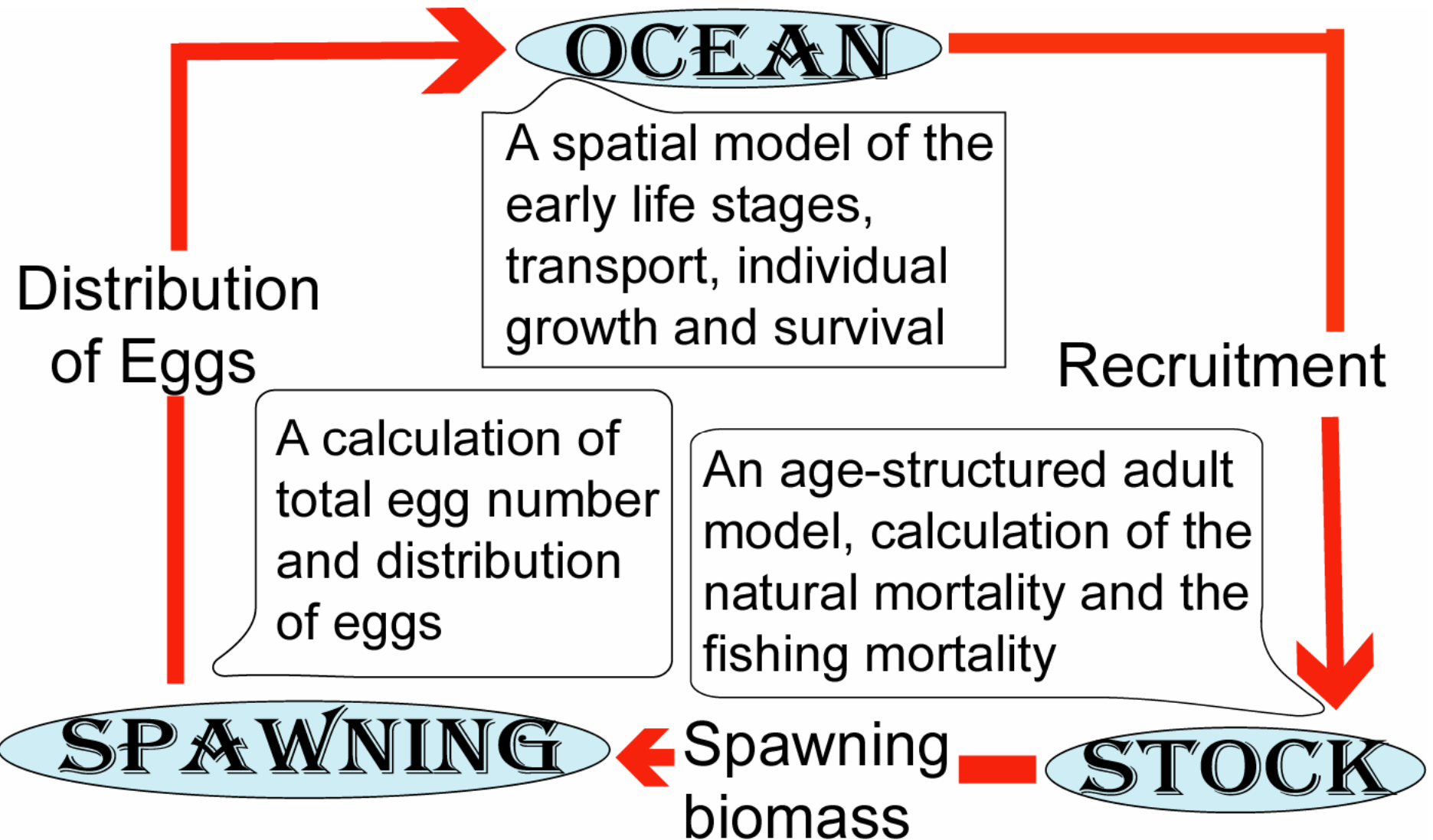


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and age-structured adult sub-models**

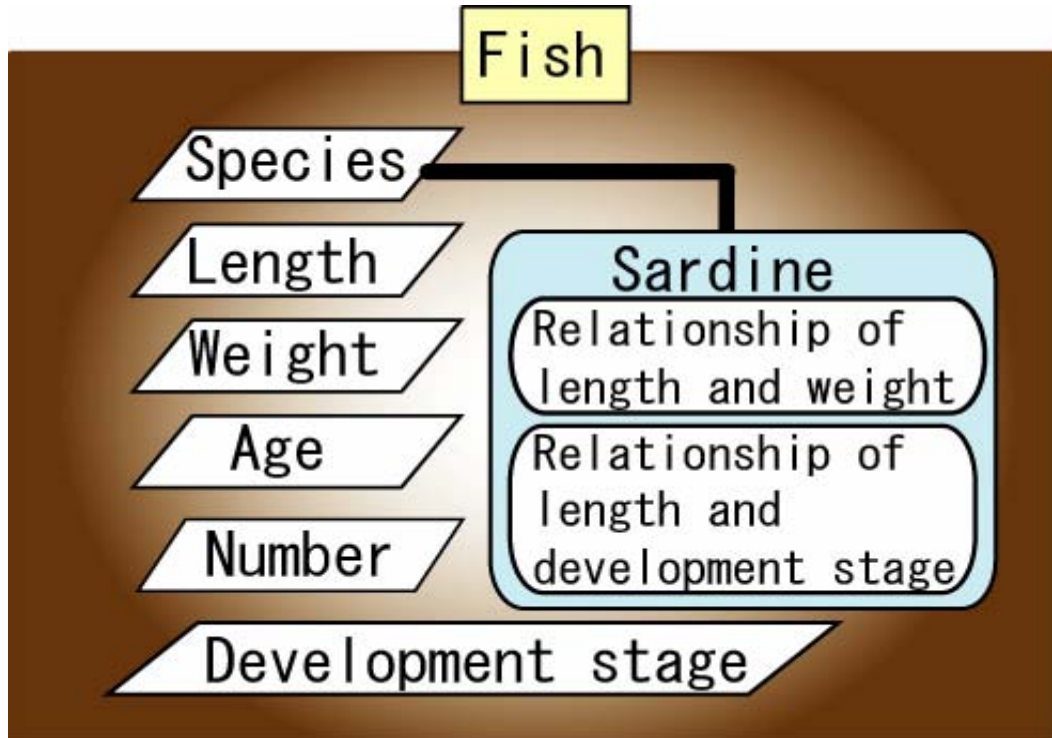
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Concepts of model



FISH object



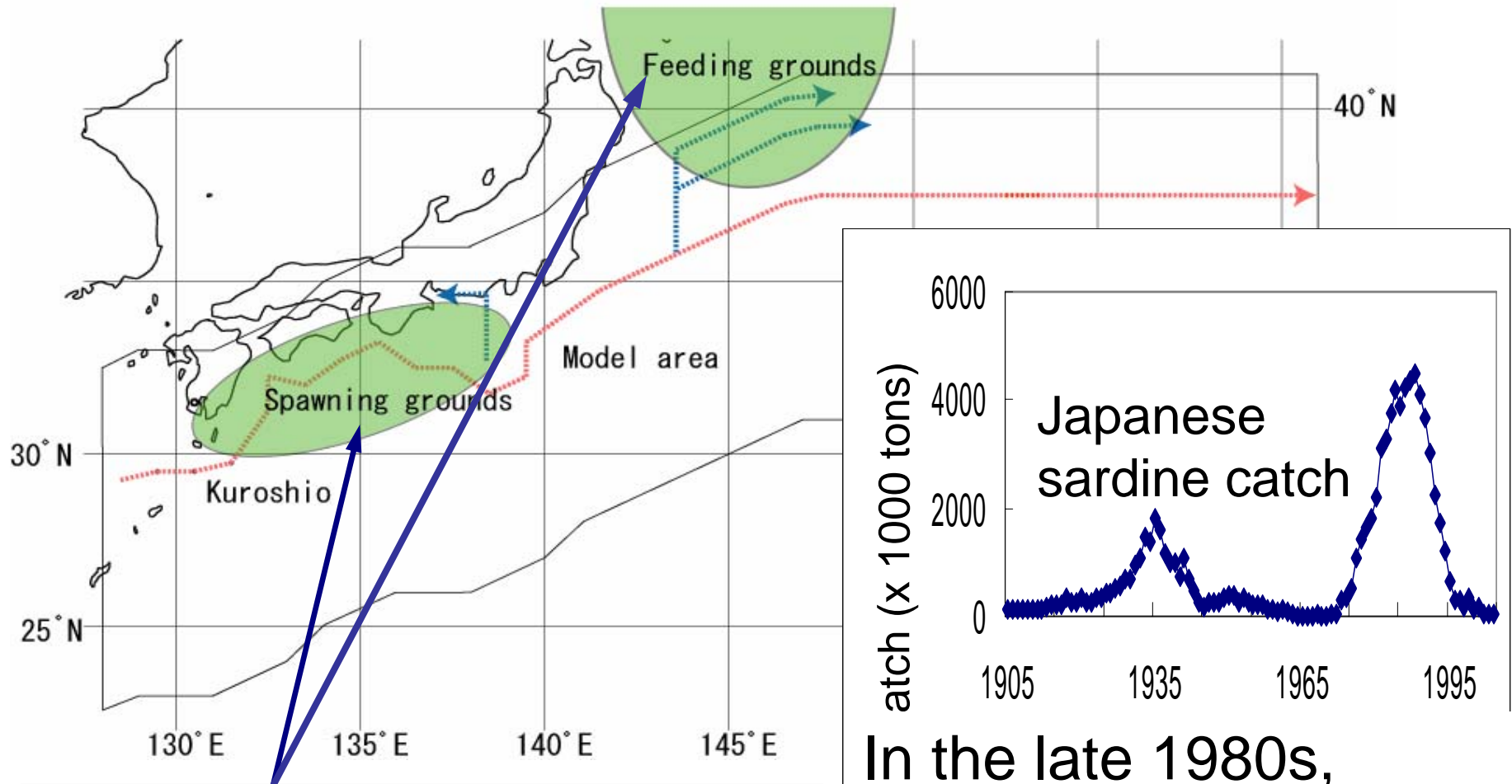
A group of fish



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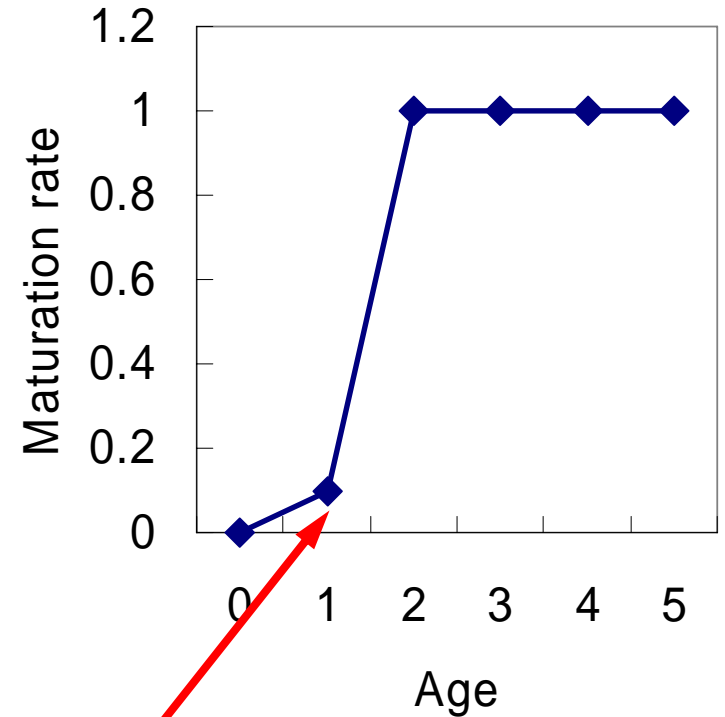
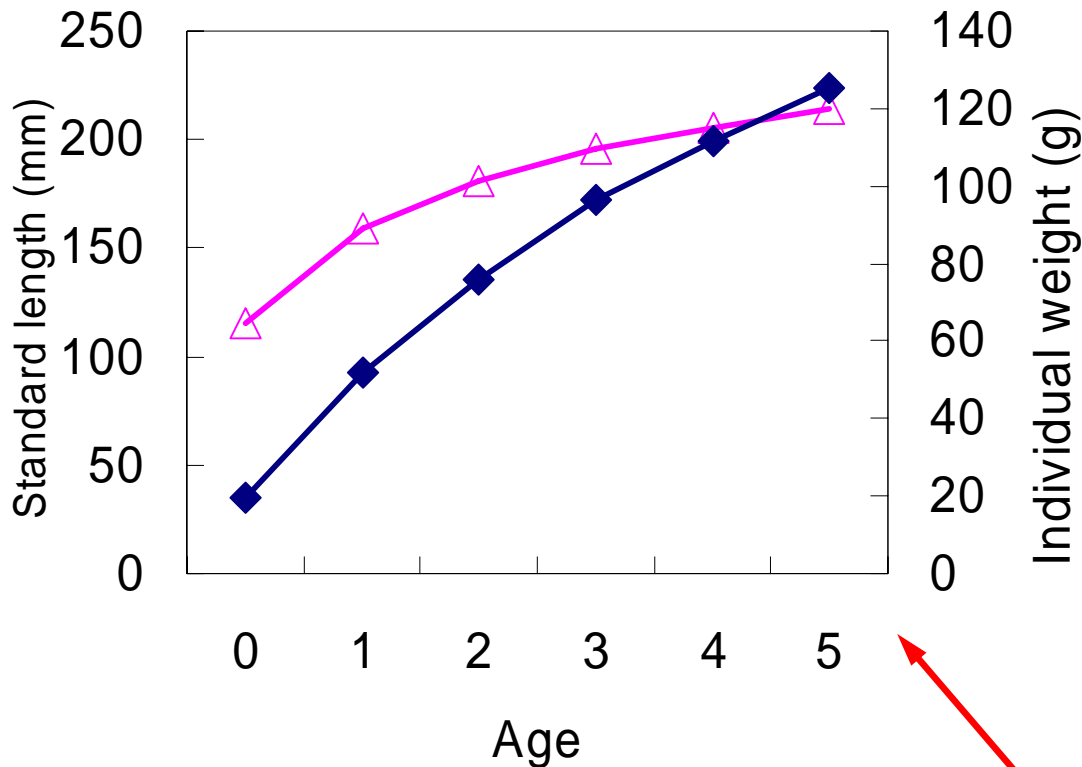
Japanese sardine



vary according to the level of stock abundance (high and low)

In the late 1980s, successive recruitment failures occurred.

