

# Same data different story: guidelines for data weighting in a multispecies statistical catch-at-age stock assessment framework

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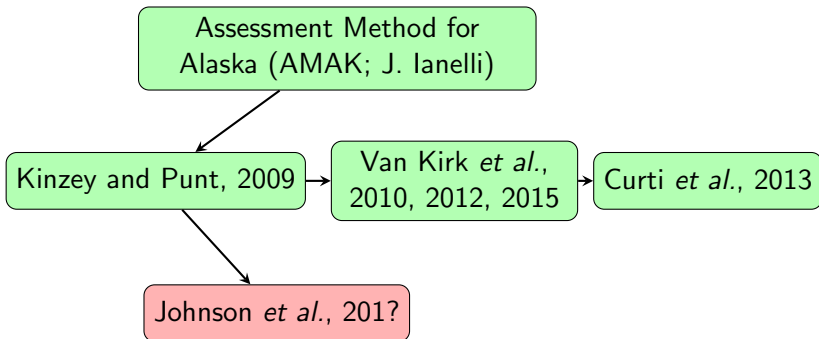
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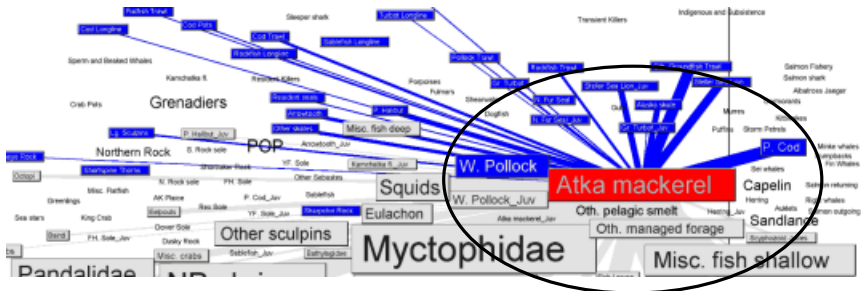
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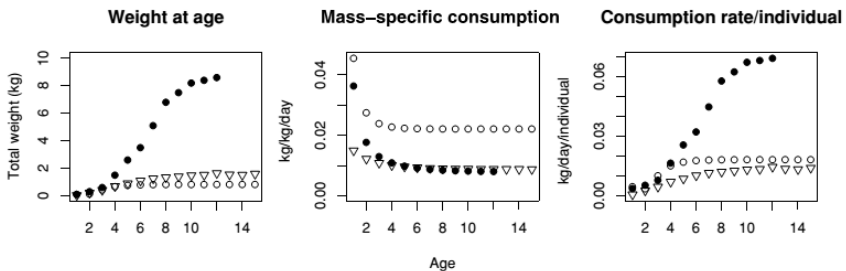
