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A topographic map of the Bering Sea region, showing bathymetry and ice extent. The map uses a grayscale color scheme to represent elevation and depth. The Bering Sea is the dark blue area in the lower-left corner. The surrounding landmasses are shown in lighter shades of gray, with higher elevations in white. A scale bar and a north arrow are located in the bottom right corner.

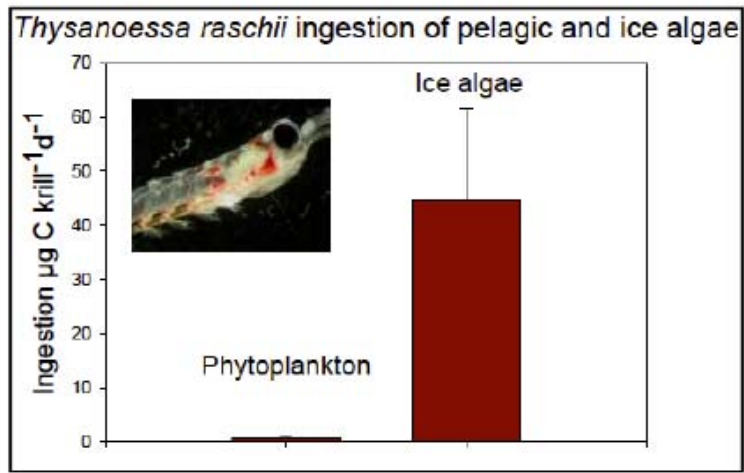
# What Controls the Extent of Ice in the Bering Sea during Spring?

**Nick Bond, Phyllis Stabeno,  
Al Hermann and Muyin Wang**

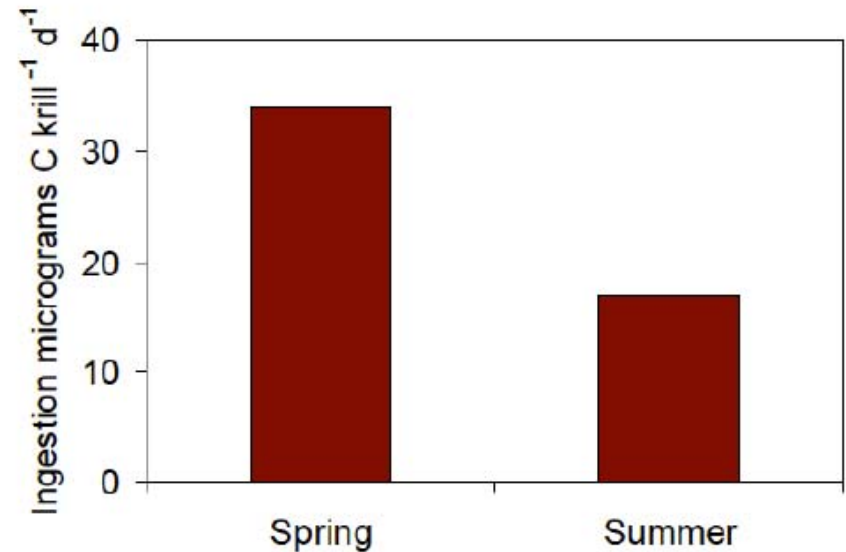
100 km

# Ice algae were a significant food source for krill in early spring

In spring, euphausiids primarily feeding on ice algae, with some consumption of heterotrophs



In summer, chlorophyll ingestion rates were half spring rates, but growth rates the same or higher

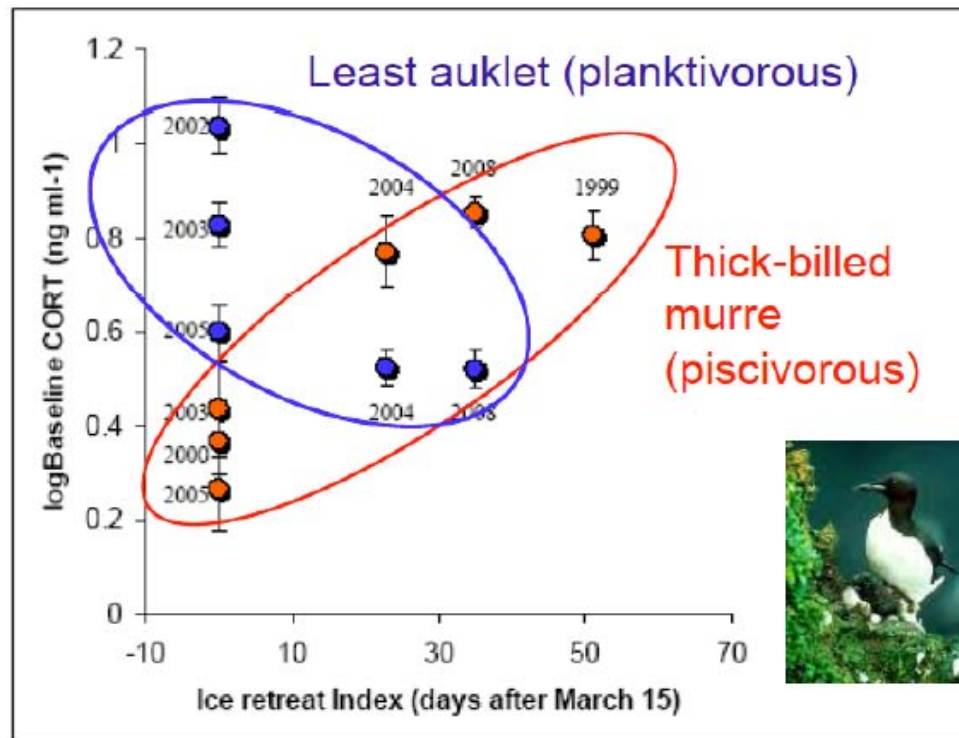


Heterotrophic protists and copepods likely contribute to summer diet (analysis in progress)

Trophic role of euphausiids: Lessard, Harvey



# Less nutritional stress for planktivorous seabirds and more nutritional stress for piscivorous seabirds with later ice retreat

