

Upwelling Intensity, Stratification, and Nutrient Supply Trends in the California Current System

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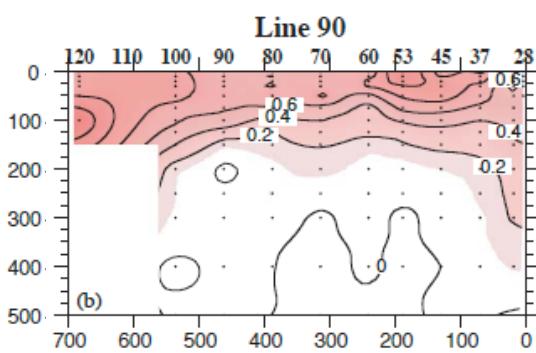
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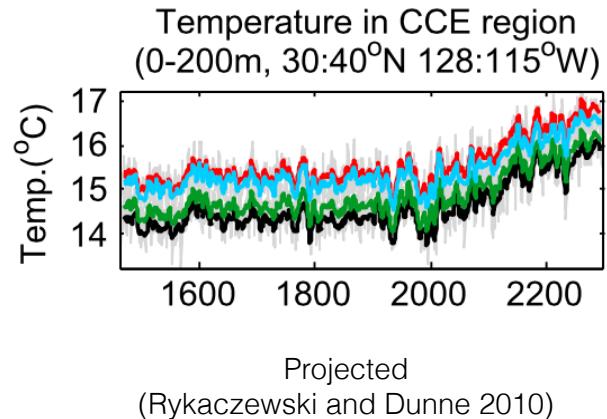
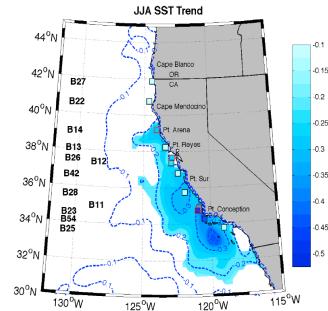
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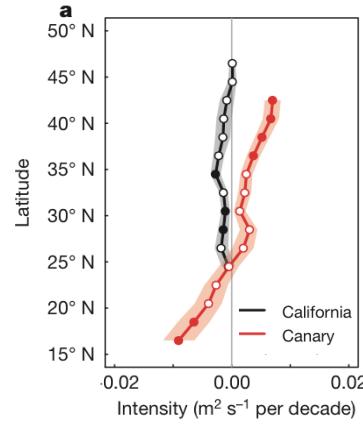
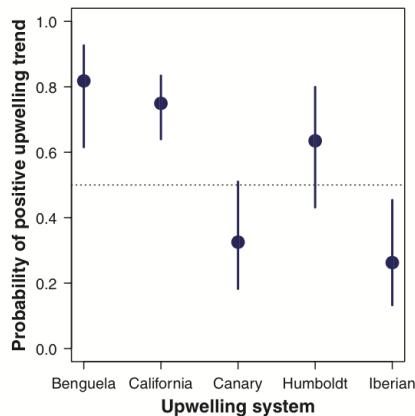
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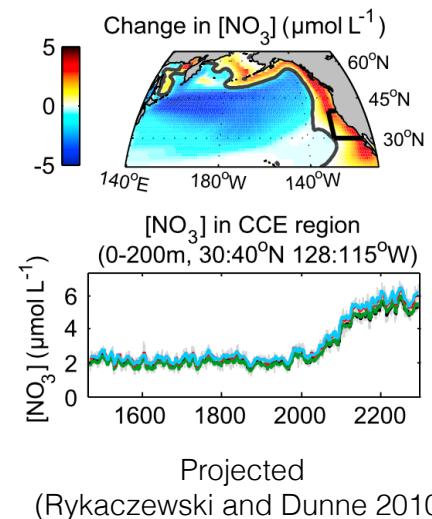
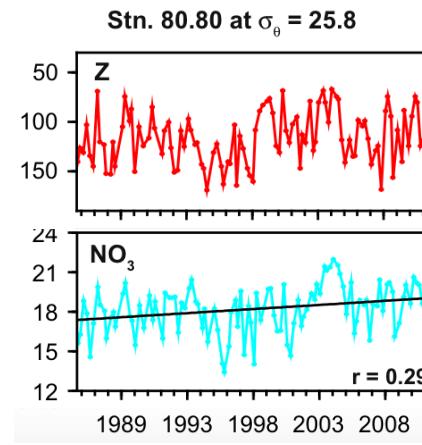
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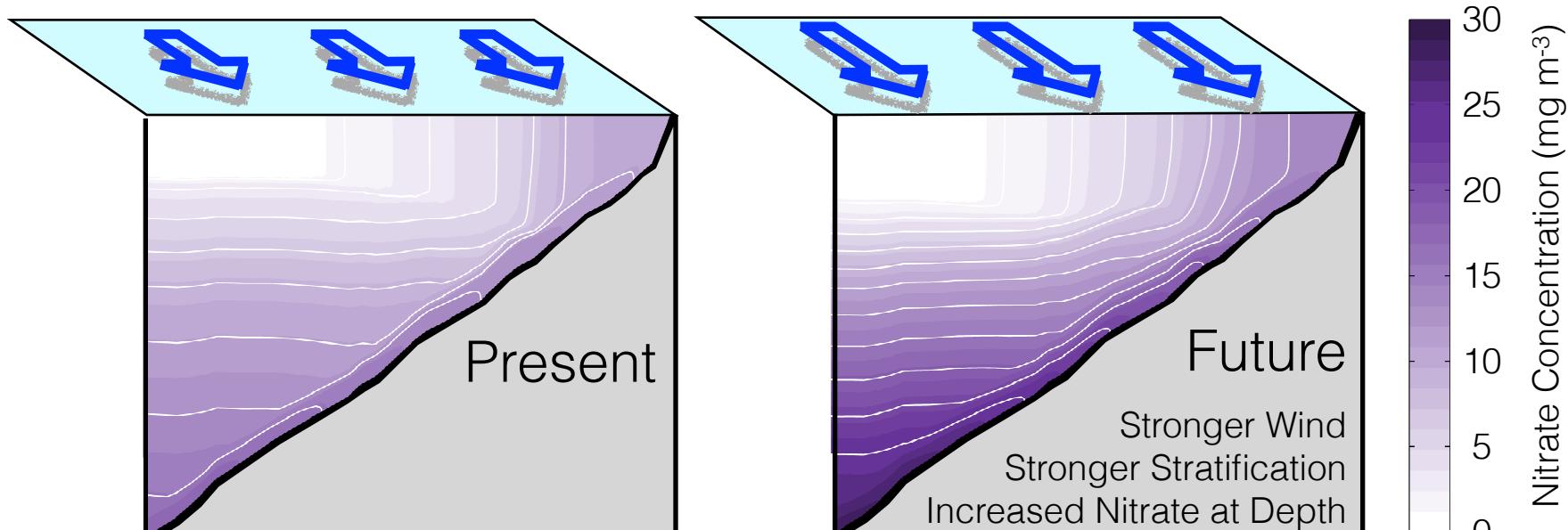
Upwelling