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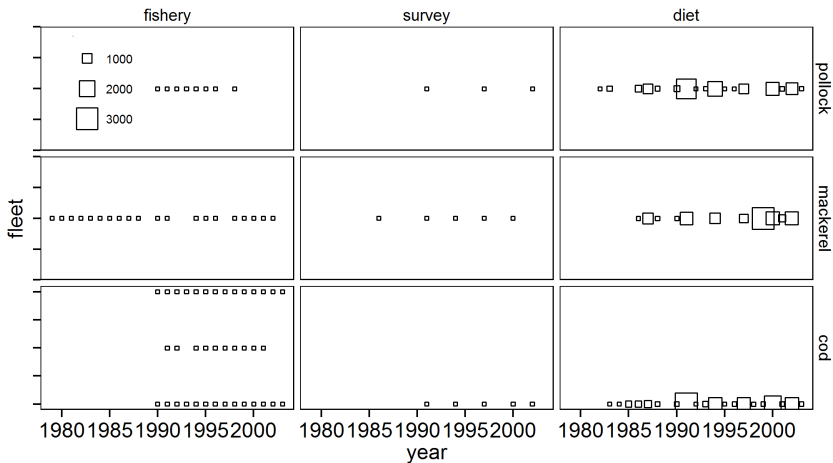
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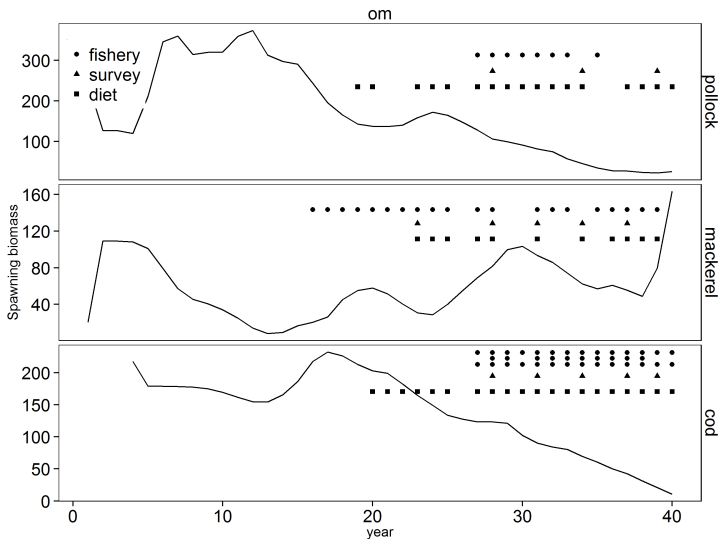
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# Data 'moderate' system



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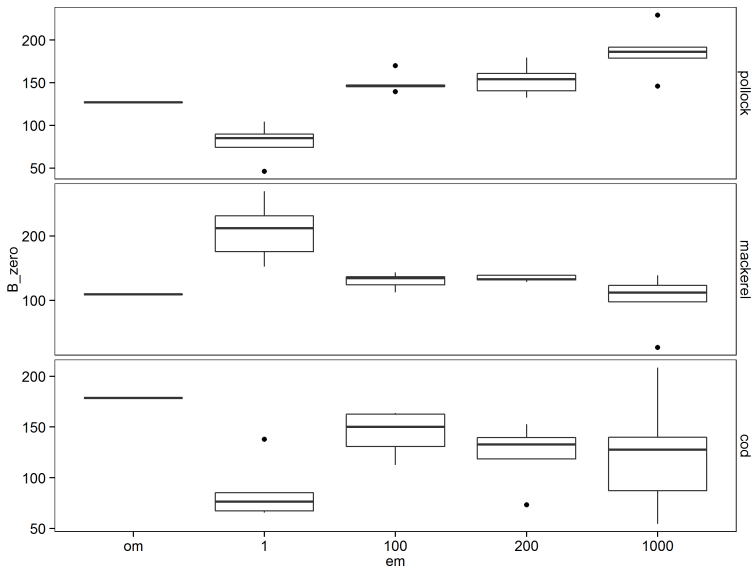
source	type	$OM$	$EM_1$	$EM_2$	$EM_3$	$EM_4$
fishery	catch	0.05				
fishery	age & length	100	1	100	200	1000