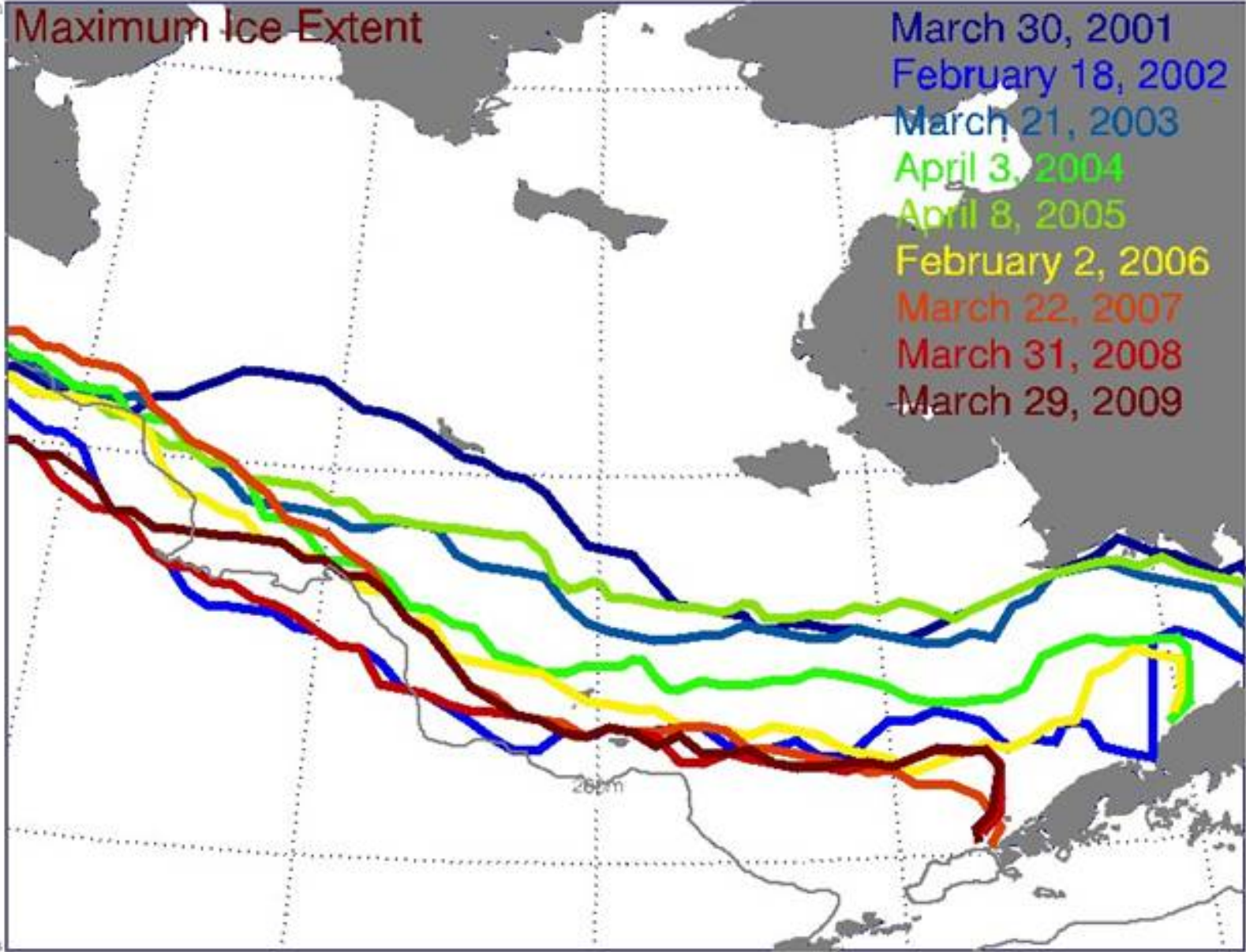


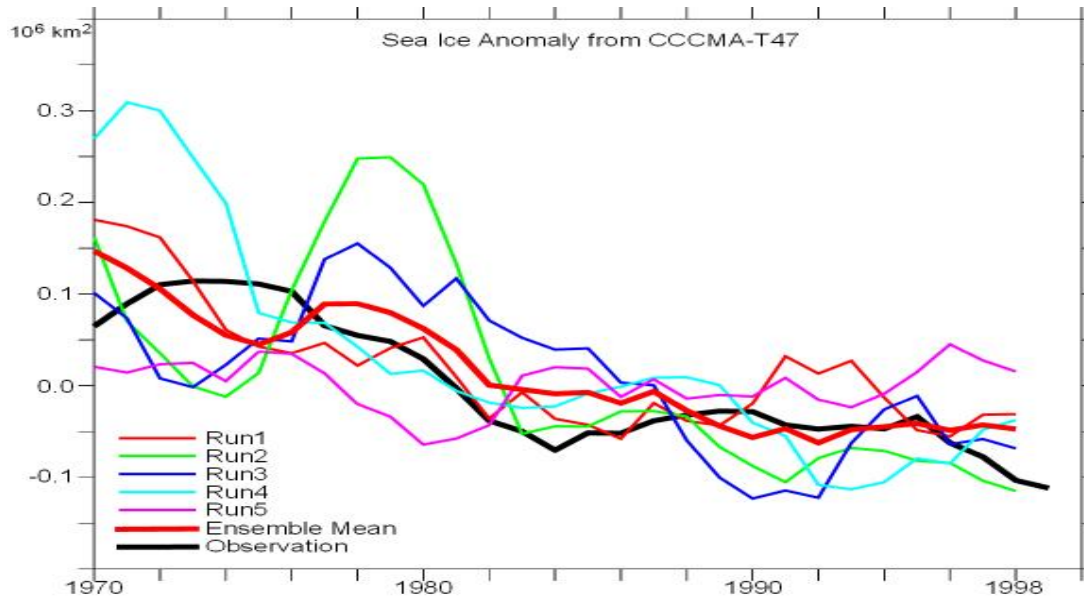
Timing of sea ice retreat (IRI: NOAA) and nutritional stress in planktivorous least auklets (LEAU) and piscivorous thick-billed murre (TBMU) breeding on St. Paul I.

