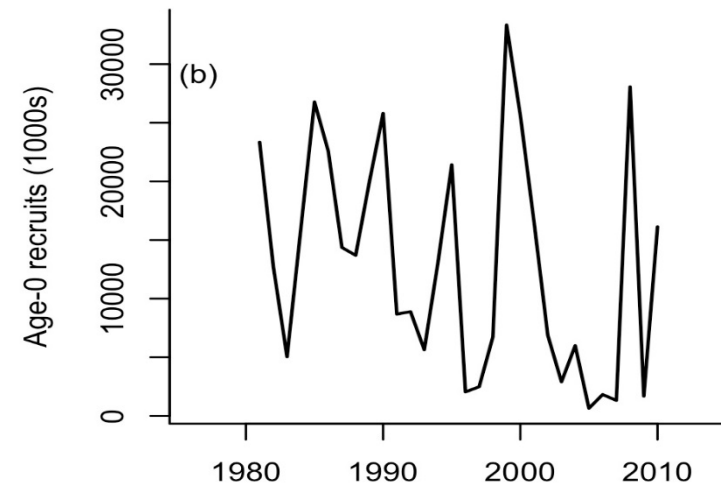


Oceanographic drivers sablefish recruitment in the Northern California Current



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Applications

Leading recruitment indicator

Now-cast and/or short term forecasting applications for management advice.

Recruitment hindcasting

What could recruitment have looked like during periods without length- and age- composition data?

Decrease the uncertainty in estimates of B_0 by providing information on past recruitments rather than using recruitments off the stock-recruitment curve.

