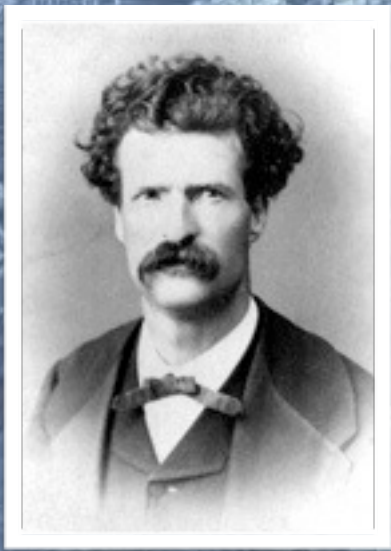


"Now, children, I want you all to sit up just as straight and pretty as you can and give me all your attention for a minute or two. There -- that is it. That is the way good little boys and girls should do I want to tell you how good it makes me feel to see so many bright, clean little faces assembled in a place like this, learning to do right and be good."

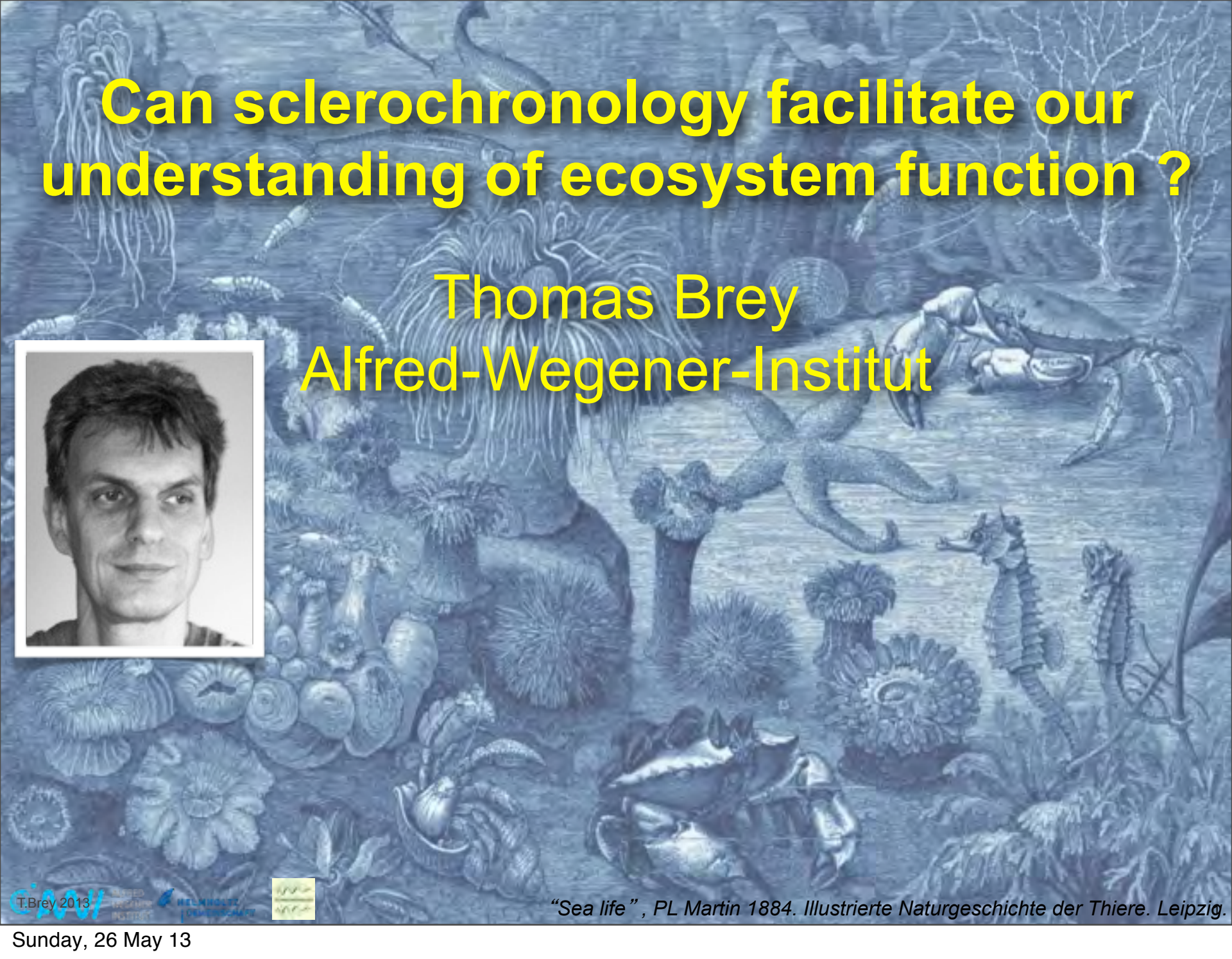


Mark Twain - The adventures of Tom Sawyer
Chapter 4 **Showing off in sunday school**
(the superintendent commands attention...)



Can sclerochronology facilitate our understanding of ecosystem function ?

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Carbonate bio-archives ...

... are plenty in the sea ...

... but what are they good for in ecology ?



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Ecosystem function?



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Ecosystem function !

External Drivers

Climate & Environment



Human Impact



Biota

Biological Processes

Mechanisms:
Cause & Effect



Ecological Processes

Complexity & Variability
in Space & Time

Ecosystem Functions

Nutrient
Recycling

N, P, Fe



Carbon
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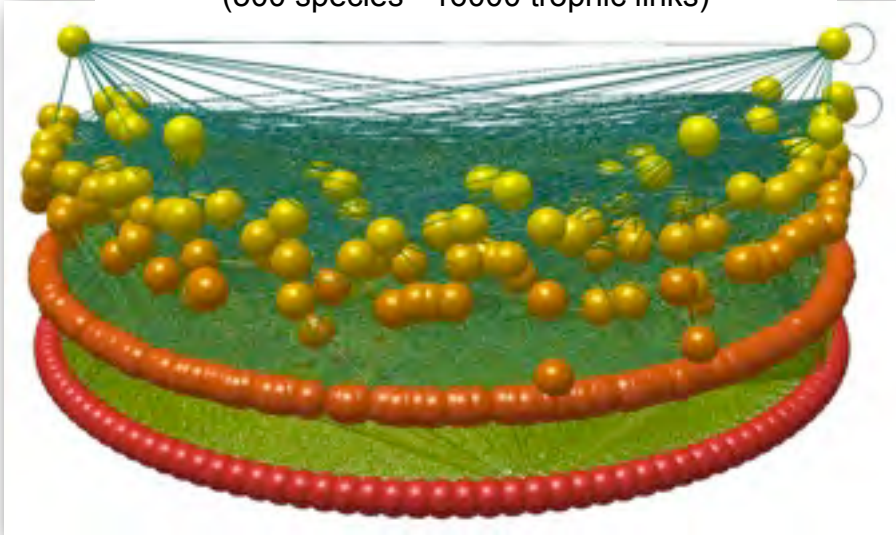


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Antarctic Weddell Sea Food Web
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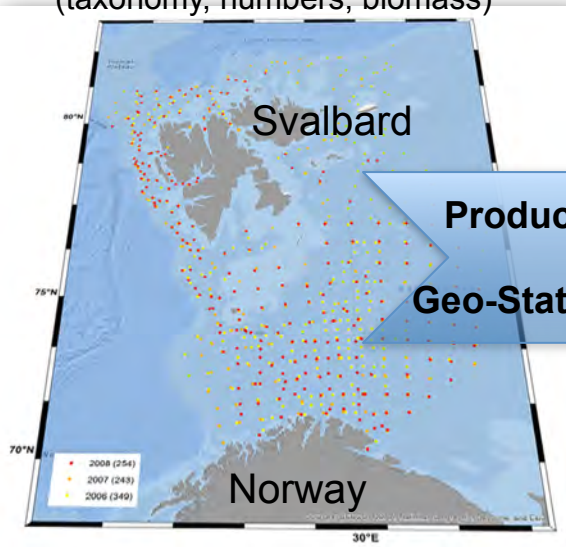


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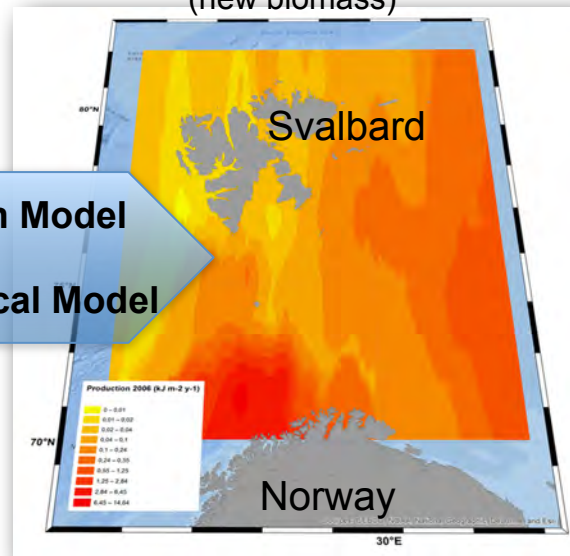
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Station Grid
(taxonomy, numbers, biomass)



Benthic Production
(new biomass)



Production Model
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Geo-Statistical Model

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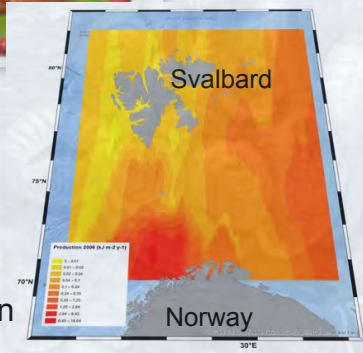
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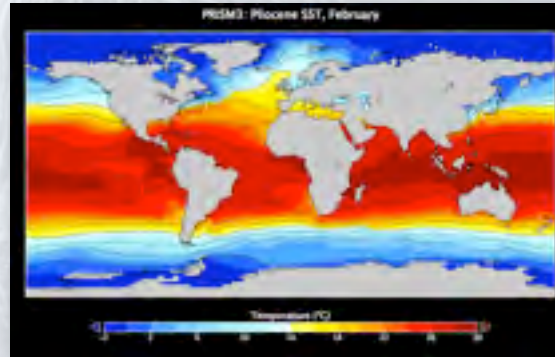
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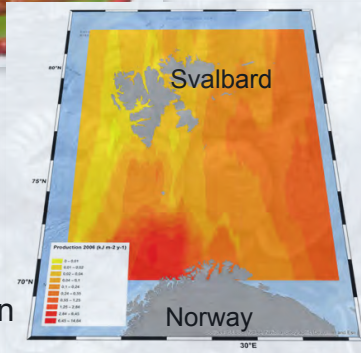
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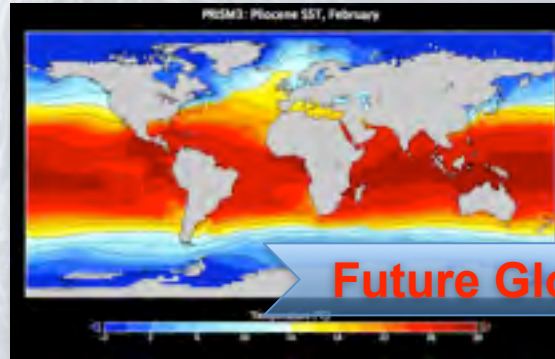
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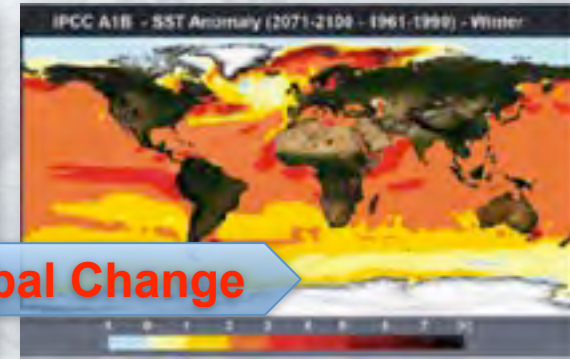
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SST Anomaly 2100 - Today



Future Global Change

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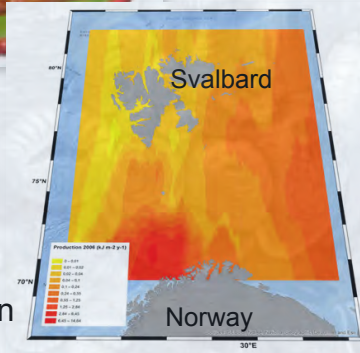
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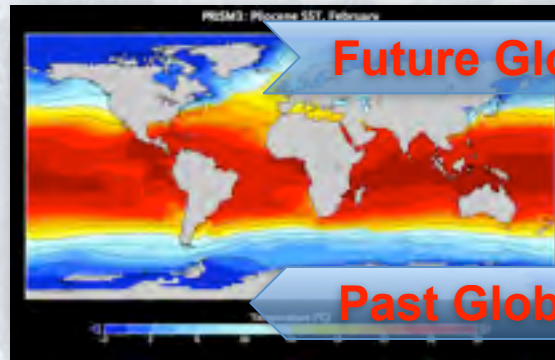
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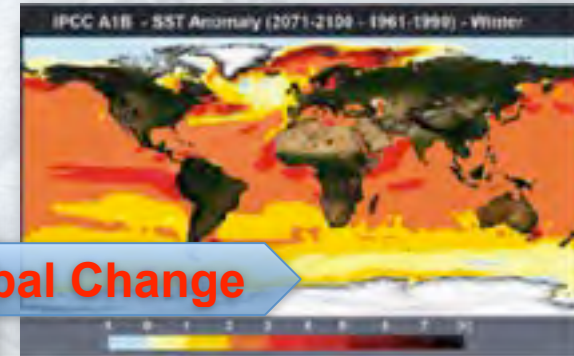
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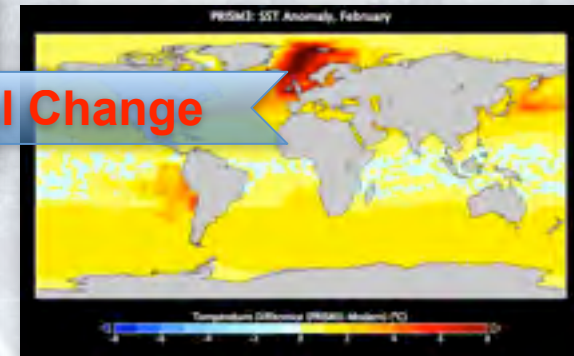
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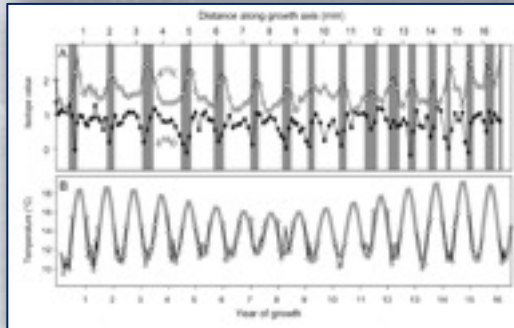


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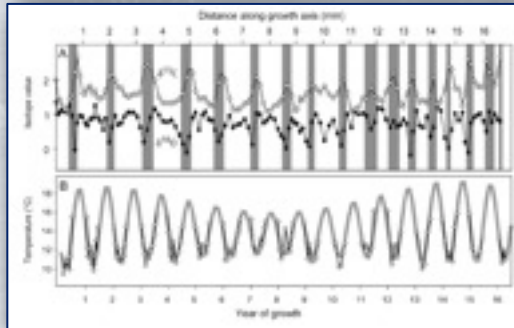
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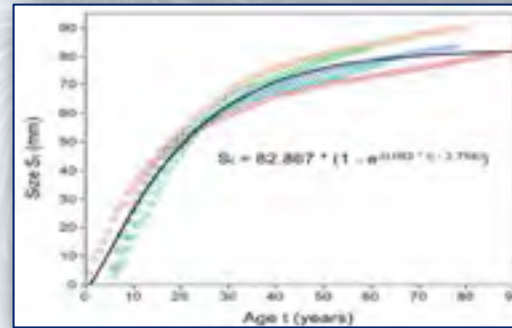


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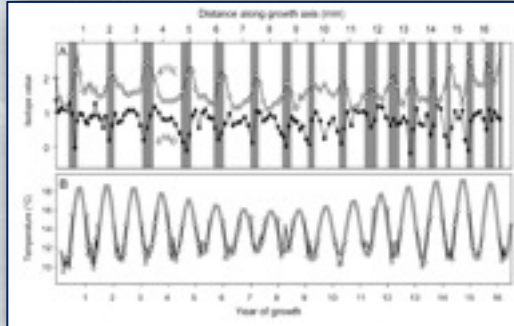


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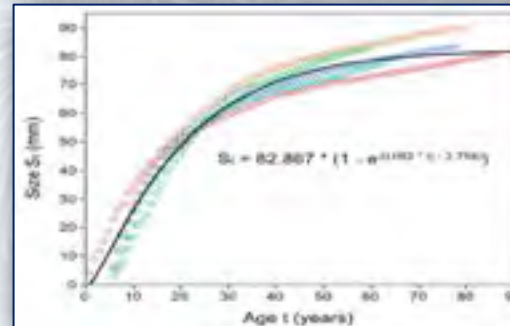


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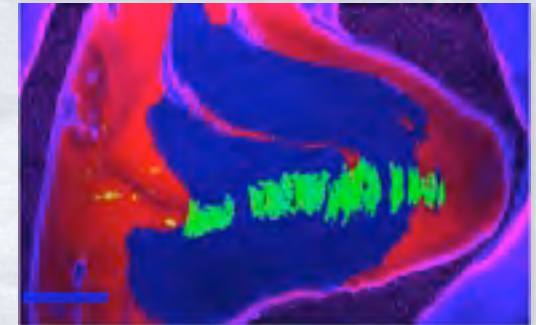
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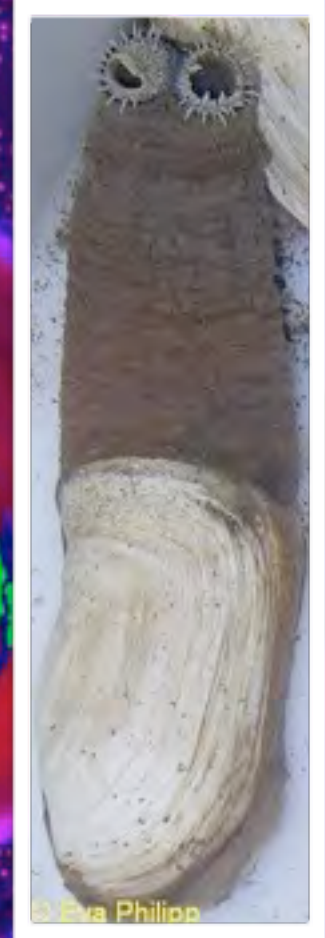
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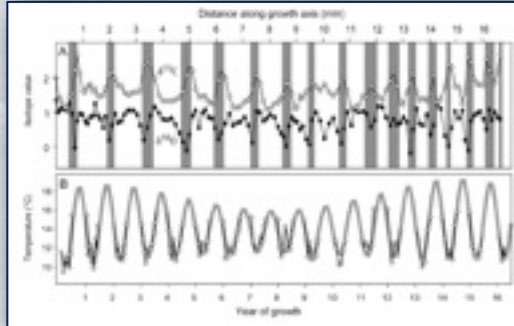