Seabird patch dynamics (stress):  
Kitaysky

# Maximum Ice Extent

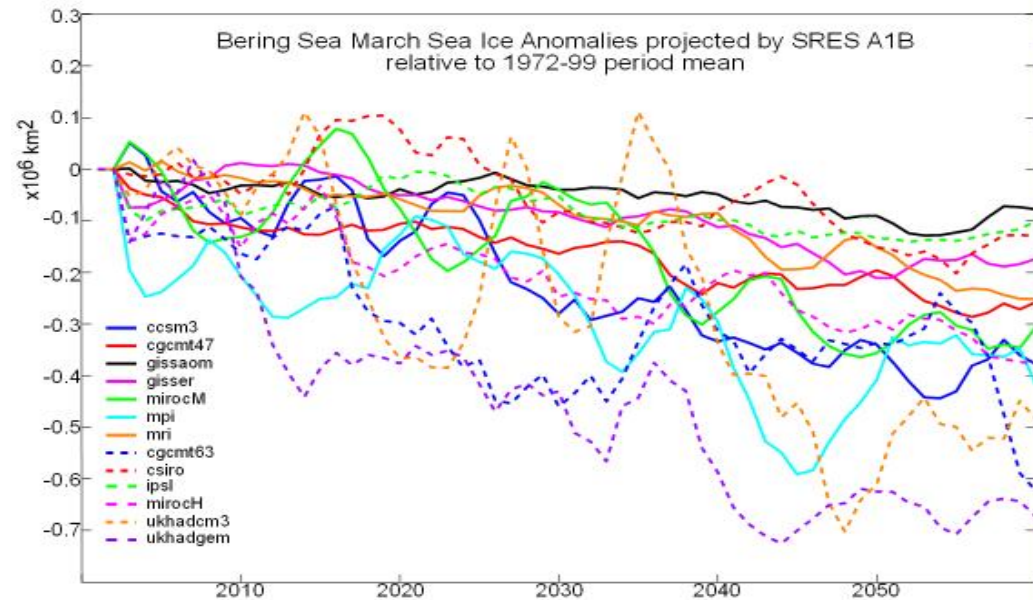
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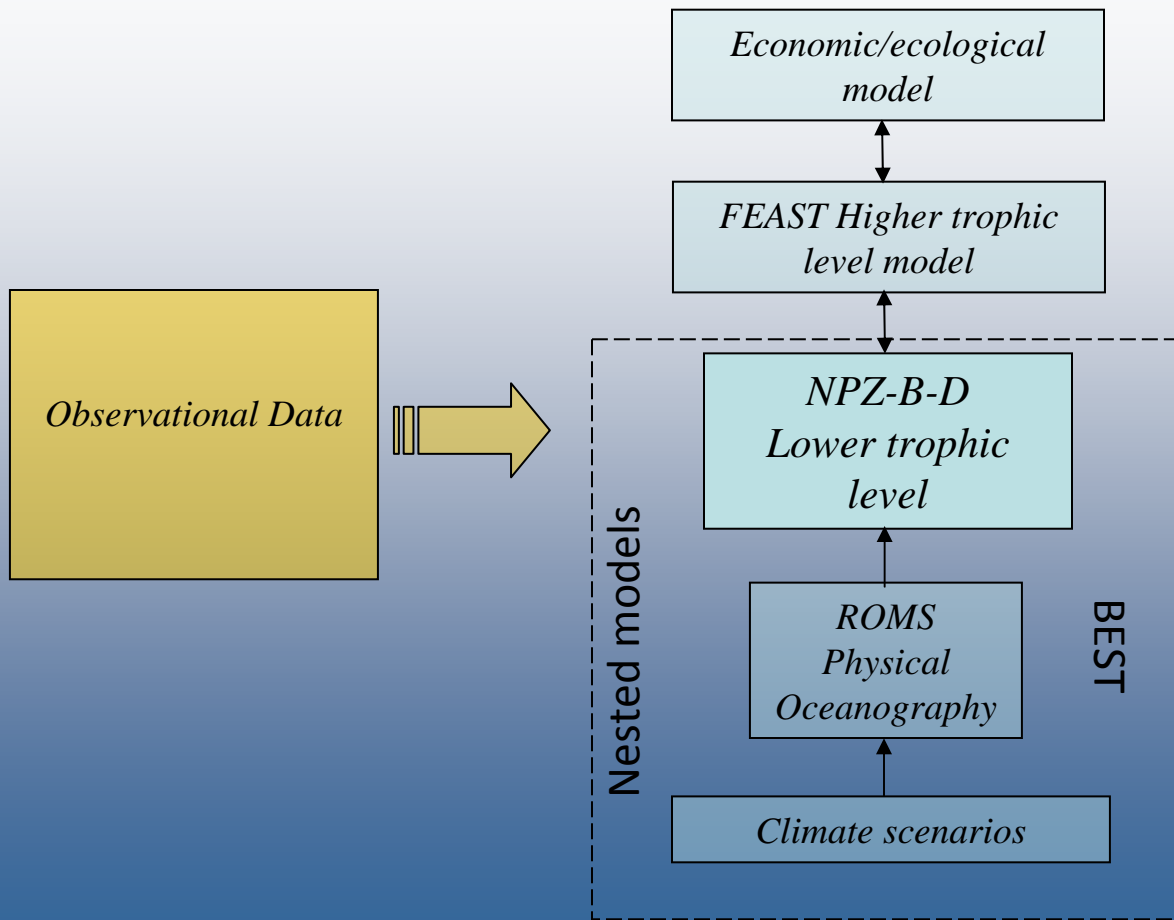