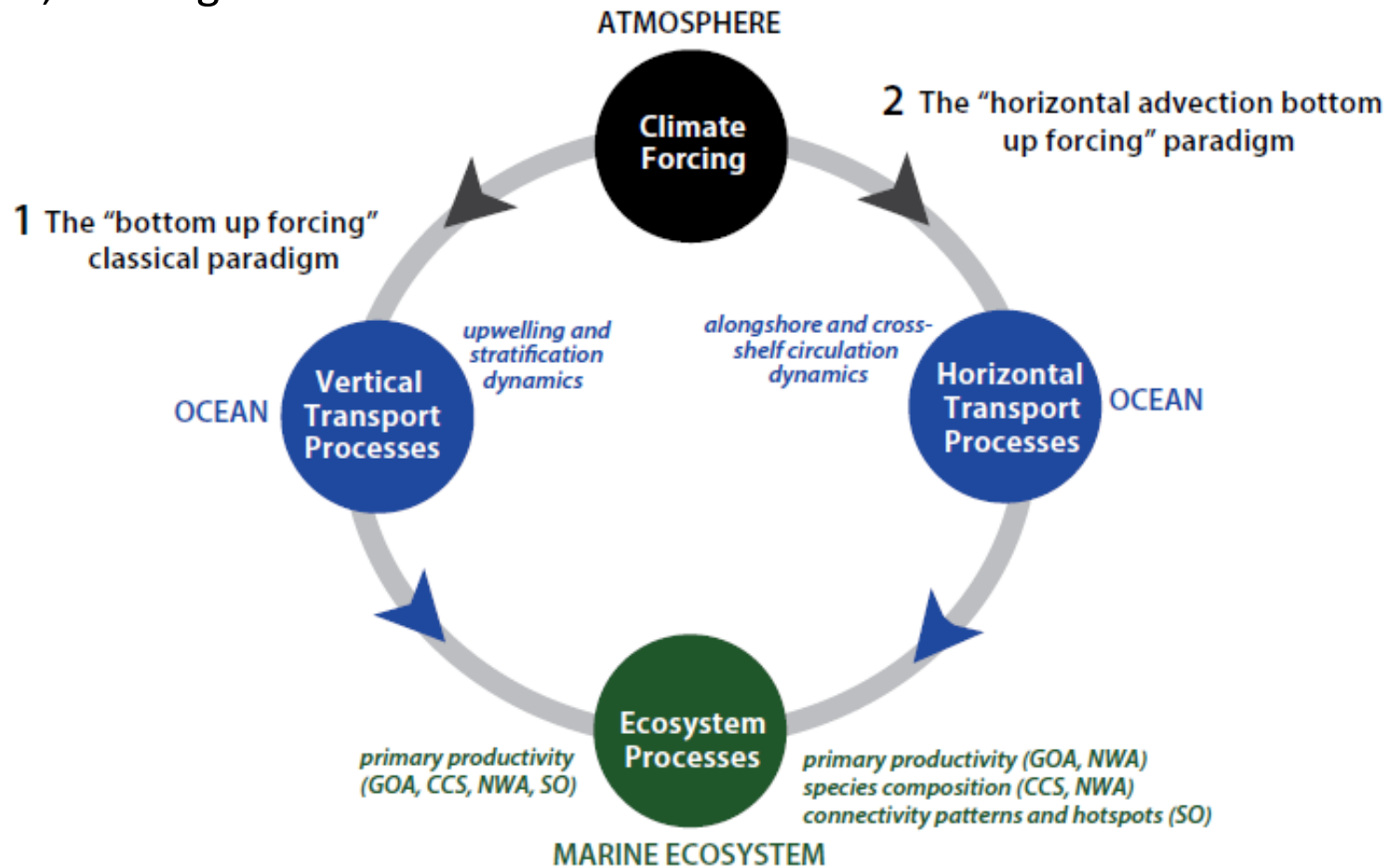
Management Strategy Evaluation

Evaluate control rule performance to potential long-term changes productivity

US GLOBEC:

The horizontal-advection bottom-up forcing paradigm

Large-scale climate forcing drives regional changes in alongshore and cross-shelf