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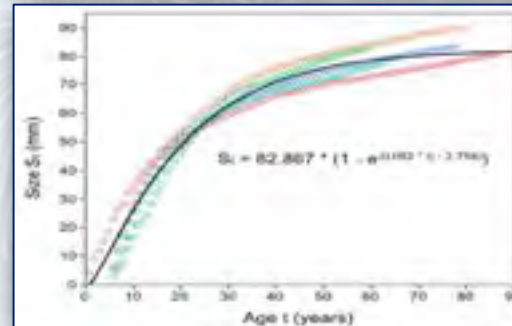
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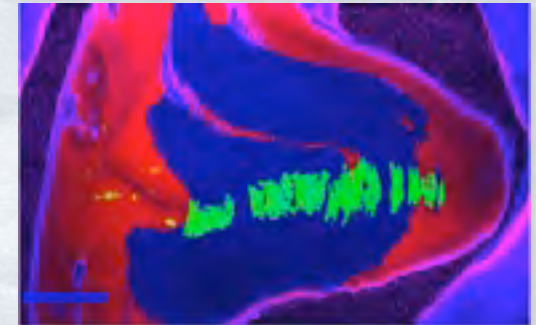
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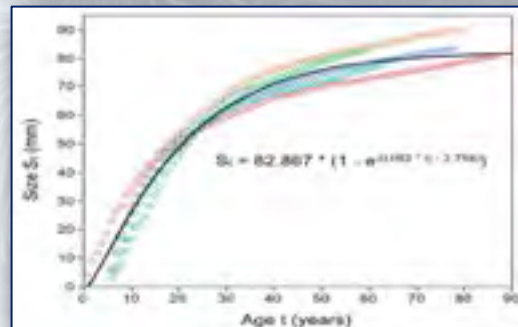
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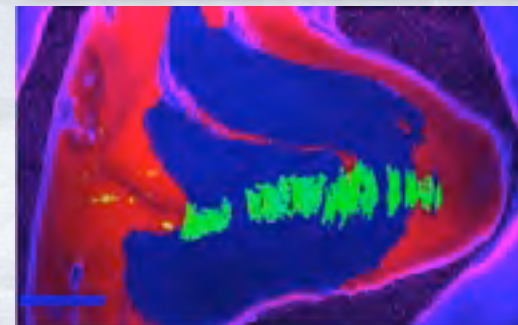
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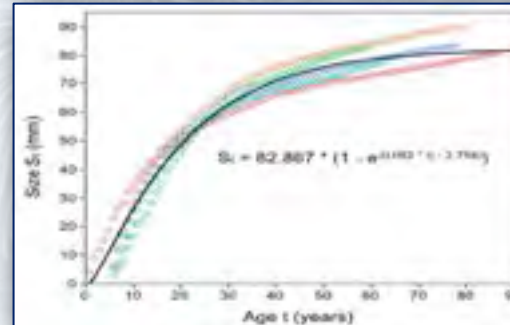
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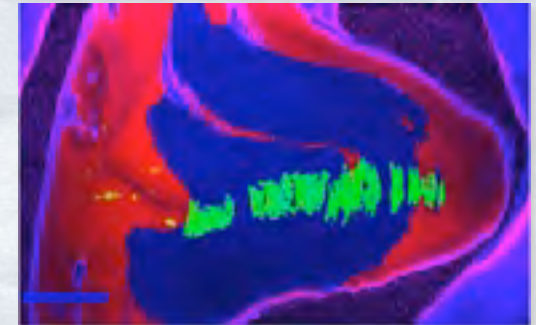
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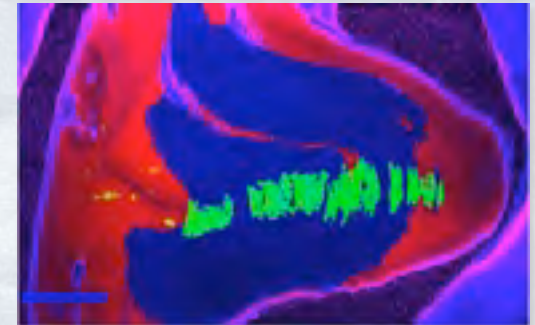
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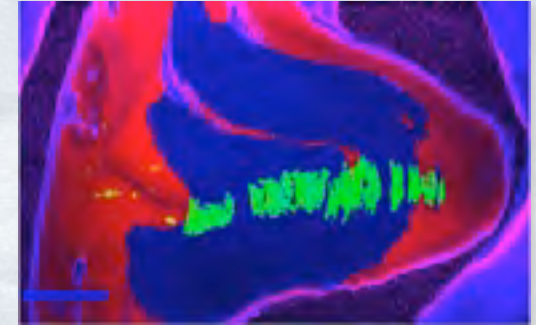
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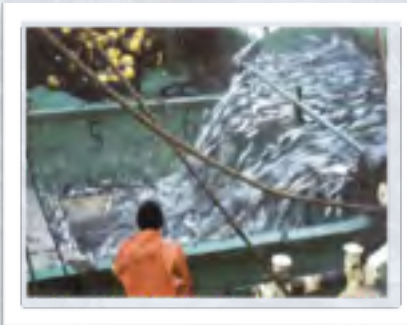
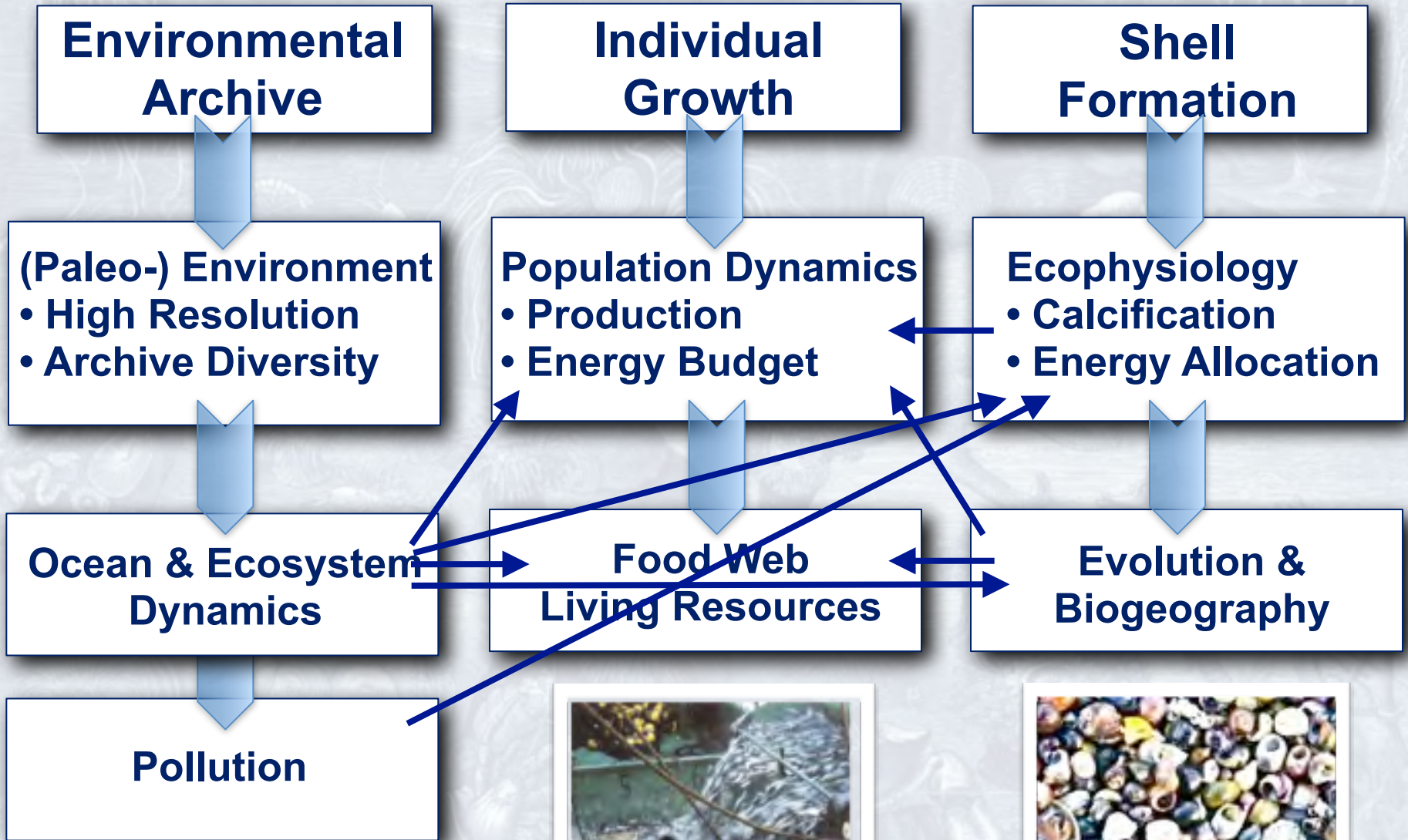
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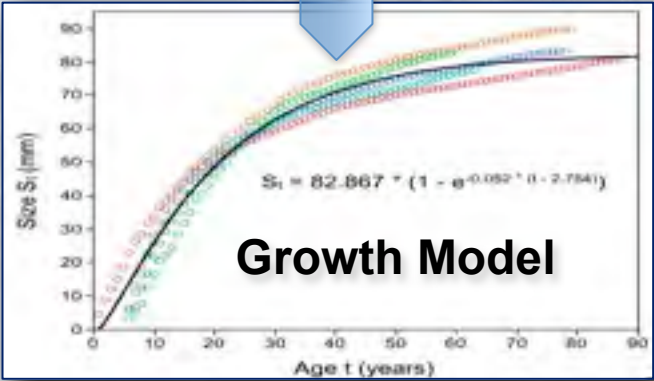
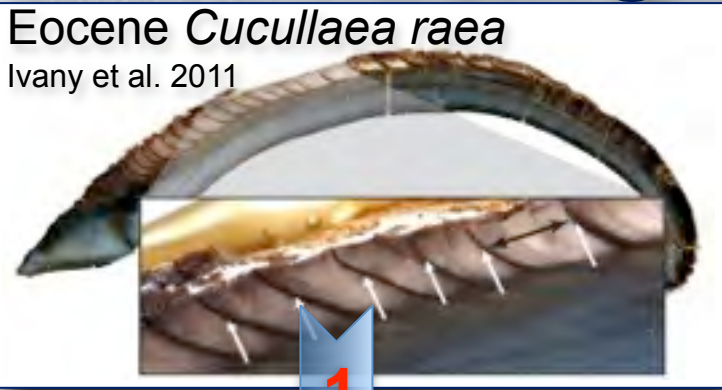
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Eocene *Cucullaea raea*

