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database

### CPR routes



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# database

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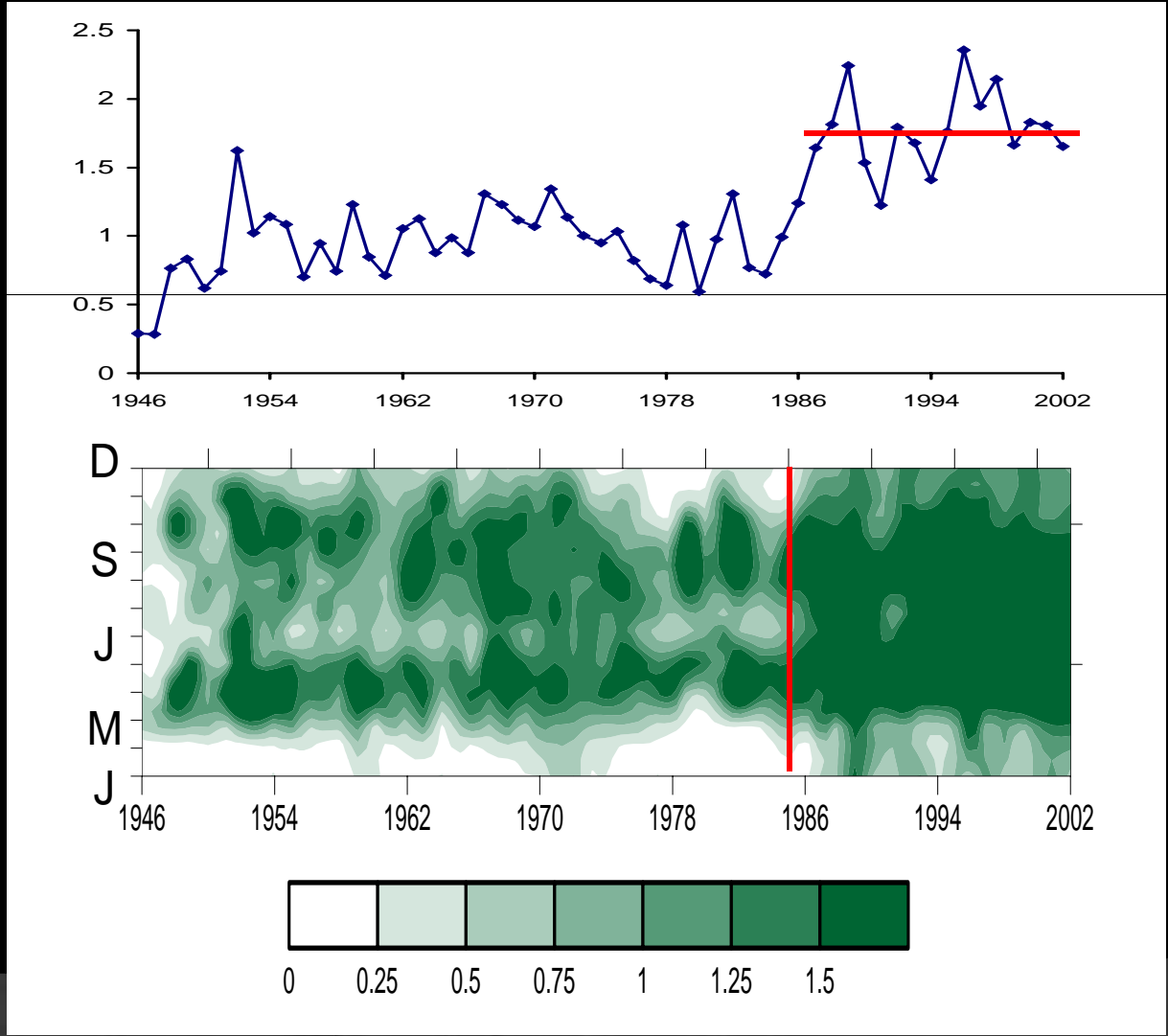
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# regime shifts



