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Antonio Bode. Plankton in the new millennium: synchronic multidecadal trends and regime shifts

Abstract (max 250 words)

Recent changes in oceanic plankton are being reported at unprecedented rates. Most changes are related to environmental factors and many were identified as driven by climate, either through natural cycles or by anthropogenic effects. However, the separation of both effects is difficult because of the small size of most observational series. Moreover, some changes are related to trends and cycles while others were perceived as system shifts, often synchronized over large spatial scales. Here, studies on observational series of plankton, with the focus in the N Atlantic, are reviewed. Two main quasi-synchronic shifts in species assemblages were identified: one in late 1980's and a most recent one in the first decade of the new millennium. While the origin and extent of most shifts vary locally, their synchronization seems to confirm the lagged response of plankton to changes in warming and in large-scale climatic factors. Changes in species abundance patterns are generally related to the strength of currents, but also to non-linear effects of warming, the latter particularly affecting species in regions near the limits of their thermal niche. Indeed, most of the changes are attributed to trade-offs between different biological strategies. Taken together, the reviewed case studies indicate a lagged biological response to variations in the local environment driven by large-scale climate forcing. The challenges for the interpretation of future changes include the consideration of local changes in a wider regional context, variations in species life-traits and possible top-down effects of plankton predators

Keywords (max 20)

phytoplankton, zooplankton, time series, abundance, biomass, regime shift, ocean, climate, life-traits

Tweet text for social media (max 267 characters)

Major reorganization of plankton assemblages lags behind climate change across ocean basins. Besides gradual changes, large discontinuities in the biomass and composition of plankton observed at different places are indicative of quasi-synchronous effects of climate.

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Dietary needs

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Symposium on Decadal Variability of the North Atlantic and its Marine Ecosystems: 2010-2019

June 20-22nd, 2022

Bergen, Norway

Plankton in the new millennium: synchronic multidecadal trends and regime shifts

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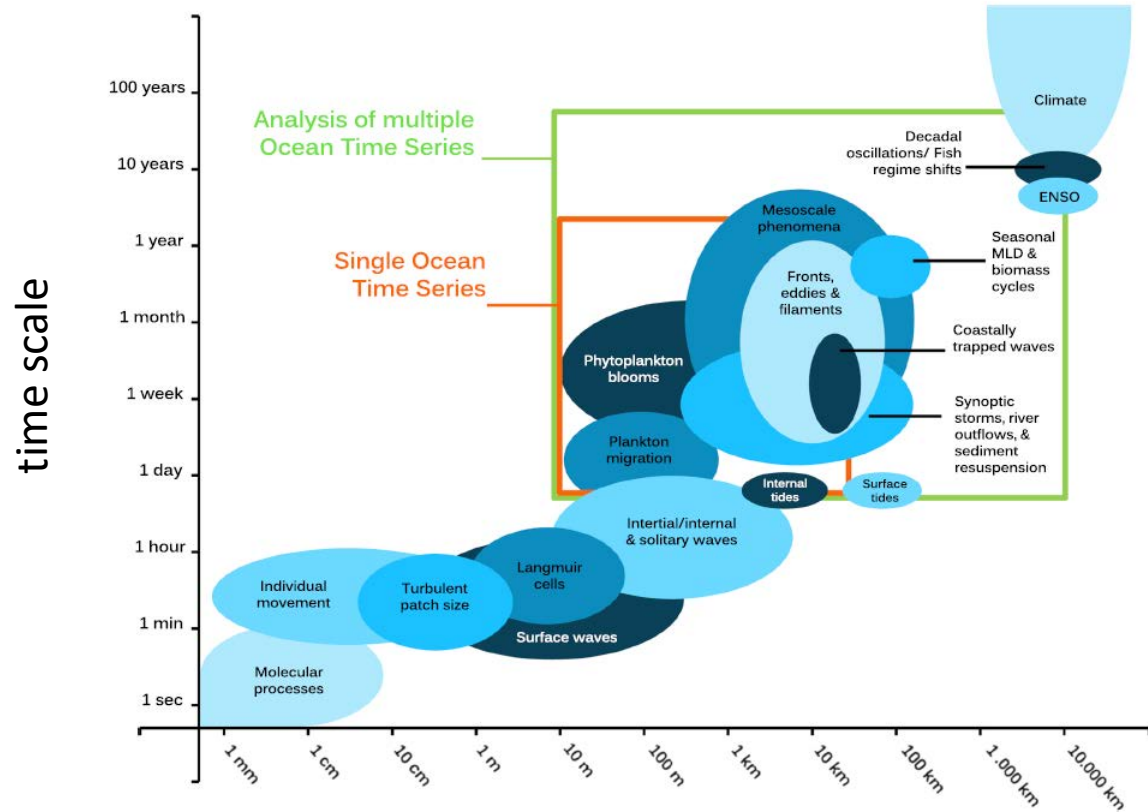
Content

- trends, cycles and shifts
- recent decadal variability: plankton in the N Atlantic
- synchronicity and time lags
- causes: climate, local environment, biological factors
- other modifiers: extreme events

Objective:

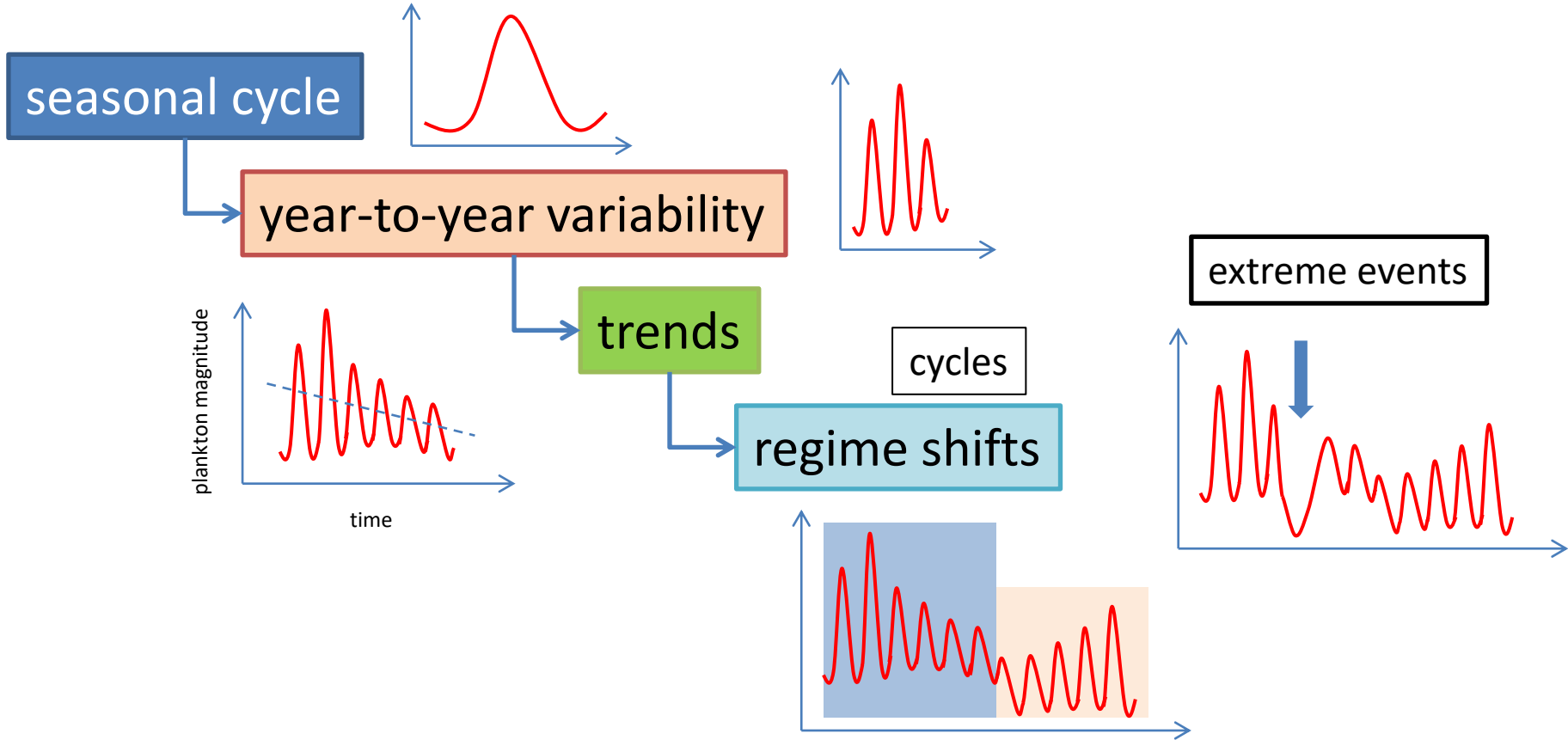
To review the current knowledge on multidecadal changes in plankton, with the focus in the N Atlantic

spatial and temporal variability:



Valdés et al. (2021) [doi:10.1016/j.pocean.2021.102671](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pocean.2021.102671)
adapted from: [Dickey \(2002\)](#)

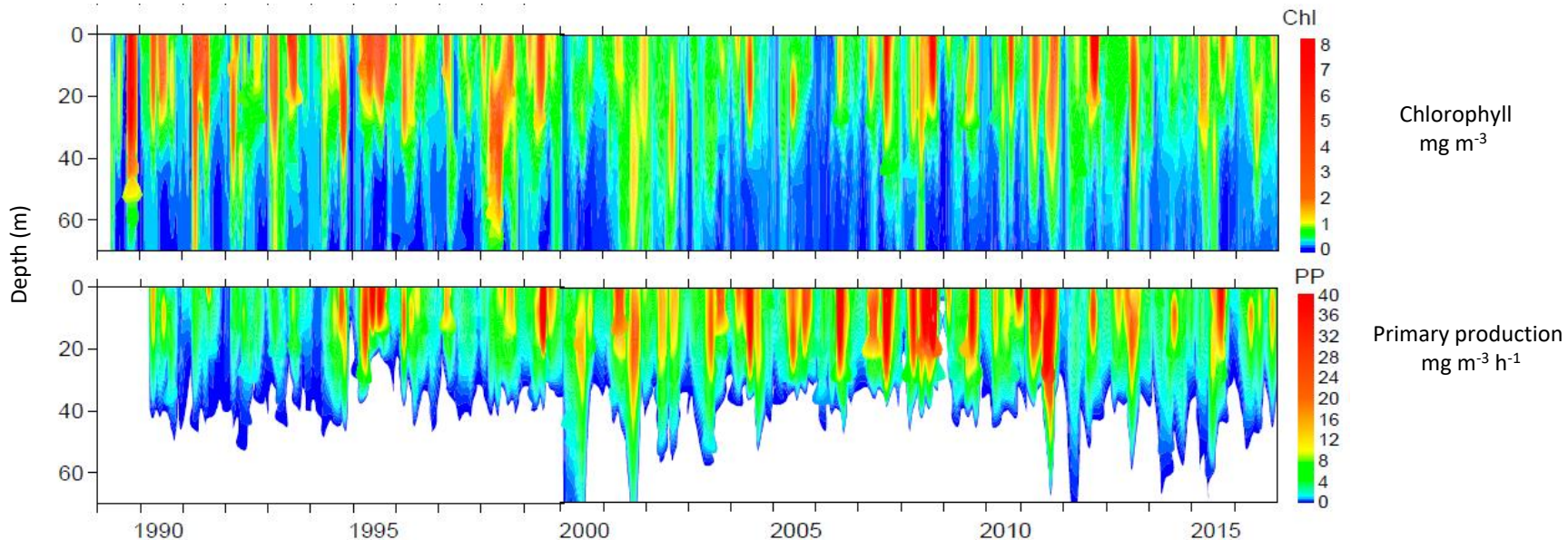
trends, cycles and shifts :



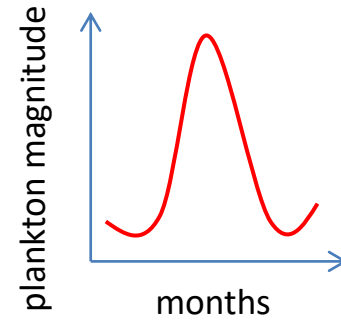
plankton series: examples

1989-2016 (28 yr)

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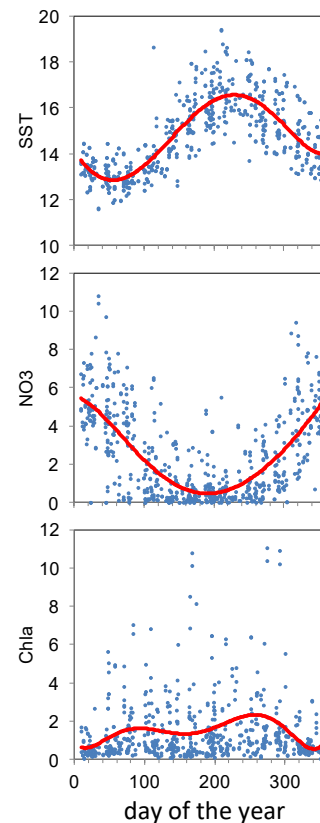
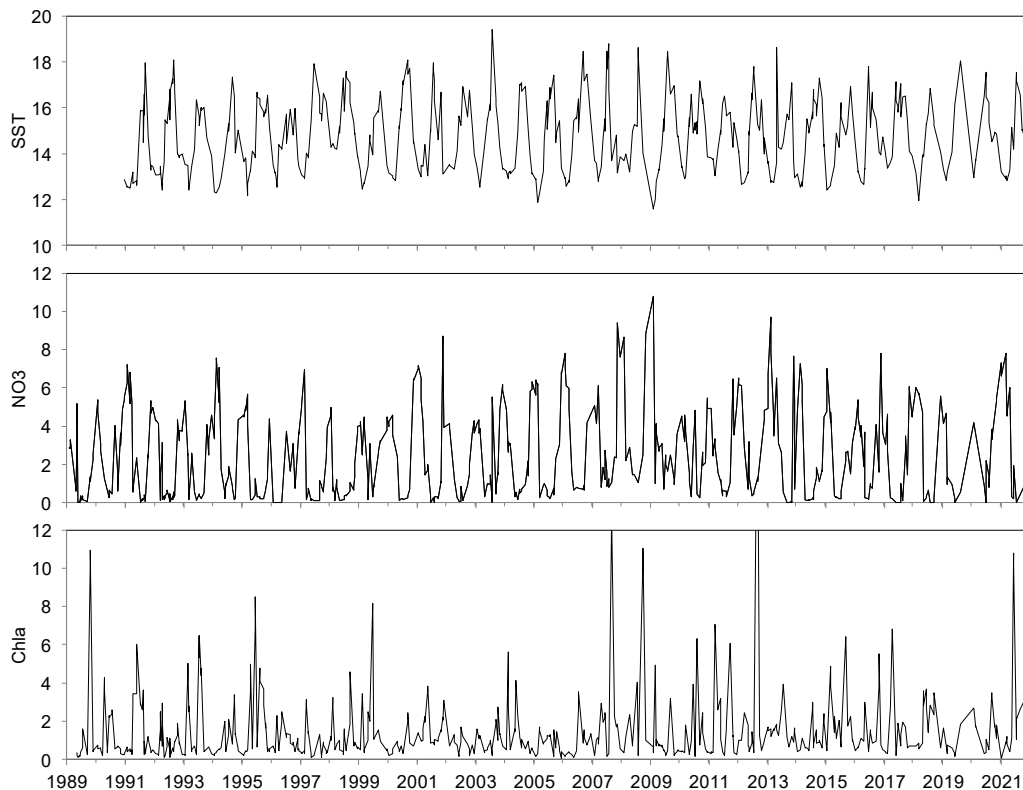


seasonality



seasonality: hydrography & plankton

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1989-2021 (33 yr)

