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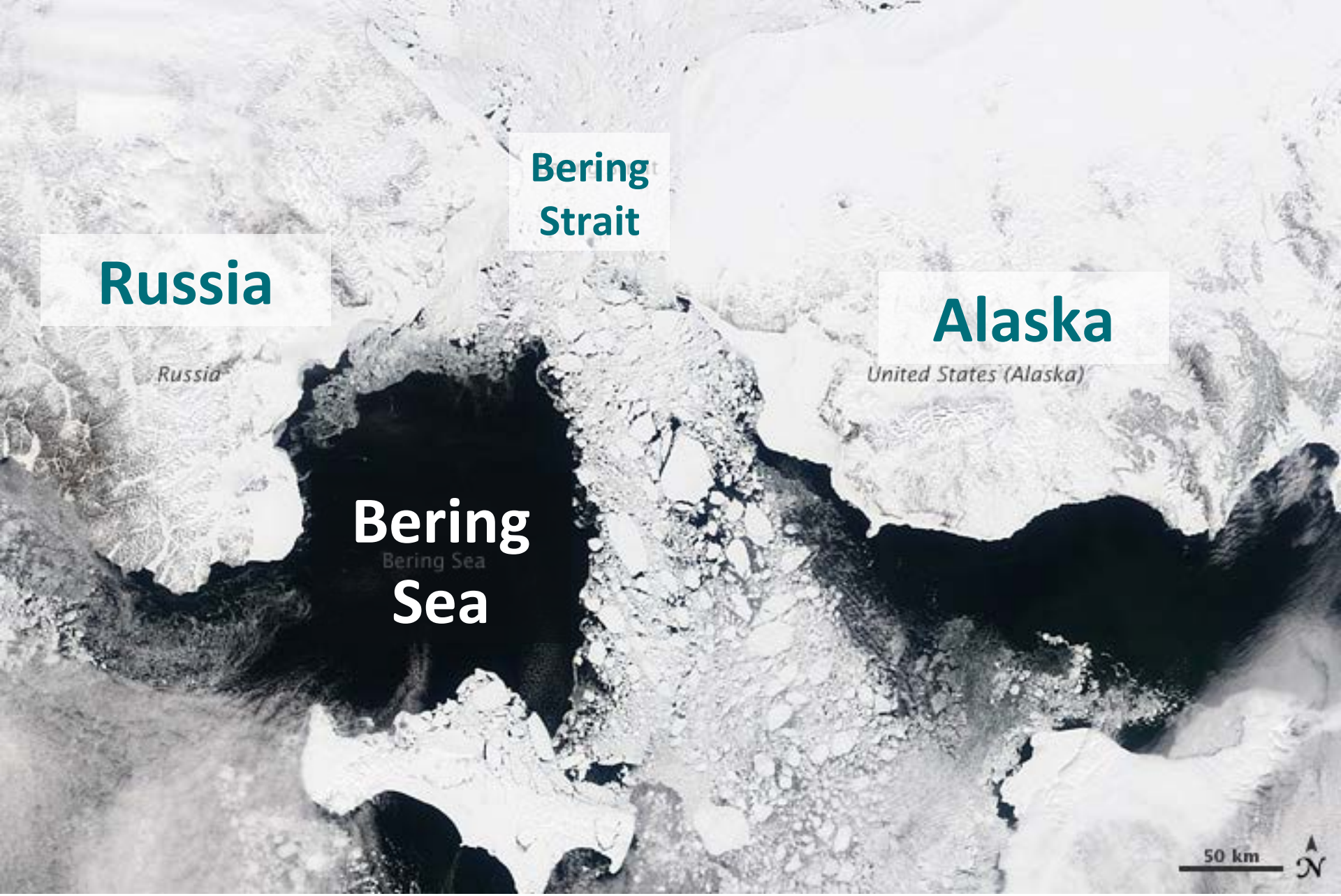

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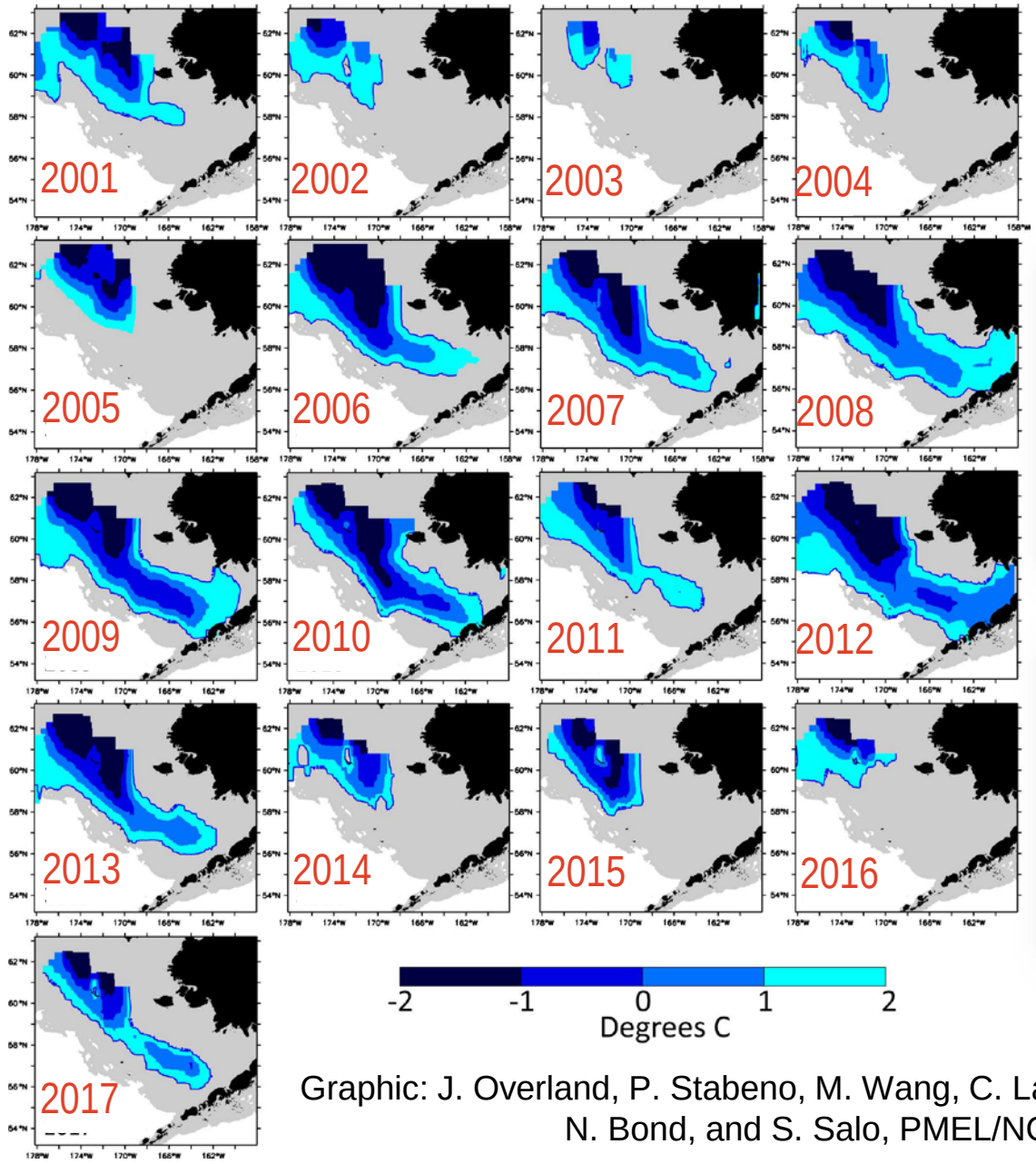

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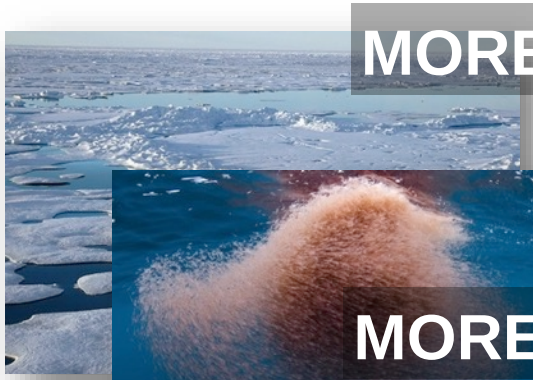

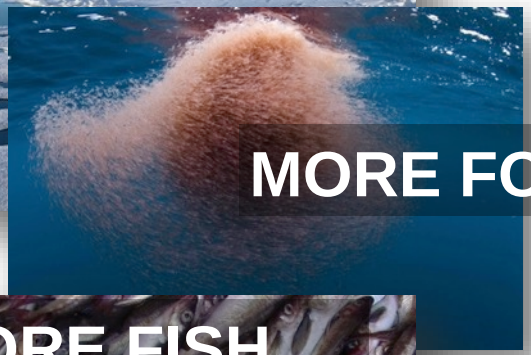

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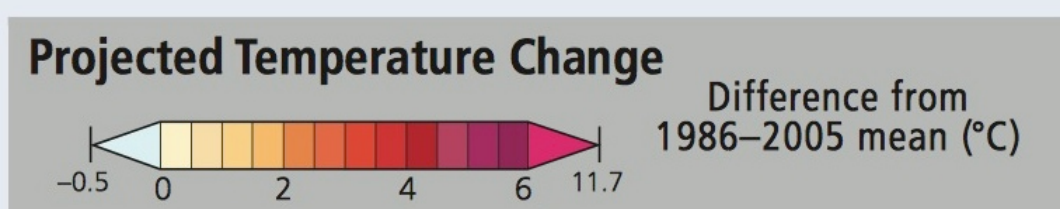

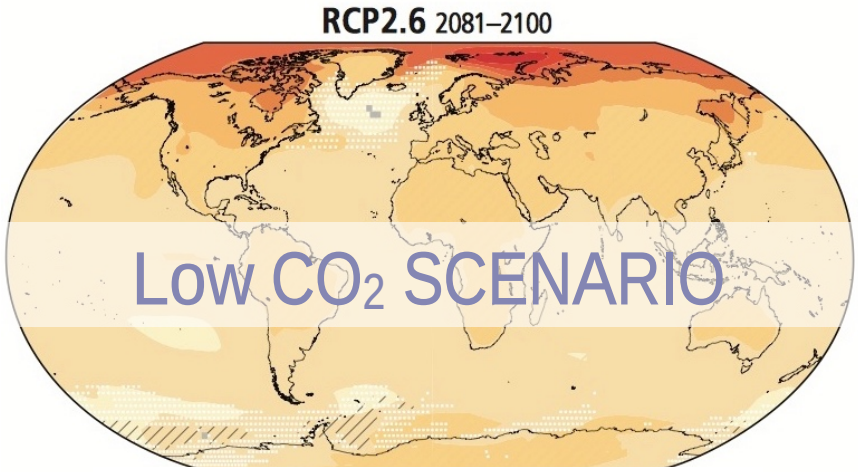

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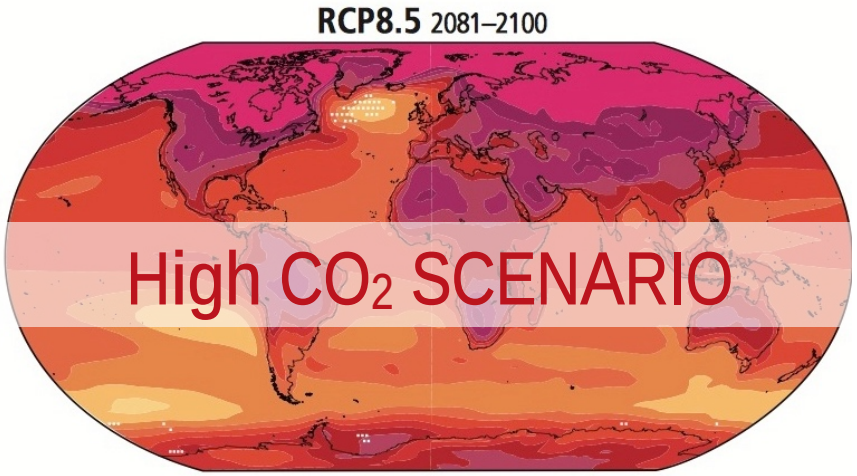

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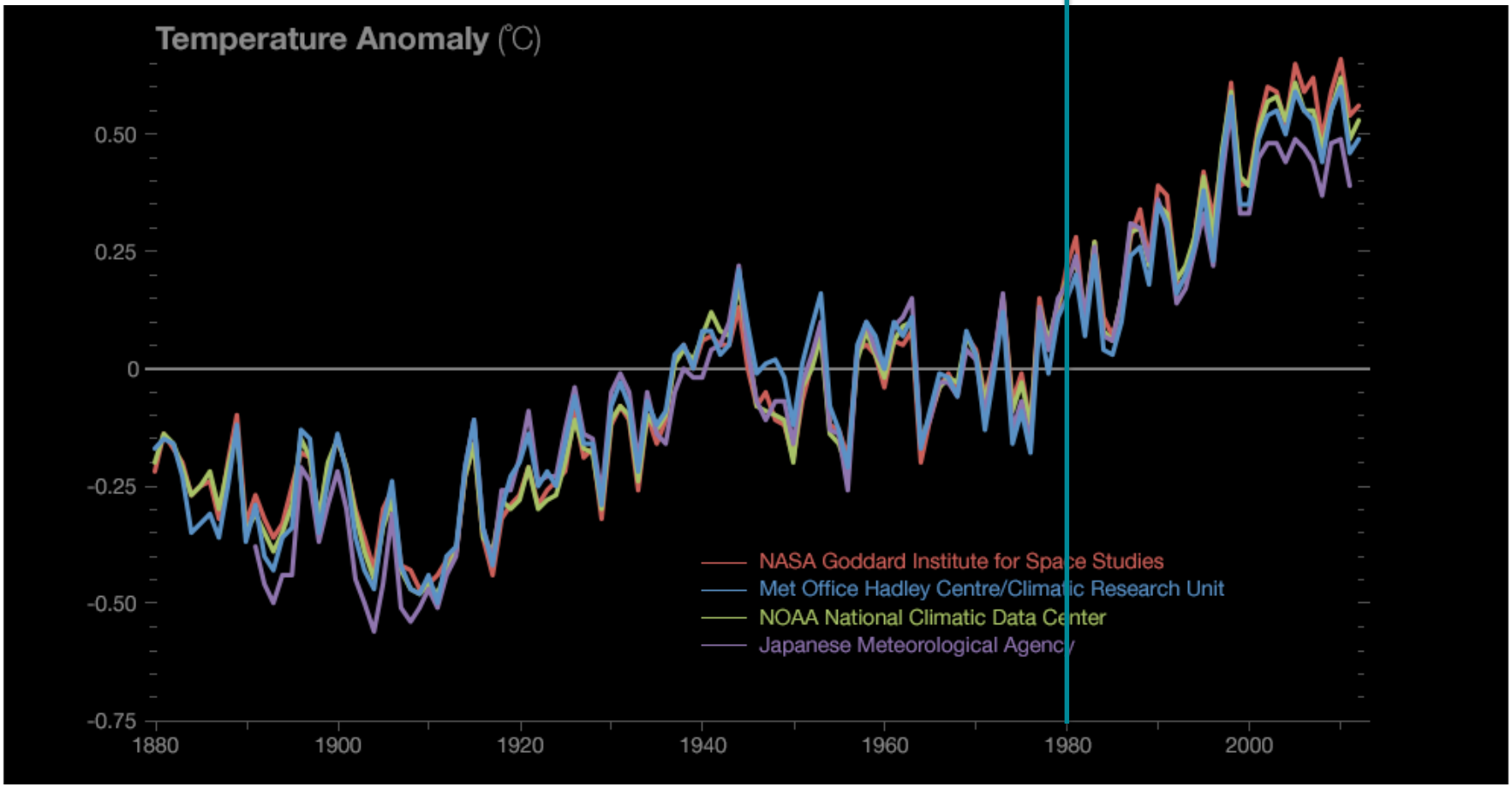

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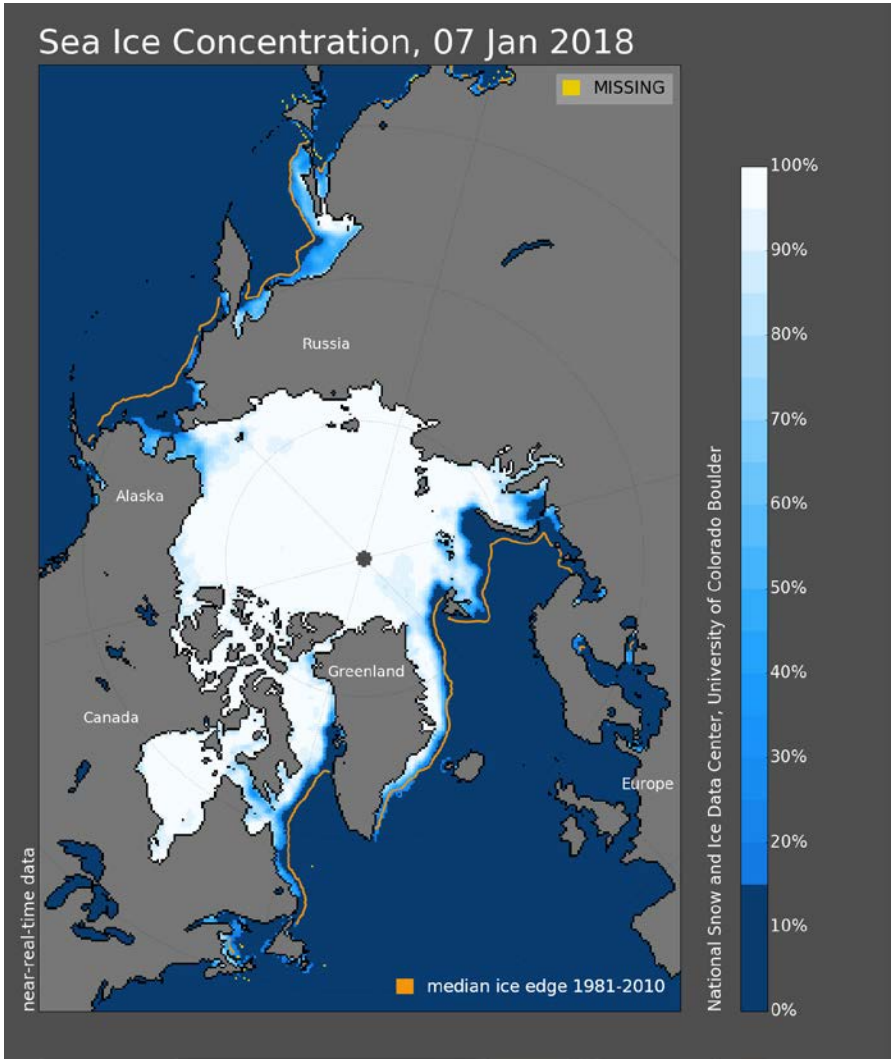

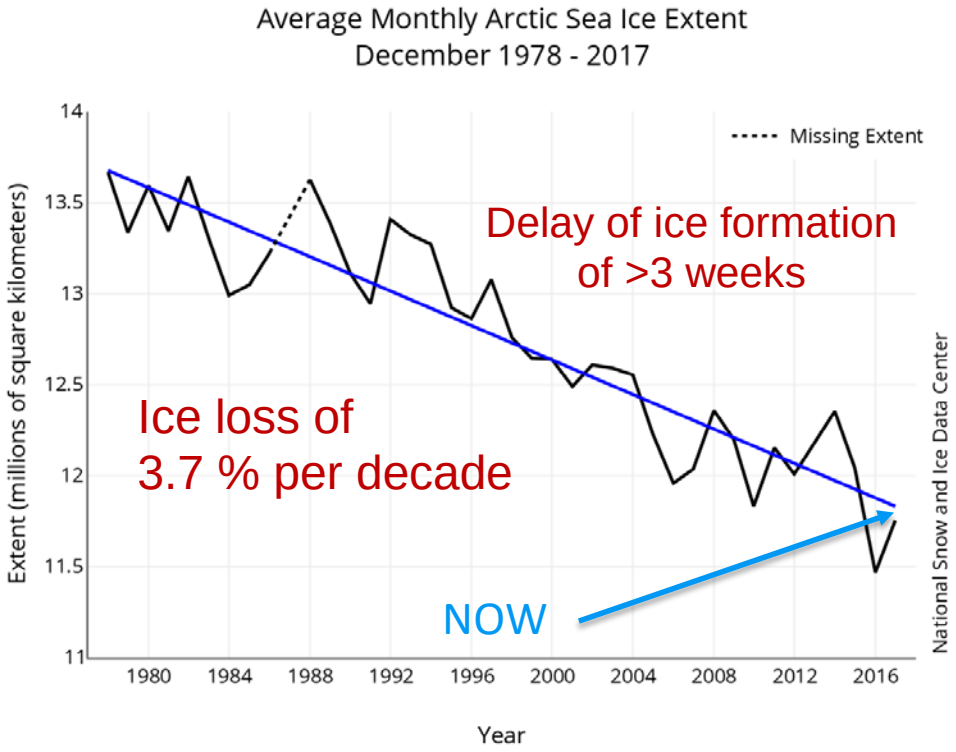

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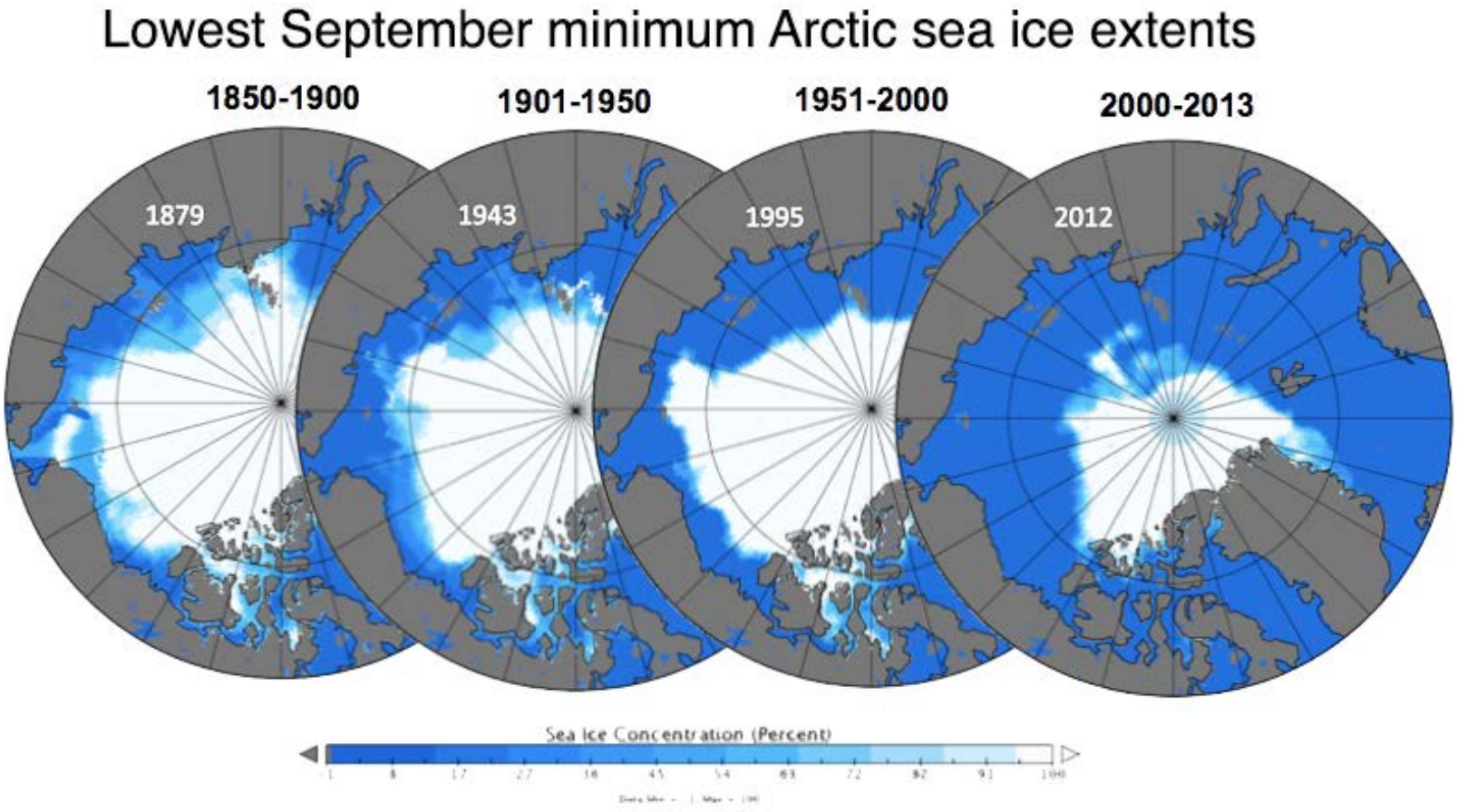

