

A description of T/S and oxygen variability off southern California using regional- and global-scale climate indices

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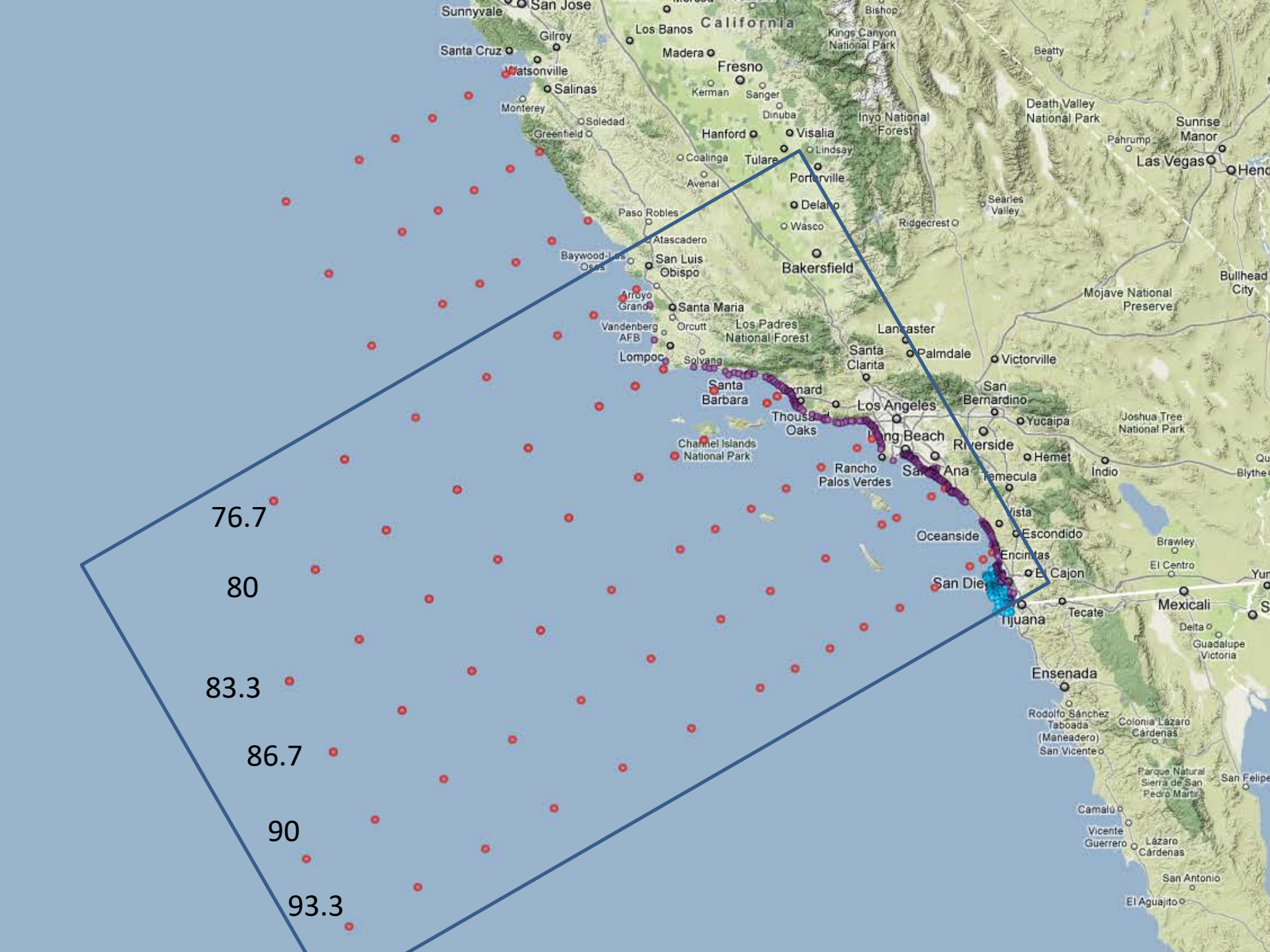
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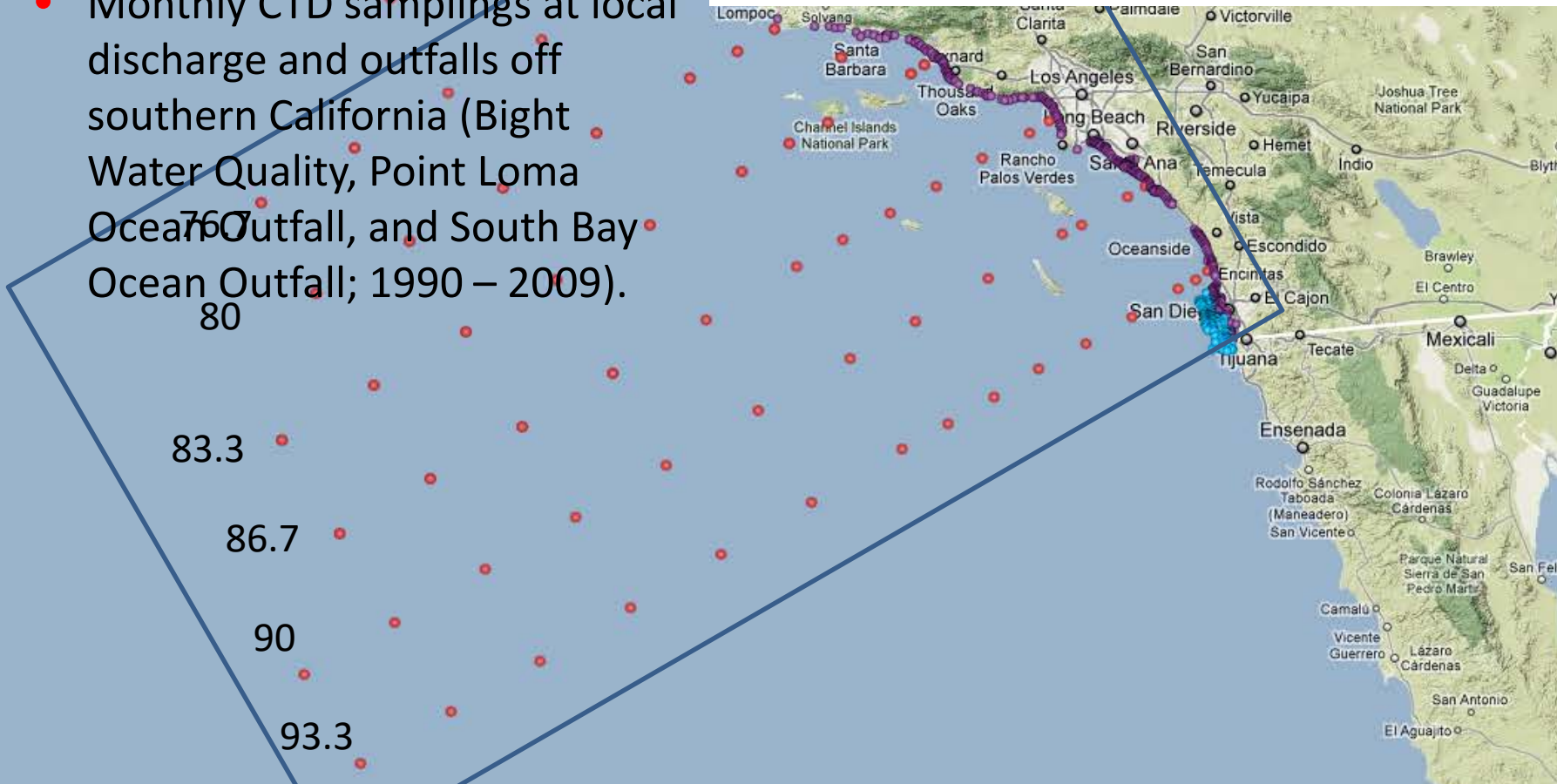
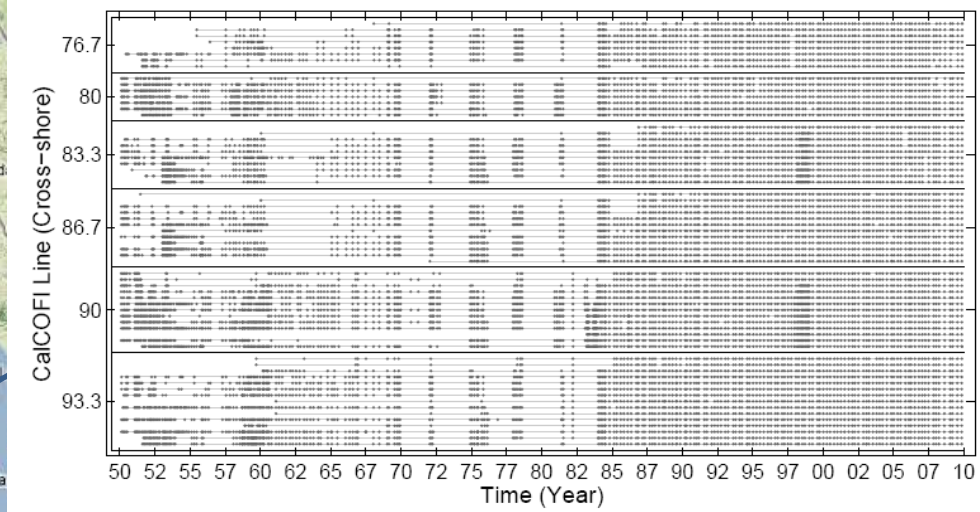
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- Horizontal presentation of Temperature (Seasonality only)
- Summary



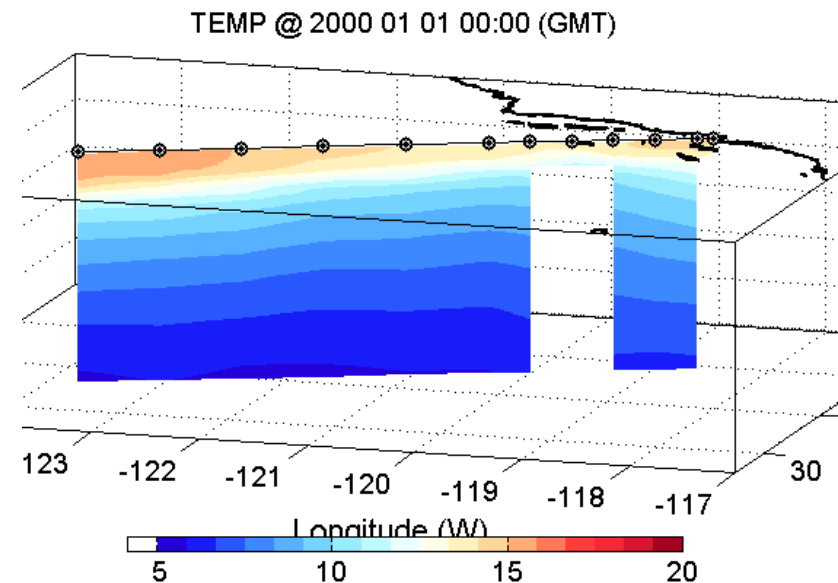
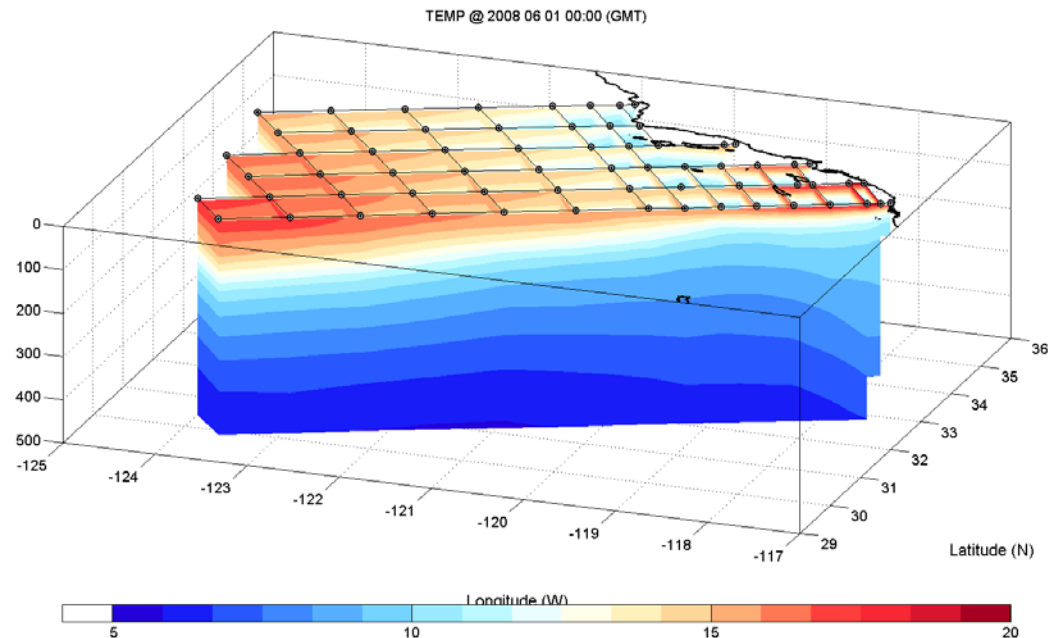
- **Historical Data**

- **Quarterly** California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations (CalCOFI) CTD data (1950 – 2009).
- Monthly CTD samplings at local discharge and outfalls off southern California (Bight Water Quality, Point Loma Ocean Outfall, and South Bay Ocean Outfall; 1990 – 2009).