Japanese sardine



△ Standard length (mm)
◆ Individual weight (g)

Individual growth
(by the catch data)

vary according to the level of
stock abundance (high and low)

What are the causes of sardine stock fluctuation?

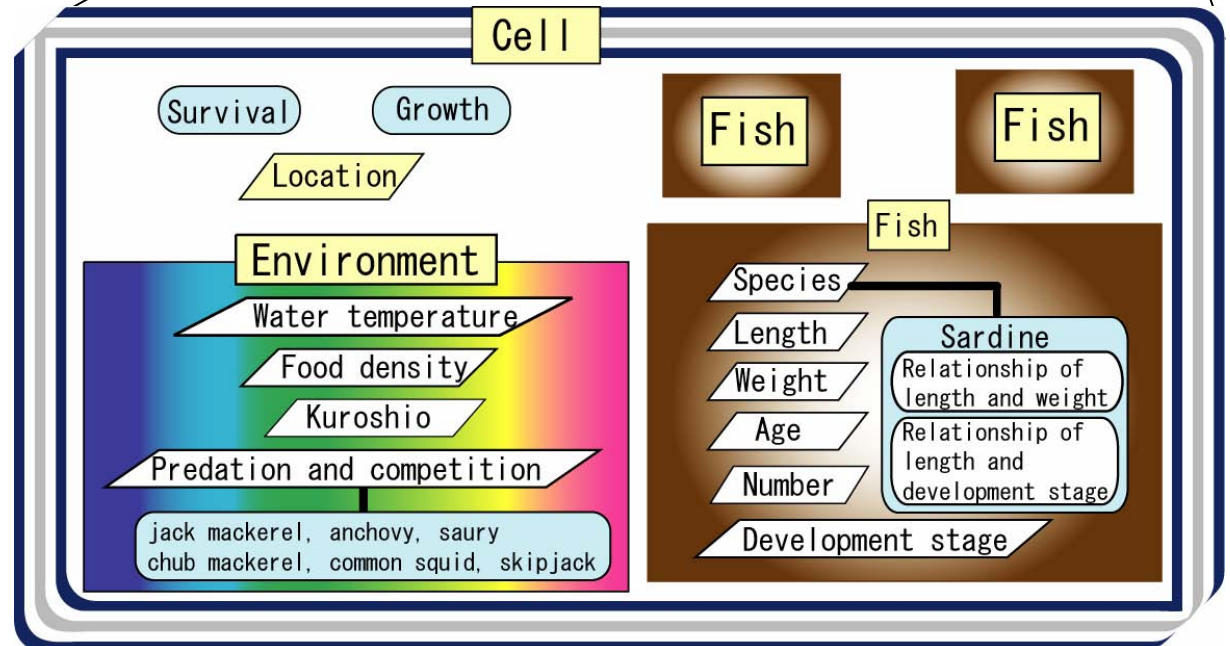
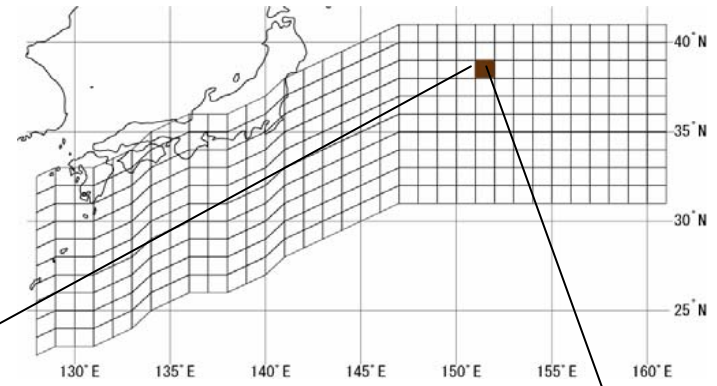
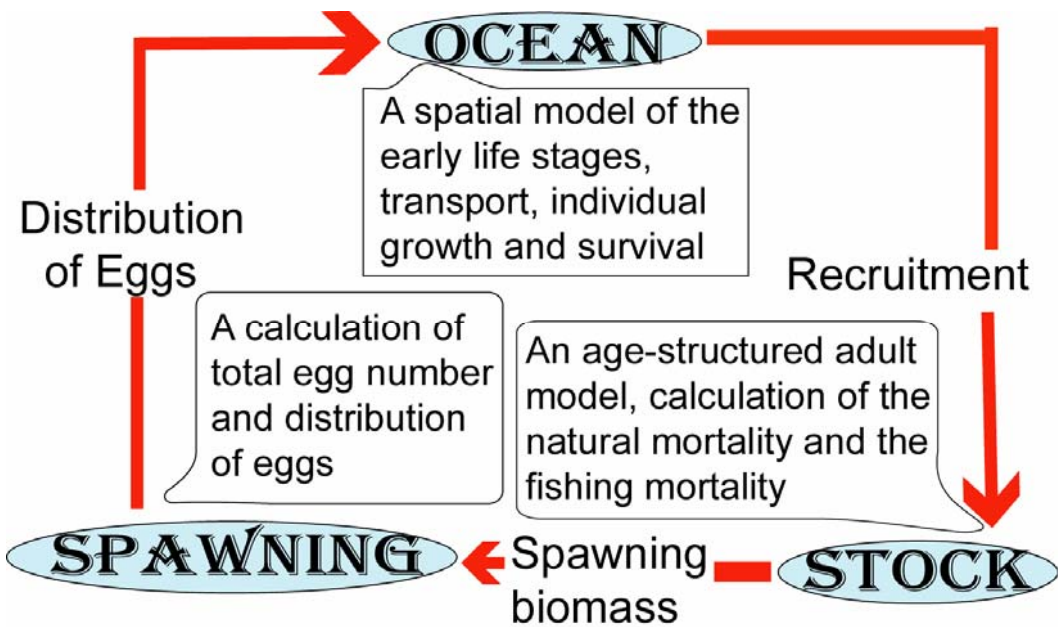
- Environmental factors
(Water temperature, Food density, Ocean Current)
- Interspecific-relationship
- Fishing mortality

Model planning

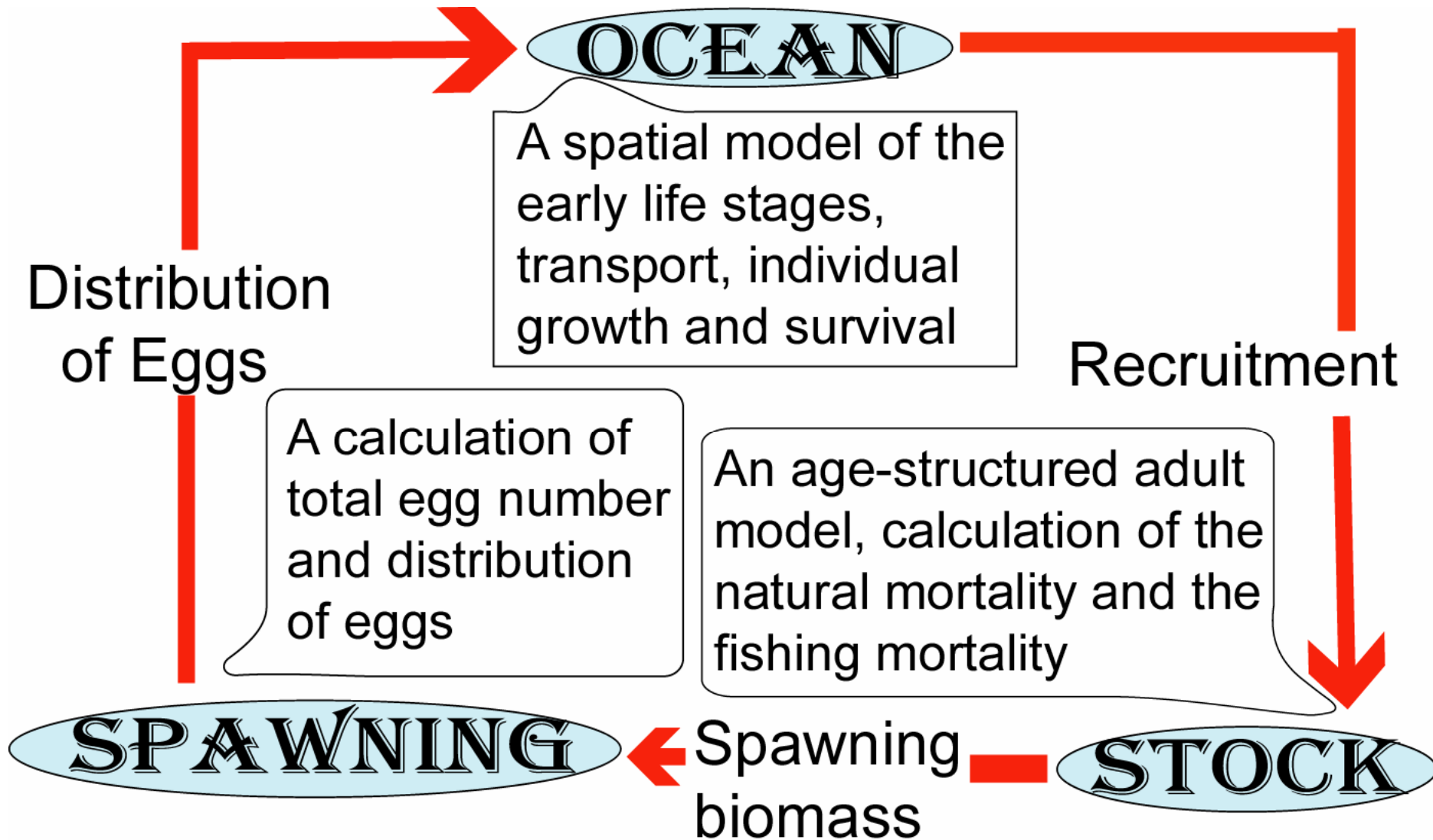
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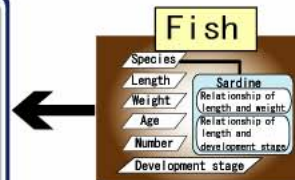
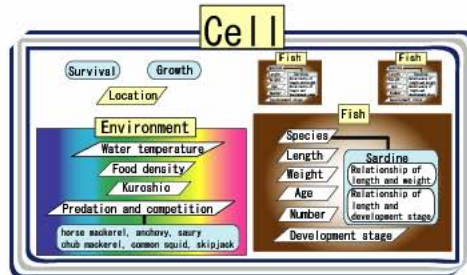
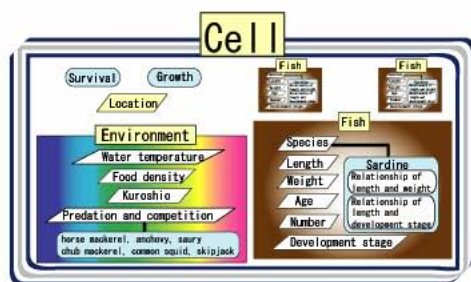