# Bering Sea Ice Projection Under A1B scenario

Wang and Overland



# *BSIERP Integrated modeling*



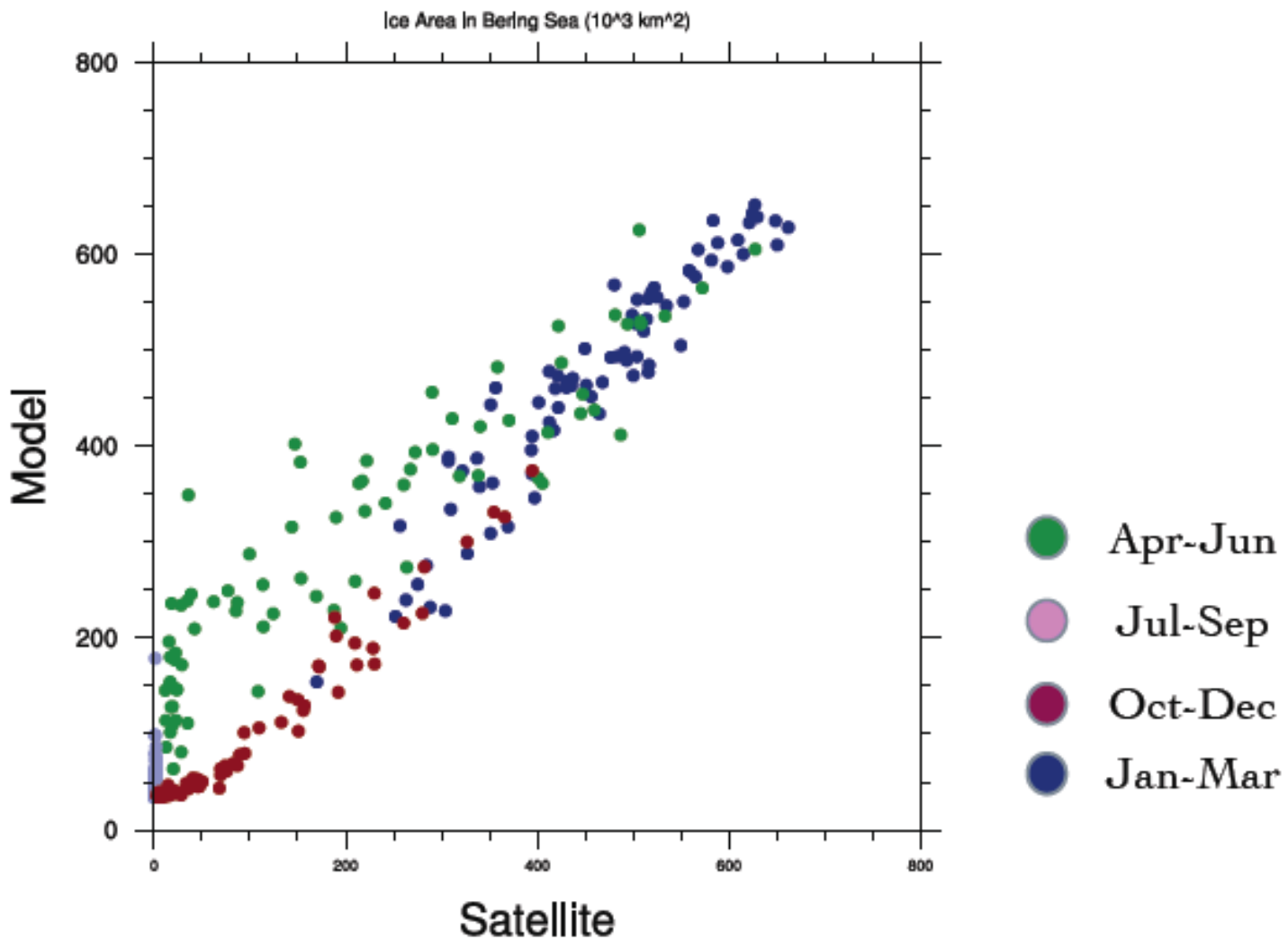
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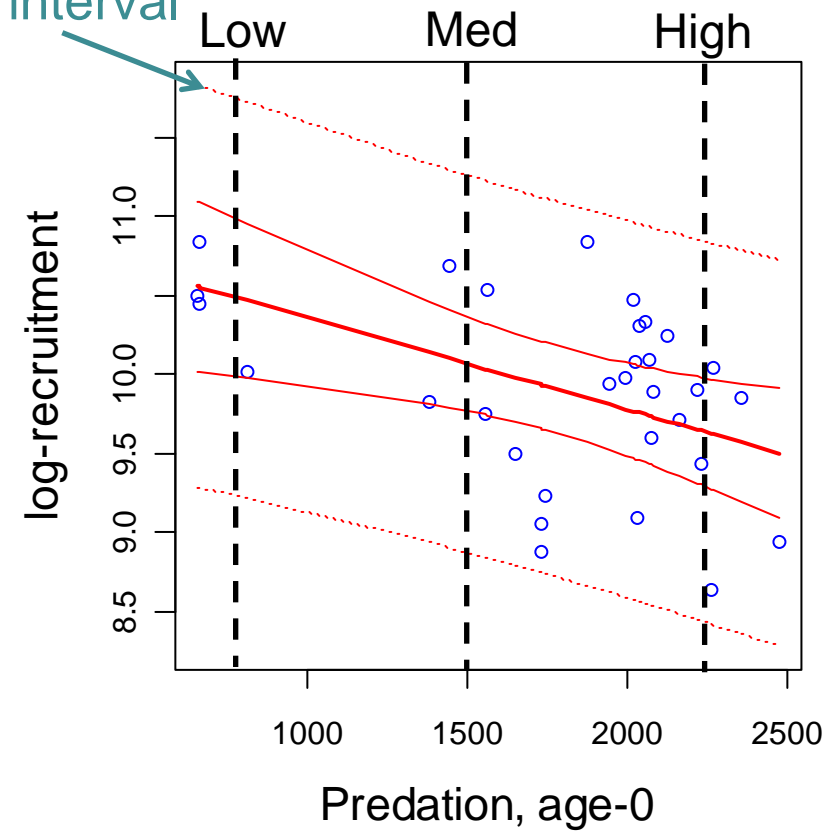
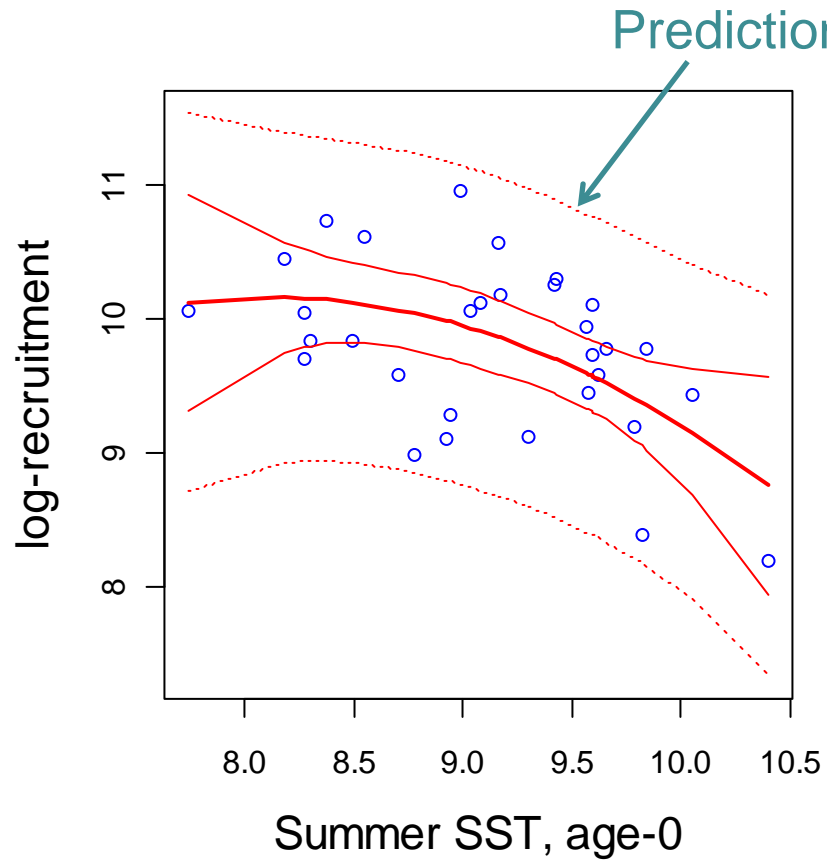