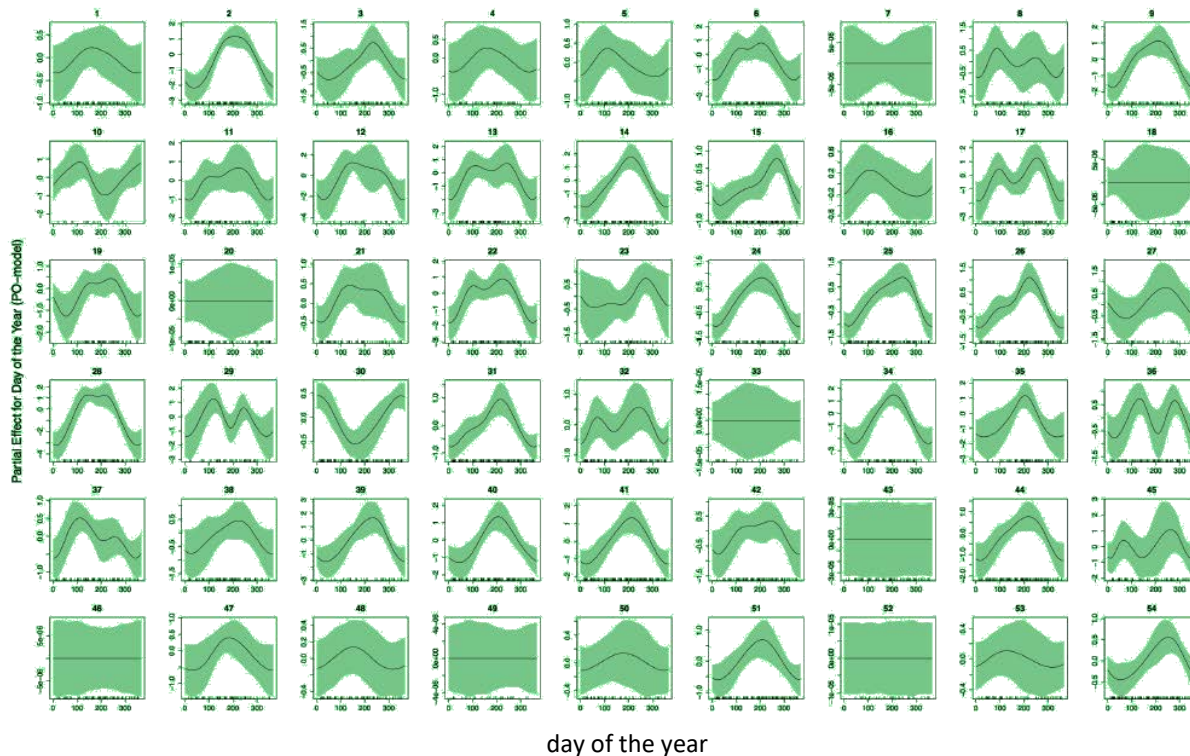
seasonality: plankton spp.

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phytoplankton

54 spp.



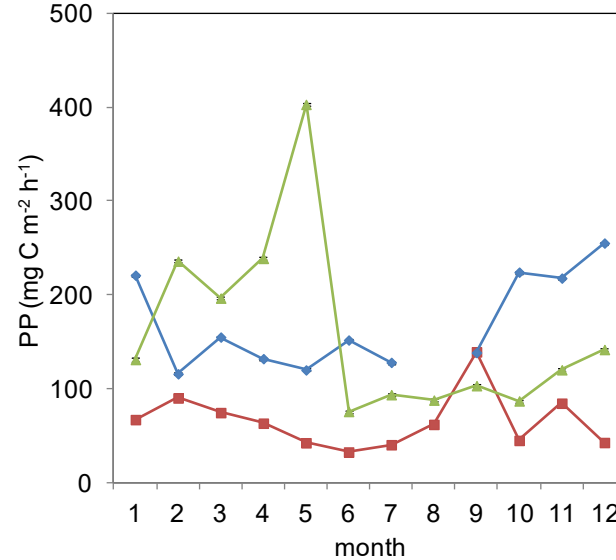
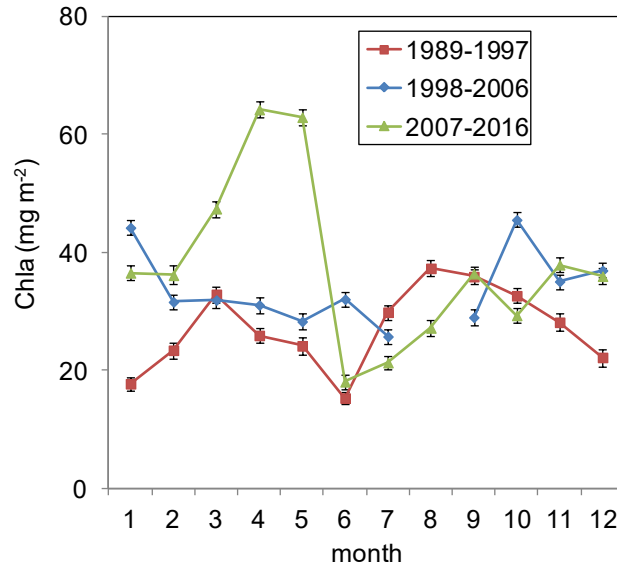
1989-2010 (22 yr)

seasonality: phenological changes

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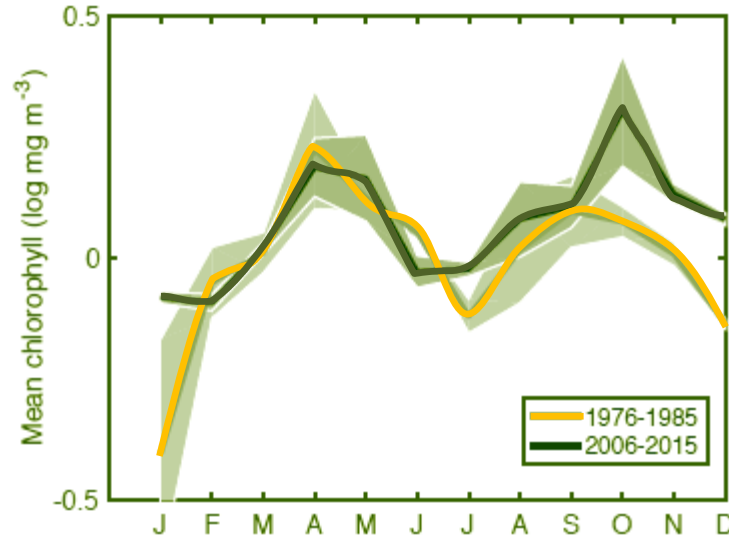
phytoplankton



1989-2016 (28 yr)

seasonality: phenological changes

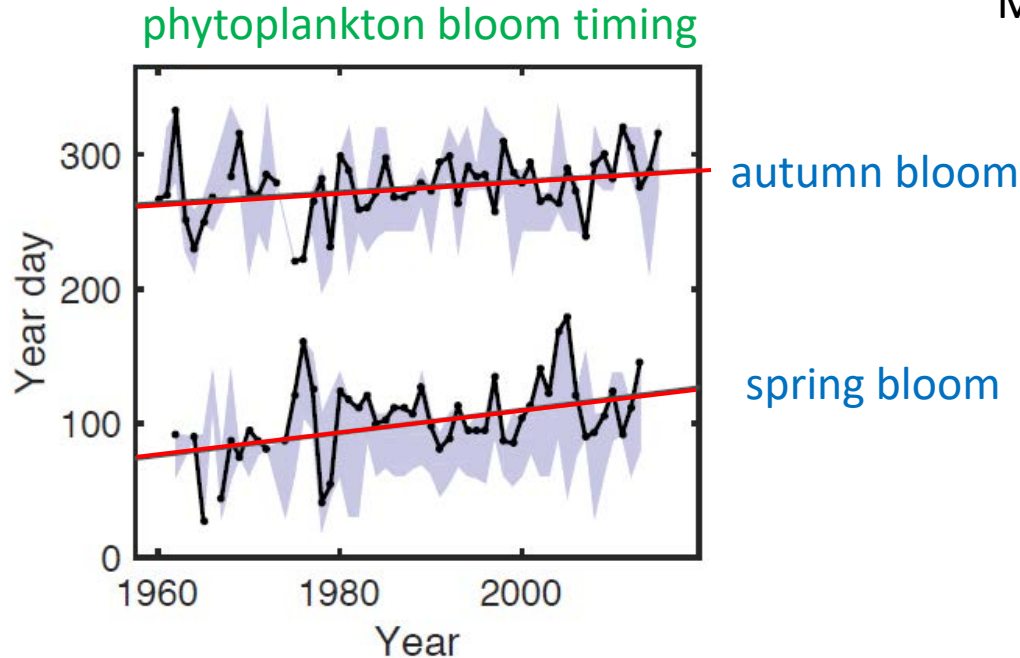
Gulf of
Maine



1976-2015 (40 yr)

seasonality: phenological changes

Gulf of
Maine



1960-2015 (56 yr)

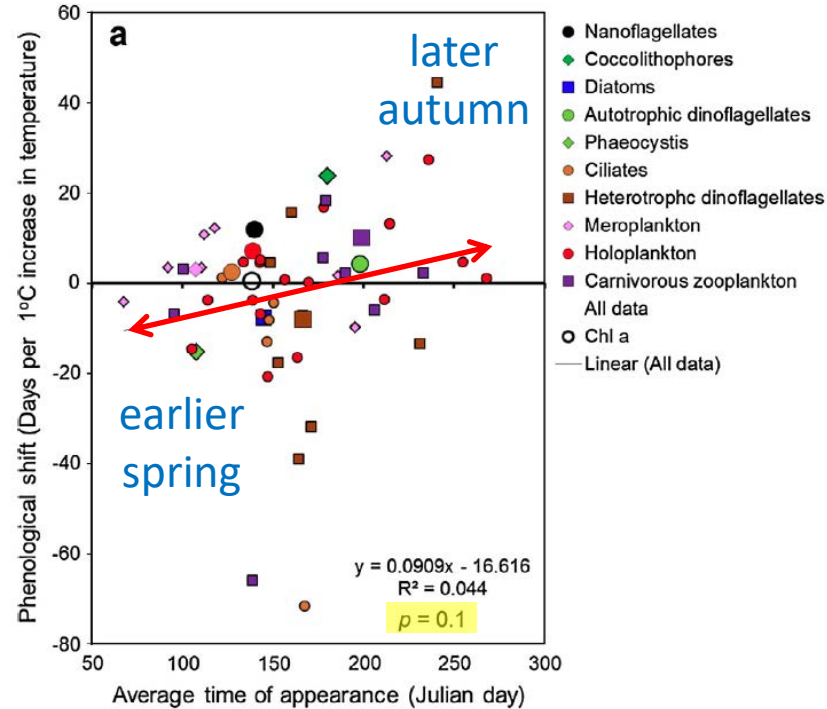
phenological changes

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Plymouth



warming
↔
widening of productive season

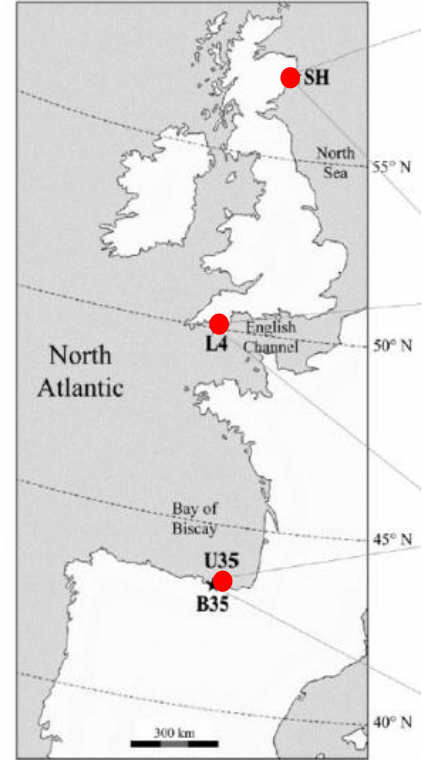
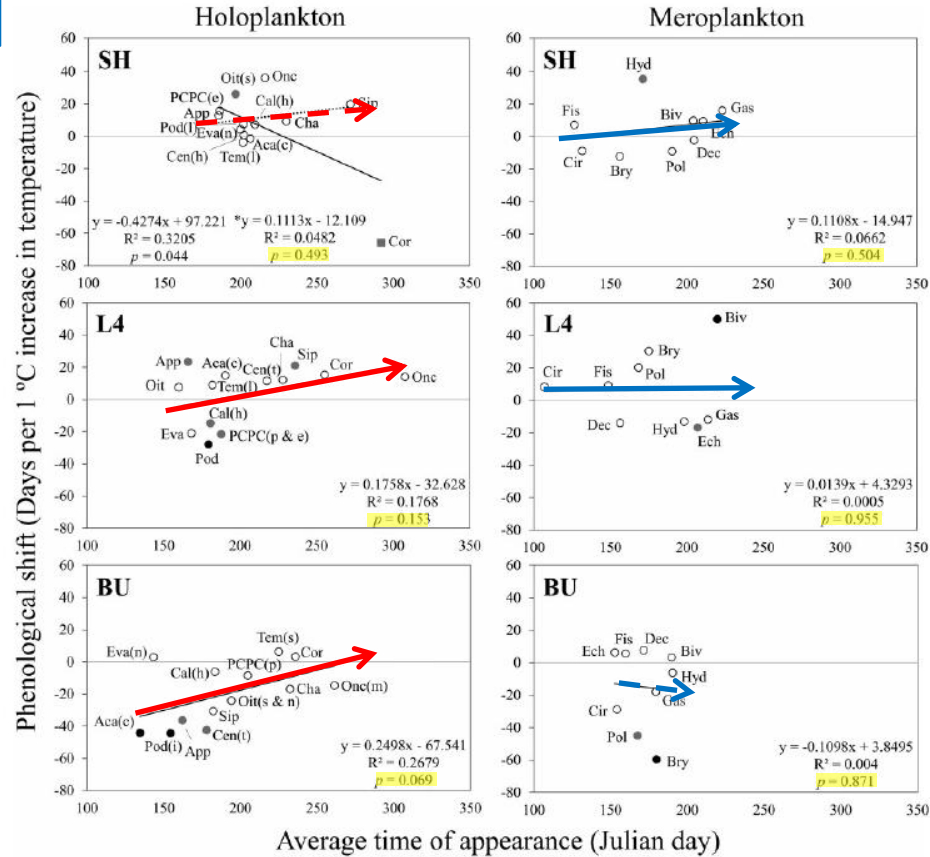
1988-2012 (25 yr)



