

# **Modélisation et prédition de l'abondance des saumons atlantiques dans l'Atlantique Nord**

## **Une approche Bayesienne**

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# **Management framework for salmon in the North Atlantic**

## A. salmon (wild) stocks are decreasing worldwide

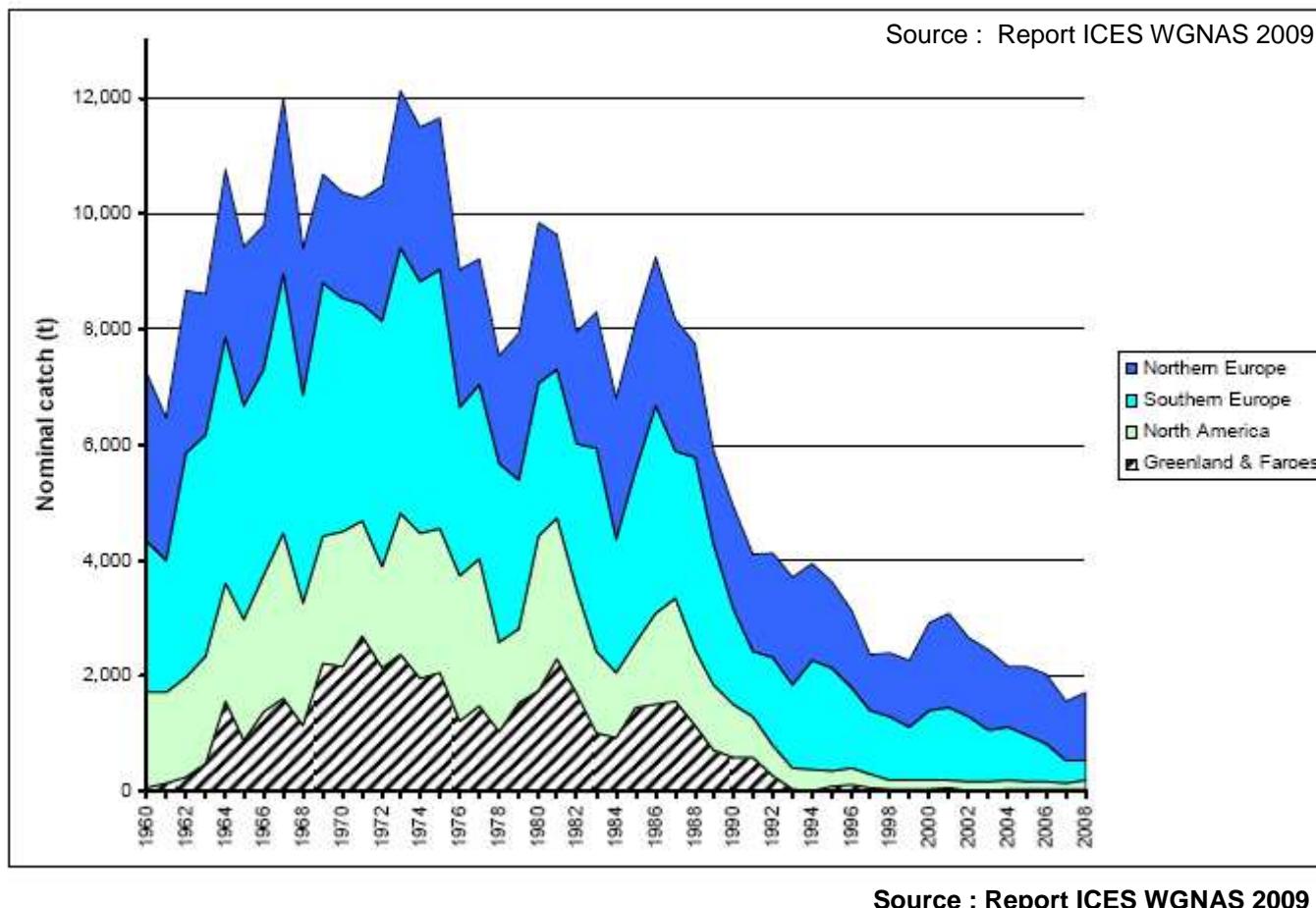


Figure 2.1.1.1 Reported total nominal catch of salmon (tonnes round fresh weight) in four North Atlantic regions, 1960–2008.

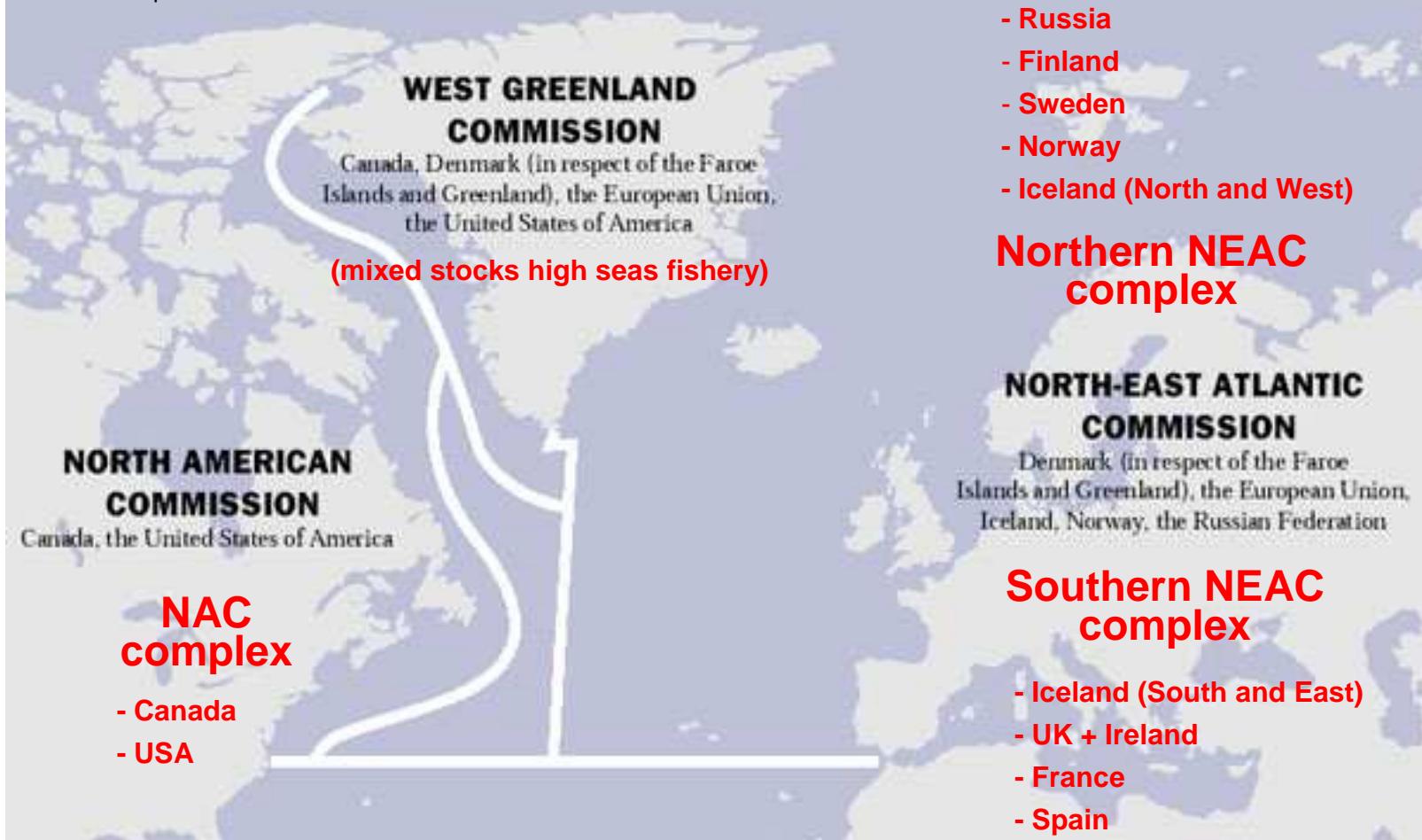
Worldwide production of farmed Atlantic salmon in 2008 was estimated at > 1.48 Million Tons (= over 870 times the reported nominal catch of Atlantic salmon in the North Atlantic)

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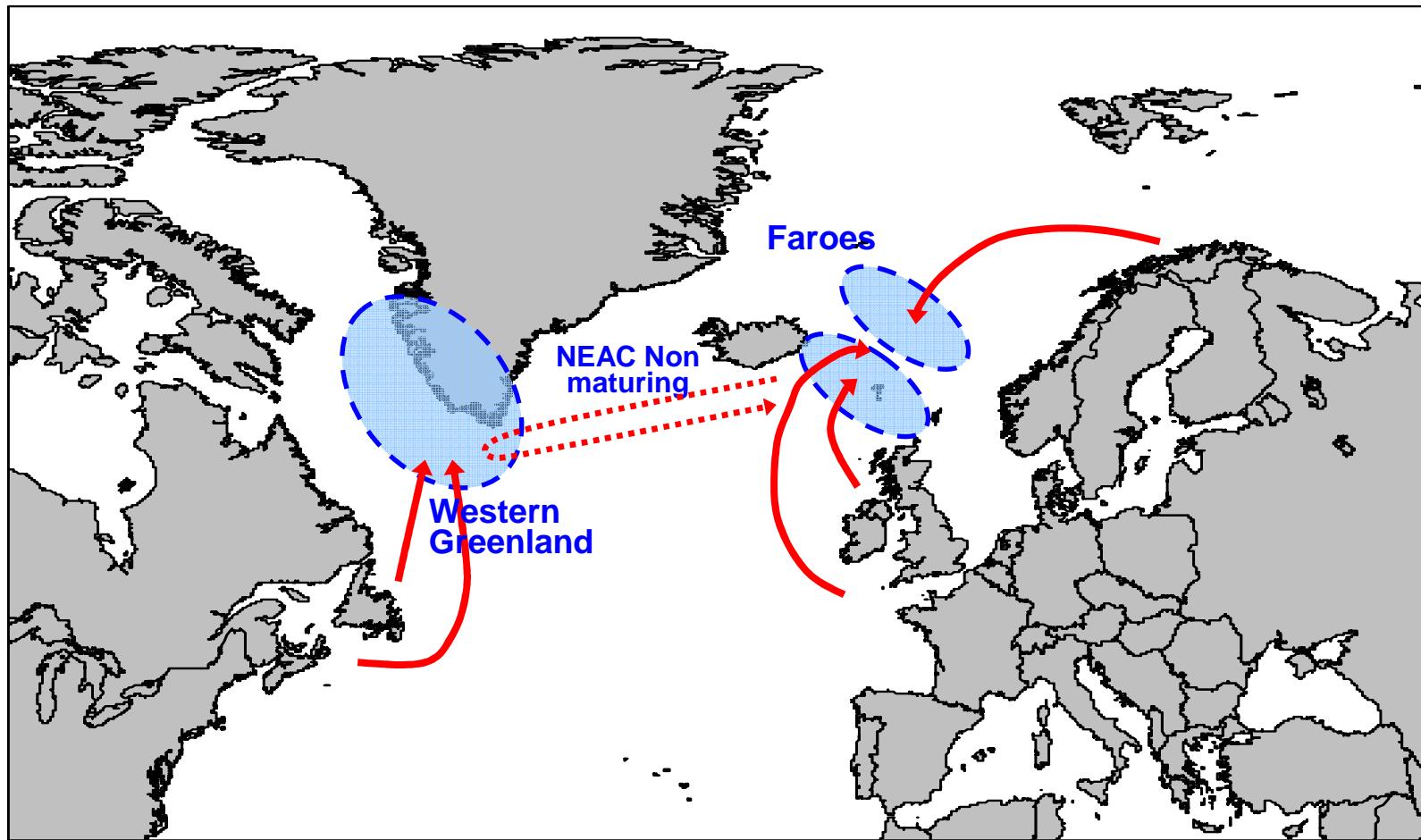
- **NASCO : North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation**
  - International convention 1984
- **Receives scientific advices**
  - ICES : WGNAS, WGBS
- **3 commissions area**
- **Management of distant water salmon fisheries**
  - West Greenland and Faroes
  - (Coastal + Freshwater: in charge of contributed stocks-countries)

# NASCO - 3 Commission areas

Source : Report ICES WGNAS 2009



## A. salmon (wild) feeding migrations and (mixed stocks) high-seas fisheries



# High-seas fisheries management

- **Fixed escapement management strategies**

Ensure spawning escapement is reached in each contributed stocks  
Based on an estimation of the Pre-Fishery Abundance (PFA)

- **Faroës**

Complexes concerned: Southern + Northern NEAC  
Qualitative advice

- **West Greenland**

Complexes concerned: Southern NEAC non maturing  
NAC

Quantitative advice

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## Executive summary

### Report ICES WGNAS 2009

- **Marine survival indices remain low**

- **North West**

The North American Commission 2SW stock complex is suffering reduced reproductive capacity. Factors other than fisheries (marine mortality, fish passage, water quality) are contributing to continued low adult abundance

- **North East**

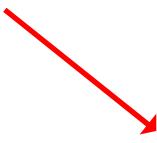
Northern NorthEast Atlantic Commission stock complexes (1SW and MSW) are at full reproductive capacity prior to the commencement of distant water fisheries

Southern NorthEast Atlantic Commission stock complexes (1SW and MSW) are at risk of suffering reduced reproductive capacity prior to the commencement of distant water fisheries

- **High-seas mixed stock fisheries**

There are no catch options for the fishery at the West Greenland (2009-2011) that would meet precautionary management objectives

