

Optimization and evolution of traits in models of fish

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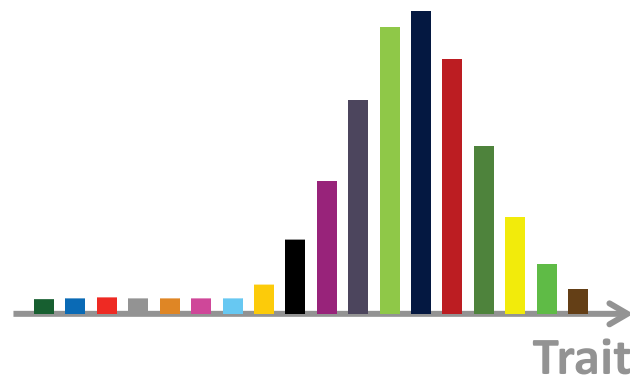
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Micro-organisms

Recruitment

Ubiquitous seed-bank

Community dynamics



Trait shifts

Fast

Perspective

Focus on **traits** to
predict **species**
composition

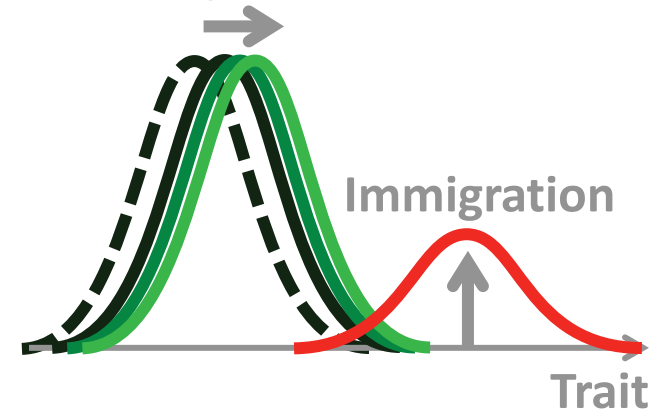
Strength

Competition

Large organisms

Local populations

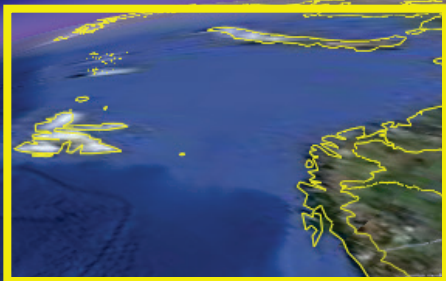
Adaptation

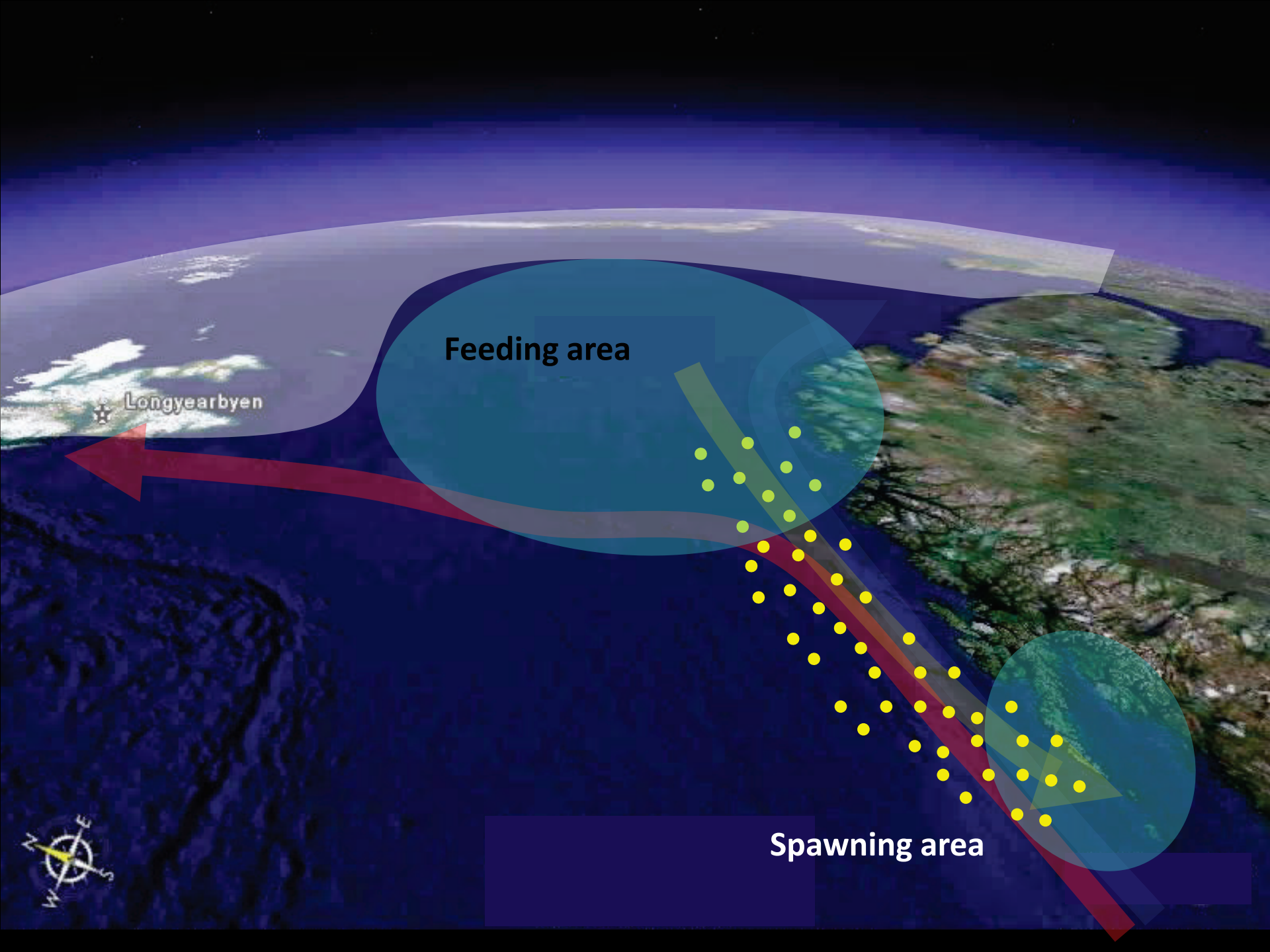


Slow

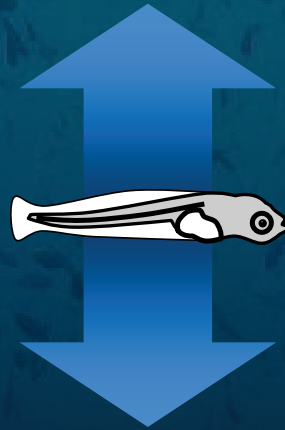
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Trade-offs

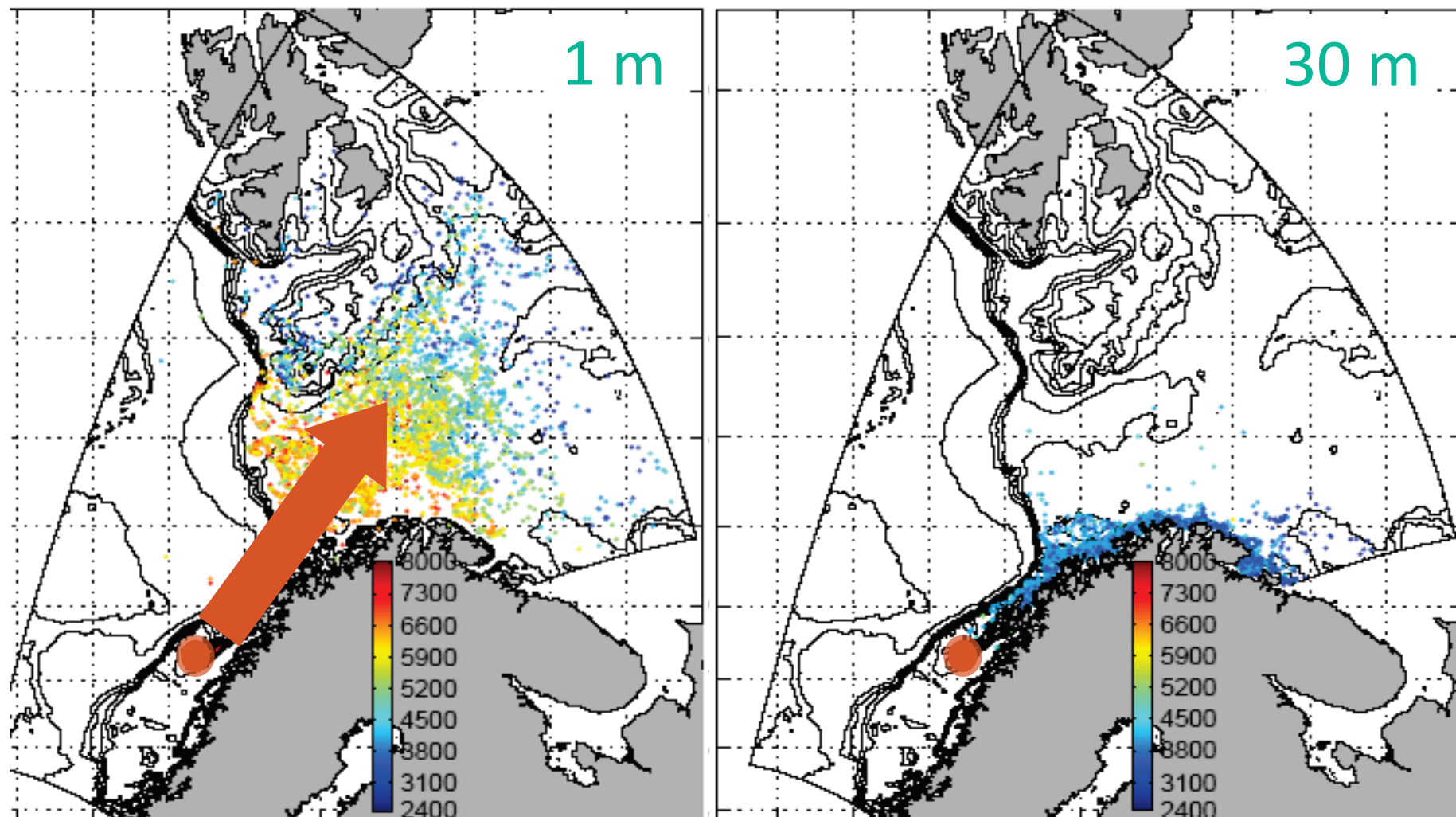




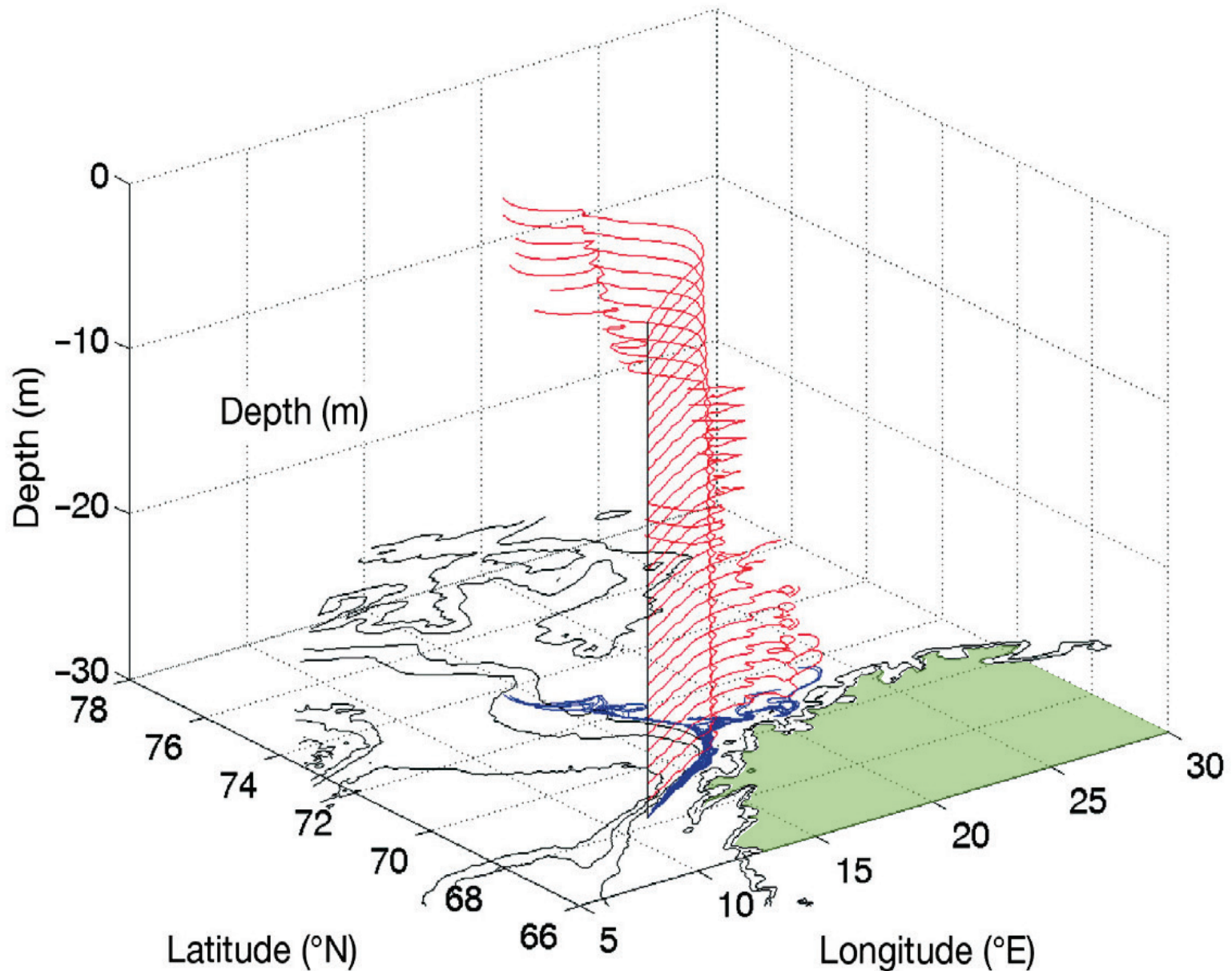
Life for a
cod larva...



