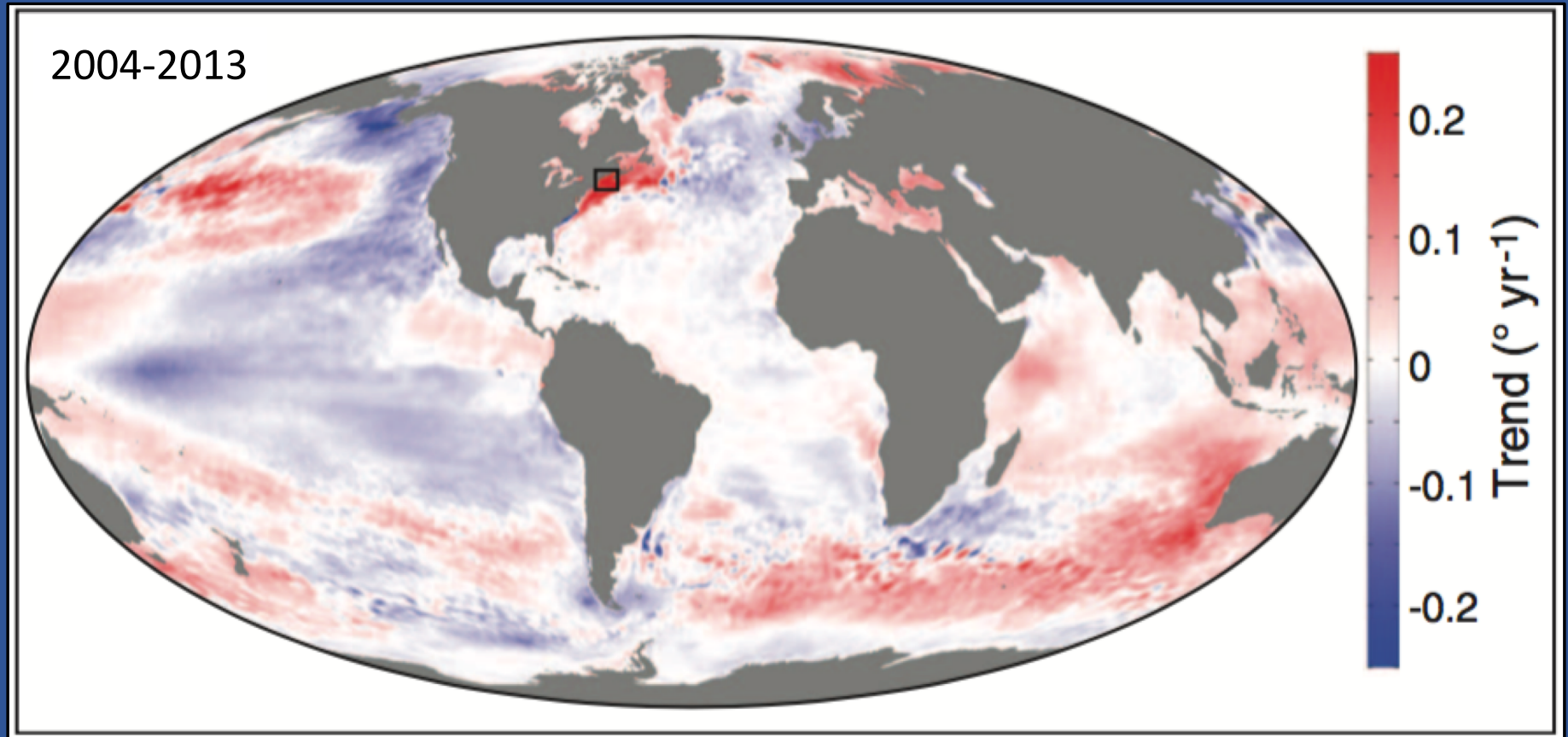


# Fish in the Future Ocean: Lessons from Physiological Studies

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*Pershing et al. 2015*

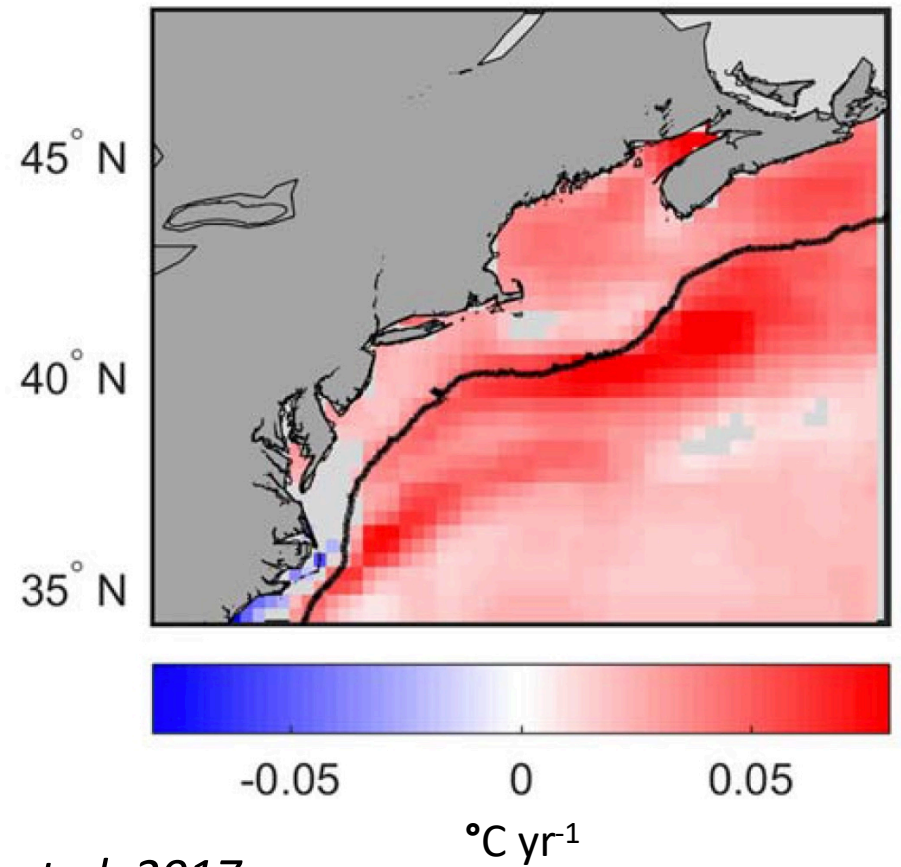
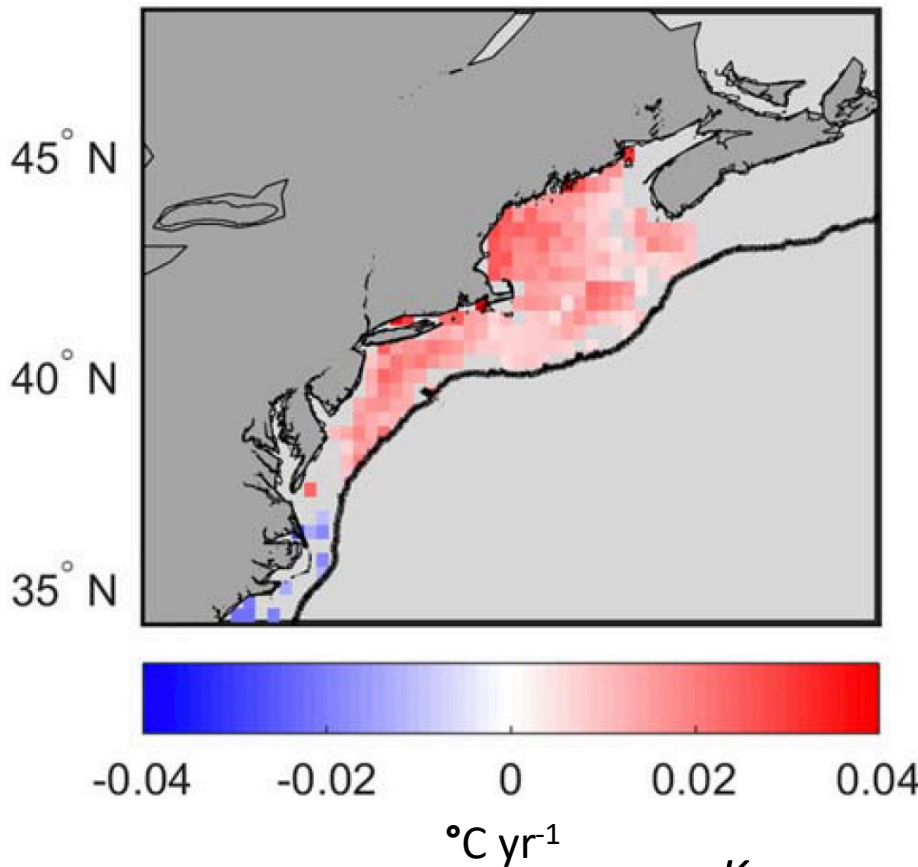
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1982-2014

