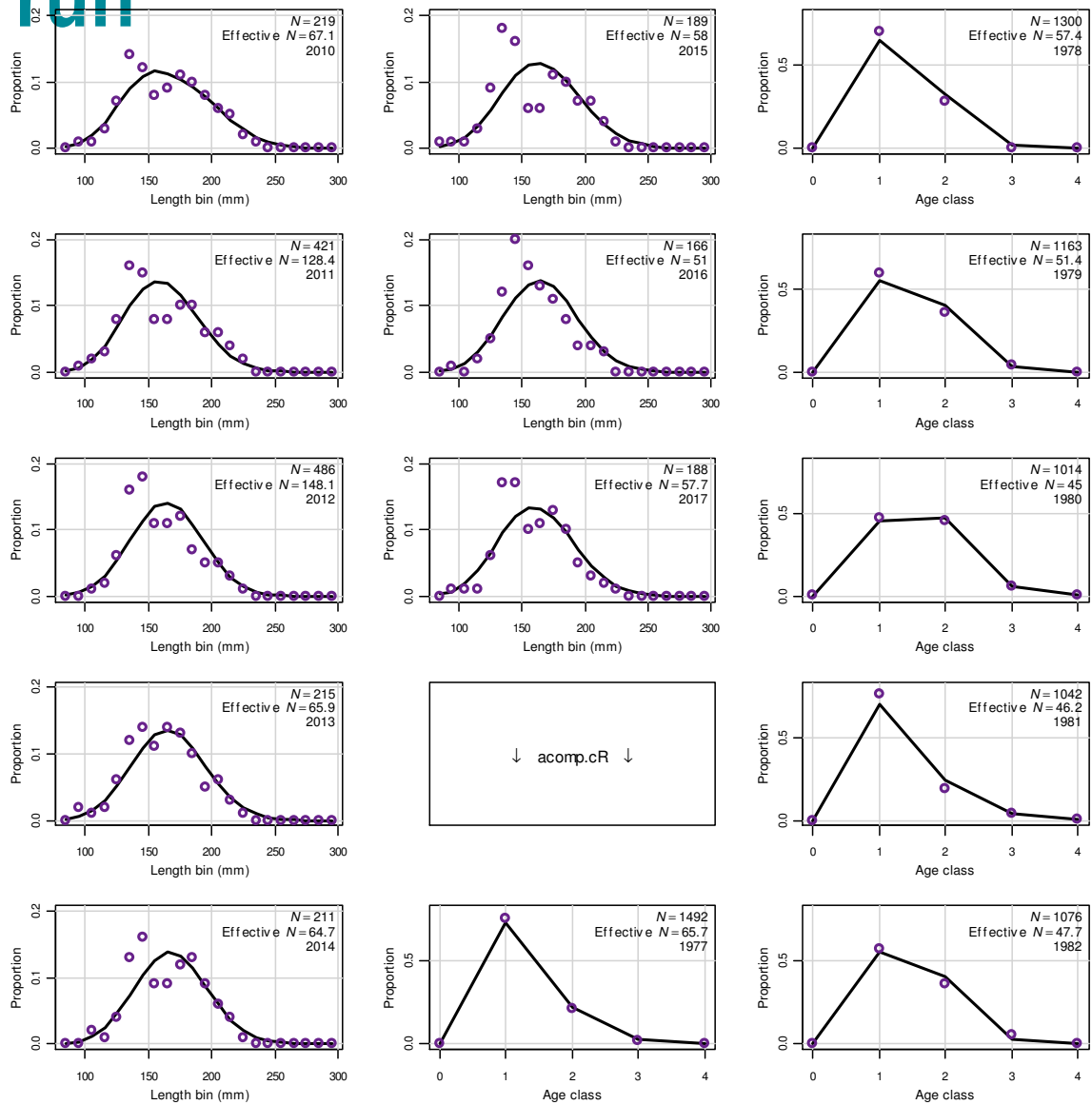


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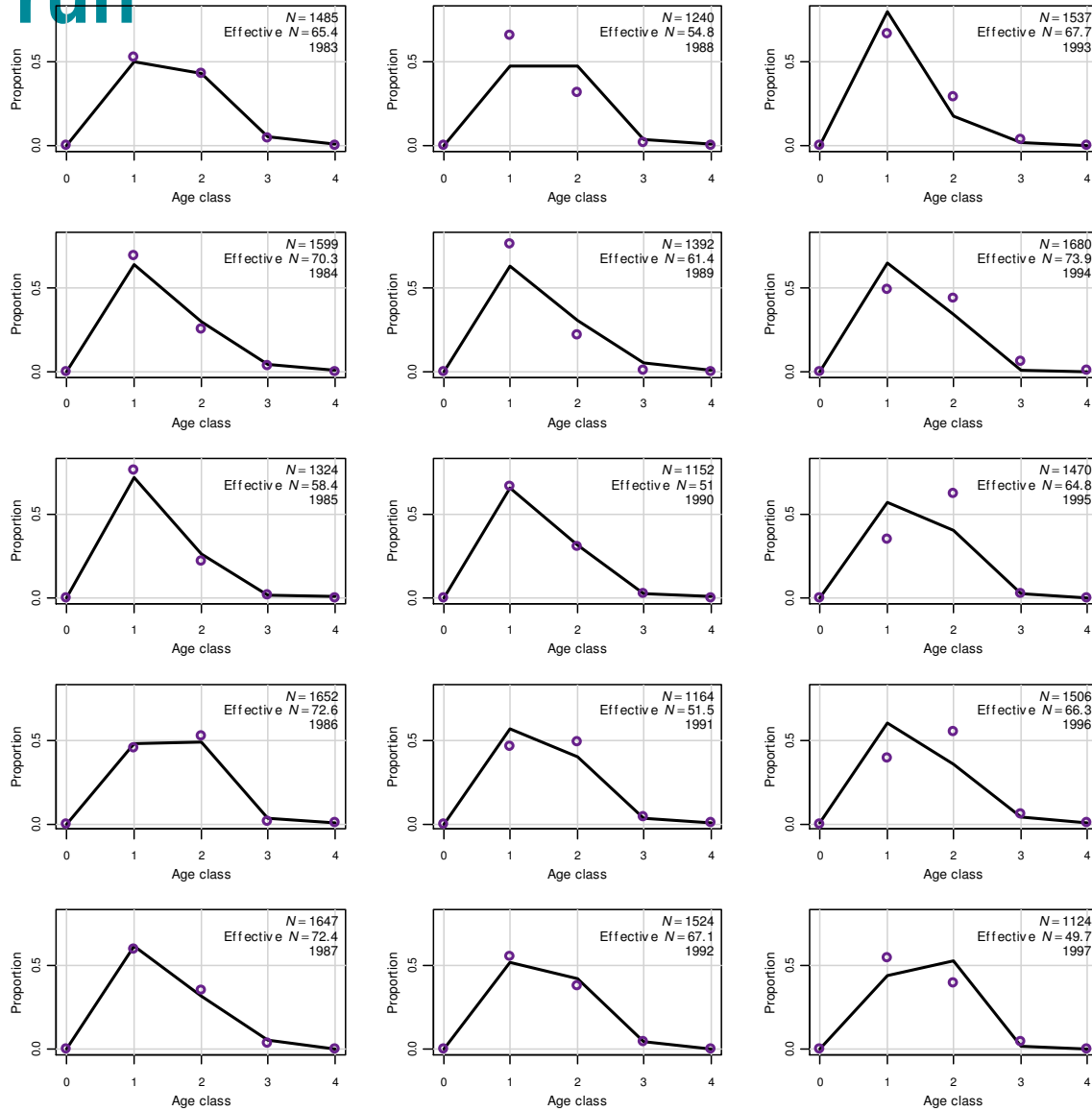
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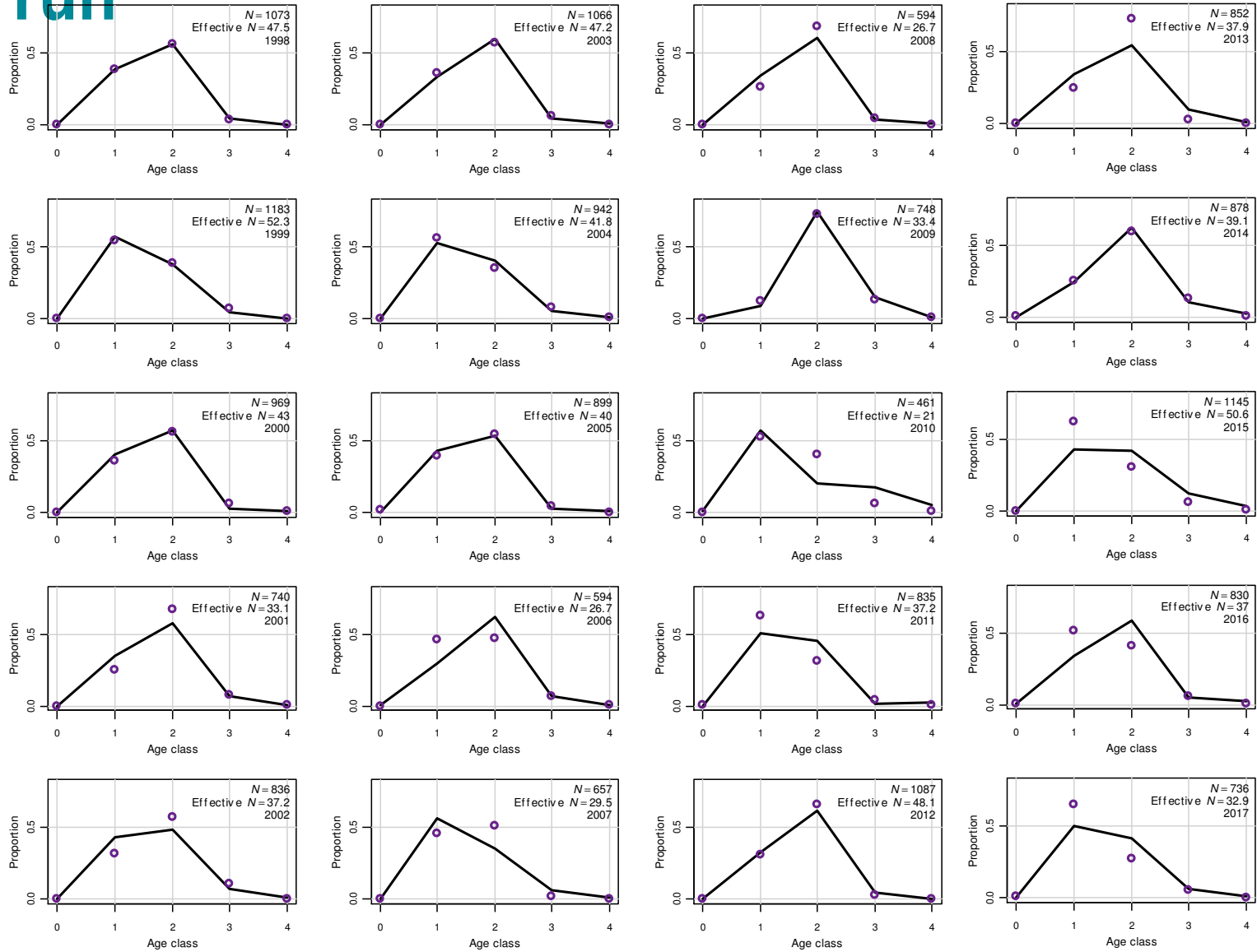
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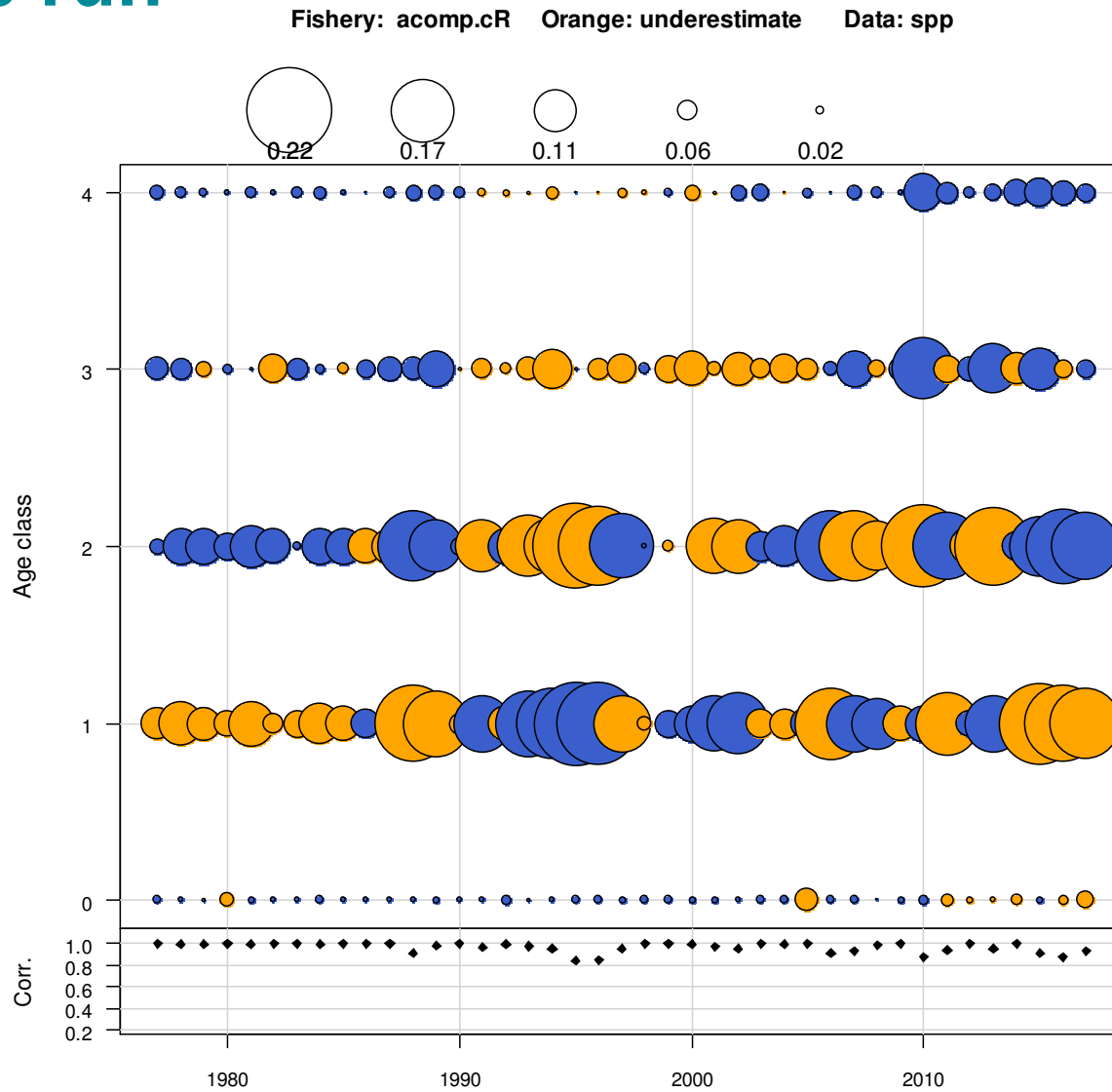
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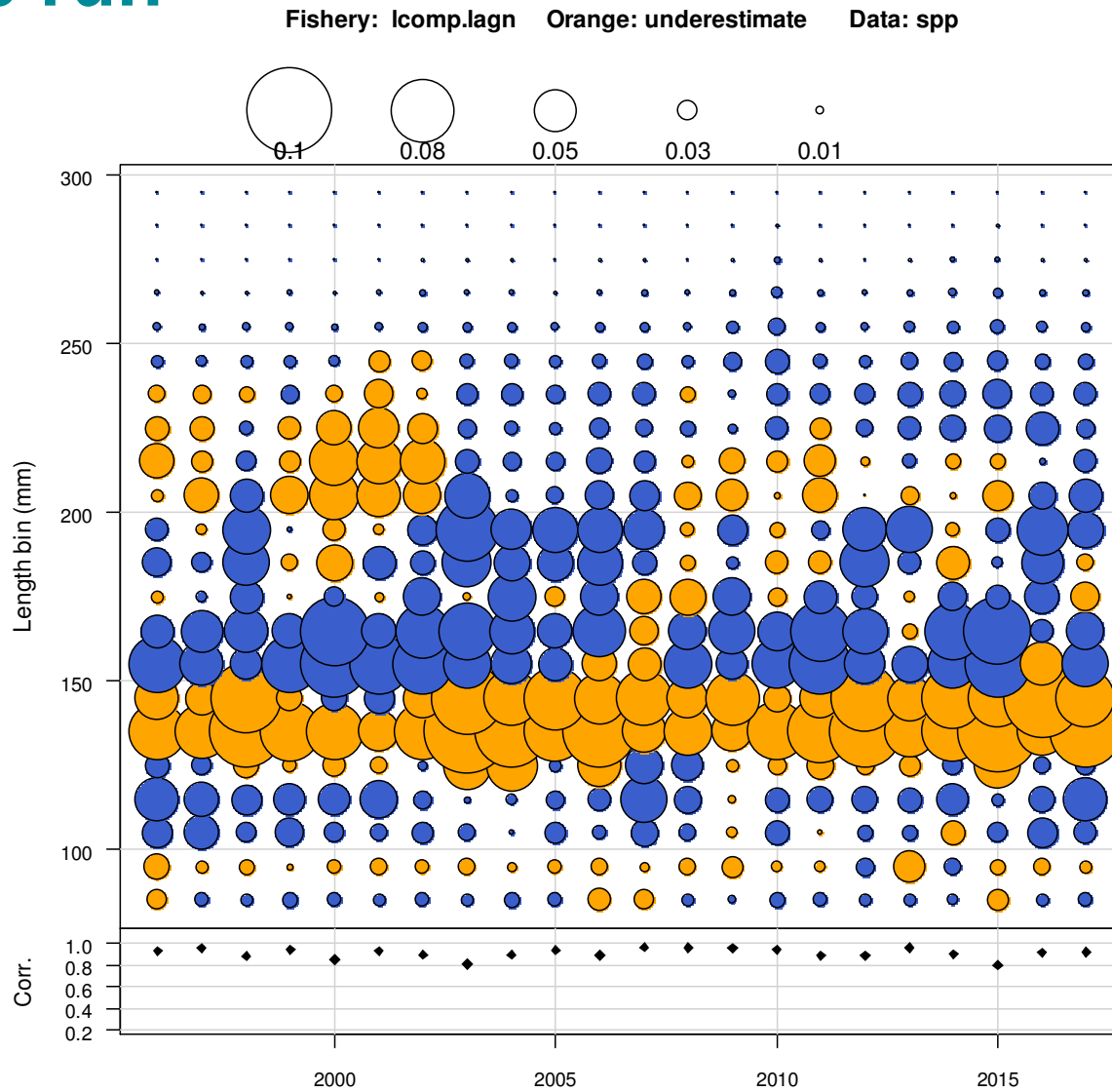
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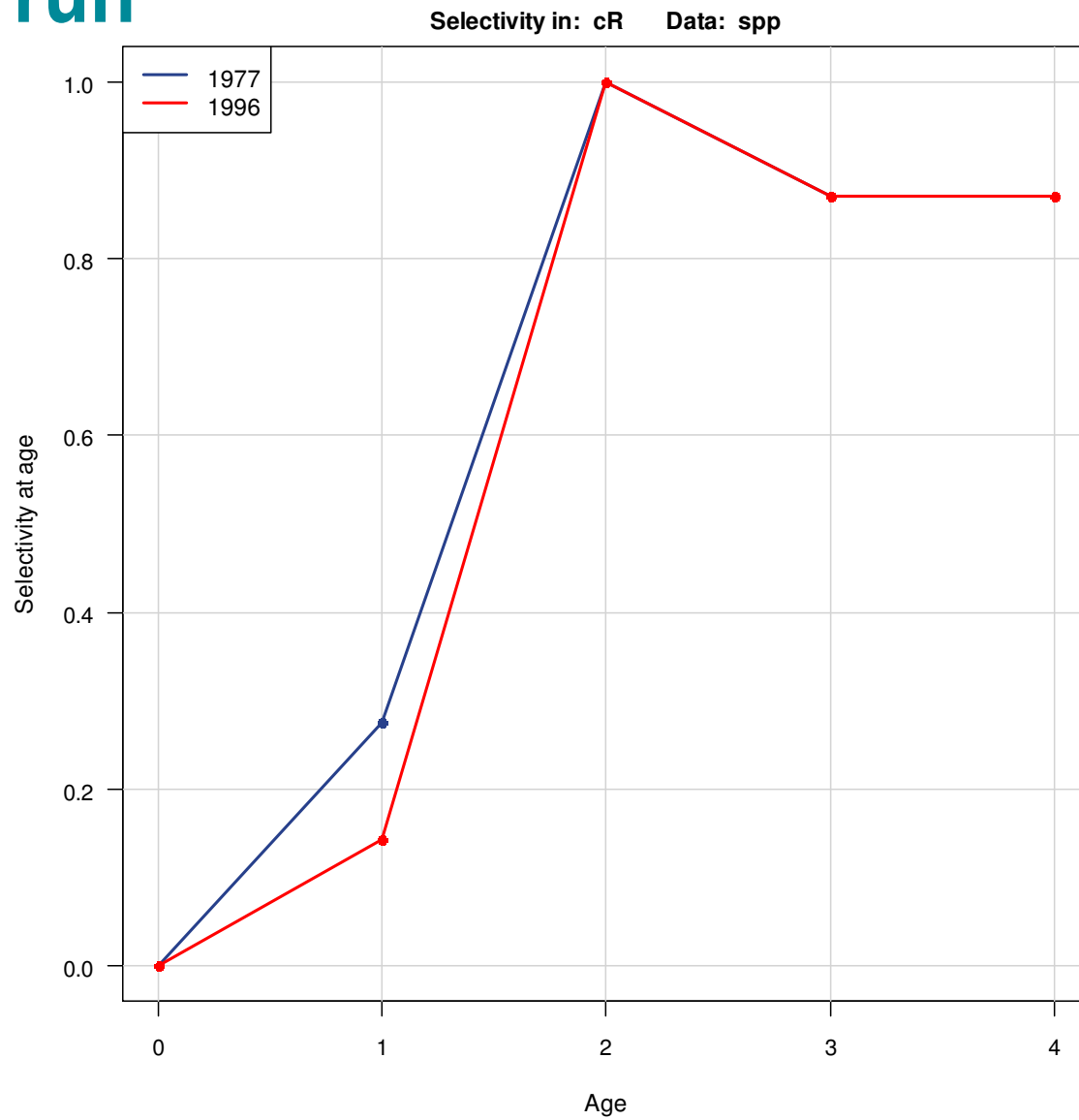
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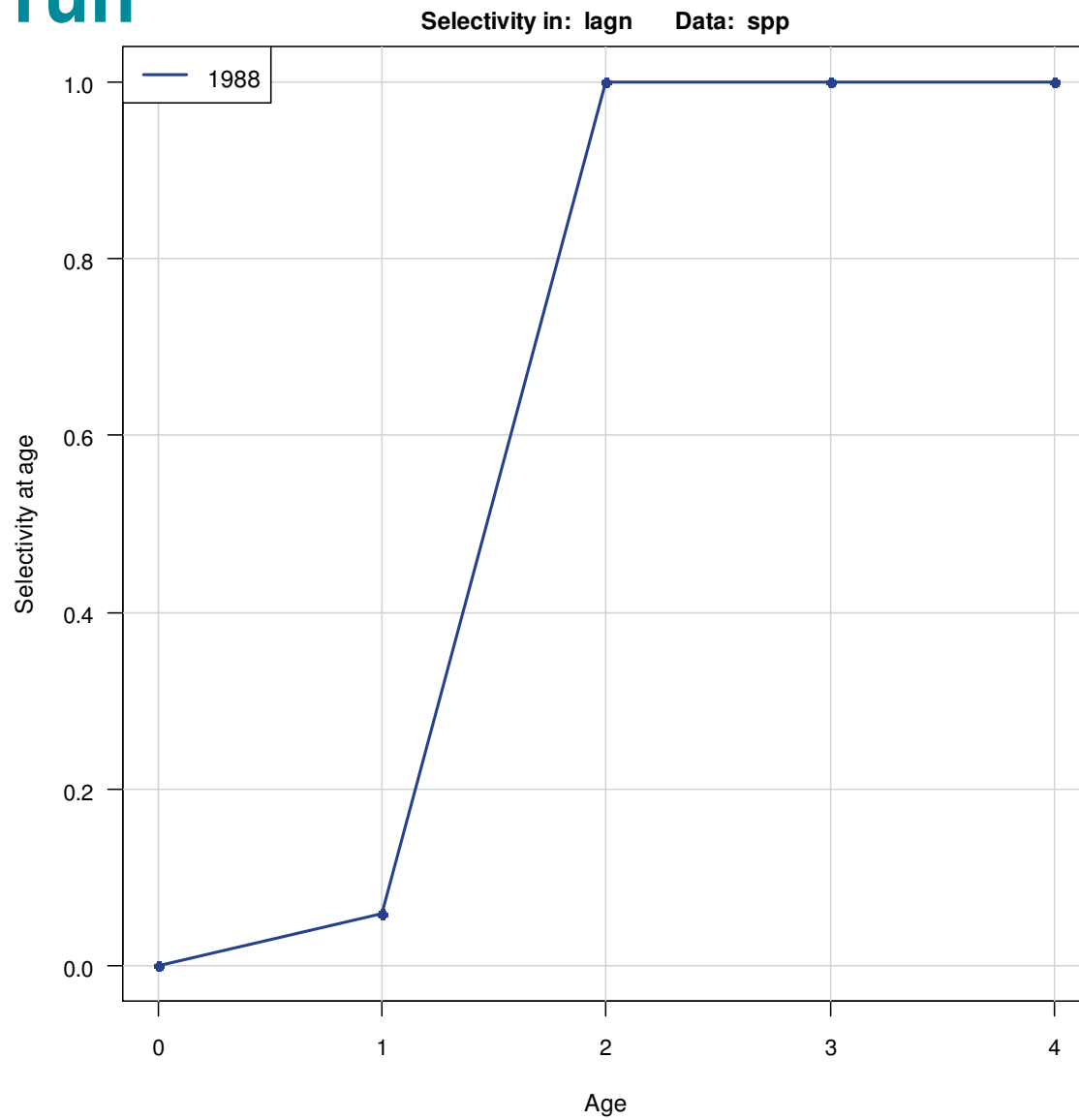
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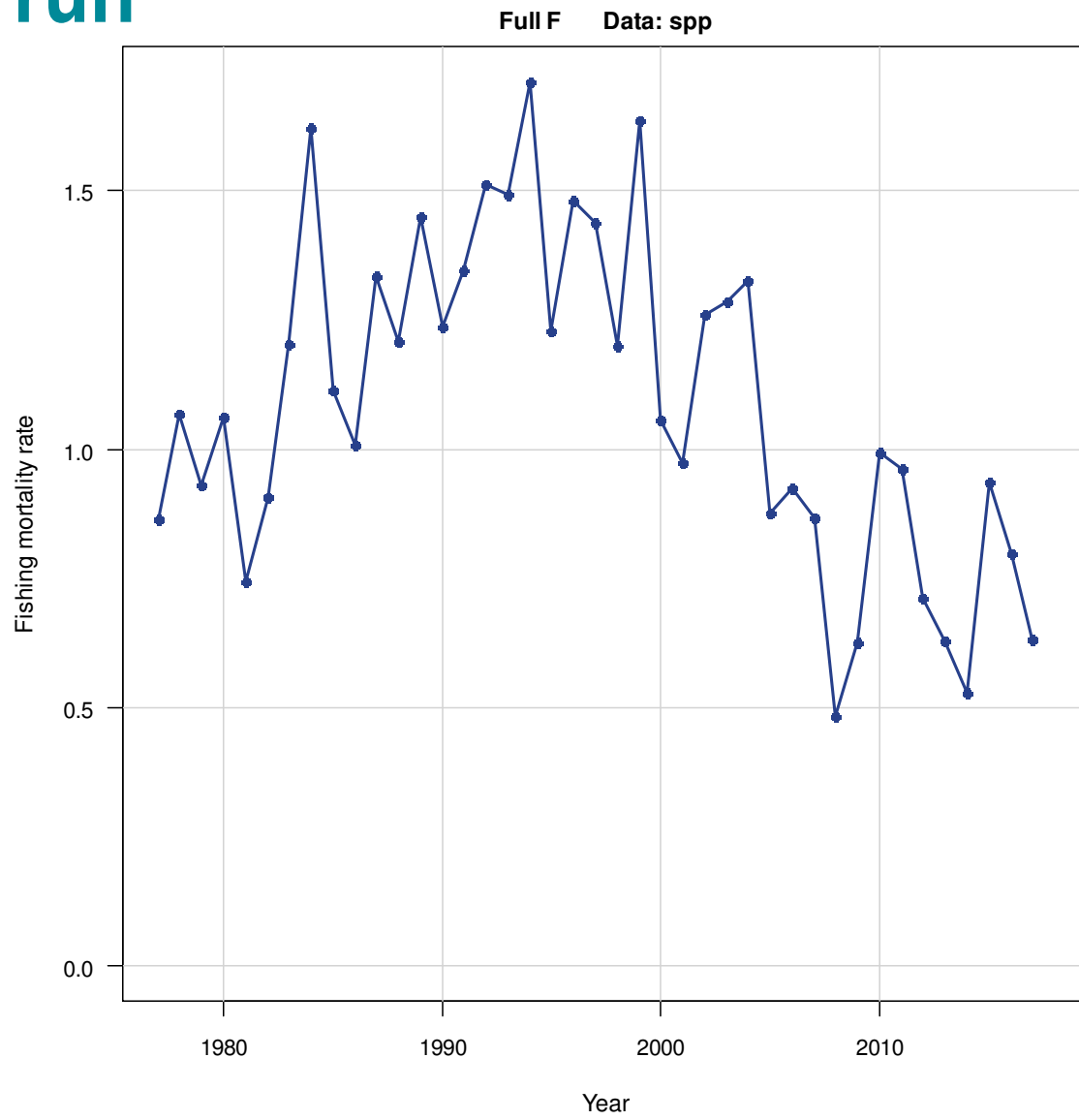
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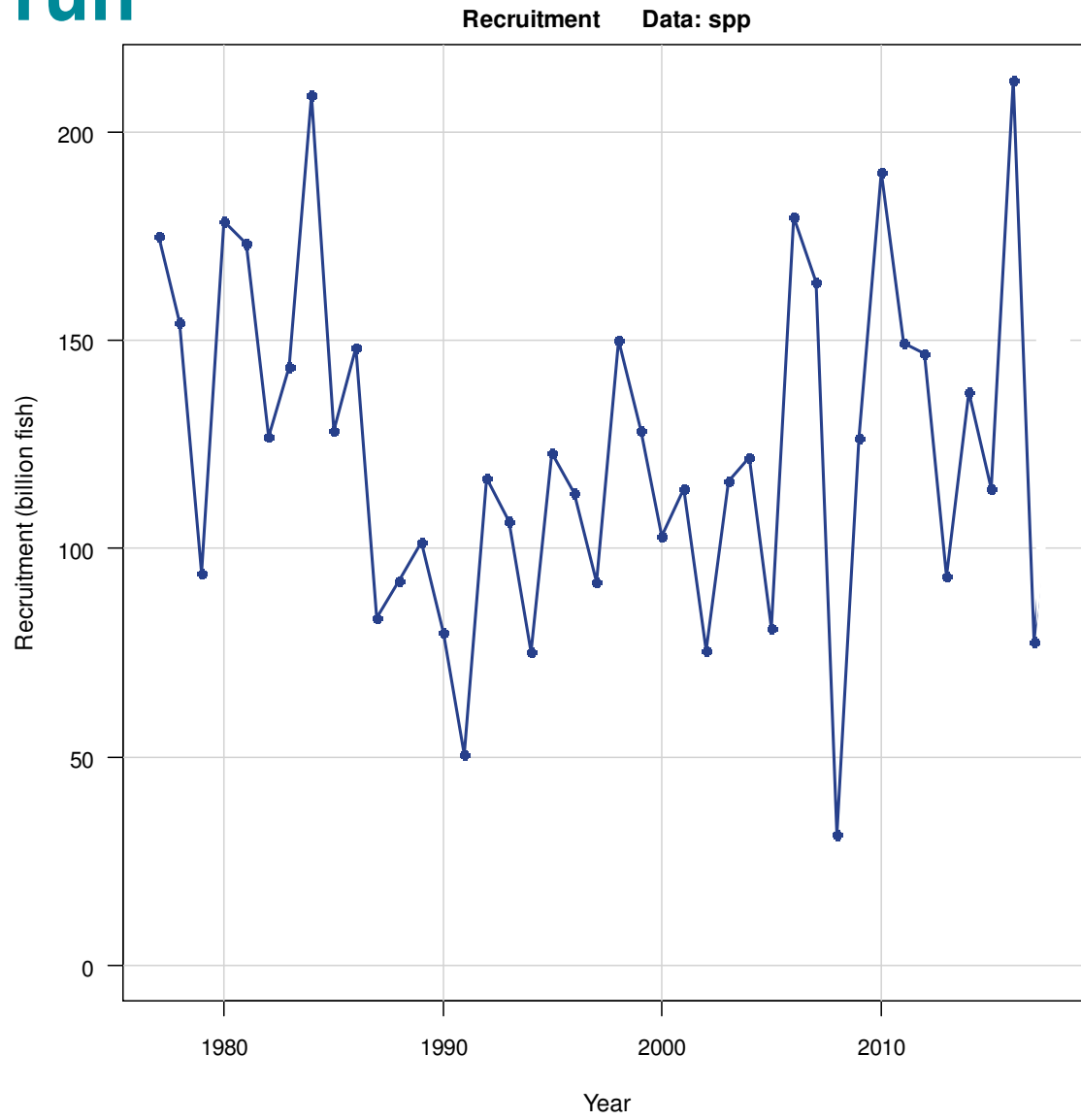
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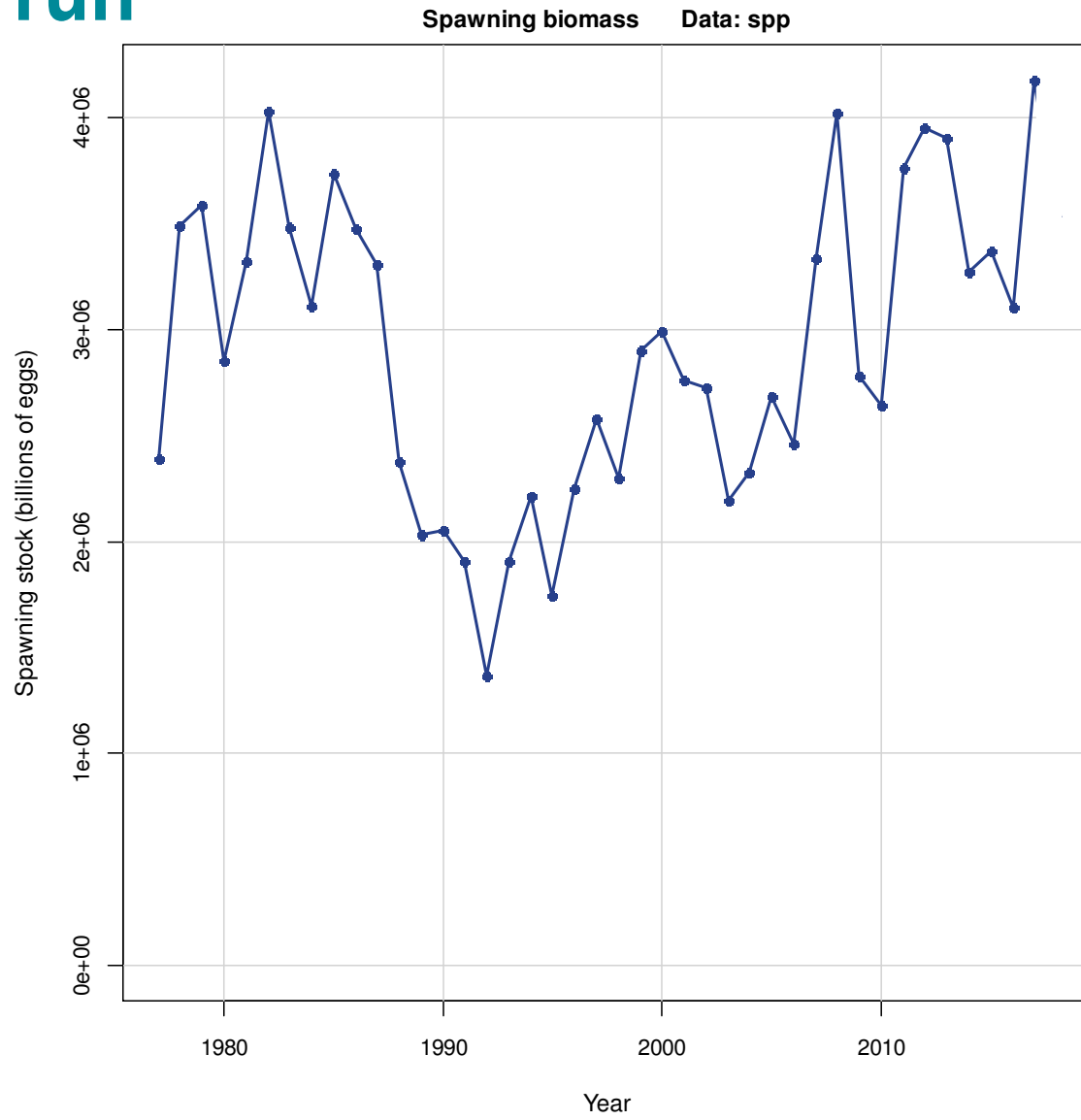
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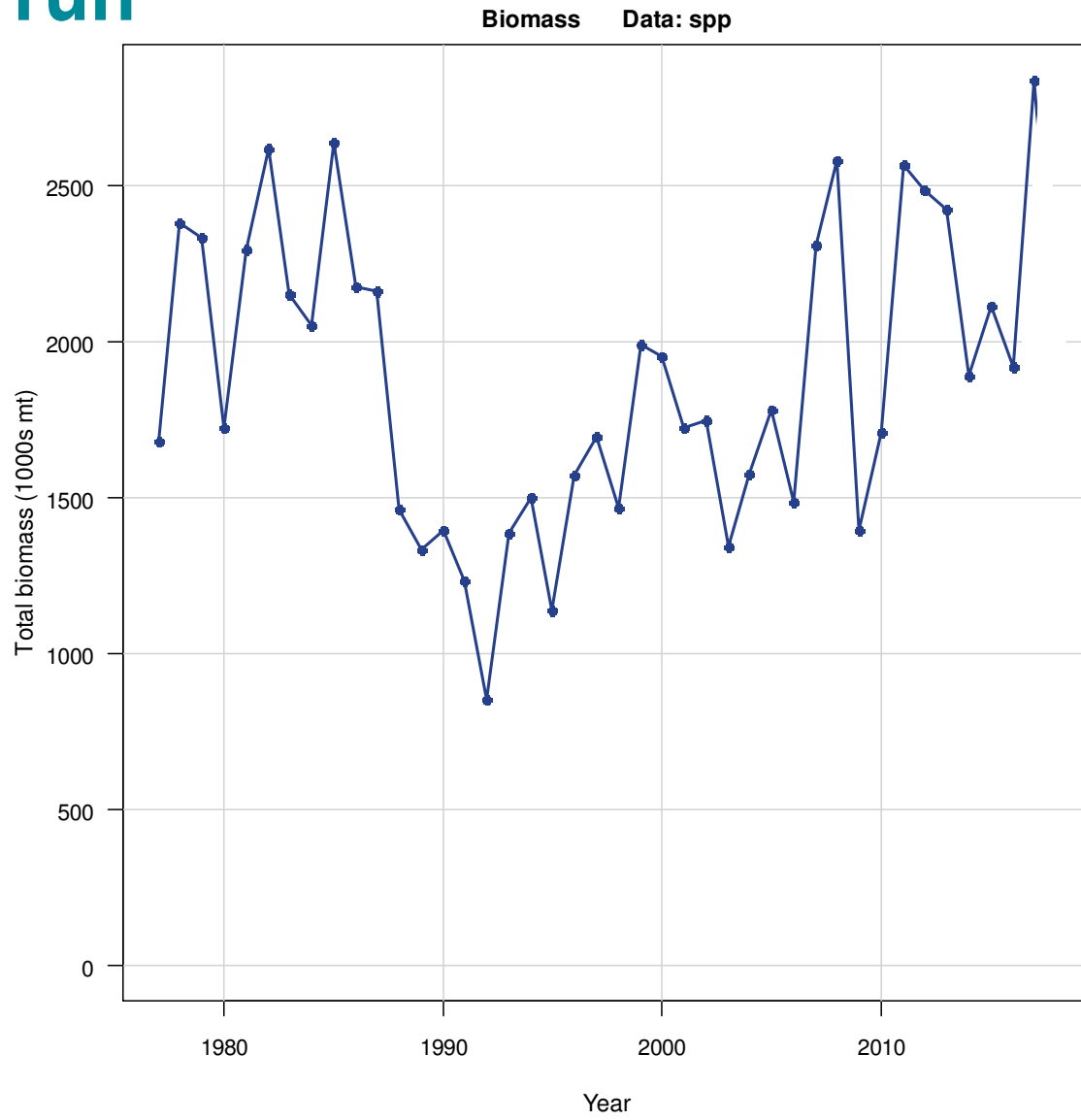
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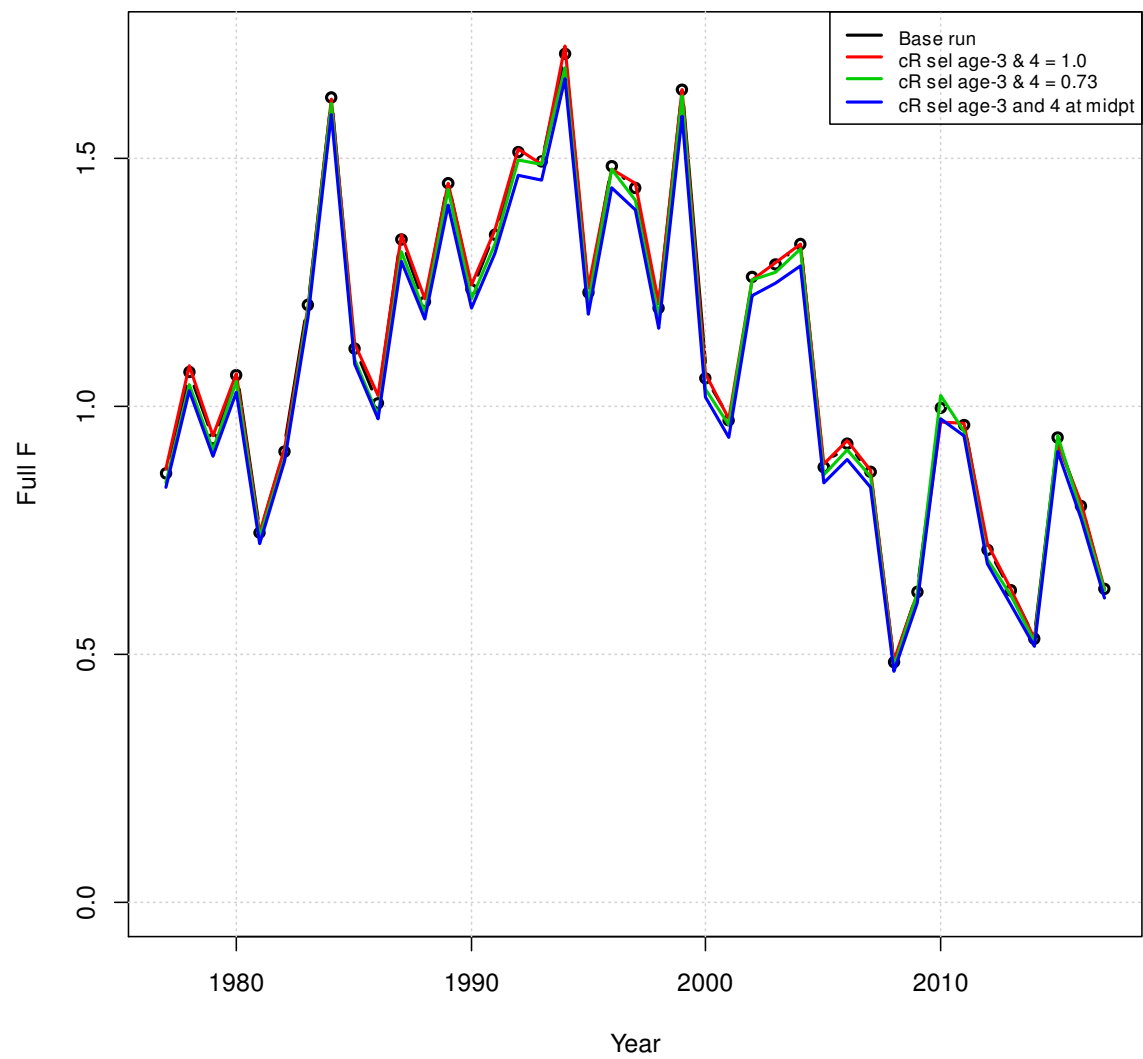