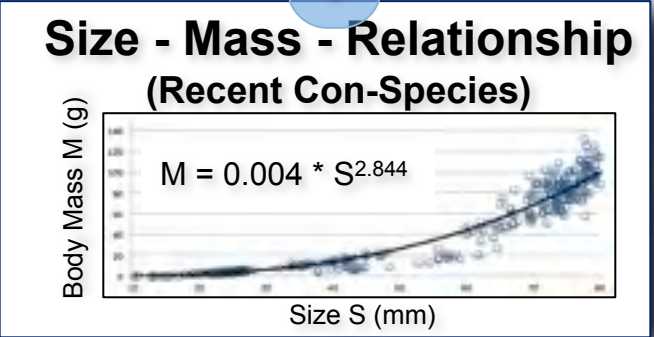
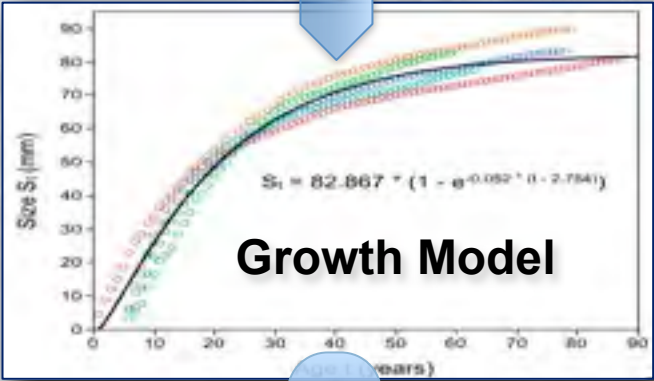
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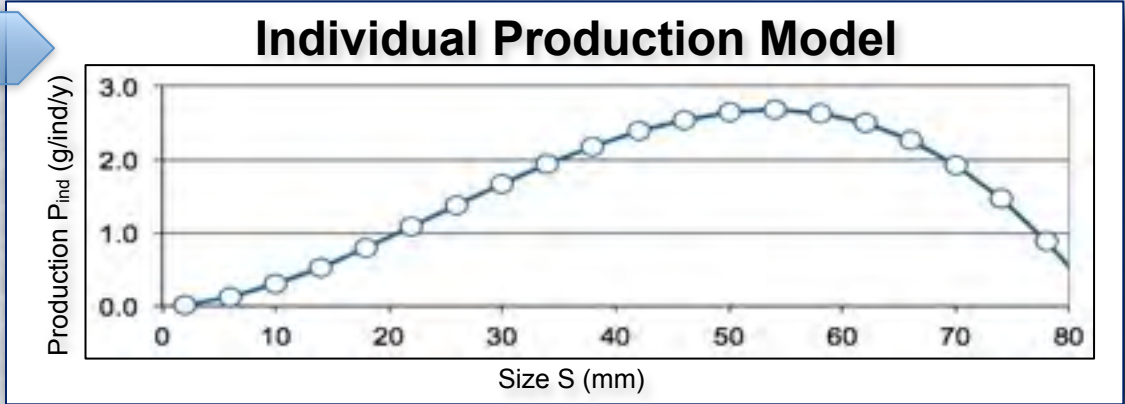
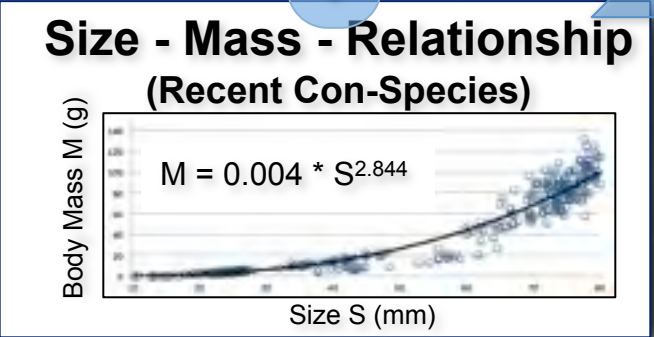
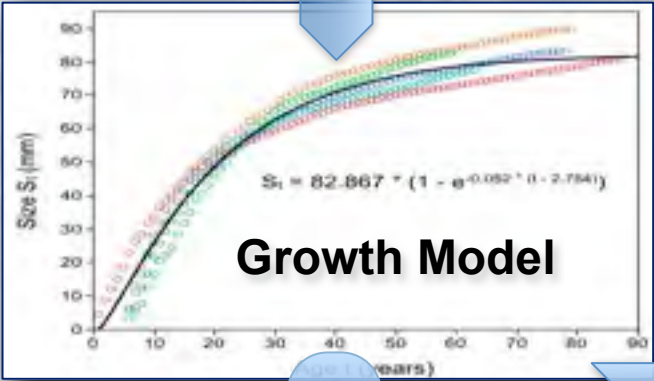
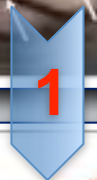
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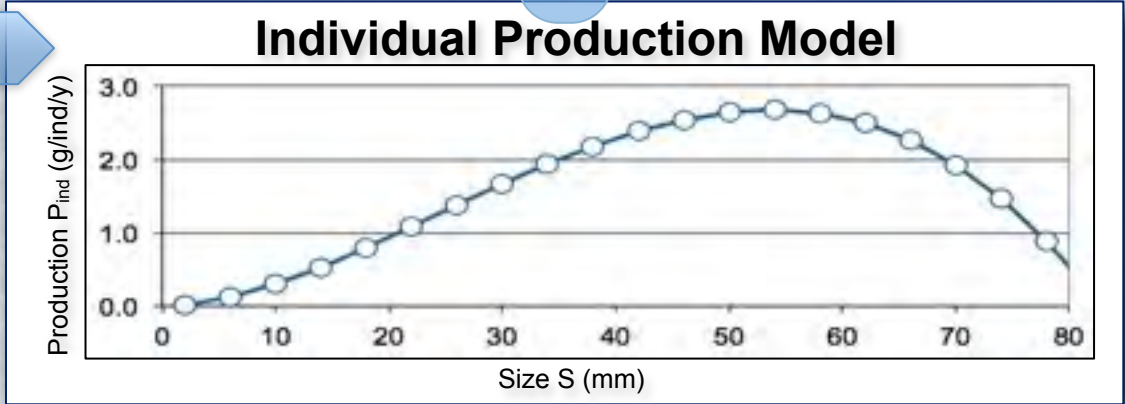
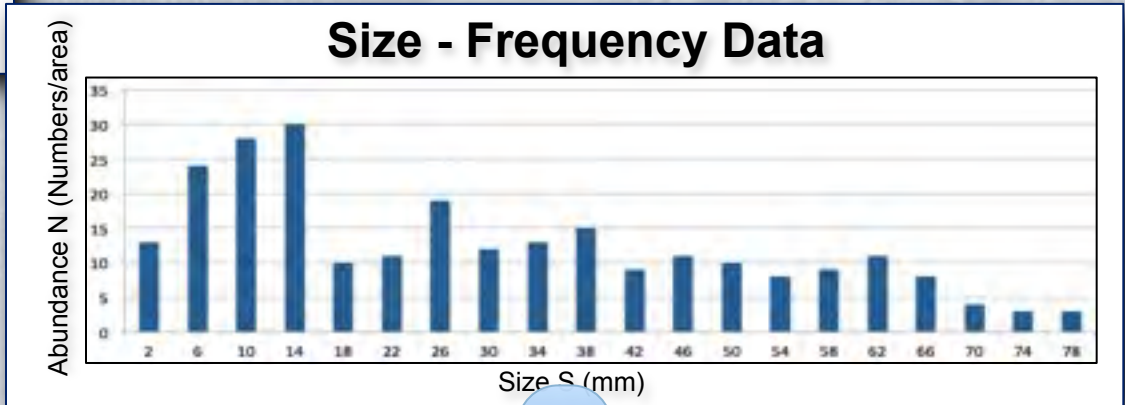
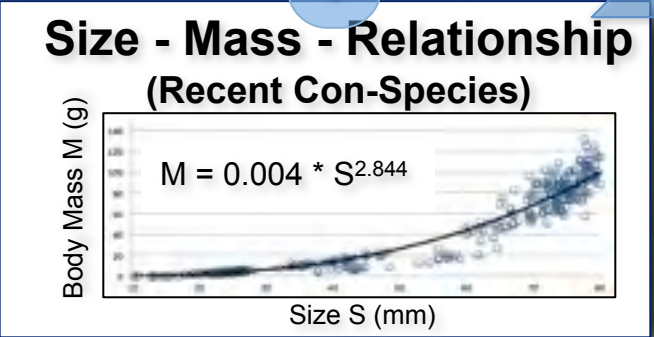
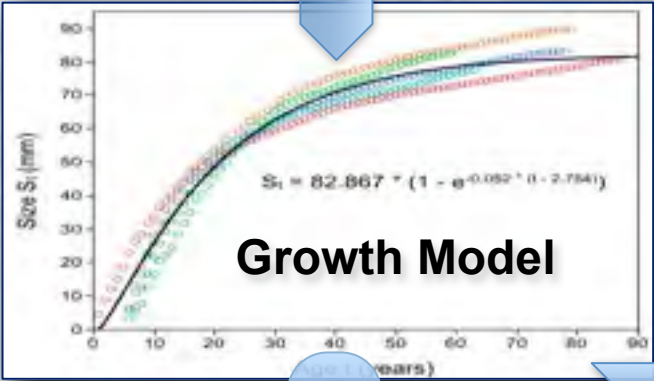
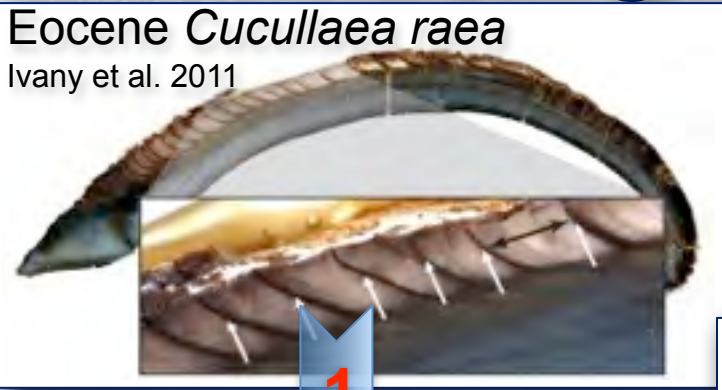
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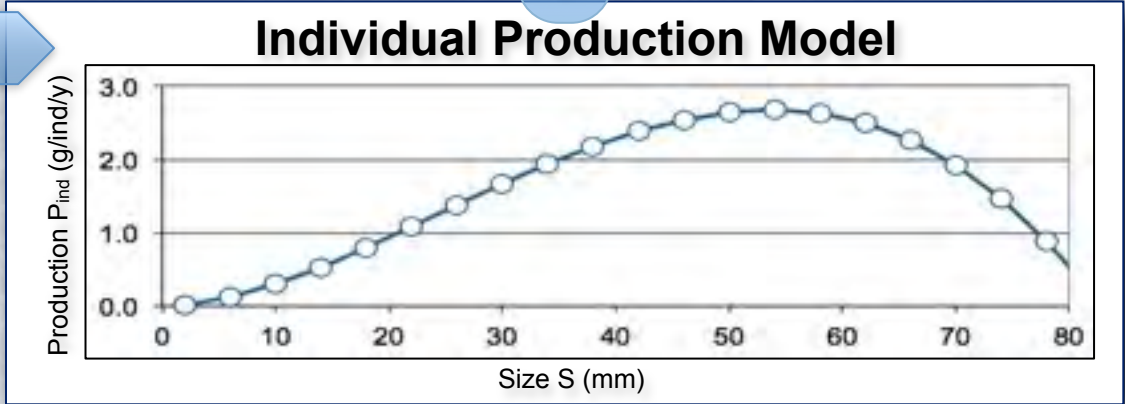
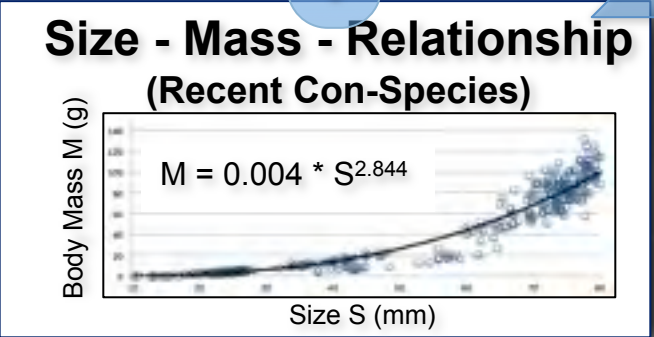
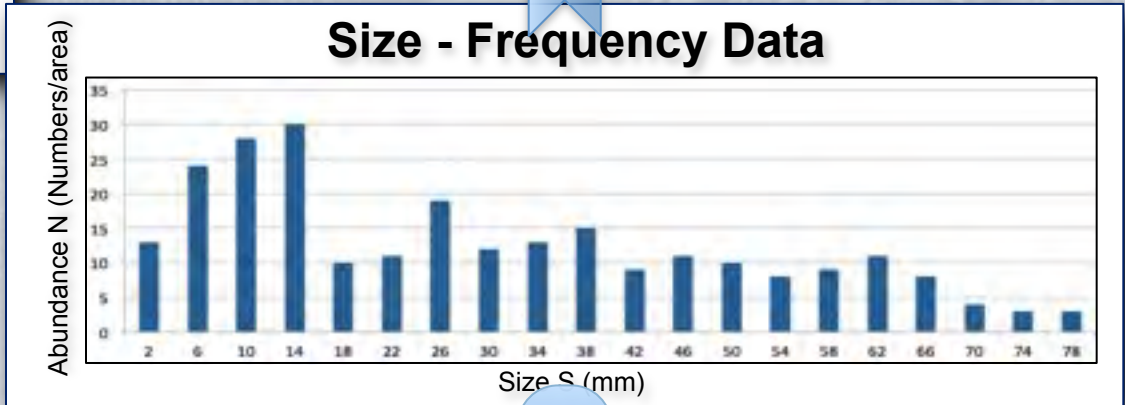
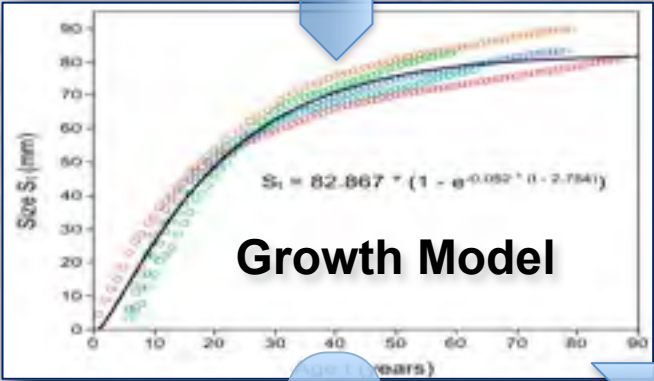
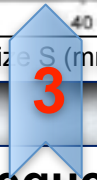
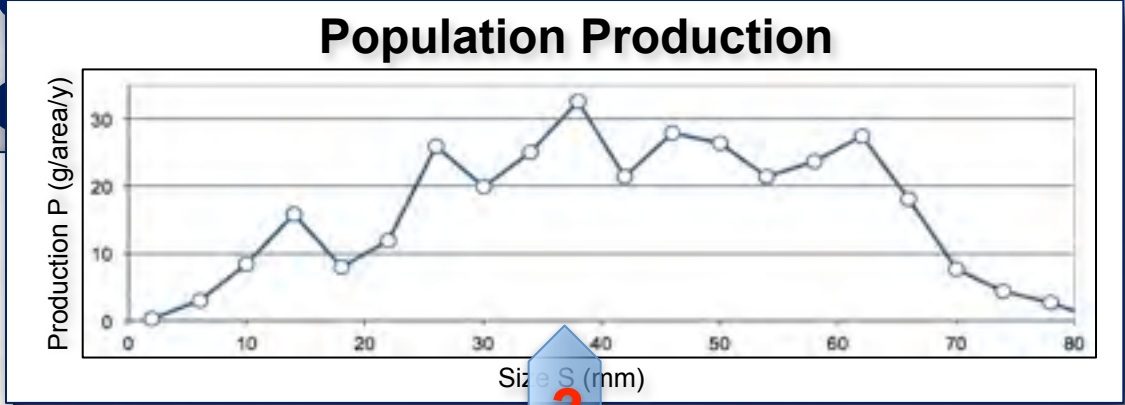
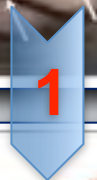
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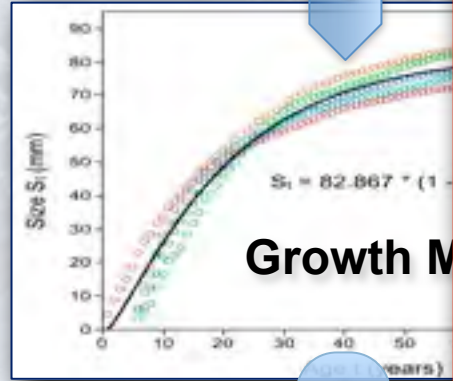
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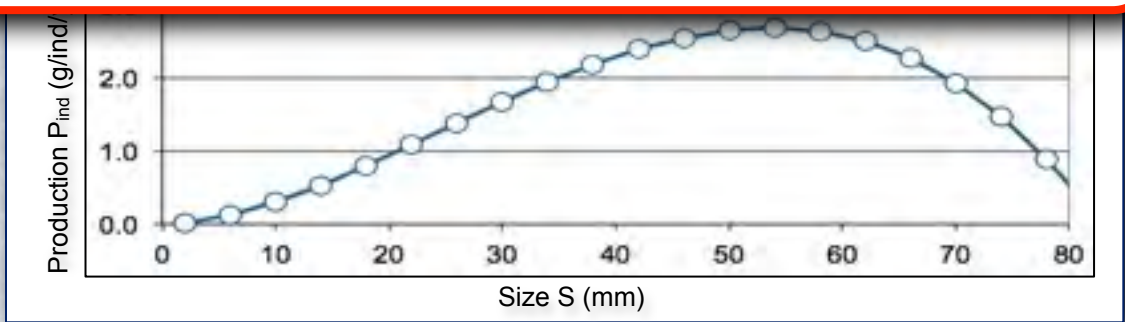
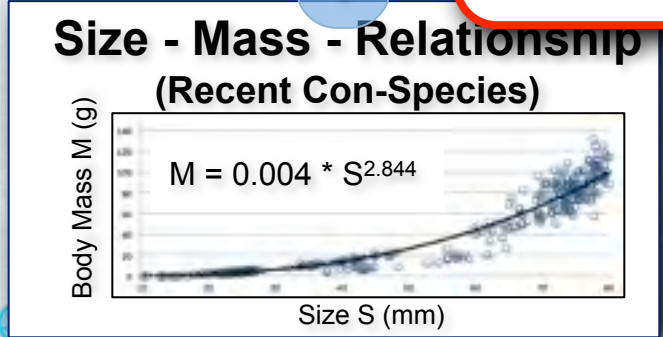
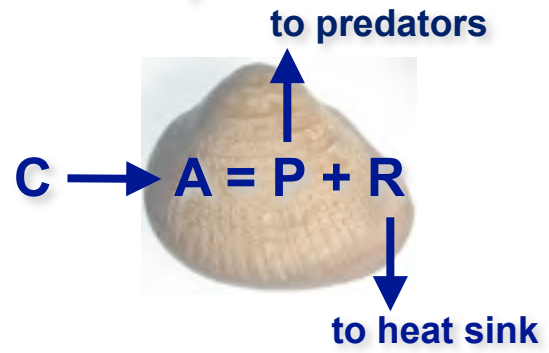


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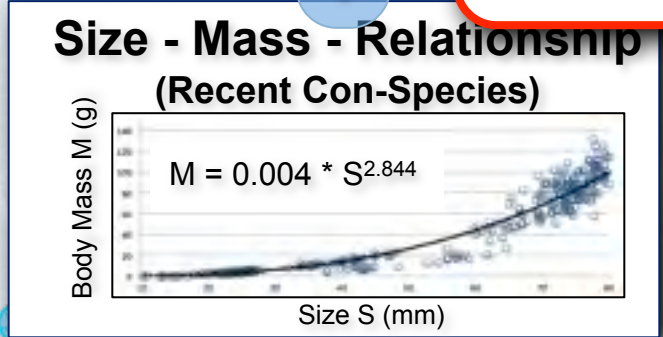
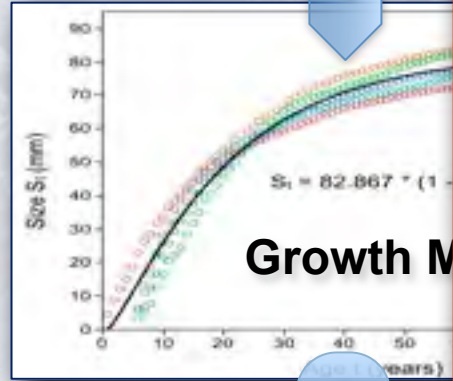


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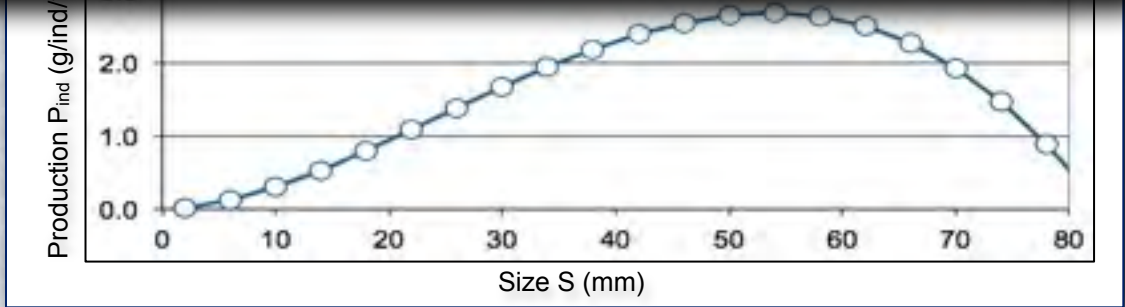
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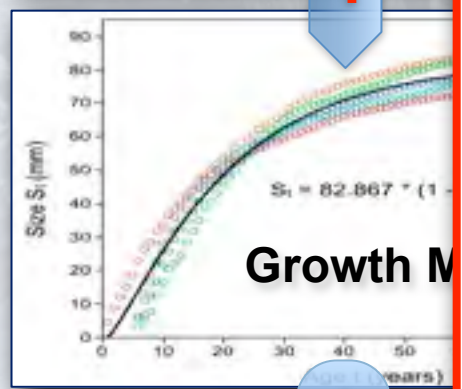
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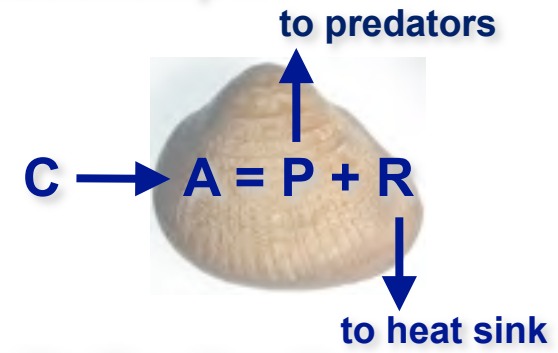


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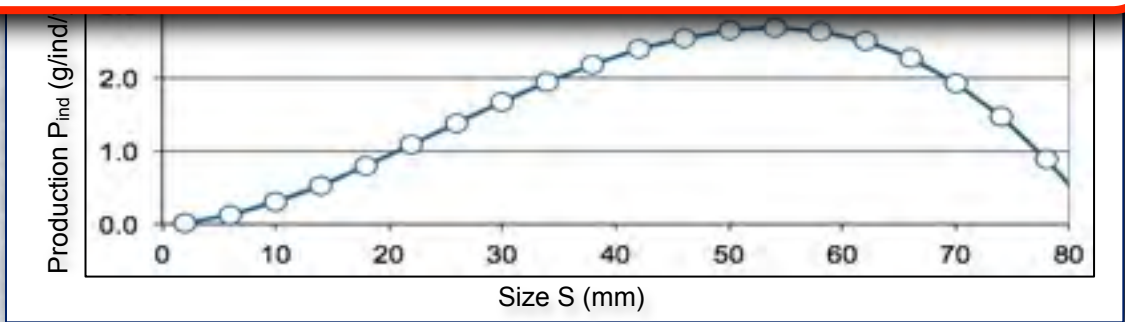
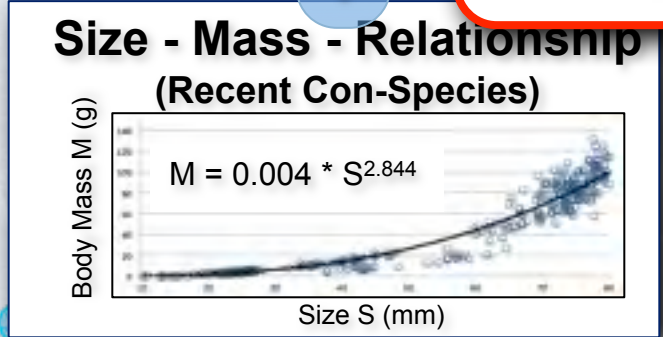


