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# Inventory evaluation process



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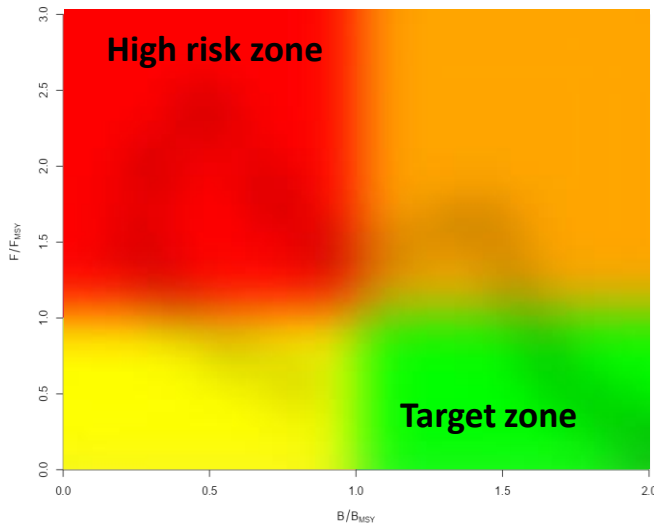


## Introduction - DEMERSTEM :

- Improve **knowledge** on **demersal** ecosystems and fisheries
- Contribute to stock assessment in data-moderate context (WP1)
- Present a review of the methods used

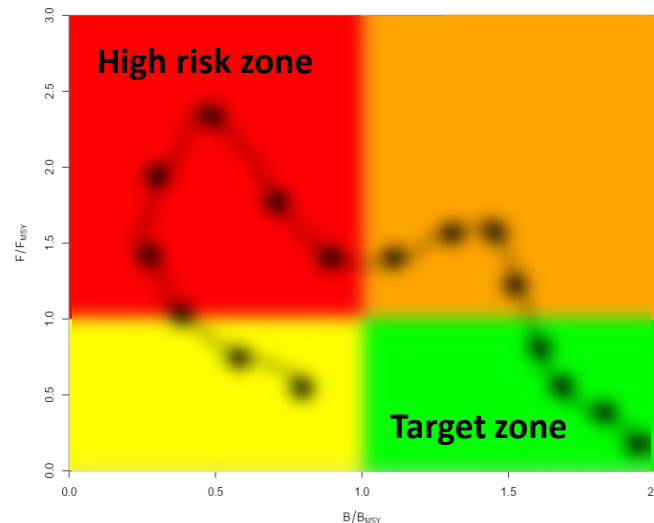
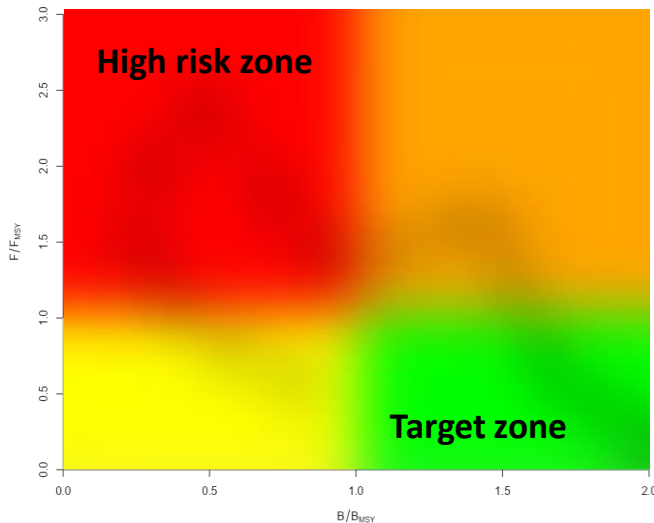
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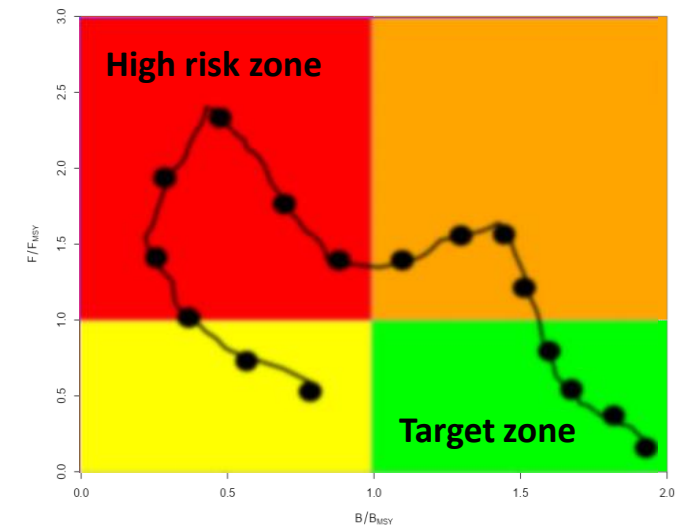
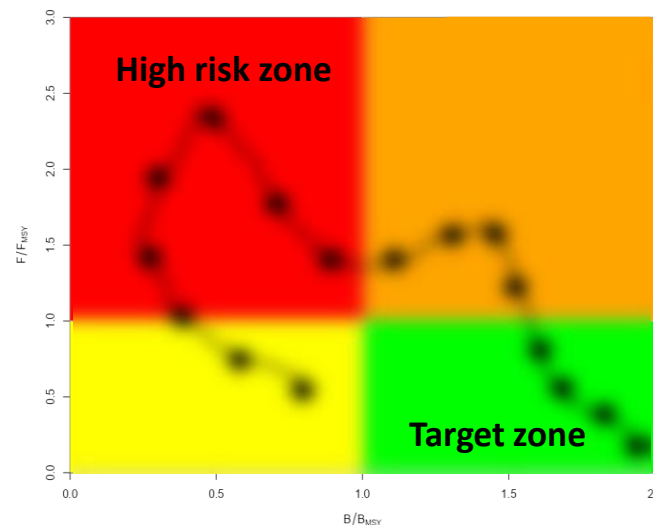
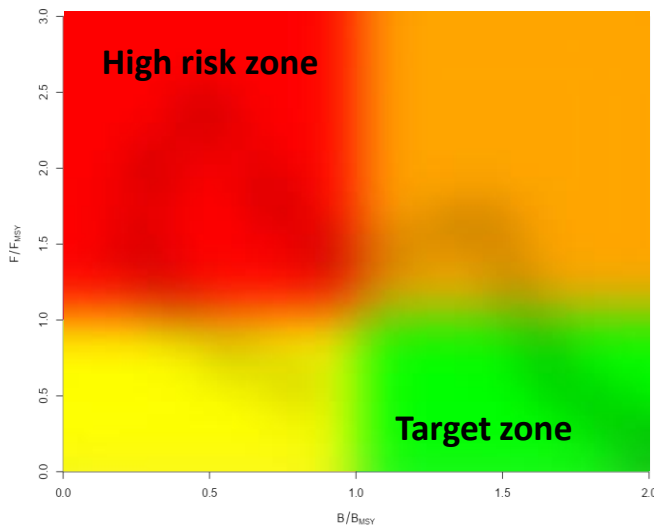
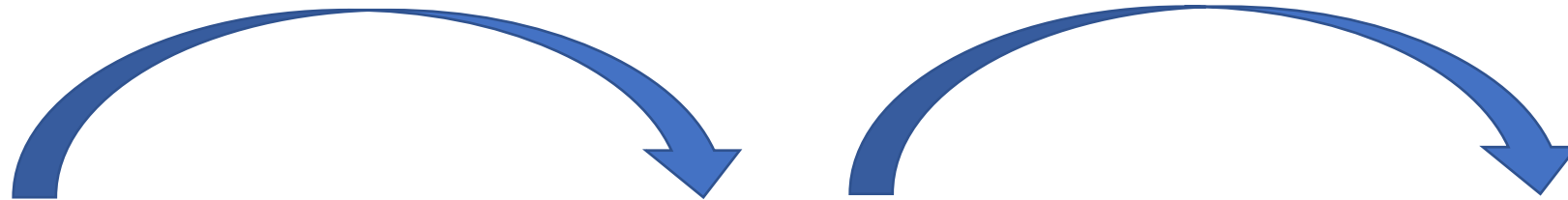
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- Combining **complementary** approaches leads to increase the **diagnostic reliability**