Concepts of model

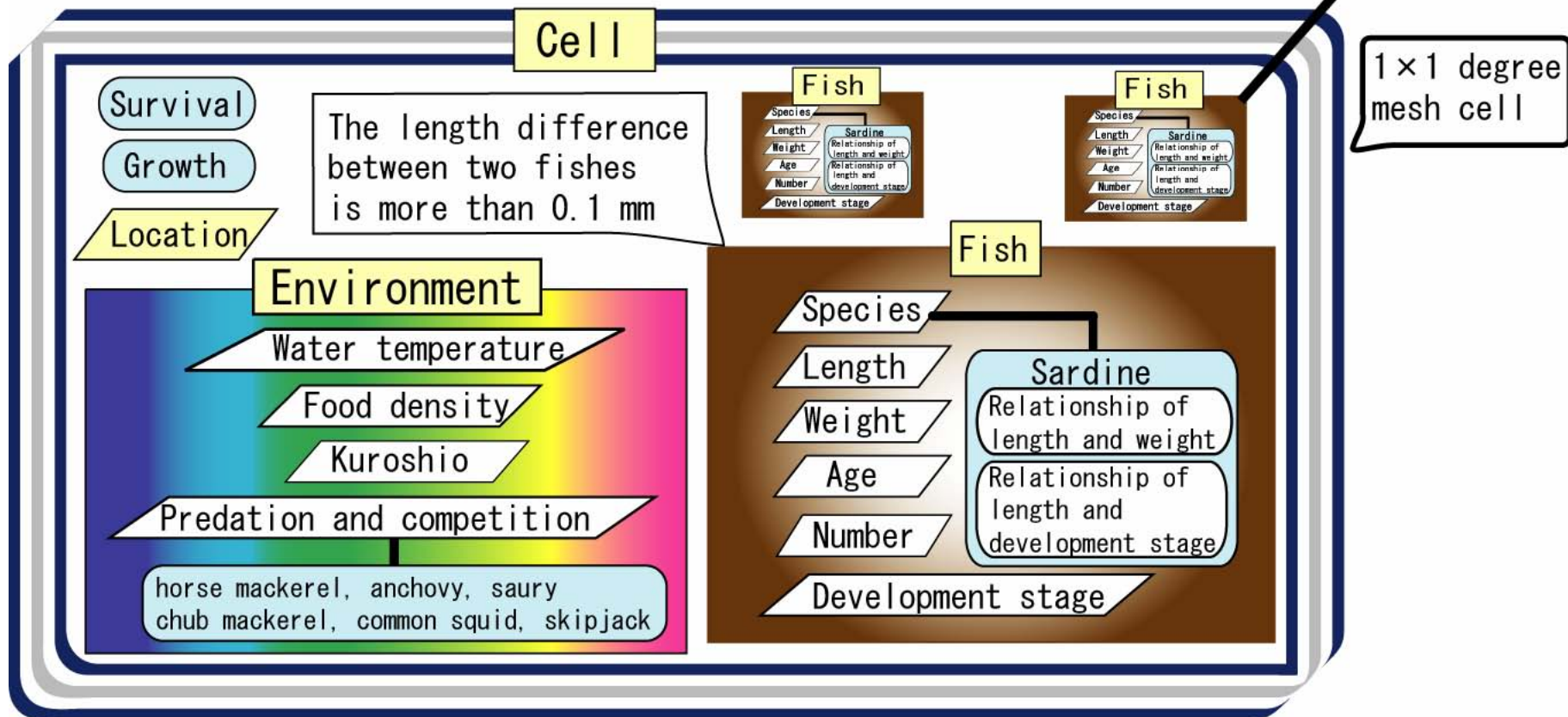


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From egg to 60-day sardine



Transportation

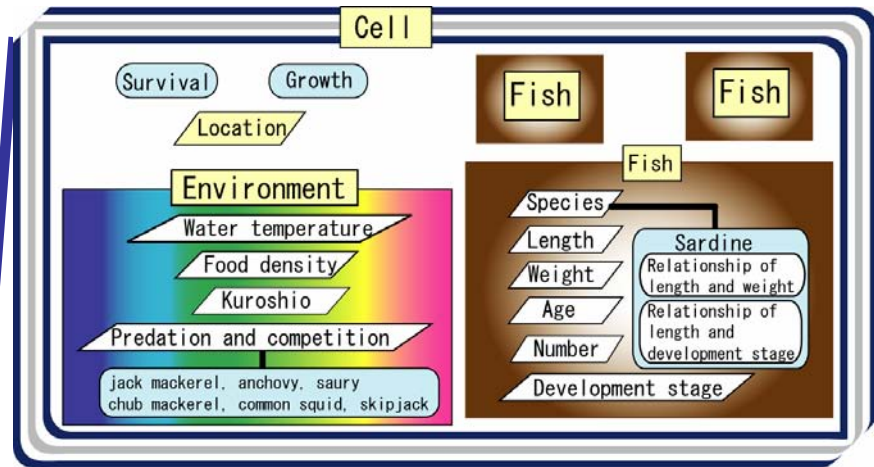
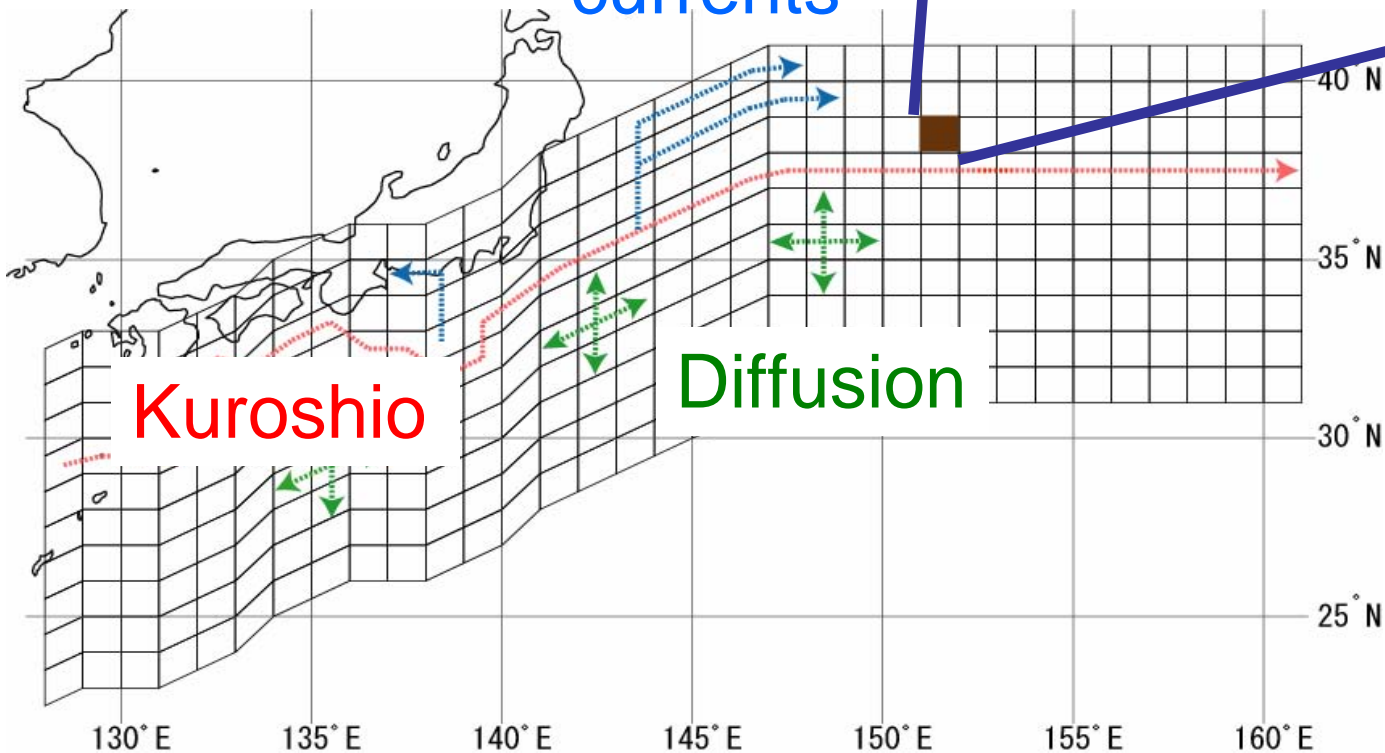


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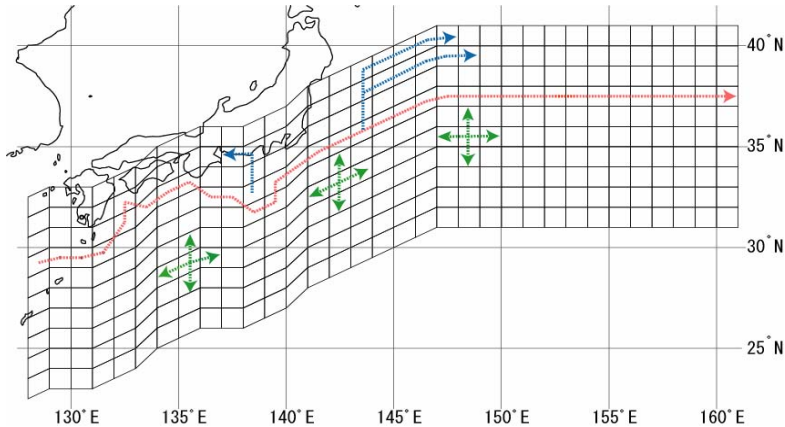
Branch
currents

