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Integrated life cycle models

- We still need population models!
 - Individuals $\leftrightarrow$ Populations $\leftrightarrow$ Ecosystem
 - The core of decision analysis
- Integrated life cycles models allow considering population models in an ecosystemic framework
- Raises challenges ... classics of the old dichotomy between mechanistic and statistical models

Levins, R. 1966. The strategy of model building in population biology. American Scientist, 54(4), 421–431.

Integrated life cycle models - Challenges

Challenge 1 - Understanding demographics

- **Integrate** various demographic processes and factors that control population dynamics at all life stages
 - with their associated sources of variability and uncertainty
 - within a hierarchy of spatial and temporal scales
 - Spatial Local (~ site specific)
 Global (~ large geographical scale)
 - Temporal Long term (~ decades)
 Short term (~ years)

Integrated life cycle models - Challenges

Challenge 2 - Data assimilation

- Assimilate various sources of data and information, with their associated sources of uncertainty, to extract an **integrated signal**

- Survey methods are heterogeneous among life stages, in time/space
- Observations errors are the rule, and must be accounted for
- Data are incomplete

Some key demographic transitions can not be directly observed

- Borrowing strength (« Robin Hood Approach », Punt 2011)
- Informative priors (« Standing on the shoulders of giants », Hilborn and Lierman, 1998)

Hierarchical Bayesian Models

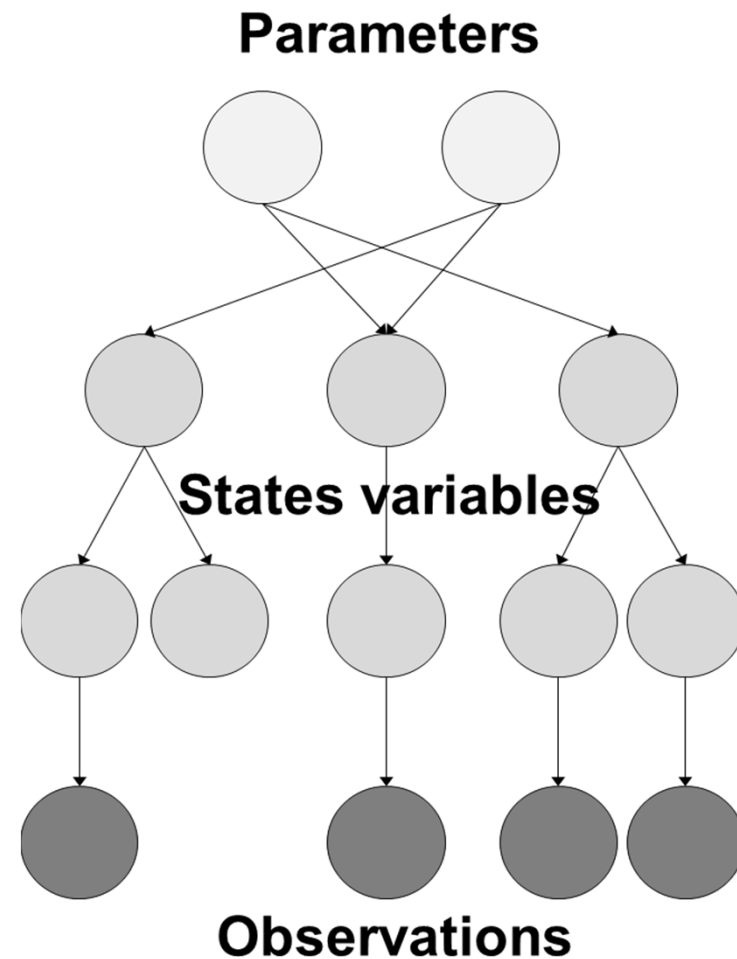
(Clark, 2005 ; Buckland et al., 2007 ; Cressie et al., 2009 ; Kerry and Schaub, 2011 ; Parent and Rivot, 2012)

Conditional probability distributions used for *cause* → *effect* relationships for process and observations

+ (Informative) priors on parameters

- Param. / Demographics / Observations are modeled in a **probabilistic** logic
- Dependencies (Param → States → Obs.) are built in a **mechanistic** logic
- **Synthesis** between mechanistic and probabilistic approaches (~ data assimilation)