## Introduction - Methods : Two main sets

- **Production model**

- Pseudo-equilibrium
- Dynamic in a Bayesian framework

- **Length frequency based**

- Rectified pseudo-cohort analysis
- Length based bayesian model



Complementarity of approaches

➔ Different datasets and assumptions

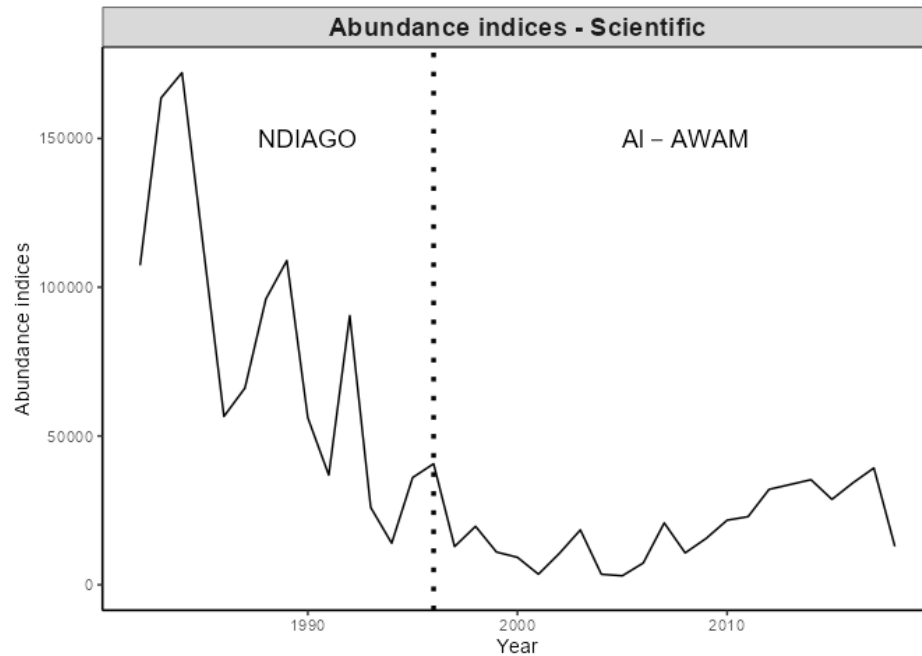


# 1. Production model

# 1. Production model : Data

## Abundance indices

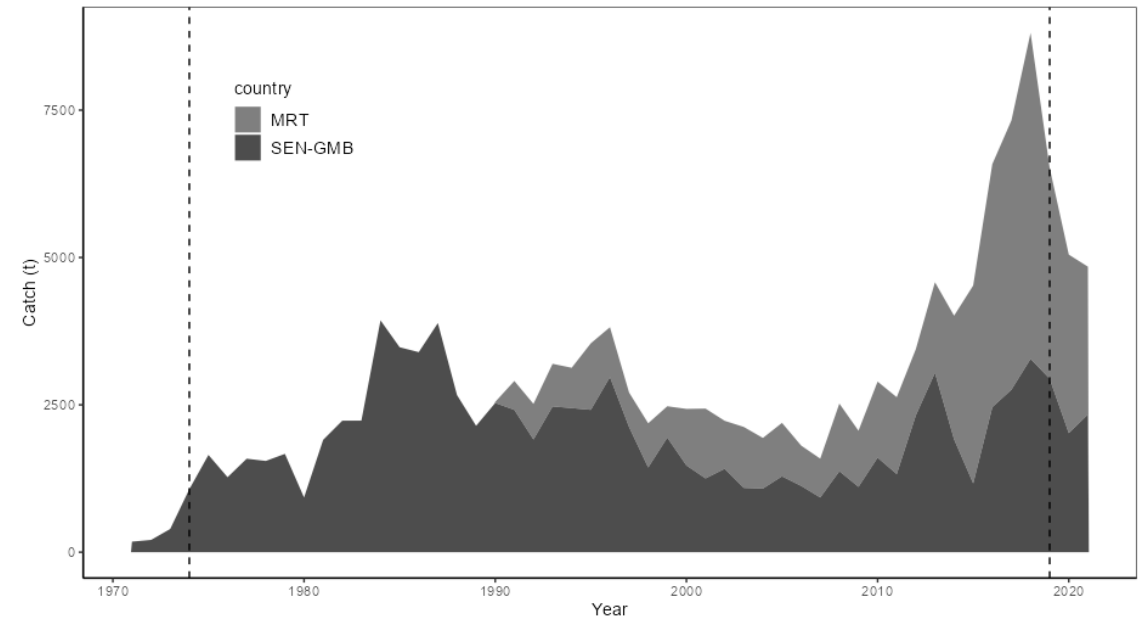
(Thiof – MRT)



➔ From scientific survey or CPUE

## Catch

(Thiof – MRT/SEN/GMB : 1970-2021)

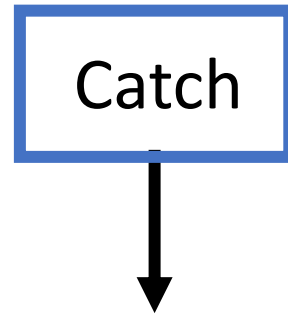


➔ From national fisheries information system



# 1. Production model : Model formulation

Equilibrium assumption :



$Abundance = f(\mathbf{parameters}, Fishing\ effort)$  → pseudo-equilibrium model

$Abundance = f(\mathbf{parameters}, Biomass)$  → dynamic model (biodyn)

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## Equilibrium assumption

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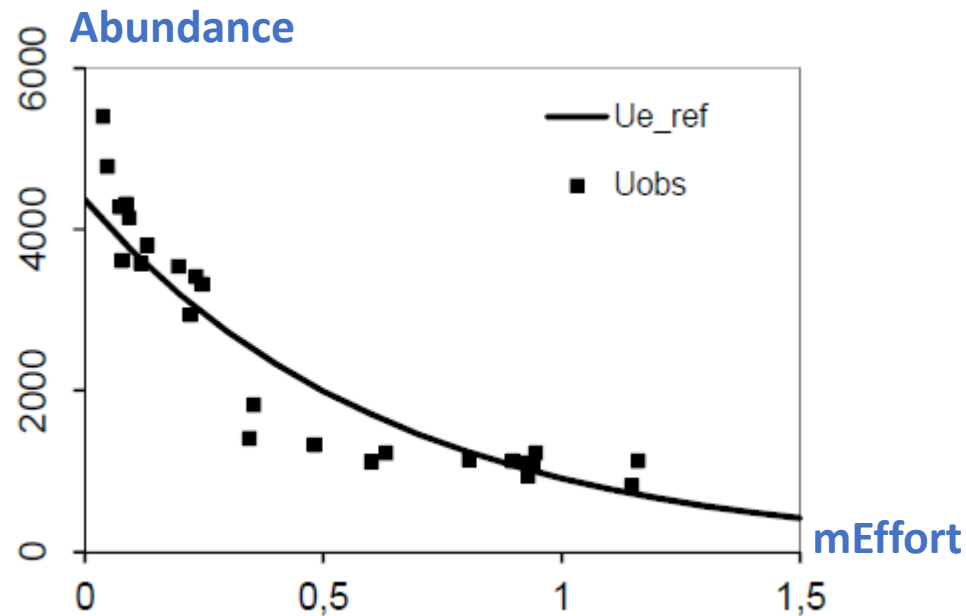
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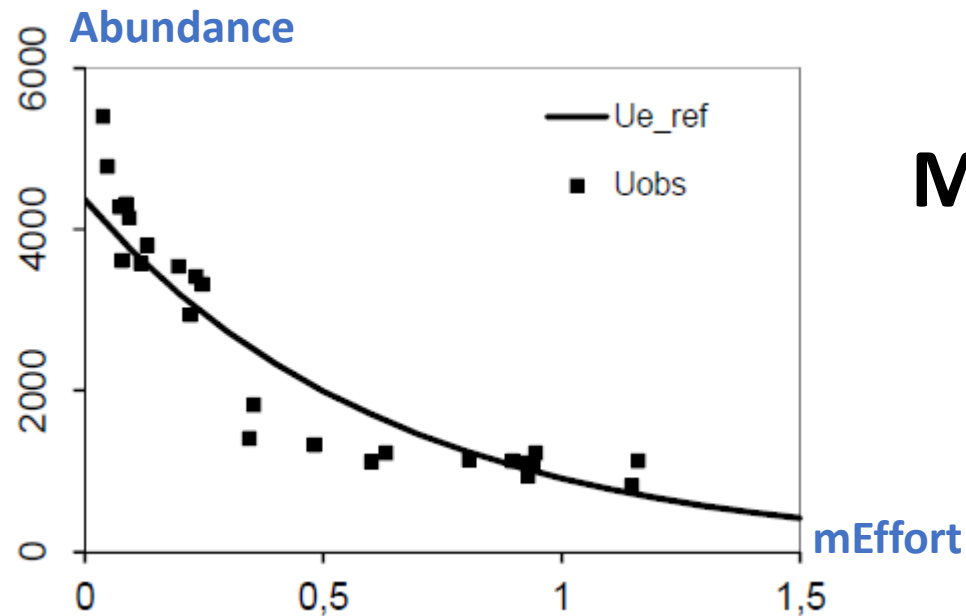
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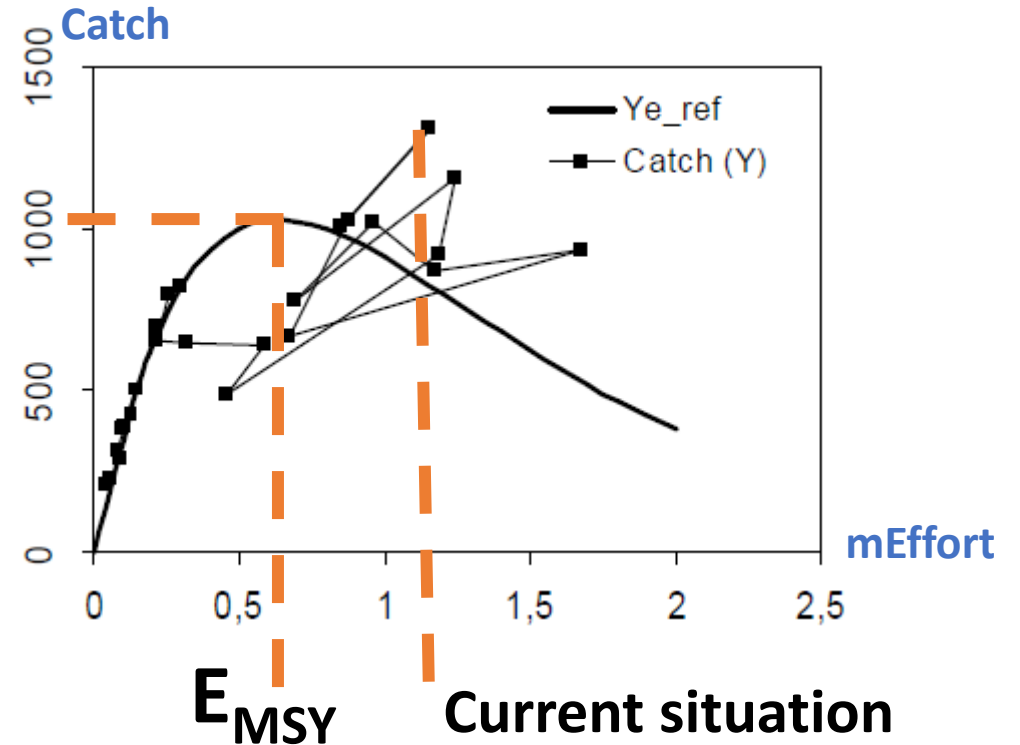
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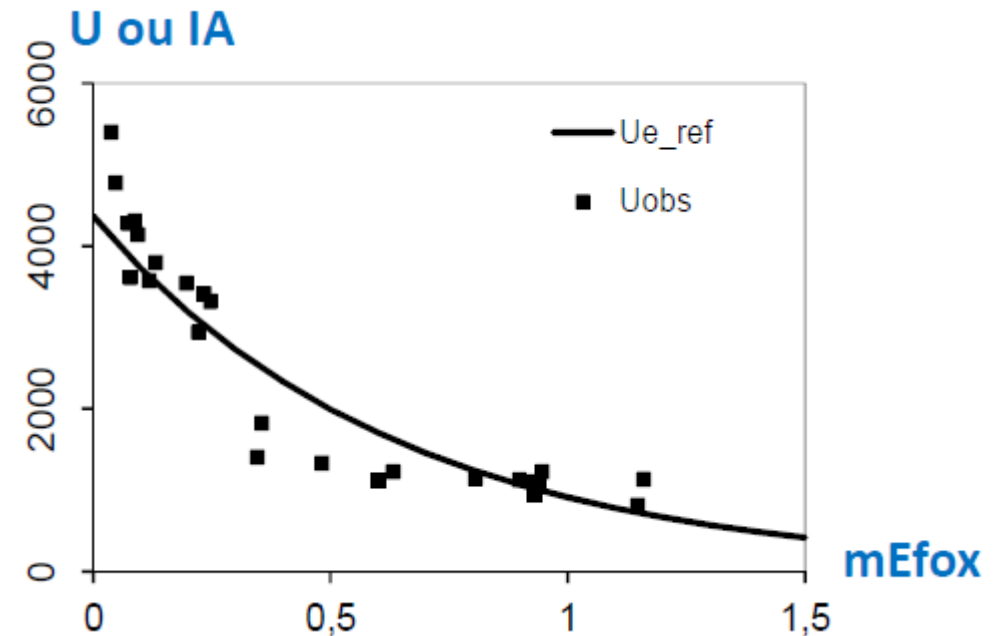
# 1.1 Production model : Pseudo-equilibrium model