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**Surface**

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*Kavanaugh et al. 2017*

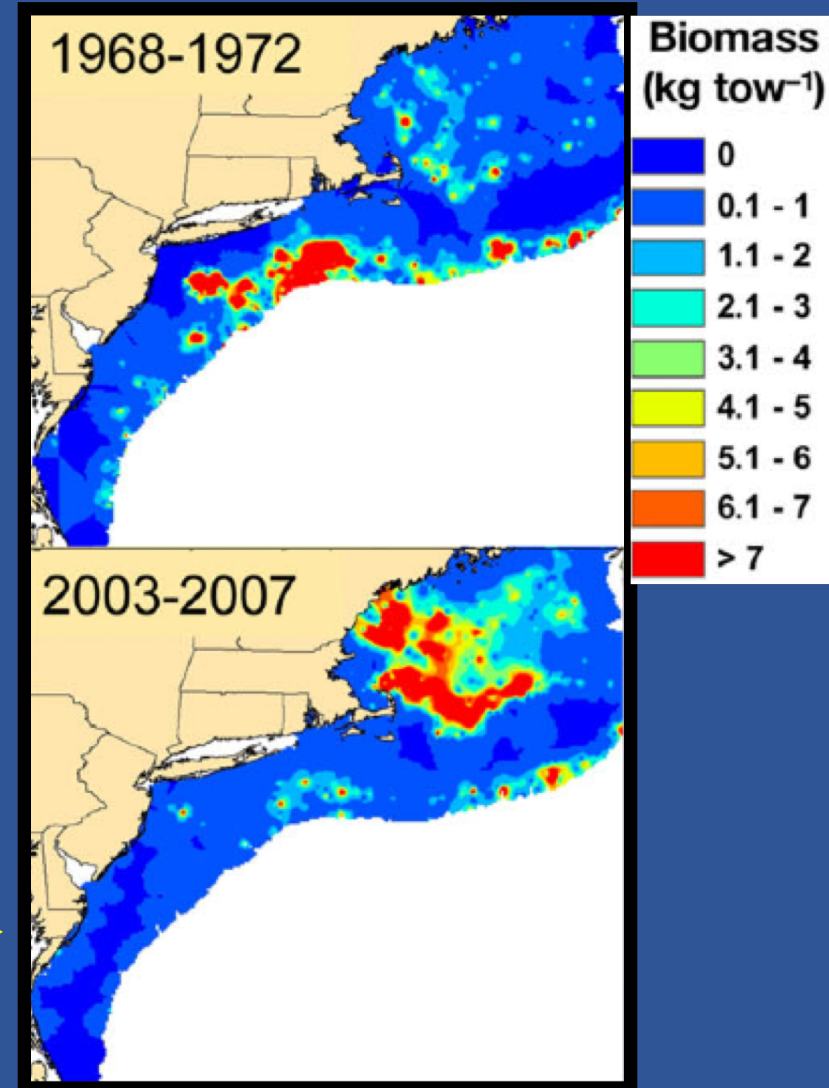
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Shifts in species distributions

