

Suboptimal thermal conditions and spatial mismatch between predators and prey and may limit walleye pollock growth under climate change

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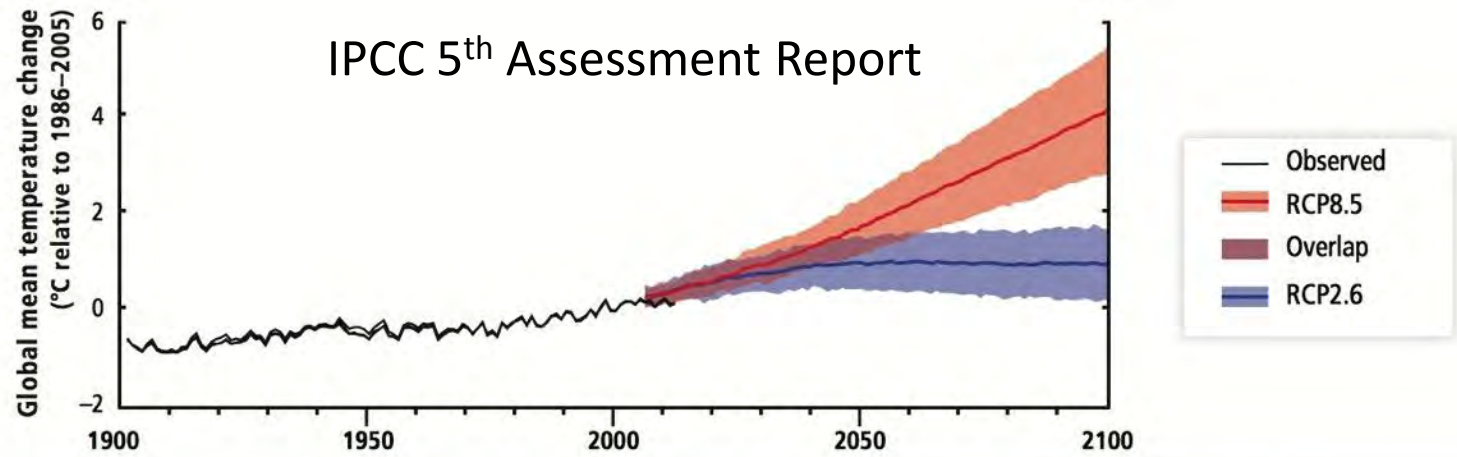


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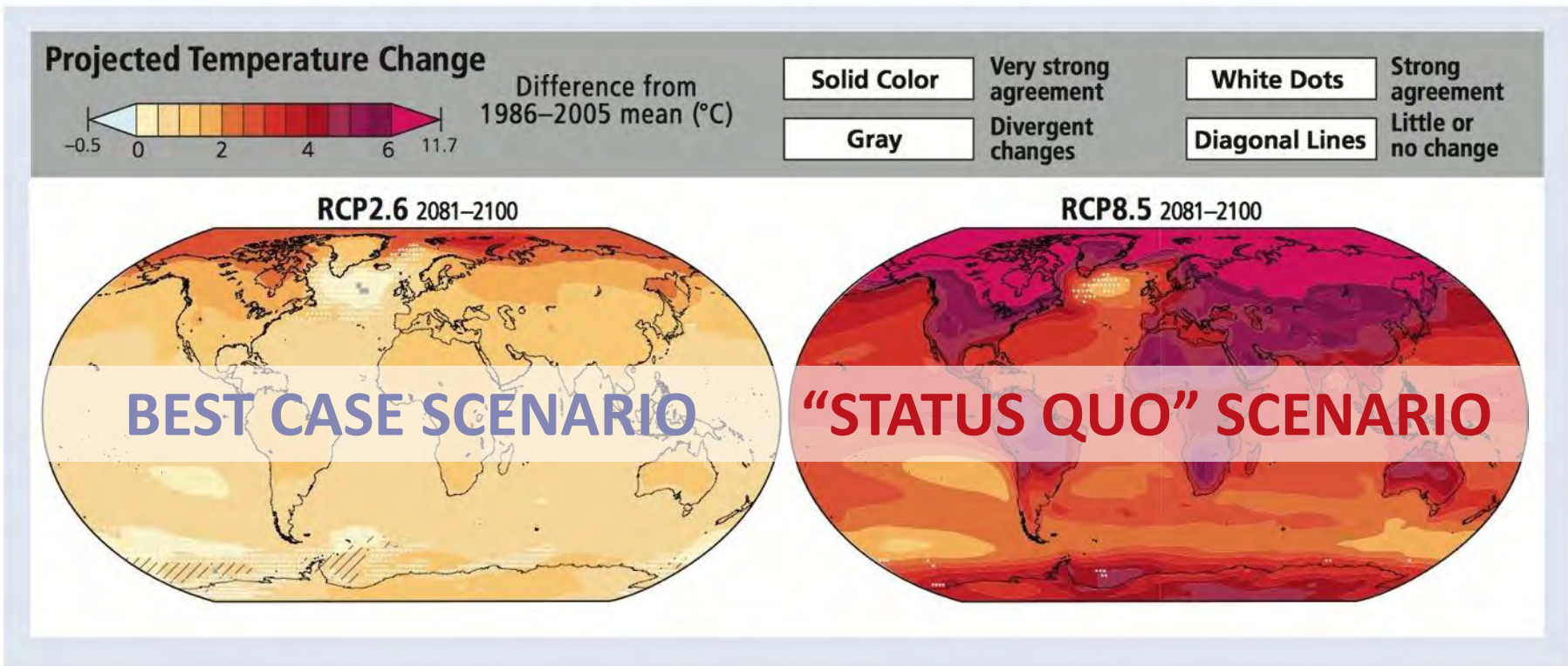


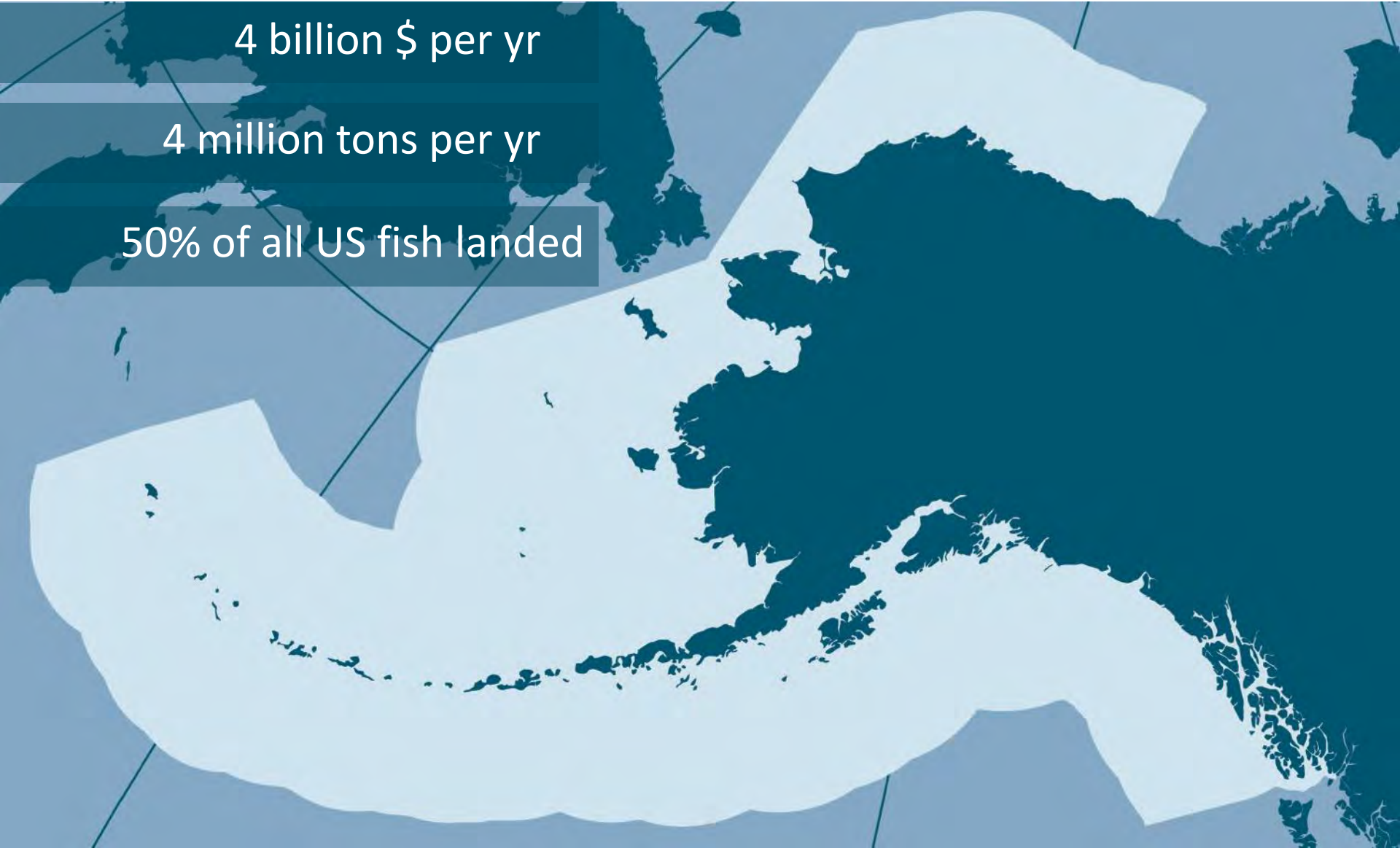
Figure SPM.4 | Observed and projected changes in annual average surface temperature. This figure informs understanding of climate-related risks in the WGII AR5. It illustrates temperature change observed to date and projected warming under continued high emissions and under ambitious mitigation.

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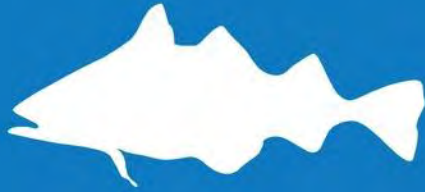
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40% of all US fish landed

Bering Sea

A map of Alaska and the Bering Sea region. The Bering Sea is highlighted in a light blue color. Three data callouts are positioned over the map: one for Alaska-wide fisheries (top left), one for Bering Sea fisheries (top right), and one for the Bering Sea itself (center). The callouts provide economic and production data for each area.

**COLD
REGIME**



**Higher
Overwinter
Survival**



REGIME SHIFT



**Lower
Overwinter
Survival**



**WARM
REGIME**

Spatial Match-Mismatch between Juvenile Fish and Prey Provides a Mechanism for Recruitment Variability across Contrasting Climate Conditions in the Eastern Bering Sea

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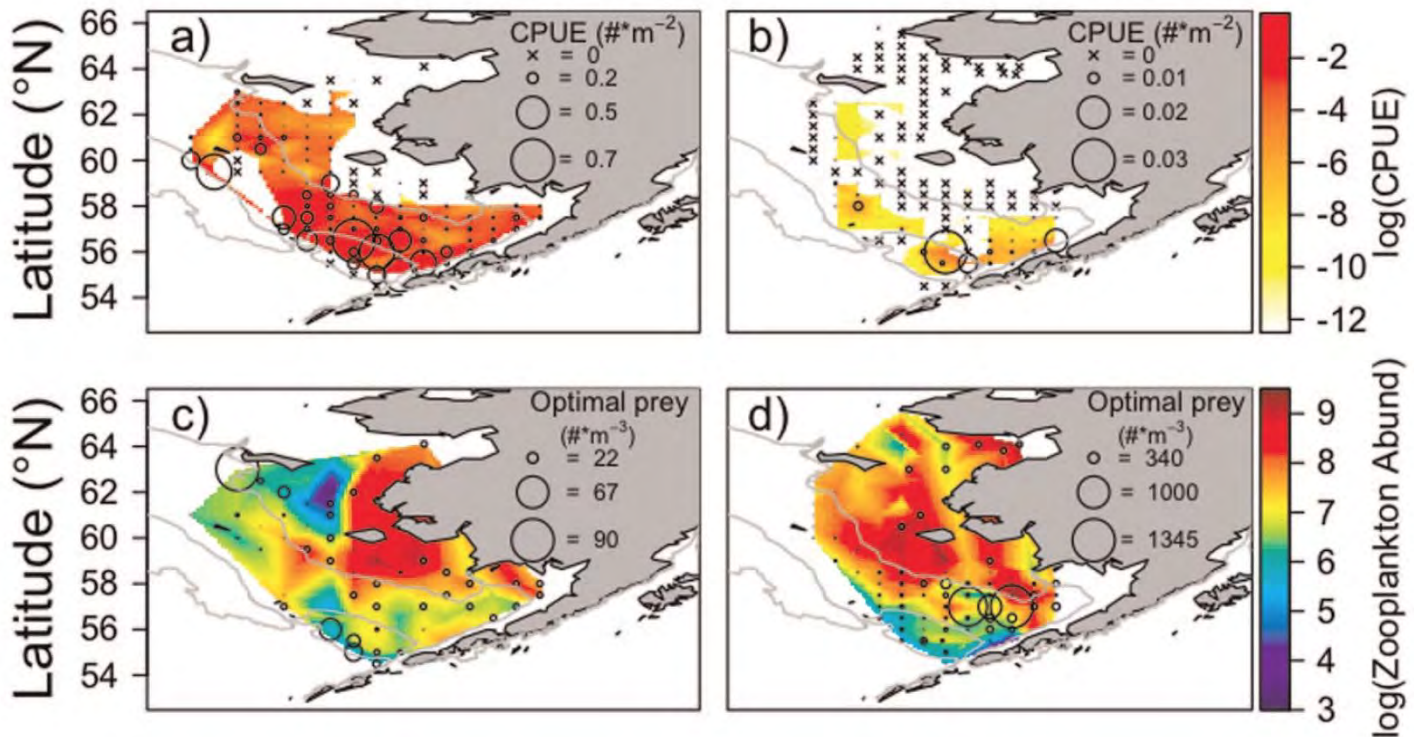
Abstract