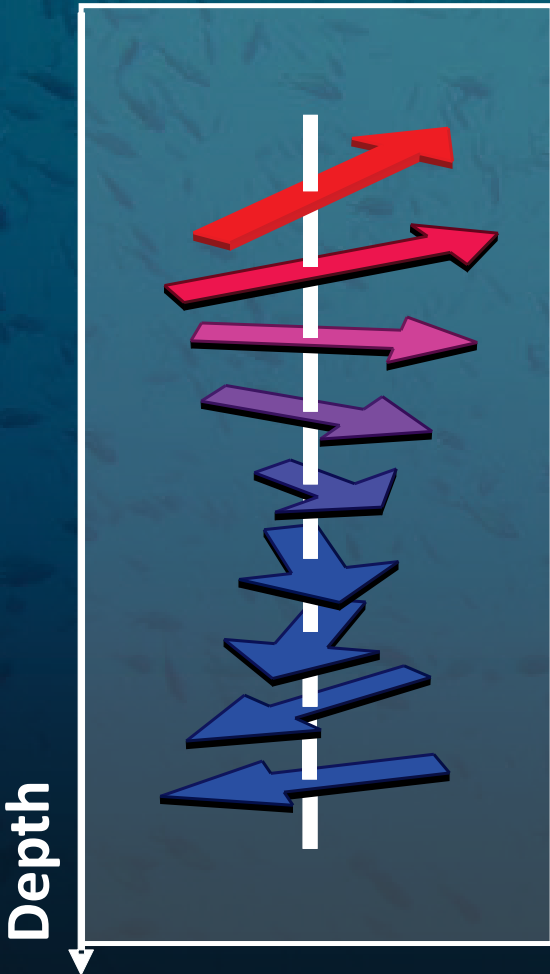
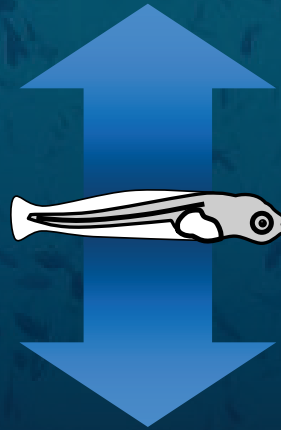
Drifting particles, but at which depth?



A highway intersection in the deep

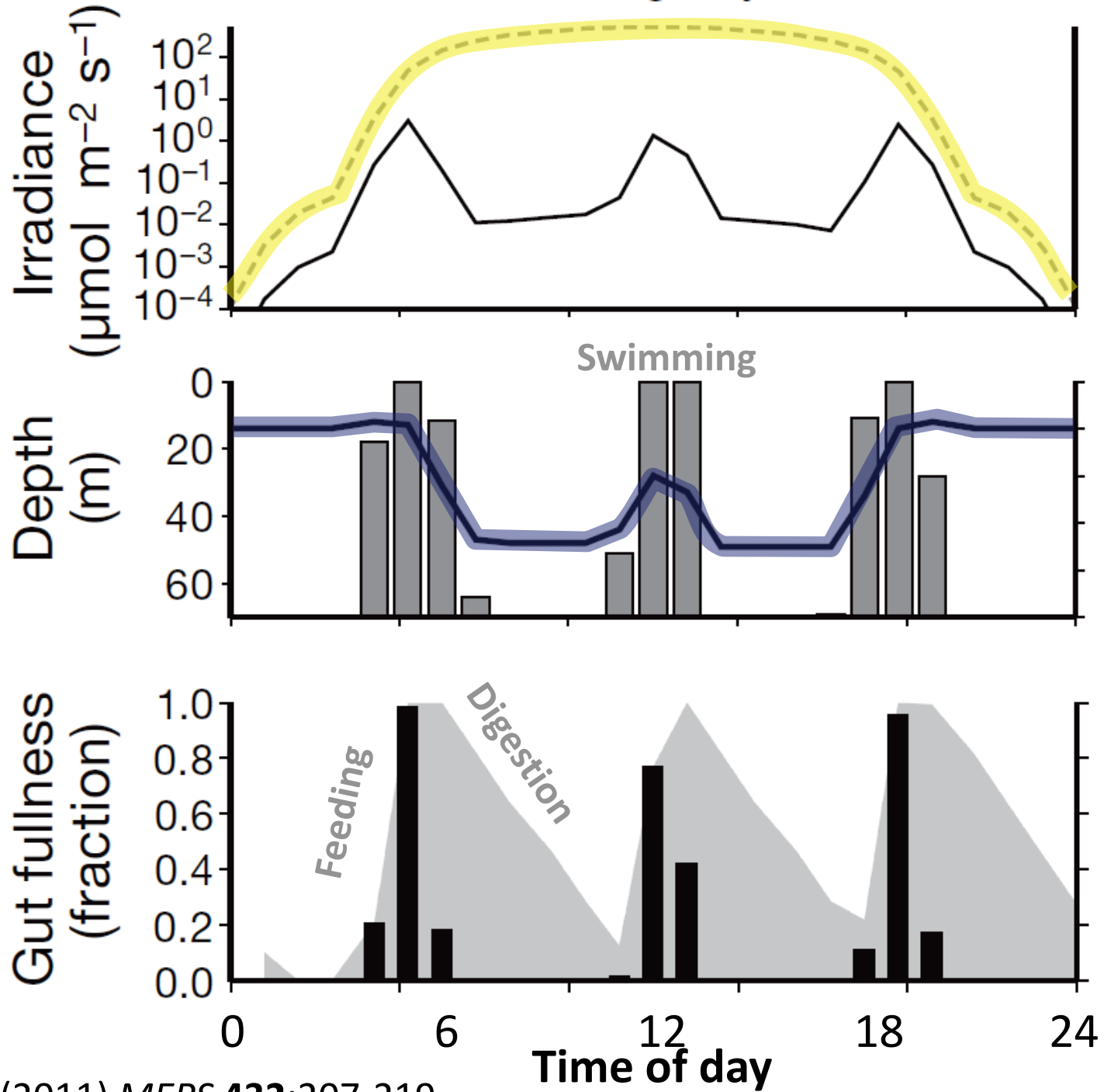


Life for a cod larva...



A diagram illustrating the visual field and range of motion of a fish. The fish is shown on the right, facing left. A vertical line represents the fish's body axis. A horizontal line with an arrow pointing left is labeled s . A point a is marked on this line. A vertical line with an arrow pointing up is labeled s . A point a is marked on this line. A large, elongated oval shape represents the fish's visual field, centered on the horizontal axis. A line labeled R_{fish} extends from the top of the oval to the fish's eye. A line labeled R_{larvae} extends from the bottom of the oval to a small fish-like figure on the left. A line labeled s extends from the bottom of the oval to the fish's eye. A line labeled a extends from the bottom of the oval to the fish's eye. A line labeled s extends from the bottom of the oval to the fish's eye. A line labeled a extends from the bottom of the oval to the fish's eye. A line labeled s extends from the bottom of the oval to the fish's eye. A line labeled a extends from the bottom of the oval to the fish's eye.