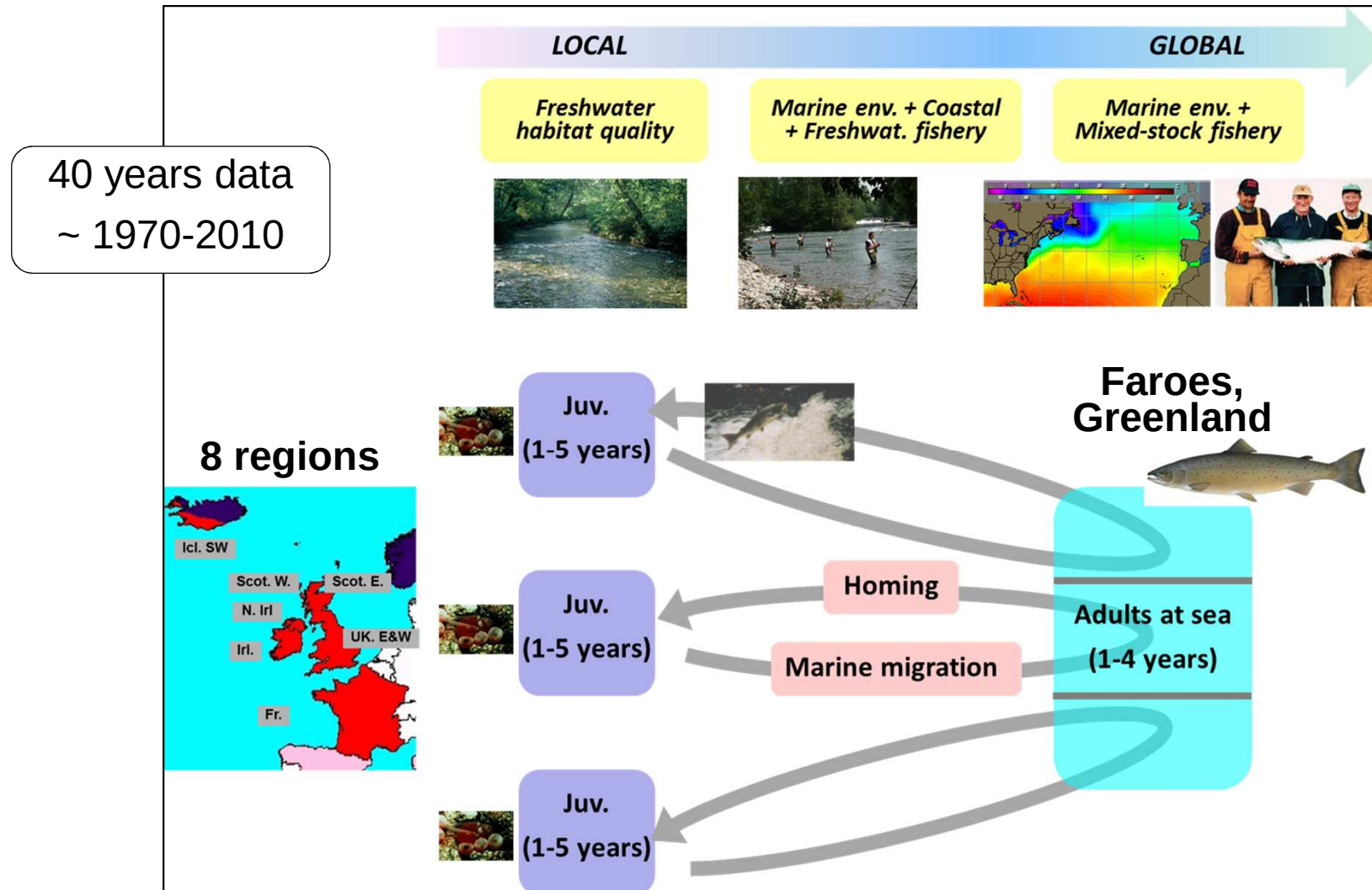
- Allows for building complex network of dependencies, in a hierarchy of time and spatial scales
 1. Demography
 2. Data assimilation (“borrowing strength”)
 3. Informative Priors



Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) in the North Atlantic Ocean