Diffusion

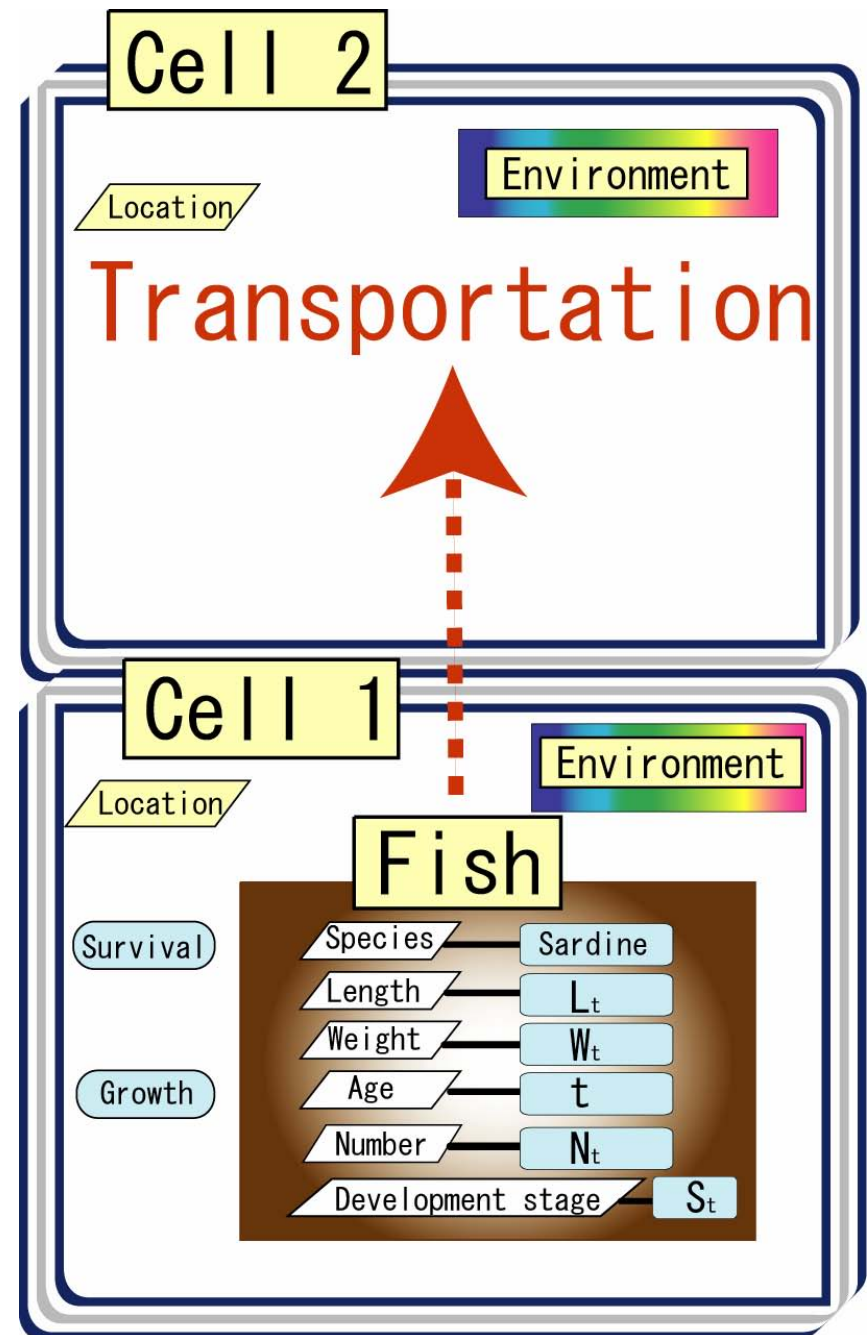
Kuroshio



Transportation



N_t : the survival number
of a *FISH* object
at t days after spawning

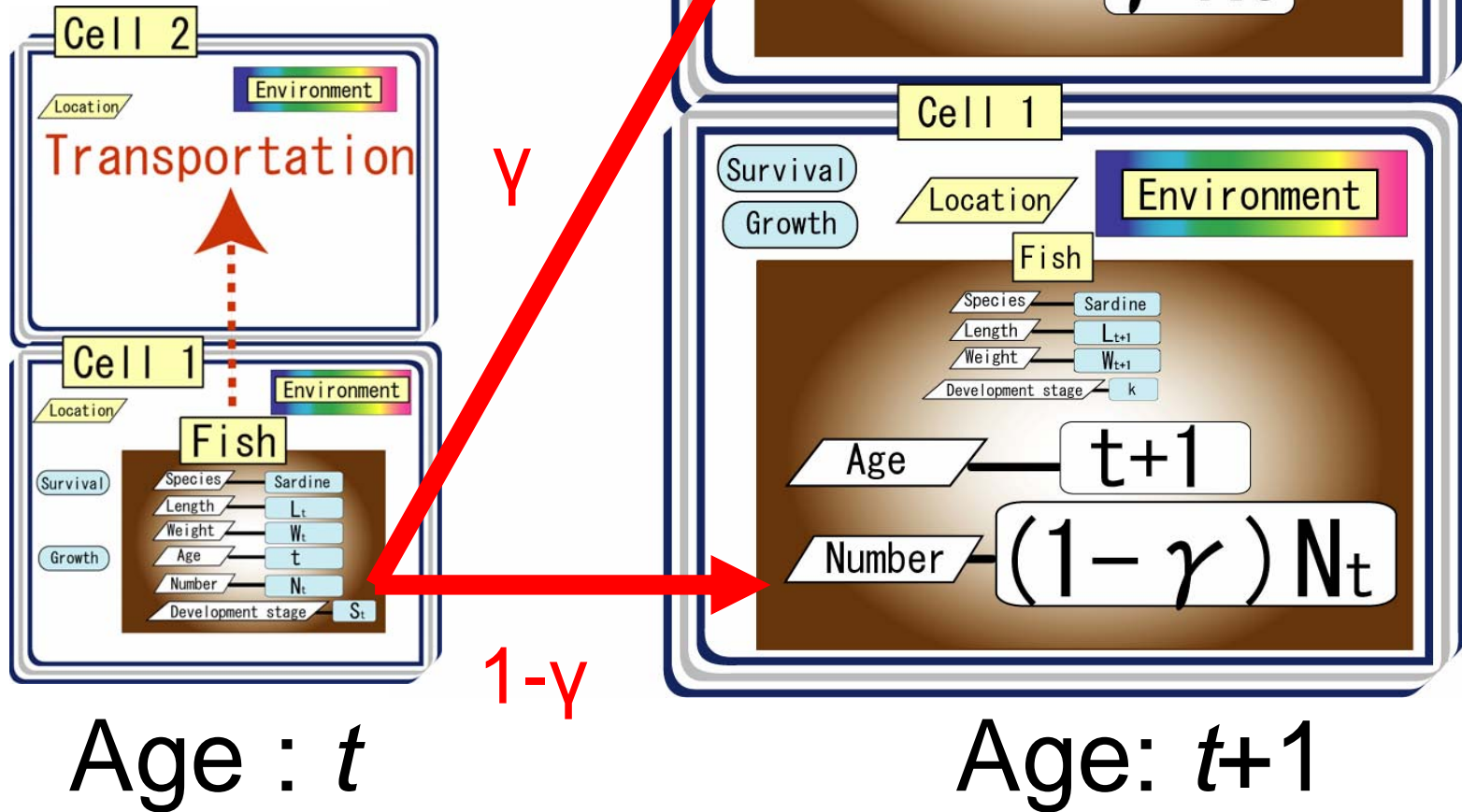


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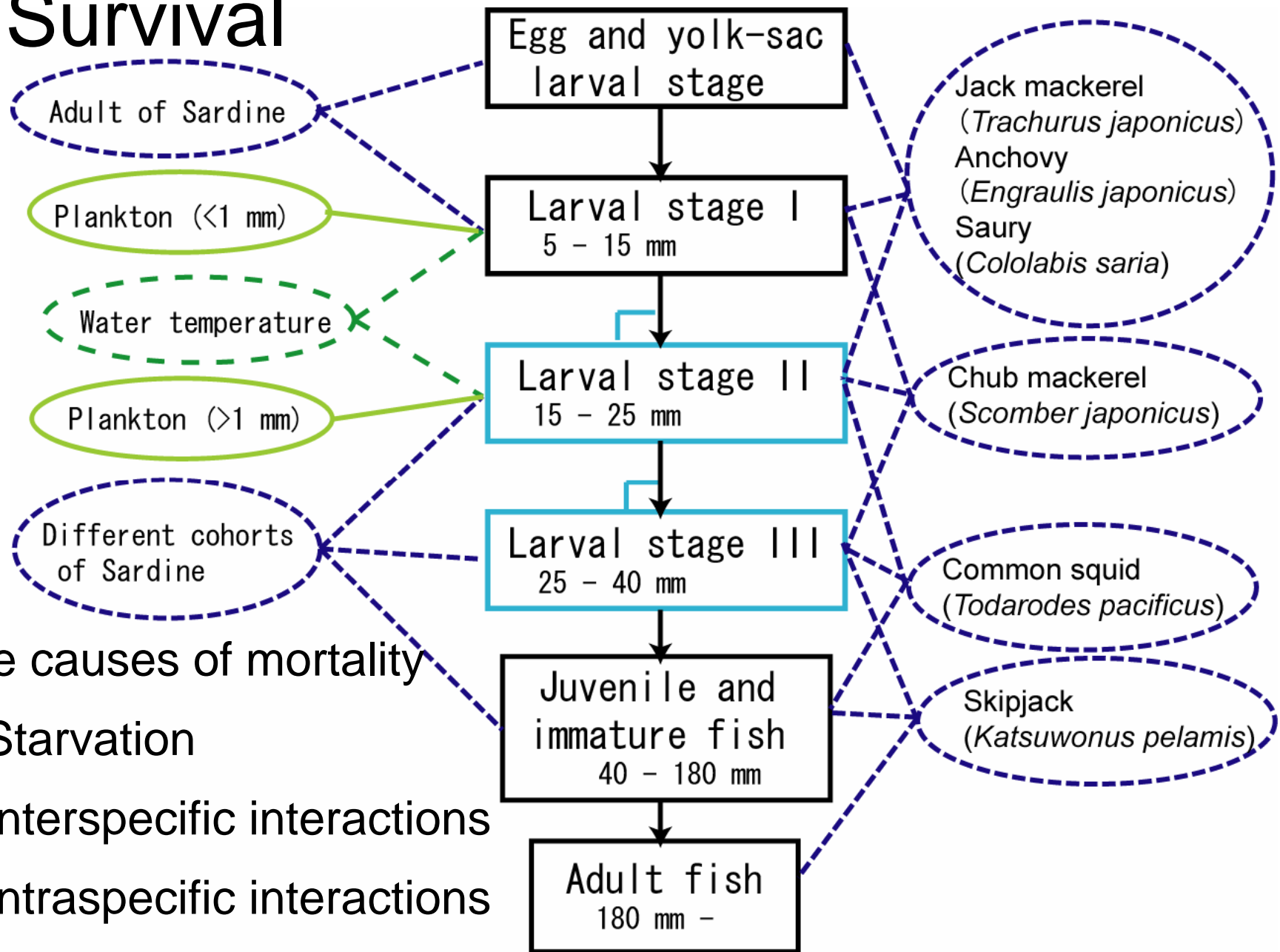
$\gamma = 0.4$ (Kuroshio)

$\gamma = 0.08$ (On either side of the Kuroshio)

$\gamma = 0.01$ (Diffusion)



Survival



The causes of mortality

- Starvation
- Interspecific interactions
- Intraspecific interactions
- Water temperature effects

Survival

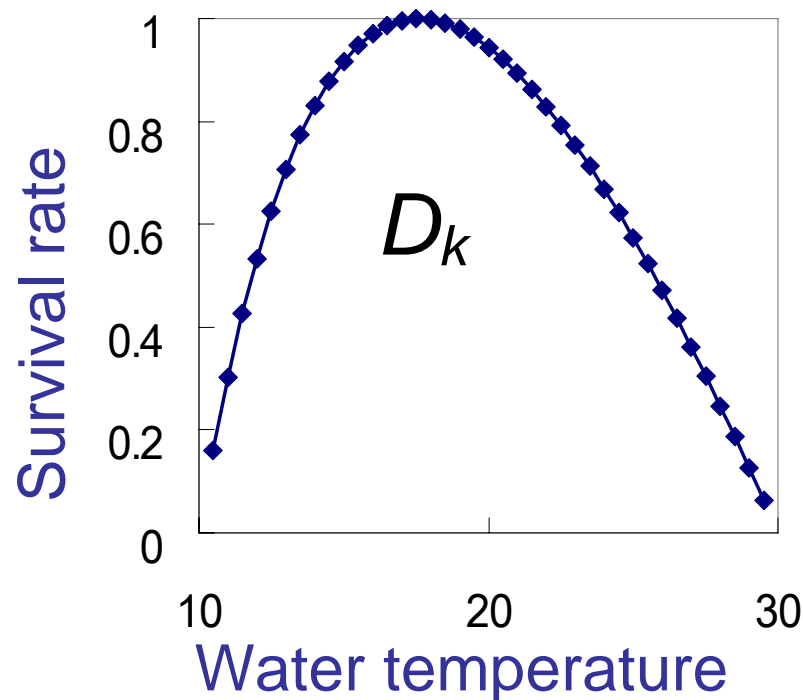
$$N_{t+1} = N_t D_k \exp(-Z_k)$$

N_t : Survival number of a *FISH* object at t days after spawning

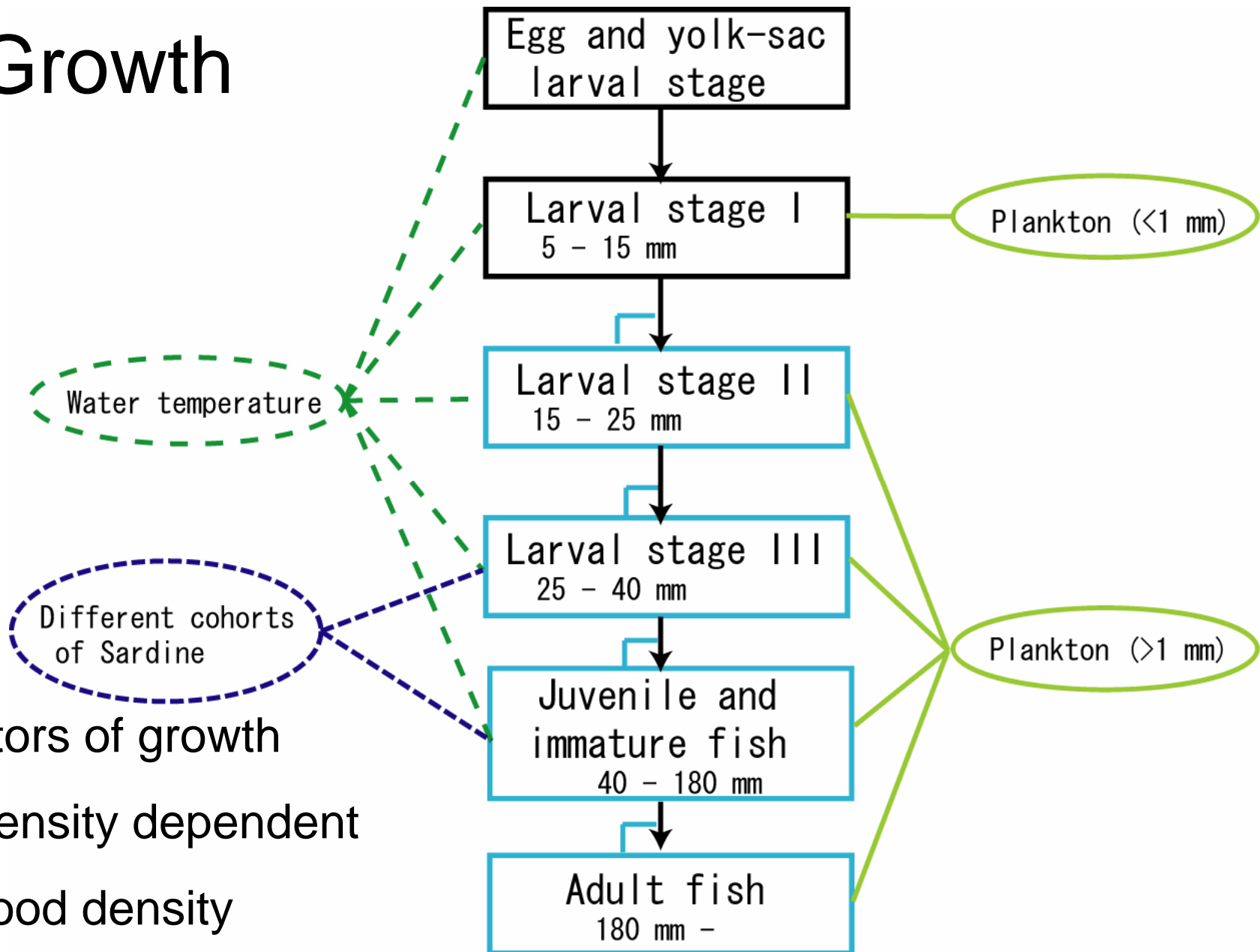
D_k : Survival rate associated with the water temperature

Z_k : Sum of the food density effect, interspecific interactions and intraspecific interactions

