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# A Guide to Using ss3diags for Model Evaluation

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# What is ss3diags?

- Functions for applying advanced model diagnostics to SS models
- [R package](#)
- Works with SS models of varying degrees of complexity

The screenshot shows the documentation page for the `ss3diags` R package. At the top, there are tabs for "ss3diags 2.0.1", "Reference", and "Changelog". The main heading is "ss3diags". Below this, a note states: "NOTE: This is the PIFSCstockassessments fork of the main ss3diags repository." The "Build Status" section explains that the R package enables users to apply advanced diagnostics to evaluate a Stock Synthesis model, including residual analyses, hindcasting, and cross-validation techniques. It also mentions a handbook with detailed user guidelines for advanced model diagnostics. A list of tasks includes: "Do log-likelihood profiling for R0", "Run the ASPM diagnostic", "Conduct iterative hindcasts for retrospective analysis with forecasts", and "Do Jitter tests". The "Installation" section notes that the package is not currently supported on CRAN and provides instructions to install the development version from GitHub using the `remotes` package. The code snippets show: 

```
# install.packages("remotes")
remotes::install_github("PIFSCstockassessments/ss3diags")
```

 and 

```
library(ss3diags)
```

. The "Applying ss3diags for Model Diagnostics" section is partially visible. On the right side, there are links for "Browse source code", "Report a bug", "License", "Community", "Citation", "Developers", and "Dev status". The "Dev status" shows "R-CMD-check" as "passing".

# Motivation for ss3diags

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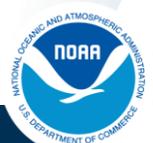
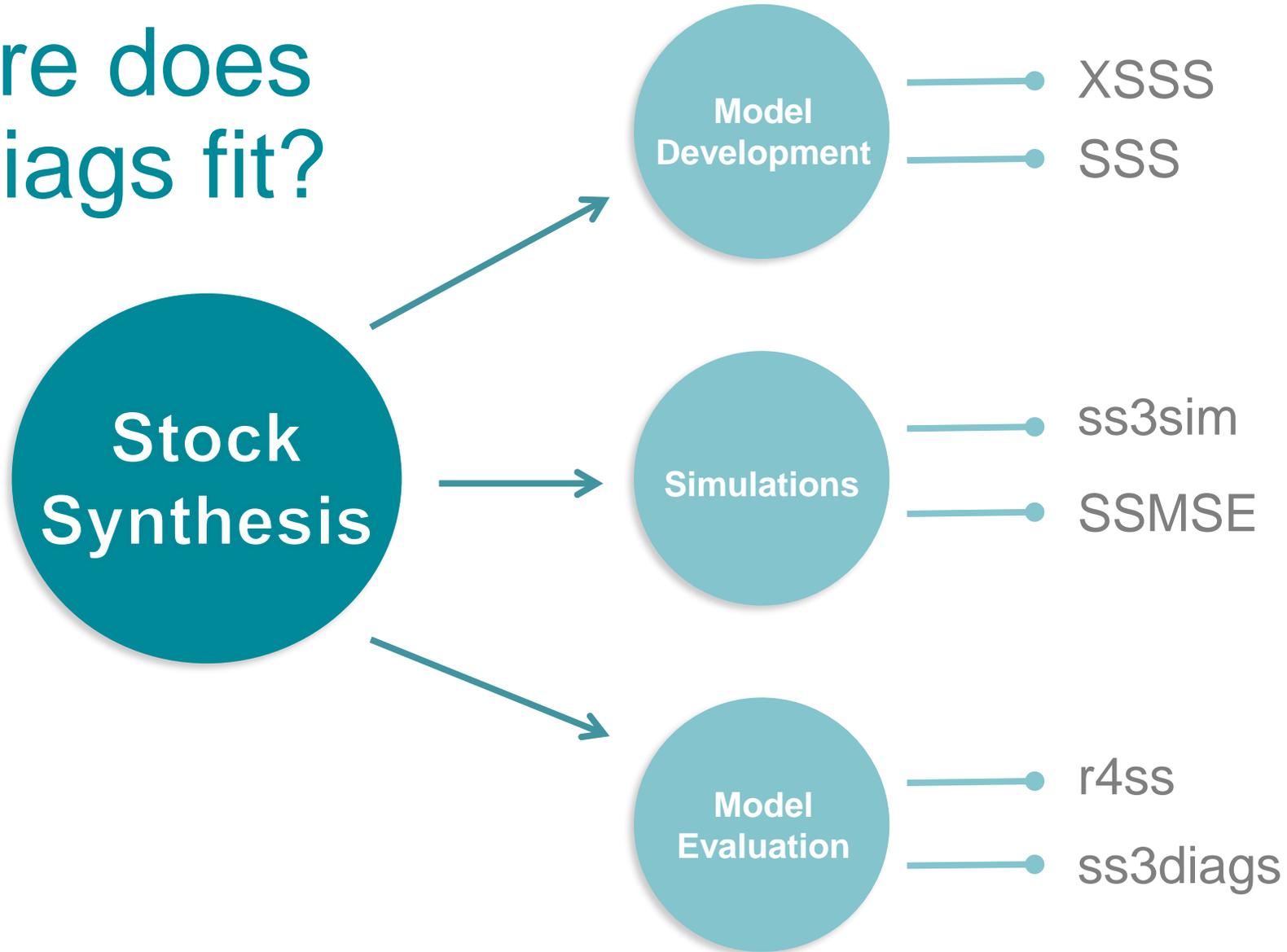
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*“Enable efficient implementation of the presented diagnostics with Stock Synthesis”*



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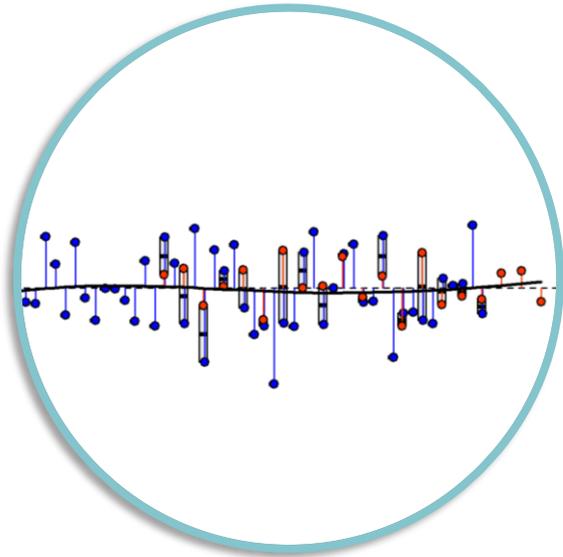
# Where does ss3diags fit?