ocean transport, directly impacting the transport of nutrients, water masses, and organisms.



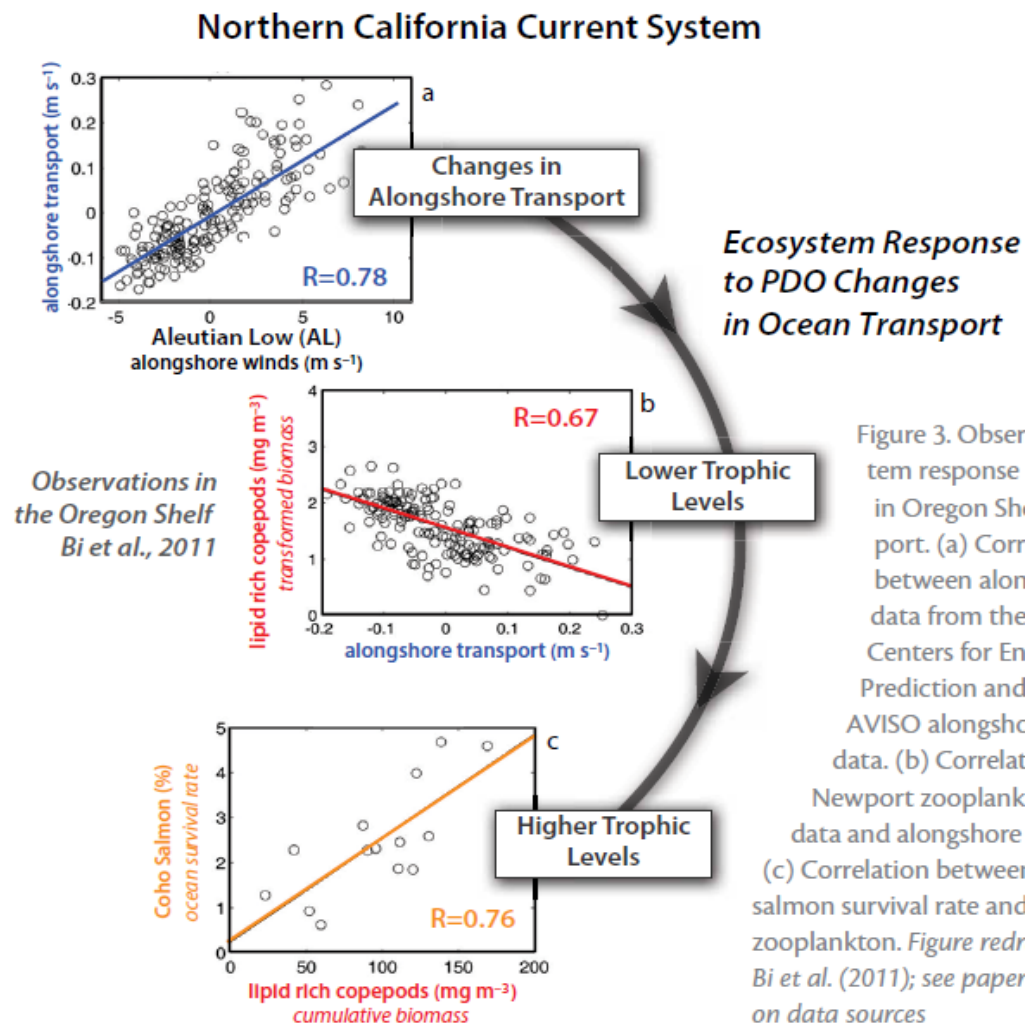
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Climate variability alters sea surface height (SSH), zooplankton community structure, and sablefish recruitment