Nitrate in Source Waters



Trends in Upwelling Systems



Nitrate Supply

Stratification > Wind



Di Lorenzo et al. (2005)

Wind > Stratification



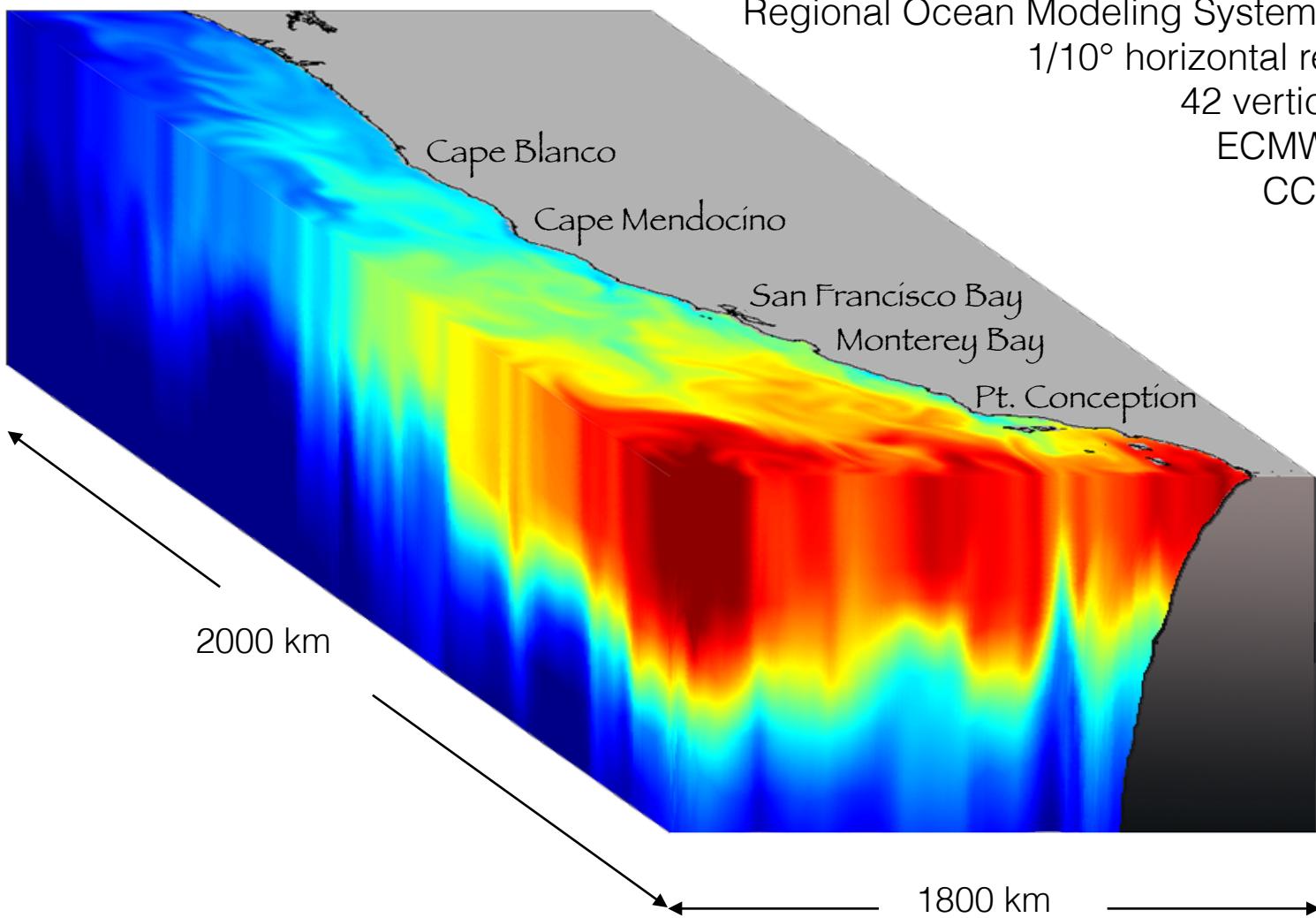
Auad et al. (2006)

$[NO_3]_{source}$ > Stratification



Rykaczewski and Dunne (2010)

