

The ICES Working Group on Oceanic Hydrography (WGOH): building on over 100 years of North Atlantic observations

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IROC Highlights for 2009

The upper layers of the northern North Atlantic and the Nordic seas were warm and saline in 2009 compared with the long-term average.

A strong, cold anomaly developed in the surface of the central North Atlantic during summer.

Warming and salinification of deep waters continues.

The Atmosphere during 2009

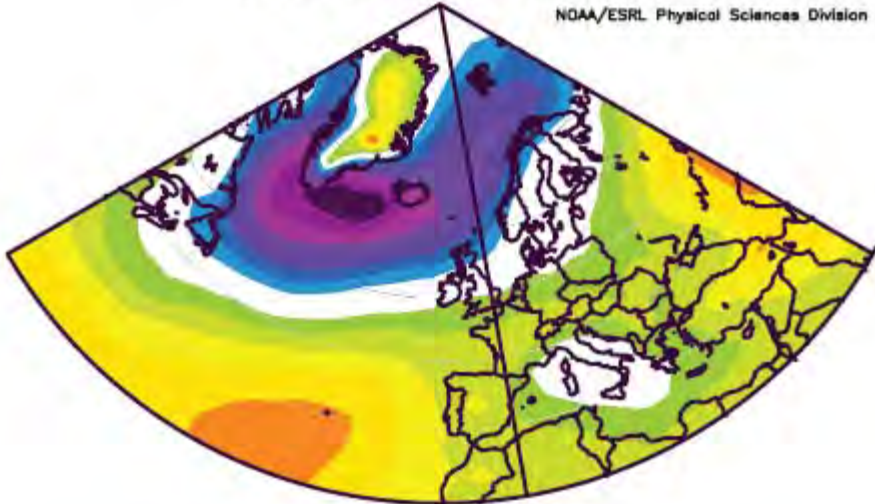
Surface air temperatures in the central North Atlantic and the Norwegian Sea were near normal, but were $>1^{\circ}\text{C}$ higher than average in the Labrador, Barents, and Greenland seas.

Mean winds weaker than normal across the eastern North Atlantic, southern Labrador Sea, NW European shelf, and Baltic, but stronger than normal east of Newfoundland and east of Azores.

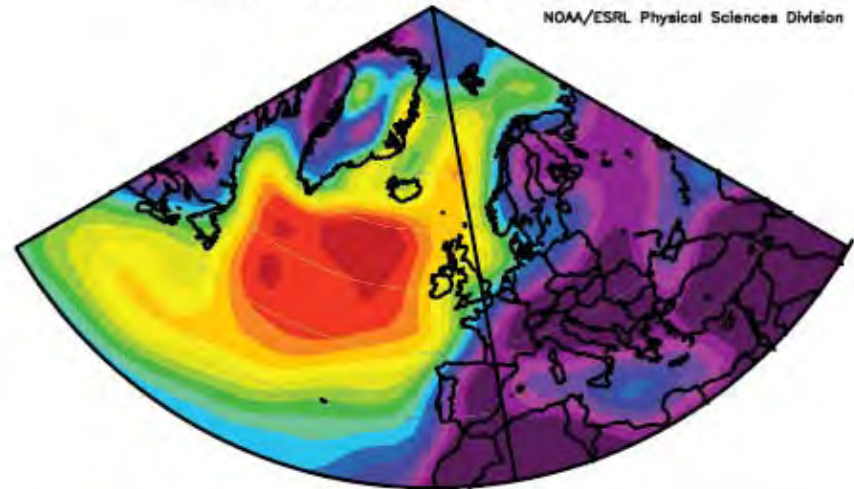
The NAO index in winter 2008/2009 was weakly negative.

Atmospheric analysis

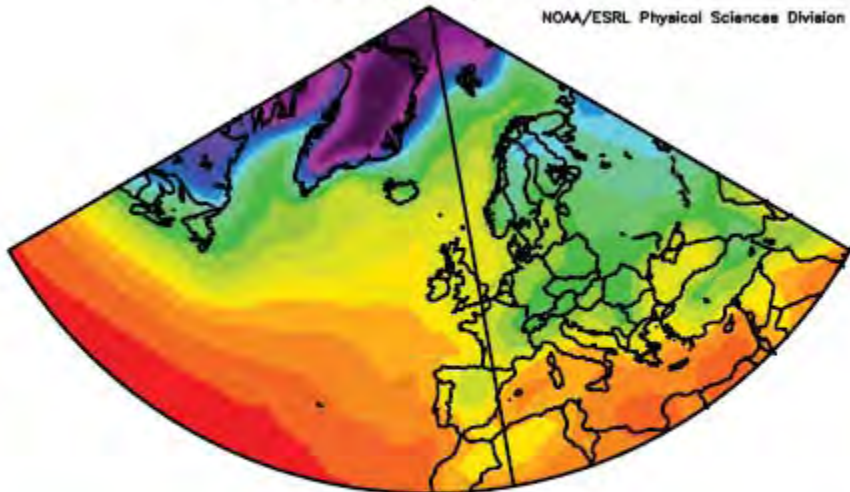
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Sea Level Pressure (mb) Composite Mean
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1000mb Scalar Wind Speed (m/s) Composite Mean
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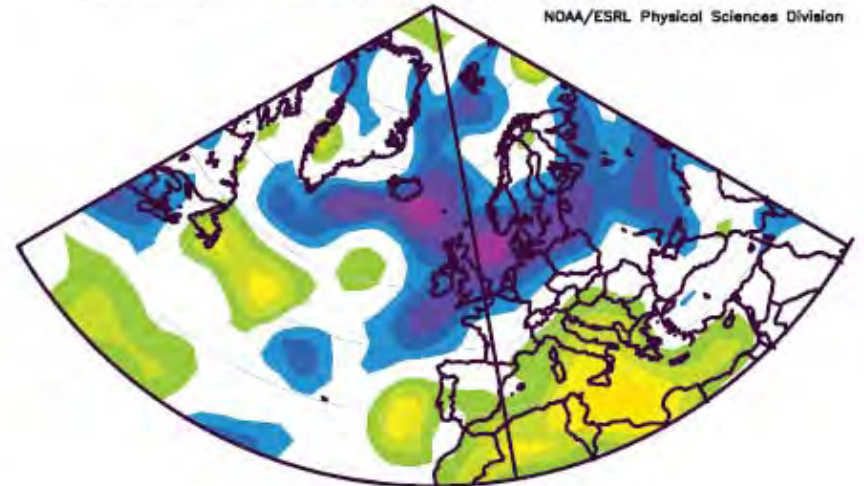
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Surface air (C) Composite Mean
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Dec to Mar: 2009

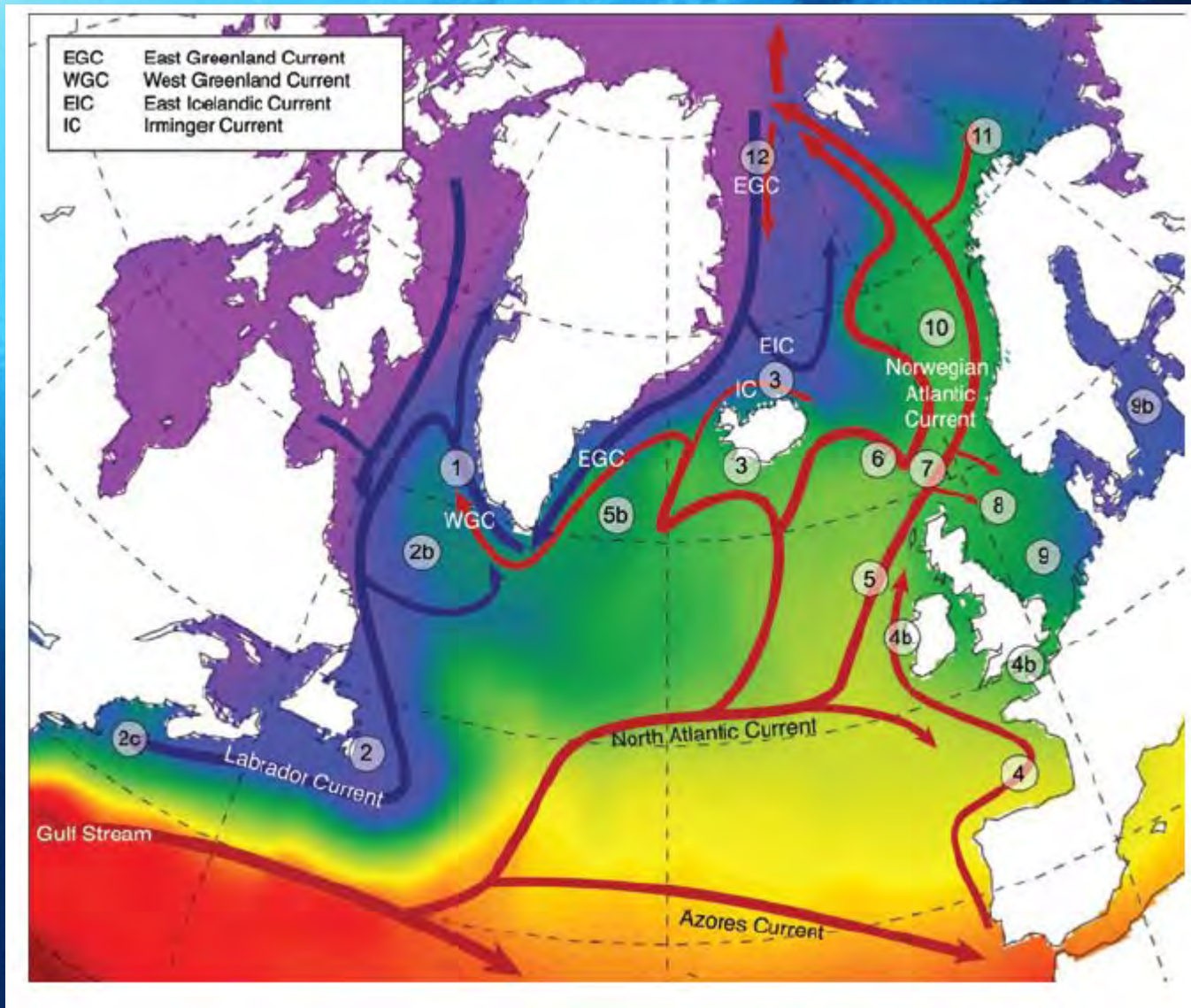


NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis
1000mb Scalar Wind Speed (m/s) Composite Anomaly 1968-1996 climo
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Dec to Mar: 2009 to 2009 minus 1971 to 2000





