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Lessons learned from the ss3sim project on sharing, hosting, and maintaining simulation code

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**2.5% of surveyed companies
completed 100.0% of their
projects successfully.**



Hardy-Vallee (2012)

**Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.**



Henry Ford

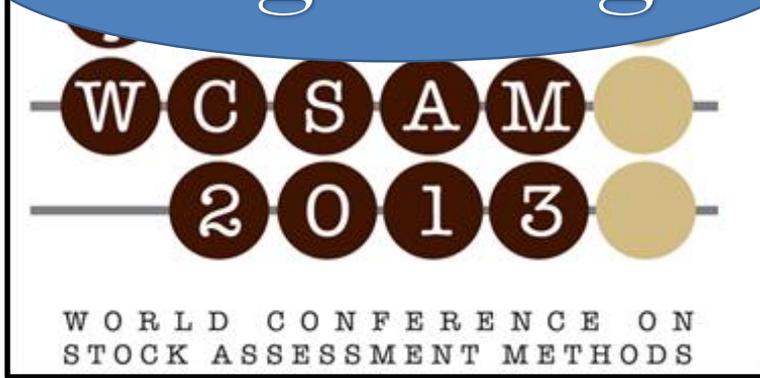
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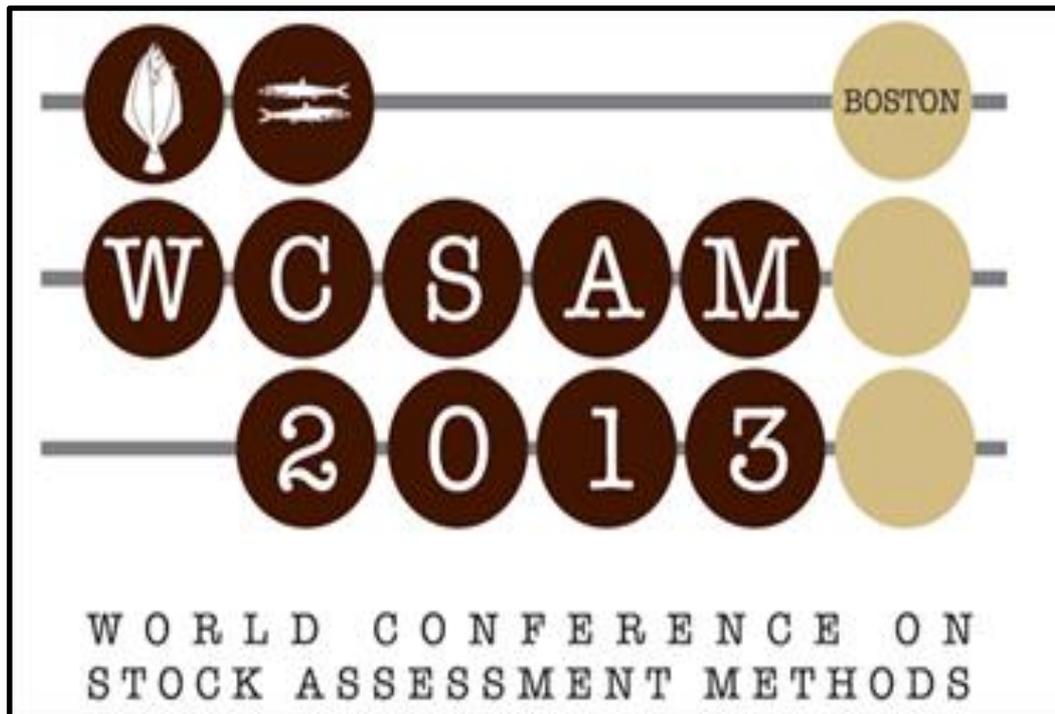
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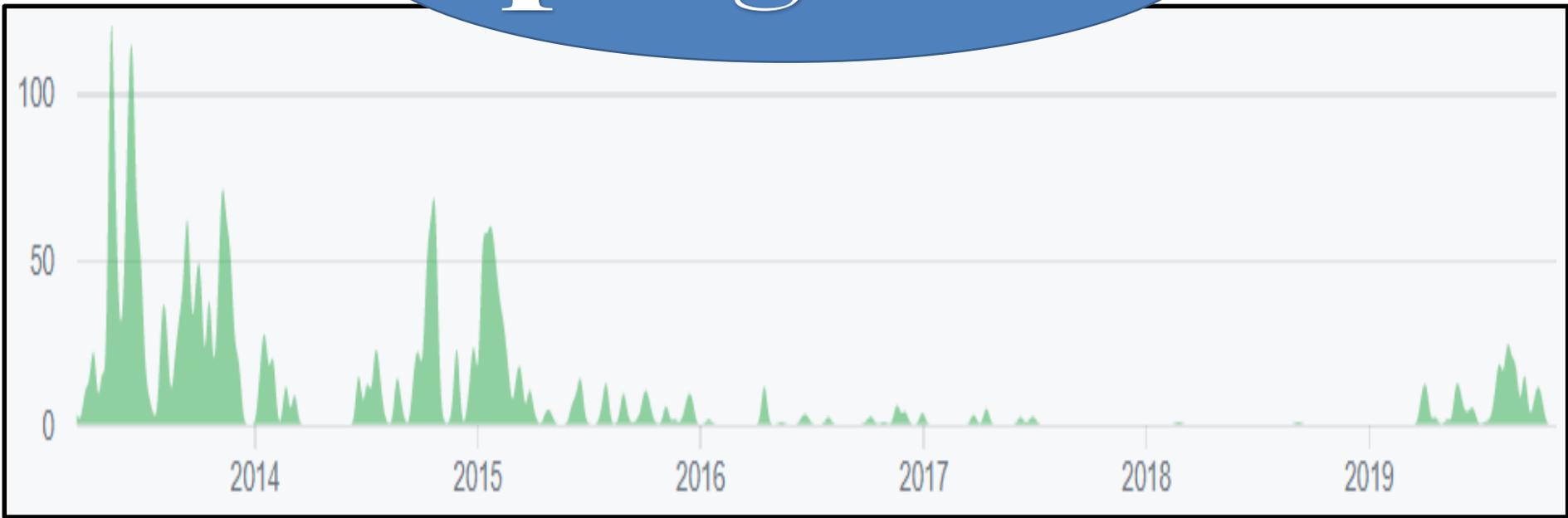
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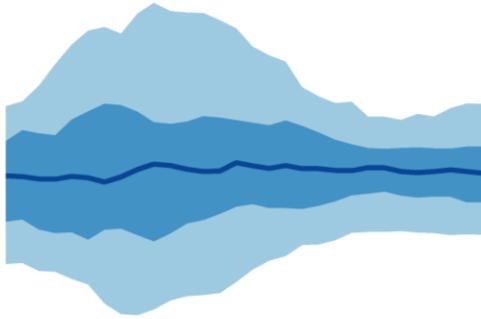
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I'm not happy because I got to the top. I'm happy because of all the things we had to do to get there.