Optimal daily vertical migrations

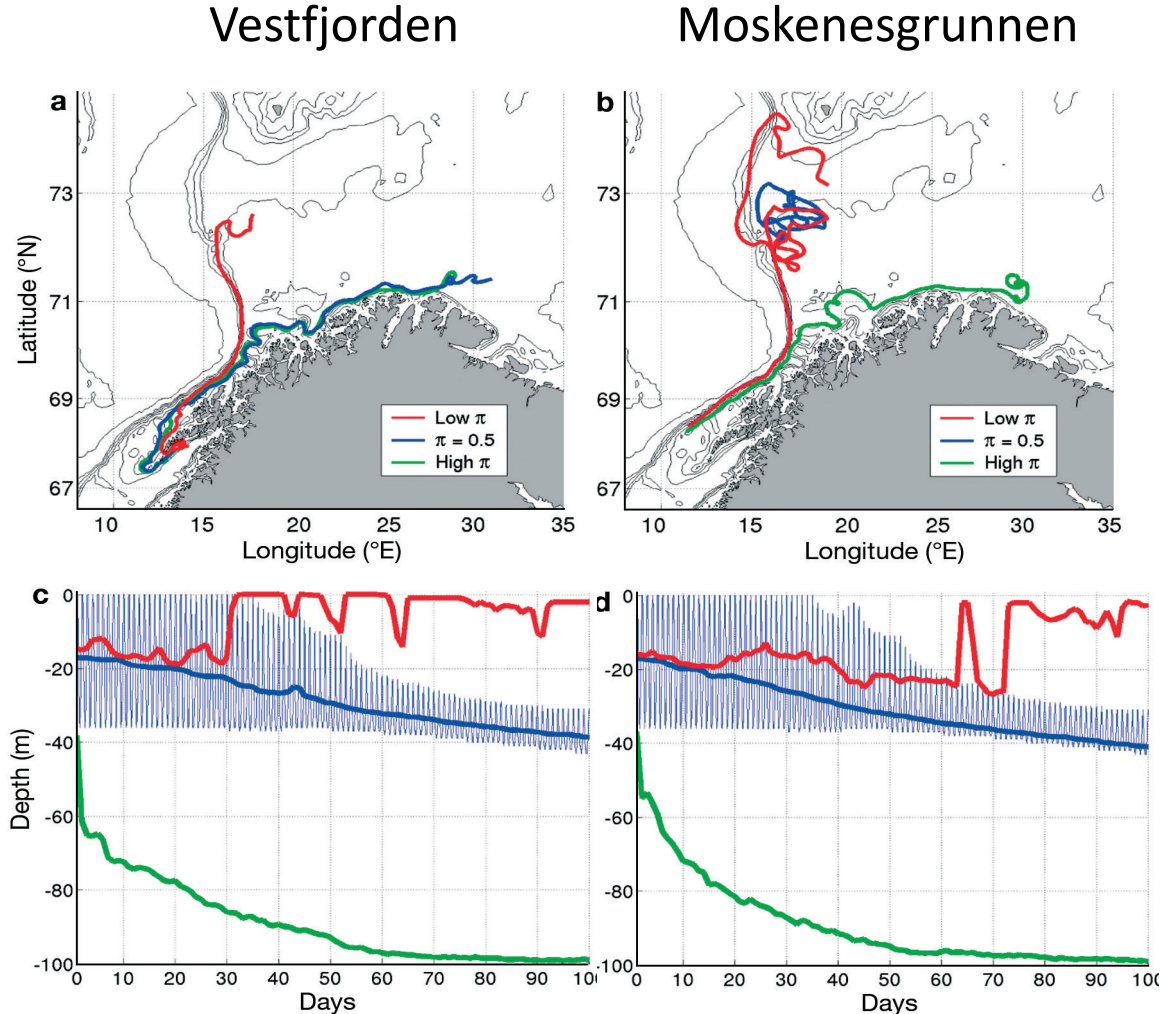


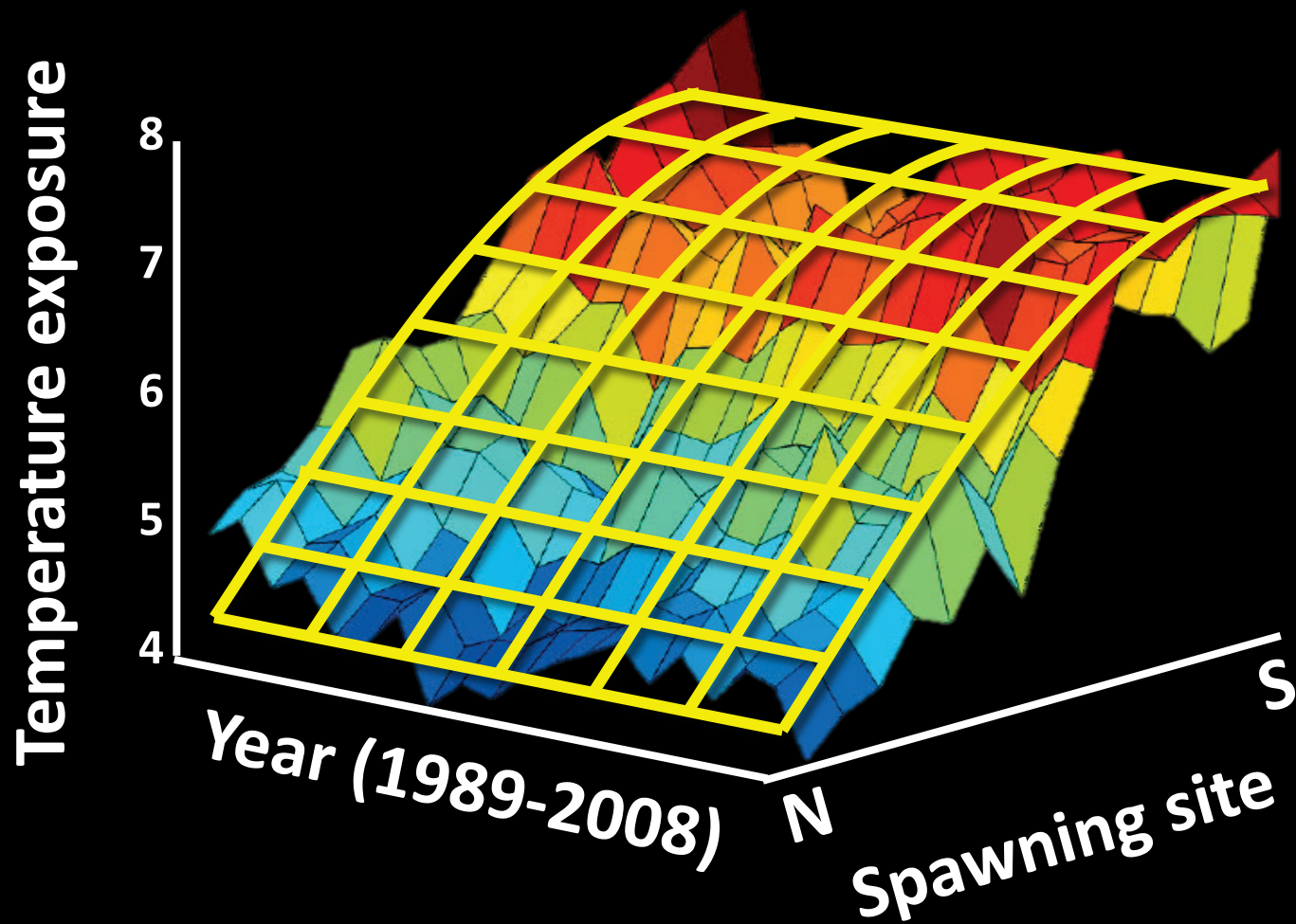
Behavior in ROMS

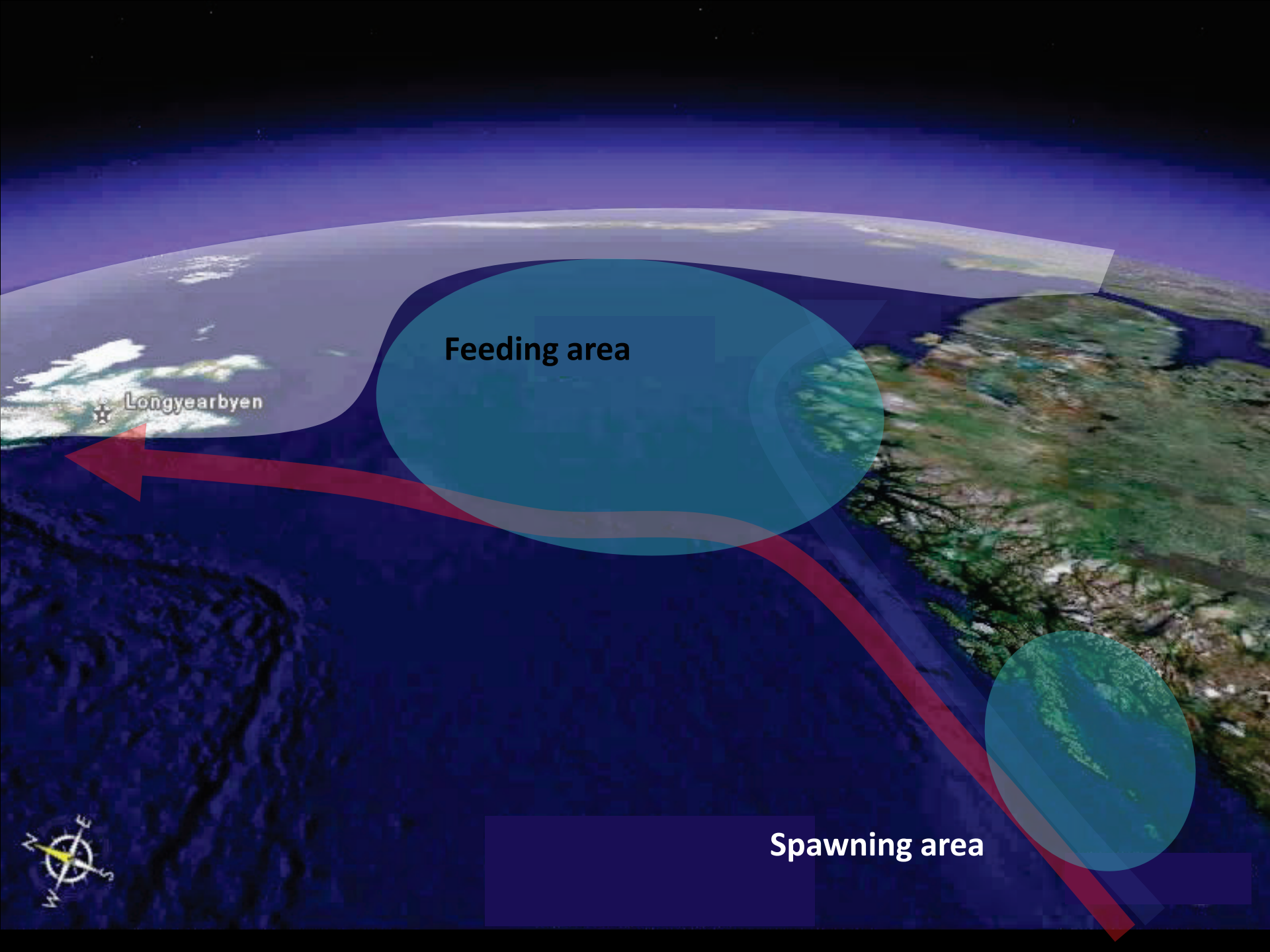
- Growth model g
 - Size, temperature
 - Light-dependent encounters with prey
- Survival model m
 - Light-dependent encounters with visual predators
 - Tactile predators