# ICES Study Group on Salmon Stock Assessment and Forecasting [ICES SGSSAFE]

- **2007: DFO funded research Program**  
International Governance of High Seas Fisheries  
Conservation Strategies Component  
Formulating Multi-year Catch Advice in a Mixed-Stock Fishery Context  
Workshop Nov. 2007 (Moncton, NB, Canada)
  - **2009: ICES Study Group on Salmon Stock Assessment and Forecasting [ICES SGSSAFE]**  
March 2009, Copenhagen
    - DFO, Canada
    - Marine Institute, Ireland
    - CEFAS, UK
    - VNIRO, Russia
    - INRA, Agrocampus, Fr
- ICES Working Group on North Atlantic Salmon**  
Working Papers 2008, 2009

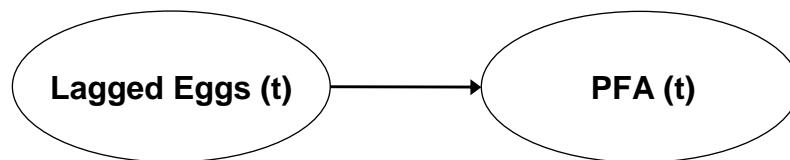
# **Pre-Fishery abundance and forecasting**

## Pre Fishery Abundance forecasting models

### ■ Lagged-eggs (spawners) - PFA

A “stock-recruitment” relationship

Focus on the survival during the 1st winter at sea



Spawning contribution to PFA (t)

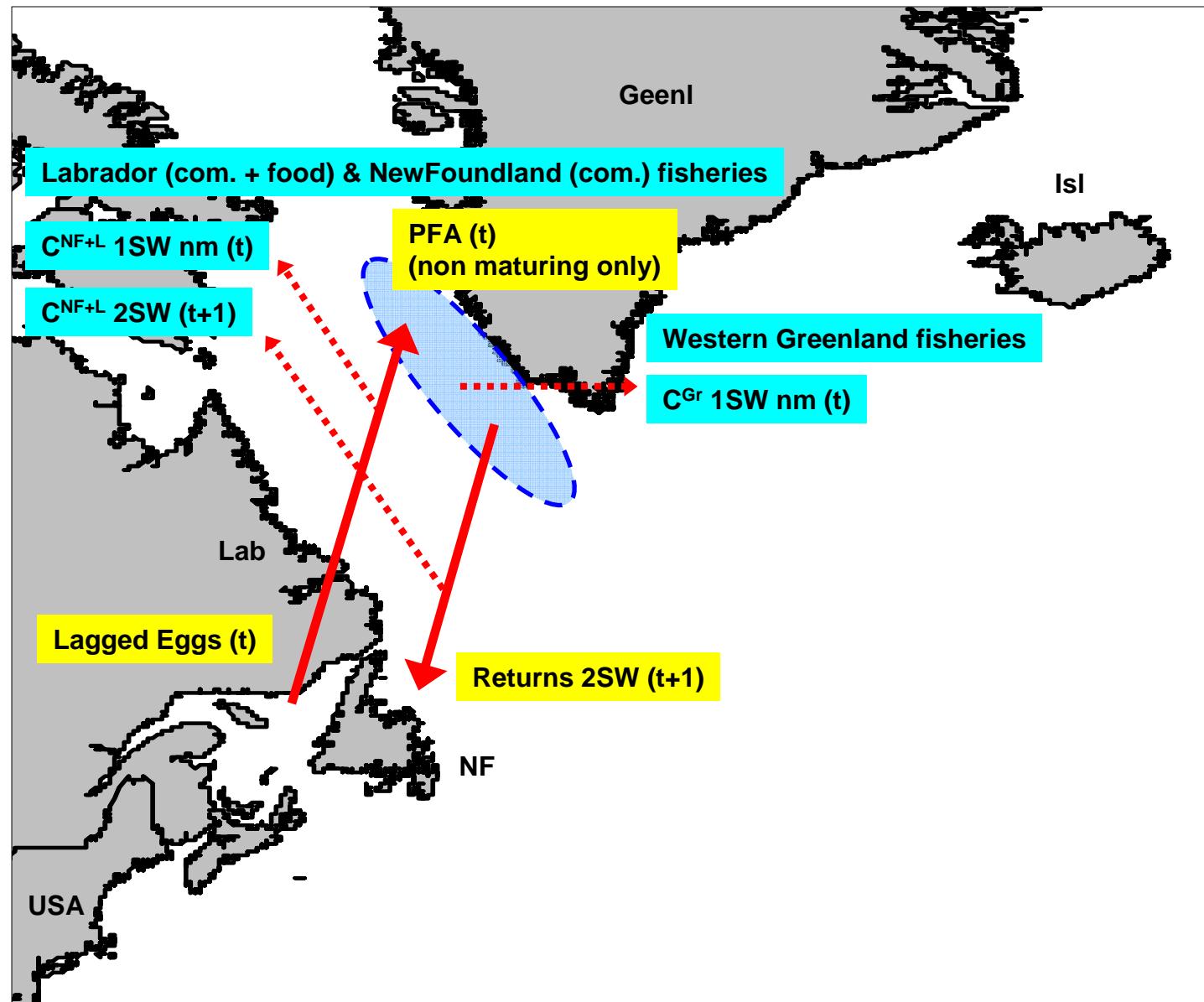
Abundance of 1SW after the first  
winter at sea, before the high-  
seas fisheries

$$PFA_t = e^{\alpha_t} \cdot LE_t \cdot e^{\varepsilon_t} \quad \text{with} \quad \varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

## Running method : 3 steps

- **Independent estimates of LE(t) and PFA(t)**
  - PFA : Run reconstruction
  - LE : Returns + Smolts contribution
- **Incorporate uncertainty**
- **Fit LE-PFA models and use it for forecasting**

## Example - NAC complex



# Example - NAC complex

## Lagged eggs reconstruction



Returns (2SW)

- Labrador
- Newfoundland
- Québec
- Gulf
- Scotia-Fundy
- U.S.A.

Smolts-age contribution

Returns  
- Trapping  
- f (Catches, Harvest rate, reported rates)

t-4  
t-5  
t-6  
t-7  
t-8

## Run reconstruction

Returns  
Catches (rep. rates, prop. m/nm, prop. NAC / NEAC)  
M

$$\begin{aligned}
 PFA_t = & (R 2SW_{t+1} \cdot e^{M \times 1} + C^{NF+L} 2SW_{t+1}) \cdot e^{M \times 10} \\
 & + C^{NF+L} nm1SW_t + C^{WG} nm1SW_t
 \end{aligned}$$

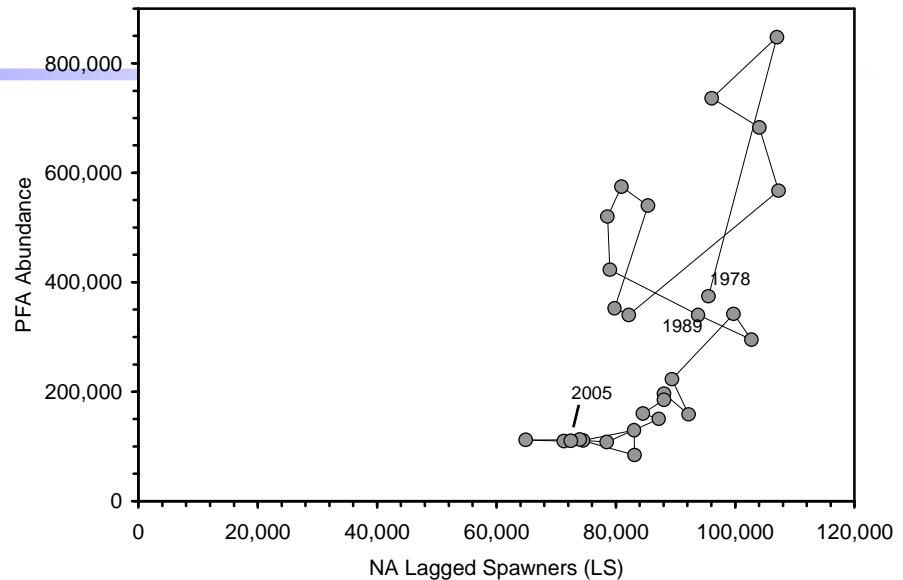
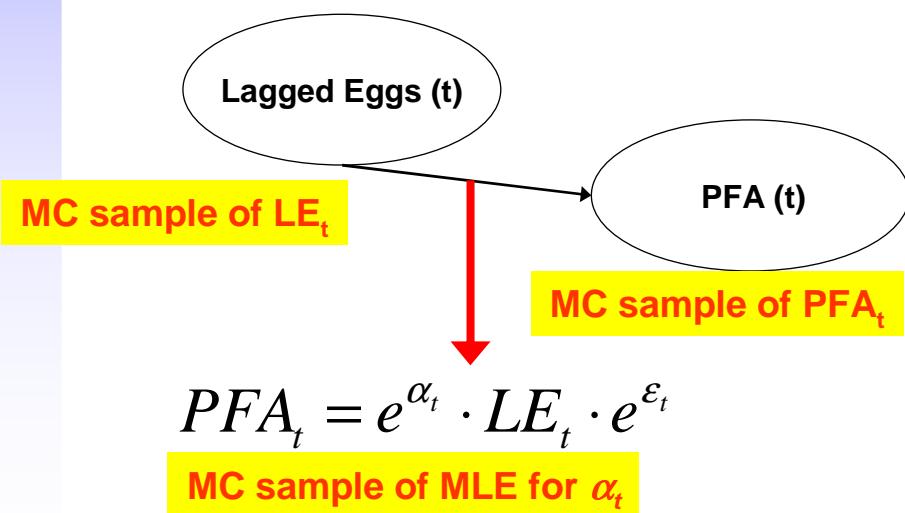
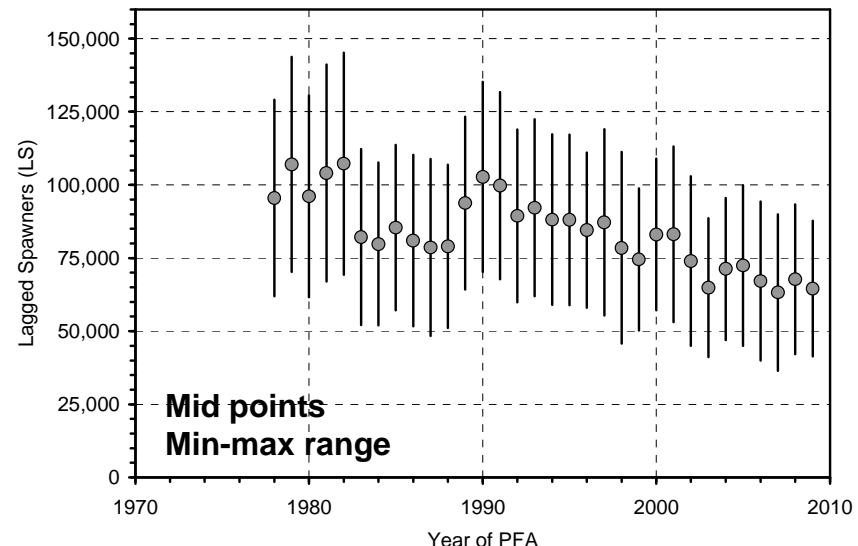
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## Calculation of Lagged Eggs

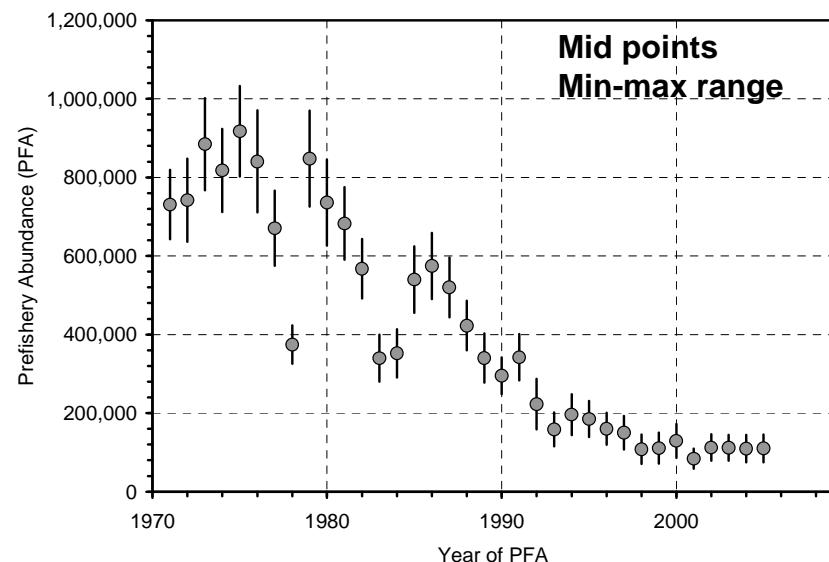
Year	Spawners in year	Smolt age						Lagged PFA year
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
		Proportion at smolt age						
1995	22575	0	0.0577	0.4644	0.3783	0.0892	0.0104	1995
1996	19010	0						1996
1997	15531	0						1997
1998	14240	0						1998
1999	17250	0	1303					1999
2000	16128	0	1097	10484				2000
2001	16696	0	896	8828	8540			2001
2002	12467	0	822	7213	7192	2014		2002
2003	20738	0	995	6613	5875	1696	235	2003
2004	17462	0	931	8011	5387	1385	198	2004
2005	17529	0	963	7490	6526	1270	162	2005
2006	16211	0	719	7754	6101	1539	148	2006
								15414
								15912
								16411
								16261

## Example - NAC complex

### Lagged spawners (2SW only)



### PFA (non maturing 1SW)



## Objectives (terms of reference of the ICES SGSSAFE)

- Update and further develop stock and/or catch forecast models for salmon stocks in the NASCO NC and NEAC
- Evaluate methods for **incorporating uncertainty** in the assessments and forecasting (catch advices)
- Evaluate options for developing forecast models **which include all sea-age classes**