# Seasonal sea ice extent

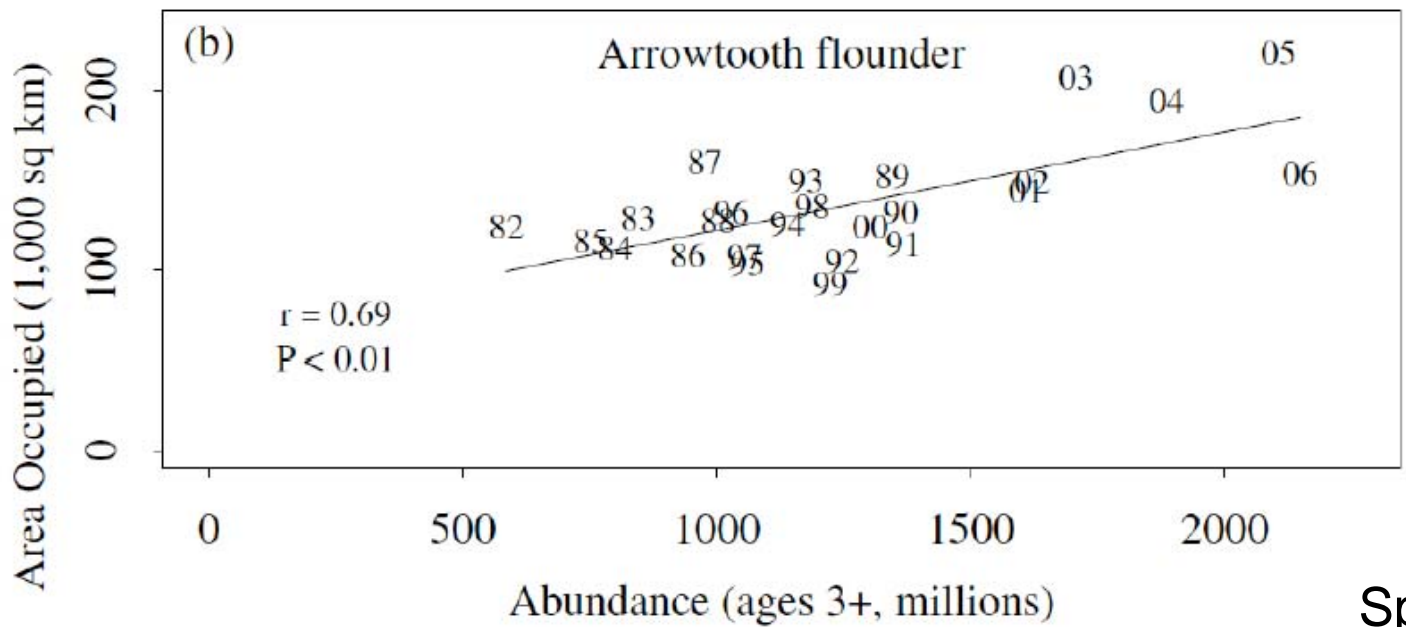
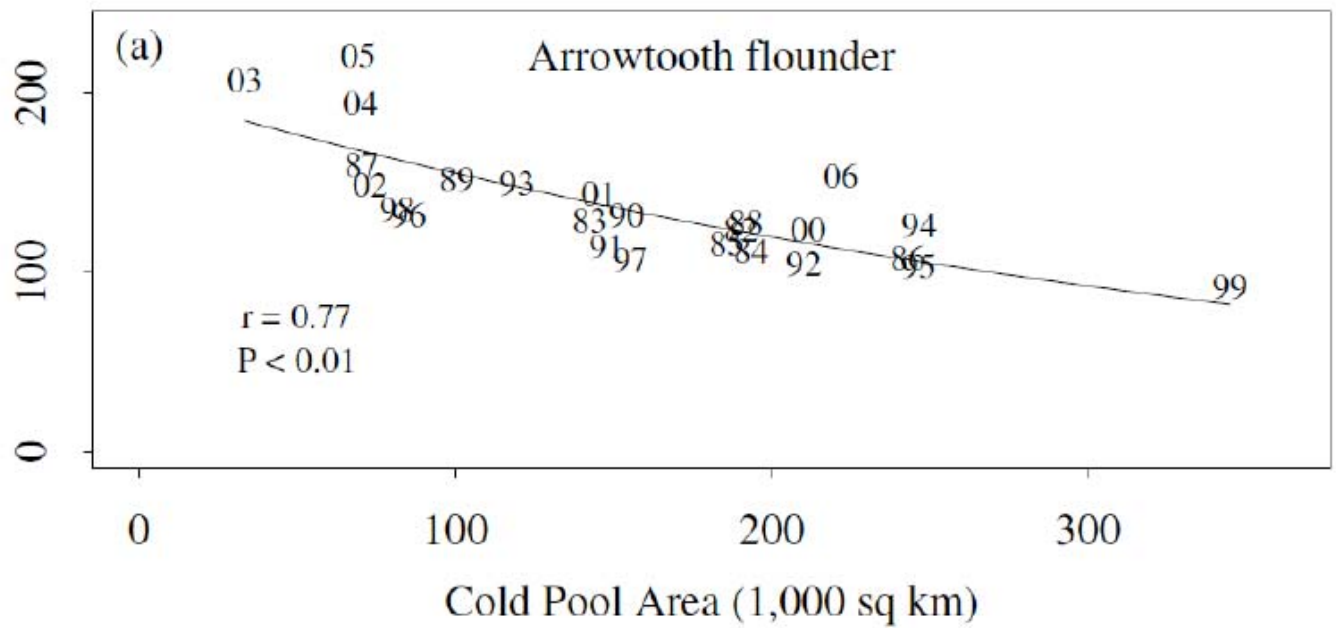


# Estimated effects of summer SST & predation on log-recruitment



$R^2 = 0.44$   
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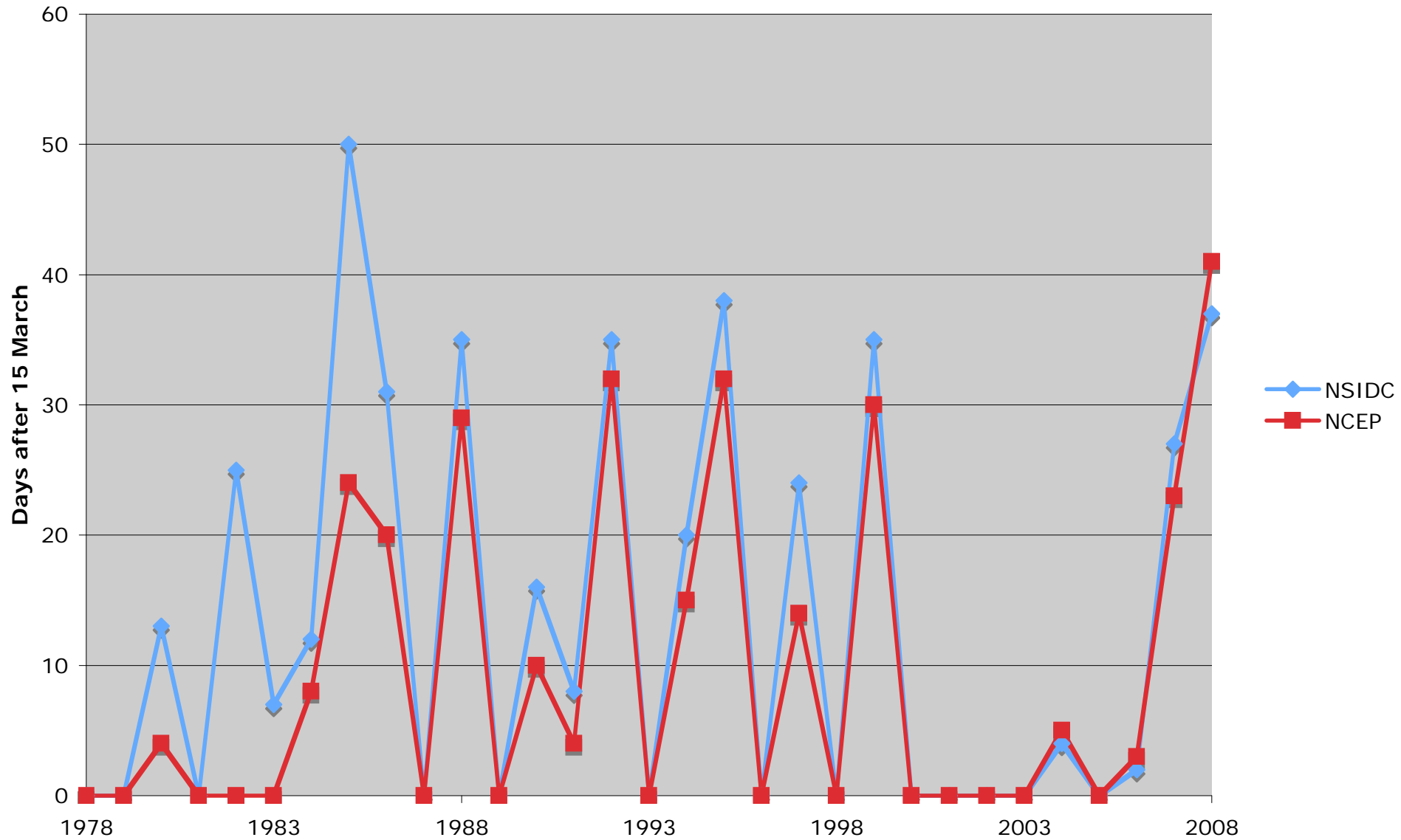
➡ Simulate effect of increase in average SST on recruitment at three levels of predation