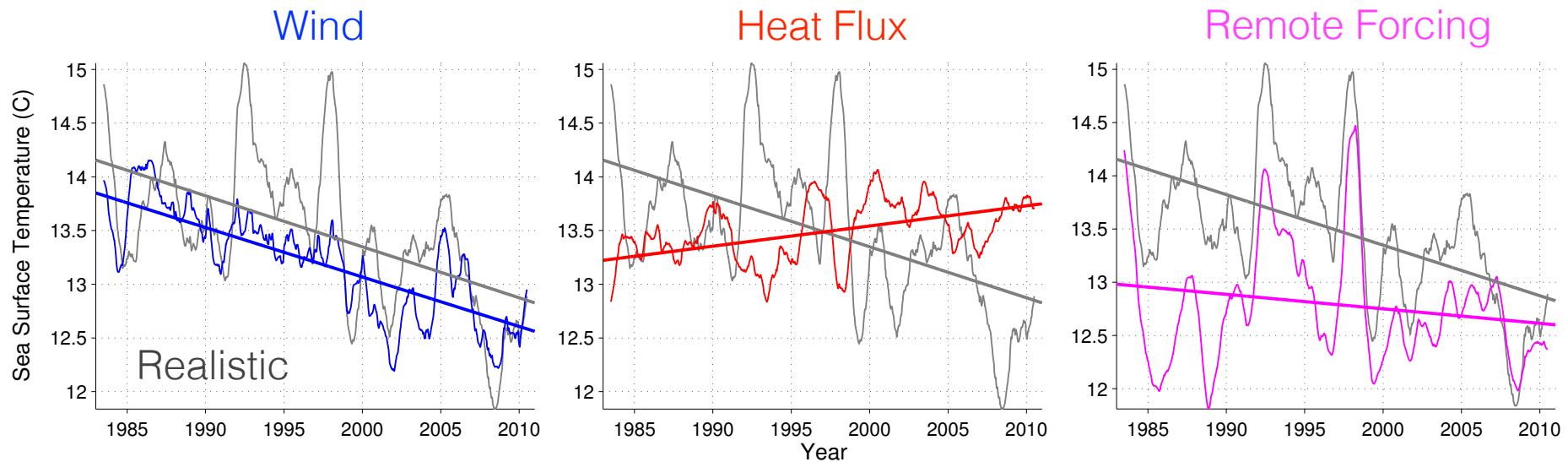
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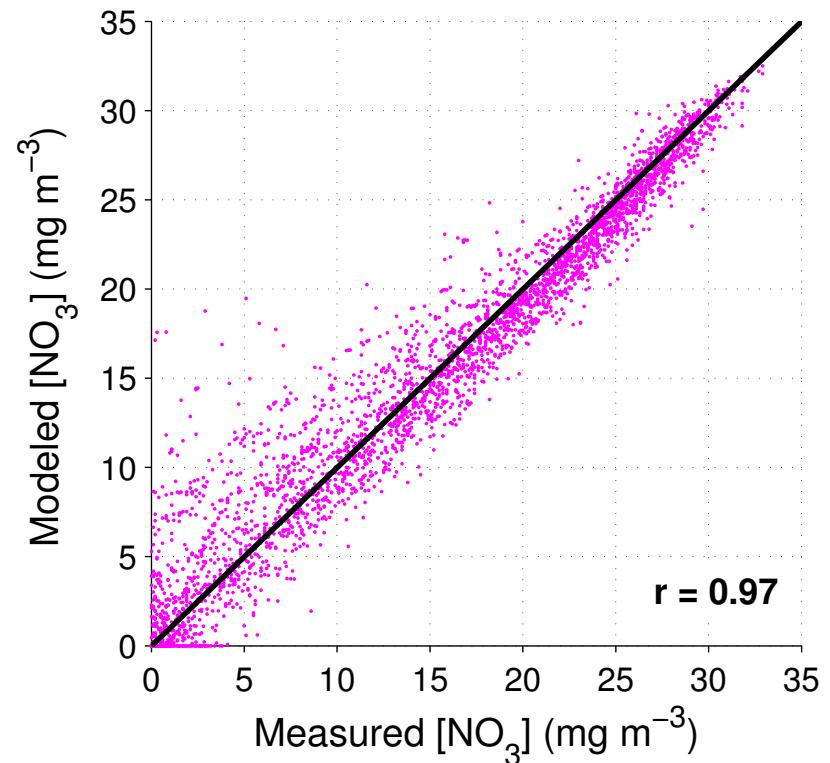
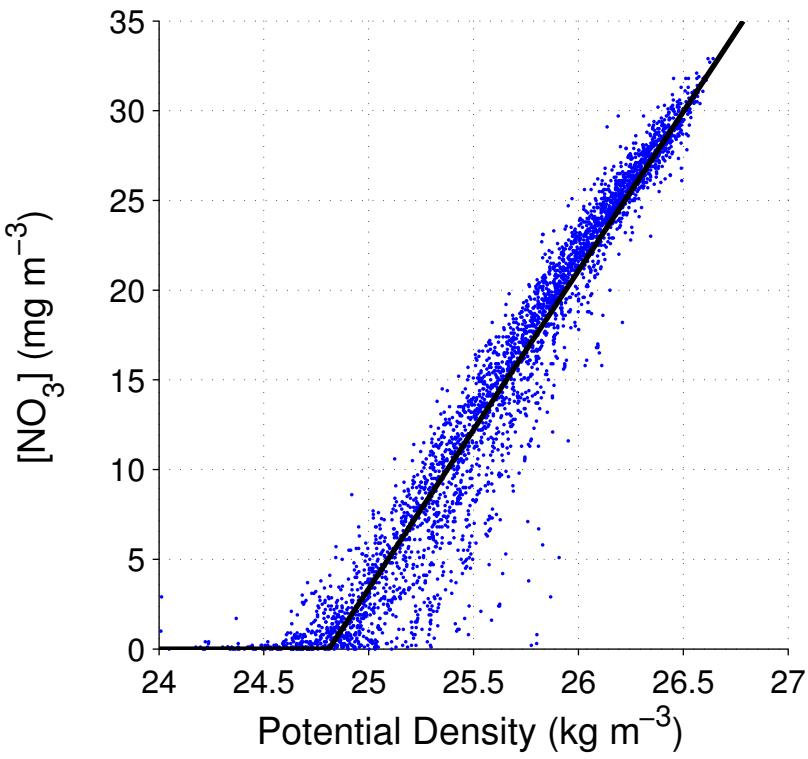
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Model	Wind Stress	Heat/Freshwater Flux	Boundary Conditions
Climatology	Climatology	Climatology	Climatology
Wind	ECMWF/CCMP	Climatology	Climatology
Heat Flux	Climatology	ECMWF	Climatology
Remote Forcing	Climatology	Climatology	SODA
Realistic	ECMWF/CCMP	ECMWF	SODA