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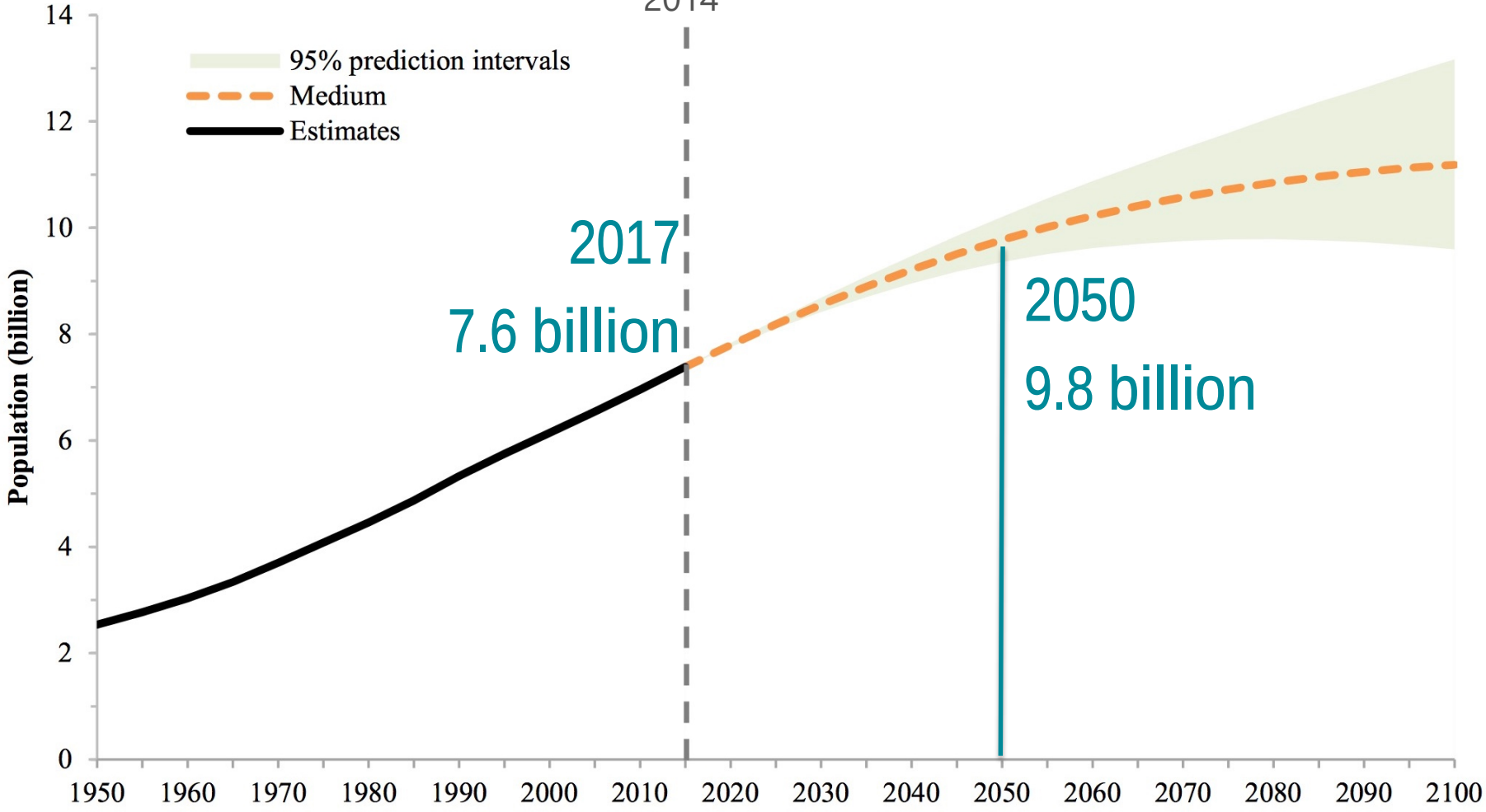

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gradual change & sudden shocks; test existing & new tools; estimate risk

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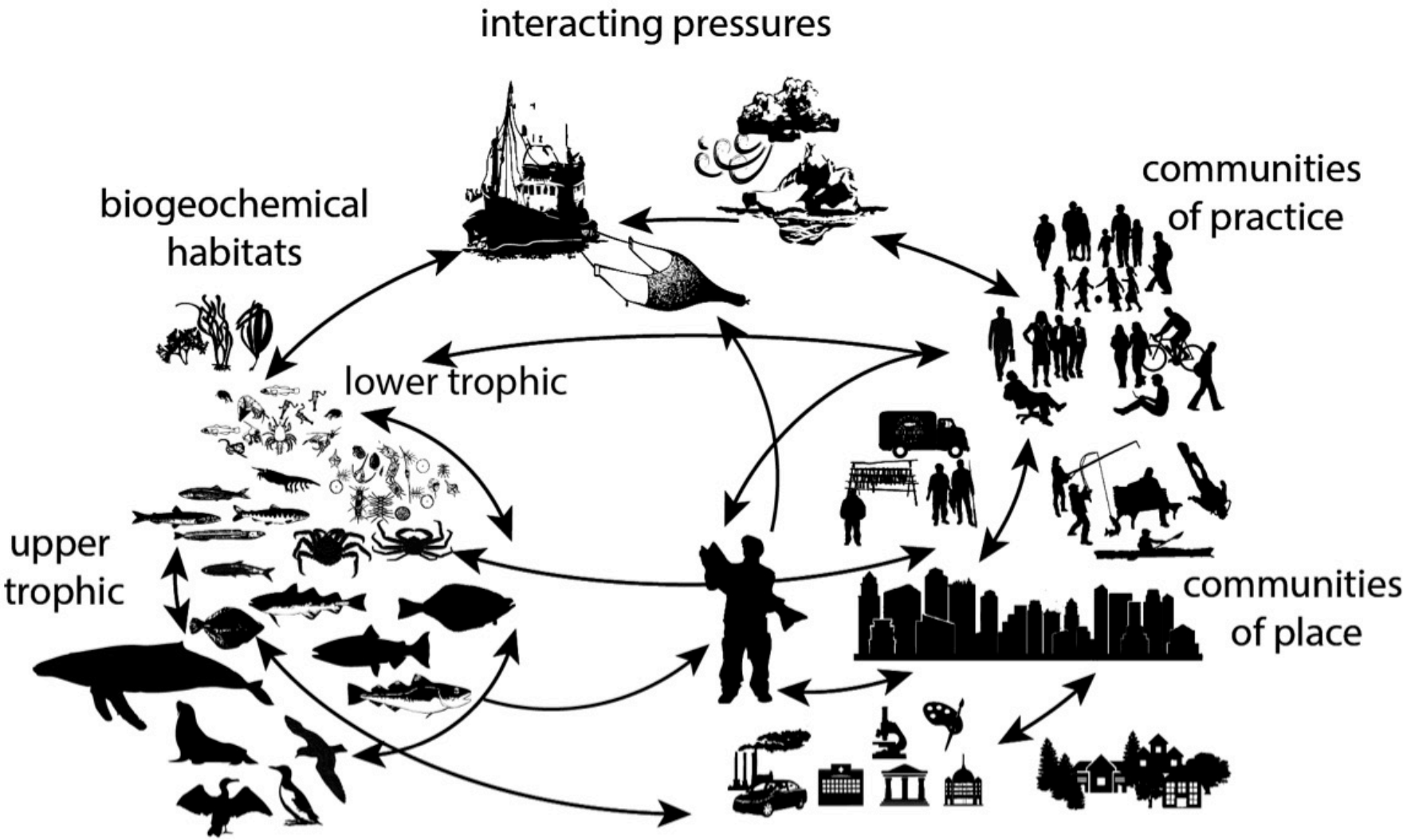
ACLIM utilizes a fully integrated approach



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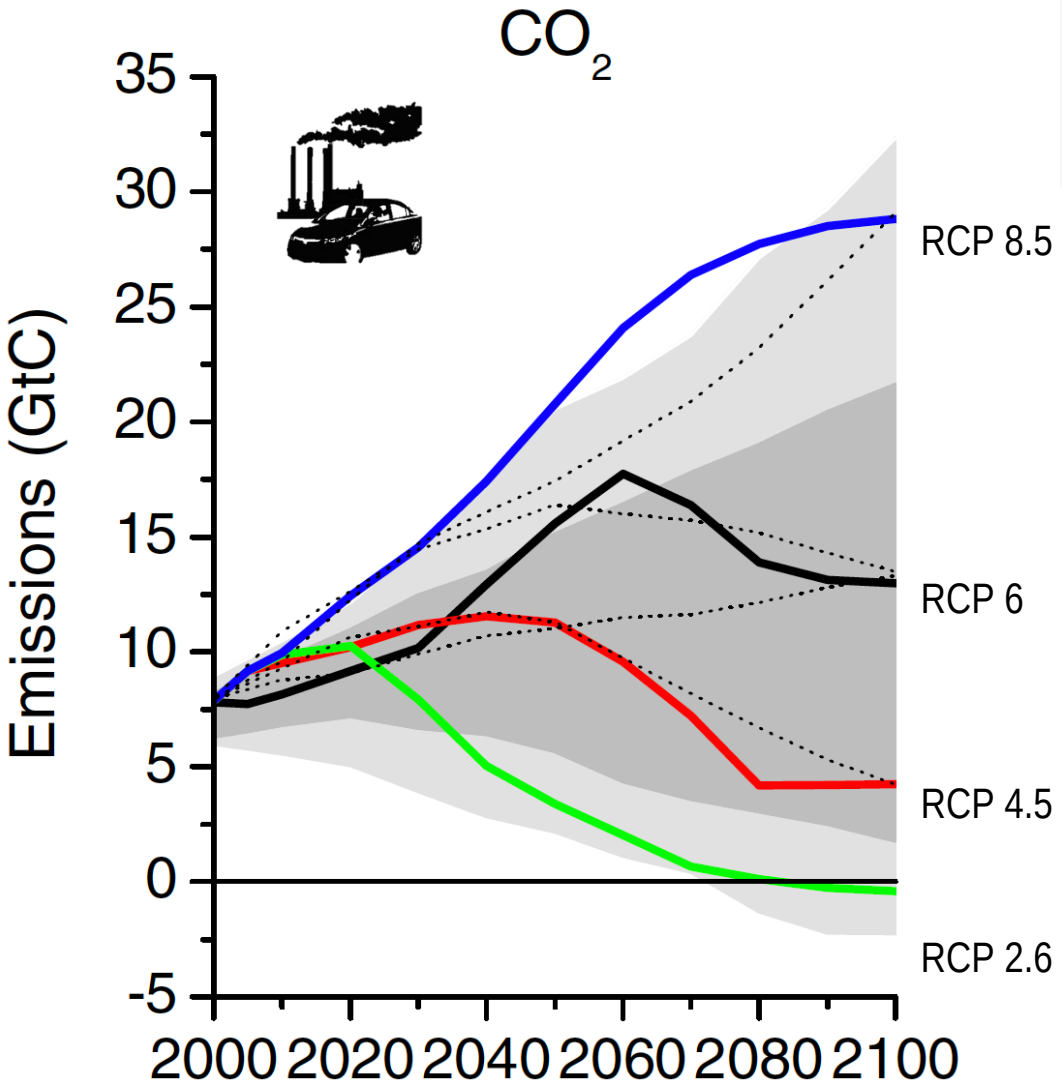

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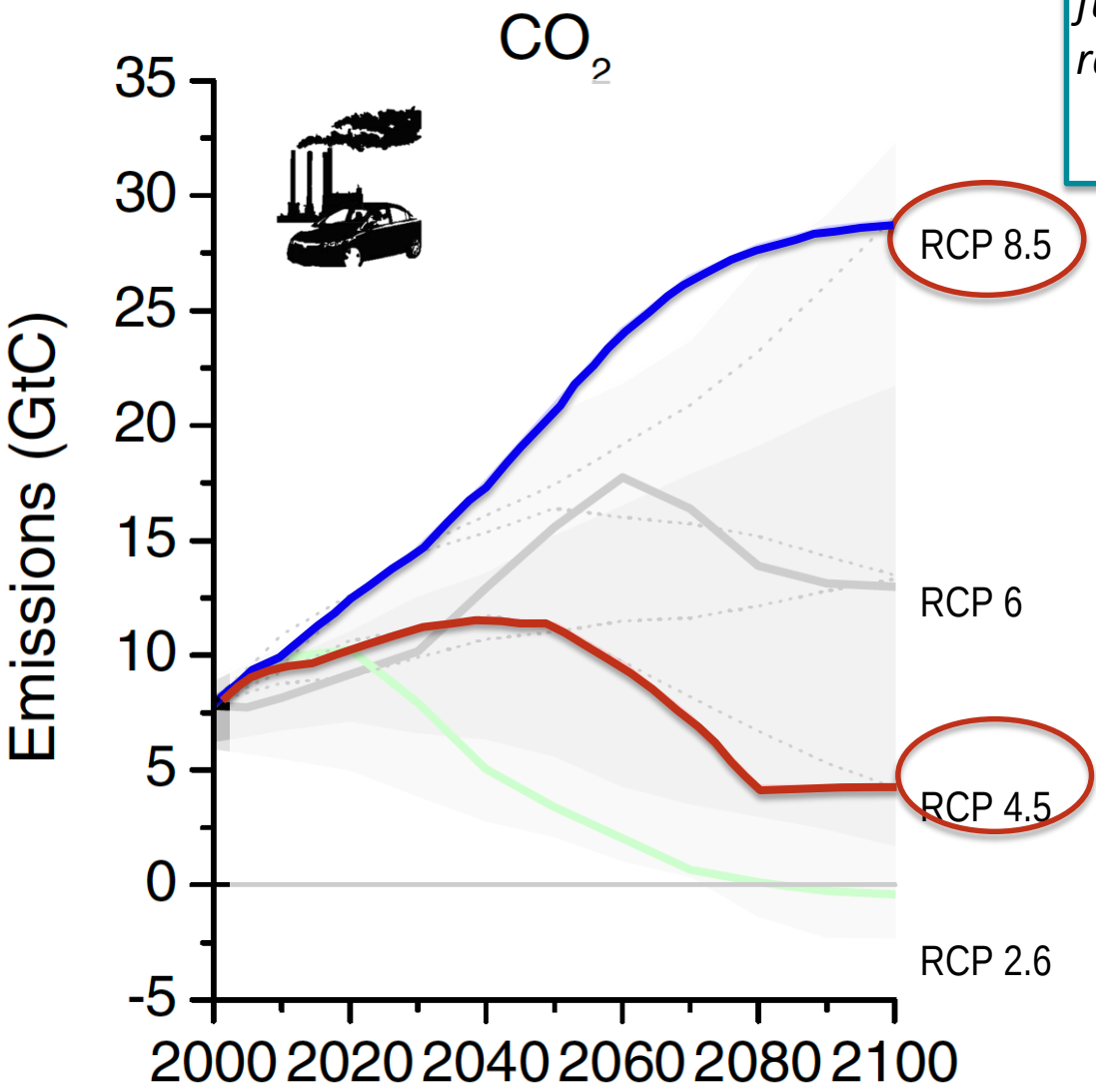

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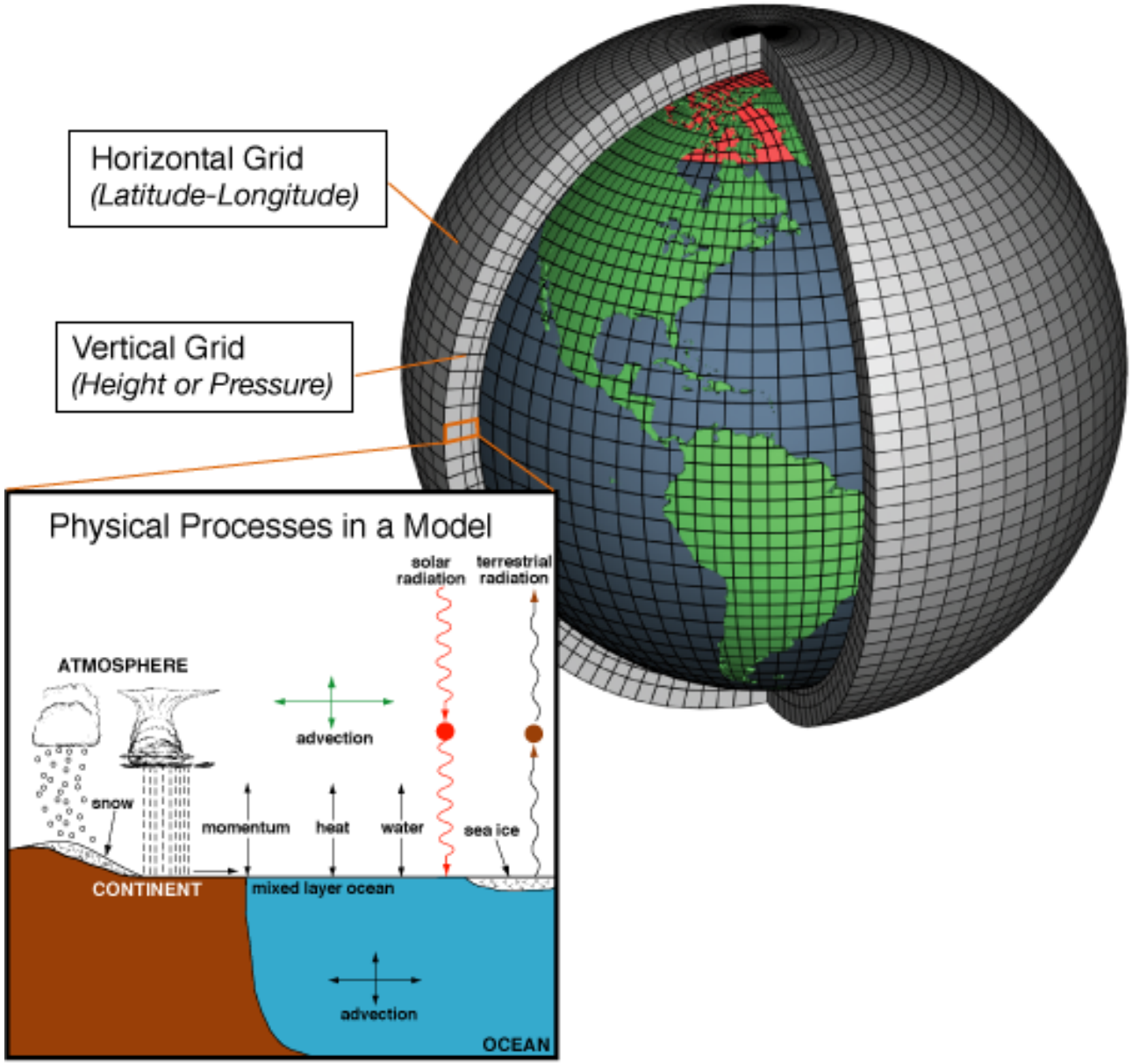
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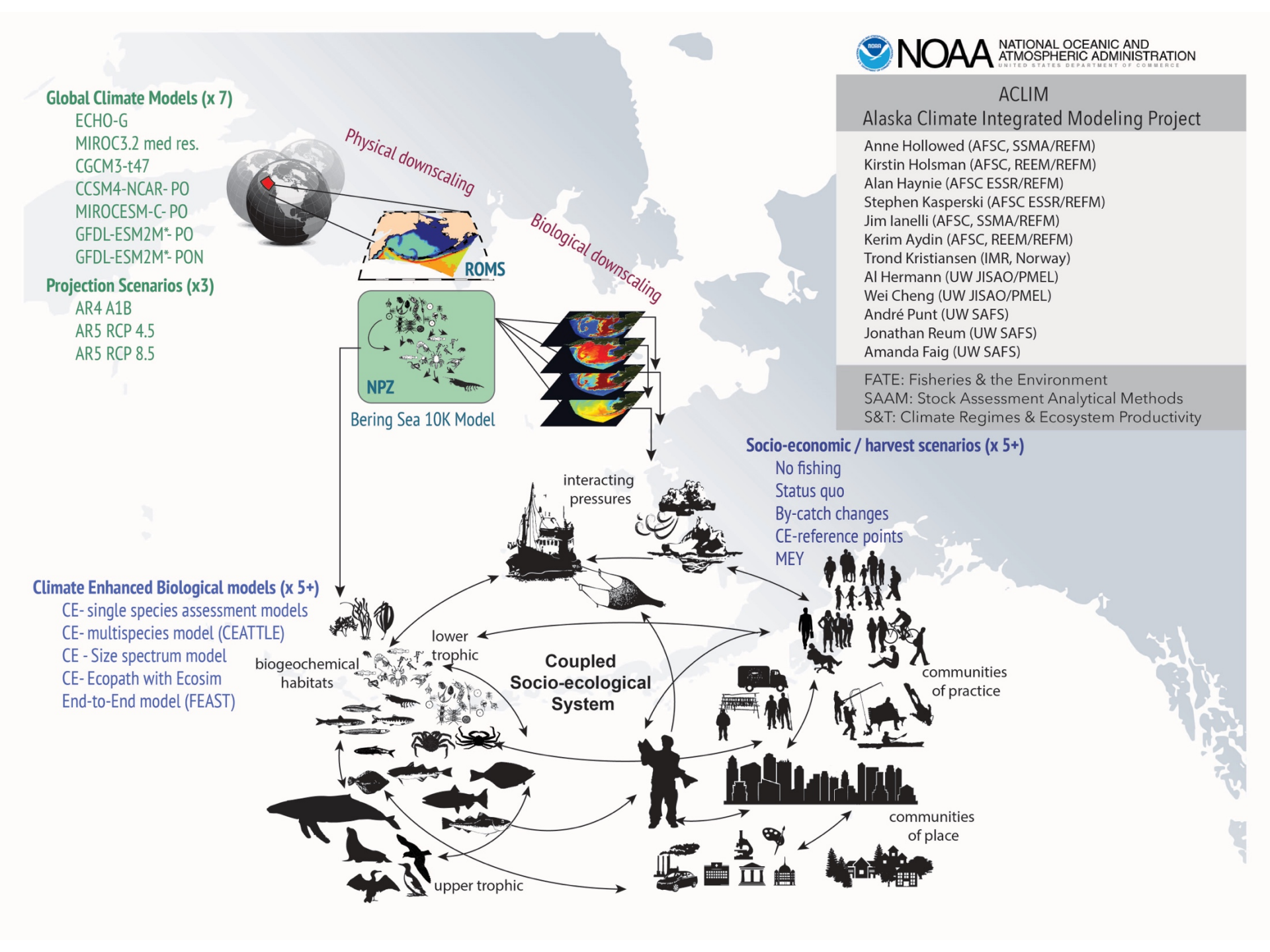
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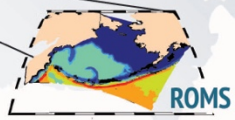

