

# **Accounting for the effects of oceanography on catchability and recruitment in basin-wide standardized indices of abundance for Pacific yellowfin and bigeye tuna**

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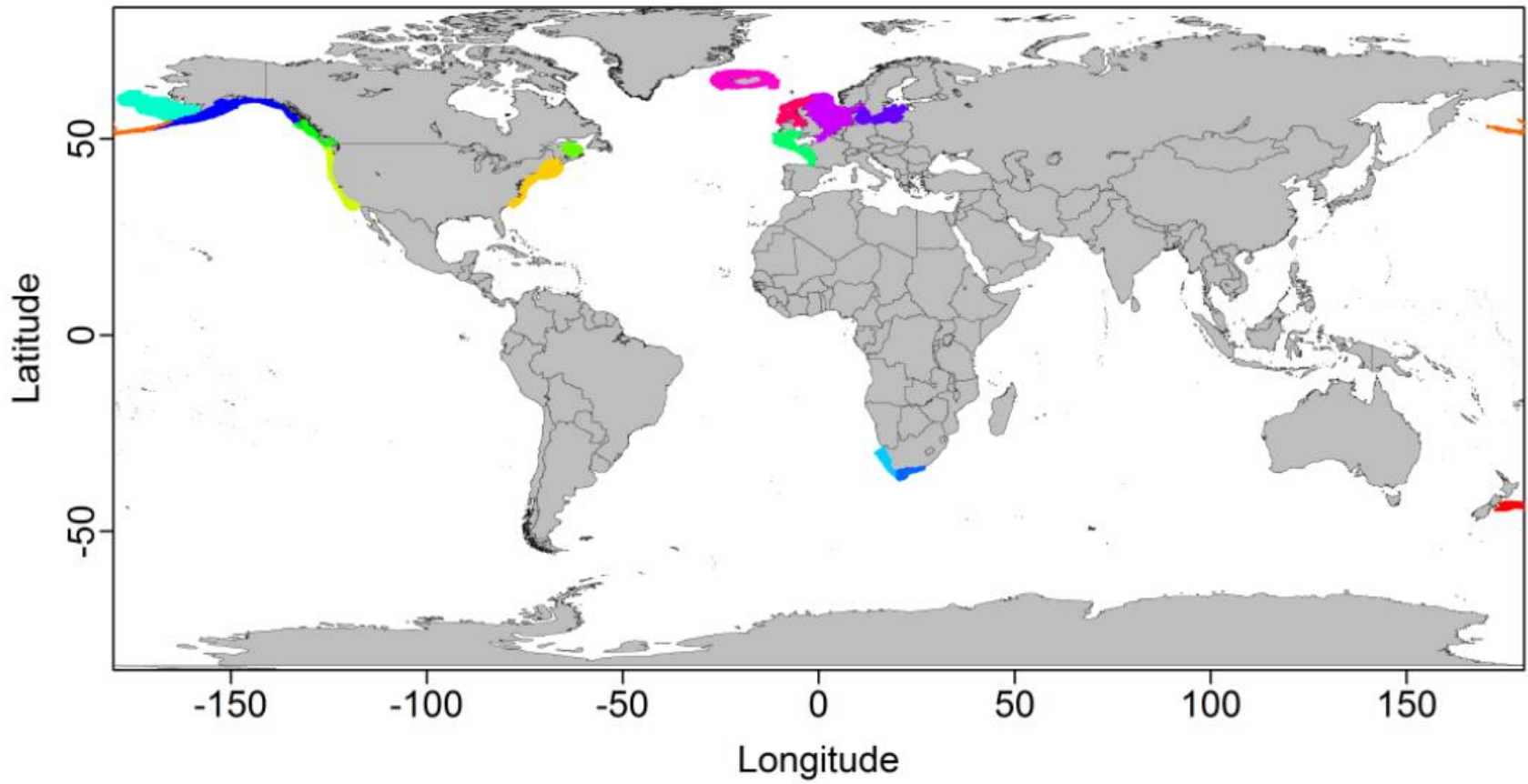
This talk:

- CPUE indices in WCPO assessments:  
What we are hoping to do with spatio-temporal approaches
- Lessons learnt: applying VAST to a large, imbalanced dataset

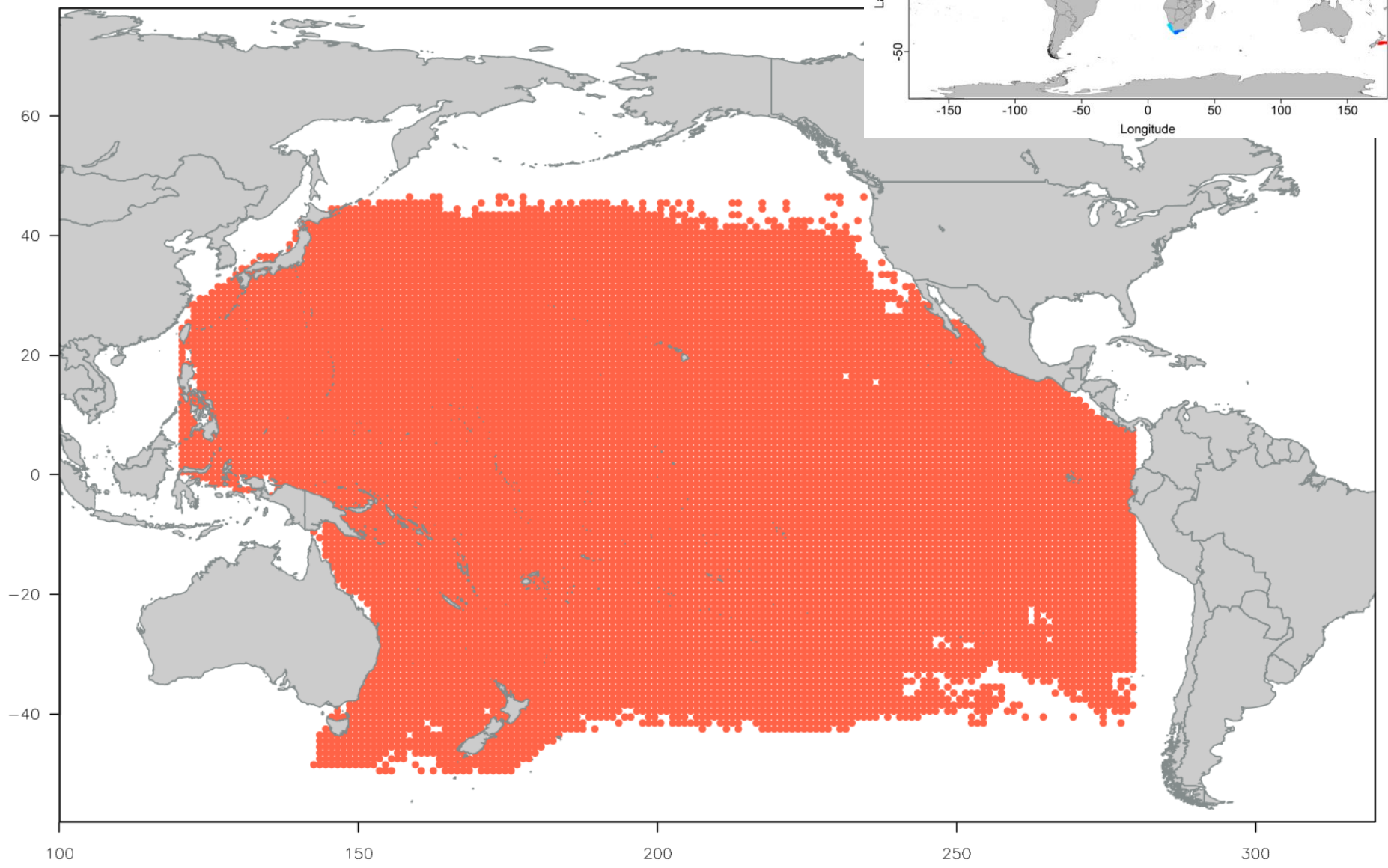
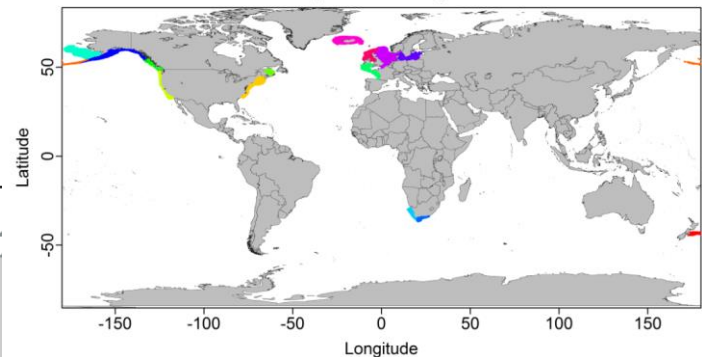
In practice:

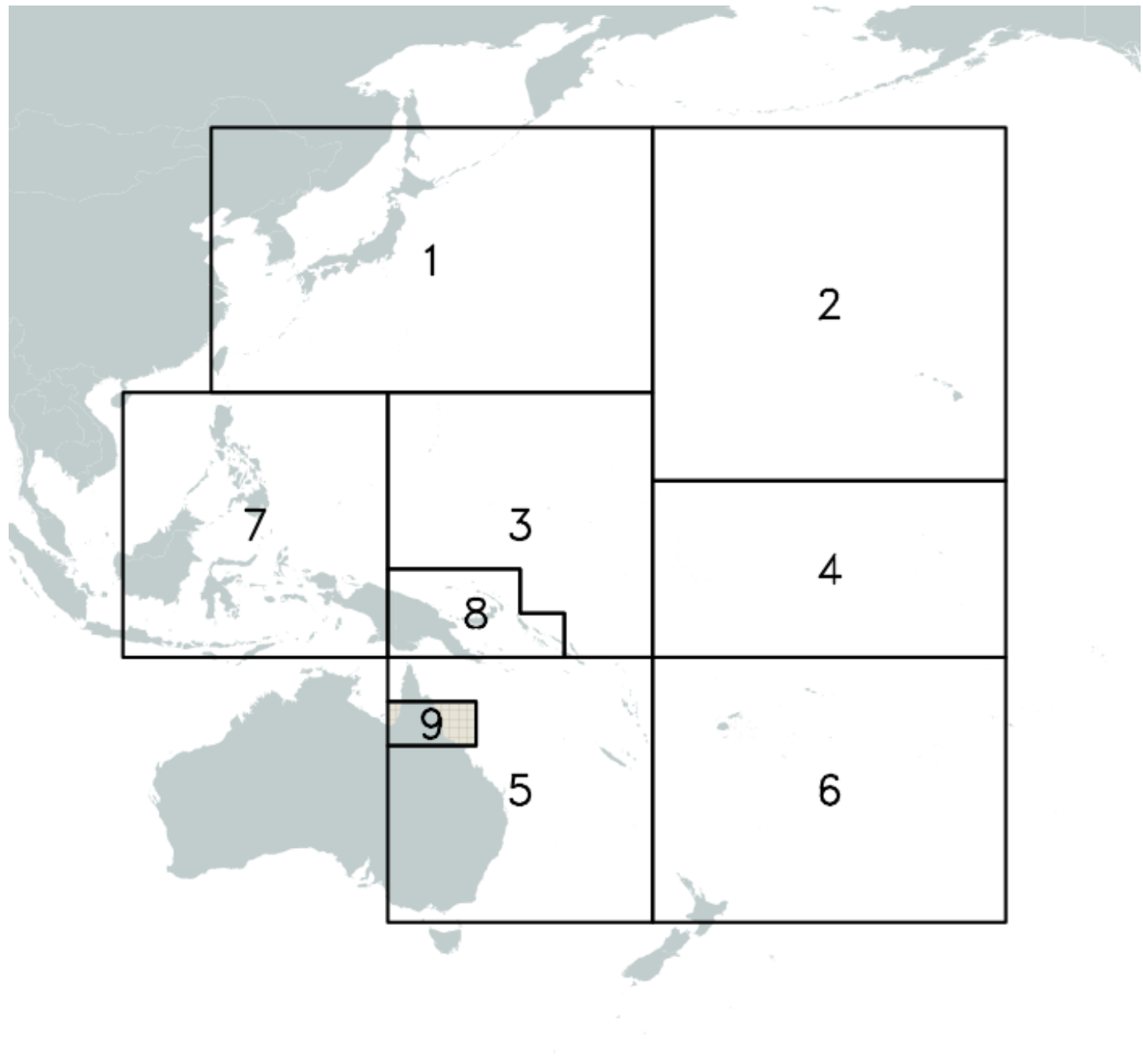
- adding a non-linear covariate to a VAST model
- diagnostics
- Abundance vs. catchability covariates: early results

## Spatial coverage



Spatial coverage





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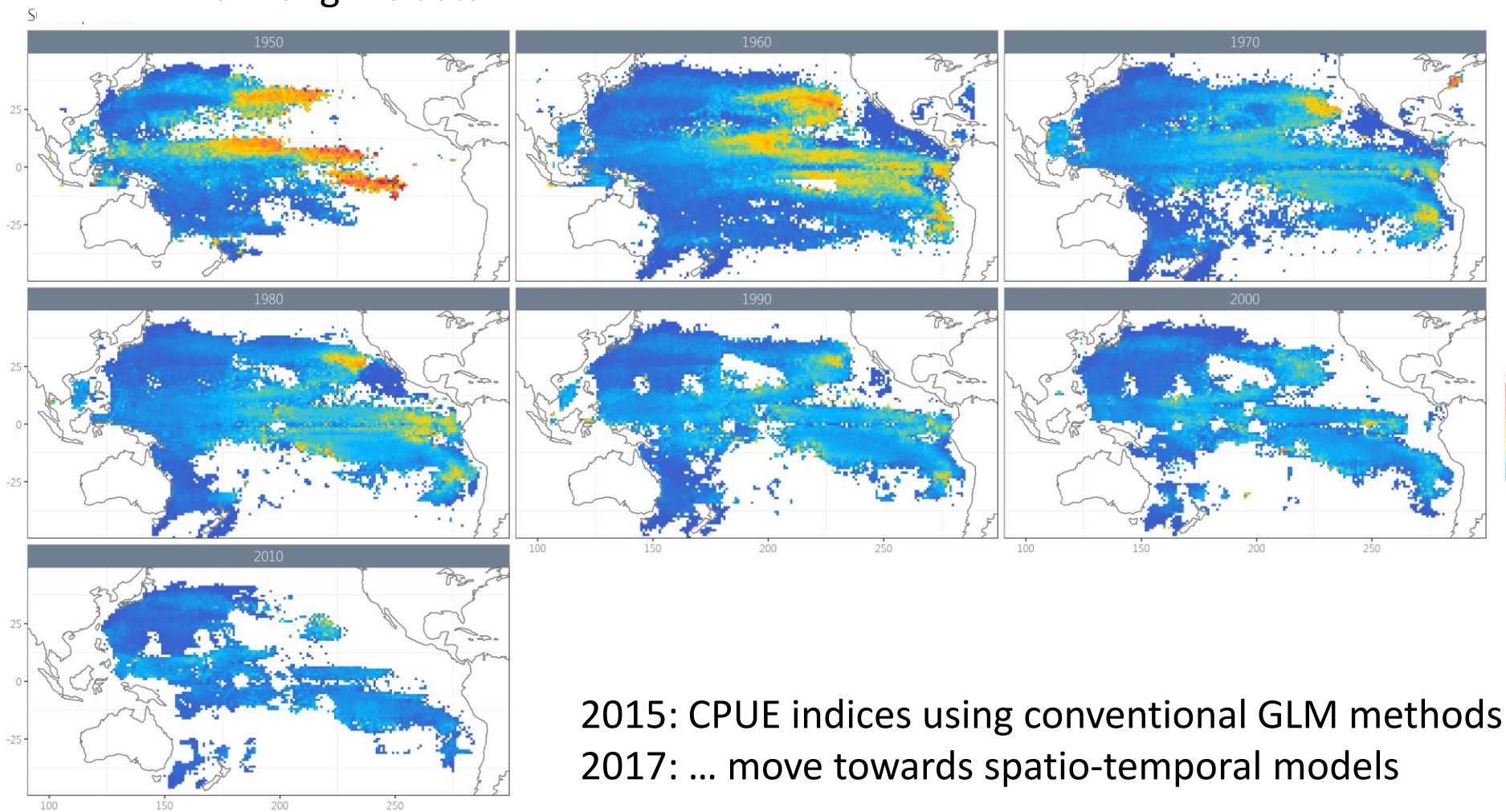
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The dataset:

Logsheet longline data for domestic and distant-water fleets in the Pacific

1952-2015

~ 11 million longline sets



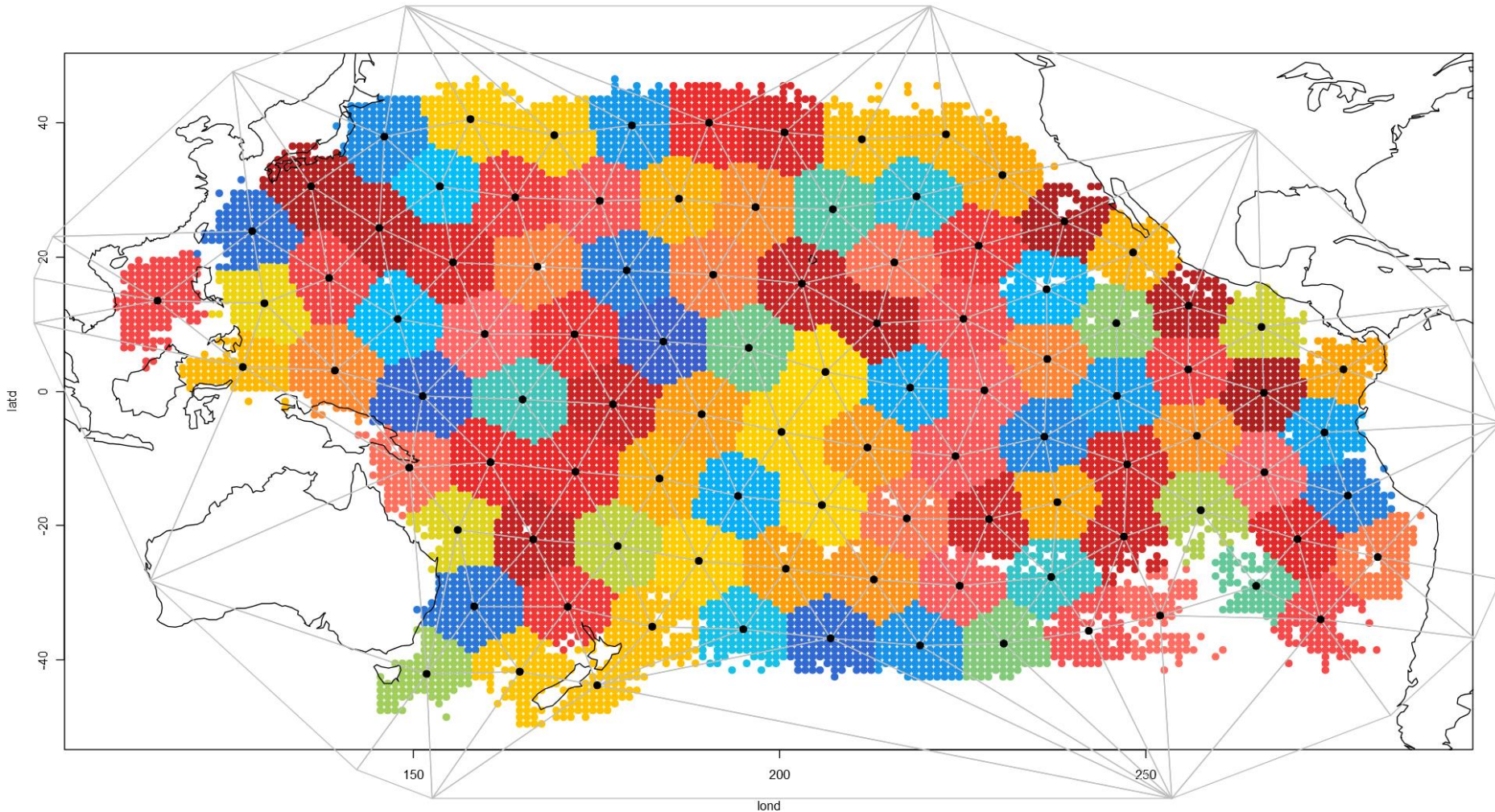
from  $\text{resp} \sim \text{YrQtr} + \dots + \text{cell} (*\text{time})$

to

$\text{resp} \sim \text{YrQtr} + \dots + f(\text{knot}_i) + f(\text{knot}_i, \text{YrQtr})$