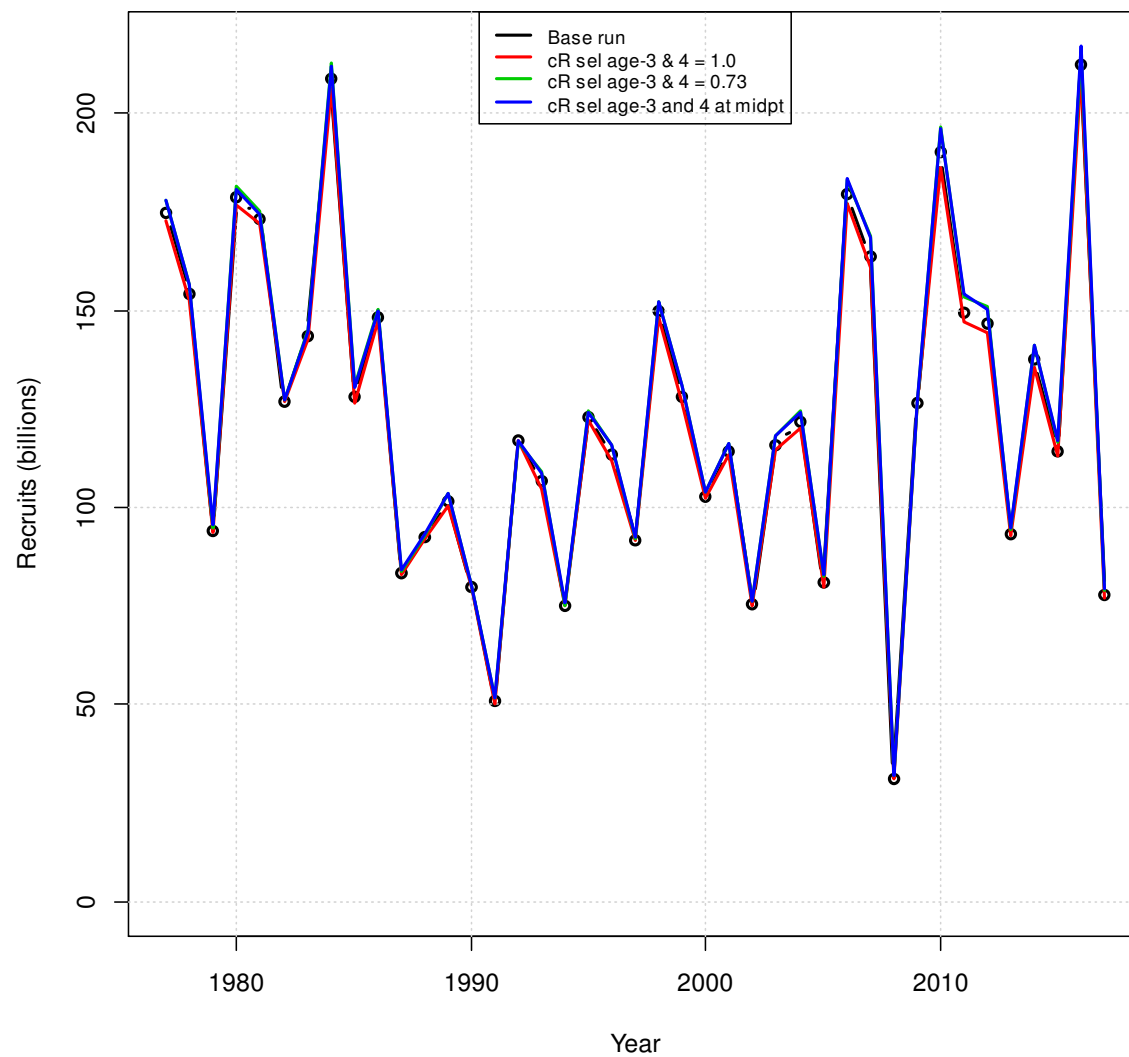
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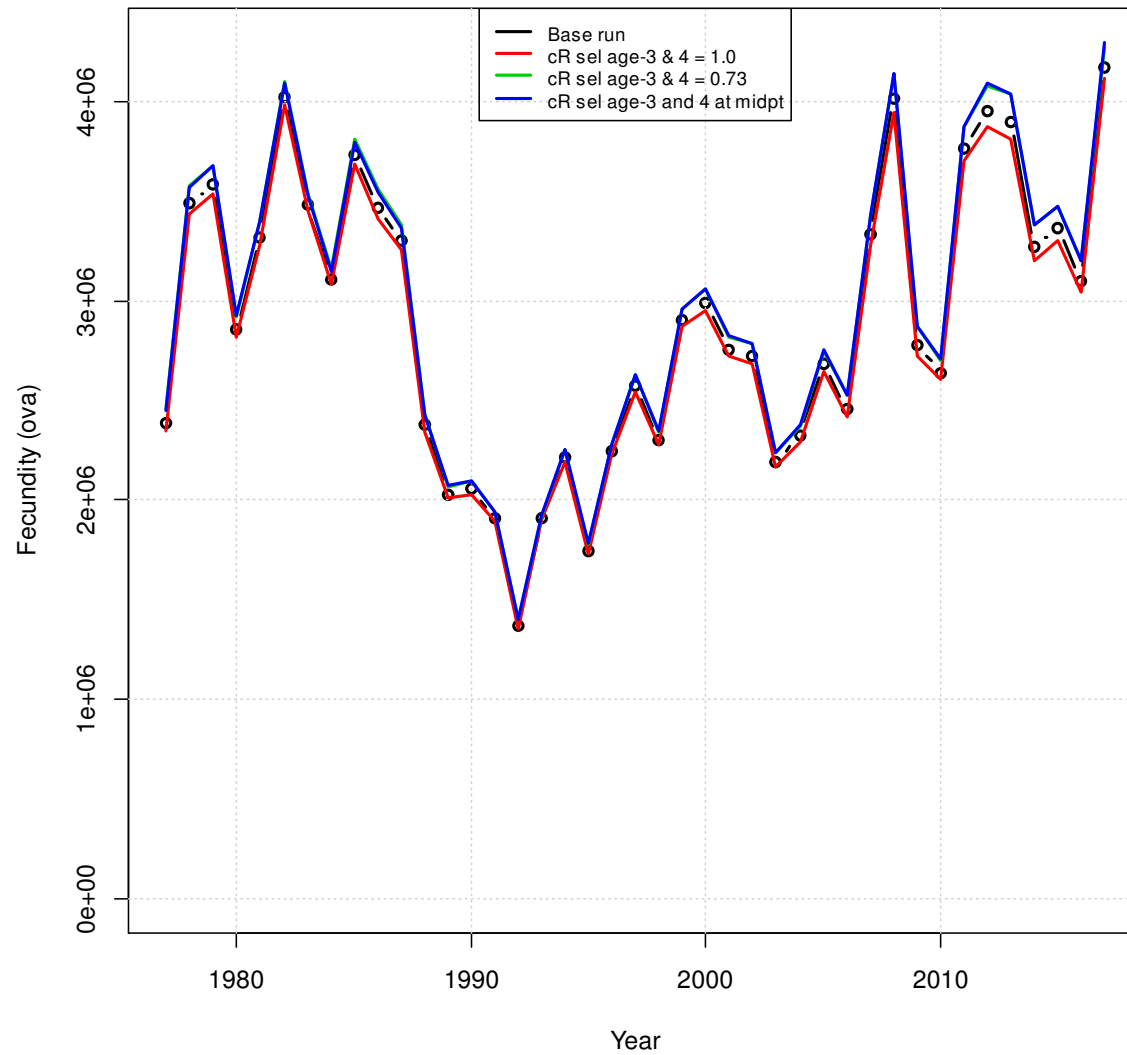
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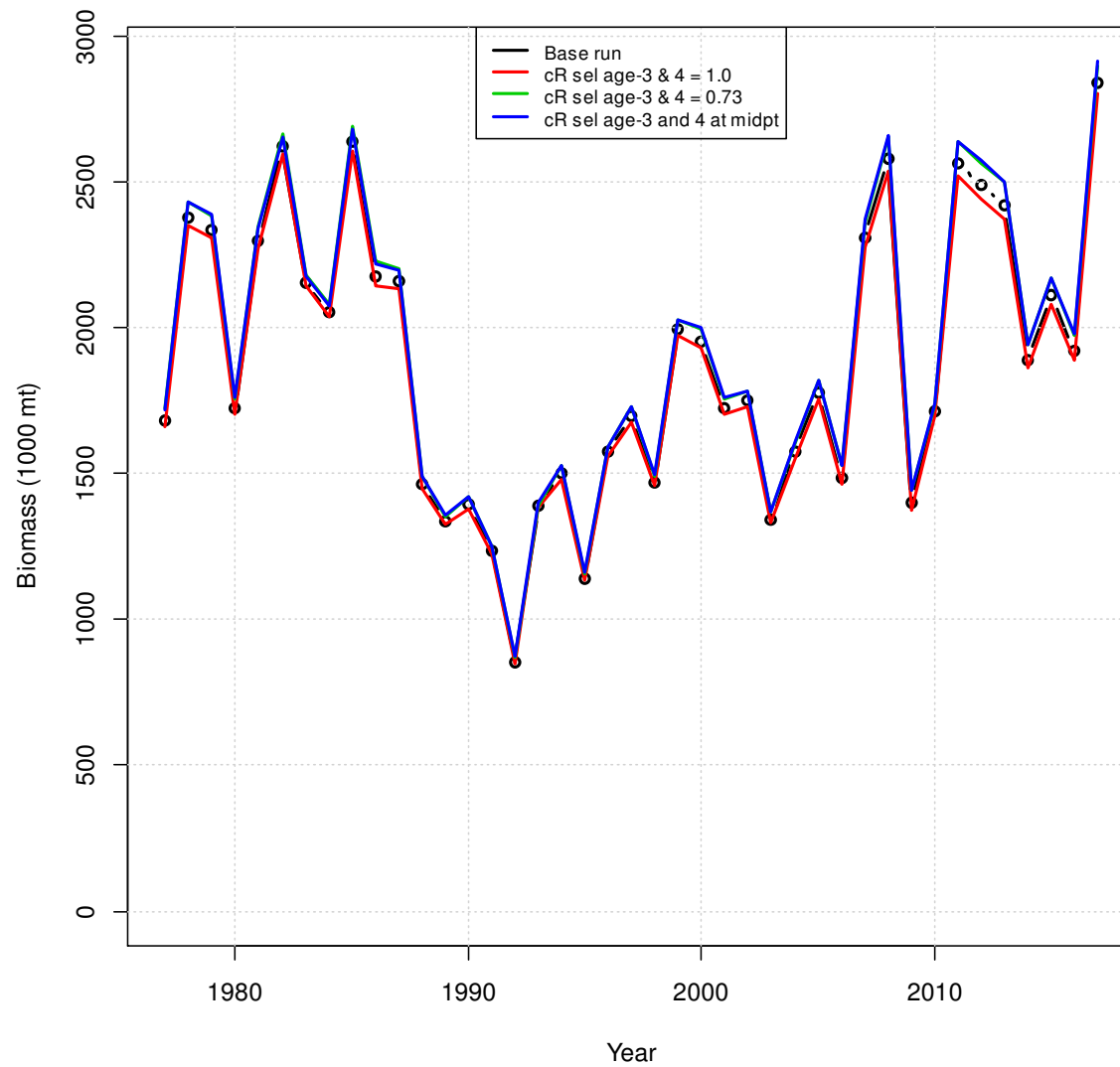
Sensitivity analyses