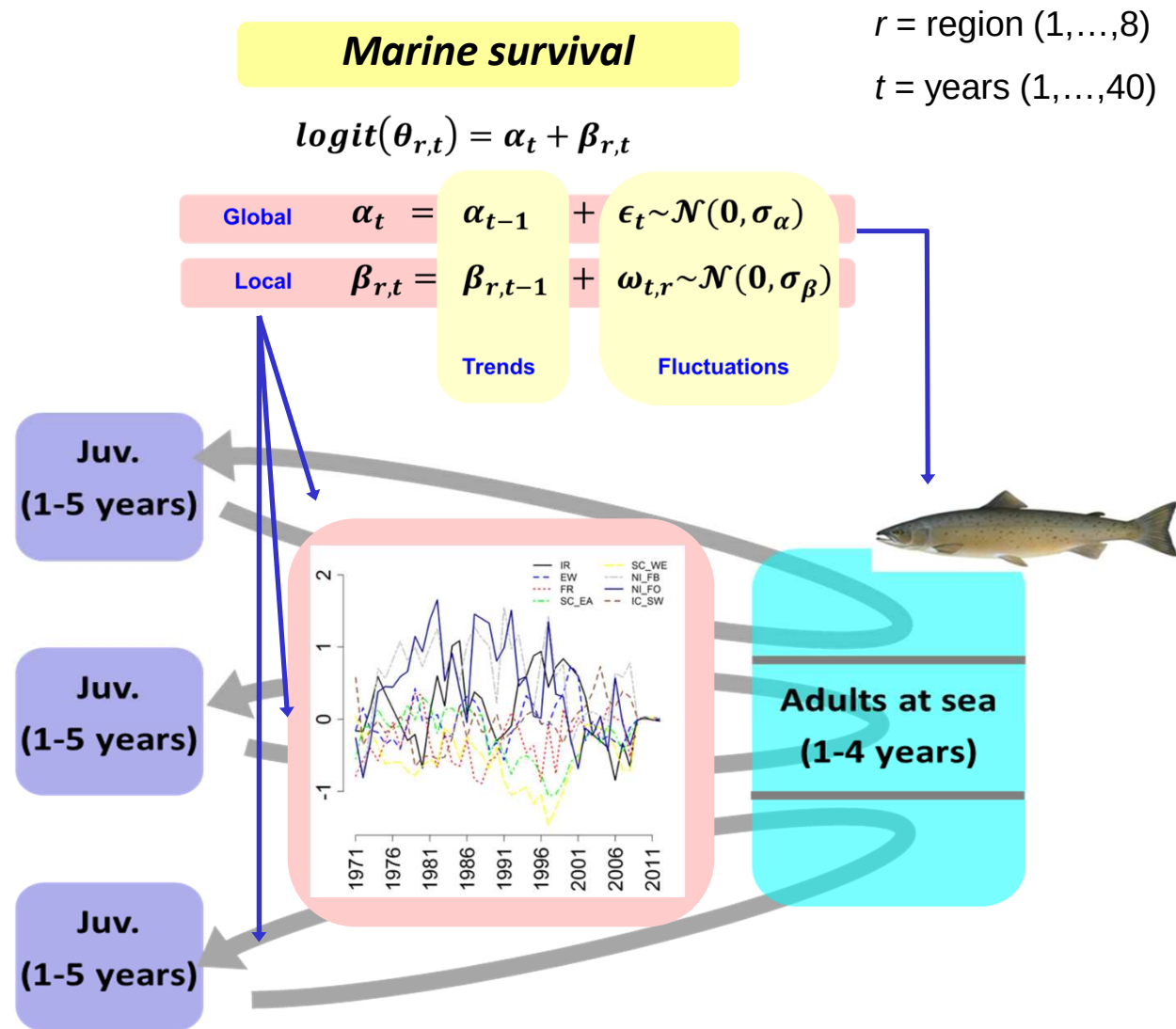


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Disentangling the different scales in the A. Salmon freshwater and marine survival

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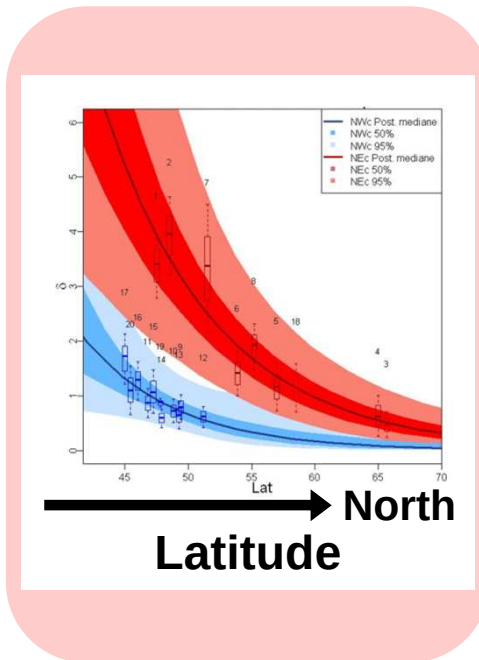
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Eggs → Smolts survival