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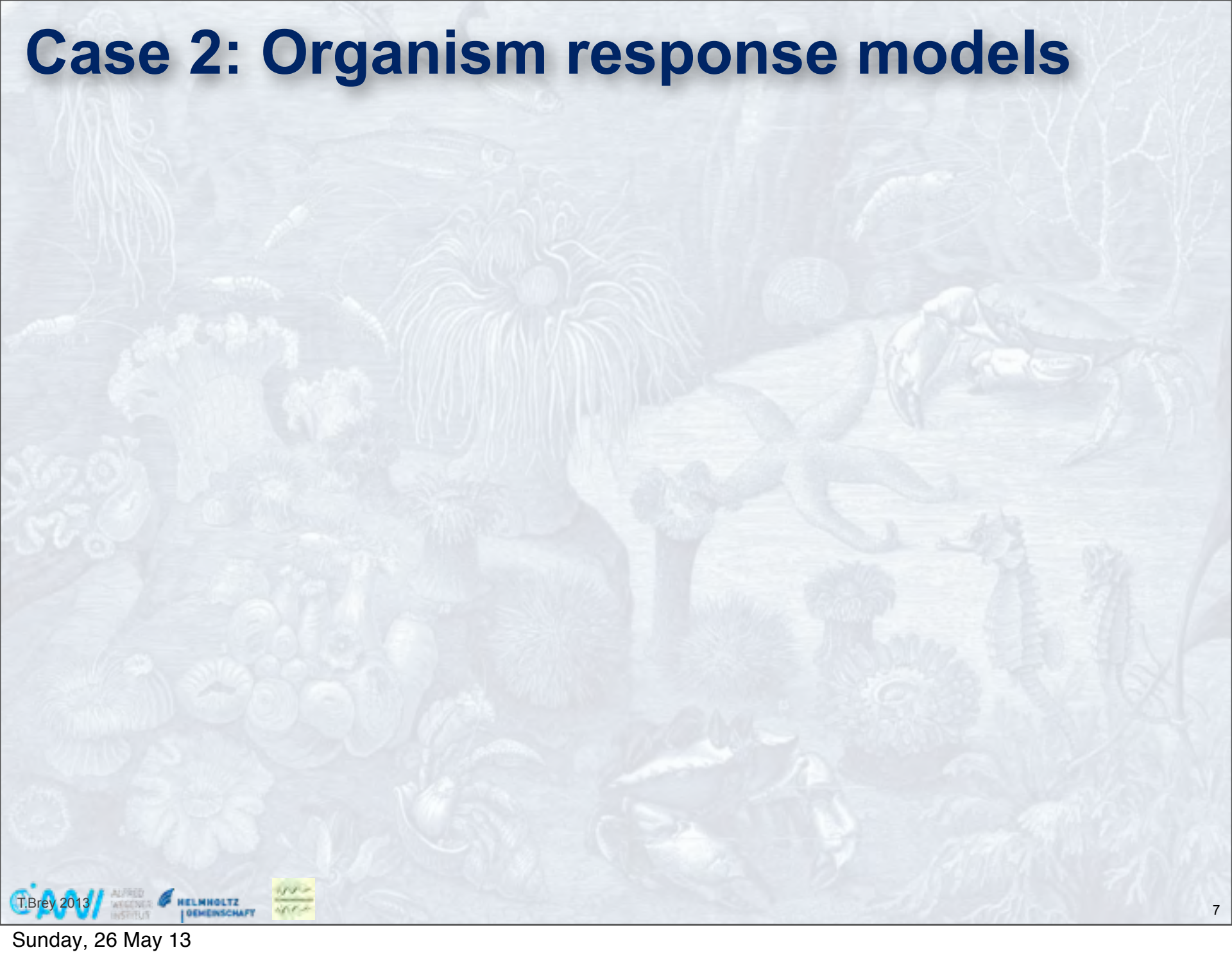


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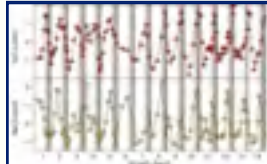
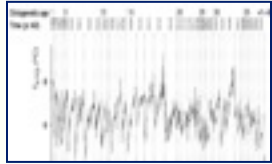


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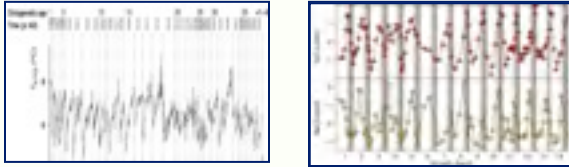


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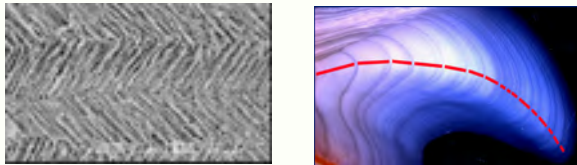
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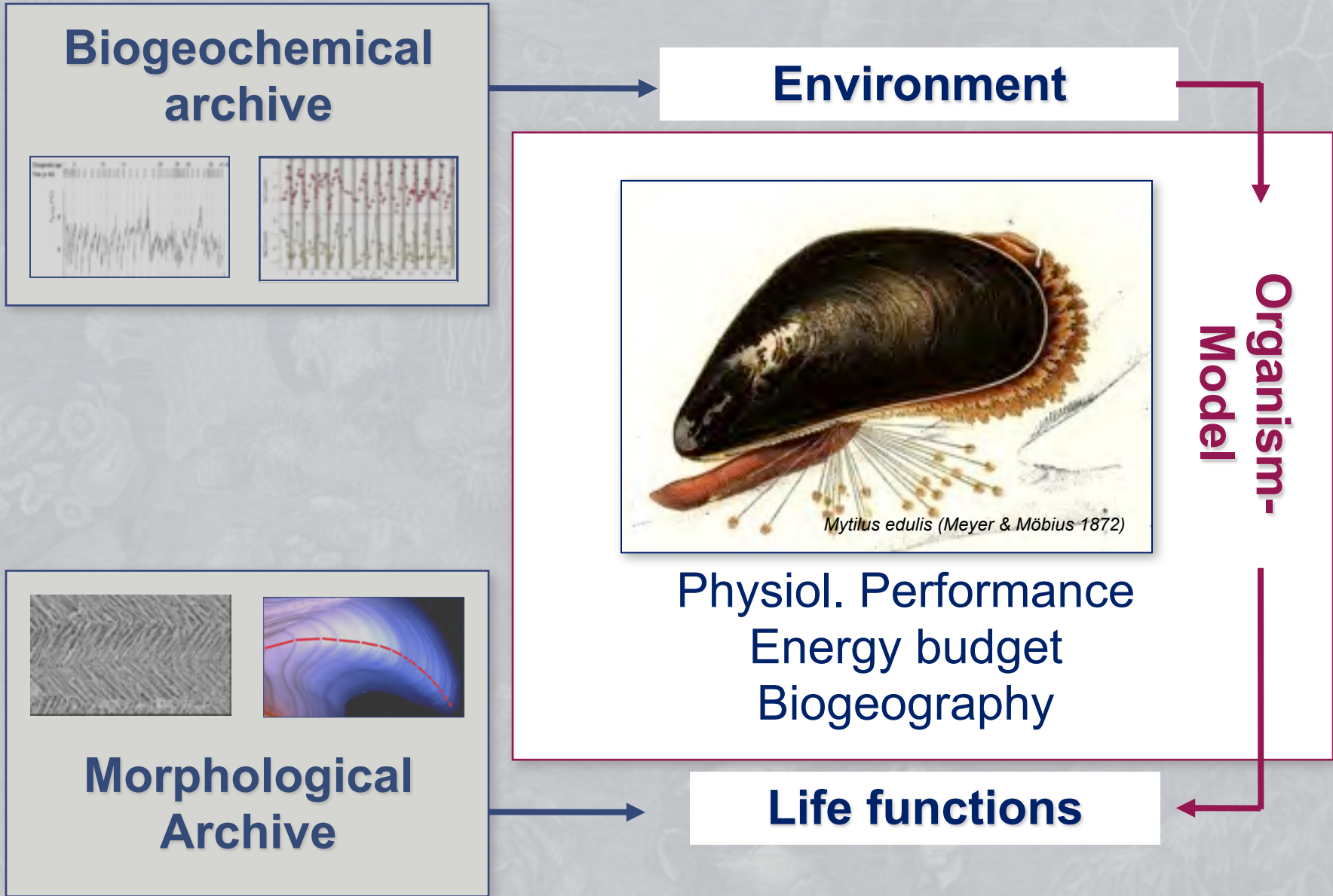
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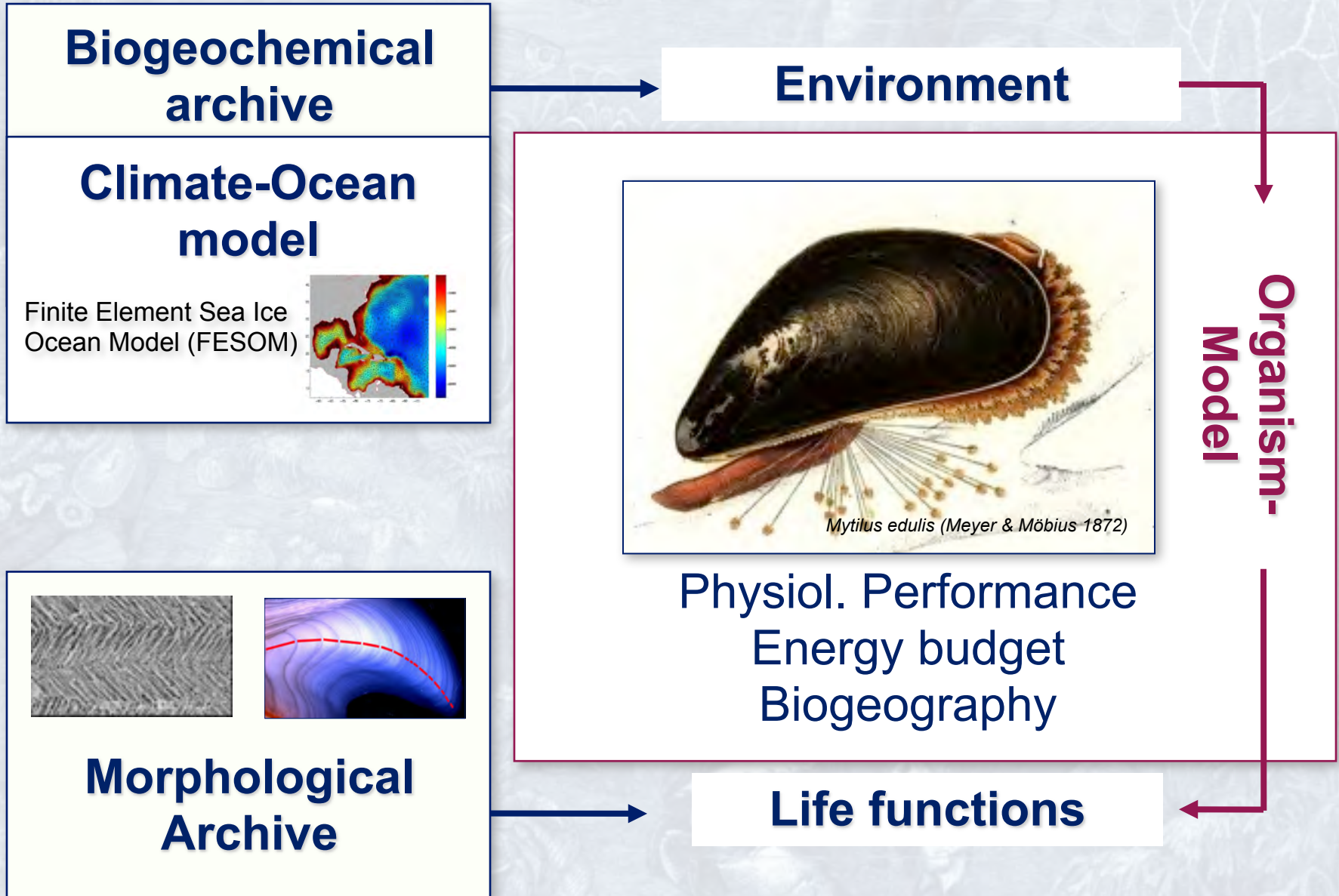


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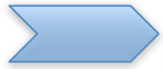


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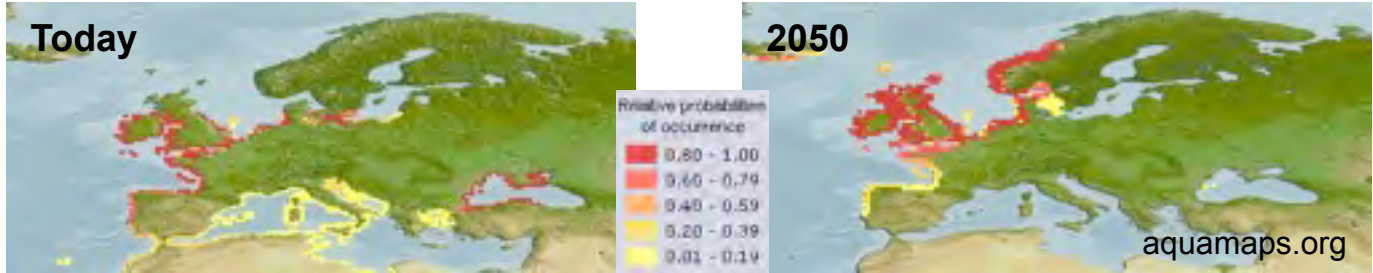
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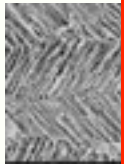
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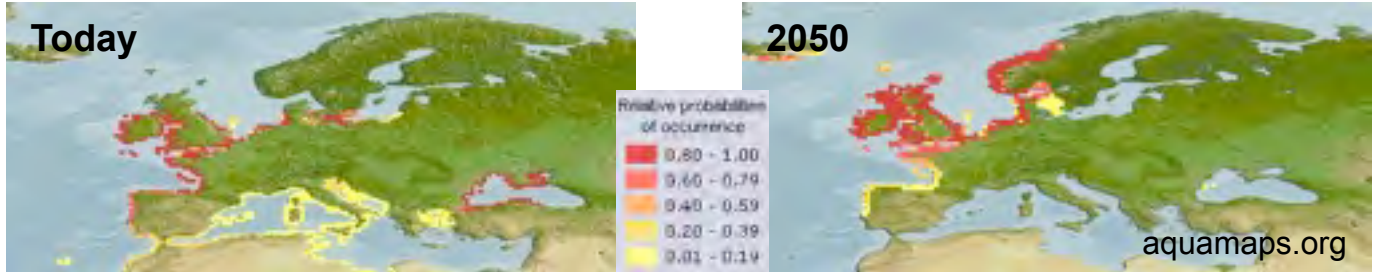
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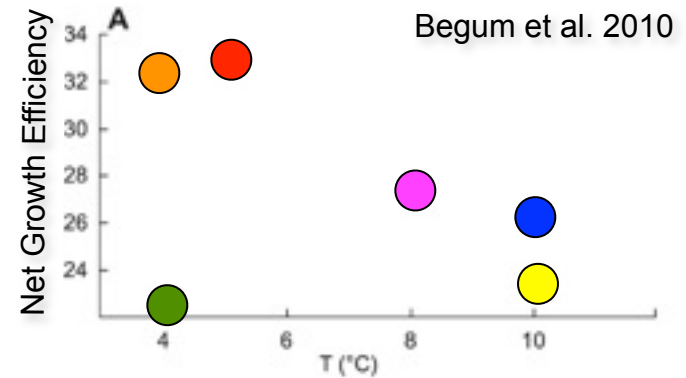
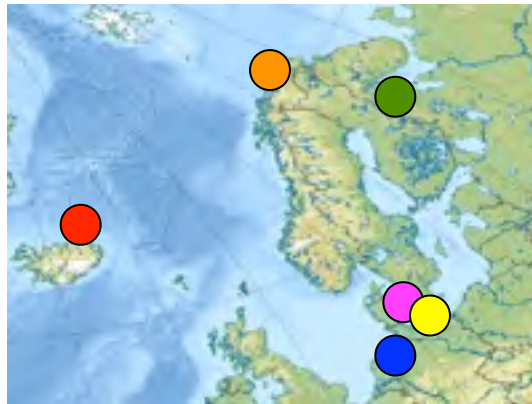


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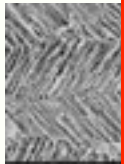


