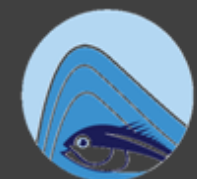


# Estimating the movement rate of bigeye tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean

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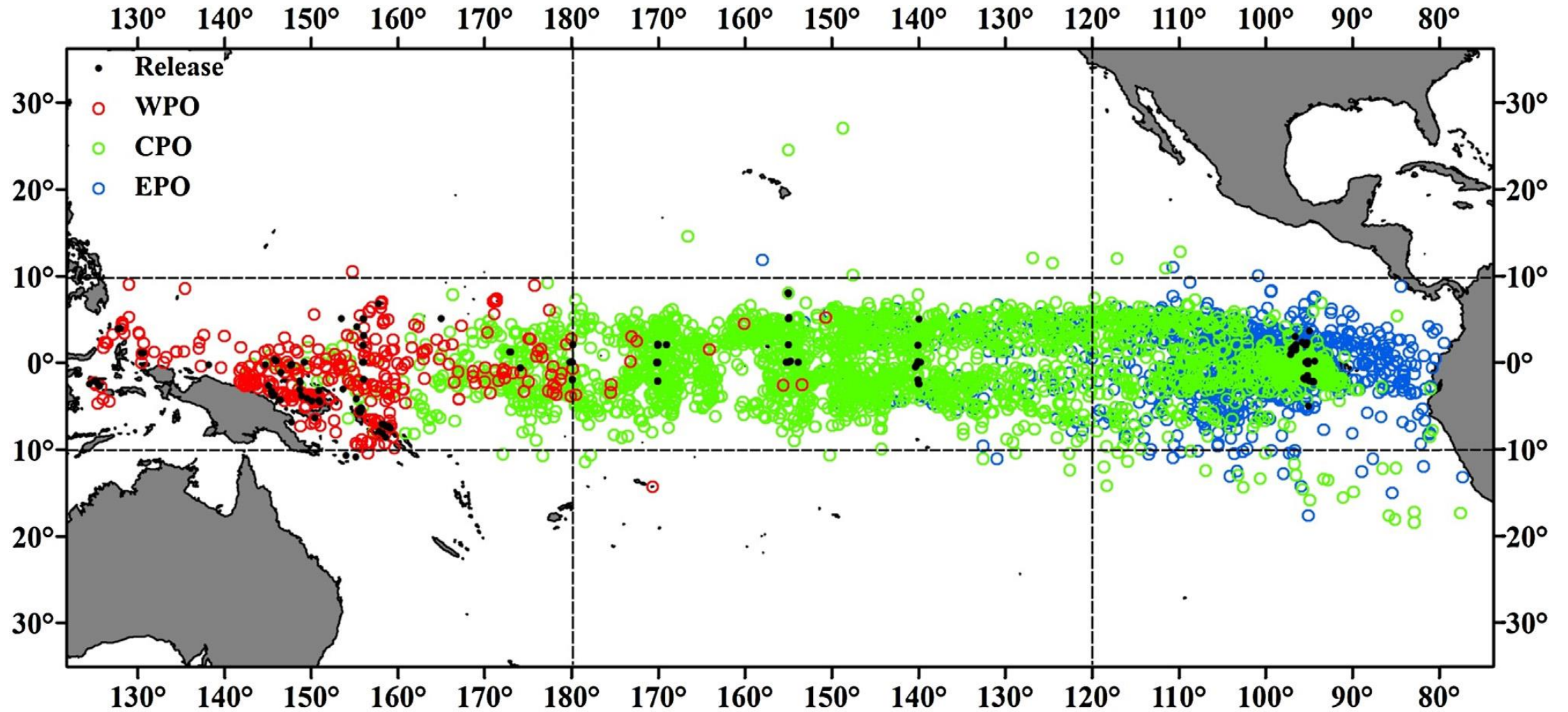
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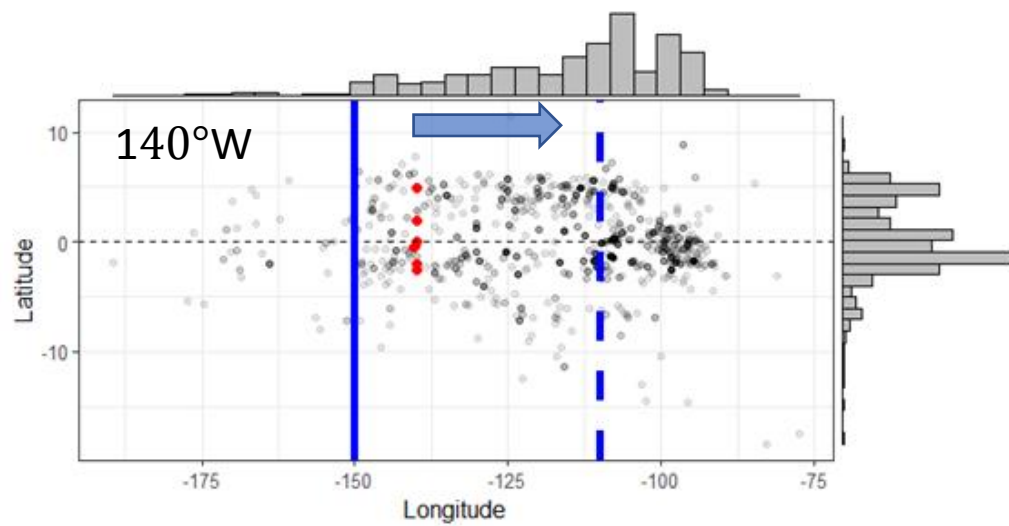
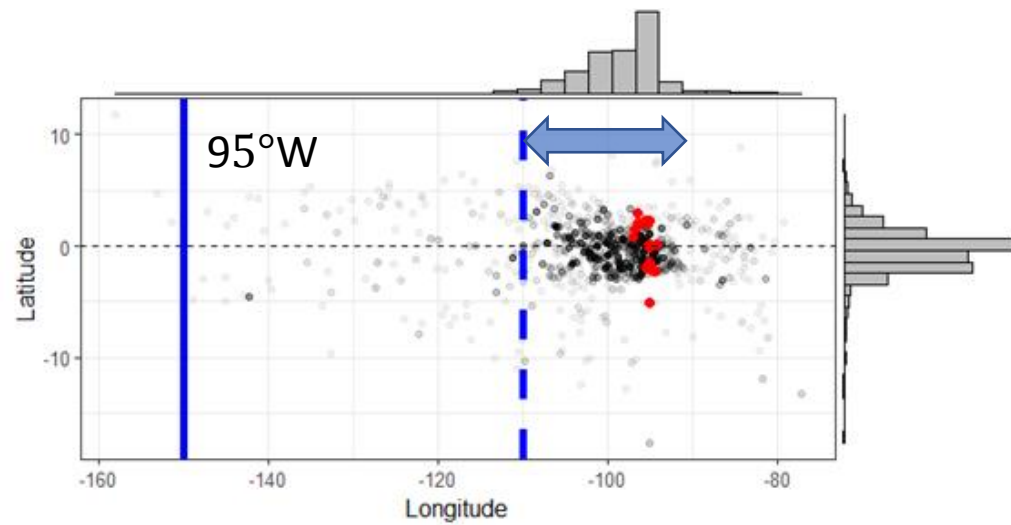
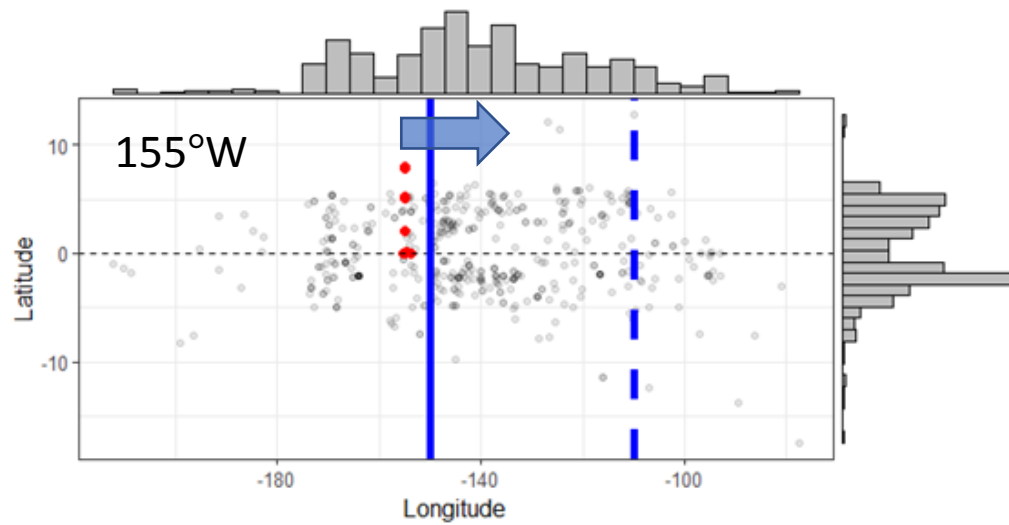
# Outline

