

# Marine ecosystems productivity, climate effects and sustainable fishery

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of the Fisheries and the Aquaculture

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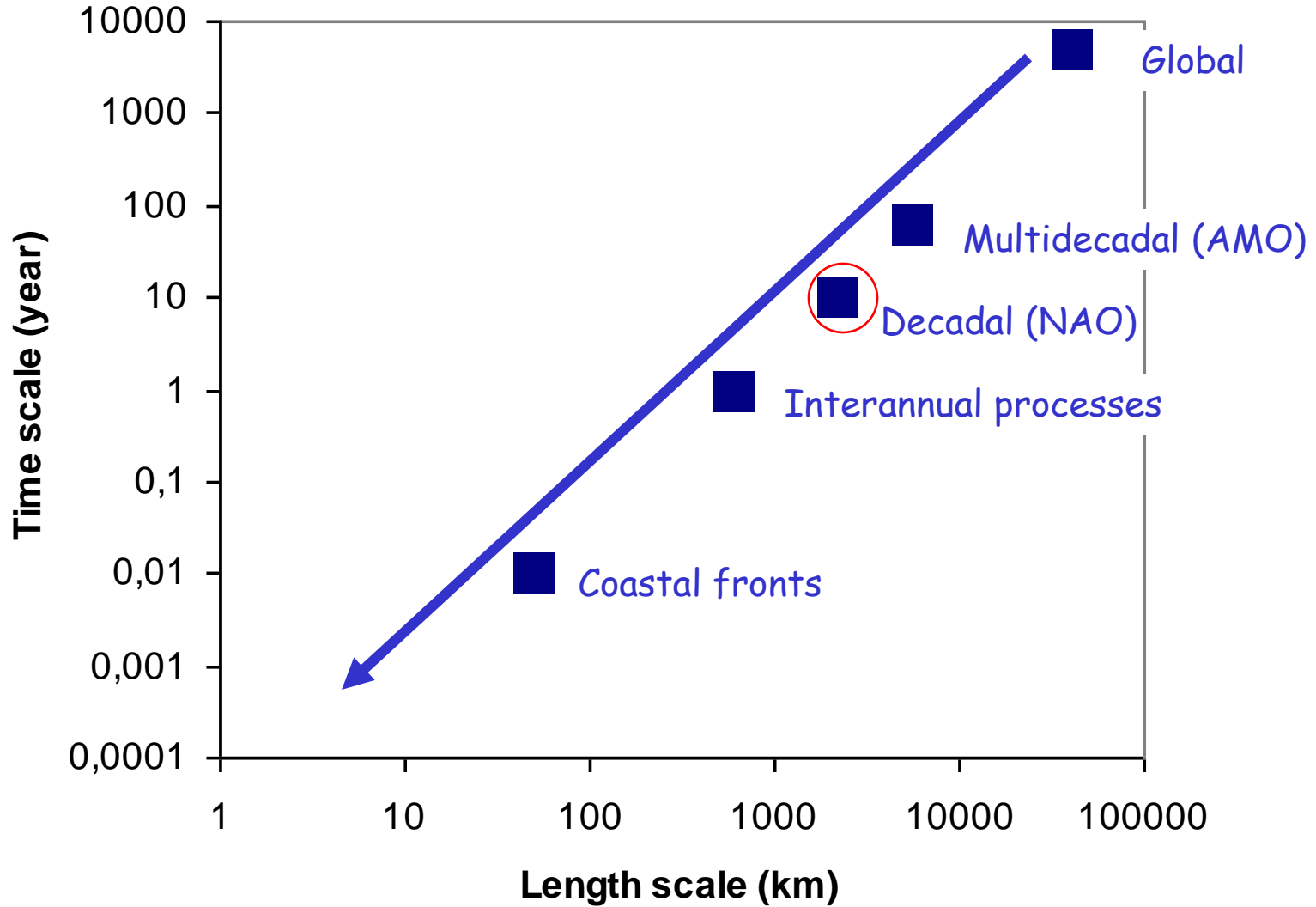
# Outline

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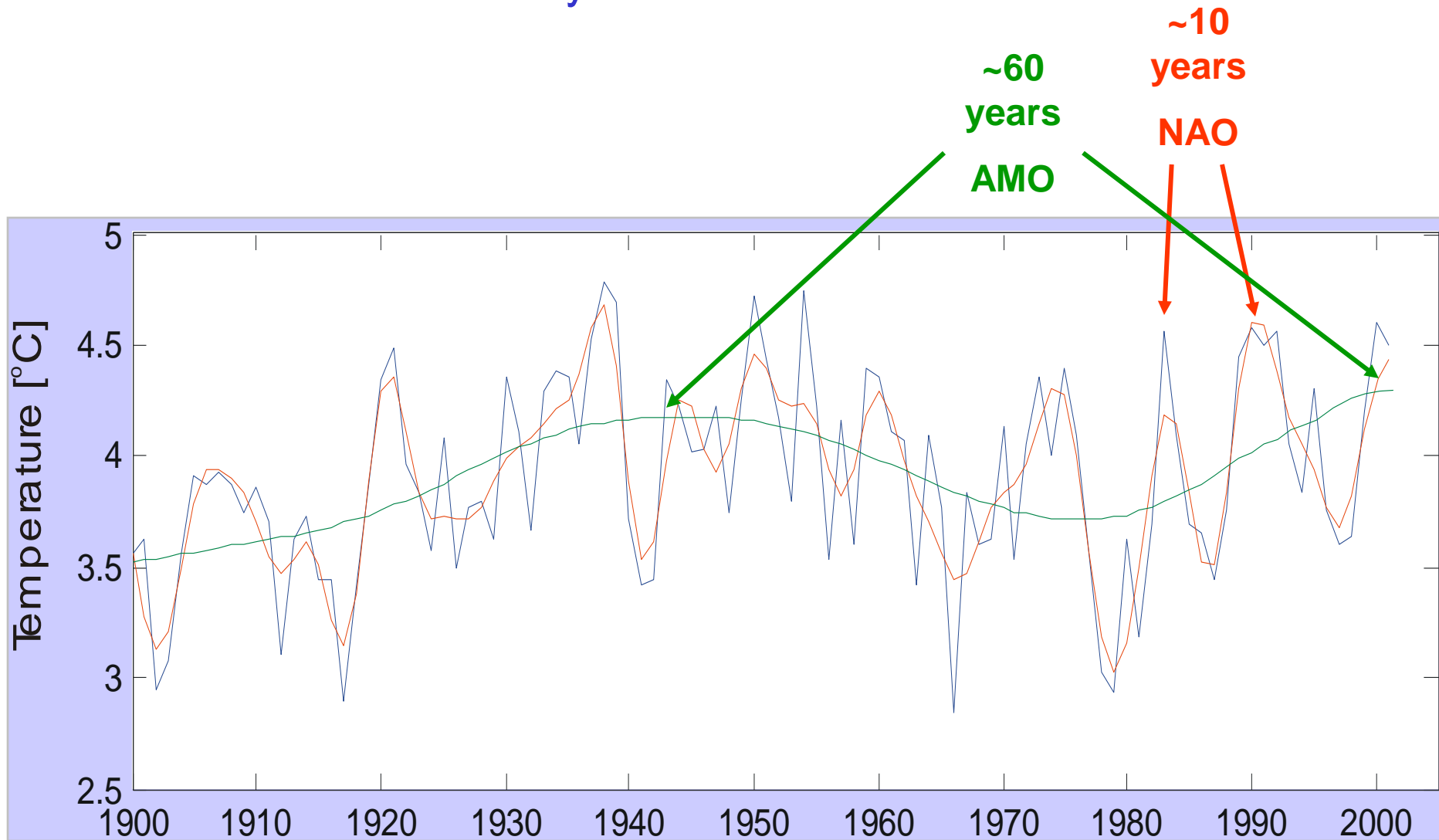


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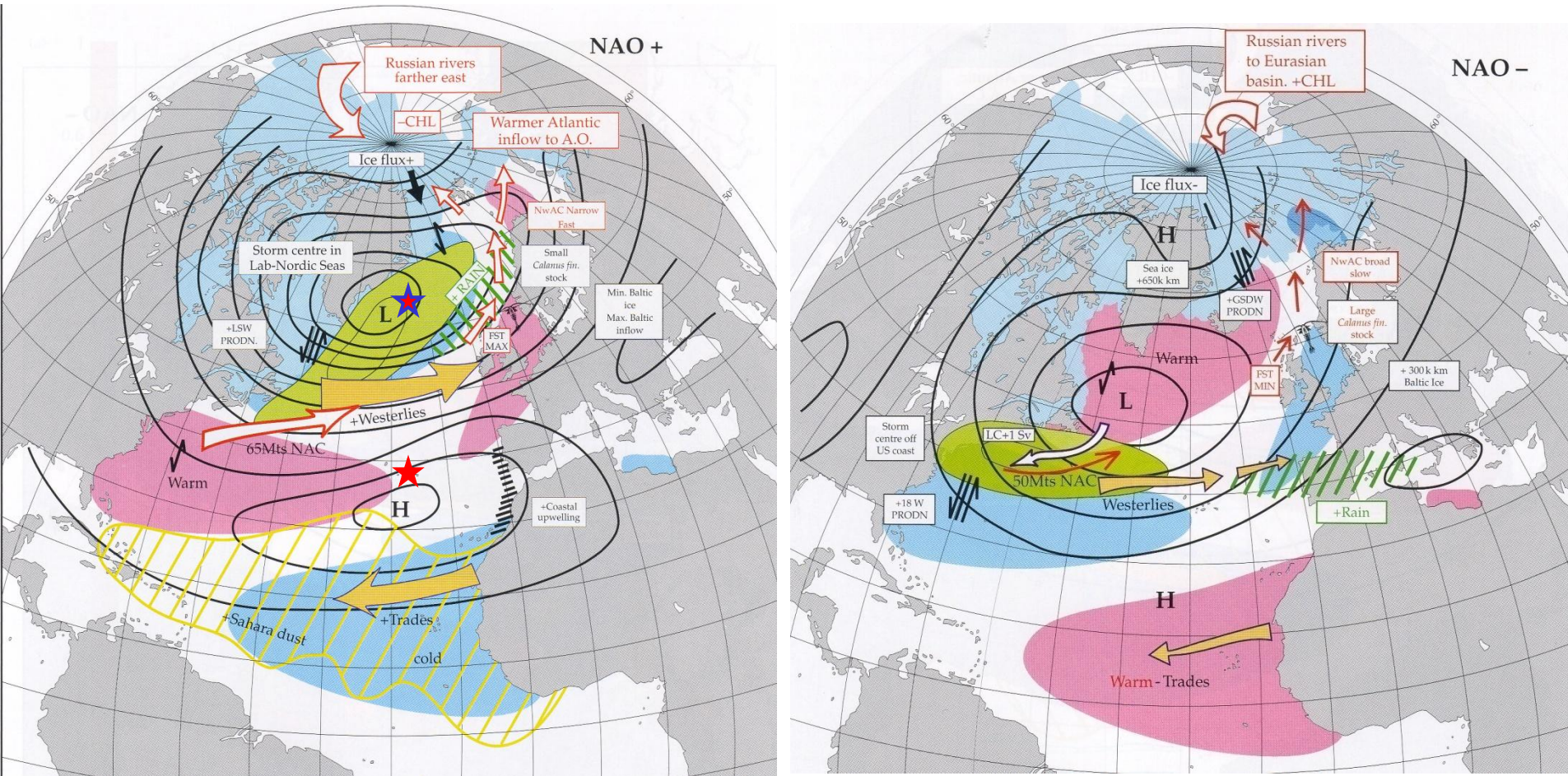


## 20. Century Barents Sea Ocean Climate

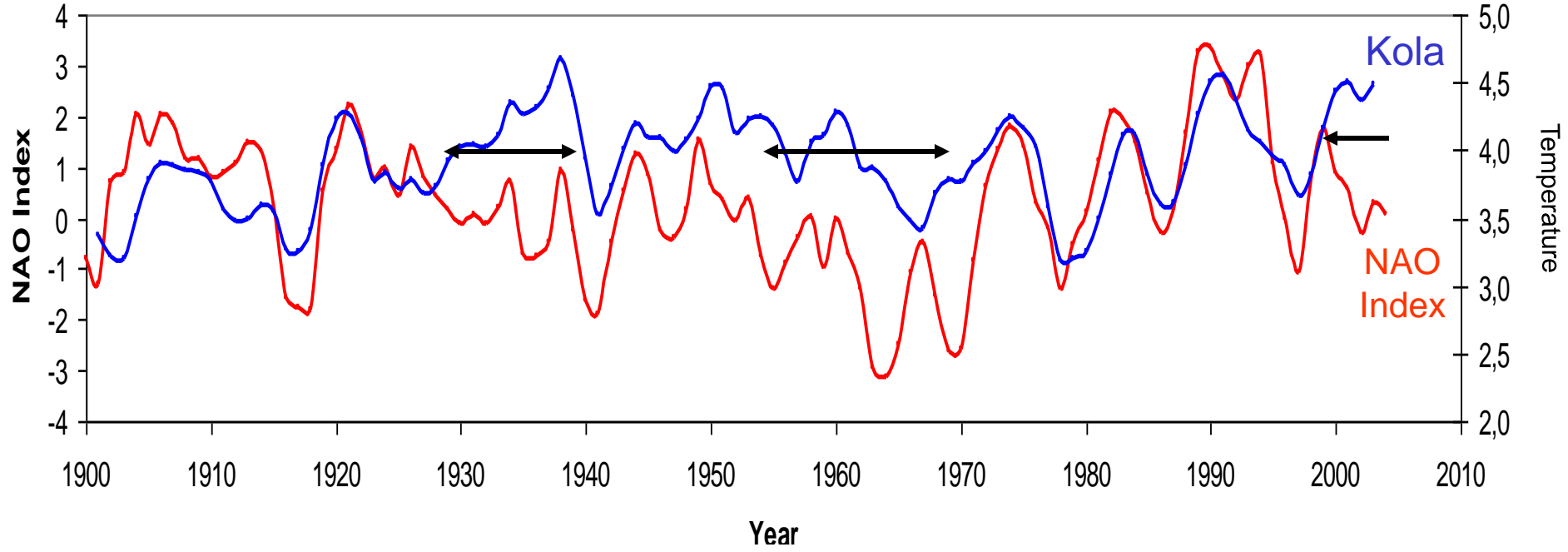


# The North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) Index:

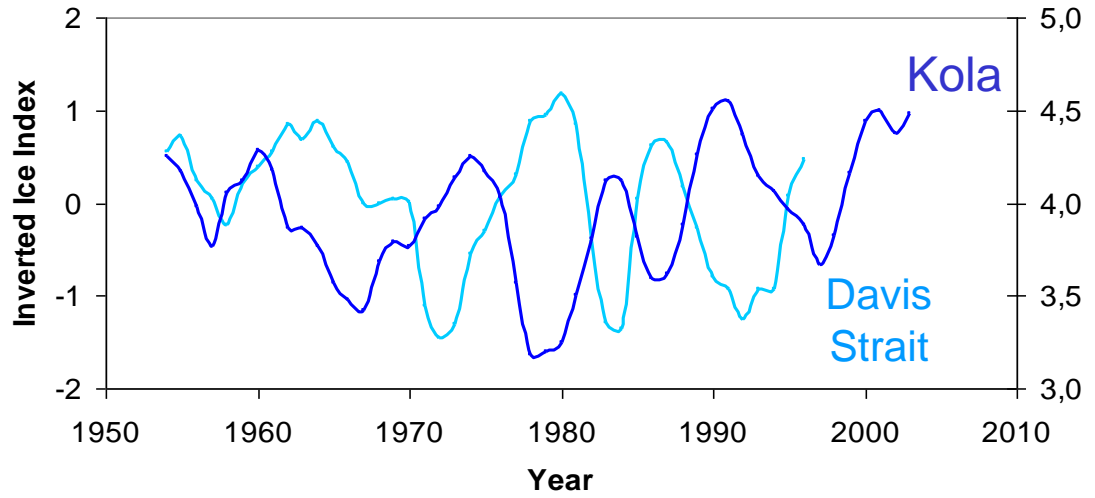
The difference of the normalized sea level pressure between the Azores/Lisbon/Gibraltar and Iceland.

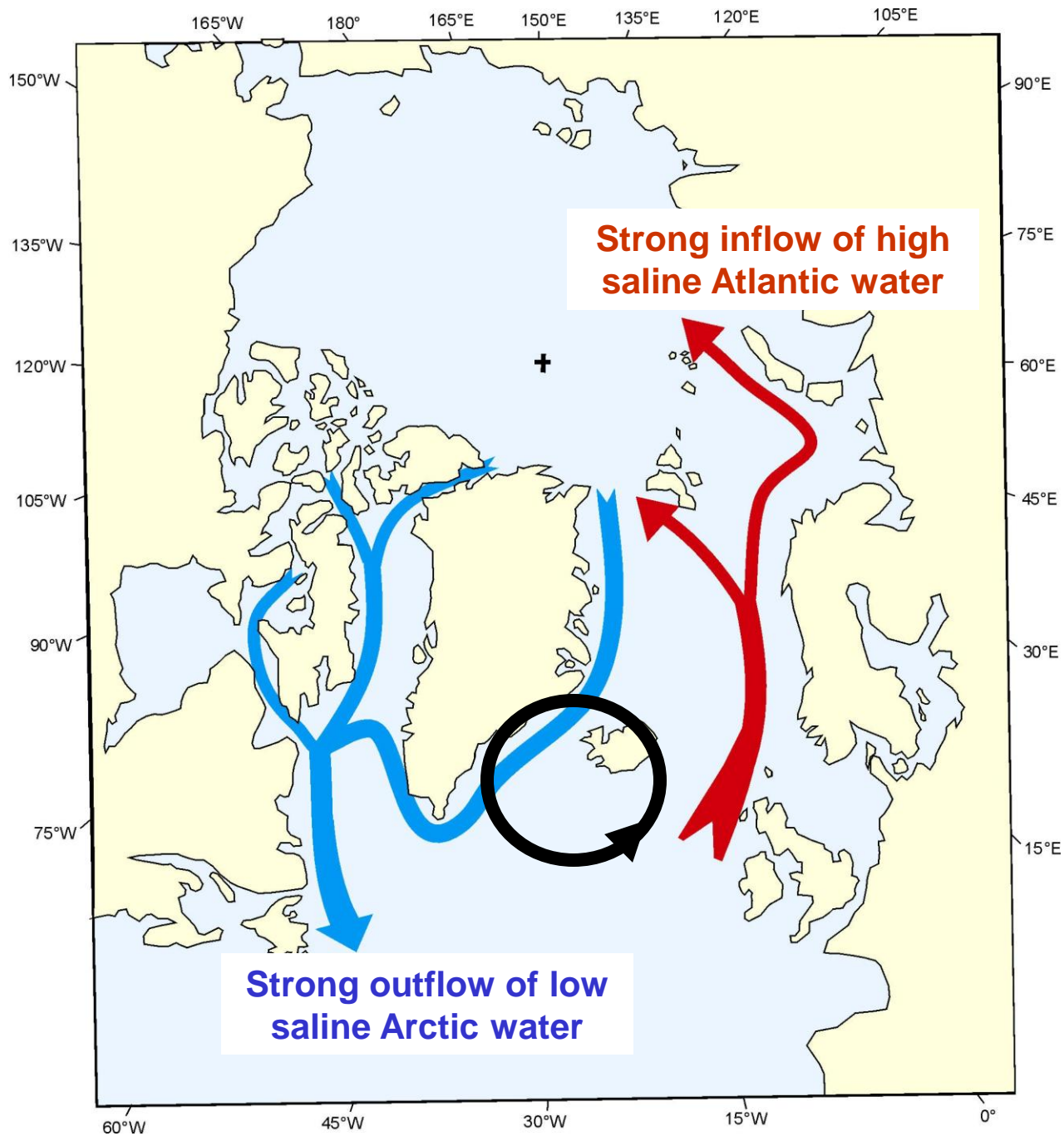


# Strong decadal-scale signals makes the NAO and Barents Sea ocean climate swinging together



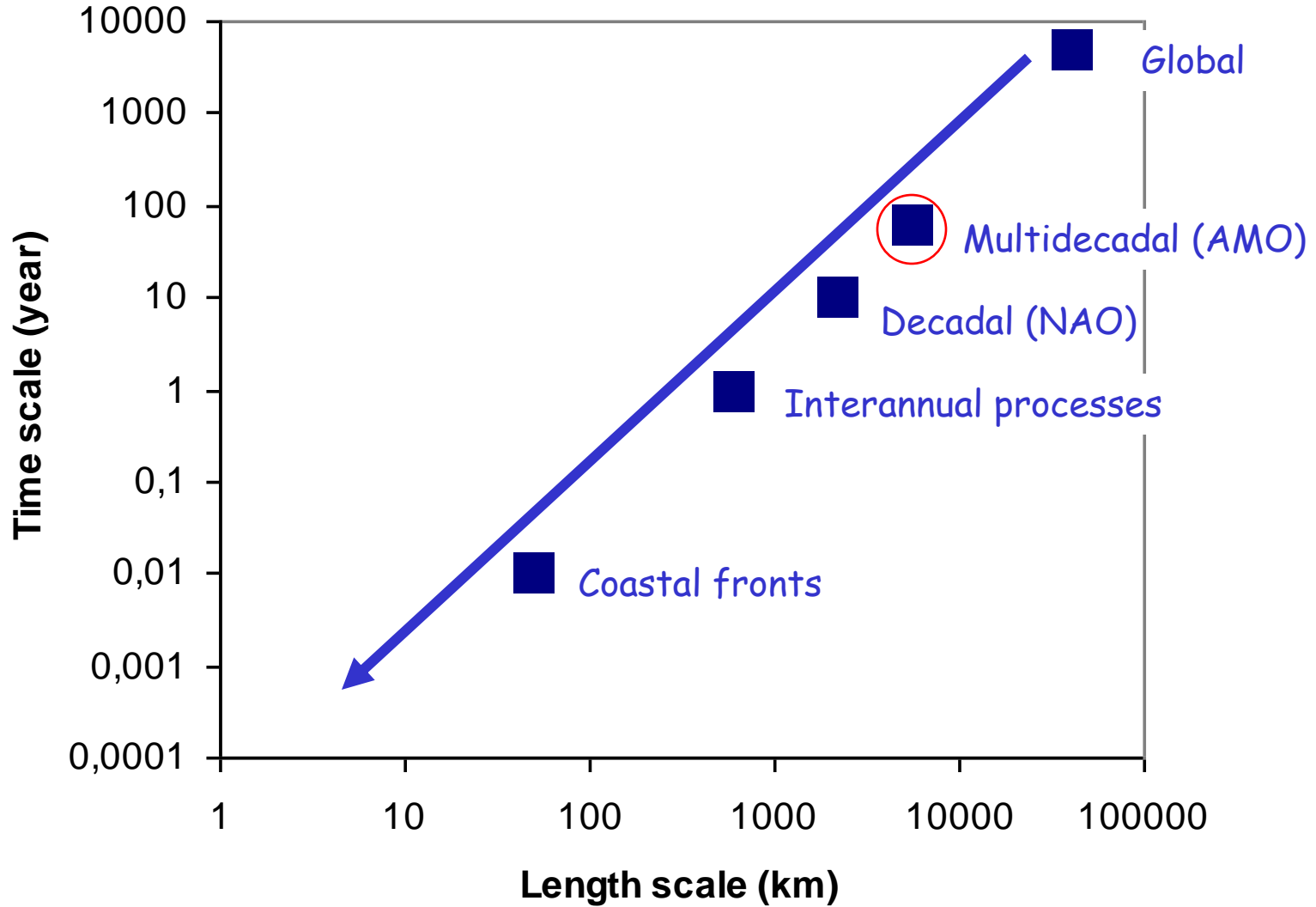
- and the Labrador and Barents Seas playing the seesaw