Steve Swenson



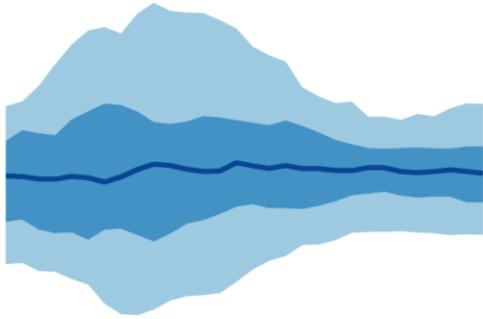
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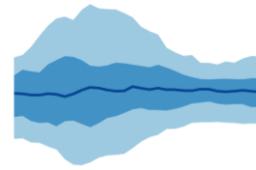
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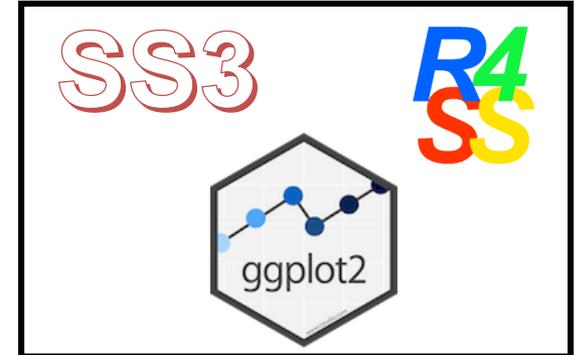
ss3sim in R