Drivers of Temperature in the CCS



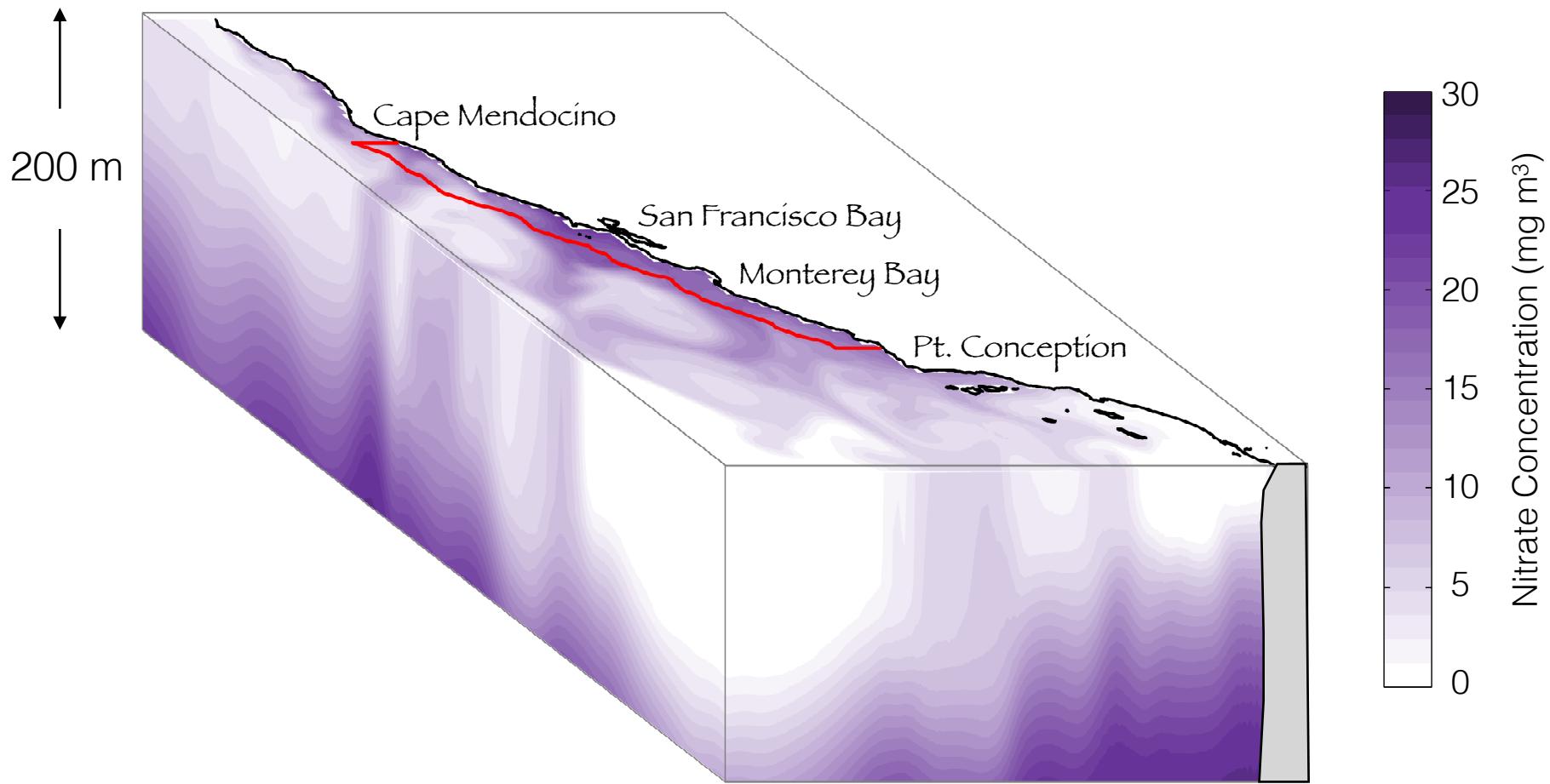
Modeling Nitrate Concentration in the CCS