$$IA = a \cdot \exp(-b \cdot E_{fox})$$

Observed abundance depends on previous years

$$E_{fox}_t = \frac{3 \cdot E_{fox}_t + (3-1) \cdot E_{fox}_{t-1} + \dots + E_{fox}_{t-3}}{3 + (3-1) + \dots + 1}$$

2 parameters :  
 $a, b$  (and  $m$ )



## 1.2. Production model : Dynamic model in Bayesian framework

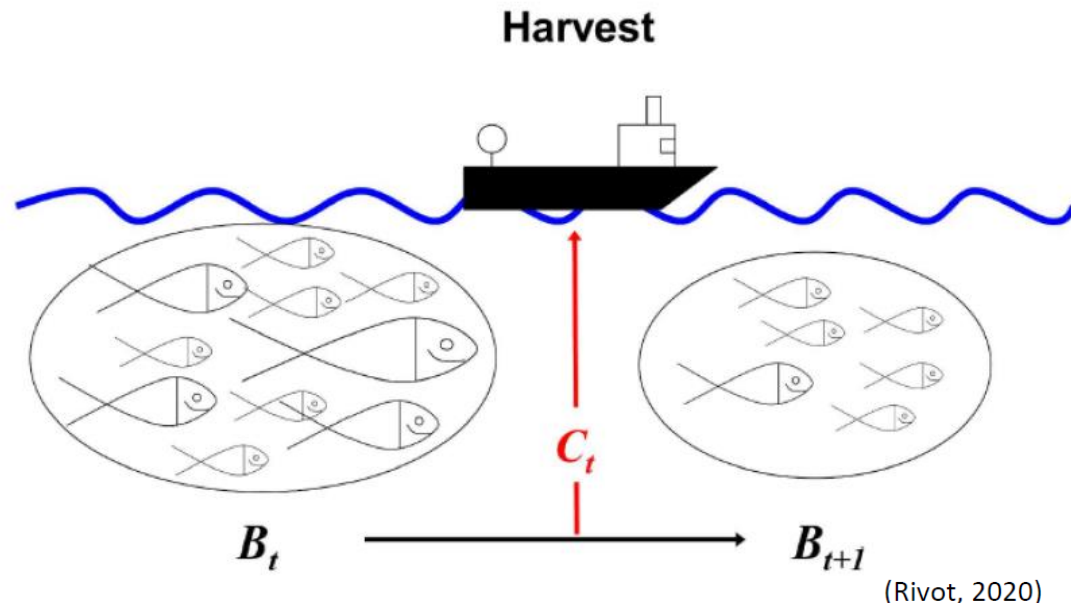


# JABBA

**Just Another Bayesian Biomass Assessment**

(Winker et al, 2018)

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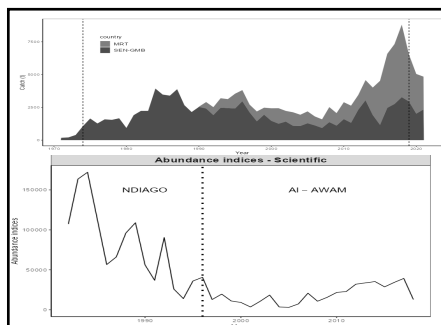
$$\begin{cases} B_{t+1} = B_t + P_t - C_t \\ IA_t = f(\text{parameters}, B_t) \end{cases}$$

**4 parameters :**  
 $r, K, B_0, q$  (and  $m$ )



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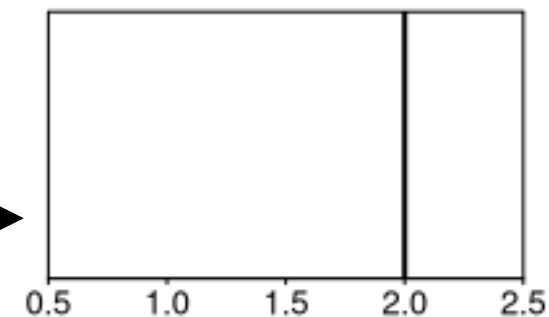
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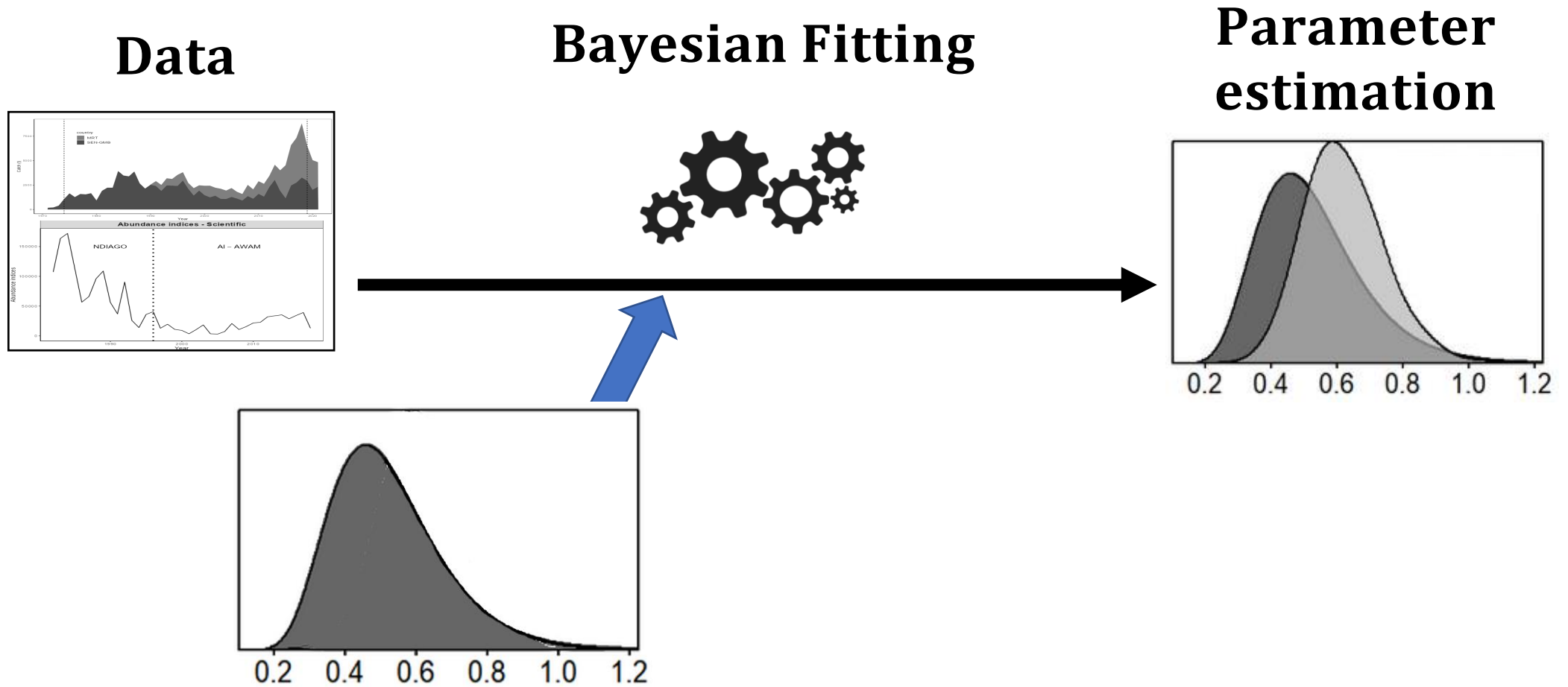
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**Parameter estimation**