Understanding mechanisms behind variability in early life survival of marine fishes through modeling efforts can improve predictive capabilities for recruitment success under changing climate conditions. Walleye pollock (*Theragra chalcogramma*) support the largest single-species commercial fishery in the United States and represent an ecologically important component of the Bering Sea ecosystem. Variability in walleye pollock growth and survival is structured in part by climate-driven bottom-up control of zooplankton composition. We used two modeling approaches, informed by observations, to understand the roles of prey quality, prey composition, and water temperature on juvenile walleye pollock growth: (1) a bioenergetics model that included local predator and prey energy densities, and (2) an individual-based model that included a mechanistic feeding component dependent on larval development and behavior, local prey densities and size, and physical oceanographic conditions. Prey composition in late-summer shifted from predominantly smaller copepod

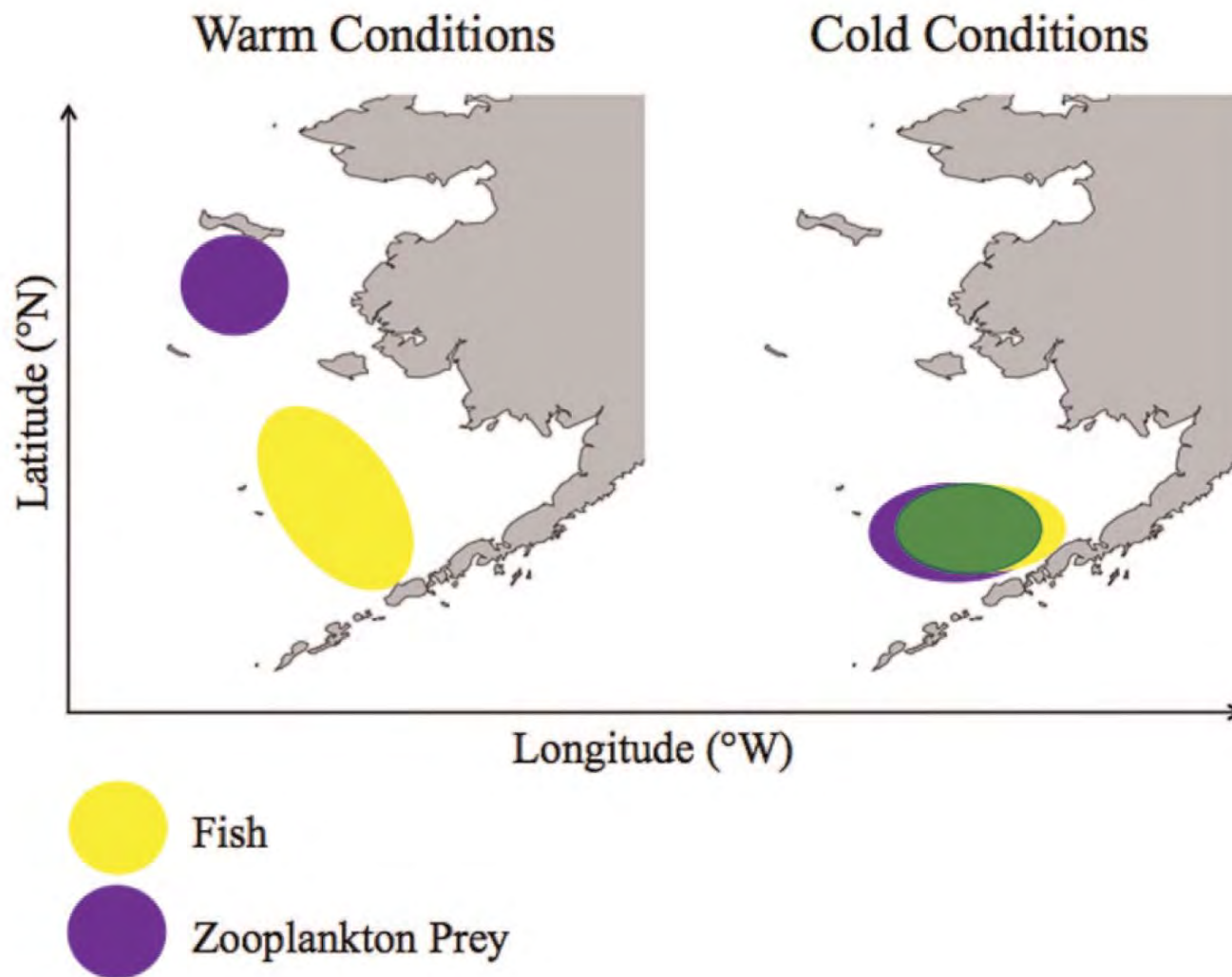
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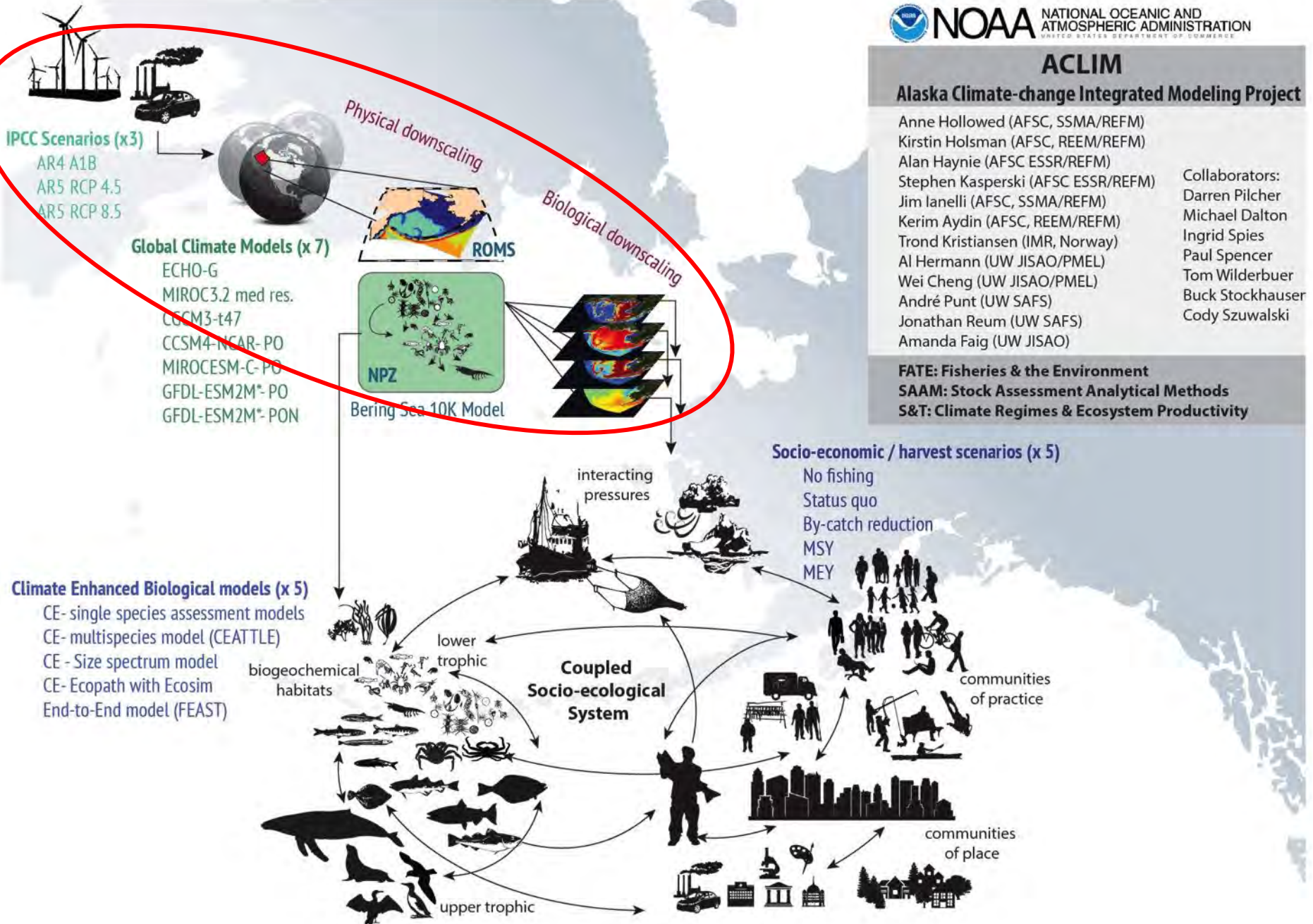
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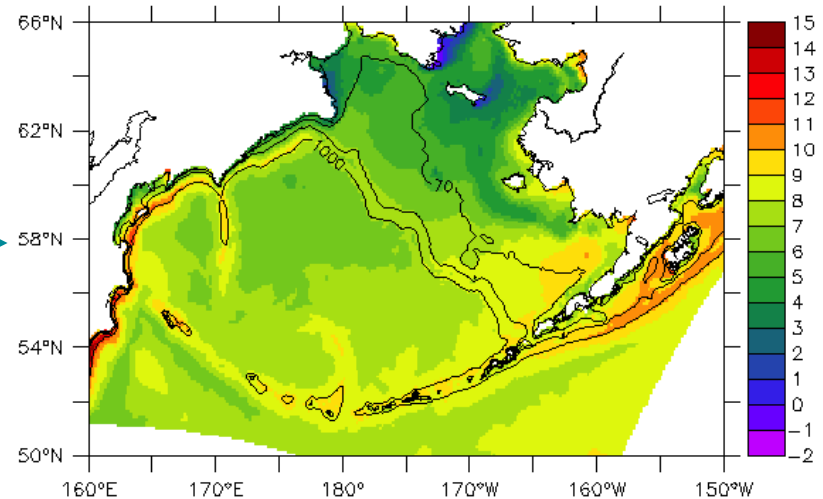
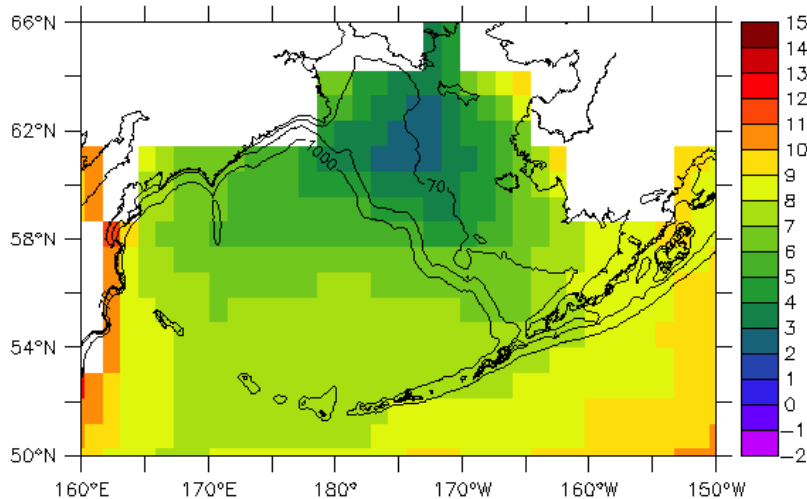
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IPCC global projections drive regional model (*dynamical downscaling*)

IPCC model (MIROC)