SSH explains ~35-40% of the variance in recruitment (Schirripa)

Problem: needs to explain >50% of the variability in recruitment to inform stock assessment

Goal: develop stronger environmental index of recruitment



Oceanographic drivers of sablefish recruitment

Conceptual life-history



Make hypotheses



Fit a bunch of models (glms)



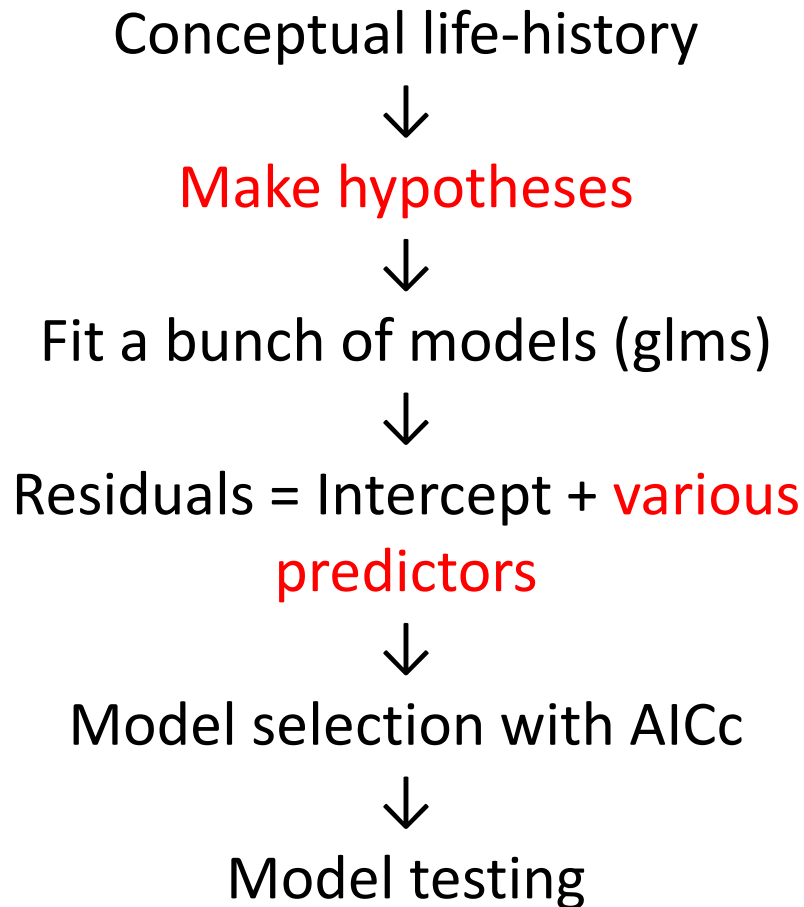
Model selection with AICc



Model testing

Literature search

Oceanographic drivers of sablefish recruitment



Make stage specific & spatially specific hypotheses

- Do not use generalized climate indices like NOI or PDO
- Use ROMS output for oceanic drivers
- Include some biological drivers
 - Predator and prey density
- Include Sea surface height (SSH)
- **NO** Spawning stock biomass (SSB)