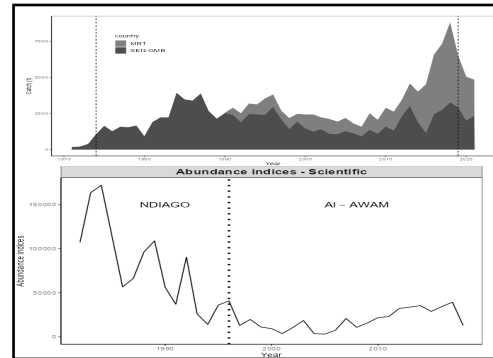
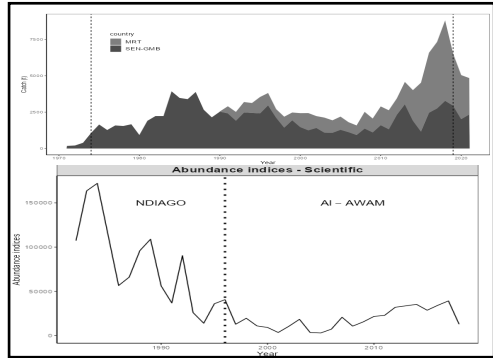
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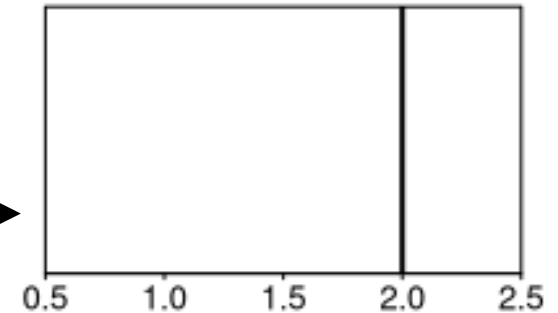
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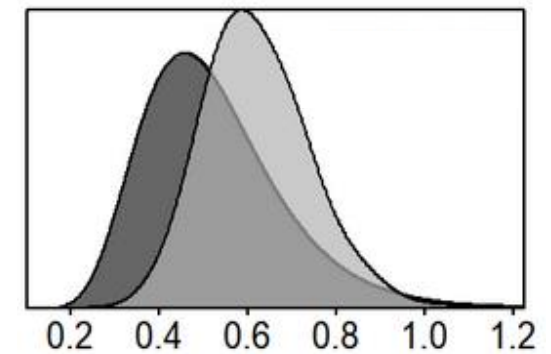
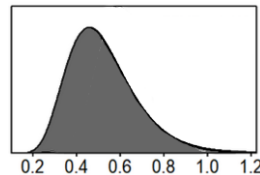
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➔ Incorporates the idea of confidence

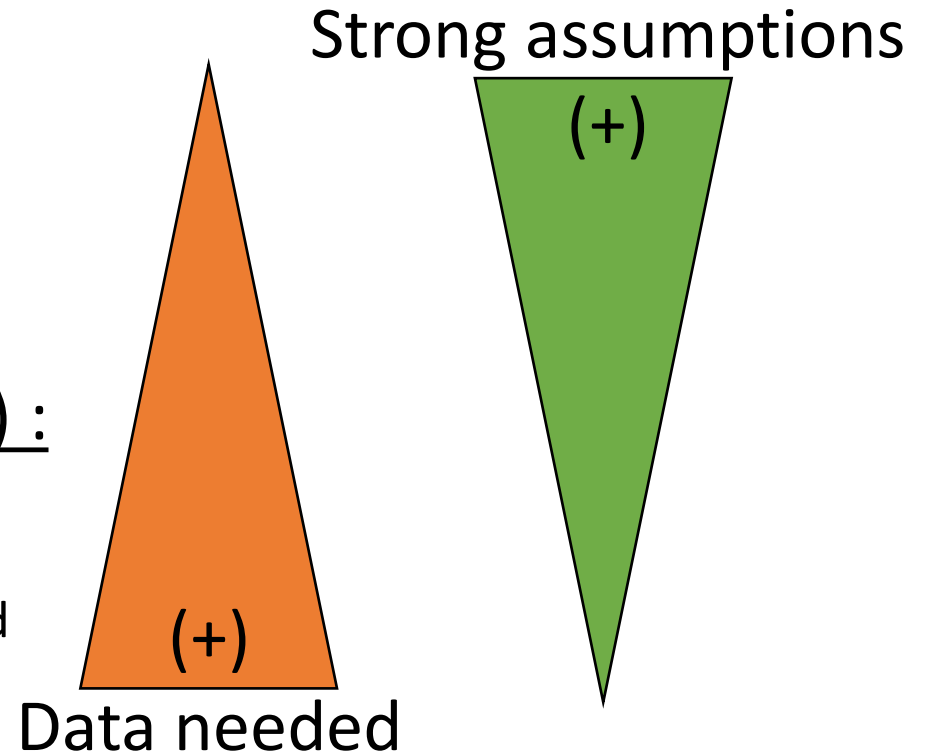


## 1.3. Production model : review

- Pseudo-equilibrium model :
  - Easier to handle
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- JABBA (dynamic in bayesian framework model) :
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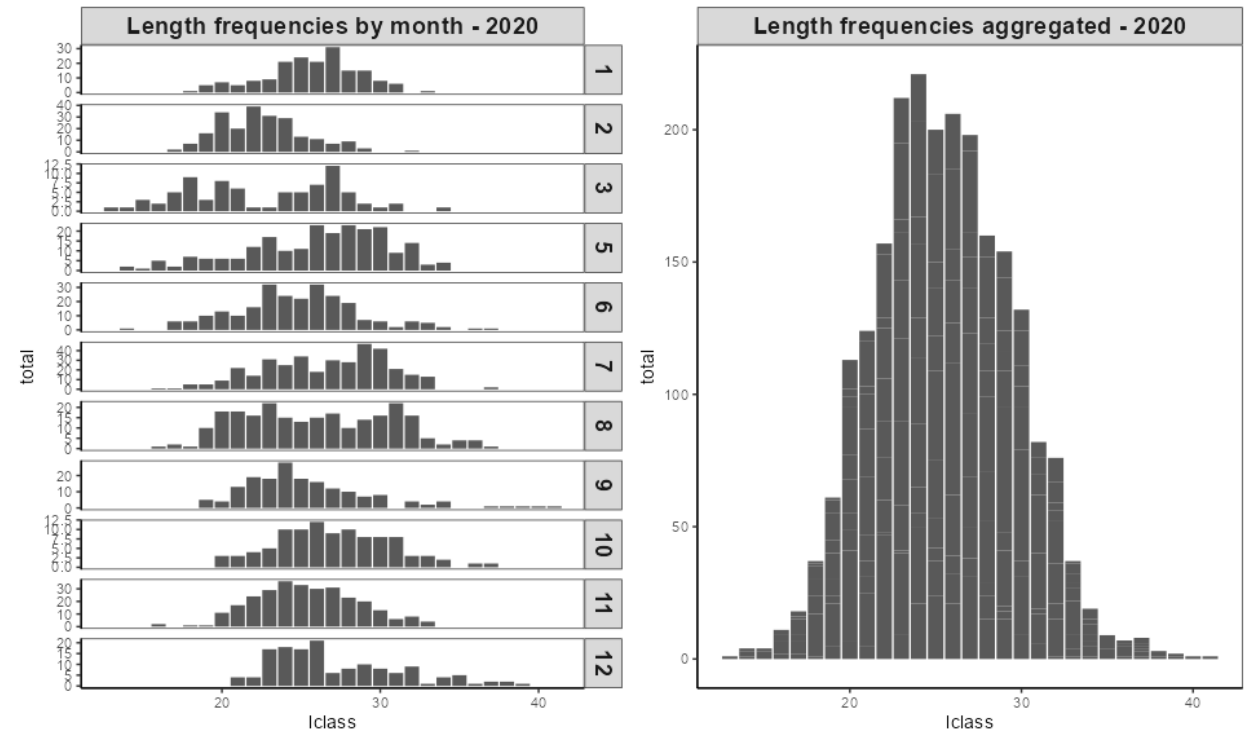


## 2.1. “Length-based Bayesian Biomass” estimator method (LBB)

Froese et al, 2018

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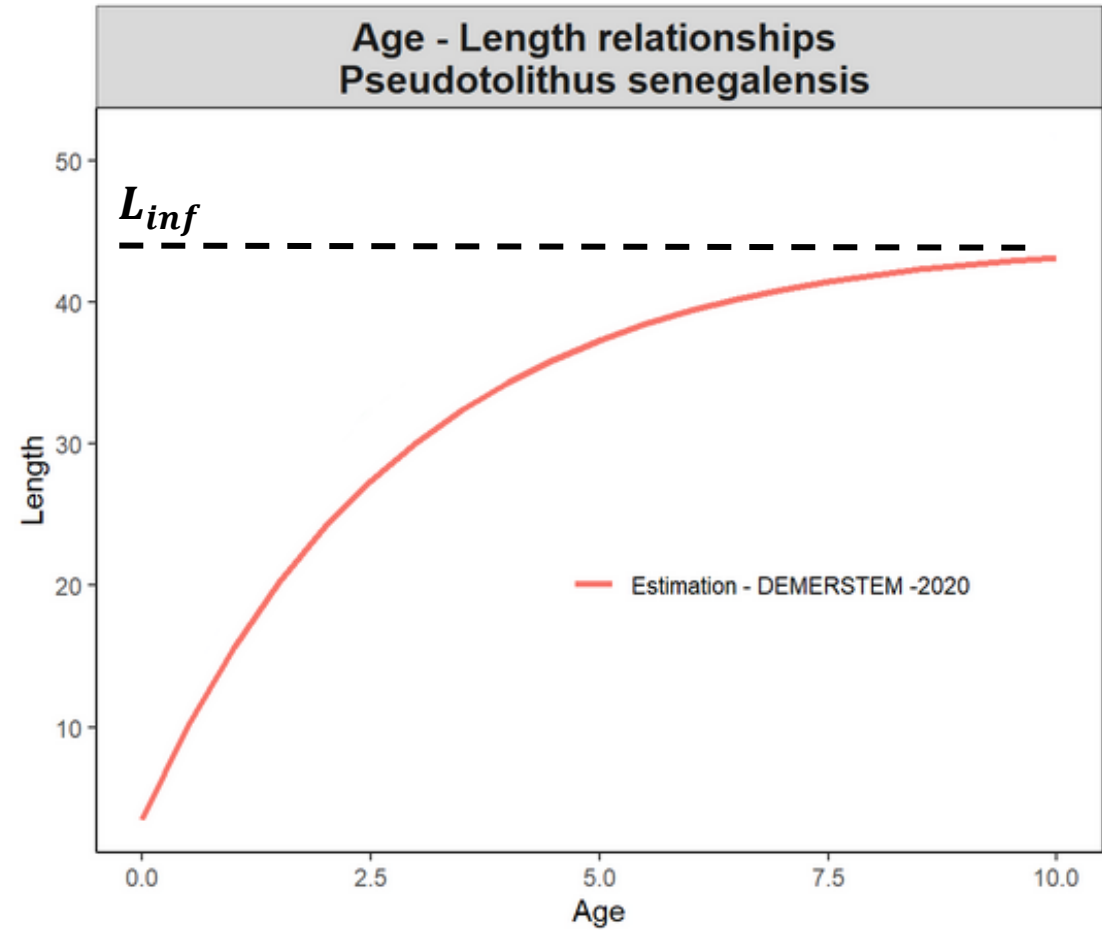
- Length frequencies