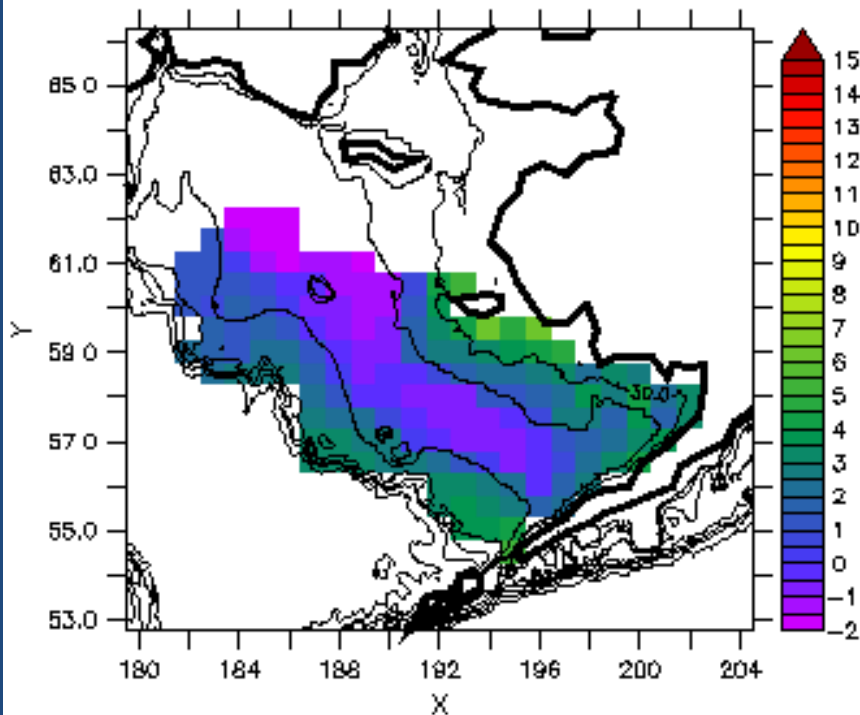
Regional model (Bering10K)



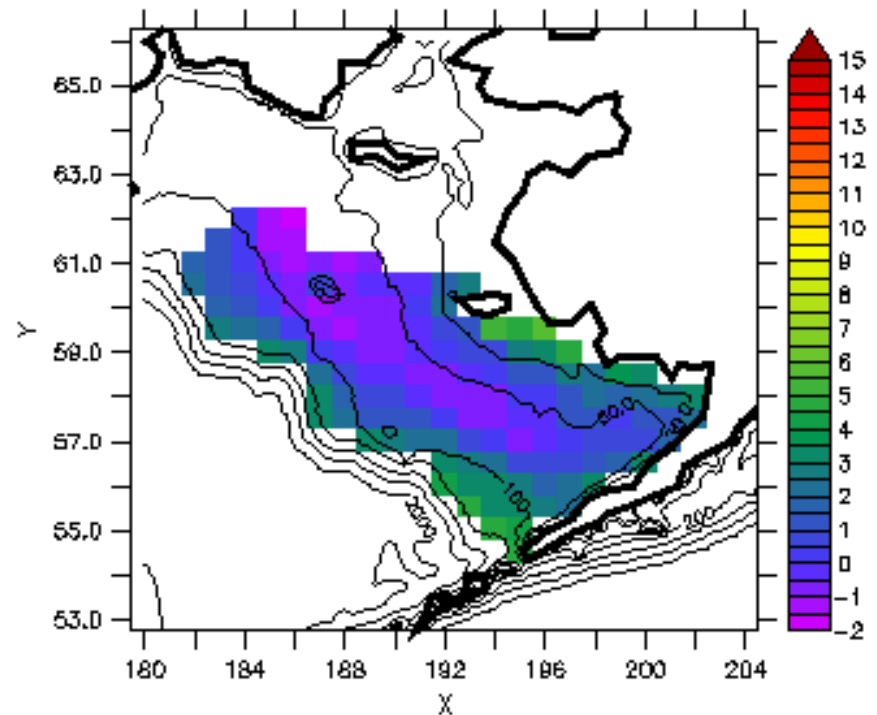
IPCC global atmosphere provides *surface forcing*
IPCC global ocean provides *boundary conditions*