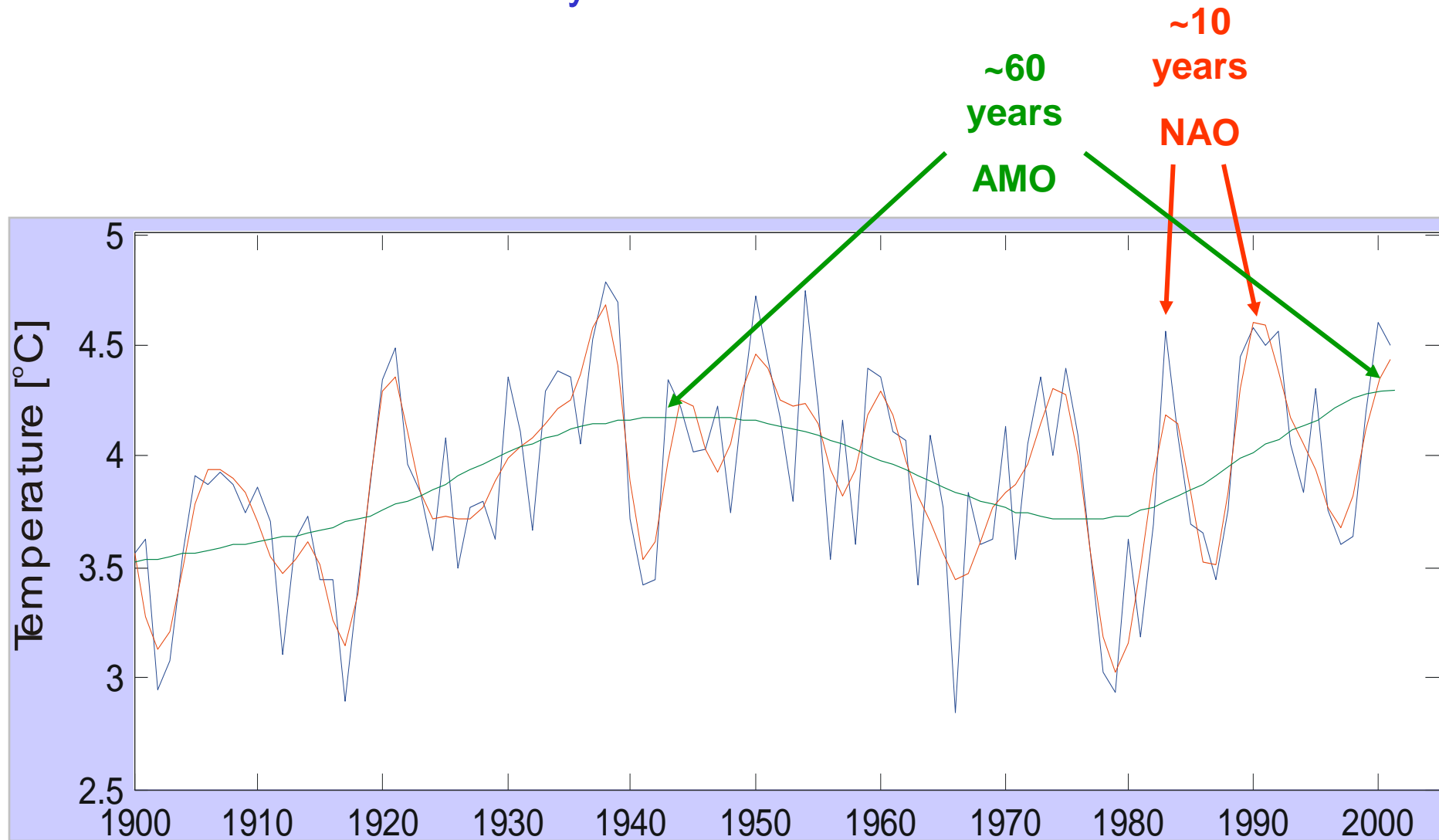




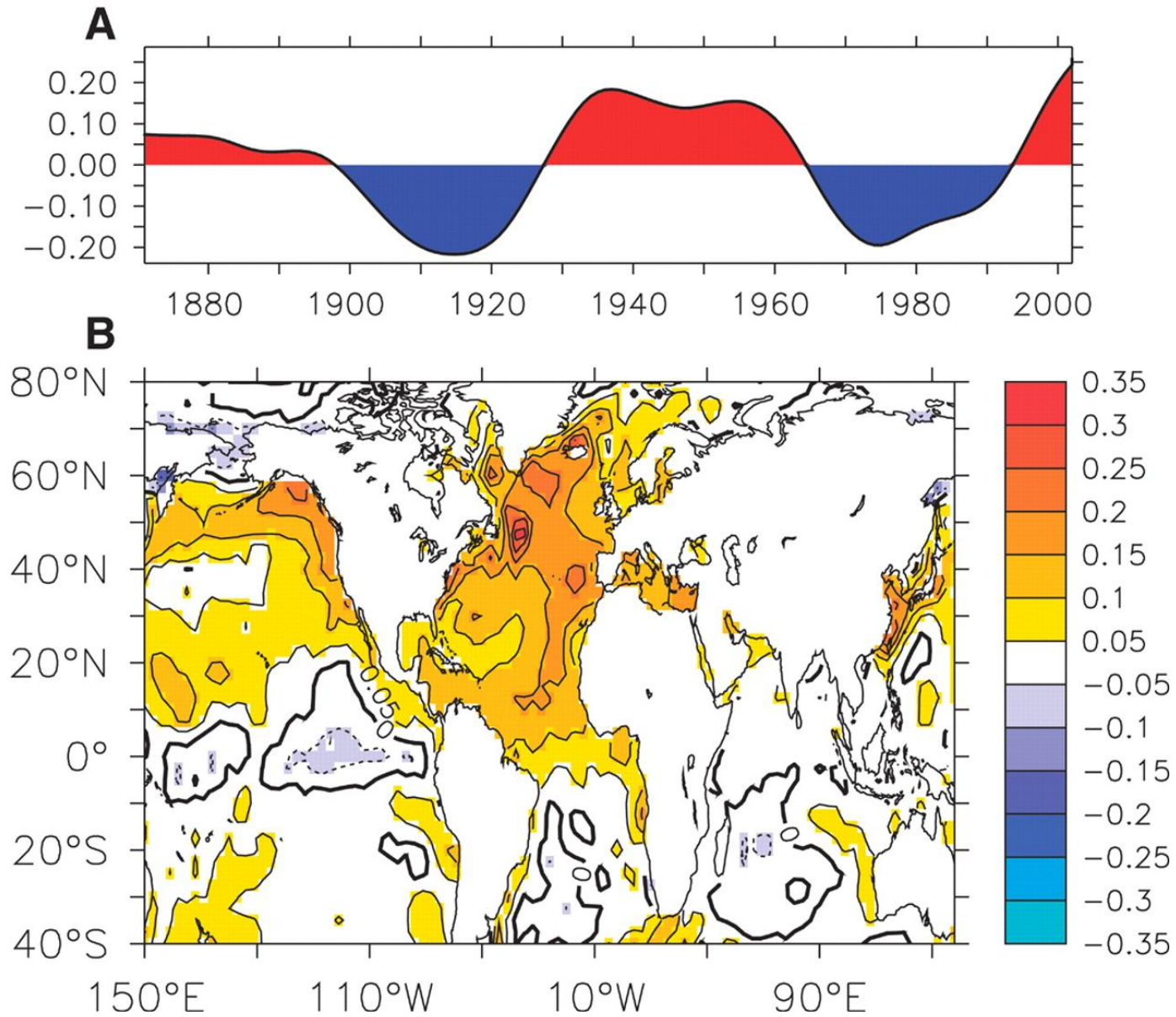
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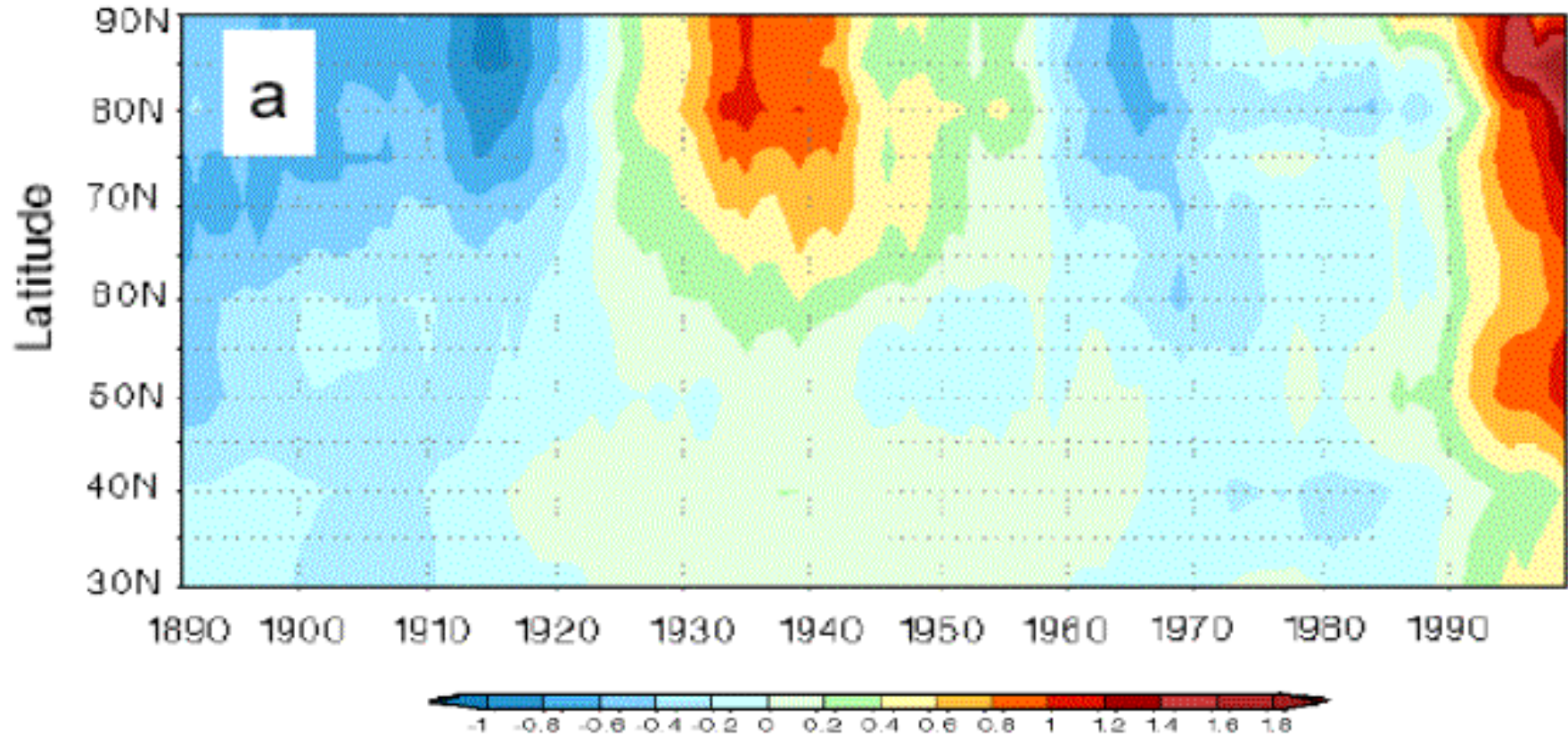
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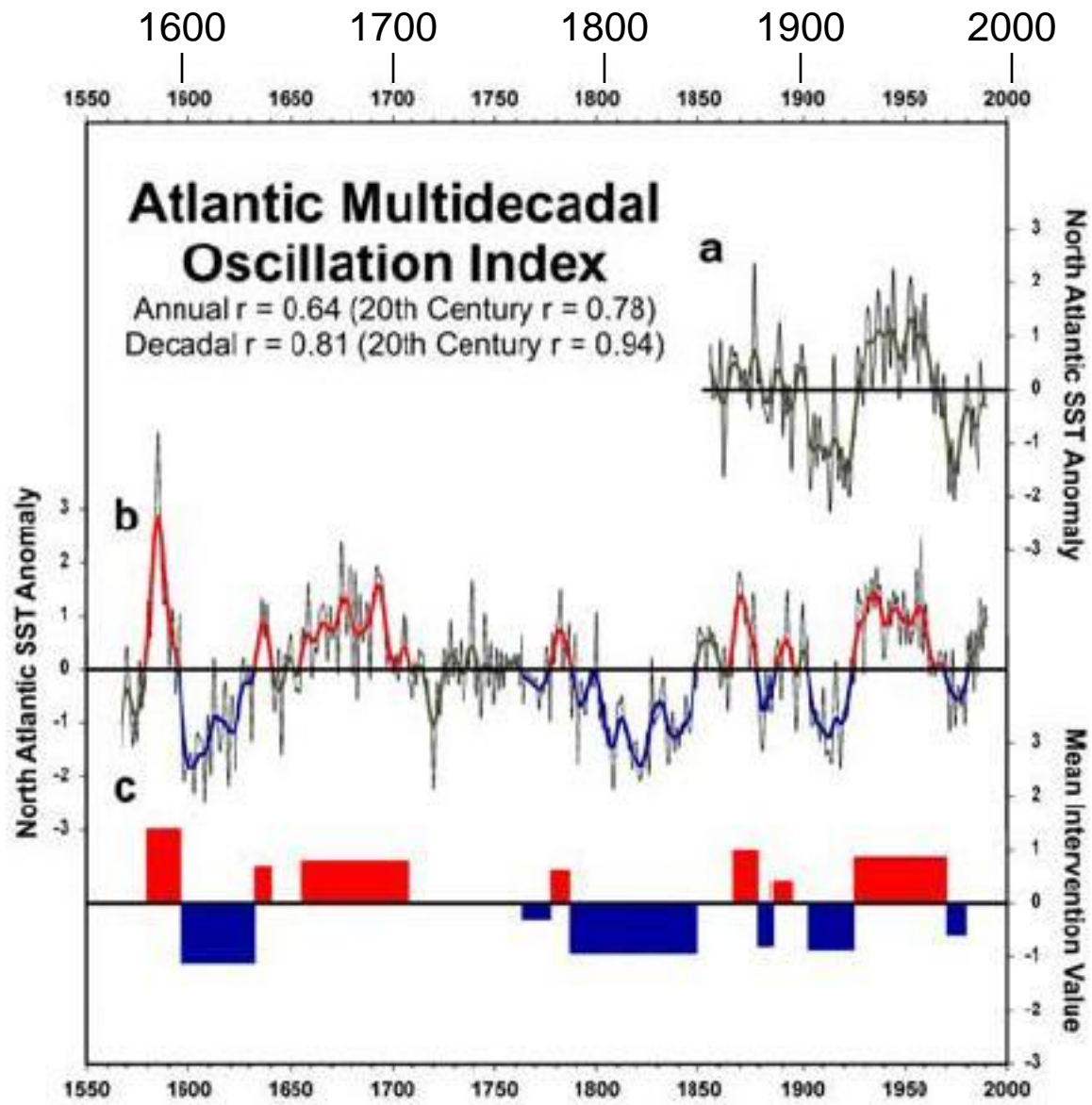


# Den Atlantiske Multidekadske Oscillasjonen (AMO) 1873-2000

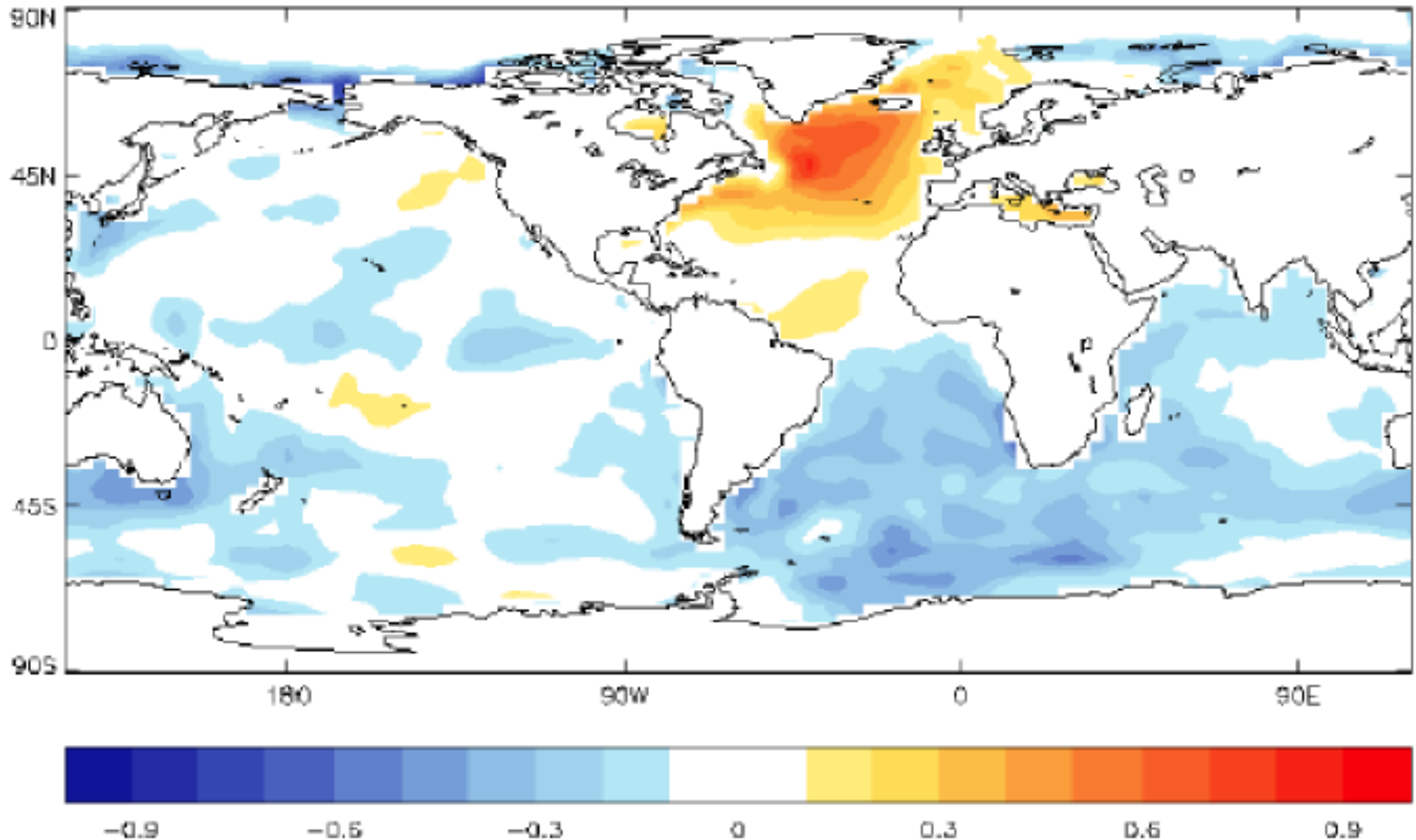


## AMO-signalet øker mot Arktis





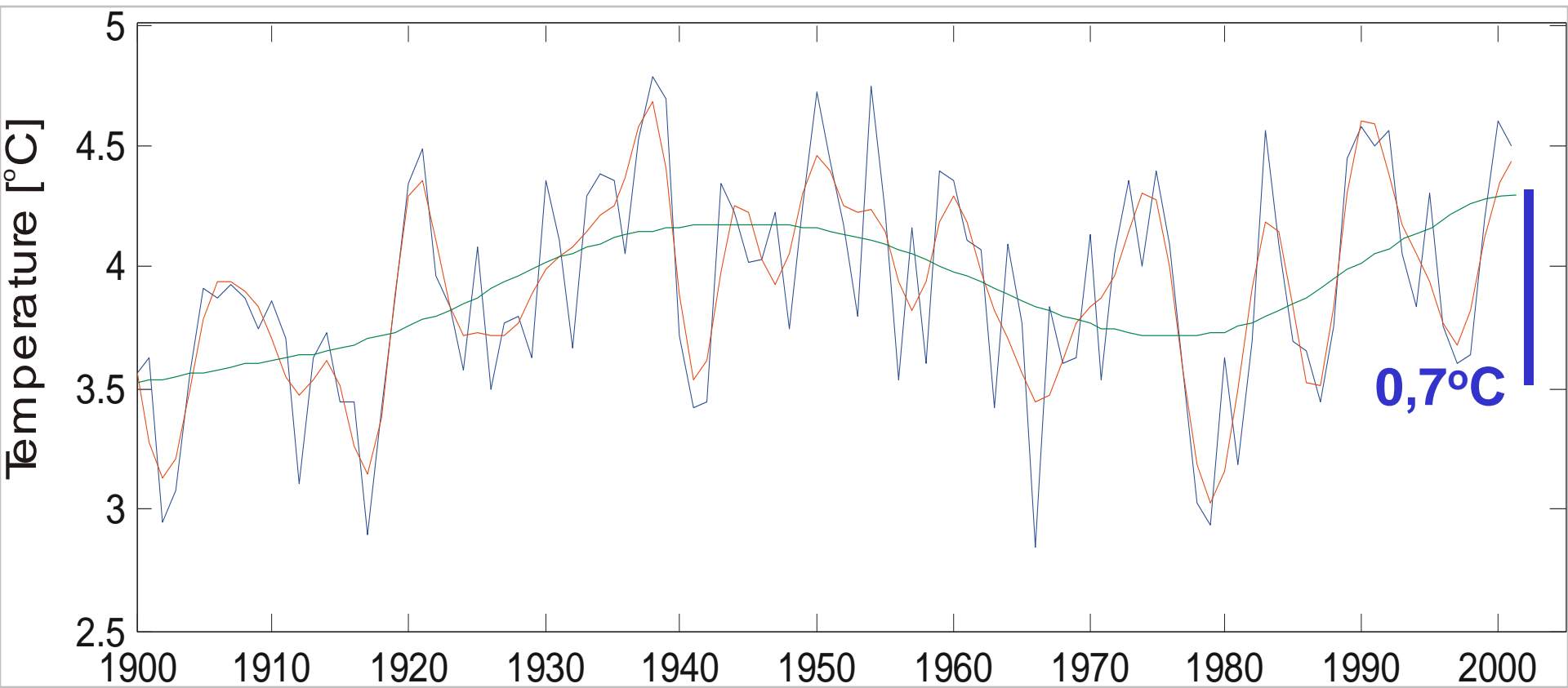
# Warming was concentrated in the Northern North Atlantic

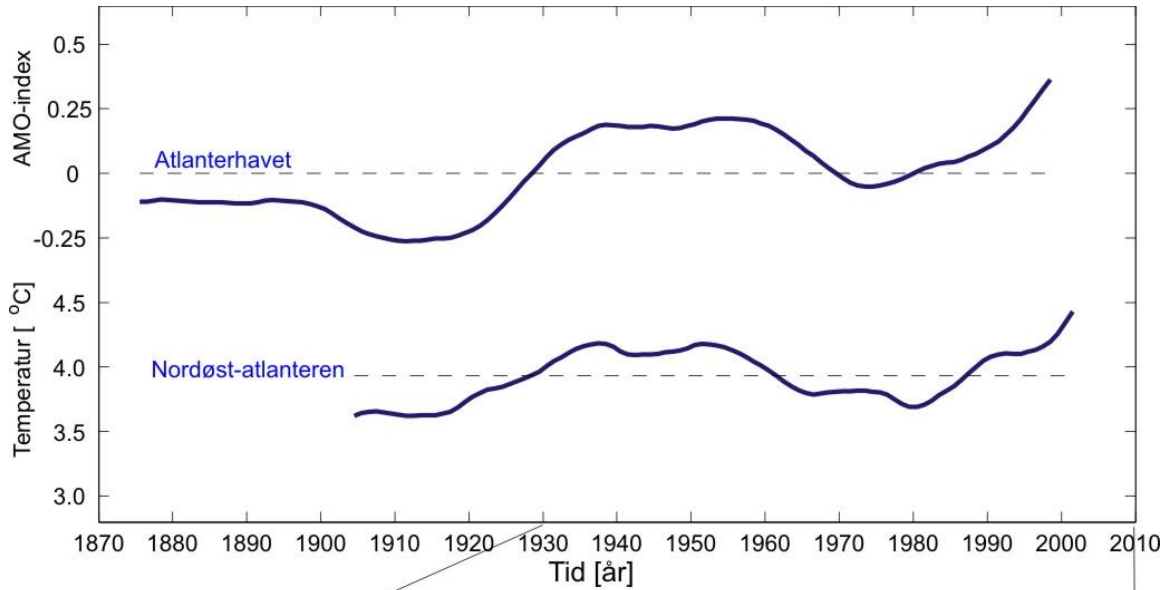


Sea Surface Temperature Change (1930-60 vs 1961-90)