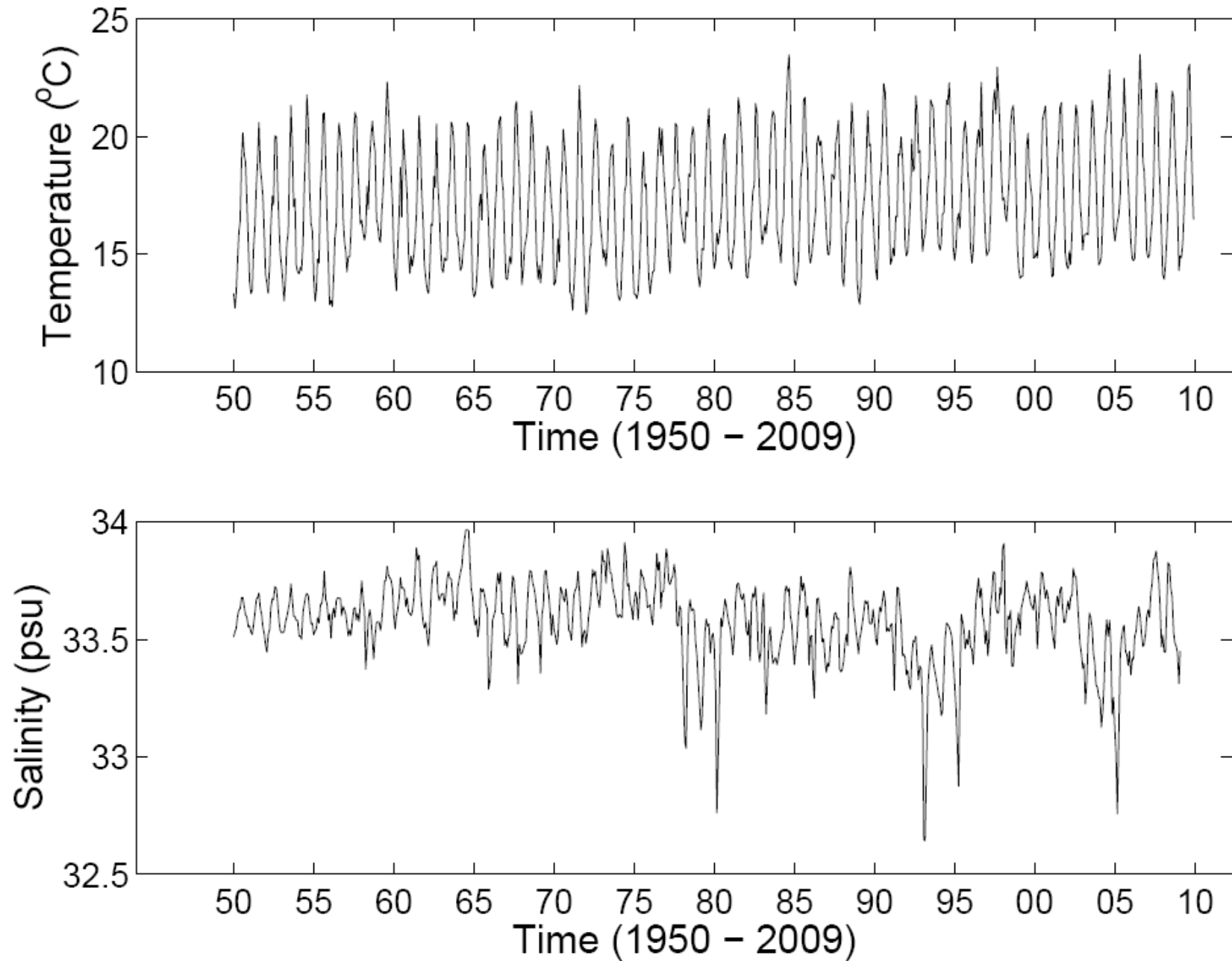


Motivation

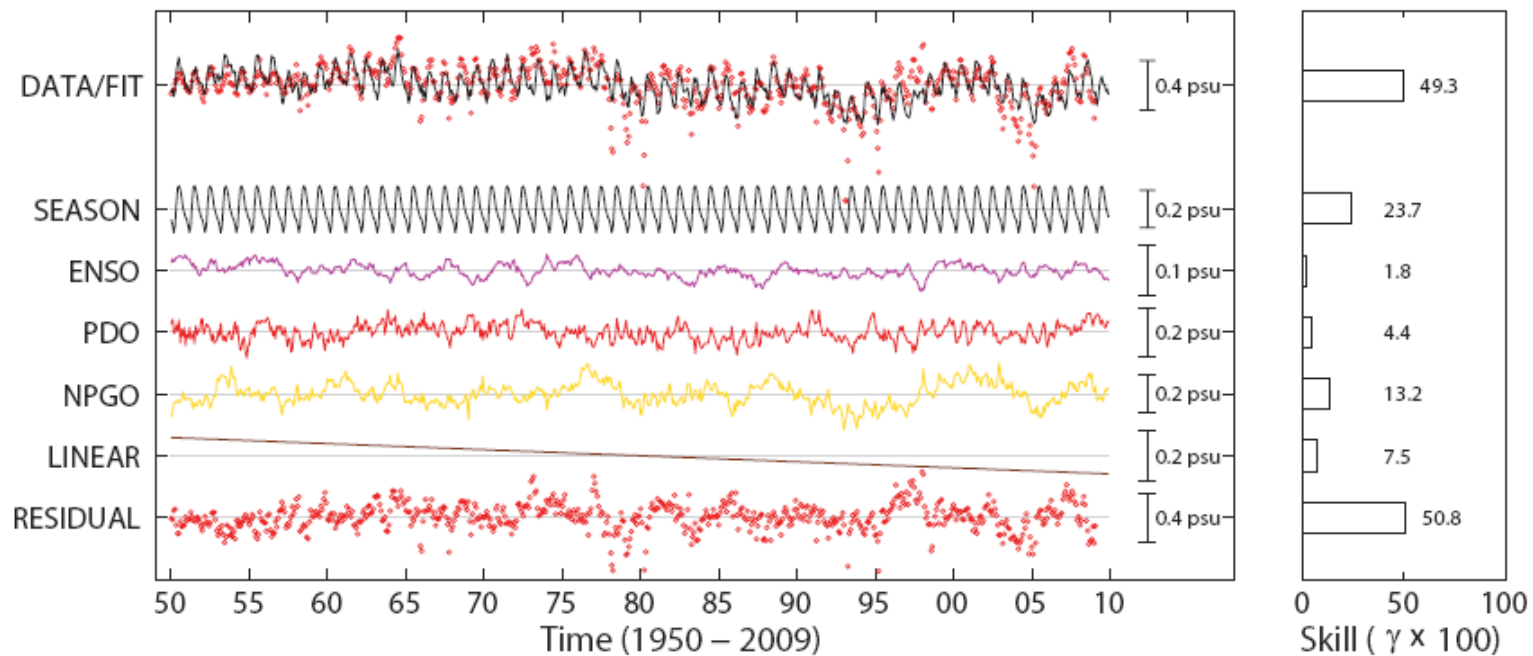
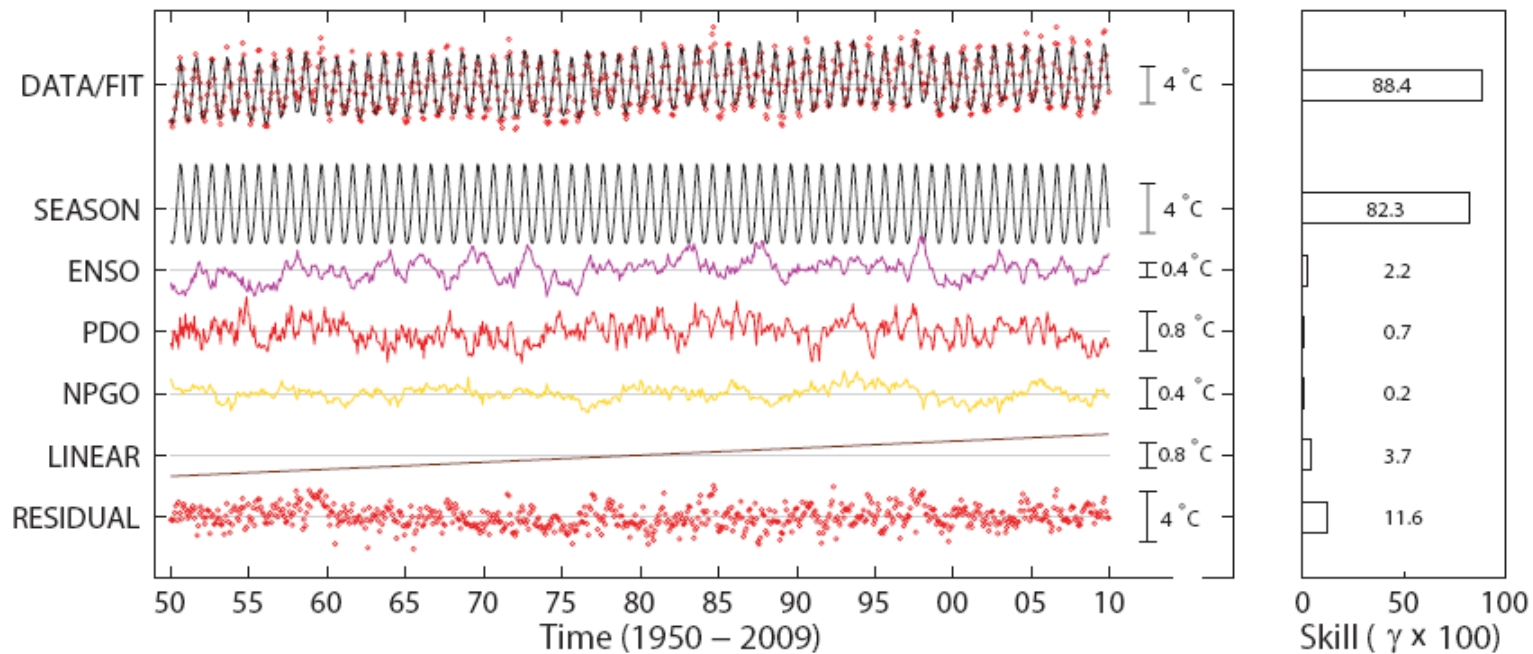
- Partitioning of historical data into seasonality, components coherent with regional and global climate indices.
- How much variance is explained by each term?
- Deriving climatology and reconstructing three-dimensional (x,y,z) time series (t) .
- Detecting potential climate signals from coastal observations.



