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Advancing assessment methods for data-limited fish stocks

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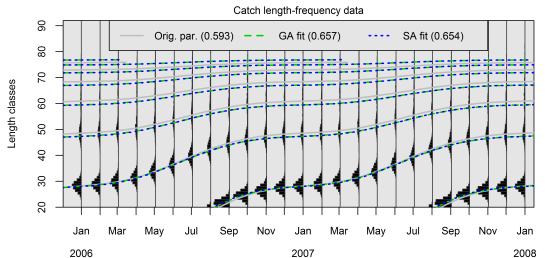
Abstract

Electronic length frequency analysis (ELEFAN) is a system of stock assessment methods using length-frequency (LFQ) data. One step is the estimation of growth from the progression of LFQ modes through time using the von Bertalanffy growth function (VBGF). The option to fit a seasonally oscillating VBGF (soVBGF) requires a more intensive search due to two additional parameters. This work describes the implementation of two optimisation approaches ("simulated annealing" and "genetic algorithm")



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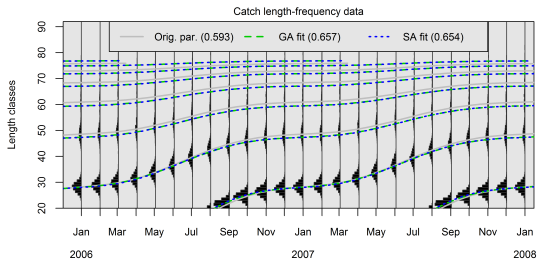
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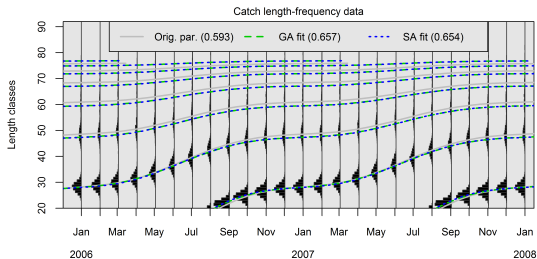
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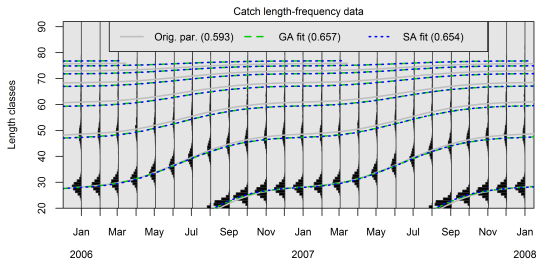
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Bootstrap fish stock assessment



FAO (1998); Mildenberger et al. (2017), Mildenberger et al. (in prep)



Bootstrap fish stock assessment



ELEFAN

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Empirical formulas

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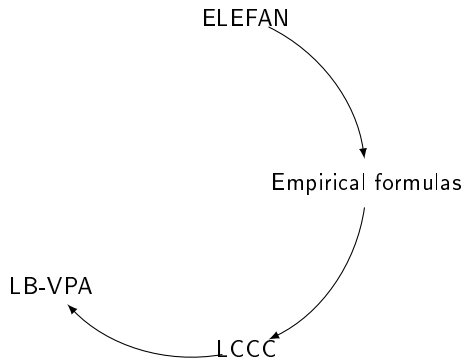
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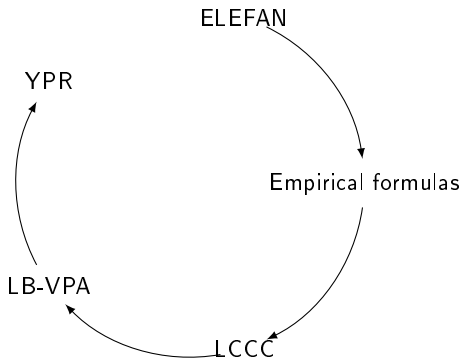
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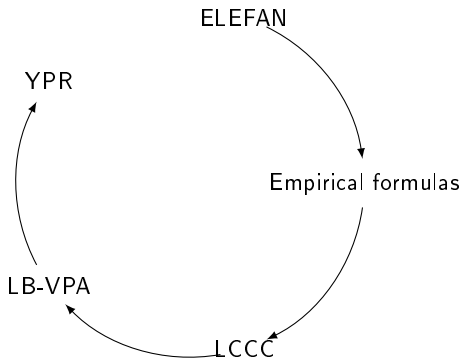
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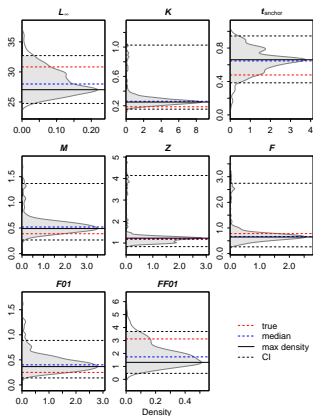
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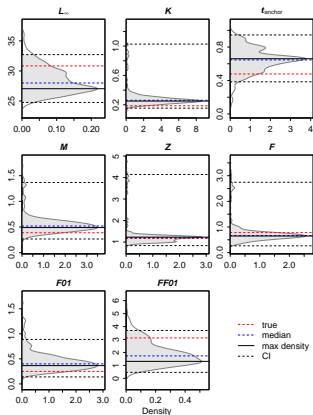
500 resamples