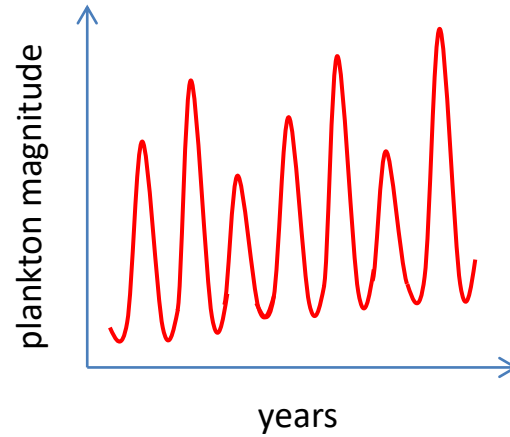
phenological changes

zooplankton

1999-2013 (14 yr)



year-to-year variability

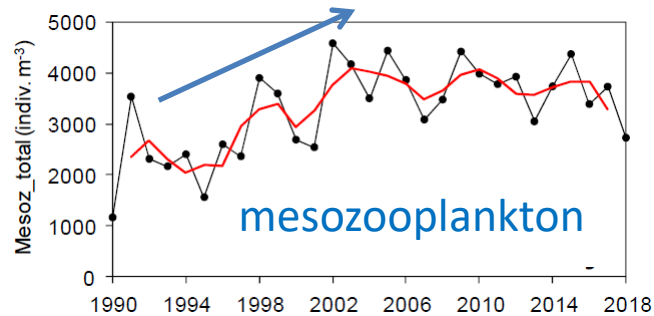
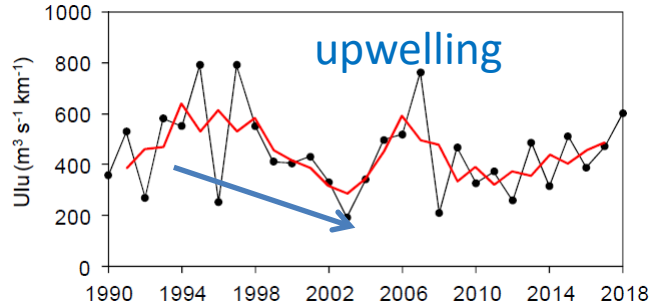


year-to-year variability: example

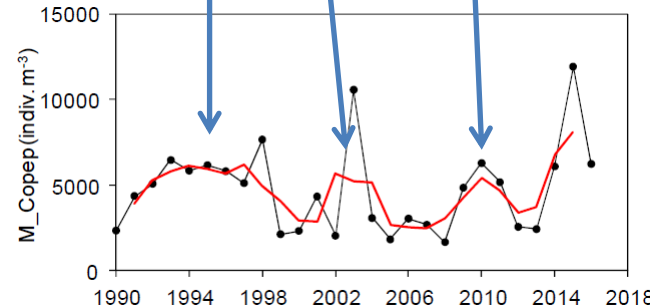
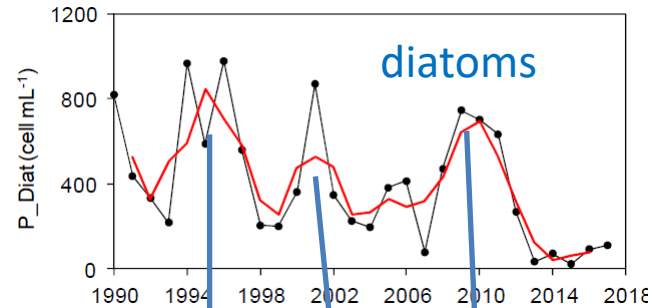
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trends



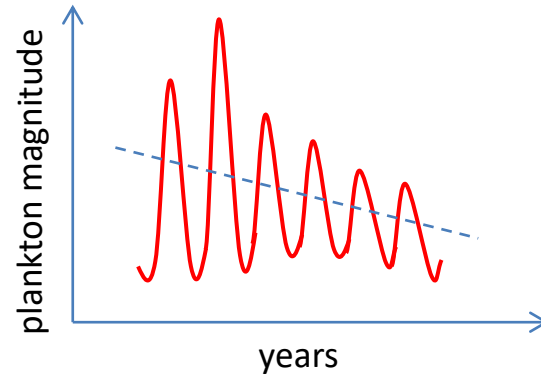
cycles



microzooplankton

1990-2016 (27 yr)

trends

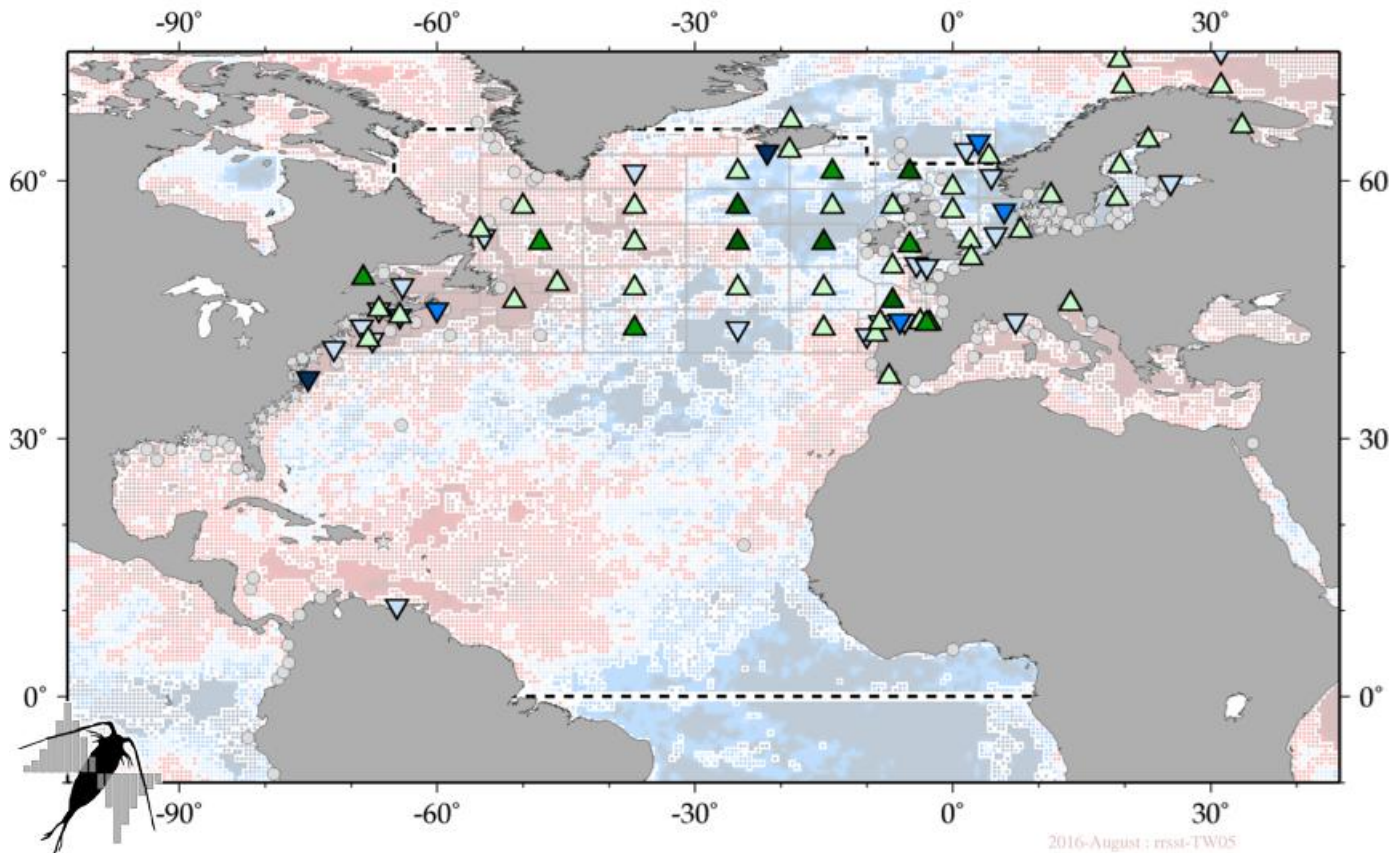


2008-2012 (5 yr)

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[trendstat-SMK : zmzoo : 05yr : allts]

zooplankton



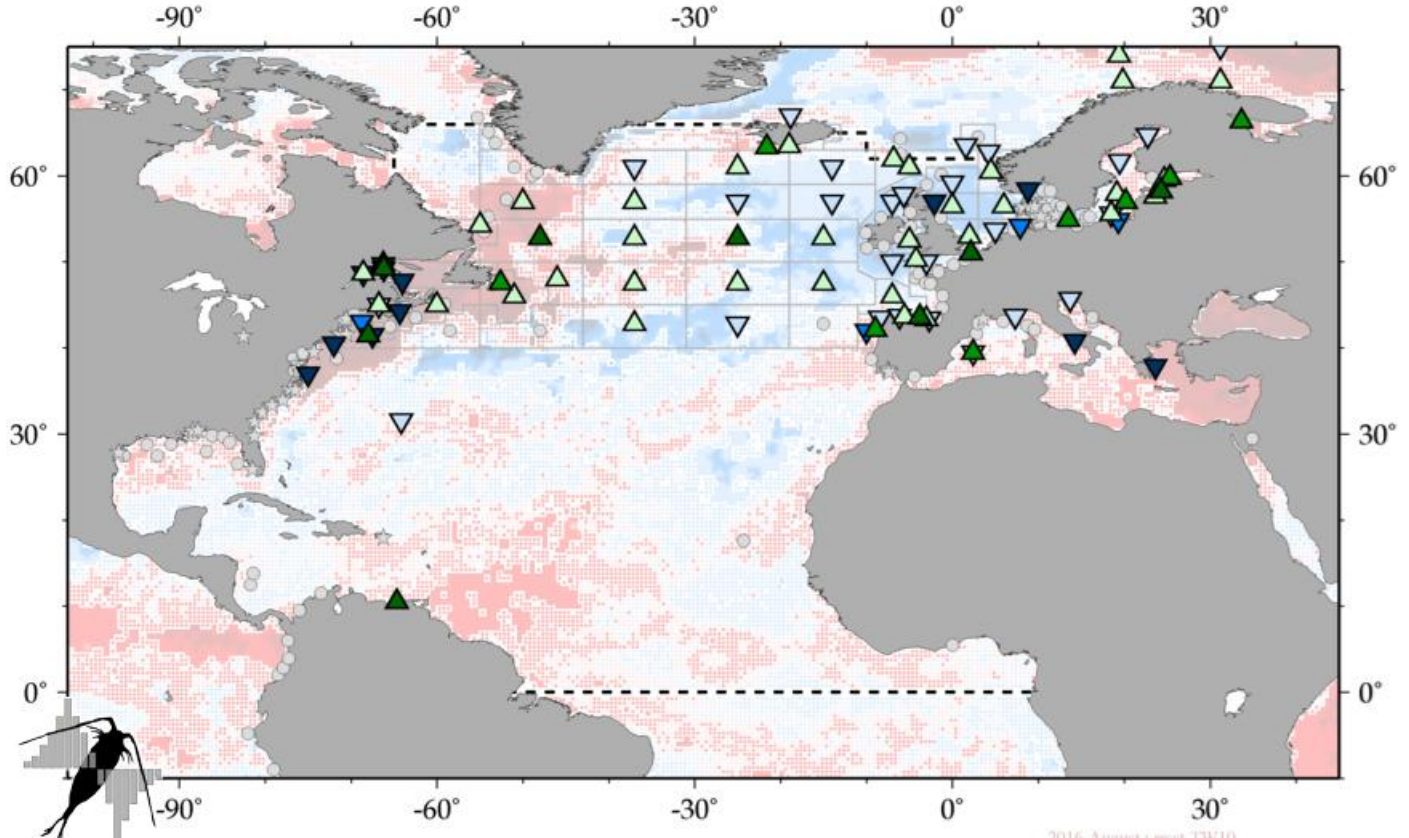
2016-August : rrsst-TW05

2003-2012 (10 yr)

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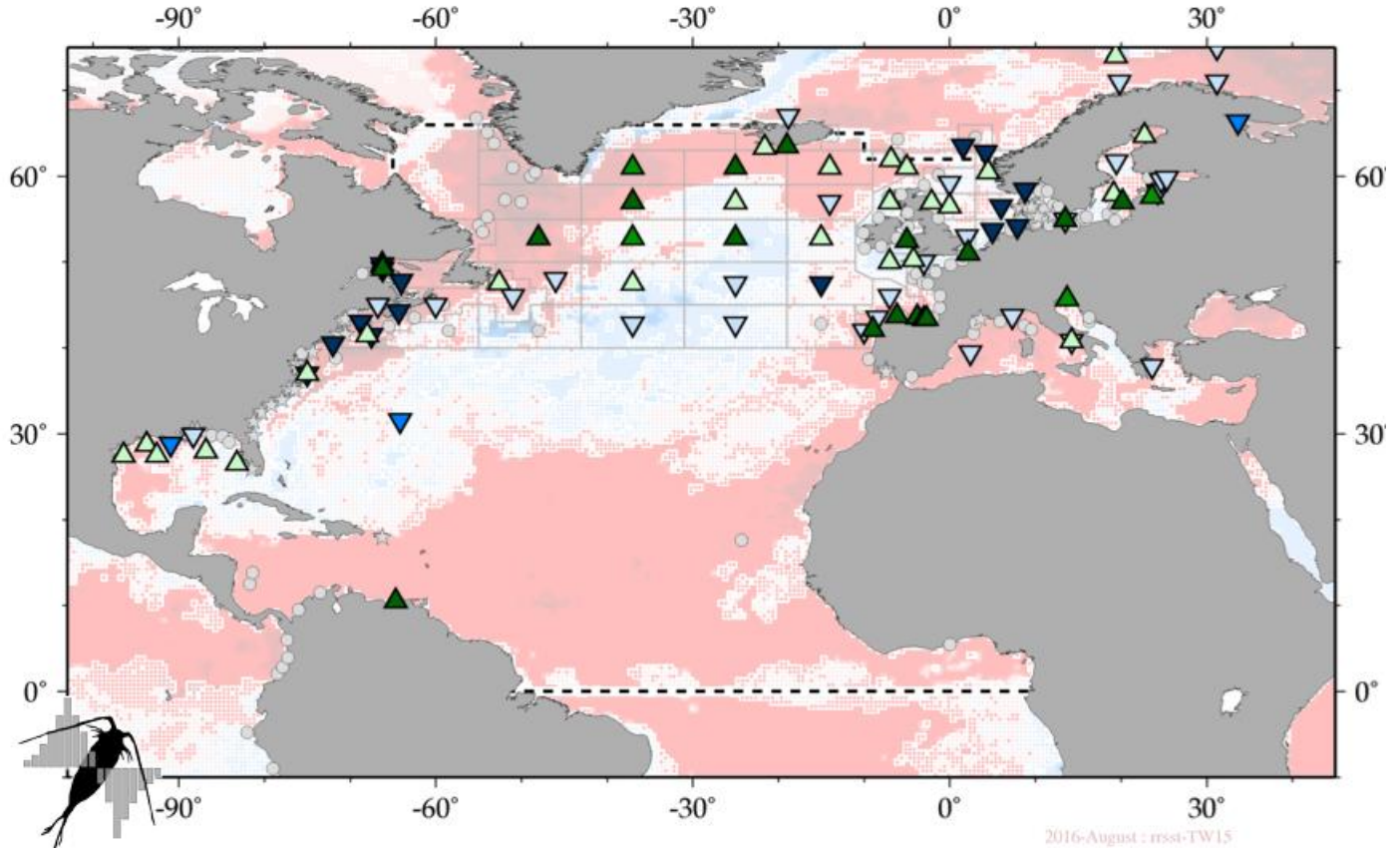
1998-2012 (15 yr)