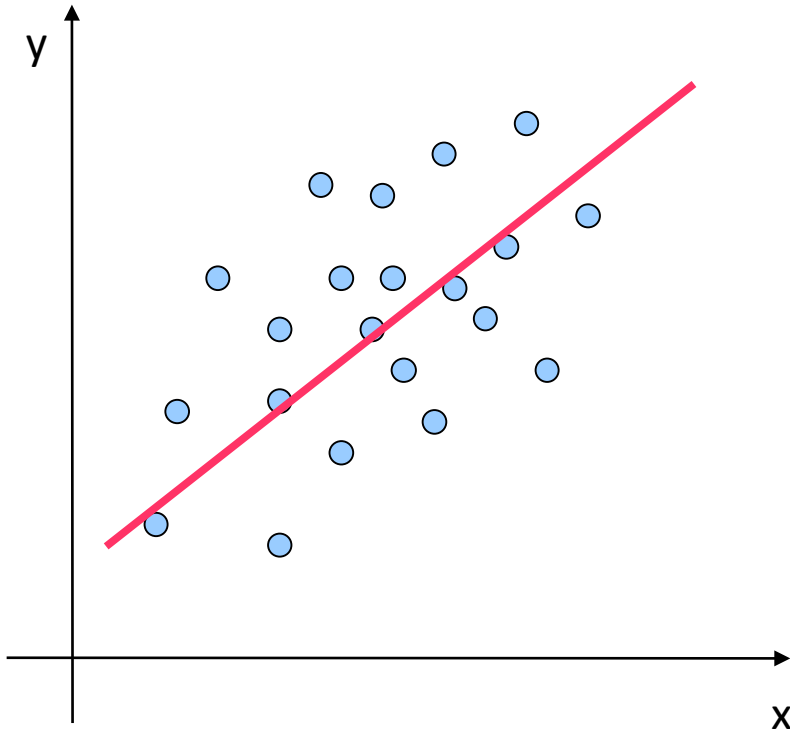
Time series of temperature and salinity at SIO Pier



Examples (SIO temperature and salinity) of decomposition



Linear regression



- Least-squares fit for unevenly sampled time series

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{G} \mathbf{m}$$

\mathbf{d} : Data (observations)

\mathbf{G} : Basis functions

\mathbf{m} : Regression coefficients

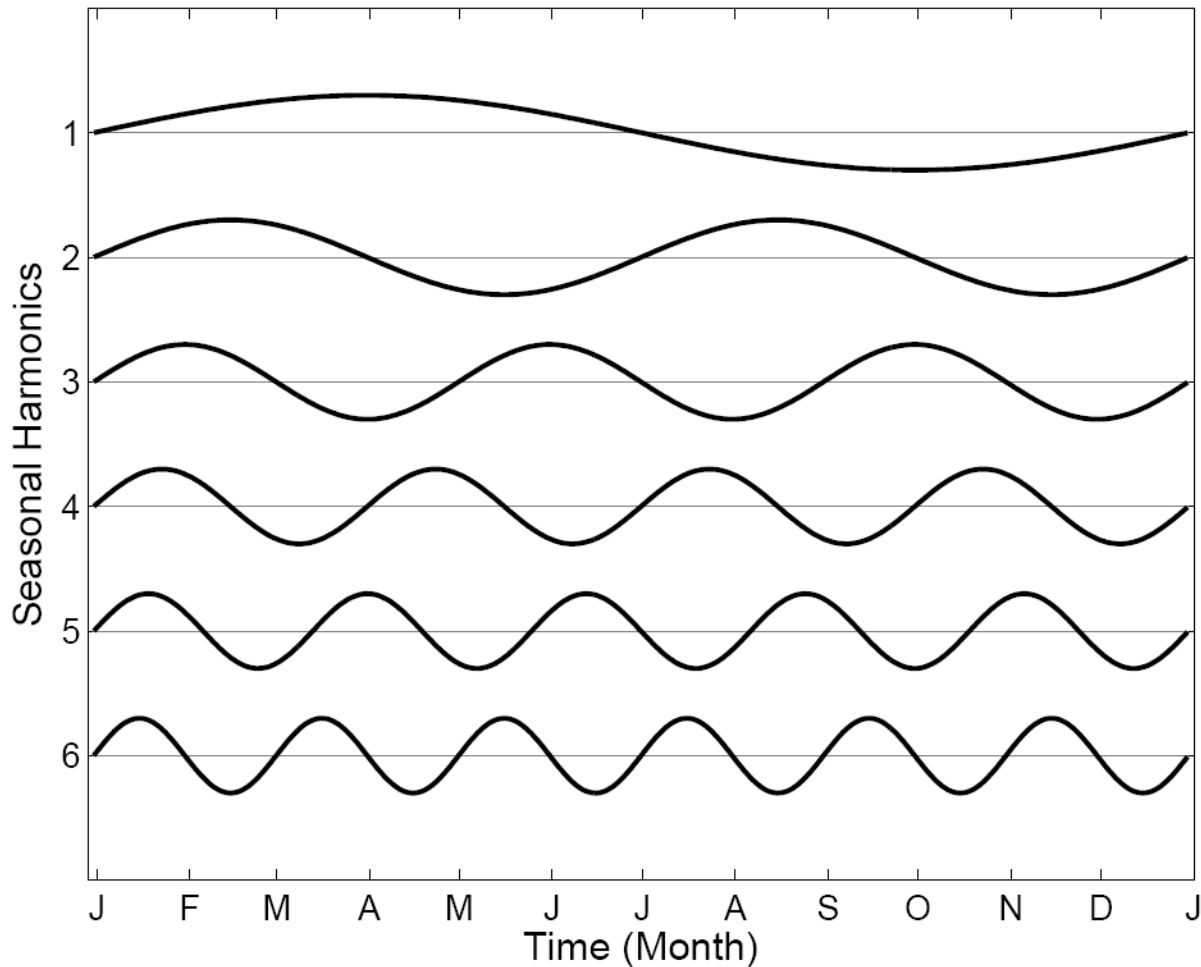
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{m}} &= \mathbf{P} \mathbf{G}^{\dagger} \left(\mathbf{G} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{G}^{\dagger} + \mathbf{R} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{d}, \\ &= \left(\mathbf{G}^{\dagger} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{P}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{G}^{\dagger} \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{d}, \end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{P} : model covariance

\mathbf{R} : error covariance

Regression basis

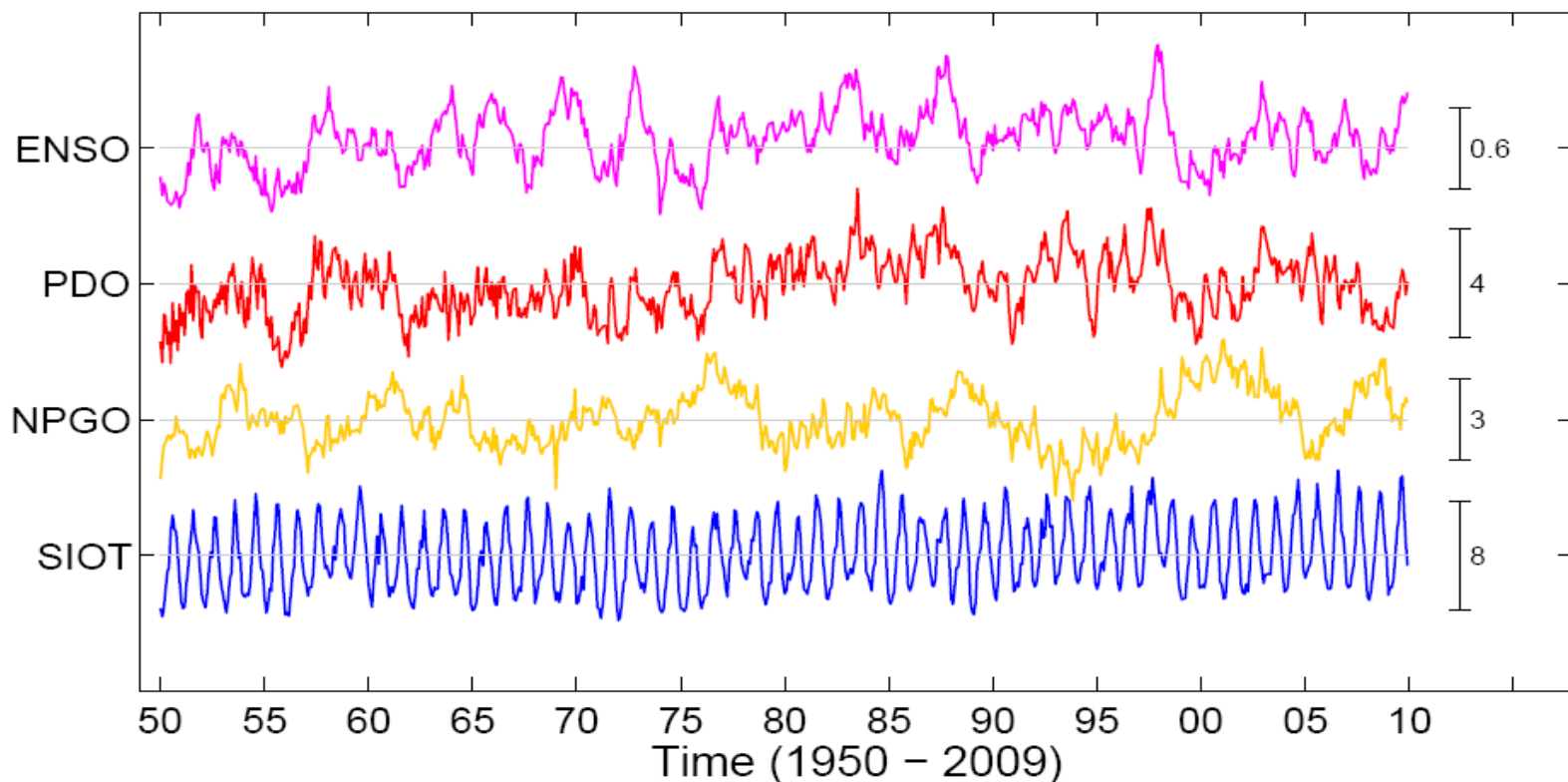
- SA1 – SA6 (6 harmonics of seasonality)



- $T = 365.2425$ days
- $T/2 = 182.6718$ days
- $T/3 = 121.7812$ days
- $T/4 = 91.3559$ days
- $T/5 = 73.0687$ days
- $T/6 = 60.8906$ days

Regression basis

- SA1 – SA6 (6 harmonics of seasonality)
- ENSO: El-nino Southern Ocean Oscillation (1900-2009)
- PDO (Pacific Decadal Oscillation): 1st mode of North Pacific SST (1900-2009)
- NPGO (North Pacific Gyre Oscillation): 2nd mode of northeastern Pacific SSHAs + SST (1950-2009)
- SIOT: Scripps Pier Temperature (1916-2009)
- Linear trend



Data decomposition

- Decomposition of time series (multivariate regression)

$$d(t) = d_S(t) + d_C(t) + d_F(t) + d_R(t),$$

- Seasonality with six harmonics (SA1, SA2, ..., and SA6).
 - Climate indices (ENSO, PDO, NPGO, and SIOT).
 - Polynomials (mean and linear trend)
- Scientific Successive orthogonalization
 - As climate indicate are coherent each other, there is ambiguity in partition of variance.
 - In a given order of basis functions, a basis function is orthogonalized by basis functions above that in sequentially.
 - Seasonality \rightarrow ENSO \rightarrow linear trend \rightarrow PDO \rightarrow NPGO \rightarrow SIOT
 - **Caveat:** Orthogonalized basis functions are not the same as the original ones

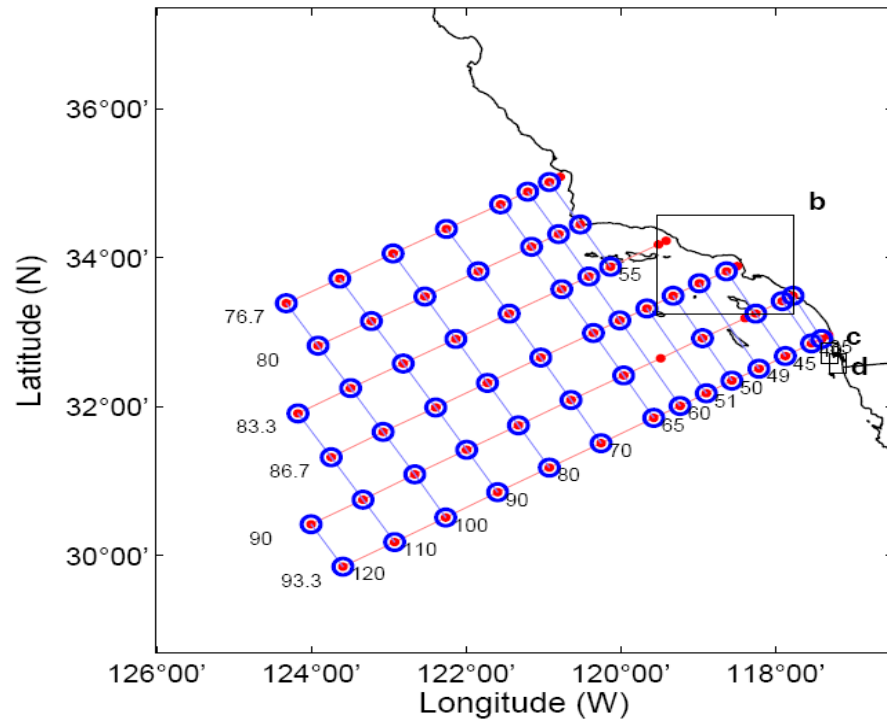
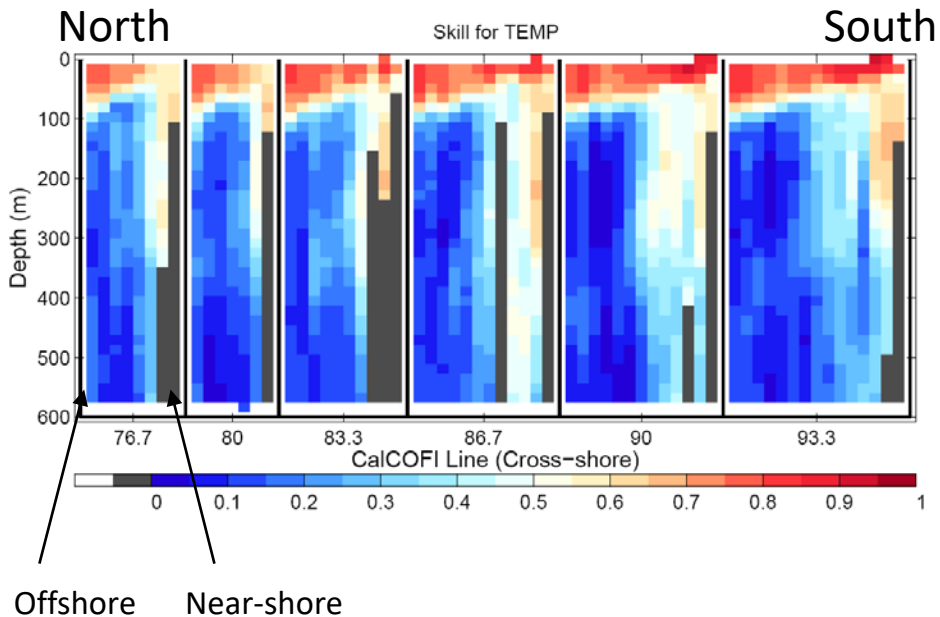
Correlation **before** orthogonalization