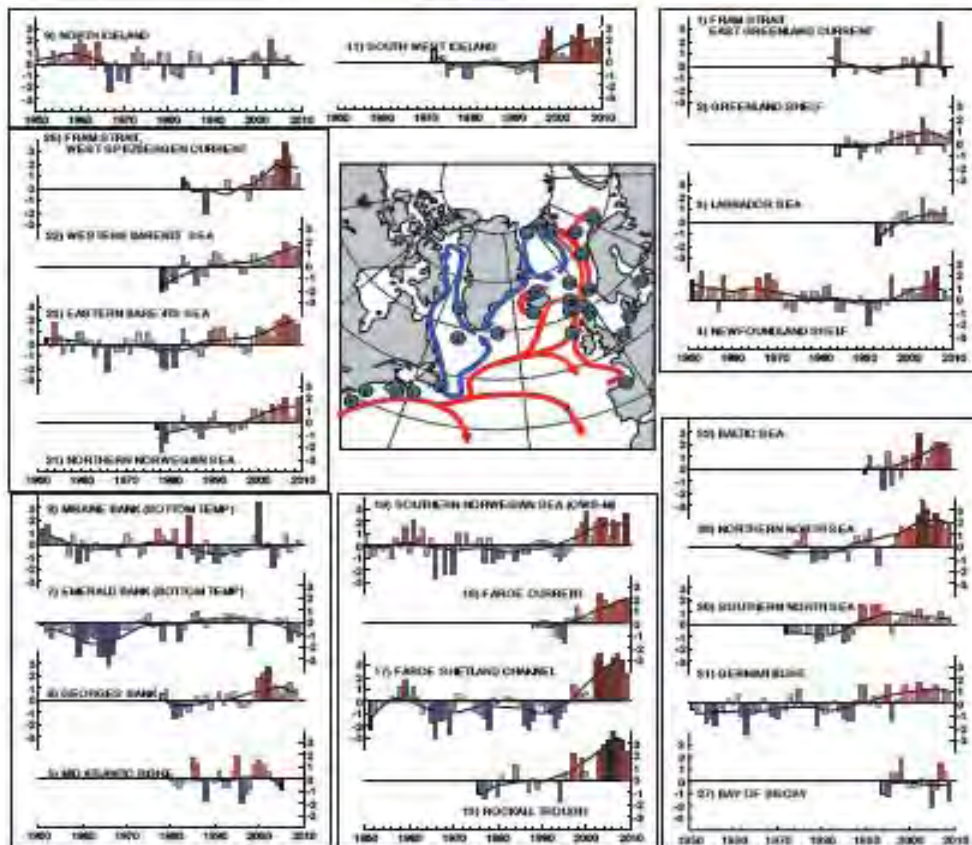
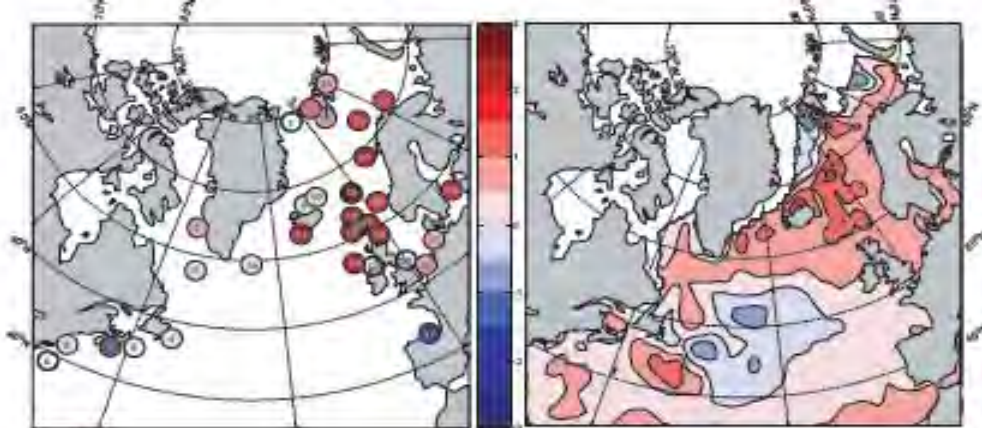
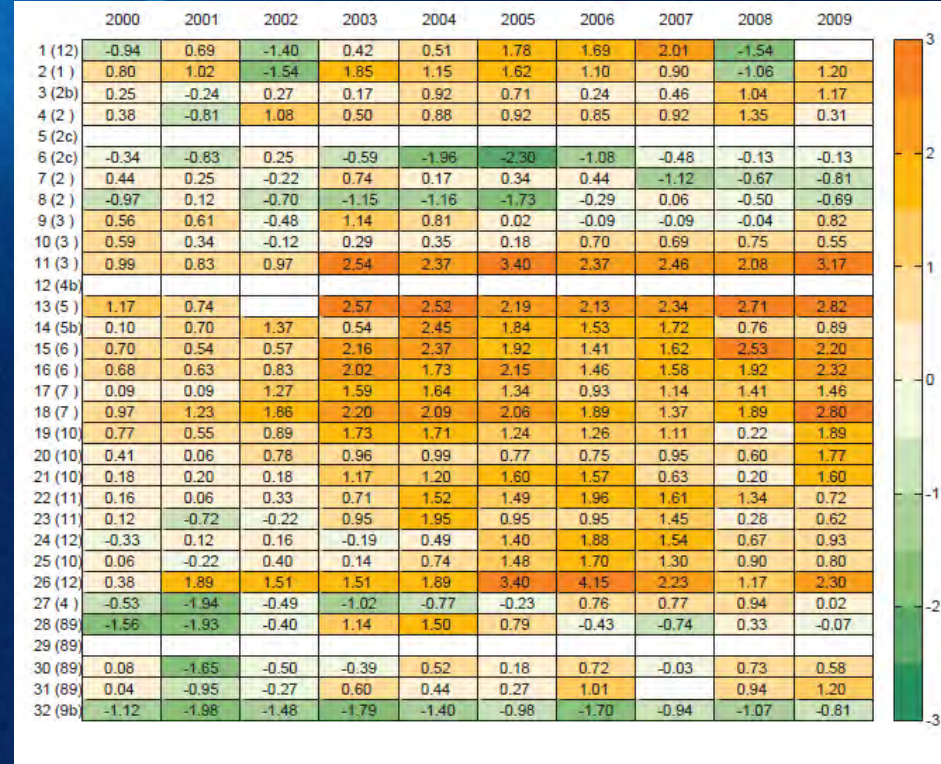
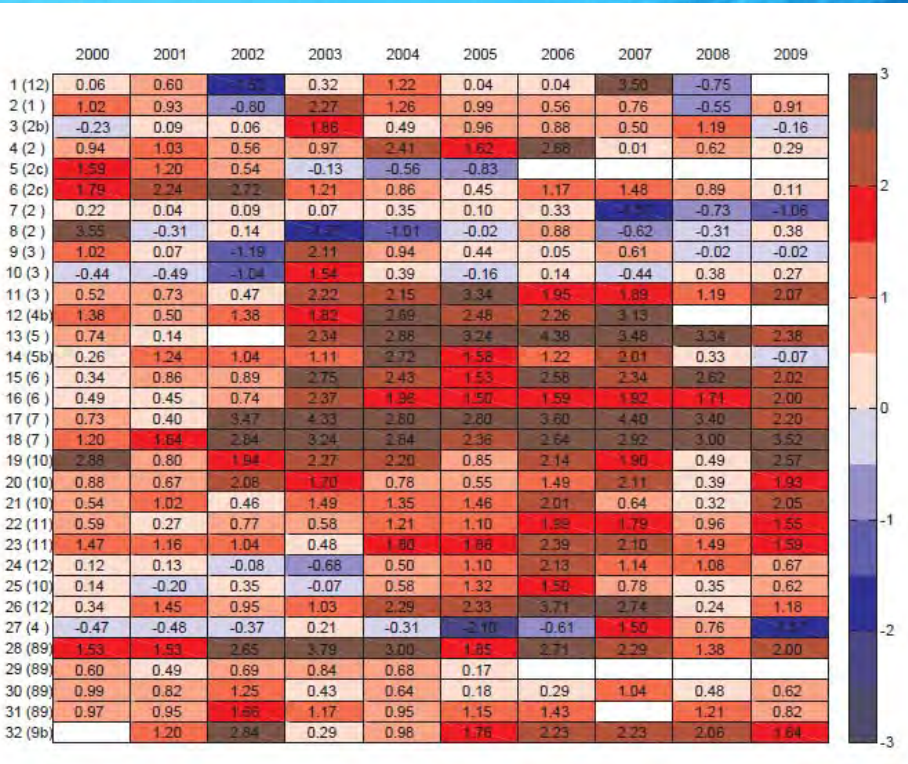


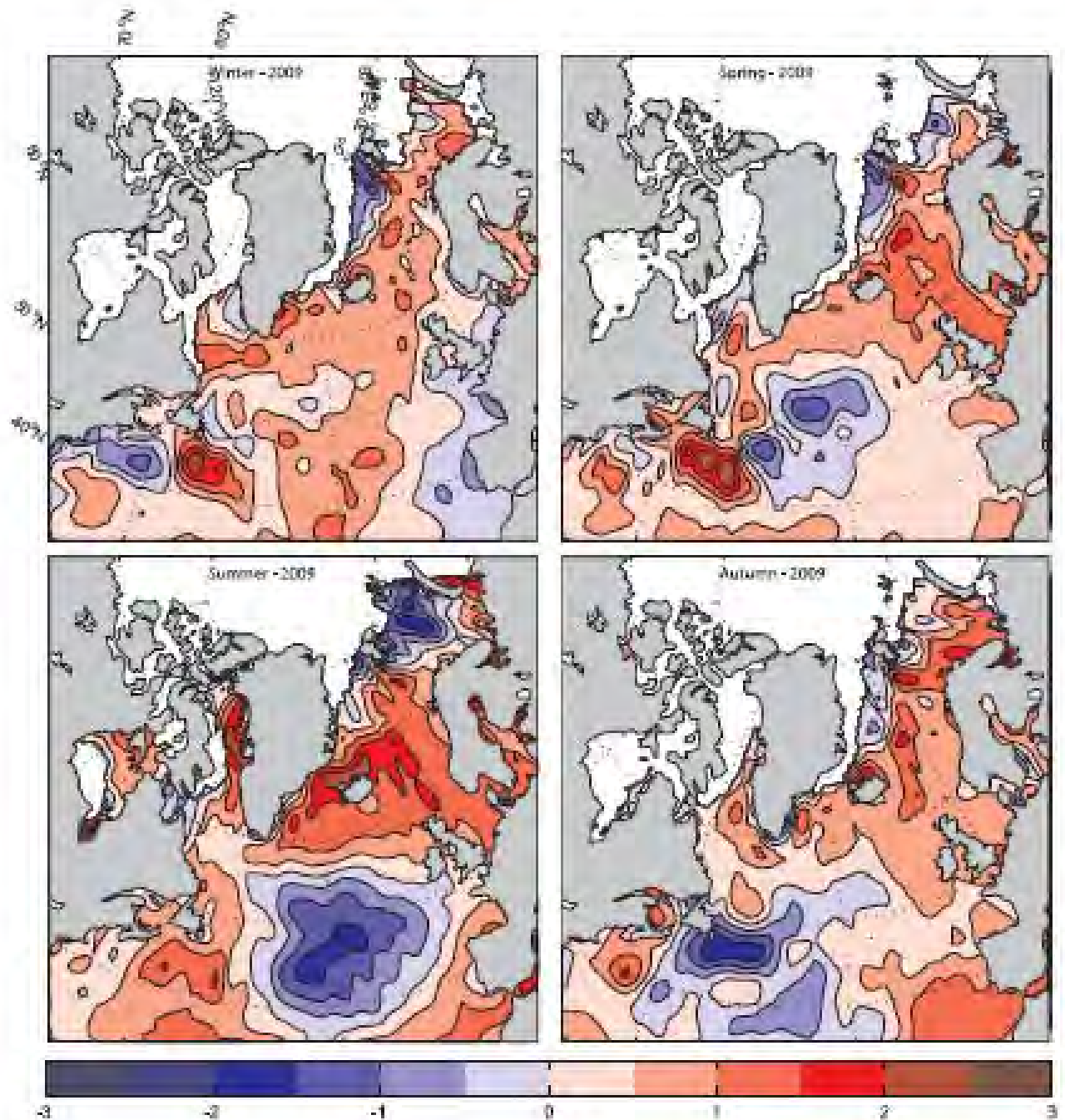
Figure 1.

Upper ocean temperature anomalies at selected locations across the North Atlantic. The anomalies are normalized with respect to the standard deviation (e.g. a value of +2 indicates 2 standard deviations above normal). Upper panels: maps of conditions in 2009; (left) data from in situ observations; (right) 2009 anomalies calculated from CESST v2 data (see Figure 3). Lower panels: time-series of normalized anomalies at each of the selected stations. Colour intervals 0.5°C; reds = positive/anomalies, blues = negative/cool. See Figure 13 for a map supplying more details about the locations in this figure.

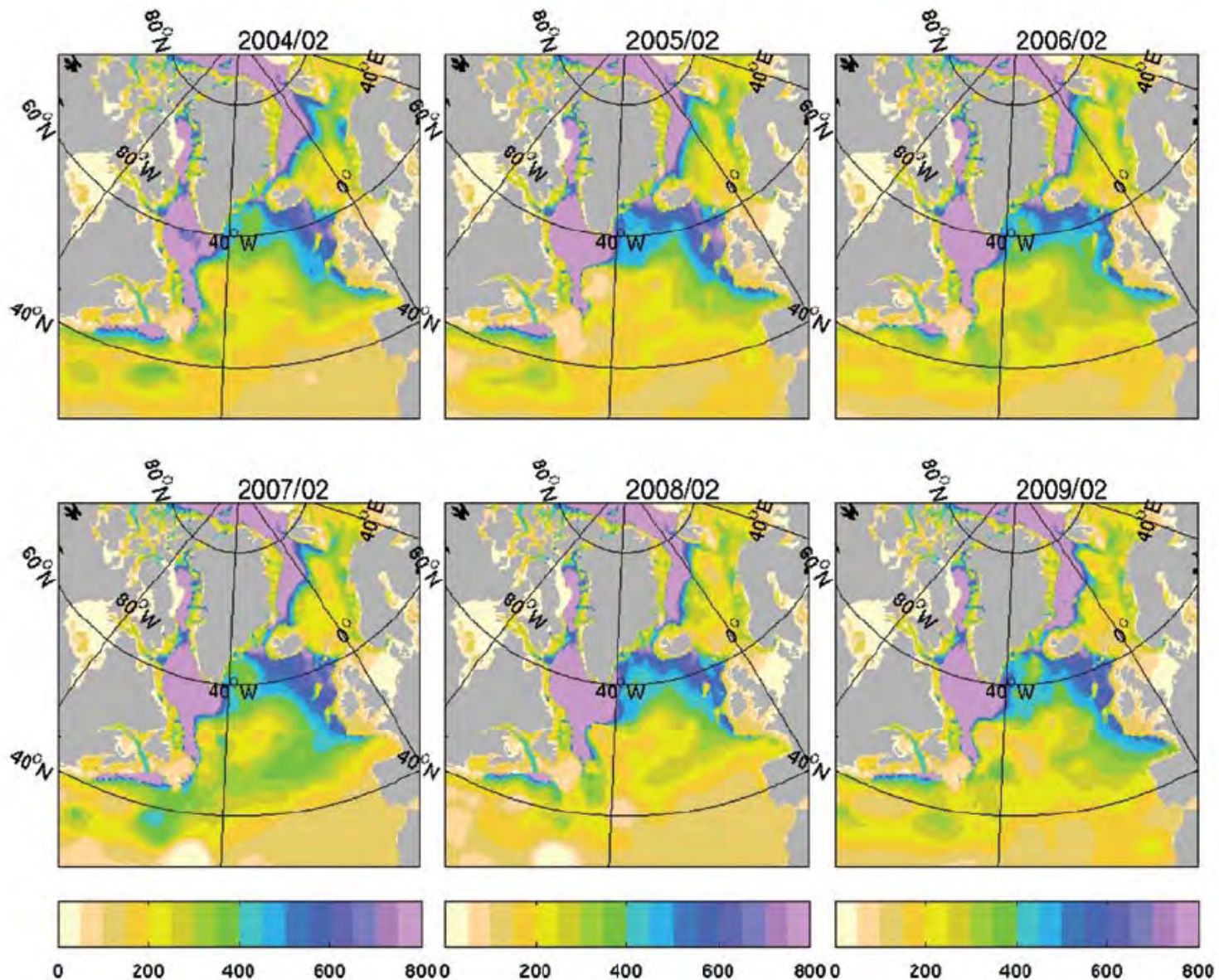
2009 Summary (all areas)