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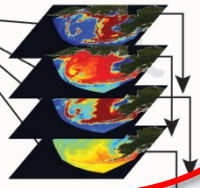

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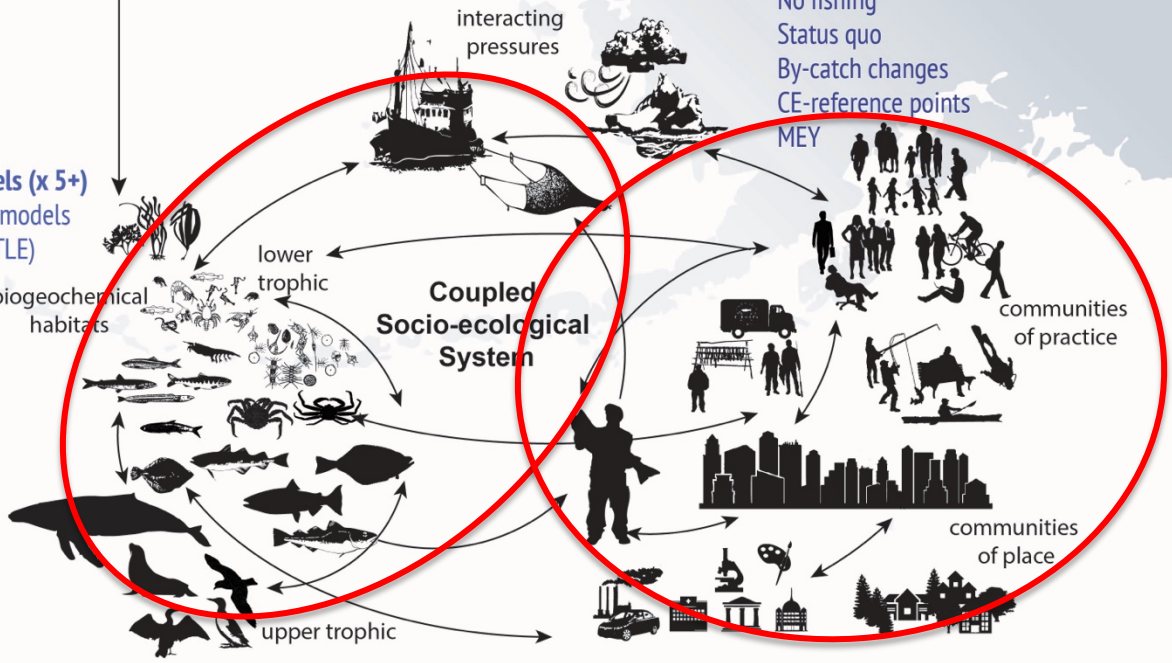

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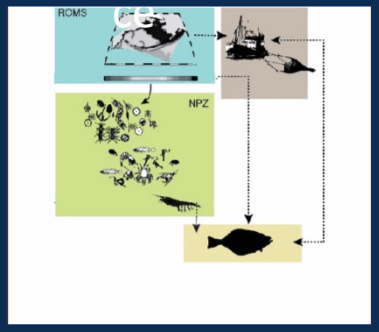

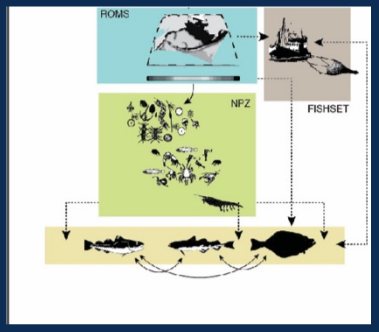

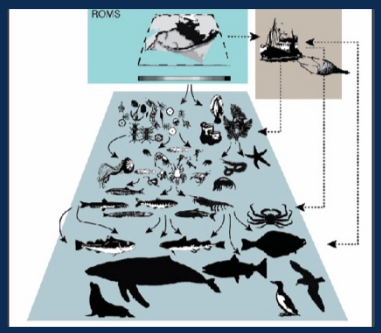

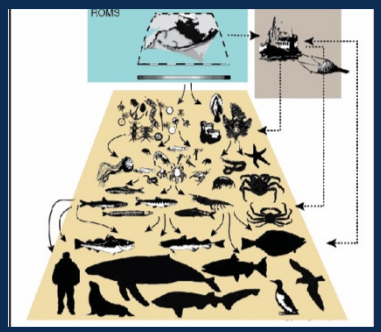

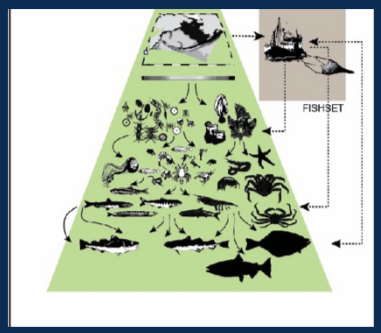

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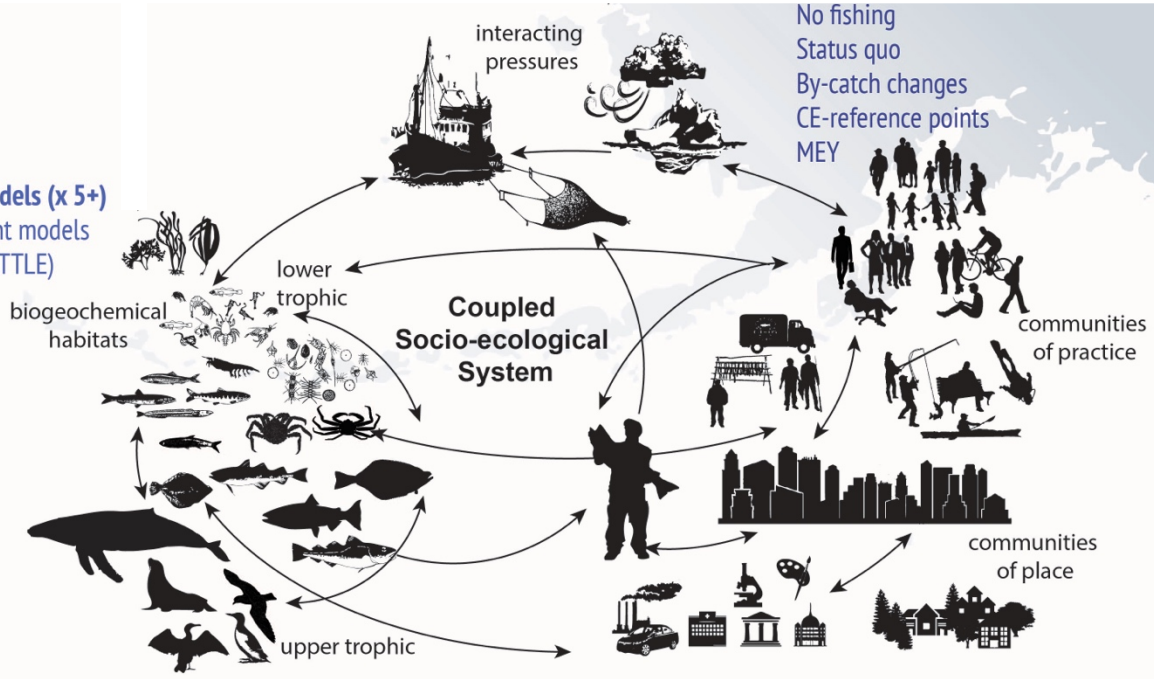

Preliminary Results

(physical projections)

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Summer Bottom Temperature (°C)

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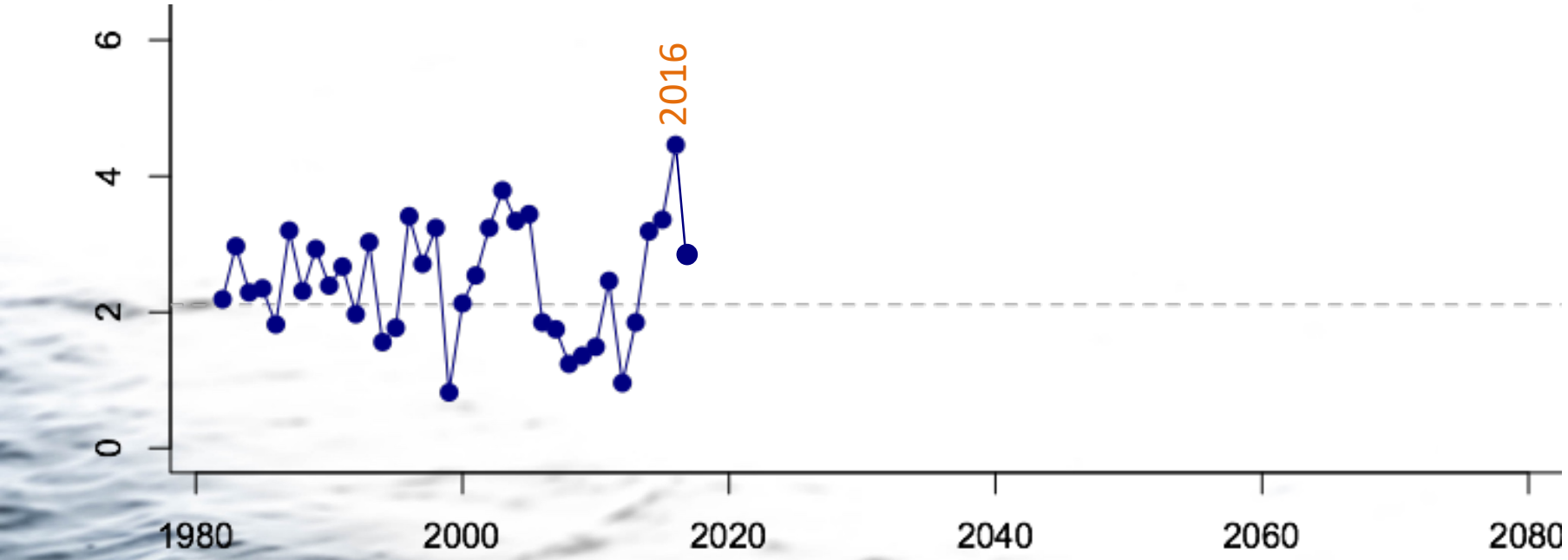

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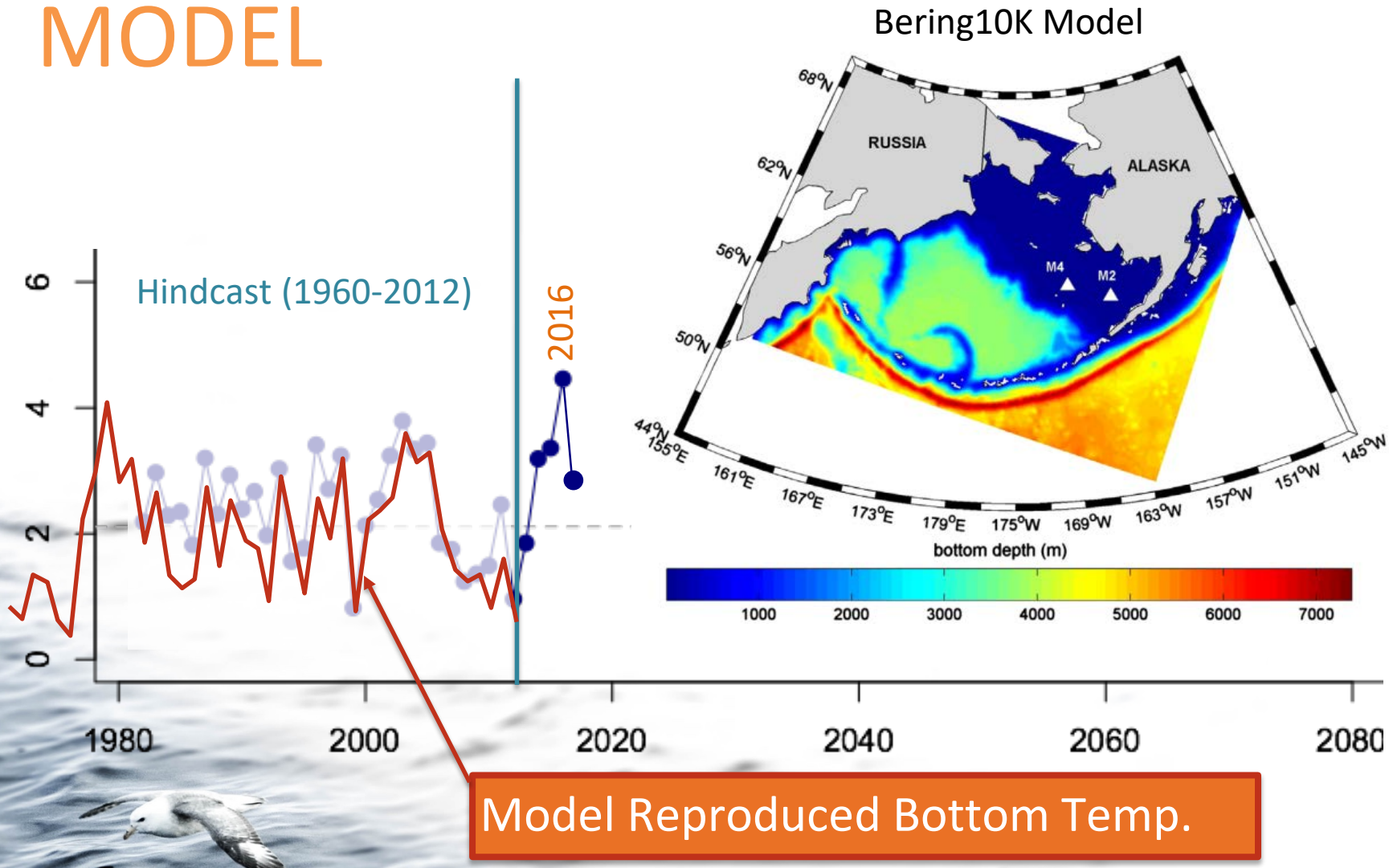

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“Bering10K” Regional Oceanography Model

Bottom T. (°C) Summer 2009

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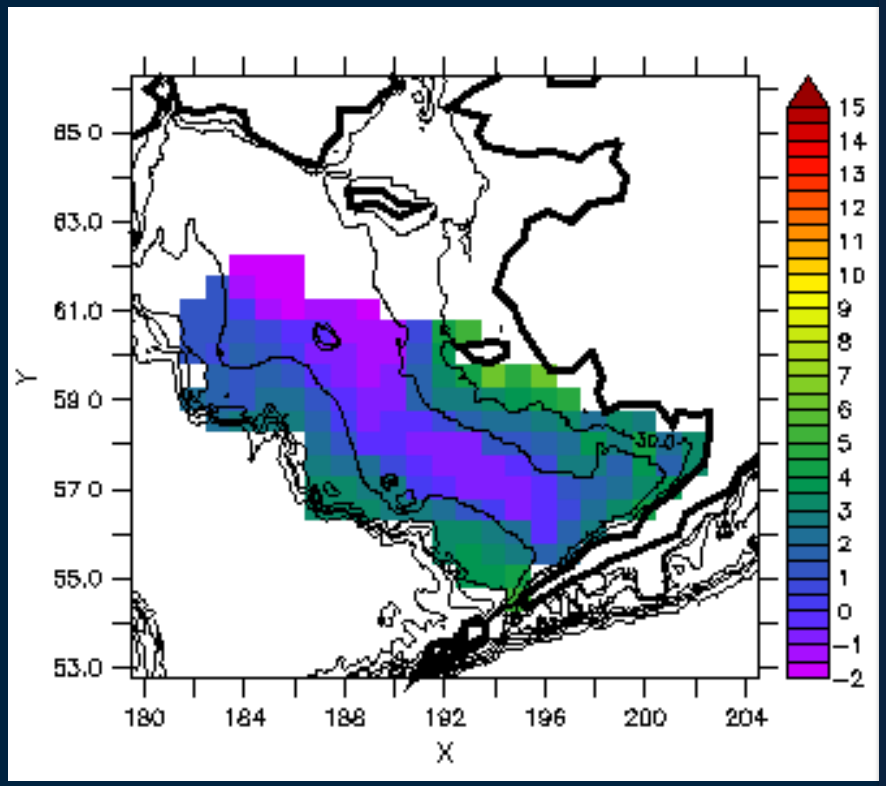

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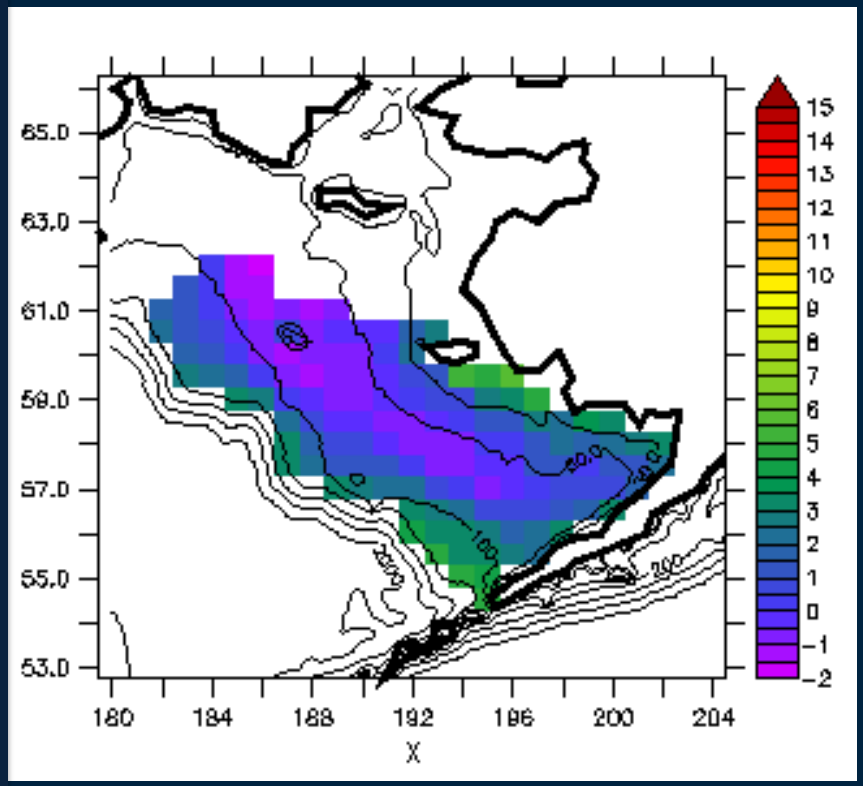

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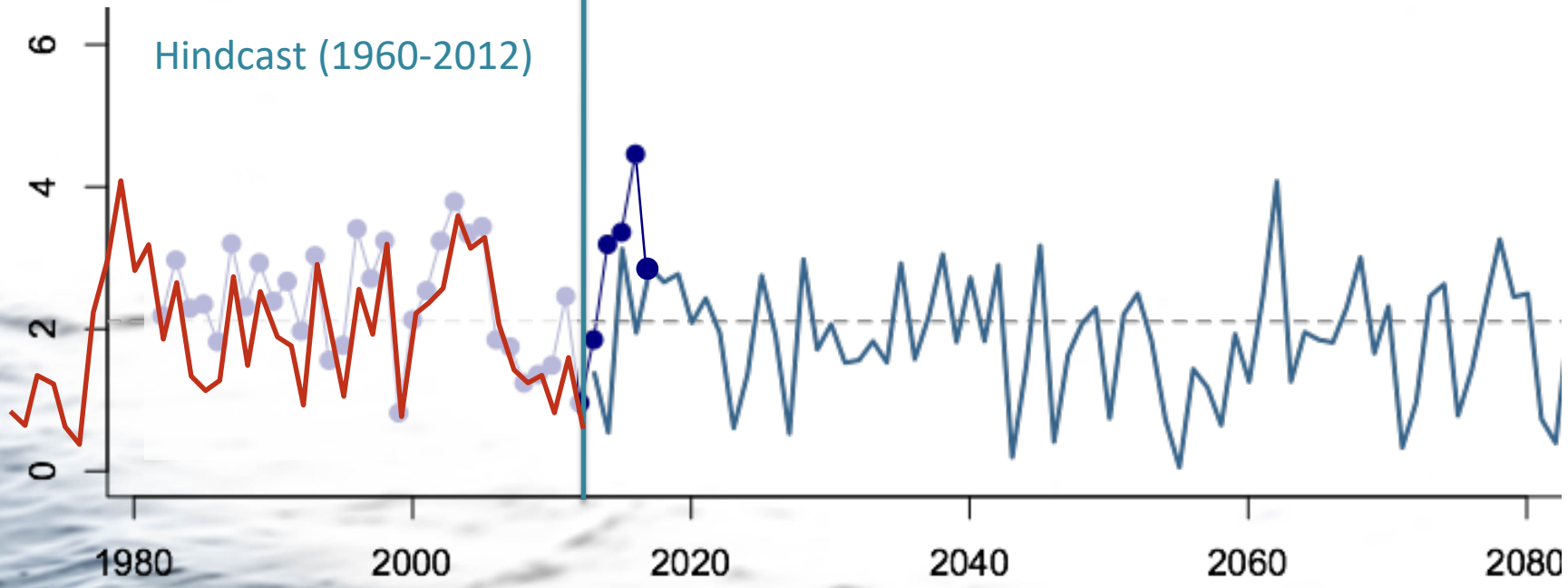