**“ PFA modelling and forecasting could advantageously be embedded within a Bayesian framework ”**

**Use DAG and conditional  
reasonning**

# DAG and conditional modeling

- **Directed Acyclic Graphs**

**Graphical representation of conditional modeling**

- **Conditional reasoning**

**Modeling cause-to-effect relationships with uncertainty**

**Probabilistic influence relationships between variables,  
parameters ...**

## Baby example

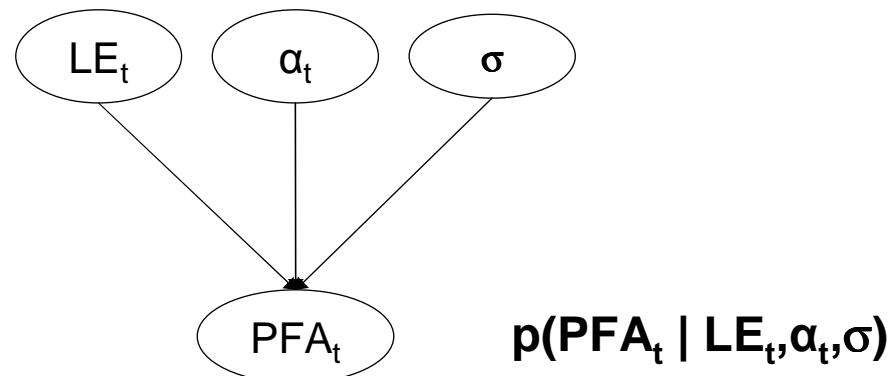
$$LE_t \rightarrow PFA_t \rightarrow Maturing\ Salmons_t \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow Catches_{t+1} \\ \rightarrow Returns_{t+1} \end{array} \right.$$

## (1) Set a prior structure for the model

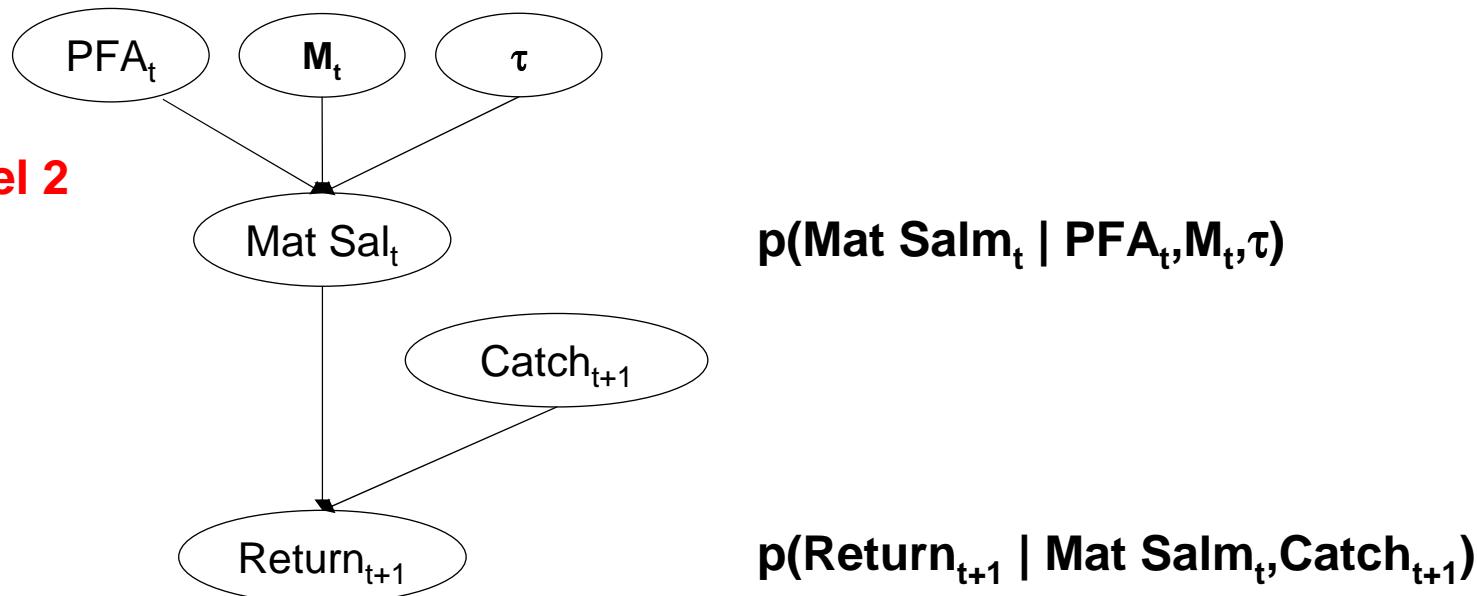
$$\begin{cases} PFA_t = e^{\alpha_t} \cdot LE_t \cdot e^{\varepsilon_t} \quad \text{with} \quad \varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \\ \\ Maturing\ salmons_t = PFA_t \cdot e^{-M_t} \cdot e^{\omega_t} \quad \text{with} \quad \omega_t \sim N(0, \tau^2) \\ \\ Returns_{t+1} = Maturing\ salmons_t - Catches_{t+1} \end{cases}$$