k : Development stage



Growth



Factors of growth

- Density dependent
- Food density
- Water temperature

Growth

$$W_t = \delta_t C_k F_k V G_t + W_{t-1}$$

W_t : the weight of a Fish object at t days after spawning

δ_t : Parameter

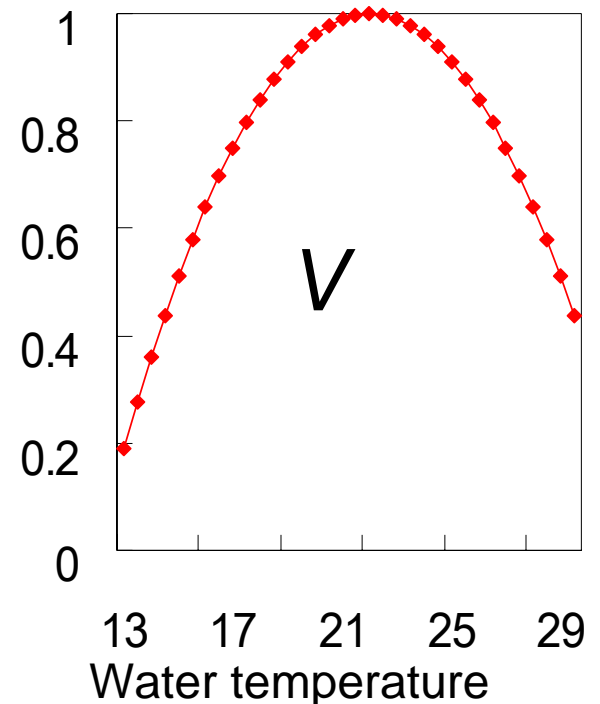
C_k : Density-dependent effect

F_k : Food density effect

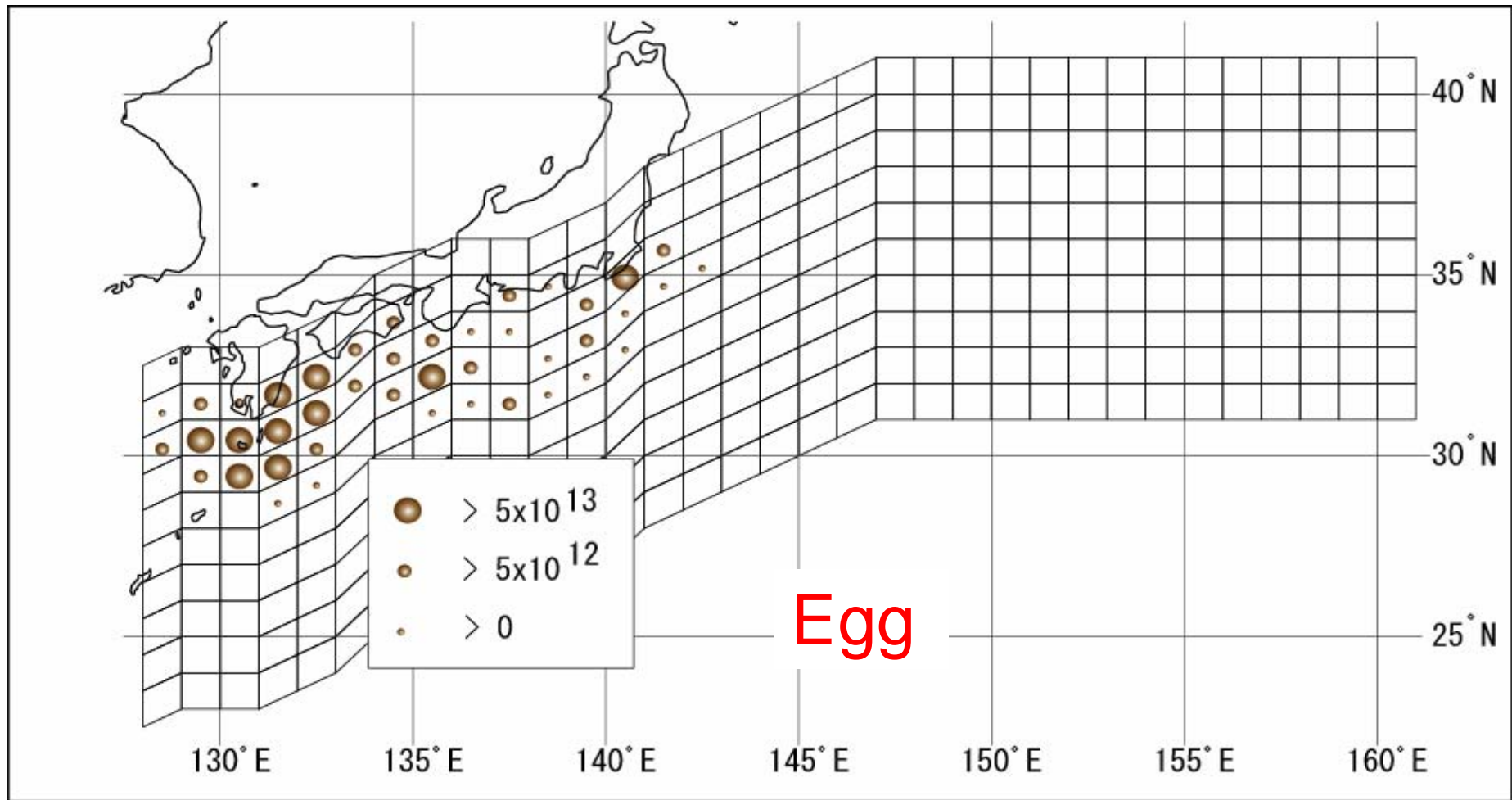
V : Water temperature effect

G_t : Daily increment function

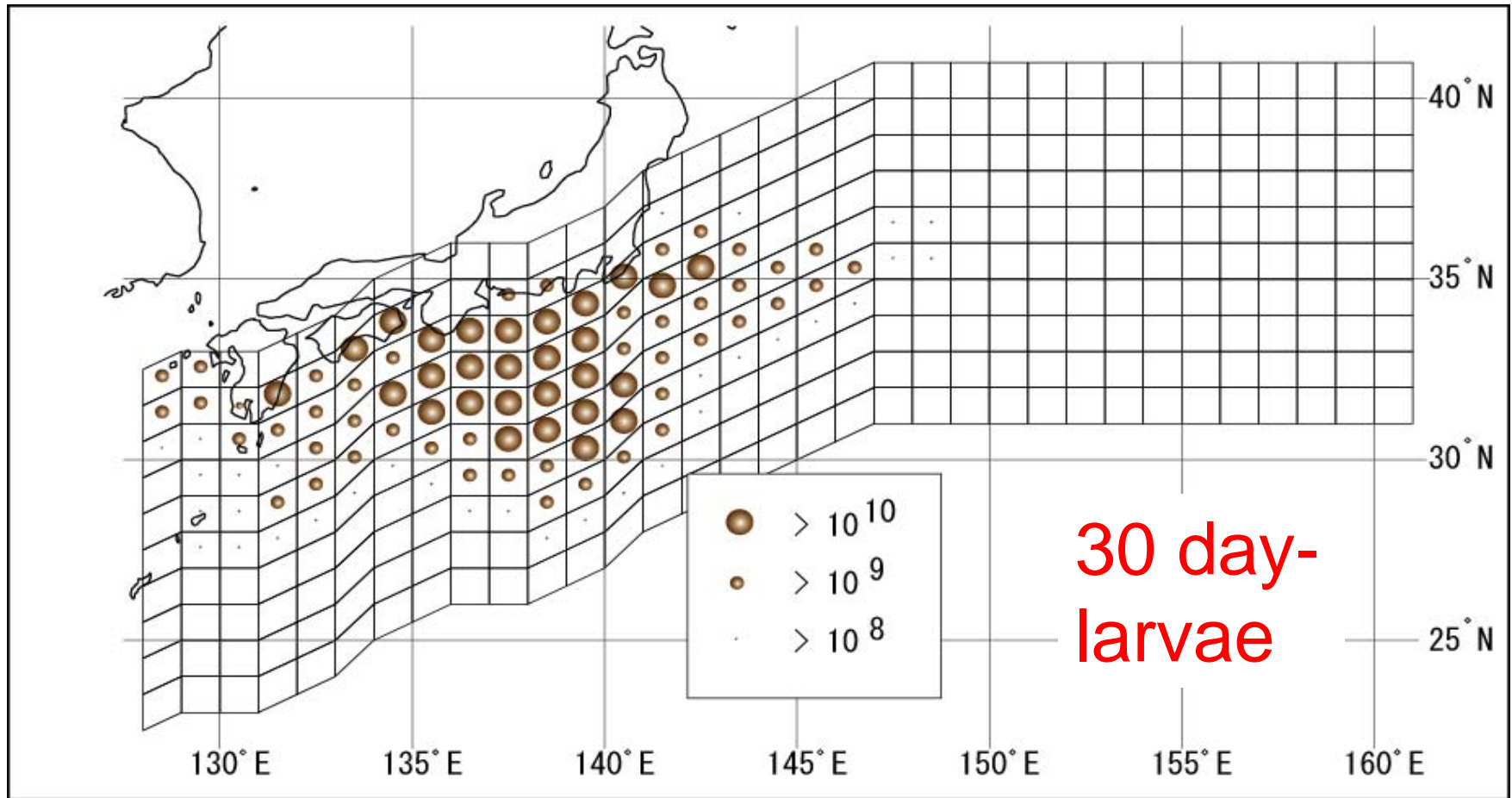
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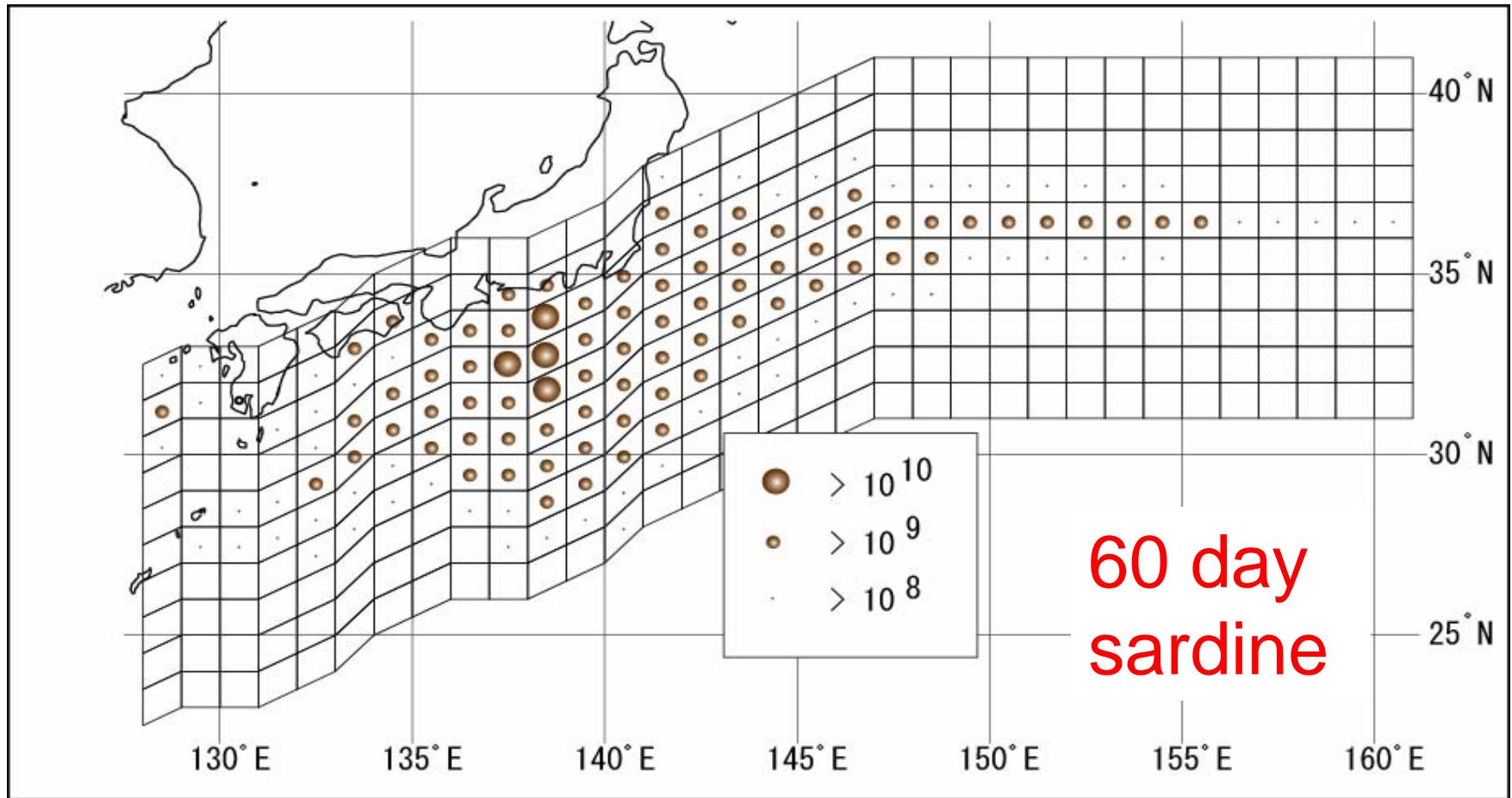
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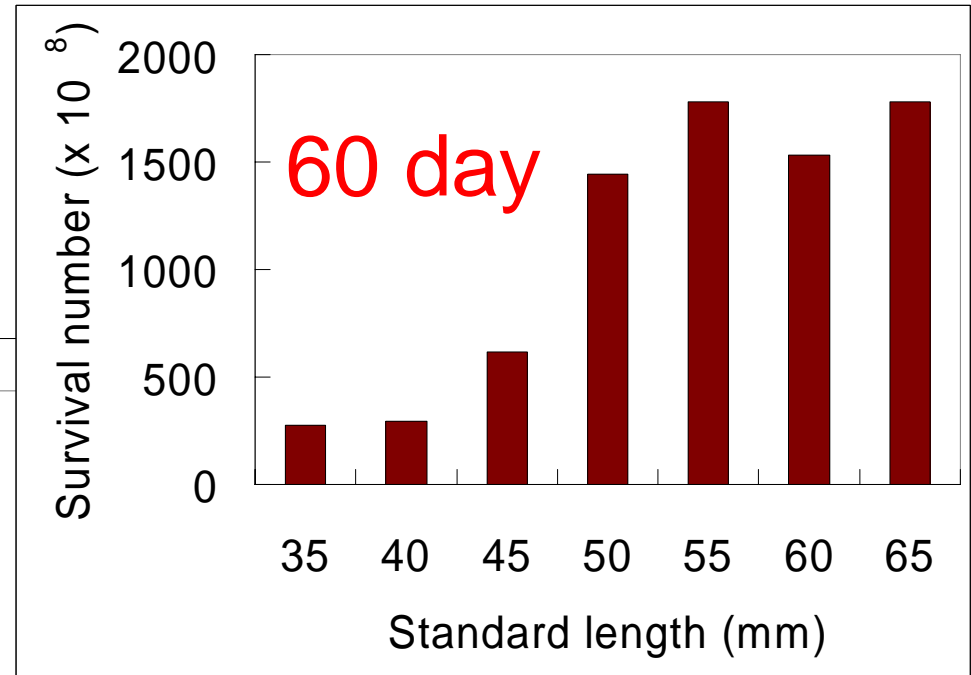
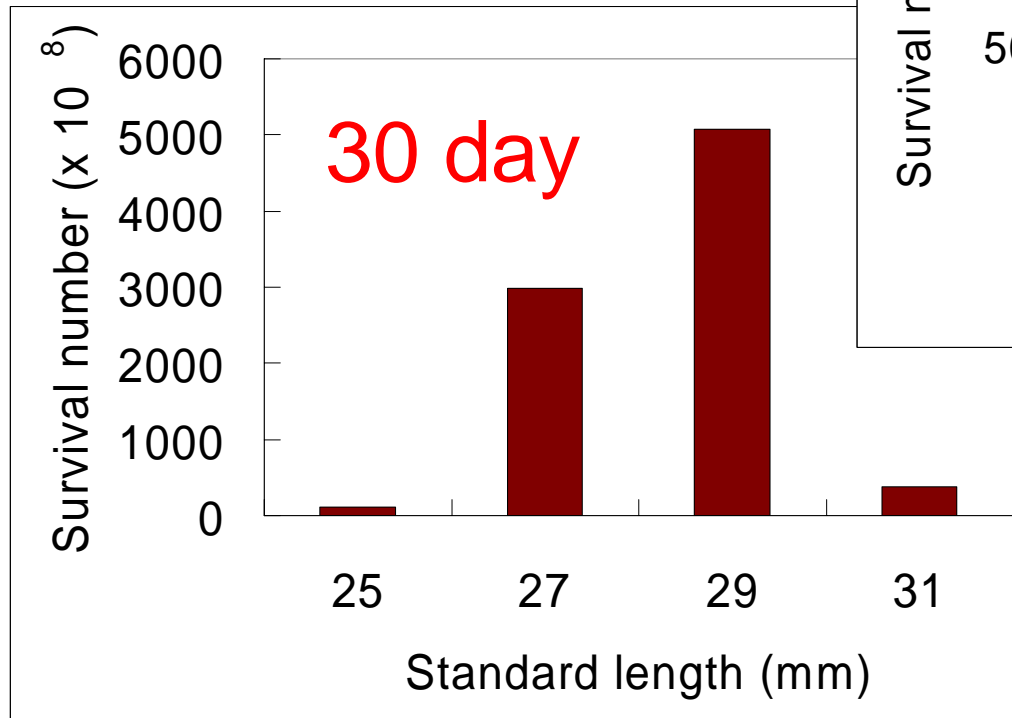
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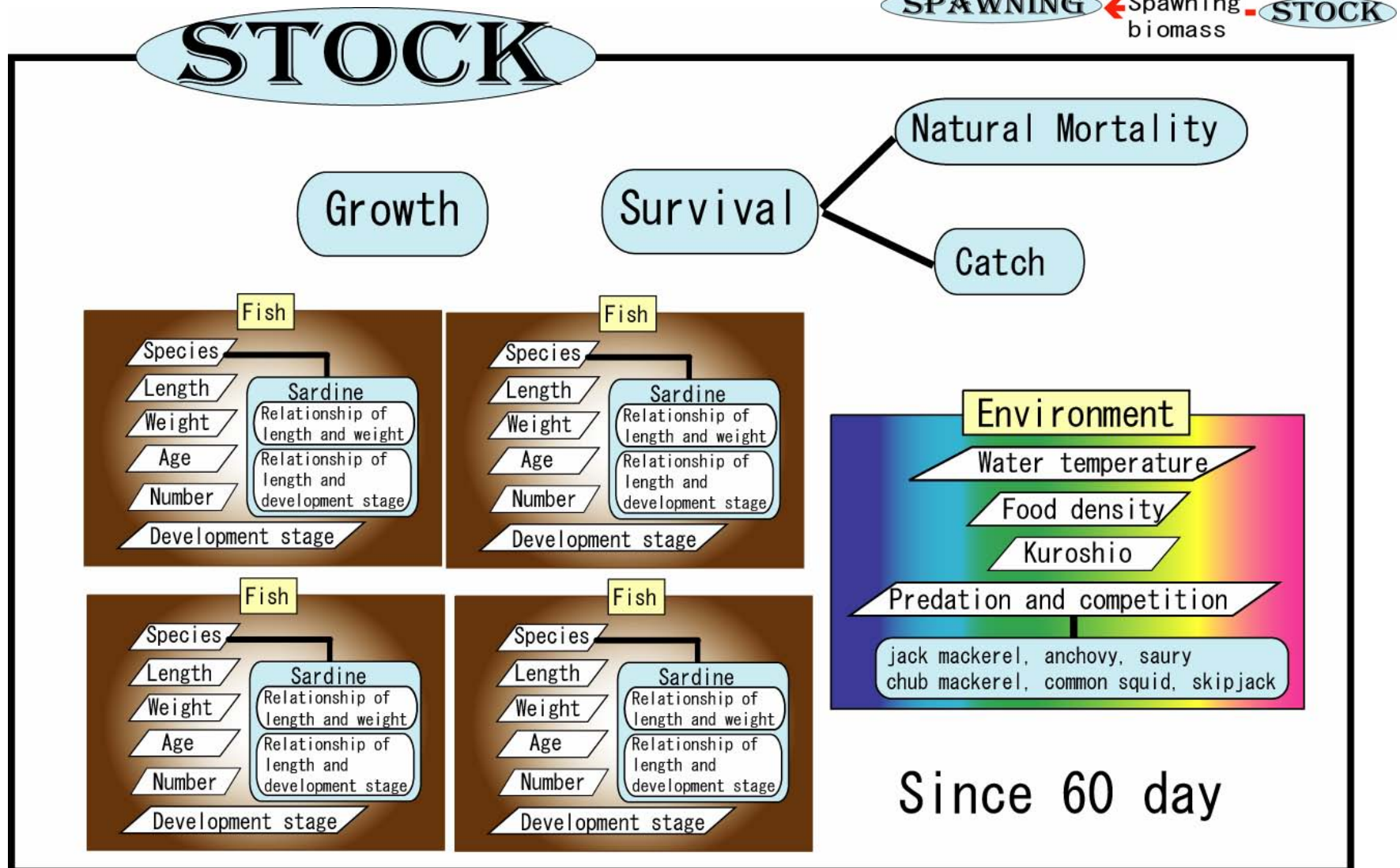
Standard length frequency distribution (Simulated 30 day , 60 day sardine) by sub-model