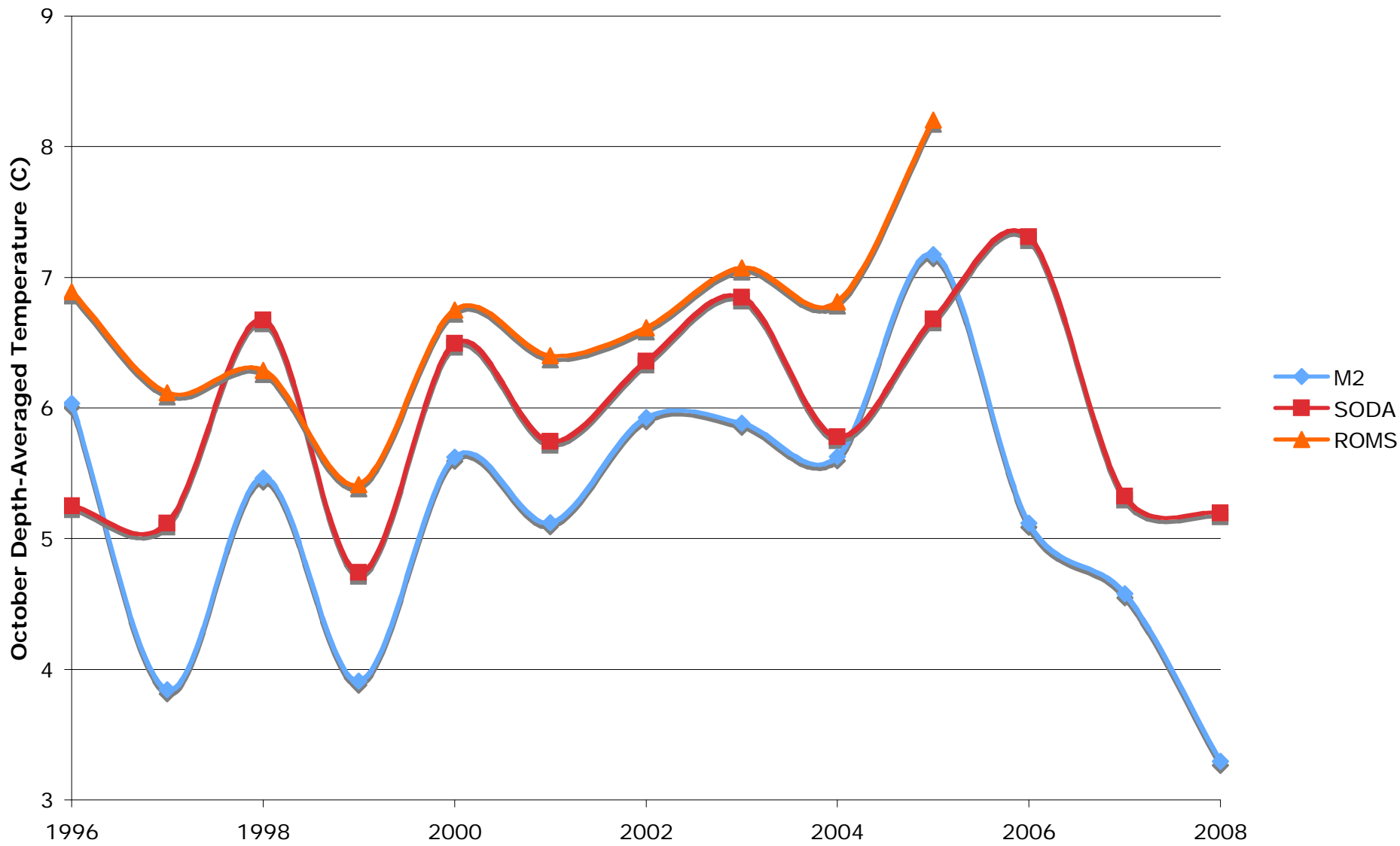
# Procedure

- Evaluation of Input Data - Compared atmospheric and oceanic reanalyses and models with observations
- GAM Development: Using entire data set, added variables sequentially, examined the physical plausibility of each variable's functional form.
- GAM Testing: Trained model for a period 1972-1995; tested predictions for 1996-2008.