## North Sea



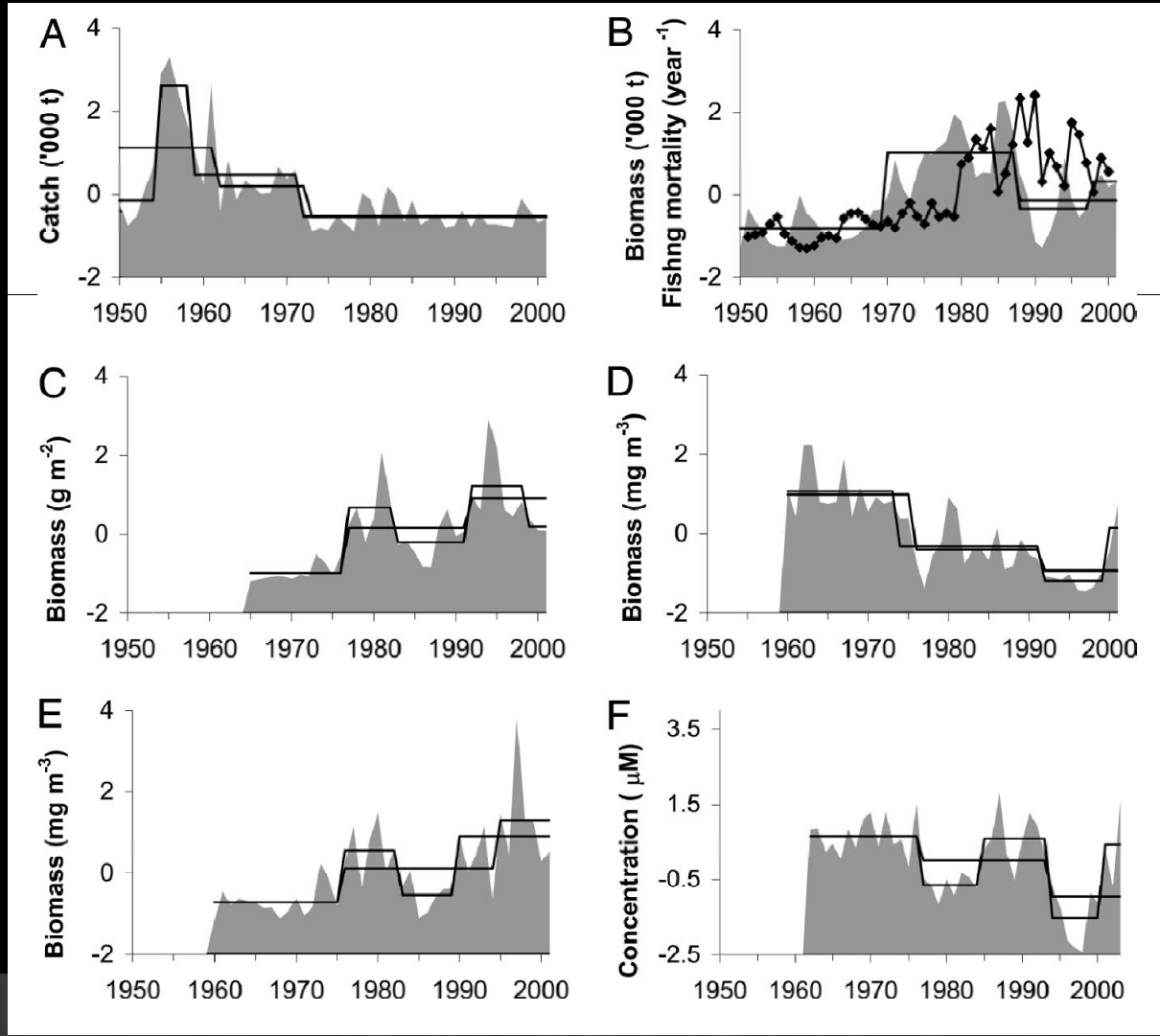
Reid et al. (1998) updated



# regime shifts



## Black Sea



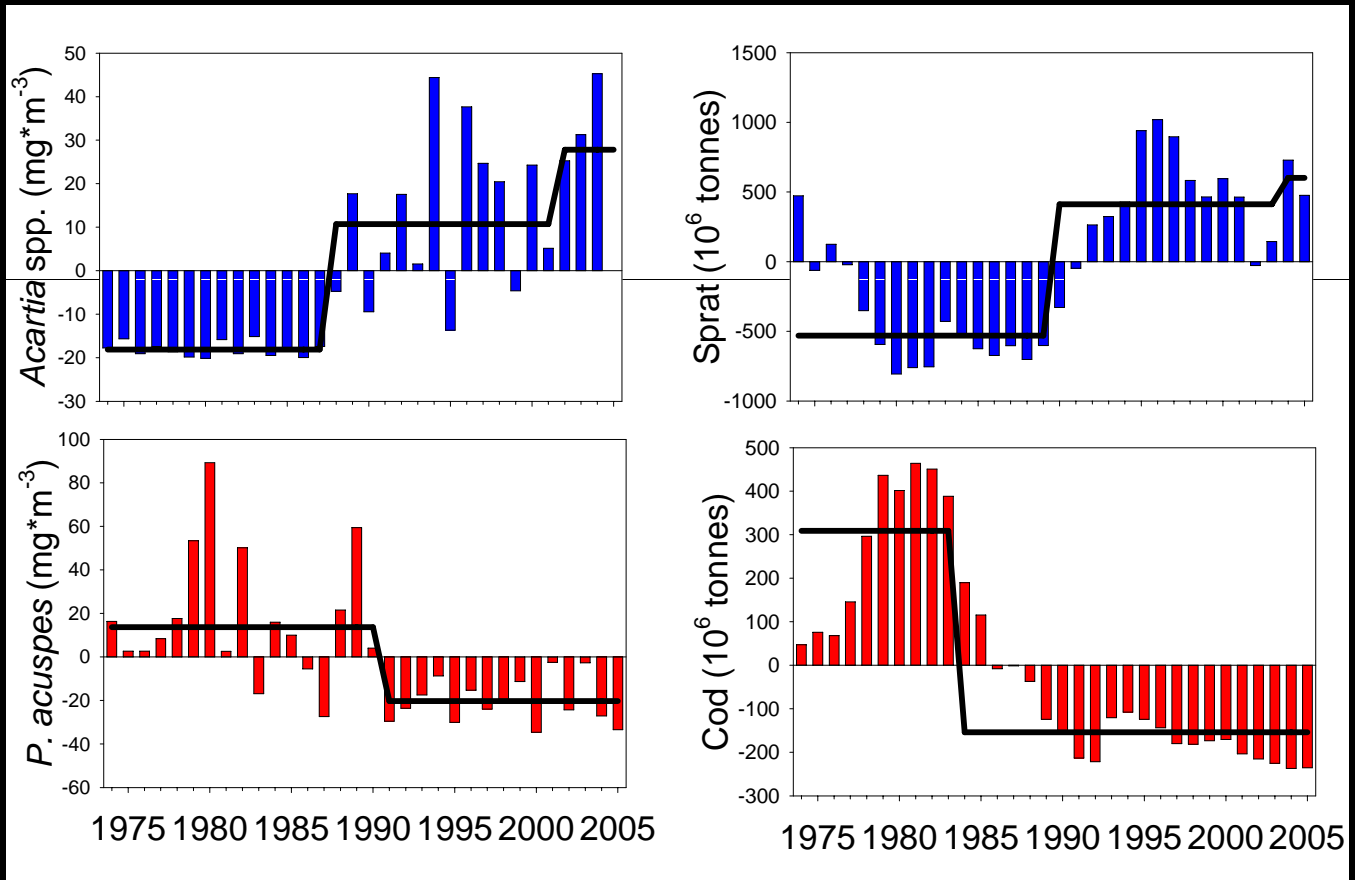
Daskalov et al. (2007)



# regime shifts



## Baltic Sea



Möllmann et al. (2008)

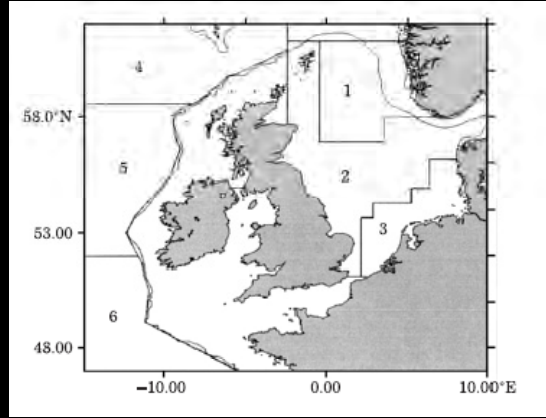




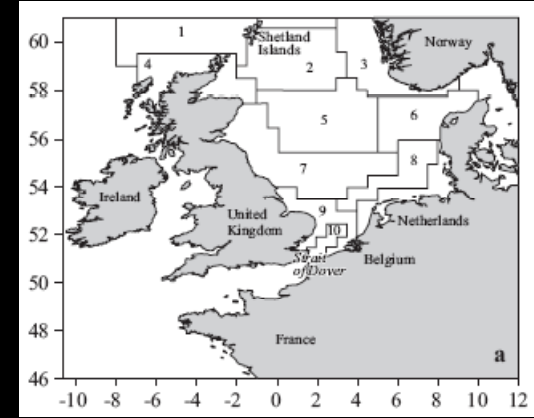
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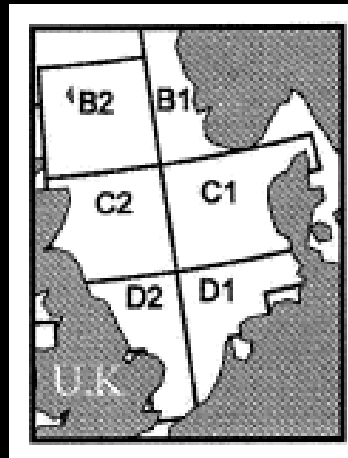
## regionalization



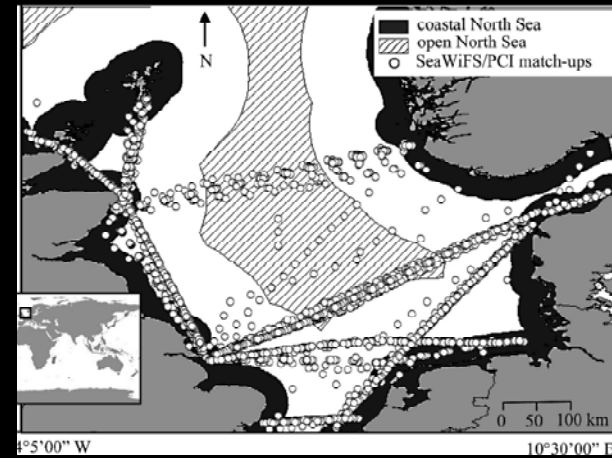
Edwards et al. (2001)



Leterme et al. (2008)



Several studies



McQuatters-G. et al. (2007)



# spatial info



regionalization



decadal averaging



Edwards et al. (2006)



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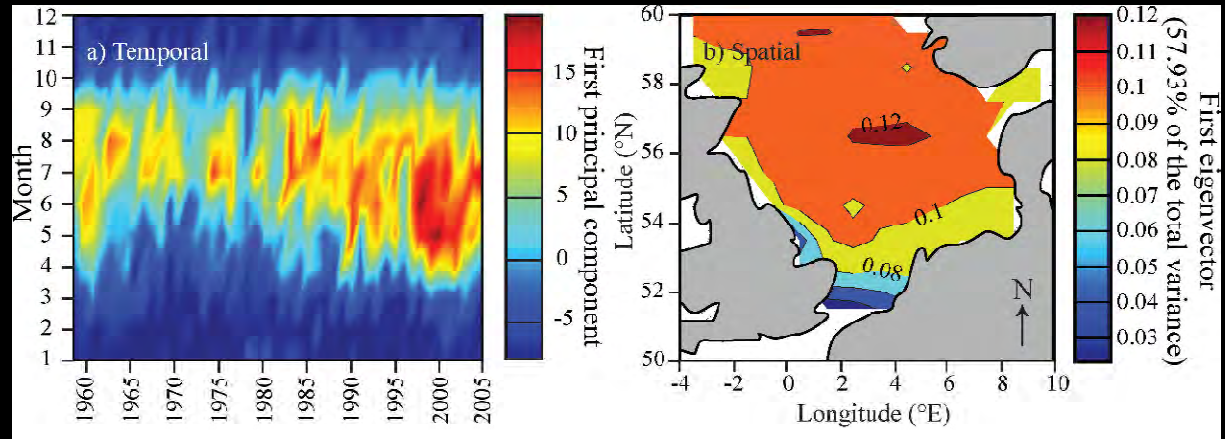
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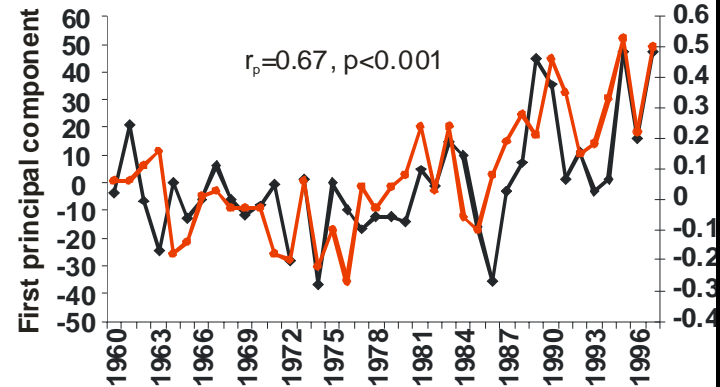
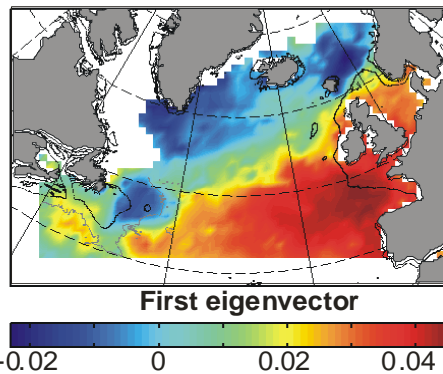
decadal averaging



spatialized PCA



A. First eigenvector and principal component (24.35% of the total variability)



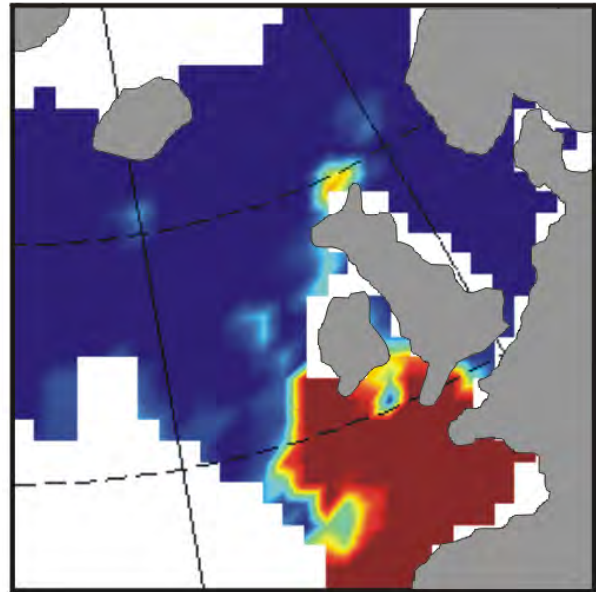
Kirby et al. (2008)

