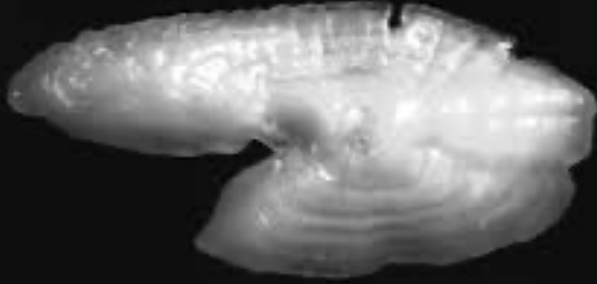


Quantifying contribution of mesopelagic fishes to the BCP: constraining respiration rates



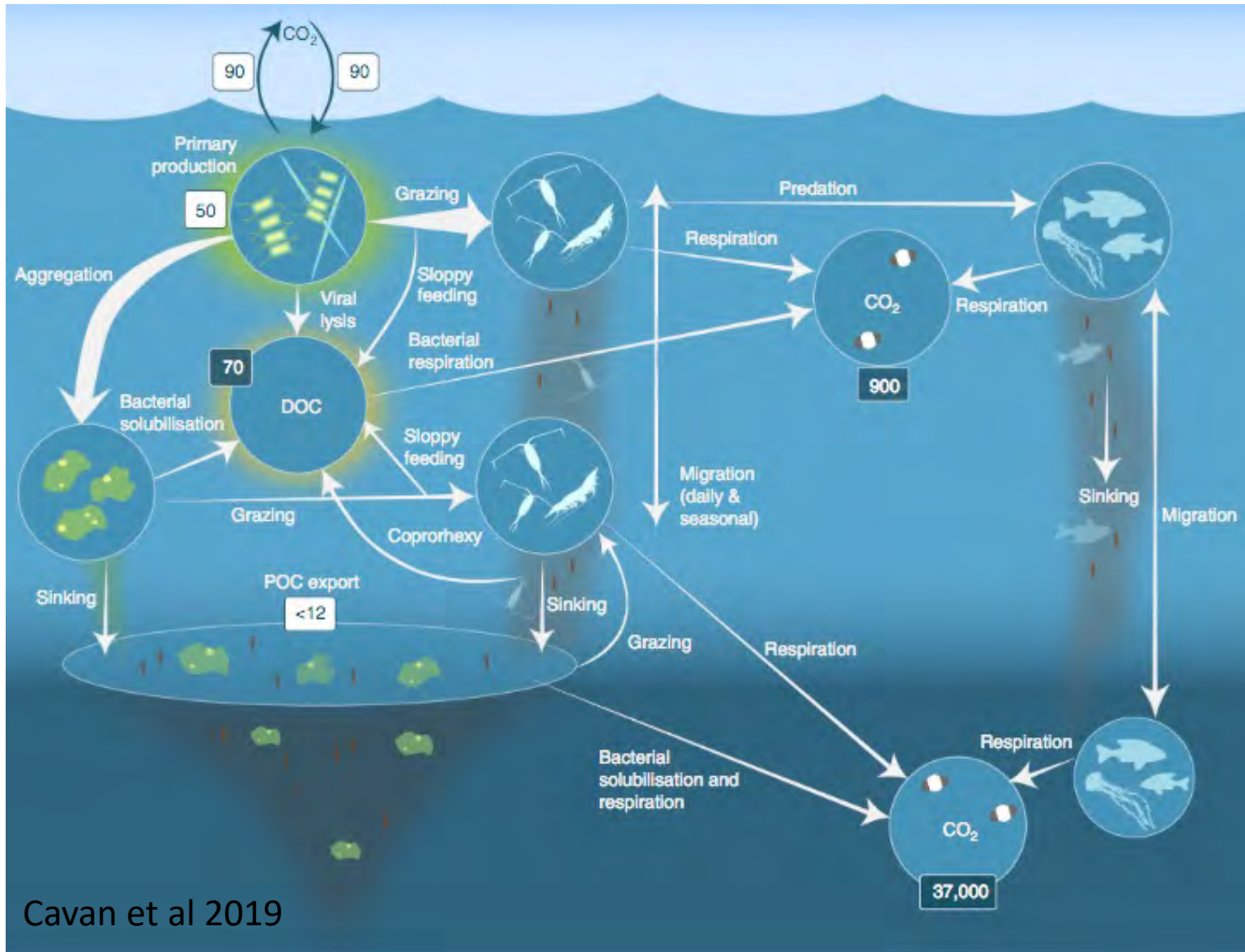
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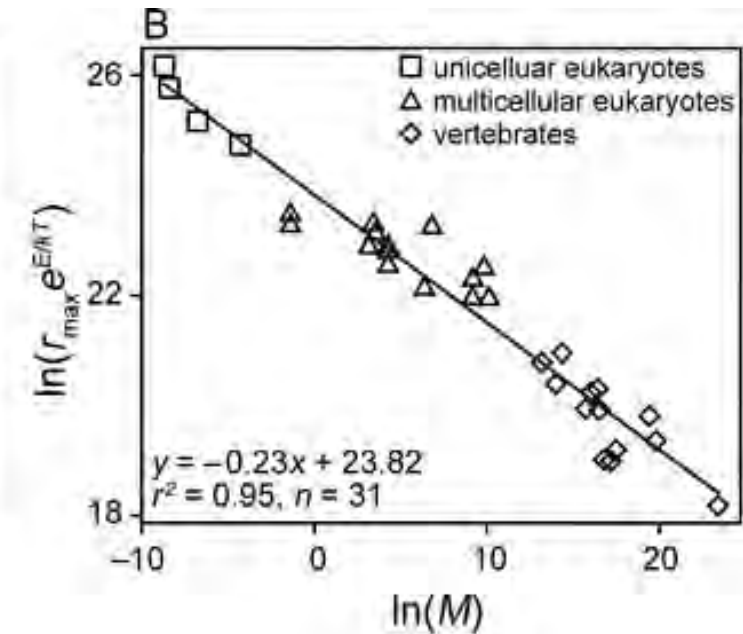
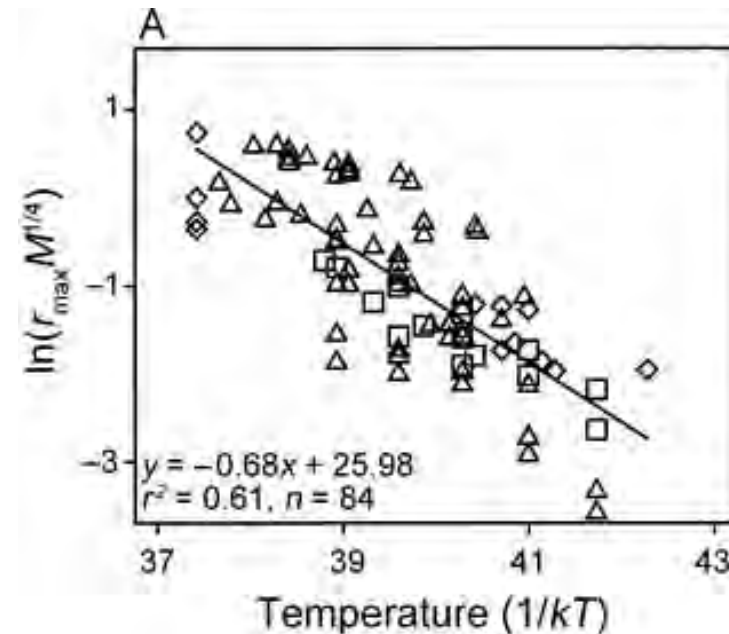
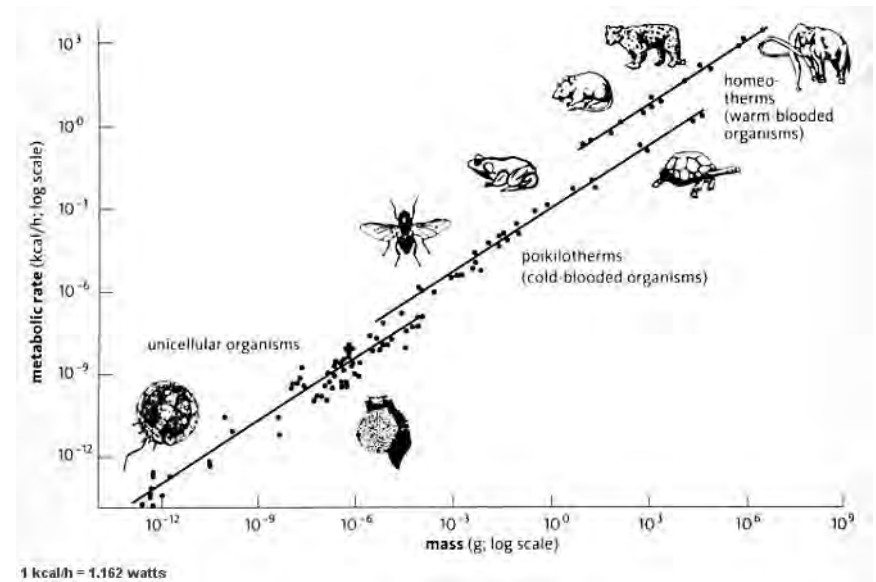
Fish contribution understudied: estimate 16% active flux C from euphotic zone = 10-55% total ocean passive flux