- Available tagging data
- Mark-recapture model
- Estimates of Movement rate
- Conceptual movement pattern

# Conventional tagging data

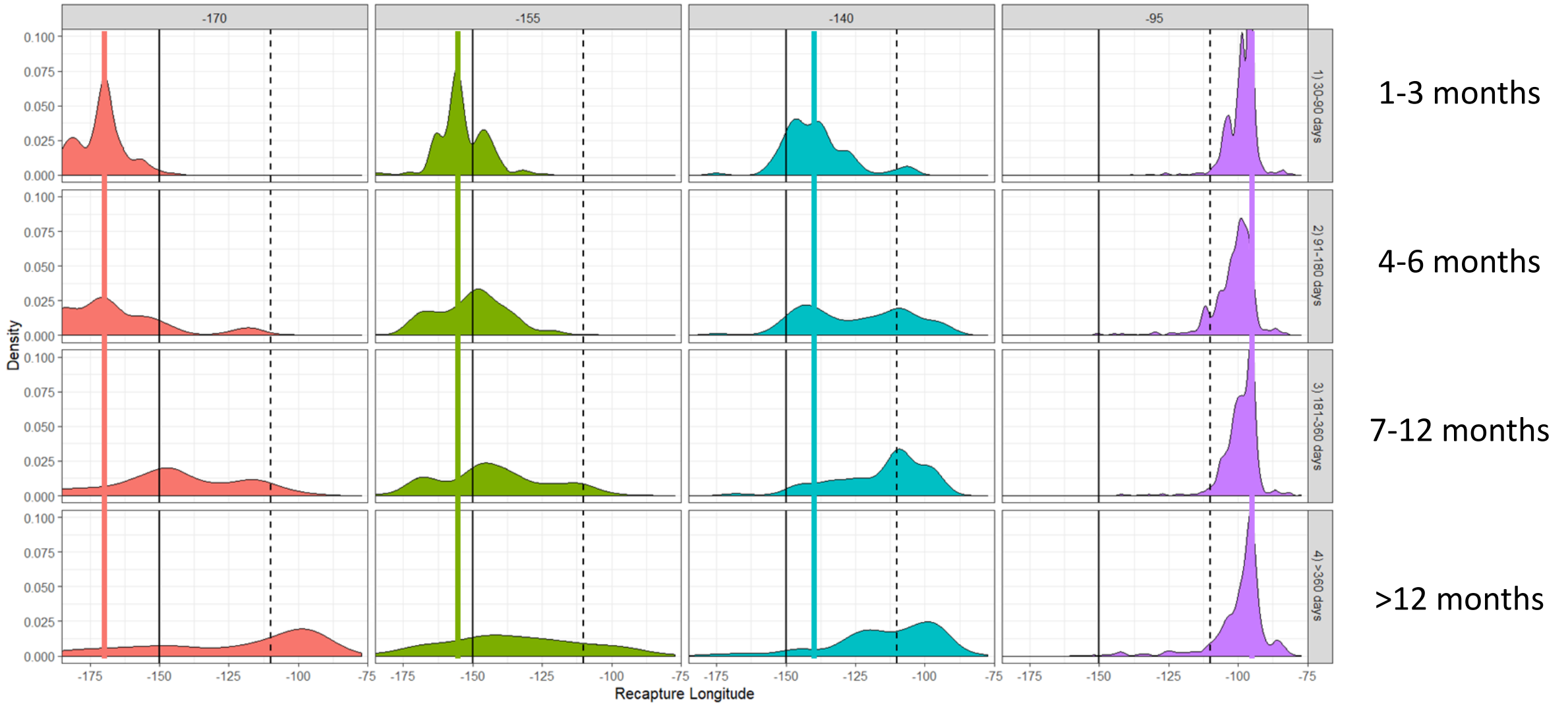


# Histogram of recapture latitude and longitude by release location



- Bigeye tuna tagged in the CPO tend to move eastward
- Bigeye tuna tagged in the EPO tend to stay within the EPO

# Density of recapture longitude by time at liberty



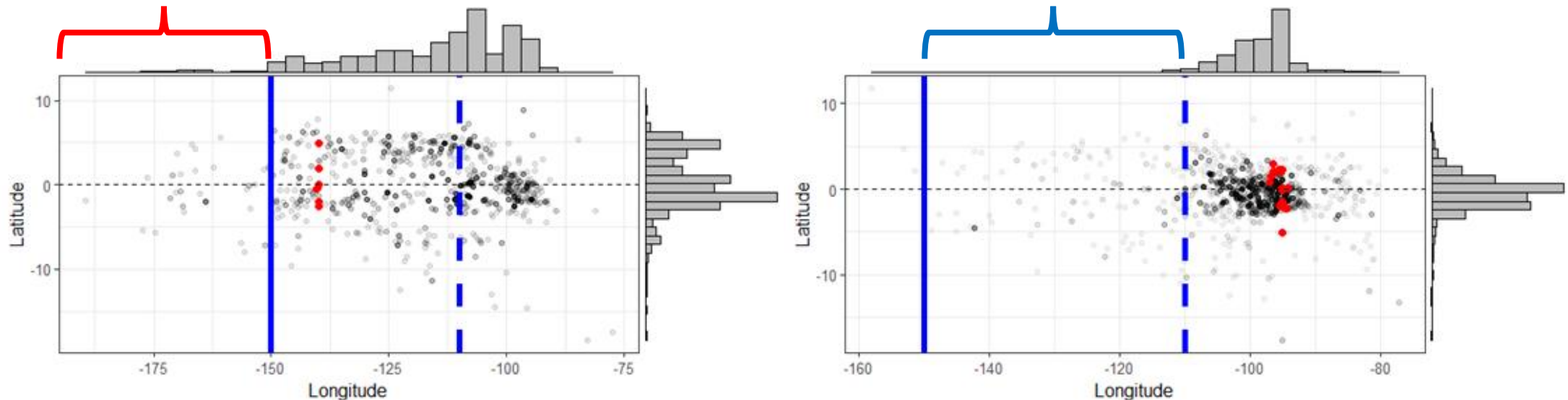


# Estimating movement rate

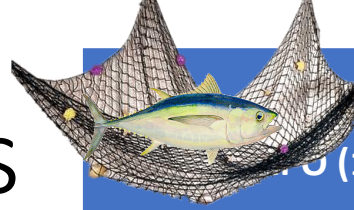
WEPO (150°W-110°W)

EEPO (East of 110°W)

- A mark-recapture model is built to estimate the movement rate from the WEPO to the EEPO
- The fish recaptured with a time at liberty <3 months are excluded
- Key assumptions we made to simplify the model:
  1. The movement rate westward across 110°W is zero
  2. The movement rate westward across 150°W is zero



# Likelihood functions



WEPO (150°W-110°W)

EEPO (East of 110°W)

The likelihood for a fish both released and recaptured west of 110°W:

$$\begin{aligned} L_i(q, x | D_{W \rightarrow W}) &= P(\text{movement}) \times P(\text{survival}) \times P(\text{recapture}) \\ &= (1 - x)^{n_i} \times (1 - qe_1)^{n_i - 1} (1 - M)^{n_i - 1} \times qe_1 \end{aligned}$$

always in the WEPO

$x$ : quarterly movement rate eastward across 110°W

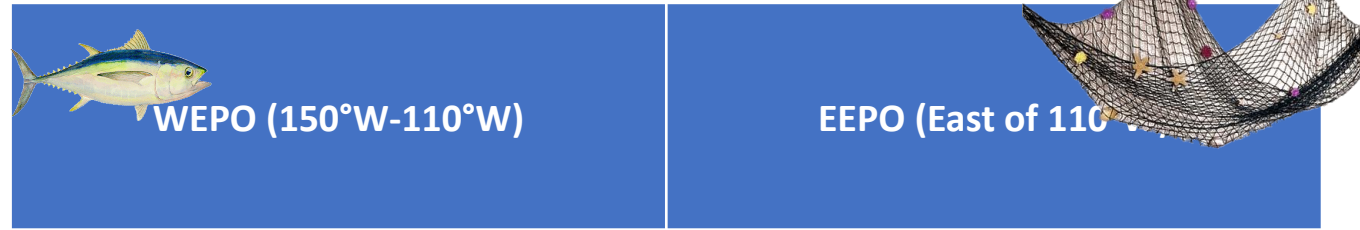
$n_i$ : quarters at liberty

$M$ : natural mortality rate

$e_1$ : the average density of floating-object sets in the WEPO

$q$ : transforms fishing intensity ( $e_1$ ) into recapture probability ( $qe_1$ )