Beaugrand et al. (2002)

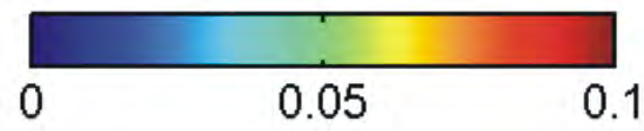
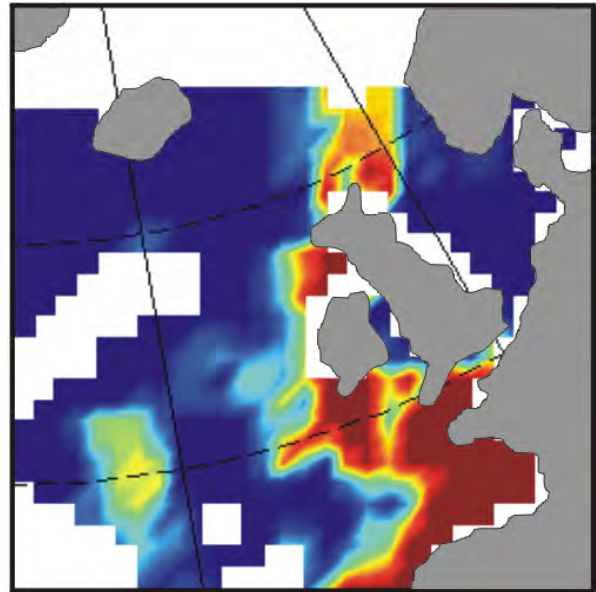


# spatial info

1960-1963



1996-1999



Beaugrand et al. (2002)

Only a few studies focused on distributional changes



# “ objective



Look into the distributional patterns by using the spatial information explicitly

Simultaneously include temporal and spatial variation in a single statistical model

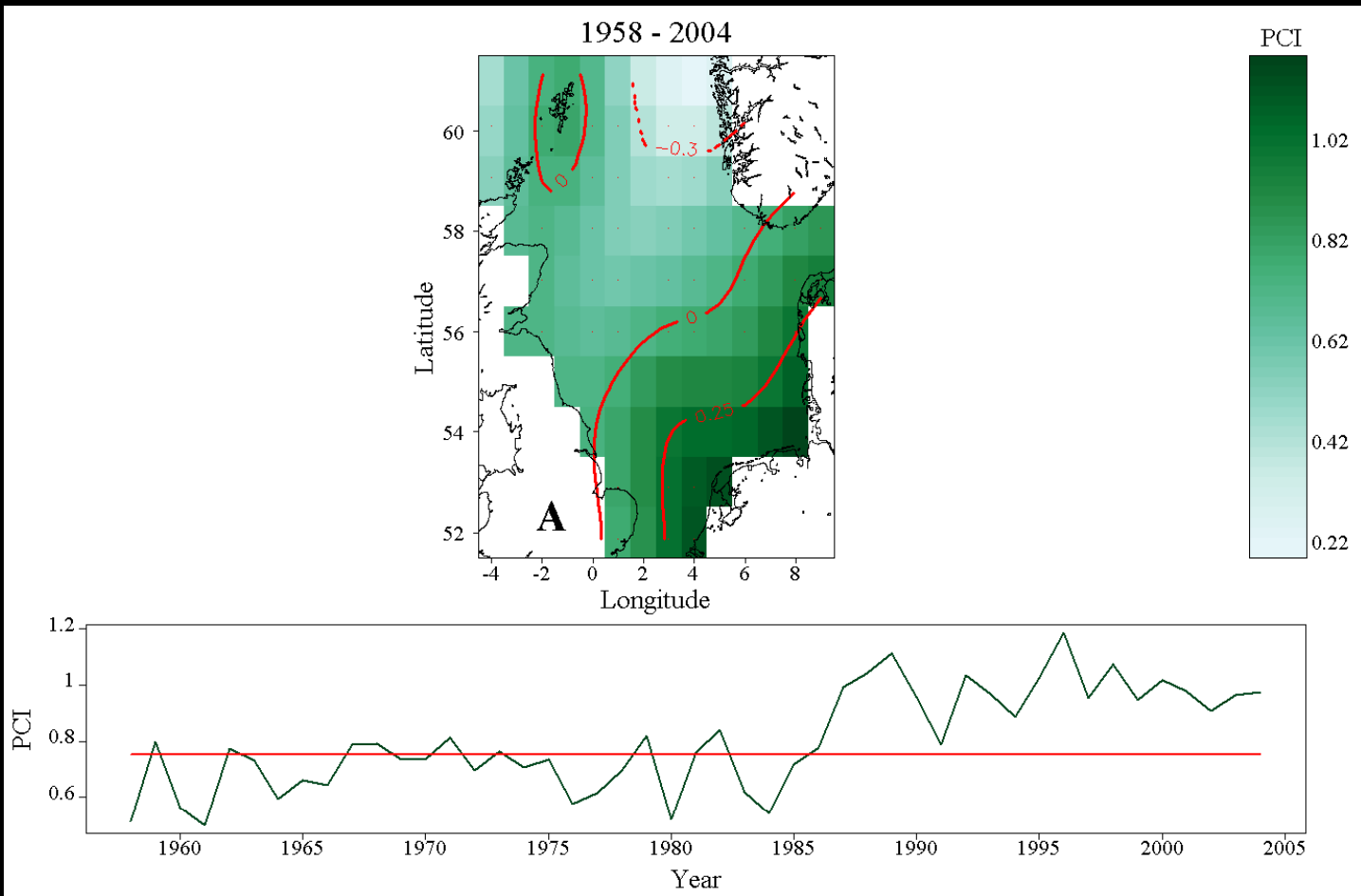


Have this reorganization affected the spatial distribution of plankton?