- (1) simulate
- (2) estimate
- (3) summarize

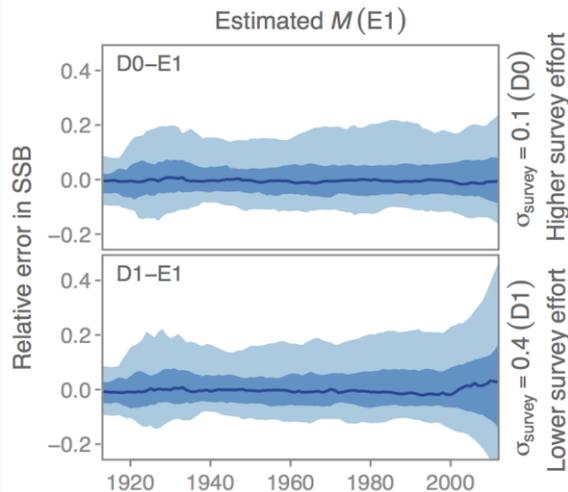
scenario availability

case	description
D	Age- and length-compositions CPUE
F	Fishing mortality
M, ...	OM and EM values & phases
R	Retrospective years
spp	Conditioned model

dependencies

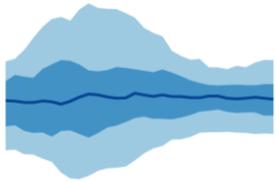


simulation results



example R code

```
1 # Install the package
2 install.packages("ss3sim")
3 library(ss3sim)
4 # Run a simulation with
5 # constant F @ F_MSY and estimate M
6 d <- system.file("extdata", package = "ss3sim")
7 run_ss3sim(iterations = 1:100,
8   scenarios = c("D0-E1-F0-cod", "D1-E1-F0-cod"),
9   case_folder = file.path(d, "eg-cases"),
10  om_dir = file.path(d, "models", "cod-om"),
11  em_dir = file.path(d, "models", "cod-em"))
12 get_results_all()
```



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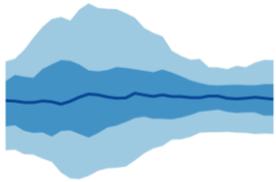
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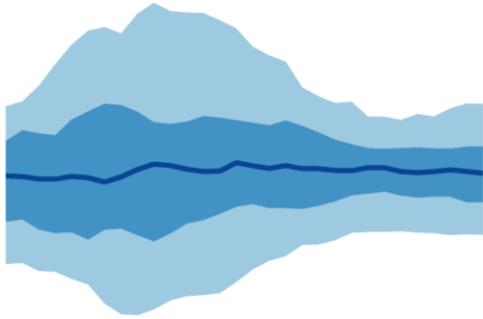
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testing: Simon Pitt

- you write code once
- you read code many times
- too many parts to hold in your mind at once
- need 100% test coverage
- can **never** know if you've tested everything