[...] can be any other covariate

Error distribution: delta-log-normal

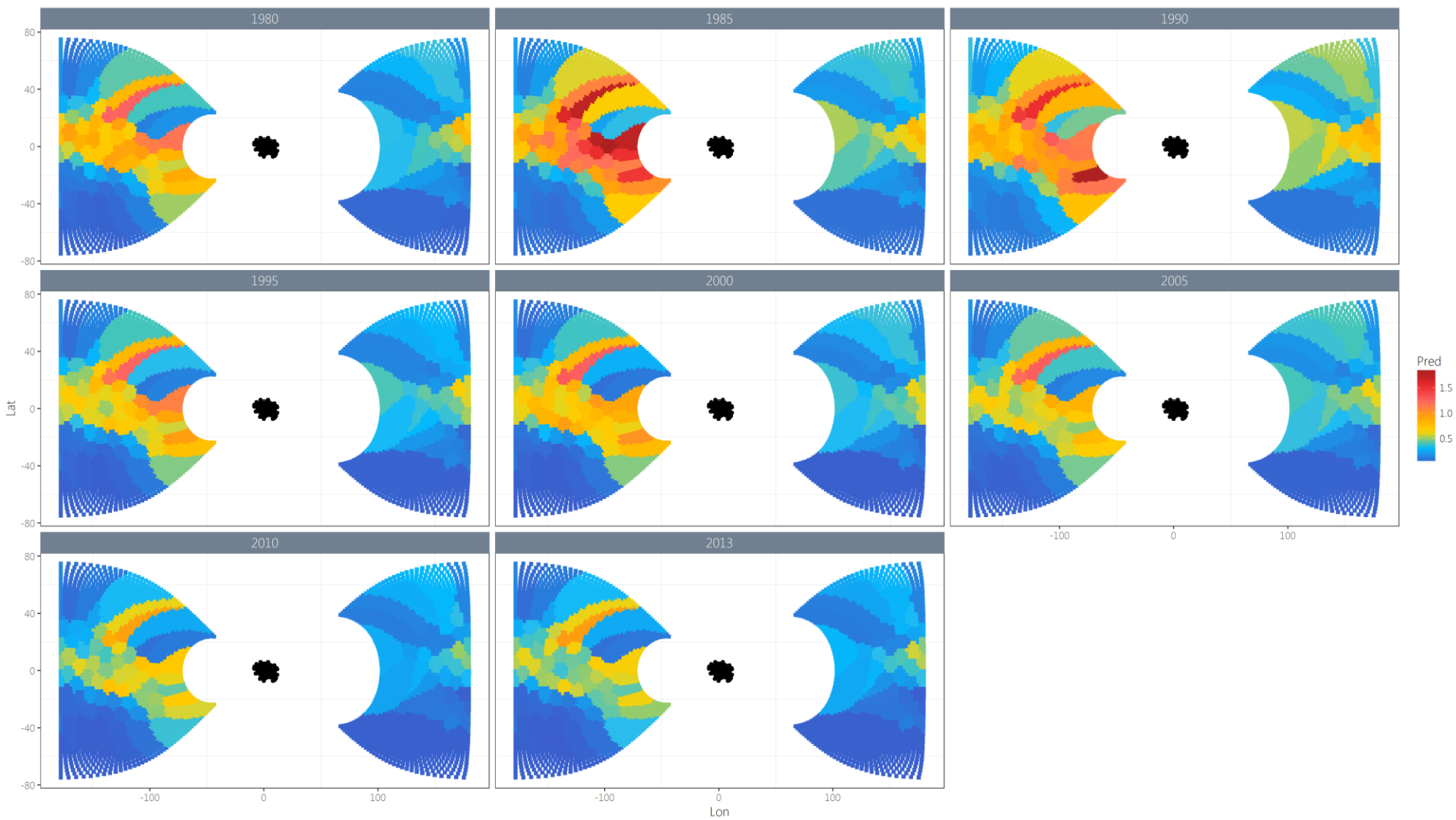


## Current status:

From TMB/INLA approach developed by Jim Thorson (SpatialDeltaGLMM/VAST)

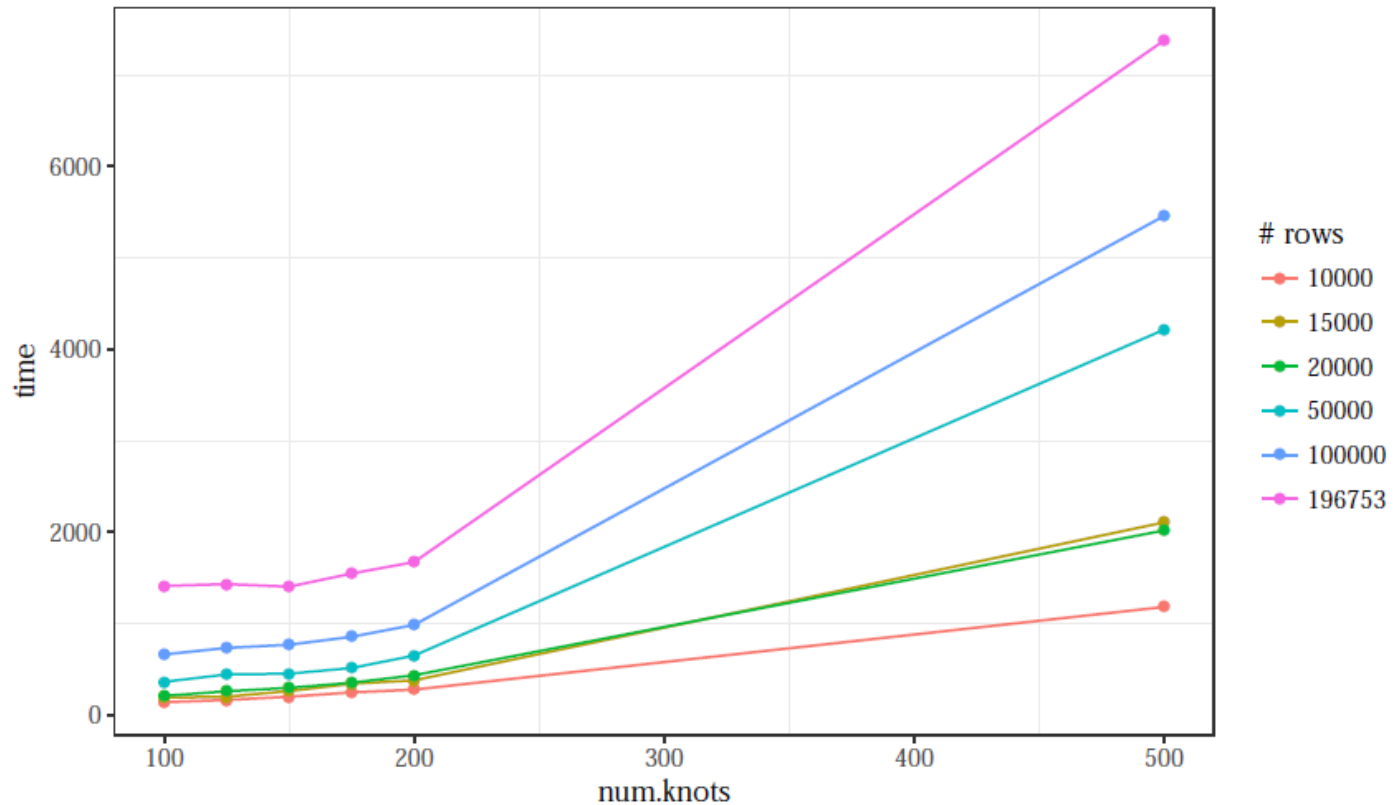
- Area much larger than previous implementations of VAST, so re-projection of coordinates using Two point equidistant projection, but individual cell area calculated by conversion to eastings/northings
- Subsampling of data by knot or by flag
- Anisotropic mesh
- Model structure:  
YrQtr + geostatistical surface with time interaction + s(oceanography covariate) (**abundance or catchability**)