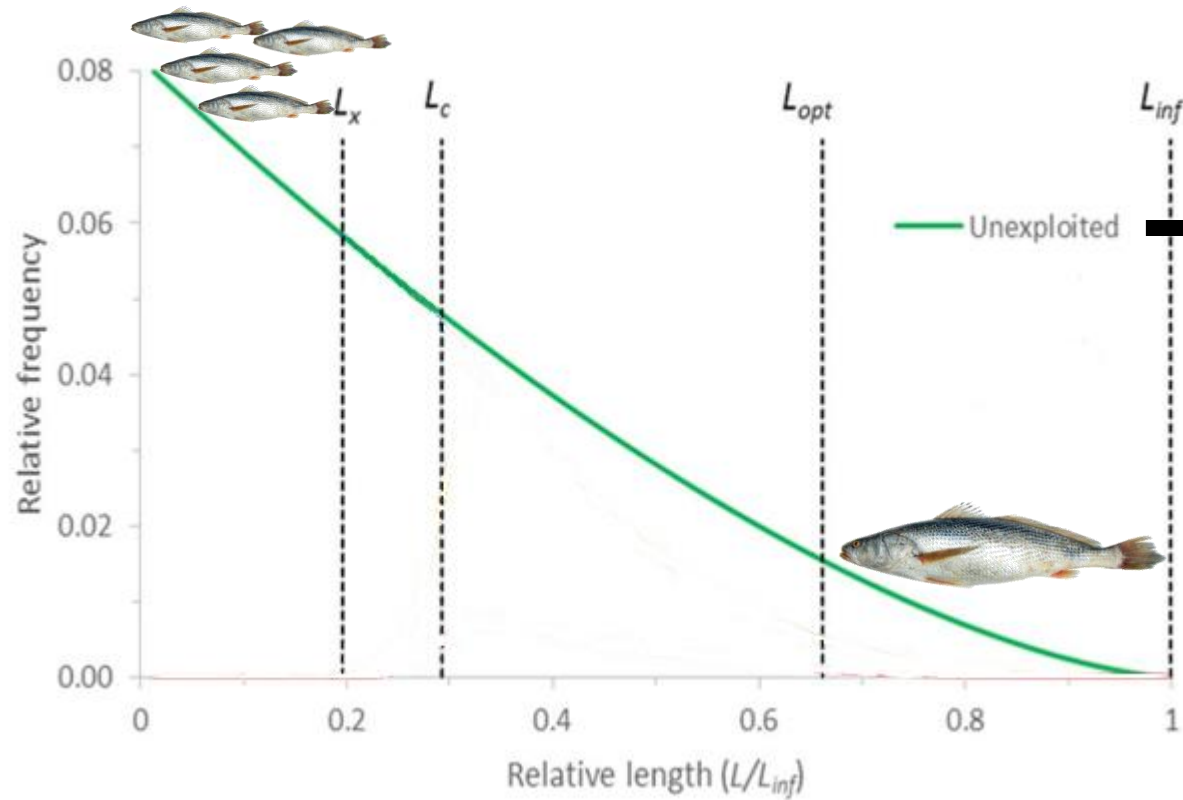


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- Length frequencies
- $L_{inf}$  : Asymptotic length

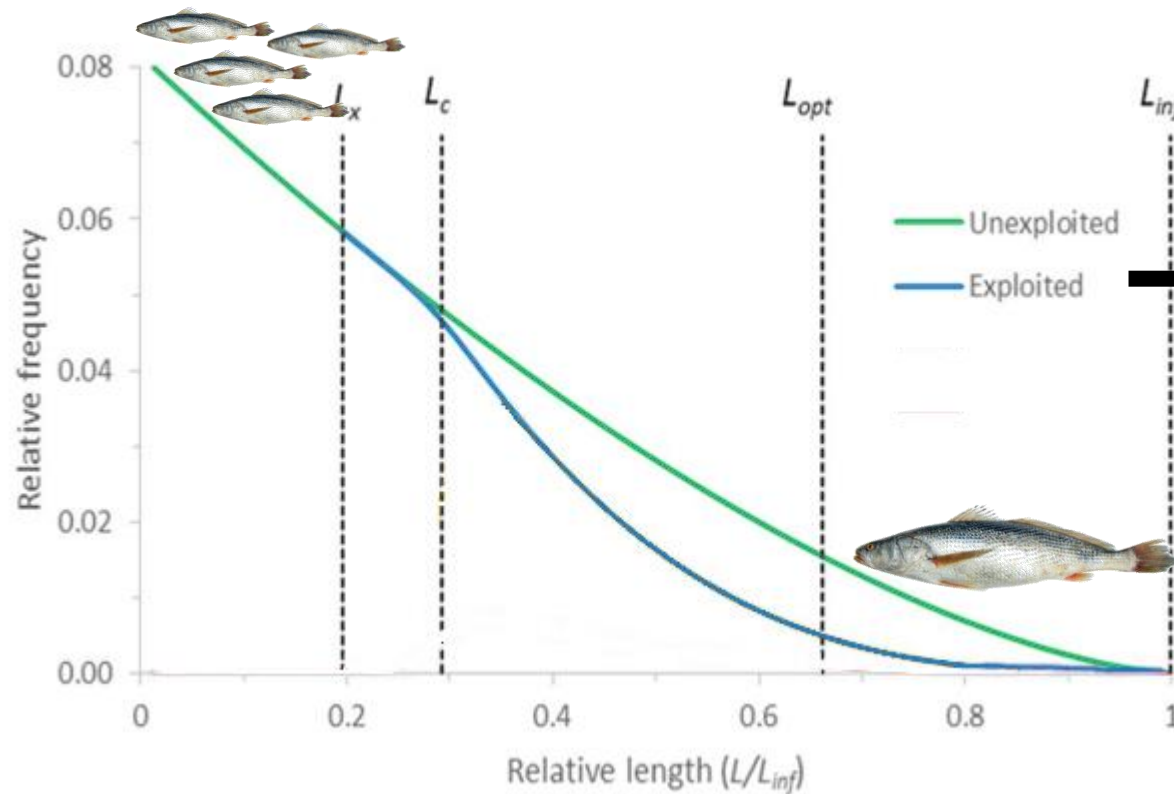


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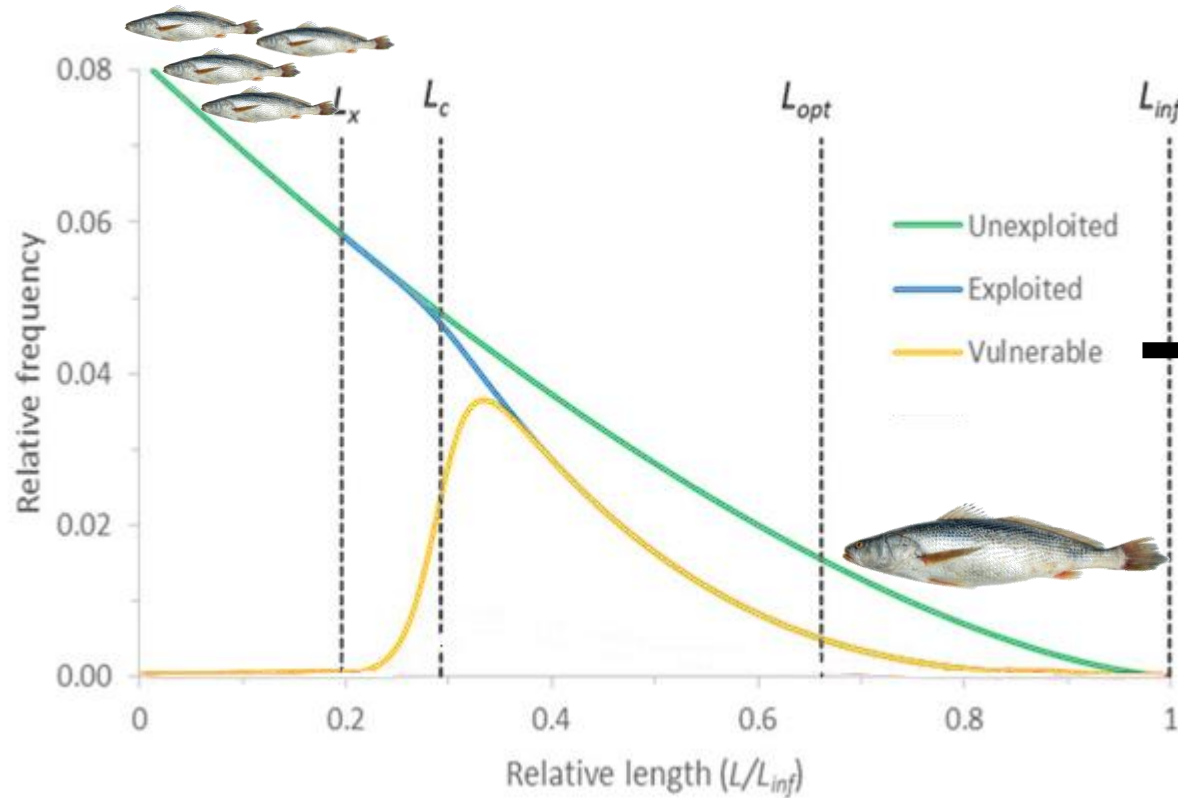
Natural Mortality :  $M$