testing



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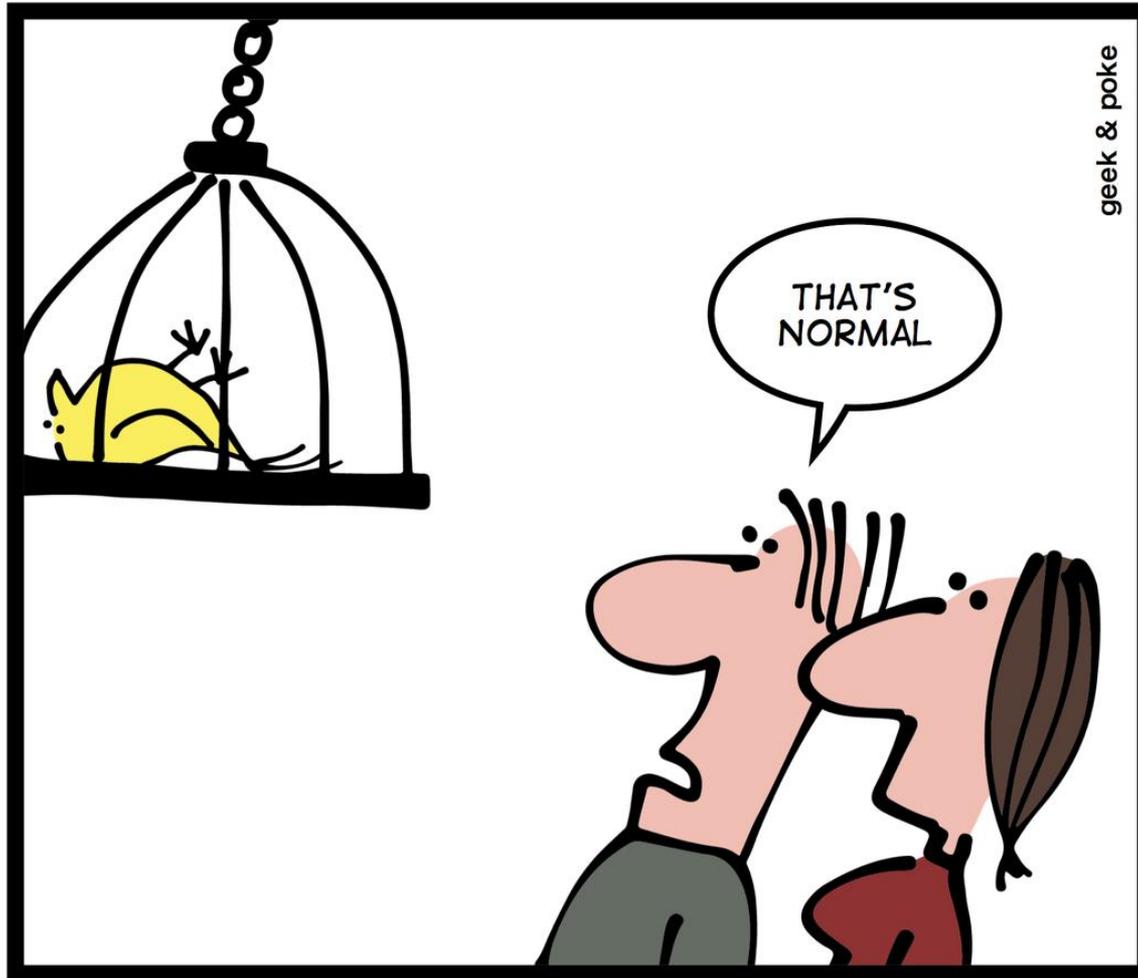


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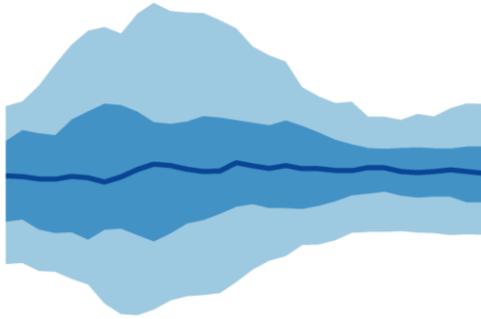
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hosting: feedback from users

Do not delete CompReport.sso #215

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ElizabethCouncill opened this issue on Jun 19, 2015 · 2 comments



ElizabethCouncill commented on Jun 19, 2015



I think the utility of the package is limited by having no option to access expected values or residuals or expected sample sizes, or likelihood contributions for the composition data, which is usually available in CompReport.sso file. Ss3sim deletes this file in the output folder currently.



kellijohnson-NOAA commented on Jun 20, 2015

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Example for change_e fails #243