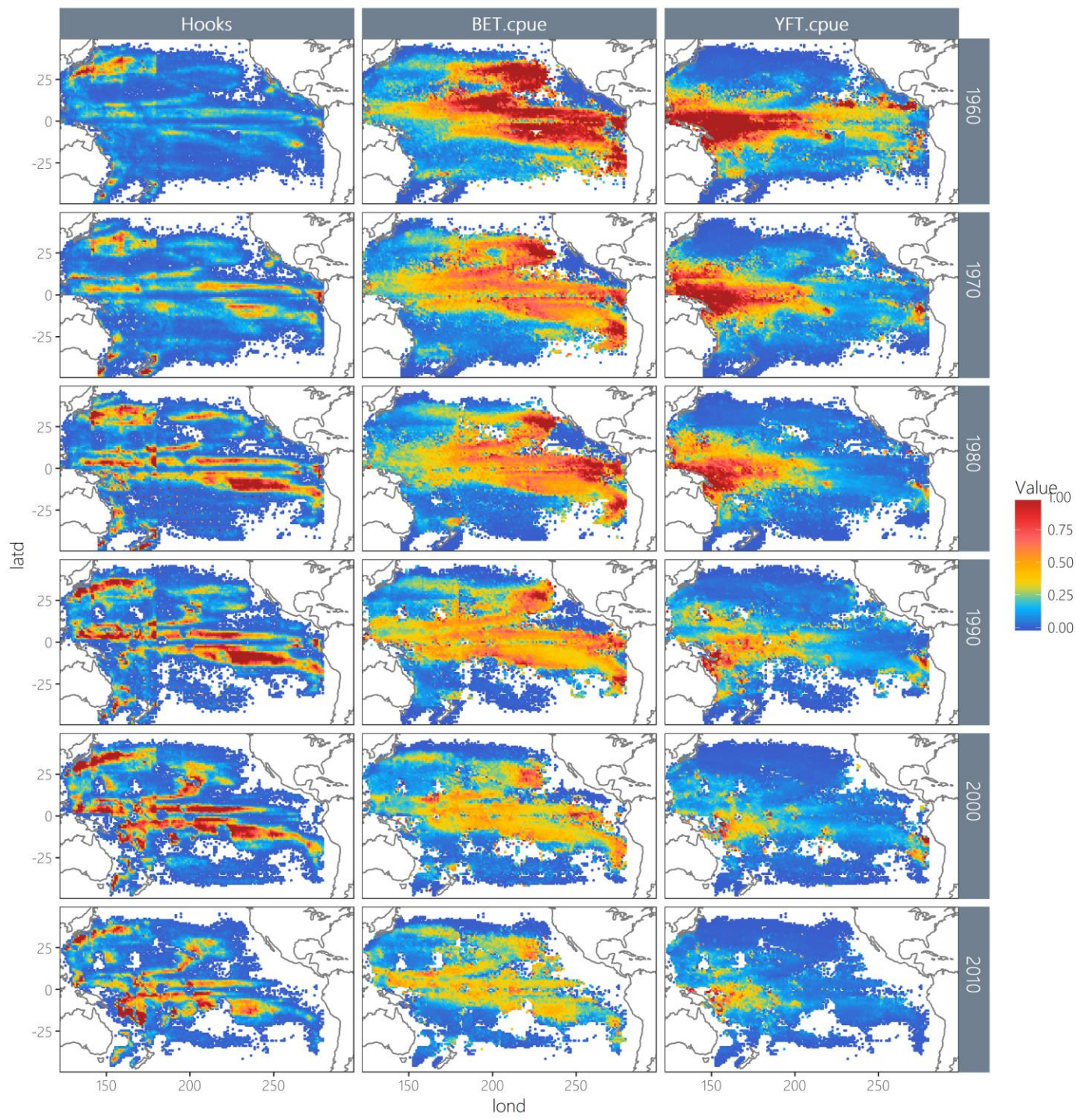


# Challenges for application over the WCPO:

- Computationally intensive

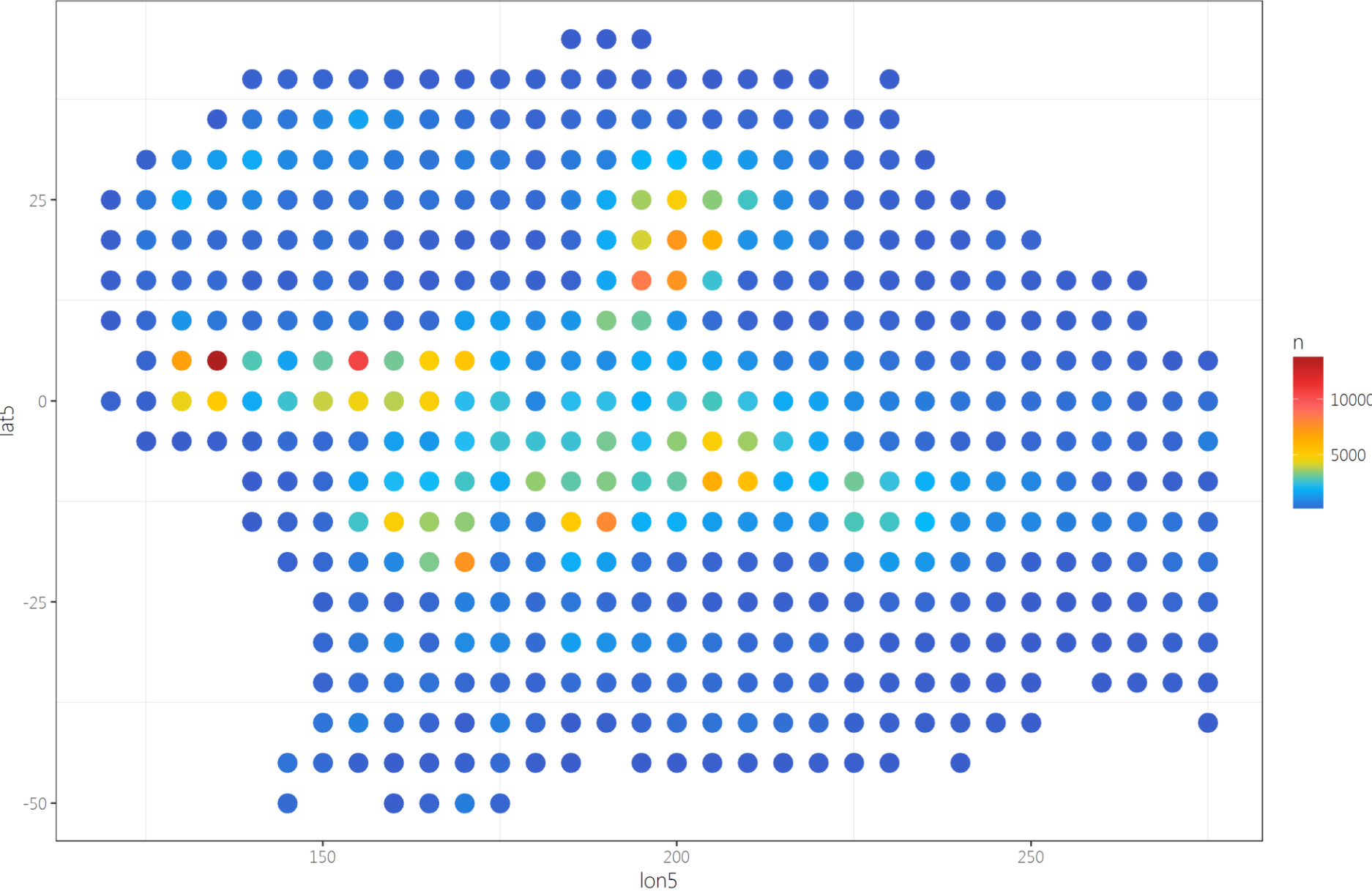


- Subsampling scheme? Flag vs. knot





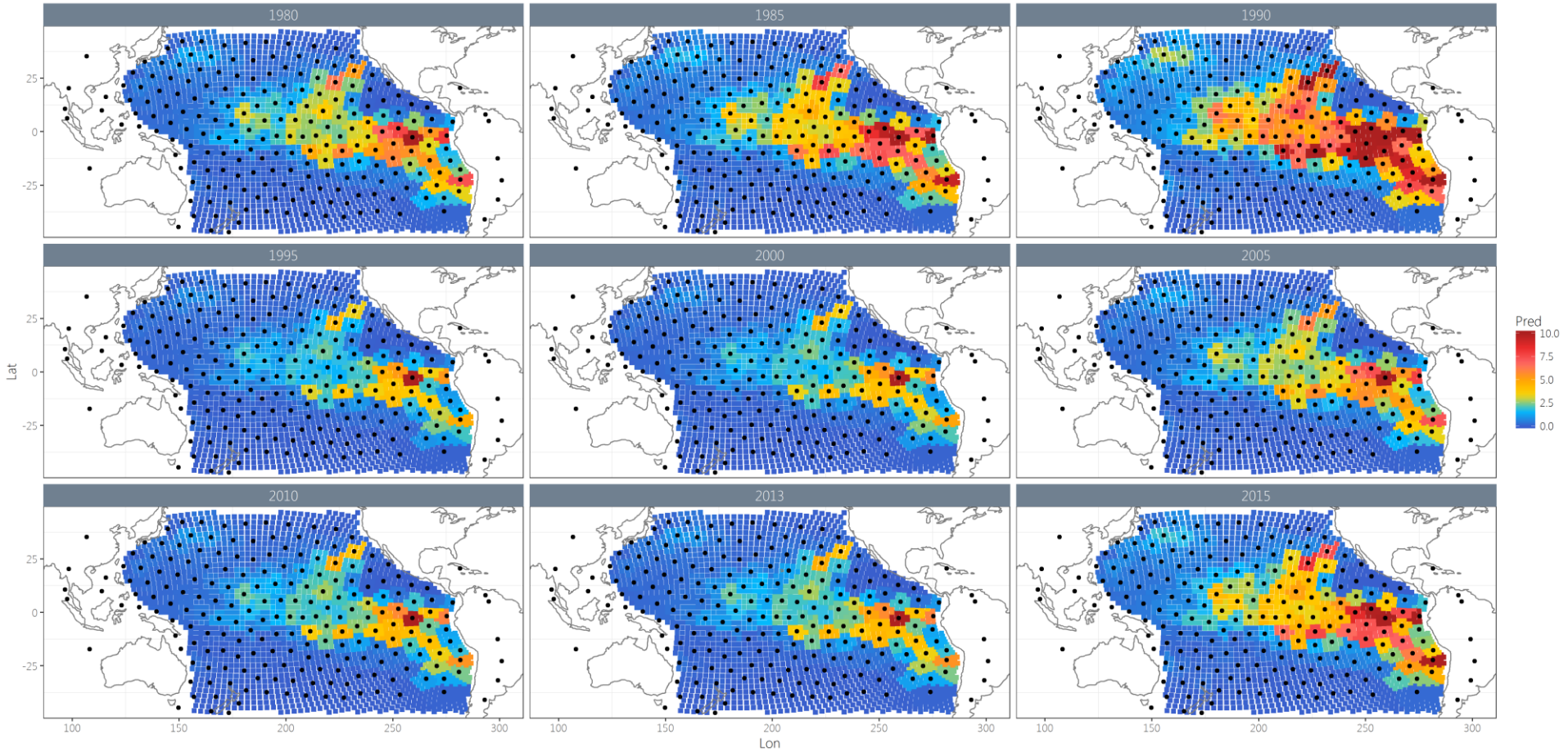
# Subsampling by flag



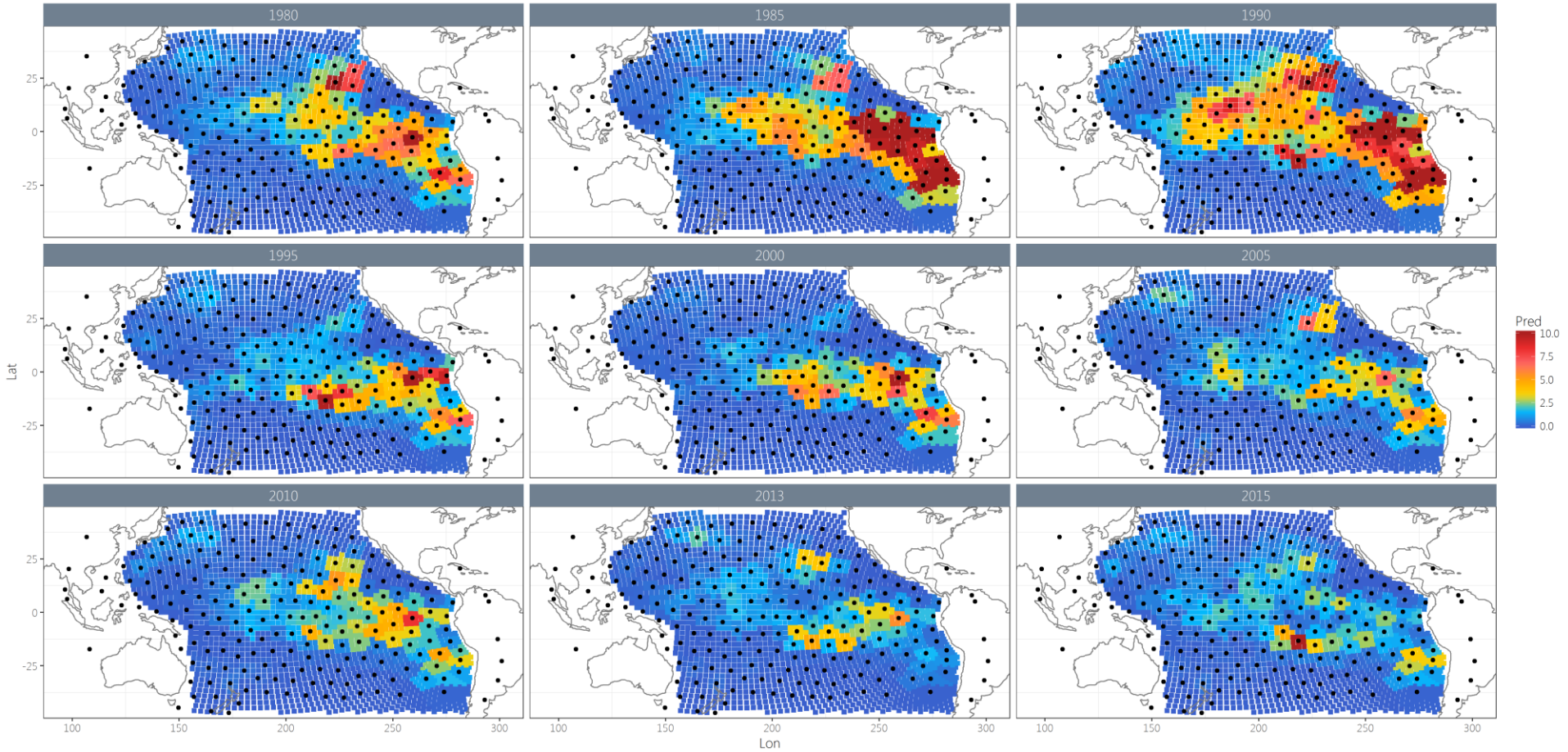
# Subsampling by knot



# Subsampling by knot, with year interaction

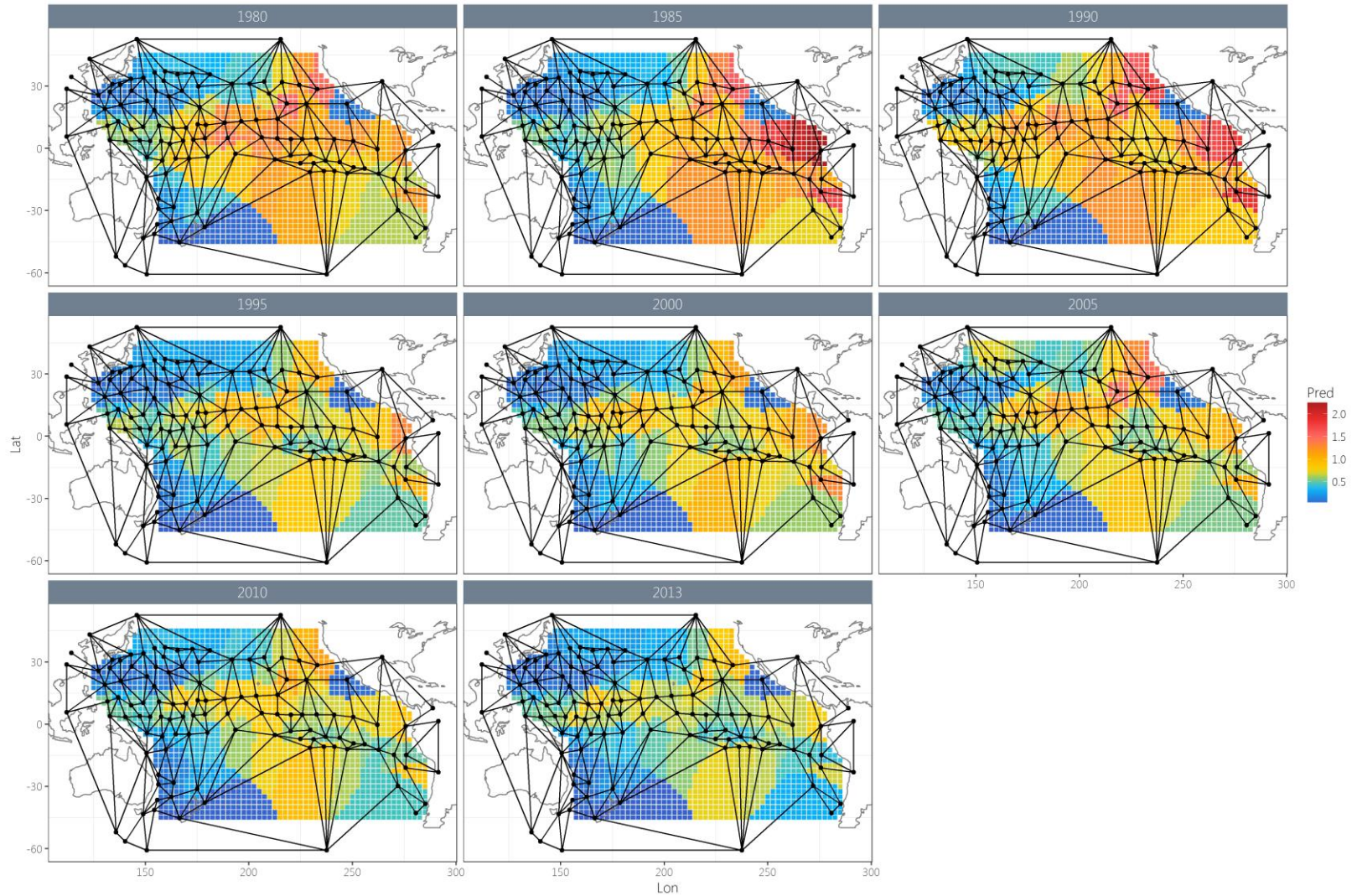


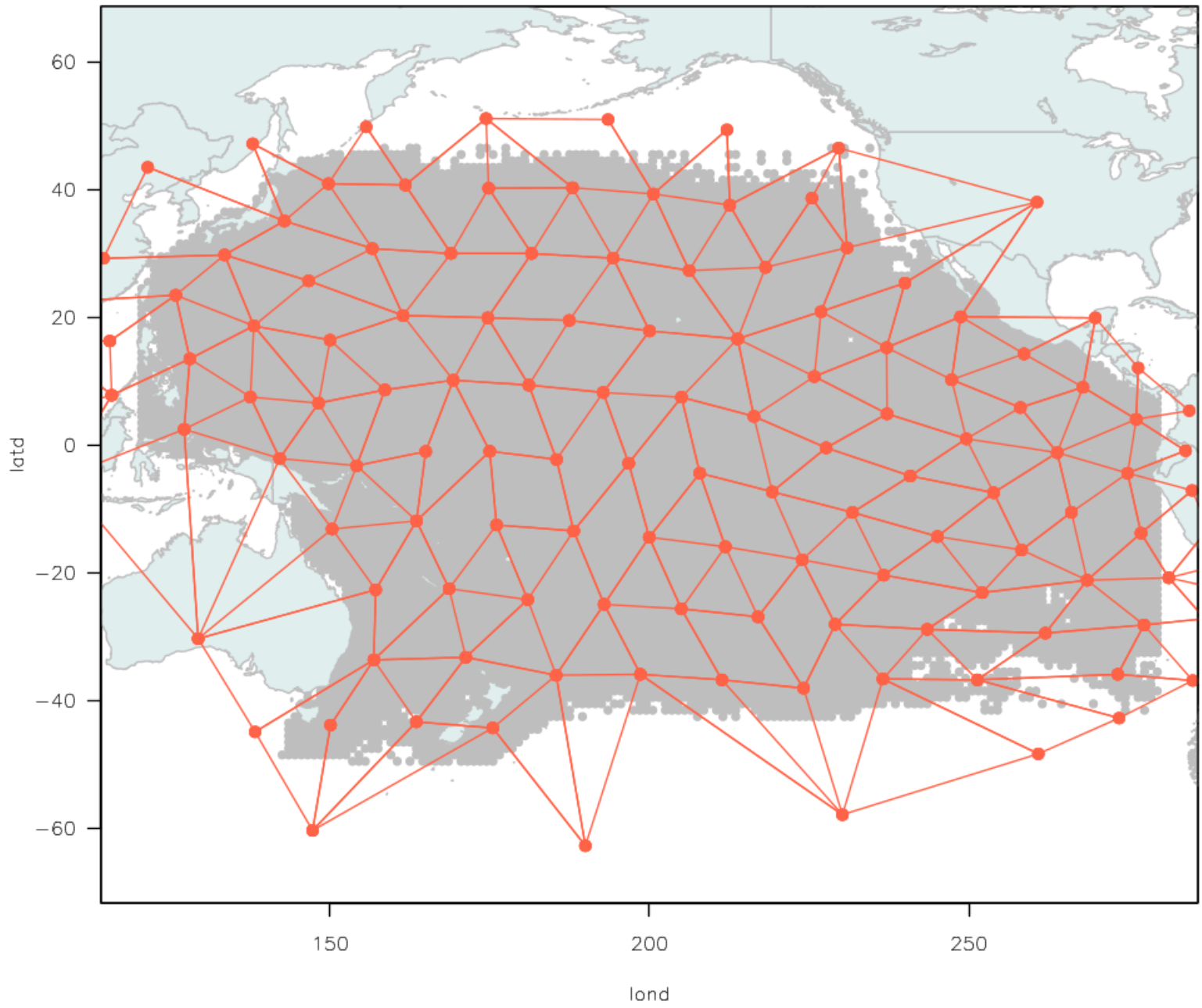
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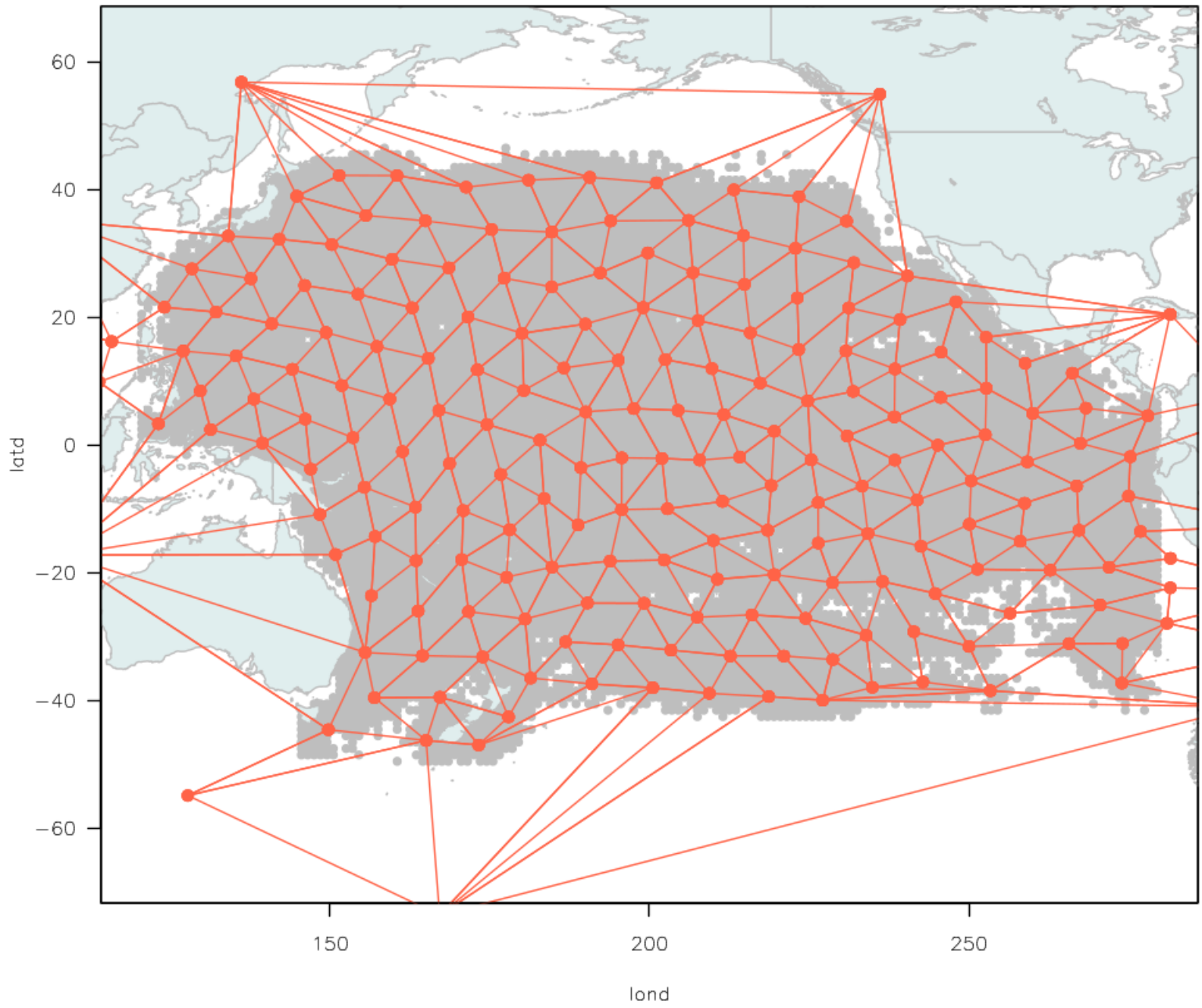