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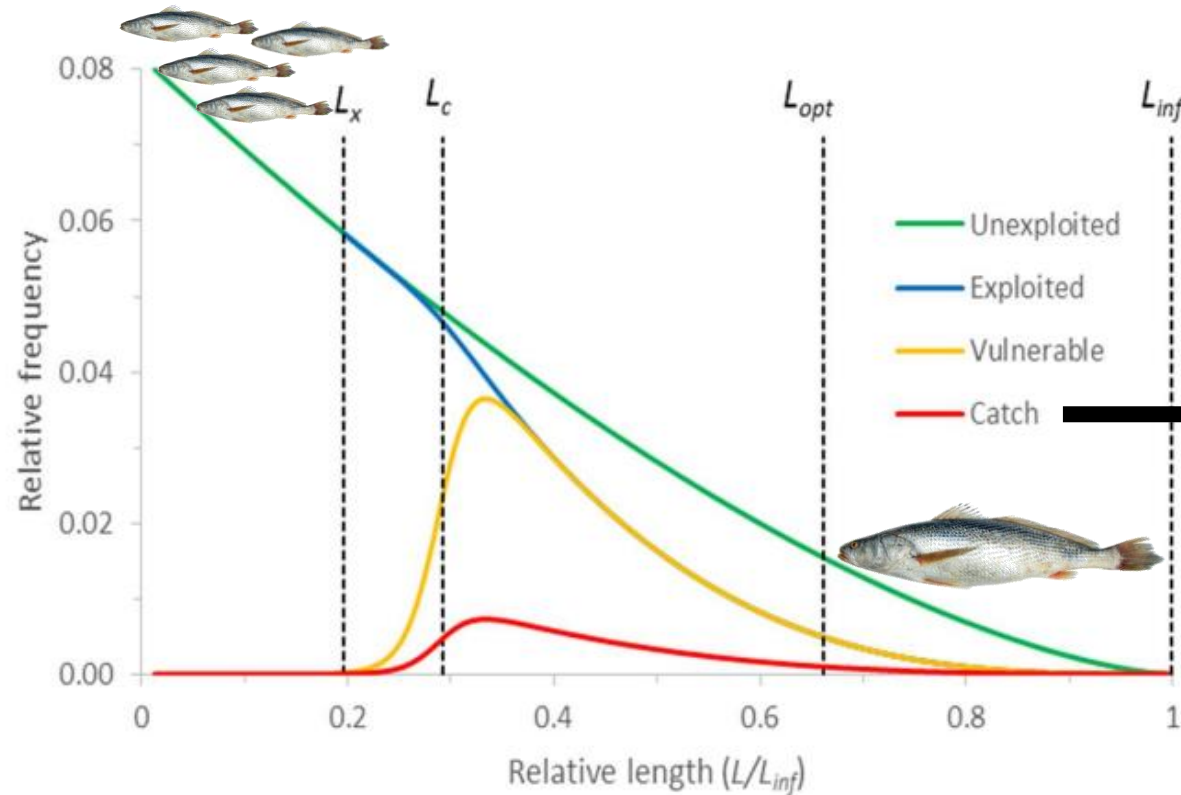
Natural and Fishing  
Mortality :  $F + M$

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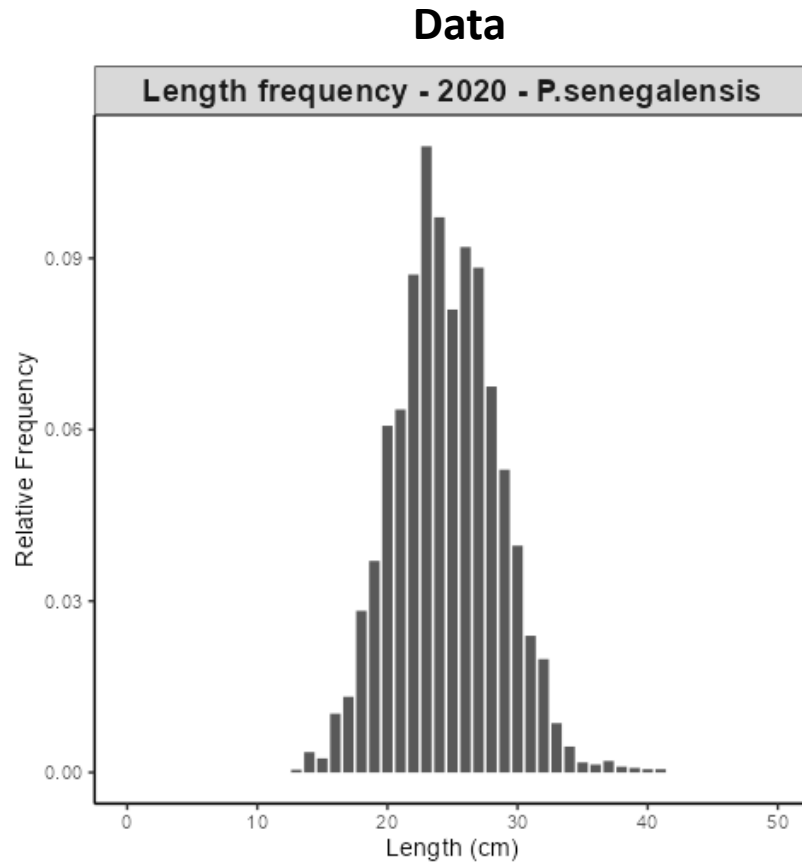
**Gear Selectivity**

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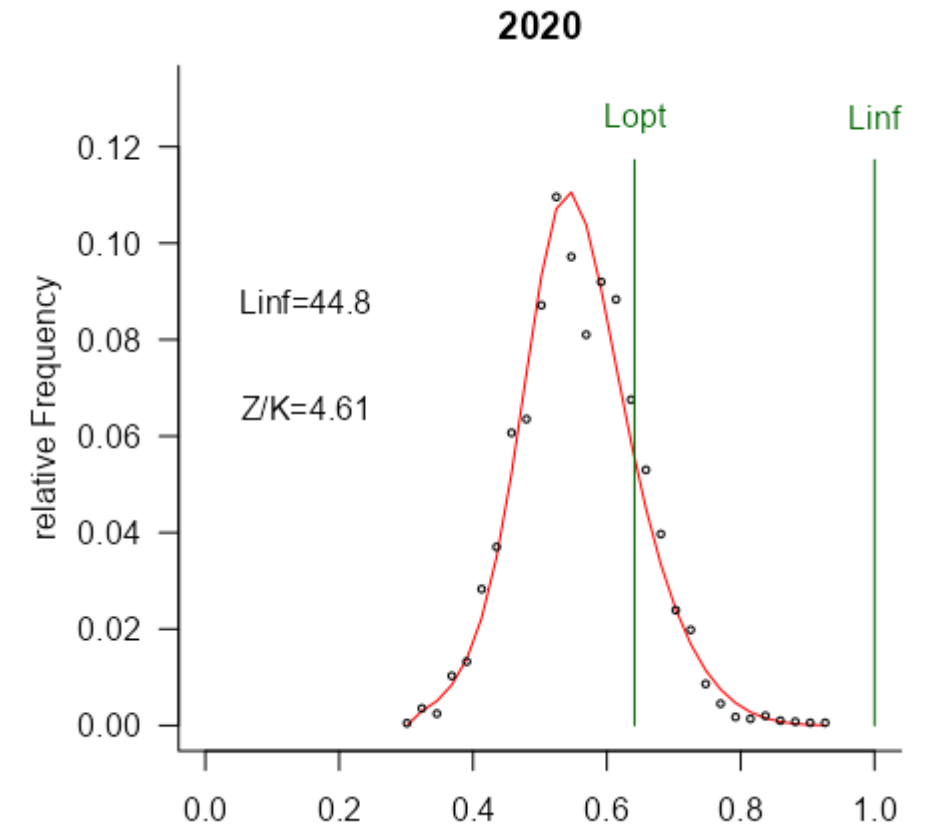
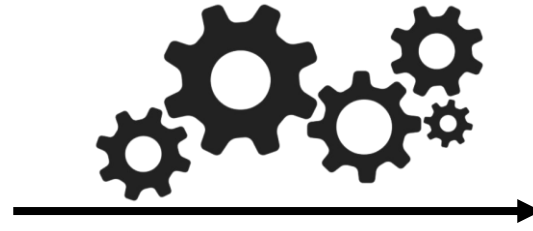


$$C_{Li} = N_{Li} S_{Li}$$
$$C_{Li} = f(\text{parameters})$$

## 2.1. LBB – Fitting process



**LBB**





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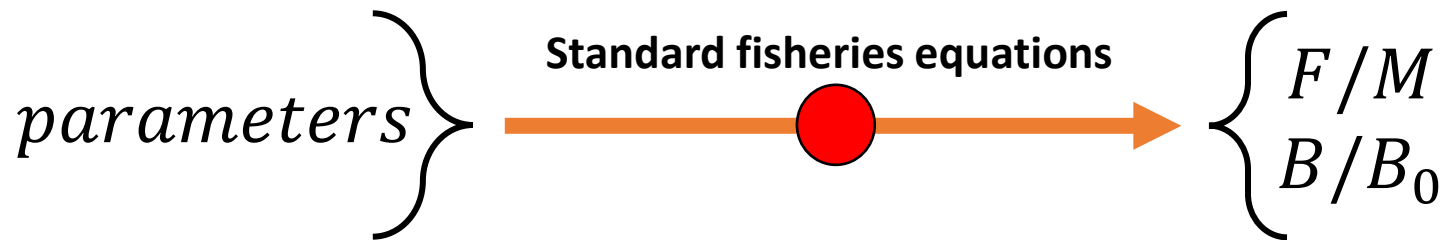
Bayesian framework : Estimate simultaneously parameters