## (2) DAG

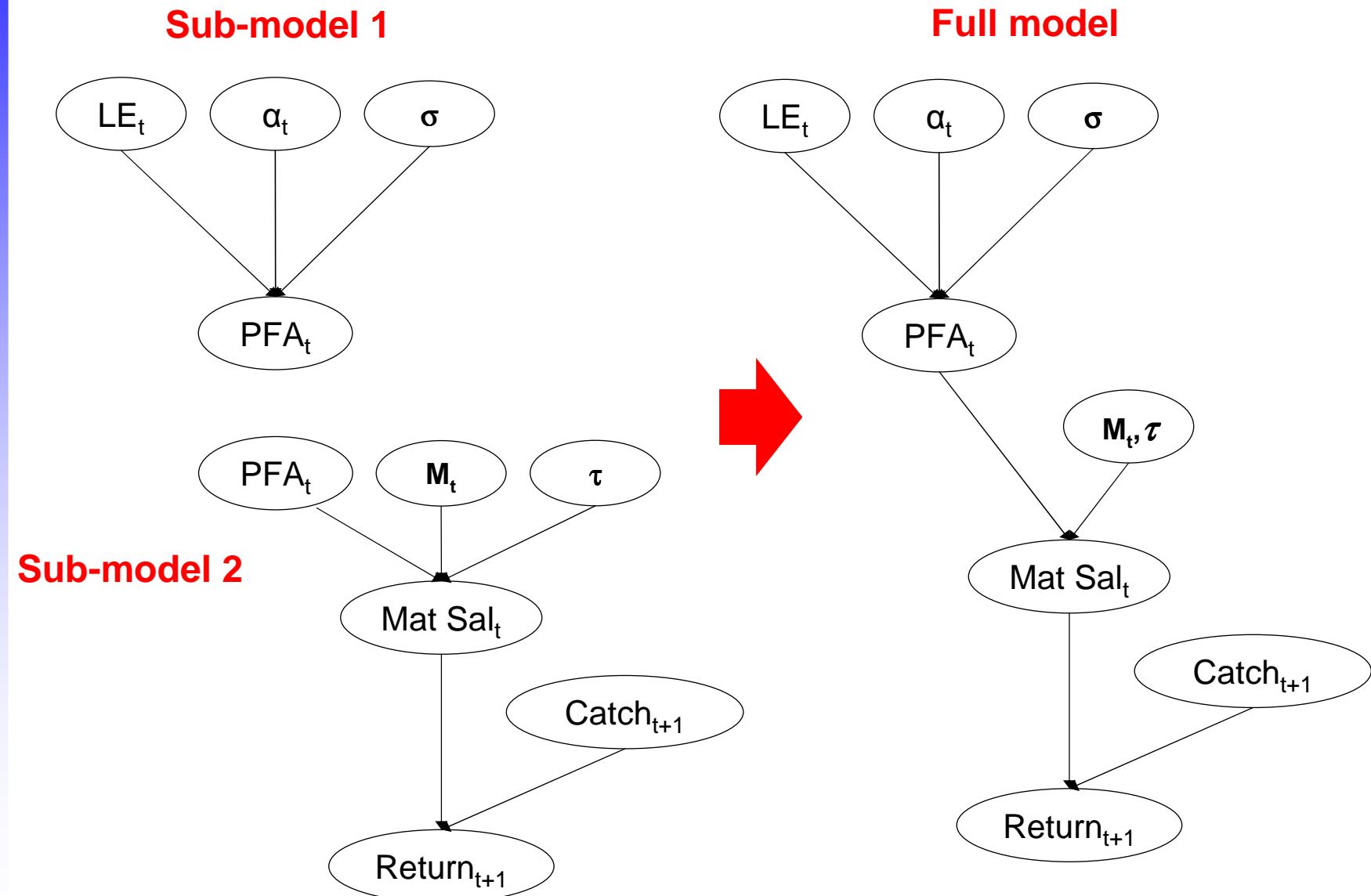
### Sub-model 1



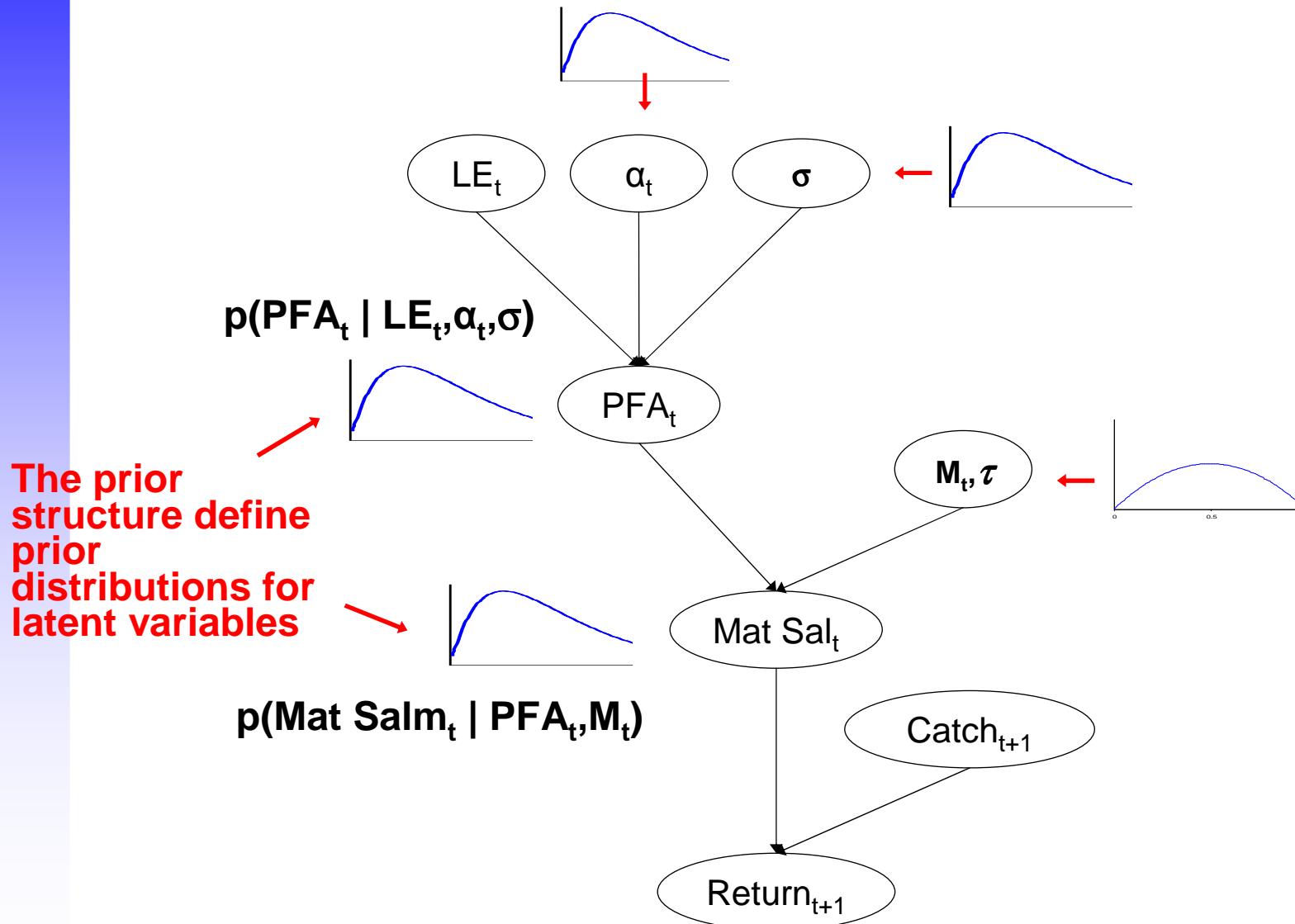
### Sub-model 2



## (2) DAG

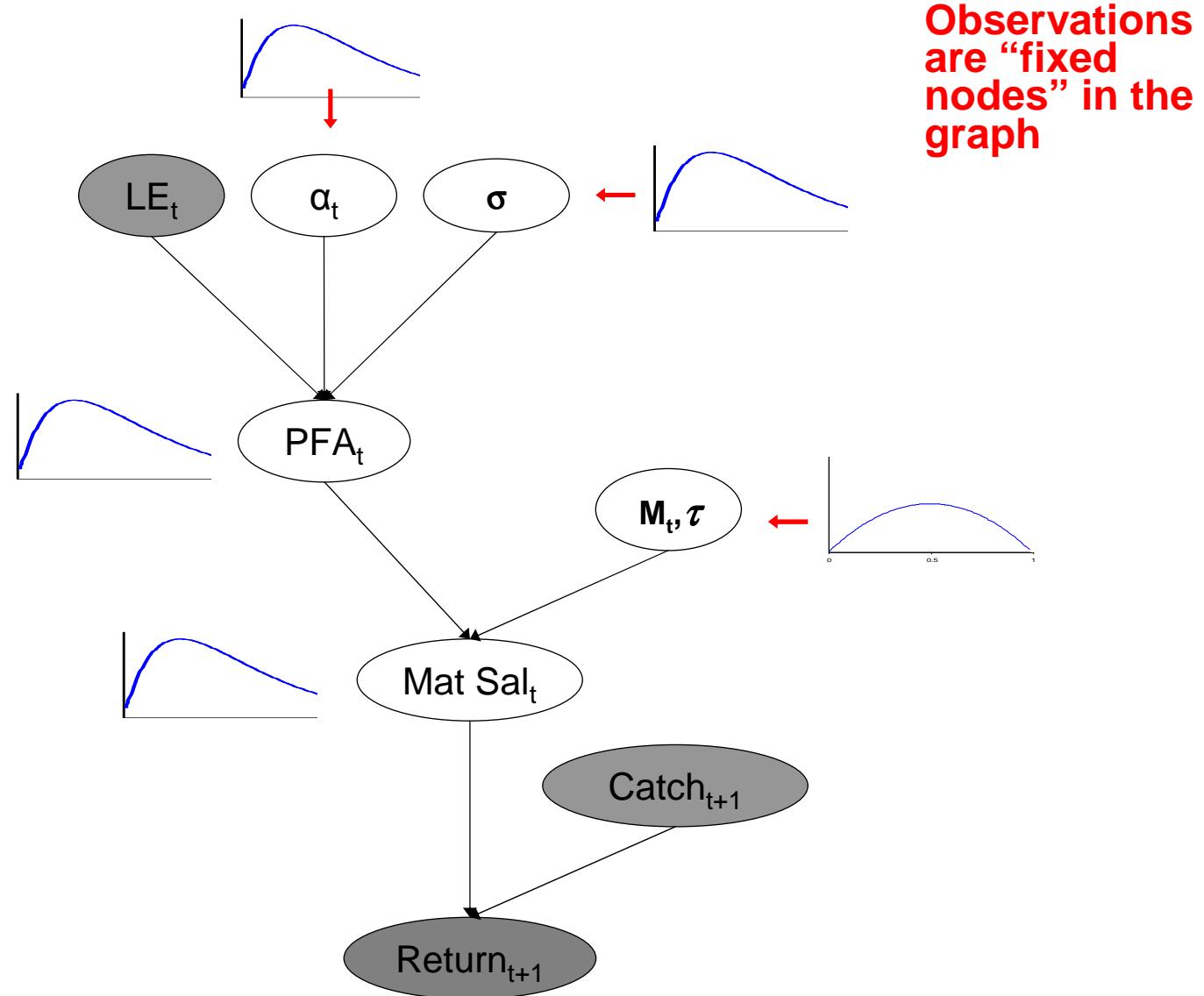


## (3<sup>bis</sup>) Integrate prior information

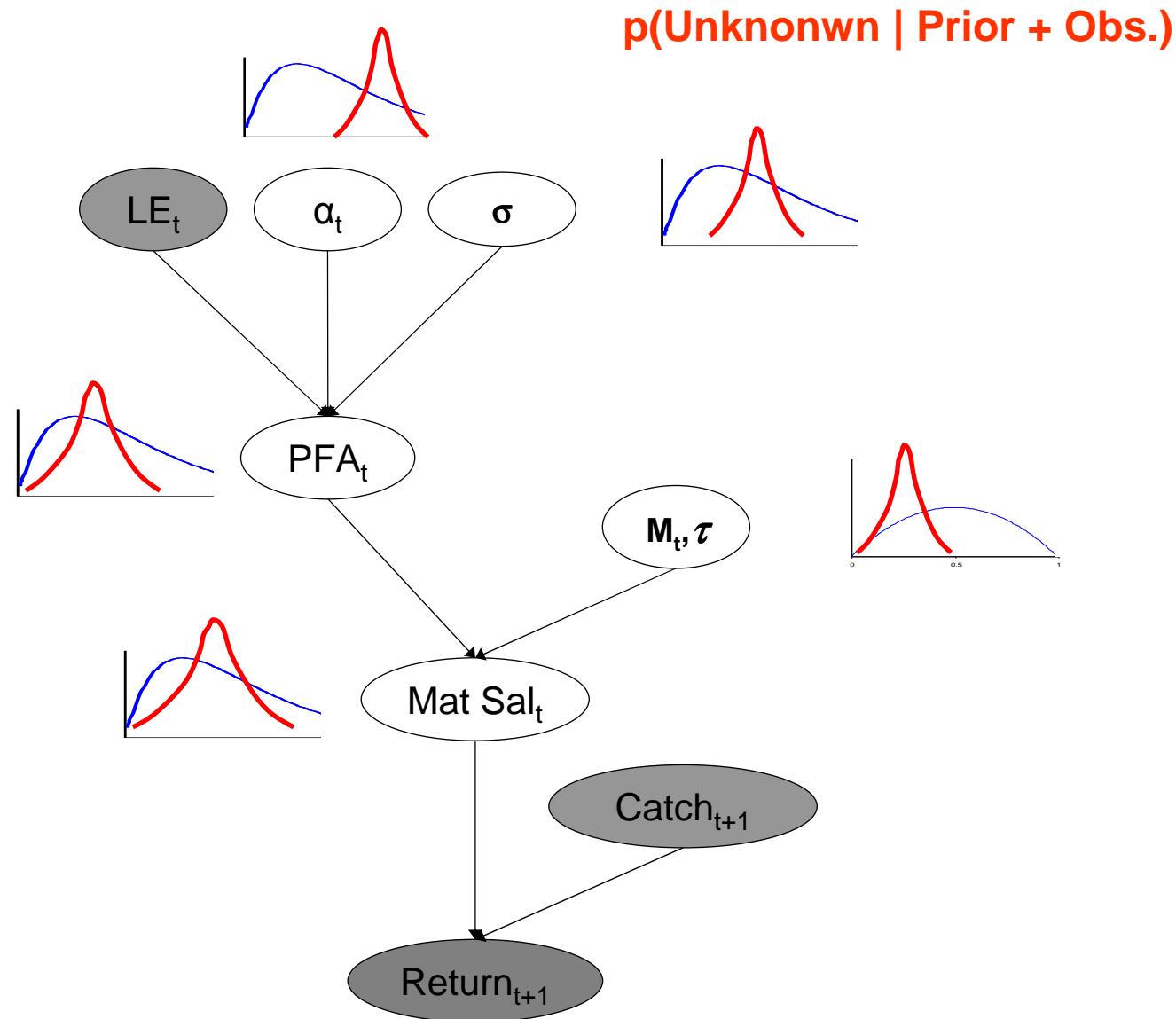


The prior structure define prior distributions for latent variables

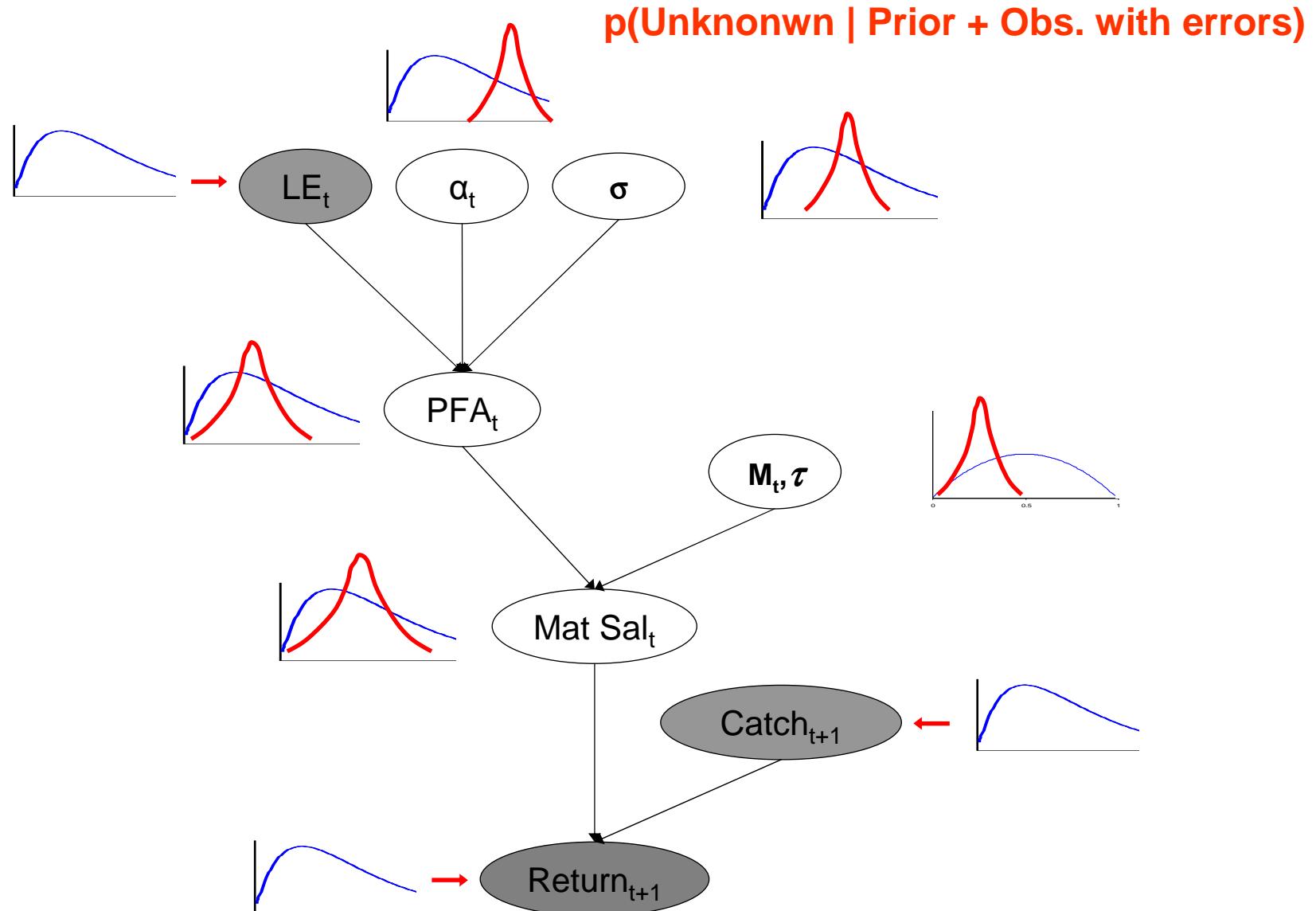
## (4) Introduce “observations”



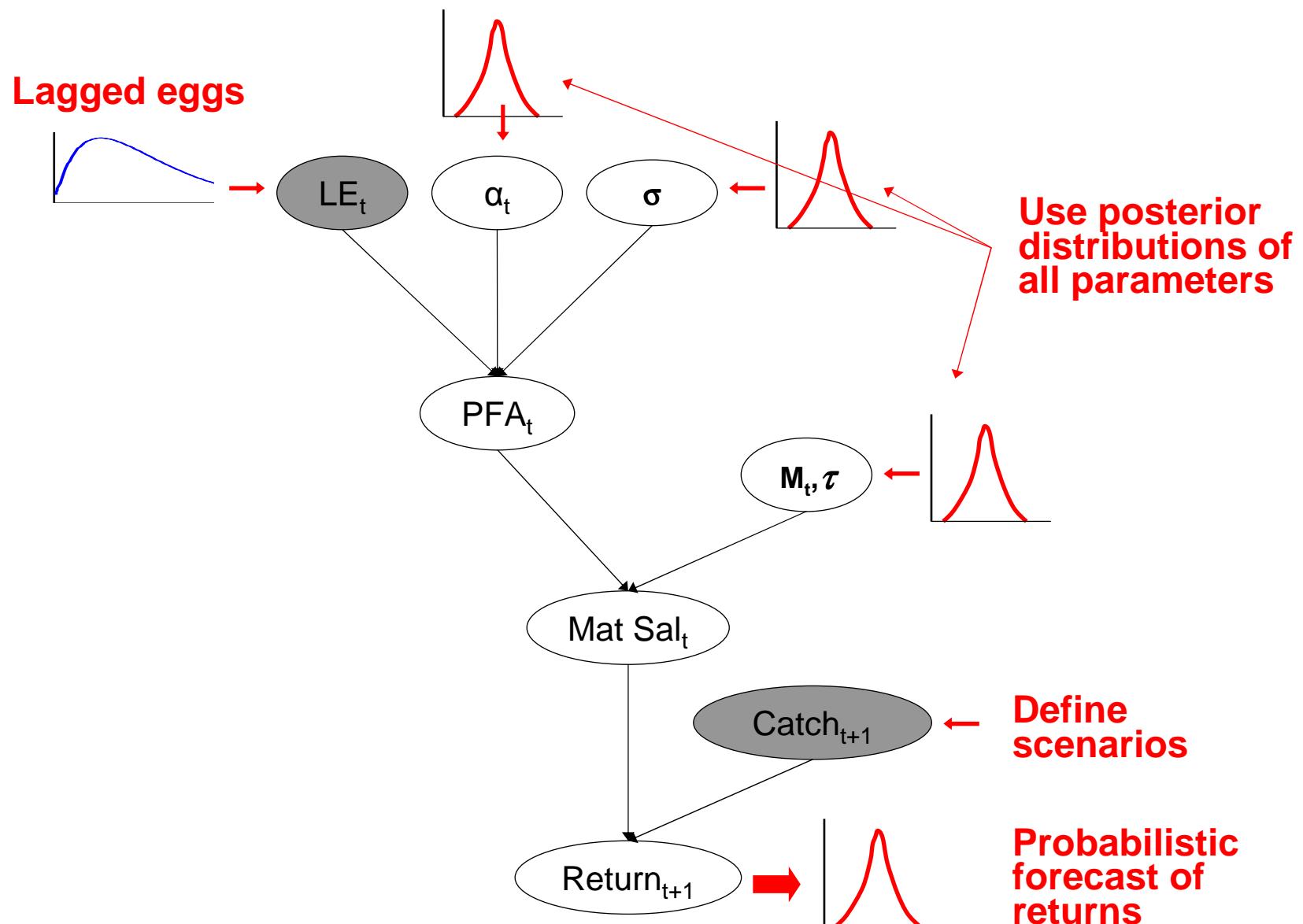
## (5) Derive Bayesian inference



## (5<sup>bis</sup>) Derive Bayesian inference with obs. errors



## (6) Derive probabilistic forecasting



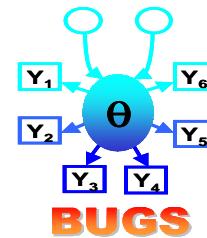
## ... Sum up

- **Conditional reasoning and DAG help to built complex models**
  - several bricks can be built independently and plugged together
  - take advantages of latent variables
- **Bayesian framework offers a consistent framework for**
  - drawing inferences on all unknown quantities (including latent variables such as PFA)  
by integrating uncertainties on all “inputs” (M, LE, LS, Catches, returns) (from expertise or from observations)
  - deriving probabilistic forecasting in a consistent framework
- **Offers some flexibility in the modelling (regime shifts ...)**