- Selectivity of cR
 - Flat topped (age-3 and -4 set to 1.0)
 - Age-3 and -4 set at 0.73 (based on like prof)
 - Age-3 and -4 each at the midpoint of the likelihood prof



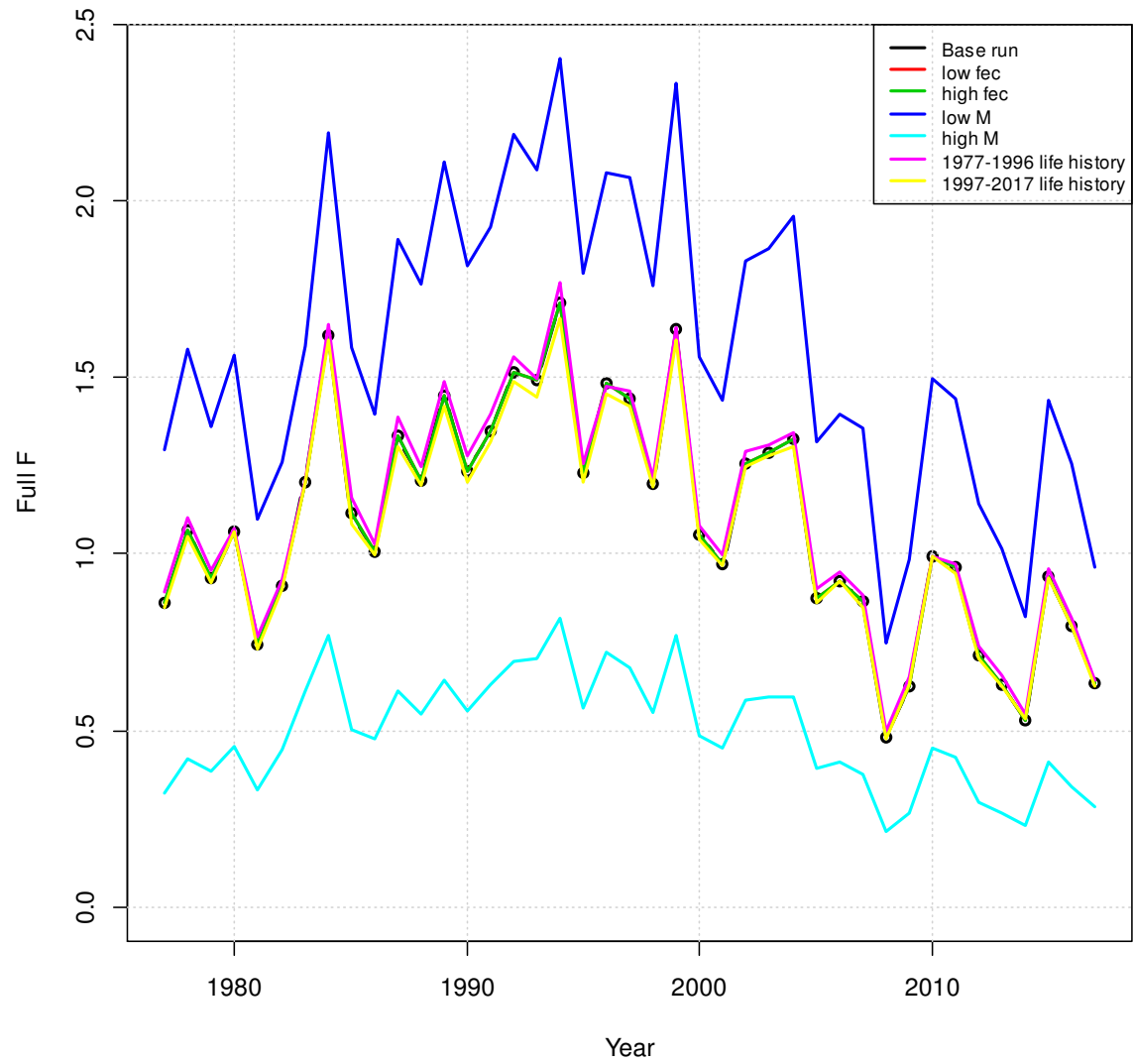


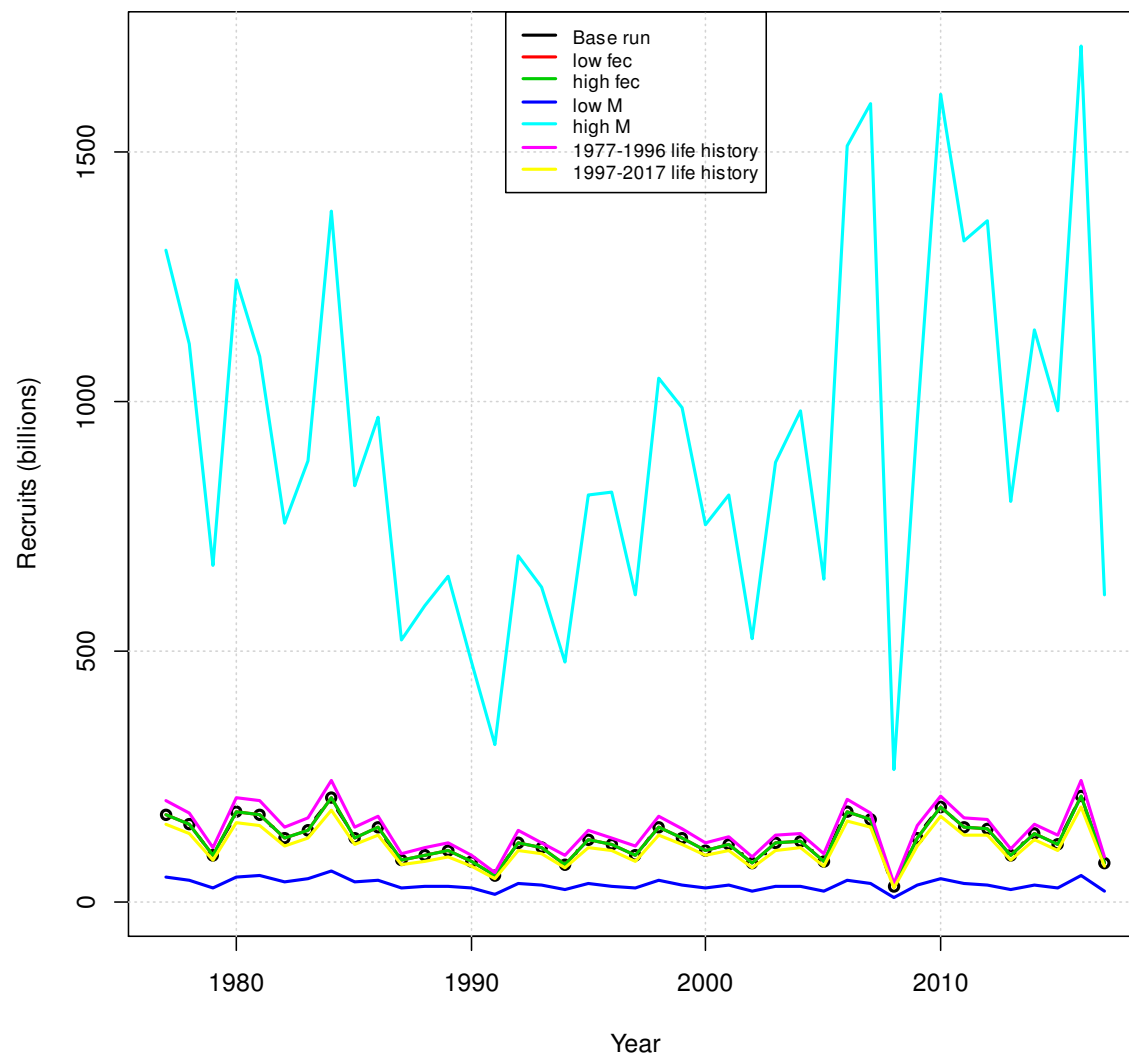


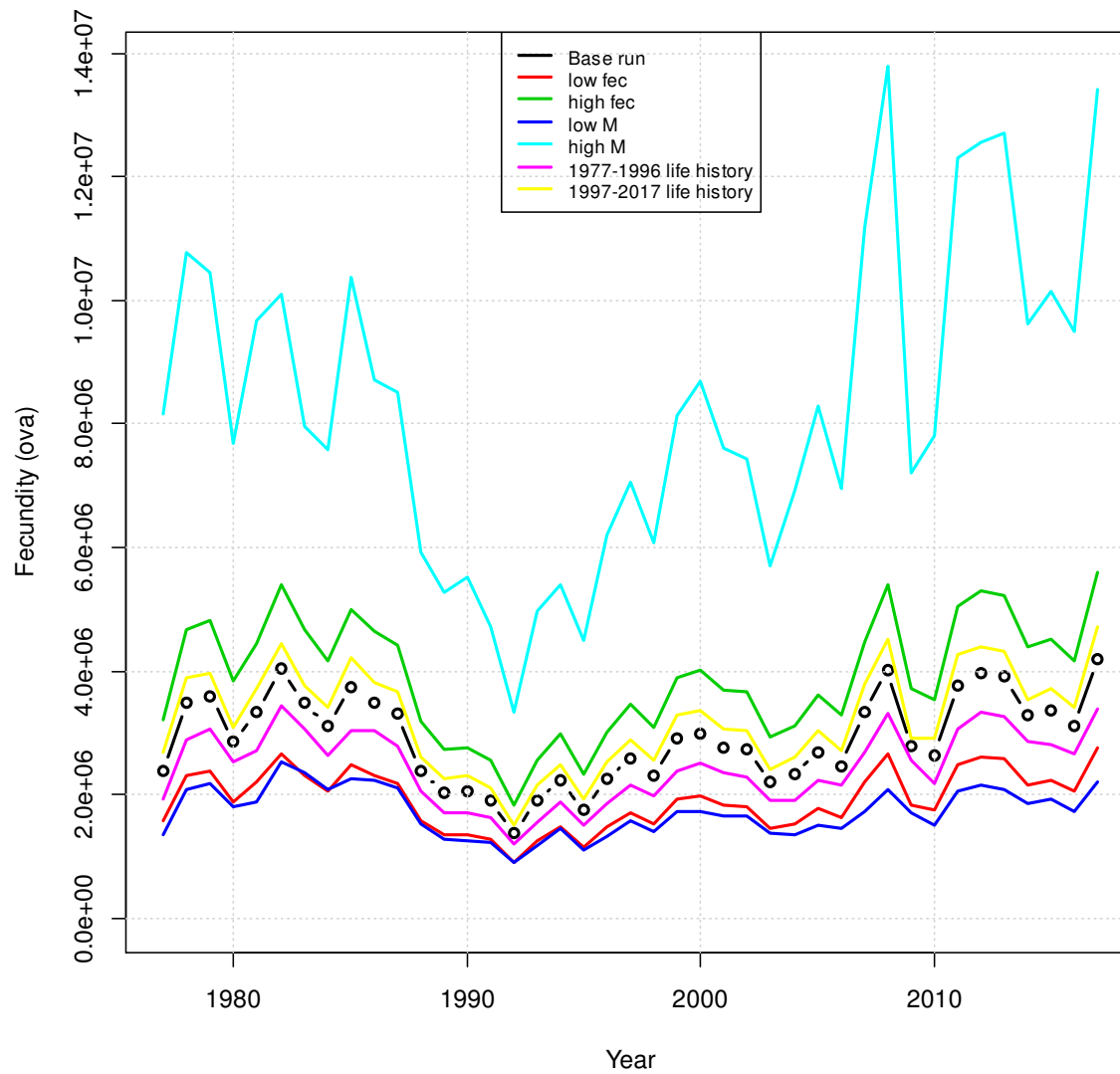


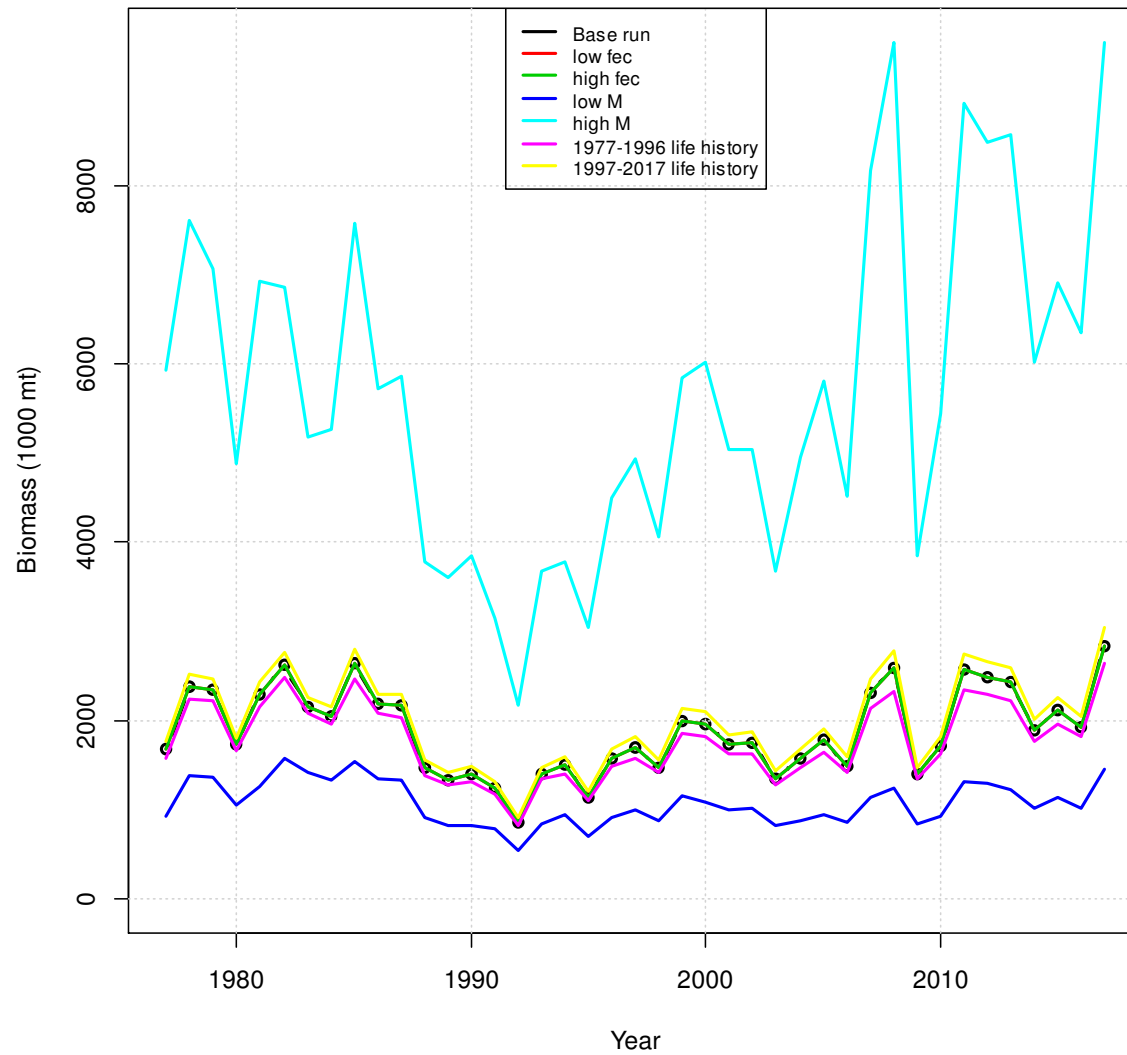
Sensitivity analyses

- Low and high fecundity vectors
- Low and high M
- Life history
 - 1977-1996 growth cover 1977-2107 years
 - 1997-2017 growth cover 1977-2017 years