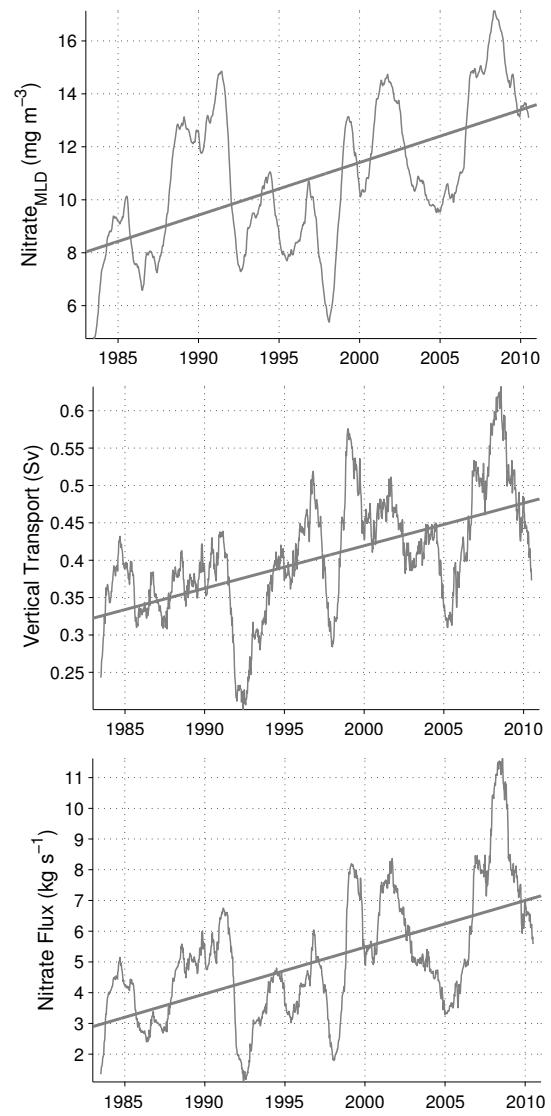
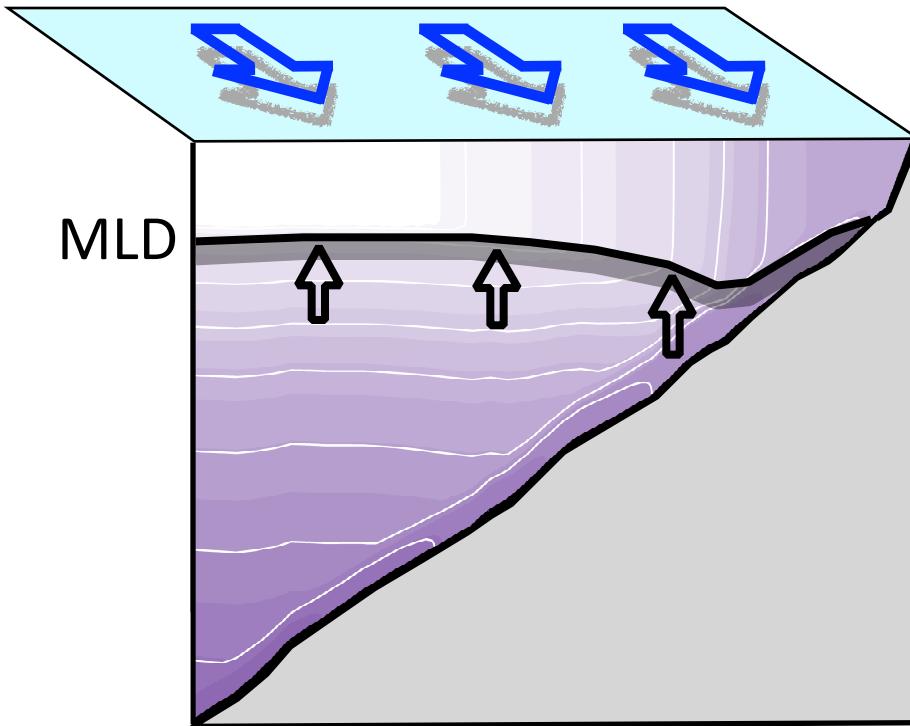
World Ocean Database: All available nitrate data in study region (1980-2010)