- Poleward



Red Hake example  
*Nye et al. 2009*



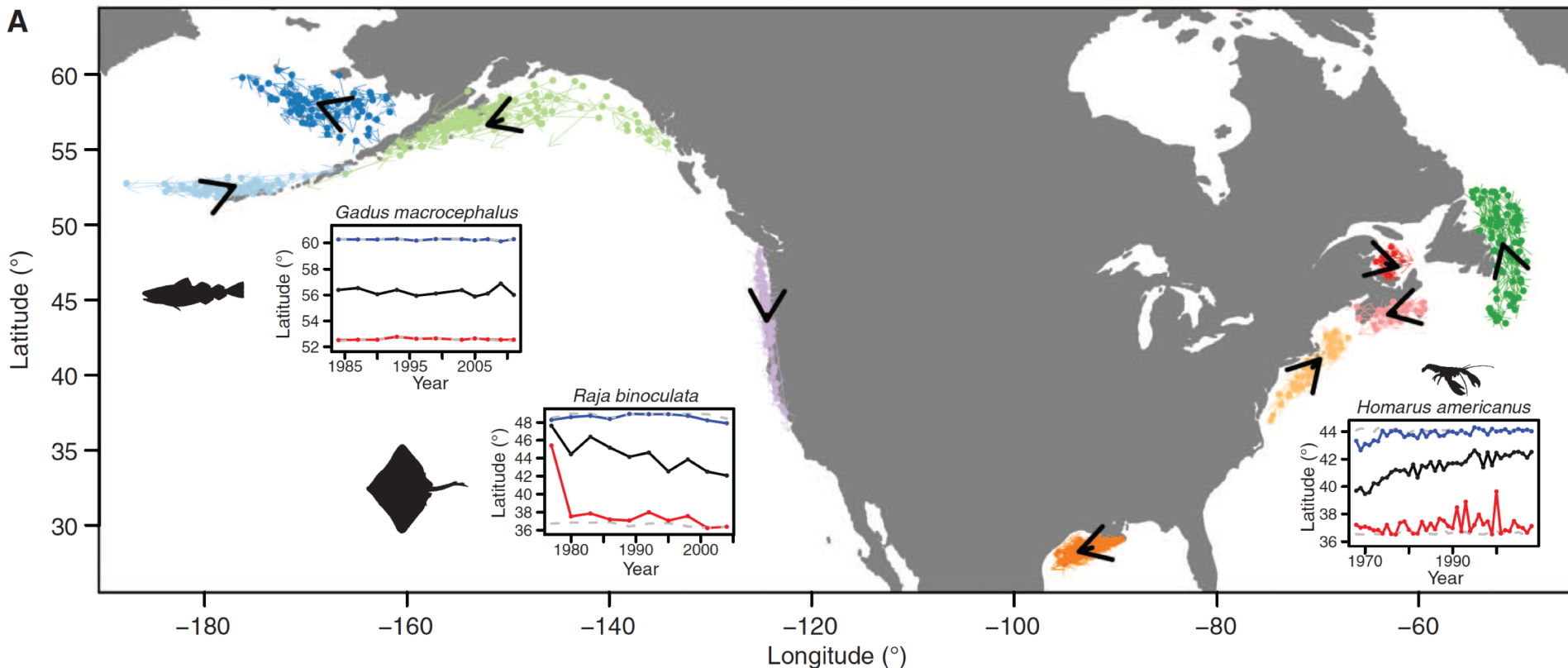


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- Track climate velocities

*Pinsky et al. 2013*



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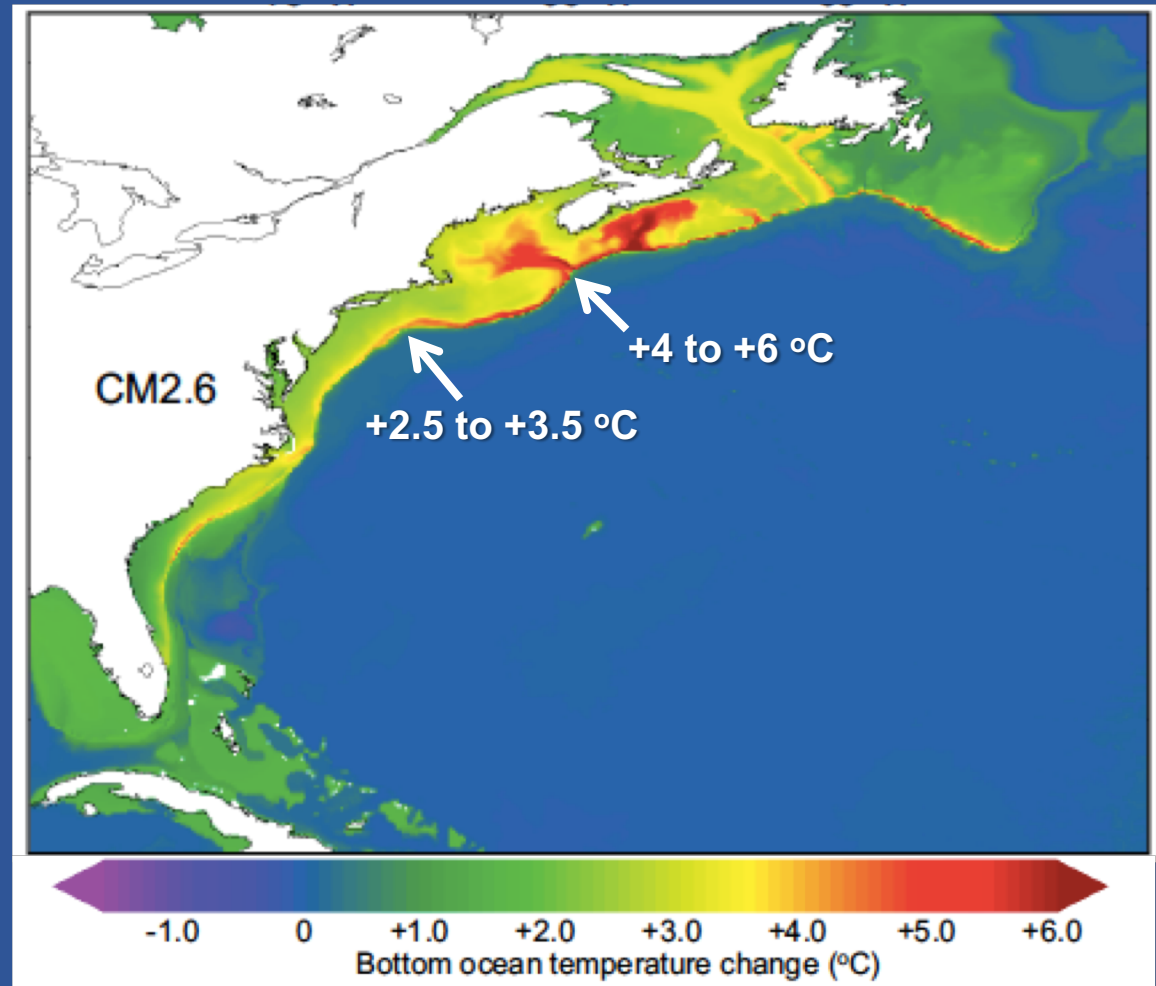
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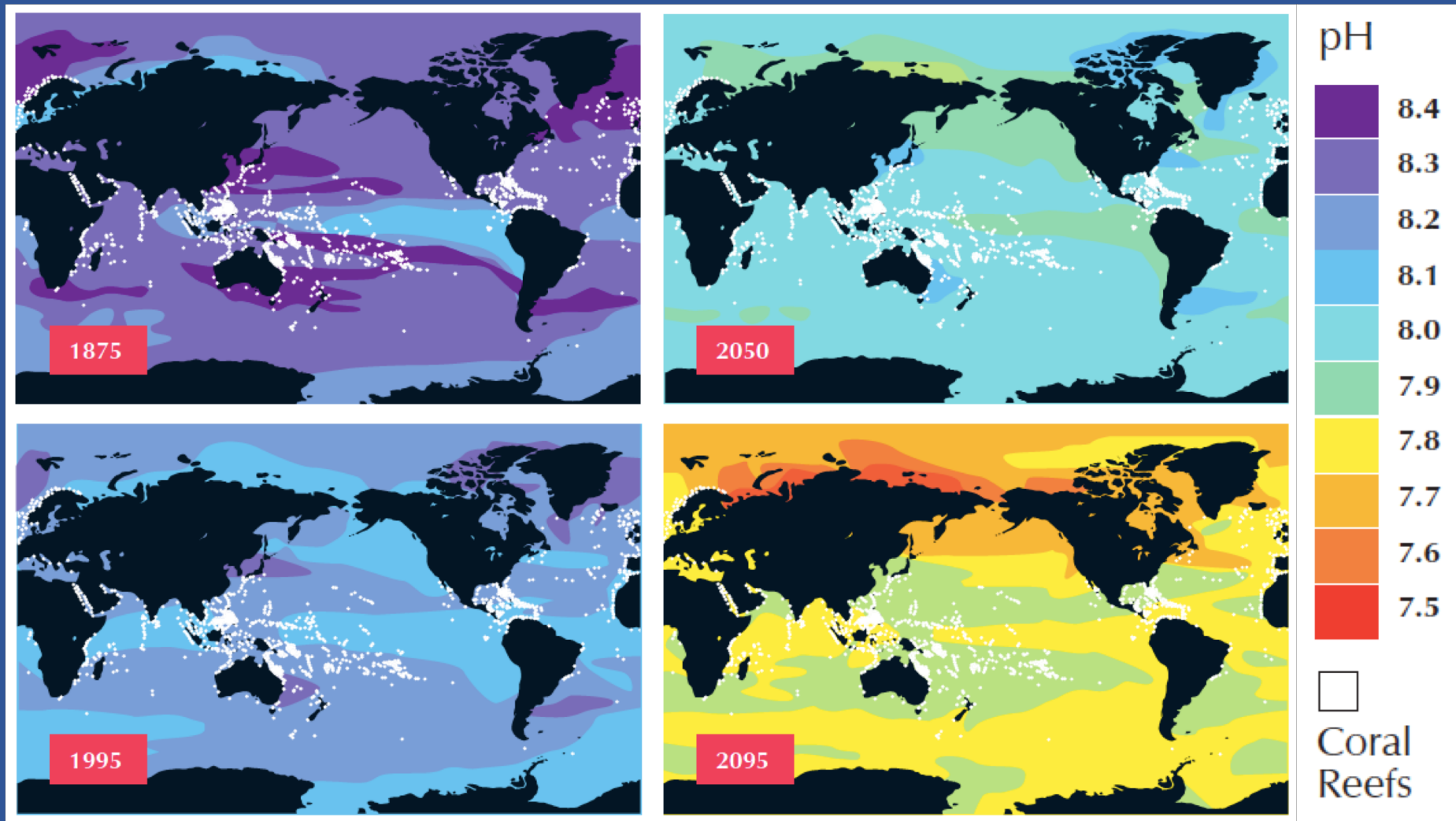
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80-yr projection  
using doubling  
of CO<sub>2</sub>