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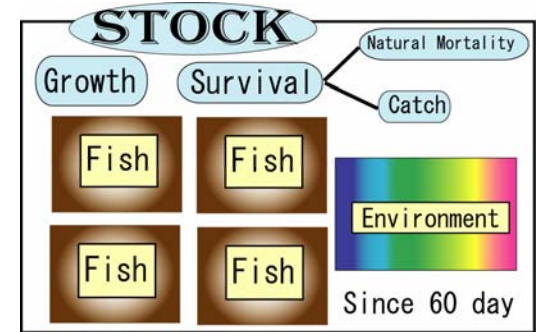
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Age-structured model



Age structured model



- N_t : the number of a *Fish* object at t days after spawning

$$N_{t+1} = N_t D_k \exp(-Z_k)$$

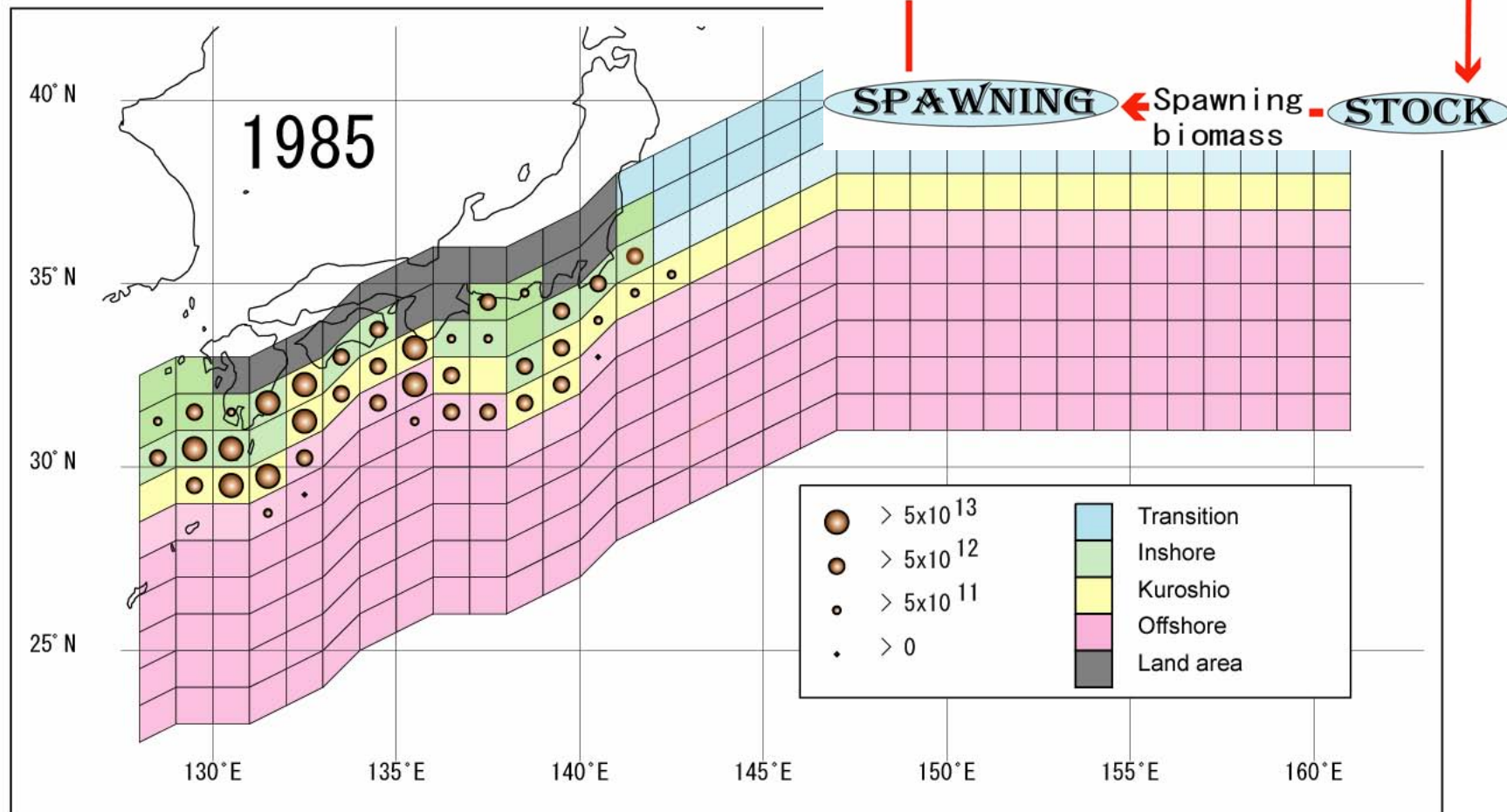
- Assuming the catch at once t_0 for each year

$$Catch = N_{t_0} (1 - \exp(-F))$$

$$N_{t_0+1} = (N_{t_0} - Catch) D_k \exp(-Z_k)$$

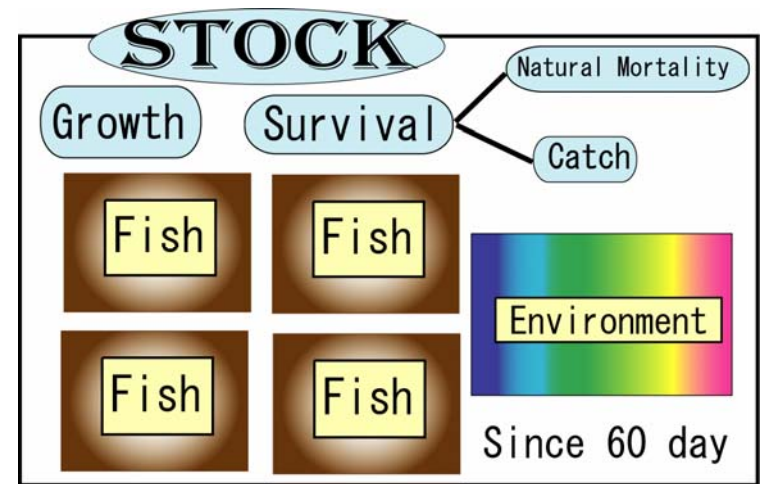
- k : Development stage

SPAWNING



Distribution of simulated egg

Spawning



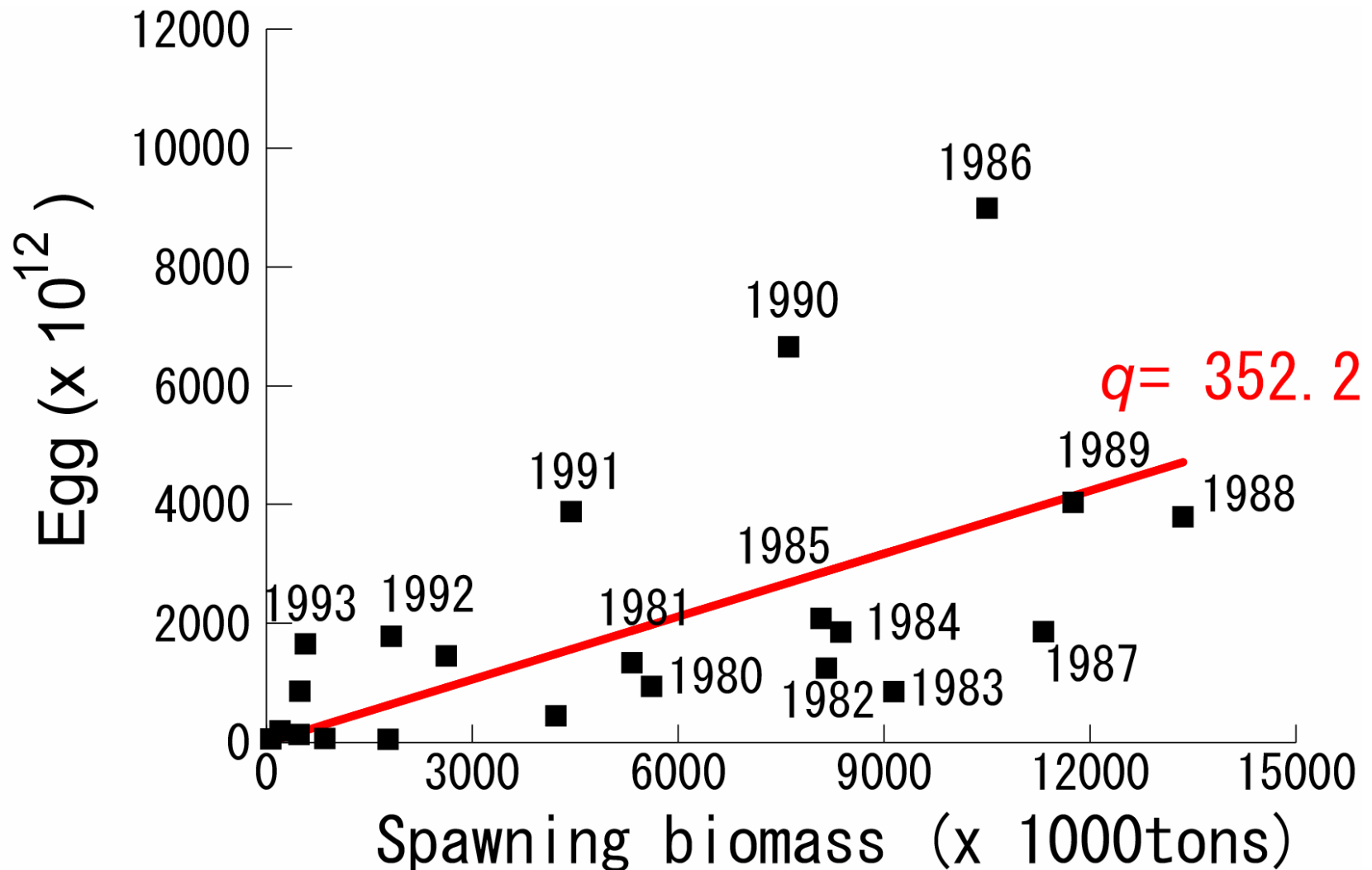
- $\text{Egg} = q \text{ Weight}$

the total weight (g) of the sardine
exceeding 180 mm SL

the total number of eggs of a year

q : Parameter

Actual Spawning Biomass and Total Egg ($Egg = q \text{ Weight}$)