	ENSO	PDO	NPGO	SIOT
ENSO				
PDO	0.58			
NPGO	-0.18	-0.09		
SIOT	0.21	0.20	-0.02	

Correlation **after** orthogonalization

	ENSO	PDO	NPGO	SIOT
ENSO				
PDO	-0.05			
NPGO	0.07	-0.00		
SIOT	-0.09	0.00	0.00	

Presentation of cross-shore transects



Total skill:

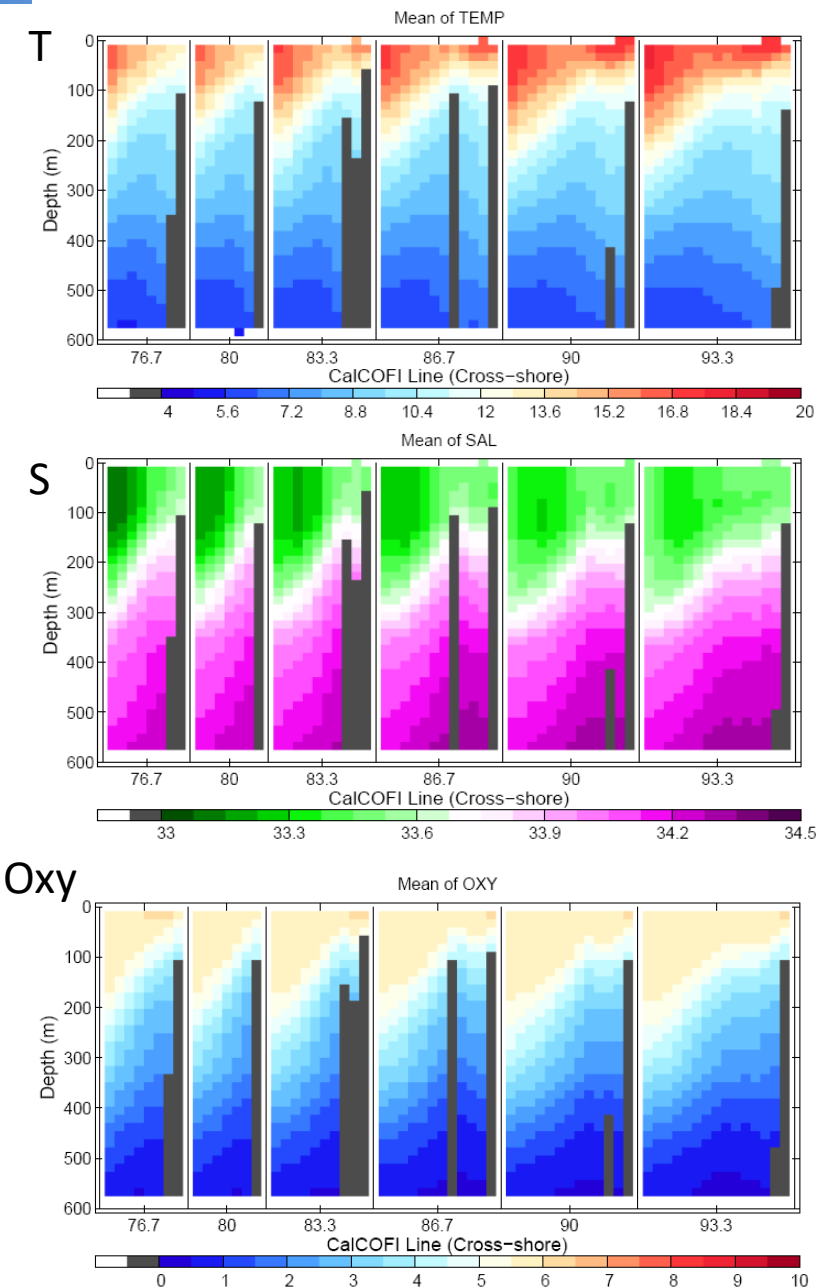
$$\kappa^2 = 1 - \frac{\langle (d - \hat{d})^2 \rangle}{\langle d^2 \rangle}$$

Individual skill:

$$\kappa_l^2 = 1 - \frac{\langle (d - d_l)^2 \rangle}{\langle d^2 \rangle}$$

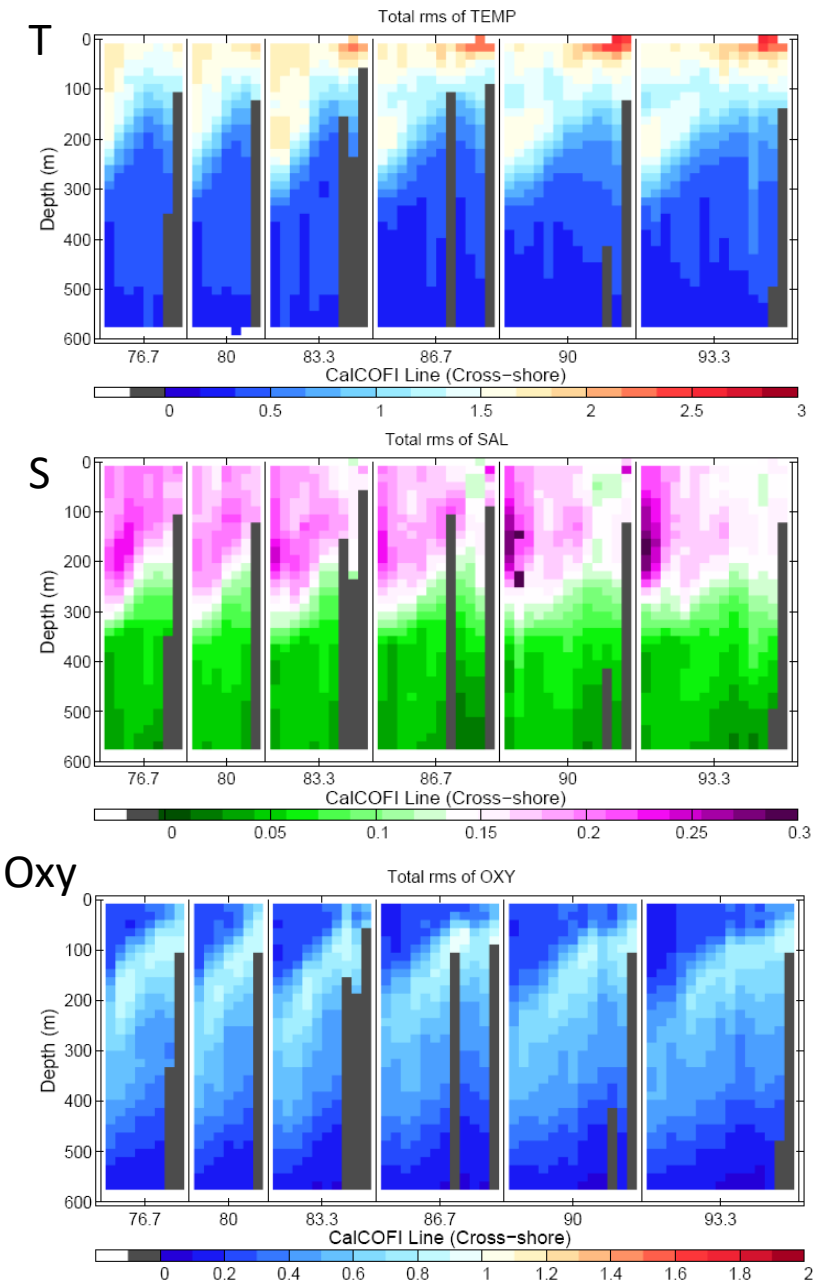
for CalCOFI transects of T/S/Oxygen; sigma-t

Mean of T/S/Oxygen



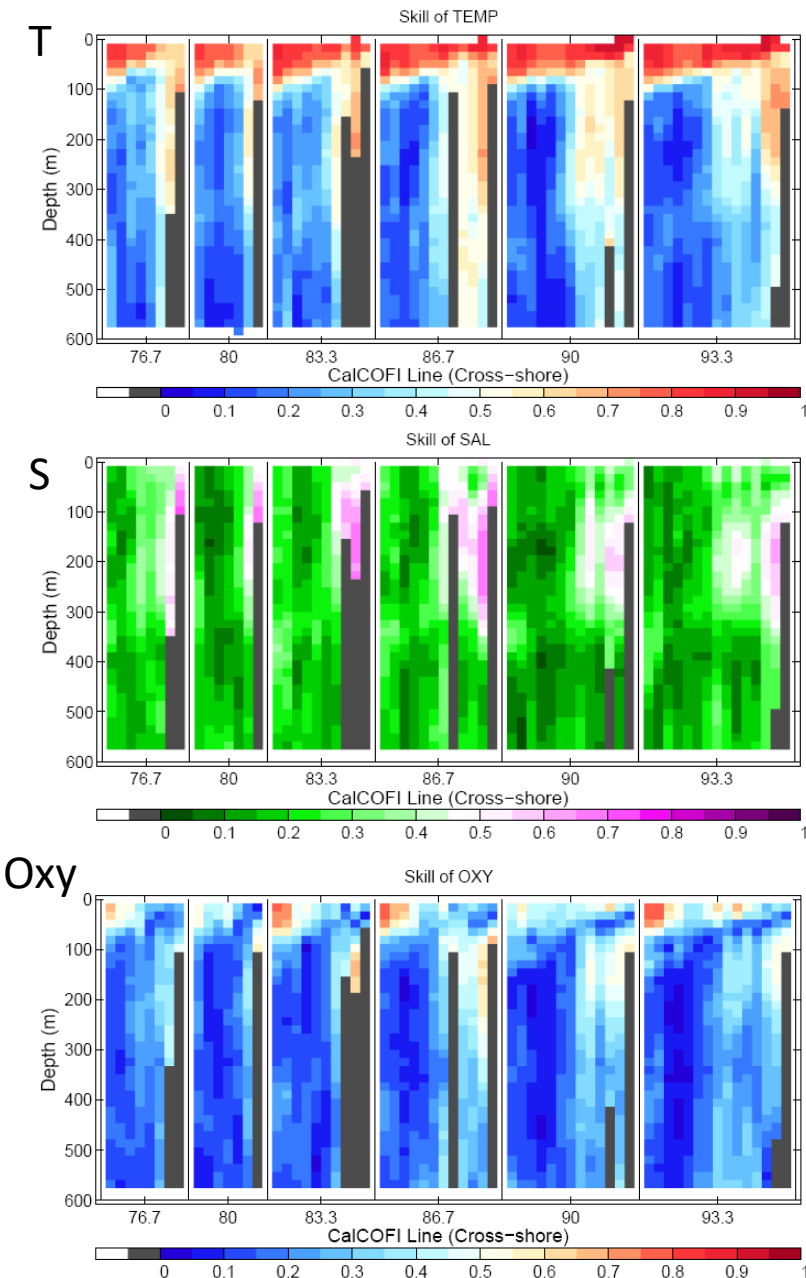
- California Current (CC) and California Under Current (CUC)
- CC: cool, fresh, oxygen and nutrient-rich water coming from northeastern Pacific.
- CUC: warm, salty, oxygen poor, nutrient-rich water originating from northeastern eq. Pacific
- Southward slope: onshore currents
- Salinity minimum offshore in upper 100 m (due to SE horizontal advection); maximum nearshore below 500 m
- Oxygen minimum nearshore with depth; similar tilting