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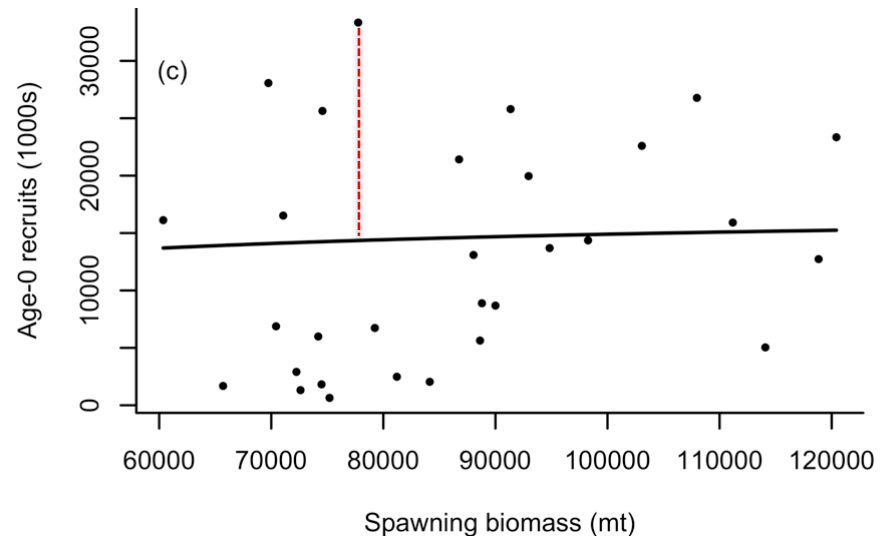


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Remove known Beverton-Holt stock recruitment relationship from assessment



Asserted Stock-recruitment relationship in the assessment

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Models

Basic glms

- Identity link
- Normal distribution

- Min predictors = 0
- Max predictors = 5
- Covariates with $r > 0.75$ excluded from the same model

Conceptual life-history model:

Preconditioning to benthic juveniles

Lat: 40-50 °N

Years: 1980-2010

Life-history stage	Time period	Depth	Sablefish location
<i>Preconditioning</i>	Jun - Dec (Yr 0)	50-1200m with highest occurrence between 150 - 400 m	Bottom
<i>Spawning</i>	Dec (Yr 0)- Mar (Yr 1)	300-500 m	Bottom
<i>Eggs</i>	Jan-Apr	200-825 m with highest occurrence between 240 and 480 m, may rise has high as 200-300 m	Open water
<i>Early Development</i>	Feb-May	1000-1200 m	Open water
<i>Larvae (start feeding)</i>	Feb-May	Surface waters	Open water
<i>Pelagic juveniles</i>	Apr-Nov	Surface waters	Open water
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Hypothesis	Covariates	Depth extent	Longitudinal extent	Data source
Transport to settlement habitat affects recruitment	Net long-shore transport	Surface waters	0-150 nautical nmi	ROMS
Transport to settlement habitat affects recruitment	Net cross-shelf transport	Surface waters	0-150 nautical nmi	ROMS
Growth/Predation hypothesis:				
Growth rate is faster in warm water leading to reduced time vulnerable to predators etc	Degree days	Surface waters	0-150 nautical nmi	ROMS



One model with $\Delta AICc < 2.0$

Model						R ²	ΔAIC
Model 1	DD _{pre}	CST _{egg}	DD _{egg}	LST _{ed}	DD _{larv}	0.57	0

