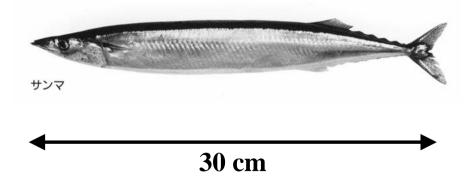
A study for interannual variability of Pacific saury using a simple 3-box model of NEMURO.FISH

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Biomass: 2.8 million tones

west of 162E: 0.9-1.3 million tones

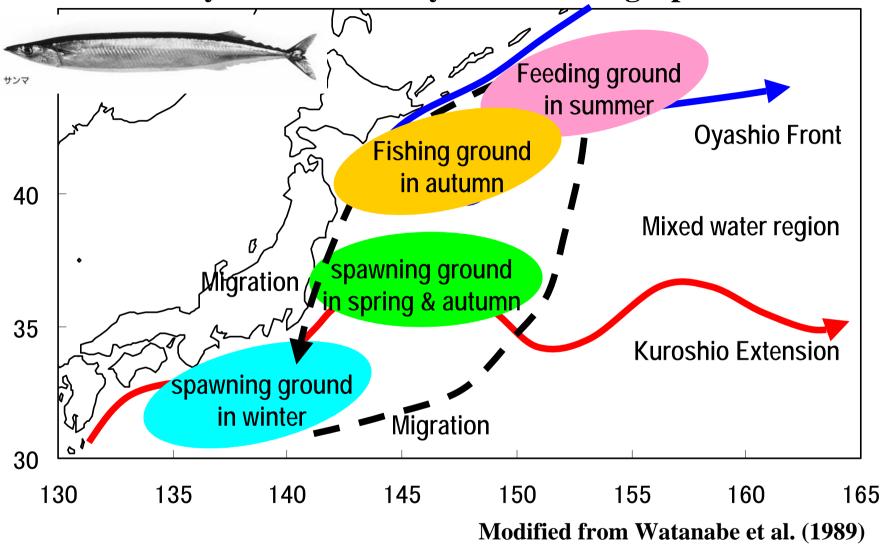
Number: 56.1 billion

Total catch: 0.25 million tones

0.58-0.05 million tones

By TNFRI survey

Life History of Pacific Saury with Oceanographic Features



3-box version

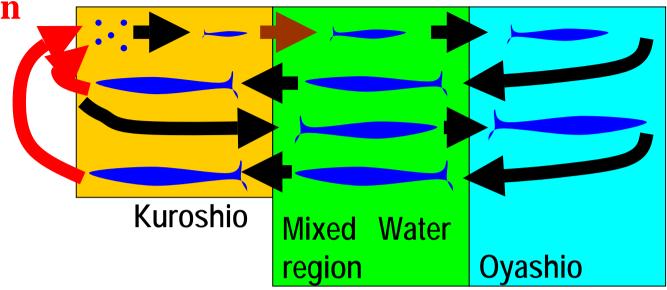
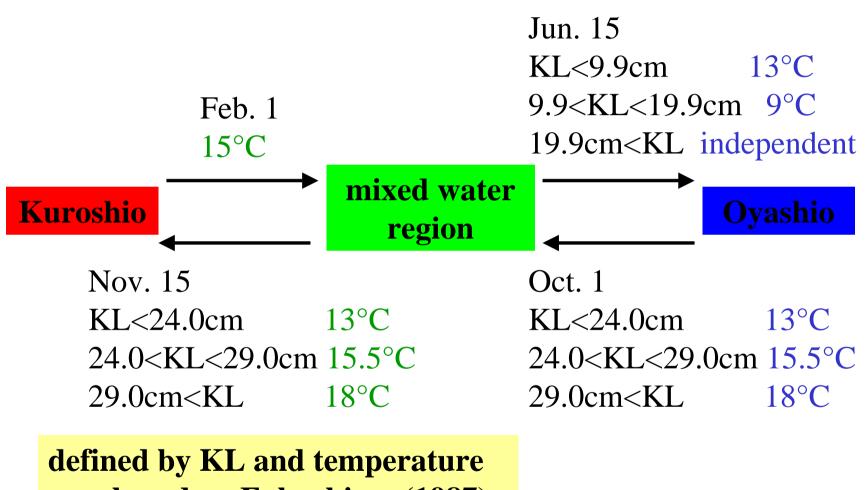


Table 2. Life stages of Pacific saury in the saruy bioenergetics model

Stage	region		
larvae	Kuroshio		
juvenile & young	mixed region		
small	Oyashio		
adult	mixed region	9 life stages	
adult matured	Kuroshio		
adult	mixed region		
adult	Oyashio		
adult	mixed region		Ito et al. (2004)
adult matured	Kuroshio		, ,