*V. Saba et al. 2016*

# Ocean Acidification - Projections



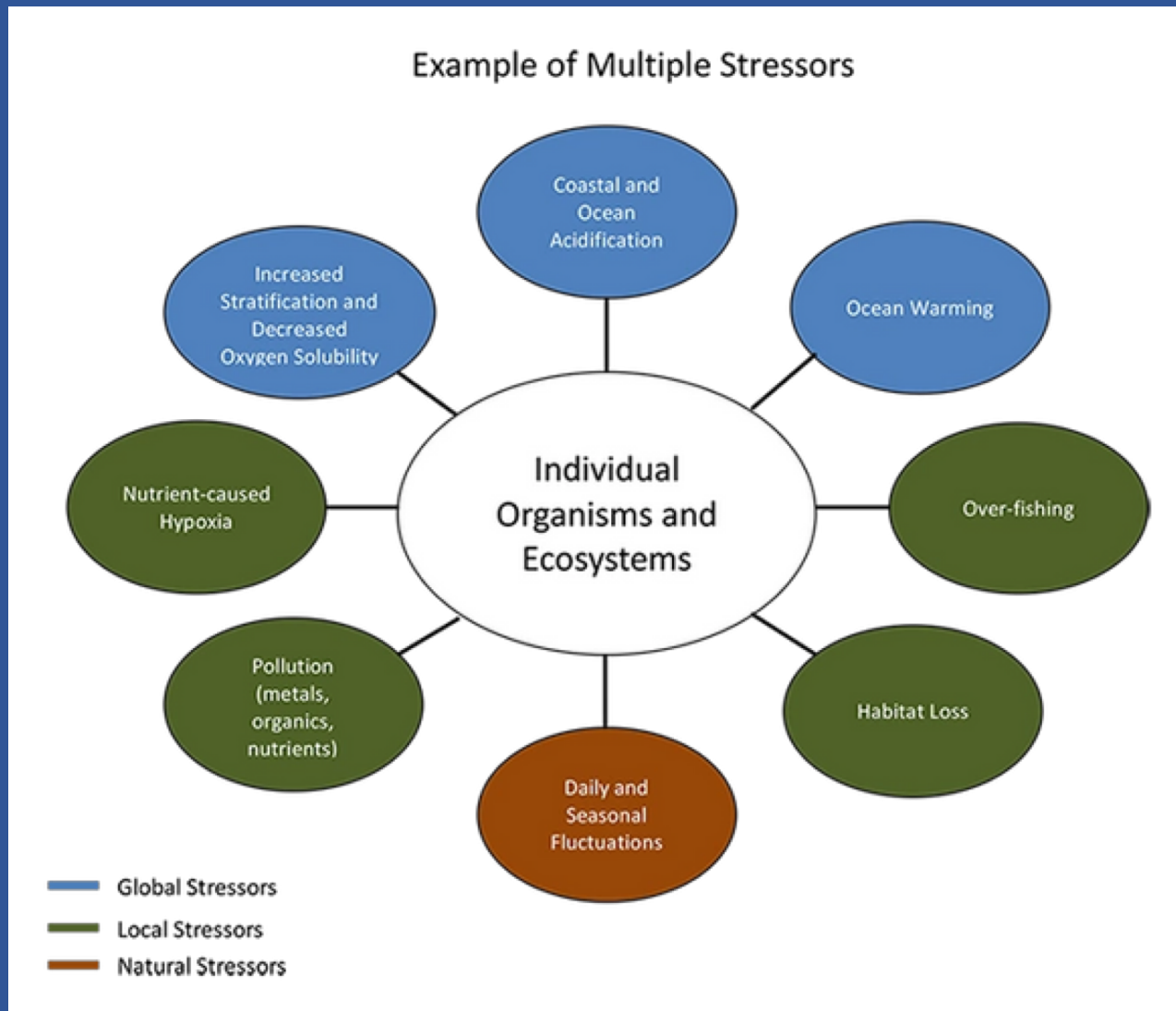
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# And...More Stressors



