

### Analysis of California Current groundfish size using a state-space size-at age model

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#### **Research Goals**

#### **1.** Assess the capacity of statistical models to

incorporate temperature-dependency of growth, and compare their predictions of growth variation across specific warming scenarios and locations.

- 2. Analyze long-term growth patterns across ecosystems
- 3. Assess the impacts of warming on past yield
- 4. Global length-at-age database



### Assess the capacity of **statistical models**..





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#### State-space



Mechanism











State-space



Mechanism









#### Annual variation







#### Data

- Survey length and age samples
- Temperature measurements from expected habitats







#### Modeled bottom temperature



## Model structure









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#### null model: AR1





#### AR1 & initial size ~ cohort





#### AR1 & initial size ~ cohort + temperature







### AR1 + annual variation + temperature



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# Results



## Strength of autocorrelation $\beta$



beta





- Positive autocorrelation for most species
  - Significant for shortbelly rockfish and sablefish
  - Negative (not significant) for Pacific hake



### Initial size effects strong, but no temp effect



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#### Initial size effects - sablefish

### Assess the capacity of **statistical models**..



- AR1 and initial size variation most important (me)
- Temperature has a fairly large (0.4-0.95) effect on early life growth for all species (Miller)
- Common decline in max L, not related to F or temperature (Baudron)









### How you model matters

- Next steps: simulation
- Use an ensemble
- We need reproducible, consistent processes for:
  - Data extraction and scale
  - Convergence diagnostics
  - Weighting



## Thank You!