One model with $\Delta AICc < 2.0$ $r^2 = 0.57$

Degree days – preconditioning bottom, 150 – 400 m

Cross-shelf transport – egg stage 500 m off shore to 170 nmi
300-825 m

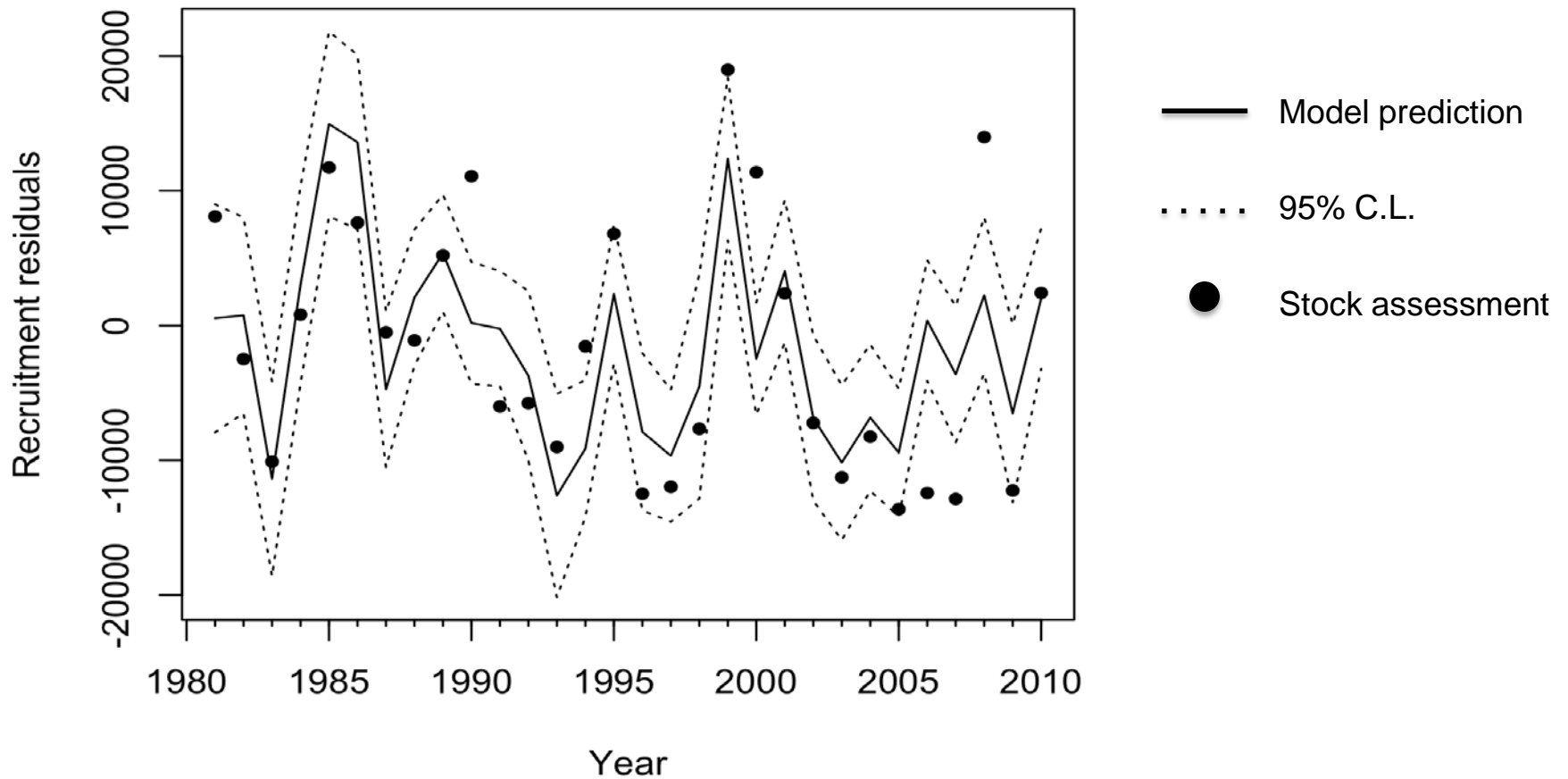
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Long-shelf transport – early development 1000 m off shore to 170 nmi
1000 – 1200 m