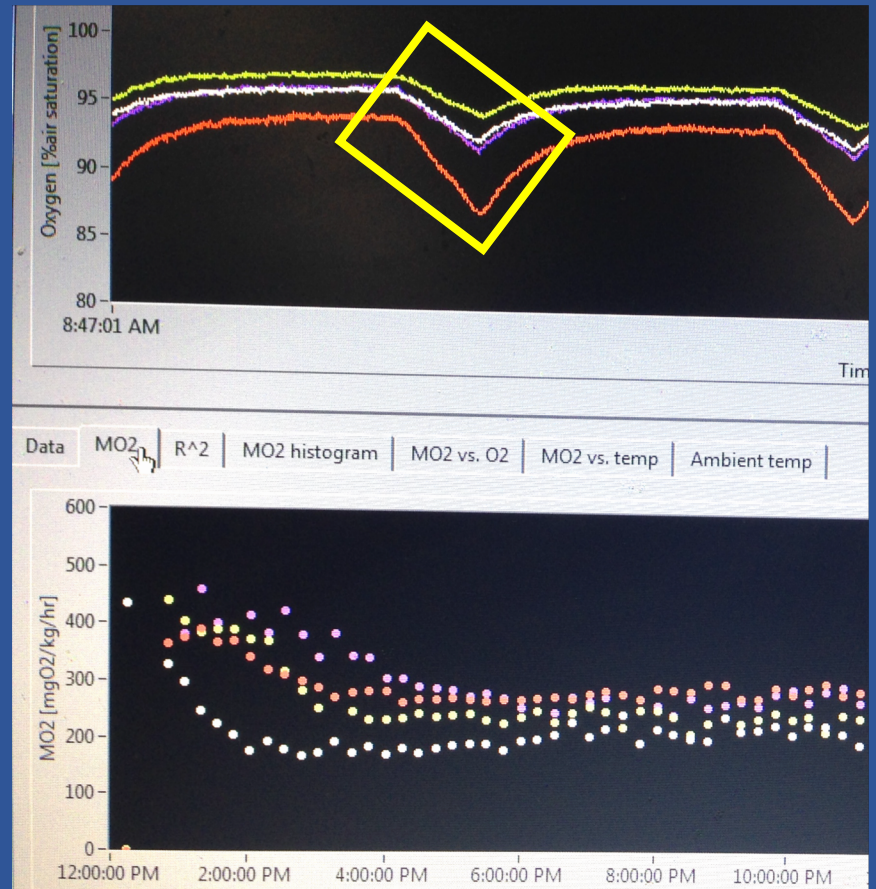
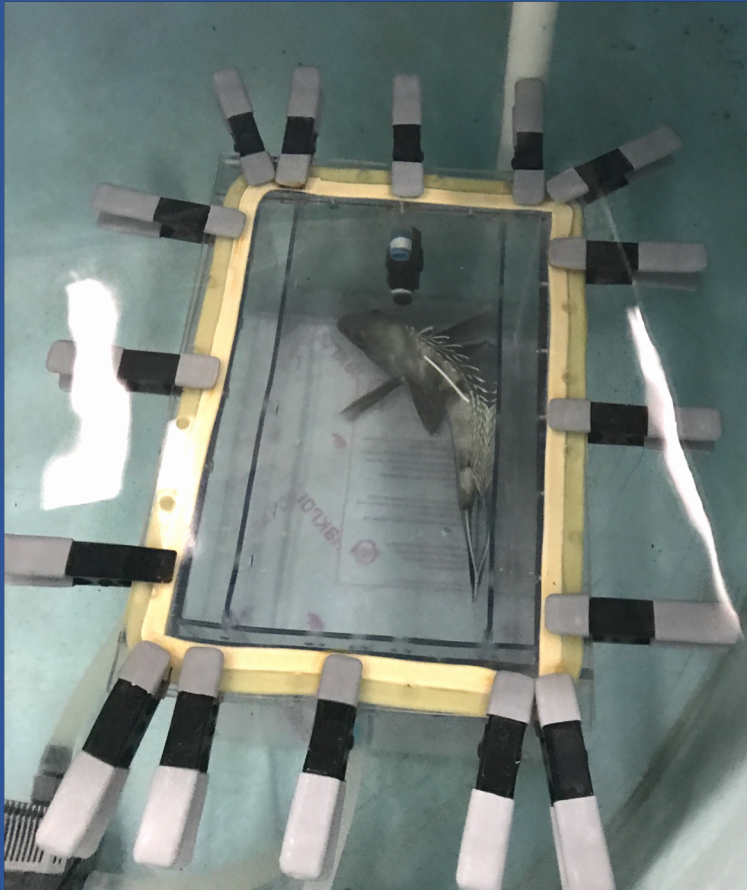


# Stressor Effects on Physiology

- Changes in metabolic rate
  - Temperature/Acidification: Higher requirement for oxygen, food
  - Hypoxia/Acidification: Metabolic suppression
- Impacts to oxygen carrying capacity
- Changes in heart rate
- Behavioral impairment
  - Possible food limitation
  - Reductions in growth/reproduction
  - Increased predation



# What Can Physiological Studies Tell Us?



\*Emily Slesinger: Tomorrow, 1:40pm

Latest Advances in Black Sea Bass (*Centropomus striatus*) Research and Management