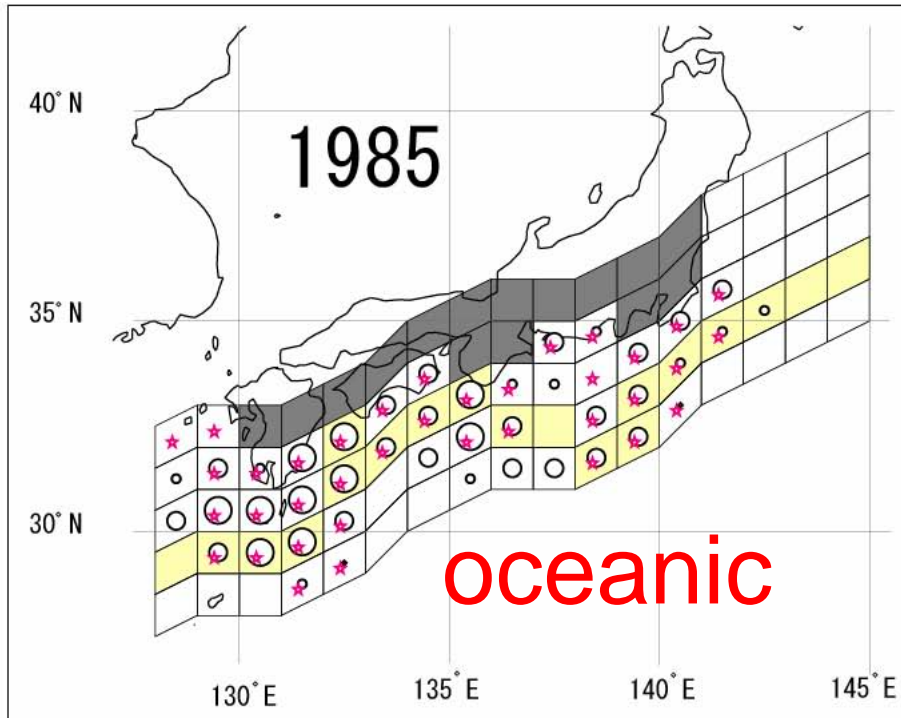
Distribution of eggs

- Assuming that the spawning grounds expanded, if eggs was more than 10^{15}

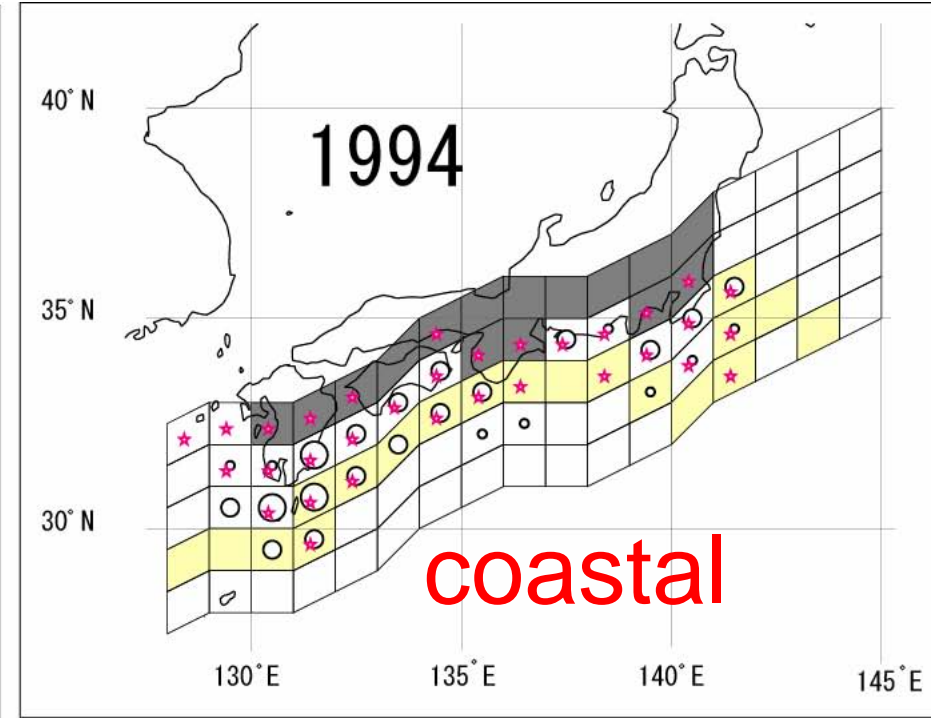
$$N(0) = \begin{cases} Egg \ r1_i \ p1_{ij} & \text{if } Egg < 10^{15} \\ 10^{15} \ r1_i \ p1_{ij} + (Egg - 10^{15}) \ r2_i \ p2_{ij} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Distribution of eggs

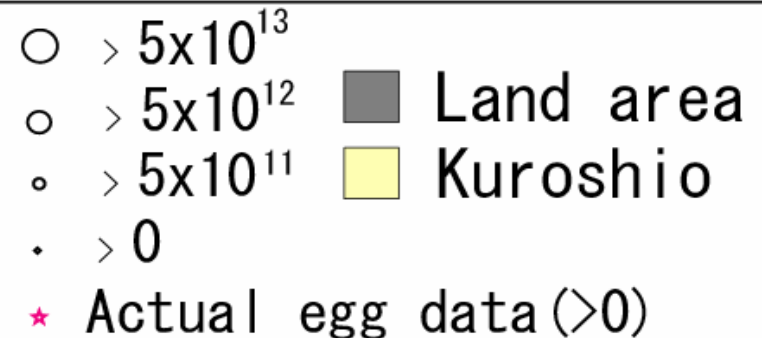
$Egg > 10^{15}$



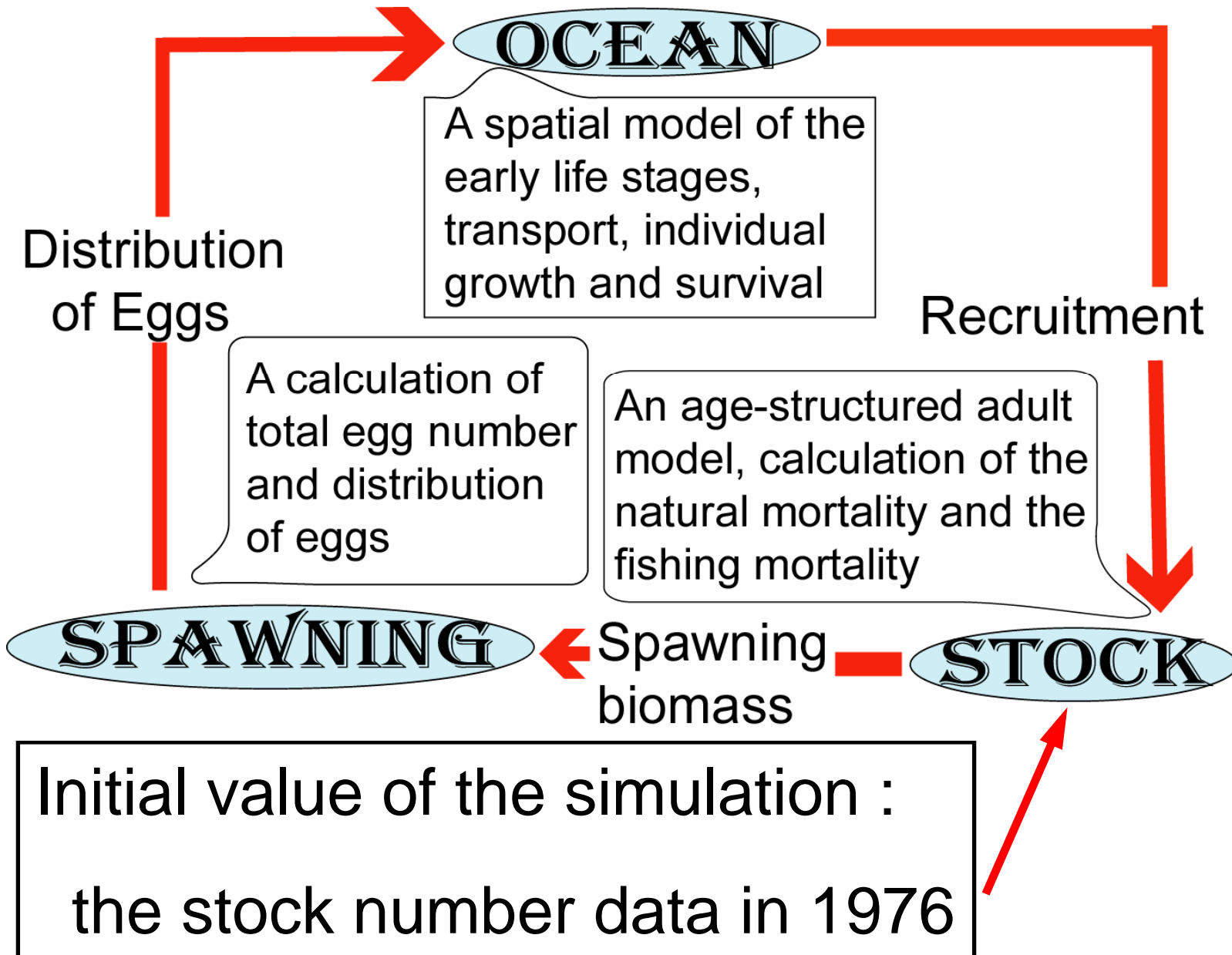
$Egg < 10^{15}$



Simulated (○) and actual (★)
distribution of eggs



Concepts of Model



Input Data

- Sea surface temperature

Oceanographic normals and analyses for the period 1971-2000 published by the Meteorological Agency

- Location of Kuroshio axis, Ocean current statistics

Prompt Report of Oceanographic Conditions, published by the Japan Coast Guard

- Stock abundance index of jack mackerel, anchovy, saury, common squid and skipjack

Catch data compiled by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- Stock abundance index of chub mackerel

Stock assessment Report

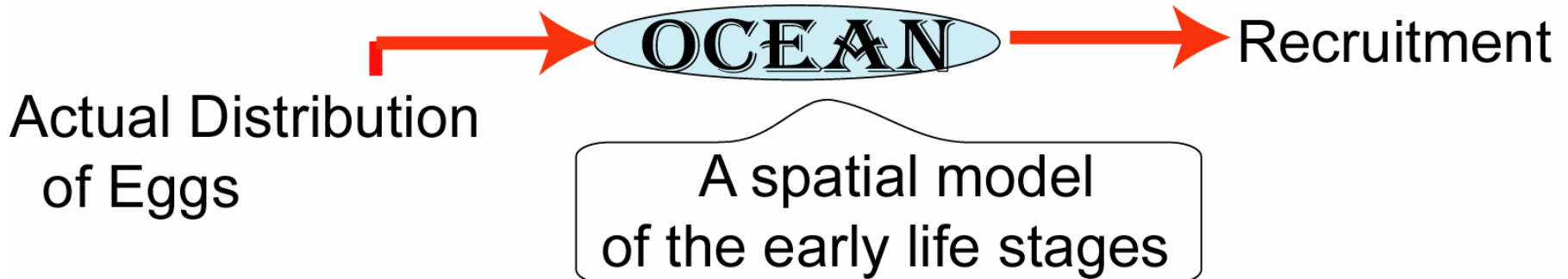
- Zooplankton biomass

Nakata et al. (2001), Nakata and Koyama (2003), Odate (1994)

Parameter

The correlation
of the simulated survival
number and the actual
abundance of year-class of
sardine in 1978-1990

> 0.7



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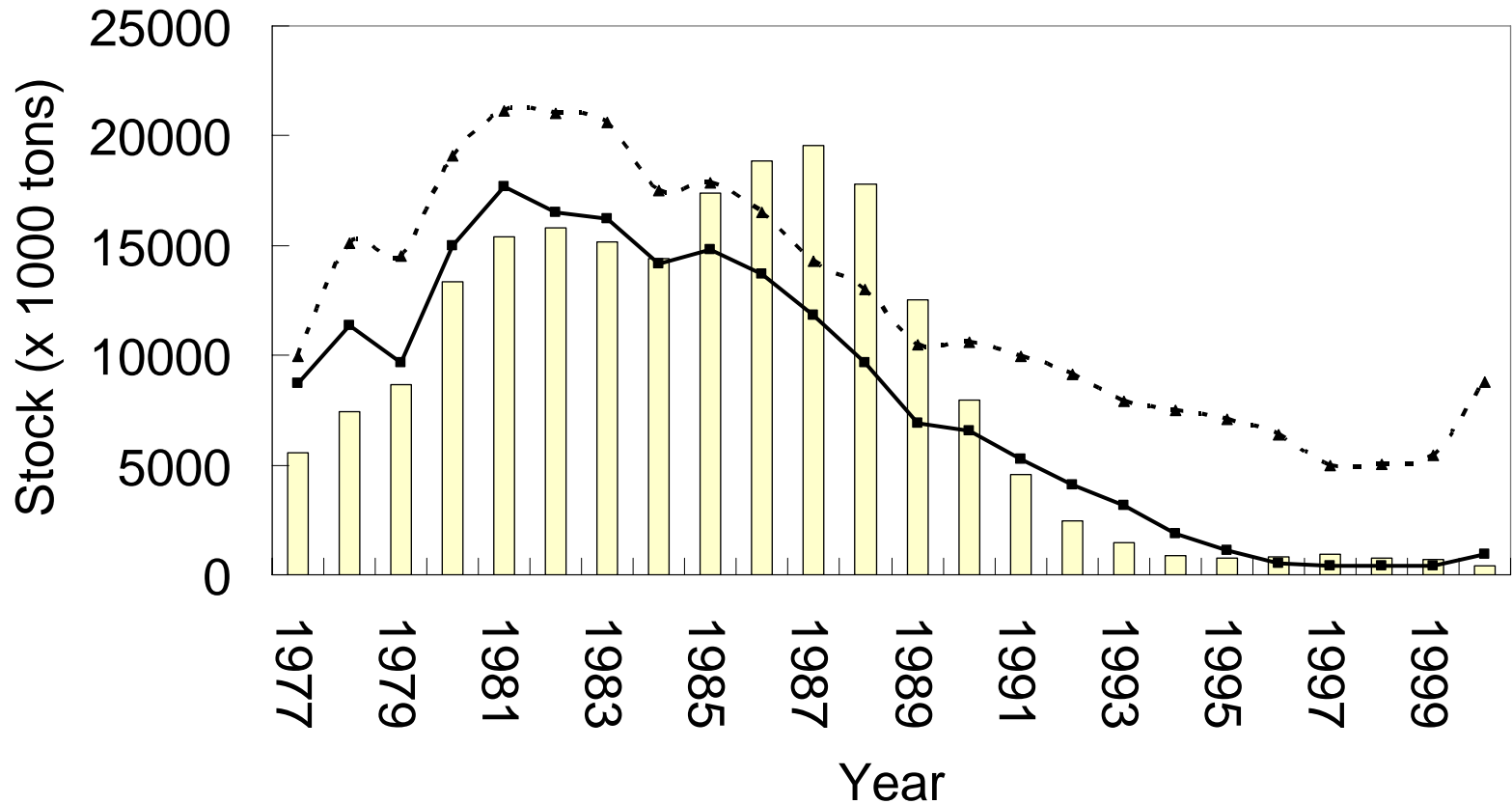
Simulation Planning