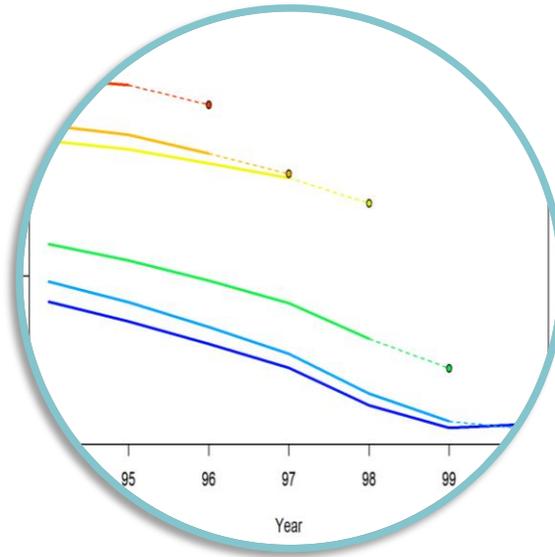
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# ss3diags Assists With:

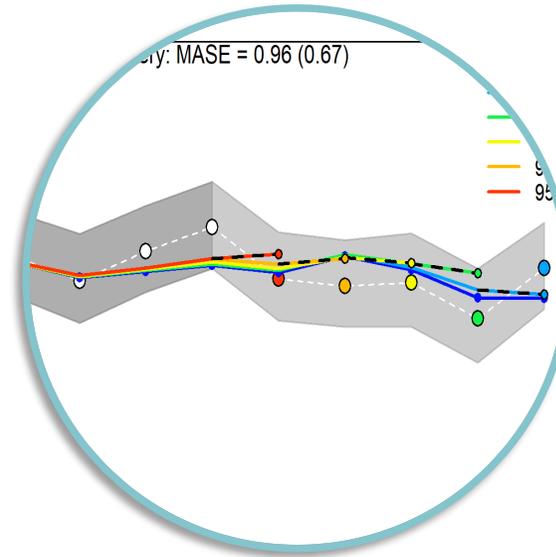
## Goodness-of-Fit



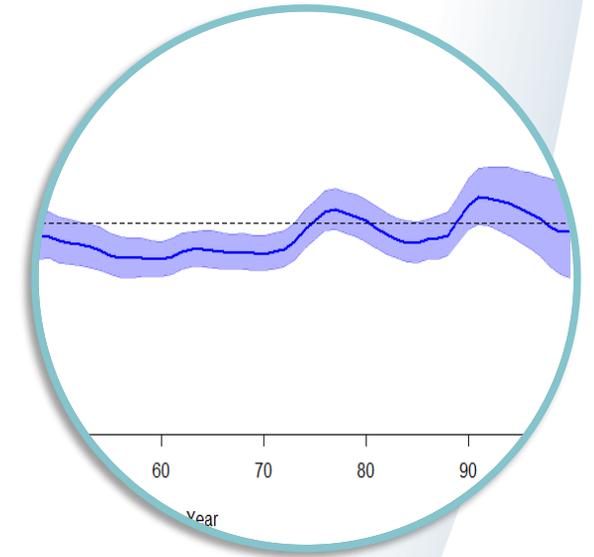
## Retrospective and Forecast Bias



## Prediction Skill



## Model Uncertainty



# Example with ss3diags

Quick guide for key functions and their outputs

# Setup

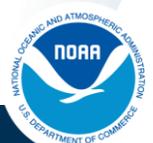
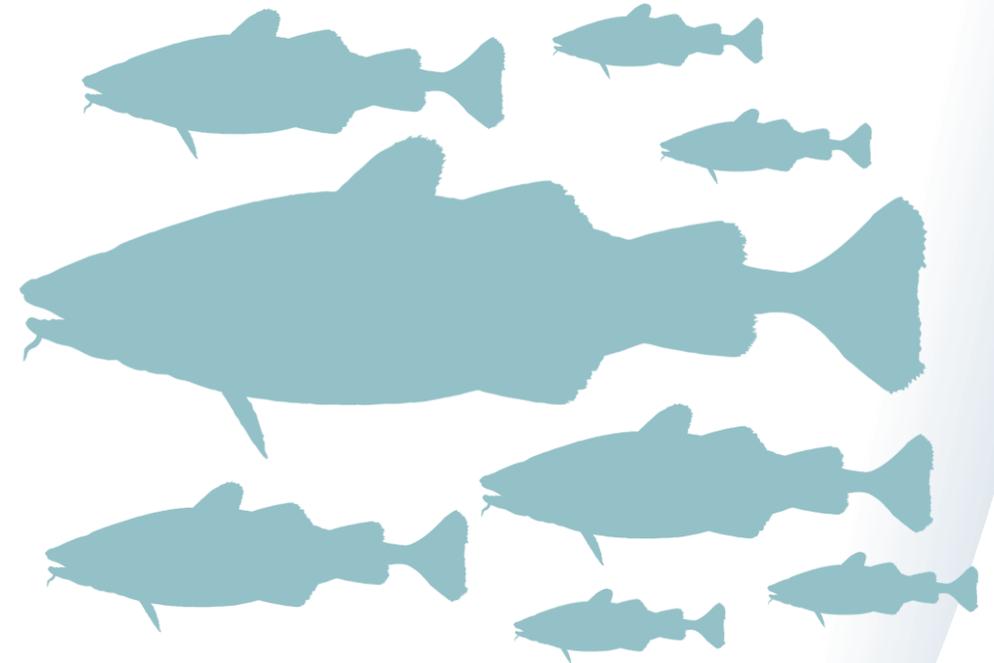
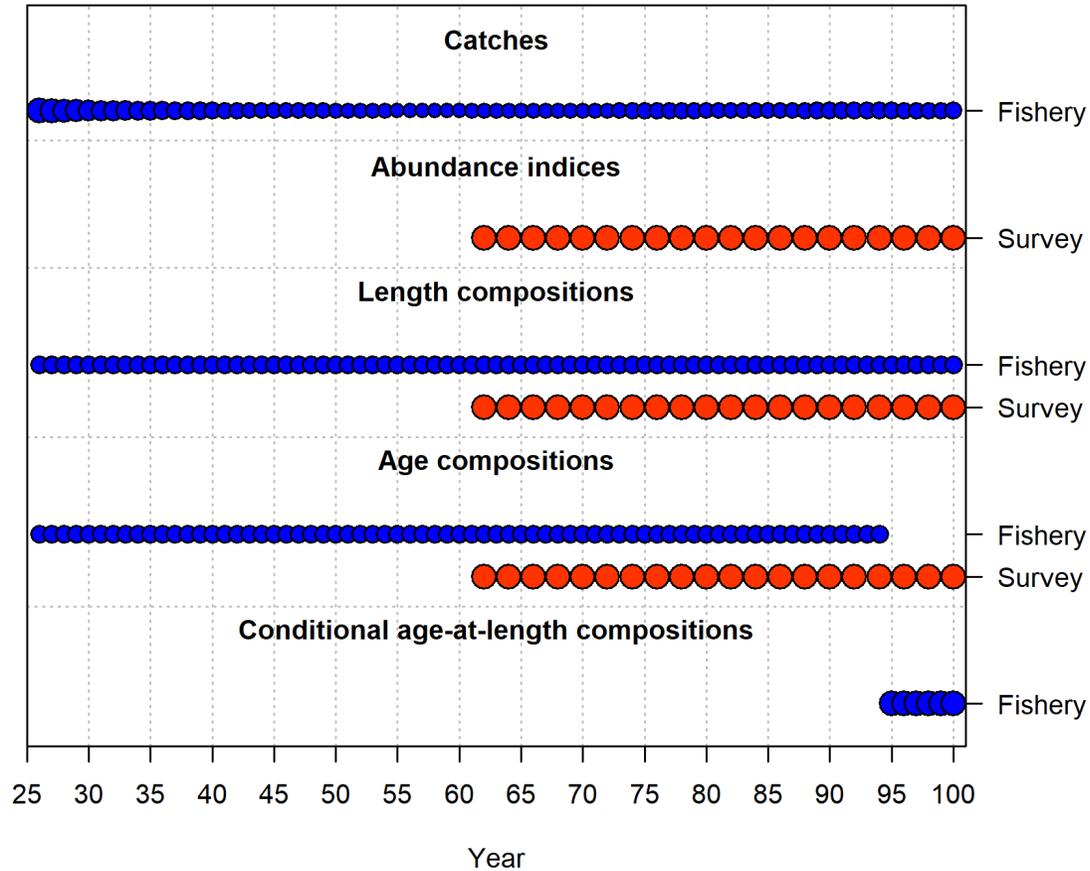
- [Install](#) and load package
- Load example SS model

```
1 # install.packages("remotes")
2 remotes::install_github("PIFSCstockassessments/ss3diags")
3 library(ss3diags)
4
5 data("simple")
```