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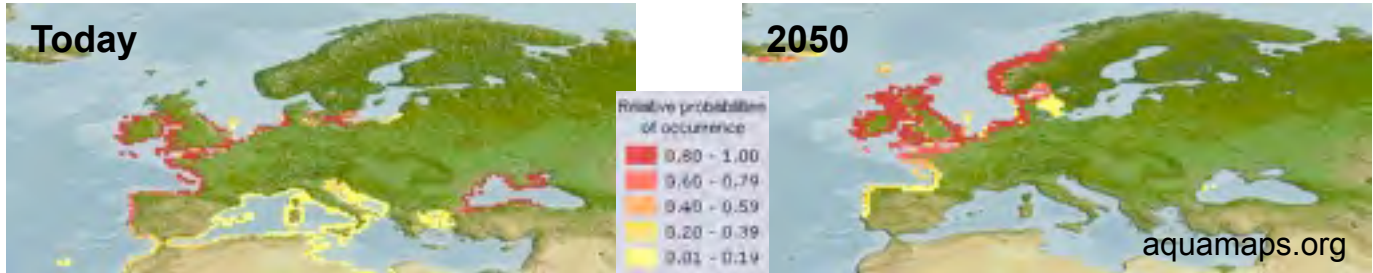
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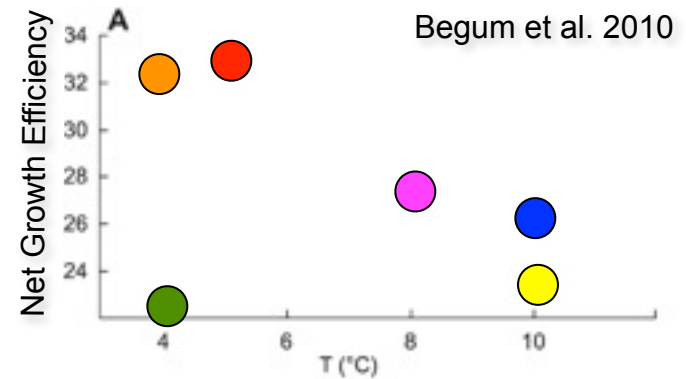
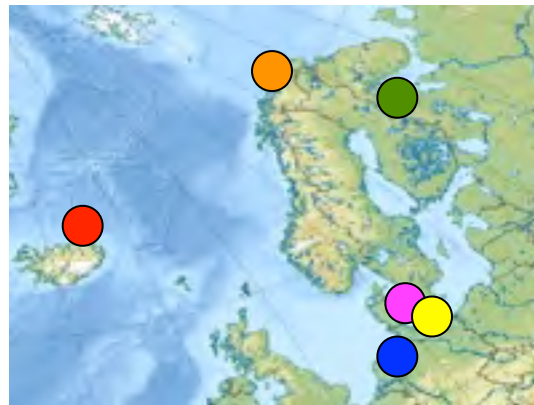
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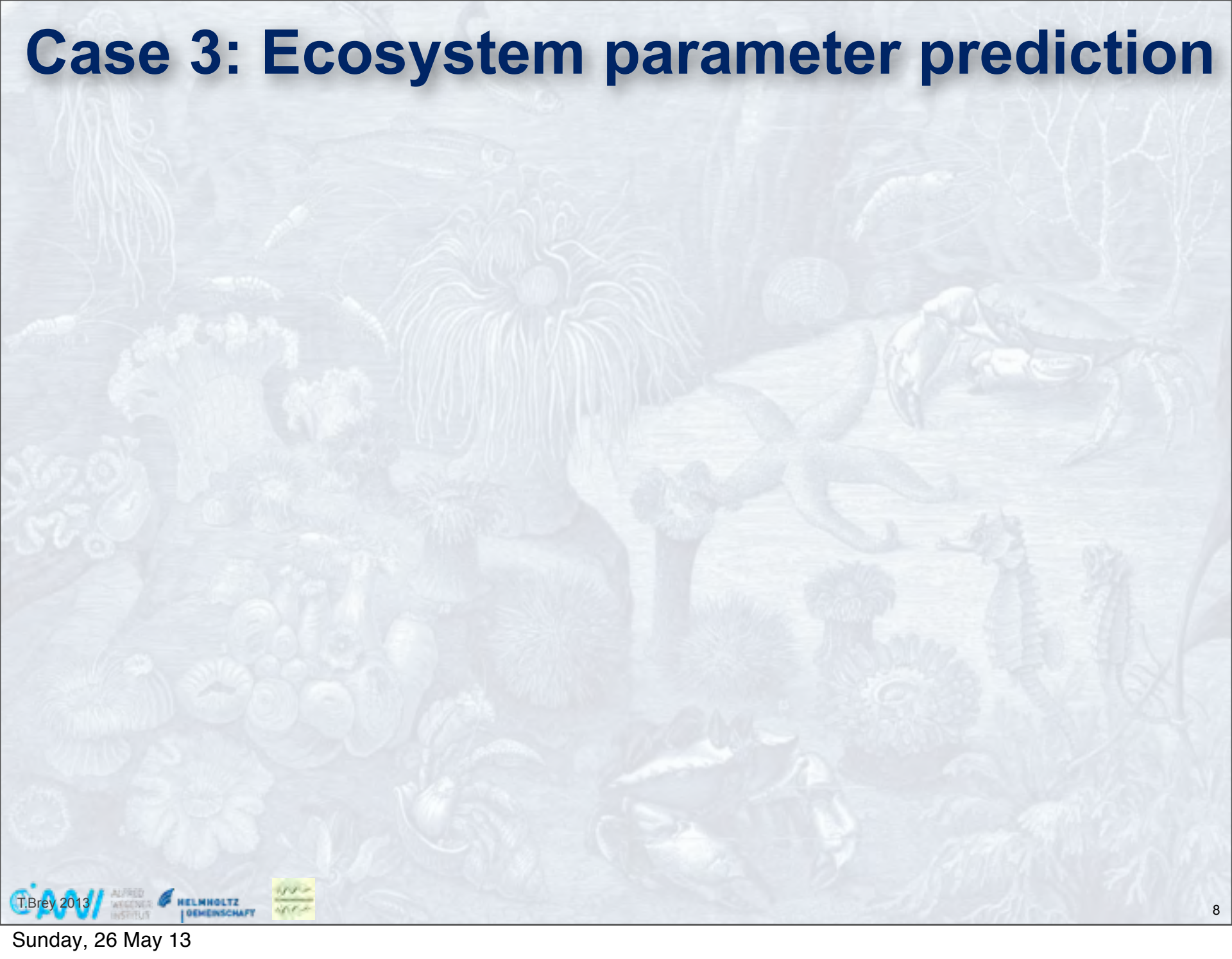
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“Reverse” modeling -> ecosystem dynamics



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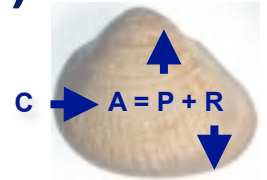
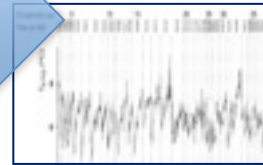
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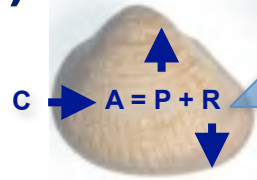
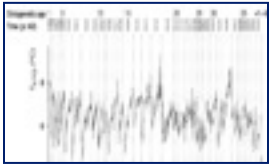
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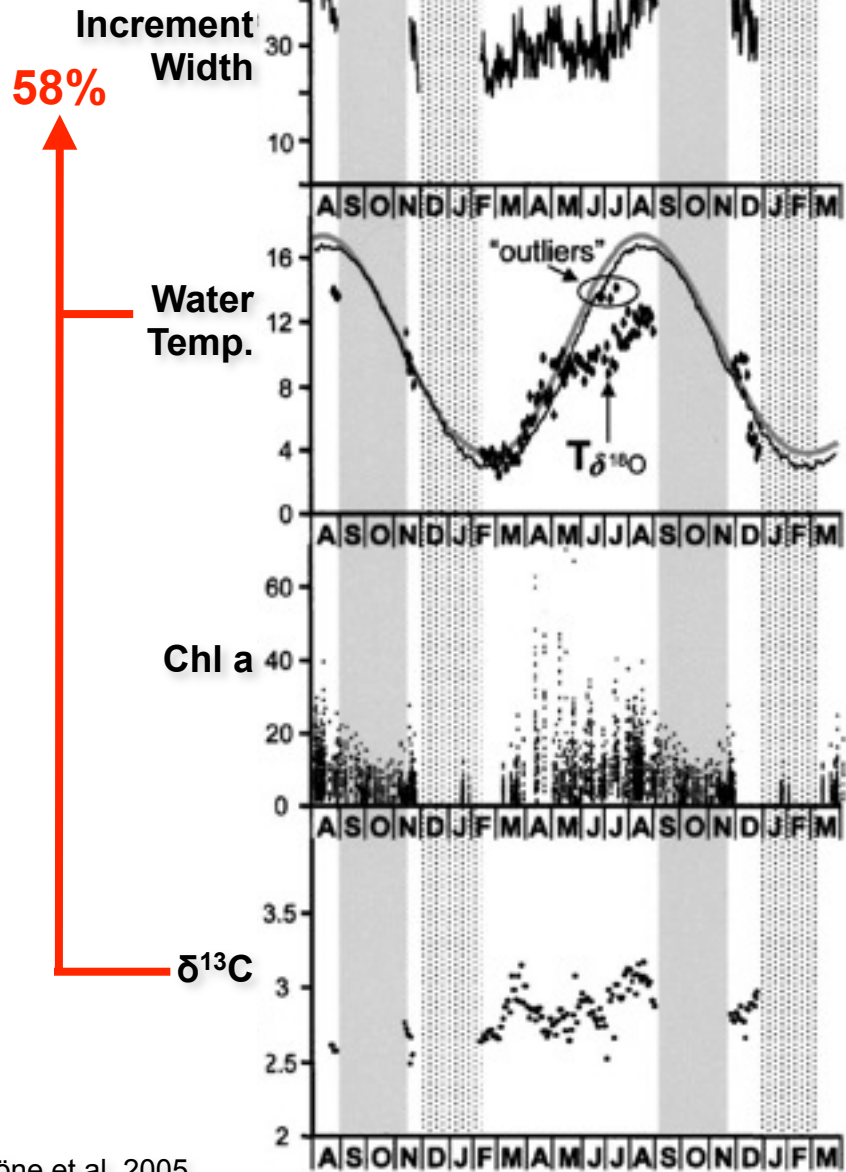
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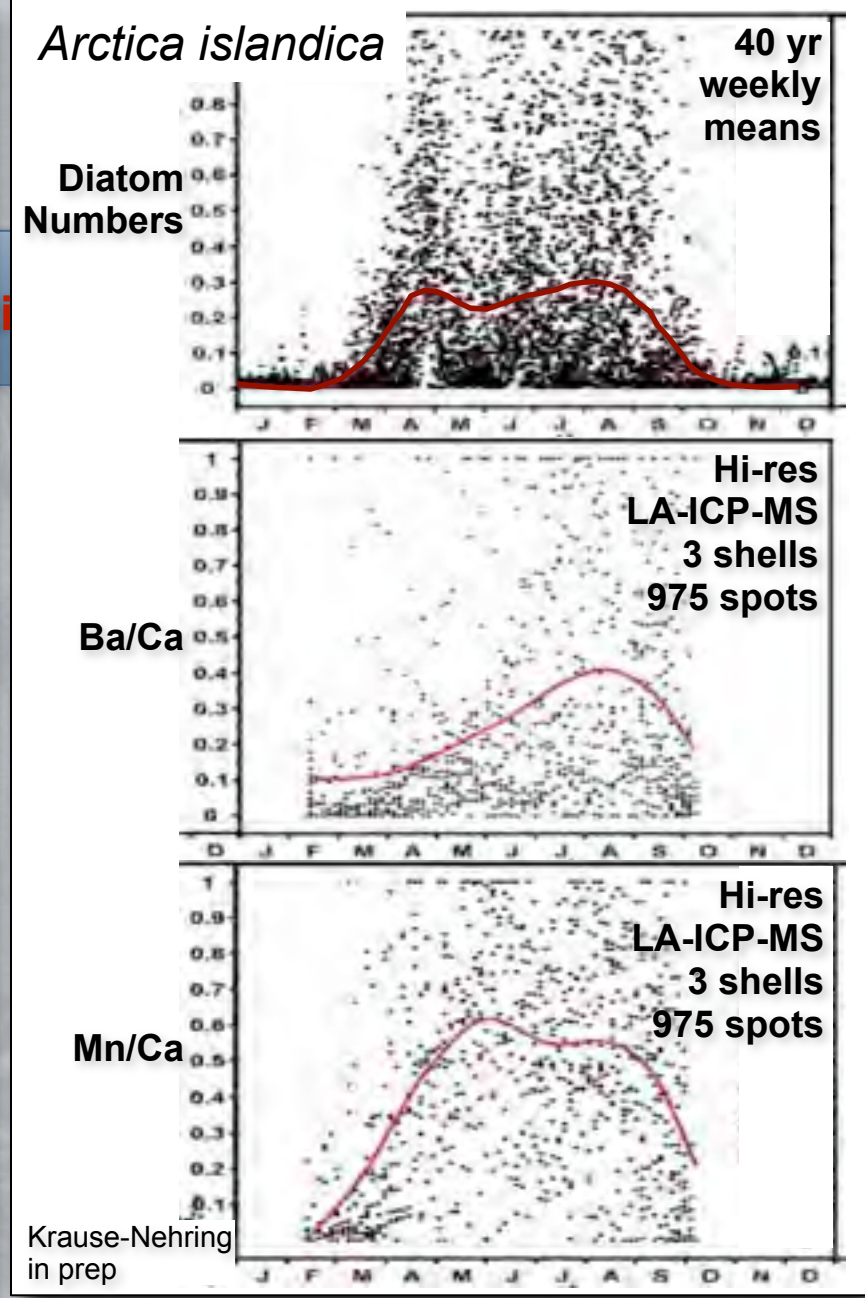
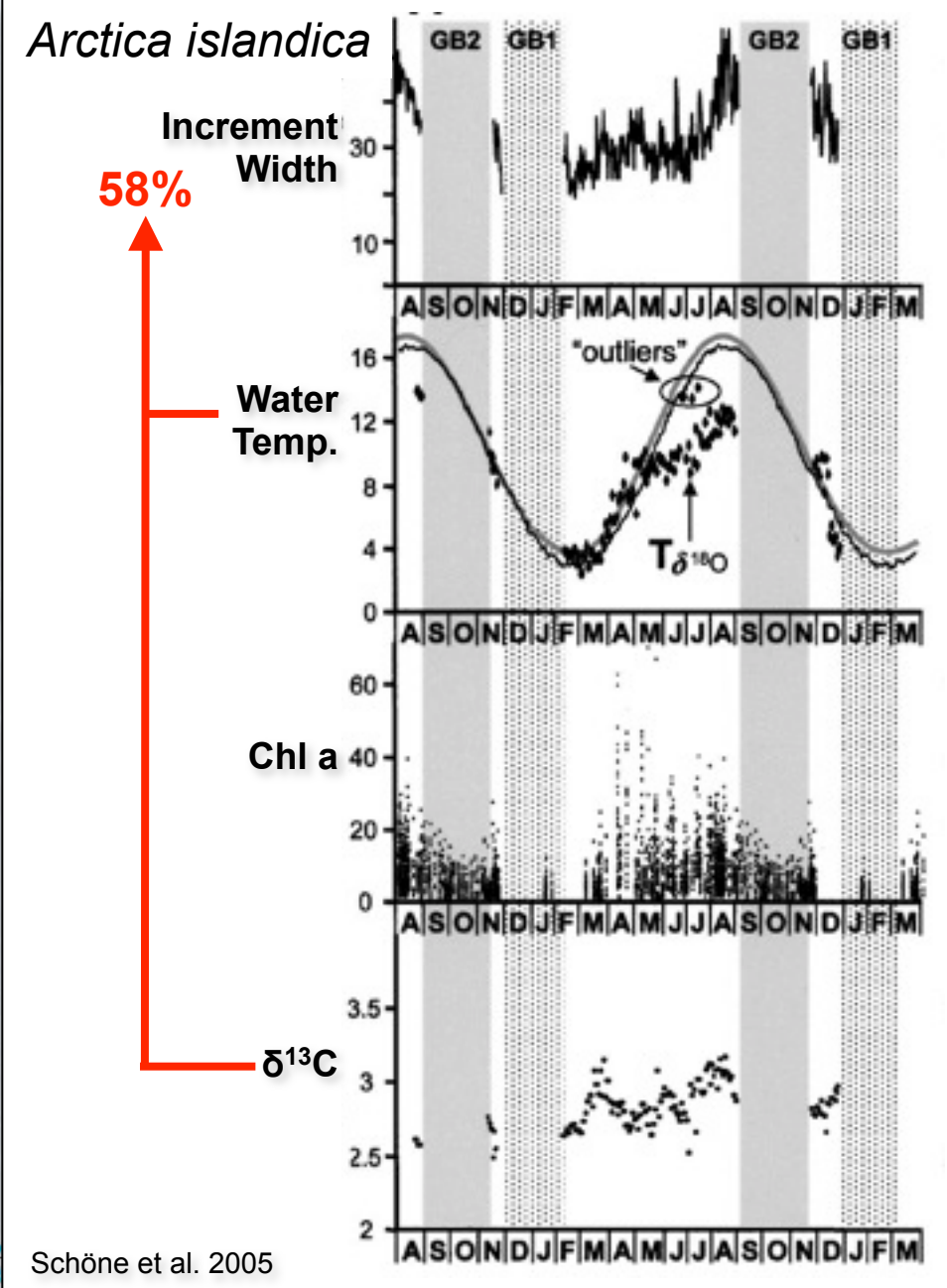
Schöne et al. 2005

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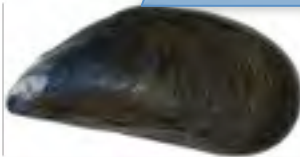
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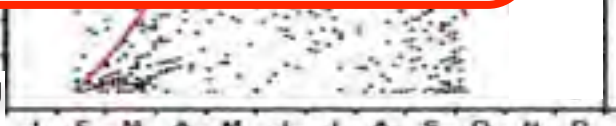
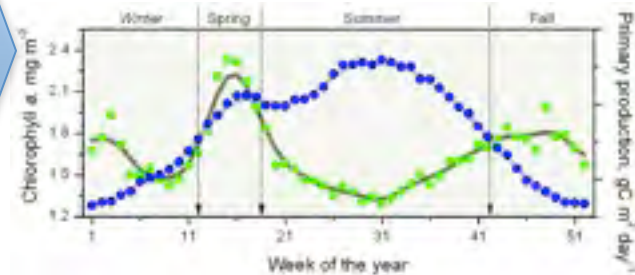
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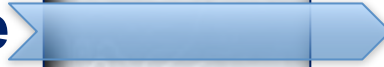