OD: observed data, **CD** : constant data

Simulation	1	2	3	4	5
Fishing mortality	OD	OD	CD	CD	0.0
Environmental data	OD	CD	OD	CD	OD
Interspecific relationship	OD	CD	CD	OD	OD

Result (Stock)

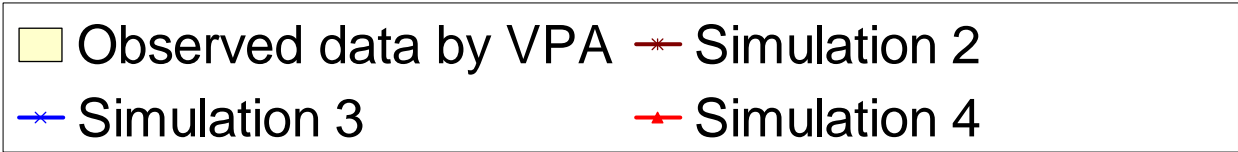
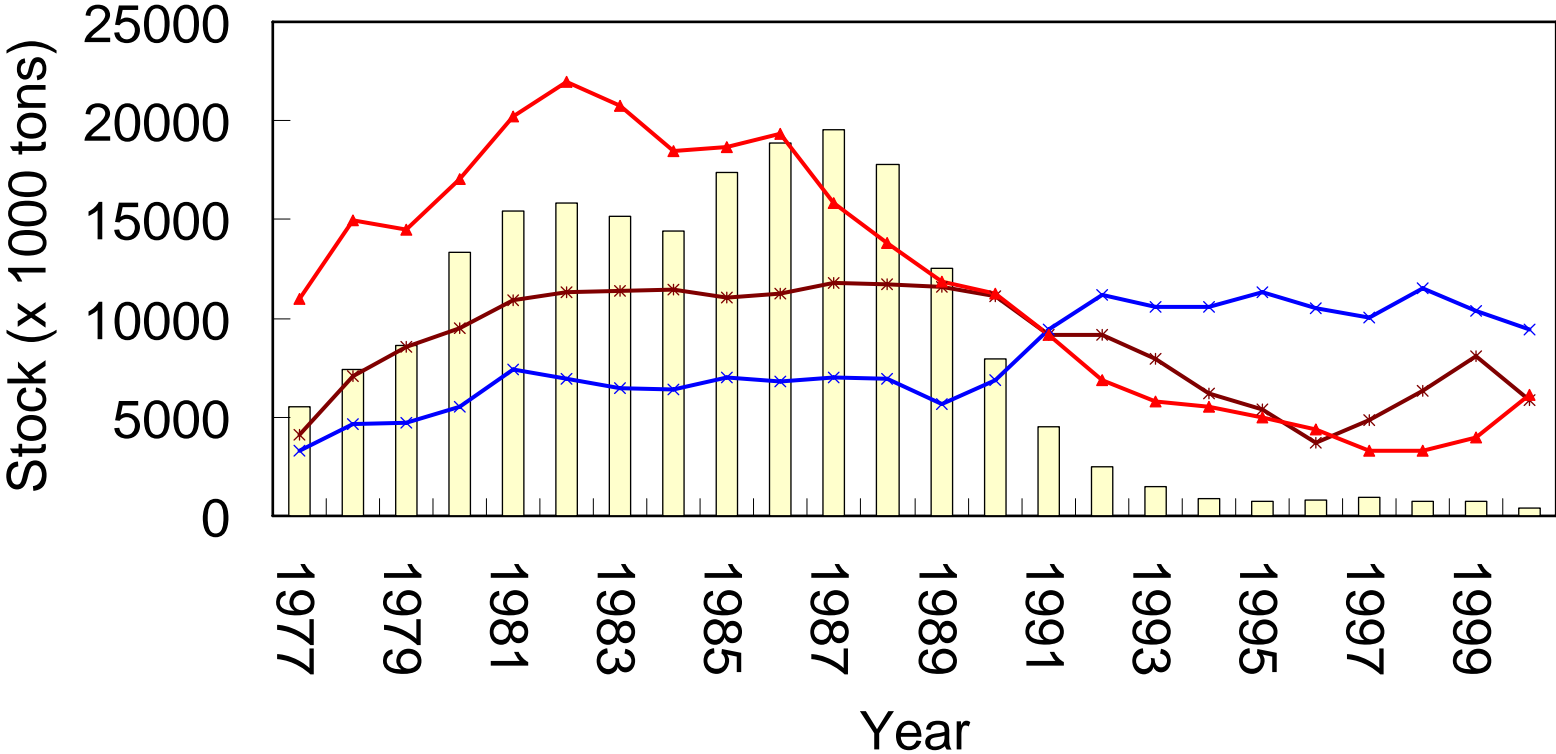
Simulation	1	2	3	4	5
Fishing mortality	O	O	C	C	0.0
Environmental data	O	C	O	C	O
Interspecific relationship	O	C	C	O	O



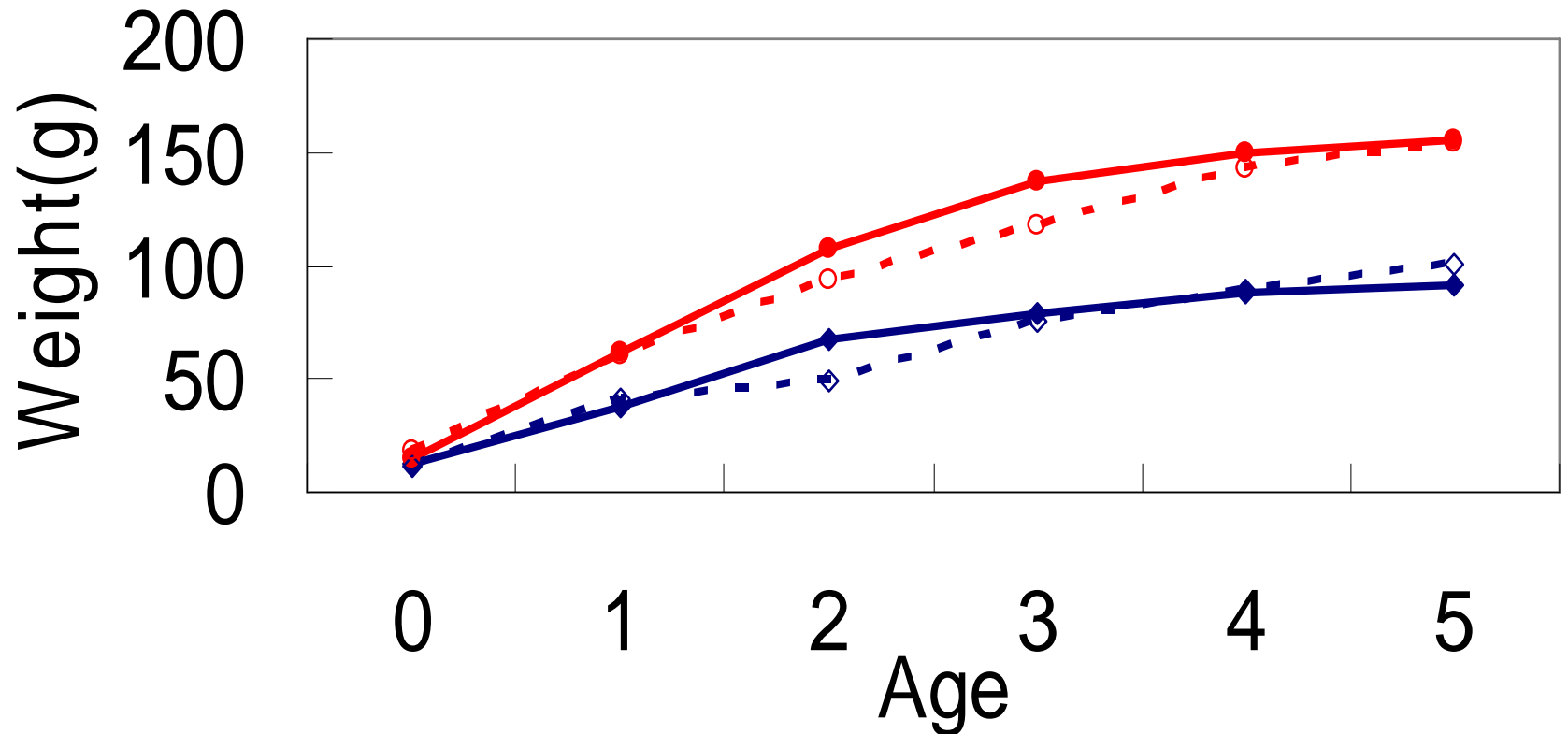
Observed data by VPA
 Simulation 1
 Simulation 5

Result (Stock)

Simulation	1	2	3	4	5
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Interspecific relationship	0	C	C	0	0

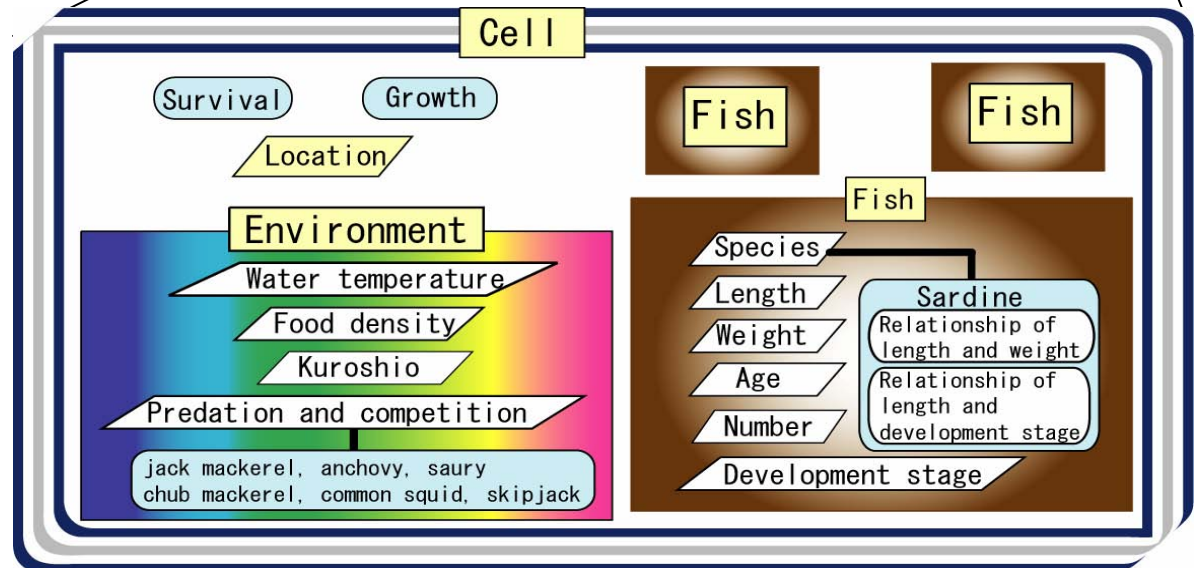
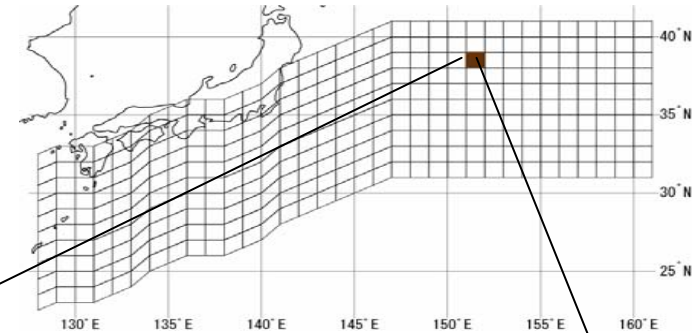
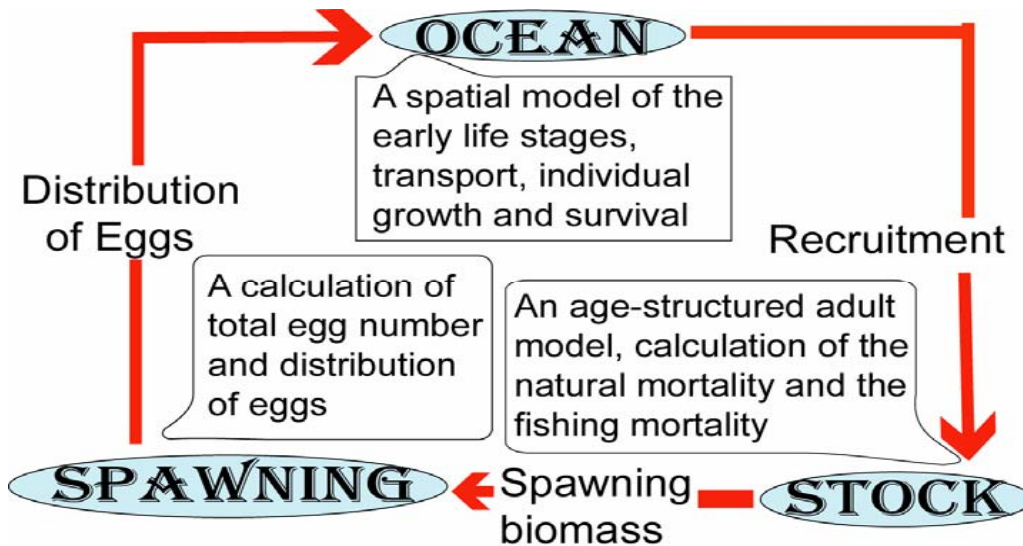


Result (Individual weight)



—◆— 1983(simulation 1) —●— 1992(simulation 1)
-◆- 1983(catch data) -○- 1992(catch data)

Summary



Summary

- Development of the individual-based life cycle model, consisting of spatial early-life stage and age-structured adult sub-models
- Population dynamics under heterogeneous environmental conditions, in the early life-stage sub-model
- Object oriented modeling to link the spatial stage-based model with the population-based model
- Flexibility and extensibility in the model