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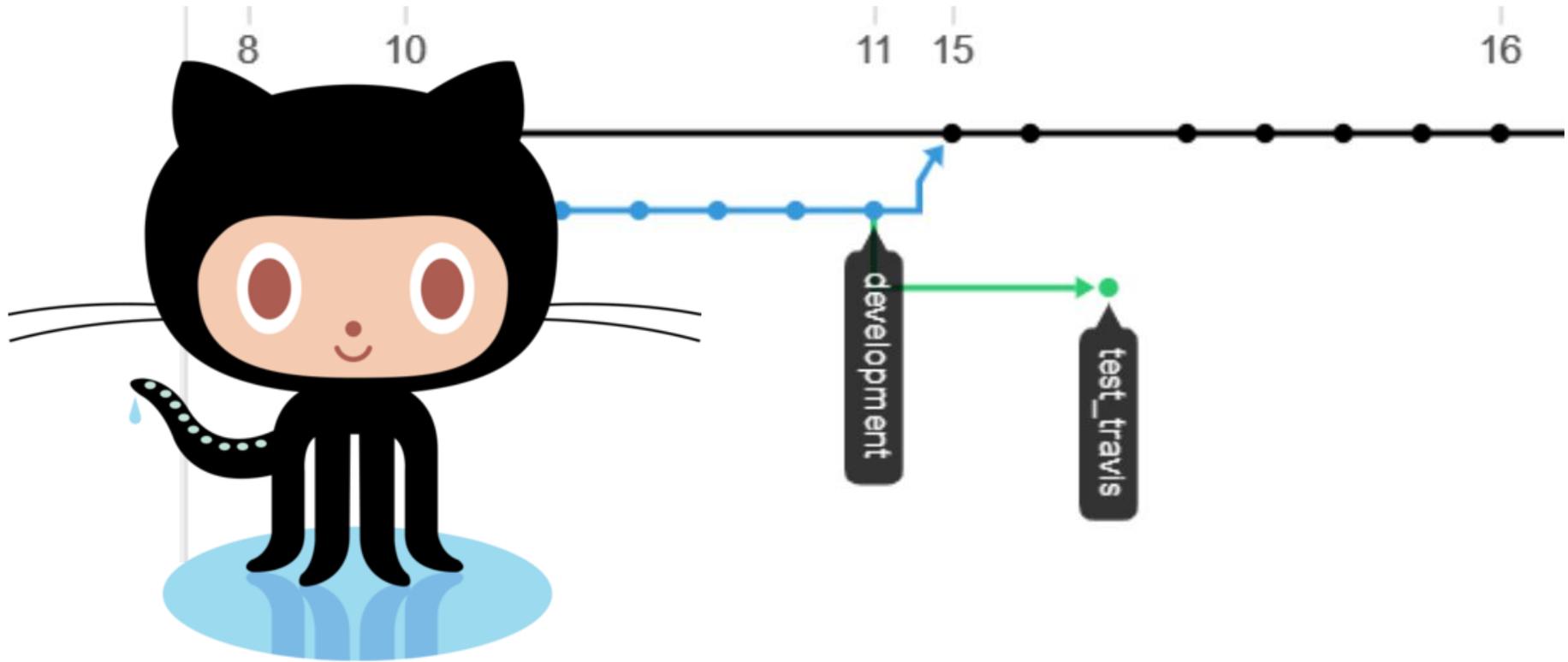
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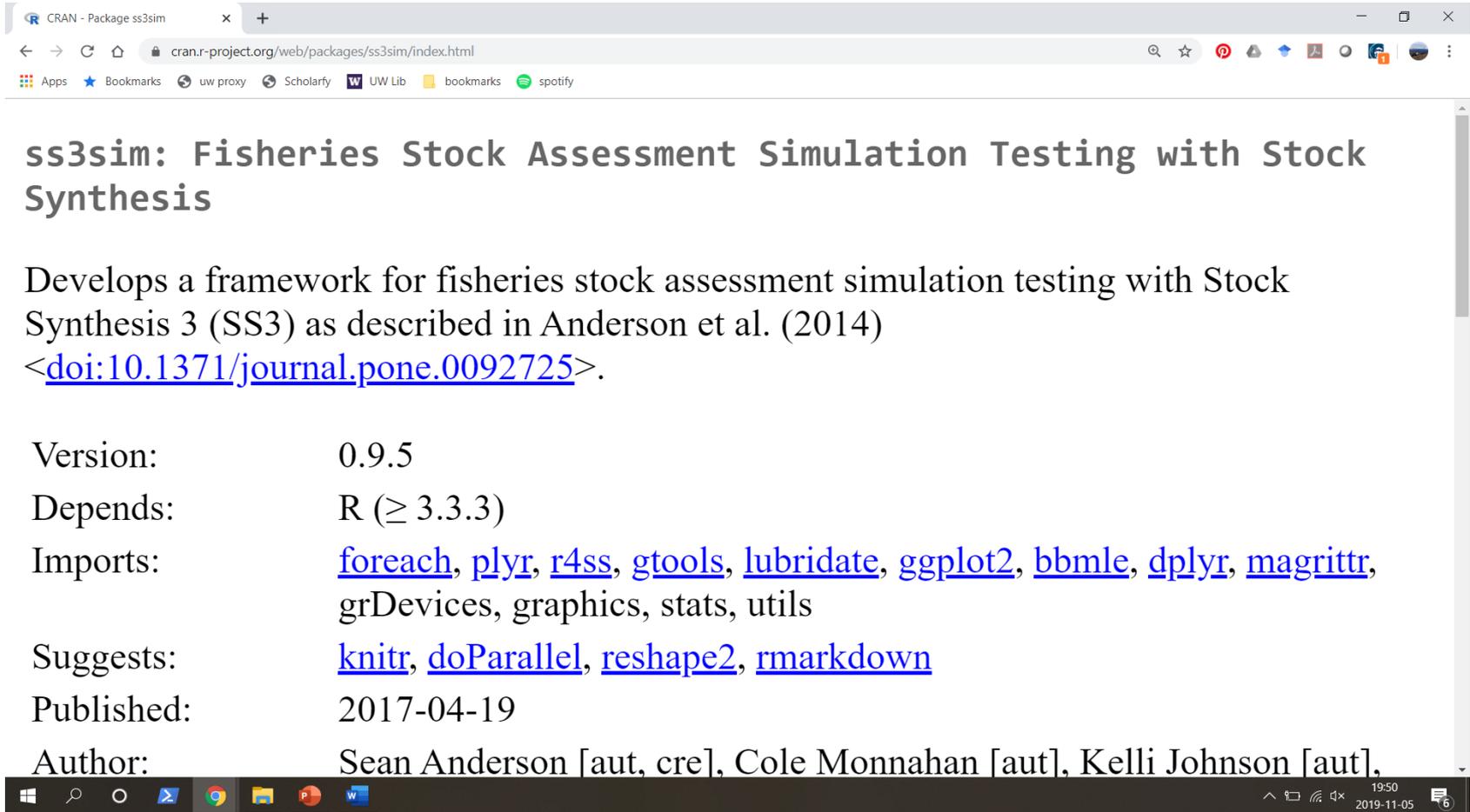
I was trying to run the example for change_e and got an error on the path being created to access the control file. After the first few lines of the example I get to

```
> change_e(ctl_file_in = ctl_file, ctl_file_out = "change_e.ctl",
+         dat_list = data.old, for_file_in = "forecast.ss",
+         natM_type = "n_breakpoints", natM_n_breakpoints = c(1, 4),
+         natM_lorenzen = NULL, natM_val = c(.2, 3, 0.4, 5),
+         par_name = c("_steep", "SizeSel_1P_1_Fishery"),
+         par_int = c(0.3, 40), par_phase = c(3, 2),
+         forecast_num = 0, run_change_e_full = TRUE )
```