Contribution to C flux (and fish-derived carbonates) constrained by

- Number (biomass) (of fish)
- DVM and depth behaviour
- Metabolic / respiration rate
- Contribution of fish to global C flux using implementations of MTE:

$$\text{Rate} \sim b_0 M^\alpha e^{-E/kT}$$

Strict MTE: $\alpha = 0.75$, $E = 0.65\text{eV}$



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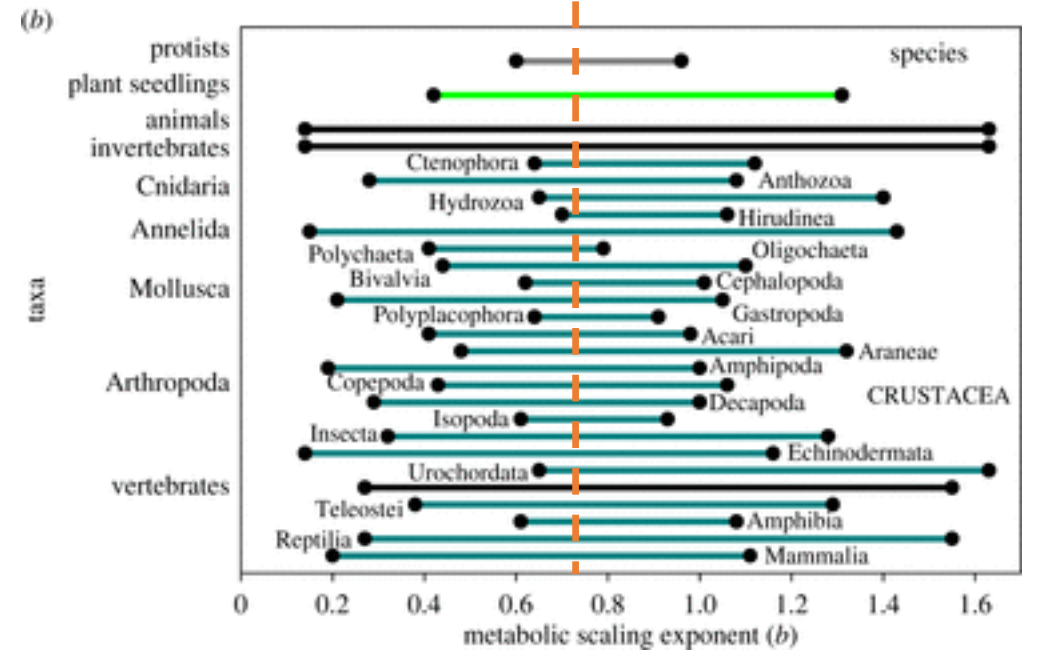
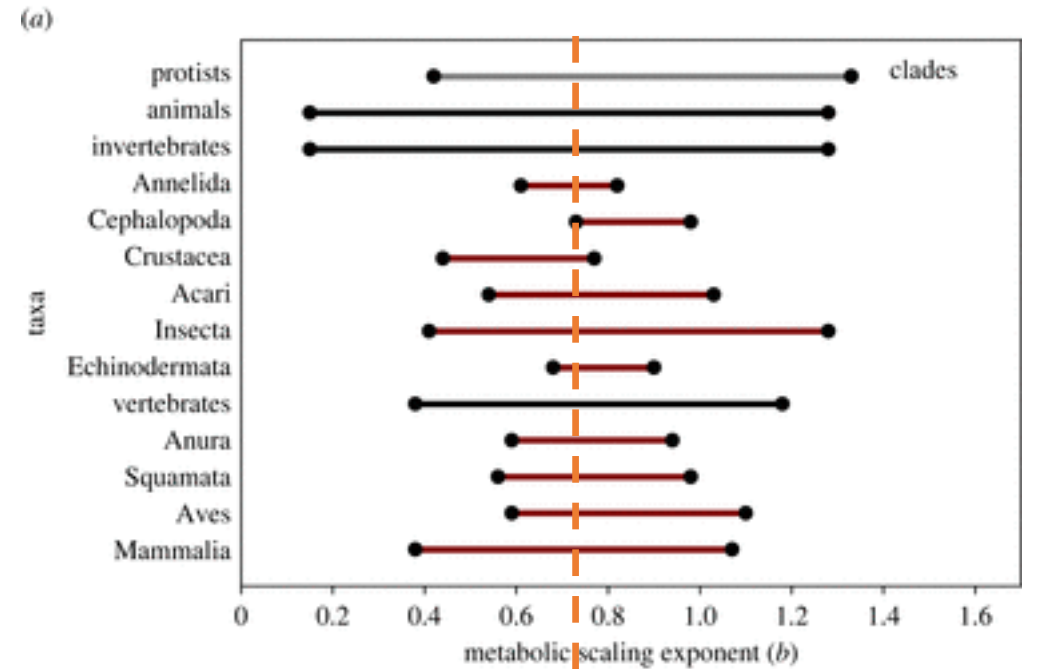
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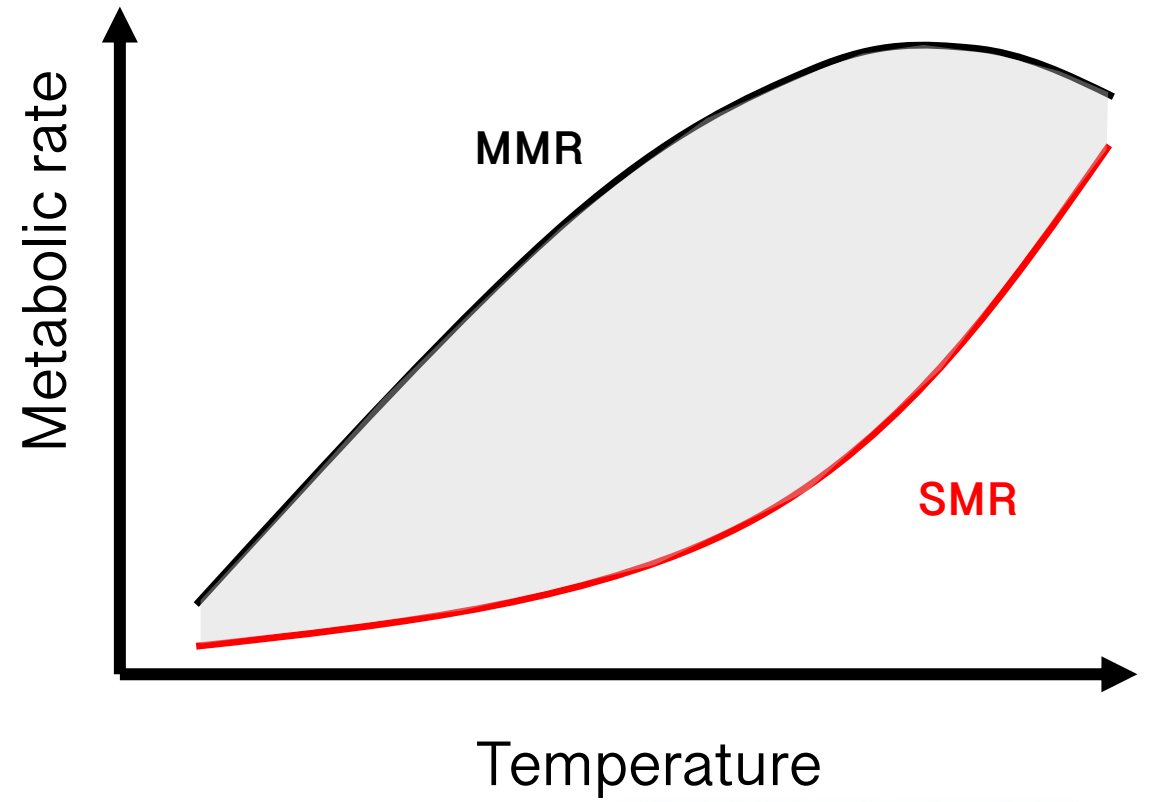
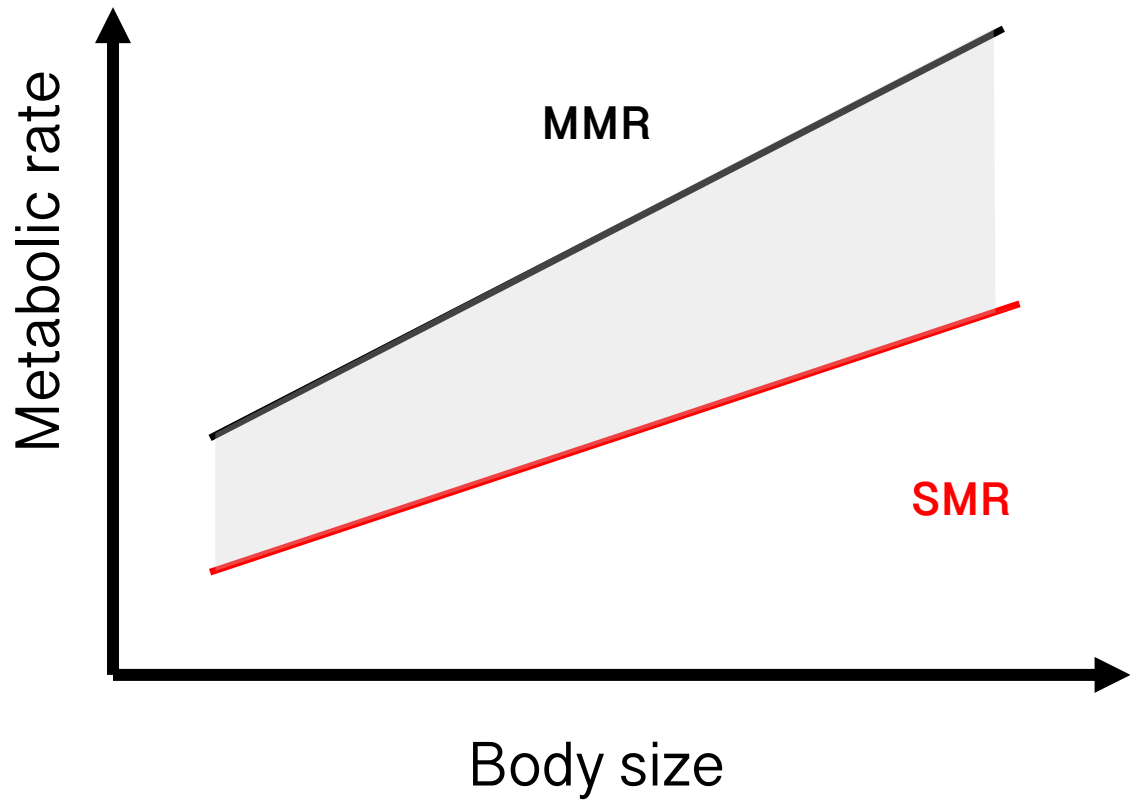
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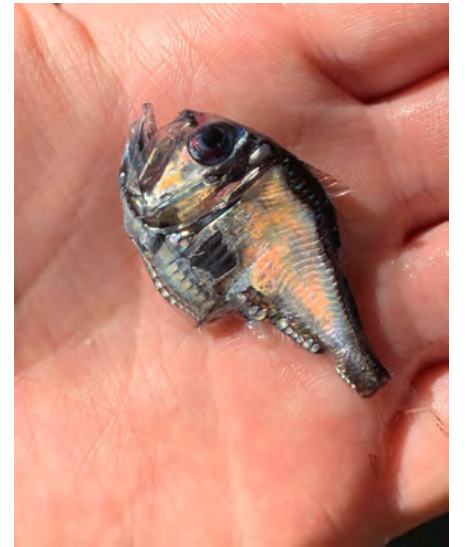