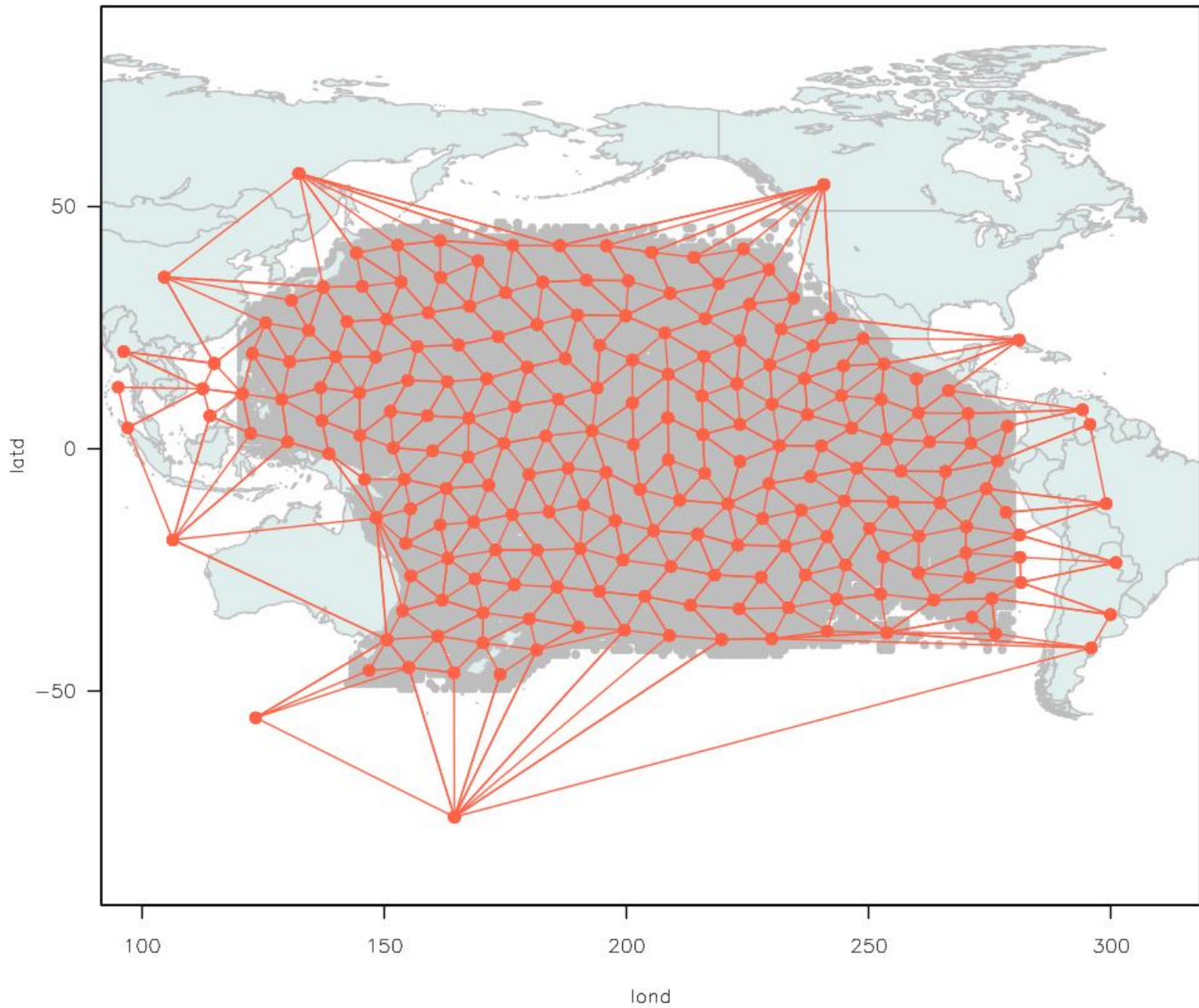


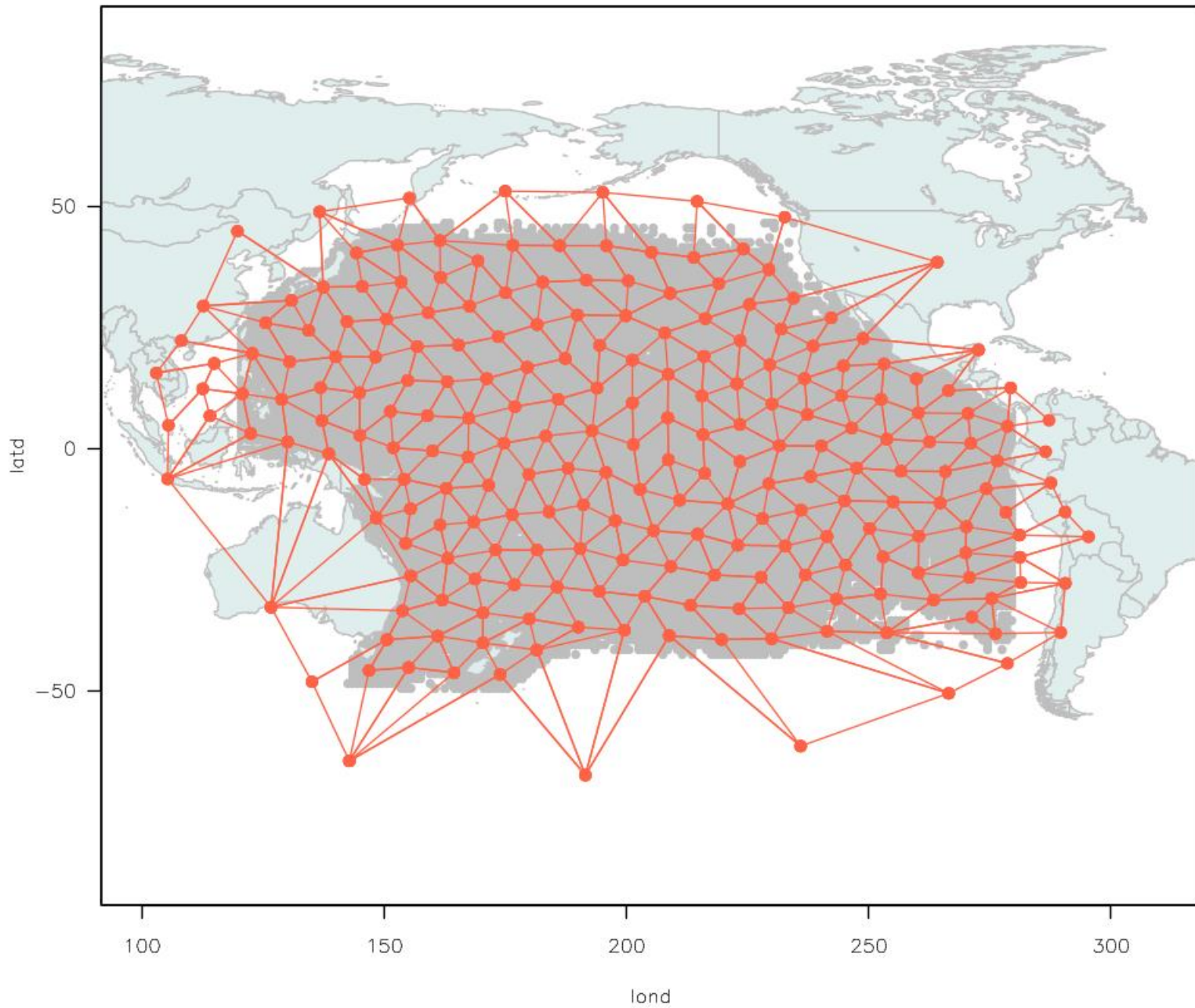
# Mesh configuration?



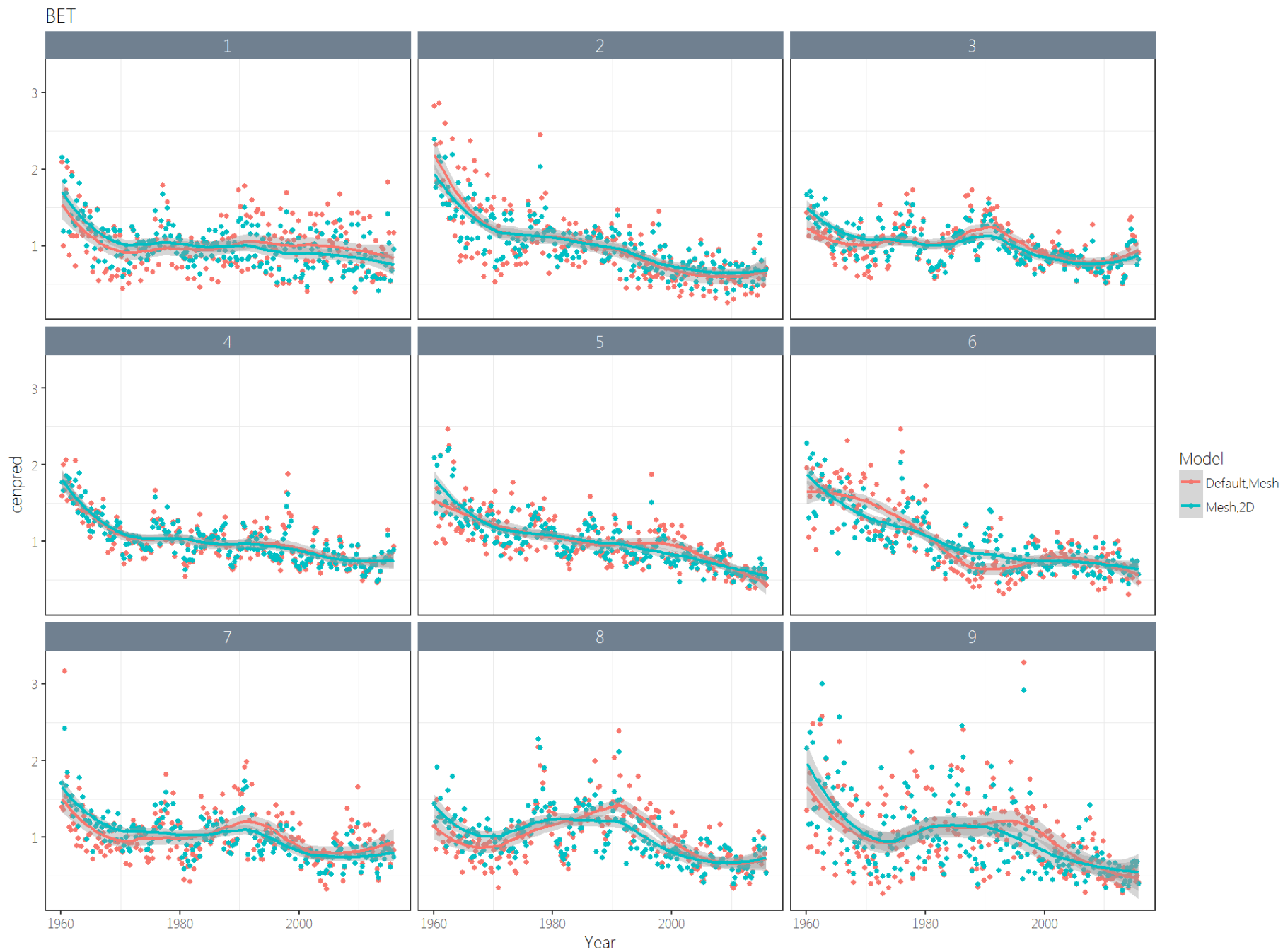




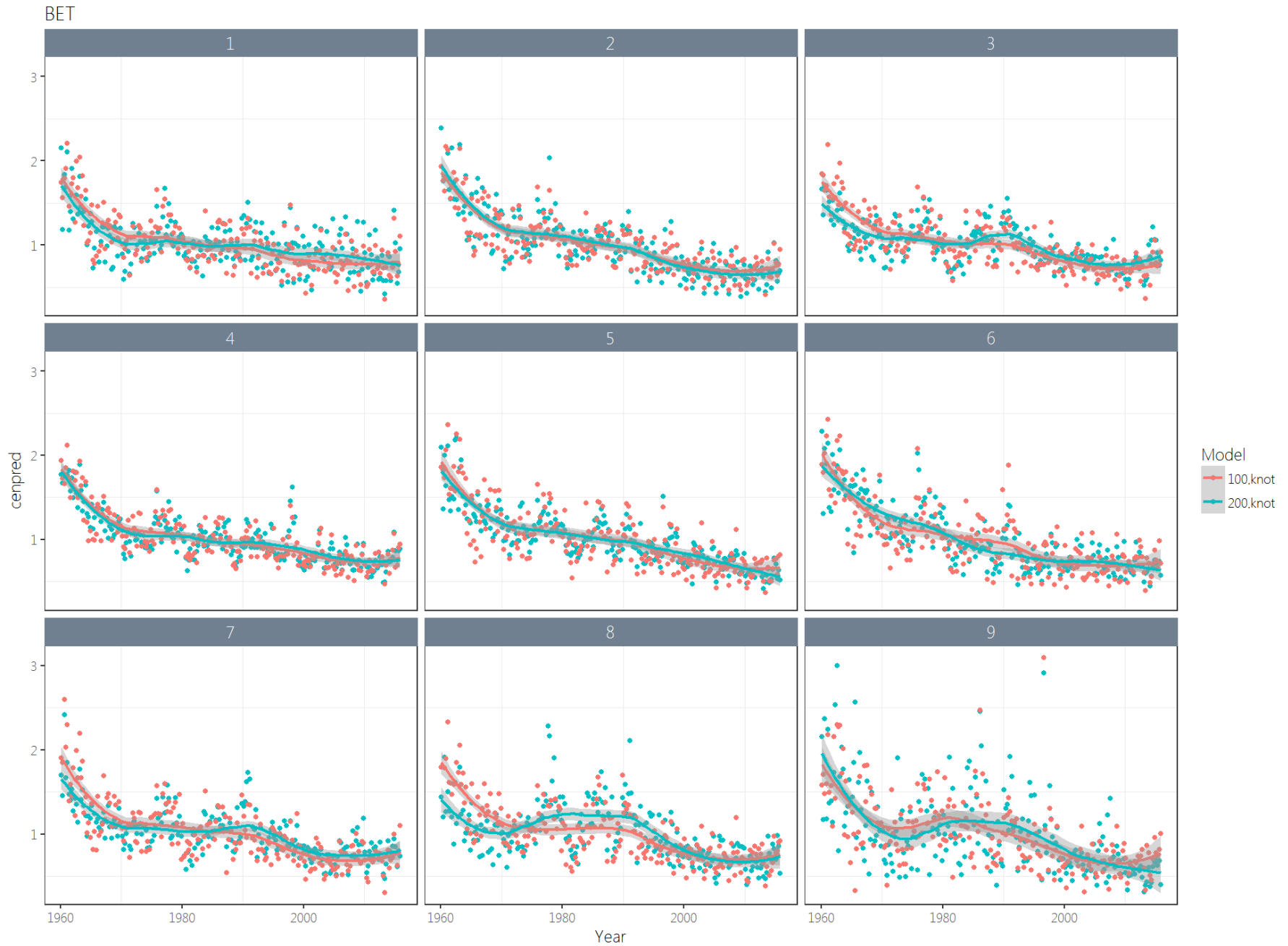




# Mesh structure at the edges matters



# # knots matters



# Inclusion of oceanography covariates in CPUE standardization

catchability vs. abundance

$$\text{CPUE} \sim \text{YrQtr} + [\dots] + \text{ocn-covar}$$



If the oceanography variable impacts abundance, we do not want it to be standardized against

- Collinearity between oceanography variables?

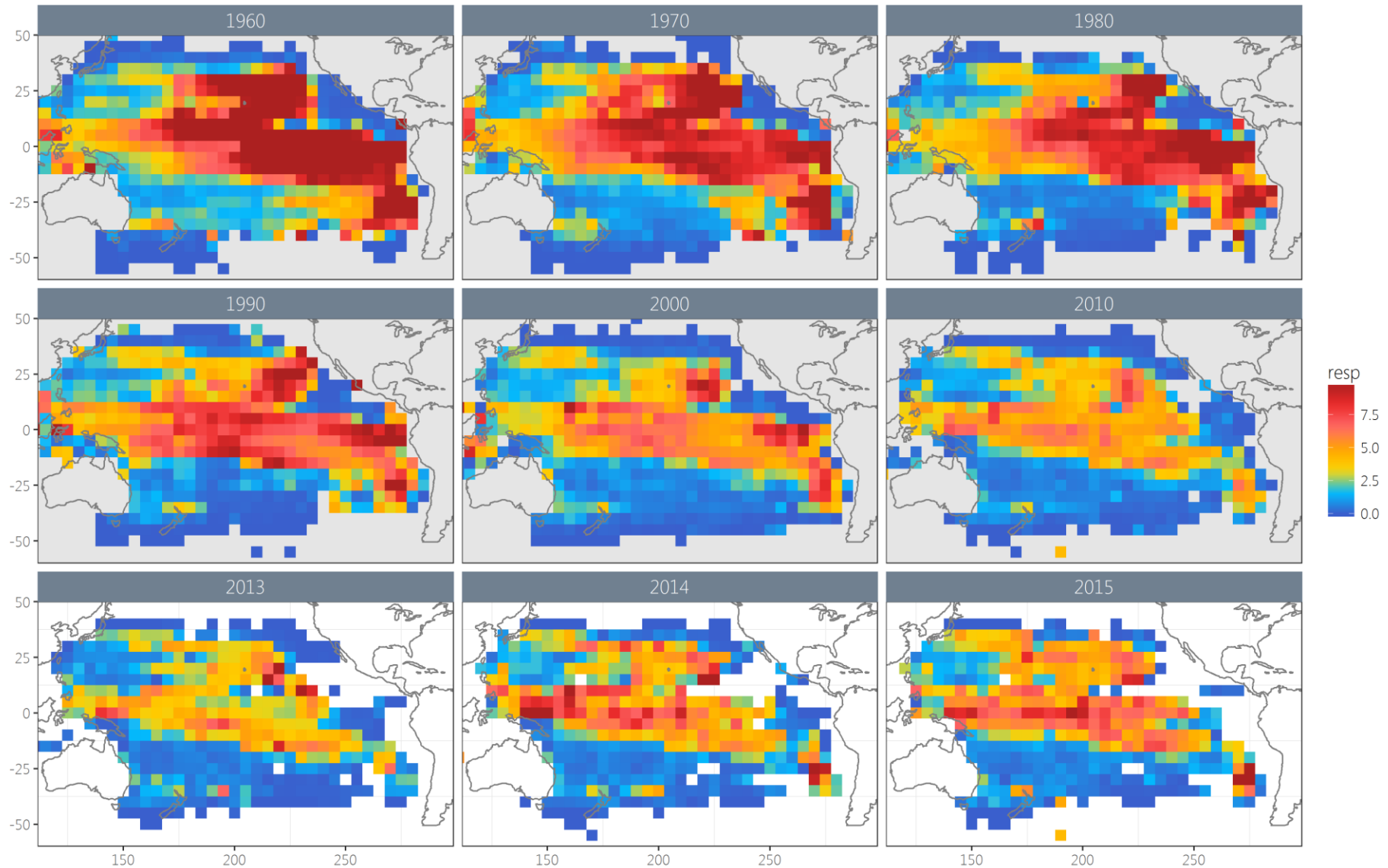
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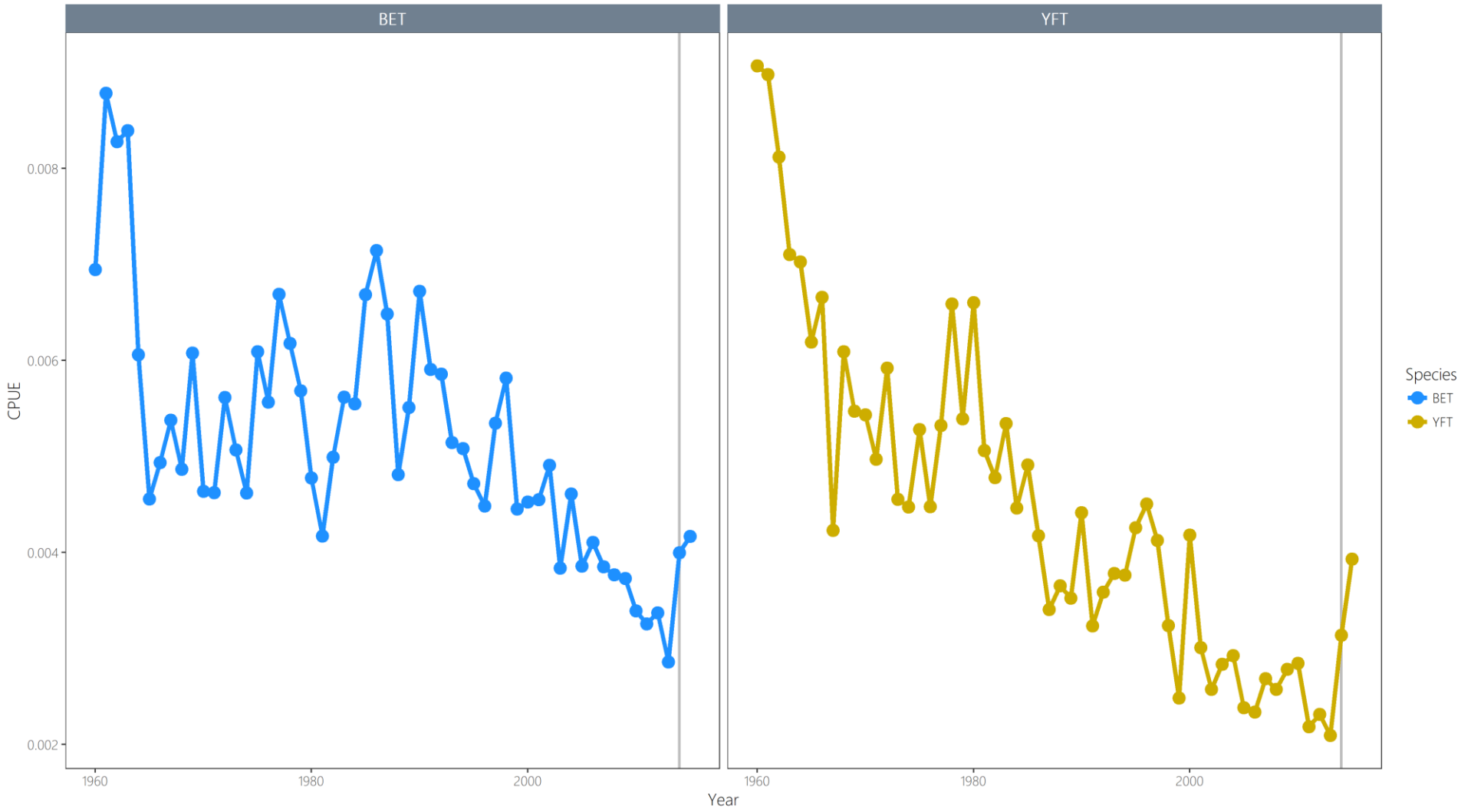
Non-linear relationship