Seasonal temperature anomalies 2009

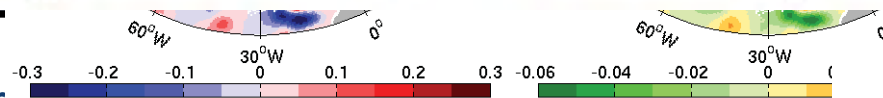
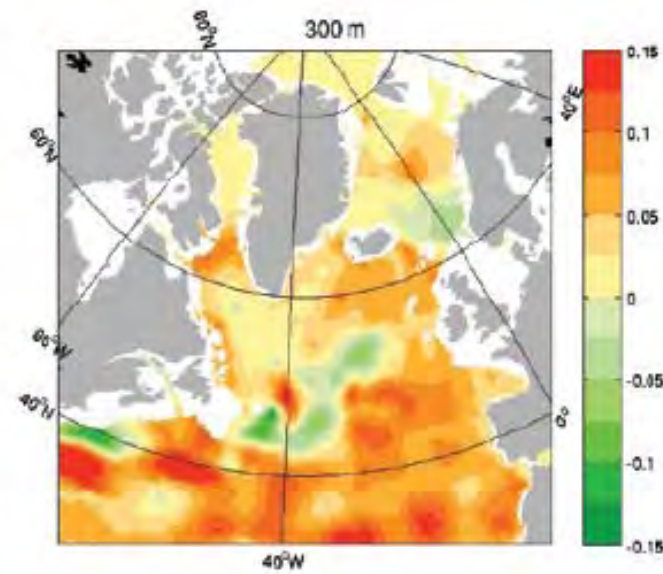
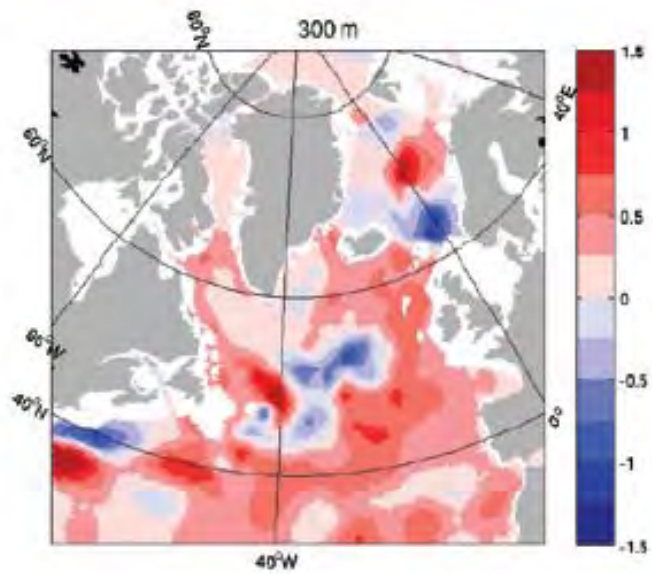
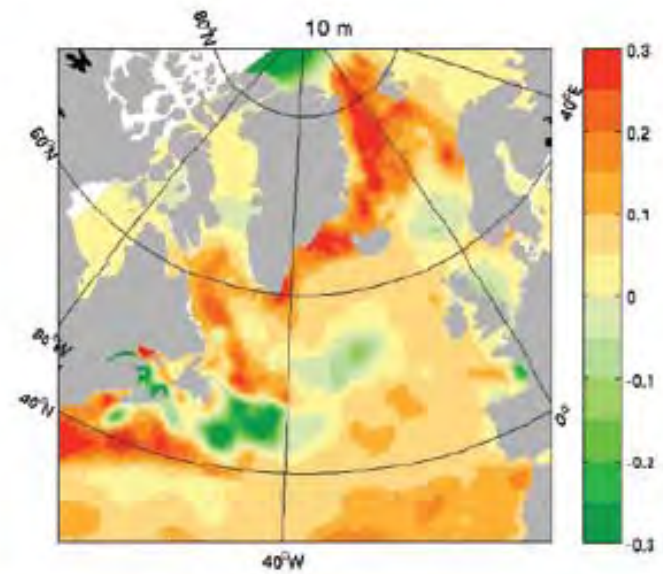
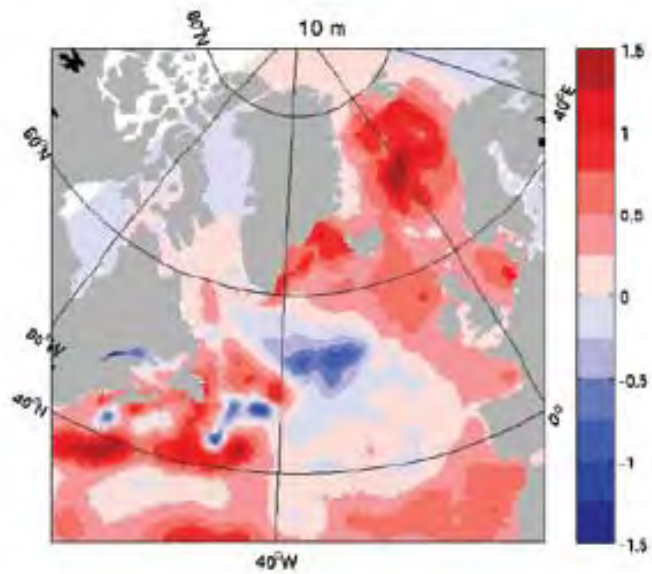


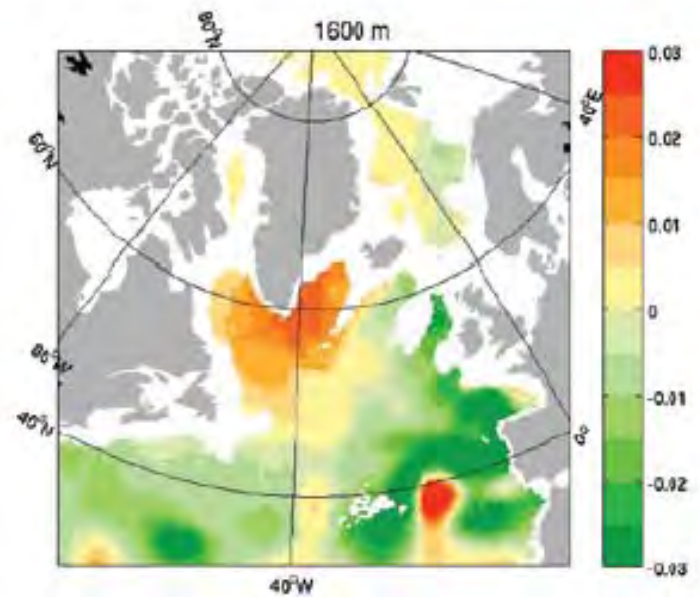
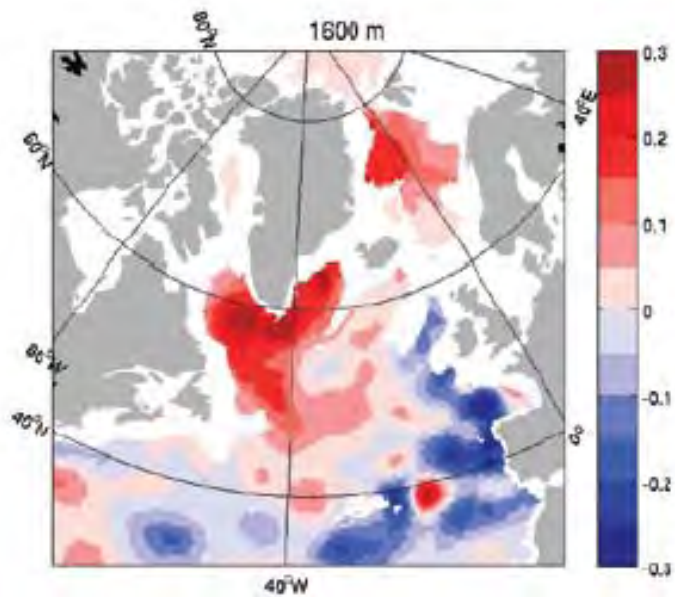
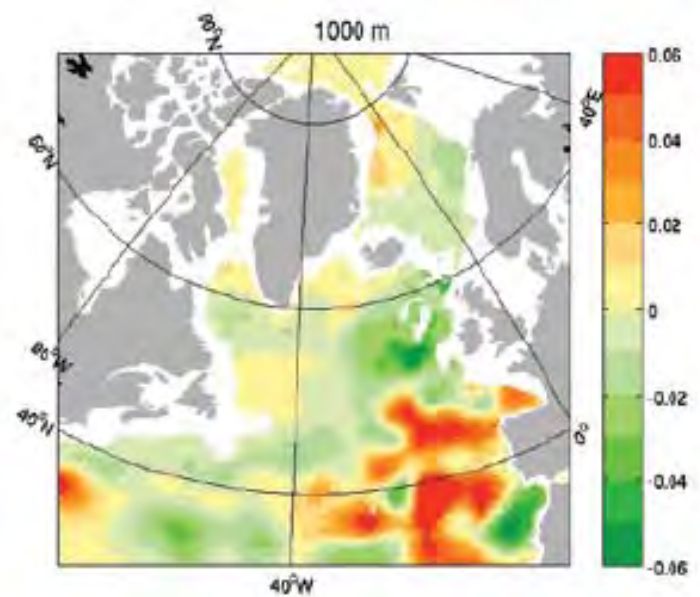
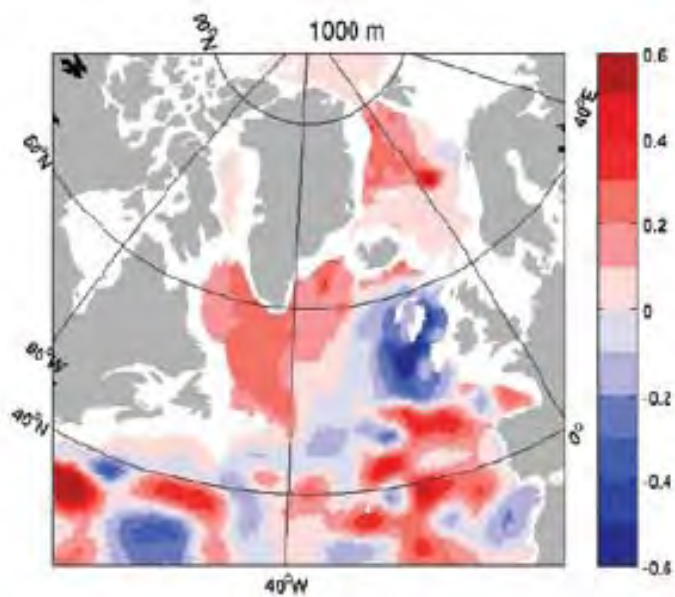
Winter mixed layer depth