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zooplankton

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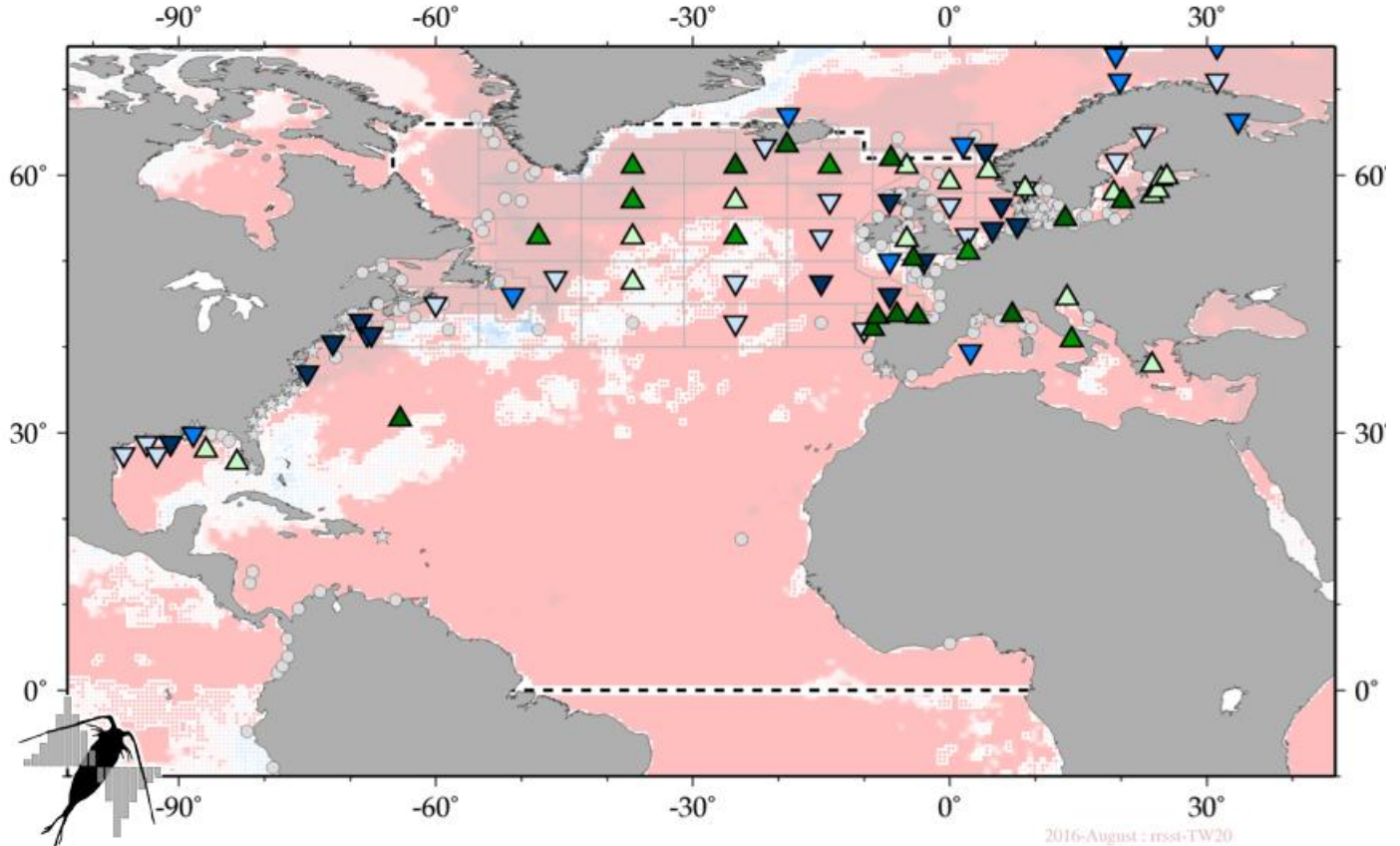
1993-2012 (20 yr)

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zooplankton

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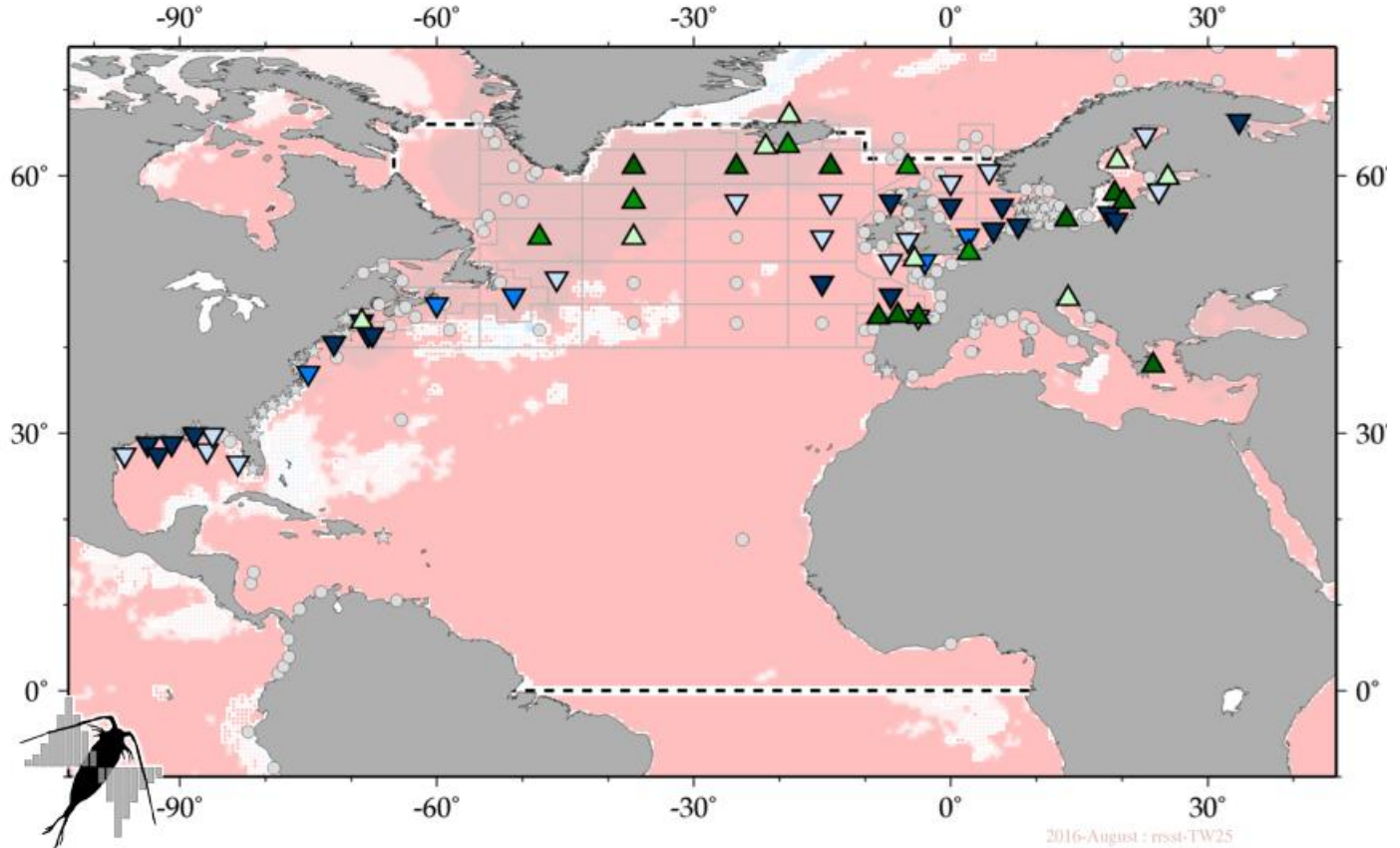
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1988-2012 (25 yr)

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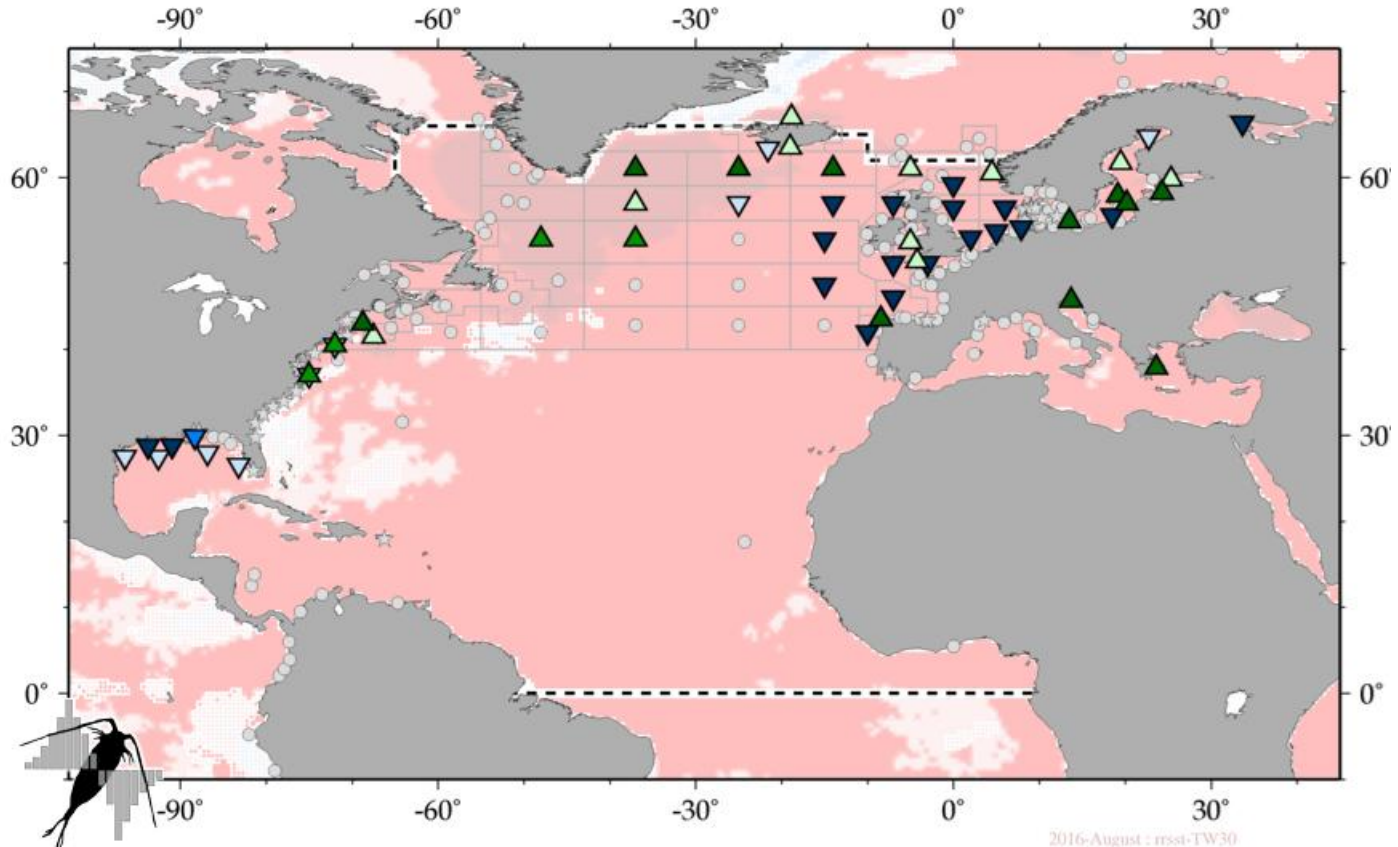


1993-2012 (30 yr)

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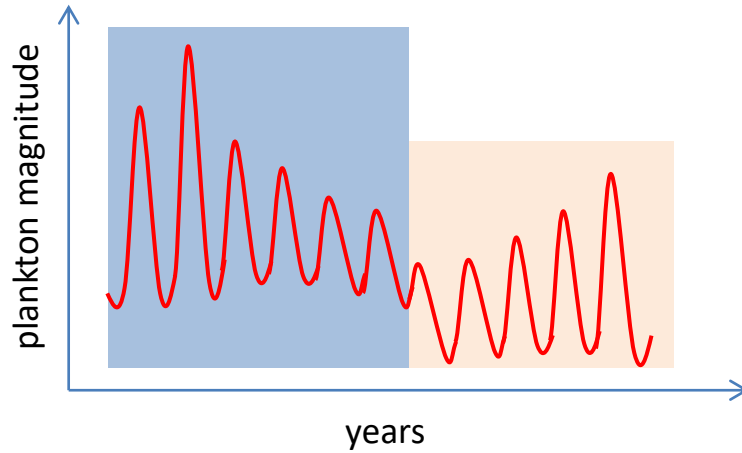
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zooplankton



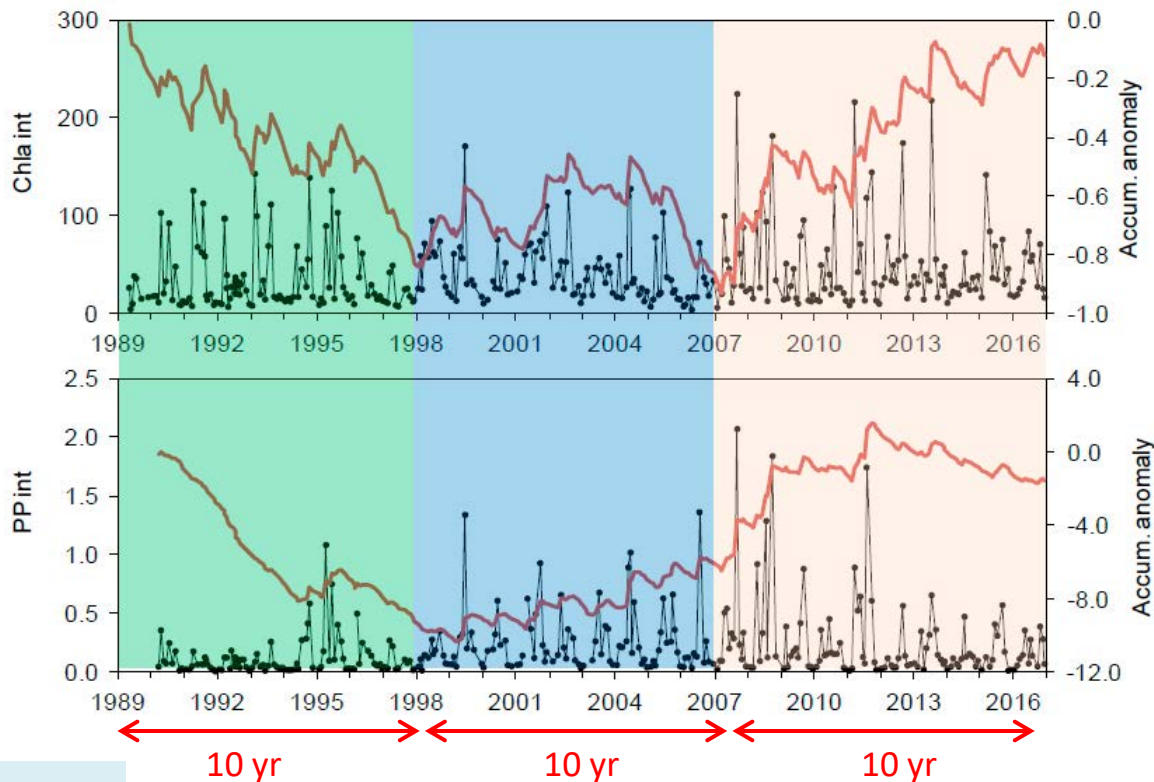
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cycles & regime shifts



cycles: quasy-decadal examples

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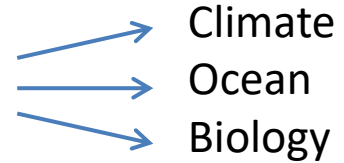


1989-2016 (28 yr)

regime shifts

Regime shifts are abrupt changes between contrasting, persistent states of any complex system.