Key knowledge gaps –

- Absolute (field) metabolic level for mesopelagic fishes
- Mass scaling of FMR
- Thermal sensitivity of FMR
- Ecological, environmental and phylogenetic associations

- How does metabolism respond to combined stressors (e.g. temperature + food availability, oxygen..)



Carbon sources in biominerals as natural tracers for field metabolic rate

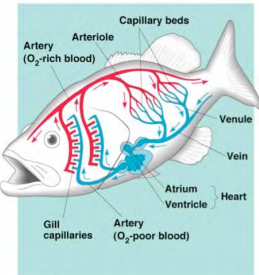
External water

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$: c -1 to 2‰



Proportionally less metabolic C

high $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{oto}}$



Proportionally more metabolic C

low $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{oto}}$



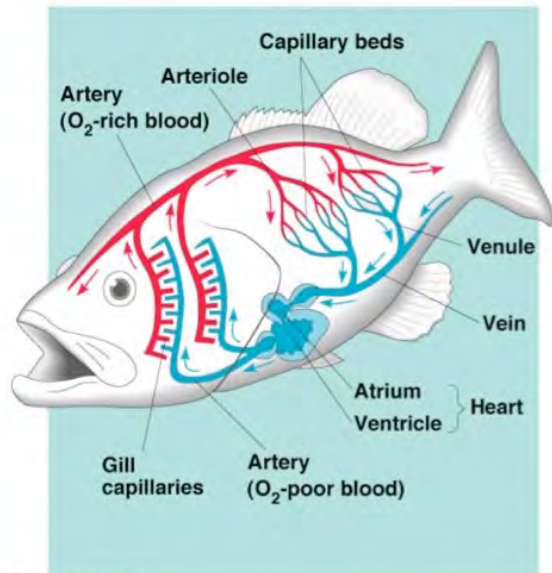
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$\delta^{13}\text{C}$: c -25 to -14‰

Simple two component mass balance:

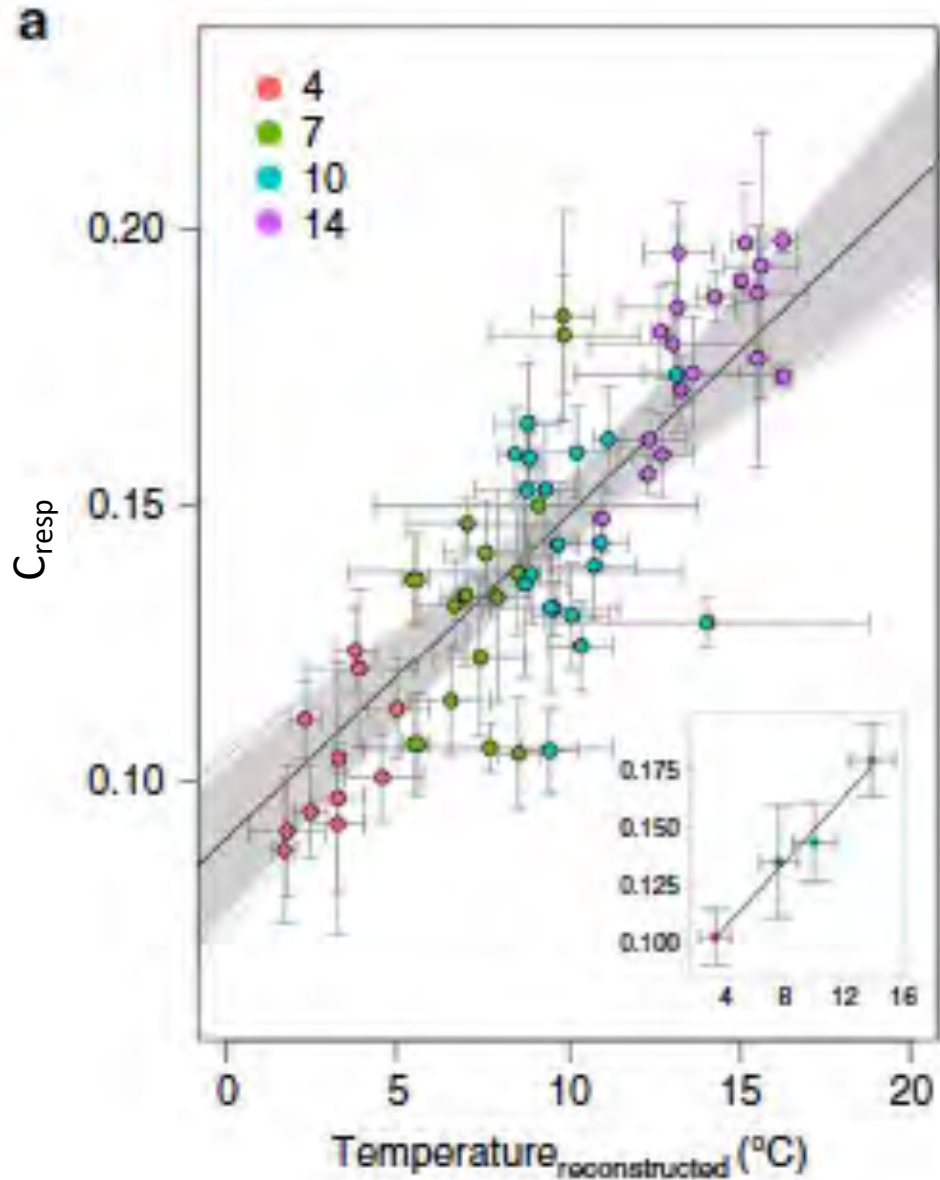
$$\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{oto}} = P * \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{diet}} + (1-P) * \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}} + \epsilon$$

$$P = C_{\text{resp}}$$



Field metabolic rates of fishes are recorded in otolith $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values

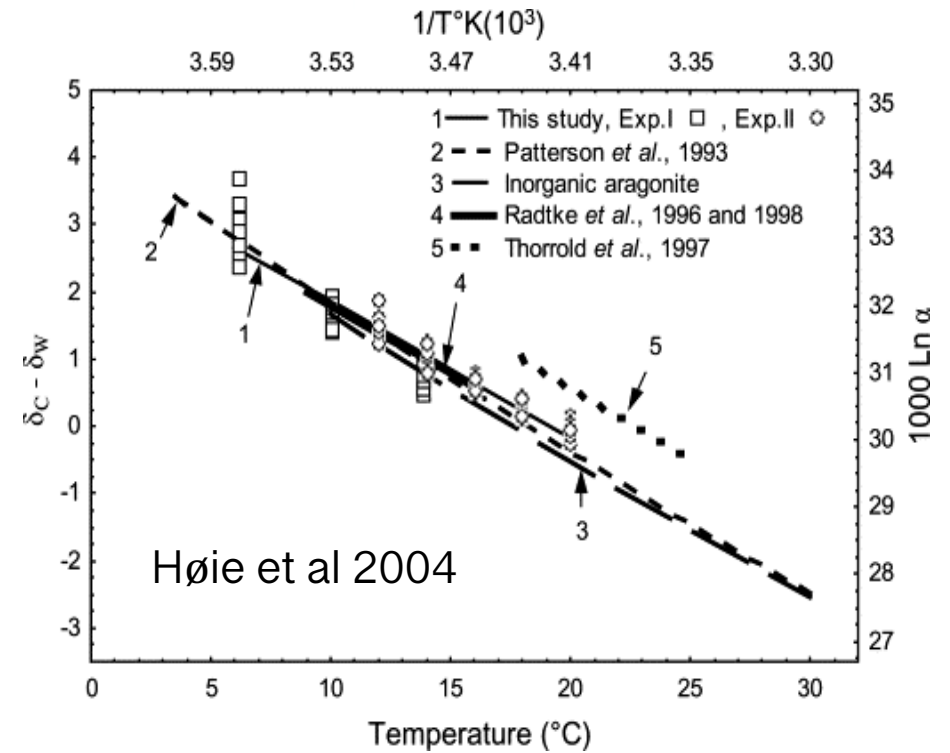
Experienced temperature is recorded in otolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values



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 Field metabolic rates of teleost fishes are recorded in otolith carbonate

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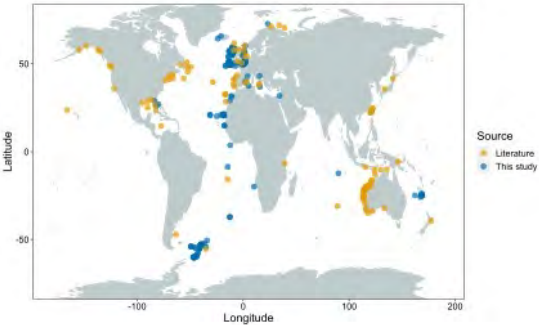
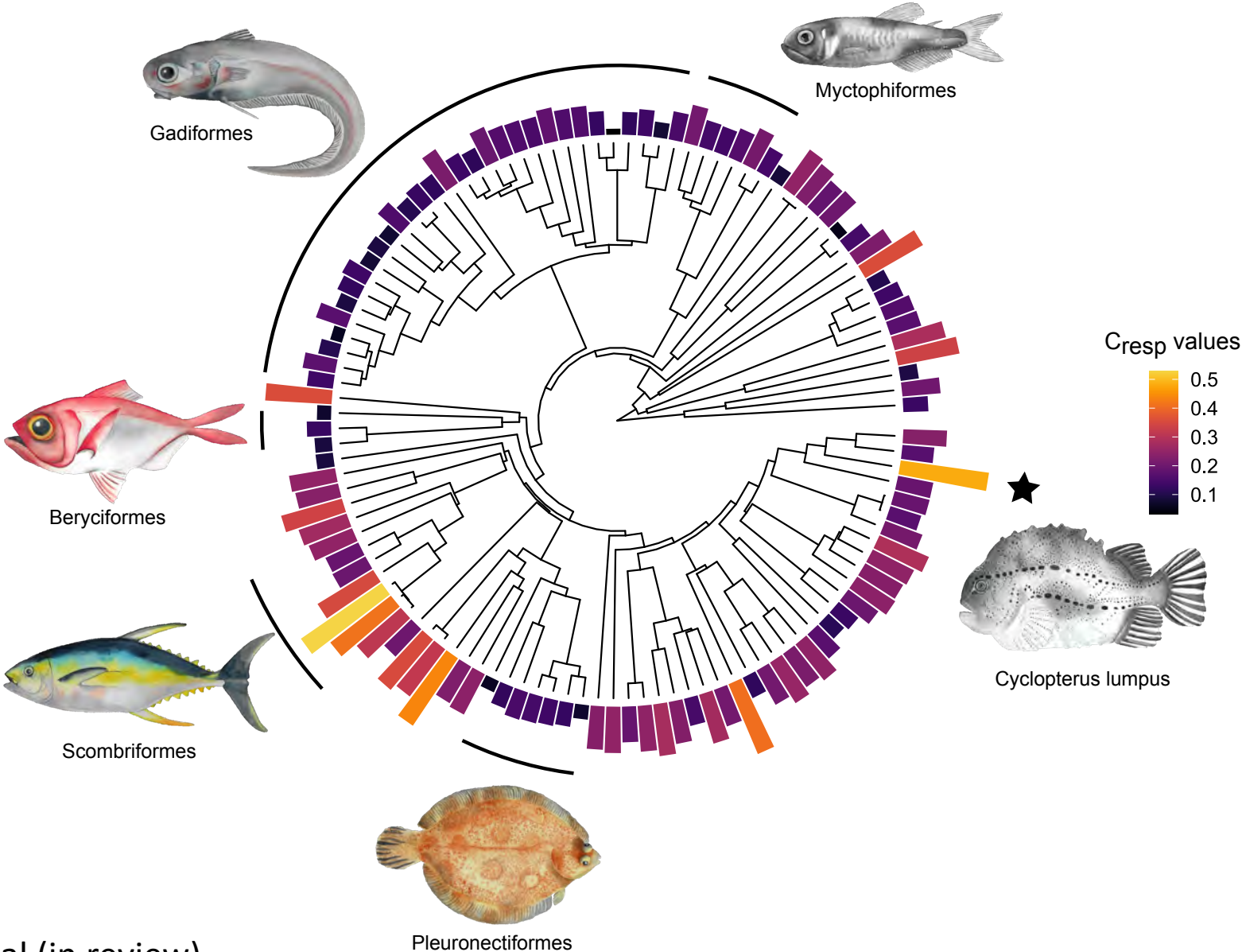