# Likelihood functions



The likelihood for a fish released west of 110°W and recaptured east of 110°W:

$$L_j(q, x | D_{W \rightarrow E}) = P(\text{movement}) \times P(\text{survival}) \times P(\text{recapture})$$
$$= \sum_{n_m=1}^{n_j-1} \left( x(1-x)^{n_m-1} \times (1-qe_1)^{n_m-0.5} (1-qe_2)^{n_j-1-(n_m-0.5)} (1-M)^{n_j-1} \times qe_2 \right)$$

$x$ : quarterly movement rate

$n_j$ : quarters at liberty

$M$ : natural mortality rate

$e_2$ : the average density of floating-object sets in the EEPO  $\approx 4e_1$

$q$ : transforms fishing intensity ( $e_2$ ) into recapture probability ( $qe_2$ )

$n_m$ : the quarter when sample  $j$  moved from the WEPO to the EEPO (unknown)

Movement is assumed to occur  
in the middle of quarter  $n_m$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Recapture scaler ( $q$ ) and movement rate ( $x$ ) are estimated using maximum likelihood

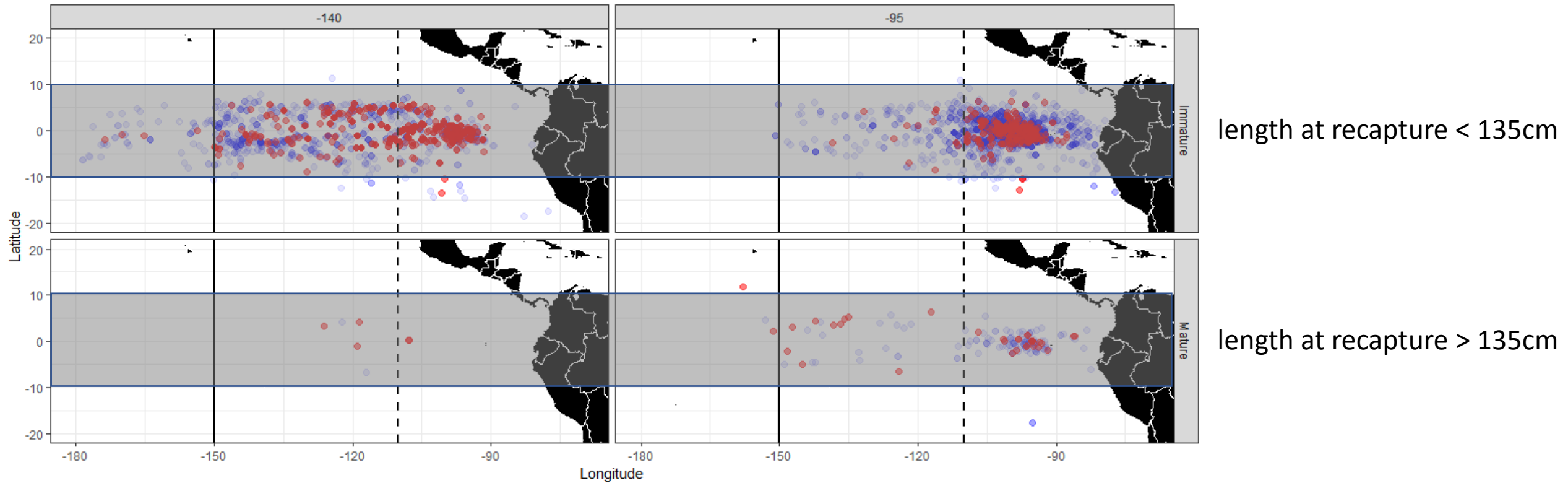
$$LL(q, x | D_{W \rightarrow}) = \sum_i \log(L_i(q, x | D_{W \rightarrow W})) + \sum_j \log(L_j(q, x | D_{W \rightarrow E}))$$

$\hat{x} \approx 0.16$ : 16% of BET move eastward across 110°W in each quarter

\*\*\* It should be applied to immature BET

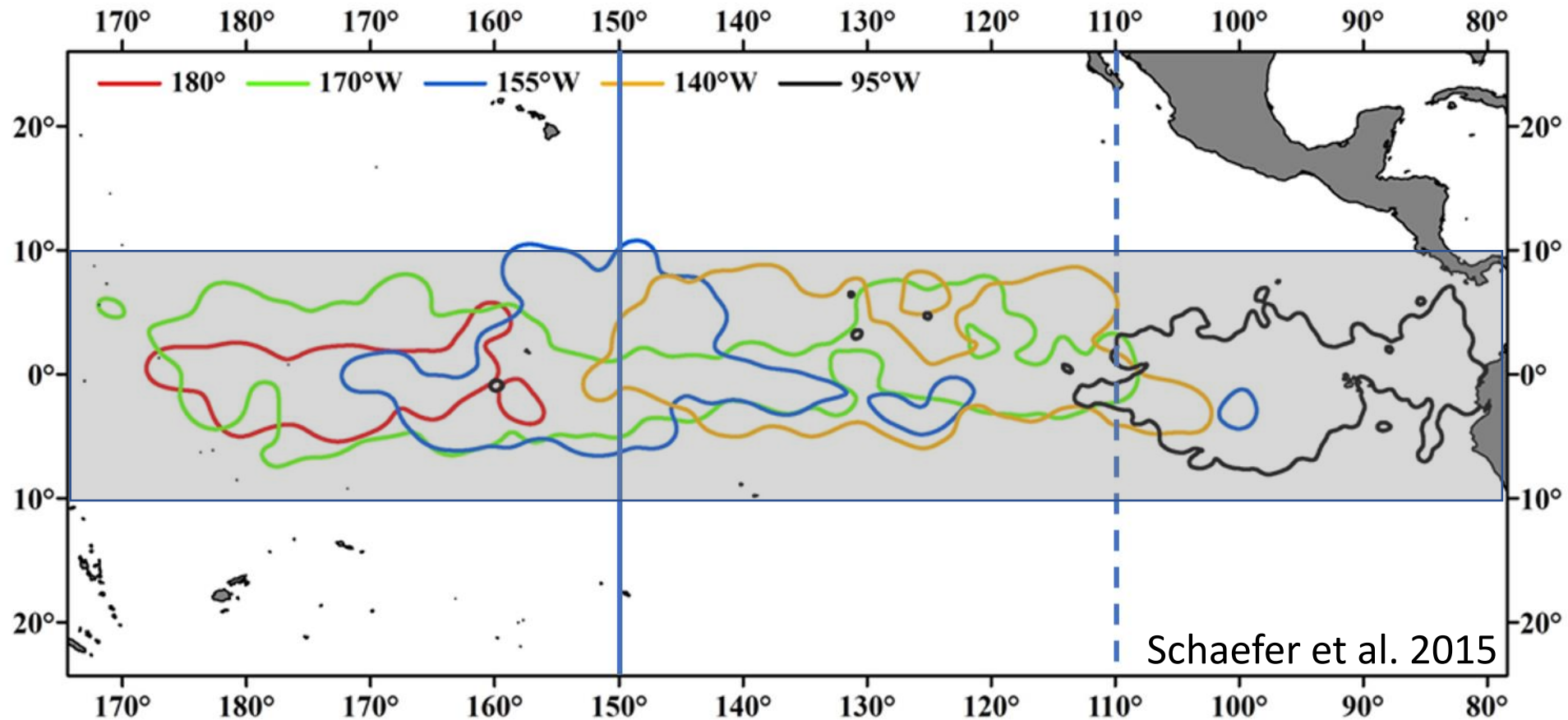
# Distribution of recapture location by release longitude and length at recapture

Red and blue dots represent samples with measured and estimated length at recapture, respectively