21 index rivers
HBM → Borrowing strength
“Data rich” → “data poor”

$$Mort_r = e^{\gamma_r + \lambda_r \cdot \text{Latitude}_r}$$



Marine survival

$$\text{logit}(\theta_{r,t}) = \alpha_t + \beta_{r,t}$$

$$\text{Global } \alpha_t = \alpha_{t-1} + \epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\alpha)$$

$$\text{Local } \beta_{r,t} = \beta_{r,t-1} + \omega_{t,r} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\beta)$$

Trends

Fluctuations

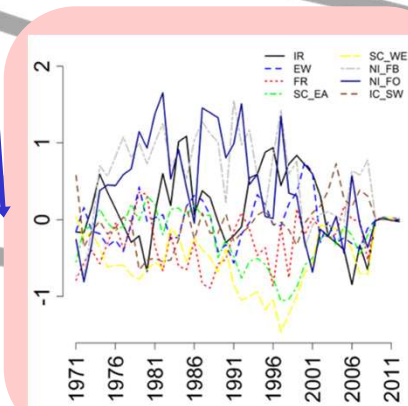
$r = \text{region } (1, \dots, 8)$

$t = \text{years } (1, \dots, 40)$

Juv.
(1-5 years)

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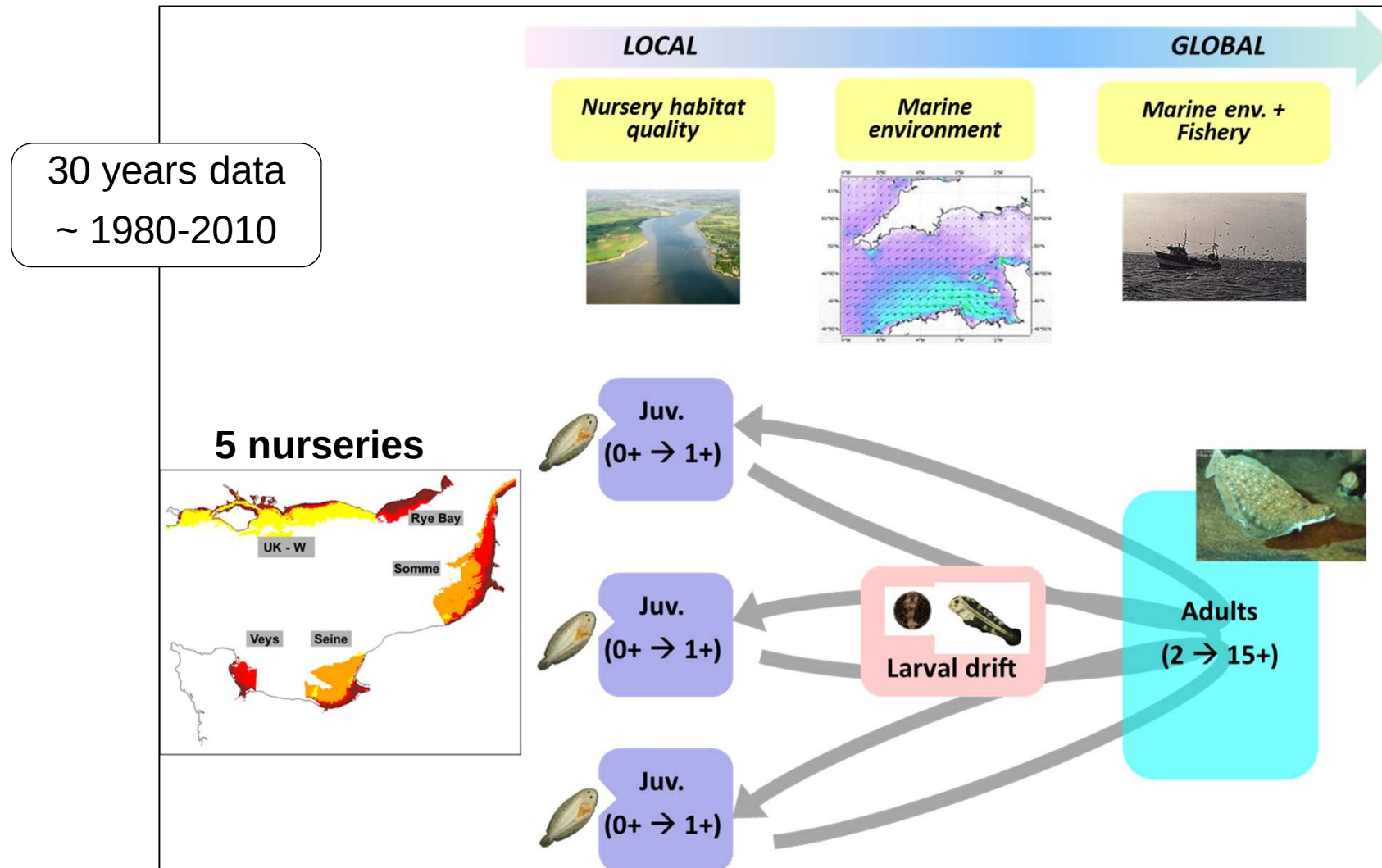
Adults at sea
(1-4 years)