# Ice Retreat: NSIDC vs. NCEP



# Integrated Heat Content at M2: Obs vs. SODA & ROMS



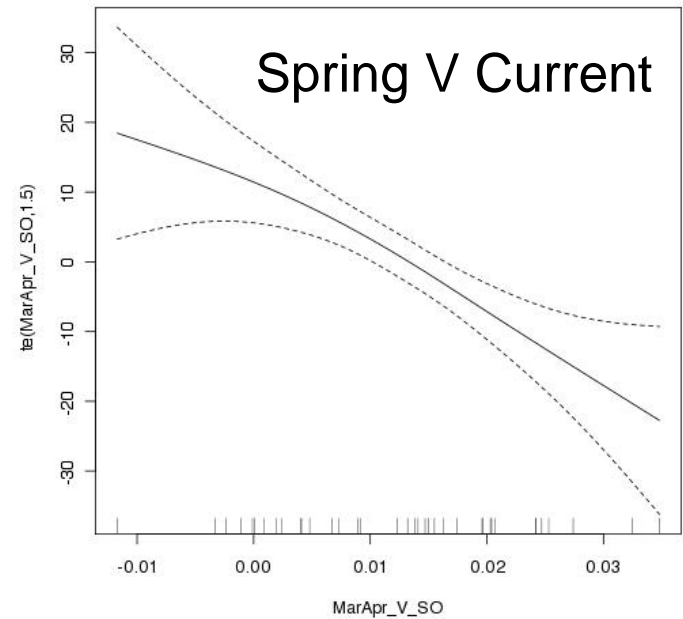
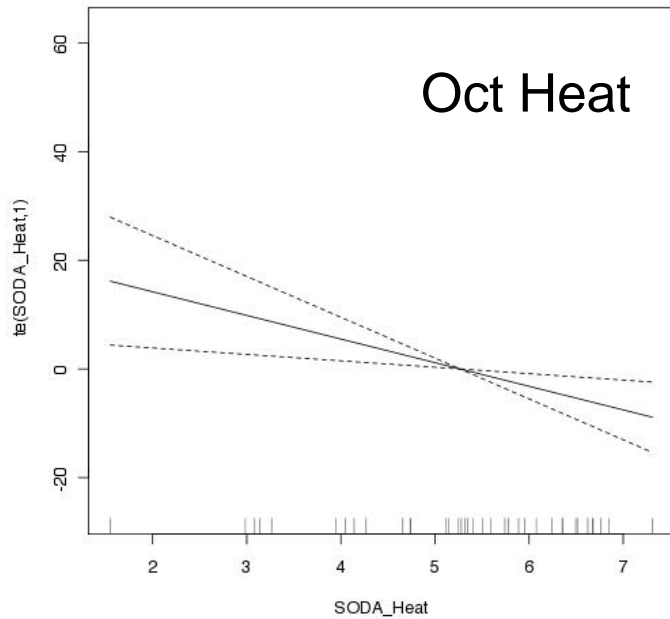
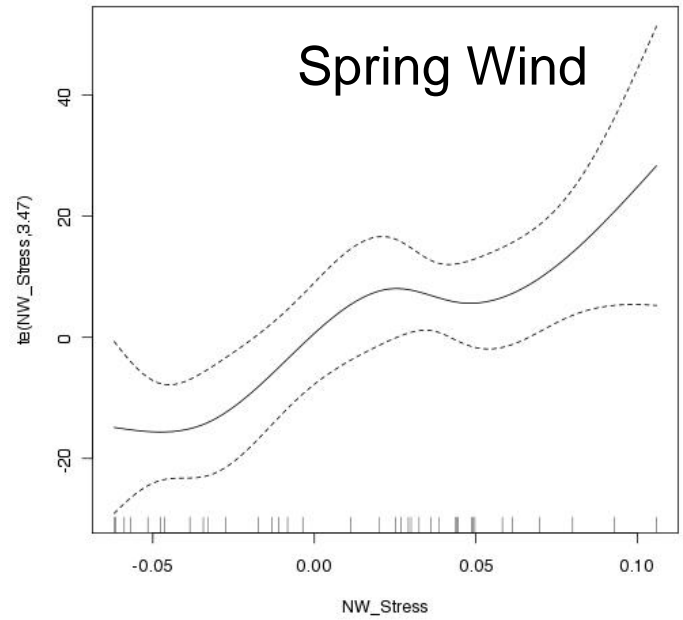
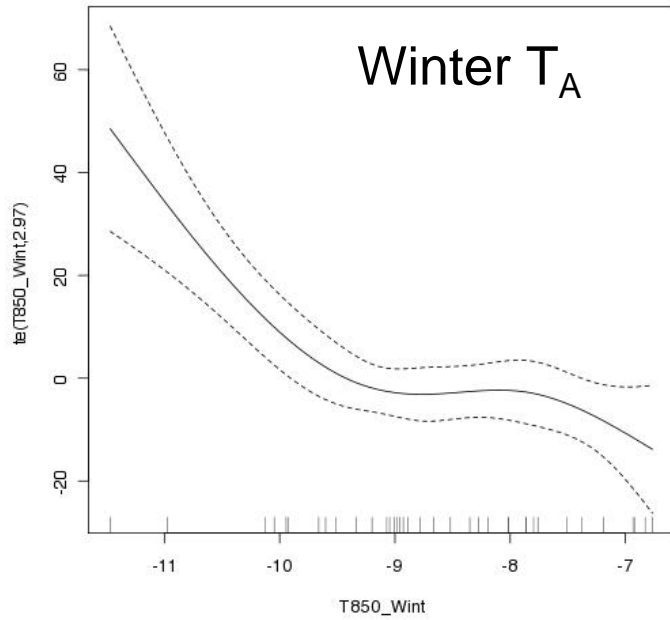
# Variables considered relating to the timing of ice retreat

- Previous October Heat Content at M2
- Winter (Nov-Mar) 850 hPa Wind
- Winter (Nov-Mar) 850 hPa Air Temperature
- Winter (JFM) St. Paul SST
- Mar-Apr V currents at M2 (SODA)
- Mar-Apr NW Component of Surface Stress
- Mar-Apr Clouds
- April 850 hPa Air Temperature

# Evaluation of Variables

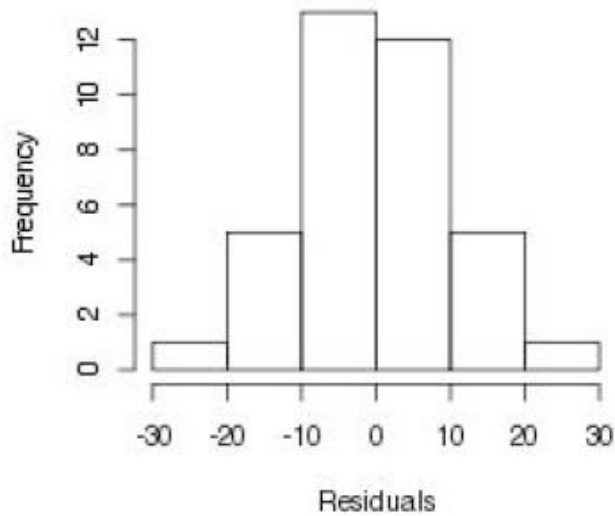
- Best predictors: Spring V Current and Spring NW Wind (explained about 40% of variance)
- Worst predictors: Spring Air Temperatures and Spring Cloud Cover
- Better 2-variable combinations explained 63-78% of variance
- Some 3-variable combinations produced odd functional relationships