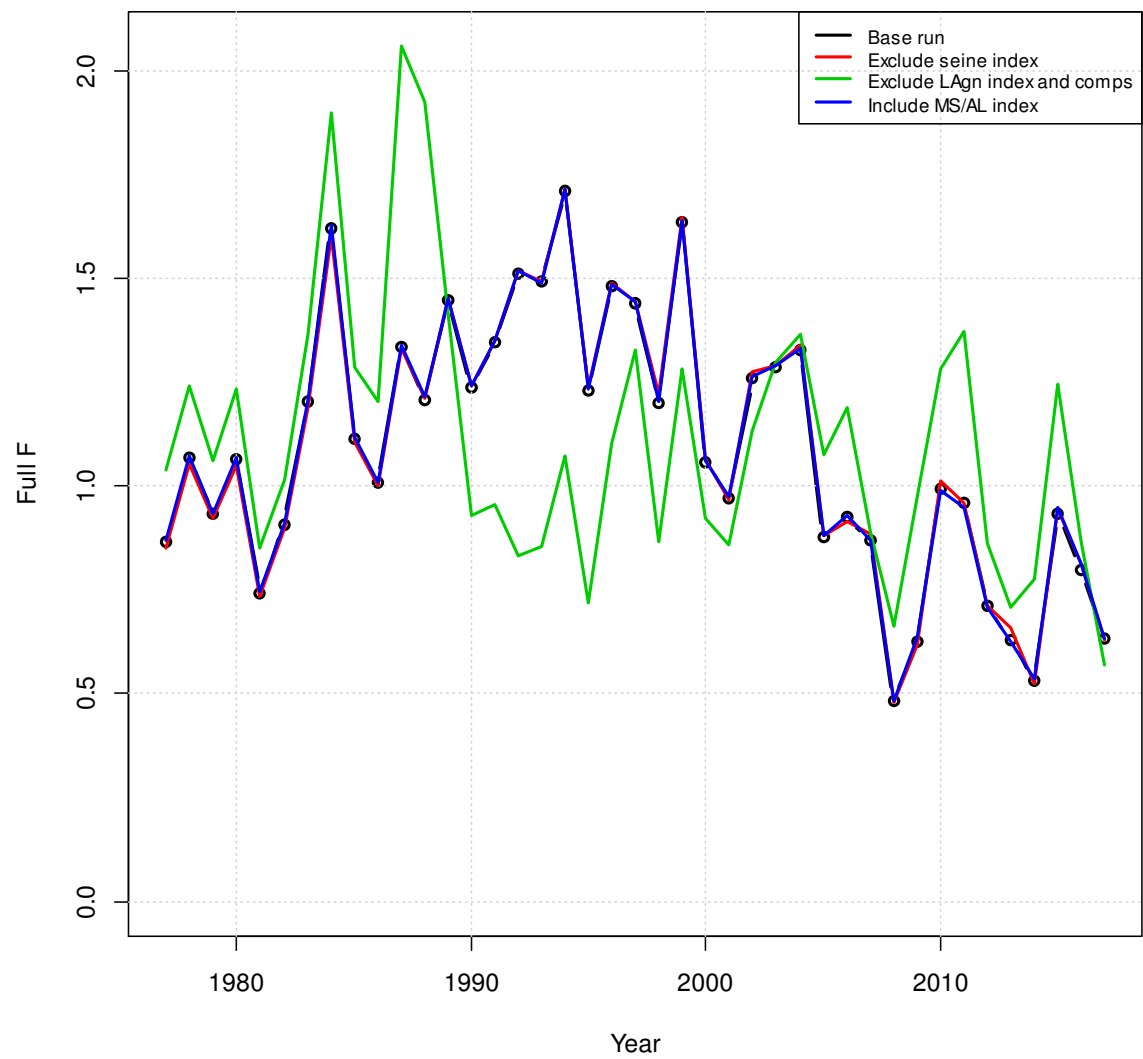


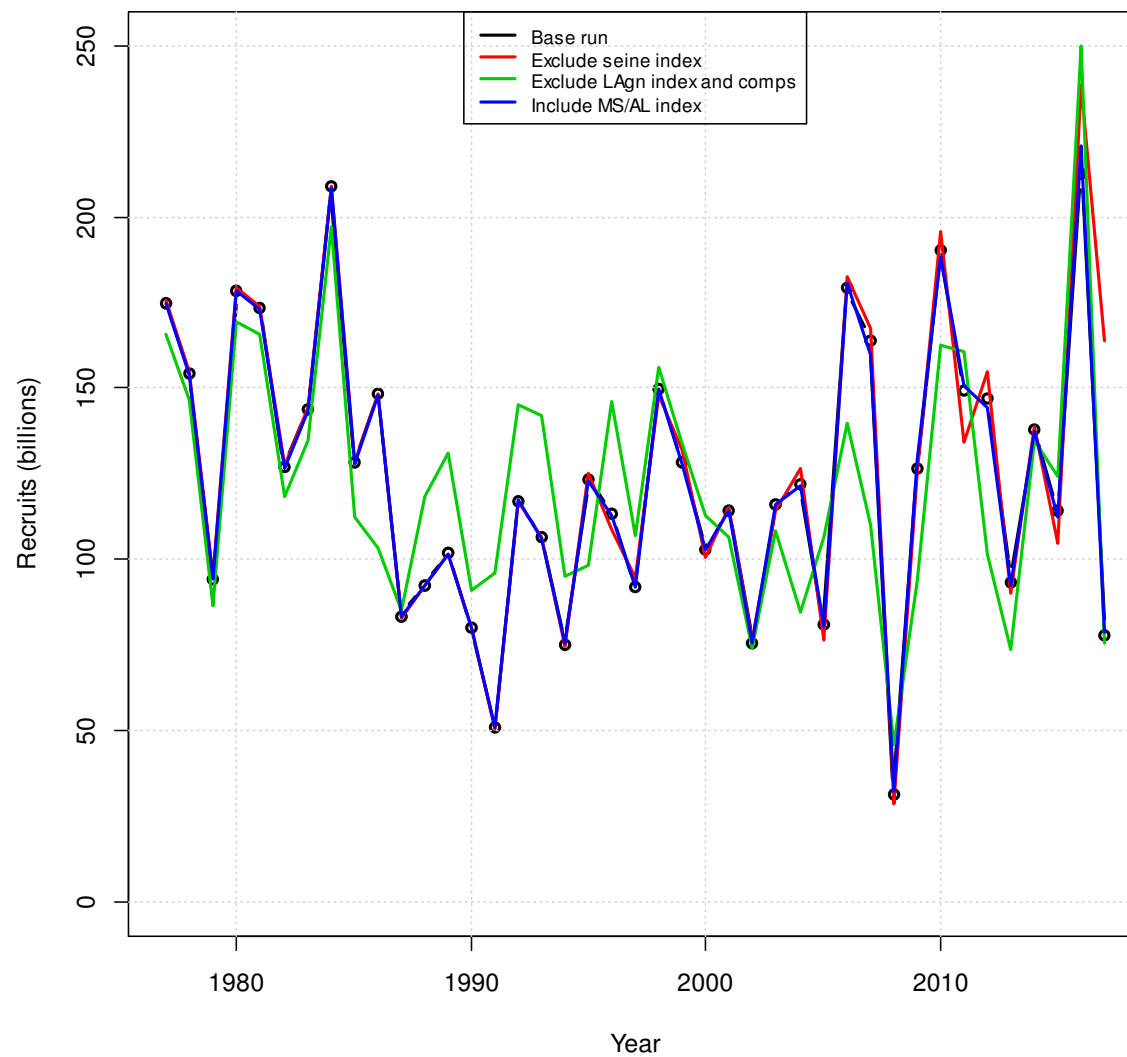


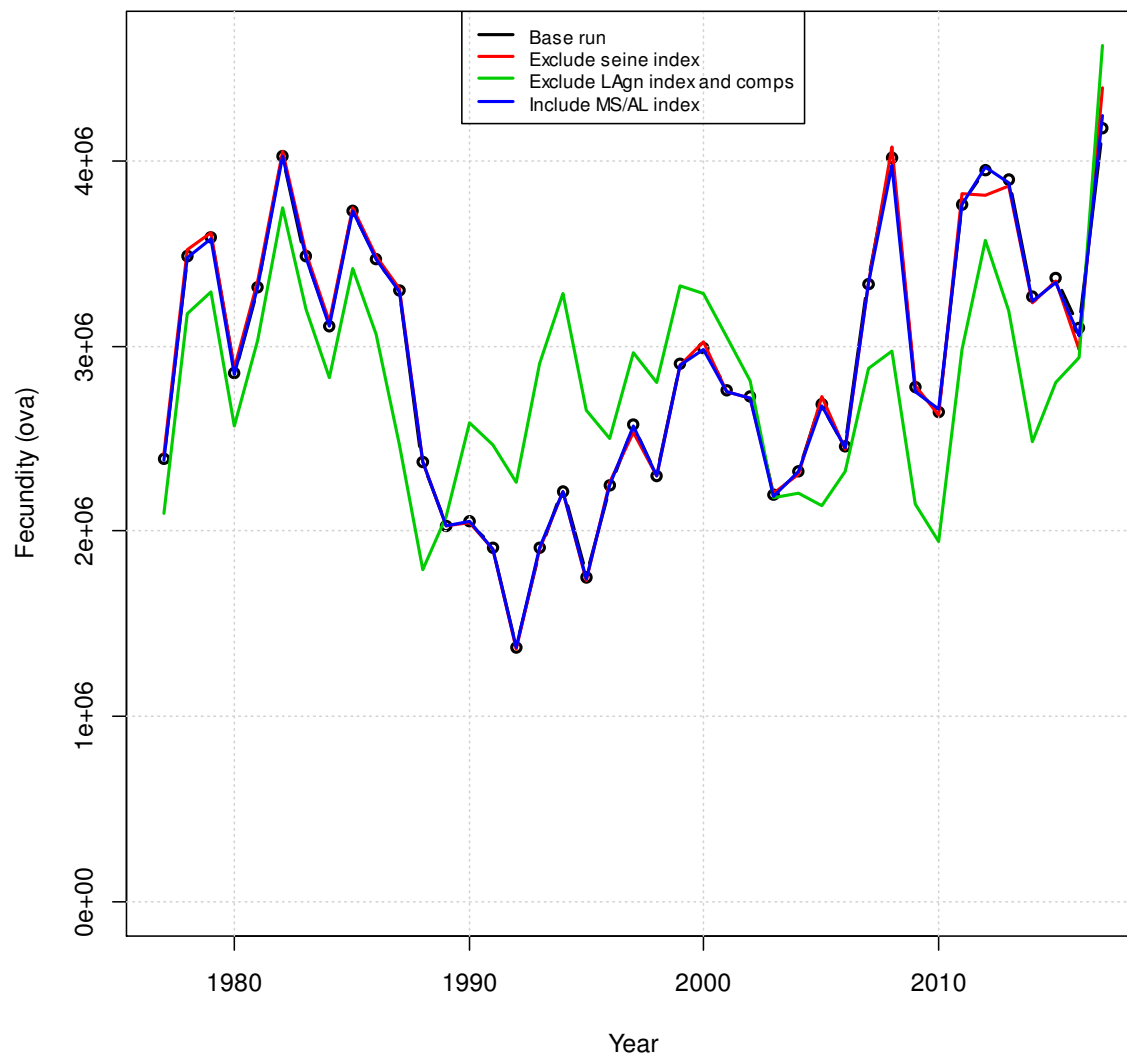


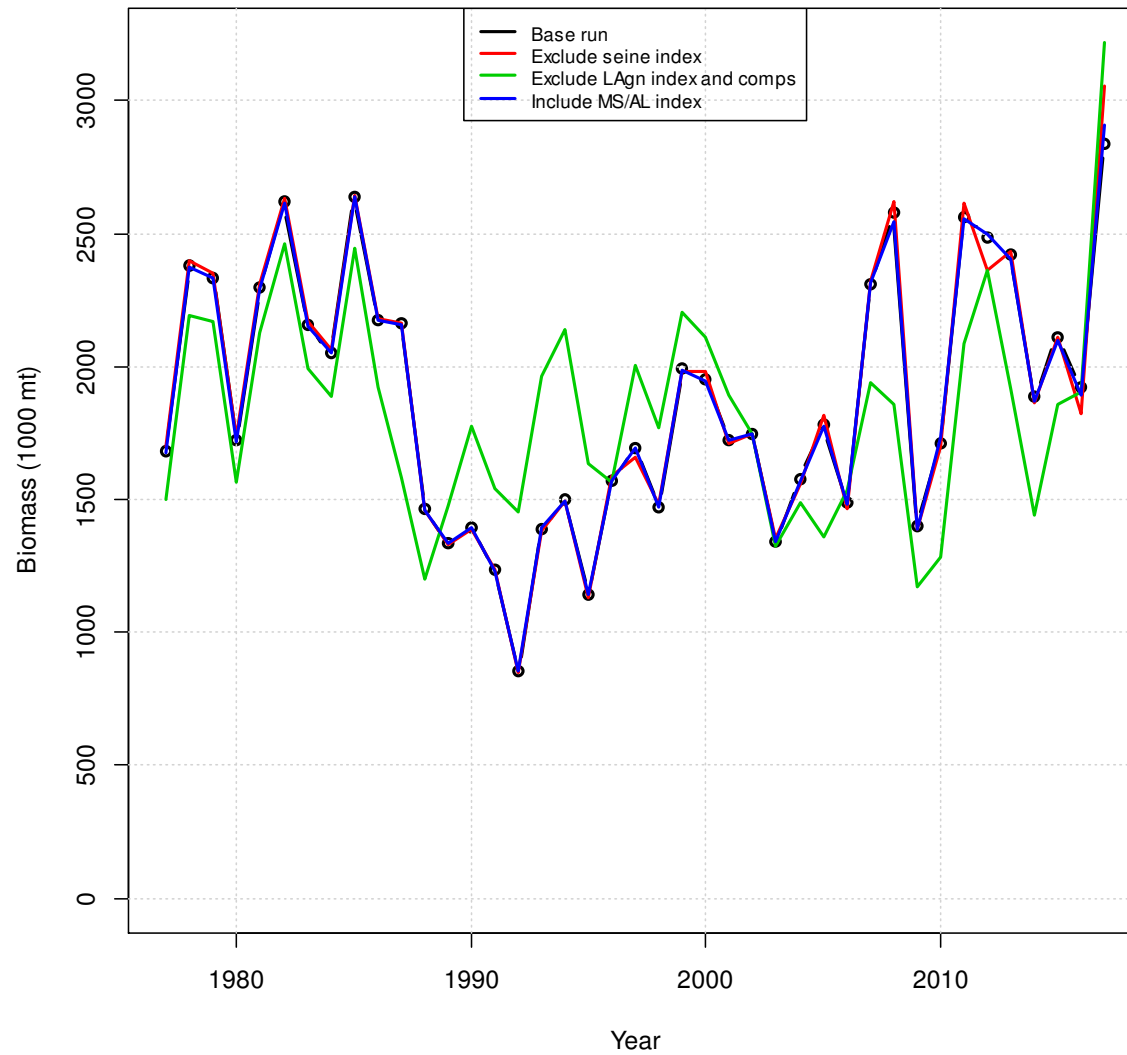
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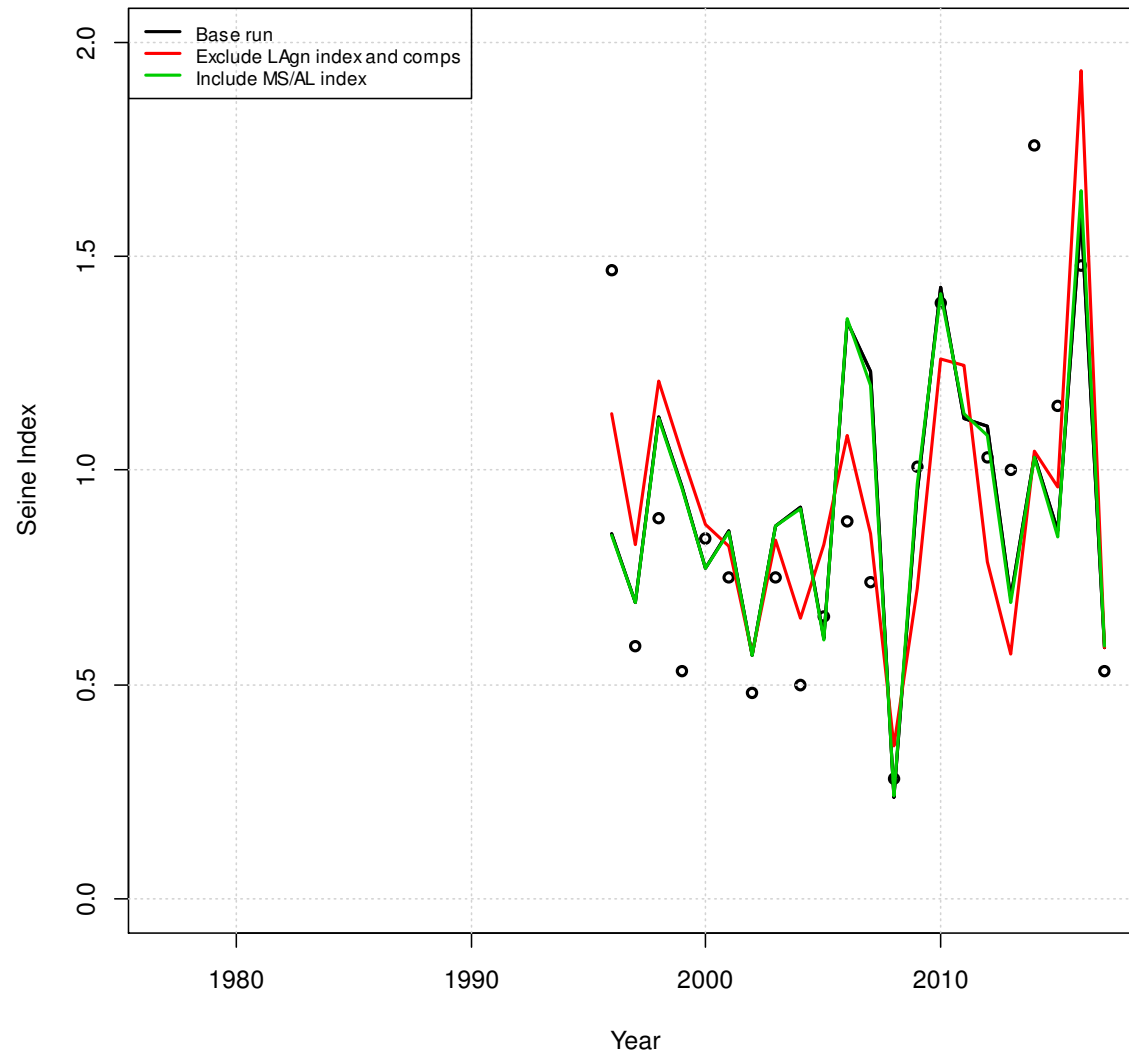
- Exclude seine index
- Exclude LA gill net index and composition data
- Include MS/AL gill net index and composition data





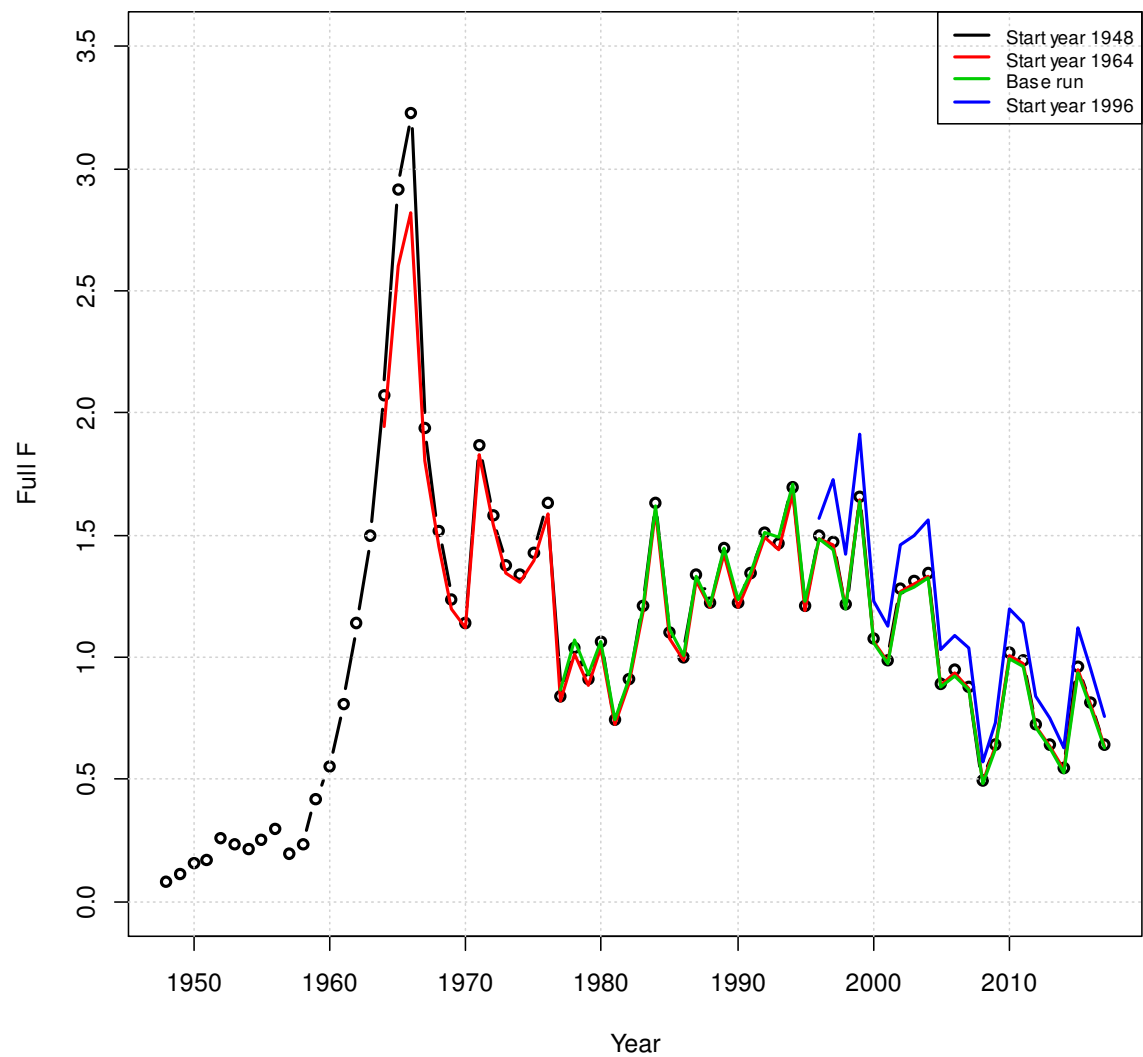


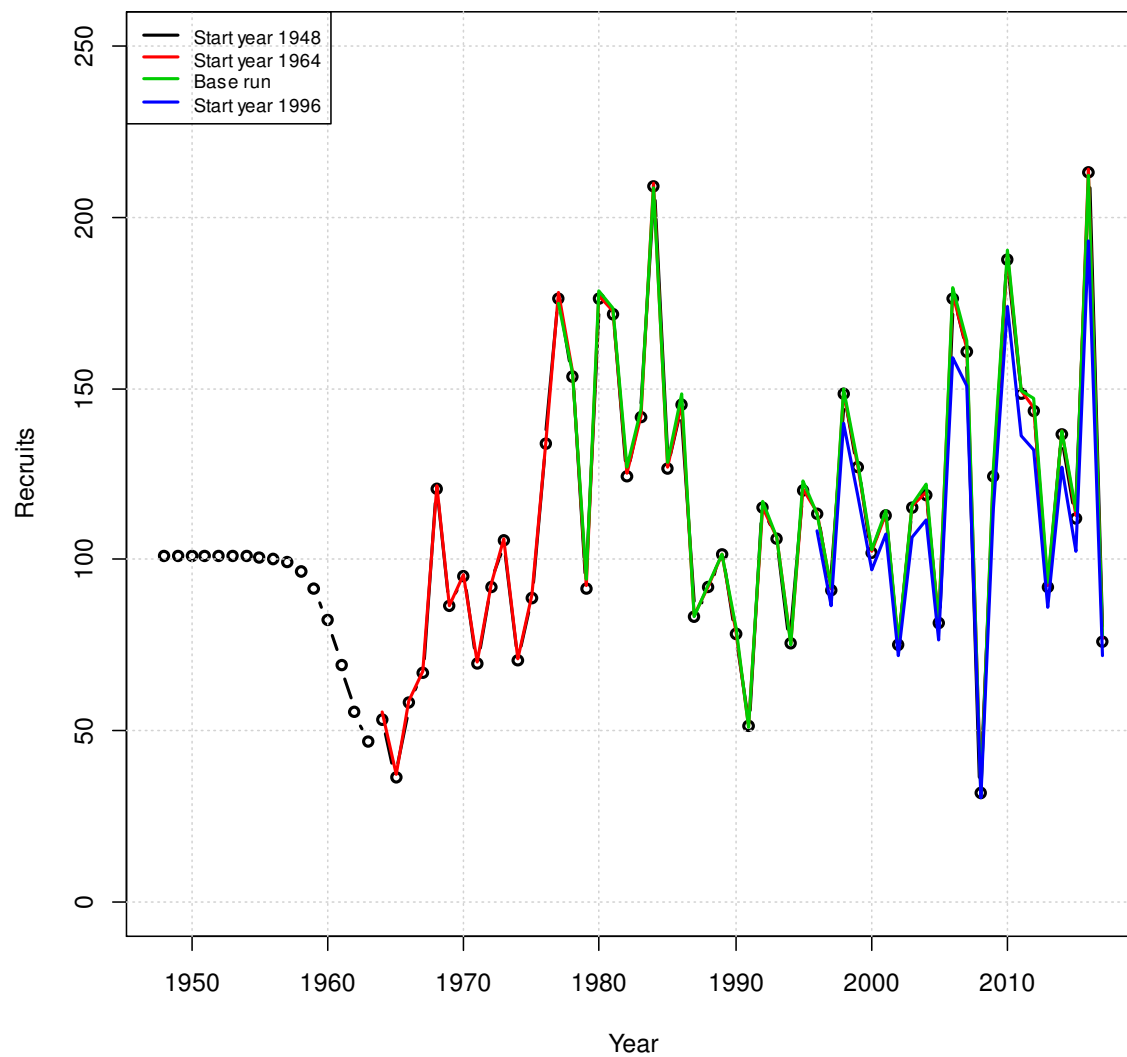


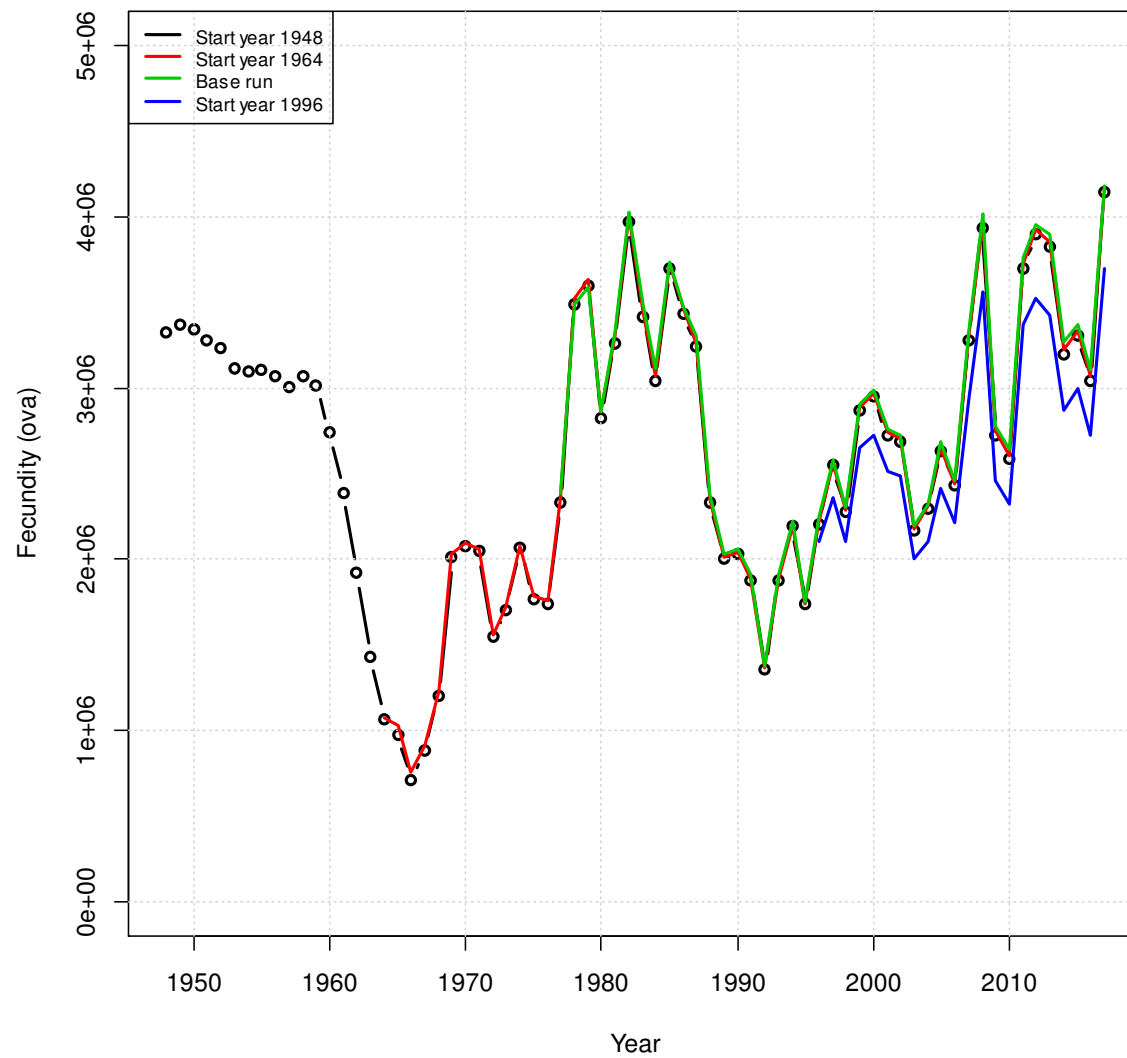


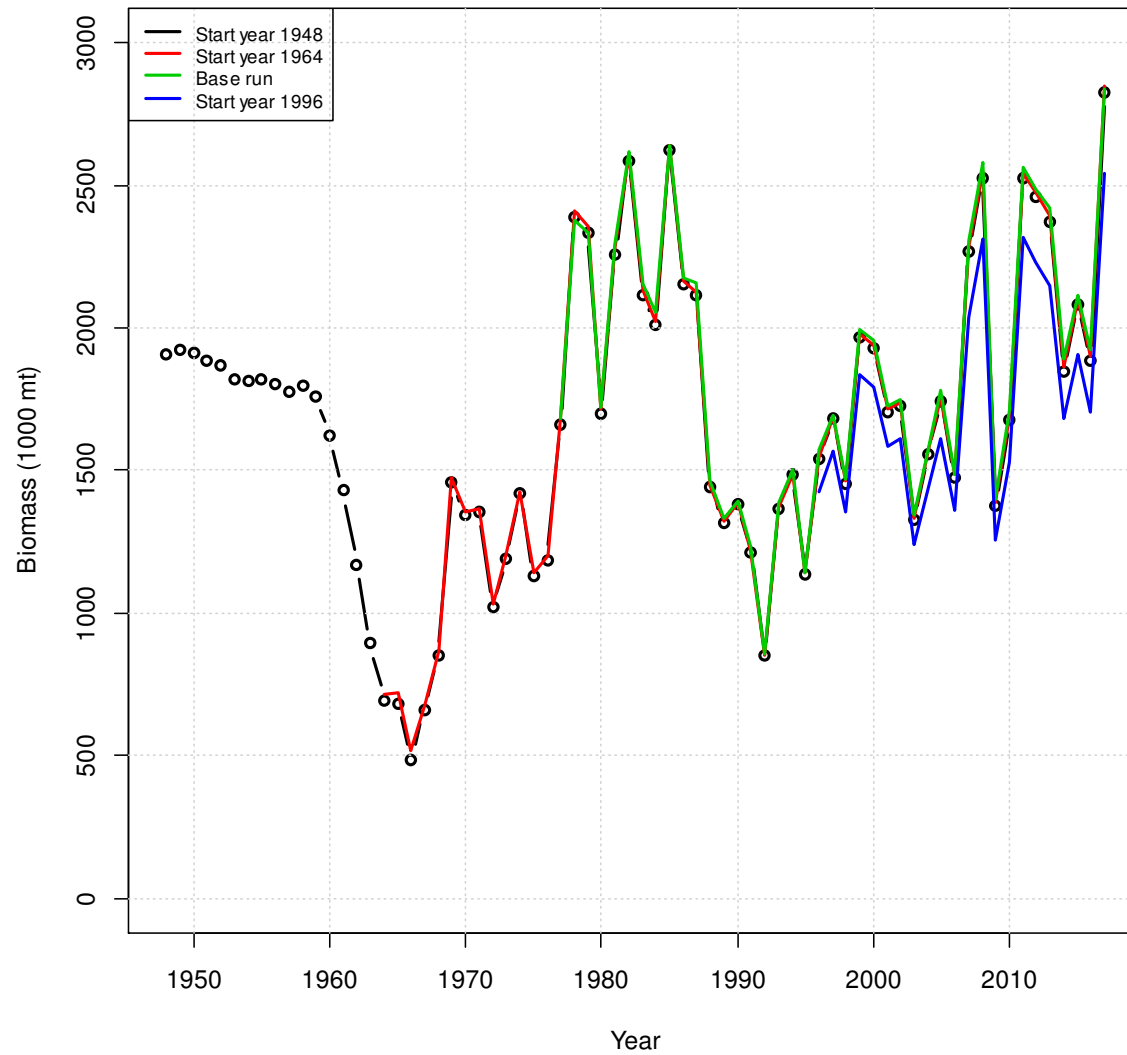
Sensitivity analyses

- Start year of model = 1948
- Start year of model = 1964
- Start year of model = 1996