Temperature anomaly - 2009

Salinity anomaly - 2009

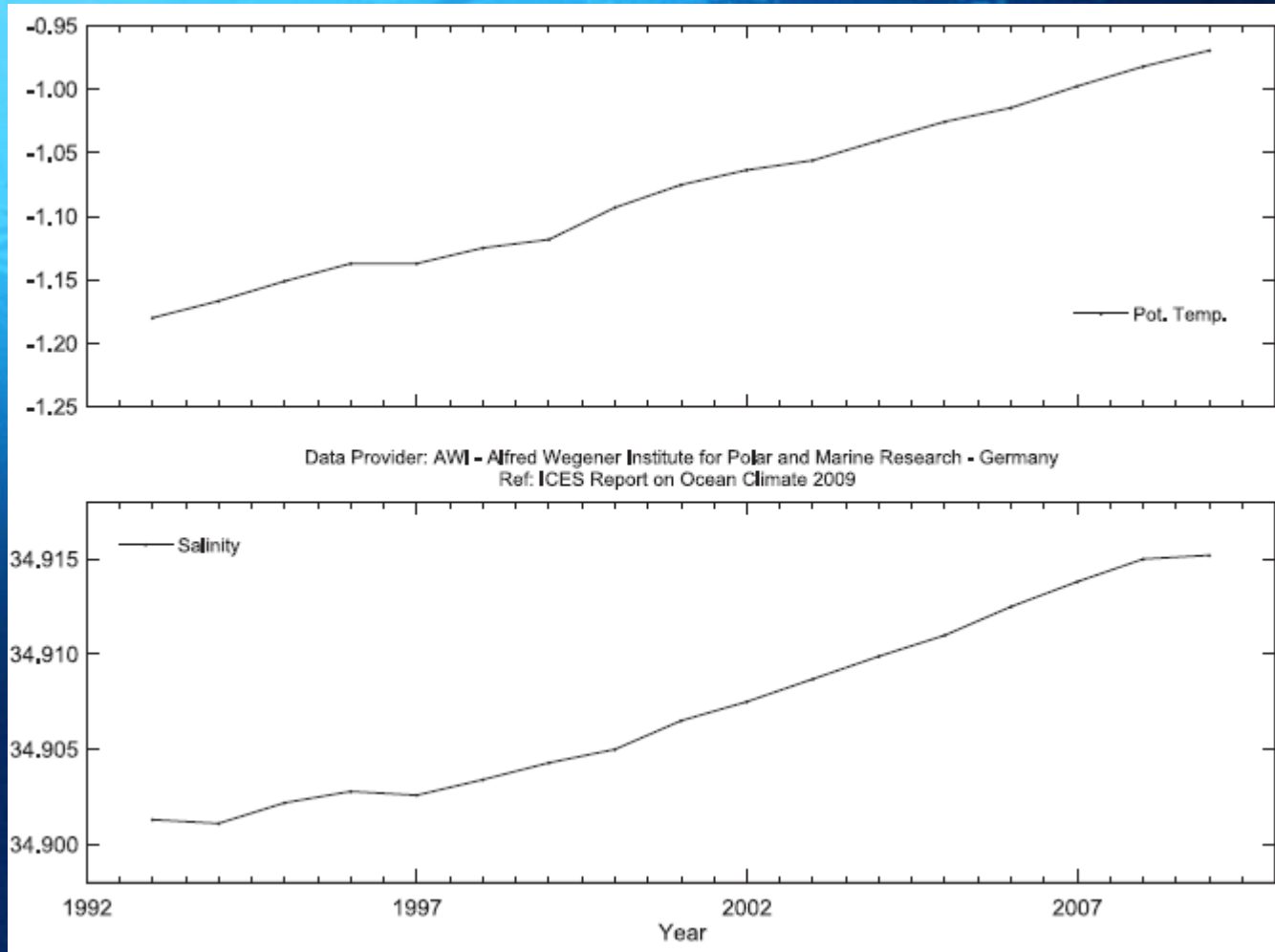






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Greenland Sea: 3000m depth



Recent publications using IROC

- Harrauld, M., Wright, P.J., Neat, Francis C (2010) Substock variation in reproductive traits in North Sea cod (*Gadus morhua*) Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Vol. 67, no. 5, pp. 866-876. May 2010.
- Ken Drinkwater (2010), Comparison of the response of Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) in the high-latitude regions of the North Atlantic during the warm periods of the 1920s-1960s and the 1990s-2000s, Deep Sea Research Part II: Topical Studies in Oceanography, Volume 56, Issues 21-22,
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- Neumann, H., S. Ehrich and I. Kroncke (2009). "Variability of epifauna and temperature in the northern North Sea." Marine Biology 156(9): 1817-1826.
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WG Oceanographic Products for Fisheries and Environment (WGOOFE)

Who are WGOOFE?

ICES Expert Group aimed to provide an **interface between users and providers** of operational oceanographic products

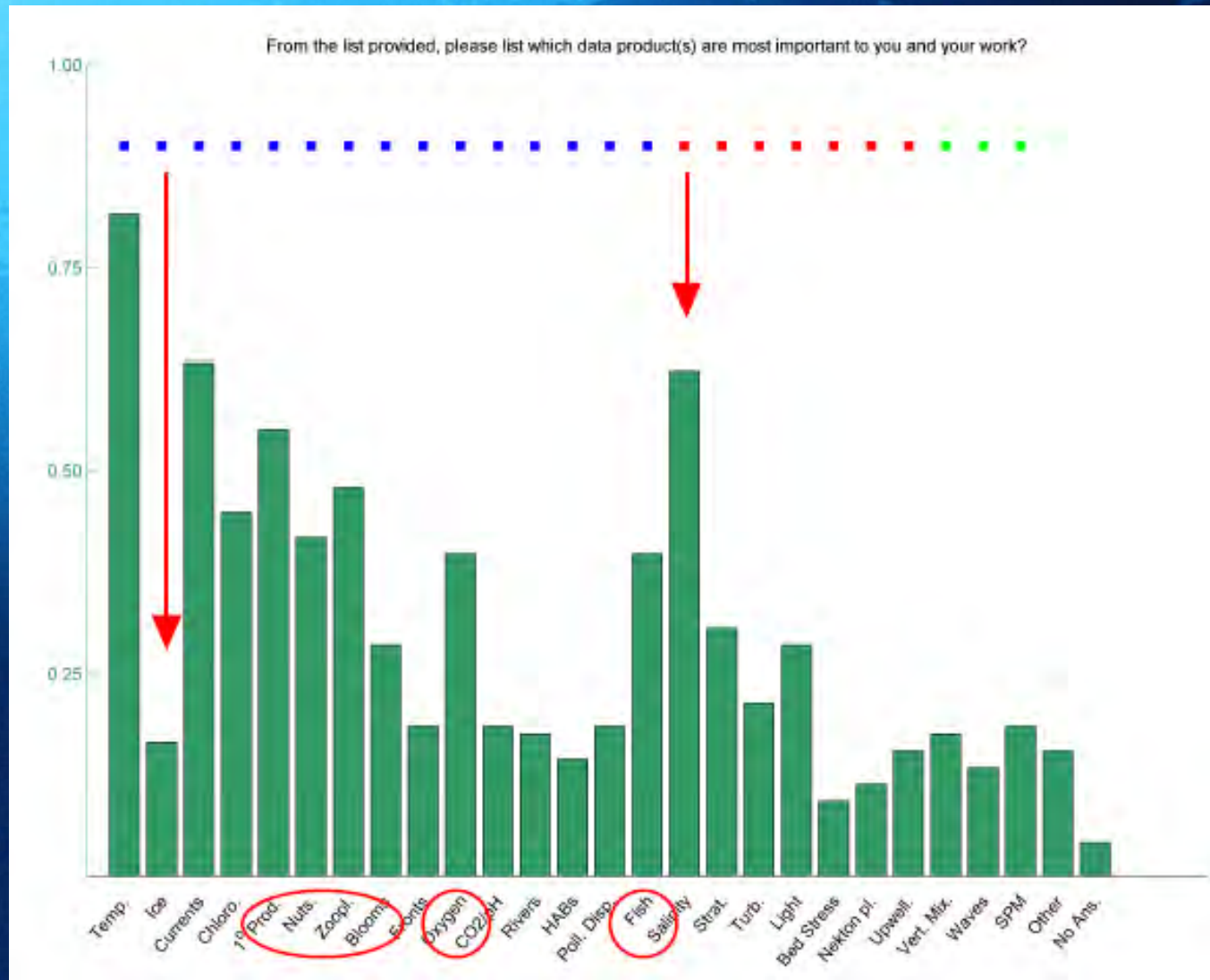
Why WGOOFE is needed?

Apparent lack of oceanographic data products used in fishery and environmental research within ICES
Thought to be related to a shortage in suitable oceanographic data products available

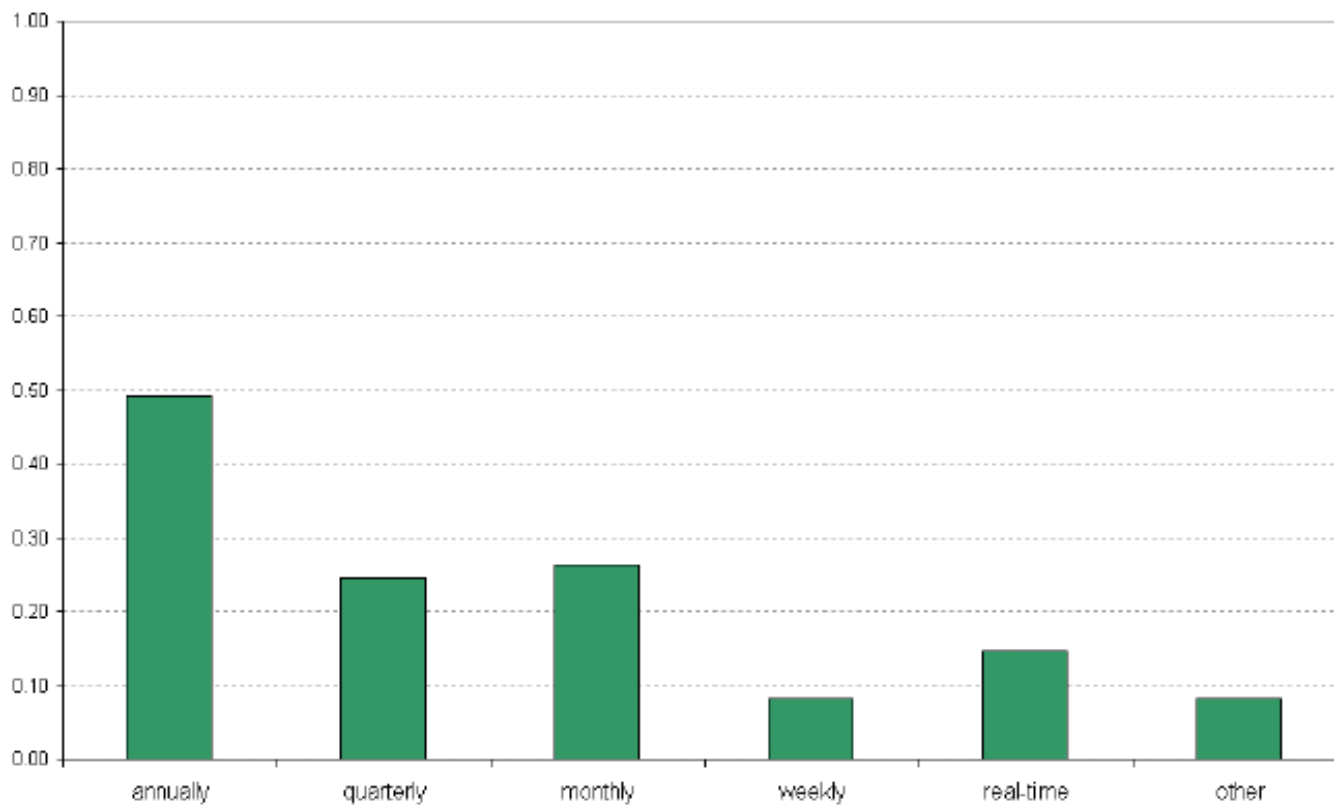
How does WGOOFE address these issues?

