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# Biomass Zooplankton in the Northern Humboldt Current System and its variability associated with areas of transition

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# Summary

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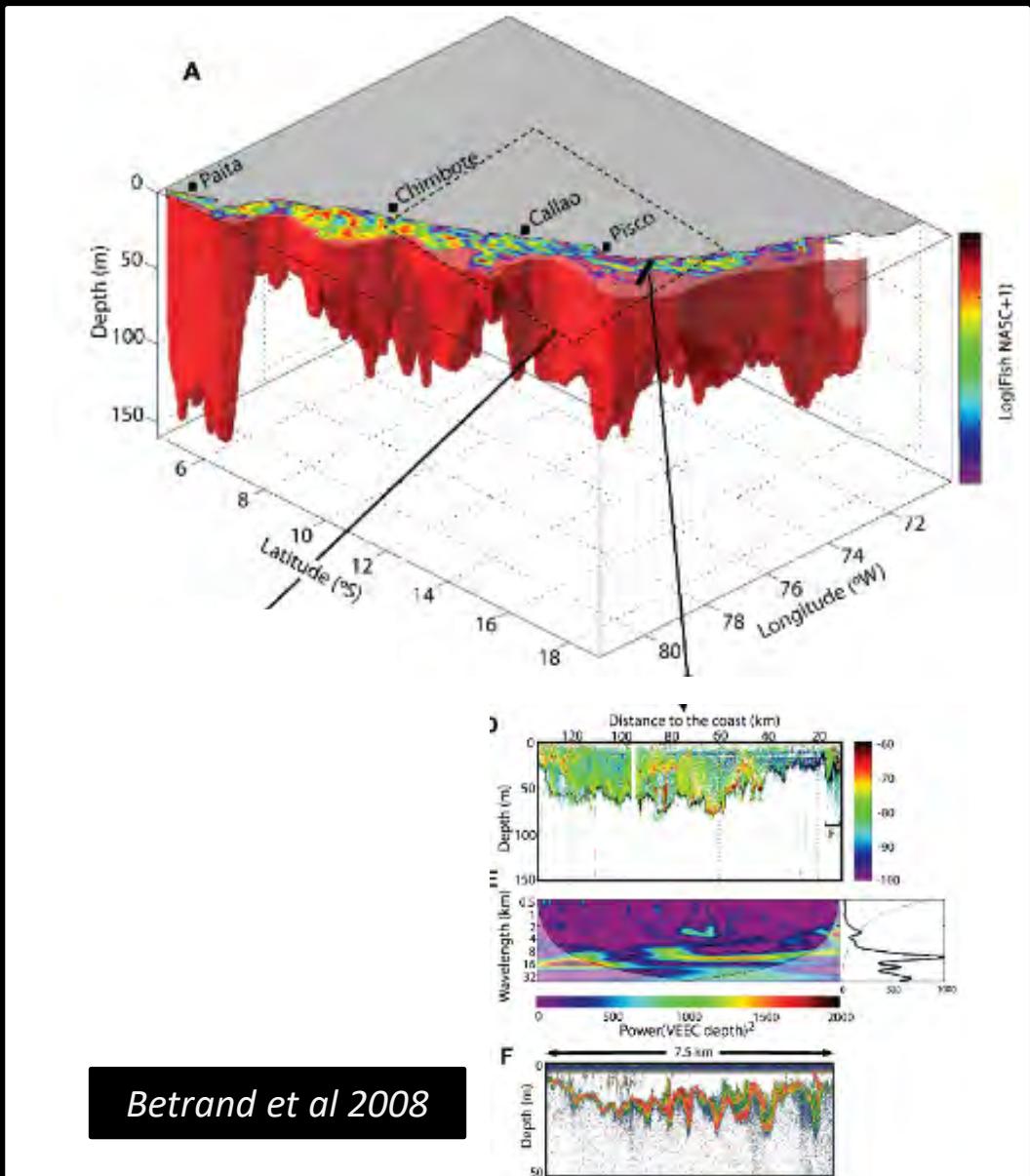
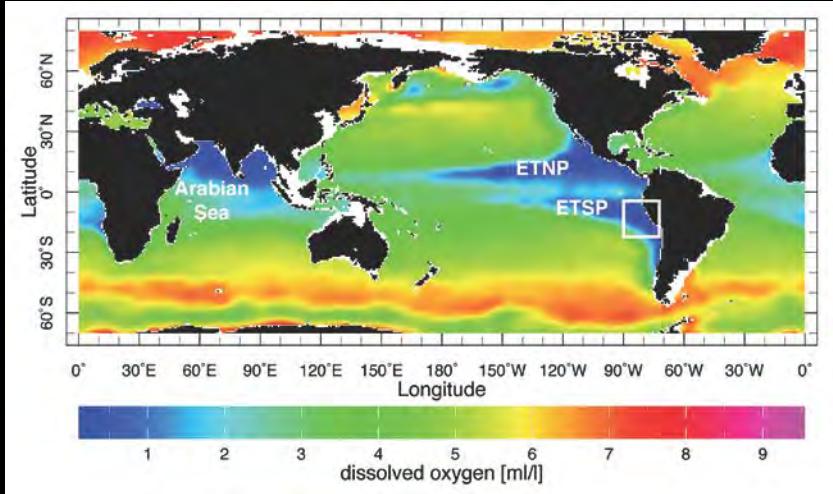
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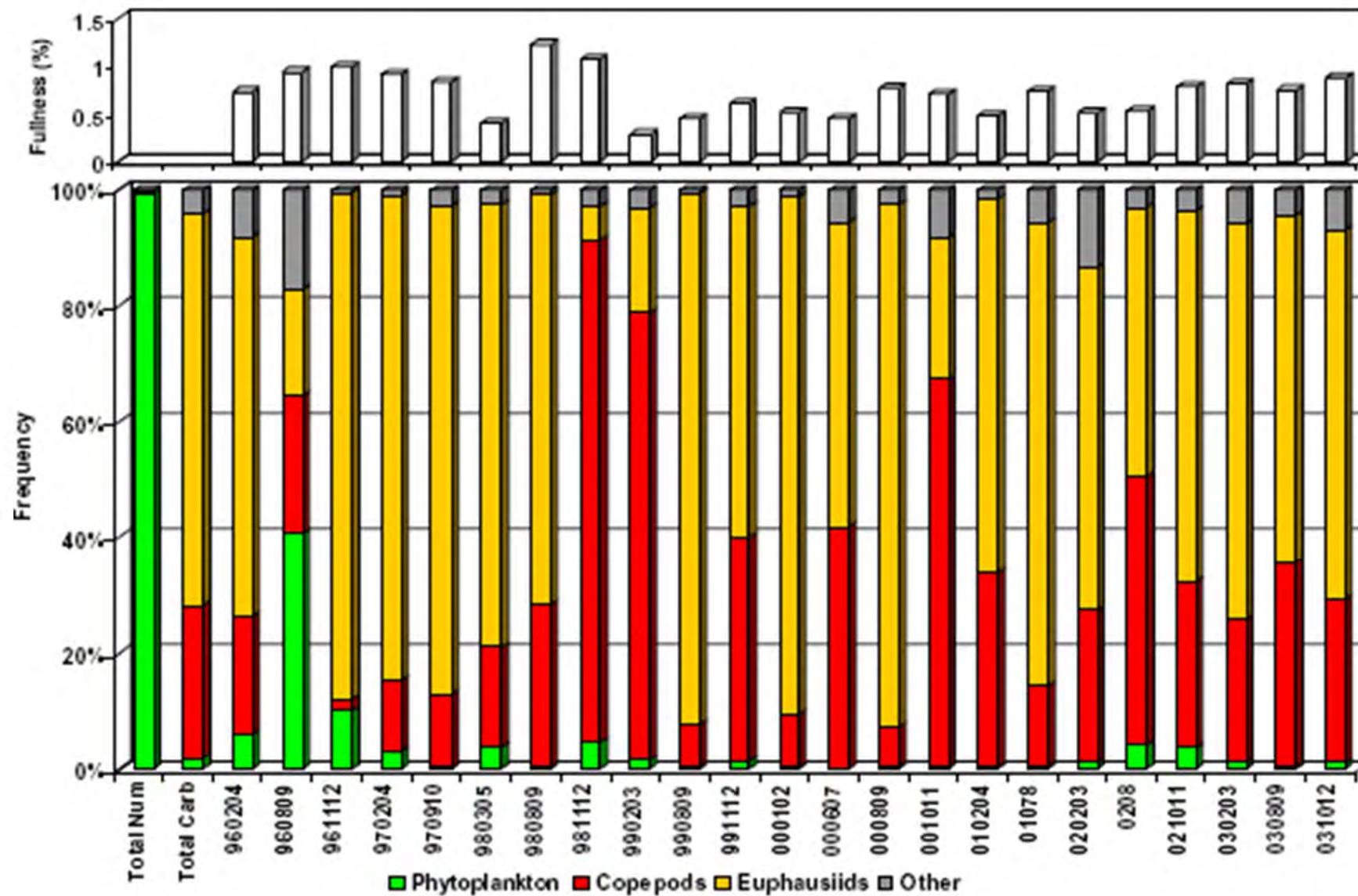