Bering10K validation: Bottom Temp (deg C) summer 2009

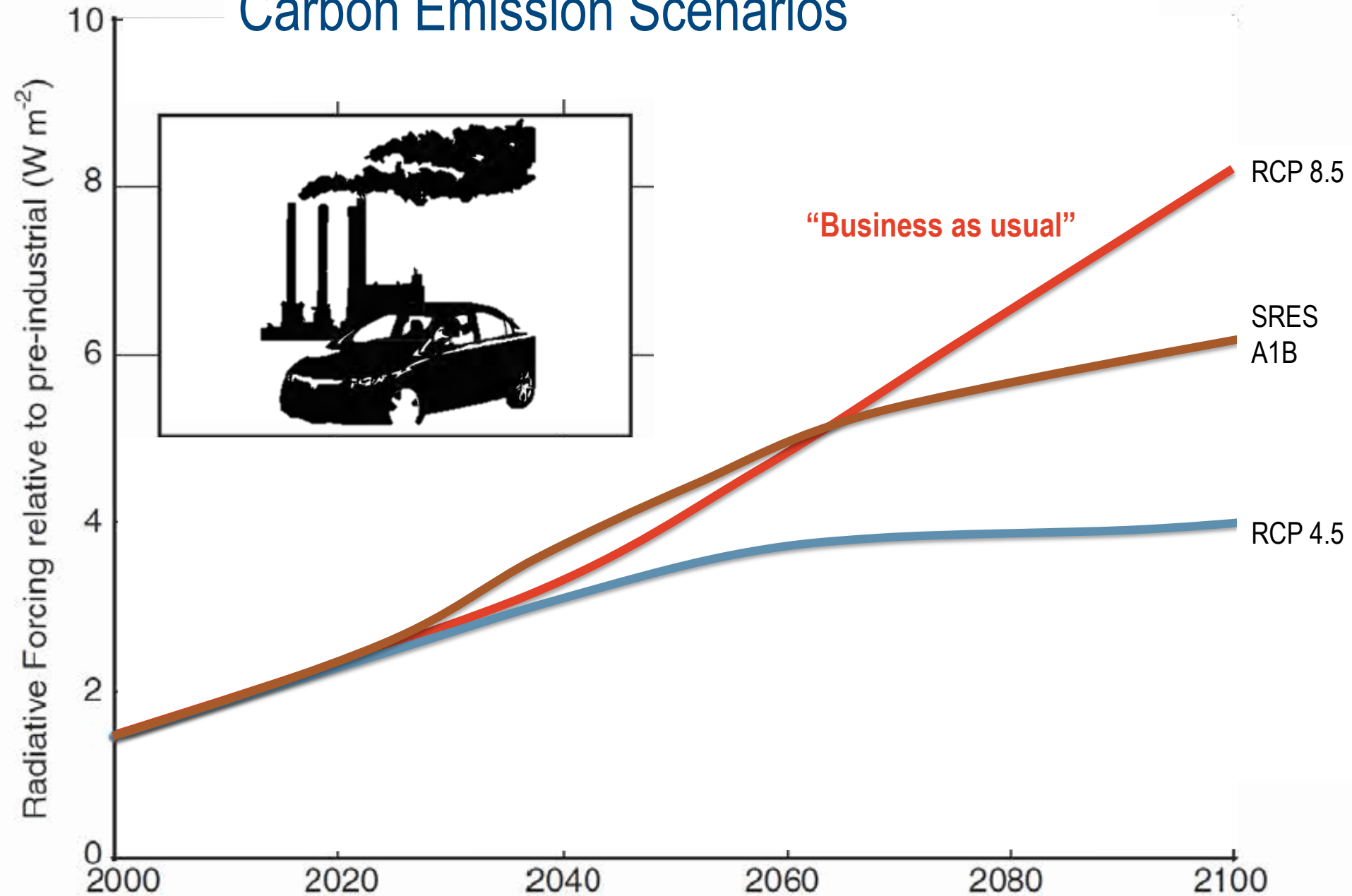
DATA



MODEL

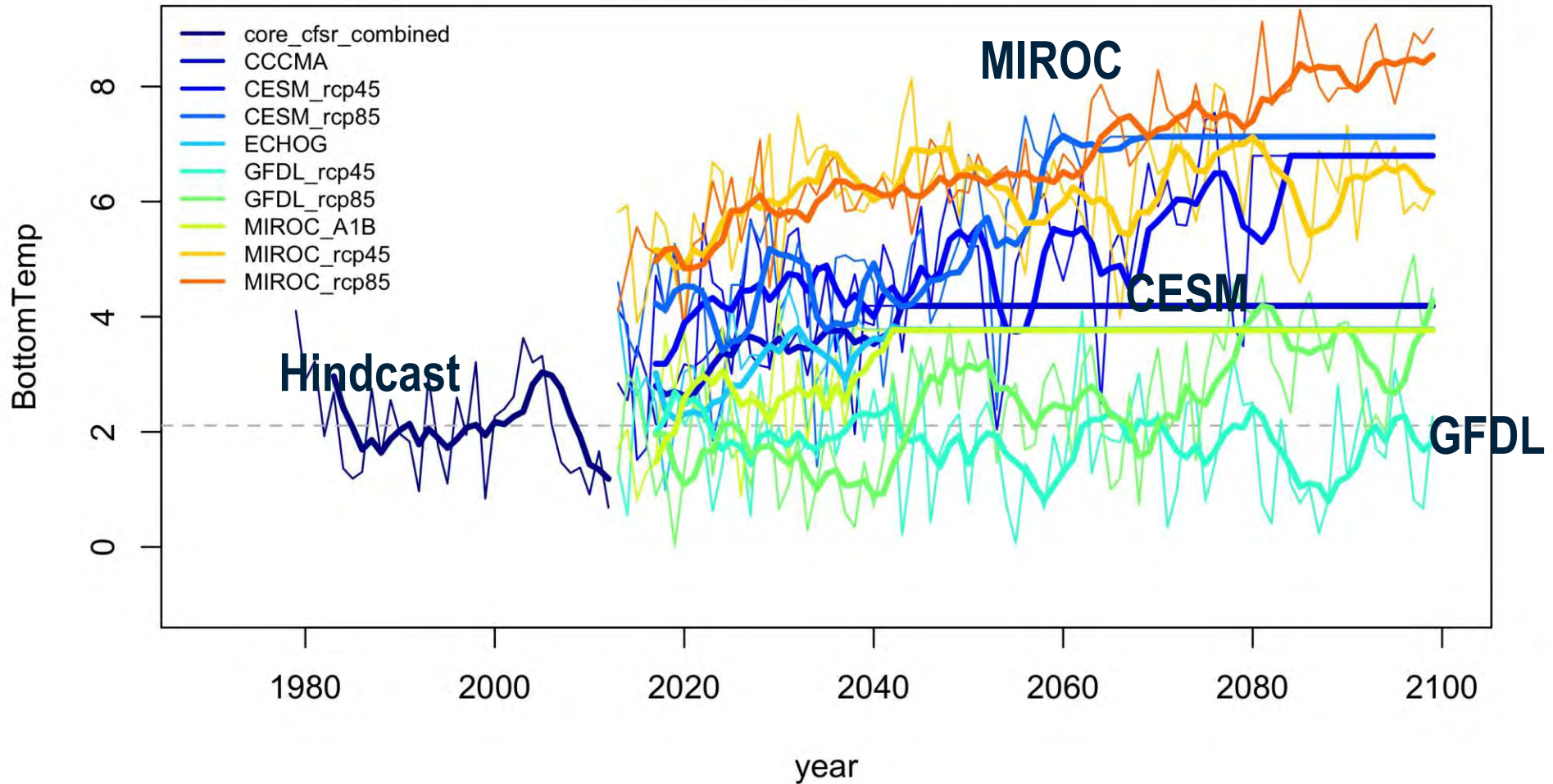


Carbon Emission Scenarios



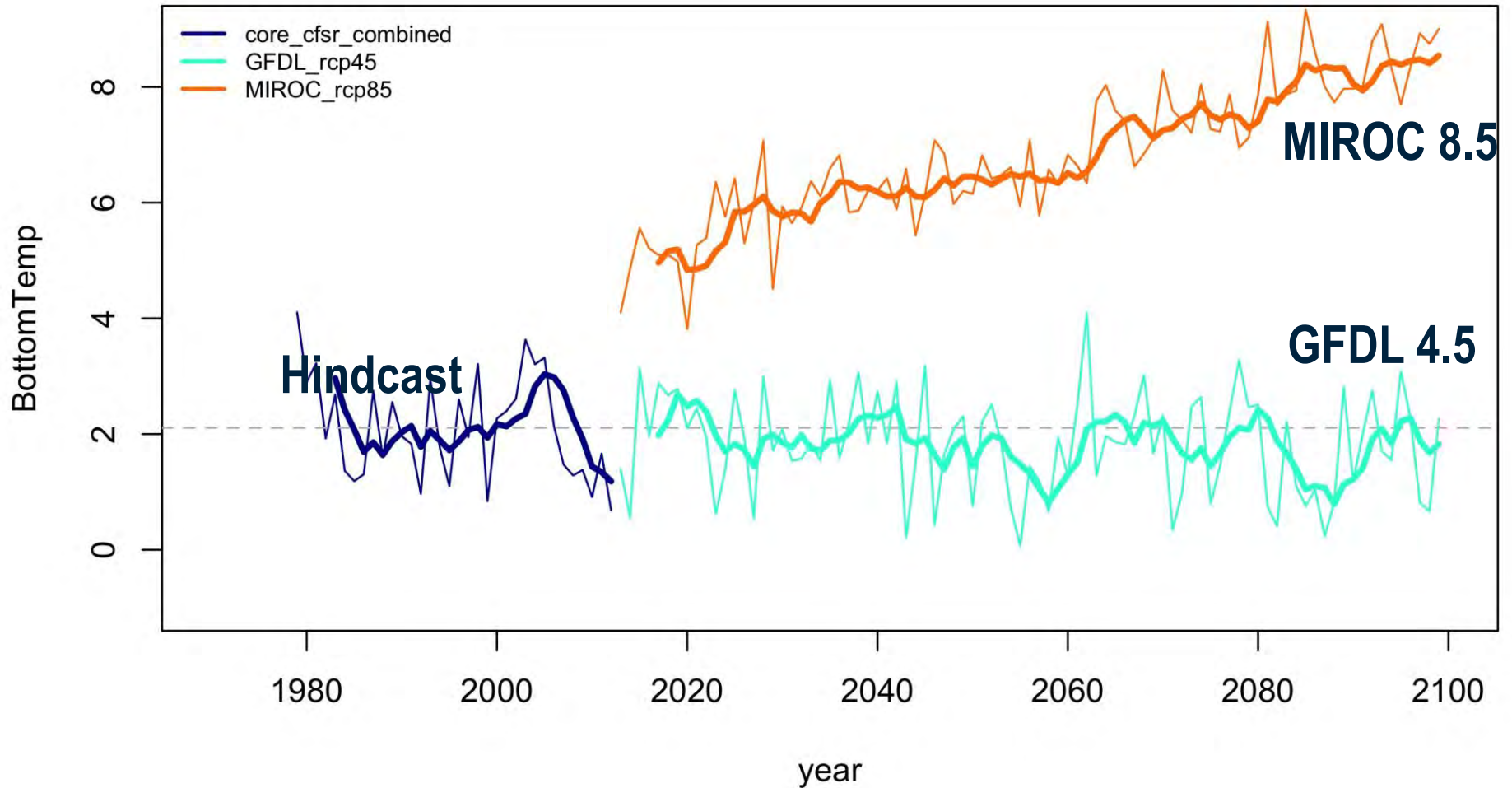
Bering10K output: Bottom Temperature

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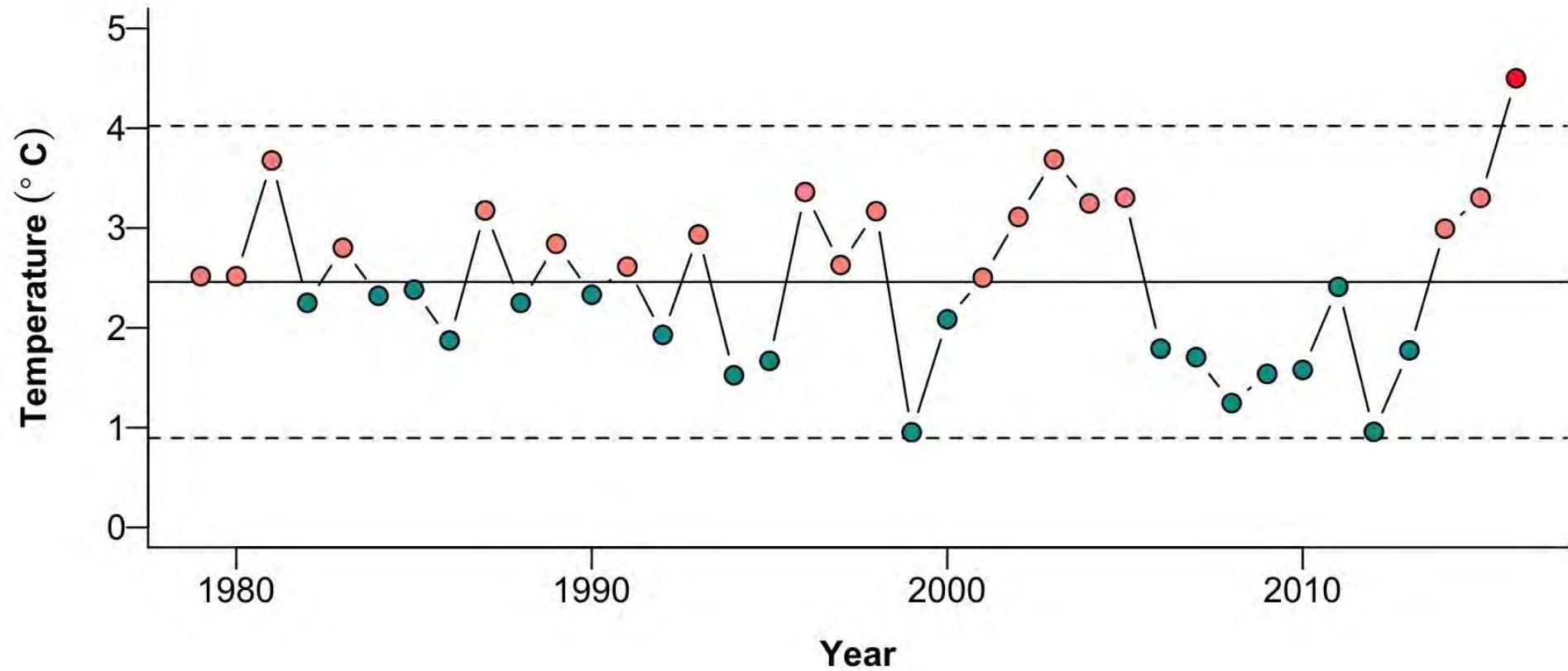


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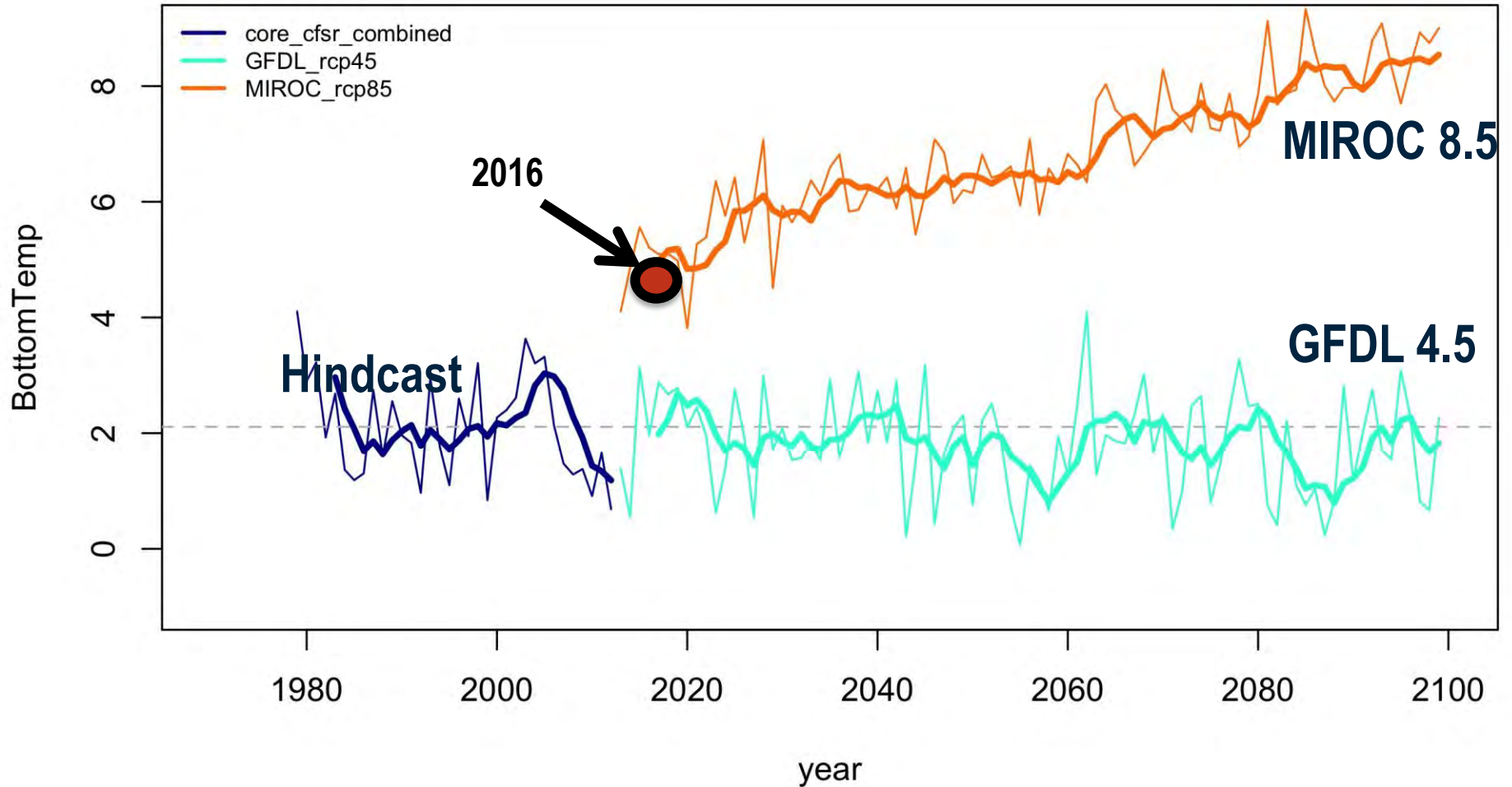