Degree days – larvae surface waters out to 150 nmi

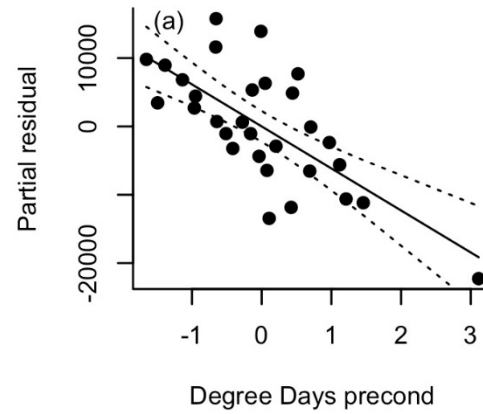
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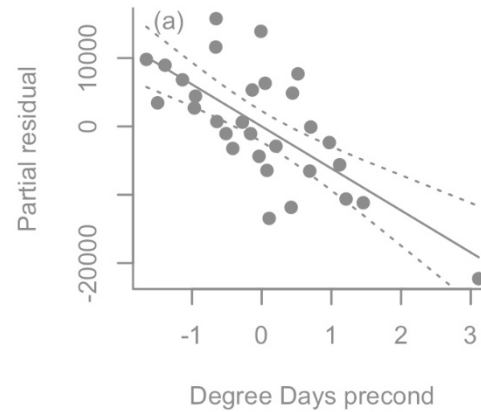
Partial residual plots

(-) DD_{pre} – cold water = more food; lower metabolic costs and more energy for reproduction

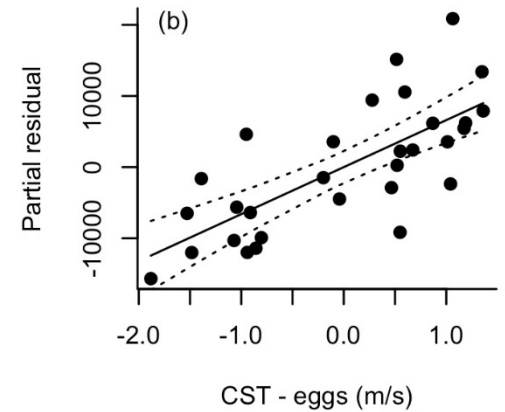


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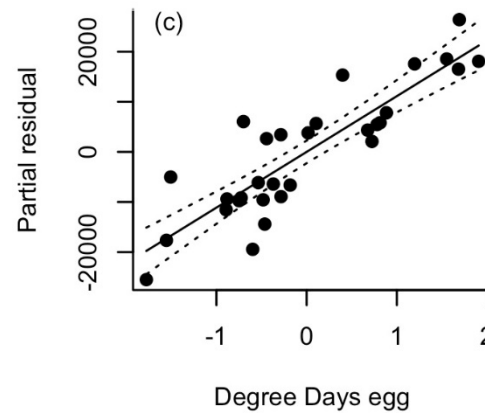
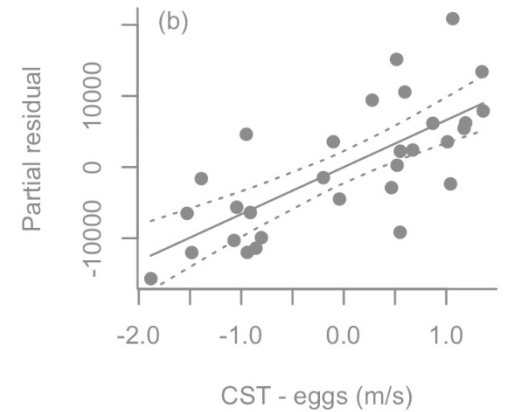
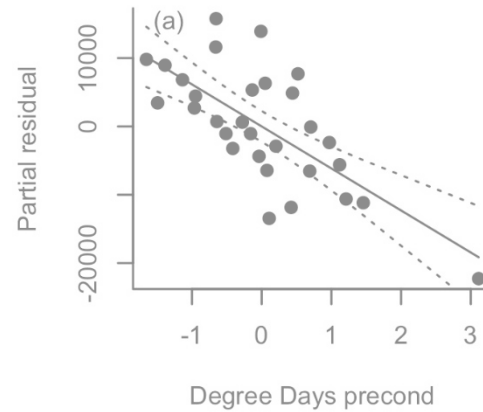