# Introduction



Betrand et al 2008

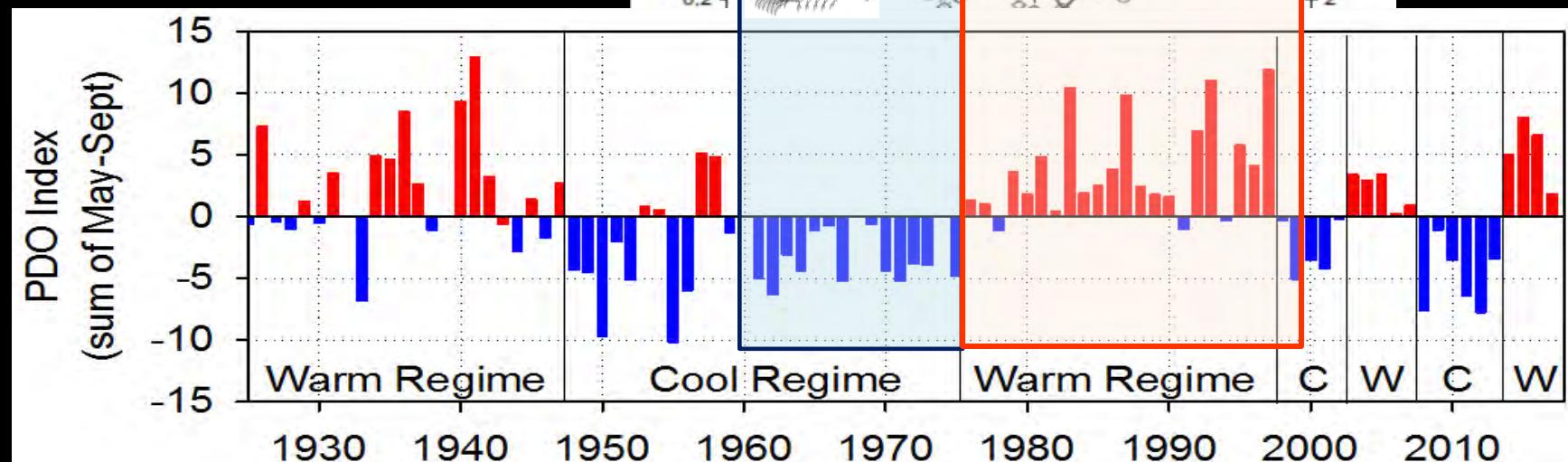
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Source: Espinoza and Bertrand 2008, 2014

# Background

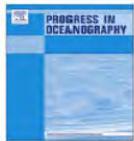
Carrasco-Lozano 1989  
Ayón et al 2004, 2008



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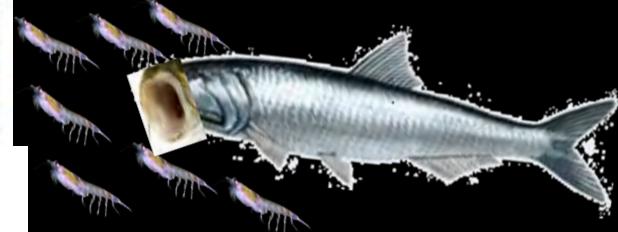
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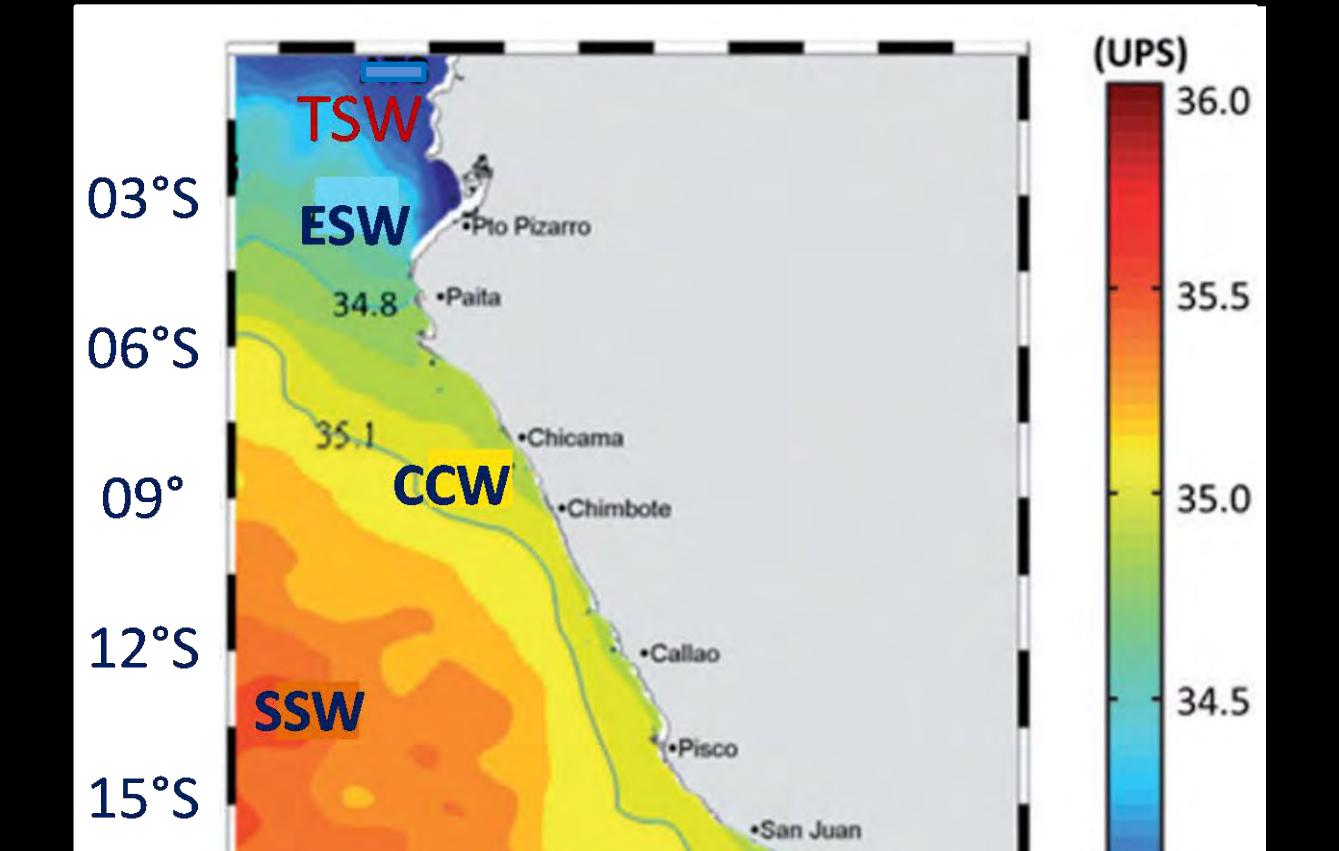


Is there enough zooplankton to feed forage fish populations off Peru?  
An acoustic (positive) answer

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# Transitional Area

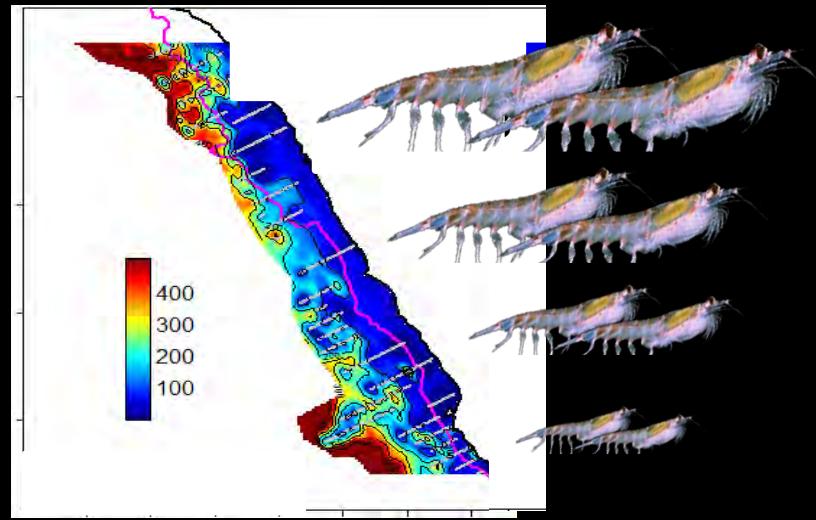


¿Transitional area in front of Peru  
influence on zooplankton  
distribution?

# Objetives

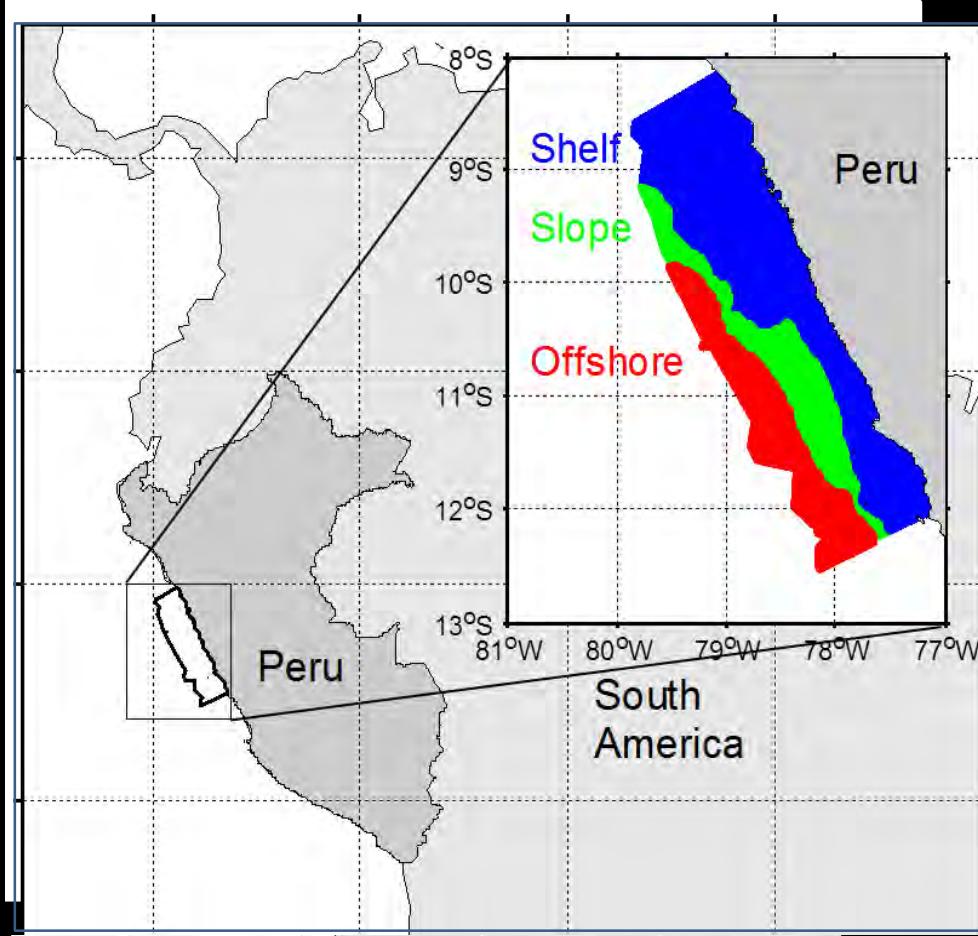
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To know temporal-spatio dynamics of zooplankton biomass distribution associated with transitional areas