Survey Observations: Bottom Temperature

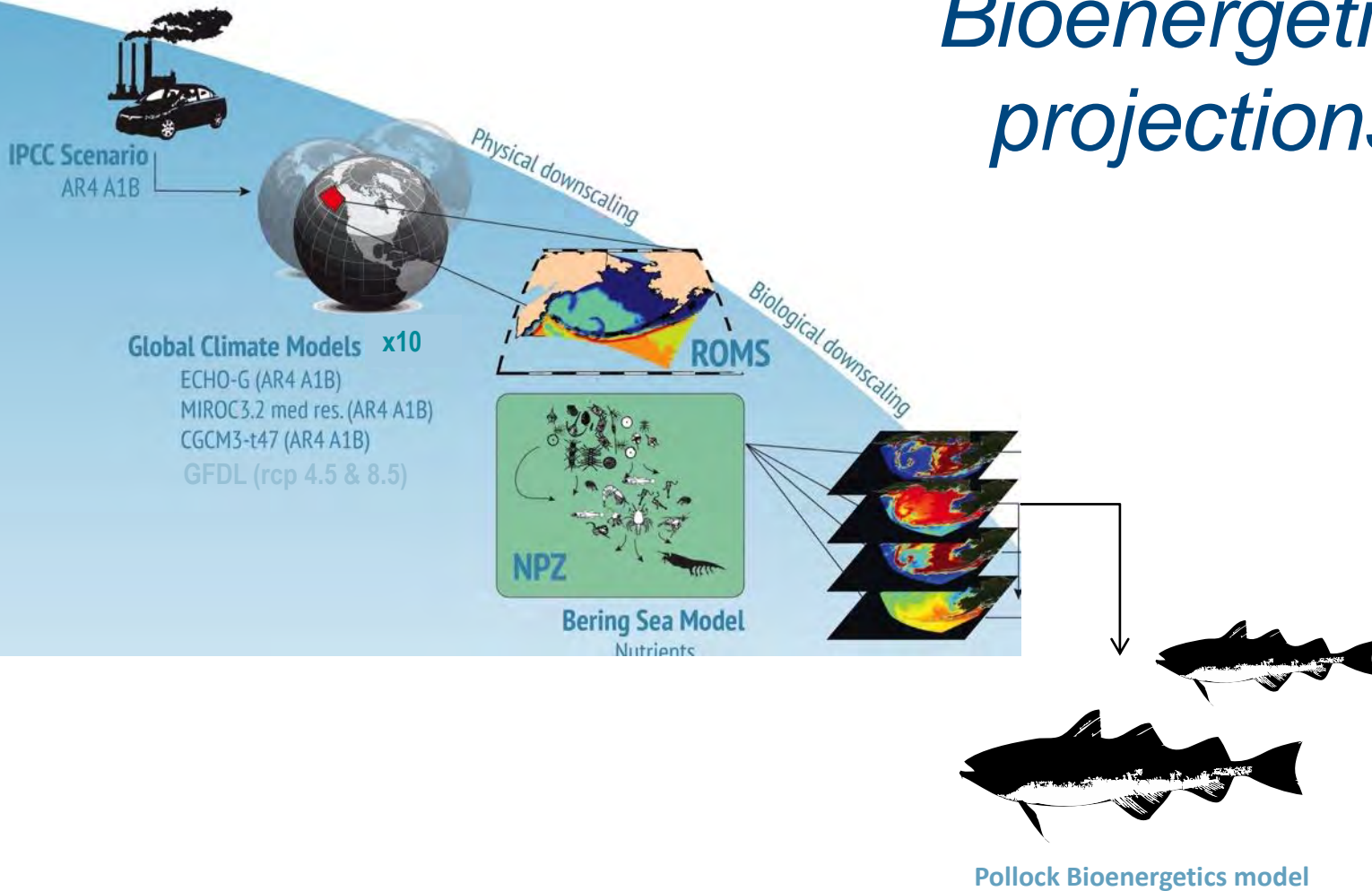


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Bioenergetics projections



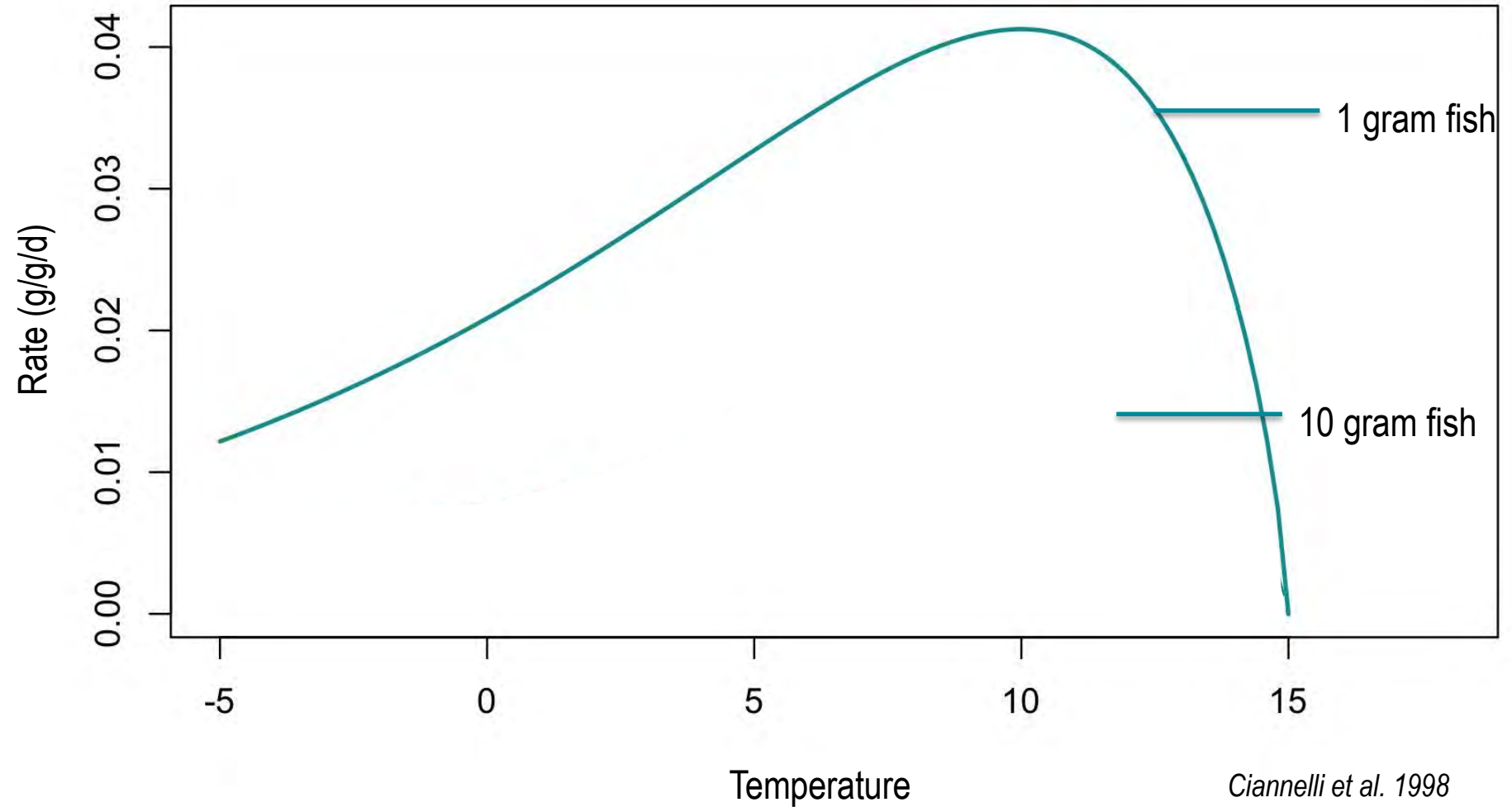
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Pollock Bioenergetics

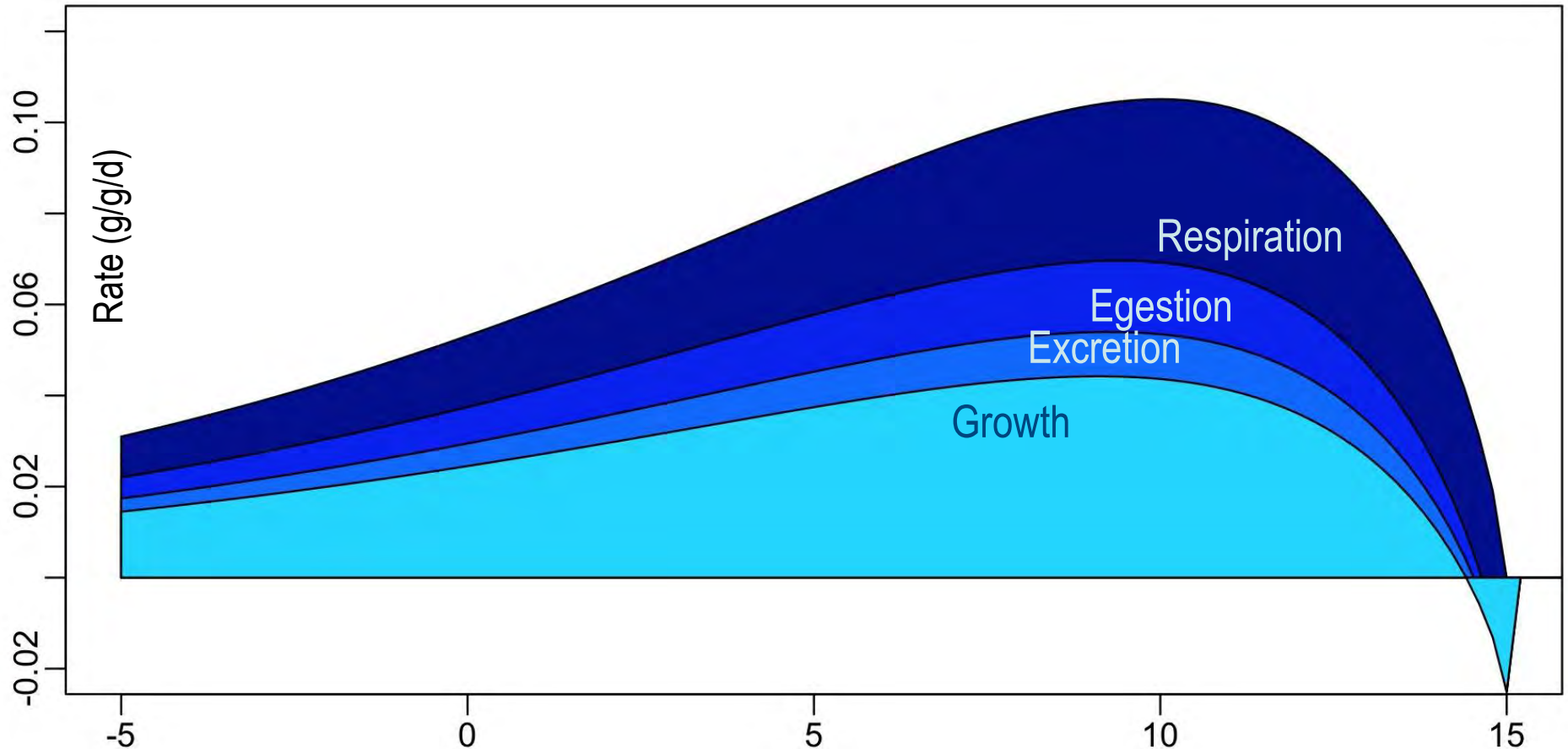
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Ciannelli et al. 1998

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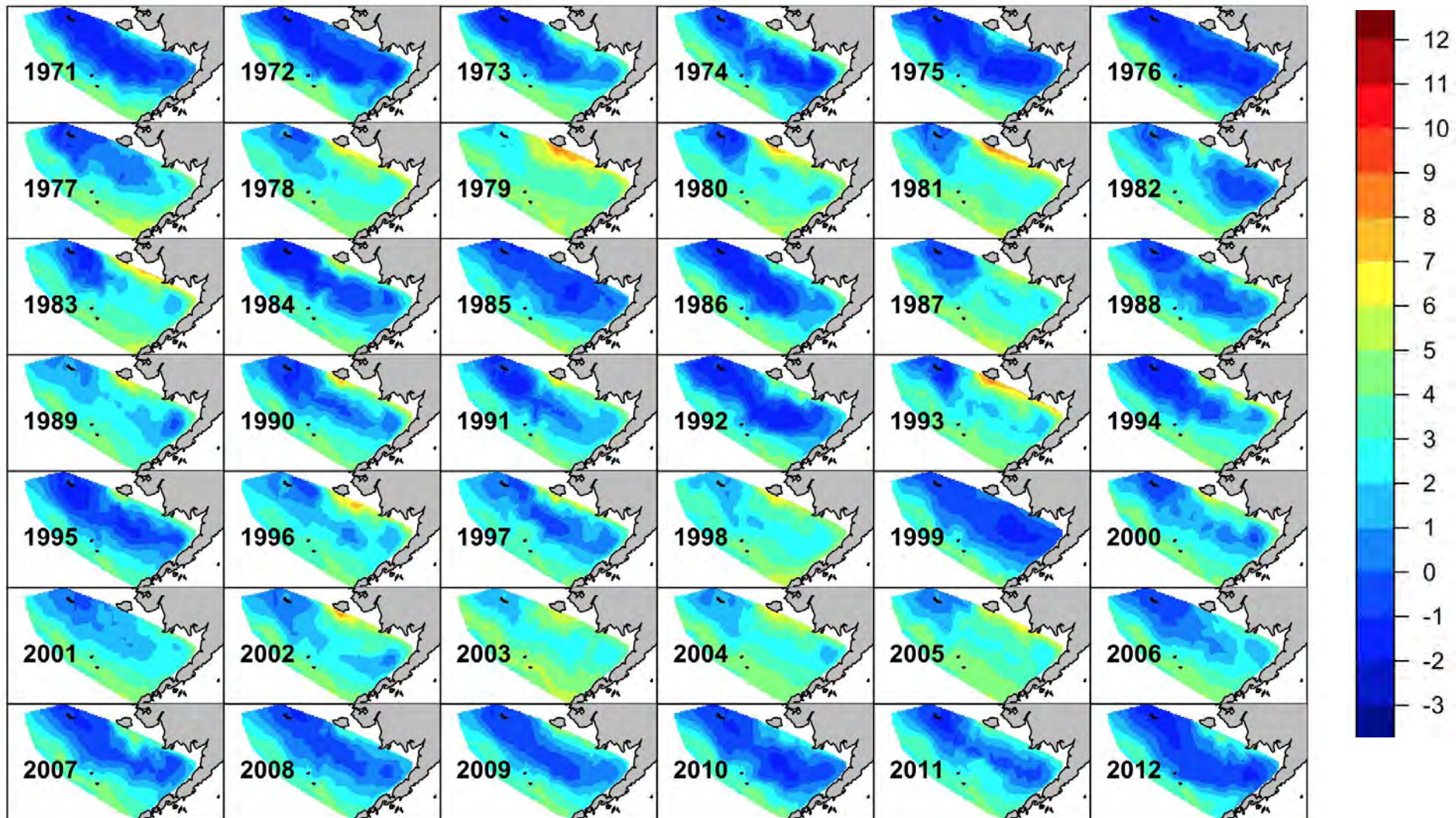
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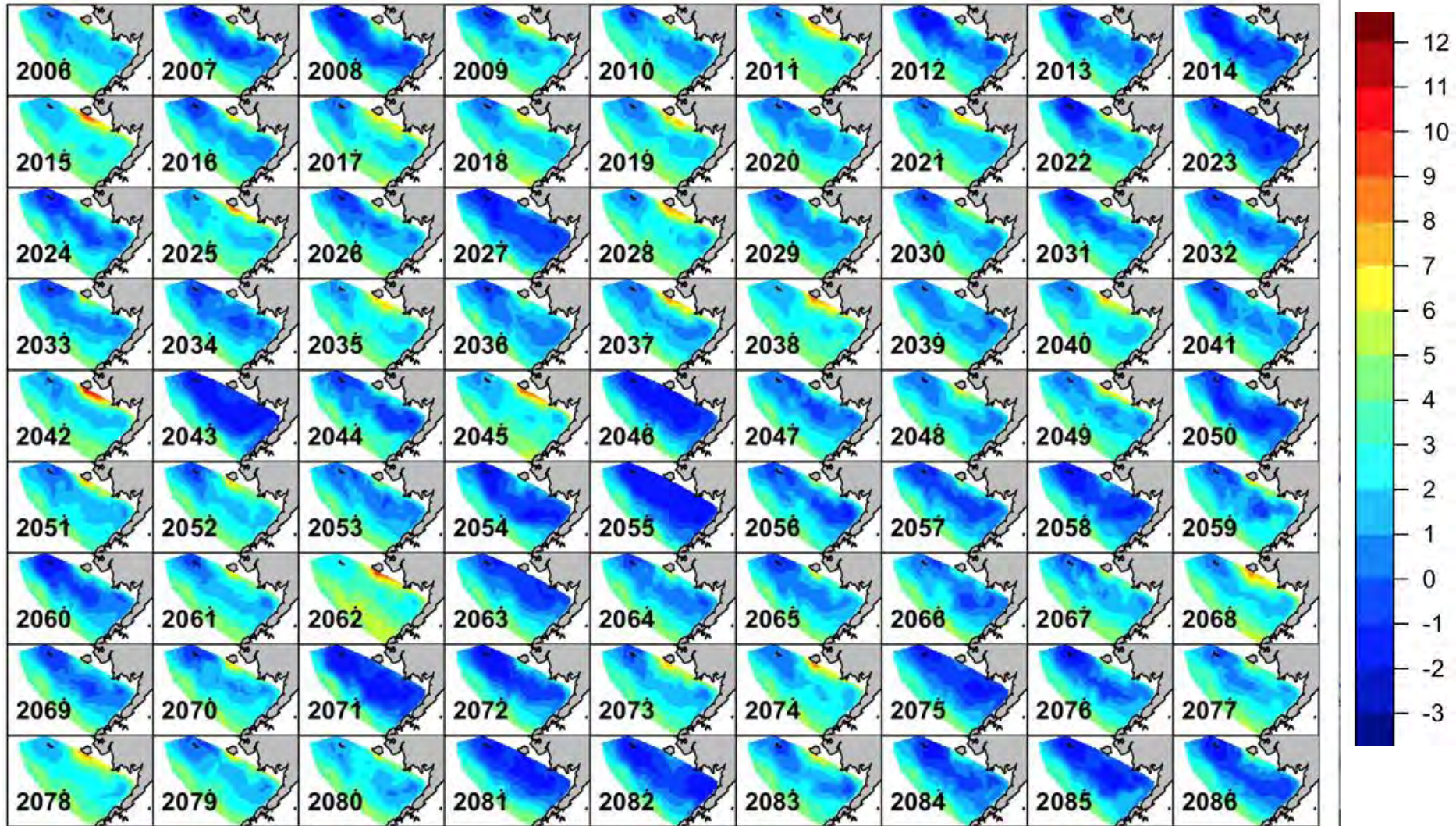
Bottom Temp hindcast (1971→2012)