DeYoung et al. (2008) [doi:10.1016/j.tree.2008.03.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2008.03.008)



≅ alternation between stable states

Abrupt Community Shifts (ACS)
Abrupt Ecosystem Shifts (AES)

Beaugrand (2015) [doi:10.1098/rstb.2013.0264](https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.2013.0264)



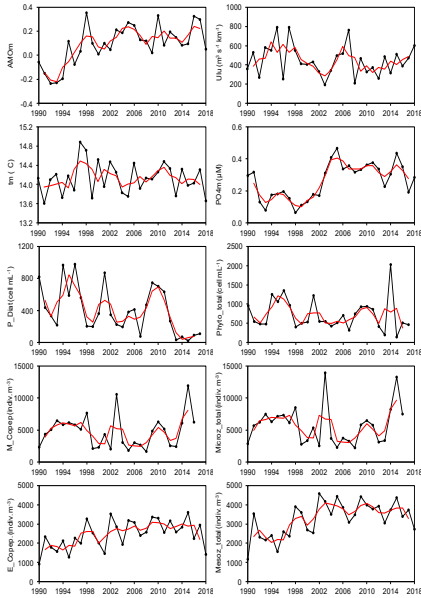
no stable states required

detecting regime shifts

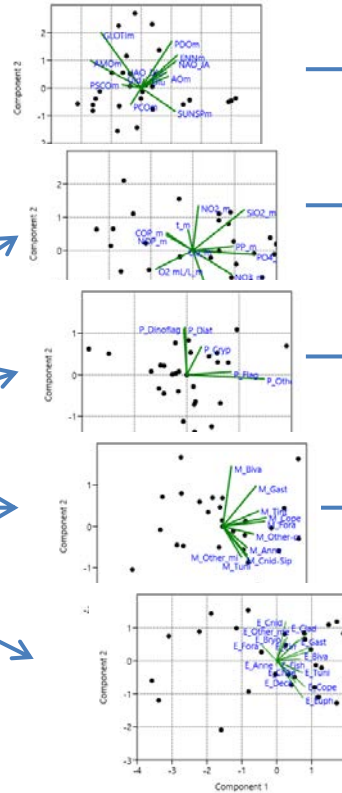
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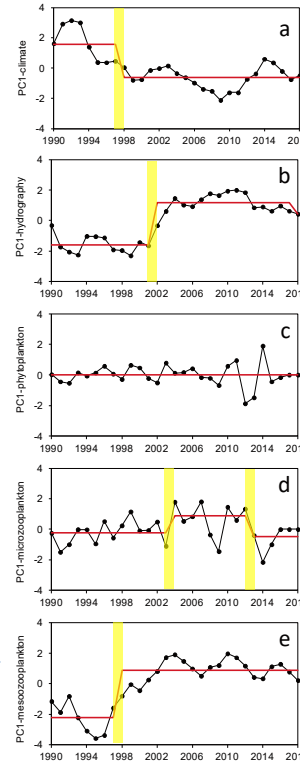
individual series



PCA



Sequential T-test Analysis of Regime Shifts



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Rodionov (2004) [doi:10.1029/2004GL019448](https://doi.org/10.1029/2004GL019448)

1990-2016 (27 yr)

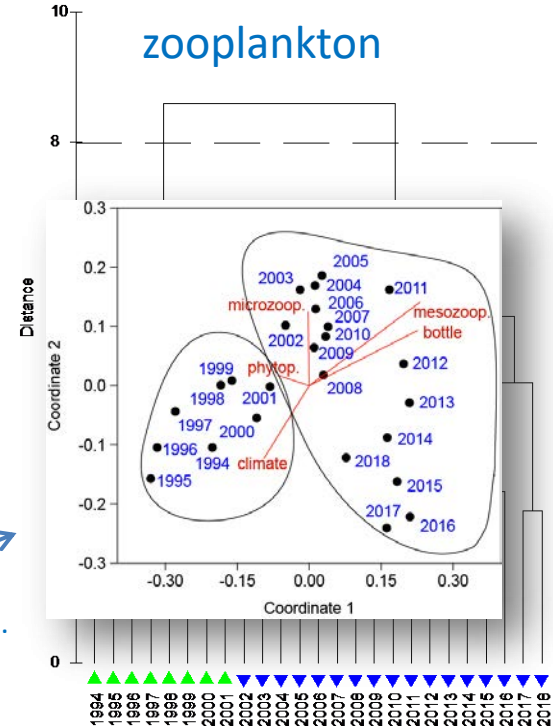
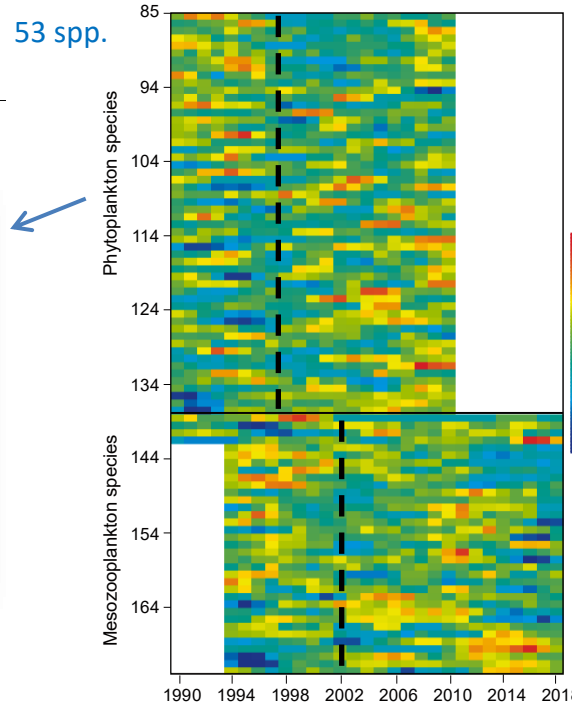
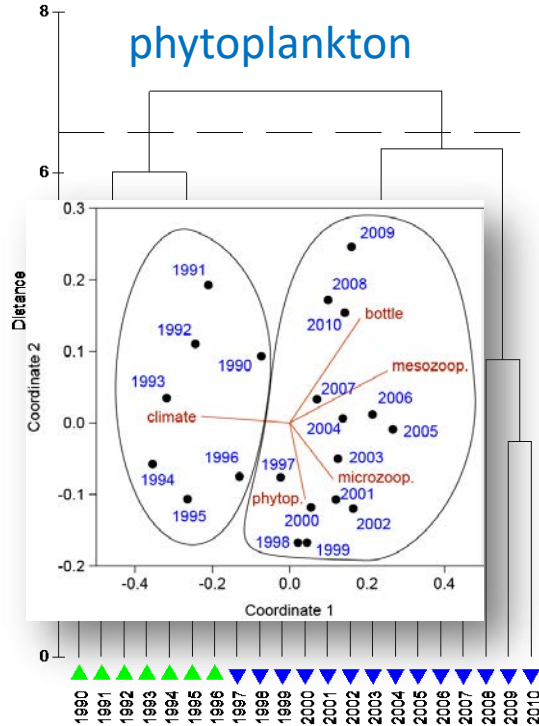
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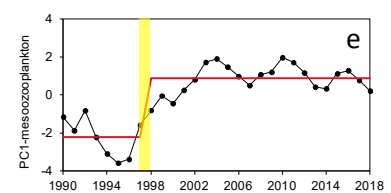
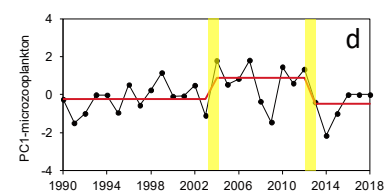
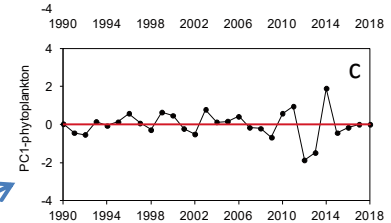
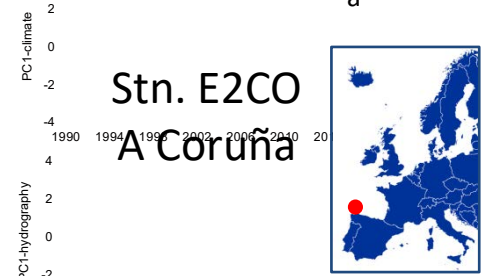
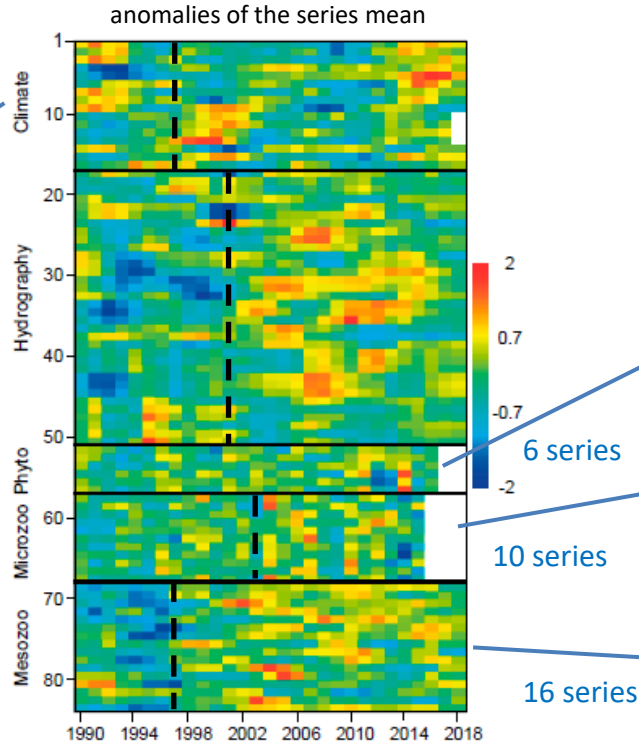
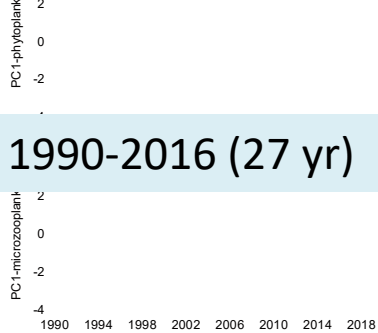
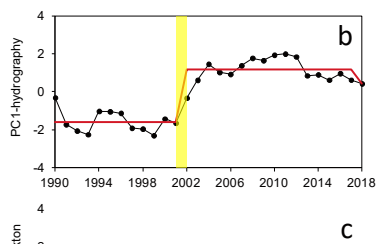
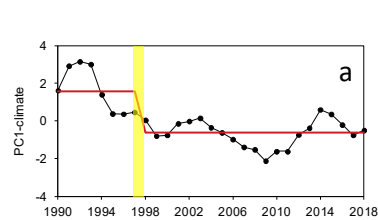
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non-metric **M**ulti**D**imensional **S**caling (**MDS**) and **C**luster **A**nalysis (**CA**)



example regime shifts



example regime shifts

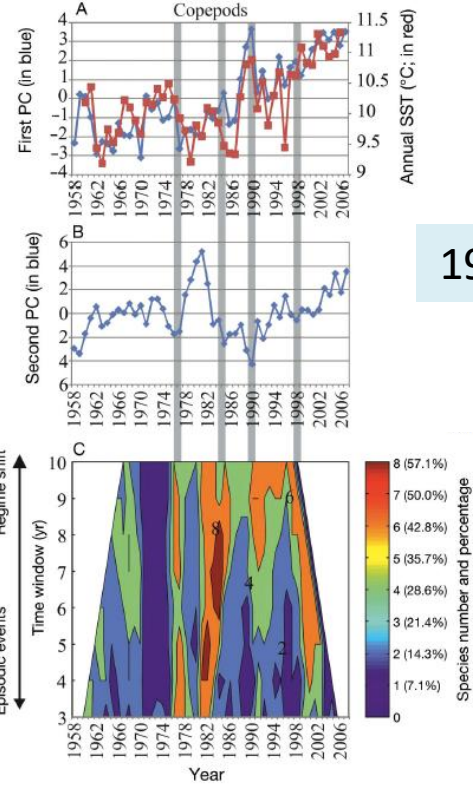
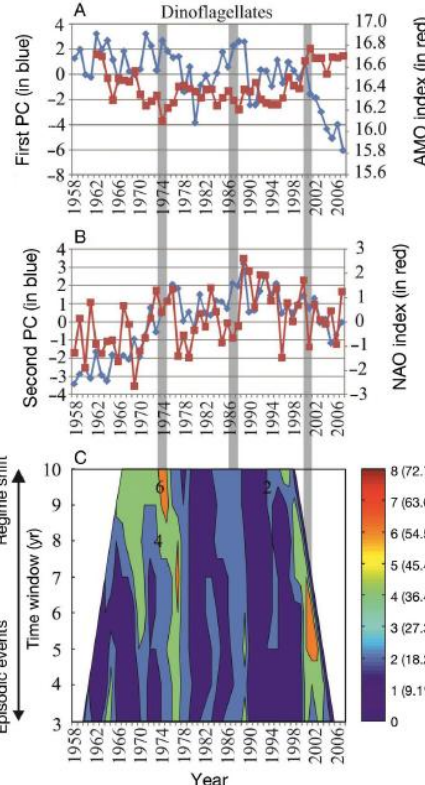
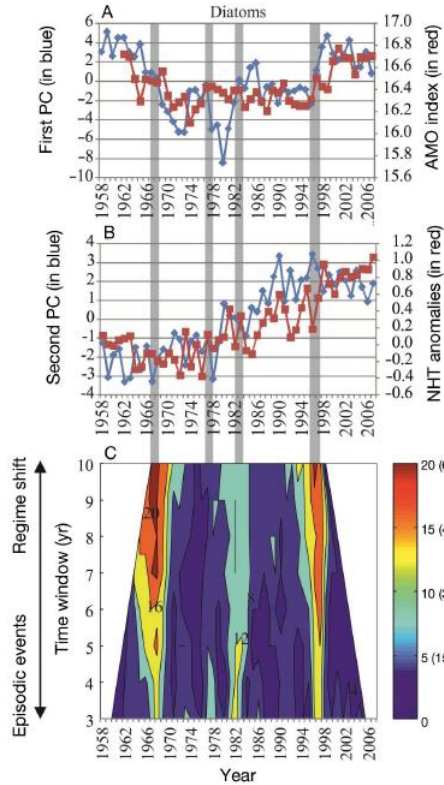


North Sea

diatoms 33 series

dinoflagellates 11 series

copepods 14 series

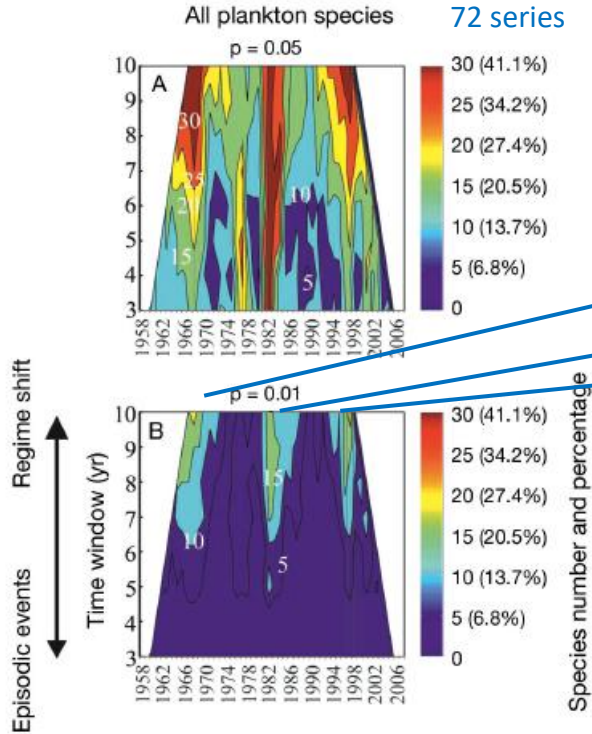


1958-2007 (50 yr)

example regime shifts



North Sea



late-1960s
early-1980s
late-1990s

1958-2007 (50 yr)

mainly related to temperature and NAO

- How many regime shifts?
- Are they synchronized?