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# Example with ss3diags



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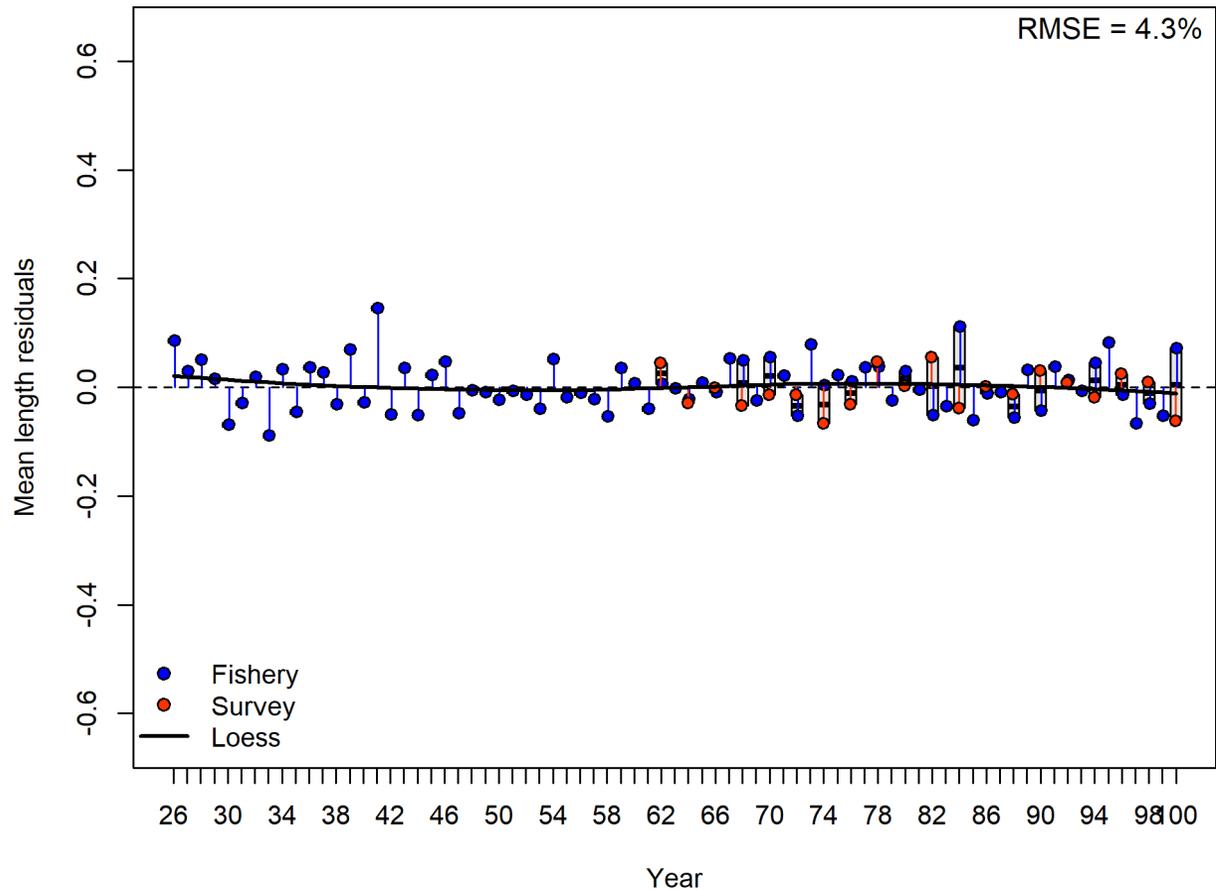
# Residual Analysis: Goodness-of-Fit

```
1  SSplotJABBAres(simple, subplots = "len")  
2  SSplotJABBAres(simple, subplots = "age")
```