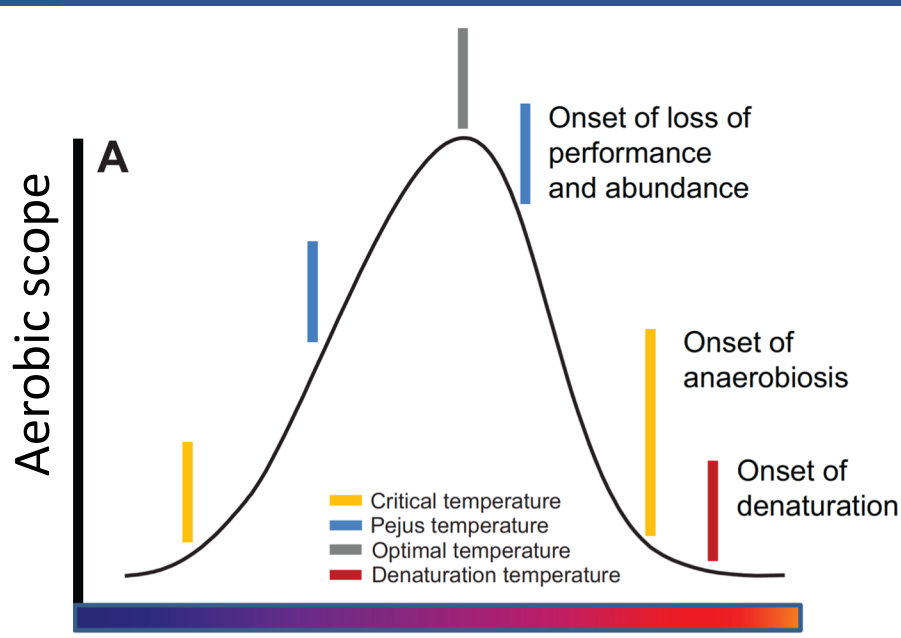


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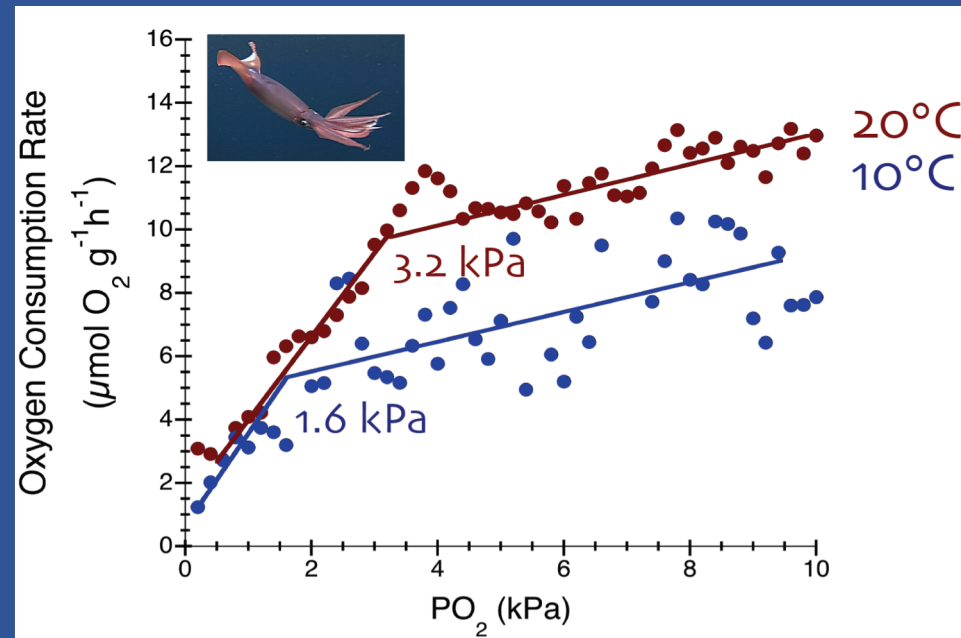
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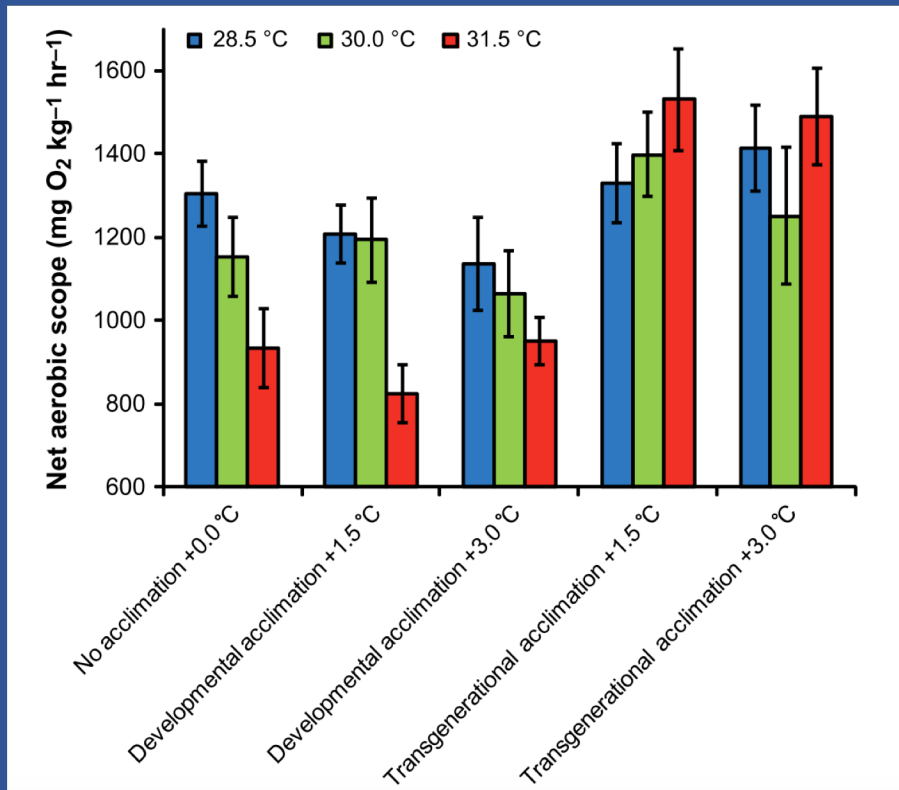
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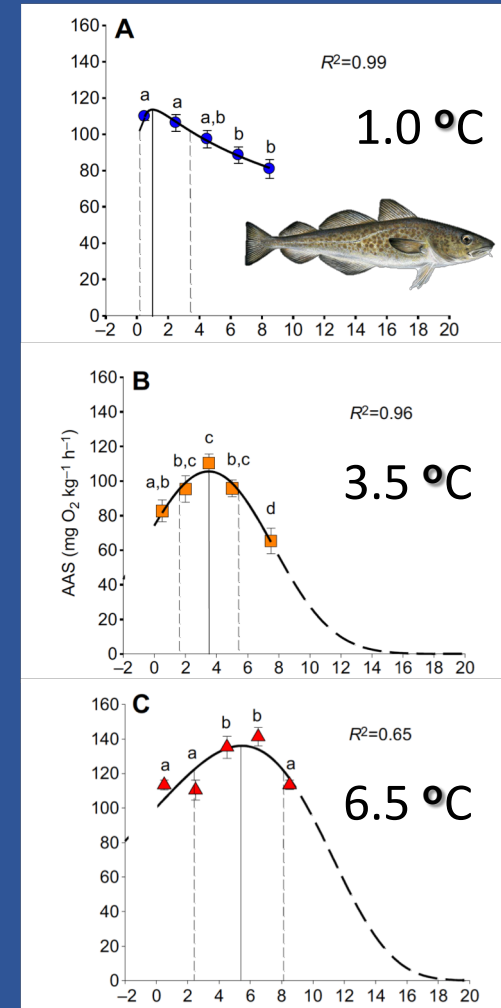
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*Donelson et al. 2012; Munday et al. 2013*