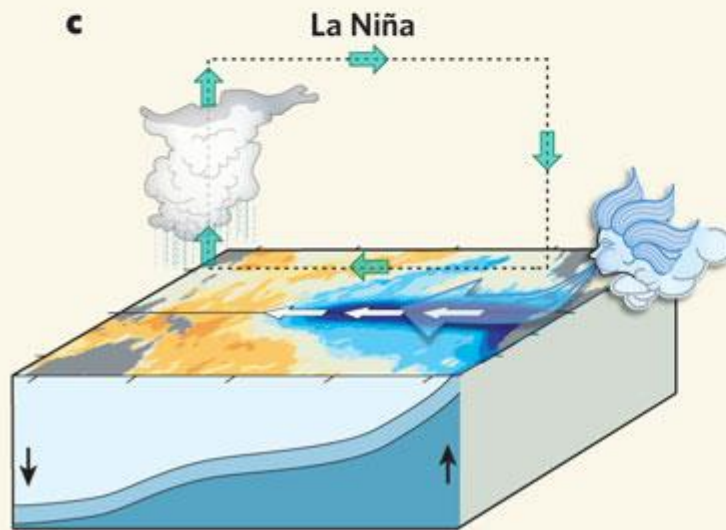
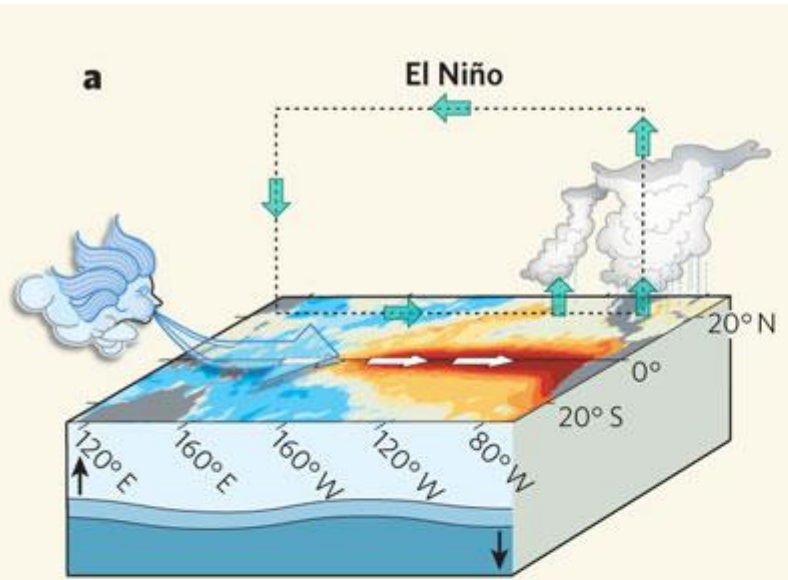


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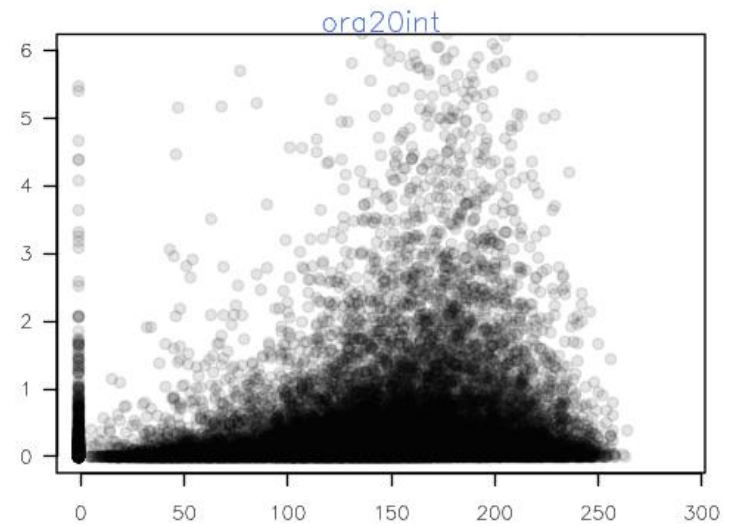
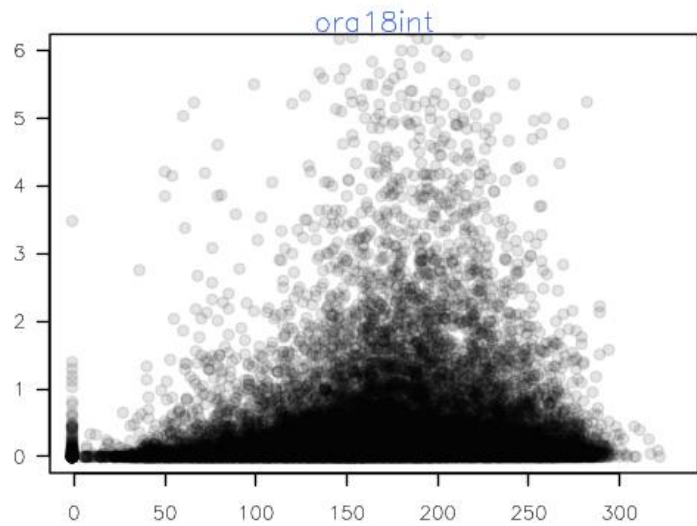
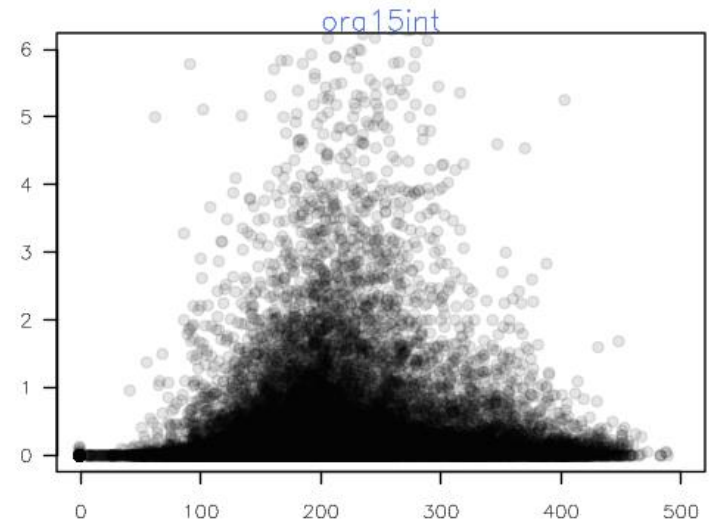
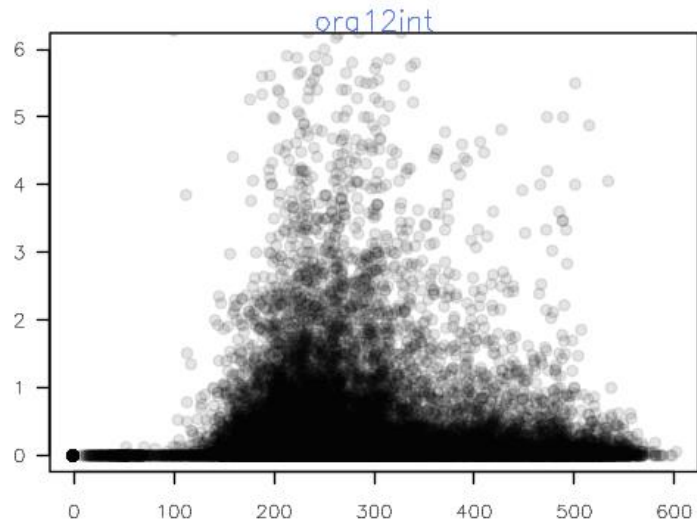
Aggregated bigeye CPUE (indivs/thousand hooks) (All flags)



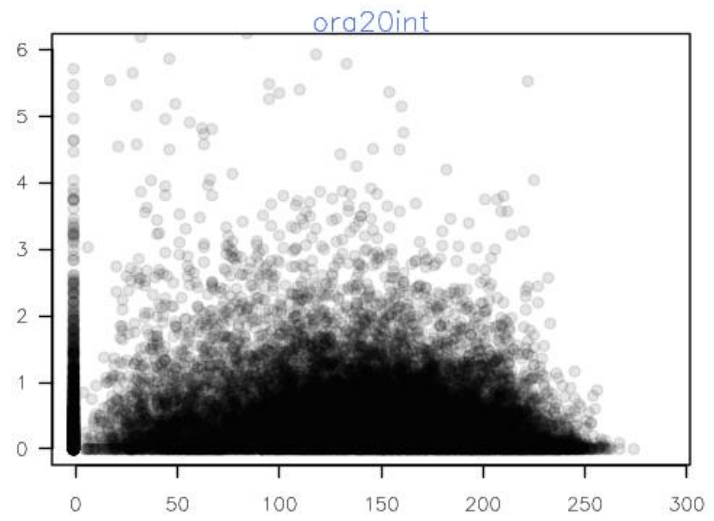
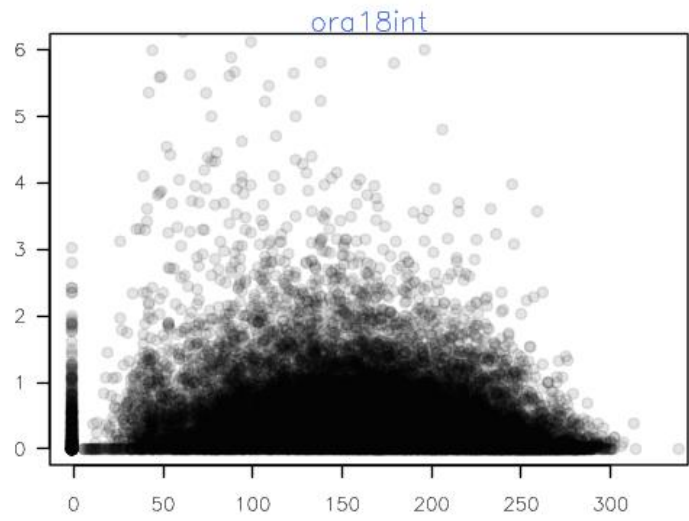
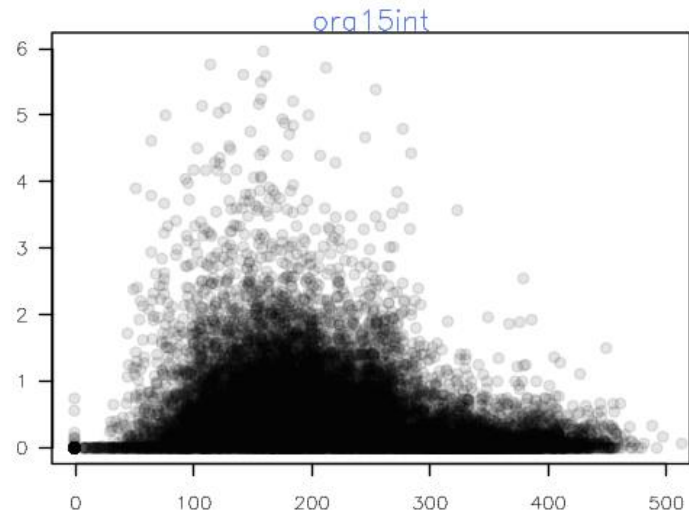
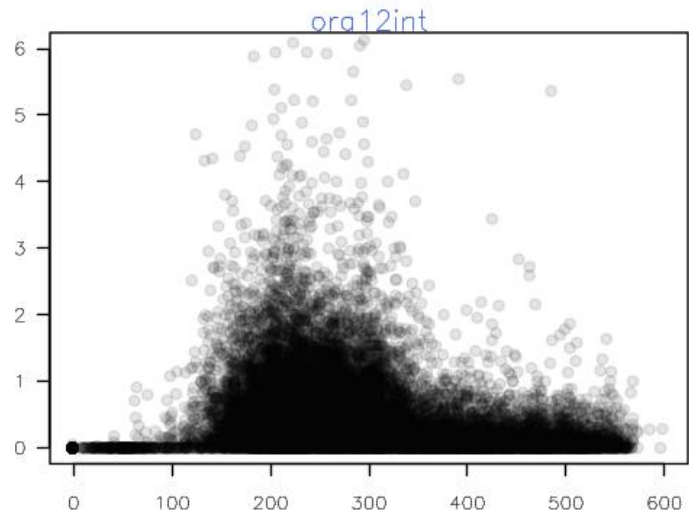




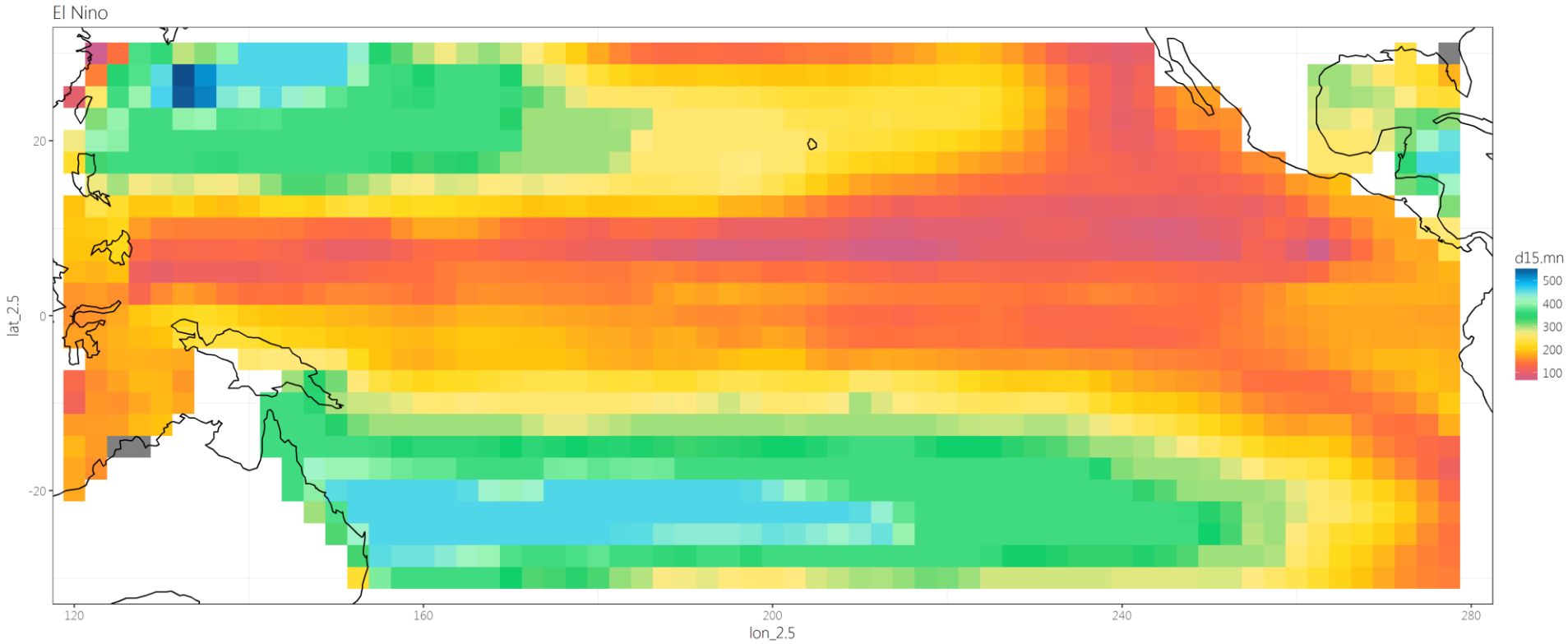
# yft\_cpue



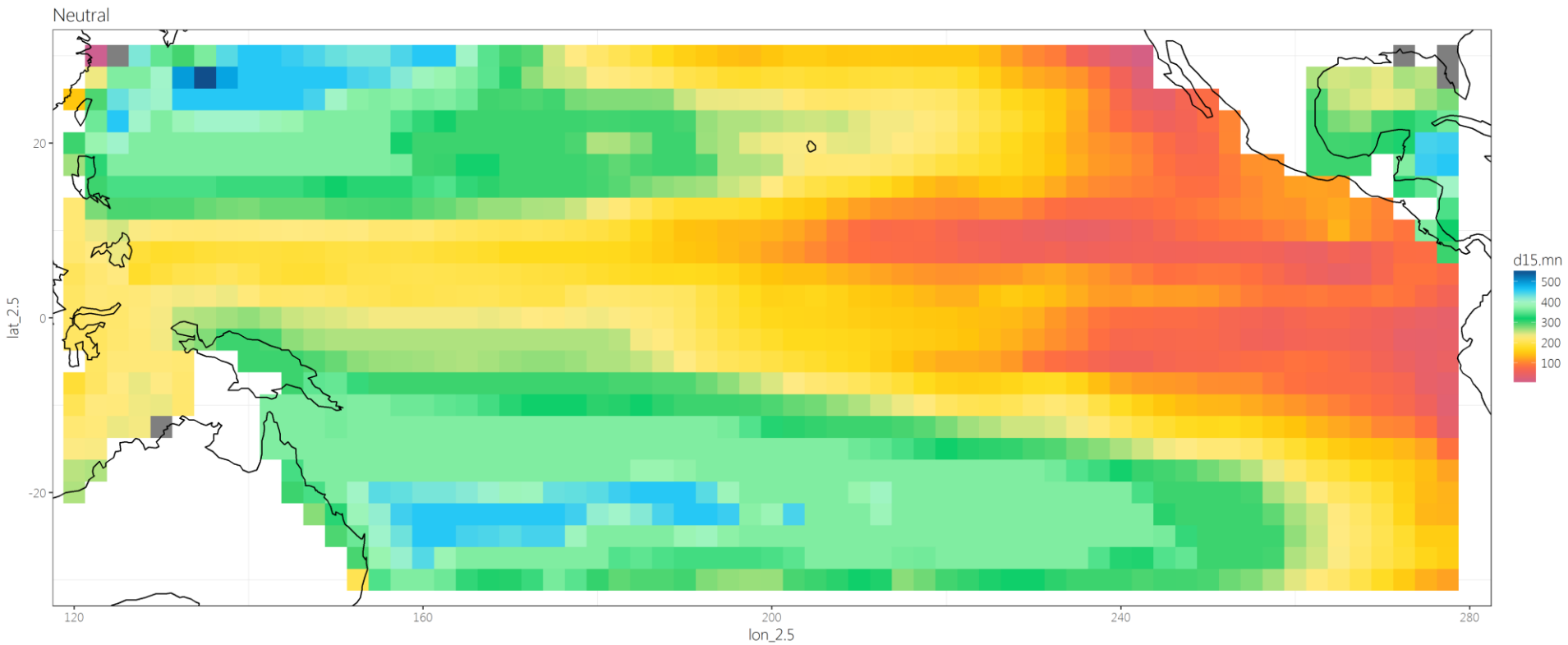
# bet\_cpue



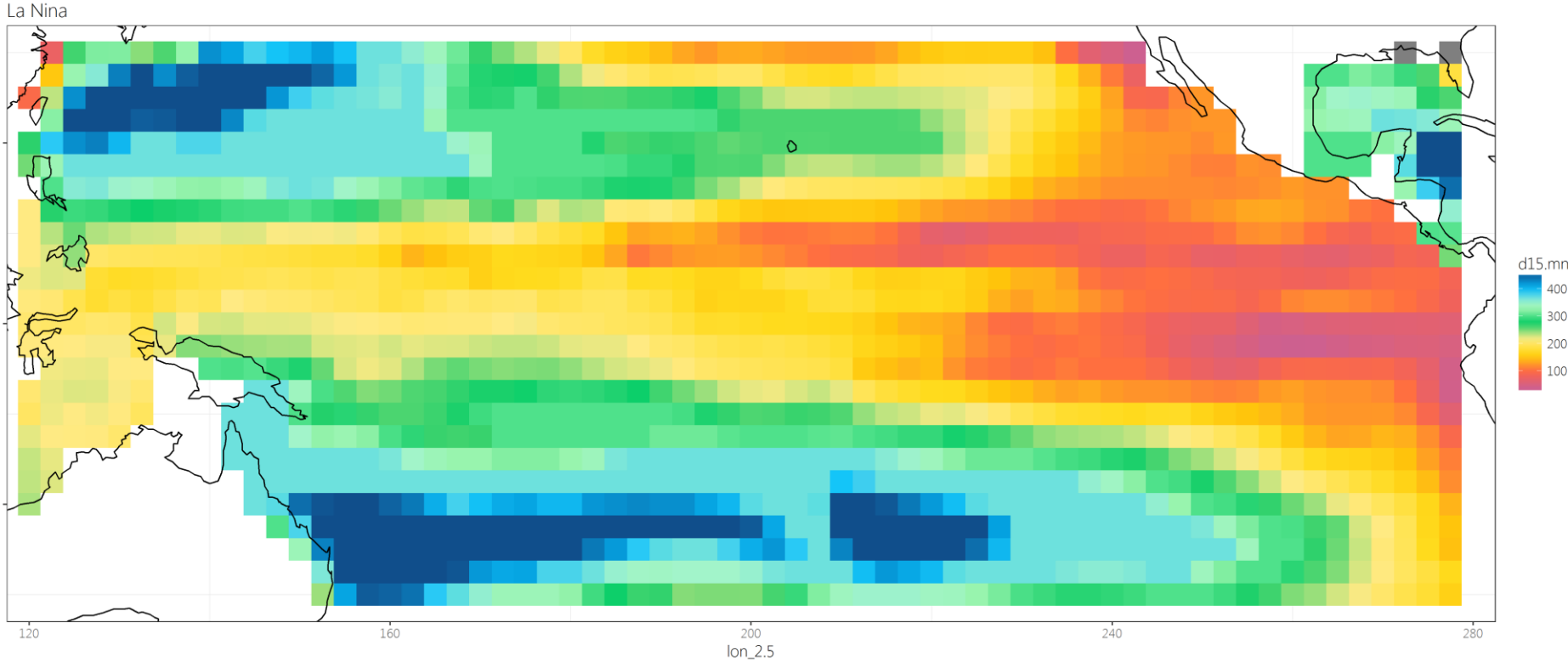
# Depth of 15<sup>th</sup> degree layer El Nino