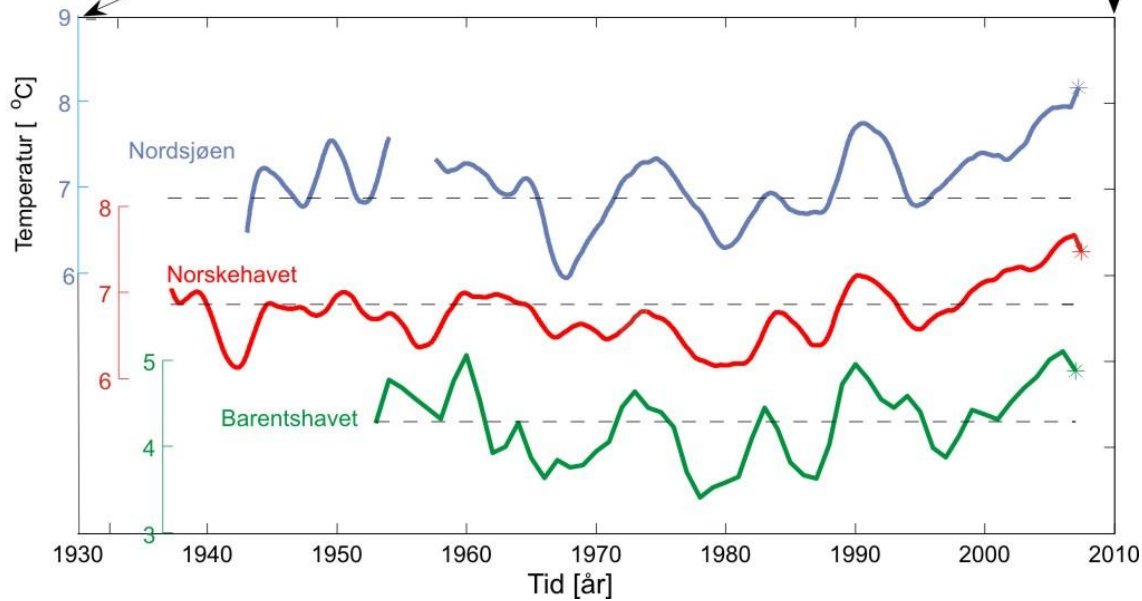


## Havklimaet i Barentshavet





From basin-scale  
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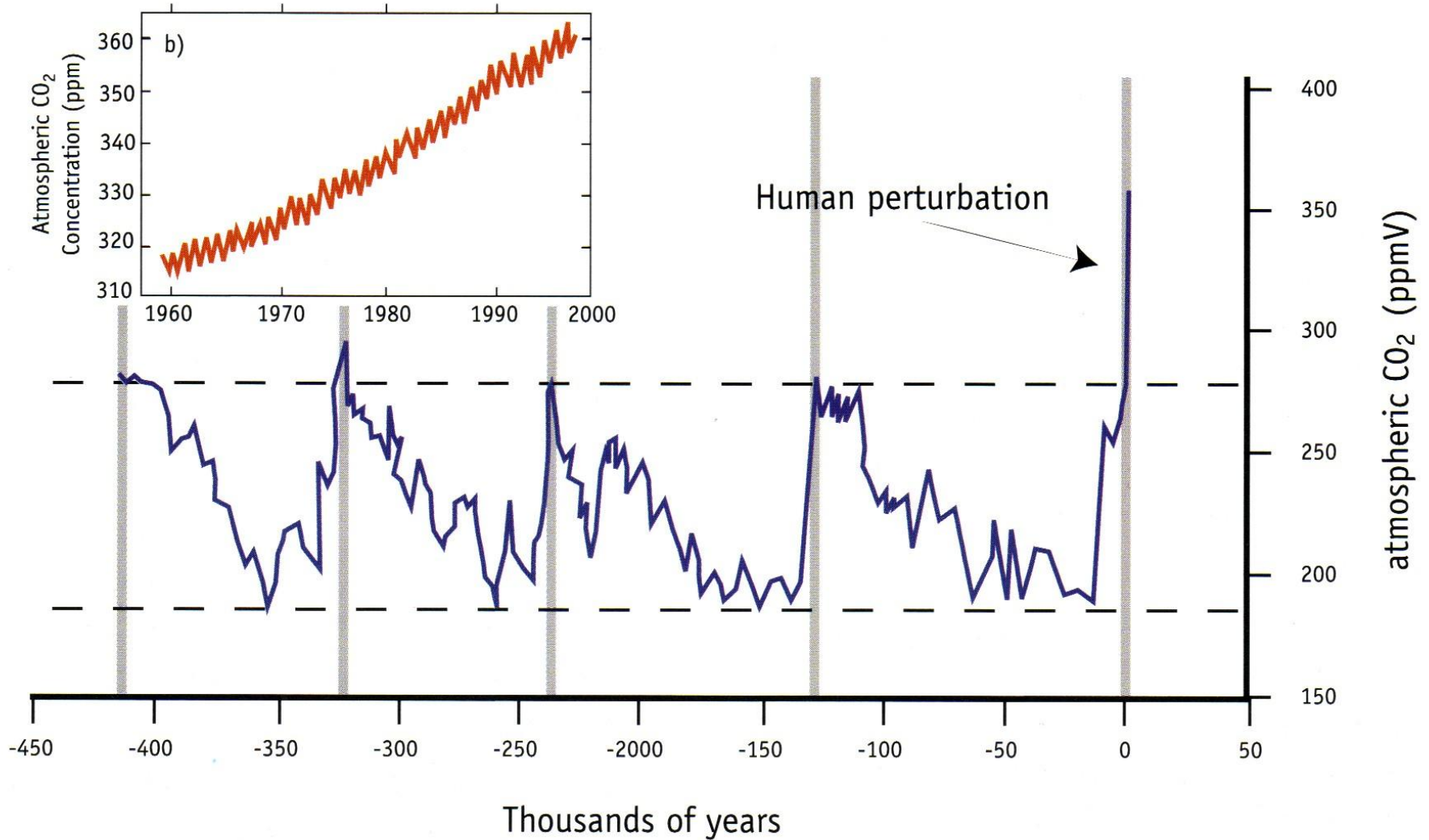
# Conclusion

- Natural climate periods influencing marine ecosystems occur from interannual to centennial time scales
- Decadal-scale and multidecadal scale periods are particularly dominant in the northern North Atlantic
- The recent warming of the northern hemisphere since 1960s has incorrectly been ascribed human-induced global warming

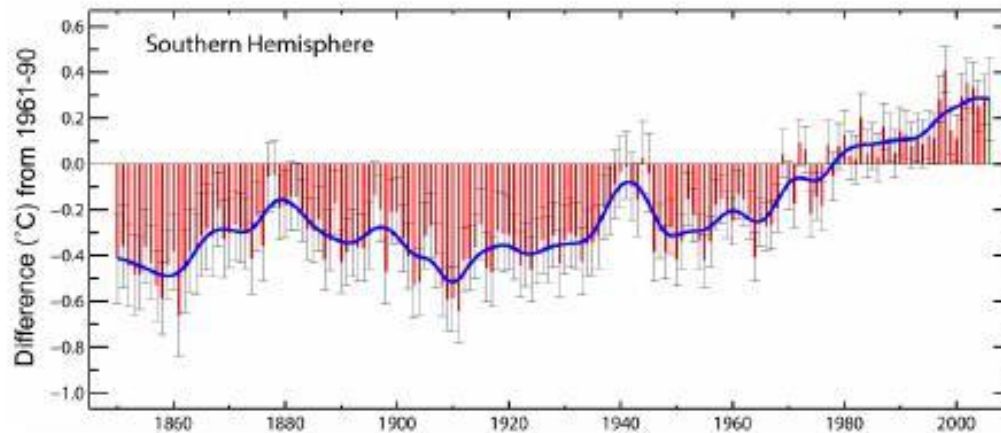
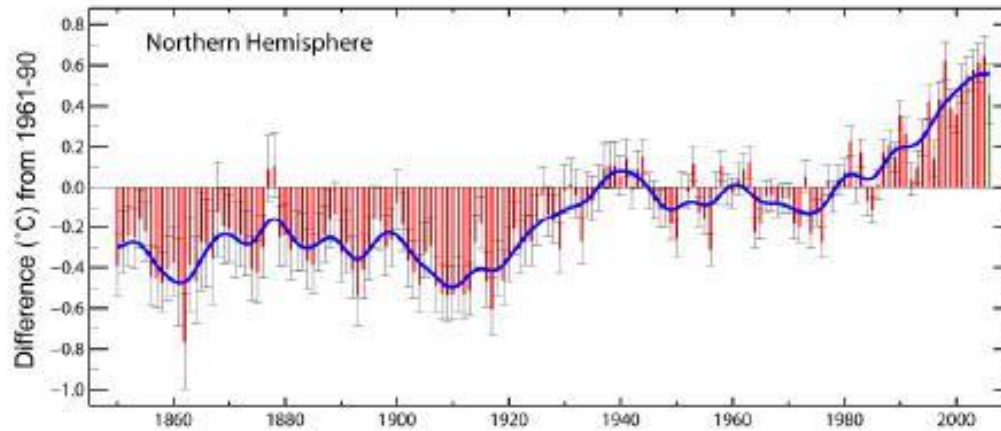
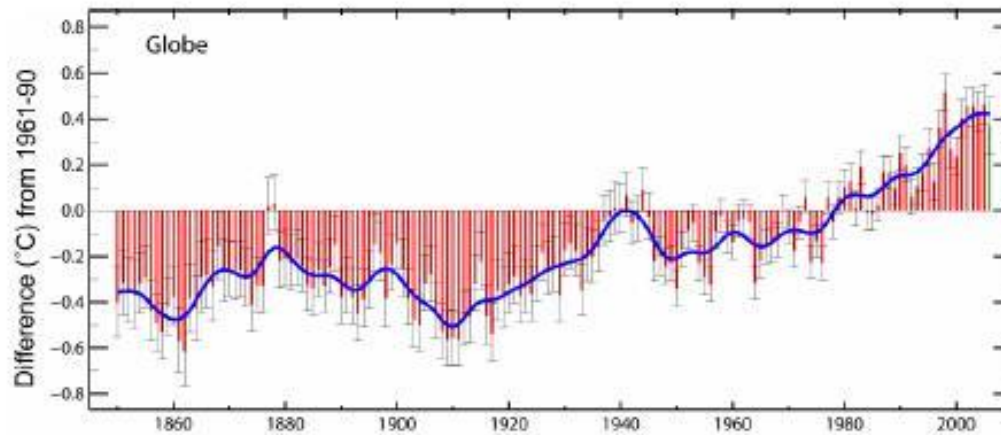
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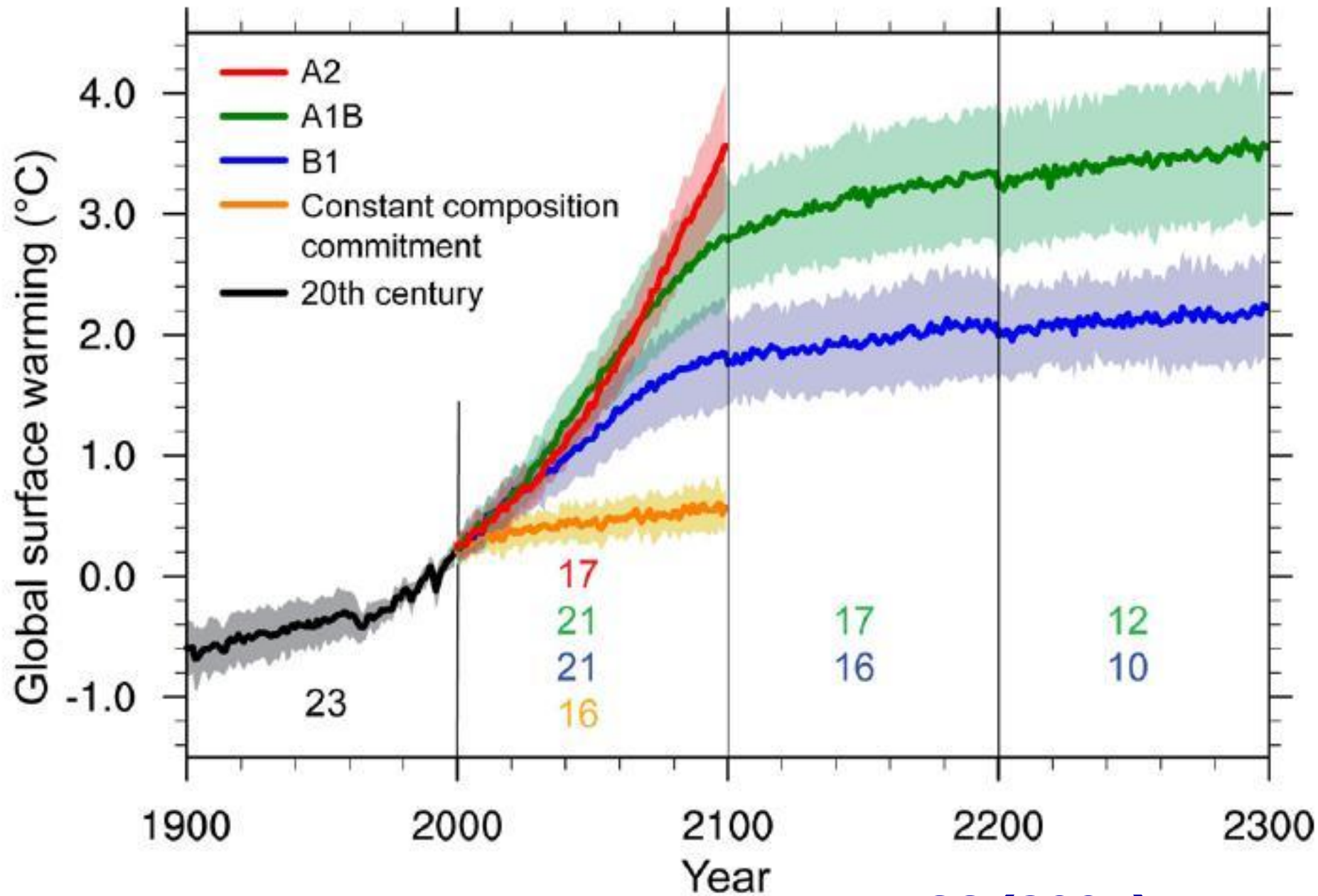


# The Biggest Global Experiment - Ever !



# Temperatur- utviklingen siden 1850 (IPCC 2007)



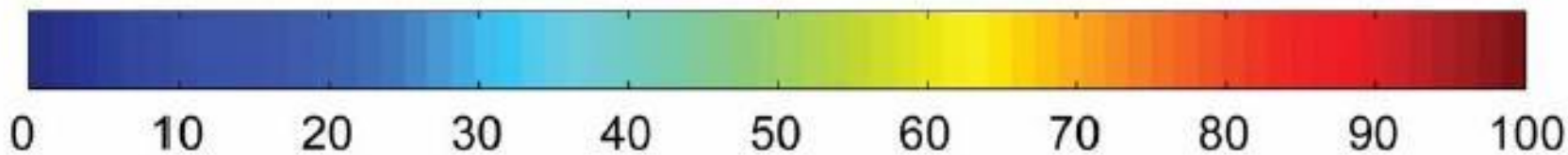
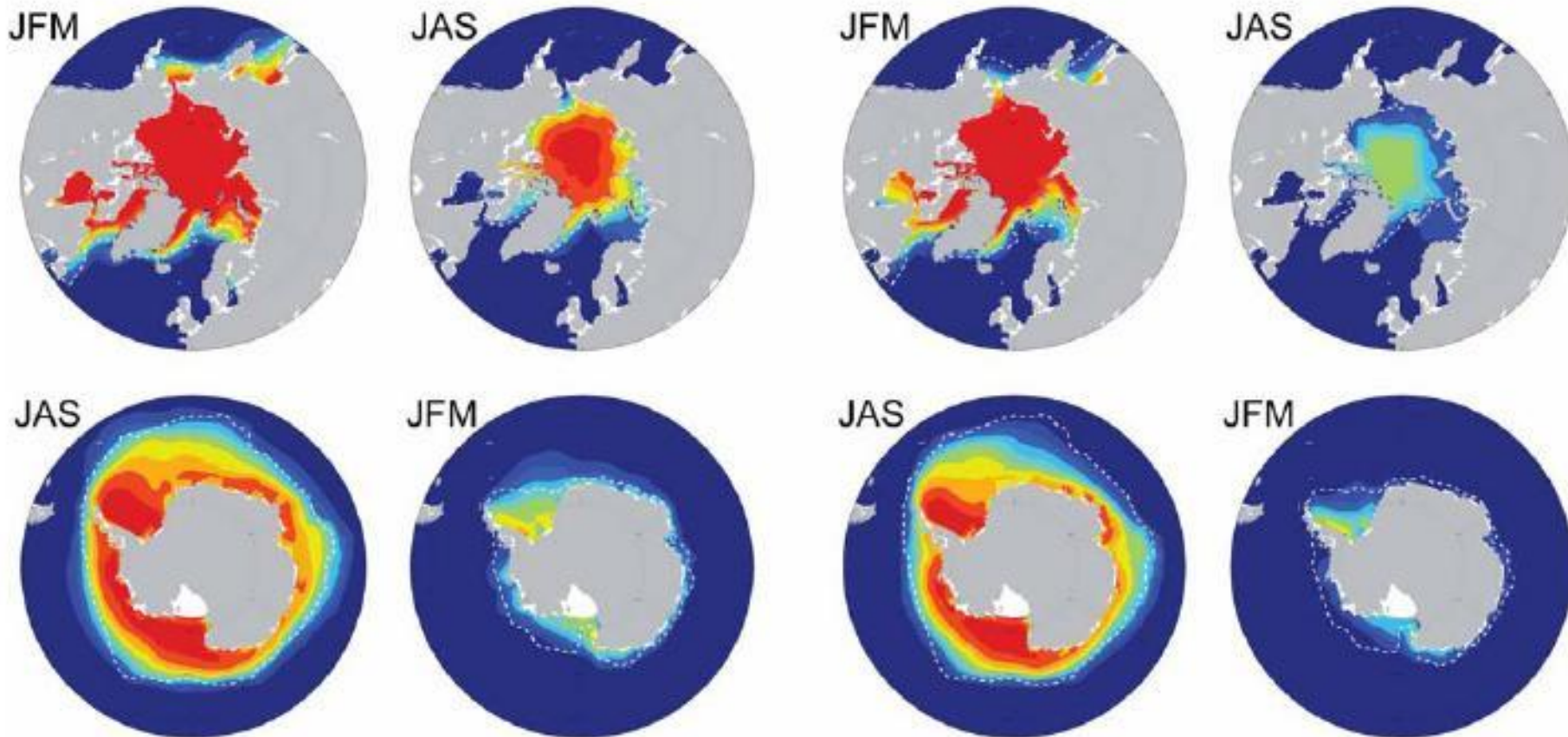


**IPCC (2007)**

# ICE EXTENT

a) 1980-2000 average

b) 2080-2100 average

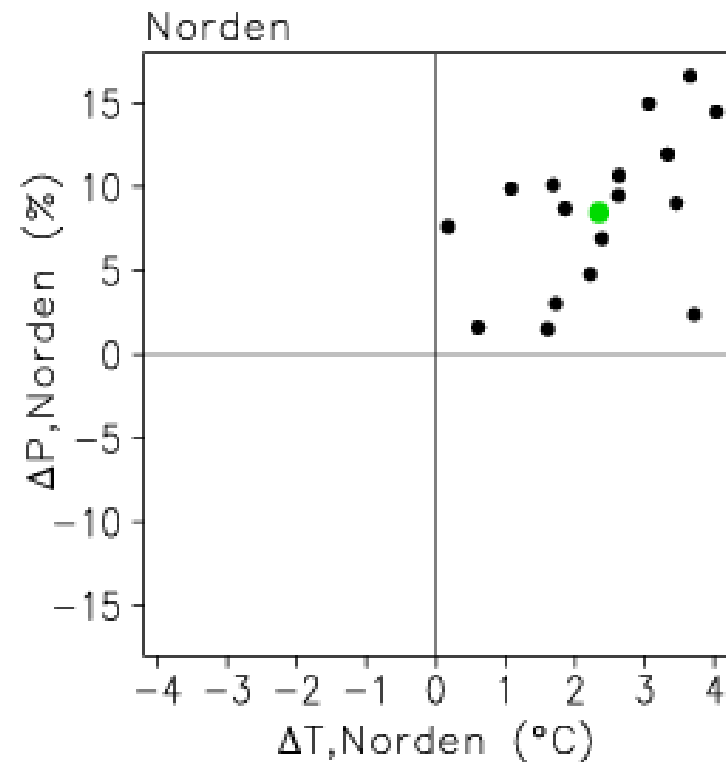
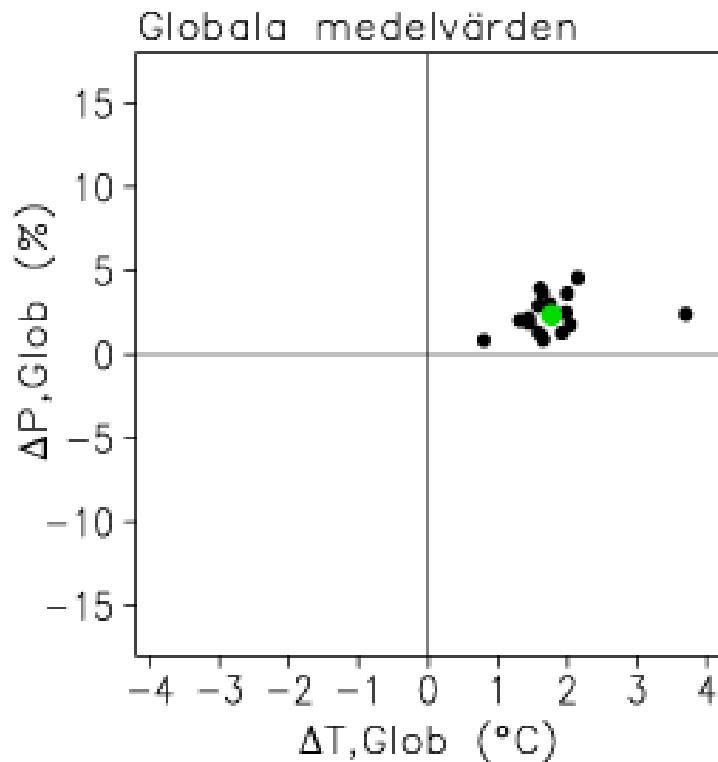


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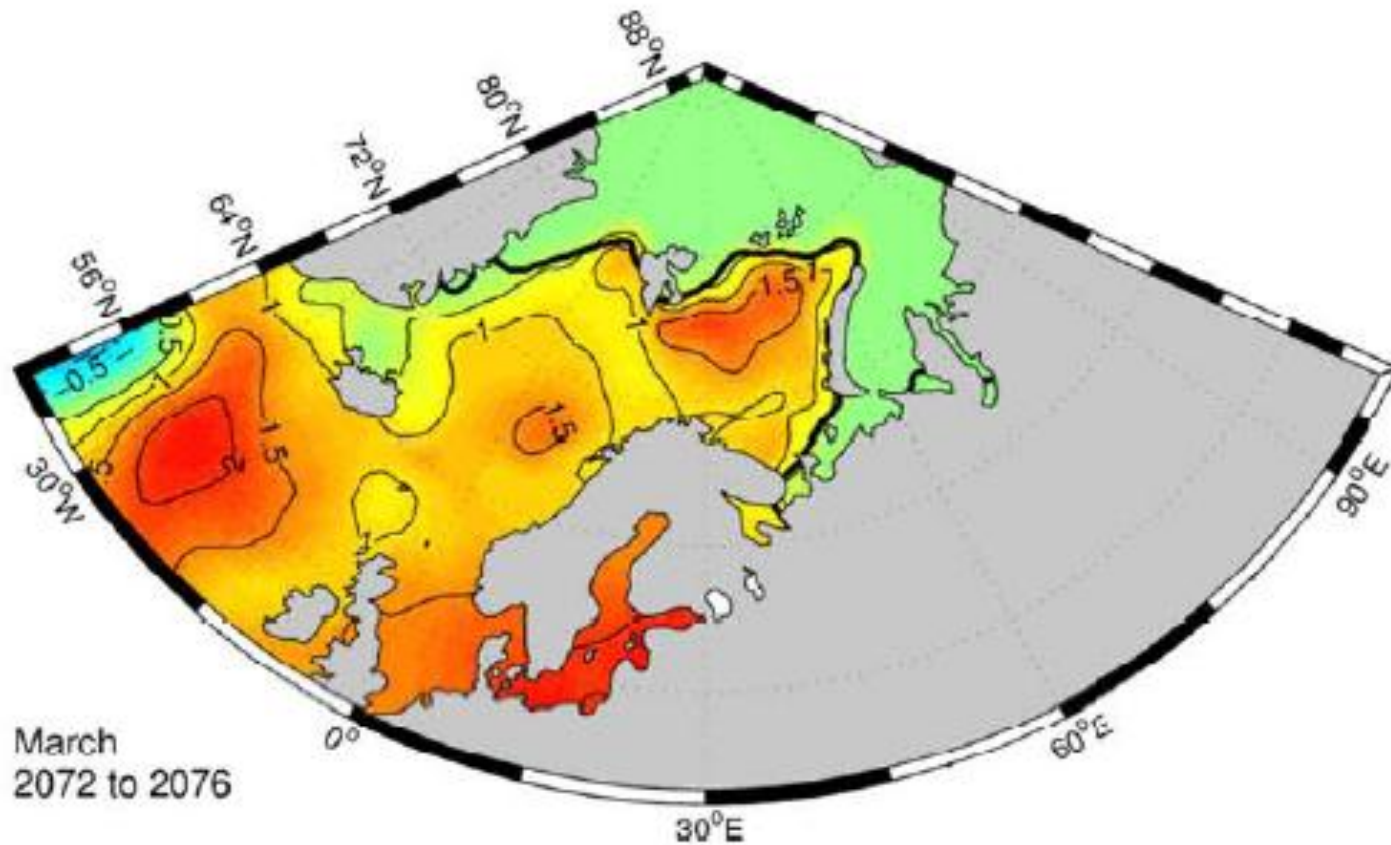
High latitude predictions more insecure:



## Global changes vs. regional (Nordic/High lat.) (doubled CO<sub>2</sub>, Räisänen)

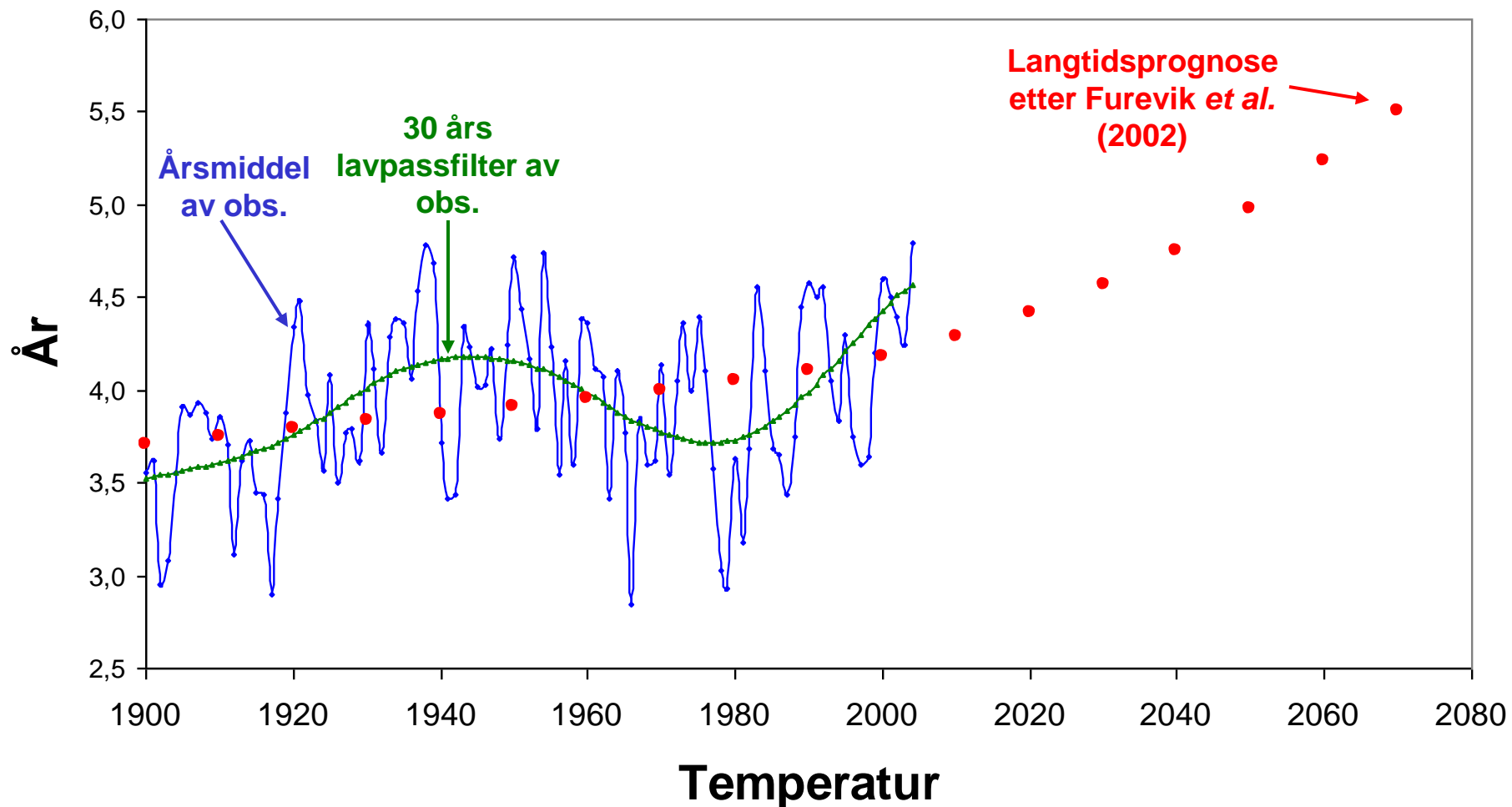


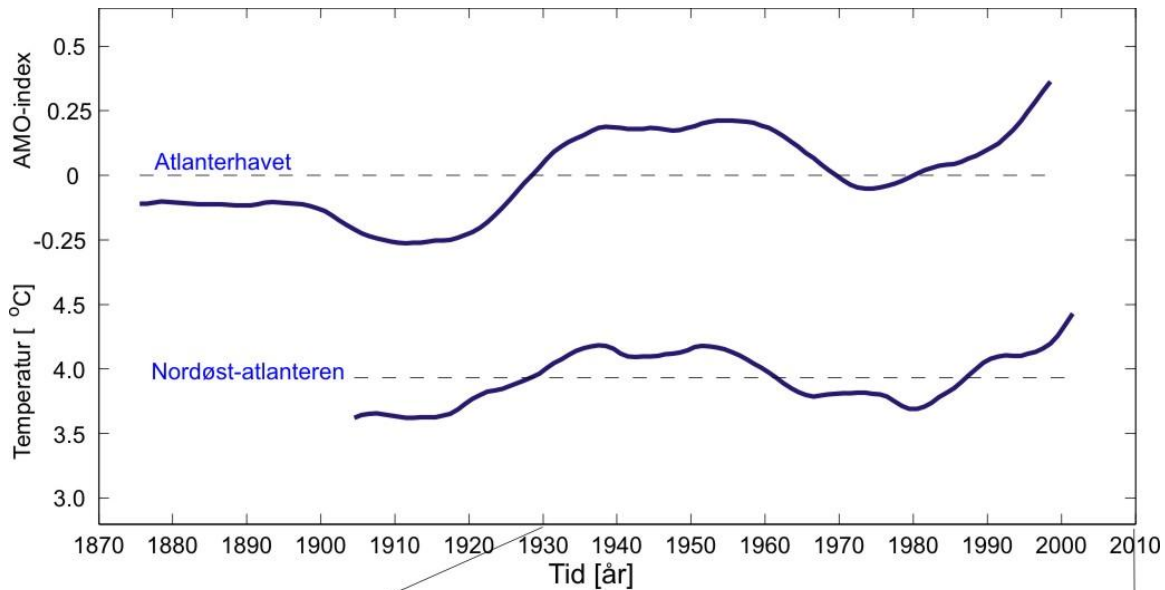
# Predicted increase of sea temperature in the northeastern North Atlantic is 1,0 –2,0 °C over the next 70 years



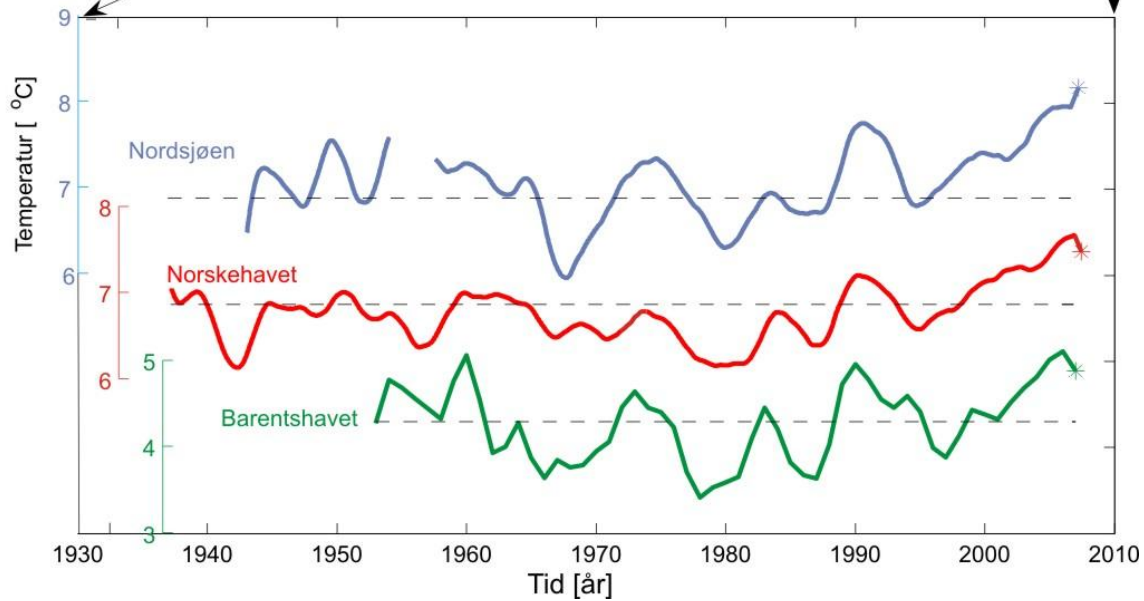


# Sjøtemperaturen i det østlige Barentshavet (Kolasnittet) – observasjoner i det 20. århundret og langtidsprognose fram mot 2080





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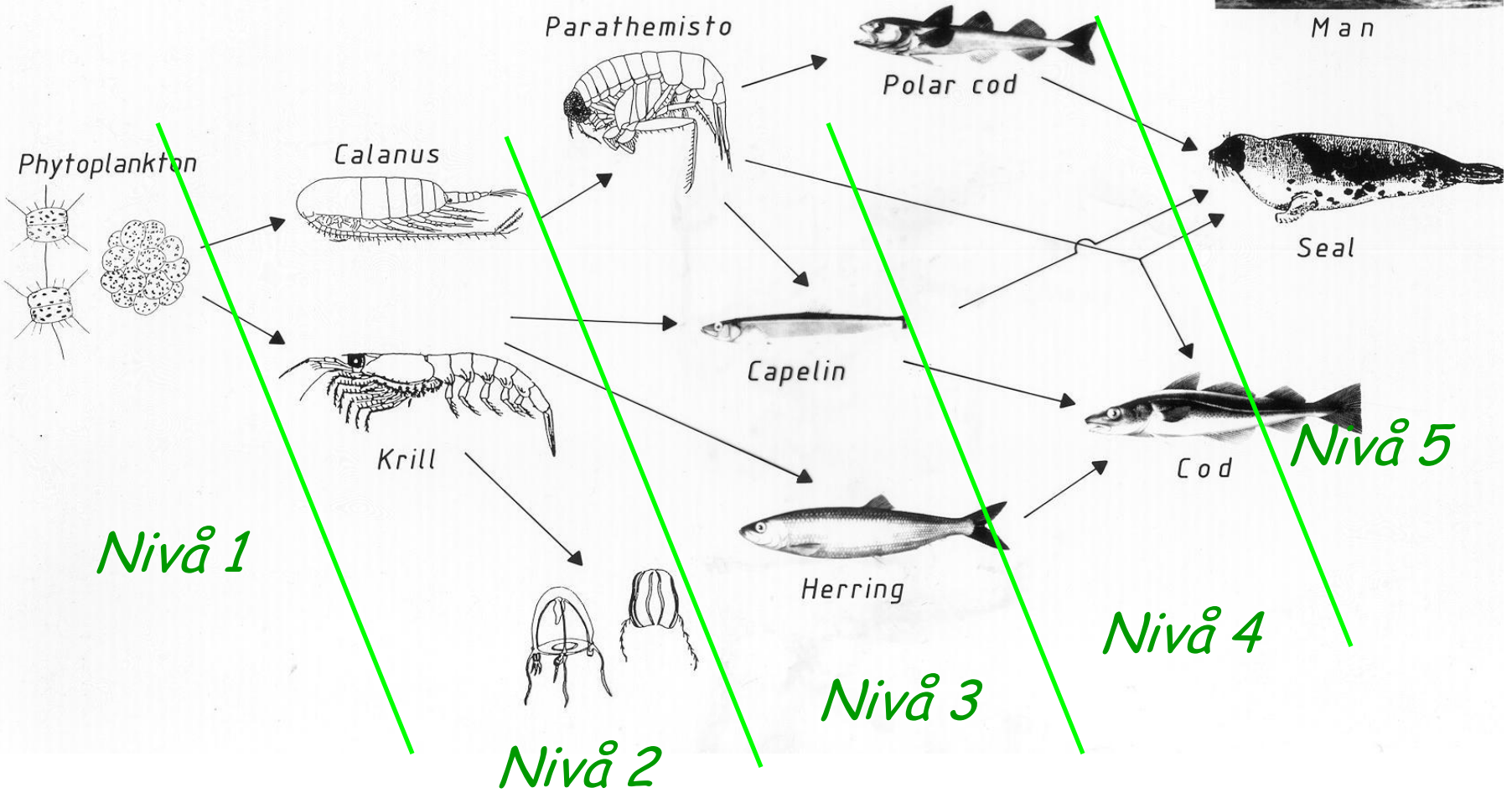
- Human-induced global warming during 20. century has been small compared to the projected changes during 21. century
- If the natural multidecadal climate signal continues as during the 20.century we might experience a considerable reduction in the warming of the northern hemisphere, or even a moderate cooling over the coming 20 years followed by a very large warming towards the mid 21. century
- Natural climate variability will be small compared to the human-induced climate signal in the second half of 21. century

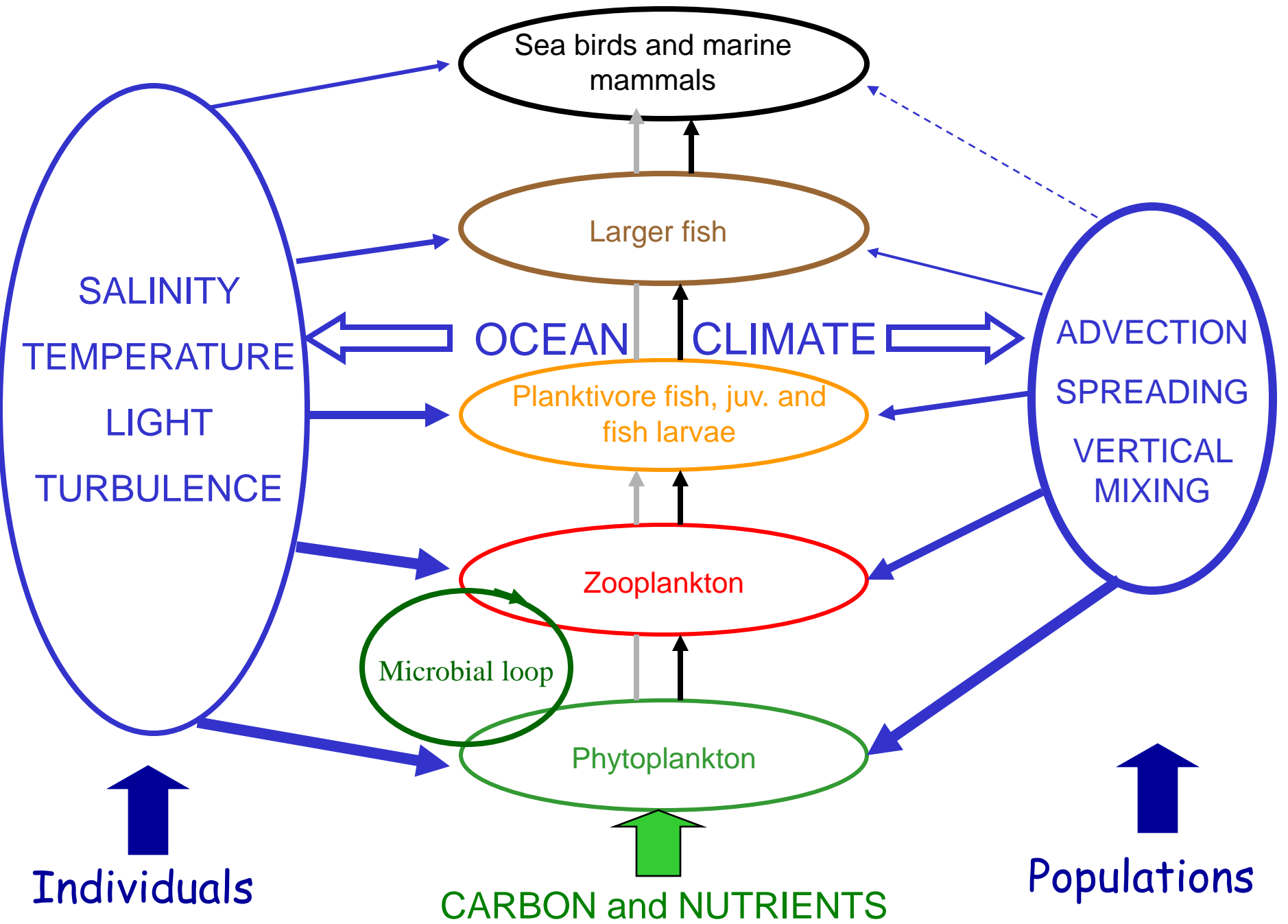
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# BARENTS SEA FOOD WEB (Simplified)



Man





***Calanus finmarchicus* – a key player in marine ecosystem of the northern North Atlantic**



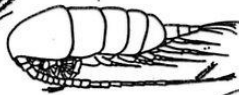
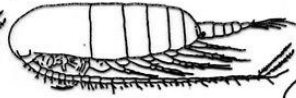
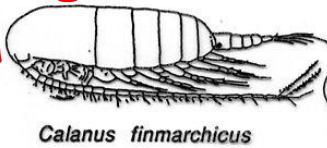
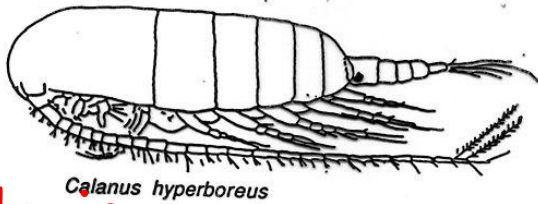
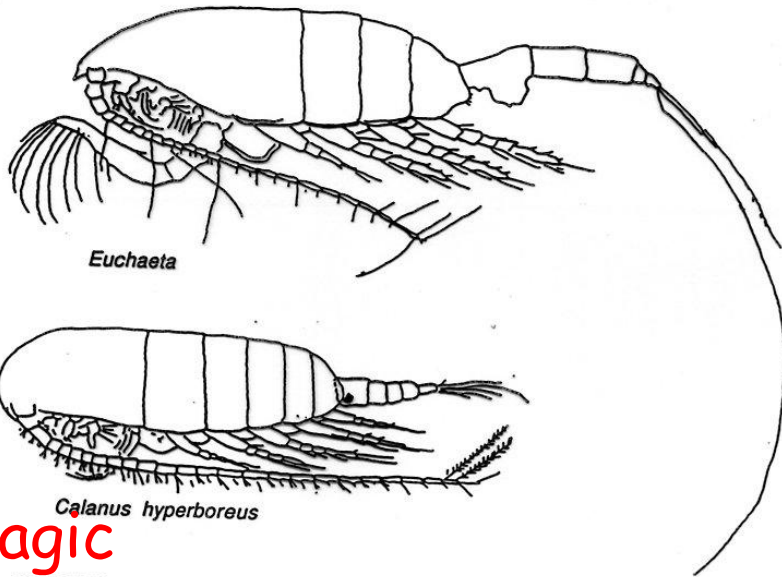
# Calanus finmarchicus - "the potato" for fishes in the northern North Atlantic.

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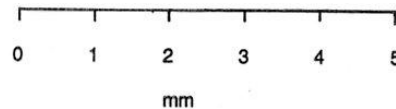
Kopepoder

Pelagic juveniles

Fish larvae

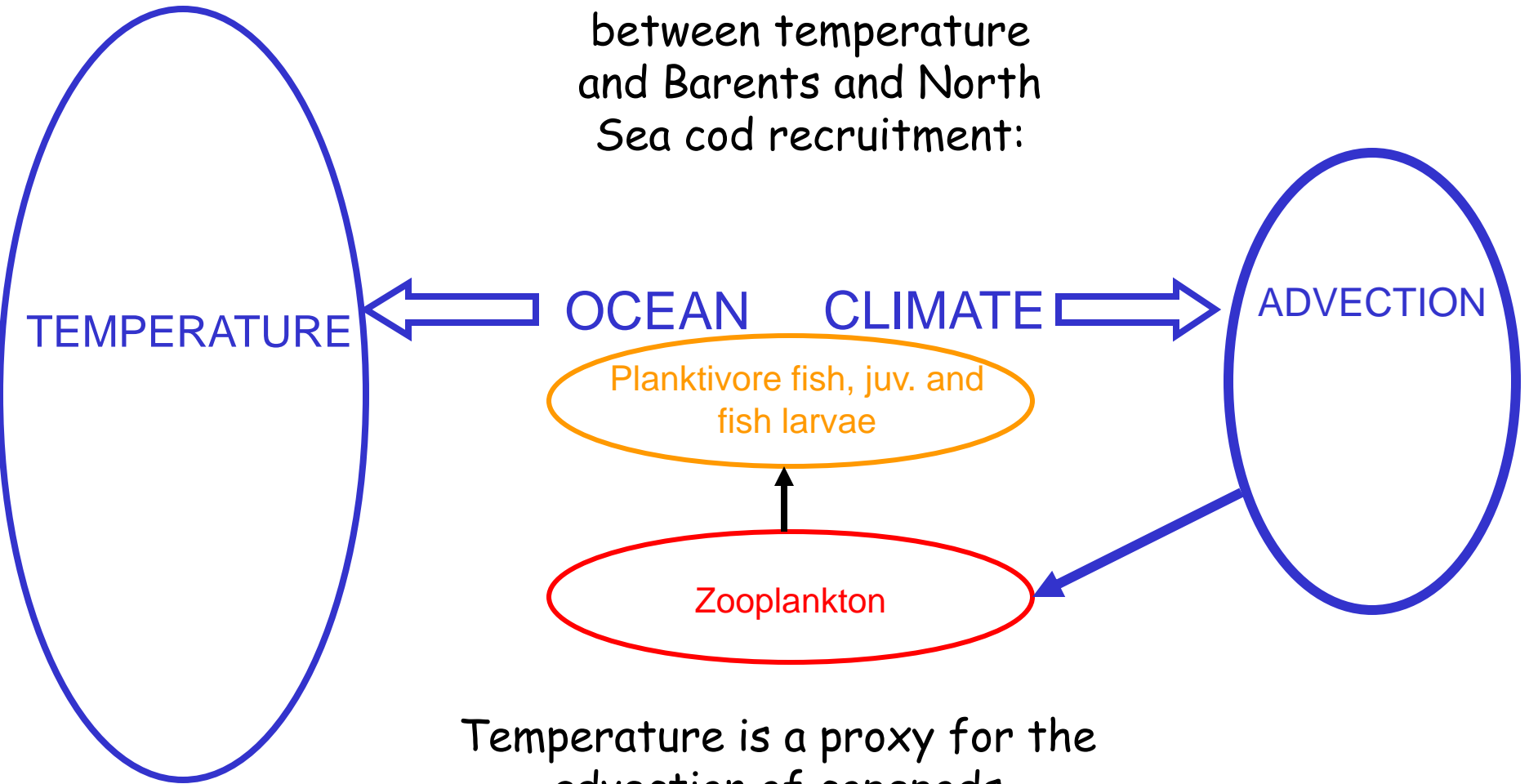


Adult pelagic  
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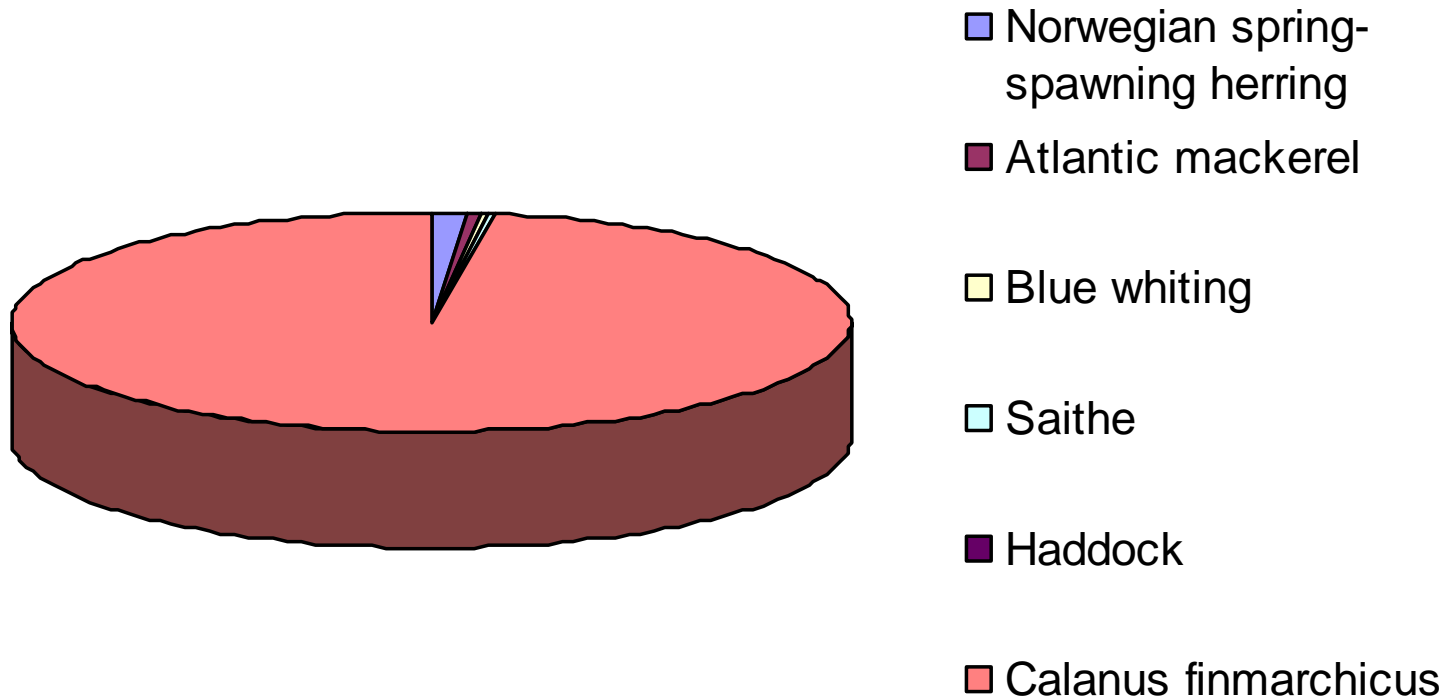


The mechanistic link  
between temperature  
and Barents and North  
Sea cod recruitment:

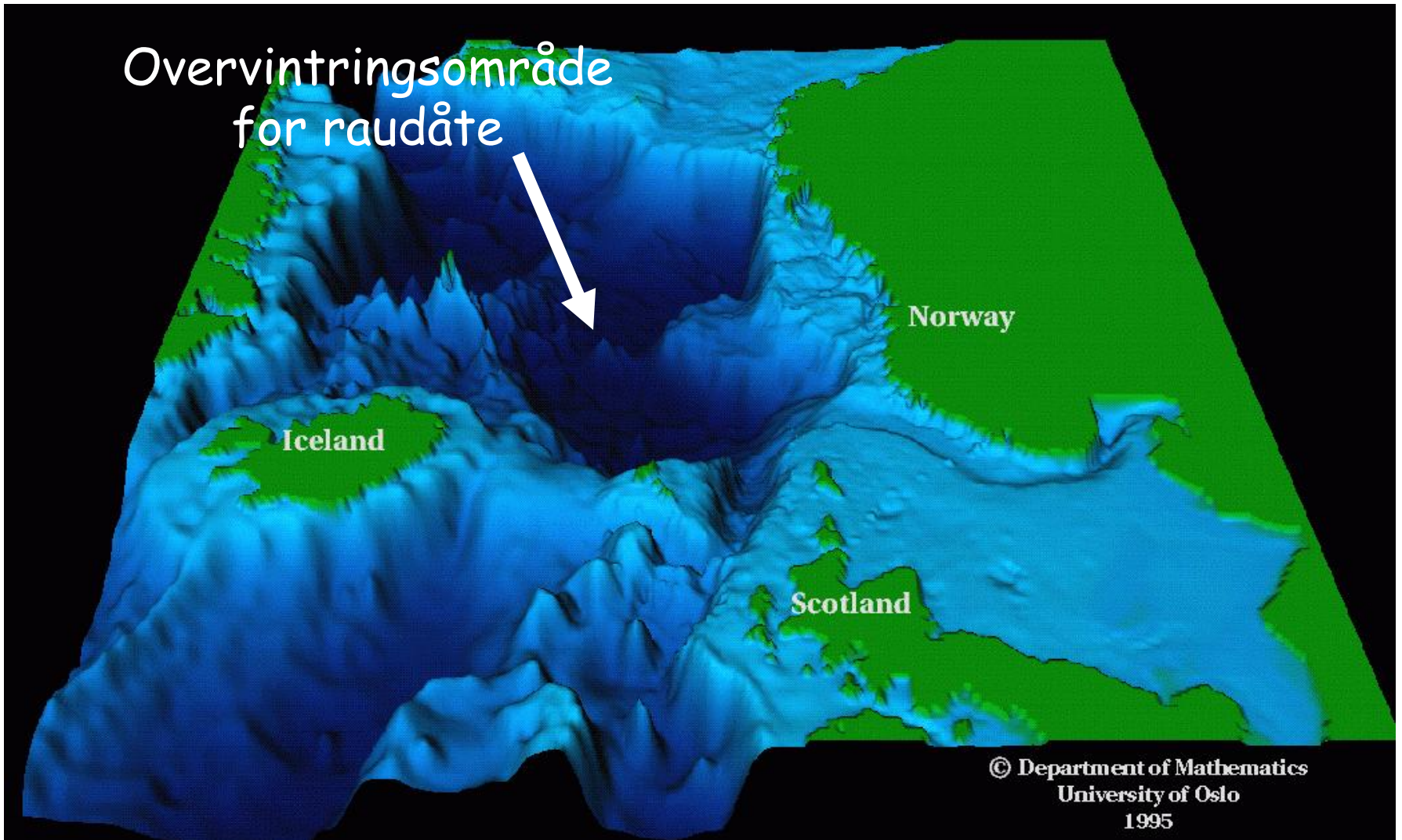


Temperature is a proxy for the  
advection of copepods

## Biomass of *Calanus finmarchicus* and the most important fish stocks in the Nordic



Overvintringsområde  
for raudåte

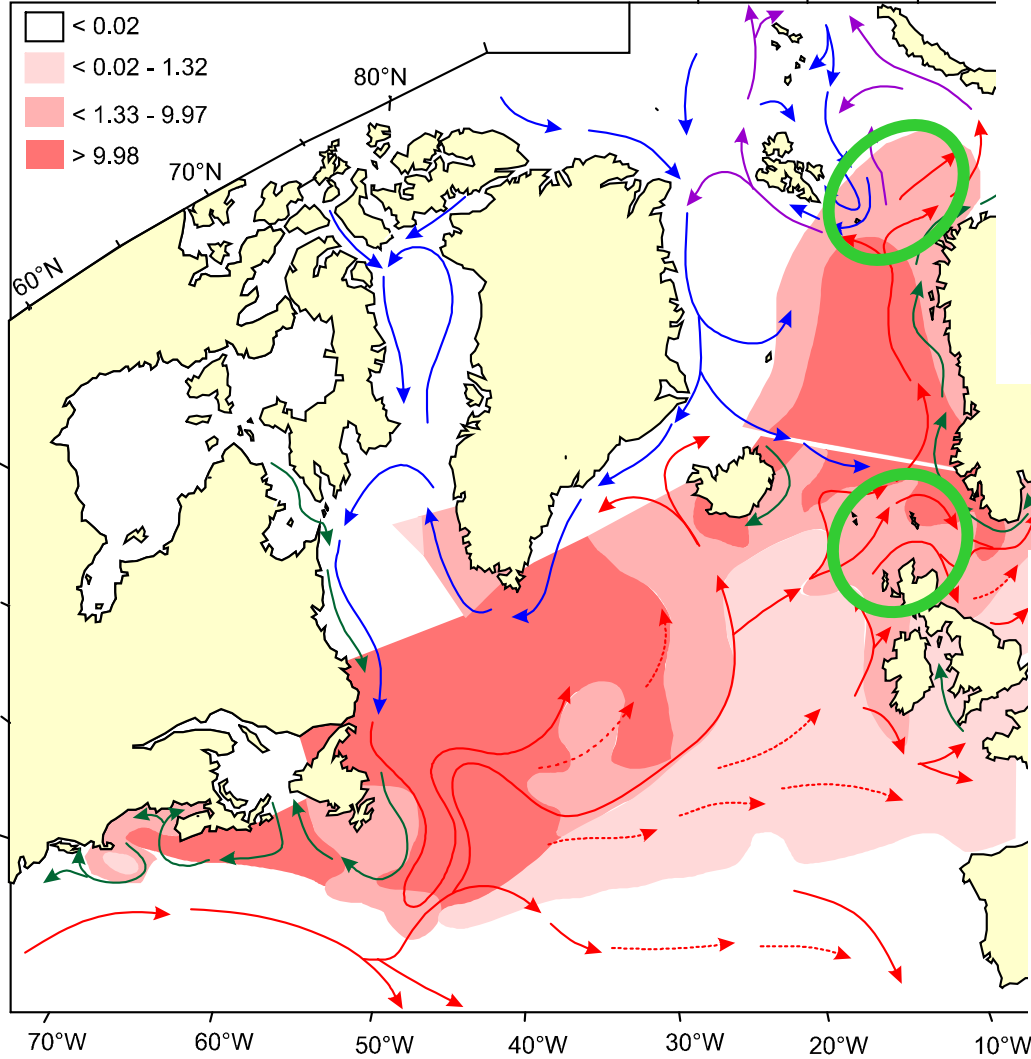


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Gjevik *et al.* (1995)

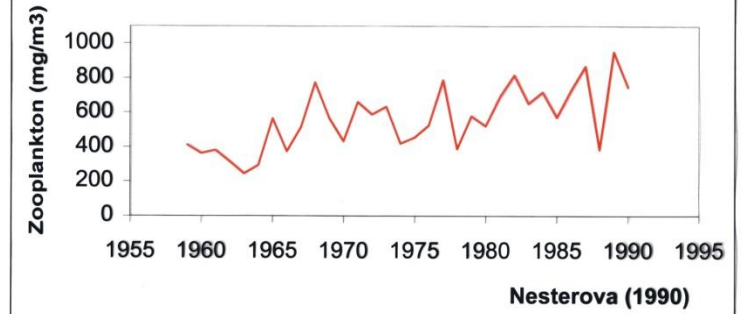


Distribution of *Calanus finmarchicus*

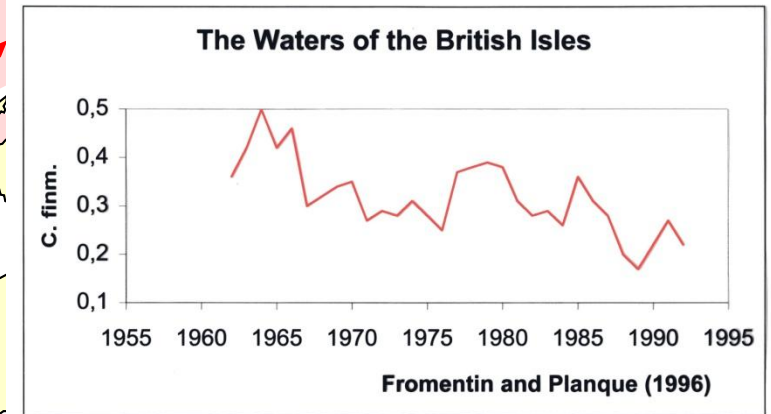


- Atlantic water
- Arctic water
- Coastal water

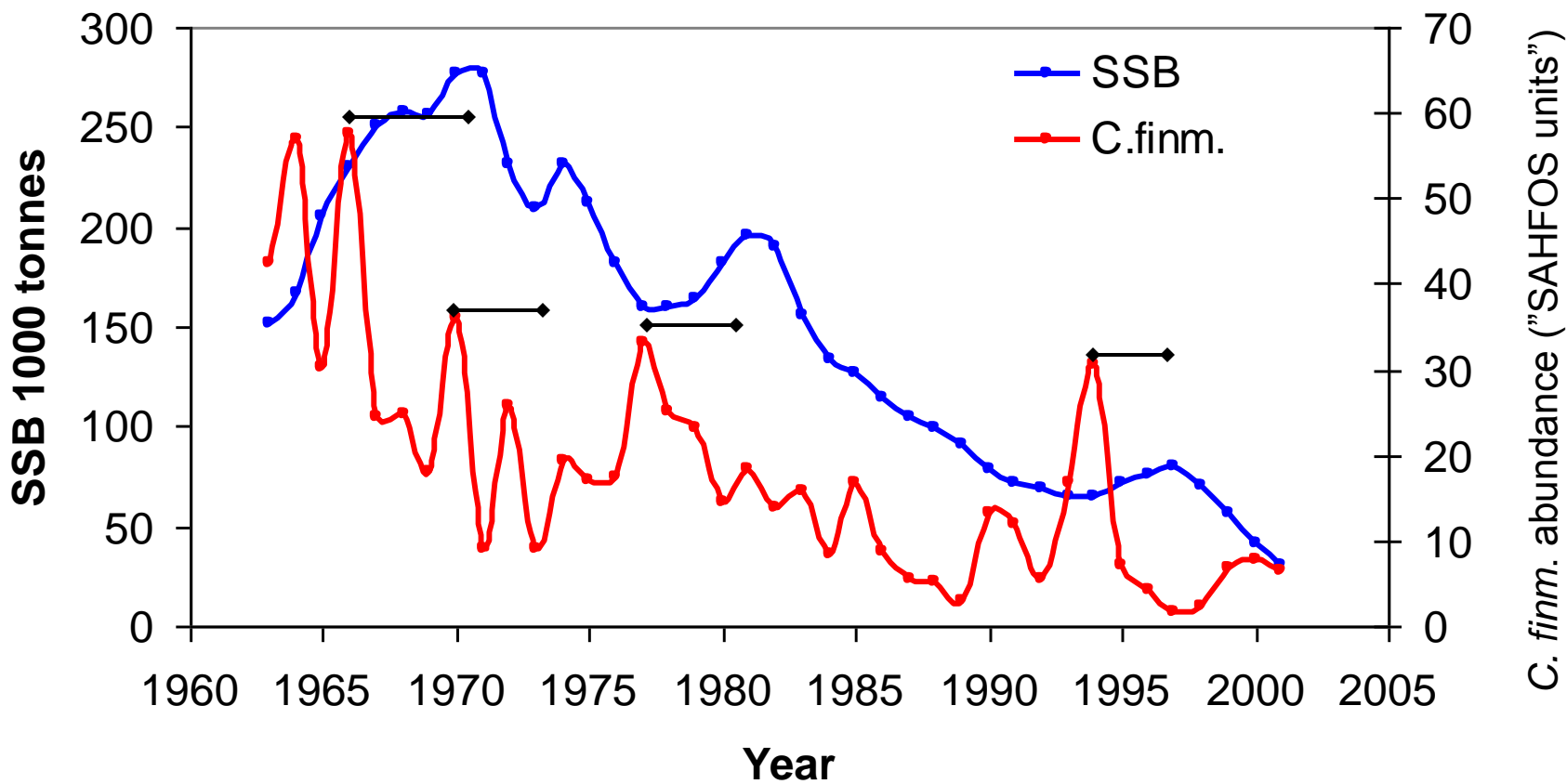
Northeastern Norwegian Sea (Jun/Jul)



The Waters of the British Isles



# North Sea cod spawning-stock biomass (SSB) and spring/summer abundance of *C. finmarchicus*

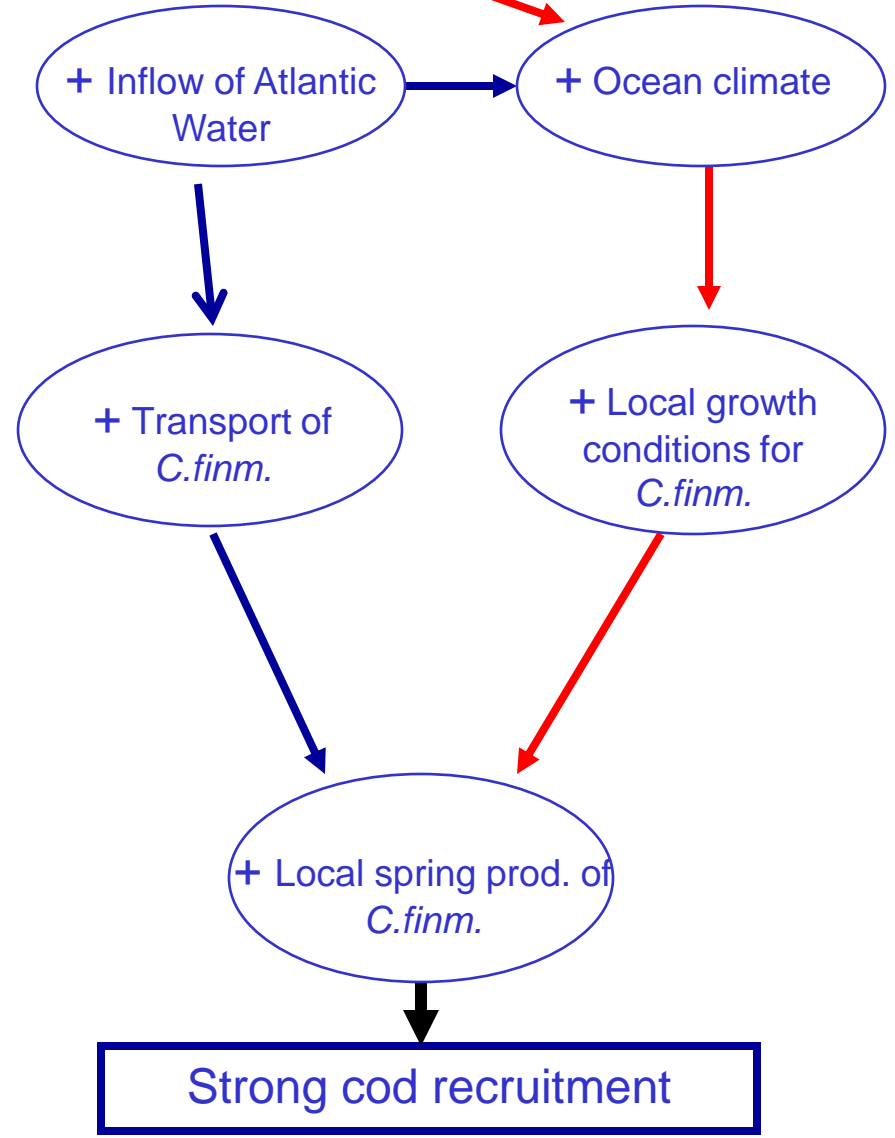
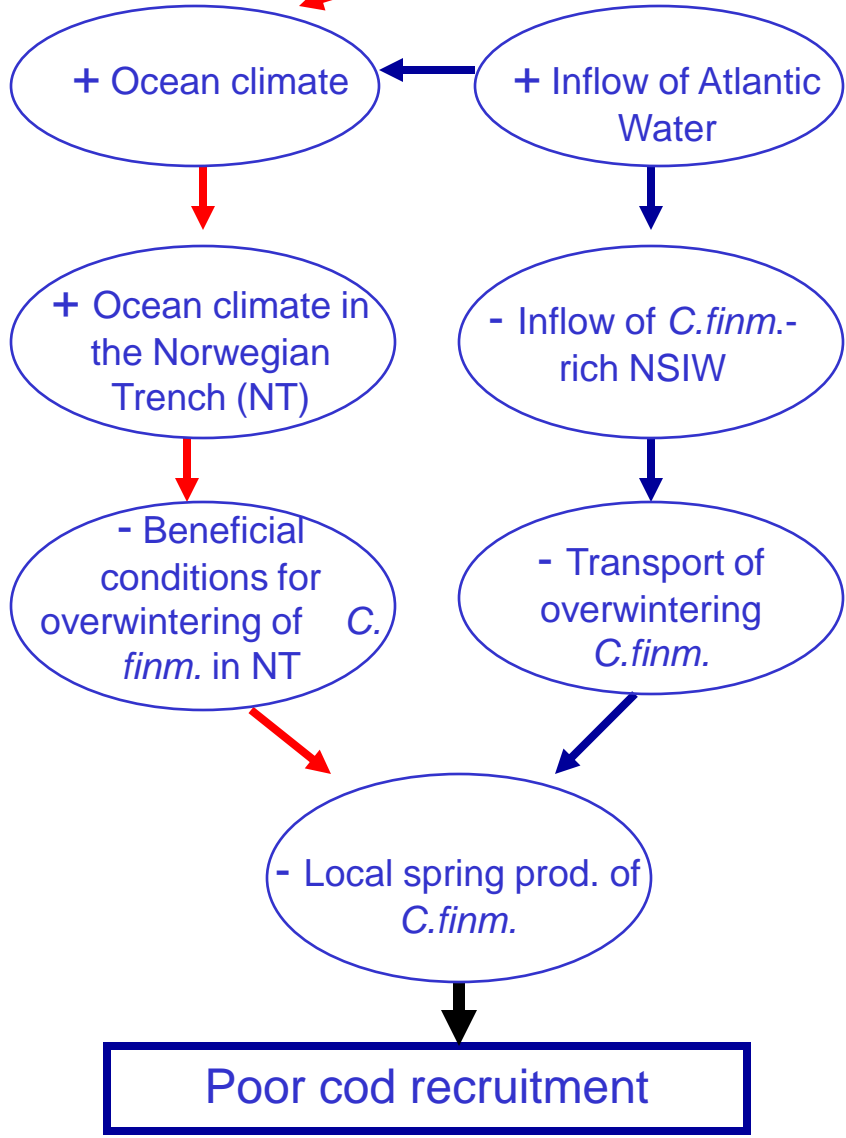


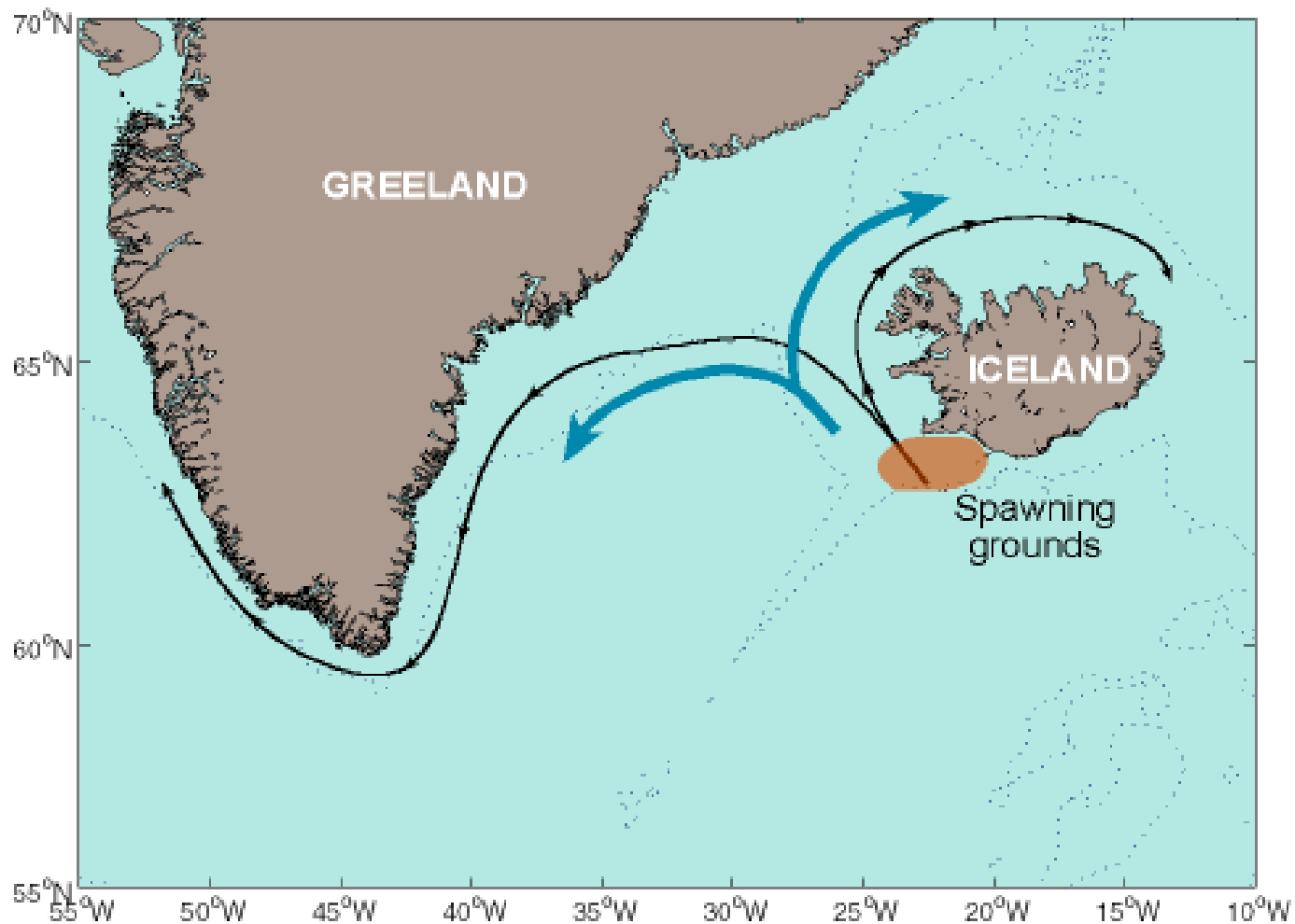
The North Sea

The Barents Sea

AMO+

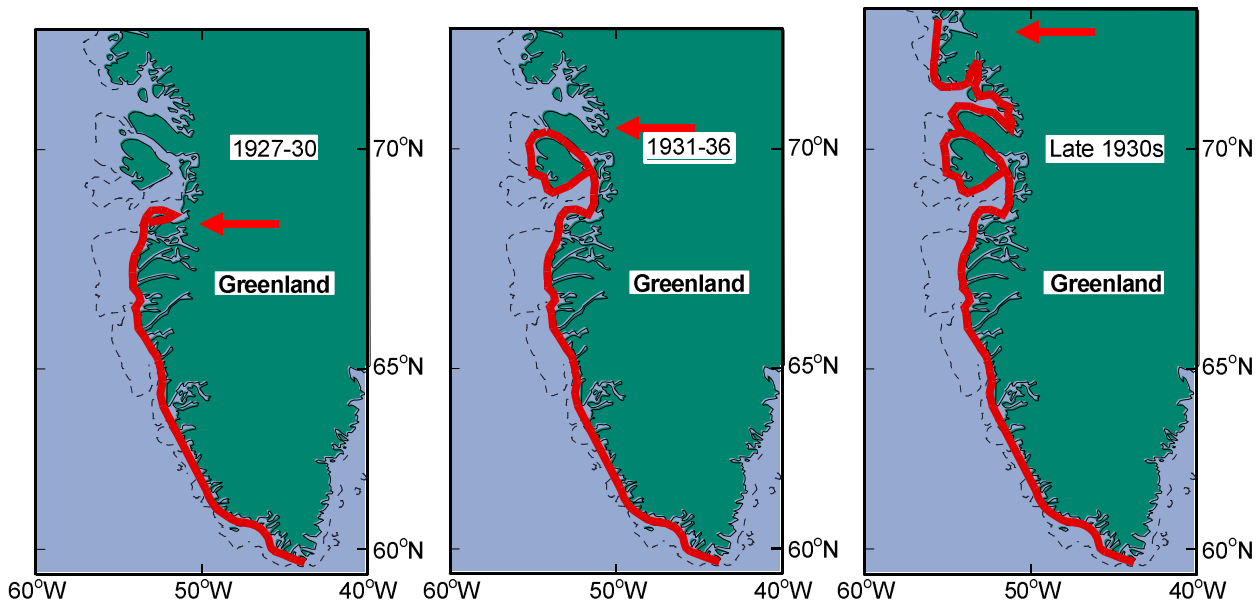
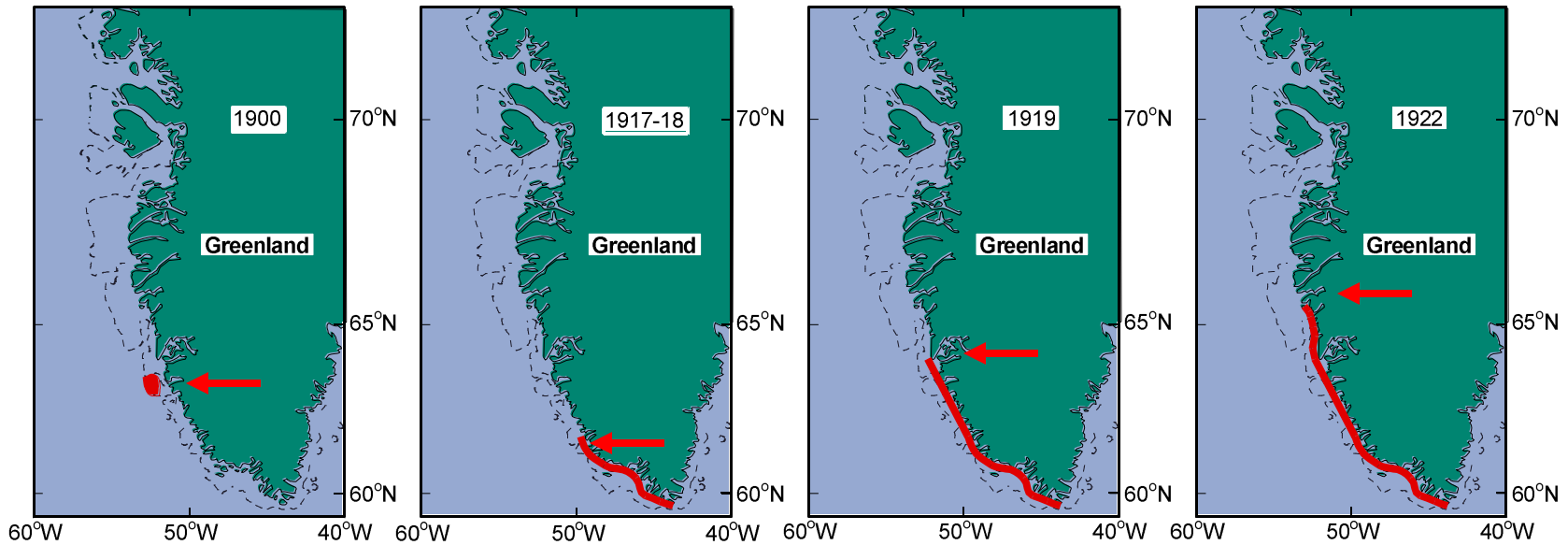
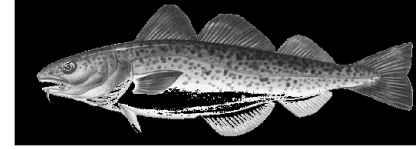
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The ocean climate conditions in the 1920s were favourable for transport of cod larvae and juveniles from Iceland to Greenland