$$z_i^*(t) = \max_z [(1 - \pi_i)g_z - \pi_i m_z]$$

- Fearfulness π
 - High π – risk averse
 - Low π – seeking risk







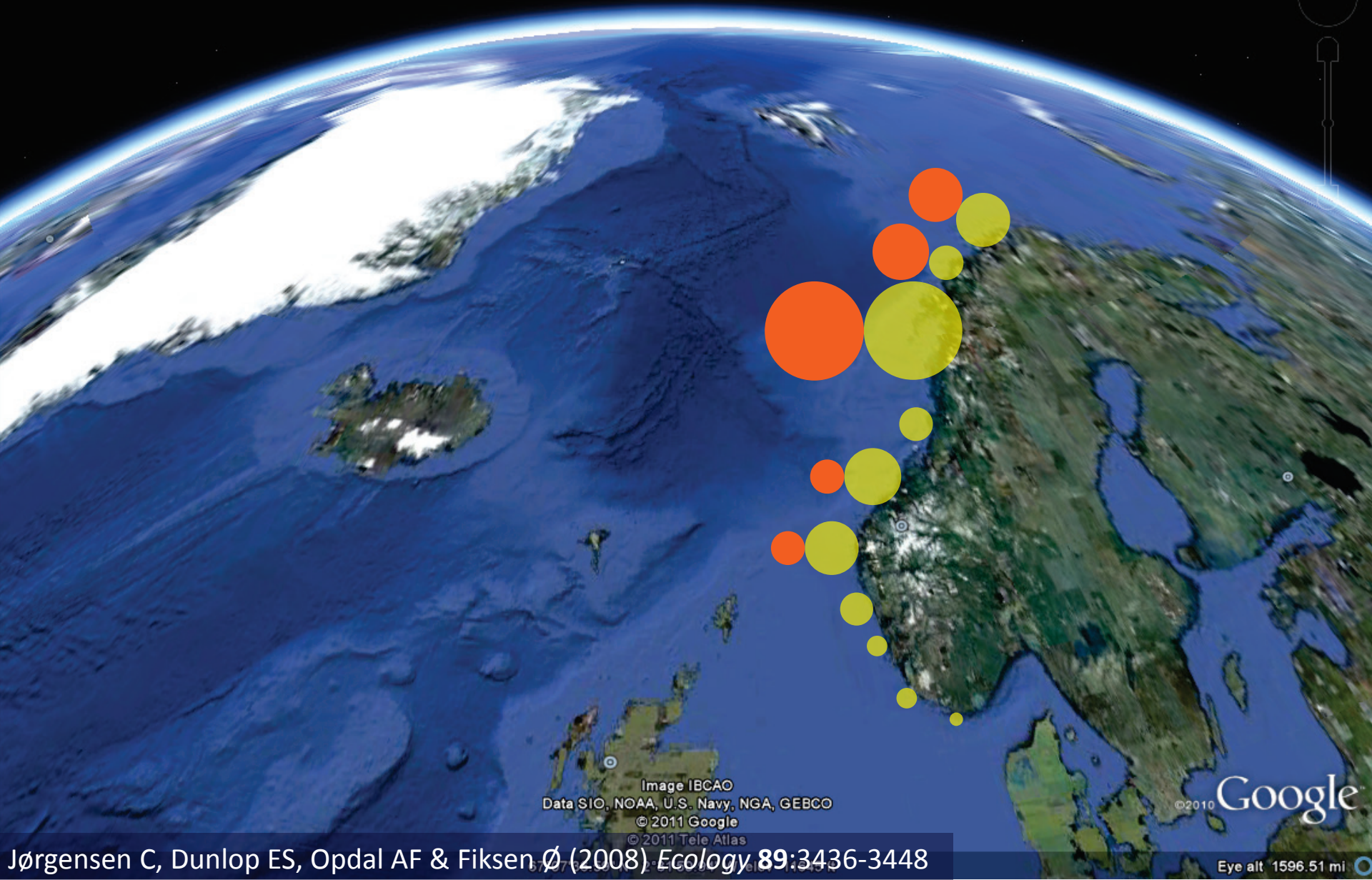
Feeding area

Longyearbyen

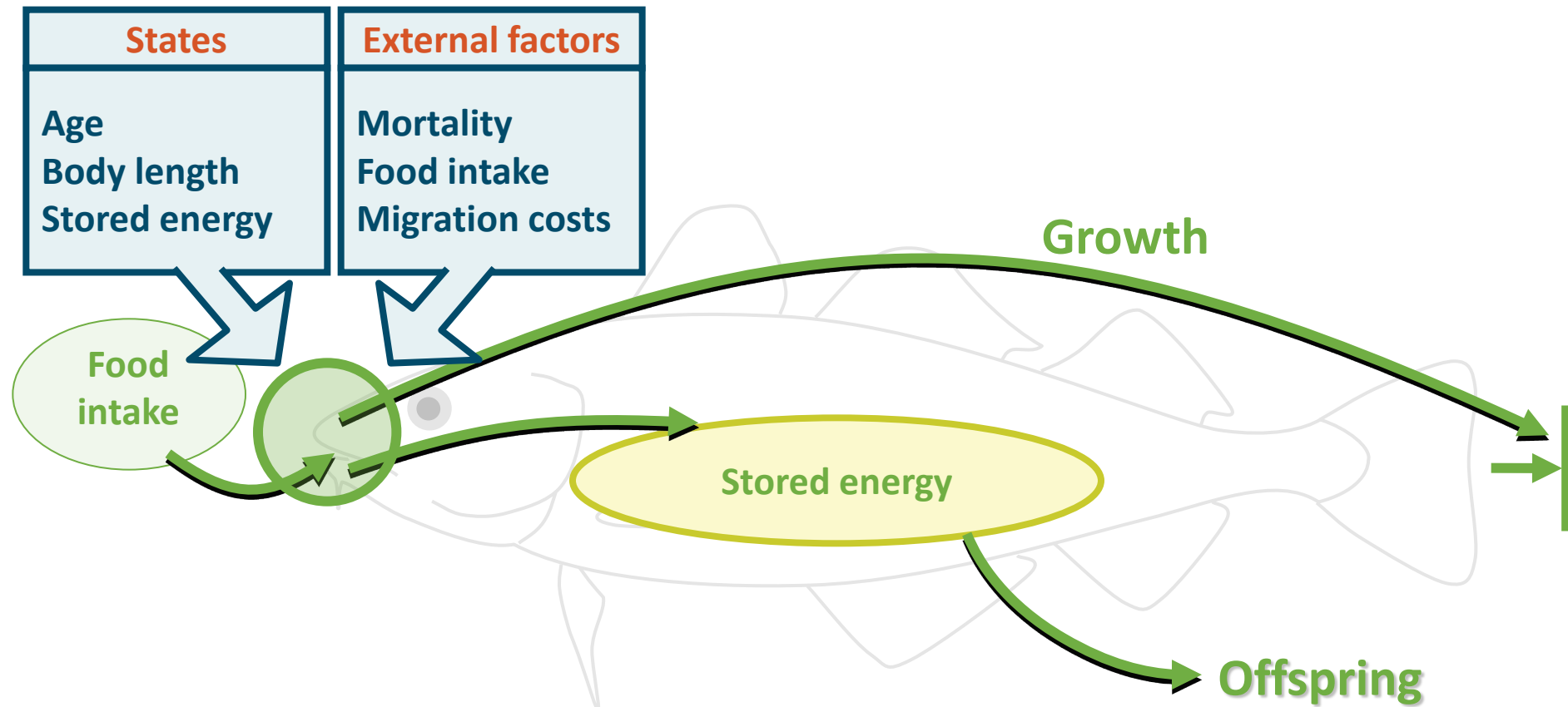
Spawning area



Spawning distribution 1910 and 1948

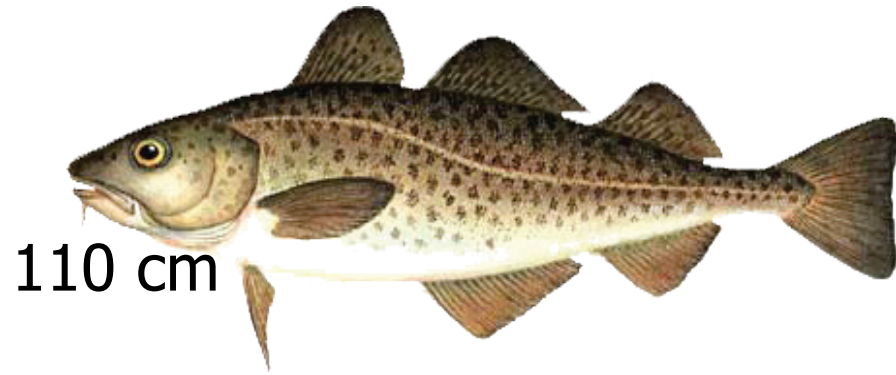
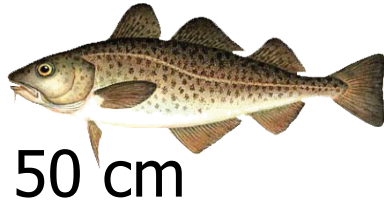


Mechanism: Energy allocation



$$V(A, L, E, F) = \max_{\alpha} \left[B(E) + S \sum_{F'} P(F' | F) \cdot V(A+1, L', E', F') \right]$$

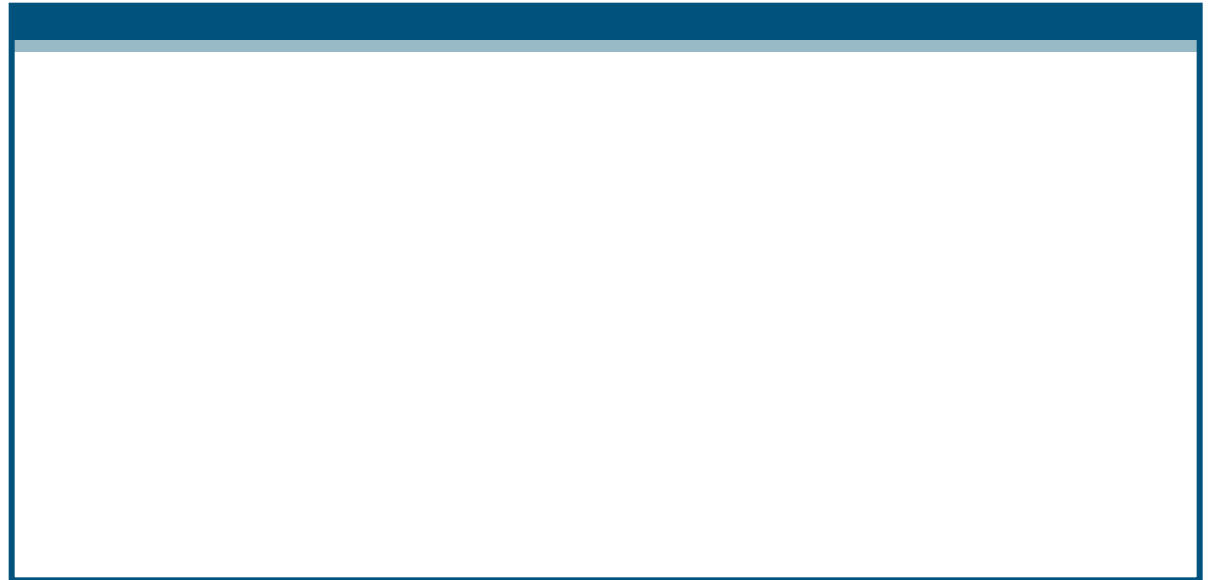
Migration costs versus body size



Migration S

Migration N

Fecundity



**Fitness
per offspring**

**Egg
spawned**

3

2

1

Large fish

Small fish

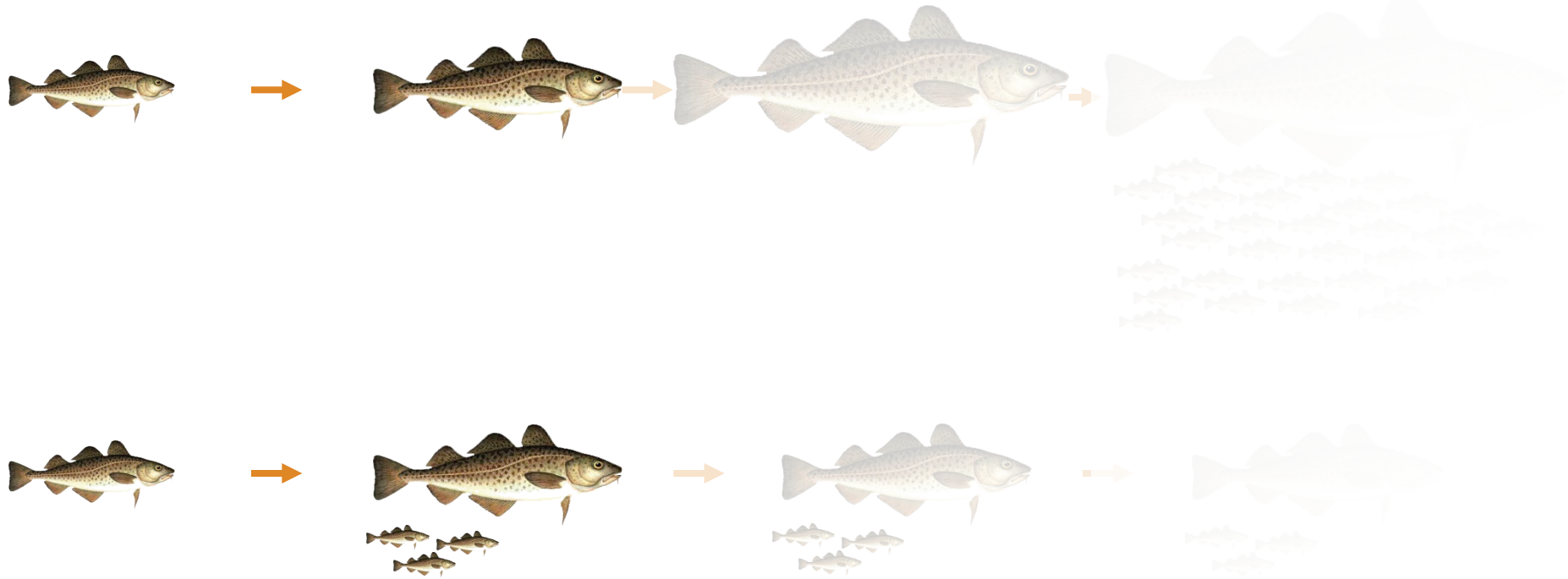
Lofoten

Møre Migration
distance



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Evolution driven by mortality



Heritable changes after 4 generations of harvesting

Removal of the
90% smallest fish



Removal of the
90% largest fish



Picture courtesy of David Conover

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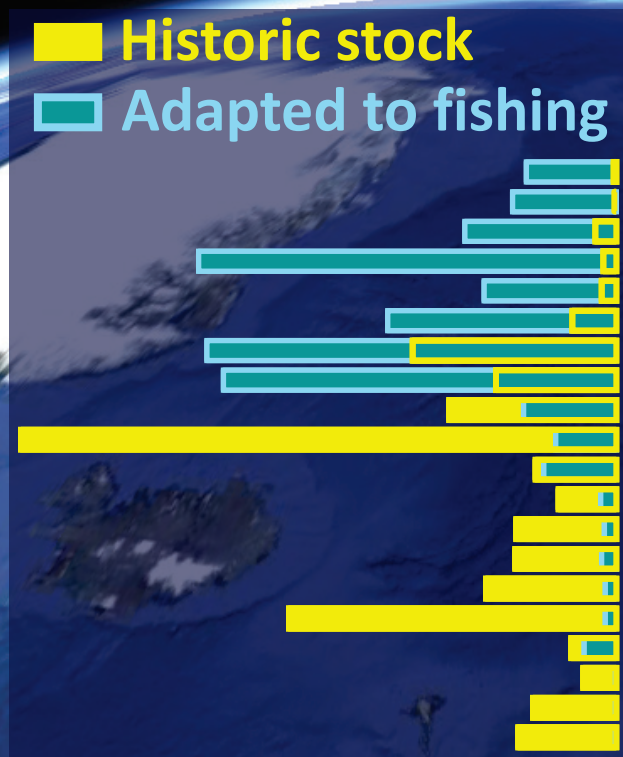
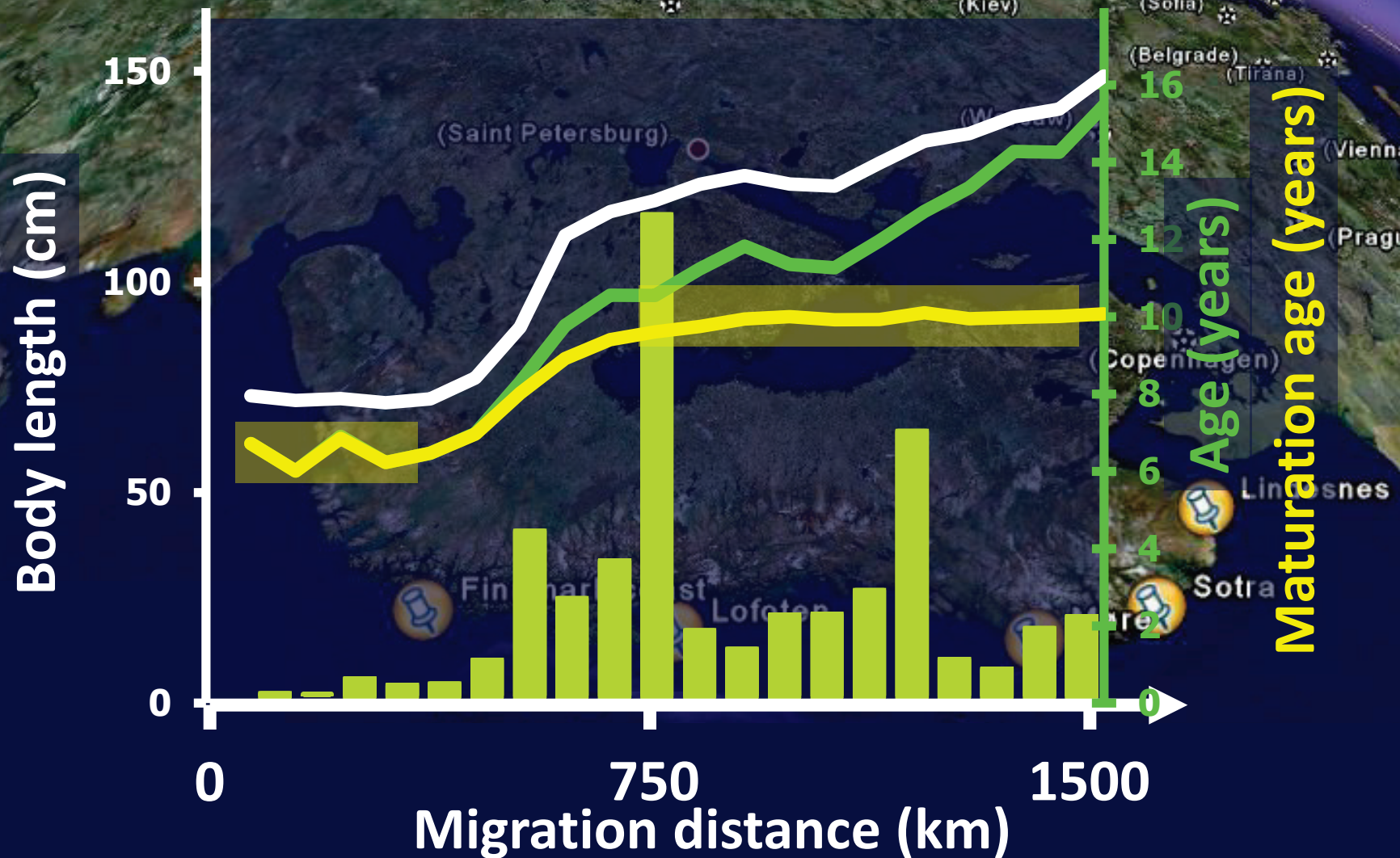


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Which fish migrate longest?