RMS of T/S/Oxygen



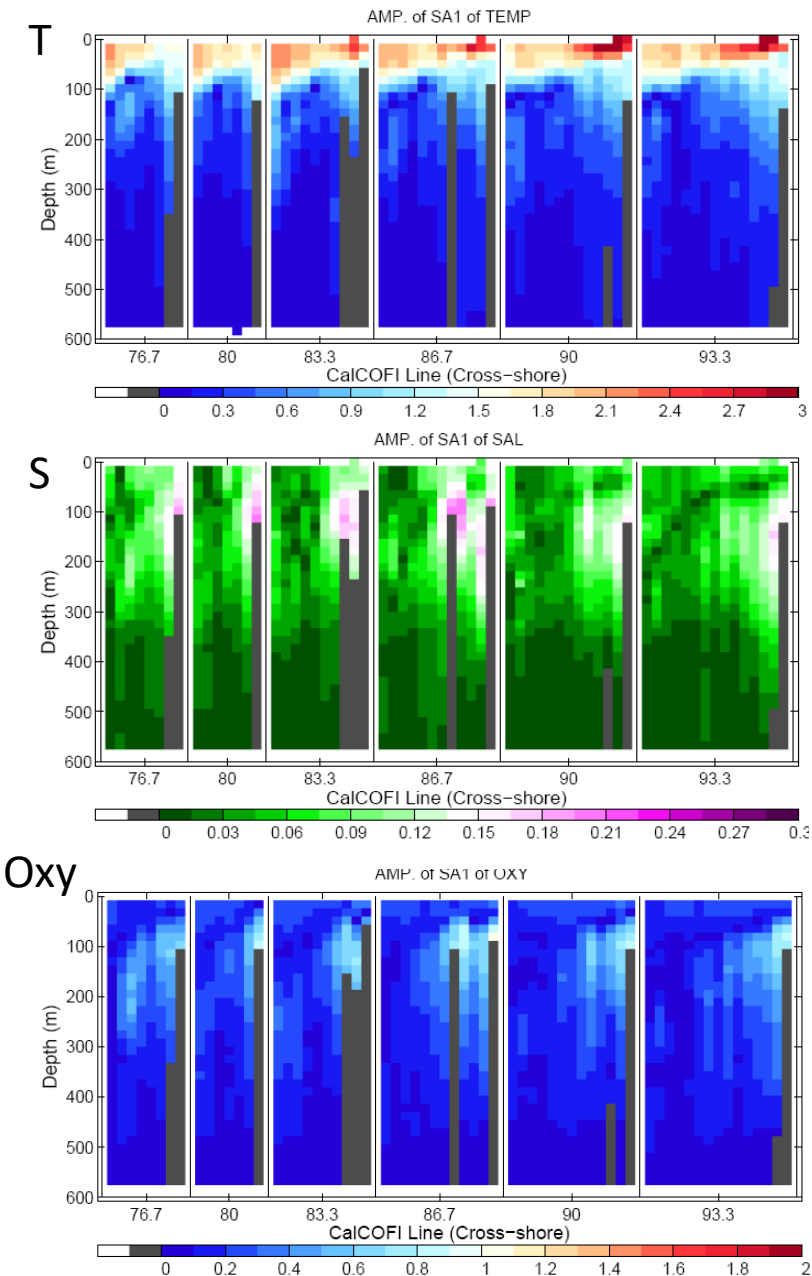
- Surface and subsurface high rms of temperature (surface heating and cooling; thermocline displacement at 100-150 m)
- Offshore salinity higher rms than nearshore (CC vs CUC); freshwater inputs nearshore by rivers
- Subsurface oxygen rms (similar to thermocline variability)

Skill of regression of T/S/Oxygen



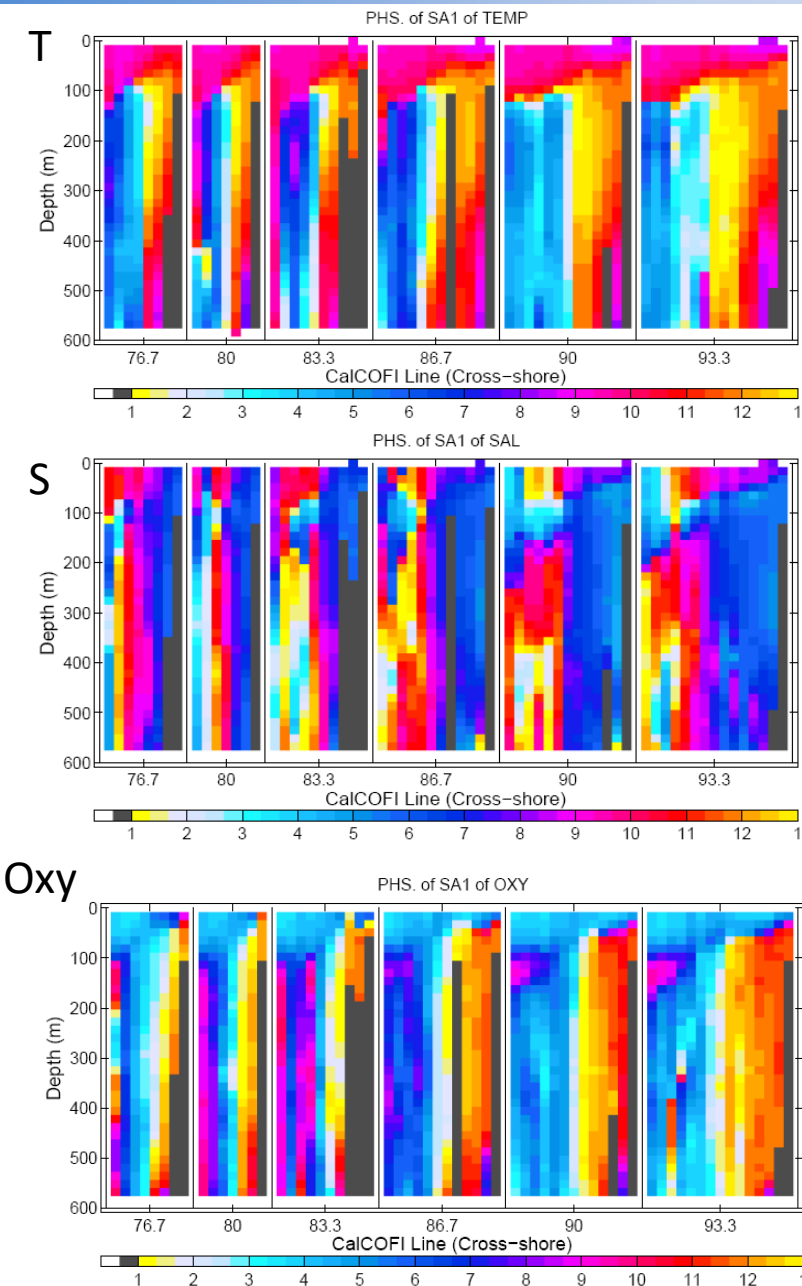
- How much variance can be explained by this regression.
- Significant skill (T) near the surface due to seasonal variability of heating/cooling; basis functions derived from surface observations.
- Small skill offshore 100m below variability of T and S (eddy- and wave-driven processes and surface-forced displacements; Miller et al 1998)
- High skill on salinity for very near coast regions .
- Relatively high skill on oxygen for offshore and very near coast regions (due to seasonal variability).

Seasonal amplitudes of T/S/Oxygen



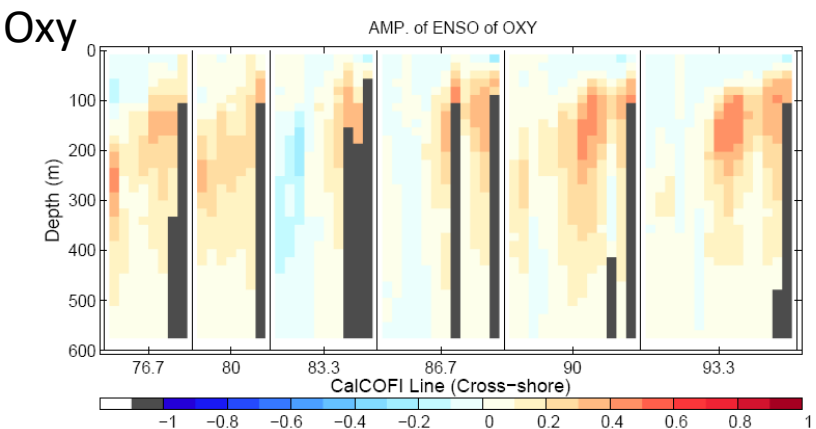
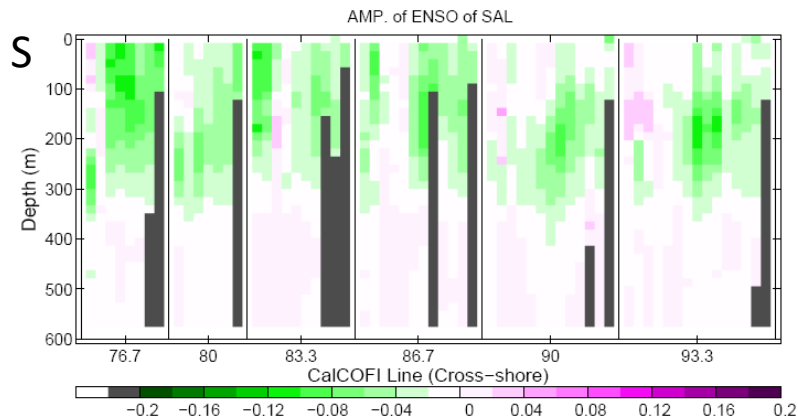
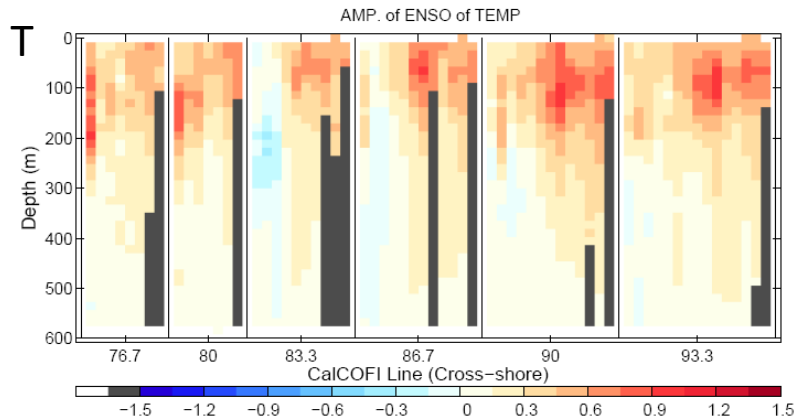
- SA1 dominance in the upper 100 m (T)
- Offshore subsurface water has weak seasonal coastal upwelling (so, mesoscale variability or climate influence)
- Nearshore mid-depth; nearcoast (S/Oxy); due to seasonal upwelling influence

Seasonal phases of T/S/Oxygen



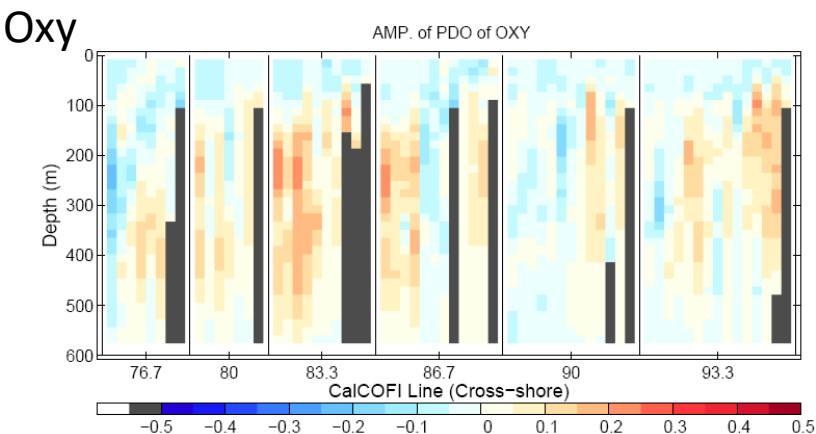
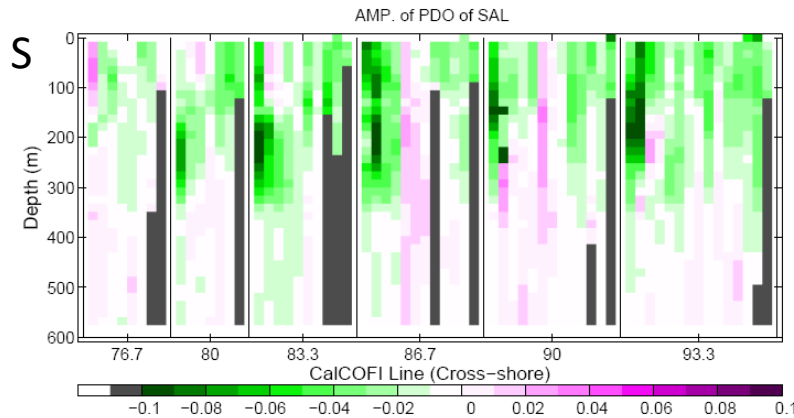
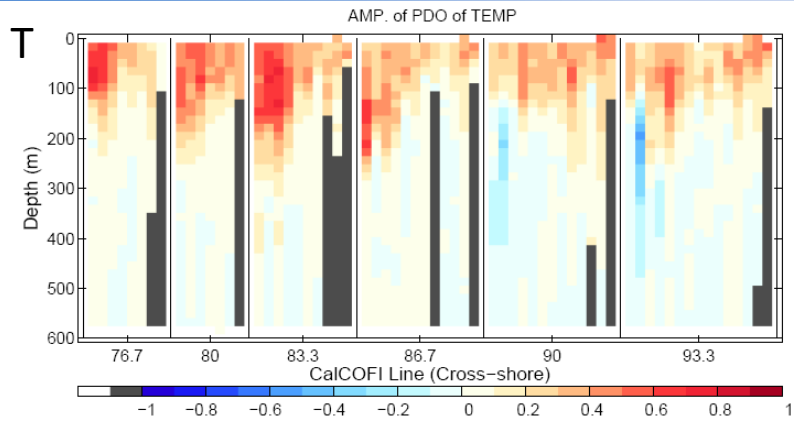
- Maximum of surface T and Oxygen appear on September (seasonal surface heating/cooling) and May (supersaturation due to photosynthesis+net heating), respectively.
- Cold/salty offshore (CC); warm/fresh nearshore (CUC) during winter
- Seasonal subsurface phase propagation (T) – offshore propagation of seasonal Rossby wave (1-2 km/day)