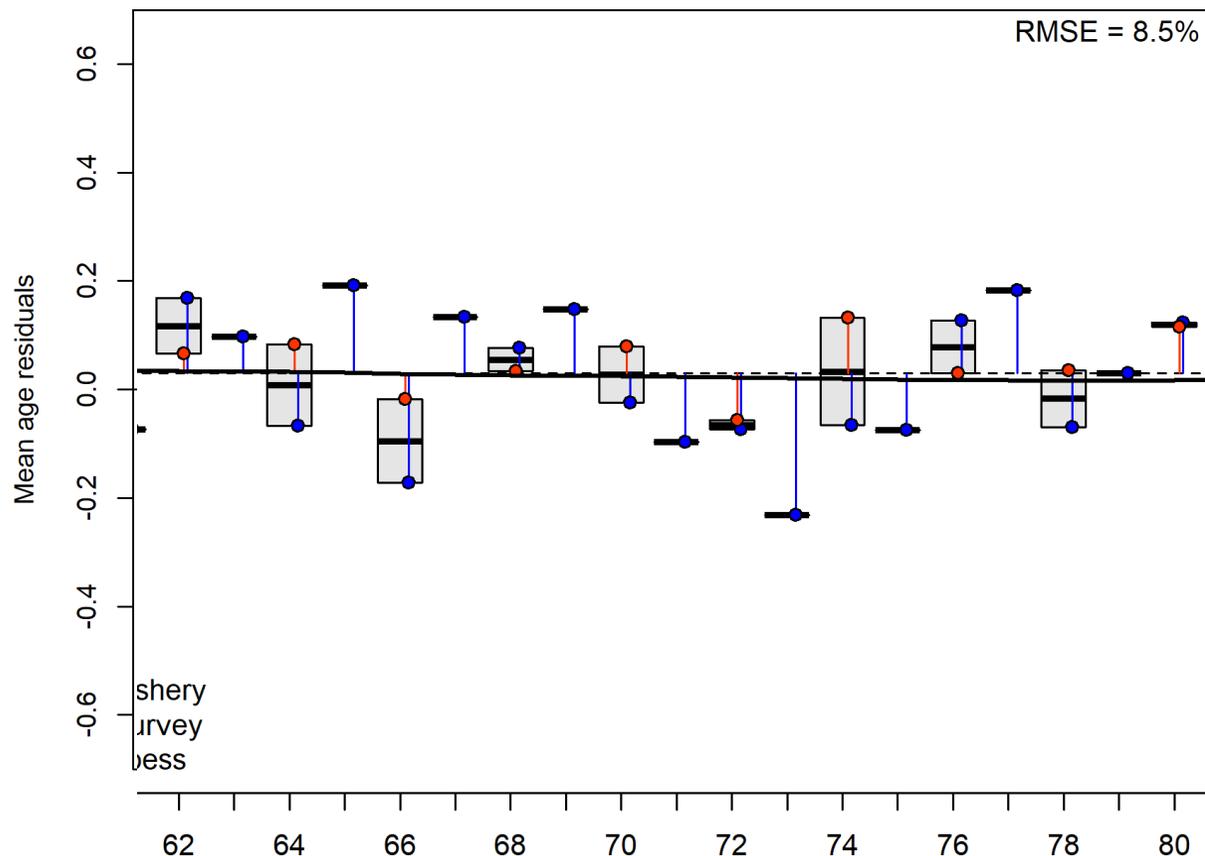
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# SSplotJABBAres() Output



```
1 > SSplotJABBAres(simple, subplots = "len", add = TRUE)
2 Plotting JABBA residual plot
3
4 RMSE stats by Index:
5   indices RMSE.perc nobs
6 1 Fishery      4.5    75
7 2 Survey      8.8    20
8 3 Combined     4.3    95
```

# SSplotJABBAres() Output



```
1 > SSplotJABBAres(simple, subplots = "age", add = TRUE)
2 Plotting JABBA residual plot
3
4 RMSE stats by Index:
5   indices RMSE.perc nobs
6 1 Fishery      9.3   69
7 2 Survey      17.3   20
8 3 Combined     8.5   89
```

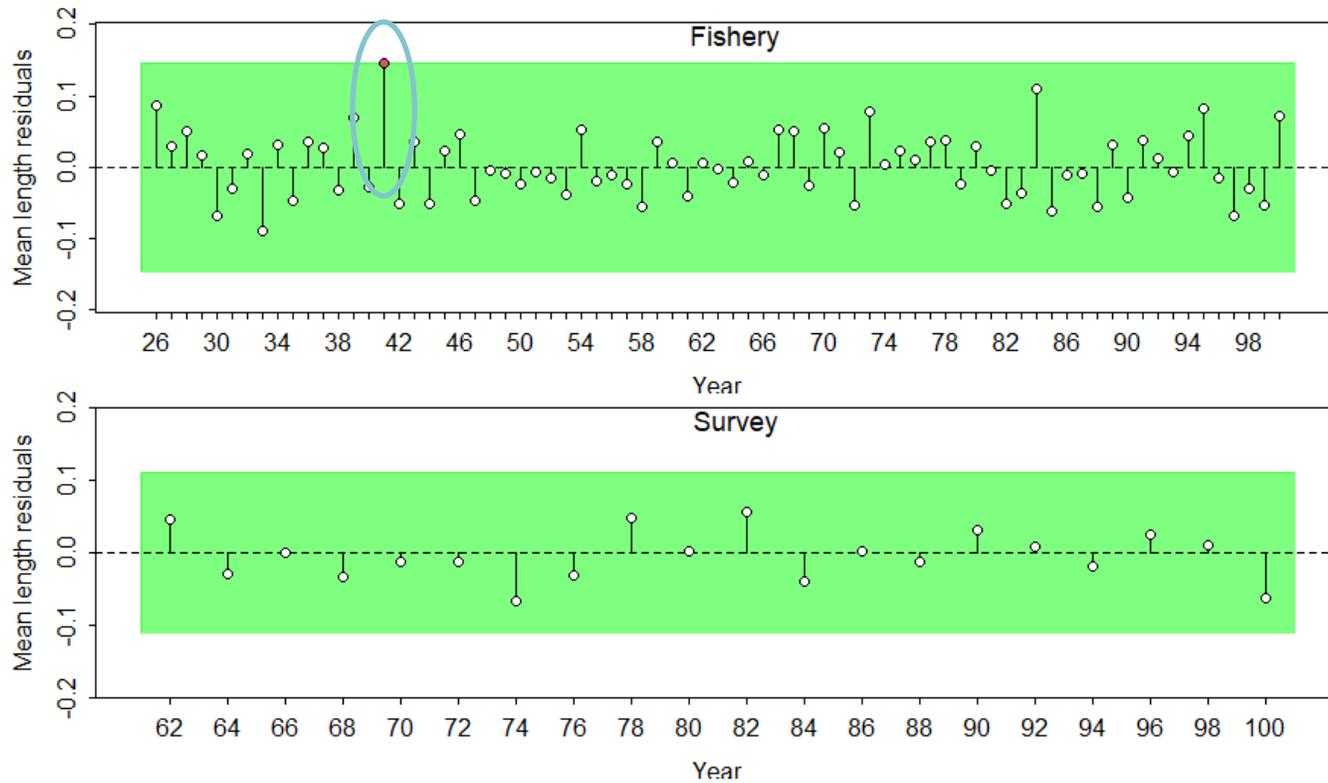
# Residual Analysis: Runs Test

```
1 # Length Composition
2 SSplotRunstest(simple, subplots = "len", add = TRUE)
3 # CPUE
4 SSplotRunstest(simple, subplots = "cpue")
```