# Study Area

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## *Pelagic surveys*

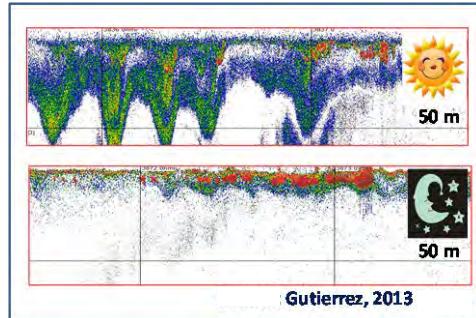
**2002-2012**

**08°30'-14°00'S – 100 nm**

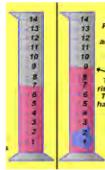
*Shelf (0 – 200 m),  
Slope (200 – 1000 m)  
Offshore (> 1000 m).*

# Methodology

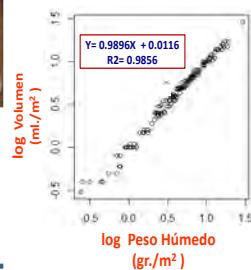
## Conventional Method



**Volumetric Methods**  
**Biovolumes**



**Gravimetric Method**  
**Wet weight**



$$\log_{10}(Y) = \log_{10}(a) + ? \log_{10}(X)$$

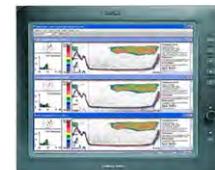
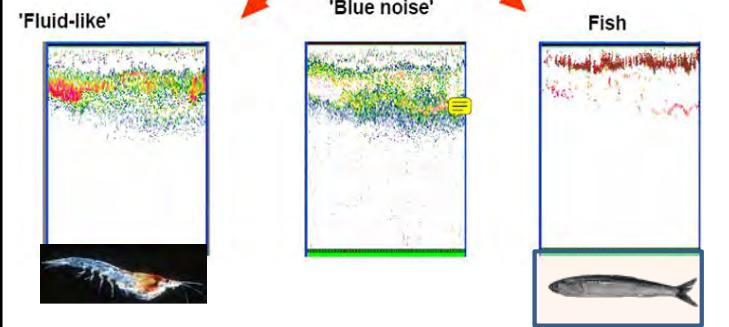
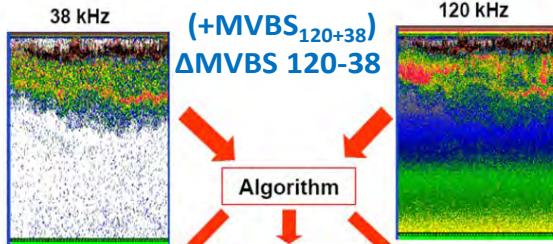
$$\log_{10}(\text{Volume}) = \log_{10}(a) + ? \log_{10}(\text{Wet weight})$$

Regression: 145 samples  
Cruises- 1996-1998-2000-2003

**Mesozooplankton (0,2-20mm)**

**Total biomass**

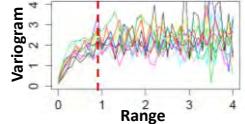
## Acoustic Method



Echosounder Simrad  
EK50 (2002-2007)  
EK60 (2008-2012)  
Echoview software



**Variogram**  
Density Sampling area



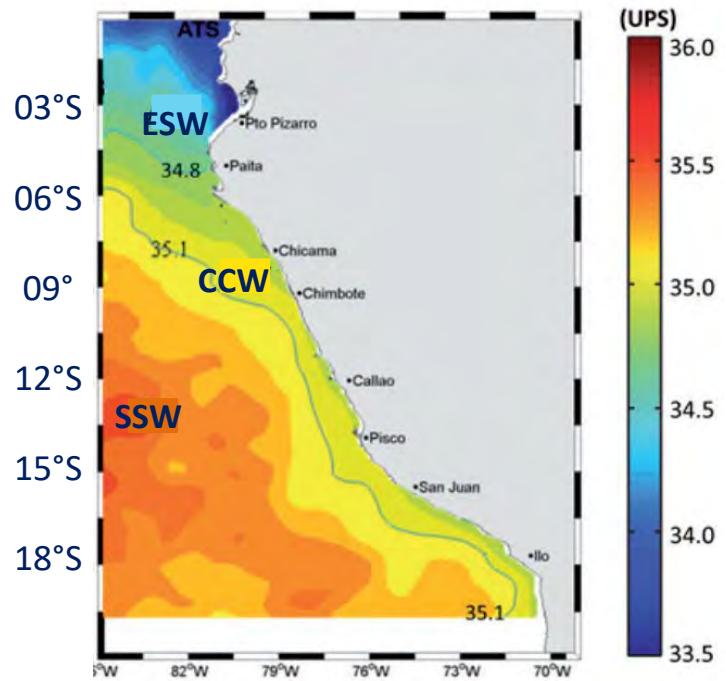
Covariates: Oxycline, Coast Distance,

**Macrozooplankton (2-20cm)**

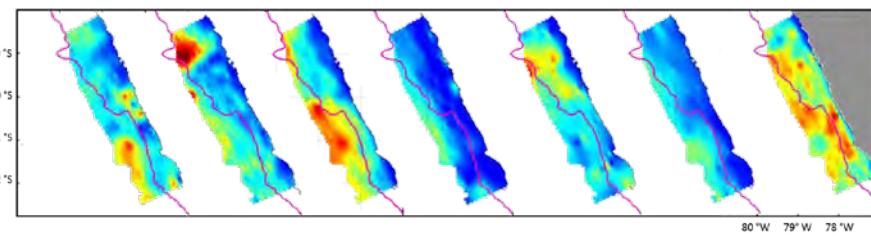
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## Water Masses