Biomass of functional groups – trophic interactions

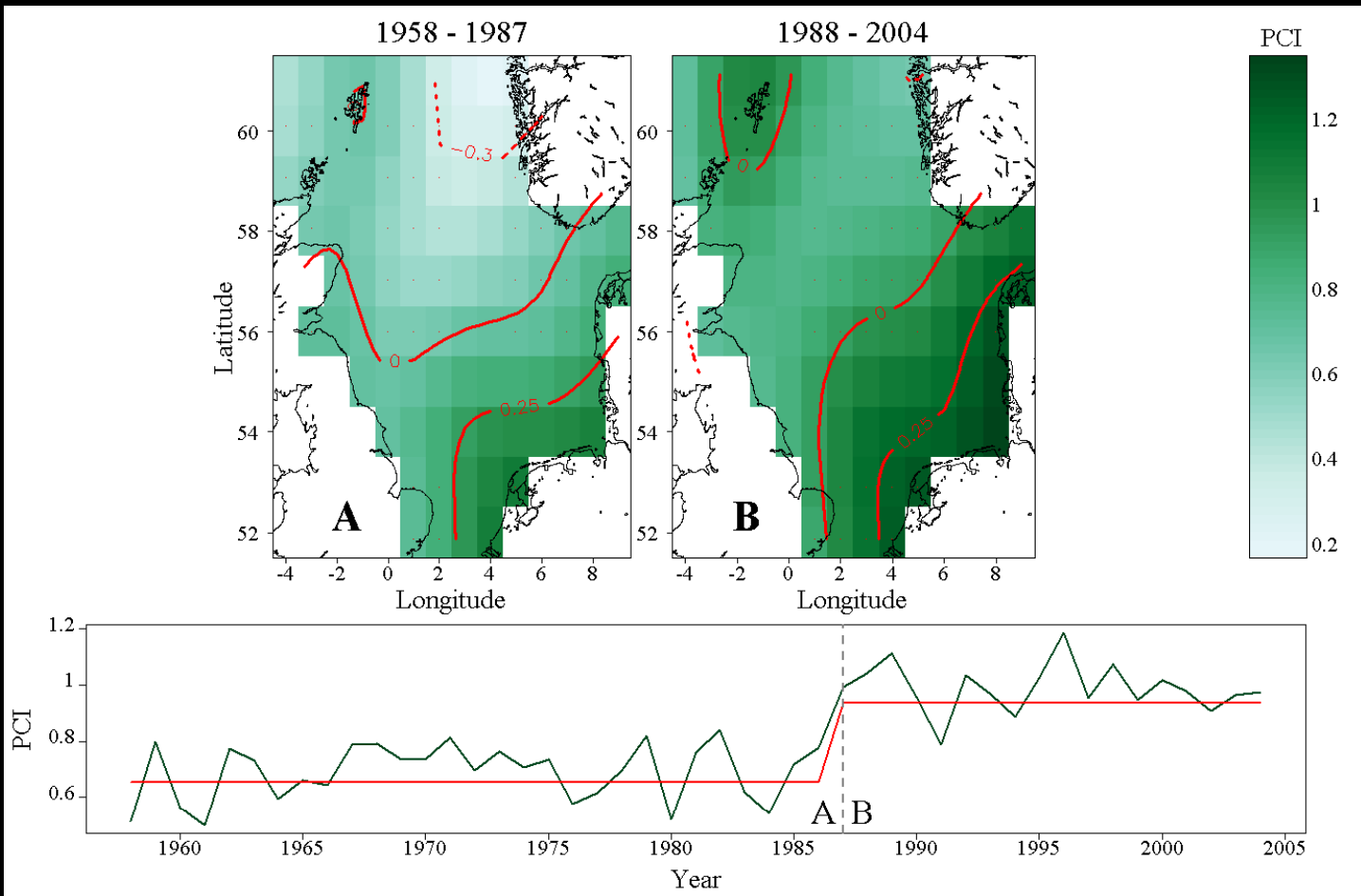
# “ methods

## I distributions



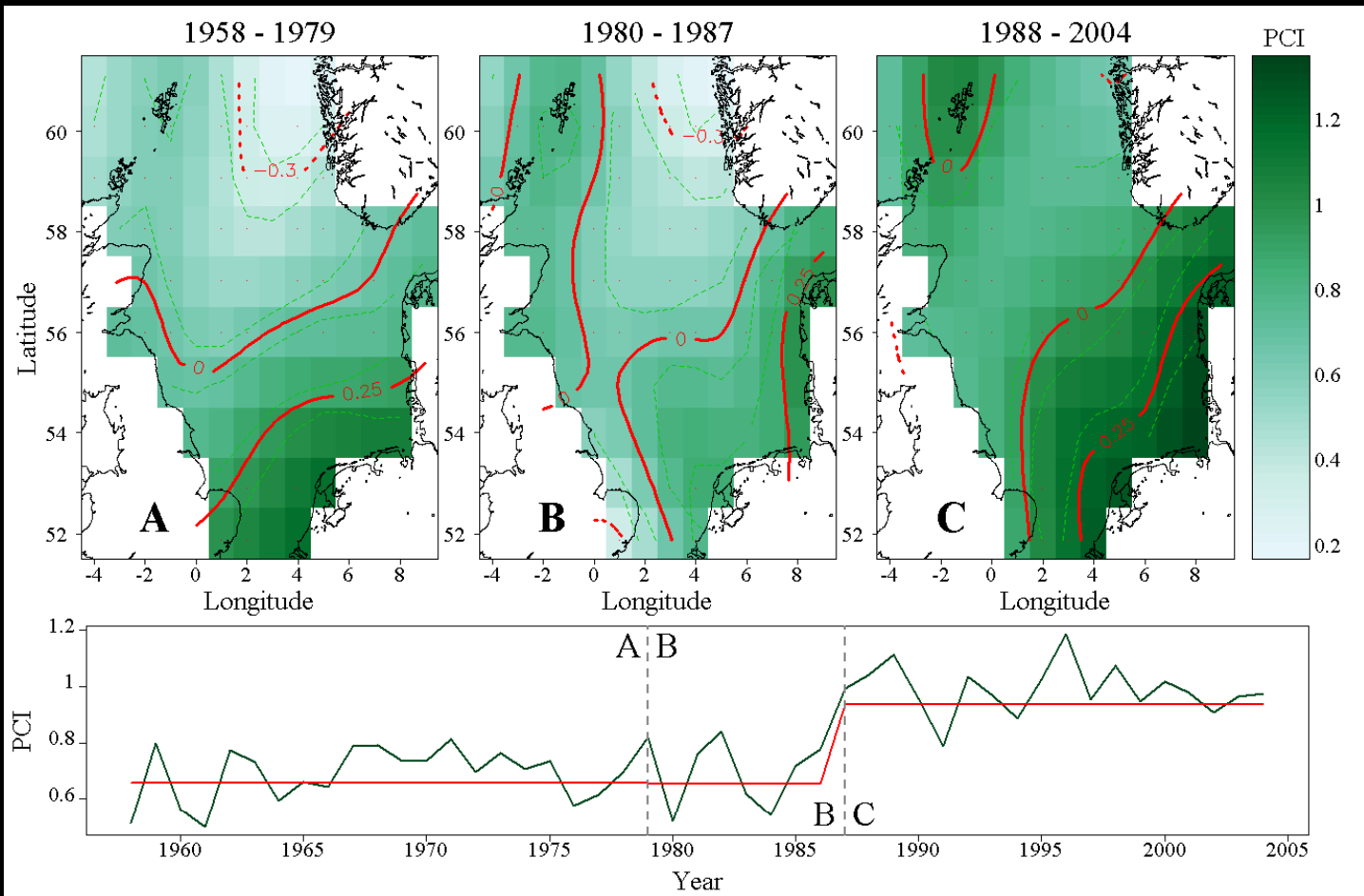
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## 2 distributions