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# SSplotRunstest() Output

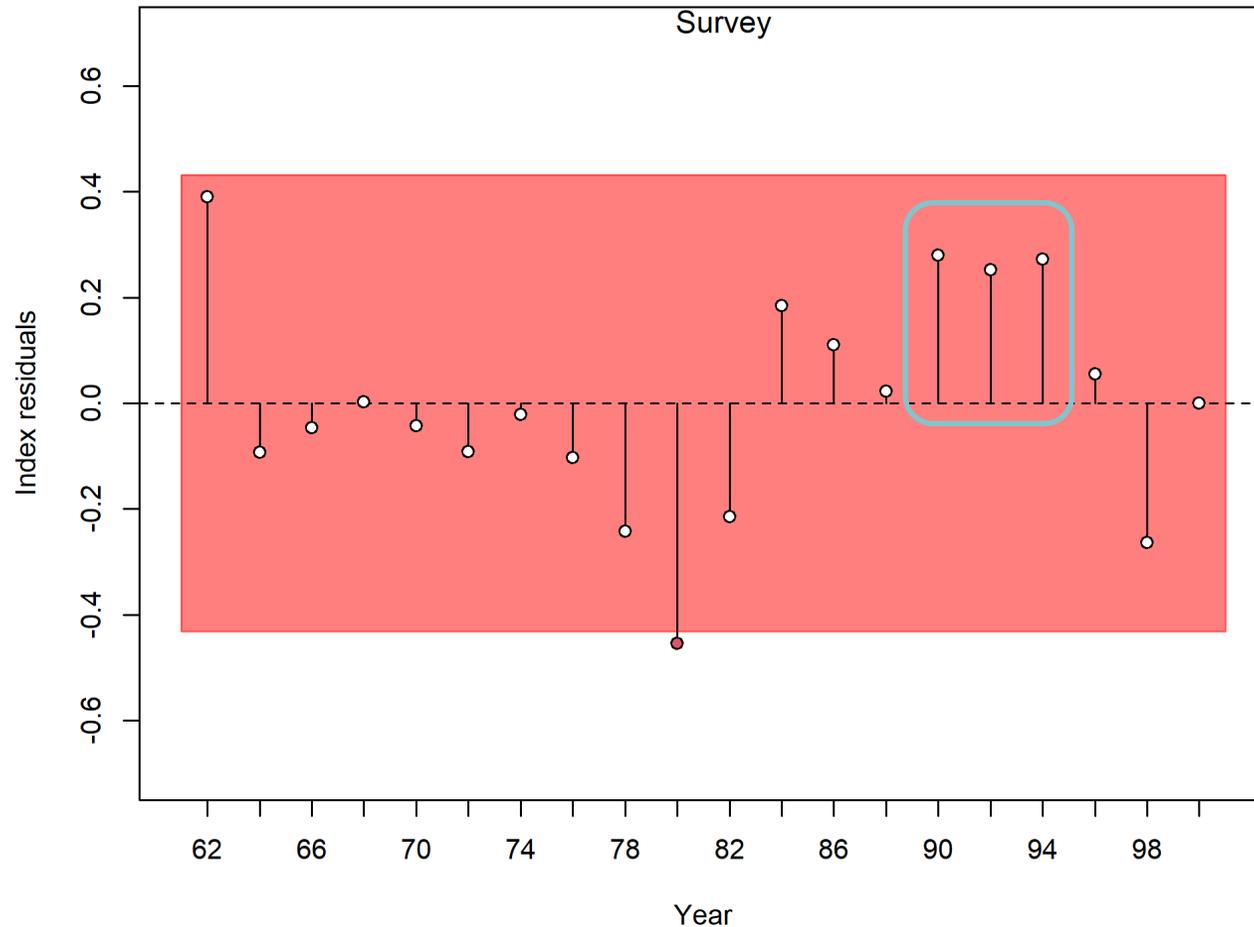


```

1 > SSplotRunstest(simple, subplots = "len", add = TRUE)
2
3 Running Runs Test Diagnostics for Mean length
4 Plotting Residual Runs Tests
5
6 Runs Test stats by Mean length:
7   Index runs.p  test  sigma3.lo sigma3.hi type
8 1 Fishery  0.724 Passed -0.1454301 0.1454301 len
9 2 Survey   0.338 Passed -0.1105796 0.1105796 len
  
```



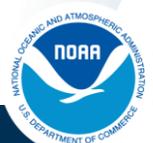
# SSplotRunstest() Output



```
1 > SSplotRunstest(simple, subplots = "cpue")
2
3 Running Runs Test Diagnostics for Index
4 Plotting Residual Runs Tests
5
6 Runs Test stats by Index:
7 Index runs.p test sigma3.lo sigma3.hi type
8 1 Survey 0.033 Failed -0.4320694 0.4320694 cpue
```

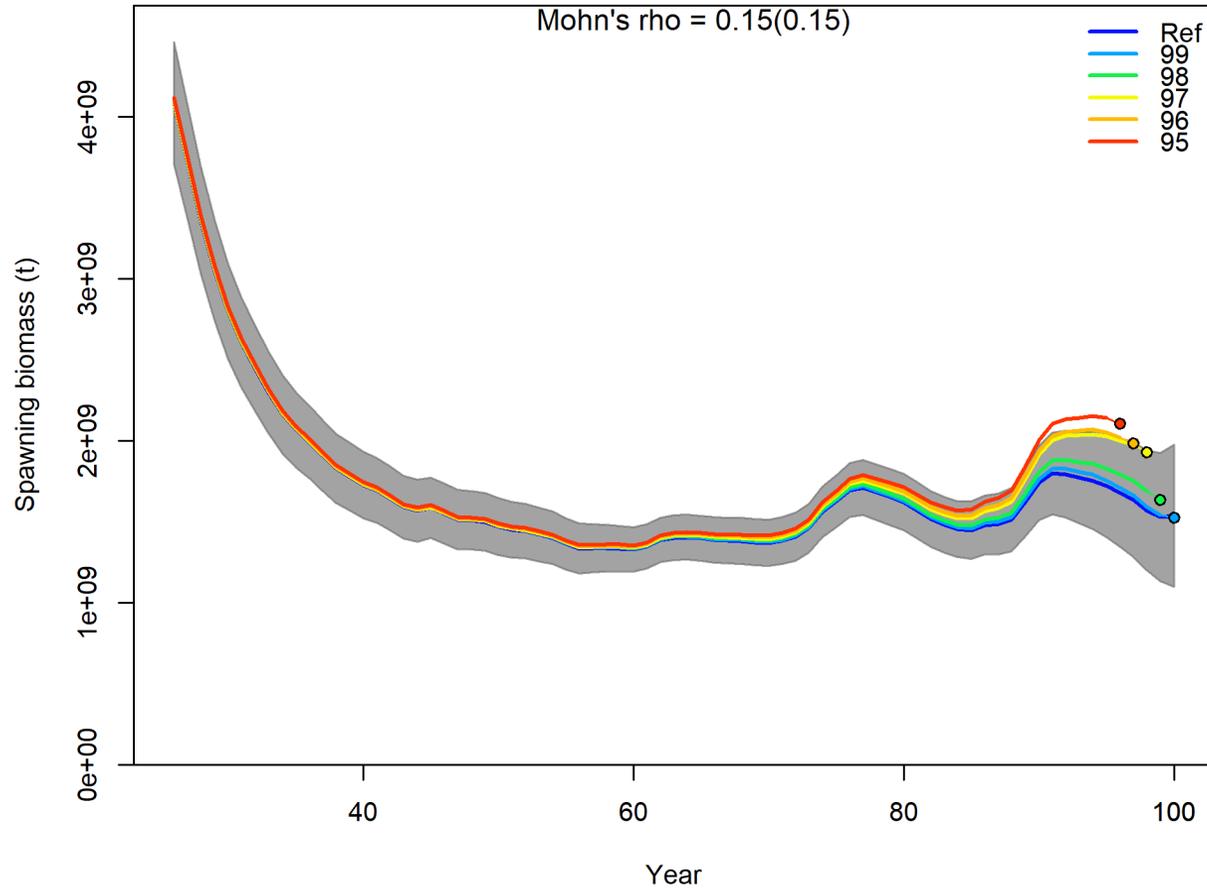
# Retrospective Bias

```
1 data("retroSimple")
2
3 sumSimple <- r4ss::SSsummarize(retroSimple)
4
5 SSplotRetro(sumSimple, subplots = "SSB")
6 SShcbias(sumSimple, quants = "SSB")
7
```