389 Casts, 3548 Data Points (Mostly CalCOFI)

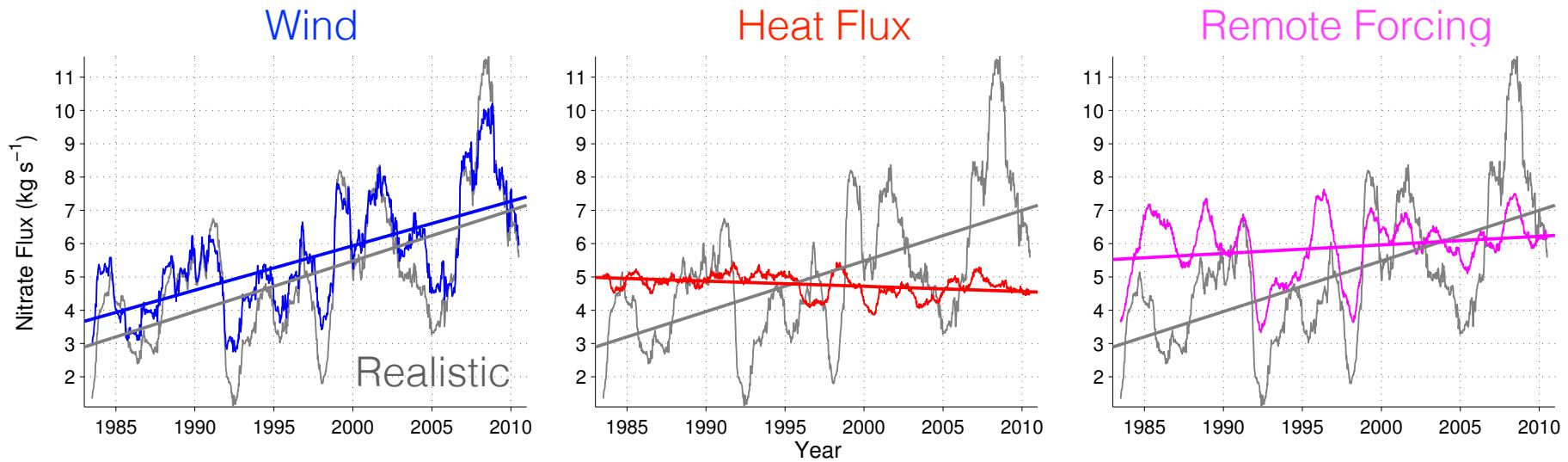
The Study Region



Nitrate Flux Calculation

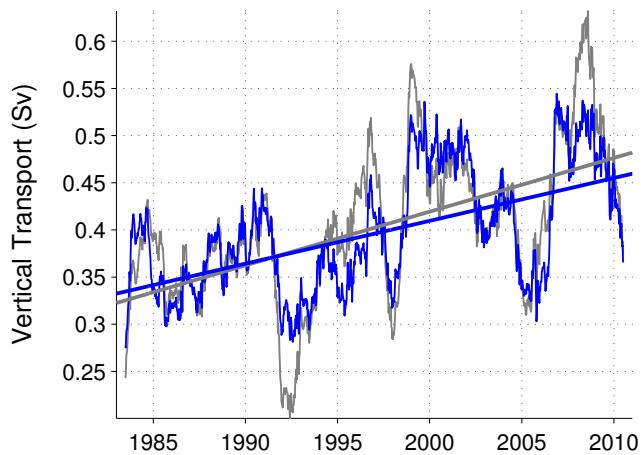


Drivers of Nitrate Flux in the CCS

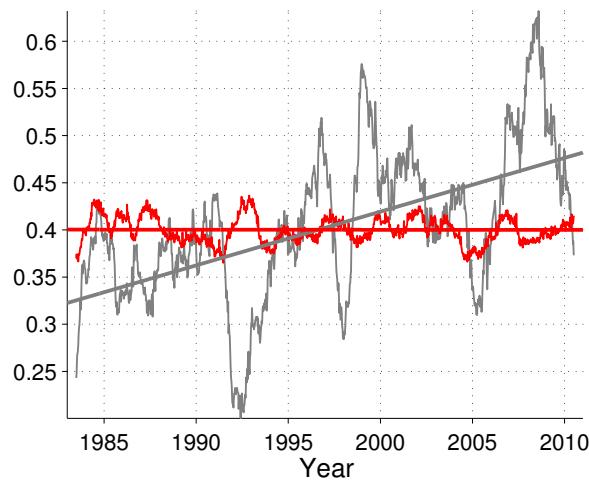


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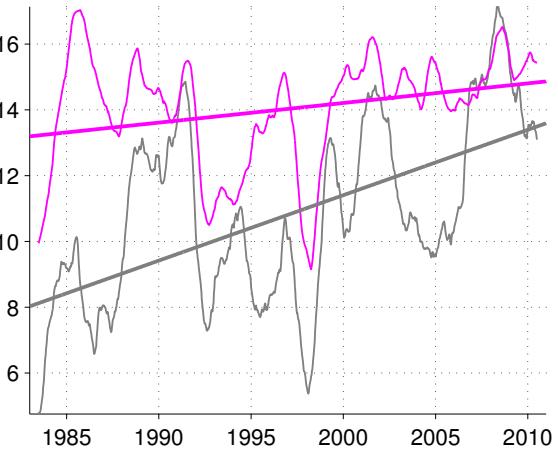