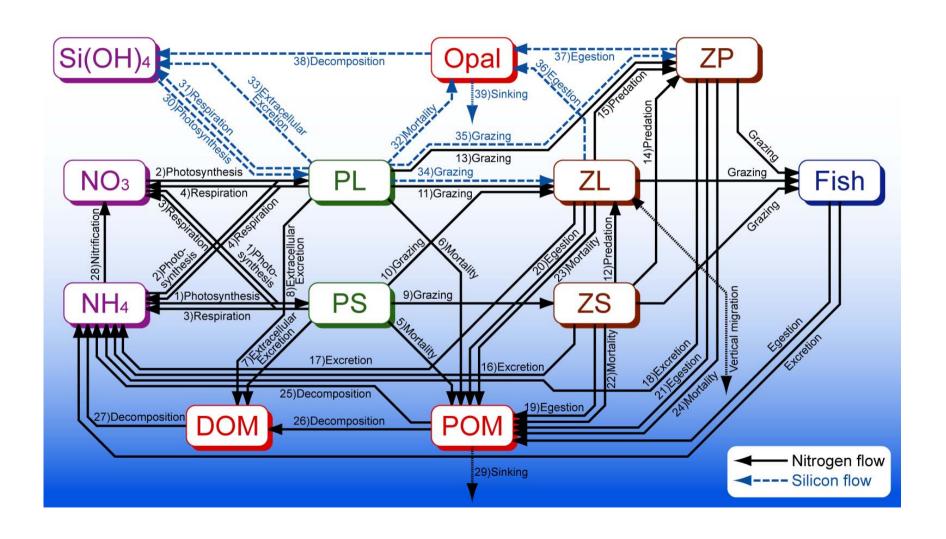
timing of migration

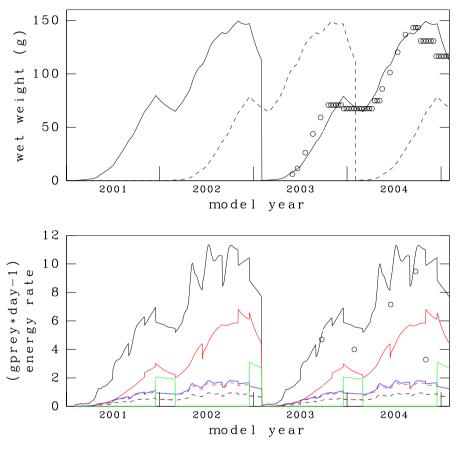


defined by KL and temperature based on Fukushima (1987) Kosaka (2000)

Mukai et al. (submitted)

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Simulated wet weight & observed growth (Kurita et al.)

Terms of the bioenergetics equation

black solid: consumption

red solid: respiration

blue solid: egestion

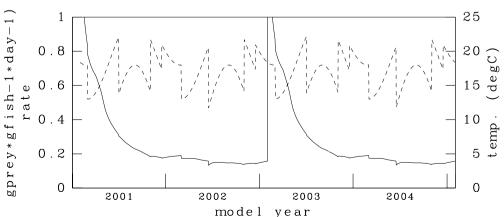
black dotted: excretion

red dotted: specific dynamic action

green: egg production

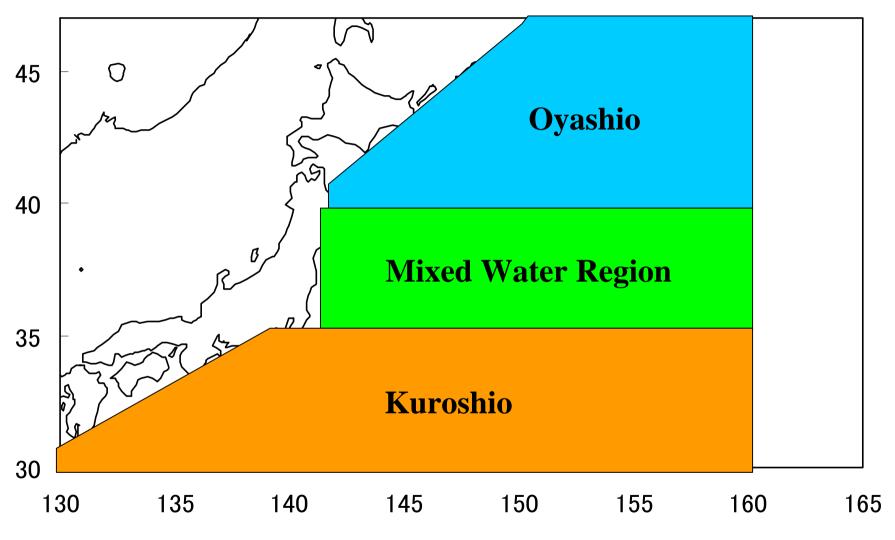
open circle: observed consumption

by Kurita (2002)