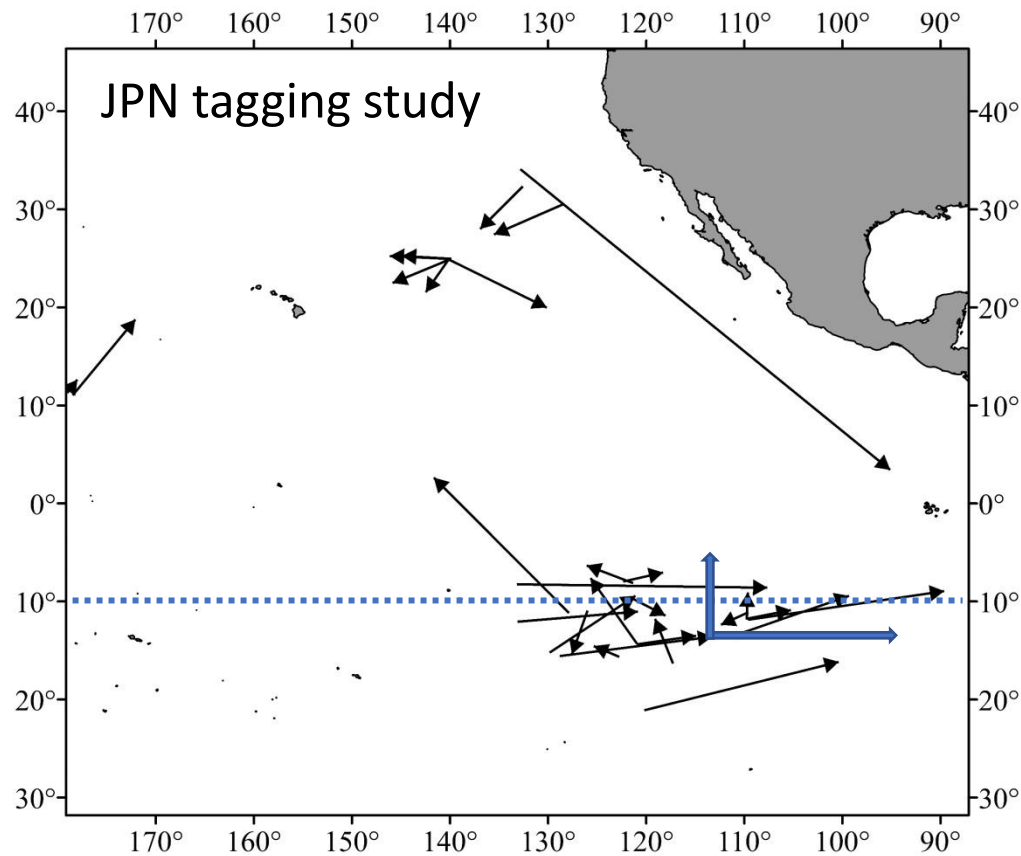
# Archival tagging data are in accordance with conventional tagging data

- BET in the CPO tend to move eastward
- BET in the EPO seldomly move westward beyond 110W
- BET in the equatorial region (10S-10N) seldomly move to higher latitudes

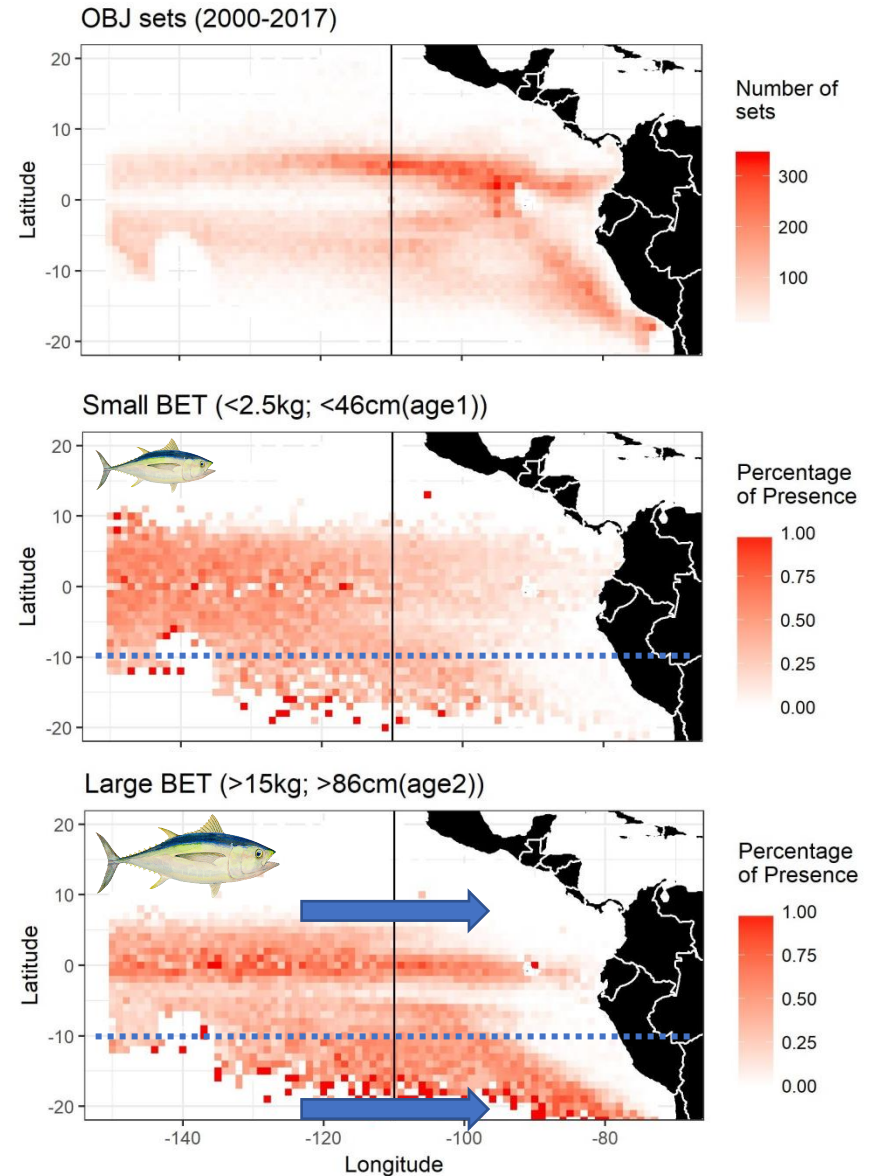


# How about south of 10S?

BET tagged south of 10S tend to move eastward and a noticeable proportion move northward across 10S (low confidence due to the small sample size)



## Presence/absence in the FAD fishery



# Proposed movement scenarios of BET

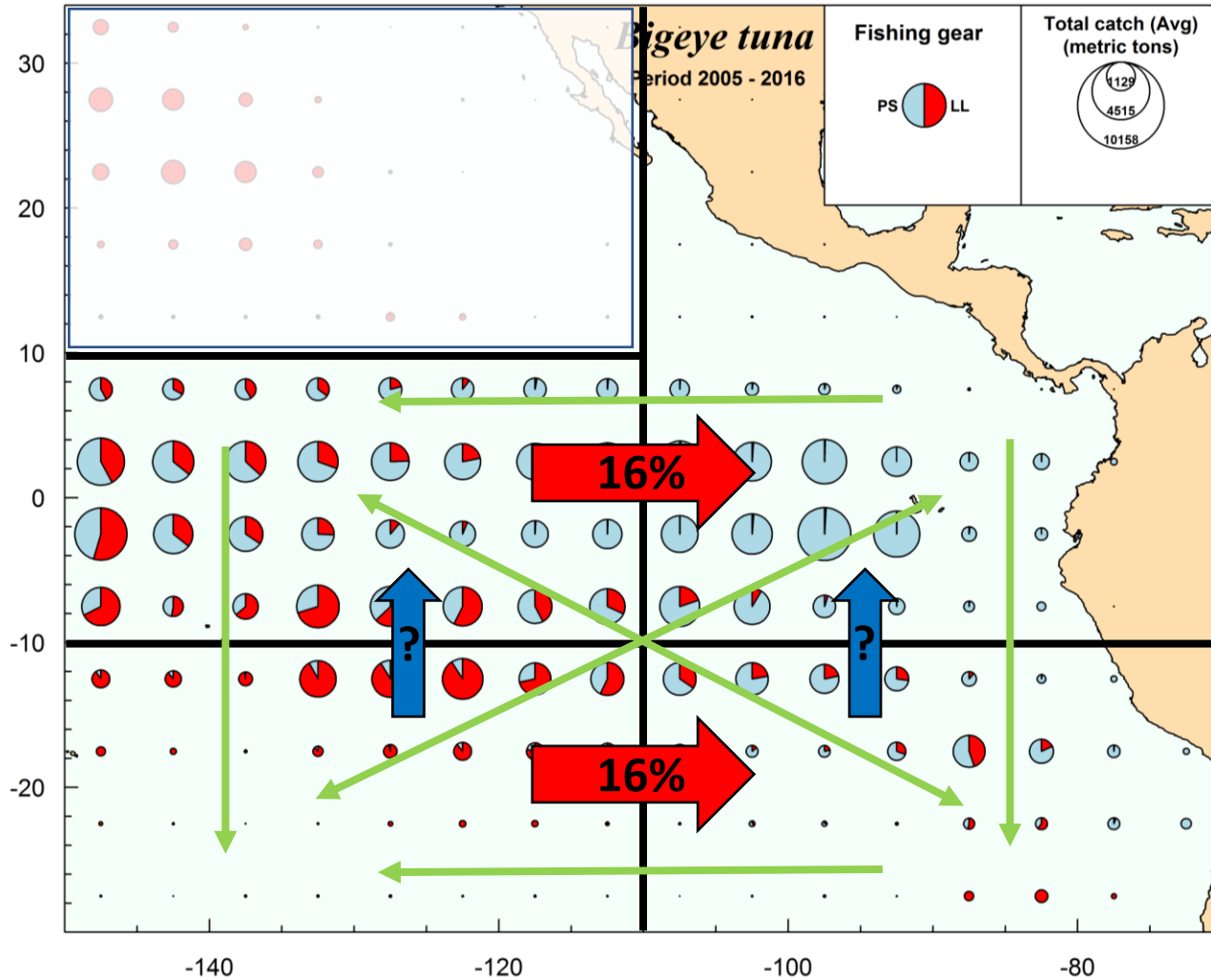
General movement rate configurations in the spatial model:

- Two age groups: juvenile (3-8 quarters) and adult (>14 quarters)
- No movement prior to age 3 (quarters)
- Linear interpolated movement rates between the two age groups
- Time-invariant

Number of movement rate scenarios

- One scenario for juvenile BET
- Three scenarios for adult BET

# Conceptual movement scenario for juvenile BET



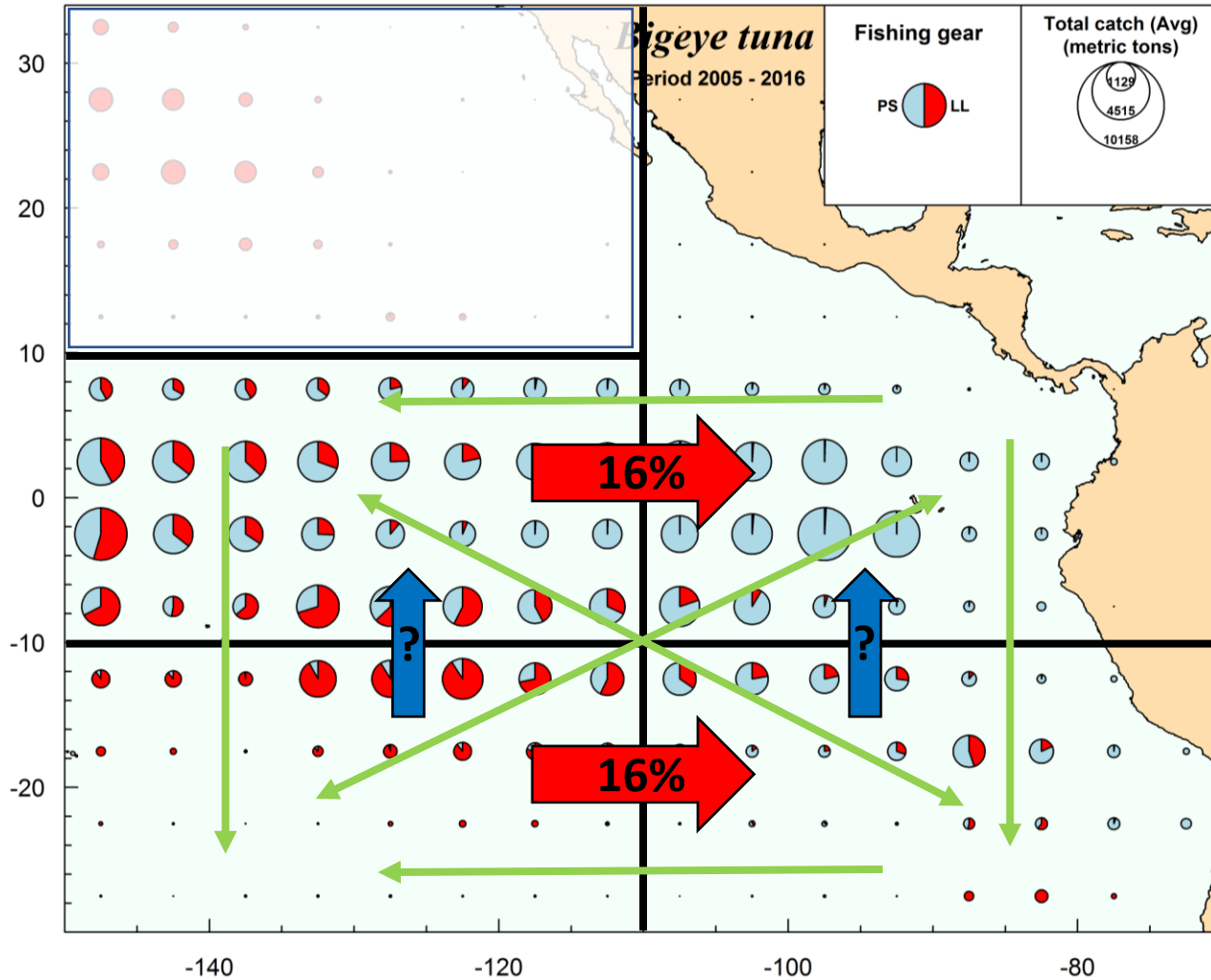
Four areas correspond to twelve between-area movements, within which:

- The two movements eastward across 110W are most pronounced
- The two movements northward across 10S are noticeable but less pronounced and credible
- The other eight movements are relatively minor