# Neutral



# La Nina





# DIY custom VAST non-linear relationship

Steal design matrix from `mgcv::gam` (zero-centered)

```
if(add.iso) { ## create zero-centered model matrix for thermocline spline
  if(therm.knots<0) stop('therm.knots should be greater than 0')
  thermospl_i <- gam(dg[, 'Catch_KG'] ~ s(isoval, k=therm.knots+1), fit=FALSE)$X[,-1]
  # (...$X[,-1] = removing intercept term)
} else { ## model matrix filled with zero
  thermospl_i <- matrix(rep(0, length(r2k)), ncol=1)
}
```

Add your new covariate in the `.cpp`:

```
// Covariates
vector<Type> eta1_x = X_xj * gamma1_j.matrix();
vector<Type> zeta1_i = Q_ik * lambda1_k.matrix();
vector<Type> eta2_x = X_xj * gamma2_j.matrix();
vector<Type> zeta2_i = Q_ik * lambda2_k.matrix();
// Oceanography spline
vector<Type> therm1_i = thermospl_i * ocnspl1_i.matrix();
vector<Type> therm2_i = thermospl_i * ocnspl2_i.matrix();
vector<Type> delta1_i = thermodelta_i * deltaspl1_i.matrix();
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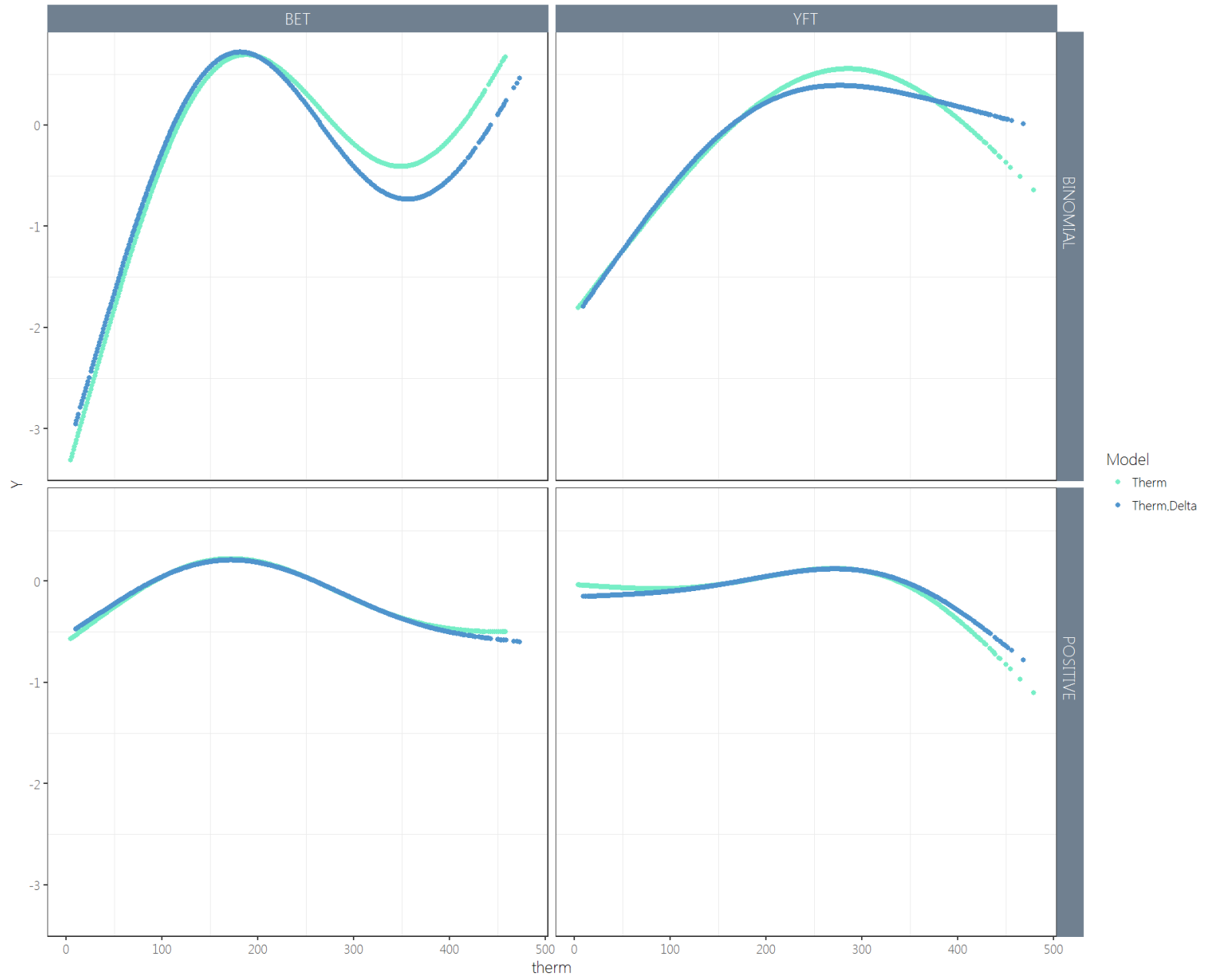
All the covariates go in the likelihood:

```
// Likelihood contribution from observations
for (int i=0;i<n_i;i++){
  // Presence-absence prediction
  P1_i(i) = beta1_t(t_i(i)) + Omega1_s(s_i(i)) + Epsilon1_st(s_i(i)
  R1_i(i) = invlogit( P1_i(i) );
  // Positive density prediction
  if( b_i(i)>0 | ObsModel(0)==5 | ObsModel(0)==6 ){ // 1e-500 ca
    P2_i(i) = beta2_t(t_i(i)) + Omega2_s(s_i(i)) + Epsilon2_st(s_i
    R2_i(i) = exp( P2_i(i) );
  }else{
    P2_i(i) = 0;
    R2_i(i) = 0;
  }
}
```

Only abundance covariates go in the predictions:

```
for(int t=0; t<n_t; t++){
  for(int x=0; x<n_x; x++){
    P1_xt(x,t) = beta1_t(t) + Omega1_s(x) + Epsilon1_st(x,t) + eta1
    R1_xt(x,t) = invlogit( P1_xt(x,t) );
    P2_xt(x,t) = beta2_t(t) + Omega2_s(x) + Epsilon2_st(x,t) + eta2
    if(ObsModel(0)==0 | ObsModel(0)==1 | ObsModel(0)==2 | ObsModel(0)
    if(ObsModel(0)==11 | ObsModel(0)==12) R2_xt(x,t) = SigmaM(1)*exp
```

# Thermocline as a catchability covariate only = Hmmm.



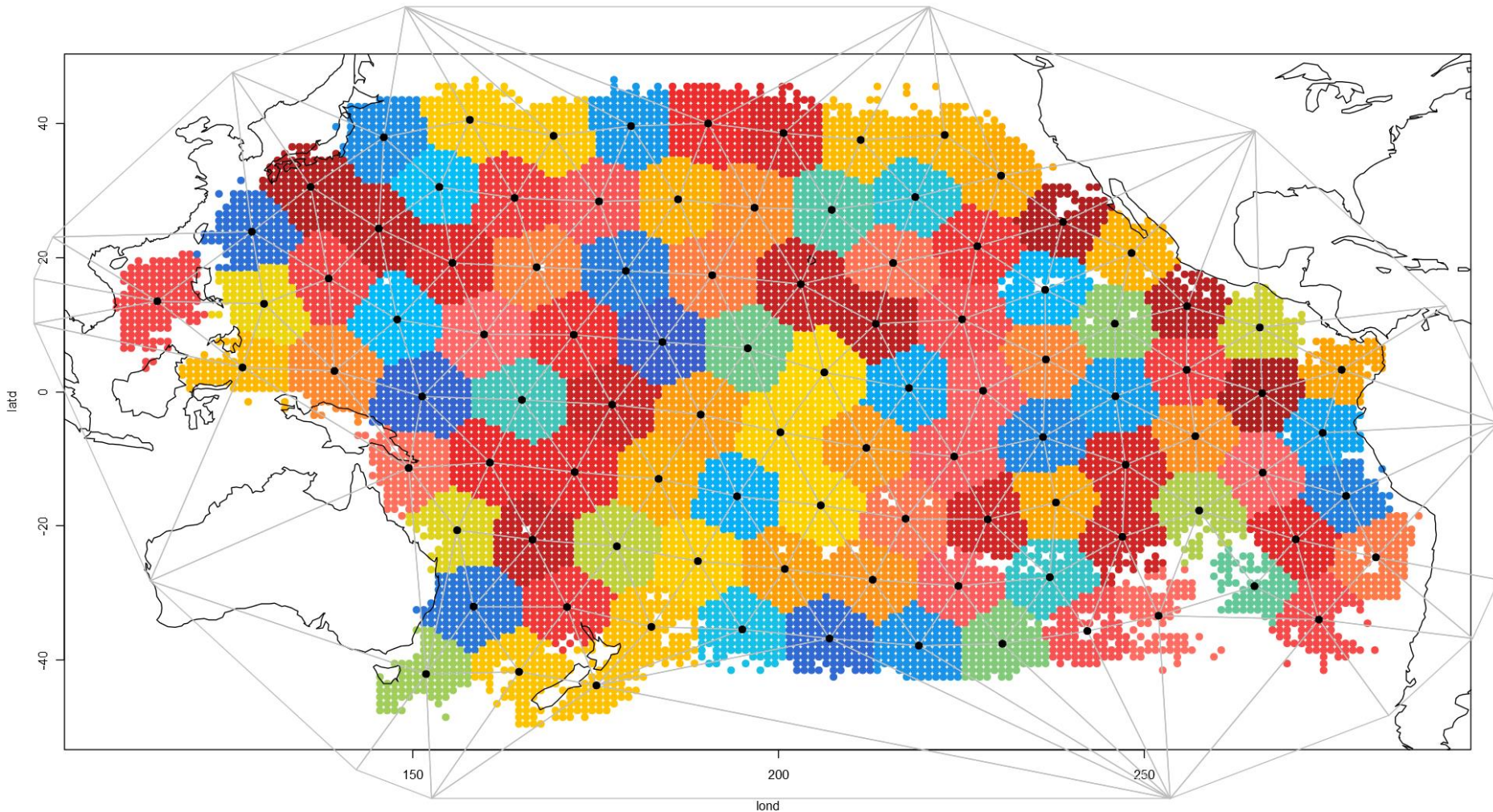
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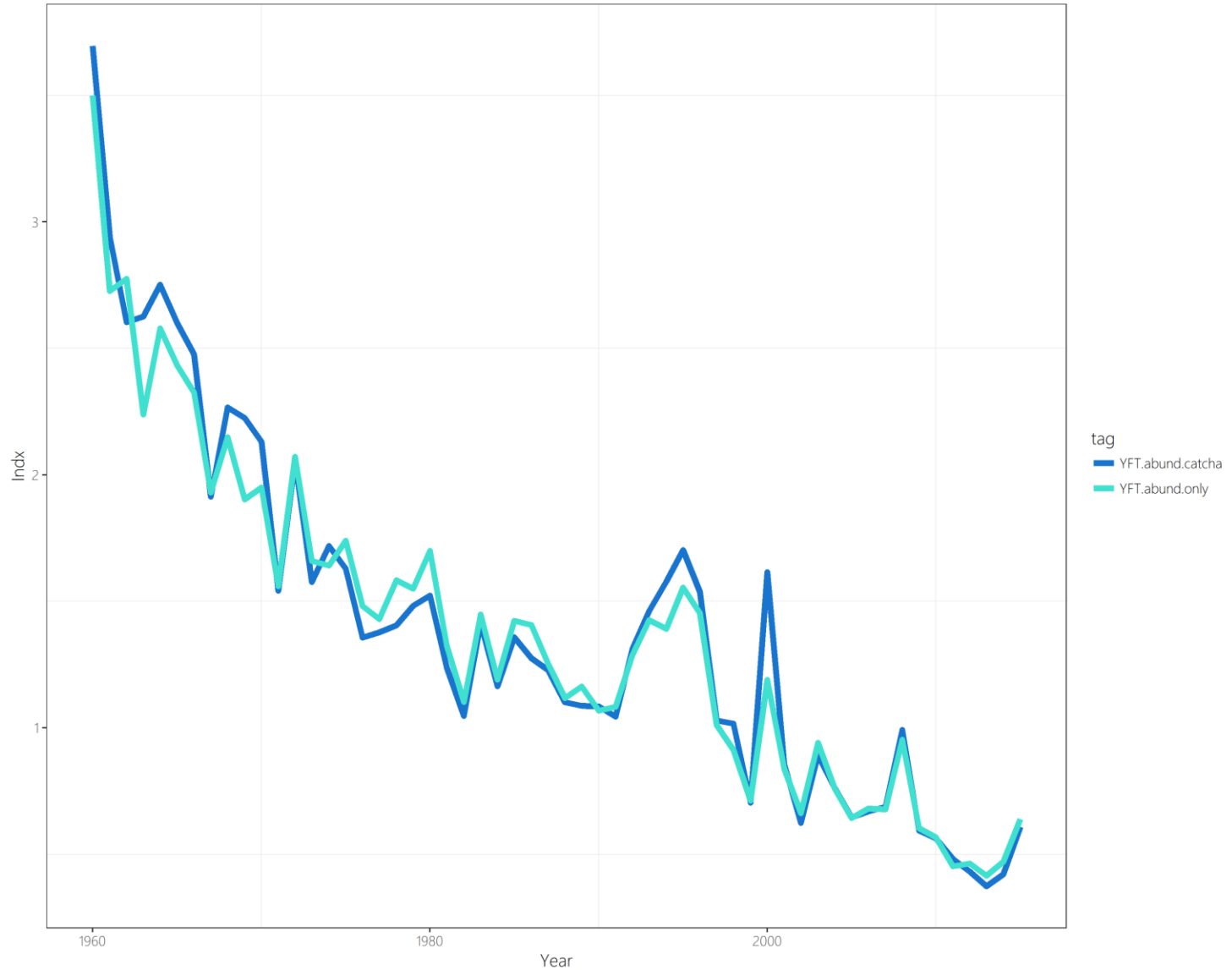
$\text{resp} \sim \text{YrQtr} + \dots + f(\text{knot}_i) + f(\text{knot}_i, \text{YrQtr})$

[...] can be any other covariate

Error distribution: delta-log-normal

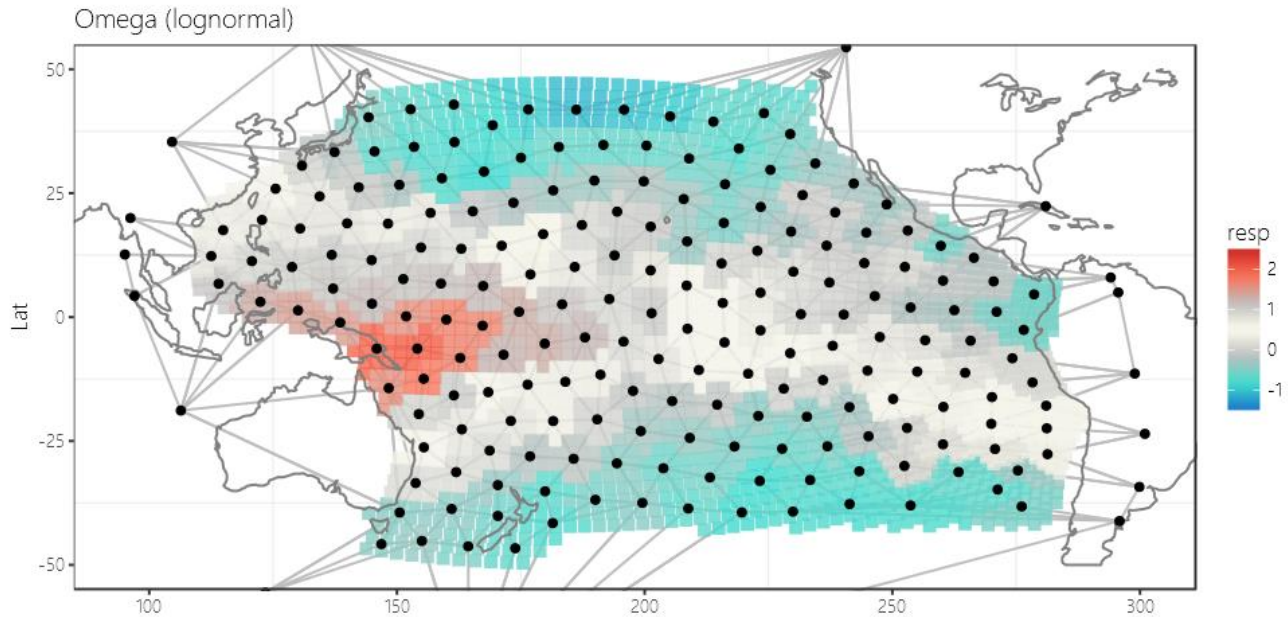
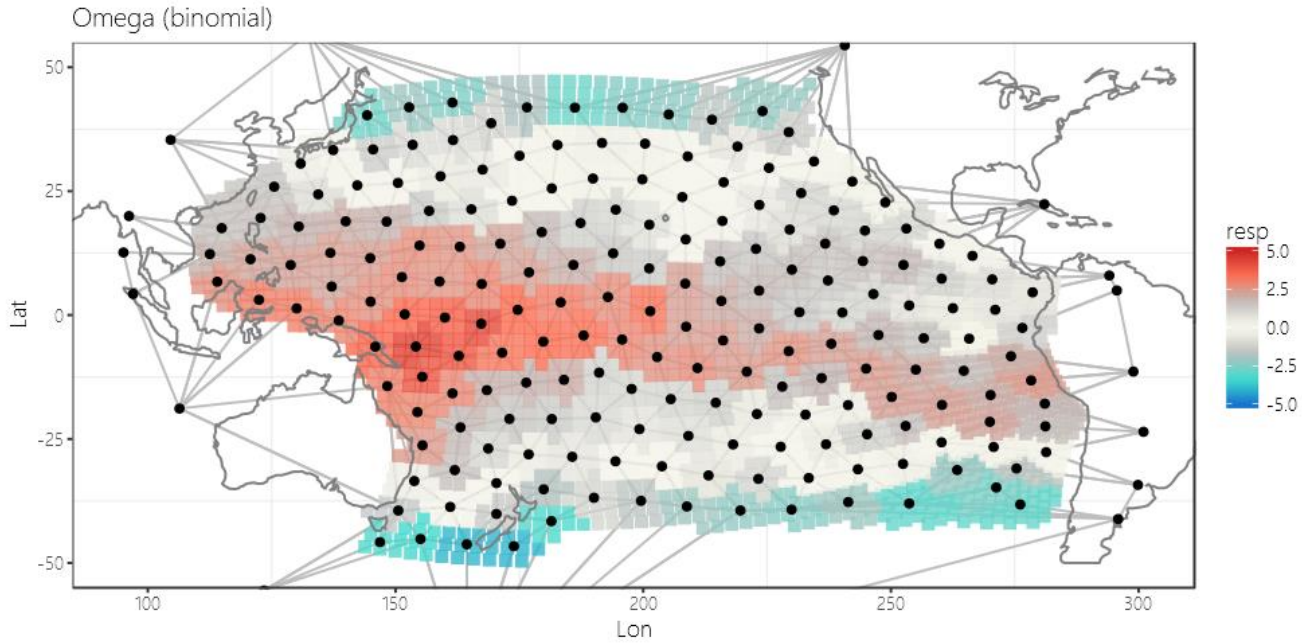


# YFT: Thermocline as a catchability covariate + SST.m1 as an abundance covariate



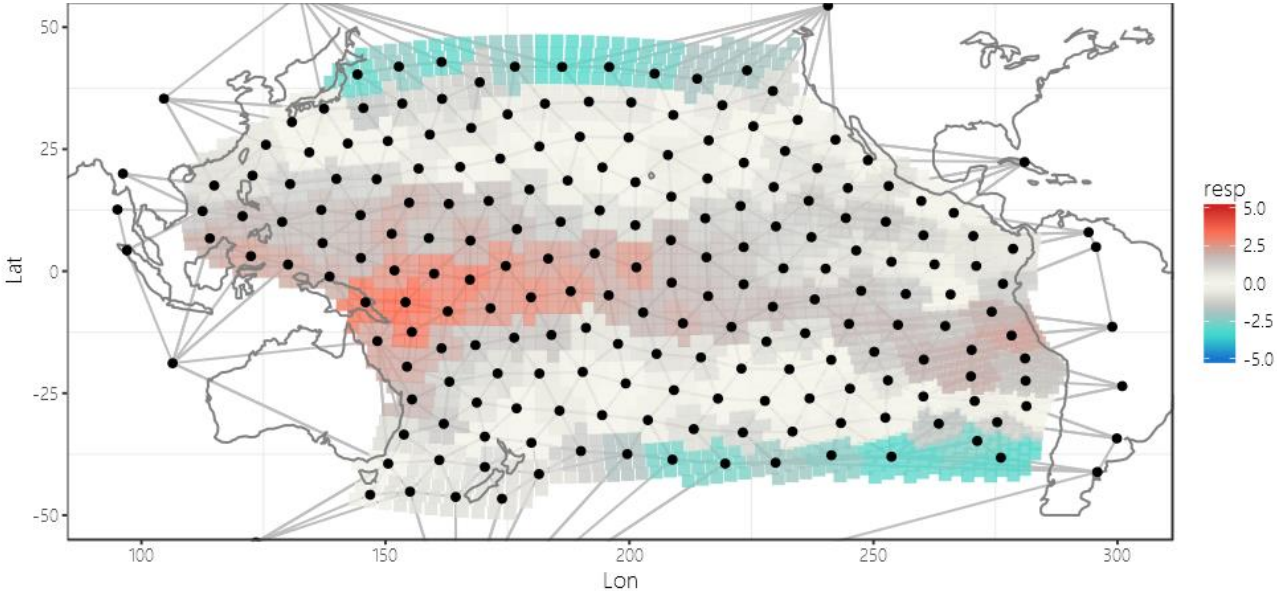
YFT:

SST.m1 as abundance covariate, **no** catchability covariate

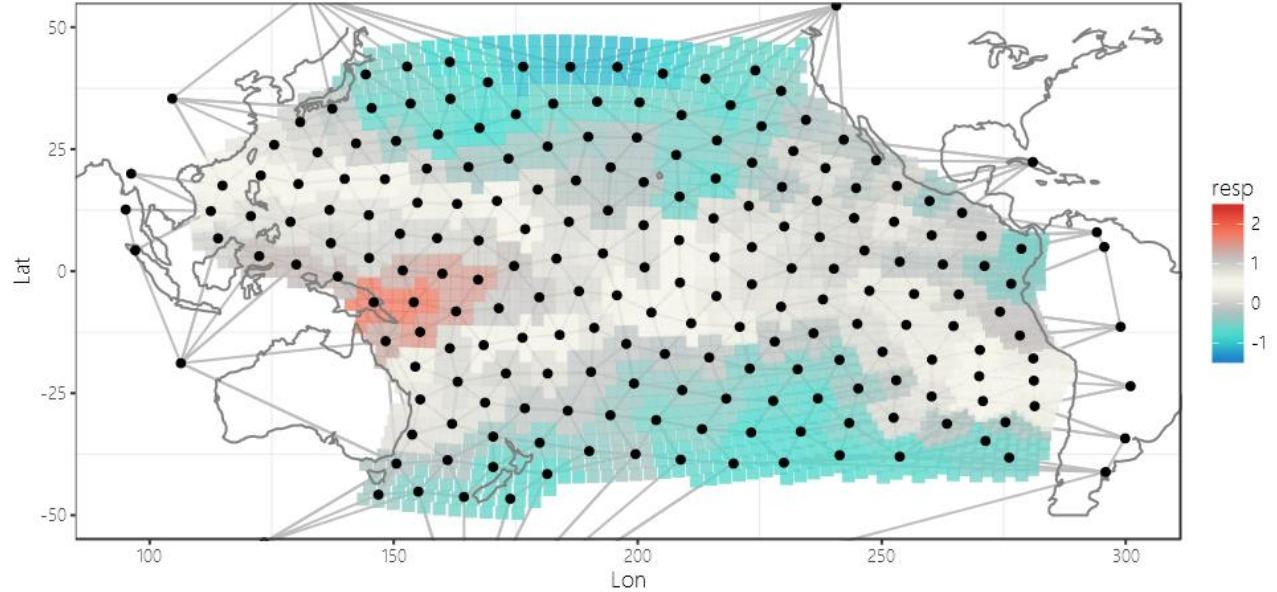


# Yellowfin tuna:

SST.m1 as abundance cov., **with** depth of 20C as catchability covariate