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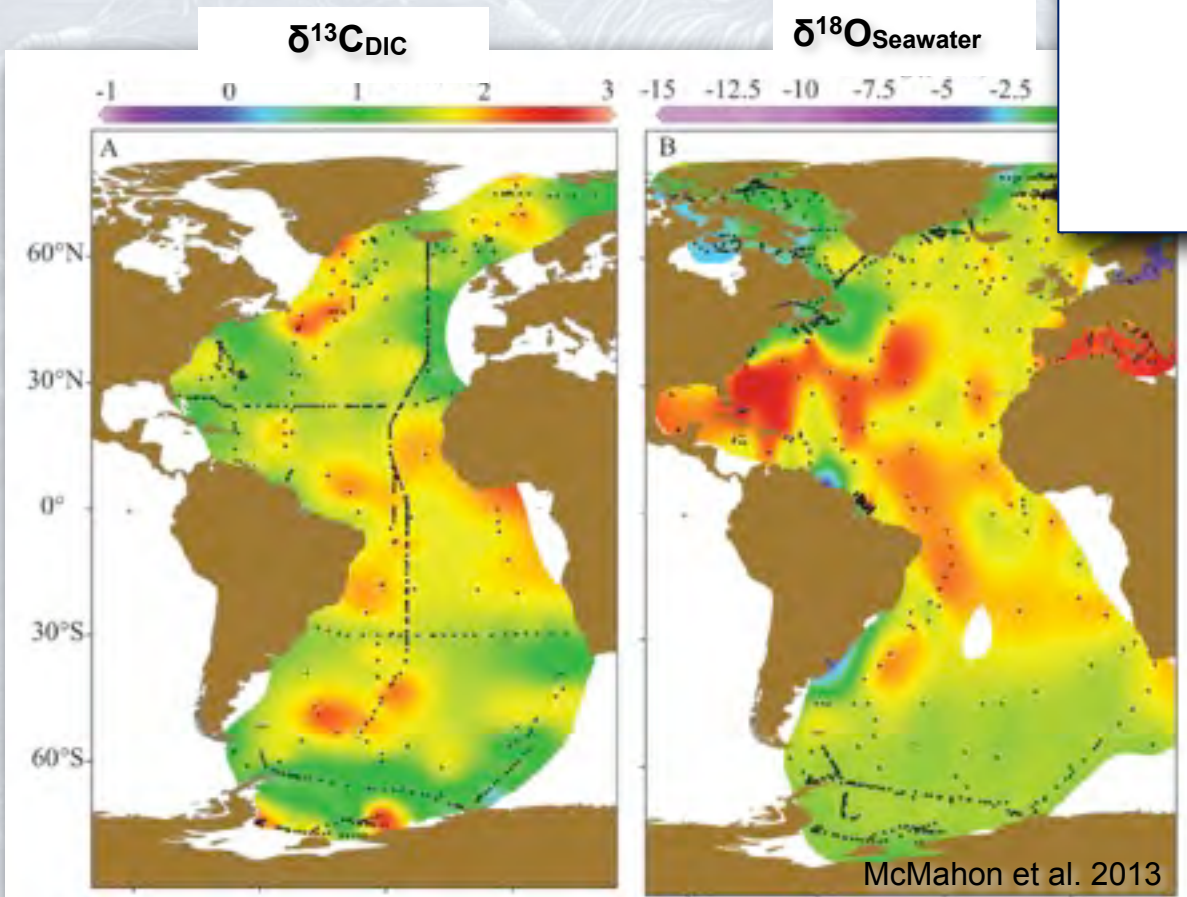


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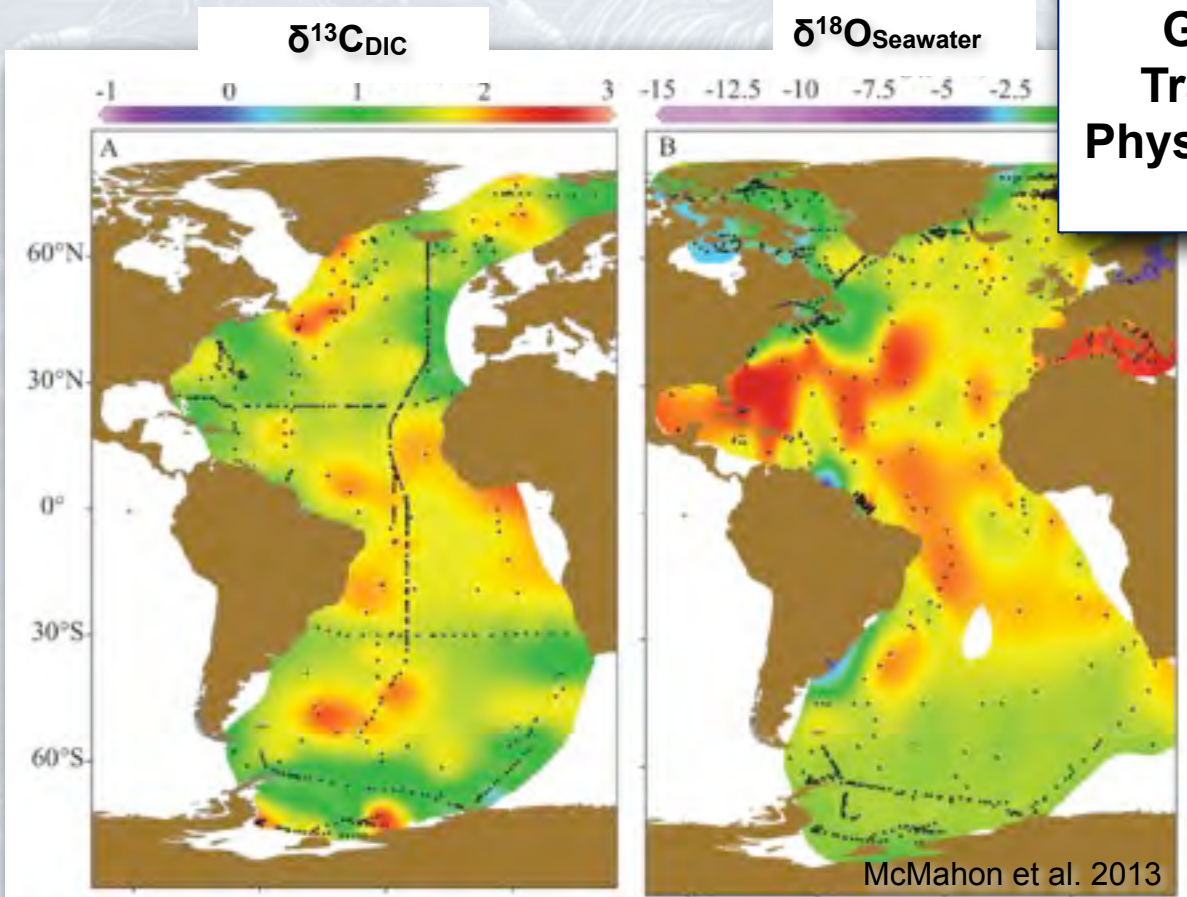
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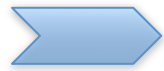
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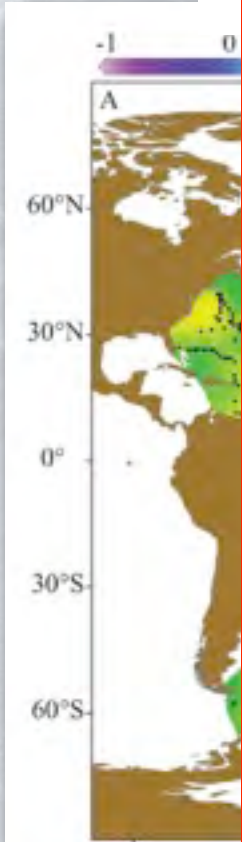
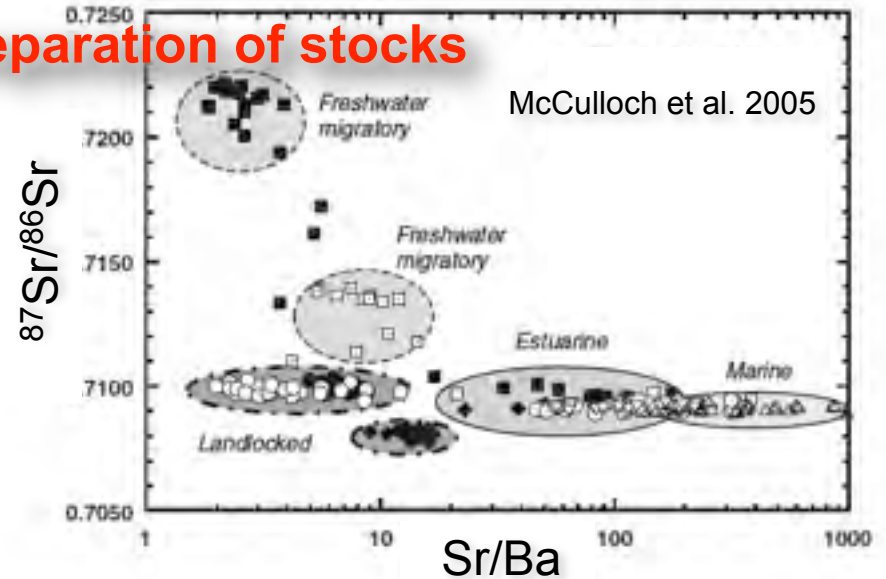


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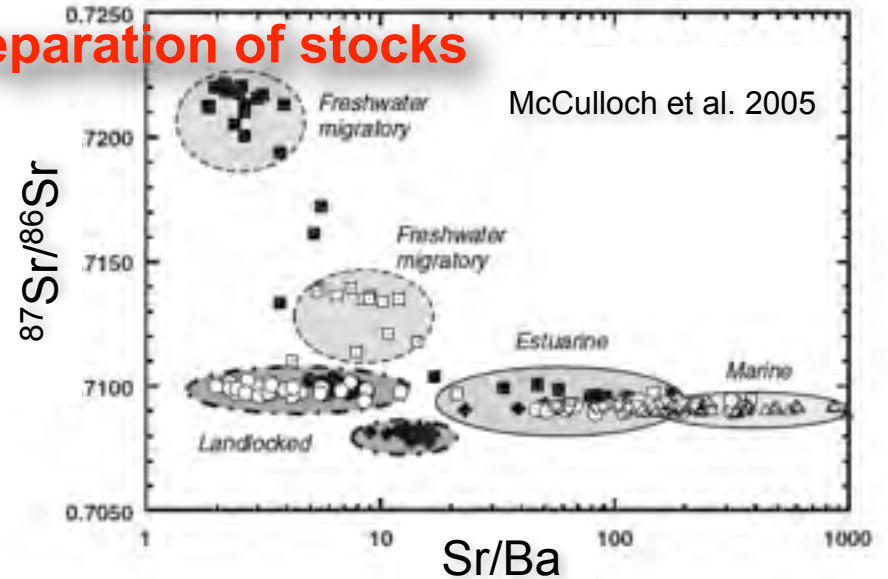
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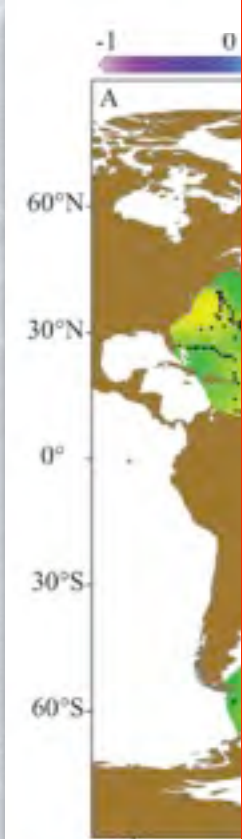
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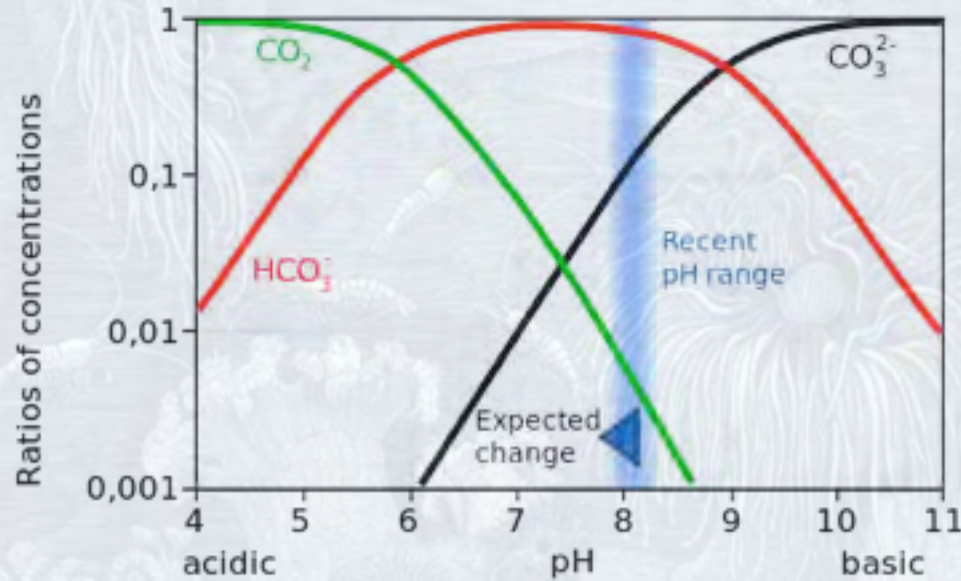




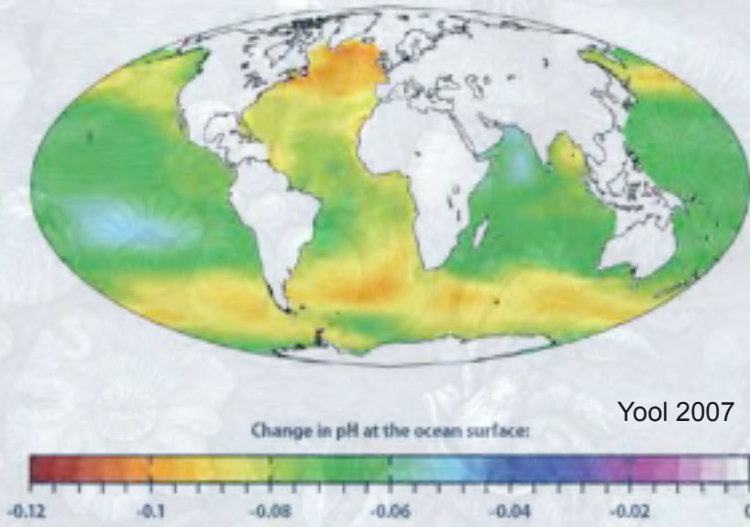
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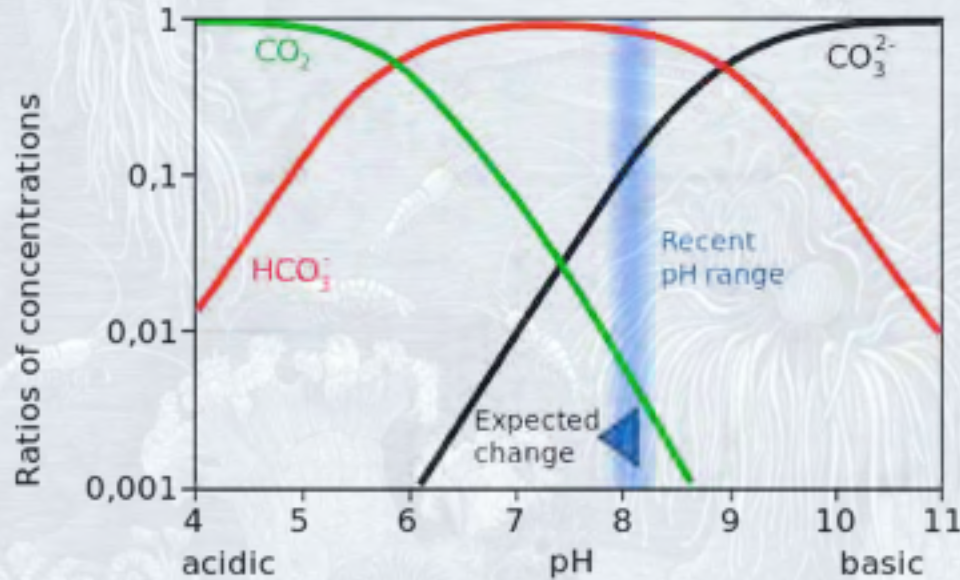
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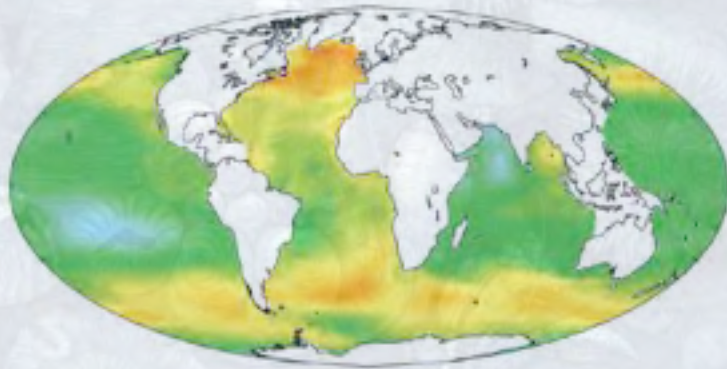
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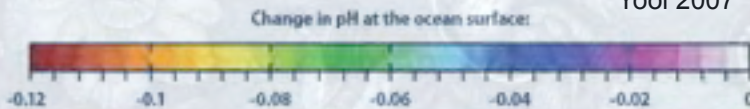
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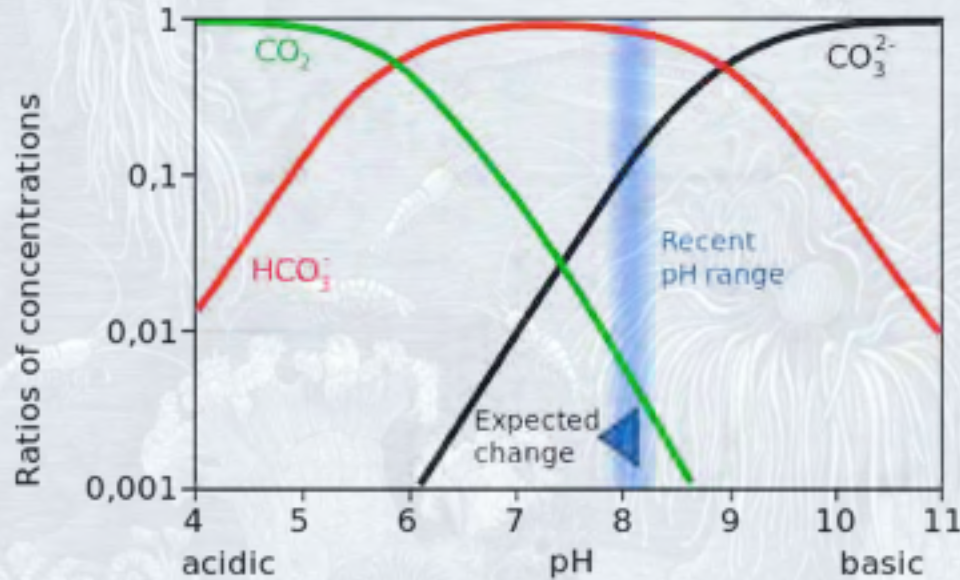
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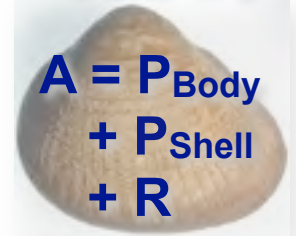
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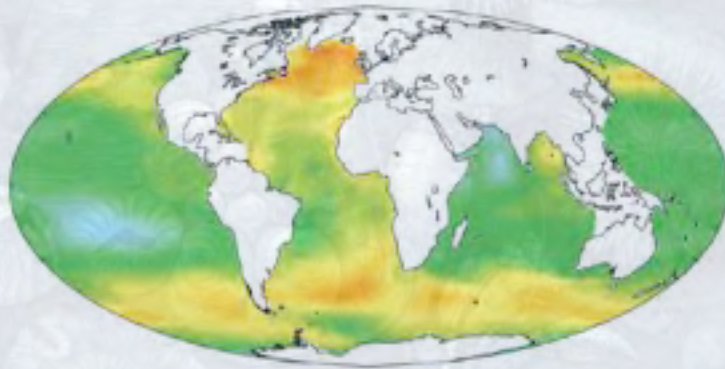