# Conceptual movement scenarios for adult BET

Scenario1: same as that for juvenile BET

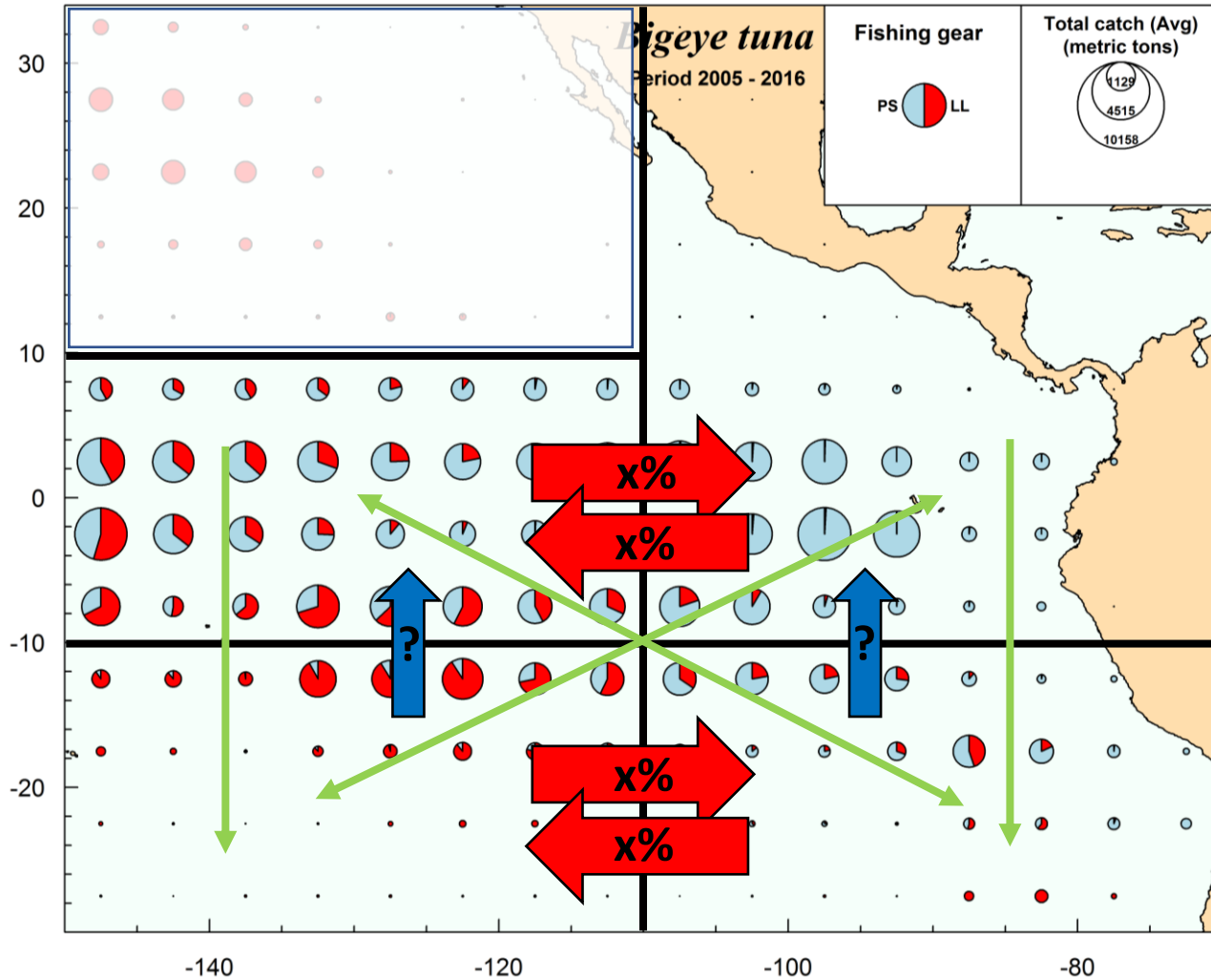


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# Conceptual movement scenarios for adult BET

## Scenario2: east-west diffusion

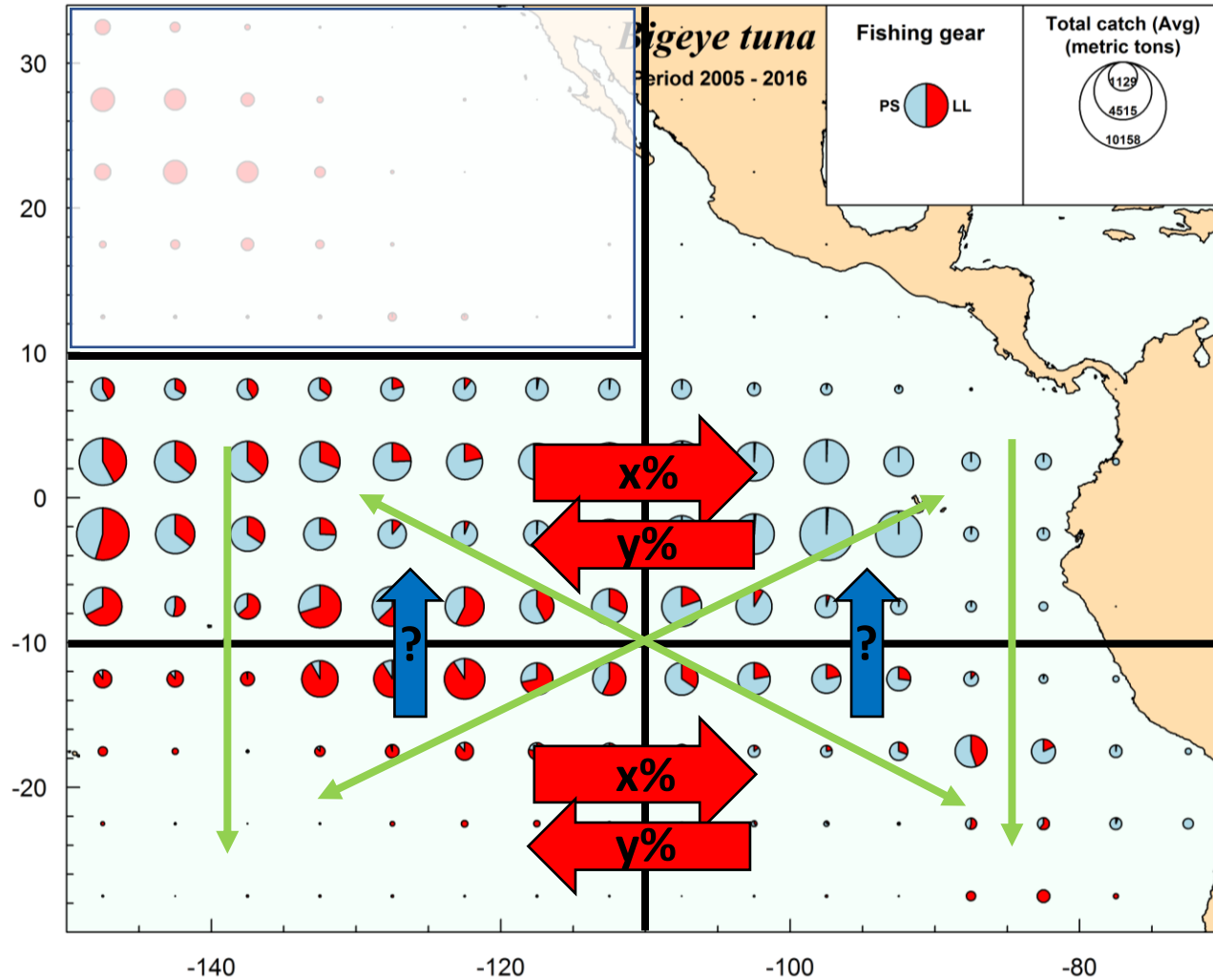


Four areas correspond to twelve between-area movements, within which:

- **The four movements across 110W are most pronounced and have the same rate ( $x = 4, 8, 12, \text{etc.}$ )**
- The two movements northward across 10S are noticeable but less pronounced and credible
- The other six movements are relatively minor

# Conceptual movement scenarios for adult BET

## Scenario3: east-west diffusion and advection



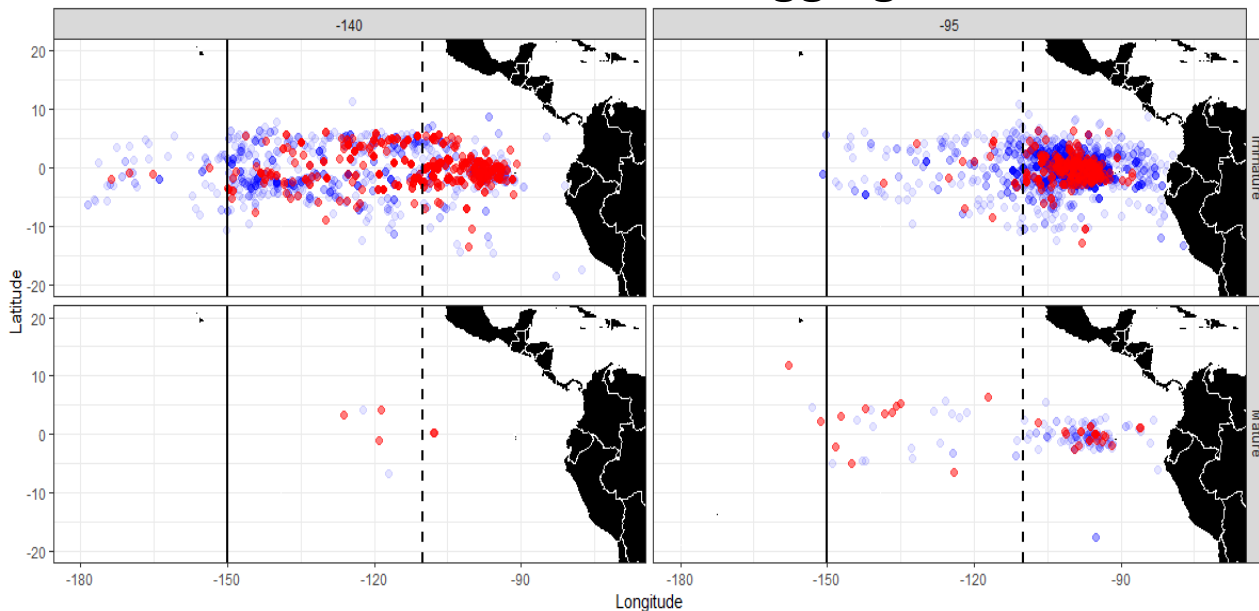
Four areas correspond to twelve between-area movements, within which:

- **The four movements across 110W are most pronounced and have different rates ( $x > y$  or  $x < y$ )**
- The two movements northward across 10S are noticeable but less pronounced and credible
- The other six movements are relatively minor