- Average temperature experienced by an individual fish
- The field metabolic rate expressed at that temperature
- The age and growth rate of the fish

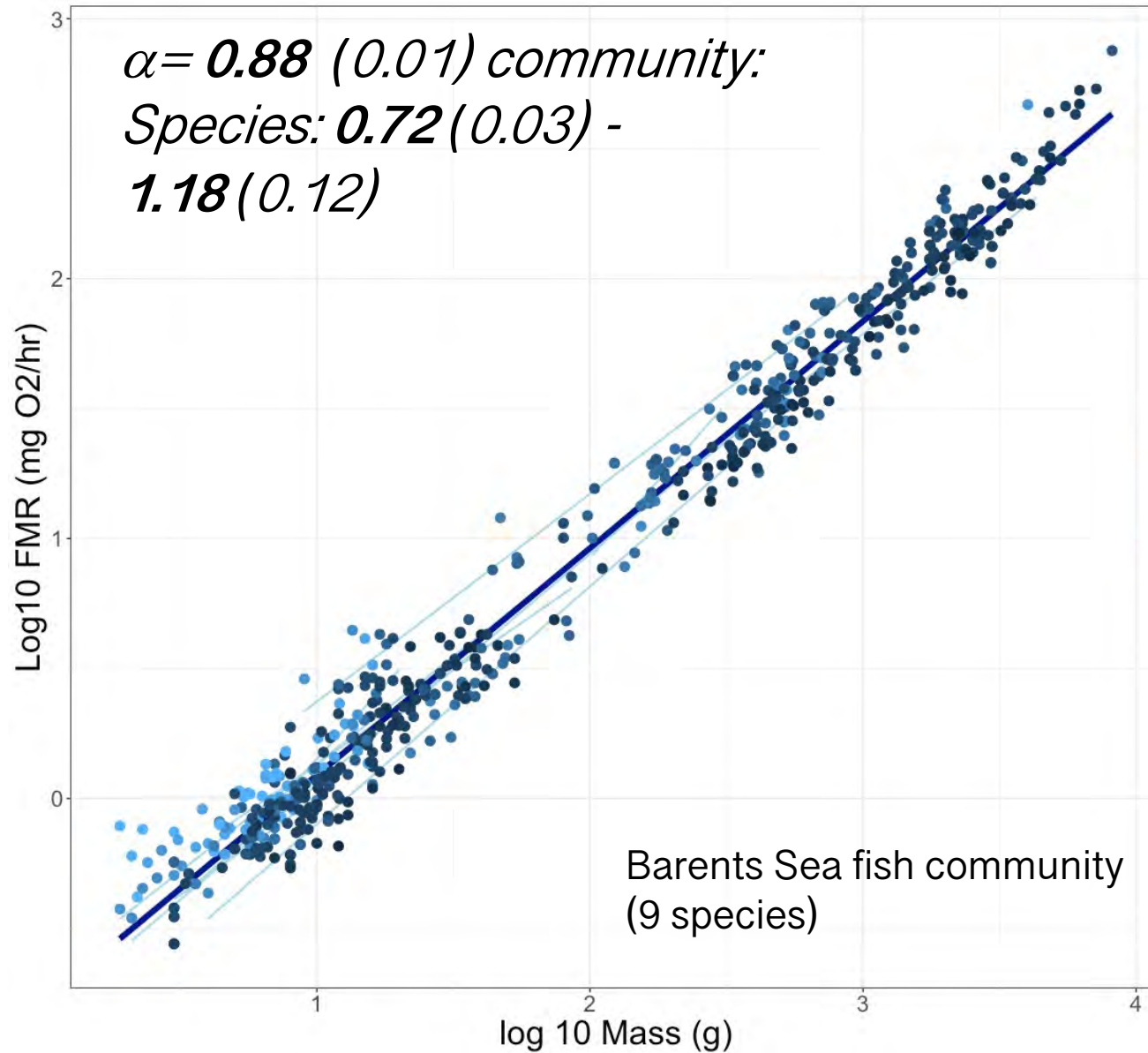
For (almost) any marine teleost
Over the whole life history