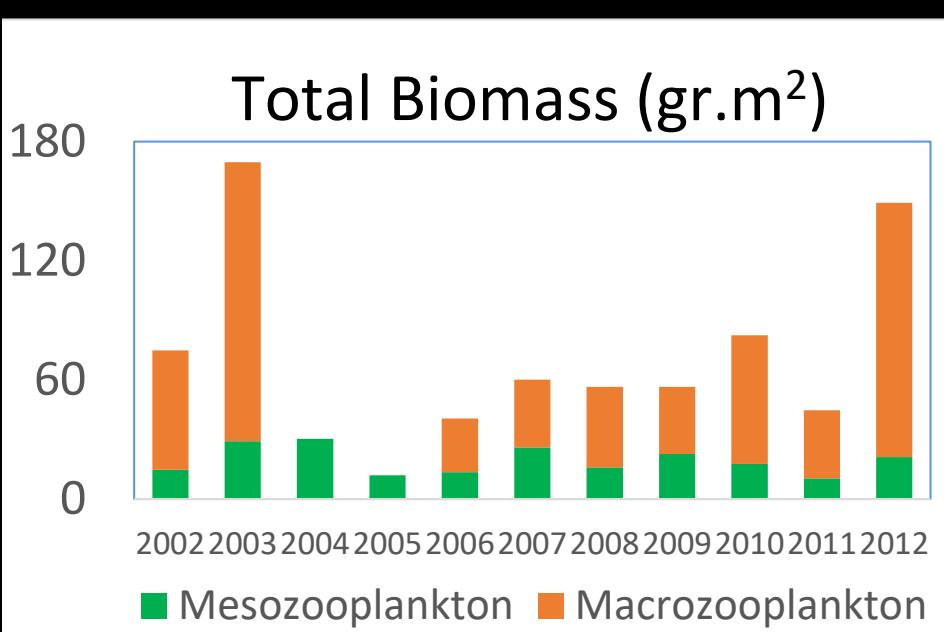


## Oxycline depth

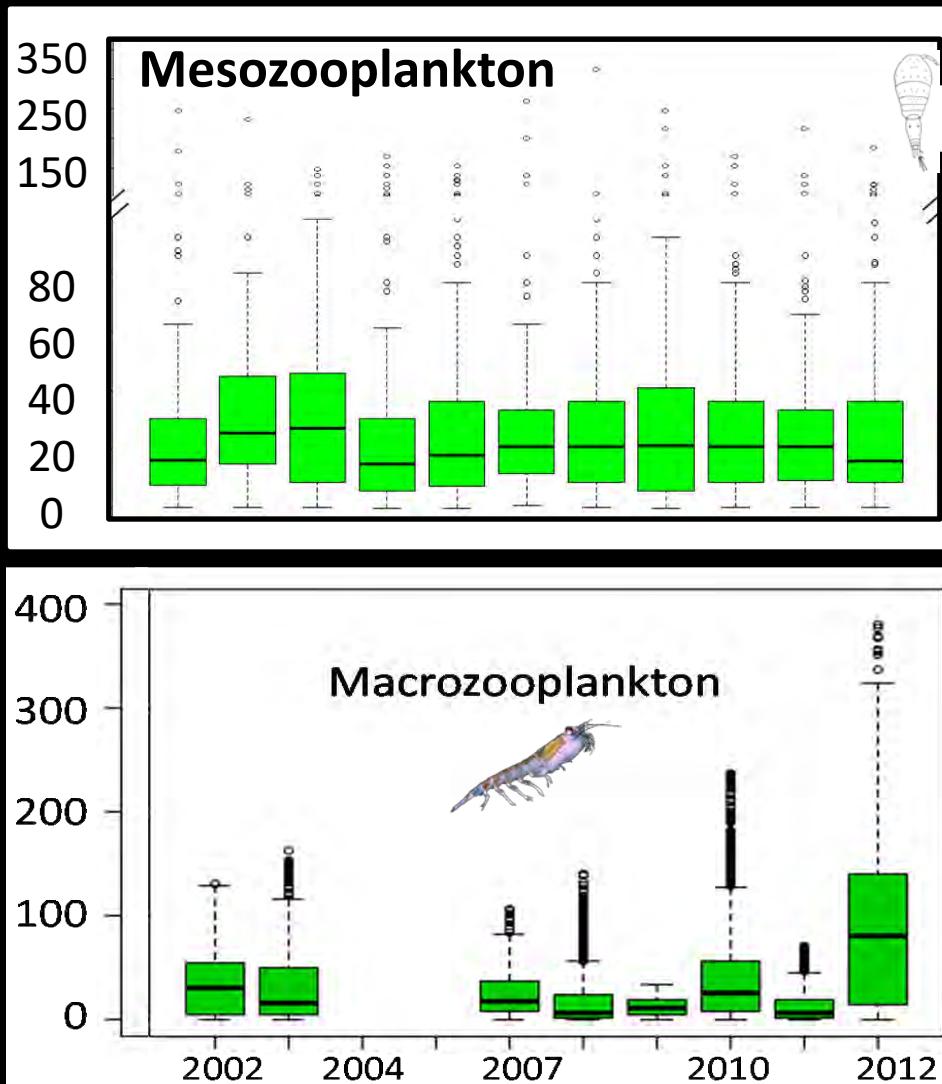


## Statistical Analysis of Variance Anova

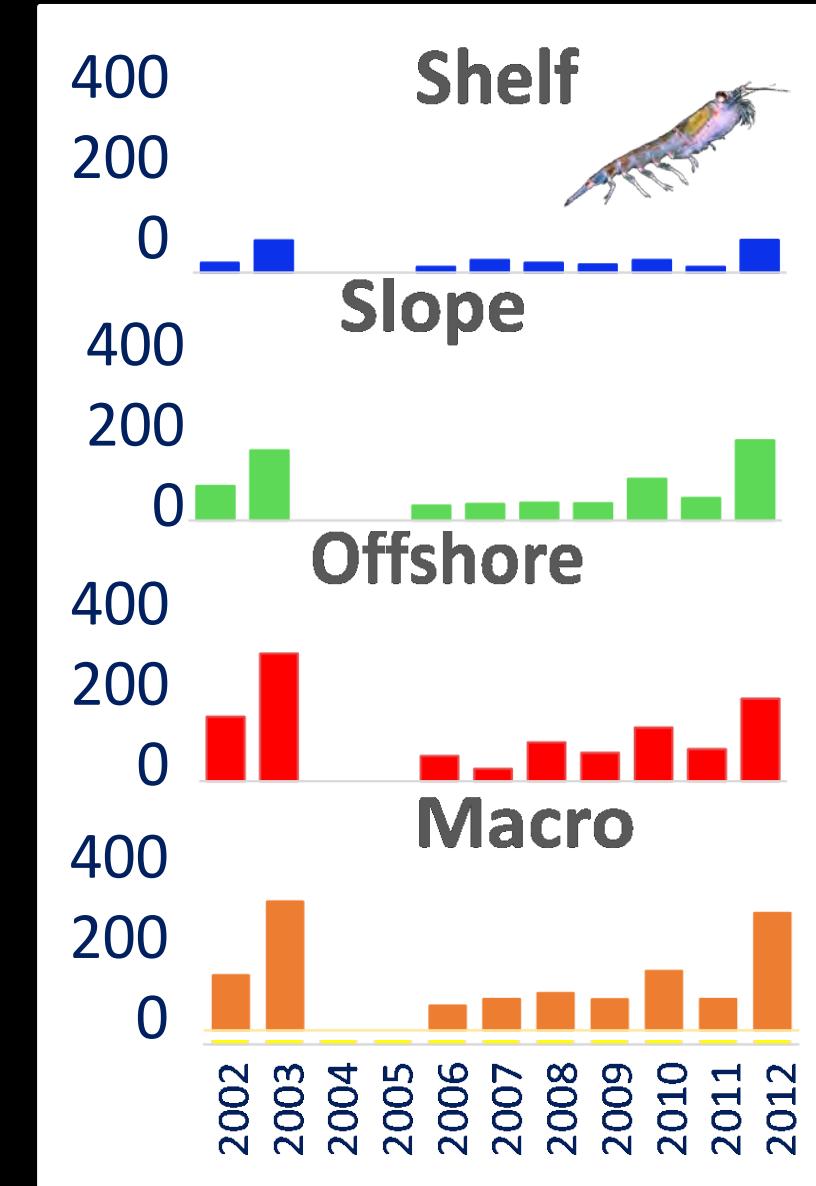
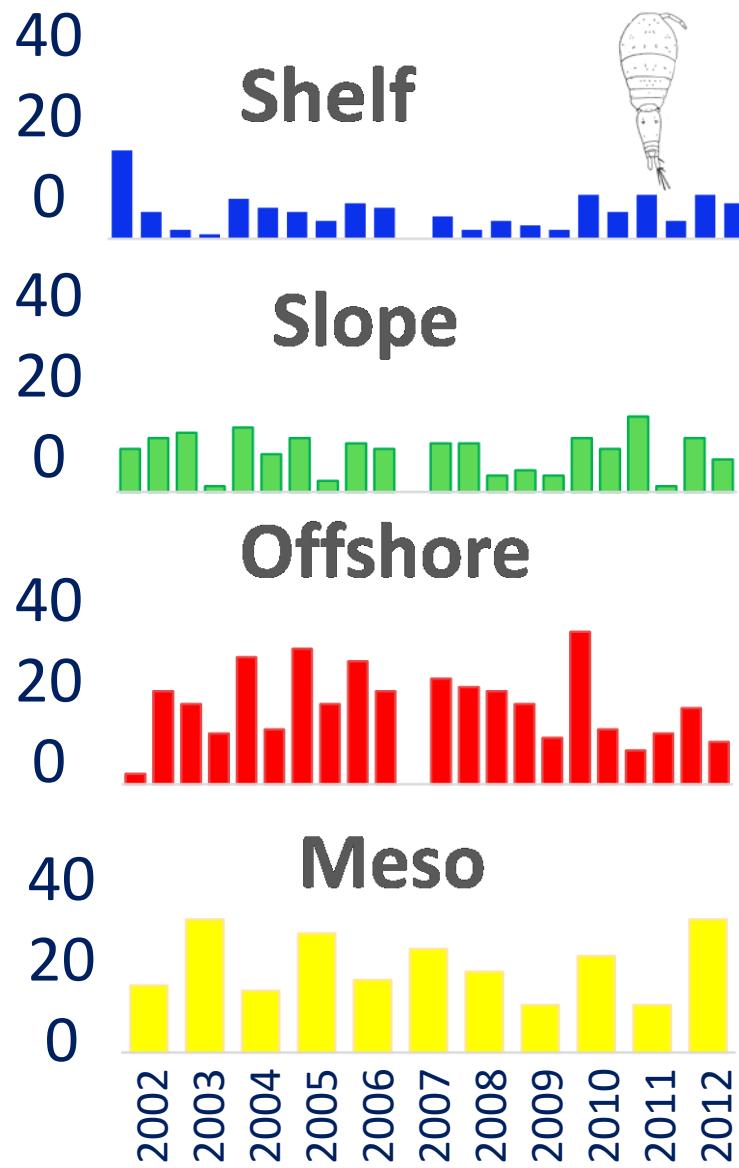
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Biomass (gr.m<sup>-2</sup>)