core_cfsr_combined; BottomTemp



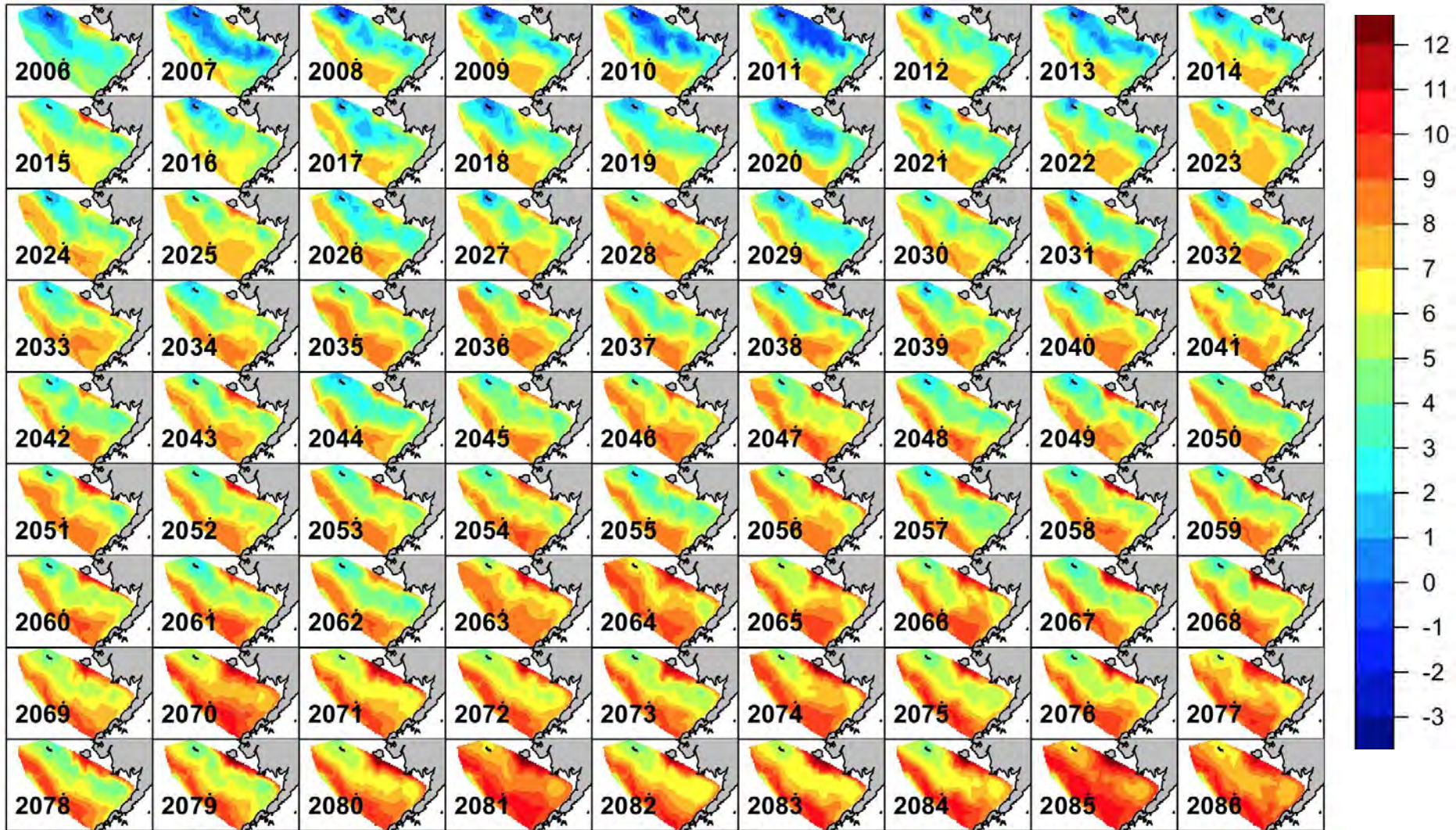
Bottom Temp Projections (2006→2086)

GFDL_rcp45; BottomTemp



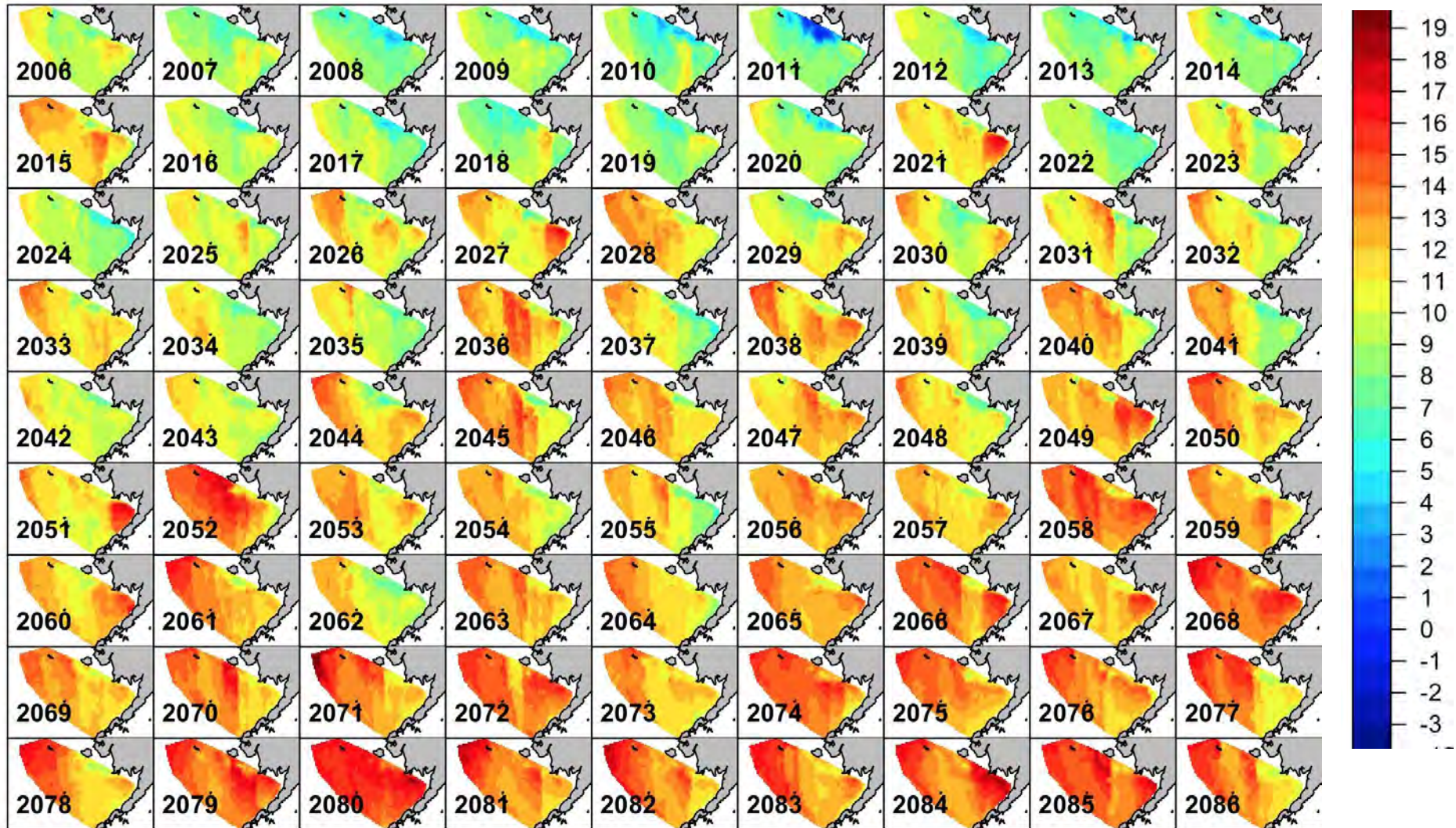
Bottom Temp Projections (2006→2086)