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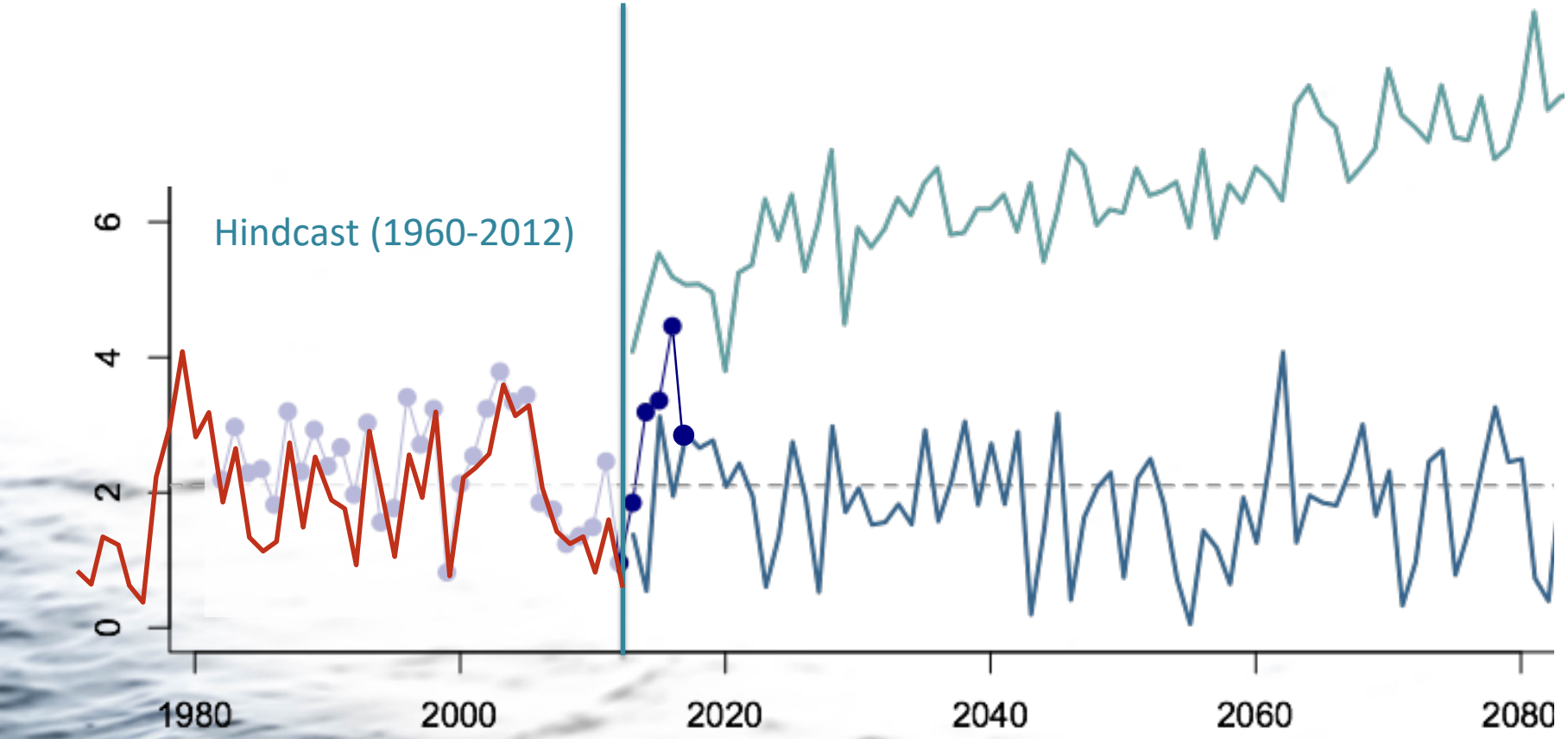

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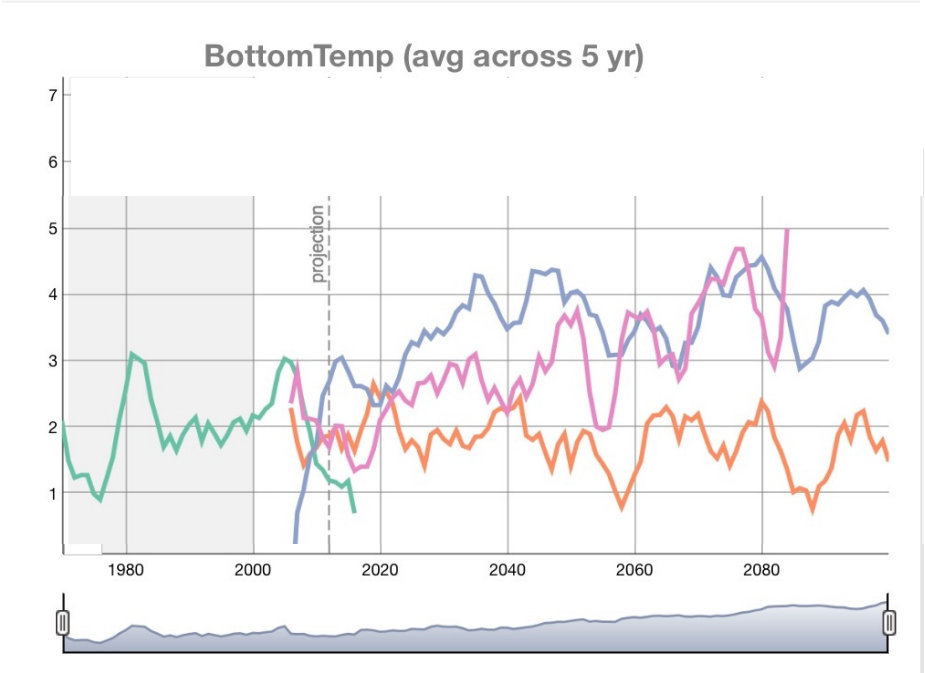

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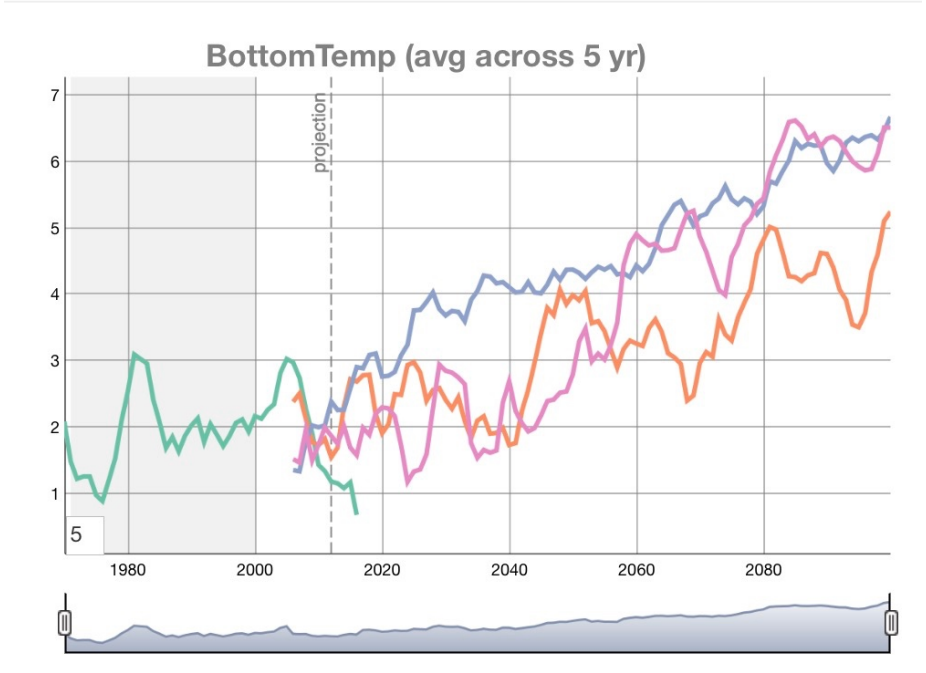

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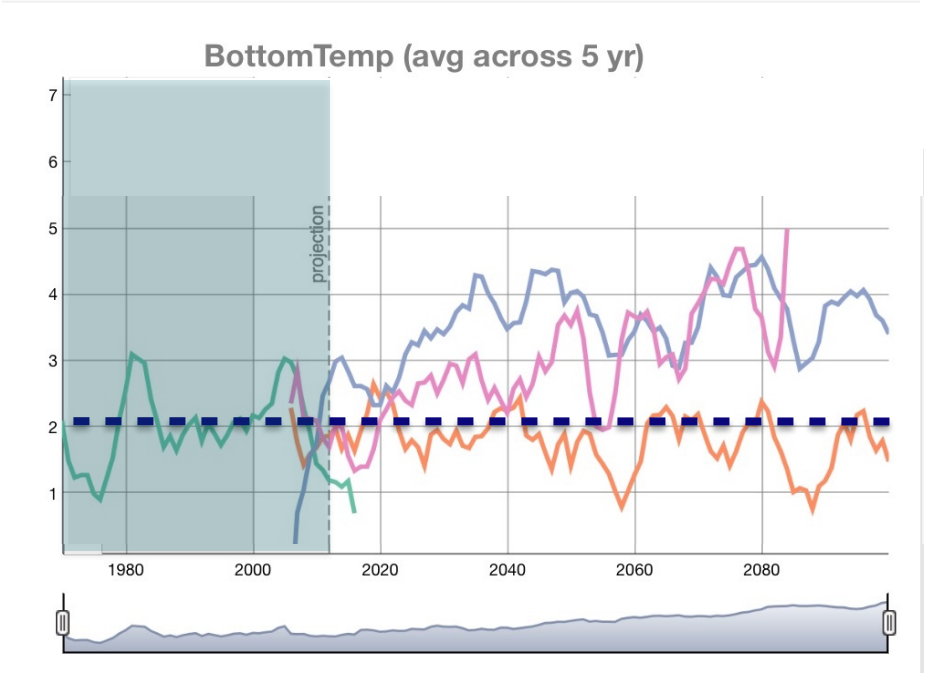

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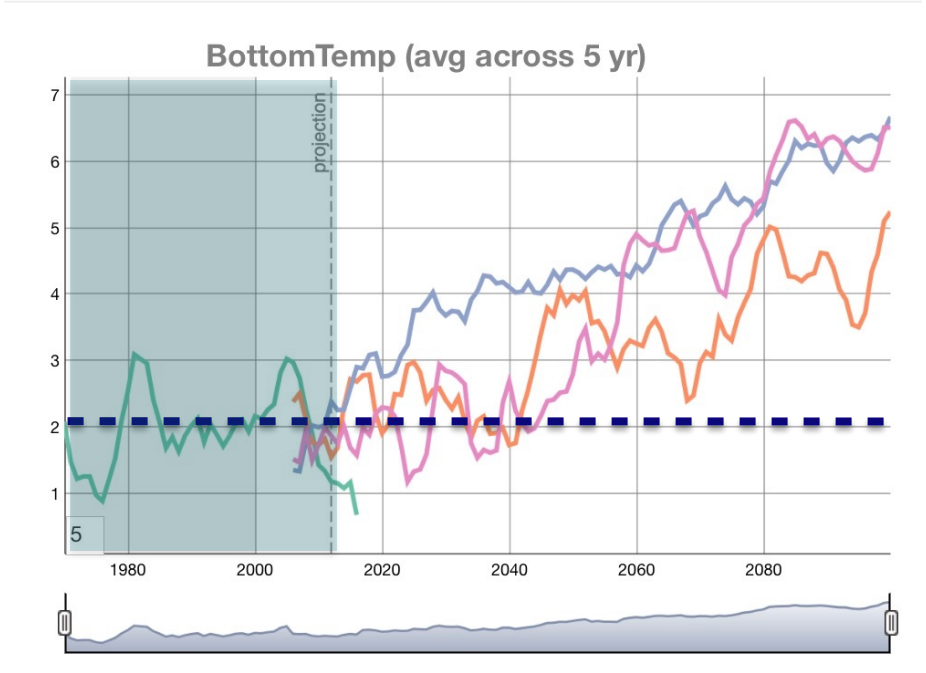

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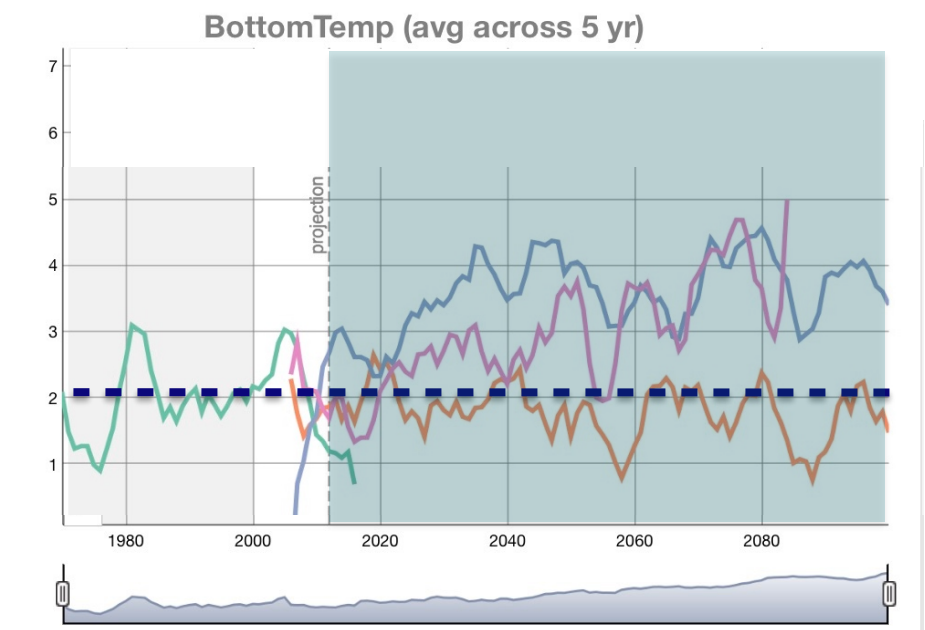

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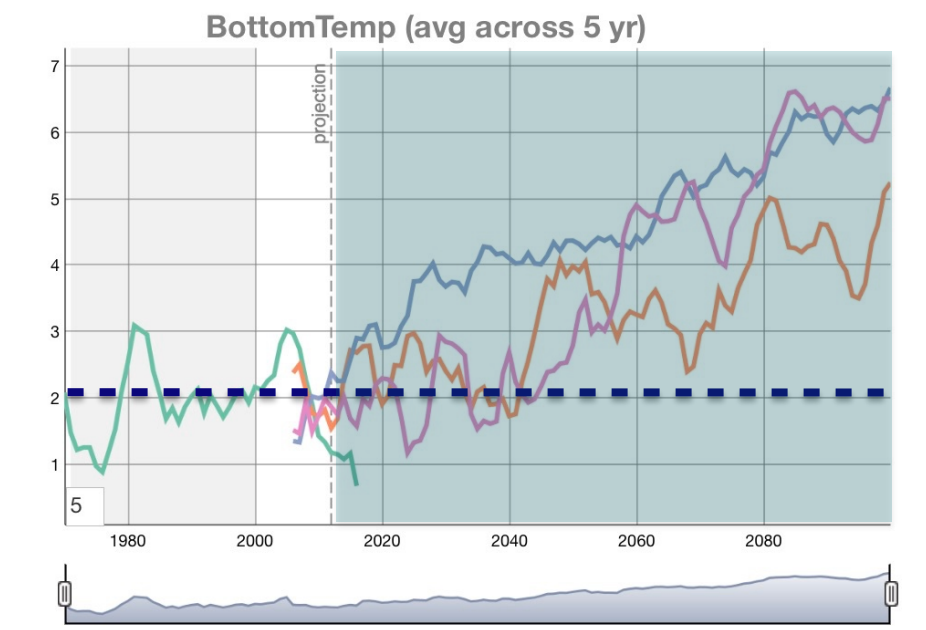

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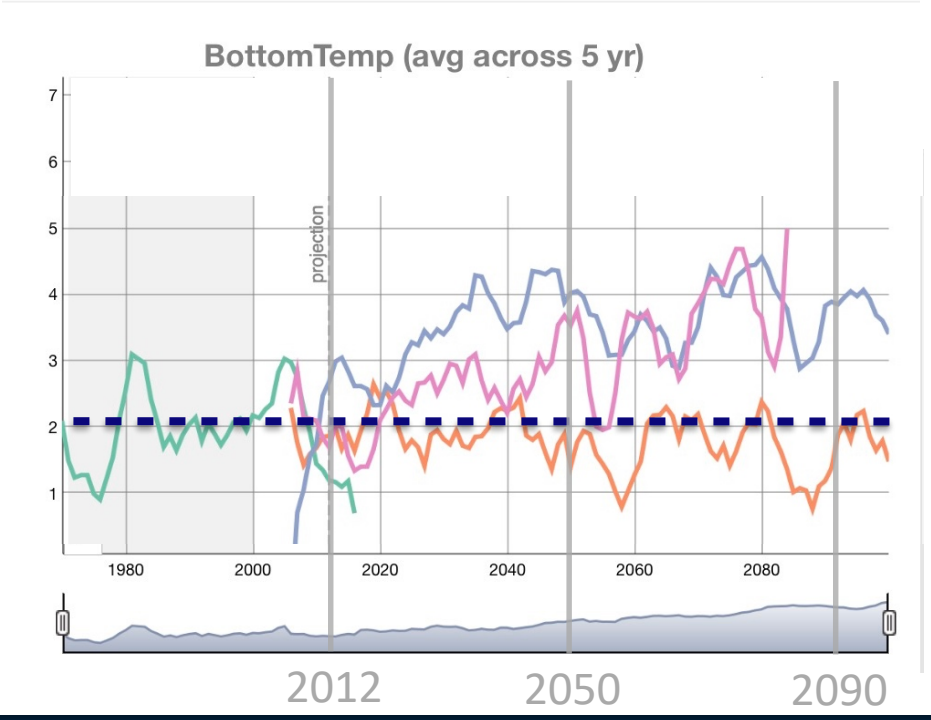

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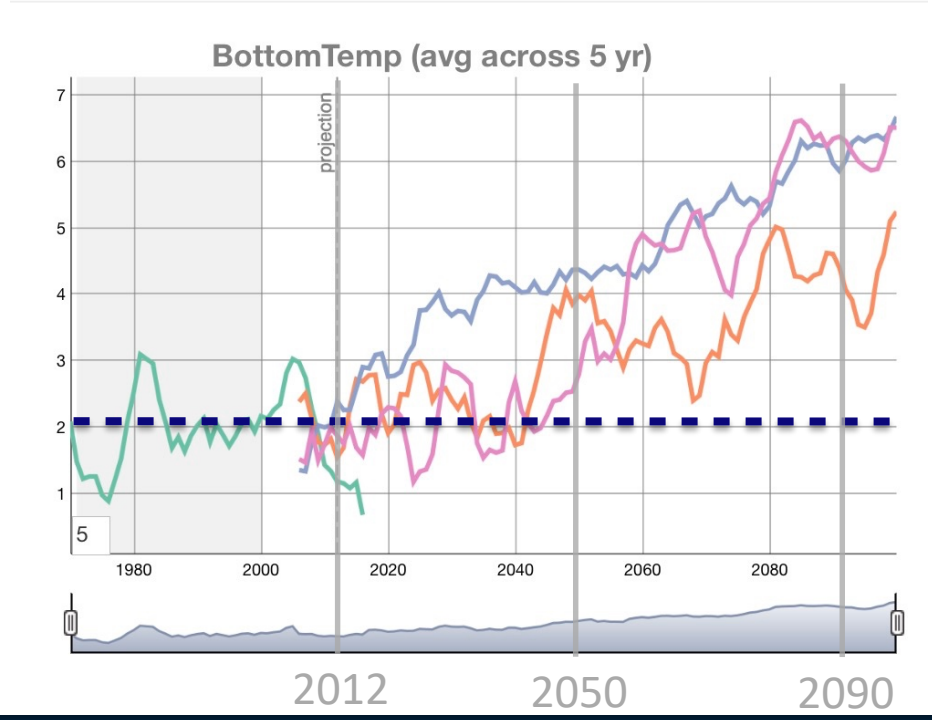

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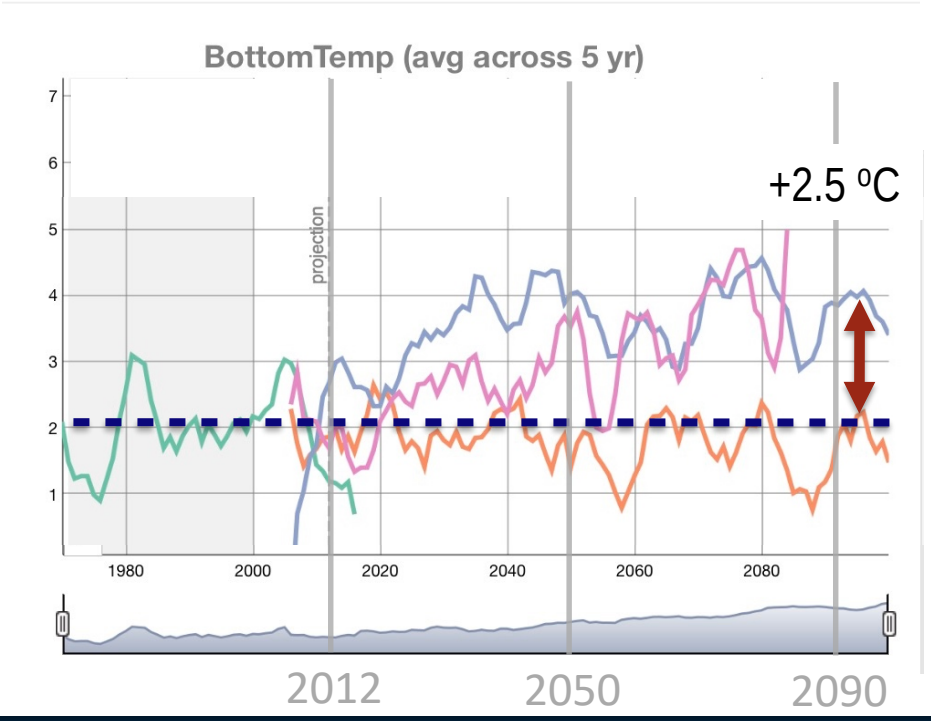