# “ methods

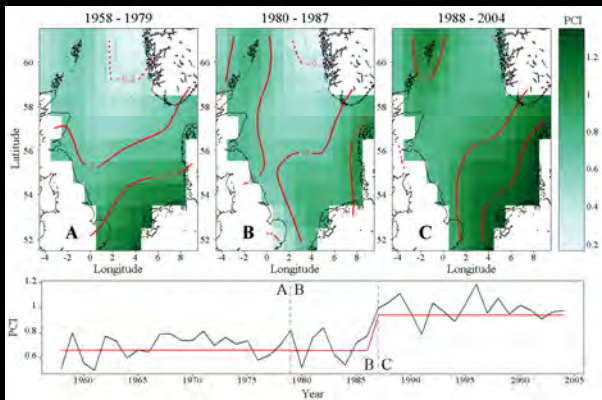
## 3 distributions





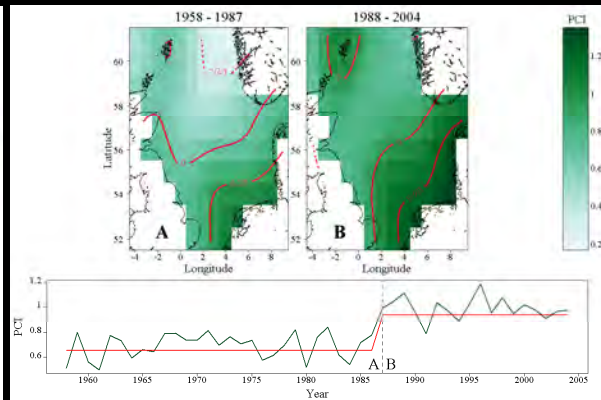
# methods

**3 spatial regimes**



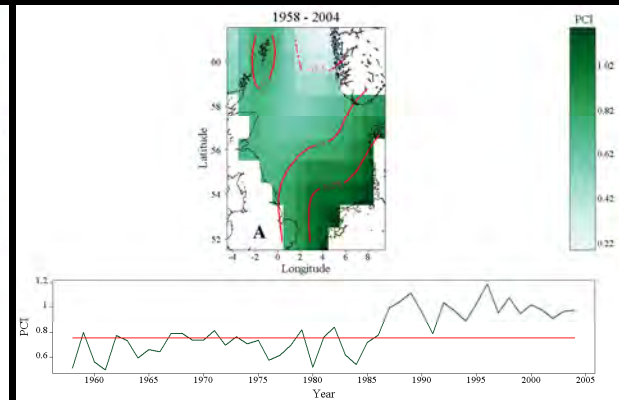
gCV: **0.2453**

**2 spatial regimes**



gCV: **0.2499**

**1 spatial regime**



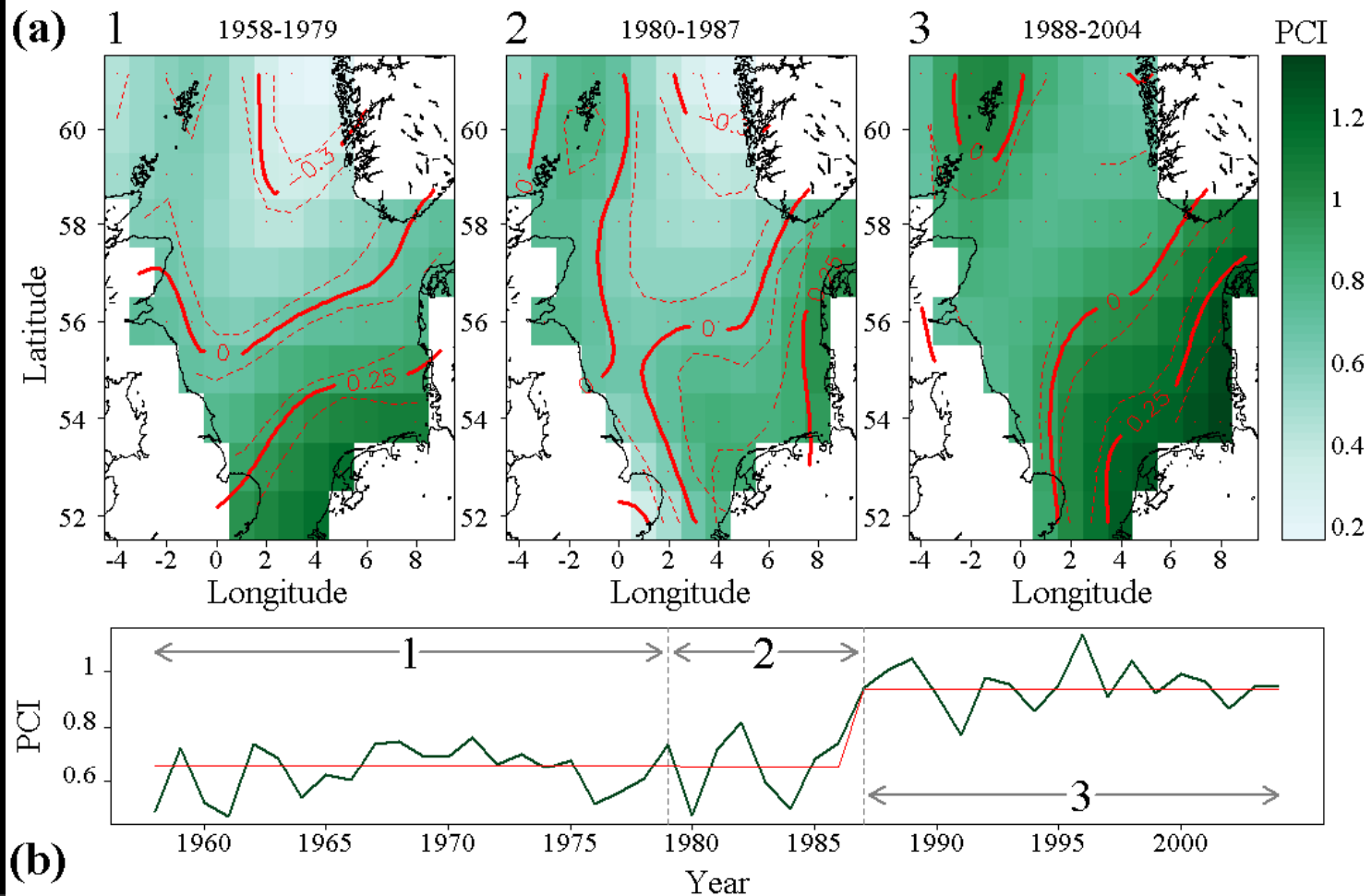
gCV: **0.2771**

**Cross Validation**

model's out-of-sample  
predictive performance

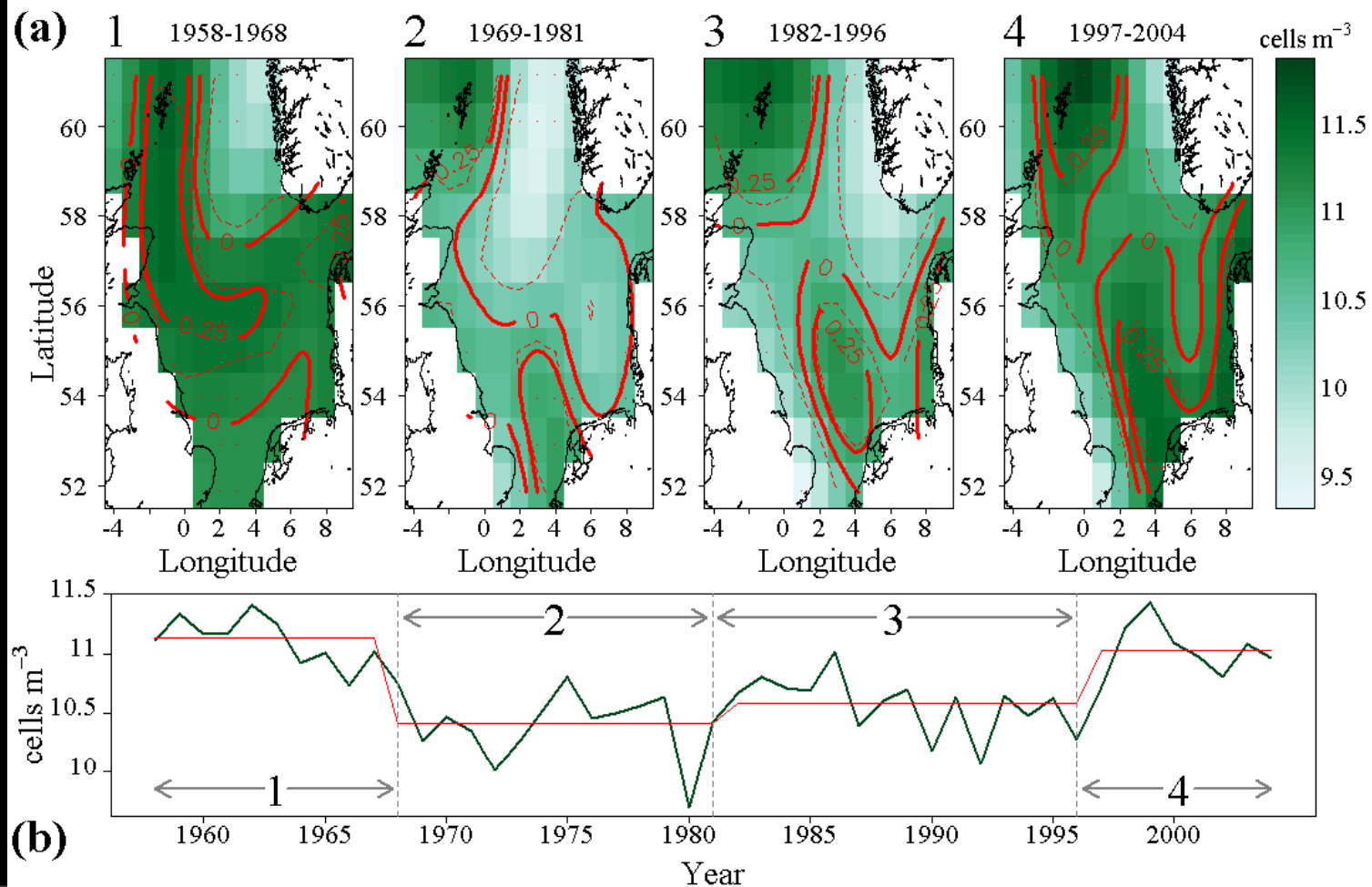
# results

## Phytoplankton Colour



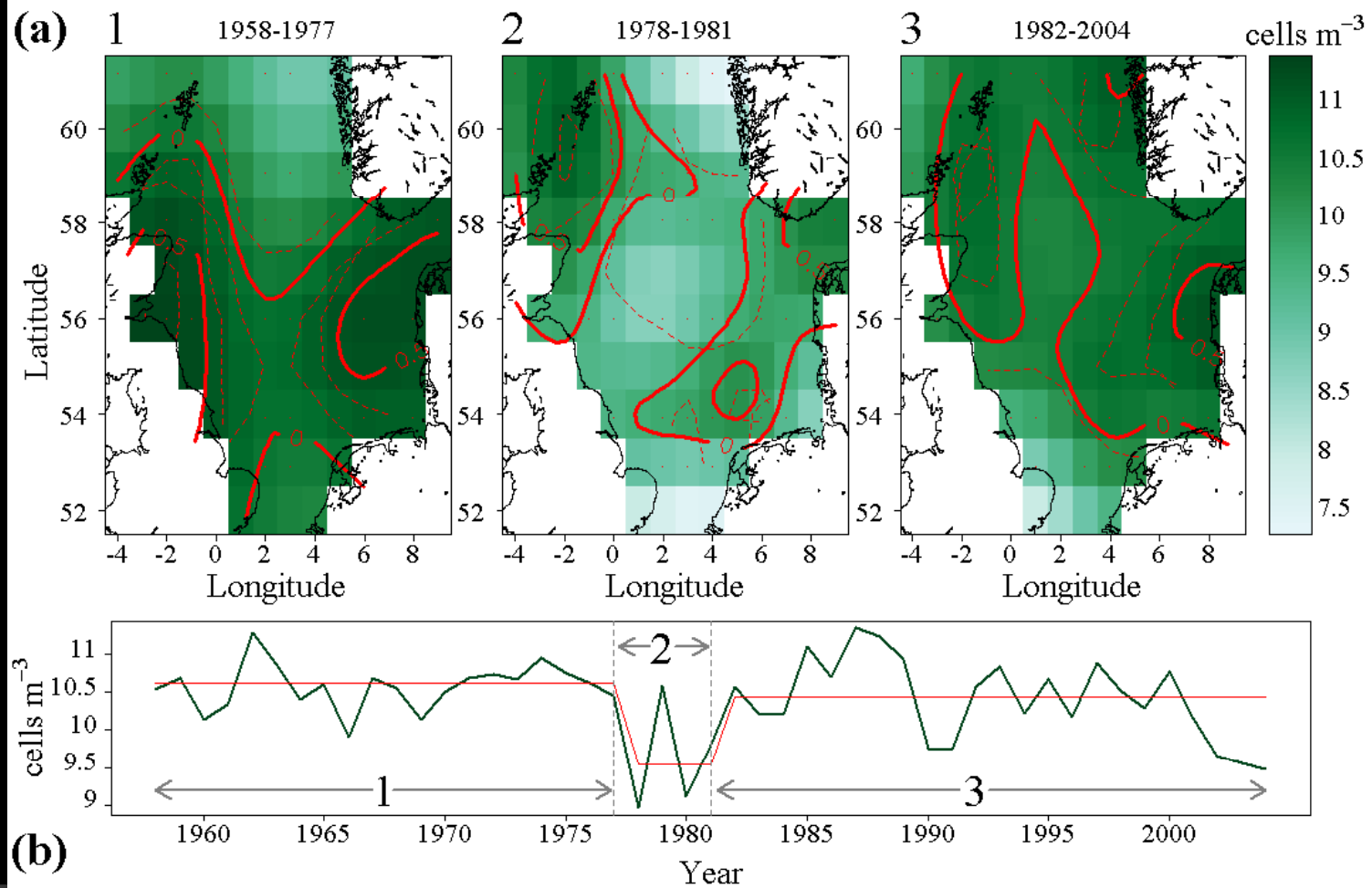