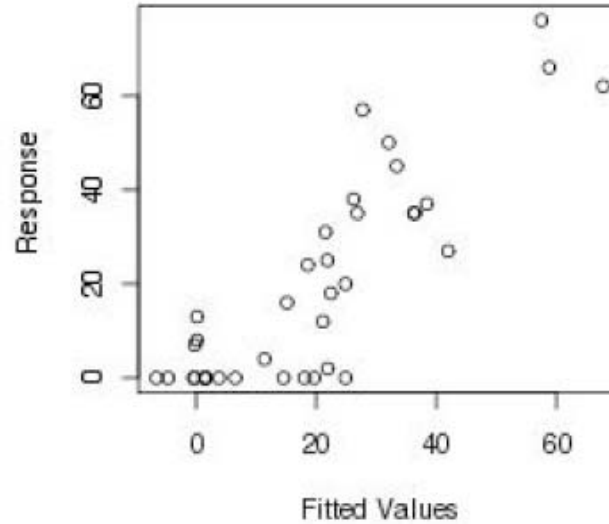


# GAM Performance using Winter $T_A$ and Spring Winds

### Histogram of residuals

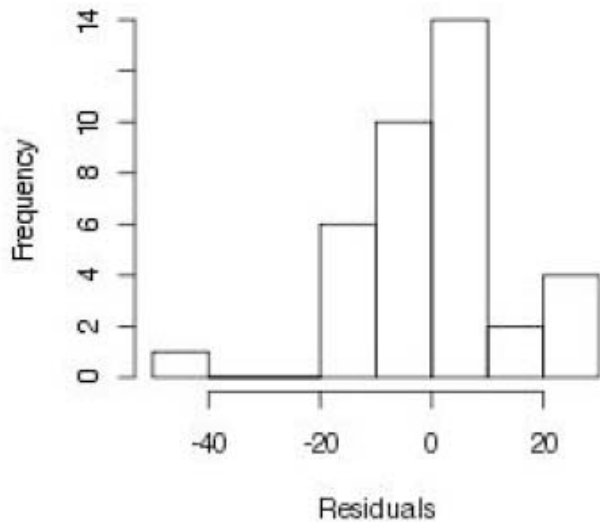


### Response vs. Fitted Values

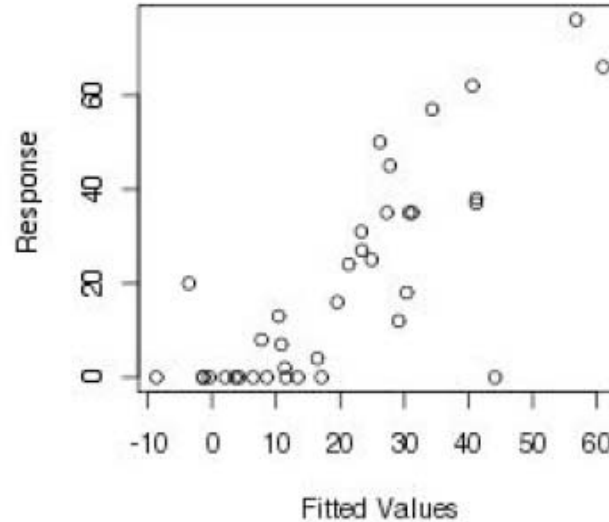


# GAM Performance using St. Paul SST and Spring Currents

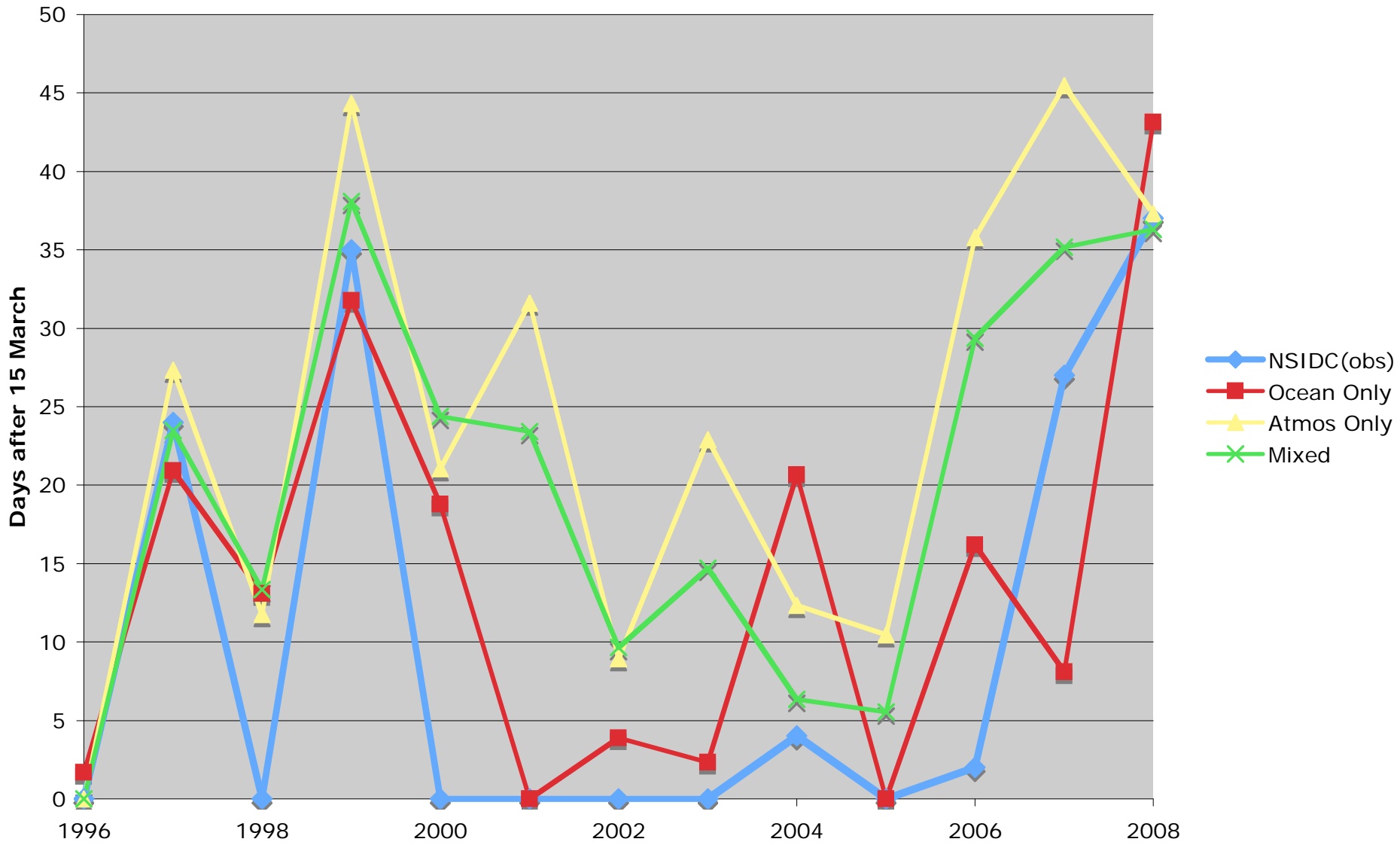
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# Ice Retreat Predictions from GAM



# Final Remarks

- The timing of ice retreat is important to the marine ecosystem of the Bering Sea shelf.
- The factors related to the timing of ice retreat have been examined using a GAM incorporating retrospective observational and reanalysis data.
- The upper layer currents and winds in spring are the most important factors, with the winter weather, and to a lesser extent, the previous fall's heat content playing significant roles.
- Projections of the timing of sea ice retreat may be feasible using a GAM and global climate model output.

# Cold Pool Projections