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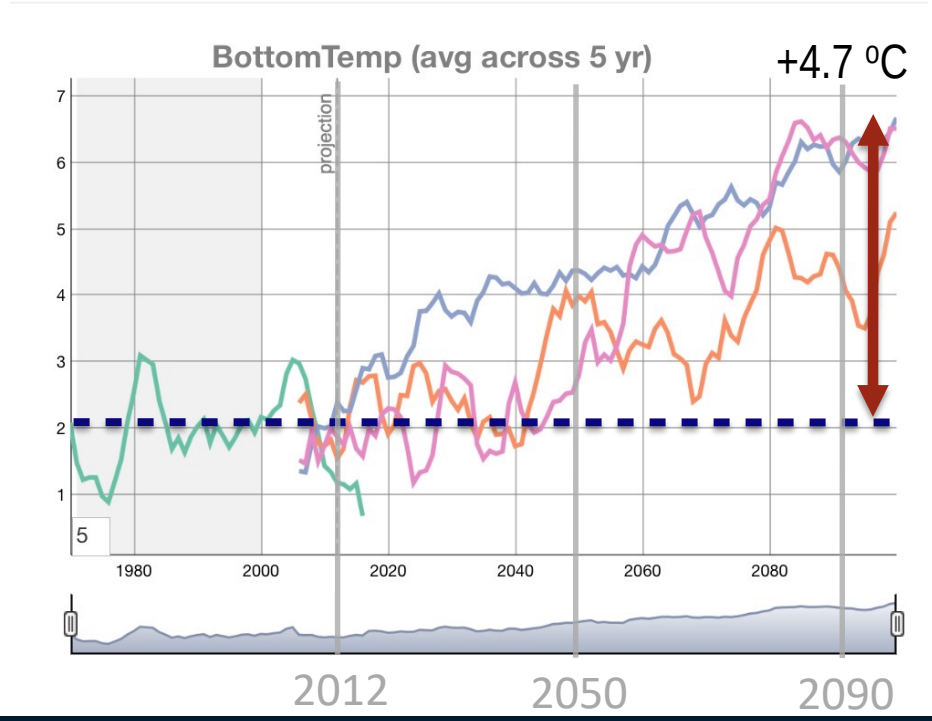

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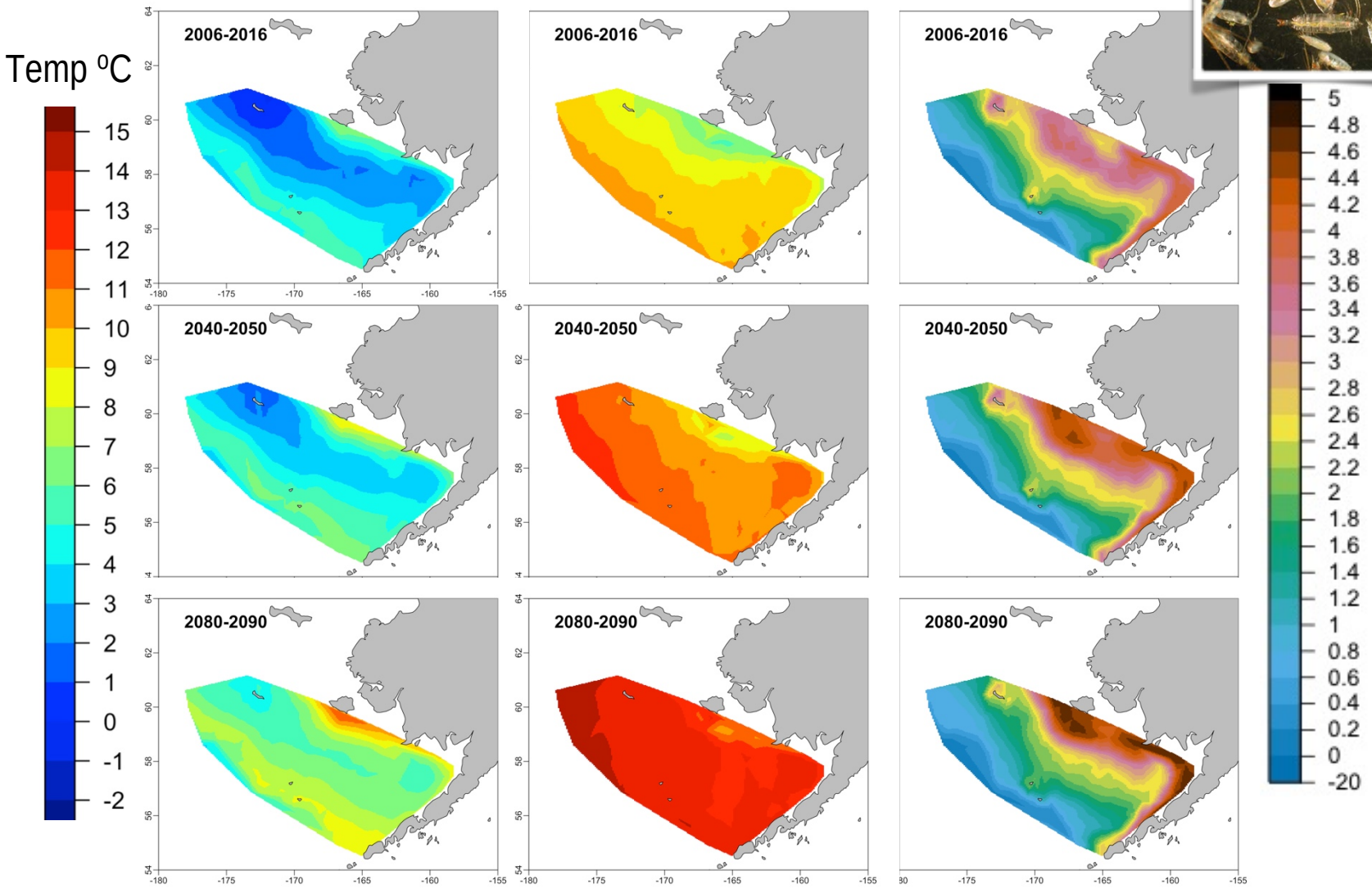

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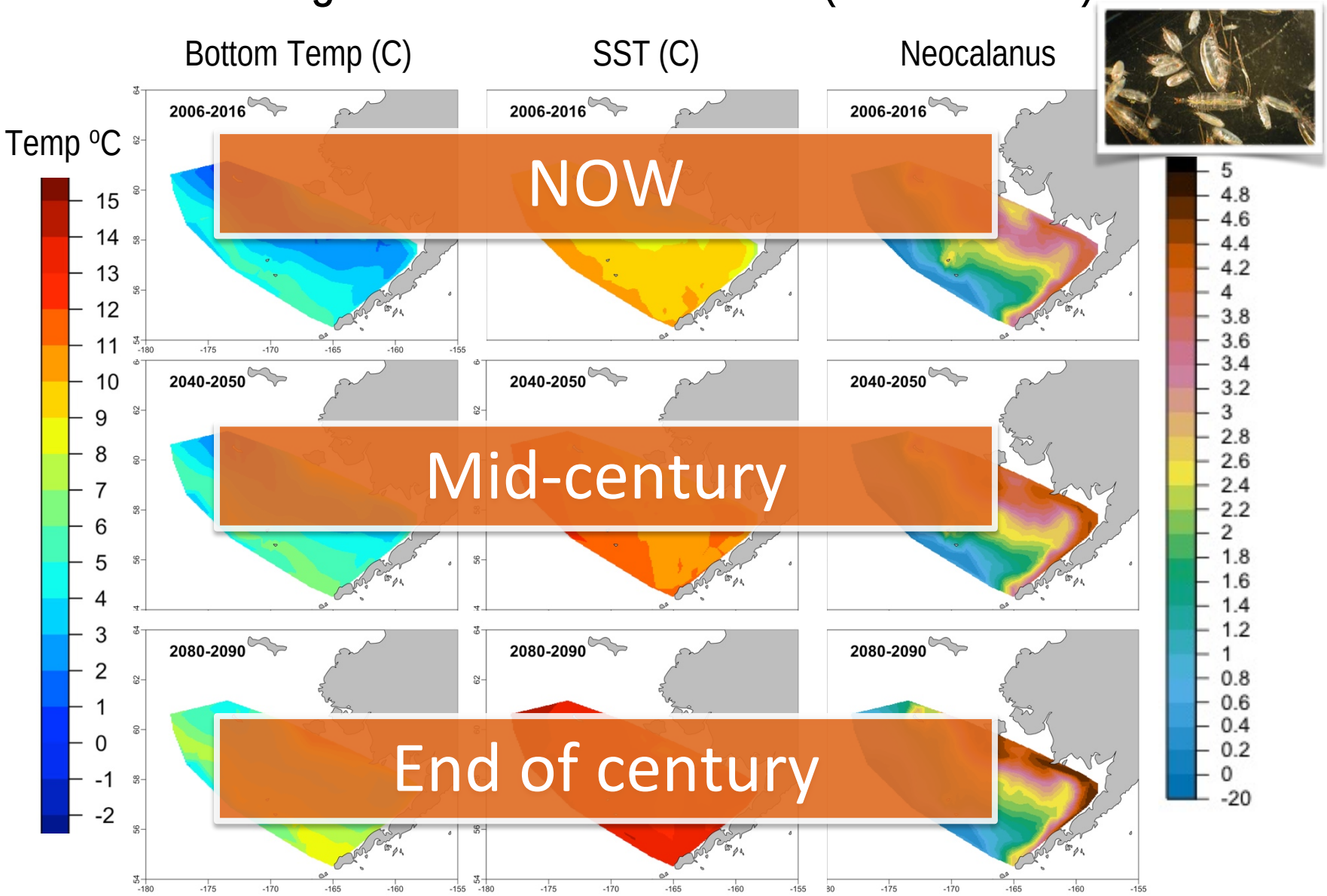

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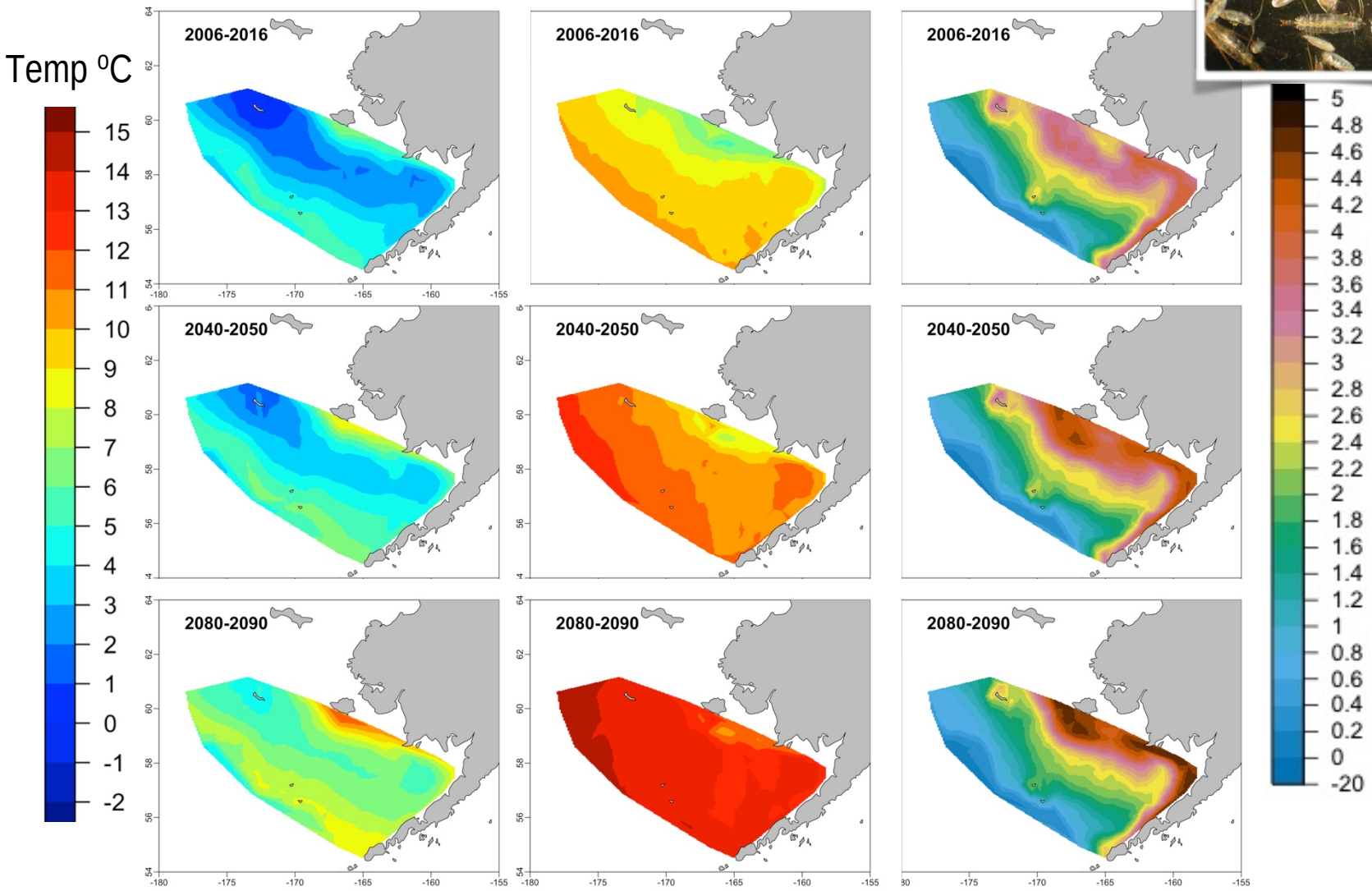

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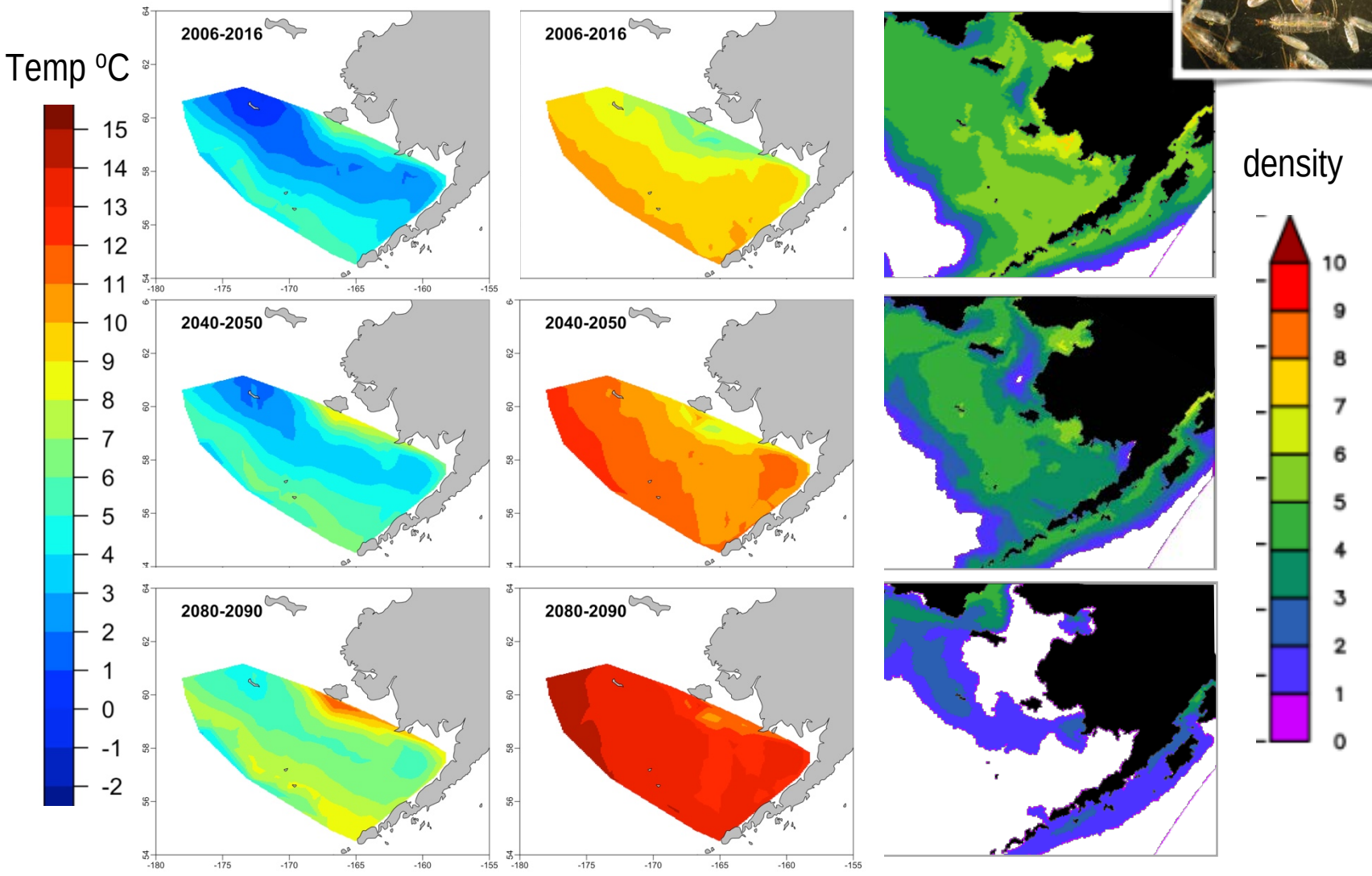

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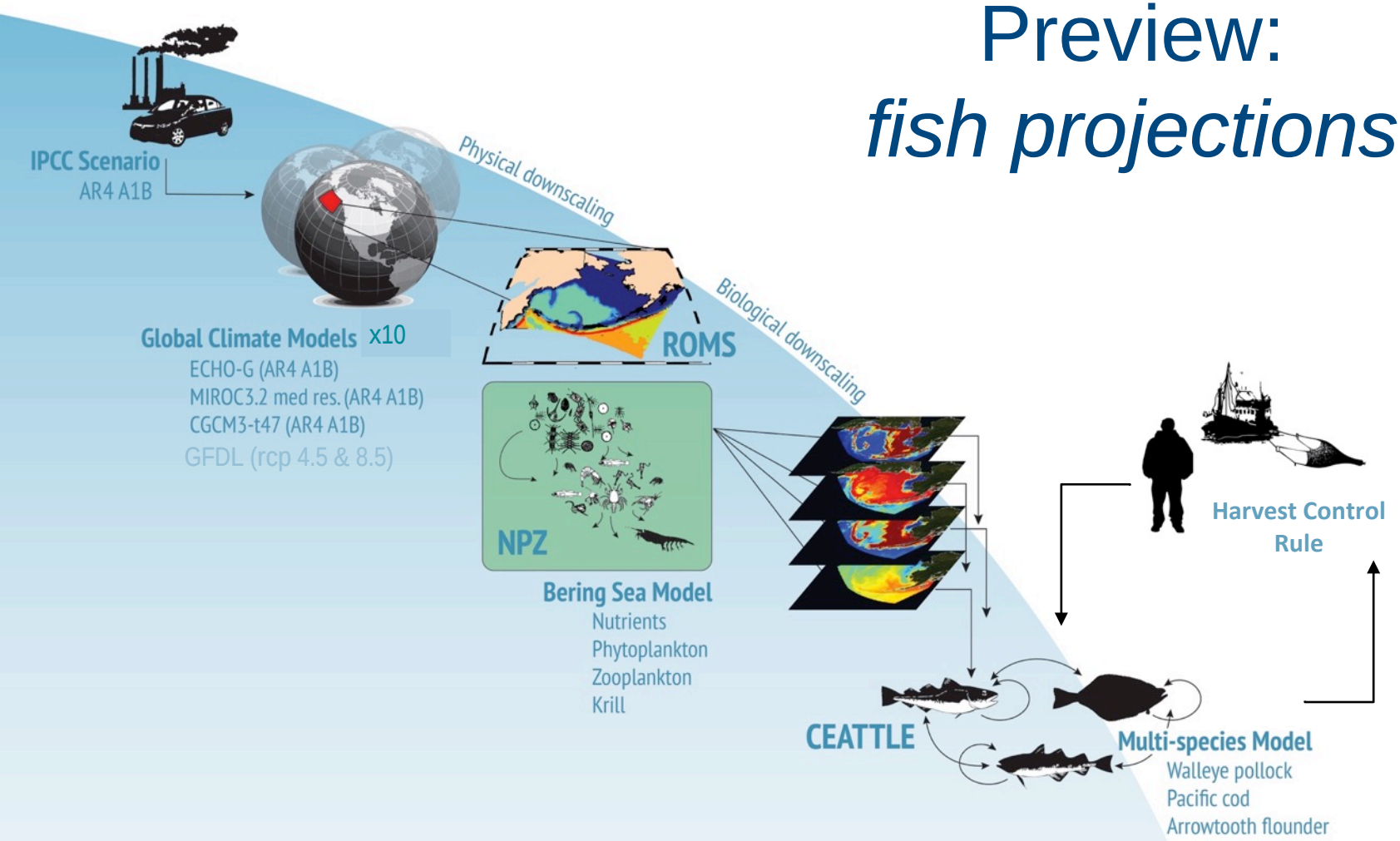

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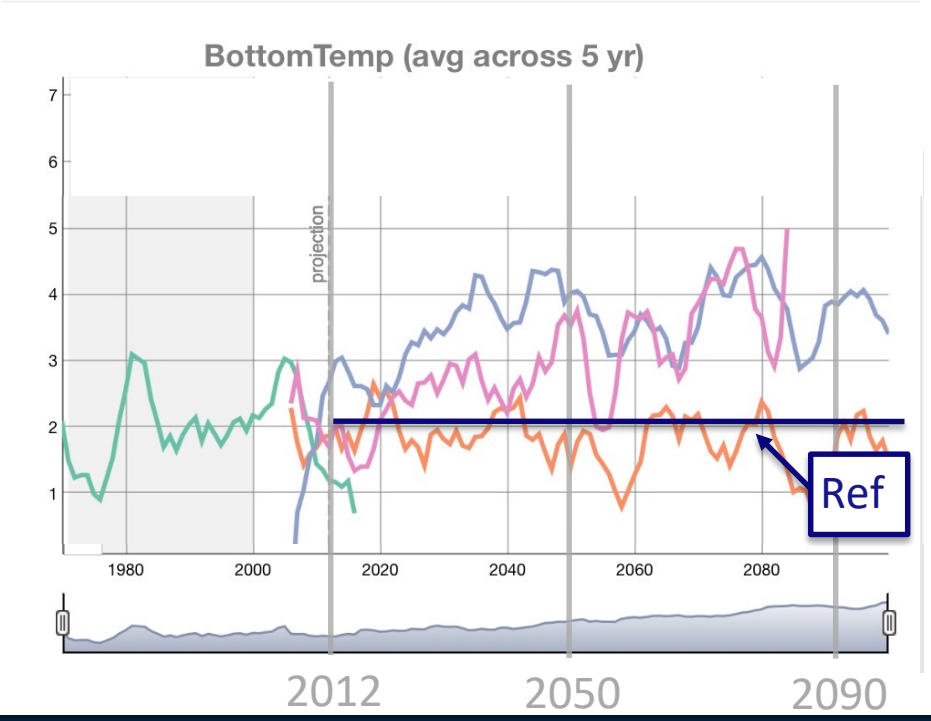