# results

## Diatoms



# results

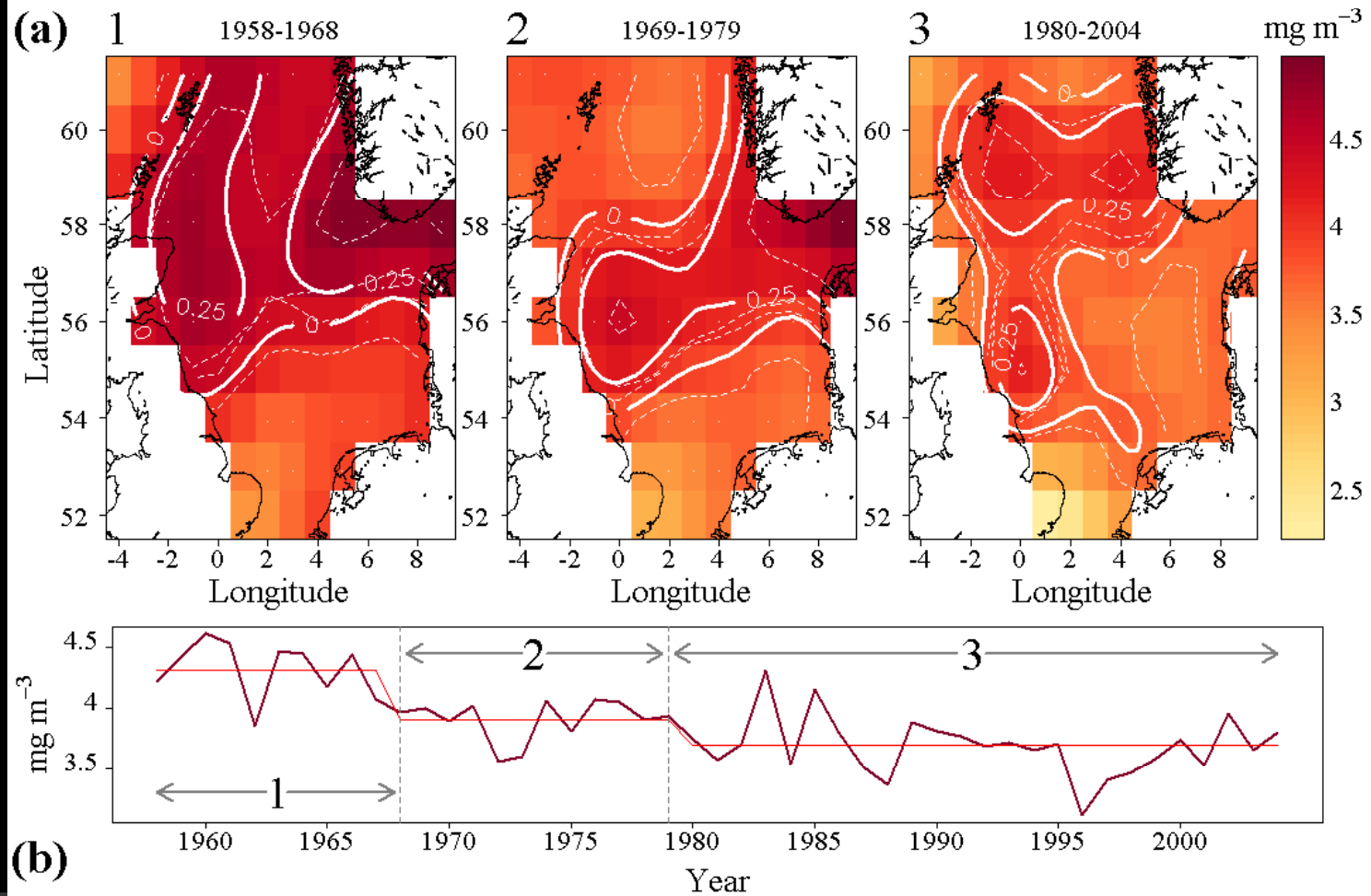
## Dinoflagellates





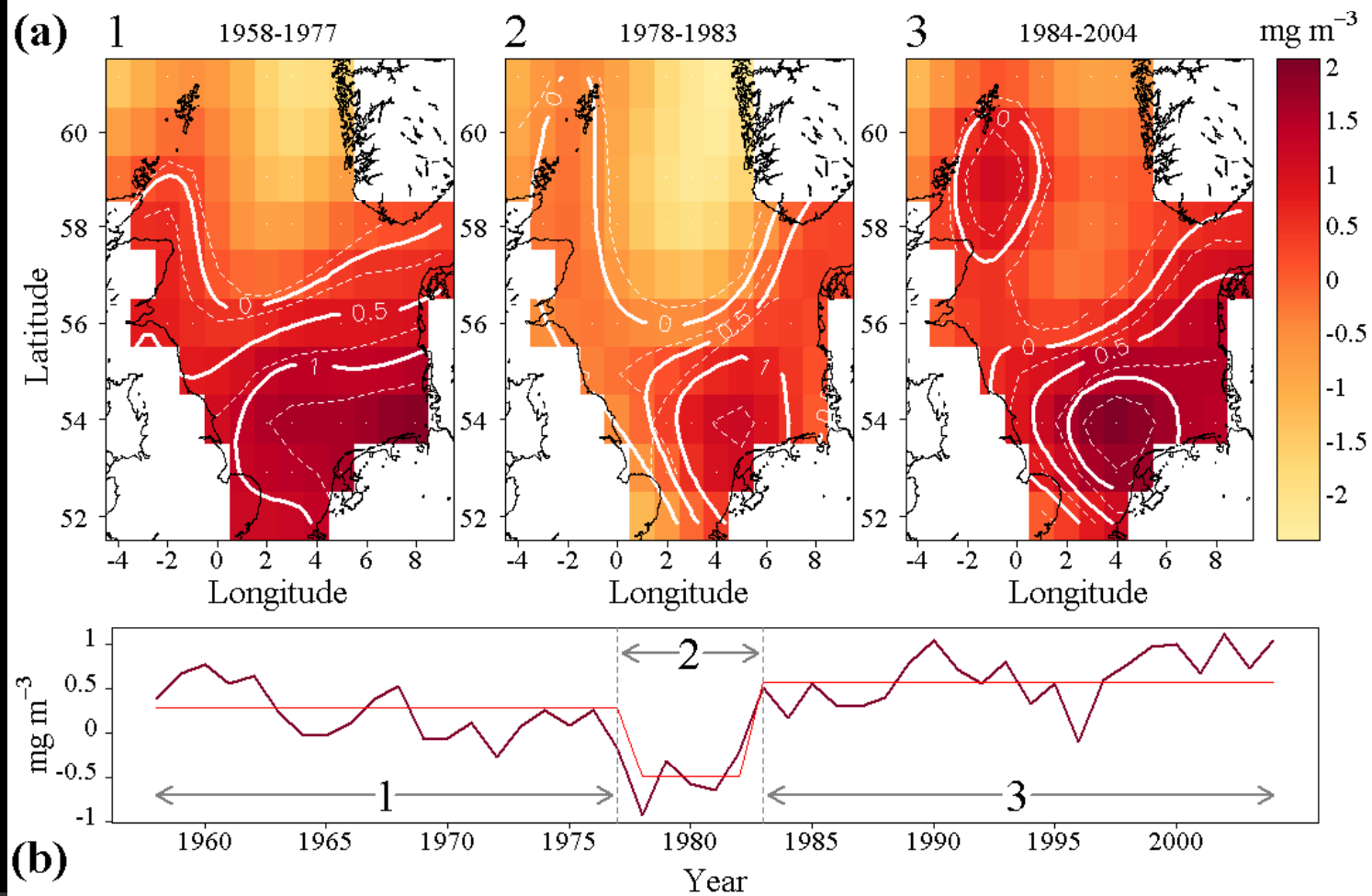
# results

## Zooplankton Biomass



# results

## Meroplankton Biomass



# “ conclusions

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Large spatio-temporal variability with ~3 different distribution over the last 50 years

2

The late-80s don't concentrate the most Important changes across functional groups!

Functional diversity  $\neq$  Response diversity



# “ 2<sup>nd</sup> question



Do trophic interactions play a role?