**6 parameters :**  
 $M, F, K, Lc, L_{inf}, \alpha$

*parameters* }

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Estimate stock status parameters

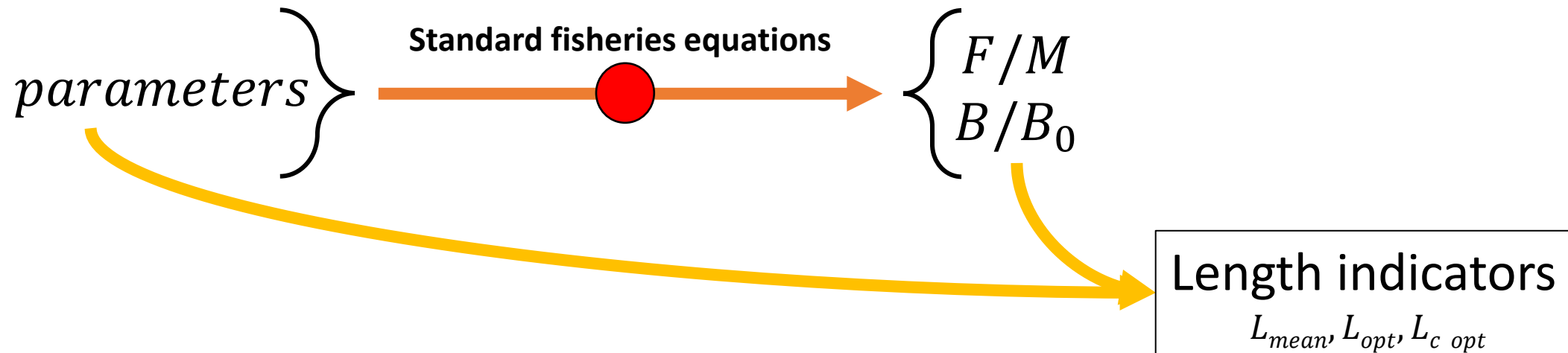




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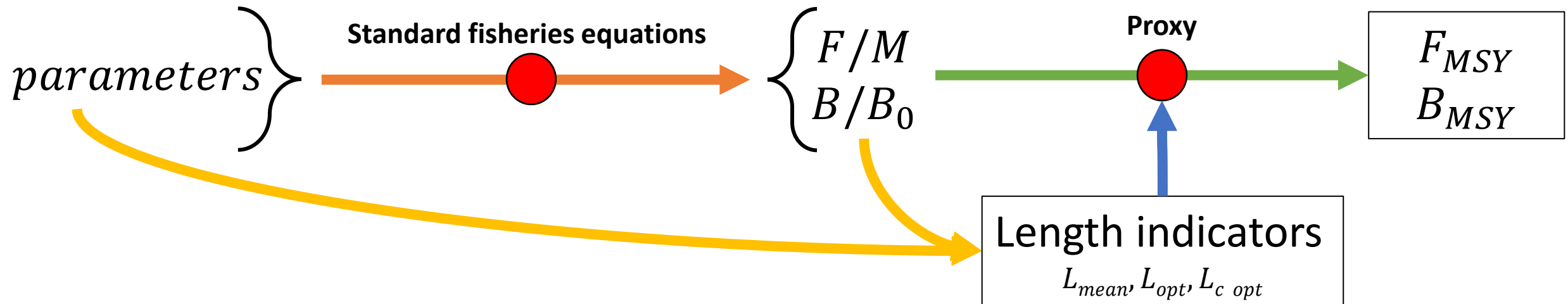
Bayesian framework : Estimate simultaneously parameters

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Bayesian framework : Estimate simultaneously parameters  
Estimate stock status parameters and length indicators  
Estimate **proxies** for stock assessment





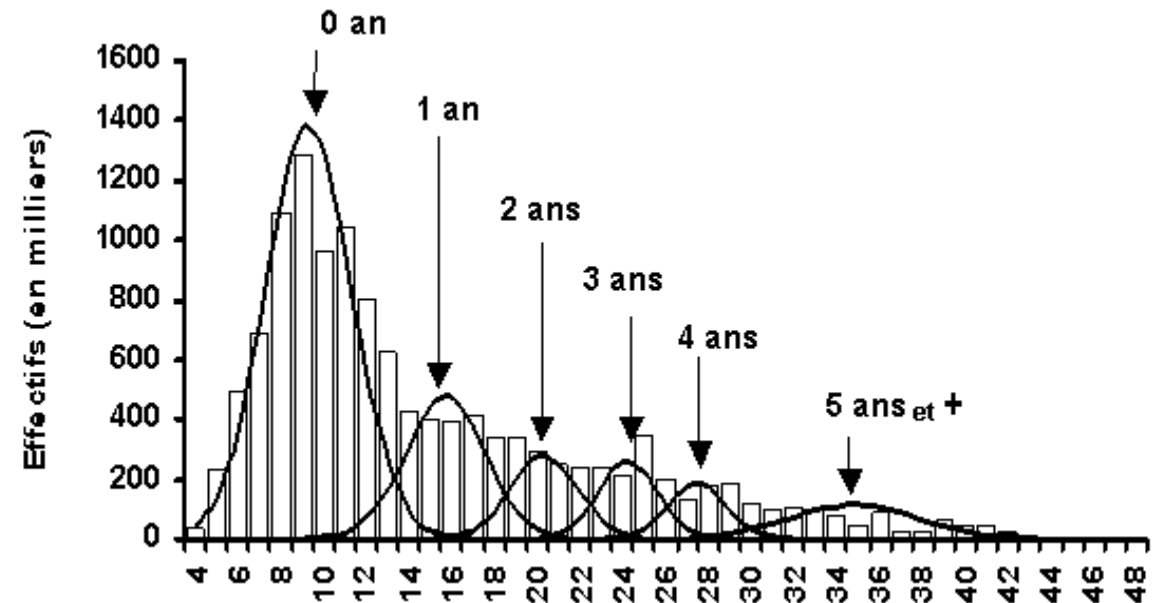
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## 2.2. Rectified pseudo-cohort : Prerequisite

From length frequencies to catch-at-age

➔ Polymodal decomposition

- Necessitate growth law



Sidibé et al, 2002

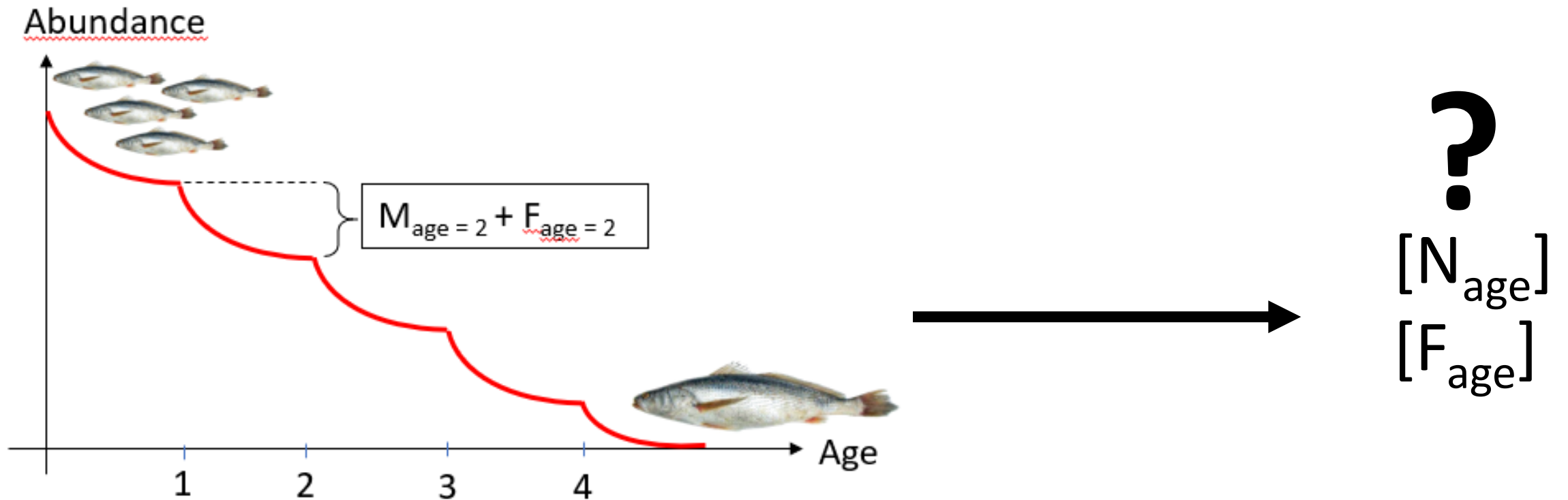
## 2.2. Rectified pseudo-cohort : Data

- Catch-at-age (in number)
- Effort for each year
- Recruitment index of each year
- Natural Mortality (Lorenzen, 2021)