Omega (lognormal)

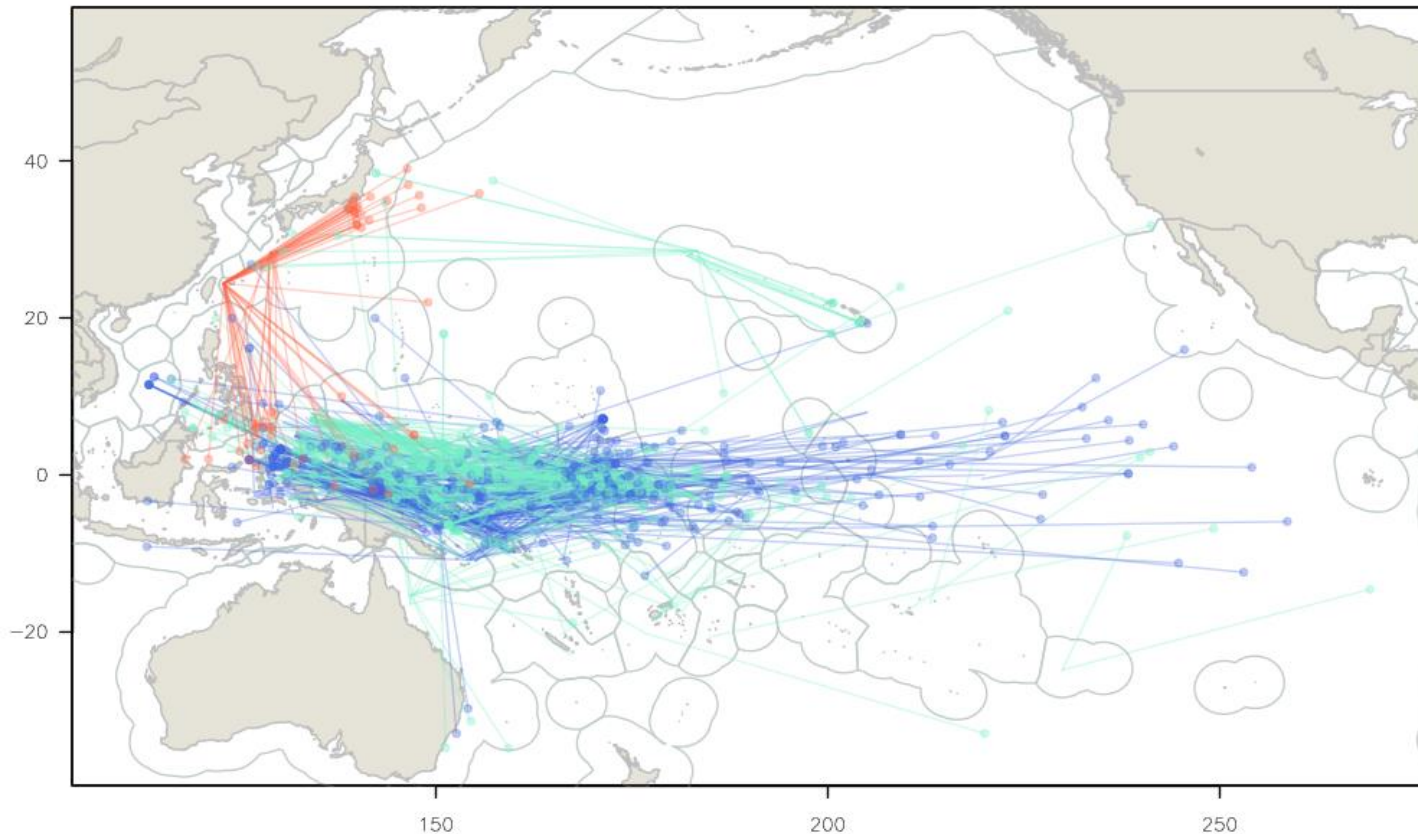


# Plot twist...!

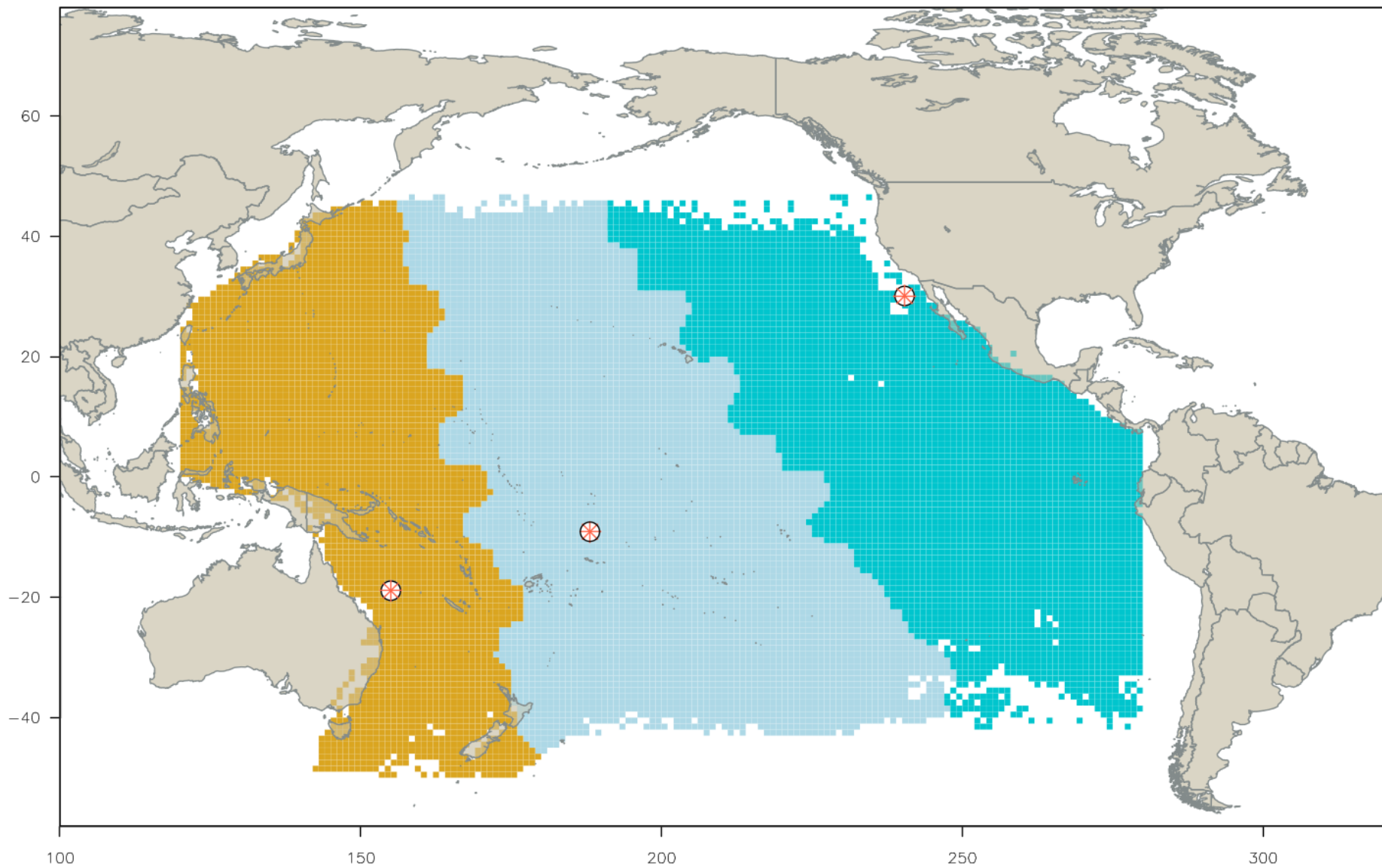
Regional or local abundance covariate?

SST from set location vs. regional trends in SST (recruitment)?

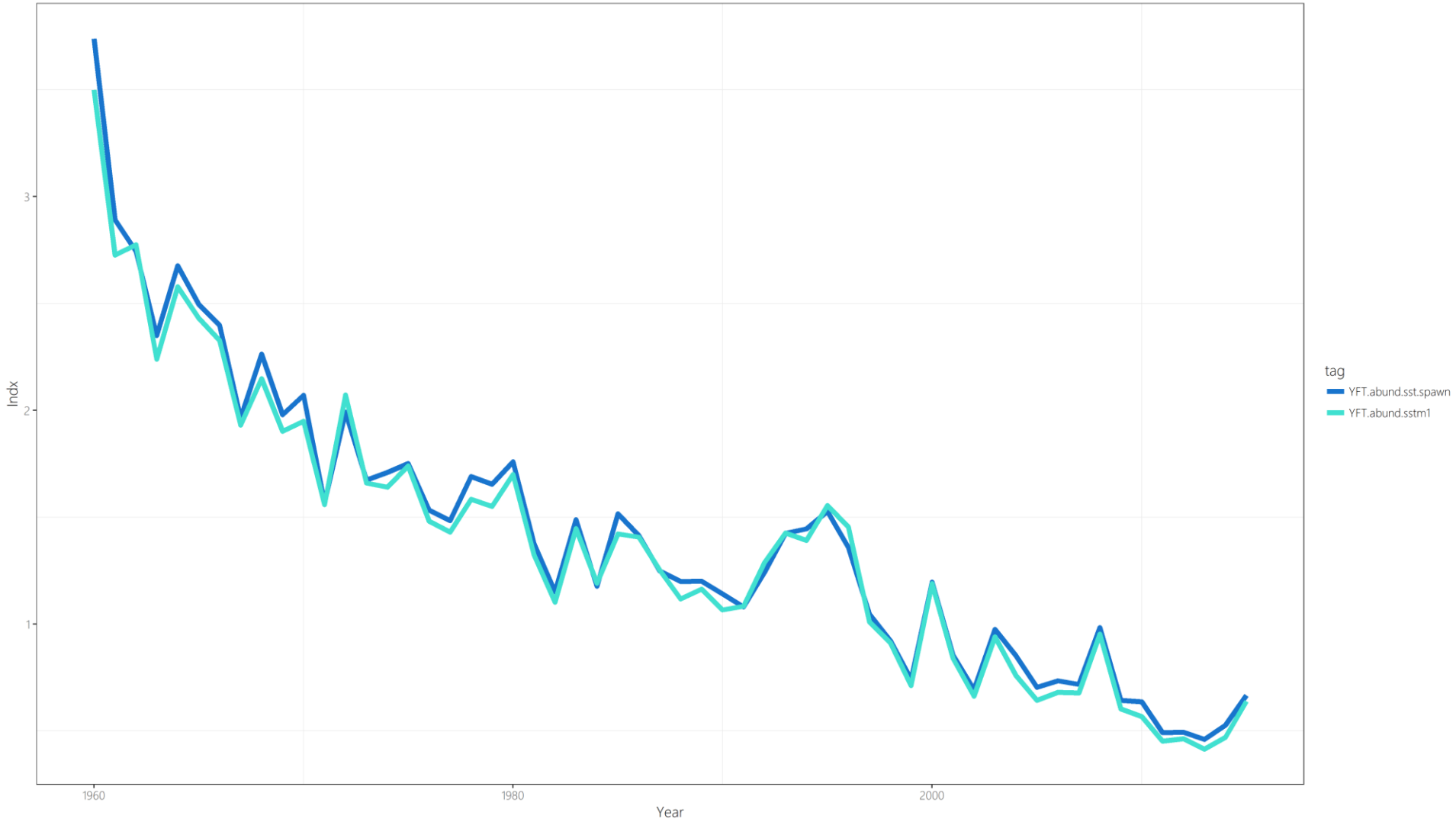
YFT tag recaptures > 1000nm:



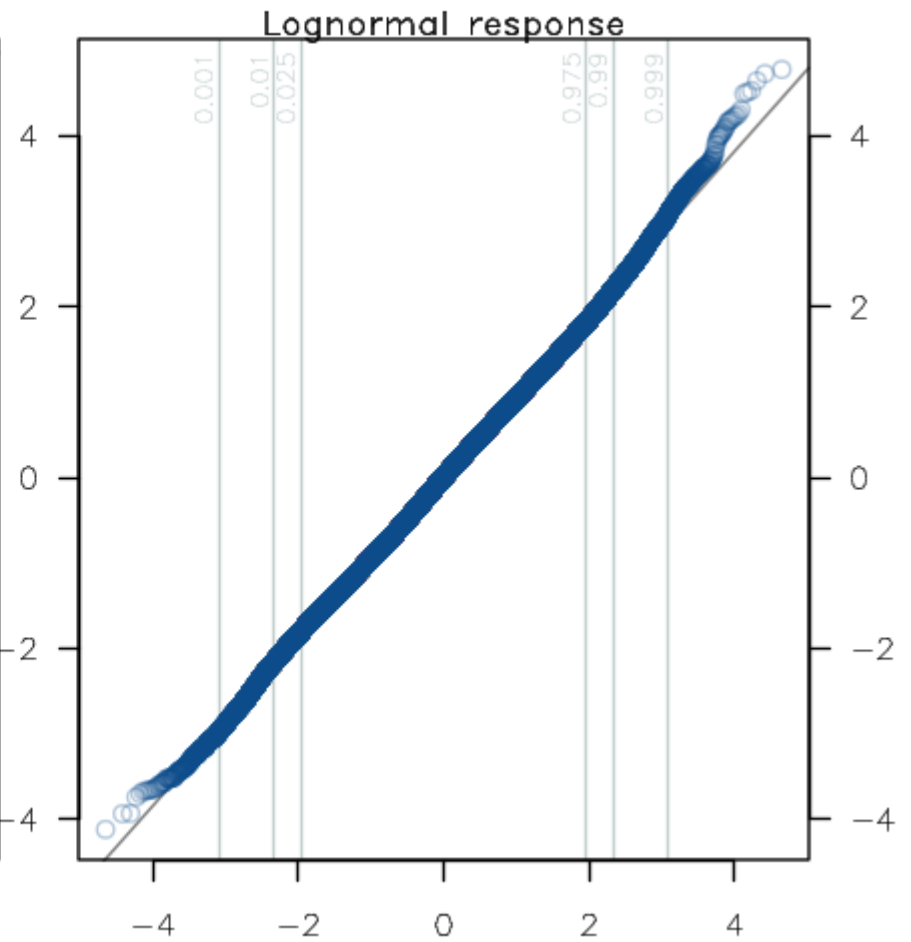
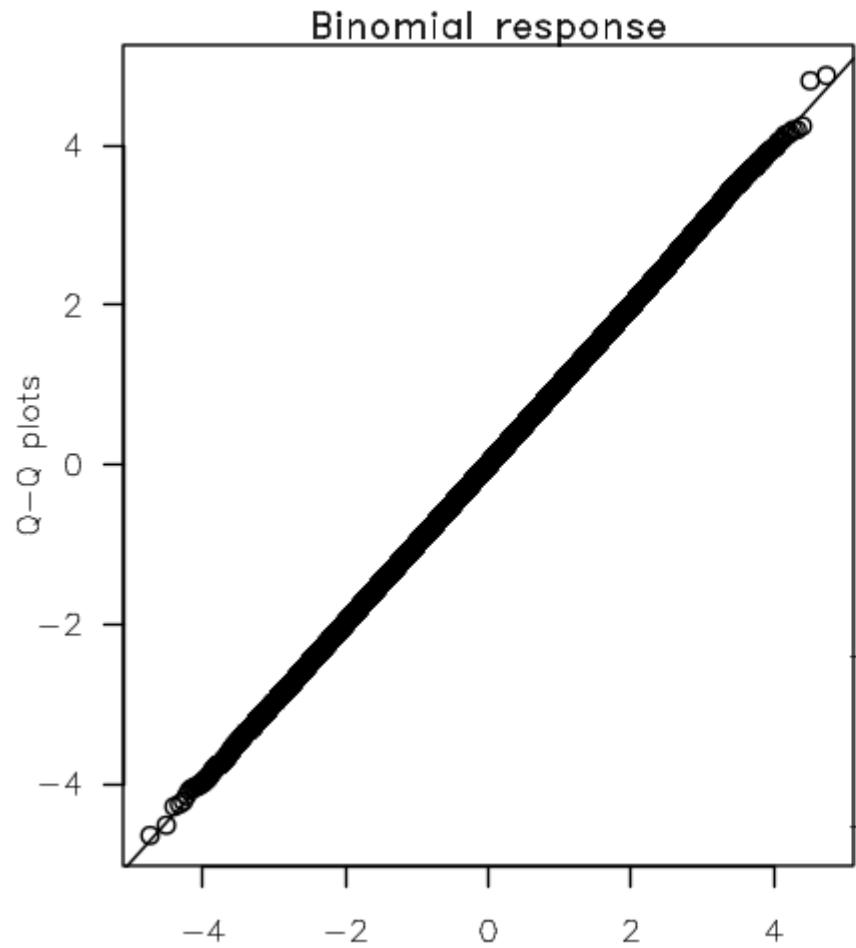




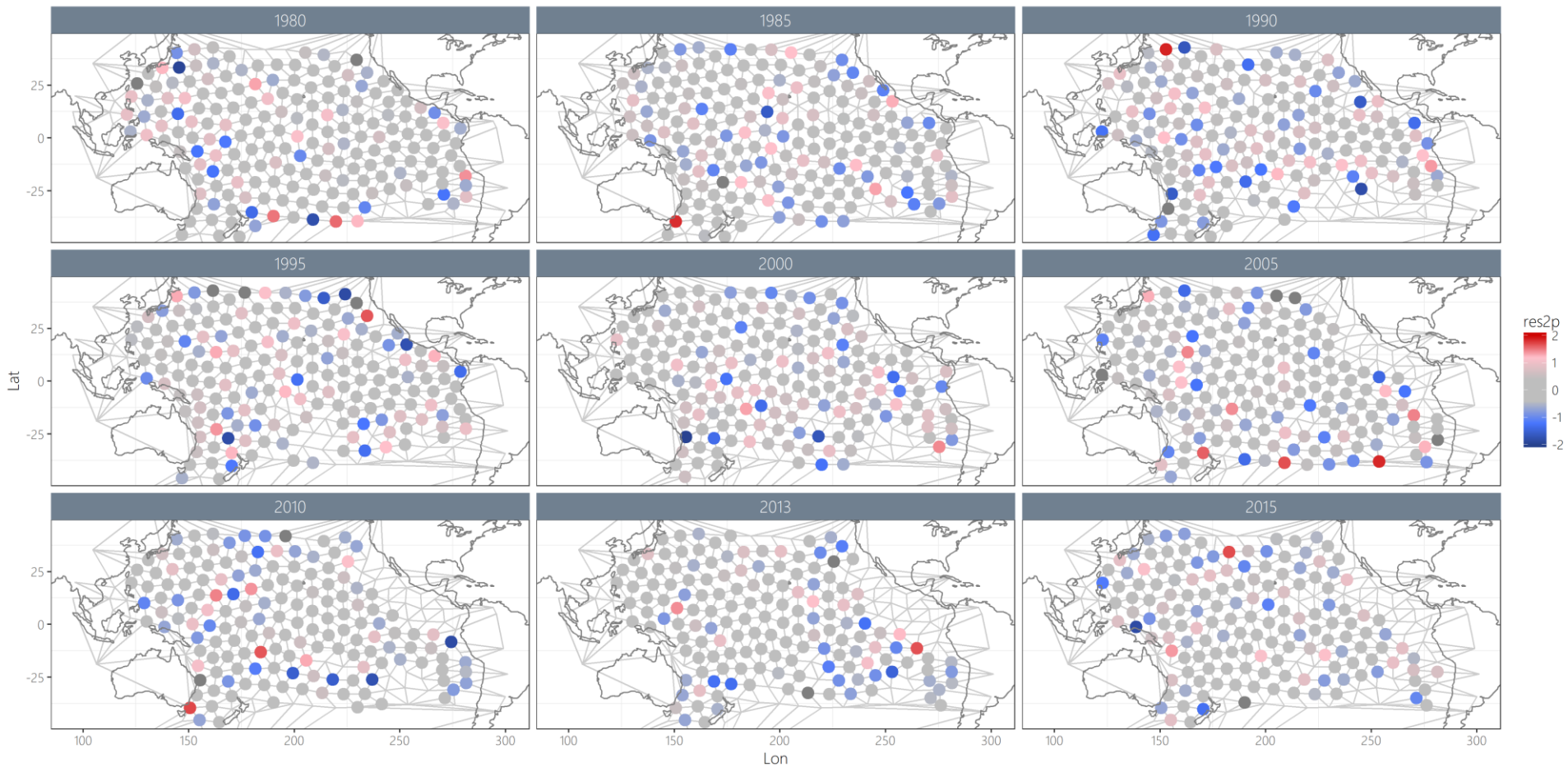
Pacific-wide Yellowfin standardized index



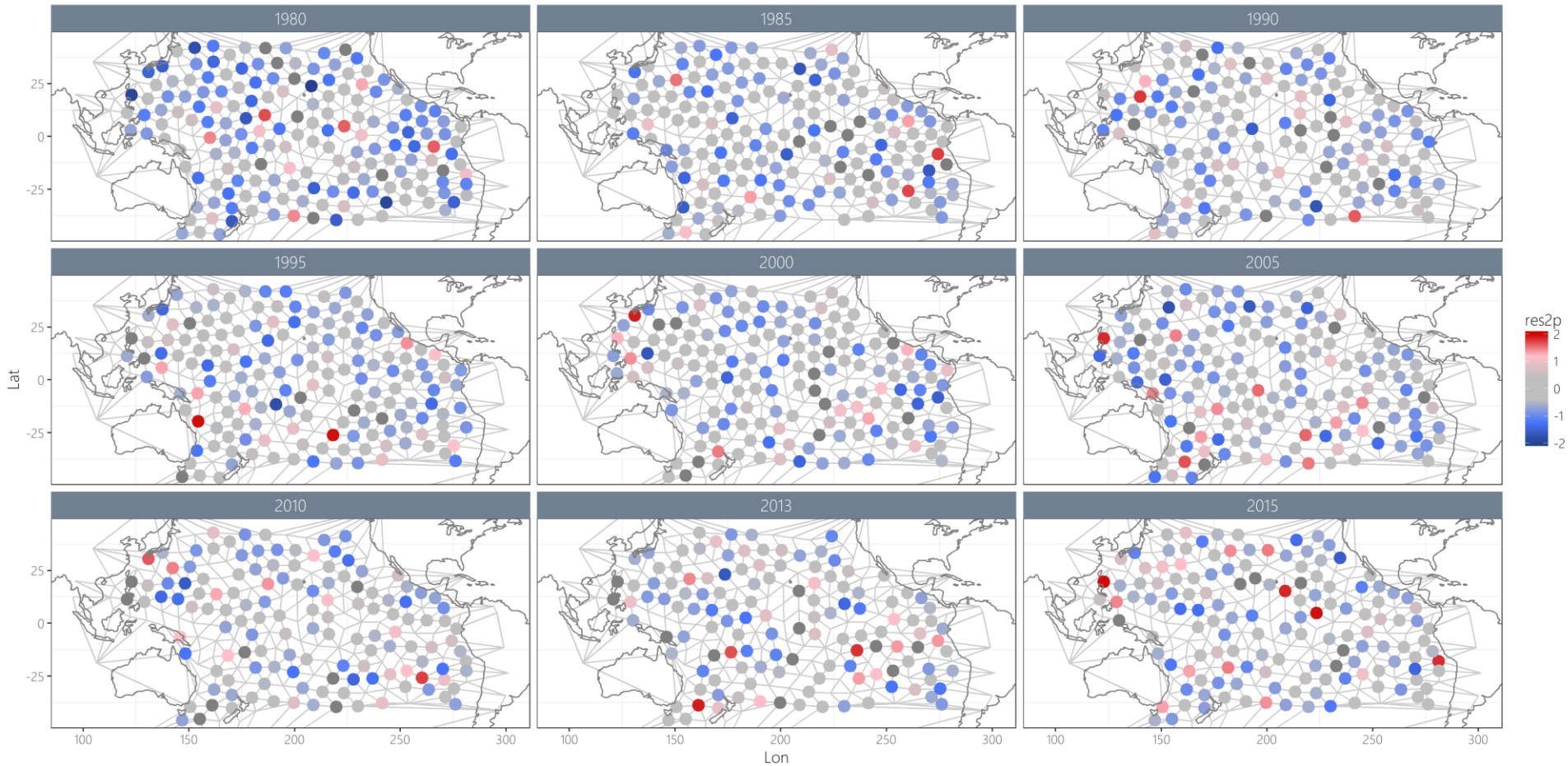
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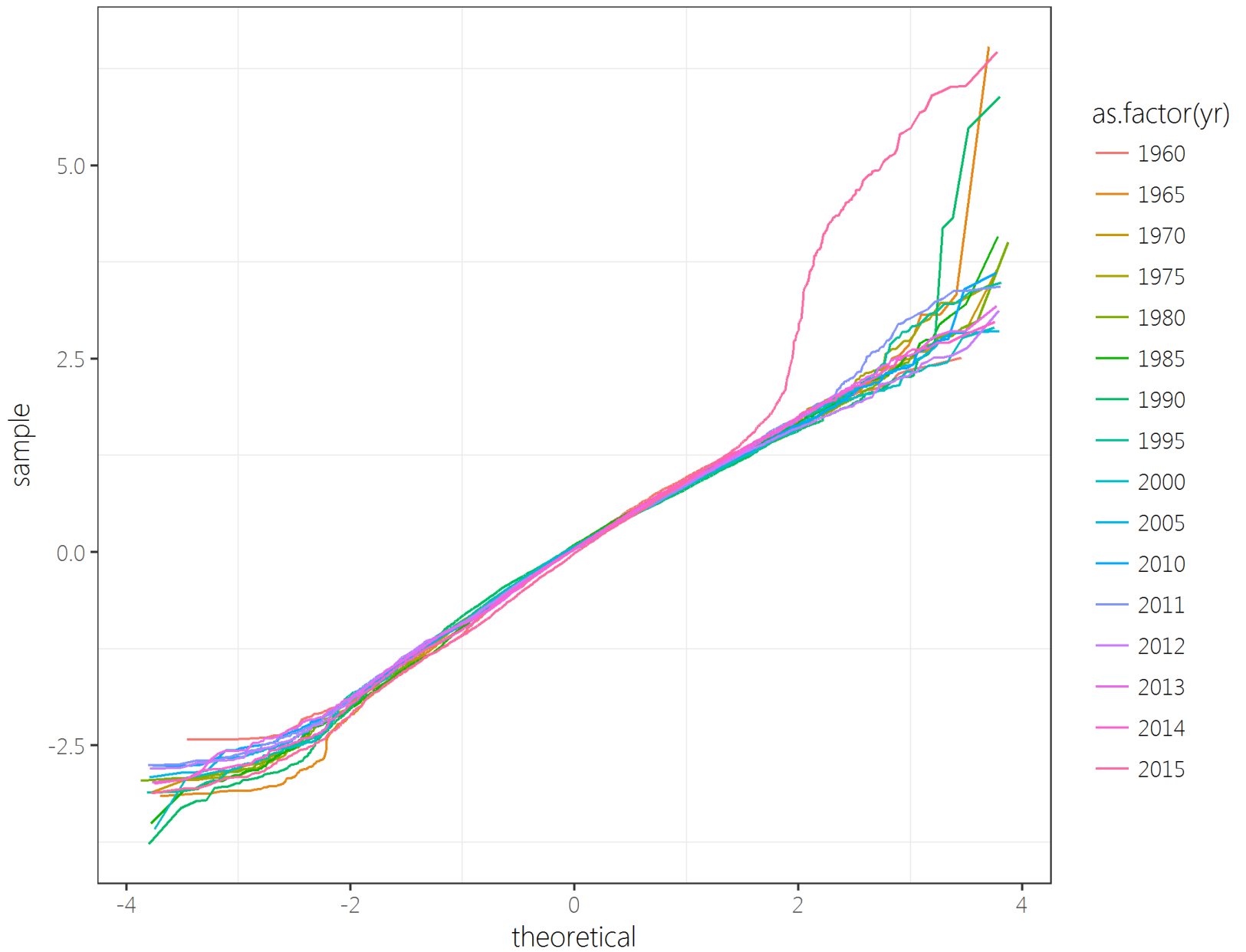


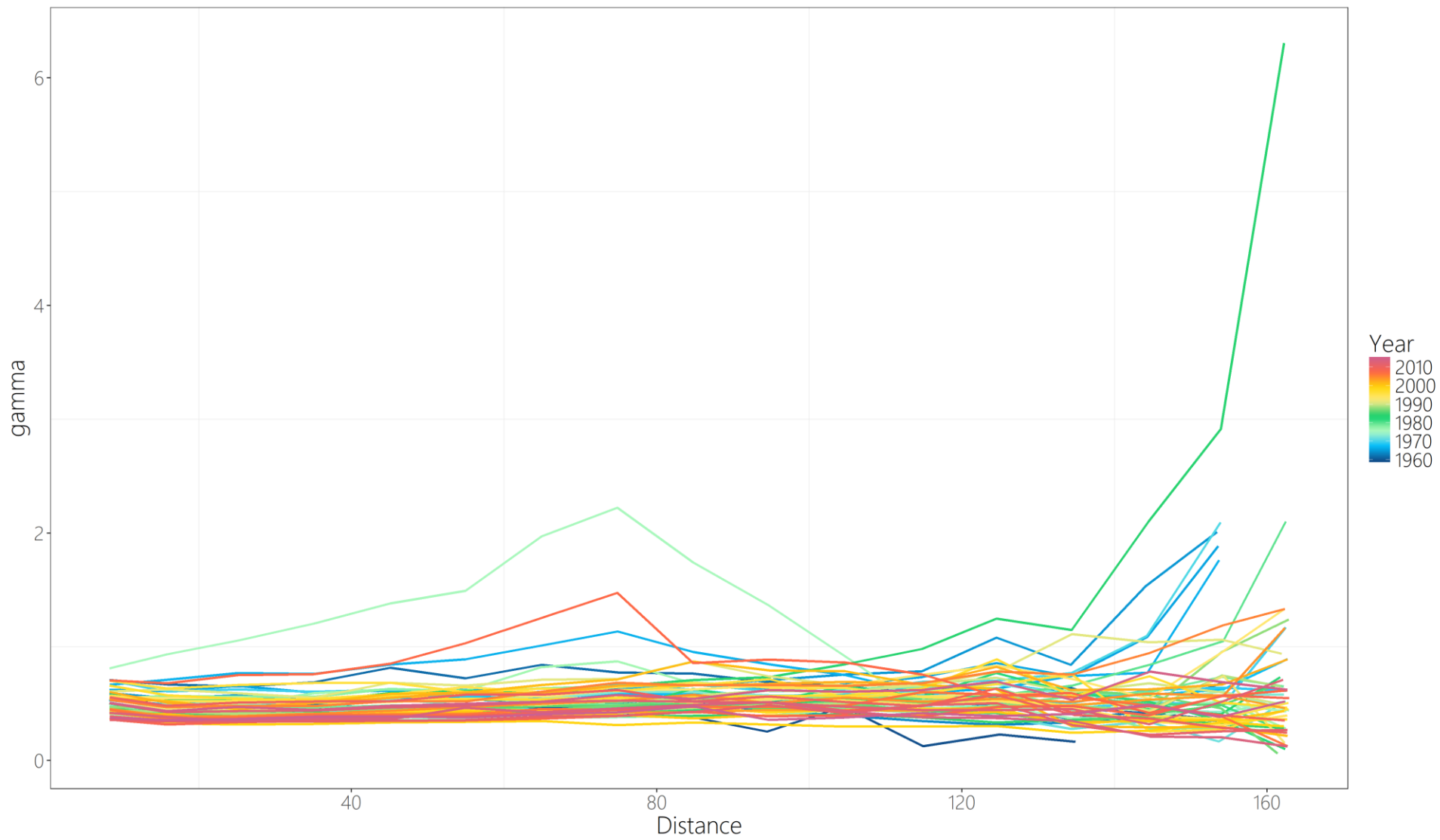
Binomial residuals (197 knots, 2.5km grid size, 10000 observations)



Positive residuals (193 knots, 2.5km grid size, 10000 observations)







# **Spatio-temporal CPUE indices:**

Moving from surveys to fisheries dependent:  
where to next?

Preferential sampling (...over covariates?)

Density vs. catchability covariates (confounding of spatial variables)

Diagnostics and model selection

Mesh/correlation relationships:  
rules of thumb via simulation models?