Look into interactions between herbivores and phytoplankton  
[both total and main groups]

# “ methods

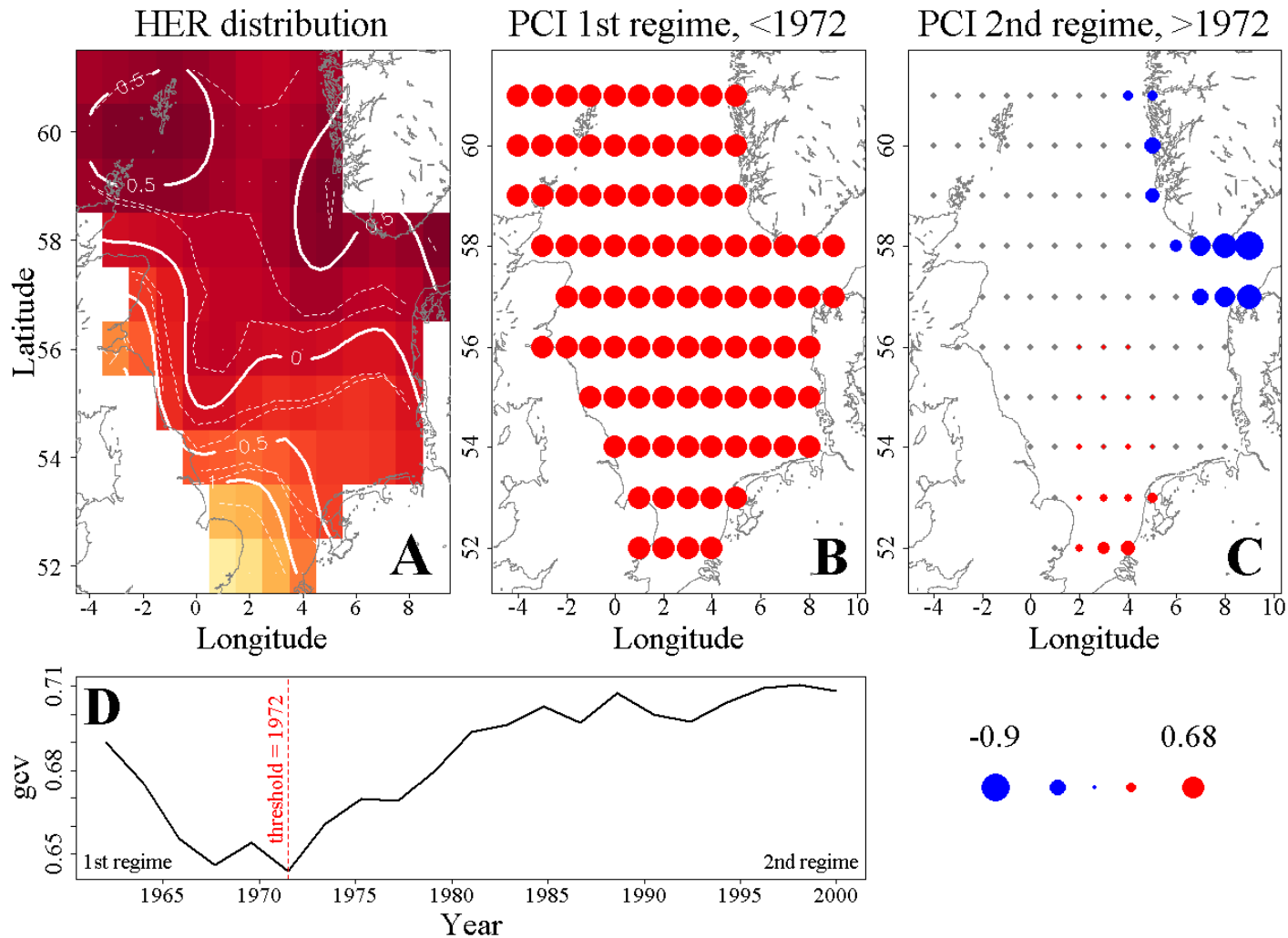
› Spatially-explicit

› Accounts for non-additivity

› Includes varying-coefficient

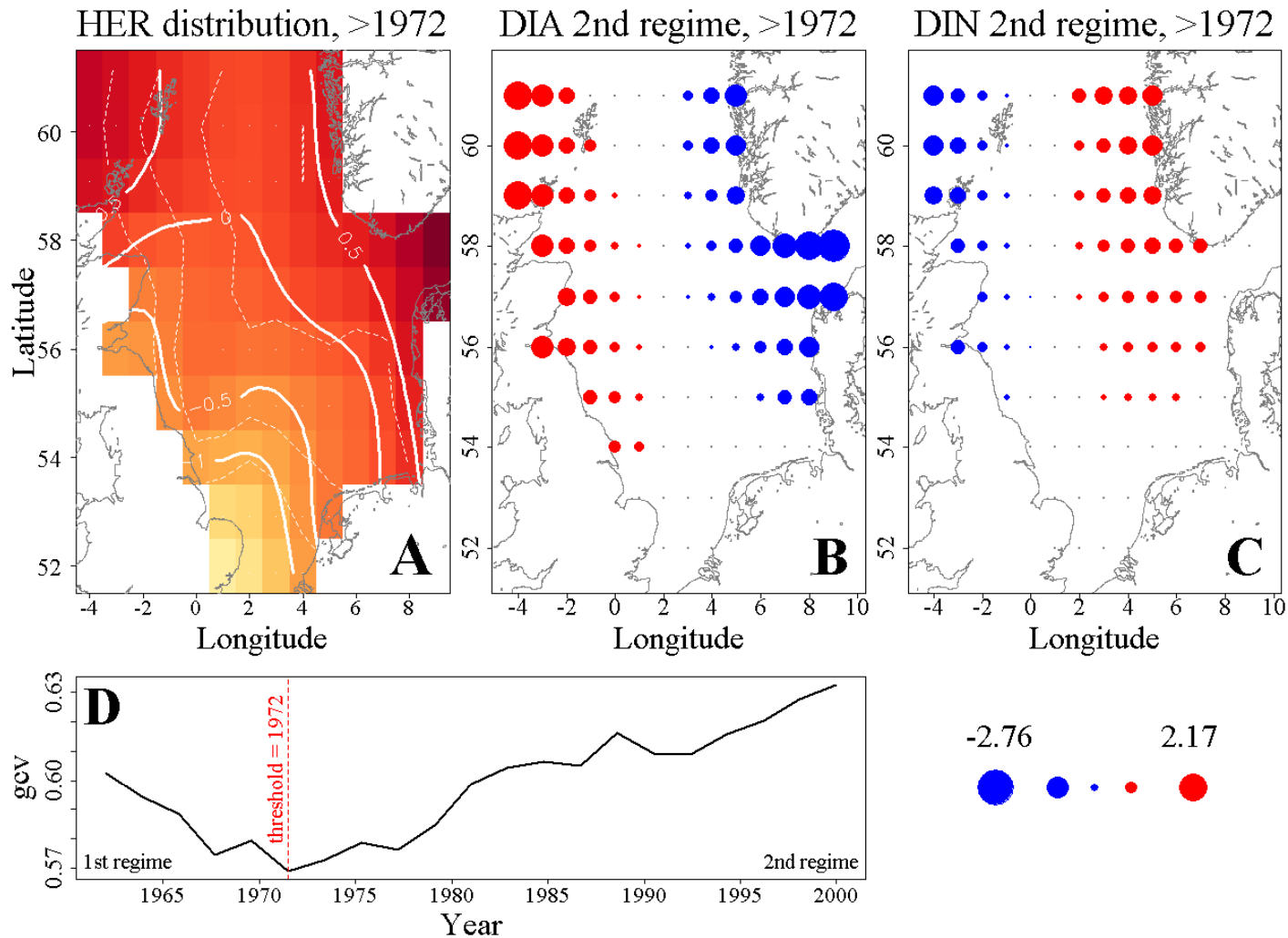
# results

## Herbivores - Total phytoplankton



# results

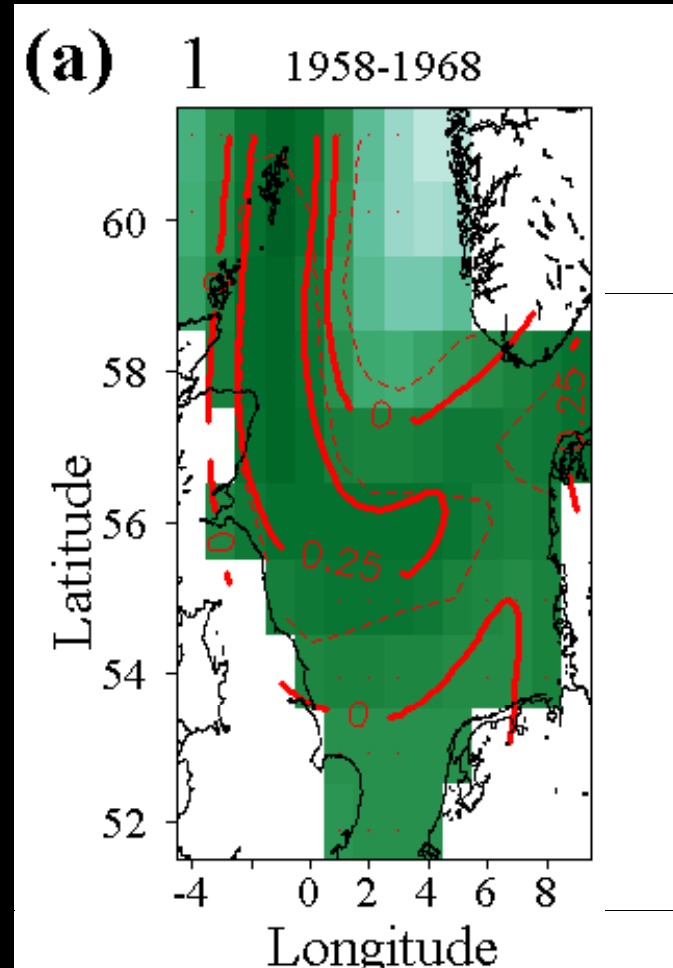
## Herbivores - Diatoms/Dinoflagellates



# conclusions

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the North Sea system has become a more regionalized system since the drastic decrease in diatoms of the late 1960s