survey	index	1	0.01	1	2	10
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survey	diet weight	100	1	100	200	1000
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## Model performance metrics

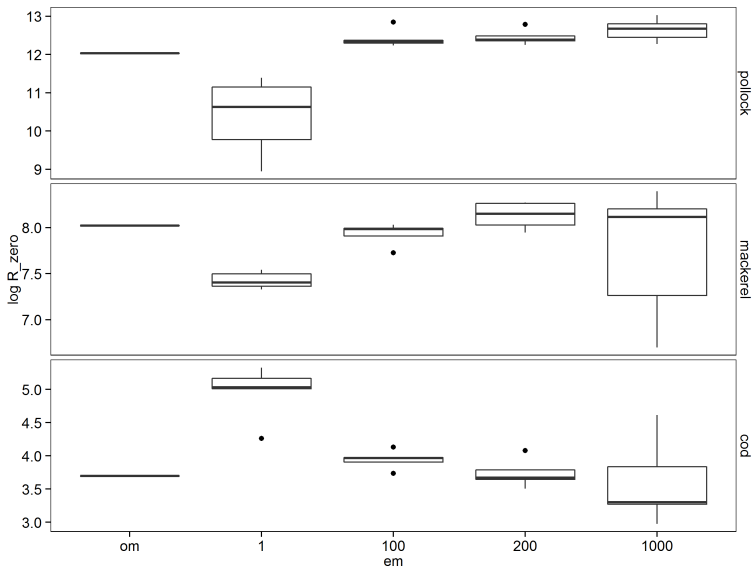
- Unfished spawning biomass
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- Annual recruitment
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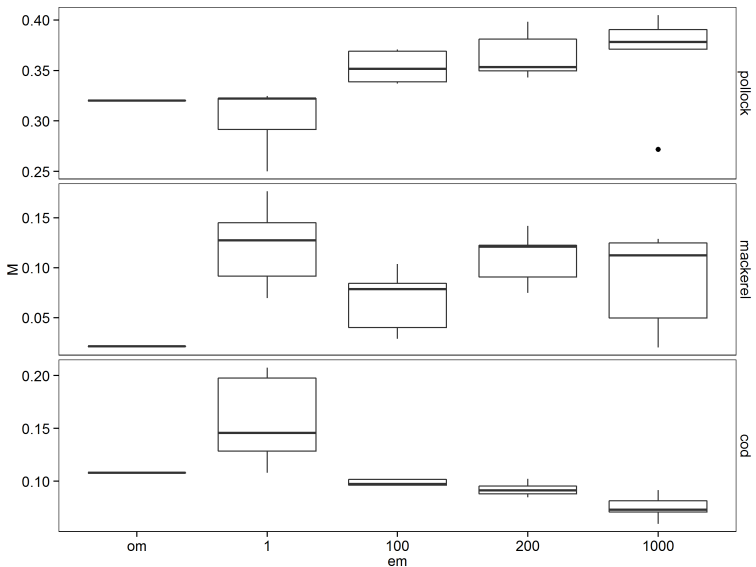