MIROC_rcp85; BottomTemp



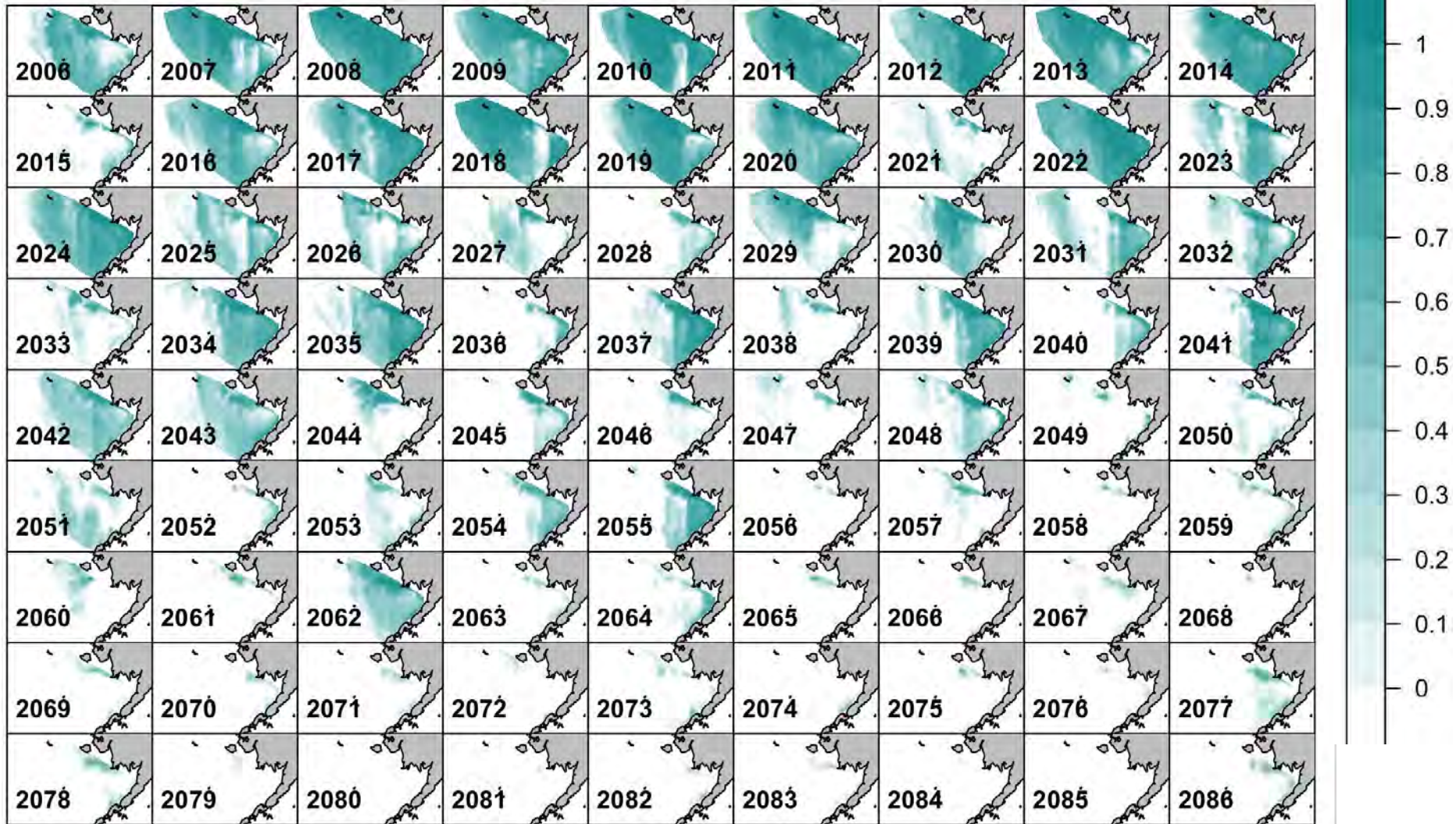
SST Projections (2006→2086)

MIROC_rcp85; SST_tmp



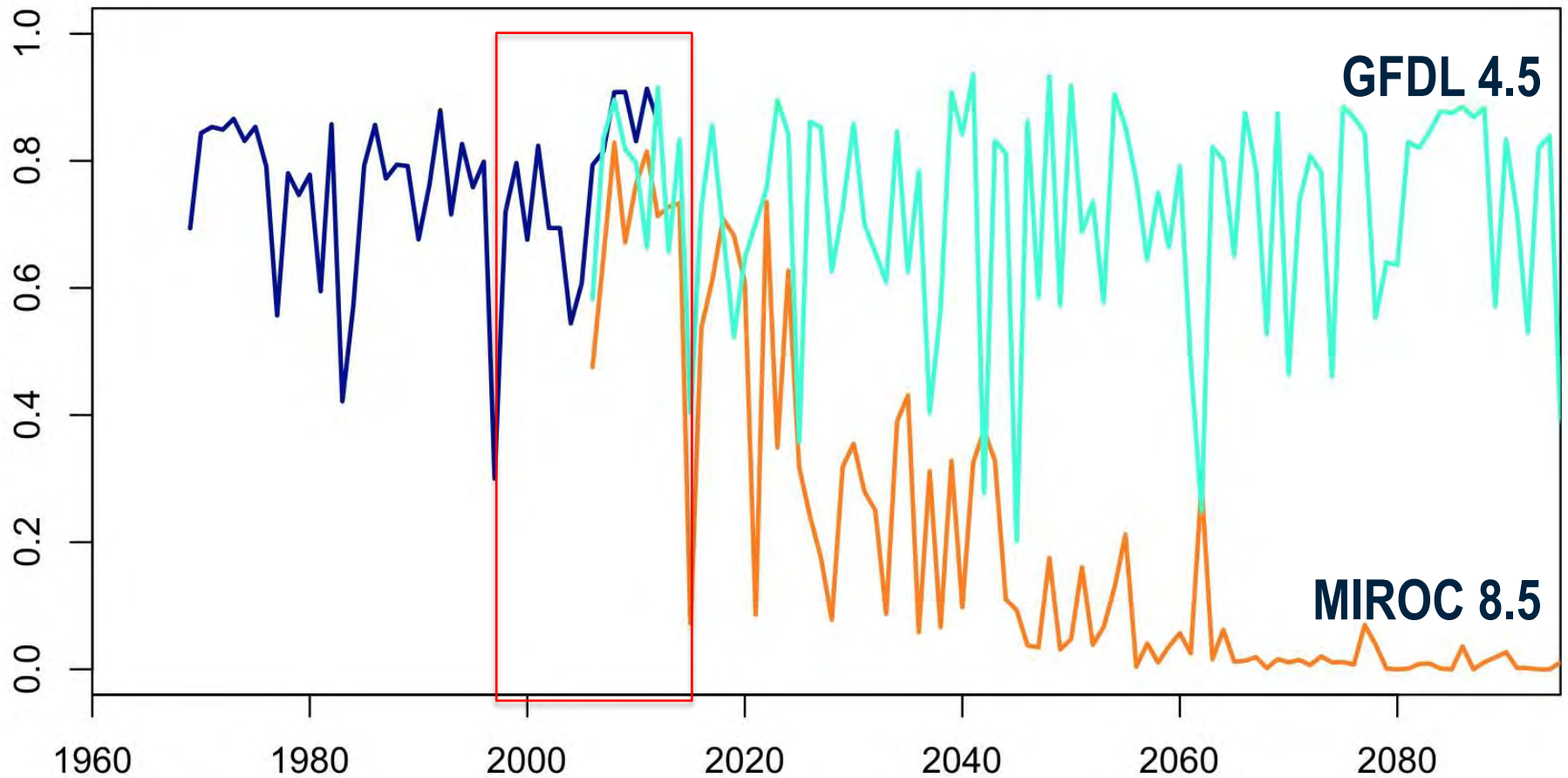
Scope for growth (2006→2086)