Key knowledge gaps

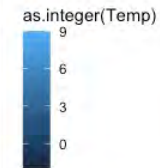
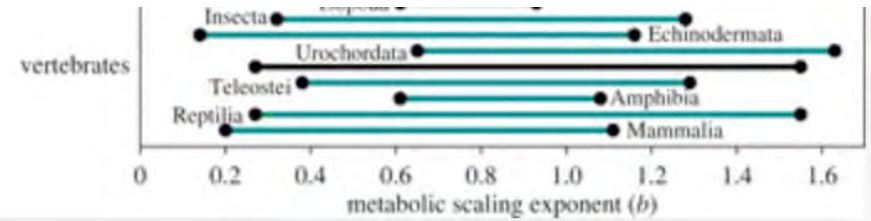
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- Mass scaling of FMR
- Thermal sensitivity of FMR
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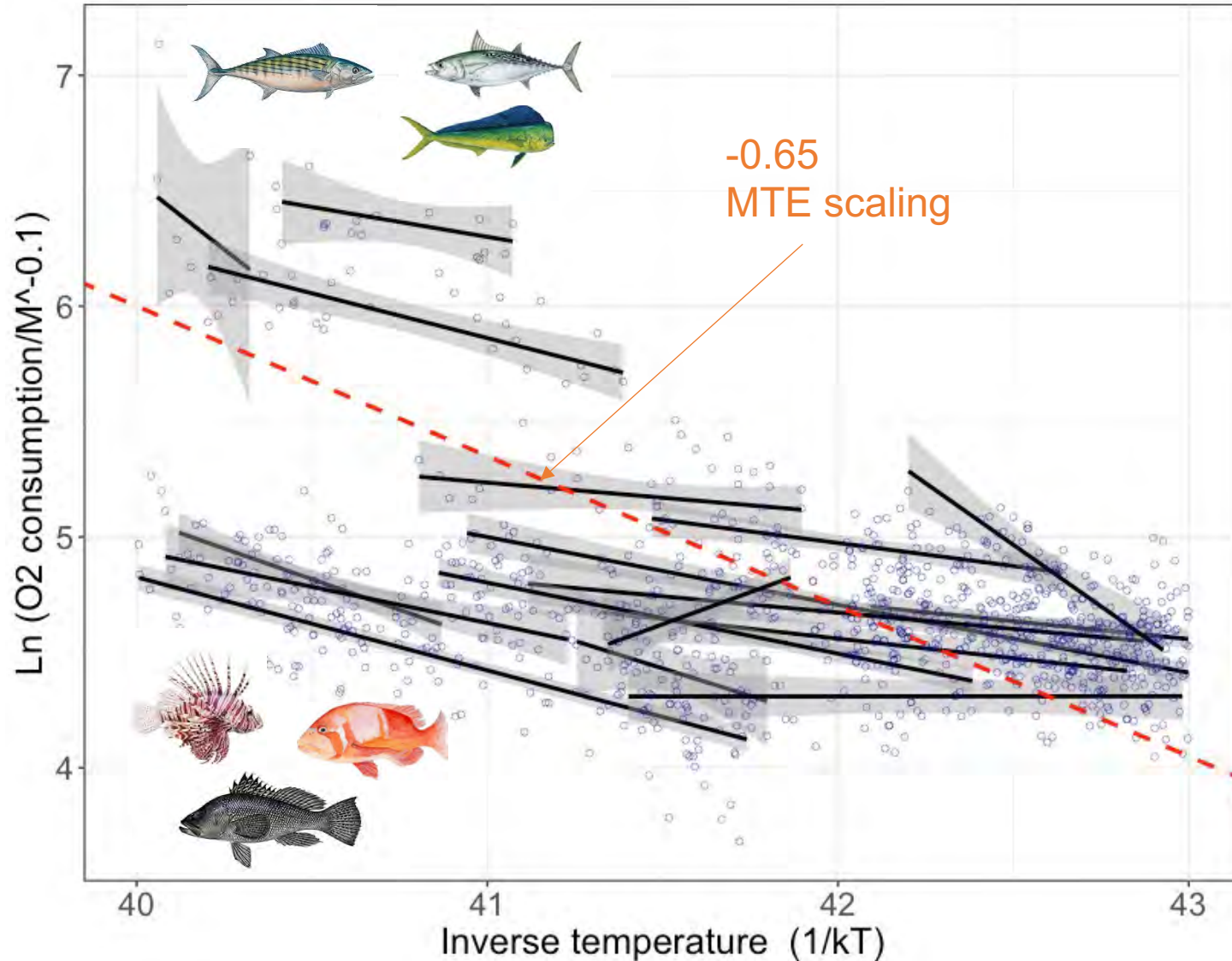
FMR scaling with body mass



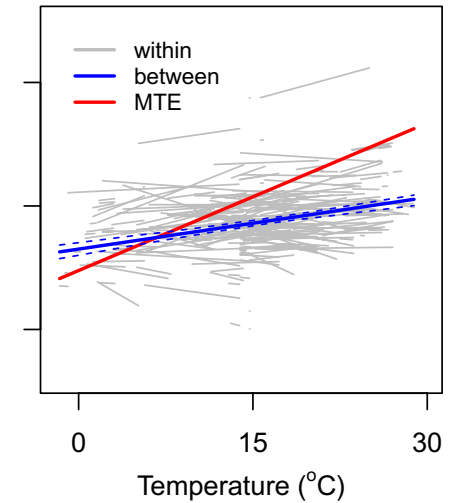
$$\text{Rate} \sim b_0 M^\alpha e^{-E/kT}$$



Compensation (energy budgeting, acclimation, plasticity)
 reduces thermal sensitivity of FMR by 50-75% : $Q_{10} \sim 1.2$



Rate $\sim b_0 M^\alpha e^{-E/kT}$
 Strict MTE: $\alpha = 0.75$, $E = 0.65\text{eV}$



Global analysis of fish growth rates shows weaker responses to temperature than metabolic predictions