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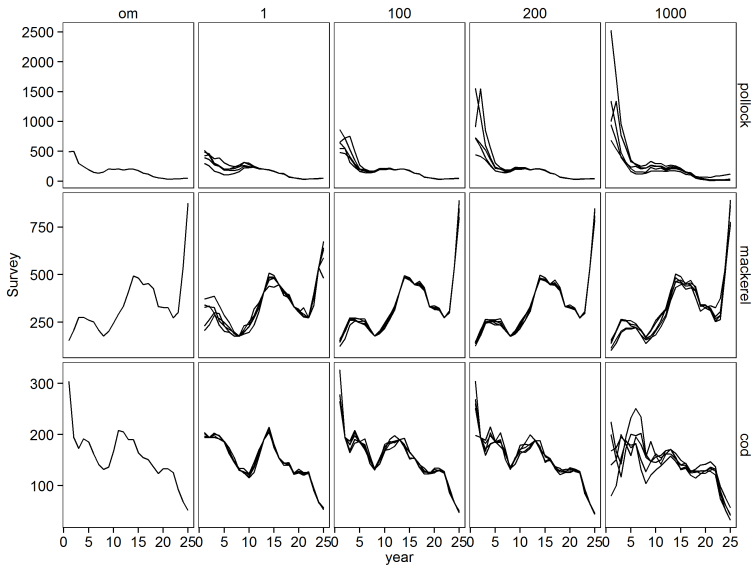
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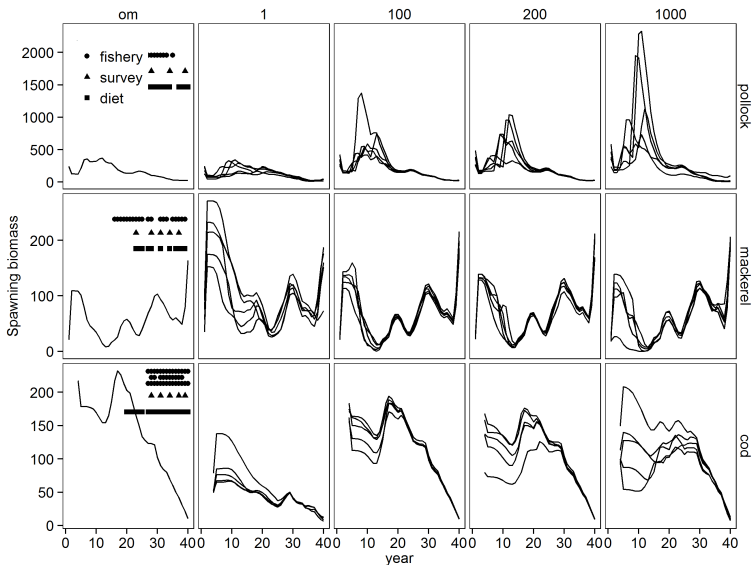
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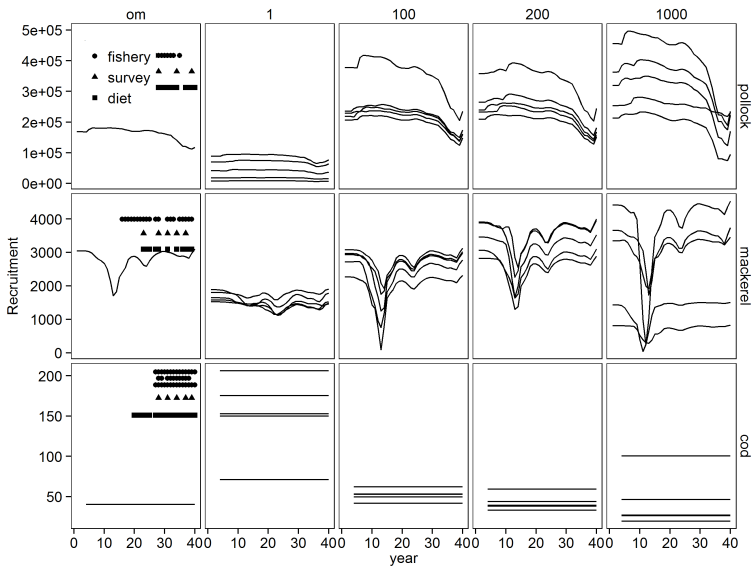
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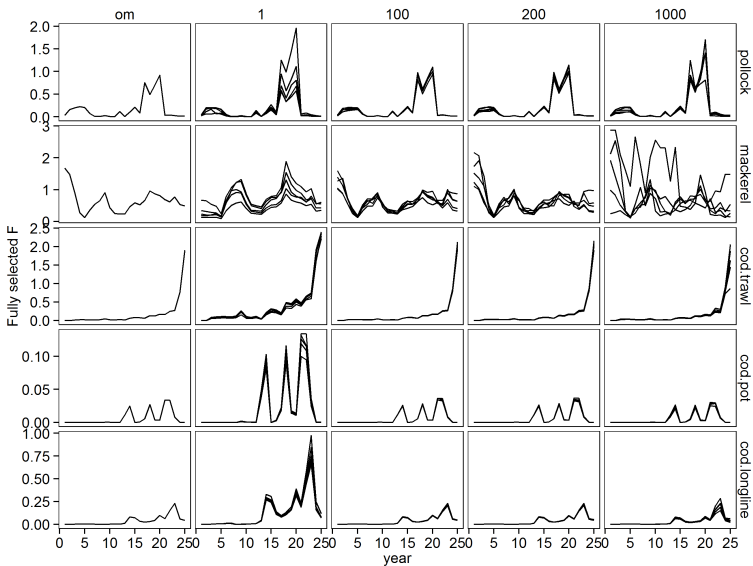
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