# The cod spread northwards during the warm period of the 1920s and 1930s



**Hansen (1940)**



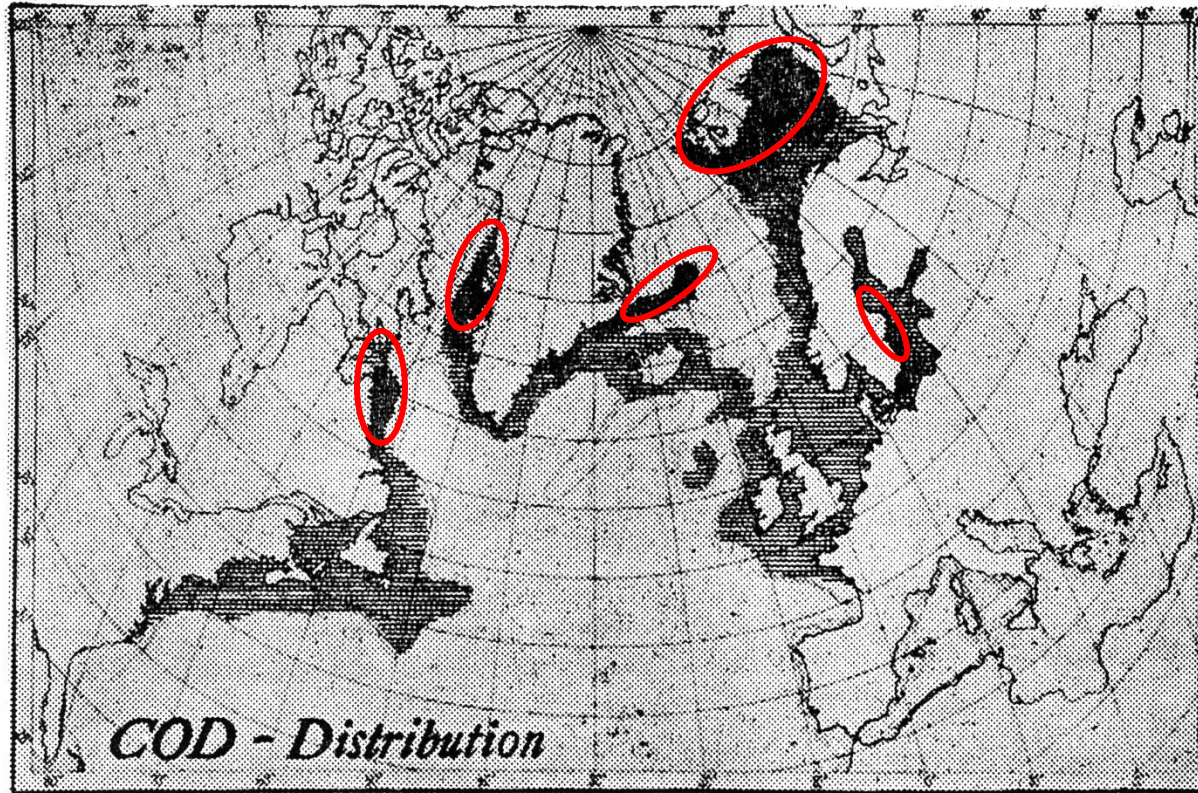
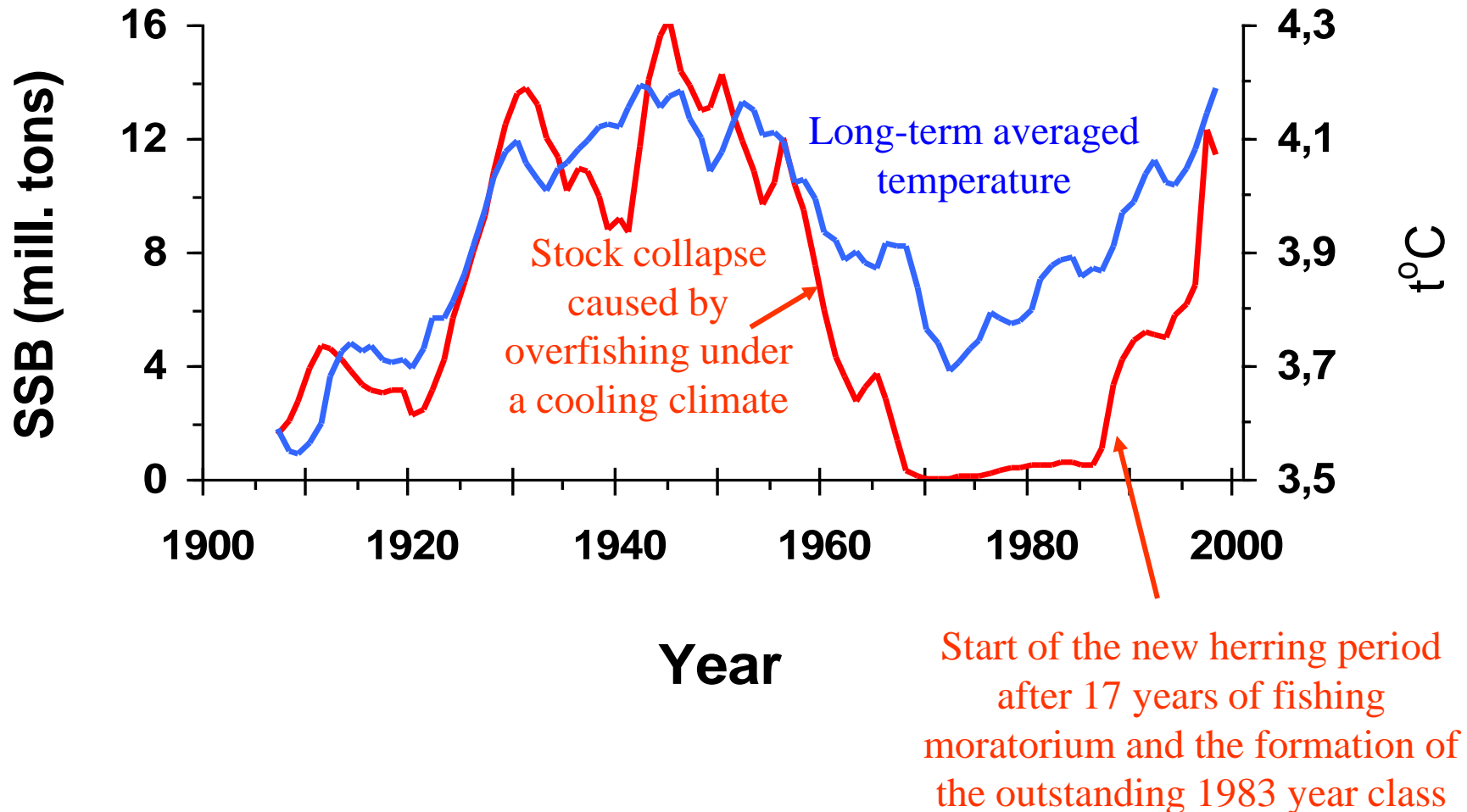
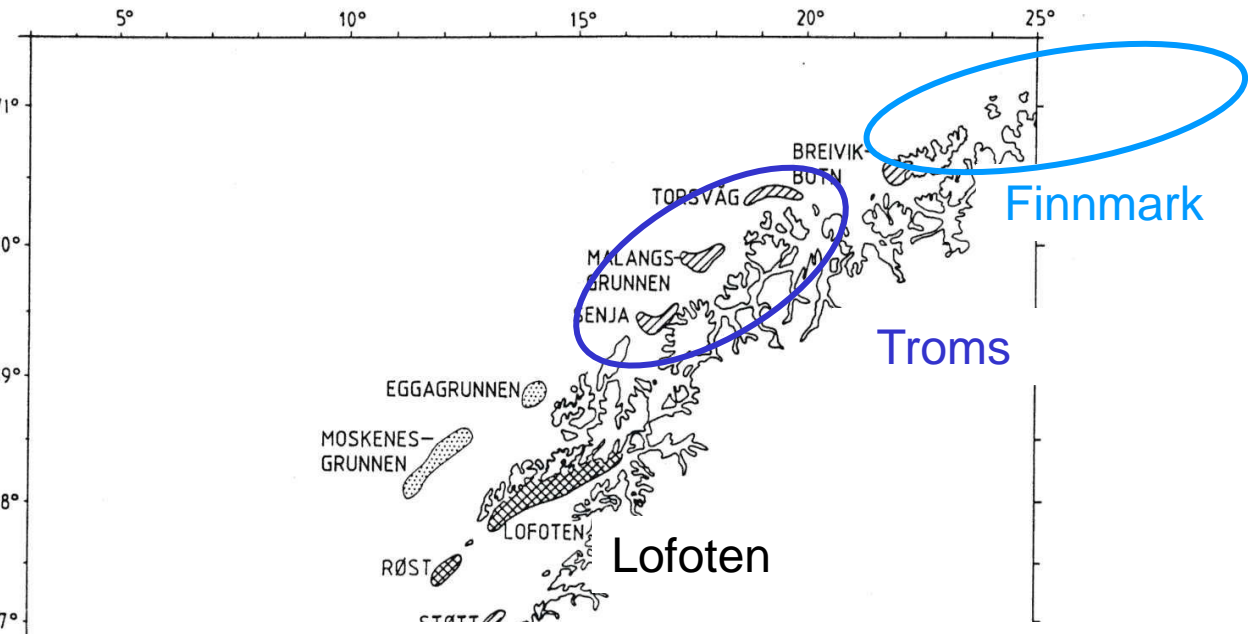


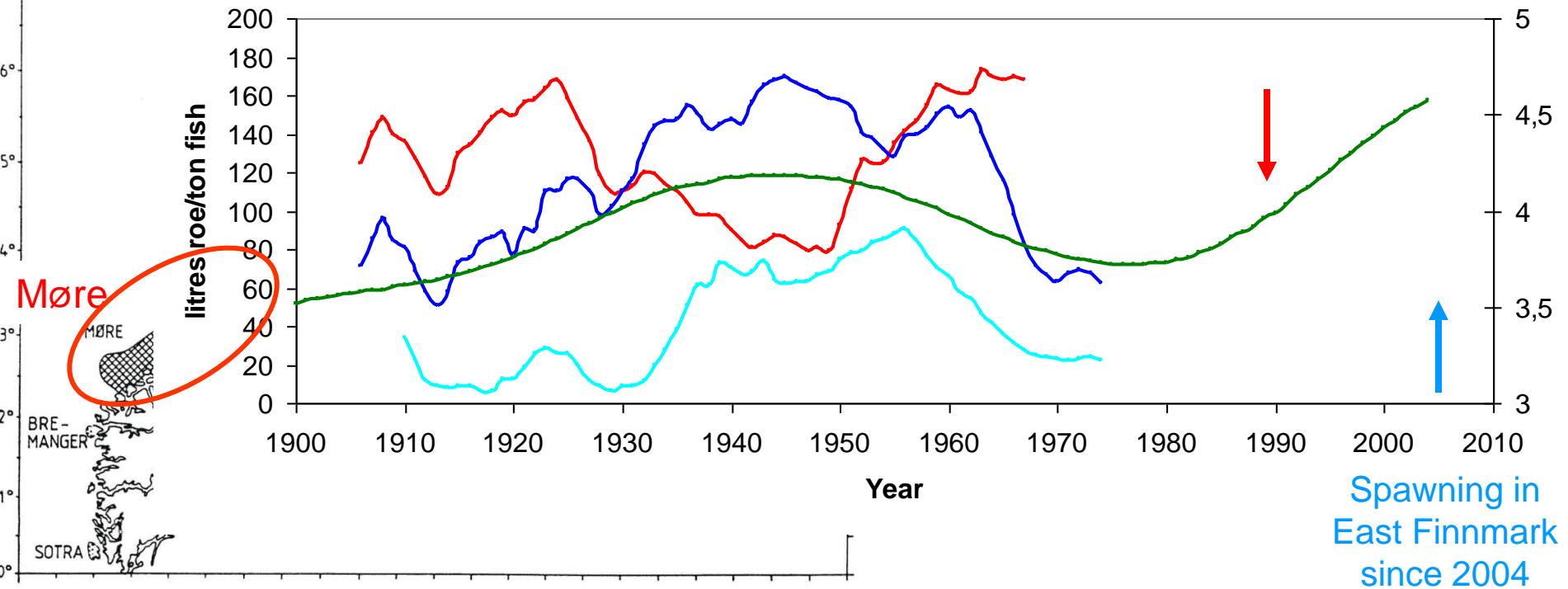
Fig. 1. Rough sketch of distribution of cod in the North Atlantic. Double hatching indicates areas where density of cod approximately has increased in recent time.

Spawning stock biomass (SSB) of Norwegian spring-spawning herring  
and the longterm-averaged temperature (the AMO signal)  
(Toresen og Østvedt 2000)



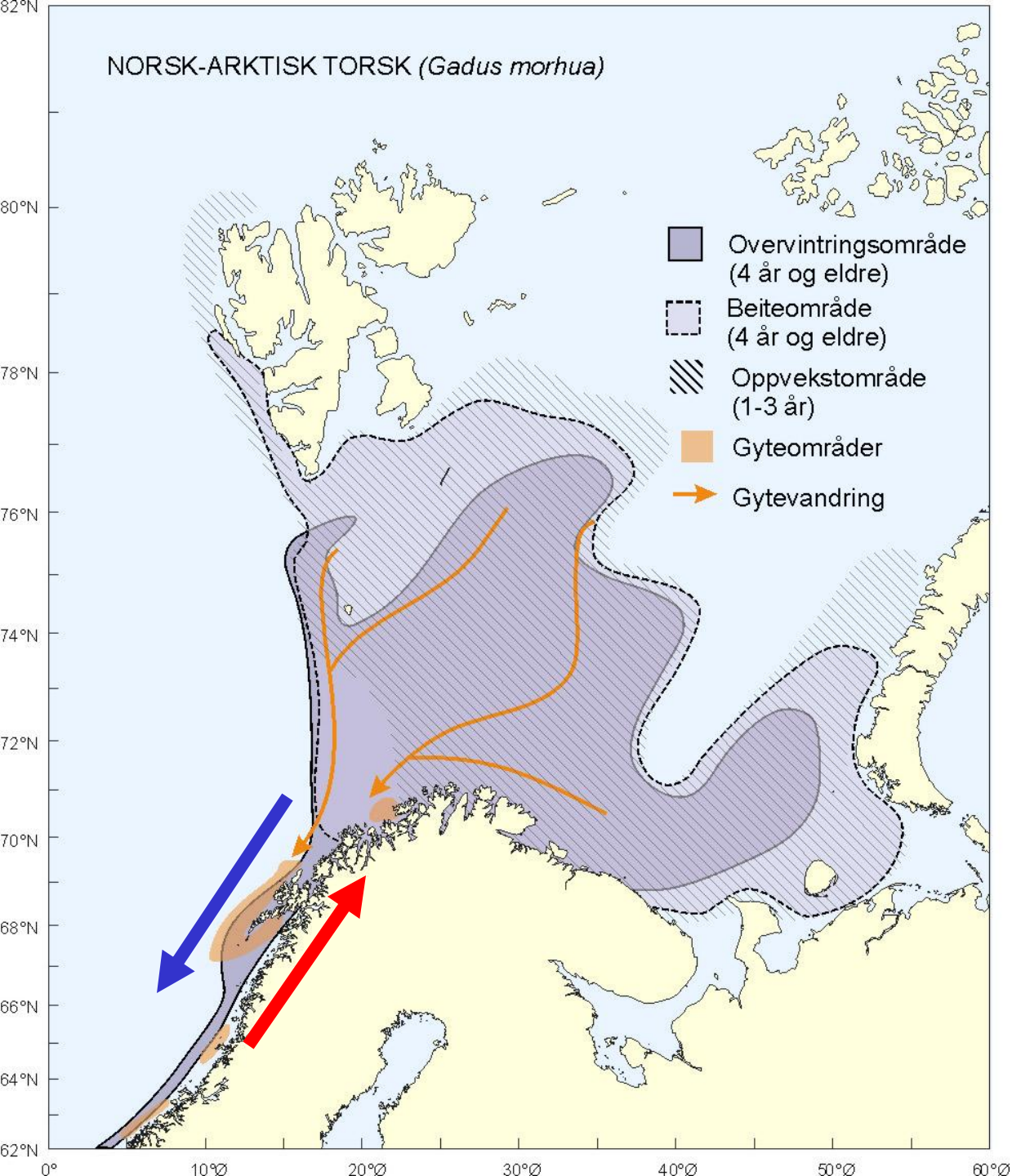


# Gyteluffer for skrei langs Norskekysten



Spawning in East Finnmark since 2004

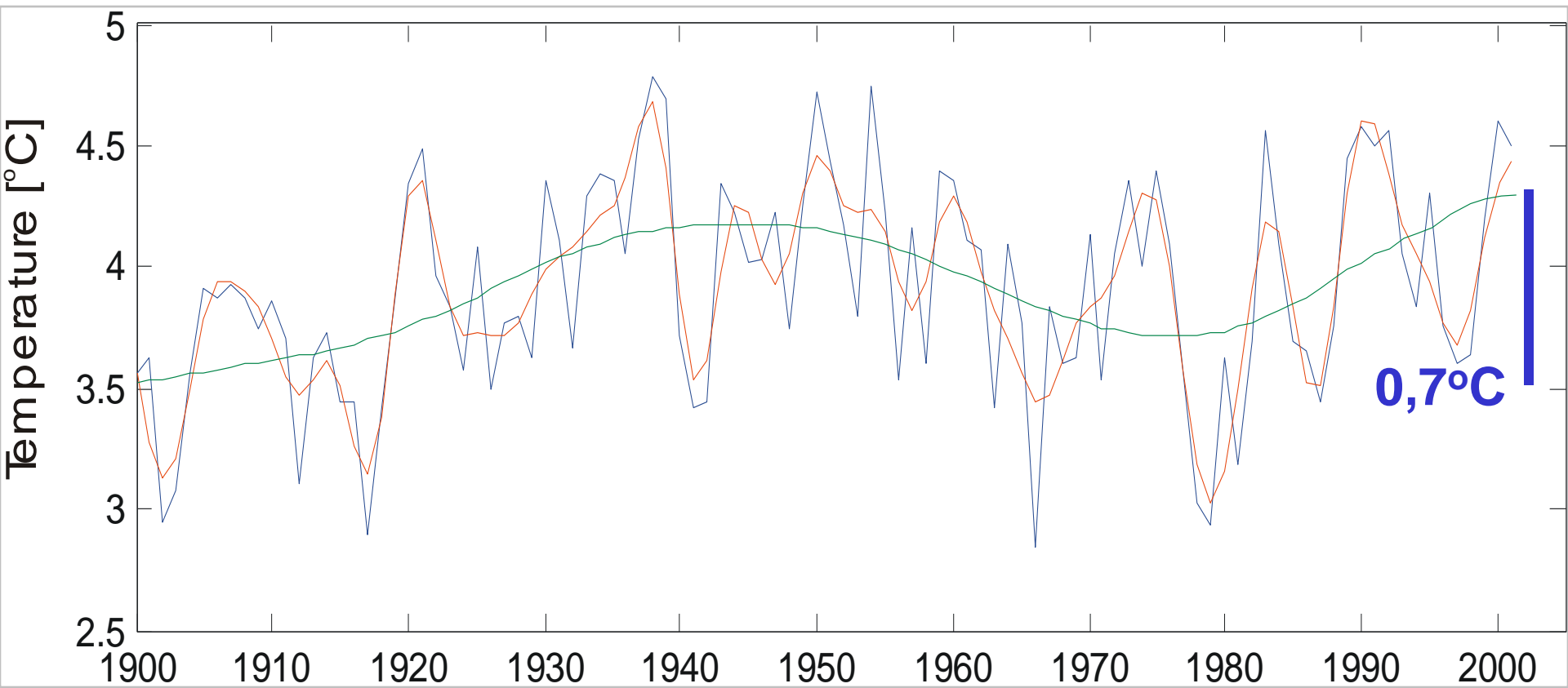
NORSK-ARKTISK TORSK (*Gadus morhua*)

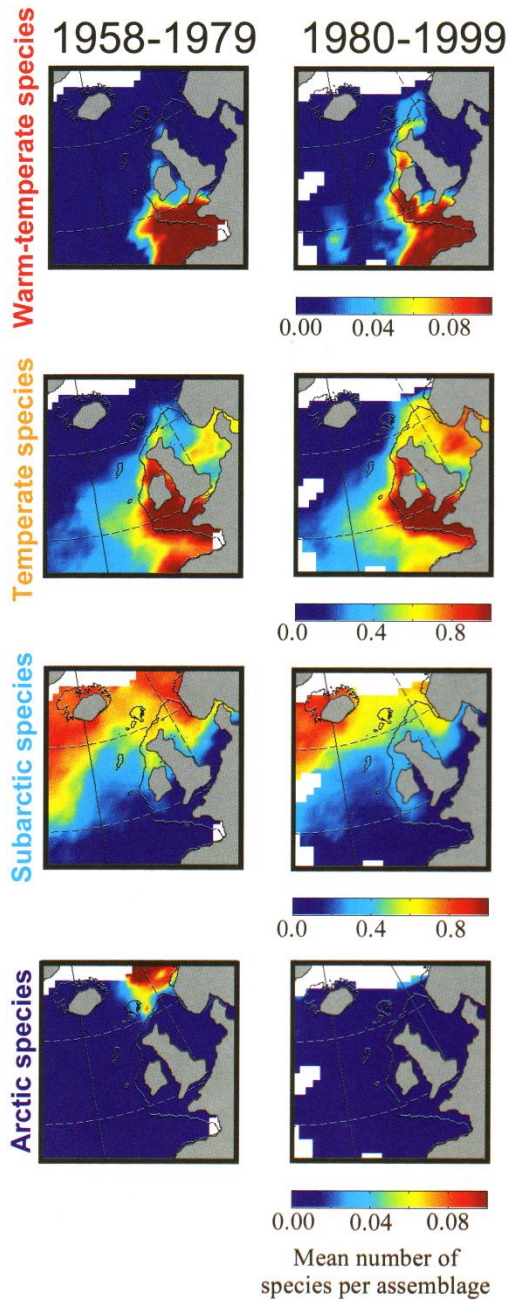


Langperiodiske klimavariasjoner skaper forflytninger i gyteområdene for skrei



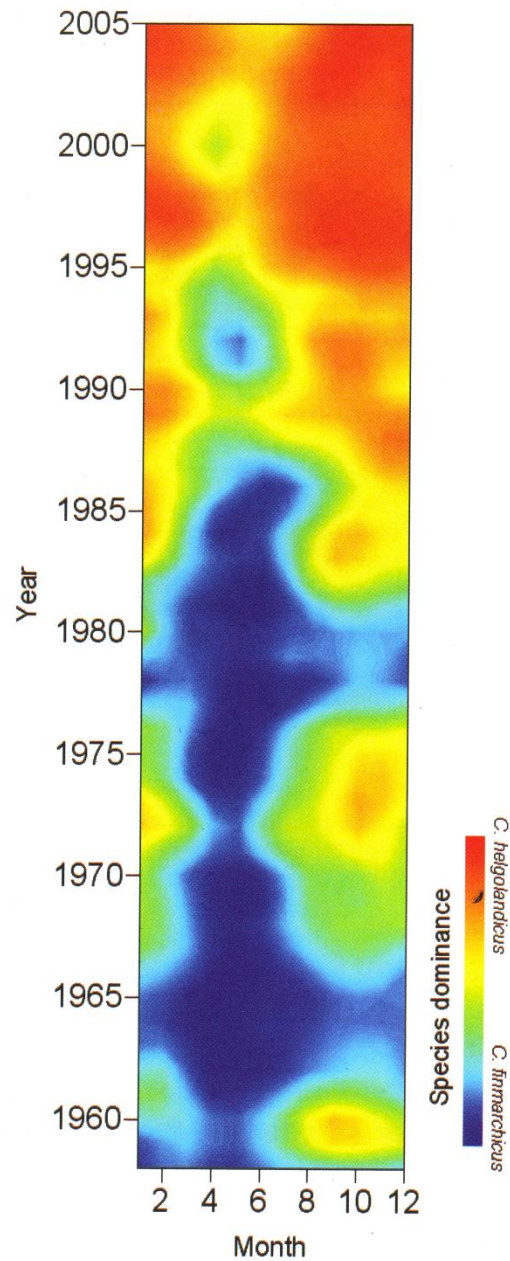
## Havklimaet i Barentshavet





All zooplankton species in the northeastern North Atlantic have moved northwards with the increasing temperature