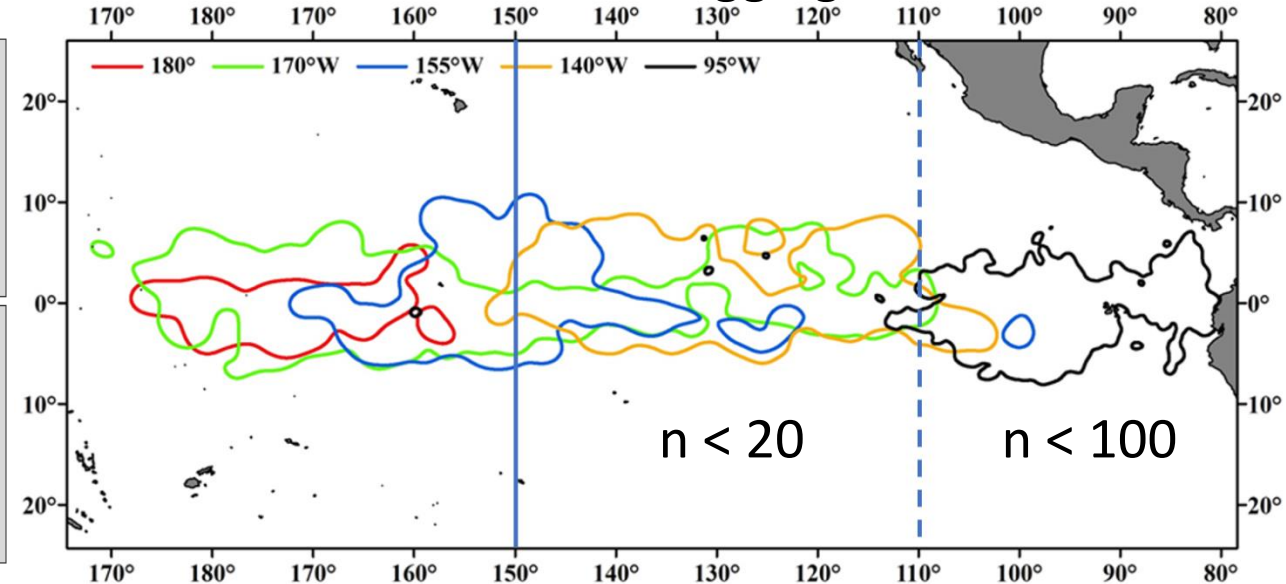
# Available tagging data are limited in several aspects

- Latitudinally: 10S-10N
- Longitudinally: 140W and 95W
- Life history: immature (age 1-3yrs)
- Sample size: archival tagging data
- Tag shedding and reporting rates are both unknown

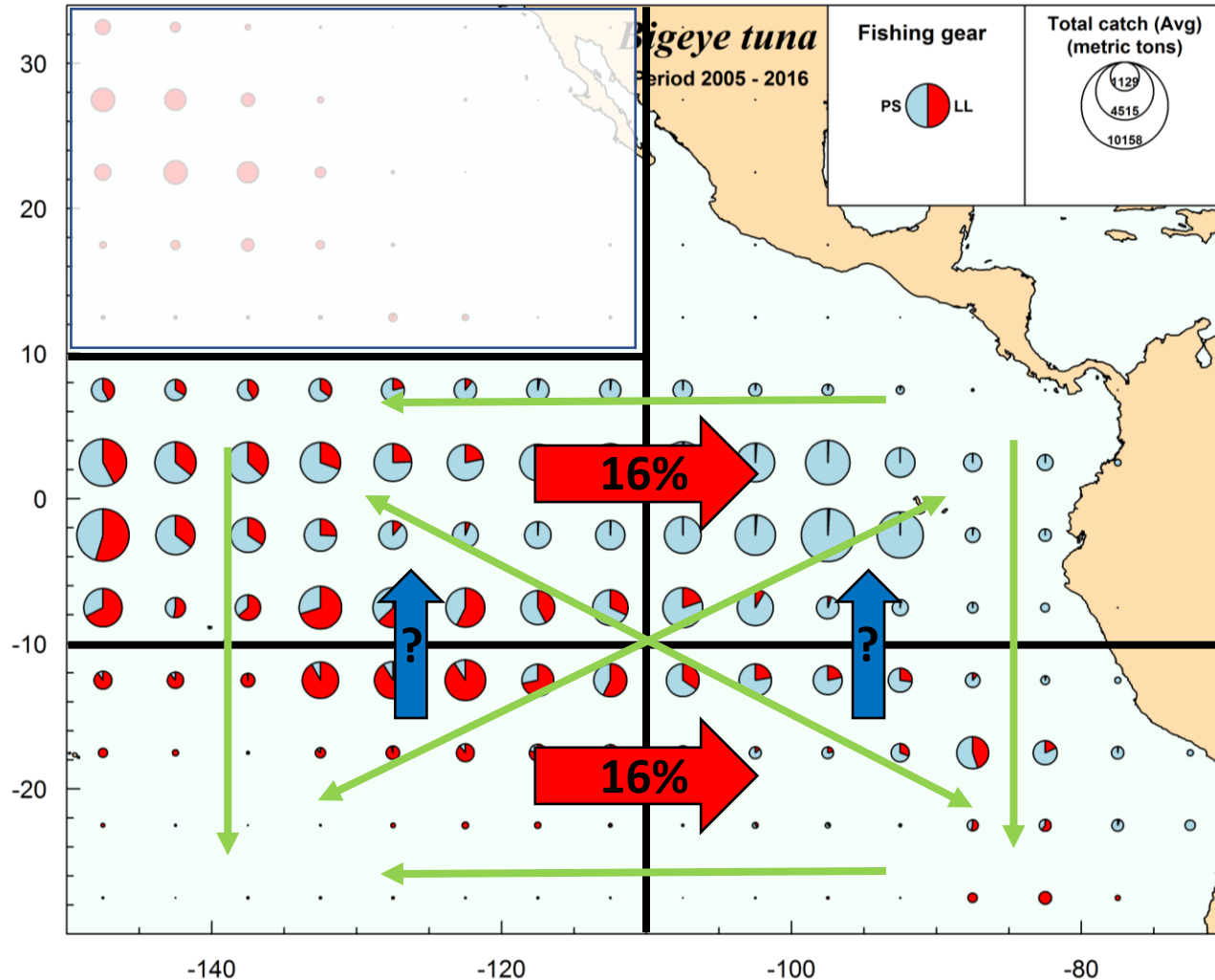
Conventional tagging



Archival tagging



# Summary of proposed movement scenarios



## Juvenile movement:

- Eastward movement at a rate of ~16% per quarter
- Noticeable northward movement but the rate of which is unknown
- The other movements are relatively minor (fix at 0 or 2%?)

## Adult movement:

- No informative data are available so assumptions need to be made:
  1. same as juvenile's
  2. east-west diffusion
  3. east-west diffusion and advection