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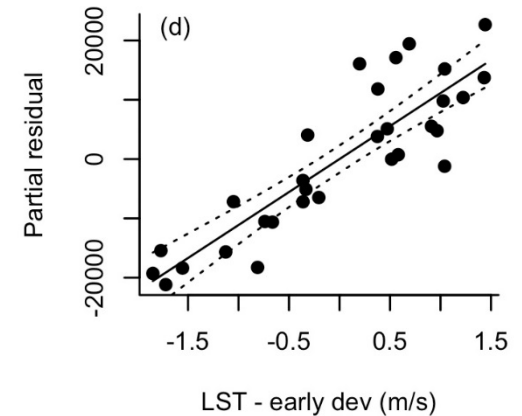
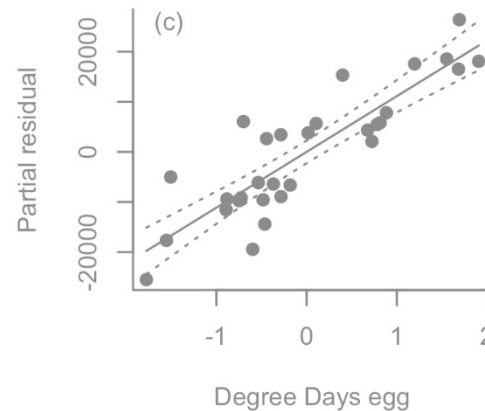
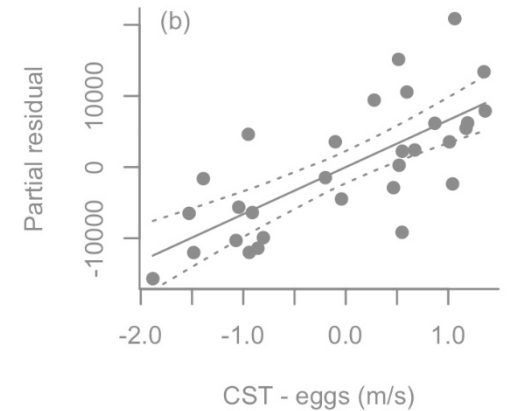
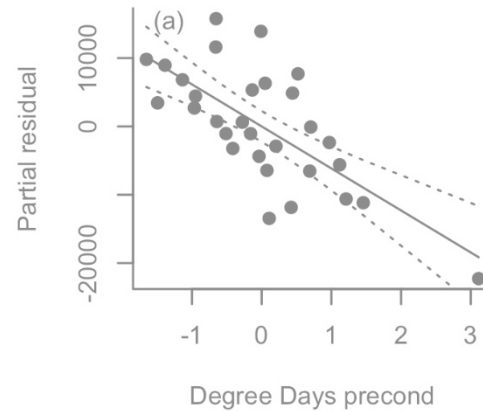
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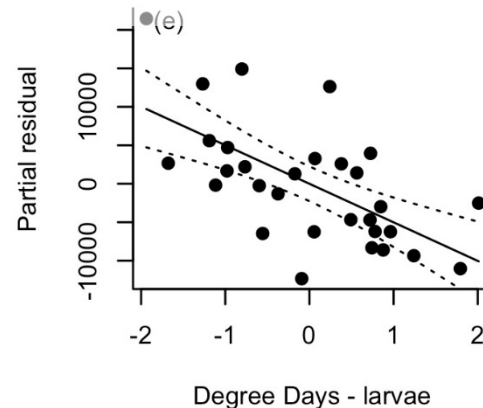
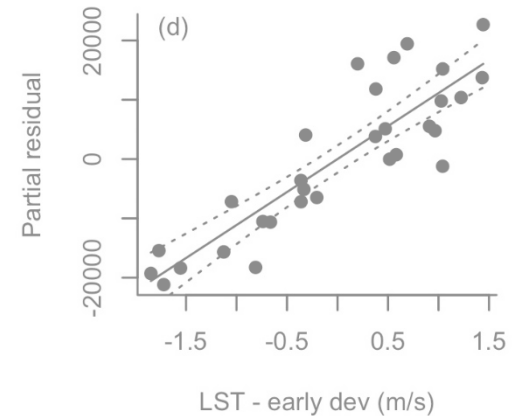
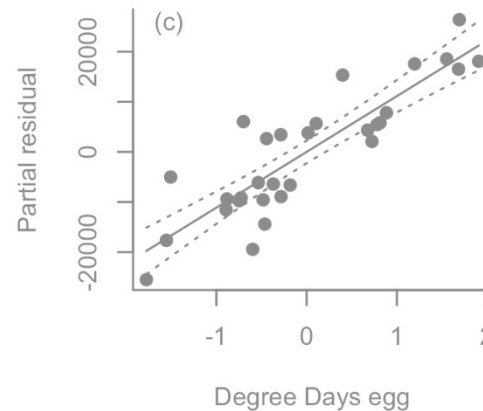
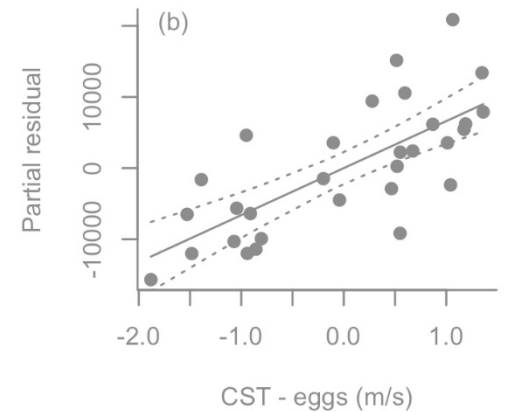
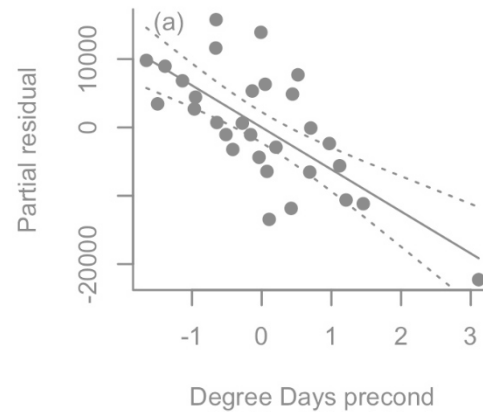
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(-) DD_{larv} – warm water = starvation overcomes faster growth rate



Residuals + $\hat{\beta}_i X_i$ versus X_i

Update with 2011 – 2014 data?

→ Current data span 1980 – 2010

→ 2011 – 2014 ROMs data available from a different model

Oceanographic Modeling Issues

Inconsistent inputs from different products

- Surface forcing (heat flux, wind)

- Ocean boundary conditions

Models are consistent for well observed variables

- SST, SSH, MLD

Not possible to validate many sub-surface predictors between models

New time series are short

Back to Applications

What to do about physical time series?

Need a single reconstruction extending as far back as possible and that can be updated into the future

Leading recruitment indicators

Now-cast based on current year environment

Short-term forecasting depends upon forecasting important covariates - JSCOPE?

Recruitment hindcasting

Depends upon historical oceanographic data

Management Strategy Evaluation

Requires stakeholder input

Assumes stationarity

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