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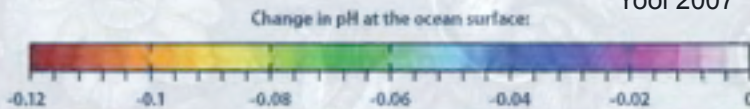


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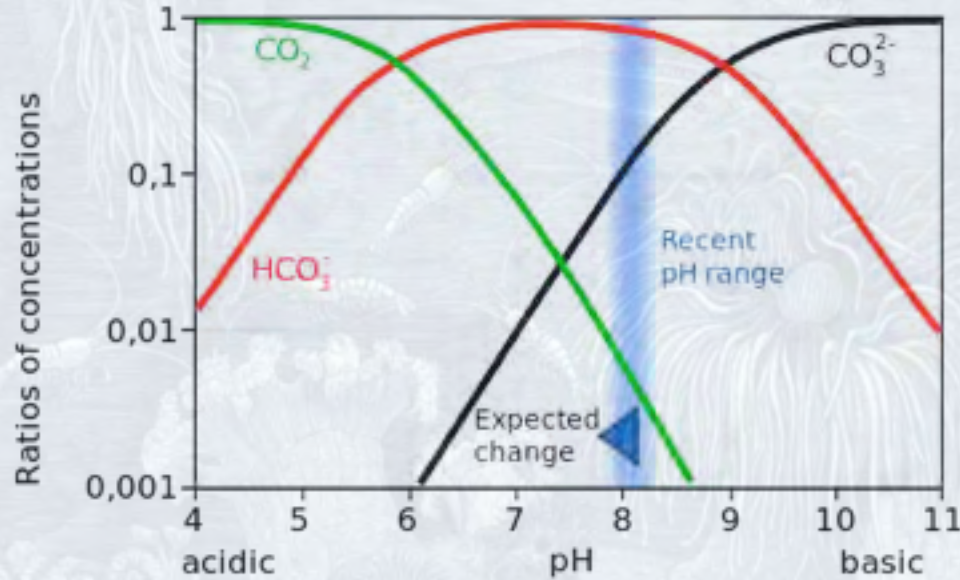
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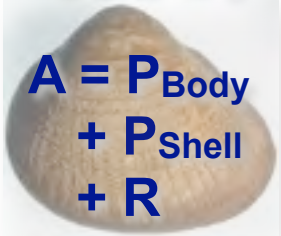
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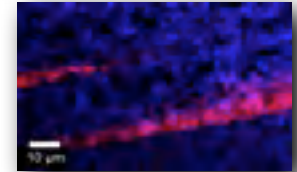
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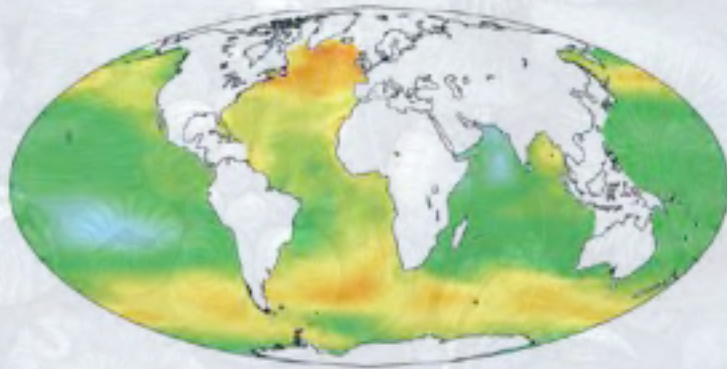
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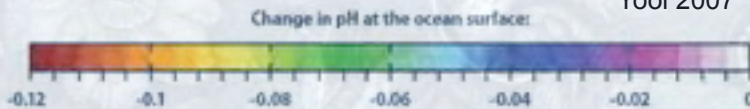
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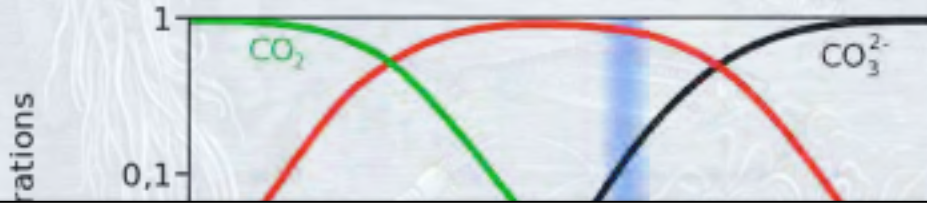
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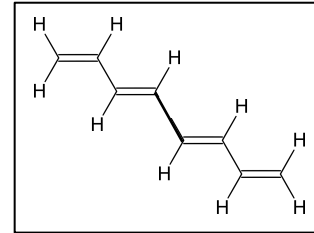
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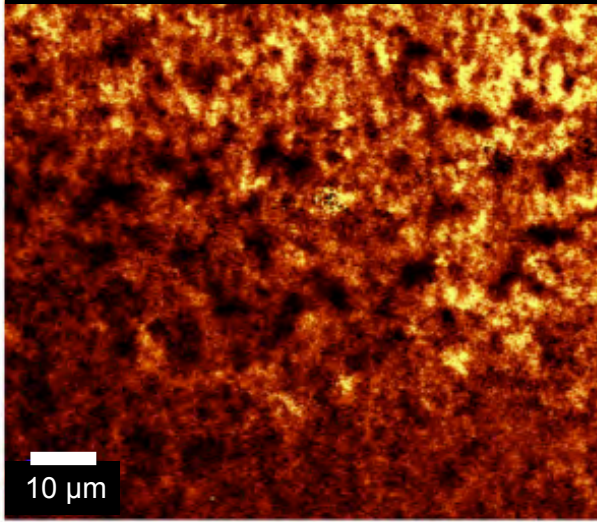
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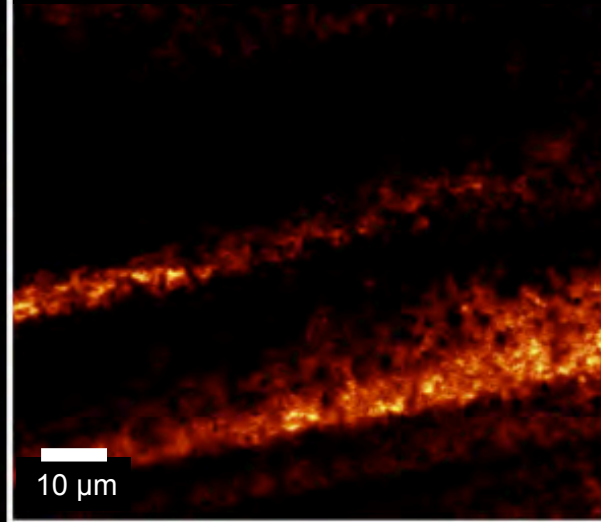
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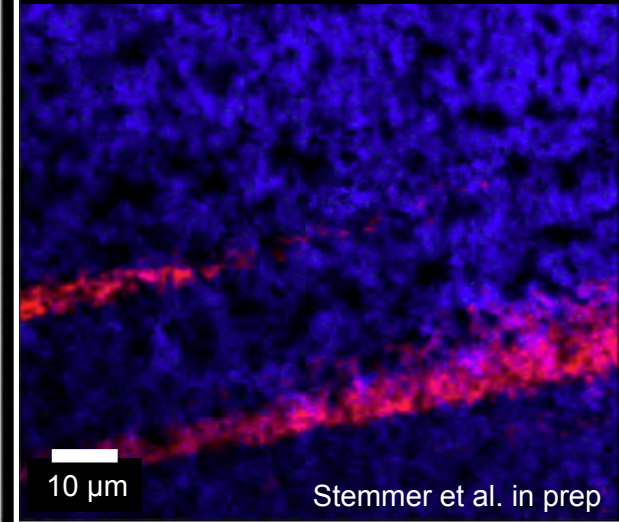
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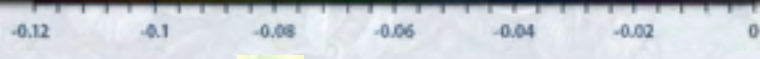
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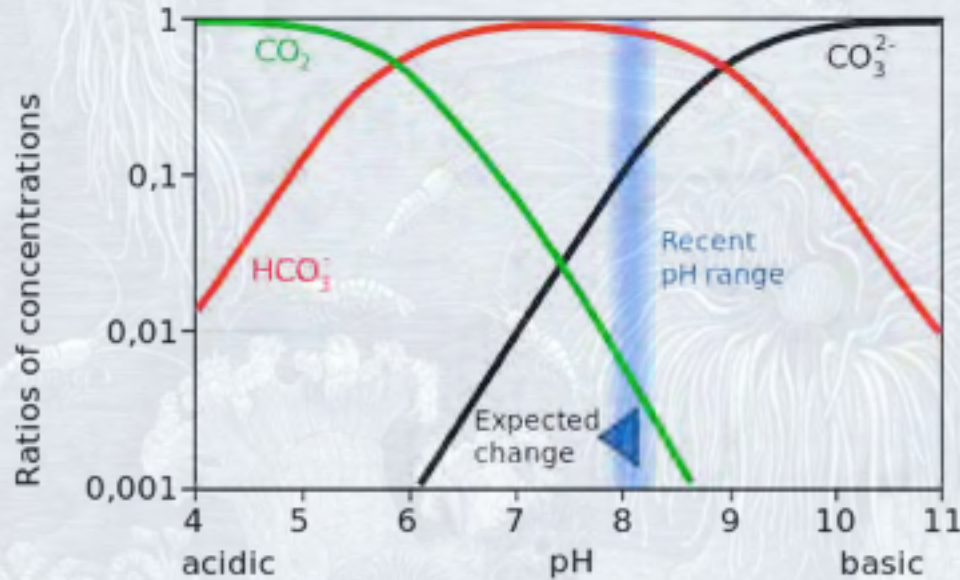
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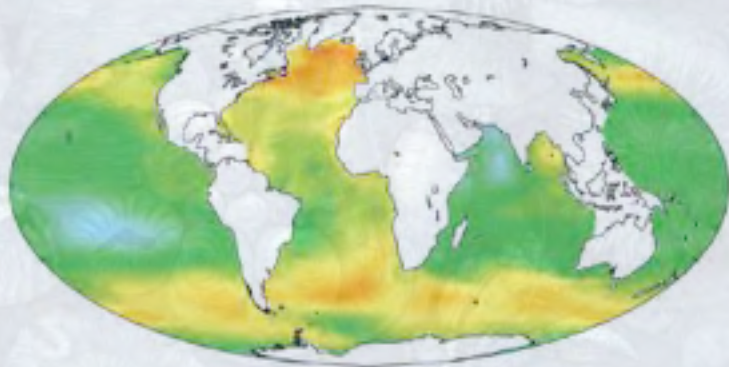
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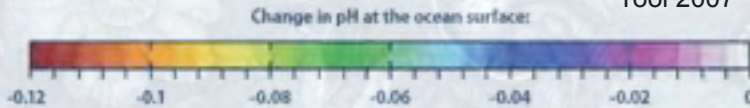
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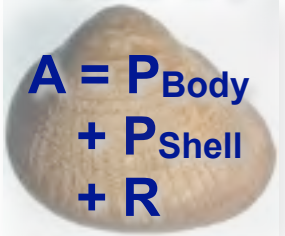
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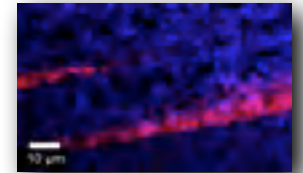
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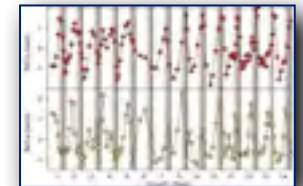
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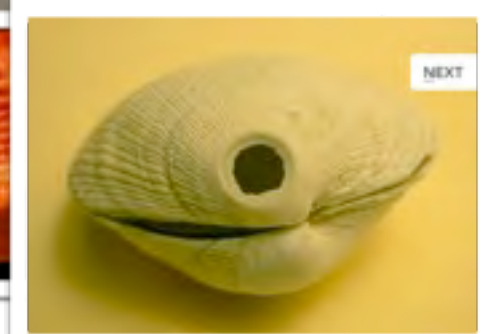
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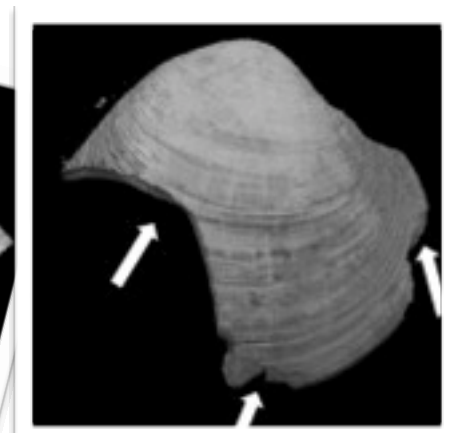
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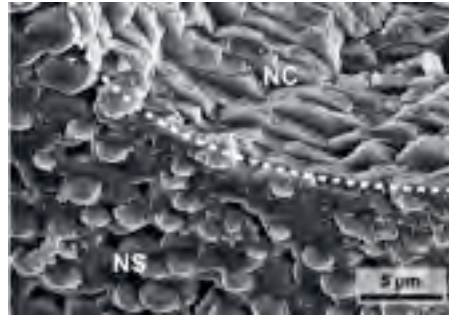
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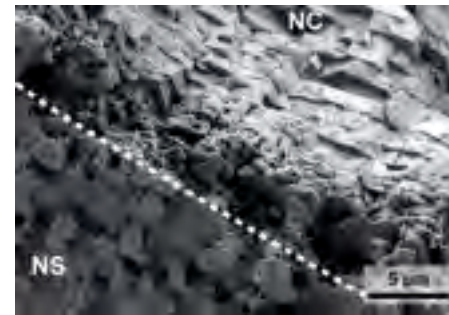
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Shell dissolution
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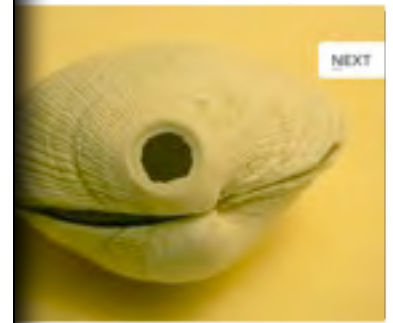
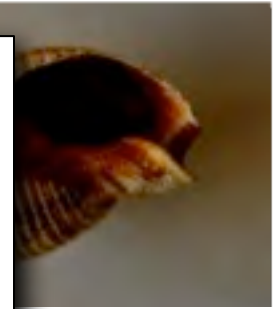
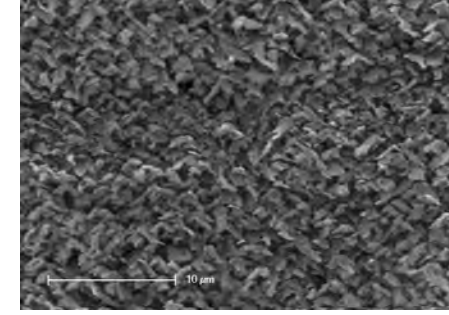
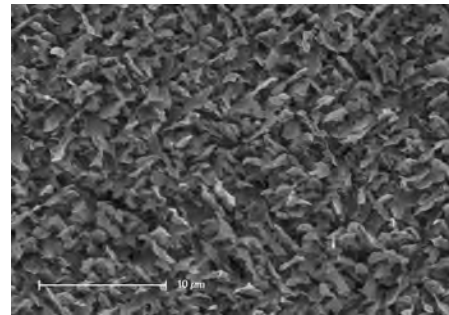
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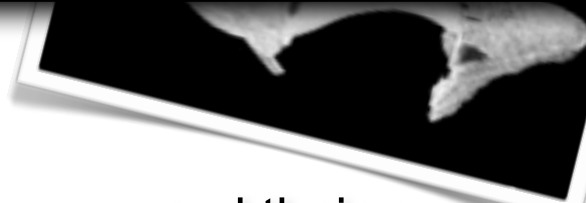
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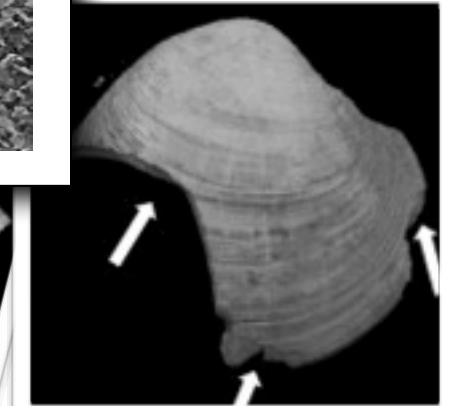
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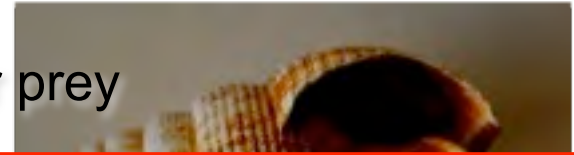
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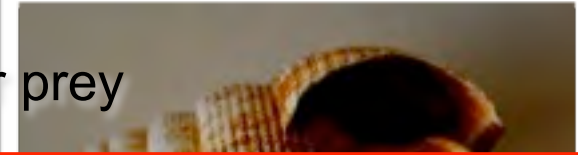