Long-term consequences

New spawning sites?
Less ice

What about
sensitivity to
environmental
fluctuations?

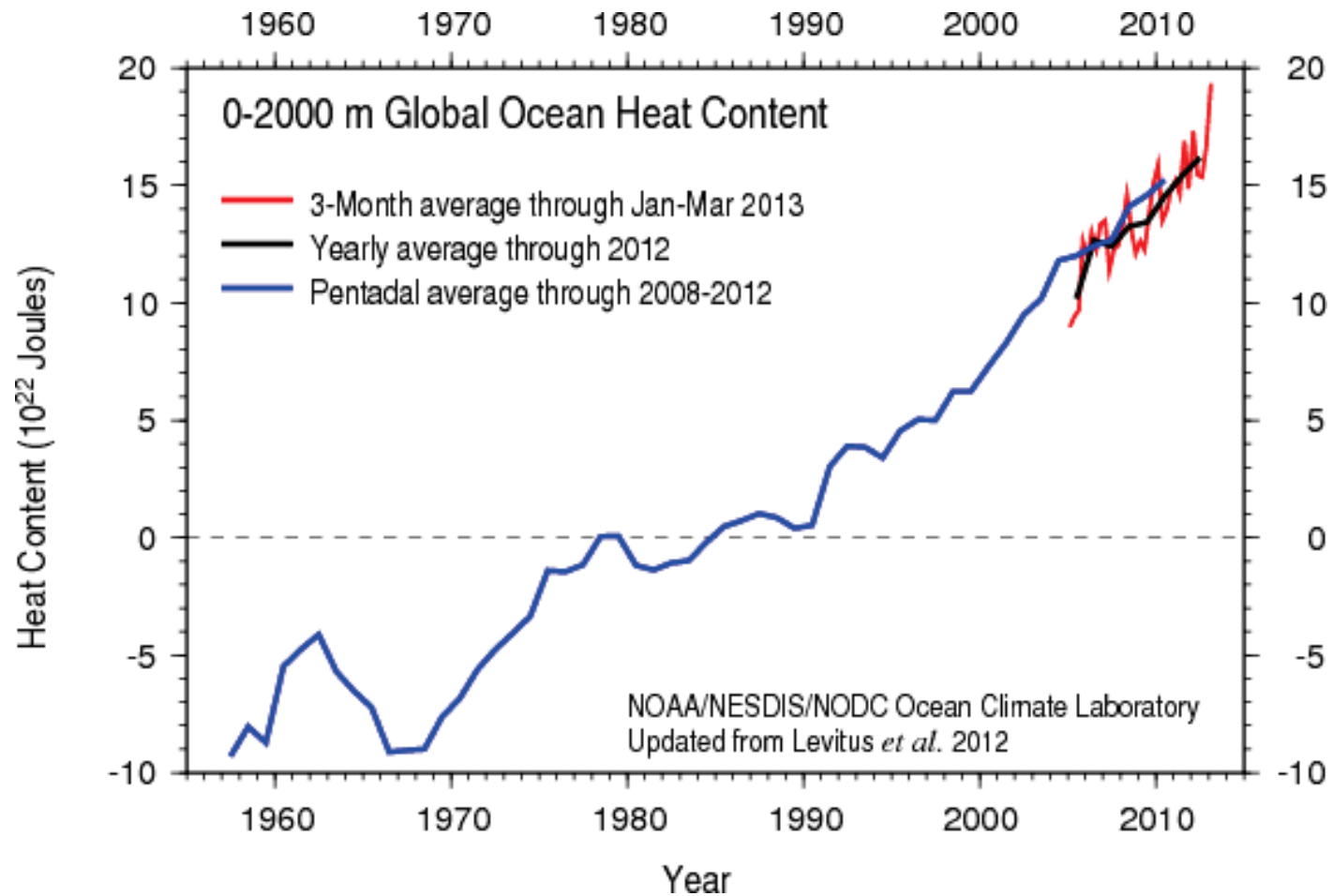
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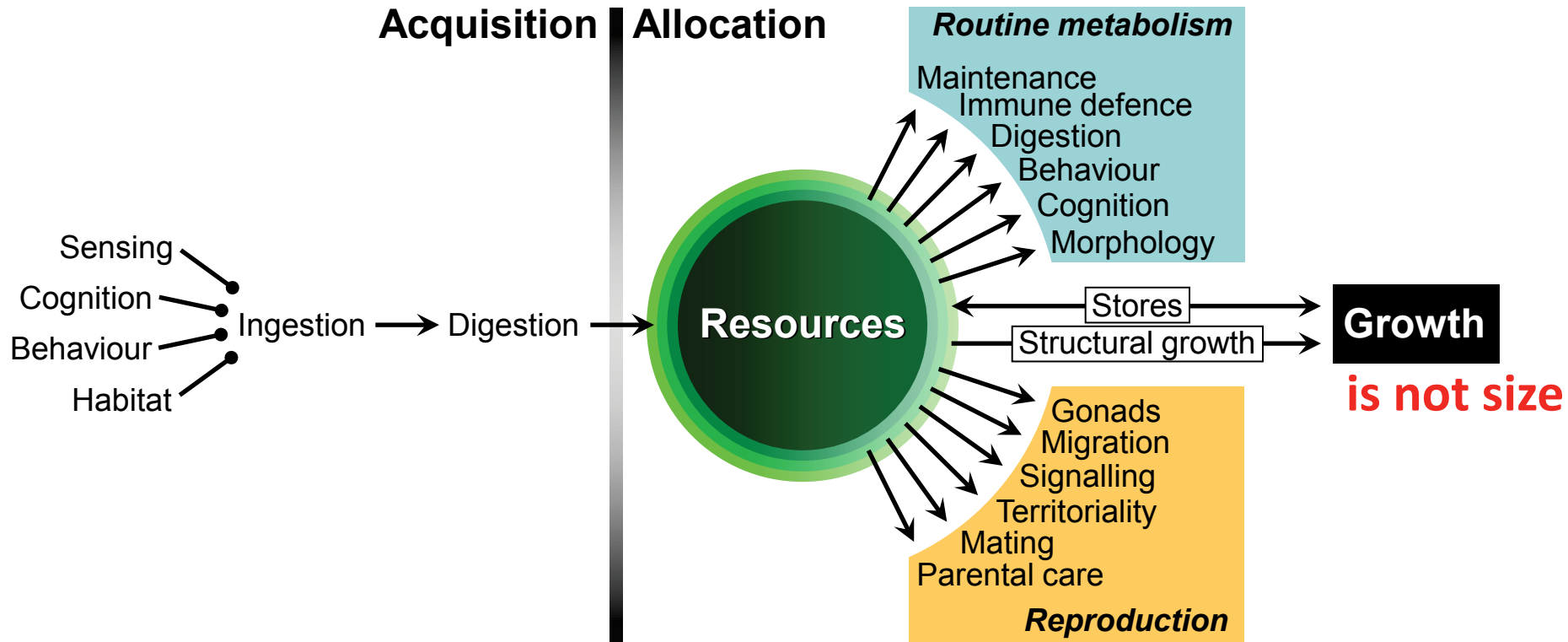
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Climate warming



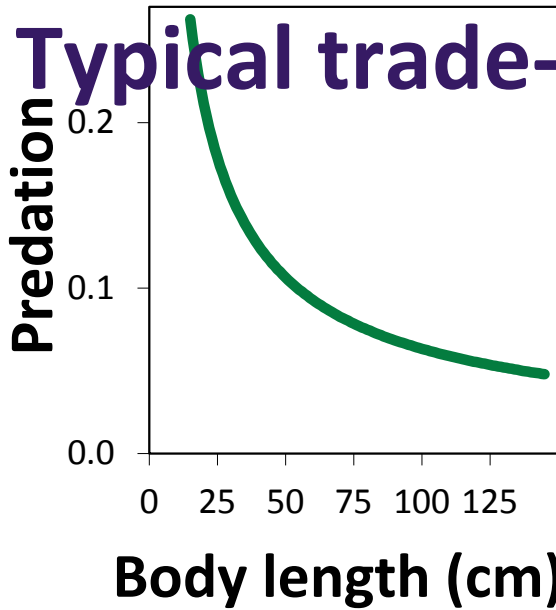
A potential problem for thermal conformers



**Many of these components and processes
are in trade-offs with survival**

Predation

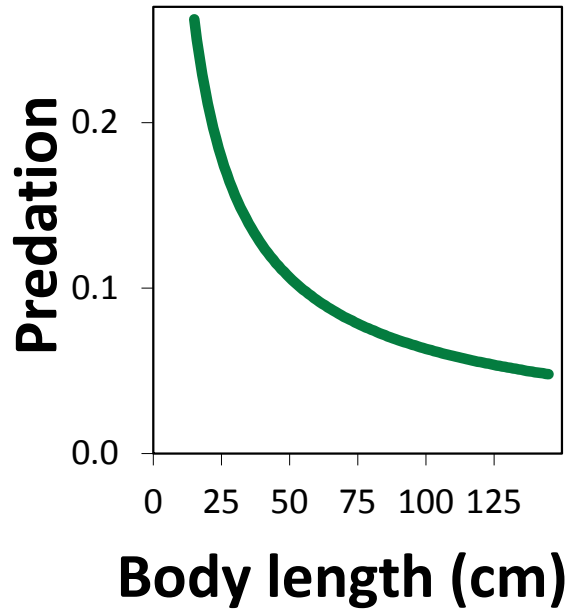
Typical trade-offs



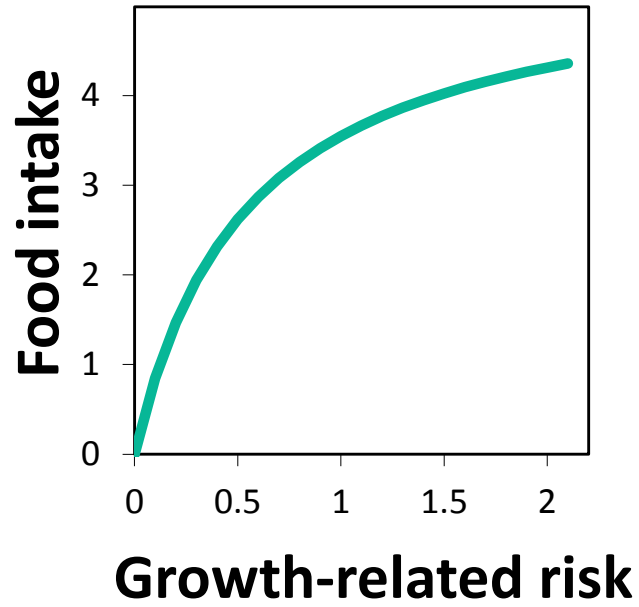
Small fish more often encounter a mouth large enough to engulf them



Predation



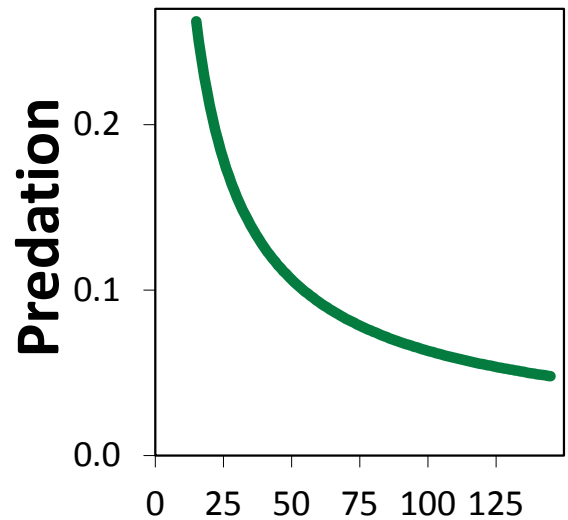
Growth



**Foraging
is risky**

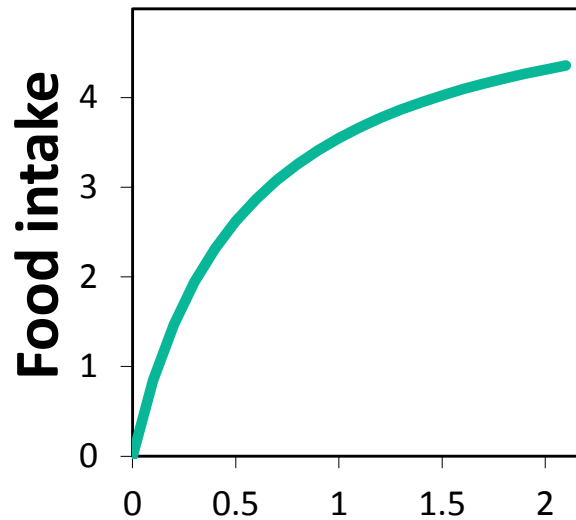


Mortality: Predation



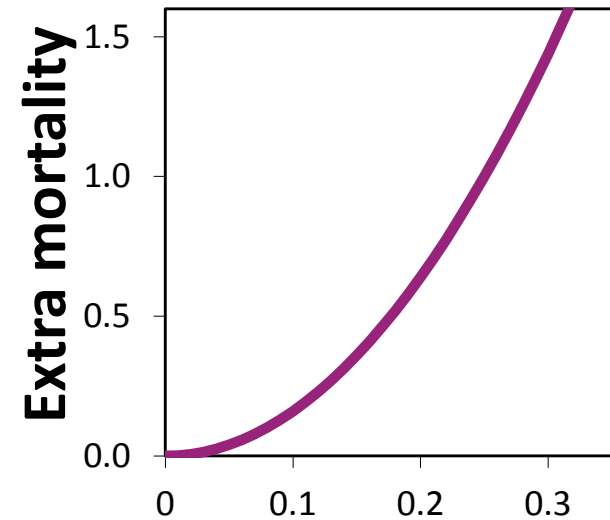
Body length (cm)