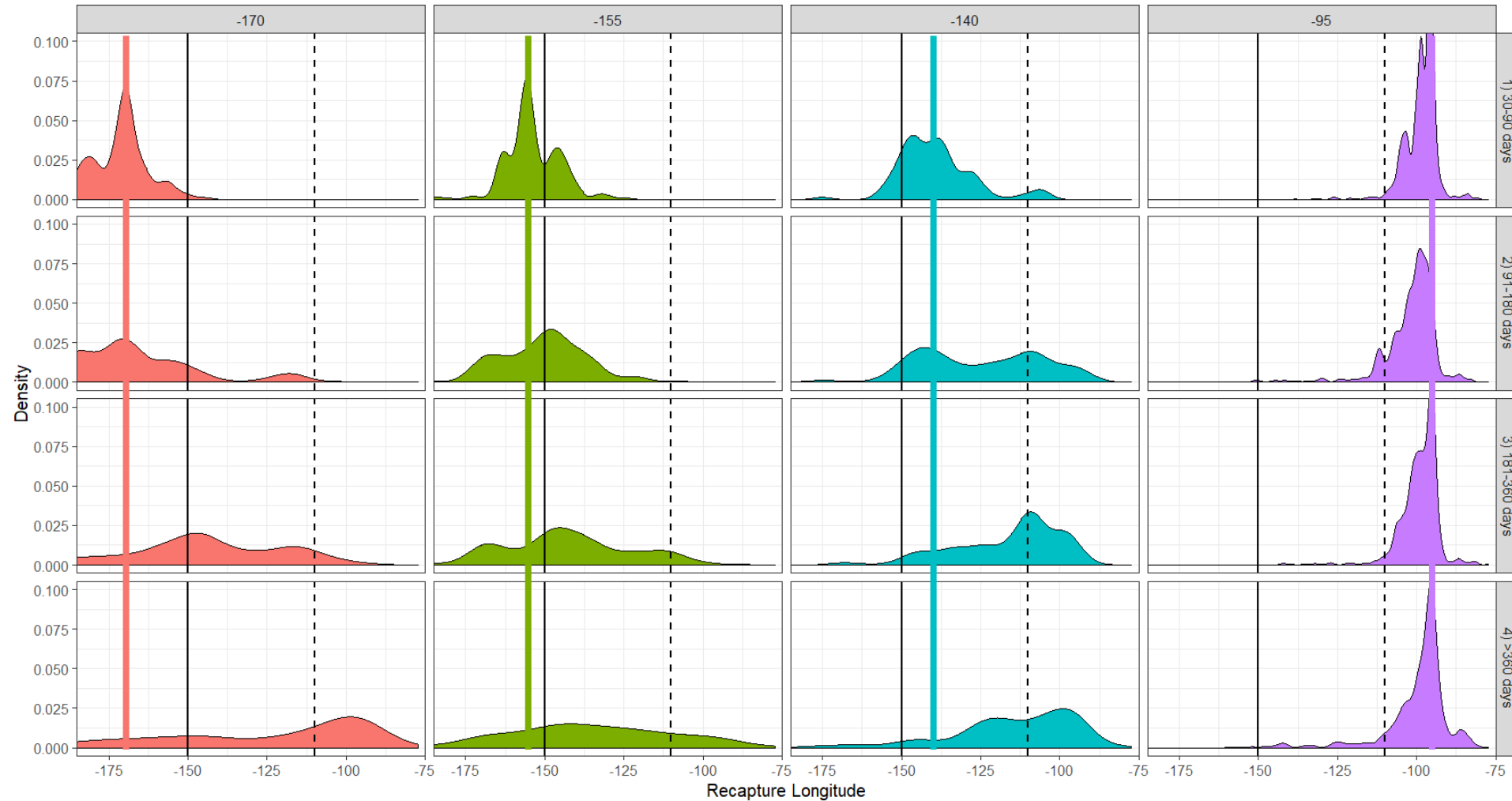
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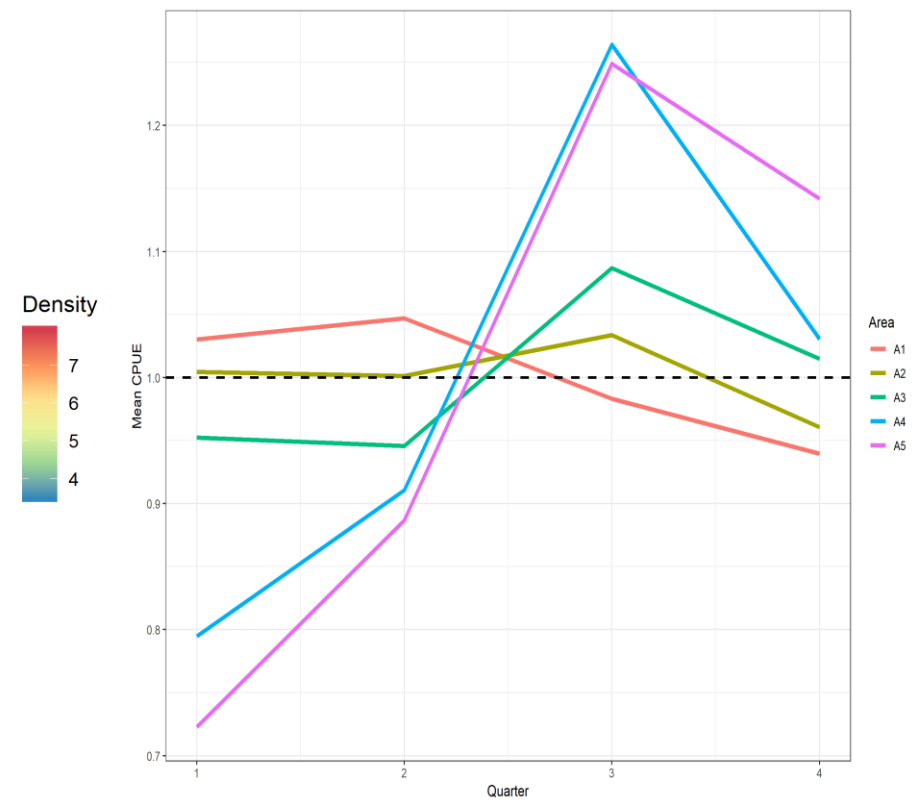
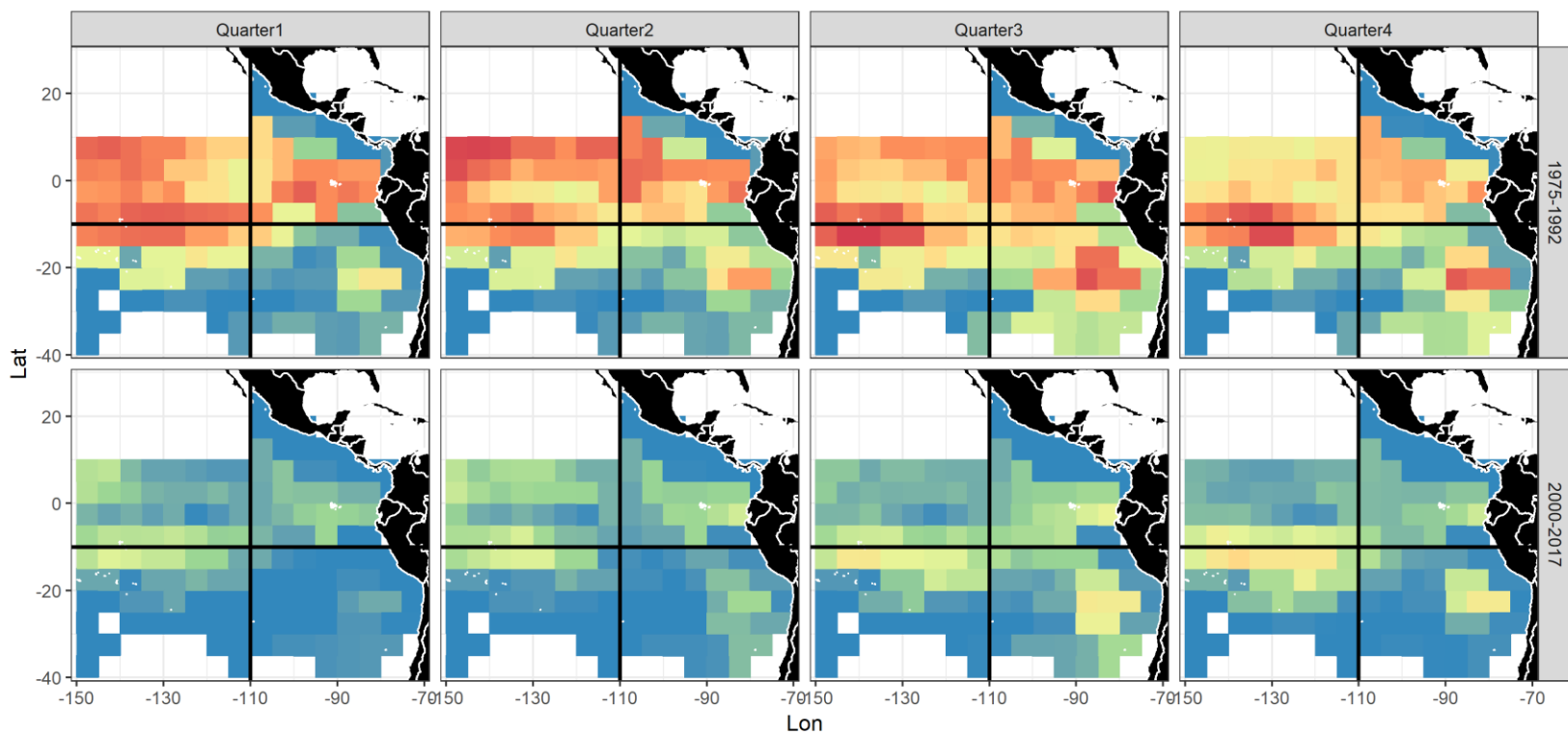
Any questions/comments/suggestions?





# Conventional tagging data





# Recapture longitude versus Length at recapture

- For those which were released in the CPO, the expected recapture location moved eastward as the length at recapture increases
- For those which were released in the EPO, the expected recapture location stayed in the EPO until reaching maturity