Collate information on available data products on a web portal <http://www.wgoofe.org/>
Help define user requirements within the ICES Community and communicate this to providers of oceanographic data products

WG00FE Questionnaire



How frequently will you require the products to be delivered?
Regular (eg. monitoring, advice, reporting) - please specify

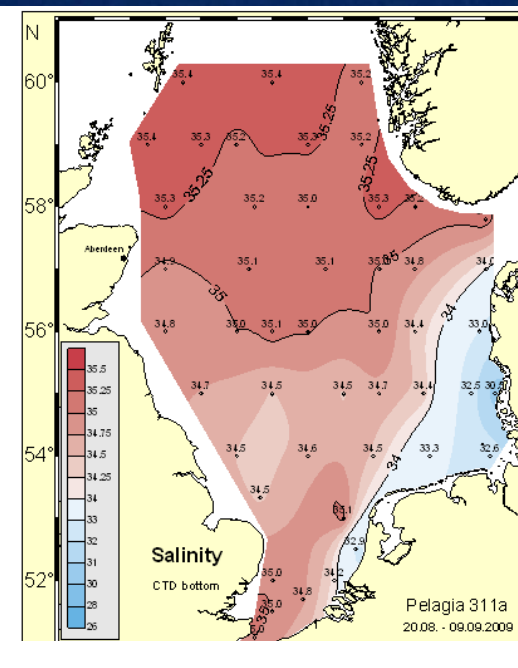
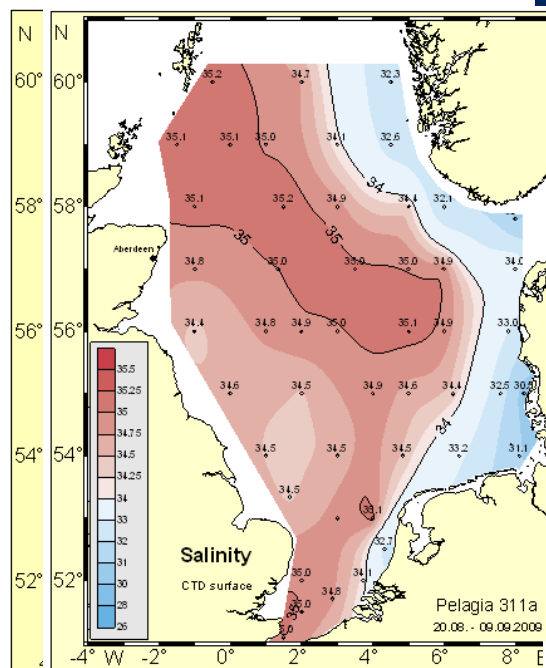
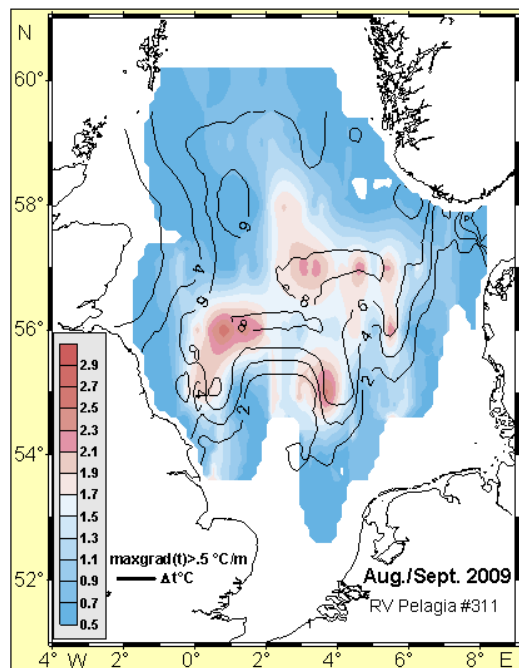
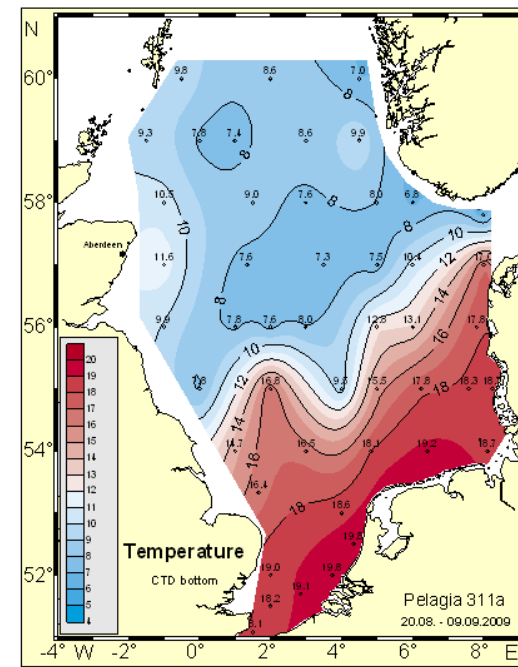
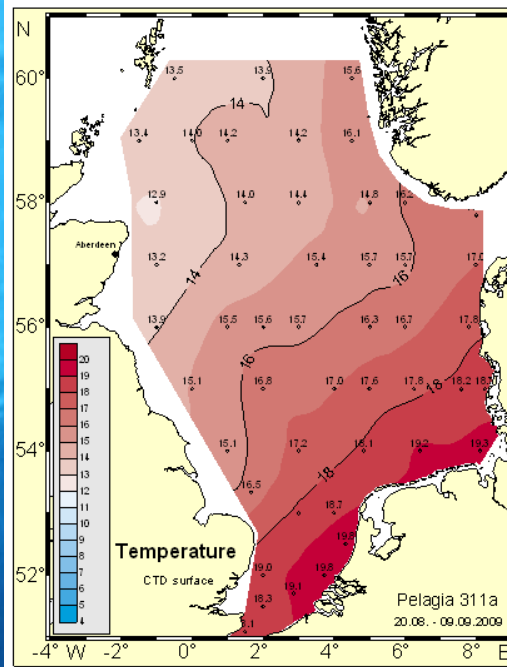


Conclusions

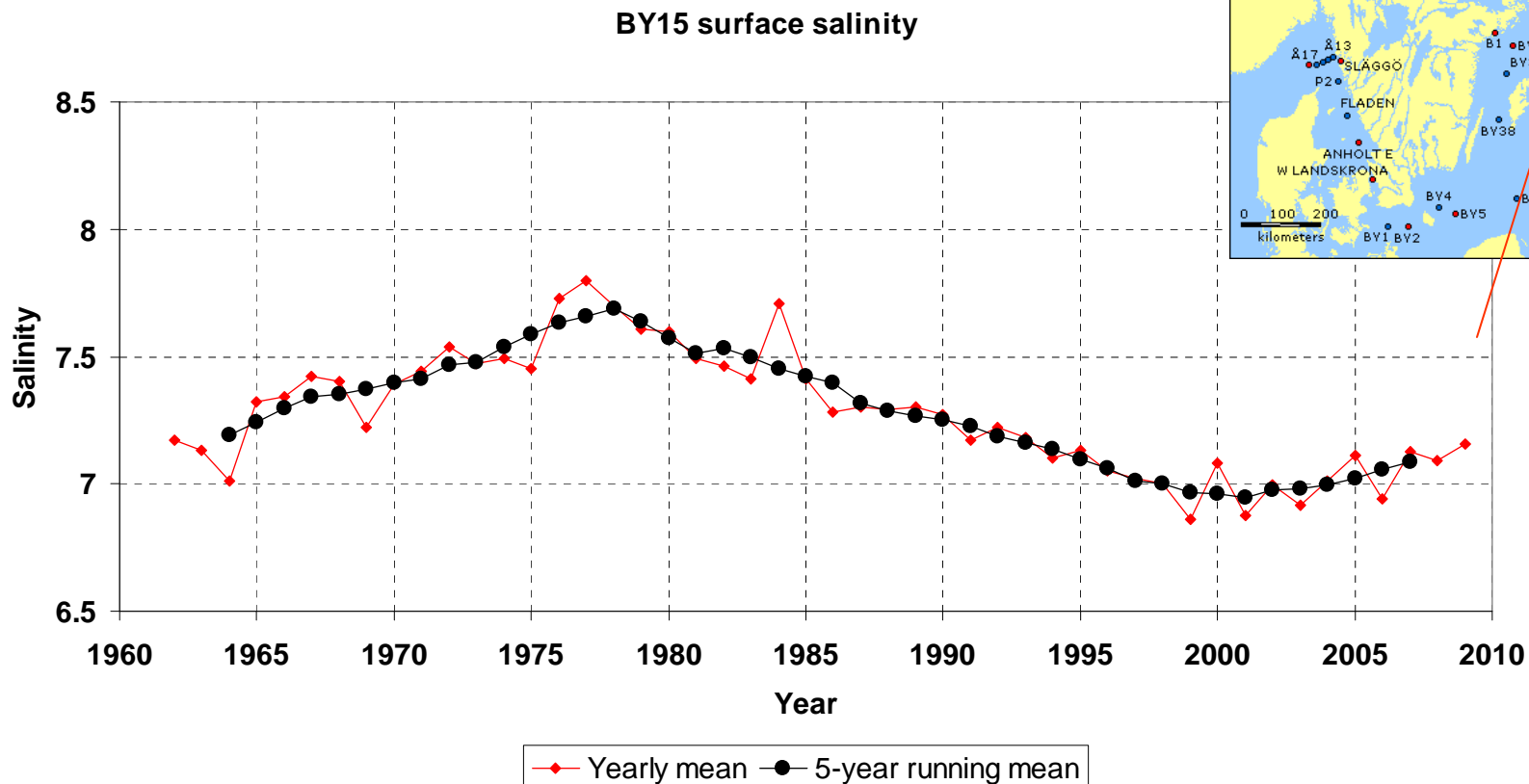
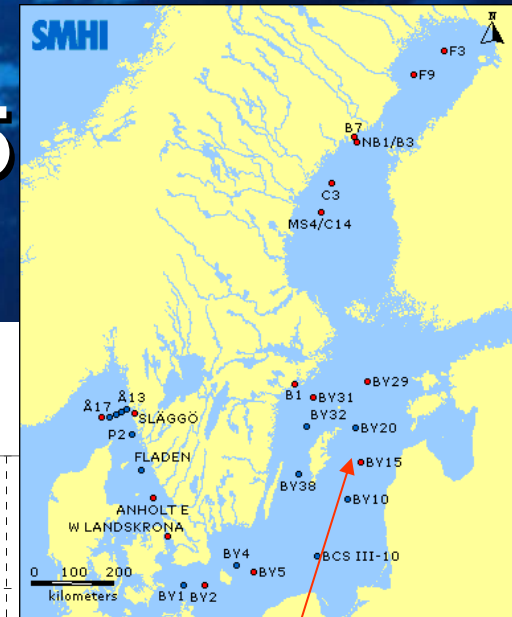
- Fishery and Environmental Scientists are most interested in historic time series, which are regularly updated and flexible in terms of spatial & temporal limits and resolutions.
- Real time and short term forecasts seem of much less interest.
- Good quality metadata on the methods also important (listed by 60%).
- 91% asked to download the numerical data, in addition to or rather than graphical output (maps, figures, ...)
- WGGOFE will meet in Bergen: Nov 22nd to 24th 2010
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Summer SST, SSS and gradient maps (2009)