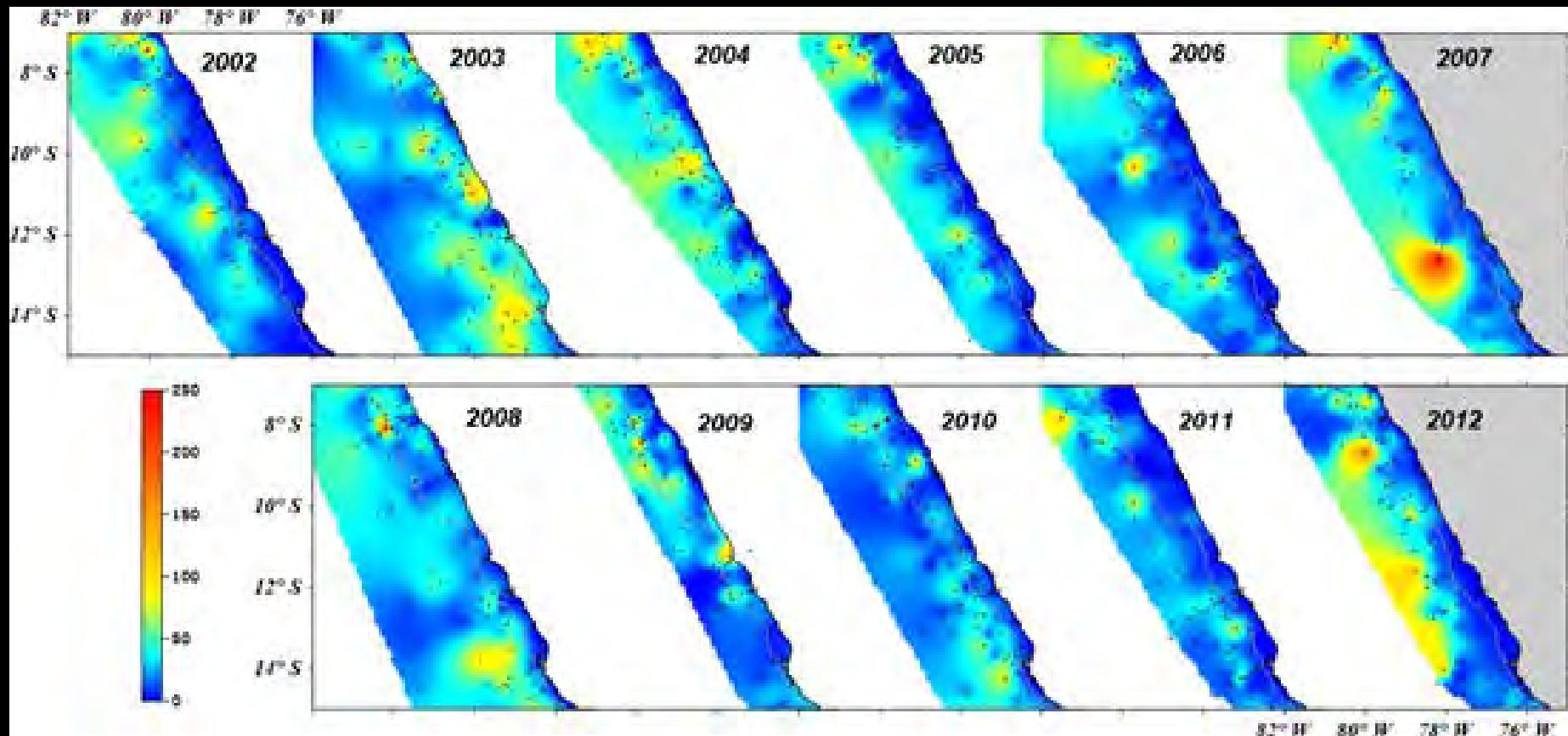
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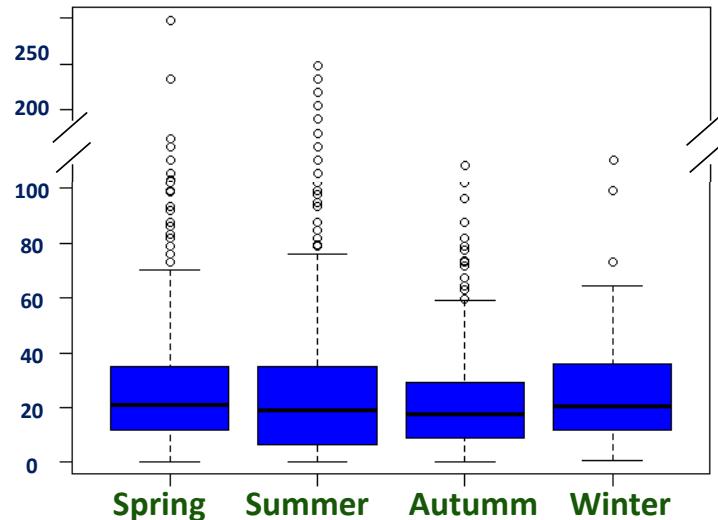
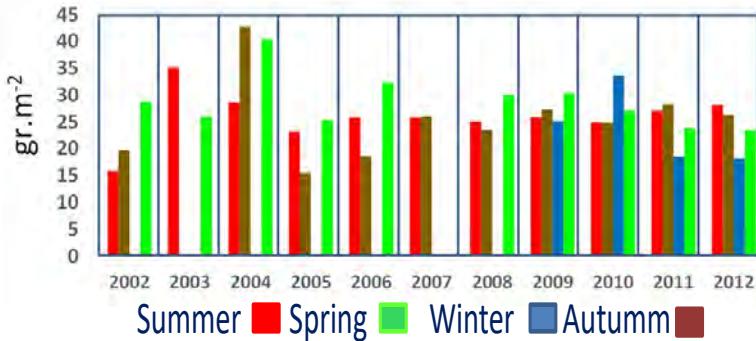


## Mesozooplankton distribution

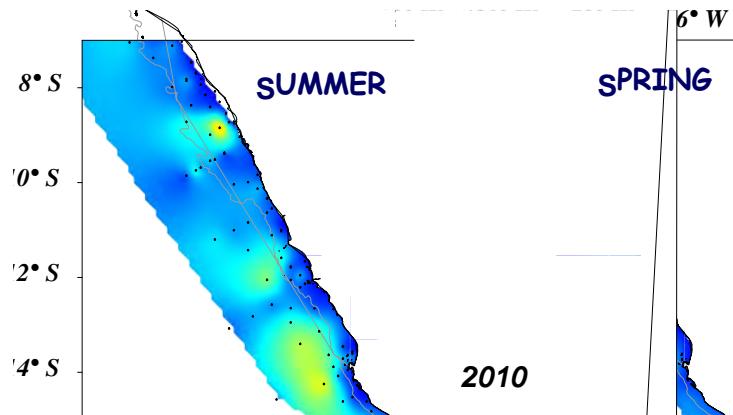
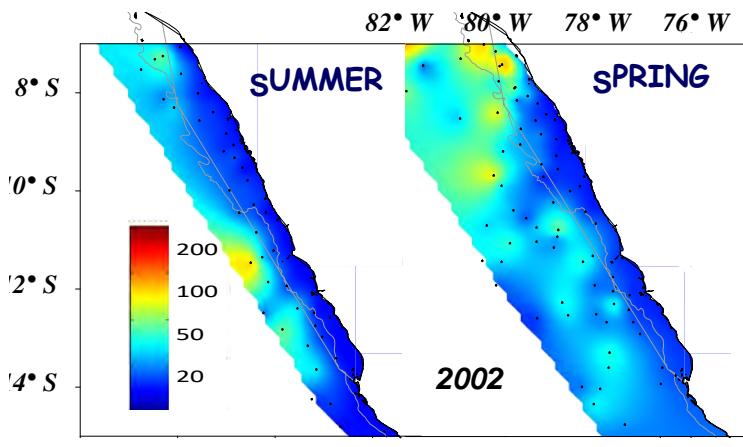


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## Biomass (gr.m<sup>-2</sup>)



	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
as.factor(datosStacion)	3	582563	194188	47.79	<2e-16 ***
Residuals	7534	30611772	4063		
Signif. codes:	0	***	0.001	**	0.05



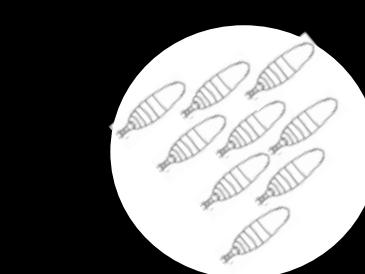
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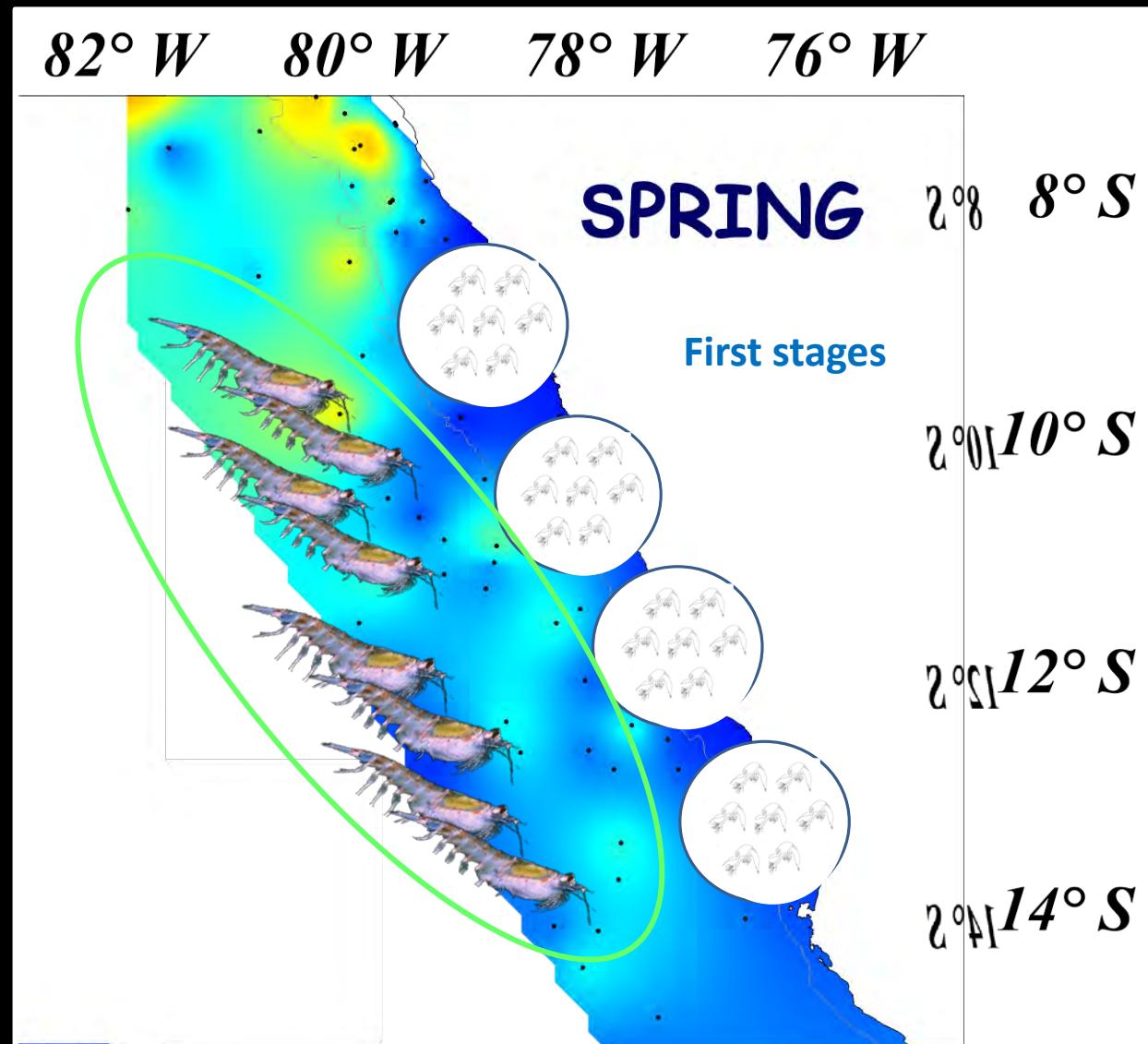
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## Highest Biomass: Offshore