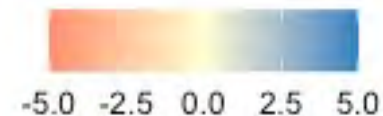
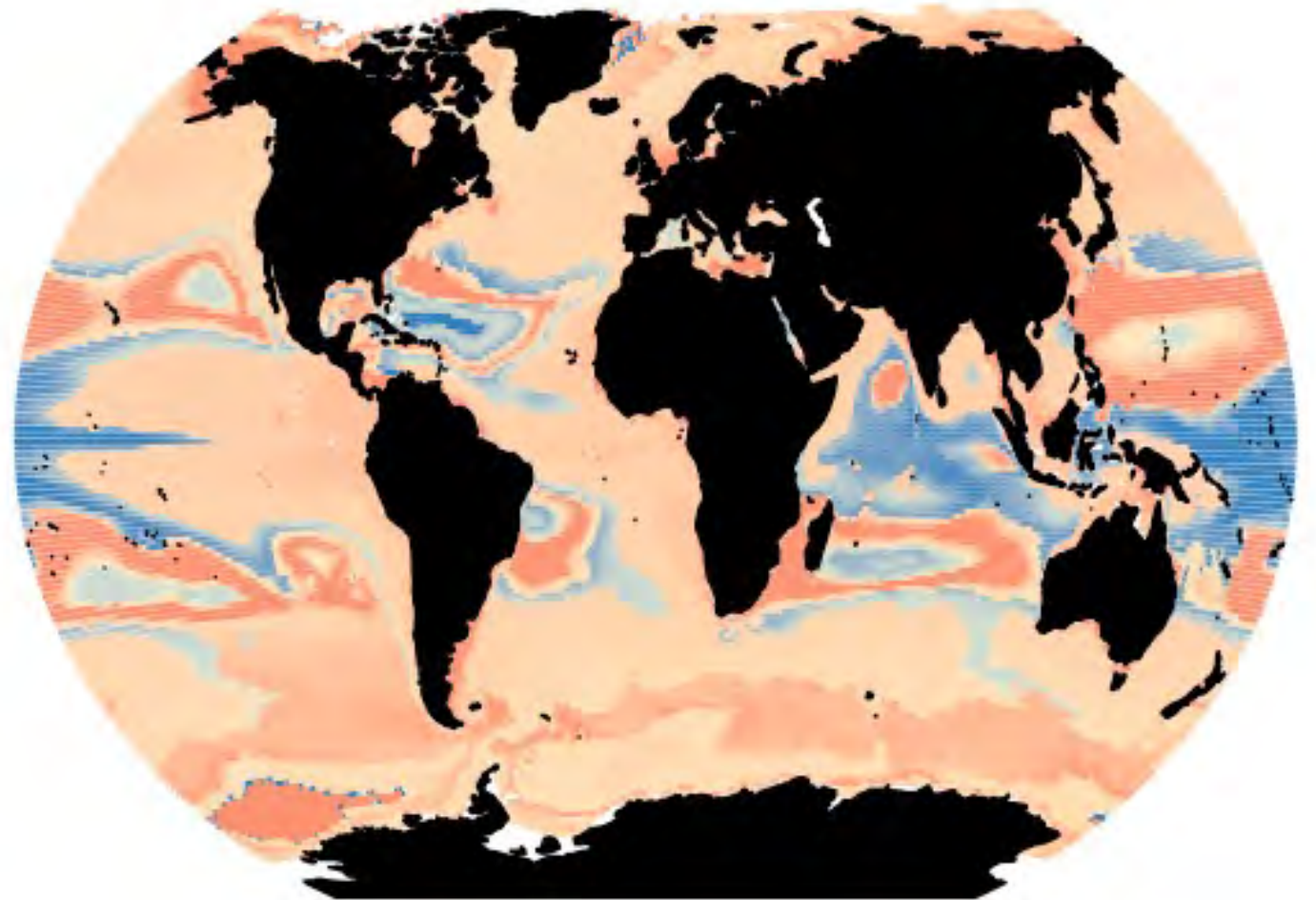
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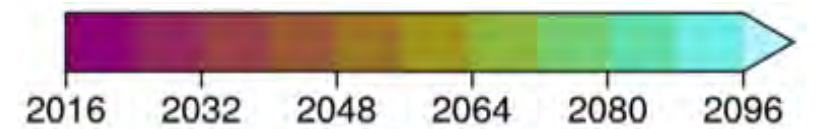
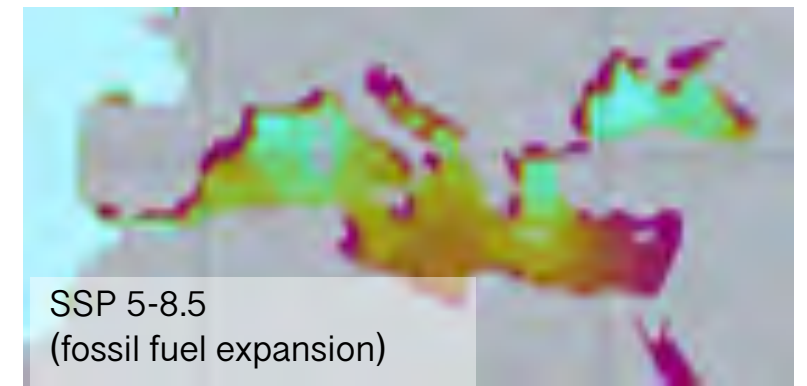
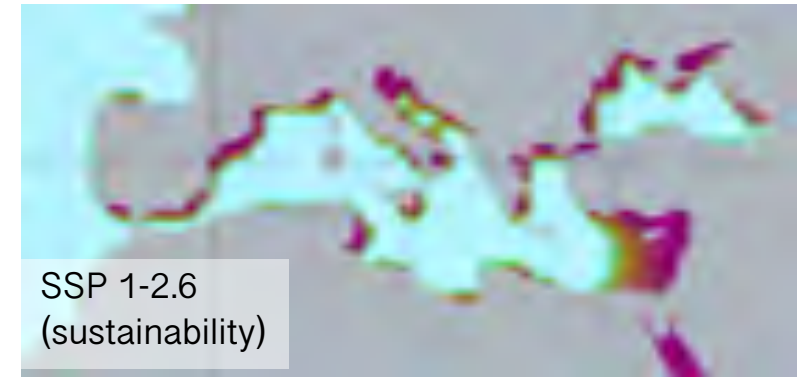
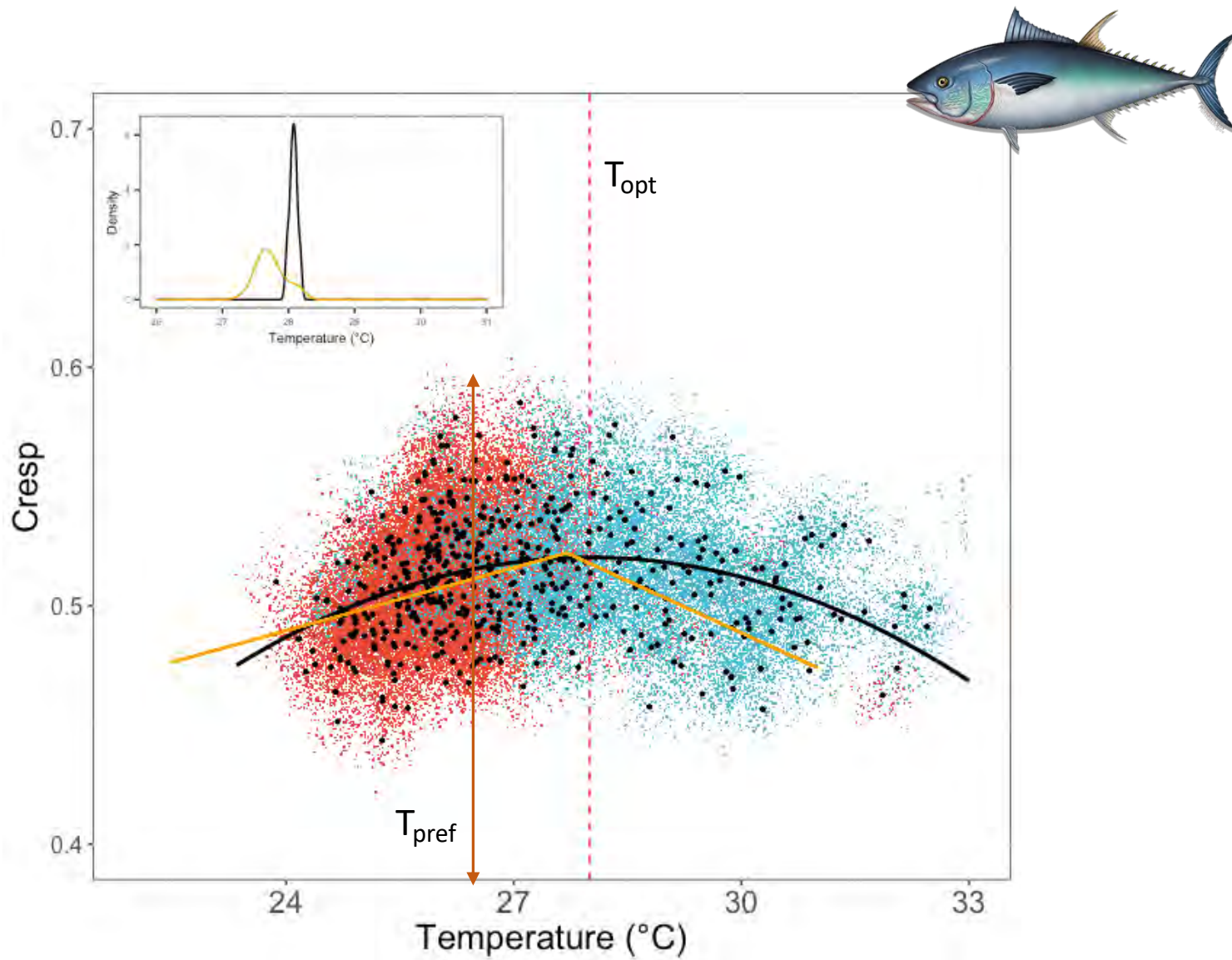
Global predictions of fishery potential: Sensitivity to metabolic scaling terms

Factorial change in mass flux to fisheries between model runs using MTE scaling and FMR scaling

(FMR scaling reduces fishery potential estimates) except in tropics

FEISTY output simulation provided by
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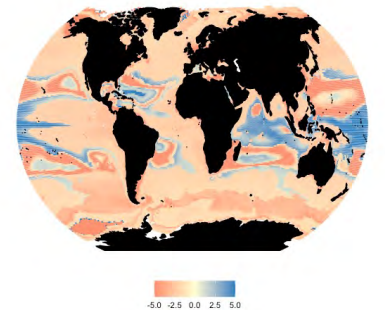
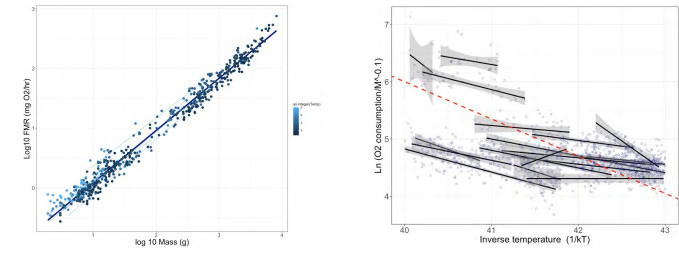
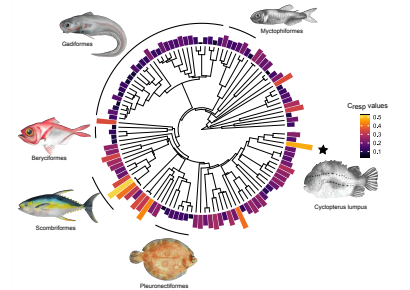
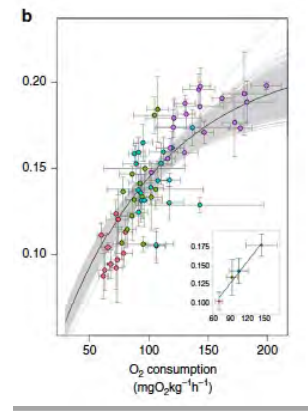