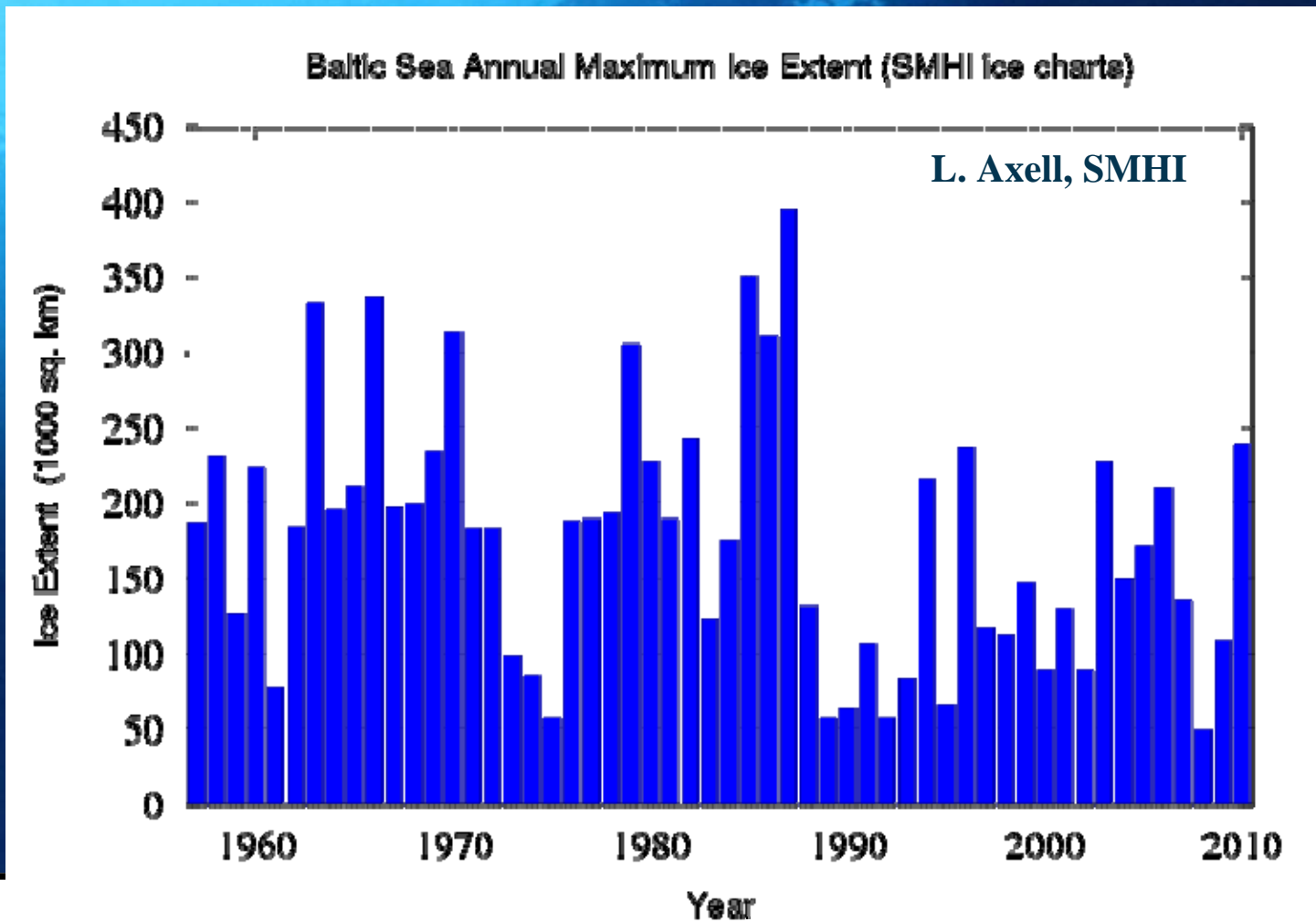
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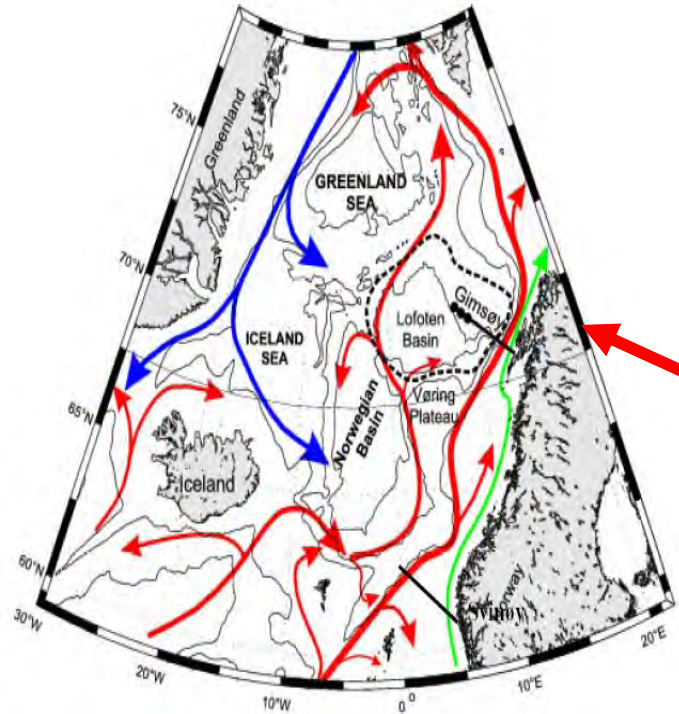


Surface salinity, BY15

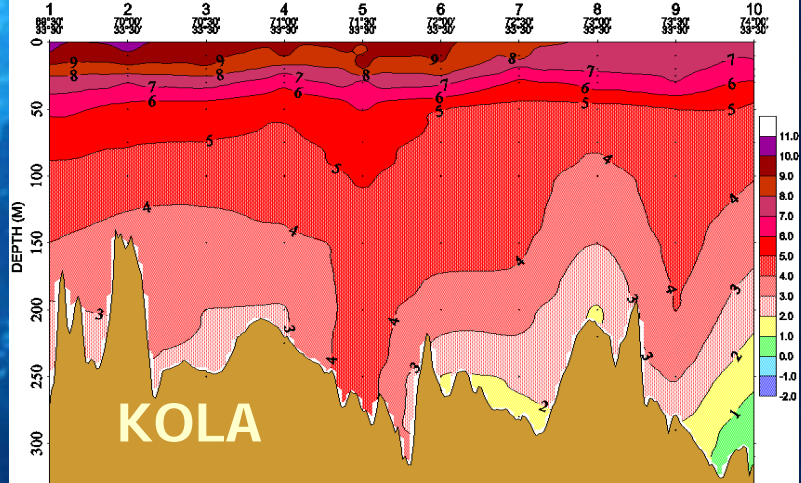


Maximum ice extent (1957 to present)

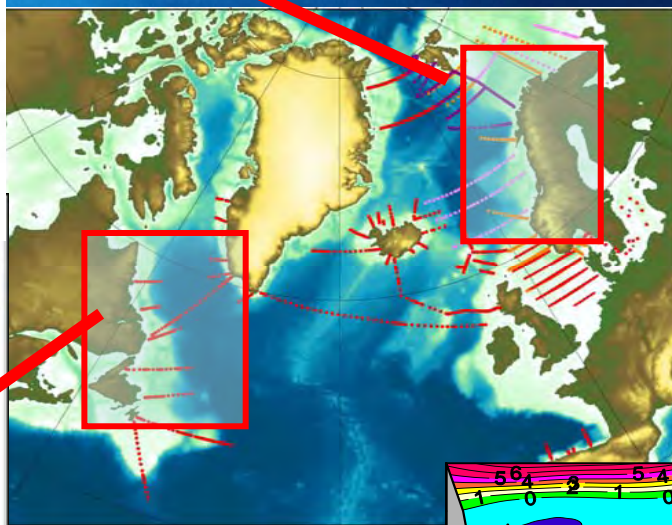




THE NORTH ATLANTIC CURRENT



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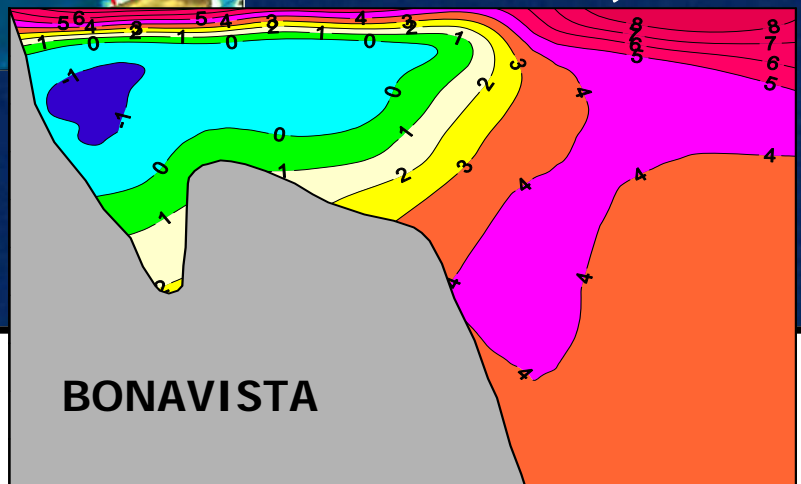