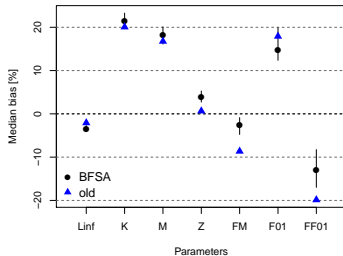
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SPiCT

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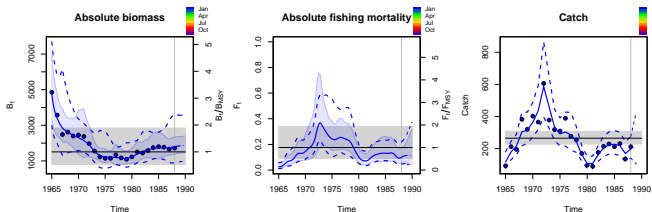
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Fishing mortality process

$$d \log(F_t) = f(t, \sigma_F)$$

Index observations

$$I_t = q B_t \cdot e^{\nu t}$$

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B_t : Exploitable stock biomass

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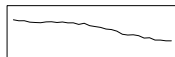
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Time-varying productivity

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1: Gradual model

$$m_t = m_{base} \cdot \kappa m_t$$



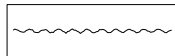
2: Regime shift model

$$m_t = m_{base} \cdot \Delta m_{k(t)}$$



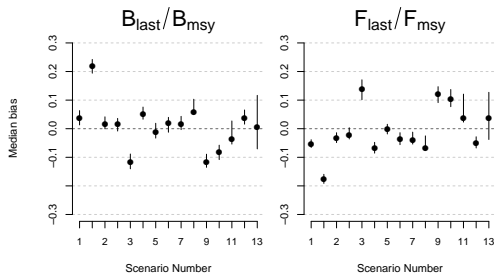
3: Seasonal model

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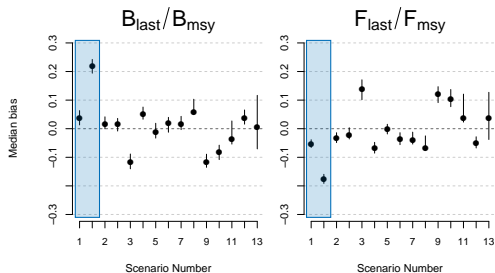
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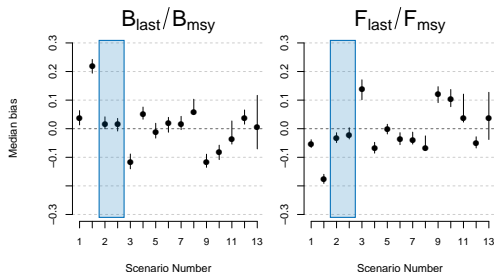
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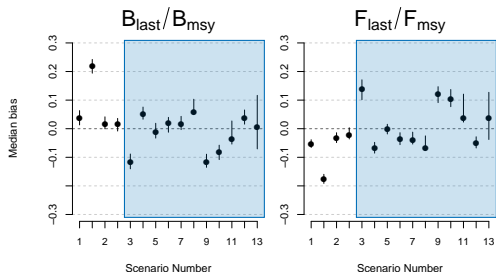
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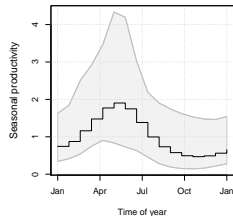
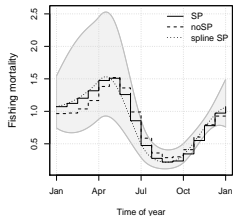
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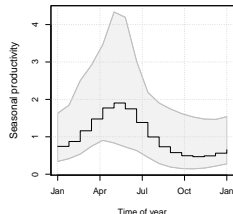
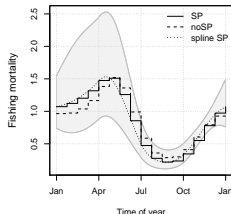
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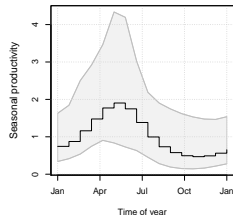
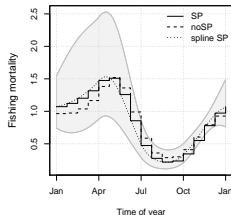
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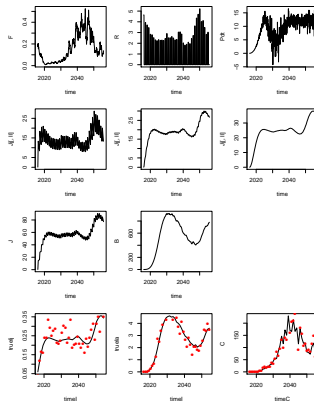
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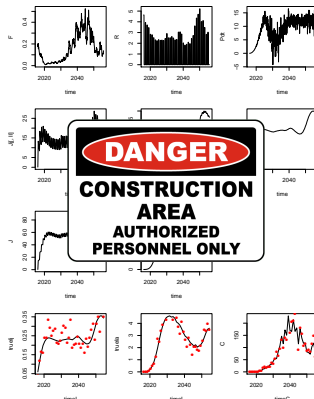
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Time: **2pm - 5pm**

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