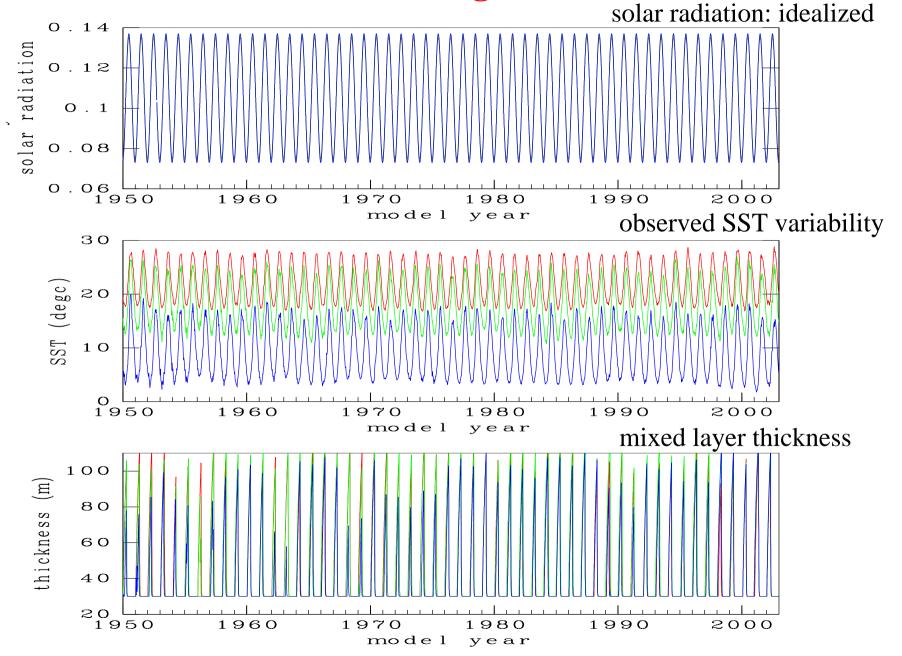
maximum consumption rate multiplied by temperature function (solid line) & water temperature (dotted line).

Interannual Forcing (SST)

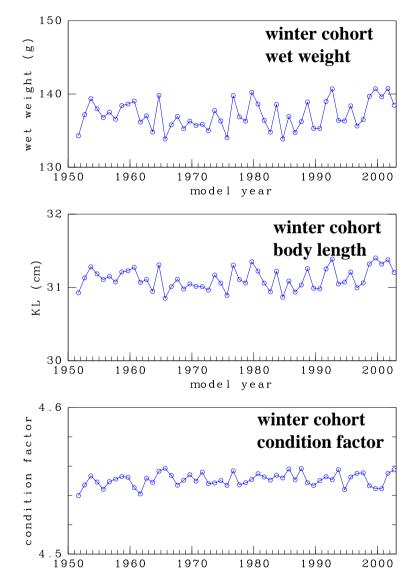


JMA SST product (1deg x 1deg, 10days) 1950 - 2002

forcing

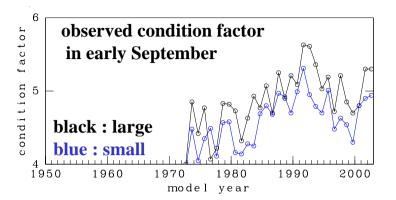


model result



model year

vs observation



$$CF = W/KL^{3}*1000$$

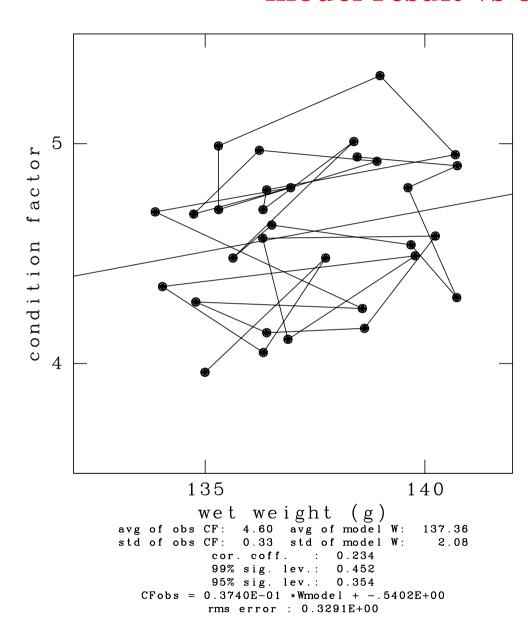
In the model the body length is calculated using fixed W-KL relation.

Therefore, the CF is almost fixed in the model.
W is better indicator for

growth of saury in the model.