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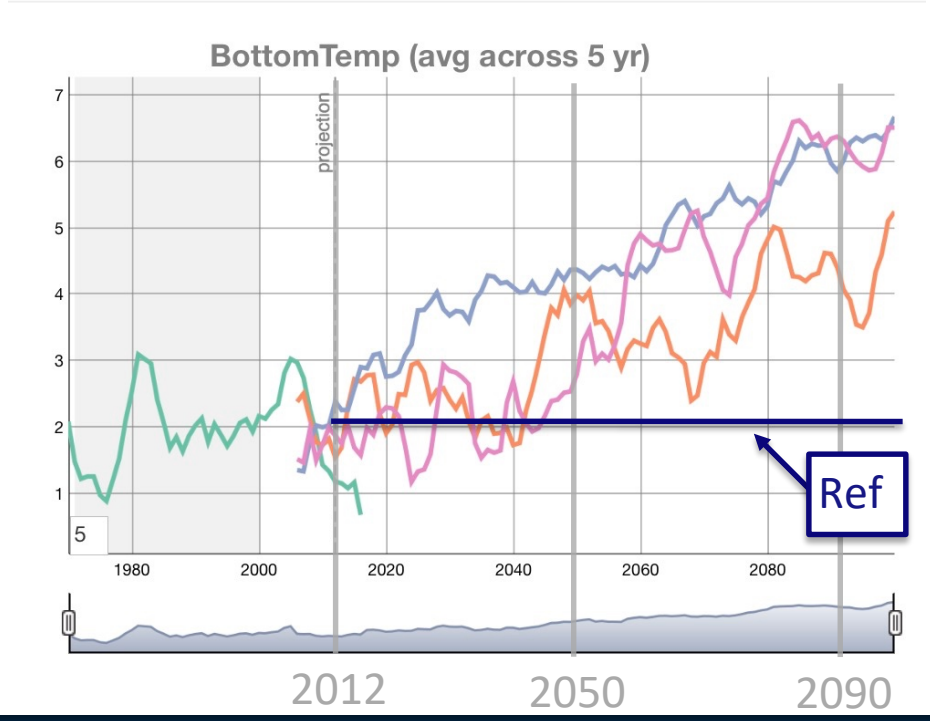

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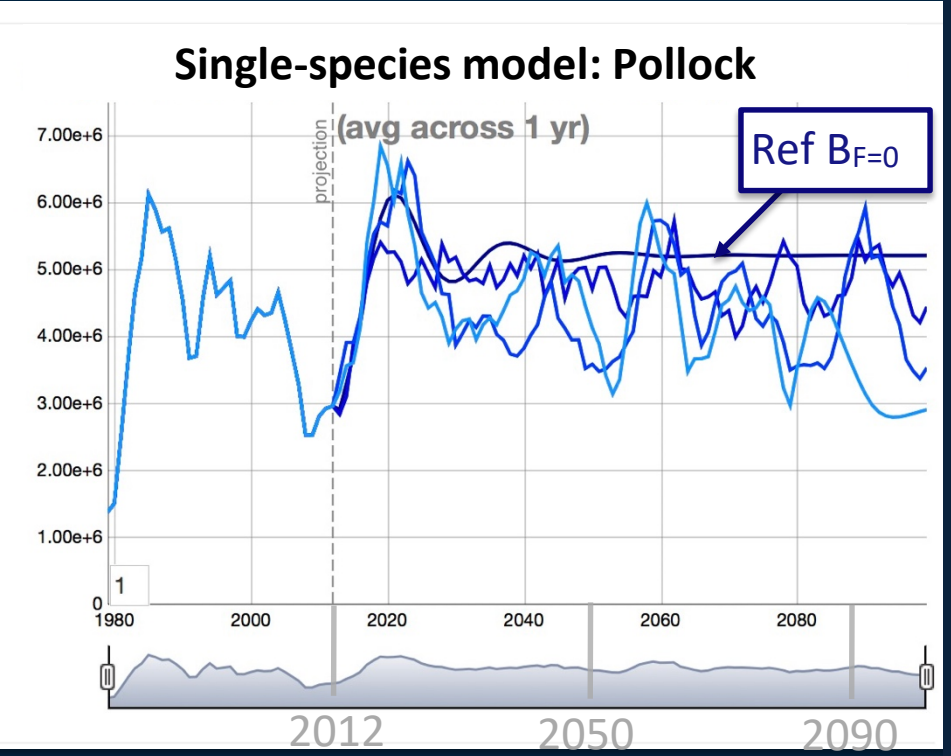

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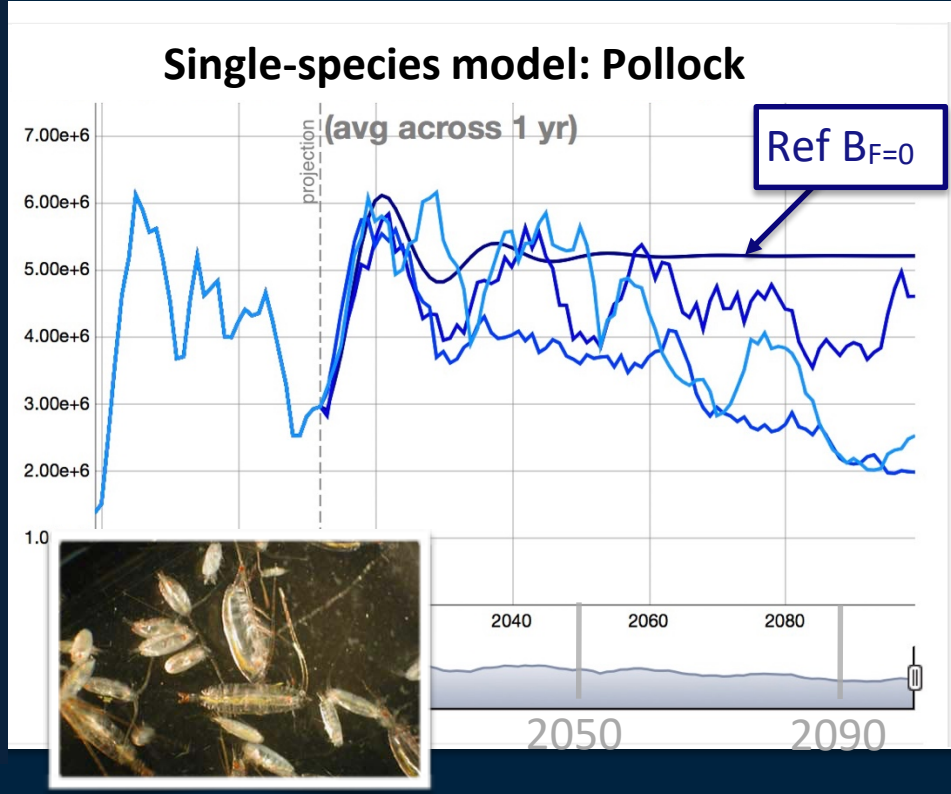

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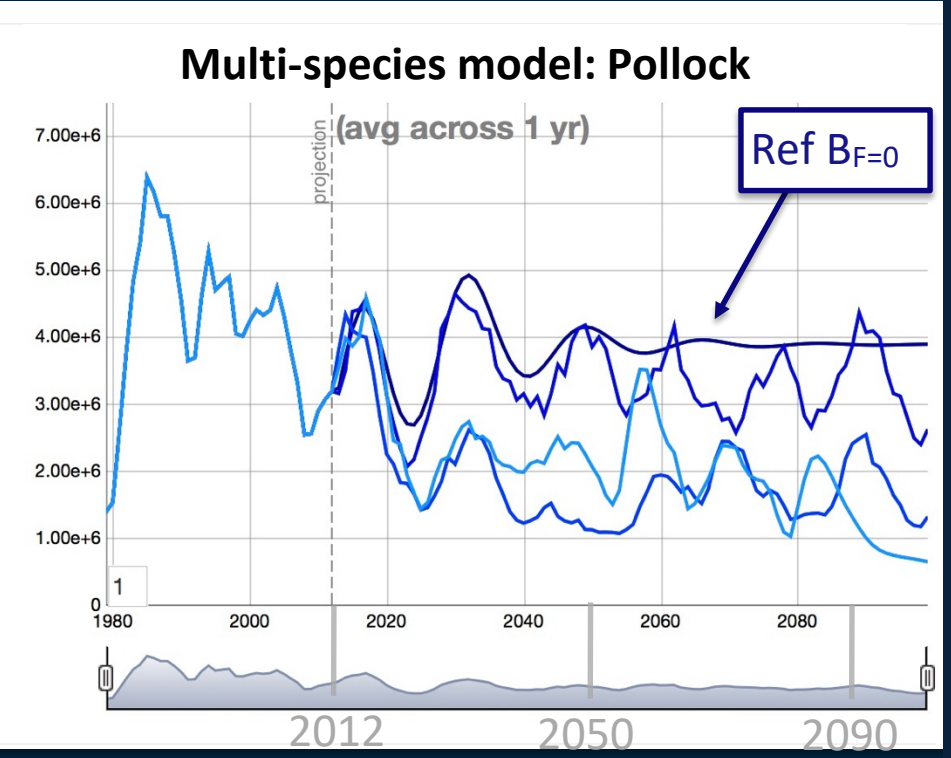

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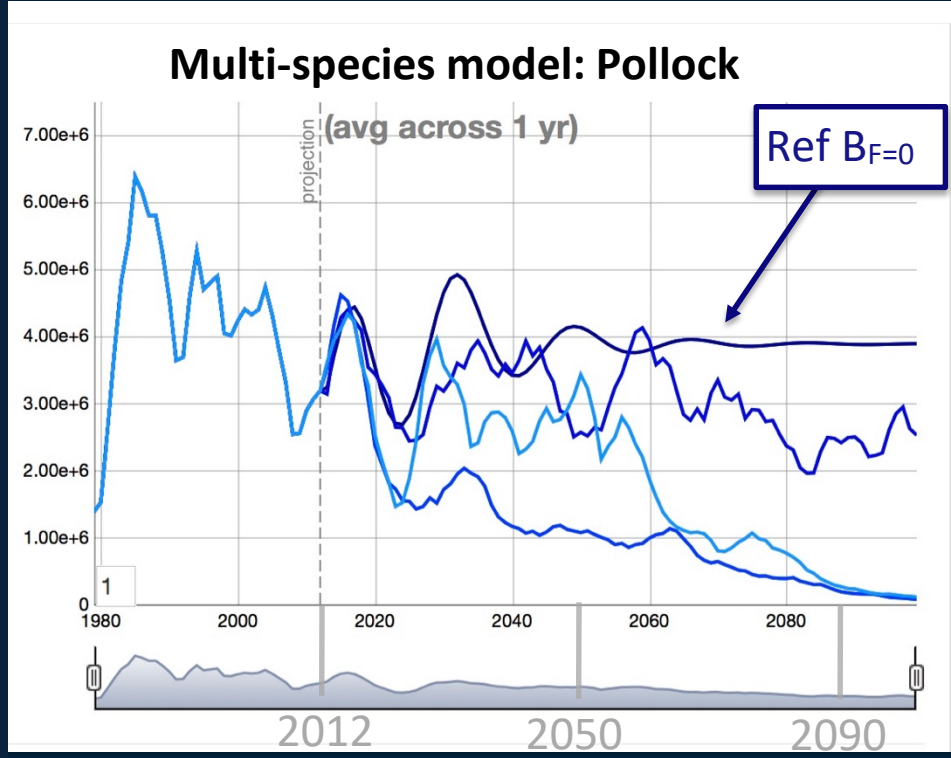

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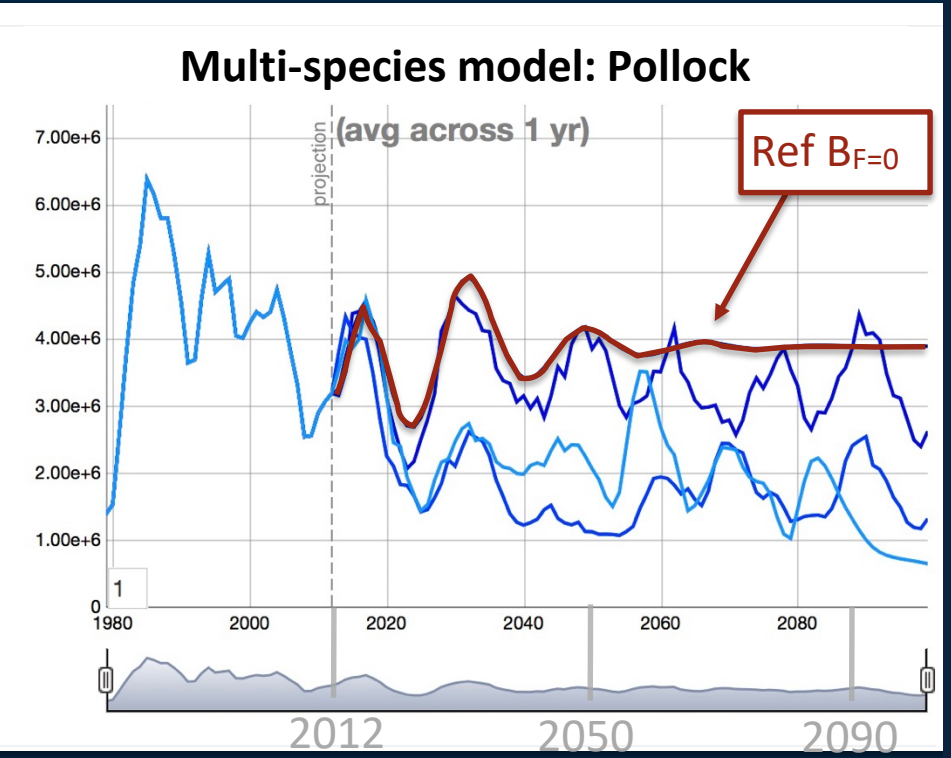

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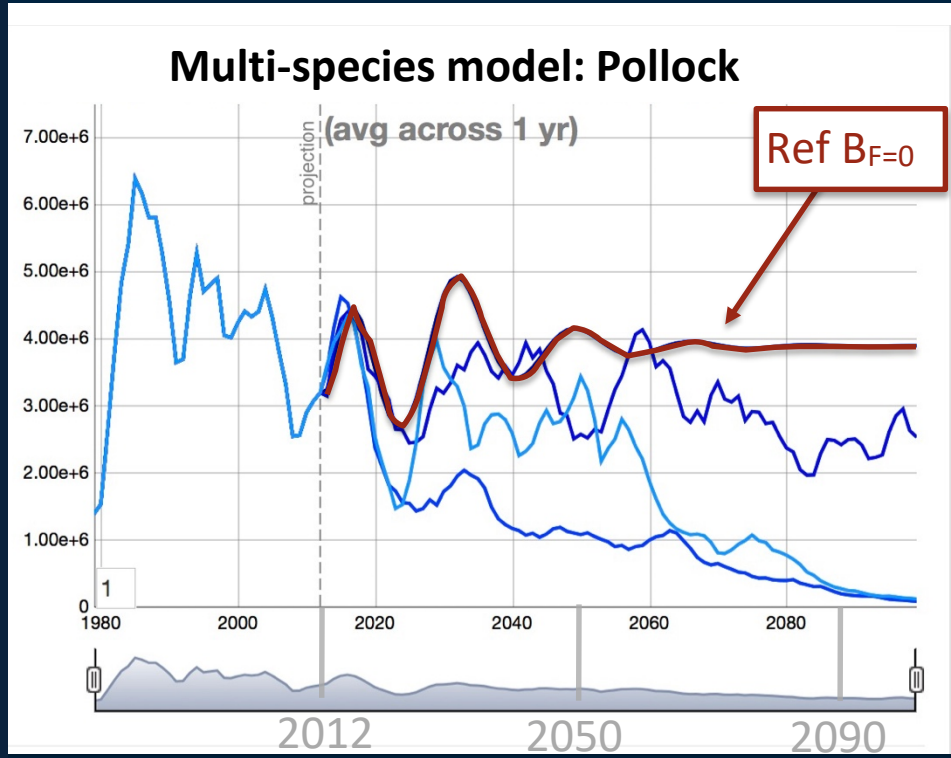

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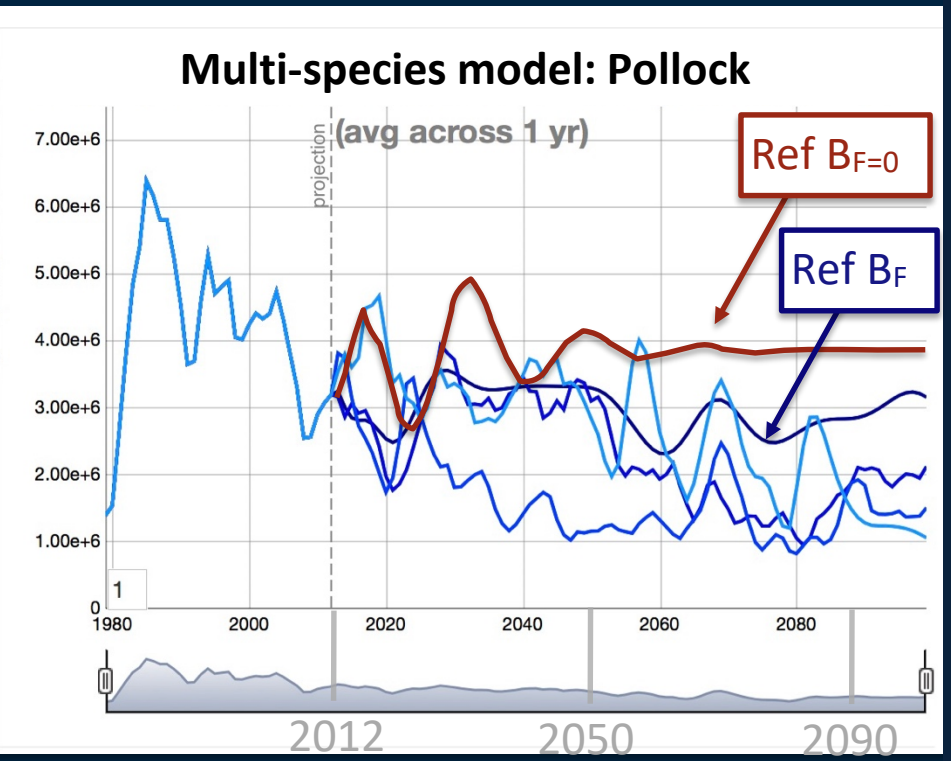

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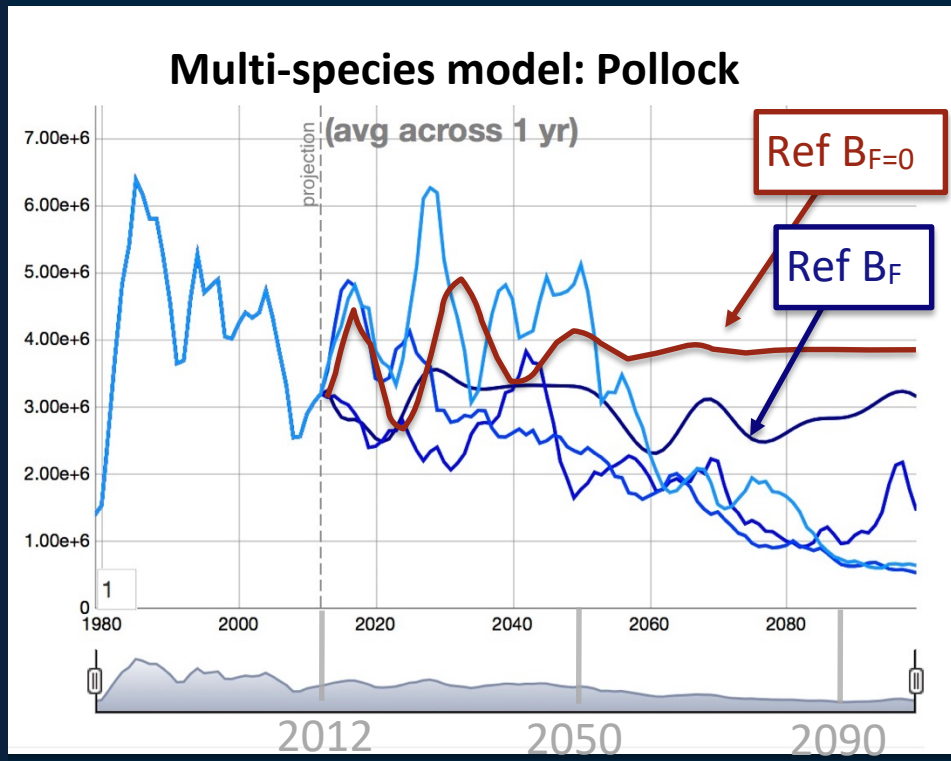

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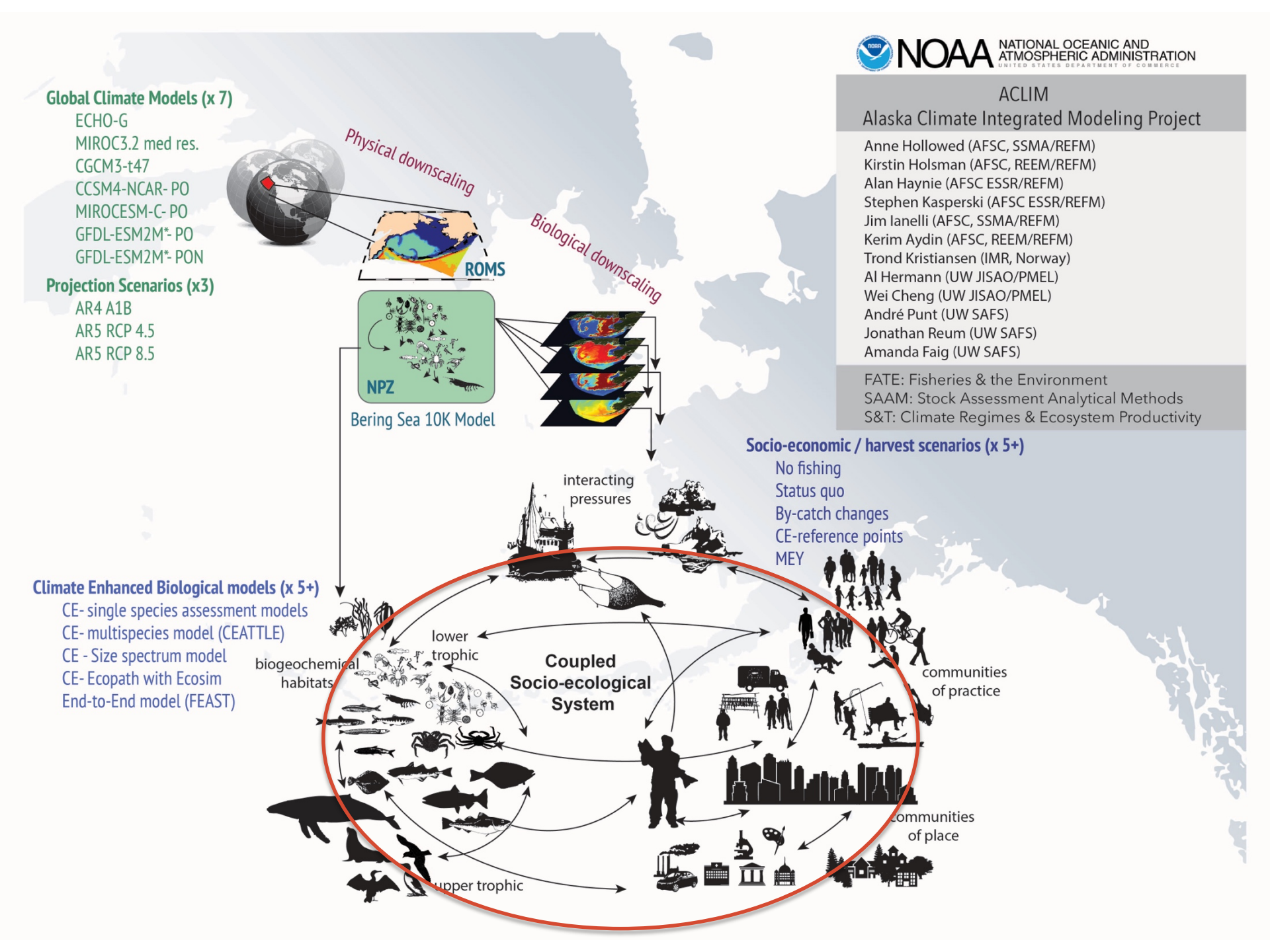
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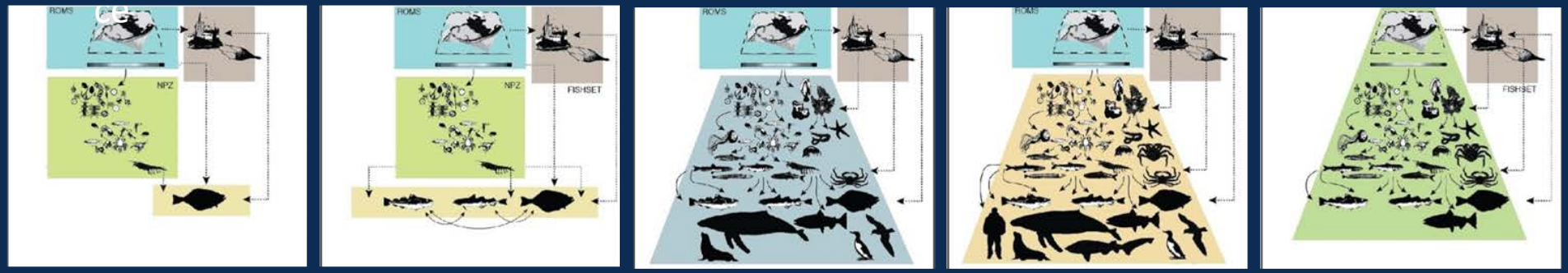