SAHFOS (2007)



The change in species composition between *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* in the northern North Sea

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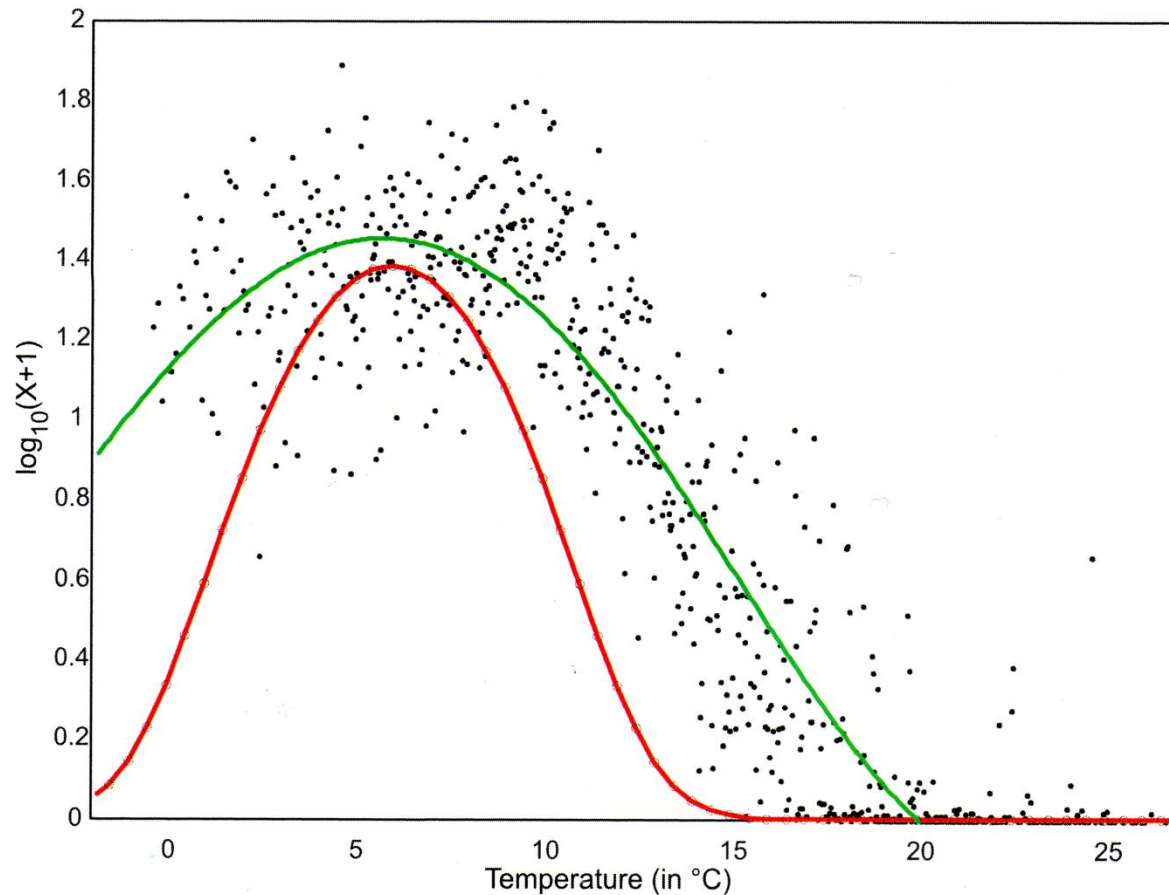
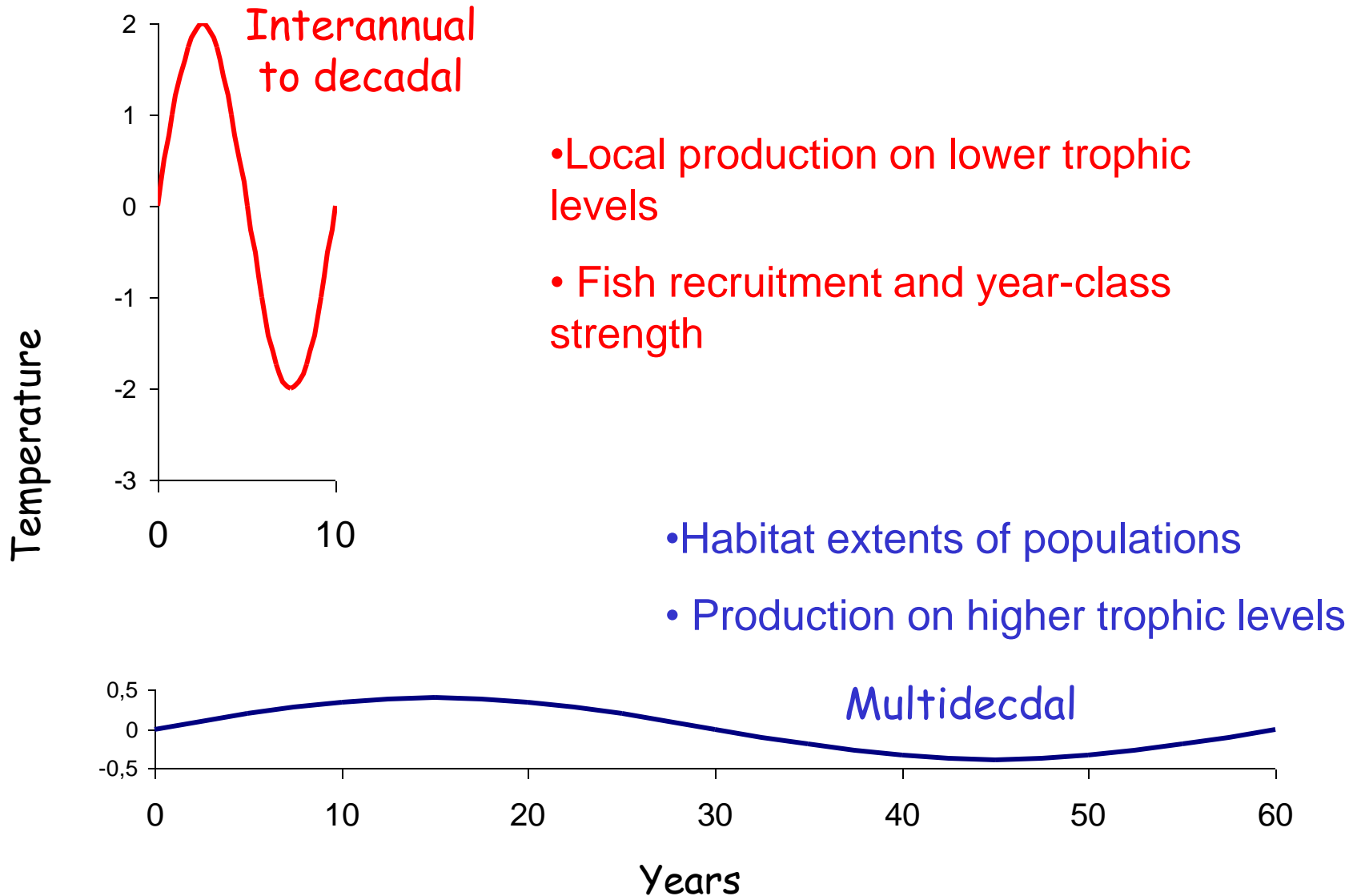


Fig. 10-c. Predicting curve of Eggs Production Rate for *C. finmarchicus* (red, in eggs.female<sup>-1</sup>.day<sup>-1</sup>) and abundance of *C. finmarchicus* in the North Atlantic Ocean. A fitting curve is superimposed (green).