Growth



Growth-related risk

Reproduction



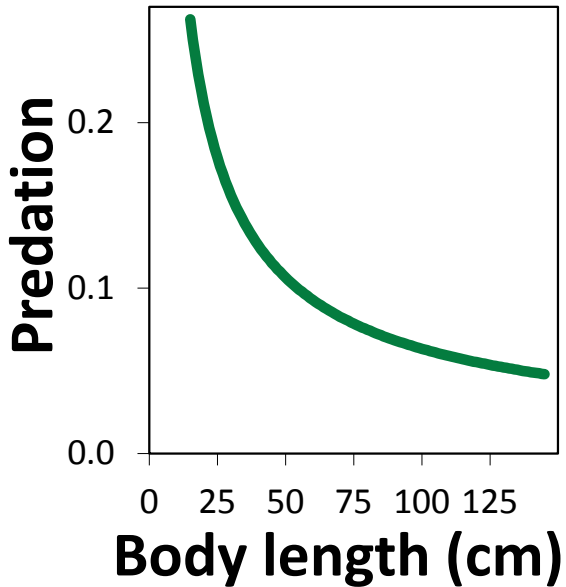
Gonad size (GSI)

Reproduction is risky

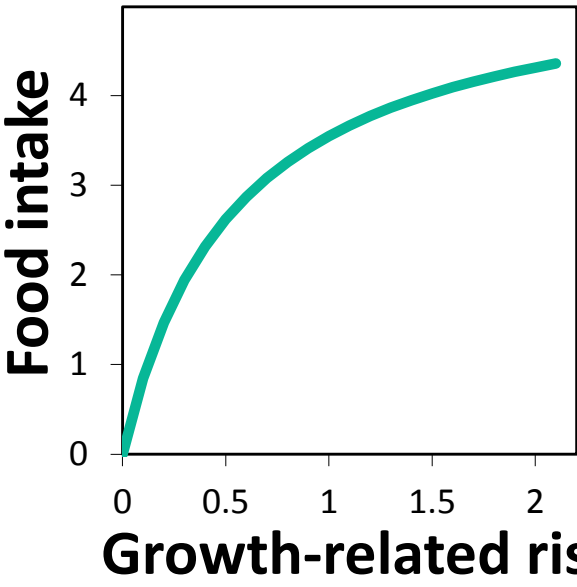
- Stout body shape impedes **swimming performance**.
- **Finding mates** takes time and involves exposure to predators.



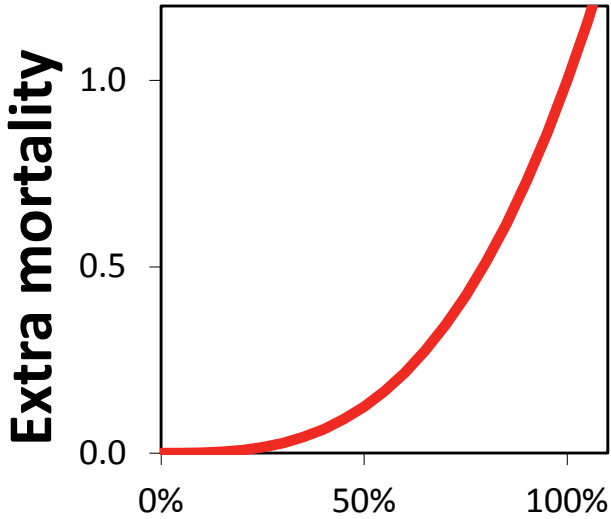
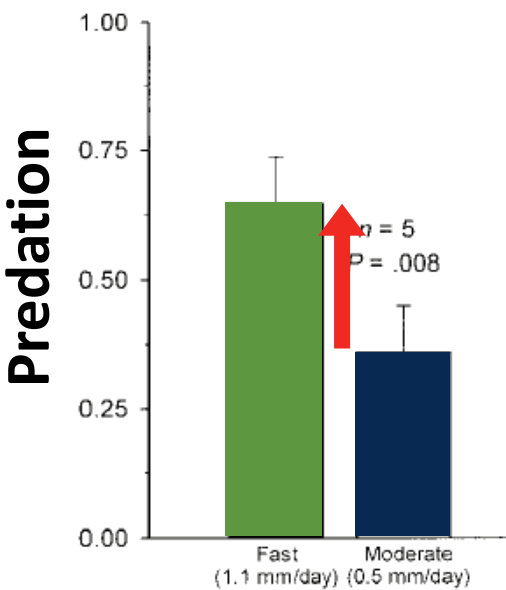
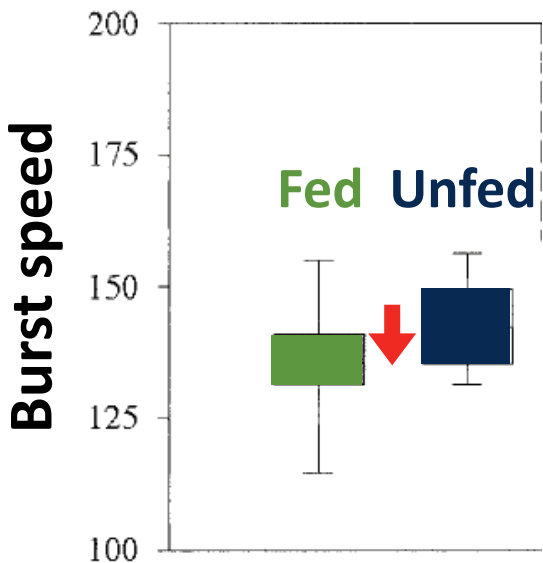
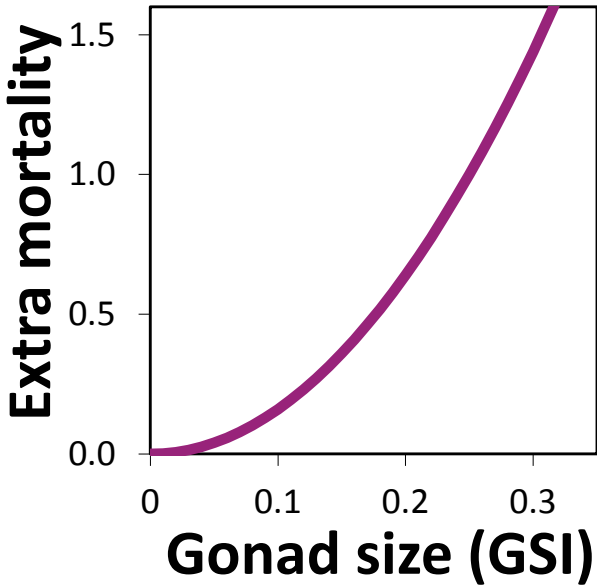
Mortality: **Predation**



Growth

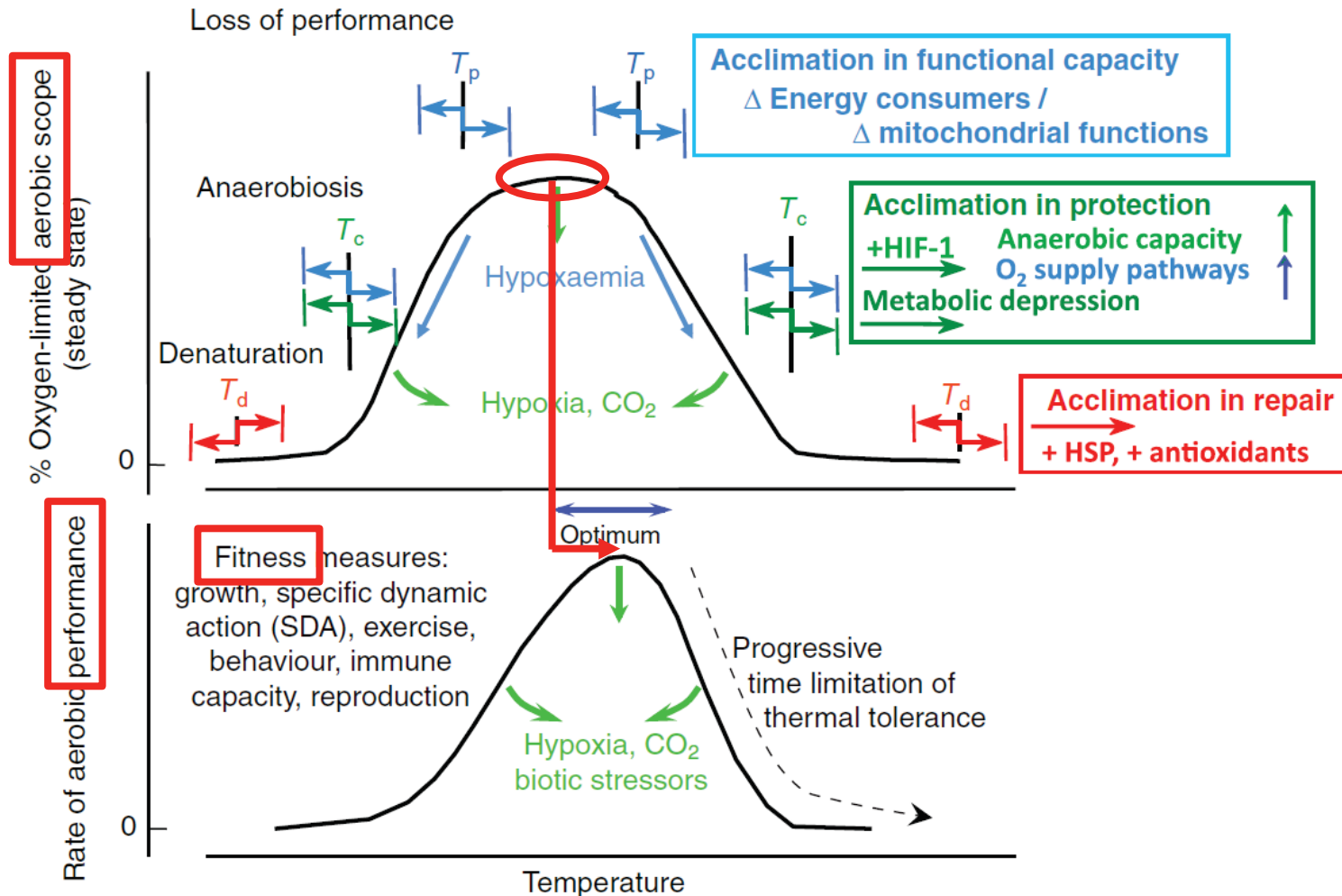


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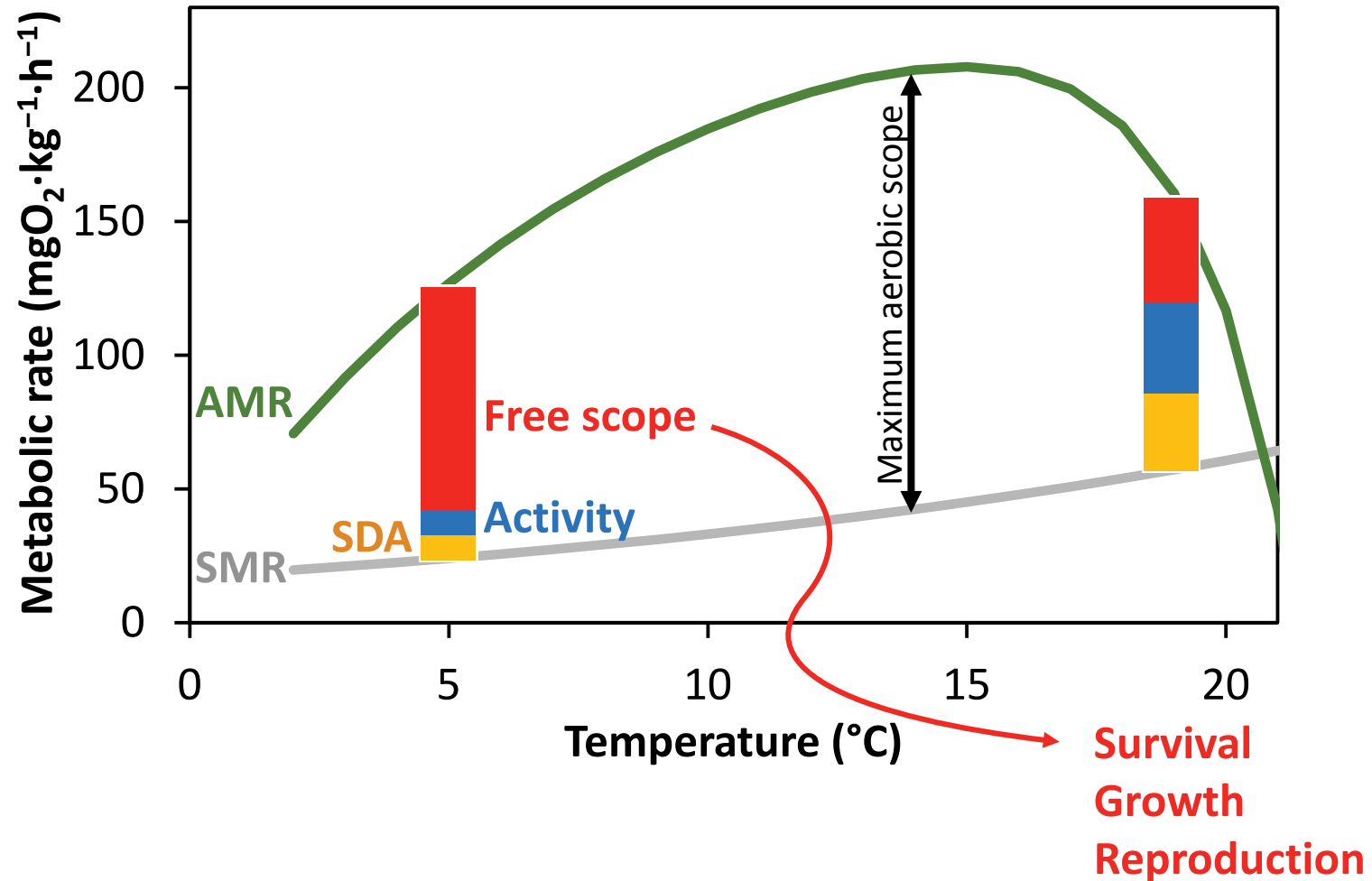