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# SSplotRetro() Output

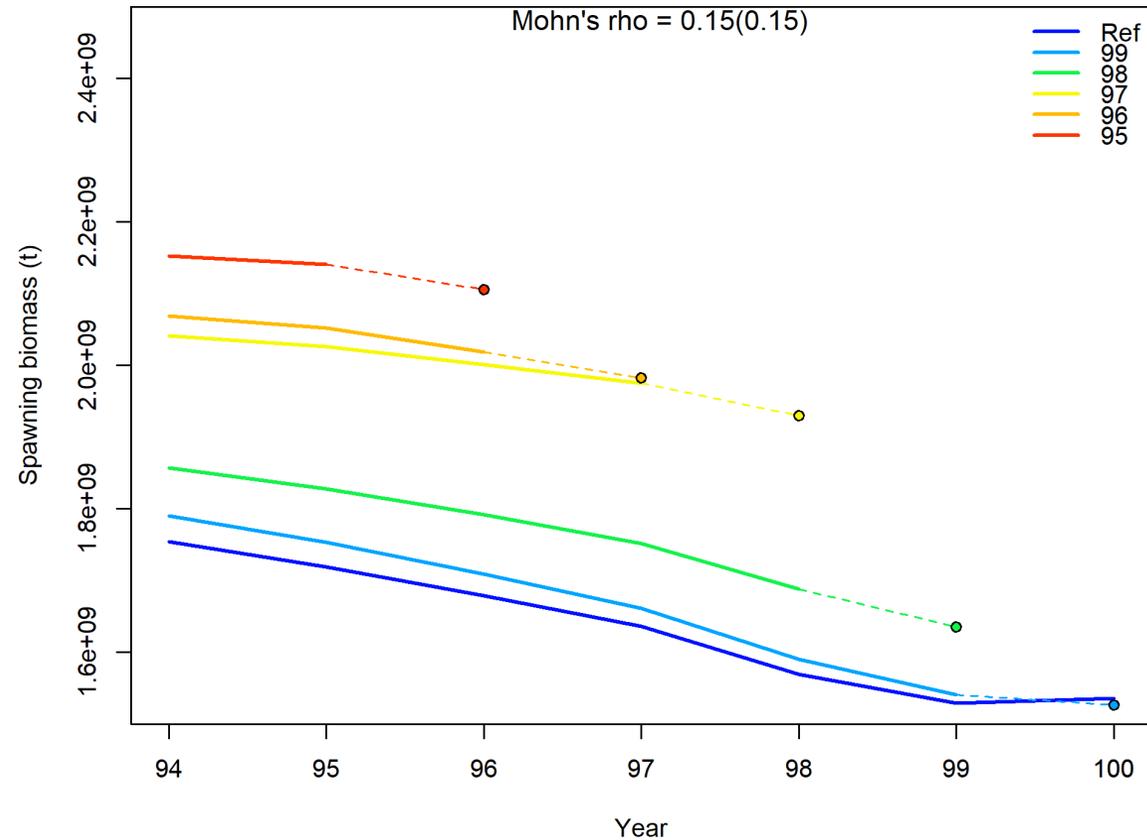


```

1 > SSplotRetro(sumSimple, subplots = "SSB")
2 Plotting Retrospective pattern
3
4 Mohn's Rho stats, including one step ahead forecasts:
5   type   peel      Rho ForecastRho
6 1  SSB     99 0.007769174 -0.006152424
7 2  SSB     98 0.075590953  0.069386314
8 3  SSB     97 0.207121898  0.229780185
9 4  SSB     96 0.202493492  0.211816848
10 5  SSB     95 0.245173711  0.254376716
11 6  SSB Combined 0.147629846  0.151841528

```

# SSplotRetro(forecast = TRUE)



```
1 SSplotRetro(sumSimple, subplots = "SSB", forecast = TRUE, uncertainty = FALSE, xlim = c(94,100))
```