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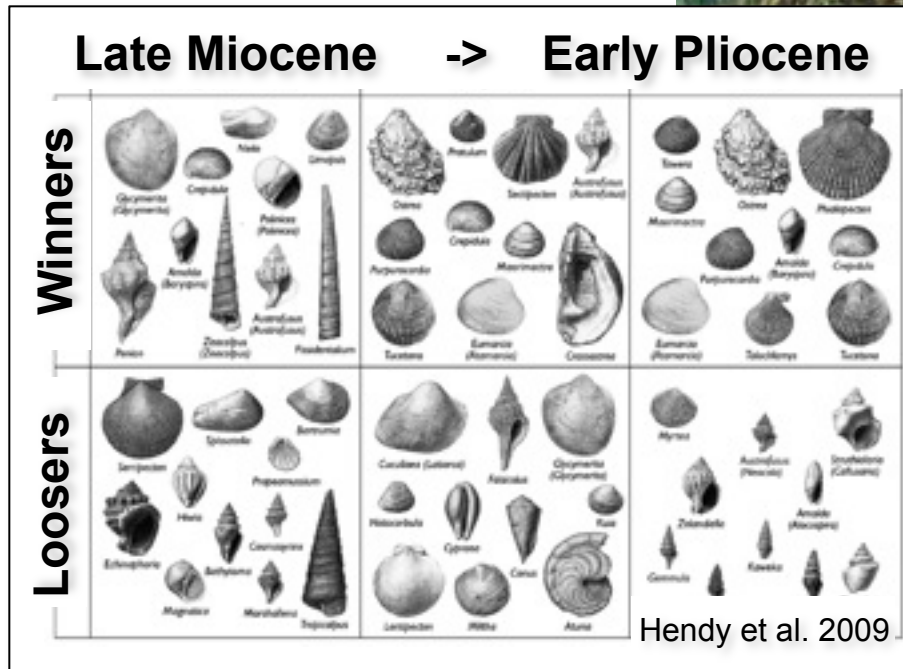
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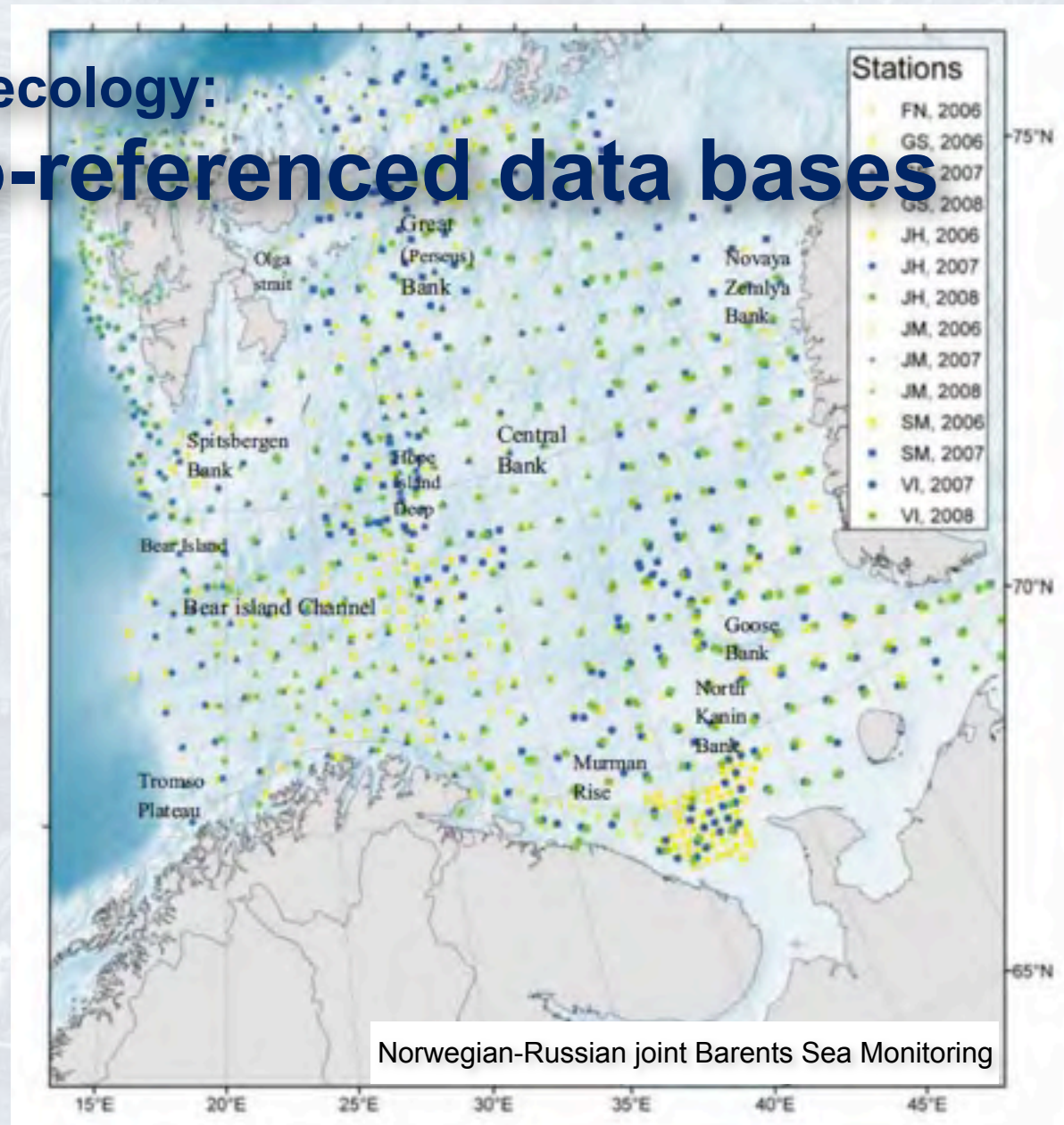


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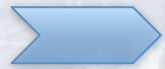
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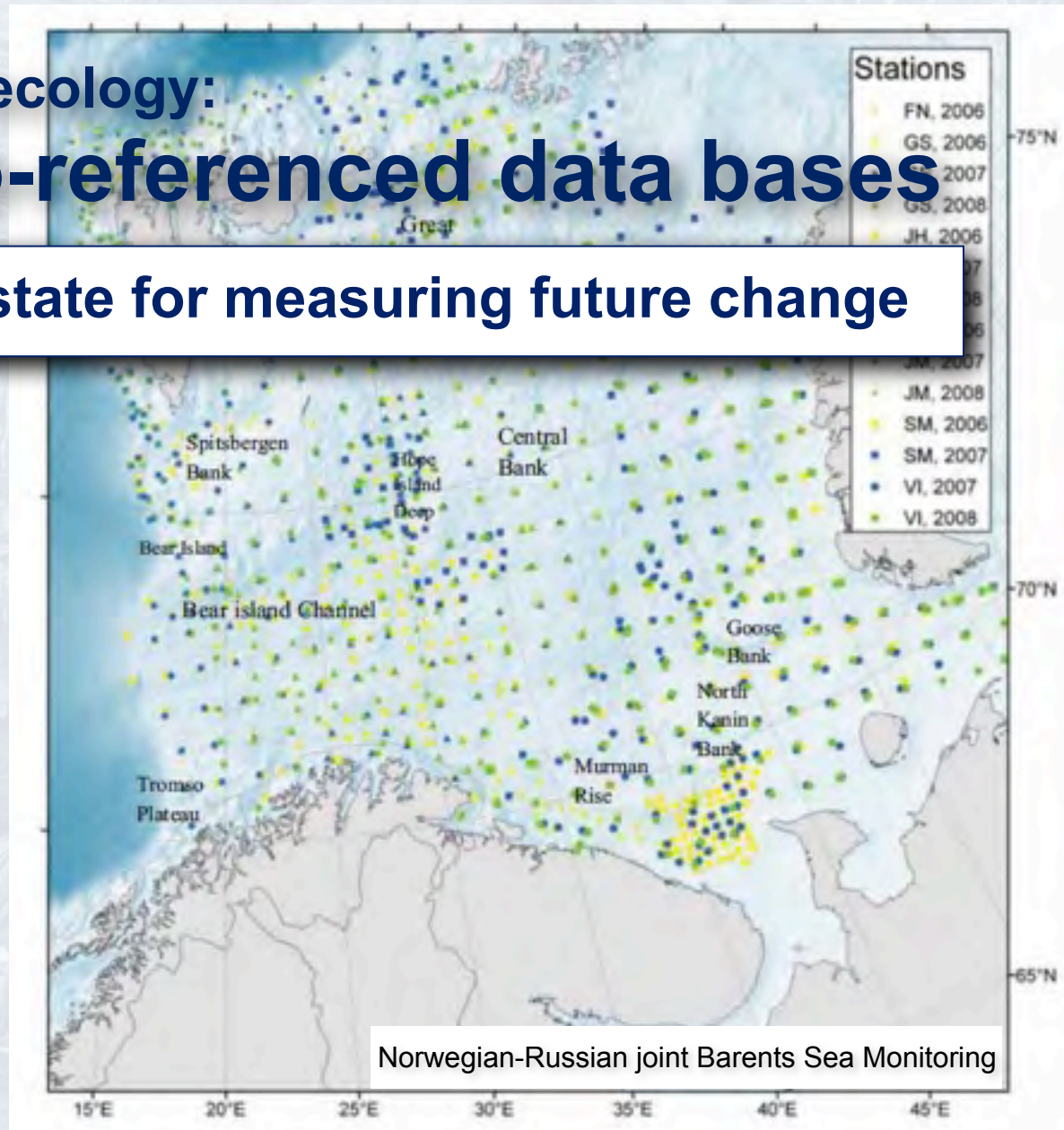


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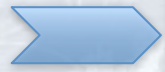


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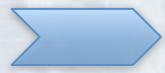


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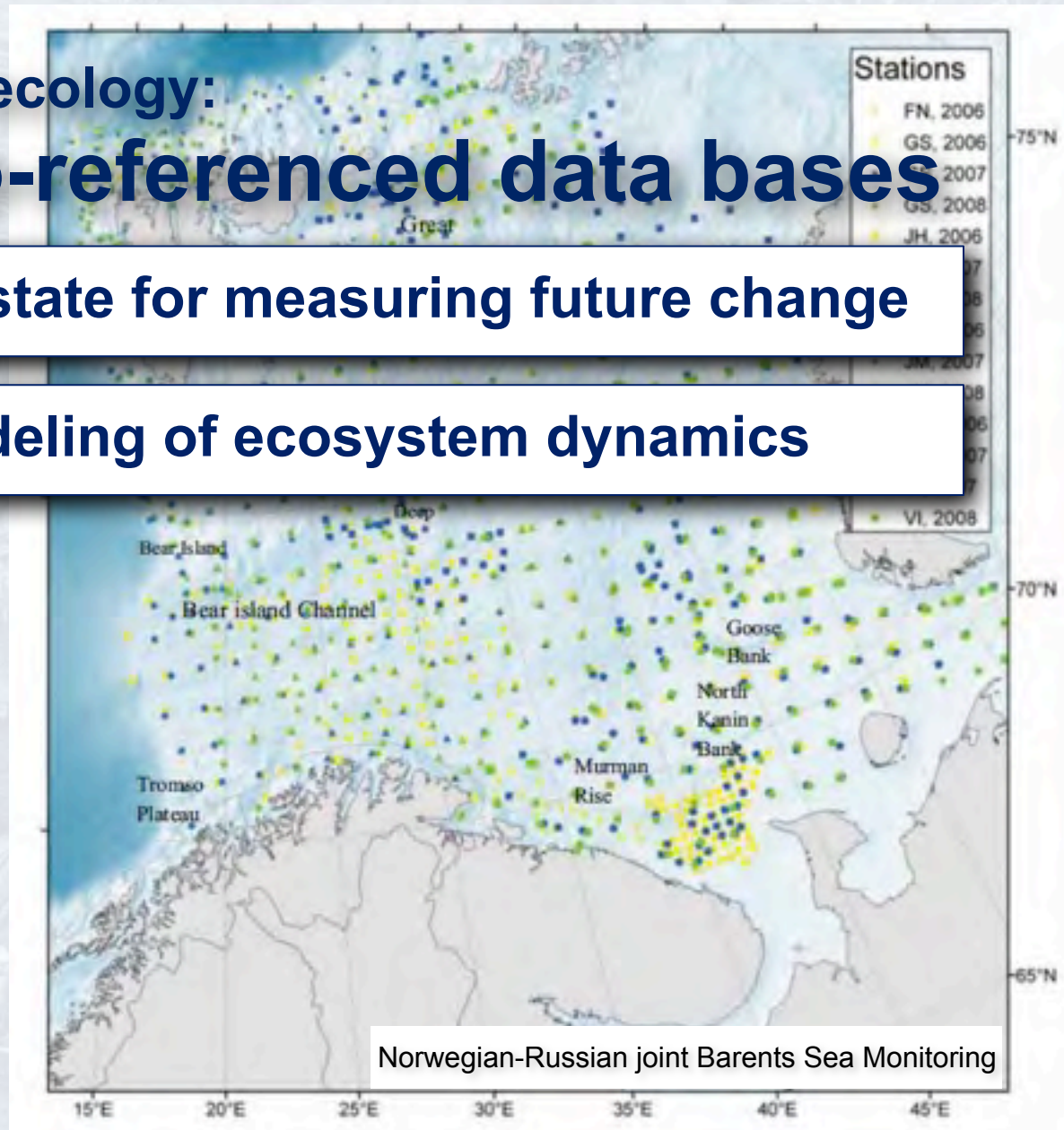
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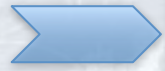
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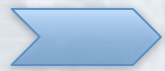
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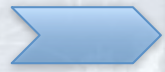
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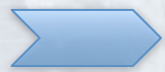
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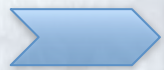
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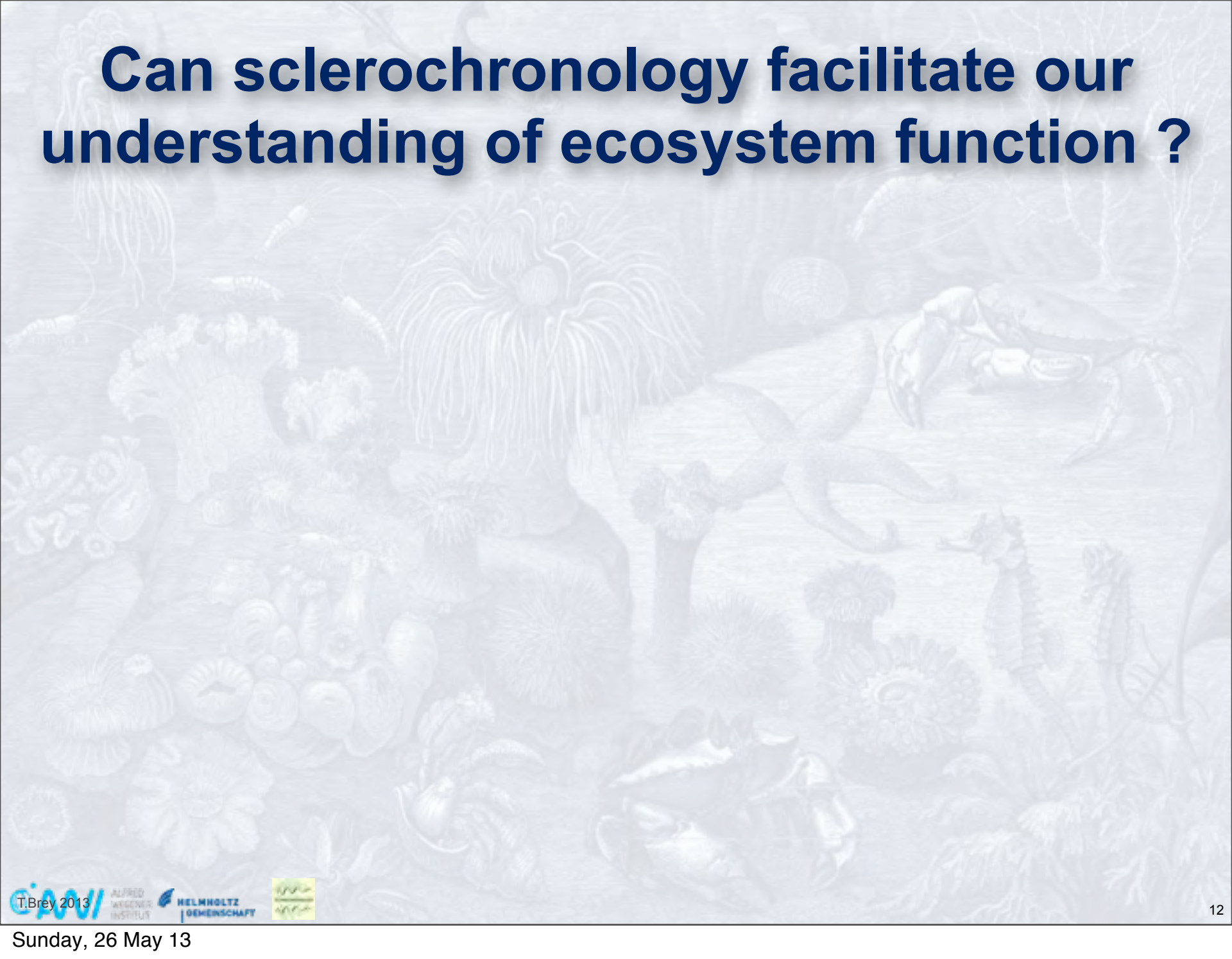
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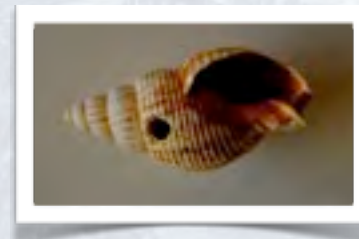
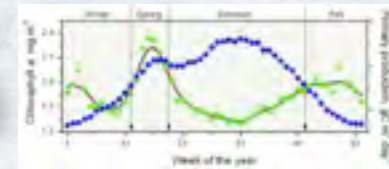
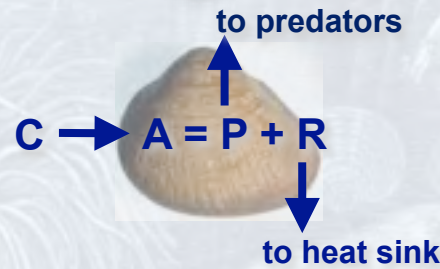
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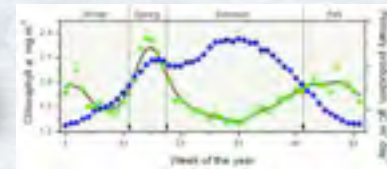
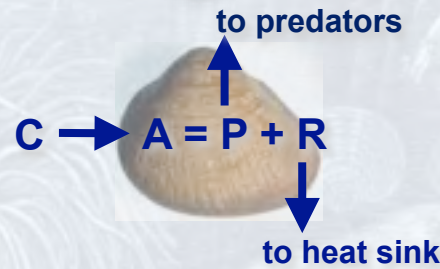
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