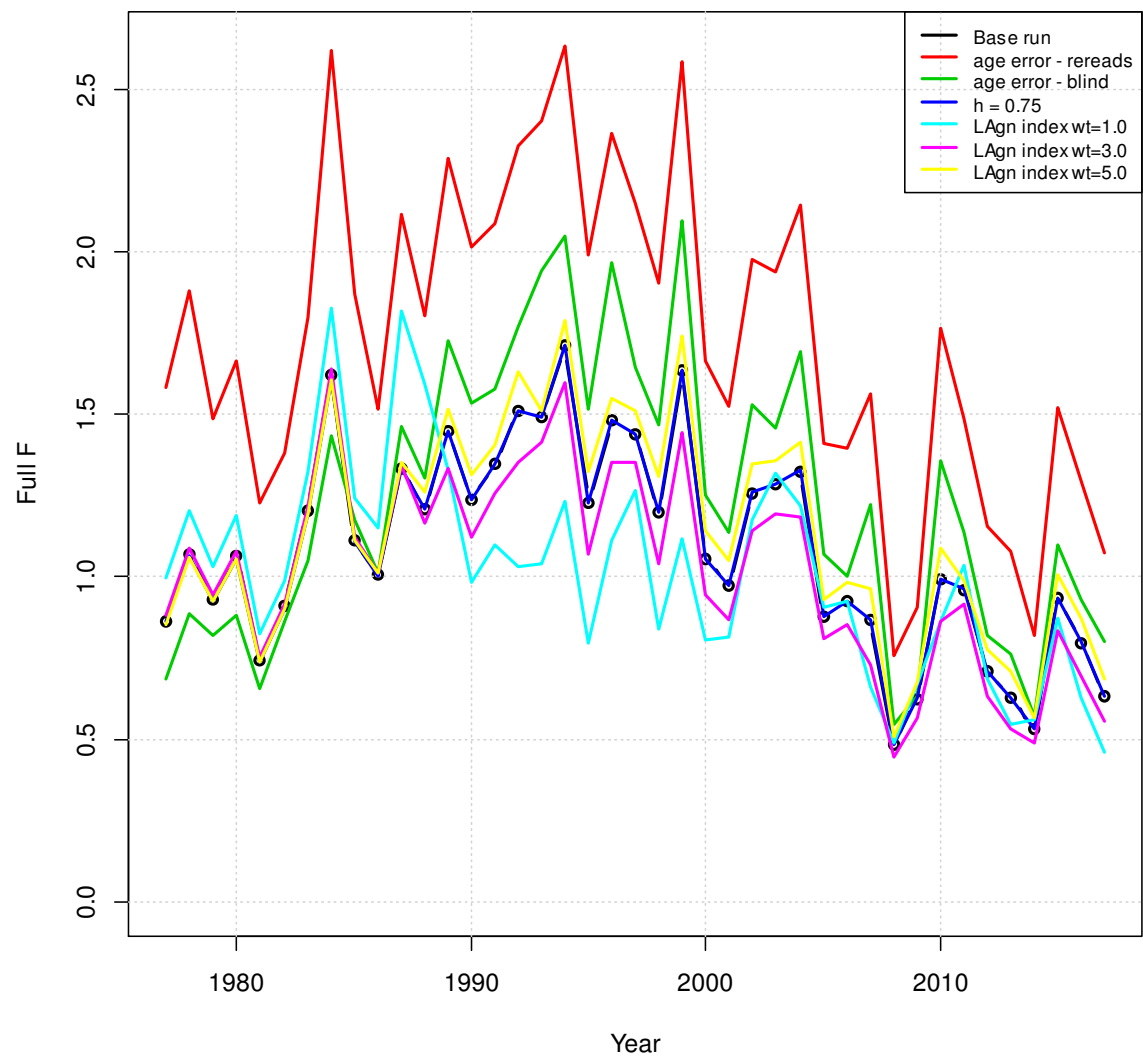


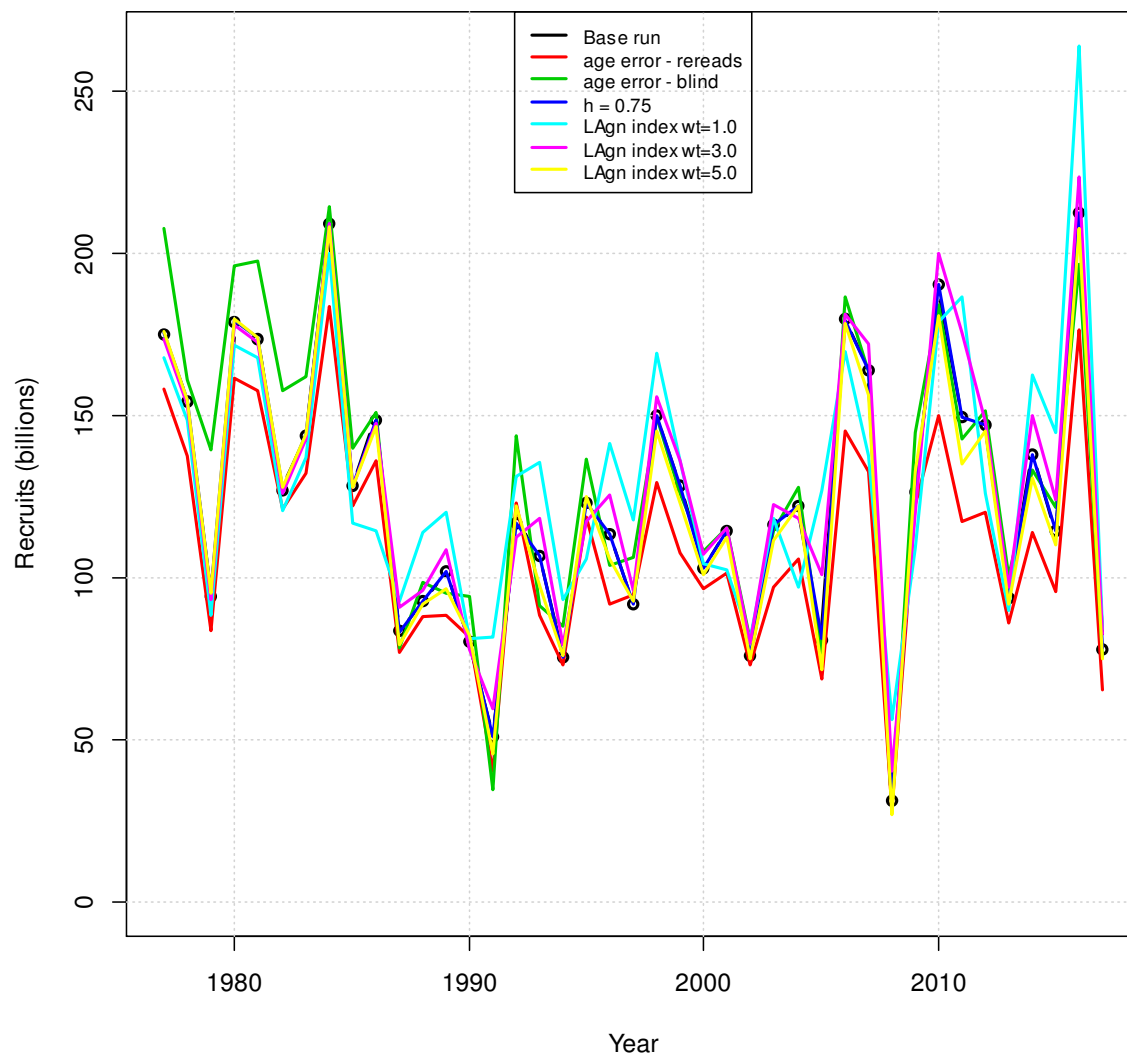


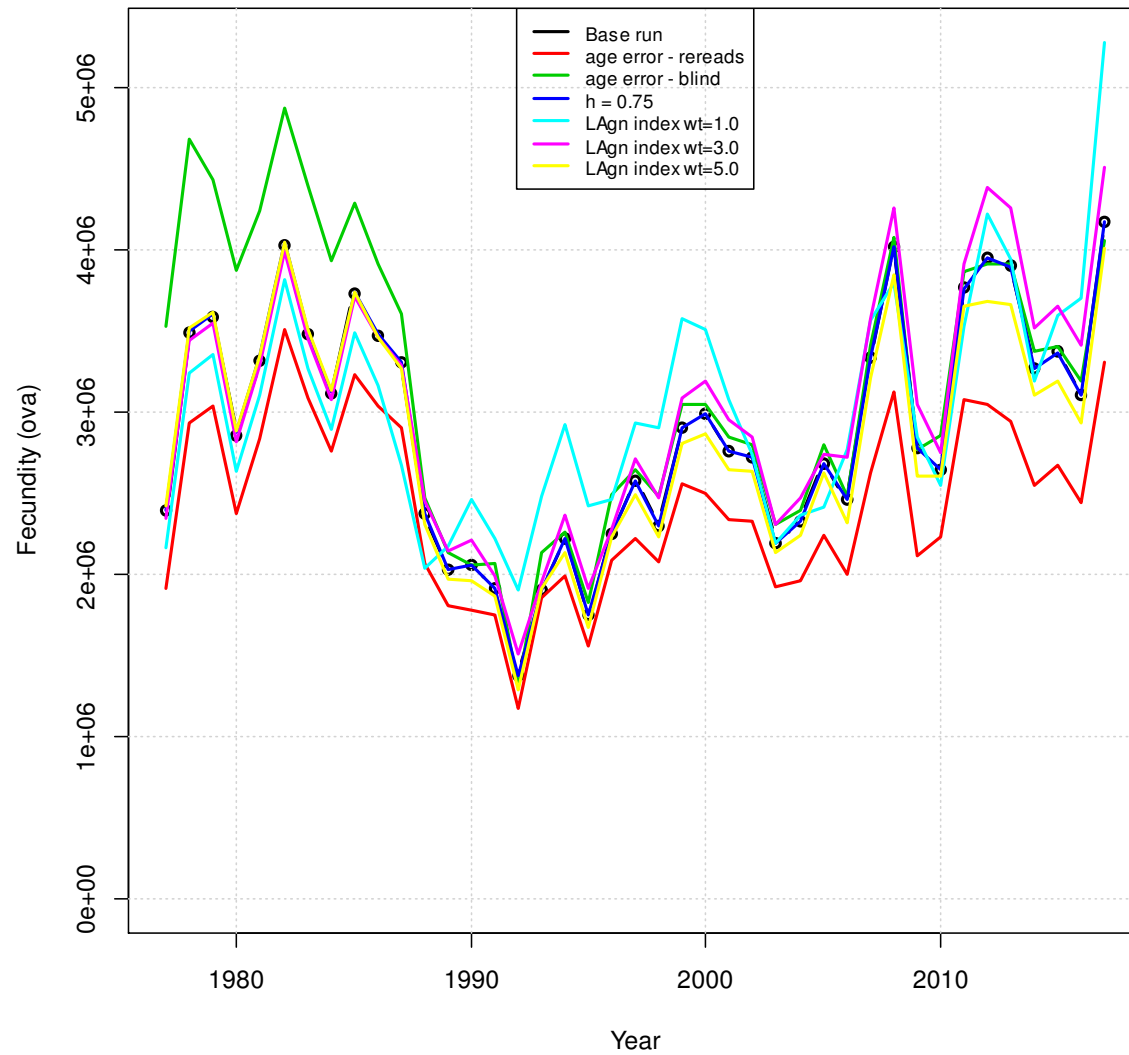


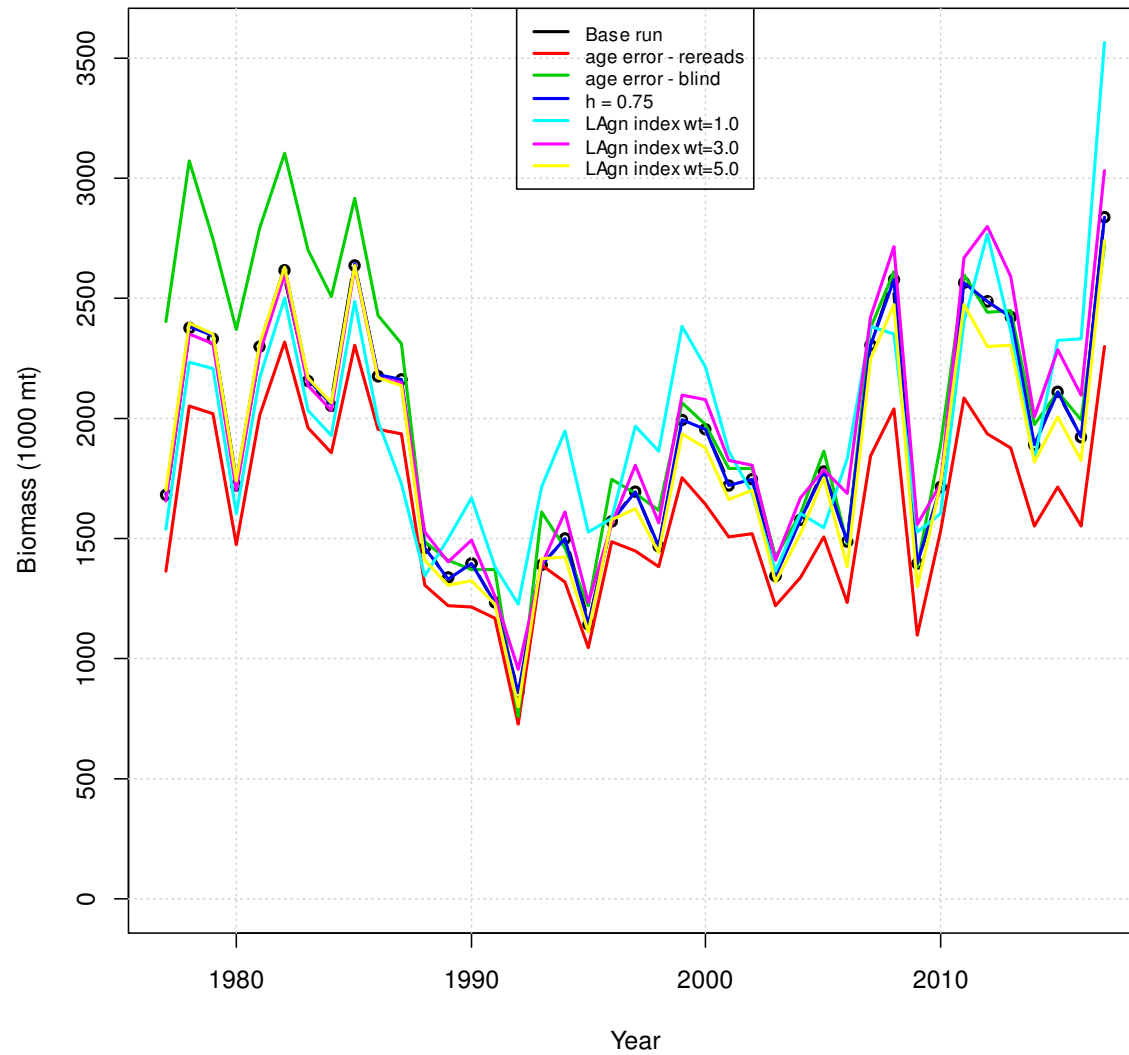
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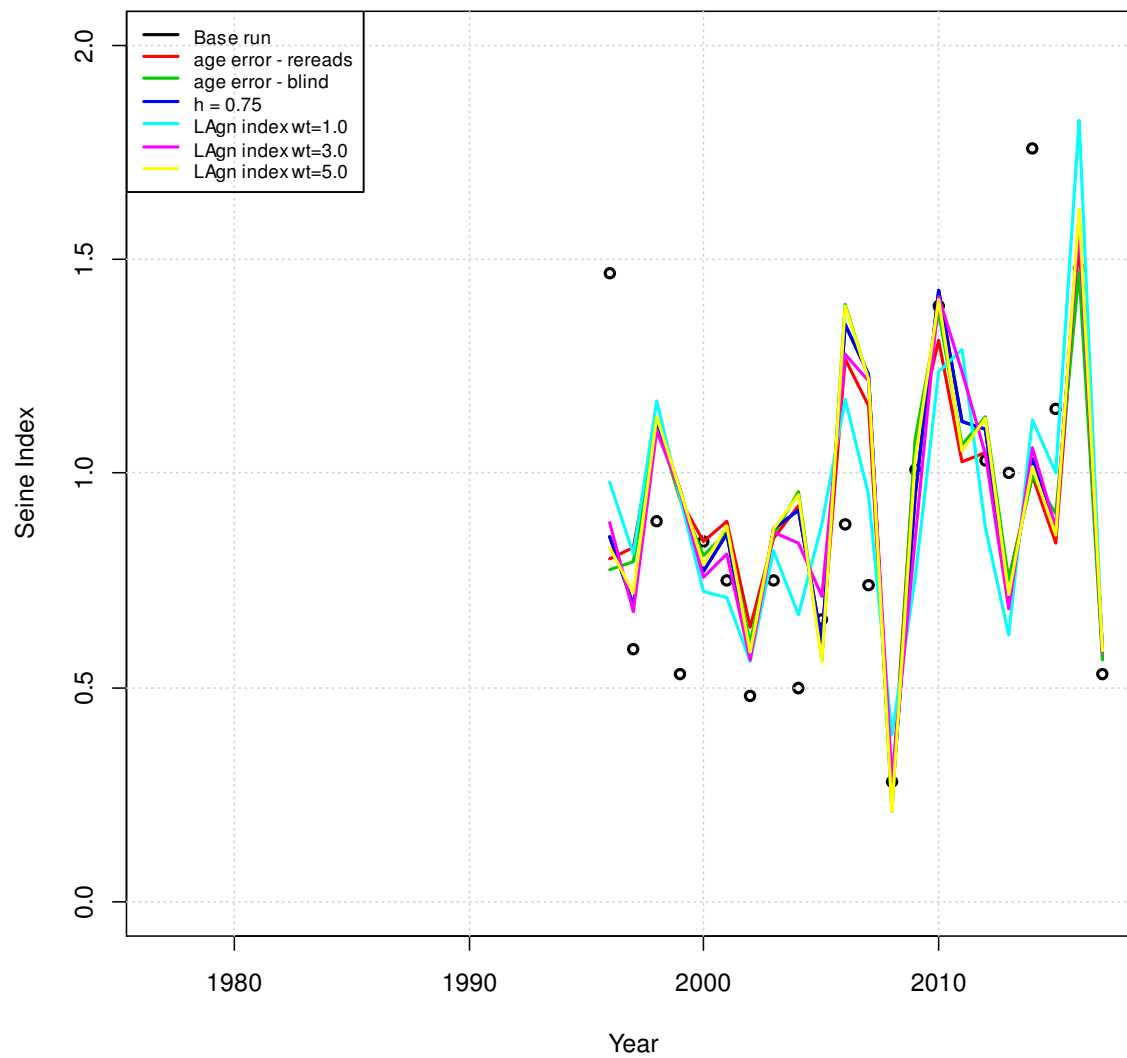
- Ageing error (2) – Ethel, Amanda/Kasea
- Steepness – 0.75
- Weight of 1.0, 3.0, and 5.0 on gill net index likelihood