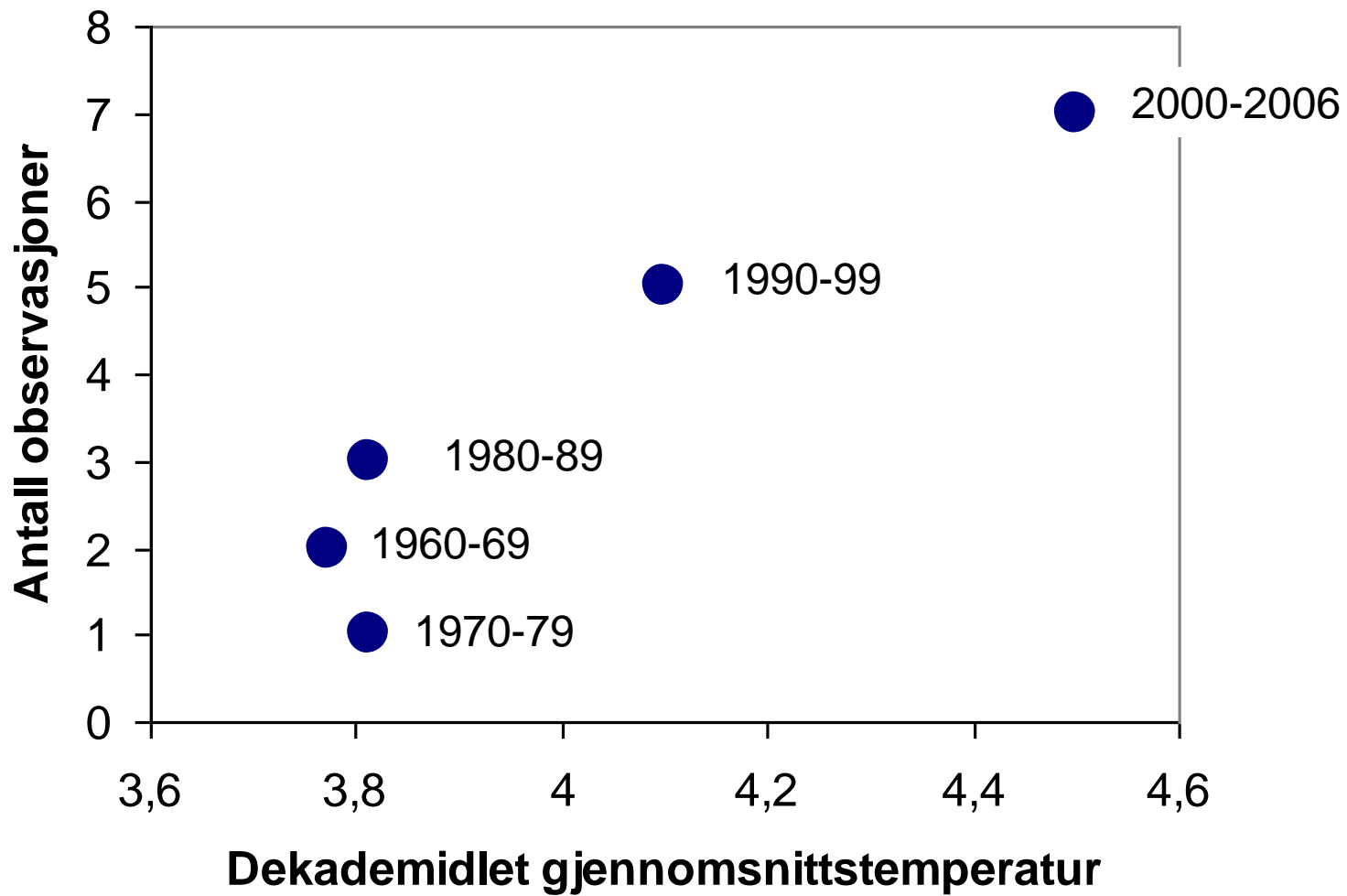


# Climate effects on marine ecosystems vary with the periodicity

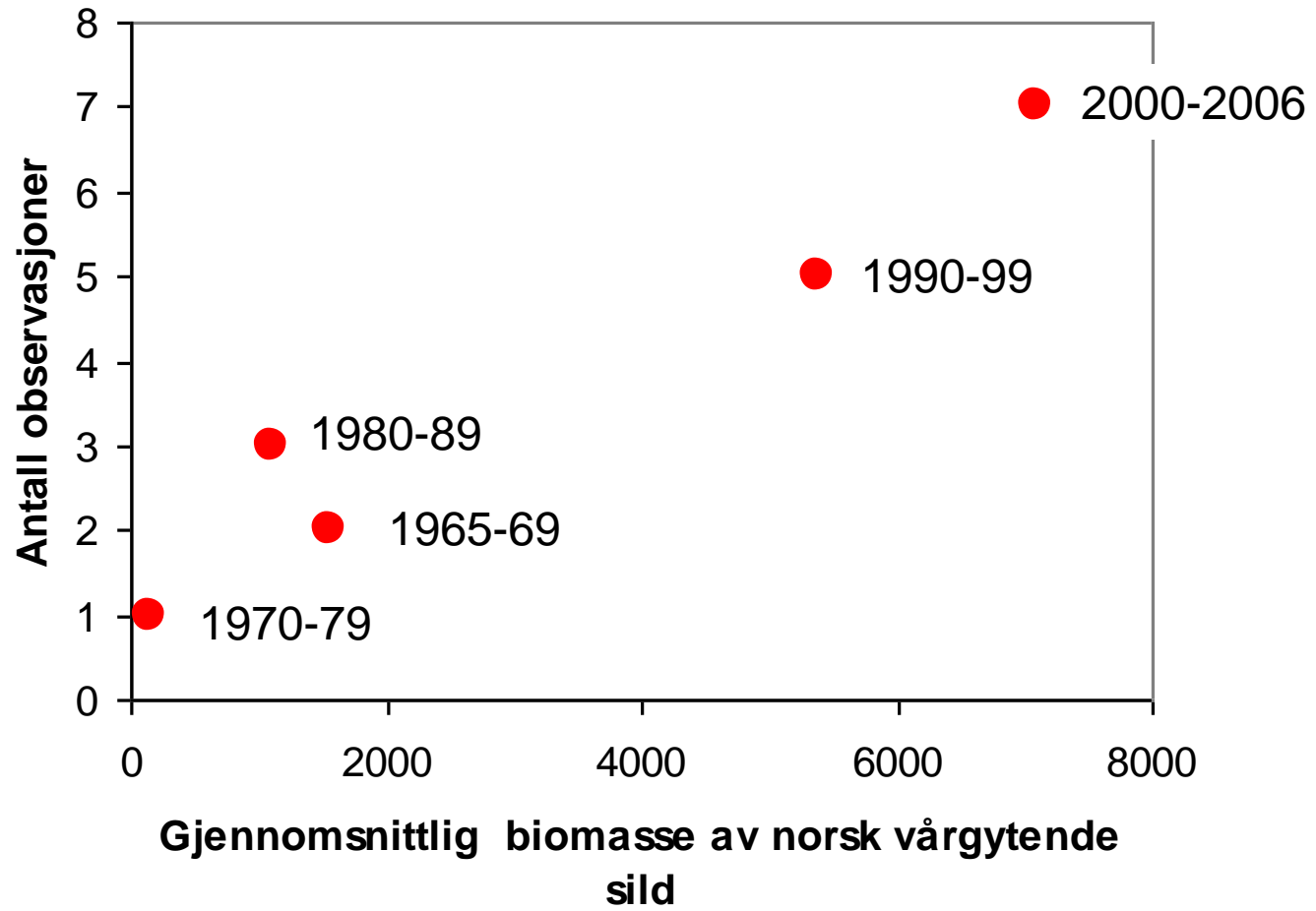


Vinjefjorden, Nordmøre november 2006  
Unni Justsen med 22kg sverdfisk

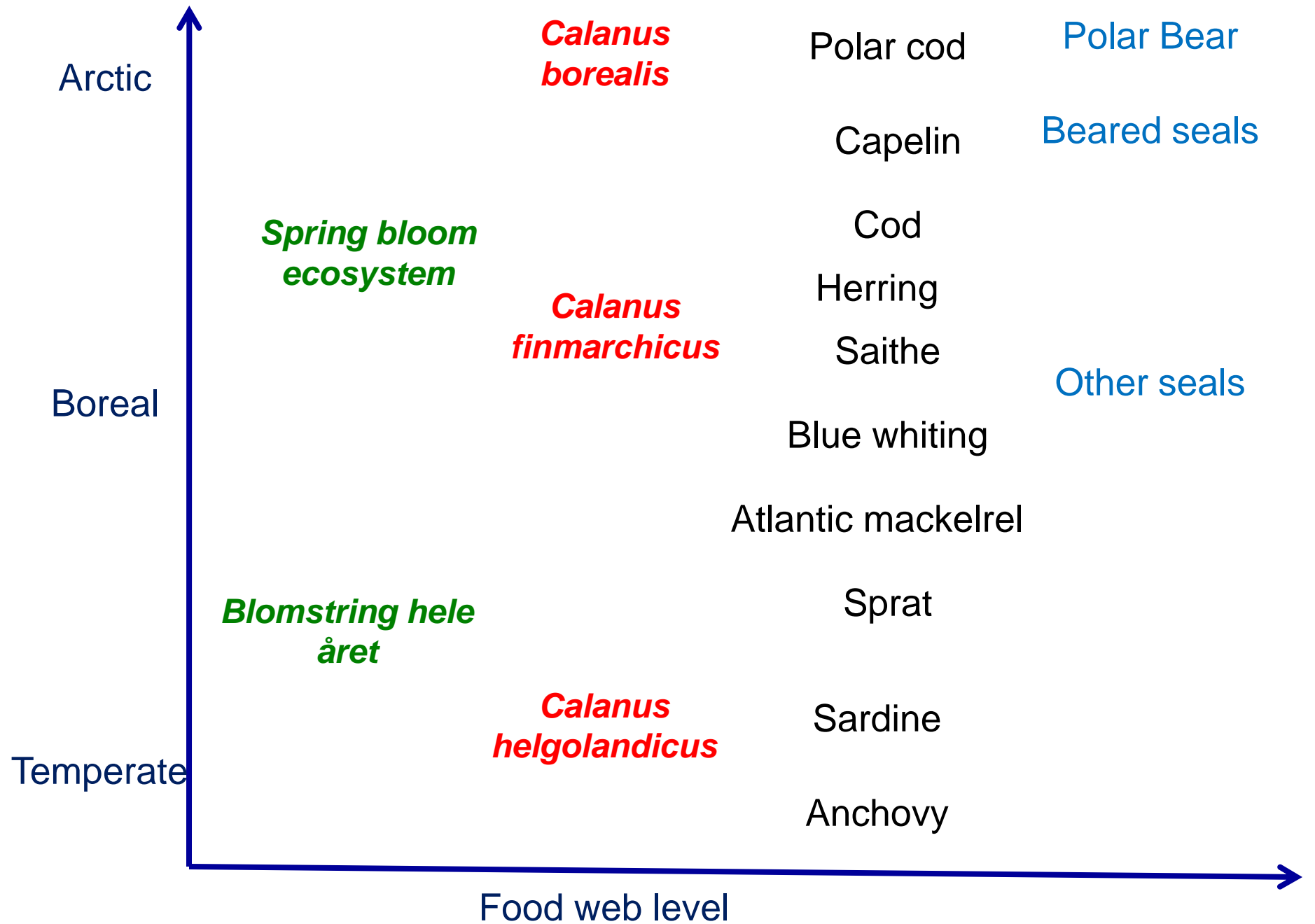


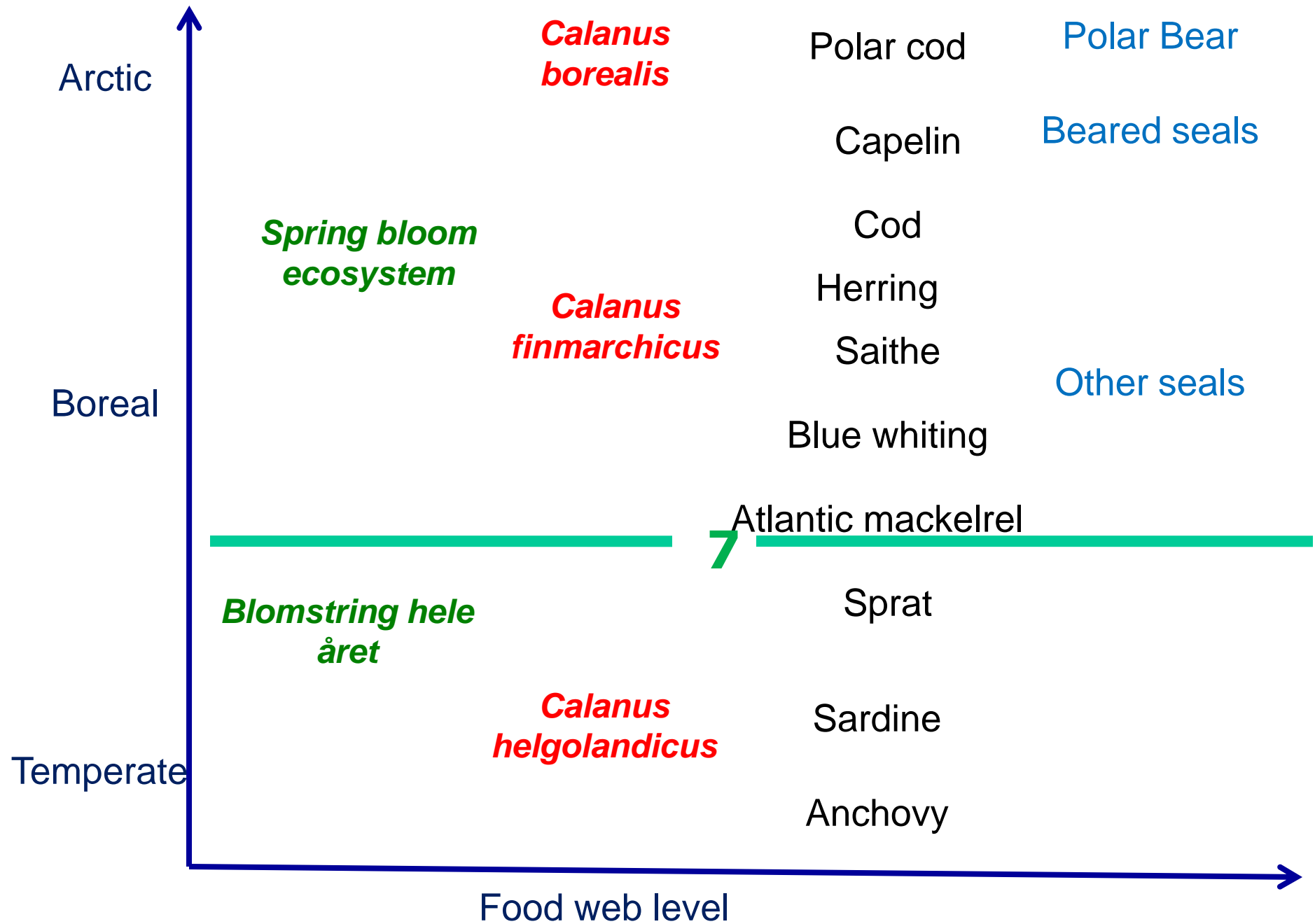


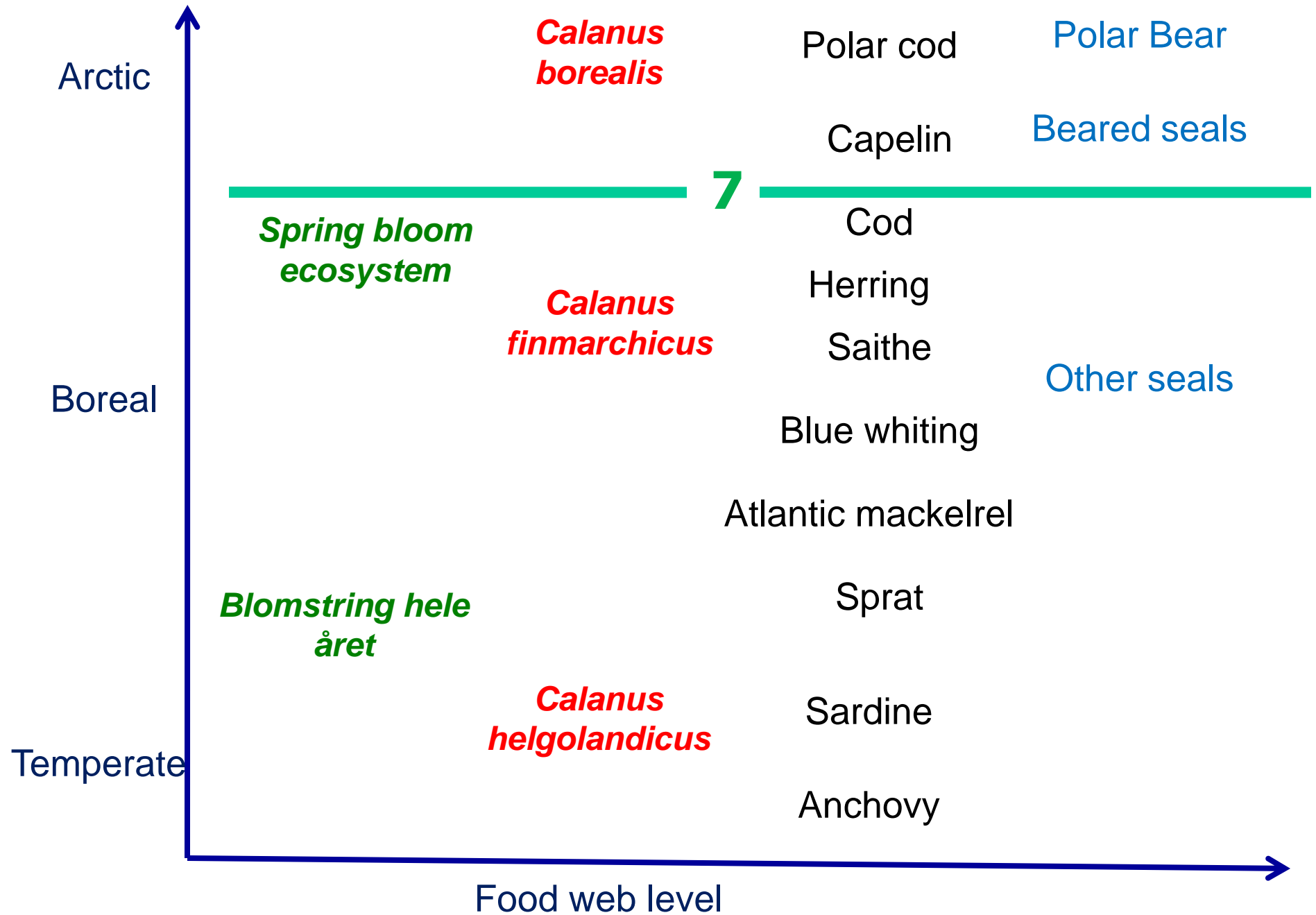
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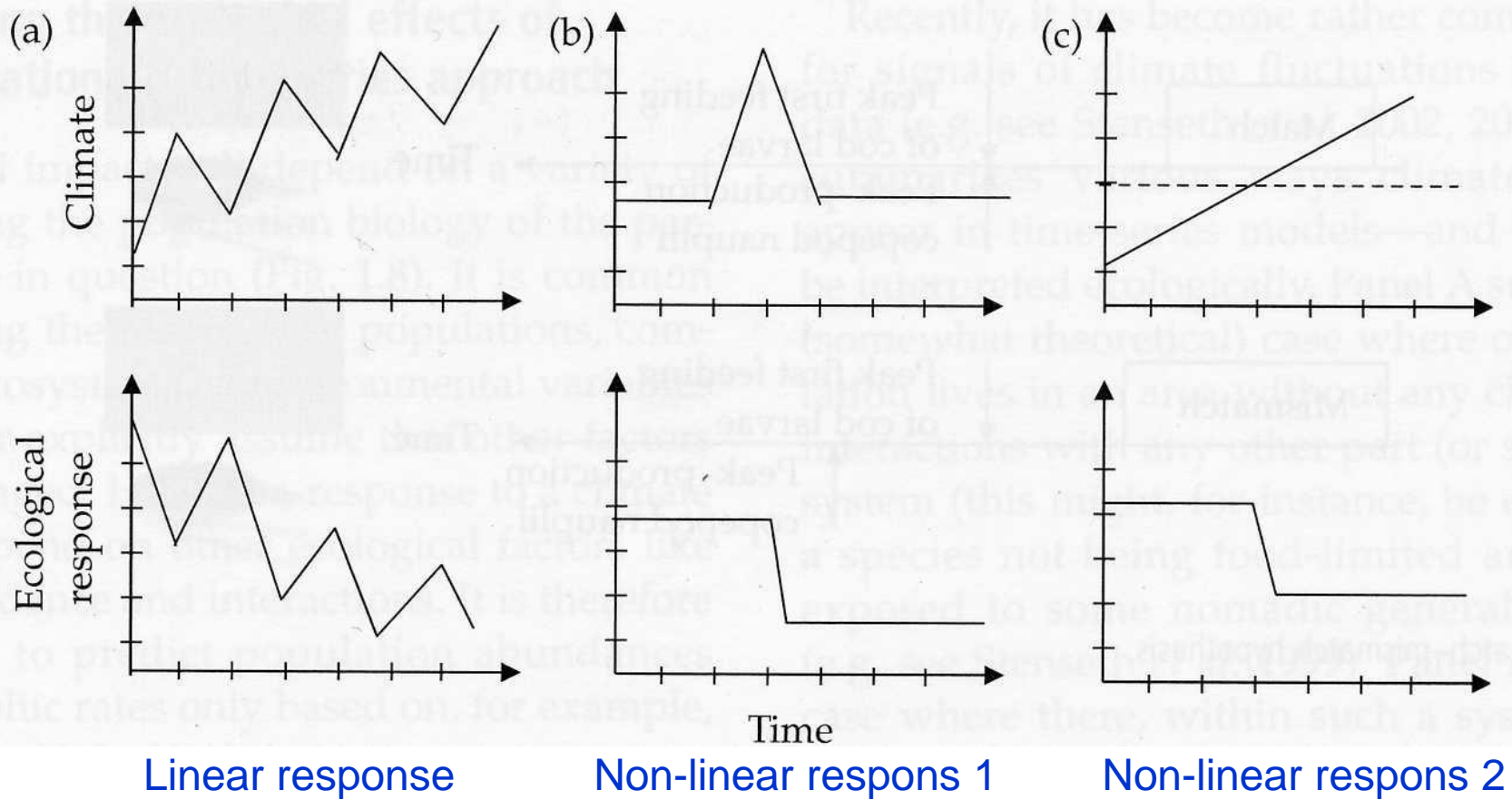
Figur 4.







# Ecosystem responses to climate change





# Conclusions

There are large variability in trophic transfer rates from the primary producers to fish in the various marine ecosystems and at various time periods

- This is because of different trophic structures among marine ecosystems and because of the influence of climate variability
- There are strong couplings between zooplankton, particularly copepods, production and fish production
- Hence, assessment of zooplankton should be an integral part of ecosystem-based fisheries assessment
- The long-term climate periodicity is strongly influencing the abundances of the key zooplankton

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# Veksten til lus er styrt av temperaturen i sjøen

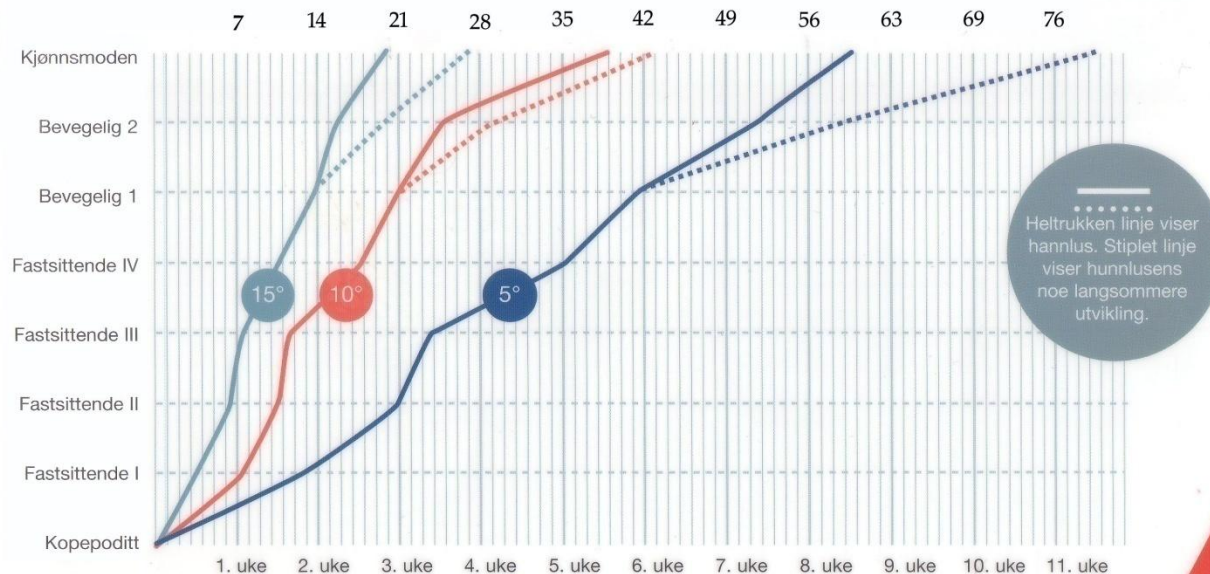
## LAKSELUS

- Tre bevegelige stadier på fisken
- Mørk brun farge
- Ingen sugeskål
- Kjønnsmoden hunn 8-12 mm
- Hunnlus større enn hannlus
- Oval form, bakparten mindre enn 50% av full lengde
- Laksefisk som eneste vertsorganisme

## SKOTTELUS

- Ett bevegelig stadium på fisken
- Lys brun farge
- To sugeskåler
- Kjønnsmoden hunn 5-6 mm
- Liten størrelsesforskjell mellom hunn- og hannlus
- Avlang form, bakparten ca. 50% av lengden
- Finnes på flere fiskeslag (laks, torsk, sei, sild)
- Har tre dager kortere livssyklus ved 10° C enn lakselusa

### ANSLAGSVIS UTVIKLINGSHASTIGHET FOR LAKSELUS VED 5°, 10° OG 15° C



Dette er en bakteriesykdom som kan gi økte problemer ved økt temperatur

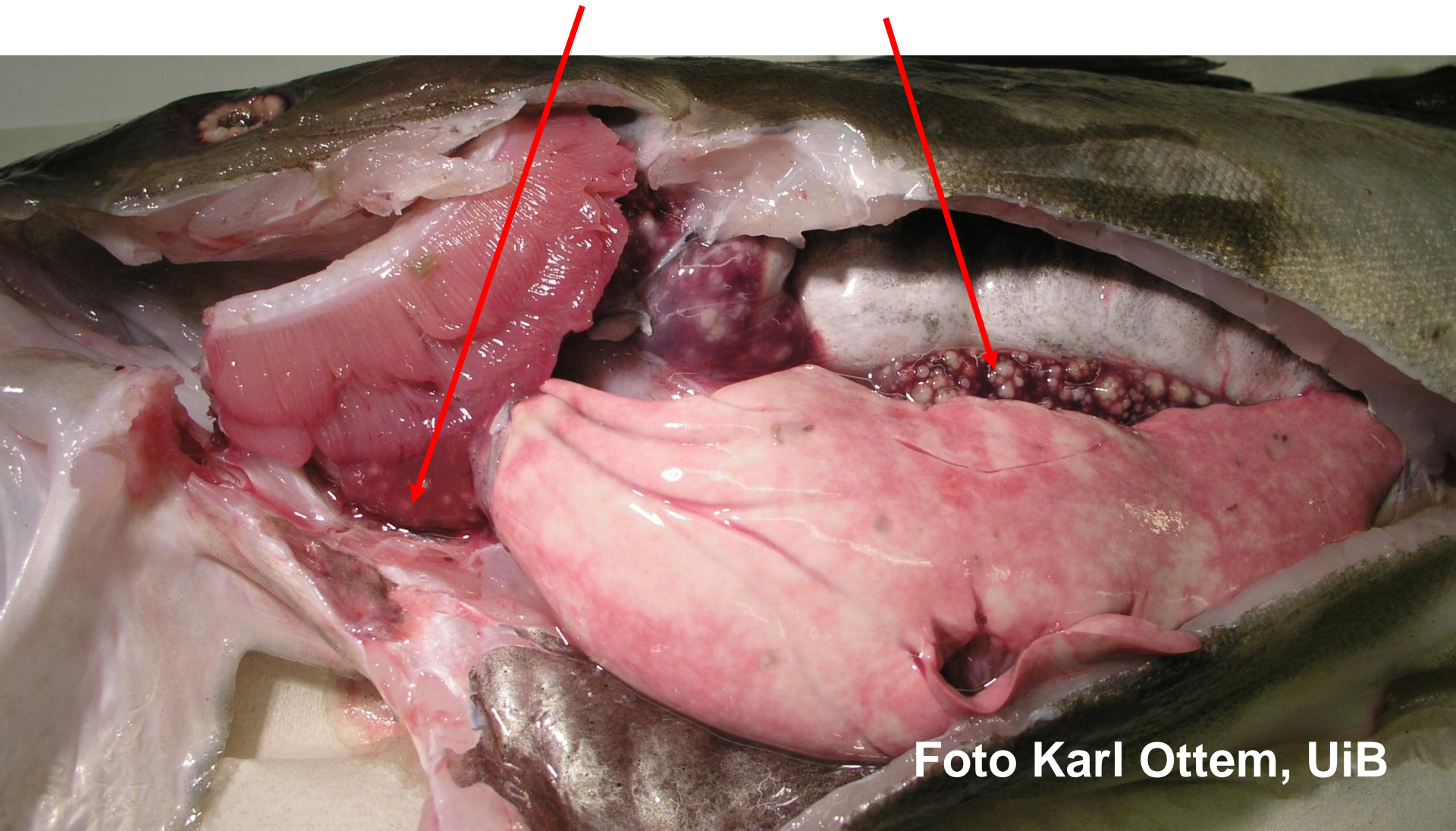
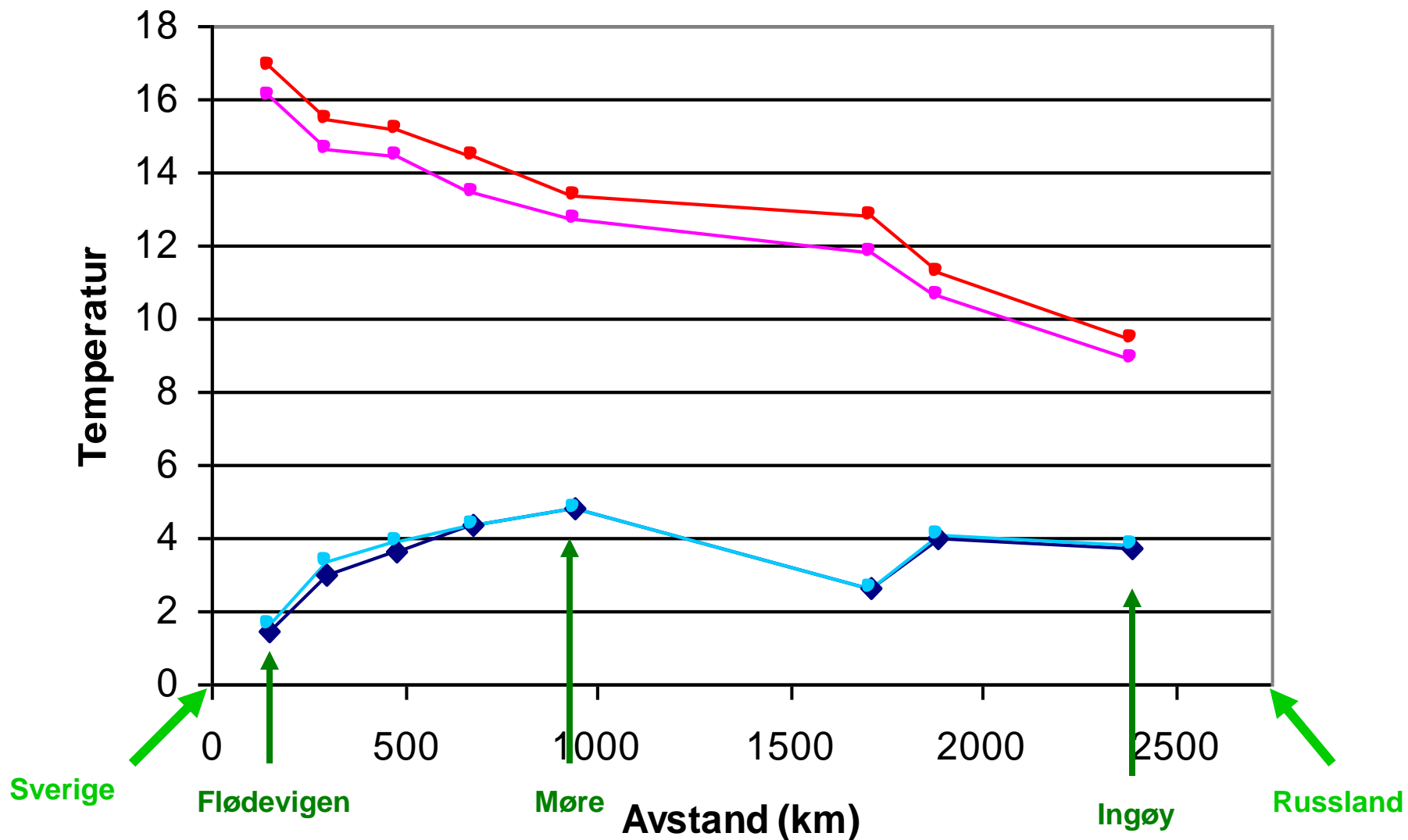


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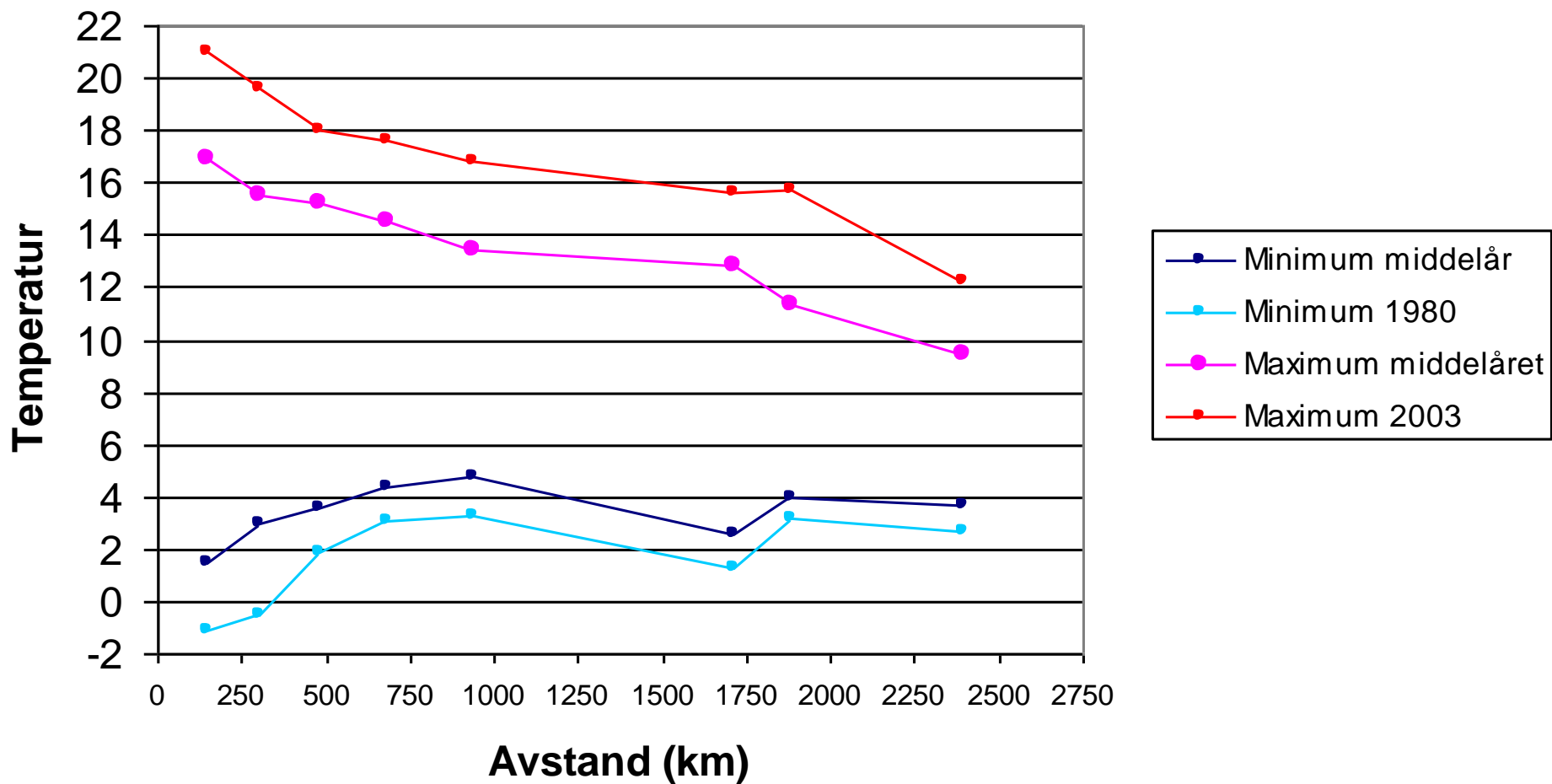
# Possible Changes in Fish Distribution



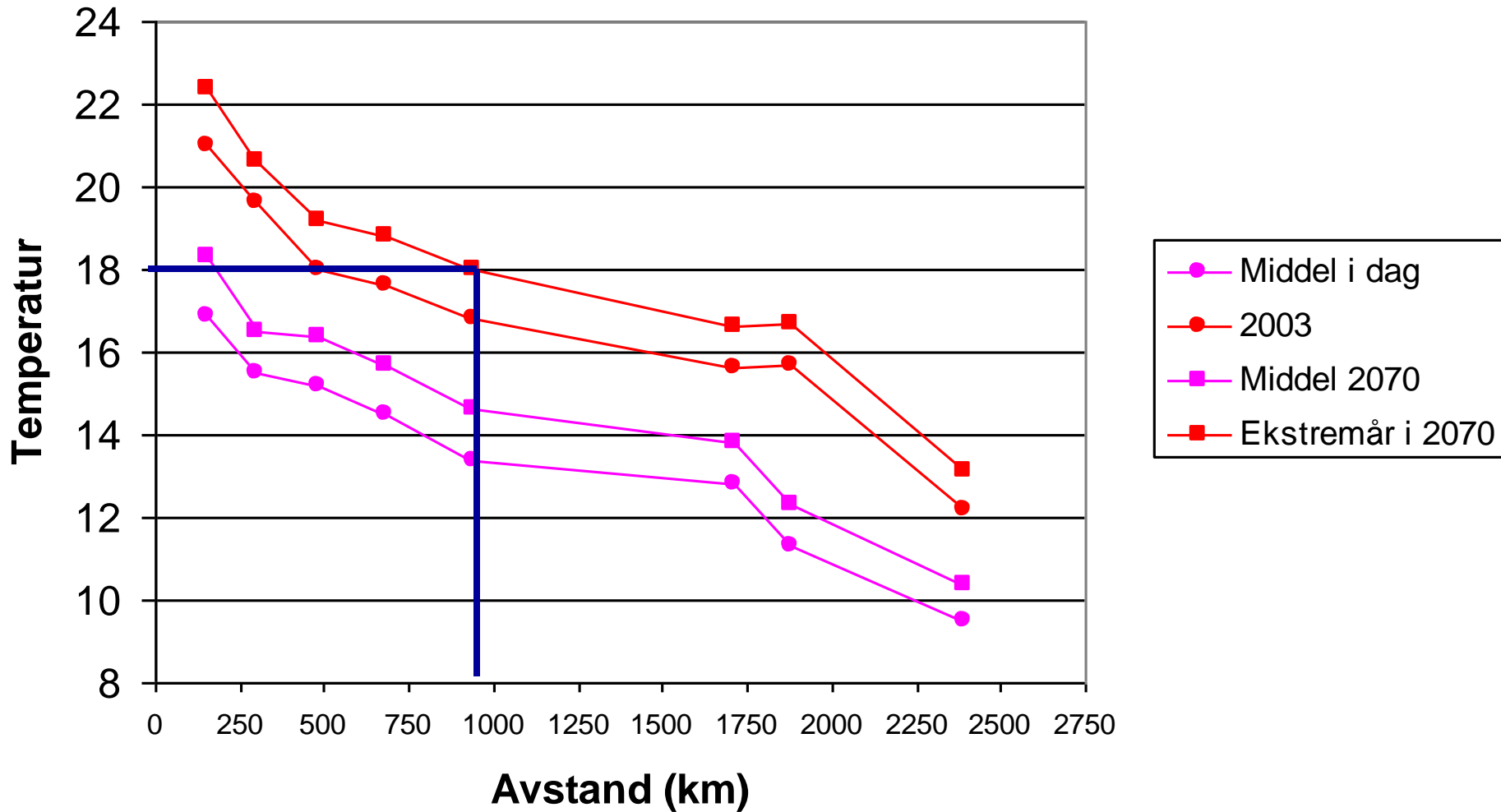
# Midlere maksimum/minimum temperatur for HIs kyststasjoner ( 1 og 10 m dyp)



### Minimum og maksimumstemperaturer for Hls kyststasjoner (1m dyp)



### Maksimumstemperatur for HIs kyststasjoner (1 m dyp)





# Conclusion

- New types of diseases are appearing on farmed fish as temperature increases
- Along the Norwegian coast the optimal region for salmon farming has been along the west coast from Hordaland to Møre because of the highest winter temperatures and the moderately high summer temperature.
- Under future climate change the optimal region for salmon farming will be displaced northwards along the coast towards Nordland because of too high summer temperatures along the Hordaland-Møre coast.