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ACLIM utilizes economic models of different complexity

- Status quo
- Effort response to abundance
- Spatial models of fleets responding to shifts in fish distributions.
- Maximum economic yield (MEY)
- Community impact analyses

Status Quo Management under the Ecosystem Cap

- For each species, TAC <= ABC
- The sum of all TACs <= 2 MMT
- In 2017, Sum(ABCs) = ~ 4 MMT

The Council chooses TAC reduction for each species below its ABC so the BSAI TAC < 2 million MT

Biomass – TAC - Catch Model for Projections

1. Use ABC to predict TAC
   - Observe past Council decisions
   - Model relationship between Council & ABC
   - Impose 2 Million metric ton cap

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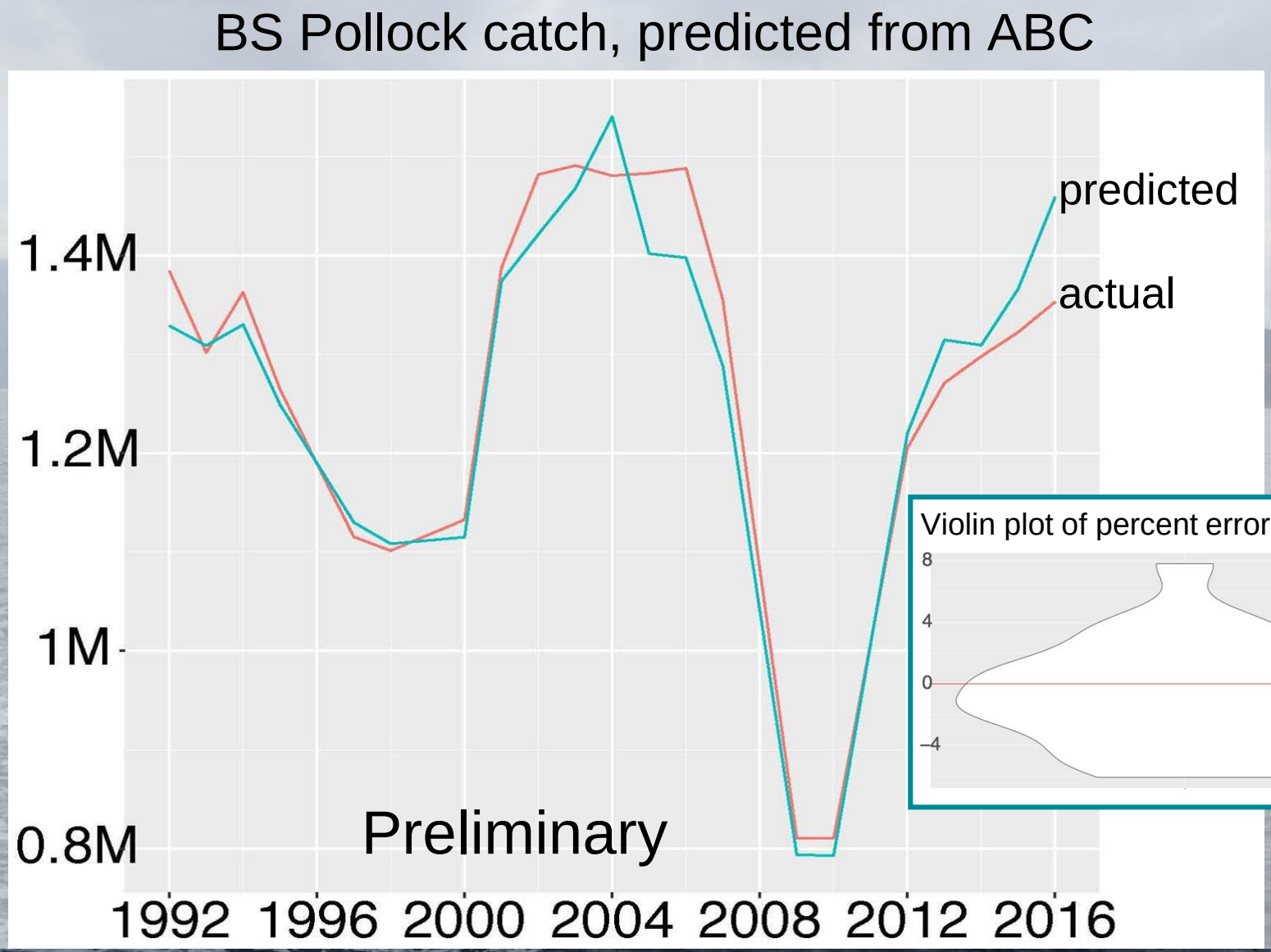
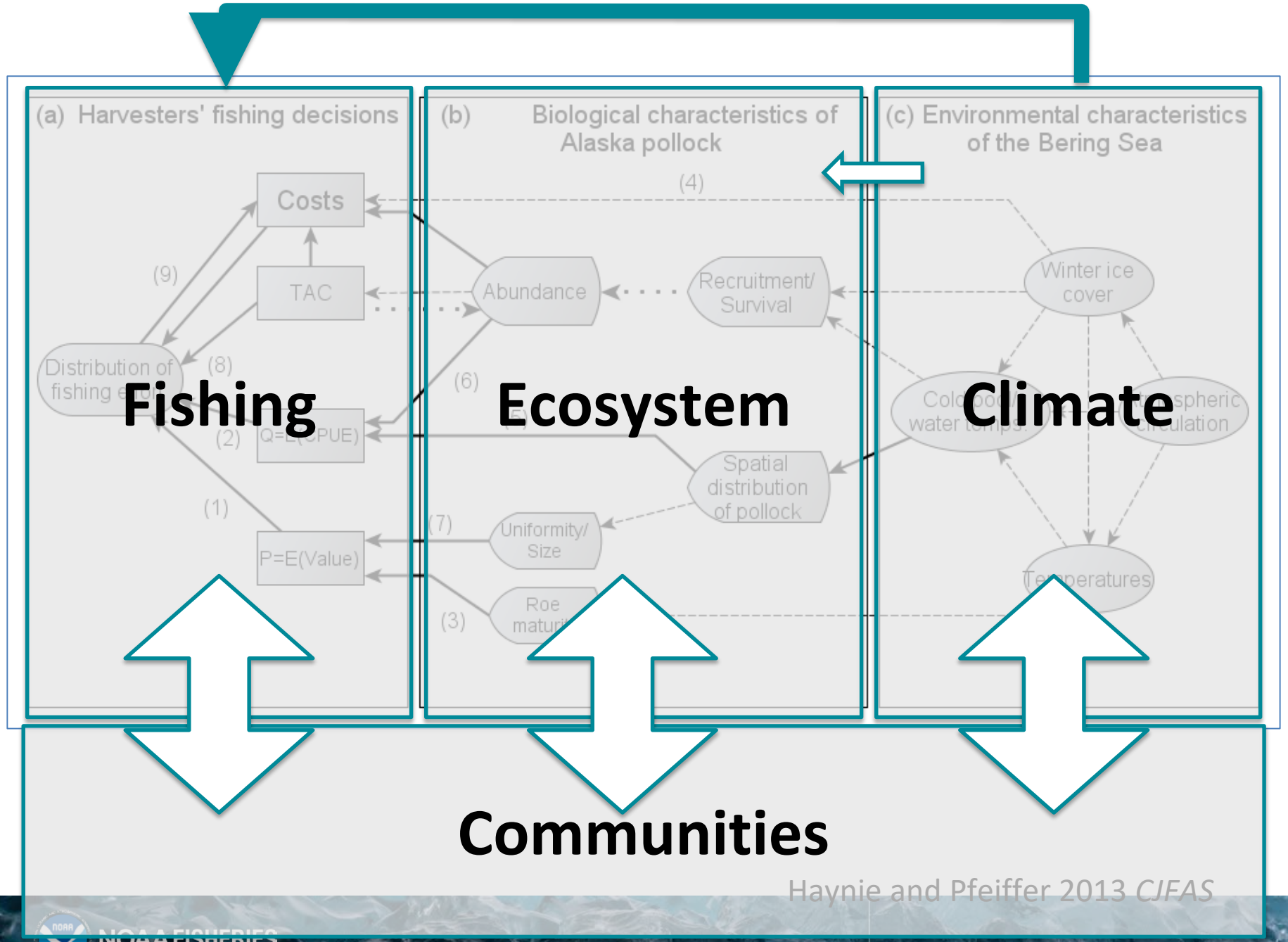
2. Use TAC prediction to predict Catch
   - Model catch based on past fishery outcomes, weighted to recent behavior.
   - Limit catch to not exceed ABC

Bering Sea Pollock, historical evaluation





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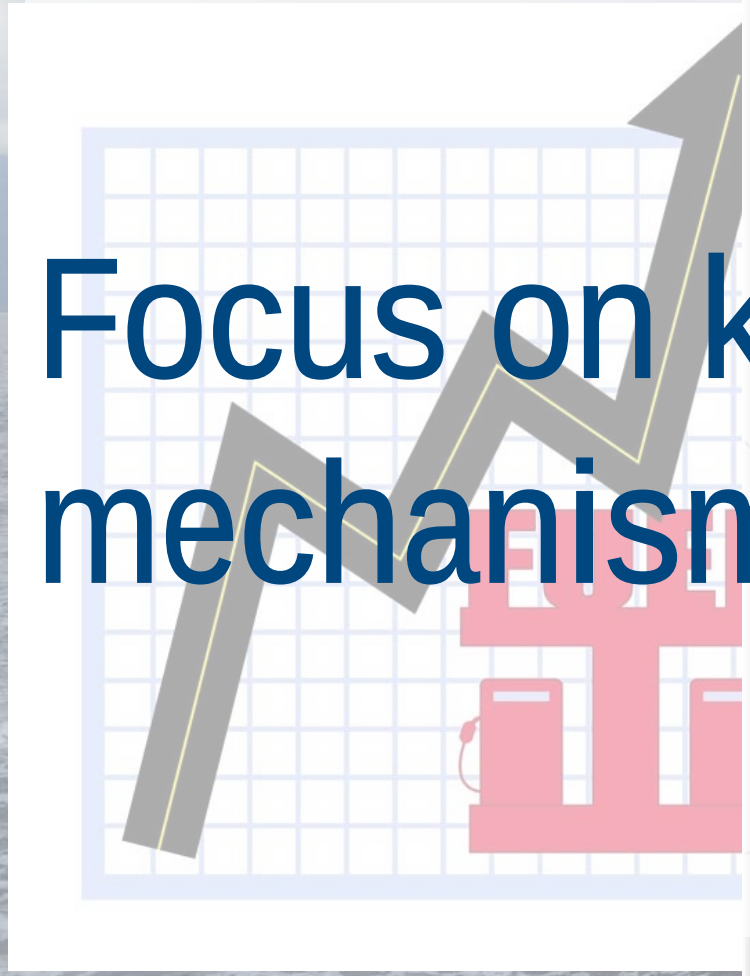

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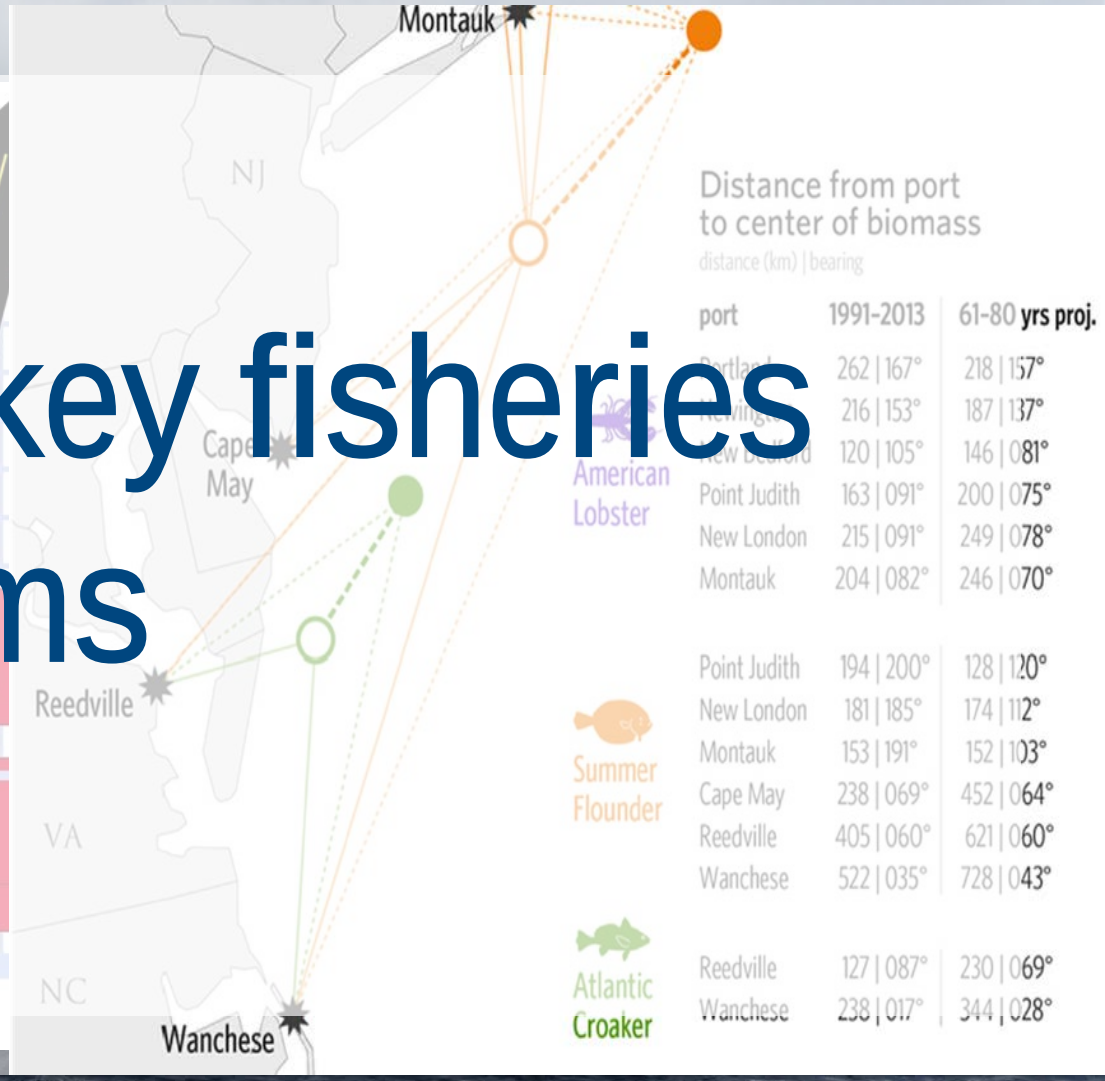

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- Catch
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  - Average returns
  - Variability
  - Fleet & community distribution

Consider Feasible Management Tools

- New technology
- Catch shares
- Dynamic / fixed area closures
- Bycatch reduction incentives
- Revised harvest control rules
- Other suggestions?
- Tools of the future!

Future process

- Understand possible changes
- Council & stakeholders consider outcomes they most want to avoid or achieve - develop thresholds
- Evaluate policies based on Council & stakeholder preferences.

The goal of ACLIM is constant improvement

- These models use the best available knowledge about the ecosystem
- As we learn more, the models and projections will be updated.

Take-home Messages

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- ACLIM tools will evolve & improve
- Continued excellent and responsive management will be essential.

Our questions for you:

- What are we missing?
- What are the biggest challenges to management and fishery adaptation?
- How can we best share results with the Council & other stakeholders?

Thanks!

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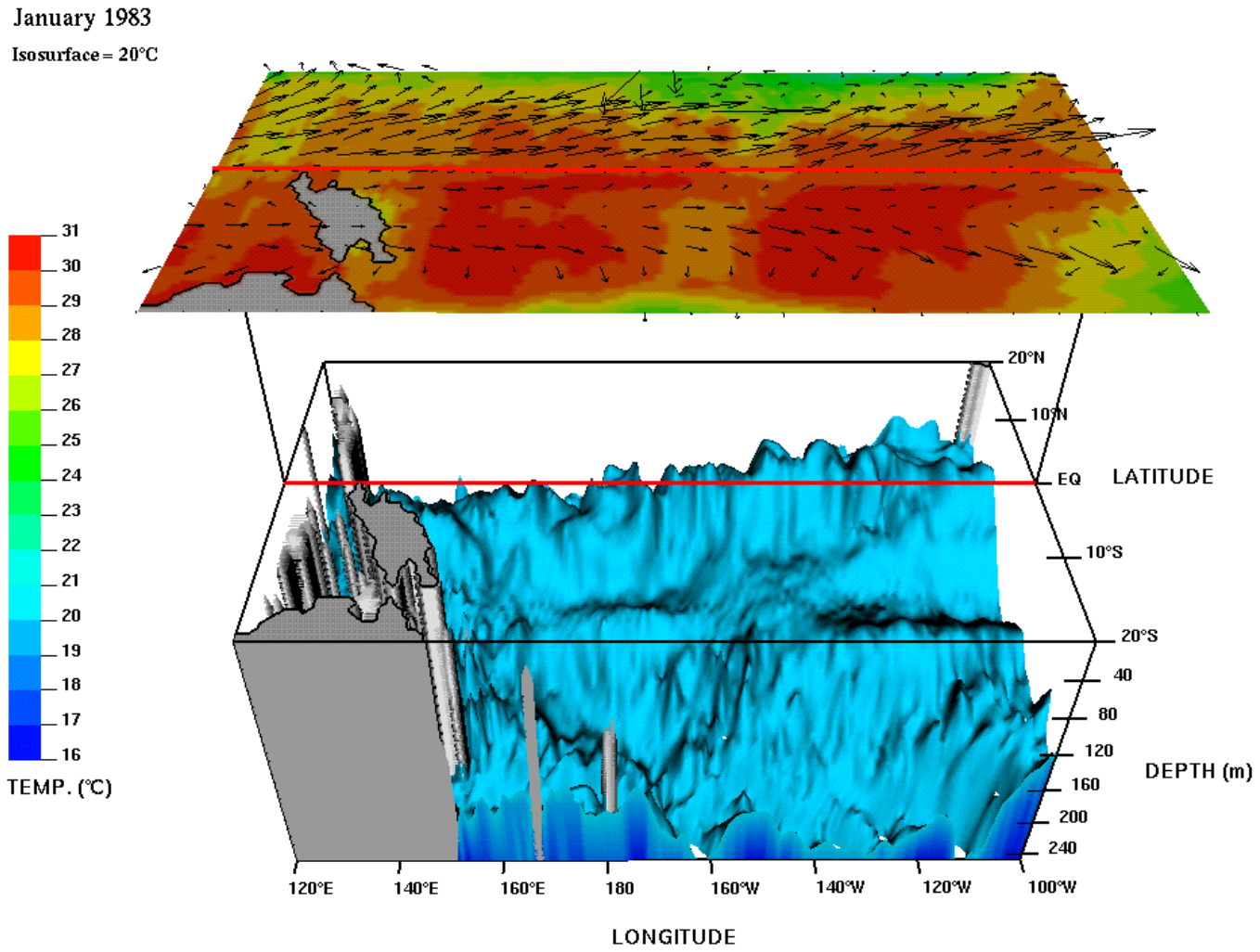