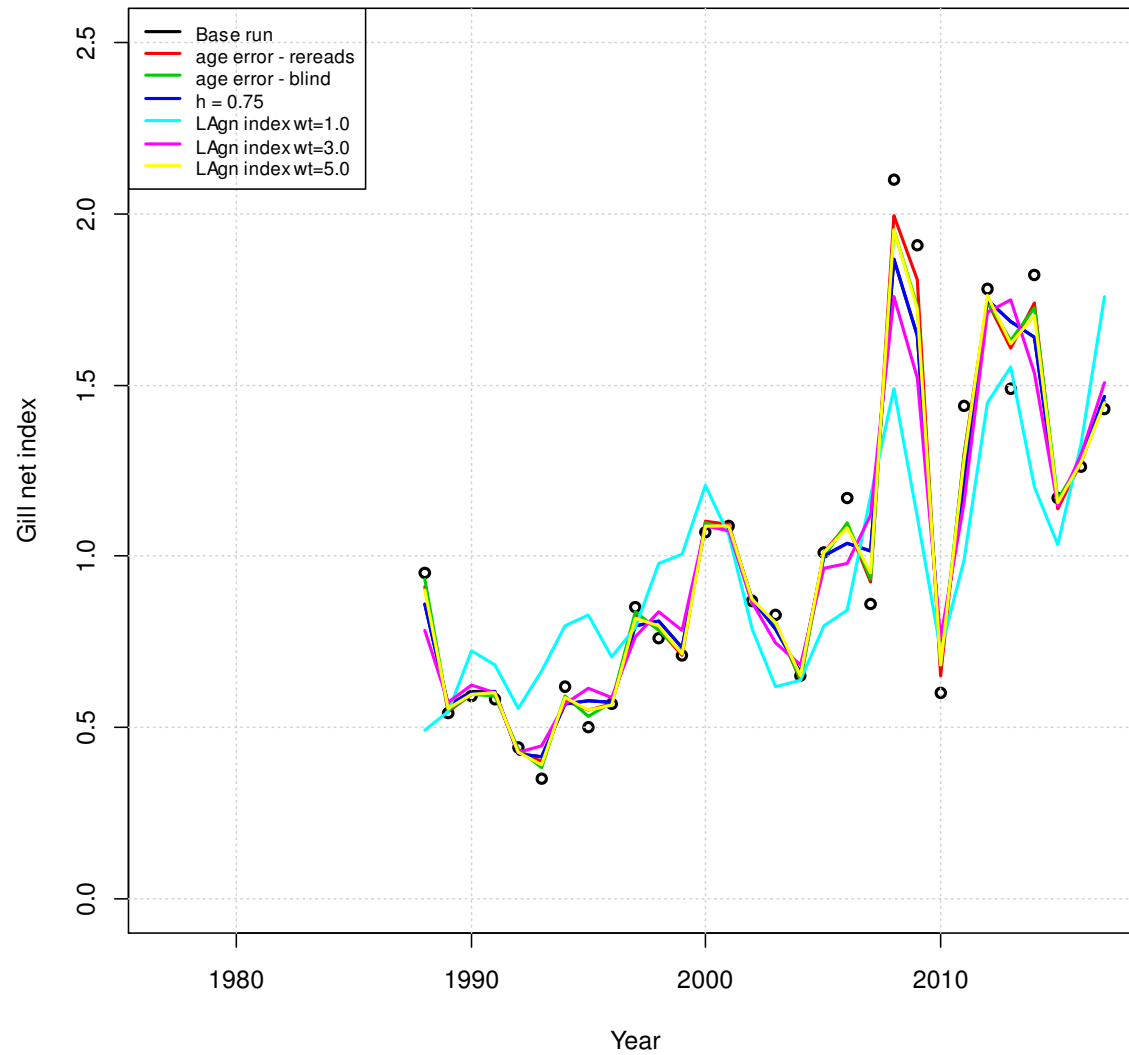






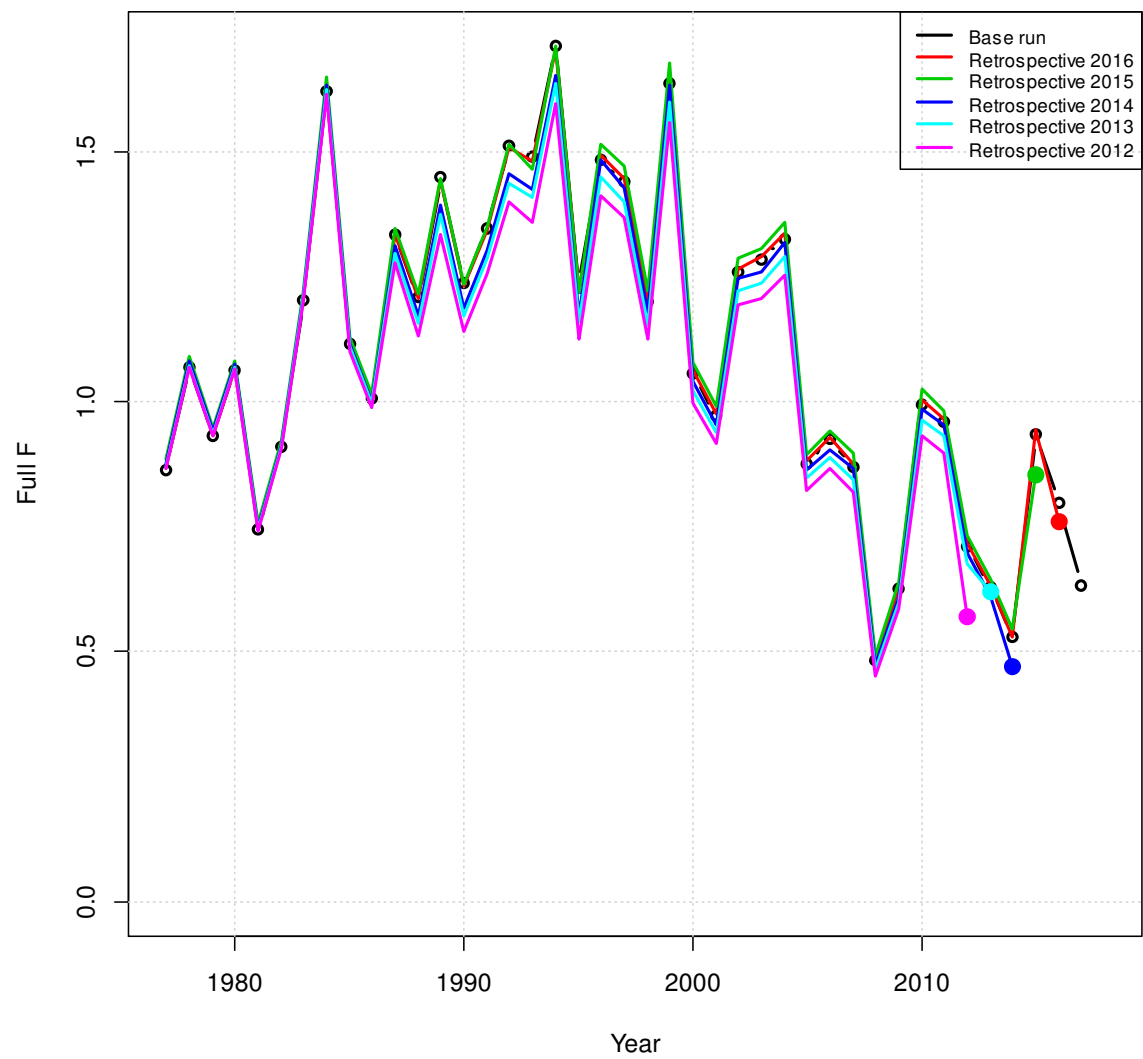


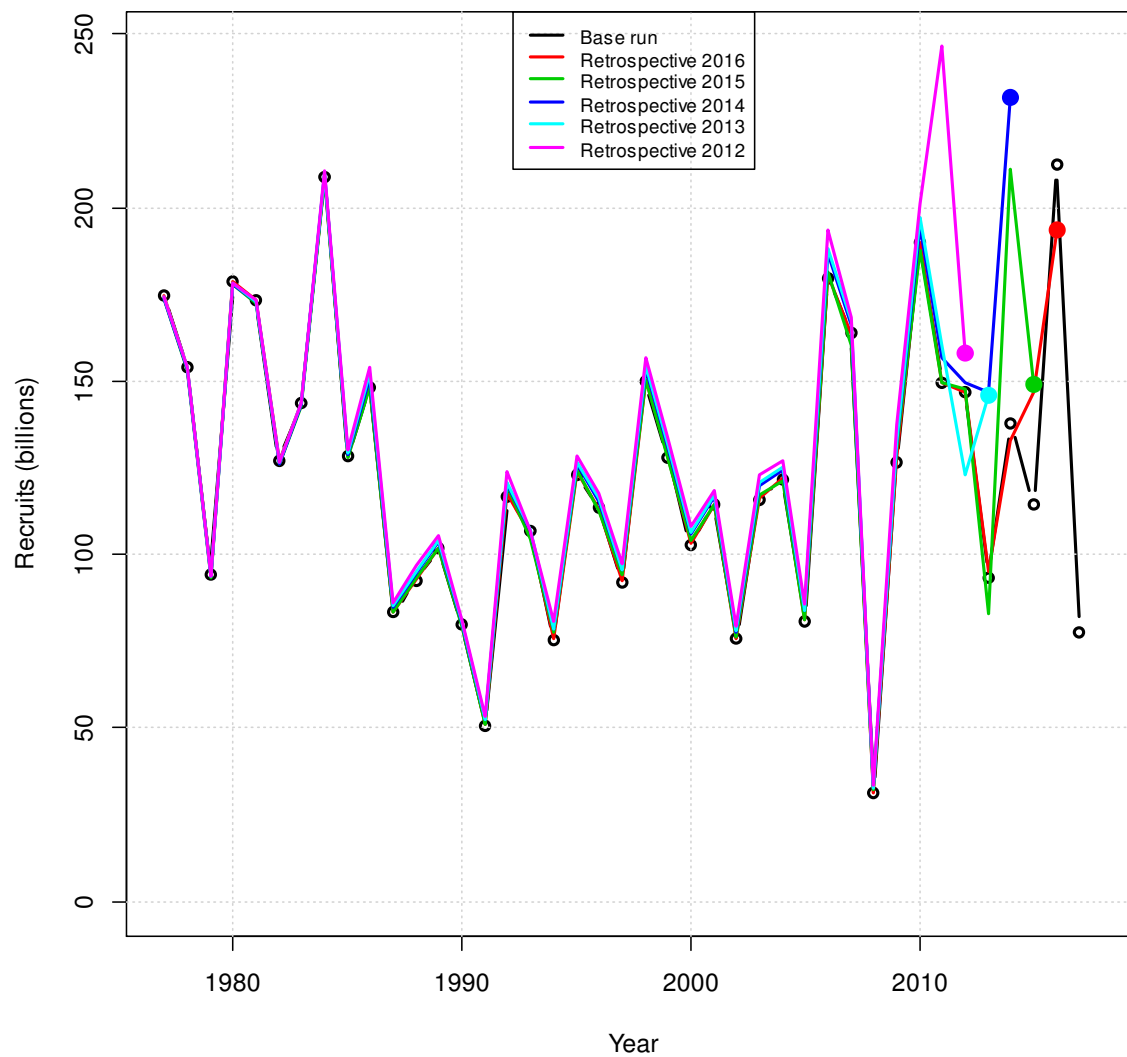


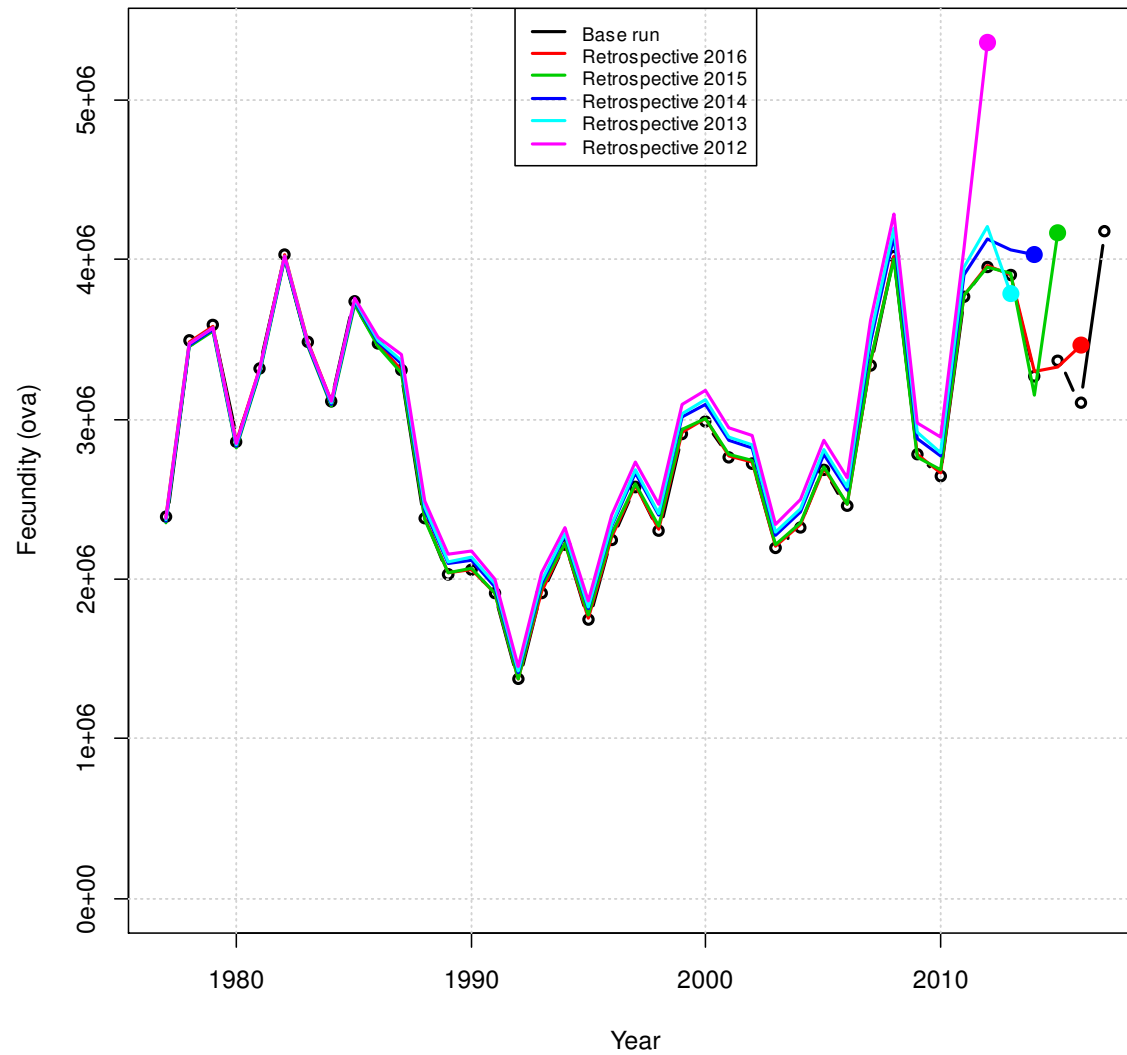


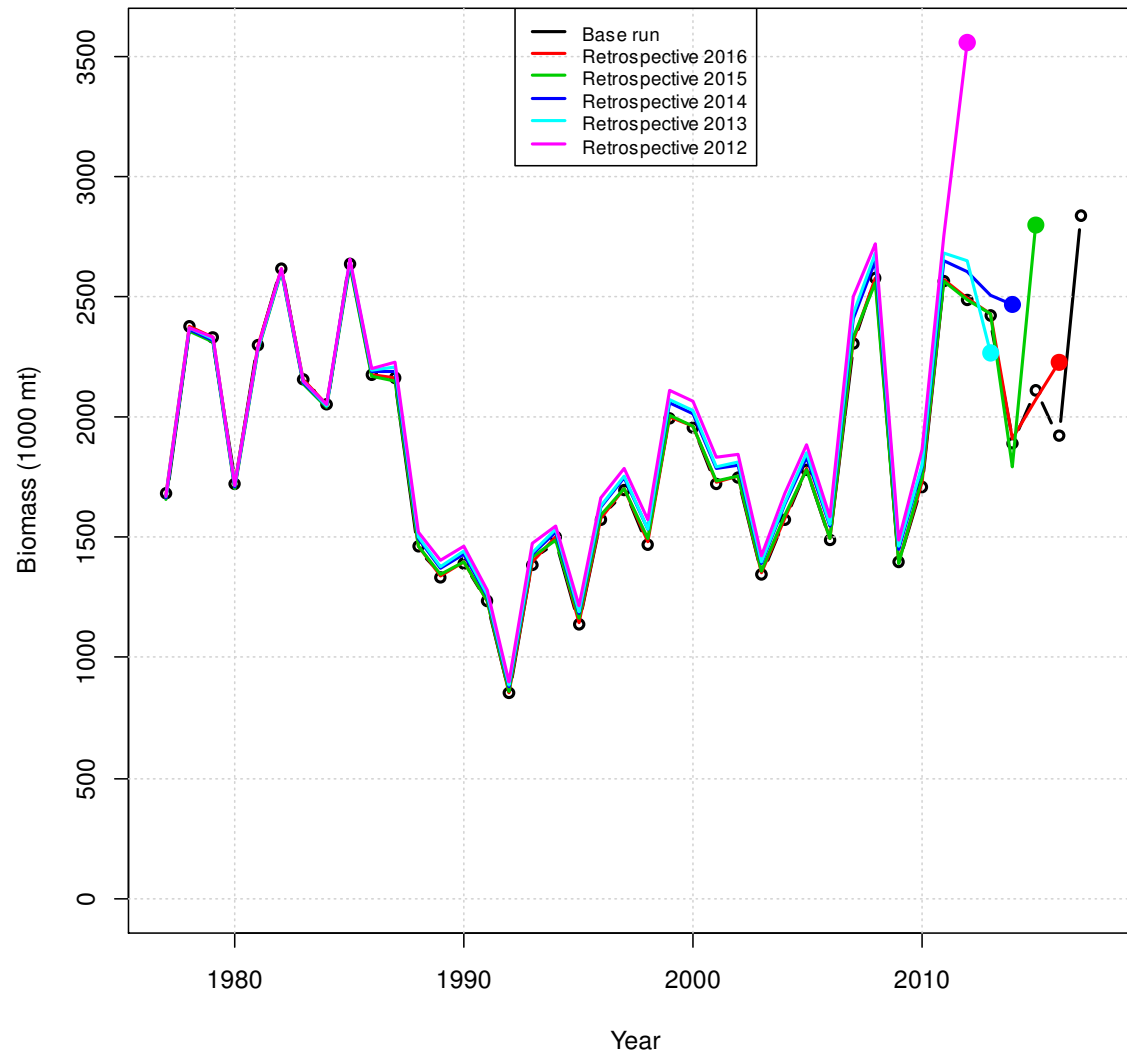
Sensitivity analyses

- Retrospective









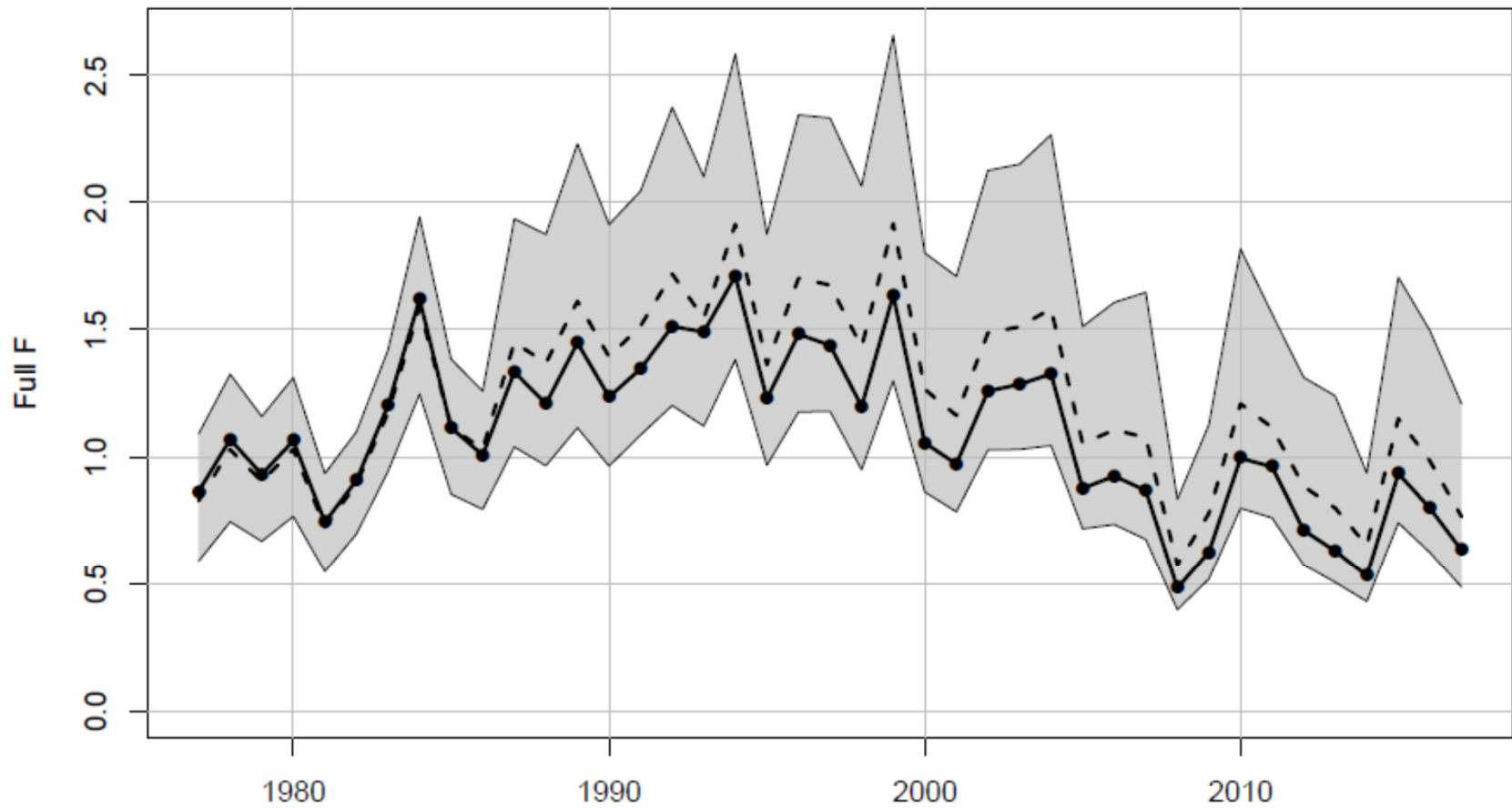
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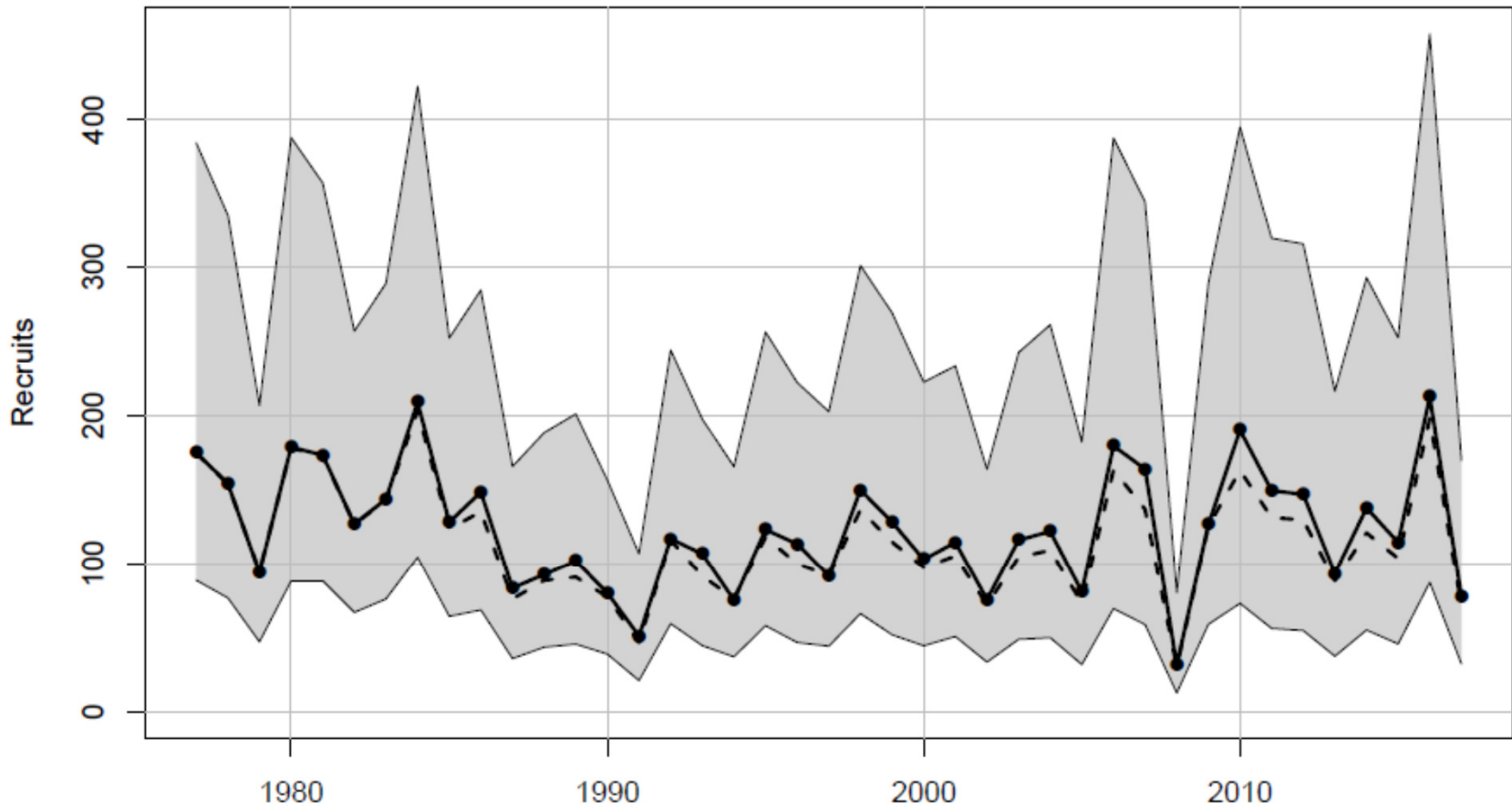
Monte Carlo bootstrap configuration

- Include uncertainty in:
 - Landings
 - Indices
 - Composition data
 - Age-3 and 4 cR sel
 - uniform [0.68, 0.95]
 - M
 - M at age-2 [0.69, 1.51], scaled Lorenzen