MIROC_rcp85; Gindx



Mean annual growth index

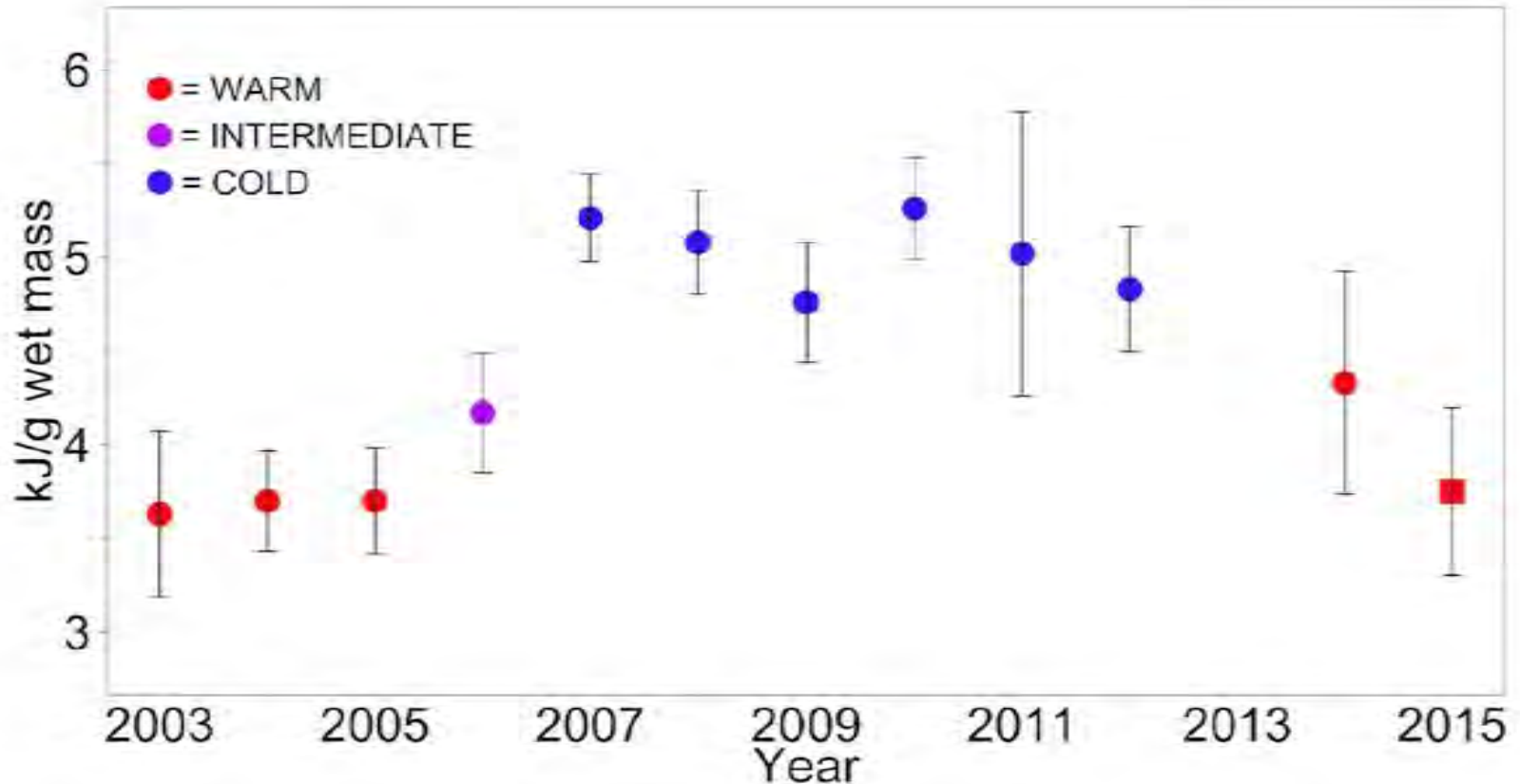
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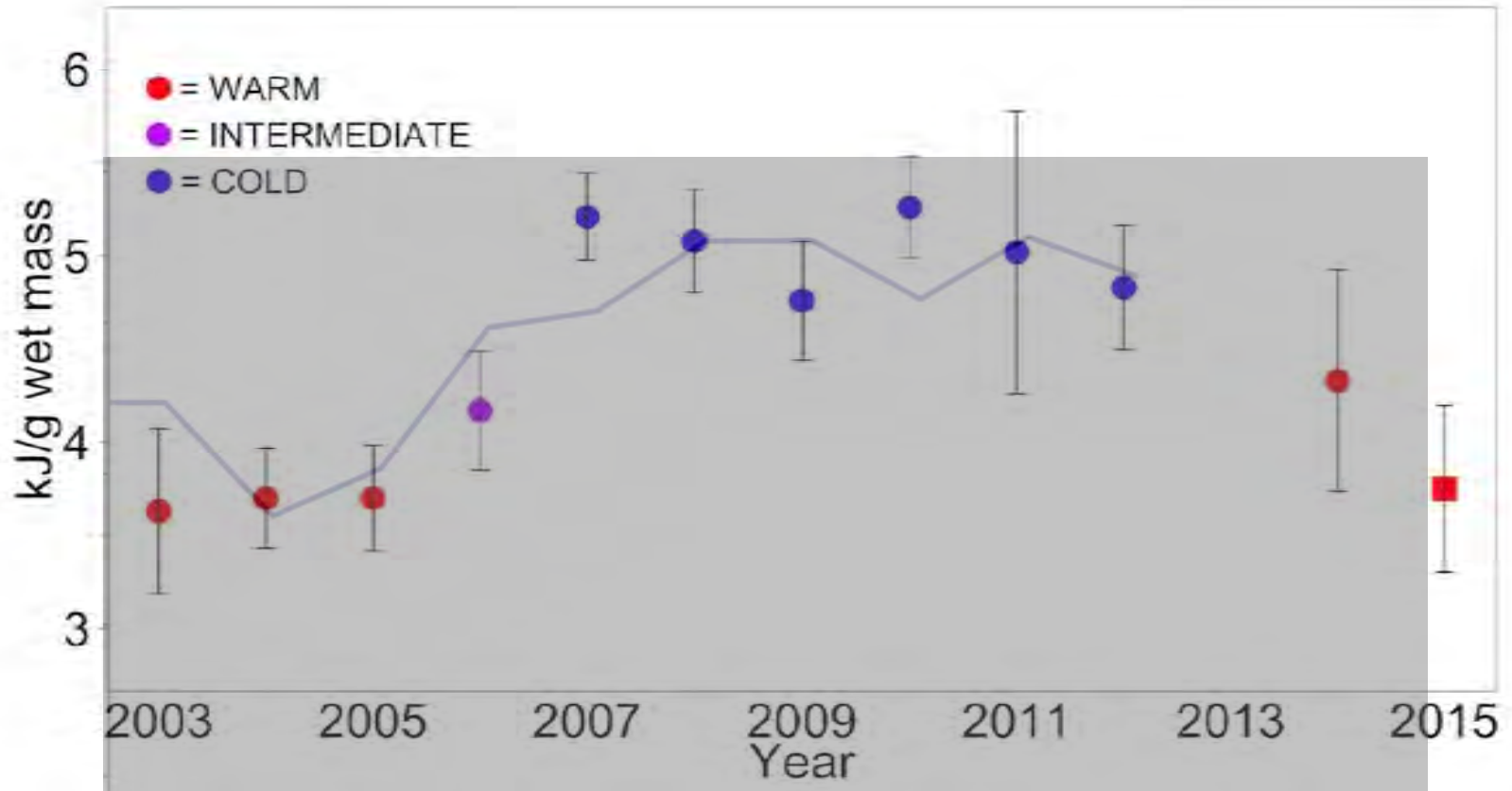
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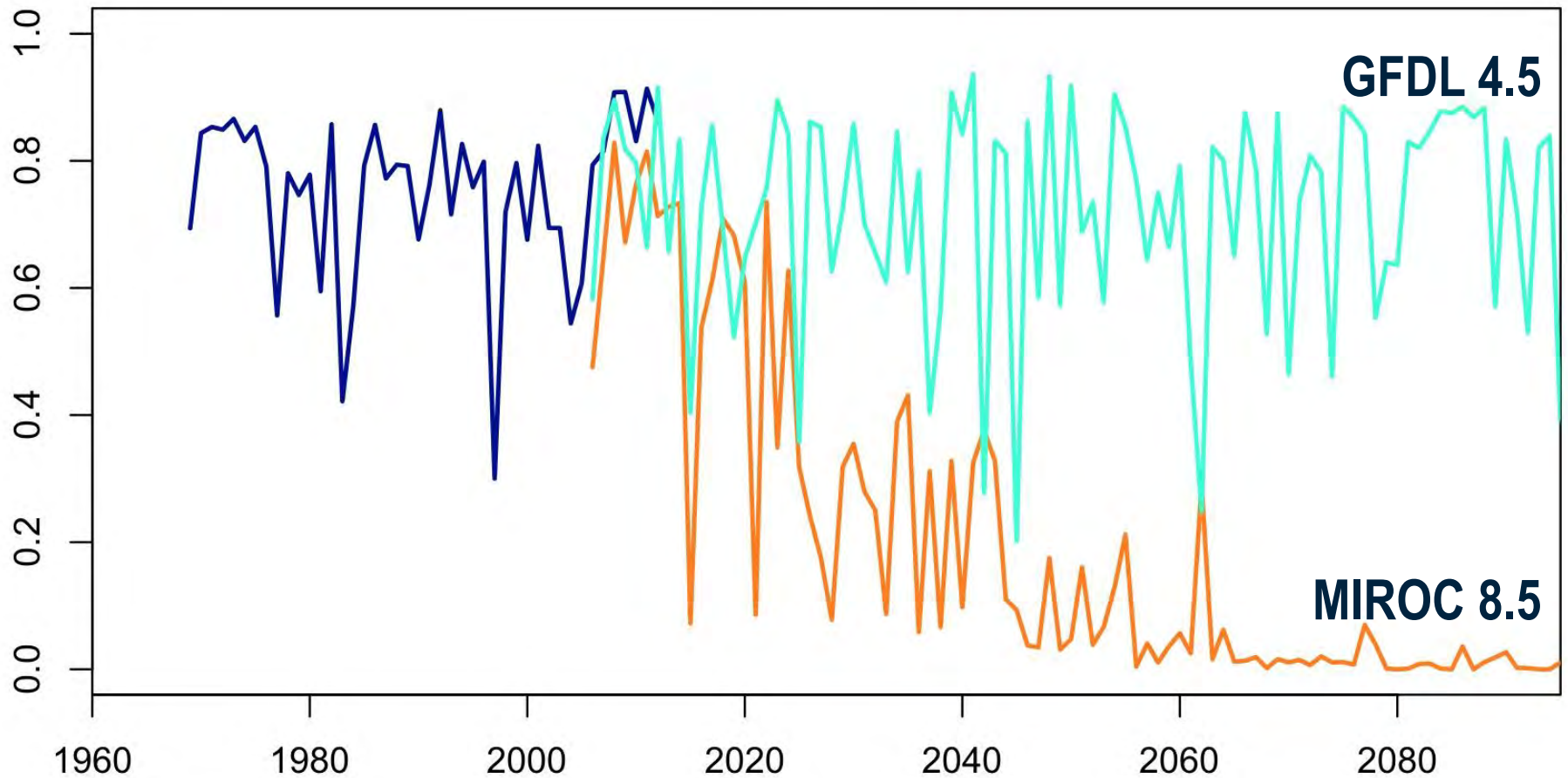
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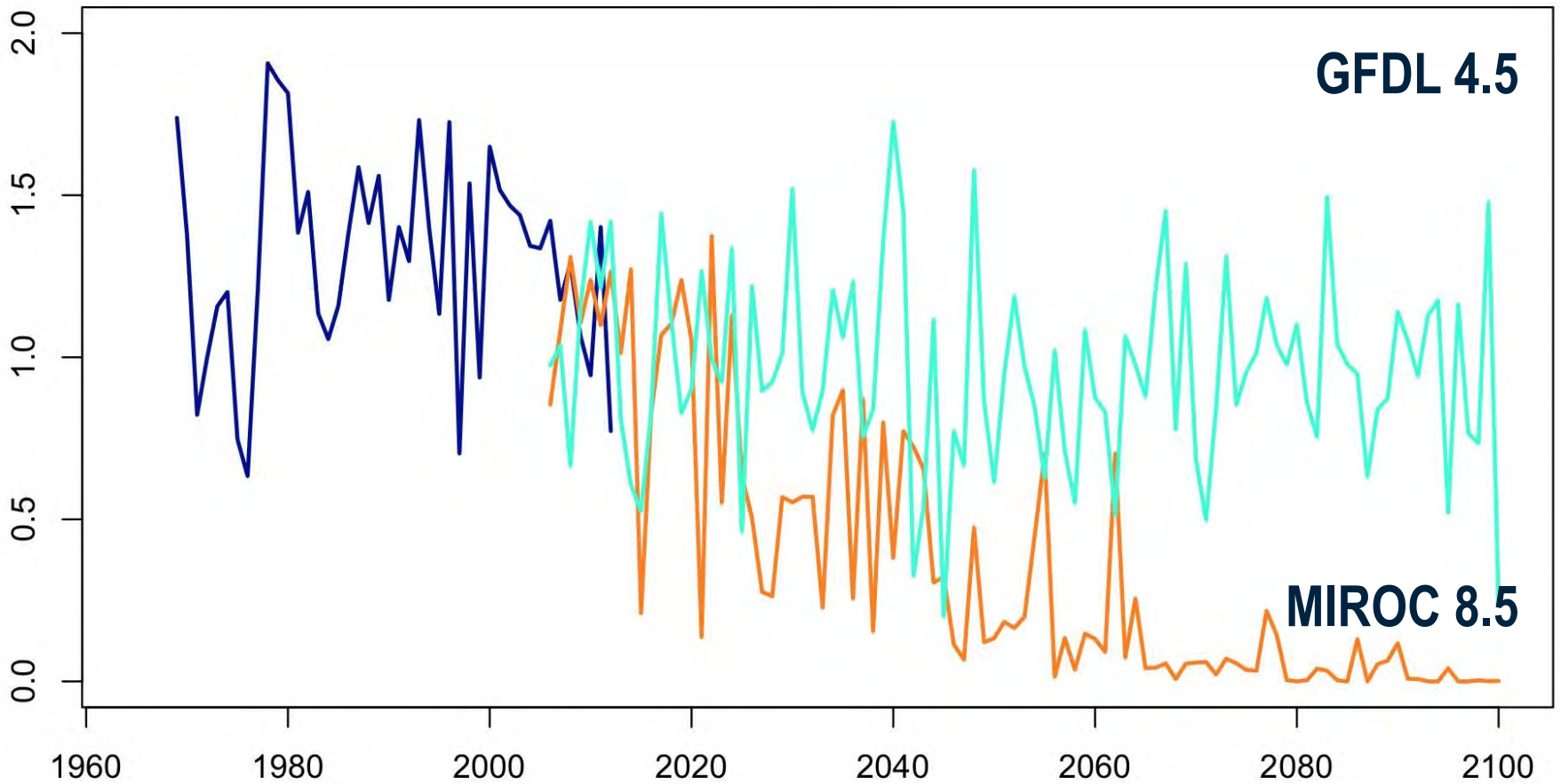
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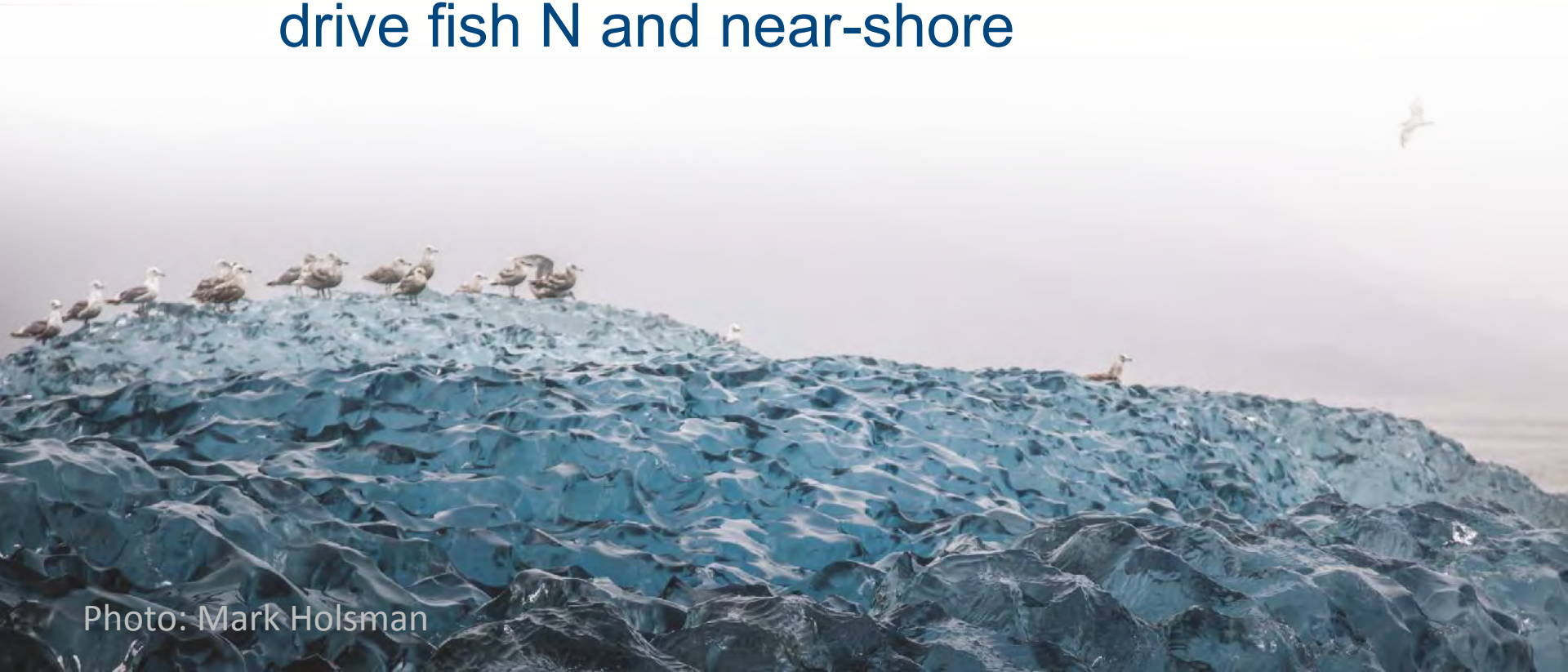
Mean annual available food

Nca_avg



Summary

- Projected declines in growth potential (8.5)
- Projected declines in available food (8.5)
- Spatial mismatch & thermal conditions may drive fish N and near-shore



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*“Behind these numbers lies, of course, an infinity
of movements and of destinies.”*

– von Bertalanffy 1938

...and of people!

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