*Drost et al. 2015*

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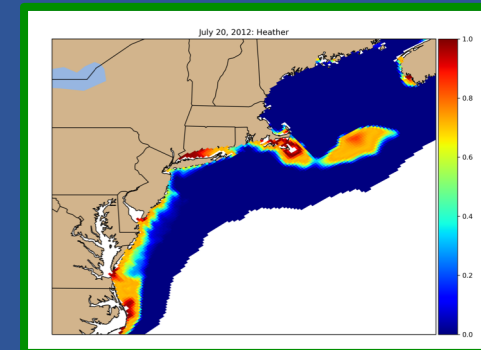
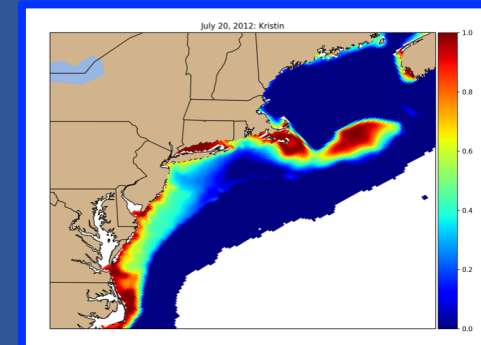
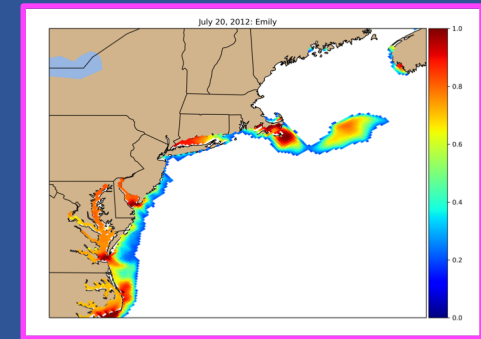
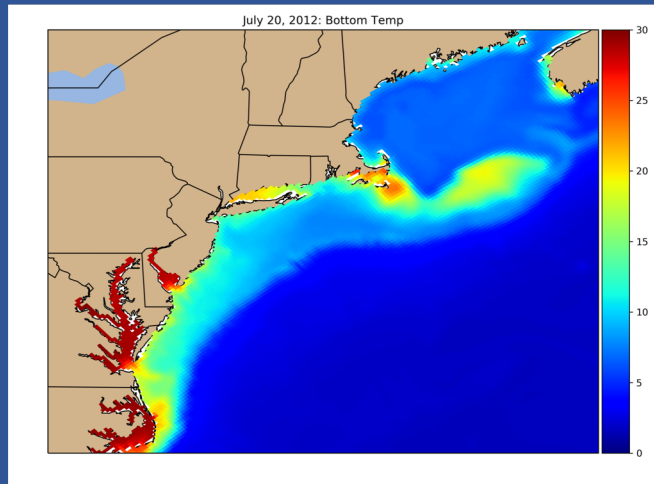
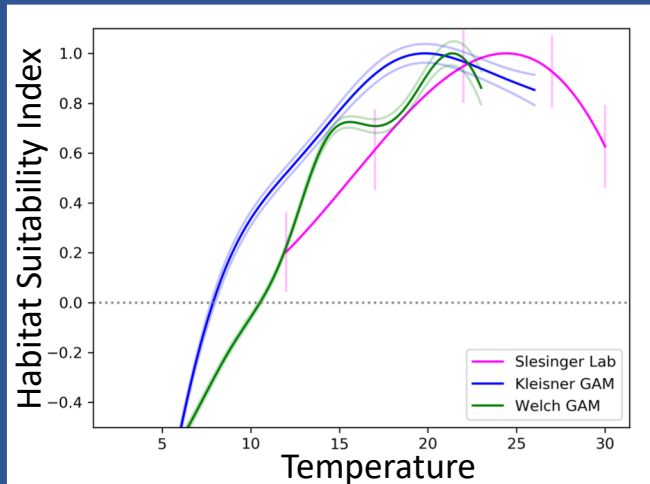
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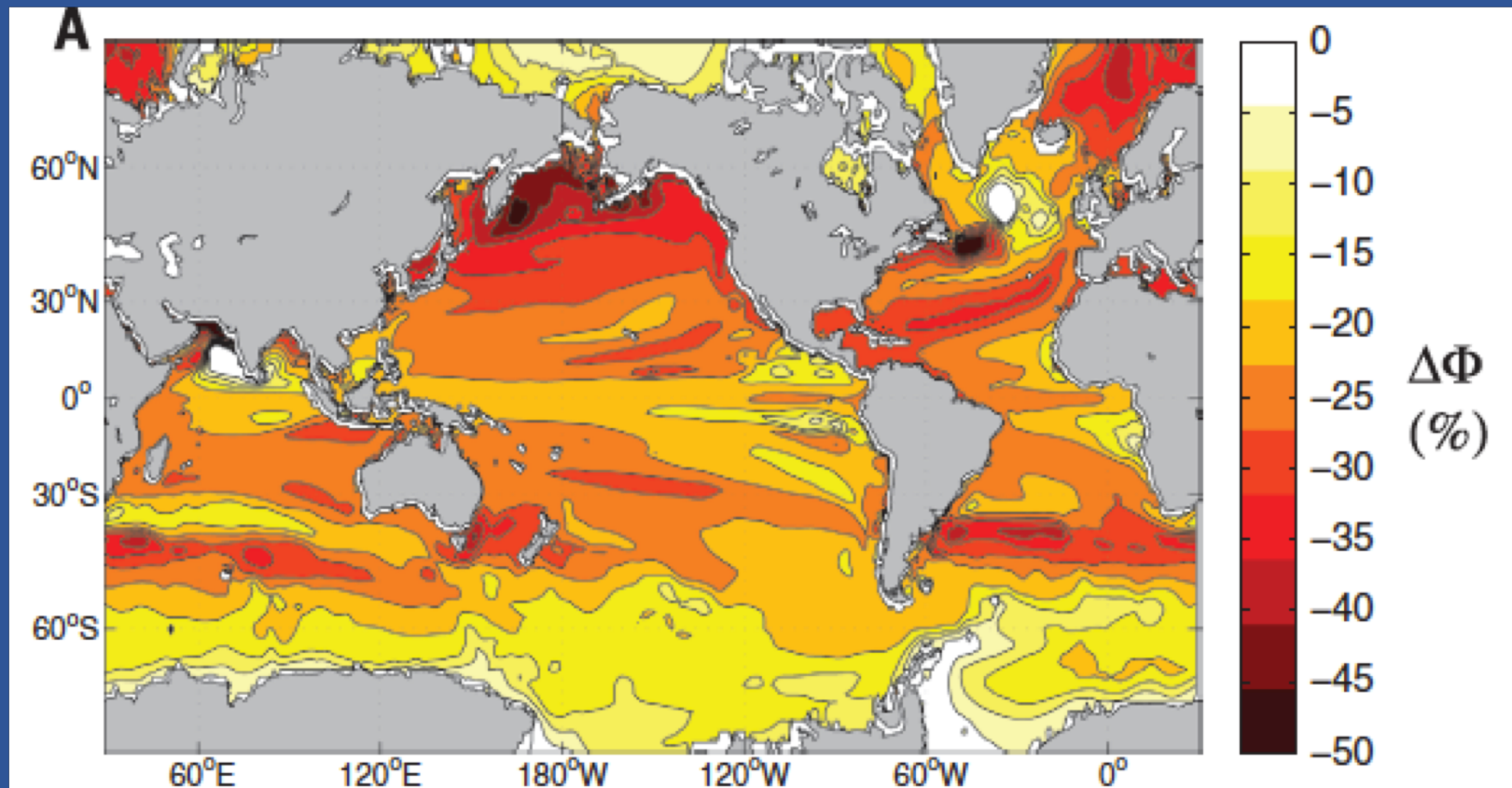