ENSO amplitudes of T/S/Oxygen



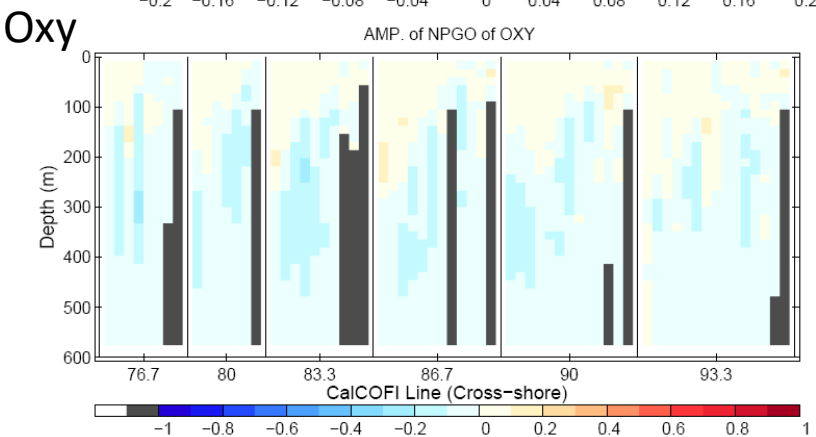
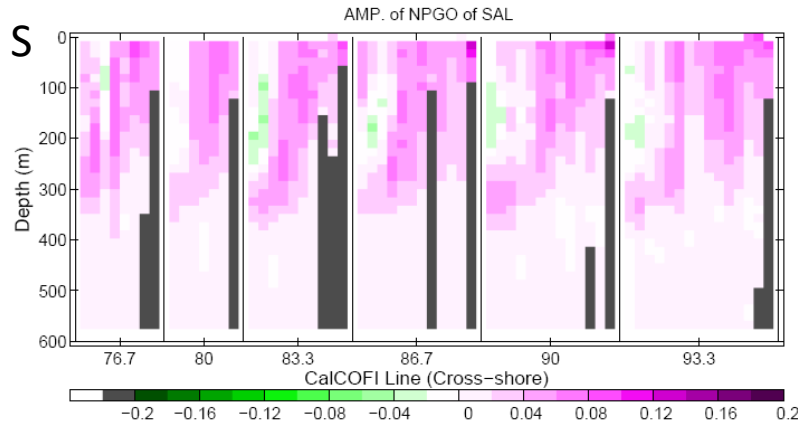
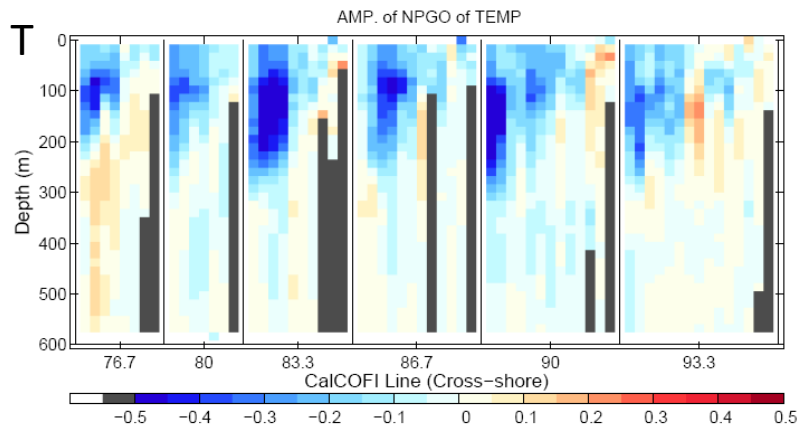
- Upper 200m nearshore (T+)
- ENSO signals; coastally trapped waves or advection of coastally-trapped CUC
- Upper 200m nearshore (S-; weak)
- Between 100 m and 300 m (Oxy+); weakly negative upper 100 m (Oxy-);

PDO amplitudes of T/S/Oxygen



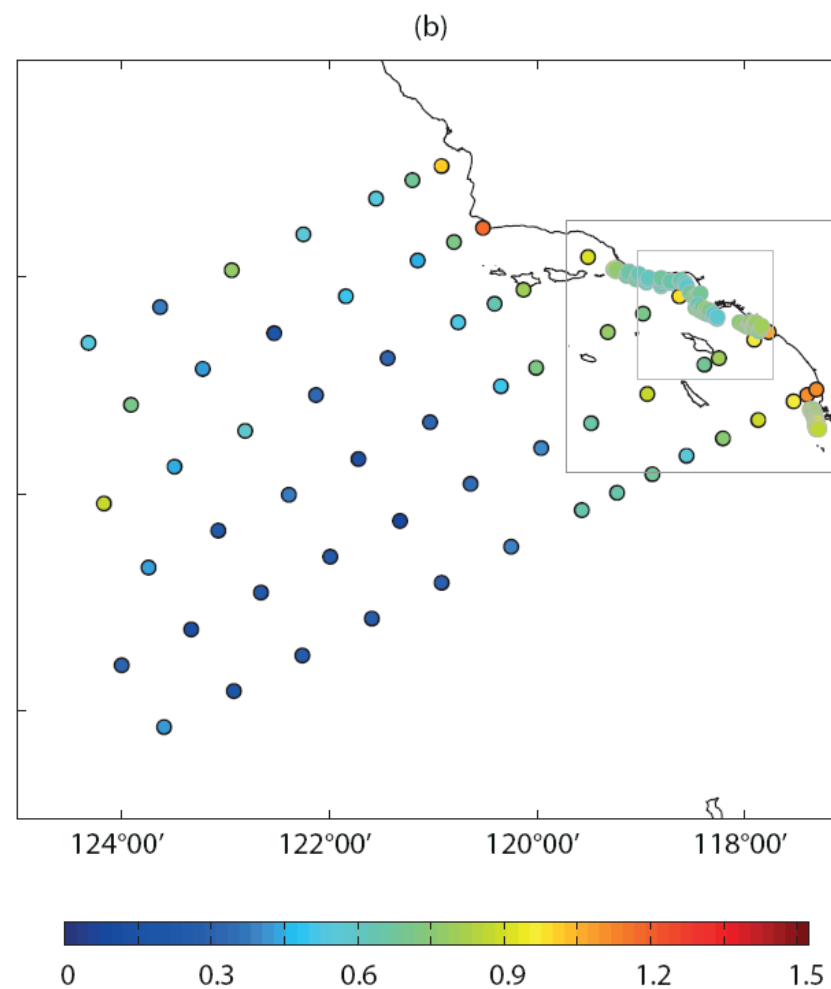
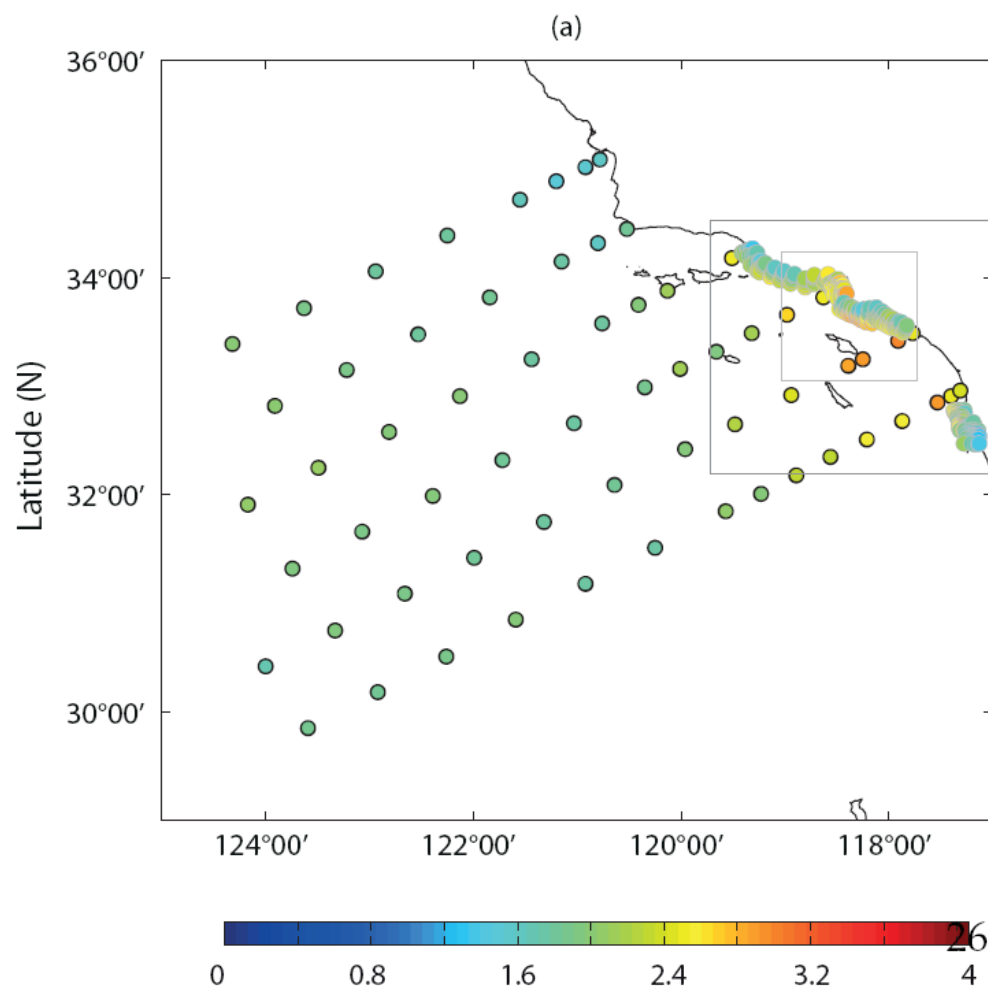
- Offshore upper T (+)
subsurface T (-)
- ENSO-removed PDO; may be basin-mode effects on the boundary current
- Offshore enhanced S (-)
- Subsurface oxygen (+)