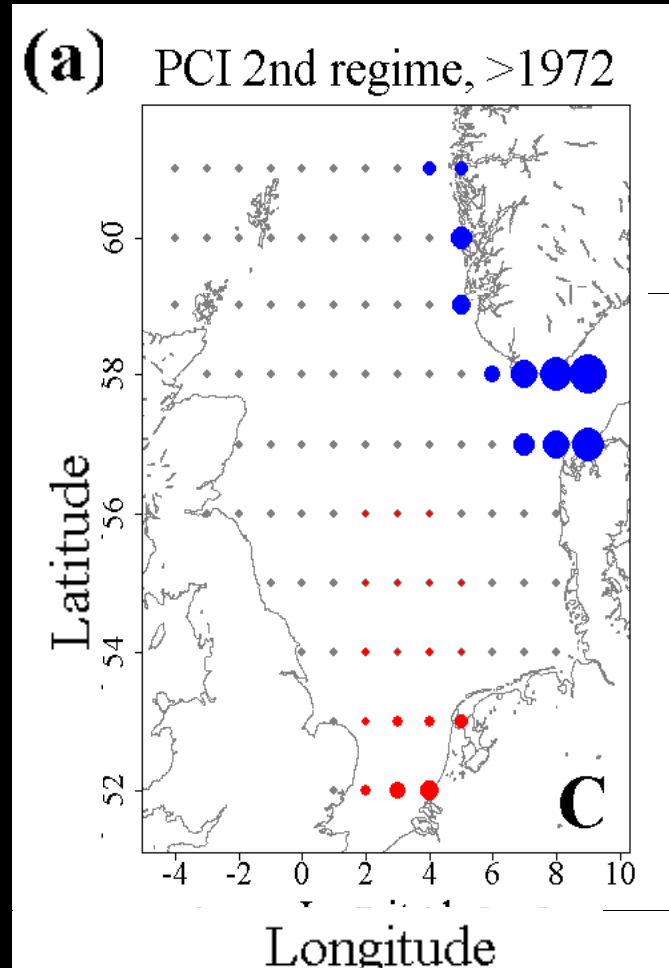




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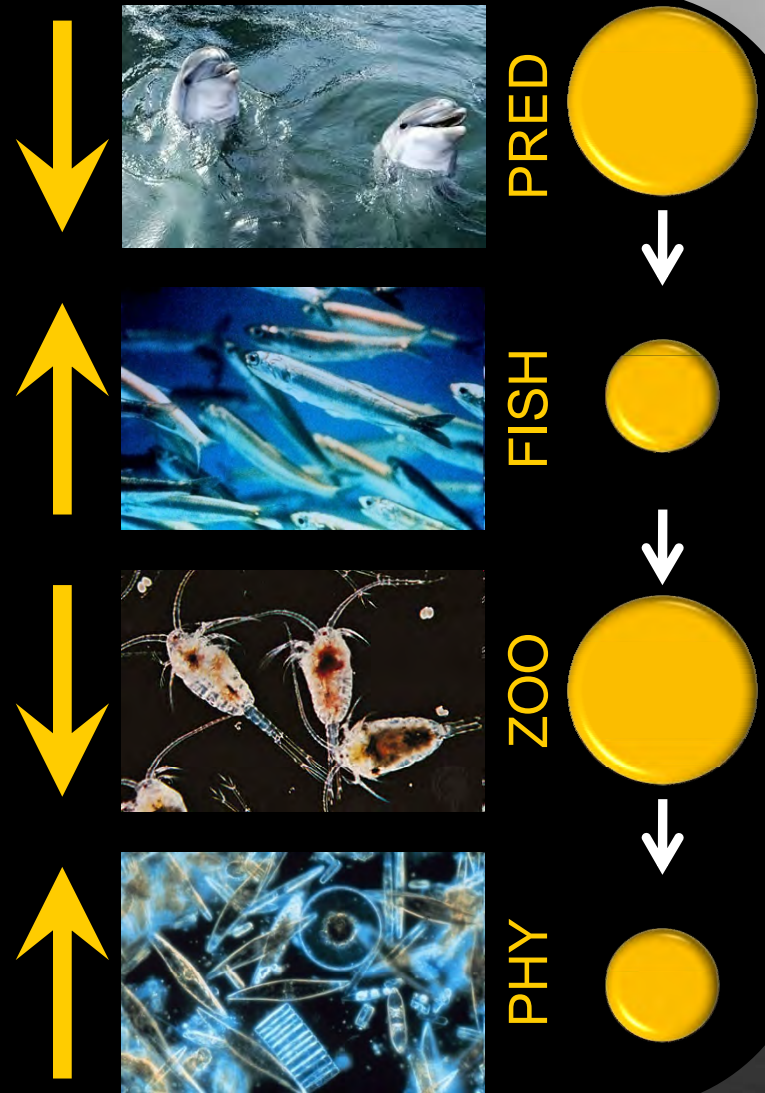


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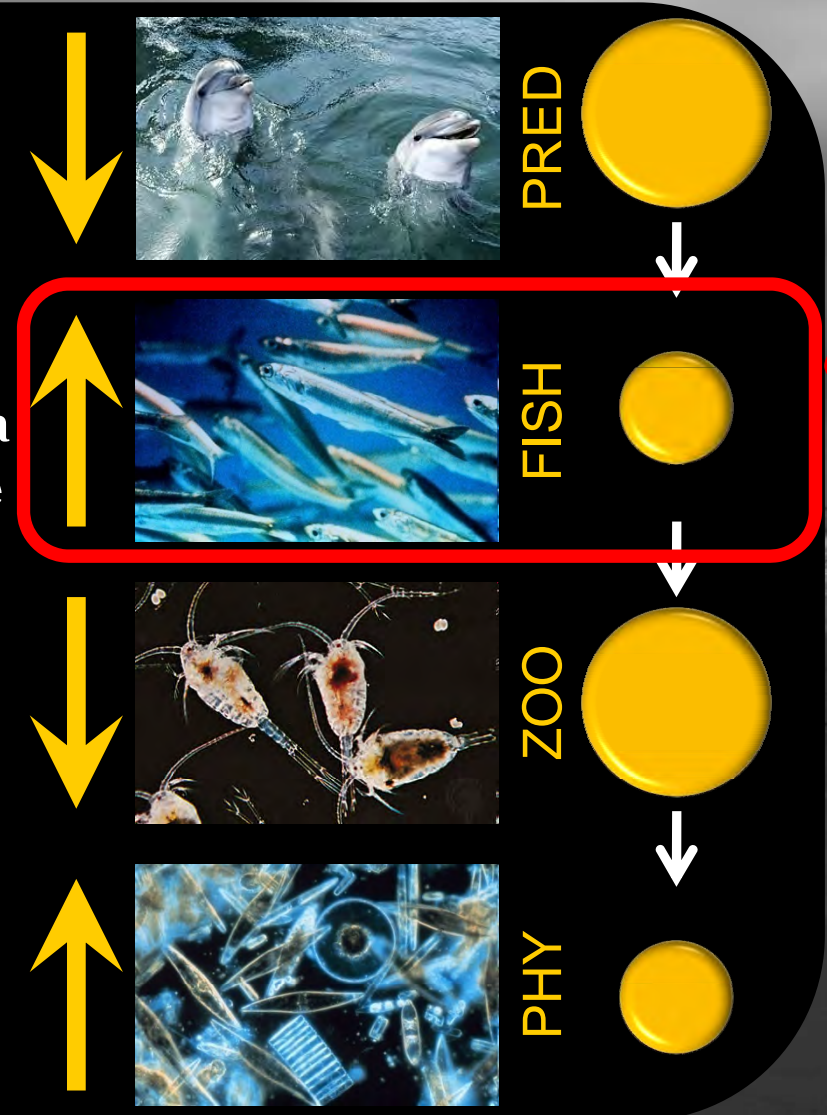


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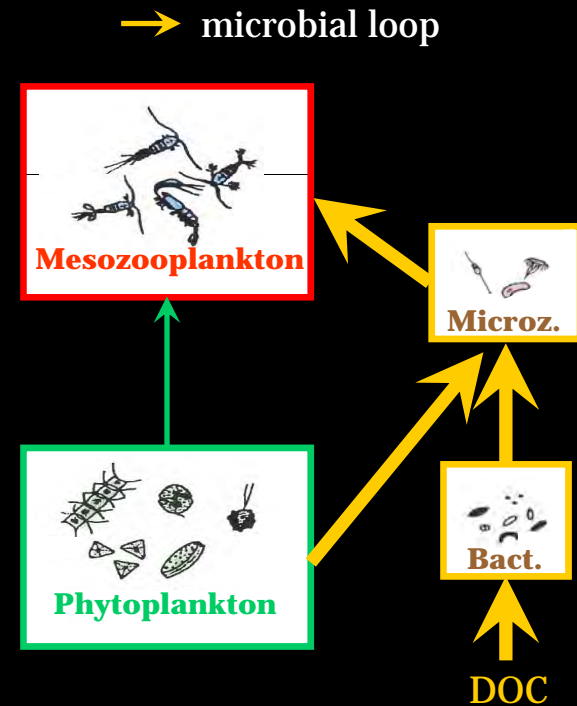


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from classic diatom-dominated phytoplankton community to a more microbial loop type of community?





thanks!

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