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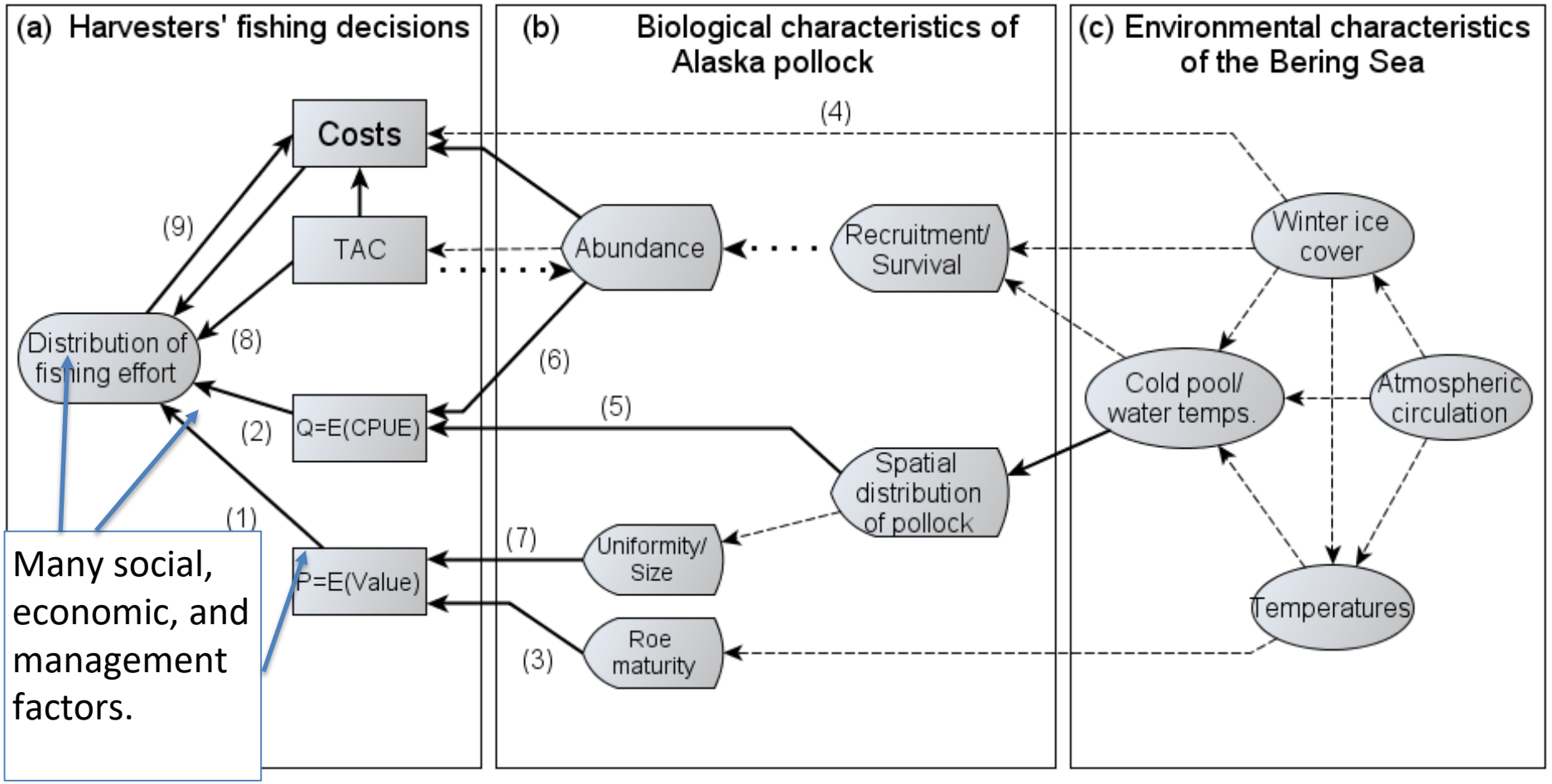

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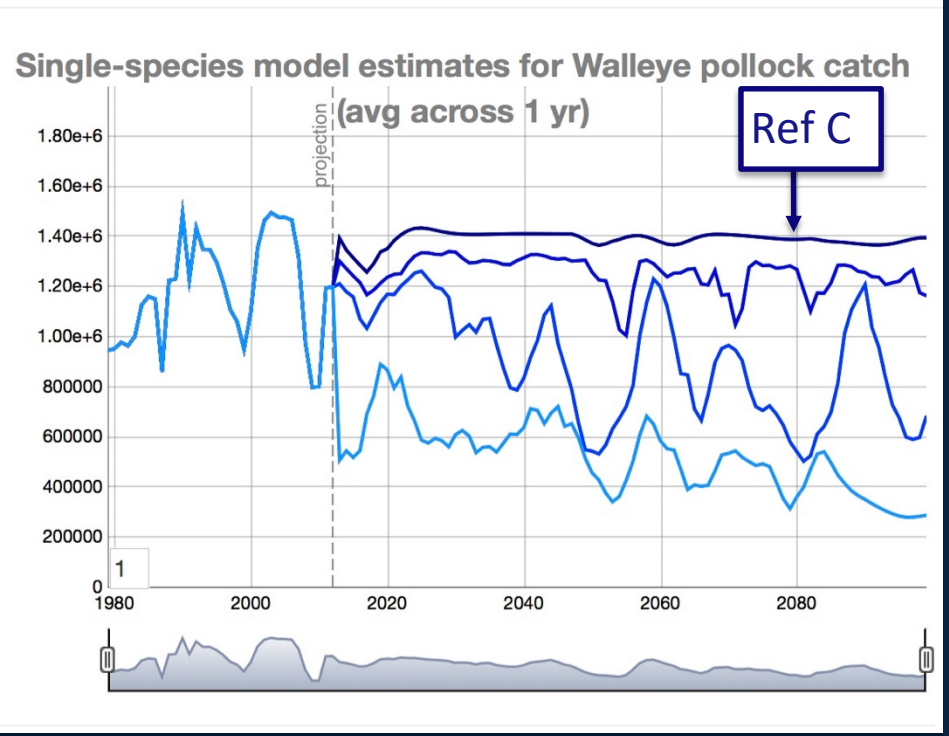

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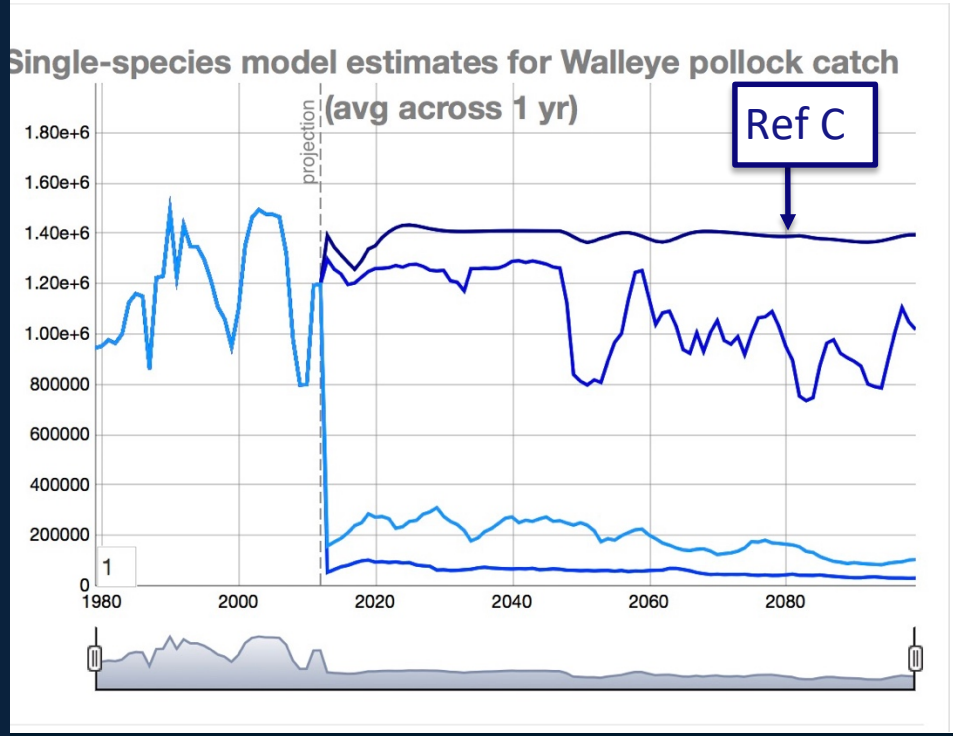

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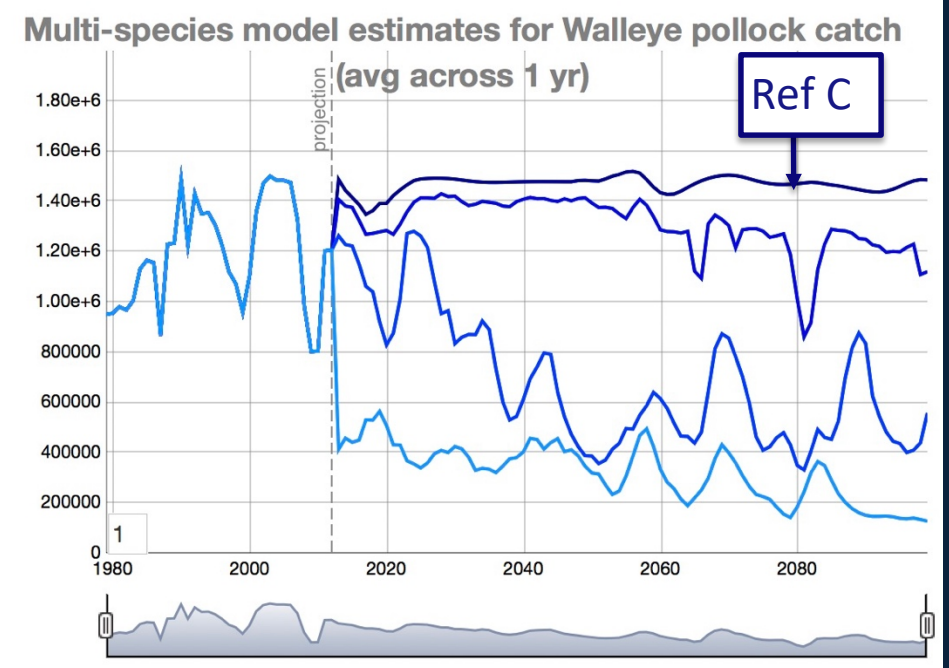

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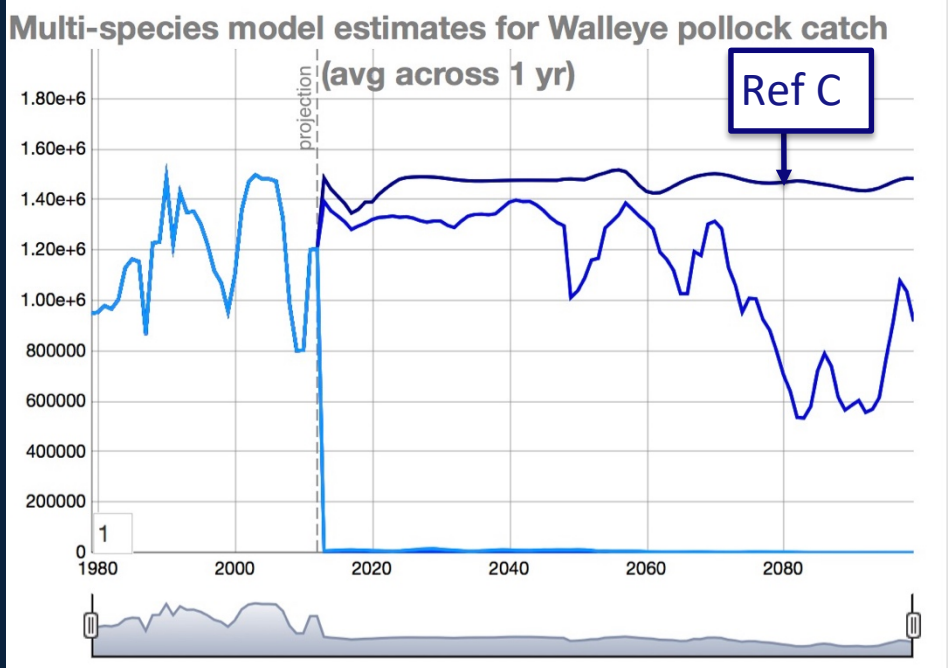

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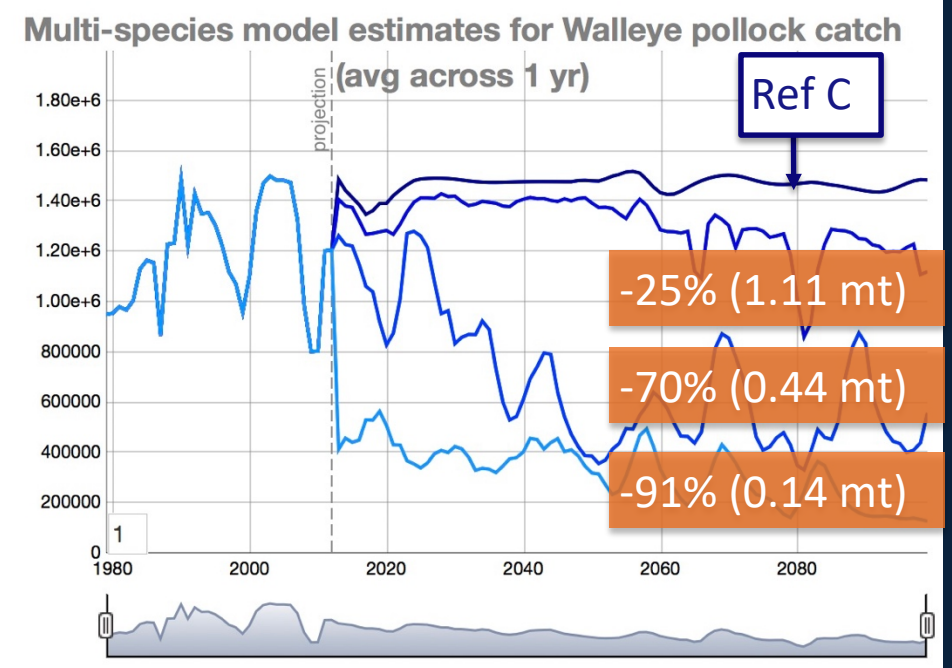

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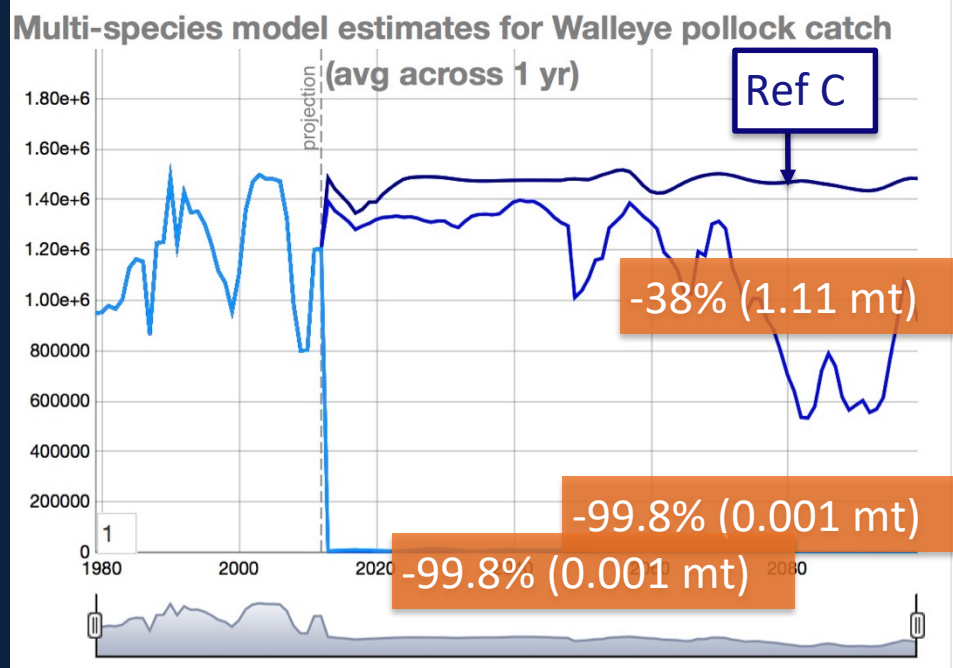

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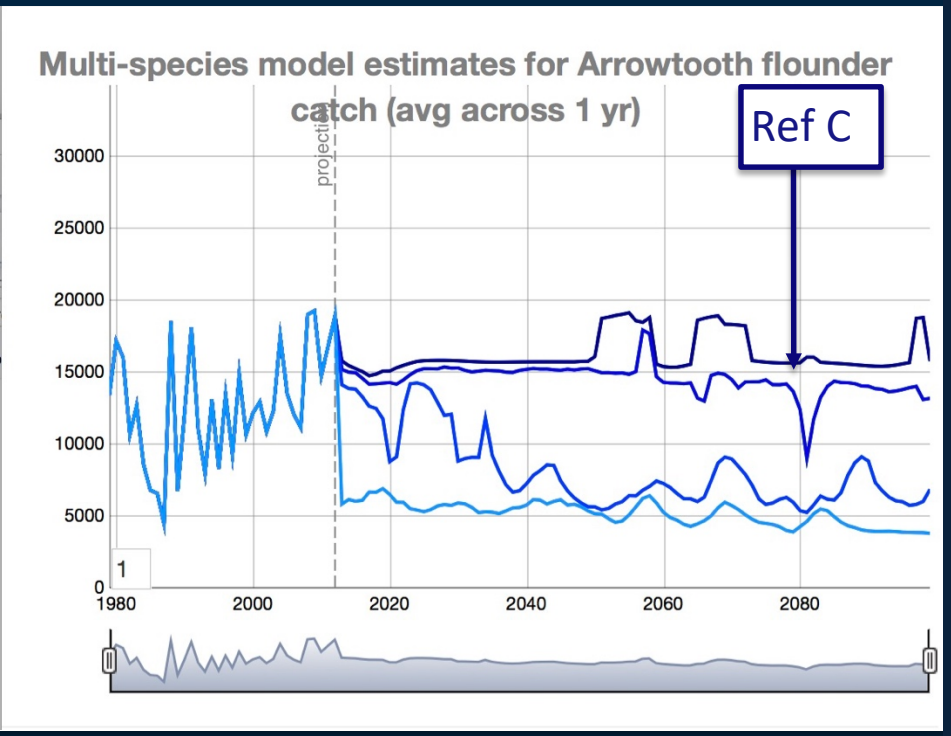

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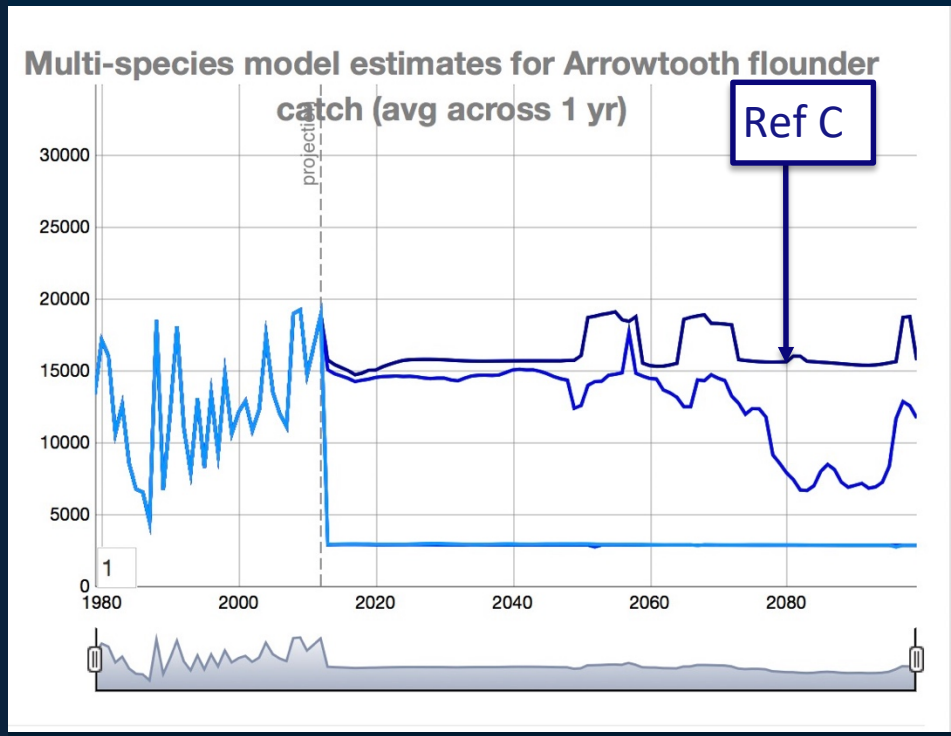

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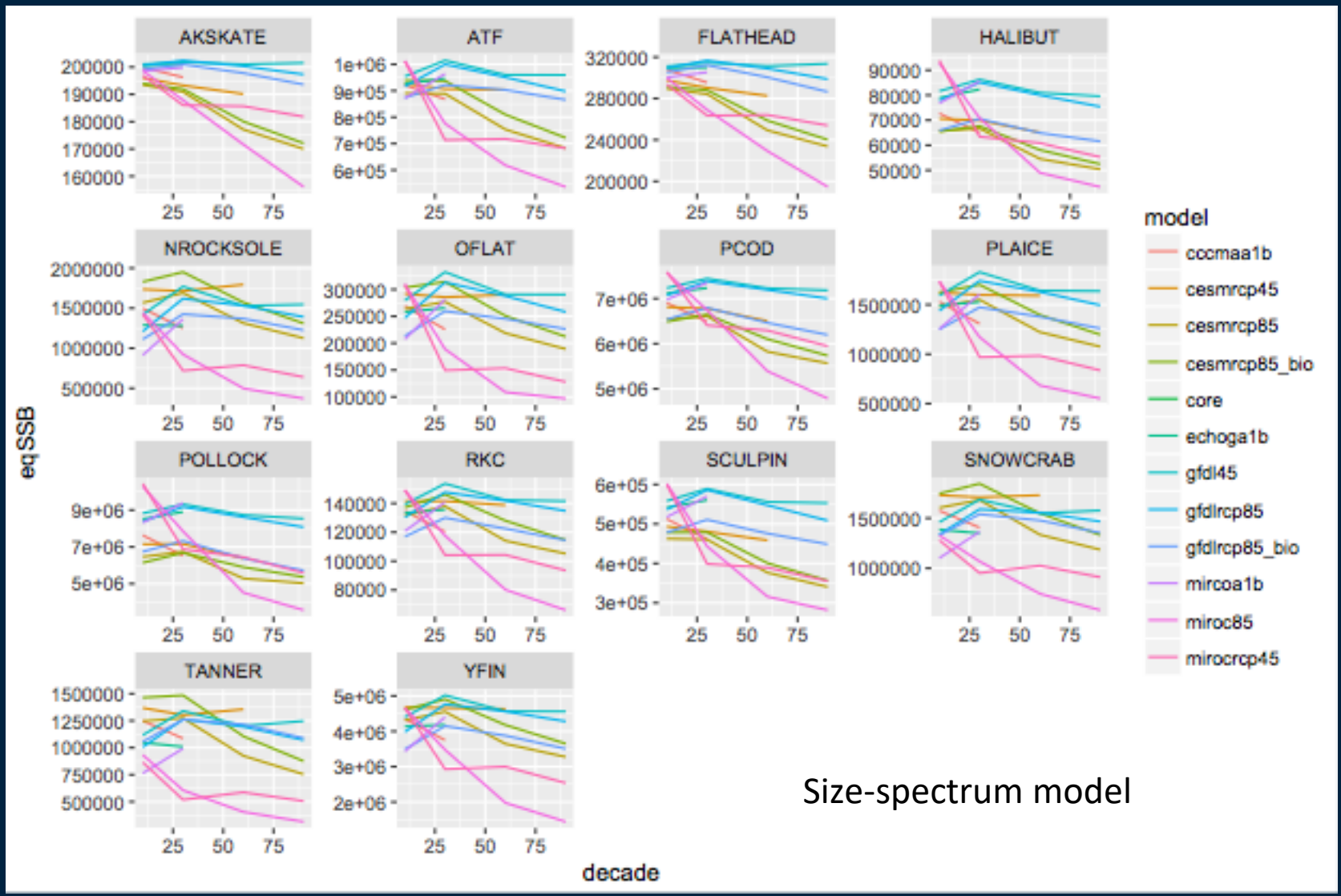

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