Age	Catch
0	160 000
1	2 000 000
...	...
8	220 000
9	100 000
10	15 000

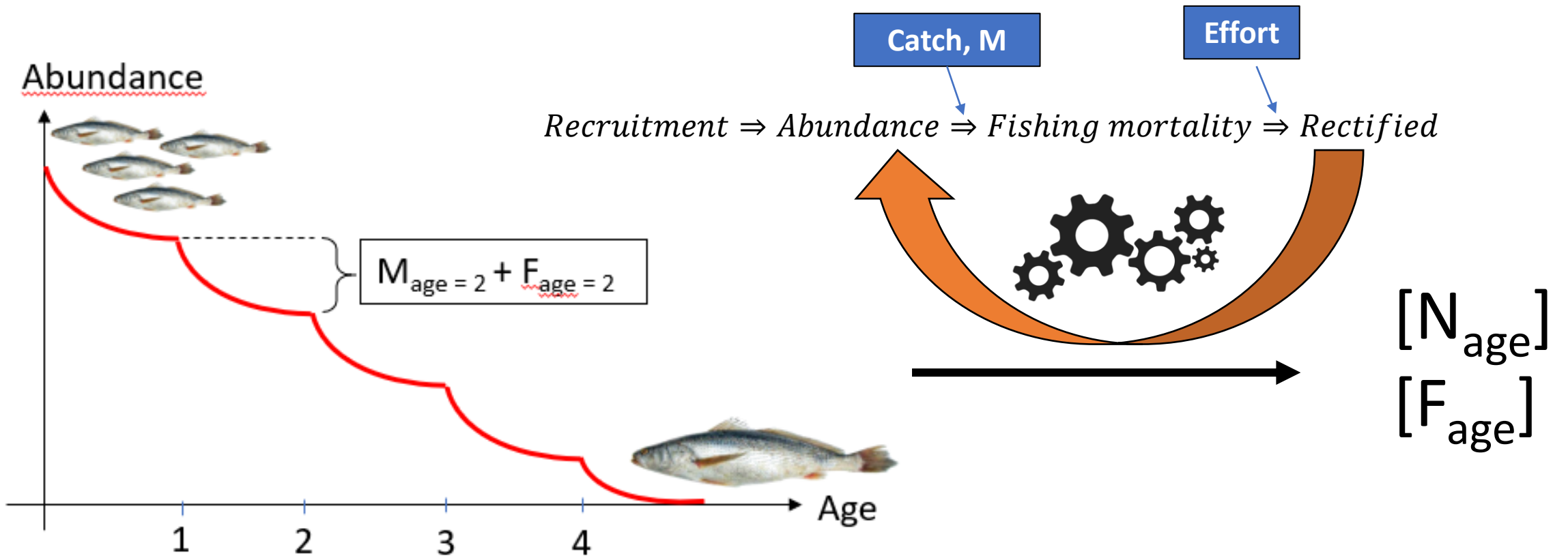
Year	Relative Effort	Relative Recruitment
2011	0.8	1.15
2012	0.75	1.1
...	...	...
2018	0.96	1.03
2019	0.93	1.2
2020	1	1

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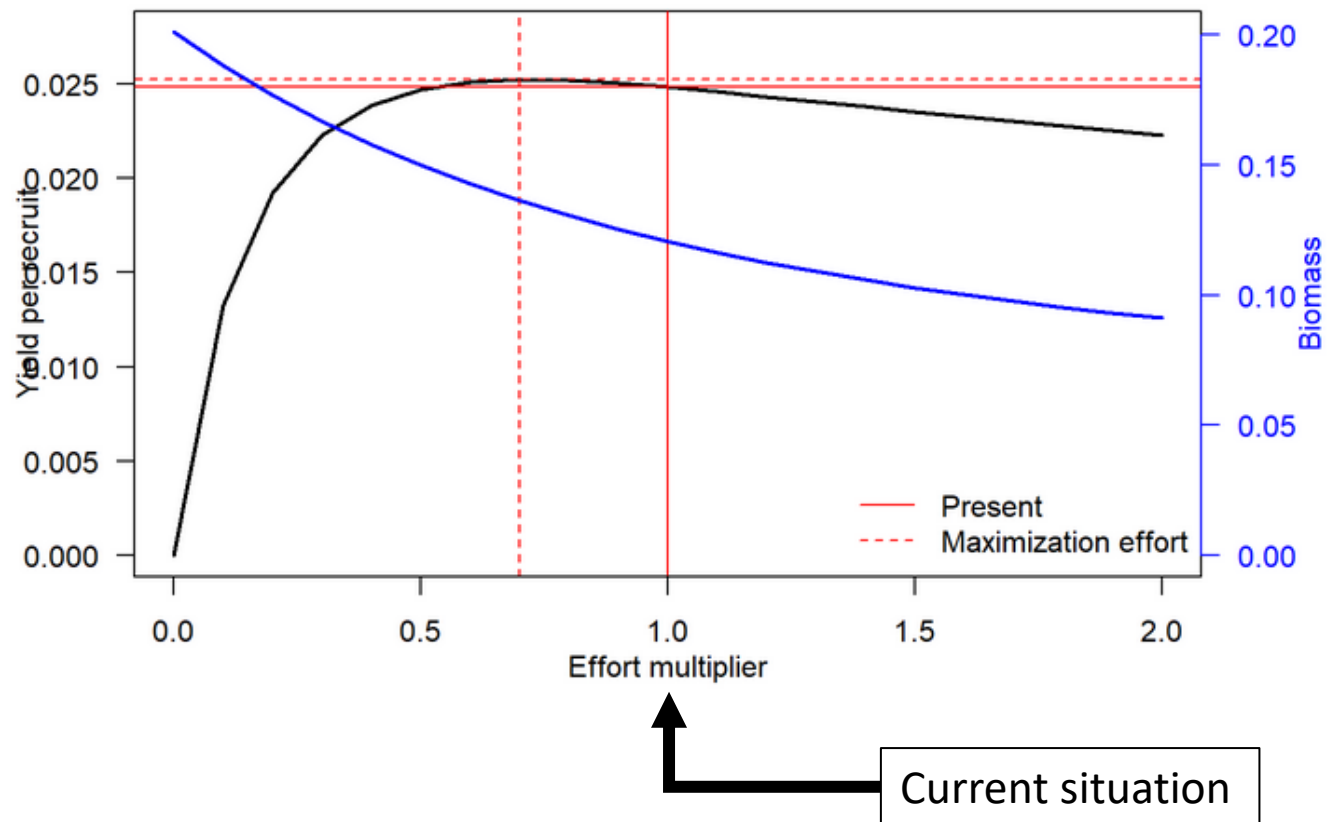
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### Standard fisheries equations



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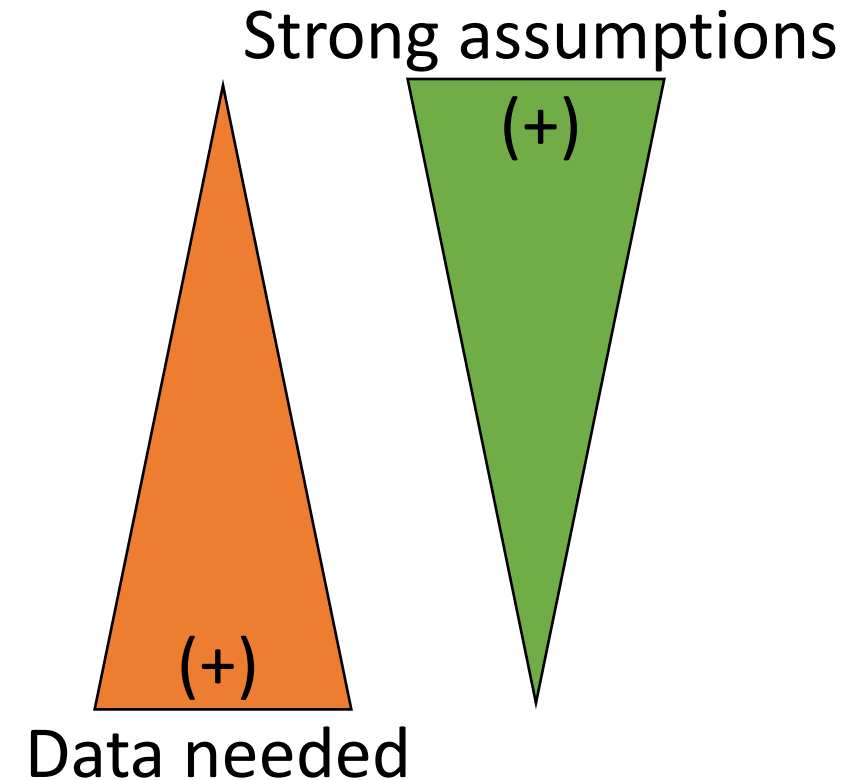
### Impact of fishing on catch and biomass





## 2.3. Length based model: review

- LBB :
  - Easy to handle method
  - Rely on strong hypothesis (Effort and Recruitment constant)
- Rectified pseudo-cohort :
  - Necessitate catch-at-age data
  - Take into account variations in Effort and Recruitment
  - More complex to handle



## Conclusion - Review of the methods used

Methods		Data	Catch	CPUE / AI	Priors (r and K)	Length - frequency	Growth parameters (Linf, K, t0...)	Effort	Natural Mortality
Production model	Pseudo-eq								
	JABBA								
Length-based model	LBB								
	Pseudo-cohort								



Necessary data



Optional data

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Methods		Characteristics	Model complexity	Data specificities	Management tools for
Production model	Pseudo-eq	Simple	Powerfull	Long time series for Catch and IA	Fishing effort
	JABBA	Simple			
Length-based model	LBB	Simple	Powerfull	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LF representativity</li> <li>• Availability of catch at length and growth curve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing effort</li> <li>• Size selectivity</li> </ul>
	Pseudo-cohort	Powerfull			



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