# Chart flow of the method

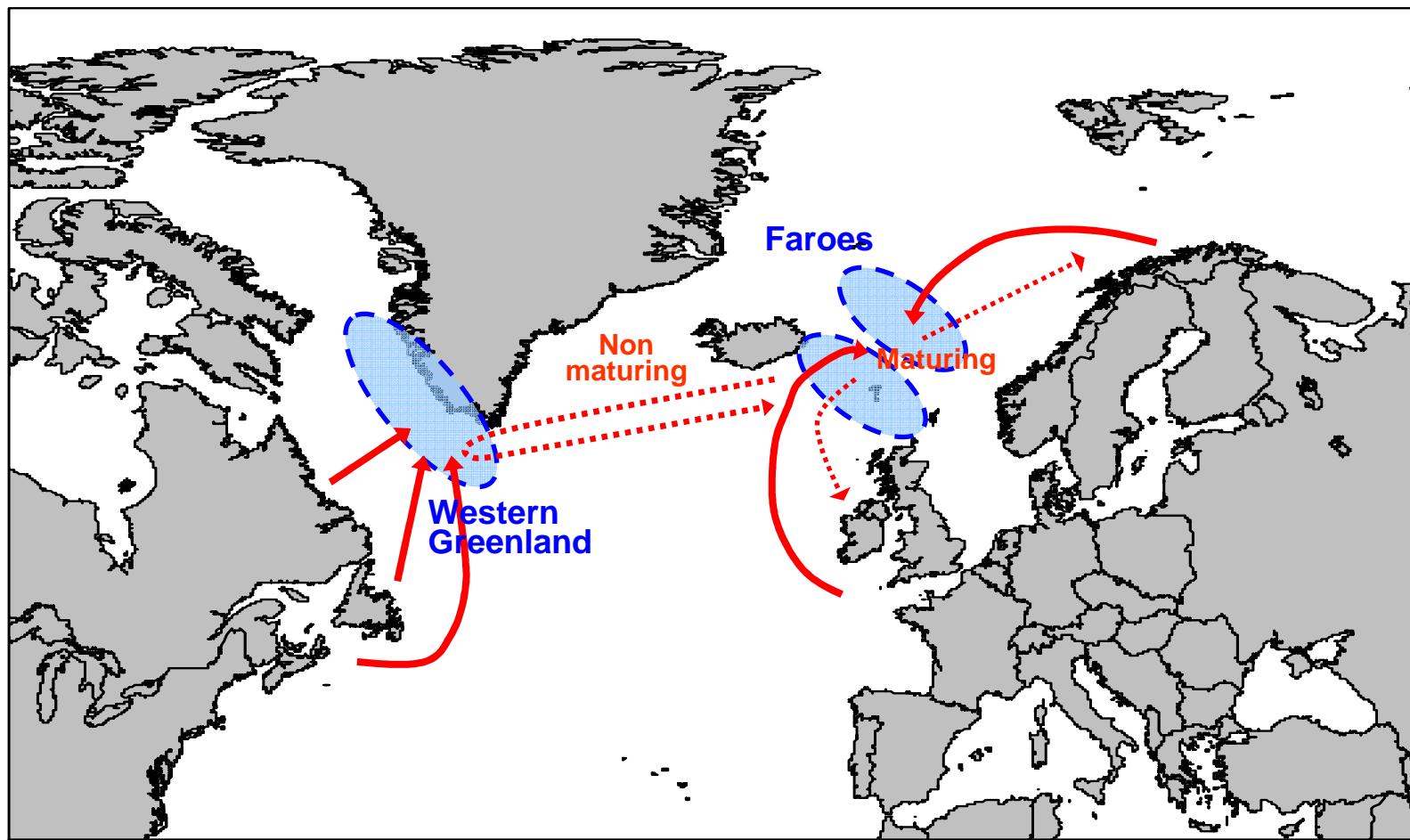


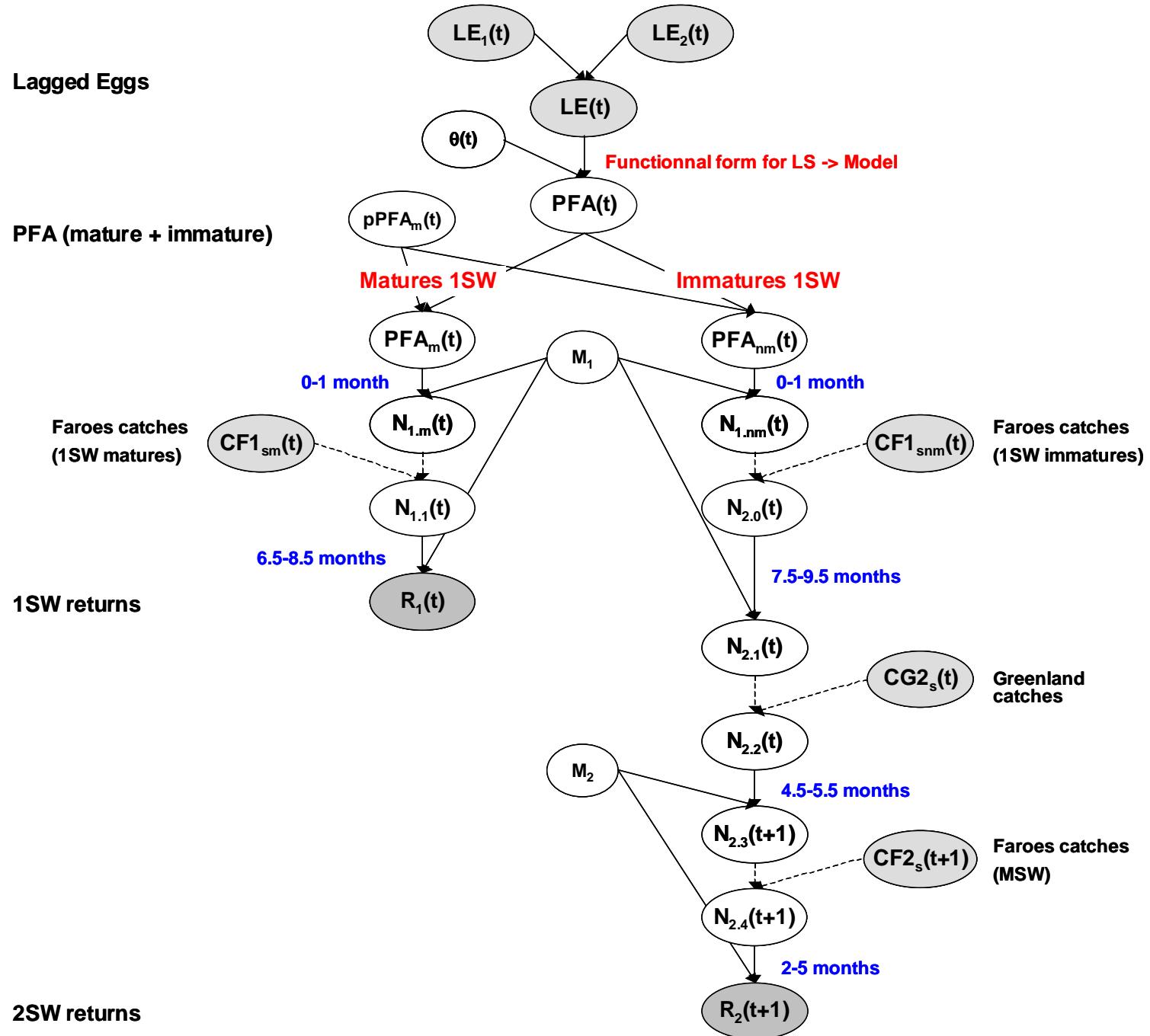
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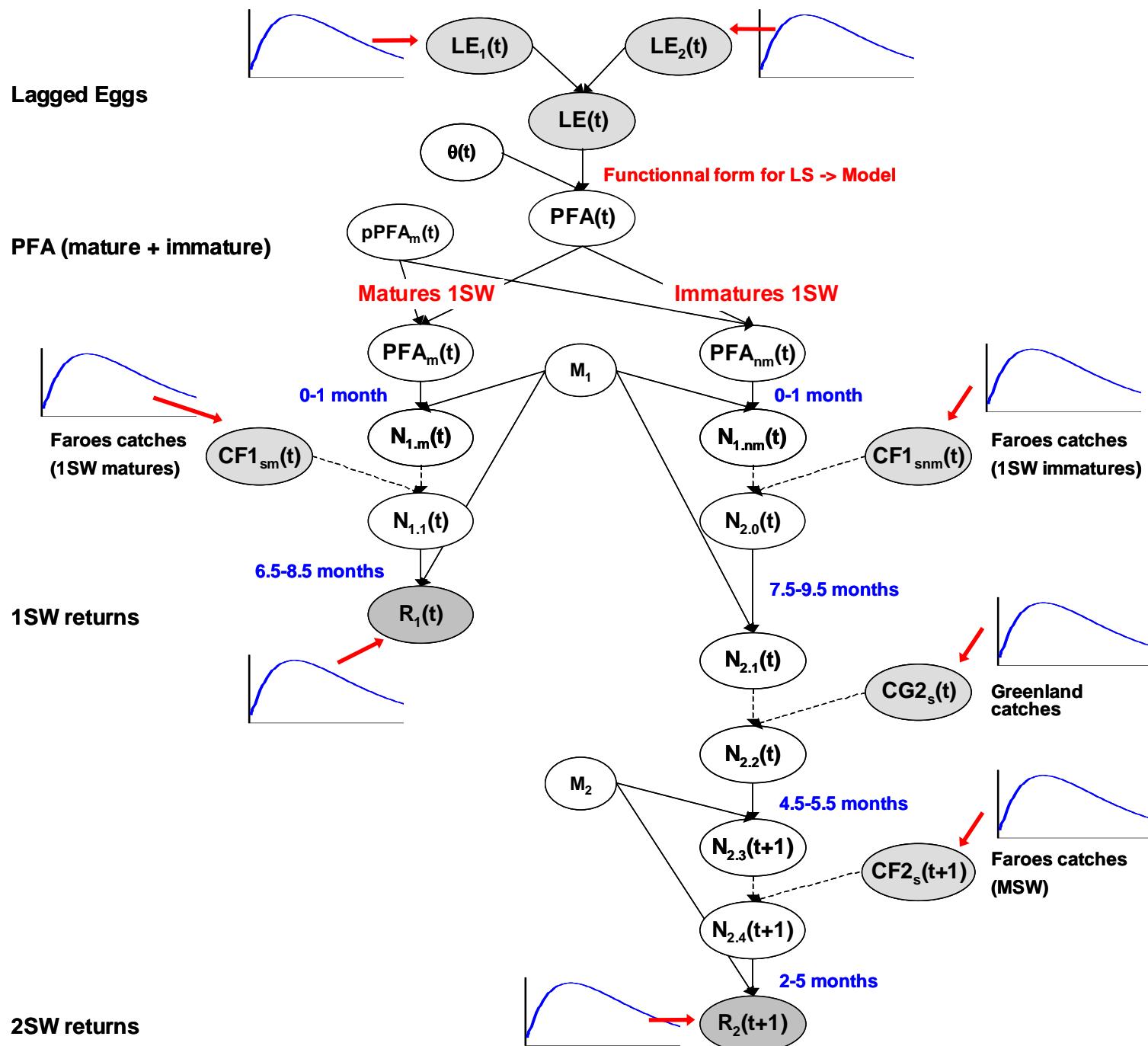


# **Bayesian model for the Southern NEAC complex**

## A. salmon (wild) feeding migrations and (mixed stocks) high-seas fisheries







## Candidates models for $PFA_t = f(LE_t)$

$$PFA_t = e^{\alpha_t} \cdot LE_t$$

- Random walk (RW)
  - Historical series: Autocorrelation (env. conditions) is captured
  - Forecasting: Persistence is accounted for
- Shifting level (SL) models (*phase shift* models)
  - Same advantages as RW
    - +
  - Ecological significance
    - \* Some have been identified/discussed in the literature  
(Beaugrand and Reid 2003)
    - \* Parcimonious modelling of change of productivity by time