TEMPERATURE CROSS-SECTIONS

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E. Colbourne, DFO*

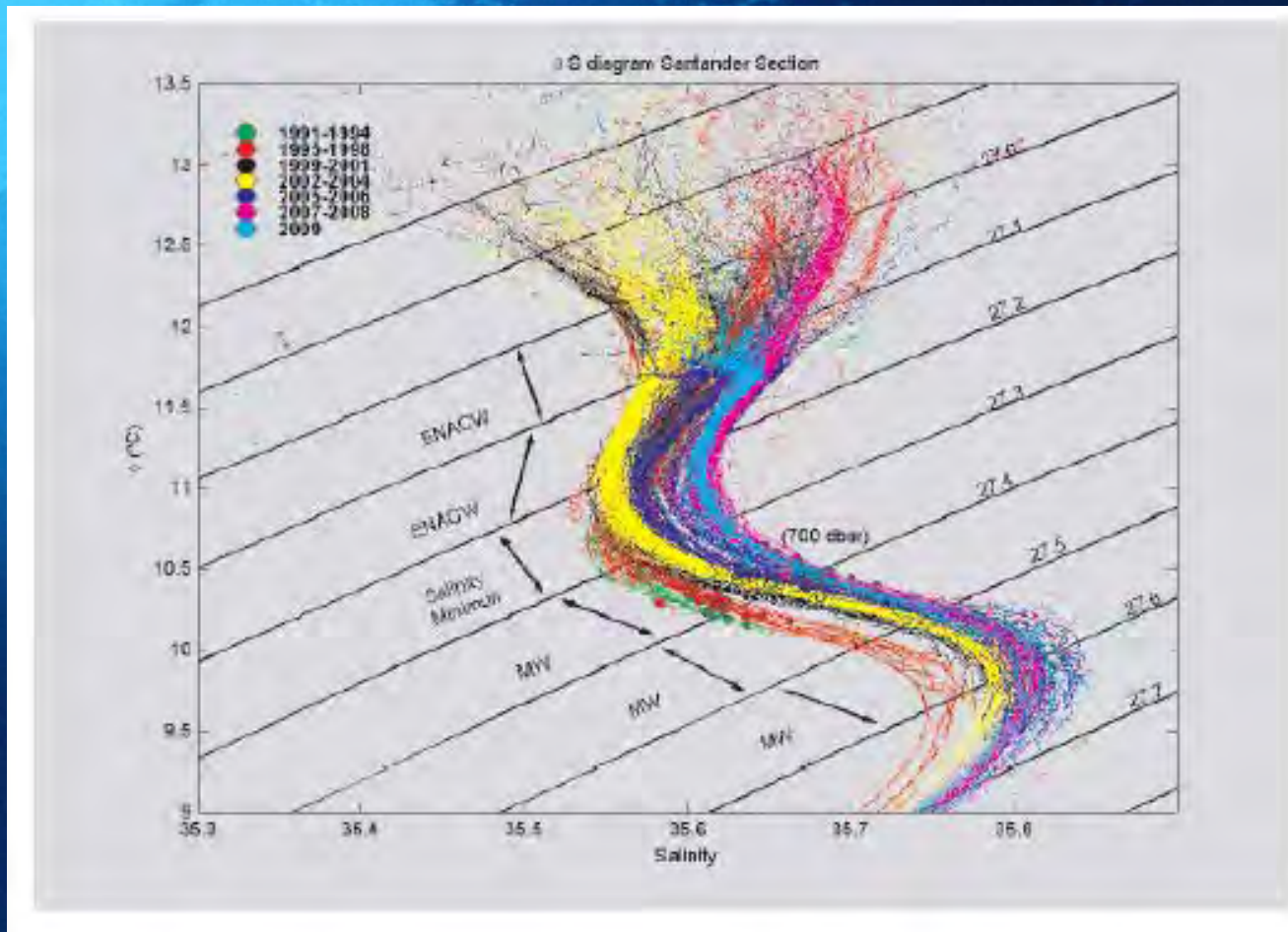


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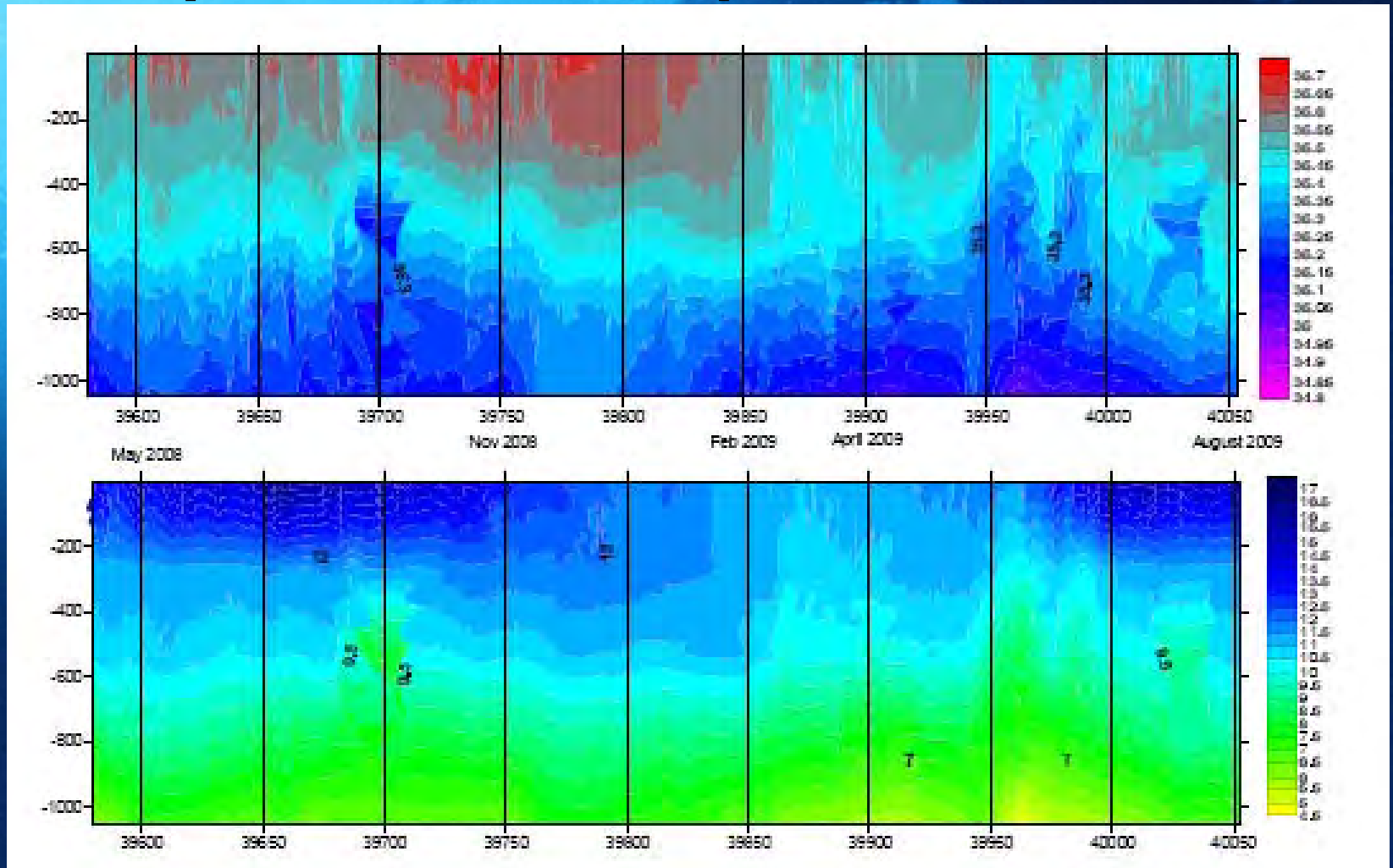
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Water masses at Santander stations 6 and 7



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Porcupine Bank Temp/Sal structure



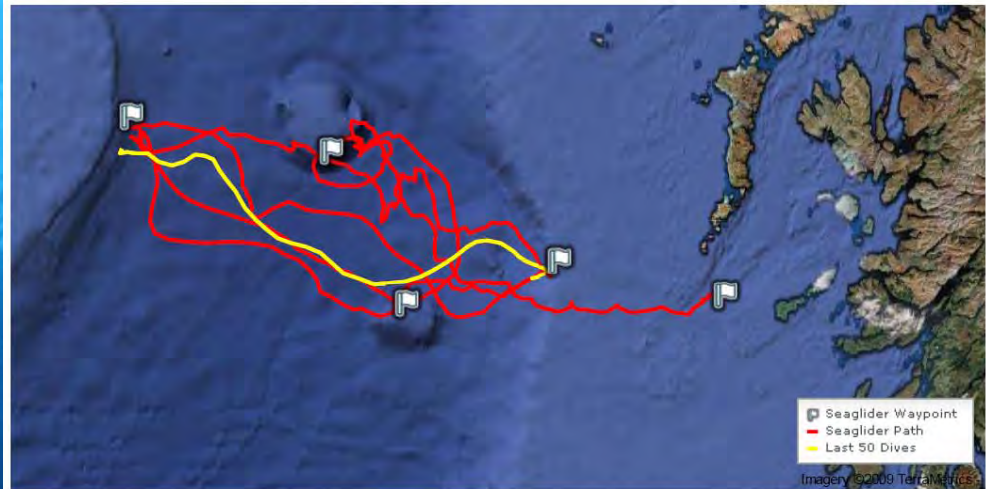
SAMS gliders – transforming the way we monitor ocean circulation and fluxes



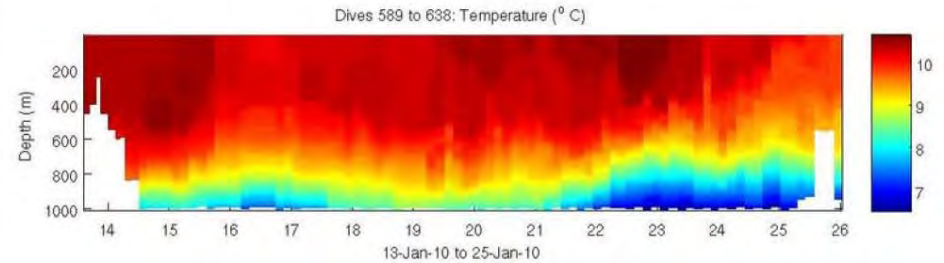
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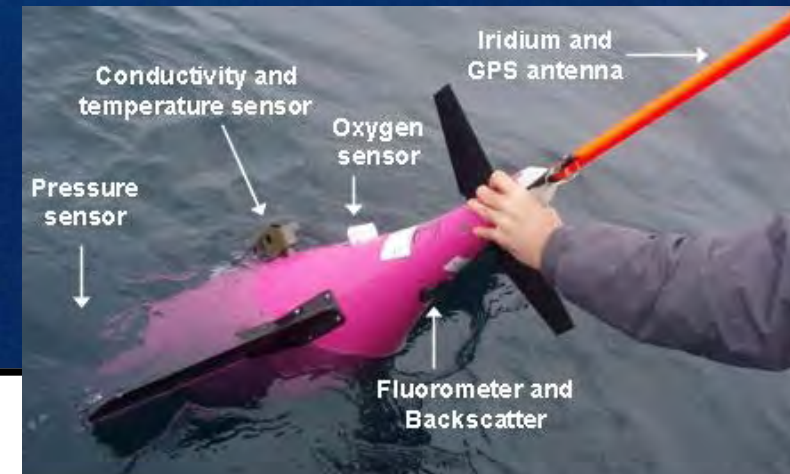
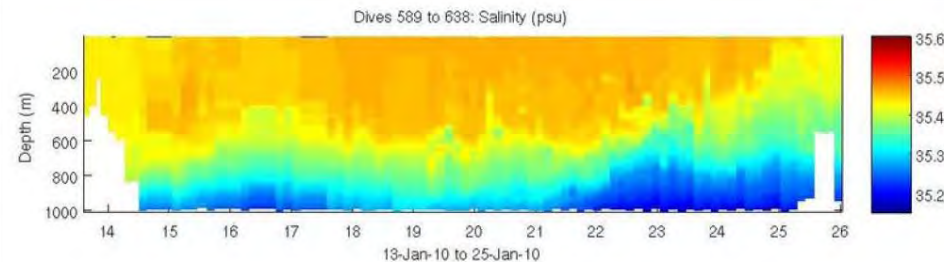
SAMS Seaglider (Talisker) :: Mission 1: To monitor the Rockall Trough



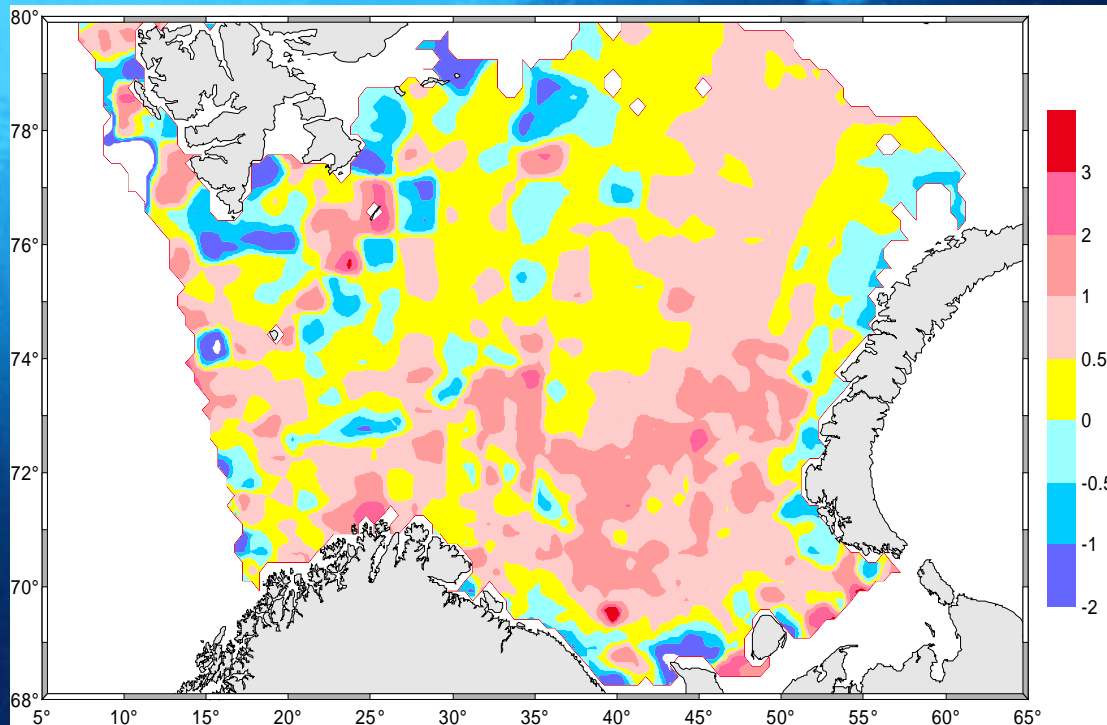
Latest dive, number 638 at 57.29 N, 12.91 W was received on 2010-01-26 03:39 GMT.
Zoom into the map to access plots and data for each dive or click on the plots below to access plots and data for the latest dive.



Temperature section from the last 50 dives.
The temperature of the Rockall Trough has risen by 1 deg C in the last 30 years - using gliders we can monitor future changes and quantify the natural variability in the upper 1000 m of the water column.

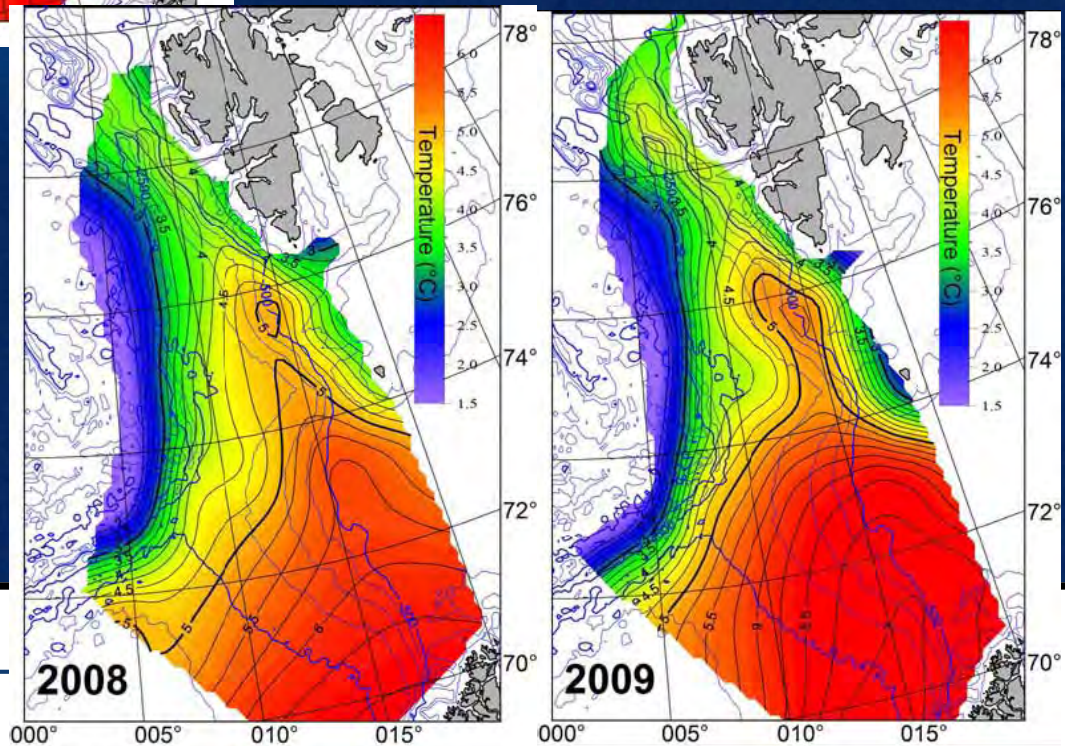
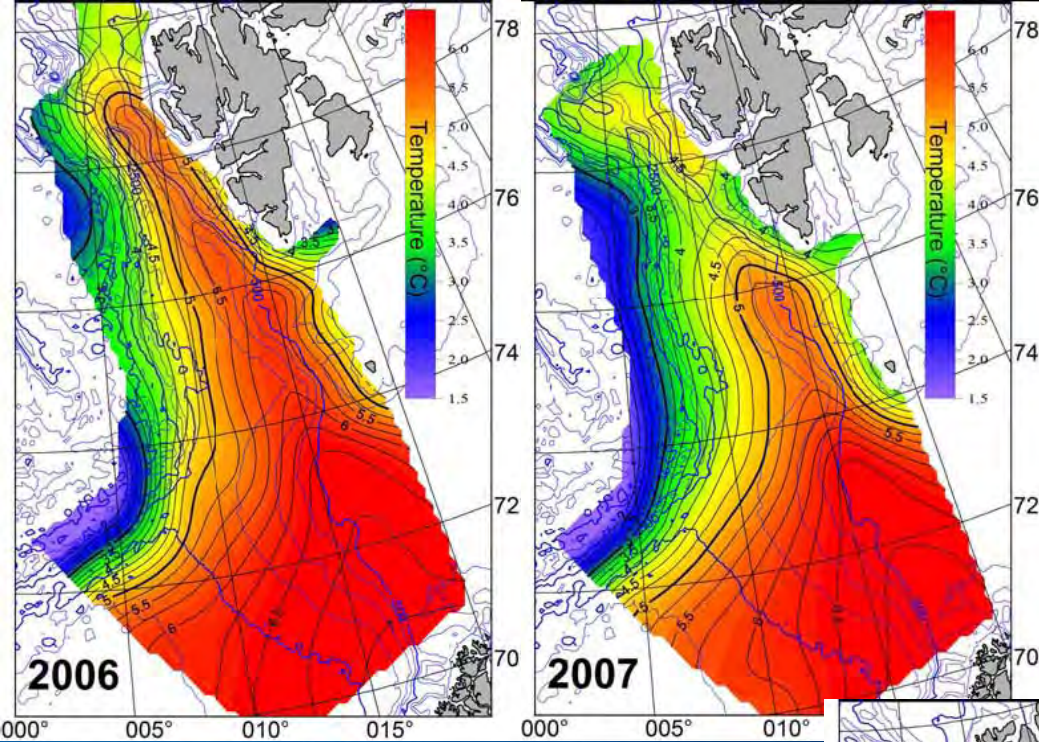