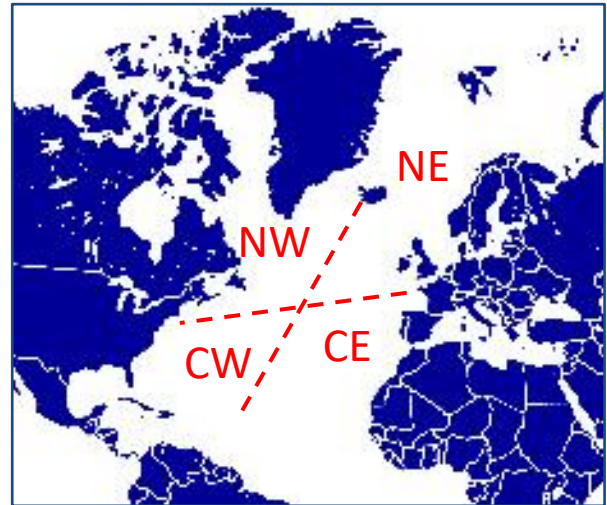
since 1960



N Atlantic plankton regime shifts

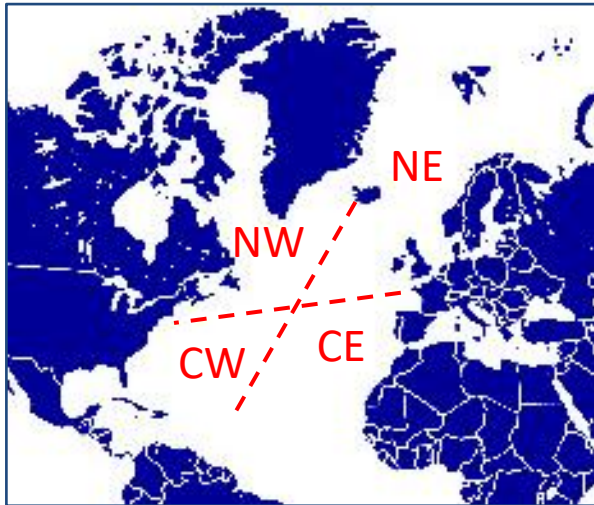
review

- plankton
- observational studies with continuous time-series ≥ 10 yr
- at least one major shift identified
- four major subregions:
 - North East
 - Central East
 - North West
 - Central West



N Atlantic plankton regime shifts

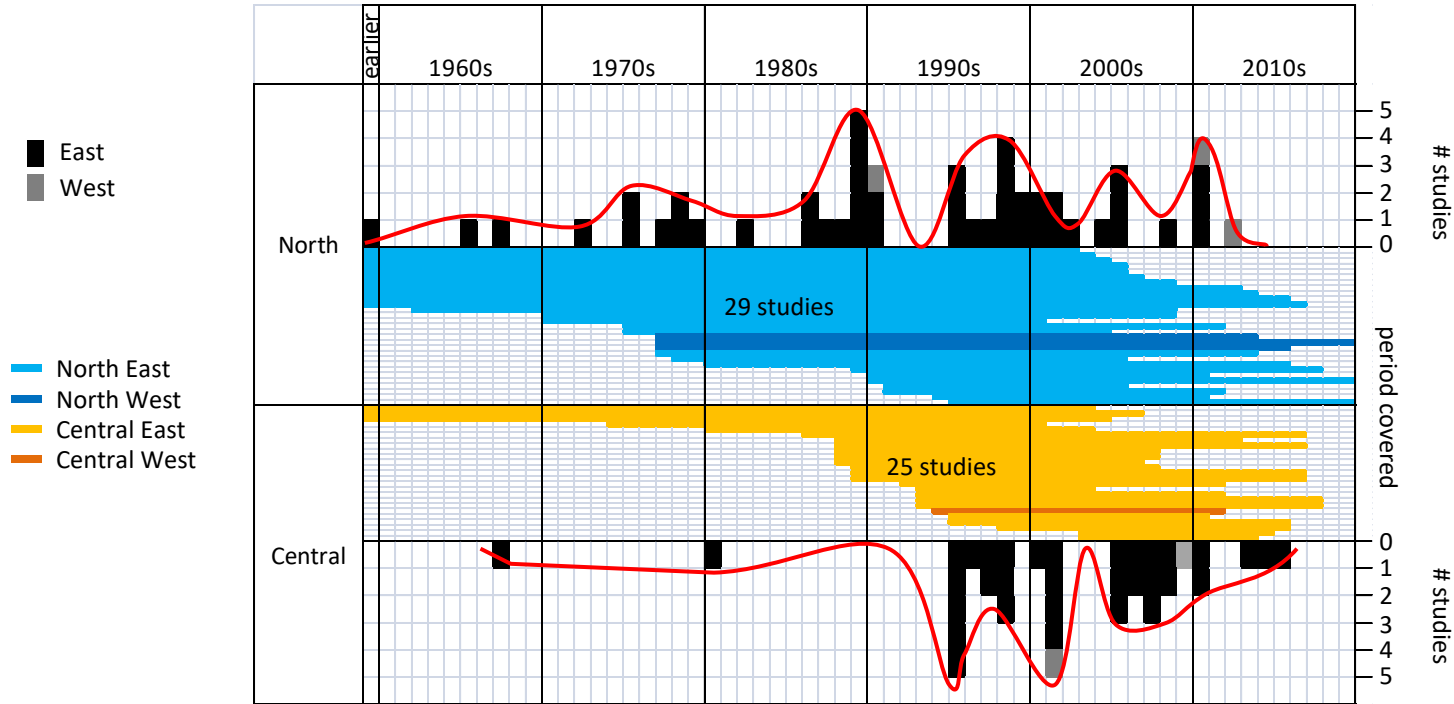
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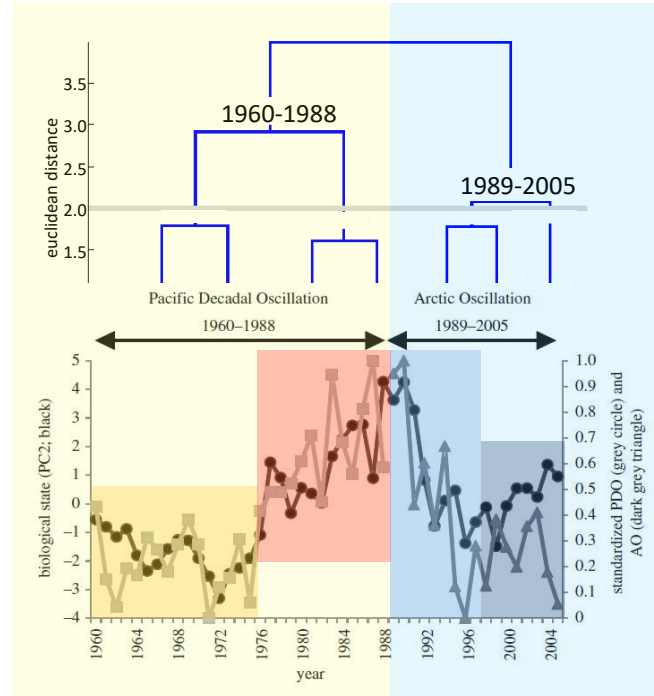
zone	subzone	# series
North East	Norwegian Sea	3
	Baltic Sea	4
	North Sea	14
	Celtic Sea	2
	English Channel	7
North West	Labrador Sea	1
	Scotian Shelf	1
	Georges Bank	3
	Gulf of Maine	3
	Mid Atlantic Bight	1
	Total North	39
Central East	Bay of Biscay	7
	Iberian Atlantic	5
	Canary Current	1
	Mediterranean Sea	2
Central West	Sargasso Sea	1
	Total Central	16

N Atlantic plankton regime shifts

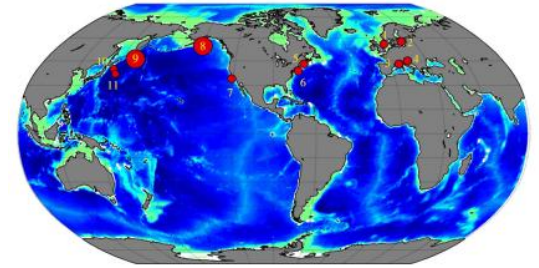
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synchronicity:



Northern hemisphere

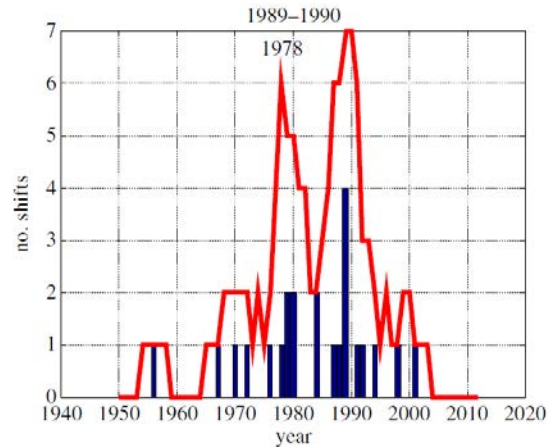


reanalysis

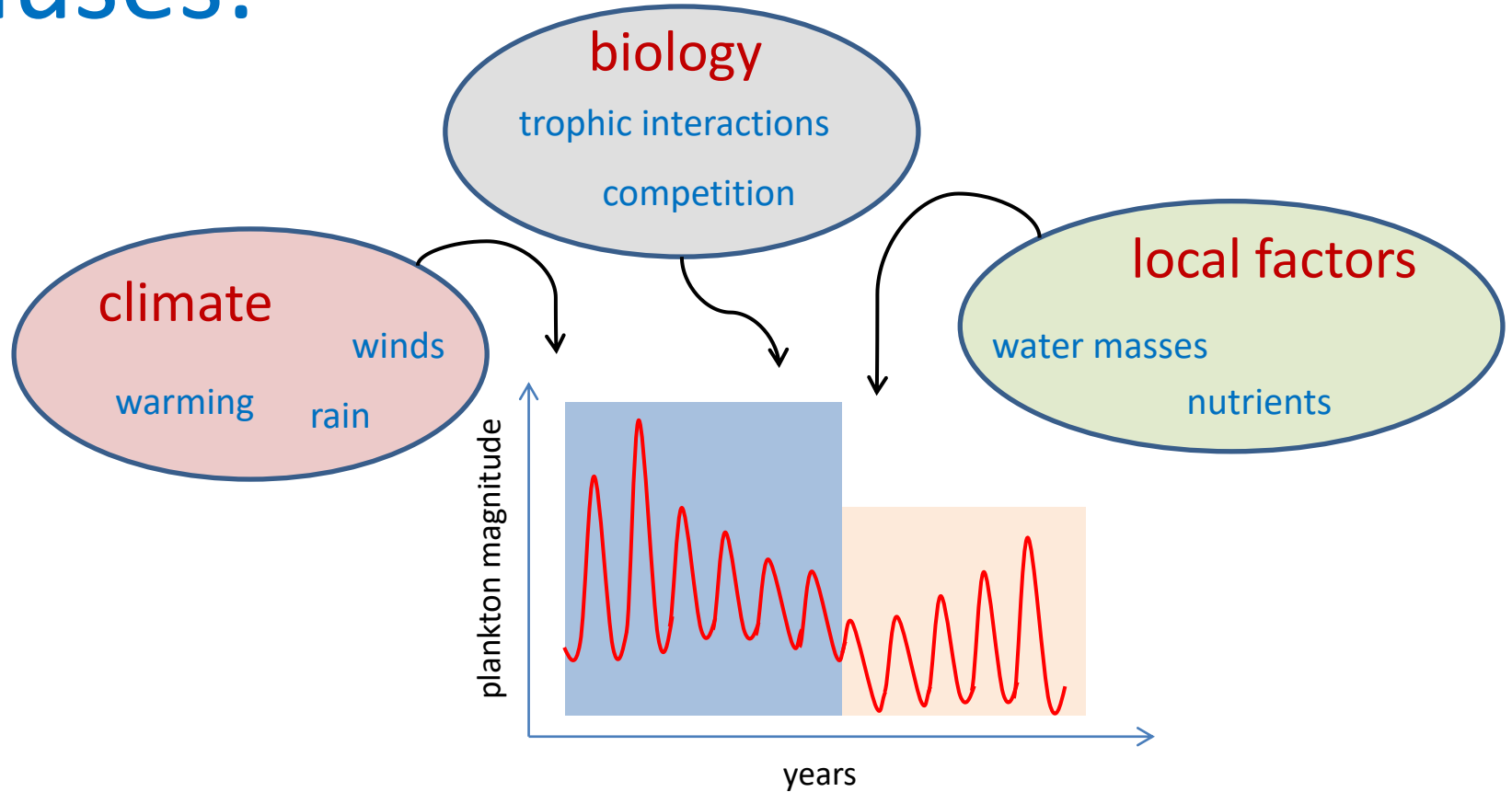
33 time series

shifts

1960-2005 (46 yr)



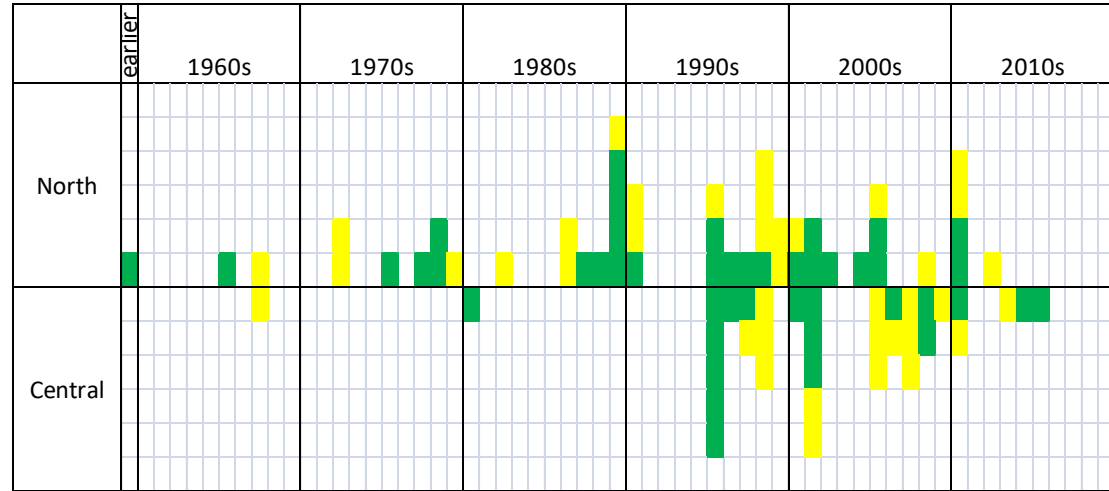
causes:



N Atlantic plankton regime shifts: drivers

review

decade	% climate	% local
1960's	33.3	66.7
1970's	57.1	42.9
1980's	63.6	36.4
1990's	52.0	48.0
2000's	51.9	48.1
2010's	50.0	50.0
total	53.0	47.0



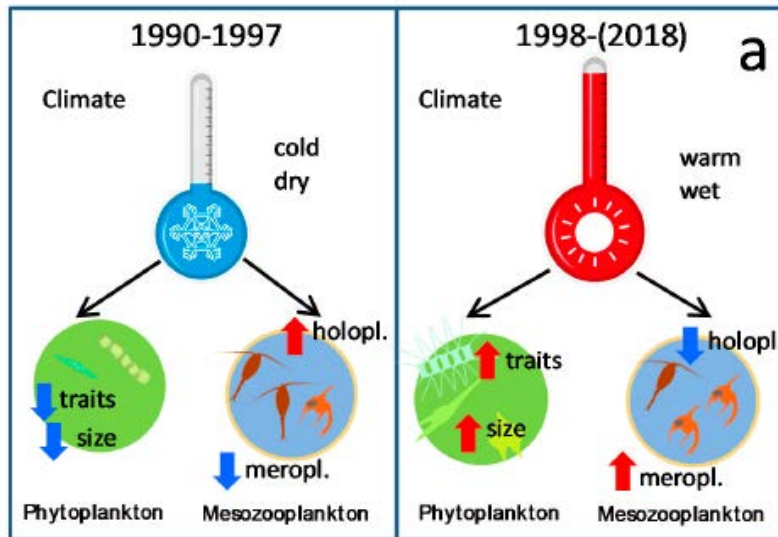
■ climate
■ local

53% climate : 47% local

life traits

climate-related shifts

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Lauderia annulata
Skeletonema costatum
Bacteriastrium delicatulum
Chaetoceros decipiens
Chaetoceros socialis
Chaetoceros gracilis

diatoms

phytoplankton spp. & zooplankton groups

chain-forming diatoms
small cell sizes
cylindrical or oval cell shape

diatoms, dinoflagellates, ...
large cell size
diverse cell shapes

holoplankton (copepods)

meroplankton (benthic larvae)

diatoms

Navicula transitans
Pseudo-nitzschia delicatissima
Chaetoceros spp.
Nitzschia spp.
Thalassiosira levanderi
Proboscia alata
Torodinium robustum
Heterocapsa niei
Prorocentrum balticum
Gyrodinium spirale
Dictyocha fibula

dinoflagellates

Dictyochophyceae

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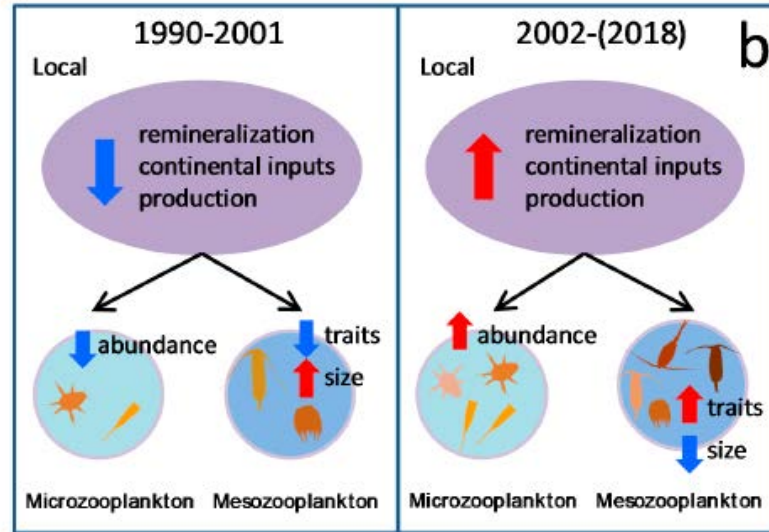
life traits

locally-related shifts

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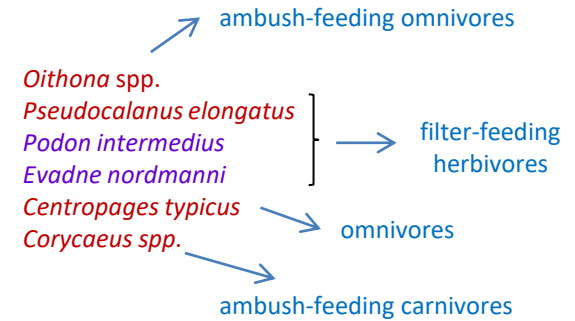
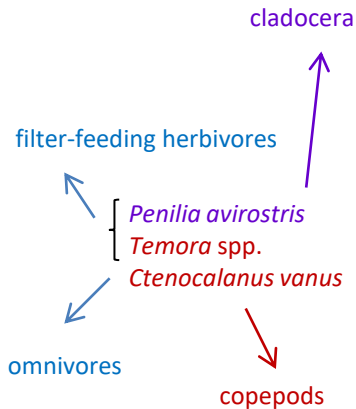
1990-2016 (27 yr)



microzooplankton groups & mesozooplankton spp.

less feeding traits
large size
less microzooplankton

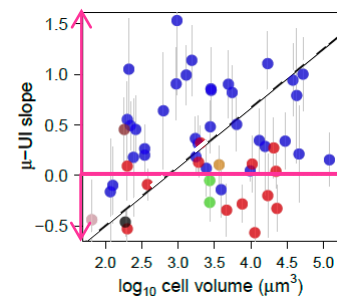
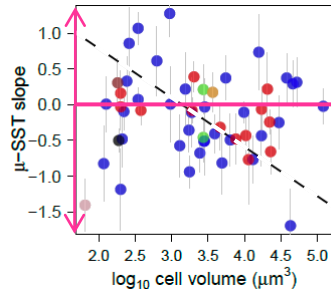
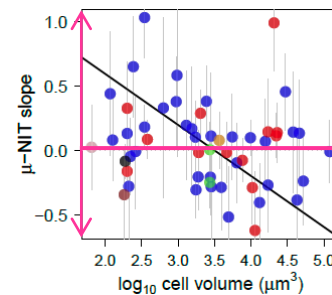
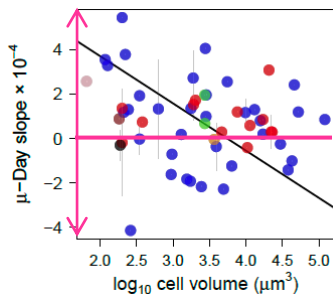
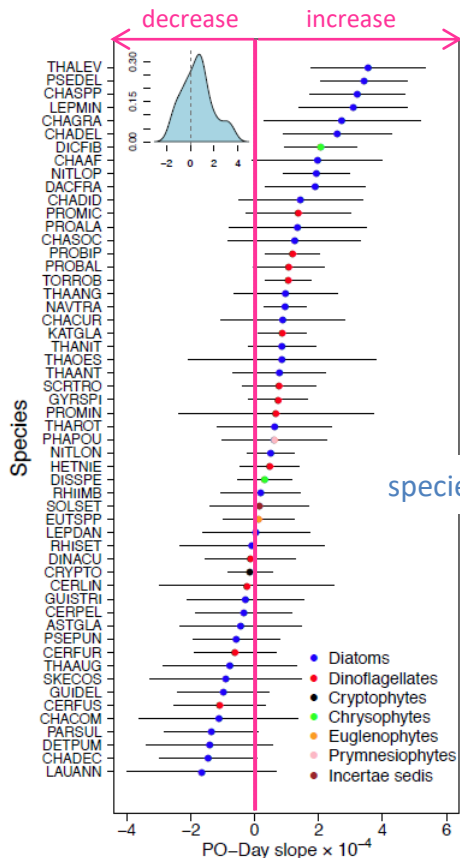
more feeding traits
small size
more microzooplankton



life traits: size

phytoplankton abundance

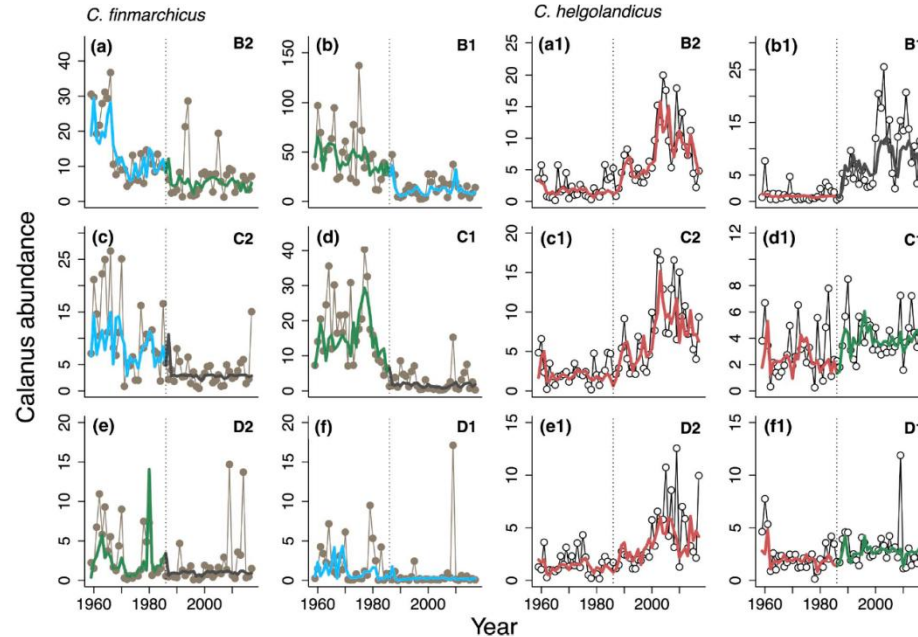
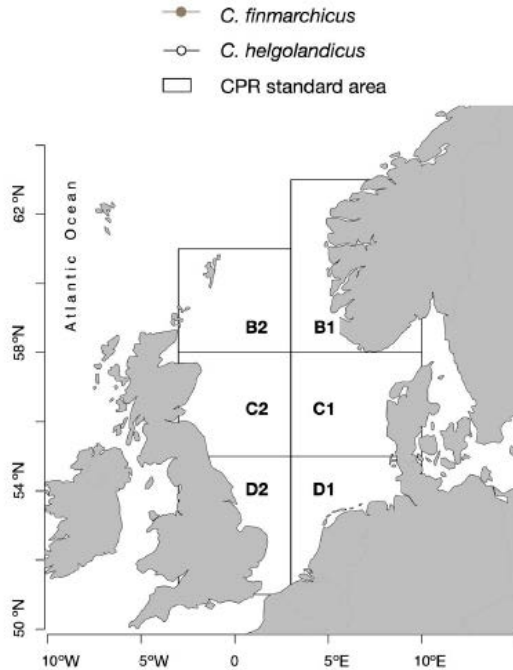
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1989-2010 (22 yr)

life traits & competition

North Sea



PCI = chlorophyll
 NAO = climate
 SST = warming
 Ricker = competition

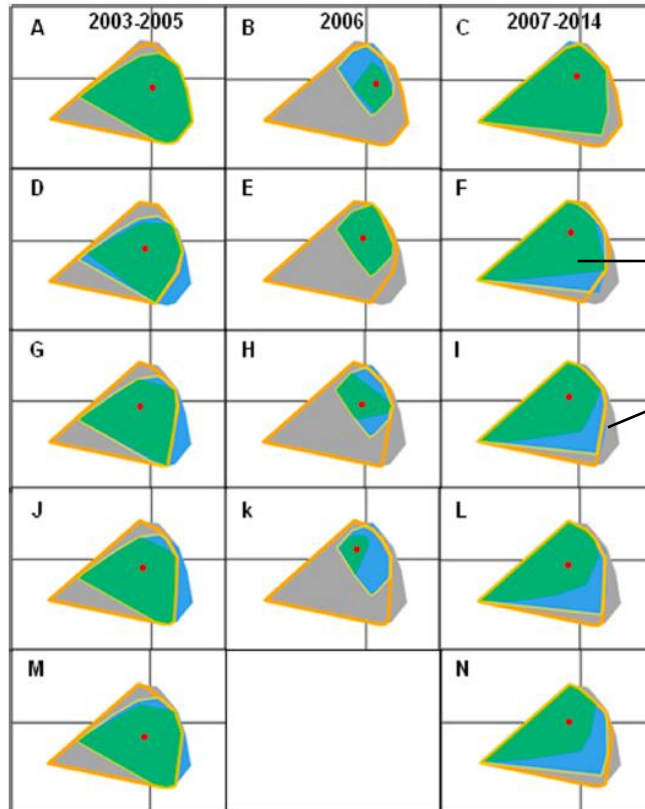
1958-2017 (60 yr)

niche

Bay of Biscay



Gymnodinium spp. + *Gyrodinium* spp.



Pseudo-nitzschia spp.

Leptocylindrus danicus

Chaetoceros sp.