# Candidates models for $PFA_t = f(LE_t)$

- Random walk (RW)

*Model*

$$\alpha_1 \sim N(0, V = 1000)$$

$$\alpha_{t+1} \sim N(\alpha_t, \sigma_\alpha^2)$$

$$(\alpha_{t+1} = \alpha_t + \varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma_\alpha^2))$$

*Priors*

$$\sigma_\alpha^2 \sim \frac{1}{\sigma_\alpha^2}$$

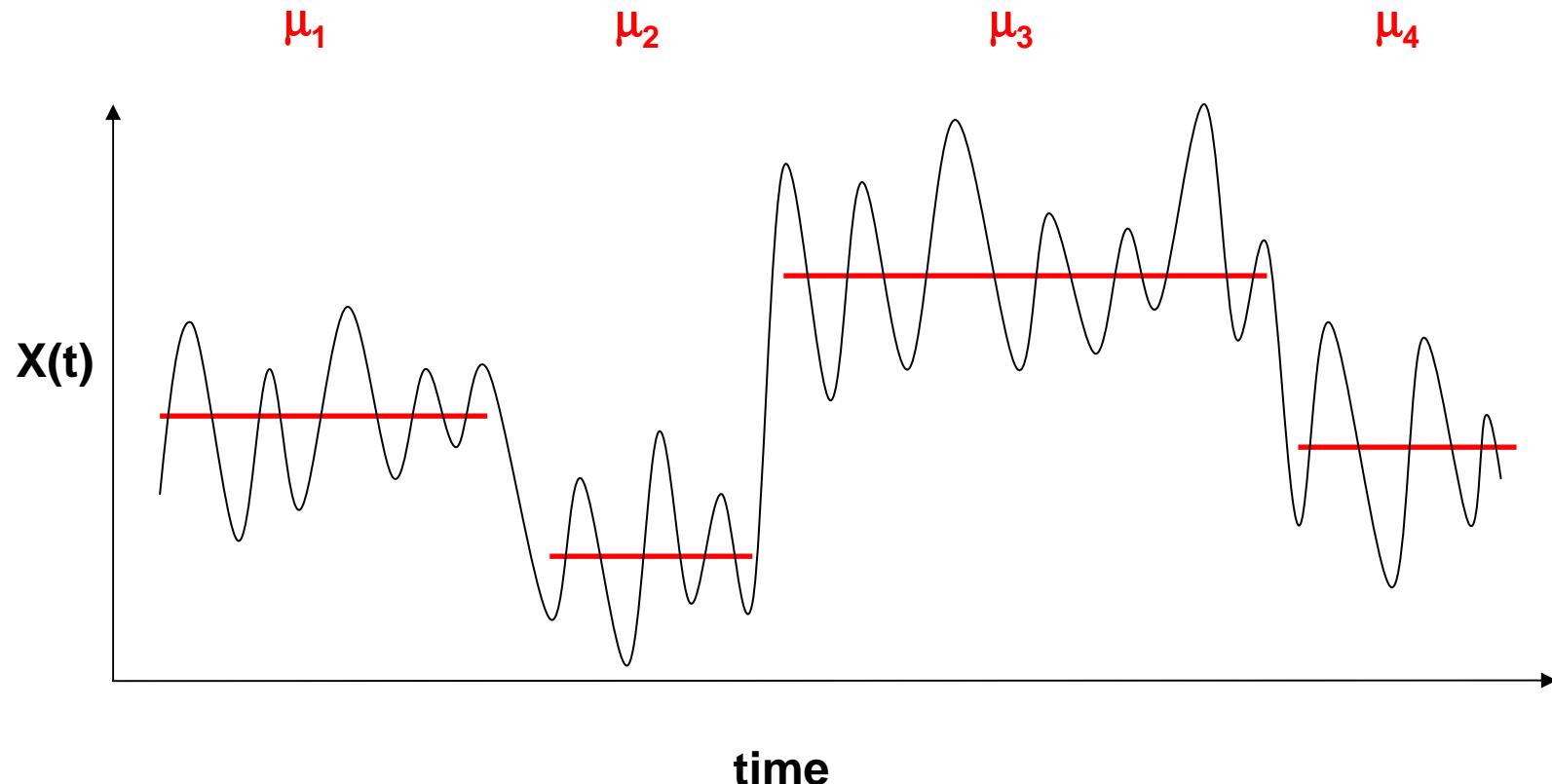
*Forecasting*

*Mean*  $\rightarrow \alpha_{last\ year}$

*Dispersion increase*

## Candidates models for $PFA_t = f(LE_t)$

### ■ Shifting Level (SL)



# Candidates models for $PFA_t = f(LE_t)$

## ■ Shifting Level (SL)

- Enable us to infer the phase(s) (levels and duration) and the shifting point(s)
- No need to specify a priori
  - the number of realized phase during the series
  - the level of each phase
- Persistence is accounted for
- The model can be used both for
  - retrospective analysis (identify phases and shifts in historical series)
  - forecasting future putative phase shift

# Regime shift in the North Atlantic

**Beaugrand G. and Reid P. 2003.** Long-term changes in phytoplankton, zooplankton and salmon related to climate. Global Change Biology, 9: 801-817.

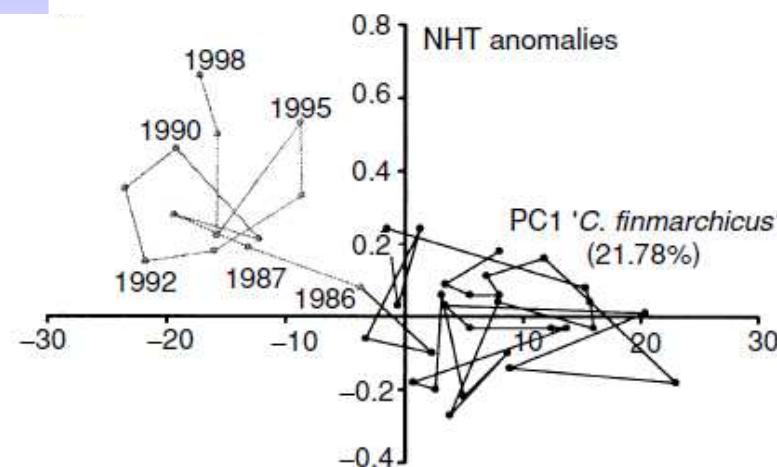
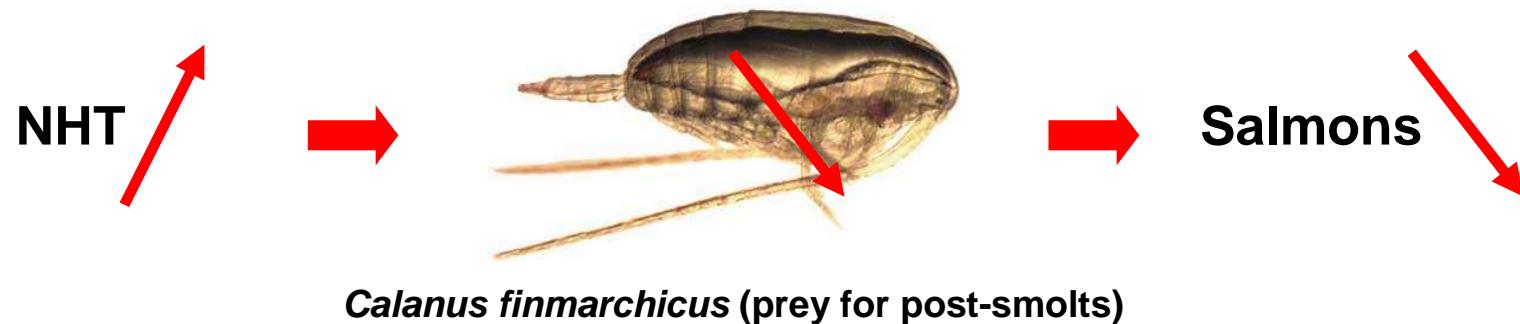


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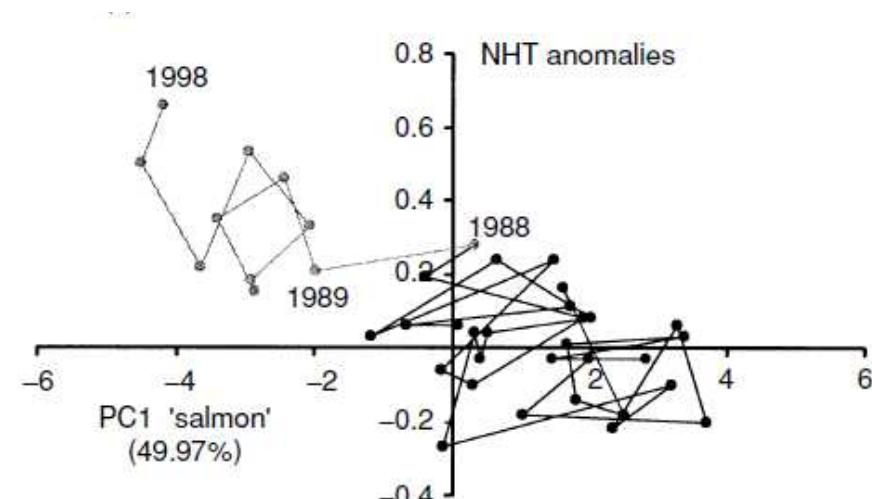


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Based on a Hidden Markov Chain to represent multiple shifts in the production factor  $\alpha$

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$$\alpha_{t+1} = \begin{cases} \alpha_t & \text{with proba } (1 - p_{shift}) \\ \alpha_t^{new} \sim N(\mu_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2) & \text{with proba } (p_{shift}) \end{cases}$$

*Priors*

$$\mu_\alpha \sim N(\mu = 0, V = 1000)$$

$$p_{shift} \sim Beta(1,1)$$

$$\sigma_\alpha^2 \sim \frac{1}{\sigma_\alpha^2}$$

*Forecasting*

$$Mean \rightarrow \mu_\alpha$$

**Fortin, V., L. Perreault, J.-C. Ondo and R.-C. Evra. 2002.** Bayesian long-term forecasting of annual flows with a shifting-level model. *Proc. Symp. on Managing the Extremes*, Virginia, May 19-22, 2002.

**Fortin, V., L. Perreault et J.D. Salas. 2004.** Retrospective Analysis and Forecasting of Streamflows Using a Shifting Level Model, *Journal of Hydrology*, 296: 135-163, 2004.

# Candidates models for $PFA_t = f(LE_t)$

## ■ Shifting Level (SL) with persistence

Based on a Hidden Markov Chain to represent multiple shifts in the mean level of the production factor  $\alpha$