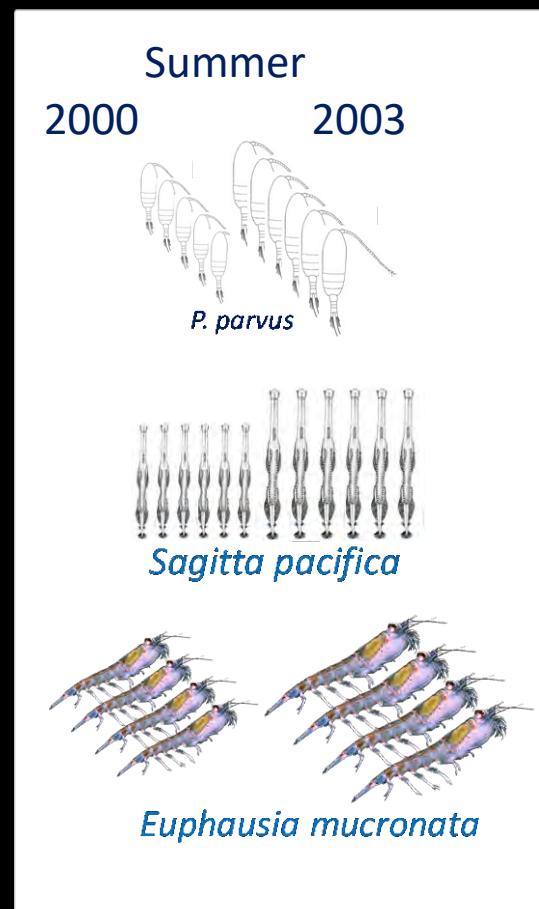
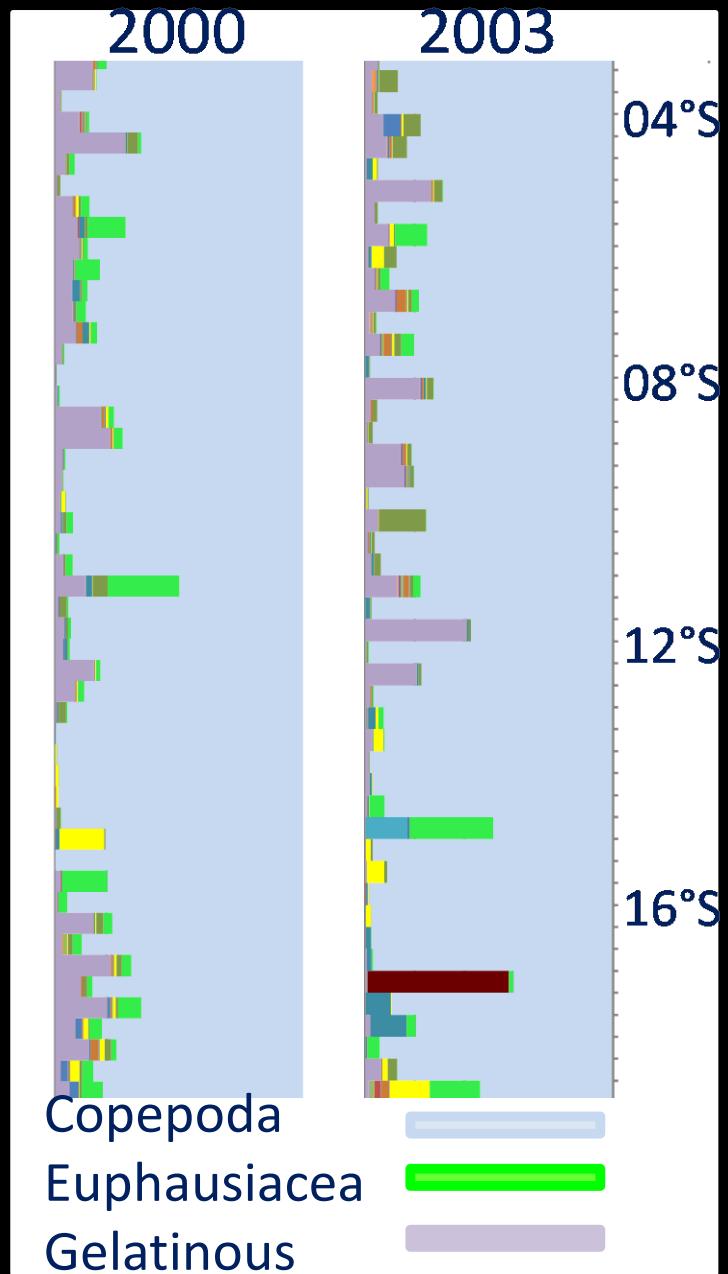
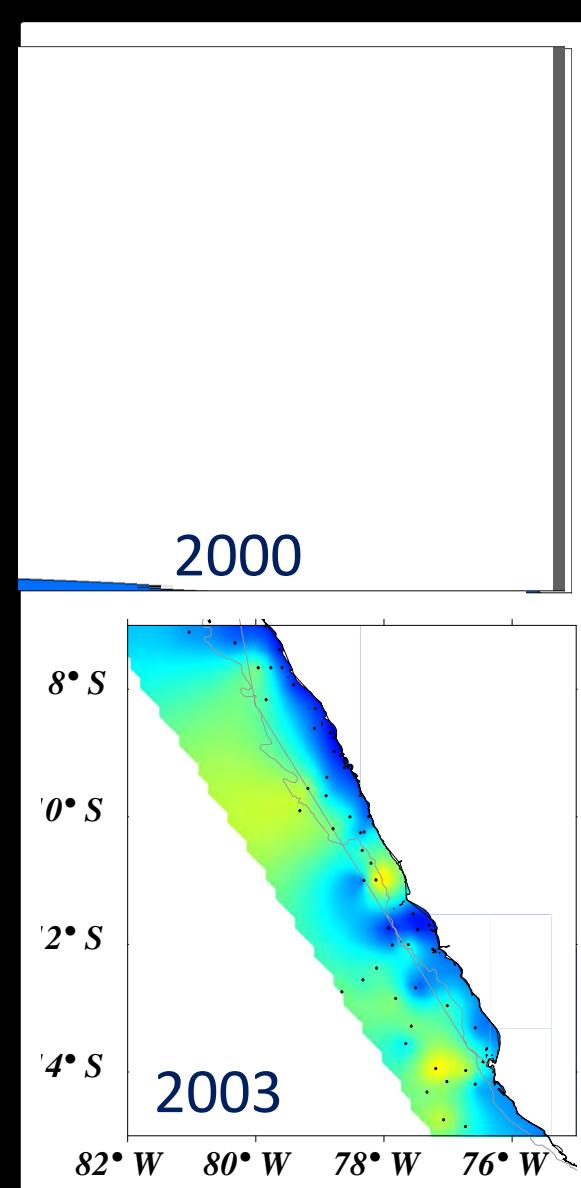


*Calanus chilensis*

2010



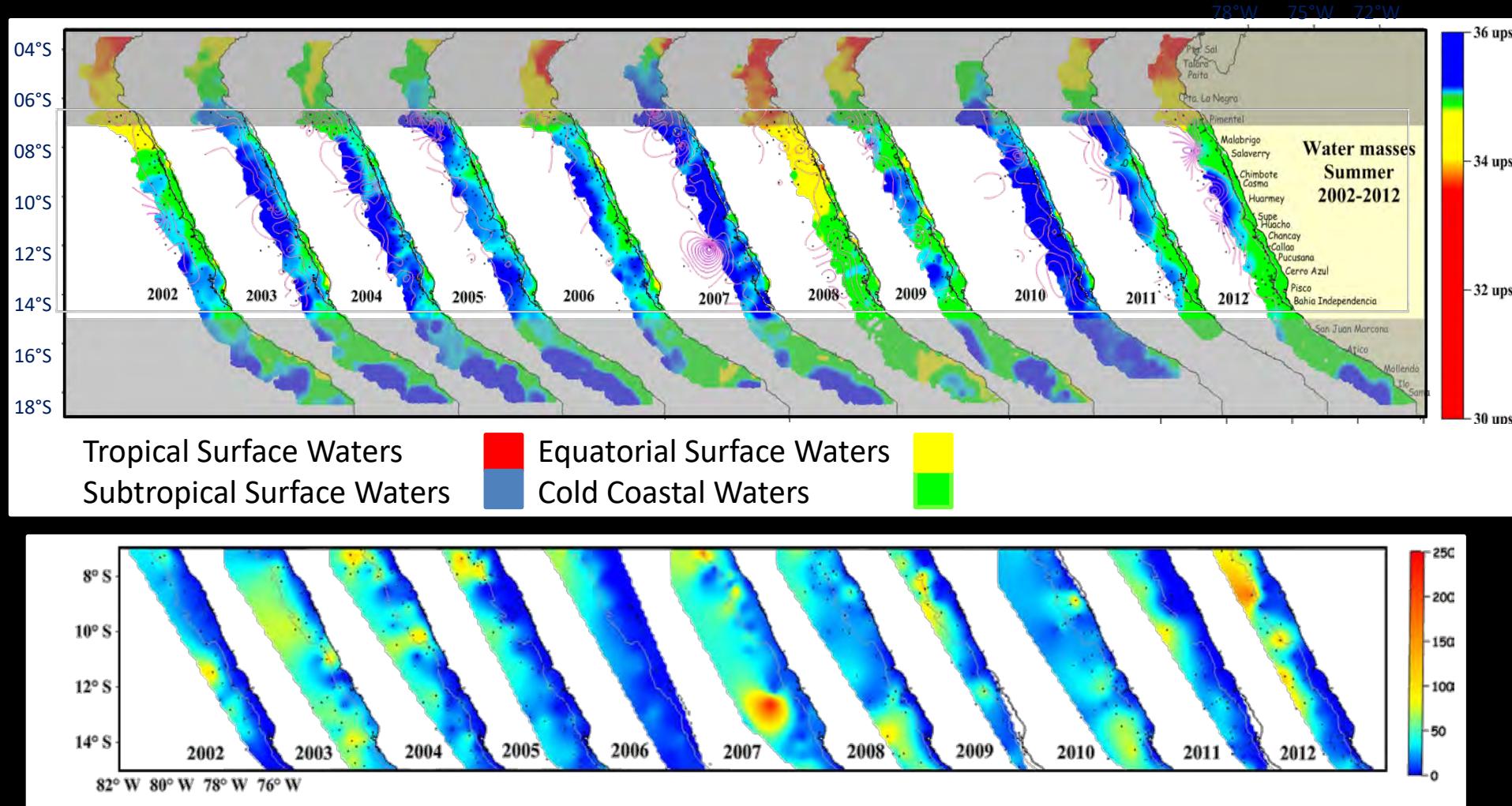
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Pinedo et al 2014