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Change in metabolic index from 1971–2000 to 2071–2100.



*Deutch et al. 2015*



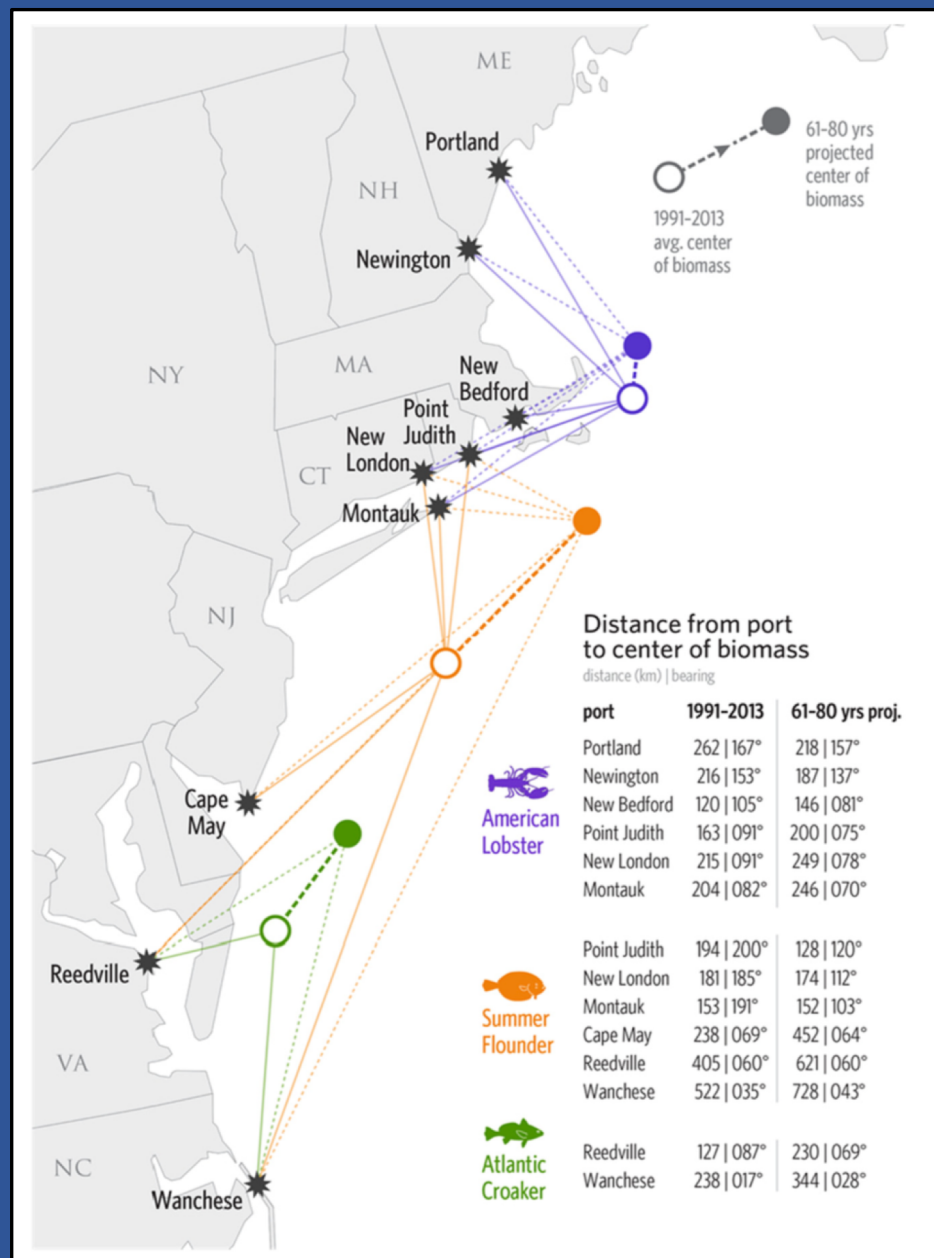
# Significance

## Economic & Social

### Value of Landings

Rank	Species	Thousand Dollars
1	Lobsters	679,214
2	Crabs	678,727
3	Shrimp	488,384
4	Salmon	460,166
5	Pollock	449,198
6	Scallops	440,496
7	Cod	264,191
8	Flatfish	263,615
9	Oysters	213,773
10	Clams	206,299

*Kleisner et al. 2017*



# Introduction to Today's Presentations

1. Lian Guo (\*Student): University of Massachusetts, Amherst
  - Warming Lakes: How Temperature Affects Anadromous Juvenile River Herring Physiology
2. Dan Crear (\*Student): Virginia Institute of Marine Science
  - Metabolic Responses of Cobia, *Rachycentron Canadum*, to Warming and Hypoxia
3. Alyssa Andres (\*Student): University of South Florida
  - An Investigation of the Effects of Rising Temperature on Metabolic Scope in the Spiny Dogfish, *Squalus Acanthias*
4. Gail Schwieterman (\*Student): Virginia Institute of Marine Science:
  - Interactions of Acute Temperature and pH Changes on Metabolic Rates and Hypoxia Tolerance: A Comparison between Mid- and North-Atlantic Species

Thanks!

Enjoy the Session