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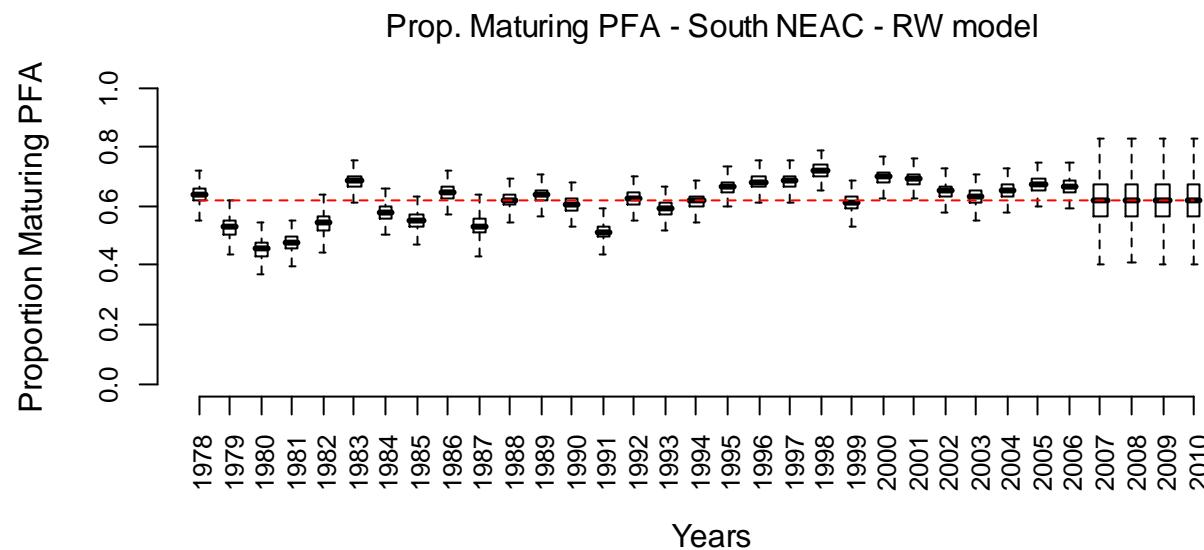
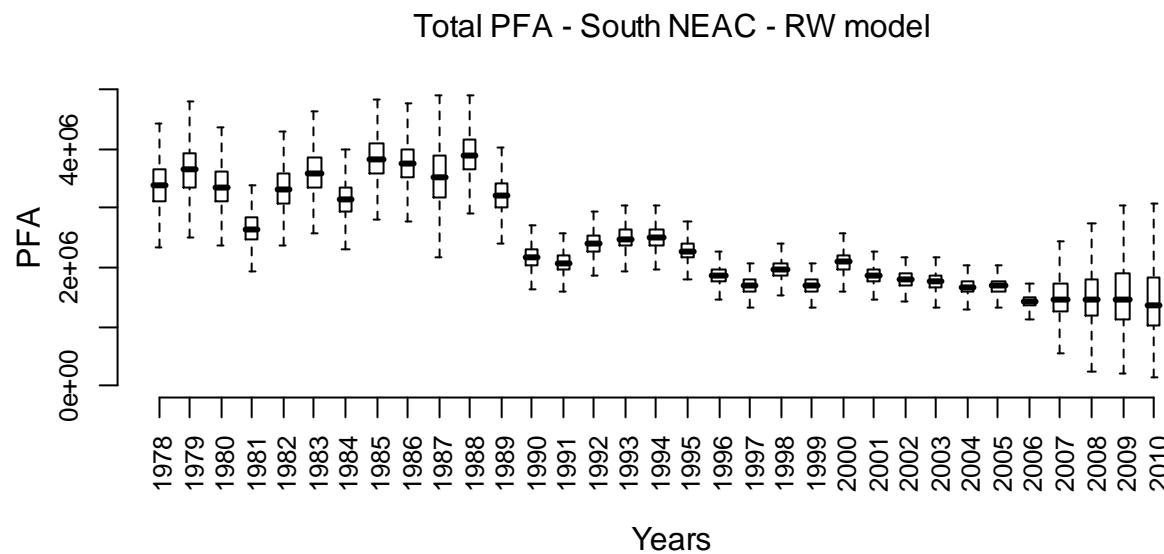
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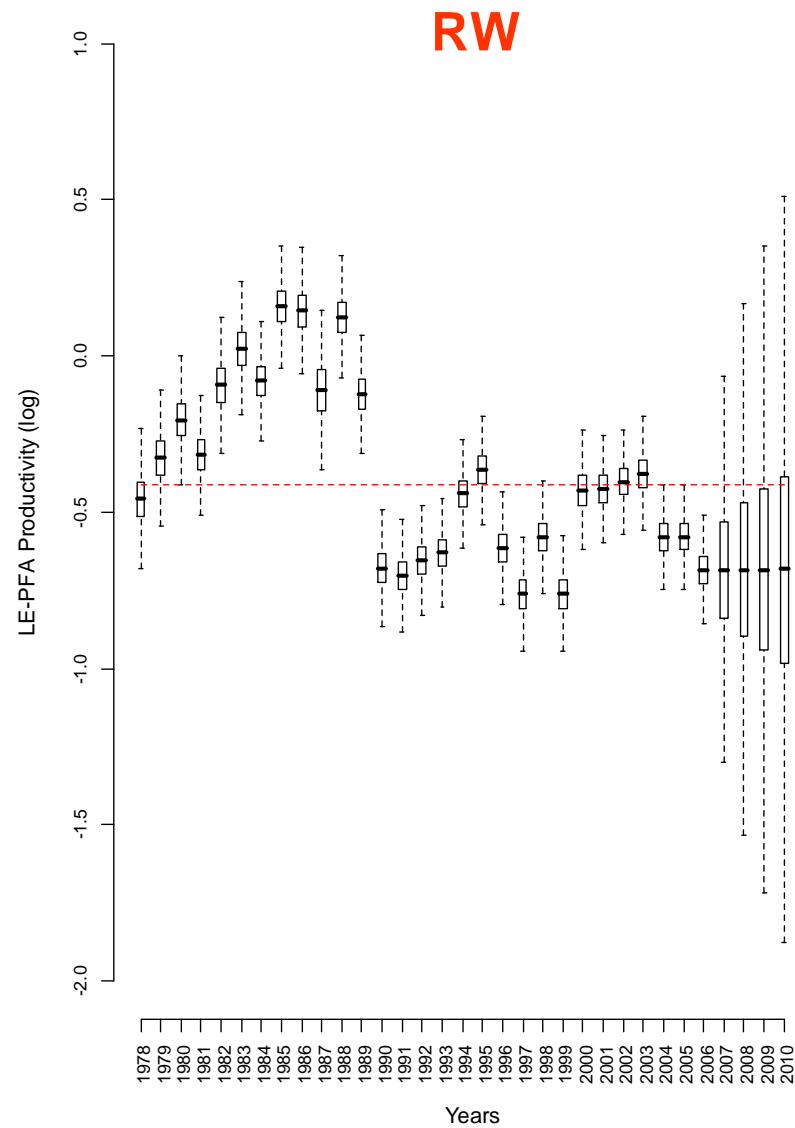
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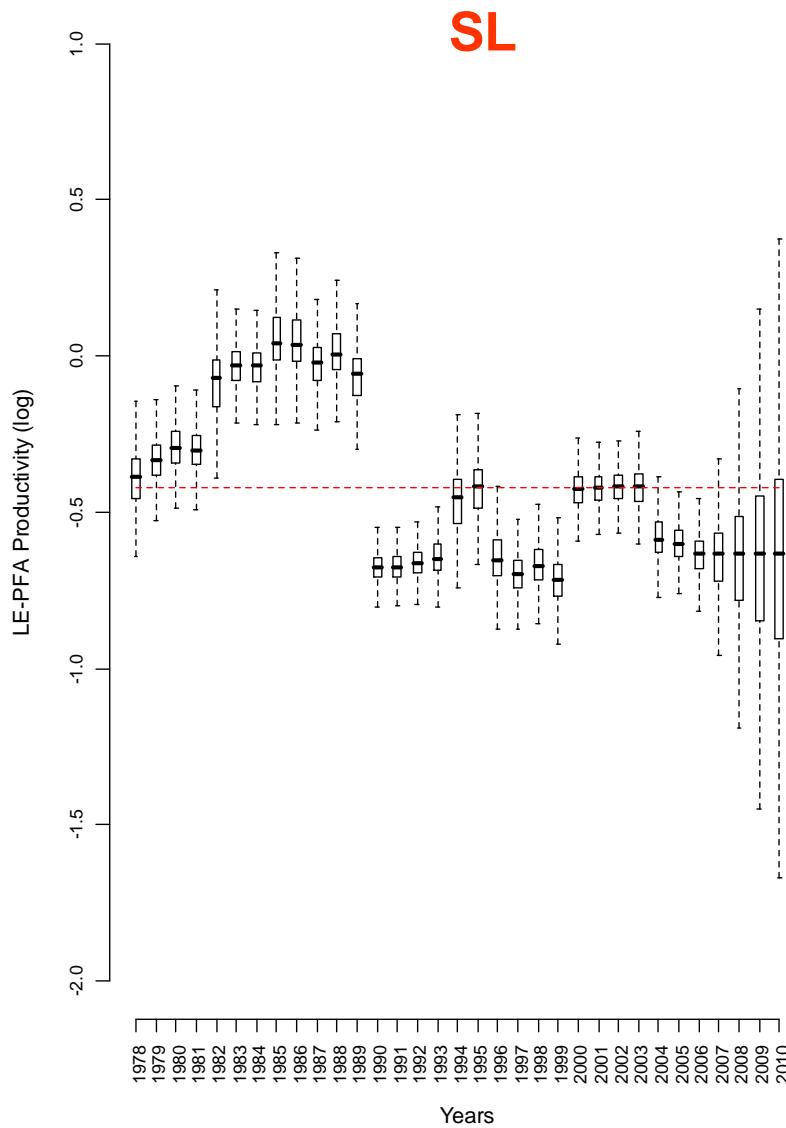
Mean  $\rightarrow \alpha_{last year}$



