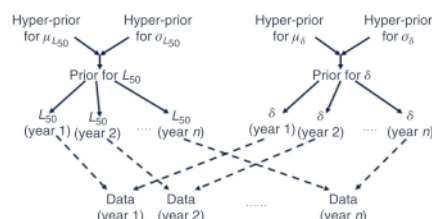


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Punt *et al.* (p. 503) demonstrate the efficacy of Bayesian hierarchical modelling, incorporating mixed-effects for year and region, in determining accurate estimates of maturity-at-length for a species of rock lobster. These estimates help define important life-history parameters and are vital for the effective management of the fishery.

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