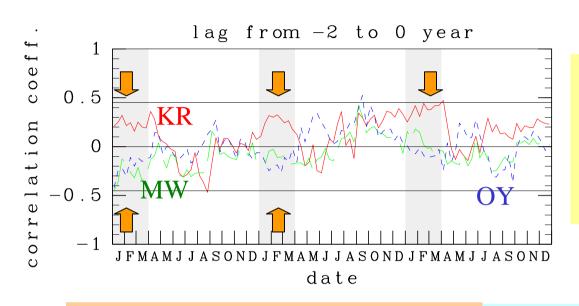
The model result does not well reconstruct the observed variation.

model result vs observation



Thought the model result does not well reconstruct the observed variation, there is positive correlation between obs. condition factor and modeled W.

SST - CF relation (observation)



Observed condition factor shows positive correlation with winter KR SST, negative correlation with winter SST in MW and OY.

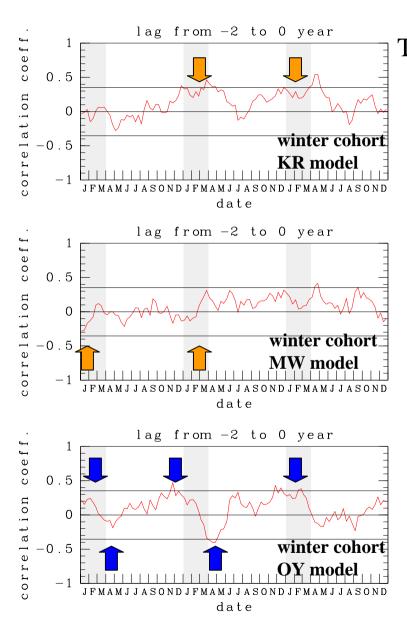
Warm SST in KR

=> avoid severe condition SST does not distinctly affect the secondary production because lack of ZL

Cold SST in MW & OY

- => deep convection
- => high nutrient
- => high PL, ZL

SST - W relation (model)



Three additional experiments are performed.

SST has interannual variability
only in Kuroshio region: KR exp
only in mixed water region: MW exp
only in Oyashio region: OY exp

KR exp:

positive correlation in winter (OK)

MW exp:

negative correlation in winter (OK)

OY exp:

positive correlation in winter negative correlation in spring

- => delay of spring bloom is good for saury growth
- => inconsistent with the observation

Discussion

- 1. The NEMURO.FISH is able to reproduce appropriate relationship between KR SST and saury growth.
- 2. The NEMURO.FISH is able to reproduce appropriate relationship between MW SST and saury growth.
- 3. The NEMURO.FISH cannot reproduce appropriate relationship between OY SST and saury growth.

possibility 1: salinity effect

In Oyashio region, the effect of salinity to the stratification is important. SST may be not able to reproduce realistic variation of the mixed layer thickness without the effect of fresh water flux.

possibility 2 : sardine effect

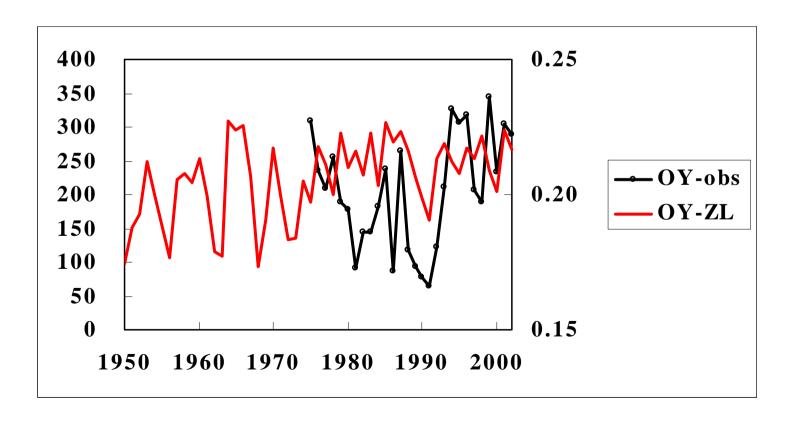
The biomass of Japanese sardine fluctuated so much and it may affect to the abundance of zooplankton, especially in Oyashio in summer season (saury migration season). Therefore, it may destroy the relationship between SST and zooplankton density in Oyashio region.

Discussion

possibility 2: sardine effect

summer zooplankton density (Odate data: courtesy of Dr. Sugisaki) NEMRUO output

Model does not follow the variability during 1980's. Japanese sardine increased extraordinary in this period.



Future Perspectives

- 1. Apply NEMURO.FISH to sardine, anchovy, mackerel, & others.
- 2. Perform dynamic linkage between fish and plankton models.
- 3. Construct multi-species model of NEMURO.FISH.