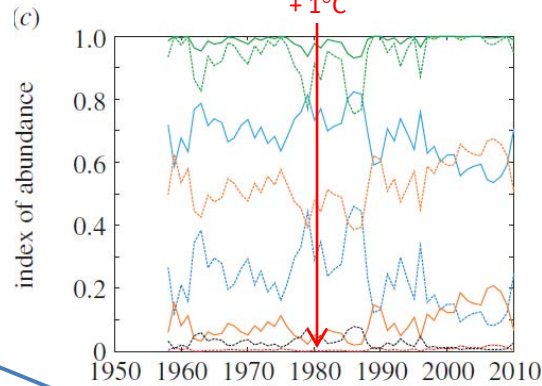
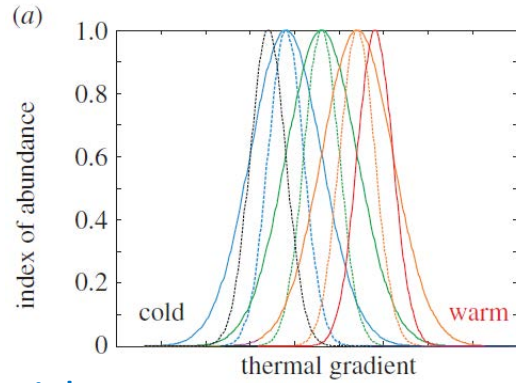
Leptocylindrus minimus

→ realized niche

→ environmental space

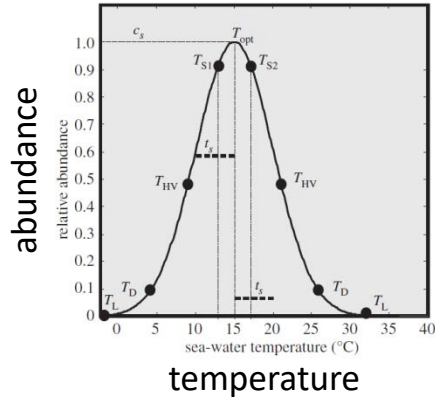
2003-2014 (12 yr)

thermal effects:

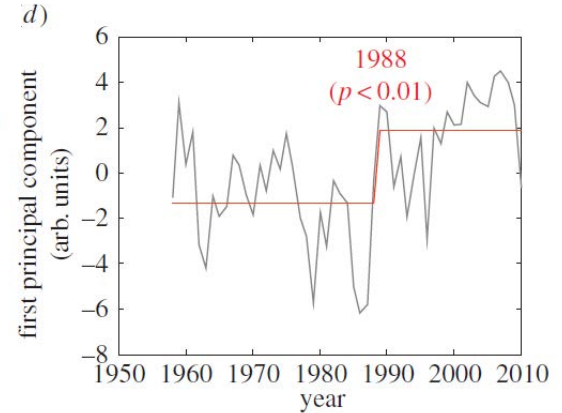


simulation

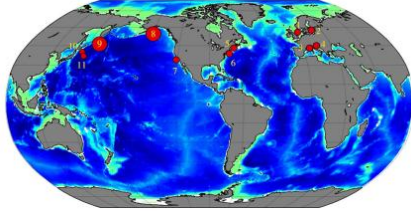
thermal niche



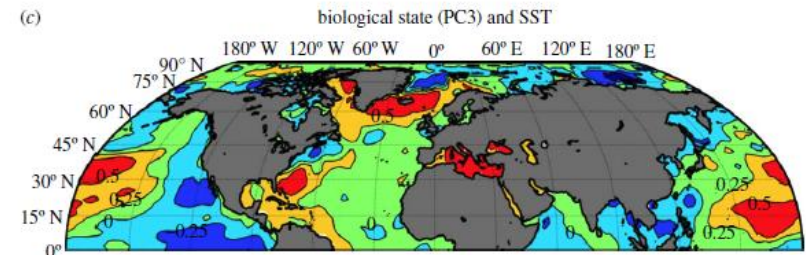
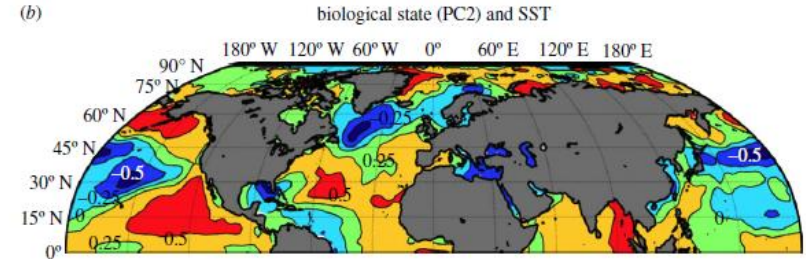
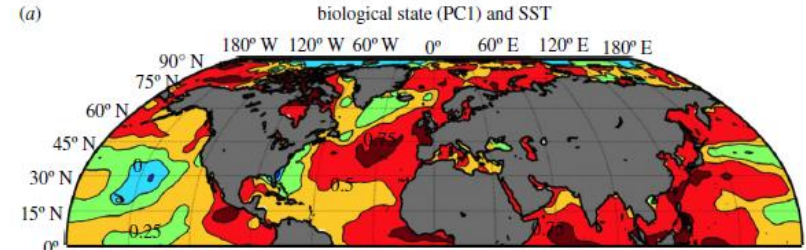
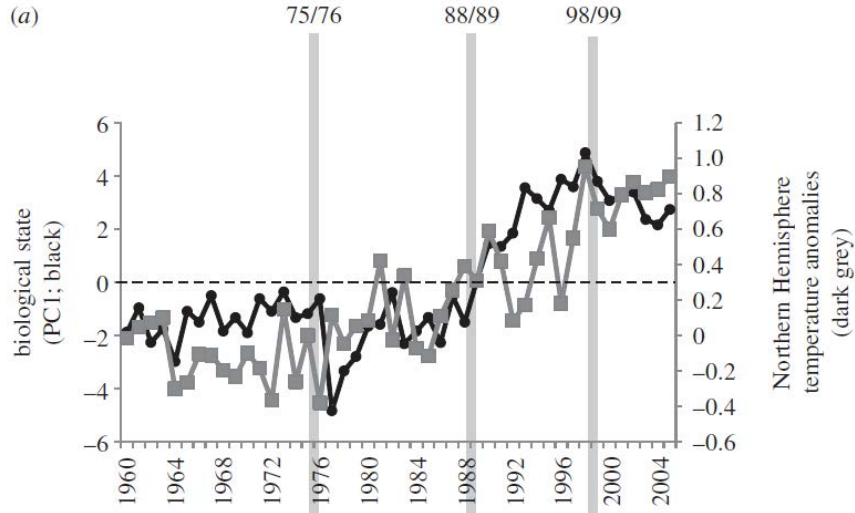
temperature increase



warming and synchronicity:

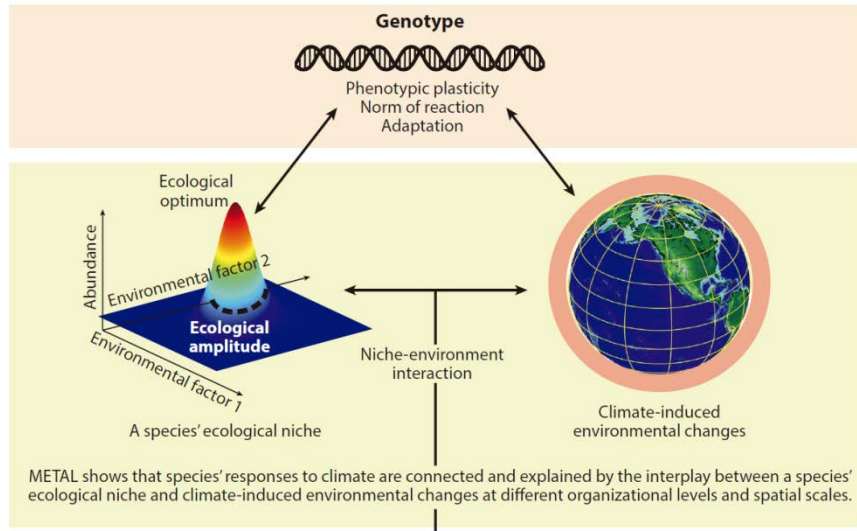


correlations with SST

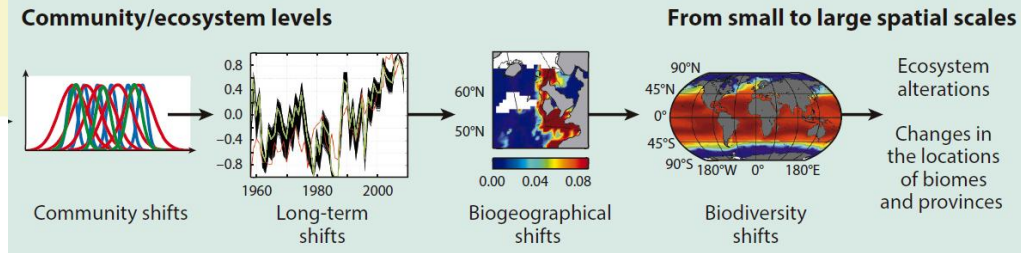
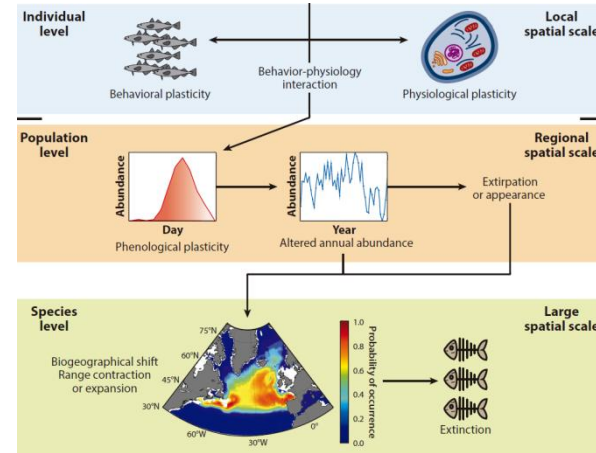


predicting shifts:

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METAL shows that species' responses to climate are connected and explained by the interplay between a species' ecological niche and climate-induced environmental changes at different organizational levels and spatial scales.

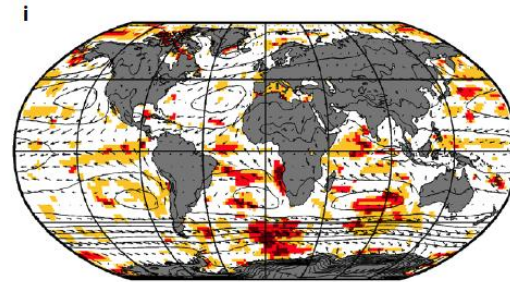
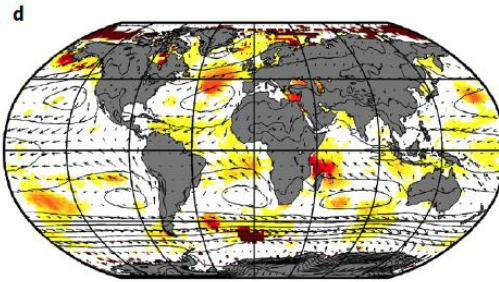


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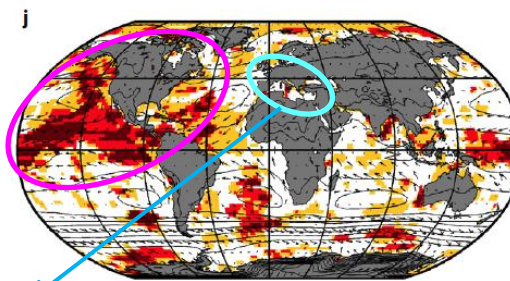
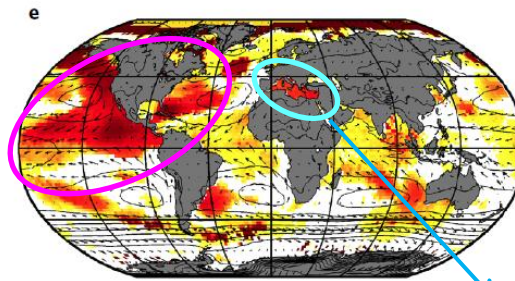
species shift

climatic shift

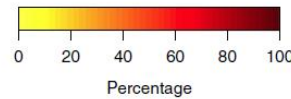
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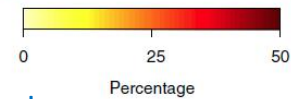
2010-2014 (5 yr)



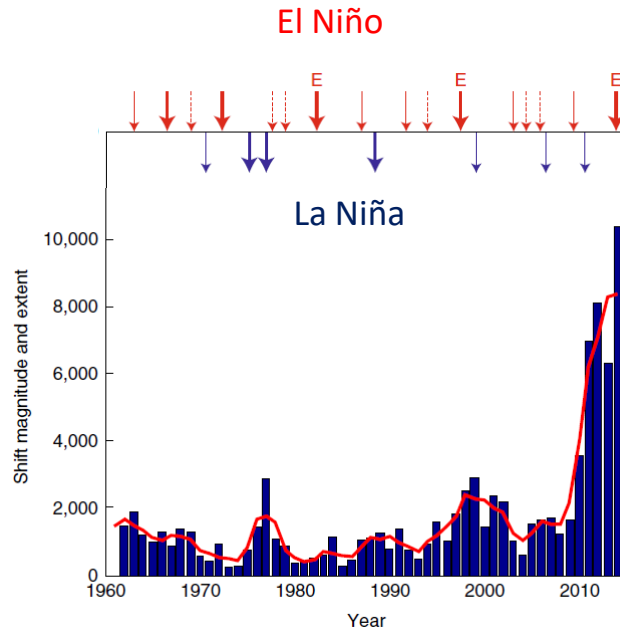
NE Pacific
NW Atlantic
climate related



Mediterranean
no climate related



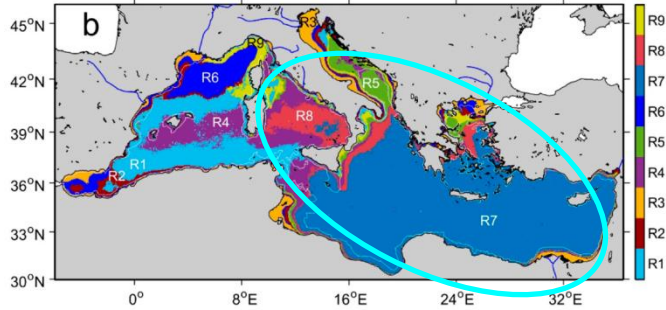
extreme events:



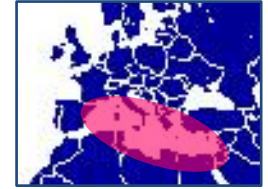
Global ocean: predicted shifts

- relationship with ENSO events?
- no global signal of late 1980s shift
- unprecedented shift ca. 2014

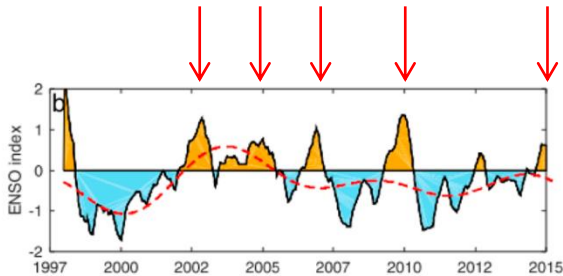
extreme events: El Niño



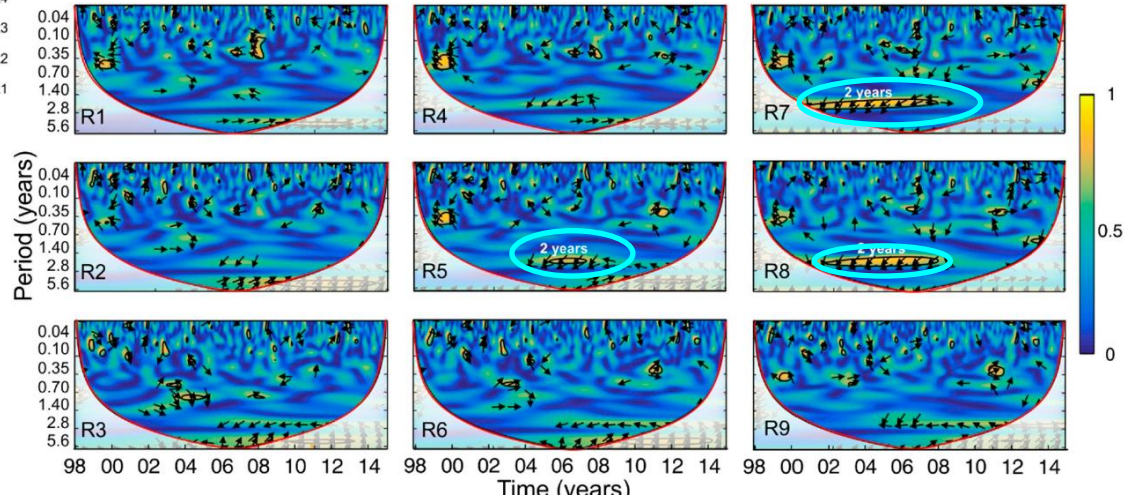
Mediterranean Sea



satellite-chlorophyll








1998-2015 (18 yr)



Saharan dust fertilization?

new approaches

examples

- predictions from macroecological theory: warming 
- functional traits & niche vs. species 
- multi-trophic trait dynamics 
- direct anthropogenic impacts: e.g. fisheries 
- extreme event impacts: e.g. teleconnections, heatwaves 

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