Common sole (*Solea solea*) in the Eastern Channel



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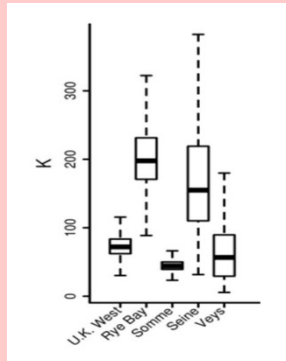


Merging Lagrangian model for larval drift and survival within a life cycle of the common Sole in the E. Channel

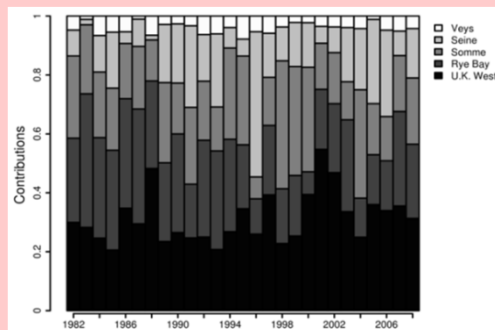
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Nursery-specific density-dependent mortality

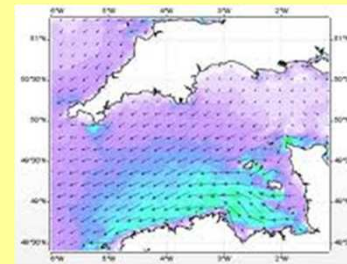
Nursery-specific carrying capacity



Contribution of each nursery to the total recruitment



Larval drift and survival Lagrangian model (MARS 3D)



Biological hyp.

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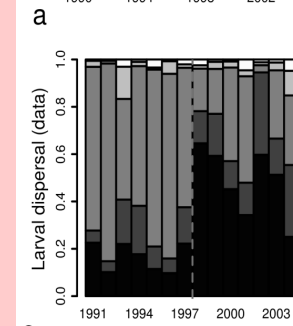
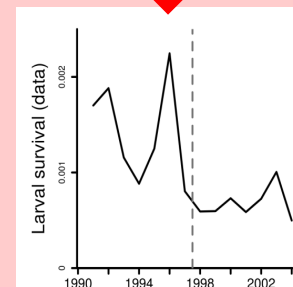


Informative prior

Juv.
(0+ → 1+)

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(0+ → 1+)



Adults
(2 → 15+)



Conclusions

- HBMs are useful tools to move from simple population dynamics to integrated life cycle for an ecosystemic approach to population dynamics and demography
- Have the potential for stimulating collaborations and for a synthesis between different fields of science
 - Field ecology (data) and data assimilation
 - Demographics & pop. dynamics
 - Mechanistic models (IBMs ...)
 - Maths. / Statistics / Comput. Sciences
- Provide insights to a better understanding of the factors controlling life cycles in a hierarchy of time and spatial scales

Thanks for your attention !



and welcome in the *Bayesounours World* !