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## Summer: 2002-2012

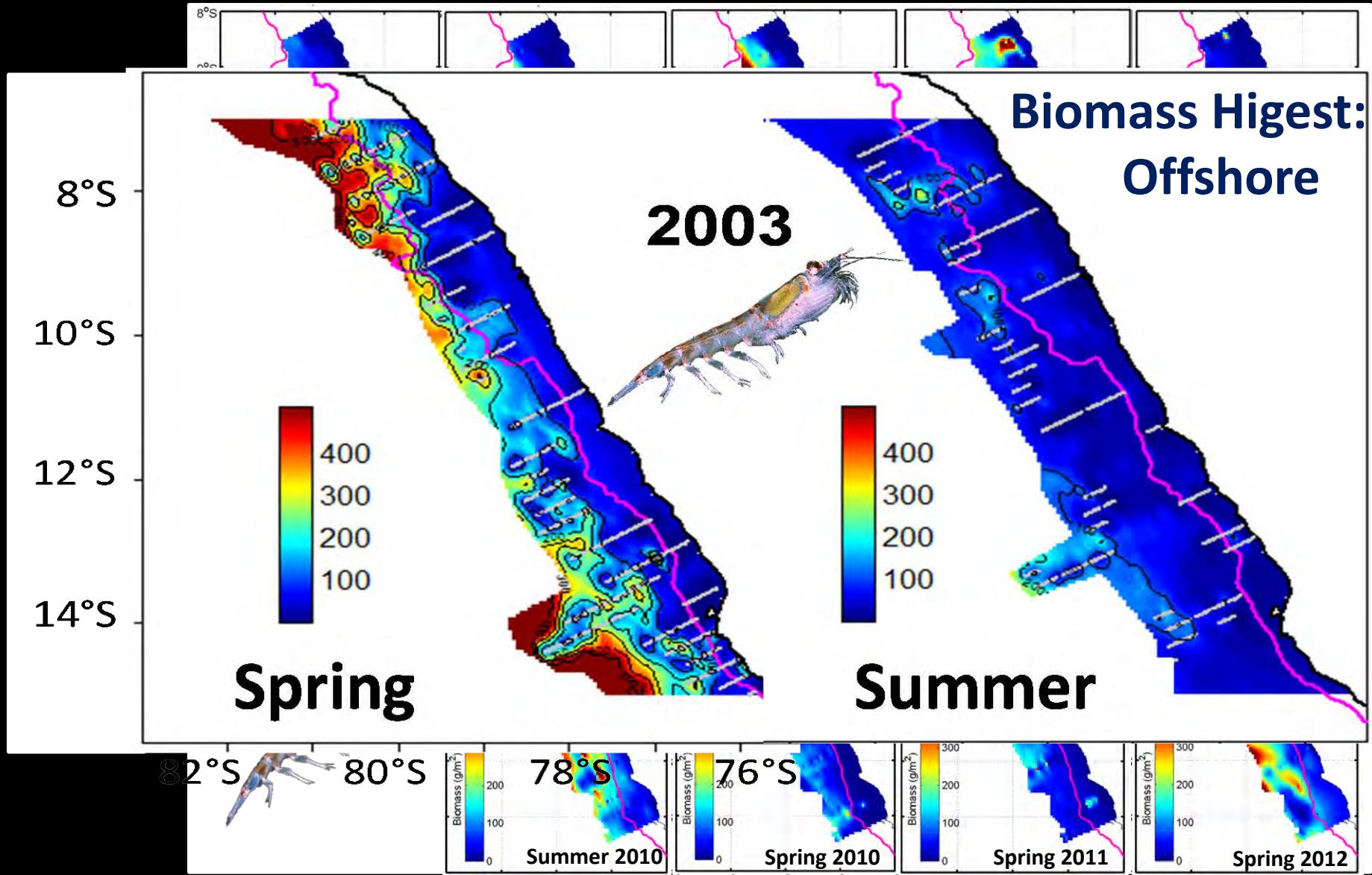


High correlation between water masses and mesozooplankton

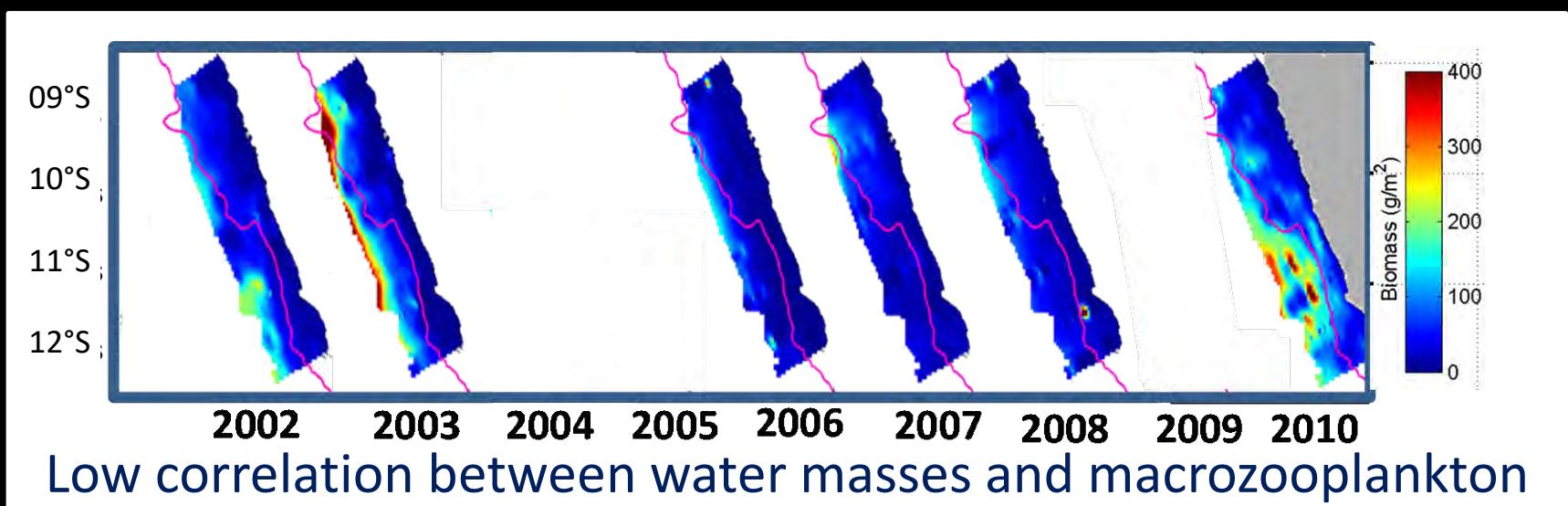
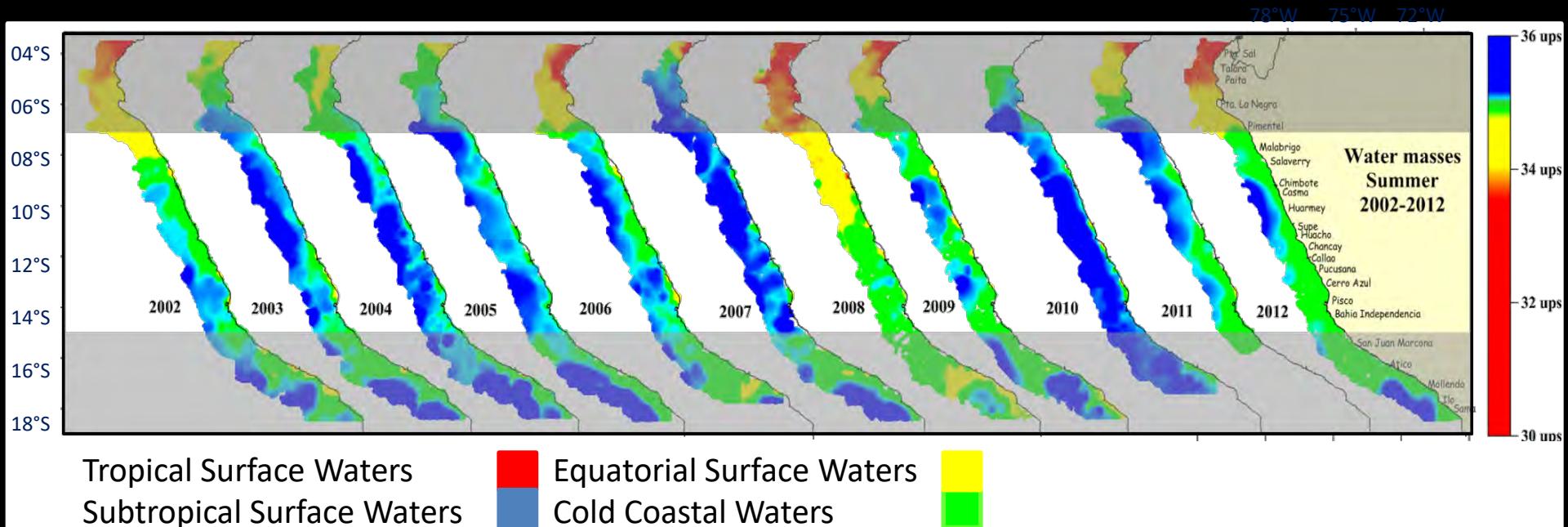
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## Macrozooplankton biomasses:2002-2012