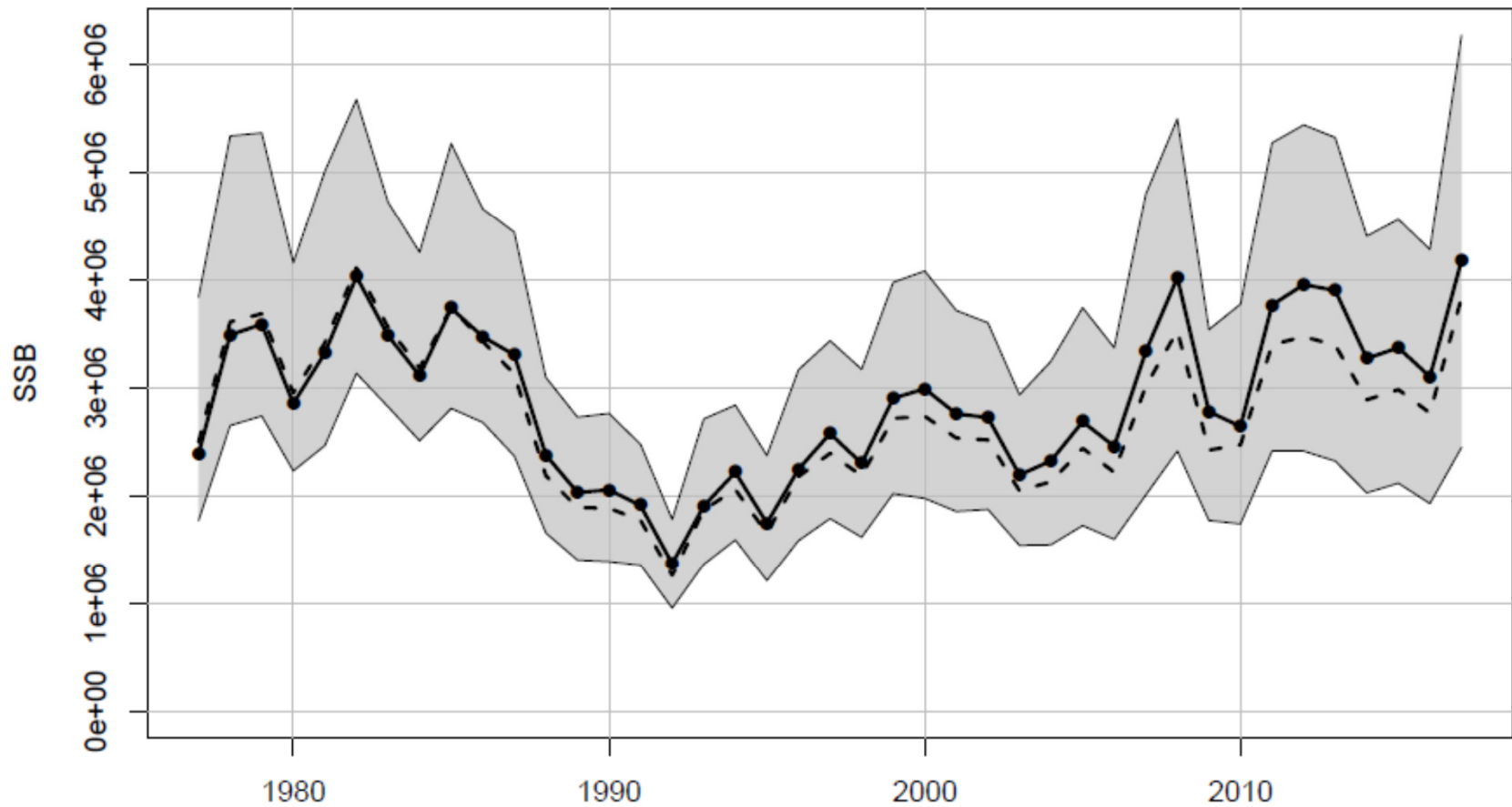
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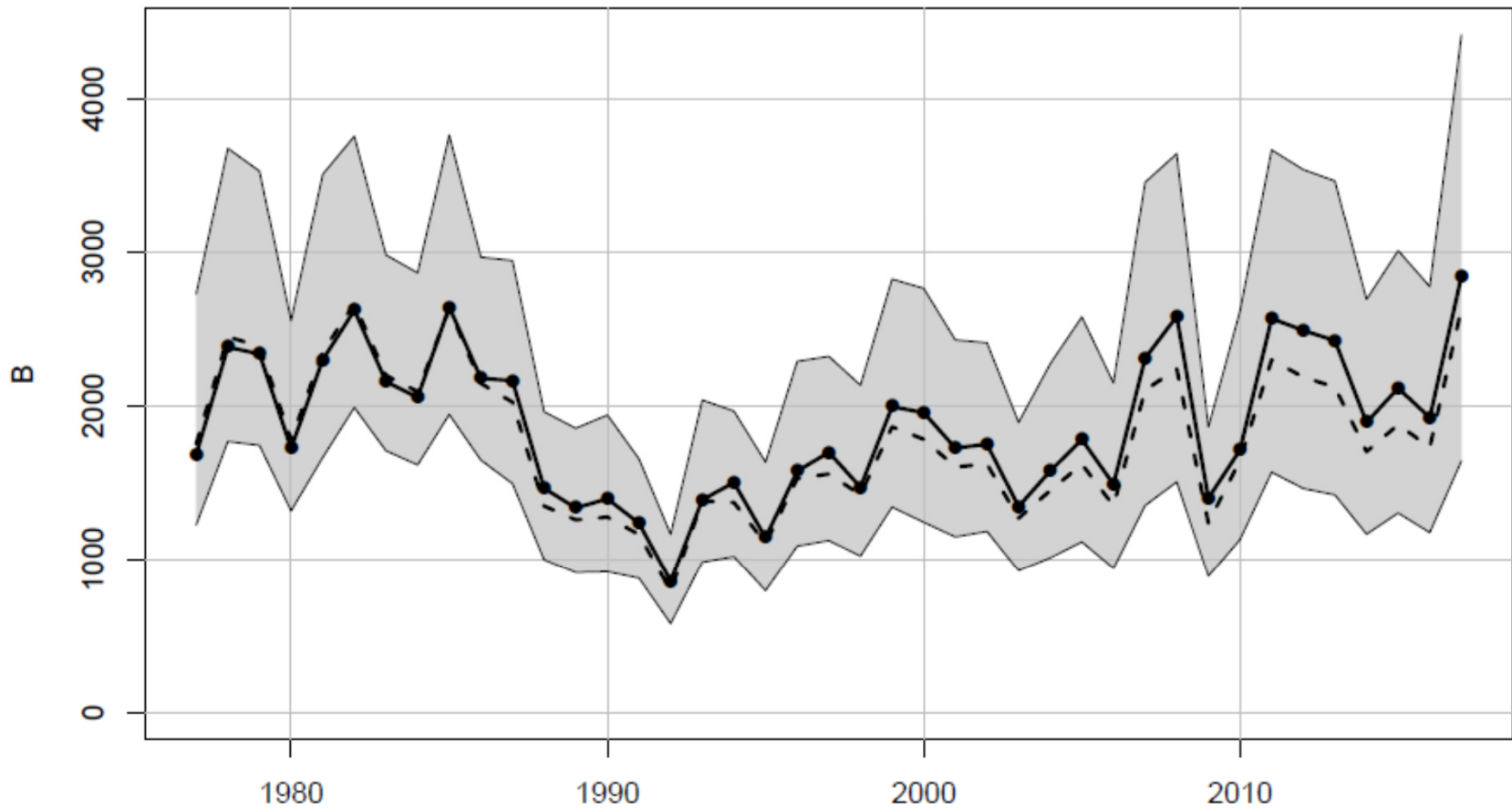
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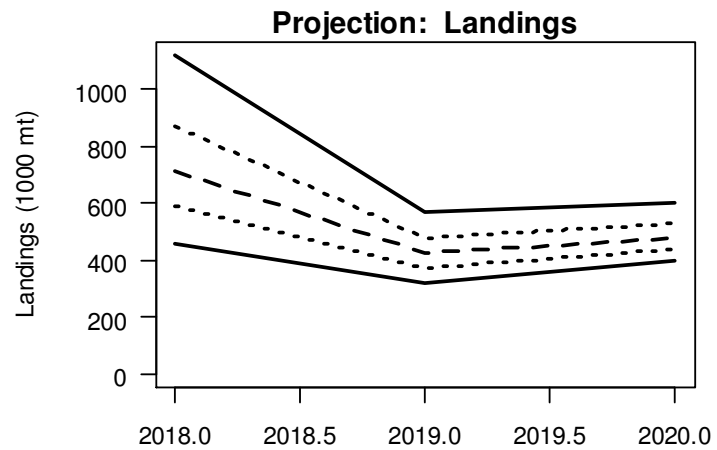
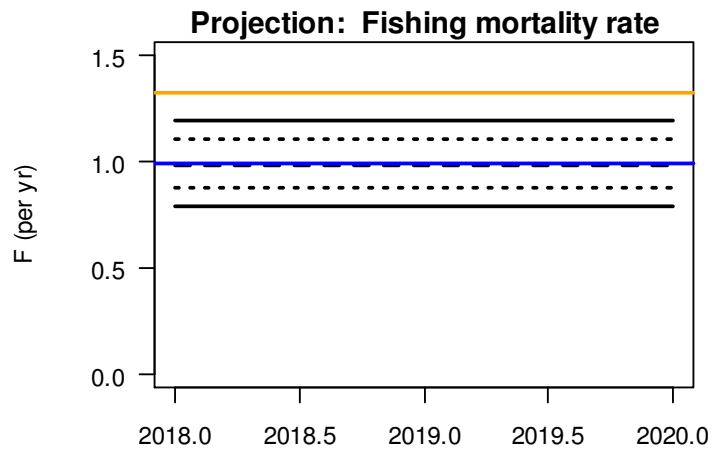
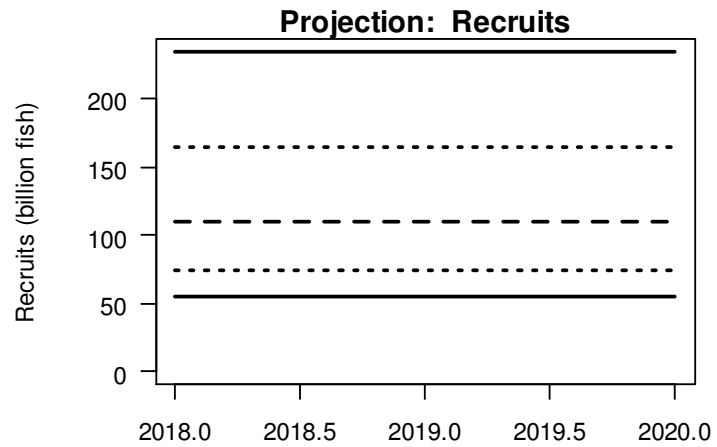
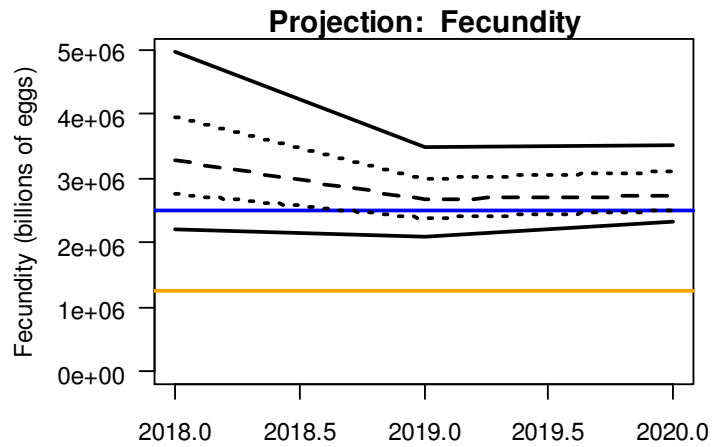
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Projections

- Project 3 years
- Use uncertainty as described in MCB runs
- Project F at $F=0.75M$
- Recruitment
 - Reflecting recent recruitment dynamics
 - Use devs and median from 1996 to 2017 (seine index)

Projections



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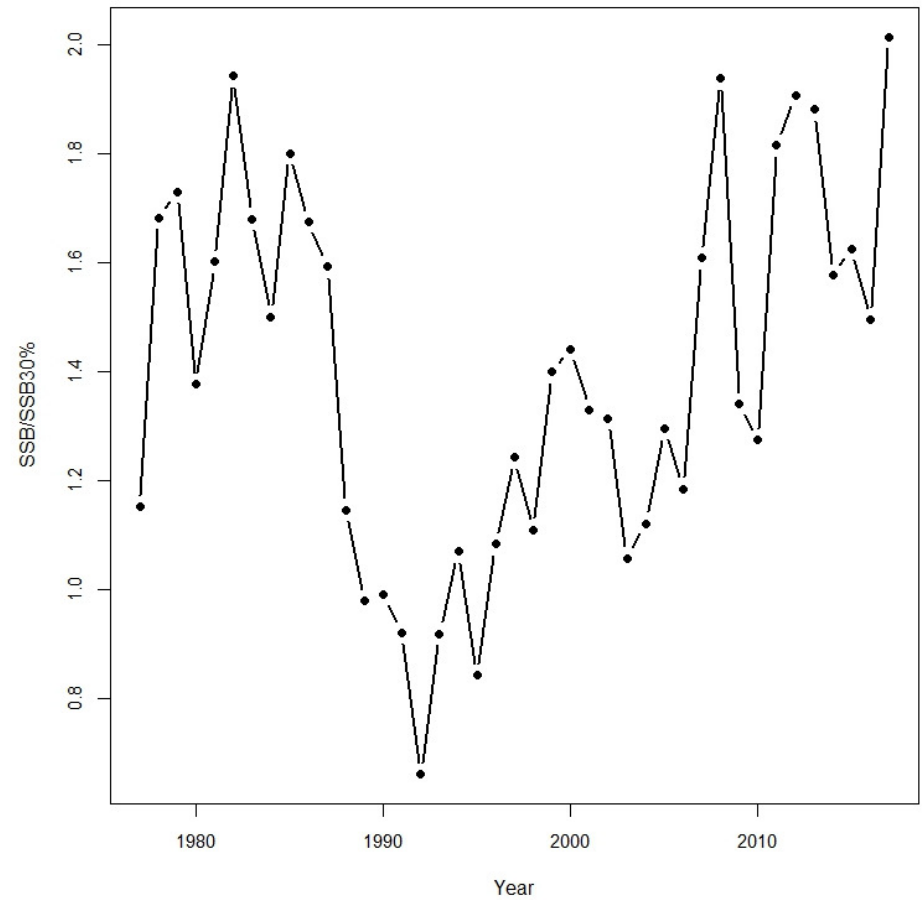
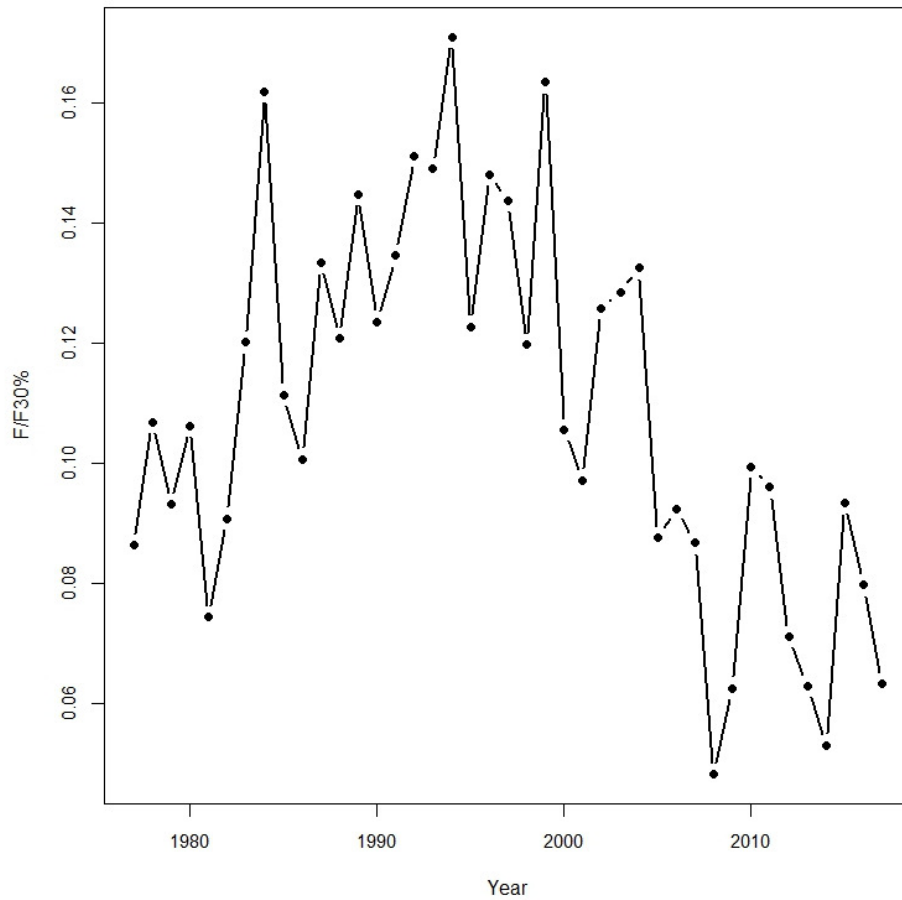
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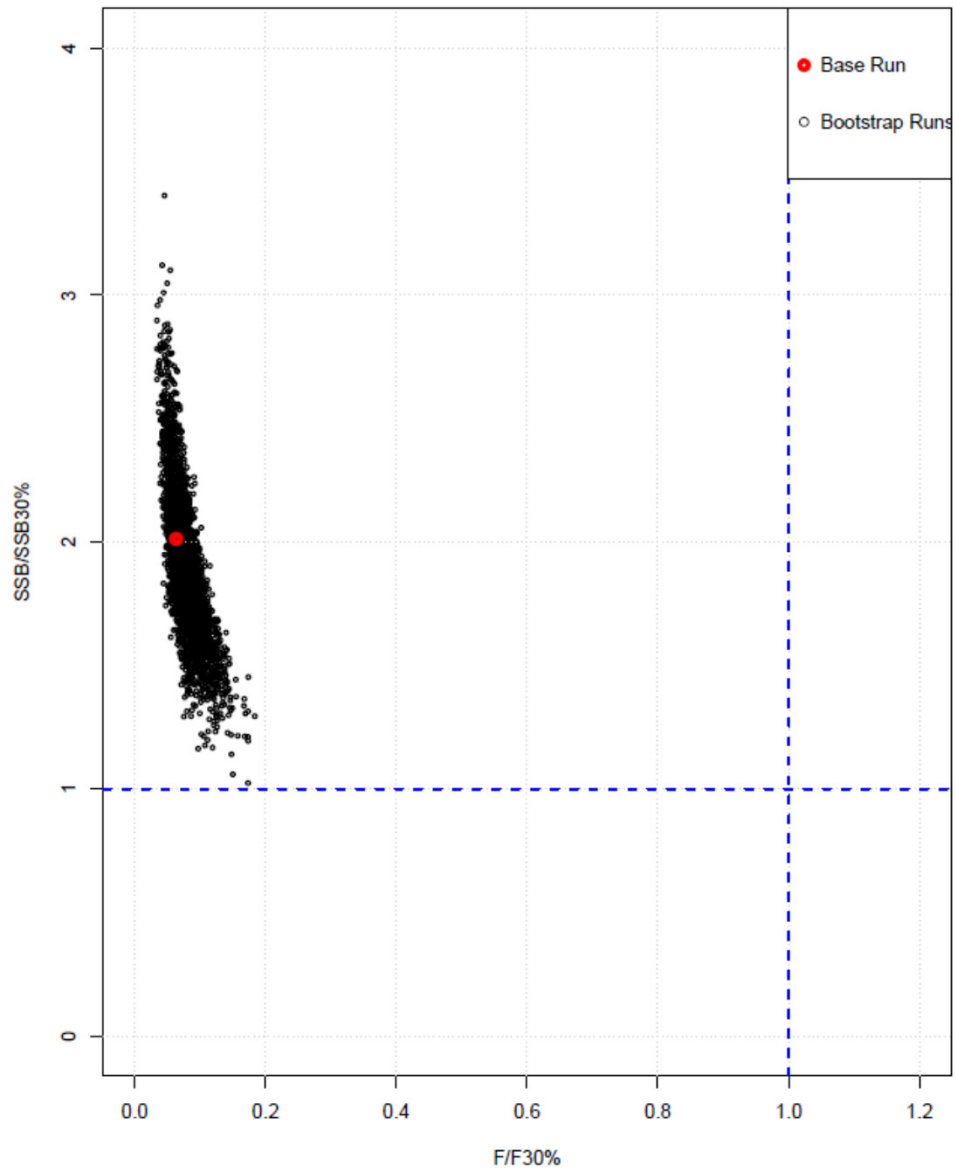
Benchmarks

- MSY based benchmarks are not estimable
- FMP has SPR based benchmarks
 - $F_{30\%}$, $F_{35\%}$, $SSB_{30\%}$, and $SSB_{35\%}$
 - Under these options, overfishing is not occurring and not overfished
 - **But, value for threshold is maximum F value explored, or > 10.0**

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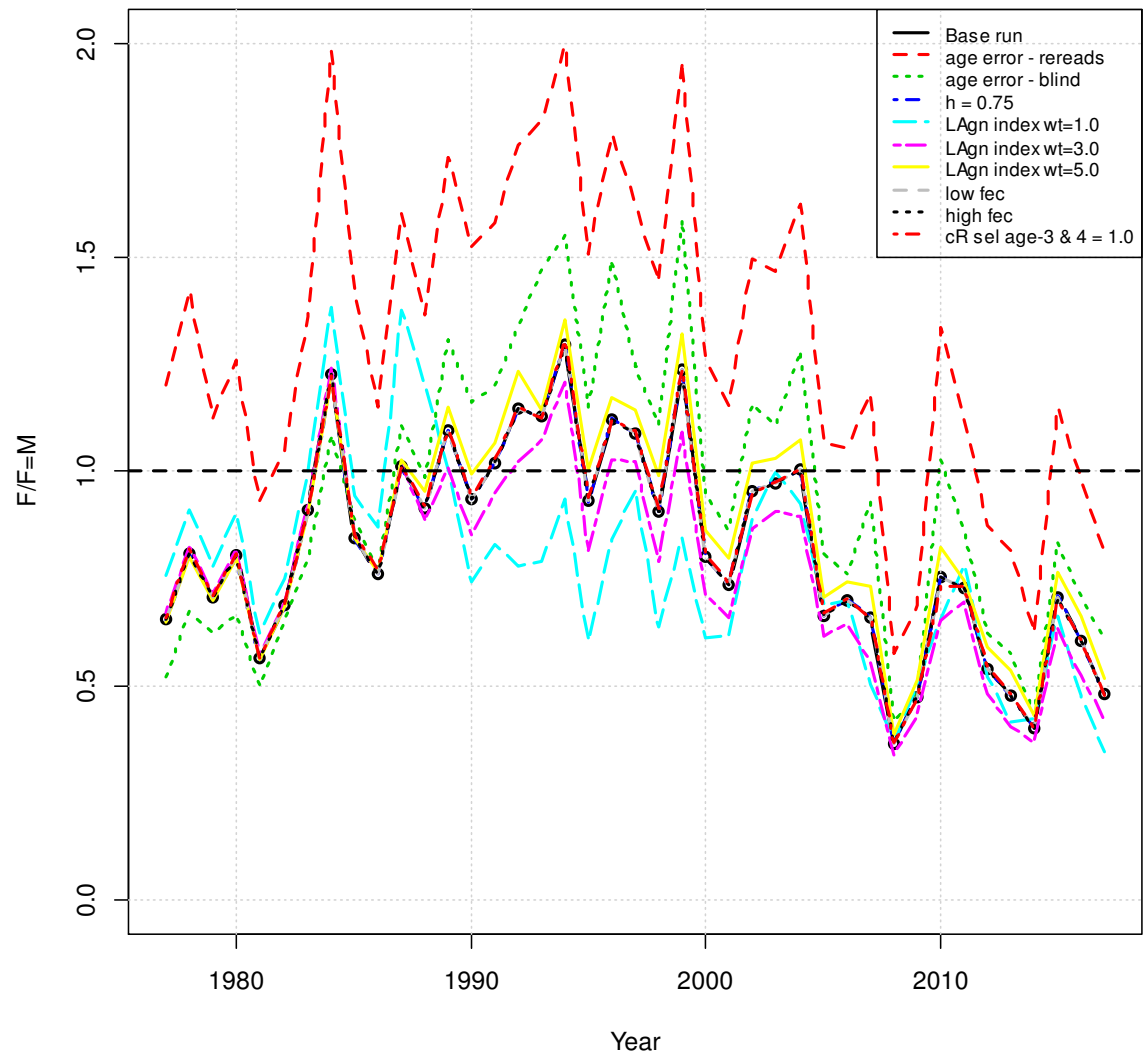


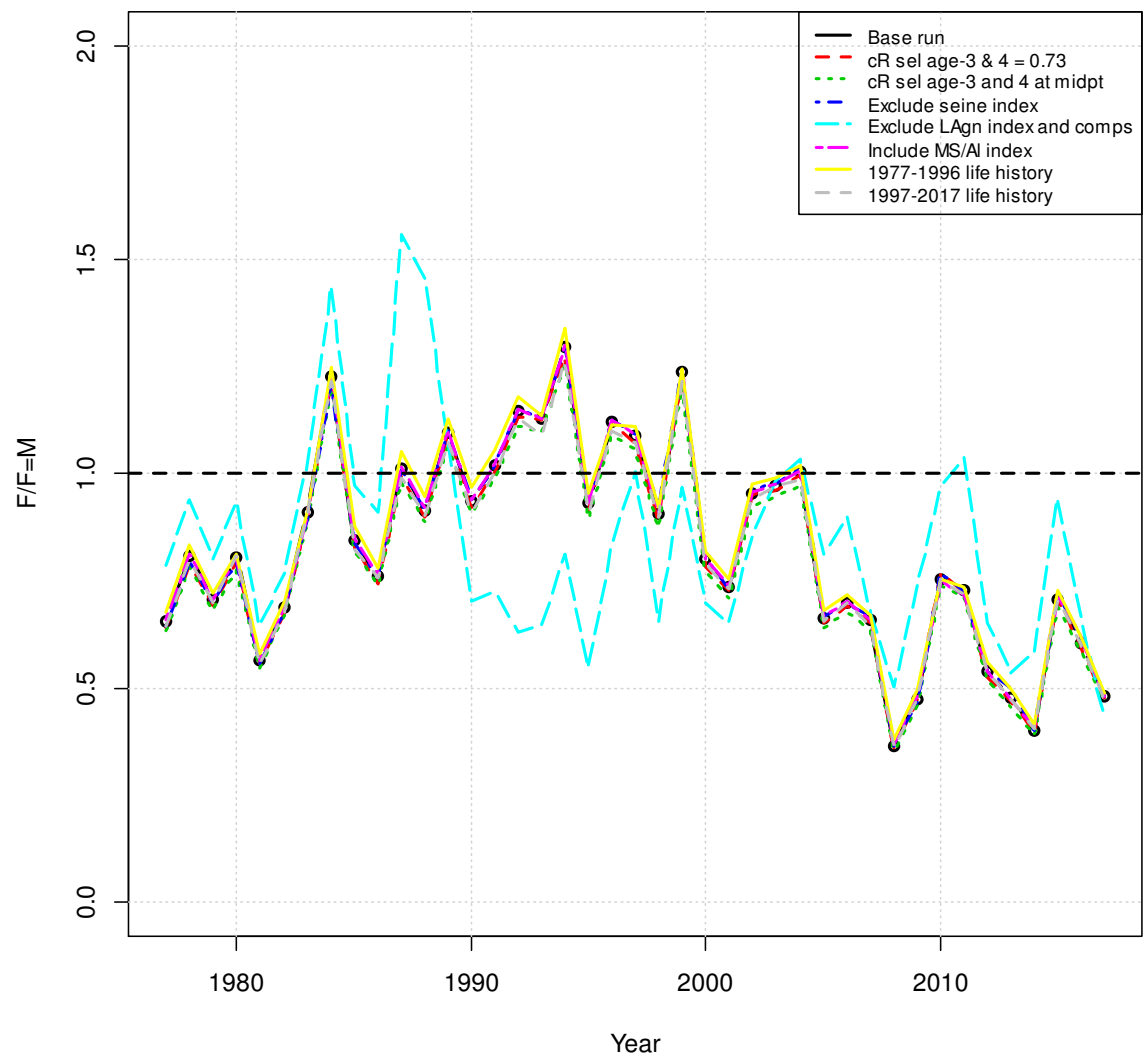
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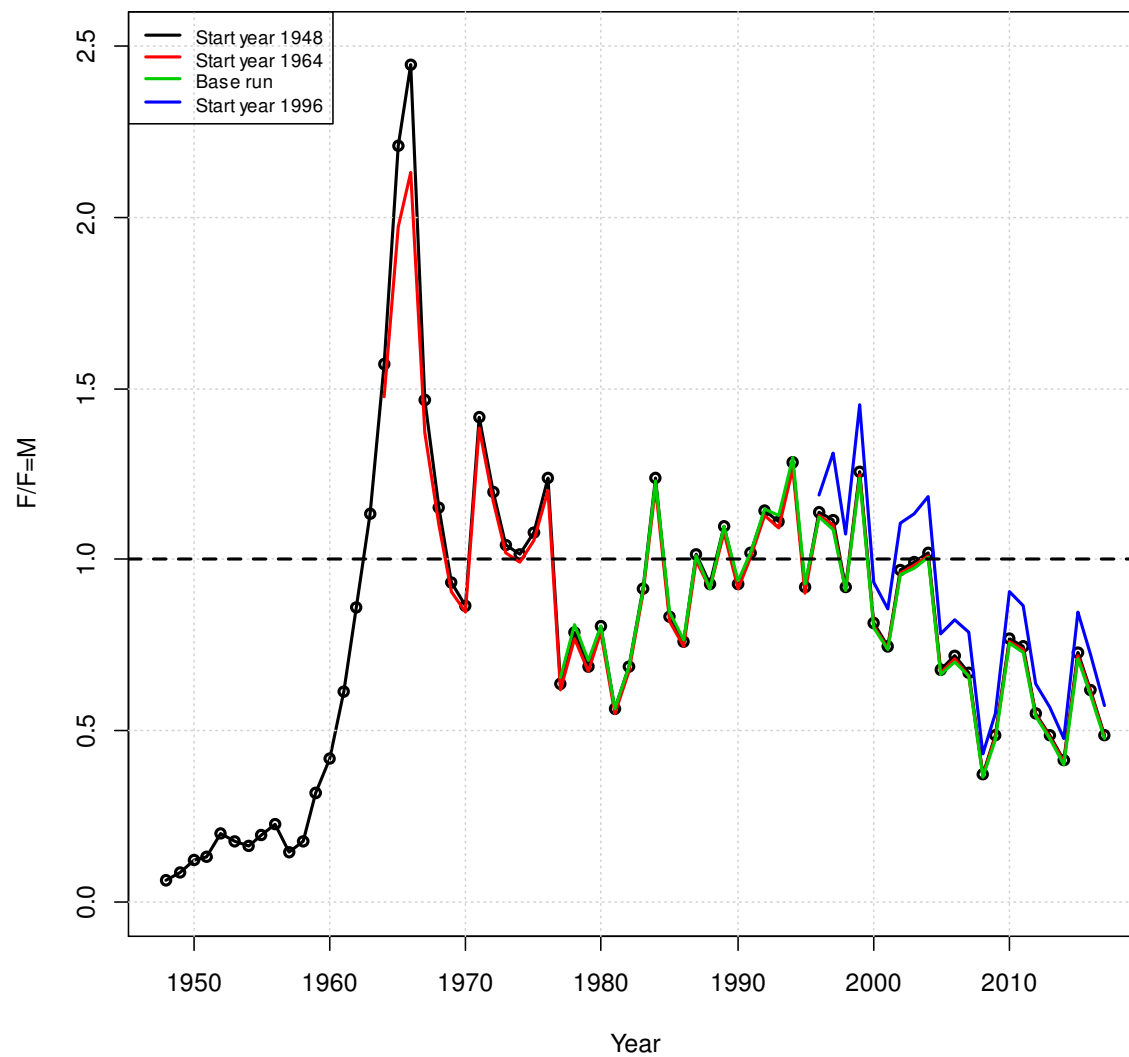
- Assessment panel discussed
 - Historical perspective
 - Target close to recent years
 - Threshold during higher years in 1980s and 1990s
 - Natural mortality based
 - Target as 75% of M
 - Threshold as M
 - M as geometric mean of ages-0 to -2