hosting @ github.com/ss3sim/ss3sim



hosting: CRAN



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ss3sim/index.html`. The page content includes the package name `ss3sim`, a description of its purpose, and a list of dependencies and authors.

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Version: 0.9.5

Depends: R (\geq 3.3.3)

Imports: [foreach](#), [plyr](#), [r4ss](#), [gtools](#), [lubridate](#), [ggplot2](#), [bbmle](#), [dplyr](#), [magrittr](#), grDevices, graphics, stats, utils

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Dear maintainer,

package ss3sim_1.0.0.tar.gz does not pass the incoming checks automatically, please see the following pre-tests:

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Status: 1 NOTE

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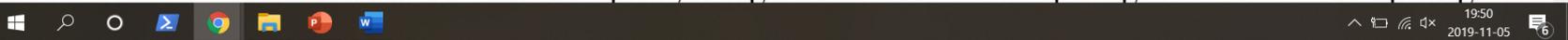
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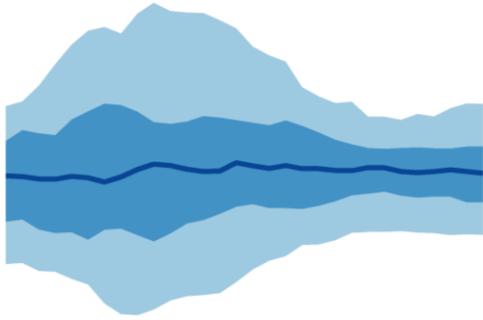
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write good code;
```

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great programmers  
steal great code"
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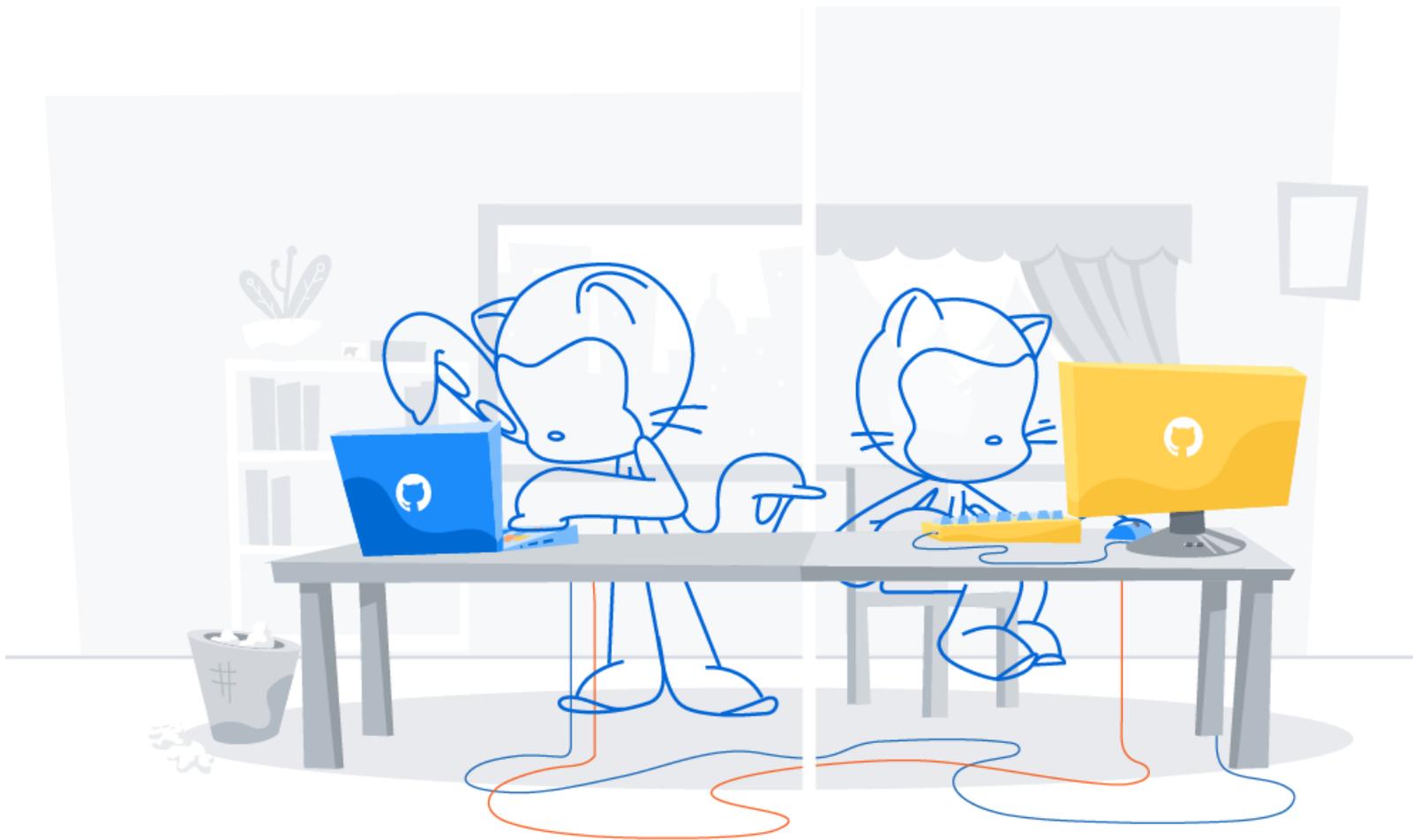
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dependencies: working together



<https://github.blog/2019-10-14-introducing-autolink-references/>

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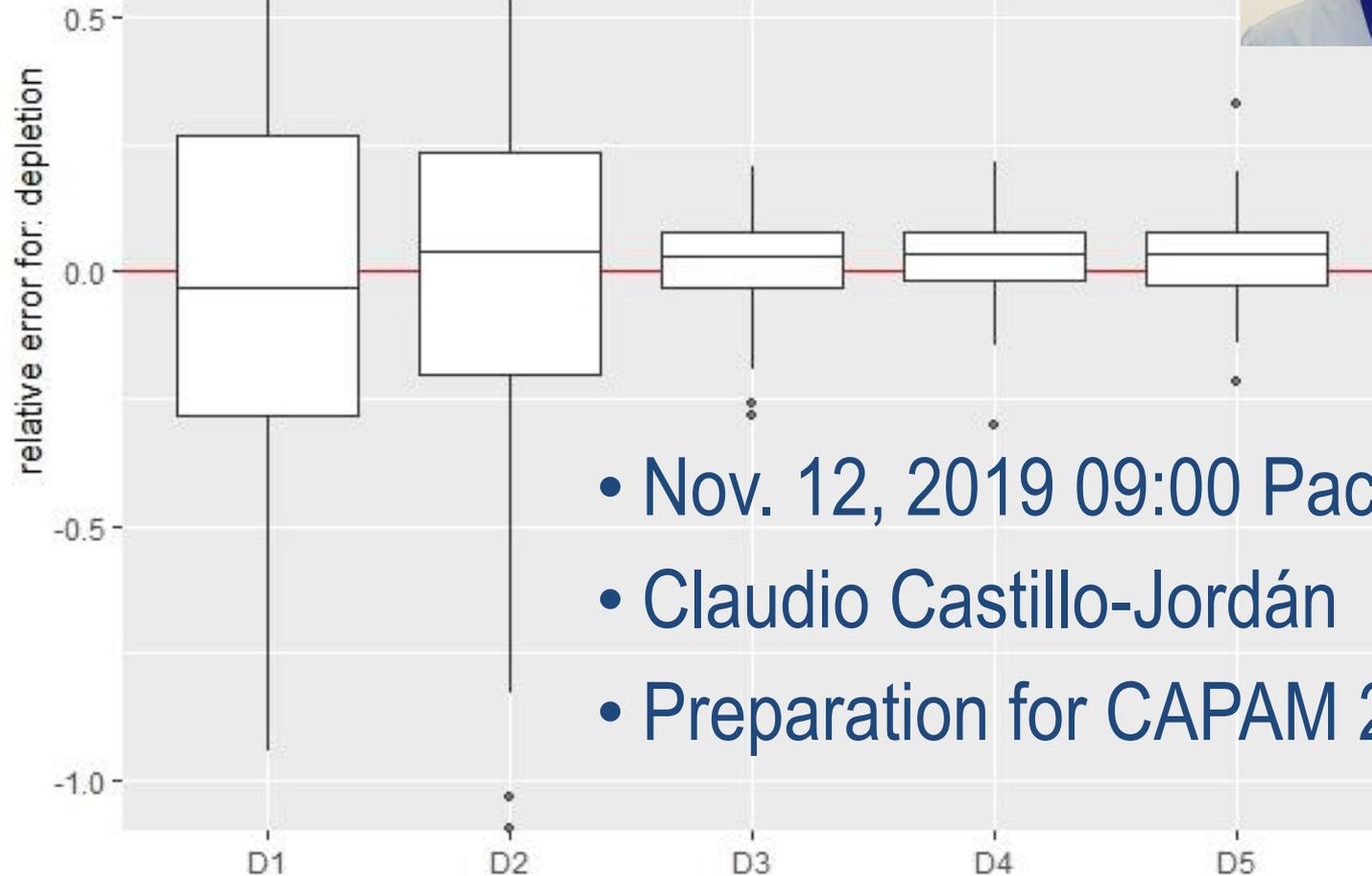
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- sharing is caring
- strive for CRAN
- depend on a few CRAN packages

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