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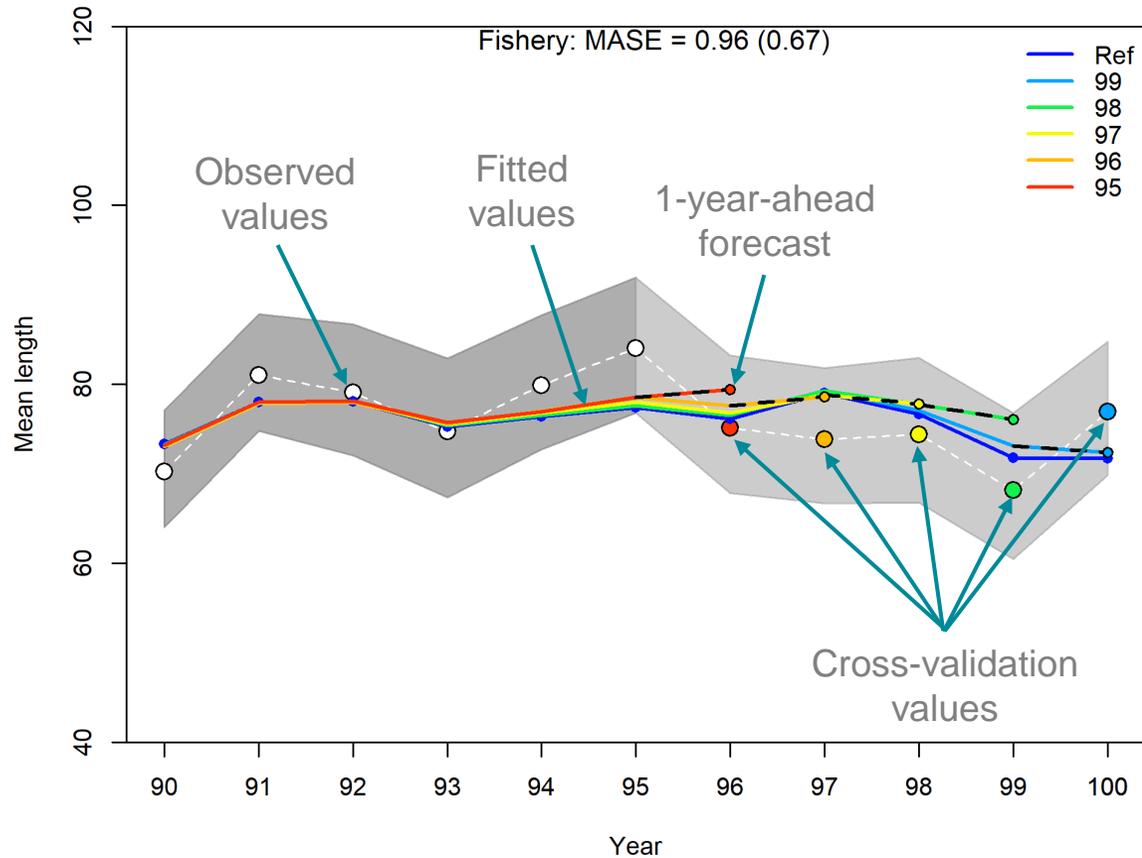
# Hindcast Cross-Validation

```
1 # Composition data
2 retroC.simple <- SSretroComps(retroSimple)
3 SSplotHCxval(retroC.simple, subplots = "age")
4
5 # Index data
6 retroI.simple <- r4ss::SSsummarize(retroSimple)
7 SSplotHCxval(retroI.simple, subplots = "cpue")
8
9 SSmase(retroSimple, quant="len", indexselect = c(1:2))
```



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# SSplotHCxval() Output



```

1 > SSplotHCxval(retroI.simple, subplots = "len")
2 Plotting Hindcast Cross-Validation (one-step-ahead)
3
4 MASE stats by Index:
5   Index Season      MASE    MAE.PR  MAE.base MASE.adj n.eval
6 1 Fishery         1 0.9635032 0.0666456 0.06917009 0.666456    5
7 2 Survey          1 0.4246802 0.0420929 0.09911671 0.420929    2
  
```



# SSmase()

```
1 > SSmase(retroSimple,quant="len",MAE.base.adj = 0.15,indexselect = c(1:2))
```

```
2 Converting retroSummary to summarized list using ss3diags::SSretroComps()
```

```
3      Index Season  MASE  MAE.PR  MAE.base  MASE.adj  n.eval
4  1 Fishery      1 0.9635032 0.06664560 0.06917009 0.4443040      5
5  2 Survey      1 0.2433708 0.02412211 0.09911671 0.1608141      2
6  3 joint      0.7011276 0.05449603 0.07772627 0.3633069      7
```



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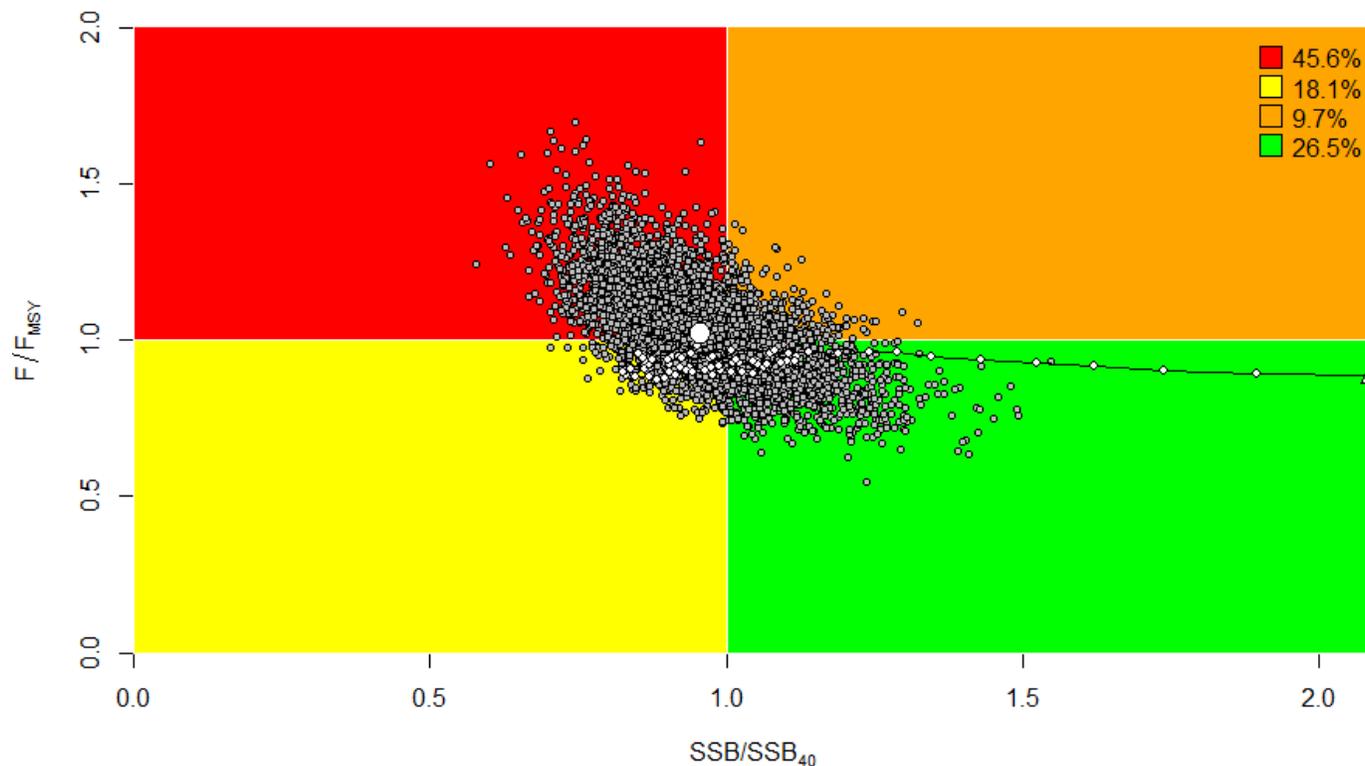
# Model Uncertainty

```
1  mvln <- SSdeltaMVLN(simple, run = "Simple")
2
3  sspar(mfrow = c(3, 2), plot.cex = 0.7)
4  SSplotEnsemble(mvln$kb, ylabs = mvln$labels, add = T)
```