NPGO amplitudes of T/S/Oxygen

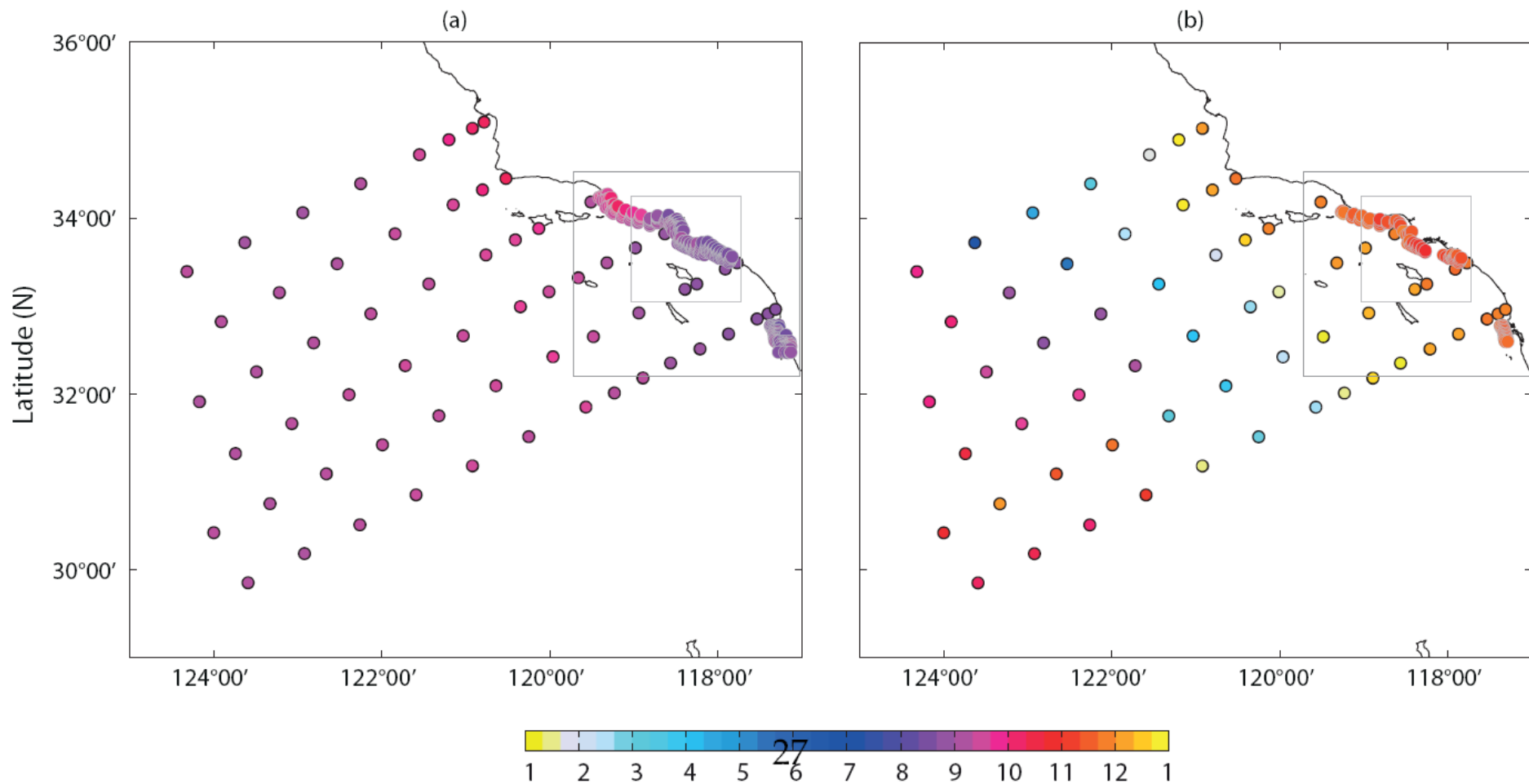


- Offshore T (-) in upper 200 m
- Nearcoast surface and offshore subsurface S (+)
- An effective regression basis of S in SCB
- Offshore (+) and subsurface (-) of Oxy amplitudes

Seasonal (SA1) amplitudes of temperature at z=5, 70 m

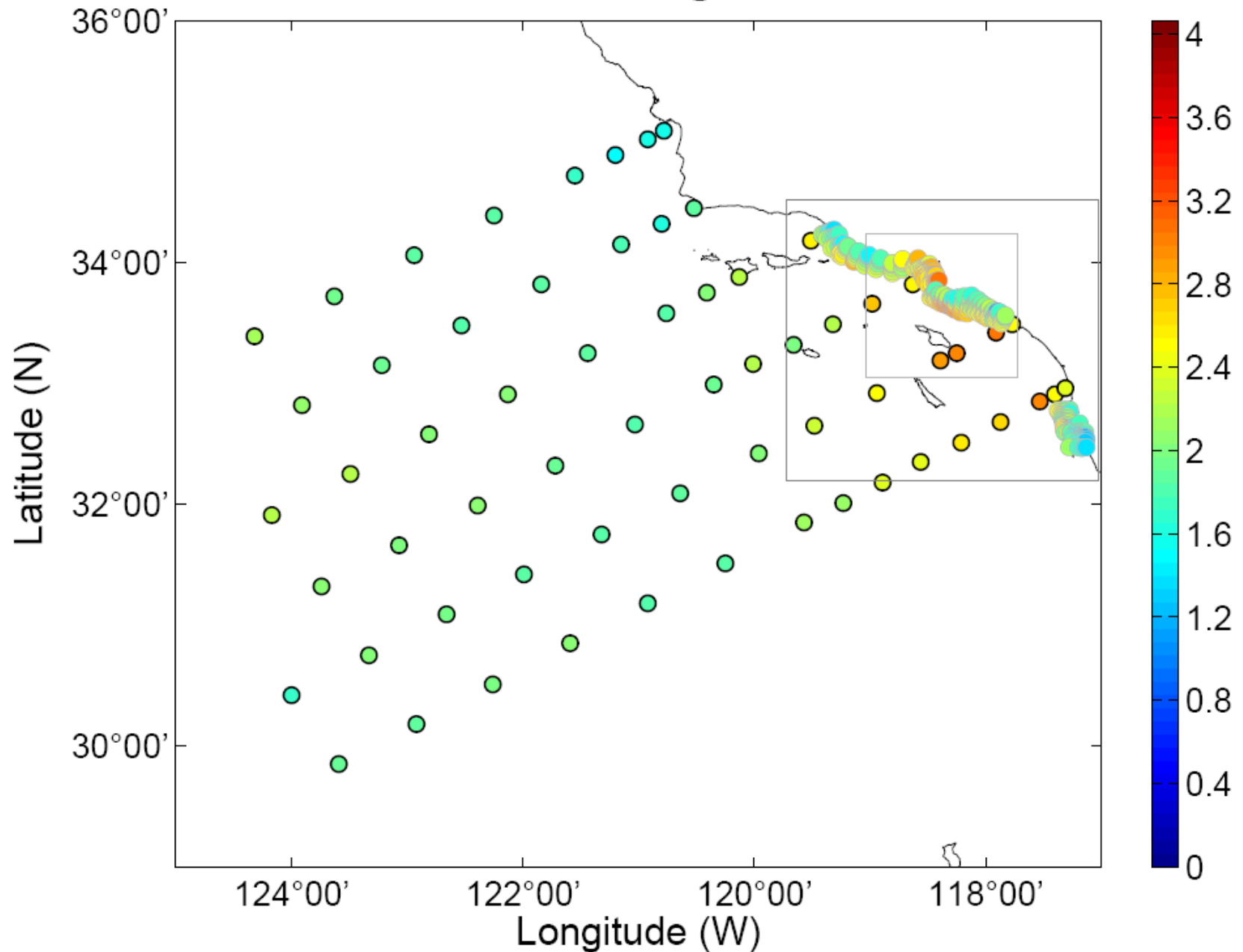


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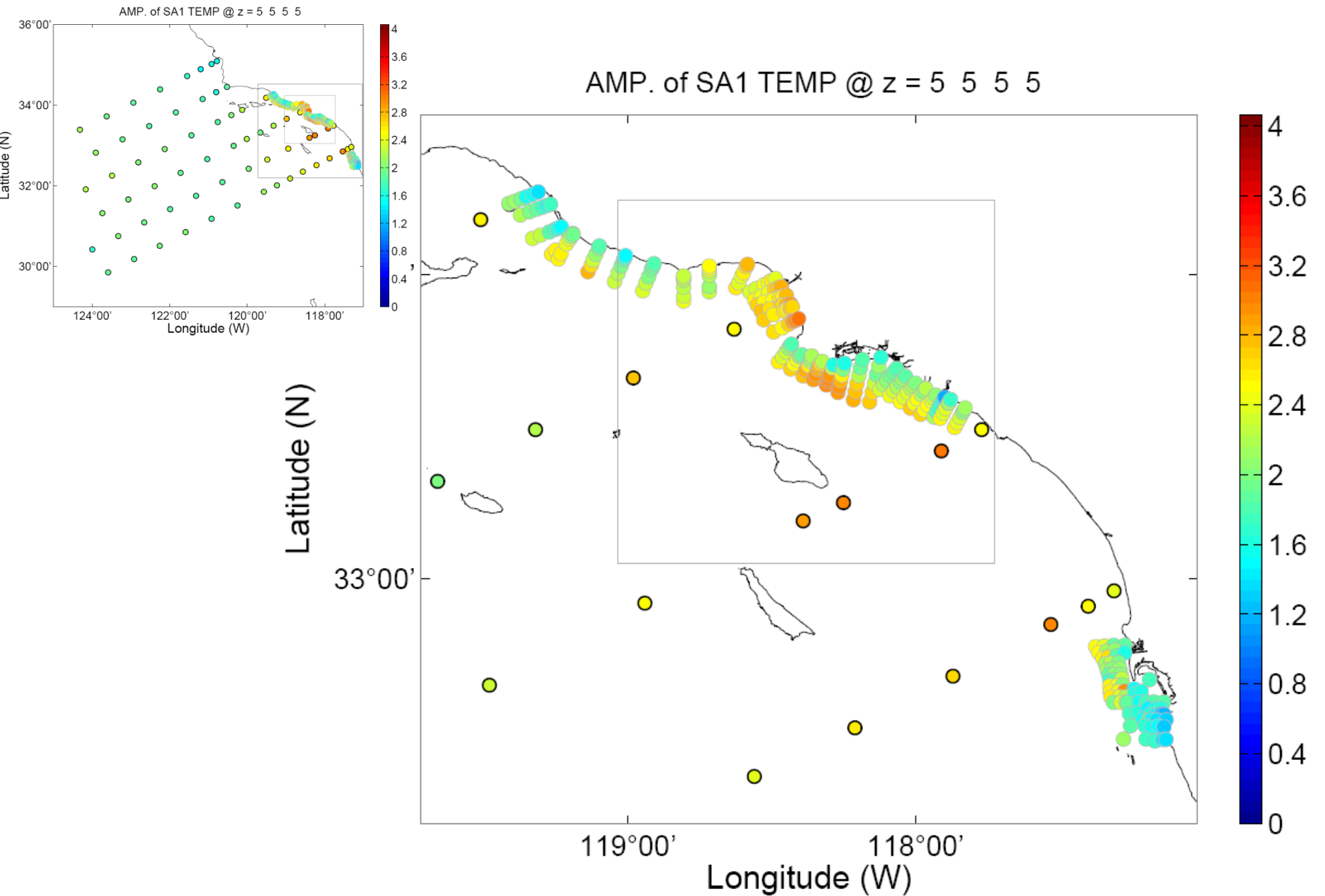