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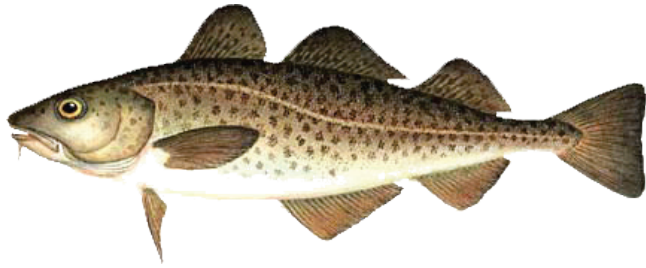
Oxygen- and capacity-limited thermal tolerance



Bioenergetics budgets – with overhead costs



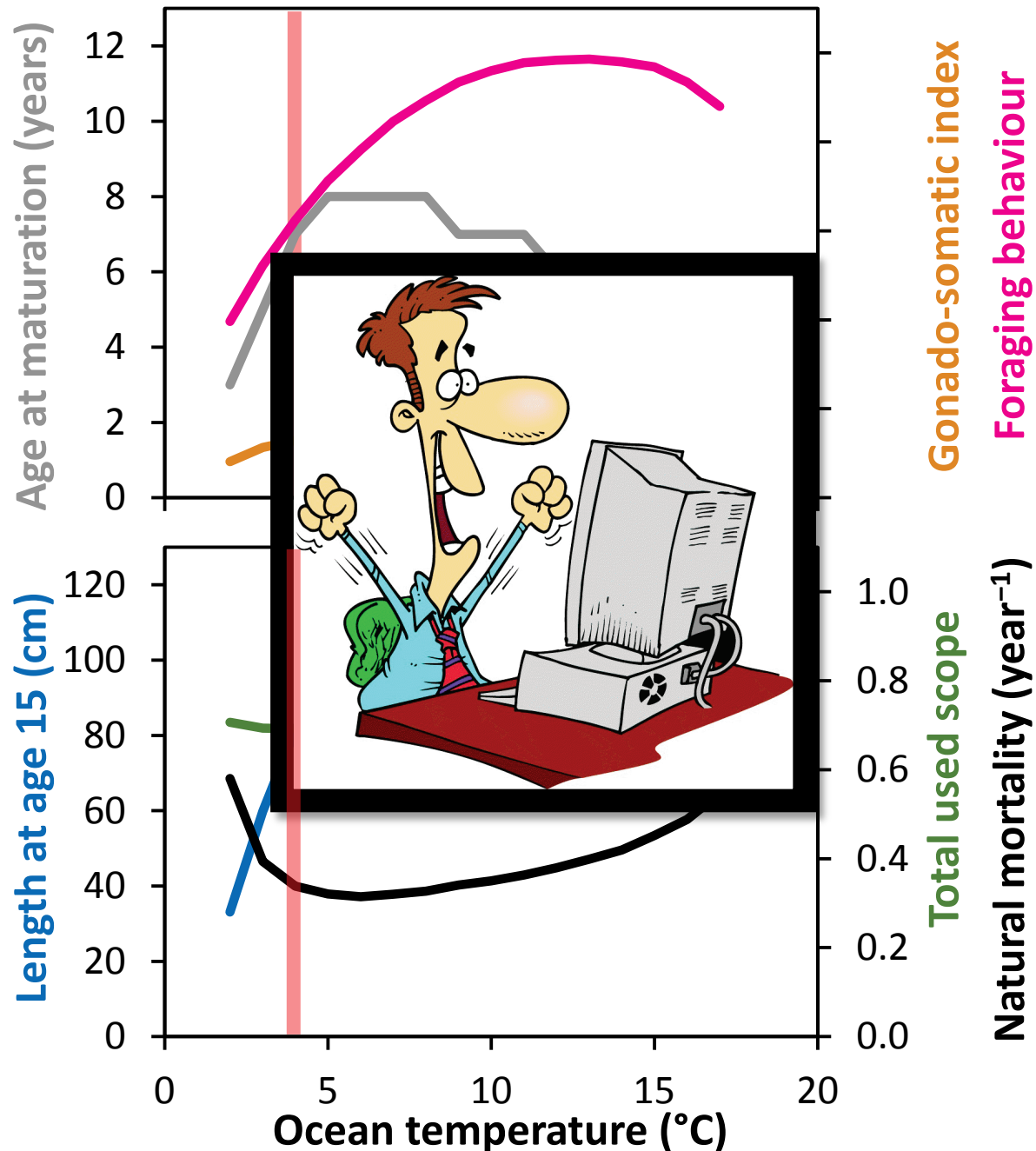
What the model says

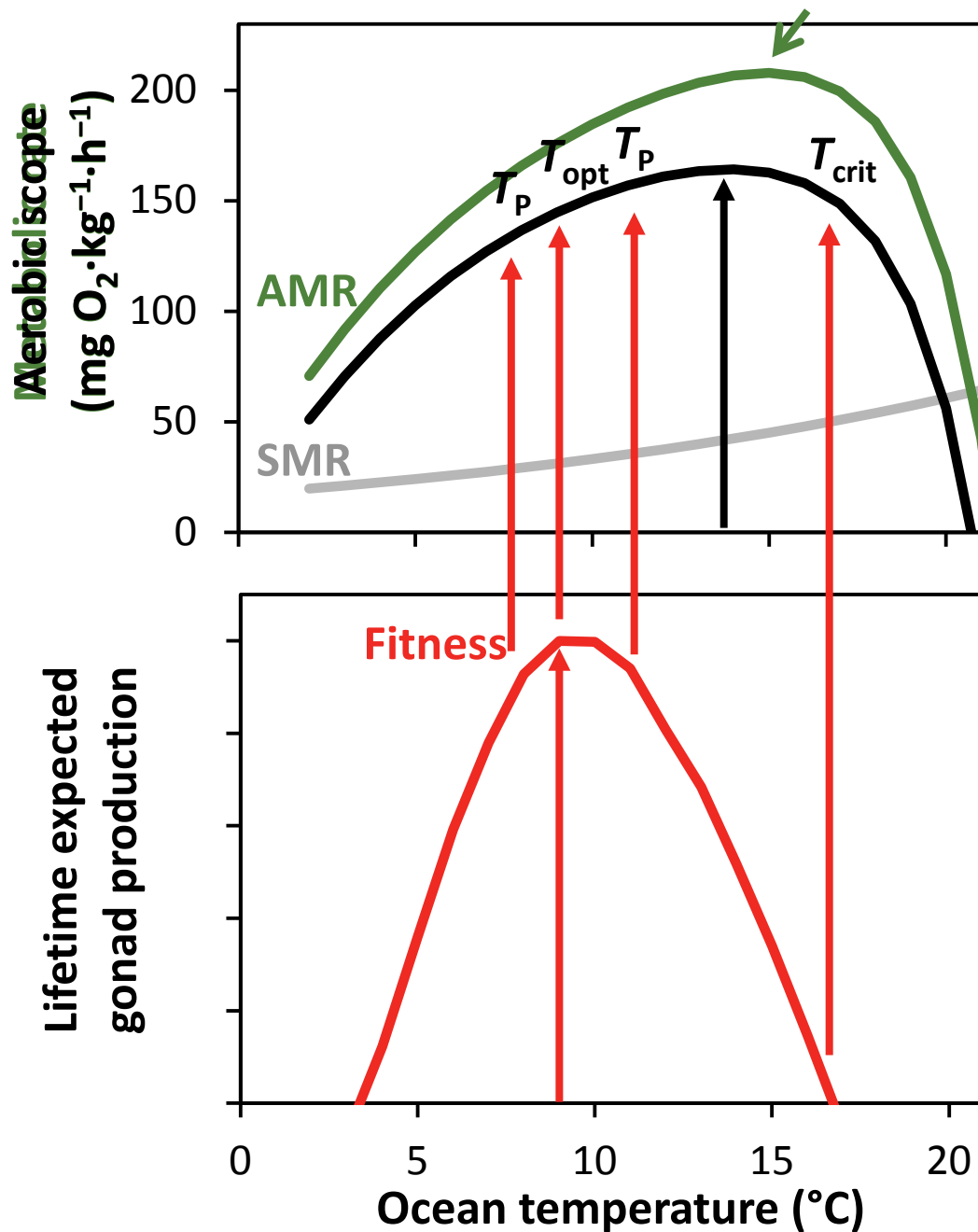


Constant temperature throughout life.

No temperature effects on **spawning** or early life stages.

Find **optimal** strategies and their consequences.