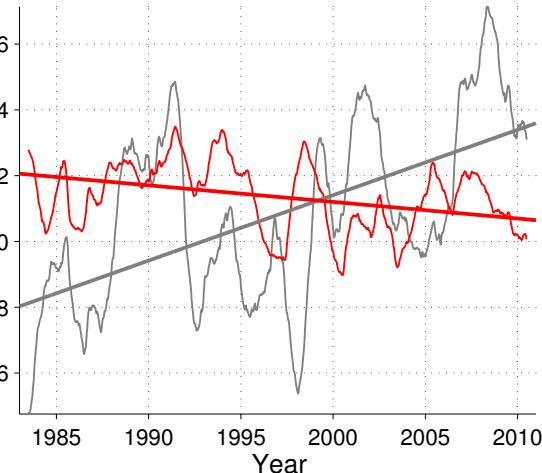
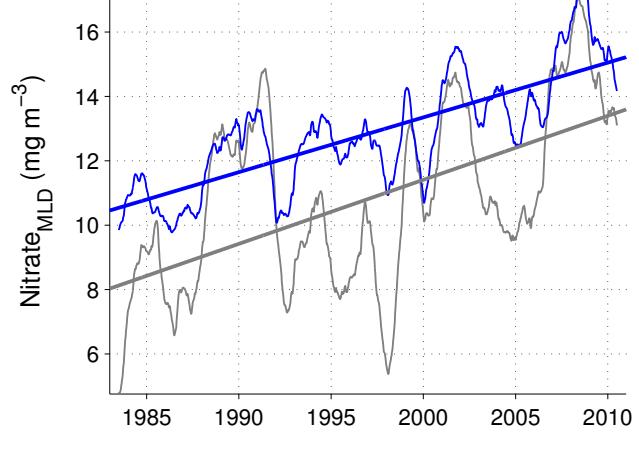
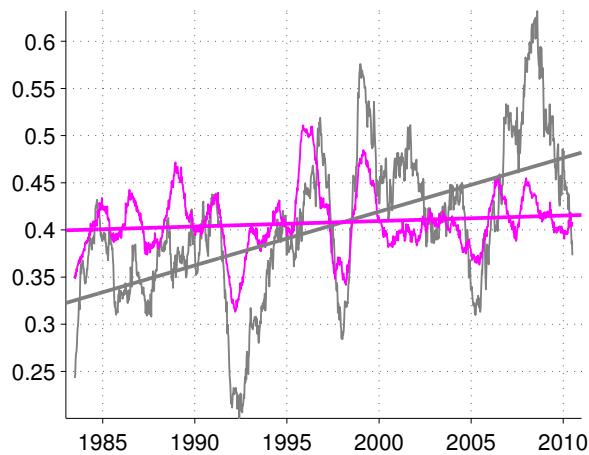
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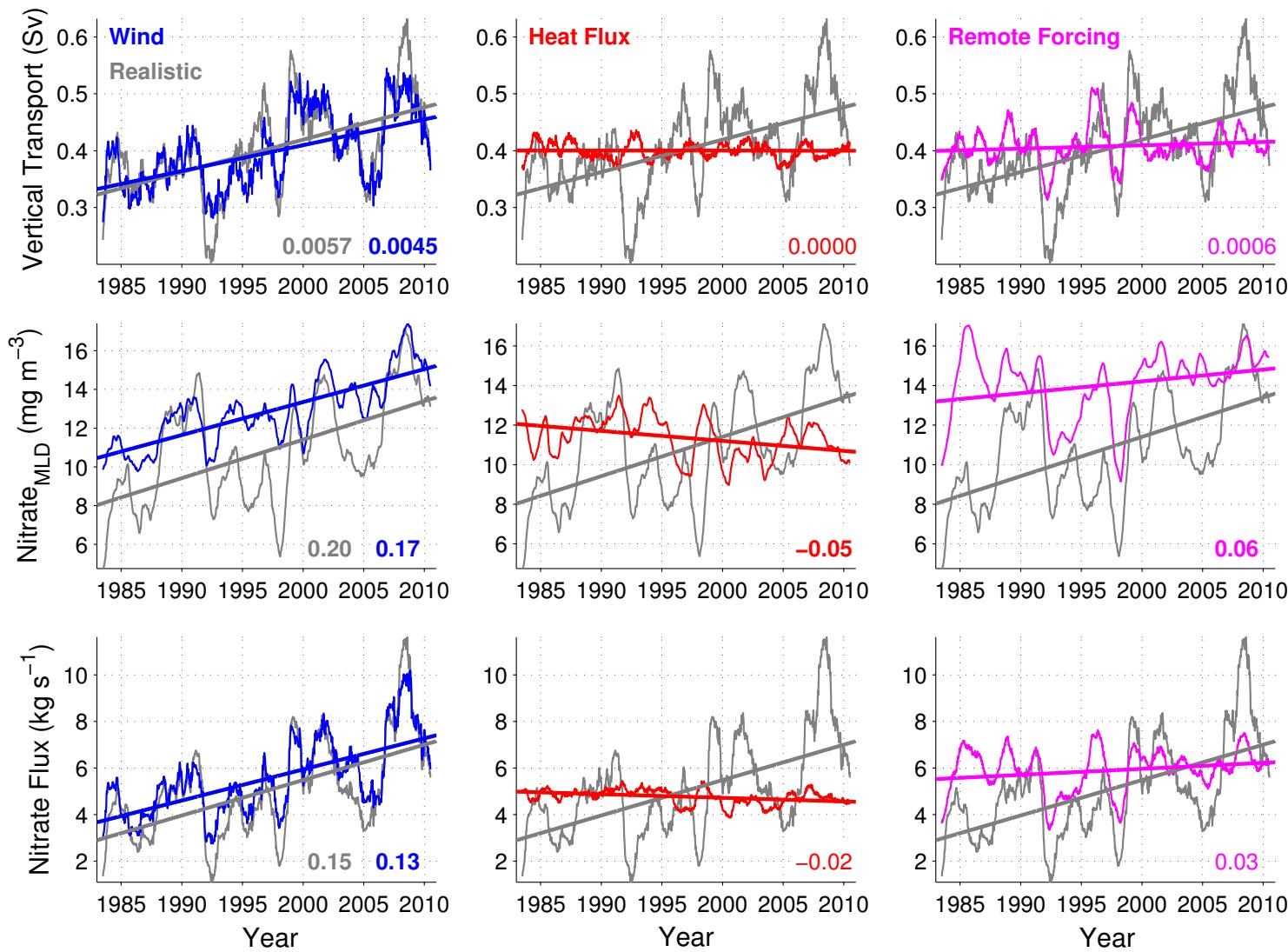
Heat Flux



Remote Forcing

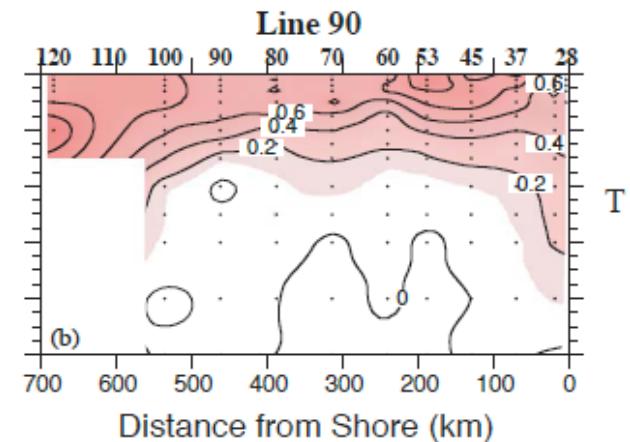
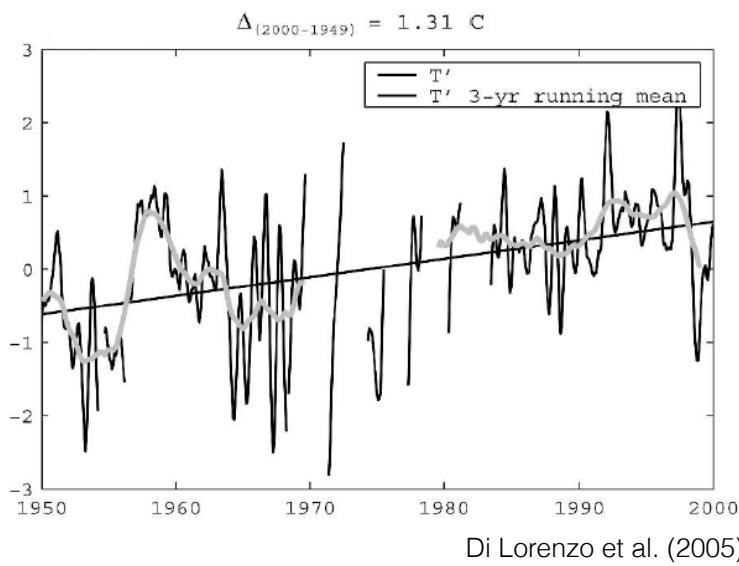