Seasonal (SA1) amplitudes of surface temperature

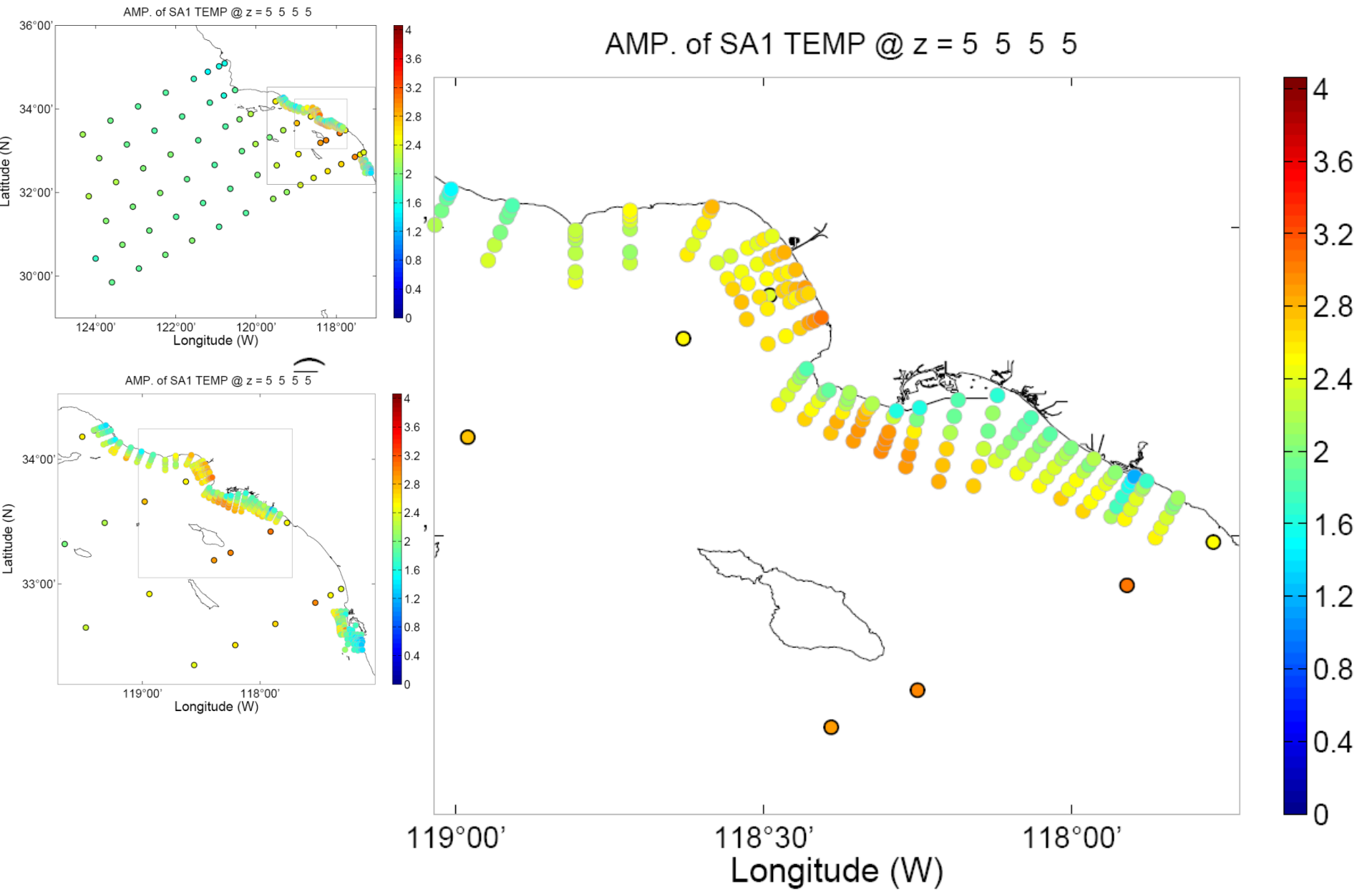
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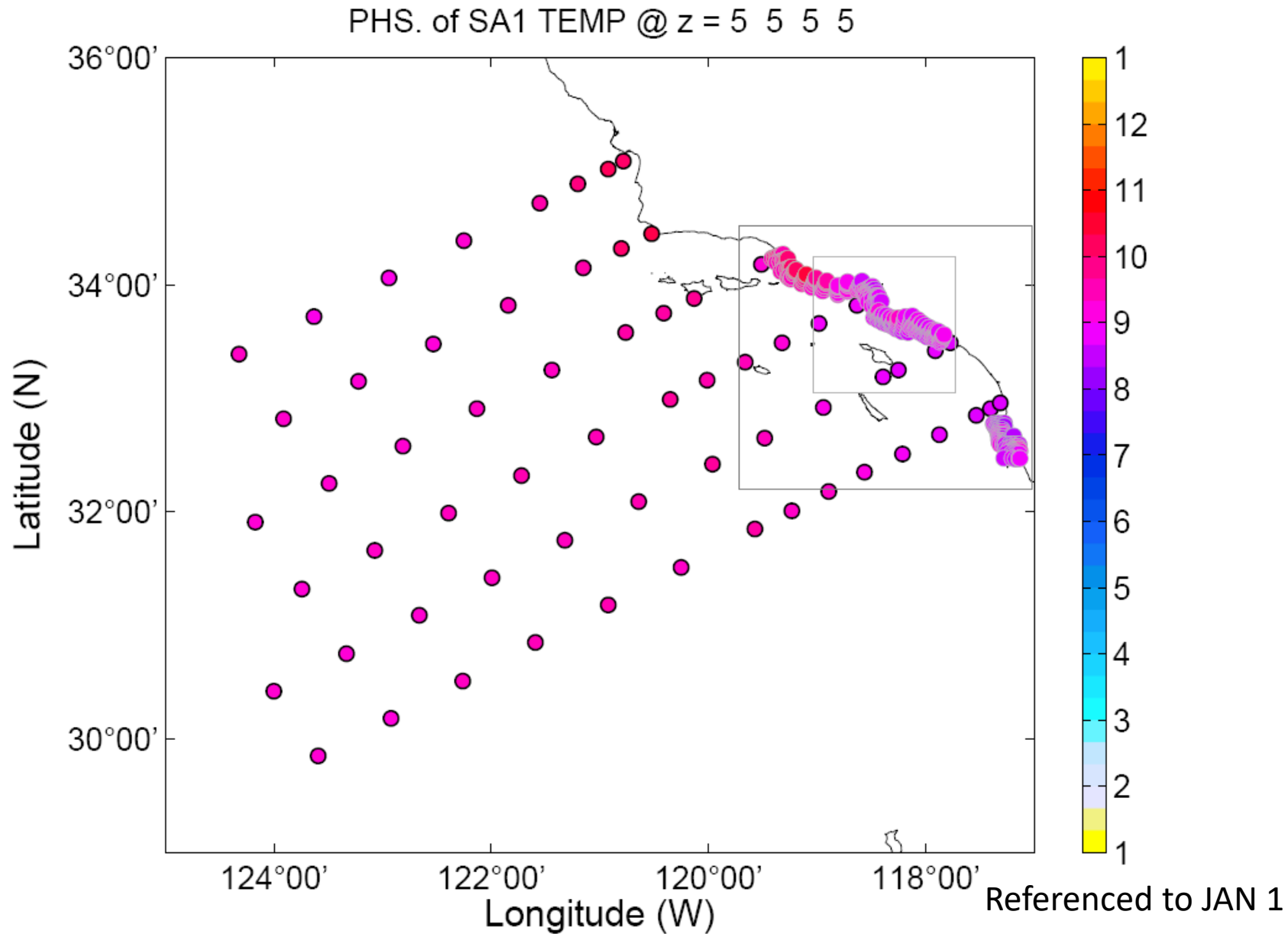
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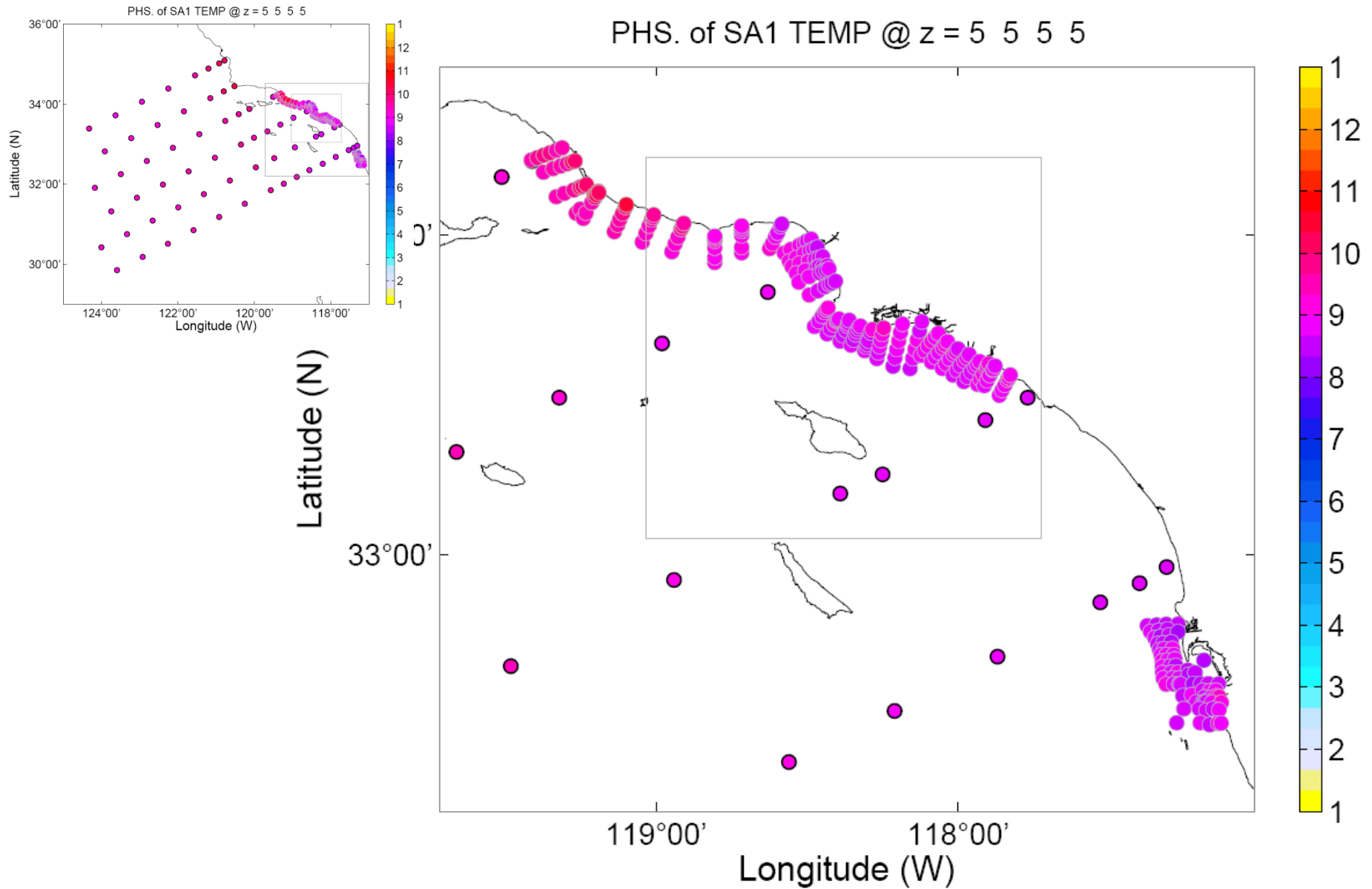
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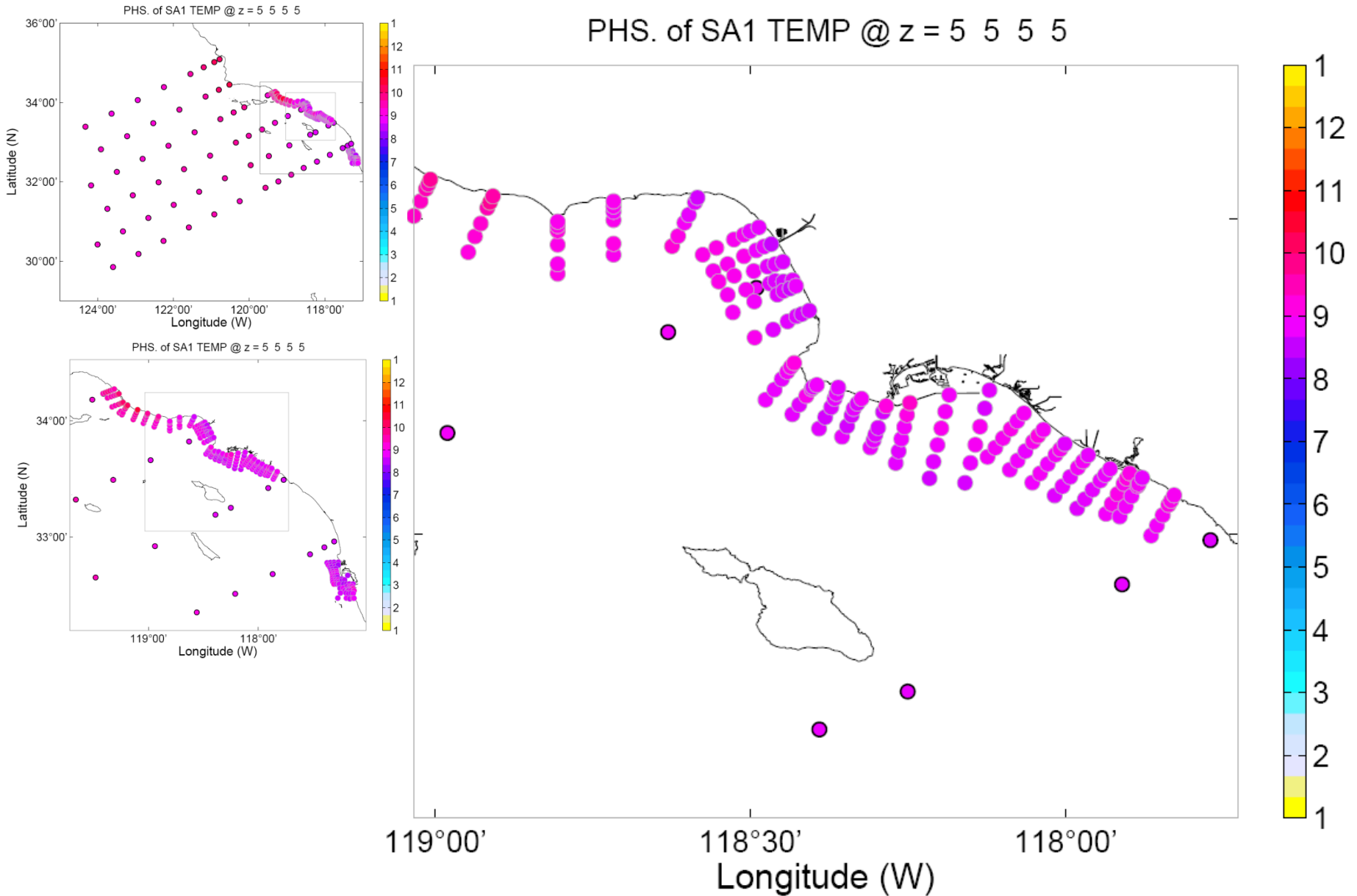
Seasonal (SA1) phases of surface temperature



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Summary

- Multivariate regression analysis of CTD data
- Partitioning of historical coastal observations into seasonality, climate indices-coherent components (, and linear trend).
- Successive orthogonalization was implemented for coherent basis functions.
- Temperature and salinity are fitted with SA1, SA2, ENSO, linear trend, PDO, NPGO, and SIOT.
- Regional circulation is explained by regional and climate indices-coherent spatial structure.