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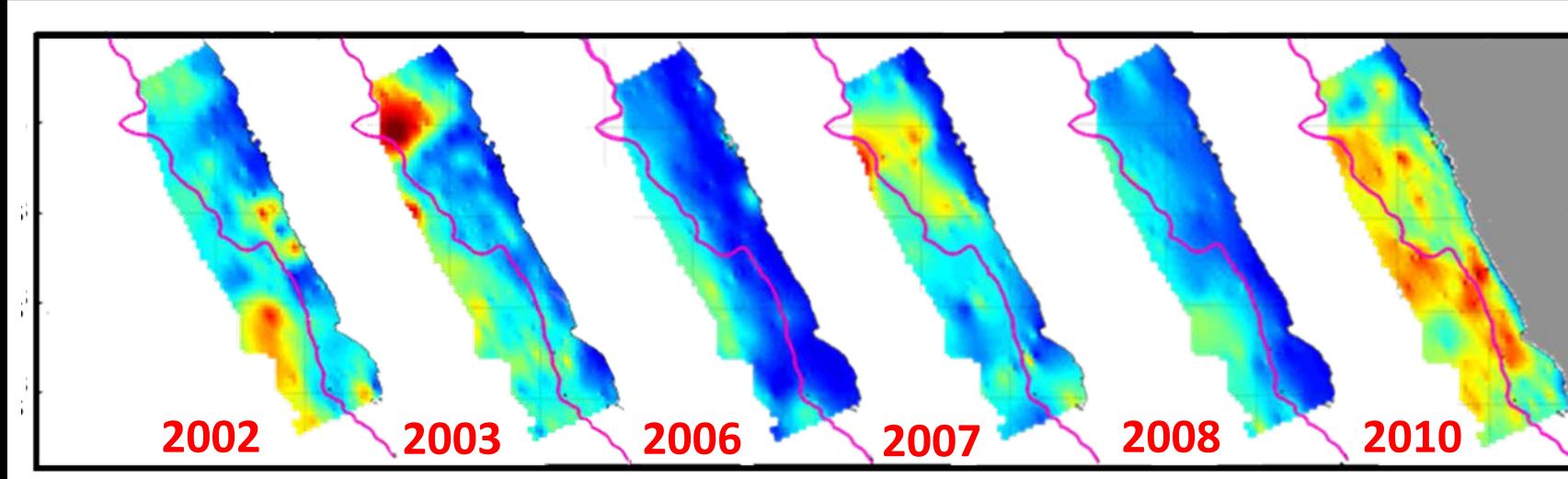
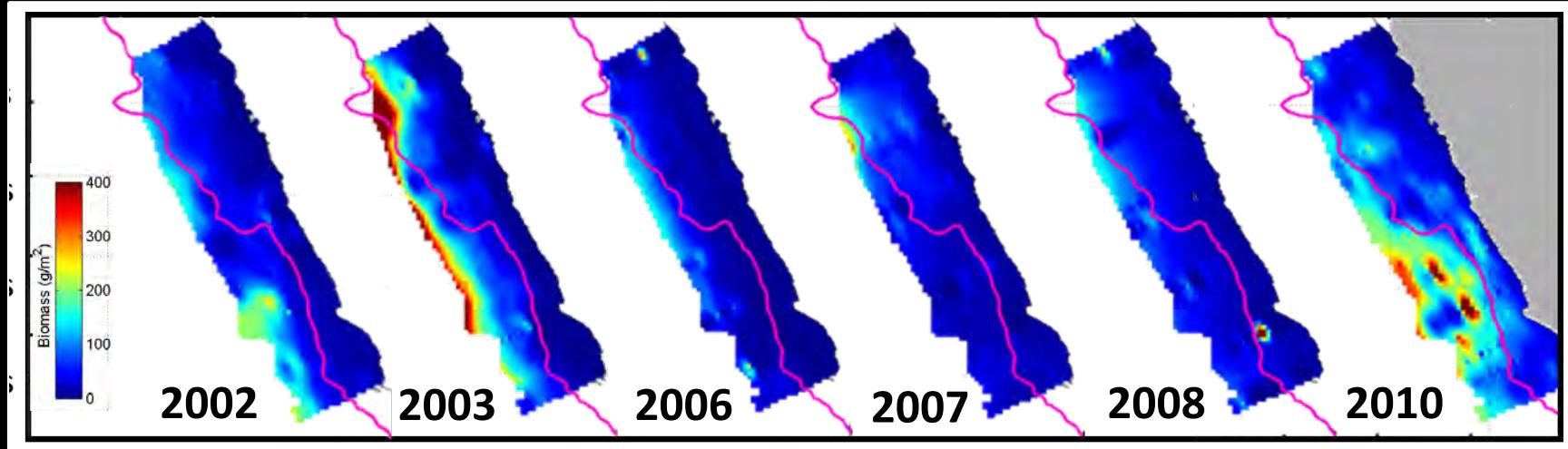


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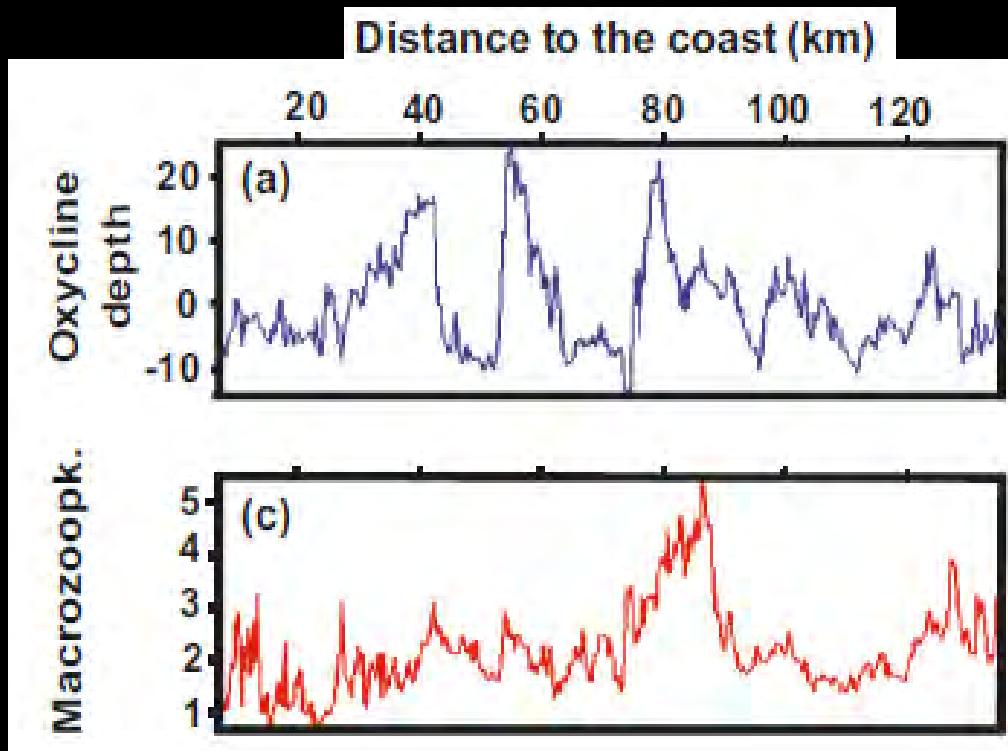


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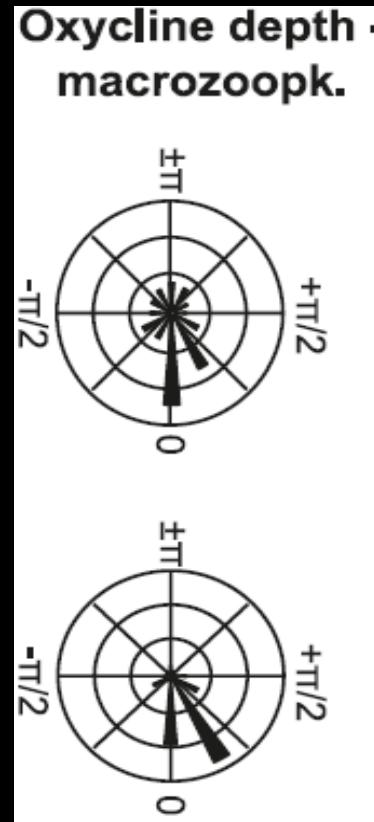
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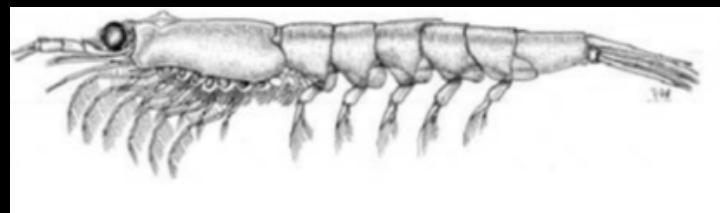


*Grados et al 2012*



# Conclusions

- Mesozooplankton and Macrozooplankton presents similar tendency.
- Mesozooplankton is associated with water masses displacement.
- Macrozooplankton can response to water masses displacement, but is more associated with oxycline depth.



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