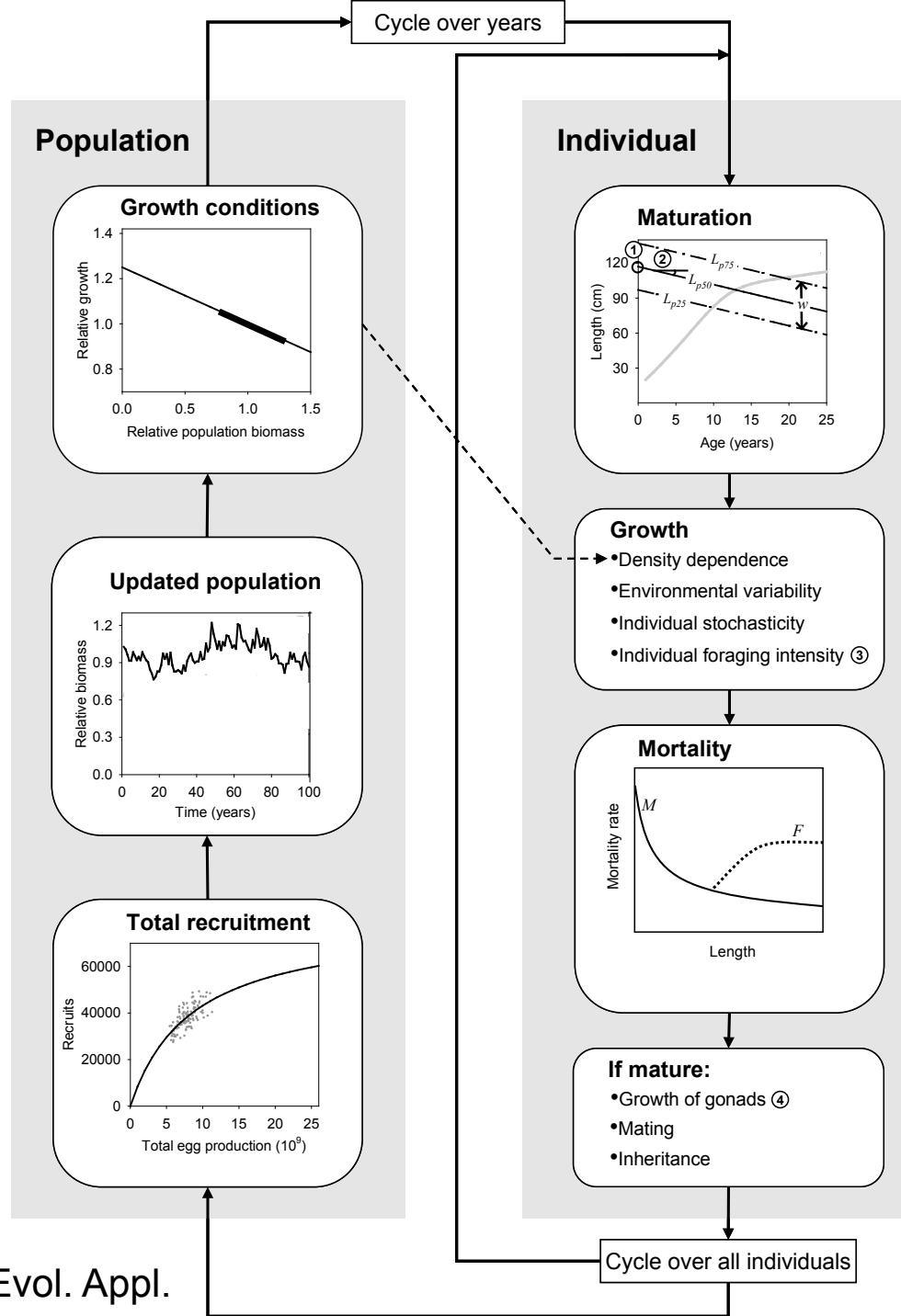


Max AMR: 15 °C

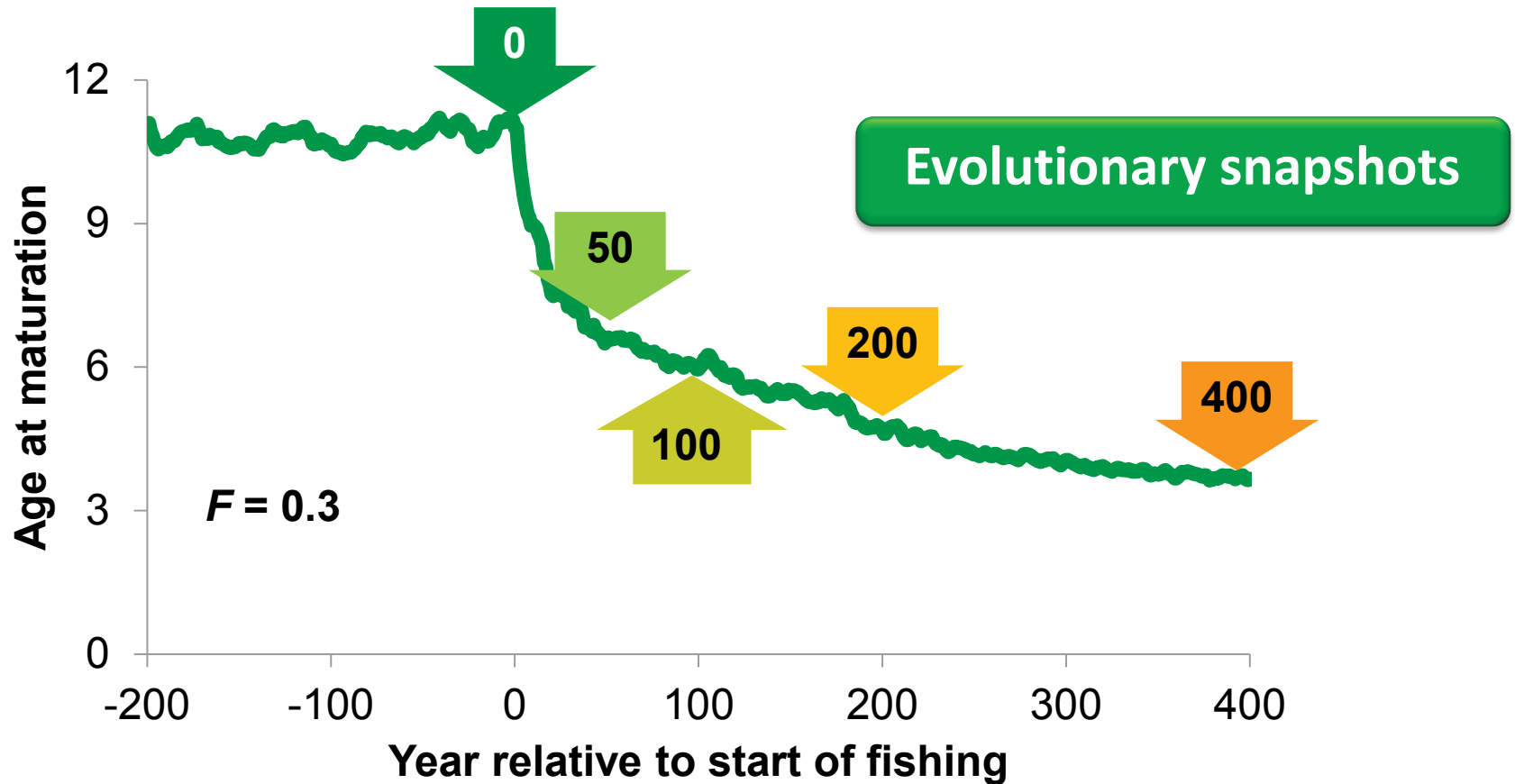
Max Aerobic Scope: 14 °C

Max Fitness: 9 °C

Adding behavioural and
life history perspectives
modifies predictions
based on physiology alone.

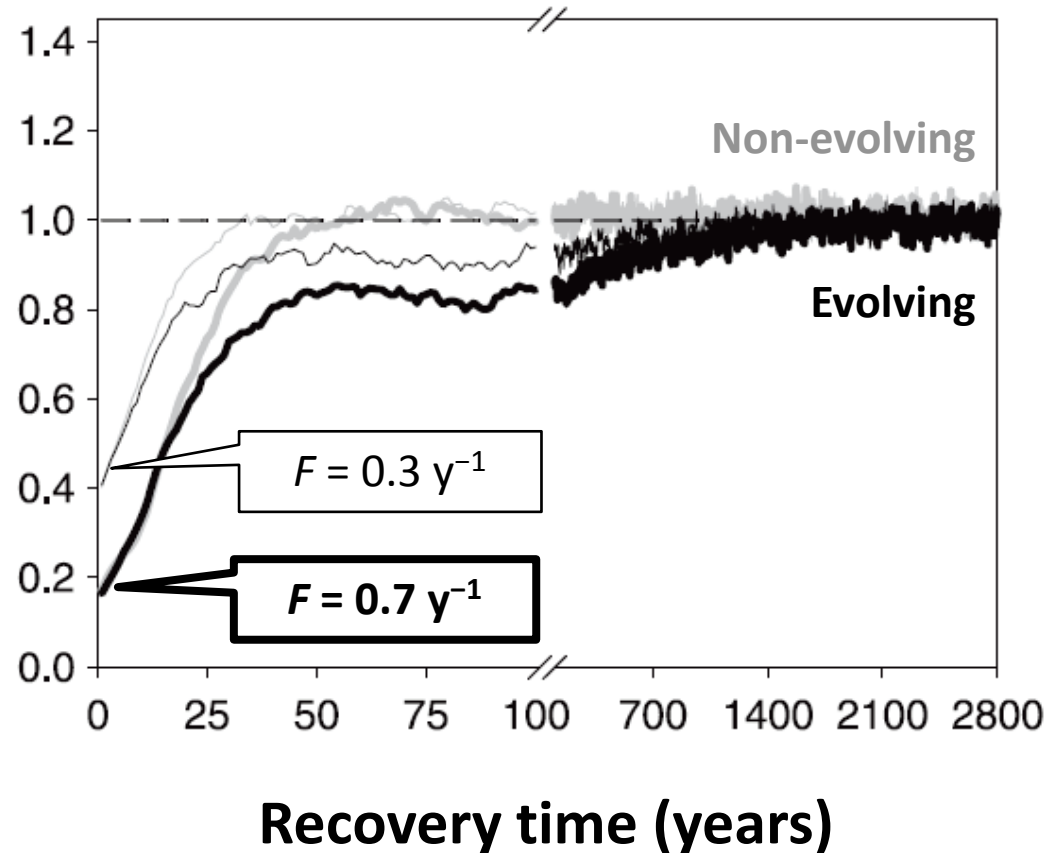
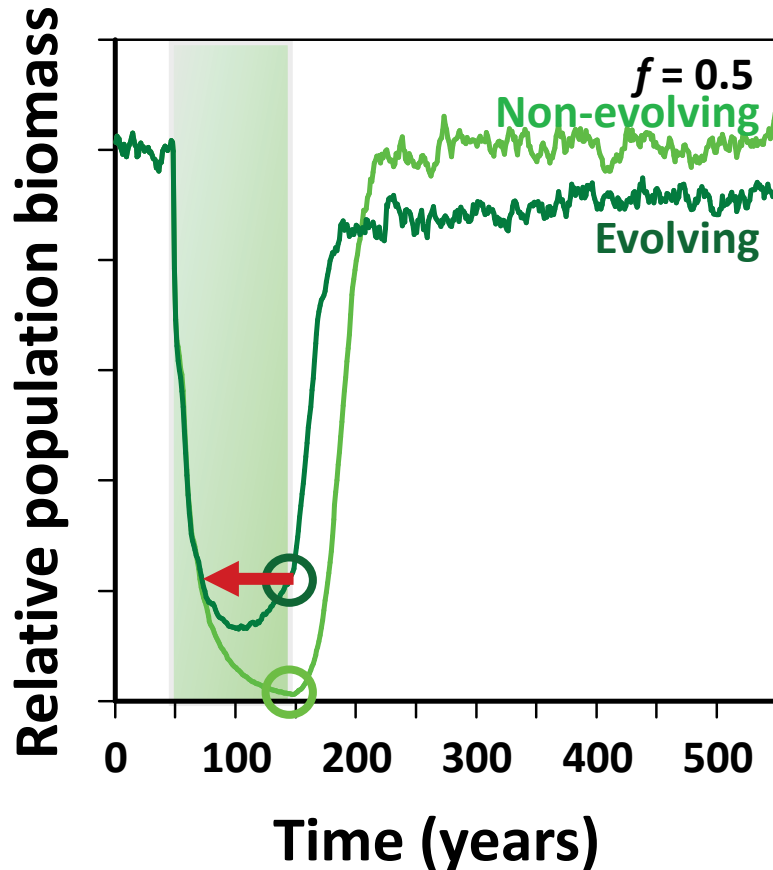


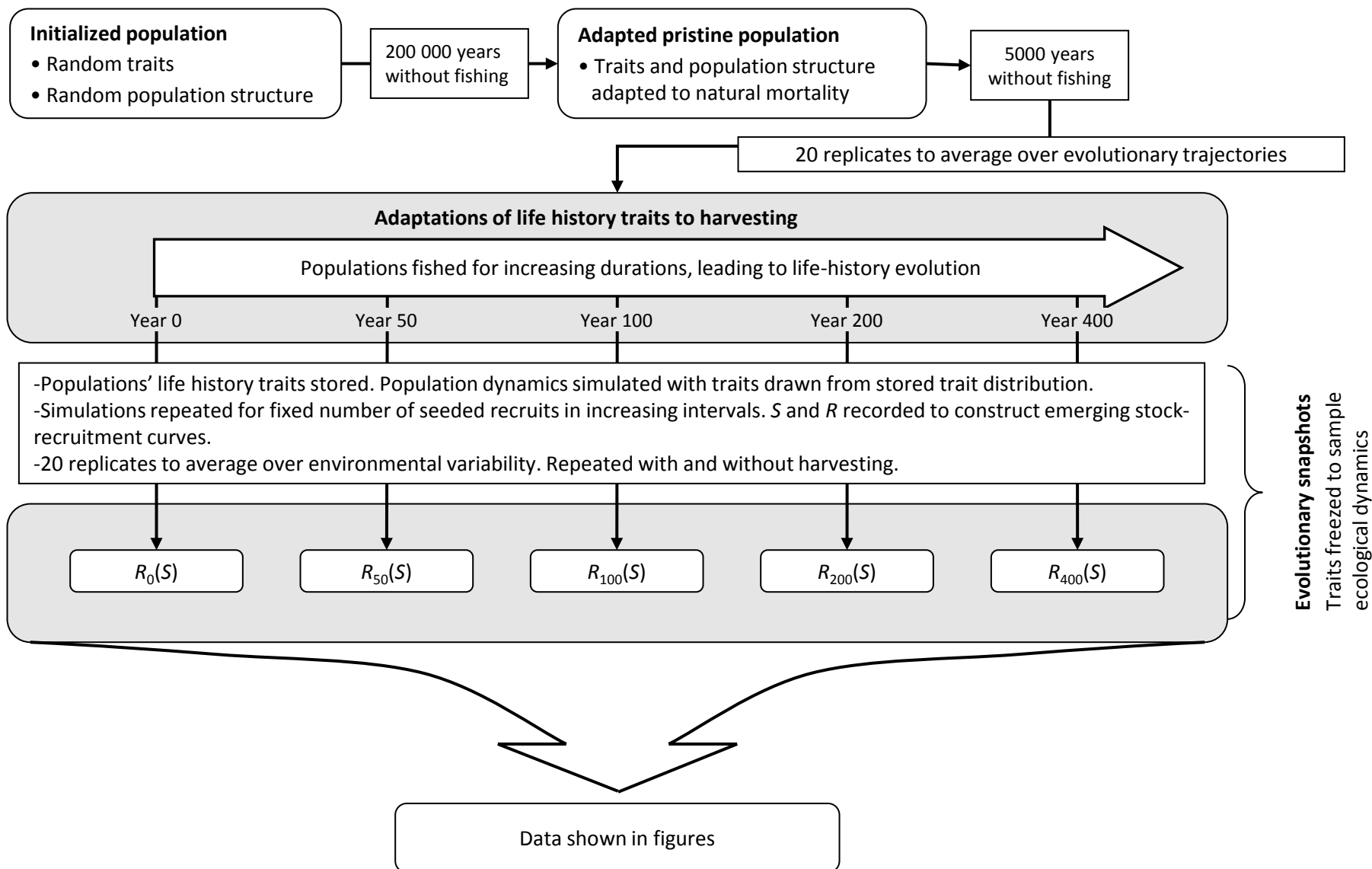
The model as a virtual laboratory



Manipulating and comparing

100 years of harvesting





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