Bottom temperature anomalies in the Barents Sea in August-September 2009 (Anon., 2010).



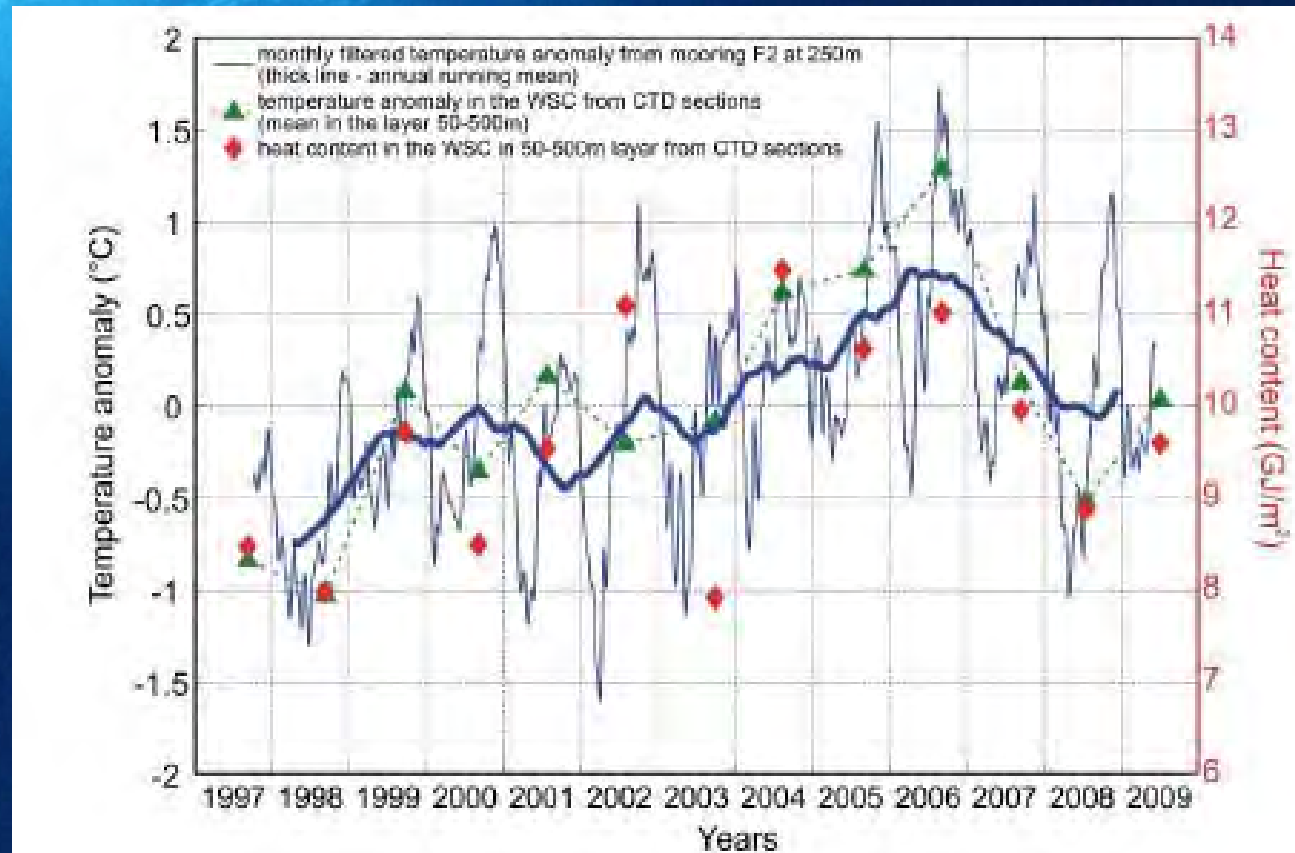
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Temperature at 100 dbar in June/July 2006–2009.



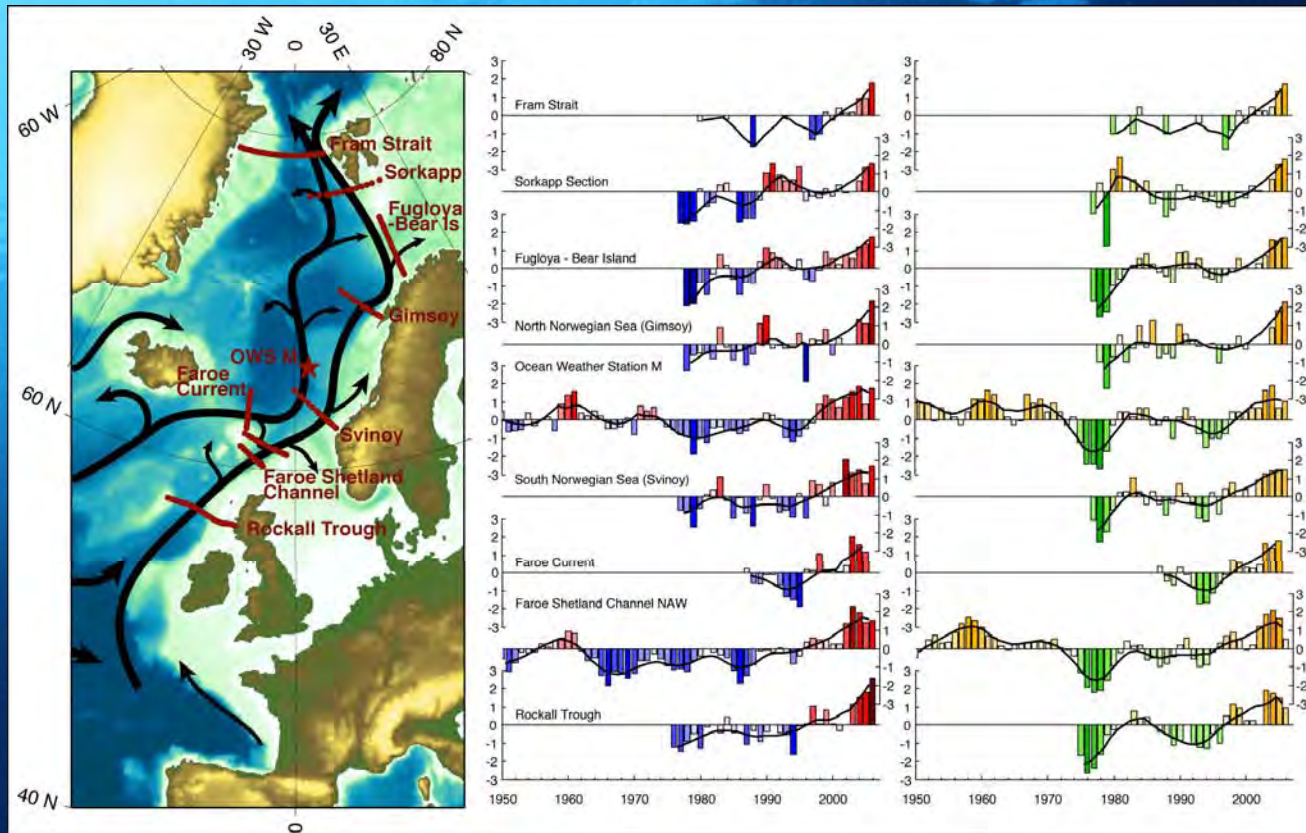
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Comparison of temperature anomaly measured at the depth of 250 m (mooring Vs summer hydrographic sections (green triangles))



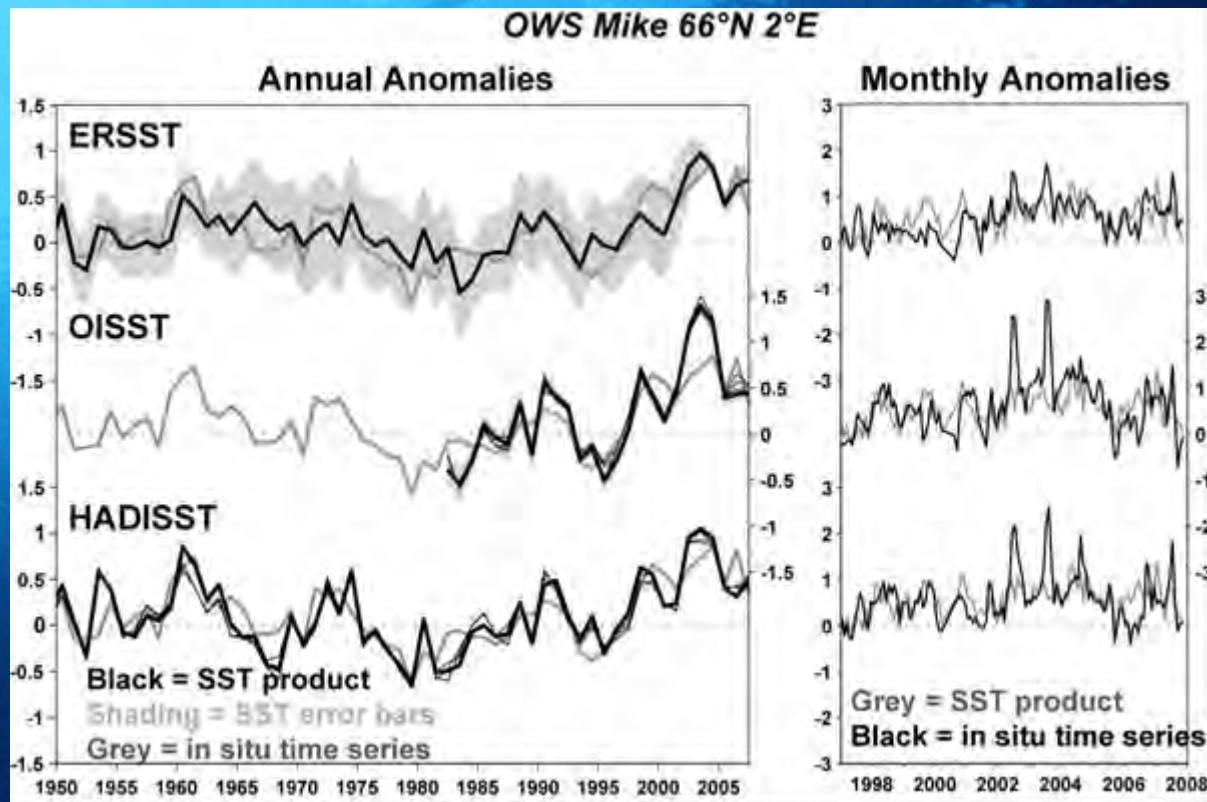
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WGOH collaborative research



Holliday et al, 2008, Reversal of the 1960s-1990s freshening trend in the NE North Atlantic and Nordic Seas, *GRL* (35)

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