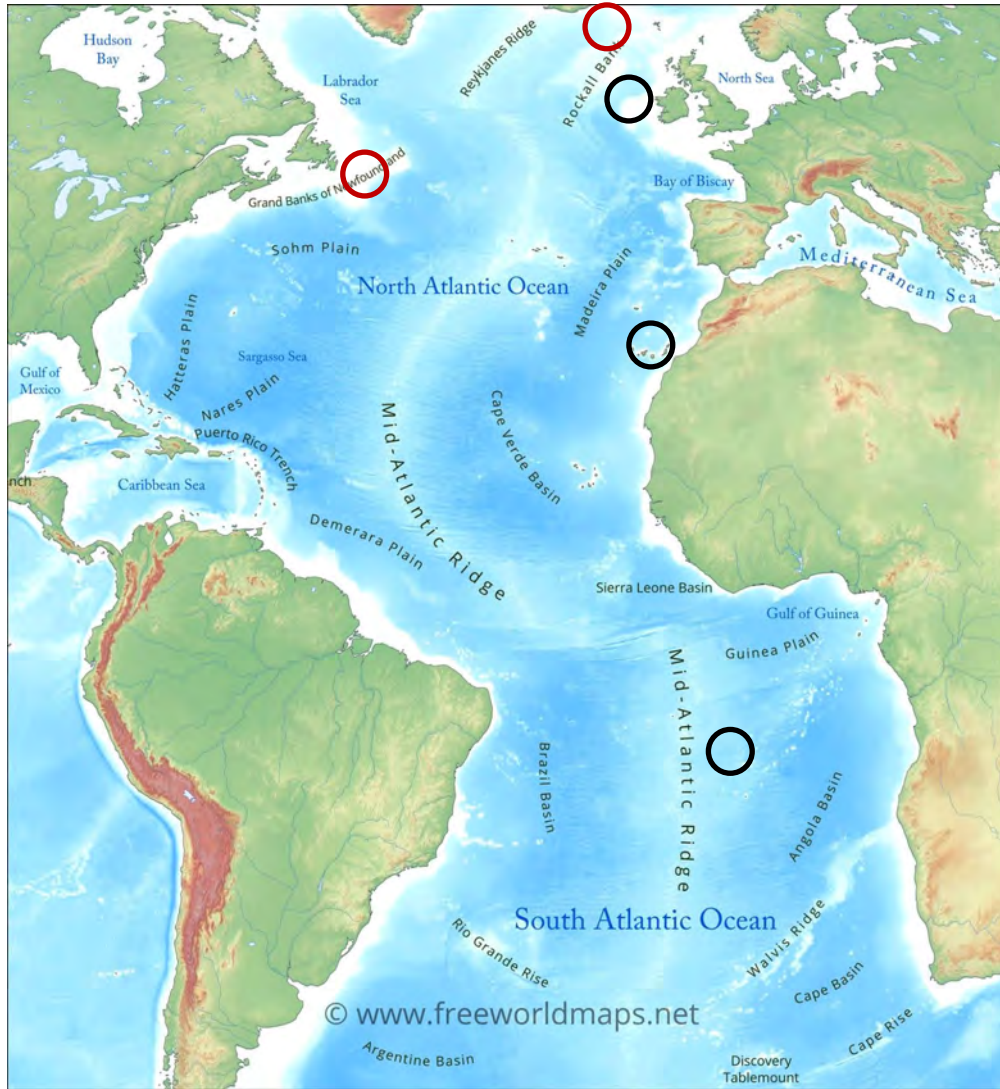
Simulations produced by Rahul Sivankutty

Project aims

- Determine relative FMR across at least 25 species of mesopelagic fishes
- Calibrate otolith FMR against ETS for select species
- Estimate mass and temperature scaling of FMR
- Estimate effect of traits on FMR and FMR scaling
- Provide updated estimates of metabolic rate, body size, functional trait and thermal effects on MR for mesopelagic fishes
- Estimate effect of variable scaling terms for models of fish based C flux (and biomass)



Progress to date



>40 Species including myctophids, bristlemouths...

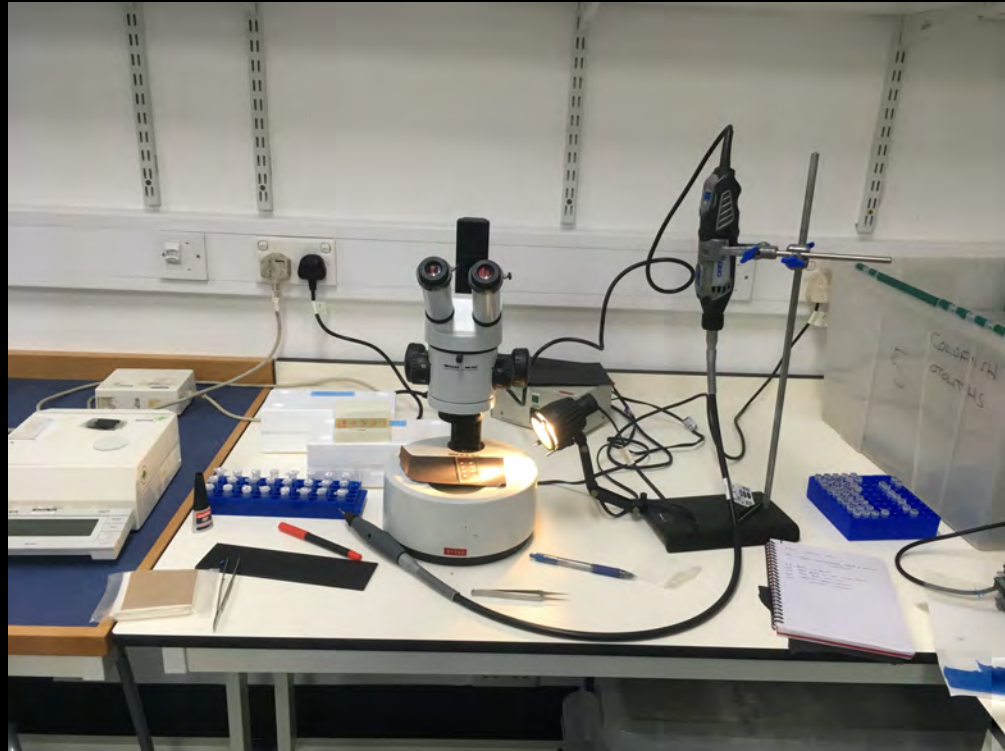
Progress to date

Individuals from >40
species recovered

Training on otolith
extraction / preparation
complete

Successful extraction of
otoliths





Progress to date



Next 6 months:

- Complete sampling of existing samples from Irish N Atlantic
- Collection + preparation of samples with existing individual-level, ETS-based assessments of metabolic rate (at least 5 species with sufficient data)
- Preparation of specimens from Ireland and St Helena/Ascension
- Opportunistic additional sampling N Atlantic to collect samples for ETS calibration

Follow-on

- How does FMR (and thermal sensitivity of FMR) vary with food availability / oxygen?
- Global view of mesopelagic fish respiration across phylogeny, functional traits and ecological context
- Quantifying ecosystem models – food web models with physiology