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# SSdeltaMVLN() Output

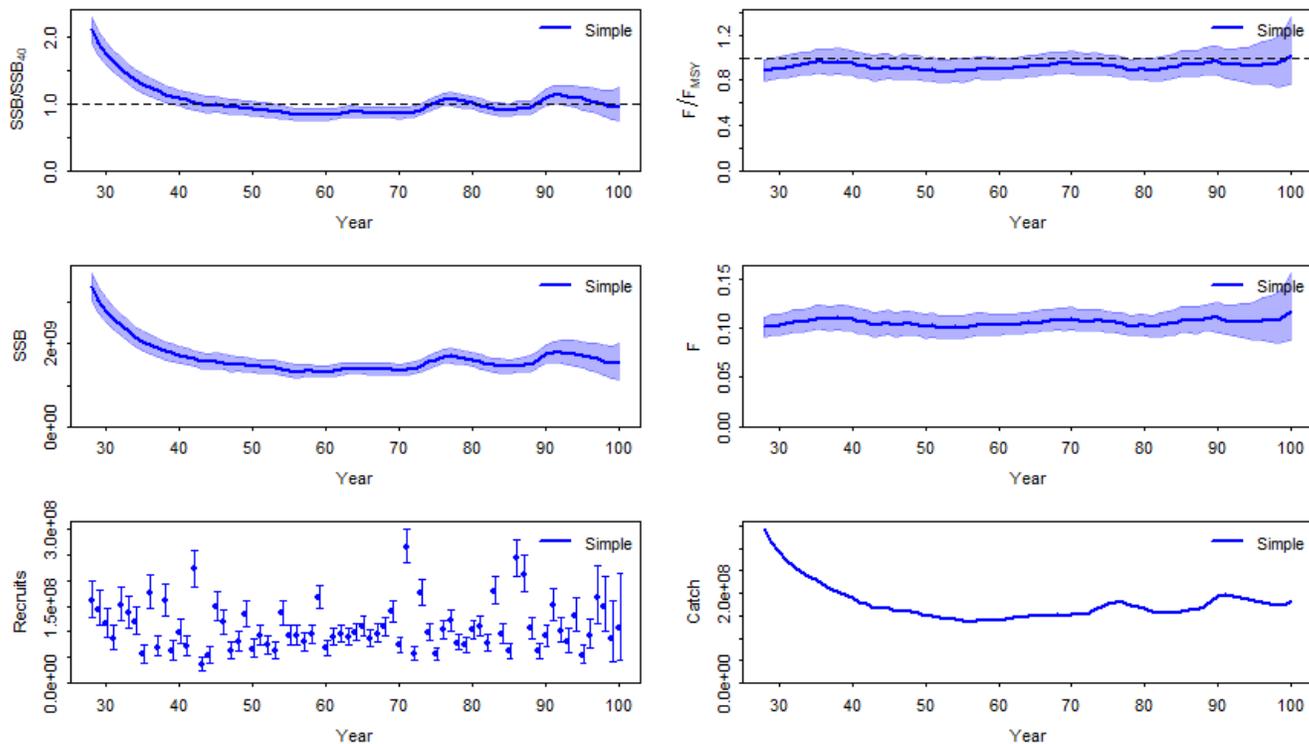


```

1 > str(mvln)
2 List of 4
3 $ kb      :'data.frame': 365000 obs. of  10 variables:
4  ..$ year   : num [1:365000] 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 28 ...
5  ..$ run    : chr [1:365000] "Simple" "Simple" "Simple" "Simple" ...
6  ..$ type   : chr [1:365000] "fit" "fit" "fit" "fit" ...
7  ..$ iter   : int [1:365000] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
8  ..$ stock  : num [1:365000] 2.1 2 2.16 2.06 2.23 ...
9  ..$ harvest: num [1:365000] 0.889 0.956 0.85 0.874 0.867 ...
10 ..$ SSB    : num [1:365000] 3.21e+09 3.53e+09 3.26e+09 3.22e+09 3.44e+09 ...
11 ..$ F      : num [1:365000] 0.1005 0.1089 0.0967 0.1004 0.0984 ...
12 ..$ Recr   : num [1:365000] 1.50e+08 1.56e+08 1.31e+08 1.43e+08 1.80e+08 ...
13 ..$ Catch  : num [1:365000] 3.42e+08 3.42e+08 3.42e+08 3.42e+08 3.42e+08 ...
14 $ mle     :'data.frame': 73 obs. of  9 variables:
15 ..$ year   : num [1:73] 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 ...
16 ..$ run    : chr [1:73] "Simple" "Simple" "Simple" "Simple" ...
17 ..$ type   : chr [1:73] "fit" "fit" "fit" "fit" ...
18 ..$ stock  : num [1:73] 2.09 1.9 1.74 1.62 1.52 ...
19 ..$ harvest: num [1:73] 0.885 0.894 0.903 0.915 0.929 ...
20 ..$ SSB    : num [1:73] 3.36e+09 3.05e+09 2.80e+09 2.60e+09 2.45e+09 ...
21 ..$ F      : num [1:73] 0.101 0.102 0.103 0.104 0.106 ...
22 ..$ Recr   : num [1:73] 1.60e+08 1.44e+08 1.15e+08 8.75e+07 1.53e+08 ...
23 ..$ Catch  : num [1:73] 3.42e+08 3.14e+08 2.91e+08 2.75e+08 2.62e+08 ...
24 $ quants: chr [1:6] "stock" "harvest" "SSB" "F" ...
25 $ labels: expression("SSB/SSB"[40], F/F[MSY], "SSB") ...

```

# SSplotEnsemble() Output



```

1 > head(mvln$kb)
2   year  run type iter  stock  harvest      SSB      F  Recr  Catch
3 1    28 Simple fit   1 2.102307 0.8890874 3212569527 0.10048893 149761715 342373000
4 2    28 Simple fit   2 2.000164 0.9558910 3532394198 0.10894144 156495955 342373000
5 3    28 Simple fit   3 2.159903 0.8495990 3262712456 0.09670561 131017940 342373000
6 4    28 Simple fit   4 2.063483 0.8736431 3217280078 0.10036551 142594947 342373000
7 5    28 Simple fit   5 2.229065 0.8666970 3441154638 0.09844169 179595741 342373000
8 6    28 Simple fit   6 2.021941 0.9625931 3297950980 0.10989031 148291848 342373000
  
```



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# Future Implementations

- RMSE for recruitment predictions
- Include option for conditional age-at-length data for the hindcast cross-validation



# Thank you!

If you have any suggestions or would like to contribute to ss3diags you can submit an [issue](#) in the repository or email [Megumi.Oshima@noaa.gov](mailto:Megumi.Oshima@noaa.gov)

<https://github.com/PIFSCstockassessments/ss3diags>



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