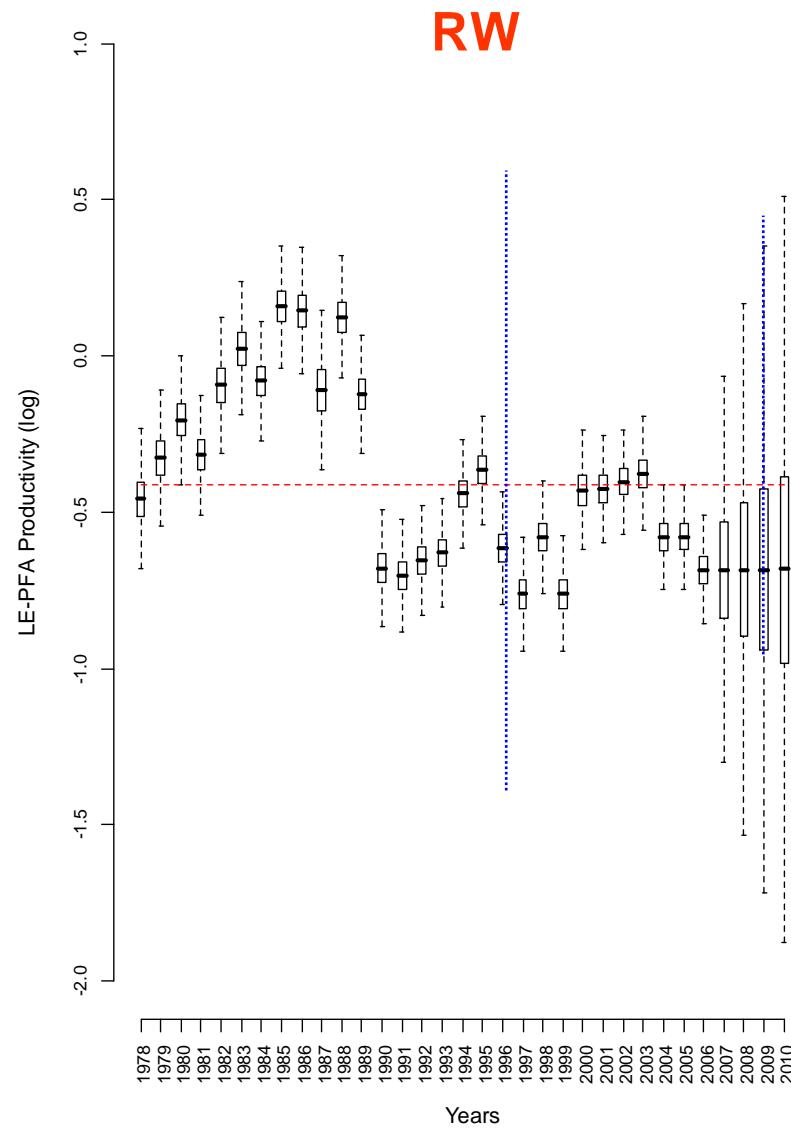
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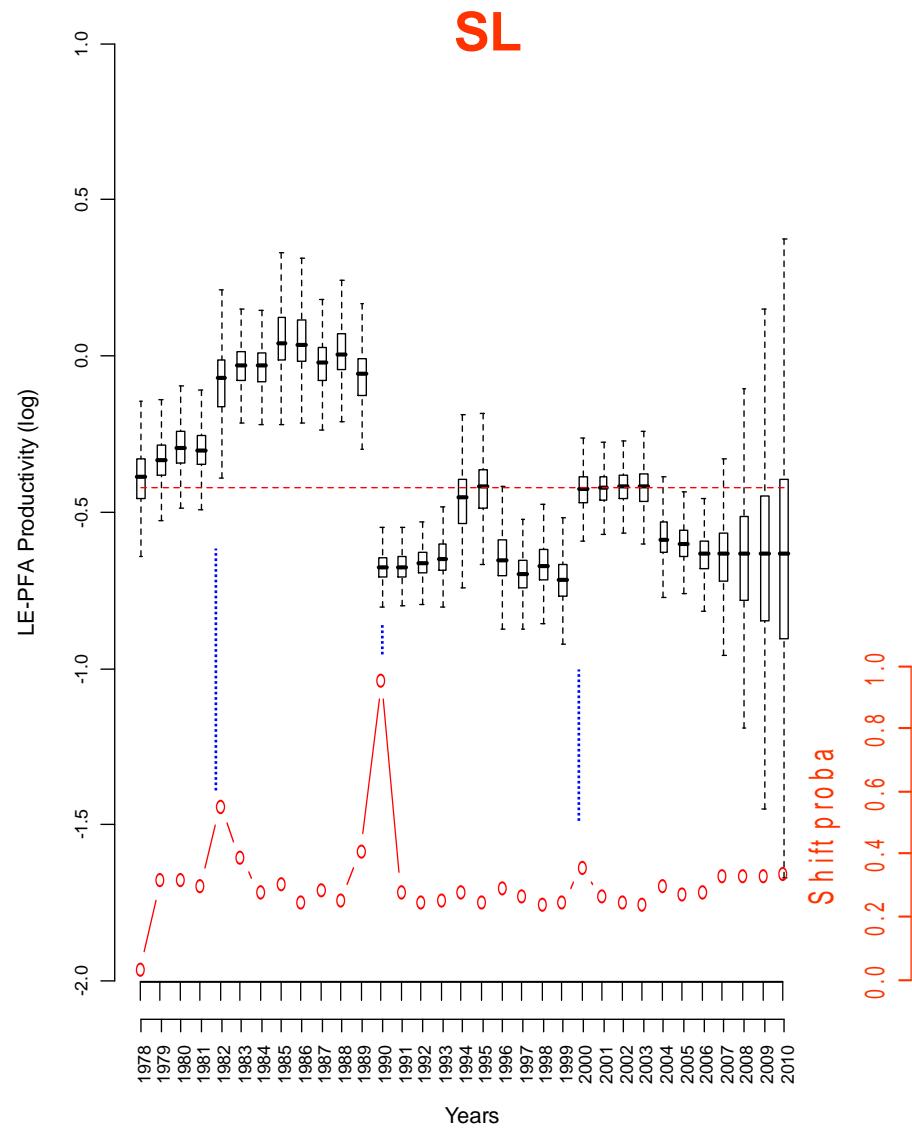
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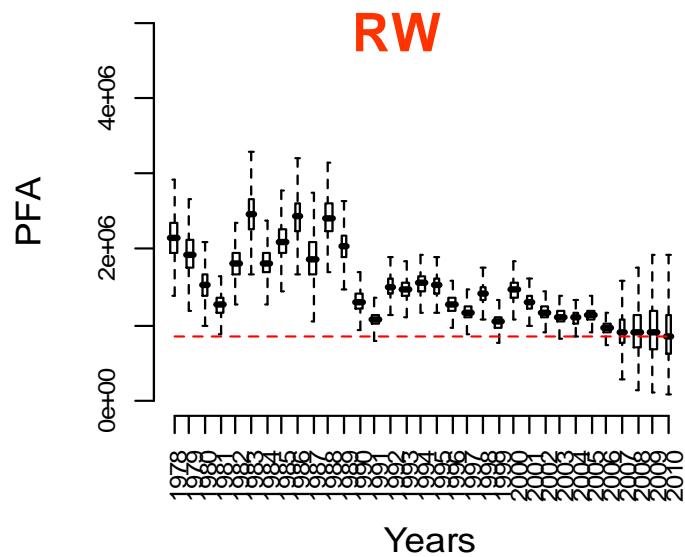
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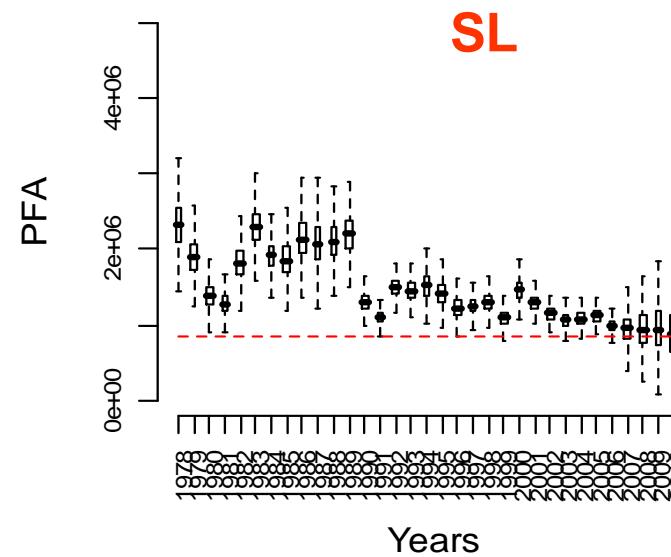
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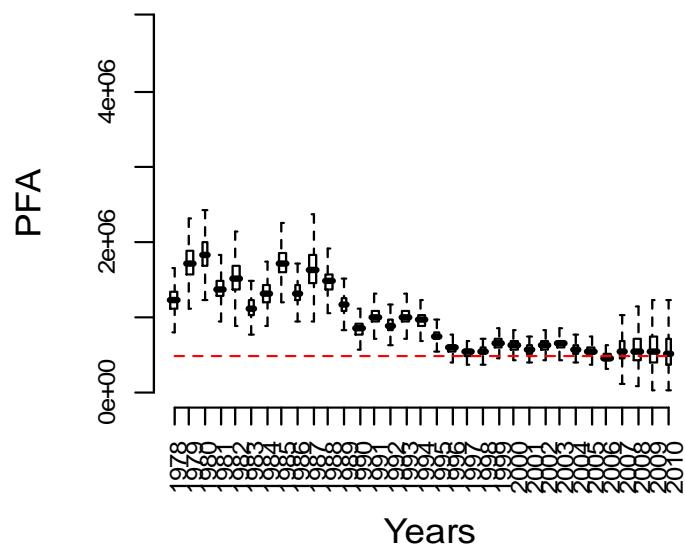
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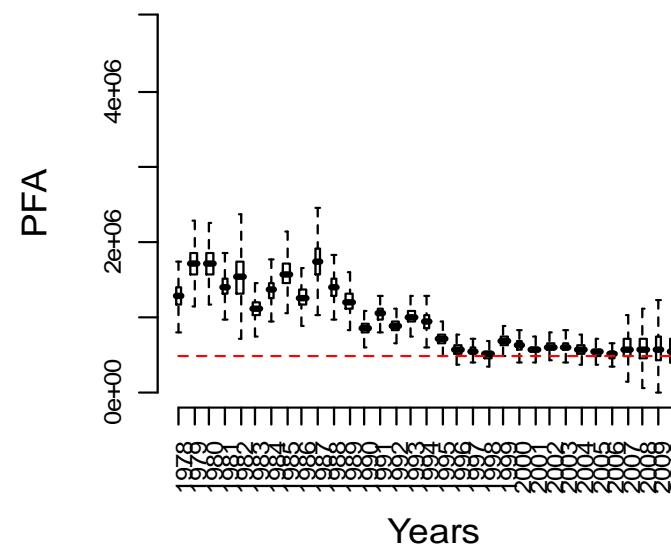
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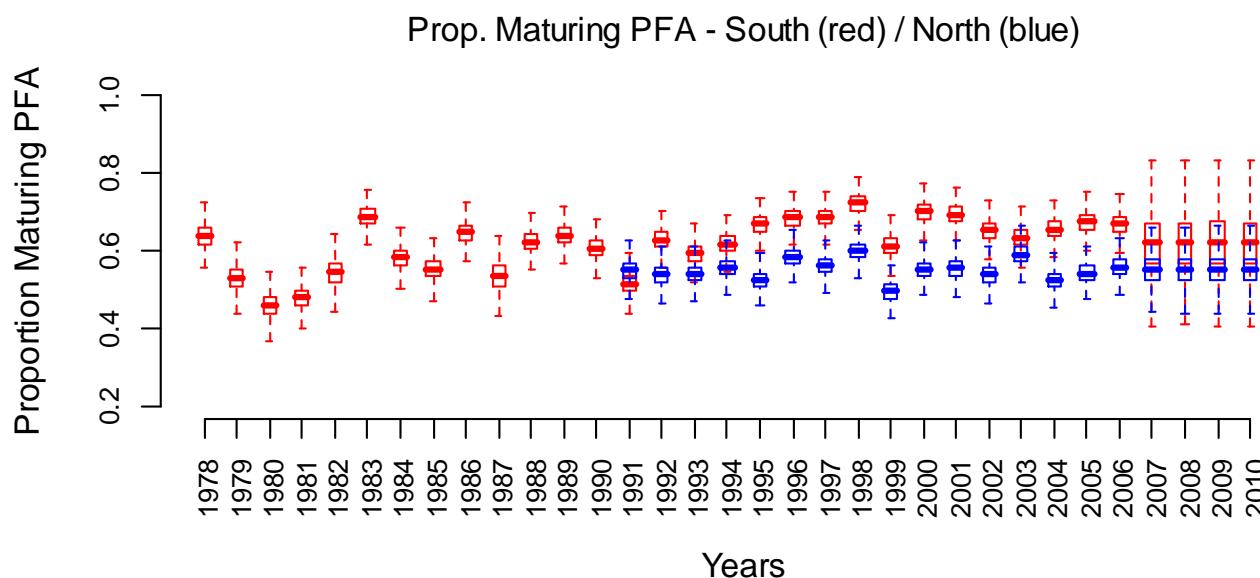
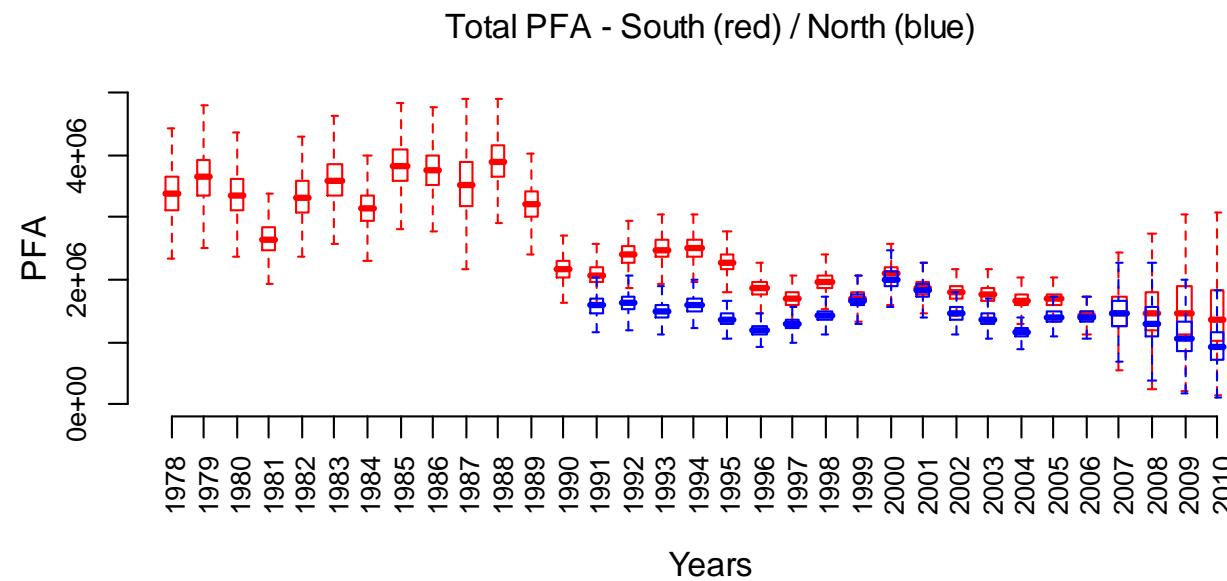
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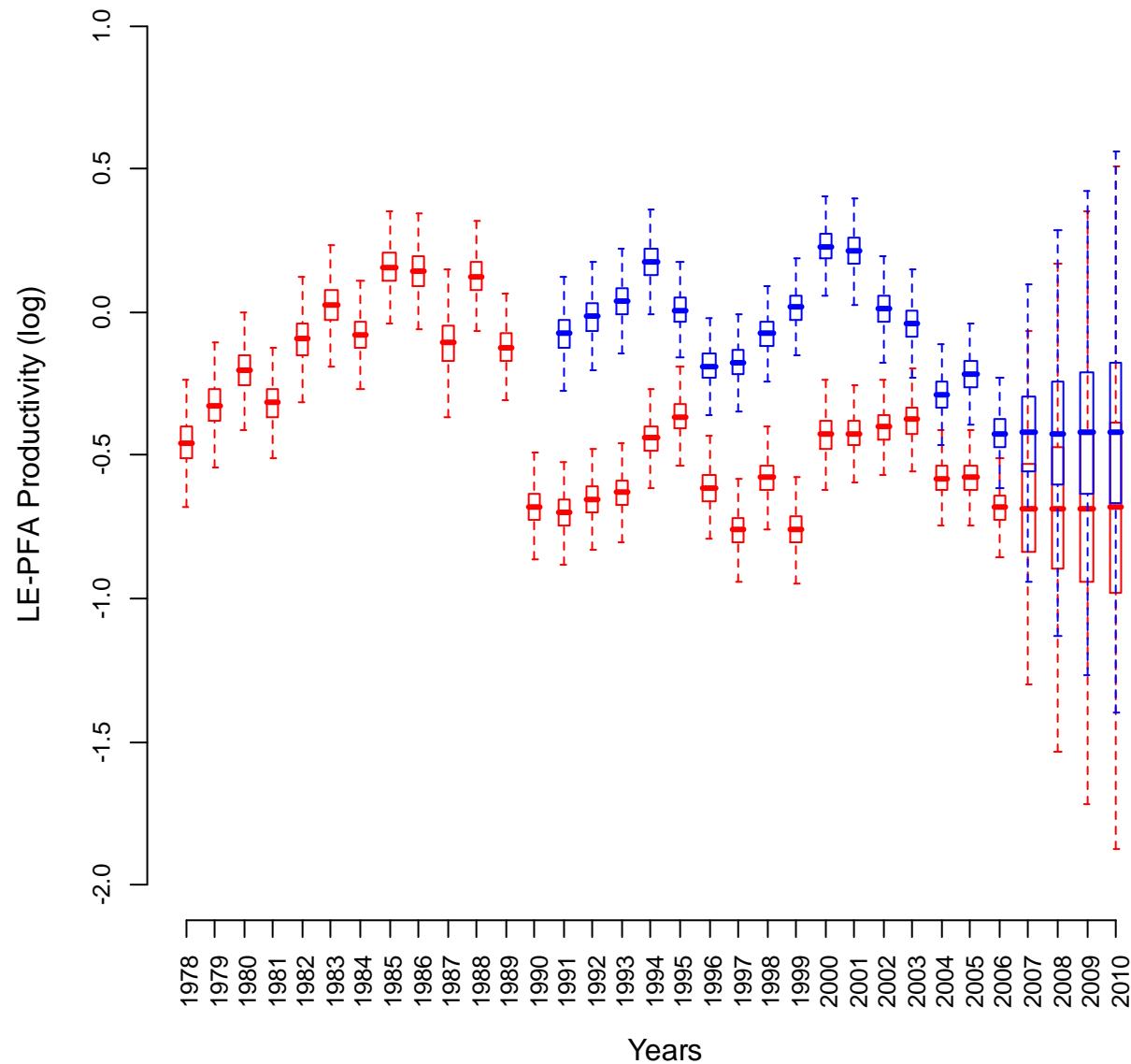
Non Maturing PFA - South NEAC - SL mode



# **Comparing Northern / Southern NEAC dynamics**



Productivity Maturing PFA - South (red) / North (blue)



# The beginning of the story

- **2007: DFO funded research Program**
- **2009: ICES Study Group on Salmon Stock Assessment and Forecasting [ICES SGSSAFE]**
  - March 2009, Copenhagen
  - March 2010, ?
- **2010-2014**
  - FP7 – ECOKNOWS**
  - “Effective use of ecosystem and biological knowledge in Fisheries”**
  - Coordinator: Sakari Kuikka (Univ. Helsinki, Finlande)*