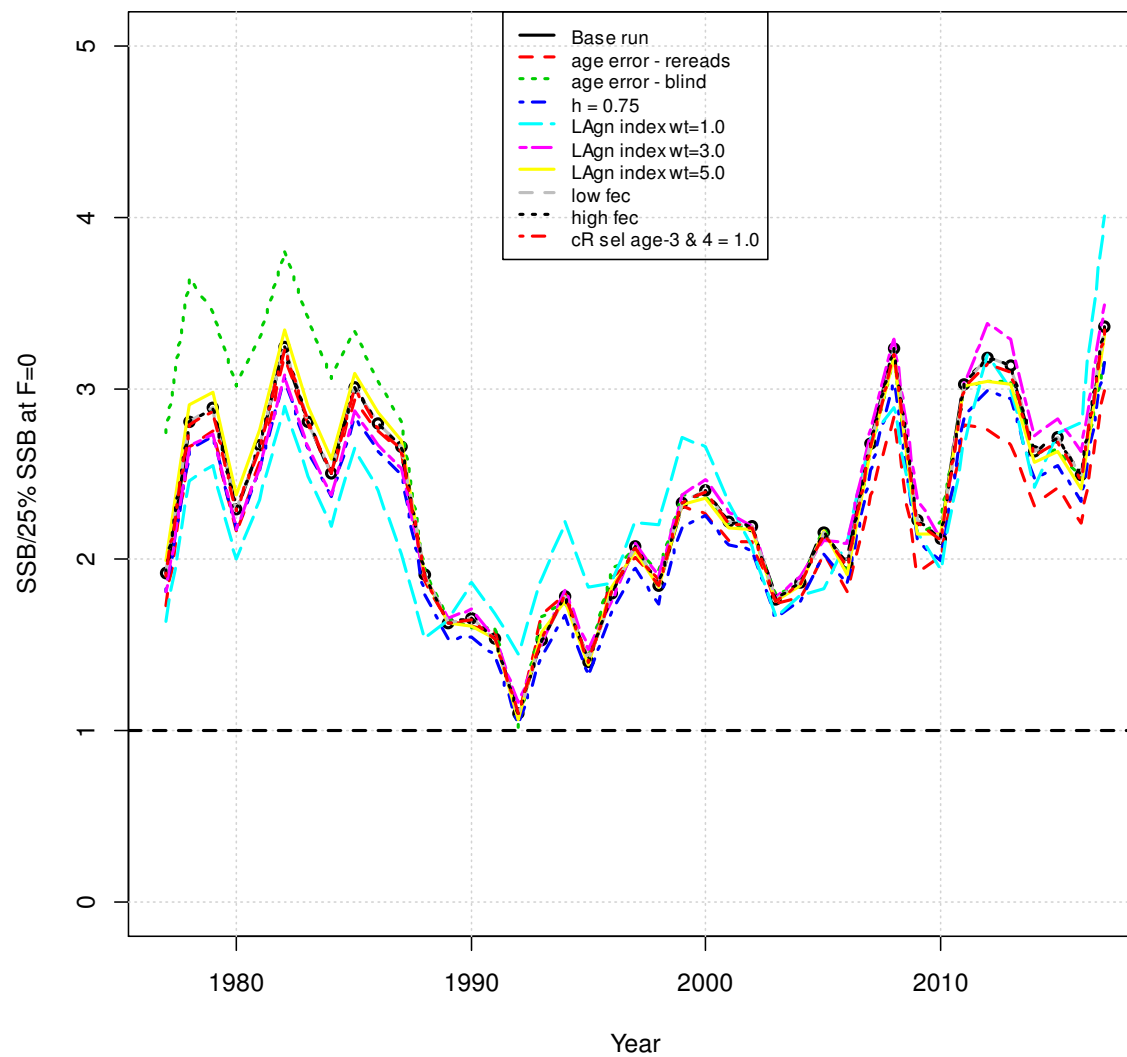
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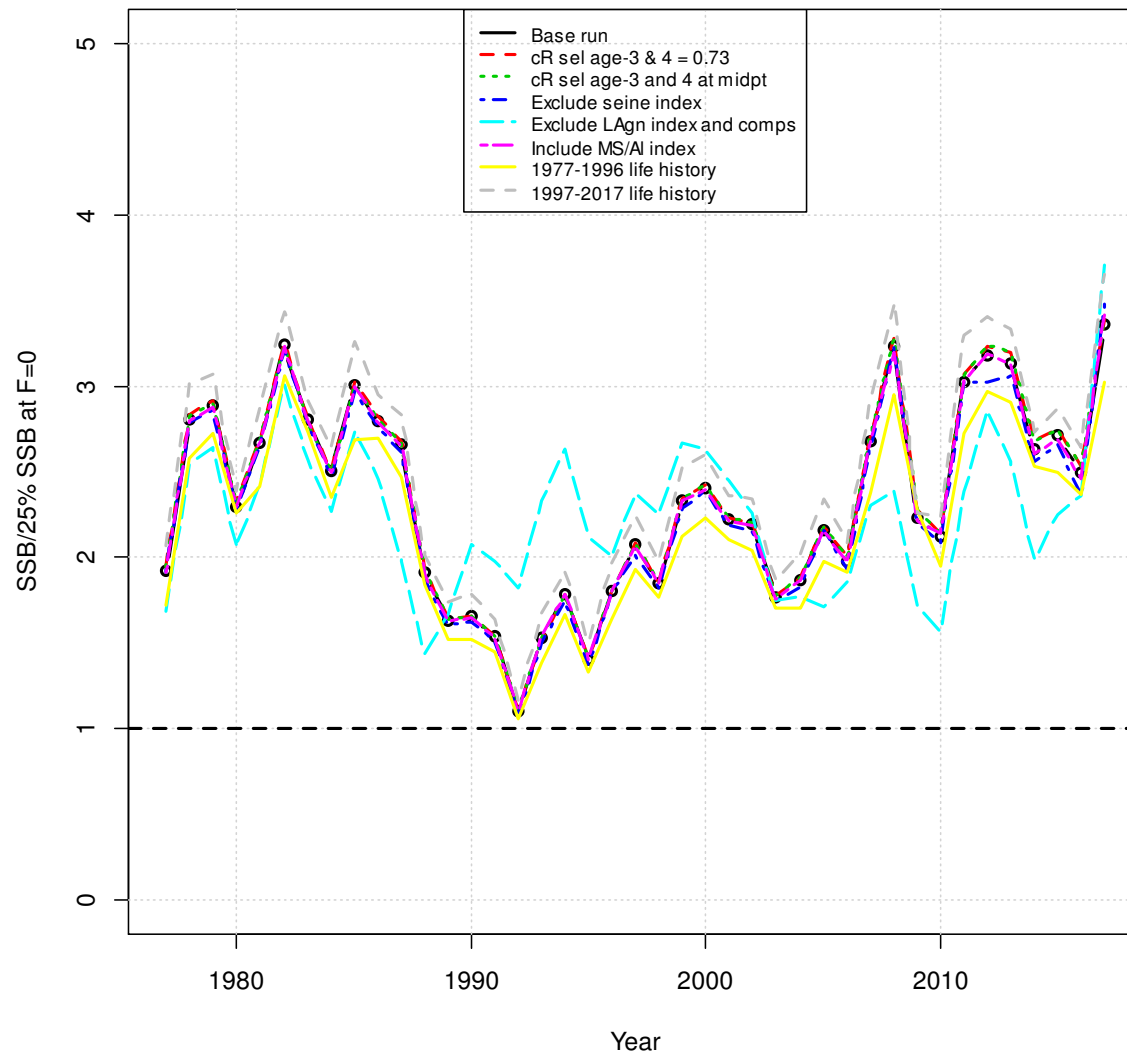
- F threshold and target
 - 1.32 and 0.99
 - Associated SSB is 3212045 and 3408847 (less than 1 SD apart)
 - TAC is 717,000 and 623,000
- SSB threshold and target
 - 25% and 50% of SSB when $F=0$
 - 1244281 and 2488562
 - Associated F is > 10 and 4.71

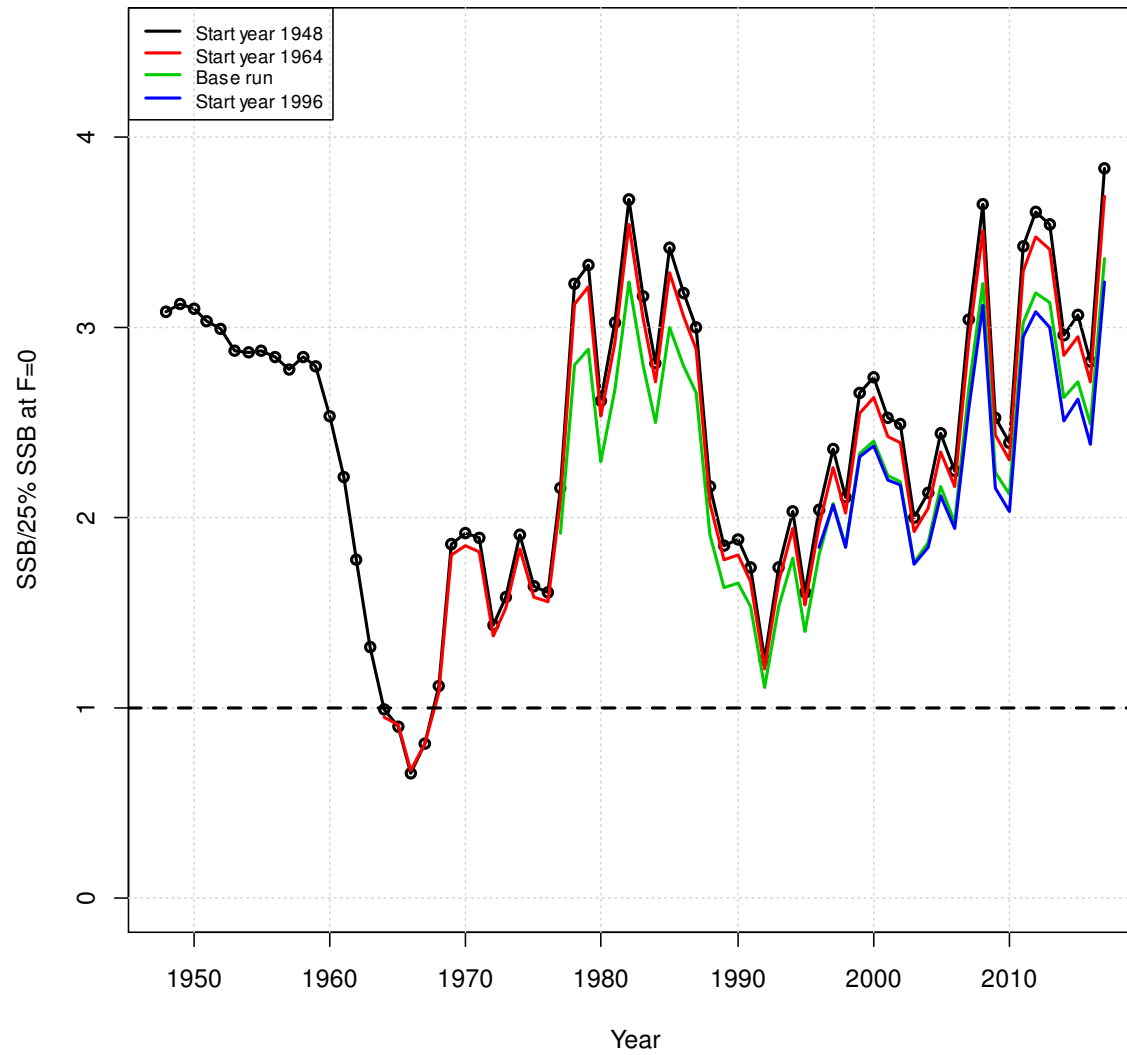


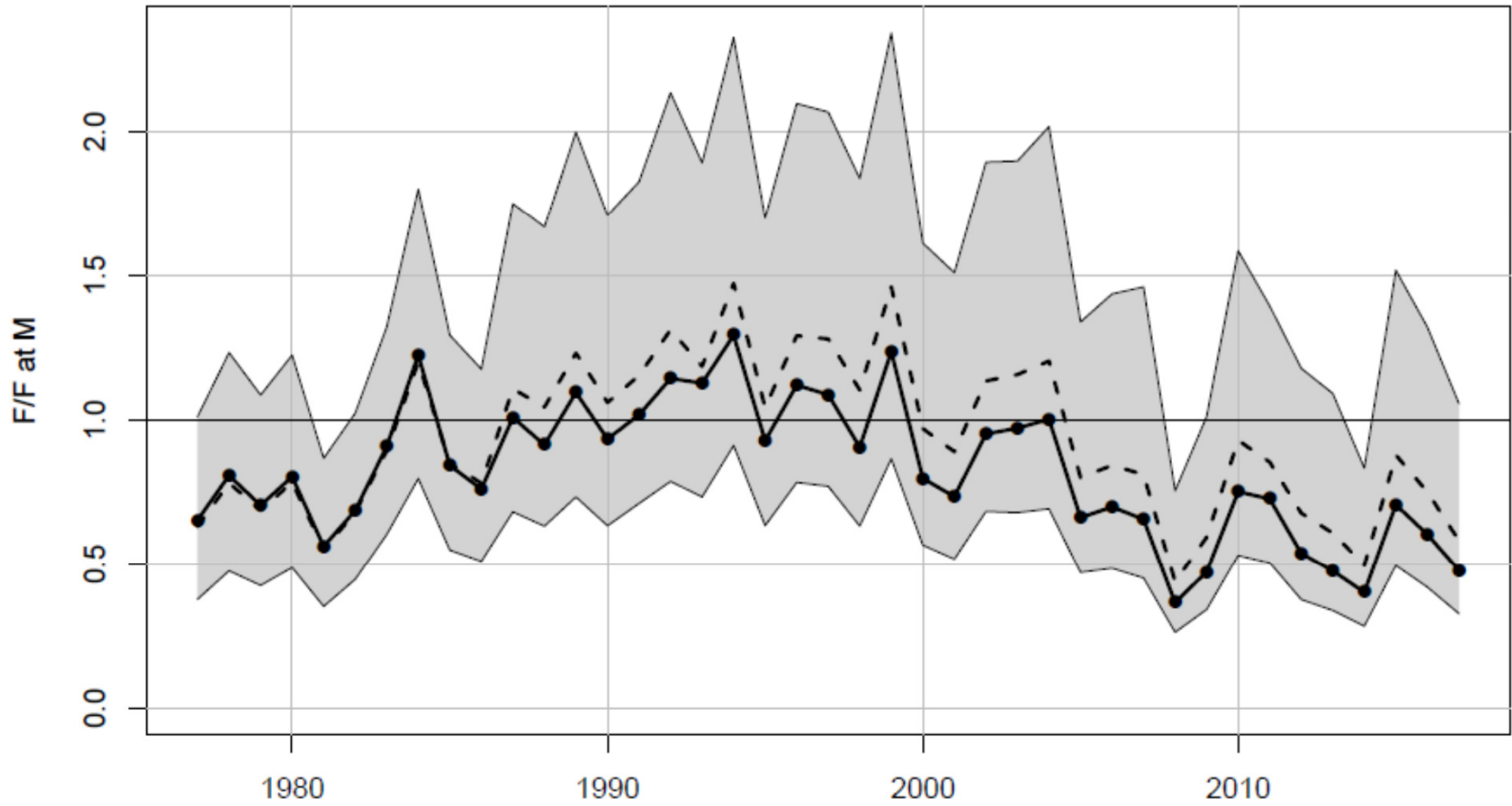


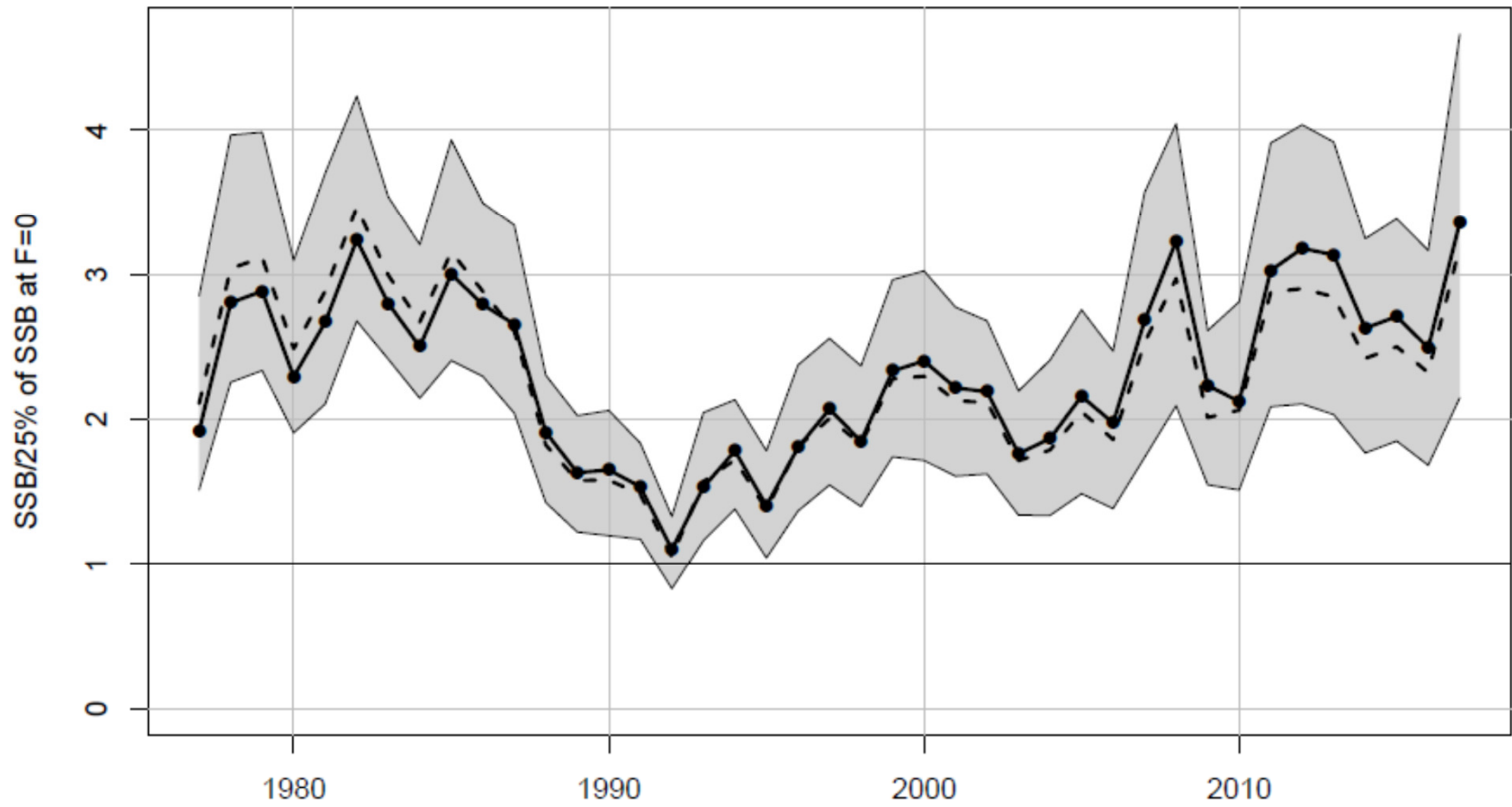


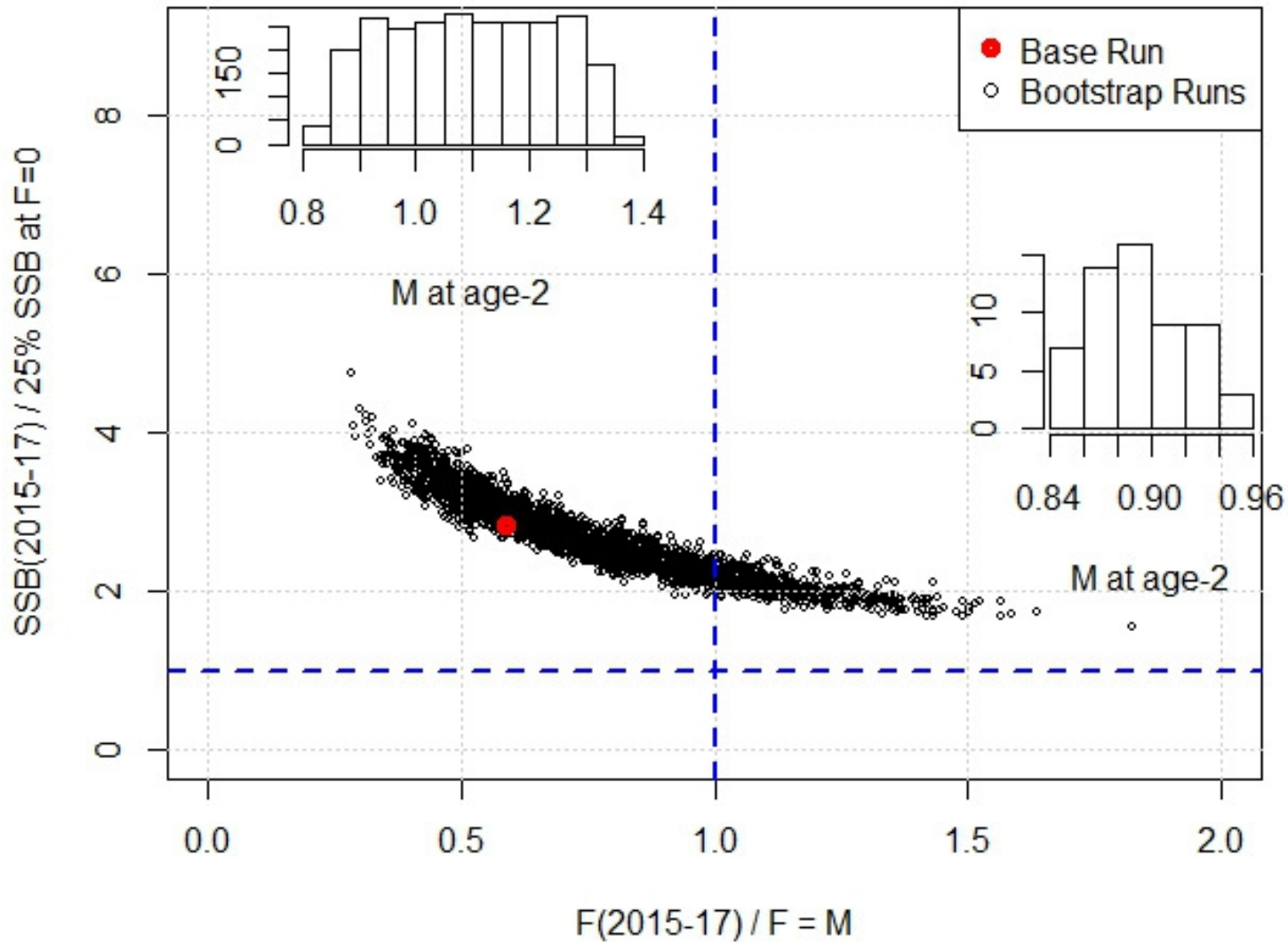












Stock status

- Consistent status across base run, sensitivities, and most MCBs
 - Overfishing is not occurring
 - Not overfished
- Recommend that goals and objectives for fishery are fully discussed and defined