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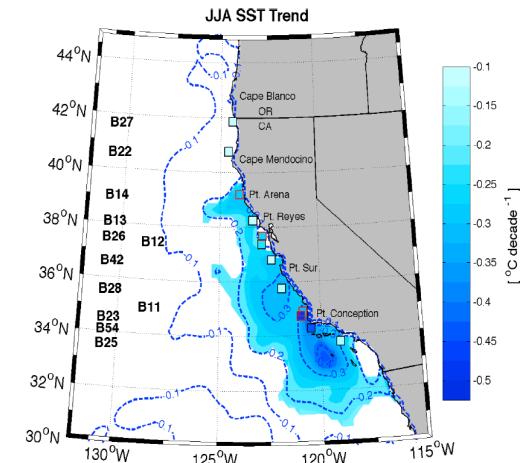
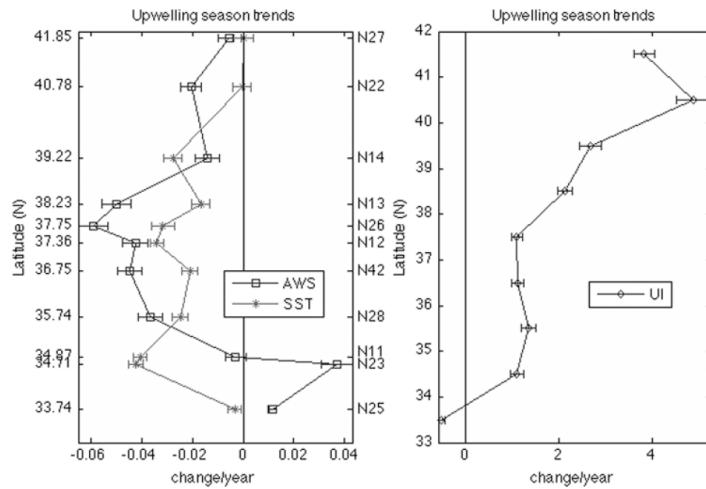


Timescales of Variability

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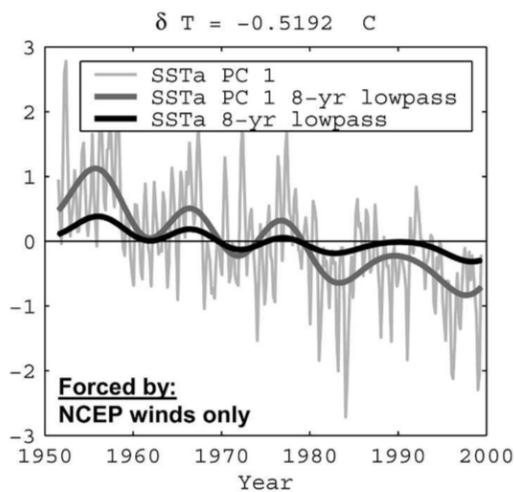
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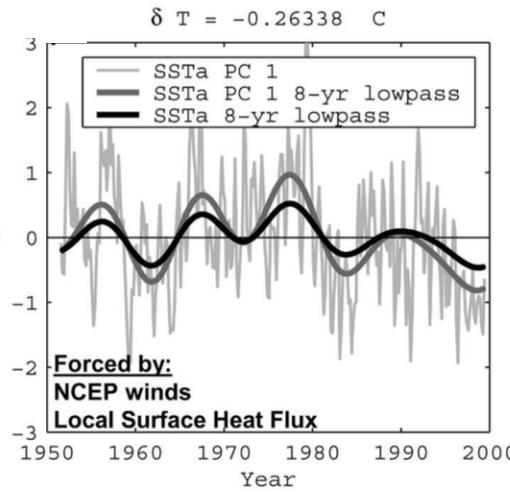
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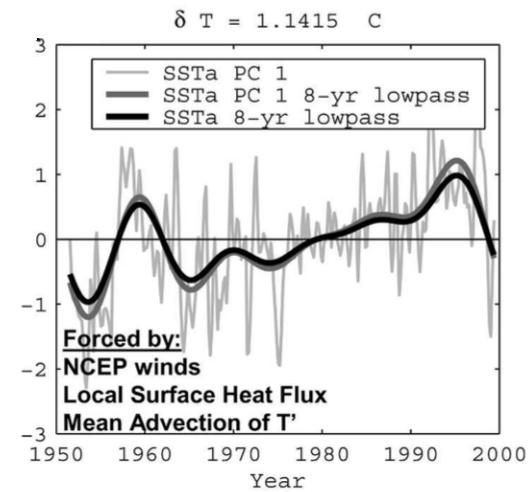
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C	NCEP	COADS	Climatology
D	NCEP	COADS	CalCOFI



B (cooling)



C (cooling)



D (warming)

Timescales of Variability

Di Lorenzo et al. (2005) Jacox et al., submitted

	1950-1999	1980-2010
Upwelling	+	+
Local Heat Flux	—	—
Remote Forcing	—	+

Upwelling intensity and local heat flux trends are consistent over 60 years

Upwelling intensity is the stronger driver of nitrate supply

Remote forcing is related to basin-scale climate variability, and is decoupled from local heat flux

